How to access and use the RID OSPAR Database

The RID database is in Microsoft Access, and a copy can be found here:
https://ospar.basecamphq.com/projects/13270250-input/log
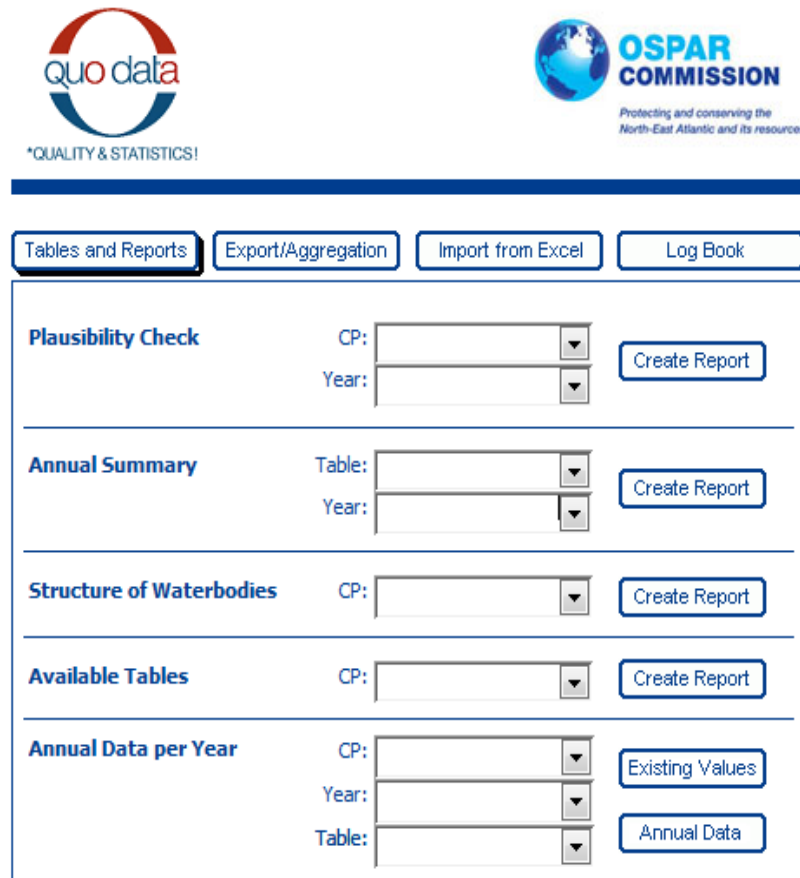
We can also send you a copy.

If you have any questions while working on the database, please contact
csilla.farkas@nibio.no or eva.skarbovik@nibio.no

Note that the main database – with the most updated data – will remain at NIBIO.

How to use the RID Database

When you open the file, you will get the following menu on your screen:

Before you start, you should know this:

While the database is in work, i.e., exporting files for you, do not touch any buttons or the mouse – just wait!

For the large exports, a window will appear with «**Export finished**».

For smaller exports, just wait a minute and let the export finish.

The export will stop midway if you press any button. Take a cup of coffee, chat with your colleague, or think about what you should prepare for dinner! ☺

For your purposes, we think that only two of the four top folders are of interest:

Tables and Reports
and
Export/Aggregation

We will look at Tables and Reports first.

**Tables and Reports,
Annual data per year**

Here, you may extract data from one (and only one) table for one year per country.

Example: Belgium, year 2002, table 6a,

Press the button for «Annual Data».

You then the get the data the CP has submitted (see next page)

Output from the search for one table in one year from one CP:

(These tables are identical to the templates you have submitted each year).

CP: Belgium
Year: 2002

Table 6a. Monitored Rivers
Reported Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 2002 by Belgium

ID	Discharge area		Cd [t/a]	Hg [t/a]	Cu [t/a]	Pb [t/a]	Zn [t/a]	g-HCH [kg/a]	PCBs [kg/a]	NH4-N [kt/a]	NO3-N [kt/a]	PO4-P [kt/a]	N-Total [kt/a]	P-Total [kt/a]	SPM [kt/a]
243	Ijzer	lower													
		upper													
		mean			1,075007			8,791766	1,872292	0,175716	2,424946	0,128963	3,087565	0,200527	18,34531
		comment			Cu d										
246	Langeleed	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
247	Beverdijk	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
248	Vladslovaart	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
239	Western Coastal Area	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
249	Gent-Oostende canal	lower													
		upper													
		mean			0,992389			2,425378	3,168611	0,971488	3,342298	0,269287	5,027371	0,236355	6,941584
		comment			Cu d										
250	Noordende	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
241	Middle Coastal Area	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
251	Boudewijn canal	lower													
		upper													
		mean									0,351042	0,178395	0,006357	0,56571	0,022846	0,243205
		comment													
252	Leopold canal	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													
254	Schipdonk canal	lower													
		upper													
		mean													
		comment													

6a | Ark1

Tables and Reports

There are also other options in this folder, such as overviews of the structure of the waterbodies, etc.

Feel free to explore, if you wish!

If you want more aggregated data, you can go to

Export/Aggregation

Type in CP, first and last year.

We recommend to do this as «Table specific».

See example next slide.

Example: Germany, 1990-2015, Table 6c.

Press «Export to Excel», and you will get a complete overview of riverine inputs + unmonitored from all sea areas for that CP.

Procedures for correcting errors

Your version of the database is not the official version. It is therefore no point in correcting data directly in your version of the database.

Instead, you can either
(a) contact us and give info on which table should be corrected, and we will provide you with new templates,
Or
(b) you can extract the table with errors from the Table and Report folder, correct it and send us the corrected **excel file**.

If you decide to do the latter, please do not change anything in the structure, or add any extra information in the excel file. This may jeopardise the import.

Questions?

csilla.farkas@nibio.no
eva.skarbovik@nibio.no