

OA metadata template (instructions)

Section	Metadata elements (Sections marked with * can be repeated as necessary.)			help ref. No	Brief Descriptions
1	Submission date			1	The date of your submission
2	Accession no. of related data sets			2	If you've submitted a related data set to NODC before, and want to link them to each other, please write down the Accession No here.
3	Investigator*	Name		3.1	Full name of the investigator (First Middle Last).
		Institution		3.2	Affiliated institution of the investigator (e.g., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution).
		Address		3.3	Address of the affiliated institution of the investigator.
		Phone		3.4	Phone number of the investigator (xxx-xxx-xxxx).
		Email		3.5	Email address of the investigator.
		researcher ID		3.6	We recommend to use person identifiers (e.g. ORCID, Researcher ID, etc.) to unambiguously identify the investigator
		ID type		3.7	Please indicate which type of researcher ID was recorded in the above row.
4	Data Submitter	Name		4.1	Full name of the data submitter (First Middle Last).
		Institution		4.2	Affiliated institution of the data submitter (e.g., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution).
		Address		4.3	Address of the affiliated institution of the data submitter.
		Phone		4.4	Phone number of the data submitter.
		Email		4.5	Email address of the data submitter.
		researcher ID		4.6	We recommend to use person identifiers (e.g. ORCID, Researcher ID, etc.) to unambiguously identify the investigator
		ID type		4.7	Please indicate which type of researcher ID was recorded in the above row.
5	Title			5	Provide a descriptive title for the data set.
6	Abstract			6	A narrative summary of the data set.
7	Purpose			7	A summary of the intentions with which the data set was developed.
8	Temporal coverage	Start date (YYYY-MM-DD)		8.1	Start date of the first measurement (e.g., 2001-02-25). Please use ISO date format (YYYY-MM-DD).
		End date (YYYY-MM-DD)		8.2	End date of the last measurement (e.g., 2002-05-16). Please use ISO date format (YYYY-MM-DD).
9	Bounding box coordinates	West bound longitude		9.1	Westernmost longitude of the sampling (decimal degrees, negative for Western Hemisphere longitude).
		East bound longitude		9.2	Easternmost longitude of the sampling (decimal degrees, negative for Western Hemisphere longitude)
		North bound latitude	file:///C:/Users/njiang/Downloads/Omega_climatology_V22_text.docx	9.3	Northernmost latitude of the sampling (decimal degrees, negative for Southern Hemisphere latitude)
		South bound latitude		9.4	Southernmost latitude of the sampling (decimal degrees, negative for Southern Hemisphere latitude)
10	Spatial reference system			10	A spatial reference system or coordinate reference system defines a specific map projection, as well as transformations between different spatial reference systems. WGS 84 is the reference coordinate system used by the Global Position System.
11	Geographic names			11	Names of the geographic area where the data collection takes place, e.g., Gulf of Mexico, Baltic Sea, etc.
12	Location of organism collection			12	For biological studies, please provide the location of the organism collection here, and use the above bounding box and geographic names for the water collection site.
13	Funding Agency	Funding agency name		13.1	Funding agency of the data collection. Examples include, National Science Foundation, NOAA's Ocean Acidification Program, etc.
		Funding project title		13.2	The title of your funded project
		Funding project ID		13.3	The ID of your funded project
14	Research Projects			14	Project refers to the collaborative research effort, which the data collection is part of . For example, U.S. Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (U.S. JGOFS) is a project.
15	Platform*	Name		15.1	Platforms are often the research vessels that carry out the research. However, platforms could be something other than a ship (e.g., glider, Argo, etc), or something that is fixed (e.g., moored buoys, towers, etc).
		ID		15.2	ICES platform code (e.g., 33RO, optional). For a list of ICES ship code, please check out this link: http://vocab.ices.dk .
		Type		15.3	Type of the platform, e.g., research vessel, voluntary observing ships, fishing vessel, cargo ship, mooring, glider, etc.
		Owner		15.4	Owner of the platform
		Country		15.5	Country of the platform
16	EXPOCODE			16	Expedition code consists of the four digit ICES ship code, and the date of the first day of the cruise in the format of YYYYMMDD.
17	Cruise ID			17	Cruise ID is the particular ship cruise number (e.g., MT901), or other alias for the cruise. For example, the cruise ID (e.g., A16N_2013) could consist of a Section ID (e.g., A16N), and the sampling year (e.g., 2013).
18	Section (Leg)			18	Section ID is the identification number for a research cruise section or leg. It was commonly used during the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) studies, which often had many repeating cruises on a single section, e.g., A16N.
19	Author list for citation			19	Please provide the list of authors in their correct order for the creation of data citation for this data set. We recommend the format of Lastname1, Firstname1, Middlename1; Lastname2, Firstname2, Middlename2; ... for this field.
20	References			20	References are bibliographic citations of publications or cruise reports, etc, describing the data set.
21	Supplemental information			21	Any additional information that is critical to the understanding of the data set, but does not fit into other existing fields.

22	Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC)	Variable abbreviation in data files			22.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., DIC, TCO2, etc.	
		Observation type			22.2	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc	
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable			22.3	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.	
		Manipulation method			22.4	In perturbation experiments, seawater carbonate chemistry can be manipulated by different techniques, such as bubbling CO2, adding acids or bases, etc.	
		Variable unit			22.5	Units of the variable (e.g., $\mu\text{mol/kg}$).	
		Measured or calculated			22.6	Whether the variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables.	
		Calculation method, software, and parameters			22.7	Variables can be calculated using different sets of constants or different software.	
		Sampling instrument			22.8	Instrument that is used to collect water samples, or deploy sensors, etc. For example, a Niskin bottle, pump, CTD, etc is a sampling instrument.	
		Analyzing instrument			22.9	Instrument that is used to analyze the water samples collected with the 'sampling instrument', or the sensors that are mounted on the 'sampling instrument' to measure the water body continuously. For example, a coulometer, winkler titrator, spectrophotometer, pH meter, thermosalinograph, oxygen sensor, YSI Multiparameter Meter, etc is an analyzing instrument. We encourage you to document as much details (such as the make, model, resolution, precisions, etc) of the instrument as you can here.	
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information			22.10	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.	
		Field replicate information			22.11	Repetition of sample collection and measurement, e.g., triplicate samples.	
		Standardization information	Standardization technique description			22.12.1	Description of the standardization procedure.
			Frequency of standardization			22.12.2	How frequent was the calibration carried out, e.g., every 6 hours, etc.
			CRM information	CRM manufacturer		22.12.3.1	Manufacture of the Certified Reference Material, e.g., Andrew Dickson's lab at Scripps Institute of Oceanography.
		Batch number			22.12.3.2	Batch number of the CRMs that are used to calibrate the instrument.	
		Poisoning Information	Poison used to kill the sample			22.13.1	As described, e.g., Mercury Chloride.
			Poison volume			22.13.2	How much poison is added to each sample to kill the microbes. For example, 20 μL Mercury Chloride is added to 500 mL samples.
			Poisoning correction description			22.13.3	Please specify whether the reported variables were corrected for poison usage, and if so, how they were corrected.
		Uncertainty			22.14	Uncertainty of the results (e.g., 1%, 2 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$), or any pieces of information that are related to the quality control of the variable.	
		Data quality flag description			22.15	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.	
		Method reference (citation)			22.16	Citation for the dissolved inorganic carbon method.	
		Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name			22.17.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.
Researcher Institution				22.17.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.		

23	Total Alkalinity (TA)	Variable abbreviation in data files		23.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., TA, Alk, etc.	
		Observation type		23.2	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc	
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable		23.3	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.	
		Manipulation method		23.4	In perturbation experiments, seawater carbonate chemistry can be manipulated by different techniques, such as bubbling CO ₂ , adding acids or bases, etc.	
		Variable unit		23.5	Units of the variable (e.g., μmol/kg).	
		Measured or calculated		23.6	Variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables.	
		Calculation method, software, and parameters		23.7	Variables can be calculated using different sets of constants or different software.	
		Sampling instrument		23.8	Instrument that is used to collect water samples, or deploy sensors, etc. For example, a Niskin bottle, pump, CTD, etc is a sampling instrument.	
		Analyzing instrument		23.9	Instrument that is used to analyze the water samples collected with the 'sampling instrument', or the sensors that are mounted on the 'sampling instrument' to measure the water body continuously. For example, a coulometer, winkler titrator, spectrophotometer, pH meter, thermosalinograph, oxygen sensor, YSI Multiparameter Meter, etc is an analyzing instrument. We encourage you to document as much details (such as the make, model, resolution, precisions, etc) of the instrument as you can here.	
		Type of titration		23.10	Type of the titration used to determine alkalinity.	
		Cell type (open or closed)		23.11	Whether the titration cell is open or closed.	
		Curve fitting method		23.12	Curve fitting method used to determine the alkalinity.	
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information		23.13	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.	
		Field replicate information		23.14	Repetition of sample collection and measurement, e.g., triplicate samples.	
		Standardization information	Standardization technique description		23.15.1	Description of the standardization procedure.
			Frequency of standardization		23.15.2	How frequent was the calibration carried out, e.g., every 6 hours, etc.
			CRM information	CRM manufacturer	23.15.3.1	Manufacture of the Certified Reference Material, e.g., Andrew Dickson's lab at Scripps Institute of Oceanography.
		Batch Number		23.15.3.2	The batch number of the CRMs that are used to calibrate the instrument.	
		Poisoning Information	Poison used to kill the sample		23.16.1	As described, e.g., Mercury Chloride.
			Poison volume		23.16.2	How much poison is added to each sample to kill the microbes. For example, 20 μL Mercury Chloride is added to 500 mL samples.
			Poisoning correction description		23.16.3	Please specify whether the reported variables were corrected for poison usage, and if so, how they were corrected.
		Magnitude of blank correction		23.17	Please specify whether the reported variables were corrected for blank, and if so, how they were corrected.	
		Uncertainty		23.18	Uncertainty of the results (e.g., 1%, 2 μmol/kg), or any pieces of information that are related to the quality control of the variable.	
		Data quality flag description		23.19	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.	
		Method reference (citation)		23.20	Citation for the alkalinity method.	
		Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name		23.21.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.
			Researcher Institution		23.21.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.

24	pH	Variable abbreviation in data files		24.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., pH	
		Observation type		24.2	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc	
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable		24.3	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.	
		Manipulation method		24.4	In perturbation experiments, seawater carbonate chemistry can be manipulated by different techniques, such as bubbling CO ₂ , adding acids or bases, etc.	
		Measured or calculated		24.5	Whether the variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables	
		Calculation method, software, and parameters		24.6	Variables can be calculated using different sets of constants or different software.	
		Sampling instrument		24.7	Instrument that is used to collect water samples, or deploy sensors, etc. For example, a Niskin bottle, pump, CTD, etc is a sampling instrument.	
		Analyzing instrument		24.8	Instrument that is used to analyze the water samples collected with the 'sampling instrument', or the sensors that are mounted on the 'sampling instrument' to measure the water body continuously. For example, a coulometer, winkler titrator, spectrophotometer, pH meter, thermosalinograph, oxygen sensor, YSI Multiparameter Meter, etc is an analyzing instrument. We encourage you to document as much details (such as the make, model, resolution, precisions, etc) of the instrument as you can here.	
		pH scale		24.9	The pH scale for the reported pH results, e.g., total scale, seawater scale, NBS scale, etc.	
		Temperature of measurement		24.10	Temperature at which the samples were measured.	
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information		24.11	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.	
		Field replicate information		24.12	Repetition of sample collection and measurement, e.g., triplicate samples.	
		Standardization information	Standardization technique description		24.13.1	Description of the pH calibration procedures.
			Frequency of standardization		24.13.2	How frequent was the calibration carried out, e.g., every 6 hours, etc.
			pH values of the standards		24.13.3	pH values of the standards, e.g., 4.0, 7.0, 10.0.
			Temperature of standardization		24.13.4	Temperature at which the calibration was done.
		Temperature correction method		24.14	How the temperature effect was corrected.	
		at what temperature was pH reported		24.15	The input could be a constant temperature value, or something like, in-situ temperature, temperature of analysis, etc.	
		Uncertainty		24.16	Uncertainty of the results (e.g., 1%, 2 µmol/kg), or any pieces of information that are related to the quality control of the variable.	
		Data quality flag description		24.17	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.	
Method reference (citation)		24.18	Citation for the pH method.			
Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name		24.19.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.		
	Researcher Institution		24.19.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.		

25	pCO2/CO2 (autonomous)	Variable abbreviation in data files		25.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., pCO2, etc.		
		Observation type		25.2	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc		
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable		25.3	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.		
		Manipulation method		25.4	In perturbation experiments, seawater carbonate chemistry can be manipulated by different techniques, such as bubbling CO2, adding acids or bases, etc.		
		Variable unit		25.5	Units of the variable, e.g., μatm .		
		Measured or calculated		25.6	Whether the variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables		
		Calculation method, software, and parameters		25.7	Variables can be calculated using different sets of constants or different software.		
		Sampling instrument		25.8	Instrument that is used to collect water samples, or deploy sensors, etc. For example, a Niskin bottle, pump, CTD, etc is a sampling instrument.		
		Location of seawater intake		25.9	Whereabout of the seawater intake		
		Depth of seawater intake		25.10	Water depth of the seawater intake		
		Analyzing instrument		25.11	Instrument that is used to analyze the water samples collected with the 'sampling instrument', or the sensors that are mounted on the 'sampling instrument' to measure the water body continuously. For example, a coulometer, winkler titrator, spectrophotometer, pH meter, therosalinograph, oxygen sensor, YSI Multiparameter Meter, etc is an analyzing instrument. We encourage you to document as much details (such as the make, model, resolution, precisions, etc) of the instrument as you can here		
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information		25.12	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.		
		Equilibrator information	Equilibrator type		25.13.1	Type of the equilibrator for the CO2 measurement.	
			Equilibrator volume (L)		25.13.2	The total volume of the CO2 equilibrator.	
			Vented or not		25.13.3	Is the equilibrator vented or not?	
			Water flow rate (L/min)		25.13.4	Flow rate of the flow through seawater.	
			Headspace gas flow rate (L/min)		25.13.5	Flow rate of the gas from the equilibrator to the CO2 analyzer.	
			How was temperature inside the equilibrator measured .		25.13.6	Please specify whether temperature inside the equilibrator is measured or not. If so, please describe how the temperature was measured.	
			How was pressure inside the equilibrator measured.		25.13.7	Please specify whether pressure inside the equilibrator is measured or not. If so, please describe how the pressure was measured.	
		Drying method for CO2 gas		25.14	The method used to dry the gas coming out of CO2 equilibrator, before it is pumped into the CO2 sensor.		
		Gas detector information	Manufacturer		25.15.1	Manufacturer of the CO2 sensor.	
			Model		25.15.2	Model number of the CO2 sensor.	
			Resolution		25.15.3	Resolutin of the CO2 sensor.	
			Uncertainty		25.15.4	Uncertainty of the CO2 sensor.	
		Standardization information	Standardization technique description		25.16.1	Please describe the calibration procedure.	
			Frequency of standardization		25.16.2	How frequent was the calibration carried out, e.g., every 6 hours, etc.	
			Standard gas information	Manufacturer of standard gas		25.16.3.1	Manufacturer of the CO2 standard gas.
				Concentrations of standard gas		25.16.3.2	Concentrations of the CO2 standard gases that are used to calibrate the CO2 sensor, e.g., 200, 350, 510ppm.
		Uncertainties of standard gas			25.16.3.3	Uncertainties of the CO2 standard gas, e.g., 0.5%.	
		Water vapor correction method		25.17	How the water vapor pressure inside the equilibrator was determined		
		Temperature correction method		25.18	How the temperature effect was corrected.		
		at what temperature was pCO2 reported		25.19	The input could be a constant temperature value, or something like, in-situ temperature, temperature of analysis, etc.		
Uncertainty		25.20	Uncertainty of the results (e.g., 1%, 2 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$), or any pieces of information that are related to the quality control of the variable.				
Data quality flag description		25.21	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.				
Method reference (citation)		25.22	Citation for the pCO2 method.				
Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name		25.23.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.			
	Researcher Institution		25.23.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.			

26	pCO2/fCO2 (discrete)	Variable abbreviation in data files			26.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., pCO2, etc.	
		Observation type			26.2	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc	
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable			26.3	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.	
		Manipulation method			26.4	In perturbation experiments, seawater carbonate chemistry can be manipulated by different techniques, such as bubbling CO2, adding acids or bases, etc.	
		Variable unit			26.5	Units of the variable, e.g., μatm .	
		Measured or calculated			26.6	Whether the variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables	
		Calculation method, software, and parameters			26.7	Variables can be calculated using different sets of constants or different software.	
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		Storage method			26.10	How the samples were stored before the measurement.	
		Seawater volume (mL)			26.11	Volume of seawater in the flask.	
		Headspace volume (mL)			26.12	Volume of headspace (water displaced in the flask plus volume of the tubing).	
		Temperature of measurement			26.13	Temperature at which the samples were analyzed.	
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information			26.14	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.	
		Field replicate information			26.15	Repetition of sample collection and measurement, e.g., triplicate samples.	
		Gas detector information	Manufacturer			26.16.1	Manufacture of the CO2 sensor.
			Model			26.16.2	Model number of the CO2 sensor.
			Resolution			26.16.3	Resolutin of the CO2 sensor.
			Uncertainty			26.16.4	Uncertainty of the CO2 sensor.
		Standardization information	Standardization technique description			26.17.1	Description of the calibration procedure.
			Frequency of standardization			26.17.2	How frequent was the calibration carried out, e.g., every 6 samples, etc.
			Temperature of standardization			26.17.3	Temperature at which normalization was done.
			Standard gas information	Manufacturer of standard gas			26.17.4.1
		Concentrations of standard gas				26.17.4.2	Concentrations of the CO2 standard gases that are used to calibrate the CO2 sensor, e.g., 260, 350, 510ppm.
		Uncertainties of standard gas				26.17.4.3	Uncertainties of the CO2 standard gas, e.g., 0.5%.
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		at what temperature was pCO2 reported			26.20	The input could be a constant temperature value, or something like, in-situ temperature, temperature of analysis, etc.	
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		Data quality flag description			26.22	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.	
		Method reference (citation)			26.23	Citation for the pCO2 method.	
		Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name			26.24.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.
Researcher Institution				26.24.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.		

27	Other measured variable (can be repeated as many times as needed)*	Variable abbreviation in data files			27.1	Column header name of the variable in the data files, e.g., T, DO, etc.
		Full variable name			27.2	Here "Variable" refers to the observed property of your study, e.g., Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, Nitrate, etc. Information such as Station ID, Bottle number, etc are not variables. Similarly, ancillary variables, such as Nitrate_stdev, Nitrate_Flag, temp_eq, press_eq, etc are not treated as "Variables" as well. In this example, only their parent variable (Nitrate, and pCO2) are treated as variables.
		Observation type			27.4	How the variable is observed, e.g., surface underway, profile, time series, model output, etc. For experimental data, this could be: laboratory experiment, pelagic mesocosm, benthic mesocosm, benthic FOCE type studies, natural perturbation site studies, etc
		In-situ observation / manipulation condition / response variable			27.5	Whether the variable belong to an in-situ observed variable, or a manipulation condition variable, or a response variable in a biological experimental study.
		Variable unit			27.7	Units of the variable, e.g., oC, µmol/kg.
		Measured or calculated			27.8	Whether the variable is measured in-situ, or calculated from other variables.
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		Duration (for settlement/colonization methods)			27.12	The duration for settlement, colonization, or experiment studies.
		Detailed sampling and analyzing information			27.13	Detailed description of the sampling and analyzing procedures, including calibration procedures, model number of the instrument, etc.
		Field replicate information			27.14	Repetition of sample collection and measurement, e.g., triplicate samples.
		Uncertainty			27.15	Uncertainty of the results (e.g., 1%, 2 µmol/kg), or any pieces of information that are related to the quality control of the variable.
		Data quality flag description			27.16	Describe what the quality control flags stand for, e.g., 2 = good value, 3 = questionable value, 4 = bad value. The use of WOCE quality flags are recommended.
		Method reference (citation)			27.17	Citation for the method.
		Biological subject			27.18	For biological variables, please state the taxonomy (a specific species genus or a community), upon which the variable is studied. For example, if you study the growth rate of a certain type of Salmon. The "variable/parameter" is growth rate, and "Type of biological subject" is that specific type of salmon.
		Species Identification code			27.19	It is recommended to use the species reference databases from the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (or ITIS, http://www.itis.gov/), or World Register of Marine Species (or WoRMS, http://marinespecies.org/). We also recommend you to include the reference databases that are used in this field.
		Life stage of the biological subject			27.20	Life stage of the biological subject (a specific species genus or a community).
		Researcher who measured this parameter	Researcher Name		27.21.1	The name of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.
			Researcher Institution		27.21.2	The institution of the PI, whose research team measured or derived this parameter.

28	Non-measured variable (can be repeated as many as needed)*	Variable abbreviation in data files			28.1	For variables that are not measured variables, such as station number, cast number, date, longitude, latitude etc. The purpose of this section is to allow you to spell out all the abbreviations that appear in your data files.
		Full variable name			28.2	

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