

# 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 shows the user interface of the RID Database. At the top left is the Quo data logo with the tagline '\*QUALITY & STATISTICS!'. To its right is the OSPAR COMMISSION logo with the subtitle 'Protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources'. Below the logos is a navigation bar with four buttons: 'Tables and Reports' (highlighted in blue), 'Export/Aggregation', 'Import from Excel', and 'Log Book'. The main area contains five sections, each with dropdown menus for 'CP:' and 'Year:' and a 'Create Report' button. The sections are: 'Plausibility Check', 'Annual Summary', 'Structure of Waterbodies', 'Available Tables', and 'Annual Data per Year'. The 'Annual Data per Year' section also includes dropdowns for 'Table:' and additional buttons for 'Existing Values' and '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.

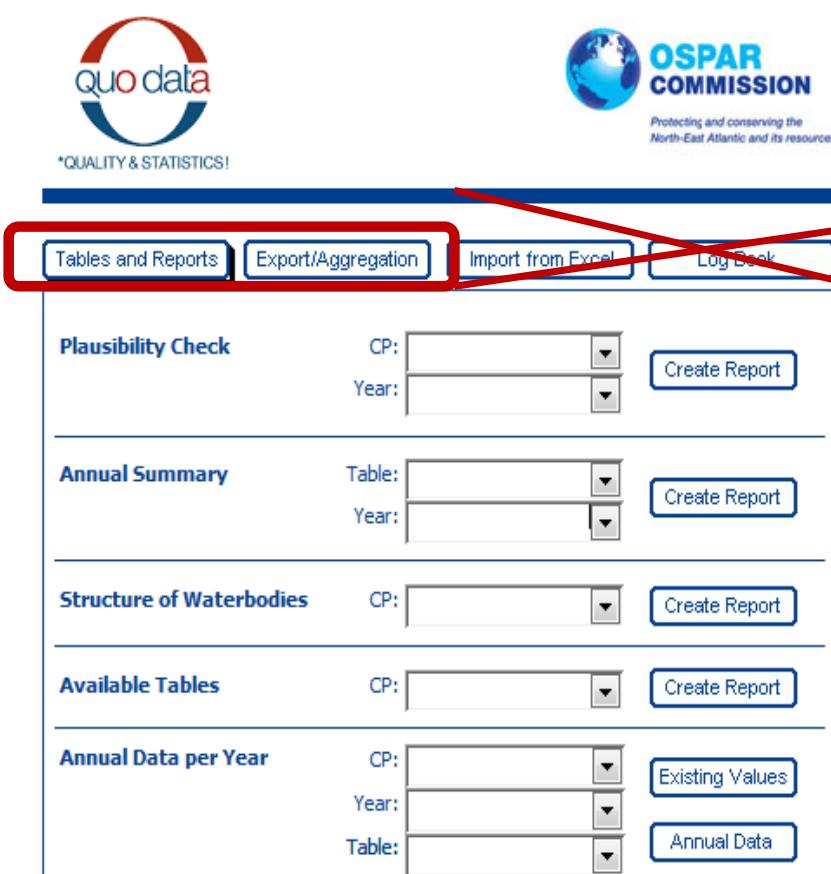
The export will stop midway if you press any button. Take a cup of coffee, chat with your colleague, or think about what you should prepare for dinner! ☺



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.



The screenshot shows the Quo data \*QUALITY & STATISTICS! interface. At the top, there are two logos: 'quo data \*QUALITY & STATISTICS!' on the left and 'OSPAR COMMISSION Protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources' on the right. Below the logos is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Tables and Reports' (highlighted with a red box), 'Export/Aggregation' (highlighted with a red box), 'Import from Excel' (crossed out with a large red X), and 'Log Book' (crossed out with a large red X). The main content area contains five sections, each with dropdown menus for 'CP:' and 'Year:' and a 'Create Report' button. The sections are: 'Plausibility Check', 'Annual Summary', 'Structure of Waterbodies', 'Available Tables', and 'Annual Data per Year'. The 'Annual Data per Year' section includes additional dropdowns for 'Table:' and buttons for 'Existing Values' and 'Annual Data'.

## 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)

The screenshot shows the Quo data interface with the following sections:

- Plausibility Check:** CP: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Create Report button.
- Annual Summary:** Table: [dropdown], Year: [dropdown], Create Report button.
- Structure of Waterbodies:** CP: [dropdown], Create Report button.
- Available Tables:** CP: [dropdown], Create Report button.
- Annual Data per Year:** CP: Belgium, Year: 2002, Table: 6a, Existing Value button, Annual Data button.

A red box surrounds the "Tables and Reports" tab and the "Annual Data per Year" section. A blue arrow points to the "Annual Data" button in the "Annual Data per Year" section.

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).

1	CP:	Belgium	2	Year:	2002	3	4	Table 6a. Monitored Rivers	5	Reported Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 2002 by Belgium	6	7	8	9	ID	Discharge area	10	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]
12	243	Ijzer	13	lower		14	upper		15	mean		comment					1,075007					8,791766	1,872292	0,175716	2,424946	0,128963	3,087565	0,200527	18,34531	
16	246	Langeleed	17	lower		18	upper		19	mean		comment																		
20	247	Beverdijk	21	lower		22	upper		23	mean		comment																		
24	248	Vlaamslovaart	25	lower		26	upper		27	mean		comment																		
28	239	Western Coastal Area	29	lower		30	upper		31	mean		comment																		
32	249	Gent-Oostende canal	33	lower		34	upper		35	mean		comment					0,992389					2,425378	3,168611	0,971488	3,342298	0,269287	5,027371	0,236355	6,941584	
36	250	Noordende	37	lower		38	upper		39	mean		comment																		
40	241	Middle Coastal Area	41	lower		42	upper		43	mean		comment																		
44	251	Boudewijn canal	45	lower		46	upper		47	mean		comment																		
48	252	Leopold canal	49	lower		50	upper		51	mean		comment																		
52	254	Schipdonk canal	53	lower		54	upper		55	mean		comment																		

## 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!

The screenshot shows the Quo data interface with several sections:

- Top Navigation:** Includes the Quo data logo (\*QUALITY & STATISTICS!), the OSPAR COMMISSION logo (Protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources), and a horizontal menu bar with tabs: Tables and Reports (highlighted with a red box), Export/Aggregation, Import from Excel, and Log Book.
- Plausibility Check:** A section with dropdown menus for CP and Year, and a "Create Report" button.
- Annual Summary:** A section with dropdown menus for Table and Year, and a "Create Report" button.
- Structure of Waterbodies:** A section with dropdown menus for CP and a "Create Report" button.
- Available Tables:** A section with dropdown menus for CP and a "Create Report" button.
- Annual Data per Year:** A section with dropdown menus for CP (Belgium), Year (2002), and Table (6a), along with "Existing Values" and "Annual Data" buttons.

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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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.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1 Country:	Germany					
2 First year:	1990					
3 Last year:	2015					
4 Table:	6c					
5						
6 Area ID	Area	Year	RunOff [1000t/a]	Cadmium [t/a]		
7				lower	upper	mean
8 10 Elbe tributar		1990		0,13	0,18	0,155
9 10 Elbe tributar		1991		0,146	0,176	0,161
10 10 Elbe tributar		1992		0,11	0,11	0,11
11 10 Elbe tributar		1993		0,16	0,16	0,16
12 10 Elbe tributar		1994		0,4	0,4	0,4
13 10 Elbe tributar		1995		0,28	0,28	0,28
14 10 Elbe tributar		1996		0,3	0,3	0,3
15 10 Elbe tributar		1997		0,25	0,25	0,25
16 10 Elbe tributar		1998		0,76	0,76	0,76
17 10 Elbe tributar		1999		0,235	0,261	0,248
18 10 Elbe tributar		2000		0,54	0,54	0,54
19 10 Elbe tributar		2001		0,479	0,479	0,479
20 10 Elbe tributar		2002		0,54	0,54	0,54
21 10 Elbe tributar		2003		0,269	0,269	0,269

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# 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.

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, there's a shallow, clear area of water covered with green marine algae. Beyond this, the water is a deep blue. The horizon is visible in the distance under a clear, light blue sky.

Questions?

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