

Explanation of NABat Data Use & Sharing Permission Settings

A full explanation of NABat Data Use and Sharing Terms can be accessed via nabatmonitoring.org/plan-your-project and the “Data Use & Sharing” tab of the “My Projects” page for registered Partner Portal users (sciencebase.usgs.gov/nabat).

Data uploaded to the NABat Partner Portal are stored in a secure database within the USGS Trusted Digital Repository.

VALUE OF THE NABat DATABASE

The NABat database is most useful when data are accessible for all research and decision-making questions. We strongly encourage you to make your data as open and available as possible.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO MY DATA & HOW ARE THEY USED?

US Geological Survey

Data uploaded to the NABat Partner Portal are used by the USGS to generate species assessments and reports, produce education and outreach materials, and inform the development and assessment of the NABat program. These products include publicly accessible species distributions maps as well as indices of relative abundance, activity, and information about species status and trends shown at the level of the 10 x 10 km grid cell.

You and Your Collaborators

Anyone who is a member of your NABat Project has read access to the project data but only project leader(s) can define or modify a project’s data use and sharing elections and other settings.

Third-party Data Users

Individuals who are registered users in the NABat Partner Portal can request access to another project’s data as a third-party.

To submit a data request, individuals will write a short proposal describing their project and identifying the type of data requested and the intended use, outcomes and products for the requested data. Examples are the US Fish and Wildlife Service conducting a sighting assessment for a wind farm and the US Forest Service evaluating a species range. If approved, the third party will be given access to a data package, not direct access to the project through the Partner Portal.

The settings you designate for your project (described below) will determine what level of data third-party data users can access.

WHAT PERMISSIONS OPTIONS CAN I SET?

It is the responsibility of project leader(s) to define data access and permission settings for third-party data requests, you can choose to:

(a) Auto-approve, or, (b) Manually define project specific data access.

For each of the following types of **specific location information** (Sites Names, Coordinates) and **data types** (Caves/Mines/Roosts, Stationary Acoustic Surveys, Mobile Acoustic Surveys, and Capture Surveys), you can select if you would like for detailed information to:

(a) never be shared, (b) be shared immediately, or (c) be embargoed for 1, 6, 2, 18, or 24 months.