# Does the project do no harm?

The **Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) platform** is designed with a strong commitment to privacy, security, and ethical data use. The platform follows strict measures to prevent harm while ensuring transparency, security, and user protection.

**9. a) Handling of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)**

The MSP platform minimally collects personally identifiable information (PII) limited to User Name and Email ID. This data is collected solely for user engagement analysis and platform communication purposes. To prevent any adverse impacts, the following security measures are in place:

* **Data Minimization:** Only essential PII is collected, with no sensitive personal data stored.
* **Access Control:** Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is implemented to restrict unauthorized access.
* **Data Encryption:** All stored PII is encrypted, ensuring protection against unauthorized access or breaches.
* **No Third-Party Sharing:** The platform does not transfer or share PII with external entities.
* **Regular Security Audits:** Periodic security reviews are conducted to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities.
* **Data Retention & Deletion Policies:** PII is stored only for the required duration and deleted securely when no longer needed.

**9. b) Handling of Content**

The MSP platform primarily deals with non-personally identifiable (non-PI) geospatial and economic data. All content published or shared on the platform follows strict guidelines to prevent misinformation and misuse.

To ensure content integrity:

1. **Content Policies:** Data uploaded to the platform must align with scientific accuracy and legal compliance.
2. **Inappropriate & Illegal Content Identification:** The platform has mechanisms to flag and report content that violates legal and ethical standards.
3. **Content Moderation & Reporting:** Users can report incorrect or inappropriate content, which is reviewed and addressed by the moderation team.
4. **Data Integrity Checks:** Data contributors are verified before they can upload information to the platform.

**9. c) User Interaction and Protection Against Harassment**

The MSP platform allows users to engage with open geospatial data, contribute datasets, and collaborate through open-source tools. To ensure a safe and harassment-free environment, the following measures are in place:

* **Code of Conduct:** Users must adhere to ethical guidelines while contributing or engaging on the platform.
* **User Protection Policies:** Clear guidelines are provided to users on responsible data sharing and interactions.
* **Moderation & Reporting System:** Users can report any misconduct, and appropriate actions are taken by the administrative team.
* **Secure Communication:** Any official communication is managed through secure channels to prevent abuse.

The platform aligns with global best practices, including the United Nations Personal Data Protection and Privacy Principles and India’s Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, ensuring that it operates in a secure, ethical, and privacy-conscious manner.

For more details, visit: [MSP Platform](http://marinespatialplanning.in/puducherrygeo/)