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The Cetacean Monitoring Unit

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SIMPLE SIGHTINGS RECORDING FORM

RECORD AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, BUT REMEMBER THAT EVEN PARTIAL DATA MAY BE HELPFUL!

CONTACT NAME ..... **ADDRESS** .....

E-mail: ..... **PHONE** ..... **BOAT NAME** .....

Ref. No.	TIME BST/GMT	LOCATION	SPECIES	CONF.	TOTAL NO.	NO. ADULT	NO. JUVS.	SEA STATE	BEHAVIOUR (incl. dir. of travel)	ASSOCIATED SEABIRDS	DATE dd/mm/yy	OBSERVER NAME

DATA DEFINITIONS: *use categories provided where possible*; *Continue on separate sheet if necessary*

Reference No.: number each sighting sequentially to allow for cross-reference **Time**: 24-hour clock; circle BST or GMT

Location: record latitude and longitude (deg., min., sec. or as decimal degrees), if lat/long unavailable, note location in relation to local landmarks

Species: give the best judgement of species ID; use general categories if unsure (e.g. dolphin species); **Confidence:** Definite; Probable ; Possible **Total No.:** give range if unsure of exact number

Adults/Juveniles: estimate counts of different–sized animals in 2 size classes relative to percent adult body size

Sea State: enter number: 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

Behaviour: Slow/Normal Swim; Fast Swim; Feeding; Leap/Splashing; Bow-ride; Rest/Milling; Sexual **Direction of Travel:** note general direction of movement, or whether direction is variable

Birds: note seabird association with the animals; record species of bird, if known

Please return to Sea Watch Foundation, 11 Jersey Road, Oxford, OX4 4RT or your Regional Group Co-ordinator