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Table 1 Legend					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 5			
Ad Hoc	Minimal	Intermediate	Advanced	Optimal	
Little or no management	Limited Management	Defined Management, partially implemented	Well-defined Management, fully implemented	Full Management, audited, measured, controlled	

Table 1. Scores for the Nine DSMM Key Components at a Glance						
Preservability - 5 Accessibility - 5 Usability - 4.5						
Production Sustainability - 2	Data Quality Control/Monitoring - 1					
Data Quality Assessment - 0	Data Quality Assessment - 0 Transparency/Traceability - 1 Data Integrity - 3					

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Cover Image: Data Stewardship Rating Diagram for GHRSST Level 2P Regional Subskin Sea Surface Temperature from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer - Earth Observing System (AMSR-E) on the NASA Aqua satellite for the Atlantic Ocean (GDS version 1)

Shades of green are used to represent level 1 through level 5 ratings; denoting Ad Hoc, Minimal, Intermediate, Advanced, and Optimal stages for each of the nine key components, respectively. The dark green level indicates all the practices are completely satisfied. The lighter green levels indicate only some of the practices are satisfied. The lightest green level indicates none of the practices are satisfied.

The stewardship maturity of NCEI data product, GHRSST Level 2P Regional Subskin Sea Surface Temperature from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer - Earth Observing System (AMSR-E) on the NASA Aqua satellite for the Atlantic Ocean (GDS version 1), is assessed based on a reference stewardship maturity framework. The current maturity ratings of GHRSST Level 2P Regional Subskin Sea Surface Temperature from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer - Earth Observing System (AMSR-E) on the NASA Aqua satellite for the Atlantic Ocean (GDS version 1) are at Level 1 or higher for all nine key components with three Level 1, one Level 2, one Level 3, one Level 4, and two Level 5 key components.

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#### **Preface**

In response to the President's Open Government Initiative and related policies, NOAA has committed to providing improved public access to all of its environmental information, to enable research and commercial innovation through ease of data discovery and use [Casey, 2016].

OneStop supports NOAA's efforts by leveraging existing access technologies and infusing specific innovations to provide improved discover, access, and visualization services for NOAA's data. Also, OneStop is viewed by a NESDIS as a pathfinder effort with an initial focus on selected high-priority datasets from NESDIS and other program data meeting OneStop standards, but eventually scalable across NOAA's data. Lastly, OneStop is implementing the USGEO Common Framework for Earth Observation Data and leveraging/supporting the NOAA Big Data Project (BDP) and Big Earth Data Initiative (BEDI) [Casey, 2016].

As with any process of improvement planning, agencies need to find out where they are in terms of their compliance to the federal regulations and what they need to do if any areas of non-compliance are identified. To this end, a unified framework would be beneficial for assessing the current stage of stewardship practices applied to individual datasets and for providing a road map that will guide future investments towards enhanced stewardship of environmental datasets. The value and quality of a dataset depends in part on the stewardship practices applied after its development and production. Therefore, a unified framework providing a holistic view of the quality of stewardship practices applied to individual datasets is beneficial to data stewards and users [Casey, 2016].

The Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix (DSMM), jointly developed by domain (data management, technology, and science) subject matter experts from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites – North Carolina (CICS-NC), provides such a consistent framework [*Peng et al.*, 2016]. The DSMM, leveraging institutional knowledge and community practices and standards, defines a graduated maturity scale for each of nine key components of scientific data stewardship to enable a consistent assessment of the measureable stewardship practices applied to a given data set or product.

The NOAA Data Stewardship Maturity Technical Series captures stewardship maturity assessment results for individual datasets, provides consistent representation and citable documents of those assessments, ensures transparency, and allows better data quality information integration and content-based search and discovery of NOAA data.

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#### 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the results of stewardship maturity assessment for NOAA Climate Data Record for Mean Layer Temperature (Upper Troposphere & Lower Stratosphere from UCAR, Version 2, utilizing the Scientific Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix or DSMM [Peng, et al, 2016]. DSMM defines levels of stewardship maturity stages for Preservability, Accessibility, Usability, Production Sustainability, Data Quality Assurance, Data Quality Control/Monitoring, Data Quality Assessment, Transparency/Traceability, and Data Integrity key components. Each of these components is ranked from 'Ad hoc' to 'Optimal' (see Appendix I). This report is based on evaluation performed by NOAA OneStop metadata specialists working with Subject Matter Experts and utilizing the DSMM template [Peng, 2016].

### 1.2 Scope

Assessing stewardship maturity - the current state of how datasets are documented, preserved, stewarded, and made accessible publicly, is a critical step towards meeting U.S. federal regulations, organizational requirements, and user needs [Peng et al., 2016]. The goal of this document is to provide consistent and transparent stewardship maturity information to data users and decision-makers.

#### 1.3 Dataset Abstract

The Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer (AMSR-E) was launched on 4 May 2002, aboard NASA's Aqua spacecraft. The National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA) provided AMSR-E to NASA as an indispensable part of Aqua's global hydrology mission. Over the oceans, AMSR-E is measuring a number of important geophysical parameters, including sea-surface temperature (SST), wind speed, atmospheric water vapor, cloud water, and rain rate. A key feature of AMSR-E is its capability to see through clouds, thereby providing an uninterrupted view of global SST and surface wind fields. This Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature (GHRSST) dataset is derived from Remote Sensing Systems BMAPS (binary) format AMSR-E SST subskin data. Data were downloaded for North Atlantic region from Remote Sensing Systems every hour to capture the latest AMSRE observations. L2P data products were then produced to the GHRSST Data Processing Specification (GDS) version 1.5. Ascending (daytime) and descending (nighttime) orbits are packaged into separate netCDF files. Although the dataset designation is "L2P" it is actually a "L3C" dataset (gridded Level 3 collated) as defined by the GHRSST Data Processing Specification version 2.0.

This dataset was originally produced for the GHRSST Pilot Project, the precursor to GHRSST, by the Medspiration Regional Data Assembly Center (RDAC) in Europe. As one of the first datasets produced as a prototype for GHRSST-PP it assumed an incorrect designation of "L2P".

### 1.4 Document Maintenance

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### 2. Results

The data stewardship maturity assessment information is summarized in Table 1. Each component is displayed along with its corresponding score in a color-coded table.

Table 2. Dataset and Data Stewardship Maturity Assessment Metadata				
Dataset Title	GHRSST Level 2P Regional Subskin Sea Surface Temperature from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer - Earth Observing System (AMSR-E) on the NASA Aqua satellite for the Atlantic Ocean (GDS version 1)			
Dataset Information URL	https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:GHRSST-EUR-L2P-AMSRE			
Data Provider POC (Name; Email; Affiliation)	National Centers for Environmental Information, NESDIS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce301-713-3277 NCEI. Info@noaa.gov			
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SMM Version (Document ID and Version Number)	NCDC-CICS-SMM_0001_Rev.1 12/09/2014			
SMM POC (Name; E-mail; Affiliation)	Ge Peng, ge.peng@uah.edu, University of Alabama- Huntsville			
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SMM Assessment Version (v <nn>r<mm>, e.g., v01r00)</mm></nn>	v01r05			
SMM Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	04/18/2019			
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Stewardship Maturity Ratings (each key component) (kc1/kc2/kc3/kc4/kc5/kc6/kc7/kc8/kc9)	5 /5 /4.5 /2 /1 /1 /0 /1 /3			
SMM Original Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	08/29/2016			
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SMM Modified Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	04/18/2019			
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DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Preservability	Level 5  Archived by NCEI, which is NOAA designated repository. NOAA is compliant to NARA standards  Metadata following ISO 19115-2 standards.  Compliant to OIAS RM  Plans to update metadata to ISO 19115-1 at a later date  Using NCEI Silver Spring Archive Management System, AMS.  Comments:
Accessibility	Level 5  Collection level searchable online Granule level is searchable online Additional search options available from collection level site Direct file download available from THREDDS: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/oceans/ghrsst/L2P/AMSRE/EUR/catalog.html HTTP: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/data/oceans/ghrsst/L2P/AMSRE/EUR/ FTP: ftp://ftp-oceans.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data.nodc/ghrsst/L2P/AMSRE/EUR/ Data citation is also available from NASA PODAAC site: https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/dataset/EUR-L2P-AMSRE Dissemination reports are available to the public https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/ghrsst-long-term-stewardship-and-reanalysis-facility/ Future technology changes are planned  Comments:
Usability	<ul> <li>Level 4.5</li> <li>The format is interoperable: NetCDF, .nc.bz2 for granules</li> <li>User Guide [GHRSST, 2011] is available online https://www.nodc.noaa. gov/archive/arc0072/0123222/1.1/data/0-data/GHRSSTUserGuidev91.pdf</li> <li>User Manual [GHRSST, 2011] is available online https://www.nodc.noaa. gov/archive/arc0072/0123222/1.1/data/0-data/GDS20r5.pdf</li> <li>All GHRSST collections have error estimate.</li> <li>All GHRSST collections have enhanced online capability (e.g., visualization, multiple data formats): TDS, DAP (*data servers maintained at NCEI); access from metadata main landing page.</li> <li>A GHRSST User Guide, Quick Start Guide, GHRSST Data Specification (GDS) manual and other relevant documents describing GHRSST data sets can be found in the archive accession, Documentation for The Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature (GHRSST) data archived at NODC (NODC Accession 0123222),</li> <li>https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc: 0123222</li> <li>No Algorithm or ATBD documents exist for GHRSST collections</li> <li>No external ranking</li> </ul>

Table 3. Stewardship	Maturity Levels and Detailed Justifications for Each of Nine DSMM Key Components for the Dataset.
DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Production Sustainability	Level 2  The dataset is not currently supported, according to LTSRF Table: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/ghrsst-long-term-stewardship-and-reanalysis-facility/ The end date is 2007.  Comments: Changes for technology are available from individual dataset producers. NOAA does not have them documented. From LTSRF table, the product is listed first under EUR, then AMSRE.
Data Quality Assurance	Level 1  Data Quality Assurance Procedure is unknown.  Comments:
Data Quality Control/ Monitoring	Level 1  No Quality Control metrics are available.  Comments:
Data Quality Assessment	Level 0 • No Algorithm document exists.  Comments:
Transparency / Traceability	Level 1  Limited product information available, metadata only on the GHRSST_L2P_GSSST_AMSRE_EOS_NASA_AQUA https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:GHRSST-AMSRE-REMSS-L2P  GHRSST datasets are under Configuration Management principles: ftp://ftp.nodc.noaa.gov/nodc/archive/arc0072/0123222/2.2/data/0-data/governance-documents/  Data citation DOI is available from NASA PODAAC site: 10.5067/GHAMS-2PE01  Comments:
Data Integrity	Level 3  Data archive integrity verifiable - Checksum technology is available, each GHRSST_L2P_RSSST_AMSR_E_EOS_NASA_AQUA_S_AO package is accompanied by a manifest in XML format containing hash digests generated using various algorithms, including MD5, SHA-1, SHA-384, etc. That includes checksums (. md5) for every file package. https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/archive/arc0061/0113271/0113271.1.1.xml  Data authenticity is verifiable (since data can be downloaded via HTTPS and HTTPS uses certificates to prove site authenticity)  NCEI-MD does not provide digital signatures for data dissemination
	Comments:

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The Recommended GHRSST Data Specification (GDS) GDS 2.0 revision 5, 2011, retrieved online https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/archive/arc0072/0123222/1.1/data/0-d ata/GDS20r5.pdf (Accessed 22 December 2016)

## Appendix I: The Scientific Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix (DSMM)

Table A1: This matrix (Version: NCDC-CICS-SMM-0001-Rev.1. 12/09/2014) describes the criterion used to evaluate data stewardship maturity for each of the nine DSMM key components [*Peng et al.*, 2015].

DSMM Component	Level 1 Ad hoc Little or no management	Level 2  Minimal  Limited  management	Level 3 Intermediate Defined management, partially implemented	Level 4 Advanced Well-defined management, fully implemented	Level 5 Optimal Full management, audited, measured, controlled
Preservability  (The state of being preservable)	Any storage location  Data only	Non- designated repository  Redundancy  Limited archiving metadata	Designated archive  Redundancy  Community-standard archiving metadata  Conforming to limited archiving standards	Level 3 + Conforming to community archiving standards	Level 4 +  Archiving process performance controlled, measured, and audited  Future archiving standard changes planned
Accessibility (The state of being searchable and accessible publicly)	Not publically available person-to- person	Publically available direct file download (e.g., via anonymous FTP server)  Collection or dataset level searchable online	Level 2 +  Non-standard data service  Limited data server performance  Granule/file level searchable  Limited search metrics	Level 3 + Community- standard data service Enhanced data server performance Conforming to community search metrics Dissemination report metrics defined and implemented internally	Level 4 + Dissemination reports available online  Future technology and standard changes planned

Usability  (The state of being easy to use)	Extensive product-specific knowledge required  No documentation online	Non-standard data format Limited documentation (e.g., user's guide online)	Community standard-based interoperable format & metadata  Documentation (e.g. source code, product algorithm document, processing or/and data flow	Level 3 + Basic capability (e.g., subsetting, aggregating) & data characterization overall/global, e.g., climatology, error estimates) available online	Level 4 + Enhanced online capability (e.g., visualization, multiple data formats)  Community metrics of data characterization (regional/cell) online
Production Sustainability  (The state of data production being sustainable and extendable)	Ad Hoc or Not applicable  To obligation or deliverable requirement	Short-term Individual PI's commitment (grant obligations)	Medium-term  Institutional commitment (contractual deliverables with specs and schedule defined)	Long-term Institutional commitment  Product improvement process in place	External ranking  Level 4 +  National or international commitment  Changes for echnology planned
Data Quality Assurance  (The state of data quality being assured)	Data quality assurance (DQA) procedure unknown or none	Ad Hoc and random  QA procedure not defined and documented	DQA procedure defined and documented and partially implemented	DQA procedure well documented, fully implemented and available online with master reference data Limited data quality assurance metadata	Level 4 +  DQA procedure monitored and reported Conforming to community quality metadata & standards  External review

Data Quality Control/ Monitoring  The state of data quality being controlled and monitored	None or Sampling unknown or spotty  Analysis unknown or random in time	Sampling and analysis are regular in time and space  Limited product-specific metrics defined & implemented	Level 2 + Sampling and analysis are frequent and systematic but not automatic  Community metrics defined and partially implemented  Procedure documented and available online	Level 3 + Anomaly detection procedure well-documente d and fully implemented using community metrics, automatic, tracked and reported Limited quality monitoring metadata	Level 4 + Cross-validation of temporal & spatial characteristics  Physical consistency check  Conforming to community quality metadata & standards
Data Quality Assessment  (The state of data quality being assessed)	Algorithm/ method/model  Theoretical basis assessed (methods and results online)	Level 1 +  Research product assessed (methods and results online)	Level 2 +  Operational product assessed (methods and results online)	Level 3 +  Quality metadata assessed  Limited quality assessment metadata	Level 4 +  Assessment performed on a recurring basis  Conforming to community quality metadata & standards  External ranking
Transparency/ Traceability  (The state of being transparent, trackable, and traceable)	Limited product information available  Person-to-person	Product information available in literature	Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) & source code online Dataset configuration managed (CM)  Unique Object Identifier (OID) assigned (dataset, documentation, source code)  Data citation tracked (e.g., utilizing Digital Object Identifier	Level 3 +  Operational Algorithm Description (OAD) online, OID assigned, and under CM	Level 4 +  System information online  Complete data provenance online

Data Integrity  (The state of data integrity being verifiable)	Unknown or no data ingest integrity check	Data ingest integrity verifiable (e.g, checksum technology)	(DOI) system) Level 2 +  Data archive integrity verifiable	Level 3 + Data access integrity verifiable	Level 4 +  Data authenticity verifiable (e.g., data signature
				Conforming to community data integrity technology standard	technology)  Performance of data integrity check monitored and reported