

Record No.:

CETACEAN SIGHTING RECORDING FORM

Name: Address:

E-mail: Telephone:

Were you watching from: land yacht motorboat fishing boat ferry oil rig aircraft

Other vessel or platform (give details)

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

Day/Month/Year Time First Seen Time Last Seen GMT/BST
 Use 24-hr clock (1:20pm = 13:20); indicate if GMT or local time.

Latitude ° ' " N Longitude ° ' " E W

Record as degrees (°), minutes (') and seconds (") or as degrees and decimal minutes

Location
 OR if Lat/Long not available, give verbal description, distance to local landmarks or grid reference to pinpoint Lat/Long

Species Definite Probable Possible
 Complete DESCRIPTION section below to help with species ID

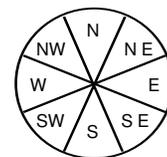
Group size: best estimate minimum maximum Photo/Video taken? Yes No

No. Adults: No. Juveniles (c. 75% Adult Size): No. Calves (c. 50% Adult Size):

Behaviour (tick one or more):

- Blow:** only spout seen
- Slow/normal swim:** leisurely surfacing with no splash
- Fast swim:** rapid surfacing, poss. with white water around perimeter of circle
- Feeding:** prey seen in vicinity or animal changing direction as if in pursuit
- Leap/Splashing:** leaping out of the water, tail or fin slapping,
- Bow-ride:** coming to boat and riding bow wave
- Rest/milling:** lying motionless at surface or slow, synchronous surfacing
- Sexual:** males with erections, close body contact between animals
- Other:**

Direction of movement:
 mark animals direction of travel (↑) and boat heading (●) separately



Animal's

Associated Seabirds:

Direction Variable

SPECIES DESCRIPTION

Estimate body size, if appropriate by comparison with boat length. If seen, describe head shape and presence of beak. Note shape and position of dorsal fin relative to mid point of body. Note colour and any stripes or patterns. Describe blow if visible. Make sketches, if appropriate.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Sea State:

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| 0 <input type="checkbox"/> mirror calm | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> slight ripples; no white water | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> small wavelets; glassy crests, no whitecaps |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> large wavelets; crests begin to break; few whitecaps | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> longer waves; many whitecaps | |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> moderate waves of longer form; some spray | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> large waves; many whitecaps everywhere | |

Swell Height: Light (<1 m) Moderate (1-2 m) Heavy (>2 m)

Visibility: <1 km 1-5 km 6-10 km 11-15 km 16-20 km >20 km