

# First true millipede discovered

A newly discovered species of millipede has set a new world record for the greatest number of legs, with 1,306. Previously no millipede had been found with more than 750 legs

***Eumillipes persephone*** – named after Greek goddess of underworld – discovered 60m underground in drill hole for mineral exploration in Western Australia



Width: **0.95mm**

Length: **95.7mm**

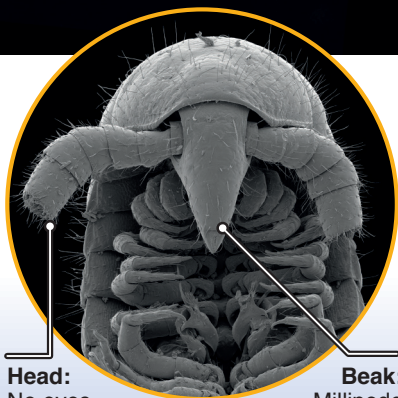


## Super-elongated trunk:

Large number of legs and up to 330 flexible segments may allow millipede to generate forces that enable it to push through narrow openings in soil



Greater length of digestive canal may also increase feeding efficiency in habitat with scarce food



## Head:

No eyes.  
Enormous antennae wave independently to locate opening of burrow

## Beak:

Millipede thought to be feeding on fungi