

Pilot Whales Caught at Pudukuppam

Two female pilot whales of the species *Globicephala macrorhynca* Gray) measuring 302 cm and 140 cm respectively were caught in gill nets during fishing operation at Pudukuppam fish landing centre near Cuddalore on 29 July. The estimated weight of the two whales was about 500 kg and 40 kg respectively. The stomach of the whale was cut open and the analysis revealed a few beaks of cephalopods. After the postmortem operation, the whale was buried in the seashore to extract the skeleton. This was reported by Dr P. Nammalwar, Scientist S-2 at Madras Research Centre.
