



BIOREC Bouhedma – Data Sharing Protocol

Preamble

A central goal of the BIOREC Bouhedma initiative is to ensure that ecological and scientific data collected through its multidisciplinary research activities are made accessible to all collaborating partners, national institutions, and bona fide researchers with a legitimate interest in biodiversity conservation and restoration. Open data access is considered a key foundation for effective collaboration, informed decision-making, and sustainable conservation impact.

This protocol sets out a clear framework for:

- (a) Facilitating data sharing, reuse, and analysis;
- (b) Guaranteeing equitable treatment of contributors and users; and
- (c) Protecting the intellectual and ethical rights of those who collected, produced, or processed the data.

All individuals, institutions, and collaborators participating in BIOREC Bouhedma agree to abide by this protocol, including on behalf of their affiliated staff and students.

1. BIOREC Bouhedma Data Access Policy

1.1 General Principles

- All data collected within the framework of BIOREC Bouhedma are considered a collective resource, but subject to responsible and ethical use.
- The use of data must respect the ownership, authorship, and intellectual contributions of those who generated it.

1.2 Information Access Requirements

- Access to data may be subject to specific conditions set by the project coordination team, data contributors, or institutional agreements.
- The source of data must be explicitly acknowledged in any publication, presentation, or product, including citing BIOREC Bouhedma and the original data providers.
- No data may be transferred to a third party without prior written permission from BIOREC Bouhedma coordination or the original data owners.


- Data shall only be used for declared purposes, including academic research, teaching, policy development, environmental reporting, or conservation management. Commercial use requires separate authorization.
- Data are generally provided free of charge, but handling or processing fees may be charged, particularly for commercial applications or non-collaborating institutions.
- Any person or entity who contributed to the collection or organization of data is entitled to fair access to the final datasets and results.
- Data will be provided in their current available formats. Requests for conversion into other formats may incur additional costs or require technical support from the requester.

1.3 Specific Conditions

- Sensitive data (e.g., location of endangered species, personal data of stakeholders, etc.) may be anonymized or withheld to ensure compliance with ethical and legal standards.
- A data use agreement may be requested before access is granted to ensure alignment with the project’s values and legal responsibilities.
- All data users are encouraged to contribute back insights, corrections, or complementary data when possible to promote reciprocal benefit.

Contact & Submissions

Researchers and organizations wishing to access BIOREC Bouhedma data are invited to submit a digital request to:

 nawildtraces@gmail.com

or by contacting the project coordination unit based at the Observatoire Écologique de Bouhedma: +216 97 643 218

Date & Signature of responsible researcher: _____

First Name : _____

Surname: _____

Affiliation: _____

Institution: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

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