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SEASEARCH SURVEY FORM

If anything is unclear please refer to the Guidance Notes.
Each pair of divers should complete a form between them.
Please complete all parts of the form. Where there is a * fill in the information only if you know it.

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Date	Date	Recorder leave blank for Seasearch use

Your details

Name		Tel No. leave blank	hm/wk/mob
Address leave blank		email	
leave blank		Buddy's name	
leave blank	Postcode leave blank		
Name of group or survey			

Dive/site details

Site name				Date of dive	
General location				Start of dive	(24hr)
				Dive duration	(mins)
				Sea temperature	℃
				U/W visibility	m
Position	Latitude	Longitude	W or E	Drift dive?	☐
Centre of site				Night dive?	☐
For drift dives				Did you or your buddy take any of the following?	
From				photographs	☐
To				video footage	☐
Or OS Grid Ref	square	E	N	specimens	☐
				seaweeds for pressing	☐
Position derived from				For the area surveyed what was	
GPS datum				the shallowest depth (m)?	bsl / bcd
				the deepest depth (m)?	bsl / bcd
Exposure of site				Tidal correction to chart datum	m *
Max tidal stream					

Seabed summary

Summarise: a. The main features of the site, b. Any unusual features or species, c. Any human activities or impacts at the site

Habitat descriptions

*Complete a box below for each **habitat** you found on your dive. Normally the shallowest habitat is No. 1 even if you have done the deepest dive first. Each written description should tally with the information entered in the columns and diagrams on the next page. If you found more than 3 habitats, continue your descriptions on another form. Tick boxes where shown, and insert percentages (they must add up to 100%) or assign a score from 1-5 as appropriate. If you are uncertain leave the box blank. The biotope code will be assigned later from your description,*

1. DESCRIPTION (physical and community)

Biotope Code

Seabed type: rock ☐ boulders ☐ cobbles ☐ pebbles ☐ gravel ☐ sand ☐ mud ☐ wreckage ☐ other

Communities: kelp forest ☐ kelp park ☐ mixed seaweeds ☐ seagrass bed ☐ enc pink algae ☐

animal turf animal bed sediment with life ☐ barren sediment ☐

2. DESCRIPTION (physical and community)

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1	2	3	
m			**DEPTH LIMITS**
			Upper (from sea level) (i.e. minimum)
			Lower (from sea level) (i.e. maximum)
			Upper (from chart datum) *
			Lower (from chart datum) *

%			**SUBSTRATUM**	
			Bedrock type?	
			Boulders - very large	> 1.0 m
			- large	0.5 - 1.0 m
			- small	0.25 - 0.5 m
			Cobbles (fist - head size)	
			Pebbles (50p - fist size)	
			Gravel - stone	
			- shell fragments	
			Sand - coarse	
			- medium	
			- fine	
			Mud	
			Shells (empty or as large pieces)	
			Shells (living e.g. mussels, limpets)	
			Artificial - metal	
			- concrete	
			- wood	
			Other (state)	
			Total = 100 please!	

1	2	3		
1-5			**FEATURES - ROCK (all categories)**	
☐	☐	☐	Relief of habitat	(even - rugged)
☐	☐	☐	Texture	(smooth - pitted)
☐	☐	☐	Stability	(stable - mobile)
☐	☐	☐	Scour	(none - scoured)
☐	☐	☐	Silt	(none - silted)
☐	☐	☐	Fissures > 10 mm	(none - many)
☐	☐	☐	Crevices < 10 mm	(none - many)
☐	☐	☐	Boulder/cobble/pebble shape	(rounded - angular)
☐	☐	☐	Sediment on rock?	(tick if present)

tick			**FEATURES -SEDIMENT (1)**
☐	☐	☐	Mounds / casts
☐	☐	☐	Burrows / holes
☐	☐	☐	Waves (> 10 cm high)
☐	☐	☐	Ripples (< 10 cm high)
☐	☐	☐	Subsurface coarse layer
☐	☐	☐	Subsurface anoxic (black) layer

1-5			**FEATURES - SEDIMENT (2)**	
☐	☐	☐	Firmness	(firm - soft)
☐	☐	☐	Stability	(stable - mobile)
☐	☐	☐	Sorting	(well - poor)

Sketches and plans

*Insert a **profile and/or plan** of the seabed you encountered on your dive into the space below (click in the space). Mark (& number the different habitats, corresponding to the written descriptions on p.2. Indicate conspicuous and/or characteristic species. Make sure you include **depth(s)** (vertical axis and a **distance** scale (horizontal axis) for a profile and scale and north point for a plan. Indication the direction of the profile or plan and the direction of any current.*

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

Score the abundance of each group of animals and plants ***in each habitat*** *alongside the name. In the blank spaces list the seaweeds and animals that you were able to identify* ***positively*** *from the different habitats. Use Latin names if possible, but if you do not know them common or descriptive names are acceptable. If you are not 100% sure about any, add a question mark. Do not enter names as guesses - it is better to exclude them than to include incorrect identifications. Give abundances in the columns:* ***S****uperabundant,* ***A****bundant,* ***C****ommon,* ***F****requent,* ***O****ccasional &* ***R****are.If you did not note abundances, simply enter a* ***P*** *for Present. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. If you have a photograph of the species tick the* ***ph*** *column.*
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	ph	1	2	3		ph	1	2	3
					SPONGES				
					CNIDARIANS: hydroids/anemones/corals				
					WORMS				
					CRUSTACEANS				
					MOLLUSCS				
					BRYOZOANS				
					ECHINODERMS				
					SEA SQUIRTS				
					FISHES				
					SEAWEEDS				
					OTHER				

You can continue your species list on the next page

Species List (continued)

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