



Publishing Your Research in the SANREM Knowledgebase (SKB)

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Overview

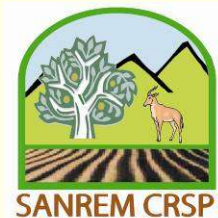
1. Knowledgebase Purpose & Content
2. Partner Responsibilities
3. Basics of SKB Entry Creation



Purpose

The overall goals of the SANREM CRSP Knowledgebase (SKB) are to:

1. Make information resources readily available to development researchers and practitioners
2. Facilitate the effective dissemination of information by providing a structure for efficient search and retrieval of the resources
3. Document for USAID the outcomes of their investment in the SANREM CRSP



Content

There are 3,300 + records in the SKB.
These include:

1. Knowledge generated by SANREM CRSP projects
(over 600 resources from Phase III)
2. Additional relevant SA & NRM resources
(currently over 3200 published resources)



Types of Information Resources in the SKB

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Books

Book Chapters

Theses and Dissertations

Papers/Seminars Presented

Electronic Presentations

Posters

Conference Proceedings

Magazine & Newspaper Articles

Working Papers

Extension Publications

Fact Sheets

Other Reports

Websites

Newsletters

Videos

Abstracts

Datasets

Survey Instruments



SKB Entry Structure

For each information resource, there is an entry/record that contains:

- Bibliographic metadata
- Descriptive metadata
- A digital copy of the resource
(if not prohibited by copyright)



Partner Responsibilities

Create entries for **all** resources that come out of your project, as they are produced.

Advantages of assigning a student to make entries:

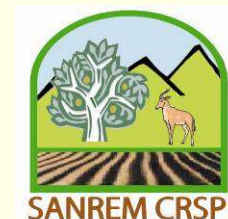
- Time commitment
- Familiarity with SKB formats
- Capacity to add outside resources
- Skill-building for student



SKB Entry Process

How it works:

1. **Create entry**, filling in all applicable metadata. Once complete, submit for review.
2. **Entry is reviewed** by SKB manager and **published** (made accessible online) if complete, or unsubmitted if needing changes.



SKB Metadata Guide

Paper and digital versions

Purpose

Content and format

- Background and general entry tips
- Instructions for metadata fields
- Sample entries



SKB Entry Basics

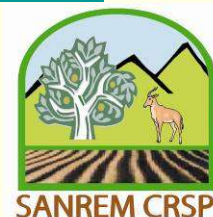
Making an entry:

1. Classify Product Type
 - (Appendix B for reference)
2. Work through the field descriptions
3. Refer to sample entries for examples or clarifications

Sign in:

http://www.oired.vt.edu/sanremcrsp/menu_information/SKB.php

(accessible from SANREM CRSP homepage)



SKB Metadata

Keywords – prioritize restricted; refer to printed copy

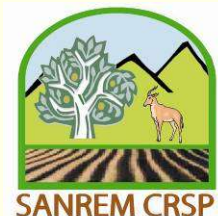
Description - copyright issues with journal articles

Bibliographic citation – not whole citation

Type – almost all are ‘text’

Product type – see Appendix B for descriptions

Upload resource – unless prohibited by copyright; pdf files are preferred (especially for large powerpoint presentation files)



Conclusions & Discussion

Please use the metadata guide!

Assign a student to make entries

Upload a digital copy unless prohibited by copyright

Be aware of copyrights and permissions

Direct SKB entry questions to skb-ra@vt.edu

Questions?





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