

Quick Guide to Using ProQuest Eresources

What are ProQuest Eresources?

The University subscribes to a large number of collections, sometimes referred to as 'eresources' or 'databases', supplied by the company ProQuest. These collections contain journal articles and other types of scholarly content.

ProQuest's Accessibility Statement can be viewed at:

<https://support.proquest.com/articledetail?id=kA140000000GuuQCAS>

The tips in this guide apply to these main databases which all use the same search interface:

- [Arts Premium Collection](#): art related journals
- [ProQuest Central](#): the largest single periodical resource available, bringing together complete databases across all major subject areas, including Business, Health and Medical, Social Sciences, Education, Science and Technology, and Humanities
- [ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global](#): dissertations and theses
- [SciTech Premium Collection](#): science and technology related journals

How to search across all ProQuest databases at once

If you would like to search across ALL the eresources above, follow these steps:

1. Click on any one of the ProQuest databases above and access the search screen.
2. Click on the 'Change Databases' link at the top of the search screen, tick the databases and click 'Use selected databases'.

Select Databases

Tip: Add database shortcuts, making it easier to select one or more favorite databases.

Select databases to search, then click **Use selected databases** to go to the search form.



How to search using keywords

Use the Advanced search option. Enter your keywords in the search boxes provided. Try to think of strong descriptive words that are neither too broad nor too narrow. The strength of your keywords will determine the quality of the results that you get back. E.g.

Advanced Search Command Line Thesaurus Field codes Search tips



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You can add more search boxes by clicking on the 'Add a row' link at the bottom left.

ProQuest databases let you choose where you want your keyword to appear in the article. E.g. If you want the word 'environment' to appear in the title of the article, change the 'Anywhere' option to 'Document title – TI'

When you are ready click the Search button.

How to limit your results

On the left hand panel on the results screen, ProQuest provide options to enable you to 'limit your results' to make them more specific.

The most useful options are:

- **Full-text:** this will ensure that you can read the whole article
- **Peer Reviewed:** articles that have been through the peer review process are also usually of a higher academic standard.
- **SourceType:** this allows you to limit to the type of information source
- **Publication Date:** choose the date range that is most appropriate for your research, e.g. last 5 years.

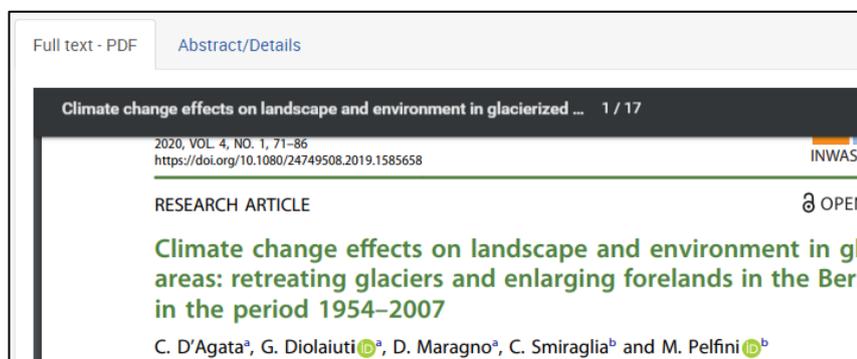
How to view articles

Click on the title of the article that you are interested in from the results screen.



The screenshot shows a search result card. On the left is a green graduation cap icon. The main text is: "Climate change effects on landscape and environment in glacierized Alpine areas: retreating glaciers and enlarging forelands in the Bernina group (Italy) in the period 1954–2007". Below this is the author list: "C D'Agata; Diolaiuti, G; Maragno, D; Smiraglia, C; Pelfini, M. Geology, Ecology, and Landscapes; Abingdon Vol. 4, Iss. 1, (Mar 2020): 86." There are three lines of abstract text: "...were overlapped and compared. The estimated glacier area change during 1954–2007...", "...observations of: (i) changes affecting shape and geometry of glaciers (growing...", and "...(-16.2 ± 0.4 km²). The changes sped up more...". At the bottom left are links for "Abstract/Details" and "Full text - PDF (2 MB)". At the bottom right is a "Preview" link.

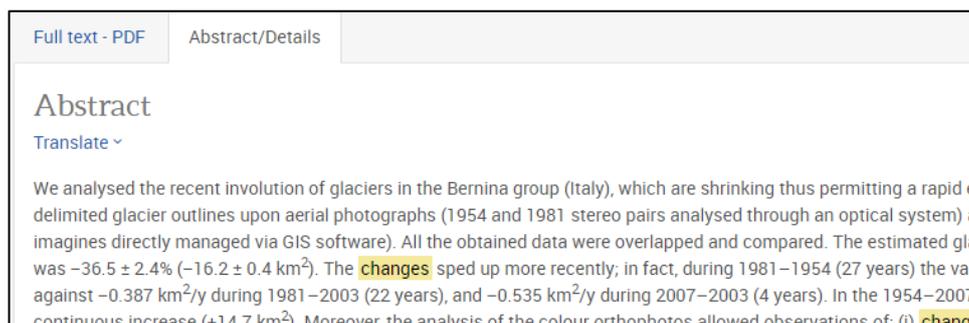
If you have limited your results to full-text, you will now be able to see the article from the 'Full text – PDF' tab.



The screenshot shows the full-text PDF view of the article. At the top, there are two tabs: "Full text - PDF" (selected) and "Abstract/Details". The article title is "Climate change effects on landscape and environment in glacierized ... 1 / 17". Below the title is the journal information: "2020, VOL. 4, NO. 1, 71–86" and the DOI: "https://doi.org/10.1080/24749508.2019.1585658". There is an "INWASQ" logo on the right. Below this is "RESEARCH ARTICLE" and an "OPEN" icon. The main title is "Climate change effects on landscape and environment in glacierized Alpine areas: retreating glaciers and enlarging forelands in the Bernina group in the period 1954–2007". The authors are "C. D'Agata^a, G. Diolaiuti^a, D. Maragno^a, C. Smiraglia^b and M. Pelfini^b".

It is also recommended that you view the Abstract/Details tab.

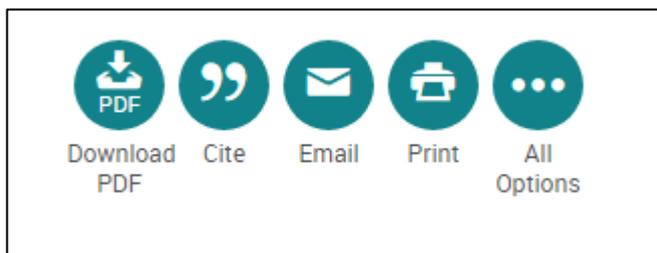
The abstract is a short paragraph that succinctly describes the article. This helps you to decide whether the article is relevant for your research.



The screenshot shows the abstract view of the article. At the top, there are two tabs: "Full text - PDF" and "Abstract/Details" (selected). The word "Abstract" is prominently displayed. Below it is a "Translate" dropdown menu. The abstract text begins: "We analysed the recent involution of glaciers in the Bernina group (Italy), which are shrinking thus permitting a rapid evolution of delimited glacier outlines upon aerial photographs (1954 and 1981 stereo pairs analysed through an optical system) and images directly managed via GIS software). All the obtained data were overlapped and compared. The estimated glacier area change was -36.5 ± 2.4% (-16.2 ± 0.4 km²). The changes sped up more recently; in fact, during 1981–1954 (27 years) the variation was against -0.387 km²/y during 1981–2003 (22 years), and -0.535 km²/y during 2007–2003 (4 years). In the 1954–2007 period, there was a continuous increase (+14.7 km²). Moreover, the analysis of the colour orthophotos allowed observations of: (i) changes..."

This Abstract/Details page will also give you all the information that you will need for your referencing, e.g. Author(s), title of article, title of journal (sometimes referred to as the 'source', journal issue and volume and page numbers:

On both the 'Full text – PDF' and the Abstract/Details tabs you will see options for downloading, printing and more.



Further help

Please see the Skills@Cumbria web page: <https://my.cumbria.ac.uk/Student-Life/Learning/Skills-Cumbria/>