

MUTUAL RELATIONSHIPS OF EARTHWORMS, PLANTS AND ORIBATID MITES

Summary

Current research of soil ecology focuses on the impact of diversity of vegetation on soil fauna, as well as the interactions between organisms occurring above and below soil surface. Soil is a complex system of interactions between soil dwellers. This

paper deals only with the three elements of this system: oribatid mites, plants and engineering earthworms. This work described their mutual interaction and their impact on soil environment.