

Data Paper

Spider assemblages (Arachnida, Araneae) in conventionally managed versus extensively used or restored grass- and farmland sites in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

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Introduction

The original study was realized within a program of action for the protection of insects of the Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern ("Mehr Respekt vor dem Insekt"). Several arthropod groups were sampled with pitfall traps in 20 plots of five biotope types in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: ecological managed arable land, set-aside strips in grassland, protected xerothermic grassland, renaturated wet grassland on peat soil, salt marsh; with a comparison of treated plots with reference plots. Pitfall traps were filled with Renner solution and were active from 3. Sep. to 17. Oct 2020 and from 1. May to 11. Jun. 2021, traps were emptied every 14 days. Six traps per site were used, distance between traps was 8-10 m. Traps had 8 cm opening width and were not protected against rain. Spiders were identified by the author with Heimer & Nentwig (1991), Roberts (1985, 1987, 1998), Nentwig et al. (2021). A total of 22902 (20765 adult) spiders were identified to 189 species in 19 families.

Keywords: arable land, Germany, grassland, habitat management, insect monitoring, organic farming, peatland meadows, restoration, salt marsh

METADATA

Data set identity. Data on spider assemblages (Arachnida, Araneae) in conventionally managed versus extensively used or restored grass- and farmland sites in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany

Overall project description

Objectives of original study. Assessment of effects of ad-hoc measures to protect insects by studying several arthropod taxa in reference and treated sites. Thereby, country-specific key issues should be identified to implement the nationwide action program for insect conservation.

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Data Source Institution. ILN Greifswald GbR, Am St. Georgsfeld 12, 17489 Greifswald, Germany

Period of study or time extent. September to October 2020 (39 days) and May to June 2021 (39 days)

Survey design

Site description. Study sites (and plots) were situated in three regions in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (North-East Germany):

- Greifswald (KG1, KG1a, AC2, AC2a, AC3, AC3a)
- Anklam (GL2, GL2a, MZ1, MZ1a, MZ1b)
- Pasewalk (AC1, AC1a, TM1, TM1a, TM1b, GL1, GL1a, TM2, TM2a)

20 plots of five biotope types: ecological managed arable land, set-aside strips in grassland, protected xerothermic grassland, renaturated wet grassland on peat soil, salt marsh; with a comparison of treated plots with reference plots.

Table 1: Studied plots (S – south of; N – north of; Coordinates in decimal degrees WGS 84)

Habitat	Management	Plot	Locality	Latitude	Longitude
arable land	organic farming	AC1	Dargitz	53.556343	13.928452
	conventional reference	AC1a	Dargitz	53.556363	13.929704
	organic farming	AC2	S Strellin	53.977516	13.495484
	conventional reference	AC2a	S Strellin	53.974243	13.494611
	organic farming	AC3	N Strellin	53.985082	13.491627
	conventional reference	AC3a	N Strellin	53.988533	13.483708
grassland	stripe of grassland fallow	GL1	Stolzenburg	53.526187	13.946878
	conventional reference	GL1a	Stolzenburg	53.526596	13.944349
	stripe of grassland fallow	GL2	Quilow	53.880454	13.575815
	conventional reference	GL2a	Quilow	53.880737	13.57468
salt marsh	restored salt marsh	KG1	Karrendorf	54.159928	13.388032
	conventional reference	KG1a	Karrendorf	54.157848	13.387087
peatland meadow	rewetted, mowed	MZ1	Relzow	53.877476	13.704126
	rewetted, abandoned	MZ1b	Relzow	53.879029	13.722394
	conventional reference	MZ1a	Gnevezin	53.846357	13.762911
xerothermic grassland	early succession stage	TM1	Viereck	53.558774	14.00913
	intermediate succession	TM1a	Viereck	53.560007	14.007214
	late succession stage	TM1b	Viereck	53.557388	14.013389
	sheep grazing	TM2	Schanzberge	53.494994	13.894122
	late succession stage	TM2a	Schanzberge	53.487816	13.886833

Methods of data collection. Plastic cups with 8 cm opening diameter and 0.3 l holding capacity were used as pitfall traps. Six traps per group (plot) were positioned in line with 8-10 m distance between two traps. Renner solution (40 % ethanol, 20 % glycerine, 10 % acetic acid, 30 % water, detergent) was used as preservative. Traps were active in the periods September to October 2020 and May to June 2021 and emptied every 14 days.

Methods of sample processing, storage and identification. Spiders were sorted out from original samples by J. Hampel and C. Muster and were subsequently stored in 75 % ethanol. All adult spiders were determined to species. Identification was done by C. Muster, using Heimer & Nentwig (1991), Roberts (1985, 1987, 1998), Nentwig et al. (2021). Nomenclature follows World Spider Catalogue (WSC 2023).

Vouchers/Material deposited. Voucher specimens are available in Coll. C. Muster.

Significance of data set. The data were analysed in Ringel et al. (2023) with respect to effects of conservation measures on arthropod diversity as compared to conventionally managed reference sites. For spiders, multiple quantitative and qualitative parameters of the communities were compared, including species richness, abundance, Shannon-H and several indices based on species rarity, conservation value, red list status and indicator species (classifications following Martin 2021). Particularly positive effects of conservation measures on spider communities were observed in restored salt marshes, rewetted grassland on peat soil, and through the preservation of xerothermic grasslands in early succession stages. On the other hand, organic farming did not result in positive effects on spider communities.

DATA SET STATUS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Status

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Accessibility

Storage location and medium. Metadata and data files are stored by Arachnologische Gesellschaft, data are included in the ARAMOB database using the database framework Diversity Workbench (<https://diversityworkbench.net>), data are accessible via <https://aramob.de/en/data/data-exploitation/> Filter: Project ARAMIT_Muster2023

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DATA STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTORS

Data Set Files

Muster2023_obsdata.csv, 650 KB, spider abundance data set

Muster2023_plotdata.csv, 4 KB, locations of the sampling sites (decimal coordinates, WGS84)

Authentication procedures

MD5 hash checksums generated by WinHash v.1.6.6787:

Muster2023_obsdata.csv: 083AEBAB0C42092F8DF67B53D9F04EB2

Muster2023_plotdata.csv: 198E9EDDAF548B633D59B2A9A0C1188C

SUPPLEMENTAL DESCRIPTORS

Publications using the data set. These data were directly used in Ringel et al. (2023). This report was submitted to the Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern on 20 October 2021.

Correction. In Ringel et al. (2023) seven specimens of *Attulus distinguendus* were reported from locality TM1. These specimens belong to *Attulus saltator*.

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