

BASIC CETACEAN OBSERVATION, MEASUREMENTS, AND SAMPLE COLLECTION DATASHEET

Animal ID _____ Date Found: _____ Date Sampled: _____
Animal ID format: date-place-sequential number Date format: yyyy/mm/dd

Time: _____ GPS Coordinates: _____ N _____ W
GPS format - decimal degrees

Location/town/beach: _____ Country: _____

Recorder: _____ Recorder Contact Info: _____

Species: _____ ID by: _____ Unknown

Sex: M / F / Unknown Carcass state: Alive (Stage 1)
 Fresh (Stage 2)
 Decomposed (Stage 3)
 Very decomposed (Stage 4)
 Bones (Stage 5)

Age: Calf
 Immature
 Adult
 Unknown

Stranded on beach Y / N / If no, where was animal found?: _____

Bycatch in net/line Y / N / Maybe / Unknown Butchered? Y / N / Unknown

SAMPLES COLLECTED (circle):

Photos: Y / N Photographer(s): _____
 Photographer Contact Info: _____

Genetics: Skin Muscle Other: _____ Bones: _____

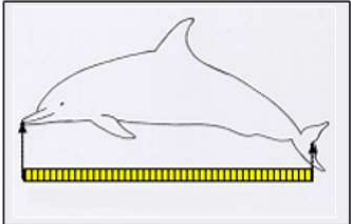
Skull Teeth Parasites Other: _____

Sample Storage Method: _____

MEASUREMENTS:

Total Length: _____ cm

Total length = straight line from tip of jaw to notch in tail
**Image Courtesy of IFAW*



MEASUREMENTS CONTINUED:

Teeth or Baleen: _____

If Teeth: Tooth Count

Upper Left Jaw: _____

Upper Right Jaw: _____

Lower Left Jaw: _____

Lower Right Jaw: _____

Any unerupted? Y / N

If Baleen: Count Grooves on Throat

Number of ventral pleats: _____

Extension of ventral pleats: _____

SCARS, WOUNDS, AND OTHER MARKINGS:

Draw in any missing parts, skin marks, fishing gear, entanglements, etc.

Examiner: _____

Examiner Contact Info: _____



Please send this Datasheet and any accompany samples and photos to:

Name:

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