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Searching in the EDS

http://uba-eds.de/

The **Environmental Discovery System (EDS)** combines the library's electronic and print holdings with data from numerous specialist databases and many other licensed electronic sources on the subject of the environment. In addition to metadata, the EDS also contains abstracts and links to full-text articles and numerous foreign-language results. Therefore, the EDS search space is considerably larger than that of the OPAC, making the EDS ideal for initial overview research.

The EDS homepage also contains links to various specialist databases that employees of the Federal Environment Agency can access on their work computers.

Simple Search

The simple search allows you to search using a search field and selected filter options, including various disciplines. Various search options can be selected below the search field. The search results are preselected to be available in the environmental library's inventory.

Advanced Search

The advanced search allows you to search using multiple search fields. Unlike the simple search, the drop-down menu next to the search fields offers more options for selecting the fields to be searched. You can combine up to twelve queries by adding multiple search fields.



In addition, you can link search terms from different categories using **Boolean operators** (AND, OR, NOT).



Unlike the simple search, here you can access all search options and filters. These are listed below the search fields. If you enter entries in several search categories, these will be searched in combination. This means that only hits that match all search criteria will be displayed.

In most search fields, the default setting is to search in "Alle Felder" (all fields). The order of the search terms entered and upper- and lower-case letters are irrelevant. If a word in the singular is searched for, the plural and possessive forms of this word are also searched.



Example:

Searching for 'library' will also find titles containing 'libraries'.

By default, the search operator 'AND' is used between search terms and individual search fields.

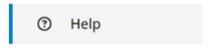
You can use **wildcard and truncation symbols** to search for terms with unknown characters, multiple spellings or different endings.

The asterisk (*) stands for multiple characters.

The hashtag (#) stands for an optional character.

The question mark (?) stands for exactly one character.

Please note that wildcards are not permitted as the first character.



You can find the **help pages** in the menu bar on the left under 'Hilfe' ('Help'). The explanations are available there in numerous languages.

You can access the settings via the **MyEBSCO** button in the top right-hand corner. There you can choose from 33 languages for the user interface. You can also specify your region for correct date and country settings.



Result list & full display

You can use the sorting menu to arrange results by relevance or date. Thanks to a ranking algorithm, the library inventory is displayed first in the result list, even if the corresponding search option is not selected.

The results are displayed as short data records. You can view the full display by clicking on the respective title. In the full display, you also have the option of citing or exporting the hit. Via the result list, you can also click on the 'Access options' button to access the **full text link** (if available) to view the complete article. You can temporarily save individual search results using the **bookmark icon**.

