

Background

In 2015, the UK Government committed to creating a Blue Belt around the UK Overseas Territories to provide long term protection and management of over 4 million square km of marine environment by 2020, subject to local support and environmental need. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) funding was secured by FCDO for four years (2016-2020) through the Overseas Territories, Maritime Governance and Environment (ESCC) Programme, the first of four pillars of the National Security Strategy. The programme has since been extended to March 2022, with additional funding from CSSF, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

The Territories included in the first four years of the Blue Belt Programme were British Indian Ocean Territory, South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands, British Antarctic Territory, Pitcairn, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. Together these UKOTs committed to implementing effective, sustainable, large-scale marine protection strategies (>50% of their maritime zone, or of recognised international importance).

The ESCC Programme outcomes of relevance to the Blue Belt Programme are:

- * Delivering the Government's Blue Belt Programme including support for the management and enforcement of the current network and expansion of the programme to other OTs where relevant.
- * Improvements to OTs economies through effective management of natural resources, understanding natural capital and identifying benefits of effective management
- * Enhanced biosecurity capacity across the OTs to reduce the risks of invasive non-native species impacting the economy or biodiversity

To enable delivery of the programme outcomes, specialist expertise and assistance are 'in-sourced' from HMG through 'Direct Delivery'; the contracting of capability from Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). As Delivery Partners, Cefas and MMO will respond in the provision of capital assets and expertise to assist the Overseas Territories (OTs), in building capability to implement the outcomes of the Blue Belt Programme. This role also involves the collection of data, some of which will be personal.

The Blue Belt team may collect personal data in order to meet the following objectives:

- * to assist in the facilitation of effective surveillance of vessel activities within the waters in the jurisdiction of the Overseas Territory and surrounding marine area;
- * to assist the Overseas Territory in taking appropriate investigative and enforcement action in relation to suspected offences committed within the waters under its jurisdiction;
- * To assist the Overseas Territory in complying with RFMO or other international requirements and obligations, and
- * To assist the Overseas Territory with capacity building and training; (unlikely to include personal data)

Who is collecting the data?

Data will be collected by the Marine Management Organisation.

The data controller is the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). You can contact the MMO Data Protection Manager at:

Marine Management Organisation,
Lancaster House,
Hampshire Court
Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7YJ

Email: dataprotection@marinemanagement.org.uk

Any questions about how we are using your personal data and your associated rights should be sent to the above contact. The Data Protection Officer responsible for monitoring that the MMO is meeting the requirements of the legislation is:

Defra Group Data Protection Officer,
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,
SW Quarter

2nd floor
Seacole Block
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

Email: DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Why do we collect Personal data?

We collect personal data in order to meet the following objectives:

- * allow the MMO to assist in the facilitation of effective surveillance of activities by vessels within the waters in the jurisdiction of the Overseas Territory and surrounding marine area;
- * to assist the Overseas Territory in taking appropriate investigative and enforcement action in relation to suspected offences committed within the waters under its jurisdiction;
- * To assist the Overseas Territory with capacity building and training; and
- * To assist the Overseas Territory in complying with RFMO or other international requirements and obligations

The MMO has the legal basis under article 6 (1)(c) and (e) of the UK GDPR through the Marine and Coastal Access Act (S.25) as amended by the Fisheries Act 2020. For data collected prior to 23/11/2020 the MMO has the legal basis under article 6 (1)(e) of the GDPR.

Who do we share the data with?

Where necessary to fulfil our objectives and where there is a legal basis the MMO may share personal data with other UK government organisations such as Defra, international organisations such as Interpol and with third countries (such as the Blue Belt programme UK Overseas Territories and flag States).

This means some data will be shared outside of the EEA. Where this occurs appropriate safeguarding will be in place to protect the data including data sharing agreements where required.

What data is going to be collected?

The MMO collects personal data from a range of sources.

Types of personal data we process may include information such as:

- * personal details such as name, address and date of birth
- * email addresses
- * visual images, including drone photographs and video with the ability to live stream, and satellite optical images
- * intelligence material

Whose personal data do we handle?

In order to carry out our functions, we process information relating to a wide variety of individuals including:

- * witnesses
- * people convicted of an offence
- * people suspected of committing an offence
- * correspondents and enquirers
- * consultants and other professional experts
- * suppliers

Information is likely to be held in various forms, including electronically in emails and in the MMO's electronic filing system and databases as well as in paper-based records. Data may also be held in other electronic forms such as vessel positional system databases.

How do we keep Personal Data secure?

All personal data will be processed securely. We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those people and organisations who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions to maintain the security, confidentiality and integrity of your data.

Data will be held for five years. There may be exceptions where it is kept for longer, for example where it relates to an ongoing legal case or an investigation into non-compliance.

The information you provide is not connected with individual decision making (making a decision solely by automated means without any human involvement) or profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual).

What are your rights?

A list of your rights is available under the [General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 \(DPA 2018\)](#)

You have the right to withdraw consent at any time, where processing is based on your consent.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the [ICO \(supervisory authority\)](#) at any time.