

DEFAULT TURBOVEG DATA FIELDS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION WITHIN THE NATIONAL VEGETATION DATABASE

Grey fields are mandatory data fields

	FIELD NAME	FIELD_CODE	TYPE	LENGTH	DECIMAL	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
1		RELEVÉ_NR	N	6	0	Relevé number (= system number)	These are sequential numbers which are allocated by the Data Centre to relevés included in the National Vegetation Database.
2	Country code	COUNTRY	C	2	0	Country code	Use IE
3	Literature reference	REFERENCE	C	6	0	Publication reference number	*Field not used; replaced with text field 48 (Data fields Table 2).
4	Nr. Table in publ	TABLE_NR	C	6	0	Number of table in publication	If data is entered from a published table, the number of that table should be entered here.
5	Nr. Relevé in table	NR_IN_TAB	C	3	0	Relevé number in table	If data is entered from a published table, the number of the relevé within that table should be entered here.
6	Cover abundance scale	COVERSCALE	C	2	0	Cover scale	Use one of the default options. If your abundance scale is not one of the default options, please contact the Data Centre.
7	Project code	PROJECT	C	3	0	Project code	A project code is allocated retrospectively to each survey by the Data Centre
8	Author code	AUTHOR	C	4	0	Author code	*Field not used; replaced with text field 46 (Data fields Table 2).
9	Date (year/month/day)	DATE	C	8	0	Date (year/month/day)	
10	Syntaxon code	SYNTAXON	C	7	0	Syntaxon code	
11	Relevé area (m ²)	SURF_AREA	N	7	2	Surface area (m ²)	
12	UTM grid system code	UTM	C	15	0	UTM grid reference	Field not used
13	Altitude (m)	ALTITUDE	C	4	0	Altitude (m)	Conversion factor used: 1ft=0.3048m
14	Aspect (degrees)	EXPOSITION	C	3	0	Aspect ('NWZO')	
15	Slope (degrees)	INCLINATIO	C	2	0	Inclination (degrees)	
16	Cover total (%)	COV_TOTAL	N	3	0	Total cover (%)	
17	Cover tree layer (%)	COV_TREES	N	3	0	Cover trees (%)	
18	Cover shrub layer (%)	COV_SHRUBS	N	3	0	Cover shrubs (%)	
19	Cover herb layer (%)	COV_HERBS	N	3	0	Cover herb layer (%)	
20	Cover moss layer (%)	COV_MOSSES	N	3	0	Cover mosses (%)	
21	Cover lichen layer (%)	COV_LICHEN	N	3	0	Cover lichens (%)	

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22	Cover algae layer (%)	COV_ALGAE	N	3	0	Cover algae (%)	
23	Cover litter layer (%)	COV_LITTER	N	3	0	Cover litter (%)	
24	Cover open water (%)	COV_WATER	N	3	0	Cover open water (%)	
25	Cover bare rock (%)	COV_ROCK	N	3	0	Cover bare rock (%)	
26	Height (highest) trees (m)	TREE_HIGH	N	2	0	Height (high) tree layer (m)	
27	Height (lowest) trees (m)	TREE_LOW	N	2	0	Height (low) tree layer (m)	
28	Height (highest) shrubs (m)	SHRUB_HIGH	N	4	1	Height (high) shrub layer (m)	
29	Height (lowest) shrubs (m)	SHRUB_LOW	N	4	1	Height (low) shrub layer (m)	
30	Aver. height (high) herbs (cm)	HERB_HIGH	N	3	0	Mean height high herb layer (cm)	
31	Aver. height lowest herbs (cm)	HERB_LOW	N	3	0	Mean height low herb layer (cm)	
32	Maximum height herbs (cm)	HERB_MAX	N	3	0	Maximum height herb layer (cm)	
33	Maximum height cryptograms (mm)	CRYPT_HIGH	N	3	0	Mean height cryptogram layer (mm)	
34	Mosses identified (y/n)	MOSS_IDENT	C	1	0	Mosses identified (Yes/No)	Only used when it is clearly stated that all mosses have been identified.
35	Lichens identified (y/n)	LICH_IDENT	C	1	0	Lichens identified (Yes/No)	Only used when it is clearly stated that all lichens have been identified.
36	Remarks	REMARKS	C	56	0	Remarks	
37	County	COUNTY	C	2	0	Irish county codes created for Turboveg by Teagasc	Use the default codes provided.