



FFI Self-paced Study Overview

Introduction

The purpose of the self-paced FFI study is to give you enough information to begin using FFI in your monitoring program. The study covers the basic functionality of FFI but shouldn't be considered complete description of the application or all its functionality. For example, the FFI GIS toolbar and import/export features are not covered in the self-paced study at this time.

Downloads

To complete the study you will need to download a number of files from the FFI website: www.frames.gov/ffi

- From the *Manuals* tab on the *Manuals and Software* page download:
 - FFI User Guide
- From the *Software Instructions and Training Data* tab on the *Manuals and Software* page download:
 - FFI_Install_vxxxxx.zip
 - SQL Server Express appropriate for your operating system (32- or 64-bit)
 - FFI_TrainingData_vxxxxx.zip
- From the *Help Documents* tab on the *Other Documents* page download:
 - Query Calculation Guide

Before you begin the study install FFI and SQL Server following the instructions in the FFI User Guide. Later, you will restore the training database for use in the Reports and Analysis, and Query tool sections of the study.

Order of Materials

The table below shows a suggested order for the study materials. Sections 1 through 7 build on each other so they should all be completed in order. Section 6 – Fuel Constants – is an optional section. Sections 8 and 9 use the FFI training database. Note that all sections do not have both a Power Point presentation and exercises.



Section Number	Topic	Additional file
1	Introduction and Getting Started: Power Point	
2	Database Configuration: Power Point	
2	Database Administration Exercises	
3	Database Setup: Exercises	FFI_Protocols_vxxxx.pmd
4	Species Management: Power Point	
4	Species Management: Exercises	
5	Standard FFI Protocols: Power Point	
6	Fuel Constant Sets: Power Point	
6	Fuel Constant Sets: Exercises	
7	Data Entry and Edit: Power Point	
7	Data Entry and Edit: Exercises	FFI_Section_7_Data_Sheets.pdf
8	Reports & Analysis: Power Point	
8	Reports & Analysis: Exercises	FFI_TrainingData_vxxxxx.bak
9	Query Builder: Power Point	
9	Query Builder: Exercises	FFI_TrainingData_vxxxxx.bak

Getting Help

If you have trouble installing the software or have questions contact Duncan Lutes via email (dlutes@fs.fed.us) or phone (406 329-4761).

We also suggest you become a member of the Google discussion group (<http://groups.google.com/group/FFIemu>). Here you can post questions and review questions and answers posted previously. We try to answer questions posted on the group within one day. You will need a Google account to join the group.