

How to publish data through the Freshwater Information Platform (FIP)

There are four options to publish freshwater related data through the FIP:

1. Publish metadata in the Freshwater Metadatabase online
2. Publish these data as paper in the Freshwater Metadata Journal (FMJ)
3. Publish occurrence records via the FIP Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT), which exposes the data to the GBIF network
4. Publish spatial results as maps in the Global Freshwater Biodiversity Atlas

1 Publish metadata in the Freshwater Metadatabase online

- request a login at data@freshwaterplatform.eu
- login to the [Freshwater Metadatabase](#)
- fill in the information about your dataset
- check if your data are correct and complete
- inform quality control team at data@freshwaterplatform.eu that your data are ready to publish and let them check your data
- press the “change to online” button to make the dataset visible to the public

2 Publish these data as paper in the Freshwater Metadata Journal (FMJ)

- enter information about your dataset into the Freshwater Metadatabase (see 1)
- press the "publish article" button and start the publishing process
- enter the required article metadata and upload an annex (if desired)
- check the preview and send the article to review by pressing the respective button
- await reviewer's reply
- integrate the reviewer's recommendations and finalise your online article
- the article will be published together with its DOI at the [FMJ website](#)

3 Publish occurrence records via the FIP (BioFresh) IPT to be visible in the GBIF network

- enter information about your dataset into the Freshwater Metadatabase (see 1)
- fill occurrence data into the minimum Freshwater Darwin Core Template (download [here](#))
- send this template to data@freshwaterplatform.eu
- your occurrence data (together with the metadata) will be published through the FIP/BioFresh IPT, which exposes them to GBIF and also makes them visible on the [GBIF Freshwater Network webpage](#).

4 Publish spatial results as maps in the Global Freshwater Biodiversity Atlas

- visit the [Atlas website](#) or contact the Atlas editorial board at atlas@freshwaterbiodiversity.eu for more information.



FRESHWATER metadata & data publishing process

