

MARINE MAMMALS MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Data Sharing: The Self-Assessment Tool

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Background Information & Details

The Marine Mammals Management Toolkit, previously part of the EU-Ocean Governance project, is composed of 4 components including the Self-Assessment Tool (SAT). The results of the SAT are able to inform managers on the effectiveness of various Area-based Management Tool management plans (or practitioners in the creation of management plans) with respect to the conservation of marine mammals. These results are valuable for guiding informed management decision. Beyond the localised context, these results, when combined, can also guide national, regional and or international policy by informing policy makers, practitioners, and networks of managers of commonalities in gaps in management plans, as well as strengths and common points of effectiveness. It is in this regard; the Toolkit wishes to collate the data of collective SATs undertaken by managers and practitioners on both spatial and temporal scales.

You are therefore invited to contribute to the continual strengthening of the Marine Mammals Management Toolkit by submitting you SAT data and support a high-level data analysis to support other managers, policy makers and practitioners in identifying commonalities between ABMTs in terms of common strengths or gaps in management plans that can be used to focus future efforts and direct funding. The Toolkit will retain the submitted data internally and it will not be shared without prior permissions. Sensitive data (such as MPA identifiers (Name, Location, assessor name) will not be shared, recognising the sensitivities around the submission and use of Marine Protected Area (MPA) or ABMT data. Unless otherwise stated, the Toolkit is only seeking to use the high-level results presented in the 'Dashboard'; of the Self-Assessment Tool to support further analysis.

What type of data could be used?

As a standard process, only the high-level SAT result data will be utilised. This high-level data does not include meta-data, possibly sensitive information of the area assessed, or the responses to individual questions. The high-level data consists of the received overall Management Effectiveness Score (MES), the Management Group Scores (Management Framework; Addressing Activities and Threats; Research and Monitoring; Outreach and Engagement; and Management Effectiveness), the breakdown of activities and threats (Whale and Dolphin Watching; Noise Management; Entanglement; Marine Mammal Bycatch; Collision/Strike; and Strandings), year of assessment, and the location (country/region) of the MPA.

Whilst the submitted data will contain the completed SAT, including answers to all questions within the SAT, the Toolkit will seek additional permissions from the Data Contributors prior to use of these additional data, this could be, for example, for the production of a case study on the use of the SAT for a specific ABMT. At the point of submission, the permissions can be defined:



DATA USE

	Partial use	Full use
Use of high-level data across the five core themes of the Toolkit and activities & threats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of basic ABMT geographic data (country-level), time of assessment, area of ABMT, year of establishment, level of protection (no specific ABMT identifiers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of all meta-data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of all data, including the specific answers and ABMT identifiers (Name, coordinate location) for the production of case studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Submit your Data

To submit your data, use the form found at www.marine-mammals.info/subit-your-data and provide your name, contact information, name of ABMT or area of application, as well as if this assessment was undertaken as a checklist exercise prior to ABMT establishment, for the development of an upcoming management plan or to assess an existing ABMT management plan. Here you will also have the opportunity to define your sharing permissions (Partial Use or Full Use) alongside any additional considerations. You will then be able to use the “Upload File” function to submit your completed Self-Assessment Tool (.xlsx).

If you do not wish to use the form to submit your results, or would like to discuss the submission process, permissions or use of the data further, you can submit your data via email to ocean-governance@biodiv-conseil.fr.

If you have undertaken the SAT-LITE, the reduced version of the Self-Assessment Tool, this can also be submitted under the same processes as described above. Please make sure to tick the appropriate box in the submission process.