

# Kyoto & Carbon (K&C) Initiative

Establishment of a WIKI site

# Two options presented

- **Microsoft Sharepoint**

- Generally used for project coordination and management.
- Well organized and prescribed.


- **Wiki site (IGES)**

- Designed specifically for coordinating activities within IGES and with collaborating organizations.
- Considerable investment in establishment.
- Able to host K&C and 'spin-off' sites

# Microsoft Sharepoint

<https://share.aber.ac.uk/dept/iges/jaxakandc>

My Site | My Links | Welcome STAFF|rb | Site Actions

 JAXA K&C Initiative


Home | This Site: JAXA K&C Initiative | Advanced Search

**JAXA K&C Initiative**

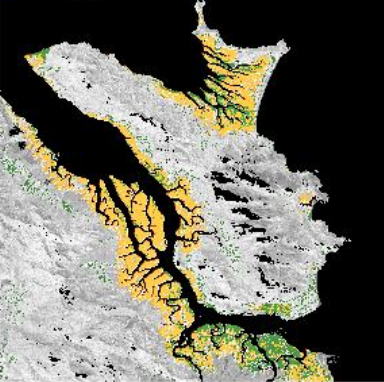
- K&C Data Processing
- Documents
- Lists
- Discussions
- Sites
- People and Groups

### Japanese Space Exploration Agency Kyoto and Carbon Initiative

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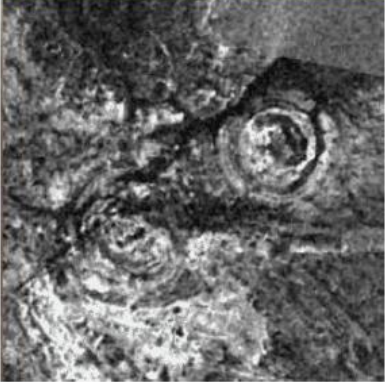


Forests

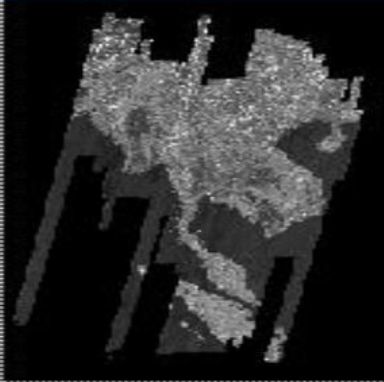


Wetlands

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Deserts



Mosaics

# Microsoft Sharepoint

## Positive points

- Facilitates updates and versioning of documents.
- Images able to be imported
- Formal appearance
- Very simple and uncomplicated layout
- Able to hyperlink to relevant subject area.

## Negative points

- Restricted design template
- Alterations and personal design very difficult
- Organisation of images and sections quite clumsy
- Complex directory structure
  - Design template and directory structure is set and difficult to alter
- Difficult to navigate
  - Similar to Windows explorer
  - Quite slow

# Current status of Sharepoint

- Organized by theme
- Populated with:
  - Science Plan
  - K&C newsletters
  - Key publications
  - Calendar of activities
  - Discussion boards
- Access
  - By VPN
    - <http://www.inf.aber.ac.uk/advisory/faq/100/>
  - Requires Aber login
    - Need to complete, sign and submit form
  - Some problems of access to and within the site
  - Necessary to provide tuition to users

### Navigation

- Home
  - About IGES
  - Research Groups
    - Affiliated Research
  - Research Outputs
  - Prospective Students
  - Current Students
  - Resources
  - People
- Interactive Maps
  - Recent Changes
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### Site Login

#### About IGES

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#### Research Groups

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[New Political Geographies Research Group](#)

[Quaternary Environmental Change Research Group](#)

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#### Affiliated Research

[Aber. Luminescence Research Laboratory](#)

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# Wiki front page

## Positive points

- Very clear and informative
- Plenty of information can be conveyed whilst not over-crowded
- Large range of options for laying out and inputting information
- Clear and logical pathways
- More flexible use of colour and aesthetic design

## Negative points

- Is labour intensive to set up although runs by itself once established.
- Some maintenance needed

# Other benefits

- Able to easily access sections such as “documents”, “publications” and logical sequence of navigation
- Specific member groups can be established (e.g., for mangroves)
- Able to control editing and access permissions of group members.
  - Greater flexibility to extend beyond the main K&C Team
    - Collaborating groups



### Mangroves

Documents

### Navigation

- ▣ Home
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    - Research Structure
    - Calendar
    - New Political Geographies
    - Centre for Glaciology
    - ⊕ Cultural and Historical Geography
      - Quaternary Environmental Change
      - River Basin Dynamics and Hydrology
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## Mangroves

### Introduction

Test

### History

The group

### Research themes

Remote Sensing

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# Editing power- Current Wiki

## IGES wiki

- Faster and easier upload and editing of information
- Can still upload information freely even when deleting power removed.
- Well established and flexible directory structure
- More amenable to exploration.
- Control over directory content and headings; versioning allowed

## Microsoft Sharepoint

- Editing is time consuming
- Clumsy upload of documents and information.
- Other users can delete items that have taken time to input.
- Able to enter the version history and retrieve document but only limited versions stored.

# Where next?

- Implementation of the IGES wiki site
  - Finalisation of overall design
  - Establishment of directory structure
  - Transfer of material from Sharepoint
  - Request users to complete and submit forms (during this current session)
- User inputs
  - Comments on role of wiki
  - Comments on overall content
  - Comments on design
    - Main themes
    - Request for 'spin-off' groups
  - Issues of access
    - VPN
    - Password protection

# Encouraging Use

- Document development
  - Revised Science Plan\*
  - Project reports for K&C\*
    - Initial template
    - Download and upload
  - Special issues
    - Wetlands
    - Forests
- Integration with Google Earth
- Provision of other information
  - Processing functions for ALOS datasets
  - Key publications
    - PI meeting papers
  - Image data/strip data processing and analysis
- We need your input!

# Timetable

- Intended release of the IGES website to staff students
- Completion of wiki site for K&C including confirmation of access
- Continued development and implementation of wiki
- Rachel Bott  
([Rachel.Bott@aber.ac.uk](mailto:Rachel.Bott@aber.ac.uk))
  - 2.5 days per week until end of Feb
  - 1 day per week thereafter
  - Key role to ensure use of site
- End of January
- End of February
- End of May (and should be self sustaining afterwards)