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### Keywords

fish ponds, occurrences, pond management, Belgium

### Short description of the dataset/summary

The Midden-Limburg pond dataset contains data on local habitat conditions and taxonomic community composition of multiple aquatic organism groups (phytoplankton, zooplankton, aquatic vegetation, macro-invertebrates and fish) from 38 interconnected fish ponds in the fish pond complex Midden-Limburg (Limburg, Belgium). The selection of fish ponds represents five different pond management types.

### General information

dataset entry ID:	SF_12
<b>name of the dataset:</b>	
full name of the dataset:	Midden-Limburg Fish Ponds Survey
dataset short name:	Midden-Limburg Survey
<b>type of dataset:</b>	species (taxonomic group) per site database including environmental information
data type:	point data/observation data
<b>science keywords according to GCMD:</b>	
topic:	Biosphere, Biological Classification, Land Surface, Terrestrial Hydrosphere
<b>ISO topic category according to ISO 19115:</b>	
	Biota, Environment, Inland Waters
own science keywords:	fish ponds, occurrences, environmental conditions, pond management, Belgium

## Technical and administrative specifications

<b>data format:</b>	Excel
<b>operating system:</b>	all operating systems
<b>data language:</b>	English
<b>current access level:</b>	web (public)
web address:	<a href="http://data.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/ipt/manage/resource?r=midden-limburg">http://data.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/ipt/manage/resource?r=midden-limburg</a>
currently available through <a href="#">GBIF</a> :	yes
exchange planned:	no
data in data repository:	no

### Do you plan to publish the data on the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal:

already published through the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal

**update level:** completed

### documentation:

type:	manual
language:	English

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## Intellectual property rights and citation

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number:	6

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criteria for using this part of the dataset:

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 criteria for using this part of the dataset:

The dataset is publicly available (data portal, data archive) and can be used without restrictions, but dataset creator/data contributors must be informed prior to publication. Data must be acknowledged and cited correctly.

**citation of this dataset:**

author(s): Lemmens, P., De Wever, A., Mergeay, J., De Bie, T., Ercken, D., Van Wichelen, J., Declerck, S.A.J. & De Meester, L.  
 title and journal (name, number, pages): Biodiversity in interconnected Belgian man-made fish ponds representing different pond management types  
 year: 2017  
 doi: <https://doi.org/10.13148/fzynim>

**citation of the metadata:**

author(s): Lemmens, P., Mergeay, J., Ercken, D., De Bie, T., Van Wichelen, J., Declerck, S.A.J. & De Meester, L.

title and journal (name, number, pages):

Database on local environmental conditions and biodiversity in fish ponds in Midden-Limburg, Belgium. *Freshwater Metadata Journal* 27: 1-8

year:

2017

doi:

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**dataset related references:**

reference 1:

author(s):

Lemmens, P., Declerck, S.A.J, Mergeay, J., De Bie, T., Van Wichelen, J. & De Meester, L.

title:

How to maximally support local and regional biodiversity in applied conservation? Insights from pond management. *PLoS ONE* 8(8): e72538

year:

2013

doi:

<https://doi.org/doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538>

reference 2:

author(s):

Lemmens, P., Mergeay, J., Van Wichelen, J., De Meester, L. & Declerck, S.A.J

title:

The impact of conservation management on the community composition of multiple organism groups in eutrophic interconnected man-made ponds. *PLoS ONE* 10(9): e0139371.

year:

2015

doi:

<https://doi.org/doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0139371>

**General data specifications**

**regional coverage of the dataset:**

spatial extent of the dataset: regional

continents: Europe

**spatial extent (bounding coordinates):**

southernmost latitude [°]: 51801.47

northernmost latitude [°]: 52315.24

westernmost longitude [°]: 505824.47

easternmost longitude [°]: 505969.98

countries: Europe: Belgium

**world climatic regions according to Köppen:**

Group D: continental/microthermal climate

freshwater ecoregions of the world (FEOW) according to [WWF](#):

Europe: Central & Western Europe

**European ecoregions according to Illies (WFD):**

Western Plains (ER13)

**ecosystem type:**

lakes/ponds

**covered timeframe:**

2006 - 2007

**Site specifications**

**coordinate system/grid data:**

latitude/longitude, format: DMS

projected, UTM

datum (e.g. WGS84):

WGS84

grid data available:

no

**site coding:**

site coding available:

yes, alphanumerical

number of digits:	3
example:	BK7, K1
<b>number of sites:</b>	<100
exact number of sites:	38

## Climate and environmental data

<b>climate related data:</b>	no climate data available
<b>environmental data:</b>	no environmental data per catchment available
available parameters per site:	management type data source: Lemmens et al., 2013
comments:	See Lemmens et al. (2013) or more details on the different pond management types.
<b>physico-chemical data:</b>	total P, total N, oxygen content, water temperature, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll, Secchi disc depth, suspended solids, substrate
other physico-chemical parameters:	Percentage of pond surface covered with submerged, floating and emergent vegetation, and pond size.
availability of physico-chemical data, if there is more than one sample per site:	mean values per site
<b>stressors influencing the sites:</b>	no stressor data available
reference sites available:	no

## Biological data

<b>biological data origin:</b>	from sampling, TWOL research project (LIM/AMINAL/AN/LIM/2004/10)
organism group addressed:	fish, macro-invertebrates (Mollusca, Ephemeroptera, Trichoptera, Chironomidae), zooplankton (Cladocera), phytoplankton, macrophytes

## Sample specifications/sample resolution

<b>fish:</b>	
<b>sample information:</b>	
covered timeframe:	2006 - 2007
historical data:	no
palaeo data:	no
season:	summer
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	per year
<b>taxonomic resolution:</b>	
level:	species
<b>taxonomic coding:</b>	
taxalist according to:	FishBase

**sample specifications:**

type: quantitative (abundance data)  
 replicate samples: no  
 comments: For details see Lemmens P., Declerck S.A.J, Mergeay J., De Bie T., Van Wichelen J. & De Meester L., 2013. How to Maximally Support Local and Regional Biodiversity in Applied Conservation? Insights from Pond Management. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538

**macro-invertebrates:**

**sample information:**

covered timeframe: 2006 - 2007  
 historical data: no  
 palaeo data: no  
 season: spring, summer  
 temporal resolution/frequency of sampling: per year  
 time series data: no

**taxonomic resolution:**

level: other  
 comments: Ephemeropterans, Hemiptera and Mollusca were identified to species level. Determination of Diptera was done up to family level. Other organisms were only sorted to higher taxonomic levels and counted (Acari and Hirudinea to subclass, Trichoptera and Lepidoptera to order).

**taxonomic coding:**

taxalist according to: De Pauw N. & Vannevel R. (1991)  
 reference(s): De Pauw N. & Vannevel R., 1991. Macro-invertebraten en waterkwaliteit. Antwerpen: Stichting Leefmilieu.

**sample specifications:**

type: quantitative (abundance data)  
 comments: For details see Lemmens P., Declerck S.A.J, Mergeay J., De Bie T., Van Wichelen J. & De Meester L., 2013. How to Maximally Support Local and Regional Biodiversity in Applied Conservation? Insights from Pond Management. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538

**zooplankton:**

**sample information:**

covered timeframe: 2006 - 2007  
 historical data: no  
 palaeo data: no  
 season: summer  
 time series data: no

**taxonomic resolution:**

level: other  
 comments: Cladocera were identified to species level using Flössner (2000) and counted. Daphnia galeata (Sars) and D. longispina (Müller) were considered as one taxon. Copepoda were divided in two main groups (Cyclopoids and Calanoids) and counted.

**taxonomic coding:**

taxalist according to: Flössner D. (2000)  
 reference(s): Flössner D., 2000. Die Haplopoda und Cladocera Mitteleuropas Leiden. Backhuys Publishers.

**sample specifications:**

type: quantitative (abundance data)



replicate samples: no  
 comments: For details see Lemmens P., Declerck S.A.J, Mergeay J., De Bie T., Van Wichelen J. & De Meester L., 2013. How to Maximally Support Local and Regional Biodiversity in Applied Conservation? Insights from Pond Management. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538

**phytoplankton:****sample information:**

covered timeframe: 2006 - 2007  
 historical data: no  
 season: summer  
 time series data: no

**taxonomic resolution:**

level: genus

**taxonomic coding:**

taxalist according to: John et al. (2002)  
 reference(s): John D.M., Whitton B.A., Brook A.J., 2002. The freshwater algal flora of the British isles. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**sample specifications:**

type: semi-quantitative  
 comments: For details see Lemmens P., Declerck S.A.J, Mergeay J., De Bie T., Van Wichelen J. & De Meester L., 2013. How to Maximally Support Local and Regional Biodiversity in Applied Conservation? Insights from Pond Management. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538

**macrophytes:****sample information:**

covered timeframe: 2006 - 2007  
 historical data: no  
 palaeo data: no  
 season: summer  
 temporal resolution/frequency of sampling: per year  
 time series data: no

**taxonomic resolution:**

level: species

**taxonomic coding:**

taxalist according to: Lambinon et al. (1983)  
 reference(s): Lambinon J., De Langhe J.-E. , Delvosalle L., Duvigneaud J., 1983. Flora van België, het Groothertogdom Luxemburg, Noord-Frankrijk en de aangrenzende gebieden (Pteridofyten en Spermatofyten). Een uitgave van het Patrimonium van de Nationale Plantentuin van België.

**sample specifications:**

type: semi-quantitative  
 comments: For details see Lemmens P., Declerck S.A.J, Mergeay J., De Bie T., Van Wichelen J. & De Meester L., 2013. How to Maximally Support Local and Regional Biodiversity in Applied Conservation? Insights from Pond Management. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072538

## Other specifications

### GIS layers, shape files related to the dataset:

no data available

**availability of photos:** no

**availability of maps:** no

### quality control procedures:

Were any quality control procedures applied to your dataset?

yes

quality control protocols and comments:

Species names were checked using the GBIF species list. In addition, the quality of data has been checked with the phwhip validator.

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