INCENTIVIZING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHERS

TO SHARE OPEN & INTEROPERABLE DATA

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CABI: Opening up Agricultural Research and Data (Nov 11, 2020)

A FUTURE FARM Feeding the future. Byte by byte.

SURVEY DRONES

Aerial drones survey the field to map crop health and yield, and soil variation. **Cloud storage** enables faster data movement, analysis and exchange, **increasing computational capacity** while decreasing costs.

BIG DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS

Find, access data Interpret Aggregate Visualize Analyze

FARM TO CLOUD

Farms generate vast amounts of rich and varied data, which can now be stored, processed, and shared in the cloud, to be delivered back to farms as important advisory services.

Platform for Big Data in Agriculture

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Feeling a bit mad today!

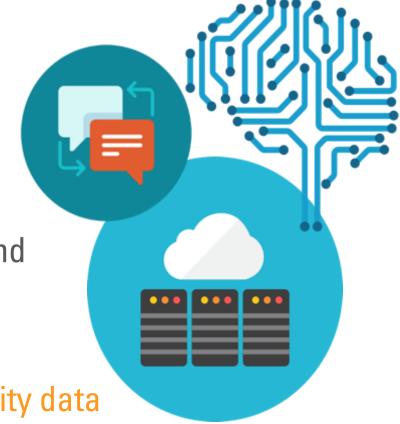
> Decreasing costs of small devices, such as mobile phones and sensors, are increasing access to get rural farmers - and their livestock - online and benefiting from data exchange.

UBER AGRIBOTS

Peer-to-farmer services allow smallholder farmers access to cost-effective cutting edge technology such as agribots that can tend to or harvest crops, and provide precise application of fertiliser and water, saving economic and environmental costs. ·--((①)) •

Hey Cigi, When should I plant my maize? How should I manage my crop?

- Real-time decision support for farmers
- Easy natural language as an interface
- Smart artificial intelligence trained by CGIAR and partners
- ...requires leveraging multiple open, harmonized, interoperable databases with quality data



We need data on crop management and yield response to validate our model and DSS. Help??

Where in Sub-Saharan Africa is fertilizer use profitable?

Where do I find data or pubs on nutrition status in rural households?

Open data... that is also Findable Accessible Interoperable Reusable Ethical Reproducible

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

• Clear policy (2013; 2021); digital strategy (2021)

HOW DO I DO IT?

 Capacity enhancement: guidelines to implement; webinars; workshops; data curathons/sprints; bespoke help sessions...



All courses > FAIR Data Management

Next Session

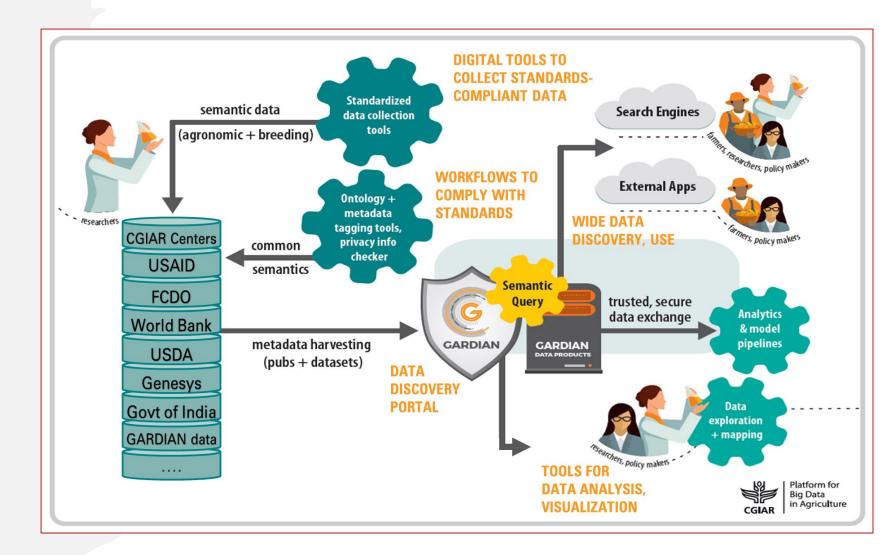
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JOIN COURSE

Data assets that are interpretable and interoperable for humans and machines are critical to enhance the impact of research in the agricultural domain and to catalyze innovation and transform agricultural reserch for development. This course has been developed to strengthen capacity in the CGIAR System and beyond to create, manage and share research and development data assets that are not only open (i.e., discoverable and downloadable), but also easily interpretable, interoperable, and reusable. The FAIR Principles embody the guidelines to make resources Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR); this course is intended to provide more concrete "how to" help in operationalizing these, and ensuring that assets are responsibly managed.

HOW DOIDOIT?

 Tools, services, data processing scripts that are easy to use



GARDIAN DATA PORTAL



Global Agricultural Research Data Innovation Acceleration Network



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EXPLORE

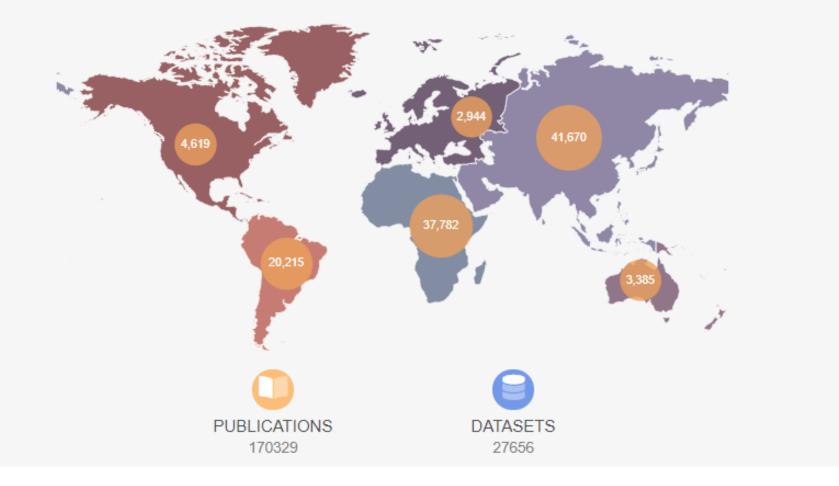
- publications and datasets
- global crop production data
- global climate model projections

COLLABORATE

on a data science project

EXPLORE GARDIAN'S ASSETS BY GEOGRAPHY

Explore data assets from across CGIAR and a growing set of institutional partners, including: USAID, the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the World Bank, the US Department of Agriculture, the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, and the Open Government Data Platform India.



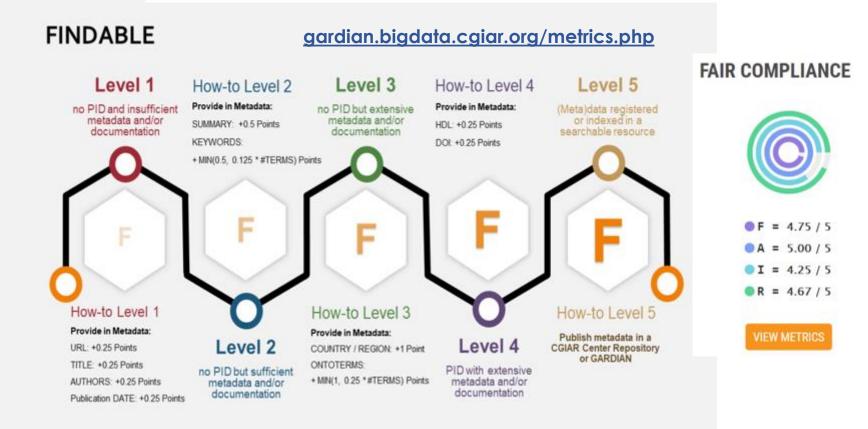
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- with your metadata
- with your PII
- with your FAIRness

HOW DOIDOIT?

• FAIR guidance and workflows



"I've been told I need to make my data FAIR. How do I do this?"



bigdata.cgiar.org/resources/agronomy-ontology

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ABOUT AgrO

An ontology is a formal representation of a disciplinary domain, rep standard that can be employed to annotate data where key concep as the relationships that exist between those concepts (Gruber, 20) a common language for different kinds of data to be easily interpre interoperable allowing easier aggregation and analysis.

The Agronomy Ontology (AgrO) provides terms from the agronom semantically organized and can facilitate the collection, storage and data, enabling easy interpretation and reuse of the data by humans

To fully understand the implications of varying practices within cro derive insights, it is often necessary to pull together information fro disciplinary domains. For example, data on field management, soil, a phenotypes may need to be aggregated to assess performance of p different management interventions.

However, agronomic data are often collected, described, and storer impeding data comparison, mining, interpretation reuse. The use of



www.cropontology.org



GARDIAN FAIRification Workflow



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"Are there tools to help me collect standardscompliant agronomic data?"

AgroFIMS Agronomy Field Information Management System to easily produce Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) data Aligns a priori with Enables digital Standardizes data Allows data quality CGIAR's CG Core collection of checks, statistical collection and metadata schema agronomy trial data annotation reports AgroFIMS workflow Fieldbook creation using ontology-based variables, terminology, and units in modules representing typical cycle of operations in agronomic trials Digital data collection with KDSmart mobile app (Diversity Arrays Technology) - and soon with other digital data collection apps Data quality checks, analysis via AgroFIMS statistical scripts N (R-based) and reports

Data archiving through easy upload to institutional repository

agrofims.org

AgroFIMS

Agronomy Field Information Management System

Generate standardized field books to collect agronomic data that is...



HOW DO I DO IT?

- Capacity enhancement
- Tools, services, data processing scripts that are easy to use
- FAIR guidance and workflows
- Publish datasets data journals or accompaniments to publications
- DMPs Open and FAIR from project conception (Funder requirements would help!)
- Budgetary recommendations and guidance (Funder requirements?!)



...WHY DO I NEED TO DO IT?

- Open, FAIR data has transformed other sectors (biomedical, environmental research...)
- Enables realization of the value of data (exemplars; data products that can be leveraged)

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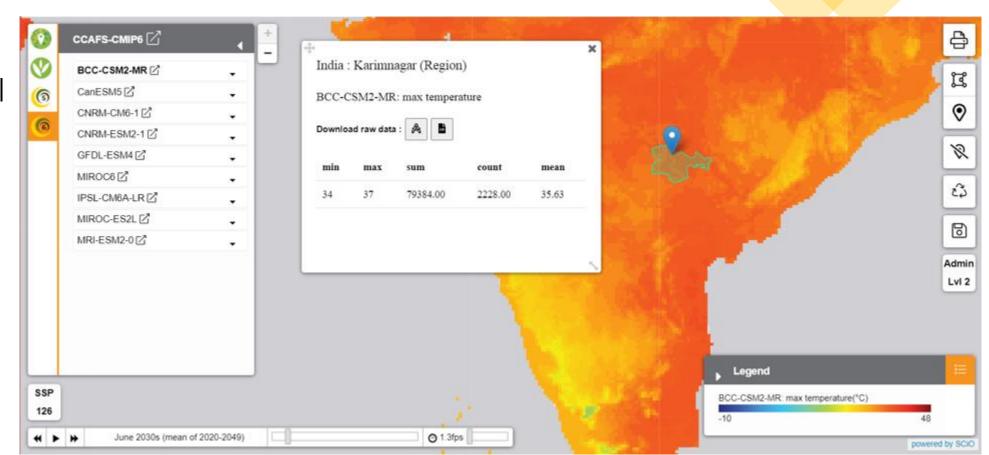
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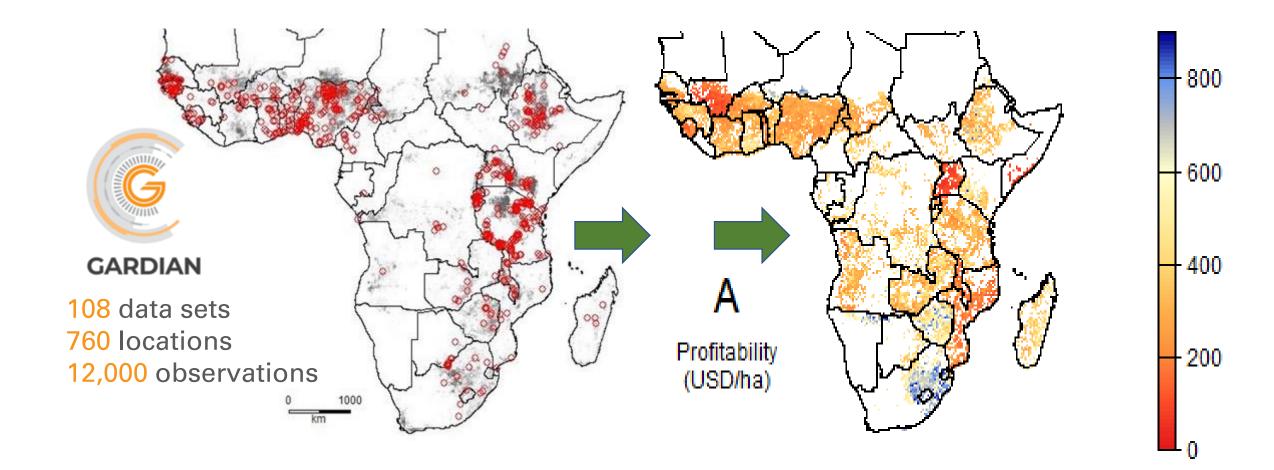
Download data as GeoJSON or CSV





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"Where in Sub-Saharan Africa is fertilizer use profitable?"



Bonilla (CIAT), Chamberlin (CIMMYT), Hijmans (UC Davis): https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0227764

WHY DO I NEED TO DO IT?

- Open, FAIR data has transformed other sectors (biomedical, environmental research)
- Enables realization of the value of data (exemplars; data products that can be leveraged)
- Annual evaluation, KPIs, project indicators (should!) demand it
- Rewards?? (salary increments; publicity)
- Project management should not close project financially w/out FAIR data
- Institutional, individual reputation, as funder OA/OD policies evolve (Funders – non-compliance??)

How We Work — BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION OPEN ACCESS POLICY

3. **Publications and Underlying Data Will Be Accessible and Open Immediately**. All Funded Research including articles accepted for publication shall be available immediately at publication, without any embargo period. Each accepted article must be accompanied by a Data Availability Statement that describes where any primary data, associated metadata, original software, and any additional relevant materials necessary to understand, assess, and replicate the reported study fundings in totality can be found.

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