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- **Applicant’s name:**
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- **Project title:**
  Alien flora of the European sand dunes

- **Brief description of aims and methods of the study:**
  Coastal sand dunes are among the most dynamic habitats on Earth, restricted to narrow coastal tracts. Their specific physical environment and biodiversity make them an important source of ecosystem services. Nonetheless, they are highly vulnerable, and the rapid recent increase of human pressure on the European coasts resulted in these environments being among the most threatened on this continent, as recently highlighted in the European Red List of Habitats. One of the biggest threats is the introduction of alien species, which often become invasive, locally reducing species diversity and modifying physical conditions of the habitat. Improvement of our knowledge on the status of alien flora of European sand dune coastal habitats is a key task for the invasion risk management. Here, the alien flora on the pioneer habitats of sand dunes is characterized at the European scale, comprising the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean and the Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas.

- **Will someone else be involved in data editing or analysis in addition to the applicant?**
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- **Estimated time of delivery of results (e.g. manuscript submission):**
  1 year

- **Geographic area needed (e.g. countries or range of geographic coordinates):**
  Mediterranean, Atlantic, Baltic and Black Sea coasts

- **Do you need plots to be georeferenced? If so, what is the minimum accuracy of plot location (in metres or kilometres) needed for your project?**
  no
• Vegetation types needed (syntaxa):
  Ammophiletea

• Other data selection criteria:
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• Envisaged publications:
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• Plant trait data from the TRY consortium. If you plan to combine your analysis of vegetation-plot data with plant trait data, you can also request for a dataset of 18 gap-filled traits for a large number of plant taxa prepared by the TRY consortium. These traits include Leaf area, Specific leaf area, Leaf fresh mass, Leaf dry matter content, Leaf C, Leaf N, Leaf P, Leaf N per area, Leaf N:P ratio, Leaf delta15N, Seed mass, Seed length, Seed number per reproductive unit, Dispersal unit length, Plant height, Stem specific density, Stem conduit density, and Conduit element length. This dataset can be provided to you from the EVA manager together with the vegetation-plot data. If you use this dataset, you must inform about your project the TRY data contributors who might be potentially interested and invite them as potential co-authors, assuming they will make an intellectual contribution to your paper. The list of the TRY data contributors will be sent to you together with the gap-filled trait dataset.
  No

• Specification of the co-authorship arrangements in publications based on the requested data. Note that the EVA Rules recommend that co-authorship is offered to a representative of each database providing data that are particularly important for the project (e.g. unique vegetation types, under-represented geographic areas) or make up more than 10% of the final dataset (5% threshold can be considered too). These database representatives should be experts in the topic of the project (they do not need to be the custodians or deputy custodians) and they should contribute to the project more than just by providing the existing data, e.g. by intellectual contribution to the concept of the paper, preparation of new data, or helping with data analysis, interpretation of the results or writing parts of the paper(see the IAVS Code of Professional Ethics: http://iavs.org/Governance/Code-of-Professional-Ethics.aspx). The project leader should enable active participation by regularly informing potential co-authors about the progress of the project from its early stage. The project leader should also make final co-authorship arrangements based on the real input of the individual contributors.
  We offer co-authorship at custodians that contribute at least with the 2% of the final dataset

• Eligibility of the applicant to receive EVA data. Specify to which EVA database the applicant has contributed; if the applicant is not the custodian or deputy custodian of an EVA database, give a name of a custodian or deputy custodian who supports this data request.

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If I ask for the plant trait data from TRY, I agree to invite to my project the TRY data contributors following the list received from the EVA database manager.