

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

The individual sections in the framework of the DFG research unit FOR 816 are collecting extensive datasets. These datasets shall be made available to all members of the research unit by using a central datawarehouse 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.
- (2) "Meta data" shall mean any data describing and documenting the project data.
- (3) "Project members" are all principle investigators and employees of the individual projects of the research unit Ecuador.

§2 Rights of project members

- (1) Project members have a right of access to project data according to the following provisions. The right of access to project data is limited to scientific use.
- (2) Furthermore, project members have a right, that their intellectual input and their academic interest is respected with regard to the project data in accordance to §4.

§3 Duties of project members

- (1) The project members commit to make available their datasets in a suitable format. The members of the project have to support the database administrator in the project Z1.1 as far as possible.
- (2) Beside the elementary project data, the project members provide meta data necessary for the understanding of the project data (e.g. coordinates, description of data structure, methods used, statements of the quality, etc.).
- (3) The project members commit to make available relevant datasets acquired from earlier projects (FOR 402) in a suitable format.

§4 Use of project data

- (1) The project members commit that they will not pass any data nor passwords to thirds, that enables access to the database. Datasets acquired by their own project are excluded from this rule.
- (2) If datasets from other projects are used for the own work, the principle investigator of this project has to inform the other project members. To publish data from other project members in own work, approval in the sense of copyright issues has to be requested from the leader in whose project these data were collected.
- (3) Project members whose unpublished data is used, have to be included in the list of authors in a suitable way in accordance with the responsible principle investigator of the project.

§5 Implementation and enforcement

- (1) The datawarehouse administrator arranges the modalities of the data transfer and the data processing with the principle investigators of the individual projects.
- (2) The project and meta data have to be made available at least three months after the request from the datawarehouse administrator. The principle investigators of the projects are responsible for the data supply within the period stipulated.
- (3) If any legitimated doubts of the cooperation of a project member will arise, the speaker of the research unit will be informed immediately.
- (4) In cases of a serious violation of obligations under this agreement or in cases of a repeated misconduct, the speaker of the research unit may impose adequate sanctions.