

Conditions for detailed VMS/log book data use

Access and use conditions for detailed
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and
log book data made available through
ICES Data calls

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Goal

This policy governs the process of who is given access and what they can do with the data resulting from ICES data calls.

Scope

This policy applies to all data users¹ of data given access in accordance with the aims of the specific data call, and to ICES activities for providing access to these data.

Data user security requirements

1. Data shall be used only for the purposes of facilitating scientific advice and will be strictly related to the agreed terms of reference of the activity executed by the data user.
2. Electronic data provided to the data user(s) shall not be kept on a users computer/database upon completion of the task related to the term of reference.
3. Data users shall treat the data as confidential and the transmission or sharing of these data are not allowed.
4. Data users shall ensure that visualisations or data products derived from the data adhere to the confidentiality rules detailed in the latest ICES datacall for VMS/log book data².

Data ownership

The data is provided by ICES member countries, or by proxy through the Regional Fisheries Commissions, and therefore in all cases data are owned by the individual countries.

Limitations of the data

Although the ICES Data Centre do perform data quality/integrity control, the data providers always retain complete responsibility for data quality.

Policy for Use of Data

ICES, as the host and provider of access to the data, will make data available in a timely way according to principles set out in section 3 of the ICES data policy (<http://ices.dk/marine-data/guidelines-and-policy/Pages/ICES-data-policy.aspx>)

¹ All persons (and groups of persons) that are members of an ICES Group (e.g., Expert Group, Advice Drafting Group, Workshop), or members of the ICES secretariat involved in the acquisition and processing of these data.

² <http://ices.dk/marine-data/tools/Pages/Data-calls.aspx>

Acknowledgement of these conditions

End user name (printed)	Email address	Date	Signature