

WDC SIGHTINGS REPORTING FORM

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name
Address
Country
Email Address
Phone

DETAILS OF OBSERVATION

Date:

(Please fill in at least one of the following locations fields, plus the Country field, to help us pinpoint your sighting)

Exact location:

Latitude/ Longitude:

Grid reference:

Country of sighting:

ABOUT THE SIGHTING

Species seen:

1- Definite (100% sure)

2- Probable (75% sure)

3- Possible (50% sure)

Abundance - *please note number of adults, juveniles (3/4 size of adult) and calves (1/3 size of adult) if possible:*

Behaviour:

Resting/logging/prolonged periods at the surface

Riding the bow waves of the boat

Feeding/erratic

Milling (in the same area)

Travelling slowly

Travelling fast

Jumping clear out of water

Spy-hopping (Raising head vertically out water)

Other

Direction of travel:

N NE E SE

S SW W NW

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TYPE OF OBSERVATION

- 1- Land-based
2- Vessel-based

Sighted using:

- 1- Binoculars
2- Reticule binoculars
3- Naked eye
4- Scope

ASSOCIATED WILDLIFE

- Sea birds
Other cetaceans
None
Other _____

Sea state:

- 0 - Mirror calm
 1 - Slight ripples, no whitecaps
 2 - Small wavelets glassy crests
 3 - Large wavelets, crests begin to break, few whitecaps
 4 - Moderate waves taking longer form, some spray, whitecaps
 5 - Longer waves, many whitecaps
 6 - Large waves, many whitecaps everywhere, frequent spray
 7 - Sea heaps up, white foam blows in streaks
 8 - Long, high waves, edges breaking, foam blows in streaks
 9 - High waves, sea begins to roll, dense foam streaks

Visibility:

- Bad (<0.5 km)
 Poor (0.5-1.5km)
 Moderate (1.5-10km)
 Good (10-20 km)
 Excellent (20+km)

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Wind force (Beaufort Scale):

- 0 - Calm
 1 - Light air
 2 - Light breeze
 3 - Gentle breeze
 4 - Moderate breeze
 5 - Fresh breeze
 6 - Strong breeze
 7 - Near gale
 8 - Gale
 9 - Strong gale
 10 - Storm
 11 - Violent storm
 12 - Hurricane

Swell height:

- Light (0-1 m)
 Moderate (1-2m)
 Heavy (2+m)

Precipitation:

- No precipitation
 Drizzle/ light rain
 Rain
 Fog
 Sleet
 Snow

Wind direction:

- N NE E SE
S SW W NW

Cloud cover (/8): _____
(0- sky is completely cloud-free and 8- sky is completely covered with clouds)

NOTES (include any distinguishing marks, boat interactions etc.):