Appendix A. Updates to ForC

Table A1: **Table of changes to ForC fields.** These are changes implemented between releases of v3.0 and v4.0.

Table	Column	Description	Changes	Motivation
Sites	coordinates.precision	Precision of geographic coordinates, as reported by source or estimated from maps.	field added	allow identification of records with poor coordinate precision
Measurements	data.location.within.source	Location of data within the source listed in citation.ID.	field added	facilitate review, ensure traceability
	sd, se, lower95%CI, upper 95%CI	Standard deviation, standard error, and lower and upper 95 percent confidence intvervals, respectively.	replaces 'stat' and 'stat.name'	cleaner format; ability to handle assymetrical 95 percent confidence intervals
	mean.in.original.units, original.units	mean value and units presented in original publication	fields added	provide IPCC's EFDB with original units, reduce errors/improve reproducibility
	C.conversion.factor	Assumed/ measured C content of organic matter used to convert organic matter to C.	field added	track units conversion, allow back-calculation of OM if conversion factor deemed inappropriate
PFT	description	Definition of the pftcode at the community level. Differs from individual level in that properly describes mixed plant functional types.	field added	clarify PFT at community and individual levels
	description.individual	Definition of the pftcode at the individual plant level.	field name change (previously 'description')	clarify PFT at community and individual levels
Citations	citation.citation	Full citation. Most of these records are automatically generated in R based upon DOI lookup.	field added	field required by IPCC's EFDB
	citation.language	Language of original publication, automatically generated based on the title and abstract, with some manual entries and corrections.	field added	field required by IPCC's EFDB

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Table	Column	Description	Changes	Motivation
	citation.url	URL of original publication, generally retrieved automatically via URL lookup.	field added	field required by IPCC's EFDB
	citation.abstract	Abstract, generally retrieved automatically via DOI lookup.	field added	field required by IPCC's EFDB
	source.type	citation source type	field added	field required by IPCC's EFDB
	pdf.in.repository	Indicates whether pdf of original study has been retrieved and saved in ForC's reference repository	field added	housekeeping
	EFDB.ready	Indicates whether data have been checked for export to EFDB.	field added	housekeeping

Appendix B. Mapping ForC to EFDB

Table B1: **Mapping of ForC fields to EFDB.** Details documented in the public GitHub repository associated with the project, IPCC-EFDB-integration repository within the ForC-db organization (file *ForC-EFDB_mapping.csv* available at https://github.com/forc-db/IPCC-EFDB-integration/blob/main/doc/ForC-EFDB_mapping/ForC-EFDB_mapping.csv).

ForC table	ForC field	EFDB field	Usage	Required*
Measurements	measurement.ID	Other Properties	direct mapping	(no)
	dominant.life.form	1996 Source/Sink Categories, 2006 Source/Sink Categories	used to determine land subcategories (see defining_land_subcategory.md)	yes
	stand.age	1996 Source/Sink Categories, 2006 Source/Sink Categories, Parameters/ Conditions	used to determine land subcategories (see defining_land_subcategory.md), directly listed in Parameters/ Conditions	(yes)
	dominant.veg, veg.notes, min.dbh	Parameters/ Conditions	direct mapping/ linking to dominant.veg description	no
	variable.name	-	link to variable info in ForC_variables table	yes
	date / start.date, end.date	Other Properties	direct mapping	no
	mean	Value	direct mapping	yes
	mean.in.original.units	Value in Common Units	direct mapping	yes
	original.units	Common Unit	direct mapping	yes
	lower95%CI, upper 95%CI, se, sd and n	Lower Confidence Limit, Upper Confidence Limit	direct or calculated	(yes)
	depth, covariate_1, cov_1.value, covariate_2, cov_2.value	Other Properties	direct mapping	no
	allometry_1, allometry_2	Comments from Data Provider	link to biomass allometry source, when provided	no
	data.location.within.source	-	confirm that data weren't digitized, facilitate finding data in original publication	yes
	ForC.investigator	Data Provider, Data Provider Contact	link to Data Provider, Data Provider Contact info	yes
Sites	site.ID, sites.sitename	Other Properties	direct mapping	(no)
	lat, lon	Region/Regional conditions	direct mapping; used to extract continent, Koeppen, and FAO.ecozone	(no)
	country, state, city, masl, mat, map	Region/Regional conditions	direct mapping	no
	continent, Koeppen	Region/Regional conditions	direct mapping	auto

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ForC table	ForC field	EFDB field	Usage	Required*
	soil.texture, sand, silt, clay, soil.classification	Parameters/ Conditions	direct mapping	no
	FAO.ecozone	Parameters/ Conditions	direct mapping	auto
History	date, hist.cat, hist.type	1996 Source/Sink Categories, 2006 Source/Sink Categories, Abatement/Control technologies	used to determine distmrs.type for Source/Sink Categories, generate list of events for Abatement/Control technologies	most recent severe disturbance: (yes) / other history events: no
	plot.area	Other Properties	direct mapping	no
Plots	plot.ID, plot.name	Other Properties	direct mapping	(no)
	distmrs.type	1996 Source/Sink Categories, 2006 Source/Sink Categories	used to determine land subcategories (see defining_land_subcategory.md)	auto
	distmrs.type, distmrs.year, regrowth.type, regrowth.year	Other Properties	direct mapping	auto
PFT	description	Parameters/ Conditions	direct mapping	auto
variables	variable.type	Gases	For stocks in unit of organic matter, gases include CO2, CO, CH4, NO, NO2, N2O. For increments, fluxes, and stocks in units of C, gases includes only CO2.	auto
	variable.name	C pool, Equation	link to C pool, Equation	auto
	description	Description	direct mapping	auto
	extended.description	Other Properties	direct mapping	auto
	units	Unit (ID)	link to IPCC units	auto
Citations	citation.citation	Full Technical Reference	direct mapping	yes/auto
	citation.language	Reference Language	direct mapping	yes/auto
	citation.url	URL	direct mapping	no/auto
	citation.abstract	Abstract in English	direct mapping	no/auto
	source.type	Source of Data	direct mapping	yes

* *Required* field indicates whether the field is required by EFDB: yes = value required; (yes) = input required, missing value acceptable if not reported; auto = present within ForC infrasructure, and therefore will always be exported to EFDB ; (no) = not required for EFDB, but required for ForC and therefore will always be exported to EFDB; no = not required, but exported to EFDB when a value is present.