

BASIC CETACEAN OBSERVATION, MEASUREMENTS, AND SAMPLE COLLECTION DATASHEET

ID number: _____	Date Found: _____	Date Sampled: _____
Time: _____	*Date format: yyyy/mm/dd*	
Location/town/beach: _____	GPS Coordinates: _____ N _____ W	
Recorder: _____	Country: _____	
Recorder Contact Info: _____	Recorder Contact Info: _____	

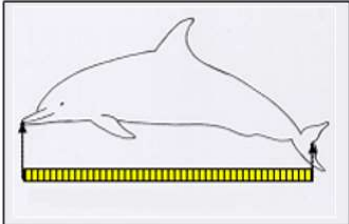
Species: _____	ID by: _____	Unknown
Sex: M / F / Unknown	Carcass state:	Alive (Stage 1) Fresh (Stage 2) Decomposed (Stage 3) Very decomposed (Stage 4) Bones (Stage 5)
Age: Calf Immature Adult Unknown		

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	<p><i>Total length = straight line from tip of jaw to notch in tail</i></p> <p><i>*Image Courtesy of IFAW</i></p>	
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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: _____

