Orca (Killer Whale) Sightings Around New Zealand

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This non-profit study aims to match sightings of recognisable orca (*Orcinus orca*) (also known as killer whales) between locations and between years to learn more about the population size, natural history and habitat needs of these animals.

We would be most grateful for any contributions to the catalogue & require sighting information as well as sharp photographs or video that clearly show
dorsal fin, saddle patches and / or eye patches *

If you have a contribution, please request a copy of this form and fill out the information below.
(leaving the original will allow others the chance to contribute)
Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Date whales were seen:____/_____/____. Time:_____ am/pm
day month year

General Location (e.g. Roberton Island, Bay of Islands or Kaikoura)

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Boat's Name & precise location, if known (e.g., G.P.S. Latitude and Longitude)

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Estimated Group Size: Lowest:_____ Highest:_____ Best Estimate:_____

Approximate distance from ship (e.g., 100 metres, 100 yards, 1 mile, 1 km):_____

Activity (e.g., feeding (on what?), travelling, bowriding):

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Any other comments (e.g., following dolphins but did not attack them)

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Your Contact Details:
Name:_____
email: _____
Address: _____

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Please Tick: Yes, you may keep these photos/video for your files*

* Photographers will retain copyright of their work, and contact addresses will NOT be supplied to third parties. The New Zealand Orca Identification Catalogue will not sell images but will forward any requests for use on to photographers.

Please circle any behaviours you observed. Thank you.

You may write any additional information on the back of this form.