

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT VEGETATION DATA

I/we agree to submit relevé data to the National Vegetation Database. This is done on the understanding that:

- The data will be secured and managed by the Centre according to best practice, for the purpose of creating a National Vegetation Database. This database will establish a baseline vegetation dataset for Ireland and a facility to track and monitor changes in Irish vegetation.
- The national database will also be used to develop a new vegetation classification system for Ireland. This process will be coordinated by the National Biodiversity Data Centre on the advice of the National Vegetation Database working group.
- Combined analysed data may be presented online over the life of the project, with the primary purpose of indicating progress towards the development of a new vegetation classification system for Ireland and the creation of national vegetation maps.
- Irish relevé data will be provided to European level vegetation classification initiatives, ensuring that European classifications take into account the subtleties of regional data. Outside this, relevé data will not be supplied to third parties without the permission of the data provider.
- Species present within relevés may also be treated as individual species records and these will feed into a general plant database held in the Data Centre. Species records extracted from relevé data will come under the data sharing agreement for species data.
- An electronic Turboveg file of your data will be available on request.
- Submission of the data to the National Vegetation Database will not affect ownership rights associated with the dataset; these still reside with the data provider
- The National Biodiversity Data Centre reserves the right not to include data that does not meet verification or data quality standards.