## MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING SUMMARY FORM

### Stranding Event
- **Day Reported:**
- **Year Approximated:**
  - Yes
  - No

### Seq # (event/day):
- **Date Examined:**
- **Time Reported:**

### Vessel:
- **Vessel Log #:**
- **Time Examined:**

### TAXONOMY
- **Genus/Species:**
- **Common name:**

### Order:

### Suborder:

### Family:

### LOCATION
- **Location:**
- **Area:**
- **Lat / Long:**
- **from:** GPS
- Charts
- Software
- Others

### WHO REPORTED AND WHO EXAMINED ANIMAL
- **Initial Informer:**
- **Phone / Email:**
- **BMMRO present?**
- **Observers / Examiners:**
- **Contact information (if not BMMRO):**

### STATUS OF ANIMAL

#### INITIAL OBSERVATION
- **Alive**
- **Fresh dead**
- **Moderate decomposition**
- **Advanced decomposition**
- **Skeletal remains**
- **Mummified**
- **Unknown**

#### LIVE ANIMAL CONDITION
- **Sick**
- **Injured**
- **Apparently healthy**
- **Other**

#### DISPOSITION
- **Live Animal**
- **Others**
- **Left at site**
- **Relocated**
- **Disentangled**
- **Died at site**
- **Euthanized at site**
- **Released on site**

### CARCASS DISPOSITION
- **Buried**
- **Buried / Scientific Collection**
- **Left at site**
- **Left at site / Scientific Collection**
- **Left at site / Personal Collection**
- **Scientific Collection**
- **Towed**
- **Towed / Scientific Collection**

### TRANSPORTED TO:
- **Date Received:**
- **Died**
- **Released**
- **Date:**

### MORPHOLOGICAL AND LIFE HISTORY DATA
- **SEX:** Male / Female / Unknown
- **AGE:** Adult / Subadult / Juvenile / Calf / Neonate / Stillborn – Fetus / Unknown
- **Length (cm):**
- **Digestive Extract Exam**
- **Stomach Contents Found**
- **Stomach Contents Identification:**

### NATURE AND CAUSE OF STRANDING
- **NATURE:** Single stranding / Mass stranding / Capture / Incidental catch / Mother-Calf / Other
- **GROUP SIZE:**
- **HUMAN INTERACTION:** Yes / No / Unknown
- **HUMAN INTERACTION TYPE:** Boat Collision / Shot / Fishery Interaction / Other
- **Description:** If “Other” selected for either “Nature” or “Human Interaction type”, provide explanation

#### Cause:
- **HR Accidental Capture**
- **HR Capture**
- **HR Drowning**
- **HR Entanglement**
- **HR Ingestion of debris**
- **HR Pollution**
- **HR Shot / Harpooned**
- **HR Watercraft collision**

#### N Dependent Calf**
- **N Social / Herd stranding**
- **N Illness**
- **N Stray**
- **N Partrution difficulties**
- **Undetermined**
- **N Predation** (N: Natural HR: Human related)

### EXAMINATION AND NECROPSY
- **Examination**
- **CONDITION WHEN EXAMINED:**
- **Alive**
- **Skeletal remains**
- **Fresh dead**
- **Moderate decomposition**
- **Mummified**
- **Advanced decomposition**
- **Advanced decomposition**
- **Unknown**

### NECROPSY:
- **Yes** / **No** / **Unk**

### DATE NECRPOPSIED:
- **NECROPSIED BY:**

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**Note:** The form includes fields for reporting detailed information about the stranding event, including the date and location, the genus and species, the order and suborder, the family, the vessel information, the initial informer, observers, the status of the animal, the date received, the condition when examined, the live animal condition, the disposition, the carcass disposition, transportation details, and the examination and necropsy details. Each section is designed to capture comprehensive data for marine mammal strandings.
### EVIDENCE OF STRANDING AND ANIMAL HISTORY

- **Photos?** □  □ **Video?** □  □ **Video Tape #:** ___________  Archived in (Photos, Video): ___________
- **Encounter History (has animal been photo documented by BMMRO in the past)** □  □  **Animal ID:** ___________

### COLLECTION

- □ Parasites? (Number: ___) □ Tissue for genetics? (Number: ___) □ Toxicology? (Number: ___) □ Skull?
- □ Histopathology? (Number: ___) □ Tissues / Serum for morbillivirus / brucella analysis? (Number: ___)
- □ Reproductive tract? □ Stomach contents? □ Bones? (Number: ___)  **Description of bones:** ___________
- □ Teeth / Baleen?
  - Tooth count in UL _______  Tooth count in UR _______
  - Tooth count in LL _______  Tooth count in LR _______

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

- **Body Condition:** Emaciated / Not Emaciated / CBD / N/E  **CBD:** Could not be determined  **N/E:** Not Examined
- **Net / Line marks:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________
- **Fishing gear present on animal:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________
- **Penetrating wounds:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________
- **Mutilations: body slit or mutilated:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________
- **Hemorrhaging / Bruising:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________
- **Scavenger damage:** Yes / No / CBD / N/E
- **Description:** ___________

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION (Details of any internal exam carried out)

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
MORPHOMETRICS

Cetacean Measurements:
1. Snout to melon __________ cm
2. Snout to angle of mouth __________ cm
3. Snout to blowhole __________ cm
4. Snout to centre of eye __________ cm
5. Snout to anterior insertion of dorsal fin __________ cm
6. Snout to tip of dorsal fin __________ cm
7. Snout to fluke notch __________ cm
8. Snout to anterior insertion of flipper __________ cm
9. Snout to caudal end of ventral grooves (when present) __________ cm
10. Snout to centre of genital aperture __________ cm
11. Snout to centre of anus __________ cm
12. Flipper length __________ cm
13. Flipper width (maximum) __________ cm
14. Fluke width __________ cm
15. Dorsal fin height __________ cm
16. Girth: axillary __________ cm
17. Girth: maximum (specify location) __________ cm __________
18. Girth: at level of anus __________ cm
19. Blubber thickness: dorsal (anterior and lateral to dorsal fin) __________ cm
20. Blubber thickness: lateral at mid-length __________ cm
21. Blubber thickness: ventral at mid-length __________ cm

As a minimum, measure 7, 12, 14, 16 and 21.
STRANDING SPECIMEN FORM

Specimen # (stranding event#_seq#_Sp_###): ____________________ Specimen type: ____________________
Specimen description: ____________________
Preservative: ____________________ Disposition: ____________________ Animal ID (Gs ###): ____________________

COMMENTS:

☐ Specimen analysed Analysis performed: ____________________
Analysed by (Name & Contact Information):

ANALYSIS RESULTS:

☐ Specimen released (was the specimen released from BMMRO archive for analysis?)
Date Removed (Released by BMMRO for external exam): ____________________ Date returned: ____________________

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