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Award

## **UK Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C30492

### **Description**

DASSH is the UK's accredited Data Archive Centre ("DAC") for marine species and habitats data. It is part of the MEDIN and plays a critical role in supporting statutory environmental reporting obligations under the UK Marine Strategy, OSPAR, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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## **Contract 1. UK Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)**

### **Supplier**

- [Marine Biological Association](#)

### **Contract value**

- £695,698 excluding VAT
- £834,837.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

3 October 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 20 October 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

21 October 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 22 October 2025 to 31 March 2029

- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 10 days

Description of possible extension:

1 year optional extension

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

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## **Supplier**

## **Marine Biological Association**

- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1155893

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Plymouth

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Region: UKK41 - Plymouth

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: Yes

Associated people/organisations:

Marine Biological Association

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## **Contracting authority**

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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government