



Introducing the User Guide for GLOBE Data

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What is it?

Purpose:

The User Guide is a technical document intended to help scientists and researchers understand, access, and use available GLOBE data

Audience:

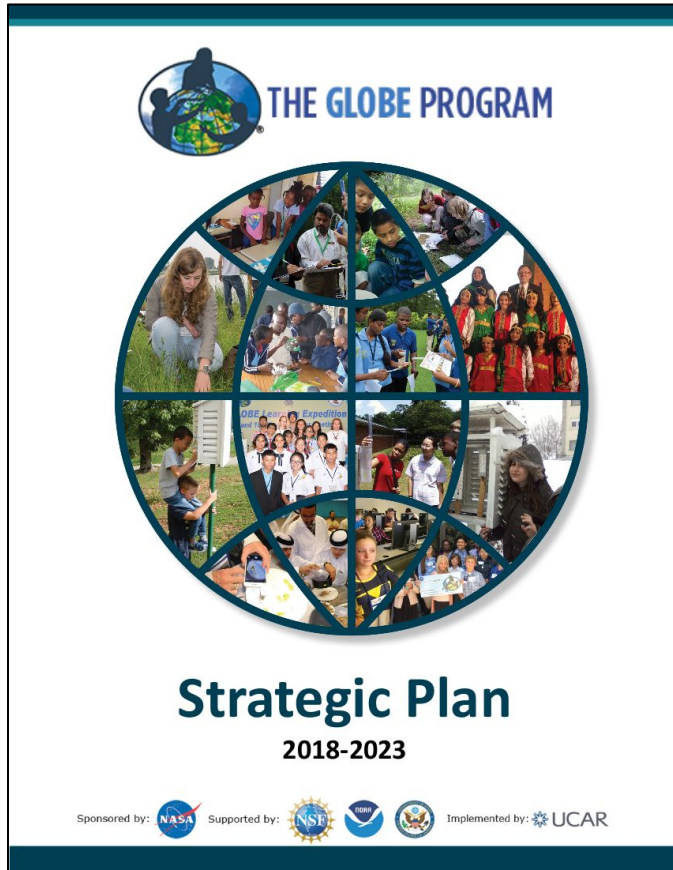
Scientists and researchers using GLOBE data

Update schedule:

Annually (approximate)



Why?



Science Goal 3

Increase the number of publications and citations using or referencing GLOBE data

<https://www.globe.gov/about/strategic-plan>



Reactions

“This is AMAZING!!!”

“[This] document is fabulous”

“THANK YOU for your work on this. I’m really pleased to see significant progress on enhancing the ability of the science community to use GLOBE data.”

“We need this.”



What's in it?

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Example 1

Table of GLOBE data variables

Variable	Units	Definition
org_name		The name of the reporting school or other institution.
latitude	decimal degrees north	The latitude of the site where data were observed. Range: [-90, 90]
longitude	decimal degrees east	The longitude of the site where data were observed. Range: [-180, 180]
elevation	meters above sea level	The elevation of the site where data were observed
aerosols:aerosol_optical_thickness	unitless	Aerosol optical thickness per wavelength for each time stamp



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Example 2

Range & logic checks

Time of Measurement:

Entry	Min	Max	Units	Missing	Data Type	Notes
<u>*Year</u>	1995	Current Year	None	N/A	Date	
<u>*Month</u>	January	December	None	N/A	Date	
<u>*Day</u>	1	31	None	N/A	Date	
<u>*Time</u>						
Hour	0	23	None	N/A	Date	UT
Minute	0	59				
Second	0	59				

Other Checks:

- Cannot be a future time

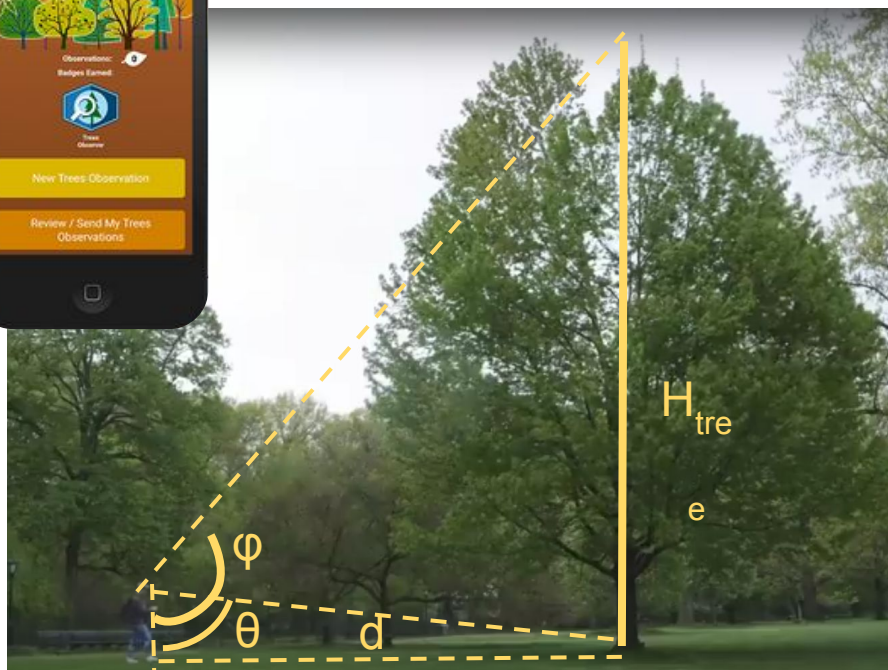
<https://www.globe.gov/web/guest/do-globe/globe-teachers-guide/data-validations>



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Example 3

Derivations from GLOBE Observer app



$$\phi = \text{radians}(90 - \beta)$$

$$\theta = \text{radians}(90 - \alpha)$$

$$\lambda = \arctan(h_c / (nL)) - \phi$$

$$h_1 = \tan(\theta)$$

$$h_2 = \tan(\phi)$$

$$d = nL \cos(\lambda)$$

$$H_{\text{tree}} = d(h_1 + h_2)$$

Watch full video from *The Verge* [[link](#)]



Where is it?

The screenshot shows the GLOBE Data website at <https://www.globe.gov/globe-data>. The header features the GLOBE Program logo, the text "THE GLOBE PROGRAM", and "A Worldwide Science and Education Program". A navigation bar includes links: About, Get Started, Get Trained, Do GLOBE, GLOBE Data, Community, News & Events, and Support. The main content area has a breadcrumb "Home > GLOBE Data" and a "Share" button. On the left, a sidebar lists "GLOBE Data" options: Data Entry, Visualize Data, Retrieve Data (ADAT), Science Honor Roll, and a "GLOBE Data User Guide" link. The main image shows three students outdoors; one is using a handheld weather station while the others observe. Below the image is the text "GLOBE Data".

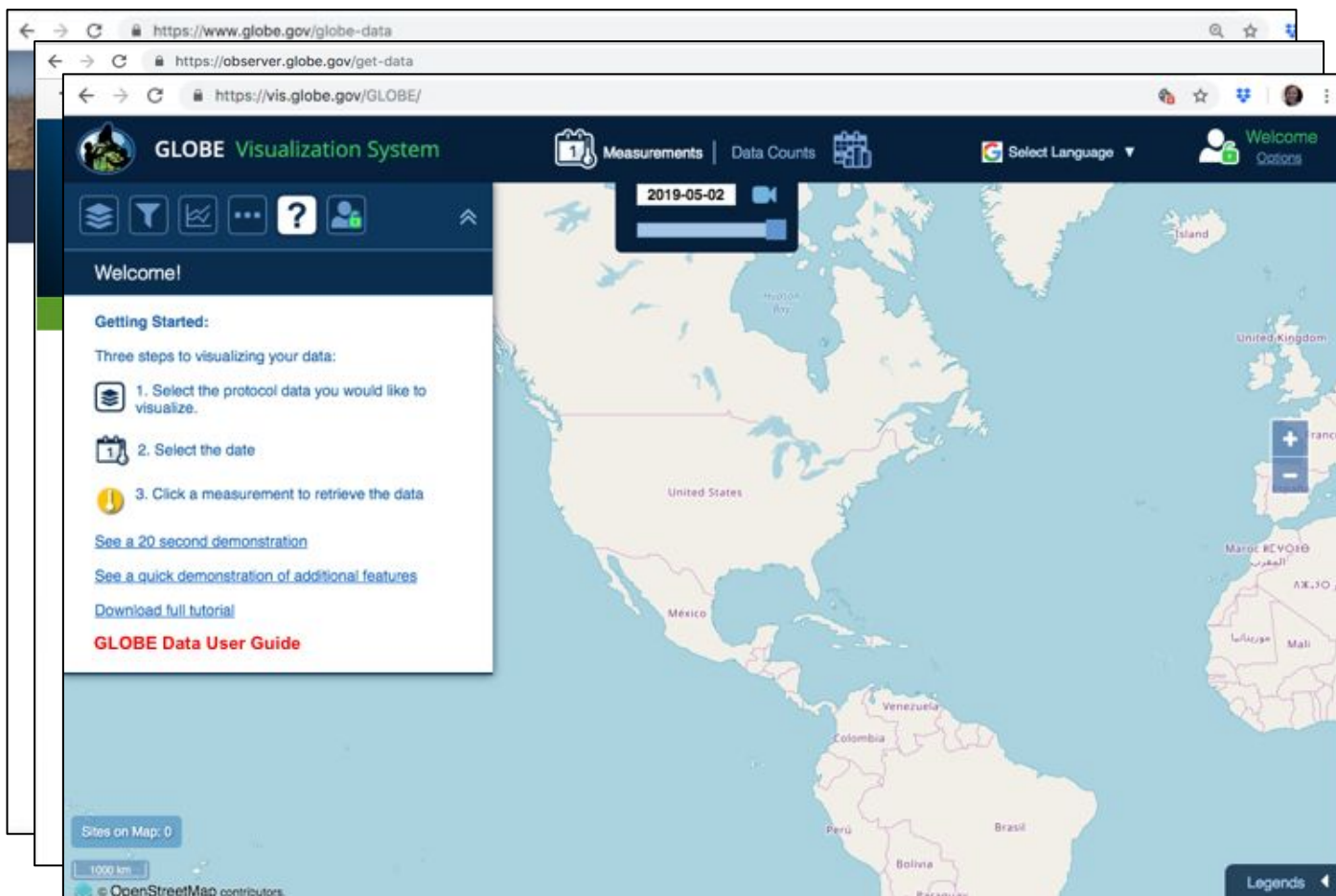


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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://observer.globe.gov/get-data>. The page header includes the GLOBE PROGRAM logo, the GLOBE Observer logo, and a contact email helen.m.amos@nasa.gov with a 'View My Observations' button. A navigation bar contains links: Get the App, Do GLOBE Observer, Lead a Program, Get Data (active), News, Events, and People, Publications, and About. The main content area is titled 'Data Access and Use' and includes a 'Share' button. The text on the page states: 'This page contains resources for how to access, cite, and use GLOBE Observer data.' It then lists three sections: 'Stay Updated' (with a link to GO-Sci@lists.nasa.gov), 'Get the data' (with links to the Visualization System and Advanced Data Access Tool), and 'Quick Links' (with links to plot GLOBE Observer Clouds, Land Cover, and Mosquito Habitat Mapper data on a world map). At the bottom, there is a link to the 'GLOBE Data User Guide'.



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Where is it?

The screenshot displays the 'Advanced Data Access Tool' interface. The top navigation bar includes the GLOBE Program logo, the title 'Advanced Data Access Tool', and links for 'Sign Out' and 'Select Language'. Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Apply Filter', 'Clear', 'Load', and 'Save', along with a status message 'Data Last Updated: 2019-05-02' and a link to the 'GLOBE Data User Guide Instructions'. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, under 'Select a Filter:', there are two categories: 'Data Filters' and 'Site Filters'. 'Data Filters' includes 'Select Protocols', 'Date Range', and 'Data Count Range'. 'Site Filters' includes 'Site Name', 'Country or State/Territory', 'In proximity of a lake or river:', 'School/Teacher/Partner', 'Elevation Range', 'Lat/Long Range', and 'Proximity to Lat/Long'. On the right, the 'Instructions' section explains the tool's purpose and provides general guidelines for searching and filtering data. An image of a student working in a field is also shown.

THE GLOBE PROGRAM
Advanced Data Access Tool

Sign Out
Select Language ▼

Apply Filter Clear Load Save Data Last Updated: 2019-05-02 **GLOBE Data User Guide** Instructions

Select a Filter:

Data Filters

- Select Protocols
- Date Range
- Data Count Range

Site Filters

- Site Name
- Country or State/Territory
- In proximity of a lake or river:
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Instructions

This tool allows you to find and retrieve GLOBE data using several different search parameters. You will be presented a summary of sites that have data available based on your search parameters. From those sites you can further refine your search and/or download the data into a CSV file for detailed analysis. A summary CSV file is also available that summarizes the amount of data available for each site.

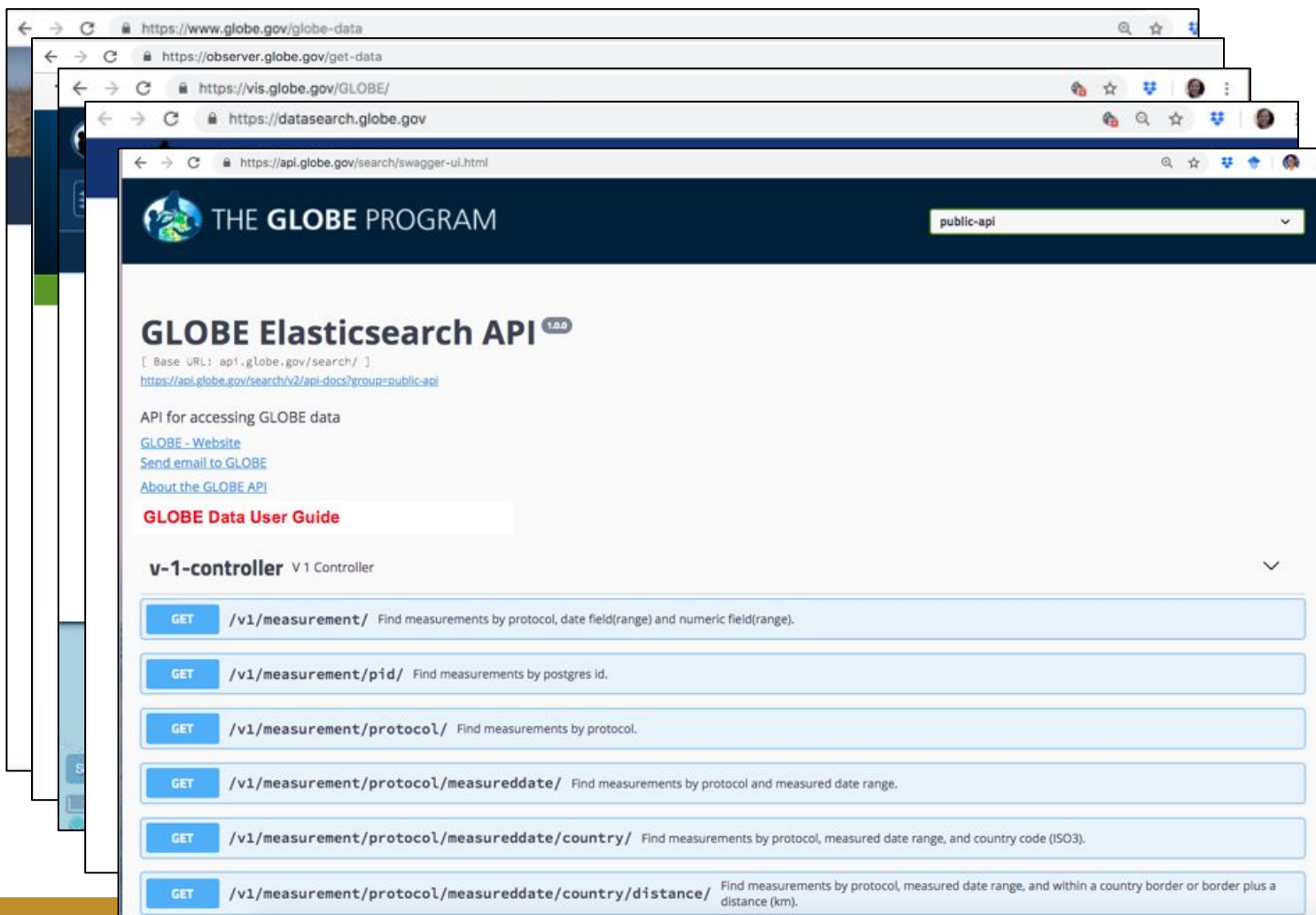
General guidelines:

- At least 1 protocol must be selected but no more than 5.
- Multiple filters are encouraged.
- Each filter type can have multiple parameters.
- The default is that all data for all sites in the site list will be included in the measurement data CSV file.
- The "-" must be used for southern hemisphere latitudes and western hemisphere longitudes.
- Save your search parameters by using the Save and Load functions above. Log-in required.

To begin, select a filter item on the left.



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How can you contribute?

Suggested updates, additions, edits, and corrections are welcome. Email help@globe.gov with:

- Suggested change (please be as specific as possible)
- Rationale
- Version number
- Section
- Page number
- Your name
- Email address
- Date
- How are you using GLOBE data?



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