

Polar Data Catalogue Single Portal Policy

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Through the support and collaboration of partner institutions (see list below), the Polar Data Catalogue (PDC, <http://www.polardata.ca>) has become one of the largest multi-disciplinary repositories of polar metadata and data in Canada. Since its online inception in 2007, the PDC collection has grown to over 1,750 metadata descriptions of research datasets, more than 40,000 data files, and over 27,700 RADARSAT-1 satellite images. As the PDC and its partnerships grow now and in the future, it is essential to maintain the ease of use and access to data and information that have been the PDC's hallmark to date.

To minimize confusion and provide coherence in the web entry point, we will continue to solely use the "polardata.ca" domain for any and all direct Internet browser access to the PDC's collections. This will ensure that all data providers and users have confidence that the service adheres to the high level of quality control and the archive policies published by the PDC, as well as compliance with international standards of data interoperability and discovery. These are essential elements of the "brand" of the Polar Data Catalogue.

Consistent with this policy, the PDC and its online applications (PDC Metadata/Data Input, PDC Geospatial Search, and PDCLite Search) will only be available through the "polardata.ca" domain and will not be made available through other Internet domains or with a variety of front pages or banners. However, the PDC's metadata records and datasets may be made accessible via web services to other portals that adhere to international standards of interoperability and discovery.

Subject to the approval of the Polar Data Management Committee (PDMC), changes may be made to the PDC front page or to the PDC online applications to conform to requirements of our partner programs that are consistent with the standards of the PDC.

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