Length variations of *Mollux insignificans* in three different habitats

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

We measured the length of 270 individuals of *Mollux insignificans* from 3 different populations on the other side of the world in order to assess any potential differences in sizes between the different habitats. We did not try to replicate the results of Smith (2003), nor those of Wesson et al. (1999), as it was just for fun, really.

2. Methods

We first drove to each place, not too early in the morning. And we measured the length of a bunch of individuals with a ZZZ1234 ruler from MeasureEverything©.

3. Results

The number of individuals from which measurements were made varied between sites. In site 1, we measured the length of 30 individuals, in site 2, 70, and in site 3, 170. The mean length varied from 4.91 at population

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1 to 15.3 at population 2. A summary of the measurements is presented in Table 1. The distribution of lengths in each population is shown in Figure 1.

Table 1: Summary of the length of individuals of *Mollux insignificans*

Population	N	Mean	S.d.
1	30	4.91	1.96
2	70	15.30	1.77
3	170	11.90	1.93

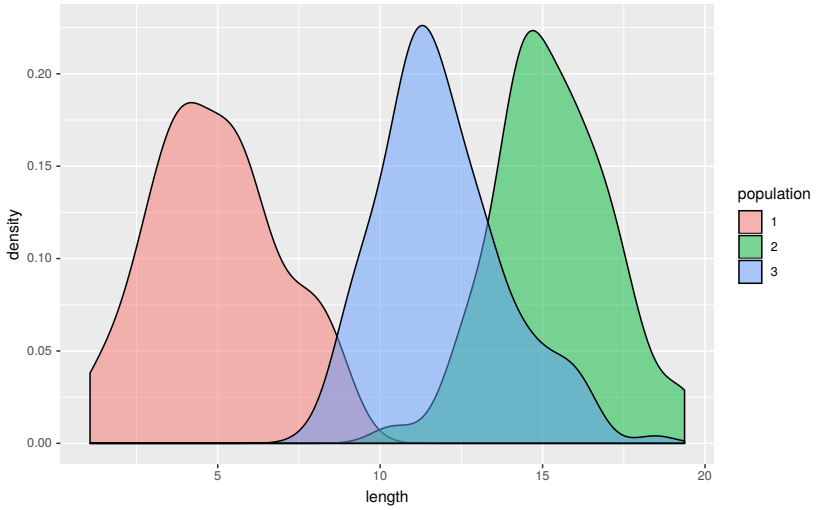

Figure 1: Distribution of individual lengths in three population of *Mollux insignificans*

4. Discussion

Almost surprisingly, our results suggest a difference in the mean length between populations.

5. References

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