

# ASPACE

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Please also note that by uploading data and or any Resultant Data on to this website you are automatically agreeing to enter into a licence with us. Your content remains yours, which means that you retain any intellectual property rights that you have in your content.

We need your permission if your intellectual property rights restrict our use of your content. You provide us with that permission through this licence.

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- i. Worldwide, which means that it's valid anywhere in the world
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1. Host and save your data and Resultant Data on PML's systems
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1. Allow other Users access to your data or Resultant Data
2. Use your data or Resultant Data for commercial purposes

## Purpose

This licence is for the limited purpose of:

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## Duration

This licence lasts for as long as your content is protected by intellectual property rights.

ASPACE is an assisted spatial prioritisation software conceived to support the design and exploration of climate-resilient, socially acceptable and economically viable marine spatial policy intervention scenarios. It combines climate change modelling analyses, stakeholder value assessment, and economic modelling together in an integrated, transdisciplinary, fully interactive tool, designed to help meet the needs of policy makers and other practitioners, as well as of researchers.

ASPACE is a free, web-based tool, that can be used in any marine and coastal region where suitable datasets are available. ASPACE provides a number of datasets to enable users to carry out analysis in some regions of the world, but users can also upload their own datasets. Data uploaded by users can be private or shared with the ASPACE community. As the ASPACE community grows, our mission is to grow capability to manage our ocean around the world in more sustainable and climate-resilient ways, for future generations.

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