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Status of ECV Inventory and Gap Analysis

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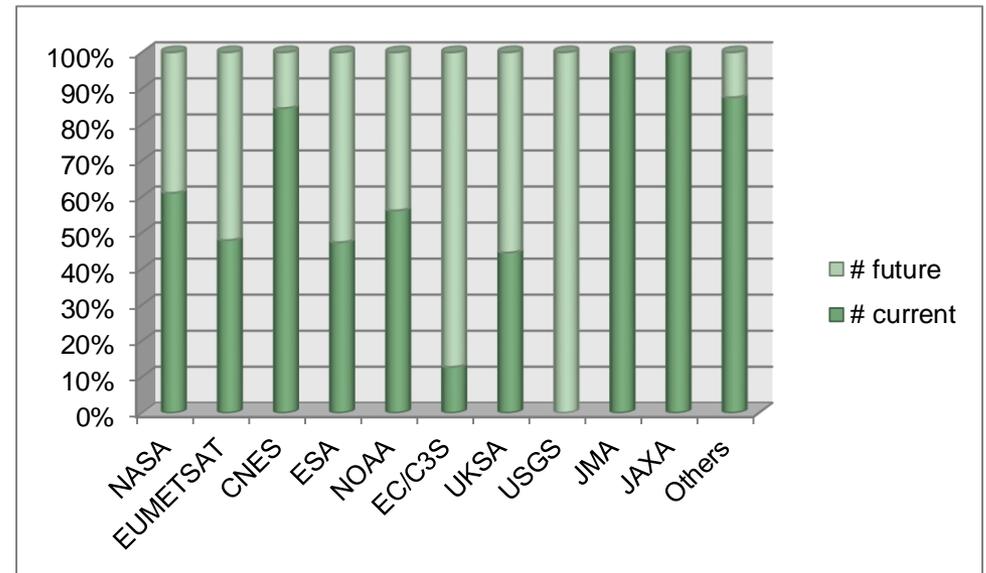
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Evolution: a steep learning curve...

- ▶ Cycle #1 (- 2014)
- ▶ Cycle #2 (2016-2018)
- ▶ 'Cycle' #3 (2018 -)

... with good results!

- ▶ 913 records (496 *existing* + 417 *planned*) contributed by ~ one hundred *Responders* from 10 agencies



Domain	Total	Current	Future
All	913	496	417
Atmosphere	658	376	282
Land	135	56	79
Ocean	120	64	56



Evolution: ... to be followed by a flatter stretch (03.19)

- ▶ Cycle #1 (- 2014)
 - ▶ Cycle #2 (2016 - 2018)
 - ▶ 'Cycle #3' (2018 -)
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- ▶ Continuous data collection (update*), with cut-off dates for reference versions of the annual ECV Inventory, Gap Analysis, and Coordinated Action Plan
 - ▶ Conversion of *planned* into *existing*
 - ▶ Update of information for v2.0
 - ▶ Deletion of obsolete / redundant content
 - ▶ Registration of new content
- ▶ Lessons learnt from data collection, verification process, and gap analysis:
 - ▶ Minor changes to the questionnaire and terminology
 - ▶ Different approach for registration of ICDR-like datasets
 - ▶ Relaxation of commitment constraints for *planned* CDRs



Evolution: ... and **NOT** (to be) followed by a flatter stretch

- ▶ Cycle #1 (- 2014)
 - ▶ Cycle #2 (2016 - 2018)
 - ▶ *'Cycle #3'* (2018 -)
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- ▶ Update of Verification tools
 - ▶ Highlight changed database fields
 - ▶ Test all URLs, highlight non-working ones
- ▶ Update and adaptation of GA Stage 1 tools:
 - ▶ Accommodate new fields
 - ▶ Update tools to combine manual and automatic assessments
 - ▶ Keep useful assessment from 2017
 - ▶ Highlight changed fields needing to be re-assessed
- ▶ Adapt and update reporting tools
 - ▶ Accommodate changed and unchanged records and ICDRs
 - ▶ Map #2 into #3 (e.g. new ECVs / ECV Products / changes in naming)
 - ▶ Deal with delays in verification: develop several views (submitted / verified / assessed)
 - ▶ New requests...



Status: a pre-final* snapshot in numbers

* pre-completion of verification process

- ▶ 1396 entries
 - ▶ 420 new
 - ▶ 976 inherited (913 published + 63 non finished/verified from Cycle #2)
- ▶ 1300 entries “available” [1217 “submitted”]
 - ▶ 821 *existing* + 479 *planned*
 - ▶ 894 Atmosphere + 234 Land + 147 Ocean (+25)
- ▶ ~ two hundred Responders, Co-editors, Observers
 - ▶ 64 + 6 new registered Responders
 - ▶ New input on e.g. Above-Ground Biomass, Sea-surface Salinity, Lightning (previous “gaps”), Permafrost (“new” ECV)
 - ▶ New / Stronger contributors: KMA (new), JAXA and JMA (stronger)
 - ▶ New programs: ESA CCI+, C3S-funded Projects – *planned* CDRs
- ▶ ... and still growing! verification often results in creation of new entries



Status: a pre-final* snapshot in numbers

1396 records	976* inherited (#2)	33 removed			
		943 available	649 existing 294 planned	817 existing + 481 planned	1300 records
	420 new (#3)	355 available	168 existing 187 planned		
		63 removed			

894 Atmosphere	688 (#2)	486 existing 202 planned	592 existing + 302 planned	803 existing + 472 planned	1275 records
	206 (#3)	106 existing 100 planned			
234 Land		139 (#2)	84 existing 55 planned		
	96 (#3)	35 existing 60 planned			
147 Ocean		111 (#2)	75 existing 37 planned		
	35 (#3)	17 existing 18 planned			
25 ?					



Status: a provisional (pre-verification) snapshot in numbers

► Atmosphere

Atmosphere	Aerosol properties	Aerosol optical depth
		Aerosol-extinction coefficient profile
		Single-scattering albedo
	Cloud properties	Aerosol-layer height
		Cloud optical depth
		Cloud-top pressure
		Cloud effective particle radius (liquid and ice)
		Cloud water path (liquid and ice)
		Cloud-top temperature
		Cloud amount
	Water vapour	Total column water vapour
		Upper tropospheric humidity
		Tropospheric and lower-stratospheric profiles of water vapour
	Earth radiation budget	Top-of-atmosphere ERB long-wave
		Top-of-atmosphere ERB short-wave (reflected)
		Solar spectral irradiance
		Total solar irradiance
	Ozone	Total column ozone
		Troposphere ozone profile
		Ozone profile in upper troposphere and lower stratosphere
		Ozone profile in upper stratosphere and mesosphere
	Precursors supporting the Ozone and Aerosol ECVs	CO tropospheric column
		SO ₂ , HCHO tropospheric columns
		CO tropospheric profile
	Carbon Dioxide, Methane and other greenhouse gases	NO ₂ tropospheric column
		Tropospheric CH ₄ column
		Tropospheric CO ₂ column
		Tropospheric CO ₂ profile
		Tropospheric CH ₄ profile
	Surface wind speed and direction	Stratospheric CH ₄ profile
		Surface wind speed and direction
Wind speed and direction (upper-air)	Upper-air wind retrievals	
Precipitation	Estimates of liquid and solid precipitation	
Surface radiation budget	Surface ERB short-wave	
	Surface ERB long-wave	
Temperature (upper-air)	Tropospheric temperature profile	
	Temperature of deep atmospheric layers	
	Stratospheric temperature profile	
Lightning	Lightning	

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	Lightning



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► Ocean

Ocean	Sea level	Global mean sea level
		Regional sea level
	Sea state	Wave height
	Sea-surface temperature	Sea-surface temperature
	Sea ice	Sea-ice thickness
		Sea-ice extent/edge
		Sea-ice concentration
		Sea-ice drift
	Ocean-surface heat flux	Latent heat flux
		Radiative heat flux
		Sensible heat flux
	Sea-surface salinity	Sea-surface salinity
	Ocean colour	Chlorophyll-a concentration
		Water leaving radiance
	Surface stress	Surface stress
Surface currents	Surface geostrophic currents	

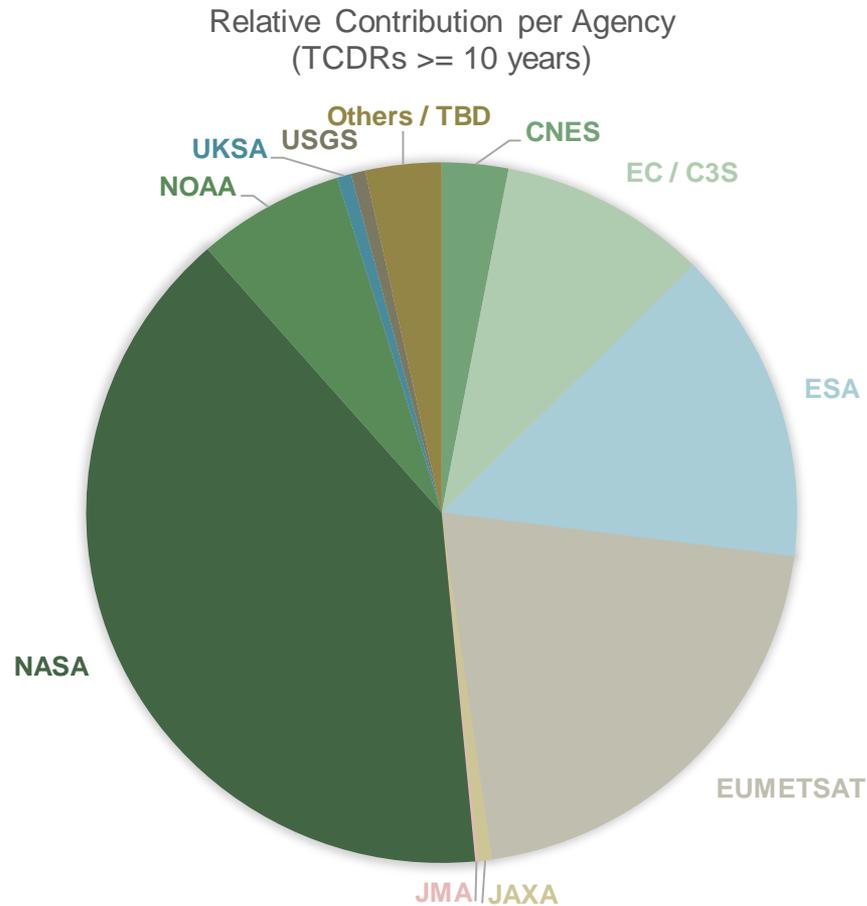


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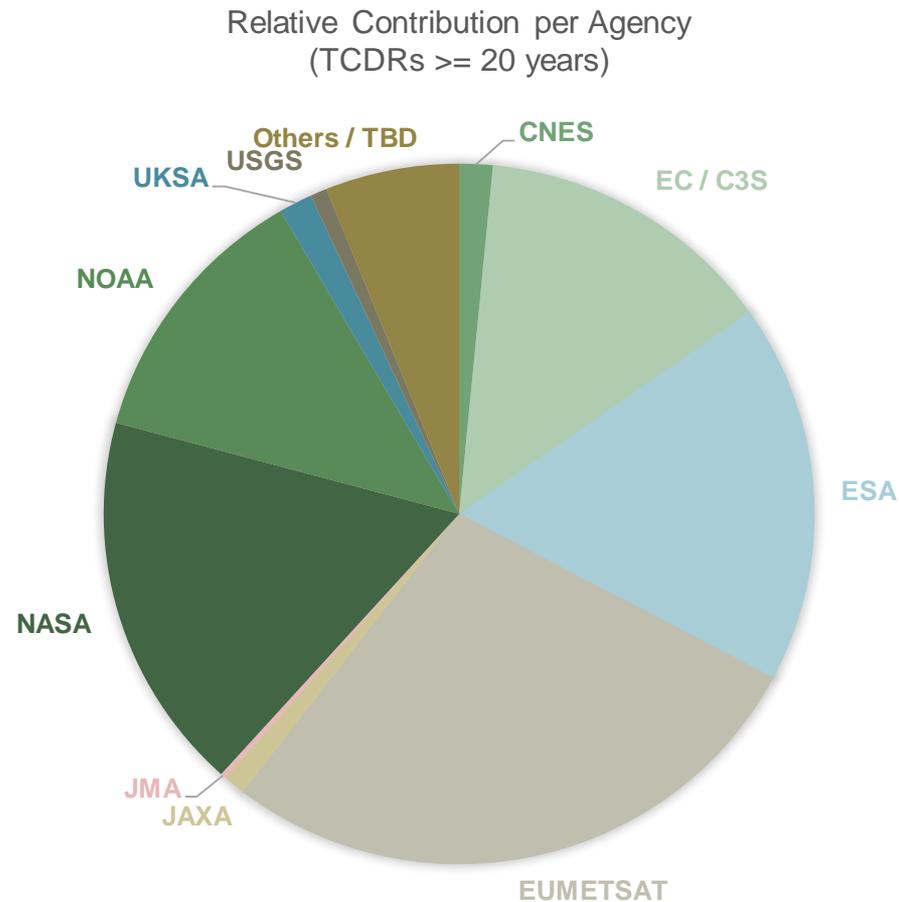
Land		Land		Land	
Anthropogenic greenhouse-gas fluxes	Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - continental	Anthropogenic greenhouse-gas fluxes	Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - continental	Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - continental	Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - continental
	Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - national		Estimated fluxes by inversions of observed atmospheric composition - national		
Ice sheets and ice shelves	High-resolution CO ₂ column concentrations to monitor point sources	Ice sheets and ice shelves	High-resolution CO ₂ column concentrations to monitor point sources	High-resolution CO ₂ column concentrations to monitor point sources	High-resolution CO ₂ column concentrations to monitor point sources
	Ice mass change		Ice mass change		
	Ice velocity		Ice velocity		
	Surface elevation change		Surface elevation change		
FAPAR	Grounding line location and thickness	FAPAR	Grounding line location and thickness	Grounding line location and thickness	Grounding line location and thickness
	Maps of FAPAR for modelling		Maps of FAPAR for modelling		
Leaf area index	Maps of FAPAR for adaptation	Leaf area index	Maps of FAPAR for adaptation	Maps of FAPAR for adaptation	Maps of FAPAR for adaptation
	FAPAR (GCOS-154)		FAPAR (GCOS-154)		
Albedo	Maps of LAI for modelling	Albedo	Maps of LAI for modelling	Maps of LAI for modelling	Maps of LAI for modelling
	Maps of LAI for adaptation		Maps of LAI for adaptation		
	LAI (GCOS-154)		LAI (GCOS-154)		
	Black-sky Albedo (GCOS-154)		Black-sky Albedo (GCOS-154)		
Fire	Maps of DHR albedo for modelling	Fire	Maps of DHR albedo for modelling	Maps of DHR albedo for modelling	Maps of DHR albedo for modelling
	Maps of DHR albedo for adaptation		Maps of DHR albedo for adaptation		
	White-sky Albedo (GCOS-154)		White-sky Albedo (GCOS-154)		
	Maps of BHR albedo for modelling		Maps of BHR albedo for modelling		
Soil moisture	Maps of BHR albedo for adaptation	Soil moisture	Maps of BHR albedo for adaptation	Maps of BHR albedo for adaptation	Maps of BHR albedo for adaptation
	Burnt areas		Burnt areas		
	Fire radiative power		Fire radiative power		
Land cover	Active fire maps	Land cover	Active fire maps	Active fire maps	Active fire maps
	Surface soil moisture		Surface soil moisture		
Land-surface temperature	Freeze/thaw	Land-surface temperature	Freeze/thaw	Freeze/thaw	Freeze/thaw
	Root-zone soil moisture		Root-zone soil moisture		
	Surface inundation		Surface inundation		
Glaciers	Vegetation optical depth	Glaciers	Vegetation optical depth	Vegetation optical depth	Vegetation optical depth
	Maps of land cover		Maps of land cover		
Lakes	Maps of high-resolution land cover	Lakes	Maps of high-resolution land cover	Maps of high-resolution land cover	Maps of high-resolution land cover
	Glacier elevation change		Glacier elevation change		
	Glacier area		Glacier area		
	Glacier mass change		Glacier mass change		
Permafrost	Lake colour (Lake water-leaving reflectance)	Permafrost	Lake colour (Lake water-leaving reflectance)	Lake colour (Lake water-leaving reflectance)	Lake colour (Lake water-leaving reflectance)
	Lake-ice cover		Lake-ice cover		
	Water extent		Water extent		
	Lake surface-water temperature		Lake surface-water temperature		
	Lake water level		Lake water level		
Snow	Lake-ice thickness	Snow	Lake-ice thickness	Lake-ice thickness	Lake-ice thickness
	Permafrost temperature		Permafrost temperature		
Groundwater	Depth of active layer	Groundwater	Depth of active layer	Depth of active layer	Depth of active layer
	Area covered by snow		Area covered by snow		
Above-ground biomass	Snow water equivalent	Above-ground biomass	Snow water equivalent	Above-ground biomass	Snow water equivalent
	Groundwater volume change		Groundwater volume change		Groundwater volume change
	Maps of AGB		Maps of AGB		Maps of AGB

► Land

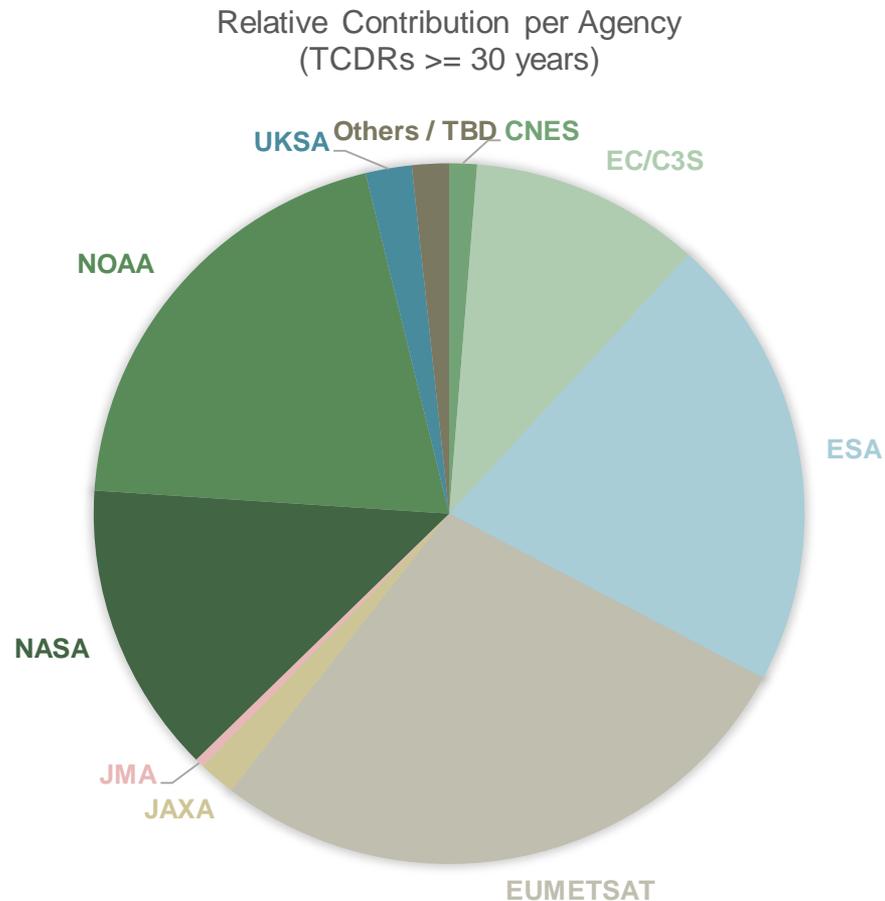
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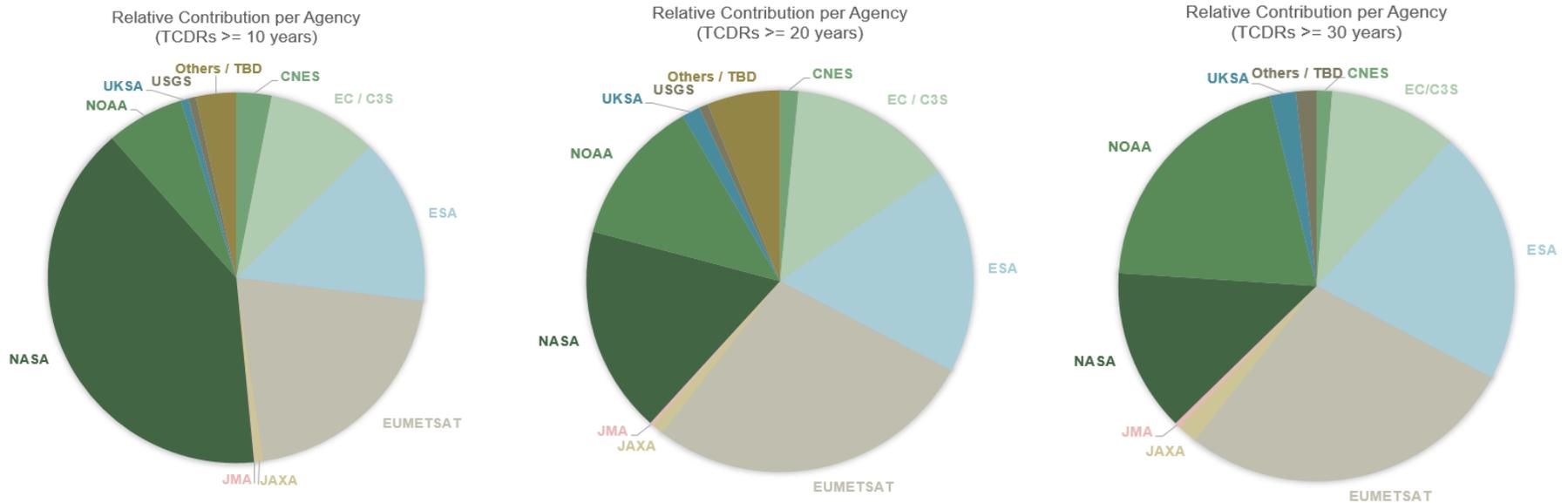
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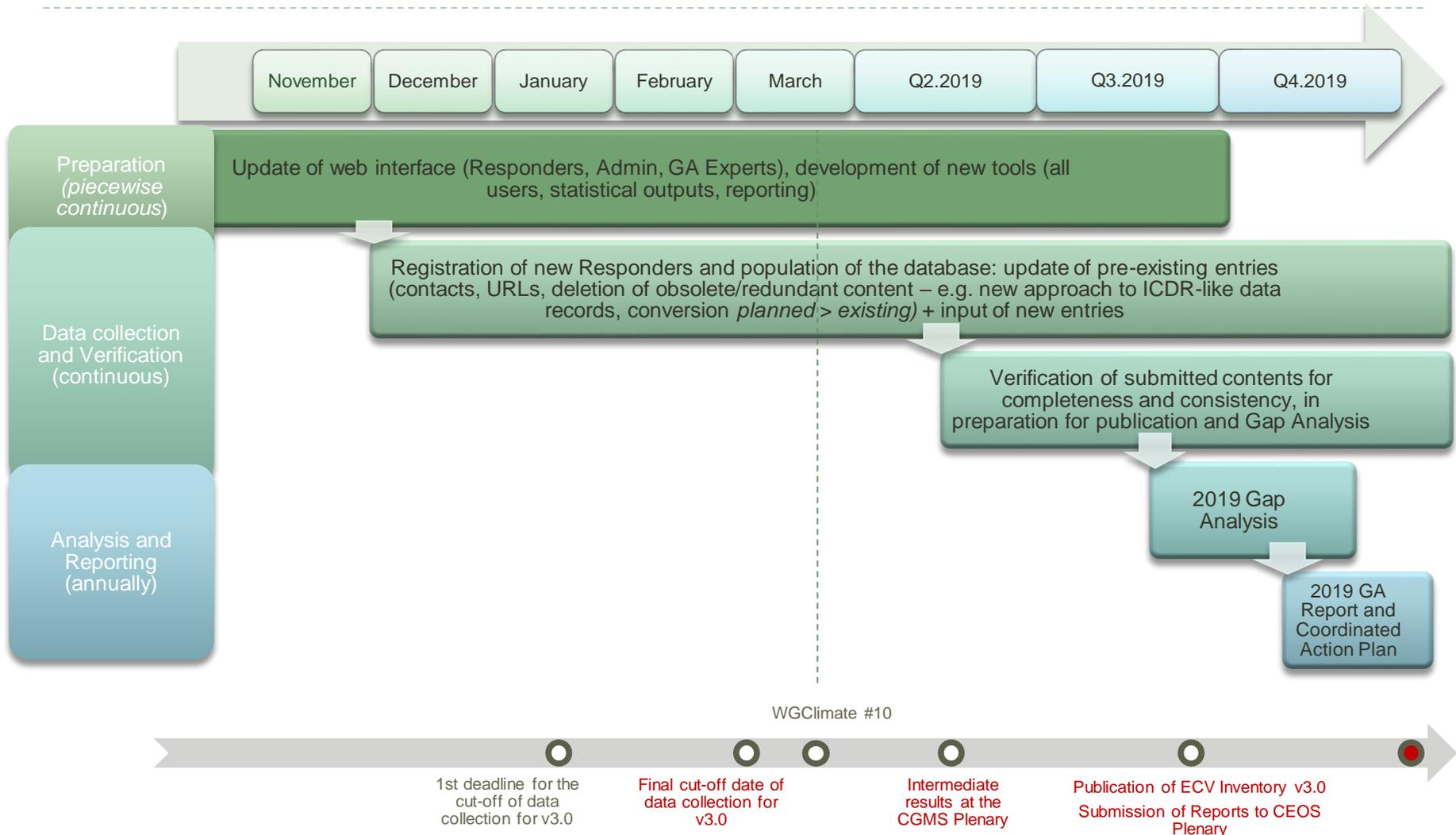
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Status: relative contribution per agency (overview)



Status: **updated** timeline for 2019



GA Process and timeline: Approach (1)

WGClimate ECV Inventory Gap Analysis Report V1.1 – May 2018

WGClimate ECV-Inventory Gap Analysis Report

- ▶ Similar to 2018 GA exercise
- ▶ New set of ECVs
- ▶ Work on the “delta”
- ▶ Add comparative analysis

4	Inventory Content (Covered ECVs).....
4.1	Relative portions of ECVs per GCOS Domain
4.2	Detailed View on Temporal Coverage per ECV Product
5	Gap Analysis against GCOS Criteria
5.1	Existing Data Records (Current Part of Inventory)
5.2	Planned Data Records (Future Part of the Inventory)
6	Gap Analysis for Selected ECV Products
6.1	CO ₂
6.2	CH ₄
6.3	Precipitation.....
6.4	Sea Surface Temperature.....
6.5	Sea Surface Salinity
6.6	Land Surface Temperature
6.7	Leaf Area Index
6.8	Above-ground Biomass.....

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Process and timeline: Approach (2)

4	Inventory Content (Covered ECVs).....
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6.8	Above-ground Biomass.....

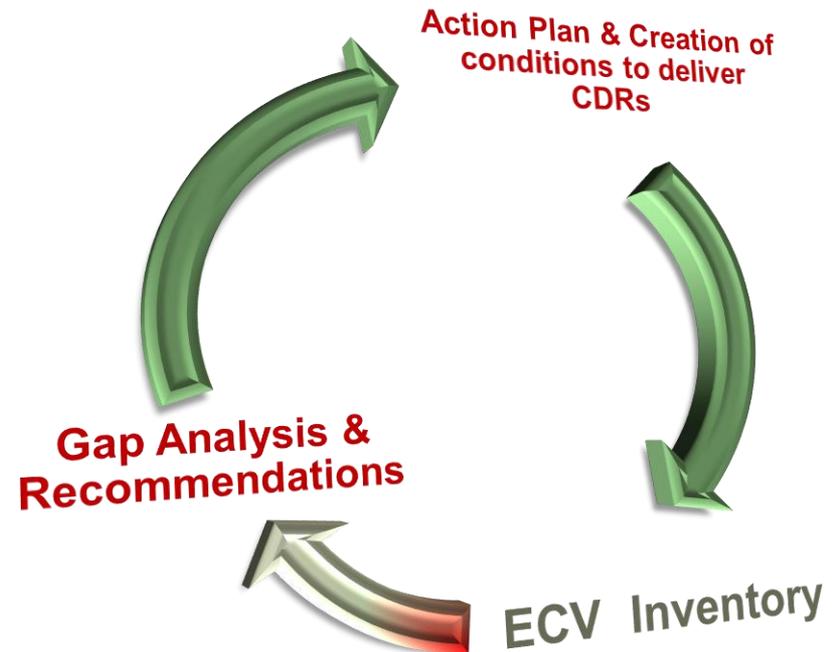
- ▶ Automatic assessment
- ▶ Statistical analysis tools and graphical display
- ▶ Individual CDRs
- ▶ Assessment tools on the web interface (GA teams of experts) > “delta”
- ▶ Statistical analysis tools and graphical display

- ▶ Detailed analysis per ECV / ECV Product
 - ▶ Missed known CDRs > GA Teams, VCs
 - ▶ Overview of analysis against GCOS criteria > resulting from previous phase
 - ▶ Missed opportunities (OSCAR, MIM) > EUMETSAT + GA Teams
 - ▶ Missing measurements for future > EUMETSAT + GA Teams



Process and timeline: cycle and constraints

- ▶ Upstream constraints
 - ▶ Data collection timeline
 - ▶ Verification process
 - ▶ Update of web interface tools
- ▶ **Now: agreement on scope, approach and definition of teams**
- ▶ Downstream constraints
 - ▶ Writing and reviewing of GA Report & Coordinated Action Plan
 - ▶ CGMS and CEOS Plenaries



Main targets: comparison #2 / #3

- ▶ Overall analysis contents of the ECV Inventory: population (distribution per domain, existing / planned), absolute gaps, agencies' contributions
- ▶ General scenario with respect to assessment against GCOS criteria
- ▶ Revisit set of ECVs / ECV Products targeted by the previous gap analysis (CO₂, CH₄, Precipitation, Land Surface Temperature, Leaf Area Index, Above-Ground Biomass, Sea Surface Temperature, Sea Surface Salinity) and assess evolution, cross-referencing with the Recommendations and Actions



Process and timeline: cycle and constraints

	A	B	J
1	ECV Inventory Gap Analysis		
2			
3			
4	Stage 1 - Assessment against GCOS criteria		
5			
	Domain / Expert	Organisation	Comments
6			
7			
8	Atmosphere		
9	Wenying Su	NASA (LARC)	Started with ERB
10	Stefan Bojinski	EUMETSAT	Small contribution (WV); back on the 2nd of September
11	Rainer Hollmann	DWD (CM SAF)	Started with Clouds; back on the 12th of August
13	Simon Pinnock	ESA (ECSAT)	Start with Aerosols in early August
14			
15			
16	Ocean		
17	Ewa Kwiatkowska	EUMETSAT	OC only; start TBD > 26th of August
18	Jörg Schulz	EUMETSAT	Start TBD > 13th of August
19	Anne O'Carrol	EUMETSAT	SST only; start on the 12th of August
20	Paolo Cipollini	ESA (ECSAT)	SL, SS, SSS, ??; Start TBD > 12th of August
21			
22	Land		
23	Stephen Plummer	ESA	Start TBD > 13th of August
24	Isabel Trigo	IPMA (Portuguese Met Service)	LAI, FAPAR, LST, LC?; started in early August
25	Simon Pinnock	ESA (ECSAT)	Start TBD > 8th of August (if needed)
26			
27			



GA Stage 1: Atmosphere

ECV	NOT TO BE RE-ASSESSSED (144)	TO BE PART/ RE-ASSESSSED (523)	TO BE FULLY ASSESSED (186)	TOTAL (853)
Aerosol	24	24	20	68
GHG	16	36	17	69
Clouds	24	163	27	214
Earth Radiation Budget	7	75	7	89
Surf Radiation Budget	5	46	12	63
Ozone	26	19	39	84
Upper-Air Temperature	3	42	28	73
Precursors ...	3	20	4	27
Surf Wind Speed / Dir	11	12	4	27
Upper-Air Wind Speed / Dir	1	1	0	2
Water Vapour	19	76	18	113
Precipitation	5	9	10	24

- ▶ 853 submitted
- ▶ 635 verified
- ▶ 433 assessed



GA Stage 1: Ocean

ECV	NOT TO BE RE-ASSESSSED (49)	TO BE PART/ RE-ASSESSSED (63)	TO BE FULLY ASSESSED (32)	TOTAL (144)
Ocean colour	0	16	1	17
Ocean Surf. Heat Flux	2	5	0	7
Sea Ice	18	10	23	51
Sea Level	14	4	2	20
Sea State	12	0	0	12
Sea Surf Salinity	0	0	2	2
Sea Surf Temperature	2	28	4	34
Sea Surf Stress	1	0	0	1

- ▶ 144 submitted
- ▶ 77 verified
- ▶ 67 assessed



GA Stage 1: Land

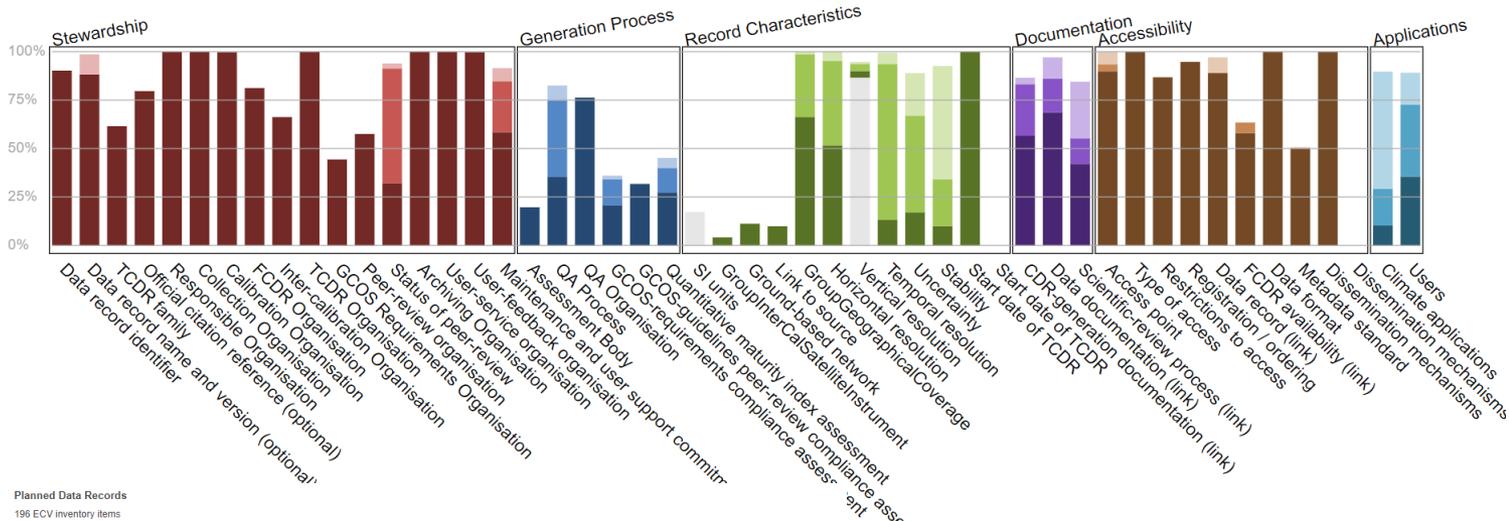
ECV	NOT TO BE RE-ASSESSSED (57)	TO BE PART/ RE-ASSESSSED (76)	TO BE FULLY ASSESSED (80)	TOTAL (213)
Above Ground Biomass	0	0	1	1
Albedo	9	15	9	33
FAPAR	0	5	5	10
Fire	2	10	8	20
Glaciers	2	0	0	2
Groundwater	1	1	4	6
Ice Sheets / Shelves	5	3	24	32
Lakes	0	3	4	7
Land Cover	1	3	6	10
LST	9	26	3	38
LAI	0	5	5	10
Permafrost	0	0	2	2
Snow	1	4	6	11
Soil Moisture	27	1	3	31

- ▶ 213 submitted
- ▶ 88 verified
- ▶ 88 assessed

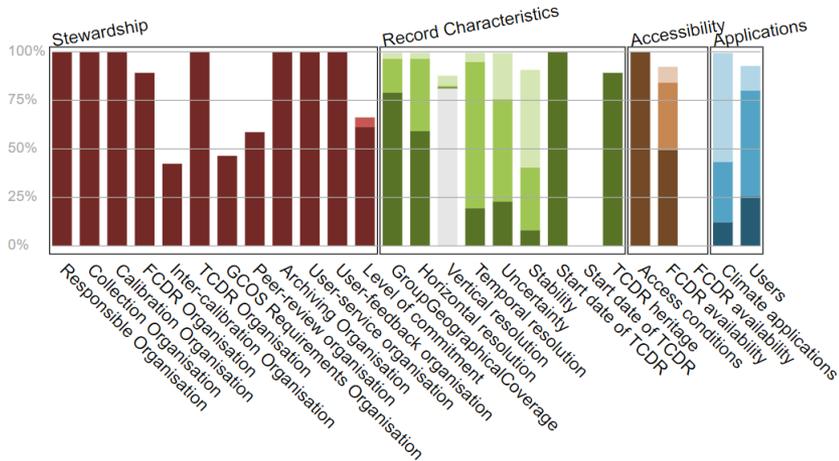


GA Stage 1: All domains

Overall assessment all data records / all ECV products
Existing Data Records
380 ECV inventory items



Planned Data Records
196 ECV inventory items



- ▶ 1217 submitted
- ▶ 800 verified
- ▶ 576 (+12) assessed

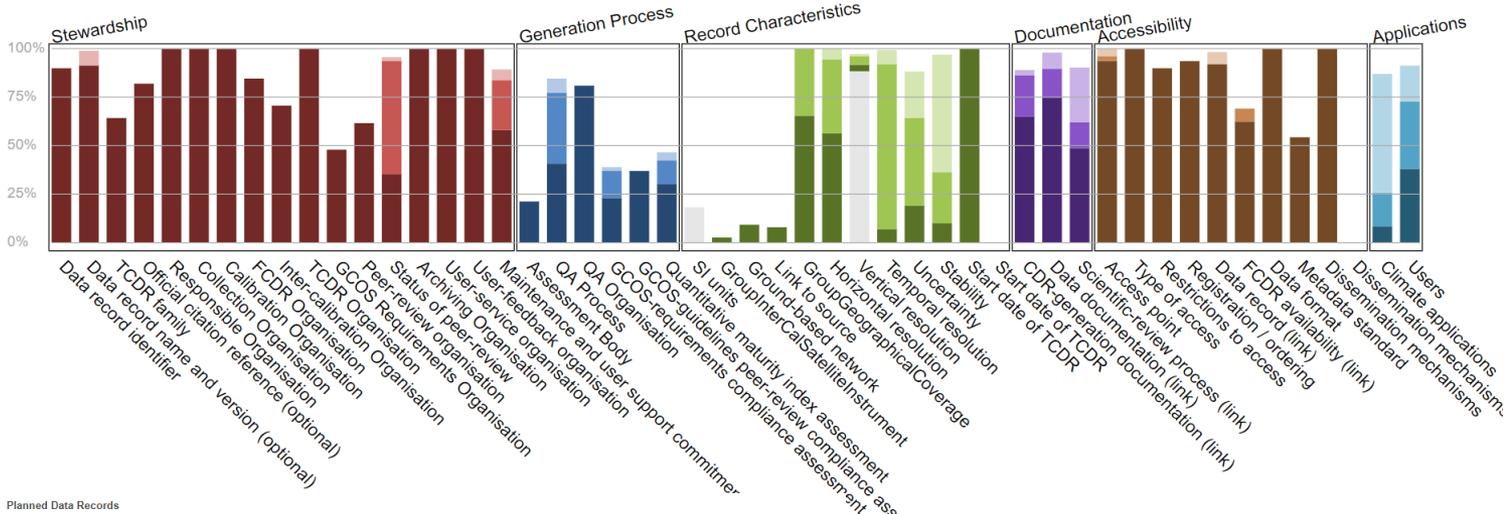


GA Stage 1: Atmosphere

Overall assessment all data records / 'Atmosphere' ECV products

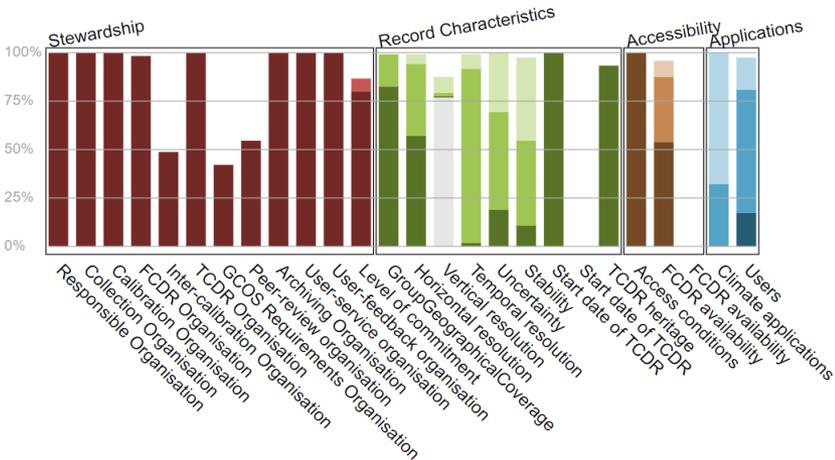
Existing Data Records

300 ECV inventory items



Planned Data Records

121 ECV inventory items



- ▶ 853 submitted
- ▶ 635 verified
- ▶ 421 (+12) assessed

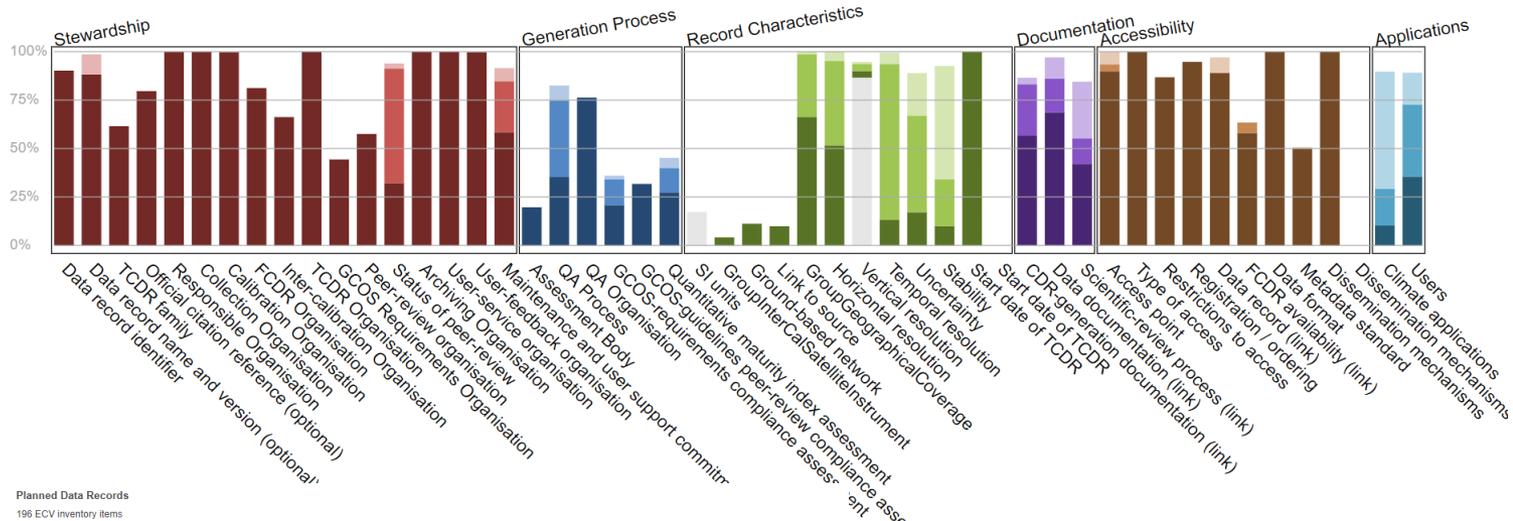


GA Stage 1: Ocean

Overall assessment all data records / all ECV products

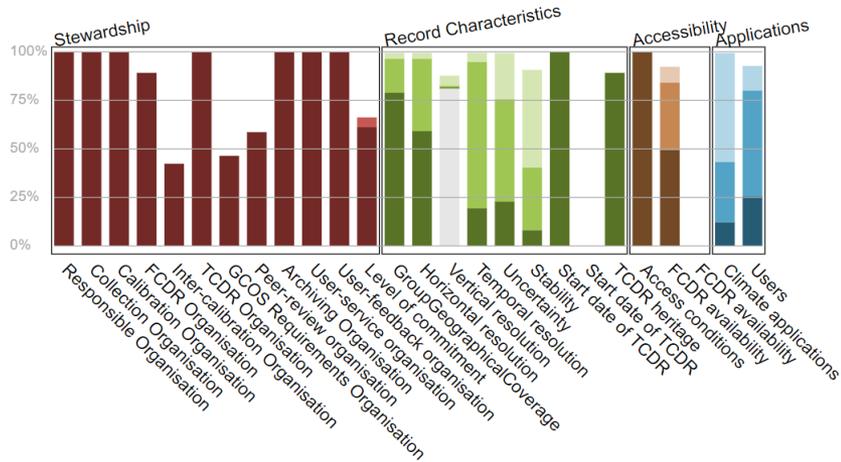
Existing Data Records

380 ECV inventory items



Planned Data Records

196 ECV inventory items



- ▶ 853 submitted
- ▶ 635 verified
- ▶ 433 assessed

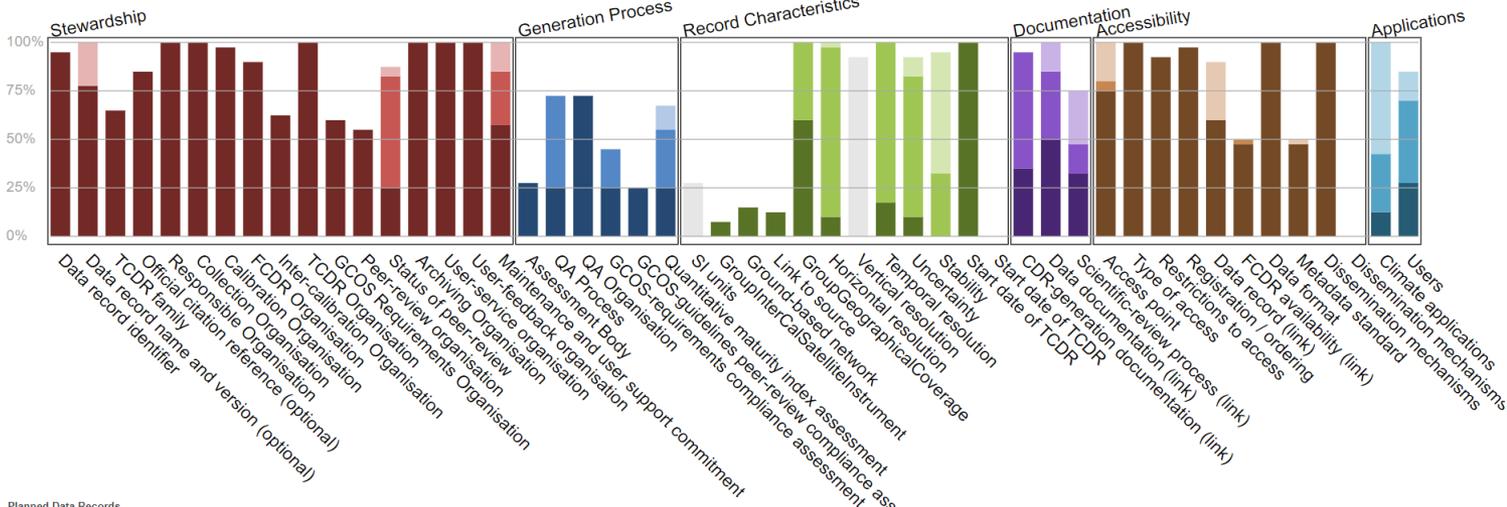


GA Stage 1: Land

Overall assessment all data records / 'Land' ECV products

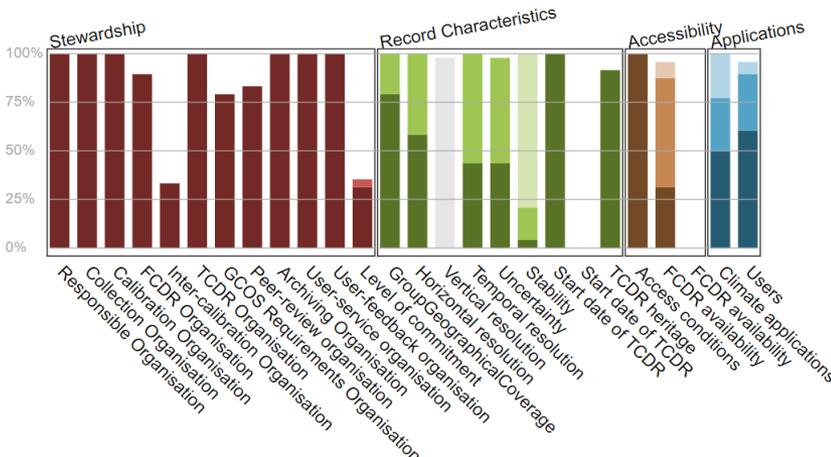
Existing Data Records

40 ECV inventory items



Planned Data Records

48 ECV inventory items



- ▶ 213 submitted
- ▶ 88 verified
- ▶ 88 assessed



GA Stage 2: pre-selection from WGClimate #10

▶ Atmosphere

- Aerosols > Simon Pinnock, Wenying Su
- Lightning > Wenying Su
- Surface Winds > Wenying Su
- Upper-air winds > Jörg Schulz
- Water Vapour UT/LS > Jörg Schulz

▶ Land

- Fire > Jeff Privette
- Land Cover > Jeff Privette
- Soil Moisture > Jeff Privette
- FAPAR > Jörg Schulz
- Glaciers > Simon Pinnock

▶ Ocean

- Sea Level > Simon Pinnock
- Sea State > Simon Pinnock
- Ocean-surface heat flux > Jörg Schulz



GA Stage 2: status for Atmosphere

Stage 2 - Detailed Gap Analysis

Domain / ECV	Coordination	Experts	Organisation	Status
Atmosphere				
Aerosols	(Simon and Wenying)	Thomas Popp Robert Levy	DLR / ESA-CCI / EC-FIDUCEO NASA	In progress, with feedback Ongoing?
Lightning	(Wenying)	?		Lightning CDRs being now contributed
Surface Winds	(Wenying)	CEOS OSVW-VC? No response...	?	CGMS Action...
Upper-Air Winds	(Joerg)	Marie Doutriaux-Boucher	EUMETSAT	Start TBD > 13th of September
Water Vapour	(Joerg / Simon)	Marc Schroeder Michaela Hegglin	DWD / ESA-CCI Univ. Reading / ESA-CCI	Contribution received Contribution received



GA Stage 2: status for Land

Stage 2 - Detailed Gap Analysis

Domain / ECV	Coordination	Experts	Organisation	Status
Land				
Fire	(Jeff)	Emilio Chuvieco Wilfrid Schroeder Ivan Csiszar	Univ. Alcalá / ESA-CCI NOAA NOAA	Contribution received In progress, with feedback In progress, with feedback
Land Cover	(Jeff)	Xiwu Zhan (Jerry) Kevin P. Gallo	NOAA NOAA	? In progress, with feedback
Soil Moisture	(Jeff, Simon)	Xiwu Zhan (Jerry) ESA CCI Team	NOAA EODC, TU Wien	TBD Took off independently, providing input based on ECV Inventory #2; update TBD
FAPAR	(Joerg)	To be dropped for 2019?		
Glaciers	(Simon)	Dropped for 2019		Unavailability (negative feedback) from experts



GA Stage 2: status for Ocean

Stage 2 - Detailed Gap Analysis

Domain / ECV	Coordination	Experts	Organisation	Status
Ocean				
Sea Level	(Simon)	Jérôme Benveniste Anny Cazenave ESA CCI Sea Level PM	ESA-ESRIN / ESA-CCI LEGOS / ESA-CCI CLS / ESA-CCI	Contribution received Contribution received Contribution received
Sea State	(Simon)	Guillaume Dodet Fabrice Arduin	IFREMER / ESA-CCI IFREMER / ESA-CCI	In progress, with feedback Ongoing?
Ocean-Surface Heat Flux	(Joerg)	Joerg Schulz	EUMETSAT	To be started soon



Main targets: ECVs for detailed analysis (2)

Domain	ECV	ECV Product	# records
Atmosphere (78 + 99)	Aerosol properties (73)	Aerosol optical depth	58
		Aerosol-extinction coefficient profile	5
		Single-scattering albedo	3
		Aerosol-layer height	7
	Carbon Dioxide, Methane and other greenhouse gases (75)	Tropospheric CH4 column	20
		Tropospheric CO2 column	31
		Tropospheric CO2 profile	2
		Tropospheric CH4 profile	21
		Stratospheric CH4 profile	1
	Wind speed and direction (upper-air) (5)	Upper-air wind retrievals	5
	Precipitation (24)	Estimates of liquid and solid precipitation	24
	Lightning (0)	Lightning	0



Main targets: ECVs for detailed analysis (3)

Domain	ECV	ECV Product	# records
Land (75 + 61)	FAPAR (10)	Maps of FAPAR for modelling	7
		Maps of FAPAR for adaptation	0
		FAPAR (GCOS-154)	3
	Leaf area index (10)	Maps of LAI for modelling	7
		Maps of LAI for adaptation	0
		LAI (GCOS-154)	3
	Fire (20)	Burnt areas	16
		Fire radiative power	3
		Active fire maps	1
	Soil moisture (31)	Surface soil moisture	30
		Freeze/thaw	1
		Root-zone soil moisture	0
		Surface inundation	0
		Vegetation optical depth	0
	Land-surface temperature (50)	Maps of land-surface temperature	50
	Glaciers (2)	Glacier elevation change	1
		Glacier mass change	0
		Glacier area	1
	Permafrost (2)	Permafrost temperature	1
		Depth of active layer	1
Above-ground biomass (1)	Maps of AGB	1	
Land cover (10)	Maps of high-resolution land cover	1	
	Maps of land cover	9	



Main targets: ECVs for detailed analysis (4)

Domain	ECV	ECV Product	# records
Ocean (39 + 38)	Sea level (20)	Global mean sea level	5
		Regional sea level	15
	Sea state (13)	Wave height	13
	Ocean-surface heat flux (6)	Latent heat flux	4
		Radiative heat flux	0
		Sensible heat flux	2
	Sea-surface salinity (4)	Sea-surface salinity	4
	Sea surface temperature (34)	Sea surface temperature	34

