

# Stranded cetacean report sheet

Date  /  /  Time   
Reported by  Tel. No:   
Report dealt with by

## LOCATION OF CETACEAN

Beach/cove  Nearest town/village   
Exact location of cetacean(s) on beach (relate to landmarks)  Access to beach

## CONDITIONS ON BEACH

Weather conditions & sea/tide state  Public/canine disturbance   
 SINGLE OR  MASS STRANDING? Number of animals stranded :

## APPEARANCE OF CETACEAN(S)

*(N.B. observations made by the public are not always accurate) If more than one cetacean, try and obtain an overview of the whole group.*

Skin colour & markings

Head shape; long 'beak'  short 'beak'  no 'beak'  Approx. length(s)   
(mass stranding: range)

## POSITION OF CETACEAN(S)

Sun  In direct sunlight  In shade  
Sea  In the surf  Above the surf  
Beach  On sand  On shingle  On rocks

**CONDITION OF CETACEAN(S)** *(N.B. observations made by the public are not always accurate). If more than one cetacean, try and obtain an overview of the whole group*

Alive:  Number:  Dead  Number:  *(look for opening and closing of the blowhole)*

IF DEAD: State of carcass(es): Fresh  Decomposing

## IF ALIVE:

Period of time observed  Lying position;  Back/side  Stomach  
No. of breaths per minute (count openings of blowhole)  Texture of skin;  Smooth  Wrinkled  Peeling  
Body condition *(look at muscles below dorsal fin)*  
 Concave / dipping  Flat  Convex / well rounded  
Trauma Wounds visible;  Yes  No  
Nature of wounds and location:

## ACTION TAKEN BY CALLER

Any refloat attempt(s) made;  Yes If so, how was it carried out and how long was taken over it? (i.e. release off the beach)  
 No

**ACTION AND ADVICE - SEE OVER**