A RINGED SEAL (PUSA HISPIDA) STRANDING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
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This paper documents the stranding of a young female ringed seal
(Pusa hispida) on January 12, 1976 in La Jolla, California. The
animal was brought to Sea World for rehabilitation and survived for
136 days. Physical and behavioral evidence and post mortem findings
contributing to the identification are described. Differentiation of
this species from harbor seals (Phoca vitulina) is discussed. Ringed
seals have a circumpolar distribution and this stranding appears to
be the first record on the Pacific coast of North America, south of
the Alaskan peninsula.
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