

## **Big Beach Biodiversity Survey Recording Form**

You can complete this survey form at any time of year.

Surveys following stormy periods are likely to be particularity productive.

YOUR DETAILS:		
Your Name:	Survey Site:	
	e.g. Culleton's Gap Beach, The Raven, Co. Wexford	
Survey Date:	Site Grid Ref:	
	6 Figure Irish Grid Ref or Decimal Lat/Long	
SURVEY DETAILS:		
Visit number in current year:	(How many times have you surveyed this beach this year?)	
Start Time (24hr clock) :	End Time (24hr clock) : Estimated distance surveyed	m
How badly littered was the beach?	Lightly Littered Moderately Littered Heavily Litt	ered

- Please complete a new survey form for <u>each new site</u> visited and <u>each new survey</u> at that site.
- Please record your **details** and the **site details** above. Please record your **species** on page 2.
- The aim of the survey is to record **all species** of bivalve at each site and to record any non-bivalve species on the strandline such as egg cases, seaweeds, seagrass etc...
- This is a timed survey. There is no upper limit to how long you spend on the survey, but we ask that you spend a minimum of **30 minutes** at each site. Please record the **start time** and **finish time** of your survey.
- Focus your search within along the high-water mark (strandline) in one direction, and on a lower area of the beach (where shells or other flotsam are evident) on your return.
- Please take and submit a photograph of each species recorded **only species records with photographs** can be submitted on our survey website.

## When to Survey

- Preferably **1-2 hours before low tide** please check your tide tables to ensure that the strandine and a reasonable area of the beach is safe to survey, and that you are not in danger of being cut off.
- Please avoid surveying where **weather warnings** are in place for your survey area!

Please enter your results and ID photos online at:

www.ExploreYourShore.ie

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- Please record and photograph all shells, egg cases and other species found on the beach during your survey. You may also submit an estimate of their numbers using the form and count codes below.
- Please note if the species was alive or dead (e.g. seashell) when found.

Species Recorded	Number	Certainty of ID	Alive or Dead	Photo Taken?	Tick Counts
Count Codes: A=1 / B=2-5 / C=6-20 / D=21-50 / E=51-100 / F=100+ / ✓=Present	Count Code or Tick	1 = definate 2 = probable 3 = possible	A = Alive D = Dead	(Tick) Photos are required	
e.g. Otter Shell	В	1	۵	<b>√</b>	####

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