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An unusual landing of whale shark *Rhincodon typus* along Blangad beach, Kerala

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On 03-03-2008, a whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) locally known as 'Pullisravu', was caught alive in the motorized drift net at Blangad landing center in Thrissur District, Kerala. The drift net was operated at a depth of 30 m off Blangad landing center. The whale shark was lying dead for a day in the sea shore and the same was dropped into the sea by fishermen as there was nobody to take it by auction.

The measurements of the species landed is given below:

Length	515 cm.
Width	87 cm.
Weight	500 Kg.



Rhincodon typus landed at Blangad beach