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860 On the capture of a bottle nose dolphin off Kakinada

A female bottlenose dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus* having a total length of 245 cm was caught on 7-7-'97 by a motorised gill net unit operated off Kakinada at a depth of 30 m. The dolphin fetched a price of Rs.800/- as there was great demand for its flesh for use as bait in the hooks and line fishery for sharks and tunas. A few morphometric measurements taken in cm on the specimen are as follows.

Total length	-	245
Tip of snout to origin of dorsal	-	107
Tip of snout to anterior insertion of flipper	-	58
Depth of body at the origin of dorsal	-	76
Length of caudal fin along upper margin	-	72

Reported by P. Venkataramana and P. Achayya, Kakinada RC of CMFRI, Kakinada.