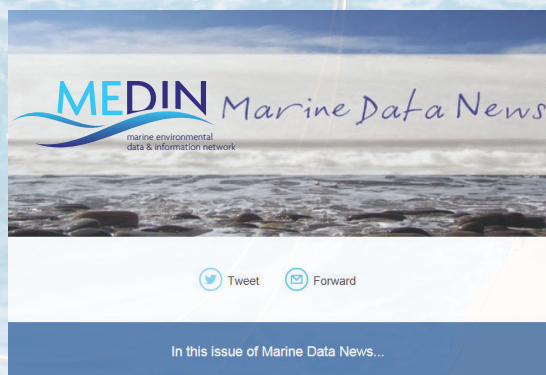


Marine Data News

Marine Data News is a quarterly free electronic newsletter that delivers the latest news and information on marine data and events.



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Who is Involved?

We are an open partnership, open to all with an interest in marine data and information

We have over 50 partners representing the whole marine sector: from government departments through research institutions to private value adding companies.

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Working together to improve access to and stewardship of marine data

What are we doing?

Making it easier to source and use marine data

Saving our partners time and resources

Providing secure, long-term curation of our valuable marine data sets

Working with UK Government to implement the UK Marine Monitoring and Assessment Strategy

Supporting implementation of the Marine Act

Helping partners to deal with international data requirements e.g. INSPIRE



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How?

- A framework of marine data archive centres (DACs)
- A data discovery portal
- A source of standards and guidance for data and metadata – see separate standards leaflet
- Delivering data to our international databases
- Workshops and forums, regular newsletters via Marine Data News
- Securing and providing base reference layers to underpin assessments and planning where possible

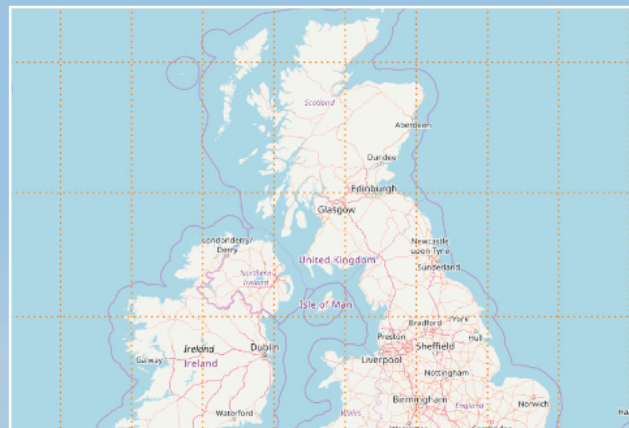


What products can we offer?

- Data Discovery Portal
- UK Directory of Marine Observing Systems (www.ukdmos.org)
- Marine reference layers
- Inventory of UK cruises
- Tide, current meter and wave data catalogues
- Transfer of data to global databases
- Advice on management of marine data
- A common standard for descriptions of data holdings
- Plus much more on our website

Data Discovery Portal

The MEDIN portal is a metadata discovery service providing users with a single point of access to a well-balanced, INSPIRE compliant, authoritative marine metadata catalogue.



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Metadata records are available for UK marine data sets across all subject areas and disciplines. This includes UK organisations undertaking data collection in non-UK waters. There are other portals which contain data for more specific data themes or from a European rather than a UK perspective.

There are tools available on our website to easily create metadata. Please let us know if you would like to have your metadata added to the portal.

Data Submission

There are currently seven accredited MEDIN DACs

British Geological Survey (BGS)
Seabed and sub-seabed geology, geophysics data

British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC)
Water column oceanographic data

The Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)
Marine species and habitats data

UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)
Bathymetry data

The Met Office
Marine meteorological (metocean) data

FISHDac
Marine fisheries data: Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and Marine Directorate of the Scottish Government. Third party data from Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) is managed by DASSH

HistoricDAC
Marine historic environment data: Archaeology Data Service (ADS) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

MEDIN Contract Clause for Data

MEDIN recommendations for a standard data collection clause to be used in contract can be downloaded at portal.medin.org.uk/data_submission

This clause can be used by organisations contracting research monitoring and impact assessments to ensure data is submitted to DACs and therefore made available for reuse at the end of a contractual agreement.

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