

Deaccession database

Afstotingsdatabase

Museums must be active players in the fight against illicit traffic and should adopt rules in terms of the acquisition and transfer of collections. The deaccession database provides transparency in the deaccession of objects of Dutch registered museums and it promotes the circulation of objects and protects cultural property against illicit traffic.

The screenshot shows the search results page of the Afstotingsdatabase. The header includes the logo 'museumvereniging /afstotingsdatabase' and a 'Inloggen' button. A search bar contains the text 'Zoeken op trefwoord' and a 'Zoeken' button. On the left, there are filter sections: 'Publicatietermijn' with options like 'verlopen', 'is nog niet verlopen', 'loopt binnen 2 weken af', 'loopt binnen 1 maand af', and 'loopt af over meer dan 1 maand'; 'Melding beschermwaardig ingediend' with 'Ja' and 'Nee' options; and 'Categorieën' with 'Volkenkunde', 'Techniek', 'Natuurhistorie', 'Historie', and 'Beeldende Kunst'. The main content area shows a list of items with their titles, museum names, and publication dates. The items listed are: 'Petter motor, type PAZ 1' from Maritiem Museum Rotterdam, 'Hatlapa compressor' from Maritiem Museum Rotterdam, 'Kromhout motor, opengewerkt model' from Maritiem Museum Rotterdam, and 'Elektromechanische telefooncentrale RTMC 7D 7055' from Museum voor Communicatie.

On Afstotingsdatabase.nl every museum professional, expert or person interested in art can create an account with the standard DNN registration form. The account will be approved by the administrator and the correct role will be added to that account. Each roll has different functions. The most important role is the one of 'museum'.

The screenshot shows the detail page for an object in the Afstotingsdatabase. The header includes the logo 'museumvereniging /afstotingsdatabase' and a 'Inloggen' button. The page title is 'Koperen West-Indiase schaal'. Below the title is a search icon and the text 'Naar lijst'. A large image of the object is shown. The object is described as 'Koperen bloemvormige schaal vermoedelijk uit West-India. Op de schaal zijn dieren en planten afgebeeld.' The publication date is 'Gepubliceerd tot 07-08-2018'. There is a green button labeled 'Meld mogelijk beschermwaardig'. Below the description, there are two tables: 'Contact' and 'Algemeen'. The 'Contact' table lists 'Organisatie' as 'Nationaal Museum van Wereldculturen', 'Naam' as 'Sijbrand de Rooij', 'E-mailadres', and 'Telefoon'. The 'Algemeen' table lists 'Type', 'Object', 'Inventarisnummer(s)' as 'RV-Q1998-59', and 'Vervaardiger' as 'Onbekend'.

When a museum wants to deaccess an object, it must fill out a custom form with all the specifications of the object and upload pictures. The form can be saved, edited and published. Once the object is online it stays online for exactly 60 days, the obligated publish time, and will be automatically archived.

To fight against illegal traffic, and in order to protect the cultural heritage of cultural property, experts could make an appeal by labeling the deaccession. A special committee judges whether the deaccession is legitimate.

The afstotingsdatabse.nl has 650 active users and 2200 objects have been published in the database already.

Used DNN modules

- Authentication
- Actions Forms
- Action Grid
- Bulk user manager
- DNN become user
- HTML
- Analytics
- Journal Moduele
- Member directory
- Registration
- View profile