My NASA Data features resources for GLOBE protocols that provide connections to NASA datasets in the Earth System Data Explorer, as well as background information for the protocol, student data sheets, and related learning activities. For more information on GLOBE or cryosphere related protocols see the resources at the bottom of the page. It is important to note that a particular protocol may support more than one phenomenon and may support phenomena from different spheres. To see how individual protocols relate to a particular phenomenon, you can visit the GLOBE Connection for that phenomenon (i.e., Sea and Land Ice Melt, Changes in Snow and Ice Extent, Changing Albedo Values, etc.)

**Related Earth System Data Explorer datasets:**

The datasets in My NASA Data’s [Earth System Data Explorer](#) which supplement exploration of each protocol are also indicated. These supplemental datasets may measure the same variable or related variables, and they may have a different temporal scale. Specific research questions may also have additional supporting datasets which can be explored. All data available through My NASA Data can be found on the [Data Collections: Earth System Data Explorer](#) page.

Explore the MND GLOBE Connections Datasets spreadsheet to review the range of Cryospheric datasets in the Earth System Data Explorer by visiting this [link](#).
While GLOBE does not identify the cryosphere as a separate sphere as My NASA Data does, the GLOBE protocols related to cryosphere phenomena or datasets supported by My NASA Data are

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outlined below. Under each protocol, there is a list of related Earth System Data Explorer datasets.

**Air Temperature**

These temperature datasets allow students to explore daily and monthly temperature averages, as well as monthly air temperature anomalies to help put their own data in context.

- **Daily Mean Surface Air Temperature**
- **Monthly Albedo Measured at the Surface**
- **Monthly Surface Air Temperature**
- **Monthly Surface Air Temperature Anomaly**

![Image of Earth System Data Explorer - Monthly Surface Air Temperature - February 2019](image)

**Arctic Bird Migration**

Students can use My NASA Data to look for changes from tundra to forest or other changes in land classification. This dataset shows the land cover classifications. There are datasets for individual land cover classifications. These data are a snapshot from the late 1990's and early 2000's.

- **Yearly All Land Cover Types**
- **Yearly Evergreen Broadleaf Forest Coverage**
- **Yearly Evergreen Needleleaf Forest Coverage**
- **Yearly Snow and Ice Coverage**
- **Yearly Urban and Built Coverage**
**Biometry**

These datasets describe the amount of leaves present at each location on the map and an index that indicates the health of plants on Earth’s surface. Changes in these data can indicate a response of the biosphere to changes in the cryosphere.

- Monthly Chlorophyll Concentration
- Monthly Leaf Area Index
- Monthly Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

**Freshwater Ice Phenology**

These data show the monthly average sea ice extent across the Northern Hemisphere. The are
as in white are where ice is at least partially covering the ocean surface (at least 15% coverage). The formation of sea ice greatly increases the salinity and density of the water at remaining at the surface of the ocean, causing the water to sink. This action helps drive the global thermohaline circulation, an important circulation in the climate system. The formation of sea ice also greatly increases the surface albedo.

- Monthly Snow/Ice Percent Coverage
- Sea Ice Extent 1979-2017
- Sea Ice Extent 2018-2019

**Frost Tube**

These data are related to soil moisture, which can include frozen moisture, albedo, surface temperatures and the percent coverage of snow and ice in each pixel, including snow, land ice, and sea ice. Changes in these data may be related to observed changes in frost tube data.

- Daily Soil Moisture
- Monthly Daytime Surface (Skin) Temperature
- 7-day Average Groundwater Storage Percentile
- Monthly Albedo Measured at the Surface
- Monthly Flow of energy into Surface by Shortwave Radiation
- Monthly Mean Soil Moisture
- Monthly Snow/Ice Percent Coverage
- Monthly Nighttime Surface (Skin) Temperature
- Monthly Surface (Skin) Temperature
- 7-Day Average Root Zone Soil Moisture Percentile

**Green Up/Green Down**

These datasets describe the amount of leaves present at each location on the map and an index that indicates the health of plants on Earth's surface.
• Monthly Chlorophyll Concentration
• Monthly Leaf Area Index
• Monthly Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

My NASA Data - Monthly Normalized Difference Vegetation Index - May 2019

Land Cover Classification

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• Yearly All Land Cover Types
• Yearly Evergreen Broadleaf Forest Coverage
• Yearly Evergreen Needleleaf Forest Coverage
• Yearly Snow and Ice Coverage
• Yearly Urban and Built Coverage

Precipitation

Precipitation data are complemented by cloud data and water vapor data.

• Daily High Cloud Coverage
• Daily Low Cloud Coverage
• Daily Middle Cloud Coverage
• Daily Total Cloud Coverage
• Monthly High Cloud Coverage
• Monthly Low Cloud Coverage
• Monthly Middle Cloud Coverage
• Monthly Total Cloud Coverage
• Monthly Cloud Opacity
• Monthly Cloud Phase
• Monthly Water Vapor in the Atmosphere
• Daily Precipitation Amount
• Monthly Average Precipitation Rate

Monthly Precipitation - June 2018

Salinity (Including Titration)

Changes in sea surface temperature can lead to the formation or melt of sea ice which can impact salinity.

• Daily Sea Surface Temperature (1995-2008)
• Daily Sea Surface Temperature (2009-present)
• Monthly Mean Sea Surface Temperature
• Monthly Sea Surface Salinity

Solid Precipitation
This quantity measures the percent coverage of snow and ice in each pixel, including snow, land ice, and sea ice.

- Monthly Albedo Measured at the Surface
- Monthly Snow/Ice Percent Coverage

Snowboard Construction

This quantity measures the percent coverage of snow and ice in each pixel, including snow, land ice, and sea ice.

- Monthly Snow/Ice Percent Coverage

Surface Temperature

Skin temperature is surface temperature. Monthly daytime and nighttime skin temperature can be compared to student measurements.

- Monthly Daytime Surface (Skin) Temperature
- Monthly Albedo Measured at the Surface
- Monthly Nighttime Surface (Skin) Temperature
- Monthly Surface (Skin) Temperature
GLOBE Cryosphere Related Protocols

GLOBE protocols can be found on the GLOBE website. Each GLOBE protocol page will have information for the protocol, data sheets, and related learning activities. Online e-Training is available.

Document Resources

- Cryosphere Datasets
- All Datasets