

Region	Species	Common Name	Order	Process	Stage	Protein (g/100g DM)	Iron (mg/100g DM)	Folate (mcg DFE/100g DM)	Vitamin B12 (mcg/100g DM)	Reference
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	33.0	14.7			Tang et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE (Late Stage)	10.5	0.6			Omotoso and Aedire, 2007
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	29.9	69.3			Ehounou et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	28.4	12.2			Banjo et al., 2006
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	23.4				Opara et al., 2012
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE					Elemo et al., 2011
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE					Santos Oliveira et al., 1976
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	52.9	7.0			2.77 Okunowo et al., 2017
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	32.8	0.9	200		20.00 Parker et al., 2020
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT		13.0			Tang et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT			340		Kinyuru et al., 2010a
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT			350		Kinyuru et al., 2010a
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	43.1	16.6	900		Kinyuru et al., 2010b
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	44.3	13.0			Kinyuru et al., 2010b
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	40.0	48.6			1.04 Ssepuuya et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	47.7				Fombong et al., 2017
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Ruspolia differens</i>	Green Cone-Headed Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	44.6	2.0			Siulapwa et al., 2014
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (whole)	LARVAE	57.0	26.7			Siulapwa et al., 2014
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (whole)	LARVAE	52.1				Madibela et al., 2009
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (roasted)	LARVAE	48.3	30.4			Glew et al., 1999
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (meal, whole)	LARVAE	55.0	12.7			Moreki et al., 2012
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (meal, whole)	LARVAE	54.0				Manyeula et al., 2018
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (meal)	LARVAE	56.8	11.6			Rapatsa and Moyo, 2017
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY (degutted)	LARVAE	69.8	31.2			Nantanga and Amakali, 2020
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gonimbrasia belina</i>	Mopane Worm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	62.0	31.0			Dreyer and Wehmeyer, 1982
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	50.4	0.1			Mohamed, 2015
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	59.0	12.4			Ooninx and van der Poel, 2010
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT					0.84 Schmidt et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	50.8				Clarkson et al., 2018
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	LATE NYMPH	58.3	9.7			Ghosh et al., 2017
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	60.7	7.2			Udomsil et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT			12.9		Latunde-Dada et al., 2016
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	57.0				Taufek et al., 2016
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Gryllus assimilis</i>	1 Black Field Cricket / Jamaican Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT					2.88 Schmidt et al., 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	1 House cricket	Orthoptera	converted to DRY	ADULT	60.0	6.4	389		70.20 Finke, 2015
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	55.5	5.3			Omotoso, 2006
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	52.6	5.6			Nigeria Food Database, 2019
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	33.1	64.0			Akinnawo and Ketiku, 2000
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	20.0	1.3			Osasona and Olaofe, 2010
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	52.6	5.6			Adepoju and Daboh, 2013
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	55.4	46.7			Igbabul et al., 2015
Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	20.2	1.8			Banjo et al., 2006
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	64.7				Frye et al., 1989
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	62.7				Frye et al., 1989
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	53.8	9.5	410		0.00 Finke, 2002
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	53.0	12.1			Dierenfeld, 2002
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	61.2				Kovitvadhii et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	Freeze-dried powder	LARVAE	70.1	3.5	188		0.52 Tong et al., 2011
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	LARVAE	58.0				Ramos-Elorduy et al., 1997
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	69.8				Finke, 2007
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	50.4				Kovitvadhii et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	55.6				Tomotake et al., 2010
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	53.1				Chieco et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	56.4				Chieco et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	PUPA	55.0				Lamberti et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	PUPA	56.3				Lamberti et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	PUPA	65.9				Rangacharyulu et al., 2003
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	PUPA	49.5	9.3			Yhoung-Aree et al., 1997
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	60.0	3.5			Kuntadi et al., 2018
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Bombyx mori</i>	Domesticated Silkworm	Lepidoptera	converted to DRY	UNSPECIFIED	59.2	3.1			Dignan et al., 2004
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	66.1				Ghaly and Alkoaik, 2009
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	59.8	6.7	498		0.42 Finke, 2015
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	50.1				Alves et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	58.4				Barroso et al., 2014
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm (Giant)	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	47.2	5.5	300		0.33 Finke, 2002
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	49.1	5.4	412		1.23 Finke, 2002
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm (Giant)	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	49.4				Finke, 2007

East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	53.0			Kovitvadhi et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	38.3	4.1		Kuntadi et al., 2018
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	49.1			Liu et al., 2020
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE			7.0	Latunde-Dada et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	46.4		6.7	Ravzanadadi et al., 2012
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	51.5			Zhao et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE				1.08 Schmidt et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i>	Yellow Mealworm	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	52.4		3.3	Zielińska et al., 2015
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	LARVAE	22.6			Nirmala et al., 2017
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	34.1		9.0	Ohtsuka et al., 1984
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	59.3		5.6	Linn et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	30.5		9.9	Abdel-Moniem et al., 2017
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	34.6			Barroso et al., 2014
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	18.0		1.0	Chinarak et al., 2020
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	28.5		1.1	Chinarak et al., 2020
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	LARVAE	24.8		1.6	Chinarak et al., 2020
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	Asian Palm Weevil / Sago Larvae	Coleoptera	DRY	PUPA	32.3			Abdel-Moniem et al., 2017
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	ADULT	45.1		33.2	Yyoung-Aree et al., 1997
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	53.3			Kovitvadhi et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	LATE NYMPH	58.3		9.7	Ghosh et al., 2017
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	60.7		7.2	Udomsil et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT			12.9	Latunde-Dada et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	57.0			Taufek et al., 2016
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Gryllus assimilis</i>	1 Black Field Cricket / Jamaican Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT				2.88 Schmidt et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	House cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	73.1			Barroso et al., 2014
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	House cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	52.8			Kovitvadhi et al., 2019
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	House cricket	Orthoptera	converted to DRY	ADULT	60.0		6.4	70.20 Finke, 2015
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	House cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	66.6		6.3	487
East and Southeast Asia	<i>Acheta domesticus</i>	House cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	NYMPH	67.2		9.3	633
Central and South Asia	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	54.6		24.0	Longvah et al., 2011
Central and South Asia	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	54.8		23.4	Longvah et al., 2011
Central and South Asia	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	59.4		40.0	Mazumdar, 2019
Central and South Asia	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	64.5			Kovitvadhi et al., 2019
Central and South Asia	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	Lepidoptera	DRY	PUPA	48.2		24.5	Sailo, 2019
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	converted to DRY	ADULT	53.5		21.9	Yyoung-Aree et al., 1997
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	DRY	ADULT	69.7		24.9	Linn et al., 2016
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	DRY	ADULT	55.3		15.7	Chakravorty et al., 2016
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	DRY	ADULT	45.2		15.3	Sailo, 2019
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	converted to DRY	EGG	38.7		22.7	Yyoung-Aree et al., 1997
Central and South Asia	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	Hymenoptera	converted to DRY	YOUNG FEMALE	37.5		10.0	Yyoung-Aree et al., 1997
Central and South Asia	<i>Lepidiota mansueta</i>	Scarab Beetle	Coleoptera	DRY	ADULT	76.4		1.6	Bhattacharyya et al., 2018
Central and South Asia	<i>Lepidiota mansueta</i>	Scarab Beetle	Coleoptera	DRY	ADULT	76.8		1.6	Borah, 2016
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Schistocerca gregaria</i>	Desert Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	50.6		2.9	Khalil, 2018
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Schistocerca gregaria</i>	Desert Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	76.0		8.4	Zielińska et al., 2015
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Schistocerca gregaria</i>	Desert Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	35.3			Haber et al., 2019
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Schistocerca gregaria</i>	Desert Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	46.3		4.8	Kinyuru, 2020
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Schistocerca sp.</i>	2 Grasshopper/Locust, Species Unspecified	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	61.0			Ramos-Elorduy et al., 1997
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	50.4		0.1	Mohamed, 2015
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	59.0		12.4	Ooninx and van der Poel, 2010
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT				0.84 Schmidt et al., 2019
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	Migratory Locust	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	50.8			Clarkson et al., 2018
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Coleoptera	converted to DRY	ADULT	45.1		33.2	Yyoung-Aree et al., 1997
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus sp.</i>	Field Cricket, Species Unspecified	Orthoptera	DRY	NYMPH	32.6		3.3	Kuntadi et al., 2018
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	53.3			Kovitvadhi et al., 2019
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	LATE NYMPH	58.3		9.7	Ghosh et al., 2017
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	60.7		7.2	Udomsil et al., 2019
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT			12.9	Latunde-Dada et al., 2016
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Two-Spotted Cricket / African Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT	57.0			Taufek et al., 2016
North Africa and Western Asia	<i>Gryllus assimilis</i>	1 Black Field Cricket / Jamaican Field Cricket	Orthoptera	DRY	ADULT				2.88 Schmidt et al., 2019

1 Species were added only to supplement missing nutrient data for related insects in this region. For example, vitamin B12 values for *Gryllus bimaculatus* are not available, so vitamin B12 from *Gryllus assimilis* was added in North Africa and Western Asia.

2 Species added to give additional data to a similar species where data was sparse. For example, *Schistocerca sp.* was added where there was limited data for *Schistocerca gregaria*.

Table S2

Paired code	Species	Common Name	Nutrient	Value	Unit	Reference
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	26.5	mg/100g DM	Tang et al., 2019
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	0.0	mg/100g DM	Omotoso and Adedire, 2007
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	16.3	mg/100g DM	Ehounou et al., 2019
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	15.8	mg/100g DM	Elemo et al., 2011
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	23.7	mg/100g DM	Santos Oliveira et al., 1976
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	0.5	mg/100g DM	Okunowo et al., 2017
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	3.6	mg/100g DM	Parker et al., 2020
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	zinc	4.5	mg/100g DM	Omotoso and Adesola, 2018
b	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Field Cricket	zinc	22.4	mg/100g DM	Ghosh et al., 2017
b	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Field Cricket	zinc	14.4	mg/100g DM	Udomsil et al., 2019
b	<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	Field Cricket	zinc	32.1	mg/100g DM	Latunde-Dada et al., 2016
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	3.8	mg/100g DM	Omotoso, 2006
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	15.0	mg/100g DM	Nigeria Food Database, 2019
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	8.6	mg/100g DM	Akinnawo and Ketiku, 2000
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	24.2	mg/100g DM	Osasona and Olaofe, 2010
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	15.0	mg/100g DM	Adepoju and Daboh, 2013
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	38.7	mg/100g DM	Igbabul et al., 2015
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	zinc	3.9	mg/100g DM	Omotoso and Adesola, 2018
d	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	zinc	7.2	mg/100g DM	Longvah et al., 2011
d	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	zinc	7.0	mg/100g DM	Longvah et al., 2011
d	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	zinc	7.7	mg/100g DM	Sailo, 2019
e	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	zinc	19.0	mg/100g DM	Chakravorty et al., 2016
e	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	zinc	18.4	mg/100g DM	Sailo, 2019
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	phytate	0.0	mg/100g DM	Ekop et al., 2010
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	phytate	19.4	mg/100g DM	Omotoso and Adesola, 2018
a	<i>Rhynchophorus phoenicis</i>	African Palm Weevil	phytate	0.3	mg/100g DM	Jonathan, 2012
b	<i>Gryllus assimilis</i>	Cricket	phytate	0.1	mg/100g DM	Oibiokpa et al., 2017
b	<i>Gymnogryllus lucens</i>	Cricket	phytate	0.0	mg/100g DM	Ekop et al., 2010
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	phytate	1.0	mg/100g DM	Omotoso, 2006
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	phytate	25.5	mg/100g DM	Omotoso and Adesola, 2018
c	<i>Cirina forda</i>	Emperor Shea Moth	phytate	0.1	mg/100g DM	Oibiokpa et al., 2017
d	<i>Samia ricini</i>	Eri Silkworm	phytate	97.9	mg/100g DM	Sailo, 2019
e	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	phytate	171.0	mg/100g DM	Chakravorty et al., 2016
e	<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	Weaver Ant	phytate	19.7	mg/100g DM	Sailo, 2019

Table S3

Age group	Gender	Country	Study	Study Year	Sample size	Mean vitamin			Citation
						B12 intake	SD	CV	
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Germany	German National Nutrition Study II	2005–2007	4912	6.6	3.7	56.1	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Spain	ENCAT	2002–2003	706	5	1	20.0	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Finland	National FINDIET Survey	2007	730	6.6	6.5	98.5	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Greece	Greek EPIC study	1994–1999	500	5.3	11.4	215.1	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Ireland	SLAN	2007	662	5.4	3.7	68.5	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Male	Portugal	EPI Porto study	1999–2003	917	9.3	4.1	44.1	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Male	Germany	German National Nutrition Study II	2005–2007	1469	5.9	2.5	42.4	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Male	Spain	ENCAT	2002–2003	163	3.8	0.6	15.8	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Male	Finland	National FINDIET Survey	2007	229	6.5	6	92.3	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Male	Portugal	EPI Porto study	1999–2003	246	8.2	3.8	46.3	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Germany	German National Nutrition Study II	2005–2007	6016	4.4	2.1	47.7	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Spain	ENCAT	2002–2003	875	4	0.8	20.0	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Finland	National FINDIET Survey	2007	846	4.3	3.4	79.1	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Greece	Greek EPIC study	1994–1999	451	3.8	9.7	255.3	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Ireland	SLAN	2007	717	4.1	3.6	87.8	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Adults (age 19-64 years)	Female	Portugal	EPI Porto study	1999–2003	1472	8.8	4	45.5	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Female	Germany	German National Nutrition Study II	2005–2007	1562	4.3	2	46.5	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Female	Spain	ENCAT	2002–2003	179	3.5	0.5	14.3	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Female	Finland	National FINDIET Survey	2007	234	5.2	4.8	92.3	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Elderly (age >64 years)	Female	Portugal	EPI Porto study	1999–2003	339	7.5	4.1	54.7	Roman Viñas et al., 2011
Children (age 4-8)	Both	Zambia		2012–2013	202			21.5	Caswell et al., 2020
Adolescents (age 12-19)	Male	Brazil	Health Survey of São Paulo	2007–2008	140	5.6	5.9204	105.7	Verly Junior et al., 2010
Adolescents (age 12-19)	Female	Brazil	Health Survey of São Paulo	2007–2008	133	4.7	2.62504	55.9	Verly Junior et al., 2010
Pregnant women (age 14-51 years)	Female	Malawi		1988–1991	184			81.0	Nyambose et al., 2002
MEDIAN									55.3

TABLE S4							
Full results by individual region: Sub-Saharan Africa							
Nutrient	Unit	Per capita daily supply	Estimated average requirement (EAR)	Current rate of deficiency (%)	Amount supplied by 5 grams of insects	Absolute change in rate of deficiency with insects (%)	2020 population removed from risk of deficiency with insects (millions)
Protein	g	52.0 (50.8 – 53.3)	26.5	17.5 (16.5 – 18.5)	2.6 (1.0 – 3.8)	-1.6 (-2.1 – -0.4)	15 (3 – 19)
Zinc (absorbable)	mg	2.33 (2.30 – 2.36)	1.76	27.2 (26.2 – 28.0)	0.10 (0.07 – 0.13)	-3.6 (-4.9 – -2.6)	33 (23 – 44)
Folate	mcg	414 (384 – 475)	281	25.8 (18.8 – 30.7)	18 (9 – 45)	-3.0 (-7.9 – -1.4)	27 (12 – 70)
Vitamin B12	mcg	2.61 (1.30 – 4.08)	1.72	45.2 (24.4 – 76.1)	0.14 (0 – 3.51)	-3.9 (-58.2 – -0.8)	35 (7 – 523)
Iron	mg	25.2 (21.4 – 28.6)	*	*	0.48 (0.01 – 3.2)	*	*

TABLE S5							
Full results by individual region: Central and South Asia							
Nutrient	Unit	Per capita daily supply	Estimated average requirement (EAR)	Current rate of deficiency (%)	Amount supplied by 5 grams of insects	Absolute change in rate of deficiency with insects (%)	2020 population removed from risk of deficiency with insects (millions)
Protein	g	55.5 (53.8 – 57.1)	27.1	9.3 (8.1 – 10.6)	2.7 (1.9 – 3.8)	-1.4 (-2.0 – -0.9)	28 (18 – 40)
Zinc (absorbable)	mg	2.49 (2.46 – 2.54)	1.95	27.9 (26.4 – 29.1)	0.1 (0.07 – 0.13)	-3.3 (-4.5 – -2.4)	67 (48 – 90)
Folate	mcg	303 (287 – 320)	295	48.6 (43.1 – 54.3)	19 (9 – 45)	-5.9 (-13.6 – -2.9)	118 (58 – 269)
Vitamin B12	mcg	1.42 (1.16 – 1.74)	1.82	76.6 (66.5 – 84.3)	0.14 (0 – 3.51)	-4.4 (-74.8 – 0)	85 (0 – 1461)
Iron	mg	21.5 (18.1 – 30.2)	*	*	1.1 (0.08 – 2)	*	*

TABLE S6							
Full results by individual region: East and Southeast Asia							
Nutrient	Unit	Per capita daily supply	Estimated average requirement (EAR)	Current rate of deficiency (%)	Amount supplied by 5 grams of insects	Absolute change in rate of deficiency with insects (%)	2020 population removed from risk of deficiency with insects (millions)
Protein	g	69 (66.2 – 74.5)	29.3	10.8 (8.7 – 12.2)	2.7 (1.1 – 3.7)	-1.1 (-1.5 – -0.5)	23 (10 – 31)
Zinc (absorbable)	mg	2.92 (2.84 – 3.01)	2.06	19.3 (17.7 – 21.1)	0.1 (0.07 – 0.13)	-2.5 (-3.3 – -1.8)	54 (39 – 71)

Folate	mcg	406 (350 – 629)	302	29.9 (22.2 – 38.9)	21 (9 – 32)	-3.5 (-6.5 – -1.3)	74 (27 – 138)
Vitamin B12	mcg	4.31 (2.67 – 6.12)	1.88	17.4 (5.2 – 37.7)	0.05 (0 – 3.51)	-0.6 (-23 – 0)	13 (0 – 492)
Iron	mg	26.6 (21.6 – 45.8)	*	*	0.32 (0.05 – 1.66)	*	*

TABLE S7

Full results by individual region: Northern Africa and Western Asia

Nutrient	Unit	Per capita daily supply	Estimated average requirement (EAR)	Current rate of deficiency (%)	Amount supplied by 5 grams of insects	Absolute change in rate of deficiency with insects (%)	2020 population removed from risk of deficiency with insects (millions)
Protein	g	77.8 (75.5 – 79.6)	28.4	4.6 (4.1 – 5.2)	2.7 (1.6 – 3.8)	-0.6 (-0.8 – -0.3)	2 (1 – 3)
Zinc (absorbable)	mg	2.58 (2.56 – 2.6)	1.92	25.1 (24.3 – 25.9)	0.08 (0.06 – 0.1)	-2.4 (-3.2 – -1.7)	10 (7 – 14)
Folate	mcg	425 (409 – 447)	291	22.9 (20.4 – 25.4)	19 (9 – 45)	-3.1 (-6.8 – -1.5)	13 (7 – 30)
Vitamin B12	mcg	2.89 (1.88 – 4.62)	1.8	36.1 (16.9 – 60.6)	0.14 (0 – 3.51)	-2.4 (-46.9 – 0)	10 (0 – 203)
Iron	mg	21 (19.3 – 22.9)	*	*	0.36 (0 – 1.66)	*	*

Supplemental Methods and References

1. Methods

1.1. Nutritional intakes and possible additional contributions from insects

For all nutrients except vitamin B12, we used the existing publicly accessible Global Expanded Nutrient Supply (GENuS) dataset, which reports the contribution of 225 foods to 23 macro- and micronutrients for 34 age-sex groups (5-year age bins by sex) across 152 countries (95.5% of the global population) through 2011 (1,2). We used 2011 for this analysis, the most recent year in GENuS. GENuS relies on data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation's (FAO) food balance sheets combined with additional FAO data on commodity production and trade paired with regional food composition tables to estimate the range of potential nutrients supplied by the diet. Though FAO and GENuS only report food available to be eaten rather than food actually eaten, here we use GENuS nutrient supply estimates as a proxy for nutrient intake, as in many previous studies (3–6).

For protein, we applied an additional coefficient to account for its varying digestibility depending on the food source. Here, we assumed that plant-based protein was 80% digestible and animal-based protein was 95% digestible (7). For insects, we relied on a handful of studies that have examined digestibility specifically, which showed some variation by species. Compared with soy protein, for example, some insects are of equivalent or superior protein quality (8,9). In a large study, insect protein digestibility for 87 species ranged from 76-96%, higher than that of most plant proteins but slightly lower than egg protein (95%) or beef (98%) (10). Another study measured protein digestibility of farmed *T. molitor* and *A. domesticus* fed to rats. Digestibility for both raw (84-92%) and heat-treated insects (84-90%) was high (11). Among these variable estimates, we used 85% as an average value.

Lastly, converting the amount of total dietary zinc to that which is absorbable by the body requires another step. For this, we used the total zinc and phytate in the diet, with and without insects, as inputs into an equation for estimating absorbable zinc derived by Miller et al. (12) with updated coefficients from Hambidge et al. (13). Because zinc and phytate are thus paired in our dietary absorbable zinc calculations, for this step we winnowed our list of insect nutritional data to only those species that had data for both zinc and phytate. This left only five species with the necessary paired data, which was then insufficient to elucidate differences among regions. Therefore, for zinc only, we used a single global food composition table which combined the possible contributions from only those five species with appropriate data, which we then applied to all study countries (Supplemental Table S2).

1.2. Estimating human nutritional requirements

For absorbable zinc, the physiological requirements for each age-sex group were estimated by the International Zinc Nutrition Consultative Group (14). Because pregnant and lactating women require extra zinc, we account for these additional requirements within the relevant age-sex groups by using the 2015 age-specific fertility rates in each country provided by the United

Nations Population Division (15) multiplied by the average fraction of the year occupied by pregnancy: 40/52 weeks. To estimate the number of lactating women in each country, fertility rates were multiplied by the average duration of breastfeeding collected from the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Data Bank on Infant and Young Child Feeding (16) and the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (17). Countries lacking data from either source were estimated using a regional average.

To estimate protein requirements, we used the method previously employed in Smith and Myers (6). Protein requirements are not derived solely as a function of an individual's age and sex, but also their weight (18). However, lacking a global standard for an acceptable weight from which to determine protein deficiency, we used the WHO recommendation of a body mass index (BMI) of 18.5 as the lowest acceptable weight-for-height before being deemed underweight. NCD-RisC (19) data on adult height by age, sex and country was used to calculate corresponding minimal acceptable weights in each group, and WHO BMI-for-age and height-for-age curves were used to extrapolate adult BMIs and heights to equivalent values for adolescents and children older than 5. For children under 5, BMI data was unavailable, so the fiftieth percentile weight was used in each country to determine deficiency. For pregnant and lactating women, additional protein requirements were estimated as for zinc.

For folate and vitamin B12, the recommended nutrient intake values for each age-sex group were collected from FAO-WHO (20) and converted to estimated average requirements (EARs) using conversion factors from WHO-FAO (21) for use in the next step. When the reported age-sex categories for the physiological requirements did not align with the 5-year age bins in our model, we used simple weighted averages of the requirements to harmonize our definitions.

For iron, the link between dietary intake and physiological iron deficiency is complicated by several interceding variables (22,23): the relative amounts of non-heme and heme iron consumed, the individual's iron status at the time, other dietary components eaten simultaneously that can inhibit (e.g., calcium, phytate, alcohol, tannins) or enhance (e.g., ascorbic acid, animal protein) absorption, menstruation in women of childbearing age, and concurrent diseases. Because we have sufficient data for only some of these factors, we have an incomplete picture of the bioavailability of iron for any individual or population. Furthermore, the iron requirements for menstruating women are not normally distributed, which violates the conditions for using the EAR cut-point method in the next step. Due to these limitations, we are unable to estimate the prevalence of those at risk of deficiency either before or after addition of insects. Instead, we model only the amount of additional iron that could be provided by insects in each region to give a rough idea of the potential importance to increasing iron sufficiency.

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