

Resource Directory

User Manual

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The [Resource Directory](#) was developed by a Specialist Committee of the New York State Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG; www.nyetwg.com) to aid in the dissemination of accurate, science-based information on the environmental impacts of offshore wind energy development.

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Sources

Existing public-facing documents and other informational materials (hereafter “resources”) were collated by the Specialist Committee. The topics included the potential environmental impacts of offshore wind development on habitat and taxonomic groups of interest (e.g., birds, marine mammals, fishes), other interacting anthropogenic stressors, and permitting and policy. Topics are reflected in the *Topic/Keyword* field:

Topics

- Bats
- Birds
- Climate Change
- Collision Risk
- Compensation
- Disease
- Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)
- Fish
- Fisheries
- Floating Offshore Wind
- Hydrodynamics
- Noise
- Oceanography
- Permitting and Policy
- Protected Species
- Marine Debris
- Marine Mammal
- Marine Pollution
- Mitigation
- Sea Turtles
- Strandings
- Take Estimates
- Unusual Mortality Event (UME)
- Vessels
- Wind Wake

Keywords

- Behavioral Change
- Benefits
- Benthos
- Contaminants
- Data and Reporting
- Data Tools and Systems
- Effects and Impacts
- Habitats and Ecosystems
- Monitoring and Research
- Mortality
- Run-off
- Spatial Planning

These public-facing resources include varied formats (indicated in the *Resource Type* field):

- Educational Brief
- Fact Sheet
- FAQ
- News/Magazine Article
- Podcast
- Website

There are also several resources in the database that fall outside of these primary categories, including conference proceedings, databases, webinars, technical reports, and testimony/transcripts. Technical resources were only included when public-facing resources for a given topic area were not found. This resource directory is not exhaustive of all resource types or topics, with key resources identified via a combination of targeted keyword searches (i.e., “offshore wind” + topic) and Specialist Committee and E-TWG feedback.

Criteria

Each public-facing resource in the directory was vetted using multiple criteria to rank scientific credibility and public reach, including evidence base, transparency, objectivity, audience reach, and visual support.

- Evidence Base:
 - 3 = Cites multiple peer-reviewed studies, datasets, or formal reports; or expert(s) citing primary research are interviewed and quoted
 - 2 = Expert(s) are interviewed and quoted without citing primary research; or scientific sources were mentioned but not attributed (e.g., “the scientists studied”)
 - 1 = No citations/explicit link to scientific sources or dead links
- Transparency:
 - 3 = Author(s) and author affiliation(s) and/or government agency are listed, along with the date of publication
 - 2 = Incomplete attribution (e.g., logo only)
 - 1 = No attribution
- Objectivity:
 - 3 = Science-informed and objective presentation of information
 - 2 = Editorial storytelling but still accurately citing scientific information
 - 1 = Content is promotional, advocacy-focused, or has a stated position
- Audience Reach:
 - 3 = Material uses plain language with no undefined technical terms or acronyms; suitable for someone with no prior knowledge
 - 2 = Material defines some technical terms or acronyms; suitable for someone with basic familiarity of offshore wind topics
 - 1 = Material is technical and includes many technical terms without definitions
- Visual Support:
 - 3 = Material includes many visual aids (e.g., charts, diagrams, icons, maps) to support readers’ understanding of content
 - 2 = Material is text heavy with limited visuals; may lack labeling or clarity
 - 1 = Material includes only text with no visuals; may include generic imagery

Sources with an evidence base or transparency score of one were excluded. Publications from scientific journals (unless in magazine style) and sources behind a paywall were also excluded. The *Hosted By* field is the organization which published the resource, the *Date Accessed* field is when the resource underwent final vetting.

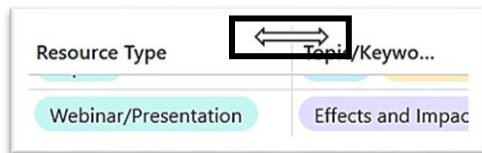
How to Use the Directory

The complete directory can be accessed on the E-TWG [Specialist Committee website](#), with a full-screen viewing option hosted by Airtable (San Francisco, CA). Both platforms offer the ability to customize your viewing and search options. This user manual gives quick tips on using the directory by:

- [Customizing the View](#)
- [Sorting](#)
- [Filtering](#)

Customizing the View

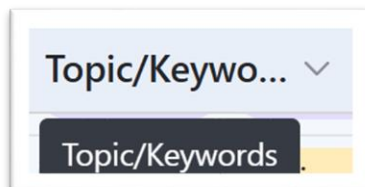
- Hover over columns and drag the double arrow to change column width









- Hover over cells and drag the double arrow to expand and view all cell contents

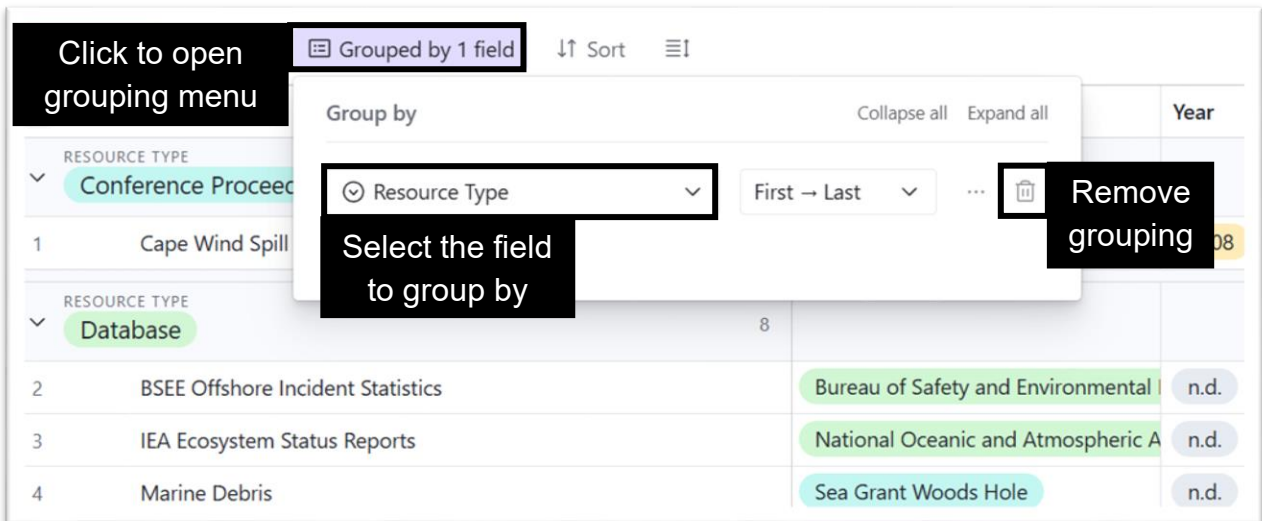


- Hover over a column field to view the full title



- Drag columns to rearrange the order
- Use the  Hide fields /  1 hidden field button at the top to hide / unhide columns


- Use the  Group button to split resources into groups based on any column field
- Note, once applied the  Group button changes color
- To remove grouping, click  and  by the condition you wish to remove

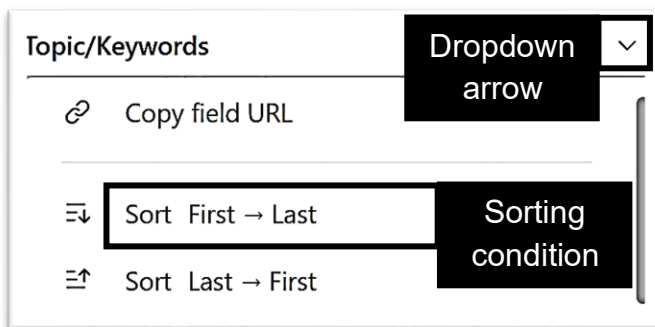


The screenshot shows a table of resources with a 'Group by' dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu has a search bar and a list of options. The 'Resource Type' option is selected. The 'Sort' button is highlighted in purple. The 'Remove grouping' button is highlighted in black. The table shows resources grouped by 'Resource Type'.


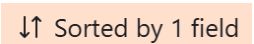

Resource Type	Year
Conference Proceedings	
1 Cape Wind Spill	2008
Database	8
2 BSEE Offshore Incident Statistics	Bureau of Safety and Environmental I n.d.
3 IEA Ecosystem Status Reports	National Oceanic and Atmospheric A n.d.
4 Marine Debris	Sea Grant Woods Hole n.d.

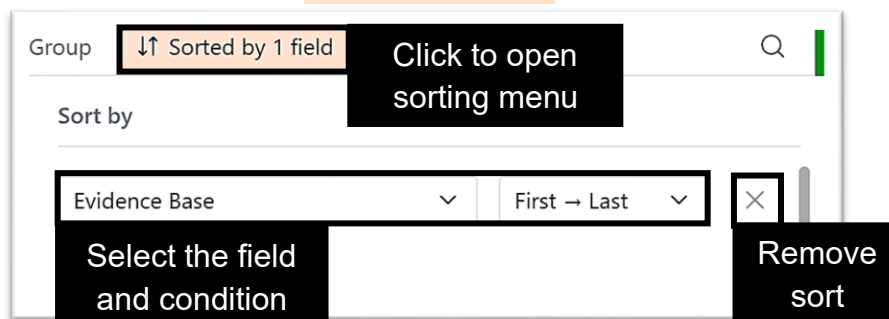
Sorting

- Use the  Sort button at the top, or the dropdown arrow of a column field to select "Sort" and the condition

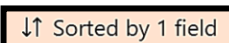


The screenshot shows a dropdown menu for sorting. The menu has a search bar and a list of options. The 'Sort First → Last' option is selected. The 'Dropdown arrow' and 'Sorting condition' are highlighted in black.

- Note, once applied the  Sort button changes color
- To remove sorting, click  and  by the field you want to remove

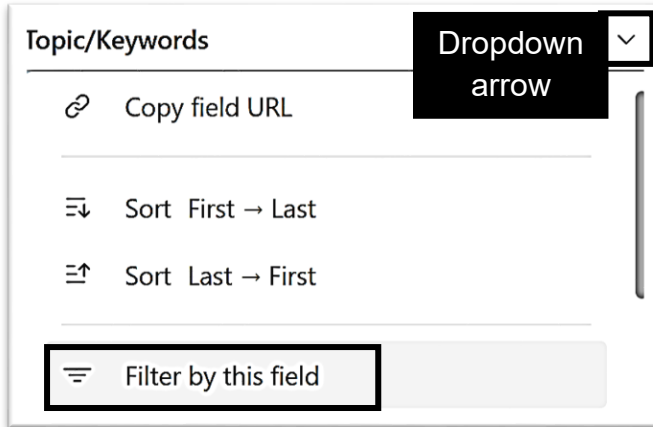


The screenshot shows a table of resources with a 'Sort by' dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu has a search bar and a list of options. The 'Evidence Base' option is selected. The 'Sort' button is highlighted in orange. The 'Remove sort' button is highlighted in black. The table shows resources sorted by 'Evidence Base'.

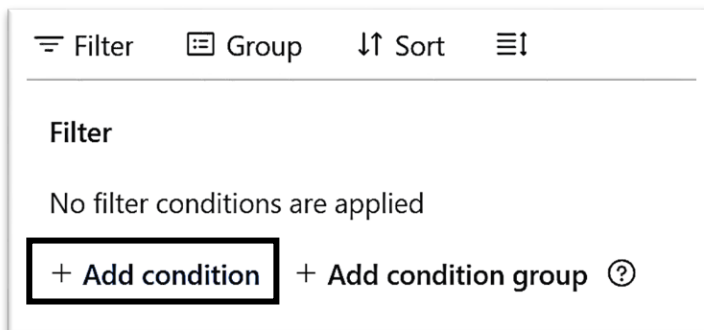
Group	Sort by
	
Evidence Base	First → Last

Filtering

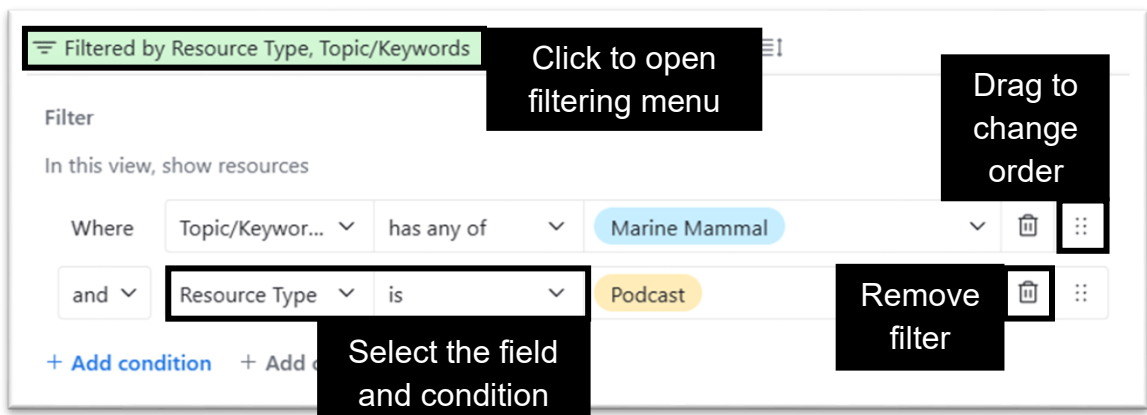
- Use the ☰ Filter button at the top, or the dropdown arrow of a column field to select “Filter by this field”



- Select “Add condition”



- Choose from a variety of options, add as many as needed and drag to rearrange ordering
- Note, once applied the ☰ Filter button changes color
- To remove a filter, click ☰ Filtered by Resource Type, Topic/Keywords and 🗑️ by the filter you want to remove



Feedback

Please submit suggested additions, corrections, or comments through the form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/iTmn0RcFMi>. Note: resources suggested for addition to the database must be public-facing and designed for a non-technical audience. We will evaluate submissions during periodic updates.

QR code to the form:

