

Who we are

The Floods and Droughts Research Infrastructure (FDRI) project, led by UKCEH and partners, collects and manages field site data to support open science and long-term environmental research.

What we collect:

Your name, contact details, and site licence information to manage FDRI instruments at your property and ensure scientific records. Site location identifiers are included in open (scientific) datasets, but your personal details are not published.

Why we collect it:

We process your data to administer site access, maintain records for safety, decommissioning, and legal compliance, and to support open publication of site data (excluding personal information).

The legal basis under UK GDPR:

- Contract (Article 6(1)(b)): To set up and manage site access agreements.
- Legitimate interests (Article 6(1)(f)): To maintain scientific provenance, ensure safe operations, retain records for decommissioning or dispute resolution, and publish open site data (without personal details).
- Legal obligation (Article 6(1)(c)): Where required to meet statutory or regulatory duties.

How long we keep it:

Licence and site access records may be retained beyond the end of the project, including if the agreement ends early, to support safe decommissioning, resolve disputes, or meet legal obligations.

Open site data (location, identifiers, scientific measurements) will remain available indefinitely for research purposes, while personal details are kept securely and only shared with authorised project staff or partners as needed.

Your rights:

You can access, correct, or request deletion of your personal data, and withdraw consent at any time. Contact FDRI@ceh.ac.uk or cehdataprotection@ceh.ac.uk. You may also complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Security:

Personal data is stored securely, with access limited to authorised team members. Any published data is anonymised.

Updates:

This notice may be updated; the latest version is always available on the FDRI website. For full details, see the main FDRI Privacy Notice (<https://fdri.org.uk/privacy-notice>) or contact the project team (FDRI@ceh.ac.uk).

Scientific Data Publication:

UKCEH intends to openly publish scientific data collected by FDRI instruments at your property, where reasonable and appropriate. This data may include environmental measurements, survey results, and other scientific observations. Published data will be anonymised, unless you have given explicit consent for FDRI to include your personal data.

Location Data and Potential Identifiability:

FDRI project data contains environmental measurements which may include the location of the instruments installed on your land. We will anonymise this data before it is used for analysis, reporting or publication. However, in certain circumstances, especially in rural or unique locations, this location data could potentially identify you as the landowner, even if your name or other direct identifiers are not included.

We take steps to minimise this risk by:

- Only including location data when it is essential for scientific or operational purposes.
- Combining or generalising location information wherever possible.
- Ensuring that use of identifiable location data will only occur with your consent.

We are committed to transparency and will inform you if there is a possibility that data outputs could indirectly identify you. If you have any concerns about how your location data may be used, please contact us at fdri@ceh.ac.uk.

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