

Supporting Data Stewardship Throughout the Data Life Cycle in the Solid Earth Sciences

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### What is IEDA??

A community-based data facility funded by NSF to support, sustain, and advance the geosciences by providing data services for observational solid earth data from the Ocean, Earth, and Polar Sciences.

MARINE GEOSCIENCE

DATA SYSTEM

EarthChem

- Domain-specific Data Libraries
- Data Syntheses
- Visualization & Analysis Tools
- Data & Metadata Registries
- Data Publication
- Investigator Support Services





### Data Curated in IEDA Systems

- Sensor-based Data
  - Marine geophysical data (e.g. bathymetry, sidescan, subbottom)
  - Complementary datasets
    - Navigation, bottom photos
    - Technical reports
  - Sample-based Data
    - Sample metadata
    - Analytical results
    - Technical reports







## Domain-specific Data Curation

- Familiarity with content, acquisition, processing, & use of data
- Ability to evolve services in response to both:
  - User-community needs
  - Technology
- Construct & curate high-quality syntheses
- Curate rich metadata
  - Enhanced discoverability & usability
  - "Fitness for re-use"





### Data Life Cycle: Plan

- Data Management Plan Tool
  - Facilitate assembly
  - Inform Investigators
  - Inform down-stream repositories
  - Promote dialogue
- Data Acquisition Plan
  - Metadata & data templates
  - Promote & facilitate contemporaneous documentation





#### Data Life Cycle: Collect & Assure

- Promote Best Practices
  - What to document
  - How to document
- Tools and workflows to facilitate digital documentation
  - Metadata & Data Templates











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## Data Life Cycle: Document & Preserve

- Document & capture data & metadata as soon as it is available
  - Simple interfaces & guidelines
- Sample metadata registry
- Link to complementary data
  & metadata







### Data Life Cycle: Analyze

- Tools to:
  - Support domain specialists
  - Make specialist data accessible to non-specialist users
  - Integrate & visualize
- Access to Data Syntheses
- Access to complementary
  data & resources







#### Data Life Cycle: Integrate & Share

- Advise on what to preserve & how
  - Data supporting pubs
  - Data of value
- Facilitate data prep.
  - Metadata requirements
  - Templates
  - Format guidelines





# Data Life Cycle: Document & Preserve

Develop simple workflows, interfaces & templates to capture sufficient information for:

- Long-term curation & access
  - Inclusion in syntheses
- Links to scientific publications
- Data Publication
- Data use, discovery & re-use
- Attribution & collaboration
- Data Download Stats
- Data Compliance Reporting







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  - Award-based
  - Informed by DMP
- Report includes:
  - Data Inventory
  - Release Status
  - Links to data
  - Save as PDF

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#### Summary



- Domain-specific repositories have an important role to play throughout the data life cycle:
  - Increase awareness of resources & tools
  - Lessen "burden" of data management
  - Provide guidelines & tools for data curation, discovery & access
  - Respond to evolving needs of user community
- Greatest success when repository team members are integrated members of user community





#### **Opportunities & Challenges**

- Data management training
  - Minor modifications throughout life-cycle will yield great results
  - Balance between data management & science training
  - Barriers to adoption must be low
- Evolving technologies can be leveraged
  - Pace of technology vs. pace of adoption
- Evolving significance of data publication
  - Minimal metadata approaches are easy but less useful