

TAMIL NADU

Whale washed ashore



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The carcass of a male whale, weighing about 1.5 tonnes, washed ashore off the Samiyarpettai coast near Cuddalore on Monday. A group of fishermen spotted the carcass around 6.30 a.m. and immediately alerted the Coast Guard and the Forest Department.

The whale was 4 metres long and weighed nearly 1.5 tonnes. A team, led by District Forest Officer A. Soundararajan, inspected the carcass and arranged for a post-mortem.

Officials suspect that the death could have occurred due to infighting between the mammals or it might have been hit by a barge or ship passing through the coast. It

was later buried in a pit on the shore by the Forest Department.

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