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# 1 Key Properties

Land ice key properties

# 1.1 Key Properties

Land ice key properties

#### 1.1.1 Overview

Overview of land surface model.

```
\mathbf{Spec.} \ \mathbf{ID:} \ cmip 6. landice. key\_properties. overview
```

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.1.2 Model Name

 $Name\ of\ land\ surface\ model\ code$ 

```
Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.key_properties.model_name
```

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.1.3 Ice Albedo

Specify how ice albedo is modelled

```
Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.key_properties.ice_albedo
Is Required ? TRUE
Select value(s):
```

` '
Prescribed
Function of ice age
Function of ice densi

### 1.1.4 Atmospheric Coupling Variables

Other - please specify:

Which variables are passed between the atmosphere and ice (e.g. orography, ice mass)

 ${\bf Spec.}\ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice. key\_properties. atmospheric\_coupling\_variables$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.1.5 Oceanic Coupling Variables

Which variables are passed between the ocean and ice

**Spec. ID:** cmip6.landice.key\_properties.oceanic\_coupling\_variables

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.1.6 Prognostic Variables

Which variables are prognostically calculated in the ice model

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.key\_properties.prognostic\_variables

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value(s):

 Ice velocity

 Ice thickness

 Ice temperature

Other - please specify:

Software Properties

Software properties of land ice code

#### 1.2.1 Repository

 $Location\ of\ code\ for\ this\ component.$ 

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.key\_properties.software\_properties.repository

Is Required ?  $\operatorname{FALSE}$ 

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.2.2 Code Version

 $Code\ version\ identifier.$ 

 ${\bf Spec.~ID:}~cmip 6. landice. key\_properties. software\_properties. code\_version$ 

Is Required ?  $\operatorname{FALSE}$ 

Enter TEXT value:

#### 1.2.3 Code Languages

 $Code\ language(s).$ 

 ${\bf Spec.~ID:}~cmip 6. landice. key\_properties. software\_properties. code\_languages$ 

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter TEXT value(s):

# 2 Grid

 $Land\ ice\ grid$ 

#### 2.1 Grid

Land ice grid

#### 2.1.1 Overview

Overview of the grid in the land ice scheme

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.grid.overview

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

# 2.1.2 Adaptive Grid

Is an adative grid being usedxxx?

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.grid.adaptive\_grid

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value:

True False

#### 2.1.3 Base Resolution

 $The\ base\ resolution\ (in\ metres),\ before\ any\ adaption$ 

 ${\bf Spec.}\ \ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice.grid.base\_resolution$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter FLOAT value:

#### 2.1.4 Resolution Limit

If an adaptive grid is being used, what is the limit of the resolution (in metres)

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.grid.resolution\_limit

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter FLOAT value:

# 2.1.5 Projection

The projection of the land ice grid (e.g. albers\_equal\_area)

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.grid.projection

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

# 3 Glaciers

Land ice glaciers

#### 3.1 Glaciers

Land ice glaciers

#### 3.1.1 Overview

 $Overview\ of\ glaciers\ in\ the\ land\ ice\ scheme$ 

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.glaciers.overview

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

# 3.1.2 Description

Describe the treatment of glaciers, if any

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.glaciers.description

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 3.1.3 Dynamic Areal Extent

 $Does\ the\ model\ include\ a\ dynamic\ glacial\ extent xxx?$ 

 ${\bf Spec.}\ \ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice. glaciers. dynamic\_areal\_extent$ 

Is Required ? FALSE

Select value:

True False

# 4 Ice

Ice sheet and ice shelf

#### 4.1 Ice

Ice sheet and ice shelf

#### 4.1.1 Overview

Overview of the ice sheet and ice shelf in the land ice scheme

 $\mathbf{Spec.} \ \mathbf{ID:} \ \mathrm{cmip 6. landice. ice. overview}$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

# 4.1.2 Grounding Line Method

Specify the technique used for modelling the grounding line in the ice sheet-ice shelf coupling

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.grounding\_line\_method

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value:

Grounding line prescribed

Flux prescribed (Schoof)

Fixed grid size

Moving grid

Other - please specify:

#### 4.1.3 Ice Sheet

 $Are \ ice \ sheets \ simulated xxx?$ 

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.ice\_sheet

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value:

☐ True ☐ False

#### 4.1.4 Ice Shelf

 $Are \ ice \ shelves \ simulated xxx?$ 

 $\mathbf{Spec.}\ \mathbf{ID:}\ \mathrm{cmip6.landice.ice.ice\_shelf}$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value:	
True	False

#### 4.2 Mass Balance

Description of the surface mass balance treatment

#### 4.2.1 Surface Mass Balance

Describe how and where the surface mass balance (SMB) is calculated. Include the temporal coupling frequeny from the atmosphere, whether or not a seperate SMB model is used, and if so details of this model, such as its resolution

```
Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.mass_balance.surface_mass_balance
```

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 4.3 Basal

Description of basal melting

#### 4.3.1 Bedrock

Describe the implementation of basal melting over bedrock

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.mass\_balance.basal.bedrock

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter TEXT value:

### 4.3.2 Ocean

Describe the implementation of basal melting over the ocean

 ${\bf Spec.}\ \ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice. ice. mass\_balance. basal. ocean$ 

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 4.4 Frontal

Description of claving/melting from the ice shelf front

#### 4.4.1 Calving

Describe the implementation of calving from the front of the ice shelf

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.mass\_balance.frontal.calving

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter TEXT value:

#### **4.4.2** Melting

Describe the implementation of melting from the front of the ice shelf

 ${\bf Spec.}\ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice.ice.mass\_balance.frontal.melting$ 

Is Required ? FALSE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 4.5 **Dynamics**

#### 4.5.1 Description

General description if ice sheet and ice shelf dynamics

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.dynamics.description

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter TEXT value:

#### 4.5.2 Approximation

Approximation type used in modelling ice dynamics

 ${\bf Spec.}\ \ {\bf ID:}\ cmip 6. landice. ice. dynamics. approximation$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Select	value(s):
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Other - please specify:

Adaptive Timestep

Is there an adaptive time scheme for the ice schemexxx?

 $\mathbf{Spec.} \ \mathbf{ID:} \ cmip 6. landice. ice. dynamics. adaptive\_timestep$ 

Is Required ? TRUE

Select value:

☐ False True

#### 4.5.4Timestep

 ${\it Timestep~(in~seconds)~of~the~ice~scheme.~If~the~timestep~is~adaptive,~then~state~a~representative~timestep.}$ 

Spec. ID: cmip6.landice.ice.dynamics.timestep

Is Required ? TRUE

Enter INTEGER value: