

Shorewatch Effort Data Sheet

Please return this data sheet to Shorewatch, Scottish Dolphin Centre, Spey Bay, Fochabers, Moray, IV32 7PJ.
Go to www.whales.org/shorewatch or contact shorewatch@whales.org or 01343 820 339 with questions.

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Shorewatch Site: _____ Latitude: _____ ° _____ 'N Longitude: _____ ° _____ 'W/E

Shorewatch Observer(s): _____

Record of Shorewatch Effort - use a different sheet at each site: (A WDC 'Shorewatch' should be conducted for 10 minutes, using 7 x 50 binoculars)

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	Observer Initials	Date	SW Effort Time		Sea State	Visibil-ity	Cetaceans present? Y or N	Other marine creatures? Y or N	Feeding birds? Y or N	Number & type of boats	Notes	No. of people talked to
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WDC Shorewatches should be conducted by trained observers for 10 minutes of effort and no more often than once per hour. They should be conducted as planned or at random but not because cetaceans are known to be in the area. However, casual or opportunistic sightings made outside of Shorewatch effort may also be recorded under the 'Details of Cetacean Sightings' section on the flip side of this data sheet - please mark them as occurring outside of Shorewatch effort. Data will be used in an ongoing effort to monitor cetacean presence around the Scottish coast and to inform management and legislative decisions. Any data collected about non-cetacean species will be passed to the appropriate data schemes. For more information about WDC, Whale and Dolphin Conservation or our Shorewatch Programme, visit www.whales.org/shorewatch. Please return this data sheet to Scottish Dolphin Centre, Spey Bay, Fochabers, Moray, IV32 7PJ. Contact shorewatch@whales.org or 01343 820 339 with questions.

Cetacean Sighting Data Sheet

Details of Cetacean Sightings. Each sighting should be recorded on two lines. Use the first line to describe whether the sighting was made whilst on WDC Shorewatch effort. If no, record details about observer and location. Use the second line to record details about the time, location, species, numbers, and behaviour that you observed. Use as many details as possible to assist with validation.

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Date	Sighting Time		Bearing	Distance Reticules (land or sky?)	Distance estimate (meters)	Species ID cues used	Sighting Conf	No. of adults	No. of calves	Behaviour traveling (direction) or staying active/fast or calm/slow surfacing other notes:
	Start	End								
<input type="checkbox"/>	On Shorewatch Effort? Yes / No		(If no, observer initials: _____ Location: _____ Latitude: _____° _____'N Longitude: _____° _____'W / E)							
				land sky						active travel calm stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	On Shorewatch Effort? Yes / No		(If no, observer initials: _____ Location: _____ Latitude: _____° _____'N Longitude: _____° _____'W / E)							
				land sky						active travel calm stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	On Shorewatch Effort? Yes / No		(If no, observer initials: _____ Location: _____ Latitude: _____° _____'N Longitude: _____° _____'W / E)							
				land sky						active travel calm stay
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				land sky						active travel calm stay
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				land sky						active travel calm stay

Use this space for notes about sighting and identification cues: behaviour, colouration, location of fin, fin shape, head shape, blow, numbers, etc.



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