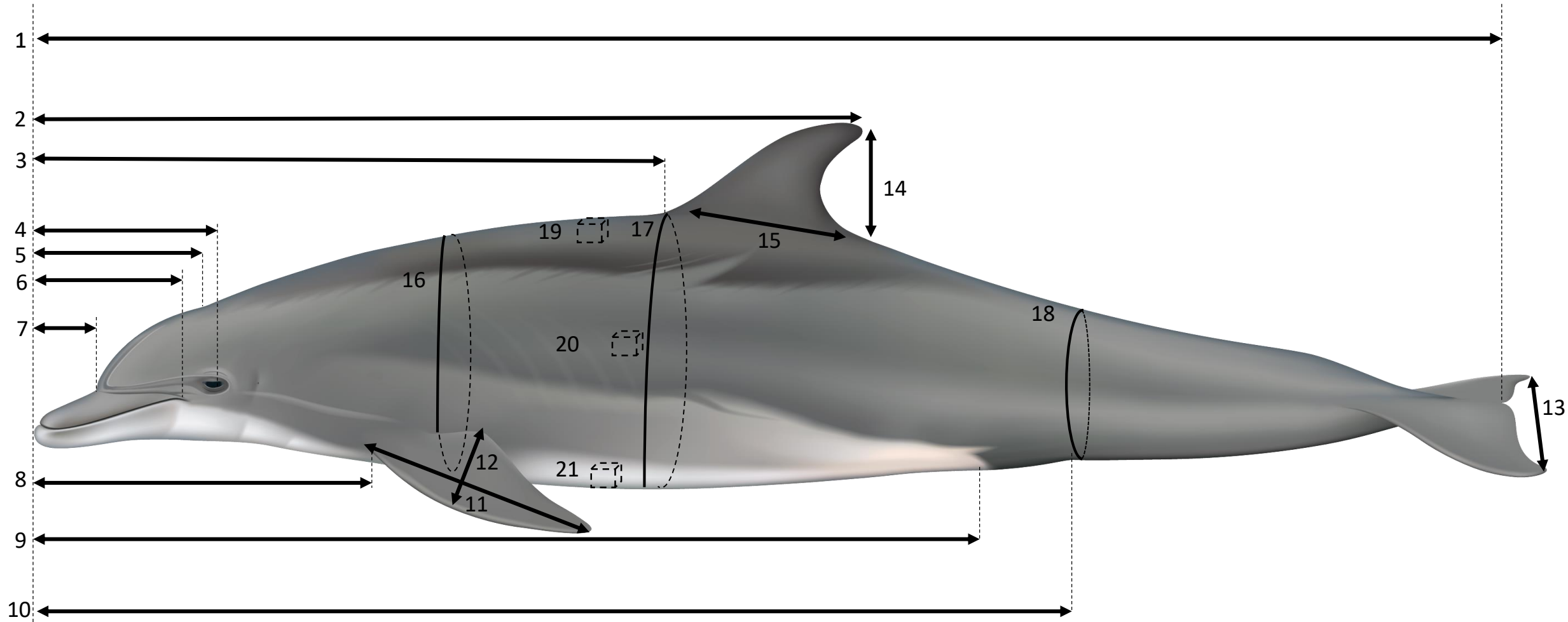


MEASURING STRANDED CETACEANS



Basic measurments in stranded cetaceans. 1.Snout to fluke notch. 2. Snout to tip of dorsal fin. 3.Snout to anterior insertion of dorsal fin 4. Snout to center of the eye 5. Snout to the blowhole 6. Snout to the angle of the mouth 7. Snout to melon 8. Snout to the anterior insertion of flipper. 9.Snout to center of genital apertura 10. Snout to the center of the anus 11. Flipper length 12. Flipper width 13. Fluke width 14. Dorsal fin height 15. Dorsal fin base 16.Girth: axillary 17. Girth: maimun (specify location) 18. Girth: at anus 19. Blubber thickness: dorsal (anterior and lateral to dorsal fin) 20. Blubber thickness : lateral at mid-length (anterior and lateral to dorsal fin) 21. Blubber thickness: ventral at mid-lenght.(anterior and lateral to dorsal fin) (Adapted from Geraci & Lounsbuty,2005⁴).