# **PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION – STRANDINGS OF OCEANIA PROJECT**

## **WHALE, DOLPHIN & DUGONG – STRANDING / ACCIDENT / DEATH REPORT**

Take a photo of this completed form and send, along with other photos, to Karen Baird at SPREP, karenb@sprep.org or submit data and photos on flukebook.org. See the SPREP website for more info. \*required field

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| **Record Identification #:** | **Examination date:** |

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| **\*Your name/s and affiliation**: | **\*Contact email**: | **\*Date animal initially found/reported**: | **Time animal found/reported**: |
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| **ANIMAL INFORMATION** |
| **\*Species** (if unsure, describe): |

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| **\*Total length (cm):** | *Additional measurements are available over the page.* |

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| **\*Photos:** | Yes | No | **Photographer name and email**: |  |
| **Photos are very important, focus on:*** The complete scene
* Lateral (side on) body of the animal
* Dorsal fin, flipper, fluke
 | * Head region including the mouth/teeth
* Genital (ventral/under side)
* Scars and marks on the body – wounds, lesions, parasites etc
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| **Samples taken?** | Yes | No | **Describe:** |  |

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| **Sex:** | Male | Female | Unknown |
| **Age class:** | Adult | Juvenile | Calf | Unknown |

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| **\*Response** (circle all that apply): |
| Refloat (successful) | Refloat (unsuccessful) | Refloat (partially successful – indicate numbers) | No. survived:No. died: | Other: |
| Post mortem | Burial | Left to decay naturally | Disposal at sea | Other: |

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| **Condition of animal/s** (circle option and provide numbers if more than one animal): |
| Alive | Freshly dead | Moderate decomposition | Advanced decomposition | Mummified/skeleton |

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| **LOCATION INFORMATION** |
| **\*Description** (village/district/island): |  |
| **\*Country:** | **Latitude:** | **Longitude:** |

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| **EVENT INFORMATION** |
| **Pre-stranding/beaching behaviour:** |  |
| **\*Event type:** | Beachcast (dead) | Live stranding | Floating at sea | Other: |
| **\*Number of animals:** | Individual | Mother/calf pair | Mass stranding |

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| **Additional information** (circumstances, injuries, scars, indications of cause of death, post mortem results etc): |
| **Additional information** (more space if required): |

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|  | **Measurements** **- optional** (take measurements in a straight line, not around the curve of the body – see guidance below) | Length (cm) | Notes |
| 1. | \*Total length (from tip of UPPER jaw to deepest part of fluke notch) |  |  |
| 2. | Tip of upper jaw to tip of dorsal fin |  |  |
| 3. | Tip of upper jaw to anus |  |  |
| 4. | Tip of upper jaw to genital slit |  |  |
| 5. | Tip of upper jaw to front (forward insertion) of flipper |  |  |
| 6. | Tip of upper jaw to blowhole |  |  |
| 7. | Length of flipper (external) |  |  |
| 8. | Greatest width of flipper |  |  |
| 9. | Greatest width of tail flukes (if undamaged) |  |  |
| 10. | Length of rostrum (beak) |  |  |
| 11. | Length of gape (tip of lower jaw to corner of mouth) |  |  |
| 12. | \*Height of dorsal fin |  |  |
| 13. | Axillary girth (immediately behind flippers, around body) |  |  |
| 14. | Length of genital slit |  |  |

**Note**: **Mammary slits may also occur in males**