

CTWS Data Management Working Group

Purpose, Progress, Lessons Learned

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Background and Purpose

- Initiated early 2023
 - Individual progress on electronic data forms
 - Existing datasets uploaded to CDMS
- Recognized need for internal coordination
- Short term goals
 - Discuss individual priorities
 - Provide space to discuss challenges, limitations, and coordinate efforts
 - Brainstorm
- Long term goals
 - Define protocols for data collection and management
 - Standardize efforts across projects
 - Data management handbook

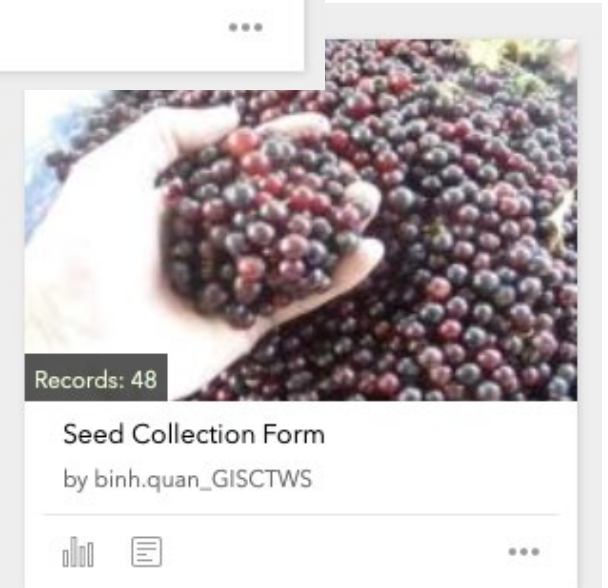
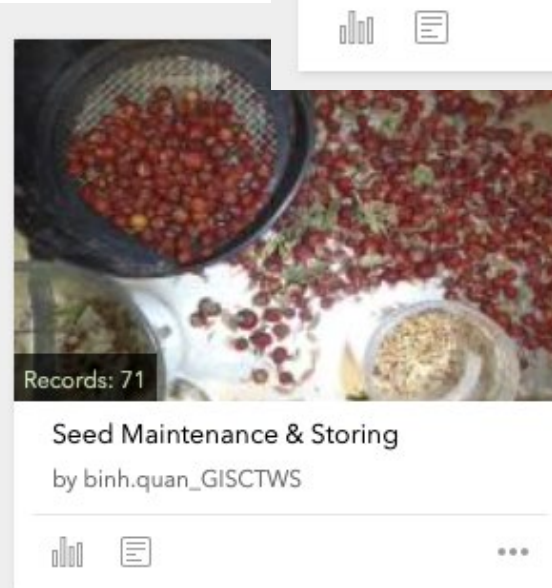
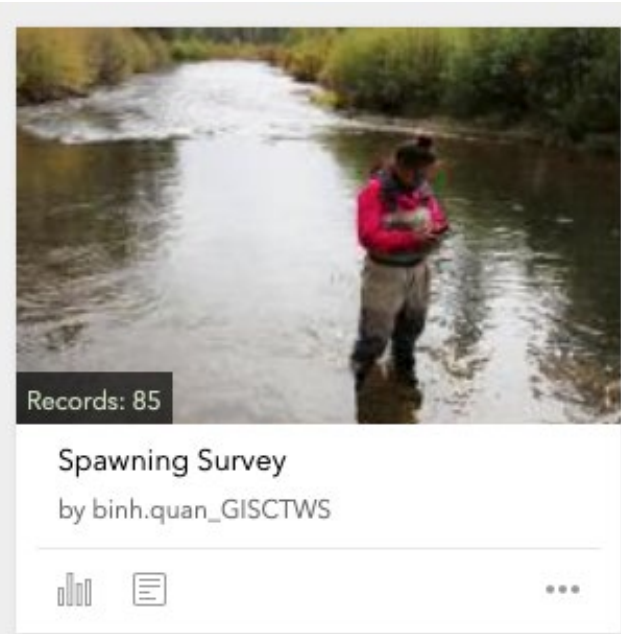
Structure

- Participants
 - Fisheries department
 - Other BNR Departments (Planning)
 - Data consultants
- Meeting schedule
 - Recurring monthly meetings
- Communication
 - Email group
 - Employees, department leadership, consultants



Progress

- Coordination between individual programs
 - Programs within fisheries department operate independently, but often collect similar datasets
- Problem Solving
 - Creates space to discuss and resolve
- Prioritization
 - Which datasets do we focus on?
 - “common” datasets, “mature” datasets, “popular” datasets
 - What are the needs of individual datasets?
 - Who needs to coordinate?
- Opportunity Assessment
 - Leverage data management infrastructure for non-conventional data collection



Benefits

- Creates a defined space and time for data conversations to occur
- Prevents stagnation
- Integrates new employees into the data management process
- Promotes discussion of progress, challenges, updates
- Coordination – who is working on what, and when?

Long-term goals

- Standardization
 - Data collection protocols
 - Datasheets
 - Data reporting and communication
- Historic data
 - Digitized and inventoried
- Data Management Policy
 - Guiding document that codifies data processes and policy
 - Collection protocols, data management workflows, data policy (sovereignty and sharing)

Questions?

