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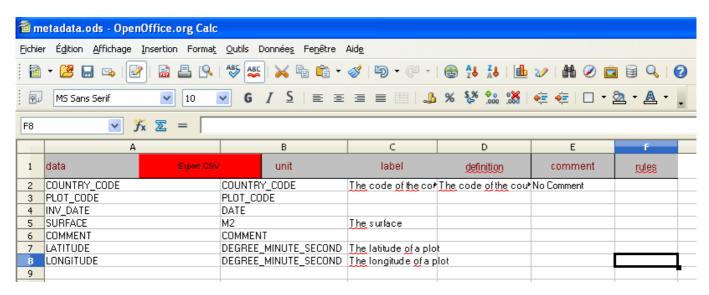
#### 1 Introduction

This manual describes the procedure used to maintain the metadata of the EFDAC Platform, it is presented in the form of a series of "How To".

The main job of the administrator of the platform is to configure the metadata database.

In order to facilitate this administration, we use an OpenOffice SpreadSheet where each tab is a metadata table.

A macro button allows the export of the content of the SpeadSheet into some CSV files. An SQL script is then used to read the metadata from the CSV files and insert it into the database.

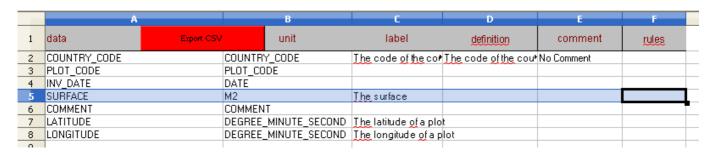


#### 2 How to define a new data?

A "data" is a logical information, like a "surface" that can be represented as a csv file value, a database table column or a field in a web interface.

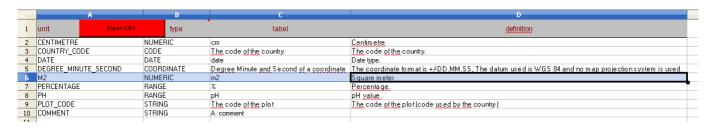
### 2.1 Describe the data

We add a new line in the "data" tab.



### 2.2 Describe the unit

A data must always have a unit, if the unit of the data doesn't already exist, we need to add it in the "unit" tab.



The allowed data types are:

- STRING
- INTEGER
- NUMERIC
- CODE
- RANGE
- DATE
- COORDINATE

### 2.3 Describe the modes

If the unit is of type "CODE", we must define the list of authorized modes. This is done by filling the "**modes**" tab.



### 2.4 Describe the ranges

If the unit is of type "RANGE", we must define the range of authorized values. This is done by filling the "range" tab.

|   | A          |            | В |     |   | C   |  |
|---|------------|------------|---|-----|---|-----|--|
| 1 | Unit       | Export CSV |   | Min |   | Max |  |
| 2 | PERCENTAGE |            |   |     | 0 | 100 |  |
| 3 | PH         |            |   |     | 0 | 14  |  |
|   |            |            |   |     |   |     |  |

### 3 How describe a database format?

### 3.1 Describe the table

In order to describe a datable table, we edit the content of the "table\_format" tab.

The "isColumnOriented" value indicate when the data is stored one value per line.



### 3.2 Describe the table fields

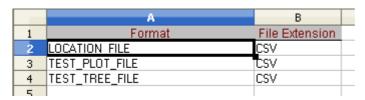
Then we need to describe each field of the table in the "**table\_field**" tab. The "isInserted" flag is used to indicate fields that are expected when inserting the data.

|    | Α                  | В             | С                  | D          | E F  |
|----|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| 1  | Data               | Format        | Column Name        | isInserted | Comment  |
| 2  | SUBMISSION_ID      | LOCATION_DATA | SUBMISSION_ID      |            | 1  |
| 3  | PLOT_CODE          | LOCATION_DATA | PLOT_CODE          |            | 1 The plot code  |
| 4  | CLUSTER_CODE       | LOCATION_DATA | CLUSTER_CODE       |            | 1 Identifier of a group of plots                                     |
| 5  | COUNTRY_CODE       | LOCATION_DATA | COUNTRY_CODE       |            | 1  |
| 6  | LATITUDE           | LOCATION_DATA | LAT                |            | 1 The latitude of the plot   |
|    | LONGITUDE          | LOCATION_DATA | LONG               |            | 1 The longitude of the plot  |
| 8  | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE | LOCATION_DATA | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE |            | 1 Describes if the coordinate is real or if its the center of a grid |
| 9  | COMMENT            | LOCATION_DATA | COMMENT            |            | 1  |
| 10 | GEOM               | LOCATION_DATA | THE_GEOM           |            | The geographic coordinate, this field is calculated by a trigger     |
| 11 | SUBMISSION_ID      | PLOT_DATA     | SUBMISSION_ID      |            | 1  |
| 12 | COUNTRY_CODE       | PLOT_DATA     | COUNTRY_CODE       |            | 1  |
| 13 | PLOT_CODE          | PLOT_DATA     | PLOT_CODE          |            | 1  |
| 14 | CYCLE              | PLOT_DATA     | CYCLE              |            | 1  |
|    | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | PLOT_DATA     | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     |            | 1  |
|    | REF_YEAR_END       | PLOT_DATA     | REF_YEAR_END       |            | 1  |
| 17 | INV_DATE           | PLOT_DATA     | INV_DATE           |            | 1  |
| 18 | COMMENT            | PLOT_DATA     | COMMENT            |            | 1  |
| 19 | SURFACE            | PLOT_DATA     | SURFACE            |            | 1  |
| 20 | PH                 | PLOT_DATA     | PH                 |            | 1  |

### 4 How describe a file format?

### 4.1 Describe the file

In order to describe a file format, we must first describe the logical file formats in the "file\_format" tab.



### 4.2 Describe the file fields

Then, we need to describe the content of the files. For this, we fill the "file\_field" tab with the name of the expected data (assuming the data is already described, if not see 2).

|    | А                  | В              | С        |
|----|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1  | Data               | Format         | Position |
| 2  | PLOT_CODE          | LOCATION_FILE  | 1        |
| 3  | CLUSTER_CODE       | LOCATION_FILE  | 2        |
| 4  | LATITUDE           | LOCATION_FILE  | 3        |
| 5  | LONGITUDE          | LOCATION_FILE  | 4        |
| 6  | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE | LOCATION_FILE  | 5        |
| 7  | COMMENT            | LOCATION_FILE  | 6        |
| 8  | PLOT_CODE          | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 1        |
| 9  | INV_DATE           | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 2        |
| 10 | CYCLE              | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 3        |
| 11 | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 4        |
| 12 | REF_YEAR_END       | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 5        |
| 13 | SURFACE            | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 6        |
| 14 | PH                 | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 7        |
| 15 | COMMENT            | TEST_PLOT_FILE | 8        |
| 16 | PLOT_CODE          | TEST_TREE_FILE | 1        |
| 17 | CYCLE              | TEST_TREE_FILE | 2        |
| 18 | TREE_CODE          | TEST_TREE_FILE | 3        |
| 19 | VOLUME             | TEST_TREE_FILE | 4        |
| 20 | COMMENT            | TEST_TREE_FILE | 5        |

### 4.3 Describe the mapping with the database

Once the file is described, we should describe the mapping between the file fields and the database.

For this, we fill the "**field\_mapping**" tab. We cut/paste the first two columns of the "**file\_field**" tab and we describe the destination fields (assuming the columns already exist in database, if not see 3).

|    | A                  | В                | С                  | D             | E            |
|----|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1  | SRC_DATA           | SRC_FORMAT       | DST_DATA           | DST_FORMAT    | MAPPING_TYPE |
| 2  | PLOT_CODE          | LOCATION_FILE    | PLOT_CODE          | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 3  | CLUSTER_CODE       | LOCATION_FILE    | CLUSTER_CODE       | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 4  | LATITUDE           | LOCATION_FILE    | LATITUDE           | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 5  | LONGITUDE          | LOCATION_FILE    | LONGITUDE          | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 6  | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE | LOCATION_FILE    | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 7  | COMMENT            | LOCATION_FILE    | COMMENT            | LOCATION_DATA | FILE         |
| 8  | PLOT_CODE          | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | PLOT_CODE          | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 9  | INV_DATE           | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | INV_DATE           | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 10 | CYCLE              | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | CYCLE              | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 11 | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 12 | REF_YEAR_END       | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | REF_YEAR_END       | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 13 | SURFACE            | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | SURFACE            | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 14 | PH                 | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | PH                 | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 15 | COMMENT            | TEST_PLOT_FILE   | COMMENT            | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 16 | PLOT_CODE          | TEST_TREE_FILE   | PLOT_CODE          | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 17 | CYCLE              | TEST_TREE_FILE   | CYCLE              | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 18 | TREE_CODE          | TEST_TREE_FILE   | TREE_CODE          | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 19 | VOLUME             | TEST_TREE_FILE   | VOLUME             | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 20 | COMMENT            | TEST_TREE_FILE   | COMMENT            | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 21 | IR_10              | TEST_TREE_FILE   | FLOAT_VALUE        | TREE_VARIABLE | FILE         |
| 22 | IR_5               | TEST_TREE_FILE   | FLOAT_VALUE        | TREE_VARIABLE | FILE         |
| 23 | PLOT_CODE          | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | PLOT_CODE          | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 24 | INV_DATE           | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | CYCLE              | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 25 | CYCLE              | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 26 | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | REF_YEAR_END       | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 27 | REF_YEAR_END       | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | INV_DATE           | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 28 | COMMENT            | WP3_PLOT_FILE    | COMMENT            | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
| 29 | PLOT_CODE          | WP3_SPECIES_FILE | PLOT_CODE          | SPECIES_DATA  | FILE         |
| 30 | CYCLE              | WP3_SPECIES_FILE | CYCLE              | SPECIES_DATA  | FILE         |
| 31 | SPECIES_CODE       | WP3_SPECIES_FILE | SPECIES_CODE       | SPECIES_DATA  | FILE         |
| 32 | BASAL_AREA         | WP3_SPECIES_FILE | BASAL_AREA         | SPECIES_DATA  | FILE         |
| 33 | COMMENT            | WP3_SPECIES_FILE | COMMENT            | SPECIES_DATA  | FILE         |

### 5 How describe a web-form format?

### 5.1 Describe the form

We first describe the logical form in the "form\_format" tab.

The label is displayed on the web page as a fieldset legend.

|   | A            | В       | С            |
|---|--------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | Format       | Label   | Definition   |
| 2 | PLOT_FORM    | Plot    | Plot Data    |
| 3 | TREE_FORM    | Tree    | Tree Data    |
| 4 | SPECIES_FORM | Species | Species Data |
| _ |              |         |              |

### 5.2 Describe the form fields

Then we describe the fields in the "form\_field" tab.

|    |                |              |            |          | _          |          |
|----|----------------|--------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
|    | A              | В            | С          | D        | E          | F        |
| 1  | Data           | Format       | isCriteria | isResult | Input_Type | Position |
| 2  | COUNTRY_CODE   | PLOT_FORM    | 1          |          | MULTIPLE   | 1        |
| 3  | PLOT_CODE      | PLOT_FORM    | 1          |          | TEXT       | 2        |
| 4  | CYCLE          | PLOT_FORM    | 1          |          | TEXT       | 3        |
| 5  | REF_YEAR_BEGIN | PLOT_FORM    | 1          | 1        | TEXT       | 4        |
| 6  | REF_YEAR_END   | PLOT_FORM    | 1          | 1        | TEXT       | 5        |
| 7  | INV_DATE       | PLOT_FORM    | 1          | 1        | DATE       | 6        |
| 8  | COMMENT        | PLOT_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 7        |
| 9  | SURFACE        | PLOT_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 8        |
| 10 | PH             | PLOT_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 9        |
| 11 | COUNTRY_CODE   | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 0        | SELECT     | 1        |
| 12 | PLOT_CODE      | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 0        | TEXT       | 2        |
| 13 | CYCLE          | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 0        | TEXT       | 3        |
| 14 | TREE_CODE      | TREE_FORM    | 1          | 1        | TEXT       | 4        |
| 15 | COMMENT        | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 5        |
| 16 | VOLUME         | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 6        |
|    | IR_5           | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 7        |
|    | IR_10          | TREE_FORM    | 0          | 1        | TEXT       | 8        |
| 19 | COUNTRY_CODE   | SPECIES_FORM | 0          | 0        | SELECT     | 1        |
| 20 | PLOT_CODE      | SPECIES_FORM | 0          | 0        | TEXT       | 2        |
| 21 | CYCLE          | SPECIES_FORM | 0          |          | TEXT       | 3        |
| 22 | SPECIES_CODE   | SPECIES_FORM | 1          | 1        | SELECT     | 4        |
| 23 | BASAL_AREA     | SPECIES_FORM | Ö          |          | TEXT       | 5        |
| 24 | COMMENT        | SPECIES_FORM | Ō          |          | TEXT       | 6        |
| 25 |                |              |            | ·        |            |          |

The "isCriteria" flag indicate that the value can be used as a request criteria. The "isResult" flag indicate that the value can be used as a request result. The "Input Type" value defines what input type will be displayed to the used.

The allowed input types are:

- TEXT (a simple input text field)
- SELECT (a combobox with one choice)
- DATE (a date picker)

### 5.3 Describe the mapping with the database

Once the form is described, we should describe the mapping between the file fields and the database to indicate how are populated the form field.

We fill the "field\_mapping" tab (same thing as for the file->database mapping but we change the mapping type value). We cut/paste the first two columns of the "form\_field" tab and we describe the source fields (assuming the columns already exist in database, if not see 3).

| 1  | SRC_DATA       | SRC_FORMAT   | DST_DATA       | DST_FORMAT    | MAPPING_TYPE |
|----|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 34 | COUNTRY_CODE   | PLOT_FORM    | COUNTRY_CODE   | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 35 | PLOT_CODE      | PLOT_FORM    | PLOT_CODE      | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 36 | CYCLE          | PLOT_FORM    | CYCLE          | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 37 | REF_YEAR_BEGIN | PLOT_FORM    | REF_YEAR_BEGIN | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 38 | REF_YEAR_END   | PLOT_FORM    | REF_YEAR_END   | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 39 | INV_DATE       | PLOT_FORM    | INV_DATE       | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 40 | COMMENT        | PLOT_FORM    | COMMENT        | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 41 | SURFACE        | PLOT_FORM    | SURFACE        | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 42 | PH             | PLOT_FORM    | PH             | PLOT_DATA     | FORM         |
| 43 | COUNTRY_CODE   | TREE_FORM    | COUNTRY_CODE   | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 44 | PLOT_CODE      | TREE_FORM    | PLOT_CODE      | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 45 | CYCLE          | TREE_FORM    | CYCLE          | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 46 | TREE_CODE      | TREE_FORM    | TREE_CODE      | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 47 | COMMENT        | TREE_FORM    | COMMENT        | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 48 | VOLUME         | TREE_FORM    | VOLUME         | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 49 | IR_10          | TREE_FORM    | FLOAT_VALUE    | TREE_VARIABLE | FORM         |
| 50 | IR_5           | TREE_FORM    | FLOAT_VALUE    | TREE_VARIABLE | FORM         |
| 51 | COUNTRY_CODE   | SPECIES_FORM | COUNTRY_CODE   | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
| 52 | PLOT_CODE      | SPECIES_FORM | PLOT_CODE      | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
| 53 | CYCLE          | SPECIES_FORM | CYCLE          | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
| 54 | SPECIES_CODE   | SPECIES_FORM | SPECIES_CODE   | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
| 55 | BASAL_AREA     | SPECIES_FORM | BASAL_AREA     | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
| 56 | COMMENT        | SPECIES_FORM | COMMENT        | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
|    | i              |              | İ              |               | 1            |

#### 6 How to create a new dataset?

A dataset is a batch of related data field.

For example, A JRC Request is composed of a set of data files (PLOT and TREE data) with a list of fields that are necessary for the study.

### 6.1 Define the logical dataset

The first step is to give a logical name to the JRC request. To do this, in the "dataset" tab of the metadata spreadsheet, we add a new line (the dataset ID must be unique).

|   | A            | В                                      |
|---|--------------|--|
| 1 | Dataset ID   | Label                                  |
| 2 | WP3_REQUEST  | Work Package 3 : Basal Area by Species |
| 3 | BIODIVERSITY | Biosoil Biodiversity Study             |
| 4 | LOCATION     | Location                               |

### 6.2 Define the files composing the dataset for data upload

In order to configure the system to allow the upload of files, we must define the link between a dataset and a list of files.

We need to specify the files asked to the user (it can be a single PLOT data file or both a PLOT and a TREE data files). To do this, in the "dataset\_files" tab of the metadata spreadsheet, we add one line per file format and we specify a logical name to the file formats.

The file type can be either "PLOT\_FILE" or "TREE\_FILE", it is used to match the filenames passed to the servlet with the good format.

|   | A            | В                                   |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Dataset ID   | Format                              |
| 2 | WP3_REQUEST  | WP3_PLOT_FILE                       |
| 3 | WP3_REQUEST  | WP3_SPECIES_FILE                    |
| 4 | BIODIVERSITY | BIODIVERSITY_PLOT_FILE              |
| 5 | BIODIVERSITY | BIODIVERSITY_TREE_FILE              |
| 6 | BIODIVERSITY | BIODIVERSITY_GROUND_VEGETATION_FILE |
| 7 | BIODIVERSITY | BIODIVERSITY_DEADWOOD_FILE          |
| 8 | LOCATION     | LOCATION_FILE                       |

### 6.3 Define the form fields composing the dataset for data querying

In order to configure the system to allow the querying of data, we must define the link between a dataset and a list of data fields.

To do this, in the "dataset\_files" tab of the metadata spreadsheet, we add one line per file format and we specify a logical name to the file formats.

|    | A            | В             |                    |
|----|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Dataset ID   | Format        | Field              |
| 2  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | PLOT_CODE          |
| 3  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | CLUSTER_CODE       |
| 4  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | LATITUDE           |
| 5  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | LONGITUDE          |
| 6  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | IS_PLOT_COORDINATE |
| 7  | LOCATION     | LOCATION_DATA | COMMENT            |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | SPECIES_DATA  | PLOT_CODE          |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | SPECIES_DATA  | CYCLE              |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | SPECIES_DATA  | TREE_SPECIES_CODE  |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | SPECIES_DATA  | BASAL_AREA         |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | SPECIES_DATA  | COMMENT            |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | PLOT_DATA     | PLOT_CODE          |
|    |              | PLOT_DATA     | INV_DATE           |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | PLOT_DATA     | CYCLE              |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | PLOT_DATA     | REF_YEAR_BEGIN     |
|    | WP3_REQUEST  | PLOT_DATA     | REF_YEAR_END       |
| 18 | WP3_REQUEST  | PLOT_DATA     | COMMENT            |
| 19 | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | PLOT_CODE          |
|    | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | CYCLE              |
|    | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | DEADWOOD_ID        |
|    | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | DW_TYPE_CODE       |
| 23 | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | DW_SPECIES_CODE    |
| 24 | BIODIVERSITY | DEADWOOD_DATA | DW_MEDIAN_DIAMETER |

### 7 How to define the complementary fields for a given country?

For some countries, we can add some complementary fields.

### 7.1 Describe the complementary fields

This will be done by adding the following information:

- The description of a new file field.
- The description of a new form field.
- The description of the mapping of these new fields.

The complementary fields, by definition, are always stored in column-oriented database tables, we don't need to describe new columns.

|   | A     | В              | С    | D            | E        | F                          |
|---|-------|----------------|------|--------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Data  | Format         | Type | Country_Code | Position | Comment                    |
| 2 | IR_10 | TEST_TREE_FILE | FILE | 3            | 6        | For Netherland we add IR10 |
| 3 | IR_10 | TREE_FORM      | FORM | 3            | 6        | For Netherland we add IR10 |
| 4 | IR_5  | TEST_TREE_FILE | FILE | 3            | 7        | For Netherland we add IR5  |
| 5 | IR 5  | TREE FORM      | FORM | 3            | 7        | For Netherland we add IR5  |

### 7.2 Describe the mapping

We also need to describe the mapping.

The logic is the same as for standard field, excepted that the name of the destination table column can be either "FLOAT\_VALUE", "INT\_VALUE" or "TEXT\_VALUE".

The "variable\_name" column of the destination table is automatically filled with the name of the variable.

| 1  | SRC_DATA  | SRC_FORMAT     | DST_DATA       | DST_FORMAT    | MAPPING_TYPE |
|----|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 19 | VOLUME    | TEST_TREE_FILE | VOLUME         | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 20 | COMMENT   | TEST_TREE_FILE | COMMENT        | TREE_DATA     | FILE         |
| 21 | IR_10     | TEST_TREE_FILE | FLOAT_VALUE    | TREE_VARIABLE | FILE         |
| 22 | IR_5      | TEST_TREE_FILE | FLOAT_VALUE    | TREE_VARIABLE | FILE         |
| 23 | PLOT_CODE | WP3_PLOT_FILE  | PLOT_CODE      | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
|    |           | WP3_PLOT_FILE  | CYCLE          | PLOT_DATA     | FILE         |
|    | lavare    | WIDO DLOT EUE  | DEE VEAD DEON! | DLOT DATA     | EU E         |

| 1  | SRC_DATA     | SRC_FORMAT   | DST_DATA     | DST_FORMAT    | MAPPING_TYPE |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 47 | COMMENT      | TREE_FORM    | COMMENT      | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 48 | VOLUME       | TREE_FORM    | VOLUME       | TREE_DATA     | FORM         |
| 49 | IR_10        | TREE_FORM    | FLOAT_VALUE  | TREE_VARIABLE | FORM         |
| 50 | IR_5         | TREE_FORM    | FLOAT_VALUE  | TREE_VARIABLE | FORM         |
| 51 | COUNTRY_CODE | SPECIES_FORM | COUNTRY_CODE | SPECIES_DATA  | FORM         |
|    | '-·          |              | '-·          |               |              |

### 8 How to describe the tables hierarchy?

This is needed in order to help the system build SQL requests that are correctly written (to manage the order of the joins between the tables).

We need to describe the relation between the data tables, this is done in the "table\_tree" tab.

Each table must be linked to one parent table with the foreign key described in the "join key" value.

The table having the symbol "\*" as a parent table is the root of the table hierarchy.

|   | A           |               | В          | C             | D   | E                             |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Schema Code | Child Table   | Export CSV | Parent Table  | Join Key.   | Comment                       |
| 2 | RAW_DATA    | PLOT_DATA     |            | LOCATION_DATA | COUNTRY_CODE, PLOT_CODE                                 | The location submission id is |
| 3 | RAW_DATA    | TREE_DATA     |            | PLOT_DATA     | SUBMISSION_ID, COUNTRY_CODE, PLOT_CODE, CYCLE           | The submission id must mat    |
| 4 | RAW_DATA    | LOCATION_DATA |            | *             |   |                               |
| 5 | RAW_DATA    | PLOT_VARIABLE |            | PLOT_DATA     | SUBMISSION_ID, COUNTRY_CODE, PLOT_CODE, CYCLE           | The submission id must mat    |
| 6 | RAW_DATA    | TREE_VARIABLE |            | TREE_DATA     | SUBMISSION_ID, COUNTRY_CODE, PLOT_CODE, TREE_CODE, CYCL | The submission id must mat    |
| 7 | RAW_DATA    | SPECIES_DATA  |            | PLOT_DATA     | SUBMISSION_ID, COUNTRY_CODE, PLOT_CODE, CYCLE           | The submission id must mat    |