



Zip file information

This zip file contained the Joint Cetacean Data Programme (JCDP) Data Standard in two formats; a PDF file. The PDF is a guidance document detailing the data structure, vocabularies and field definitions.

A spreadsheet is a template is available to download from the JCDP Data Portal, to assist with formatting survey records into the JCDP Data Standard with reference to the data vocabularies. The spreadsheet also includes a script to create the .xml file in the format needed to upload data to the JCDP Data Portal, should users need it.

https://www.ices.dk/data/Documents/Cetaceans/Cetaceans_data_template.zip

Please download the template from the JCDP Data Portal before each data upload as there may be updates to the template published periodically.

Key links:

JCDP Information Hub (jncc.gov.uk/JCDP)

Provides background to the JCDP and a range of resources to support the data collection, submission and use of JCDP data.

JCDP Data Portal (cetaceans.ices.dk)

Online portal for submission to and access of cetacean survey data in compliance with the JCDP Data Standard.

JCDP Metadata catalogue (gis.ices.dk/geonetwork/JCDP)

INSPIRE compliant metadata records for each dataset available on the JCDP Data Portal, hosted on GeoNetwork

Background to the Standard

The Joint Cetacean Data Programme (JCDP) aims to better facilitate access to standardised effort-related cetacean survey data collected from aerial and vessel platforms from across the Northeast Atlantic. The JCDP provides a pathway to collate and standardise cetacean data and made accessible through an online data portal for science, conservation, and management in the long-term. Our objective is to help fill knowledge gaps and lead to a better understanding of cetacean abundance and distribution.

Information about the JCDP and a range of resources to support the collection, processing and use of cetacean survey data is available on the JCDP Information Hub (jncc.gov.uk/JCDP).

Through the JCDP, a Data Standard has been developed to provide a set format for cetacean survey data, following effort-related survey methods from vessel and aerial platforms. This standard ensures that the data follows a common format is of high quality and can be made more accessible. These data standards have been developed in collaboration with the Marine Environment Data and Information Network (MEDIN) to meet high standards of data management and formatting.

Each dataset in the JCDP also has associated metadata records hosted on GeoNetwork (gis.ices.dk/geonetwork/JCDP) to provide more detail about the data originator, survey methodologies and post processing of the data.

JCDP Data Portal

The JCDP Data Portal is hosted by ICES data centre, and is supported by the ICES Working Group for the Joint Cetacean Data Programme (WGJCDP) www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGJCDP.aspx

The Data Portal provides functions to validate, upload and update cetacean survey data compliant with the data standard. Users of these data can also search, filter and access these data through the data portal, using existing functions.

Over time a number of data products will be published on the JCDP Data Portal, to support the interpretation of these data.

Updates and Feedback

If users have any comments or feedback on this guidance, please fill in the JCDP QC feedback form - forms.office.com/r/rwEym4XPZq

The Standard may develop over time, it's advised for users to return to the [MEDIN website](#) or the [JCDP Information Hub](#) to access the latest versions.

Users can sign up to the JCDP email updates mailing list (eepurl.com/hEZ6xD) to be kept informed of developments.