

**Appendix 1.** List of Soricomorpha and Rodentia species mentioned in the various studies meta-analysed in the present paper, including the country where each species has been studied. Taxonomy has been updated according to Wilson *et al.* (2016, 2017) and Wilson and Mittermeier (2018).

Genus	species	Authority	country	Reference
<b>Soricomorpha</b>				
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. viaria</i>	(I. Geoffroy, 1834)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. lamottei</i>	Heim de Balsac, 1968	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Crocidura</i>	sp.		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>crossei</i>	Thomas, 1895	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>flavescens</i>	(I. Geoffroy, 1827)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lusitania</i>	Dollman, 1910	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>	(Lesson, 1827)	Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Crocidura</i>	sp.		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. foxi</i>	Dollman, 1915	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>fuscomurina</i>	(Heuglin, 1865)	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lamottei</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>nanilla</i>	Thomas, 1909	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Suncus</i>	<i>megalura</i>	Jentink, 1888	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. denti</i>	Dollman, 1915	Congo	Barrière et al. 2005
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. hildegardae</i>	Thomas, 1904	Congo	Barrière et al. 2006
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>cf. poensis</i>	(Fraser, 1843)	Congo	Barrière et al. 2007
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>fuscomurina</i>		Congo	Barrière et al. 2008
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lamottei</i>		Congo	Barrière et al. 2009
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>littoralis</i>	Heller, 1910	Congo	Barrière et al. 2010
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>ludia</i>	Hollister, 1916	Congo	Barrière et al. 2011
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>nanilla</i>		Congo	Barrière et al. 2012
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Congo	Barrière et al. 2013
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>roosvelti</i>	(Heller, 1910)	Congo	Barrière et al. 2014
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>turba</i>	Dollman, 1910	Congo	Barrière et al. 2015
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>yankariensis</i>	Hutterer & Jenkins, 1980	Congo	Barrière et al. 2016
<i>Suncus</i>	<i>infinitesimus</i>	(Heller, 912)	Congo	Barrière et al. 2017
<i>Suncus</i>	<i>megalura</i>		Congo	Barrière et al. 2018
<i>Crocidura</i>	sp.		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>fuscomurina</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lamottei</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lusitania</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>nanilla</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>buetikoferi</i>	Jentink, 1888	Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>crossei</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>lamottei</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>poensis</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>foxi</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>buetikoferi</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>crossei</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005

<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>foxi</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>muricauda</i>	(Miller, 1900)	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>obscurior</i>	Heim de Balsac, 1958	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Crociruda</i>	<i>olivieri</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Crocidura</i>	<i>grandiceps</i>	Hutterer, 1983	Ghana	Weber and Fahr 2007
<i>Crocidura</i>	spp.		Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018
<b>Rodentia</b>				
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>allenii</i>	(Waterhouse, 1838)	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>	Waterhouse, 1840	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Malacomys</i>	<i>edwardsi</i>	Rochebrune, 1885	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>	(Temminck, 1853)	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>rostratus</i>	(Miller, 1900)	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>	(Wroughton, 1906)	Sierra Leone	Weber et al. 2019
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>	(Temminck, 1853)	Sierra Leone	Barnett et al. 2000
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Sierra Leone	Barnett et al. 2000
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>	Dollman, 1909	Sierra Leone	Barnett et al. 2000
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>	(Desmarest, 1822)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>	(Thomas, 1892)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>	(Smith, 1834)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>zebra</i>	(Heuglin, 1864)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Mus</i>	<i>mattheyi</i>	Petter, 1969	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>	(Thomas, 1910)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Taterillus</i>	sp.		Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Steatomys</i>	<i>caurinus</i>	Thomas, 1912	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Heliosciurus</i>	<i>gambianus</i>	(Ogilby, 1835)	Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Xerus</i>	<i>erythropus</i>		Senegal	Bâ et al. 2012
<i>Xerus</i>	<i>erythropus</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Heliosciurus</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>gambianus</i>	(Thomas, 1910)	Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	(Thomas, 1892)	Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>ansorgei</i>	Thomas, 1910	Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>zebra</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Mus</i>	<i>mattheyi</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010

<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Senegal	Konečný et al. 2010
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>stella</i>	(Thomas, 1911)	Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>	(Thomas, 1894)	Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>		Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>rufinus</i>	(Temminck, 1853).	Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>		Nigeria	Olayemi and Akinpelu 2008
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>rattus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Mus</i>	<i>muscoloides</i>	Temminck, 1853	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Xerus</i>	<i>erythropus</i>	(E. Geoffroy, 1803)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Dasyurus</i>	<i>rufulus</i>	Miller, 1900	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>allenii</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>robustus</i>	(Cretzschmar, 1826)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Thryonomys</i>	<i>gregorianus</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Atherurus</i>	<i>africanus</i>		Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Heliosciurus</i>	<i>rufobrachium</i>	(Waterhouse, 1842)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Protoxerus</i>	<i>stangeri</i>	(Waterhouse, 1842)	Nigeria	Omogbeme and Oko 2018
<i>Gerbillus</i>	<i>nanus</i>	Blanford, 1875	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Gerbillus</i>	<i>gerbillus</i>	(Olivier, 1801)	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Gerbillus</i>	<i>nigeriae</i>	Thomas & Hinton, 1920	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Gerbillus</i>	<i>riggenbachi</i>	taxonomy unresolved	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>arenarius</i>	Robbins, 1974	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>huberti</i>	(Wroughton, 1908)	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Nannomys</i>	sp.		Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Jaculus</i>	<i>jaculus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	Mauritania	Bruderer and Denys 1999
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Benin	Houemenou et al. 2014
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Dasyurus</i>	<i>rufulus</i>	Miller, 1900	Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Mus</i>	<i>musculus</i>	Linnaeus, 1758	Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Mastomys</i>	sp.		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>norvegicus</i>	(Berkenhout, 1769)	Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>rattus</i>		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>		Benin	Houèmènou et al. 2014
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Dendromus</i>	<i>cf. messorius</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	sp.		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	sp.		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2011
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>bellieri</i>	Van der Straeten, 1975	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Lophuromys</i>	cf. <i>sikapusi</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010

<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Mus</i>	<i>baoulei</i>	(Vermeiren & Verheyen, 1980)	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Mus</i>	<i>minutoides</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>cf. daltoni</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>misonnei</i>	Van der Straeten and Dieterlen, 1987	Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Steatomys</i>	<i>cf. caurinus</i>		Benin	Nicolas et al. 2010
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Dasymys</i>	<i>incomitus</i>	Sundevall, 1847)	Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Myomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Graphiurus</i>	<i>spurreli</i>	taxonomy unresolved	Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Leggada</i>	sp.		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>		Ivory Coast	Traoré et al. 1980
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>barbarus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1766)	Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Myomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Tatera</i>	sp.		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Mus (Leggada)</i>	sp.		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Graphiurus</i>	sp.		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Arvicantis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Grammomys</i>	<i>buntingi</i>	(Thomas, 1911)	Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>		Ivory Coast	Gautun 1975
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>rostratus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>	(Temmninck, 1853)	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>linulus</i>	(Thomas, 1910)	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>zebra</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Arvicantis</i>	<i>ansorgei</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Mus</i>	<i>minutoides</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Mus</i>	<i>mattheyi</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Dasymys</i>	<i>rufulus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Acomys</i>	<i>johannis</i>	Thomas, 1912	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Cricetomys</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Steatomys</i>	<i>caurinus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Xerus</i>	<i>erythropus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Heliosciurus</i>	<i>gambianus</i>		Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011

<i>Funisciurus</i>	<i>pyrropus</i>	(F. Cuvier, 1842)	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Felovia</i>	<i>vae</i>	Lataste, 1886	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Graphiurus</i>	<i>kelleni</i>	(Reuvenis, 1890)	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Thryonomys</i>	<i>swinderianus</i>	(Temminck, 1827)	Mali	Granjon and Duplantier 2011
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>cf. pygargus</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Mus</i>	<i>haussa</i>	(Thomas & Hinton, 1920)	Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Mastomys</i>	sp.		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Myomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Steatomys</i>	<i>caurinus</i>		Mali	Meinig 2000
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Taterillus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>rattus</i>		Mali	Schwan et al. 2016
<i>Graphiurus</i>	<i>lorraineus</i>	Dollman, 1910	Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>allenii</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>huberti</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Mus</i>	<i>minutoides</i>	Smith, 1834	Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>		Ghana	Decher and Bahian 1999
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>rattus</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	<i>niloticus</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>erythroleucus</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2014
<i>Circetomys</i>	<i>emini</i>	Wroughton, 1910	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Dephomys</i>	<i>defua</i>	(Miller, 1900)	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Grammomys</i>	<i>kuru</i>	(Thomas and Wroughton, 1907).	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Graphiurus</i>	<i>nagtglasii</i>	Jentink, 1888	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Hybomys</i>	<i>trivirgatus</i>	(Temminck, 1853)	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>allenii</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Malacomys</i>	<i>cansdalei</i>	Ansell, 1958	Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Malacomys</i>	<i>edwardsi</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>		Ghana	Decher et al. 2005
<i>Hylomyscus</i>	<i>allenii</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Grammomys</i>	<i>kuru</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>barbarus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1766)	Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Malacomys</i>	<i>edwardsi</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>eruthroleucus</i>	(Temminck, 1853)	Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>kempi</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>		Ghana	Ofori et al. 2016

<i>Praomys</i>	<i>tullbergi</i>	Ghana	Weber and Fahr 2007	
<i>Malacomys</i>	<i>edwardsi</i>	Ghana	Weber and Fahr 2007	
<i>Mastomys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Mus</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Lophuromys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Praomys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Praomys (Myomys)</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Grammomys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Rattus</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Arvicanthis</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Cricetomys</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Xerus</i>	sp.	Guinea	Denys et al. 2009	
<i>Mastomys</i>	<i>natalensis</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>rostratus</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Praomys</i>	<i>daltoni</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Lemniscomys</i>	<i>striatus</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Mus</i>	spp.	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Grammomys</i>	<i>butingi</i>	(Thomas, 1911)	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018
<i>Uranomys</i>	<i>ruddi</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Lophuromys</i>	<i>sikapusi</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Gerbilliscus</i>	<i>guineae</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
<i>Rattus</i>	<i>rattus</i>	Guinea	Mariën et al. 2018	
			Fichet-Calvet et al. 2014	

**Appendix 2.** Diversity indices for rodent communities studied in the various sites meta-analysed in the present paper. Upper = 95% upper limit of the confidence intervals after 9999 bootstraps; lower = lower limit of the confidence intervals after 9999 bootstraps

	Simpson_1-								
Taxa_S	Individuals	Dominance_D	D	Shannon_H	Evenness_e^H/S	Chao-1	Country		
site1	8	59	0.3094	0.6906	1.453	0.5346	9.5	Mauritania	
Lower	7	59	0.2422	0.6004	1.232	0.4618	7		
Upper	8	59	0.399	0.7578	1.652	0.6851	14		
site2	3	38	0.3837	0.6163	1.022	0.9264	3	Nigeria	
Lower	3	38	0.3393	0.5	0.8393	0.7716	3		
Upper	3	38	0.5	0.6607	1.09	0.9912	3		
site3	14	680	0.09321	0.9068	2.511	0.8799	14		
Lower	14	680	0.08726	0.897	2.46	0.8364	14		
Upper	14	680	0.1029	0.9127	2.539	0.9049	14		
site4	14	408	0.09786	0.9021	2.484	0.8563	14		
Lower	14	408	0.09005	0.8871	2.408	0.794	14		
Upper	14	408	0.1129	0.9099	2.52	0.8877	14		
site5	13	224	0.08598	0.914	2.503	0.9401	13		
Lower	13	224	0.08379	0.9019	2.422	0.8667	13		
Upper	13	224	0.09805	0.9162	2.519	0.9552	13		
site6	6	109	0.3847	0.6153	1.156	0.5294	6		
Lower	5	109	0.3366	0.5565	0.9864	0.459	5		
Upper	6	109	0.4433	0.6632	1.292	0.6337	7		
site7	6	146	0.552	0.448	1.004	0.455	6	Mali	
Lower	6	146	0.4593	0.3473	0.7895	0.3671	6		
Upper	6	146	0.6526	0.5406	1.171	0.5375	6		
site8	5	178	0.264	0.736	1.462	0.8626	5		
Lower	5	178	0.2355	0.6897	1.363	0.7817	5		
Upper	5	178	0.3103	0.7645	1.522	0.9164	5		
								Cote d'Ivoire	
site9	8	82	0.3501	0.6499	1.409	0.5116	8.5		
Lower	8	82	0.2668	0.5419	1.198	0.4141	8		
Upper	8	82	0.4581	0.7332	1.606	0.6231	11		
site10	8	145	0.3124	0.6876	1.415	0.5148	9		
Lower	8	145	0.267	0.6263	1.275	0.4478	8		
Upper	8	145	0.3737	0.7329	1.546	0.5866	11		
site11	15	3898	0.3141	0.6859	1.451	0.2844	18		
Lower	13	3898	0.3036	0.6748	1.419	0.2787	13		
Upper	15	3898	0.3251	0.6964	1.481	0.3334	21		
site12	3	5	0.44	0.56	0.9503	0.8621	4		
Lower	2	5	0.36	0.48	0.673	0.8621	2		
Upper	3	5	0.52	0.64	1.055	0.9572	4		
site13	3	51	0.7885	0.2115	0.4152	0.5049	3	Ghana	
Lower	3	51	0.6432	0.1123	0.2612	0.4328	3		
Upper	3	51	0.8877	0.3568	0.6368	0.6301	3		

site14	5	11	0.2893	0.7107	1.414	0.8227	5.3
Lower	4	11	0.2231	0.5455	1.034	0.6377	4
Upper	5	11	0.4545	0.7769	1.547	0.9568	11
site15	5	14	0.449	0.551	1.128	0.6176	6.5
Lower	5	14	0.2347	0.4694	0.9944	0.5406	5
Upper	5	14	0.5306	0.7653	1.512	0.9076	11
site16	5	22	0.4959	0.5041	1.032	0.5612	5.5
Lower	3	22	0.3223	0.2479	0.5481	0.4627	3
Upper	5	22	0.7521	0.6777	1.325	0.8166	8
site17	2	16	0.6953	0.3047	0.4826	0.8101	2
Lower	2	16	0.5313	0.1172	0.2338	0.6317	2
Upper	2	16	0.8828	0.4688	0.6616	0.9689	2
site18	5	45	0.436	0.564	1.03	0.5602	6
Lower	5	45	0.3412	0.4642	0.8956	0.4898	5
Upper	5	45	0.5358	0.6588	1.254	0.7006	8
site19	7	19	0.3241	0.6759	1.486	0.6314	10
Lower	5	19	0.1911	0.5042	1.044	0.509	5
Upper	7	19	0.4958	0.8089	1.767	0.8754	13
site20	6	52	0.5133	0.4867	0.9957	0.4511	9
Lower	6	52	0.3691	0.3654	0.81	0.3746	6
Upper	6	52	0.6346	0.6309	1.279	0.5986	9
site21	5	42	0.3571	0.6429	1.284	0.7223	5
Lower	5	42	0.2664	0.4909	0.9863	0.5379	5
Upper	5	42	0.5091	0.7336	1.452	0.854	5
site22	4	7	0.3878	0.6122	1.154	0.7925	7
Lower	4	7	0.2653	0.6122	1.154	0.7925	4
Upper	4	7	0.3878	0.7347	1.352	0.9661	7
site23	3	8	0.4063	0.5938	0.9743	0.8831	3
Lower	3	8	0.3438	0.4063	0.7356	0.6956	3
Upper	3	8	0.5938	0.6563	1.082	0.9837	4
site24	7	277	0.5896	0.4104	0.8179	0.3237	7.5
Lower	7	277	0.5227	0.3505	0.721	0.2938	7
Upper	7	277	0.6495	0.4773	0.9488	0.3689	10
site25	8	62	0.4334	0.5666	1.122	0.3838	13 Benin
Lower	7	62	0.3325	0.5021	1.009	0.3643	7.2
Upper	8	62	0.4979	0.6675	1.406	0.5167	18
site26	4	34	0.8339	0.1661	0.3954	0.3712	7
Lower	4	34	0.6073	0.1661	0.3954	0.3712	4
Upper	4	34	0.8339	0.3927	0.7748	0.5426	7
site27	6	72	0.4302	0.5698	1.16	0.5317	6
Lower	6	72	0.3345	0.4622	0.9458	0.4292	6
Upper	6	72	0.5378	0.6655	1.359	0.6484	7
site28	6	22	0.3099	0.6901	1.451	0.7112	6
Lower	6	22	0.2025	0.562	1.199	0.5527	6
Upper	6	22	0.438	0.7975	1.685	0.8987	9
site29	3	23	0.5539	0.4461	0.7393	0.6982	3
Lower	3	23	0.4253	0.2987	0.5598	0.5835	3
Upper	3	23	0.7013	0.5747	0.9502	0.8621	3
site30	5	29	0.4411	0.5589	1.089	0.5942	6

Lower	5	29	0.2985	0.4067	0.8609	0.4731	5
Upper	5	29	0.5933	0.7015	1.37	0.787	8
site31	7	42	0.3243	0.6757	1.367	0.5604	8.5
Lower	7	42	0.2404	0.6145	1.227	0.4874	7
Upper	7	42	0.3855	0.7596	1.622	0.723	13
site32	3	24	0.4618	0.5382	0.9192	0.8357	3
Lower	3	24	0.3576	0.3438	0.616	0.6172	3
Upper	3	24	0.6563	0.6424	1.064	0.9655	3
site33	8	26	0.2041	0.7959	1.795	0.7522	9.5
Lower	7	26	0.1538	0.6923	1.53	0.5945	8
Upper	8	26	0.3077	0.8462	1.962	0.8889	14
						Sierra Leone	
site34	7	103	0.3266	0.6734	1.406	0.583	7
Lower	7	103	0.2648	0.5852	1.231	0.4891	7
Upper	7	103	0.4146	0.735	1.552	0.6744	8
site35	2	127	0.939	0.06101	0.1399	0.5751	2
Lower	2	127	0.882	0.01562	0.04599	0.5235	2
Upper	2	127	0.9844	0.118	0.2351	0.6325	2
site36	10	225	0.2533	0.7467	1.617	0.5036	10
Lower	8	225	0.2246	0.7045	1.479	0.4543	8
Upper	10	225	0.2954	0.7753	1.71	0.5972	16
site37	7	90	0.5378	0.4622	0.9678	0.376	10
Lower	6	90	0.4333	0.3417	0.7299	0.3099	6
Upper	7	90	0.6573	0.5664	1.182	0.4718	13
site38	6	89	0.4084	0.5916	1.245	0.579	6
Lower	6	89	0.3205	0.4754	1.007	0.4561	6
Upper	6	89	0.5243	0.6795	1.412	0.6837	6
site39	6	115	0.3954	0.6046	1.169	0.5363	6
Lower	5	115	0.3344	0.5205	0.9885	0.459	5
Upper	6	115	0.4793	0.6656	1.304	0.629	7
site40	8	168	0.5402	0.4598	0.9786	0.3326	11
Lower	7	168	0.4618	0.3697	0.7956	0.2917	7
Upper	8	168	0.6301	0.5381	1.13	0.4197	11
site41	4	55	0.321	0.679	1.216	0.8434	4
Lower	4	55	0.2866	0.6083	1.063	0.7234	4
Upper	4	55	0.3917	0.7134	1.306	0.9226	4
site42	5	34	0.346	0.654	1.251	0.6985	5
Lower	5	34	0.2647	0.5311	1.031	0.5607	5
Upper	5	34	0.4689	0.7353	1.44	0.8444	6