Metadata – Benthic species observations

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| **Metadata field** | **Content** |
| **Abstract** | [Insert description of the dataset] |
| **Data provider organization name** | [Insert organization name] |
| **Data provider organization contact** | [Insert email@organization.com] |
| **Lineage** | [Insert lineage and/or overall quality of the spatial data set. Where appropriate it may include a statement whether the data set has been validated or quality assured] |
| **URL of downloadable resource** | [Insert URL if applicable] |
| **Temporal extent** | [Insert start date (DD.MM.YYYY)] |
| [Insert end date (DD.MM.YYYY)] |
| **Legal constraints** | [Insert disclaimer, possible conditions to access, or use default below]  Data can be used freely given that the source is cited (following creative commons license [CC-BY](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)). The source should be cited as: “Organization: Name of dataset (Year)”. |
| **Limitations on public access** | [Insert Yes/No/Partly] |

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| **Used methods** | [Insert description of used data collection-, and processing methods, formulas, and modelling approaches where applicable. For each sampling and/or laboratory method, describe the taxonomic resolution and other taxonomic peculiarities of the results. E.g. grab samples: all benthic invertebrates were identified to species level except for oligochaetes, chironomids, and juveniles of gammarid amphipods (length < 5 mm). Empty benthos samples (e.g. grab samples from deep waters devoid of invertebrates) should be reported with empty taxon field but with other fields filled.] |

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| **Attribute** | **Description** | **List of possible values** |
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