

In the evening the ice opened more than was usual and we had a good run until near midnight, when we made fast. During the evening we saw a very large bear lying on a piece of ice, a-head of us. Two boats were instantly sent in chase of him, and had approached very close before he moved, when, appearing to scent them, he quietly took to the water. It was with great difficulty he was killed, and he boldly turned to face his pursuers as long as he had sufficient strength for he swam rapidly, and could make long springs in the water. As these animals, although very fat and bulky, sink the instant they die, he was lashed to the boat, and brought alongside. On hoisting him in we were astonished to find that his weight exceeded 1600lbs!

His dimensions were as follows:

LENGTH.

	Feet.	Inches.
Snout to the insertion of the tail	8	7½
The head only	1	6
From the eye to the ear	0	10
Nose to the centre of the eye	0	8½
The ear alone	0	4½
The tail from root to tip	0	5
Fore claws	0	2½
Hinder claws	0	1½
Tusks	0	2½

GIRTH.

Round the body	7	11
Neck	3	4½
Fore leg	2	3
Hind leg	3	3
Round the snout	1	9½
Round the forehead	2	1

HEIGHT.

Shoulder	4	9
Rump	4	8½

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