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Contract

## **Management of the Marine Env. Monitoring & Assessment National Database - Plus**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C32430

### **Description**

This commission is for the provision of marine data management and support services for the MERMAN+ system (the “Data Manager”). The role requires demonstrable expertise in marine data management, and both UK and international marine data landscapes, as well as reporting commitments (see below). The project will ensure delivery of quality-assured marine environmental data to relevant parties and provide an assured evidence-base that will strengthen policy decisions within the UK and Europe.

MERMAN+ data are used to fulfil statutory reporting obligations under the UK Marine Strategy (UKMS) Regulations 2010 and mandatory reporting obligations under the Oslo Paris Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (the OSPAR Convention). OSPAR commitments are met through the annual onward submission of MERMAN+ data to ICES. MERMAN+ data are also submitted to European

Marine Observation and Data Network (E

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## **Contract 1. Marine Environmental Monitoring and Assessment National Database – Plus (MERMAN+) Data Management**

### **Supplier**

- [National Oceanography Centre](#)

### **Contract value**

- £345,218 excluding VAT
- £414,261.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

14 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 15 January 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 2 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

Up to 12 months, if required.

## Main procurement category

Services

## Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Extension. Price review after two years

## CPV classifications

- 72322000 - Data management services

## Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
MERMAN+ Helpdesk	Enquiries from non-Competent Monitoring Authorities (for example, bespoke data requests) will be acknowledged within five business days and resolved within ten business days.	10 days
Delivery	The Data Manager will submit MERMAN+ data to EMODnet Chemistry each year.	12 months
Delivery	The Data Manager will submit MERMAN+ data to ICES by 1st of September each year.	12 months

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
MERMAN+ Helpdesk	Enquiries from Competent Monitoring Authorities will be acknowledged within one business day and resolved within three business days.	3 days
Delivery	The Data Manager will conduct 12 months two MERMAN+ Focus Groups each year.	
Timelines	Data Manager response to enquiries from Defra or the System Contractor within two business days.	2 days
Delivery	The Data Manager will conduct 12 months one MERMAN+ training workshop each year.	

## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

## Supplier

## National Oceanography Centre

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYLV-3456-PMCQ

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Region: UKJ32 - Southampton

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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