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## Keywords

interconnected fish ponds, zooplankton, phytoplankton, macro-invertebrates, environmental conditions

## Short description of the dataset/summary

The De Maten pond dataset contains data on local pond conditions and taxonomic community composition of phytoplankton, zooplankton, macro-invertebrates and fish from 34 interconnected fish ponds in the "De Maten" nature reserve (Limburg, Belgium).

## General information

dataset entry ID: SF\_11

**name of the dataset:**

full name of the dataset: De Maten fish ponds

dataset short name: De Maten

**type of dataset:** species (taxonomic group) per site database including environmental information

data type: point data/observation data

**science keywords according to [GCMD](#):**

topic: Biosphere, Biological Classification, Terrestrial Hydrosphere

**ISO topic category according to [ISO 19115](#):**

Biota, Environment, Inland Waters

**INSPIRE keywords according to [GEMET](#):**

Habitats and biotopes

own science keywords: fish ponds, phytoplankton, zooplankton, macro-invertebrates, fish

**funding:** National Fund of Scientific Research, Flanders, grant G.0358.01

## 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:

already published through the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal  
**update level:** completed  
**documentation:**  
type: scientific paper  
language: English

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## Intellectual property rights and citation

### dataset creator (data compiler):

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

multiple  
number: 5

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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.

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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.  
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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.  
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 criteria for using this part of the dataset:

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 This person was working at Ghent University, Protistology and Aquatic Ecology Evolution and Conservation at time of data collection.

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 criteria for using this part of the dataset:

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**citation of this dataset:**

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title and journal (name, number, pages):

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 2018

year:

<https://doi.org/10.15468/tjbpz7>

**citation of the metadata:**

author(s): Lemmens P., Cottenie K., Van de Meutter F., Vanormelingen P. & De Meester L.

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**year:**

**doi:**

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**dataset related references:**

**reference 1:**

**author(s):**

Cottenie, K., Michels, E., Nuytten, N. & De Meester, L.

**title:**

Zooplankton metacommunity structure: regional vs. local processes in highly interconnected ponds. Ecology 84: 991-1000.

**year:**

2003

**reference 2:**

**author(s):**

Van de Meutter, F., De Meester, L. & Stoks, R.

**title:**

Metacommunity structure of pond macroinvertebrates: effects of dispersal mode and generation time. Ecology 88: 1687-1695.

**year:**

2007

**reference 3:**

**author(s):**

Vanormelingen, P., Cottenie, K., Michels, E., Muylaert, K., Vyverman, W. & De Meester L.

**title:**

The relative importance of dispersal and local processes in structuring phytoplankton communities in a set of highly interconnected ponds. Freshwater Biology 53: 2170-2183.

**year:**

2008

## General data specifications

**regional coverage of the dataset:**

spatial extent of the dataset: regional  
continents: Europe

**spatial extent (bounding coordinates):**

southernmost latitude [°]: 49.4969821  
northernmost latitude [°]: 51.5516667  
westernmost longitude [°]: 2.3889137  
easternmost longitude [°]: 6.408097  
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:**

1996 - 2003

## Site specifications

**coordinate system/grid data:**

latitude/longitude, format: DD  
projected, UTM  
datum (e.g. WGS84): WGS84

grid data available: no

**ecosystem type classification:**

lakes (classification mainly according to WFD):

depth typology based on mean depth  
< 3 m

**site coding:**

site coding available: yes, numerical

number of digits: 2

example: 10

**number of sites:** <100

exact number of sites: 34

## Climate and environmental data

**climate related data:** no climate data available

**environmental data:**

no environmental data per catchment available

available parameters per site: information on riparian vegetation (incl. information on modification)  
data source: visual inspection

mean depth

data source: as determined during sampling

comments: Additionally: coverage with submerged aquatic vegetation.

**physico-chemical data:** total P, total N, oxygen content, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll, Secchi disc depth

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

mean values per site

**stressors influencing the sites:** no stressor data available

## Biological data

**biological data origin:** from sampling,

PhD research

organism group addressed: fish, macro-invertebrates (Mollusca, Ephemeroptera, Odonata, Coleoptera, Trichoptera, Chironomidae), zooplankton, phytoplankton

## Sample specifications/sample resolution

**fish:**

**sample information:**

covered timeframe: 1996 - 2002

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: 100

**taxonomic coding:**

taxalist according to: FishBase  
reference(s): Froese, R. & Pauly, D. Editors. 2018. FishBase. World Wide Web electronic publication. [www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org), version (06/2018).

**sample specifications:**

type: quantitative (abundance data)  
replicate samples: no  
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:

For details see Cottenie et al. (2003) and Van de Meutter et al. (2007).  
Cottenie, K., Michels, E., Nuytten, N. & De Meester, L., 2003. Zooplankton metacommunity structure: regional vs. local processes in highly interconnected ponds. *Ecology* 84: 991-1000.  
Van de Meutter F., De Meester, L. & Stoks, R., 2007. Metacommunity structure of pond macroinvertebrates: effects of dispersal mode and generation time. *Ecology* 88: 1687-1695.

**macro-invertebrates:**

**sample information:**

covered timeframe: 2001 - 2003  
historical data: no  
palaeo data: no  
season: spring, summer, autumn  
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:  
per year  
time series data: no

**taxonomic resolution:**

level: family, species  
percentage of species level data: 90

**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)  
replicate samples: no

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

For details see Van de Meutter et al. (2007).  
Van de Meutter, F., De Meester, L. & Stoks, R., 2007. Metacommunity structure of pond macroinvertebrates: effects of dispersal mode and generation time. *Ecology* 88: 1687-1695.

**zooplankton:**

**sample information:**

covered timeframe: 1996 - 1998  
historical data: no  
palaeo data: no  
season: summer  
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:  
per year

time series data:	no
<b>taxonomic resolution:</b>	
level:	species
percentage of species level data:	100
<b>taxonomic coding:</b>	
taxalist according to:	Flössner, D. (2000)
reference(s):	Flössner, D., 2000. Die Haplopoda und Cladocera Mitteleuropas Leiden. Backhuys Publishers.
<b>sample specifications:</b>	
type:	quantitative (abundance data)
replicate samples:	no
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	For details see Cottenie et al. (2003).
reference(s):	Cottenie, K., Michels, E., Nuytten, N. & De Meester, L., 2003. Zooplankton metacommunity structure: regional vs. local processes in highly interconnected ponds. Ecology 84: 991-1000.
<b>phytoplankton:</b>	
<b>sample information:</b>	
covered timeframe:	1998 - 1998
historical data:	no
season:	summer
temporal resolution/frequency of sampling:	per year
time series data:	no
<b>taxonomic resolution:</b>	
level:	genus
<b>taxonomic coding:</b>	
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.
<b>sample specifications:</b>	
type:	quantitative (abundance data)
replicate samples:	no
specification of method(s) used for sampling and sorting:	For details see Vanormelingen et al. (2008).
reference(s):	Vanormelingen, P., Cottenie, K., Michels, E., Muylaert, K., Vyverman, W. & De Meester, L., 2008. The relative importance of dispersal and local processes in structuring phytoplankton communities in a set of highly interconnected ponds. Freshwater Biology 53: 2170-2183.

## Other specifications

<b>GIS layers, shape files related to the dataset:</b>	
	no data available
<b>availability of photos:</b>	no
<b>availability of maps:</b>	
<b>quality control procedures:</b>	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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