

Expanding the **WOODAN Database** with wooden archaeological finds from **Freiburg** and **Konstanz**

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Since 2017, the WOODAN Foundation has hosted a searchable online database (www.woodan.org) dedicated to archaeological wooden artifacts.

Spanning from the Palaeolithic to the post-medieval period, the platform currently provides access to 4.500 records of wooden finds.

Each entry integrates information on **wood species** identification, the object's **dimensional features** and **original function**, archaeological **drawings or photo's**, and the current state of **conservation**.

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WOODAN Foundation's core mission is to elevate the visibility of archaeological wooden finds and to facilitate large-scale research, across administrative borders, on historical wood use.

To accelerate this process, we recently launched a new, intuitive and user-friendly **entry module** designed to allow researchers, professionals and students to contribute records to the WOODAN database without requiring specialized IT skills.

This workflow was successfully piloted during a 2025 **workshop** at Freiburg University. Over several days, students migrated around 50 finds — originally published in print by Müller (1996) — into digital, searchable records. As a result, these wooden archaeological finds from Freiburg and Konstanz are now globally accessible for comparative study.

The entry module is now available for **registered users**. We invite you to join our ongoing mission: help us expand this vital resource for research, professional practice, and public outreach. Contact us at info@woodan.org if you want to contribute and unlock stories hidden in ancient wood.

Müller U. 1996. *Holzfunde aus Freiburg/Augustinereremitenkloster und Konstanz. Forschungen und Berichte der Archäologie des Mittelalters in Baden-Württemberg* 21,328p.

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