

## Irish Standard for Cetacean Record Data

This document has been produced to standardise cetacean records collected in Ireland. If you are recording any of the fields below, please use the Irish standard. Cetacean records may also include many other fields. These have not been included for the Irish standard and can vary according to survey, organisation, etc.

Data item	Irish standard
<b>Name of recorder</b>	first name, initial, surname (John M. Murphy or Mary O'Brien)
<b>Contact details</b>	address, email, telephone number
<b>Location</b>	location of observation
<b>Latitude</b>	All cetacean records should provide latitude coordinates for the sighting (WGS84 datum)
<b>Longitude</b>	All cetacean records should provide longitude coordinates for the sighting (WGS84 datum)
<b>Date</b>	dd/mm/yyyy
<b>Species</b>	Latin name, e.g. <i>Delphinus delphis</i>
<b>Numbers of individuals</b>	number
<b>Behaviour</b>	Surfacing, Slow swim, Fast swim, Blow, Feeding, Breaching, Tail-slap, Spy-hopping, Bow-riding, Logging, Sexual, Aggression, None, Milling, Fluking.  Note: behaviour description must use one of the above but can add extra information into a comment field.
<b>Sea state</b>	Beaufort wind force scale
<b>Swell</b>	Light (0-1m), Moderate (1-2m), Heavy (2m+)
<b>Wind force</b>	Beaufort wind force scales
<b>Visibility</b>	km
<b>Glare</b>	amount of view obscured by glare (degrees)