**Readme file accompanying the archived data for the publication**

Impact of the invasive parasitic copepod *Mytilicola orientalis* on native blue mussels *Mytilus edulis* in the western European Wadden Sea

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**Dataset:** Goedknegt et al., 2018 MBRJ wild pop condition data.txt

**This data file includes the condition data of wild populations of mussels**

Column A) Infection\_cat: infection category, states whether the mussel is infected or not

Column B) Length: length of the mussel (in cm)

Column C) dry\_weight: weight of the mussel after drying (in mg)

Column D) condition\_index: calculated as DW L-3, where DW is the dry weight (mg) of the tissue and L is the final shell length (cm)