

## Instructions for Downloading CDC Occurrences using the Data BC Data Distribution Service

A shapefile or geodatabase of publicly available occurrence records and masked secured occurrence records are available for download using the Data Distribution Service through DataBC.

- go to Data BC <http://www.data.gov.bc.ca/>.
- Choose Geographic Services along top menu
- Under the Download heading launch the Data Distribution Service
- Enter as Guest User or IDIR/BCeID (it makes no difference for CDC download)
- Use search term “conservation data centre”
- You will want to choose the publicly available occurrence layer, as well as the masked secured publicly available occurrence layer (if you want to see if there is any secured occurrences in your area of interest).
- Follow the prompts to receive the shapefiles.

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

The masked secured records only contain an identifier attribute - to find details of these occurrences, please contact the CDC for further instruction ([cdccdata@gov.bc.ca](mailto:cdccdata@gov.bc.ca) or (250) 356-0928), and include your area of interest and the reason you require 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 and field names, please refer to the webpage at [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cdc/gis/eo\\_data\\_fields\\_06.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cdc/gis/eo_data_fields_06.htm)

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