

ECOSYSTEM UNIT NAME

STANDARD

Data following this standard should conform to the following:

DATA TYPE	Character
SYNTAX	Ecosystem unit name, up to a maximum of 50 characters
RANGE	Letters A-Z, punctuation marks, and the forward slash (/) character
RECOMMENDED FIELD NAME	ECOSYSTEM

INSTRUCTIONS

As of the approval date, this data element will be used in any new automated system, data set, database, or information application, including new Geographic Information System (GIS) data and applications. This data element will also be used in any major modifications to existing systems or versions of these data-related items that use the official names of the Service's ecosystem unit boundaries. The Ecosystem Unit Boundaries data standard references the spatial component of the ecosystem unit boundary information, using the same names and coding scheme as this data element. The ecosystem unit boundaries can be downloaded from the geographic information system (GIS) coverages site or graphic files.

Service staff are strongly encouraged to utilize this data element in existing systems, data sets, databases, and information applications. Where existing systems and data-related items are not in compliance, they should be modified to achieve compatibility and implement this data standard.

The ecosystem unit name should normally be used in conjunction with the ecosystem unit number. It references the two-digit numbers that represent the ecosystem unit boundaries of the United States. The "Not Applicable" (00) designation should be assigned to Service organizations that do not have an ecosystem association, such as the Washington Office and Regional Directorate and Regional administration offices.

Ecosystem unit names and ecosystem unit numbers will be handled as separate data fields in any new or modified automated system and will not be combined in a single data field.

SAMPLE DATA FOLLOWING THIS STANDARD

N/A

RELATED REFERENCE RESOURCES

Applicable policies/references:

[Part 274, FW 2, Establishing Service Data Standards](#)

[Part 052, FW 1, Ecosystem Approach to Fish and Wildlife Conservation](#)

[Ecoregions - FWS, SE Region](#)