

**Thank you for completing this form**

All that's left for you to do is to either hand it to the Dive Organiser or fold it into thirds along the dotted lines, tuck one part into the other, add a stamp and send it off. 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 please thank)

**Seasearch  
 Observation Form**  [www.seasearch.org.uk](http://www.seasearch.org.uk)

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	
Postcode	
Tel: Home	Mobile
Email	
Buddy's Name	

Site Name	Date of Dive	/	/
General Location (inc county)	Start of dive	:	(dd:hr)
Position at start of dive (degrees & decimal minutes only)	Dive duration	:	mins
0 . . N 0 0 . . W or E	Max depth of survey	m	
Position at end of dive (if different only)	Sea Temperature	°C	
0 . . N 0 0 . . W or E	UW visibility	m	
Position derived from (circle)	or OS Grid Reference		
GPS Chart OS Map Web mapping site	Drift dive?      yes / no		
Did you take any photographs?      yes / no	Night dive?      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), labelling features and dominant forms as appropriate. Remember to show the 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)

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| <p><b>Kelp forest</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Kelp park</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Mixed seaweeds</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Seagrass Bed</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Encrusting pink algae</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Other - specify</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span></p> | <p><b>Animal turf on rocks</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Short </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tall </p> <p><b>Animal Beds</b><br/>(e.g. mussels, brittlestars, scallops - state which)<br/><input type="checkbox"/> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span> </p> <p><b>Sediment with life apparent</b><br/>(tubes, burrows etc)<br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Barren sediment</b><br/>(no life or structures apparent)<br/><input type="checkbox"/> </p> |
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**Species you saw**

Show abundance of each species as Rare, Occasional, Common, or if you're unsure, Present

Species	R. O. C. or P.

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