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5. E-mail Communication

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6. Privacy Policy

Every access to the Federal Environmental Agency's web site will be stored on our web server as a protocol file for a maximum of 1 year for the purpose of data security. The protocol file includes the following data:

- files accessed
- date and time of access
- volume of data transferred
- notice whether data was successfully accessed
- IP address of the provider (will be anonymised within 1 year)

The data stored will be used exclusively to improve our Internet offer as well as for statistical purposes. We do not pass on data to third parties, neither for commercial nor for non-commercial use. We do not use cookies on our web site or other technologies to trace the users' access habits. Data from the protocol files will not be combined with data collected from other pages of our web site for which a disclosure of personal information is requested.

It is impossible and excluded to identify you by the IP number from the protocol file. An IP address will only be analysed in case of an attack on the Internet infrastructure of the Federal Environment Agency, in case of an infringement of the public order or in other cases of illegal actions in connection with the web site. An analysis of the IP number to reveal the identity of the user can only be made by the provider used and only if a prosecutor institutes an investigation.

If personal information is necessary to use a service on our web site, your active participation will be requested. Only the data necessary to process a request will be asked of you. Data is treated as confidential and will be used only within the framework of data protection law and for the purpose for which it was requested. If storing personal data (e. g. name, address, e-mail address) is needed to provide a certain service, the data will be stored only for the time period necessary to handle the request or to fulfil the task of the Federal Environmental Agency for which the data was requested. If an offer is terminated or a user unsubscribes to an information service (e. g. a mailing list), personal data will be cleared irrevocably after a maximum of 1 year.

7. User's right to information

Pursuant to §§ 19 – 20 Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), as a user of the Federal Environmental Agency's web site you have the right to request information on the kind and volume of data stored during your visit at any time. On request, the information will be provided to you according to your interest concerning such information. This service is provided free of charge. Please contact the Data Protection Officer for the Federal Environmental Agency.

8. Data Protection Officer for the Federal Environment Agency

If you have further questions on data protection, the Federal Environmental Agency's Data Protection Officer will assist you. Please contact our Data Protection Officer Mr. Udo Langhoff

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He also is the contact person for the enforcement of your rights as data subject.

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