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Let's unpack the 'story'. Let's 'deep dive'. *(A copy of the story is below)*

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Scientists have been left baffled / as to how / a dead humpback whale / ended up / in the Amazon / , miles away / from its natural habitat.

Scientists rushed / to find the carcass, / estimated to be / 11m long and 6m wide, / after videos / of a flock of vultures / surrounding the decomposing mammal, / appeared online. The whale, / believed to be a 12-month-old calf, / was found Friday / on the island of Marajo / in Brazil's north, / where the rainforest meets the ocean.



Authorities from the NGO Bicho D'agua said they were stumped as to how the whale ended up so far from its natural habitat in the winter season.

Remarkable images / captured by the marine conservationist group / show the dead whale / lying in the middle / of a swampy mangrove, / some 15m / from the ocean.

Samples were taken by biologists / before it deteriorated too severely / in the hope the tests revealed / how the whale ended up there.

The project's president Renata Emin speculated that the mammal may have been floating close to the shore when abnormally high tides picked it up and threw it into the jungle.

"Along with this astonishing feat, we are baffled as to what a humpback whale is doing on the north coast of Brazil during February because this is a very unusual occurrence," he told local media.

He said humpback whales usually don't travel to the north. It's likely it (the humpback calf) became separated from its pod during the migratory cycle.