

**Data Collection Instructions:**

- 1. Once you locate carcass, call staff on **Hotline** for an IFAW # and record the general data.
- 2. Before touching the carcass, always take photos that include a label and a scale.
  - Entire left side     Head     Genital area
  - Entire right side     Jaw/teeth     All wounds/marks on animal
- 3. Complete an **external examination** of carcass, look for natural marks and signs of **Human Interaction (HI)**.
- 4. Follow the diagram on the back to collect measurements. Take all measurements in centimeters.
- 5. Take samples:  Skin  Jaw
- 6. **Paint stick** and **flag** the animal. Record color, #, location and take a photo:  
 Paint stick (color, #, location): \_\_\_\_\_    Flagging Tape (color, location): \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Fill form out completely. Do not leave fields blank.  
**Terms:** CBD= Could Not Be Determined, NE= Not Examined, NA= Not Applicable
- 8. **Call staff on Hotline** to confirm Level A is complete and review findings.
- 9. Drop off samples (where?): \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Re-supply kit (does your kit or PD kit need samples?): \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. **Submit photos ASAP** (how & when?): \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. **Submit data sheet ASAP** (how & when?): \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Field #: IFAW** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Example: IFAW09-026Pg)

**Species:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Level A Exam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stranding Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lat/Long:** \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ W

**Sex:** M F CBD    **Condition Code:** 1 2 3 4 5 CBD

**Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ cm (from back)

**Pre-existing Tag:** Y N

**Tag color, #, Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Images:** Digital Print

**Condition Code Descriptions:** 1= alive, 2= fresh dead/ know time of death, 3= moderate decomposition, 4= advanced decomposition, 5= mummified or skeletal remains.

**Cetacean Species List:**

(common name, scientific name abbreviations)

Harbor seal: *P. vitulina* = Pv

Harp seal: *P. groenlandica* = Pg

Gray seal: *H. grypus* = Hg

Hooded seal: *C. crista* = Cc

**Detailed External Exam:**

**% Skin missing (circle one):** <10% 10-25% 25-50% > 50%    **Reason for missing skin:** Decomp Scavenger

\*\*\*If you suspect any HI call staff on the HOTLINE immediately #508-743-9548\*\*\*

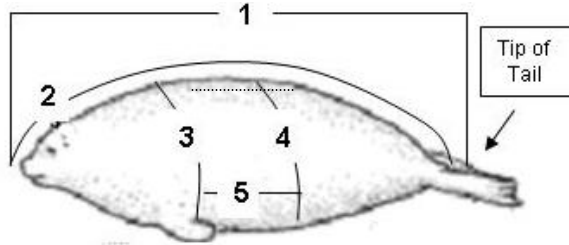
ANATOMICAL AREA	ANY OBSERVED MARKS/LESIONS					DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MARK/LESION	PHOTO (Y or N)	IS THERE A SIGN OF HI***	
	YES	NO	CBD	NE	NA			YES	NO
1 - Rostrum/snout									
2 - Mandible									
3 - Head									
4 - R front appendage									
5 - R body									
6 - Dorsum									
7 - L front appendage									
8 - L body									
9 - Ventrum									
10 - Peduncle									
11 - Tail									
12 - R rear appendage									
13 - L rear appendage									

**Morphometrics (measure in centimeters only):**

Left (preferred) / Right

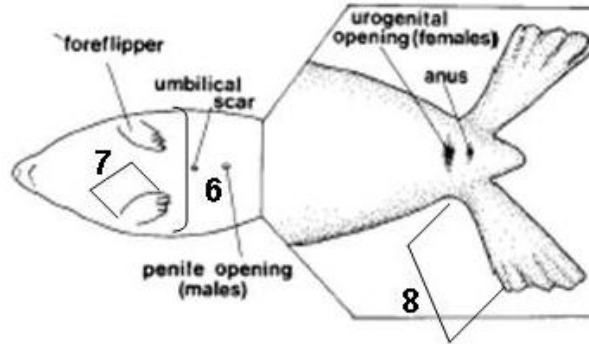
**Length**

1 - Total (straight)	.
2 - Total (curvilinear)	.



**Girths**

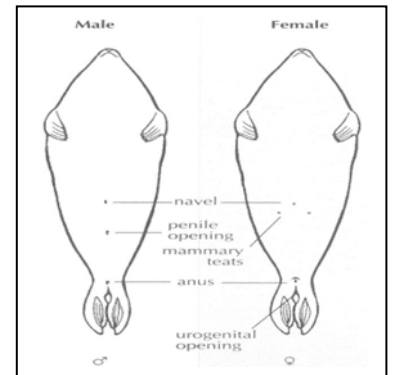
3 - Axillia	.
4 - Max	.
5 - Distance (ax - max)	.
6 - Umbilical	.



**Appendages**

7 - Front flipper (ant.)	.
8 - Rear flipper (ant.)	.

**Sex**



**Body Condition (circle one):** Robust / Thin / Emaciated / CBD

**Tooth Counts:** UL: \_\_\_\_\_ UR: \_\_\_\_\_ LL: \_\_\_\_\_ LR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Field Notes / Comments:**

(Remark on the circumstances of the stranding, anything notable about the animal, location, conditions, etc.)

Please send data sheet and photos to IFAW staff ASAP. Send data sheets via e-mail (strandings@ifaw.org), fax (508.744.2099), or mail (290 Summer St, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675) and photos via e-mail or mail a copy of a photo CD or hard copies. Call staff on the HOTLINE at anytime if you have questions/problems #508-743-9548.

**Staff Notes:**

- Data Sheet Review
- Photos Received
- Samples Received