

e-DFAD 1.4.0 Release notes

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This release includes the following:

- **[IMPROVEMENT] Allow entry of coordinates in degree, minutes, seconds**
- **[IMPROVEMENT] New Filters are available in the Bulk submission drawer**
- **[IMPROVEMENT] Additional features related to activation pre-registration (a filter is available and data is included in downloads and export)**
- [IMPROVEMENT] In Amend forms, the Optional amend comment are better separated from the other fields
- [IMPROVEMENT] Consistent treatment of missing "automatic" values
- [IMPROVEMENT] Track Edit Source: Bulk vs Interactive
- [FIX] "Incomplete" FOBs incorrectly display a "ready to register" or "ready to activate" pill
- [FIX] Cannot bulk register anymore (insufficient privileges)
- [FIX] Activation and Replacement are allowed on a not yet deployed DFAD registered by another vessel from another BO
- [FIX] CPC managers appear to be able to bulk load Registrations/Operations
- [FIX] Deactivated users' names do not render in the List of users
- [FIX] Issues with BO names: duplicates and empty names allowed
- [FIX] Some missing buoy IDs are displayed as an empty tag (—)
- [FIX] Trying to reuse in bulk a still active transferred buoy didn't return a validation error.

Entry of coordinates in degree, minutes, seconds

As requested by CPCs and fleets, it is now possible to use degrees/minutes/seconds (DMS) when reporting latitude and longitude, both in interactive mode and in bulk submissions.

Deployment Position

DEC ▾	LATITUDE	-45.9876	LONGITUDE	33.5000
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Provide latitude [-55°, +30°] and longitude [20°, +150°].

Simply click on the downward arrow to the right of DEC to switch to DMS (and vice versa):

Deployment Position

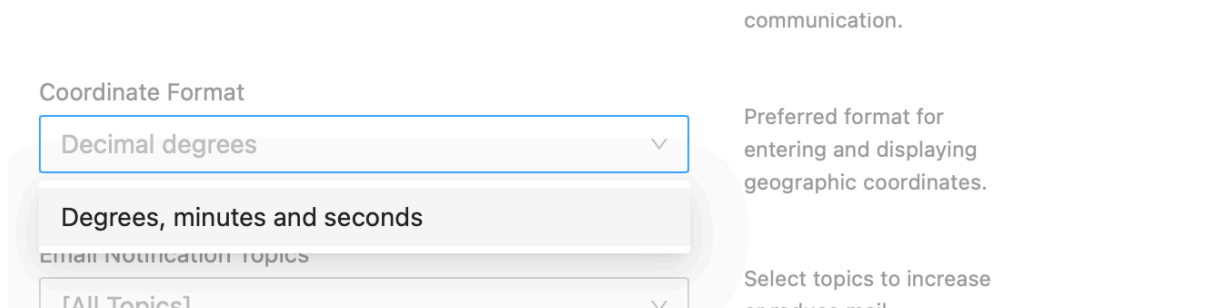
DMS ▾	LATITUDE	-45	59	15	LONGITUDE	33	30	0
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Provide latitude [-55°00'00", +30°00'00"] and longitude [20°00'00", +150°00'00"].

In bulk, simply enter the coordinates in DEC or DMS format in the Excel template and the application will identify the correct format (see updated templates).

Automatic conversion between the two will happen in the app and database.

If you always want to use DMS instead of DEC, you can edit your user profile and select DMS as your default coordinates format:



More details can be found in the updated user guide (“e-DFAD - User guide for Buoy Owners 1.4.0”) [available on the IOTC website](#).