

# Pathology Report

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Species: Cetacean	Breed: Hector's Dolphin		
Age: Unknown	Sex: Male		
Owner: Department of Conservation	Type: Post Mortem		
ID:	Prev. Accn.:		
Submitted:	At Risk:	Affected:	Dead:

## History

Reported by a member of the public late on 2/2/18. Recovered 9/2/18. Frozen and sent to Massey.

## Gross Findings

This dolphin was received frozen and thawed for necropsy. The body was severely decomposed, with almost complete liquefaction of blubber, and hardening of the skin. The internal organs were of a soup-like consistency. The testes could be identified, but fell apart on handling. The dolphin was 1.25 m in length and weighed 20kg (note that the weight will be inaccurate due to decomposition).

## Histopathology

No histology could be undertaken as the organs had liquefied.

## Diagnosis

Open - too decomposed

Date: 13/04/2018	Pathologists:
Students:	