Dutch Moth Monitoring Scheme





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What kind of data do we have?

- Opportunistic data
 - 13.4 million records





Disadvantages

- Counting all individuals
- Not always exact location
- Which method/lamp?
- Which life stage?
- How long did you count?





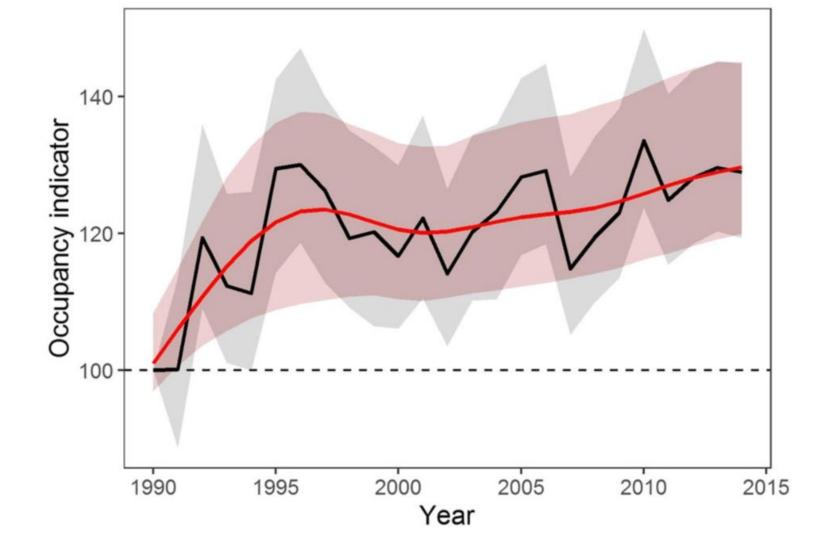




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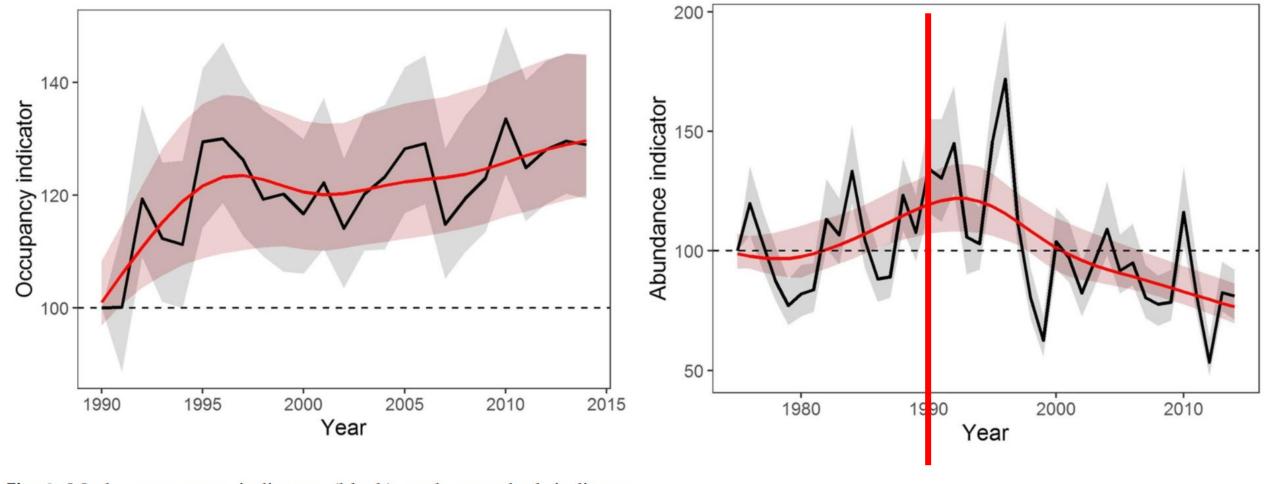
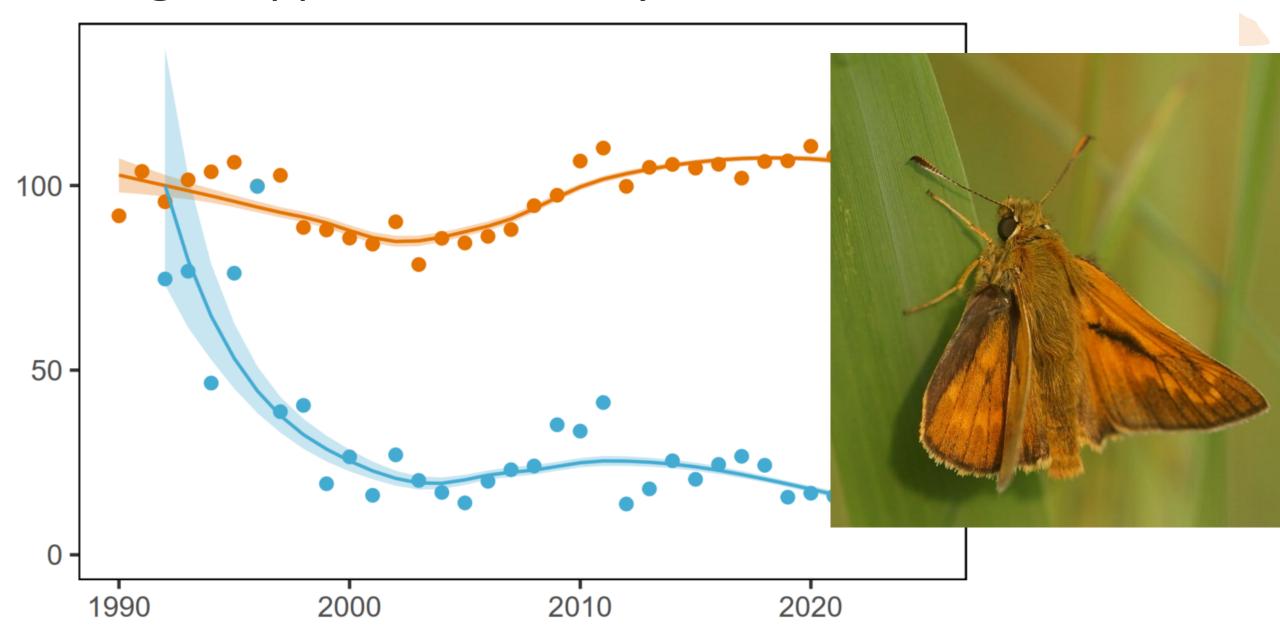


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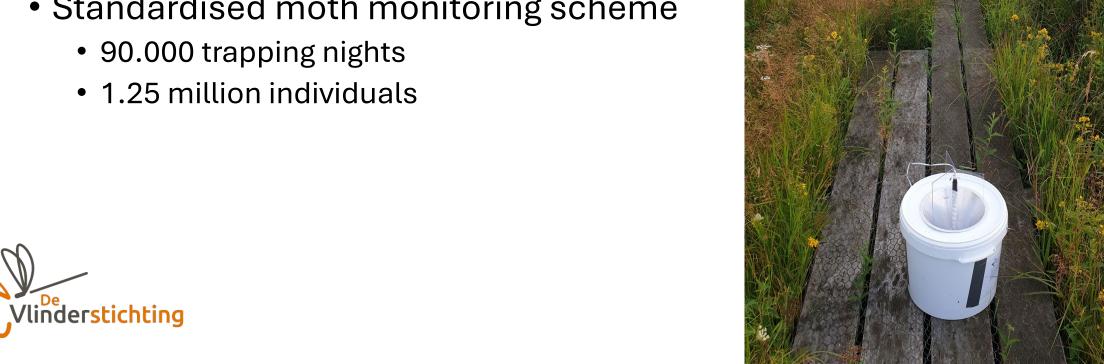
Large skipper - Ochlodes sylvanus



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Standardised moth monitoring scheme







Dutch moth monitoring scheme

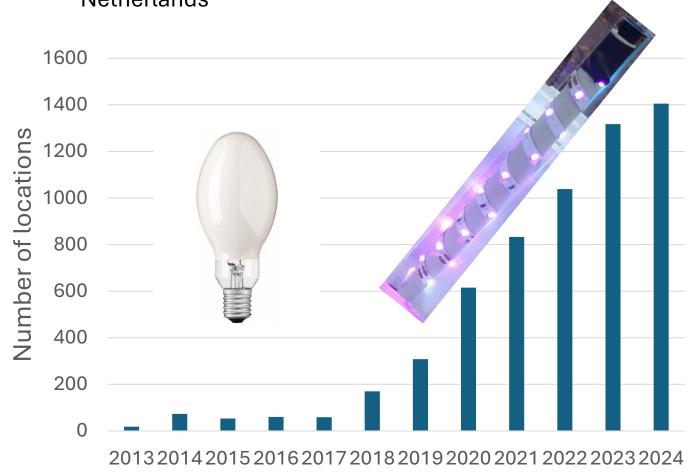
- Started in 2013 with larger moths in gardens
- Expanded in 2021 with micro moths
- Analisys by Statistics Netherlands





Background Dutch Monitoring Scheme

What is the difference between lamp types?
Presentation by Karen from Statistics
Netherlands

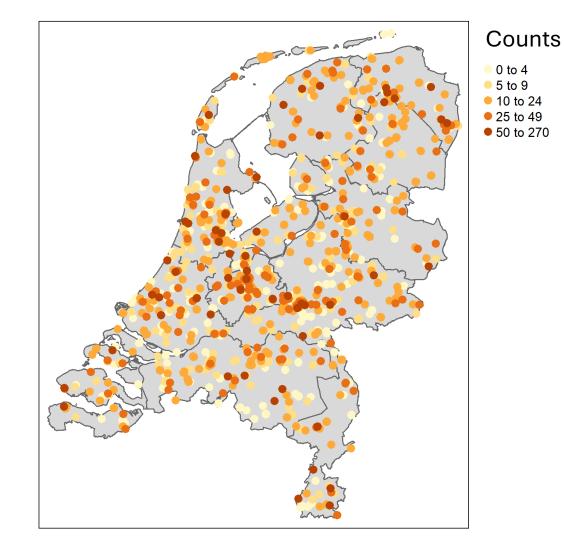




Count both inside and outside the trap Gemiddeld aantal exemplaren per LedEmmer ± SE Periode 2025 2019 - 2024

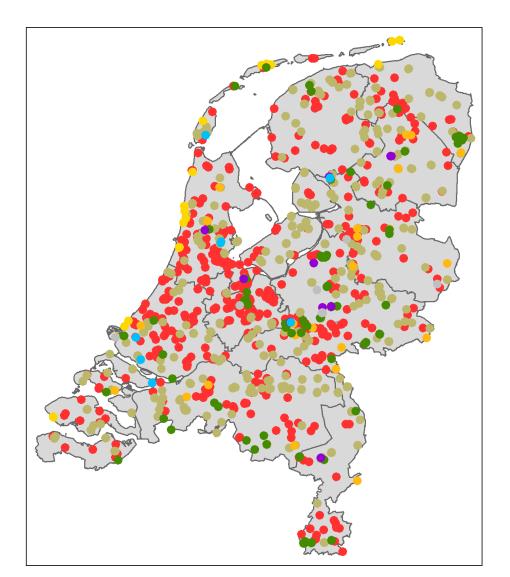
Numbers in 2024

- 1405 locations (650 micro)
- Count once per 2 weeks
 - On average 15 counts per location
- 761 volunteers
- 626 + 669 species





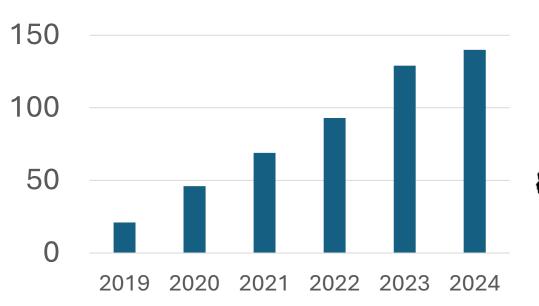
Habitat types 2024

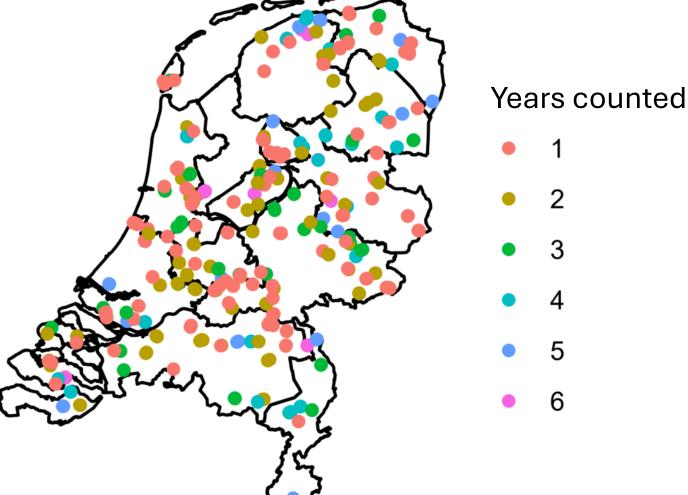


		#
•	Agricultural	594
•	Forest	134
•	Dunes	27
•	Natural grasslands	32
•	Heathland	14
•	Swamps	10
	Unknown	17
•	Rural	563
•	Missing	2



- Started 2019
- 3 LED traps per farmer
- 207 participants
- Image recognition



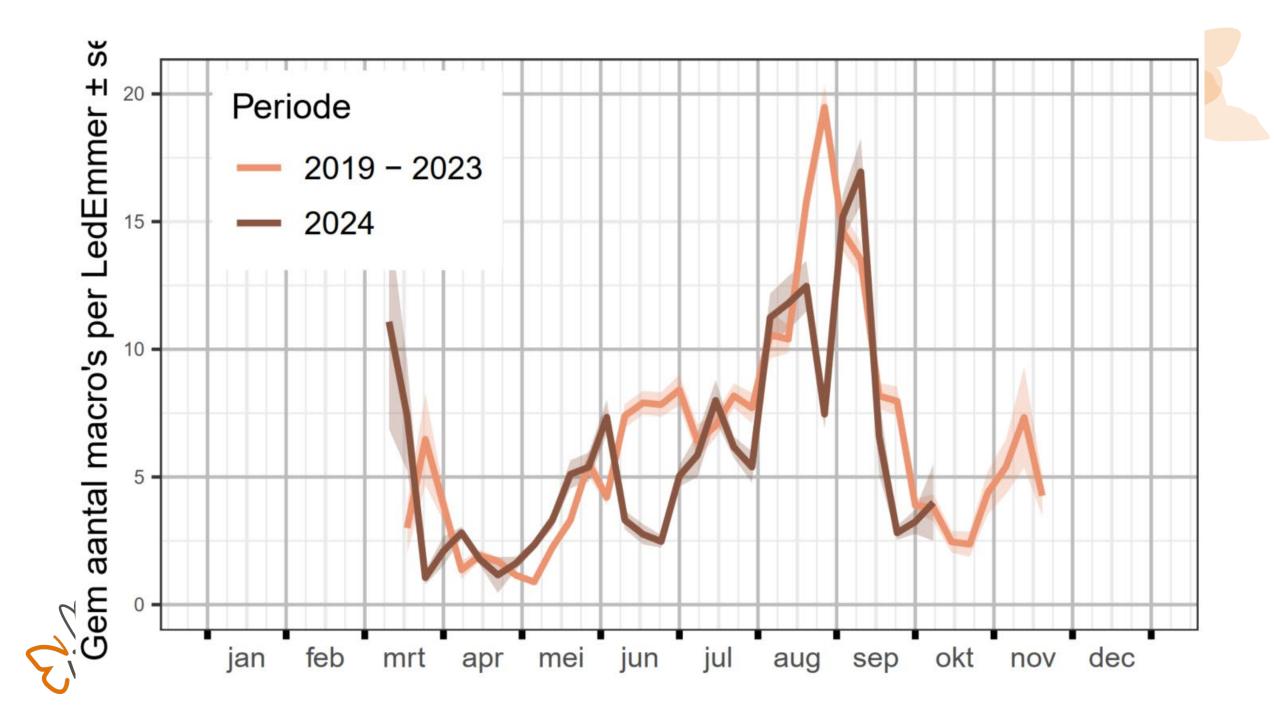


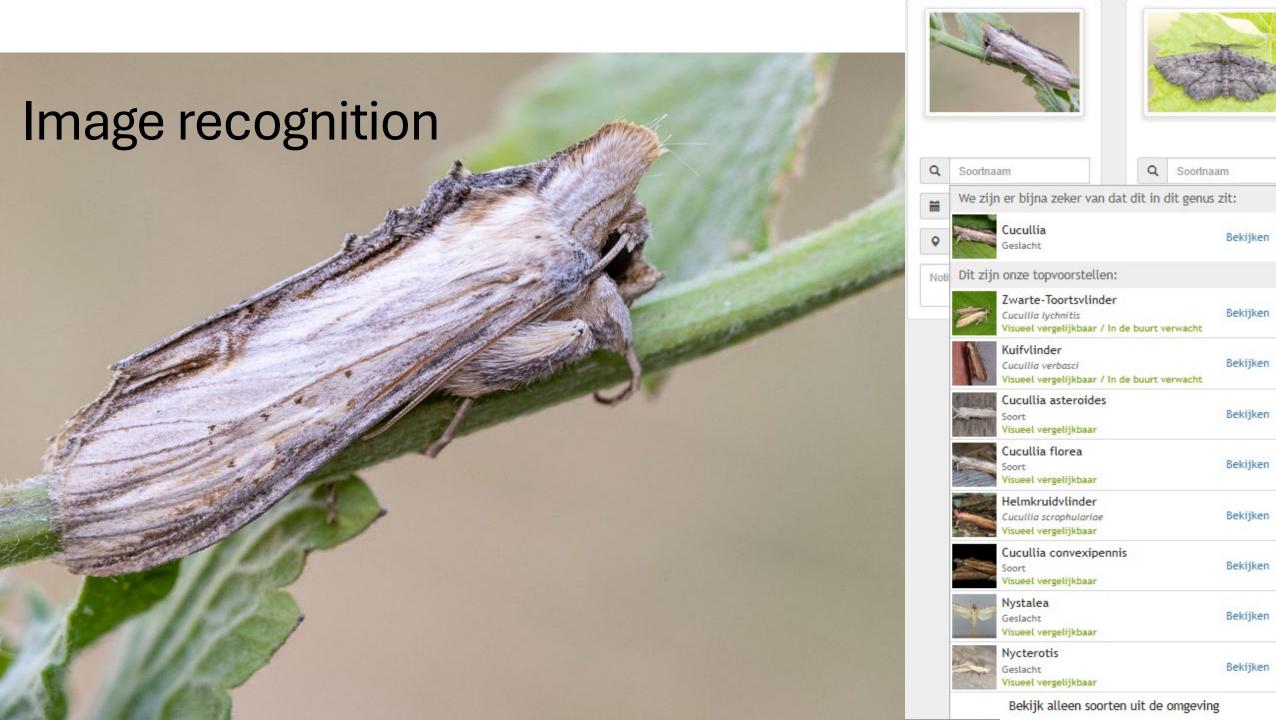
Farmers monitoring

Also in Ireland, UK and Belgium

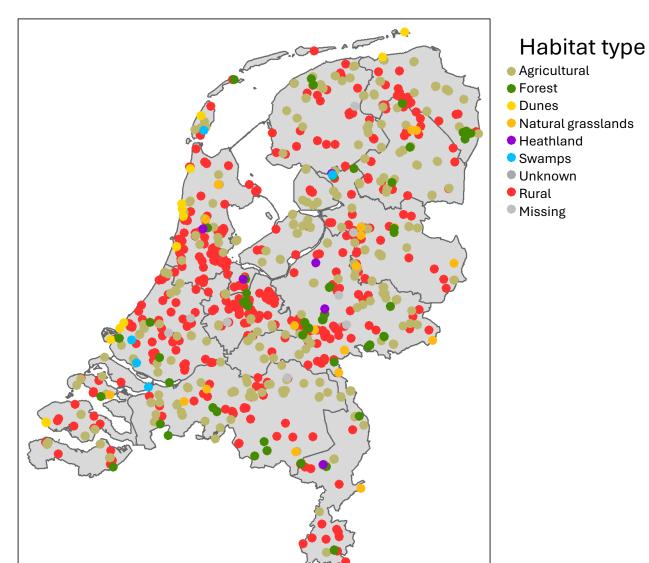






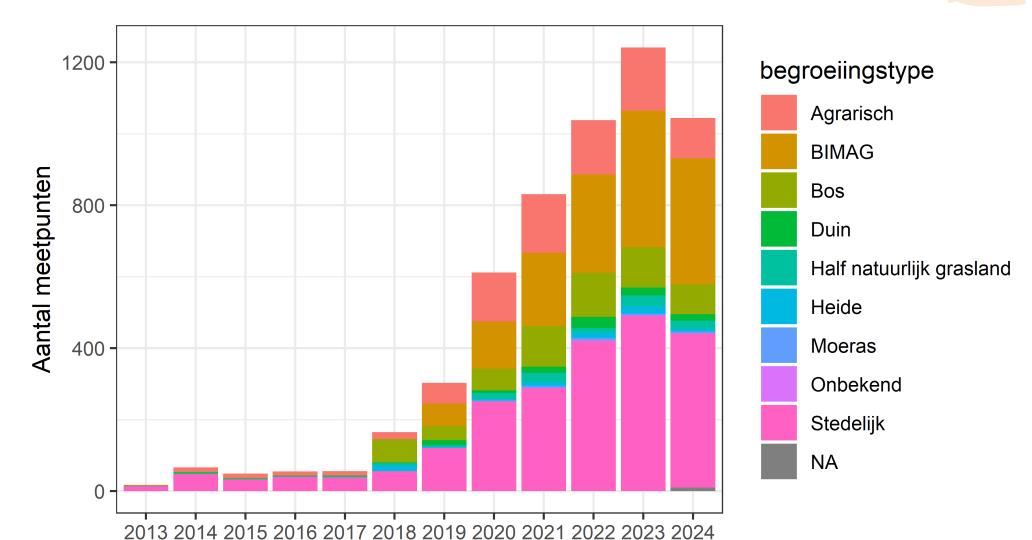


Challenge 1: Equal national distribution





Challenge 2: Equally distribution in habitat





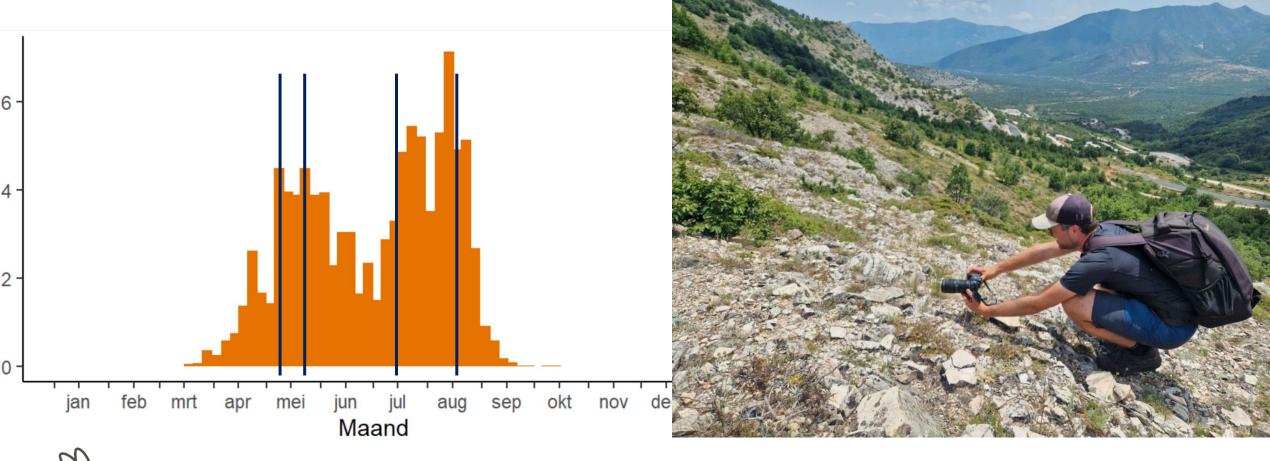
Challenge 3: equal time series

# years		
counted	# locations	
1	1113	
2	598	
3	330	
4	210	
5	120	
6	57	
7	12	
8	7	
9	6	
10+	23	





Challenge 3: equal time series





Data-analysis

Same as for butterflies

2 methods

- 1. Calculate flight curve (RBMS)
- 2. Week as factors (RTRIM)



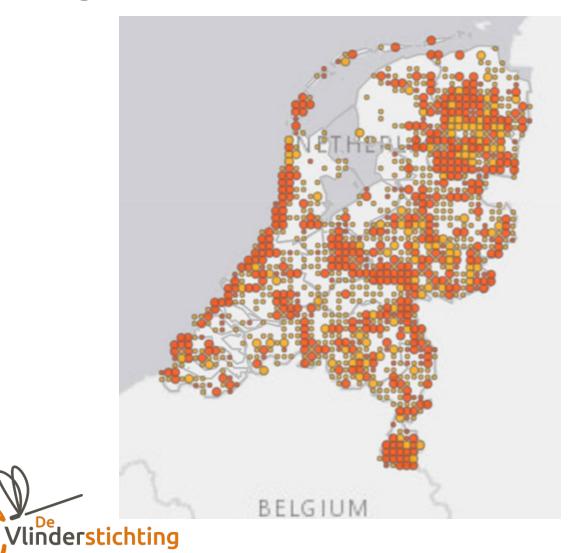
Trends

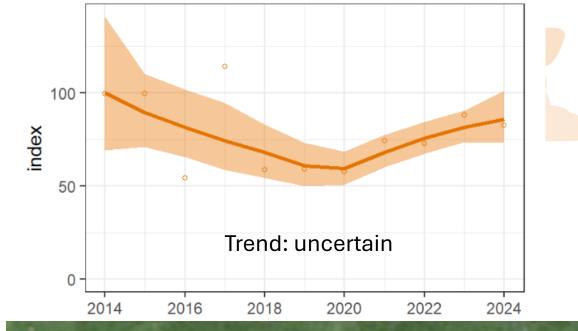
- Trends calculated by Statistics Netherlands
- Starting year when at least 20 positive sites
- Population trends for 349 species
 - 107 a certain short term trend
 - 43 species increase
 - 29 stable
 - 45 decline





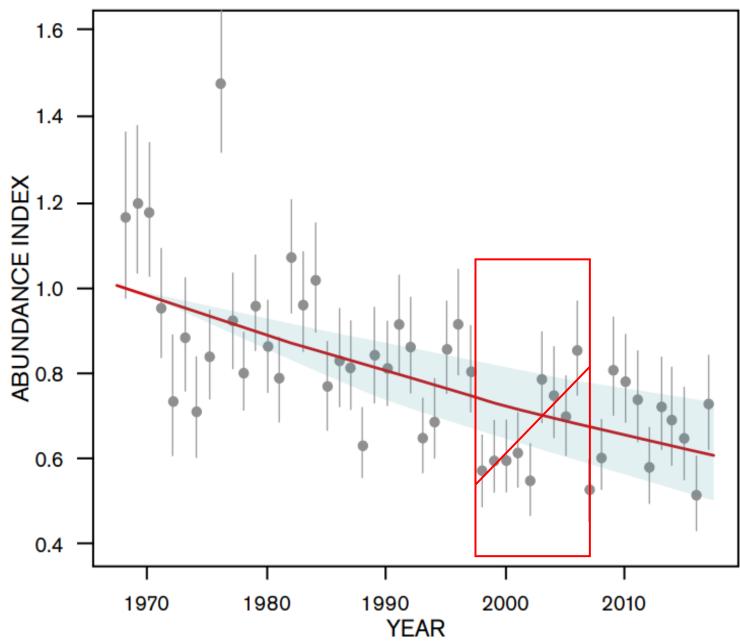
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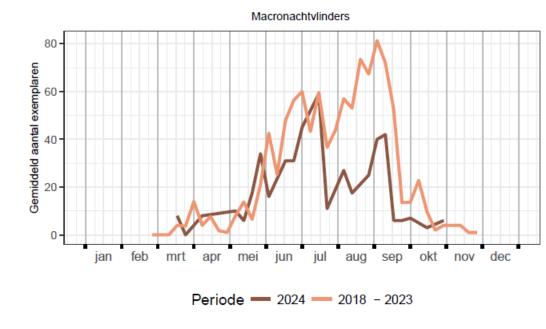


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How to keep volunteers enthousiastic

- Newsletter once every month
- Personal newsletter based on their results
- Annual report



Tabel 1: Jouw vijf zeldzaamste soorten die dit jaar zijn ingevoerd in het meetnet

soort	Door jou waargenomen	Exemplaren meetnet	Totaal meetpunten
smeerwortelsteltmot	1	1	1
klispalpmot	1	4	4
azaleasteltmot	1	5	4
diamantborsteltje	1	6	5
kersenpedaalmot	1	6	5



How to join?

- Every location helps!
- Easiest: Butterflycount app





