

Earth Observing System

The Earth Observing System (EOS) is an integral part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Earth Science Enterprise, a longterm global change research program designed to improve our understanding of the Earth's interrelated processes involving the atmosphere, oceans, land surfaces, and polar regions. Data derived from EOS instruments and other Earth science measurement systems are particularly useful in understanding the causes and processes of global climate change and the consequences of human activities.

The EOS Data and Information System (EOSDIS) provides a structure for data management and user services for more than 1,200 current NASA Earth science data products and will handle future data from a series of EOS instruments spanning the next two decades. Within the EOSDIS framework, the Distributed Active Archive Centers (DAACs) are responsible for providing services to support the global change research community. Data products are available through the EOS Data Gateway (EDG) search-and-order system and DAAC-specific ordering systems. Additional means of access will become available as the program evolves.

EOS Data Gateway Search-and-Order System

This search-and-order system provides a consistent view of data products held at the DAACs and other cooperating data centers, allowing users without specific knowledge of the data to search science data holdings, retrieve high-level descriptions of data sets and detailed descriptions of the data inventory, view thumbnail (browse) images, and place orders for data products. It is suitable for a wide range of Earth science data users—from users with limited computer resources interested in performing occasional simple searches for data, to the professional Earth science researcher in need of executing complex data queries on a regular basis. No password or special account is necessary. This service is accessible via the Web at

http://eos.nasa.gov/imswelcome

Searching & Ordering **Search Types**

A search is done by specifying geographic areas of interest along with either geophysical parameter, data set name, or sensor name. Several other criteria such as source name, campaign, extended attribute, and time range may optionally be used. EDG searches on data sets and documents. Search options include a primary data search, a quick data set lookup, and two document searches.

The **Primary Data** search provides descriptions of specific observations or collections of observations of data (granules) that are available for request from a data center.

The **Data Set Lookup** feature lets a user type in a simple text string or a common term to quickly obtain a list of data sets as a first step in the search-and-order process.

The **Summary Document** search provides summary information about EOSDIS data sets to help the user determine appropriate data products. The information is derived from the Global Change Master Directory (GCMD), a comprehensive directory of Earth science and global change data. (The GCMD can be accessed directly at http://gcmd.nasa.gov.)

The **Detailed Document** search provides detailed descriptions for one or more data sets and related entities. The information is helpful for determining the location and content of each data set and its potential usefulness for a specific application, namely, data sources, instruments, projects, and data centers that archive and distribute the data

When the search results are returned, summary and detailed descriptions are provided. Sample browse images are also provided for many data sets. A variety of media and formatting options are available depending on the data set. Some data are restricted to registered researchers.

For assistance or more information on searching and ordering, contact the EDG Science Support Team via E-mail at edg@killians.gsfc.nasa.gov, or contact any of the DAACs.

NASA's **Distributed Active Archive Centers**

ASF DAAC

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NOAA

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NOAA Data Centers

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