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 name and address will be included on the Seasearch database and those of partner organisations. You will also receive Seasearch newsletters and information about other marine surveys and projects.

Please tick here if you do NOT want to be sent newsletters or details of other marine surveys. ☐

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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 near-shore 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** / /
	Start of dive : (24hr)
General Location (inc county)	**Dive duration** (mins)
	U/W visibility m
	Sea Temperature ^{0}C
Position of centre of site ☐ 0 ☐ . ☐ N ☐ 0 ☐ . ☐ W or E	**or OS Grid Reference**
Position derived from (circle) GPS Admiralty Chart OS Map Other	**Drift dive?** yes / no **Night dive?** yes / no
Did you take any photographs? 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), labeling features and dominant forms as appropriate. Remember to show the depth range and a distance scale.

Depth (m)

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?

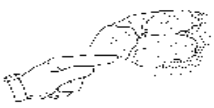
Seabed cover types (tick all those present)

Kelp forest ☐

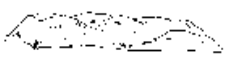
Kelp park ☐

Mixed seaweeds ☐

Encrusting pink algae ☐



Barren sediment (no life or structures apparent) ☐



Animal turf on rocks

☐ Short

☐ Tall

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

Sediment with life apparent (tubes, burrows etc) ☐

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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