

No.	Question	Options	Guidance notes	Response
Description				
1.1 Author				
1.1a	Intellectual Property Right holder		Provide name and address	US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1.2 Dataset				
1.2a	Title		Provide a long (up to 120 characters) and short version (less than 32 characters) of the title.	<i>Extended Reconstructed Sea Surface Temperature (ERSST)</i>
1.2b	Description		Provide 200-500 word description, highlighting the key distinguishing features of the dataset. This text will be used in the DDC entry.	The Extended Reconstructed Sea Surface Temperature (ERSST) dataset is a global monthly sea surface temperature analysis derived from the International Comprehensive Ocean–Atmosphere Dataset with missing data filled in by statistical methods. This monthly analysis begins in January 1854 continuing to the present and includes anomalies computed with respect to a 1971–2000 monthly climatology. The newest version of ERSST, version 3b, is optimally tuned to exclude under-sampled regions for global averages. In contrast to version 3, ERSST v3b does not include satellite data, which were found to cause a cold bias significant enough to change the rankings of months.
Authority				
2.1 Use by the IPCC				
2.1a	Has the dataset been used in an IPCC Assessment or Special Report, e.g., in a figure or table or discussed in text?	Yes	List report name(s), table/figure/page number(s)	<i>Cited frequently in AR5 WG1 report</i>
2.1b	Is dataset used in any other IPCC-related documents or materials?	Not relevant	List document name(s), table/figure/page number(s)	
2.2 Documentation				
2.2a	Is the dataset documented in detail in a peer-reviewed journal article or as a peer-reviewed dataset?	Yes	Provide full citation and list Thomson-Reuter impact factor (or other standard influence factors) for journal if available.	Smith, T.M., R.W. Reynolds, T.C. Peterson, and J. Lawrimore, 2008: Improvements NOAAs Historical Merged Land–Ocean Temp Analysis (1880–2006). <i>Journal of Climate</i> , 21, 2283–2296. Xue, Y., T.M. Smith, and R.W. Reynolds, 2003: Interdecadal Changes of 30-Yr SST Normals during 1871–2000. <i>Journal of Climate</i> , 16, 1601–1612.
2.2b	Is the dataset documented in detail in a peer-reviewed book chapter, report or technical document?	Not Known	Provide full citation. List type of peer review if known; list type of book, report, or document, e.g., if part of a series; provide evidence of credibility of authors or publisher (e.g., UN organization)	
2.2c	Is the dataset documented in detail in a non-peer reviewed document, web site, or other resource?	Yes	Provide citation or links. Describe quality control or other review processes used (e.g., crowd sourcing); provide evidence of credibility of authors or publisher (e.g., UN organization)	http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/marineocean-data/extended-reconstructed-sea-surface-temperature-ersst-v3b

2.2d	Has there been significant discussion of the dataset in the scientific literature?	Not Known	Provide citations to criticisms and responses where relevant.	
2.2e	Are the uncertainties associated with the data documented.	No	Provide link(s) or reference(s) and indicate what sort of uncertainty information is provided?	
2.3 Lineage				
2.3a	Is the dataset produced by or under the direction of a national or international body or group?	Yes	List scientific body or group	NOAA (NCDC)
Significance Relative to the IPCC Community				
3.1 Interest in the data				
3.1a	Has an IPCC Working Group or the TFI used or expressed an intention of using this data?	Not relevant	Indicate which group(s) and/or other body. Provide reference and quote relative passage.	
3.1b	Have DDC users expressed interest in these data?	Not Known	Indicate numbers and/or types of users. Provide user metrics or examples of queries.	
3.1c	Are there strong reasons for considering the data relevant to the DDC user community?	Not relevant	Give reasons, backed by references. References from gray literature should have accompanying justification, as for IPCC reports.	
3.2 Uniqueness				
3.2	Are other datasets available with the same or overlapping variables?	Not Known	Indicate other datasets and degree of overlap; provide links.	
Stability of Data and Data Provider				
4.1 Curation				
4.1a	Does the provider have a published data policy?	No	Provide link or citation	
4.1b	Does the provider have a succession plan for this dataset?	Not Known	List organization(s) with long-term responsibility for the dataset (e.g., government agency, library, archive); provide a link to the plan or other documentation of the agreement	
4.1c	Is there an explicit funding model for the dataset or data provider?	Not Known	Indicate type (e.g., subscription-based, government-supported, submitter fees) and give link.	
Quality Control				
5.1 Meta-data and quality control				
5.1a	Does detailed meta-data exist for this data, in accordance with relevant national or international meta-data standards	No	Indicate relevant standards (e.g. NASA's Directory Interchange Format) and provide a link to the metadata.	<i>Documentation is detailed and clear, but used ad hoc standards.</i>
5.1b	Is there a stated quality assurance process or procedure for the dataset?	Yes	Indicate if relevant quality assurance standards are met (e.g., ISO9000) and give links.	

5.1c	Is there a regular validation or calibration process or procedure for the data?	Not Known	Indicate frequency and/or most recent date and give links	
5.1d	Is technical/usage guidance available?	yes	Give links	
5.2 Data updates and version control				
5.2a	Is the data subject to updates?	Yes	List frequency	Irregular
5.2b	Is there a clear version control process and tracking of data provenance?	Yes	Describe version control and data provenance procedures	Versions are numbered
5.2c	Are previous versions of the dataset accessible?	Unclear	List previous versions	
Accessibility				
6.1 Access requirements				
6.1a	Are the data available on-line for download?	All	Give links	http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/marineocean-data/extended-reconstructed-sea-surface-temperature-ersst-v3b
6.1b	Are data made available in one or more standard (preferably open) formats?	Yes	List the formats available (at least one standard format is required);	NetCDF
6.1c	Are there restrictions (beyond user registration and acceptance of terms of use) on data use, re-dissemination, or reuse?	No	If applicable, specify the type of restrictions and give relevant links	Optional registration
6.1d	Is the data available for free or for a charge?	Free	if applicable, give link to price structure	
6.2 Additional information				
6.2a	Is user registration required or requested?	Neither	Give relevant links;	
6.2b	Is attribution required or requested?	No	Give relevant links;	
6.2c	Are versions of the data available through open interfaces (e.g., OGC Web Services, REST, SOAP)?	No	List interfaces and give links for specifications	
6.2d	Are levels of service (e.g., bandwidth, up time) adequate?	Yes	Give links, e.g., to up time metrics	
6.2e	Is user support available (e.g., help desk, frequently asked questions)?	Yes	List user support services and links	see http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/marineocean-data/extended
6.2f	Is documentation available in English?	Yes	Give links	
6.2g	Is documentation available in other languages	No	List languages (with links)	
6.2h	What is the spatial domain of the dataset		Specify bounding latitudes and longitudes	