

Rules of the EBP data repository

The EBP data repository collects the information provided by the EBP partners on-line bird recording portals using the EBP data sharing standard. The present document establishes, in line with the EBP agreement, the conditions in which EBP data can be used to create the products developed for the own interest of the EBP partnership as well as those developed by the request of third parties. The document also establishes the way in which external requests of the EBP data are managed.

1. Data use for EBP own products

1.1. The EBP data will be used to create the products delivered by the EBP project for its own interest as agreed by the EBP Steering committee (research papers, reports, websites, maps, models, graphs, etc).

1.2. EBP products should have the following minimum set of requisites:

- 1) Address topics that help fulfil the objectives of the EBP (Point 3 of the EBP agreement).
- 2) Have a continental scope or, at least, cover large regions of Europe (multiple countries).
- 3) Be produced entirely within the EBP partnership or, at least, leaded by an EBP partner.
- 4) Only deliver elaborated outputs, such as descriptive statistics, graphs, models and occurrence maps, that guarantee that the original data provided by the EBP partners cannot be visualized at higher resolution than 30x30km. In cases where a higher geographical resolution of the original data is required, the permission of the EBP partners must be obtained following the procedure described in point 3.3.

1.3. The EBP products and selected information contained in them (i.e. not the original data provided by the partners) will be fully accessible to the public through the EBP website. This website will be Copyright EBCC so as to prevent unauthorized use of the material in publications or websites of third parties without explicit permission and appropriate acknowledgement.

1.4. All products and initiatives developed in the framework of the EBP project should clearly show that they are the result of the EBP collaboration and all partner organisations operating bird recording portals that provided the data must be adequately visualized and credited.

1.5. All partners who wish to do so will be entitled to participate in the production of EBP outputs. Partners will be entitled to co-authorship of the resulting publications if they wish to be involved, subject to the requirement that all authors should contribute to discussions on project development and to the review of draft publications.

2. Data use for products specifically developed for third parties

2.1. EBP data may be used to deliver products specifically developed by request of third parties (e.g. European agencies).

2.2. These products should have the same minimum set of requisites that those detailed in point 1.2 (above).

2.3. The parties supplied with the product must abide to the following terms of use:

- 1) The product use is circumscribed exclusively to a specific context as agreed by the EBP and the third party requesting the product.
- 2) The product itself or any part of its content cannot be transferred to other parties.
- 3) The delivery of the product does not grant or imply the transfer of the ownership of the underlying data, or of any intellectual and industrial property rights thereof.

2.4. The EBP Executive Committee will be in charge of negotiating the development of these products (including the necessary funding) on behalf of the EBP Steering committee and strictly following the requisites established in the present document.

3. Data use by third parties

The aim of the EBP is research and development of products based on EBP data to be largely developed within the EBP framework. However, the use of EBP data by third parties can give further value to the EBP data and also help fulfil the EBP objectives.

3.1. Applications to use the EBP data should be sent to [the EBP coordinator](#) indicating the characteristics of the data requested (geographical area, species, type of information and years) and of the research project (e.g. institutions involved, funding availability, overall objectives and intended use of the EBP data).

3.2. The EBP Executive committee will evaluate all data requests and make recommendation to the partnership about its approval taking into account the following criteria:

- 1) Compatibility with own EBP/EBCC developments. Data requests that may potentially interfere with the EBP/EBCC research and developments should be deemed incompatible.
- 2) Shared objectives. Use of the data should ideally fit within the objectives of EBP/EBCC. In case of doubt the EBP Executive committee will consult the EBCC Board.
- 3) Geographical scope. Data requests should have a continental or large scale geographical scope. Requests at the national or subnational level will be directed to the corresponding EBP partners.

4) Leading institution. Data requests lead by or involving EBP/EBCC partners should be given priority.

3.3. Partners will be notified of all data requests and the corresponding EBP Executive committee recommendation by email and asked to respond within 21 days of receiving the notification. If no response is received within this period and the EBP Executive committee has recommended the approval of the request it will be taken as having given permission for their data to be released (otherwise it will be taken that their data cannot be released).

3.4. EBP partners that want their data to be freely available without giving explicit permission or that want the EBP Executive Committee to decide on their behalf should inform accordingly to the EBP project coordinator. Otherwise, it will be assumed that they want their explicit permission to be given on a request by request basis.

3.5. Data requests will normally imply the payment of a fee to help cover data handling and storage costs. The scale of the fees to be applied will be agreed by the EBP Steering committee. Fees can be removed when data requests involve EBP/EBCC partners and are in line with the objectives of the EBP/EBCC.

3.6. Once a data request is approved, data will be supplied either manually or via online depending on technical developments at the moment.

3.7. Data users must abide to the following terms of use of the data:

1) Data can only be used by the persons obtaining permission and for the objectives and uses specified in the data request form. The data cannot be handed to other persons or institutions, shared within institutions or made publicly available. In case additional or subsequent uses or studies are needed a new data request must be submitted.

2) The delivery of the data does not grant or imply the transfer of the ownership of the data.

3) In case of publication:

i) It must be acknowledged that the data were supplied by the EBP (depending on the circumstances it may also be necessary to acknowledge specific EBP partners).

ii) In cases where authors are considering submission of a paper to a journal that requires data to be made publicly available, it should be noted that the EBP data are only available from the EBP data repository on request. It may be possible for a minimal dataset (i.e. one including reduced or partly summarized data as used for statistical modelling) to be provided as long as the exact format and content of this dataset has the explicit agreement of the EBP Steering committee.

iii) It is compulsory to supply to the EBP an electronic copy of any published result based on the supplied data.

3.8 The coordinator of EBP, as representative of the EBP, will regularly inform the EBCC Board about ongoing data requests and third party projects involving EBP data.