

**From:** [Mike Ogle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** See whale  
**Date:** Friday, 4 December 2020 10:13:20 p.m.

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Hi [REDACTED]

Got a freshly deceased Sei whale, stranded live now dead.

Anton vH thought might be of interest for museum collection???

Cheers  
Mike Ogle  
DOC Takaka  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Mike Ogle](#)  
**To:** [Cassandra Spearin](#); [Dave Winterburn](#)  
**Cc:** [Media](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding  
**Date:** Sunday, 6 December 2020 9:49:43 a.m.

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Hi Casey,

Sat afternoon the carcass was towed to the whale tether (a mussel farm anchor), in tidal flats at Farewell Spit.

On previous occasions it has taken about 3months for a whale carcass to fully decompose ... the nutrients feed the worms which fatten the godwits and other waders.

How's that?

Mike

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On 6/12/2020 8:46 am, Cassandra Spearin <[cspearin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cspearin@doc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
Morena all. Hope the relocation went smoothly yesterday. Is it possible to get an update?

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On 5/12/2020 7:56 am, Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
Mike -

Mike as discussed

Cassandra is the on call DOC media person. Here is her contact number [REDACTED]. Below is media statement we have put out.

Dave

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**From:** Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 5 December 2020, 7:33 am  
**To:** Cassandra Spearin  
**Subject:** Re: Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding

Yes happy with that statement.

I'll try arrange for one of our Rangers to talk. He has been on scene (I havent). Availability will depend on how yjings play out this morning.

Dave

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**From:** Cassandra Spearin <cspearin@doc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 6:52:39 AM

**To:** Dave Winterburn <dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding

Thanks Dave. If someone (or yourself) is available for a quick phone chat, Newshub is requesting one.

Would you be happy for the following statement be provided to media?

"DOC staff and volunteers were at the scene until late last night. They stopped working due to the incoming tide and night fall.

We will be looking to move the whale to a location near Farewell Spit where it will be safe to decompose. Because of the whales size, location, and the sea conditions we are currently arranging for vessel that is able to do this.

We will have another update later today."

Casey

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On 5/12/2020 6:44 am, Dave Winterburn <dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz> wrote:

Cassandra,

Staff worked with volunteers until approx 830 -930-ish pm last night . They stopped working with the whale due to the incoming tide and night fall. We think the whale died at 9:25 last night (needs to be confirmed today).

Team will be looking to move it to a location near Farewell Spit where it will be safe to decompose. Because of size, location and sea conditions they are looking for vessel that can do this.

Will look to link you up with Ranger later today but they might be busy as they will be working around the tide times.

Dave

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**From:** Cassandra Spearin <cspearin@doc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Friday, 4 December 2020 11:46 pm

**To:** Dave Winterburn <dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Re: Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding

Thanks for letting me know, that's been a known issue but I don't know why it hasn't been fixed yet...

Have a few media queries roll in about it late tonight. One request for comment from a DOC staff member- would you like to provide a short statement?

Also requests for images, if we can supply them at this point.

Hope you get some rest at least :)

Casey

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On 4/12/2020 7:08 pm, Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
Ok all. You out of office on media address says to ring media number - better change that when you can

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**From:** Cassandra Spearin <[cspearin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cspearin@doc.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 7:05:58 PM

**To:** Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding

No general media phone anymore - mine is [REDACTED].

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Ok all good.

Also what's the media duty phone number?

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**From:** Cassandra Spearin <[cspearin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cspearin@doc.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 6:48:50 PM

**To:** Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Goldeb Bay Whale Stranding

Thanks for the heads up Dave. I'll be on media duty this weekend.

Just so you know, our email is currently malfunctioning so we aren't receiving emails outside of DOC addresses. Hopefully it'll be fixed soon.

Casey

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On 4/12/2020 5:30 pm, Dave Winterburn <[dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinterburn@doc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi there,

We have report of whale stranding in Golden Bay. Have staff there. I'm your contact point in GB.

**Dave Winterburn**

Operations Manager – Pou Mataurautaki

Takaka District Office

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**From:** [Social Media](#)  
**To:** [Cassandra Spearin](#); [Social Media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: whale stranding  
**Date:** Saturday, 5 December 2020 10:21:06 a.m.  
**Attachments:** [Sei Whale.jpg](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Ok sweet.

I've found a photo from WWF we could use if the photos aren't too good or take too long to get. I have credited WWF too.

Also, do you think we would get more information on why the whale was stranded?

We could say in the post something like 'more information to the cause of death is still to come. Follow this post for updates'

*Yesterday (Friday), our staff, local iwi and about 30 volunteers responded to a whale stranding in Mohua/Golden Bay. The team worked into the night, keeping the whale moist and cooling it off with cold water, but unfortunately it died at 9:25pm.*

*The whale is a Sei whale, one of the largest species of whales. This particular whale was a male, 17 metres long, roughly 30 tonnes, and on the upper end of size for the species. There was no sign of trauma or injury, and it appears to have been a healthy weight.*

*Our staff and volunteers are now returning to the site with ropes and floats, to re-float and tow the whale out to the Farewell Spit tidal flats at high tide, around 2pm. A larger boat had to be contracted for this work, due to the size of the whale.*

*Iwi are on the scene this morning and a kaumātua will say a karakia before the work begins.*

*Locals are advised to stay away from the area, to let the team carry out this mahi safely and respectfully.*

: [WWF](#)

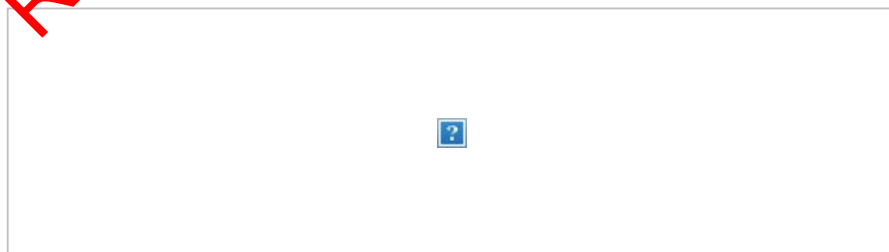
Ngā mihi,

**Myron Manickum**

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**From:** Cassandra Spearin <[cspearin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cspearin@doc.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Saturday, 5 December 2020 10:14 AM

**To:** Social Media <[socialmedia@doc.govt.nz](mailto:socialmedia@doc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: whale stranding

Still waiting on photos, will send them through when I get them.  
Yeah itd be great to add a line about staying away and letting them do the work :)

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On 5/12/2020 10:00 am, Social Media <[socialmedia@doc.govt.nz](mailto:socialmedia@doc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
Morning.

All good will put together a post from the info provided.

Are we asking people to keep away too?  
Do we have any photos?

Ngā mihi,

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**To:** Social Media <[socialmedia@doc.govt.nz](mailto:socialmedia@doc.govt.nz)>; Myron Manickum <[mmanickum@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mmanickum@doc.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Media <[Media@doc.govt.nz](mailto:Media@doc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** whale stranding

Mōrena Myron, are you able to put a post up about the stranding in Golden Bay?

Some info:

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Iwi are on the scene this morning and a kaumātua will say a karakia before the work begins.

Ngā mihi,

**Casey Spearin**

Marine Communications Advisor | Kaitohutohu Whakapā Moana

Conservation House | Whare Kaupapa Atawhai

Phone: [REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** gassed enlarged sei  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020 10:56:00 a.m.  
**Attachments:** [20201207\\_110345.jpg](#)

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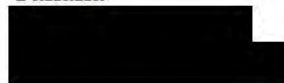
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**Subject:** Sei gassed from front  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020 11:27:00 a.m.  
**Attachments:** [20201207\\_110319.jpg](#)

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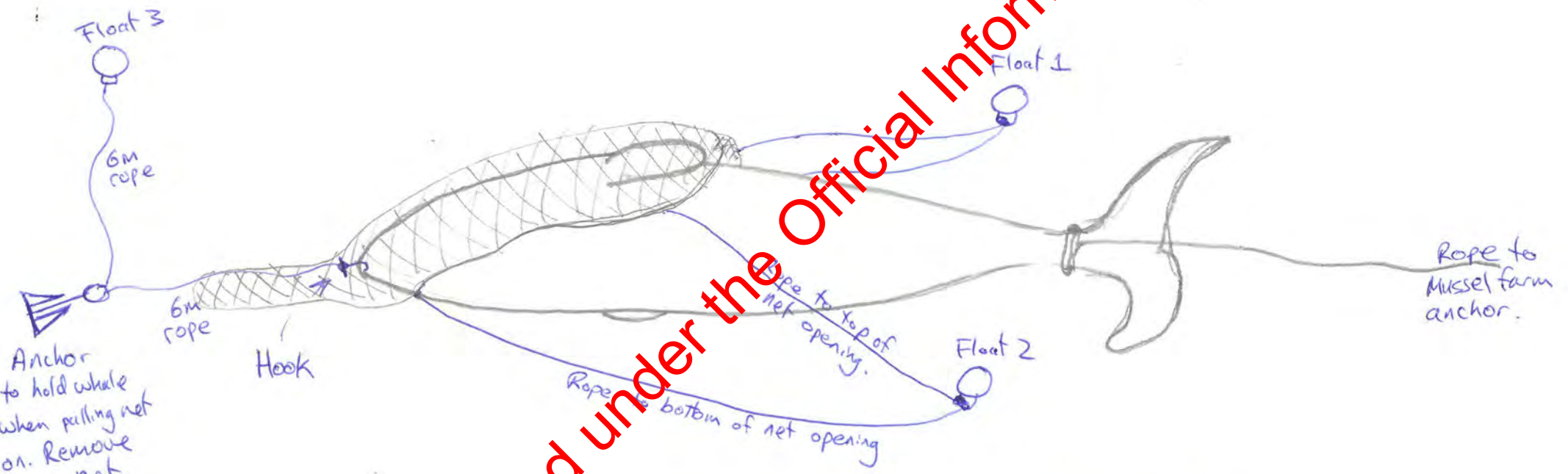
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Sei Whale - Net set up at low tide.



Anchor to hold whale when pulling net on. Remove after net pulled over whale.

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Floats 1 & 2, for boats to attach to at high tide.

**From:** [Mike Ogle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Your arrival time & date & low tide net set up sketch  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020 2:43:00 p.m.  
**Attachments:** [Sei whale net set up low tide.jpg](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Could you please let me know time & date when you would arrive Takaka with the net?  
(fyi 2hrs drive from Nelson to Takaka)

Attached is sketch of set up of net while tide is out, will use to brief local staff.

I've found in our yard three buoys and an anchor, but will need to purchase more rope (to go to the small anchor and floats).

cheers  
Mike

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Number of animals refloat: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time animals refloat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of refloat attempts: \_\_\_\_\_ Refloating technique: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of refloat attempt: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of animals restranded: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time animals restranded: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location animals restranded: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLING** Always collect skin samples from ~~dead~~ animals

- Cut skin sample (e.g. 1cm<sup>2</sup> 'wedge' from trailing edge of the tail fluke)
- Preserve in 70% ethanol (preferably) or freeze in the dry ice
- Label sample (pencil on waterproof label inside sample container)
- Send skin samples to Auckland University (Rochelle Constantine, Thomas Building, School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, 3A Symonds St, Auckland 1010)
- Contact Marine Species & Threats to confirm if other samples are required

**For Hector's and Maui's dolphins**

- Contact Marine Species & Threats and get H number
- Recover carcass and refrigerate/chill immediately after all measurements, samples and photos have been taken. DO NOT FREEZE
- Send carcass to Massey University for necropsy (Wendi Roe, PM Room 101, IVAS, Massey University, Tennant Drive, Palmerston North 4474) with copy of this form

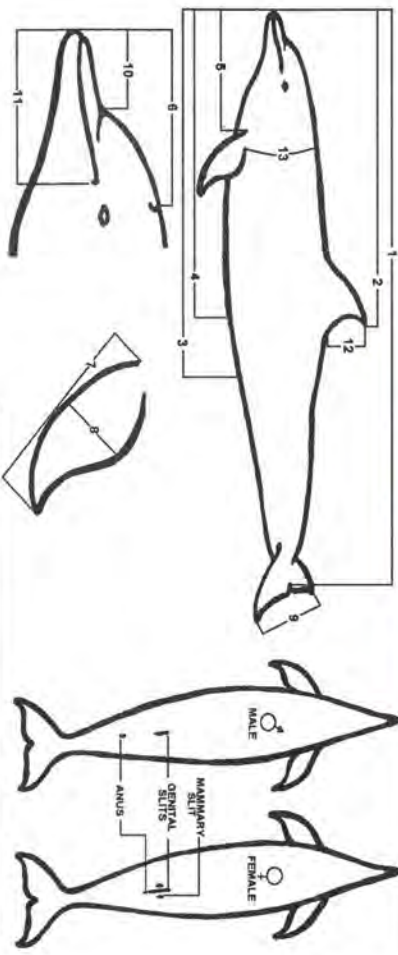
**For common, dusky, bottlenose and striped dolphins:** contact K. Stockin (021 423 9977)

**DISPOSAL (if sending a carcass away, you must fill out iwi approval fields)**

- Natural decay  Burying  At sea  Unknown  Other Tethered on Farewell Spit tidal flat
- Sent for necropsy (items, storage, destinations, dates): \_\_\_\_\_
- Burial (detailed location): \_\_\_\_\_

**Iwi approval if sending material**  **Material to be returned to iwi**

Iwi contact details: Matawhaka & Whaka Āwhiā



Note: Mammary slits may also occur in males

**DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES & REMARKS** (Injuries Old/New, Suspected cause of death (& evidence), circumstances, iwi & cultural notes etc) [\*Use extra pages for detailed notes\*]








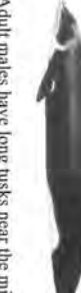

*First report by local farmer, 2 pups, saw whale floundering in shallow water. No visible injuries except superficial cuts from stranding. Good condition (w/2 weyld). Died 21:25. Te Papa to collect skeleton.*

**FINAL CHECKLIST**

- Attach this form to all samples that are being sent
- Save copies of this form, photos, maps etc to DOCCM and email the link to Marine Species & Threats team ([marinemammals@doc.govt.nz](mailto:marinemammals@doc.govt.nz) & [cc\\_hendriks@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cc_hendriks@doc.govt.nz))
- Send copies of this form to relevant iwi

**GUIDE** Below are some species that you may come across.

Source: Acknowledgments: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, I.D images from: Jefferson, T.A., S. Leatherwood, and M.A. Webber. FAO species identification guide. Marine mammals of the world. Rome, FAO, 1993. 320 p. 587 figs

<p><b>Hector's dolphin</b> &lt;1.6m</p>  <p>Rounded dorsal fin. No beak. Dorsal grey upper. White throat and chest. Flippers point towards tail. Black head and dorsal fin.</p>	<p><b>Gray's beaked whale</b> &lt;5.6m</p>  <p>Small head, extremely long narrow beak. Grey body, white patches in the genital region, beak becomes white in adults</p>	<p><b>Pygmy sperm whale</b> &lt;3.4m</p>  <p>Robust body. Squarish head. Tiny dorsal fin. Tiny, underslung lower jaw. Grey upper, light belly. False gill behind eye</p>
<p><b>Dusky dolphin</b> &lt;2m</p>  <p>Short, dark-coloured beak. Dark grey-blue upper. Pale face and belly. Light blazes along flank. Two-toned dorsal fin</p>	<p><b>Heaviside's beaked whale</b> &lt;7.5m</p>  <p>Short, poorly defined beak. Mouthline upturned at rear. Top of head slightly concave. Lighter coloration around head and belly</p>	<p><b>Pilot whale (image sp. Long-finned)</b> &lt;6.5m</p>  <p>Dark brown/black, white streak behind eye. Long, low dorsal fin. Blunt head, bulging forehead. Often mass strands</p>
<p><b>Common dolphin</b> &lt;2.3m</p>  <p>Sleek body. Prominent beak. Dark upper and dorsal fin. Tan or yellow sides, "hourglass" pattern. Cream or white belly</p>	<p><b>Strap-toothed whale</b> &lt;6.2m</p>  <p>Adult males have long tusks near the middle of lower jaw that curl backward and inward. Mostly grey or black, white underside and band around head</p>	<p><b>False killer whale</b> &lt;6m</p>  <p>Black body. Erect dorsal fin, rounded tip. Rounded head. Often breaches. Can mass strand. Seasonal visitor to NZ</p>



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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Your arrival time & date & low tide net set up sketch  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020 4:27:00 p.m.  
**Attachments:** [Sei whale stranding\\_04-12-2020\\_Taupata.pdf](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

That sounds good, I'll organise a team for Friday.

I'm thinking it's early in the day, but on Friday be good to be leaving Takaka at 5am, so arrive at Triangle Flat (this is at the base of Farwell Spit), then about another half hour to get Argo (8 wheel go anywhere vehicle) unloaded and travel to whale, arriving at whale about 6:30am.

So no need for that 3am ferry!

Do you need accommodation in Golden Bay – we have staff house at Collingwood, let me know if you want to see if that is available. Possibly also another house at Triangle Flat (with minimal contribution to costs). Let me know.

FYI.. stranding form attached.

One of our staff was at the whale today and said the gas has gone out of it. But I'm picking by next week there should be more gas building up in tissue and will be floating.

cheers  
Mike

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 December 2020 2:58 p.m.  
**To:** Mike Ogle <MOGLE@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Your arrival time & date & low tide net set up sketch

Hi Mike,

Many thanks! That set-up looks good.

As for our arrival time, we haven't booked the ferry yet, as I was waiting for a confirmation that we'll have enough coxswains available. Just to confirm: the plan as discussed earlier was to arrange the net during low tide (7 am?) on Friday morning, and then return with the high tide in the afternoon.

If so, it wouldn't matter too much when we arrive on Thursday. The morning ferry arrives in Picton around 11.30 or 12.30 pm. Add driving and the time to pick up the net, and we are



probably looking at arriving in Takaka in the late afternoon or early evening – 5 or 6 pm. There is an earlier ferry departing Wellington around 3 am. I can barely countenance the thought, but it would get us to Takaka in the early afternoon. Is there a good reason for us to do this?

Cheers,

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**Sent:** 09 December 2020 14:43

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**From:** [Mike Ogle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sei net planning  
**Date:** Monday, 14 December 2020 11:35:00 a.m.  
**Attachments:** [Collingwood staff quarters location map - DOC-2840475.docx](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Planning for later this week moving along well.

Attached is location map for Collingwood DOC staff quarters. Key is in shed at back of house, under laundry sink (on side near washing machine). Neil Mason is staying here and is on the team for Friday. Will you have room in your vehicle to bring him to Triangle Flat (i.e. road end car park at base of Farewell Spit)?

Have staff and boats lined up here, working on miscellaneous gear today and tomorrow.

**Schedule for Friday (draft!):**

5am Mike and Lana meet at yard

6am Above two meet [REDACTED] and Neil at Triangle Flat car park.

Unload argo and drive Argo (loaded with net and other gear) and DOC ute to high tide mark adjacent to whale.

Place net as best as possible while tide is out.

11am Boatsx2 arrive at Triangle flat (Hans and Darren).

Early team get on boats.

Pull net over remainder of whale and tie off net.

1pm Finish

**Tides:**

7am low

1:10pm high

I'll check on the whale this afternoon and send photo.

Anything else?

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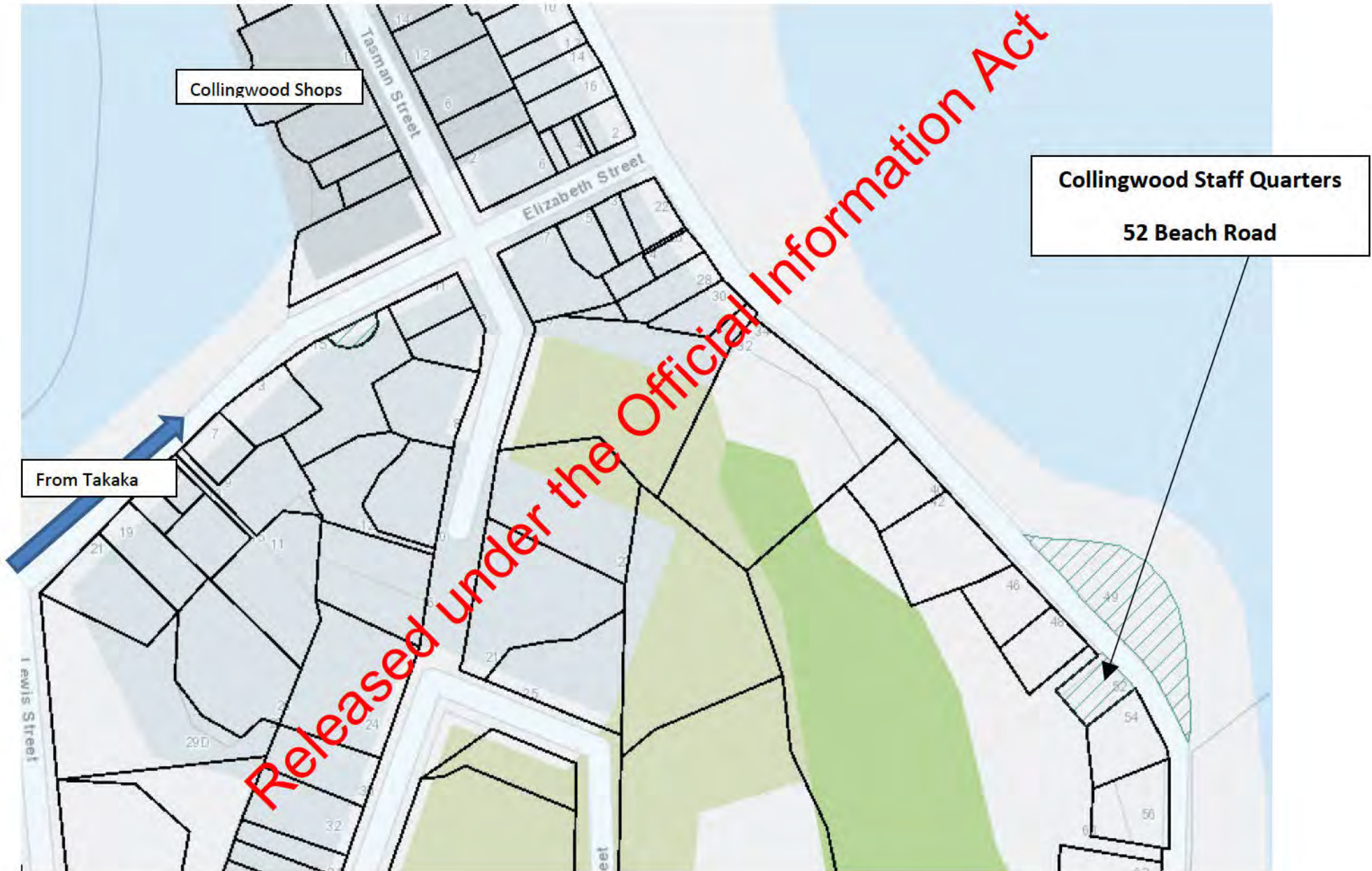
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**From:** [Mike Ogle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MKM Agreement  
**Date:** Tuesday, 15 December 2020 9:54:40 a.m.

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Hi [REDACTED]

Left a message with John and had yarn with Barney.

Sounds like everyone on same page. In brief Barney said the following three points are key for the agreement (which you have probably already heard):

- 1) Loan from MKM to Te Papa
- 2) Not to go to another organisation without MKM agreement
- 3) Return to MKM if no longer wanted to be held by Te Papa.

Cheers  
Mike

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# Sei Whale Stranding Debrief

Stranding Name	<b>Sei whale stranding 4-12-2020 Taupata Creek</b>	
	<b>Takaka District</b>	
Debrief Date	11/12/2020	WBS: D400461004 Takaka Wildlife Response
Venue	Takaka District Office	
Facilitator		
Present		

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Location	Taupata Point (700m out from high tide mark) 1577389, 5511762
Date and Duration	4/12/2020
Incident background	<p><b>Friday 4/12/2020</b> (high tide Tarakohe 13:06, 3.7m)  14:00 DOC staff received phone call regarding stranding in progress of large (6-7m) whale near Taupata Point.  ??:?? Four DOC (Amanda Harvey, Andrew Lamason, Allan ..., Mike Ogle) staff arrive at stranding site with sheets, baskets and spade. Whale is considerably larger than phoned in estimate of 6-7m. Estimate 17m (later measured at 13.4m). Whale in good condition, no sign of injuries, trauma, or poor health. Already 20 people around whale, some with buckets. DOC staff brief public on hazards, set up CIMS structure (AH – Incident mgr, MO Ops mgr), get wet sheets on to whale. Species ID confirmed from photos sent to [REDACTED] and Anton van Helden</p> <p>17:50 Breath rate increased to ~20 seconds  18:00 Whale now just breathing from one blow hole (lower side).  20:00 Heart rate 48 bpm.  20:15 approx. Incoming tide reaches whale.  21:00 approx Joe Hambrick and Susi Clearwater arrive for evening shift.  21:25 Whale died.  22:00 All DOC staff depart site.</p> <p><b>Saturday 5/12/2020</b> (high tide Tarakohe 13:43, 3.6m)  08:00 DOC staff at yard (Mike Ogle, Rayner Fredrick, Ronja Fredrick, Zac Gibbs). Prep ropes and floats.  10:00 200m of 33mm rope with float on end attached to whale for towing.  13:00 approx [REDACTED] vessel (14m, 700hp) starts to tow whale off tidal flat. Towing speed 3.5knots. Arrives mussel farm anchor approx. 14:00 and attaches whale to this.</p>
Number of whales	1
Concurrent events	None?
Stranding Environment:	Gently sloping sandy tidal flats.
Weather:	4/12/2020 18:40 wind 20kph, 15.7°C, 72% relative humidity. Sunny.

Sea conditions	Beaufort 4
Compounding factors	Large whale, species not positively identified as having stranded in Golden Bay before.
Preparedness for initial response	Experience and training sessions resulted in well prepared team attending stranding.
Stranding Resources (equipment & personnel)	<p><b>People:</b> Amanda Harvey, Andrew Lamason, Allan..., Joe Hamblin, Susi Clearwater, Darren Foxwell, Rayner Fredrick Ronja Fredrick, Zac Gibbs. About 30 volunteers on site.</p> <p><b>Initial response equipment:</b> Buckets, sheets spade.</p> <p><b>Carcass removal equipment:</b> 200m of 33mm rope, 5m lead line and 1x float. Towing vessel: 14m 700hp Tether: mussel farm anchor, with float marker.</p>
Performance of Stranding Equipment Competency of personnel	<p>Four staff left Christmas function within minutes of initial phone call from public.</p> <p>At yard stranding response bag, wetsuits all in designated locations and complete and in working order. Quickly placed in vehicle and team soon departed from yard.</p> <p>Equipment from previous large whale stranding (mussel farm anchor tether with marker float, long 33mm ropes and additional float) all well maintained and quickly put to use.</p> <p>All but one staff member had attended strandings. Useful opportunity to train this new staff member.</p>
Incident Management	<p>IC: Amanda Harvey OPs: Mike Ogle</p> <p>CIMS structure quickly and simply put in place for this relatively straight forward stranding.</p>
Iwi	Andrew Lamason contacted iwi while travelling to stranding site.

Supporting agencies and organisations	None required.
Media	Moderate amount of media interest.
Health and Safety	Main issue was potential from flicking of very large tail. Public briefed and system put in place and monitored whereby when water splashed on tail everyone was asked to stand well clear. Initial hazard would be impact from tail weighing several tons and secondary hazard of people getting saturated with blood from pool at tail.

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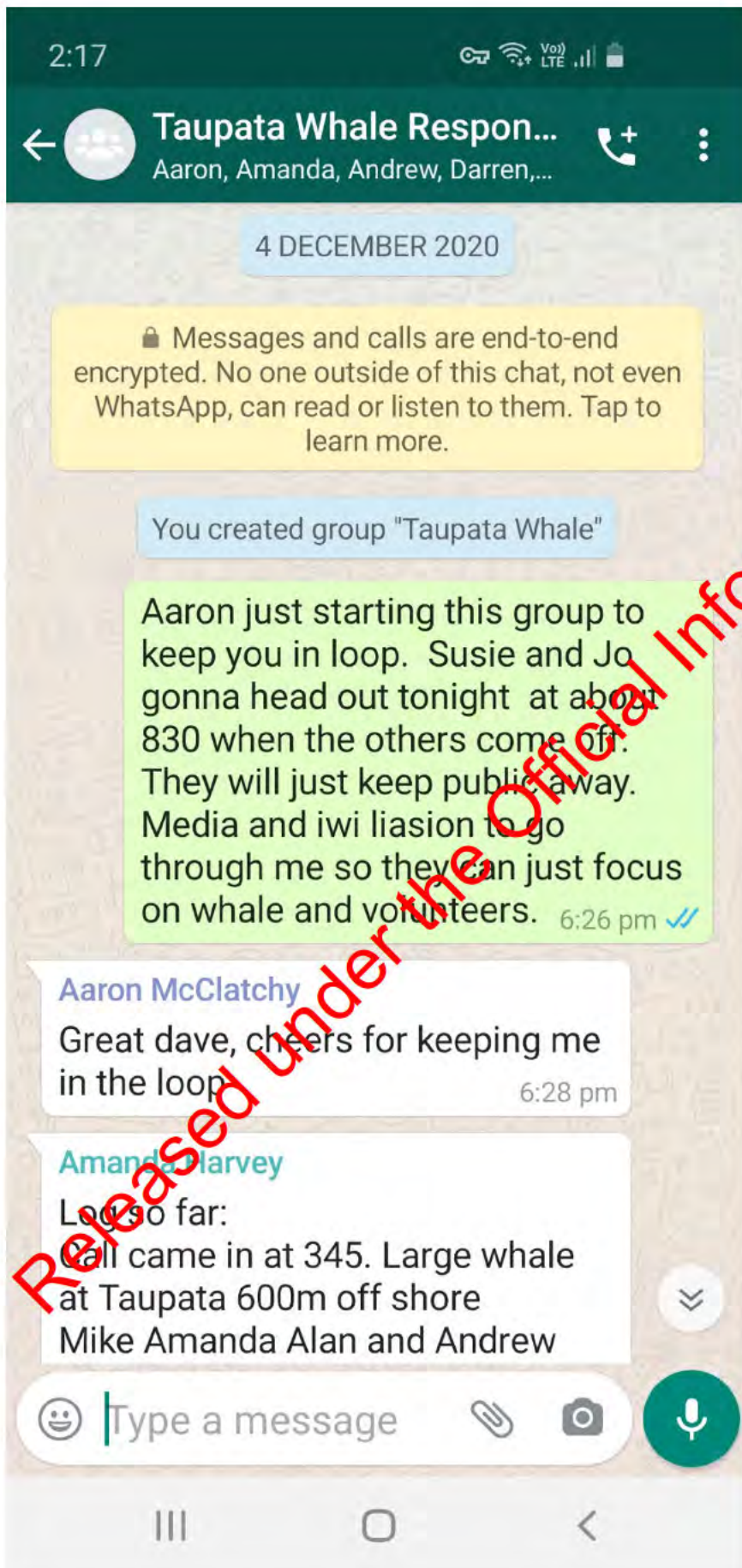
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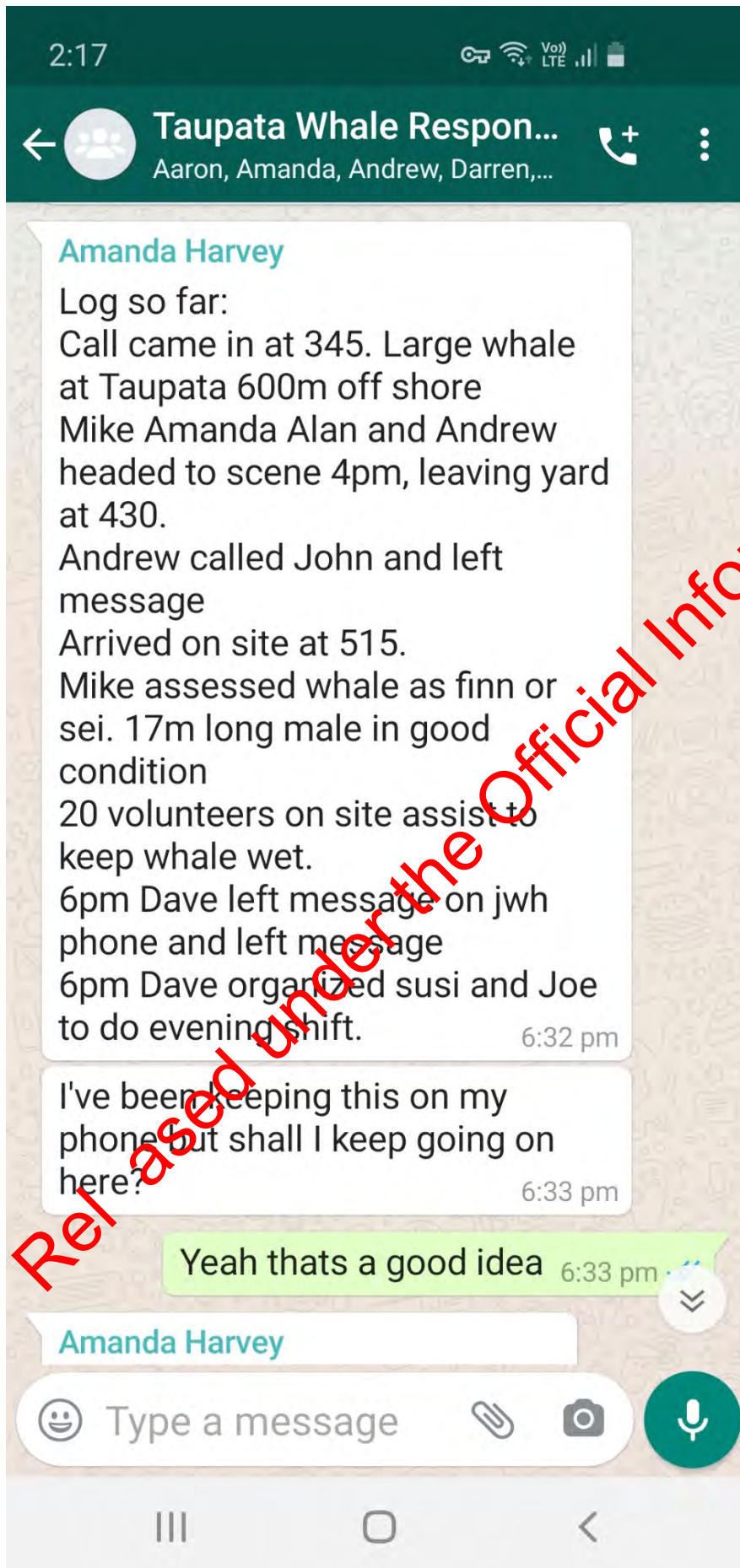
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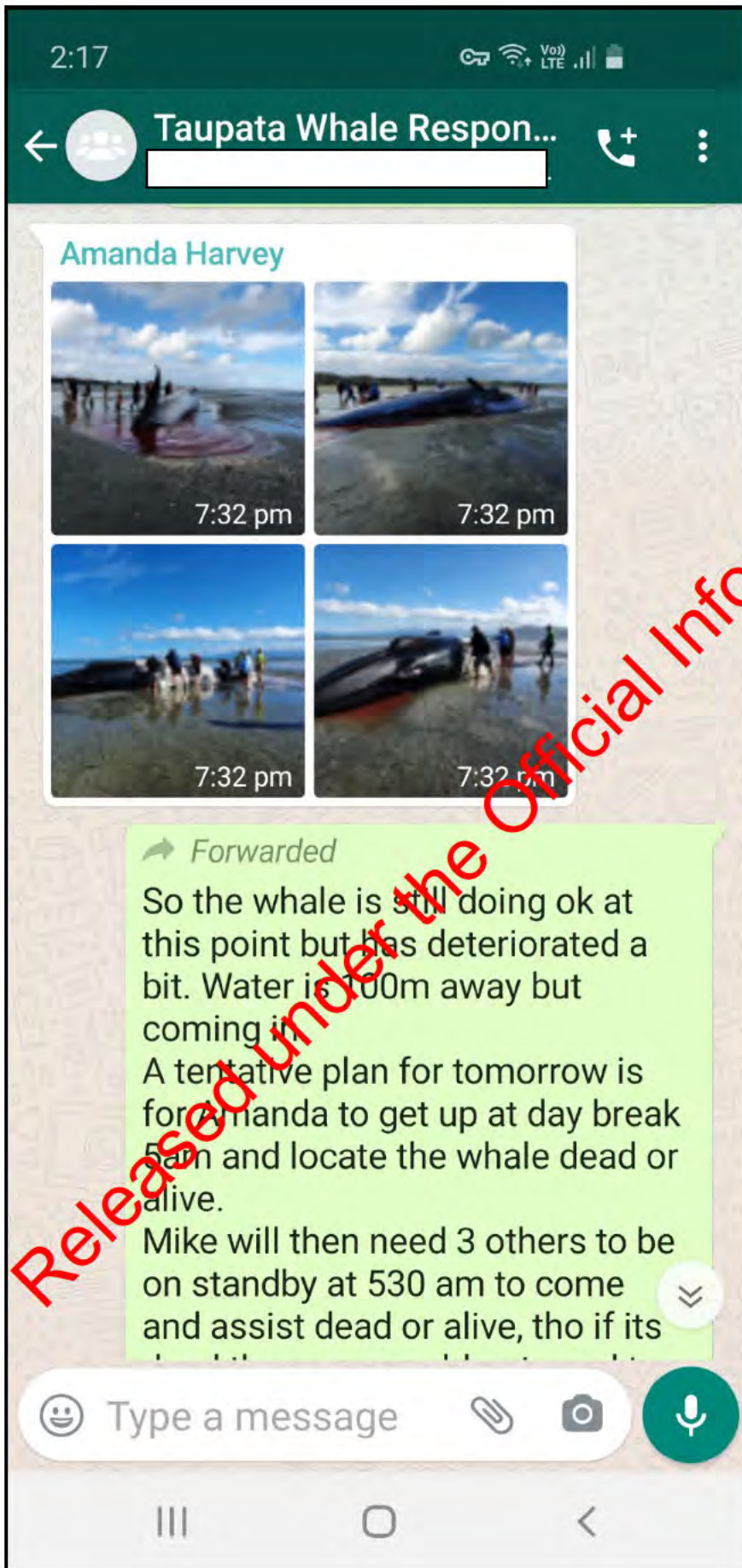
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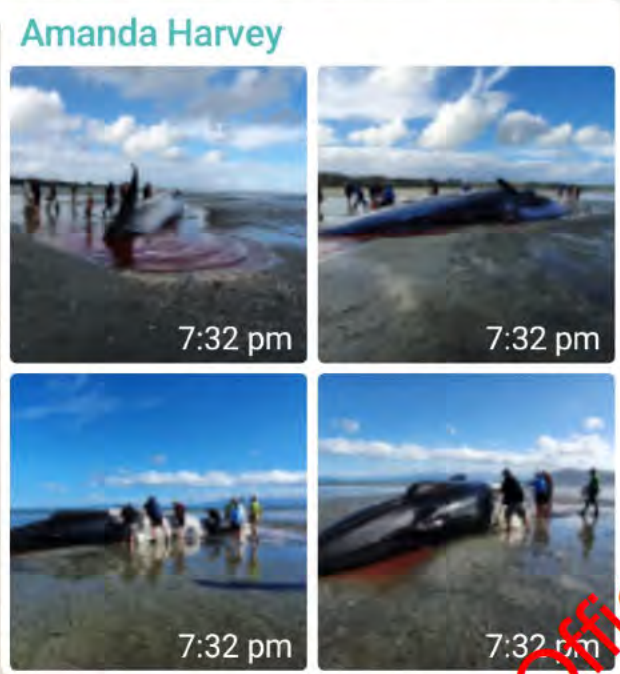
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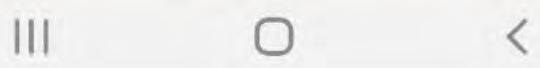
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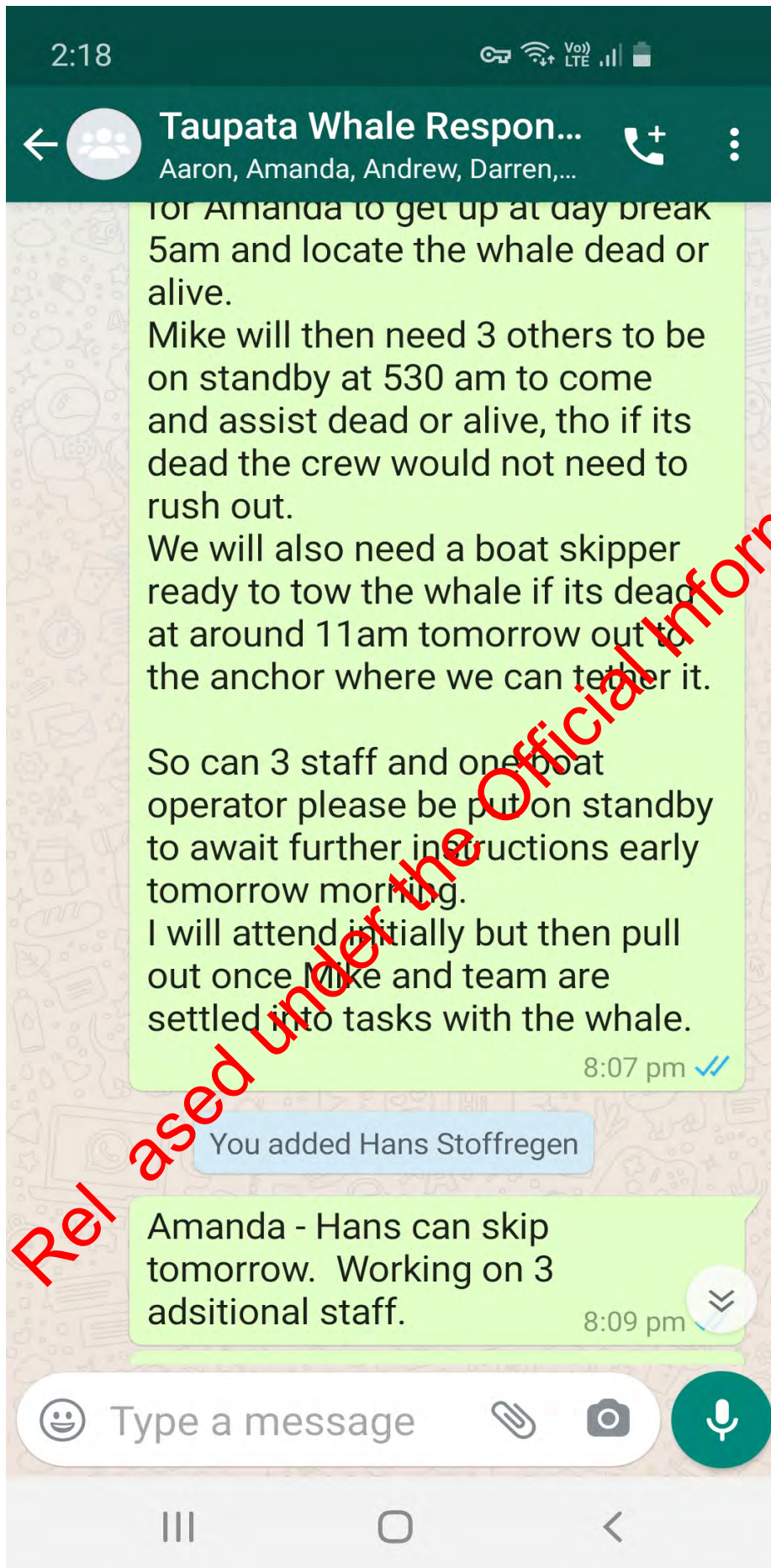
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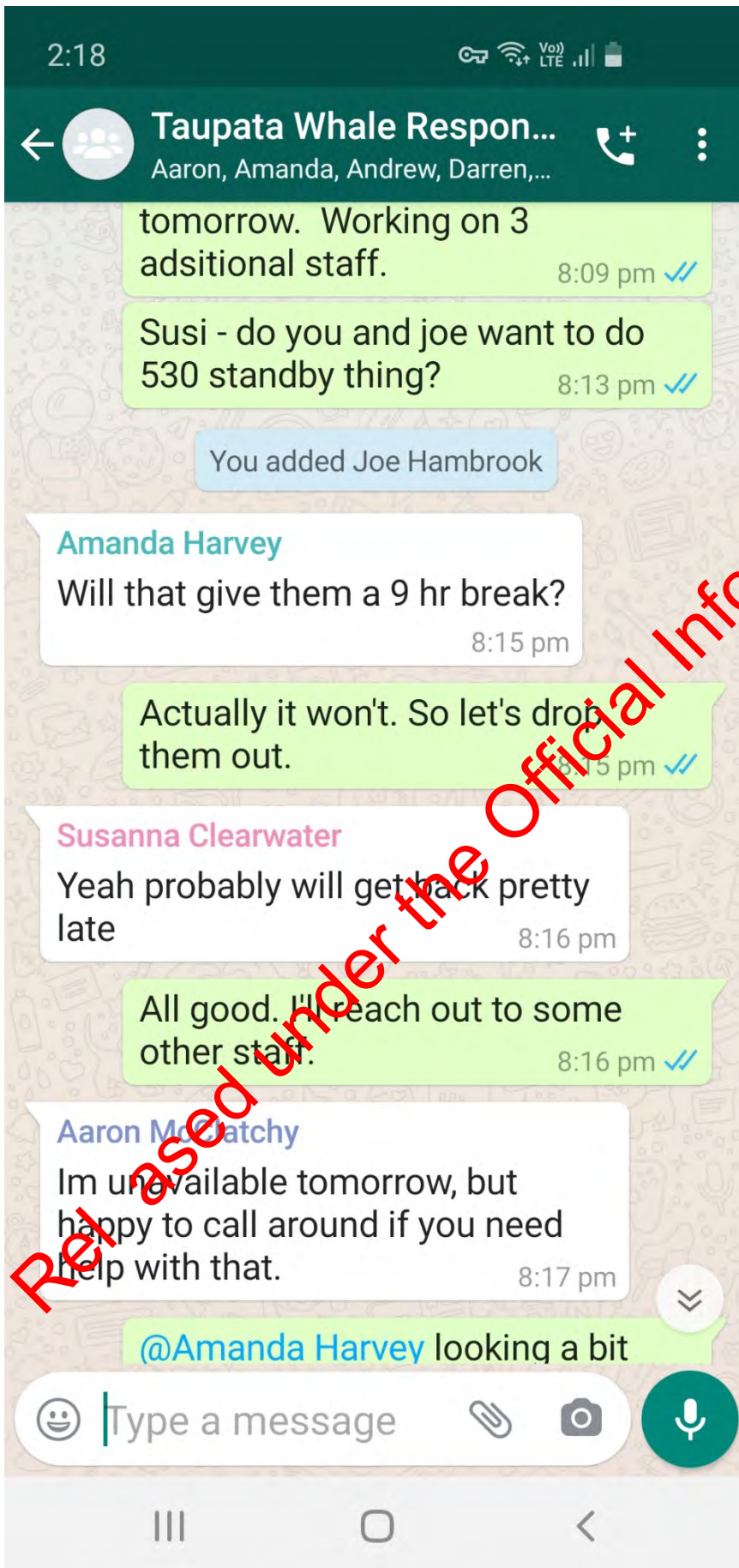
Mike will then need 3 others to be on standby at 530 am to come and assist dead or alive, tho if its

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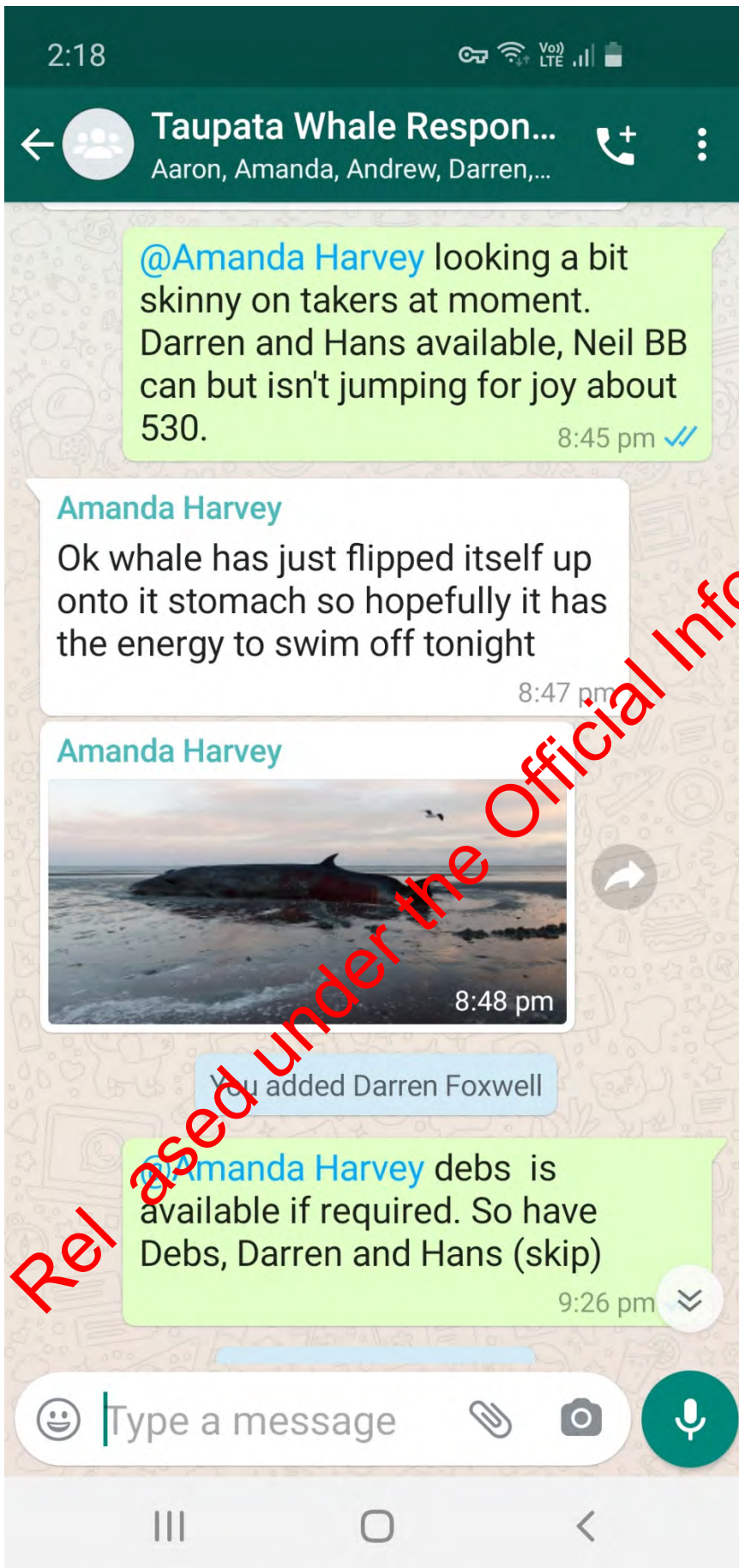


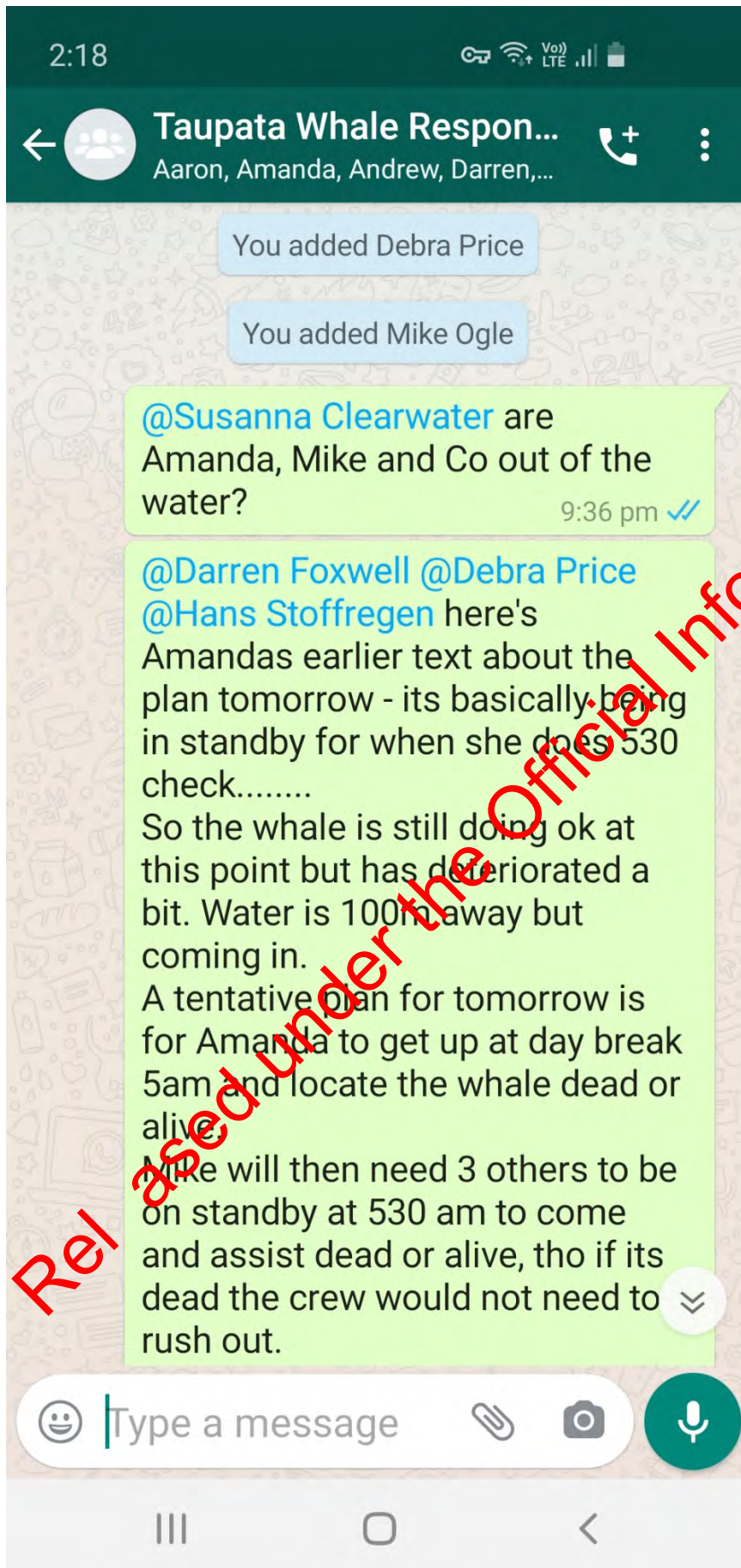




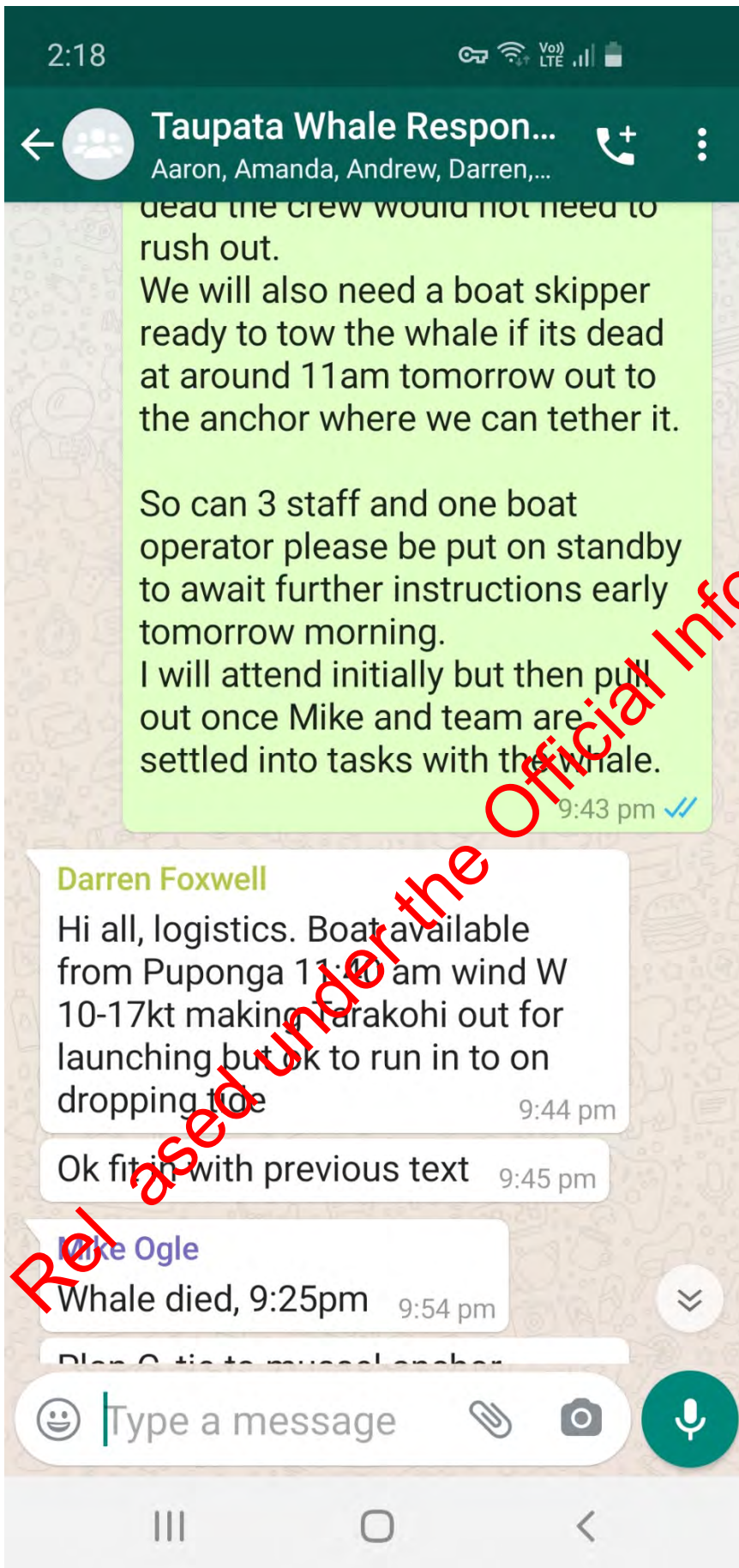


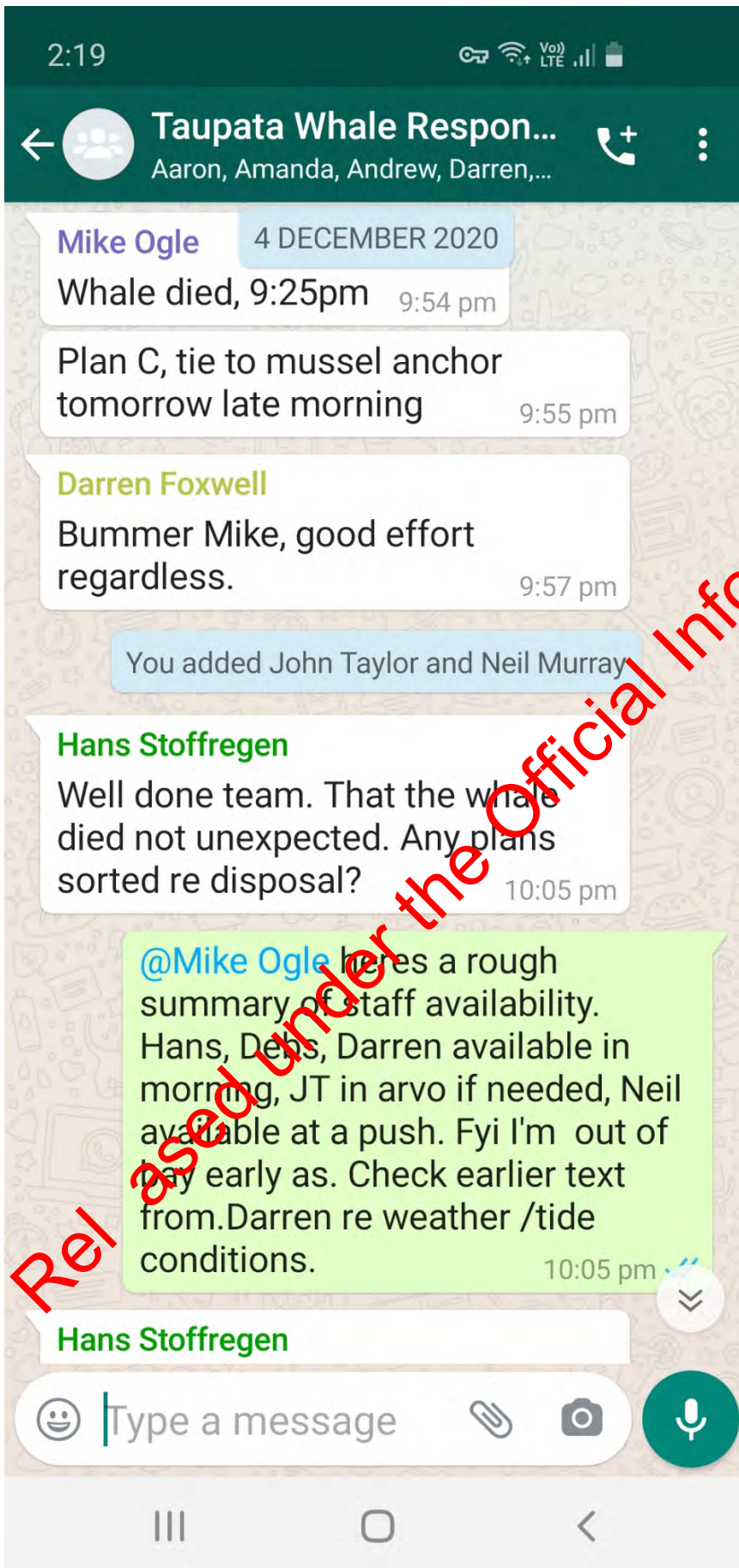
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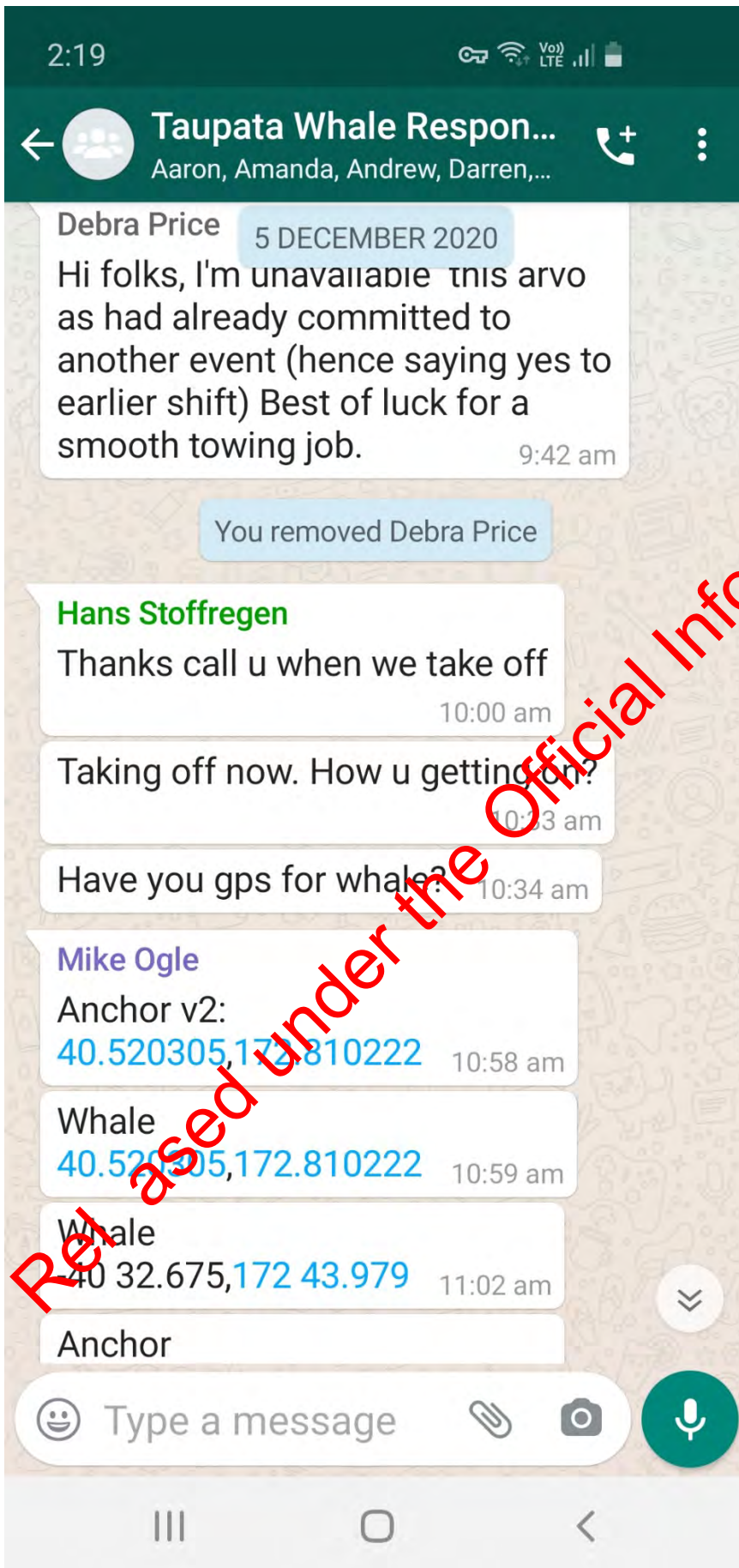




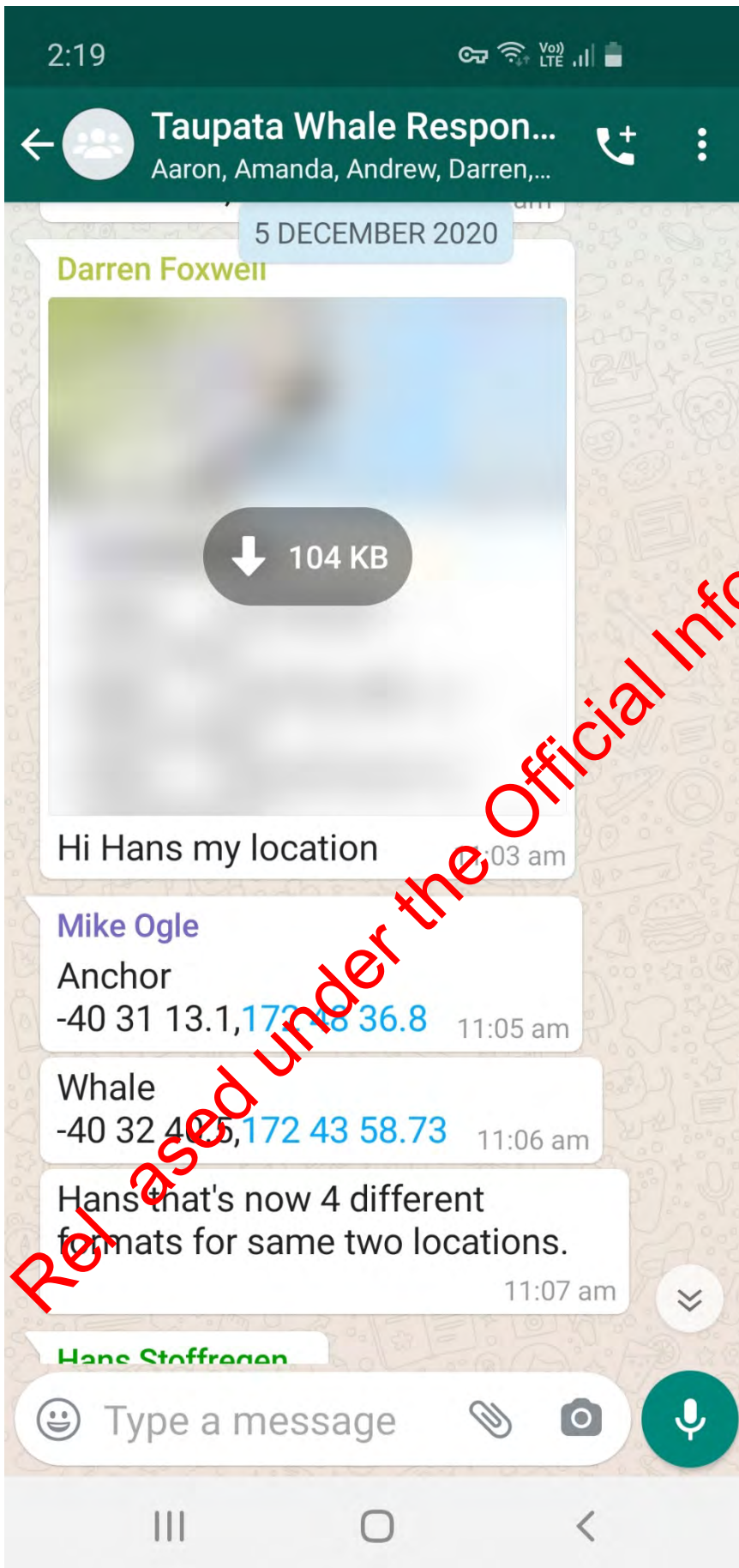




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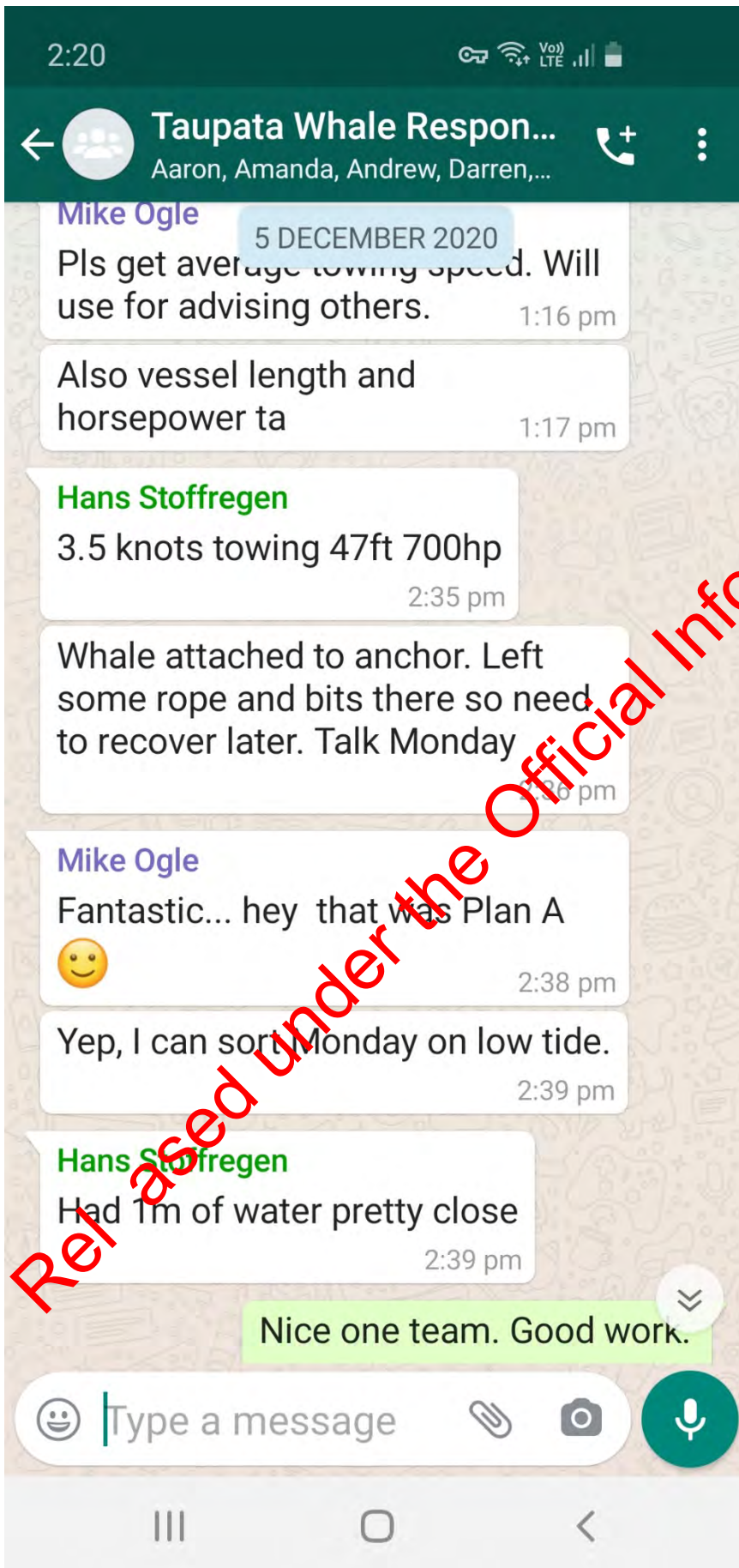


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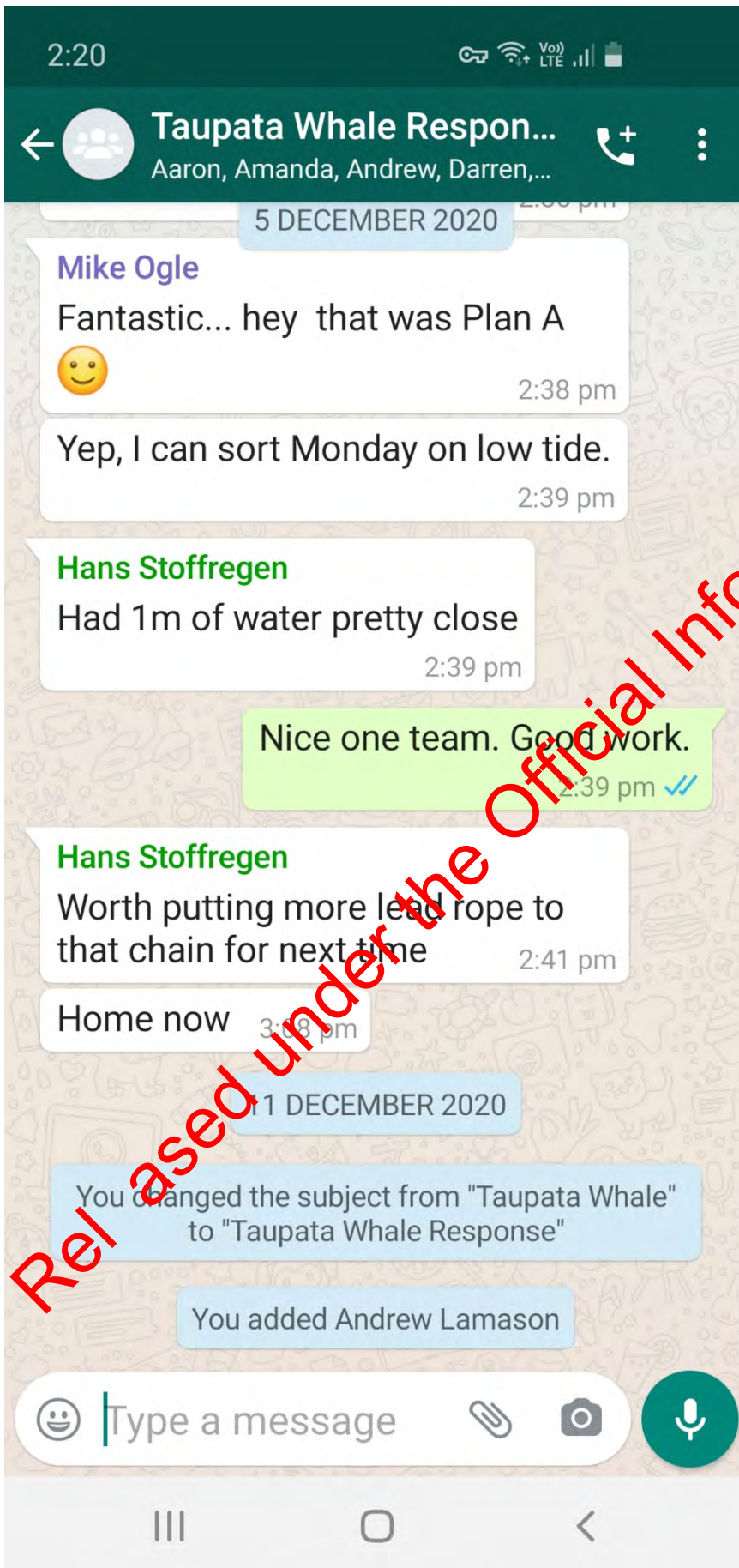




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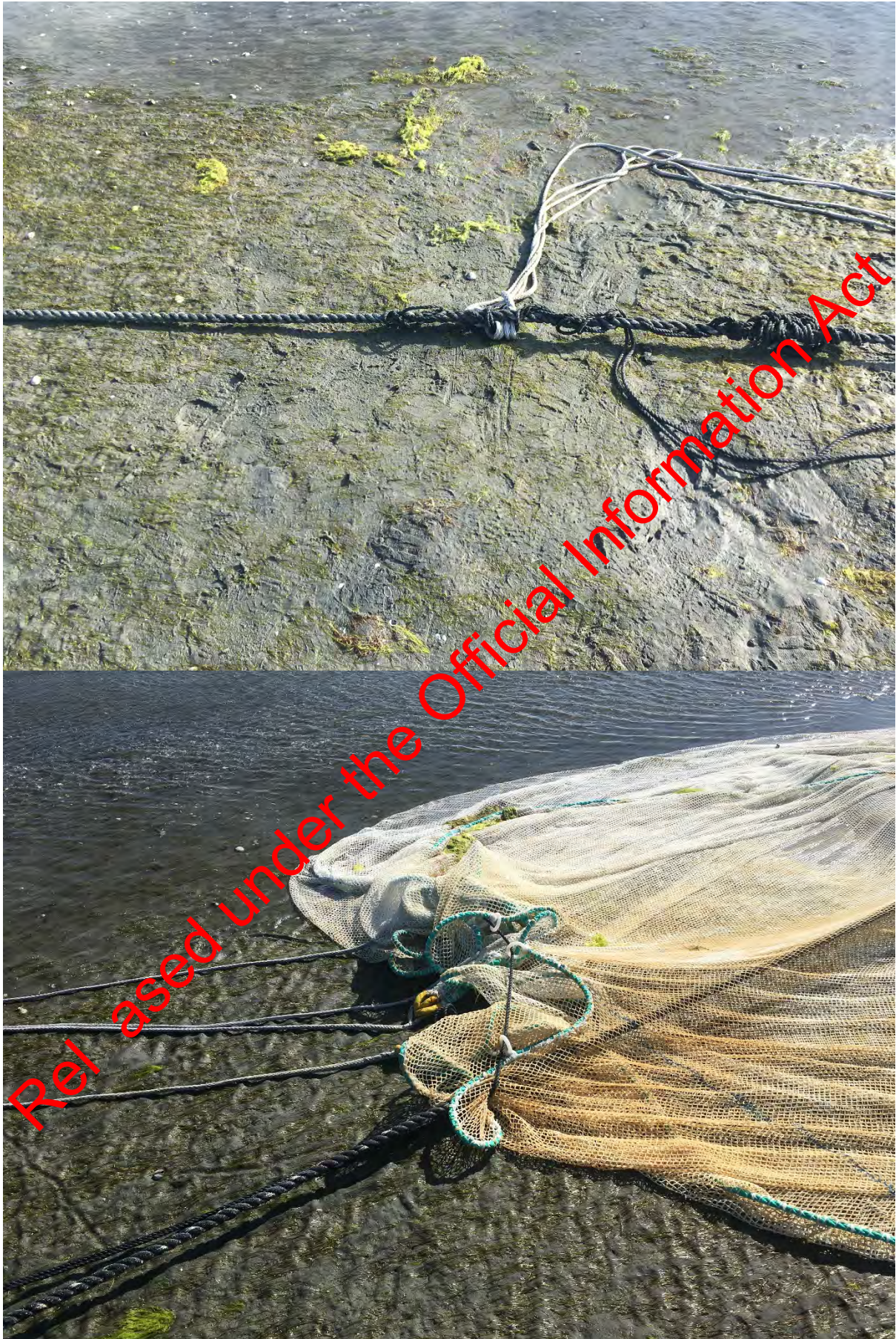
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