

CRYOBS-CLIM DATA POLICY: data access and use conditions

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This document defines the rules for accessing and using the data available on line through the web portal of CRYOBS-CLIM observation service.

This data policy has been endorsed by the CRYOBS-CLIM Executive Committee. At any time, it may be revised to fit at best the CRYOBS-CLIM programme and database evolutions.

1 Article 1. Background

Funded by CNRS-INSU, IRD, IPEV, UGA, OSUG, UFC, USMB, Météo France, IRSTEA and international partners, the CRYOBS-CLIM observation service aims at documenting the impact of climate change in contrasting climate zones and thus provide elements to help address major societal issues (water resources, natural risks, rising sea levels).

The CRYOBS-CLIM database gathers all the data collected by the observing system in order to provide a convenient and safe access for the whole scientific community.

2 Article 2. Rules

2.1 General principals

This document covers the data elaborated by the CRYOBS-CLIM observation service, ie the data directly collected by the CRYOBS-CLIM funded instruments and the data derived from these observations.

The data were originally collected for specific purposes and no warranty is given as to their suitability for use by the recipient. Neither the CRYOBS-CLIM direction, nor the principal investigator of each dataset can be held responsible for any damage, loss, claim, demand, costs or expenses directly or indirectly arising from the use, receipt or supply of data provided by the CRYOBS-CLIM data base in the framework of the data policy defined herein.

2.2 Access conditions

The data are accessible royalty free to the registered users of the database.

Each dataset is characterized by a status which specifies the data access conditions:

- **Public**: datasets downloadable by all the users in their entirety.
- **Restricted access**: datasets downloadable by all the users with the exception of the values measured over a period of 3 years preceding the date of the request, and downloadable in their entirety by the members of the observatory and their partners.
- **Private access**: access reserved to members of the observatory.

The restricted access is intended at ensuring an exclusive access for a limited period of time (3 years) so as to allow a consistent work of criticism, analysis and validation of the most recently collected data with two objectives: i) ensuring the quality of the data produced prior to their dissemination; ii) preserving the right of the principal investigator to publish the first scientific analysis of the data set.

The private access applies to data not collected by the CRYOBS-CLIM scientists and provided to them under specific agreements prohibiting any public distribution, or to elaborated data whose validity is yet not guaranteed.

2.3 Registration

Downloading data requires an authentication of the user, whatever the status of the requested data (public or not). Consequently, users have to apply for registration prior to be granted access to the data base.

Registration is performed through filling out an online form in which the applicant will specify his identity and affiliation, as well as provide an abstract of the studies he intends to carry out with the data. The applicant has to accept formally the data policy.

The validation of registration is automatic: the applicant gets a public profile by default. Assigning a status of member or partner to the applicant (member or partner profile) is under the responsibility of the CRYOBS-CLIM executive committee; the user profile will be revised to member or partner only after approval of the executive committee.

2.4 Usage conditions

The CRYOBS-CLIM data are reserved for scientific activities, educational programs, or any other activity serving the public interest. Their use for commercial activities whatsoever is prohibited.

The right of using the data is given exclusively to the person who downloaded it.

The dissemination to third parties of the data obtained under the present procedure and associated data policy is strictly prohibited.

The data are obtained royalty free in accordance with the arrangements of the article 2.2 and cannot be sold.

The users are encouraged to contact the principal investigator of each dataset in order to propose a collaboration regarding the work they intend to carry out. The data download will automatically trigger an e-mail to the dataset principal investigator in order to inform him of the applicant's identity and give him the opportunity to contact him.

Co-publication between data users and data providers is strongly encouraged. Depending on how significant the dataset proves to be for obtaining the scientific results intended to be published, data users should either propose co-authorship to the data providers or, at a minimum, acknowledge the data principal investigator. **The following acknowledging sentence will have to appear at the end of the publication :**

«Users thank the SNO GLACIOCLIM and the SOERE CRYOBS-CLIM (observatories funded by INSU, IRD, UGA, OSUG, IPEV, USMB, UFC, Météo France, IRSTEA and international partners) for the availability of data».

2.5 Principal Investigator's (PI) duties

It is the PI's responsibility to provide the best quality version of the dataset to the CRYOBS-CLIM database and to inform the users who contacted him of any dataset correction.

2.6 Infringements

The non-compliance to the present data policy specifications will lead to the definitive and irreversible suppression of the database access for the user concerned. He will be asked by the database managers to delete all the copies of the datasets obtained from the database.

The Principal Investigators are invited to report any data misuse to the database managers.