Survey of native *Trichogramma*-species in the olive grove ecosystem.

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Native *Trichogramma*-species were collected by weekly exposure of sentinel eggs (depending on availability: *Sitotroga cereallela*, *Ephestia kuehniella*, *Palpita unionalis*) in several olive groves in Portugal, Greece, Egypt and Tunisia from 2002 to 2004. The data obtained suggest a low species diversity of the *Trichogramma*-fauna in the olive grove ecosystem. *T. cacoeciae* was collected in Portugal, Tunisia and Egypt. *T. bourarachae* was collected in Tunisia and Egypt and an unidentified species close to *T. bourarachae* in Portugal. *T. cordubensis* was successfully collected in Egypt in a newly established olive plantation near Cairo from eggs of the jasmine moth, *Palpita unionalis*. The collected species/strains were characterized and compared by molecularbiological methods. Their potential role for use in biological control of olive pests is discussed.