

# NIUE WHALE AND DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS FORM

*(Please complete sightings form as much as you can)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: (Ph or email) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** Village where sighted or GPS \_\_\_\_\_

**Species Observation:**

Name of species: \_\_\_\_\_ *Very sure/Sure/Not sure*

Or describe species: \_\_\_\_\_

Total #: \_\_\_\_\_; # of Adult \_\_\_\_\_; # of Calves: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Length: \_\_\_\_\_ *(estimate in metres)*

Direction of travel when 1<sup>st</sup> sighted: \_\_\_\_\_

Did direction of travel change? *(If yes, please explain)* \_\_\_\_\_

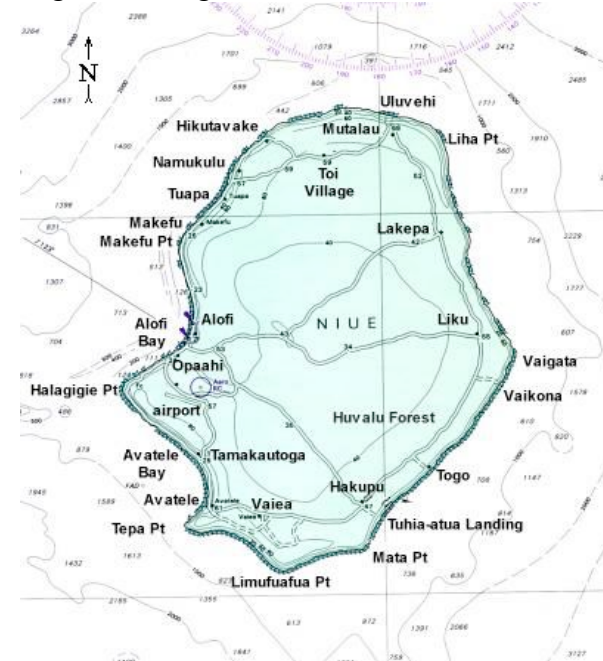
Photos taken *(circle)*: Y/N Interaction with vessels *(circle)*: Y/N

**Behaviour state/Behaviour events:** *(Refer common visible behaviours and terms attached (or reverse side) to this form to help you). Please tick box:*

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|------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Fluking    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tail Lob     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Escort     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Breach     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rooster Tail | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gaze       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blow       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Headrise     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Logging    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spy Hop    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pec Slap     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Surfing    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tail Swipe | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bow Riding   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Feeding    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tail Slap  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mating       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Behaviours | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**OTHER COMMENTS:** *(for whales, dolphins or other species of interest e.g. whale shark/turtles)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cloud Cover:** *(Please circle)* Clear/Patchy cloud/Overcast/Rain

Wind direction: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind speed: \_\_\_\_\_

Water current direction: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weather conditions:** *Scale (Please circle)*

0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Flat	Moderate	Very
Calm	White caps	Rough

Please return completed sheet to: Fisheries Division (DAFF), PO Box 79, Phone: (+683) 4302, Fax: (+683) 4079, Email: [omatafua@yahoo.com](mailto:omatafua@yahoo.com) OR [whaleology@gmail.com](mailto:whaleology@gmail.com)

Photos appreciated also – dorsal fin or the underside of tail flukes for photo identification purposes.

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*By doing this you are participating in Niue's marine mammal research and conservation efforts benefiting Niue and the wider Pacific Region. Oue Tulou!*