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JNCC River Macrophytes Database (June 2018 re-release)

The JNCC River Macrophytes Database (RMD) is a MS Access database constructed to house data on the plant communities of rivers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes data from over 7000 survey sites and is the most comprehensive database of its kind. Data has been collected from all over the UK between 1977 and the present day, following the methods of Holmes et al. (1999).

The RMD is an 'active' database (i.e. survey records can still be added). However with a new standard method of river plant survey now being adopted by the UK conservation agencies (i.e. the LEAFPACS method) it is likely that less surveys will be added in future, and it has developed into more of a 'legacy' database.

In 2011 the RMD was made available through the JNCC website at <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5815> with some restrictions on re-use. With this June 2018 re-release JNCC is publishing the RMD for re-use as open data under the Open Government Licence.

The RMD is provided as a MS Excel export as well as in the original MS Access database format.

Personal names of surveyors have been redacted from these public versions of the RMD to comply with data protection requirements.

You are free to re-use the JNCC River Macrophytes Database data subject to the terms of the Open Government Licence:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

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Gaps in the data

Please note that there are currently gaps in the 'site' table in the database (and therefore the spreadsheet) where some sites have been entered without information on their country or grid reference. Therefore database queries or spreadsheet filtering based on these incomplete fields/columns may produce incomplete results.

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References

Holmes, N.T.H., Boon, P.J. & Rowell, T.A. 1999. Vegetation communities of British rivers: a revised classification. Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Peterborough.  
<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5815>

Instructions for installing and using the MS Access version of the River Macrophytes Database

Your computer will need at least 200MB of free disk space on drive C: to install the River Macrophytes Database. This required as the installer creates temporary files during the installation. Once installed the database takes up 37MB of disk space.

Before running the River Macophytes program you may need to edit the shortcut to point it to the MS Access program on your computer.

By default this is usually installed as C:\Program Files\Microsoft office\Office\MSACCESS.EXE but it could have been installed in a different directory on your computer: if you have installed the runtime version of Access from the CD, by default it will be in C:\Program Files\Microsoft office\Art\Office\MSACCESS.EXE

Please read the User Guide and Technical Manual (in the Docs folder) for further details.

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