ReSurveyEurope

Project Metadata Form

When contributing data to ReSurveyEurope, please fill in this form for each resurvey project and send it to Ilona Knollová (ikuzel@sci.muni.cz) together with the database. A resurvey project is understood as repeated sampling of a certain type of vegetation in a certain study area using specific methods.

- PROJECT NAME (identical with the Resurvey Project name given in the database):

SquareFoot

- FULL PROJECT NAME (use if the full project name is longer than used in the database):

Square Foot Project - Epochal changes of grassland diversity in Switzerland

- REFERENCE (publication or URL or DOI of the dataset if published online):

Riedel, S., Widmer, S., Babbi, M., Buholzer, S., Grünig, A., Herzog, F., Richner, N., & Dengler, J. (2023). The Historic Square Foot Dataset – Outstanding small-scale richness in Swiss grasslands around the year 1900. Journal of Vegetation Science, 34(5), e13208. https://doi.org/10.1111/jvs.13208 Riedel, S., Widmer, S., Bringuier, O., & Dengler, J. (2024). Cover vs. Biomass sampling in grassland vegetation plots [Application/pdf]. Tuexenia, 44, 261–275. https://doi.org/10.14471/2024.44.003 Riedel, S., Widmer, S., Dengler, J., Herzog, F., Schneider, M. K., Wohlgemuth, T., & Kessler, M. (2025). Lasting legacies: Relicts of historical plant communities in Central European grasslands amid a century of biodiversity loss. Biological Conservation, 312, 111500. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2025.111500 Widmer, S., Riedel, S., Babbi, M., Herzog, F., Wohlgemuth, T., Kessler, M., & Dengler, J. (2025). One Century of Change: Stronger Diversity Decline in Lowland Than in Mountain Grasslands in Central Europe. Global Change Biology, 31(10), e70529. https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.70529 Widmer, S., Riedel, S., Babbi, M., Herzog, F., Wohlgemuth, T., Kessler, M., & Dengler, J. (2026). A century of change: Many losers vs. few winners among Swiss grassland plants. Biological Conservation, 315, 111679. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2025.111679

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- METHODS (description of sampling design and methods):

Plot size: 0.09m² Abundance proxie: 2021/2022 fractional (cover of species/sum of cover × 100). estimated cover [%] / 1884-1931: fractional cover [%] (Originally (fractional) biomass, which was transformed to cover) Historical plots: 1841-1931 Resurvey Plots: 2021-2022 For each historical plot, we defined a potential area where the historical plot was most likely located based on the description of the location in the old records. Historical vegetation-plot records with identical or very similar location information were assigned to the same potential area. In each potential area, we sampled 3–5 randomly distributed resurvey plots

- ENVIRONMENTAL DATA (list of environmental data measured):

Elevation [m a.s.l.] Land use for historical plots

- MANIPULATED PLOTS (description of the treatment if the plots were manipulated, e.g. mowing twice a year, fertilizing by NPK once a year, post-fire succession)

None

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