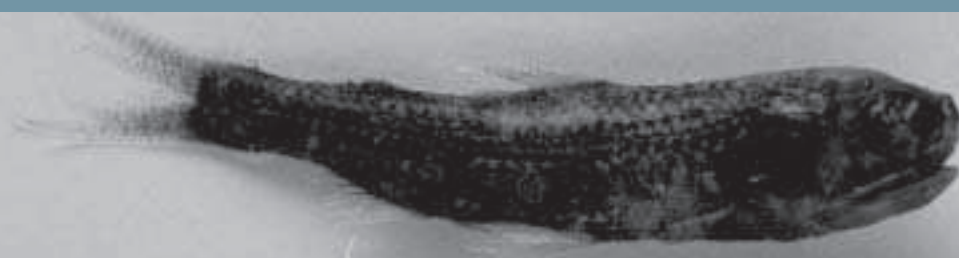




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### 1107 Stranding of Sei whale *Balaenoptera borealis* (Lesson) at Jaffarabad coast

A female Sei whale, *Balaenoptera borealis* (Lesson) was stranded at Jaffarabad on the third week of Sep. 03. The carcass was highly decomposed. The total length of the whale was 11.4m with an approximate weight of 10 tonnes. It had 52 ventral pleats terminating well short of navel. As no injury was noticed, it can be presumed that mortality might have occurred due to natural causes in the mid sea, after which it was washed ashore.

Some of the morphometric measurements (in cm) of *Balaenoptera borealis* stranded at Jaffarabad coast is given

below	
Tip of upper jaw to centre of eye	210
Length of lower jaw	187
Distance from snout to flipper	290
Distance from snout to dorsal fin	300
Length of dorsal fin	120
Length of caudal fin	158

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