APPEAL FOR HELP IN AN INQUIRY CONCERNING CETACEA WASHED ASHORE

A few notes on strandings in the Pacific during the last few months (abstract)

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In view of reducing the loss of time between strandings of Cetacean and arrival of the biologist, an appeal is stressed to all persons, scientist or not, to call informations as soon as possible to the laboratory (URSTON - NOUNÉA). Informations and measurements asked for are given, together with few simple identification characters of various groups of Cetacean.

Strandings of some mammals in the Pacific are quoted : one Kania breviceps, north of New Caledonia (June-July 1972); two juveniles fur seals (Arctocephalus (?) forsteri), South of New Caledonia (August 1972); 231 Pinnacephala elater, South of Hellicola Isl., New Hebrides (November 1972); one Globicephala macrorhynchus, South of Vatu Isl., New Hebrides (December 1972); one Globicephala sp., Manih ,Tahiti Isl. (January 1973).