Species		Species	

Thank you for completing this form All that's left for you to do is to either hand it to the Dive Organiser or post it to the address below. 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. 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

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!
Please complete the following sections in a black pen and BLOCK CAPITALS

Name	
Address	
Tel: Home	**Mobile**
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 ^{0}C
	U/W visibility m
Position at start of dive ⁰ . N ⁰ . W or E	**or OS grid reference** 2 letters (1 in Ireland), 6 numbers
Position derived from (circle) GPS Chart OS Map Web mapping site	**Drift dive?** yes / no **Night dive?** yes / no
Did you take any photographs? yes / no **or video footage?** yes / no	

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Description of the seabed

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

Depth (m)

Direction ↔

Distance (m)

Types of seabed present: (please tick all that you saw and circle the dominant one)

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

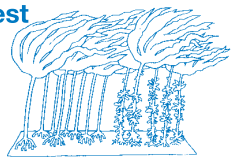
Did you notice anything unusual or noteworthy about the seabed or the marine life?

Was there any litter or were there any man-made objects apparent?

What marine life did you see on your dive?

Seabed cover types (tick all those present)

Kelp forest ☐



Kelp park ☐

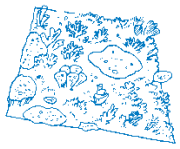
Mixed seaweeds ☐

Encrusting pink algae ☐

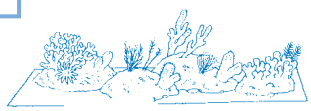
Barren sediment (no life or structure apparent) ☐

Animal turf on rocks

Short ☐



Tall ☐



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

Sediment with life apparent (tubes burrows etc.) ☐

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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

please complete on back of form