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**On the stranding of a Blue whale *Balaenoptera musculus*
at Valappad beach, southwest coast of India***



Fig. 1. The stranded blue whale, *Balaenoptera musculus*.

A blue whale, *Balaenoptera musculus* (Linnaeus) was stranded at the Valappad beach, Trichur District

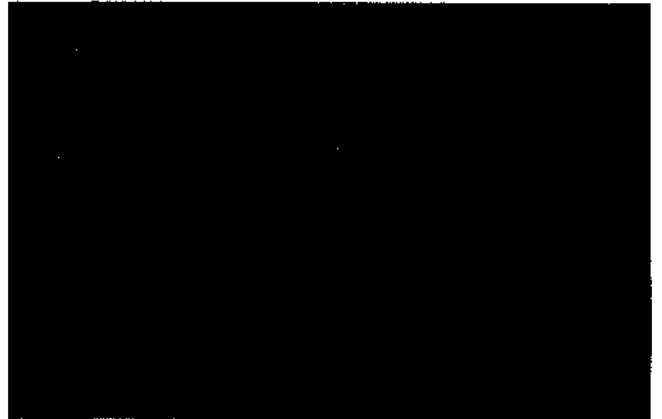


Fig. 2. Another view of the decomposed specimen.

on 29-10-'95. The whale measured 6m in total length.

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