

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.

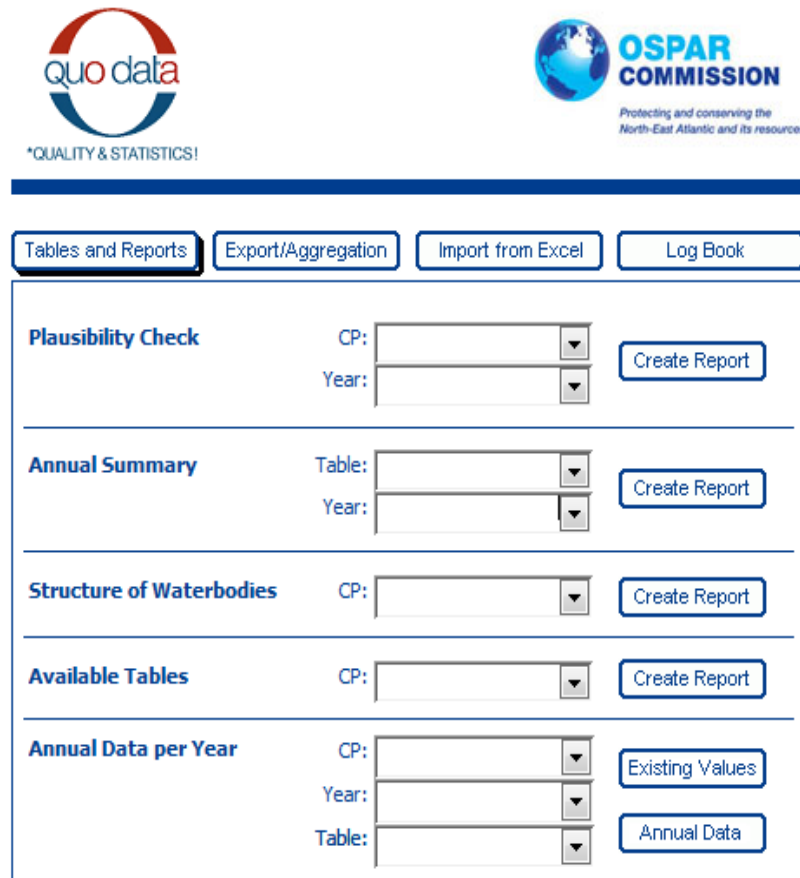
If you have any questions while working on the database, please contact

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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:



The screenshot displays the user interface of the RID Database. At the top left is the 'quodata' logo with the tagline '*QUALITY & STATISTICS!'. At the top right is the 'OSPAR COMMISSION' logo with the tagline 'Protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources'. Below the logos is a navigation bar with four buttons: 'Tables and Reports' (highlighted), 'Export/Aggregation', 'Import from Excel', and 'Log Book'. The main content area contains five sections, each with a title, input fields, and a button:

- Plausibility Check**: CP: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], [Create Report]
- Annual Summary**: Table: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], [Create Report]
- Structure of Waterbodies**: CP: [dropdown], [Create Report]
- Available Tables**: CP: [dropdown], [Create Report]
- Annual Data per Year**: CP: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Table: [dropdown], [Existing Values], [Annual Data]

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! 😊

The screenshot shows the QUO data web interface. At the top left is the 'QUO data' logo with the tagline '*QUALITY & STATISTICS!'. At the top right is the 'OSPAR COMMISSION' logo with the tagline 'Protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources'. Below the logos are navigation buttons: 'Tables and Reports', 'Export/Aggregation', 'Import from Excel', and 'Log Book'. The 'Export/Aggregation' button is highlighted. A 'Microsoft Access' dialog box is open in the foreground, displaying 'Export finished.' and an 'OK' button. The background interface shows a form with the following fields and options: 'Country' (Germany), 'Year' (1990), 'Year' (2015), 'Aggregation of Data' (checkbox), 'Determinant-specific' (checkbox), 'Table-specific' (checked), 'Area-specific' (checkbox), 'Determinant:' (dropdown), 'Table:' (5a), and 'Area:' (dropdown). On the right side, there are buttons for 'Export to RTrend' and 'Export to Excel', and a checkbox for 'Interpolation/Extrapolation of missing values'. At the bottom right, it says 'Running...'.

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.

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- Plausibility Check**: CP: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Create Report
- Annual Summary**: Table: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Create Report
- Structure of Waterbodies**: CP: [dropdown], Create Report
- Available Tables**: CP: [dropdown], Create Report
- Annual Data per Year**: CP: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Table: [dropdown], Existing Values, Annual Data



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

Tables and Reports Export/Aggregation Import from Excel Log Book

Plausibility Check CP: Year:

Annual Summary Table: Year:

Structure of Waterbodies CP:

Available Tables CP:

Annual Data per Year CP: Belgium Year: 2002 Table: 6a



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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!

Tables and Reports	Export/Aggregation	Import from Excel	Log Book
Plausibility Check	CP: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Create Report"/>	
	Year: <input type="text"/>		
Annual Summary	Table: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Create Report"/>	
	Year: <input type="text"/>		
Structure of Waterbodies	CP: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Create Report"/>	
Available Tables	CP: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Create Report"/>	
Annual Data per Year	CP: Belgium	<input type="button" value="Existing Values"/>	
	Year: 2002		
	Table: 6a	<input type="button" value="Annual Data"/>	

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.](#)



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Tables and Reports **Export/Aggregation** Import from Excel Log Book

CP:

First Year:

Last Year:

Aggregation of Data

Aggregation Level:

Determinant-specific

Determinant:

Table-specific

Table:

Area-specific



Area:

Interpolation/
Extrapolation of
missing values

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.

Area ID	Area	Year	RunOff [1000]	Cadmium [t/a]	Lea
			lower	upper	low
10	Elbe tributar	1990	0,13	0,18	0,155
10	Elbe tributar	1991	0,146	0,176	0,161
10	Elbe tributar	1992	0,11	0,11	0,11
10	Elbe tributar	1993	0,16	0,16	0,16
10	Elbe tributar	1994	0,4	0,4	0,4
10	Elbe tributar	1995	0,28	0,28	0,28
10	Elbe tributar	1996	0,3	0,3	0,3
10	Elbe tributar	1997	0,25	0,25	0,25
10	Elbe tributar	1998	0,76	0,76	0,76
10	Elbe tributar	1999	0,235	0,261	0,248
10	Elbe tributar	2000	0,54	0,54	0,54
10	Elbe tributar	2001	0,479	0,479	0,479
10	Elbe tributar	2002	0,54	0,54	0,54
10	Elbe tributar	2003	0,269	0,269	0,269

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Tables and Reports
Export/Aggregation
Import from Excel
Log Book

CP: Germany

First Year: 1990

Last Year: 2015

Aggregation of Data

Aggregation Level:

Determinant-specific

Determinant:

Table-specific

Table:

Area:

Export to RTrend

Export to Excel

Interpolation/
Extrapolation of
missing values

5a

5b

5c

5d

5e

6a

6b

6c



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.

The screenshot shows the Quodata OSPAR Commission web interface. At the top, there are logos for 'Quodata' and 'OSPAR COMMISSION'. Below the logos, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Tables and Reports', 'Export/Aggregation', 'Import from Excel', and 'Log Book'. The 'Tables and Reports' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, there are several report generation options, each with a 'Create Report' button. The 'Annual Data per Year' option is highlighted with a red box and has a blue arrow pointing to it. The 'Annual Data per Year' form includes dropdowns for 'CP: Belgium', 'Year: 2002', and 'Table: 6a', along with buttons for 'Existing Values' and 'Annual Data'.

A scenic view of a rocky coastline with shallow, clear water and a blue sky. The foreground shows a rocky shore with sparse vegetation. The water is clear and blue, extending to the horizon. The sky is a pale blue.

Questions?

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