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## Conditions for use of data hosted in EBAS

EBAS is a database developed and hosted by NILU – Norwegian institute for Air Research. It contains atmospheric composition data, which are associated with various monitoring programmes and research projects (termed “frameworks”). All datasets are associated with a data policy that is valid for one or more frameworks; these data policies are available from the EBAS homepage. The conditions described here do not overrule any data policy stated by the frameworks for which data are stored in EBAS, but serves as a guide to the general terms for the use of data hosted in EBAS.

In general, all data are openly available through the EBAS web interface: <http://ebas.nilu.no>. Data are open for non-commercial purposes only, while commercial use will require special agreements not described here. For questions about commercial use, please contact [kt@nilu.no](mailto:kt@nilu.no).

Users can download data themselves using the web interface or request a batch mode download, for more comprehensive exports, with the assistance of the EBAS team at NILU. All use of data stored in EBAS should be made using these resources, as this secures access to the official and most recent version of the data (EBAS has version control and documentation as part of the meta-data), and also offers a full description of all associated meta-data. Importantly, access through the web interface allows the use and distribution of data to be monitored.

Redistribution of data to secondary users or data repositories is not accepted without agreement of NILU and the respective frameworks for which data have been submitted.

For specific purposes (e.g. where research assessments require compiling data from several databases in addition to EBAS), data can be made available for participating scientists through a secondary data archive specifically established on a temporary basis.

The following conditions apply for secondary access to data originating from EBAS and its associated frameworks:

- The organisation offering secondary access to EBAS data is responsible for ensuring signatures from all its users on a data-user agreement reflecting the contents of this *Condition of use of data hosted in EBAS*. The institution hosting secondary access to data must, upon request, provide lists of its signatories.

- The users need to be aware of the data policies of the individual frameworks and the guide for co-authorship and other regulations concerning the data files (these are described in the “acknowledgements” at <http://ebas.nilu.no> in the metadata item “acknowledgements”)
- The secondary host must monitor and record the use of data as well as of other generated results/reports associated with the secondary access. Information/statistics on the use/application shall be reported to NILU on request, and at least once per year (31 July for the proceeding calendar year). Such reports can describe statistics based on actual use, or more qualitatively in the form of written documentations, lists of publications etc.
- Websites, publications or other dissemination using EBAS data, need to contain specific reference to:
  - the primary organizations (e.g. EMEP, WMO-WDCA, WMO-WDCRG, ACTRIS, AMAP, OSPAR, HELCOM, or others as defined by the “framework association” in the meta-data found in the file headers)
  - A specific reference to the primary database (EBAS)
- When using the data, any presentations, papers or other dissemination must state that the data, and any higher level products (aggregates, statistics, metrics), made available in the secondary archive/portal do not represent official data.
- The users should be encouraged to communicate directly with the primary data repository (EBAS), and with the individual data providers, in cases where data quality or other technical issues need attention.
- Any higher-level data products, e.g. time series with improved data quality, need to be fed back to the individual data providers as well as to the EBAS team to ensure that EBAS holds the best version of data.
- All secondary users must be informed that no redistribution of data to third parties is accepted.

*Signatories and dates:*

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Kjetil Tørseth  
 Research Director, NILU  
 EBAS Service provider

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Signature

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