

Data from: Predator-prey interactions between shell-boring beetle larvae and rock-dwelling land snails

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Abstract

Drilus beetle larvae (Coleoptera: Elateridae) are specialized predators of land snails. Here, we describe various aspects of the predator-prey interactions between multiple *Drilus* species attacking multiple *Albinaria* (Gastropoda: Clausiliidae) species in Greece. We observe that *Drilus* species may be facultative or obligate *Albinaria*-specialists. We map geographically varying predation rates in Crete, where on average 24% of empty shells carry fatal *Drilus* bore holes. We also provide first-hand observations and video-footage of prey entry and exit strategies of the *Drilus* larvae, and evaluate the potential mutual evolutionary impacts. We find

limited evidence for an effect of shell features and snail behavioral traits on inter- and intra-specifically differing predation rates. We also find that *Drilus* predators adjust their predation behavior based on specific shell traits of the prey. In conclusion, we suggest that, with these baseline data, this interesting predator-prey system will be available for further, detailed more evolutionary ecology studies.

Usage Notes

Data Collection Codes

Collection details pertaining to the Albinaria samples, some containing *Drilus* laevae or adult, that were used in this study

Data Predation Crete

This file provides information on the Cretan Albinaria collection samples used for producing the map of *Drilus* predation pressure. The samples without taxon identifiers were studied by Francisco W. Welter-Schultes and derived from the Haus der Natur, Cismar. The other samples were studied by Ruth F. Castillo Cajas and derived from the collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden.

Appendix_PLOS ONE (herzien)- Voucher numbers - RMNH

This file contains all information relating to the *Drilus* specimens (adults, larvae, and exuviae) obtained from snail shells in the course of this study. Voucher numbers refer to the official collections in which the specimens were deposited.

References

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Files

3 files for this dataset

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