

Sea lion field data

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Goals

- Quality data on sea lion tagging and resighting
- A transparent process, with high integrity
- Efficient, reliable and effective

Three components

- 1 Improve existing data capture process
- 2 Establish a server in the hut
- 3 Trial handheld field data capture

Current process

- Entry of data in field notebooks
- Copied from notebooks into spreadsheets
- Spreadsheets uploaded into the New Zealand sea lion demographic database

Issues and opportunities

- Data entry is laborious
- Upload into the database isn't happening until back on the mainland, removing opportunity for validation while memories are fresh
- Opportunities to include photographs, and notebook scans alongside the sightings records
- Opportunities to move to electronic data capture

List of New Zealand sea lion sightings

33 sightings selected

The database is searched by adding filters into the text box. The filters all have the form of a name, followed by a colon, and then the value, e.g.,

`season:2012`. Multiple filters are separated by spaces. Active filters are shown above the search box, and may be removed by clicking on the cross next to them. A description of the possible filters and values is [given here](#).

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Sealion: 20090117-H281 ✕

Island: ENDERBY ✕

sealion:20090117-H281 island:ENDERBY

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▲ Date	Location	Tag?	Chip?	Brand?	Event?	Sealion?	Sex?	Age class?	Status?	Details
07 Mar 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L1,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
14 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L1,R?			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
14 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L?,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
08 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L1,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
03 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L?,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
03 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L?,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤
03 Feb 2014	SANDY BAY, ENDERBY	PP C H281 L1,R1			Resight (Tag)	20090117-H281	Female			➤

Sealion sighting

Date	07 Mar 2014
Location	SANDY BAY , ENDERBY
Tag	PP C H281 L1,R1
Chip	None
Brand	None
Event type	Resight (Tag)
Sex	Female
Age class	None
Status	
Sight status	1
Behaviour comments	A
Sealion	20090117-H281 Sightings Details

Sighting loaded 01 Sep 2014 10:53:59 by admin. record_number=DJHa2176 notebook_number=DJH*2014B recorder=DJH



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Principles

- Build on existing data collection protocol
- Clear separation of data entry (captures information from the notebooks) and reconciliation (resolves any issues)
- Copies of source information (scanned or photographed notebooks)
- All changes to the data are captured
- Documentation of process

entered 13/1/14

14	01	14
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Start = 1334 End 1445

241 @ L?R? ?? A? SB B

A094 L?R1 OC A? SB B 1H NP

8479 LOR1 YC A? SB B 1H NP

H284 L?R? OC A? SB B 1H NP

H283 L?R? OC A? SB B 1H NP

E030 LIR1 BC SAM SD B PM

K297 LIR1 BC SAM SD B PM

Before this field season (by mid-December)

- Refactor sightings data entry to reflect notebooks precisely
- One screen per day's sightings by a single person at a single location
- Metadata (start and end time, beach, person, other information) entered once
- Addition of a sighting 'id' number (1, 2, 3, ...) on each line in the notebooks
- Include some autocomplete during data entry
- Allow scanned or photographed notebooks to be associated with the entry screens
- Possibly allow for photographs to be associated with sightings
- Improvement of reconciliation information

CSV file:

Browse...

No file selected.

Validate file

nzsl-ai-2014-resighting-data-00.csv: 999 rows total, 0 rows with errors, 980 rows with one match, 13 rows with multiple matches, 6 rows with no matches.

For sightings with multiple matches or no matches, you may manually select an animal. If there are multiple matches, the matching sea lion codes are displayed in the right hand column. Hover over the code to see details of the most recent sighting, and select a code after you have compared the details with the corresponding row in your CSV file and you are confident that the code belongs to the sighted animal. If there are no matches, or if none of the listed sea lion codes is correct, you may also enter a code manually by clicking the plus sign.

Row	No	Record	Notebook	Recorder	Status	
28	27	ADM27	ADM*2014A	ADM	5 matches	brand:2?9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0219 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0229 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0239 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0249 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0289 <input type="text" value="Sea lion code"/>
88	87	ADM87	ADM*2014A	ADM	No matches No matches No matches	tag:OO:R:B086 tag:orange:R:B086 tag:?:R:B086 +
180	179	ADM179	ADM*2014A	ADM	8 matches	brand:19? <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0190 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0192 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0193 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0194 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0195 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0196 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0197 <input type="checkbox"/> 20000115-0198 +

20000115-0219

Tagged: 15 Jan 2000
SANDY BAY, ENDERBY

Current id:

Tag: WW C 0219 (L1,R1)
Chip: 00-01C7-FABF
Brand: 219

Last seen: 08 May 2000

TEAL LAKE, ENDERBY
Sex: Female
Status: New born or pup
Age class: Pup

[Details](#)[All sightings of 20000115-0219](#)

New records

Ability to add further information to the sightings

- Record #
- Notebook #
- Recorder
- Appt. tag colour
- Pup tag colour
- Pup tag number
- Comments

Computer infrastructure

- Database is web - based
- Needs a web - server
- Will set up database on a Mac - mini
- Small computer providing backup and wireless functionality
- Test in Wellington, switch on Enderby, and it will just work

Field data entry

- Develop an electronic version of the notebook
- Run on an iPhone or similar, in a waterproof case
- Will remove the data entry step
- Fit with DOC's broader data entry policies
- Aim to trial this season, with two devices going to the Auckland Islands in mid - January