Explanation of the downloadable graphic files (*.png, *.pdf)

- The map of ecological regions “Ecological_regions_*” is based on the digital map of ecological regions of Europe (DMEER; EEA, 2003).
- The scale of the full size maps is 1:25 000 000.
- The suffixes “_150_dpi” and “_600_dpi” indicate the native resolution of the graphics.

Explanation of the ESRI-Shapefile/the ESRI File Geodatabase

- The polygon data of the map are stored in two formats: as ESRI Shapefile and as ESRI File Geodatabase. Both formats are combined in a separate ZIP file.
- The shapefile contains only the polygon features of the map. In addition to the polygon feature class, the ESRI File Geodatabase also contains an annotation feature class with the area codes of the ecological regions.
- The coordinate reference system of the shapefile and the feature classes in the geodatabase is EPSG:3035 (ESRI: ETRS_1989_LAEA). Further information can be found at https://epsg.io/3035.
- The attribute tables of the shapefile and the polygon feature class EcoRegions_Poly in the ESRI File Geodatabase include the fields EcoCode (format: integer) and EcoRegion (format string, length 128). The field EcoCode contains the (numeric) code of the ecological region of the corresponding area; the field EcoRegion contains the associated ecological region in plain text.

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