Short Database Report

Database Temperate Deciduous and Coniferous Forests of the Solling Hills

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Abstract: The Database Temperate Deciduous and Coniferous Forests of the Solling Hills (GIVD ID EU-DE-017) offers forest vegetation relevés obtained from different research projects during four decades in the Solling Hills (Lower Saxony, Germany). It contains relevés mainly of pure beech stands (*Fagus sylvatica*, *Luzulo-Fagetum*) representing the potential natural vegetation on acidic soils of the Solling Hills. Many parts of the Solling Hills have been converted into spruce monoculture stands (*Picea abies*, which is not native to the region) during the last few centuries. Meanwhile a conversion of pure spruce stands into mixed stands dominated by beech is one of the main goals of silviculture in Germany. The relevés from pure beech and spruce stands as well as mixed beech-spruce stands offer good opportunities e.g. to compare composition and diversity of ground layer vegetation in relation to tree species composition or to evaluate the influence of different forest management activities to species diversity. Furthermore repeated relevés on permanent plots enable an evaluation of the data regarding the impact of eutrophication (including liming) and climate change on forest ecosystems.

Keywords: *Fagus sylvatica*; Germany; *Picea abies*.

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Database Temperate Deciduous and Coniferous Forests of the Solling Hills		
Scope: data obtained from different research projects in the Solling Hills (Lower Saxony, Germany) during four decades		
Status: completed and continuing	**Period:** 1966-2011	
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Owner: University of Göttingen		
Web address: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/67090.html		
Availability: free upon request	**Online upload:** no	**Online search:** no
Database format(s): MS Access	**Export format(s):** [NA]	
Publication: [NA]		
Plot type(s): normal plots; time series	**Plot-size range:** 100-400 m²	
Non-overlapping plots: 2,000	**Estimate of existing plots:** [NA]	**Completeness:** [NA]
Total plot observations: 3,000	**Number of sources:** 1	**Valid taxa:** 300
Countries: DE: 100.0%		
Forest: [NA] — **Non-forest:** [NA]		
Guilds: all vascular plants: 100%; bryophytes (terricolous or aquatic): 100%		
Environmental data: altitude: 100%; slope aspect: 100%; slope inclination: 100%; microrelief: 50%; soil pH: 50%; other soil attributes: 100%		
Performance measure(s): cover: 100%; biomass: 20%		
Geographic localisation: GPS coordinates (precision 25 m or less): 50%; point coordinates less precise than GPS, up to 1 km: 50%		
Sampling periods: 1960-1969: 20.0%; 1990-1999: 10.0%; 2000-2009: 60.0%; 2010-2019: 10.0%		
Information as of 2012-07-12; further details and future updates available from http://www.givd.info/ID/EU-DE-017		

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