



GLOBE Biometry: Vegetative Covers Data Sheets

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GLOBE Biometry: Vegetative Covers Data Sheet (page 1)

Name: _____ Site Name: _____

Date: _____ Time (local): _____

	1	2	3	4	5	6
No.	Canopy*: T=tree SB=shrub - = sky	Canopy Species or common name	Canopy Type: E = evergreen D = deciduous	Ground: G = green B = brown - = no cover	Ground Type: GD = graminoid FB = forb SB = shrub DS = dwarf shrub OG = other	Total Shrubs: Put a "+" if "SB" is in columns 1 or 5
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						

*Note: In a forest, canopy cover is the tree canopy. In a shrubland, canopy cover is the shrub canopy.

GLOBE Biometry: Vegetative Covers Data Sheet (page 2)

Name: _____ Site Name: _____

Date: _____ Time (local): _____

	1	2	3	4	5	6
No.	Canopy: T=tree SB=shrub - = sky	Canopy Species or common name	Canopy Type: E = evergreen D = deciduous	Ground: G = green B = brown - = no cover	Ground Type: GD = graminoid FB = forb SB = shrub DS = dwarf shrub OG = other	Total Shrubs: Put a "+" if "SB" is in columns 1 or 5
13						
14						
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						
21						
22						
23						
24						

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GLOBE Biometry: Vegetative Covers Summary Sheet (page 3)

1. Record the total number of observations (Total Obs) you took. This is the number of rows you filled out on your data table.

Total Obs = _____

2. Complete the four summary tables below using your data table.

Summary of Column 1: Canopy	
Total "T"	_____
Total "SB"	_____
Total "-"	_____

Summary of Column 4: Ground	
Total "G"	_____
Total "B"	_____
Total "-"	_____

3. Use the summary tables and the equations below to calculate your observation percentages.

Summary of Column 3: Canopy Type	
Total "E"	_____
Total "D"	_____

Summary of Column 5: Ground Type	
Total "GD"	_____
Total "FB"	_____
Total "SB"	_____
Total "DS"	_____
Total "OG"	_____
Sum these for Total Herbs	_____

% Tree Canopy = $\frac{\text{Total "T"}}{\text{Total Obs}} \times 100 =$
% Shrub Canopy = $\frac{\text{Total "SB"}}{\text{Total Obs}} \times 100 =$
% Evergreen = $\frac{\text{Total "E"}}{\text{Total "E" + Total "D"}} \times 100 =$
% Deciduous = $\frac{\text{Total "D"}}{\text{Total "E" + Total "D"}} \times 100 =$
% Ground Cover = $\frac{\text{Total "G" + Total "B"}}{\text{Total Obs}} \times 100 =$
% Total Shrubs = $\frac{\text{\# of "+" in Column 6}}{\text{Total Obs}} \times 100 =$
% Graminoid = $\frac{\text{Total "GD"}}{\text{Total Herbs}} \times 100 =$

Replace "G" above with the other ground types to find their percent cover and fill in values in the table to the right. →

% Forb	_____
% Shrub	_____
% Dwarf Shrub	_____
% Other	_____

4. Use the percentages calculated in step 3 and a MUC Guide to determine your MUC.

MUC = _____

GLOBE Biometry: Site Definition

Name: _____ Site Name: _____

Date: _____ Time (local): _____

Location

Source of location data: GPS Phone Other: _____

If using GPS, complete the table below using a GPS receiver and recording coordinates once a minute for five minutes. Then transfer the values in the “AVERAGE” row to the spaces below.

If using a phone, leave the table blank.

Minute	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (m)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
AVERAGE			

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Elevation: _____ m

MUC

For aid in determining MUC, use page 3 of the Vegetative Covers data sheet and a MUC Guide.

MUC Code: _____

Site Comments (Metadata):