

DOAB Selective Export

Step-by-step guide

This guide expands on the Selective Export information available on the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) website. It explains how to use the Selective Export functionality to export book and chapter metadata from DOAB in a flexible way.

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1. Understanding the Selective Export

The [Selective Export](#) functionality allows you to export metadata for selected books and chapters, rather than retrieving the complete feed. This supports specialist library, subject repository, and frequent-user workflows that require specified subsets of open access (OA) books.

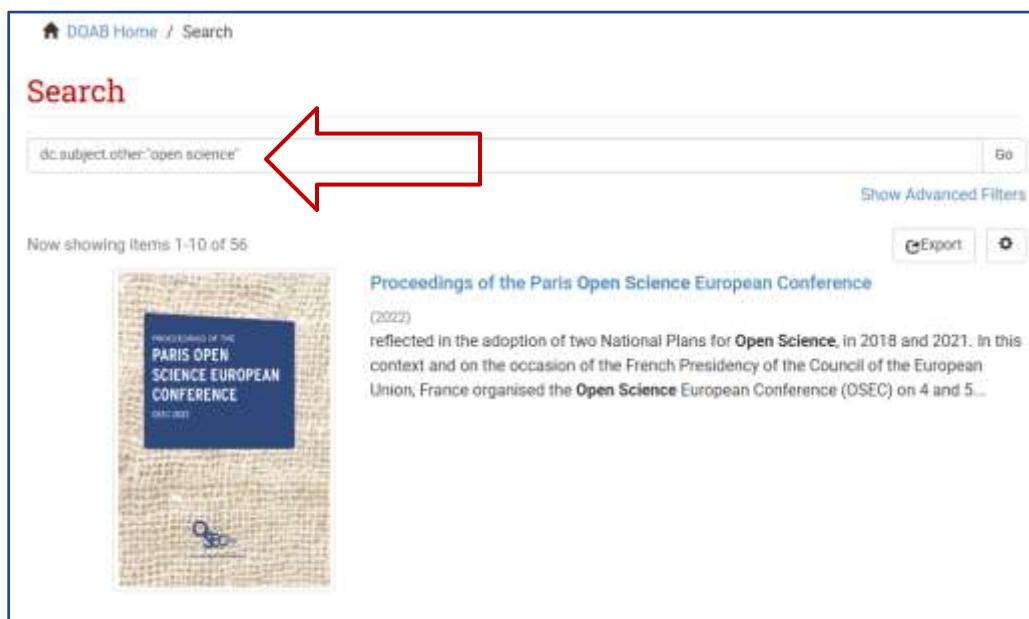
Please note that the Selective Export function is optimised for sets of up to 500 titles. If your intended selection is larger than this, consider using the wider [metadata feeds](#) instead.

2. How to use the Selective Export

Complete the following steps to make a Selective Export:

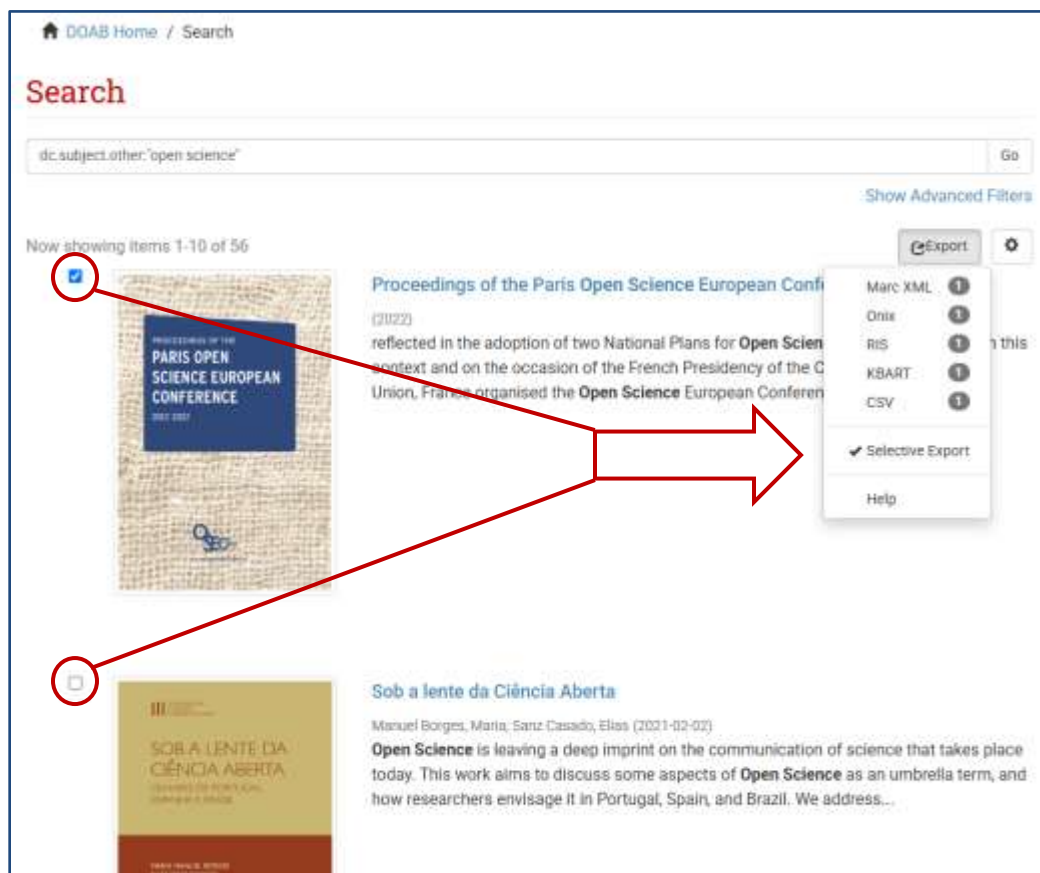
1. Search for books

Start by searching the platform for the books or chapters you want to include in your export. Use the platform search to identify the relevant titles before you export.



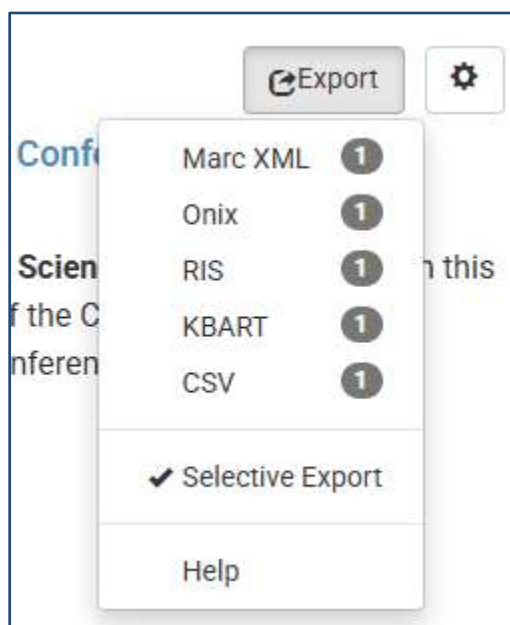
2. Refine the export further, if needed

If your results are too broad, refine the selection further by selecting specific books or chapters so the export reflects the subset you actually need.



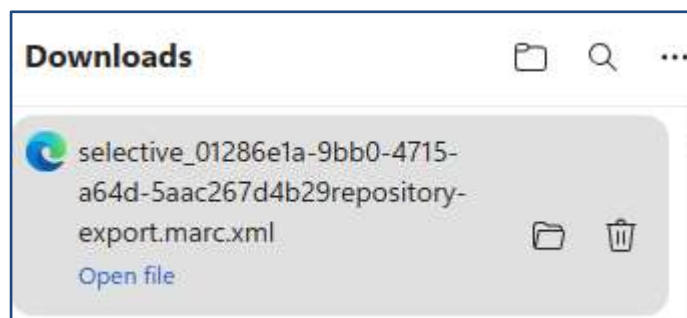
3. Select the export format

Choose the export format that best suits your workflow.



4. Access the metadata directly

Once the export is created, the metadata becomes directly available for use in your own systems or workflows.



3. Practical checklist

Consider the following questions before using the Selective Export:

- Have I selected only the books or chapters I need?
- Is the selected set within the recommended limit of up to 500 titles?
- Have I chosen the most appropriate export format for my intended use?
- If I need a broad or recurring metadata feed, have I checked the metadata feed pages instead?

4. Questions or feedback

If you have questions about the Selective Export functionality or wish to share feedback with the DOAB team, please contact openhelp@operas.atlassian.net.