## Data Description for zooplankton.csv

This dataset contains detailed records of zooplankton sampling, including cruise information, station data, net deployment details, volume sampled, and specific plankton counts. It appears to be a historical dataset with various biological and environmental attributes.

## **Columns:**

- **1. ID** Unique identifier for each sampling record.
- 2. Cruise Numeric code representing the cruise on which the data was collected.
- 3. CruiseAlias Alternative cruise identifier.
- **4. Sta\_ID** Station ID where the sample was collected.
- **5.** Cruz\_Sta Combination of cruise and station identifiers.
- **6. Ship Code** Code representing the research vessel.
- 7. Order\_Occ Sequential order of sampling events.
- **8.** Cruz\_Code Code for cruise classification.
- 9. St Line Station line number.
- **10. St\_Station** Specific station number along a line.
- 11. Lat\_Deg Latitude degrees of sampling location.
- **12.** Lat\_Min Latitude minutes.
- **13.** Lat\_Hem Latitude hemisphere (e.g., N/S).
- **14.** Lon\_Deg Longitude degrees.
- **15.** Lon\_Min Longitude minutes.
- **16.** Lon\_Hem Longitude hemisphere (e.g., E/W).
- 17. Tow\_Type Type of tow used in sampling (e.g., vertical or oblique tow).
- **18. Net Loc** Net location classification.
- **19.** End Time Time the tow ended.
- **20.** Tow\_Date Date of the sampling event.
- **21.** Tow\_Time Time of the tow.
- 22. Vol\_StrM3 Volume of water filtered during the tow (m<sup>3</sup>).
- **23.** Tow\_DpthM Depth at which the tow was conducted (m).
- **24. Ttl PVolC3** Total plankton volume collected (cubic cm).
- **25.** Sml\_PVolC3 Small plankton volume collected (cubic cm).
- **26.** HaulFact Haul factor used for data standardization.
- **27. Ttl\_Eggs\_Raw** Total eggs counted in raw data.
- **28. Ttl\_Larvae\_Raw** Total larvae counted in raw data.
- **29.** Ttl\_Eggs\_Stnd Standardized total egg count.
- **30. Ttl Larvae Stnd** Standardized total larvae count.
- **31.** Sardine\_Eggs\_Raw Sardine eggs counted in raw data.
- **32.** Sardine\_Eggs\_Stnd Standardized sardine egg count.
- 33. Anchovy\_Eggs\_Raw Anchovy eggs counted in raw data.
- **34.** Anchovy\_Eggs\_Stnd Standardized anchovy egg count.
- **35.** Sardine\_Larvae\_Raw Sardine larvae counted in raw data.
- **36. Sardine\_Larvae\_Stnd** Standardized sardine larvae count.
- **37. Anchovy\_Larvae\_Raw** Anchovy larvae counted in raw data.

**38. Anchovy\_Larvae\_Stnd** – Standardized anchovy larvae count.

## **Dataset Summary:**

- Contains 49,943 rows and 38 columns.
- Includes information about **cruise**, **station**, **net location**, **and biological counts**.
- Provides plankton abundance data, focusing on sardine and anchovy eggs and larvae.
- Some fields have **missing values**, particularly in the biological count columns.