

REPORT ON A SIGHTING OF A POD OF UNUSUAL CETACEANS IN THE WATERS
ADJACENT TO PUERTO LA CRUZ, VENEZUELA.

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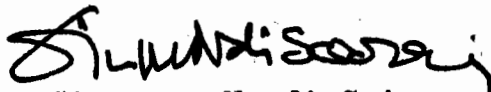
observer Mr. Luis Floren, Turismo Margarita CA, Puerto la Cruz,
Venezuela.
date July 1978 (day not specified)
time around 8:00 AM
location 10° 37' Lat N, 64° 28' Long W
on the route between Puerto la Cruz and Poelamar (Isla
Margarita), at about 30 NM from Puerto la Cruz (see
attached map)
observation platform Boeing Jetfoil operating for passengers service,
between Puerto la Cruz and Isla Margarita
environmental conditions good visibility, small swell, breeze.

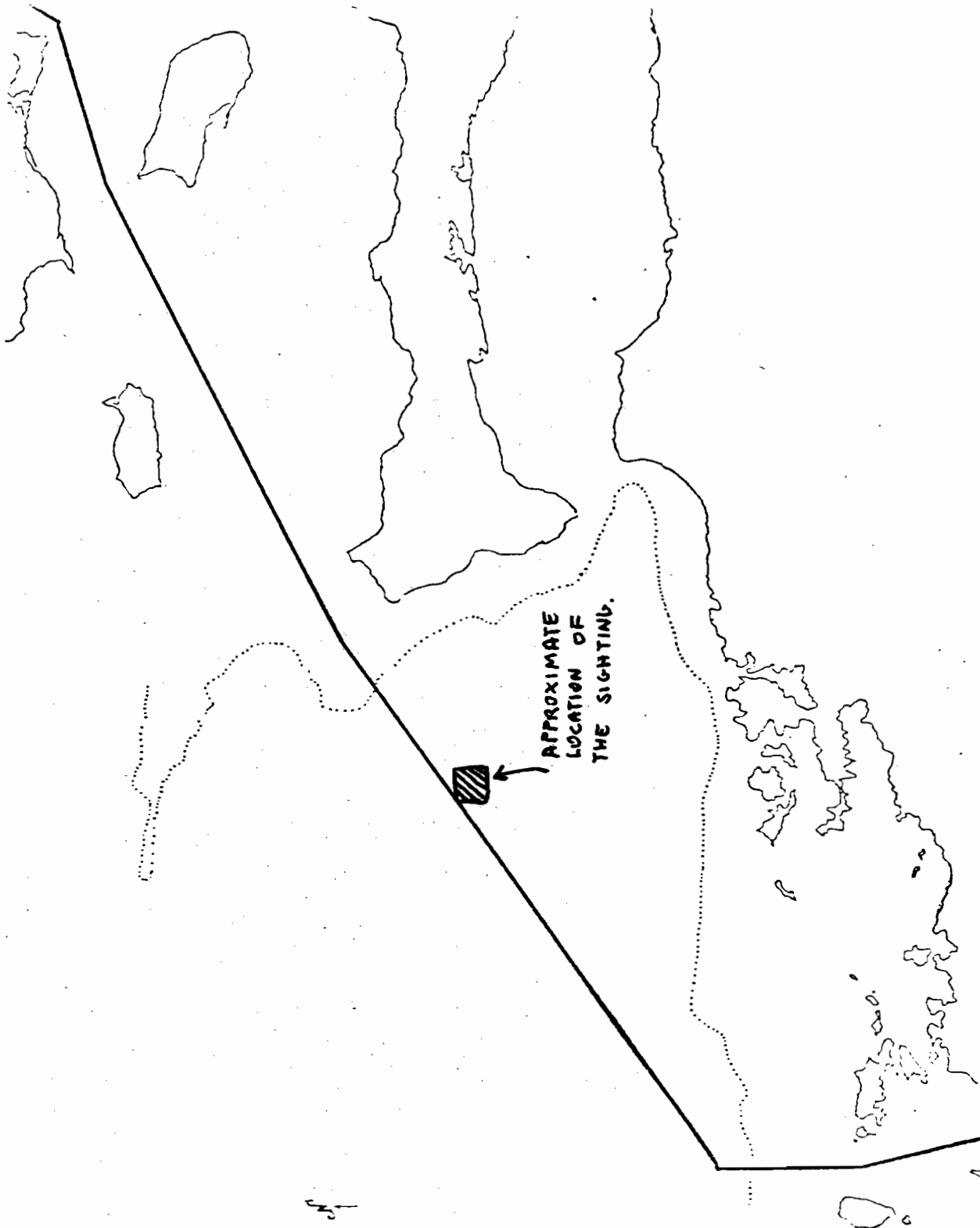
After "splashes from whales" had been reported by the regular
observer crewman aboard the Jetfoil, Mr. Floren spotted two large
cetaceans at about 300 m. from the boat, on the starboard side, 120°
relative bearing. They porpoised clear of the water in opposite
direction, facing each other. They appeared to be twice the size
of a dolphin (5 to 6 meters long) black on the back with conspi-
cuous white spots, a high, triangular dorsal fin in the middle of
the body, and white belly. The animals were not resighted after the
jump.

other species associated None. However, two herds of dolphins
had been observed previously in the same trip, closer to
Puerto la Cruz.

possible species identification Orcinus orca L. (Killer whale).

Puerto la Cruz, 9 November 1978.


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APPROXIMATE
LOCATION OF
THE SIGHTING.