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## Keywords

eutrophication, lake, phytoplankton

## Short description of the dataset/summary

This paper gives an overview of biological and other environmental monitoring data from Lake Vansjø in the Morsa river basin district, South-East Norway. The lake is impacted by eutrophication and has been subject to several nutrient abatement measures. The dataset comprises phytoplankton data at species level from 2005-2015, and water chemistry data from the period 1980-2015.

The dataset is available online from NIVA's web portal AquaMonitor and will be updated regularly with new monitoring data.

## General information

dataset entry ID:	MARS_06
<b>name of the dataset:</b>	
full name of the dataset:	Phytoplankton and other monitoring data from Lake Vansjø
dataset short name:	Vansjø
<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 <a href="#">GCMD</a>:</b>	
topic:	Agriculture, Biosphere, Biological Classification, Terrestrial Hydrosphere
keywords:	eutrophication, lake, phytoplankton
<b>ISO topic category according to <a href="#">ISO 19115</a>:</b>	
	Farming, Biota, Environment, Geoscientific Information, Inland Waters

## Technical and administrative specifications

<b>data format:</b>	Oracle
others/details:	Data are stored in Oracle, can be downloaded to Access and Excel via web interface (in Norwegian)
<b>operating system:</b>	all Windows systems
<b>data language:</b>	English
<b>current access level:</b>	web (public)
web address (URL):	www.aquamonitor.no/ostfold
others/details:	in Norwegian only
currently available through <a href="#">GBIF</a> :	no
exchange planned:	no
data in data repository:	no
comments:	More data from Lake Vansjø and River Hobøl are available online by the Norwegian Environment Agency ( <a href="http://vanmiljo.miljodirektoratet.no/">http://vanmiljo.miljodirektoratet.no/</a> ). However the website is in Norwegian only and finding the right data may require some knowledge.
<b>update level:</b>	update planned
others/details:	Dataset is updated yearly.
<b>documentation:</b>	
type:	internal description
language:	others/specify
specify:	Norwegian
others/details:	Aggregated data are published in reports by NIBIO (Skarbøvik et al. 2016).
<b>Do you plan to publish the data on the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal:</b>	no
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## Intellectual property rights and citation

<b>dataset publisher:</b>	NIVA
<b>dataset creator (data compiler):</b>	
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contact institution:	NIVA

**data contributors to/owners of this dataset:**

criteria for using this dataset: single  
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.

other/additional criteria: The data can be downloaded and used, but the contact persons will appreciate an invitation to collaboration on use of the data.

**citation of this dataset:**

author(s): NIVA  
title: Data from Lake Vansjø. Accessed at [www.aquamonitor.no/ostfold](http://www.aquamonitor.no/ostfold)  
year: 2015

**citation of the metadata:**

author(s): Haande S., Moe S. J. & Couture R. M.  
title and journal (name, number, pages): Phytoplankton and other monitoring data from Lake Vansjø. Freshwater Metadata Journal 15: 1-8  
year: 2016  
doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15504/fmj.2016.15>

**dataset related references:**

## reference 1:

author(s): Skarbøvik, E., Haande, S., Bechmann, M. & Skjelbred, B.  
title: Overvåking Vansjø/Morsa 2014-2015. Resultater fra overvåking av innsjøer, elver og bekker i perioden 1. november 2014 - 31. oktober 2015. NIBIO rapport 2; 42 2016. 98 pp. ISBN: 978-82-17-01608-3.  
<http://hdl.handle.net/11250/2385272>  
year: 2016

## reference 2:

author(s): Couture, R.M., Tominaga, K., Starrfelt, J., Moe, S.J., Kaste, O. & Wright, R.F.  
title: Modelling phosphorus loading and algal blooms in a Nordic agricultural catchment-lake system under changing land-use and climate. Environmental science. Processes & impacts 16, 1588-1599.  
year: 2014  
doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1039/c3em00630a>

## reference 3:

author(s): Haande, S., Solheim, A., Moe, J., Bränden, R.  
title: Klassifisering av økologisk tilstand i elver og innsjøer i Vannområde Morsa iht. Vanddirektivet. (Classification of ecological status in rivers and lakes in river basin Morsa according to the Water Framework Directive). NIVA report no. 6166-2011. <http://hdl.handle.net/11250/215455>  
year: 2011

## reference 4:

author(s): Moe, S. Jannicke, S. Haande & Couture, R.M.  
title: Climate change, cyanobacteria blooms and ecological status of lakes: a Bayesian network approach. Ecological Modelling (accepted).  
year: 2016

## General data specifications

### regional coverage of the dataset:

scale of the dataset: catchment

### spatial extent (bounding coordinates):

southernmost latitude [°]: 59.344259

northernmost latitude [°]: 59.858634

westernmost longitude [°]: 10.660904

easternmost longitude [°]: 11.130339

minimum altitude: 59 metres

maximum altitude: 136 metres

countries: Europe: Norway

### world climatic regions according to [Köppen](#):

Group C: temperate/mesothermal climates

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

Europe: Northern Baltic Drainages

### European ecoregions according to [Illies \(WFD\)](#):

Fenno-Scandian Shield (ER22)

**ecosystem type:** lakes/ponds

**covered timeframe:** 1980 - 2015

**comments:** Data from rivers (River Hobøl) are not included in this dataset, but can be made available upon request.

## Site specifications

**coordinate system/grid data:** latitude/longitude, format: DMS

datum (e.g. WGS84): WGS84

grid data available: no

### site coding:

site coding available: yes, alphanumerical

number of digits: 4

example: VAN1

**number of sites:** <100

exact number of sites: 2

**comments:** 2 lake sites: Basin Storefjorden (VAN1) and Basin Vanemfjorden (VAN2). In addition, several river sites are monitored (data can be made available upon request).

## Climate and environmental data

### climate related data:

others: Data can be downloaded from [eklima.met.no](http://eklima.met.no), station Rygge (station 17150)

available parameters per site:

mean annual temperature January, July

data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)

mean annual temperature for each month

data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)

minimal, maximal and mean winter and summer temperatures

data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)

daily air temperatures

data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)  
 mean annual precipitation  
 data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)  
 winter and summer precipitation  
 data source: [www.met.no](http://www.met.no)  
 mean discharge  
 data source: [www.nve.no](http://www.nve.no)

**environmental data:**

available parameters per catchment:

catchment size  
 catchment geology  
 catchment land cover/land use  
 population density  
 presence of barriers/dams/reservoirs (fragmentation)  
 hydrological regime/flow regime

available parameters per site:

catchment land use upstream of sampling site  
 catchment land use along a buffer strip (100m width on both sides) upstream  
 (10km) of the sampling site  
 river length  
 altitude  
 hydrological regime/flow regime  
 discharge  
 maximum depth  
 mean depth

comments:

Most environmental data are available from this source:  
 Skarbøvik, E. & Bechmann, M. 2010. Some characteristics of the Vansjø-Hobøl  
 (Morsa) Catchment. Bioforsk report. 5 128. 44 pp. ISBN: 978-82-17-00689-3.  
[http://www.bioforsk.no/ikbViewer/Content/100558/Bioforsk\\_Report\\_128\\_2010\\_Morsa\\_Catchment.pdf](http://www.bioforsk.no/ikbViewer/Content/100558/Bioforsk_Report_128_2010_Morsa_Catchment.pdf)  
 More information (in Norwegian): Skarbøvik, E., Haande, S., Bechmann, M. &  
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<http://hdl.handle.net/11250/2385272>

**physico-chemistry data:**

total P, ortho P, total dissolved P, nitrate, total N, ammonium, sulphate, labile  
 aluminium, calcium, alkalinity, TOC (total organic carbon), oxygen content,  
 water temperature, pH, chlorophyll, colour, Secci disc depth, thermocline depth,  
 suspended solids

other physico-chemical parameters:

Water temperature, SiO<sub>2</sub>.

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

per sample

**stressors influencing the sites:**

reference sites available: no

stressor	restored sites available	data before/after restoration available	stressor gradient available	comments
eutrophication	yes	yes	yes	
hydromorphological degradation	no	no	no	
organic pollution				
toxic stress	no	no	no	
general degradation	no	no	no	
thermal stress	no	no	no	

## Biological data

<b>biological data origin:</b>	from sampling
specify project:	Surveillance monitoring by NIVA
organism group addressed:	phytoplankton
comments:	Data on macrophytes and fish are available only for a few years and have not been yet included in the dataset, but can be made available.

## Sample specifications/sample resolution

### phytoplankton:

#### sample information:

covered timeframe:	2005 - 2015
historical data:	yes
season:	spring, summer, autumn
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	bi-weekly
time series data:	yes

#### taxonomic resolution:

level:	species
percentage of species level data:	100
comments:	Phytoplankton data grouped by class are available online on <a href="http://www.aquamonitor.no/ostfold">www.aquamonitor.no/ostfold</a> . Original data on species level can be obtained upon request. Data on total phytoplankton biomass and selected groups are available from earlier years, but not online.

#### taxonomic coding:

reference(s):	The database uses the taxonomic code RUBIN, which is not international. All taxonomic information can be obtained upon request.
coding system:	RUBIN code
example:	APHA FLO

#### sample specifications:

type:	quantitative (abundance data)
replicate samples:	no
number of samples:	200
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	Sampling: Norwegian Standard (NS-9459)

reference(s):	Analyse: Norwegian Standard (NS-EN 15204) NS-9459:2004: Water quality - Guidance on sampling of phytoplankton from lakes and reservoirs NS-EN 15204:2006: Water quality - Guidance standard on the enumeration of phytoplankton using inverted microscopy (Utermöhl technique)
sample type (e.g. habitat specific samples, composite samples etc.):	Integrated sample from the profundal, representing the euphotic zone of the lake.
specific sample location (e.g. littoral, profundal, transect, shoreline, hyporheic zone, etc.):	Profundal, integrated sample from 0-4 meters.

## Other specifications

### GIS layers, shapes related to the dataset:

others (specify):	catchments, river-sub-basins More GIS layers are probably available, but not included in this dataset.
availability of photos:	yes
availability of maps:	yes
quality control procedures:	Were any quality control procedures applied to your dataset? yes
quality control protocols and comments:	Sampling and biological and chemical analyses followed standard procedures and Norwegian Standards.
reference:	Direktoratsgruppa (2013). Klassifisering av miljøtilstand i vann. Økologisk og kjemisk klassifiseringssystem for kystvann, grunnvann, innsjøer og elver. Veileder 02: 2013. Utgitt av Direktoratgruppen for gjennomføring av Vanddirektivet. 263 pp. (In Norwegian)

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