

Carcass of whale washes ashore in western India

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A woman takes selfie as municipal workers use cranes to lift carcass of Bryde whale at the Juhu beach, in Mumbai, India, Friday, Jan 29, 2016. Marine biologists in India were conducting an autopsy on the carcass of 35-foot long Bryde whale that washed ashore on a popular beach in the western city of Mumbai. The beached mammal which appeared to have died at sea two or three days ago was spotted on the beach Thursday by late evening walkers, who informed police. (AP Photo/Rajanish Kakade)

Marine biologists in India conducted an autopsy Friday on the carcass of

a 35-foot (10-meter) whale that washed ashore on a popular beach in the western city of Mumbai.

Hundreds of people gathered on Juhu beach on Friday as officials placed a harness around the Bryde whale and lifted it onto an open truck.

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The biologists said the whale appeared to have died at sea some days earlier and washed ashore.

Two weeks ago, more than 80 short-finned pilot whales were stranded off India's southwestern coast. Officials rescued and took 36 of the mammals back to sea.



An Indian coast guard helicopter flies by as people gather around to watch a carcass of a Bryde whale at the Juhu beach, in Mumbai, India, Friday, Jan 29, 2016. Marine biologists in India were conducting an autopsy on the carcass of 35-foot long Bryde whale that washed ashore on a popular beach in the western city of Mumbai. The beached mammal which appeared to have died at sea two or three days ago was spotted on the beach Thursday by late evening walkers, who informed police. (AP Photo/Rajanish Kakade)



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