

Identification\_Information:

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Publication\_Date: 2021

Title: North American Seagrass Locations

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: Vector digital data

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Montréal, Québec, Canada

Publisher: Commission for Environmental Cooperation

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Description:

Abstract:

The locations of Seagrasses in North America were estimated by combining datasets from different sources using different methods. These include global and national datasets that were generated from remote sensed imagery, field surveys and herbarium records. The current dataset serves as an updated of the previously North American Seagrass distribution map published by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation in 2017.

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). 2016. "North American Blue Carbon". Ed. 1.0, Vector digital data [1:10,000,000]. Available at <http://www.cec.org/tools-and-resources/map-files/north-american-blue-carbon-2017> CEC. 2016. North America's Blue Carbon: Assessing Seagrass, Salt Marsh and Mangrove Distribution and Carbon Sinks. Montreal, Canada: Commission for Environmental Cooperation. 54 pp. Available at <http://www3.cec.org/islandora/en/item/11664-north-america-s-blue-carbon-assessing-seagrass-salt-marsh-and-mangrove-en.pdf>

A) Datasets used in the North American 2021 Seagrass Locations Map. A more detailed description of all the datasets used, as well as the preprocess performed to extract Seagrasses information is available in the accompanying document "Blue Carbon Map source data notes 2021.docx".

*SG\_27 Global Distribution of Seagrasses*

*World Conservation Monitoring Center-United Nations Environment Programme*

*Spatial Domain: Global*

*Geometry: Point*

*Data: <https://data.unep-wcmc.org/datasets/7>*

*Source metadata: [https://data.unep-wcmc.org/pdfs/7/Global\\_Distribution\\_of\\_Seagrasses.pdf?1615453339](https://data.unep-wcmc.org/pdfs/7/Global_Distribution_of_Seagrasses.pdf?1615453339)*

*Source file name: WCMC013014-Seagrasses-Py-v7.shp*

*Scale/Resolution: point layer*

*Version: 7.0*

*Year of Origin: 2018*

*Year of Publication: 2020*

*SG\_28 Canada Eelgrass Locations*

*Environment and Climate Change Canada*

*Spatial Domain: Canada*

*Geometry: Point*

*Data: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/eelgrass-canada.html>*

Source metadata: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/eelgrass-canada.html>  
Source file name: eelgrass-sites-in-canada.csv  
Scale/Resolution: point layer  
Version: N/A  
Year of Origin: 1969 - 2019  
Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_29 Canada Eelgrass Locations 2  
Compiled by Matt Christensen (University of British Columbia)  
Spatial Domain: Canada  
Geometry: Point  
Layer status: New spatial layer  
Data: Dataset provided by Matt Christensen (mattch85@gmail.com)  
Source metadata: N/A  
Source file name: ZMarina\_2020\_05\_12.csv  
File folder: Canada\_eelgrass\_locations\_2  
File name: Canada\_eelgrass\_locations\_2.shp  
Scale/Resolution: point layer  
Version: N/A  
Year of Origin: 1882 - 2013  
Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_30 BC Howe Sound Eelgrass locations  
Howe Sound/Átl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide  
Spatial Domain: Regional  
Geometry: Point  
Data: Dataset provided by Matt Christensen (mattch85@gmail.com)  
Source metadata: [https://howesoundguide.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Eelgrass-survey-report\\_MRG\\_final.pdf](https://howesoundguide.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Eelgrass-survey-report_MRG_final.pdf)  
Source file name: Eelgrass\_HowSound.gdb  
Scale/Resolution: N/A  
Version: N/A  
Year of Origin: 2019  
Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_31 New Brunswick seagrass locations  
Frederick T. Short (University of New Hampshire)  
Spatial Domain: Regional  
Geometry: Point  
Data: Dataset provided by Frederick T. Short (fredtshort@gmail.com)  
Source metadata: [http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf)  
Source file name: NBZosteraLocations.shp  
Scale/Resolution: N/A  
Version: N/A  
Year of Origin: 1980 - 1985  
Year of Publication: 1996

SG\_32 Prince Edward Island seagrass locations  
Frederick T. Short (University of New Hampshire)  
Spatial Domain: Regional  
Geometry: Point  
Data: Dataset provided by Frederick T. Short (fredtshort@gmail.com)

Source metadata:

[http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf)

Source file name: CAN-PEI-FShort-Zostera\_pt.shp

Scale/Resolution: N/A

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 1974

Year of Publication: 1996

SG\_33 Nova Scotia seagrass locations

Frederick T. Short (University of New Hampshire)

Spatial Domain: Regional

Geometry: Point

Data: Dataset provided by Frederick T. Short (fredtshort@gmail.com)

Source metadata:

[http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/eccc/cw69-5/CW69-5-267-eng.pdf)

Source file name: NS\_Zostera.shp

Scale/Resolution: N/A

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 1974 - 1978

Year of Publication: 1996

SG\_34 National Greenhouse Gasses Inventory

Environmental Protection Agency

Spatial Domain: United States

Geometry: Point

Data: <https://github.com/Smithsonian/Coastal-Wetland-NGGI-Data-Public>

Source metadata: <https://github.com/Smithsonian/Coastal-Wetland-NGGI-Data-Public/raw/master/5-Report/Report%20on%202017%20NGGI%20Update.pdf>

Source file name: Coastal Carbon NGGI Data.xlsx

Scale/Resolution: point layer

Version: 1

Year of Origin: 2016

Year of Publication: 2017

SG\_35 Pacific Northwest seagrass locations

Prentice, C., et al. 2020. A synthesis of blue carbon stocks, sources, and accumulation rates in eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) meadows in the Northeast Pacific. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*, 34(2)

Spatial Domain: Regional

Geometry: Points

Data: <https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1029/2019GB006345>

Source metadata:

<https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1029/2019GB006345>

Source file name:

ID43\_Asynthesis\_samples\_blue\_carbon\_stocks\_bibliographic.shp

Scale/Resolution: N/A

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 2015 - 2019

Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_36 North Pacific coast seagrass locations

Kauffman, J. Boone, et al. "Total ecosystem carbon stocks at the marine-terrestrial interface: Blue carbon of the Pacific Northwest Coast, United States." *Global Change Biology* 26.10 (2020): 5679-5692.

Spatial Domain: Regional

Geometry: Points

Data: Dataset provided by Craig Cornu (cecornu@gmail.com)

Source metadata: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.15248>

Source file name: ID67\_pointFor\_Boone\_Kauffman\_paperresearch.shp

Scale/Resolution: Point data

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 2020

Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_37 Washington coast seagrass locations

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Submerged Vegetation  
Monitoring Program

Spatial Domain: Regional

Geometry: Point

Data:

[https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/adminsa/gisdata/datadownload/SVMP\\_distribution.zip](https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/adminsa/gisdata/datadownload/SVMP_distribution.zip)

Source metadata:

[https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/adminsa/gisdata/datadownload/SVMP\\_distribution.zip](https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/adminsa/gisdata/datadownload/SVMP_distribution.zip)

Source file name: SVMP\_distribution.gdb

Scale/Resolution: N/A

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 2000 - 2019

Year of Publication: 2020

SG\_38 Pastos marinos en la Península de Yucatán

National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO) -  
UAM-I

Spatial Domain: Regional

Geometry: Point

Data: Provided by Iliana Pérez Espinosa (CONABIO)

Source metadata: N/A

Source file name: EspeciesPY.shp

Scale/Resolution: N/A

Version: N/A

Year of Origin: 2013 - 2018

Year of Publication: 2021

Purpose:

This dataset was created as part of a collaborative effort between the Mexican Carbon Program that conducted an exhaustive search for data updates or new datasets available, as well as coordinate three national workshops with Blue Carbon experts from Canada, the United States and Mexico to retrieve feedback on the best practices to map Blue Carbon ecosystems across North America; and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation that conducted the review and evaluation of the datasets collected, as well as the map integration process and cartographic refinement in collaboration with Ricardo Llamas ([rllamas@comunidad.unam.mx](mailto:rllamas@comunidad.unam.mx)) as independent geospatial consultant.

The goal of this datasets is to serve as a geospatial tool to estimate Blue Carbon Sink potential of North America in ecosystems such as Seagrasses, as well as provide a standardized and publicly available input dataset for various Carbon Budget analyses.

#### Supplemental\_Information:

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) is an international organization created by Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America under the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC). The CEC was established to address regional environmental concerns, help prevent potential trade and environmental conflicts, and to promote the effective enforcement of environmental law. The Agreement complements the environmental provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Further information on the CEC is available from <http://www.cec.org/> or from

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A more detailed description of all the datasets used, as well as the preprocess performed to extract Seagrasses locations is available in the accompanying document "Blue Carbon Map source data notes 2021.docx"

Information related to the Blue Carbon legacy maps produced by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation can be found in the following reports:

1) CEC. 2014. North America's Blue Carbon: Assessing Seagrass, Salt Marsh and Mangrove Carbon Sinks A Final Report. Montreal, Canada: Commission for Environmental Cooperation. 219 pp

2) CEC. 2017. Blue Carbon Seagrass Mapping in Canada and The United States: British Columbia Washington and Oregon, Developing an Algorithm and Quantifying Eelgrass Extent A Final Report. Montreal, Canada: Commission for Environmental Cooperation. 82 pp

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Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 3 May 2021

Currentness\_Reference: Publication date

#### Status:

Progress: Complete

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: Irregular

#### Spatial\_Domain:

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -170.5

East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -50.0

North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 85.0

South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 14.0

#### Keywords:

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category

Theme\_Keyword: biota  
Theme\_Keyword: environment  
Theme\_Keyword: oceans

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: GCMD science keywords  
Theme\_Keyword: Seagrass  
Theme\_Keyword: Eelgrass

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None  
Place\_Keyword: North America  
Theme\_Keyword: Canada  
Place\_Keyword: Mexico  
Place\_Keyword: United States of America

Access\_Constraints: None

Use\_Constraints:

None. Acknowledgement of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

Point\_of\_Contact:

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Contact\_Organization: Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
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Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:

Attributes and values were reviewed manually. No additional tests for attribute accuracy was performed on this data set.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report:

No tests for logical consistency have been performed on this data set.

Completeness\_Report:

The international, national, and local datasets used in this analysis have known data gaps. In this dataset, the most updated Seagrass locations datasets to our knowledge have been used. Future updates are envisioned as new data is available and new data providers offer spatial information over areas omitted in the current map.

North American Seagrasses Locations, Map Integration Report:

The datasets used for the North America Blue Carbon Maps integration were preprocessed to extract spatial information representing the distribution of Saltmarshes, Mangroves and Seagrasses.

Preprocesses conducted with the Seagrasses datasets were performed between December 2020 and March 2021.

NOTE: A more complete and detailed report of the North American 2021 Seagrasses Locations map is available in the accompanying report "NA BC Cartographic Integration Process.docx"

Preprocessing by dataset:

SG\_27. Global Distribution of Seagrasses

A "selection by attributes process" was performed to isolate all seagrasses points corresponding to Canada, the United States and Mexico territories. All points located in the USA territories over the Pacific Ocean as well as Puerto Rico were deselected. A final seagrass layer was exported from the remaining points selection.

SG\_28. Canada Eelgrass Locations

No preprocessing was needed for this dataset.

SG\_29. Canada Eelgrass Locations 2

Data from the input dataset were converted to a point spatial layer based on the coordinates reported for each record. Records not reporting species name were omitted and the rest of the records were exported to a new point spatial layer.

SG\_30. BC Howe Sound Eelgrass locations

The original data is available in a geodatabase that contains different polygon layers and a point layer with locations of presence of seagrasses. The layer with seagrass distribution and a layer that merges all of them. The layer "Eelgrass\_HoweSound\_Fieldwork2019\_coordinates\_WM" was selected and exported to a new points spatial layer.

SG\_31. New Brunswick seagrass locations

No preprocessing was needed for this dataset.

SG\_32. Prince Edward Island seagrass locations

No preprocessing was needed for this dataset.

SG\_33. Nova Scotia seagrass locations

No preprocessing was needed for this dataset.

SG\_34. National Greenhouse Gases Inventory

The coastal carbon dataset was converted from an excel spreadsheet to a point shapefile based on Latitude and Latitude values per each record, the references coordinate system assigned was WGS84. Seagrass records were selected by "select by attributes" tool. A few points possibly incorrectly georeferenced over the ocean and further inland were deleted manually to keep only the records along the coast of the United States.

SG\_35. Pacific Northwest seagrass locations

Seagrass sample locations were selected and georeferenced into a point spatial layer.

SG\_36. North Pacific coast seagrass locations

The original dataset was georeferenced and converted into spatial points by the Mexican Carbon Program. This dataset provides a set of points that describe locations of seagrasses and saltmarshes in the North Pacific coast of the United States. Seagrass points were selected and exported to a new spatial layer.

#### SG\_37. Washington coast seagrass locations

All points classified as different than "no\_grass" or "no\_data" class in the "site\_pt" layer within the source geoDataset were selected and exported to a new points spatial layer.

#### SG\_38. *Pastos marinos en la Península de Yucatán*

All class names reported as species abbreviations were described as complete species name in a new field. According to information reported by the author of this dataset, the "Year of origin" attribute was defined on a new attribute field.

### Cartographic Integration Process:

#### Step 01

All the layers previously prepared and preprocessed were merged in a new spatial layer.

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> BC_HoweSound_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> Canada_eelgrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> Canada_eelgrass_locations_2_laea_final.shp
> NewBrunswick_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> NGGI_united_states_seagrass_laea_final.shp
> NorthPacific_coast_seagrass_final.shp
> NovaScotia_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> PacificNorthwest_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> PEI_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> Washington_coast_seagrass_locations_laea_final.shp
> WCMC_NorthAmerica_seagrasses_point_laea_final.shp
> Mex_conabio_seagrass_laea_final.shp
```

Output = NorthAmerica\_seagrasses\_points\_dissolve.shp

#### Step 02

All records in the attribute table fields were standardized, different feature names with different codes or abbreviations to indicate species or seagrass distribution characteristics were homogenized in a standard code names, common names were included in most of the records, accompanying the scientific name descriptions when available.

#### Step 03

After a final check of attribute table consistency and data display on different GIS platforms, a spatial data file in ESRI "shp" format is generated to provide the final CEC North America seagrasses distribution map.

### Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Vector

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:

SDTS\_Terms\_Description:

SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type: G-point

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count: 6760



Spatial\_Reference\_Information:

Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:

Planar:

Map\_Projection:

Map\_Projection\_Name: Sphere\_ARC\_INFO\_Lambert\_Azimuthal\_Equal\_Area

Projection: Lambert

Longitude\_of\_Projection\_Center/Central\_Meridian: -100.0

Latitude\_of\_Projection\_Center/Origin: 45.0

False\_Easting: 0.0

False\_Northing: 0.0

Planar\_Coordinate\_Information:

Planar\_Coordinate\_Encoding\_Method: Coordinate pair

Coordinate\_Representation:

Abscissa\_Resolution: 0.001

Ordinate\_Resolution: 0.001

Planar\_Distance\_Units: Meter

Geodetic\_Model/Datum:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: D\_Sphere\_ARC\_INFO

Ellipsoid\_Name: Sphere\_ARC\_INFO

Semi-major\_Axis: 6370997.0

Semiminor\_Axis: 6370997.0

Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio/Inverse\_Flattening: 0.0

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: North American 2021 Seagrass Locations

Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Vector points representing Seagrass locations in North America.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source:

<See Datasets section>

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: FID

Attribute\_Definition: Unique identifier for each polygon.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Automatically generated

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0

Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 6760

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: COUNTRY

Attribute\_Definition: Country.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Country of location of each polygon (CAN: Canada, USA: United States of America, MEX: Mexico). CEC 2005.

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

>-----  
> CAN  
> MEX

> USA

Reference:

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (2005) *Guidelines for Geo-spatial data for Compatibility with the North American Atlas Framework*.  
CEC: Montreal pp.5-11

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: STATEABB

Attribute\_Definition: State or Province.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: State or province code defining the location of each polygon (two letters country code + two letters state/province code).

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

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> CA-BC  
> CA-NB  
> CA-NL  
> CA-NS  
> CA-NT  
> CA-ON  
> CA-PE  
> CA-QC  
> MX-BCN  
> MX-BCS  
> MX-CAM  
> MX-CHP  
> MX-OAX  
> MX-ROO  
> MX-SIN  
> MX-SON  
> MX-TAM  
> MX-VER  
> MX-YUC  
> US-AK  
> US-AL  
> US-CA  
> US-FL  
> US-LA  
> US-MA  
> US-MD  
> US-ME  
> US-NC  
> US-NH  
> US-NJ  
> US-OR  
> US-TX  
> US-VA  
> US-WA

See complete list in:

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (2005) *Guidelines for Geo-spatial data for Compatibility with the North American Atlas Framework*.  
CEC: Montreal pp.5-11

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: NAME

Attribute\_Definition: Reported Name.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Name of the features described by each polygon, as reported by the source of each dataset.

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

>-----  
> Caribbean Seagrass (*Halophila decipiens*)  
> Clover Grass (*Halophila baillonis*)  
> Dwarf Eelgrass (*Zostera japonica*)  
> Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*)  
> Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) - Dwarf Eelgrass (*Zostera japonica*)  
> Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) - Surfgrass (*Phyllospadix*)  
> Johnson's Seagrass (*Halophila johnsonii*)  
> Manatee Grass (*Syringodium filiforme*)  
> Not Reported  
> Scouler's Surfgrass (*Phyllospadix scouleri*)  
> Seagrass  
> Seagrass (Historical observation)  
> Seagrass (Multiple observations)  
> Seagrass (Restored)  
> Seagrass (Single observation)  
> Seagrass (*Zostera*)  
> Shoal Grass (*Halodule wrightii*)  
> Star Grass (*Halophila engelmannii*)  
> Surfgrass (*Phyllospadix*)  
> Toothed Surfgrass (*Phyllospadix serrulatus*)  
> Torrey's Surfgrass (*Phyllospadix torreyi*)  
> Turtle Grass (*Thalassia testudinum*)  
> Turtle Grass (*Thalassia testudinum*) - Manatee Grass  
(*Syringodium Filiforme*) - Shoal Grass (*Halodule wrightii*)  
> Turtle Grass (*Thalassia testudinum*) - Manatee Grass  
(*Syringodium Filiforme*) - Shoal Grass (*Halodule wrightii*) -  
Macroalgae  
> *Zostera asiatica*

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: INPT\_SRCE

Attribute\_Definition: Input Source.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Description of the original dataset used to acquire each polygon.

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

>-----  
> Acadia University  
> Compiled by Matt Christensen (University of British Columbia)  
> Environment and Climate Change Canada  
> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
> Frederick T. Short (University of New Hampshire)  
> Gouvernement du Québec  
> Kauffman, J. B. et al., 2020

- > National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO) - UAM-I
- > Prentice, C. et al., 2020
- > UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
- > Université Laval
- > University of British Columbia
- > Washington State Department of Natural Resources Submerged Vegetation Monitoring Program

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: YEAR\_PUB  
 Attribute\_Definition: Year of Publication.  
 Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Year of the publication of the last update of the dataset used as input.  
 Attribute\_Domain\_Values:  
   Enumerated\_Domain:  
     Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)  
     Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:  
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       > 1996  
       > 2017  
       > 2020  
       > 2021

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: RESP\_PARTY  
 Attribute\_Definition: Responsible Party.  
 Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Name of the entity responsible on providing each dataset.  
 Attribute\_Domain\_Values:  
   Enumerated\_Domain:  
     Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: (see table below)  
     Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:  
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       > CAN: E. C. Smith Herbarium (ACAD) - Cape Breton University Collection  
       > CAN: Environment and Climate Change Canada  
       > CAN: Herbar du Québec - Collection de plantes vasculaires  
       > CAN: Herbar Louis-Marie - Collection de plantes vasculaires  
       > CAN: Howe Sound/Átl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide  
       > CAN: University of British Columbia  
       > CAN: University of British Columbia Herbarium - Vascular Plant Collection  
       > Faculty of Science, University of Western Australia  
       > Frederick T. Short (University of New Hampshire)  
       > Herrera-Silveira, Jorge (CINVESTAV-IPN, Merida)  
       > Hoffman, B.  
       > Iliana Pérez Espinosa and Margarita Gallegos Martínez  
       > International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)  
       > Kauffman, J. B. et al., 2020  
       > MEX: Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados (CINVESTAV)  
       > MEX: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)  
       > Morris, L. J. et al., 2000

- > Not Reported
- > Phillips, R. C., 1992
- > Prentice, C. et al., 2020
- > Raz-Guzmán, Andrea (Instituto de Investigaciones sobre los Recursos Naturales, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo, Morelia, México)
- > UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
- > United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- > United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - World Heritage Centre (WHC)
- > USA: Boston University Marine Program
- > USA: Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP)
- > USA: Coastal Resources Associates, Inc.
- > USA: Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University
- > USA: Department of Biology, Blakely Island Field Station, Seattle Pacific University
- > USA: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- > USA: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- > USA: Florida International University
- > USA: Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust
- > USA: Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
- > USA: San Diego State University
- > USA: Seagrass Ecosystems Research Lab
- > USA: Seagrass Recovery, Inc.
- > USA: Seattle Pacific University
- > USA: Smithsonian
- > USA: Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- > USA: The Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands
- > USA: United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- > USA: University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- > USA: University of California Press
- > USA: University of Miami - Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science
- > USA: University of New Hampshire
- > USA: University of Texas - Pan American
- > USA: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, School of Marine Science
- > USA: Washington State Department of Natural Resources Submerged Vegetation Monitoring Program
- > World Bank

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: YEAR\_ORGN

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