WOODAN: an online database of archaeological wooden artefacts. A situation report and future prospects.

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What is WOODAN?

WOODAN is an online database of archaeological wooden artifacts:

- Online since 2017
- Currently unlocking 4.443 records of wooden artefacts.
- Mainly archaeological finds.
- Wood species identification, primary function, state of preservation, drawings, photo's, ...
- From the paleolithic until the post-medieval period.
- Currently focused on the Netherlands and Belgium.

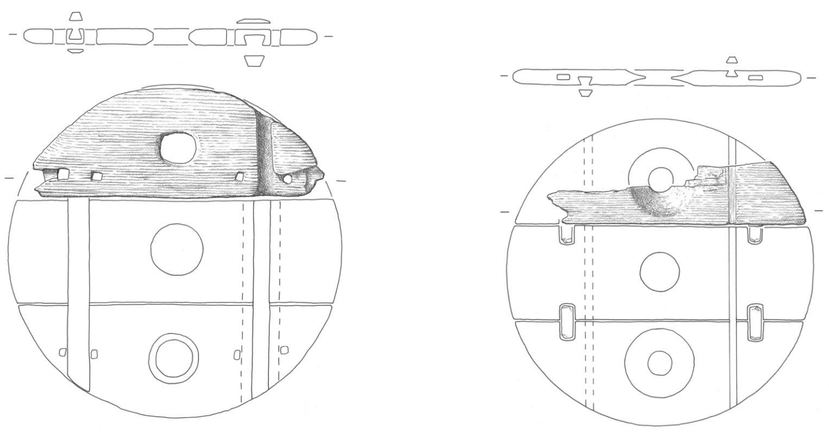
What have we been doing?

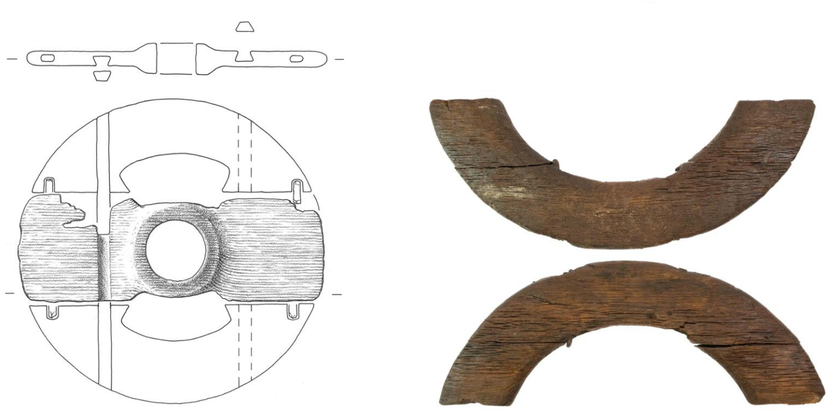
- Developped an intuitive, multilingual website to query the entire database.
- Acquired project funding from the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE) and Flanders Heritage Agency for cataloguing archaeological finds in the Netherlands and Belgium.
- Creating more awareness and knowledge on wooden artefacts in the archaeological process,

Soon to come...

- We're creating an online entry module.
- Enter new records in WOODAN yourself.
- Document archaeological finds from your own our collection directly in WOODAN.
- This will allow you to unlock your own database to a wider audience.

We've created a sketchfab page with amazing 3D-models of wooden finds.





In our books we pay attention to accurate registration and visualization of the wooden artefacts (drawings by Raf Timmermans).

Our products

- ★★★ www.woodan.org ★★★
- Practical guidelines for dealing with waterlogged archaeological finds
- Books:

Join WOODAN!

The WOODAN database has the ambition to:

- Cover a larger geographical area.
- Become a European database for archaeological wooden objects

We therefore invite everyone working on wooden archaeological objects to join the WOODAN database project and contribute data

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