

**Data User Agreement  
DFG Research Unit 816  
Biodiversity and Sustainable Management  
of a Megadiverse Mountain Ecosystem in South Ecuador**

**for**

**External Data Users**

## **Preamble**

The individual project members of DFG research unit FOR 816 and foregoing programs (e.g. FOR402) have collected extensive datasets. These datasets shall be now made available to external data users for **non-commercial** re-use by using a central data warehouse system.

## **§1 Definitions**

(1) "Project data" in the sense of this agreement are conventional measurements (data from measuring instruments, field surveys) which are generally in tabular form, images (digital photos, satellite data, maps, etc.), GIS-Data (digital maps and modelling data) as well as (digital) publications, thesis, proceedings and posters. This includes all other type of data considered as proprietary by the respective data owner.

(2) "Meta data" shall mean any data describing and documenting the project data.

(3) "Project members" are the "data owners" stated in the metadata which can be all principle investigators and employees of the individual projects of the research unit Ecuador and foregoing programs.

## **§2 Rights of data owners**

(1) The right of access to project data for external re-use is limited to non-commercial scientific purposes.

(2) Data owners have a right, that their intellectual property rights and their academic interest is respected with regard to the project data in accordance with §3.

## **§3 External Re-Use of project data**

(1) The external data user commits that they will not pass any data nor passwords to thirds, that enables access to the data downloaded.

(2) The external data user warrants that the downloaded data are neither distributed to third persons and parties nor sold or used for commercial purposes.

(3) To publish data and results derived with the help of the data by the external data user needs approval in the sense of copyright issues. The allowance for publication have to be requested from the data owner stated in the metadata.

(4) Data owner whose unpublished data is used, have to be included in the list of authors in a suitable way as sorted out under (3) .

(5) If the data owner refuses the right for publication or any other use, all data have to be deleted at the external user entirely and permanently

## **§4 Enforcement**

(1) The external data user's e Mail address is logged during data download and submitted to the data owner

(2) Misconduct by the external data user regarding §2 and §3 will impose adequate legal sanctions.