

THE INVASIVE COLEOPTEROFAUNA FOR REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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Abstract

The invasive coleopterofauna for Republic of Moldova consists of the 100 species. After correlation local database with Fauna Europaea for our country registered are 31 of species, but for 69 mentioned with the „absent” and 38 „no date”. In the meantime 24 species were recorded for our country: *Acanthoscelides obtectus*, *A.pallidipennis*, *Alphitobius diaperinus*, *Alphitophagus bifasciatus*, *Bruchus pisorum*, *B.rufimanus*, *Caulophilus latinasus*, *Diabrotica virgifera*, *Gnathocerus cornutus*, *Harmonia axyridis*, *Lasioderma serricorne*, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, *Lignyodes bischoffi*, *Lithocharis nigriceps*, *Oryzaephilus surinamensis*, *Rhyzopertha dominica*, *Sitophilus granarius*, *S. oryzae*, *S. zeamais*, *Tenebrio molitor*, *Tenebrioides mauritanicus*, *Tribolium castaneum*, *T. destructor*, *Trogoderma granarium*. According periods penetration the invasive beetles it was found that 2 species have entered the XVIII century, 16 species in the XIX, 53 species in the XX and 29 species in the XXI century. The registration invasive beetles in countries of interest to the our country is in: Bulgaria – 54 species; Poland – 39; România – 3; other countries- 4.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Of all the insects on the planet, beetles are most numerous in number of species, such coleopterofauna invasive in Europe, including our country is one of the richest. Some beetles constitute a significant part in the history of international and national entomological research, because migration from one continent to another accidentally or intentionally started several centuries ago (Elton, 1958; Derjanschi et al., 2012).

Some of nonnative species became agricultural plant pests with economic impact: *Acanthoscelides obtectus* (Timuș, 2004), *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Timuș, 2001, 2002, 2003), *Popillia japonica*, *Autoserica castanea*, *Anomalia orientalis*, *Xylosandrus germanus*, *Lignyodes bischoffi* (Poiras, 1989), *Diabrotica virgifera*, etc. (Perju et al., 2005; Timuș, 2005; Voineac, 2007; Timuș and Covali, 2008; Perju and Teodor, 2009). Other launched intentionally became useful niches, being effective predators of agricultural pests, for example *Rodolia cardinalis* the ocean origin and *Harmonia axyridis* of Asian origin (Semianov, 1974; Ijevski, 2008; Ruicănescu and Alexandru, 2009; Beliakova, 2010; Kubisy, 2011; Iazlovețchii and Sumencova, 2013; Timuș, 2013; Timuș and Stahi, 2013 a,b; Vition, 2013).

Some species have penetrated accidentally or specifically released on some continents, contribute to recycling decaying organic matter (*Lithocharis nigriceps*, *Oxytelus migrator*, species from genus

Geotrupes, *Attagenus*, *Dermestinus*, *Corticaria*, etc.). Knowledge aspects of geographical origin, distribution into new ecological niches, bioecological peculiarities, the economic impact, environmental aspects, etc., these species are needed for each country, which was taken and in our country (Busuioc, 2003; Timuș and Croitoru, 2006 a,b; Bacal et al., 2013; Muntean et al., 2014; Timuș, 2015).

In this context, the paper exposes some aspects from basic research of the coleopterofauna invasive from database of Republic of Moldova.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research the invasive entomofauna from the superorder Mecopteroidea was performed according to: a) analysis of the individual insect host-plants of agricultural land and the cultural landscapes (parks, squares, alleys, niches without control); b) literature in the archives and the libraries sectional "old book"; c) in the conjunction with databases of interest to the countries: Romania, Poland and Bulgaria. In the agricultural fields and the cultural landscapes, the individuals specimens of insects harvested during the growing season were installed by the methods of collecting and their conservation (Croitoru et al., 2012).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The invazive coleopterofauna consists of the 100 species divided into the 2 suborder (Adephaga, Polyphaga), 3 infraorder (Staphyliniformia – 11,0%; Bostrichiformia – 19,0%; Cucujiformia – 67,0%), 10 suprafamily and 26 family (Table 1, 2 and Figure 1).

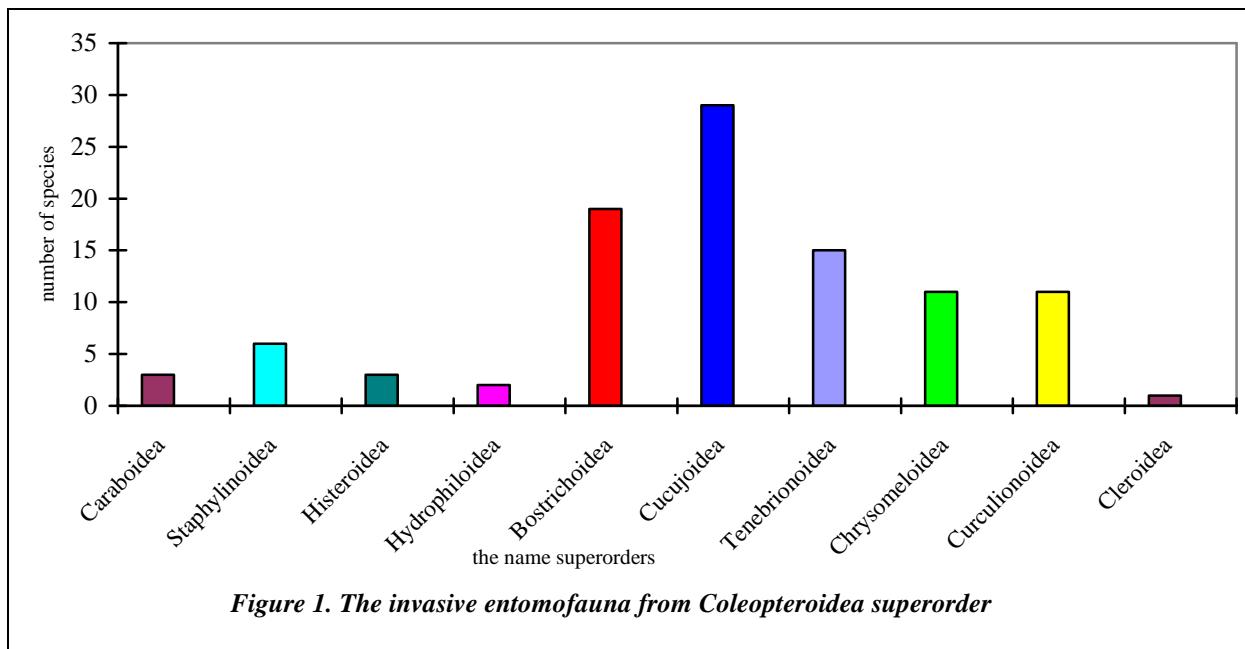
The data presented is observed as a most species are part of superfamily Cucuoidea (29.0%), coming up Bostrichoidea (19.0%), Tenebrionoidea (15.0%), Chrysomeloidea (11.0%), Curculionoidea (11.0%), etc. At the level of families dominated Tenebrionidae with 10 of species, Anobiidae, Dermestidae and Nitidulidae each with 9 species, 10 other families with one species and the other to a variable number of from 2 or 7 species.

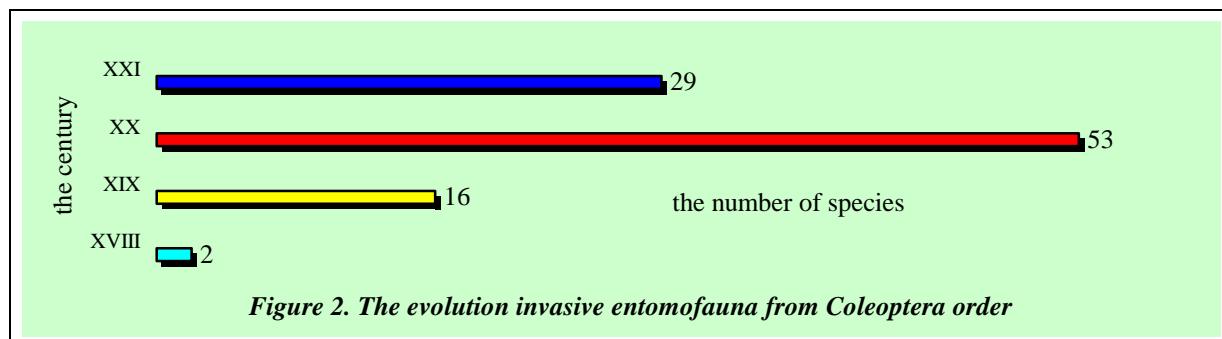
From the chronological analysis the invazive coleopterofauna, observed that beginning of the XVIII century and continues to the present. The earliest recorded invasive beetles were: *Stegobium paniceum* – 1792 (on the stored plant products); *Nausibius clavicornis* – 1794 (in sugar cane stored); *Alphitobius diaperinus* – 1794 (in organic matter decomposing being saprophagous and coprophagous); *Bruchus pisorum* – 1832 (in beans of *Pisum sativum*); *Sitophilus oryzae* – 1806 (on the stored plant products); *Lasioderma serricorne* – 1832 (in organic matter decomposing being pantophagous); *Bruchus rufimanus*, *Tribolium castaneum* – 1848 (in beans of *Vicia fabae* and others the stored plant products); *Rhyzopertha dominica* – 1852 (in stored grain), etc. Registering an invasive beetle fauna was conducted primarily by sea route, on the north side, that is, in Poland, then through the southern side or Bulgaria, and then through the west side or Romania and a small amount from the south or through Ukraine.

In total, in this century were dated 33 invasive beetles, but recording continued in the XIX century (16 species), the XX century (53 species) and the XXI century (29 species) (figure 2).

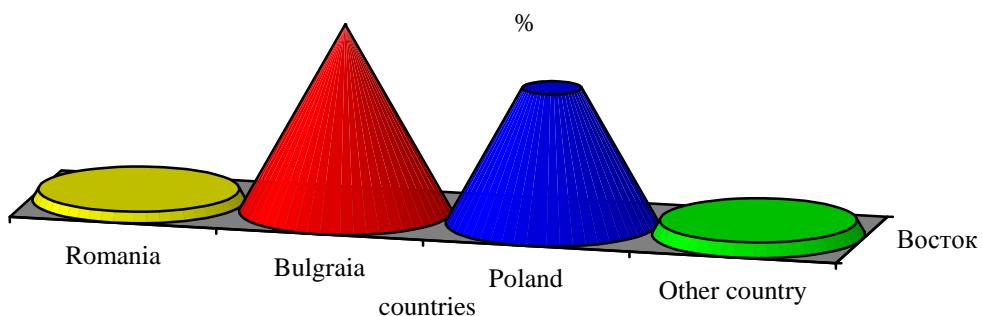
Table 1. The invasive entomofauna from superorder Coleopteroidea, Coleoptera order, registered in the countries of interest for Republic of Moldova

Clasification		Romania		Bulgaria		Poland		Other country		FaEu / Republic of Moldova					
suborder, infraorder, superfamily	number of species	total	%	total	%	total	%	total	%	present	%	absent	%	no date	%
Suborder Adephaga															
Caraboidea	3	0	0	33.3	0	66.6	0	0	0	2	66.6	1	33.3	0	0
Total	3	0	0	33.3	0	66.6	0	0	0	2	66.6	1	33.3	0	0
suborder Polyphaga															
infraorder Staphyliniformia															
Staphylinoidea	6	2	33.3	0	0	4	66.6	0	0	2	33.3	1	16.6	3	50.0
Histeroidea	3	0	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	1	33.3	2	66.6	0	0
Hydrophiloidea	2	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0
Total	11	2	18.1	3	27.2	6	54.5	0	0	3	27.2	5	45.4	3	27.2
infraorder Bostrichiformia															
Bostrichoidea	19	0	0	12	63.1	6	31.5	1	5.2	10	52.6	8	42.1	1	5.2
Total	19	0	0	12	63.1	6	31.5	1	5.2	10	52.6	8	42.1	1	5.2
Infraorder Cucujiformia															
Cucujoidea	29	0	0	20	68.9	8	27.5	1	3.4	10	34.4	10	34.4	8	27.5
Tenebrionoidea	15	0	0	7	46.6	8	53.3	0	0	2	13.3	5	33.3	8	53.3
Chrysomeloidea	11	1	9.0	5	45.4	5	45.4	0	0	1	9.0	1	9.0	9	81.8
Curculionoidea	11	0	0	5	45.4	4	36.3	2	18.1	3	27.2	0	0	9	81.8
Cleroidea	1	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0
Total	67	0	0	38	56.7	26	38.8	3	4.4	16	23.8	17	25.3	34	50.7
Total Suborder – 2; Infraorder – 3; Superfamilies – 10	100	3	3.0	54	54.0	39	39.0	4	4.0	31	31.0	31	31.0	38	38.0





From the chronological correlation of databases with the countries of interest to mention that most species were recorded: in the Bulgaria – 54.0%; then in the Poland – 39.0%; in the Romania – 3.0%; in other countries – 4.0% (Figure 3).



The invazive coleopterofauna has been correlation with database of Fauna Europaea and for Republic of Moldova 69.0% species mentioned with the „absent” and „no date”. Of these in the our country were recorded 24 species: 1 of the Anobiidae family (*Lasioderma serricorne* – 2003), 1 of the Bostrichidae family (*Rhyzopertha dominica* – 2003), 4 of the Bruchidae family (*Bruchus pisorum*, *B.rufimanus*, *Acanthoscelides abtectus* – 1957, *A. pallidipennis* – 2006), 2 of the Chrysomelidae family (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* – 1960, *Diabrotica virgifera* – 2014), 1 of the Coccinellidae family (*Harmonia axridis* – 2011), 5 of the Curculionidae family (*Lignyodes bischoffi* – 1987, *Sitophilus granarius*, *S.oryzae*, *S.zeamais*, *Caulophilus latinasus* – 2003), 1 of the Dermestidae family (*Trogoderma granarium* – 2003), 1 of the Silvanidae family (*Oryzaephilus surinamensis*), 1 of the Staphylinidae family (*Lithocharis nigriceps* – 1984), 6 of the Tenebrionidae family (*Gnathocerus cornutus* – 2003, *Alphitobius diaperinus*, *Alphitophagus bifasciatus*, *Tribolium castaneum*, *T.destructor* – 2005, *Tenebrio molitor* – 2005), 1 of the Trogossilidae family (*Tenebrioides mauritanicus* – 2003). The other 45 species requires research and publication of results in scientific articles European value, because most of these species are found in one of the countries of interest.

Table 2. The invazive entomofauna from the Holometabola grupa, Coleopteroidea supraorder, Coleoptera order

	Family, genus, species / Order, suborder, superfamily, Infraorder	1780-1789	1790-1799	1800-1809	1810-1819	1820-1829	1830-1839	1840-1849	1850-1859	1860-1869	1870-1879	1880-1889	1890-1899	1900-1909	1910-1919	1920-1929	1930-1939	1940-1949	1950-1959	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2009	2010-2014																								
Carabidae		suborder Adephaga, superfamily Caraboidea																																															
1. <i>Amara majuscula</i> , 1850																																																	
2. <i>Trechicus nigriceps</i> , 1831																																																	
3. <i>Pterostichus caspius</i> , 1832																																																	
Anobiidae		suborder Polyphaga, superfamily Bostrichoidea, Infraorder Bostrichiformia																																															
4. <i>Lasioderma serricorne</i> , 1792								Po																																									
5. <i>Stegobium paniceum</i> , 1758		Po																																															
6. <i>Epauleucus unicolor</i> , 1783																						Bg																											
7. <i>Gibbium psylloides</i> , 1778																								Bg																									
8. <i>Niptus hololeucus</i> , 1835																								Md																									
9. <i>Ptinus bicinctus</i> , 1837																								Bg																									
10. <i>P. fur</i> , 1758																			Bg																														
11. <i>P. latro</i> , 1775																				Bg																													
12. <i>P. tectus</i> , 1856																								Bg																									
Dermestidae																																																	
13. <i>Attagenus smirnovi</i> , 1973																								Po																									
14. <i>A. fasciatus</i> , 1795																								Bg																									
15. <i>A. unicolor</i> , 1791																			Bg																														
16. <i>Dermestinus frischii</i> , 1792																			Bg																														
17. <i>D. maculatus</i> , 1774																								Bg																									
18. <i>D. lardarius</i> , 1758																		Bg																															
19. <i>Sefrania bleusei</i> , 1899																								Po																									
20. <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> , 1898																								Po																									
21. <i>T. glabrum</i> , 1783																			Bg																														
Bostrichidae																																																	
22. <i>Rhyzopertha dominica</i> , 1792																		Po																															
Coccinellidae		Suborder Polyphaga, superfamily Cucujoidea, Infraorder Cucujiformia																																															
23. <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> , 1773																								Po																									
Cryptophagidae																																																	
24. <i>Caenoscelis subdeplanata</i> , 1882																											Ma																						
25. <i>Cryptophagus laticollis</i> , 1846																								Bg																									
26. <i>C. acutangulus</i> , 1828																								Bg																									
27. <i>C. cellaris</i> , 1763																								Bg																									
28. <i>C. fallax</i> , 1953																								Bg																									
29. <i>C. pilosus</i> , 1827																								Bg																									
30. <i>C. subfumatus</i> , 1856																								Bg																									
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31. <i>Holoparamecus caularum</i> , 1843																											Bg																						
Latridiidae																																																	
32. <i>Cartodere nodifer</i> , 1839																											Bg																						
33. <i>Corticaria elongata</i> , 1827																											Bg																						
34. <i>C. ferruginea</i> 1802																											Bg																						
35. <i>C. fulva</i> , 1837																											Bg																						
36. <i>C. serrata</i> , 1798																											Bg																						

37.	<i>Dienerella filum</i> , 1850																Bg	
38.	<i>Latridius minutus</i> , 1767																Bg	
	Silvanidae																	
39.	<i>Ahasverus advena</i> , 1834					Po												
40.	<i>Nausibius clavicornis</i> , 1794	Po																
41.	<i>Oryzaephilus mercator</i> , 1889												Po					
42.	<i>C. surinamensis</i> , 1758					Po												
	Nitidulidae																	
43.	<i>Carpophilus nepos</i> , 1864															Bg		
44.	<i>C. marginellus</i> , 1858													Po				
45.	<i>C. hemipterus</i> , 1758					Po												
46.	<i>C. dimidiatus</i> , 1792												Bg					
47.	<i>C. mutilatus</i> , 1843														Bg			
48.	<i>C. tersus</i> , 1865														Bg			
49.	<i>Glischrochilus quadrisignatus</i> , 1835												Po					
50.	<i>Epuraea luteola</i> , 1843															Bg		
51.	<i>Urophorus humeralis</i> , 1798															Bg		
	Anthicidae																	Suborder Polyphaga, superfamily Tenebrionoidea, Infraorder Cucujiformia
52.	<i>Omonadus floralis</i> , 1758														Bg			
	Ciidae																	
53.	<i>Xylographus bostrychoides</i> , 1843																Bg	
	Mycetophagidae																	
54.	<i>Litargus balteatus</i> , 1856															Po		
55.	<i>Typhaea stercorea</i> , 1758														Bg			
	Oedemeridae																	
56.	<i>Nacerdes melanura</i> ., 1758					Po												
	Tenebrionidae																	
57.	<i>Alphitobius diaperinus</i> , 1797	Po																
58.	<i>A. laevigatus</i> , 1781											Po						
59.	<i>Alphitophagus bifasciatus</i> , 1824												Bg					
60.	<i>Gnathocerus cornutus</i> , 1798						Po											
61.	<i>Latheticus oryzae</i> , 1880															Bg		
62.	<i>Palorus subdepressus</i> , 1864														Bg			
63.	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> , 1797			Po														
64.	<i>T. confusum</i> , 1862										Po							
65.	<i>T. destructor</i> , 1933												Po					
66.	<i>Tenebrio molitor</i> , 1758										Bg							
	Cerambycidae																	Suborder Polyphaga, superfamily Chrysomeloidea, Infraorder Cucujiformia
67.	<i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> , 1853																Po	
	Chrysomelidae																	
68.	<i>Diabrotica virgifera</i> , 1868																Bg	
69.	<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i> , 1824					Po												
70.	<i>Epitrix hirtipennis</i> , 1847																Bg	
	Bruchinae																	
71.	<i>Acanthoscelides obtectus</i> , 1831																	Ro

72.	<i>A. pallidipennis</i> , 1873																Bg		
73.	<i>Bruchus pisorum</i> , 1758		Po																
74.	<i>B. rufimanus</i> , 1833				Po														
75.	<i>Callosobruchus maculatus</i> , 1775															Bg			
76.	<i>C. chinensis</i> , 1758																	Bg	
77.	<i>Zabrotes subfasciatus</i> , 1833													Po					
	Anthribidae																		
78.	<i>Araecerus coffeeae</i> , 1801																	Bg	
	Curculionidae																		
79.	<i>Anthonomus brunneipennis</i> , 1840																Po		
80.	<i>Lignyodes bischoffi</i> , 1916																	Md	
81.	<i>Sitophilus granarius</i> , 1758												Bg						
82.	<i>S. oryzae</i> , 1763		Po																
83.	<i>S. zeamais</i> , 1855													Po					
84.	<i>Caulophilus latinasus</i> , 1838																	Md	
85.	<i>Gronops inaequalis</i> , 1842													Po					
	Brentidae (Apioninae)																		
86.	<i>Alocentron curvirostre</i> , 1833												Bg						
87.	<i>Aspidapion validum</i> , 1817																Bg		
88.	<i>Rhopalapion longirostre</i> , 1807												Bg						
	Trogossitidae (Ostomatidae)																		
89.	<i>Tenebrioides mauritanicus</i> , 1758												Bg						
	Staphylinidae																		
90.	<i>Oxytelus migrator</i> , 1904																Po		
91.	<i>Lithocaris nigriceps</i> , 1859																		Ro
92.	<i>Bisnius parcus</i> , 1874																		Ro
93.	<i>Philonthus rectangulus</i> , 1874												Po						
94.	<i>Ph. spinipes</i> , 1874																Po		
	Bathysciidae																		
95.	<i>Speonomus normandi hydrophilus</i> , 1907																Po		
	Histeridae																		
96.	<i>Carcinops pumilio</i> , 1834																		Bg
97.	<i>Cryptolestes pusillus</i> , 1817													Bg					
98.	<i>C. ferrugineus</i> , 1831												Bg						
	Hydrophilidae																		
99.	<i>Cercyon laminatus</i> , 1873																Po		
100.	<i>Cryptopleurum subtile</i> , 1884																Po		

4. CONCLUSIONS

The invazive coleopterofauna from Republic of Moldova consists of the 100 species or 33,4% the entire database and they are part of 67 of genus, 26 of family, 10 superfamily, 3 infraorder and 2 suborder. At the level families dominate Tenebrionidae family with 10 species, Anobiidae,

Dermestidae and Nitidulidae family each with 9 species, and the other to a variable number of from 1 to 7 species.

The chronological registration the invazive coleopterofauna began in the XVIII century with species *Stegobium paniceum* – 1972); *Nausibius clavicornis*, *Alphitobius diaperinus* – 1794; *Bruchus pisorum* – 1832; *Sitophilus oryzae* – 1806; *Lasioderma serricorne* – 1832; *Bruchus rufimanus*, *Tribolium castaneum* – 1848; *Rhyzopertha dominica* – 1852; etc.; in the XIX century 16 of species, in the XX century 53 of species and in the XXI century 29 of species.

The phytophagous beetles were found in various the stored plant products and the destructors – saprophagous, pantophagous, coprophagous and decomposing organic matter.

After collating the coleopterofauna invazive with database of the Fauna Europaea was determined that for 69 species referred to "absent" and "no data", but meanwhile the 24 species were recorded in our country: *Acanthoscelides abtectus*, *Bruchus pisorum*, *B.rufimanus*, *Oryzaephilus surinamensis* – 1957; *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* – 1960; *Lithocaris nigriceps* – 1984; *Lignyodes bischoffi* – 1987; *Caulophilus latinasus*, *Gnathocerus cornutus*, *Lasioderma serricorne*, *Rhyzopertha dominica* *Sitophilus granarius*, *S.oryzae*, *S.zeamais*, *Trogoderma granarium*, *Tenebrioides mauritanicus* – 2003; *Alphitobius diaperinus*, *Alphitophagus bifasciatus*, *Tribolium castaneum*, *T.destructor*, *Tenebrio molitor* – 2005; *Acanthoscelides pallidipennis* – 2006; *Harmonia axyridis* – 2011; *Diabrotica virgifera* – 2014.

The registration invasive insects in countries of interest for our country, these species are recorded as follows: in the Bulgaria – 54 species, in the Poland – 39, in the Romania – 3 and in other countries – 4.

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