**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) Individual: ID of individual mussel

Column B) Host\_sp: Latin name of host species

Column C) Site: site of collection

Column D) Collection\_date: date of collecting the mussels

Column E) Dissection\_date: date of dissecting the mussels

Column F) Length: length of individual mussels (in mm)

Column G) Category: length category

Column H) Infected: states whether a mussel is infected (1) or not (0)

Column I) Mo\_f: number of female *Mytilicola orientalis* copepods

Column J) Mo\_m: number of male *Mytilicola orientalis* copepods

Column K) MO\_total: total number of *Mytilicola orientalis* copepods

Column L) Mi\_f: number of female *Mytilicola intestinalis* copepods

Column M) Mi\_m: number of male *Mytilicola intestinalis* copepods

Column N) Larvae: number of *Mytilicola spp.* larvae