

## Terms of Use

The Terms of Use (hereinafter referred to as the "TOU") apply to the services provided in the Marine Plastic Litter Database (hereinafter referred to as the "Services"). By using the Database, users of the Services shall be deemed to agree to the TOU.

The TOU shall apply when user of the Database (hereinafter referred to as the "Database User") use other similar open-access networks (hereinafter referred to as "Linked Databases") to which the Marine Plastic Litter Database Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the "Database Administrator") has provided data. When a Linked Database is used, the Database in the TOU shall include the Linked Database.

### **Compliance with data policies, etc.**

Database Users shall respect the Creative Commons license specified by the data provider and comply with the provisions concerning Database Users in the data policy and the TOU.

### **Prohibitions**

(1) The Database User shall use the data and the products based on the data provided by the data providers (hereinafter referred to as "Data Products") obtained from the Database for non-commercial use only. When the Database User wish to use the data and the Data Products for commercial use, including the application for intellectual property rights, the Database Users shall reach an agreement with the Database Administrator before the commercial use as long as the designated Creative Commons license is CC-0, CC-BY or CC-BY-SA.

(2) Database Users shall be prohibited from the following acts when using the Service.

- Acts that infringe or are likely to infringe on the intellectual property rights or other rights or interests of the Database Administrator, the data providers, or any other third parties
- Acts that violate laws and regulations, the data policy or the TOU, or violate public order and morality, or acts that are likely to cause the violation of them
- Other acts which the Database Administrator reasonably finds inappropriate

(3) In the event that Database Users fall within any of the acts set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Database Administrator may suspend or restrict the use of the Database by the Database Users, or take other measures as deemed appropriate by the Database Administrator.

### **Citations and Acknowledgements**

(1) When Database Users disclose original data obtained from the Database, Data products

that the Data Administrator creates based on the data, including maps, or products in which the data are used (hereinafter referred to as the “Work Products”), they shall cite the source of the data in accordance with the method specified for each dataset in the Database. If the source citation method is not specified, the source shall be cited according to the following examples.

Examples of citation indication:

AOMI (YEAR), <https://doi.org/XXX>

AOMI (YEAR) [Data, e.g., Distribution records of microplastics (MOEJ, 2018)] [Dataset] (Available at: AOMI. www.XXX. Accessed: YYYY-MM-DD)

(2) When Database Users disclose original data obtained from the Database, Data Products, or Work Products, they shall make effort to include acknowledgments. If the method of acknowledgment is not specified, the acknowledgment shall be indicated by referring to the following example.

Example of acknowledgement indication:

The data/information used in this [type of derived work: e.g., publication/report/model/map···] were made available by the AOMI.

### **Disclaimer**

(1) Appropriate caution is necessary for interpreting data obtained from the Database.

Database users should be aware that the obtained data set may contain errors, and should be cross-checked before use.

(2) The Database Administrator takes no responsibility for the quality and contents of the data, Data Products, or Work Products based on data obtained from the Database, or their use or misuse.

### **Conditions of Use**

Documents, images and other data provided in the Database shall be subject to change or deletion without notice.

Database Users shall prepare, at their own responsibility and expense, the devices, software, communication lines and other equipment required to use this database.

### **Amendment of the TOU**

The Database Administrator may amend the TOU as it deems necessary at any time.

**Privacy Policy**

The Database Administrator shall not publicize or provide personal information on the data users obtained through the use of this website or the Services to any third party without the consent of the data user.