Your assigned projects are on your Google Sheet. These projects will be assigned to you by GIO staff and you will receive a spreadsheet with your specific assigned projects. Please do not score other projects than the ones you are assigned.

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Scoring guides are available below and online. Please make sure to use the appropriate scoring guide/rubric. The grade band is included with the project.

Use the Google scoring form to submit your scores. You should fill out this form once for each of your assigned projects. Also make sure to include the exact report title as we do have some very similar project titles.

To make comments, you will need to use your globe.gov login. If you have an account, but need help accessing it, contact help@globe.gov. If you do not have an account, but wish to make comments or ask questions on a student report, use the login - science@globe.gov, password: IVSS2017. Make sure to sign your name if using the science@globe.gov account.
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OPTIONAL BADGES

I AM A COLLABORATOR

All team members are listed including students from the same school or schools from around the world, along with clearly defined roles. How these roles support one another, and descriptions of each student’s contribution. The descriptions clearly indicate the advantages of the collaboration. If the students collaborated with students from another school, describe how working with other schools improved the research.

I MAKE AN IMPACT

The report clearly describes how a local issue led to the research questions or makes connections between local and global impacts. The students need to clearly describe or show how the research contributed to a positive impact on their community through making recommendations or taking action based on findings.

I AM A DATA SCIENTIST

The report includes in-depth analysis of students’ own data as well as other data sources. Students discuss limitations of these data, make inferences about past, present, or future events, or use data to answer questions or solve problems in the represented system. Consider data from other schools or data available from other databases.

I AM A STEM PROFESSIONAL

The report clearly describes collaboration with a STEM professional that enhanced the research methods. Contributed to improved precision, and supported more sophisticated analyses and interpretations of results.

I AM A STEM STORYTELLER

The report describes or shows how the students shared the story of their research in a creative way. This could be via a dramatic interpretation, a blog, Instagram post, artistic rendering, or any other way to creatively share what the students learned.

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