

**Conditions for accessing JCOMMOPS database of masked call signs**

1. Access to the MASK vs. REAL list shall be restricted to WMO approved subscribers contributing to WMO Programmes or co-sponsored Programmes and with legitimate requirements for:
    - 1.1 Real-time quality monitoring of VOS data;
    - 1.2 Climate database applications (e.g., linking archived MASK observations with REAL WMO Publication No. 47 metadata); and
    - 1.3 National VOS and PMO activities (e.g. provision of monitoring feedback and encouragement to ships; ensuring a ship under consideration for recruitment is not already a member of another national VOF).
  2. Requests for access shall be made by means of a letter from the PR of a country to the WMO Secretary-General, who, in consultation with WMO experts and concurrence from the SOT Chair, will grant access.
  3. Approved subscribers may include:
    - 3.1 Recognised monitoring centres, including RSMC Exeter, and VOSclim RTMC;
    - 3.2 NMHSs;
    - 3.3 Recognised JCOMM DACs or GCCs;
    - 3.4 National VOS Programme Managers; and
    - 3.5 Port Meteorological Officers.
  4. An approved subscriber shall not: (1) disclose, (2) confirm, or (3) otherwise make publicly available; the masking details of any ship or group of ships, without written permission from the Programme Manager implementing the masking scheme.
  5. Failure to observe these rules shall result in a loss of access privileges.
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