

Brief Guide to Understanding ScienceBase Files Associated with the Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools Used for Market-based Conservation in the United States

The following provides a brief overview of the information contained in the database and any accompanying files or, in the case of the .xlsx document, accompanying worksheets within the document. The information is separated among the different documents found in the “Attached Files” section of the ScienceBase page for the Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools Used for Market-based Conservation in the United States.

FILE: *Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools.csv*

- This file contains the database of quantification tools used in biodiversity and habitat markets in the United States.
- The top row (row 1) of the worksheet lists the criteria used to describe tools and their features. These criteria should be considered column headings, and can be distinguished by the underscores (_) before and after each criterion name. For example, ‘_Tool_Name_’, ‘_Brief_Description_’. Definitions of criteria and the terms listed in each column can be found in the ‘*Definitions of Criteria & Terms Used.csv*’ file.
- NOTE: Any documents listed in the ‘_Associated_Documents_’ column will not be immediately accessible via the ScienceBase page for this database. We intend to make shareable documents available to users in the near future. Until then, please inquire with Scott Chiavacci (schiavacci@usgs.gov) regarding access to tool documents.
- NOTE: Because this document is in .csv file format, users may need to expand column and row widths to clearly see information on the worksheet.

FILE: *Definitions of Criteria & Terms Used.csv*

- This file contains definitions of the criteria (column headings) and terms listed under each criterion in the ‘*Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools.csv*’ file.
- The top row (row 1) of the worksheet represents column headings, which are distinguished by underscores before and after headings. For example, ‘_Criterion_’, ‘_Term_Definition_’.
- Information in the _Criterion_ and the _Criterion_definition_ columns may appear multiple times because there are multiple terms that fall under a given criterion in the database. For example, users will notice 5 rows for the Pricing criterion and 5 corresponding entries for the Pricing criterion definition because there are 5 terms used to describe the pricing of tools in the database. Similarly, there are 4 rows listing Tool_Status as a criterion because there are 4 terms used to describe tool status in the database.
- NOTE: Because this document is in .csv file format, users may need to expand column and row widths to clearly see information on the worksheet.

FILE: Abbreviations Used.csv file

- This file includes a list of abbreviations contained in the '*Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools.csv*' file and their meanings.
- The top row (row 1) of the worksheet represents column headings, which are distinguished by underscores before and after headings. For example, 'Abbreviation'.
- NOTE: Because this document is in .csv file format, users may need to expand column and row widths to clearly see information on the worksheet.

FILE: Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools METADATA.xml

- This file contains basic information (metadata) about the database and its associated files.

FILE: Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools.xlsx

- This file contains 4 worksheets, 3 of which contain the same information as the .csv files listed above:
 1. '*Cover sheet*' – This is the home page of the file and can be used to navigate to the '*Master*', '*Criterion & term definitions*', or '*Abbreviations used*' worksheets by clicking on the corresponding buttons on the cover sheet.
 - The '*All Data*' button accesses the '*Master*' worksheet that contains the database.
 - The '*Definitions*' button accesses the '*Criterion & term definitions*' worksheet.
 - The '*Abbreviations*' button accesses the '*Abbreviations used*' worksheet.
 2. '*Master*' – Contains the database of quantification tools used in biodiversity and habitat markets in the United States. Information in this worksheet is identical to information in the '*Database of Biodiversity and Habitat Quantification Tools.csv*' file.
 3. '*Criterion & term definitions*' - Contains definitions of the criteria (column headings) and terms listed under each criterion in the database. Information in this worksheet is identical to information in the '*Definitions of Criteria & Terms Used.csv*' file.
 4. '*Abbreviations used*' – Includes a list of abbreviations contained in the database. Information in this worksheet is identical to information in the '*Abbreviations Used.csv*' file.
- Use the 'Home' button on any worksheet to return to the 'Cover sheet' page.