Data Enquiry Charges



All commercial data enquiries are priced in accordance with the schedule below. **All requests are subject to a minimum charge of £100** to cover the cost of administering the enquiry. For non-standard requests, please contact us for a quote, explaining your requirements.

Enquiries from members of the public or those using the data for educational purposes are dealt with free of charge, providing they are for non-commercial purposes, and are in the interests of nature conservation. Please note that SWSEIC regards all forms of property development (including purchasing/renovation of property) as a commercial activity, and there will be a charge for any information provided.

Simple enquiries from registered charities will usually be provided free of charge providing that the data are for internal use only.

SWSEIC retains the right to levy a charge for any enquiry requiring a significant amount of work to extract the relevant information.

Species records search

Charges for searches are based on the following matrix which takes into account the area of the site and buffer being searched and the species involved (protected only, all species, specific taxon etc.). Information on statutory and non-statutory sites within the search area is provided as standard.

Search area (km sq) Search type	<5	5-15	15-30	30-80	80-150	150-300
Standard data search (for notable, designated, rare species and invasives and statutory/non-statutory sites on request)	£100	£200	£250	£300	£400	£500
Full species search (as above, with all species records)	£120	£240	£300	£360	£480	£600

Bat search up to 5km radius (extended to 10km for more mobile species, e.g., <i>Nyctalus</i> sp., on request)	£150 [*]
Single taxonomic group discount	50% off matrix rate [†]
Single species discount	70% off matrix rate [‡]

^{£75} if search accompanies a standard/full search for a smaller area

[†] Minimum charge of £100

Sites and habitats

Information on statutory and non-statutory sites within the search area are provided as standard for each enquiry. This may include a copy of citations and/or site summaries for designated sites e.g. SSSIs, SPAs, Local Wildlife Sites etc. where available. For some sites, (e.g. some Local Wildlife Sites) a survey report may be available on request for an additional fee. Extended searches for wider areas may be subject to an additional charge.

Full detailed habitat mapping (Phase 1 or equivalent) is not uniformly available across the region, but may be available in some areas. Details of some key habitats (native/ancient woodland, raised bogs) is available region wide.

Habitat maps (where available).....£25
Include broad habitat map, native/ancient woodland, raised bog inventory).

Please note that as our host organisation is not VAT registered, there is no additional VAT on the above charges.