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fish, database, Amazon basin, Amazon river, database description

### Short description of the dataset/summary

The title "AMAZON FISH database" is a working title for the Amazonian Freshwater Fish Biodiversity database that was constructed in the framework of the AMAZON FISH (ERANetLAC/DCC-0210) project.

In order to construct the AMAZON FISH database, which aims to become a high quality freshwater fish biodiversity

database covering the entire Amazon drainage basin, data from a wide range of sources were compiled in a central database. The content of this database can be considered as a collection of curated datasets or dataset exports (as the database only covers the Amazon basin, while source datasets may cover larger areas).

These datasets are of different nature and include:

- A. Information extracted from the literature (published articles, books, gray literature).
- B. Data available from museums/collections and universities.
- C. Data held or compiled by project partners (e.g. at country level). Some of these have previously been published through the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) network, while others will be released in the framework of AMAZON FISH.
- D. Data extracted from online databases such as GBIF, FishNet, SpeciesLink and IABIN.
- E. New data obtained during (a) sampling campaign(s) in the framework of the project.

At this stage (December 2018), the database already provides a comprehensive overview of the fish diversity and distribution in the Amazon basin, with over 305.000 occurrence records from 123 sources (mostly covering B, C & D). After the project formally ends, it will still be updated by including new data from the project partners (C), from literature references (A) and potentially by including data from new sampling campaigns (E) to areas for which we identified a gap in the available data.

Through the integration of these different data sources, the AMAZON FISH database constitutes a unique resource on the Amazon basin, which concentrates the highest freshwater biodiversity on earth. By compiling the knowledge on the spatial distribution of freshwater fishes and addressing the taxonomic and sampling gaps, this database should enable comprehensive analysis and modeling. As such it will answer the essential need for understanding this unique ecosystem that has produced such high freshwater fish diversity.

## General information

|   |  |
|---|--|
| dataset entry ID:   | AF_1   |
| <b>name of the dataset:</b>                                       |  |
| full name of the dataset:   | AMAZON FISH database   |
| dataset short name:   | AMAZON FISH database   |
| <b>type of dataset:</b>   | species distribution data  |
| data type:  | point data/observation data  |
| <b>science keywords according to <a href="#">GCMD</a>:</b>        |  |
| topic:  | Biosphere, Biological Classification   |
| <b>ISO topic category according to <a href="#">ISO 19115</a>:</b> |  |
|   | Biota, Environment, Inland Waters  |
| <b>INSPIRE keywords according to <a href="#">GEMET</a>:</b>       |  |
|   | Species distribution   |
| own science keywords:   | freshwater fish, Amazon river drainage, Amazon basin, occurrence database, species distribution                                  |
| <b>related project:</b>   | AMAZON FISH (ERANet-LAC/DCC-0210)  |
| <b>funding:</b>   | ERANet-LAC: Network of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Countries on Joint Innovation and Research Activities |

## Technical and administrative specifications

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>data format:</b> | others/specify |
| others/details:     | PostgreSQL     |

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>operating system:</b>   | all operating systems  |
| <b>data language:</b>  | English  |
| <b>current access level:</b>   | restricted access  |
| currently available through <a href="#">GBIF</a> :                                 | no   |
| exchange planned:  | no   |
| data in data repository:   | no   |
| <b>Do you plan to publish the data on the Freshwater Biodiversity Data Portal:</b> | yes  |
| <b>update level:</b>   | update planned   |
| <b>documentation:</b>  |  |
| type:  | others/specify   |
| others/details:  | Data Management Plan ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5150716.v1">https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5150716.v1</a> ) |
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| doi:                                     | <a href="https://doi.org/10.15504/fmj.2019.43">https://doi.org/10.15504/fmj.2019.43</a>  |
| <b>comments:</b>                         | <p>The AMAZON FISH database integrates a wide range of datasets from different public and project partners sources, and results from a three years international team effort.</p> <p>The entire, curated database at the sub-basins scale (modified HydroBASINS dataset) will be documented and released in a data paper that should be submitted during the year 2019. All occurrence records (point scale data) for which we obtained permission for public release will be made available through the AMAZON FISH data online repository or through the Freshwater Biodiversity Portal (<a href="http://data.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/">http://data.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/</a>; which is a member of the Freshwater Information Platform). The release of the occurrence records will be effective three years after the official publication of the data paper, a timeframe considered sufficient to publish the analyses suggested in the initial AMAZON FISH project. During this embargo period, site scale data may be available on request pending agreement of all partners and with authorship negotiation possible.</p> <p>The sub-basins scale data paper will include an extensive database description along with a discussion on the database content, gap analysis and database statistics, in parallel with the on-line release of the database at the sub-basins scale.</p> <p>In addition to the publication of the datasets and database itself, key maps produced during the AMAZON FISH project will be disseminated through the Global Freshwater Biodiversity Atlas (<a href="http://atlas.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/">http://atlas.freshwaterbiodiversity.eu/</a>) following the publication of scientific paper(s) describing those results.</p> |

## General data specifications

### regional coverage of the dataset:

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| spatial extent of the dataset: | catchment     |
| continents:                    | South America |

### spatial extent (bounding coordinates):

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| southernmost latitude [°]: | -25  |
| northernmost latitude [°]: | 5  |
| westernmost longitude [°]: | -85  |
| easternmost longitude [°]: | -45  |
| minimum altitude:          | 0 metres   |
| maximum altitude:          | 6200 metres  |
| countries:                 | South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela |

### world climatic regions according to [Köppen](#):

Group A: tropical/megathermal climates

### freshwater ecoregions of the world (FEOW) according to [WWF](#):

South America: Amazonas Estuary & Coastal Drainages, Amazonas Guiana Shield, Amazonas High Andes, Amazonas Lowlands, Guapore - Itenez, Madeira

**ecosystem type:** Brazilian Shield, Mamore - Madre de Dios Piedmont, Rio Negro, Tapajos - Juruena, Ucayali - Urubamba Piedmont, Western Amazon Piedmont, Xingu rivers, wetlands  
**covered timeframe:** 1865 - 2017

### Site specifications

**coordinate system/grid data:** latitude/longitude, format: DD projected, others others: WGS84  
 datum (e.g. WGS84): WGS84  
 grid data available: no  
**number of sites:** >1000  
 exact number of sites: 22000

### Biological data

**biological data origin:** from sampling, AMAZON FISH project ERANetLAC/DCC-0210  
 comments: Timeframe of the sampled sites: 1865 to 2017.  
 organism group addressed: fish

### Sample resolution

**fish:**  
**taxonomic resolution:**  
 level: species  
 percentage of species level data: 100  
**taxonomic coding:**  
 taxalist according to: FishBase & California Academy of Sciences-Catalogue of Fishes  
 reference(s): Fricke, R., Eschmeyer, W. & Van der Laan, R. (2018). Catalog of Fishes: Genera, Species, References.  
<http://researcharchive.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/fishcatmain.asp>  
 Froese, R. & Pauly, D. (2018). FishBase. World Wide Web electronic publication. [www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org)

**sample specifications:**

### Other specifications

**GIS layers, shape files related to the dataset:**  
 catchments, river-sub-basins  
 others/details: Modified version of HydroBASINS.

**availability of photos:** no

**availability of maps:** no

**quality control procedures:**  
 Were any quality control procedures applied to your dataset?  
 yes

quality control protocols and comments:  
 To avoid any duplication when integrating data from different sources, all

duplicates are identified and excluded during import by either verifying unique identifiers for occurrences (or fields that should constitute unique identifiers when considered together; e.g. institute + collection + collection number) or based on sampling details in combination with the geographical coordinates of the data.

Where available, details on provenance, citation, along with a modification/"last updated" timestamp (e.g. only available for GBIF and SpeciesLink) are systematically documented for the retained records.

In addition, during import, each record is systematically checked for reliability and consistency, using the FishBase Consortium database, and the California Academy of Science's Catalog of Fishes, as nomenclature authority files. During the process of building the database, a taxonomic checklist work is achieved to validate all species actually present in the Amazon drainage basin. This important work is done in collaboration with taxonomic experts covering all groups and will be made publicly available through a checklist publication.

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