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farmland ponds, occurrences, environmental conditions, organic agriculture, Belgium

Short description of the dataset/summary

The database of the ORCA project (A comparative analysis of ORganic and Conventional Agriculture's impact on aquatic biodiversity) comprises species occurrence data of different organism groups (zooplankton, macro-invertebrates, macrophytes, amphibians (eDNA) and fish (eDNA)) and data on physical, chemical and morphometric variables of 48 small farmland ponds distributed over Flanders, Belgium.

Short description of the dataset/summary (original/national language)

De database van het ORCA project (een vergelijkende studie naar de impact van biologische en conventionele landbouw op aquatische biodiversiteit) omvat gegevens over het voorkomen van soorten in verschillende groepen organismen (zoöplankton, macro-invertebraten, macrofyten, amfibieën (eDNA) en vissen (eDNA)) en gegevens over fysische, chemische en morfometrische variabelen van 48 kleine in het landbouwareaal gesitueerde vijvers verspreid over Vlaanderen, België.

General information

dataset entry ID:	FWM_32
name of the dataset:	
full name of the dataset:	ORganic and Conventional Agriculture's impact on aquatic biodiversity
full name of the dataset (original/national language):	Impact van biologische en conventionele landbouw op aquatische biodiversiteit
dataset short name:	ORCA
type of dataset:	species (taxonomic group) per site database including environmental information
data type:	point data/observation data
science keywords according to GCMD:	
topic:	Agriculture, Biosphere, Biological Classification, Land Surface, Terrestrial Hydrosphere
ISO topic category according to ISO 19115:	
	Farming, Biota, Environment, Geoscientific Information, Inland Waters
INSPIRE keywords according to GEMET:	
own science keywords:	Agricultural and aquaculture facilities, Bio-geographical regions, Land use farmland ponds, occurrences, environmental conditions, Belgium, organic farming, conventional farming, eDNA
related project:	ORCA
funding:	BELSPO research project BR/175/A1/ORCA and BR/175/A1/ORCA-2

Technical and administrative specifications

data format:	Excel
operating system:	all Windows systems
data language:	English
current access level:	internal
currently available through GBIF :	no
exchange planned:	yes
data in data repository:	no
Do you plan to publish the data on the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal:	yes
update level:	completed
documentation:	
type:	manual
language:	English
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number: 17

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General data specifications

regional coverage of the dataset:

spatial extent of the dataset: national

continents: Europe

spatial extent (bounding coordinates):

southernmost latitude [°]: 50.721357

northernmost latitude [°]: 51.425765

westernmost longitude [°]: 2.645698

easternmost longitude [°]: 5.856698

countries: Europe: Belgium

world climatic regions according to Köppen:

Group C: temperate/mesothermal climates

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: 2017 - 2018

Site specifications

coordinate system/grid data: latitude/longitude, format: DD

datum (e.g. WGS84): WGS84

grid data available: no

site coding available: yes, alphanumerical

example: WVLPOP0713
number of sites: <100
 exact number of sites: 48
comments: Reference:
 Leyssen, A., Scheers, K., Smeekens, V., Wils, C., Packet, J., De Knijf, G. & Denys, L. (2020). Watervlakken versie 1.1: polygonenkaart van stilstaand water in Vlaanderen. Uitgave 2020. Rapporten van het Instituut voor Natuur- en Bosonderzoek 2020 (40). Instituut voor Natuur- en Bosonderzoek, Brussel.
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<http://www.geopunt.be/catalogus/datasetfolder/61c4245b-a177-4fe8-a5cc-455475d7b40f>

Climate and environmental data

climate related data: no climate data available

environmental data:

no environmental data per catchment available

available parameters per site:

maximum depth

data source: field measurement

proportion of land use types within several fixed perimeters around ponds

data source: Poelmans, L. & Van Daele, T. (2014). Landgebruikskaart

NARA-T 2014: Studie uitge

comments:

distance statistics between pond, buffer area and nearest crop/grassland land use
 reference:

Departement Landbouw & Visserij (2016). Landbouwgebruikspercelen ALV, 2016. Verdeeld door Agentschap Informatie Vlaanderen,

<http://www.geopunt.be/catalogus/datasetfolder/68621fdf-7948-48eb-b141-3f85751c44cb>

physico-chemical data:

total P, nitrate, nitrite, total N, ammonium, sulphate, chloride, hardness, alkalinity, oxygen content, water temperature, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll, Secchi disc depth, suspended solids, sediment/soil parameters

other physico-chemical parameters:

phycocyanine, DOC, Silicate, phosphate

availability of physico-chemical data, if there is more than one sample per site:

mean values per site

stressors influencing the sites:

reference sites available:

no

stressor	restored sites available	data before/after restoration available	stressor gradient available	comments
other stressors	no	no	no	organic vs conventional agricultural land use

Biological data

biological data origin: from sampling, ORCA

organism group addressed: amphibians, fish, macro-invertebrates (Mollusca, Coleoptera), zooplankton (Cladocera), macrophytes

comments: Three macroinvertebrate groups were addressed: Coleoptera, Heteroptera, Gastropoda.

Sample specifications/sample resolution

amphibians:

sample information:

covered timeframe: 2018 - 2018

historical data: no

season: spring

temporal resolution/frequency of sampling: per year

time series data: no

taxonomic resolution:

level: genus, species

percentage of species level data: 90

taxonomic coding:

taxalist according to: INBO reference database and De Bie et al. (2012)

reference(s): De Bie, T., De Meester, L., Brendonck, L., Martens, K., Goddeeris, B., Ercken, D., Hampel, H., Denys, L., Vanhecke, L., Van der Gucht, K., Van Wichelen, J., Vyverman, W. & Declerck, S.A. (2012). Body size and dispersal mode as key traits determining metacommunity structure of aquatic organisms. *Ecology Letters* 15(7): 740-747.

sample specifications:

type: presence/absence

replicate samples: no

number of samples: 48

specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting: eDNA data

fish:

sample information:

covered timeframe: 2018 - 2018

historical data: no

palaeo data: no

season: spring

temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:

	per year
time series data:	no
taxonomic resolution:	
level:	species
percentage of species level data:	100
taxonomic coding:	
taxalist according to:	INBO reference database and De Bie et al. (2012)
reference(s):	De Bie, T., De Meester, L., Brendonck, L., Martens, K., Goddeeris, B., Ercken, D., Hampel, H., Denys, L., Vanhecke, L., Van der Gucht, K., Van Wichelen, J., Vyverman, W. & Declerck, S.A. (2012). Body size and dispersal mode as key traits determining metacommunity structure of aquatic organisms. <i>Ecology Letters</i> 15(7): 740-747.
sample specifications:	
type:	presence/absence
replicate samples:	no
number of samples:	48
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	eDNA data
macro-invertebrates:	
sample information:	
covered timeframe:	2017 - 2017
historical data:	no
palaeo data:	no
season:	summer
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	per year
time series data:	no
comments:	data of Coleoptera, Heteroptera and Gastropoda
taxonomic resolution:	
level:	family, sub-family, genus, species
percentage of species level data:	90
taxonomic coding:	
taxalist according to:	see De Bie et al. (2012)
reference(s):	De Bie, T., De Meester, L., Brendonck, L., Martens, K., Goddeeris, B., Ercken, D., Hampel, H., Denys, L., Vanhecke, L., Van der Gucht, K., Van Wichelen, J., Vyverman, W. & Declerck, S.A. (2012). Body size and dispersal mode as key traits determining metacommunity structure of aquatic organisms. <i>Ecology Letters</i> 15(7): 740-747.
sample specifications:	
type:	semi-quantitative
replicate samples:	no
number of samples:	48
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	net sampling
zooplankton:	
sample information:	
covered timeframe:	2017 - 2017
historical data:	no
palaeo data:	no
season:	summer

temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	per year
time series data:	no
taxonomic resolution:	
level:	species
percentage of species level data:	95
taxonomic coding:	
taxalist according to:	see De Bie et al. (2012)
reference(s):	De Bie, T., De Meester, L., Brendonck, L., Martens, K., Goddeeris, B., Ercken, D., Hampel, H., Denys, L., Vanhecke, L., Van der Gucht, K., Van Wichelen, J., Vyverman, W. & Declerck, S.A. (2012). Body size and dispersal mode as key traits determining metacommunity structure of aquatic organisms. <i>Ecology Letters</i> 15(7): 740-747.
sample specifications:	
type:	semi-quantitative
replicate samples:	no
number of samples:	48
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	densities (number of individuals per liter)
macrophytes:	
sample information:	
covered timeframe:	2017 - 2018
historical data:	no
palaeo data:	no
season:	summer
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	per year
time series data:	no
comments:	47 samples in 2017 1 sample in 2018
taxonomic resolution:	
level:	genus, species
percentage of species level data:	95
taxonomic coding:	
taxalist according to:	see De Bie et al. (2012)
reference(s):	De Bie, T., De Meester, L., Brendonck, L., Martens, K., Goddeeris, B., Ercken, D., Hampel, H., Denys, L., Vanhecke, L., Van der Gucht, K., Van Wichelen, J., Vyverman, W. & Declerck, S.A. (2012). Body size and dispersal mode as key traits determining metacommunity structure of aquatic organisms. <i>Ecology Letters</i> 15(7): 740-747.
sample specifications:	
type:	semi-quantitative
replicate samples:	no
number of samples:	48
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	estimated using Tansley scale

Other specifications

GIS layers, shape files related to the dataset:

land use

availability of photos: yes

availability of maps: no

quality control procedures:

Were any quality control procedures applied to your dataset?

yes

quality control protocols and comments:

Species, difficult to identify, were checked by taxonomic experts.

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