



DATA USE AGREEMENT

Background

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The commitment is given on the understanding that the ultimate responsibility of the National Biodiversity Data Centre is to facilitate the provision of data to further the conservation of biological diversity. This will involve providing appropriate access to the data for conservation-related uses to third parties, providing advice on appropriate use of the data set, providing advice on unwise or improper use of the dataset, and coordinating further development of the dataset with appropriate partners and with guidance from key data providers and users.

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- Users shall respect restrictions of access to sensitive data.
- In order to make attribution of use for owners of the data possible, the data provider must be retained with every data record.
- Users must publicly acknowledge, in conjunction with the use of the data, the data providers whose biodiversity data they have used.
- Users must comply with additional terms and conditions of use set by the data provider. Where these exist they will be available through the metadata associated with the data.

Citing Data

Use the following format to cite data accessed through the National Biodiversity Data Centre's mapping system –

'Data from the [Insert details] held by the National Biodiversity Data Centre www.biodiversityireland.ie, [insert date].

Example: - 'Data from the Irish Marine Turtle Database (Berrow, S. & King, G) held by the National Biodiversity Data Centre www.biodiversityireland.ie , 9 May, 2008'.

Definitions

- **The National Biodiversity Data Centre:** The Centre run under a Service Level Agreement by Compass Informatics on behalf of the Heritage Council, and overseen by the Management Board established as a Committee of the Heritage Council, pursuant to Paragraph 9 of the Heritage Act (1995).
- **Biodiversity data:** primary data on specimens, observation, names, taxonomic concepts, and sites, and other related data on biodiversity diversity.
- **Metadata:** data describing the attributes and combinations of biodiversity data.
- **Data provider:** A custodian of data making it technically available. This may or may not be the data owner. If not they will have declared to the National Biodiversity Data Centre that they have permission to make the data available.
- **Data sharing:** The process of and agreements for making data freely and universally available on the Internet.
- **User:** Anyone who uses the Internet to access data through the National Biodiversity Data Centre's web site.
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Security level

The website and related mapping system of the National Biodiversity Data Centre has been tested to an advanced level of site security.

Queries and further information

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