

Necropsy report for LA 453 (Field# CES20110218-LA001)

Necropsy date: 18Feb2011 by Cara Field, DVM

Species: Tursiops truncatus

Sex: Male

Age: fetus:

Weight: 15kg (estimated)

Body condition: slightly thin (2/5 BCS)

Blubber depth: 8mm (dorsal)

Straight length: 3 feet 1 inch (cm)

Carcass classification: early Code 3

External: Dorsal fin and tail soft, still curved around body. No umbilical cord present- small (5mm deep) indentation/laceration at umbilicus. Some patchy epidermal loss around eyes, top of head, jaw and tail.

Eyes: both present; both cloudy

Mouth: small amount of sand inside of mouth with slight brown tinge- collected gauze swab from deep inside of mouth. Tongue: papillae present.

Muscle: generally pale

Heart: no blood or clots, appears wnl

Lungs: do not appear to have ever inflated and sank in formalin.

GI: stomach (all 3) tied off and saved frozen for later analysis. Colon: moderate amount dark brown/black feces in colon and small amount digesta throughout rest of jejunum. Saved feces in I-Chem bottle.

Bladder: empty. Urachis present- unsure if patent.

Brain: very soft

Rest of tissues NSF (trachea, heart, thymus, thyroid, tonsils, tongue, esophagus, pancreas, spleen, liver, kidneys, adrenals, bladder, gonad, penis, blubber, bone marrow, spinal cord).

Cause of death: either aborted or stillborn.