

Analyzing Ecological Networks

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Spatio-temporal variation of plant-pollinator networks in the Monte Desert of Villavicencio Nature Reserve, Argentina



**Plant-pollinator networks sampled over 6 years,
from 2006 to 2011**

Data source: Peralta et al. (2020)

The available dataset comprises:

- One plant-pollinator network per year (pooled interactions sampled across different sites)
- One plant-pollinator network per site for a given year (2006)
- Morphological traits of plants and pollinators
- Summed flower abundance per plant species across years



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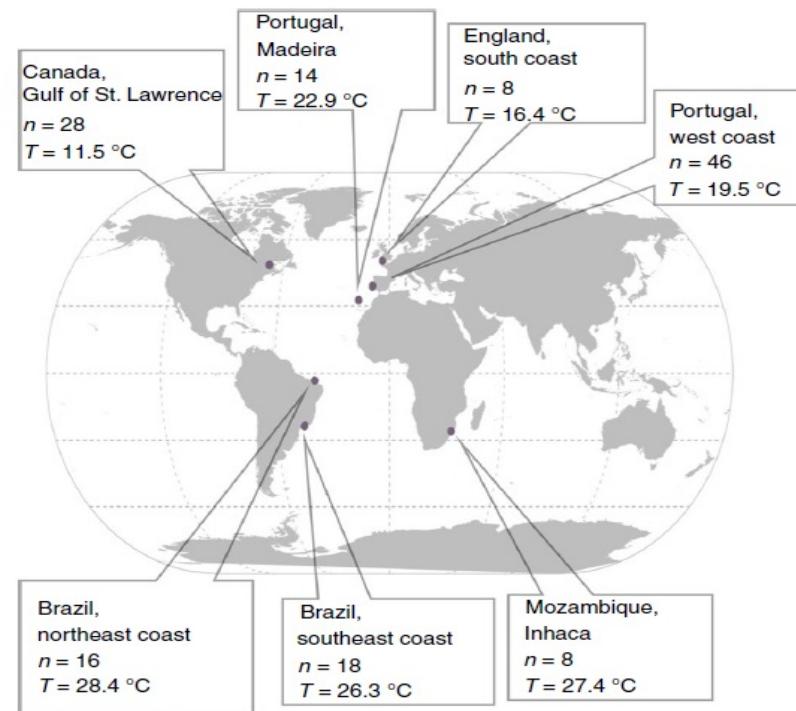
Spatial variation of **intertidal** food webs along a latitudinal gradient



124 marine rock-pool food webs

Data source: Brose et al. (2019) ; Gauzens et al. (2020)

The available dataset comprises:



- One food web per site
(presence/absence of interaction)
- Body mass, metabolic type, and movement type for each species/trophic group

Mutualistic networks along **altitudinal** and land-use gradients on Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Mutualistic networks sampled over 52 sites for bird–fruit and bird–flower interactions and 19 sites for insect–flower interactions

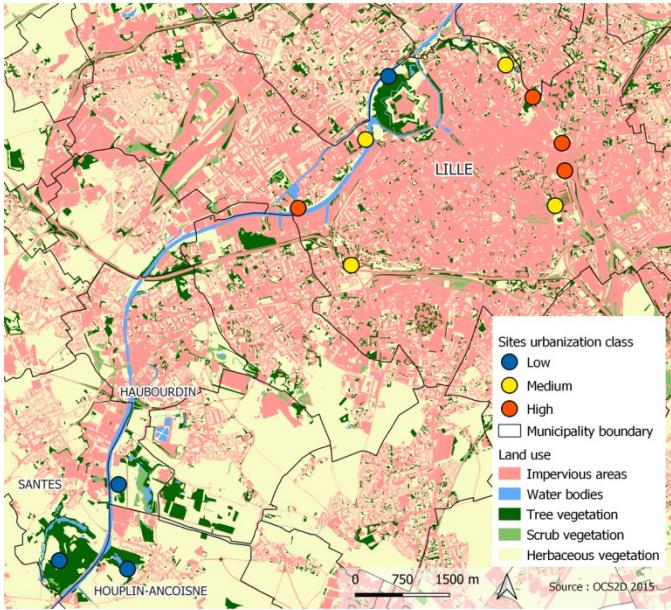
Data source: Albrecht et al. (2018)



The available dataset comprises:

- One mutualistic network per interaction type and per site sampled
- Morphological traits of plants, insects and birds
- Site properties: land use, altitude, mean annual temperature and precipitation

Plant-pollinator networks along an urbanization gradient near Lille, France



12 sites, 4 of each urbanization category

5-6 sampling dates per site (April-June 2017)

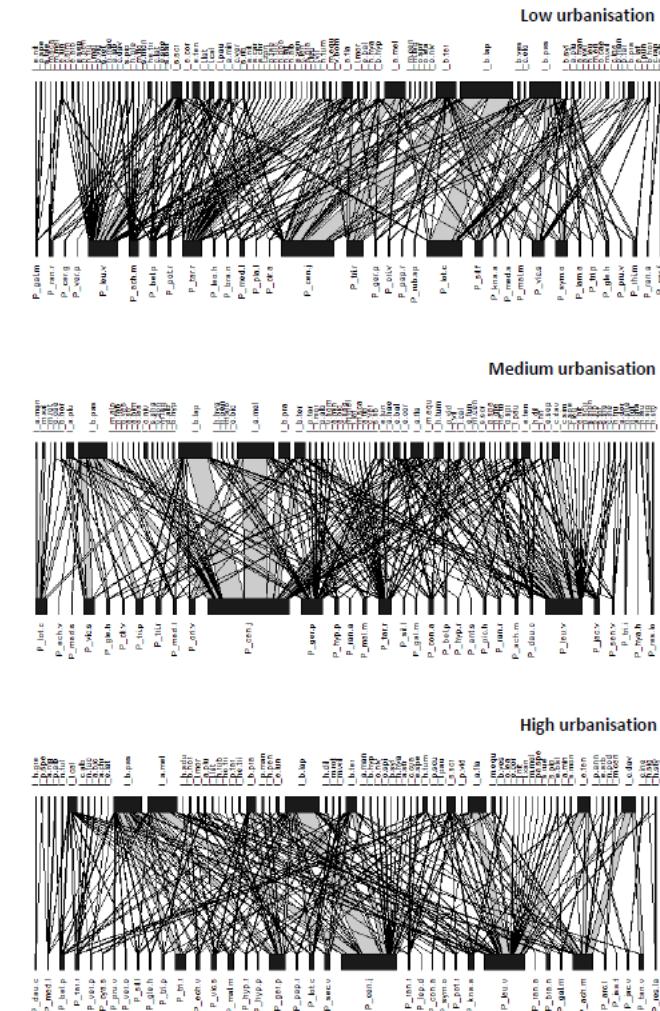
All plants, bees and hoverflies identified to species levels

Data source: Fisogni et al. (2022)

Dataset =

one row per capture event, stating

- name of bee/hoverfly sp.
- if captured on plant, name of plant sp.
- site name and urbanization category
- # of the sampling and day of the year



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