



LAND-BASED EFFORT & SIGHTINGS RECORDING FORM

Day/Month/Year Site Name Latitude ° ' N Longitude ° ' W E

Obs. Name/Address E-mail: Tel:

Effort and Environmental Data: make a new record when environmental conditions change or when there is a break in effort.

Effort Time (GMT or BST?)		Sea state	Swell height	Wind direction	Visibility	Additional notes (e.g. boat activity)
Start	End					

Sightings: make a new record for each sighting – start a new form if necessary.

Sighting Time		Species	Confidence	Group size	Number of calves	Number of juveniles	Bearing	Distance	Behaviour	Associated seabirds
First seen	Last seen									

DATA DEFINITIONS: Use categories provided below where possible.

Continue on separate sheet if necessary

Sea State: 0 = mirror calm; 1 = slight ripples, no foam crests; 2 = small wavelets, glassy crests, but no whitecaps; 3 = large wavelets, crests begin to break, few whitecaps; 4 = longer waves, many whitecaps; 5 = moderate waves of longer form, some spray; 6 = large waves, whitecaps everywhere, frequent spray; 7 = sea heaps up, white foam blows in streaks; 8 = long, high waves edges breaking, foam blows in streaks; 9 = high waves, sea begins to roll, dense foam streaks. **Swell Height:** Light = <1m; Moderate = 1-2 m; Heavy = >2 m **Visibility:** < 1km; 1-5 km; 6 10km; >10km **Species Confidence:** Definite; Probable; Possible **Group size:** give range from minimum to maximum estimate. **Calves/Juveniles:** Estimate numbers of smaller-sized animals relative to adult body size: calves < half adult size; juveniles > half adult size. **Bearing and Distance** should be at point of closest approach. **Behaviour:** Surfacing; Normal Swim; Fast Swim; Blow; Feeding; Leap/Breach; Tail Slap; Bow-ride; Rest/Milling; Sexual; Aggression. **Associated seabirds:** record only birds that are closely associated with cetaceans.

Please return to Sea Watch Foundation, Paragon House, Wellington Place, New Quay SA45 9NR or to your Regional Group Co-ordinator, More information on www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk