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MOLLUSC DATA SOURCES FROM THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS

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The research of the Czech and Slovak mollusc fauna has a long tradition spanning the last 150 years. Particularly, in the last two decades, existing records were put in databases and distributional maps for most species are available on-line. The journal *Malacologica Bohemoslovaca*, which focuses on publishing faunistic studies from Europe, has been established in 2002 as an on-line open-access media. The journal website (<http://mollusca.sav.sk/malacology.htm>) provides the current and regularly updated Check-list and distribution maps of the molluscs of both republics. There is also a list of regional malacologists, contacts and an overview of their work. In 2013, the book on all molluscs recorded from the Czech and Slovak Republics was published. It summarizes all known knowledge on the regional mollusc fauna, updating the Ložek's book "The identification key to the molluscs of Czechoslovakia" published in 1956. A huge amount distributional data on freshwater molluscs can be found also at the website of the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (AOPK ČR) and a parallel organization in the Slovak Republic (www.biomonitoring.cz, or www.biomonitoring.sk). The AOPK ČR finding database (NDOP) is equally important source of information which already includes thousands of findings not only about molluscs but also about other groups of animals, plants and fungi. The website includes the species maps with their basic characteristics and their distribution maps (<https://portal.nature.cz/kartydruhu/>). For research and scientific purposes, primary data on species from the database are provided by AOPK ČR to researchers on request. Finally, information on the quality, pollution, hydrology and hydrography relevant to the research of freshwater molluscs are published on the TGM Water Research Institute Hydroecological Information System (HEIS VÚV) website (<https://heis.vuv.cz/>).