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Table 1 Legend				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	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 Assurance - 3.5	Data Quality Control/Monitoring - 2
Data Quality Assessment - 3	Transparency/Traceability - 3.75	Data Integrity - 3

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Cover Image: Data Stewardship Rating Diagram for GHRSST Level 4 MUR North America Regional Foundation Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (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 4 MUR North America Regional Foundation Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (GDS version 1), is assessed based on a reference stewardship maturity framework. The current maturity ratings of GHRSST Level 4 MUR North America Regional Foundation Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (GDS version 1) are at Level 1 or higher for all nine key components with zero Level 1, two Level 2, four 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

A Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature (GHRSST) Level 4 sea surface temperature analysis produced as a retrospective dataset at the JPL Physical Oceanography DAAC using wavelets as basis functions in an optimal interpolation approach on a regional 0.011 degree grid over the oceans off North and Central America (62N- 20S, 165W - 30W). The Multiscale Ultrahigh Resolution (MUR) L4 analysis is based upon nighttime GHRSST L2P skin and subskin SST observations from several instruments such as: the NASA Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer-EOS (AMSRE), and the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on the NASA Aqua and Terra platforms. The ice concentration data are from the archives at the EUMETSAT Ocean and Sea Ice Satellite Application Facility (OSI SAF) High Latitude Processing Center. This dataset is funded by the NASA MEaSUREs program (http://earthdata.nasa.gov/our-community/community-data-system-programs/measures-projects), and created by a team led by Dr. Toshio Chin from JPL.

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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 4 MUR North America Regional Foundation Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (GDS version 1)
Dataset Information URL	https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/metadata/geoportal/rest/metadata/item/gov.noaa.nodc%3AGHRSST-JPL-L4UHfnd-NCAMERICA-MUR/html
Data Provider POC (Name; Email; Affiliation)	National Centers for Environmental Information, NESDIS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce301-713-3277NCEI.Info@noaa.gov
Dataset POC (Name; Email; Affiliation)	Edward Armstrong;NASA/JPL/PODAAC (Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA)edward.m.armstrong@jpl.nasa.gov
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
SMM Template Version (Document ID and Version Numbers)	NCDC-CICS-SMM_0001_Rev.1 v4.0 06/23/2015
SMM Template POC	Ge Peng, ge.peng@uah.edu, University of Alabama-Huntsville
SMM Assessment Version (v<nn>r<mm>, e.g., v01r00)	v01r09
SMM Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	04/16/2019
SMM Assessment POC (Name; E-mail; Affiliation)	Raisa Ionin, raisa.ionin@noaa.gov, Earth Resources Technology, Inc.
Stewardship Maturity Ratings (each key component) (kc1/kc2/kc3/kc4/kc5/kc6/kc7/kc8/kc9)	5/5/4.5/2/3.5/2/3/3.75/3
SMM Original Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	06/16/2016
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SMM Modified Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	04/16/2019
SMM Modification POC (Name; E-mail; Affiliation)	Raisa Ionin, raisa.ionin@noaa.gov, Earth Resources Technology, Inc.

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
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/thredds-ocean/catalog/ghrsst/L4/NCAMERICA/JPL/MUR/catalog.html ▪ HTTP: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/data/oceans/ghrsst/L4/NCAMERICA/JPL/MUR/ ▪ FTP: ftp://ftp-oceans.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data.nodc/ghrsst/L4/NCAMERICA/JPL/MUR/ ▪ 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 ▪ Data citation is also available from NASA PODAAC site:https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/dataset/JPL-L4UHfnd-NCAMERICA-MUR?ids=ProcessingLevel&values=*4* Comments:

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DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Usability	Level 4.5 ▪ The format is interoperable: nc.gz for granules ▪ User Guide [GHRSST, 2011] is available online https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/archive/arc0072/0123222/1.1/data/0-data/GHRSSTUserGuidev91.pdf ▪ All GHRSST collections have error estimate. ▪ All GHRSST collections have enhanced online capability (e.g., visualization, multiple data formats): TDS, DAP; access from metadata main landing page. ▪ 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), https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:0123222. ▪ Algorithm or ATBD document [Chin, 2013] is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 ▪ Error estimates are also mentioned in the Algorithm document: [Chin, 2013] and is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 ▪ No external ranking Comments: PODAAC site link https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/dataset/JPL-L4UHfnd-NCAMERICA-MUR?ids=ProcessingLevel&values=*4* ATBD was accessed from the PODAAC site ->Citation->Journal reference (this reference is ATBD)
Production Sustainability	Level 2 ▪ The dataset is no longer supported, the end date is 2010: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/ghrsst-long-term-stewardship-and-reanalysis-facility/ Comments: Changes for technology are available from individual dataset producers. NOAA does not have them documented. From LTSRF page, the product is listed under JPL, then MUR NCAMERICA
Data Quality Assurance	Level 3.5 ▪ DQA defined, documented and partially implemented in this document: [Chin, 2013] and is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 ▪ File level quality flags exist which can be considered limited data quality assurance metadata. Comments:
Data Quality Control/ Monitoring	Level 2 ▪ No Quality Control metrics are available at https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/sst/squam/ ▪ Data Quality Control is described in Algorithm document: [Chin, 2013] and is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 Comments:

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DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Data Quality Assessment	Level 3 ▪ Algorithm Based Documentation (ATBD) [Chin, 2013] and is available online https: //doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 ▪ Product information assessed in literature: ▪ [Armstrong, 2012] is available online https://doi.org/10.1080/01431161.2012.692832 ▪ [Chin, 1998] is available online https://doi.org/10.1175/1520-0426(1998)015%3c0741: BSHWSS%3e2.0.CO;2 ▪ [Chin, 2014] is available online https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-13-00219.1 ▪ [Dash, 2012] is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2012.04.002 ▪ Operational Product is assessed. Comments: ATBD is available from podaac site, Citation tab: http://podaac-www.jpl.nasa. gov/dataset/JPL-L4UHfnd-GLOB-MUR/
Transparency / Traceability	Level 3.75 ▪ Limited product information available, metadata only on the GHRSST L4 MUR NARFSSTA landing page: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:GHRSST-JPL-L4UHfnd-NCAMERICA-MUR ▪ Product information available in literature: ▪ [Chin, 2013] and is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 ▪ ATBD Document [Chin, 2013] and is available online https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017. 07.029 ▪ GHRSST data sets are under Configuration Management Principles: ftp://ftp.nodc.noaa. gov/nodc/archive/arc0072/0123222/2.2/data/0-data/governance-documents/ ▪ DOI Data citation is available from PODAAC site: https://doi.org/10.5067/GHNMR-4FJ01 ▪ No OID Comments: Publication available: ftp://mariana.jpl.nasa.gov/mur_sst/tmchin/docs/ATBD/old/ PODAAC main site for this dataset: https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/dataset/JPL-L4UHfnd-NCAMERICA-MUR?ids=Collections:ProcessingLevel&values=GHRSST:*4*
Data Integrity	Level 3 ▪ Data archive integrity verifiable - Checksum technology is available, each GHRSST_L4_MUR_NARFSSTA 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/arc0037/0078592/0078592.1.1.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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Chin, M., J. Vazquez, and E. Armstrong (2013), A multi-scale, high-resolution analysis of global sea surface temperature, _Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, Version 1, 2013 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2017.07.029 (Accessed 14 April 2019)

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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 diagram) online	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 External ranking
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	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-documented 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 Conforming to community data integrity technology standard	Level 4 + Data authenticity verifiable (e.g., data signature technology) Performance of data integrity check monitored and reported