

14 February 2026

Dear

**ATISN 26574 – Request for VMS and Surveillance Sightings Data**

Thank you for your request which we received on 14 January 2026. You asked for VMS and surveillance sightings data for all vessels operating in UK waters between January 2014 and December 2024.

I understand that the MMO has already provided the relevant dataset for vessels operating in English waters. In line with that, I am providing the corresponding dataset for vessels operating in Welsh waters. The data has been anonymised.

The information you requested will be uploaded to a secure data sharing space in Objective Connect. You will receive a separate email inviting you to join the workspace so that you can download the files.

You will see that Dataset A is provided as a single file. Dataset B is split across several files to reflect system changes during the period 2014 to 2024. All files are supplied in CSV format. Please download the data as soon as you are able as it will be deleted from Objective Connect at the end of this month.

If you require any further advice or assistance, please contact me in the first instance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,

Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Kind regards,