Thank you for completing this form

Please save the form, then email it to one of the following people:
· the Seasearch coordinator for the area where the dive took place
· the dive organiser
· the National Seasearch Coordinator at info@seasearch.org.uk

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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Seasearch Observation Form

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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!

Name	
Address	
	Postcode
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 °C	
		U/W visibility m	

Position at start of dive (degrees & decimal minutes only)   **or OS Grid Reference**

° ° N ° ° W or E

2 letters (1 in Ireland), 6 numbers

Position at end of dive (if different only)

° ° N ° ° W or E

Position derived from (select one)
GPS ◯   Chart ◯   OS Map ◯
Web mapping site ◯

Drift dive? ☐
Night dive? ☐

Did you take any photographs? ☐   **or video footage?** ☐

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Please insert 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**.

> prepare your sketch on paper
> scan it (or take a photograph)
> click here to copy the image file from your computer
> NOTE: inserting a second image will erase the first one

Types of seabed present: (please select all that you saw and click the button next to 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? (Max. 90 characters)

Was there any litter or were there any man-made objects apparent? (Max. 90 characters)

What marine life did you see on your dive?

Seabed cover types (tick all those present)

Kelp forest

Kelp park

Mixed seaweeds

Seagrass Bed

Encrusting pink algae

Other - specify

Animal turf on rocks

Short

Tall

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

Sediment with life apparent
(tubes, burrows etc)

Barren sediment
(no life or structures apparent)

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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