

FLUXNET SYNTHESIS DATASET - TECHNICAL RELEASE

DATA USE POLICY

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<http://technical-release.fluxdata.org/2015>

In the context of the FLUXNET synthesis dataset under preparation it has been decided to give access to all the potential users to a “technical release” in order to allow the evaluation of the products under preparation and receive feedback about variables, structure, formats, errors, inconsistencies etc. The data have been provided by the site PIs and processed by the FLUXNET synthesis team.

Important notes:

- The data are not in the final format (more formats will be available) and some of the variables could be removed if users feedback supports this
- The processing codes used are still under evaluation and development and for this reason the data in the final version is likely to change. In addition it is possible that some of the data are still affected by errors
- For this reason the objective of the technical release is only a formal evaluation of the data and not their use for scientific activities. The users of the technical release should be ready to use the beta release and following releases and can have an influence in the data preparation suggesting changes, improvements, clarifications etc.
- The data owners are always the site PIs and for this reason they can decide to use the data as they prefer or consider valid uses.
- Due to the data evaluation objective and the temporary stage of the products, the data access should happen only through the official website, in order to keep track of all the potential users and collect feedback

For the reasons listed above, by downloading and using these data you agree to:

- Not redistribute them in any form but point colleagues and other users to the official website
- Not use this version of the data for scientific activities unless planned, discussed and approved with/by the site owners (PIs)
- Notify the FLUXNET synthesis team about all the data uses
- Provide feedback to the FLUXNET Synthesis Team about your experience with the data and which are the variables that you think are more useful (and if you want also the less useful)

Timeline for the official releases (for scientific uses)

The beta-release, available for scientific activities, will be made available in December 2015 and two addendum releases will be also made available in April and July 2016. The final version of the FLUXNET synthesis dataset (with all data reprocessed) will be released in December 2016

For comments and contacts, please write to technical-release@fluxdata.org, preferably by end of October 2015.

The FLUXNET Synthesis Team

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