

Sighting form

Please, share your observations with us and fill the sighting form to help the Zoological Society of Paris and the Marine Conservation Society Seychelles to know more about whales and dolphins in the Seychelles islands.

Then, send it in a cover at the Marine Society Seychelles office : MCSS - PO-Box 384 - Victoria - MAHE

You may also find this form on the website : <http://www.mcass.sc> or <http://www.s-z-p.com>

Location

longitude latitude

Date of sighting dd/mm/yy

Time of sighting hh/mm

Sighting duration hh/mm

Location of sighting

Coastal landmarks

Whales

- Humpback whale
- Mink whale
- Fin whale
- Blue whale
- Sei whale
- Right whale
- Bryde's whale
- Sperm whale
- Pygmy sperm whale
- Dwarf sperm whale

Beaked whales

- Blainville's beaked whale
- Gray's beaked whale
- Cuvier's beaked whale
- Other species

description

Identification

Dolphins

- Spotted dolphin
- Spinner dolphin
- Rough-toothed dolphin
- Common dolphin
- Stripped dolphin
- False killer whale
- Pygmy killer whale
- Risso's dolphin
- Bottlenose dolphin
- Fraser's dolphin
- Humpbacked dolphin
- Pilot whale
- Melon headed whale
- Killer whale

Group description

estimated size smallest animal biggest animal

Number of individual sighted mini maxi estimated number of calves

Distinctive marks description

 number, localization, color...

Association with other animals

Rules for the cetaceans approach

Cetaceans are wild animals. They are protected species which must not be disturbed. Being careful not to disturb their tranquillity is essential for their safeguard. Enjoy the spectacle they offer by observing them from a distance.

Do not bend toward them, do not pursue them, do not cut their way. Keep at a reasonable distance (100 m or more). Often curious, they choose to swim near boats. Keeping on constant direction and avoiding rough accelerations are the best ways to let them come and stay with you. When diving, do not follow them, you could loose your way or dive too deep! Watch over your compass and your depthmeter or dive-computer.

Long distance observation

- Moves irregular regular approximative distance
- on the spot jumps cap
- group organization dispersed in distant groups number of groups

notes

Short distance observation

- Presence stem furrow side by side jumps
- mean speed of the boat cap

notes

They leave you You leave them You have taken pictures or video

Meteo

- sea quiet slightly rough rough very rough
- sky sunny cloudy very cloudy rainy foggy
- wind direction force air temperature water temperature

Observer

Name

Address

Home Phone Work Phone

E-Mail

Name of the boat and home port