

# GLEON Data Access Policy

The GLEON Data Access Policy is designed to guide the use of GLEON data. GLEON members endorse the principle that data from the GLEON database should be openly available for academic, research, education, and other not-for-profit professional purposes to the maximum extent possible. We believe this sharing of data will foster collaborative scientific research and educational activities internationally. Each data set published on the web page should be accompanied by documentation (metadata), but please contact the responsible person for each GLEON site for further information. We encourage the use of our data sets but ask that users read and agree to our Data Use Agreement below, and adhere to the principle of acknowledging the use of data and its attribution (GLEON OPP, Paragraph 4, and Annex V)

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publications resulting from use of the data to the responsible person for the GLEON site and to the GLEON Program Coordinator (Marilyn Larsen, GLEON Program Coordinator, Center for Limnology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 680 North Park St., Madison, WI 53706, mlarsen2@wisc.edu). We would like to include such manuscripts in our GLEON publications list.

- The Data User agrees not to redistribute original data and documentation without permission from the responsible person for each GLEON site or in a manner in agreement with the site policy.

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