

gustirostris, two deaths occurred on land among old bulls given estimated doses of less than 0.5 mg per kilogram of body weight. Death was apparently due to immobilization of respiratory muscles and subsequent inadequate ventilation. Several adult females tolerated this dose without incident and later underwent surgery for implantation of blood flow telemetry equipment.

Marine mammals so medicated cannot survive in the water: they simply drown. We avoided such fatalities by loading the animals onto a raft—no mean engineering feat considering their size and the circumstances—and floated them to the site where physiological investigations were conducted. When water immersion was a required part of the study, a shallow tank was constructed into which they were lowered, the depth and duration of immersion being regulated by a hoist.

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