

Submission of compositional data for the FAO/INFOODS Food Composition Database for Biodiversity

Which data to enter?

Original analytical data from published sources or unpublished data for food biodiversity:

- for common foods at variety/cultivar/breed level only
- for wild and underutilized foods at species level

For more information on the definitions of foods to be included see

http://www.fao.org/infoods/biodiversity/index_en.stm and read ‘[INFOODS List of underutilized species contributing to the Nutritional Indicators for Biodiversity version 0.1](#)’ and ‘[Foods counting for the Nutritional Indicators Biodiversity \(only in English\)](#)’

Data should be entered as cited (e.g. no zeros added after decimal points). Data can be supplemented with indication of standard deviation (SD) or minimum and maximum values (e.g. 56 ± 11 or 34.8; 21.9-52.1) but the mean is sufficient.

What data not to enter?

Compiled data including estimated or calculated values should not be entered except for energy, carbohydrates by difference and protein based on analyzed nitrogen values.

Any cited data from other sources (e.g. from other articles or publications) should not be entered. The original sources should be retrieved and data entered from there.

How to enter data?

Download the Food Composition Database for Biodiversity from http://www.fao.org/infoods/biodiversity/index_en.stm. Enter the data into the corresponding data fields. Enter your name and institute as contributor and for each data line, put your acronym into the column CompilerID. More detailed instructions of how to compile food composition data are found in module 10 of the *Food Composition Study Guide* (to be downloaded from http://www.fao.org/infoods/publications_en.stm) and in the User Guidelines of the Compilation Tool (see http://www.fao.org/infoods/software_en.stm).

As data are ‘per 100 g edible portion’ all data need to be compiled for this denominator and probably be converted from other denominators, e.g. ‘per 100 g dry matter’, for which the water value of the food would be necessary.

Some food groups have different components, so the data shall be entered in the specific food group worksheet. If any component is not present, enter it at the end of the components and say so in the accompanying e-mail.

Necessary documentation

For all the data entered, documentation need to be provided. For compiled data from published articles or other publication, add the PDF file and/or the weblink. For unpublished data, documentation in English or French should be provided (other languages are also possible even though more difficult – ask beforehand if this language is acceptable) describing the sampling, sample handling, number of analytical samples, analytical methods and expression of data, e.g. definitions of nutrients etc.

To whom to send

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