

## How to use the Open Planet library

The Open Planet library enables everyone, everywhere in the world, access to world-class, scientifically accurate footage of our changing planet.

The steps below will guide you through the process of using the library. If you have specific questions, check our [FAQs](#) or get in touch with the team.

To start using Open Planet, go to [www.openplanet.org](http://www.openplanet.org)

**Why sign up to Open Planet?** While you do not need an account to browse the library, signing up to Open Planet for free will allow you to download footage and create your own collections.

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#### 1) Sign up (new user)

- When you arrive on the website, click on the button top right with three lines. A menu will appear with a button reading 'Log in / Sign up'. **Click this button**. Alternatively, click the button top left with a person icon.
- A form will pop out. If you already have an account, you can enter your details to log in. If you are new to Open Planet, **click 'Sign up'**.
- **Complete the short sign-up form with your details**. Please note – in order to use Open Planet, during this stage you must:
  - Confirm you are 14 years or older, or that you have the permission of an educator, parent or guardian to use the site.
  - Accept our terms and conditions, including that you will only use the Open Planet library for non-commercial purposes.
- Once you have completed both steps of the short form, **click 'Sign up'**. You will then receive an email asking you to verify your account. **Click the button in the email to confirm your registration**.

**Welcome to Open Planet!** After verifying your email address, you'll be a registered user of Open Planet, and will have full access to our library.

#### 2) Log in (returning user)

- To log into an existing account, click on the person icon on the top left. You will now be able to enter your details on the first 'Log In' page. As in the section above, you can also find this page through the site menu.

**Forgotten your password?** Click the 'Forgot password' link on the 'Log In' page to reset it. You can reset your password at any time.

### 3) Explore

- You can discover our featured **content collections**, which focus on different themes and stories about our planet and include selections of footage from across the library for inspiration.
- Alternatively, use the search bar on the [homepage](#) or click on the search icon on other pages of the site. There is also a search bar at the bottom of every page. Use this to search by keywords, such as:
  - **Theme or issue** e.g. 'Climate' or 'Weather' or 'flooding'
  - **Country or area** e.g. 'India' or 'Brazil' or 'the Amazon'
  - **Habitat** e.g. 'forests' or 'oceans'
- You can keep adding keywords in the search bar when in browse to further refine your search. You can also use our helpful search filters when viewing the library. First click 'browse / search' from the main menu, then use the filter menu which hovers in the bottom centre of your screen.

**Looking for inspiration?** [Explore examples for how Open Planet footage has been used in films and other content.](#)

- If you would like to **preview a piece of footage**, you can hover over it.
- You can also **click on a clip to watch in full and find out further information** about it. Information about each clip in the library is helpfully organised in tabs to make it easy to find what you need.

### 4) Collections

- As you explore Open Planet, you can start to **create a 'Collection'** by simply selecting a clip and clicking 'add to collection'. This is a helpful way to bring together any clips that you might want to use in the same film, so you can find them quickly later on. You can also name your collections, for instance by the name of the project or film you are working on.
  - To create a collection, click on an item and select 'add to collection'
  - To add a piece of footage to a collection, hover over it and click the '+' icon.
  - You can view and edit your collections at any time by visiting your profile in the top right hand corner.

### 5) Downloads

- **As you explore the library, you can download single clips or full collections of footage to use.**
  - For collections, you can view and download your collections by visiting your account. On the left hand side on the account page, you will see a menu – select 'collections' from this menu to see all of your collections.
  - Choose the collection you would like to download, and click on the button that says 'Download this collection'.
  - For single clips, you can download clips as you explore the library – hover over an asset and you will see three buttons appear. Choose the first button with the downward arrow to download.

When you have clicked to download footage or a collection, an 'Order Summary' page will appear..

- **Select the format** you would like for each piece of footage, and your **intended use**.  
If you would like to apply the same format and intended use to all, use the dropdowns at the top of the page to apply to all.  
On the next page, you will need to accept our terms of use for Open Planet – please read these carefully.
- Once confirmed, you will reach a 'Success' page and be able to download your files through your account.

**You are now ready to start creating your film!** Thank you for using the Open Planet library to tell your story. We would love to hear how you are using the library – please [get in touch](#) to let us know!