

# Reporting Marine Wildlife in Northern Ireland



## Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises

Incident	Who to contact	Guidance Notes
Sighted alive	<b>Irish Whale and Dolphin Group</b> on <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a>	Sightings can be reported online to IWDG at <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a> . From the homepage, simply click 'Sightings' and 'Report a sighting'.  All whales, dolphins and porpoises are legally protected under the Wildlife (NI) Order.
Stranded alive	<b>Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) Wildlife Officer:</b> 028 9056 9605 or 07730 422 022.  <i>or</i> <b>Irish Whale and Dolphin Group</b> NI representative Ian Enlander: 028 9056 9647 or 07860 408345.  <i>and</i> <b>Maritime and Coastguard Agency:</b> 028 9146 3933 <i>and your local council.</i>	Never try to move a stranded animal. Stay clear of its tail to avoid injury to yourself.  'Live Strandings Guidelines' are available on the 'Stranding' section of the <b>IWDG website</b> <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a> .
Stranded dead	<b>Irish Whale and Dolphin Group</b> on <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a>  <i>and</i> <b>Local Council</b> – local authorities have responsibility for removing carcases.	Do not touch the carcass in case of infection.  Record species, length and sex prior to removal of the carcass. Photograph the stranded animal (whole body, head, mouth, tail, anal and genital slits), and e-mail to IWDG.

## Basking Sharks

Event	Who to contact	Guidance Notes
Sightings	<p><b>Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) at</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:cedar.info@magni.org.uk">cedar.info@magni.org.uk</a> or 028 9039 5256</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p><b>Irish Whale and Dolphin Group on</b> <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a></p>	<p>Follow the <b>'Shark Trust's Basking Shark code of conduct.</b></p> <p>Photo-id images of basking sharks should be submitted to the <b>European Basking Shark Photo-Identification Project</b>, via the photo-id section of the Shark Trust website (<a href="http://www.baskingsharks.org">www.baskingsharks.org</a>)</p>
Strandings or entanglements.	<p><b>Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) Wildlife Officer:</b></p> <p>028 9056 9605 or 07730 422 022.</p>	

## Marine Turtles

Sightings	<p><b>Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) at</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:cedar.info@magni.org.uk">cedar.info@magni.org.uk</a> or 028 9039 5256</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p><b>Irish Whale and Dolphin Group on</b> <a href="http://www.iwdg.ie">www.iwdg.ie</a></p>	<p>Record species encountered, location, the turtle's behaviour and the presence of any tags.</p>
Live/dead strandings or entanglements.	<p><b>Portrush 'Coastal Zone'</b> (previously Portrush Countryside Centre) on 028 7082 3600</p>	<p>Refer to <b>UK Turtle Code</b> for advice on entanglements at sea and turtles stranded on land.</p> <p>Fresh specimens should be preserved in a cold store for post-mortem examination.</p>