SEASEARCH SURVEY FORM

Form No (leave blank)

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 *
only fill in the information if you know it.

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Recorder leave blank - for Seasearch use				

Your details

Name	Tel No: hm/wk
Address	Email:
	Buddy's Name
	Name of group or survey
Postcode	

Dive/Site details

Site name	Date of dive: dd / mm / yy
General location	Start of dive: : (24hr)
	Dive duration: (mins)
	U/W visibility: m
	Sea temperature: ^{0}c
Position / Latitude / Longitude / W or E	Drift dive? yes / no
Centre of site	Night dive? yes / no
For drift dives From / To	Did you or your buddy take any of the following?
Or OS Grid Reference	photographs yes / no
Position derived from: (circle) GPS Admiralty chart OS map other	video footage yes / no
GPS Datum (circle) WGS84 OSGB36	specimens yes / no
	seaweeds for pressing yes / no
Exposure of site: extremely exposed ☐ v exposed ☐ exposed ☐ mod exposed ☐ sheltered ☐ v sheltered ☐ ext sheltered ☐	For the area surveyed, what was
Max tidal stream: >6kt ☐ 3-6kt ☐ 1-3kt ☐ <1kt ☐ v. weak ☐	the shallowest depth? (m) bsl bcd
	the deepest depth? (m) bsl bcd
	Tidal correction to chart datum m*

Latitude		Longitude		W or E
Centre of site	^{0} .	^{0} .		
For drift dives From	^{0} .	^{0} .		
To	^{0} .	^{0} .		

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 dive deepest 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 + community)

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

Communities: kelp forest ☐ kelp park ☐ red seaweeds ☐ enc pink algae ☐ animal turf ☐

animal bed ☐ sediment with life ☐ barren sediment ☐ Biotope Code ☐

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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 - eg mussels, limpets)
			Artificial - metal
			- concrete
			- wood
			Other (state)
100	100	100	**Total**

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)

✓			**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

*Draw a **profile and/or plan** of the sea bed you encountered on your dive in the space below. 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. Indicate the direction of the profile or plan and the direction of any current.*

Species List

*Score the abundance of each group of animals and plants **in each habitat** alongside the name. In the blank spaces list the seaweeds & animals which you were able to identify **positively** from the different habitats. Use latin names if possible, but if you don't 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's better to exclude them than to include incorrect identifications. Give abundances in the columns: **S**uper abundant, **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.*

	ph	1	2	3		ph	1	2	3
sponges					echinoderms				
cnidarians: hydroids, anemones, corals,					sea squirts				
					fishes				
worms									
crustaceans					seaweeds				
molluscs									
					other or continuations				
bryozoans									
					Continue on a separate sheet if you need to				

Once completed, return the form to the Dive Organiser or to: Seasearch, Marine Conservation Society, Unit 3, Wolf Business Park, Alton Road, Ross on Wye, HR9 5NB.

Your contact details will be included on the Seasearch database and those of partner organisations and will be used to send you information about Seasearch and associated projects. They 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 through the Seasearch and NBN websites. If you do not agree with this use of the data do not submit the form.