THE FIRST RECORD OF A PYGMY KILLER WHALE (*Feresa attenuata*) FROM THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

A female pygmy killer whale, *Feresa attenuata*, 200 cm long, weighing 70.2 kg was stranded alive on April 1, 1996 at Chaomai Beach, Trang Province, Southern Thailand (7° 18' 15" N, 99° 24' 30" E). Standard body measurements and skull measurement were provided. The vertebral formula was $C7 + D13 + L16 + Ca33 = 69$, with 23 chevron bones. The first six pair of ribs were double-headed. The specimen was physically mature. The stomach contained no food remains, but only some nematodes and nematode cysts were collected near the ovaries. The complete skeleton was placed in the collection of Phuket Marine Biological Center. (Collection number PMBC11640).