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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!

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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 (e.g. dolphin sp.) if unsure 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, some spray; 4 = large waves, whitecaps everywhere, frequent spray; 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; 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