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FOR : AUX COMMO LEMUEL LEDESMA PCGA
DAD, CGADWV

FROM : AUX CAPT ELISEO B TUAZON PCGA
DAS, 604TH CGAS

VIA : CDR EDISON B DIAZ PCG (GSC)
Station Commander, CGS Capiz

DATE : 14 NOV 2024

SUBJECT : AAR – Dolphin Stranding

- I. **MISSION:** MAREP – Stranded dolphin rescue and recovery.
- II. **PERIOD COVERED:** 14 NOV 2024
- III. **PCGA PERSONNEL INVOLVED:**
AUX LT VENHART B VALLEGA PCGA
- IV. **RESOURCES UTILIZED:**
CGAS Personnel are listed in Section III above.
- V. **PARTICIPATING AGENCY:**
604.2 CGADiv, Fisheries Technologist LGU Ivisan, LGU Ivisan, MENRO, & Brgy Officials.

VI. NARRATIVE OF THE REPORT:

Report on stranding incident in Municipality of Ivisan, Capiz

Date of stranding: 14 NOV 2024

Location of Stranding: Brgy. Balaring, Ivisan, Capiz

Time of Stranding: 0530H – code 1

Time of Response: 0600H – code 1

Type of Stranding: Single stranding

Disposition of the animal: Found Dead at 1500H after earlier release to deep water. The cause of death is speculated to be from trauma and stress.

Person found the mammal:

1st responder – Mr. D'artagnan Pancho (Fisherfolk)

2nd responder – AUX LT VENHART B VALLEGA PCGA

Additional Responders - Fisheries Technologist, LGU Ivisan, LGU Ivisan, MENRO, & Brgy. Officials.

Species identification:

Sex: Female – Spinner Dolphin (Juvenile) (*Stenella longirostris longirostris*)

Standard Cetacean Morphometrics

Notch of fluke to snout – 5.2 Feet

Girth behind flippers – No Data



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Maximum girth – No Data
Weight: approx. 15-20 kg

Possible Cause of Stranding – navigational error and/or entanglement in fishing gear resulting in grounding during low tide.

Mammal condition - Light physical injury and minor scratches around its body were observed.

Remarks: AUX LT VENHART B VALLEGA PCGA received a report/call from Kagawad Berma Bilan that Mr. Pancho at around 0530H of that day through an official of Brgy. Balarang that he sighted a dolphin entangled in debris in the Mangrove area. Further, the dolphin was alive and had some minor scratches observed on the body. He assisted the dolphin back into shallow water. AUX LT VENHART B VALLEGA PCGA then coordinated with Mayor Felipe Neri N. Yap.

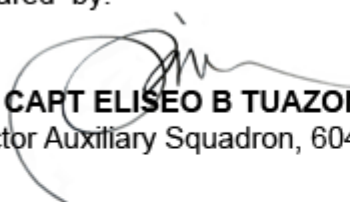
At around 0600H, the 2nd responders arrived and suggested the dolphin be transferred to deeper water since the dolphin was still alive and able to swim on its own. At around 0630H, the 2nd responders then successfully released the dolphin and the dolphin was observed to swim into deeper water.

However, at around 1443H, the official of Brgy Balarang called and stated that the previously released dolphin was found dead near the point of the previous release. AUX LT VENHART B VALLEGA PCGA and Mayor Felipe Neri N. Yap requested assistance to recover the dolphin and to conduct a proper disposition. At around 1630H the Dolphin was buried in Dolphin and Sea Turtle Park, Población Norte, Ivisan Capiz.


The following recommendations were made:

1. Provide IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) to the coastal community in the basic information on providing supportive care to stabilize a stranded (live) cetacean until qualified help arrives (trained MM responders) is foremost.
2. Protect the blowhole at all costs.
3. Minimize stress on the animal by minimal hands-on activities with the animal.

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Recommending Approval:

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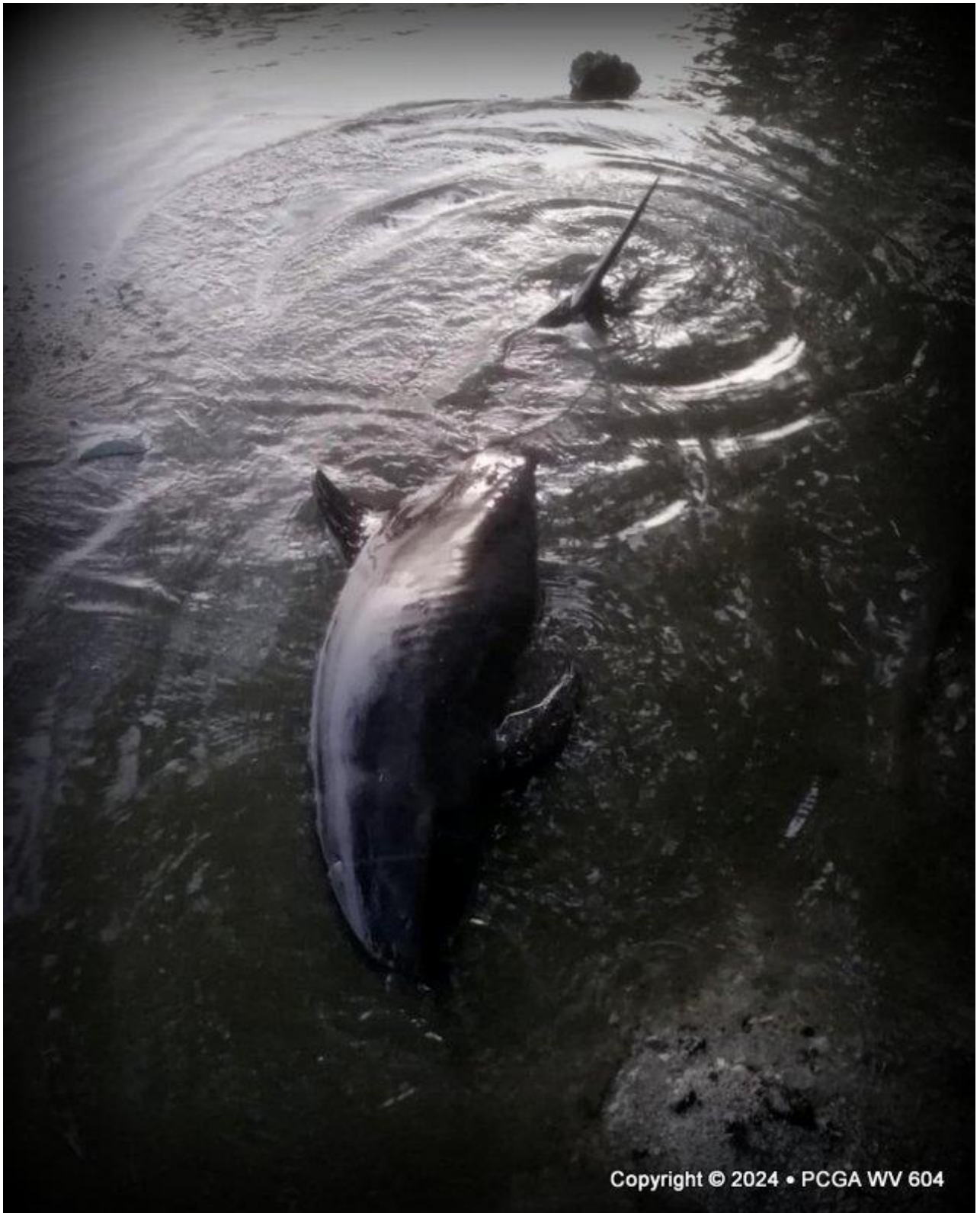
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