



CETACEAN SIGHTING RECORDING FORM



Name:
E-mail:

Address:
Telephone:

Where were you watching from? Land Aircraft Motor boat Fishing Vessel Yacht

SIGHTING DETAILS: *Record as much as possible, even partial data is helpful.*

Date _____ **Time first seen** _____ **Time last seen** _____
(Use 24 hour clock)

Location _____ **Grid Ref. (6 fig.) or Lat. & Long.** _____

Species _____ Possible Probable Definite

Enter species name and circle degree of confidence in identification here. DESCRIPTION to help with ID should be completed in section below

No. Adults _____ **No. Calves (less than 50% length of adult)** _____

BEHAVIOUR *(Please tick one or more):*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blow: only spout seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow/Normal swim: leisurely surfacing with no splash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fast swim: rapid surfacing | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding: appear to be in pursuit of prey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leap/Splashing: leaping, tail or fin slapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Bow-ride: coming to boat and riding bow wave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rest/Milling: lying motionless at surface or slow, synchronous surfacing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual: males with erections, close body contact between animals | |

Other cetacean species present? **Species:** _____ **Number of Individuals:** _____

Other notes: _____

SPECIES DESCRIPTION

Head and beak shape:

(Note presence and relative length of beak; also prominence of 'forehead')

Body length (m):

Largest indiv.:

Smallest indiv.:

(If appropriate, estimate body size relative to boat length)

Position and size of dorsal fin: _____

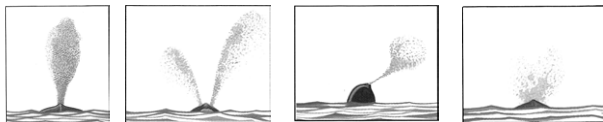
(Note position relative to body mid-point and degree of curvature)

Head and flank markings: _____

(Note any stripes or patches of light and dark)

Blow shape:

(Tick box)



Blow height (m): _____

Other notes (photos available?): _____

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Sea Conditions: *(please circle A, B, C or D)* **A) mirror calm,** **B) waves but no whitecaps,**
C) definite whitecaps, **D) large waves with frequent spray**

Swell Height: *(please circle)* **Light (0-1m)** **Medium (1-2m)** **Heavy (>2m)**

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