

Request Data from the IISD Experimental Lakes Area Inc.

Background

The IISD- Experimental Lakes Area Inc. (ELA), produces a large amount of data. Generally, those data are analyzed by IISD-ELA staff, but we are happy to provide data to other researchers to support their activities. Researchers requesting the use of data generated by the IISD ELA must acknowledge agreement to the terms and conditions outlined below. The purpose of the terms and conditions are: 1) To protect (for a limited duration, typically two years) data collected by IISD-ELA staff, students and affiliated researchers to allow sufficient time for publication of results relating to their efforts; 2) To advise researchers using data, or intending to use data, of any duplication of effort; 3) To ensure that we (IISD-ELA) benefit intellectually from our research and monitoring efforts; 4) To ensure that we catch potential mistakes by outside users unfamiliar with ELA systems (e.g. experimental manipulations, external drivers such as forest fires, etc. that may affect results and interpretation); and 5) To ensure that an inventory of requests and data usage are maintained to facilitate our reporting obligations.

Intended Use of Data

The researcher agrees that he/she shall use the data generated by the IISD-ELA for the sole purpose of outlined in the data request. If the researcher (or any member of the project team with access to the data) intends to use the data in a different manner than outlined, a new data request form must be submitted to indicate the intended modification.

Non-Transferability

The researcher may transfer data provided from the IISD-ELA to project members (e.g. students, co-investigators) involved in the project outlined in the data request. However, the researcher agrees to take responsibility to ensure that all project members do not transfer IISD-ELA data in any form to another party under any circumstances. Other parties must submit independent data requests to IISD-ELA directly.

Publication and Acknowledgment

The researcher agrees to acknowledge IISD-ELA in all oral and written presentations, disclosures, and publications resulting from the use of IISD-ELA data. Further, the researcher agrees to provide IISD ELA the opportunity to review publication drafts prior to submission. This review is not intended to limit interpretations of IISD-ELA data, but to ensure there are no potential mistakes that may affect the analyses (e.g. interpreting experimental systems as reference systems). Researchers are asked to apply the normal standards of scientific etiquette when publishing results of previously unpublished data and where substantial input of ideas warrants co-authorship.

Acceptance of IISD-ELA datasets 'As Is' and No Indemnification

The researcher agrees that there is no representation, warranty, condition or promise, statutory or otherwise, as to the accuracy, completeness, reliability, or veracity of the data provided by the IISD-ELA. The IISD-ELA is not responsible for any indemnification regarding any loss, claim, damage or liability that may result from the use of these data.

Statement of Intent

The researcher agrees to provide a stated intent containing: Contact information for the principal investigator, project title, description of requested data, and a description of the intended use of the data. The statement of intent should be suitable, as written, for public dissemination.