

# CEOS-ARD Accessibility and Discoverability – Progress Report

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# Outline



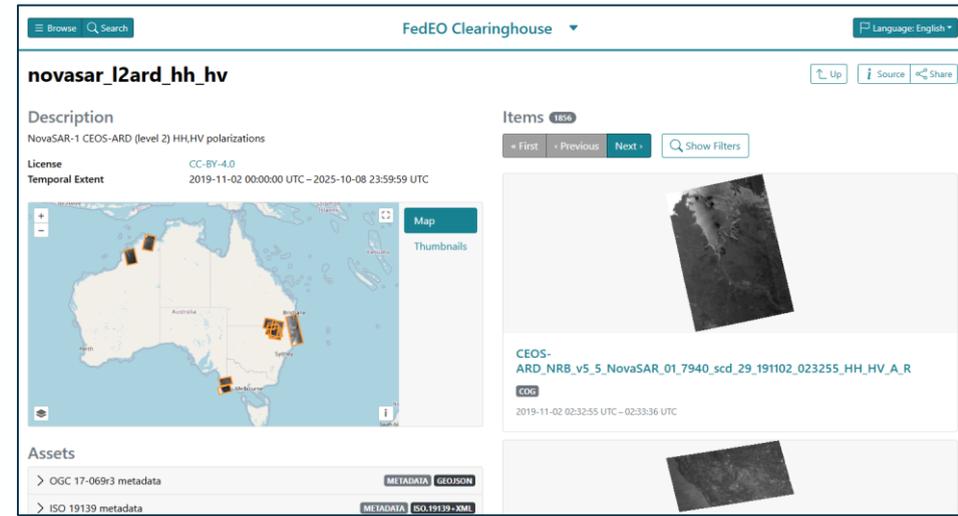
- Introduction
- Guide to Enable Discoverability of Datasets
- Improved discoverability and accessibility (Proof of Concept)
- Conclusion



- Significant effort from member agencies to make available CEOS-ARD compliant datasets.
- Member agencies make available many datasets via the WGISS Connected Data Assets (CDA), i.e. IDN and FedEO. Number of collections/granules grows continuously. However:
  - No consistent identification of CEOS-ARD compliant datasets.
  - No support to filter/find CEOS-ARD compliant datasets
- Collaboration WGISS DAIG, CEOS Working Group on Cal/Val (WGCV) / CEOS-ARD Oversight group and SEO Team aiming to:
  - Leverage WGISS Connected Data Assets (CDA) to improve discoverability and accessibility of CEOS-ARD datasets
  - Discuss relation between CDA (STAC) collections and CEOS-ARD products and specifications
  - Ensure that the CEOS-ARD access points are consistent and interconnected (e.g. IDN, FedEO, MIM DB, ceos.org/ard datasets table)

# Example CEOS-ARD datasets in FedEO (1/3)

- Example 1 – CSIRO:
  - [https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar\\_l2ard\\_hh\\_hv](https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar_l2ard_hh_hv)



## CEOS Analysis-Ready Datasets



The following table summarises all of the satellite EO datasets that have been assessed as CEOS Analysis Ready Data (CEOS-ARD) or which are working towards it (either under development or at the peer review stage). DOI links are provided for access, along with links to further information, sample products, and the completed CEOS-ARD self-assessment and peer review outcome documents.

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	Name	Status	Type	Version	Agency/Orga...	Mission / Instrument(s)
1	NovaSAR-1 RTC	CEOS-ARD	NRB	v5.5	CSIRO	<a href="#">NovaSAR-1</a>

# Example CEOS-ARD datasets in FedEO (2/3)

- Example 2 – VITO:
  - [https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV\\_S1\\_TOC\\_100M\\_COG\\_V2?.language=en](https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_100M_COG_V2?.language=en)

**PROBA-V S1 TOC 100 m COG: Data corrected for atmospheric effects with the SMAC (Simplified Method for Atmospheric Corrections) algorithm, COG format - Collection 2**

Description  
Level 3 data products are variables mapped on uniform space-time grid scales and are the result of combining multiple scenes (e.g. S1/S10) to cover the user's region of interest.

License: other  
Temporal Extent: 2013-10-16 00:00:00 UTC – 2020-06-30 23:59:59 UTC

Items (297/30)

- urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV\_S1\_TOC\_100M\_COG\_V2:PROBAV\_S1\_TOC\_X00Y00\_20140312\_100M\_V201  
2014-03-12 00:00:00 UTC – 23:59:59 UTC
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PROBA-V L3 (0.1/0.333/1 km) TOC	CEOS-ARD	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	VITO / ESA	PROBA-V

# Example CEOS-ARD datasets in FedEO (3/3)

- Example 3 – DLR:
  - [https://radiantearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/geo.spacebel.be/collections/ENMAP\\_HSI\\_L2A](https://radiantearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/geo.spacebel.be/collections/ENMAP_HSI_L2A)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Type	Version	Agency/
1	EnMAP	CEOS-ARD	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	DLR

# Collaboration and initial results

- Initial meeting 15/12/2025
  - Overview of issues to be tackled.
  - Discussion various options proposed by DAIG (slides) to improve discoverability through CDA.
  
- Meeting 19/01/2026:
  - Action: DAIG to prepare **Guidance document** for collection-level metadata for CEOS-ARD compliance.
  
- Meeting 25/02/2026:
  - Explain and discuss status of Draft guidance document
  - Incomplete **list of CEOS-ARD collections available via WGISS CDA**
  - Action: setup GitHub “Guidance to Enable Discoverability of Specialised Datasets” to host “Guidance document”.



**Objectives and Needs**

The overall objective is to make it easier to find data through the CEOS Connected Data Assets which are CEOS-ARD compliant among the many collections available. The goal is to achieve this by better specifying this information in the collection metadata available in the CEOS Connected Data Assets. The recommendations can be applied by Data Producers to better describe their collections and will allow the CEOS Connected Data Assets to refine the filtering capabilities available to Data Consumers when searching for compliant data holdings.

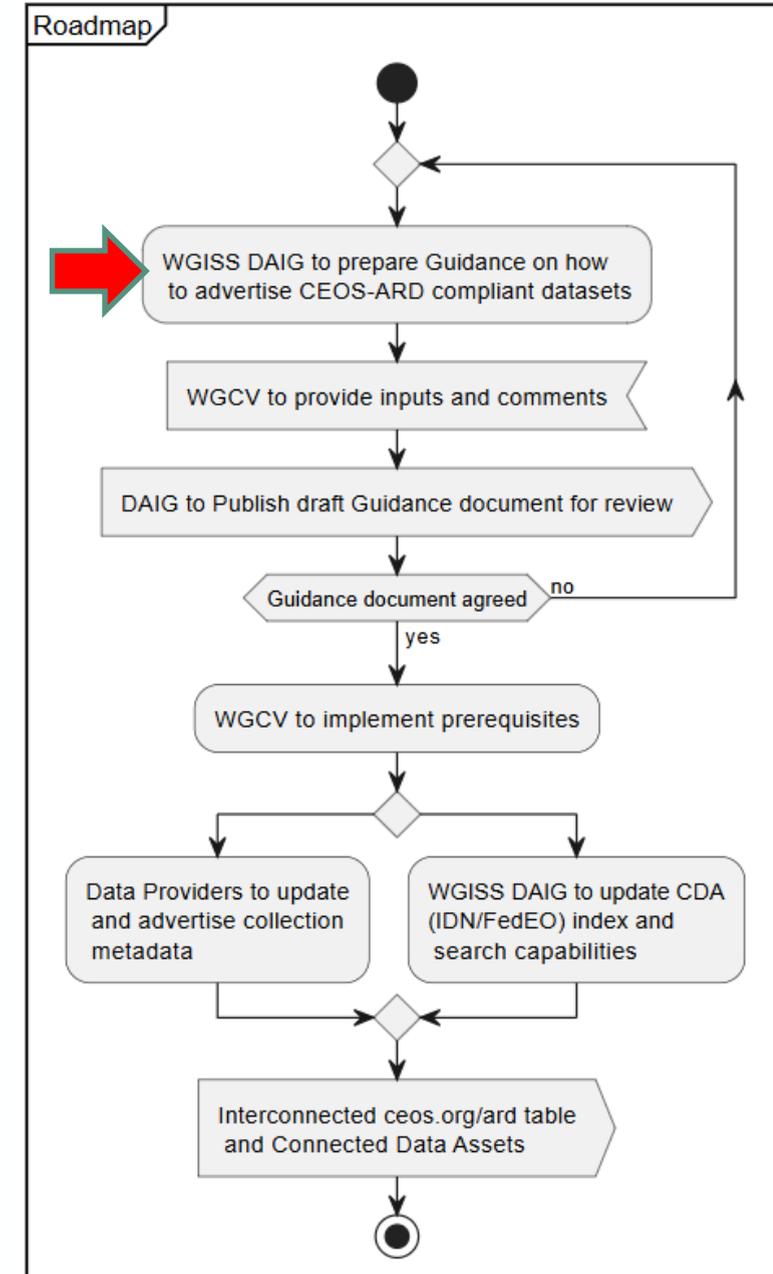
**Use Cases**

Below is an initial set of use cases. Not all of these use cases are applicable currently as they may require a refactoring of CEOS-ARD Product Family Specifications into multiple conformance classes. The use cases referring to compliance classes are a placeholder for a future evolution.

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# Stepwise approach

- (1) WGISS DAIG to make recommendations on how to advertise CEOS-ARD compliance in collection metadata.
- (2) WGISS and Working Group on Cal/Val (WGCV) to agree on recommendations
  - May require actions by SEO and WGCV (e.g. prerequisites)
- (3) Data Providers to updated their “favorite” collection metadata formats according to agreed recommendations
- (4) Connected Data Assets (IDN, FedEO) to support recommendations:
  - Include in collection metadata definition / harvesting processes
  - Provide filtering capabilities in available (STAC) API
  - Provide filtering capabilities in client applications.
- (5) Connect ceos.org/ard datasets table to CDA endpoints.



# Result 1: Inventory of CEOS-ARD datasets in CDA



- Collection of information is on-going. Preliminary Google sheet shared at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uCgp\\_XvMsl\\_B71-wSQY3zBV2IY8IF30cXiw3mdU8oZk/edit?gid=1265398649#gid=1265398649](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uCgp_XvMsl_B71-wSQY3zBV2IY8IF30cXiw3mdU8oZk/edit?gid=1265398649#gid=1265398649)
- To be consolidated.
- Eventually to be linked to [ceos.org/ard](https://ceos.org/ard) datasets table.

CEOS-ARD Datasets vs WGISS CDA

	A	B	C	D	E
12		VITO	urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S10_TOC_333M_HDF_V2	<a href="https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S10_TOC_333M_HDF_V2">https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S10_TOC_333M_HDF_V2</a>	EOP:VITO:TERRASCOPE
13		VITO	urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_1KM_COG_V2	<a href="https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_1KM_COG_V2">https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_1KM_COG_V2</a>	EOP:VITO:TERRASCOPE
		VITO	urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_333M_COG_V2	<a href="https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_333M_COG_V2">https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/urn:eop:VITO:PROBAV_S1_TOC_333M_COG_V2</a>	EOP:VITO:TERRASCOPE
		CDSE	sentinel-2-l2a	<a href="https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/sentinel-2-l2a">https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/sentinel-2-l2a</a>	EOP:EU:CDSE
		NRCan - is this ARD ?	RCMImageProducts	<a href="https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/RCMImageProducts">https://fedeo.ceos.org/collections/RCMImageProducts</a>	EOP:NRCAN:EODMS
				<b>Validation Environment - geo.spacebel.be</b>	
		CSIRO	novasar_l2ard_vv_hh	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar_l2ard_vv_hh">https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar_l2ard_vv_hh</a>	EOP:CSIRO:OPENDATACUBE
			novasar_l2ard_hh	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar_l2ard_hh">https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/novasar_l2ard_hh</a>	EOP:CSIRO:OPENDATACUBE
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			ga_ls7e_ard_3	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/ga_ls7e_ard_3">https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/ga_ls7e_ard_3</a>	EOP:CSIRO:OPENDATACUBE
			ga_ls9c_ard_3	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/ga_ls9c_ard_3">https://geo.spacebel.be/collections/ga_ls9c_ard_3</a>	EOP:CSIRO:OPENDATACUBE
			novasar_l2ard_vv	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	
			ga_ls8c_ard_3	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	
			novasar_l2ard_hh_hv	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	
			novasar_l2ard_hv	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	
		DLR	ENMAP_HSI_L2A	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	
			DESIS_HSI_L2A	<a href="https://geo.spacebel.be/collection">https://geo.spacebel.be/collection</a>	

CEOS-ARD Datasets vs WGISS CDA

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Agency/Organisation</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>IDN Link</b>			
2	ALOS-2 PALSAR-2 25m & 50m ScanSAR NRB	SAR-NRB	v1.0	JAXA	17 April 2024	Unclear if this is correct: <a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3315903479-A">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3315903479-A</a>			
3	ALOS-2 PALSAR-2 Global Mosaics (RTC)	SAR-NRB	v1.0	JAXA	17 April 2024				
4	Catalyst Sentinel-1 RTC	SAR-NRB	v1.1	Catalyst/PCI	17 October 2024				
5	Catalyst SPOT 5 HRG 2.5m	Surface Reflectance	v5.0.1	Catalyst/PCI	4 December 2024				
6	DESI5 L2A	Surface Reflectance	v5.0.1	DLR	12 February 2025	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2207458058-FEDEO">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2207458058-FEDEO</a>			
7	EarthDaily Constellation	Surface Reflectance	v5.0.1	EarthDaily	7 October 2025				
8	EnMAP	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	DLR	22 January 2022	<b>In FedEO validation environment</b>			
9	L8 SR (Aerospace Information Research Institute)	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	AIR-CAS	6 December 2023				
10	L8 ST (Aerospace Information Research Institute)	Surface Temperature	v5.0	AIR-CAS	6 December 2023				
11	Landsat Collection 2	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	USGS	4 June 2021	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3442503899-USGS_FROS">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3442503899-USGS_FROS</a>			
12	Landsat Collection 2	Surface Temperature	v5.0	USGS	4 June 2021	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3442506077-USGS_FROS">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3442506077-USGS_FROS</a>			
13	Landsat Collection 2 U.S. ARD	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	USGS	23 May 2022				
14	Landsat Collection 2 U.S. ARD	Surface Temperature	v5.0	USGS	23 May 2022				
15	NovaSAR-1 RTC	NRB	v5.5	CSIRO	5 October 2023	<b>In FedEO validation environment</b>			
16	NRCan RCM NRB	SAR-NRB	v1.1	NRCan	7 February 2025	Unclear whether this is correct: <a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2204655">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2204655</a>			
17	NRCan RCM POL	SAR-POL	v1.1	NRCan	7 February 2025	Unclear whether this is correct: <a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2204655">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C2204655</a>			
18	Opera RTC Sentinel-1	NRB	v5.5	NASA/JPL	22 October 2024	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C277436413-ASF">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C277436413-ASF</a>			
19	PROBA-V L3 (0.1/0.333/1 km) TOC	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	VITO / ESA	21 March 2023	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C1965336924-ESA">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C1965336924-ESA</a>			
20	RISAT-1A (EOS-04) NRB	SAR-NRB	v1.0	ISRO	2 April 2024				
21	RISAT-1A (EOS-04) NRB India Mosaic	SAR-NRB	v1.1	ISRO	6 January 2025				
22	Sentinel-1 NRB (Geoscience Australia)	SAR-NRB	v1.2	GA	23 September 2025				
23	Sentinel-1 OPERA InSAR Surface Displacement	SAR-INSAR	v1.2	NASA/JPL	5 January 2026	<a href="https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3294057315-ASF">https://access.earthdata.nasa.gov/collections/C3294057315-ASF</a>			
24	Sentinel-1 RTC	NRB	v5.5	Sinergise & Digital Earth Africa	20 May 2022				
25	Sentinel-2 Level-2A	Surface Reflectance	v5.0	ESA	22 January 2022	<a href="https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/fedeo.ceos.org/collections/sentinel-2-l2a">https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/fedeo.ceos.org/collections/sentinel-2-l2a</a>			



# Result 2: “Guide to Enable Discoverability of Datasets”

- Approach:
  - To be hosted in a CEOS GitHub repository.
  - Rendered into HTML documentation as
- Status:
  - Initial draft version to collect feedback and to be consolidated.

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Name	Last commit message	Last commit date
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ard	Add files via upload	3 hours ago
_config.yml	Add files via upload	last month
_toc.yml	Add files via upload	3 hours ago
logo.png	Add files via upload	last month
preface.md	Add files via upload	4 hours ago
references.bib	Add files via upload	last month
references.md	Add files via upload	last month

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  "ceosard:specification": "SR",
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      "title": "Peer assessment"
    }
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  "stac_extensions": [
    "https://stac-extensions.github.io/ceos-ard/v0.2.0/schema.json"
  ]
}
```

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

# Result 2: Guide - Introduction

- Purpose:
  - Best Practices for the encoding of metadata for CEOS-ARD Collections to facilitate their discovery through the CEOS Connected Data Assets.
- Approach:
  - Metadata neutral. Recommendations for multiple metadata format encodings.
  - Reuse proven approaches used by other communities for expressing conformance with data specifications as part of Quality metadata:
    - INSPIRE: to express partial or conformance with respect to the INSPIRE Data Specifications e.g. “Land Cover”, “Orthoimagery”
    - DGIWG: to express partial or conformance with respect to its Data Product Specifications, e.g. “Defence Gridded Elevation Data Product”, “Defence Orthoimagery Product” or “Elevation Surface Mode”.

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# Guide – Objectives and Needs

- Proposed content:
  - Summary of objectives and supported use cases: Data Producer / Data Consumer
  - Some use-cases are forward-looking and not yet possible, e.g. expressing partial compliance versus conformance classes.

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5	Data Consumer	find data compliant to a specific version of a CEOS-ARD Product Family specification.	to consider its use for my analyses.
6	Data Consumer	find data compliant to specific conformance classes of a specific version of a CEOS-ARD Product Family specification.	to consider its use for my analyses.
1	Data Consumer	have access to evaluation method, self assessment results, peer review results.	verify evaluation method and results and compare with alternative collections of the same family.



# Guide – Prerequisites

- (1) Requirements for citations – Provides examples from OGC which can be removed once CEOS-ARD equivalents are agreed/known (appear in recommendations).
  - Specification title
  - Version
  - External identifier (URI)
  - Conformance class name
  - Conformance class identifier (URI)
  
- (2) Requirements for controlled keywords (concepts) – Provides example/model used by INSPIRE (SKOS) which can be published as a single (RDF) file.
  - Keyword title (skos:prefLabel) e.g. “Surface Reflectance”
  - Keyword URI (concept URI) e.g. <https://ceos.org/ard/metadata-codelists/PFS/SR>
  - Scheme URI (skos:inScheme) e.g. <https://ceos.org/ard/metadata-codelists/PFS>

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# Guide – Best Practices and Recommendations

- Activity just started. Preliminary draft to be consolidated in next period.
- To cover various metadata encodings:
  - ISO 19139(-2) (XML)
  - ISO 19115-3 / ISO 19157-2 (XML)
  - ISO 19115-4 (JSON)
  - STAC (JSON)
  - OGC 17-084r1 (JSON)
  - GeoDCAT-AP
  - DIF-10
  - UMM-JSON
- Should include:
  - Inline examples
  - Requirements/recommendations
  - Example files (for download)



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  - ISO19115-4 Encoding
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  - DIF10 Encoding
  - UMM-JSON Encoding
  - GeoDCAT-AP Encoding
  - OGC 17-084r1 Encoding
- Traceability



## Example: 2.1

Documenting conformance with specification or conformance class in ISO19115-3 metadata (without citation).



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  <mdq:result>
    <mdq:DQ_ConformanceResult>
      <mdq:specification xlink:href="https://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5/CARD4L-PFS_NRB_v5.5.pdf"/>
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## Example: 2.2

Documenting conformance with specification or conformance class in ISO19115-3 metadata (with citation).



International  
Organization for  
Standardization

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# E.g. ISO19115-3 Encoding (3/4)

## Example: 2.3

Documenting conformance with specification in ISO19115-3 metadata with additional information about evaluation method, self assessment, peer review etc.



International  
Organization for  
Standardization

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    </cit:date>
    <cit:edition>
      <gco:CharacterString>5.5</gco:CharacterString>
    </cit:edition>
    <cit:onlineResource>
      <cit:CI_OnlineResource>
        <cit:linkage>
          <gco:CharacterString>https://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5</gco:CharacterString>
        </cit:linkage>
        <cit:name>
          <gco:CharacterString>Specification</gco:CharacterString>
        </cit:name>
        <cit:function>
          <cit:CI_OnlineFunctionCode codeList="http://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/ISO_19139_Schemas/resources/codelist/ML_gmxCodelists.xml#CI_OnlineFunctionCode" codeListValue="information"/>
        </cit:function>
      </cit:CI_OnlineResource>
    </cit:onlineResource>
  </cit:CI_Citation>
</mdq:evaluationProcedure>
```

# E.g. ISO19115-3 Encoding (4/4)

## Example: 2.4

Documenting conformance with specification in ISO19115-3 metadata (with keywords).



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```
<mri:descriptiveKeywords>
  <mri:MD_Keywords>
    <mri:keyword>
      <gxc:Anchor xlink:href="https://ceos.org/ard/metadata-codelists/PFS/NRB">Normalised Radar Backscatter</gxc:Anchor>
    </mri:keyword>
    <mri:thesaurusName>
      <cit:CI_Citation>
        <cit:title>
          <gxc:Anchor xlink:href="https://ceos.org/ard/metadata-codelists/PFS">CEOS-ARD Product Family Specification</gxc:Anchor>
        </cit:title>
        <cit:date/>
      </cit:CI_Citation>
    </mri:thesaurusName>
  </mri:MD_Keywords>
</mri:descriptiveKeywords>
```

### 💡 CEOS-ARDMD-REC-2010 [Recommendation]

Collection metadata records in ISO19115-3 [11] format should advertise conformance status with respect to CEOS-ARD PFS using a citation element with reference to the document URI or conformance class URI as shown in example 2.2.

# Guide – Metadata Encoding

- Overview of related ISO standards: XML / JSON



Scope	UML Model (Last)	XML Encoding	JSON Encoding
Fundamentals (data and services)	ISO 19115-1 (2014) - replaces 2003/2005	ISO 19115-3 (replaces ISO 19139)	ISO/CD TR 19115-4:2025 (Partial coverage*)
Extensions (acquisition & processing)	ISO 19115-2 (2019)	ISO 19115-3 (replaces ISO 19139-2)	<i>Future Scope Extension Expected*</i>
Data Quality General Requirements	ISO 19157-1 (2023)	ISO 19157-2	ISO/CD TR 19115-4:2025 (Partial coverage*)

# E.g. STAC Encoding (1/1)

## Example: 4.1

Documenting conformance with specification or conformance class in STAC collection [14] metadata using the STAC CEOS-ARD Extension [15].



```
{
  "stac_version": "1.0.0",
  "type": "Collection",
  "title": "EnMAP L2A HSI Products",

  "ceosard:specification": "SR",
  "ceosard:type": "optical",
  "ceosard:specification_version": "5.0",

  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "ceos-ard-specification",
      "href": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/SR/v5.0/CARD4L_Product_Family_Specification_Surface_Reflectance-v5.0.pdf",
      "type": "application/pdf",
      "title": "CEOS-ARD Product Family Specification for Surface Reflectance (PDF)"
    },
    {
      "rel": "ceos-ard-assessment",
      "href": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/Self%20Assessments/SR/v5.0/Response_Review_comments_EnMAP_CARD4L_Product_Family_Specification_Surface_Reflectance-v5.pdf",
      "type": "application/pdf",
      "title": "Peer assessment"
    }
  ],
  "id": "ENMAP_HSI_L2A",
  "stac_extensions": [
    "https://stac-extensions.github.io/ceos-ard/v0.2.0/schema.json"
  ]
}
```

### 💡 CEOS-ARDMD-REC-4010 [Recommendation]

Collection metadata records in STAC [14] format should advertise conformance status with respect to CEOS-ARD PFS using the STAC CEOS-ARD Extension [15] with reference to the document URI as shown in example 4.1.

Example files: - [ENMAP\\_HSI\\_L2A.json](#)

# E.g. ISO19115-4 Encoding (1/1)

- OGC Testbed-21 DQ4IPT (OGC 26-005):
  - Draft ISO19115-4, i.e. JSON encoding of ISO19157-1 and ISO19115-1 (subsets).
  - Measures from ISO19157-3 registry (OGC Rainbow)
- NovaSAR CEOS-ARD example
  - [https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/emc.spacebel.be/collections/novasarl2ard\\_hh\\_hv?.asset=asset-metadata\\_iso\\_19115\\_4](https://radianteearth.github.io/stac-browser/#/external/emc.spacebel.be/collections/novasarl2ard_hh_hv?.asset=asset-metadata_iso_19115_4)
  - Include ISO19115-4 Data Quality object inside STAC collections and STAC items via draft STAC Extensions.

```
    "dataQualityInfo": [{
      "scope": {"level": "series"},
      "report": [{
        "result": [{
          "pass": true,
          "specification": {
            "date": {"publication": "2021-10-14"},
            "identifier": {
              "code": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5",
              "codeSpace": "https://ceos.org/ard"
            },
            "edition": "5.5",
            "title": "CEOS-ARD Product Family Specification: Normalised Radar Backscatter"
          },
          "type": "ConformanceResult",
          "explanation": "See the referenced specification"
        }],
        "measure": {
          "measureIdentification": {
            "code": "101",
            "authority": {
              "alternateTitle": ["ISO"],
              "title": "International Organization for Standardization"
            },
            "codeSpace": "https://standards.iso/19157/-3/1/dqc/content/qualityMeasure/"
          },
          "measureDescription": "Indication that all requirements in the referred data product specification are fulfilled.",
          "nameOfMeasure": ["Data product specification passed"]
        },
        "evaluationMethod": {
          "referenceDoc": [],
          "evaluationProcedure": {
            "editionDate": "2021-10-14",
            "edition": "5.5",
            "onlineResource": [
              {"linkage": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5/CARD4L-PFS_NRB_v5.5.pdf"},
              {"linkage": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/Self%20Assessments/NRB/v5.5/Opera%20RTC%20Sentinel-1%20self-assessment"},
              {"linkage": "https://ceos.org/ard/files/Peer%20Reviews/NRB/v5.5/NovaSAR_WGCVEval.zip"}
            ],
            "title": "CEOS-ARD Product Family Specification: Normalised Radar Backscatter"
          },
          "type": "FullInspection",
          "evaluationMethodDescription": "This collection is conformant with the CEOS-ARD NRB Specification"
        }
      ]
    }],
    "type": "DomainConsistency"
  }],
}
```



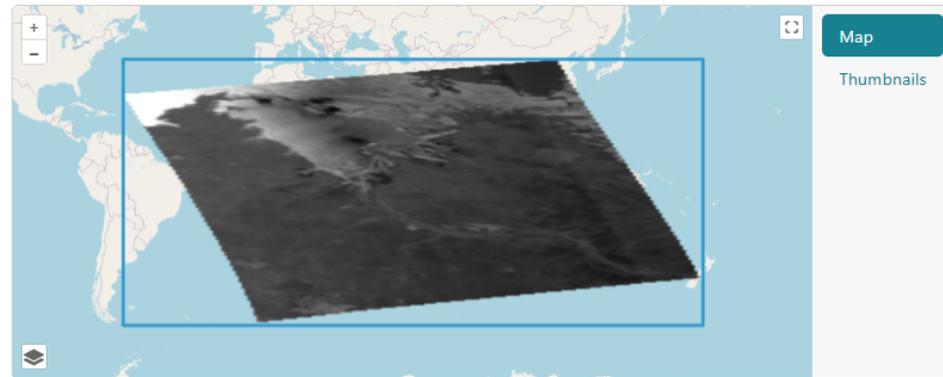
## novasar\_l2ard\_hh\_hv

### Description

NovaSAR-1 CEOS-ARD (level 2) HH,HV polarizations

Normalised Radar Backscatter

License: various  
Temporal Extent: 2019-11-02 00:00:00 UTC – 2025-10-08 23:59:59 UTC



### Assets

- ISO19115-4 [METADATA] [ISO.19115-4+JSON]
- ISO 19139 metadata [METADATA] [ISO.19139+XML]
- ISO 19139-2 metadata [METADATA] [ISO.19139-2+XML]
- DIF-10 metadata [METADATA] [DIF10+XML]
- ISO 19115-3 metadata [METADATA] [ISO.19115-3+XML]
- OGC 17-084r1 metadata [METADATA] [GEOJSON]
- HTML [METADATA] [HTML]

### Providers

- CSIRO [PRODUCER]

### Metadata

#### General

Created	2025-10-20 0:00:00 UTC
ExternalIds	Scheme: <a href="http://www.w3.org/ns/did/v1">www.w3.org/ns/did/v1</a> Value: did:web:emc.spacebel.be:collections:novasar_l2ard_hh_hv
Updated	2025-10-20 0:00:00 UTC

#### Dq

##### Quality

**Scope:**  
Level: series

**Report:**  
**Result:**  
Pass: ✓

**Specification:**  
Date:  
Publication: 2021-10-14

**Identifier:**  
Code: [ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5](http://ceos.org/ard/files/PFS/NRB/v5.5)  
CodeSpace: [ceos.org/ard](http://ceos.org/ard)

**Edition:** 5.5  
**Title:** CEOS-ARD Product Family Specification: Normalised Radar Backscatter

**Type:** ConformanceResult  
**Explanation:** See the referenced specification

**Measure:**  
**MeasureIdentification:**  
Code: 101  
**Authority:**  
AlternateTitle: ISO  
Title: International Organization for Standardization  
**CodeSpace:**  
<https://standards.iso/211.org/19157/-3/1/dqc/content/qualityMeasure/>  
**MeasureDescription:** Indication that all requirements in the referred data product specification are fulfilled.  
**NameOfMeasure:** Data product specification passed



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eovoceof-eos-stac-extension v0.0.2 Extension

Valid

# Outline



- Introduction
- Guide to Enable Discoverability of Datasets
- **Improved discoverability and accessibility (Proof of Concept)**
- Conclusion



# Improved description and discoverability (STAC)

- Expected outcome:
  - Improved descriptions of CEOS-ARD compliant CDA collections in collection metadata.
  - Improved discoverability via additional search capabilities

- FedEO Proof-of-Concept (STAC API, STAC Collection Search Extension):

- Exploiting keywords (Themes STAC Extension)
- Exploiting CEOS-ARD STAC Extension



- Collection Search **v1.0.0-rc.2**
- Collection Search - Filter **v1.0.0-rc.2**
- Collection Search - Free Text **v1.0.0-rc.1**

### Additional filters

Match all filters (and)  Match any filters (or)

Negate filter

Add filter ▾

Classified as =

**novasar l2ard hh hv**  
NovaSAR-1 CEOS-ARD (level 2) HH,HV polarizations  
2019-11-02 02:32:55 UTC – 2025-10-08 12:05:22 UTC

Select for Item Search  
Filter Collection

### Additional filters

Match all filters (and)  Match any filters (or)

Negate filter

Add filter ▾

Classified as =

**EnMAP L2A HSI Products**  
EnMAP L2A HSI Products providing all 224 bands as CEOS-ARD data using atmospheric correction over land (CARD4L). This Collection holds EnMAP L2A H...  
2022-04-27 0:00:00 UTC until present

Select for Item Search  
Filter Collection



# Discovery exploiting STAC “themes” extension

- FedEO STAC API – “SR” search
- Queryable “specification” or “theme” could be advertised as well.
- Text search does not provide accurate results

## Search

Search for Collections | Search for Items

**Search Terms**

Surface Reflectance

Search for at least one of the given terms in field

**Collections** 321

FedEO Clearinghouse

Language: English

**Search**

Search for Collections | Search for Items

**Search Terms**

Enter one or more search terms...

Search for at least one of the given terms in fields such as the title and the description.

**Temporal Extent**

All times in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

**Spatial Extent**

Filter by spatial extent

**Additional filters**

Match all filters (and)  Match any filters (or)

Add filter

Classified as =

**Items per page**

Default

Number of items requested per page, max. 1000 items.

Submit | Reset

**Collections** 2

Tiles | List | Ascending | Descending

Filter catalogs by title, description or keywords | Select keywords

Select for Item Search | Filter Collection

**EnMAP L2A HSI Products**

EnMAP L2A HSI Products providing all 224 bands as CEOS-ARD data using atmospheric correction over land (CARD4L). This Collection holds EnMAP L2A HSI Products with 'nominal quality', 'reduced...'

2022-04-27 0:00:00 UTC until present

**PROBA-V S1 TOC 100 m COG: Data corrected for atmospheric effects with the SMAC (Simplified Method for Atmospheric Corrections) algorithm, COG format - Collection 2**

Level 3 data products are variables mapped on uniform space-time grid scales and are the result of combining...

**Precise search (e.g. by conformance “uri”).**

# Datasets with CEOS-ARD STAC Extension

- VITO (Proba-V)
- CSIRO
- DLR

FedEO Clearinghouse Language: English

## novasar\_l2ard\_hh\_hv

[Up](#) [Source](#) [Share](#)

### Description

NovaSAR-1 CEOS-ARD (level 2) HH,HV polarizations

**License** CC-BY-4.0  
**Temporal Extent** 2019-11-02 00:00:00 UTC – 2025-10-08 23:59:59 UTC

Map

Thumbnails

### Metadata

#### CEOS-ARD

PFS	Normalised Radar Backscatter
Sensor Type	Radar (SAR)
PFS Version	5.5

#### Themes

**Themes** **Vocabulary:** <https://ceos.org/spec/ard/conf>  
**Terms:** [Normalised Radar Backscatter \(NRB\)](#)

### Additional Resources

#### Alternative representation

- Atom format
- Dublin Core metadata
- JSON-LD metadata
- JSON-LD (schema.org) metadata
- JSON-LD (GeoDCAT-AP) metadata
- RDF/XML metadata
- RDF/XML (schema.org) metadata
- RDF/XML (GeoDCAT-AP) metadata
- Turtle metadata
- Turtle (schema.org) metadata
- Turtle (GeoDCAT-AP) metadata

#### Origin of this document

- Original metadata

### Assets

> OGC 17-069r3 metadata	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">GEOJSON</a>
> ISO 19139 metadata	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">ISO.19139+XML</a>
> ISO 19139-2 metadata	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">ISO.19139.2+XML</a>
> DIF-10 metadata	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">DIF10+XML</a>
> OGC 17-084r1 metadata	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">GEOJSON</a>
> HTML	<a href="#">METADATA</a> <a href="#">HTML</a>

CSIRO

# PROBA-V S1 TOC 100 m COG: Data corrected for atmospheric Atmospheric Corrections) algorithm, COG format - Collection 2

## Description

Level 3 data products are variables mapped on uniform space-time grid scales and are the result of combining multiple scenes (e.g. S1/S10) to cover the user's region of interest.

[DIF10](#) [Land cover](#) [Cloud](#) [Radiometric quality](#) [Shadow](#) [Snow](#) [land use](#) [proba](#) [COG](#) [environmental monitoring facilities](#) [land cover](#) [land use](#)  
[EARTH SCIENCE>LAND SURFACE>LAND USE/LAND COVER](#) [EARTH SCIENCE>ATMOSPHERE>CLOUDS](#)  
[EARTH SCIENCE>CLIMATE INDICATORS>CRYOSPHERIC INDICATORS>SNOW COVER](#) [Proba-V](#) [VGT-P](#) [Surface Reflectance](#) [PROBA-V](#) [VGT](#)

License other  
Temporal Extent 2013-10-16 00:00:00 UTC – 2020-06-30 23:59:59 UTC

## Metadata

### General

Updated	2014-09-04 14:33:18 UTC
Instruments	VGT
Platform	PROBA-V

### CEOS-ARD

PFS	Surface Reflectance
Sensor Type	Optical
PFS Version	5.0

### Scientific

Citation	<a href="https://doi.org/10.5270/PRV-7dte3c2">doi.org/10.5270/PRV-7dte3c2</a>
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### Themes

Themes	<b>Vocabulary:</b> <a href="https://ceos.org/spec/ard/conf">https://ceos.org/spec/ard/conf</a> <b>Terms:</b> <a href="#">Surface Reflectance (SR)</a>
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# EnMAP L2A HSI Products

## Description

EnMAP L2A HSI Products providing all 224 bands as CEOS-ARD data using atmospheric correction over land (CARD4L). This Collection holds EnMAP L2A HSI Products with 'nominal quality', 'reduced quality' and 'low quality'. Those can be distinguished by using the property 'enmap:overallQuality', here the values respond to {0}: nominal quality, {1}: reduced quality and {2}: low quality.

[DLR](#) [EOC](#) [EnMAP](#) [Hyperspectral](#) [HSI](#) [VNIR](#) [SWIR](#)

License [EnMAP Data License](#)  
Temporal Extent 2022-04-27 0:00:00 UTC until present

## Providers

> DLR/EOC Geoservice	HOST
> DLR/EOC Photogrammetry and Image Analysis	PROCESSOR

## Metadata

### General

CRS	OGC/1.3/CRS84
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### CEOS-ARD

PFS	Surface Reflectance
Sensor Type	Optical
PFS Version	5.0

### Data Cube

Dimensions				Reference System
Id	Type	Axis	Extent	
x	spatial	x	-180 – 180	4326
y	spatial	y	-90 – 90	4326
time	temporal	n/a	> 2022-04-27T00:00:00.000+00:00	n/a

### Themes

Themes	<b>Vocabulary:</b> <a href="https://ceos.org/spec/ard/conf">https://ceos.org/spec/ard/conf</a> <b>Terms:</b> <a href="#">Surface Reflectance (SR)</a>
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# Consistent and interconnected CEOS-ARD access points

- Connect access points to ceos.org/ard dataset table
  - Deep links available to individual collections (See current spreadsheet) can be added to current ceos.org/ard dataset table.
  - Overview page can open list of collections of a CEOS-ARD Product Family (similar to collections per Agency)

## Datasets by CEOS Agencies

In order to provide direct access to these data, each CEOS Agency with datasets in FedEO and/or IDN has been mapped to FedEO Search Portal query and/or IDN Search Portal query in Earthdata Search. Click on the relevant links associated with each agency below to view related datasets.

Logo	Agency	FedEO Access	IDN Access
	<b>BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy Office)</b> <i>Belgium</i>	<a href="#">OpenSearch</a>   <a href="#">STAC</a>	<a href="#">IDN</a>
	<b>CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales)</b> <i>France</i>	<a href="#">OpenSearch</a>   <a href="#">STAC</a>	<a href="#">IDN</a>
	<b>CONAE (Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales)</b> <i>Argentina</i>		<a href="#">IDN</a>
	<b>CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)</b> <i>Australia</i>		<a href="#">IDN</a>
	<b>DLR (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft-und Raumfahrt)</b> <i>Germany</i>	<a href="#">OpenSearch</a>   <a href="#">STAC</a>	<a href="#">IDN</a>

**Datasets by CEOS ARD Product Family**

In order to provide direct access to CEOS Analysis Ready Data (ARD), each CEOS ARD Product Family with datasets in the FedEO has been mapped to a FedEO Search Portal query. Click on the product family below to view related datasets.

Product Family	FedEO Access
Surface Reflectance (SR)	<a href="#">OpenSearch</a>   <a href="#">STAC</a>
Normalised Radar Backscatter (NRB)	<a href="#">OpenSearch</a>   <a href="#">STAC</a>

# Conclusion

- Collaboration WGISS DAIG, CEOS Working Group on Cal/Val (WGCV) / CEOS-ARD Oversight group and SEO Team ongoing.
- Roadmap proposed.
- Preliminary version of “Guide to Enable Discoverability of Datasets” expected to be available on CEOS WGISS GitHub to facilitate its elaboration. Contributions / feedback are welcome.
- Once agreed, Data Providers and Connected Data Assets (CDA) can be updated accordingly to achieve consistent endpoints and interconnect the ceos.org/ard dataset table and CDA endpoints

