

## Instructions for Accessing CDC Occurrence Data From the B.C. Data Catalogue

There are many ways to access the CDC mapped element occurrences (locations). From the B.C. Data Catalogue you can preview the datasets via Google maps, view them in iMap BC, link to the WMS URL or download the datasets in numerous formats listed below.

- Start at the B.C. Data Catalogue <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/bc-data-catalogue>. Read about the B.C. Data Catalogue and then “Go to the Data Catalogue”
- Search keywords “CDC Occurrences”
- You will want to choose:
  - Species and Ecosystems at Risk – Publicly Available Occurrences – CDC
  - Species and Ecosystems at Risk – (Masked Secured) Publicly Available Occurrences – CDC
- Click on a layer name. Within each you will be able to view metadata. Under Data and Resources you will see the options you have to view or download the dataset. Choose Data or WMS as suits your needs. You can then follow the prompts to download the data as ArcView Shape, ESRI Export, ESRI File Geodatabase, CSV, Geo RSS, or GeoJSON.

The CDC Occurrence tabular data is refreshed daily, and the spatial data is refreshed weekly.

The masked secured records contain no attributes. If any of the masked polygons overlap your area of interest, please contact the CDC for further instruction ([cdcdata@gov.bc.ca](mailto:cdcdata@gov.bc.ca) or 250-356-0928), and include your area of interest and your project details.

Background information regarding our mapping methodology may be helpful in interpreting the data. All CDC Occurrences are delineated as polygons that include locational uncertainty.

For more details on our mapping methodology please refer to the webpage at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/conservation-data-centre/explore-cdc-data/known-locations-of-species-and-ecosystems-at-risk/mapping-methods>

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