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1. General principle: CCI data shall be made freely available without any restrictions on use.
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10. To allow CCI datasets to be properly referenced in the scientific literature, it is strongly encouraged to associate DOIs (digital object identifiers) with released datasets, e.g. through national data centres.

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