

PEAT HUB IRELAND - SURVEY PRIVACY NOTICE

Who are we?

Peat Hub Ireland is 1 year project funded by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to collate evidence for the sustainable management of peatlands in Ireland.

The Peat Hub Ireland project respects your right to privacy and actively seeks to preserve the privacy rights of those who share data. Information will be treated in accordance with Irish and European Data Protection legislation.

Please contact Dr. Kate Flood (Researcher), School of Biology and Environmental Sciences, UCD if you have any queries about this research: <u>kate.flood1@ucd.ie</u>

How will your privacy be protected?

We have designed this survey to be anonymous. No identifying information will be gathered at any stage. Data will be collected using the Survey Monkey platform which complies with EU data protection requirements. Data will be stored on a secure drive and only accessed by authorised members of the research team during the project.

What are the benefits of taking this survey?

By taking part in this survey, you will be making your voice heard on this important topic and help us understand knowledge gaps in the sustainable management of Irish peatlands.

Are there any risks involved in participating?

As the survey is anonymous, there is little to no risk in taking part.

How do I consent to taking part in this survey?

You will be asked to tick a box at the start of the survey. Ticking this box indicates you consent to taking part in the survey.

How will you find out what happens with this project?

Survey results will be integrated with evidence based on a review of research on Irish peatlands to inform a peer-reviewed scientific publication, an EPA report, and factsheets. Any such publications will be publicised via our Twitter account @PeatlandHub. Keep up to date with the project via our website: <u>https://www.ucd.ie/peat-hub-ireland/</u>