



MARINE MAMMAL STRANDINGS

Inform the Goa Forest Department and request for help

IF THE ANIMAL IS ALIVE

Cordon off the area to prevent crowds; ensure that onlookers remain at a distance of more than 25 meters from the animal.

Ensure that the blow hole is not blocked by sand or water.

Ensure that the animal is not made to rest on a flipper or upside down.

Ensure the animal's skin is moist by covering it with wet cloth or towels and constantly pouring water over the material to keep it moist.

Construct a temporary structure over the animal to protect it from the sun.

Move the animal towards the water by supporting its underside with the use of a sling. The sling can be made of cloth, towels, blankets or tarpaulin. It must be held up by people on either side to ensure maximum support. Release the sling only once the animal is able to keep itself afloat and swim.

Monitor the animal in case it strands again

IF THE ANIMAL IS DEAD

Ensure that crowds are kept away from the stranded animal as the carcass could carry transmittable diseases.

Photograph the animal's head, jaw, dorsal fin, genital areas and tail fluke.

Photograph and note down any injury marks and wounds.

Record information about the location of the stranding, time of sighting and the condition of the carcass when sighted.

Fill out the form on carcass measurements as much as possible without touching the carcass

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