What to consider when submitting data to a Data Archive Centre

MEDIN
marine environmental data & information network

START

Does the DAC handle external data?

Yes
ADS
BGS
BODC
DASSH
HES
Met Office
Marine Directorate
RCAHMW
UKHO

Cefas
No

Consult the MEDIN metadata helpdesk

Can the DAC handle restricted access to data?

No

If this causes issues with the data you wish to submit, contact MEDIN helpdesk or the DAC for assistance

ADS
BGS
BODC
Cefas
DASSH
HES
Met Office
Marine Directorate
RCAHMW
UKHO

Yes

Does the DAC charge to process data?

N/A
Cefas

Yes
ADS
BGS
BODC
DASSH
Met Office
Marine Directorate

HES
RCAHMW
UKHO
No

Are there times when the DAC processes data for free?

N/A
Cefas

Consideration for funding models, data providers and provenance of data should be taken into account when considering this answer.

No

Yes
ADS
BGS
BODC
DASSH
Met Office
Marine Directorate

Contact the DAC for more information

Does the DAC require a predefined format for (meta)data?

Yes
DASSH
RCAHMW

No
ADS
BGS
BODC*
Cefas
HES
Met Office
Marine Directorate
UKHO*

* No format mandatory but format strongly suggested

Check DAC requirements

Yes
ADS
BGS
BODC
Cefas
DASSH
Met Office
Marine Directorate
RCAHMW

Does the DAC apply QA/QC to the (meta)data?

HES
No

Contact the DAC for more information

Does the DAC have an online submission route?

* Will receive data through online mechanisms

DASSH *
No

Contact the DAC to submit data

Yes
ADS
BGS
BODC
Cefas
HES
Met Office
Marine Directorate
RACHMW

Liaise with the DAC and submit data

END

KEY:

Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
British Geological Survey (BGS)
British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC)
Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture (Cefas)
Archive for Marine Species and Habitats (DASSH)
Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)
UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)

DAC – Data Archive Centre
QA – Quality Assurance
QC – Quality Control
N/A – Not Applicable