

Biological Databases of South Australia – Data Request Procedure



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The [Biological Databases of South Australia \(BDBSA\)](#) are comprised of an integrated collection of corporate databases which meet departmental standards for data quality, integrity and maintenance

Public access to BDBSA data

Summary outputs from BDBSA are available publicly through [NatureMaps](#) and the [Atlas of Living Australia](#).

The public view of this data has some [sensitive datasets](#) withheld and the location information of some [sensitive species](#) rounded to 10km accuracy.

For a more detailed comparison of data available through these public sources, please refer to the information sheet [Atlas of Living Australia - South Australian User Support](#).

Data Request Procedure

Clients requiring data from BDBSA outside the scope of the public platforms should submit a custom data request via DEWBioDataRequests@sa.gov.au

Custom data requests will include data from some additional [sensitive datasets](#) and location details 'as held' for [sensitive species](#). Where available clients can request additional fields that are not included in the [standard summary format](#).

Custom requests generally require the client to sign a Digital Licence Agreement (DLA). This will be emailed to you before the data is released.

Dataset Categories

Biological Data submitted to DEW is held under 3 main categories;

- Public.
- Sensitive: Data can be supplied to approved DEW Clients under a DLA. These datasets will automatically be included in custom data requests through DEWBioDataRequests@sa.gov.au
- Sensitive: DEW can only release with written permission from Information Authority (dataset owner). Access to these datasets can be discussed with the [biological data support team](#).

To search datasets and distribution categories refer to the [BDBSA Projects Page](#).

Request requirements

As a minimum your data request needs to specify the following:

1. Description of Proposed use.
2. Spatial definition.
3. Taxonomic definition.

Please refer to the methods described below.

Spatial definition

Please define your area of interest using one of the options below:

1. An ESRI® ArcGIS **Shape file** (.shp .shx .dbf .prj .xml .sbn .sbx)
2. The **area name** or identifier of a Park boundary, Mineral or Petroleum License, Regional boundary or any other known boundary. Request a buffer distance around the boundary if required. Statewide searches are available for select species.
3. **Easting, Northing and MGA Zone** coordinate extent.
4. **Latitude and Longitude** coordinate extent (express in Decimal Degrees).
5. Coordinates of a **centroid**, then specify the **buffer** distance (radius) to be applied in metres/kilometres.

Taxonomic definition

Please specify one of the following options:

1. **All** flora and/or fauna is required.
2. **Threatened** flora and/or fauna only is required, including taxa listed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 or Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
3. Specified **taxa grouping** like Class Name, Family Name, Genus Name or Species Name is required (e.g. All *Acacia latzii* records for the state).
4. **Native** species only or **introduced** species only.
5. Specific attribute (where available) like aquatic species, fire tolerant species.

Payment

Minimum charge for a custom data request is \$119 (GST inclusive). There is no charge for the data, however the

department charges for full cost-recovery at an hourly rate. Your data request contact person will reply to your request with a quote but will only proceed once a written acceptance of cost and date of supply is received by you. Please allow two weeks for completion of data requests, although in some cases the time may be shorter.

Other spatial data requests

Users requiring other spatial data from DEW should submit a data request via DEW.Mapland@sa.gov.au

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