

### **Project Update: September 2010**

A rare male *Dugong dugong* was washed ashore on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, at Pudhumadam in the Gulf of Mannar range. As per the local forest department post-mortem, it was understood the animal was hit on the head by a trawler and the animal would have become unconscious. It would have drifted for about 4 days before being washed ashore; due to hypersalinity the body wasn't decomposed much. It was around 6 years old and in good health; the digestive system was in good condition. The total length was 286 cm and width 66 cm.

