

School of Veterinary Science

Pathology Report

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

History

This dolphin was received chilled, along with 2 others (see 56797 and 56799)

Gross Findings

This male dolphin presented chilled in good body condition and a comparatively fresh state of preservation, with mild skin slippage on the tail and flippers. Several recent wounds were present, including on the throat (full skin thickness long triangular defect), left neck above the throat lesion (linear incision), right lower jaw (full thickness irregular defect and two linear lacerations) and on the body. On either side of the tail stock there were 3 widely spaced (approx 3cm) parallel linear impressions which did not encircle the tail. A linear laceration oriented in the same direction was present on the leading edge of the right fluke, close to the tail stock. There was no subcutaneous bruising.

The stomach contained 1.85kg of partially digested fish and fish bones. The lungs were well aerated with no foam or fluid in the larger airways. Small amounts of fluid were present in the smaller airways.

Standard length = 1.164m

Weight = 33.7kg

Summed testicular mass (with epidid) = 597g

Diagnosis

Known bycatch

Comments

As for H279, gross findings are consistent with bycatch.

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