



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 particularly 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 Littered

- Please complete a new survey form for **each new site visited and each new survey 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 strandline 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

