

# CAB Abstracts

## Getting Started Guide

Log in to the service at <http://edina.ac.uk/cab>

The service opens at the *Standard Search* page (below).

The screenshot shows the CAB Abstracts search page. Callout boxes provide the following information:

- Enter your search terms here e.g. agriculture:** Points to the 'Search for:' text input field.
- This is the Toolbar:** Points to the top navigation menu containing 'Standard Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Browse Indexes', 'CAB Thesaurus', 'Marked Records', 'Search History', and 'Home'.
- You can limit your search to certain fields such as keywords, title, authors, etc:** Points to the 'in Keywords' dropdown menu.
- Choose a range of dates of publication for your search:** Points to the 'Published: since 1973' dropdown menu.
- This starts your search – select it when you are ready:** Points to the 'Search' button.

Additional visible text on the page includes: 'Cross-search CAB Abstracts and:  Land, Life & Leisure', '© 2001 Photodisc, Inc', and footer information: 'For questions about CAB Abstracts, or for more information, contact EDINA at [edina@ed.ac.uk](mailto:edina@ed.ac.uk) or 0131 650 3302.'

### How to search quickly:

- 1) Think about what you are looking for. Choose a word (term) or words that describe your search.
- 2) Type the word(s) into the box labelled **Search for**.
- 3) Leave all other areas of the screen untouched.
- 4) Click the **Search** button to start your search.

#### Hot Tip!

You may want to truncate words, (put a character at the end to search for variations of that word).  
 An asterisk \* at the end of the word will search for zero or more letters at the end of the word e.g. build\* will find: build, builder, building, builds, build-up etc.

### Searching using the Browse facility

Click **Browse Indexes** on the toolbar. Below are the results of browsing for 'dog'. This lists all the subject keywords and the number of results in that classification. Simply click on the **link** to display all the results in that subject category.

The screenshot shows a list of subject keywords and their corresponding record counts:

- dofsub20sub: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dofsub70sub: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- doftamnessekret: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dofststyr: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dofu: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dofugi: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dog: [CAB Abstracts -- 52223 records](#)  
[Land, Life and Leisure -- 205 records](#)
- dog-1: [CAB Abstracts -- 2 records](#)
- dog-3: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dog-4: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dog-5: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dog-50: [CAB Abstracts -- 1 record](#)
- dog-82: [CAB Abstracts -- 2 records](#)
- dog-a: [CAB Abstracts -- 14 records](#)

An arrow points to the 'dog-1' entry. At the bottom, there is a 'Select Terms' button and navigation arrows.

PTO for advice on viewing records and marking them for future reference

## Display and Output of Records

After searching, a list of **Records** will be displayed. The title of each record is a link to the **complete record**, i.e. all the information held about that record in the database. If an **abstract** (a brief synopsis of the article) exists for that record, the complete record will include the abstract.

**Callout 1 (Top Left):** If you have too many results, you may need to narrow your search. Try using **Refine** to search again.

**Callout 2 (Top Right):** If you have no results, try using **CAB Thesaurus** to look for related terms.

**Callout 3 (Bottom Left):** Click on the link to view the complete record and all information held on the database.

**Callout 4 (Bottom Right):** Mark a search so you can refer back to it later. (See below.)

The screenshot shows the CAB Abstracts interface with a search for 'build\*' in Keywords, resulting in 35038 matches. The menu bar includes 'Advanced Search', 'Browse Indexes', 'CAB Thesaurus', 'Marked Records', and 'Search History'. A 'Refine' button is visible below the search results. The list of records includes titles like 'Evaluation of action thresholds for chronic rice insect pests in the Philippines. III. Leaf folders' and 'Effect of weather parameters on population buildup of pigeonpea pod borers'.

You can also save individual records by **marking** them. You mark a record by clicking on the *mark record* box after the record (this box is represented by a green circle with a square in the centre).

Alternatively you mark or unmark all records on a page by using the appropriate buttons at the top-right. When a record is marked, there is a tick mark in the box.

Click on **Marked Records** on the menu bar to see all the records you have marked. Records are displayed with field names by default. Fields can be changed from **Name** to **Tag** format (for use with bibliographic software) via the drop-down menu and clicking on **Reformat**.

On this page, you also have options to **email**, **save** or **print** your records, as well as un-marking them when you no longer need them.

The screenshot shows the '3 Records Currently Marked' page. At the top, there are buttons for 'E-mail', 'Save or Print', 'Unmark All', and 'Return'. Below this, there is a 'Display records in' dropdown menu set to 'Name' and a 'Reformat' button. The main content area shows a list of marked records, with the first one selected. The record details include:

- Record ID: 20060997339
- Title: *Giardia duodenalis* infection and wastewater irrigation in Pakistan.
- Database: CAB Abstracts
- Author: Ensink, J. H. J., Hoek, W. van der, Amerasinghe, T. P.
- Source: Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. 2006. 100: 6, 526-542. 20 ref.
- Abstract: The risk of *Giardia duodenalis* (Giardia) infection in farmers using untreated wastewater in agriculture was investigated in the city of Islamabad, Pakistan, through a cross-sectional study. The study found a significantly increased risk of (asymptomatic) *Giardia* infection in wastewater farming households when compared with farming households using regular (non-wastewater) irrigation water (OR 3.3, 95% CI 2.5-4.4). Textile labourers who were employed in the city of Islamabad but who lived in the same village as the wastewater farmers showed a risk of *Giardia* infection in between that of wastewater and non-wastewater farming households (OR 2.4, 95% CI 1.9-3.1). This study suggests that exposure to wastewater with high *Giardia* concentrations carries an increased risk for (asymptomatic) *Giardia* infection.
- CABICODES: Zoonosis, Health and Related Parasites of Humans, (New March 2000).; [W220].; Occupational Health and Safety.; [W900].; Wastes (General).; [Z0000].
- Descriptors: farmers; giardiasis; irrigation; occupational hazards;

## Help and Exit

Context-sensitive help is available for all parts of the interface. The **Help** option is located on the **menu bar**. Close the window to return to the interface. Please use the **Exit** link when you are finished using the service. You will be automatically logged out after a period of non-use of the interface.