

BERDS Data Provider Services

The Biodiversity & Environmental Resource Data System is an initiative designed to serve the needs of the biodiversity and environmental research community in Belize. In order to make this initiative a success, BERDS needs the support and participation of relevant organisations within and outside of Belize. Only through collaborative effort can this system hope to meet its objectives and provide the most comprehensive and accurate knowledge base possible.

When you contribute data, your data is tagged with metadata to ensure your ownership of said data is intact. This allows your organisation to share its data with the confidence in knowing that data is being properly attributed to your institution, at all times.

"Contribute once, share a lot" - our data sharing system allows your organisation to contribute its data records once to the system and that data can then be shared with other national, regional or even international initiatives without additional effort on your part. This allows your institution to maximise its data entry efforts - entering data into BERDS once guarantees your data is shared as widely (and safely) as possible with a minimum of effort on your part. Additionally, you have complete control and anytime access to edit, delete or backup any or all of your organisation's data.

BERDS recognises two types of data contributors:

- Data Providers
- Members

BERDS Data Providers are active members of the Belize environmental community that have data to share that would be of value to the community. In exchange for such data contributions, BERDS Data Providers are given special access to information and features on BERDS including a self-management data entry facility, access to private community forums, data report generation facilities and data export and backup facilities.

BERDS Members have all the rights and benefits of Data Providers but for an additional annual contribution, BERDS Members gain access to information and features that have been customised for the needs of their organisation. These additional features include:

- customised version of the Map Explorer application
- access to a personal site monitoring database
- private library catalog
- advanced data export and backup utilities
- private web and email forums
- webmail

For complete details on membership services, please see the Members page. [Feature comparison List]

Interested in contributing your organisations' data? Interested in becoming a Member? Contact us for further information and collaborative opportunities

BERDS Services	Data Provider	Members
Data Contributions:		
<i>Data Self-management Tool (web-based)</i>	X	X
<i>Data Entry Tool (off-line)</i>		X
Access to Data:		
<i>Access to Public Data</i>	X	X
<i>Access to Own Data</i>	X	X
<i>Access to All Data</i>		X
Map Explorer Application		
<i>Access to Public Version</i>	X	X
<i>Access to Personalised Version</i>		X
Access to Documents:		
<i>Access to Public Documents</i>	X	X
<i>Access to Private Document Library</i>		X
Library Services:		
<i>Personal Library Catalog Database</i>		X
<i>Access to All Member Library Catalogs</i>		X
Reports Centre:		
<i>Generate Reports for Own Data</i>	X	X
<i>Generate Reports for All Data</i>		X
Monitoring Database Services:		
<i>Ability to enter monitoring data (sites, site visits, specimens)</i>		X
<i>Ability to query monitoring data and generate reports (geographic, temporal and population-level info)</i>		X
Forum Services:		
<i>Access to Public Forums</i>	X	X
<i>Access to Private Community Forums</i>	X	X
<i>Access to Member-sponsored Forums</i>		X
Email Services:		
<i>Member email address & Webmail</i>		X
Data Backup Service:		
<i>Ability to export own data (.txt, .xls, .pdf)</i>	X	X
<i>Ability to export all data (.txt, .xls, .pdf)</i>		X
<i>Ability to backup own data as downloadable ZIP file</i>	X	X