

PLHD Working Group Internal Agreement

The Primate Life History Database (PLHD) Working Group is a limited group of Principal Investigators, demographers, and data analysts (see below for members) collaborating for the purpose of developing a comparative, individual-based life history database on wild primate populations. Our primary goals are to systematize our unique primate life history data to evaluate hypotheses about (i) the evolution of mortality, and (ii) the variance in mortality and in female fertility, and to produce co-authored publications pertaining to these hypotheses.

To conduct the comparative analyses, members of the PLHD Working Group will necessarily have access to original, unpublished data from other members of the Working Group. This internal agreement among the participants of the PLHD Working Group is intended to facilitate confidence in making these data available for the collaborative goals of the PLHD Working Group, and to prevent any misunderstandings among Working Group members or the research groups they represent. Specifically,

1. We agree that we will share these data within the PLHD Working Group for the purposes of collaborative analyses agreed upon by the PLHD Working Group. Currently we have identified two explicit hypotheses that we wish to test with these data, but we may, as a group, identify others in addition or instead that we wish to pursue together as a Working Group.
2. We agree that we will not distribute, use, cite, or incorporate into individual analyses any unpublished data provided by other members of the PLHD Working Group without explicit written consent from the individuals responsible for bringing original data to our collaborative project.
3. We understand that this agreement applies both during the duration of our Working Group project, and for perpetuity beyond the completion of the project as defined above.

An additional product of the PLHD Working Group will be a template for data entry of individual-based life history data with accompanying documentation. This template (with its supporting documentation) represents a collaborative intellectual effort among members of the Working Group, and is therefore included in our internal agreement.

Specifically,

1. We agree that we can share this template only with our immediate collaborators and technical consultants as we are developing our respective databases.
2. We will cite it as a product of the PLHD Working Group in any of the autonomous publications based on our respective datasets where we make use of the template.
3. We understand that the template and its supporting documentation will ultimately become a component of the material that the PLHD Working Group makes available for public access as a result of this project.

The terms of this Internal Agreement among members of the PLHD Working Group apply to any new members the Working Group may add, and extend to all members

regardless of their continued participation in this, or future, collaborative projects of the PLHD Working Group.

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