

# MARC Stranded Cetacean Initial Report

Date and time   
Report written by  
Name:   
Address:   
Tel. no:

Attending vet  
Name:   
Address:   
Tel. no:

Number of animals stranded: *NB report needed for each animal*  
 Alive  Dead (*look for opening/ closing of blowhole*)

How long stranded:

## APPEARANCE OF CETACEAN

Species (see notes)   
Length (cm)  Girth (cm)   
*(see diagram on back)*  
Name/no. assigned   
If present, record tag number, colour and any contact details:

If species unknown: Description of beak/snout:  
 absent  short  long  
Skin colour & markings  
*(also add to diagram overleaf)*

## LOCATION OF STRANDING

Name of beach/cove   
OS map reference

Nearest town or village and county   
Access to beach

## POSITION OF CETACEAN WHEN FOUND

Sun  in direct sunlight  in shade  
Sea  in the surf  above the surf  
Beach  on sand  on shingle  on rocks

Weather conditions   
Sea state   
Tide status

## CONDITION OF CETACEAN ON INITIAL CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

If any parts of the assessment are carried out later, e.g. by attending vet, please enter time in relevant box.

Lying position (see notes)  Back/Side  Stomach

Time of assessment:

Breathing rate (see notes)  /minute(s)  
(Significant gap between breathing out and in?) (see notes)  Yes  No

Skin condition (see notes):  
 smooth  wrinkled  peeling  
*If yes to either wrinkled or peeling, indicate area on diagram overleaf, or write whole body by your tick*

Breathing quality (shallow/weak/explosive)

Skin Tone (see notes)  
 firm  spongy  very spongy

Breathing noise (absent/harsh/bubbling/coughing)

Any discharges present?  
(from mouth, blowhole, anus, genital slit - indicate nature: blood, mucus, pus, other) (see notes)

Heart Rate (see notes)  /minute

Body Temperature °C (see notes)

Capillary Refill Time (see notes):

Mucous membranes colour (see notes):

Auscultation (see notes)

Body Condition (look at muscles either side of dorsal fin):  
 Poor (*muscles concave dipping*)  
 Moderate (*muscles slightly rounded/flat*)  
 Good (*muscles convex/well rounded*)

Demeanor (alert/struggling/unresponsive):

Reflexes/muscle tone (see notes):

Palpreal reflex:  Normal  Sluggish  Absent

Eyes (see notes) Right  open  closed  cloudy  
Left  open  closed  cloudy

Blowhole reflex:  Normal  Sluggish  Absent

Jaw tone:  Normal  Sluggish  Absent

Trauma, lesions and skin damage: Enter locations on the diagram overleaf

Any other signs/observations, e.g. behaviour in the water before the stranding:

Any refloat attempt(s) already made?  yes  no  
*(i.e. release off the beach - see notes)*

If Yes, how was it carried out and how long was taken over it?