



# Marine Mammal Sighting Form



Name: ..... Organization: .....

Email: ..... Phone number: .....

Were you watching from:  Land  Yacht  Motorboat  Fishing boat  Ferry  Oil rig  Aircraft

Other vessel or platform (Give details): ..... Name of vessel: .....

### Sighting detail: Record as much as possible, but even partial data is helpful!

Date (DD/MM/YY): ..... Time first seen (24h clock): ..... Time last seen: .....

Latitude: N..... Longitude: W.....

Coordinates taken from  Observer  Animal  Estimated location

Location (if coordinates are not available give verbal description, distance to local landmarks or dive sites nearby):  
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Species: .....  Definitely  Most likely  Possibly

Group size (best estimate): Total: ..... Minimum: ..... Maximum: .....

Number of Adults: ..... Juveniles (75% of adult size): ..... Calves (50% adult size): .....

Photo's and/or video's taken:  Yes  No *If you are willing to share the pictures and/or videos, please send it to [research@statiapark.org](mailto:research@statiapark.org). They might be used to identify the species and possible outreach, credits will be given to owner.*

### Behavior (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
- Spy hop:** Sticking head out of the water to
- Fluking:** Deep dive showing back fin. Picture taken of fluke  Yes  No
- Other:** .....

Associated Seabirds: .....

### Environmental data

#### Sea state:

- Mirror calm  Slight ripples: no whitecaps  Small wavelets; glassy crests, no whitecaps
- Large wavelets; crests begin to break; few whitecaps  Longer waves; many whitecaps
- Moderate waves of longer form; some spray  Large waves; many whitecaps everywhere

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

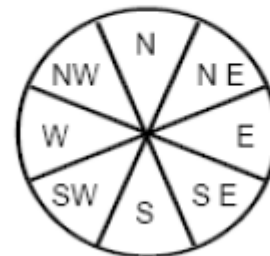
**Visibility:**  <1 km  1-5 km  6-10 km  11-15 km  16-20 km  >20 km

### Species description on the back of the paper

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 color and any stripes or patterns. Describe blow, if visible. Make sketches on the back of the form, if appropriate.

### Direction of movement:

Mark animals direction of travel (↑) and vessel heading (●) separately



Animal's direction was variable