

Supplementary material

Appendix 1

Data on mammalian and flea species richness in 59 surveys used in the analyses

Realm/region	Survey	Number of species		Source
		Hosts	Fleas	
Afrotropical	Kenya	4	6	Oguge et al. 2009
	Madagascar	6	6	Laakkonen et al. 2003
	Namibia	9	19	Shihepo et al. 2008
	South Africa (eastern Cape)	7	7	Shepherd et al. 1983
	Tanzania	15	23	Laudisoit et al. 2009
	Uganda	15	8	Amatre et al. 2009
Neotropical	Argentina eastern (Buenos Aires)	7	10	Lareschi 1996, 2006, Lareschi et al. 2003, 2007 and unpublished data
	Argentina (Monte Desert)	3	5	Lareschi et al. 2004
	Argentina (Patagonia)	6	7	Sanchez et al. 2009
	Brazil southeastern (Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro)	16	10	de Moraes et al. 2003
	Brazil southern (Parana)	5	5	Barros-Battesti et al. 1998
	Chile (Osorno and Aisen)	13	23	Beaucournu and Kelt 1990
	Peru (Ancash)	7	13	Hastriter et al. 2002 and unpublished data
	Uruguay southern (Montevideo, Maldonado, Canelones, Rivera and San Jose)	7	4	Lareschi et al. 2006
Nearctic	California central (Monterey)	16	20	Linsdale and Davis 1956
	California southwestern (Ventura)	8	17	Davis et al. 2002
	Colorado (Larimer)	3	24	Campos et al. 1985
	Connecticut (Middlesex)	10	13	Main 1983
	Idaho (Bonneville)	15	29	Allred 1968
	Indiana	26	20	Whitaker 1982
	Montana (Phillips)	6	16	Holmes 2003
	New Mexico (Santa Fe)	26	34	Morlan 1955
	Wisconsin (Kenosha)	8	11	Amin 1976
Wyoming (Park)	4	13	Anderson and Williams 1997	
Palaeartic (Caucasus)	Adzharia	13	20	Alania et al. 1964
	Armenia (Sevan)	10	22	Avetisyan et al. 1960
	Armenia (semi-desert)	8	12	Avetisyan et al. 1960
	Armenia southeastern	7	14	Avetisyan et al. 1960
	Azerbaijan	13	23	Kunitsky and Kunitskaya 1962
	Kabarda	10	21	Syrvacheva 1964

	Nakhichevan	6	17	Kadatshay and Shirova 1963	
Palaeartic (Central Asia)	Akmolinsk region, northern Kazakhstan	12	24	Mikulín 1959a	
	Dzhungarskiy Alatau ridge, Kazakhstan	15	22	Burdelova 1996	
	East Balkhash desert, Kazakhstan	14	36	Mikulín 1959b	
	Kustanai region, northwestern Kazakhstan	11	17	Reshetnikova 1959	
	Kyrgyz ridge, northern Kyrgyzstan	14	35	Shwartz et al. 1958	
	Mongolia, northwestern Khangay region,	17	40	Labunets 1967	
	Moyynkum desert, southern Kazakhstan	15	30	Popova 1968	
	Shimkent region, southern Kazakhstan	9	27	Nuriev et al. 2004	
	Tarbagatai ridge, eastern Kazakhstan	13	30	Mikulín 1958	
	Trans-Ili Alatau ridge, Kazakhstan	8	18	Busalaeva and Fedosenko 1964	
	Tyva	13	28	Letov et al. 1966	
	Palaeartic (Europe)	Hungary	7	9	Haitlinger 1973
		Kostroma region, Russia	16	21	Krylov 1986
Kursk region, Russia		9	16	Izotov et al. 1966	
Moscow region, Russia		15	17	Darskaya et al. 1970	
Poland (Pieniny)		14	18	Haitlinger 1974	
Scotland		5	7	Varma and Page 1966	
Slovakia central (Hran)		7	7	Stanko et al. 2002 and unpublished data	
Palaeartic (Siberia)	Sweden	9	12	Brinck 1966	
	Altai Mountains	20	9	Sapegina et al. 1981a	
	Amur region	9	23	Koshkin 1966	
	Krasnojarsk region	8	18	Ravkin and Sapegina 1990	
	Novosibirsk region	20	30	Violovich 1969	
	Pre-Polar Ural Mountains	10	10	Novozhilova 1977	
	Taimyr peninsula	12	11	Sapegina et al. 1980, 1981b	
	Ural River Valley	13	14	Tanitovskiy et al. 2004	
	Western Sayan ridge	12	28	Emelyanova and Shtilmark 1967	
Yakutia	7	18	Elshanskaya and Popov 1972		

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