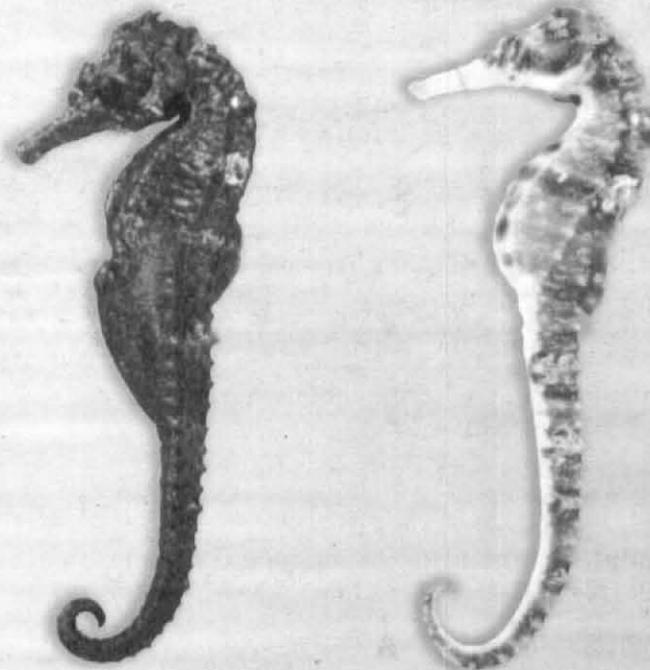




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Instances of dead olive ridley turtles washed ashore along Palasa, North Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

Large, dead olive ridley turtles each weighing about 35.50 kg with carapace length of 60-72 cm were found washed ashore along Palasa, North Srikakulam on 2.2.2002 and 3.2.2002. The approximate number dead turtles found at different centres are as follows.

Similarly, on enquiry it was informed that, 35 to 65 dead olive ridley turtles were also washed ashore along Dokalapadu to Donkuru in all landing centres during the same period. Thus the number of dead turtles washed ashore appears to be high. They were already in putrefied condition.

On the basis of enquiry it has been inferred that the dead turtles were coming from Gopalapur-Puri area. It was also understood that they

Landing centre	No. of dead turtles recorded
Althada	15
Kothapeta	23
Kambalarayudupeta	45
Hukumpeta	68
Manchinelapeta	72
Nuwallarevu	125
Chinna Kothuru	38

were mainly caught entangled in a recently introduced Tekuvala (Bottom set gill net) along Gopalapur-Puri area.

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