



# 2021 Cetacean Sighting Data Sheet

**Details of Cetacean Sightings.** Each sighting should be recorded on two lines. Use the first line to describe whether the sighting was made whilst on WDC Shorewatch effort. If no, record details about observer and location. Use the second line to record details about the time, location, species, numbers, and behaviour that you observed. Use as many details as possible to assist with validation.

Please return this data sheet to Scottish Dolphin Centre, Spey Bay, Fochabers, Moray, IV32 7PJ. Go to [www.whales.org/shorewatch](http://www.whales.org/shorewatch) or contact [shorewatch@whales.org](mailto:shorewatch@whales.org) or 01343 820 339 with questions.

Tick here if entered online

Date	Sighting Time		Bearing	Distance Reticules land or sky?	Distance estimate (meters)	Species ID cues used	Sighting Conf	No. of adults include unknown	No. of juv / calves	No. of neonates (newborns)	Behaviour traveling (direction) or staying active/fast or calm/slow surfacing other notes:
	Start	End									
<input type="checkbox"/>	On Shorewatch Effort?	Yes / No	(If no, observer initials: _____ Location: _____ Latitude: _____° _____'N Longitude: _____° _____' W/E)								
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**Think about useful identification cues:** behaviour, colouration, location of fin, fin shape, head shape, blow, etc.

**How may did you see and can you group them by age?**

- Adults - full sized creatures and those about which you are unsure.
- Juveniles / calves - smaller than adults, may still exhibit foetal folds, often in a group but independent from a specific adult.
- Neonates - less than half adult size, exhibiting foetal folds, sticks closely to an adult, likely born recently and using area as nursery ground