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ON THE LANDING OF BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN *TURSIOPS TRUNCATUS* AT KAKINADA*

On 28-04-1993, a dolphin measuring 225 cm in total length and weighing 160 kg was landed at Kakinada Fisheries Harbour, about 30 km north east of Kakinada. It was a female dolphin identified as *Tursiops truncatus* (Bottlenose dolphin) having 25-27 teeth on one side of upper and lower jaws. This dolphin was caught in Bottom set gill net ('Panduvalla') operated by motorised 'Nava' (in-board engine) about 20 m depth. The presently reported dolphin was sold for Rs. 500/-. The meat of dolphin is being regularly used as bait for hooks and line fishery which is resulting in good landings of sharks and tuna. The detailed measurements (in cm) are given below.

Date of capture	: 28-04-1993
Total length	: 225
Standard length	: 197
Head length	: 64
Snout to dorsal fin	: 19
Length of caudal fluke along upper margin	: 36
Length of flipper from angle of inner base to tip	: 37
Length of flipper from angle of inner base to tip	: 27
Total number of teeth on one side of upper jaw	: 25 conical teeth
Total number of teeth on one side of lower jaw	: 27 conical teeth
Sex	: Female
Weight	: 160 kg

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