

of newly hatched cuttlefish in each incubator was counted on a daily basis, and they were immediately weighted. In a period of 28 days 162 cuttlefish hatched in the incubator A, which makes 93,1%, and 342 cuttlefish in the incubator B, which makes 77,3%. The mortality in newly hatched cuttlefish was not recorded until the day 26 of hatching, and was for the incubator A 36 individuals (22,2%), and for the incubator B 9 individuals (0,26%). Also, correlation between the time of hatching and the weight of newly hatched cuttlefish showed certain positive trend.

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#### POJAVA I STRADANJA GLAVATIH DUPINA (*Grampus griseus*) U POSLJEDNJIH 15 GODINA U HRVATSKOM DIJELU JADRANA

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U posljednjih 15 godina pregledali smo 132 trupla različitih vrsta kitova (Cetacea), nađenih u hrvatskom dijelu Jadrana. Od toga broja, osam je trupala glavatih dupina (*Grampus griseus*), čiju smo približnu dob procijenili na osnovi rendgenskih snimaka okoštavanja kostiju prsne peraje. Gotovo sve su bili mužjaci dužine 286-318 cm i mase 185-305 kg. Dva fizički zrela mužjaka, nađena 20. VI. 2000., uginula su na obali vrlo plitke uvale Sabuše na otoku Molatu. Fizički zrela ženka, uginula zbog upale maternice, nađena je 21. XI. 2001. na Preluci pokraj Rijeke. Dana 31. XII. 2001. nađen je uz otočić Karantunić u blizini jugozapadnog kraja otoka Ugljana fizički zreli mužjak koji se utopio u ribarskoj mreži, a isti dan nađen je glavati dupin neutvrđenog spola, dobi i uzroka smrti na poluotoku Oštrica, južno od Šibenika. Ukupno tri fizički nezrela mužjaka nađena su: prvi 10. I. 2002. u uvali Saplunara na otoku Mljetu, uginuo zbog parazitarne upale želučane sluznice, te drugi 18. I. 2002. u Viškoj luci i treći 30. IV. 2002. u uvali Gršćica na južnoj obali Korčule, uginuli zbog zaplitanja u ribarsku mrežu i utapanja. Iz ovih nalaza trupala glavatih dupina zaključujemo da su u hrvatski dio Jadrana ušli najmanje jedna ženka i u dva navrata jata mužjaka. Sredinom 2000. godine veliki valovi su

preko vrlo plitkog spruda prebacili dva mužjaka u plitku uvalu srednjeg dijela hrvatskog Jadrana u kojoj su uginuli, a početkom 2002. godine pet mužjaka je stradalo u srednjem i južnom dijelu hrvatskog Jadranu pretežno zbog zaplitanja u ribarske mreže i posljedičnog utapanja.

#### ABUNDANCE AND MORTALITY OF RISSOS'S DOLPHINS (*Grampus griseus*) IN THE LAST 15 YEARS IN THE CROATIAN PART OF THE ADRIATIC SEA

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In the last 15 years we examined 132 cetacean carcasses found in the Croatian part of the Adriatic Sea. Eight carcasses were Rissos's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*). Their age was estimated according to radiographs showing epiphyseal fusion of pectoral fin bones. Seven Rissos's dolphins were males 286-318 cm long with body mass of 185-305 kg. Two physical mature males were found on 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2000 on the coast of Sabuša, a shallow bay of the island Molat. A physical mature female died of uterus inflammation and was found on 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2001 in Preluka near Rijeka. On 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2001 a physical mature male entangled in a net was found near the island Katunarić near Ugljan. On the same day a Rissos's dolphin of unknown sex, age and cause of death was found on Oštrica near Šibenik. Three physical immature males were found at the beginning of 2002: first died of gastric parasitic invasion on 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2002 in bay Saplunara of Mljet, second on 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2002 in harbor of Vis and the third on 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2002 in bay Gršćica of Korčula, both of net entanglement. We conclude that at least one female and on two occasions, schools of males visited the Adriatic Sea in the last 15 years. In 2000 two males of these schools stranded in a shallow bay and in 2002 five males died mostly due to net entanglement.

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