Data collection and analysis of paleonetworks

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Data collection

the first step was to collect data form the paleodiversity database, from there we gathered occurrences using the following code. Which collected all occurrences from the Rhaetian to the Sinemurian, within the bounding box of latitudes 34 to 85 degrees north and longitudes 28.85 west to 41.078 east.

All <- read_csv("https://paleobiodb.org/data1.2/occs/list.csv?datainfo&rowcount&interval=rhaetian,sinemskip = 22)

Data cleaning

Environment

we filtered the data to include only occurrences that occurred in the environments

Taxonomy

Ocurrences were excluded if they were part of the Phyla Problematica, Ginkgophyta, Cycadeoideophyta, Cycadeophyta, Equisetophyta, Pinophyta, Peltaspermophyta, Tracheophyta or if they belonged to the class Insecta or Mammalia, or belonging to the orders Pterosauria.

Data exploration

The final dataset had 7,368 occurrences, bellonging to 12 Phylla (Table 1) and 2,058 species.

Subsetting dataset by Age

Rahetian

The Rahetian dataset had 3,041 occurrences, bellonging to 11 Phylla (Table 1) and 748 species.

Hettangian

In order to subsett by age we have to take into account an occurrence to be present in an age if any of its The Hettangian dataset had 1,851 occurrences, bellonging to 9 Phylla (Table 1) and 787 species.

Sinemurian

The Sinemurian dataset had 4,075 occurrences, bellonging to 11 Phylla (Table 1) and 1,300 species.

Table 1: Number of occurrences for each Phylum present in descending order

phylum	n
Mollusca	3,619
Brachiopoda	1,578
Chordata	891
Cnidaria	492
Arthropoda	457
Echinodermata	169
Porifera	75
Chlorophyta	49
Annelida	22
Cyanobacteria	11
Bryozoa	4
Nematoda	1

Appendix

Species by order of number of occurrences

Table 2: Number of occurrences for the 20 most abundant Species present in descending order

Binomial	n
Gryphaea arcuata	102
Rhaetavicula contorta	86
Placunopsis alpina	72
Atreta intusstriata	70
Rhaetina gregaria	64
Plagiostoma sp.	57
Chlamys sp.	53
Rhaetina pyriformis	52
Fissirhynchia fissicostata	50
Entolium sp.	41
Misikella posthernsteini	41
Protocardia rhaetica	40
Bakevellia (Bakevelloides) praecursor	38
Gervillia inflata	37
Plagiostoma punctatum	37
Zeilleria mutabilis	37
Cassianella inaequiradiata	35
Myophoriopis isoceles	35
Oxycolpella oxycolpos	35
Palaeocardita austriaca	35