

Free Tools to Integrate into Labs and Research Process in a Classroom

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My Steps in Life

2021

Postgraduate
Certification in
Audit and Digital
Evidence



2020

Obtained the PhD



2019

STEM Grants
Advocate Program
Society for Science

2014
Started the PhD

2011
First STEM Integrated
Curriculum in a Private
School from K – 12 / First
STEM Museum

2003

Started in Colegio
Rosa - Bell

BA in Teaching
(Science)

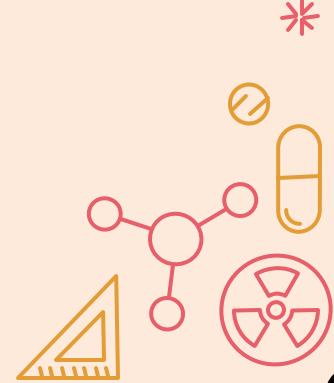
2010
STEM Certification
(Boston)



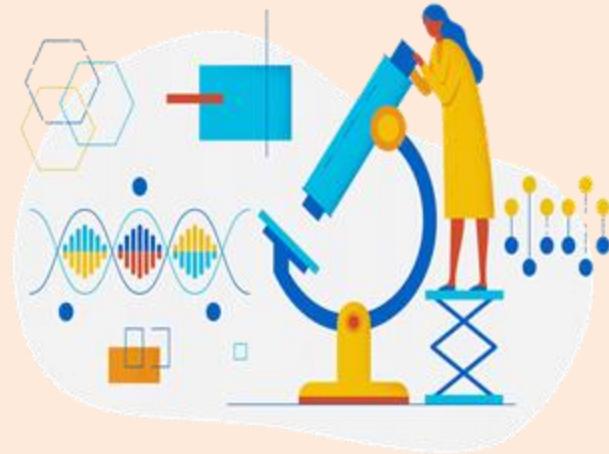
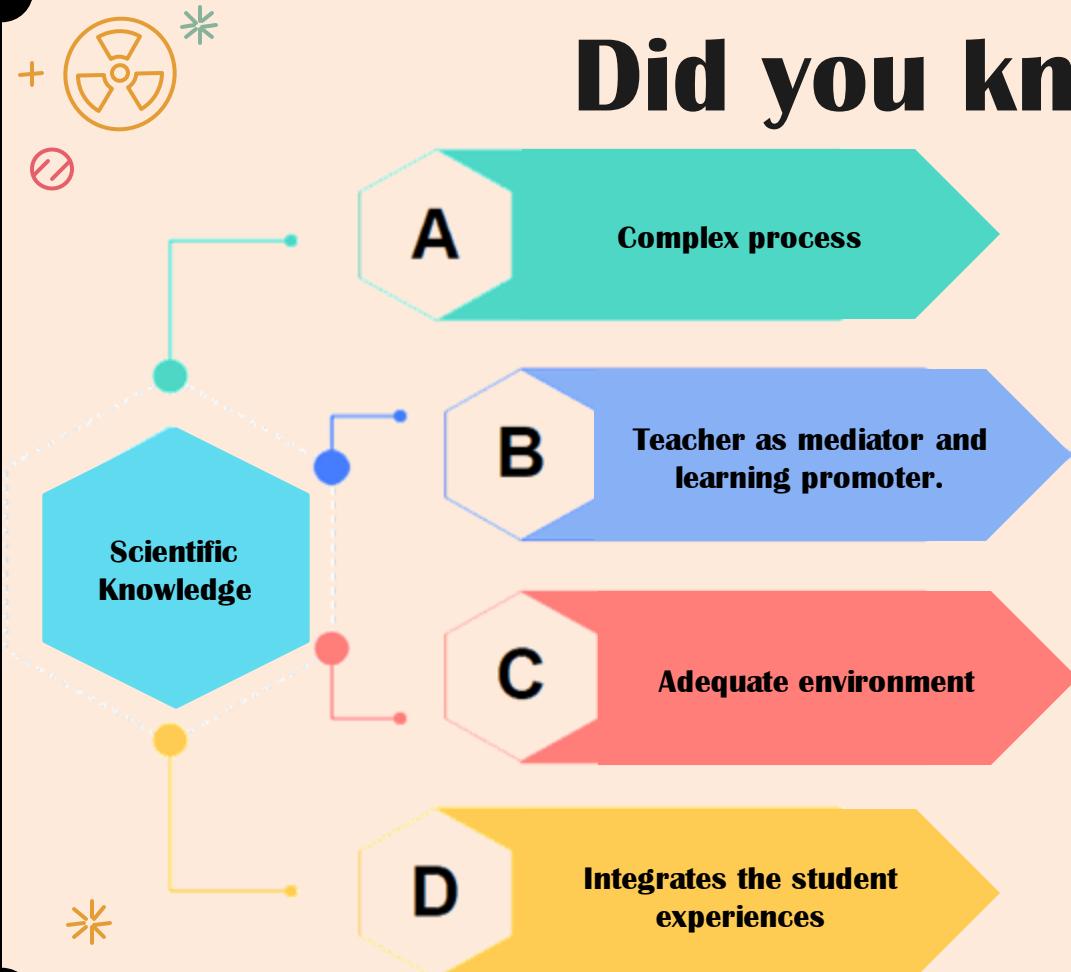


Objective

Share and explain alternative tools that can be integrated into the classroom to carry out the construction of scientific knowledge through laboratory and research experiences.



Did you know...



Without laboratories, scientists
would be like soldiers without
strategies.

– L. Pasteur





The solution of a problem is the primary objective of scientific research.

Scientific research constitutes a set of methods, laws and procedures that guide efforts towards solving problems with maximum efficiency.



Intervening Variables



**Thematic content
and type of
experiences**



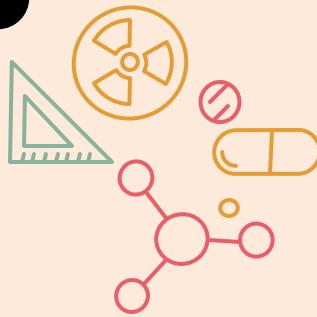
**Availability of
materials and/or
equipment.**



**Versatility, attitude
and disposition of the
teacher.**

Scientific research is one of the most exciting and rewarding activities (F. Sagner) that can be carried out from multiple platforms and tools. (L. Clark)





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Tools to Promote the Scientific Language



<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/how-to-use#navigating-science-news-for-students>





Tools to Promote the Scientific Language

Survey Methods

Launch Interactive



Topic

- Ecology
- Populations

Environmental Science

- Conservation

Science Practices

- Experimental Design

Resource Type

- Interactive Media
- Click & Learn

Materials

- Resource Google Folder (link)
- Student Worksheet (PDF) 281 KB

Level

- High School – General
- High School – AP/IB
- College

Used In

- 1 BioInteractive Playlists

Favorited By

- 29 Users

<https://www.biointeractive.org/>



Tools - Microscopes & Magnifier



Android
Cozy Magnifier & Microscope



(Rotger y Sanz, 2021)

iPhones
iMicroscope - Magnifier



Cozy Magnifier & Microscope





Tool - Microbiology



Open CFU

<http://opencfu.sourceforge.net/>

Activities OpenCFU

Result: 91 / 102 Set as NA

Show objects Line width: 2.5

Files: Hide/show rectangles around detected objects
Image2/6 (G.png)
Add files

Threshold: Inverted 10 Auto

Radius: 5 Min 50 Max Auto-Max

ROIs and Mask: None Show Refresh

Colour filter: Use colour filter
Hue: 0 Mean 180 Tol 100 Min 255 Max
Saturation: 100 Min 255 Max

Auto outlier filter: Use outlier filter

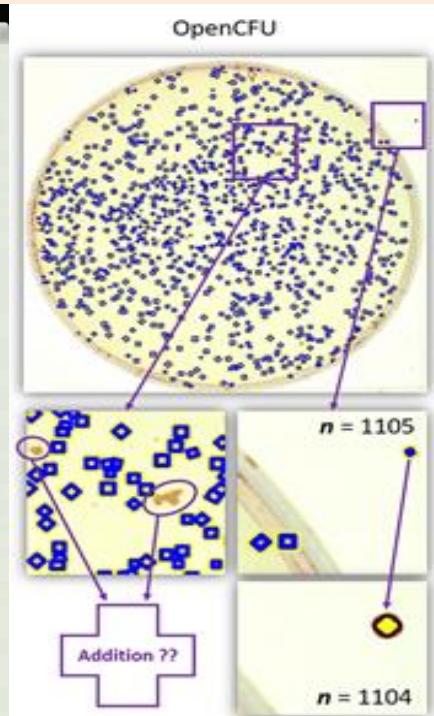
Per image

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3	Q.jpg.png	301	0	2013-06-27 [14:52:25]: no comment
4	B.png	69	0	2013-06-27 [14:52:32]: no comment
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Per object

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19	✓	227	1061	1	155	7	198	153	79	38	132	1
35	✓	949	909	1	172	8	193	132	62	32	132	1
12	✓	636	1186	1	183	8	195	139	67	34	133	1
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About OpenCFU Save all Save selection Delete selection Unselect

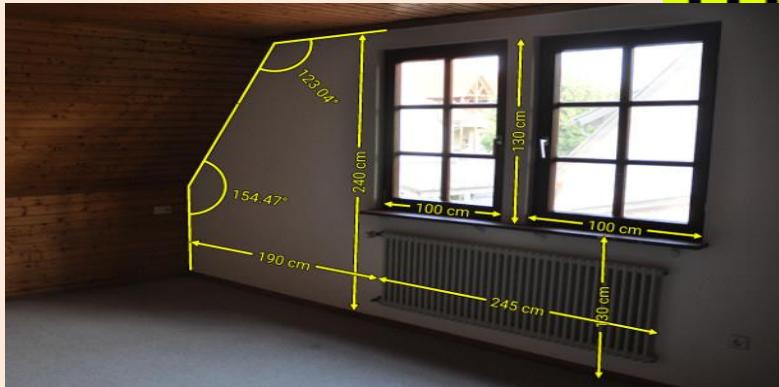
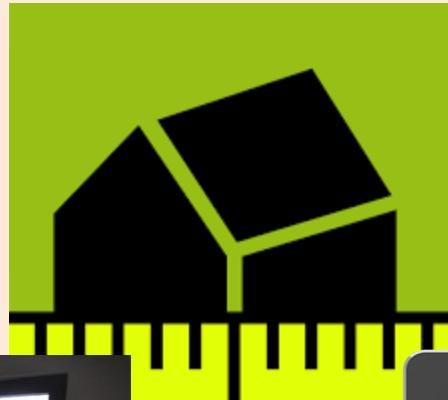




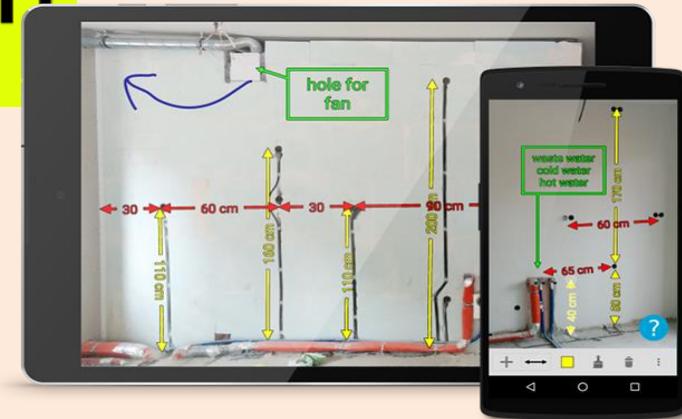
Tool – Measurement on Images

<https://imagemeter.com/>

Image Meter - Android

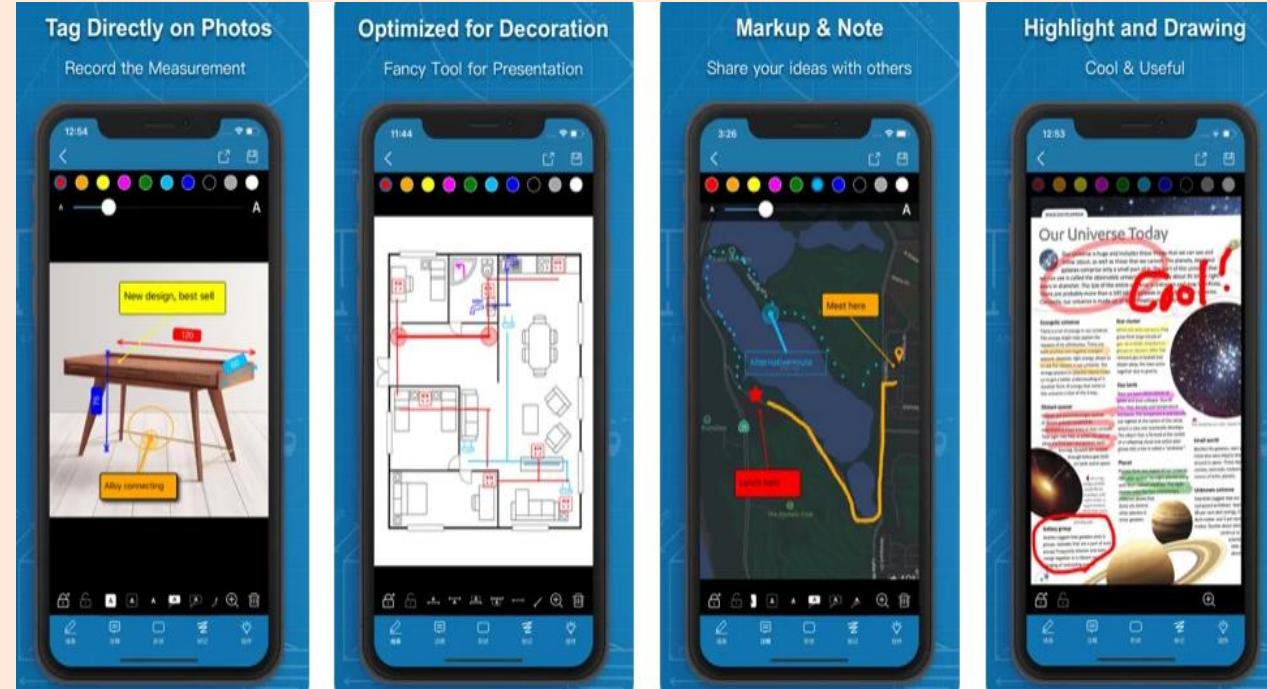


<https://cadbull.com/detail/181981/Image-Meter-the-best-measurement-android-app.-Download-the-APK-files-now.>





Photos Measure - Image meter iPhone / iPad



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/photos-measure-image-meter/id1189158497>

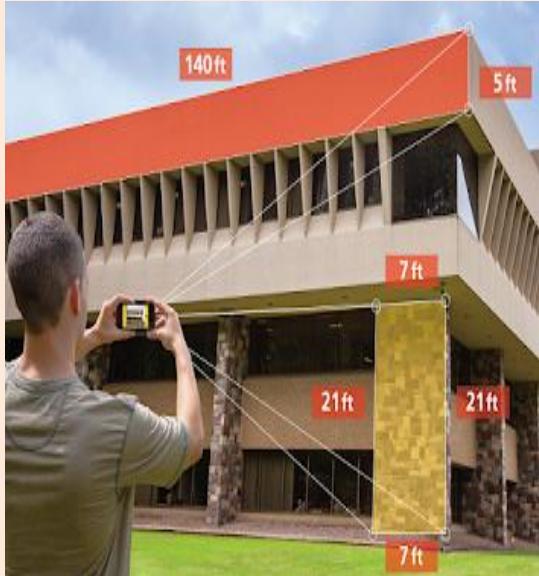


Tool – Real Time Measurement from an Image



Smart Measures

Android / iPhone / Mac / iPad



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=kr.sira.measure&hl=en&gl=US>



Tool - Counting on Images

DotDotGoose by American Museum of Natural History



The screenshot displays two panels of the DotDotGoose software interface.

Left Panel: This panel shows a photograph of a group of birds on a rocky, grassy shore. Overlaid on the image are numerous colored dots (green, yellow, blue, red) indicating individual birds. To the left of the image is a "Point Data" sidebar with a "Survey id" field set to 3, a "Classes" section listing bird categories with color-coded squares, and a "Summary" section showing counts for each category across several images. A "Point Radius" slider is at 20, and a "Display" button is checked.

Image	Count
IMG_0023.JPG	5
IMG_0024.JPG	2
IMG_0025.JPG	2
IMG_0026.JPG	40
IMG_0027.JPG	50
White Adult	5
Canada Goose Adult	2
Canada Goose Juv.	2
Juvenile	40
White Adult	50

Right Panel: This panel shows a photograph of a field with birds scattered across it. Colored dots (green, yellow, blue, red) are overlaid on the birds. To the left of the image is a "Survey Id CH_West" sidebar with a "Survey id" field set to CH_West, a "Classes" section listing bird behaviors with color-coded squares, and a "Summary" section showing counts for each behavior across two images. A "Point Radius" slider is at 44, and a "Display" button is checked.

Image	Count
ZYBA3680.JPG	2
ZYBA3681.JPG	70
RFB0_Flying	2
RFB0_Nesting	70
RFB0_Roosting	32
RFB0_Unknown	16
RTR	0
WTTR	0

Both panels include "Load", "Save", "Import", "Reset", and "Export" buttons at the bottom.

<https://www.amnh.org/research/center-for-biodiversity-conservation/capacity-development/biodiversity-informatics/software-counting-images-open-source>



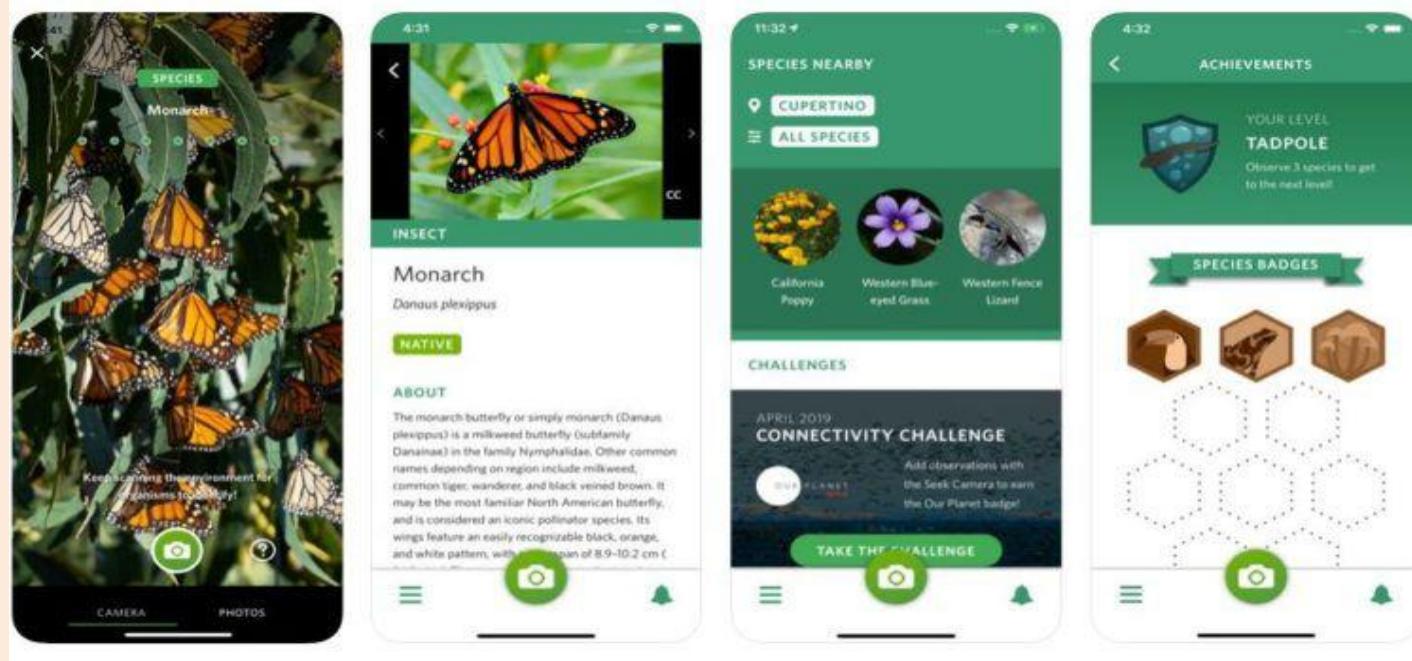


Tool – Identification on Images

iNaturalist and Seek (Android & iPhone)



iNaturalist



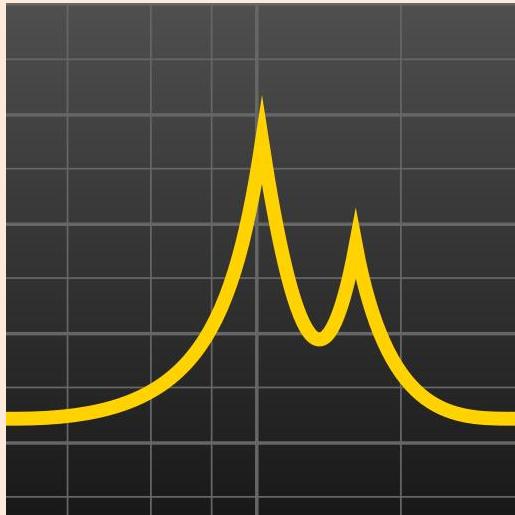
https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.inaturalist.android&hl=en&gl=US>



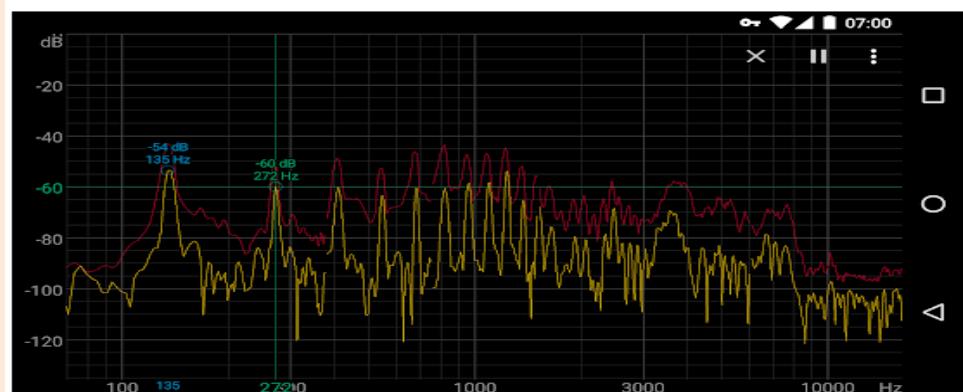
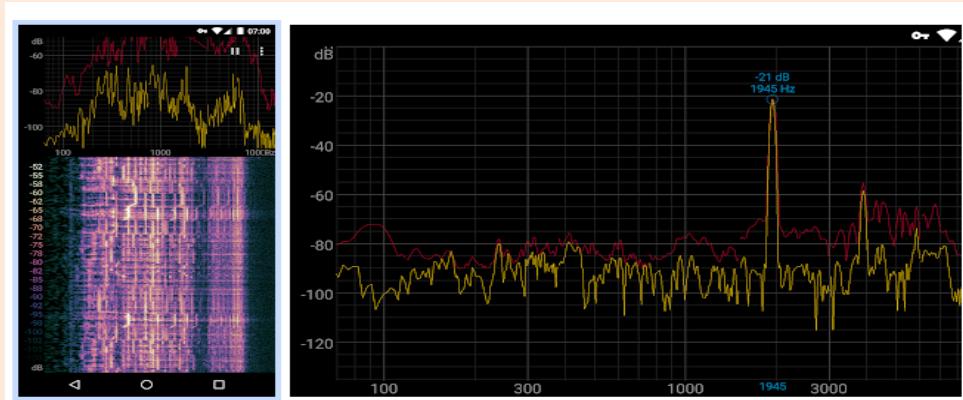
Spectroid

Android / iPhone / Mac / iPad



[https://play.google.com/store/
apps/details?id=org.intoorbit.spectrum&hl=en&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.intoorbit.spectrum&hl=en&gl=US)

Tool - Sound Levels

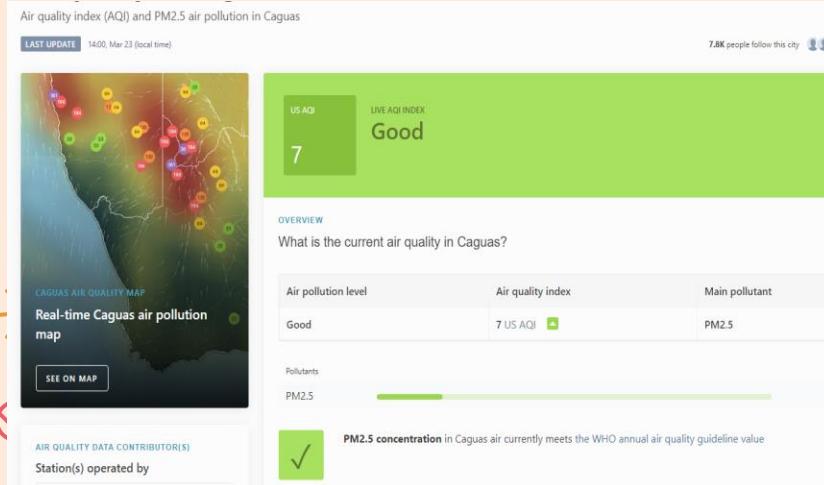




Tool – Quality Parameter - Air

IQ Air

Android / iPhone / Mac / Computer / iPad

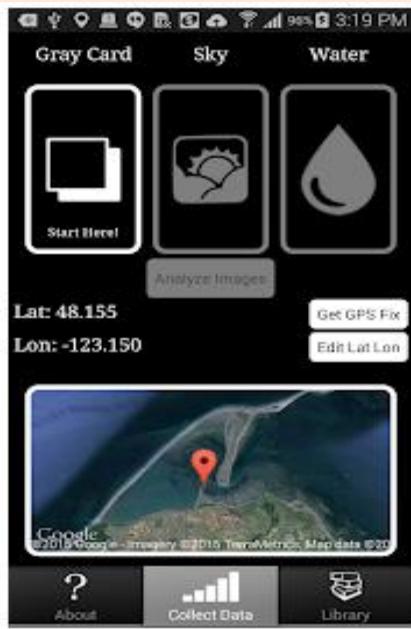


<https://www.iqair.com/>

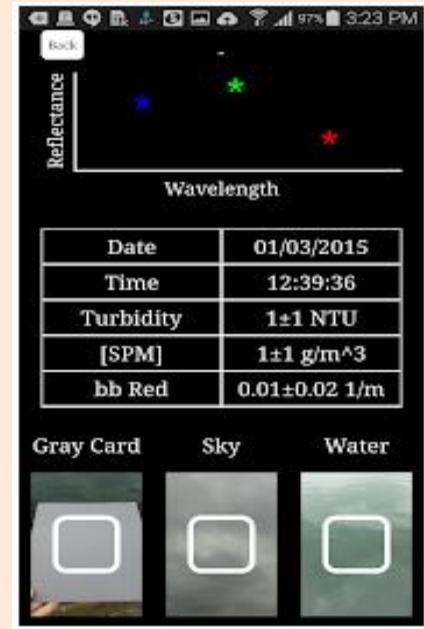
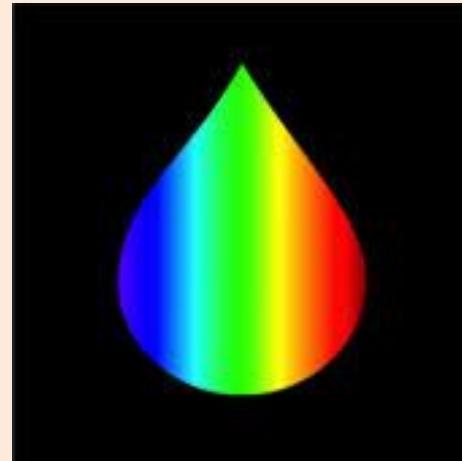




Tool - Quality Parameter - Water



**HydroColor – Water Quality App
Android / iPhone / iPad**



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.h2optics.hydrocolor&hl=en&gl=US>





Tools - Quality Parameter - Water



Vermont EPSCoR Macroinvertebrate Field Guide

A cross platform of the original EPSCoR iOS application; buildable for GNU/Linux, MacOS, Windows, iOS and Android.

<https://github.com/Vermont-EPSCoR/Macroinvertebrates>

The image consists of three screenshots of a mobile application. The first screenshot shows the main screen with the "VERMONT EPSCoR" logo and a large, detailed image of a macroinvertebrate larva. The second screenshot shows a grid of eight smaller images, each labeled with a genus name: Acroneuria, Antocha, Chimarra, Chironomidae, Dolophilodes, Drunella, and two other images partially visible. The third screenshot shows a detailed view of a Dolophilodes larva with descriptive text below it, including its family (Philopotamidae) and genus (Dolophilodes). A note at the bottom states: "'Dolophilodes' stands out in the Philopotamidae family due to its slightly asymmetrical frontoclypeus on the anterior margin and its distinguishable projecting foretrochantin."



Tools - Quality Parameter - Water

PR Macroinvertebrate Photographic Guide (PDF Document)



Índice BMWPPR

- El valor de tolerancia se asigna una sola vez por familia, independientemente de la cantidad de individuos que sean recolectados.
- El valor del índice para cada sitio se obtiene sumando los valores de tolerancia (t_i) de cada familia ($IBP= \sum t_i$).
- Este valor permite determinar la calidad de agua de acuerdo a las categorías enlistadas en el Cuadro 1.

Cuadro 1. Clasificación de la calidad del agua de acuerdo al puntaje total para el BMWPPR.

BMWP-PR	CALIDAD DE AGUA
≥ 97	Aguas de calidad excelente.
77 - 96	Aguas de calidad buena, no contaminadas o no alteradas de manera sensible.
57 - 76	Aguas de calidad regular, eutróficas, contaminación moderada.
37 - 56	Aguas de calidad media, contaminadas.
18 - 36	Aguas de calidad mala, muy contaminadas.
≤ 17	Aguas de calidad muy mala, extremadamente contaminadas.

Índice IBFPR

- Este índice combina los valores de tolerancia con la abundancia de cada familia y el número total de individuos en una muestra.
- El valor del índice se obtiene de la sumatoria de multiplicar los valores de tolerancia de cada familia (t_i) por la abundancia de organismos (n_i) y dividiendo esto por el número total de individuos (N) recolectados ($IBF= \frac{\sum t_i * n_i}{N}$).
- El valor obtenido es asociado a una categoría de calidad de agua enlistada en el Cuadro 2.

Cuadro 2. Clasificación de la calidad del agua de acuerdo al puntaje total para el IBFPR.

IBF-PR	CALIDAD DE AGUA	INTERPRETACIÓN DEL GRADO DE CONTAMINACIÓN	CATEGORÍA
0.00 - 4.25	Excelente	Contaminación orgánica poco posible.	1
4.25 - 5.11	Muy Buena	Contaminación orgánica leve.	2
5.12 - 5.98	Buena	Alguna contaminación orgánica.	3
5.99 - 8.95	Regular	Contaminación orgánica sustancial.	4
8.96 - 7.72	Regular Pobre	Contaminación orgánica muy sustancial.	5
7.73 - 8.59	Pobre	Contaminación orgánica severa.	6
8.60 - 9.49	Muy Pobre	Contaminación orgánica muy severa.	7

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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/295854904_Guia_fotografica_de_familias_de_macroinvertebrados_acuaticos_de_Puerto_Rico

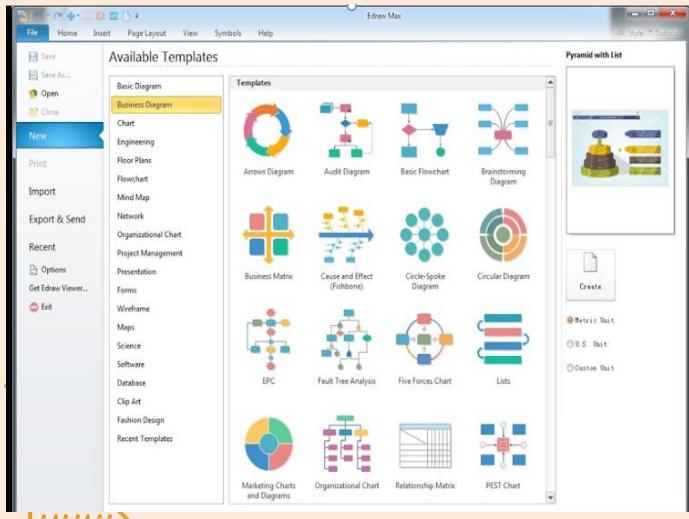


Tools – Diagrams & Graphic Organizers



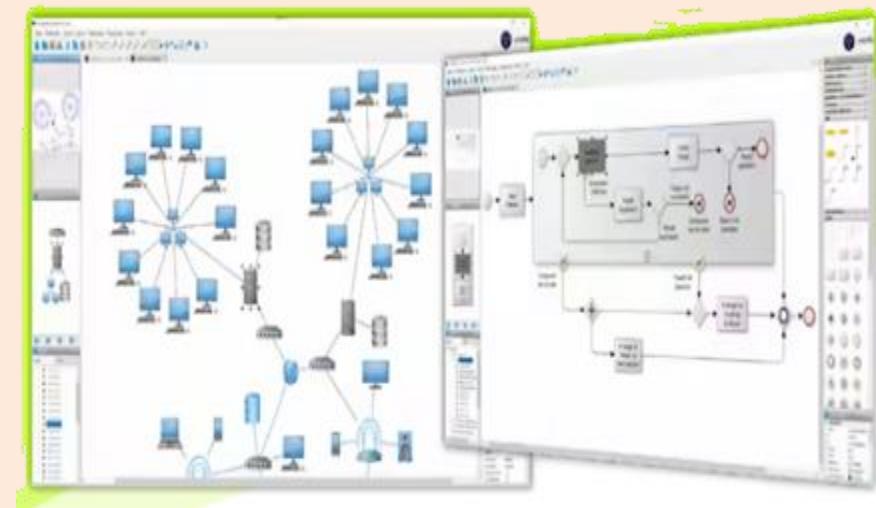
EDrawMax (Computers / Tablets / iPAdS)

https://www.edrawsoft.com/ad/edraw-max-soft-t.html?gclid=EA1alQobChMIncOY-PHc9gIVDGKGCh3swQ0zEAYASAAEgINP_D_BwE



yEd (Computers / Tablets / iPAdS)

<https://www.yworks.com/products/yed>





Tools – Statistics, Simulations & Project Ideas



NCSS Statistical Analysis (Window / No MAC)

<https://www.ncss.com/download/ncss/free-trial/>

Analysis using NCSS

With a few easy steps you can obtain meaningful numeric results and clean, clear graphics.

The screenshot shows the NCSS software interface with three main windows:

- Open, Import, or Enter Data:** Shows a data grid with columns labeled Rate, Trt, log_rate, C4, and CS. A blue arrow points from this window to the "Variables" window.
- Open a Procedure:** Shows the "Select a Procedure" dialog with categories like "Two Independent Means" and "Paired Means". A blue arrow points from this window to the "Output" window.
- View Output:** Shows a histogram titled "One-Way Analysis of Covariance Report" and a scatter plot.

PASS 2022 Sample Size (Window / No MAC)

<https://www.ncss.com/download/pass/free-trial/>

Choosing a Procedure

Procedures can be selected from any of the primary windows by selecting them from the menus

You can view all procedures, your favorites, or recently used procedures with a simple click from the menus

Favorite, recently used, and currently loaded procedures may be accessed from all major windows

You can enter a topic or key word into the search bar to find related procedures

The screenshot shows the PASS 2022 software interface with the "Select a Procedure" dialog open:

- Left Panel:** Shows a tree view of available procedures under "Measures > Two Independent Means - T-Test (Inequality) (S)".
- Right Panel:** Shows four preview cards for different statistical tests:
 - Two-Sample T-Tests Assuming Equal Variance (Enter Means)
 - Two-Sample T-Tests Assuming Unequal Variance (Enter Difference)
 - Two-Sample T-Tests Allowing Unequal Variance (Enter Means)
 - Tests for Two Means (Simulation)
- Bottom Right:** A callout box says: "Click on a procedure to open it, or right click to add it to your favorites list, or to view the documentation".



Tools – Statistics, Simulations & Project Ideas



CODAP (Common Online Data Analysis Platform) (Window / No MAC)

<https://codap.concord.org/for-educators/>

Four Seals UNSAVED Version 2.0 (0444)

Tables Graph Map Slider Calc Text Plugins

Tracks/Measurements Measurements (858 cases)

Tracks (4 cases)			Measurements (858 cases)									
index	animal	species	index	day	date	month	latitude	longitude	distance	speed	depth	temperature
1	546	Elephant Seal	1	0	5/23/20...	May	36.99	-122.45	62	8.1		
2	541	Elephant Seal	2	1	5/24/20...	May	37.07	-123.21	33.9	1.41	-413	6.1
3	542	Elephant Seal	3	2	5/25/20...	May	37.46	-124.39	56.49	2.35	-337	6.1
4	528	Elephant Seal	4	3	5/26/20...	May	37.87	-125.32	46.92	1.96	-703	4.1

Getting Started

Tracking data from elephant seals 546, 541, 536, and 528 are displayed in the Table, Map, and Graph. Use these tools to start exploring how these seals are behaving in different parts of the ocean.

The Table

- Take a look at how the table is organized, including the column headings on the left and right sides of the table. What happens when you click on the “+” or “-” symbols in the middle?
- On the left side of the table, click on elephant seal #528. Notice that the points from this seal's track are now highlighted in the Map and Graph. What happens if you click on a row on the right side of the table?

The Map

- To see which points belong to which elephant seal's track, drag the animal_id column heading to the center of the Map.
- Choose another column from the right side of the table (e.g., speed, depth, or temperature) and drag it onto the center of the Map. What happens?

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Roller Coasters UNSAVED Version 2.0 (0498)

Tables Graph Map Slider Calc Text Plugins

Sample of US Roller Coasters Across Years

Age_Groups (3 categories)			Roller Coasters (157 cases)		
index	Age_Group	Coaster	Park	City	
1	1:older	Zippin Pippin	Libertyland	Mer	
2	2:recent	Jack Rabbit	Kennywood	Wes	
3	3:youngest	Thunderhawk	Dorney Park	Allie	
4		Giant Dipper	Santa Cruz	San	
5		Thunderbolt	Kennywood	We	
6		Wildcat	Lake Comp	Bris	
7		Coaster Thrill R.	Puyallup	Puy	
8		Cyclone	Lakeside	Den	
9		Comet	Hershey	Her	
10		Comet	Walda	Erie	
11		High Speed Thr.	Knoebels	Elys	
12		Bobsleds	Seabreeze	Roc	
13		Starliner	Miracle	Pan	
14		Swamp Fox	Family	Myr	
15		Blue Streak	Cedar WI.	San	
16		Cannon Ball	Lake WI.	Ros	
17		River King Min.	Six Flag	Euro	
18		Big Bend	Six Flag	Arlin	
19		Great America..	Six Flag	Aus	

Roller Coaster Data - Sample of US Roller Coasters Across Years

Roller Coasters

Percent

Year_Opened

Type

Wooden Steel

Max_Height (ft)

53 of 54 Woodens (98.1%) are N

Inversions

N Y



Tools – Statistics, Simulations & Project Ideas



PhET
(Computers / Tablets / iPAdS / Phones)

<https://phet.colorado.edu/>



This simulation illustrates the conservation of energy. A skater starts at the top of a ramp and descends, with energy levels represented by bars on the left. The graph shows Kinetic, Potential, and Total energy components.

This simulation allows users to build and experiment with electrical circuits. It includes various components like resistors, capacitors, and inductors, and shows how current flows through different paths.

This simulation provides a detailed look at atomic structure. It shows the nucleus (protons and neutrons) and the orbits of electrons around it. It also includes a periodic table and options to build different elements.



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Old Cell Phones Project Ideas

[https://www.makeuseof.com/fantastic
diy-projects-made-with-old-
phones/](https://www.makeuseof.com/fantastic-diy-projects-made-with-old-phones/)



THE ONLY WAY TO
DISCOVER
THE LIMITS OF THE
POSSIBLE
IS TO GO BEYOND THEM INTO THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

Arthur C. Clarke

SUCCESS.com

Thanks!

