Thank you for completing this form

Make sure that you save your completed form, then **email it to either**

the Dive Organiser
or
forms@seasearch.org.uk

Your contact details will be included on the Seasearch database and will only be used to send you information about Seasearch and associated projects. It will not be passed to third parties without your consent. The location, dive details, habitats and species information and the name of the recorder will be entered into a database and made available to the participating organisations and the general public. If you do not agree with this use of the data do not submit the form.

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Record no
(recorder leave blank)

Seasearch Observation Form

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This form asks for two types of information from your dive - **what the seabed was like** and **what marine life you saw**. Please read the guidance notes before completing the form. By completing this form you will be adding to our knowledge of the marine environment - helping it to remain fit for life!

Name			
Address	LEAVE BLANK		
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LEAVE BLANK		**Postcode**	LEAVE BLANK
Tel: Home	LEAVE BLANK	**Mobile**	LEAVE BLANK
Email			
Buddy's Name			

Site Name	**Date of Dive**
	Start of dive (24hr)
	Dive duration (mins)
General Location (inc county)	**Max depth of survey** m
	Sea Temperature °C
	U/W visibility m

Position at start of dive **or OS Grid Reference**
N W or E
2 letters (1 in Ireland), 6 numbers

Position at end of dive (if different only)
N W or E

Position derived from (select one)
GPS ◯ **Chart** ◯ **OS Map** ◯
Web mapping site ◯

Drift dive? ☐
Night dive? ☐

Did you take any photographs? ☐ **or video footage?** ☐

Please insert an approximate profile of the seabed (i.e a side-on view), labelling features and dominant forms as appropriate. Remember to show the **depth range**, **direction** and a **distance scale**.

> prepare your sketch on paper
> scan it (or take a photograph)
> click here to copy the image file from your computer
> NOTE: inserting a second image will erase the first one

Types of seabed present: (please select all that you saw and click the button next to the dominant one)

Rocky Reef ☐ ○ Boulders ☐ ○ Cobbles and Pebbles ☐ ○ Mixed Ground ☐ ○ Sand and Gravel ☐ ○ Mud ☐ ○ Wreckage ☐ ○ Other ☐ ○

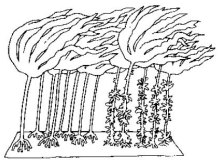
Did you notice anything unusual or noteworthy about the seabed or the marine life? (Max. 90 characters)

Was there any litter or were there any man-made objects apparent? (Max. 90 characters)

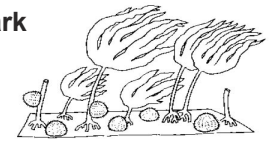
What marine life did you see on your dive?

Seabed cover types (tick all those present)

Kelp forest ☐

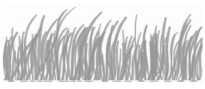


Kelp park ☐



Mixed seaweeds ☐

Seagrass Bed ☐



Encrusting pink algae ☐

Other - specify ☐ [ ]

Animal turf on rocks

Short ☐

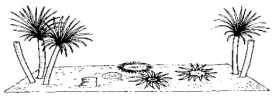
Tall ☐

Animal Beds
(e.g. mussels, brittlestars, scallops - state which)

☐ [ ]

Sediment with life apparent
(tubes, burrows etc)

☐



Barren sediment
(no life or structures apparent)

☐

Species you saw

Show abundance of each species as **R**are, **O**ccasional, **C**ommon, or if you're unsure, **P**resent.

Species	R, O, C or P

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