

HadISDH Data Format

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HadISDH Land, Marine and Blend Data Format Description

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1) HadISDH.land tables of netCDF file variable names, descriptions and dimensions

Table 1. Generic Dimensions for HadISDH.land

Dimension Name	Dimensions
time	??? months
month	12 months
characters	10 characters
latitude	36 5° gridboxes
longitude	72 5° gridboxes
bound_pairs	2 elements

Table 2. Generic Variables for HadISDH.land

Variable Name	standard_name	long_name	units	Dimensions	cell_methods	comments
time	time	time	days since 1973-1-1 00:00:00	time		
bounds_time	time	time period boundaries		time, bound_pairs		
month		month of year		month, characters		
climbounds		climatology period boundaries		month, bound_pairs, characters		
latitude	latitude	gridbox centre latitude	degrees_north	latitude		
bounds_lat	latitude	latitude gridbox boundaries		latitude, bound_pairs		
longitude	longitude	gridbox centre longitude	degrees_east	longitude		
bounds_long	longitude	longitude gridbox boundaries		longitude, bound_pairs		
meanstncount		mean number of stations within gridbox	1	latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: sum where land (stations within gridbox)	
stncount		actual number of stations within gridbox	1		time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where land (stations within gridbox)	
stdunc		uncorrelated combined 2	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly station uncertainty and

		sigma uncertainty for gridbox				gridbox sampling uncertainty combined in quadrature assumed uncorrelated
sampunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma sampling uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox sampling uncertainty (Jones et al 1997) based on spatio-temporal station presence and intersite correlation assumed uncorrelated
stnunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma station uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: mean where land (stations within gridbox combined in quadrature)	gridbox mean monthly measurement, adjustment and climatology uncertainty combined in quadrature for each station and then in quadrature over the gridbox assumed to be uncorrelated
measunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma measurement uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: mean where land (stations within gridbox combined in quadrature)	gridbox mean monthly measurement uncertainty for each station combined in quadrature over the gridbox assumed to be uncorrelated
climunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma climatology uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where land (stations within gridbox combined in quadrature)	gridbox mean monthly climatology uncertainty for each station combined in quadrature over the gridbox assumed to be uncorrelated
adjunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma adjustment uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where land (stations within gridbox combined in quadrature)	gridbox mean monthly adjustment (applied and missed) uncertainty for each station combined in quadrature over the gridbox assumed to be uncorrelated
rbar		intersite correlation (rbar)	1	latitude, longitude		intersite correlation for each gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (rbar)
sbar2		mean gridbox variance (sbar2)	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all stations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbar2)

Table 3. Generic Global Attributes for HadISDH.land

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Processing_level	brief summary of processes applied to data from source to product
Source	source input data
Comment	any other notes of interest
References	Key journal article to be cited and read for more information
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Creator_email	email for main contact
Version	vX.Y.Z.YYYYp/f: X = major update, Y = minor update, Z = small bug fix or historical data change, YYYY = last year of record, p/f = provisional (p) or final (f)
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Conventions	CF version that the netCDF file has been checked against

Table 4. Variables for HadISDH.landq/RH/e/Td/Tw/T/DPD. Units are g/kg, %rh, hPa, deg C, deg C and deg C respectively.

Variable Name	standard_name	long_name	Dimensions	cell_methods	comments
hussa/ hursa/ vpsa/ tdsa/ twsa/ tasa/ dpdsa	-/-/-/-/-/ air_temper ature_ano maly/ -	near surface (~2m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humiditY/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression anomaly</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month comment: anomaly from climatology) area: mean where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean climate anomaly from stations
huss/ hurs/ vps/ tds/ tws/ tas/ dpds/	specific_hu midity/ relative_h umidity/ -/ dew point temperatu re/ wet bulb temperatu re/ air temperatu re/ dew point depression /	near surface (~2m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: mean where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean from stations
std		near surface (~2m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: variance where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox standard deviation of monthly mean climate anomaly from stations

		<i>dew point depression standard deviation</i>			
clm		<i>near surface (~2m) specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression climatology</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month comment: over 30 year climatology period) area: mean where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox mean of 30 yr climatological monthly mean from stations

2) Description of ASCII file format

There is an ASCII format file for each variable containing the gridded values for actual (*_actual*), anomalies (*_anomaly8110*) and 2 sigma combined (station [measurement, climatology and homogeneity adjustment] and gridbox spatio-temporal sampling) uncertainties (*_uncertainty2sig*):

e.g.,

huss_HadISDH-land_HadOBS_19730101-20141231_v2-0-1-2014p_actual.dat

huss_HadISDH-land_HadOBS_19730101-20141231_v2-0-1-2014p_anomaly8110.dat

huss_HadISDH-land_HadOBS_19730101-20141231_v2-0-1-2014p_uncertainty2sig.dat

The ASCII version of the gridded data lists each month in turn (from January 1973 to the most recent December) identified by a single row with a four character integer for the year (YYYY), a space and a three character string for the month name (MMM).

Each month has 72 columns of longitude (-177.5W to 177.5E grid cell centres) and 36 rows of latitude (-87.5S to 87.5N grid cell centres). The longitudes and latitudes are listed at file end.

Missing data are identified by -9999.99.

Units are in g/kg, %rh, hPa or degrees C depending on the variable. See Tables 1 to 4 for variable names and descriptions and other information about the product.

3) HadISDH.marine tables of netCDF file variable names, descriptions and dimensions

Table 5. Generic Dimensions for HadISDH.marine

Dimension Name	Dimensions
time	??? months
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Table 6. Generic Variables for HadISDH.marine

Variable Name	standard_name	long_name	units	Dimensions	cell_methods	comments
time	time	time	days since	time		

			1973-1-1 00:00:00			
bounds_time	time	time period boundaries		time, bound_pairs		
month		month of year		month, characters		
climbounds		climatology period boundaries		month, bound_pairs, characters		
latitude	latitude	gridbox centre latitude	degrees_north	latitude		
bounds_lat	latitude	latitude gridbox boundaries		latitude, bound_pairs		
longitude	longitude	gridbox centre longitude	degrees_east	longitude		
bounds_long	longitude	longitude gridbox boundaries		longitude, bound_pairs		
gridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where 1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
obscount		number of observations within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where observations within gridbox)	
clmgridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox climatology	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where 1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
clmobscount		number of observations within gridbox climatology	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where observations within gridbox)	
clmstdgridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox climatological standard deviation	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where 1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
clmstdobscount		number of observations within gridbox climatological standard deviation	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum where observations within gridbox)	
abs_hgtadjunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for ship height bias adjustments for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly ship height bias adjustment uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming correlation
anoms_hgtadjunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for ship height bias	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly ship height bias adjustment uncertainty combined in quadrature

		adjustments for anomaly values				assuming correlation
abs_instadjunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for instrument bias adjustments for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly instrument bias adjustment uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming correlation
anoms_instadjunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for instrument bias adjustments for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly instrument bias adjustment uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming correlation
abs_clmunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for climatology for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly climatology uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming correlation
anoms_clmunc		correlated 2 sigma uncertainty for climatology for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly climatology uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming correlation
abs_wholeunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma uncertainty for whole number reporting for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly whole number uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
anoms_wholeunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma uncertainty for whole number reporting for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly whole number uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
abs_measunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma uncertainty for measurement for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly measurement uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
anoms_measunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma uncertainty for measurement for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly measurement uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
abs_obsunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma combined observation uncertainty for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly combined observations uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
anoms_obsunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma combined observations uncertainty for	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly combined observations uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no

		anomaly values				correlation
abs_sampunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma sampling uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where marine (ships within gridbox)	gridbox sampling uncertainty (Jones et al 1997) based on spatio-temporal station presence and intersite correlation assumed uncorrelated
anoms_sampunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma sampling uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where land (stations within gridbox)	gridbox sampling uncertainty (Jones et al 1997) based on spatio-temporal station presence and intersite correlation assumed uncorrelated
pseudostncount		number of pseudo stations within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude		
abs_sbarsq		gridbox mean pseudo-station variance (sbarSQ for sampling uncertainty) for gridbox actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all observations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbarSQ)
anoms_sbarsq		gridbox mean pseudo-station variance (sbarSQ for sampling uncertainty) for gridbox anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all observations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbarSQ)
meanpseudostncount		mean number of pseudo stations within gridbox	1	latitude, longitude		
abs_rbar		intersite correlation (rbar) for actual values	1	latitude, longitude		intersite correlation for each gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (rbar)
anoms_rbar		intersite correlation (rbar) for anomaly values	1	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all observations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbarSQ)
abs_stdunc		uncorrelated combined 2 sigma uncertainty for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly observation uncertainty and gridbox sampling uncertainty combined in quadrature assumed uncorrelated
anoms_stdunc		uncorrelated combined 2 sigma uncertainty for	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly observation uncertainty and gridbox sampling uncertainty combined in

		anomaly values				quadrature assumed uncorrelated
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Table 7. Generic Global Attributes for HadISDH.marine

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Table 8. Variables for HadISDH.marineq/RH/e/Td/Tw/T/DPD. Units are g/kg, %rh, hPa, deg C, deg C and deg C respectively.

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hussa/ hursa/ vpsa/ tdsa/ twsa/ tasa/ dpdsa	-/-/-/-/-/ air_temperature_anomaly/-	near surface (~10m) specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression anomaly	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) comment: anomaly from climatology) area: mean where marine (ships within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean climate anomaly from ships
huss/ hurs/ vps/ tds/ tws/ tas/ dpds/	specific_humidity/ relative_humidity/ -/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression /	near surface (~10m) specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: mean where marine (ships within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean from ships

clmstd		near surface (~10m) specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression climatological standard deviations	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean where marine (ships within gridbox) time: standard deviation of monthly means (interval: 1 month comment: over 30 year climatology period)	30 yr standard deviation of gridbox monthly mean
clm		near surface (~10m) specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature / dew point depression climatology	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month comment: over 30 year climatology period) area: mean where marine (ships within gridbox)	30 year monthly mean of gridbox mean

4) HadISDH.blend tables of netCDF file variable names, descriptions and dimensions

Table 9. Generic Dimensions for HadISDH.blend

Dimension Name	Dimensions
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Table 10. Generic Variables for HadISDH.blend

Variable Name	standard_name	long_name	Units	Dimensions	cell_methods	comments
time	time	time	days since 1973-1-1 00:00:00	time		
bounds_time	time	time period boundaries		time, bound_pairs		
month		month of year		month, characters		
climbounds		climatology period boundaries		month, bound_pairs, characters		
latitude	latitude	gridbox centre latitude	degrees_north	latitude		
bounds_lat	latitude	latitude gridbox		latitude,		

		boundaries		bound_pairs		
longitude	longitude	gridbox centre longitude	degrees_east	longitude		
bounds_long	longitude	longitude gridbox boundaries		longitude, bound_pairs		
land_meanstncount		mean number of stations within gridbox	1	latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: sum (observations within gridbox)	
land_stncount		actual number of stations within gridbox	1		time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (observations within gridbox)	
marine_gridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
marine_obscount		number of observations within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (observations within gridbox)	
marine_clmgridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox climatology	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
marine_clmobscount		number of observations within gridbox climatology	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (observations within gridbox)	
marine_clmsstdgridcount		number of 1by1 daily grids within gridbox climatological standard deviation	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (1by1 daily grids within gridbox)	
marine_clmsstdobscount		number of observations within gridbox climatological standard deviation	1	month, latitude, longitude	time: sum (interval: 1 month) area: sum (observations within gridbox)	
abs_obsunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma combined observation uncertainty for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly combined observations uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
anoms_obsunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma combined observations uncertainty for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly combined observations uncertainty combined in quadrature assuming no correlation
abs_sampunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma sampling uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean (observations within gridbox)	gridbox sampling uncertainty (Jones et al 1997) based on spatio-temporal station

						presence and intersite correlation assumed uncorrelated
anoms_sampunc		uncorrelated 2 sigma sampling uncertainty for gridbox	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude	area: mean (observations within gridbox)	gridbox sampling uncertainty (Jones et al 1997) based on spatio-temporal station presence and intersite correlation assumed uncorrelated
marine_pseudostncount		number of pseudo stations within gridbox	1	time, latitude, longitude		
abs_sbarsq		gridbox mean pseudo-station variance (sbarSQ for sampling uncertainty) for gridbox actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all observations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbarSQ)
anoms_sbarsq		gridbox mean pseudo-station variance (sbarSQ for sampling uncertainty) for gridbox anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	latitude, longitude		mean variance over all observations in gridbox following Jones et al 1997 (sbarSQ)
marine_meanpseudostncount		number of pseudo stations within gridbox	1	latitude, longitude		
abs_stdunc		uncorrelated combined 2 sigma uncertainty for actual values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly observation uncertainty and gridbox sampling uncertainty combined in quadrature assumed uncorrelated
anoms_stdunc		uncorrelated combined 2 sigma uncertainty for anomaly values	g/kg, hPa, deg C, %rh	time, latitude, longitude		gridbox mean monthly observation uncertainty and gridbox sampling uncertainty combined in quadrature assumed uncorrelated

Table 11. Generic Global Attributes for HadISDH.blend

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Table 12. Variables for HadISDH.blendq/RH/e/Td/Tw/T/DPD. Units are g/kg, %rh, hPa, deg C, deg C, deg C and deg C respectively.

Variable Name	standard_name	long_name	Dimensions	cell_methods	comments
hussa/ hursa/ vpsa/ tdsa/ twsa/ tasa/ dpdsa	-/-/-/-/-/ air_temperature_anomaly/-	near surface (~2/10m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression anomaly</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month comment: anomaly from climatology) area: mean (observations within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean climate anomaly
huss/ hurs/ vps/ tds/ tws/ tas/ dpds/	specific_humidity/ relative_humidity/-/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression /	near surface (~2/10m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: mean (observations within gridbox)	gridbox mean monthly mean from ships
clm		near surface (~2/10m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature / dew point depression climatology</i>	time, latitude, longitude	time: mean (interval: 1 month comment: over 30 year climatology period) area: mean (observations within gridbox)	30 year monthly mean of gridbox mean
marine_cl		near surface	time, latitude,	area: mean where	30 yr standard

mstd		(~10m) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression climatological standard deviations</i>	longitude	ocean (observations within gridbox) time: standard deviation of monthly means (interval: 1 month comment: over 30 year climatology period)	deviation of gridbox monthly mean
land_std		near surface (~2) <i>specific humidity/ relative humidity/ vapour pressure/ dew point temperature/ wet bulb temperature/ air temperature/ dew point depression standard deviation</i>		time: mean (interval: 1 month) area: variance where land (observations within gridbox)	gridbox standard deviation of monthly mean climate anomaly from observations