

Package: sepkoski (via r-universe)

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interval_table	<i>Interval table for linking and standardising intervals</i>
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Description

This dataset provides the interval table used for updating the intervals in Sepkoski's fossil marine animal genera compendium with the [International Geological Time Scale 2023](#). This table was generated based on published literature and the [GeoWhen Database](#). In the majority of cases, this was a clear conversion. However, in several cases reasonable interpretation was required.

Usage

interval_table

Format

A data.frame with 302 rows and 4 variables:

interval_max A character denoting the oldest international geological stage.

interval_min A character denoting the youngest international geological stage.

code A character denoting the original interval abbreviation.

original_interval A character denoting the original interval.

sepkoski

Sepkoski's marine animal genera compendium

Description

This dataset is a port of [Sepkoski's \(2002\)](#) published compendium of fossil marine animal genera. This version of the dataset was pulled from Shanan Peters' [online database](#). No changes have been made to any taxonomic names. However, first and last appearance intervals have been updated to stages from the [International Geological Time Scale 2023](#). In updating interval names, some interpretation was required. The [interval_table](#) dataset documents the linked interval names.

Usage

sepkoski

Format

A data.frame with 35826 rows and 9 variables:

phylum A character denoting the phylum of the taxon.

class A character denoting the class of the taxon.

order A character denoting the order of the taxon.

genus A character denoting the genus of the taxon.

fauna A character denoting the great evolutionary fauna type of the taxon.

interval_max A character denoting the interval of first occurrence.

interval_min A character denoting the interval of last occurrence.

max_ma A numeric denoting the interval age of first occurrence.

min_ma A numeric denoting the interval age of last occurrence.

References

Sepkoski, J. J. (2002). A compendium of fossil marine animal genera. *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, 363, pp. 1–560.

Source

Shanan Peter's 'Sepkoski's Online Genus Database': <http://strata.geology.wisc.edu/jack/>.

`sepkoski_curve`*Plot Sepkoski's evolutionary fauna using ggplot*

Description

This function plots Sepkoski's evolutionary fauna (Sepkoski, 1981), using the Sepkoski (2002) fossil marine animal genera compendium (i.e. the included `sepkoski` dataset). No changes have been made to any taxonomic names in this dataset. However, first and last appearance intervals have been updated to stages from the [International Geological Time Scale 2023](#). As such, minor differences may be observed to previously published plots. See [interval_table](#) for interval definitions.

Usage

```
sepkoski_curve()
```

Details

Taxa are assigned to evolutionary fauna (EF) categories as follows:

- Cambrian EF: Trilobita, Polychaeta, Tergomya ("Monoplacophora"), Inarticulata, and Hyolithomorpha.
- Paleozoic EF: Anthozoa, Articulata, Asteroidea, Cephalopoda, Crinoidea, Ostracoda, Ophiuroidea, Somasteroidea, and Stenolaemata.
- Modern EF: Bivalvia, Chondrichthyes, Demospongia, Echinoidea, Gastropoda, Gymnolaemata, Malacostraca, and Osteichthyes.

Value

Function is primarily used to plot Sepkoski's curve with `ggplot2`. A `ggplot` object is returned invisibly.

References

Sepkoski, J. J. (1981). A factor analytic description of the Phanerozoic marine fossil record. *Paleobiology*, 7(1), pp. 36–53.

Sepkoski, J. J. (2002). A compendium of fossil marine animal genera. *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, 363, pp. 1–560.

Examples

```
# Generate default plot
sepkoski_curve()
```

```
# Customise plot colours
library(ggplot2)
sepkoski_curve() +
  scale_fill_brewer()
```

```
# Customise geological timescale
library(deeptime)
sepkoski_curve() +
  coord_geo(
    pos = as.list(rep("bottom", 2)),
    dat = list("stages", "periods"),
    height = list(unit(1, "lines"), unit(1, "line")),
    size = list(2.5, 2.5),
    lab = list(FALSE, TRUE))
```

sepkoski_curve_base *Plot Sepkoski's evolutionary fauna using base R*

Description

This function plots Sepkoski's evolutionary fauna (Sepkoski, 1981), using the Sepkoski (2002) fossil marine animal genera compendium (i.e. the included [sepkoski](#) dataset). No changes have been made to any taxonomic names in this dataset. However, first and last appearance intervals have been updated to stages from the [International Geological Time Scale 2023](#). As such, minor differences may be observed to previously published plots. See [interval_table](#) for interval definitions.

Usage

```
sepkoski_curve_base(plot_args = NULL, axis_args = NULL, legend_args = NULL)
```

Arguments

plot_args	list. A named list of optional arguments that are passed directly to graphics::plot() . If NULL (default), a default list of arguments are used.
axis_args	list. A named list of optional arguments that are passed directly to palaeoverse::axis_geo() . If NULL (default), a default list of arguments are used. If FALSE, no axis is added.
legend_args	list. A named list of optional arguments that are passed directly to graphics::legend() . If NULL (default), a default list of arguments are used. If FALSE, no legend is added.

Details

Taxa are assigned to evolutionary fauna (EF) categories as follows:

- Cambrian EF: Trilobita, Polychaeta, Tergomya ("Monoplacophora"), Inarticulata, and Hyolithomorpha.
- Paleozoic EF: Anthozoa, Articulata, Asteroidea, Cephalopoda, Crinoidea, Ostracoda, Ophiuroidea, Somasteroidea, and Stenolaemata.
- Modern EF: Bivalvia, Chondrichthyes, Demospongia, Echinoidea, Gastropoda, Gymnolaemata, Malacostraca, and Osteichthyes.

Value

No return value. Function is used to plot Sepkoski's curve with user-defined arguments.

References

Sepkoski, J. J. (1981). A factor analytic description of the Phanerozoic marine fossil record. *Paleobiology*, 7(1), pp. 36–53.

Sepkoski, J. J. (2002). A compendium of fossil marine animal genera. *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, 363, pp. 1–560.

Examples

```
# Plot curve with default arguments
sepkoski_curve_base()

# Plot curve with user-defined arguments
sepkoski_curve_base(plot_args = list(main = "Sepkoski's Curve"),
                    axis_args = list(intervals = list("stages", "periods"),
                                     lab = FALSE),
                    legend_args = list(bty = "o"))
```

sepkoski_raw

Sepkoski's marine animal genera compendium (raw)

Description

This dataset is a port of [Sepkoski's \(2002\)](#) published compendium of fossil marine animal genera. This version of the dataset was pulled from Shanan Peters' [online database](#). No changes have been made to any taxonomic names or first and last appearance data. The definitions of stage/period abbreviations are provided in [Sepkoski's \(2002\)](#), or can be accessed via the included [interval_table](#) for convenience.

Usage

```
sepkoski_raw
```

Format

A data.frame with 35826 rows and 8 variables:

phylum A character denoting the phylum of the taxon.

class A character denoting the class of the taxon.

order A character denoting the order of the taxon.

genus A character denoting the genus of the taxon.

FOP A character denoting the geological period of first occurrence.

FOS A character denoting the geological stage of last occurrence.

LOP A character denoting the geological period of first occurrence.

LOS A character denoting the geological stage of last occurrence.

References

Sepkoski, J. J. (2002). A compendium of fossil marine animal genera. *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, 363, pp. 1–560.

Source

Shanan Peter's 'Sepkoski's Online Genus Database': <http://strata.geology.wisc.edu/jack/>.

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