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Occurrence of humpback whale at Thrissur

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Humpback whale stranded at Thaikulam landing centre, Thrissur

On 18th May 2008, a humpback whale in decayed condition was stranded at Thalikulam landing centre in Thrissur District of Kerala State. The whale was taken to the shore (using a poclain) and buried on the next day. The measurement of the species landed is given below:

Species name	<i>Megaptera novaengliae</i>
Common name	Humpback whale
Total length	9.8 m
Width	3.45 m
Flipper length	2.6 m
Fluke	2.4 m
Approximate weight	2 t