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An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Ireland's Invasive Alien Species Soil and Stone Pathway Action Plan 2023 – 2027

Public Consultation

Privacy Statement

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the government department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for weather forecasting and for built and natural heritage.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of comments made on the Draft *Ireland's Invasive Alien Species Soil and Stone Pathway Action Plan 2023 – 2027*; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Purposes of the processing

The Department will use your data to inform Ireland's Invasive Alien Species Soil and Stone Pathway Action Plan 2023 – 2027.

All comments received will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection legislation. The Department will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it was collected.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of Comments received as part of this process for the purposes of automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

Lawfulness of processing

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (c) and (e) of the General Data Protection Regulation. The basis for this process is established under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014, on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species.

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

Personal data may be exchanged with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law. Your consultation submission will be forwarded to the National Biodiversity Data Centre CLG for the purpose of reviewing submissions as part of the public consultation process and drafting of the Submissions Report.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of this public participation process to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will your data be kept?

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed. In line with legislative and business requirements, the data retention period for your personal data, in this instance, will be in line with legislative and business unit requirements and the National Archives Act 1986 (as amended).

Your rights

The Department's Data Protection Policy, which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request.

If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (www.dataprotection.ie), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

If you require further information, or wish to access your personal data, please contact the Department's Data Protection Officer, details below:

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