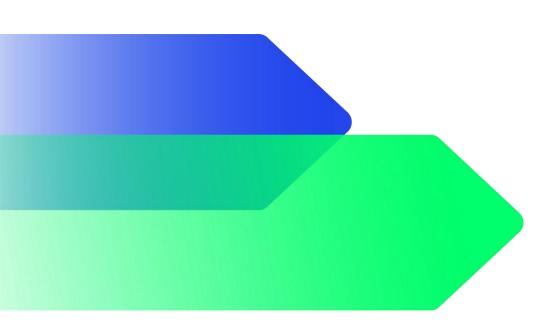


OFFSHORE RENEWABLES JOINT INDUSTRY PROGRAMME (ORJIP)



Improving understanding of distributional change for relevant seabird species (ImpUDis) – Clarification question responses

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#	Question	Response
1	WP1 : Activity 3 states that 'Where raw data behind a modelled distribution is available, then the raw data should be used and treated comparably with other data sources.' The next sentence is 'If the raw data behind a modelled distribution, then the modelled distribution should be used.' We assume that there are missing words after 'distribution' in the second sentence , possibly 'are not available' or similar. Is that correct?	This is correct – the text in the Description of Tender document has been amended accordingly.
2	Deliverables for WP1 does not include collated data, although collation of data appears to be a major part of WP1. Can it be confirmed that no product of collated data is required in WP1.	Collated data itself is not required as a deliverable, but a comprehensive description and critical review of the data, including information about the data and how they were obtained, should be provided in the WP1 report. However, compromises can be made and less information could be provided for specific data where providing comprehensive information would get in the way of accessing, sharing, and using these data for the project.
3	WP1 "Must consider species most affected by current build out pipeline for OWF and those expected to be most affected by future build out scenarios". Is there a cut-off date for "future build-out "and do we include INTOG projects as well?	There is no specific cut-off date and we would expect INTOG projects to be included. If the bidders have strong reasons to argue otherwise, these should be included in the proposals. The proposals would benefit from including a consideration of future build out scenarios, in particular if foreseeing significant changes to what species could be affected in the future.

4	The meta-analysis indicated in WP2 is not a meta-analysis in the usual (statistical) sense, but a re-analysis of data from previous modelling of redistribution. A meta-analysis is generally considered to be the statistical combination of results from one or more published studies based on the information contained within associated reports, papers and other publications (e.g. effect sizes). However, the ITT implies that a re-analysis of existing raw data is envisaged. These two approaches would have very different requirements in relation to both resourcing and methodology – are the Carbon Trust able to confirm which of these approaches they would like the project to deliver?	The project is seeking to develop an approach more akin to re- analysis as defined in this clarification question, and as outlined in the ITT.
5	WP2 - Are you requesting a new method to be developed and not the use of MRSea?	A review and evaluation of any existing methods for analysis will be included in WP1. We expect the findings to inform the approach in WP2, including whether existing methods can be incorporated or new methods should be developed. Bidders would benefit from providing an overview of existing methods that would be relevant. Overall, however, WP2 is looking to develop a more comprehensive approach for data collation and analysis, including data requirements and best-practice guidance, as outlined in the ITT.
6	WP2 Activity 3 states that 'The Contractor is expected toformally engage with expert stakeholders' Will these stakeholders be identified by the ORJIP Offshore Wind Steering Group and PEP, the Contractor, or both?	Stakeholders should be identified by the Contractor and reasoning behind any selections should be provided. The ORJIP Steering Group and PEP will provide steer to finalise the list of stakeholders and will provide support to ensure engagement, where appropriate.
7	For the two workshops required as part of the project (the Methodological Workshop described as part of WP2 and the Stakeholder Workshop for WP4), do the Carbon Trust have a	Preference would be for online workshops.

	preference as to whether these will be held in person or online, and if the former, will costs incurred by participants need to be covered as part of the overall project budget?	Bidders should provide their reasons if wishing to hold the workshops in person, and any related costs should be included in the financial proposal.
8	WP6 – "publication of a scientific report." Is this a Carbon Trust report that will be publicly available, or do you mean that work can be published in a scientific peer reviewed journal?	Bidders should provide their view on whether a publicly available report or a scientific publication (or both) would be suitable for this work. This can be reassessed during project delivery.
		Any additional costs of publication in a peer reviewed scientific journal should be included in the financial proposal. This could be accepted as an optional work package.
9	Is the independent review to be conducted by a third party, not staff from the author's organisation?	Yes, the independent review should be conducted by a third party.
10	For the independent review aspect of the project, described as part of WP6 , can the Carbon Trust confirm that this is expected to cover only the project deliverables as described in the ITT and not the analysis underlying the work?	We would expect the independent review to cover both the final deliverables and any analysis undertaken as part of project delivery.
11	Would the third party contracted to do the review be identified and procured by the successful applicant during project delivery, or does it need to be identified during the bidding phase?	We would expect the third party for the independent review to be identified in the proposal.
12	Is the ORJIP Risk Model available for tenderers to see?	The ORJIP Risk Model inputs contain a short qualitative assessment relating project objectives and outputs to the overall aims of the ORJIP programme. This would be discussed upon project kick-off and any time requirements for this would be very minimal.

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