

Global Database on Biological Field Stations (2020)

Annotations

field	annotation
bfs_id	unique station ID, consisting of an internally used country code followed by a sequential number per country
continent	continent code: 1 = Africa, 2 = Americas, 3 = Antarctica, 4 = Asia, 5 = Oceania, 6 = Europe; classification following the UN Stats "standard country or area codes for statistical use" standard (M49; https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/); please note that the assignment of countries or areas to geographic regions is for statistical convenience and does not imply any assumption regarding political or other affiliation of countries or territories by the United Nations
country_code	three-letter country code (ISO_3166-1_alpha-3)
country	name of the country (ISO_3166-1_alpha-3) the station is located in
name	name of the field station (in English if available)
name_suppl	former name of the station ("former:"), additions to the name of the station, abbreviations or name in original language
latitude	geographical latitude in decimal degrees, with 4 decimal places if the location of the station was determined exactly, otherwise less
longitude	geographical longitude in decimal degrees, with 4 decimal places if the location of the station was determined exactly, otherwise less
description_appr_location	if the coordinates of the field station location could not be determined exactly, the coordinates of the nearest identifiable location were taken instead; this field contains the description of the location that served as approximate location of the station, or "NP"/"NR" if the coordinates of the center of a national park, nature reserve or similar were taken
approximate_location	"x" if the coordinates of the field station location could not be determined exactly, in this case the coordinates of the nearest identifiable location were taken; "NP" if the coordinates of the center of a national park, nature reserve or similar were taken as approximate location
elevation_m	height above 0 in meters (integer); if marked with "*" data was obtained from the ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model Version 2 (ASTER GDEM V2, Tachikawa 2011) with 30-meter resolution (only for stations with exact coordinates)
affiliation	(main) operator(s) or affiliation of the field station, mostly national parks and governmental institutions, nonprofit and

	private organizations, research institutions, academies of science and museums, or universities and colleges
established	year of establishment, was only recorded if exact year was known; when a station remained at the same location but changed ownership or affiliation, the year of first establishment was recorded; format: YYYY
field_classes	"yes" if field classes, courses or similar are offered, otherwise "no". Includes courses for scientific audiences as well as for the general public
freshwater	"x" if focus of biological research is in the freshwater domain
terrestrial	"x" if focus of biological research is in the terrestrial domain
marine	"x" if focus of biological research is in the marine domain
other	"x" if focus of non-biological research is in climate, atmosphere, soil, etc.
accommodation	"yes" if accommodation is available for visiting scientists or guests
availability	"yes" if the station can be used by guest scientists
link1	main website
link2	further website
link3	further website
link4	further website
references	further references, other than website
last_update	date of last update (format: YYYY-MM-DD)

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