



Marine Management Organisation

Privacy Notice

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The Marine Management Organisation is the controller for the personal data we collect. Our [personal information charter](#) explains more about what you can expect when we process your personal data, your rights, and how to contact us or make a complaint.

MARINE PLANNING PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO collects or processes it during the development and delivery of the marine plans.

Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data

MMO collects information for the purposes of developing, implementing, and monitoring marine plans, including for sustainability appraisals and habitats regulations assessments.

Personal information will also be used in engagement and consultation activities, and to update stakeholders on marine planning news through use of a mailing list.

What personal data is collected

MMO collects the following information:

- Personal identifiers (names)
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Organisation
- Job title
- Image

- Interest (sector or topic area and marine plan area)

How your personal data has been obtained

MMO marine planning team will obtain some information directly from you. We will also on occasion gather personal data from consultants during evidence projects and from other government bodies for cross-departmental liaisons.

Why we are able to process your personal data

The lawful basis for processing your personal data is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller, which is laid down in law.

The processing is necessary to comply with a legal obligation placed on us as the data controller through a requirement of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Section 51 and Schedule 6) to involve 'interested persons' in the preparation of marine plans.

The lawful basis for processing your data for engagement activities is consent.

Consent to process your personal data

The processing of your personal data for the purposes of developing, implementing, and monitoring marine plans is not based on consent. You cannot withdraw it.

The processing of your personal data for engagement purposes is based on consent. You can withdraw consent at any time by emailing planning@marinemangement.org.uk.

Who we share your personal data with

MMO may share the personal data collected under this privacy notice:

- with contractors or partner organisations who process data on our behalf in support of marine planning, for example to produce impact assessments or evidence reports
- where we are under a duty to do so in order to comply with a legal obligation, or we are permitted to do so to protect the rights, property or safety of others, including but not limited to, exchanging information with other organisations for the purposes of fraud protection and crime prevention

- where we are required to do so in the support of either our or another public body's statutory duties and official functions

MMO will only share your personal data where we are legally permitted to do so.

MMO respects your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

How long we are keeping your personal data

Data will be retained and reviewed at regular yearly intervals during the development of a marine plan.

MMO will keep your personal data for a maximum of 20 years, the lifetime of an adopted marine plan, in accordance with our retention policies. Once this period expires, we will permanently delete your personal data.

Please refer to our [Personal Information Charter](#) and the section 'How long we will keep data' for information on any potential exceptions.

Use of automated decision-making or profiling

The personal data you provide is not used for:

- automated decision making (making a decision by automated means without any human involvement)
- profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual)

What happens if you do not provide the personal data

If you do not provide the personal data, it may limit the development of marine plans as the team will not be able to take your experience and opinions into account. The MMO will also not be able to email you about projects or invite you to take part in workshops, surveys, or interviews.

Transfer of your personal data outside of the United Kingdom

Where necessary, we may transfer or store personal information outside the UK to another country or Crown Dependency that is deemed adequate for data protection purposes. This means that the country or Crown Dependency has equivalent levels of data protection to that of the UK.

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MMO may also in some circumstances transfer data to other countries without an adequacy agreement, having first taken all precautions to ensure that it was safe to do so, complying with the terms of the UK GDPR by making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Where necessary, our data processors may share personal information outside of the UK. When doing so, they comply with the UK GDPR, making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Your rights

Based on the lawful processing above, your individual rights are:

Public Task

- The right to be informed
- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Consent

- The right to be informed
- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to erasure
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to data portability
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find out about your rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

How to contact us or make a complaint

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find our contact details, or how to make a complaint about our use of your personal data.