

# Curriculum Vitae David Nijssen

## Personal Information

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## Professional Experience

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- 11/2007- present Scientific researcher – Ruhr Universität Bochum  
Ruhr Universität Bochum  
Dept. Hydrology,  
Water- & Environmental  
Management  
Universitätsstrasse 150  
D- 244801 Bochum  
- Decision support for sustainable water resources management  
in the coastal area of Shandong Province, PR China  
- Development of a methodology to evaluate technical flood  
retention systems considering different operation strategies  
- Development of a decision support system for Flood Control  
Management of the Unstrut River
- 05/2005 - 10/2007 Manager – Zoo Gut Eversum  
Tierpark Gut Eversum  
Eversumerstr. 77  
59399 Olfen  
- Daily financial and personnel management  
- Inspection of animal care and animal welfare
- 03/2003 - 04/2005 Project leader Ecology - Antwerp Mobile t.v. (1/2 Time)  
Antwerpen Mobiell t.v.  
Plantin en Moretuslei 220  
B- 2018 Antwerpen  
- International permits concerning SAC's and SPA's  
for a major infrastructure project  
- Impact assessment infrastructure project 'Mobility in Antwerp'
- 03/2000 - 04/2005 Scientific researcher - University of Antwerp  
Universität Antwerpen  
RG Ecosystem Management  
Universiteitsplein 1C  
B- 2610 Wilrijk Antwerpen  
- Project research 'Long term vision for nature conservation'  
in Flanders  
- Project research 'Determining Conservation targets for SAC's,  
SPA's and Ramsar areas in the Sea harbour of Antwerp  
- Project research 'Usability of (hydro)ecological models for  
impact assessment of the SAC Blokkersdijk'  
- Project research 'Nature development along the river Scheldt'

- 03/1997 - 03/2000 Project leader Ecology - Grontmij België n.v.  
Grontmij Engineering  
Dpt. Land, Nature & Water  
Hanswijkvaart 51  
B – 2800 Mechelen
- Geographical analysis of the potential soil erosion in Hargita County, Romania
  - Hydrological and ecological effects of the international nature development plan 'Grensmaas'
  - Determining options and future concepts for nature reserves across the Flemish-Dutch borders
  - Ecological development of the city-forest of Turnhout
  - Landscape ecology of retention basins, reed beds, and consolidation St. Gillis-Waas
  - Nature development project 'Ponds of Florival'
  - INTERREG Ecological development in an international project in Middelburg (Netherlands)
- 05/1993 – present Nature organisation Natuurpunt vzw  
Natuurpunt De Kevie vzw  
Oude Blaarstraat 7  
B – 3700 Tongeren
- 04/1995 – 12/1997 Scientific researcher - University of Ghent  
Dept. Vegetation Ecology  
Coupure Links 653  
B- 9000 Ghent
- International campaign coordination with Limburg (Netherlands)
  - Nature development plan 'Park van de Oostelijke Jeker' - Species protection plan 'the Badger in Limburg'

## Education

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- 2003 - 2005 Teaching Degree Biology-Physic-Chemistry, University of Antwerp (UA)
- 2000 - 2003 Trainings/Seminars:
  - Communication & negotiation techniques, presentation techniques,
  - Time management, project management, mind mapping, speed reading, ... (UA)
- 1999 - 2000 Integral water management (UA)
- 1994 - 1995 Environmental sciences and - techniques, University of Gent (UG)
- 1992 - 1994 Licentiate biological sciences, focus environment (UA)
- 1989 - 1992 Candidate chemical and biological sciences, University of Hasselt (UL)

## Language skills

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Dutch: Native speaker  
English: Fluent  
German: Proficient

French: Working knowledge  
Spanish: Basic

## IT Skills

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- MS-Office Packages (Access, Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Outlook), including VBA
- Networking, Servers (W2KServer, MS Exchange, Novell Groupwise)
- Operating Systems (Windows 2000 & XP, GNU Linux Suse9 & Red Hat5)
- Websites (Adobe Dreamweaver, Flash, HTML, php)
- Geographical Information Systems: ArcGIS 9.3; GeoMedia 3.0; Idrisi Kilimanjaro
- Programming languages: Java, Fortran, Pascal, Basic, VBA und Flash
- Others: SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\epsilon$ , EndNote, Coreldraw, ...

## Professional Memberships

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- 1995 - present: President nature organisation 'De Kevie' ([www.kevie.be](http://www.kevie.be))
- 2000 - 2005: Royal Society of Engineers of Flanders: Member of the society 'Land, Nature and Water'
- 1989 - 1995: Steering Committee national nature organisation 'Natuurpunt'
- 2000 - 2005: Member of the Steering Committee of 'Paralia Nature'
- 1998 - 2003: Large Herbivore Initiative WWF

## Conference Proceedings

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- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2003) Future of the Nature Types: Long Term Vision. 'Landscape ecology and nature typology'. Institute of Nature Conservation, Brussels, 9th of October 2003
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2002) Ten years after Rio: what future for biodiversity in Belgium? Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels, 22nd of May 2002
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2001) Visionen der Landschaftsentwicklungen in Europa. Öffentliche Veranstaltung Institut für Ökologische Raumentwicklung, Dresden 16 May 2001
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2001) Floodings: threats and opportunities for integral water management. Symposium: Space for Water, AMINAL Water & VIWC, Brussels 14 Mai 2001
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2001) Nature development along the river Scheldt. 1st International Workshop on Pasture landscapes and Nature Conservation. Lüneburg 26-30 March 2001
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2000) Long-term vision for nature conservation in Flanders. European Centre for Nature Conservation Update vol 7 nr 4.
- Nijssen, D. & Meire, P. (2000) Mud transport and deposition in large rivers. Integrated water management symposium. Federation of Flemish polders. 10 October 2000.
- Nijssen, D. (2000) Grazing management with Aurox in the Jeker Valley. 6th meeting of SIERDAH (Syndicat International pour l'Elevage, la Réintroduction et le Développement de l'Aurochs de Heck). 18-19 Mai 1998.
- Nijs I., Nijssen D., Blum H., Hendrey G. and Impens I. (1996) Free air temperature increase: results and developments. FACE science meeting Durham.

## Peer Reviewed Publications

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- Schumann, A., Nijssen, D. and Pahlow, M. (2010). Handling uncertainties of hydrological loads in flood retention planning. *Journal of River Basin Management*, in Publ.
- Nijssen, D., Schumann, A, Pahlow, M. and Klein, B. (2009). Planning of technical flood retention measures in large river basins under consideration of imprecise probabilities of multivariate hydrological loads. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*, 9, 1–15.
- Pahlow, M., Schumann, A, Nijssen, D., Klein, B., Kufeld, M., Schüttrumpf, H., Hirschfeld J. und Petschow, U. (2009). Integrative Nutzung des technischen Hochwasserrückhalts in Poldern und Talsperren am Beispiel des Flussgebiets der Unstrut. *Hydrologie und Wasserwirtschaft* 53(3), 179–184.
- Rousseau, R.; Van Hecke, P., Nijssen, D. and Jan Bogaert (1999) The relationship between diversity profiles, evenness and species richness based on partial ordering. *Environmental and Ecological Statistics* 6, 211–223
- Nijssen, D.; R. Rousseau and Piet Van Hecke (1998). The Lorenz curve: a graphical representation of evenness. *Coenoses* 13(1), 33–38.
- Nijssen D. (1997) Heck cattle in the meadows of the Jeker. *De Nieuwe Wildernis*, theme number 'Nature development along large rivers'.

## Book chapters

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- Schumann, D. and Nijssen, D. (2009) Application of flood scenarios and multi-criteria decision making tools in polder planning. In: Andreas Schumann (Ed) *Flood Risk Assessment and Management*. Springer in publ.
- Nijssen, D., Pahlow, M. and Schumann, A. (2009). Entscheidungsunterstützung, chapter 7. In: Andreas Schumann (Ed). *Integrative Nutzung des technischen Hochwasserrückhalts in Poldern und Talsperren am Beispiel des Flussgebiets der Unstrut*, Schriftenreihe Hydrologie & Wasserwirtschaft Ruhr- Universität Bochum, Heft 23
- Meire, P., Van den Bergh, E., Ysebaert, T. & Nijssen, D.(2001) Nature development along the river Scheldt. Proceedings of the 1st International Workshop on Pasture landscapes and Nature Conservation. Lüneburg 26–30 März 2001

## References

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- ir. Ivo Temmerman: Section chief engineer Antwerp Mobile t.v ivo.temmerman@grontmij.be; +32 15 451300
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