



The AMMA Data and Publication Policy

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Motivation

The African Monsoon Multidisciplinary Analyses (AMMA) is an international network of scientists funded by national and pan-national projects which aims to study in collaboration with African scientists the monsoon system from its geophysical aspects to its socio-economic impacts. The multidisciplinary analysis of the observations is a key element of the AMMA strategy. AMMA-EU is a project funded under the 6th Framework Research Program (FP6) and represents the contribution of the European Commission to AMMA. It is in this perspective that the data and publication policy was designed.

Backgrounds

- The policy has been established considering the FP6 rules, the EC Contract and the Consortium agreement of AMMA-EU on the one hand and the free data access proposed for other instruments deployed on the other hand.
- It applies to all employees of AMMA-EU Contractors or their Members. The list of Contractors and their Members is provided in the Consortium Agreement.
- This chart covers data (including quick looks) collected during AMMA field experiments by institutions and individual scientists participating in the project and all pre-existing know-how to which the access has not been explicitly excluded in the Consortium Agreement.
- The access given to the data by this chart only covers the sole and direct use of the data in the framework of the scientific objectives of AMMA. This explicitly excludes the redistribution of data to third parties and the use for commercial applications.

Rules

- Data producers have to provide the data to the data base 2 months after data acquisition. For complicated datasets requiring a lot of processing and quality control, exceptions will be permitted after examination by the ISSC. The data set can be updated at any time. All knowledge (ie. Data produced within AMMA) will be disseminated freely at the very latest on 31st December 2009. This does not include the pre-existing know-how which access has been granted to.
- Any data is accessible on request and royalty free to all AMMA participants within the limits of the scientific objectives of the project. The agencies which have built AMMA need to be acknowledged in any case with the sentence: “Based on a French initiative, AMMA was built by an international scientific group and is currently funded by a large number of agencies, especially from France, UK, US and Africa. It has been the beneficiary of a major financial contribution from the European Community's Sixth Framework Research Pro-

gramme. Detailed information on scientific coordination and funding is available on the AMMA International web site <http://www.amma-international.org>".

- Users of the data base are expected to contact the producer/owner of the data in order to propose collaboration. To ensure this happens, any access to a data set (or a sub-data set) will automatically trigger an e-mail to the owner of the data so that he/she is aware of who intends to use the data and can contact that person if needed. This also allows the owners of the data to inform their users of any evolution in the dataset.
- Depending on the data type (operational or not), the « production age » and the actuality of a scientific collaboration, any publication will have to be either co-signed by the data provider or at least his contribution acknowledged. For research data collected less than 24 month ago a co-authorship has to be proposed to the owner of the data.
- Any publication related to AMMA has to be submitted to the Project Office as soon as it is submitted to the journal, conference or other organization.. At this point any AMMA-EU Contractor or Member has 6 weeks to object to the publication. Should an objection be raised the conciliation procedure described in the Consortium Agreement will be followed.
- The chart will be signed by all scientists employed by Contractors or their Members who request access to the AMMA data base. A similar chart, but which excludes access to pre-existing know-how, will be signed by interested scientists from institutions outside of AMMA-EU (*click here to view the AMMA-International chart*).

PROCEDURE

- Scientists performing scientific studies within the AMMA-EU project wishing to get access to data from the data base fills in the following form and submits it to the PO by email
- PO verifies with the AMMA-EU management that the requests originates from a Contractor or one of its Member.
- PO informs the Scientist that a user account is open.

AMMA form for access to data

Ms. Mr.

Last Name:

First Name:

Affiliation:

Postal Address:

Zip Code: City:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Project Work-Packages to which the scientific activity will contribute:

With this form, I fully accept the rules given in this data policy and the Consortium Agreement of AMMA-EU (*click here to access pdf file*). In particular

- I apply for access to the data in order to perform work within the Description of Work of AMMA-EU.
- I commit to contact the producer/owner of the data I required in order to propose him/her a collaboration.

In the case of any publication, I commit

- either to propose co-signature with the data provider or to acknowledge him depending on the data use, type and “production age”.
- to acknowledge the funding of AMMA with the sentence: “Based on a French initiative, AMMA was built by an international scientific group and is currently funded by a large number of agencies, especially from France, UK, US and Africa. It has been the beneficiary of a major financial contribution from the European Community's Sixth Framework Research Programme. Detailed information on scientific coordination and funding is available on the AMMA International web site <http://www.amma-international.org> ”
- to submit any publication related to AMMA to the Project Office as soon as it is submitted to a journal, conference or other organization.
- I commit to never redistribute AMMA data received through this agreement, to any other person or institution.
- I commit not to use data for commercial applications.