

WorldFish Research Data and Open Access Policy FAQs

1. What do I need to do with my research data to comply with the policy?

All outputs based on primary data, i.e. data that was directly produced by an experimental or observational procedure, should be deposited and archived in the [WorldFish institutional repository](#), accompanied by relevant metadata. This includes data associated with a publication and datasets collected by research projects.

2. How long before archived data is made open access?

Datasets will be made publicly available 12 months after completion of the project or six months after publication of the information products associated by that data.

3. Are there any exceptions to making data open access?

Exceptions will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the WorldFish [Research Data Management \(RDM\) Strategic Committee](#). Exceptions are only valid for the particular circumstance considered.

4. How do I deposit my data?

Contact [Jacqueline Muliro](#) with your final verified datasets and accompanying metadata for upload on [Dataverse](#).

5. How do I deal with data containing sensitive information?

Datasets containing personal identifiers and sensitive information such as names, phone numbers, GPS to individual households etc. will be anonymized before uploading on [Dataverse](#).

6. I am starting a new project. What will help me adhere to the policy?

At the beginning of the project, please inform [Jacqueline Muliro](#) about the datasets you plan to generate during the course of the project. Jacqueline will assist you in developing a data management plan that indicates how data will be collected, stored, preserved and finally shared with other researchers at the appropriate time.

7. What do I need to do when negotiating new projects with partners?

Partners should be made aware of the WorldFish policy as well as the [CGIAR Open Access and Data Management Policy](#) and [Intellectual Assets \(IA\) Principles](#). All agreements should be consistent with these policies. Therefore, you cannot sign a contract in which any provisions will restrict the data being made open access. If in doubt, please contact [Jacqueline Muliro](#).

8. Are there any consequences for noncompliance with the policy?

The CGIAR Consortium Office will carry out an evidence-based review of the implementation of the policy on an annual basis. Noncompliance could lead to sanctions in the project's funding allocations (Window 1/2) in the subsequent year.

If you have additional questions on the [Research Data and Open Access Policy](#), please contact [Jacqueline Muliro](#).