



*We are interested in all of your whale sightings, but are particularly keen on hearing about minkes (dwarf minke whale pictured above). Please fill out this sheet as best you can to help our sightings records (*indicates most important information).*

***1. Date of encounter:** ***2. Vessel:**..... **3. Recorder:**

***4. Type of whale:** (please circle one) Minke / Humpback / Other:.....

***5. Time of initial sighting:**..... **6. Last sighting time:**.....

7. Vessel status when first sighted: (please circle one) Anchored / Moored / Steaming / Drifting

***8. Location: Coordinates at start: Lat:**..... **Long:**.....

Coordinates at end (if drifting/steaming): Lat:..... **Long:**.....

***9. Name of nearest reef:**..... **10. Distance to that reef:**.....

***11. Number of whales:** **12. Estimated size(s):**.....

13. Number of calves: (animals < 1/2 size of large animal and in close proximity to it)

14. Closest approach distance by whale(s) (metres from boat):

15. Total number of people on trip (crew & pax.): **16. Rope in: Y / N**

17. Maximum number of divers in at one time: Using snorkel: **Using SCUBA:**.....

18. Brief description of encounter (e.g. movement of whales, swimmers, etc.):.....

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19. Were any of the following behaviours observed?

(see the CRC Reef Current State of Knowledge information brochure for descriptions of behaviours or Encounter Log Book for more details)

- Breach
- Sudden speed up
- Jaw clap
- Other (please specify):.....
- Headrise
- Sharp veer away
- Belly presentation
- Spyhop
- Sudden deep dive
- Close approach (<3m)
- Bubble blast
- Jaw gape

20. Description of any significant markings/ scarrings on the whales:

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21. Photos available: Y / N **20. Video available: Y / N**

22. Your contact details: Name:.....

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