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**To:** ["enquiries@csiro.au"](mailto:enquiries@csiro.au)  
**Subject:** CSIRO National Soil Site Database  
**Date:** 27-mrt-2015 12:56:00  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As World Data Centre for Soils, a regular member of the International Council for Science (ICSU) World Data System, ISRIC is developing a range of mapping products/services for the world (presently 1x1km) for the benefit of the international scientific community and in support of the Global Soil Partnership and similar. A diverse range of organisations have already shared data sets for this collaborative effort, including the EU-JRC LUCAS and USDA-NRCS database, specifying how the data may be used and the preferred type of acknowledgement.

With reference to CSIRO's webpage (<https://data.csiro.au/dap/landingpage?pid=csiro:7526>), under 'Access', I would like to enquire if it would be possible to get access to these data (or part thereof) so that may be included in upcoming global mapping runs. So far, for Australia, we only have some profile data that CSIRO staff and others kindly shared with ISRIC in the framework of the WISE project (around 1993).

I look forward to your reply on this matter,

Best regards,

Niels Batjes

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Niels H. Batjes

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**From:** [Batjes, Niels](#)  
**To:** [Batjes, Niels](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RE: CSIRO legacy soil profile data  
**Date:** 19-feb-2016 9:11:46  
**Attachments:** [The Australian Site Data Collation - final.pdf](#)

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## CONTEXT

----- Forwarded Message -----  
Subject: RE: CSIRO legacy soil profile data  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2016 05:06:32 +0000  
From: [Ross.Searle@csiro.au](mailto:Ross.Searle@csiro.au)  
To: [tom.hengl@isric.org](mailto:tom.hengl@isric.org)

Tom,

Sorry for the delay getting back to you. It has been a busy first week back after holidays. I have had a chat with some people in the last day or so and it seems like there might have been some miscommunications previously RE soil data.

As you probably know, CSIRO only owns a relatively small amount of the total Australian soil data. We can supply this data no worries at all. We are trying to make it openly available via web services but not quite there just yet.

Most of the countries' soil data is owned and maintained by the various state and territory government agencies. CSIRO, (me) collated these disparate datasets for the Soil and Landscape Grid of Australia DSM project (attached paper hopefully explains a bit more of the background and detail). At the time we did this we had an agreement in place with the state agencies that we would not directly supply this compiled data to 3rd parties. However....., things have moved on a bit since we did this. All of the agencies now supply soil data under CCBY licensing (this was not the case a few years ago). A number of agencies have now said they are happy for CSIRO to forward on the collated soil data but some of them still would like to be contacted directly, so they can keep a track of what purposes the data is being used for. What we have done previously for people requesting the collated data is for them to contact the people listed below and request the data. Also ask if they are happy for me to supply the collated dataset - this means you can get the various disparate datasets in a uniform format. This has worked well previously. Can you forward their responses to me for my own records.

I would be happy to be part of the SoilGrids consortium, but don't have much spare time at present. So as long as it is not a big time commitment that would be good. I'll just need to OK it with my boss first.

Regards  
Ross

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**From:** [Datarequests DLRM](#)  
**To:** [Batjes, Niels](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)  
**Date:** 21-jan-2016 2:14:55

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Hello Niels,

Just a follow up to the email from Jason – we distribute our data under Creative Common (CC by) – the attribution is in my signature. I am assuming you have access to the data?

Warm regards  
Anna

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**From:** Jason V Hill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 January 2016 15:53  
**To:** Datarequests DLRM  
**Cc:** [niels.batjes@wur.nl](mailto:niels.batjes@wur.nl)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Hi,

The below is a request from ISRIC to use the soil site data we supplied to CSIRO a few years ago for the National Soil Grid of Australia. I am happy for ISRIC to use the data. I have asked CSIRO to inform us when the data is shared so we can maintain records. Please record this request as per other requests for data.

Thanks, Jason

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**From:** Batjes, Niels [<mailto:niels.batjes@wur.nl>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 January 2016 8:59 PM  
**To:** Jason V Hill  
**Subject:** Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Dear Dr Hill,

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All data providers will be fully acknowledged in accord with the terms of our Data Policy (see [Data Use and Citation](#)).

Should you desire additional information, or should another person be contacted concerning this request for data sharing, please let us know.

We look forward to a positive reply, which we may then forward to Dr Searle so that we may get access to the full, collated legacy soil dataset for Australia.

Sincerely yours,

Niels Batjes



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**From:** [Daniel Brough](#)  
**To:** [Batjes, Niels](#)  
**Cc:** [Ross Searle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)  
**Date:** 20-jan-2016 10:28:29

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Hi Niels

Please do use our soil site data. We have it licences as CC-By so please abide by the attribution to the Queensland Government.

The data that Ross had from Queensland is a couple of years old. In the last few years we have invested heavily in a QA/QC program for our soil data. We have also collected or entered from historical records several thousand new observations.

We are working towards having web services for our data in the next few years. Once these are released you should be able to obtain up to date data in standard formats.

Regards  
Dan

Sent from my iPhone

On 15 Jan 2016, at 9:33 PM, Batjes, Niels <[niels.batjes@wur.nl](mailto:niels.batjes@wur.nl)> wrote:

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**DATA SUPPLY AND LICENCE AGREEMENT**

This Schedule (plus any attachments) sets out the particulars of this Agreement and is to be read together with and subject to the attached Terms.

**Parties:** The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources Victoria (**ACN 006 598 798**) of Spring St. Melbourne VIC 3000, Victoria, Australia ("DEDJTR").

**and** ISRIC, PO Box 353, 6700 AJ Wageningen, The Netherlands

**Data:** Victoria soil profile data (as supplied to and formatted by CSIRO, Australia in 27 Nov 2012)

**Territory:** Global

**Term of License:** Perpetual

**Application:**

Data can only be used by ISRIC to generate global soil maps at various resolutions (250m to 50 km) using digital soil mapping (SoilGrids) techniques

**Reference:** 2016182

**By executing below, the Parties agree to be bound by the terms of this Schedule and the attached Terms of Contract.**

**Date:**

Signed for and on behalf of **DEDJTR** by:

Signed for and on behalf of the **Recipient** by:

Signature

Signature

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Name and Title

Ir Rik van den Bosch  
Director ISRIC – World Soil Information

*Please complete application section, sign and return by email*

## TERMS

### 1. SUPPLY OF DATA

DEDJTR must at its cost as soon practicable after the Recipient has paid the Fee, supply the Recipient with the Data.

### 2. GRANT OF LICENCE

DEDJTR hereby grants the Recipient a non-exclusive, personal and non-transferable license to use the Data in the Territory for the Application during the Term.

### 3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights (including without limitation those under the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) and law of confidential information and of trade secrets) subsisting in the Data whether in the form supplied under this Agreement or as modified or adapted by the Recipient belong to DEDJTR.

### 4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Subject to any disclosure permitted by the Application, the Recipient shall keep the Data confidential.

### 5. ENDORSEMENT

Subject to the Application allowing use of the Data to produce products, the Recipient shall endorse on all products of whatever nature (including without limitation analytical, digital or analogue products) which it produces using the Data or any copy or part thereof a statement:

- (i) acknowledging that the Data was supplied by DEDJTR and that DEDJTR remains the owner of the Data and the intellectual property rights subsisting therein; and
- (ii) of origin of the Data, including currency and reliability, where known.

### 6. APPLICATION

The Recipient shall not, and shall ensure that its employees shall not, without the prior consent of DEDJTR, use the Data in any way other than for the Application as permitted by this Agreement.

### 7. RESTRICTIONS ON USE

The Recipient shall not:

- (a) combine the Data with other data held by the Recipient to produce material or information of whatever nature (including without limitation analytical, digital or analogue products) for sale to a third party or for general sale or license without the prior written consent of DEDJTR. DEDJTR reserves the right to veto such proposed use, or if accepted, to determine any royalty to be paid to DEDJTR (in addition to any Fee) by the Recipient; or
- (b) derive information from the Data by recourse to any process or any other material or information, except for the Application.

### 8. DEDJTR REVIEW

The Recipient must advise DEDJTR and DEDJTR reserves the right to examine all methods and conclusions including reasoning and calculations, which draw on the Data in any way, where such conclusions are contained in publications (excluding internal reports) for general or public scrutiny or comment. DEDJTR reserves the right of veto over publication where it deems that such methods or conclusions may be invalid or misleading.

### 9. RETURN OF DATA

At the end of the Term or upon earlier termination of this Agreement in accordance with clause 12, DEDJTR may request the return of the Data. The Recipient will, within one month from the date of the notice, return all copies of the Data together with all other products from which the Data or any part thereof may be extracted and which are

in the possession or in the power or control of the Recipient.

### 10. RISK AND LIABILITY

11.1 To the extent lawful DEDJTR excludes all warranties, terms and conditions, express or implied, including without limitation those relating to merchantability, fitness for purpose and validity of intellectual property rights relating to the Data.

11.2 The Recipient permanently indemnifies and releases DEDJTR in respect of any Third Party Claim.

11.3 Without limiting this clause 11 the Recipient will use the Data at its own risk and, at the request of DEDJTR, will maintain such insurance for its and DEDJTR's benefit as DEDJTR reasonably requires.

11.4 In this clause 11 "Third Party Claim" means any claim by or judgment or award in favour of a third party arising directly or indirectly out of the use of the Data.

### 11. TERMINATION

DEDJTR may by written notice to the Recipient terminate this Agreement if the Recipient breaches any of its obligations and fails to remedy that breach within 30 days of request to do so. Termination shall not affect any rights DEDJTR has under this Agreement or at law.

### 12. TAX

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### 13. GENERAL

(a) **Dispute.** Before initiating proceedings regarding a dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement, a party must refer the dispute for mediation to the Australian Commercial Dispute Centre Limited ("ACDC"). If the Dispute has not been resolved within sixty (60) days of referral to ACDC either party is free to initiate proceedings in a court. Nothing in this clause 14(a) will prevent a party from seeking interlocutory relief through courts of appropriate jurisdiction.

(b) **Governing law.** This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia.

(c) **Entire agreement.** This Agreement contains the whole of the agreement between DEDJTR and the Recipient regarding the Data.

(d) **Waiver.** Any failure by a party to compel performance by the other party of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of those terms or conditions or diminish rights arising from their breach.

(e) **Amendment.** This Agreement may only be amended by instrument in writing signed by the Parties.

(f) **DEDJTR's Name.** The Recipient will not use DEDJTR's name or logo without the prior written consent of DEDJTR.

(g) **No Assignment.** The Recipient may not assign, change or otherwise deal with the license granted to it under this Agreement.

**From:** [Batjes, Niels](mailto:Batjes.Niels)  
**To:** ["Jonathan.Hopley@ecodev.vic.gov.au"](mailto:Jonathan.Hopley@ecodev.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)  
**Date:** 19-feb-2016 13:00:00

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Dear Jonathan,

Thanks for your reply permitting the use of the Victorian soil data for SoilGrids applications.

For clarification, I have a question about the licence agreement. The term of the licence is specified as 24 months; would it be possible to indicate a longer term, or that this term is renewable, so that the Victorian soil data may be used in successive releases of SoilGrids, this to ensure soil data consistency in the SoilGrids mapping activities?

Best regards,

Niels

**From:** Jonathan.Hopley@ecodev.vic.gov.au [mailto:Jonathan.Hopley@ecodev.vic.gov.au]  
**Sent:** 19-feb-2016 1:57  
**To:** Batjes, Niels  
**Cc:** Ross.Searle@csiro.au; Mark.Imhof@ecodev.vic.gov.au  
**Subject:** Fw: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Dear Niels

We are happy to support your global soil mapping efforts by agreeing for you use Victorian soil profile data previously supplied under license to CSIRO for the GlobalSoilMap project.

We would like this data to be supplied under a new agreement (attached) that specifies it's terms of use (including time frame and application).

Please note that the agreement does not extend to the data's inclusion/processing in the ISRIC World Soil Information Service.

If you are happy with these terms please complete the license agreement and return by email and we will notify Ross Searle. If you have any issue with this agreement (particularly term of license and data application) then please let me know.

Regards

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Date: 18/02/2016 11:01 PM  
Subject: RE: FW: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

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Dear Mr Imhof,

I would like to follow up on ISRIC's earlier request concerning possible soil data sharing, as copied to you by Mr Robinson.

As indicated, we really hope that we may get approval for our request (as the other agencies have already agreed with CC-BY use of their respective 'collated' data), so that we may obtain the whole 'collated data set' for Australia, through Mr Ross Searle at CSIRO, for consideration in our global mapping work.

Basically, all we hope for is a YES (CC-BY) from your organization's side. Should this be a problem, please indicate this to us. In such case, we will contact Mr Ross at CSIRO to see if we can get a copy of the 'collated data set for Australia', minus the data provided by your organisation.

Looking forward to a positive response.

Best regards,

Niels Batjes



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**From:** Batjes, Niels

**Sent:** 5-feb-2016 10:07

**To:** 'nathan.robinson@ecodev.vic.gov.au'

**Cc:** 'Ross.Searle@csiro.au'; Hengl, Tom

**Subject:** RE: FW: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Dear Nathan,

Thanks for your encouraging response.

We really hope that we may get approval for this request (the other agencies have already agreed with CC-BY use), so that we may obtain the whole 'collated data set' for Australia from Ross Searle at CSIRO.

Best wishes,

Niels

**From:** [nathan.robinson@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:nathan.robinson@ecodev.vic.gov.au) [<mailto:nathan.robinson@ecodev.vic.gov.au>]

**Sent:** 5-feb-2016 5:56

**To:** Batjes, Niels

**Cc:** [Mark.Imhof@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Imhof@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

**Subject:** Re: FW: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Dear Niels, my sincere apologies for the tardy response. I am currently finishing my PhD studies which has meant I've been a bit distracted. I have been in contact with the custodian of soil site data for our government agency (Mark Imhof) and he is seeking clarification about the best way to support your request.

At this stage we should know more next week. I hope that is ok.

Yours sincerely, Nathan

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Date: 28/01/2016 07:49 PM  
Subject: FW: Request for possible soil data sharing (Australia)

Dear Dr Robinson,

I would like to follow up on my preceding e-mail enquiring whether the soil profile data compiled/supplied by your organization for the 'Soil and Landscape Grid of Australia DSM project' may be used by ISRIC WDC Soils to generate a range of derived data products for use by the international community (with CC BY attribution).

Dr Ross Searle at CSIRO has asked us to provide such information so that he may share the collated 'Australian Soil Data set' with ISRIC. So far, we have received positive replies from the other contributing agencies that specifically indicated that they would like to be informed beforehand about proposed uses of their data.' We look forward to a positive reply on this matter,

Best regards,

Niels Batjes



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ISRIC has adopted the same general principles as the ICSU-WDS Data Policy, which is in accord with GEO/GEOSS principles for data sharing. As such, we aim for full and open sharing of data. However, in recognition of possible 'inherited restrictions', each potential data contributor may indicate how the data they provide may ultimately be shared with the international community through our web services. All data providers will be fully acknowledged in accord with the terms of our Data Policy (see [Data Use and Citation](#)).

Should you desire additional information, or should another person be contacted concerning this request for data sharing, please let us know.

We look forward to a positive reply, which we may then forward to Dr Searle so that we may get access to the full, collated legacy soil dataset for Australia.

Sincerely yours,  
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