

CARACal publication Policy - V2

Authors making use of unpublished data products (images, cubes, etc.) made with CARACal (or its predecessor, MeerKATHI) prior to its public release on 11 May 2020 offer CARACal developers to co-author the resulting journal paper and to comment on it before submission. Co-authorship should only be offered to those who were developers at the time of the relevant data reduction. Usage of CARACal will be acknowledged in the paper as detailed below. This also applies to conference talks and proceedings.

There is no rule about the time between the notification of CARACal developers and the submission of the paper but it is generally frowned upon if that time is only a few days without good reason.

Conference proceedings only have to acknowledge CARACal unless their main subject is CARACal itself.

Any person with access to the CARACal repository can make use of the pipeline for their purposes but they have to adhere to and make their collaborators aware of the publication policy before using it or parts of it.

Papers published or in progress under this policy must be entered (as a comment) into the [CARACal - developers list and publications](#). This can only be done by a CARACal developer following [this link](#).

On papers and conference proceedings, CARACal should be acknowledged using the following phrase (or its updated version): "(Part of) the data published here have been reduced using the CARACal pipeline, partially supported by ERC Starting grant number 679629 "FORNAX", MAECI Grant Number ZA18GR02, DST-NRF Grant Number 113121 as part of the ISARP Joint Research Scheme, and BMBF project 05A17PC2 for D-MeerKAT, and partially supported by the South African Research Chairs Initiative of the Department of Science and Technology and National Research Foundation. Information about CARACal can be obtained online under the URL: <https://caracal.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>."

On posters and on talk slides, CARACal has to be acknowledged, but using a shorter version is possible.

Not strictly related, but good to remember: if you use MeerKAT data, the official acknowledgement is: "The MeerKAT telescope is operated by the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory, which is a facility of the National Research Foundation, an agency of the Department of Science and Innovation."
