

GLOSS Unified Data Access

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Motivation

1. Current GLOSS data organization and access is confusing and outmoded.
 - Users must navigate a complicated, distributed system.
 - It is challenging for users to (a) decide which dataset is appropriate for their intended application and (b) find where the relevant dataset is hosted.
2. IOC has directed GLOSS to improve data access.

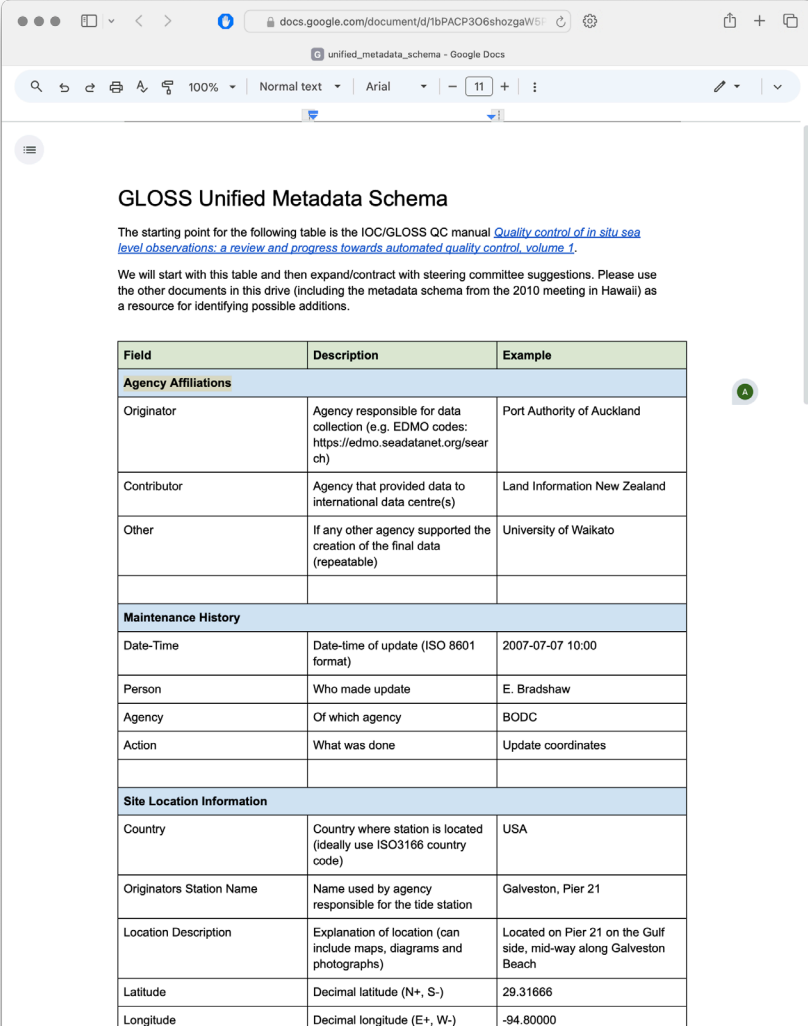


Goals and next steps

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Reorganize and reclassify GLOSS data

- Unify metadata
- Use controlled language
 - Replace ambiguous descriptors like “delayed mode” and “fast delivery” with standardized quality levels
- Ensure distinct time series only appear once across all GLOSS data streams
- Associate resolutions and QC levels with specific applications.
 - Communicate associated applications to users.



The screenshot shows a Google Docs document titled "GLOSS Unified Metadata Schema". The document contains a table with three columns: Field, Description, and Example. The table is organized into sections: Agency Affiliations, Maintenance History, and Site Location Information. The Agency Affiliations section includes rows for Originator, Contributor, and Other. The Maintenance History section includes rows for Date-Time, Person, Agency, and Action. The Site Location Information section includes rows for Country, Originators Station Name, Location Description, Latitude, and Longitude.

Field	Description	Example
Agency Affiliations		
Originator	Agency responsible for data collection (e.g. EDMO codes: https://edmo.seadatanet.org/search)	Port Authority of Auckland
Contributor	Agency that provided data to international data centre(s)	Land Information New Zealand
Other	If any other agency supported the creation of the final data (repeatable)	University of Waikato
Maintenance History		
Date-Time	Date-time of update (ISO 8601 format)	2007-07-07 10:00
Person	Who made update	E. Bradshaw
Agency	Of which agency	BODC
Action	What was done	Update coordinates
Site Location Information		
Country	Country where station is located (ideally use ISO3166 country code)	USA
Originators Station Name	Name used by agency responsible for the tide station	Galveston, Pier 21
Location Description	Explanation of location (can include maps, diagrams and photographs)	Located on Pier 21 on the Gulf side, mid-way along Galveston Beach
Latitude	Decimal latitude (N+, S-)	29.31666
Longitude	Decimal longitude (E+, W-)	-94.80000

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Create a single, unified data portal

- Linked ERDDAP servers hosted by each datacenter will serve as the backend.
 - This requires all GLOSS data centers to agree and conform to a common metadata model.
- VLIZ developing the front-end of the unified portal.
- NOC can embed or link the new portal into existing website.
- Ideally, the “host” GLOSS datacenter of should be opaque to the user.

