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Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 14:21:32 -0500
To: Pat Caldwell <caldwell@kapau.soest.hawaii.edu>
From: Doug Hamilton <dhamilton@nodc.noaa.gov>
Subject: Re: Coral Data
Cc: fmittchell@nodc.noaa.gov, apicciolo@nodc.noaa.gov

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Greetings Pat,

I've had a little time to look more closely at the coral reef data you sent. Files that are designed for specific software packages, such as Access or Excel, will probably have a shorter life-span than text files. So the text files are useful, if they are well documented. Will a user 10 years from now be able to understand what is in the text files? Probably you and Mitch and Tony know better than I. However, the Excel files will probably be useful to many users for many years. I like the files you improved on (Pats*.xls) by inserting dates in each row. Anything you can do to make it easier for future users to understand the data is helpful. The Access files by themselves are probably not useful to many people.

Doug

At 07:46 AM 12/22/1999 -1000, you wrote:

>Aloha Doug,
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> Hope the egg nog is free flowing. Here's a coral reef data
>set:
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>mauicrf_pcc.tar.Z
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>
>over on ftp.nodc in liaison area.
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>It was received as an MS Access database, but I've stripped out
>MS Excel and ASCII subsets. Please give me feedback if the
>way I handled it is convenient for your management. Feedback
>welcome for how to handle similar cases in the future.
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>All the best to you all over the holiday and into the New Year.
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>Regards, Pat
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Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 08:58:41 -0500
To: fmittchell@nodc.noaa.gov
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Subject: 9900242 - Coral Reef data

Mitch,

Pat put three more files in pub/liaison - to go with the coral reef data -
Accession 9900242. The files are

saving_mauitable2.html
saving_mauitable3.html
saving_mauitable4.htm

and are referenced by the document Earth98.htm which is in subdirectory doc.

Doug