Office des données naturalistes du Grand Est

# Odonat

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A NETWORK OF ASSOCIATIONS PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE OF NATURE AND CONSERVATION

29 associations

Over **3300** new data added by naturalists every day

Several millions pieces of data collected by thousands of naturalists



### **A** REGIONAL GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION

ODONAT Grand Est is a network of 29 naturalist associations spread across the Grand Est region, each specialising in one or more areas of naturalist expertise. ODONAT Grand Est is a nonprofit organisation authorised at regional level dedicated to nature and environmental protection and the improvement of the quality of life. Its main purpose is to study and protect the fauna, flora, fungi and natural environments of the Grand Est. It provides technical assistance to local authorities and takes part in the management of projects to enhance knowledge of biodiversity and promote conservation.



#### AT REGIONAL LEVEL

The network assists government bodies, the Water Agencies, the Grand Est regional authority, the Departments and the large urban district authorities in their reflections on the state of biodiversity. It is in charge of a number of flagship projects such as the Observatoire Régional de Biodiversité or the Grand Est Red List.



#### SHARING NATURALIST DATA

The network facilitates the dissemination of naturalist data and their use in numerous spatial planning projects. Organisations that are developing projects, whether public or private, can therefore access information that gives them a first insight into the biodiversity issues on and in the area around the site that interests them.



#### AT LOCAL LEVEL

The network develops projects with local authorities aimed at improving knowledge of biodiversity, proposing priority conservation measures, integrating territorial planning considerations and raising awareness among councillors, technical departments and the general public.



#### **TOOLS AND METHODS**

Thanks to the network's considerable expertise in geographic information systems, regular work can be done to enable the field data gathered to be used in new and dynamic ways.

## COLLECTING FIELD DATA: AN INDISPENSABLE FIRST STEP

The data collected helps to build a precious biodiversity knowledge base for the Grand Est region, whose analysis is essential when planning conservation projects. The network mobilises the associations' observers on the ground, guarantees validation of the data gathered and provides data governance to ensure they are put to the most effective use to influence public policies. This has made a host of projects possible, including Biodiversity Atlases for municipal intermunicipal authorities, the Grand Est Biodiversity Inventory, the mapping of the "natural regions" in the Grand Est and a species movement modelling exercise undertaken as part of a project to identify a Green and Blue Infrastructure..

## NUMEROUS PARTNERSHIPS

The State and local authorities provide the network with support in data management. In return, each authority receives an annual report and relevant data can be retrieved for their conservation projects on request. In addition, the network also conducts projects itself on specific issues for any authority that requests it. Office des Données Naturalistes du Grand Est (ODONAT Grand Est) Registered office : 8, rue Adèle Riton - 67000 Strasbourg Offices : 12 rue René Schikelé - 67000 Strasbourg Tel : 03 88 22 26 68

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