

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