



Falklands Cetacean Effort Recording Form

Date.....**Site Name**..... **Grid Reference (6 fig.)** **Page**.....**of**.....
Observer Name/Address.....**E-mail**
Start Time..... **End Time**..... **Total Time**.....**Observer height over sea level (m)**.....

Record data every 15 mins. by scanning for 2 mins. at the start of every 15min. period Sightings: record exact time of each sighting and summarise if present from the beginning of any 15 min. data period.
 Record the behaviour of each group separately providing them with an I.D. (i.e. gp. A, B etc.)

Time	Sea Conditions	Wind Direction	Swell Height	Cloud (in eighths)	Cetacean Species	ID. Confidence?	Number and relative Size				Behaviour	Associated Seabirds	Other Observations
							Total	No. of groups	No. of ind. in each gp.	No. of calves			
<i>Eg. 10.00</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>2/8</i>	<i>Peales</i>	<i>Definite</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Gp. A = 3</i> <i>Gp. B = 4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Gp. A = Surfing</i> <i>Gp. B = slow/normal swim</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 sea Lion also surfing</i>

DATA DEFINITIONS: use categories provided where possible Continue on separate sheet if necessary
Sea Conditions: A-mirror calm, B- waves but no white caps, C- definite whitecaps, D-Large waves with frequent spray
Wind Direction: Direction from which the wind is blowing
Swell Height: Light (L) = 0-1m, Moderate (M) = 1-2m or Heavy (H) = >2m **Cloud:** record as eighth fractions of sky covered by cloud
Species Confidence: Definite, Probable or Possible
Calves : Estimated no. of individuals that are less than 50% adult length.
Behaviour: Slow/Normal swim, Fast swim, Feeding, leap/Splashing, Bow-riding, Rest (Milling), Sexual, Surfing
Any other information: Average dive times, unusual behaviour or appearance, other species present including dead birds on beach

Please return to the Falklands Conservation office at the Jetty Centre, Stanley