



Registering Data on OBFS



The Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity (KNB)



- A national network to facilitate ecological and environmental research
- A technological approach to documenting and storing ecological data and metadata
- Adopted by OBFS, LTER, ESA (pilot 2006), PISCO, UCNRS, and others



The Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity (KNB)



- Consolidates data and metadata from a highly-distributed set of individual researchers, field stations, laboratories, and research sites
- Expedites metadata discovery, access, interpretation, integration and analysis



Creating a KNB account



- Fields with asterisks are required
- Select OBFS for your organization
- Remember your username, password, and organization for future use

A screenshot of a web browser window titled "Data Registry". The page header is "Biocomplexity Data Search" with a "Home" link. Below the header is a registration form titled "Register for the Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity (KNB)!". The form includes a paragraph of introductory text and a note that required fields are marked with an asterisk. The form fields are: *First Name, *Last Name, *Organization (with a dropdown menu showing "KU"), Telephone, *E-mail, Title, *Username, *Password, and *Confirm Password. A "Register" button is located at the bottom right of the form area.



The OBFS Data Registry



- Creates an EML document for the metadata of your data set
- Stores the document on the KNB
- Allows others to browse data packages associated with OBFS

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "OBFS Data Registry". The page header includes the OBFS logo and navigation links: "OBFS Home", "Registry Home", "Register a New Data Set", and "Search for Data". The main content area contains a welcome message, a paragraph about the project's cooperative effort involving OBFS, NCEAS, UC Natural Reserve System, and LTER Network Office, and a section titled "Registry Tools" with two bullet points: "Browse existing OBFS data sets" and "Register a new OBFS data set".

**Organization of Biological Field Stations
Data Registry**

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Registry Tools

- **Browse existing OBFS data sets**
The registry search system is used to locate data sets of interest by searching through existing registered data sets. Presently the search covers all fields, including author, title, abstract, keywords, and other documentation for each dataset. (More sophisticated search capabilities, including holistic field searches, will be available in future.)
- **Register a new OBFS data set**
The registration page is used to submit information about a **new** data set associated with OBFS research. The documentation about the data set will be reviewed and then submitted to the Registry.



Finding the Registry



- Go to the OBFS website
 - www.obfs.org
- Click the “Metadata Catalog” link
- Click the “Registry Home” link

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Data Registry Form

Use this form to submit a new data set description for inclusion in the registry .

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BASIC INFORMATION (What's this?)		Hide
* First Name	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name	<input type="text"/>	
* Data Set Title	<input type="text"/>	
* Station Name	Select your station here. <input type="text"/>	

PRINCIPAL DATA SET OWNER (What's this?)		Hide
* First Name	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name	<input type="text"/>	
Organization Name	<input type="text"/>	
E-Mail	<input type="text"/>	



Searching for OBFS data



- Two methods
- Browse all available data
- Search for specific terms

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Search Results



- Click "View" or the name of the data package to see the description
- "Edit" and "Delete" functions are controlled by access rights

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198 data packages found

Title	Contacts	Organization	Keywords	Actions
» 120 Band Hyperspectral Data for the Inger and Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences	William Shuart Shuart Shuart	Select your station here.	GIS hyperspectral data remote sensing	View Edit Delete
ID: obfs.324.3				
» A biological survey of Long Pond, Presque Isle Park, Erie, Pennsylvania	Walker Johnston Gail F. Johnston	(PA) Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology	community structure pH Ponds Pennsylvania Presque Isle water temperature	View Edit Delete
ID: obfs.240.3				
» A comparison of colonial and non-colonial nesting by northern orioles in central coastal California	Williams Williams Mark Stromberg	Organization of Biological Field Stations		View Edit Delete
ID: obfs.70.4				
» A comparison of territorial behavior in the hummingbirds	Bransfield Bransfield	(CA) Hastings Natural History		View Edit



OBFS Data Registry Activity



- The following slides are set up to take you step by step through the process of registering your data on the OBFS data registry
- If you have any questions please feel free to ask the facilitators.
- Please submit your 10 sets as homework during the week.



OBFS Data Registry Activity



- To begin go to the OBFS site <http://obfs.org/>
- In the left panel you will notice a link "Ecological Data Sets"
- Click on the link to open the OBFS data registry page

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OBFS

Organizational Activities

- [Join OBFS](#)
- [OBFS News/Jobs Archives](#)
- [Annual Meetings](#)
- [Publications/Reports](#)
- [Bylaws](#)
- [Operations Manual](#)
- [Executive Board](#)
- [Strategic Plan](#)
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- [Affiliations](#)

Directory

- [Stations/Contact Names](#)

Research

- [Ecological Data Sets](#)
- [Research Bibliography](#)
- [NSF Support- FSML](#)

Click on Map for list of Stations by Region



Registering data



- Return to the OBFS Registry Home
- Click "Register a New Data Set"

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<http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/style/skins/obfs/index.html>



OBFS Data Registry Form



- Please fill out the information on this form to register your 10 data sets.

OBFS Data Registry - Mozilla Firefox

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http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/cgi-bin/register-dataset.cgi?cfg=obfs

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NAME OF SUBMITTER (What's this?)	Hide
*First Name <input type="text"/>	
*Last Name <input type="text"/>	
INSTITUTION (What's this?)	Hide

For Help in filling out the form click on the link “Guide for Completing the Data Registry Form”

The astrick *Denotes a required field.



The Registry Form



- Fields with an asterisk are required
- The "Guide for Completing the Data Registry Form" provides info on best practices
- Click "What's This?" for more an explanation of the fields in that section

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*Last Name	<input type="text"/>
*Data Set Title	<input type="text"/>
*Station Name	Select your station here <input type="text"/>

PRINCIPAL DATA SET OWNER (What's this?) Hide	
*First Name	<input type="text"/>
*Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail	<input type="text"/>



The Registry Form: Basic Information



BASIC INFORMATION (What's this?) Hide	
*First Name	<input type="text"/>
*Last Name	<input type="text"/>
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*Station Name	Select your station here. <input type="button" value="v"/>

- The name is for the person completing the form, NOT the data set owner
- The title should be informative (i.e. not just the name of a computer file)
- Remember to select your research station from the list



The Registry Form: Data Set Owner



PRINCIPAL DATA SET OWNER [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

*First Name

*Last Name

Organization Name

E-Mail

Phone

FAX

Street Information
(number, street, unit, etc.; comma-separated)

City

State ▼

Other State/Province

Postal Code

Country

- Enter the name and contact information for the primary owner for the data



The Registry Form: Associated Parties




ASSOCIATED PARTIES [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

First Name

Last Name

Role



- List any additional people associated with the dataset
- Click “Add Associated Party” to add the party (parties are NOT added until this button is pressed)



The Registry Form: Associated Parties



ASSOCIATED PARTIES [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

First Name

Last Name

Role

 Jane Doe (Role: Co-owner)

John Smith (Role: Co-owner)

- Entered parties appear at the bottom of the section
- Delete entered parties or rearrange the order using the buttons beside their names



The Registry Form: Abstract



DATA SET ABSTRACT [\(What's this?\)](#)

[Hide](#)

*Data Set Abstract

- Enter a brief description of the dataset, including content and purpose



The Registry Form: Keywords



KEYWORD INFORMATION [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

For samples, see [NASA Global Change Master Directory \(GCMD\)](#).

Keyword

Keyword Type

Keyword Thesaurus

- Add keywords to the list
- Select the type of keyword
- State whether the keyword came from the Global Change Master Directory
- Click "Add Keyword" to enter the keyword



The Registry Form: Keywords



KEYWORD INFORMATION [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

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Keyword

Keyword Type

Keyword Thesaurus

[↕](#) [↕](#) X **Biomass** (Type: Theme, Thesaurus: GCMD)

[↕](#) [↕](#) X **Estuarine Habitat** (Type: Place, Thesaurus: GCMD)

- Entered keywords are listed at the bottom of the section



Global Change Master Directory Keywords



- A list of keywords relevant to global change
- Using keywords from this list will improve the visibility of your dataset
- Most relevant keywords are in the "EARTH SCIENCE > Biosphere" section

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "GCMD's Science Keywords and Associated Directory Keywords". The page header includes the NASA logo and "GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER" with a link to "Visit NASA.gov". The main heading is "Global Change Master Directory" with the subtitle "a directory to Earth science data and services". A navigation bar contains links for Home, Data Sets, Data Services, Collaborations, Add to GCMD, What's New, Participate, Calendar, and Links. A sidebar on the left has a "Keywords" link highlighted. The main content area is titled "GCMD Keywords" and "GCMD Science Keywords". Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads "CATEGORY > TOPIC > VARIABLE". A long list of hierarchical keywords follows, starting with "EARTH SCIENCE > Agriculture > Agricultural Aquatic Sciences > Aquaculture" and ending with "EARTH SCIENCE > Agriculture > Forest Science > Forest Fire Science".

http://gcmd.nasa.gov/Resources/valids/gcmd_parameters.html



The Registry Form: Temporal Coverage



TEMPORAL COVERAGE OF DATA [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

Start Date		Stop Date	
*Year (yyyy)	<input type="text"/>	Year (yyyy)	<input type="text"/>
*Month	<input type="text" value="00"/>	Month	<input type="text" value="00"/>
*Day	<input type="text" value="00"/>	Day	<input type="text" value="00"/>

Note: Leave "Stop Date" blank if your data set is open-ended.

- Select a start date for the dataset
- If a defined endpoint exists, select a stop date



The Registry Form: Spatial Coverage



- Describe where the data collection occurred
- Enter the bounding coordinates of the data collection
- Remember to enter the NW corner of the collection first

SPATIAL COVERAGE OF DATA [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

***Geographic Description**

General description of the geographic area in which the data were collected. It can be a simple place name (e.g., Santa Barbara) or a fuller description.

COORDINATES

	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
*Latitude	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> North	<input type="radio"/> South
*Longitude	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> West	<input type="radio"/> East

If only this first lat/long pair is entered, this indicates a point location. If both lat/long pairs are entered, then this first pair represents the northwest corner of a bounding box.

Latitude	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> North	<input type="radio"/> South
Longitude	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> West	<input type="radio"/> East

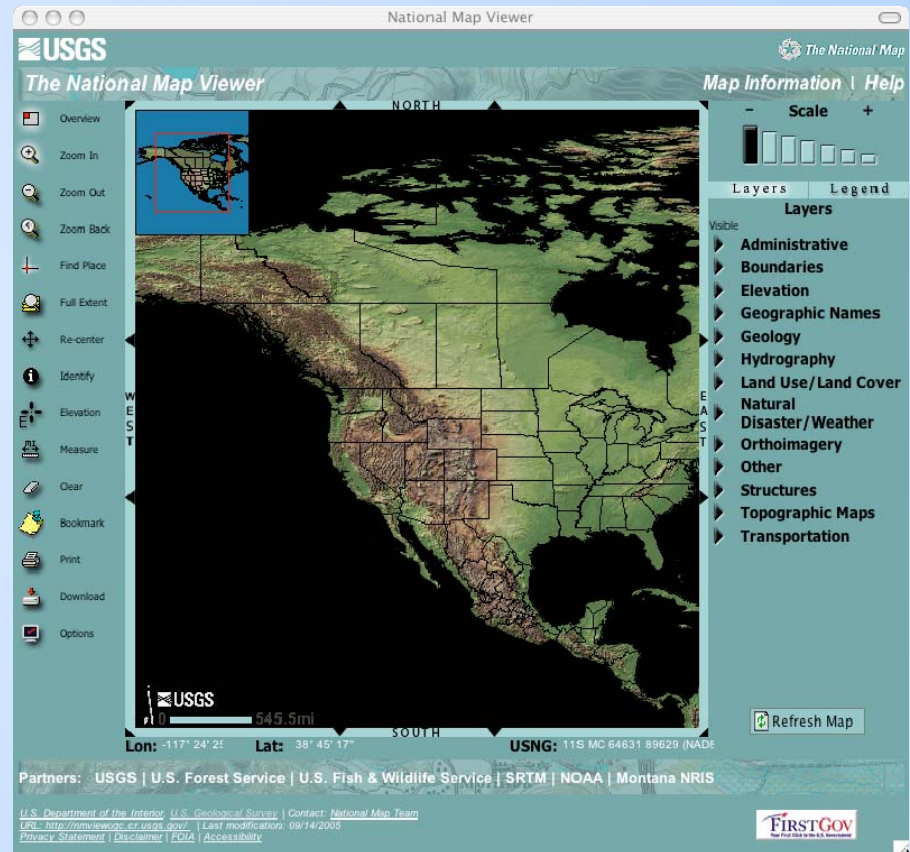
If entered, this lat/long pair represents the southeast corner of a bounding box.



The USGS National Map



- Detailed map system for the USA
 - Can view streams, roads, and cities through layers
- Google Earth is another interface for finding bounding coordinates
<http://earth.google.com>



<http://nationalmap.gov>



The Registry Form: Taxonomic Coverage



TAXONOMIC COVERAGE OF DATA [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

See the [Glasgow Taxonomic Name Server](#) or the [Integrated Taxonomic Information System](#) for correct spelling of taxonomic names.

Taxonomic Rank (e.g., Species)

Taxonomic Name (e.g., *Ursus arctos*)

Taxonomic Reference

List the source(s) used for identifying and naming taxa (e.g., name of a field guide, key, or nomenclature revision).

- List the name and rank of the taxa covered in the data
 - For the species rank, enter the full binomial name
- Click “Add Taxon” to enter the values
- You can also list the reference you used for identifying taxa



The Registry Form: Taxonomic Coverage



- Taxa appear below the “Add Taxon” button

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⚙️ ↕️ ✕ Rank: Genus, Name: Drosophila

⚙️ ↕️ ✕ Rank: Species, Name: Drosophila melanogaster

⚙️ ↕️ ✕ Rank: Phylum, Name: Nematoda

⚙️ ↕️ ✕ Rank: Family, Name: Rhabditidae

⚙️ ↕️ ✕ Rank: Species, Name: Caenorhabditis elegans

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The Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS)



- Search engine for current taxon names
- Ensures common nomenclature for taxa in registry

The screenshot shows the ITIS website interface. At the top, the title bar reads "Integrated Taxonomic Information System". The main header features the ITIS logo (a green tree with icons of a stork, a flower, a mushroom, and a deer) and the text "ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System". A green sidebar on the left contains a menu with the following items: "What's New", "About ITIS", "Data Access", "Submit Data", "Tools", "TRED", "Links", and "Comments". The main content area contains a welcome message: "Welcome to ITIS, the Integrated Taxonomic Information System! Here you will find authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world. We are a [partnership](#) of U.S., [Canadian](#), and [Mexican](#) agencies ([ITIS-North America](#)); other organizations; and taxonomic specialists. ITIS is also a partner of [Species 2000](#) and the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility \(GBIF\)](#)." Below this is a "Quick search on:" section with radio buttons for "Any Name or TSN*", "Common Name", "Scientific Name", and "TSN*". The search form includes a "In:" dropdown set to "every", a "Kingdom" dropdown set to "containing", and a "Search" button. A footnote states "* Taxonomic Serial Number (TSN)". At the bottom right, there are links for "Go to Advanced Search and Report", "Last Updated: 23-Nov-2004", "Privacy statement and disclaimers", and the URL "http://www.itis.usda.gov/index.html".

<http://www.itis.usda.gov>



The Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS)



- Lists the currently accepted name for the taxon
- Lists full taxonomic hierarchy

ITIS Standard Report Page: Drosophila melanogaster

 [Home](#) [About Data](#) [Data Access](#) [Submit Data](#) [Tools](#) [Comment](#)

[Go to Print Version](#)

Results of: Search in every Kingdom for all containing 'drosophila melanogaster'

Drosophila melanogaster [Meigen, 1830](#)
Taxonomic Serial No.: 146290

Taxonomy and Nomenclature

Kingdom:	Animalia
Taxonomic Rank:	Species
Synonym(s):	Drosophila ampelophila Loew, 1862
Common Name(s):	

Taxonomic Status:
Current Standing: valid

Data Quality Indicators:
Record Credibility Rating: unverified

Taxonomic Hierarchy

Kingdom	Animalia -- Animal, animals, animaux
Phylum	Arthropoda -- arthropodes, arthropods, Artrópode
Subphylum	Hexapoda -- hexapods
Class	Insecta -- hexapoda, insectes, insects, inseto
Subclass	Pterygota -- insects ailés



The Registry Form: Methods



- Enter methods used to collect data
- Add paragraphs as needed
- Describe the method of sampling and extent of the study

DATA COLLECTION METHODS (What's this?) Hide	
Method Title	<input type="text"/>
Method Description	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Add Paragraph to Method Description</div>
Extent of Study Description	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Describe the temporal, spatial and taxonomic extent of the study, supplementing the information on coverage provided above. For example, if the temporal coverage of the data is 1990-2000, you might provide details about any years that were missed or the months in which sampling occurred.</p>
Sampling Description	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Describe the sampling design of the study. For example, you might describe the way in which treatments were assigned to sampling units.</p>



The Registry Form: Data Set Contact



- Enter the information for the primary contact for the dataset
- Check the box at the top if the contact is the same person as the owner

DATA SET CONTACT ([What's this?](#)) [Hide](#)

Use the same name and address as the **PRINCIPAL DATA SET OWNER** above.

*First Name

*Last Name

Organization Name

E-Mail

Phone

FAX

Street Information
(number, street, unit, etc.; comma-separated)

City

State ▼

Other State/Province

Postal Code

Country



The Registry Form: Distribution Information



DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION [\(What's this?\)](#) [Hide](#)

Data Set Identifier

Note: If available, please enter a name or number that uniquely identifies and describes concisely the data set. Alternatively, provide other pertinent information that can identify and locate the data set within your site's data management system.

***Data Medium** Digital Hardcopy Other

***Usage Rights** No restrictions Obtain permission from data set owner(s)
 Other

URL

Additional Information

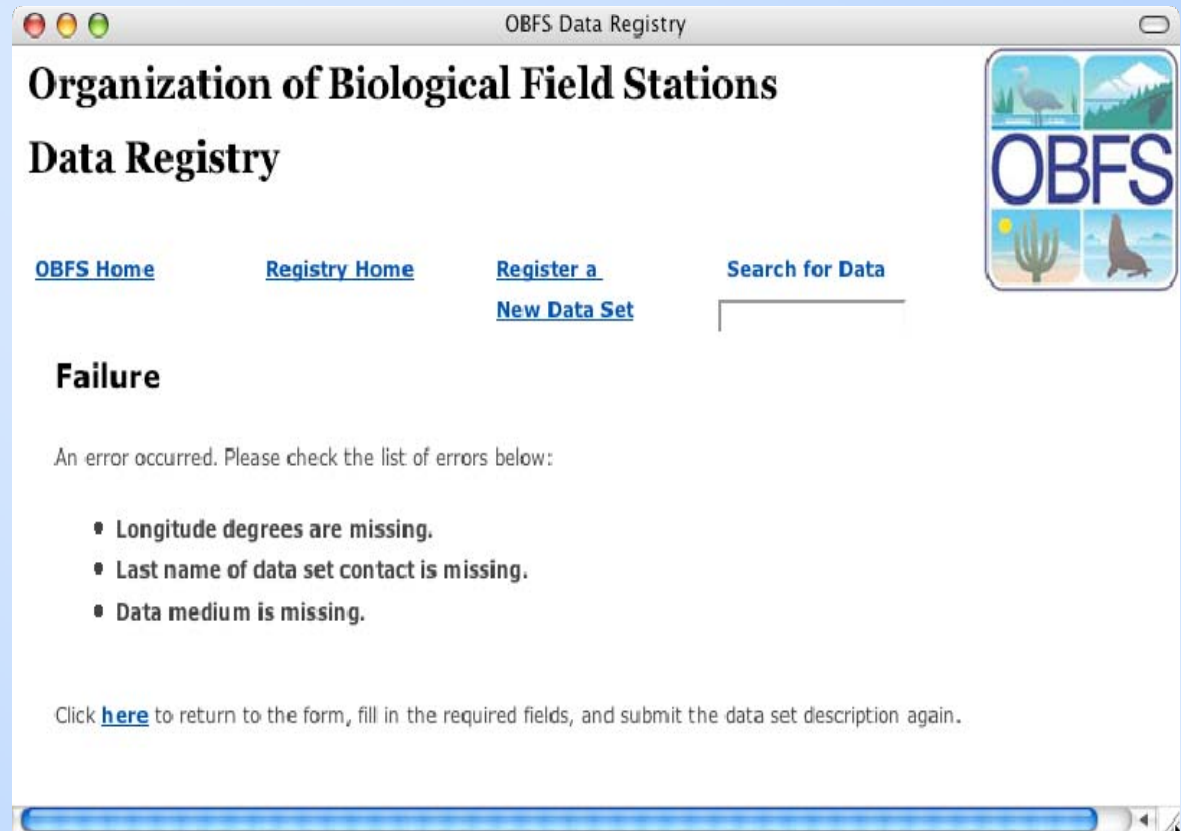
- Enter the format of the stored data
- Describe usage restrictions of the dataset
- List a URL or identifier for the dataset, if available



Metadata Submission: Error Checking



- When you click "submit", the form will be checked to ensure all required information is entered
- Any missing fields will be listed in a screen like this






Metadata Submission: Review



- Check to ensure that the metadata is all correct
- Click "submit" if correct
- Otherwise click "go back to editing"

OBFS Data Registry

Organization of Biological Field Stations



Data Registry

Please review the information that you entered in the OBFS Data Registry Form. If the information below is correct, provide your username, organization, and password at the bottom of this page, and submit the information. If you need to edit something, click on the edit button that is provided at the bottom of this page. You can print this page for your record.

BASIC INFORMATION

First Name: Will
Last Name: Tyburczy
Data Set Title: Sample Data Set
Station Name: (CA) Santa Cruz Island Reserve

PRINCIPAL DATA SET OWNER

First Name: Joe
Last Name: Smith
Organization Name:
E-Mail:
Phone:
FAX:
Street Information:
City:
State: Select state here.
Other State/Province:
Postal Code:
Country:



Metadata Submission: Login and Send



- Enter your KNB account username and password
- Remember to select OBFS for your organization

SIGN IN

NOTE: You must enter your username and password. This is for the protection of your metadata. The username and password will prevent any unauthorized person from modifying your metadata. If you do not have an account, click [here](#). If you don't remember your password, you can have it reset and e-mailed to you by clicking [here](#). If you want to change your password, click [here](#).

Username:

Organization:

Password:

Is the information above correct?



Metadata Submission: Confirmation



- If the data entry is successful, you should see this screen
- Otherwise, a screen explaining what happened should appear

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "OBFS Data Registry" with the URL <http://machination.msi.ucsb.edu/cgi-bin/register-dataset.cgi>. The page header includes the "Organization of Biological Field Stations Data Registry" and the OBFS logo. Navigation links include "OBFS Home", "Registry Home", "Register a New Data Set", and "Search for Data". A "Success" message is displayed, stating: "Your data set description has been submitted. Thank you. You can see the data set description by clicking [here](#). To register a new data set, click [here](#). Otherwise, use the toolbar links above to navigate."



CONGRATULATIONS!!!





Help for Web Registry



- Guide for Completing the Data Registry Form
- KNB Metadata Coordinators (at NCEAS)
 - (805) 892-2160
 - Callie Bowdish
 - Veronique Connolly
 - Will Tyburczy
- knb-help@nceas.ucsb.edu