

UK- Environmental Observation Framework

UK-EOF catalogue

- How to search the catalogue

1. Introduction

The search is divided into 4 main areas: Who, What, Where and Why?

If you do not enter any search terms or select any of the search options given the default is to return all records within the catalogue.

Entering search terms or selecting pre-defined options will narrow down the search and the number of activities and programmes given in the results. Each search is described separately below. We have provided what information has been made available to us (see 'What's in this catalogue?' for more information). Each record has at a minimum a lead organisation, lead funder, title and an environmental domain associated with it. Other information may not be complete which may limit the search results. If you do not find the information you are looking for, you may wish to consider widening the search you are performing. We will continue to work with organisations to ensure that the information contained within the catalogue is accurate, complete and up-to-date.

2. Who?

Here you can search for activities related to a particular organisation of interest. This search works using auto text and so if you start typing the target organisation name or acronym it will show organisations (which have information in the catalogue) which contain your search term e.g. Department will show e.g. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Department of Environment Northern Ireland. If the organisation is not related to any activities/programmes within the catalogue it will not appear in the list.

3. What?

a. Title/Description/Objectives

Here you can make detailed searches of the text contained within the title, description and objectives of any activity or programme.

By default, searches will look for all projects containing ALL of the individual words or phrases you enter in the search box separated by at least one space, i.e. if you enter the words freshwater fish pollution the search will look for projects containing freshwater AND fish AND pollution. You can also use OR and NOT explicitly, and you can be explicit about the use of AND if you wish. You can also use a negative sign (-) instead of the word NOT. E.g. badger OR fox NOT rabbit would return projects containing the word badger or the word fox, but not projects which also contain the word rabbit, as would badger OR fox – rabbit. The minus sign must immediately precede the word which it qualifies, with no spaces (whereas AND, OR and NOT must be followed by a space before the start of the word which they qualify).

Enclose search phrases within double quotes, e.g. "freshwater fish", to find only projects in which these words occur adjacent to one another in that order.

You can use a wildcard character (either * or %) to search for a string of characters within a longer word (e.g. flood* will find flooded, flooding, floods as well as flood).

b. Environmental Domain

Here you can limit your search to activities or programmes that have been assigned (by the submitting organisation or the UK-EOF secretariat) to one or more environmental domains.

Select one or more of the 7 options given. Use CTRL to select or deselect.

c. Variable/parameter/keyword

This search allows you to search for activities and programmes which have particular variables, parameters and keywords associated with them.

This search works using auto text and so if you start typing search term it will show all words in the variable, parameter and keyword fields which contain that term e.g.

temperature will show (amongst others) sea temperature and air temperature.

d. Where?

Here you can search for activities that cover predefined geographic regions. Select one or more of the 13 predefined geographic areas given. Use CTRL to select or deselect.

e. Why?

Here you can search for activities and programmes initiated for a particular purpose or purposes. Select one or more of the 7 options given. Use CTRL to select or deselect.