

**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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Seasearch  
 Marine Conservation Society  
 Over Ross House, Ross Park  
 Ross-on-Wye  
 Herefordshire  
 HR9 7QQ

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# 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**

<b>Name</b>
<b>Address</b>
<b>Postcode</b>
<b>Tel: Home</b> <b>Mobile</b>
<b>Email</b>
<b>Buddy's Name</b>

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Date of Dive</b> / /
	<b>Start of dive</b> : (24hr)
	<b>Dive duration</b> (mins)
<b>General Location (inc county)</b>	<b>Max depth of survey</b> m
	<b>Sea Temperature</b> °C
	<b>U/W visibility</b> m
<b>Position at start of dive (degrees &amp; decimal minutes only) or OS Grid Reference</b> <input type="text"/> <sup>0</sup> . <input type="text"/> N <input type="text"/> <sup>0</sup> . <input type="text"/> W or E <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <small>2 letters (1 in Ireland), 6 numbers</small>	
<b>Position at end of dive (if different only)</b> <input type="text"/> <sup>0</sup> . <input type="text"/> N <input type="text"/> <sup>0</sup> . <input type="text"/> W or E <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Position derived from (circle)</b>	<b>Drift dive?</b> yes / no
<b>GPS Chart OS Map Web mapping site</b>	<b>Night dive?</b> yes / no
<b>Did you take any photographs? yes / no or video footage? yes / no</b>	

**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  $\longleftrightarrow$

**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**



**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 **R**are, **O**ccasional, **C**ommon, or if you're unsure, **P**resent.

Species	R, O, C or P