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VESSEL-BASED SIGHTINGS RECORDING FORM

RECORD AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, BUT REMEMBER THAT EVEN PARTIAL DATA MAY BE HELPFUL! CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.

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Ref. No.	SPECIES	CONF	TOTAL NO.	NO. CALVES	NO. JUVE	LOCATION (deg	LONG	TIME BST/GMT	DATE dd/mm/yyyy	SEA STATE	BEARING TO ANIMAL	DIST. TO ANIMAL	BEHAVIOUR	ANIMAL HEADING		ASSOC. SEABIRDS	OBSER\ NAME
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Reference No: Number each sighting sequentially to allow for cross-reference with effort or additional notes. If a repeat sighting, use the same number as for the first sighting of the group.

Species: Give the best judgment of species ID; use general categories if unsure (e.g. dolphin species); use initials: HP = Harbour Porpoise; BND = Bottlenose Dolphin, CD = Common Dolphin, WBD = White-beaked Dolphin,

AWSD = Atlantic White-sided Dolphin, RD = Risso's Dolphin, KW = Killer Whale, LFPW = Long-finned Pilot Whale, MW = Minke Whale, FW = Fin Whale, HW = Humpback Whale

Confidence: Definite; Probable; Possible.

Total No: Give range if unsure of exact number.

Calves/Juveniles: Estimate counts of different-sized animals relative to adult body size (calves up to 50% adult size, juveniles 50-75%).

Location: Record latitude and longitude (deg., decimal min. preferred), if lat/long unavailable, note location in relation to local landmarks Time: 24-hour clock; circle BST or GMT.

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.

Bearing: Degrees (magnetic). Distance to animal: Metres.

Behaviour: Surfacing (SURF), Slow (SS), Normal (NS) or Fast Swim (FS); Feeding (FEED); Leap/Breach (LEAP); Bow-Ride (BOW); Body Slap (BODSL), Tail Slap (TAILSL), Flipper Slap (FLIPSL); Spy-hop (SH); Bottling in Seals (BOT); Logging (LOG), Milling (MILL); Aggressive (AGG), Socialising (SOCIAL), Sexual/Mating (SEX)

Animal heading: Note general direction of movement, or whether direction is variable.

Reaction: POS (attracted to boat); NEG (avoided boat); NON (no response observed).

Assoc Seabirds: Note seabirds closely associated with the animals; record species of bird, if known, and number of birds.