



## Inland Fisheries Ireland Data Request form

*(Note: the term data covers documents/reports, electronic versions of documents, samples, biological samples, photographs, other images, etc.).*

Data requests should be lodged centrally through the IFI Research and Development Division. However, if there are particular members of staff who you feel should be aware of this data request, please list them on this form.

<b>Project Title/Ref. No.:</b>	
I confirm that the requested data/sample is not available on the IFI ( <a href="http://www.fisheriesireland.ie">www.fisheriesireland.ie</a> ) website or other IFI websites (e.g. <a href="http://www.wfdfish.ie">www.wfdfish.ie</a> )	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Organisation/Institution:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	
State if: Student/Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	
<b>Faculty and Degree being pursued (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Funding source (if externally funded):</b>	
<b>Name of other collaborators (if any):</b>	
<b>Who has commissioned the study:</b>	

<b>Brief description of the nature &amp; purpose of the study:</b>
<b>Waters (river/lake/transitional water) where study being conducted:</b>

**Purpose for which data/sample will be used:**

Conservation		CFB/RFB funded project	
Research		Biodiversity Plan	
Fisheries Management		Planning Application	
Education		Environmental Impact Assessment	
Other (please give details)			

**Data/sample requested (list data)**


Please note: data will be supplied in the format available but requests can be made for particular formats

**Extent of data usage**

	Yes	No
Is IFI data the only data to be used in the research		
What proportion of the research dataset will the IFI data form		

**Publications requested (please provide, author, year and title where possible)**


**Commercial contract**

	Yes	No
Is IFI data to be used as part of a commercial contract?		

## Data use terms & conditions

Please read the following information carefully as it sets out the terms and conditions that govern the use of data/reports/samples/etc. derived from IFI owned datasets and information. These data are owned and operated by Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) who operate under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

IFI owned data are freely available when formally requested **for non-commercial use** (there are a number of exceptions to this – see data request policy which can be obtained on request from IFI). While Ordnance Survey material is used as a background for IFI data, it is not available for download from any of the IFI websites. Ordnance Survey Material is supplied by permission of the Government (Ordnance Survey Ireland Copyright permit No. MP007508). Anyone wishing to reproduce Ordnance Survey Ireland material, or use it as a basis for their own publications, must obtain a licence from Ordnance Survey Ireland, for which a fee may be payable.

### *Data are provided on the understanding that users will:*

- Respect the policy of IFI on restrictions of access to sensitive data (detailed in policy document).
- Acknowledge IFI as the originators of the records in all uses of these data.
- Provide IFI, upon request, with copies of any reports or publications resulting from the use of these data.
- Include IFI personnel as authors in publications or reports where appropriate (will be detailed in the additional terms and conditions in the data release consent form)
- Not use the information to the detriment of individual species or habitats, biodiversity or the environment in general.

### *Data users understand that:*

- IFI encourage the free dissemination of data.
- These data are the copyright of Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Archival records may have errors due to different map scales, etc.
- Any biological record is specific to the date of recording and does not necessarily imply the continuance of the species at that site. Users should verify that the data were collected at a time of the day and year appropriate to the species.
- Any absence of information in the IFI dataset does not necessarily indicate an absence of records for a given area or species, the area or species may simply be unrecorded.
- Similarly, any absence of information in the IFI dataset for an area, does not necessarily imply a low biodiversity value for that area.
- IFI data are not published on IFI websites as legal definitions of the current actuality with regard to their geographic extent. IFI do not guarantee that digital data is free of minor errors not materially affecting performance. IFI do not guarantee that digital data will be suitable for use with any GIS or any other computer software. It is the users responsibility to ensure that the data are fit for any intended use.
- IFI have no responsibility for determining the fitness of data for their intended use.
- The site and data are provided on an "as is", "as available" basis and IFI does not guarantee the accuracy, timeliness, completeness, performance or fitness for a particular purpose of the site or any content, or the usefulness of any information or product.
- All implied warranties are excluded from these terms to the extent that they may be excluded as a matter of law.
- These data are offered in good faith to interested individuals or organisations for private use on their own computer systems. They should not be sold, in whole or in part, nor should they form part of any application or development that is being sold. Anyone who wishes to incorporate these data into an added-value application should first contact IFI to request permission and negotiate terms, if applicable.
- Any arrangements made between you and any third party are at your sole risk and responsibility.
- Additionally, IFI will not be liable for any losses, costs, claims, injuries or damages (including without limitation, damages for loss of profits) arising in contract, tort (including negligence and breach of statutory

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- Neither IFI nor any third party content provider warrants that any digital files distributed or available for downloading will be free of viruses or similar contamination or destructive features.

***Electronic data users are responsible for:***

- installing and commissioning the dataset onto their computer system(s).
- for providing and maintaining the software necessary to use the dataset.
- ensuring that proper security precautions are followed to secure back-up copies of the dataset and that an effective control is kept on the number of copies of the dataset.
- the validity of the results produced by the dataset.

***IFI guidelines on access to, and use of, sensitive data:***

- For these purposes sensitive data are defined as any data that IFI does not want to make publicly available, e.g. precise localities of endangered species, data currently being generated during a current research project, etc.
- IFI considers records relating to the following species as sensitive data (this list may be added to from time to time as IFI deems necessary):

Species		Reason	
		EU Habitats Directive	Vertebrate red List
Arctic Char	<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>	-	V
Brook Lamprey	<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	II	I
River Lamprey	<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>	II, V	I
Sea Lamprey	<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	II	I
Pollan	<i>Coregonus autumnalis</i>	V	E
Salmon	<i>Salmo salar</i>	II*, V*	II
Allis Shad	<i>Alosa alosa</i>	II, V	E
Twaite Shad	<i>Alosa fallax</i>	II, V	E
Killarney Shad	<i>Alosa fallax killarnensis</i>	II, V	E
Smelt	<i>Osmerus eperlanus</i>	-	V

\*only refers to salmon in freshwater

II=Annex II animal and plant species, V=Annex V animal & plant species

V=vulnerable, E=endangered, I=indeterminate, II=internationally important

- IFI acknowledge that in some cases the threat to species from releasing such data may be negligible. However, IFI are applying the precautionary principle in terms of access to sensitive data until such time as the threat can be quantified.
- External bodies may apply for access to such sensitive data, but will not make this information generally available (e.g. in reports, Environmental Impact Assessments/Statements, maps).

<b>I confirm that I have read the terms and conditions for the use of IFI data, and understand the guidelines on the use of sensitive data</b>	
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**Signature of applicant.....Date.....**

**Signature of (academic)  
supervisor/manager.....Date.....**

Please return this form by e-mail to [Sandra.Doyle@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:Sandra.Doyle@fisheriesireland.ie) with the subject marked DATA REQUEST. If e-mail submission is not possible, please return completed form to Sandra Doyle, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Swords Business Campus, Swords, Co. Dublin (“Data Request” label on envelope).

**NB: Please copy your supervisor/ manager with any request submitted by email**

A data release consent form will be issued prior to releasing the data.

<b>IFI will endeavour to respond to your query within 60 days.</b>
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<b>If readable maps and/or grid references are not provided, a response may take longer.</b>
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