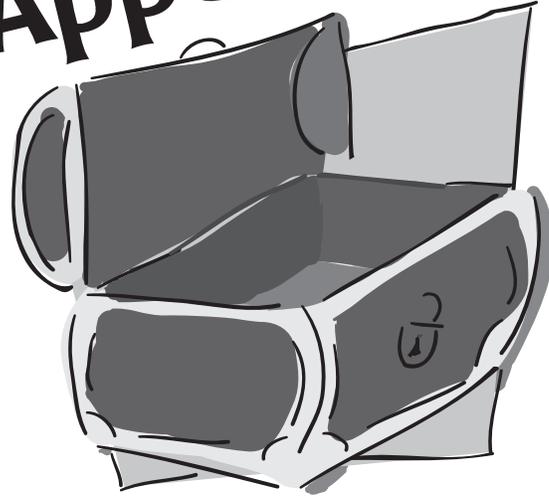


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# Hydrology Investigation

## Site Definition Sheet

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class or group name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Student(s) filling in Site Definition Sheet: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check one:  New Site  Metadata Update

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (create a unique name that describes the location of your site)

**Coordinates:** Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_  N or  S Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_  E or  W

Elevation: \_\_\_\_ meter

Source of Location Data (check one):  GPS  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Water Body:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Name commonly used on maps)

### Water Type:

Salt (> 25 ppt)  Brackish (2-25 ppt)  Fresh (<2 ppt)

### Moving Water:

Stream, river or estuary

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate width of moving water: \_\_\_\_\_ meters

### Standing Water:

Pond  Lake  Reservoir  Bay  Ditch  Ocean  Estuary

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Size of Standing Water:

Much smaller than 50 m X 100 m

Roughly 50 m X 100 m

Much larger than 50 m X 100 m

Approximate Area of Standing Water: \_\_\_\_\_ km<sup>2</sup>

Average Depth of Standing Water: \_\_\_\_\_ meters

### Sample Location:

Outlet  Bank  Bridge  Boat  Inlet  Pier

Can you see the bottom?:

Yes  No

**Channel/Bank Material** (Check all that apply):

Soil    Rock    Concrete    Vegetated bank

**Bedrock** (Check all that apply):

Granite    Lime stone    Volcanics    Mixed sediments    Don't Know

**Freshwater Habitats Present** (Check all that apply):

Rocky substrate    Vegetated banks    Mud Substrate    Sand substrate  
 Submersed vegetation    Logs

**Saltwater Habitats Present** (Check all that apply):

Rocky shore    Sandy shore    Mud flats/Estuary

**Thermometer Probe**

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Electrical Conductivity Meter**

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**pH Meter**

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissolved Oxygen Kit**

Manufacturer:  Lamotte    Hach    Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissolved Oxygen Probe**

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alkalinity Kit**

Manufacturer:  Lamotte    Hach    Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nitrate Kit**

Manufacturer:  Lamotte    Hach    Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Method:  Zinc    Cadmium

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Salinity Titration Kit**

Manufacturer:  Lamotte    Hach    Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** General description of your study site and metadata

\_\_\_\_\_

# Hydrology Investigation

## Quality Control Procedure Data Sheet

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student group: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dissolved Oxygen Kits:**

Temperature of distilled water: \_\_\_\_\_ °C; Elevation of your site: \_\_\_\_\_ meters

Dissolved Oxygen for the shaken distilled water:

Observer 1: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L    Observer 2: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L    Observer 3: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L    Average: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

Solubility of oxygen in water for your temperature at sea level from Table HY-DO-1:	Calibration value for your elevation from Table HY-DO-2:	Expected value for DO in your distilled water:
_____ mg/L	x _____	= _____ mg/L

### **Salinity**

Salinity of Standard: Observer 1: \_\_\_\_\_ ppt    Observer 2: \_\_\_\_\_ ppt    Observer 3: \_\_\_\_\_ ppt

Average Salinity: \_\_\_\_\_ ppt

### **Alkalinity**

Standard used (check one): Baking soda standard: \_\_\_\_\_    Purchased standard: \_\_\_\_\_

Alkalinity of standard: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

For kits that read alkalinity directly:

Observer 1: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>    Observer 2: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>    Observer 3: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

Average: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

For kits in which drops are counted:

	Observer 1	Observer 2	Observer 3	Average
Number of drops:	_____ drops	_____ drops	_____ drops	_____ drops
Conversion constant for your kit and protocol:	x _____	x _____	x _____	x _____
Total Alkalinity: (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	= _____ mg/L	= _____ mg/L	= _____ mg/L	= _____ mg/L

### **Nitrate-Nitrogen**

Observer 1: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> - N    Observer 2: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> - N    Observer 3: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> - N

Average: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> - N

# Hydrology Investigation

## Data Sheet

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class or group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Student(s) collecting data: \_\_\_\_\_

### Measurement Time:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ (UT) Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ (Local)

Name of Site : \_\_\_\_\_

### Water State: (check one)

Normal  Flooded  Dry  Frozen  Unreachable

### Transparency

#### Cloud Cover (check one):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> no clouds                 | <input type="checkbox"/> broken (50%-90%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clear (<10%)              | <input type="checkbox"/> overcast (>90%)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> isolated clouds (10%-24%) | <input type="checkbox"/> obscured         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scattered (25%-49%)       |   |

Enter data below, depending on whether you are using the Secchi Disk or the Transparency Tube method.

### Secchi Disk

#### First Secchi Disk Test:

Distance from observer to where disk disappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to where disk reappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to water surface \_\_\_\_\_(m)

- Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.  
If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

#### Second Secchi Disk Test:

Distance from observer to where disk disappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to where disk reappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to water surface \_\_\_\_\_(m)

- Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.  
If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

#### Third Secchi Disk Test:

Distance from observer to where disk disappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to where disk reappears \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

Distance from observer to water surface \_\_\_\_\_(m)

- Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear.  
If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site \_\_\_\_\_ (m)

**Transparency Tube**

Note: If the image is still visible when the tube is full, input the length of the tube and check the “Greater than the depth of the turbidity tube”.

Test 1(cm): Greater than depth of transparency tube?

Test 2(cm): Greater than depth of transparency tube?

Test 3(cm): Greater than depth of transparency tube?

**Water Temperature:** Measured with (check one)  alcohol-filled thermometer  probe

Average:  ____ °C	Observer Name	Temperature °C
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

**Dissolved Oxygen Kits:**

Average:  ____ mg/L	Observer Name	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

Salinity: \_\_\_\_\_ ppt

**Dissolved Oxygen Probe:**

Average:  ____ mg/L	Observer Name	Probe Measure	X	Salinity Correction Factor	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				

Note: Salinity correction factor is taken from the manufacturer's instructions for the probe.

**Conductivity:** Temperature of water sample being tested: \_\_\_\_°C

Average:  ____ μS/cm	Observer Name	Conductivity (μS/cm)
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

Value of Conductivity Standard: \_\_\_\_ MicroSiemens/cm (μS/cm)

**Water pH:** Measured with: (check one)  paper  meter

Average:  ____	Observer Name	If salt added, conductivity (μS/cm)	pH
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		

Value of buffers used:  pH 4  pH 7  pH 10 (Check all used.)

### Salinity

#### Tide Information

Time of tide before measurement: \_\_\_\_\_ hours and minutes

Check one:  High Tide:  Low Tide                      Check one:  UT     Local time

Time of tide after measurement: \_\_\_\_\_ hours and minutes

Check one:  High Tide:  Low Tide                      Check one:  UT     Local time

Place where these tides occur: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Salinity (Hydrometer Method)

	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Temperature of water in 500 mL cylinder	_____ °C	_____ °C	_____ °C
Specific Gravity:	_____	_____	_____
Salinity of Sample:	_____ ppt	_____ ppt	_____ ppt
Average Salinity:	_____ ppt		

#### Optional Salinity Titration

Salinity of Sample:	Test 1: _____ ppt	Test 2: _____ ppt	Test 3: _____ ppt
Average Salinity:	_____ ppt		

#### Alkalinity: (For kits that read alkalinity directly)

Average:	Observer Name	Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )
_____ mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

#### Alkalinity: (Hach kits or other kits in which drops are counted)

Observer Name	Number of Drops	x	Conversion constant for your kit	=	Total Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )
1.		x		=	
2.		x		=	
3.		x		=	

Average: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

**Total Nitrate + Nitrite ( $\text{NO}_3^- \text{-N} + \text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$ )**

Average: Nitrate+Nitrite   _____ mg/L	Observer Name	Nitrate and Nitrite (mg/L $\text{NO}_3^- \text{-N} + \text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$ )
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

**Nitrite-Nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$ ) (optional)**

Average: $\text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$   _____ mg/L	Observer Name	Nitrite (mg/L $\text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$ )
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

# Freshwater Macroinvertebrate Identification

## Data Sheet

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class or group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Student(s) collecting data: \_\_\_\_\_

Date samples collected: Year : \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Study Site : \_\_\_\_\_

***For a rocky bottom with running water site:***

Riffles: Number of samples: \_\_\_\_\_

Runs: Number of samples: \_\_\_\_\_

Pools: Number of samples: \_\_\_\_\_

(Total samples = 3)

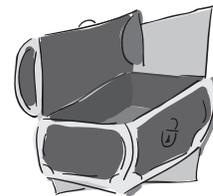
***For a multi-habitat site:***

Habitats	Estimate of % Area	Number of samples <u>(%Area X 20)</u> 100
Submersed vegetation		
Vegetated banks, around logs, snags, roots		
Muddy bottom		
Gravel or sand		
Total	100%	20 samples





# Glossary



## Abundance

The number of organisms in a sample or taxon

## Accuracy

The closeness of a measured value to a true value (See *precision*)

## Acid

Any substance that can donate a hydrogen atom or proton (H<sup>+</sup>) to any other substance.

## Acid Rain

Rain characterized by pH values below 6

## Acidic

Characterized by pH < 7

## Acidity

1. The amount of strong base (e.g. Sodium Hydroxide) necessary to titrate a sample to a pH of around 10.3; measures the base neutralizing capacity of a water
2. An acid quality or state (Common Usage)

## Aerosols

Liquid or solid particles dispersed or suspended in the air

## Alkaline

Characterized by pH > 7

## Alkalinity

The amount of strong acid (e.g. Hydrochloric Acid) necessary to titrate a sample to a pH of around 4.5. Measures the acid neutralizing capacity of a water and is often reprinted as ppm CaCO<sub>3</sub>.

## Aqueous

Containing or contained in water

## Background Concentration

The level of chemicals present in a water due to natural processes rather than due to human contribution

## Base

Any substance that accepts a proton (H<sup>+</sup>) from another substance

## Benthic

Pertaining to bottom dwelling water animals or plants

## Biodiversity

The variety of organisms

## Brackish Water

Water containing dissolved salts at a concentration less than seawater, but greater than fresh water. The concentration of dissolved salts is usually in the range 1000 - 10,000 ppm.

## Buffer Solution

One that resists change in its pH when either hydroxide (OH<sup>-</sup>) or protons (H<sup>+</sup>) are added. The stable and known pH value of these solutions make them suitable for calibrating pH measuring devices.

## Calibration

To set or check an instrument against an index or standard of known value through some type of proportional or statistical relationship.

## Catchment Basin

1. The part of a river-basin from which rain is collected, and from which the river gets its water. Each catchment basin is with the boundary defined by the watershed. The term watershed is often incorrectly used to describe catchment basins.
2. The area drained by a river or stream

## Chlorinity

The chlorine concentration of a solution

## Colorimetric Method

Many procedures for measuring dissolved substances depend on color determination. The underlying assumption is that the intensity of the color is proportional to the concentration of the dissolved substance in question.

## Conductivity

The ability of an aqueous solution to carry an electrical current. Depends upon the concentration of dissolved salts (ions), the type of ions, and the temperature of the solution. Typical units are microSiemens/cm or micromhos/cm. (These are equivalent).

**Denitrification**

The act or process of reducing nitrate to ammonia. Nitrite may be an intermediate product.

**Density**

The ratio of the mass of a substance to its volume

**Dissolved Oxygen**

The mass of molecular oxygen dissolved in a volume of water. The solubility of oxygen is affected non-linearly by temperature; more oxygen can be dissolved in cold water than in hot water. The solubility of oxygen in water is also affected by pressure and salinity; salinity reduces the solubility of oxygen in water.

**Dissolved Solids**

Solid particles that have become liquid by immersion or dispersion in a liquid (e.g. salts)

**Electrode**

In GLOBE, an electrode is usually the part on the probe through which electricity is able to flow.

**Enrichment**

Making a water more productive (e.g. by adding nutrients)

**Eutrophication**

A high level of productivity in a water body, often due to an increased supply of nutrients

**Evaporation (of water)**

Change from liquid to vapor at a temperature below the boiling point

**Evenness**

How equally abundant the taxa are in a sample

**Hydrologic Cycle**

The series of stages through which water passes from the atmosphere to Earth and returns to the atmosphere. Includes condensation to form clouds, precipitation, accumulation in soil or bodies of water and re-evaporation

**Hypothesis**

A tentative statement made to test its logical or empirical consequences

**In Situ**

Situated in its original natural place (Latin)

**Lake**

A large body of water entirely surrounded by land usually naturally formed, but can be artificially formed. Its original designation was to apply to a body of water large enough to form a geographical feature.

**Lentic**

Relating to, or living in standing water (lakes, ponds or swamps)

**Logarithmic Scale**

A scale in which each unit increment represents a tenfold increase or decrease

**Lotic**

Relating to, or living in actively moving water (streams or rivers)

**Macroinvertebrates**

Animals that have no backbone and are visible with the naked eye (>0.5 mm)

**Meter**

An instrument, usually used in combination with a probe, that translates electronic signals from the probe into units of interest (i.e.  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  or  $\text{mg/L}$ ). A meter must be programmed with the proper calibration for the probe of interest before producing sensible results.

**MicroSiemens/cm**

Metric unit of measurement for conductivity. Equivalent to micromhos/cm

**Micromhos/cm**

Standard unit of measurement for conductivity. Equivalent to microSiemens/cm

**Molar**

Unit of measurement for concentration (moles per liter of solution).

**Molecule**

The smallest fundamental unit (usually a group of atoms) of a chemical compound that can take part in a chemical reaction

**Natural Waters**

Systems that typically consist of the sediments/minerals and the atmosphere as well as the aqueous phase; they almost always involve a portion of the biosphere.

**Neutral**

Characterized by  $\text{pH} = 7$

**Nitrate**

A salt of nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>). Nitrates are often highly soluble and can be reduced to form nitrites or ammonia.

**Nitrate-Nitrogen**

Concentrations of nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) are often expressed as mass of nitrogen per volume of water.

**Nitrite**

A salt of nitrous acid (HNO<sub>2</sub>). Nitrites are often highly soluble and can be oxidized to form nitrates or reduced to form ammonia.

**Nitrite-Nitrogen**

Concentrations of nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) are often expressed as mass of nitrogen per volume of water.

**pH**

The negative logarithm of the molar concentration of protons (H<sup>+</sup>) in solution.

**Photosynthesis**

The process in which the energy of sunlight is used by organisms, esp. green plants to synthesize carbohydrates from carbon dioxide and water.

**Pond**

A small body of still water formed artificially either by hollowing out of the soil or by damming a natural hollow.

**Pool**

In a stream or river, a deeper region with slower-moving water and smaller sediments.

**ppm**

Usually parts per million. (Equivalent to milligrams per Liter in GLOBE calculations)

**ppm Chlorinity**

By weight, equal to milligrams of chlorine per Liter, with the assumption that one Liter of water weighs one kilogram.

**ppt**

Usually parts per thousand. (Equivalent to grams per Liter in GLOBE calculations)

**Precipitation**

1. The falling products of condensation in the atmosphere. e.g. rain, snow, hail
2. Separation in solid form from a solution due to chemical or physical change (e.g.

adding a reagent or lowering the temperature)

**Precision**

A measurement for the degree of agreement between multiple analyses of a sample (See *accuracy*)

**Probe**

In GLOBE, an instrument used to measure voltage or resistance of a substance. Any small device, especially that holds an electrode, which can penetrate or be placed in or on something for the purpose of obtaining and relaying information or measurements about it. A probe along with a meter must be calibrated in order to produce sensible data.

**Productivity**

The formation of organic matter averaged over a period of time such as a day or a year.

**Proton**

A positively charged elementary particle found in all atomic nuclei. The positively charged hydrogen atom (H<sup>+</sup>)

**Reagent**

A substance used to cause a reaction, especially to detect another substance.

**Reduce**

In chemical terms, to change from a higher to a lower oxidation state (i.e. gain electrons)

**Richness**

The number of different taxa

**Riffle**

In a stream or river, a shallower area with faster-flowing water and larger sediments.

**River**

A large stream of water flowing in a channel towards the ocean, a lake, or another river.

**Run**

In a stream or river, an intermediate category between pool and riffle. A run does not have the turbulence of a riffle, but moves faster than in a pool.

**Runoff**

The component of precipitation that appears as water, flowing in a stream or river.



**Saline Water**

Water containing salt or salts

**Salinity**

A measure of the concentration of dissolved salts, mainly sodium chloride, in brackish and salty water

**Salts**

Ionic compounds which in water solution yield positive (excluding H<sup>+</sup>) and negative (excluding OH<sup>-</sup>) ions ; the most common of which is sodium chloride, or “table salt”

**Saturated Solution**

A solution that contains the maximum amount of dissolved substances at a given temperature and pressure

**Snag**

A tree or branch embedded in the bed of the water body

**Solubility**

The relative capability of being dissolved

**Solute**

A substance that dissolves in another to form a solution

**Solution**

A homogeneous mixture containing two or more substances

**Solvent**

A substance that dissolves another to form a solution

**Specific Heat**

The heat in calories required to raise the temperature of one gram of a substance by one degree Celsius

**Specific Gravity**

The ratio of the density of a substance to the density of water (at 25°C and 1 atmosphere)

**Standardization**

To cause to conform to a standard

**Standard**

A measure with a value established through outside means for use in calibration; a known reference

**Stream**

A course of water flowing continuously along a bed on the Earth, forming a river, rivulet, or

brook. Streams can be permanent meaning that water flows in the stream bed all year long; or streams can be intermittent/ephemeral, meaning that the water stops flowing and may even disappear during certain times of the year.

**Suboxic Water**

Very low levels of dissolved oxygen; denitrification occurs (nitrate is converted to ammonia)

**Supersaturated**

The characteristic of a substance holding more of another substance than would be predicted under equilibrium conditions. Supersaturated is a term commonly used to describe gases dissolved in water (e.g. if there is a lot of photosynthesis occurring in a lake, the water can become supersaturated in oxygen during the day)

**Suspended Solids**

Solid particles in a fluid that do not dissolve or settle out

**Suspensions**

A mixture in which very small particles of a solid remain suspended without dissolving

**Taxa**

Plural of taxon

**Taxon**

A group of organisms of any particular rank (such as order, family, genus). Singular of taxa

**Tides**

The periodic rise and fall of the waters of the ocean and its inlets, produced by the attraction of the moon and sun. Occurs about every 12 hours.

**Titrant**

The reagent added in a titration

**Titration**

The process of ascertaining the quantity of a given constituent by addition of a liquid reagent of known strength, and measuring the volume of reagent necessary to convert the constituent through a given reaction

**Topography**

The surficial relief features of an area

**Total Dissolved Solids**

The total mass of solids remaining when a given volume of filtered water is evaporated to total dryness following an accepted protocol

**Transparency**

Having the property of transmitting rays of light through its substance so that bodies located behind can be distinctly seen.

Transparency, when applied to water studies, refers to the distance that an object (e.g. a secchi disk) can be seen looking down through the water under ambient light conditions. Transparency is related to turbidity in that the amount of particles in the water and the characteristics of those particles will affect the distance that an object can be seen, but the two are not directly comparable.

**Turbid**

Not clear, or transparent due to stirred up sediment

**Turbidity**

Turbidity, when applied to water studies, refers to the degree that the particles in the water can scatter light sent through a water sample. Turbidity is related to transparency, but the two terms are not equivalent, and the relationship depends on the characteristics of a particular water sample. Therefore turbidity measurements cannot be used in place of transparency measurements and vice-versa.

**Water Quality**

A distinctive attribute or characteristic trait of water, described by physical, chemical, and biological properties

**Watershed**

The line separating the waters flowing into different rivers, river basins or seas; a narrow elevated tract of ground between two drainage areas.; see *catchment basin*

**Water Vapor**

Water in the gaseous phase

