

GeoRef

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GeoRef contains:

- over 2.9 million references to journal articles, book chapters, maps, conference papers, government publications, Masters' theses and doctoral dissertations in geosciences and is updated weekly
- links to full text where available to Monash users
- references from North America since 1785 and from other areas of the world since 1933
- all major Australian geoscientific publications
- a new, results-based mapping tool that plots geographical features from a results set.

Use GeoRef to find:

- most comprehensive access to scholarly resources in a wide range of Geoscience topics
- the latest research in your area by setting up saved searches, alerts and RSS feeds.

Tips:

- Use the default **Quick Search** screen for basic keyword searching in "All Fields".
- Select specific fields from the pull-down menu to the right of the search box.
- Use * to find variations of words, eg ethic* retrieves *ethics, ethical, ethic*.
- Search for exact phrases using quotation marks, eg. "barrier reef".
- The **Refine results** box offers suggestions for refining searches.
- Use **Search History** to combine previous searches.

Look for similar information in:

- GeoBase
- Scopus
- Compendex
- Environmental sciences and pollution management.

GeoRef looks like this:

The screenshot displays the Engineering Village search interface. At the top, the logo 'Engineering Village' is visible on the left, and navigation links for 'Search History', 'Selected Records', 'My Profile', 'My Alerts', and 'End Session' are on the right. Below the logo, a horizontal menu contains 'Tags + Groups', 'Easy Search', 'Quick Search', 'Expert Search', 'Thesaurus', 'eBook Search', 'Ask an Expert', and 'Help'. On the left side, a 'Databases' sidebar lists several options: 'Compendex', 'EI Patents', 'GeoBase', 'GeoRef', 'Inspec', and 'Referex'. 'GeoRef' is currently selected. The main search area is titled 'SELECT DATABASE' and shows 'GeoRef' checked. Below this, the 'SEARCH FOR' section contains three input fields: 'tsunami*', 'AND pacific', and 'AND'. The 'SEARCH IN' section has three dropdown menus, all set to 'All fields'. The 'LIMIT BY' section includes dropdowns for 'All document types', 'Treatment type not available', 'Discipline type not available', and 'All Languages'. The 'SORT BY' section has radio buttons for 'Relevance' (selected) and 'Publication year', and a checkbox for 'Autostemming off'. At the bottom of the search area are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. A 'Browse Indexes' sidebar on the right lists 'Author', 'Author affiliation', 'Controlled term', 'Serial title', and 'Publisher'.

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