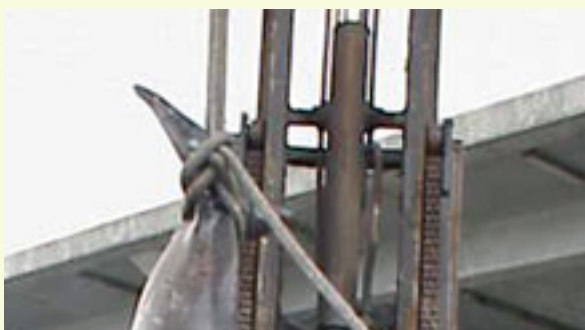


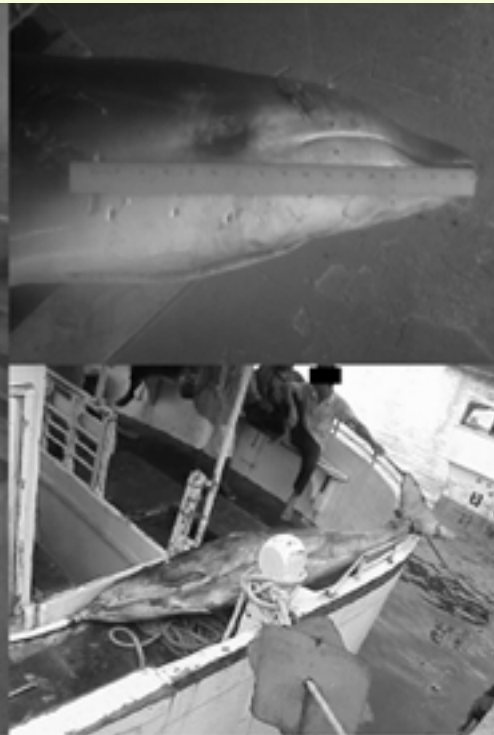


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Cetacean seized from pirate fishing vessel in Guam, identified through DNA taxonomy as a ginkgo-toothed beaked whale (*Mesoplodon ginkgodens*). Known from less than 30 specimens, these are the first images of a confirmed juvenile of this species. *Photocredits:* Guam Department of Agriculture (left and bottom right), A. Samuels (centre and top right).