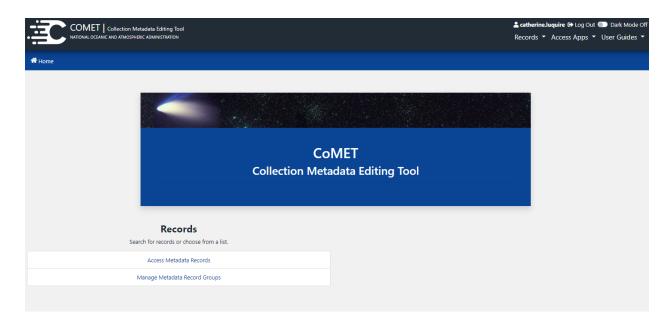
This document summarizes instructions and information collection instrument images for the NESDIS Collection Metadata Entry Tool ISO editor web application (CoMET) for NOAA Geospatial metadata.

Respondent Login screen

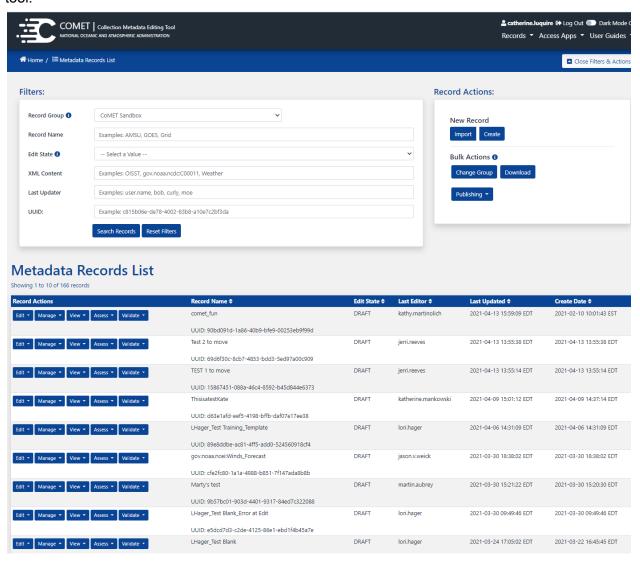
Each respondent must have a userid and password to use the CoMET tool.



A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0024. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the NODC Data Officer, SSMC3, 4th Floor, E/OC, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Geospatial metadata is requested in accordance with Executive Order 12906 and NOAA Administrative Order 212-5.

Respondent selects action from individual dashboard

Each respondent has a personal dashboard that supports creating a new response, editing a previously created but unsubmitted response, creating a copy of a previous response for reuse, or deleting an unsubmitted response. Respondents may also elect to upload geospatial metadata that conforms to the ISO 19115 and ISO 19139 geospatial metadata standards created using their own processes or other software (not provided by NOAA) into the CoMET tool.

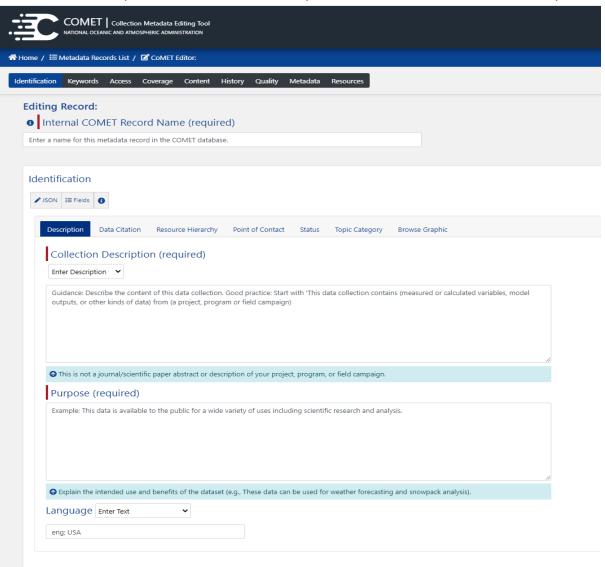


Respondent creates new response

CoMET provides a forms-driven entry interface for standard geospatial metadata on multiple tabs. Most data entry fields support free text entries and many data entry fields provide recommended or suggested entries from keyword tables after the first few letters are typed into a data entry field. Additional detailed instructions are available by clicking on the User Guide button in the upper right corner of each data entry screen.

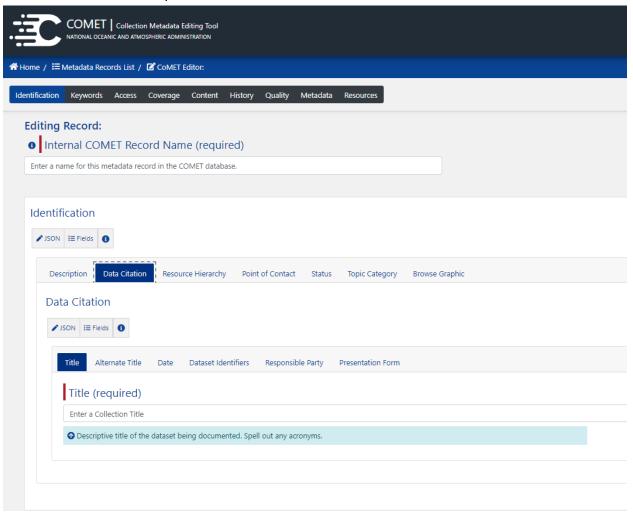
Tab 1: Identification > Description

This tab collects basic descriptive information about geospatial data in a collection. The limited number of required fields are marked with a vertical red bar. Optional fields may provide additional contextual information that is encouraged for inclusion in the geospatial metadata record but is not required. Tabs that have no required fields are not included in this response.



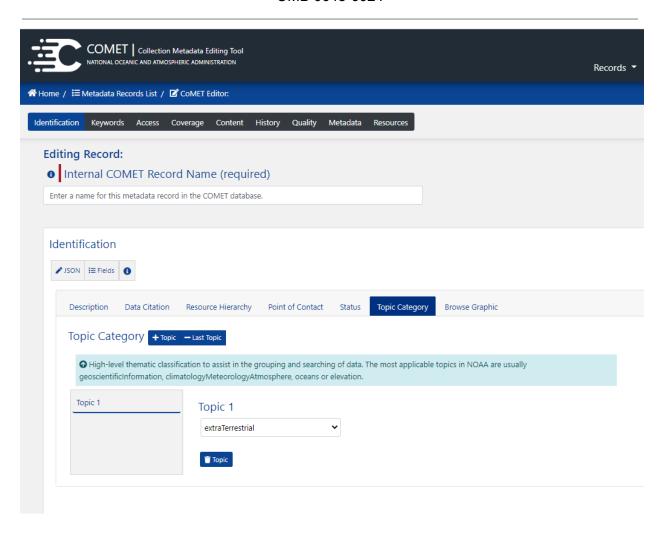
Tab 2: Identification > Data Citation

This tab collects basic descriptive information about how to cite geospatial data in a collection. The limited number of required fields are marked with a vertical red bar.



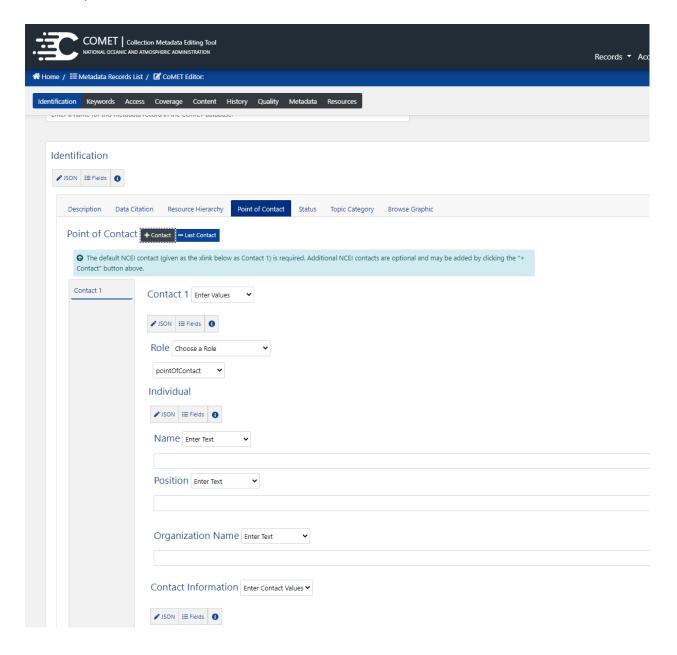
Tab 3: Identification > Topic Category

This tab collects basic descriptive information about geospatial data in a collection. The ISO standard requires inclusion of an ISO Topic Category keyword. The limited number of required fields are marked with a vertical red bar. Optional fields may provide additional contextual information that is encouraged for inclusion in the geospatial metadata record but is not required. Sub-sections that have no required fields are not included in this response.



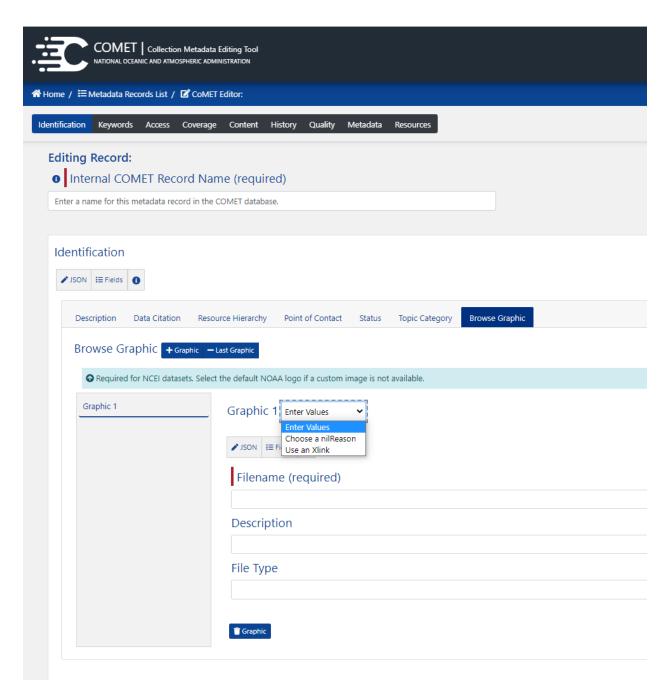
Tab 4: Identification > Point of Contact

This tab collects basic descriptive information about people who write or are otherwise involved in the creation or maintenance of the geospatial metadata. This information is optional but documents important relationships for citation and potential for follow up questions with subject matter experts.



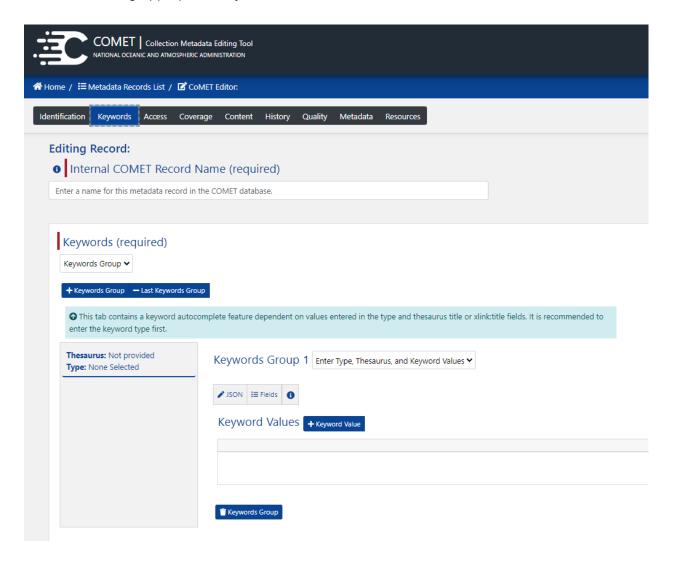
Tab 5: Identification > Browse Graphic

This tab collects basic descriptive information about a descriptive graphic representation about geospatial data in a collection. Browse graphic provides a 'quick visual summary' of where or what data existing in a collection. The limited number of required fields are marked with a vertical red bar. Optional fields may provide additional contextual information that is encouraged for inclusion in the geospatial metadata record but is not required.



Tab 6: Keywords

This tab collects descriptive information about descriptive keywords that assist in discovering and providing additional characteristics of data in a collection. The limited number of required fields are marked with a vertical line. Optional fields may provide additional contextual information that is encouraged for inclusion in the geospatial metadata record but is not required. NOAA encourages the inclusion of NASA Global Change Master Directory (GCMD) and other relevant keywords, but does not require their inclusion. Guidance provided in blue text assist in selecting appropriate keywords from the indicated vocabularies or thesauri.



Tab 7: Content

This tab collects completely optional descriptive information about the temporal and geographic extent of data in a collection. This is an example of a tab that has no required elements. The "Internal COMET Record Name (required)" is supplied on all record components by the tool.

