The IPC API Terms of Service, also referred to as Terms of Service, describe your rights and responsibilities when accessing our application programming interface (the "API") and related API documentation.

Please read them carefully.

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I. Definitions

IPC results: all information received via the API regardless of its format. This includes, but is not limited to, population estimates by IPC Phases at any administrative level, geographic elements and GeoJson files, icons, vector tiles.

IPC GSU: the IPC Global Support Unit (GSU) is the entity mandated by the IPC 15 global partner organizations to implement the IPC initiative under a global strategic programme.

User: Any organization or individual who requests access to and uses the IPC API.

API access key or API key: a unique code used to identify and authenticate an application or user on the IPC API. It is provided by the IPC GSU after a request was made as described in the terms below.

Implementation: a collection of databases, serverless functions and static files organized under a single API gateway.

II. Data Licensing

All IPC results are licensed under Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share-Alike 3.0 IGO (CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO) and can be reused under these terms.
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Please include the following information while attributing IPC results:
IPC CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO, [if possible date the data was last updated] and provide a link to IPC website https://www.ipcinfo.org/

If you wish to obtain rights beyond the ones granted by the CC license or if you have any doubts on the type of use allowed under this licensing, please contact us.

IPC results are shared under a non-commercial license. The IPC GSU has made provisions for the following exceptions to the Non-Commercial attribute:
IPC GSU allows for IPC results to be used for non-profit fundraising purposes. This covers the process of soliciting donations or voluntary financial contributions by non-profit organizations with the aim of supporting humanitarian and development projects or activities.
If you have any doubt on the use of our data under this intended use, please contact us.

For any other commercial use, please contact us and provide a detailed explanation of the intended use. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Finally, the IPC is guided by humanitarian principles. It does not endorse any use of its data for activities that would go against such principles, especially “Do No Harm”. The IPC rejects and forbids any use of its data for military purposes.

We encourage all IPC results users to carefully weigh the implications of datasets aggregation (including with non-IPC datasets) and disaggregation; understanding the risks of potential de-anonymisation of data and at-risk groups identification.

III. Applicability of Terms of Use

1. By accessing the IPC API, the User accepts and agrees to be bound by these terms of use. Before using the IPC API, the User must acknowledge and accept these terms where the option is made available in the request form for an API Key.
2. We may amend these API Terms and the other components of the IPC publicly available data. We will do our best to notify API users of any modification to these terms where possible.
3. The User will be bound to the amended terms of use. Every subsequent reference to ‘these terms of use’ is considered to refer to the latest amended version of the terms.
A User is considered to have been informed of amendments to these terms of use once the IPC has communicated the changes via the email address provided by the User upon registration for an API-key.
4. The rights provided to the User in these terms of use will be automatically revoked upon any breach by the User of the terms included herein.

IV. Responsibilities and Use of the API

General Provisions
1. To gain access to the API, Users will need to fill in the request form for an API Key. IPC will grant API access keys based on the validity of each request and reserve the rights to reject requests. We aim at collecting only the minimum viable information for the sole purpose of managing and providing this service.
2. Personal information will be treated in accordance with our Privacy Policy [see more details in Chapter “Privacy Policy” below].
3. API keys are confidential and are for use by the designated User only (non-transferable). They cannot be shared with any third parties, whether manually or via automated processes, unless with express agreement from the IPC GSU.
4. If you wish to terminate your use of the IPC API, we request that you let us know so that we may disable the key. Any key inactive for an extended period of time might be automatically disabled. IPC GSU will always attempt to contact the User before disabling a key.
5. IPC GSU reserves the right to immediately disable and terminate individual API keys that are used to display data obtained via the IPC API in contexts that are deemed unacceptable (e.g.: hateful, racist, or discriminatory), illegal or malicious.
6. IPC GSU reserves the right to blacklist IP addresses in case of malicious uses of its API and/or data.
7. The IPC and IPC GSU are guided by humanitarian principles. It does not endorse any use of its data for activities that would go against such principles, especially “Do No Harm”. The IPC rejects and forbids any use of its data for military purposes. We encourage all IPC results Users to carefully weigh the implications of datasets aggregation; understanding the risks of potential de-anonymisation of data and at risk groups identification.

Technical Provisions
8. A single API key applies to a single implementation. The User needs to request a separate API key for every new implementation.
9. IPC GSU will provide the User with public technical documentation of the API, but will not provide technical support for Users’ implementations unless explicitly agreed otherwise.
10. IPC GSU will log all uses of the API by the User for the purpose of monitoring service load and for the purpose of improving the API.
11. IPC GSU will potentially continue to upgrade the IPC API by adding new features. IPC GSU will give notice of updates to the Users in a timely manner and will attempt to keep new versions of the API backwards-compatible. However, IPC GSU does not guarantee that the implementations of the User will continue to function after an upgrade.
12. IPC GSU may limit the number of calls or requests the User may send or receive through the API. Such a limit may be set by IPC at any time to ensure even performance of the API to all Users.
13. The API User is expected to use IPC results in a fair and responsible manner for the intended purpose described in the API request form. If such intended use was to change the User shall notify the IPC immediately.
14. IPC GSU will attempt to flag to the User any potential data issue that may arise from invalid or incorrect data being made public. It requests the User’s collaboration if a specific erroneous dataset needs to be updated or taken offline.

15. API Documentation can be found here: [https://docs.api.ipcinfo.org/](https://docs.api.ipcinfo.org/)

V. **Liability Disclaimer**

1. The designations employed and the presentation of material in the API are not warranted to be error free and do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IPC concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. IPC makes every effort to ensure, but does not guarantee, the accuracy, completeness or authenticity of the information provided in the API.

2. Except to the extent required by applicable law, in no event will IPC GSU be liable on any legal theory for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages arising out the use of IPC results or IPC API.

3. Force Majeure - Neither IPC GSU nor the User will be liable by reason of any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations on account of events beyond the reasonable control of a party, which may include denial-of-service attacks, a failure by a third party hosting provider or utility provider, strikes, shortages, riots, fires, acts of God, war, terrorism, and governmental action.

VI. **Privacy Policy**

1. Personal information received by IPC GSU in order to process API key requests will not be shared with third parties. They will be maintained securely and with respect to the applicable laws and policies, including our own Privacy Policy [link to website when available].

2. We aim at collecting only the minimum viable information to provide this service. This information will be maintained for the good proceeding of API and can be rectified by contacting IPC GSU. Upon request from the user, personal information will also be deleted.

3. Five years after termination of the API key and API use, the information on the User will be anonymized. The name of the organization who requested access to the API and the purpose or intended use will be kept for legal purposes.

VII. **Additional provisions**

The User grants the IPC the right to use their organization’s name and logo for communication purposes on our website and in other public or private communications with our existing or potential partners and Users, subject to your standard brand guidelines and copyrights.

Any technical details provided to the IPC for the purpose of processing an API Key request and/or providing technical support will remain confidential except with mutual prior agreement.
How to Contact Us

For technical questions, report a bug or issue, please fill in this form: 
https://forms.office.com/r/b4eXEv2vD5

For any questions related to the API, its use, and these terms, please contact: ipc-tech-support@fao.org
For general questions about the IPC, please contact: ipc@fao.org