

# Why Contribute Data?

to NOAA's National Database for Deep Sea Corals and Sponges

Because it will help you and the scientific community have a greater impact on the management and conservation of deep-water ecosystems!

## Sharing your data will:

- Provide a permanent and widely-accessible repository of your data that helps diverse stakeholders interested in the science, management and conservation of deep-water ecosystems, including scientists, resource managers, policy makers, economists and educators.
- Meet the requirements of numerous scientific journals to provide access to underlying data sets.
- Meet the mandate of federally funded research to provide [public access to research results \(PARR\)](#), as well as the data-sharing requirements of numerous funding agencies.
- Allow you to easily link to and share your data sets online, helping to increase visibility of your work and increase your citation rate.
- Allow your data to easily integrate with other national and international databases.
- Save you money by using established NOAA infrastructure to host and serve your data.
- Ensure that your data are thoroughly documented and permanently archived at no cost to you.
- Stimulate funder interest and continued research in your region.

**Federal data sharing requirements:** "Data and Publication Sharing Directive for NOAA Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts" at (<https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/PD.DSP.php>)

## **Please share your data. We can help!**

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