



Metadata

MARS spatial database

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General information

name of the dataset:

full name of the dataset: *MARS spatial database*

dataset short name: *MARSgeoDB*

type of dataset ([more information](#)): *environmental characteristics database*

data type: *vector data (shape files)*

short description of the dataset/summary:

The MARS spatial database (MARSgeoDB) supports analyses of European waters, providing common reference spatial layers and selected data on indicators of pressures, state and impacts of European waters. It is developed within the European research project MARS (Managing Aquatic ecosystems and water Resources under multiple Stress) in accordance with the WISE (Water Information System in Europe) concept. It is built on the ECRINS (European Catchments and Rivers Network System) spatial database (from the European Environment Agency), consisting of river segments, lakes and functional elementary catchments (FECs). It includes other available European spatial layers, such as River Basin Districts (RBDs), RBD sub-units, coastlines, regions, water bodies as reported under the WFD (Water Framework Directive) in 2010 and WISE SoE (State of Environment) locations.

For spatial objects representing waters in the MARSgeoDB we compiled indicators of pressure, state and impact: physical-chemical indicators, ecological quality ratio, ecological status, chemical status, hydromorphological status, land use, population, nitrogen and phosphorus diffuse pollution, Eurostat agricultural data, UWWTD (Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive) point sources of organic pollution, E-PRTR (The European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) point sources of large emissions to water, hydro-morphological changes/naturalness of rivers, meteorological and hydrological characteristics. To calculate pressures acting on selected locations on waters we derived surface water receiving areas (polygons representing catchments/hinterlands). We assigned broad ecological types to rivers (20 types) and lakes (15 types) objects in the MARSgeoDB using abiotic criteria as proposed by EEA ETC/ICM (European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine waters) in 2015. A corresponding water body code and national ecological types were assigned as well.

Spatial and associated attribute data were quality checked, unified when needed, harmonised and interlinked.

science keywords according to [GCMD](#):

topic: *Agriculture, Biological Classification, Climate Indicators, Land Surface,*

keywords: *Terrestrial Hydrosphere
DPSIR, WFD, WISE SoE, watershed characteristics, rivers/streams,
lakes/reservoirs, ground water, ecological status, water quality/water
chemistry, discharge/flow, land use/land cover, population density,
precipitation, air temperature, agriculture production*

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

*Farming, Boundaries, Climatology/Meteorology/Atmosphere, Elevation,
Environment, Inland Waters*

Technical and administrative specifications

data format: *Access*
others/details: *ESRI geodatabase feature classes*
operating system: *all Windows systems*
data language: *English*
current access level: *web (public)*
web address (URL): *http://www.fgg.uni-lj.si/~mars/MARSgeoDB/MARSgeoDB_v2.zip*
currently available through [GBIF](#): *no*
exchange planned: *no*
data in data repository: *no*

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

no

update level: *completed*

documentation:

type: *manual*

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comments:

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General data specifications

regional coverage of the dataset:

scale of the dataset: *continental*

continents: *Europe*

spatial extent (bounding coordinates):

southernmost latitude [°]: *33.727485*

northernmost latitude [°]: *71.185599*

westernmost longitude [°]: *-24.533308*

easternmost longitude [°]: *42.642135*

minimum altitude: *-10 metres*

maximum altitude: *4442 metres*

countries: *Europe: Åland Islands, Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City, Kosovo*

comments: *EU-28 + NO, IS, CH, LI, AD, RS, BA, AL, MK, ME and XK + Turkey (without Euphrates and Tigris River basins) + part of Syria and Lebanon (Asi River basin) + parts of Russia (Pregolya, Daugava, Neva, Oulujoki, Kovda and Lotta River basins), Belarus (Daugava, Neman, Vistula River basins), Ukraine (Danube and Vistula River basins), Moldova (Danube River basin)*

Some layers (feature classes) are not covering all the countries listed above.

comments:

Different datasets are covered by different data frame. Most pressure and state data are for year 2010. Climatological data are from periods 1961-90, 1950-2000 and 2001-2010.

Site specifications

coordinate system/grid data:	<i>projected, others others: ETRS89_LAEA</i>
datum (e.g. WGS84):	<i>D_ETRS_1989</i>
grid data available:	<i>yes</i>
resolution:	<i>1</i>
unit:	<i>km</i>
comments:	<i>Grid data are available for climatological data, land cover data, altitude as well as slope, population density and population count. Data of different spatial resolutions are resampled on 1 km grid.</i>
number of sites:	<i>>1000</i>
comments:	<i>There are different numbers of sites in different layers (feature classes), for example: 16694 WISE SoE rivers quality stations, 26794 UWWTD discharge points, 5043 dams, 15016 E-PRTR facility report points. All compiled data have been linked to the ECRINS catchment and river network system when possible.</i>

Climate and environmental data

climate related data:

available per: *per catchment*
 spatial resolution of the data (if not catchment/site related):
1 km
 others: *Data are available per catchment (FEC and hinterland) and in grid (in different original resolutions depending on the source and resampled to 1 km grid).*
 available parameters:
mean annual temperature January, July
WorldClim v2, JRC Agri4cast
minimal, maximal and mean winter and summer temperatures
WorldClim v2, JRC Agri4cast
mean annual precipitation
FAO WorldClim v1.4, The British Atmospheric Data Centre, JRC Agri4cast
winter and summer precipitation
GCAT, The British Atmospheric Data Centre, JRC Agri4cast

environmental data:

available parameters per catchment: *catchment size*
ECBMS source:
 available parameters per catchment: *catchment geology*
BGM Data, HMF v500_v11, JRC - SGDBE4, WFD reporting, WRc
 available parameters per catchment: *catchment land cover/land use*
CLC2000 source, CLC2000Greece, GlobCorine2009, EEA Copernicus land cover/land use
 available parameters per catchment: *population density*
EEA Population density disaggregated with CLC2000, SEDAC Gridded Population v3
 available parameters per catchment: *presence of barriers/dams/reservoirs (fragmentation)*
ECBMS source, ESRI basemap
 available parameters per catchment: *hydrological regime/flow regime*
PCRBALSOBWB (DELTA RES, NL)
 available parameters per site: *catchment land use upstream of sampling site*
CLC2000 source, CLC2000Greece, GlobCorine2009, EEA Copernicus land cover/land use
 available parameters per site: *catchment land use along a buffer strip (100m width on both sides) upstream (10km) of the sampling site*
CLC2000 source, CLC2000Greece, GlobCorine2009, EEA Copernicus land cover/land use
 available parameters per site: *river length*
ECBMS source:
 available parameters per site: *distance to source*
ECBMS source:
 available parameters per site: *distance to mouth*
ECBMS source:
 available parameters per site: *stream order (according to Strahler)*
ECBMS source:
 available parameters per site: *slope*
EUDEM source:
 available parameters per site: *altitude*

available parameters per site: *EU data source: discharge*

physico-chemistry data: *GRDC-5W1Ae: total P, ortho P, nitrate, total N, ammonium, hardness, TOC (total organic carbon), oxygen content, BOD5 (biochemical oxygen demand), water temperature, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll, Secchi disc depth, suspended solids*

other physico-chemical parameters: *chemical oxygen demand, dissolved organic carbon, dissolved oxygen, Kjeldahl nitrogen, silicate*

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

comments: *These are yearly average data measured at WISE SoE quality stations. For catchments (FEC) we have calculated nitrogen and phosphorus inputs in tonne per year.*

stressors influencing the sites:

reference sites available: *no*

stressor	restored sites available	data before/after restoration available	stressor gradient available	comments
eutrophication	no	no	no	TotP, total N, orthophosphate concentrations
hydromorphological degradation	no	no	no	alteration of natural riparian habitats
organic pollution	no	no	no	represented by BOD5, ammonium and nitrates
general degradation	no	no	no	EQR of invertebrates, EQR of macrophytes
hydrologic stress (e.g. impoundment, flow velocity reduction, hydropeaking, water abstraction, flow velocity increase)	no	no	no	flow alteration ratio (abstraction/no abstraction)

comments: *Proxy stressors for eutrophication are also: 1) share of agricultural land in catchment (upstream drainage area), in local drainage area (FEC = functionally elementary catchment) and along the river (buffer/strip area), 2) level of urban waste water treatment, 3) population density and 4) data on agricultural activities such as total yearly input of N and P (tonnes/year).*

Other specifications

GIS layers, shapes related to the dataset:

hydrological information (as HydroSHEDS)

catchments, river-sub-basins

land use

dams/reservoirs/barriers

protected areas

population density

environmental variables (freshwater or terrestrial)

climatic variables (current and predictions)

others/specify

others (specify):

polygons: EUROSTAT NUTS, country borders, coastal line, WFD

ecoregions (Illies), biogeographical regions (EEA, Habitat Directive), broad hydroregions (IC fish), hydro ecoregions (Rebecca project), WWF hydro regions

point objects: WFD surface water bodies (2010), WFD groundwater bodies (2010) WISE SoE stations, EFl+ stations

availability of photos:

no

availability of maps:

yes

quality control procedures:

Were any quality control procedures applied to your dataset?

yes

quality control protocols and comments:

When linking point pressure/state data to ECRINS hydrological catchments and river network data, spatial quality checks were performed as well as attributive QA checks (river name check, (sub)catchment check).