SAEON Data Portal
How to Work with Meta-Data

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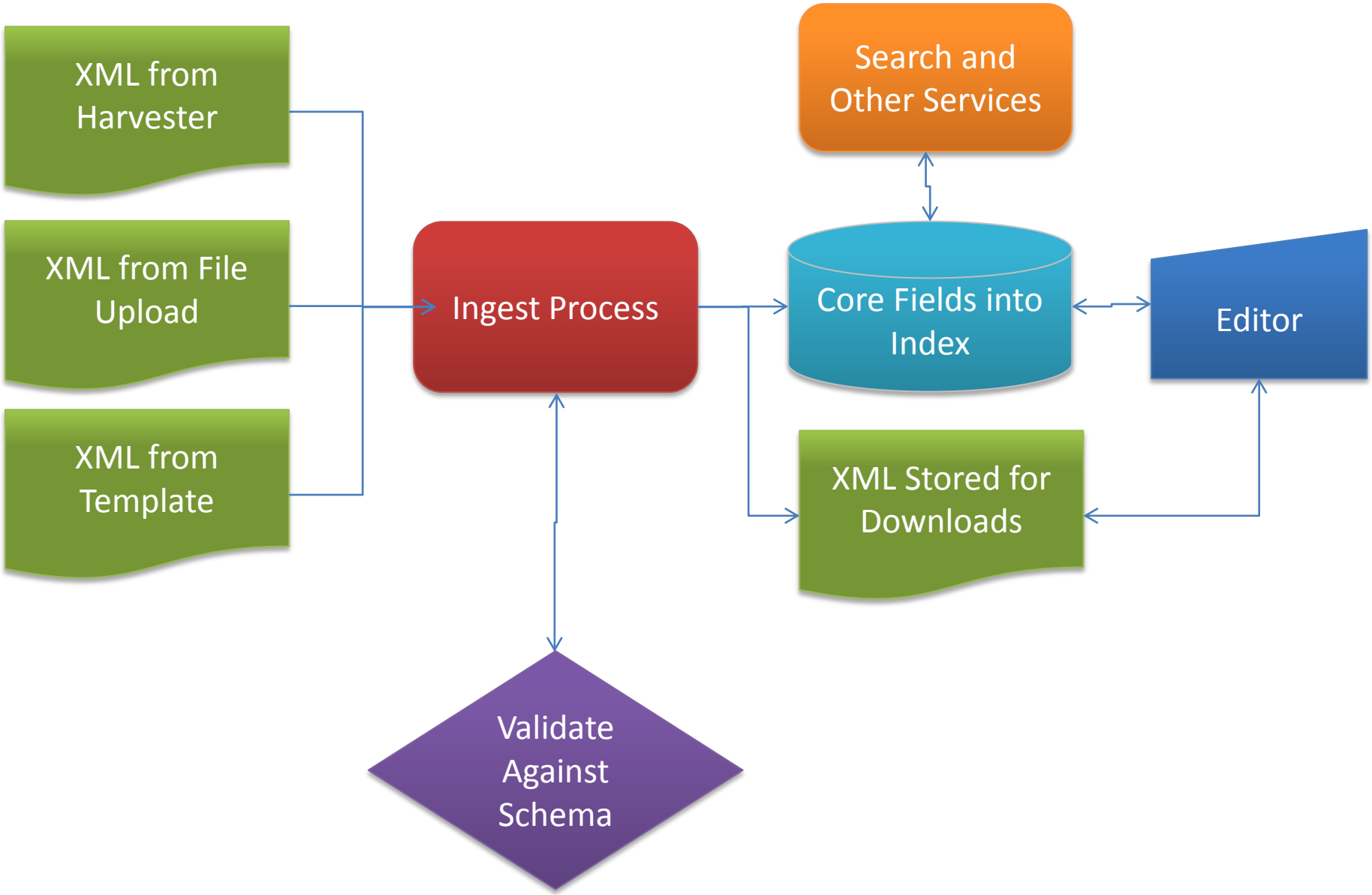
Meta-Data Processing



Meta-Data: Rationale

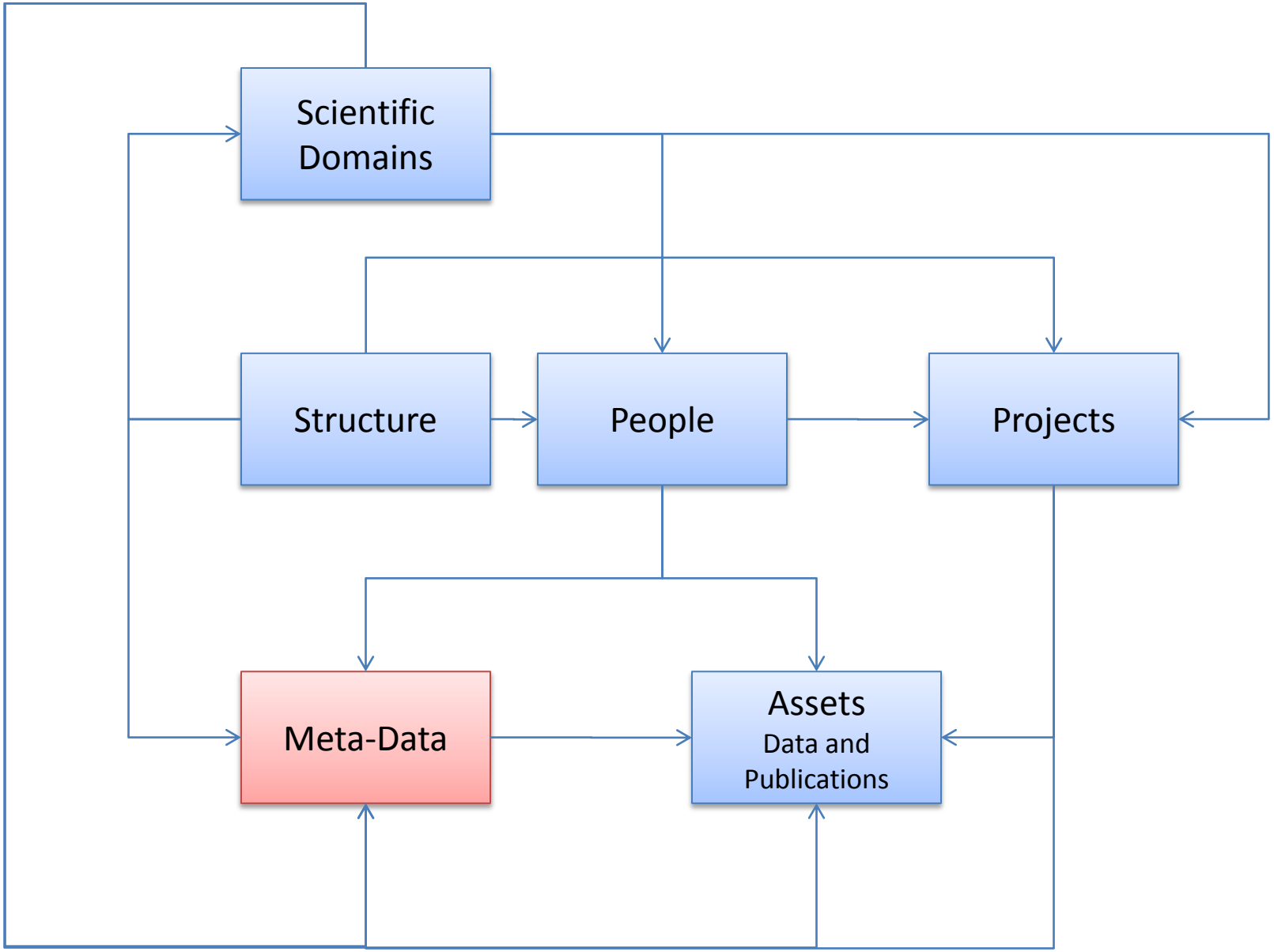
- Management Rationale (What does it do?)
  - Mandatory/ Legal/ Condition of Funding
  - Asset and Investment Management/ Curation
  - Public Good, Publication and Dissemination
  - Interoperability/ Standardisation Imperative

- Semantic Rationale (What does it describe?)
  - “Because it Exists”
  - “Because of its Type and Format”
  - “Because of its Meaning/ Domain”
  - “Because of the Custodian/ Curator”

Meta-Data: Elements

- Main Element Packages
  - Citation/ Semantic Abstraction
  - Ownership and Curation
  - Data Set, Extent, and Coverage
    - What, Where, and When
  - Lineage/ Provenance/ Methods/ Protocols/ Quality
  - Usage, Rights, Distribution
  - Formats, Language, Encoding, Signature

Enterprise Conceptual Model and Meta-Data



Applicable Standards

	Dublin Core	ISO/ SANS 1878	FGDC	EML	FGDC BioProfile
“Existence”	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
“Format”		✓	✓	✓	✓
“Domain”	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
“Organisation”	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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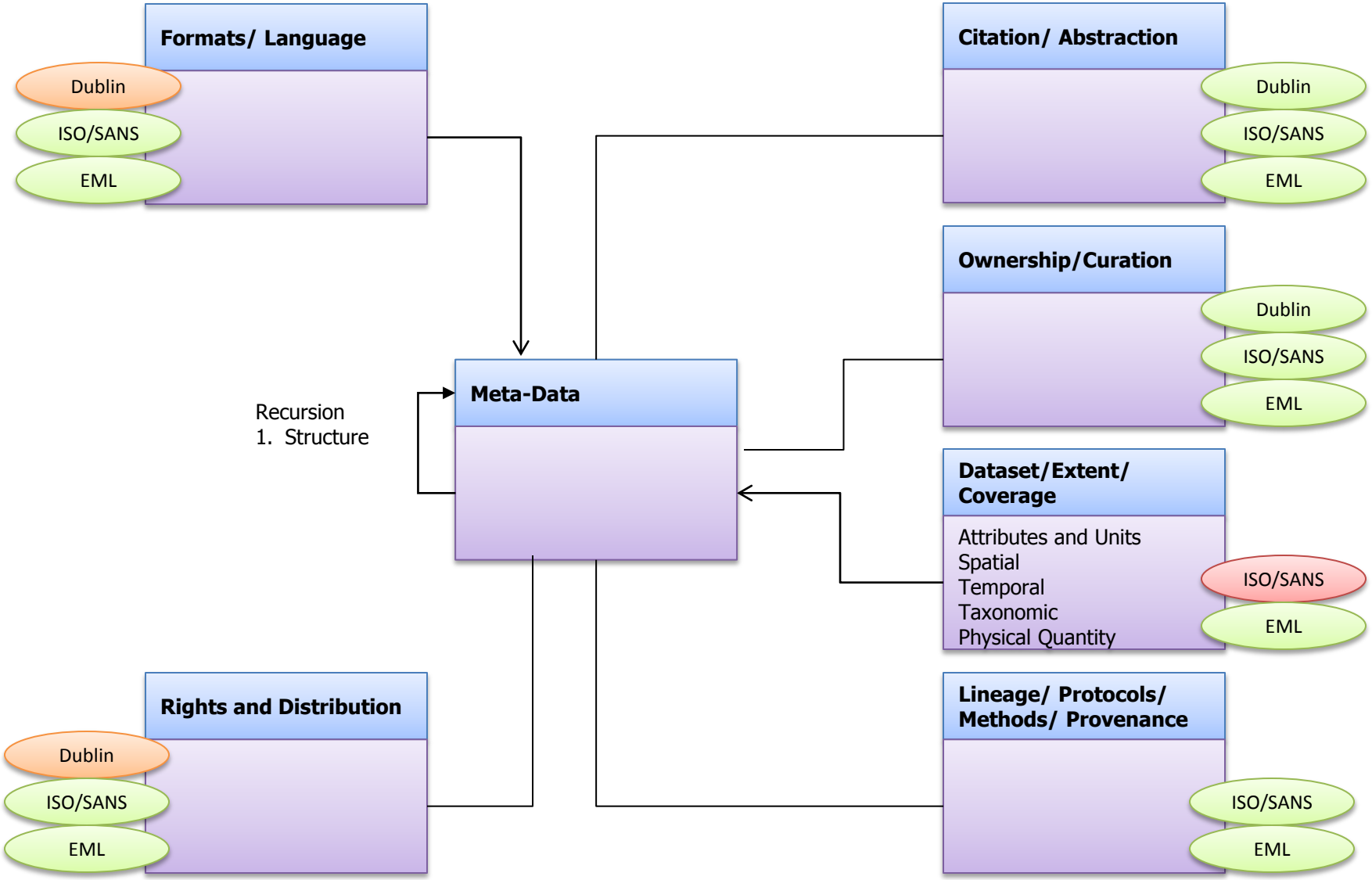

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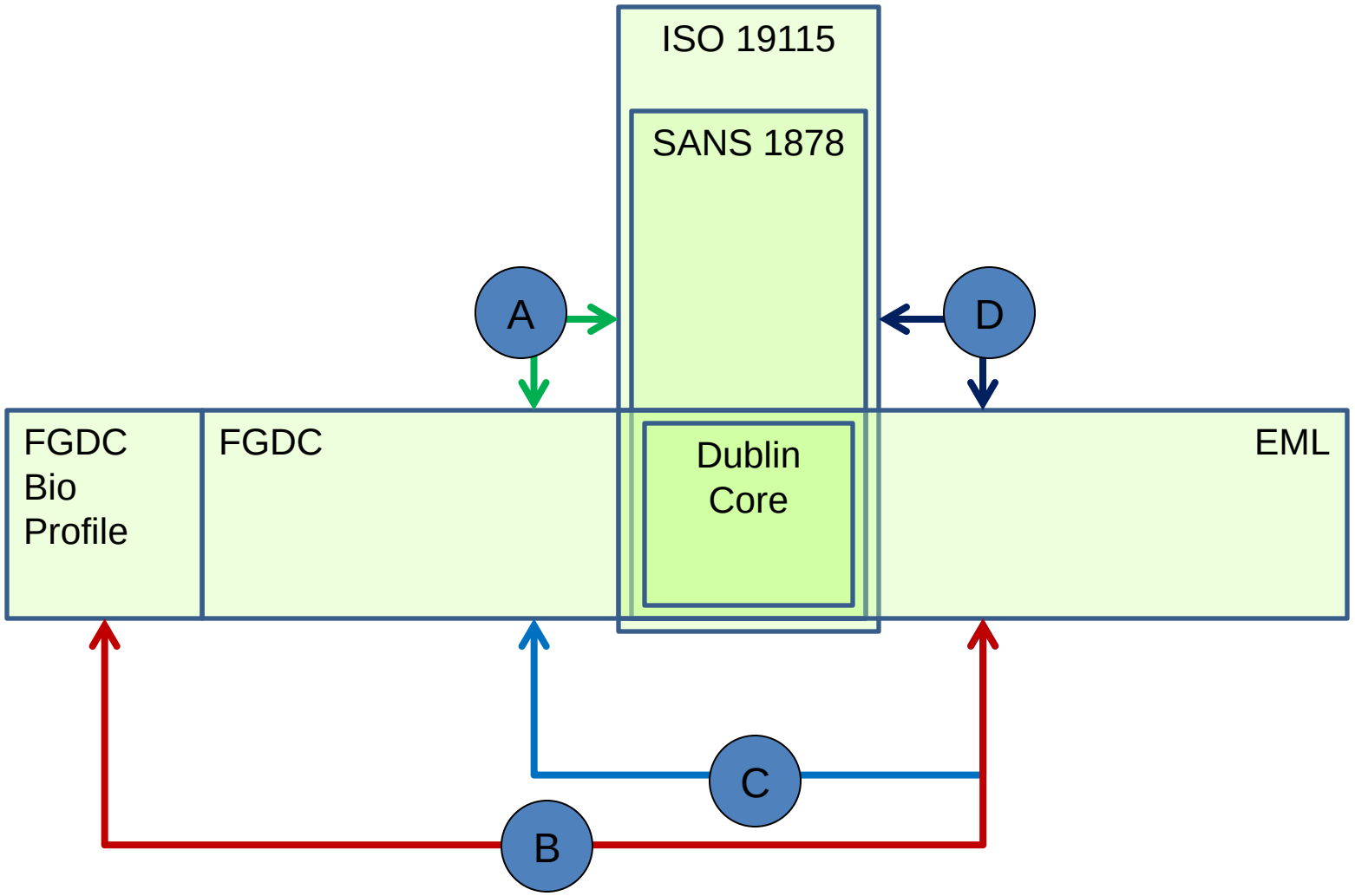

A: Translation between FGDC and ISO19115 / SANS 1878 (Spatial Meta-Data)
B: Translation between FGDC Biological Profile and EML
C: Translation between FGDC and EML 'Spatial Coverage Element'
D: Translation between ISO 19115/ SANS 1878 and EML 'Spatial Coverage Element'

Controlled Vocabularies, Thesauri, Ontologies

- Controlled Vocabulary
  - Keyword Lists, Valid Values, …
- Thesaurus
  - Defined Relationships
    - Preferred Term
    - Related Term
    - Parent/ Child Term
- Ontology
  - Top-Level and Domain Ontologies
  - Semantic Interoperability

✓ Consistency
✓ Intra-domain

✓ Efficiency
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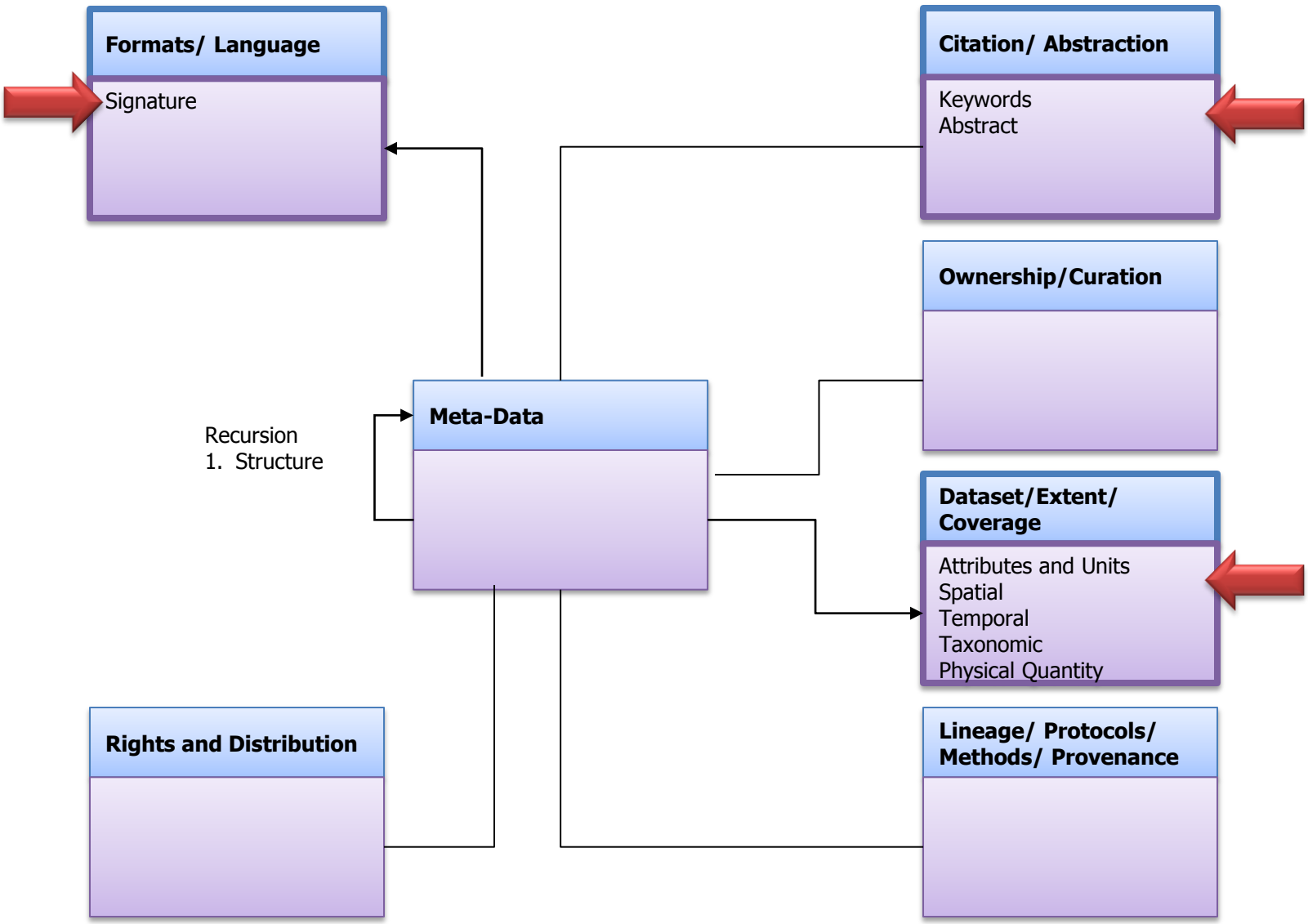
✓ Consistency
✓ Efficiency
✓ Inter-Domain

Role of Controlled Vocabularies, Thesauri, Ontologies



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Typical Meta-Data Record

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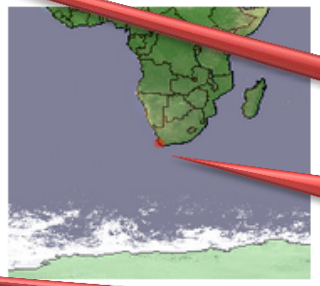

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Links to similar records

Meta-Data Standard

Organisation and Date

Abstract

Approximate Location

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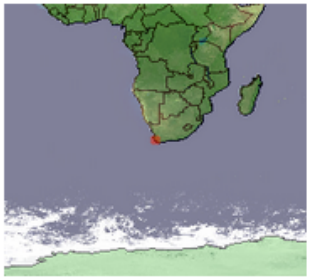

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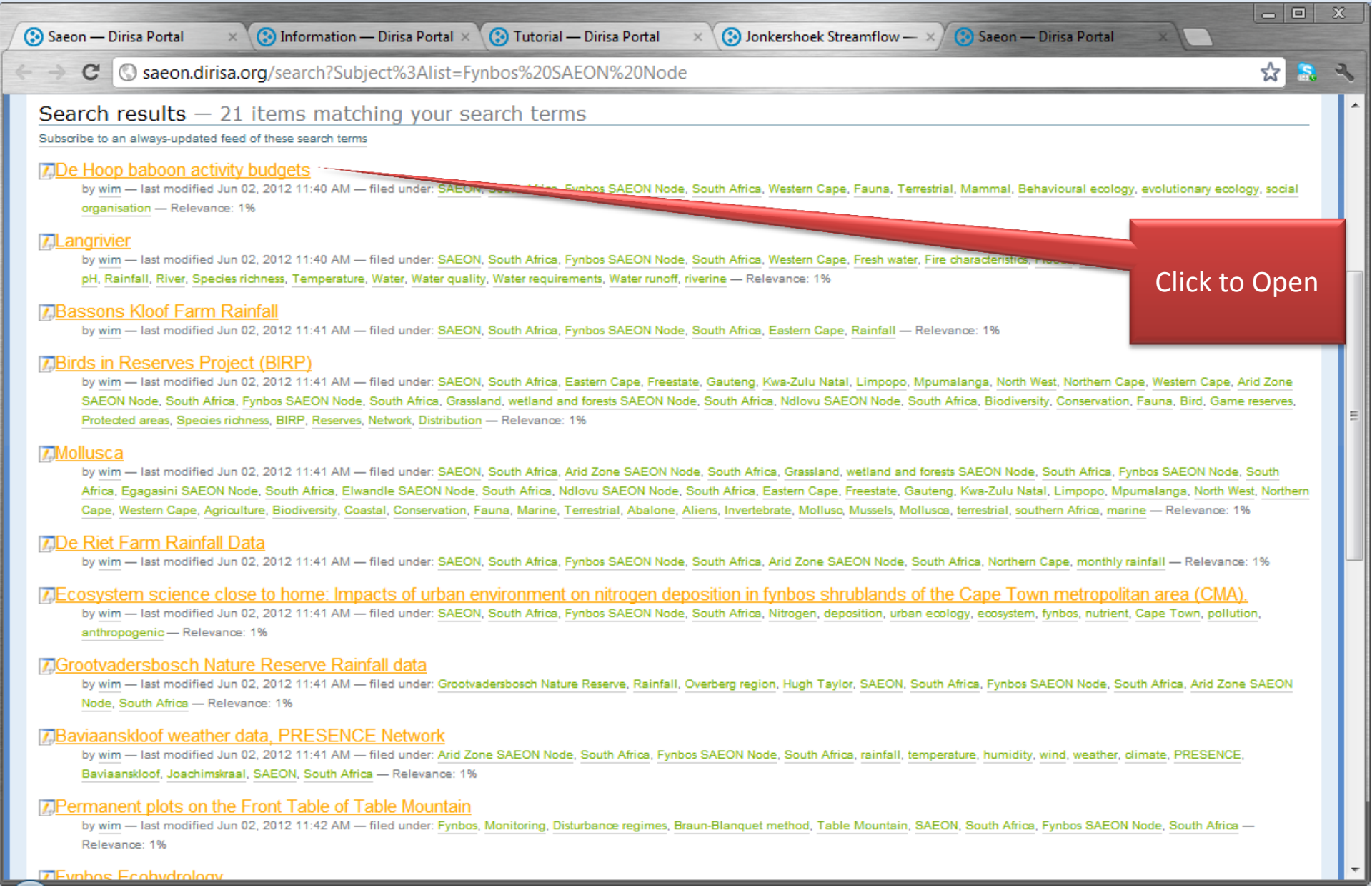

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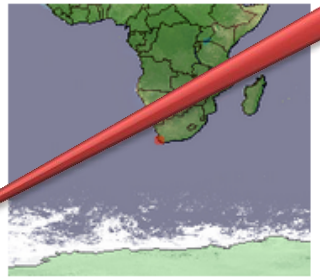

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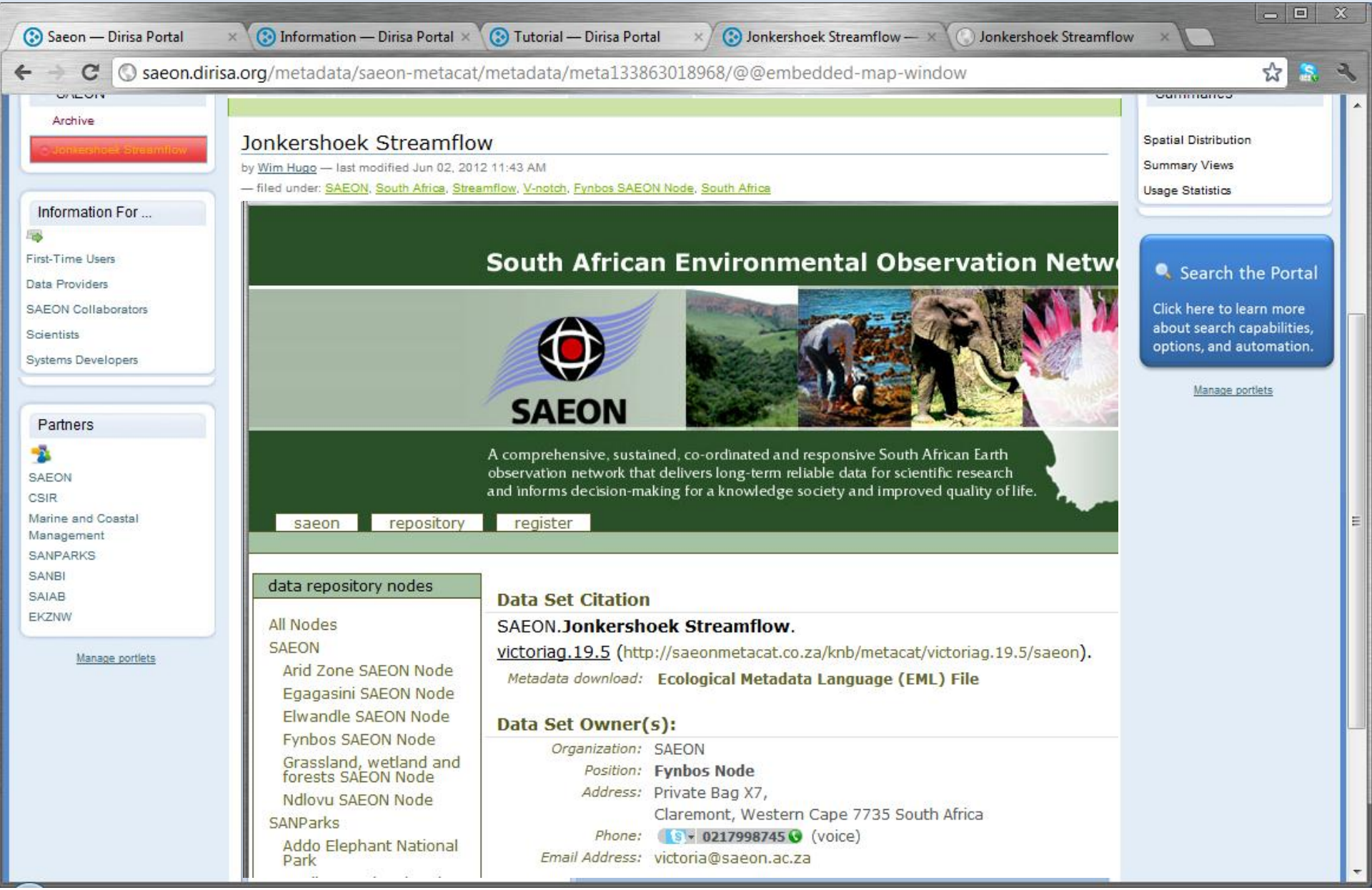

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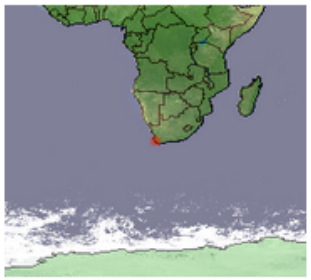

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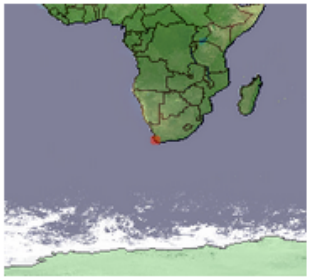

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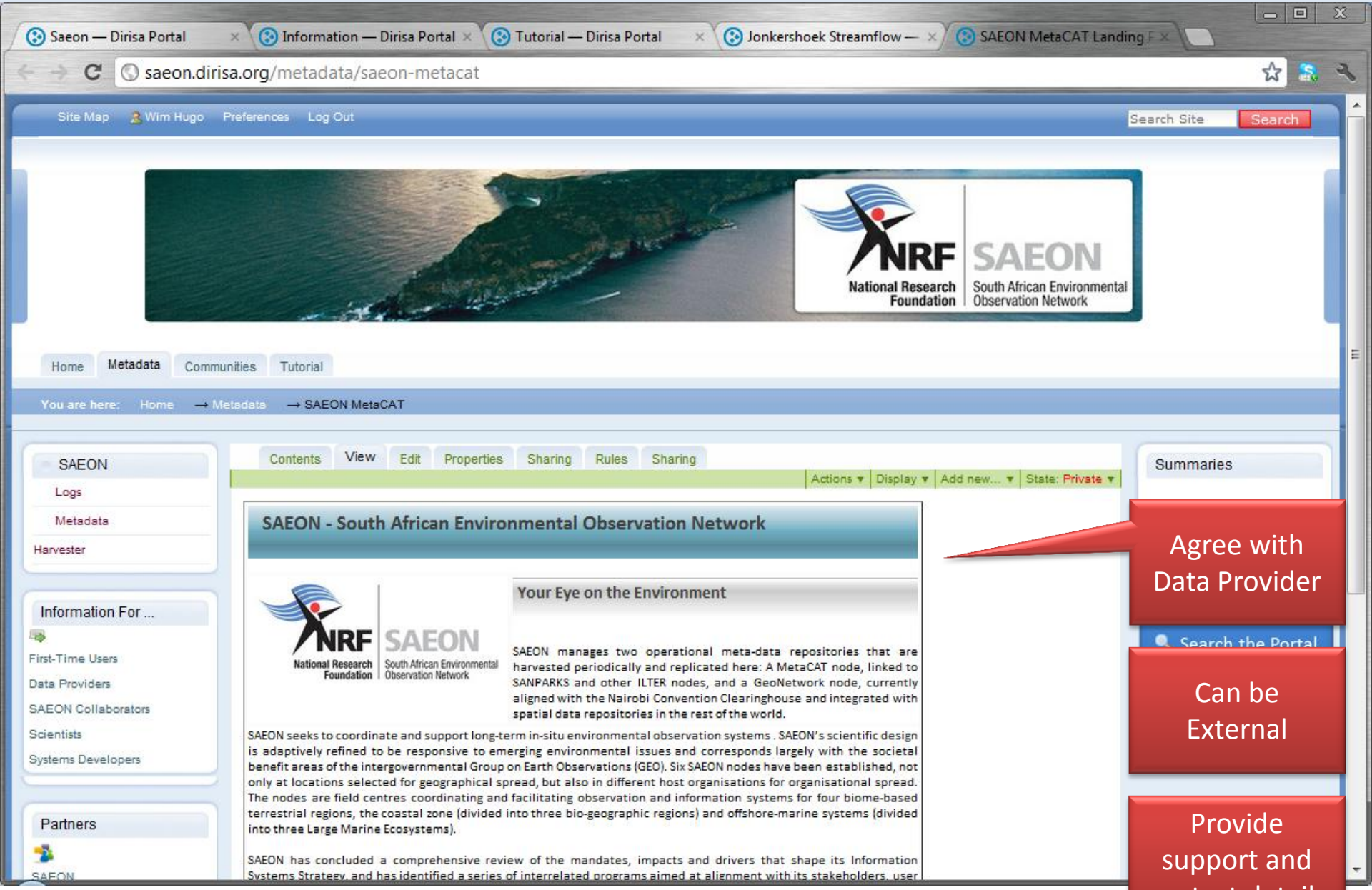

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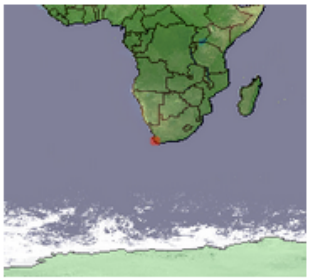

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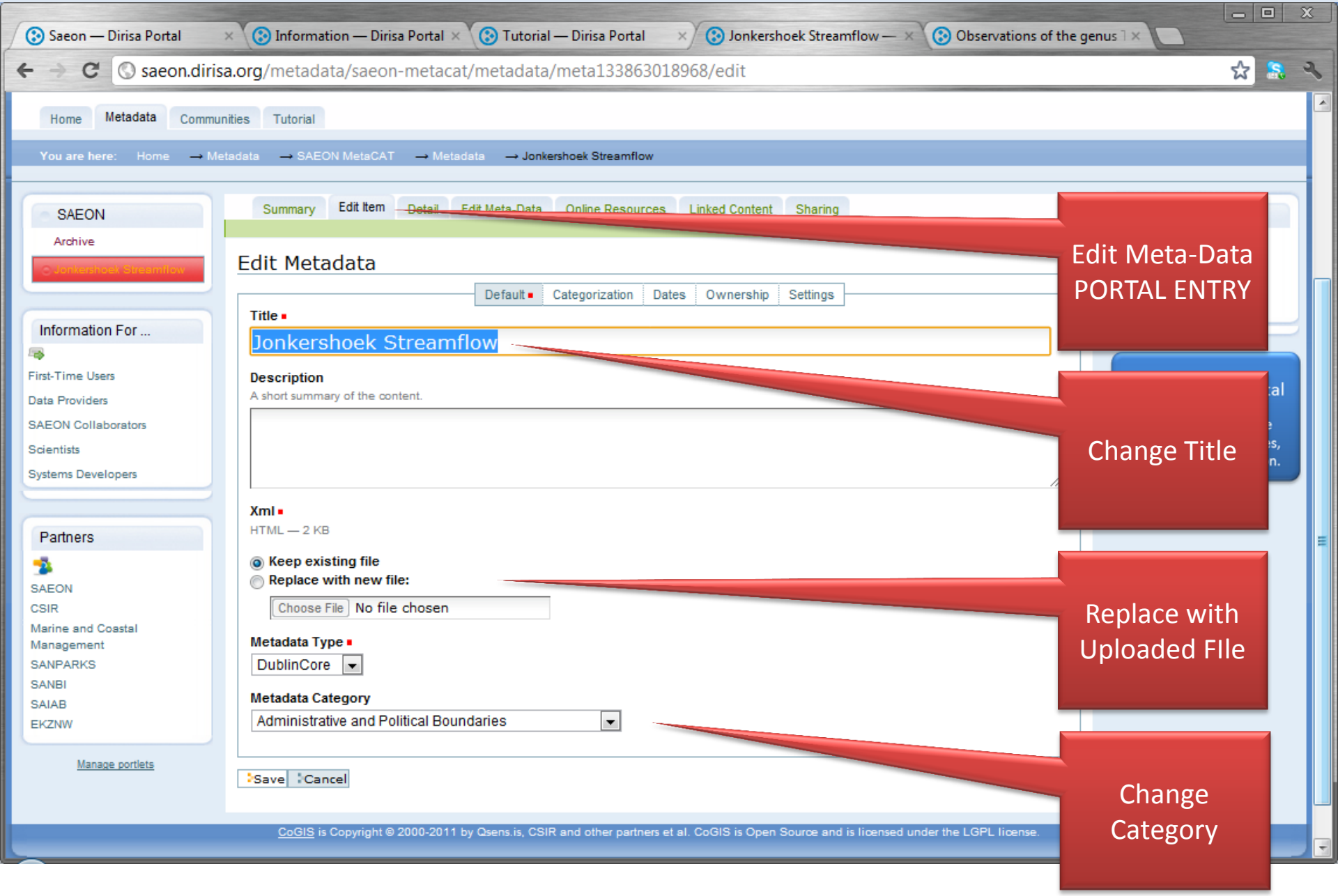

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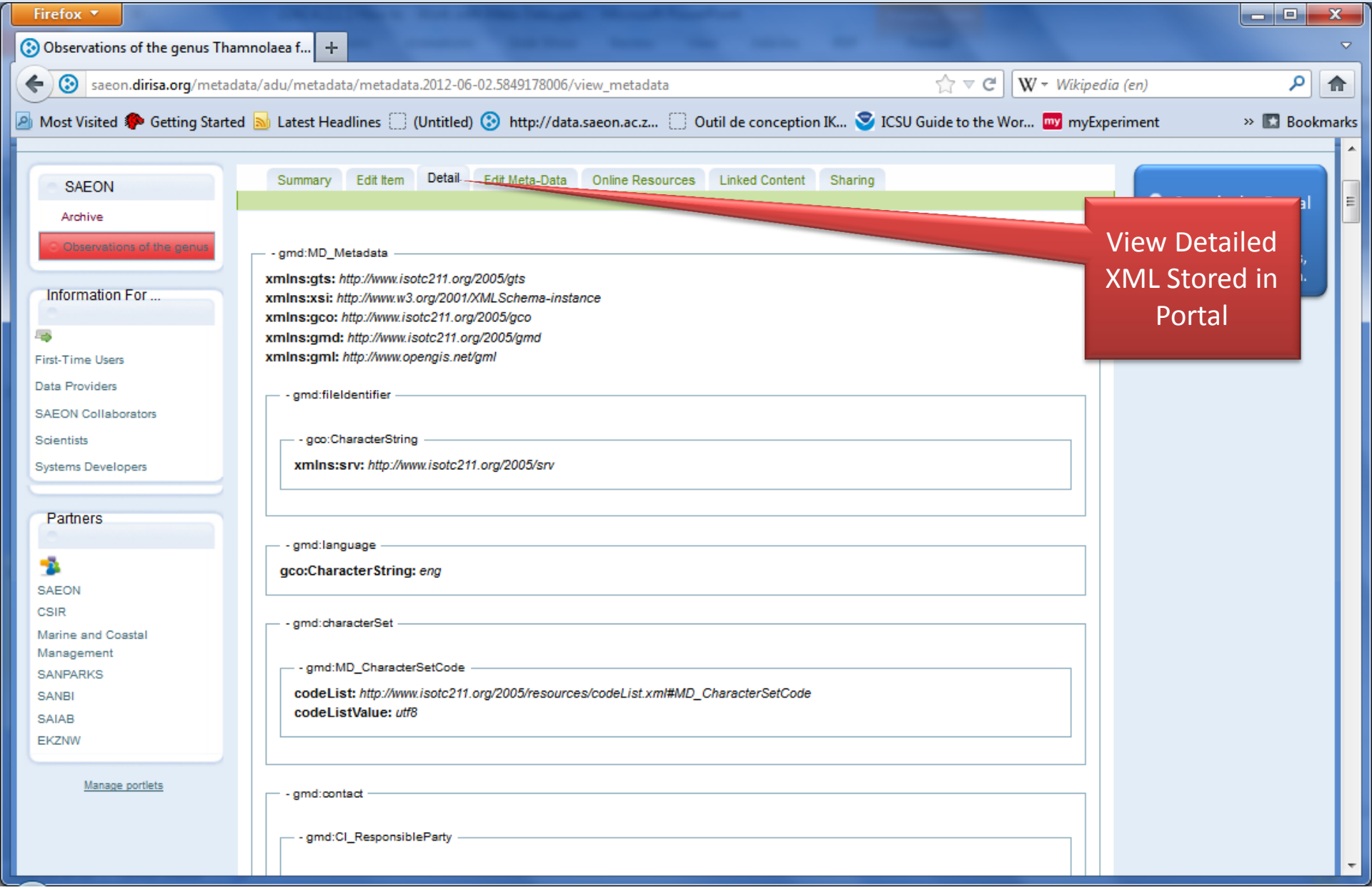
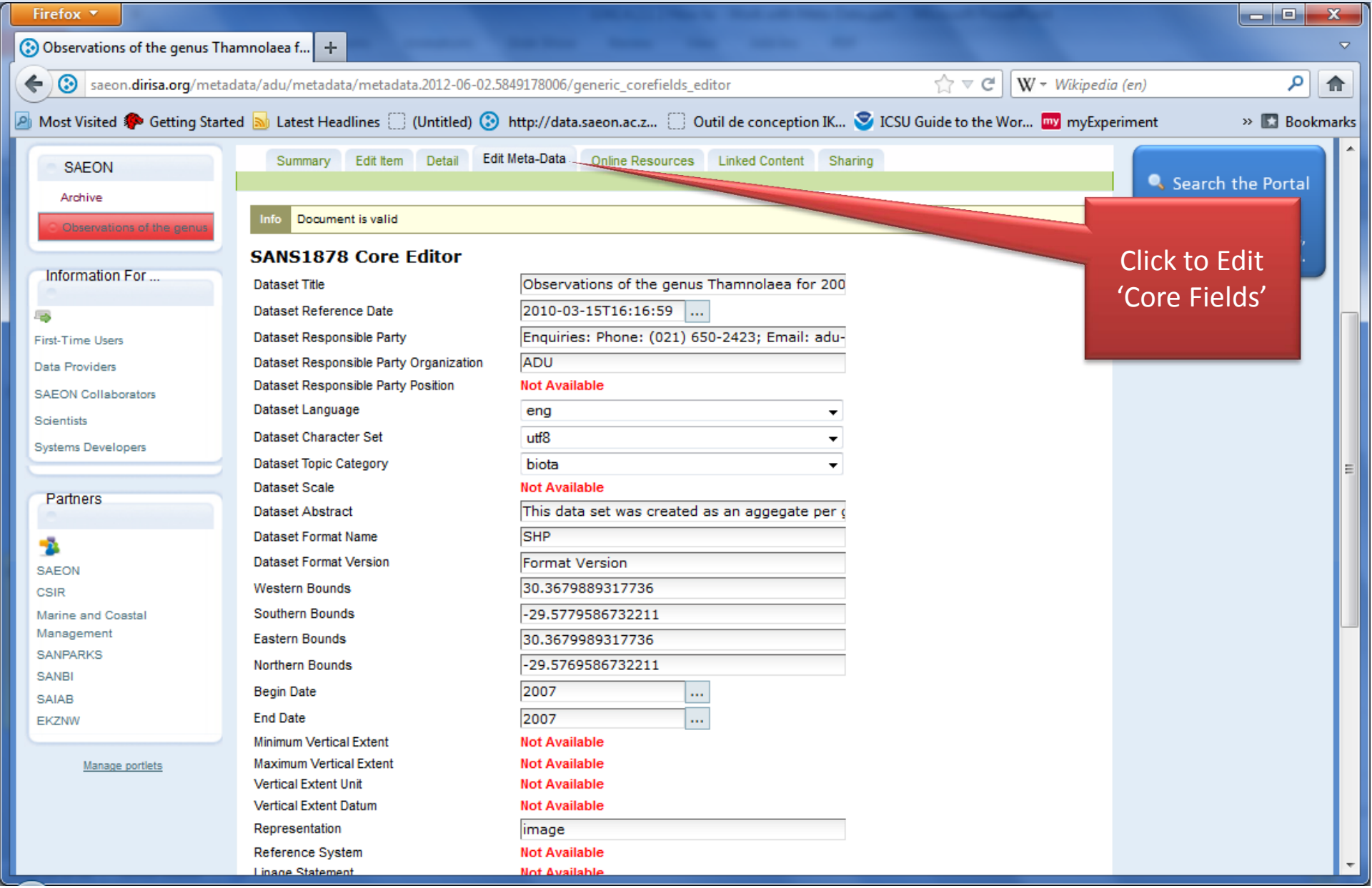
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