

**The
Whale Shark Project™**

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Whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)
are the largest living
fish in the ocean

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PLEASE HELP WHALE SHARK CONSERVATION



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They are also **VULNERABLE**
--- and need global protection
to ensure their **survival**
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OBSERVER (your): Name:
Address:
Phone/fax:
Email:

CHECKLIST: Please include photograph/s (for identification purposes only).

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?:

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Thanks in advance!

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ECOCEAN Whale Shark Sighting Form ©

Date: _____

Vessel name: _____

Time of sighting: _____

Water depth: _____ m

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Sex of shark (seek assistance from tour guide)		
Male	Female	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Time spent at the surface (by shark)

estimated: _____

mins

Length of shark

estimated: _____

m

Direction of travel (when first sighted):

East

West

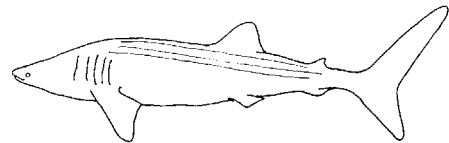
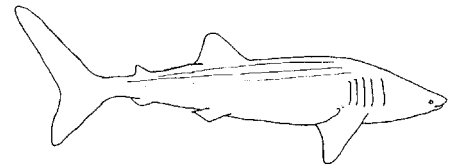
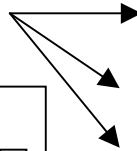
North

South

Any obvious scars (please indicate on diagrams and comment if possible):

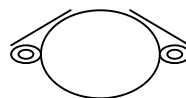
Average shark swimming speed:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slow (<1knot)		Medium (1-2knots)		Fast (>2knots)



Maximum width of mouth opening (*i.e.* feeding):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closed		Half open		Fully Open



Please take the time to complete this simple data collection form. This information will be used to expand the database of information collected in Australia and abroad since 1995.

In particular, the submission of any photographs which may help identify new whale sharks at Ningaloo (or other locations in the Australian / Asian region) will be added to the **ECOCEAN Whale Shark Photo-identification Library** ©.

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This work will assist with efforts to protect this **VULNERABLE** species worldwide.

✧ thanks for your assistance! ✧