

Cookies Policy

MAB Environment & Ecology Ltd

Last updated: March 2026

1. Introduction

This Cookies Policy explains how **MAB Environment & Ecology Ltd** (“we”, “us”, or “our”) uses cookies and similar technologies on our website www.mab-ecology.co.uk.

Cookies help us improve how our website works and provide a better experience for visitors.

When you first visit our website you will be asked to consent to the use of non essential cookies. You can change your cookie preferences at any time.

2. What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files that are stored on your computer, smartphone or other device when you visit a website. They allow the website to recognise your device and remember information about your visit, such as preferences or previous actions.

Cookies may be either:

Session cookies

Temporary cookies that are deleted when you close your browser.

Persistent cookies

Cookies that remain on your device until they expire or are deleted.

Cookies can also be:

First party cookies

Set directly by the website you are visiting.

Third party cookies

Set by external services used by the website.

3. How we use cookies

We may use cookies on our website for the following purposes:

Essential cookies

These cookies are necessary for the website to function correctly. They may include cookies that enable basic functions such as page navigation, security, and accessibility.

The website cannot function properly without these cookies.

Performance and analytics cookies

These cookies help us understand how visitors interact with the website by collecting anonymous information such as:

- number of visitors
- pages visited
- time spent on the site

This information helps us improve website performance and usability.

Functionality cookies

These cookies allow the website to remember choices you make, such as preferences or settings, so that we can provide enhanced features.

Third party cookies

Some cookies may be set by third party services integrated into the website, such as:

- website analytics services
- embedded maps or external content

These providers may collect information about your interaction with the website.

Specific Cookies we use: their purpose and duration

1. WordPress Core Cookies

Cookie Name: wordpress_logged_in_[hash]

Purpose: Used to identify logged-in WordPress users. Only active when a user is logged into the website backend.

Duration: Session (expires when the browser is closed)

Cookie Name: wp-settings-[UID]

Purpose: Stores user interface preferences for the WordPress admin dashboard.

Duration: 1 year

Cookie Name: wp-settings-time-[UID]

Purpose: Stores the time of the last update to user settings in the WordPress admin area.

Duration: 1 year

2. Session Cookie

Cookie Name: PHPSESSID

Purpose: A standard PHP session cookie used to maintain user session data across pages. No personal data is stored.

Duration: Session (expires when the browser is closed)

3. Analytics Cookies (if Google Analytics is active)

Cookie Name: _ga

Purpose: Used by Google Analytics to distinguish unique users by assigning a randomly

generated number. No personally identifiable information is collected.

Duration: 2 years

Cookie Name: `_gid`

Purpose: Used by Google Analytics to distinguish users.

Duration: 24 hours

Cookie Name: `_gat`

Purpose: Used by Google Analytics to throttle request rates.

Duration: 1 minute

4. Managing cookies

You can control or disable cookies at any time through your browser settings.

Most browsers allow you to:

- delete cookies
- block cookies
- block third party cookies
- clear cookies when closing the browser

Please note that disabling some cookies may affect how the website functions.

Guidance on managing cookies is available for most browsers including Chrome, Edge, Firefox and Safari.

5. Consent

Under the **Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR)**, organisations must provide clear information about cookies and obtain consent before placing non essential cookies on a user's device.

When you first visit our website you will be presented with a cookie notice allowing you to accept or manage your cookie preferences.

6. Changes to this policy

We may update this Cookies Policy from time to time to reflect changes in legal requirements or how the website uses cookies. Any updates will be posted on this page.

7. Contact

If you have any questions about this Cookies Policy, please contact:

MAB Environment & Ecology Ltd

11a Kirkgate, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1PQ

Phone: 01845 574125 Email: info@mab-ecology.co.uk