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Summary

Under the UK Marine Strategy (UK MS) the UK is required to determine and measure the status of the health of its seas. For this, specific indicators are used for different ecosystem components to measure and assess progress. Data used for the calculation of seal UK MS indicator assessments originate from a series of regional monitoring programmes carried out by a number of organisations, none of which were set-up specifically to fulfil the requirements of the UK MS indicator assessments. The data landscape underpinning the UK MS indicator assessments is therefore complex and the risk of duplication of effort and underutilisation of data resources great. This piece of work aims to follow and depict the flow of data from monitoring programmes to the indicators, with the goal of highlighting areas where the flow of data could be streamlined, improved or, in the case of missing data links, created. We have outlined issues that could impact the efficiency and quality of the indicator assessments and made recommendations on how to address them.

This Annex (JNCC Report No. 714B) includes the dataflow diagrams for each of the seal UK MS indicators. Supporting technical notes describing these dataflow diagrams are provided in the main report (JNCC Report No. 714A).



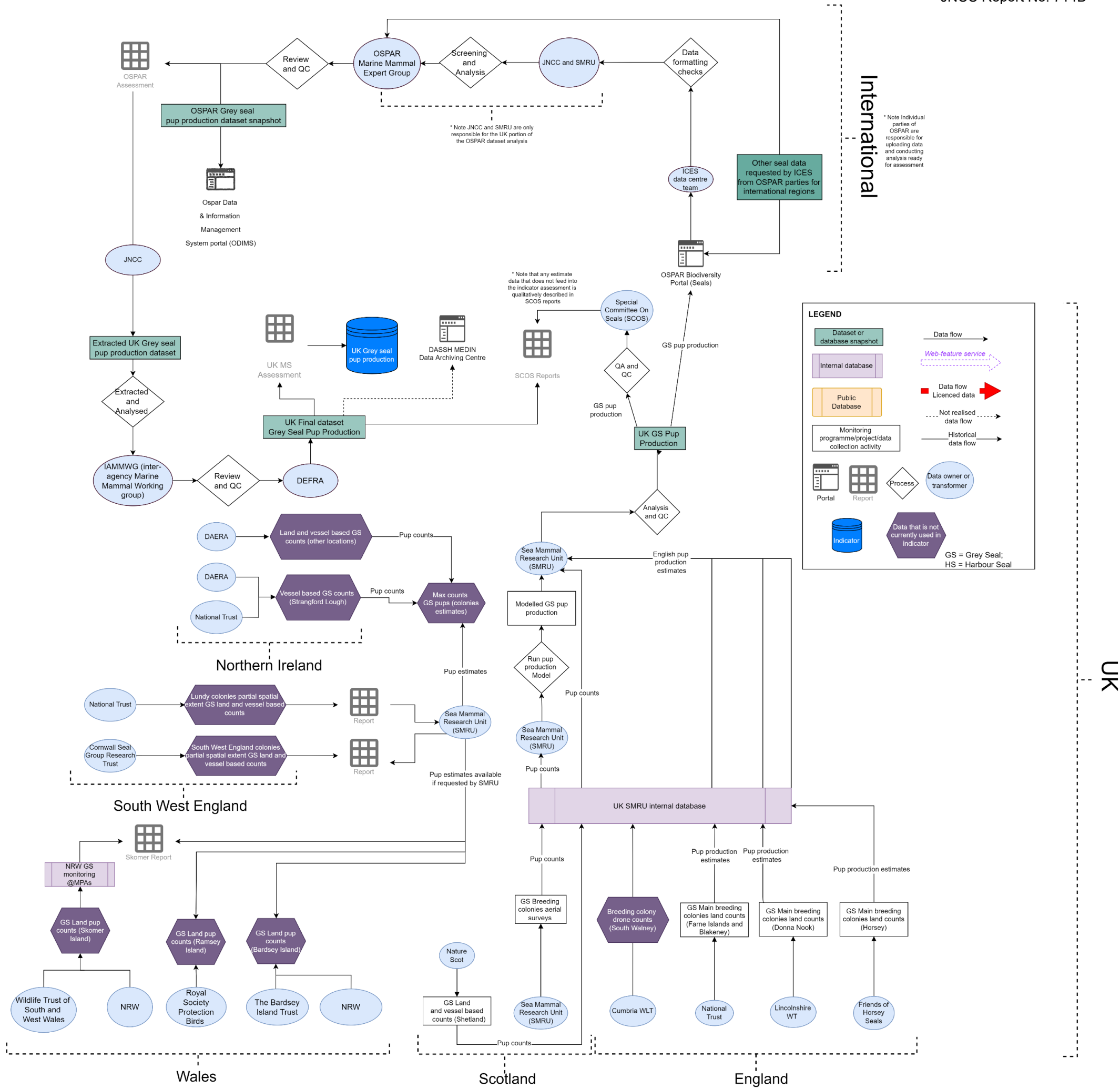


Figure 2. Diagram depicting the flow of data for the indicator 'Grey seal pup production'.