



For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 (“the DPA”), the ‘controller’ of the personal data which you provide to us is the Marine Management Organisation (“The MMO”, “we”, “us”) of Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH. The MMO is registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office under reg. number Z2205091.

The MMO is collecting this data and will process it for the purpose of supporting English fishers to comply with a new requirement for all vessels under 12 metres fishing in English waters, irrespective of nationality, to have a VMS device and transmit their location a minimum of every 3 minutes whilst in the English EEZ.

Data related to the spatial and temporal distribution of fishing effort is fundamental to the effective management of fisheries, their interaction with other marine related activities and reducing impacts on designated features of marine protected areas (MPAs) as well as the wider marine environment. Such data does not currently exist for the under 12m inshore fishing fleet.

The objective of this project is to ensure England makes the best use of technology in relation to effective monitoring of vessel positions.

This is by way of introducing a tracking solution namely Inshore Vessel Monitoring System (I-VMS) to allow MMO and IFCAs to monitor, gather and analyse positional information of under 12m fishing fleet.

MMO require evidence that your I-VMS device is verified to be operational in order to reimburse the expense you incurred for the purchase of the device. The evidence will be collected during the installation stage when your device is activated and the data is received into the UK VMS Hub.

Data received from vessels operating in English waters (with the exception of the Devon & Severn IFCA district) will not be used for monitoring & compliance checking purposes as there is no legal requirement for vessels to use their I-VMS devices until the SI comes into force in England later in 2022. Where such vessels use their I-VMS device on a voluntary basis, this data will be used by the MMO for the purpose of systems assurance and ensuring that devices operate correctly so that any technical issues can be investigated and resolved prior to the mandatory rollout of devices later in 2022.

Due this requirement already being in force in Wales and the Devon & Severn IFCA region, data processed from vessels operating in these waters is also processed for the purposes of monitoring compliance including any applicable subsequent enforcement action(s).

The MMO will share this data with:

Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority



Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

National Maritime Information Centre (for the purpose of maritime surveillance).

Maritime and Coastguard Agency (for the purpose of safety at sea).

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture (“CEFAS”) for publication of fisheries report, scientific assessment and quota management.

We will not share your information with any other organisation or third party, other than those named above. There may be other circumstances in which we may need to share or use certain information about you, which are:

- If we have a legal obligation to do so or if we are requested to do so by a competent authority such as the police or a court.
- If we need to use or disclose your information to obtain legal advice in connection with legal proceedings.
- If we need to share your information to protect your vital interests if you are unable to give us consent or it is unreasonable for us to ask for your consent in circumstances (e.g., if you are injured).

Data collected from vessels operating in areas where statutory instruments are in force (currently Wales and Devon & Severn IFCA district) will be retained indefinitely for the purposes of statistical research, scientific assessment and quota management.

Data collected from vessels operating in English waters prior to England’s statutory instrument being in place (for the purposes of systems assurances) will be deleted following confirmation that devices are working correctly.

This is in accordance with our information retention policies and on the expiration of such period we will safely delete it.

**For data processed relating to vessels operating in English waters (with the exception of the Devon & Severn IFCA region):**

Information provided to the MMO will be processed under Article 6(1)(f) of the UK GDPR which states that processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller.

**For data processed relating to vessels operating in Welsh waters and the Devon & Severn IFCA region:**

Information provided to the MMO will be processed under Article 6(1)(c) of the UK GDPR which states that processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject and Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR which states that processing is necessary for the purposes of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller. We are also required to meet at least one of the processing conditions under Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, which are:

6. Statutory and government purposes; and
10. Preventing or detecting unlawful acts.



In most cases, the MMO does not transfer or store information outside of the European Economic Area. However, where this is necessary (e.g., for the fulfilment of a legal requirement or for law enforcement purposes), we will ensure that we have the correct safeguards in place to protect your data.

As a data subject, you have a number of rights under the DPA 2018. These include the right to access the information which we hold about you. In some cases, you may have the right to have your personal data rectified, erased, or restricted and to object to certain uses of your data. This would not affect the legality of what we do with your personal data before you make such a request and would not stop us from continuing to use your data to the extent that we do not require your consent. It would stop us from further using your data for purposes which do require your consent (e.g., marketing).

If you are unsatisfied with the way we collect or handle your personal data, you have a right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office ("The ICO"). Further information can be found on the ICO's website at <https://ico.org.uk>

For further information, or to contact us to make a request to exercise your rights, please consult our [Personal Information Charter](#) or call 0300 123 1032.

The MMO's data protection team can be contacted at [dataprotection@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@marinemanagement.org.uk)

The MMO is an arms-length body of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs ("DEFRA"). The Data Protection Officer for DEFRA and its arms-length-bodies can be contacted at the following address:

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