



**Procedures for handling and documenting stranded birds encountered on infrastructure offshore  
Atlantic Canada**

Appendix 1 – March 2021 version (PDF fillable format update - May 2022)  
Stranded Bird Search and Encounter Datasheet

**For ALL stranded bird searches (whether birds are found or not), please provide the following:**

<b>Facility Information</b>	
Company/Agency or Permit Holder	
Name of facility, vessel or platform	
Location of facility, vessel or platform	Latitude:
	Longitude:
Primary observer name	Last name:
	First name:
Secondary observer name	Last name:
	First name:
Facility, vessel or platform activity	
<b>Stranded Bird Search Information</b>	
Description of search effort	Systematic survey <input type="checkbox"/> or Opportunistic encounter <input type="checkbox"/>
Survey date	DD:      MMM:      YYYY:
Time at survey start	Hr:      Min:      UTC <input type="checkbox"/> or Local time <input type="checkbox"/>
Time at survey end	Hr:      Min:      UTC <input type="checkbox"/> or Local time <input type="checkbox"/>
Survey route distance (linear metres)	
Weather conditions during night before survey	Fog? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Reset
	Rain? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Reset
Presence of predators on or circling facility, vessel or platform (If none present, enter 0)	Count of gulls:
	Count of raptors:
	Evidence of predation event? Yes    No    Reset
Comments (e.g., changes to survey route; weather conditions; predators)	

**All fields defined on Page 3**

**Stranded Bird Datasheet**

Survey Date: DD: \_\_\_\_\_ MMM: \_\_\_\_\_ YYYY: \_\_\_\_\_

No birds found on survey

Species	Number of individuals found	Location found Enter section or grid # or Lat-Long	If found DEAD (check one)		If found ALIVE (check one)				Oiled? (check one)		Photo(s) taken	Comments
			Carcass disposed of at site	Carcass sent to CWS ) CWS	Released alive at site	Sent to shore alive ) CWS	Died in care & Carcass disposed of at site	Died in care & Carcass sent to CWS	Oiled ) CWS	Not oiled		
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Reset  
Dead/ Oiled  
Alive

Refer to instructions on Page 3 and example datasheet on Page 4

## Description of fields used to record information on stranded bird searches and encounters

### Facility Information:

- **Company/Agency or Permit Holder:** Indicate name of operator, agency or permit holder
- **Name of facility, vessel or platform:** Indicate the name of the facility, vessel, or platform
- **Location of facility, vessel or platform:** Indicate latitude and longitude of facility, vessel or platform
- **Primary observer name:** Indicate name of observer conducting the survey (Last name, First name)
- **Secondary observer name:** Indicate name of individual assisting observer (Last name, First name)
- **Facility, vessel or platform activity:** Indicate the general activity of facility, vessel or platform at time of search/survey, such as: Seismic, Drilling, Production, Steaming, Stand-by

### Stranded Bird Search Information:

- **Description of search/survey effort:** Indicate whether data being submitted was collected during a systematic survey (i.e., observer following stranded bird survey protocol searching a defined survey route) or an opportunistic encounter (i.e., bird not found during a systematic survey or found by chance and reported).
- **Survey date:** Indicate date of survey as DD/MMM/YYYY (e.g., 01/MAR/2021)
- **Time at survey start:** Indicate survey start time using 24 hour clock in UTC or local time
- **Time at survey end:** Indicate survey end time using 24 hour clock in UTC or local time
- **Survey route distance (linear metres):** Indicate total linear meters searched over survey route (for systematic surveys this will be outlined in site-specific stranded bird survey protocol)
- **Weather conditions during night before survey:** Indicate if there was fog and/or rain during night before survey. If neither fog nor rain occurred, do not check box.
- **Presence of predators on or circling facility, vessel or platform:** Record number of gulls and number of raptors encountered resting or circling facility, vessel or platform during survey. If none present, enter zero. Indicate if evidence of a predation event was found (e.g., fresh bird kill).

### Stranded Bird Datasheet – Refer also to example datasheet (page 4)

When you find a stranded bird (dead or alive) provide the following information on the datasheet. You must also record when you do not find a stranded bird during a survey.

- If no birds are found during a systematic stranded bird survey, check box at top of datasheet and also provide facility and search information on previous page.
- Contact CWS when any oiled bird is found (note reminders on datasheet).
- Provide details for situations where bird(s) is sent to shore (i.e., sent to CWS, rehabilitation, etc.)
- Document species of bird(s) encountered. Take photo(s) if identification is uncertain, contact CWS and check “Photo(s) taken” box.
- Indicate number of birds encountered. Use multiple lines if more than one species or if fates of birds of same species differ (see example datasheet on page 4).
- Indicate specific location where bird was found on facility, vessel or platform using:
  - Section or grid identification number for moving and/or multiple deck vessels or platforms (outlined in stranded bird survey protocol) or
  - Lat-Long coordinates for facilities on land.
- If bird was found DEAD: Select one box that describes fate of carcass and whether oiled or not
- If bird was found ALIVE: Select one box that describes fate of live bird or carcass of bird that died in care and whether oiled or not
- Add comments, such as description of injuries or bird remains from predation events, relevant notes on species identification (e.g. plumage, age), or details on birds sent to shore.

## Stranded Bird Datasheet – EXAMPLE

During a morning survey in September an observer encountered seven stranded birds, as described below, and recorded them on their datasheet:

- Two Leach’s Storm-Petrel were found in section 1A unoiled and alive and were released alive at site; photos taken
- One Blackpoll Warbler was found in section 1A unoiled and dead and carcass was disposed of on site; photos taken
- Two Leach’s Storm-Petrel were found alive in section 2B and photos were taken of both birds: One was oiled and later died in care and the carcass was sent to CWS; the other was not oiled and sent to shore alive due to an injured left wing (sent to rehabilitation facility).
- One Wilson’s Storm-Petrel was found in section 3 unoiled and alive and was released alive at site; photos were taken
- One Song Sparrow was found in section 4A unoiled and alive and later died in care; carcass disposed of on site; photos taken

Survey Date: DD: 02    MMM: SEP    YYYY: 2020    No birds found on survey

Species	Number of individuals	Location found (Section or grid number or Lat-Long)	If found DEAD (check one)		If found ALIVE (check one)				Oiled? (check one)		Photo(s) taken	Comments
			Carcass disposed of at site	Carcass sent to CWS ) CWS	Released alive at site	Sent to shore alive ) CWS	Died in care + Carcass disposed of at site	Died in care + Carcass sent to CWS	Oiled ) CWS	Not oiled		
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	2	1A	..	..	X	..	..	..	..	X	X	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	1A	X	..	..	..	..	..	..	X	X	
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	1	2B	..	..	..	..	..	X	X	..	X	
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	1	2B	..	..	..	X	..	..	..	X	X	Injured left wing; sent to rehabilitation facility
Wilson’s Storm-Petrel	1	3	..	..	X	..	..	..	..	X	X	
Song Sparrow	1	4A	..	..	..	..	X	..	..	X	X	
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