DATA SET DESCRIPTION

Multi-annual grids of monthly averaged daily minimum air temperature (2m) over Germany

Version v1.0

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INTENT OF THE DATASET

This describes the freely available data of the DWD Climate Data Center. Grids are derived from DWD stations and legally and qualitatively equivalent partner stations in Germany run for climatological and climate related applications, considering the height dependencies.

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DATA DESCRIPTION

Spatial coverage Germany

Temporal coverage 01.01.1961 - 31.12.1990

Spatial resolution 1 km x 1 km

Temporal resolution 30 years, for each calendar month and season, and for the whole year

Projection 3-degree Gauss-Kruger zone 3, Ellipsoid Bessel, Datum Potsdam (central point Rauenberg), EPSG:31467, see http://spatialreference.org/ref/epsg/31467/. o define the spatial projection in GIS, the file https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/help/gk3.prj can be used. Help is given on importing into ESRI ArcGIS in https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/help/Hilfe_Gauss-Krueger-Raster2GIS.pdf.

Format(s) There are files for each calendar month (*01.asc.gz bis *12.asc.gz), for each season, i.e., spring (March, April, May): *13.asc.gz, summer (June, July, August): *14.asc.gz, autumn (September, October, November): *15.asc.gz, winter (December, January, February): *16.asc.gz, and for the whole year (*17.asc.gz). the winter value contains the December of the previous year. The file in ESRI-ascii-grid-format has in the header the coordinates for the lower left grid cell, including the definition of its center [XLLCENTER],[YLLCENTER] or its corner [XLLCORNER],[YLLCORNER]. It contains a table of 654 x 866 numbers. Each row goes from West to East. The first row is the northernmost one (654 values with 4 digits). Missing values are marked with -999.

Parameters Mean of the monthly averaged minimum daily air temperature in 2 m height above ground, given in 1/10 °C.

Uncertainties Uncertainties are caused by the interpolation method, and erroneous or missing observations. When comparing grid fields for different periods, it should be considered that the measurement network has changed over time.

DATA ORIGIN

The multi-annual grids of the monthly averaged minimum daily air temperature in 2 m height are given for each calendar month. The seasonal grids (spring -13, summer-14, autumn-15, winter-16) and the grid for the whole year (-17) were calculated from the respective grids of the calendar months, i.e., the winter grid from averaging the December, January, February grids.

VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE

The given resolution of 1 km x 1 km is the resolution of the employed digital height model. The gridded data miss processes relevant for local climate (like urban heat island or cold air pools) which are not covered by observations of the station network or cannot be reproduced by the gridding method. The actual information density depends on the station network.

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