

CropPol: A dynamic, open and global database on crop pollination

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Abstract

Seventy five percent of the world's food crops benefit from insect pollination. Hence, there has been increased interest in how global change drivers impact this critical ecosystem service. Because standardized data on crop pollination are rarely available, we are limited in our capacity to understand the variation in pollination benefits to crop yield, as well as to anticipate changes in this service, develop predictions, and inform management actions. Here, we present CropPol, a dynamic, open, and global database on crop pollination. It contains measurements recorded from 202 crop studies, covering 3,394 field observations, 2,552 yield measurements (i.e., berry mass, number of fruits, and fruit density [kg/ha], among others), and 47,752 insect records from 48 commercial crops distributed around the globe. CropPol comprises 32 of the 87 leading global crops and commodities that are pollinator dependent. *Malus domestica* is the most represented crop (32 studies), followed by *Brassica napus*

(22 studies), *Vaccinium corymbosum* (13 studies), and *Citrullus lanatus* (12 studies). The most abundant pollinator guilds recorded are honey bees (34.22% counts), bumblebees (19.19%), flies other than Syrphidae and Bombyliidae (13.18%), other wild bees (13.13%), beetles (10.97%), Syrphidae (4.87%), and Bombyliidae (0.05%). Locations comprise 34 countries distributed among Europe (76 studies), North America (60), Latin America and the Caribbean (29), Asia (20), Oceania (10), and Africa (7). Sampling spans three decades and is concentrated on 2001–2005 (21 studies), 2006–2010 (40), 2011–2015 (88), and 2016–2020 (50). This is the most comprehensive open global data set on measurements of crop flower visitors, crop pollinators and pollination to date, and we encourage researchers to add more datasets to this database in the future. This data set is released for non-commercial use only. Credits should be given to this paper (i.e., proper citation), and the products generated with this database should be shared under the same license terms (CC BY-NC-SA).

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Key Words: Agricultural management, bees, crop production, flower visiting insects, pollination, pollinator biodiversity

Introduction

Over 37% of Earth's ice-free land area is directly being used by humans for agriculture or settlements (Klein Goldewijk *et al.*, 2017). In fact, agricultural expansion is the main driver of land use change across the planet (Venter *et al.*, 2016). Along with other human-induced global change drivers, such as global warming and nitrogen deposition, land use change is accelerating extinction rates for most taxonomic groups (MEA, 2005). This biodiversity crisis has led many researchers to investigate how species loss affects nature's contributions to people, the set of benefits humans obtain from nature directly, including crop pollination, water purification, climate regulation, or food production (Díaz *et al.*, 2018).

Crop pollination is a critical contribution of nature to people delivered by multiple species of pollinators, mainly insects (Rader *et al.*, 2016). The annual market value of crop pollination worldwide is estimated to be of US\$235 billion-US\$577 billion (IPBES, 2016), with over 75% of agricultural crops benefiting from animal pollination, mainly insects (Klein *et al.*, 2007), and a global increase in the proportion of land cultivated with pollinator dependent crops (Aizen *et al.*, 2019). Recent meta-analyses have documented the importance of wild bee (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2013) and non-bee pollinators (Rader *et al.*, 2016) for crop production, and the pervasive effects that land-use change has on pollinator populations (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2011; Dainese *et al.*, 2019). However, with 87 pollinator-dependent crops produced worldwide (Klein *et al.*, 2007), we are far from a comprehensive view of how pollination services change across crops and their most important varieties, regions, environmental contexts and through time. For

example, we know that only a fraction of worldwide pollinators are important crop pollination service providers (Kleijn *et al.*, 2015), but the turnover of important pollinators through time and space, even for the same crop, has just started to be explored (Winfree *et al.*, 2018). Similarly, despite clear evidence that crop production can be enhanced by pollinators in both experimental (studies underlying Klein *et al.*, 2007 Appendix 2) and natural (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2013) conditions, pollination levels have rarely been included in predictive models of crop yield (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2020).

One of the main barriers preventing developments in our understanding of global change impacts on nature's contributions to people in general, and on crop pollination in particular, is the lack of standardized datasets that relate the abundance of the providers of nature's contributions, and their final contribution through space and time. In the absence of standardized monitoring programs, compiling comparable datasets collected by different researchers in a decentralized way can allow answering global questions in an efficient way (Bartomeus and Dicks, 2019). Hence, only by compiling the relevant data at the right scales we will be able to advance this field of research by developing predictive models and scenarios for the loss of biodiversity and associated contributions nature affords to people. This is especially relevant as both the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) have called for a better assessment of nature's contributions to people that are directly relevant for policy-making.

Developing predictive models largely hinges on data management practices which facilitate the detection, evaluation and iterative forecasting of changes in ecosystem structure and function (Dietze *et al.*, 2018; White *et al.*, 2018; Yenni *et al.*, 2019). To regularly update models and evaluate forecasts in an open and reproducible fashion, data should be collected frequently

and released as quickly as possible under open licenses (Dietze *et al.*, 2018; White *et al.*, 2018). Furthermore, to support reproducibility and ensure that data can be used easily by a variety of researchers and in multiple modelling approaches, best practices in data structure should be employed for managing and storing collected data (Dietze *et al.*, 2018; White *et al.*, 2018; Yenni *et al.*, 2019). Such practices include the use of open licenses, standard data formats, accompanying metadata, version control, and performing quality control tests, among others (White *et al.*, 2013; Wilson *et al.*, 2014; Hampton *et al.* 2015). Yenni *et al.* (2019) and White *et al.* (2018) provide accessible examples of modern workflows for regularly updated data and near-term iterative forecasting systems, featuring version control (using git and Github), automated data management, and quality control checks (using the testthat R package; Wickham, 2011).

These modern approaches to data management can accelerate ecological research and improve our ability to detect and even predict changes in natural ecosystems instrumental for decision-making, such as their ability to provide nature's contributions to people like crop pollination. Thus, we have compiled CropPol, a dynamic and open database of crop pollination data. The dataset comprises data recorded within 202 different studies on crop pollination: 143 of which were collated through previous meta-analyses (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2015; Kleijn *et al.*, 2015; Garibaldi *et al.*, 2016; Rader *et al.*, 2016; Dainese *et al.*, 2019, Reilly *et al.*, 2020), whereas 34 studies contain unpublished information. Since most of those studies only consider floral visitors contacting the flowers' stigma or anthers during their visit, in this database we use the terms potential pollinators and floral visitors with that meaning (see limitations of this definition in section II.C). We provide data for 3,394 field observations, 2,552 yield measurements, and 47,752 insect records across 48 commercial crops, distributed throughout the globe (see figures

1-5). Furthermore, CropPol comprises 32 of the 87 leading global crops and commodities that benefit from pollination according to Klein *et al.* (2007) (see figure 6). The sampled locations span over 34 countries distributed among Europe (76 studies), Northern America (60), Latin America and the Caribbean (29), Asia (22), Oceania (10), and Africa (7) (figures 1-5). Data collection occurred from 1990 to 2020. CropPol represents a major effort to compile open and standardized measures of the effect of floral visitors on crop production, across different environmental scenarios, and over three decades. However, as with any compilation of data assembled from independent data sources with slightly different objectives and protocols, the researchers using CropPol are encouraged to check carefully which sources are appropriate to answer different questions (see limitations and potential enhancements in section II.C). Nevertheless, despite many factors influencing yield formation, as more data are added to the database in the future, CropPol will help to assess the contribution of managed and wild floral visitors to different crop species, information that is still unclear and is pivotal for managing pollinator ecosystem service.

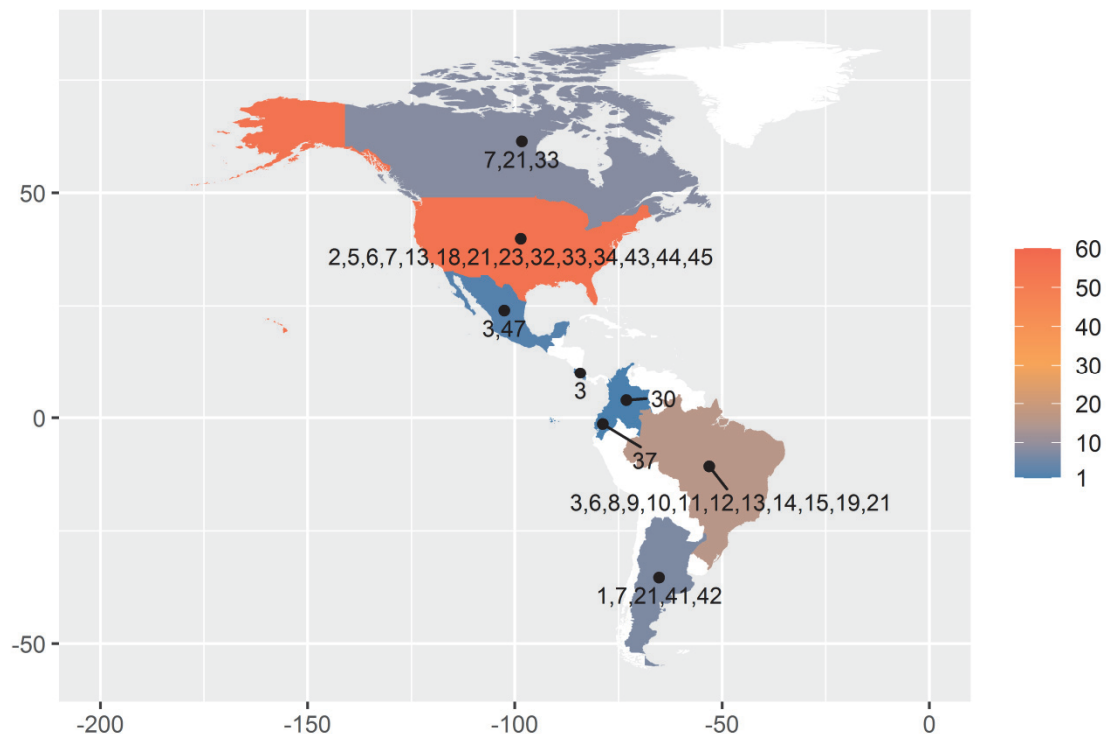


Figure 1. Distribution of the number of studies and types of crops in CropPol for Americas and the Caribbean. Crop ID's are as follows: *Rubus idaeus* (1), *Fragaria x ananassa* (2), *Coffea arabica* (3), *Coffea canephora* (4), *Prunus dulcis* (5), *Brassica napus* (6), *Vaccinium corymbosum* (7), *Passiflora edulis* (8), *Anacardium occidentale* (9), *Annona muricata* (10), *Annona squamosa* (11), *Bixa orellana* (12), *Gossypium hirsutum* (13), *Malpighia emarginata* (14), *Mangifera indica* (15), *Persea americana* (16), *Macadamia integrifolia* (17), *Prunus avium* (18), *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. (19), *Allium porrum* (20), *Malus domestica* (21), *Pyrus communis* (22), *Vaccinium macrocarpon* (23), *Abelmoschus esculentus* (24), *Cucumis sativus* (25), *Lagenaria siceraria* (26), *Luffa acutangula* (27), *Momordica charantia* (28), *Brassica rapa* (29), *Vaccinium meridionale* (30), *Fagopyrum esculentum* (31), *Citrullus lanatus* (32), *Cucurbita pepo* (33), *Prunus cerasus* (34), *Trifolium pratense* (35), *Helianthus annuus* (36), *Vicia faba* (37), *Psidium guajava* (38), *Actinidia deliciosa* (39), *Cajanus cajan* (40), *Citrus limon* (41), *Citrus paradisi* (42), *Capsicum annuum* (43), *Cucumis melo* (44), *Solanum lycopersicum* (45), *Annona squamosa atemoya* (46), *Coffea arabica/robusta* (47), and *Actinidia chinensis* (48). The dots represent

the centroids of the respective countries (in the case of USA, its dot is located in the geographic center of the contiguous United States).

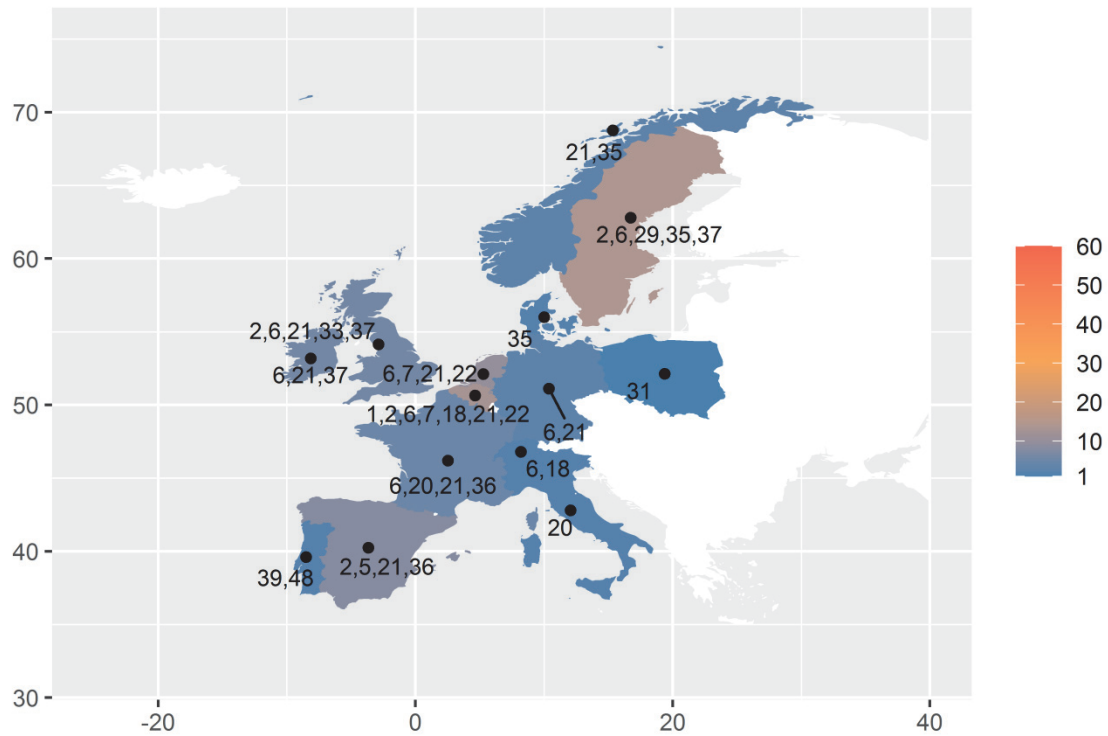


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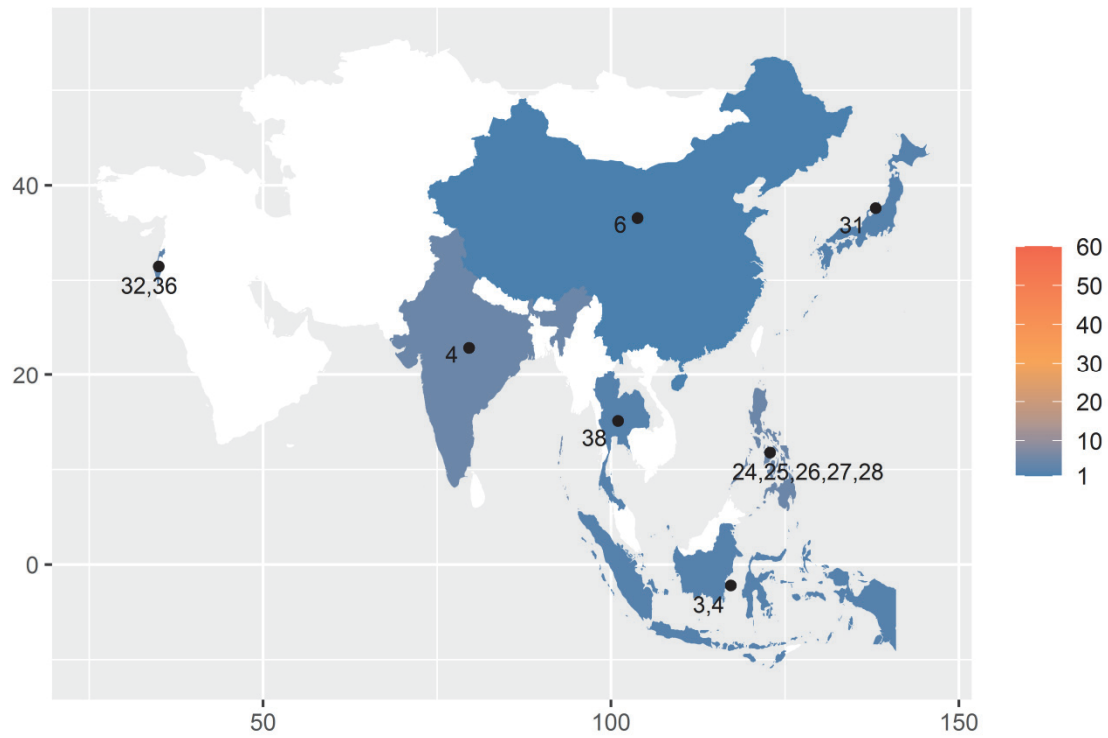


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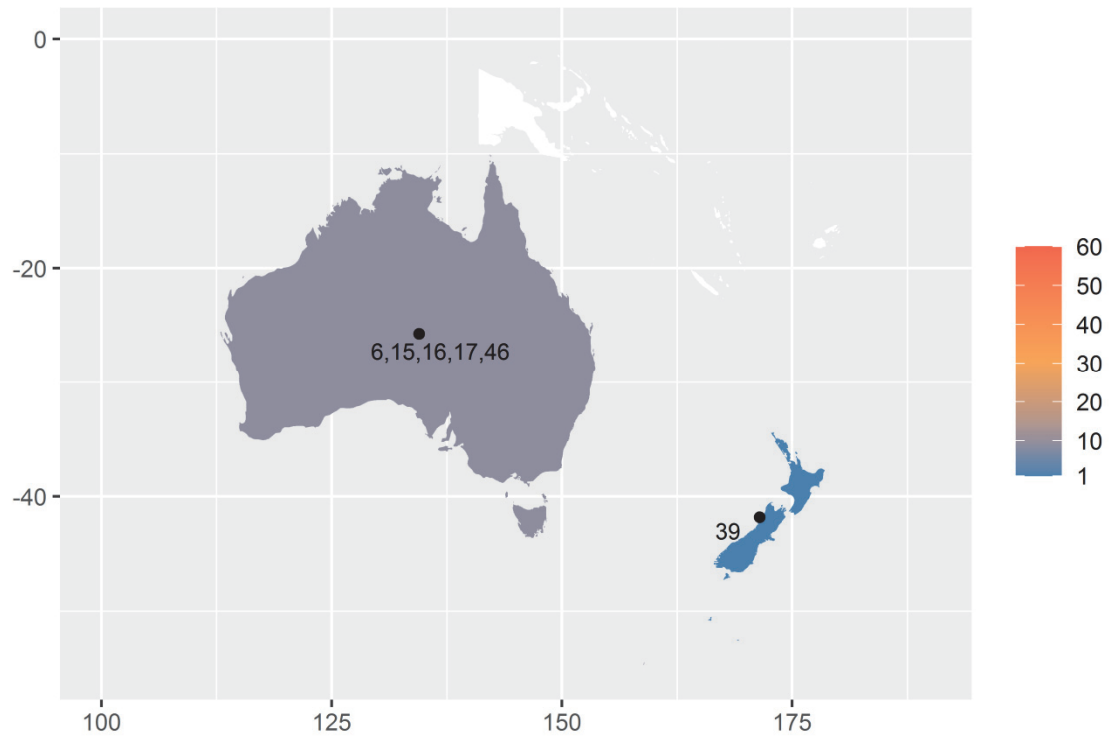


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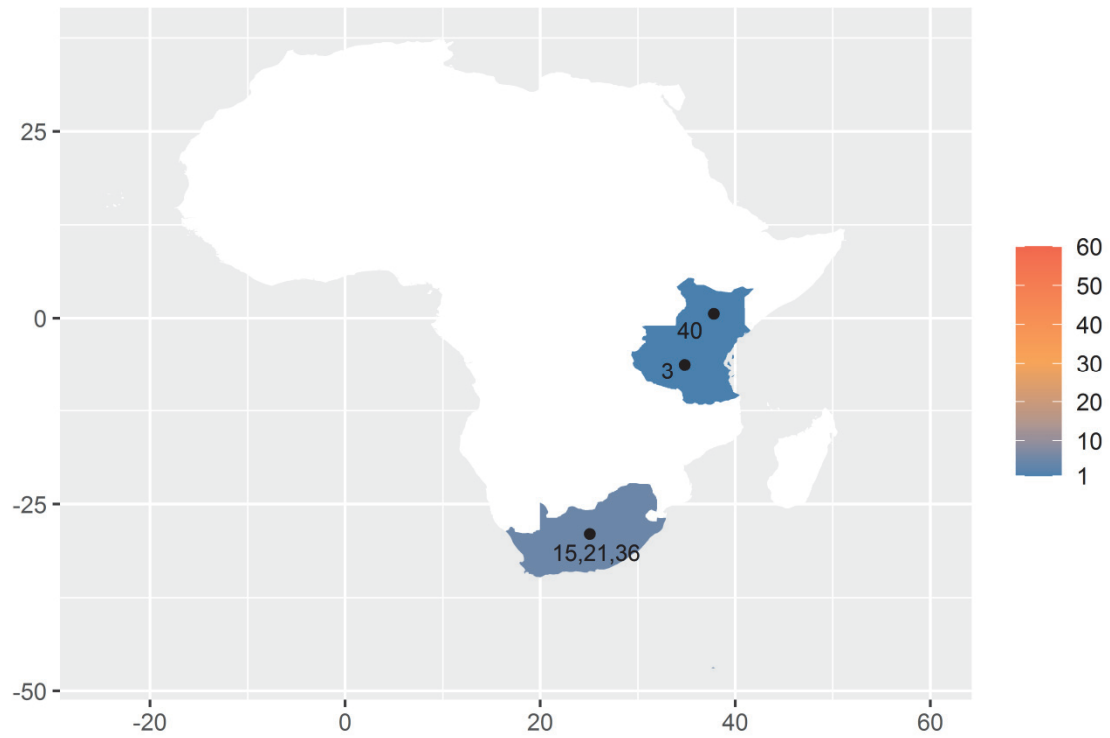


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World's main crops and commodity crops that are pollinator dependent (2018)

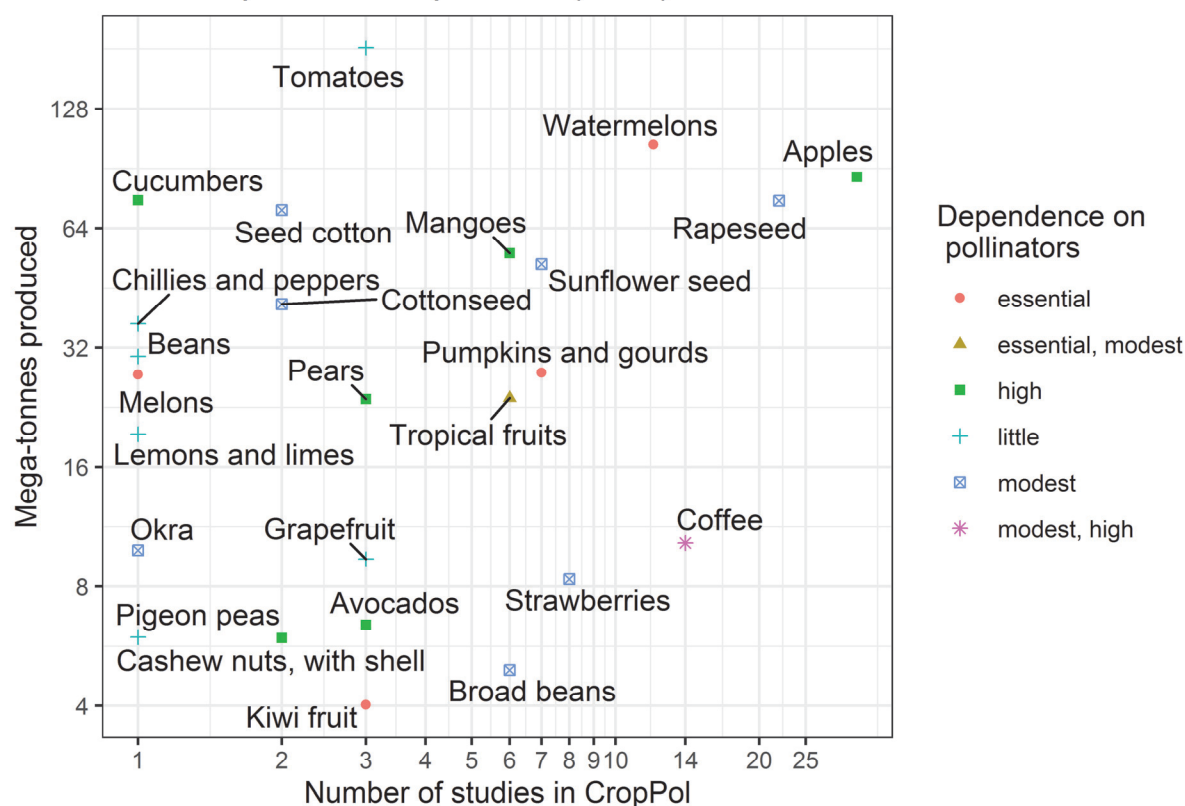


Figure 6. Number of studies included in CropPol on crops used for human food with an annual production of at least 4,000,000 Metric tonnes (Mt). The production data was collected from the FAO crop production list for the year 2018 (FAOSTAT 2018). The markers represent the impact of pollinators on increasing production according to Klein *et al.* (2007), namely: essential, high, modest, and little (see their characterization in section I.E., Description). In the case of coffee and tropical fruits, the markers summarize the degree of dependence of the following crops: *Coffea arabica* (modest), *Coffea canephora* (high), *Annona spp.* (essential) and *Psidium guajava* (modest).

We aim to maintain and update this database, and researchers are encouraged to add more datasets as explained below.

METADATA

Class I. Data set descriptors

I.A. Data set identity

CropPol, a dynamic and open global database on crop pollination

I.B. Data set identification codes

CropPol_field_level_data.csv

CropPol_sampling_data.csv

CropPol_data_ownership.csv

I.C. Data set description

I.C.1. Principal investigators

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I.C.2. Abstract

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D. Key words

Pollination, crop production, agricultural management, pollinator biodiversity, bees, flower visiting insects

E. Description

CropPol incorporates data from 202 crop pollination studies on 48 commercial crops, collected at 3,394 sites between 1990 and 2020, and distributed throughout the globe (figures 1-5). All the sites represent agricultural landscapes that are highly modified habitats for food production. CropPol includes data on crop yield across 2,552 sites (71.19%), abundance for different species of floral visitors across 2,304 sites (67.88%) and visitation rates to crops by different potential pollinator species across 2,004 sites (59.05%) (see figure 7).

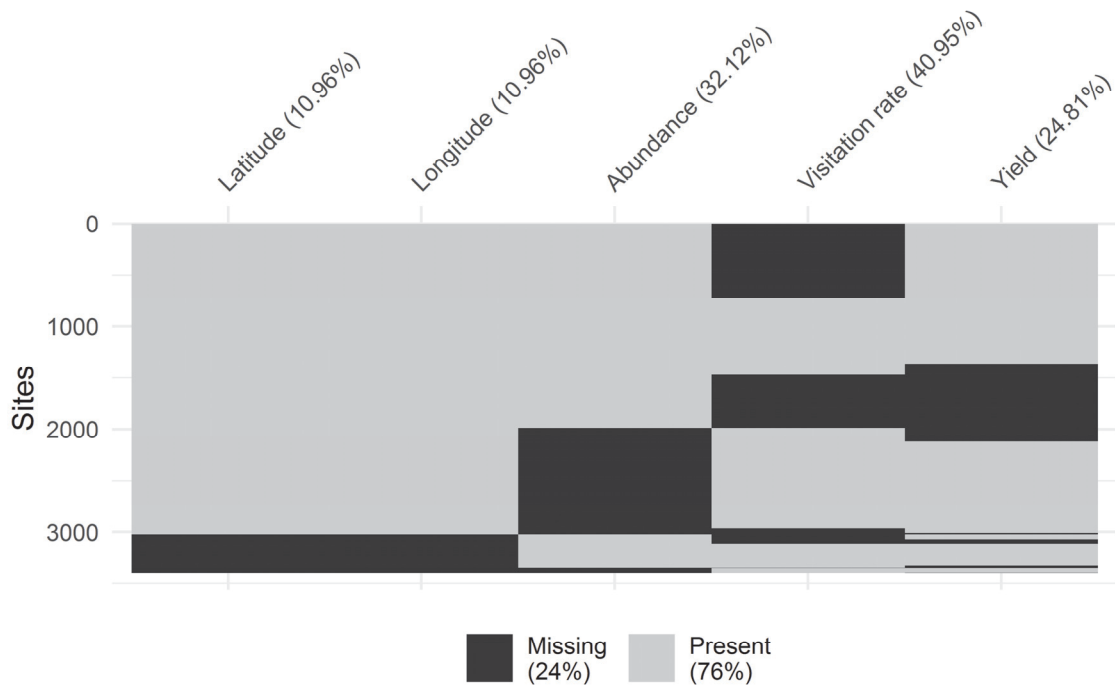


Figure 7. Missing information for the following variables in CropPol_field_level_data.csv: Latitude, longitude, abundance (i.e. number of potential pollinator individuals observed), visitation rate (i.e. number of visits recorded per 100 flowers and hour, unless the variable "visitation_rate_units" in CropPol_field_level_data.csv redefines such units), and yield.

Most of the crops included are pollinator-dependent crops used for human consumption and for which annual production is at least 4×10^6 Metric tonnes (i.e., they are leading global crops and commodities; 73.26% of studies and 65.31% of crops considered) (see figure 6). CropPol also includes raw potential pollinator data for 175 of the studies included (86.63%), which represents 47,752 records of visitors (see CropPol_sampling_data.csv).

In our compilation, according to Klein *et al.* (2007) the impact of potential pollinators on increasing production is *essential* in 26 studies (i.e., production reduction by 90% or more without pollinator activity), *high* in 92 (40 to less than 90% reduction), *modest* in 56 (10 to less

than 40%), *little* in 10 (greater than 0 to less than 10%), and *unknown* (dependence on pollination is known but the contribution of pollinators to crop production is not) in 18. The most represented crop is *Malus domestica* (32 studies), followed by *Brassica napus* (22), *Vaccinium corymbosum* (13), and *Citrullus lanatus* (12).

Overall, 62 studies (30.69%) recorded only bees, whereas 140 studies also targeted additional flower visitors (69.31%). Honey bees were the most abundant pollinator recorded (34.22% of the counts or flower visits in CropPol_sampling_data.csv), followed by bumblebees (19.19%), flies other than Syrphidae and Bombyliidae (13.18%), other wild bees (13.13%), beetles (10.97%), Syrphidae (4.87%), non-bee Hymenoptera (3.07%), Lepidoptera (0.38%), and Bombyliidae (0.05%). Most of the flower visitors recorded have been identified to the species or morphospecies levels (77.71% and 7.58%, respectively). The taxonomic resolution of the remaining visitors is distributed as follows: “family/subfamily/superfamily” (5.69%), “genus/subgenus/tribe” (4.78%), “order/suborder” (4.04%), and “other/unknown” (0.04%). In each global sub-region, the number of sampled records varies greatly. The largest number of flower visitation and count records comes from Western Europe (216,193), followed by Northern Europe (120,754), Southern Europe (98,090), Latin America and the Caribbean (40,973), Northern America (33,904), Eastern Asia (16,649), Australia and New Zealand (16,116), Sub-Saharan Africa (12,875), Southern Asia (10,426), South-eastern Asia (5,370), Eastern Europe (2,320), and Western Asia (656). Although the guild composition of each region varies, bees are the most sampled organisms worldwide, except in Northern Europe (see figure 8): Western Europe (68.1%), Northern Europe (34.4%), Southern Europe (80.3%), Latin America and the Caribbean (89.0%), Northern America (90.9%), Eastern Asia (73.1%), Australia and New Zealand (47.0%), Sub-Saharan Africa (87.9%), Southern Asia (91.3%), South-eastern Asia

(94.7%), Eastern Europe (91.6%), and Western Asia (100%). In Northern Europe the main guild of flower visitors was flies other than Syrphidae and Bombyliidae (54.3%), but this effect is strongly influenced by two studies out of 31 (the percentage of bees and other flies without those studies is 72.7% and 14.5%, respectively).

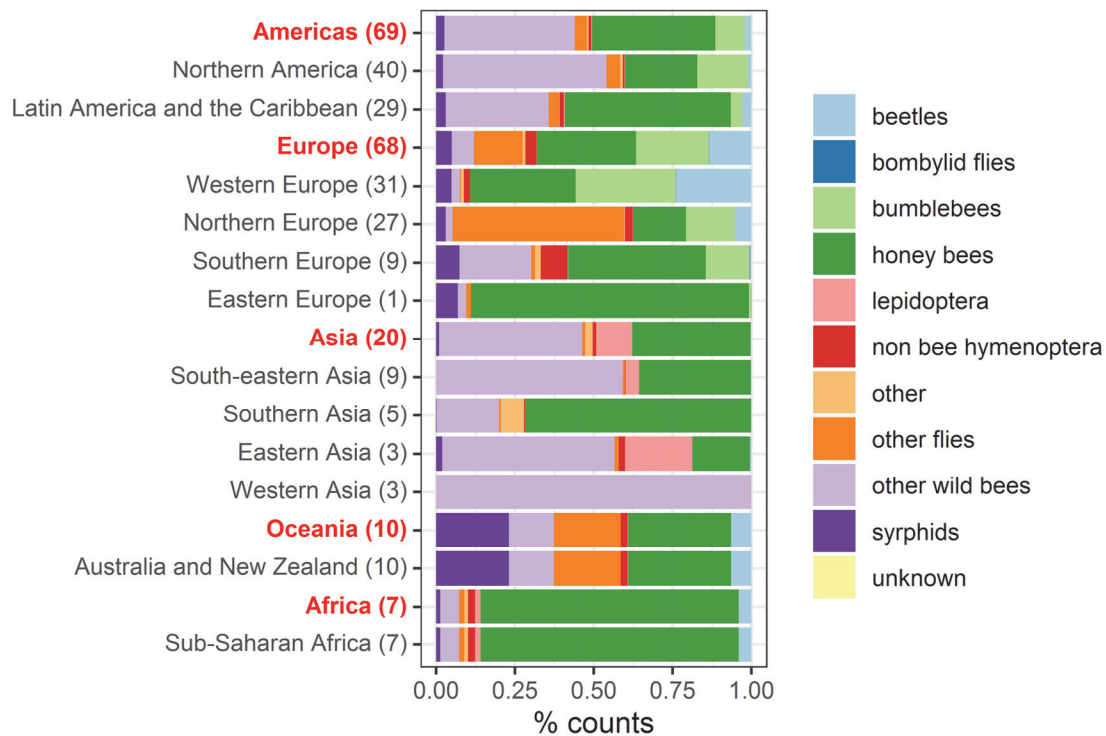


Figure 8. Proportion of recorded counts in CropPol_sampling_data.csv per guild and geographic area, namely: global region (red) and sub-region (black). The total number of studies by geographic area is shown in brackets.

Finally, in figure 9 we show the spatiotemporal coverage of CropPol. As can be observed, the sampling spans over two decades and concentrates around 2001-05 (21 studies), 2006-10 (40), 2011-15 (88), 2016-20 (50).



Figure 9. Number of studies by year and geographic area, namely: global region (red) and sub-region (black). Circle radii are proportional to the number of studies. The total number of studies by geographic area is shown in brackets.

Class II. Research origin descriptors

II.A. Overall project description

II.A.1 Identity

CropPol, a dynamic and open global database on crop pollination

II.A.2 Originators

Same as in I.C.1. Principal investigators.

II.A.3 Period of Study

Data collection reported in studies occurred from 1990 to 2020. This period of study results from the data collated, after making a general requests for data, and a specific call to the

authors of previous meta-analyses on crop pollination (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2015; Kleijn *et al.*, 2015; Garibaldi *et al.*, 2016; Rader *et al.*, 2016; Dainese *et al.*, 2019, Reilly *et al.*, 2020).

II.A.4 Objectives

Our objectives for compiling these data were to summarize open and standardized measures of (i) crop yield, (ii) abundance for different floral visitor species, and (iii) visitation rates to crops by different groups or species of potential pollinators, across different environmental scenarios; and to identify gaps in geography, crops and varieties.

II.A.5 Abstract

Same as in I.C.2. Abstract.

II.A.6 Source (s) of funding

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II.B. Specific subproject description

II.B.1 Site description

CropPol comprises data collected across 12 global subregions, namely: Northern America (60 studies), Western Europe (32), Northern Europe (31), Latin America and the Caribbean (29), Southern Europe (12), Australia and New Zealand (10), South-eastern Asia (9), Sub-Saharan Africa (7), Southern Asia (5), Western Asia (3), Eastern Asia (3), and Eastern Europe (1). We provide latitude and longitude coordinates (in World Geodetic System 1984 datum or WGS 84) for 3,022 out of 3,394 field records (see figure 7). Hence, the context can be extracted for those sites. Locations for other fields were not originally recorded or are protected for privacy reasons. For specific uses they can be obtained upon request to the corresponding data-holder.

Sites are variable, but share the common feature of being highly modified habitats for food production. Management information was provided for 63.7% of the sites, and most of the

crops grew under conventional practices of agricultural intensification (78.7%), followed by organic practices (15.5%), integrated pest management (4.5%) and unmanaged (1.3%). Hence, most of the sites may correspond to monocultures of high-yield varieties, cultivated in medium to large arable fields with medium to high input of mineral fertilizers and pesticides (Tscharntke *et. al*, 2005). Detailed characteristics of the habitats sampled can be accessed for 81.4% of the sites in the corresponding original papers (see variable “Publication” in Table 2, and available DOIs in Table 4).

III.B.2 Experimental or sampling design

All studies measure floral visitor abundances or visitation rates to crop plant species within at least five different crop fields (16.80 ± 21.44). Crop field size ranges from 3×10^{-4} to 84,573 ($549.53 \pm 4,348.36$) hectares with total area sampled within these crop fields ranging from 0.15 to 19,800 m² ($936.85 \pm 2,636.74$ m²). Within each crop field potential pollinators were measured using a variety of techniques (see Research Methods) for a time period ranging from 6 to 2,880 minutes (163.55 ± 186.96 minutes). Flowers sampled per census at each site ranged from 5 to 199,822 flowers ($35,452.84 \pm 162,931.10$ flowers).

In addition, 68.31% of the 202 studies included a measure of crop production or yield, such as kg per hectare or weight per fruit, among others (see variable “yield_units” in Table 2). Furthermore, a subset of such studies also includes measures of yield or production within crop plants subject to different treatments: 19.80% of the studies report results for floral visitor exclusion, whereas 12.87% of them provide values for pollen supplementation.

Detailed characteristics of the sampling design (such as data collection frequency, number of sampling rounds, etc.) are available for 83.16% of the studies in the corresponding original papers (see variable “Publication” in Table 2, and available DOIs in Table 4).

II.B.3 Research methods

CropPol includes 202 studies that assess the effect of flower visitors on crop yield for different crop species collected around the world. The file CropPol_field_level_data.csv includes data on crop yield, floral visitor abundance and visitation rates to crops by different potential pollinator species for 68.32%, 85.15% and 45.54% of the studies, respectively. When available, for each study we mentioned the digital object information (DOI) of the original paper/s (see variable “Publication” in Table 2, and Table 4). Thus, the complete research methodology used in those studies can be accessed. Furthermore, in the case of the studies that provided their sampling raw data (175 studies in CropPol_sampling_data.csv), a brief description of the overall sampling methodology (variable “description”) and the method/s that were used to survey a given site (variable “sampling_method”) were included (92.00% and 98.86%, respectively). Studies predominantly used one sampling method (147 studies), few of them reported 2 methods (26), and 2 studies used three methods. 60 studies collected floral visitor data using “sweep netting”, 58 followed “transect counts”, 53 used “focal observations”, 20 used “pan trap, bee bowl, blue vane trap or pitfall traps”, and 7 used “other” methods.

We provide some metrics already calculated in CropPol by using some general heuristics. Regarding the estimation of richness and abundance in each site, on the one hand, pan-trap data were not taken into account to estimate their values, respectively, if other sampling methods were available. Despite their popularity, pan-traps have a suite of flaws that make them poorly equipped to monitor bees (Portman *et al.*, 2020). On the other hand, the values of richness, abundance and visitation rates for a given site were obtained by aggregating the records of insects observed during the total sampling time. Consequently, in this database richness, abundance and visitation rates do not reflect the mean value of the respective surveys or rounds

in each site, but the total one. When possible, visitation rates were only derived from timed observations to a given number of flowers, and their units were set to [visits per 100 flowers and hour]. Richness data were not calculated in a given study if the percentage of identified species (or morphospecies) was lower than or equal to 75%, or when the data was obtained by using pan-traps. However, other assumptions or metrics can be calculated using CropPol, as the raw data is also available in the database.

To compare the sampling effort among studies and sites, on the one hand, we included two variables in CropPol_field_level_data.csv: “total_samped_area” and “total_sampled_time” (see Table 2). Their values are reported for 63.86% and 55.94% of the 202 studies, respectively. On the other hand, in CropPol_sampling_data.csv the following variables were included to account for sampling effort: “total_samped_area”, “total_sampled_time”, and “total_samped_flowers” (see Table 1). Their values are reported for 64.00%, 69.71%, and 22.29% of the 175 studies, respectively (see their values above, in “II.B.2 Experimental or sampling design”).

Taxonomic resolution for floral visitors was collected from the raw data, when information was available (as is the case of the studies in (Dainese *et al.*, 2019)). Otherwise, we tried to estimate the taxonomic rank of the organisms by using the package taxize in R (Chamberlain *et al.*, 2020) and searching in the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) and the NCBI Taxonomy databases. Species taxonomy is provided “as is” by the original data-holders.

The data workflow used to compile CropPol comprised the following stages: 1) Initial data gathering using a common template; 2) data processing; 3) author validation of scripts and data; and 4) final publication (see figure 10). Data gathering stage began in January 2020, after

making a general requests for data, and a specific call to the authors of previous meta-analyses on crop pollination (Garibaldi *et al.*, 2015; Kleijn *et al.*, 2015; Garibaldi *et al.*, 2016; Rader *et al.*, 2016; Dainese *et al.*, 2019, Reilly *et al.*, 2020). The general information on this initiative, data requirements, frequently asked questions, as well as the forms we used to collect the data can be accessed in: <https://www.beeproject.science/croppollination.html>

Raw datasets were processed as soon as we received them. For that reason, data gathering and processing stages overlapped. We transposed raw data to CropPol templates by using R-scripts (R Core Team, 2020) under a version control protocol (i.e. git, <https://git-scm.com/>). During that stage, we fixed transcription and format errors, homogenized information, and prepared automated reports on the transposed datasets (see section III.A.4. Data verification for further detail).

The validation of scripts and data stage began in July 2020 and extended to November 2020. We contacted the corresponding author of each dataset and shared with him/her all the materials collected and produced during the previous stages, along with specific queries. The feedback and corrections we received were used to update and fix the raw materials, R-scripts to process them, and the data in CropPol templates, when needed.

Finally, to compile CropPol we merged those studies that were verified and corrected by the corresponding author, and after performing additional quality checks, published in this data paper. All the process is reproducible and can be tracked at Zenodo ([10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)) We also provide all our code files in the DataS1.zip file.

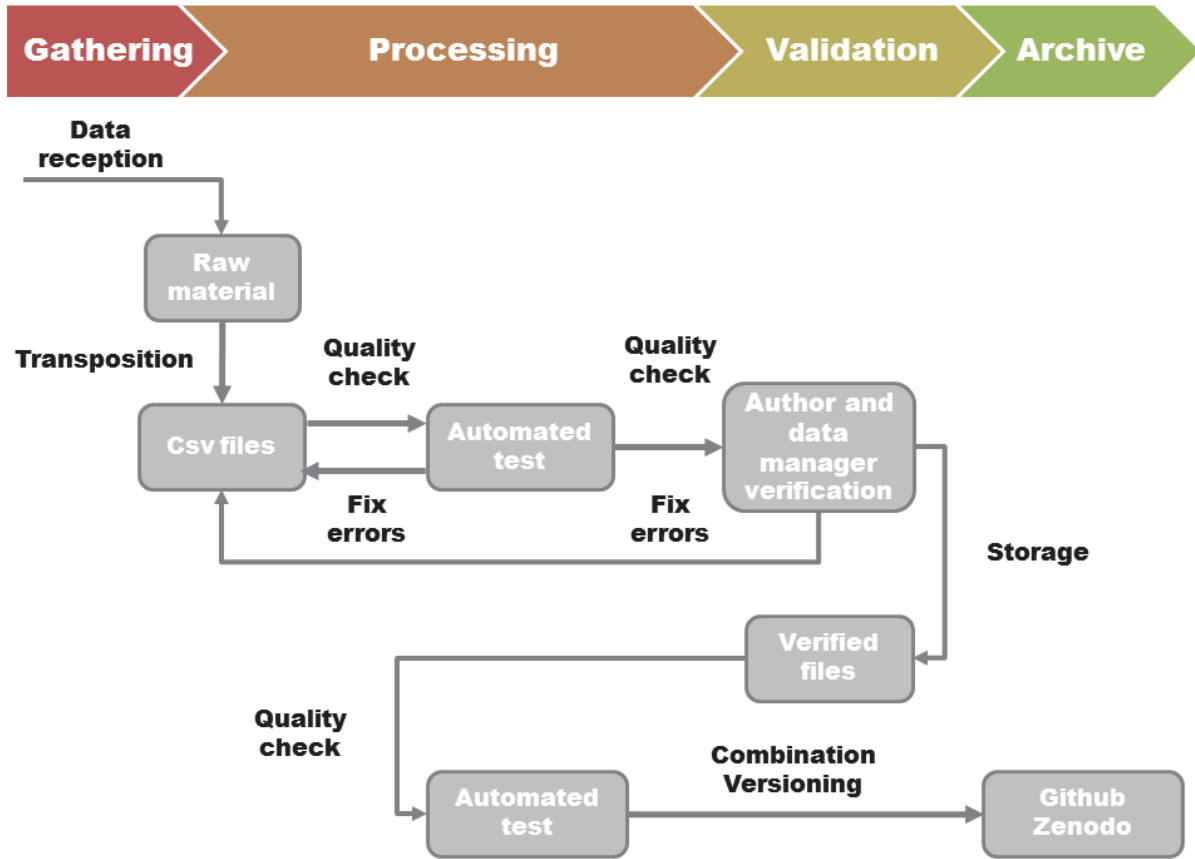


Figure 10. Data workflow in CropPol. After collecting the raw data, the information is transposed to CropPol templates and checked by using R scripts. The materials gathered during the previous stages are shared with the corresponding authors, along with specific queries. The author's feedback and corrections are used to fix errors. Finally, the verified templates are merged into the main database, and the version number is updated.

II.C. Data Limitations and Potential Enhancements

To properly use CropPol to assess the effects of floral visitors on crop yield, some limitations must be considered. Firstly, it should be noted that, besides successful pollination, many other factors will affect crop yields, such as temperature, water availability and/or crop nutrition. Therefore, depending on the questions addressed by the researchers, CropPol should be combined with other bioclimatic databases.

Secondly, users of CropPol should be aware that the value of this database is that it provides a long term archive for standardized raw data that may otherwise be lost. However, it is beyond the scope of the database in its current form to include all methodological considerations. Those researchers using the data set would be encouraged to check the methodologies of original papers (see Table 4) and to ensure that they meet the criteria of any meta-analyses they may be conducting. These methodological descriptions will help to identify, for instance, how yield was determined. For some crops, CropPol yield data were obtained from experiments conducted on selected plants/trees rather than all plants within fields. Furthermore, in the case of perennial crops, several studies include a single year of field sampling and, hence, interannual variations in resource allocation were not assessed.

Another issue that must be taken into account is that most studies assume that flower visitors observed on crop flowers and touching the reproductive parts of the flower are pollinators that translocate pollen among plants, but determining whether these visitors are effective pollinations requires recording if they actually deposit appropriate pollen loads on flower stigmas. Nevertheless, visitation rate is a good proxy of pollinator function delivered (Vazquez *et al.*, 2005). Indeed, there is a positive correlation between floral visitation frequency and single visit effectiveness in systems where honeybees are absent (Page *et al.*, 2021). To support users, CropPol lists how pollinators and yield were measured and provides several yield measures when available. However, as with any compilation of data assembled from independent data sources with slightly different protocols and objectives, CropPol requires a careful evaluation of which sources are appropriate to answer different questions. For example, sampling effort measures are not available in 44.06% of the studies, and those studies might not be suitable for answering detailed questions. Hence, researchers should filter the appropriate data for their

research goals. We are confident that this database will overcome the putative limitations described above as more data is added over time.

In addition, the majority of data in CropPol is from North America and Western Europe. Therefore, large geographical and crop gaps are found especially in the Southern hemisphere and Africa and Asia in particular. Information on crop varieties is available only on 57.92% of studies (48.38% of sites). Hence, crop variety gaps are also present. This is important because pollinator dependence will vary strongly in horticultural varieties depending on whether the variety is self-compatible or self-incompatible. Nevertheless, since we plan to maintain CropPol as a live dataset where more data will be contributed as it becomes available, we hope to bridge these existing data gaps.

Currently, taxonomy in CropPol_sampling_data.csv (variable “pollinator”) is as provided by the authors. We plan to develop additional tests to curate such data. If any researcher identifies data issues that affect this or other variables, he/she can contact the main investigators by opening GitHub issues and/or via email. The CropPol team will fix the dataset and expand the tested requirements and metadata information, accordingly.

To contribute new datasets, we implemented a modern workflow in CropPol’s GitHub repository (user name: ibartomeus; repository name: OBservData). On the one hand, those users that are familiar with GitHub can follow the workflow A in figure 11, namely: (i) clone the repository; (ii) access the template in the “Template” folder; (iii) fill out the information and save the file in “Your_study_folder” with the name “<author’s name>_“<crop>”_<country>_<year>” (e.g. “John_Doe_Malus_domestica_USA_2020.ods”); (iv) run the R-script “importing_single_file” (if any test fail, a report will be created and the data should be fixed); and (v) pull a request to merge the new data, only once the dataset pass all the automated tests.

On the other hand, for non-GitHub users, we proposed an alternative workflow to contribute new studies (see workflow B in figure 11): (i) access the repository site and download the template in the “Template” folder, (ii) fill out the information and name the file as “<author’s name>_“<crop>”_<country>_<year>”, (iii) open an issue in GitHub to let us know where we can access the filled template; (iv) we will test the template and, if any test fail, we will send an email to the corresponding author, asking him/her to fix his/her data. Once we receive a pull request (workflow A) or data that passes all our tests (workflow B), we will rebuild the database and release a new version of CropPol. Major releases will be deposited permanently at Zenodo (accessible using the same DOI).

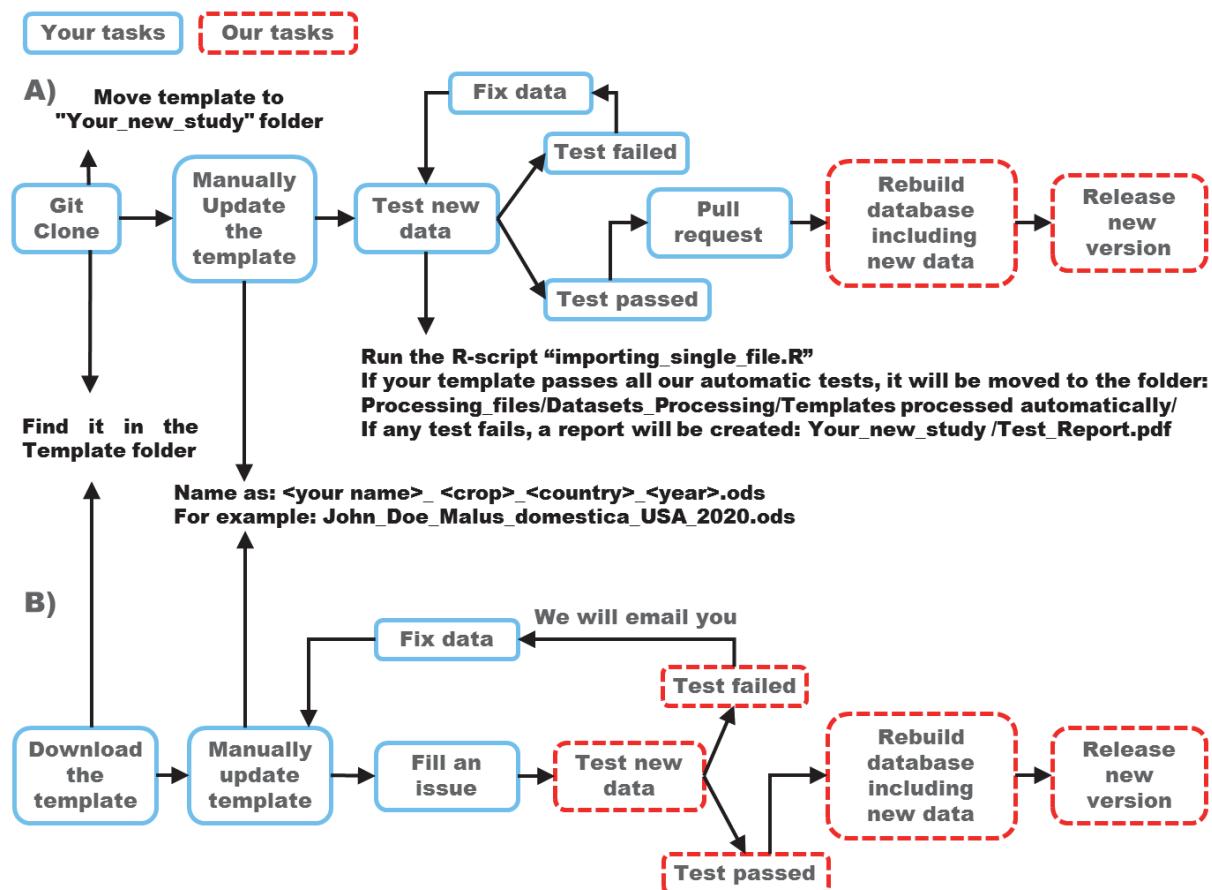


Figure 11. Data workflow for collecting new datasets. Workflow A is intended for GitHub users, whereas workflow B is for non-GitHub users. See main text for details on each workflow.

CLASS III. DATA SET STATUS AND ACCESSIBILITY

III.A. Status

III.A.1. Latest update

March 2021

III.A.2. Latest archive date

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III.A.3. Metadata status

Last update 30 March 2021, version submitted

III.A.4. Data verification

Raw data (collected from different sources) was transposed to CropPol templates by using R-scripts (R Core Team, 2020). During that stage, we corrected any transcription errors and homogenized information. Then we checked the format and values of the different variables by using Testthat (Wickham, 2011). For example, if the data holders provided the latitude and longitude of their orchards/fields/plots, we verified that such locations were in the country that they reported. Then, automated reports on the transposed datasets and their test were prepared with R. In order to check the correctness of the results obtained during the processing stage, we shared with the corresponding authors of each dataset (i) the raw data we received, (ii) the R-scripts (where all the transformations performed on the raw data were recorded), (iii) the resulting files (along with a metadata file that contained the description of the variables), and (iv) the report and some queries. The feedback and corrections we received from the corresponding authors was used to update and fix (i) the raw materials, (ii) R-scripts to process them, and (iii)

the data in CropPol templates, when needed. Finally, to compile CropPol we only merged those studies that were verified and corrected by the corresponding author. All the process is reproducible and can be tracked in our permanent repository (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)). We provide all our code in DataS1.zip file.

III.B. Accessibility

III.B.1 Storage location and medium

The original dataset (v1.1.0) of the CropPol database can be accessed from the ECOLOGY repository. Main upgrades of these datasets will be versioned and deposited in Zenodo (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)).

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III.B.5. Costs

None.

CLASS IV. DATA STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTORS

IV.A. Data Set File

IV.A.1. Identity

- (1) CropPol_field_level_data.csv
- (2) CropPol_sampling_data.csv
- (3) CropPol_data_ownership.csv

Those data files are provided in the DataS1.zip (see the “Final_Data” subfolder).

IV.A.2. Size

- (1) CropPol_field_level_data.csv: 3,394 sites sampled; 1,854 KB
- (2) CropPol_sampling_data.csv: 47,752 floral visitors records; 16,507 KB
- (3) CropPol_data_ownership.csv: 1,109 records; 247 KB

IV.A.3. Format and storage mode

Data tables formatted as comma-separated values (*.csv)

IV.A.4. Header information

See column descriptions in section IV.B.

IV.A.5. Alphanumeric attributes

Mixed.

IV.A.6. Special characters/fields

Both files CropPol_sampling_data.csv and CropPol_field_level_data.csv contain a column that provides clarifications or comments on the values of other variables (see variable “notes” in Tables 1 and 2).

IV.A.7. Authentication procedures

Same as in III.A.4. Data verification.

IV.B. Variable information

- 1) Site level information
- 2) Insect sampling information
- 3) Data ownership/data holders

IV.C. Data anomalies

If no information is available for a given record, this is indicated as 'NA'. Besides, both files CropPol_sampling_data.csv and CropPol_field_level_data.csv contain a column that provides clarifications or comments on the values of other variables (see variable “notes” in Tables 1 and 2).

CLASS V. SUPPLEMENTAL DESCRIPTORS

V.A. Data acquisition

The current data template that we use for data acquisition can be downloaded from (i) the project site (<https://www.beeproject.science/croppollination.html>), (ii) the CropPoll Zenodo

permanent repository (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)), and (iii) the DataS1.zip (see the “Template” subfolder).

Examples of the completed data forms can be accessed in the the CropPoll Zenodo permanent repository (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)) and in the DataS1.zip file (see the “Datasets Processing” subfolder).

Currently the procedures employed to verify that a data set is error free consist of (i) human review, (ii) automatic data verification as indicated above (III.A.4. Data verification). The datasets collected from now on will be automatically verified as indicated at the end of section II.C. Data Limitations and Potential Enhancements (see the workflow for GitHub and non-GitHub users in Fig. 11).

V.B. Related materials

See Table 4 for a list of publications related with the raw data.

V.C. Computer programs and data-processing algorithms

The algorithms used in deriving, processing, or transforming data can be accessed in the DataS1.zip file and the Zenodo repository (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)).

V.D. Archiving

The data is archived for long-term storage and access in Zenodo (DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5546600](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5546600)).

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Tables

Table 1. Site level information. Description of the fields related with the site level information – file (1) CropPol_field_level_data.csv

Field	Description	Level or range	Example
study_id	identification code for a given study: Author's name+crop name+country+year	Agustin_Saez_Rubus_idae us_Argentina_2014 ... Yi_Zou_Brassica_napus_ China_2015	Thijs_Fijen_Allium_porru m_Italy_2016

		(n=175)	
site_id	identification code for a site within a study	1 ... zec7 (n=1,802)	Arroyo Claro
pollinator	name of the organism recorded	(Dialictus) sp. D ... Zygoptera_sp. (n=2,887)	Eristalis arbustorum
guild	guild of the pollinator	honeybees bumblebees other_wild_bees syrphids humbleflies other_flies beetles non_bee_hymenoptera lepidoptera other	honeybees
identified_to	taxonomic resolution of the pollinator (whether identification is at the level of species,	class ... Unknow (n=38)	species

	morphospecies, genera, etc).		
sampling_method	method to survey organisms. If multiple methods were used per organism, one independent row is added for each method.	10 censuses of 15 minutes observation to a flowering branch ... transects (n=93)	sweepnet
abundance	number of individuals observed/collected. In the case of performing several censuses (transect walks/plant observations), this field reflects the sum of the individuals collected. When specified in “description”, the values may refer to visitation rates.	0.00000e+00 ... 9808 (n=1,726)	1
total_sampled_area	area sampled during each census at each of the sites (e.g. area	0.15 ... 40700	480

	covered by one transect) in [square meters]. In the cases in which there was more than one sampling area within a site, this variable reflects the sum of their respective areas.	(n=195)	
total_sampled_time	time spent sampling [minutes] each field. In the case in which sites were surveyed multiple times, this variable reflects the sum of their respective durations.	0 ... 161280 (n=165)	60
total_sampled_flowers	number of flowers surveyed at each census (e.g., transect) per site. In the cases in which several censuses were performed, this variable reflects the sum of the respective	5 ... 199822.20 (n=333)	225

	counts.		
description	free text to describe the overall methodology, including the number of temporal replicates per site and what a spatial replicate means in the corresponding study.	10 flowers times 30 min . A group of two to three flowers (rarely one or four) were filmed for 30 min at each site, on three different days during bloom, and resulting in recordings of approx. 225 flower-minutes per site. Exact number of flowers filmed given in field level data file and now used to calculate visitation rates, average under total_sampled_flowers ... within one crop field, 3 plots for crop measurements and 12 inventory transects were randomly located. 2 inventory rounds per	3 sampling rounds in one season; one 150m observation transect per plot

		transect (1x morning, 1x afternoon) (n=373)	
notes	free text to add comments on the taxa resolution or any other variables	According to the corresponding author, if there are several pan-trap records for a given species at a given site, it means that such record was identified to a morphospecies level. ... total observation area in square meters, total observation time in minutes (n=61)	includes muscids and drosophila

Table 2. Insect sampling information. Description of the fields related with the insect sampling information – file (2) CropPol_sampling_data.csv

Field	Description	Level or range	Example
study_id	identification code for a given study: Author's	Alejandro_Trillo_Fragari a_ananassa_Spain_2016	Bryony_Willcox_Mangi fera_indica_Australia_2

	name+crop name+country+year	... Yi_Zou_Brassica_napus _China_2015 (n=202)	016
site_id	identification code for a site within a study	1 ... zec7 (n=2,272)	Arroyo Claro
crop	crop latin name	Abelmoschus esculentus ... Vicia faba (n=48)	Helianthus annuus
variety	crop variety name	741 ... Yellow passion fruit (n=193)	Koipesol NAPOLI
management	management system implemented in the field: (1) Organic Agriculture, (2) Integrated pest management, and (3) Other Conventional	organic IPM conventional unmanaged NA	conventional

	Practices (4) unmanaged		
country	country where the crop field is located	Argentina... USA (n=34)	Thailand
latitude	latitude (WGS84) of a given field expressed in degrees [°]	-42.12767 ... 59.86528 (n=1,970)	43.44760
longitude	longitude (WGS84) of a given field expressed in degrees [°]	-123.1979 ... 176.3204 (n=1,959)	8.7155910
X_UTM	Easting planar coordinate of a given field expressed in meters	-4,069,306 ... 4,326,346 (n=368)	677,230
Y_UTM	Northing planar coordinate of a given field expressed in meters	142,490 ... 9,757,262 (n=370)	8,526,182
zone_UTM	the UTM zone number	10	32

	of a given field.	.. SAD 69 24S (n=15)	
sampling_start_m onth	month of the year at the beginning of the sampling period (for example, 1 for January, 2 for February and so on)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	2
sampling_end_m onth	month of the year at the end of the sampling period (see description for sampling_start_month)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	2
sampling_year	year in which the sampling was carried out	1990 ... 2020 (n=27)	2011-2012
field size	area of the field [hectare]	0.000375 ... 84,573 (n=546)	7.5

yield	yield value of a given field	-1.770894 ... 1,500,000 (n=2,202)	72.548722
yield_units	yield units	average fruit set per 100 flowers ... z-score Seeds produced (n=49)	tonnes per hectare
yield2	secondary yield value	-1.414558 ... 10,386.6 (n=1,477)	213.5790
yield2_units	secondary yield units	%pods produced_pod weight ... z-score Seed set (%) (n=28)	Fruit number on fixed branch length per tree
yield_treatments_ no_pollinators	if the results for yield involve exclosures (e.g., bags, etc.), we fill this column with such results (measured as the first	-2.22144444 ... 1,272.60000000 (n=794)	40.00829587

	unit)		
yield_treatments_ pollen_supplemen t	if the results for yield were obtained by using an additional treatment (e.g., hand-pollination, etc.), we fill this column with such results measured as the first unit)	-1.380536 ... 74,780.40300 (n=657)	30
yield_treatments_ no_pollinators2	if the results for secondary yield involve exclosures (e.g., bags, etc.), we fill this column with such results (second yield unit)	-8.577778 ... 258.62 (n=631)	27.9781746
yield_treatments_ pollen_supplemen t2	if the results for yield were obtained by using an additional treatment (e.g., hand-pollination, etc.), we fill this column with such results. (second yield unit)	-3.38888889 ... 215.29100 (n=546)	87.30599647

fruits_per_plant	average number of fruits per plant [count per plant]	0 ... 12,927.55 (n=199)	774.75685
fruit_weight	average fruit weight [grams per fruit]	0.02930331 ... 8,668.006 (n=710)	1.6675
plant_density	amount of crop plants per unit area of crop field [individuals per square meter]	0.006222222 ... 4,485 (n=156)	2.35
seeds_per_fruit	average number of seeds per fruit [count per fruit]	0 ... 308.5 (n=167)	8.2
seeds_per_plant	average number of seeds per plant or pod [count per plant]	10.5 ... 1,427.24 (n=82)	545.48
seed_weight	average seed weight [grams per 100 seeds]	0.0031 ...	3.985

		81.064 (n=107)	
sampling_richness	method/s to survey organisms that is/are used to estimate richness.	"focal observations" ... "transects + pan trap, bee bowl, blue vane trap, pitfall" (n=11)	"transects + focal observations"
observed_pollinator_richness	number of different pollinator species observed [counts]	0 ... 49 (n=63)	17
other_pollinator_richness	estimated number of different species [counts]	0 ... 164.4062 (n=822)	46.93600
other_richness_estimator_method	method used for estimating "other_pollinator_richness", preferably Chao1.	Chao 1 Chao NA (n=3)	Chao 1
richness_restriction	free text to describe constraints on	all visitors considered ...	bees and hoverflies

	richness/abundance measurements, such as “only bees”, “only non-managed bees”, etc.	only bees (non-managed bees) (n=15)	
sampling_abundance	method/s to survey organisms that is/are used to estimate abundance.	"focal observations" ... "transects" (n=9)	"sweep net"
abundance	total amount of counts along transect lines [counts]. In the case of performing several transect walks, we indicate the sum of the individuals collected.	0 ... 6,001 (n=544)	1,961
ab_honeybee	total amount of transect counts for honey bees [counts]	0 ... 1,750 (n=397)	237
ab_bombus	total amount of transect counts for bumble bees [counts]	0 ... 1,906	171

		(n=210)	
ab_wildbees	total amount of transect counts for other wild bees [counts]	0 ... 2,697.3 (n=198)	415
ab_syrphids	total amount of transect counts for syrphids [counts]	0 ... 1,782 (n=104)	10
ab_humbleflies	total amount of transect counts for bombyliidae [counts]	0 ... 2 (n=4)	1
ab_other_flies	total amount of transect counts for non syrphid or bombyliida diptera [counts]	0 ... 666 (n=84)	56
ab_beetles	total amount of transect counts for coleoptera [counts]	0 ... 4,861 (n=65)	20

ab_lepidoptera	total amount of transect counts for lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) [counts]	0 ... 452 (n=35)	7
ab_nonbee_hyme noptera	total amount of transect counts for nonbee hymenoptera (sawflies, wasps, ants, etc.) [counts]	0 ... 1,147 (n=59)	59
ab_others	total amount of transect counts that were not included in the previous categories [counts]	0 ... 263 (n=56)	3
total_sampled_area	area sampled during each census at each of the sites (e.g. area covered by one transect) in [square meters]. In the cases in which there was more than one sampling area within a site, this variable reflects the sum of their	0.15 ... 19,800 (n=199)	600

	respective areas.		
total_sampled_time	time spent sampling [minutes] each field. In the case in which sites were surveyed multiple times, this variable reflects the sum of their respective durations.	6 ... 2,880 (n=197)	180
sampling_visitation	method/s to survey organisms that is/are used to estimate visitation rates.	"focal observations" ... "transects" (n=5)	"other"
visitation_rate_units	number of legitimate visits (i.e. contacting reproductive structures) to crop units (flowers, branches, etc.), per unit time. Preferred units: [visits per 100 flowers during one hour].	(average number of) visits per 100 flowers and hour ... visits per unit of time (n=21)	visits per tree and hour

visitation_rate	total visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 10,451.77 (n=1,479)	46.4473684
visit_honeybee	guild (honey bees) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 7,574.678 (n=1,284)	20.11935000
visit_bombus	guild (bumble bees) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 492 (n=584)	4.319706000
visit_wildbees	guild (other wild bees) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 4,251.755 (n=874)	2.374101
visit_syrphids	guild (syrphids) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the	0 ... 1,980.458 (n=467)	0.394736842

	visitation_rate_units].		
visit_humbleflies	guild (bombyliidae) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 593.7041 (n=26)	0.0007105048
visit_other_flies	guild (non syrphid or bombyliidae diptera) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 607.631 (n=310)	2.0314250839
visit_beetles	guild (coleoptera) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 200 (n=130)	0.7117437722
visit_lepidoptera	guild (lepidoptera: butterflies and moths) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the	0 ... 229.7873 (n=133)	3.1496062992

	visitation_rate_units].		
visit_nonbee_hymenoptera	guild (nonbee hymenoptera: sawflies, wasps, ants, etc.) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 1,332.724 (n=140)	2.1007727741
visit_others	guild (other) visitation rate to crop units (flowers, branches,etc.) [in the visitation_rate_units].	0 ... 113.5246 (n=108)	0.7812500000
Publication	If published, DOI of the publication (preferred) or article reference, if DOI is not available.	10.1111/1365-2664.12977 ... yield data unpublished (n=88)	10.1098/rspb.2013.2686
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notes	comments or clarifications on the values of a given variable	" ab_syrphids would be primarily syrphids, but would also include other flies" ... " yield is pure seed yield (without weeds), yield2 is "normal quality yield" (corrected for seed germination rate) " (n=17)	"total_sampled_area: 800 m2 for honeybees and bumblebees, otherwise 400 m2"

Table 3. Data holders information. Description of the fields related with the data ownership information – file (3) CropPol_data_ownership.csv

Field	Description	Level or range	Example
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study_id	identification code for a given study: Author's name+crop name+country+year	Alejandro_Trillo_Fragaria_ananassa_Spain_2016 ... Yi_Zou_Brassica_napus_China_2015 (n=202)	Bryony_Willcox_Mangifera_indica_Australia_2016
name	name of the co-author. Co-authors could be people directly involved in collecting the data. The main/corresponding author decides who his/her co-authors are. Please, use one line per co-author.	Agustin Saez ... Yoko L. Dupont (n=185)	Charlie C. Nicholson
affiliation	Co-author affiliation. If a given co-author has several affiliations, please, use one line per affiliation.	Aarhus University, Denmark ... Wageningen Environmental Research, Alterra (n=123)	School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland
email	email address of the co-	[deceased]	freitas@ufc.br

	author	... yoko.dupont@bios.au.dk (n=140)	
role	One of the following role categories: (1) Lead author/Corresponding author, (2) Co-author/Co-owner	Lead author/Corresponding author Co-author/Co-owner	Co-author/Co-owner
funding	Funding sources (grants, scholarships, projects, etc.) that supported the co-author	"2013 2014 BiodivERsA FACCEJPI joint call for research proposals (project ECODEAL)" ... "Wisconsin Dept of agriculture, trade, and consumer protection" (n=71)	This study was financially supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG) within the Research Unit FOR1246

Table 4. List of publications related with the raw data.

Publication (DOI)	Study identifier (study_id)
10.1126/science.aac7287	Agustin_Saez_Rubus_idaeus_Argentina_2014, Breno_M_Freitas_Anacardium_occidentale_Brazil_2011,

	Guioamar_Nates_Parra_Vaccinium_meridionale_Colombia_2013, Jens_Astrom_Malus_domestica_Norway_2013, Jens_Astrom_Trifolium_pratense_Norway_2013, Jens_Astrom_Trifolium_pratense_Norway_2014, Ruan_Veldtman_Helianthus_annuus_South_Africa_2011
10.1016/j.baae.2018.05.008	Alejandro_Trillo_Fragaria_ananassa_Spain_2016
10.1098/rspb.2002.2306	Alexandra_Maria_Klein_Coffea_arabica_Indonesia_2000_2001
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10.1590/1519-6984.02213	Betina_Blochtein_Brassica_napus_Brazil_2011

10.1111/j.1461-0248.2011.01669.x	Blande_Viana_Passiflora_edulis_Brazil_2005
10.1126/science.1230200	Breno_M_Freitas_Anacardium_occidentale_Brazil_2012, Breno_M_Freitas_Gossypium_hirsutum_Brazil_2011
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