

APPENDIX 4. OBSERVATION FORM

WHITEHAVEN BEACH VISITOR STUDY – OBSERVATION FORM

Name of Vessel:

Date:

Setting Visited:

Arrival Time:

Departure Time:

Weather Conditions: (circle one)

Weather:

Clear

Cloudy

Overcast

Raining

Sea Conditions in Whitehaven Bay:

Smooth-Slight

Moderate

Rough

Sea Conditions in Exposed Water:

Smooth-Slight

Moderate

Rough

Wind Strength (knots):

Number Observed in each Setting on Whitehaven Beach and Tongue Point

Approximate Number	Setting 2 (High use)	Setting 3 (Moderate use)	Setting 4 (Natural)	Setting 5 (Protected)	Tongue Point (Moderate use)
People on beach					
Large motorised vessels (15 – < 35 metres)					
Medium motorised vessels (6 – <15 metres)					
Small motorised vessels (< 6 metres)					
Yachts and other sailing craft					
Comments/unusual activity					

Approximate number of flyovers:

In your setting by:

1. Helicopters

2. Seaplanes/aircraft

Approximate number of Aircraft events:

Take offs and landings on Whitehaven Beach by:

1. Helicopters

2. Seaplanes / aircraft

Comments:

Notes: Observation Form

Setting Visited:

Refer to the map to establish which setting was visited. Settings reflect the zoning of Whitehaven Beach. The four settings range from: Setting 2 (High Use = Vessels < 35 metres and an unlimited number of people); Setting 3 (Moderate Use = Vessels < 35 metres and up to 40 people); Setting 4 (Natural = Vessels < 15 metres and up to 12 people); and Setting 5 (Protected area = restrictions on boats and people).

Number of Vessels/People Observed in each Setting:

- Record the number of vessels (according to size) sighted within each of the 5 areas of interest whilst on Whitehaven Beach.
- It may not be possible to see boats/aircraft landings or the number of people in some settings along the beach because of distance. If it is impossible to make these observations record by marking a dash '—' which means 'not possible to make observations'. If there are no boats in a setting, record this by a '0' which means 'no vessels/ people'.
- Record the average number of people in each of the five areas. Obtain a spread of counts during your visit (3 counts), and average the number of people for each setting where possible.
- Record any interesting or unusual activity in the spaces provided under the settings in the Observation Table, or in the space provided for comments (e.g. The arrival of any large boat, jet ski activity, any illegal activity etc.).

Aircraft Activity:

- Record the number of fly-overs (not landings) by helicopters / seaplanes that occurred in your area. If there were no fly-overs in your setting record a '0' which means 'No Fly-overs'.
- If possible record the number of Aircraft events (Take-off and Landings) which occurred during your visit to Whitehaven Beach. If difficult to observe due to distance please record a dash '—' which means 'not possible to make observations'. If no landings mark a '0' = 'no landings'.

Comments: Use space at bottom of observation sheet to note any additional observations or general comments. (For example: If most boats left before your vessel on the day of your visit).

MAP 1. WHITEHAVEN BEACH SETTINGS

