

# Arthropods

Arthropods account for more than 65% of global species and 85% of animal species. On a temperate grassland, arthropods hold a huge biomass (1,000kg/ha), seconded to plant (20,000kg/ha) and microorganisms (7,000kg/ha) but much higher than mammals (1.2kg/ha), birds (0.3kg/ha), and nematodes (120kg/ha). Arthropods play the role of both pests and beneficial organisms. Some arthropods are important crop pests but others are natural enemies. Some arthropods are important health pests but many crustaceans are important food sources of humankind. Arthropods govern the structures and functions of natural ecosystems, but are always ignored by researchers. On the global scale, the surveys of mammals, birds and vascular plants were relatively perfect because they were economically important and easily surveyed. However, arthropods, despite their ecological and economical importance, have not yet been fully surveyed and recorded due to their difficulties to be sampled. The research on arthropods must be further promoted. The journal, *Arthropods*, is inaugurated to provide a public and appropriate platform for the publication of studies and reports on arthropods.

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