

Dear Sir Muir Russell.

Professor Jones has stated that he was unable to release (some) data because he did not have permission from the Countries of origin. This statement was repeated by Professor Acton (V.C. of UEA) at the recent Science and Technology Inquiry Hearing.

Professor Acton's exact words (with Professor Jones sitting next to him) were:

Professor Acton: "Unfortunately, several of these countries impose conditions and say you are not allowed to pass it on, so there has just been an attempt to get these answers. Seven countries have said No, you cannot , half the countries have not yet answered, Canada and Poland are amongst those who have said, No you cannot publish it and also Sweden.

From: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/uc387-i/uc38702.htm>.

However recent correspondence (attached) suggests the situation is not as simple as Professors Acton and Jones suggest.

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Data from the HadCRUT dataset

Dear Professor Jones,

With reference to the current debate regarding, amongst other things, access to climate data we have found that our letter to you dated 21 December 2009 unfortunately have rendered bad publicity both to SMHI and to the climate research community. We understand now that our response to your request forwarded by UK MetOffice 30 November 2009 may have been misinterpreted, maybe due to the fact that the formulations may have been a bit harsh.

Our response was based on your information that it was likely that the version held by you would most likely differ from our current holdings. It has never been our intention to withhold any data but we feel that it is paramount that data that has undergone, for instance, homogenisation by anyone other than SMHI is not presented as SMHI data. We see no problem with publication of the data set together with a reference stating that the data included in the dataset is based on observations made by SMHI but it has undergone processing made by your research unit. We would also prefer a link to SMHI or to our web site where the original data can be obtained.

Yours sincerely

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Data from the HadCRUT dataset

Dear Prof. Jones,

SMHI has in a letter, dated November 30, from UK MetOffice, received your request regarding the release of data from the HadCRUT dataset.

Given the information that the version of the data from the SMHI stations that you hold are likely to differ from the data we hold, SMHI do not want the data to be released on your web site.

SMHI are developing its own web site where you can find data from a number of stations, including the stations in the list enclosed with your letter, downloadable for non-commercial purposes, please see http://data.smhi.se/met/climate/time_series/html/essential20.html and http://data.smhi.se/met/climate/time_series/html/vov20.html. The datasets are for a shorter period, but the web site is under development and more data will be available for download in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Lena

Please find attached to this letter a request from Professor Phil Jones at the Climate Research Unit of the University of East Anglia regarding the release of data from the HadCRUT dataset.

I would be very grateful if you would respond to Professor Jones' request as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John Hirst", written over a horizontal line.

John Hirst
Chief Executive

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24960	594	-195	12	Svenska Hoegarna
25120	578	-119	20	Goeteborg
25160	576	-116	19	Vinga
25500	578	-141	226	JONKOPING FLYGPLATS
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25840	584	-192	12	Gotska Sandoen
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26040	567	-129	25	Halmstad
26160	554	-128	5	Falsterbo
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In this list of series used from your country, the columns are:

- (1) WMO number with an extra digit that is generally zero
- (2) Latitude in degrees and tenths (negative for Southern Hemisphere)
- (3) Longitude in degrees and tenths (negative East)
- (4) Elevation in metres (where available, -999 and sometimes 0 means missing)
- (5) Station Name

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Dear PR,

Over the last 25 years the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) of the University of East Anglia (UEA) has developed, in collaboration with the Met Office Hadley Centre, monthly gridded datasets of land surface temperature. These gridded datasets are made available to climate scientists and the public without restriction via <http://hadobs.metoffice.com/> and <http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/cru/data/>.

The hemispheric and global averages of these data are combined with marine data produced by the Met Office Hadley Centre to form the global surface temperature series, which are widely used by scientists around the world and in the IPCC Scientific Assessments. According to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, they represent some of the key direct observations of global warming.

Given the importance of the global surface temperature series, we would like to make the underpinning data more widely available. CRU therefore requests your permission to release the underlying monthly mean temperature station records we hold – which for some stations go back to the 19th century - and believe to be under your present day purview (Annex I provides a complete listing). The data would be made freely available on the dataset web pages referred to above.

We stress that the data we hold has arisen from multiple sources, and has been recovered over the last 30 years. Subsequent quality control and homogenisation of these data have been carried out. It is therefore highly likely that the version we hold and are requesting permission to distribute will differ from your own current holdings.

We would be grateful for your kind attention to this matter. Please respond by indicating whether you either do or do not agree to the release of the data relating to your stations, direct to:

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Yours Sincerely,

Prof Phil Jones

Annex I

List of stations under the NMS's purview.