Boxing Up: Newspaper Report

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Beached Whale Dies	Headline	
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Residents of Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, were distraught when a twenty-three foot Minke Whale, beached on a man-made island, died yesterday. Rescue teams had fought desperately to save the stranded marine creature but without success. The whale, which was confirmed dead at approximately 11am yesterday morning, had spent more than twenty-four hours marooned on a large sand bank in The Wash off the Lincolnshire coast.	Orientation 5Ws	
A spokesman, Jeff Flipper, 54, Manager of the local Sea Life Sanctuary, echoed the disappointment felt by everyone not to keep the whale alive. "It was a beast. The sheer weight of it made it impossible to get it off the sand. It must have been 15 and 20 tons." explained Mr Flipper.	Paragraph 1 Expert quote about the situation.	
Dozens of enthusiastic volunteers spent all day Sunday frantically trying to keep the whale upright so that its lungs did not collapse. Others poured water over the wretched creature to stop it from drying out; this also made it more slippery and manoeuvrable. The locals desperately hoped that the high tide would help wash it back into the sea however it had the opposite effect — the animal was dragged fifty metres in the wrong direction by the ocean's strong current.	Paragraph 2 Description of what happened.	
By yesterday morning, following an exhausting night for both man and beast, the length of time out of the water proved too much for the distressed creature: unfortunately it died. Local man, Clyde Bank, was extremely saddened by the event. "I'm well-gutted. We was all trying and trying – nothing worked."	Paragraph 3 More information and an eye-witness quote.	
Whales often get stranded on beaches around the British Isles but determined animal enthusiasts are generally able to help them. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the rescue operation was unsuccessful. Later today, the whale's body will be towed out to sea by HMS Daring where it will come to its final resting place on the ocean floor.	Reorientation What is the situation now? What happens next?	