

Privacy Notice

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1. How we use your information

This privacy notice explains how we collect and use your personal information when you take part in the Stehr Consulting Maritime Autonomy Survey (the Survey), a questionnaire designed without collecting identifying information.

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems (ICMS) has appointed Stehr Consulting Ltd (Stehr Consulting) to manage and deliver this Survey.

2. Who we are: Data controller and Data Processor

Stehr Consulting Ltd is a private limited company with Company Registration Number 14484444 and registered address of 7/8 Avon Reach Monkton Hill, Chippenham, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, SN15 1EE.

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems UK Ltd (ICMS) is a private limited company with Company Registration Number NI610324 and registered address of 6b Upper Water Street, Newry, Co Down, Northern Ireland, BT34 1DJ.

The data controller for the purposes of this Survey is Inland and Coastal Marina Systems UK Ltd, whilst Stehr Consulting Ltd acts as its data processor for the purposes of survey design, administration, and analysis.

3. Legal basis and applicability

This notice describes how data will be used and outlines your rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

As responses are fully anonymous and cannot be linked to individuals, they do not constitute personal data as defined by UK GDPR. Any limited technical data processed by Microsoft (e.g. IP address or device/browser data) is processed under our legitimate interests (to conduct stakeholder research on nature-positive infrastructure) and will not be used to identify respondents.

If the processing of any personal data were required, the lawful basis relied upon would be legitimate interests (Art. 6(1)(f) UK GDPR) or, where explicit consent is obtained by the respondent, (Art. 6(1)(a)). You may withdraw consent for any future processing prior to submission by exiting the survey, but once anonymised responses are submitted they cannot be individually withdrawn due to their anonymous nature.

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This privacy notice is provided pursuant to your rights under UK GDPR (and, where applicable, EU GDPR for respondents in the EEA) and any local national implementing legislation.

4. What information we collect

We do not collect names, email addresses, telephone numbers, job titles, organisation names, or any other information that can identify you directly or indirectly.

We do not include any questions that request or encourage respondents to provide personal information. Respondents are asked not to include any personal data in free-text responses. If a respondent inadvertently supplies personal data, we will treat that data in accordance with UK GDPR and will delete or anonymise it as soon as we become aware of it.

As a result, responses to this survey are fully anonymous.

5. Use of Survey Responses

Survey responses will be used only for the following purposes:

- Informing research and analysis for the Living Seawalls project.
- Supporting stakeholder engagement and project development.
- Producing reports, presentations, and other outputs.

All reporting will be anonymous and aggregated; and presented in a way that prevents identification of any individual. Anonymised aggregated survey data may be re-analysed for future research on similar topics but will never permit re-identification.

6. Microsoft Forms Platform Considerations

This survey is hosted on Microsoft Forms, which is provided by Microsoft. Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Forms act as data processors under contract with Stehr Consulting.

The survey has been configured to:

- Not record respondent names or identities.
- Not require sign-in to complete the survey.
- Not collect email addresses.

Microsoft may process limited technical information (e.g. IP address or device/browser data) in accordance with its own privacy policies. Stehr Consulting Ltd does not access or

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use this information and cannot use it to identify respondents. Appropriate data processing addenda and standard contractual clauses are in place to safeguard any transfers outside the UK / EEA.

Further information is available in Microsoft's privacy statement:

<https://privacy.microsoft.com>

7. Where your data is processed

Data is processed and stored within Microsoft's cloud environment under our organisational controls. Microsoft stores data primarily within UK/EU data centres. Where personal data is transferred outside the UK or EEA, we rely on UK standard contractual clauses (Addendum) in line with UK GDPR requirements.

Technical data held by Microsoft will be retained for up to 28 days in line with Microsoft's retention policies and will not be forwarded to us.

8. Retention and deletion

All responses (aggregated/anonymised) will be retained for a period of five years to enable comparative analysis and reporting. Anonymised datasets will then be securely deleted unless retained for indefinite academic benchmarking with appropriate safeguards.

Any personal data inadvertently supplied as free text will be deleted or anonymised immediately upon identification.

Incomplete surveys will not be stored if not submitted.

9. Your data protection rights

Under UK GDPR you have the following rights in respect of your personal data (where it is processed):

- Right of access
- Right of rectification
- Right to erasure (subject to the anonymity of responses)
- Right to restrict processing
- Right to object
- Right to data portability

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Because responses are truly anonymous, once submitted they cannot be individually identified, accessed, or deleted, so the rights of access, erasure, restriction, objection, or portability may not be exercisable in those circumstances.

To exercise any rights or for queries, contact our UK GDPR Lead at Stehr Consulting Ltd: enquiries@stehrconsulting.co.uk or ICMS Data Protection Officer at sales@inlandandcoastal.com. Alternatively, refer to:

- ICMS Privacy Statement: <https://inlandandcoastal.com/privacy-statement/>
- Stehr Consulting Privacy Policy: <https://stehrconsulting.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

10. Complaints and supervisory authority

If you have a concern about how your information is being handled, you can contact the UK's Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF; telephone +44 (0)303 123 1113; email casework@ico.org.uk; website www.ico.org.uk.

11. Security

We implement appropriate technical and organisational measures, including encrypted connections to Microsoft Forms, restricted access by authorised personnel only, and staff bound by confidentiality obligations, to keep information secure. Stehr Consulting Ltd is certified under Cyber Essentials Plus.

12. International transfers

Where data is temporarily processed in Microsoft data centres outside of the UK or EEA, we rely on UK standard contractual clauses (Addendum) as appropriate.

13. Children and sensitive personal data

This survey is intended for professional stakeholders aged 18+ and does not knowingly collect personal data from children. We do not request sensitive data (e.g. race, ethnicity, political opinions, health). If such data is voluntarily provided in free text, it will be treated as special category data under Article 9(2)(f) UK GDPR and deleted.

14. Automated decision-making/profiling

No automated decision-making (including profiling) is used in respect of this Survey.

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15. Cookies and tracking

This survey does not deploy cookies or tracking technologies beyond those inherent in Microsoft Forms. No analytics cookies are used and no tracking scripts are placed on your device.

16. Review and updates

We keep this privacy notice under review and will update it if our approach to data collection changes. This notice was last updated on 13 July 2026 and will be reviewed by 13 July 2027.