

PAN: Portable Antiquities of the Netherlands

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WHAT IS PAN?

PAN is a network of universities, governmental organizations, museums, the national bank, and associations of volunteer archaeologists and metal detector users. They work together with the aim to document finds of archaeological interest from the Dutch soil and waters (coins, brooches, buckles, shards of glass and pottery, ship parts) in private ownership. By publishing finds online, the objects are made available for heritage purposes, academic research, and members of the general public to enjoy. PAN activities often take place at ArcheoHotspots, locations where volunteers can participate in archaeological activities.



OBLIGATION TO REPORT FINDS IN THE HERITAGE ACT

On 1 July 2016, the new Heritage Act came into force. Since then, metal detecting has been permitted, provided a number of conditions are met. For example, a detectorist may dig no deeper than 30 cm, is not allowed to dig on a monument or ongoing excavation and permission must be granted by the landowner. Importantly, there is also a reporting requirement: finds must be reported. The purpose of this is to preserve the scientific information value of the finds. The collection of archaeological finds under water by divers was permitted until 2016. Collections of water finds collected up until mid-2016 are also documented by PAN.

WHERE SHOULD I REPORT?

You can report to PAN. PAN gives you help from Find Liaison Officers who photograph and describe the finds and from various specialists who identify the finds. PAN sends the coin photographs to NUMIS (the Dutch coin database).

ARE MY FINDSPOTS PUBLIC THROUGH PAN?

No. Exact locations are not shown on the website.

AM I, AS FINDER / OWNER, SHOWN WITH MY NAME AND ADDRESS IN PAN?

No, this is not the case. Privacy-sensitive information is not stored. Only a self-chosen name (alias) is required. An e-mail address is needed only if you want to see your own collection in the PAN system.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FINDS?

Single finds made on land remain your property. In case of treasure finds, according to the law, the value must be shared with the landowner but PAN is not formally involved. We can mediate, at your request. For most water finds, you are also considered the owner. Please consult other PAN brochures for more information. We may borrow your collection for photography, but you decide if that is allowed.

HOW CAN SEARCHERS AND DIVERS PARTICIPATE?

Send a message to PAN and mention when you would like to meet up with a PAN Find Liaison Officer. In the province of Utrecht, approach Landschap Erfgoed Utrecht.

PAN TELEPHONE APP

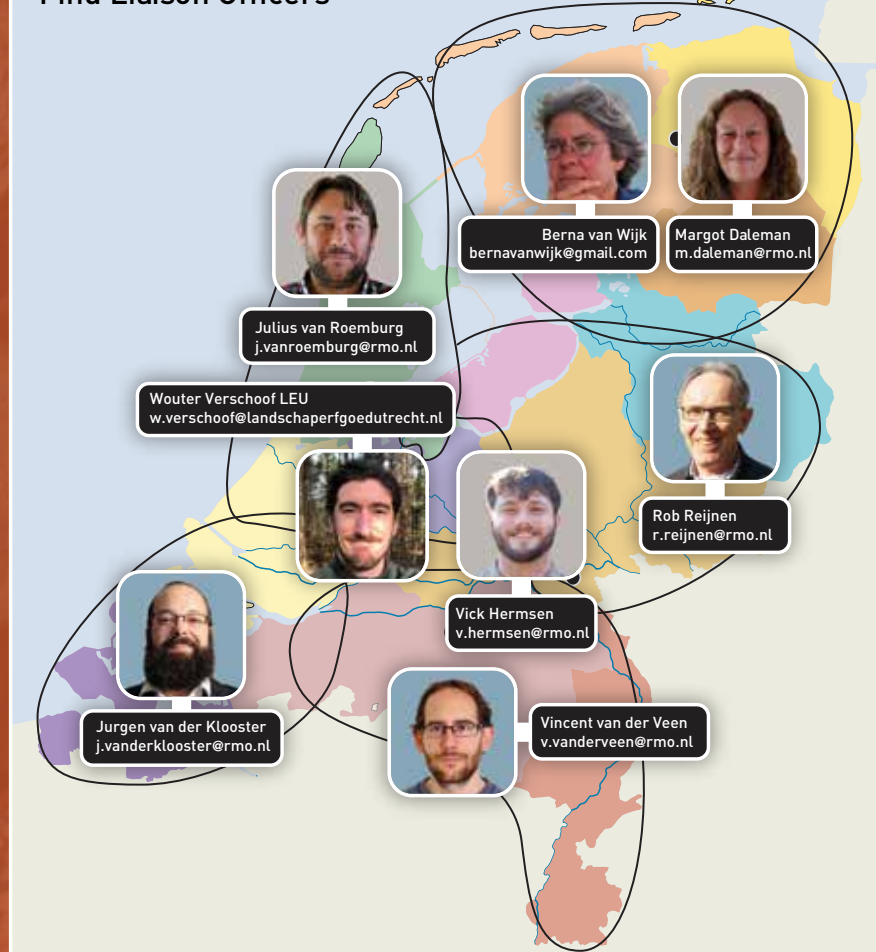
For reporting new finds on land, directly when the find is done in the field, PAN has an app. To download the app and the manual, go to:

<https://portable-antiquities.nl/pan/#/public/melden>
or scan the QR code



Let us introduce ourselves.....

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