

ATTACHMENT 1. MARINE WILDLIFE STRANDING AND MORTALITY REPORT
DOLPHINS, WHALES, DUGONG, TURTLES, SEA BIRDS, SEASNAKES

DATE ___/___/___ TIME: _____

SPECIES	Turtle	Mammal	Other species
	green <input type="checkbox"/>	dugong <input type="checkbox"/>	seasnake _____
	loggerhead <input type="checkbox"/>	dolphin <input type="checkbox"/>	seabird _____
	hawksbill <input type="checkbox"/>	species _____	
	flatback <input type="checkbox"/>	whale <input type="checkbox"/>	other _____
	ridley <input type="checkbox"/>	species _____	
	leatherback ... <input type="checkbox"/>	unidentified <input type="checkbox"/>	
	unidentified .. <input type="checkbox"/>		

TAG NUMBER: _____

SEX	MATURITY	LATITUDE _____ ° _____ 'S
female <input type="checkbox"/>	immature ... <input type="checkbox"/>	
male <input type="checkbox"/>	adult <input type="checkbox"/>	LONGITUDE _____ ° _____ 'E
unknown .. <input type="checkbox"/>	unknown ... <input type="checkbox"/>	Dugong Protection Area

LOCATION: exact description required _____

ALIVE Condition/behaviour: _____

DEAD The following coding can be used to code beach washed carcasses

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Live but subsequently died	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Carcass poor (advanced decomposition)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Carcass in good condition (fresh/edible)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Mummified carcass (skin holding bones)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Carcass fair (decomposed but organs intact)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Disarticulated bones (no soft tissue remaining)

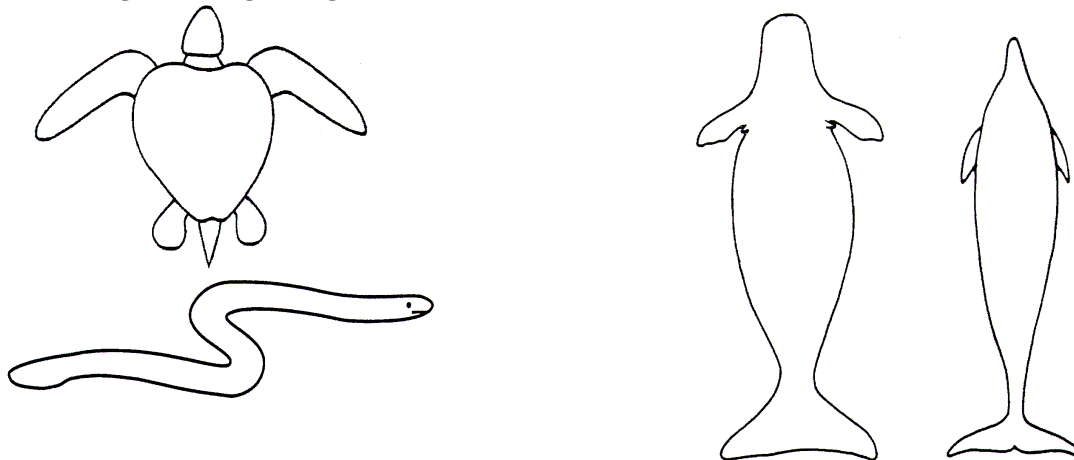
NOTES: _____

SECURITY/DISPOSAL of animal : _____

EXPERT ASSESSORS : _____

MEASUREMENT : Turtle carapace length _____ cm Tail _____ cm Head width _____ cm
Mammal body length _____ cm
Seasnake body length _____ cm

Sketch damage & distinguishing marks



Contact : Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Return immediately to: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Fax: 07 3227 6386
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Reporting of marine reptile, bird and mammal mortality in Queensland

Instructions for completing the datasheet

- A. Date: records as day/month/year
- B. Identify the species using the identification keys.
- C. Where possible, identify sex (see key for mammals) and maturity
- D. Record any tag number. Tags may be attached to the rear edge of either front flipper of turtles.
- E. Location: be precise but use more than one line if necessary, e.g. Stradbroke Island 5km south of Pt Lookout. If a precise locality cannot be described either supply a map showing site or give latitude and longitude.
- F. Record the health/condition of the animal: dead or alive, e.g. swims in circles, continues to strand, rotting carcass, dry bones etc. Additional data will guide further action.
- G. Notes can cover topics such as damage, cause of death etc. Be as brief or as full as considered necessary.
- H. Record where animals are sent, whether carcasses are buried etc.
- I. Measurements:
 - Turtles – three measurements (cm) only are required which permit assessment of sex and maturity (see diagram). One measurement only required for other species (see diagrams).
 - *Carapace length*: measured along the midline with a flexible tape from the skin/shell junction at the front, to the rear edge of the carapace.
 - *Tail length*: measured as the distance the tail extends beyond the carapace (+ve) or is short of the rear carapace edge (-ve)
 - *Head width*: measured with a straight rule at the maximum width behind the eyes.

