

Will you participate in the GoJelly research project?

This is an inquiry about participation in a research project where the main purpose is to learn more about your experience with jellyfish, plastic waste – and how you experienced the GoJelly game you just played. In this letter, we will give you information about the purpose of the project and what your participation will involve.

Purpose of the project

The GoJelly project investigates the possibility of using jellyfish as a way to capture microplastics from water treatments plants before they reach the ocean and contribute to plastic waste. This research project receives funding from the European Union through a program called Horizon2020. The project ends 31.12.2021. We will use your answers to increase the quality of the game and to evaluate how people in Europe view plastics and jellyfish.

Who is responsible for the research project?

The University of Southern Denmark is responsible for the project. SINTEF Ocean in Norway is responsible for this survey. The game was developed by CAU (Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel) in Germany.

Why are you being asked to participate?

We want to gather more information from people in Europe regarding their thoughts and opinions on plastic waste and how we can contribute to solving the problem. This is done best by asking the same questions to lots of people in different places.

What does participation involve for you?

If you choose to participate in the project, you will fill out a questionnaire. This will take you approximately 5-10 minutes. The questionnaire includes questions about your experience with jellyfish, plastic waste, and the game you just played. Your answers to the questionnaire will be registered electronically.

Participation is voluntary

Participation in the project is voluntary. If you choose to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving a reason. All your personal data will then be deleted. There will be no negative consequences for you if you choose not to participate or later decide to withdraw.

If you are an upper secondary school student, it will not affect your relationship to the school or the teacher if you choose to not participate. This is not something that is part of normal teaching; it is only related to a research project. Your teacher will be able to give you an alternative task if you do not wish to play the game or fill out the questionnaire.

Your personal privacy – how we will store and use your personal data

We will only use your personal data for the purposes specified in this information letter. We will process your personal data confidentially and in accordance with data protection legislation (the General Data Protection Regulation and Personal Data Act). The only

personal data that we will receive is your IP address. This will be deleted when the project ends 31.12.2021. Only SINTEF Ocean and the project group that has access to SINTEF's research servers will have access to this information.

SurveyMonkey will collect the data on behalf of SINTEF Ocean. You will not be recognizable in publications or other types of communication where we describe the results from this survey.

What will happen to your personal data at the end of the research project?

Your personal data will be anonymized when the project ends/the task is approved. The project is planned to end 31.12.2021.

Your rights

So long as you can be identified in the collected data, you have the right to:

- access the personal data that is being processed about you and receive a copy of your personal data
- request that personal data about you is corrected/rectified
- request that your personal data is deleted
- send a complaint to the Data Protection Officer or The Norwegian Data Protection Authority regarding the processing of your personal data

What gives us the right to process your personal data?

We will process your personal data based on your consent.

Based on an agreement with SINTEF Ocean, NSD – The Norwegian Centre for Research Data AS – has assessed that the processing of personal data in this project is in accordance with data protection legislation.

Where can I find out more?

If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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