

IWDG External Examination Evaluation Form

Please refer to your IWDG Stranding Information Booklet
for the full Stranding Network Volunteer Protocol

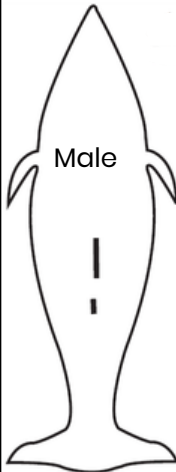
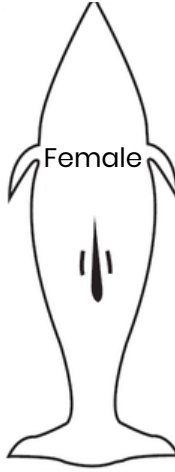
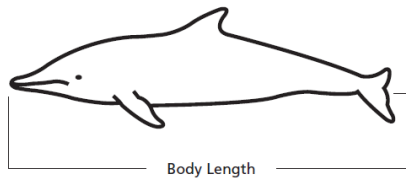
Recorder name: _____

Date of visit to stranding (DD/MM/YY): ____/____/____

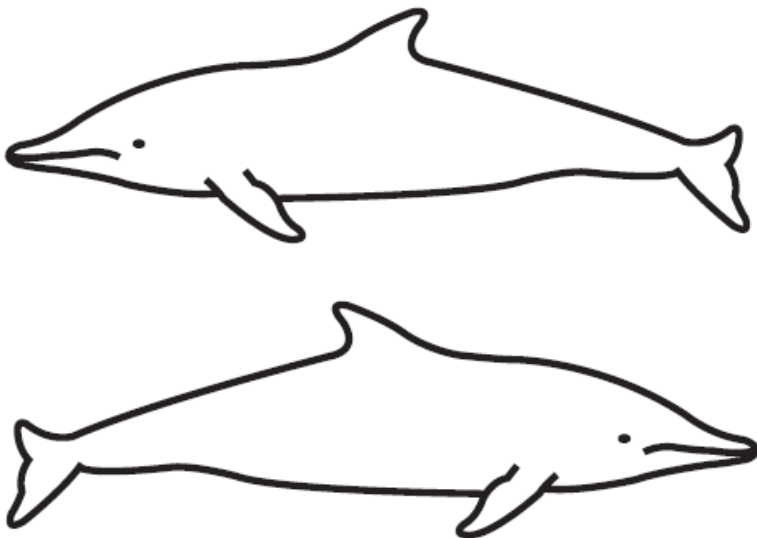
Date animal first seen (if known) (DD/MM/YY): ____/____/____

Location (Town, Beach, Position on beach): _____

GPS (lat/long, XX.XXXXXX, -XX.XXXXXX): _____/_____

Circle: Male or Female  Male  Female	Length (tip of beak to notch in tail fluke): _____cm  Body Length *Measure in straight line on ground, NOT directly on the animal*	Carcass Condition ☐ Looks fresh, as though still alive. ☐ Skin intact, but starting to dry out/peel, some scavenging. ☐ Beginning to rot/smell. Skin peeling/darkening. Scavenging evident. ☐ Rotten, extensive scavenging, bloating evident, bone exposed.
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Notes (draw markings of interest & associated measurements etc.):



Irish Cetacean Genetic Tissue Bank card number:

***Images can only be used in the Bycatch Assessment dataset if they meet IWDG data quality criteria (see IWDG Information Booklet for criteria)* Please remember :**

- Clear carcass of all debris (*sand*, blood, etc.)
- Photograph as many target areas as possible in daylight.
- Include close-up images of all target areas that are *in focus*, no glare and of high quality.

Target Area Checklist

*Your safety is priority. Only photograph what you are comfortable with.
ALWAYS do a risk assessment & wear appropriate PPE*

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| ☐ Full body shot R-side | ☐ Full body shot L-side |
| ☐ Pectoral fin R-side, close-up of edges | ☐ Pectoral fin L-side, close-up of edges |
| ☐ Dorsal fin R-side, close-up of edges | ☐ Dorsal fin L-side, close-up of edges |
| ☐ Tail stock R-side | ☐ Tail stock L-side |
| ☐ Animal head on | ☐ Animal from behind |
| ☐ Eye (R) | ☐ Eye (L) |
| ☐ Head R-side | ☐ Head L-side |
| ☐ Head from above | ☐ Underside of jaw |
| ☐ Upper jaw + close-ups | ☐ Lower jaw, close-ups |
| ☐ Tail fluke, close-up of edges | ☐ View of animal at stranding site |
| ☐ Genital slit | ☐ Blowhole |

- Encircling marks, following track of lines from all angles
- Amputated body parts or stump(s) + close-ups from all angles
- Rope/net on animal + close-ups of mesh/knots with ruler for scale
- Body slices or propeller cuts + full width views, close-up of edges
- Fresh rake (tooth) marks + scale
- Parasites, skin lesions, other signs of disease + scale

Please send this form and full sized images to strandings@iwdg.ie
(or using Google Drive, Sharepoint, WeTransfer etc.)

Please do NOT send stranding reports or images via WhatsApp.

I have read the Health & Safety page in the IWDG Information Booklet and have considered/assessed the risks associated with attending this stranding (sign):
