

# Respuestas de los bosques mediterráneos al cambio climático: retos científicos y de gestión

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Recurso limitante en los ecosistemas mediterráneos

Recurso clave en el mantenimiento de los procesos que componen su dinámica



Múltiples funciones



Servicios ecosistémicos que éstos prestan

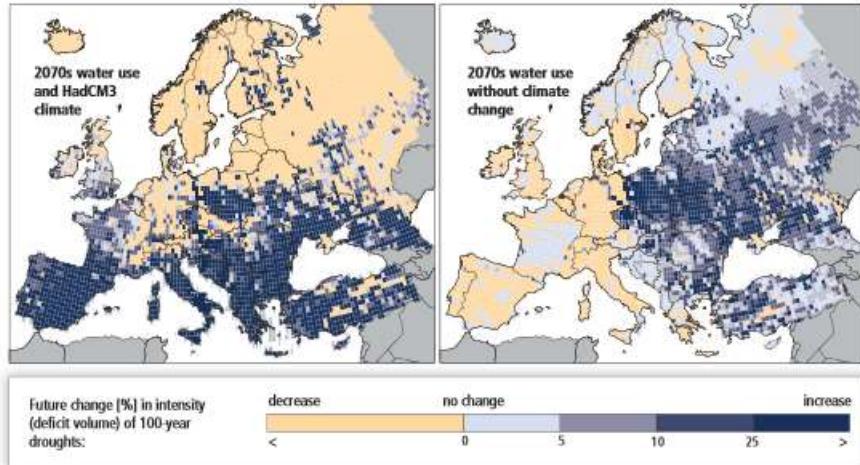
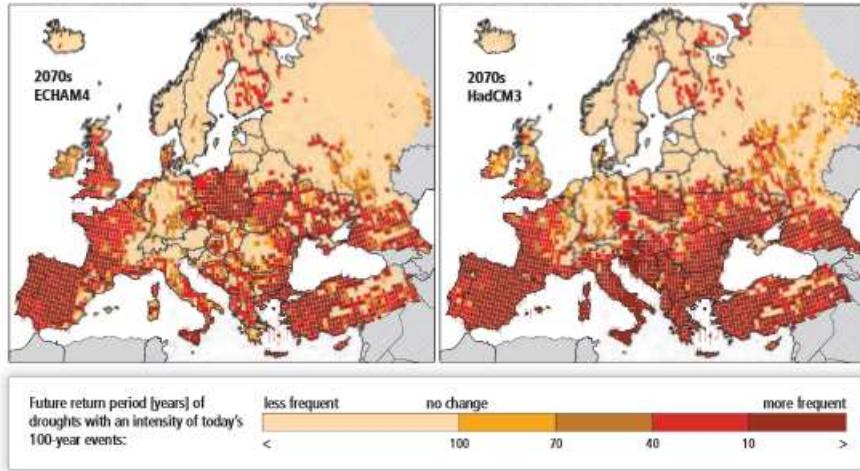
Actividad fotosintética-crecimiento

Transporte y reciclado de nutrientes

Formación del suelo



## Mayor frecuencia e intensidad de sequías extremas



Adaptado a sequías moderadas



Estrés hídrico



↓ Capacidad de respuesta y aclimatación

↓ Resiliencia

# Pocos estudios en condiciones naturales donde se analice alteración funcional de los árboles durante sequías extremas

Disminución del crecimiento y de la conductividad hidráulica

Gran mortalidad

*Pinus sylvestris*

Martínez-Vilalta y Piñol 2002.  
For Ecol and Manage

Defoliación y decaimiento

Incremento eficiencia en el uso del agua



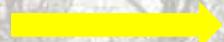
*Quercus ilex*

Peñuelas et al. 2000. Biol Plant

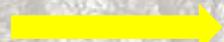
# CAUSAS DECAIMIENTO Y MORTALIDAD



Fallo hidráulico



$\Psi$  muy bajos – pérdida conductividad hidráulica

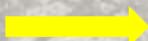


Umbral de tolerancia – depende de la especie y condiciones ambientales

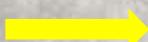
Martínez-Vilalta et al. 2002. Oecologia  
Urli et al. 2013 Tree Physiol



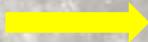
Inanición por falta de carbono



Cierre estomático – consumo carbohidratos almacenados



C almacenado – depende de la especie, edad, tamaño, época del año



Accesibilidad y transporte C durante sequía

Zwieniecki y Secchi 2015. Plant Cell Environ

Sala et al. 2012. Tree Physiol

# Bosques mediterráneos: alta resistencia y resiliencia a las perturbaciones

Lloret et al. 2012. Glob Change Biol



Especies  
Características sequía



## Rasgos funcionales relacionados con la sequía



Hojas esclerófilas

Salleo y Lo Gullo 1990. Ann Bot



Incremento ratio raíz/tallo

Peña-Rojas et al. 2005. Funct Plant Biol



Osmoregulación

Meinzer et al. 2014. Plant Cell Environ



Raíces más profundas

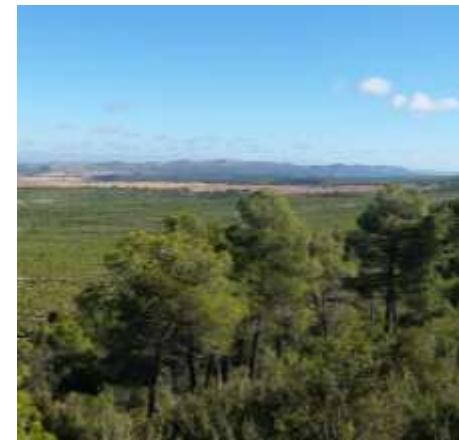
David et al. 2007. Tree Physiol



Incremento eficiencia en el uso del agua Gulías et al. 2003. Ann Bot



Resistencia del sistema hidráulico McDowell et al. 2008. New Phytol



# Respuesta funcional de especies coexistentes con contrastadas estrategias hídricas bajo condiciones de sequía extrema

Mediterranean trees coping with severe drought: avoidance might not be safe

Forner A, Valladares F, Aranda I

Envir Exp Botany (enviado)

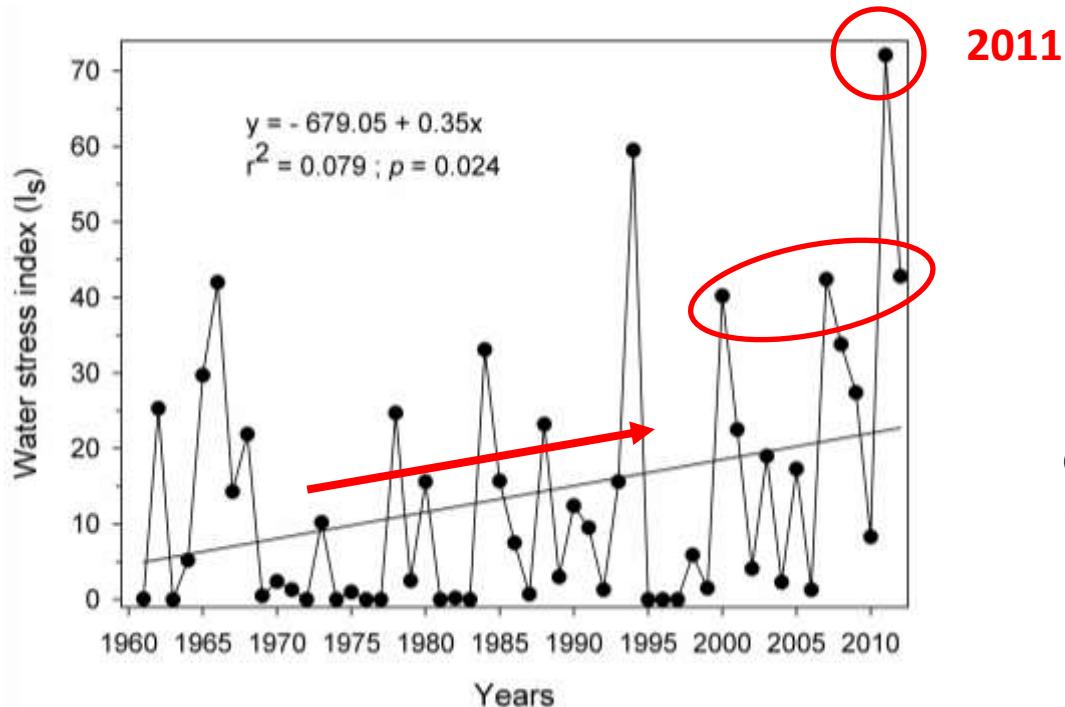
Tree Physiology 00, 1–11  
doi:10.1093/treephys/tpy022

Research paper

Extreme droughts affecting Mediterranean tree species' growth and water-use efficiency: the importance of timing

Alicia Forner<sup>1,7</sup>, Fernando Valladares<sup>1,2</sup>, Damien Bonal<sup>3</sup>, André Granier<sup>3</sup>, Charlotte Grossiord<sup>4</sup> and Ismael Aranda<sup>5,6</sup>

## P. Natural del Alto Tajo



El estrés hídrico ha aumentado en los últimos 50 años

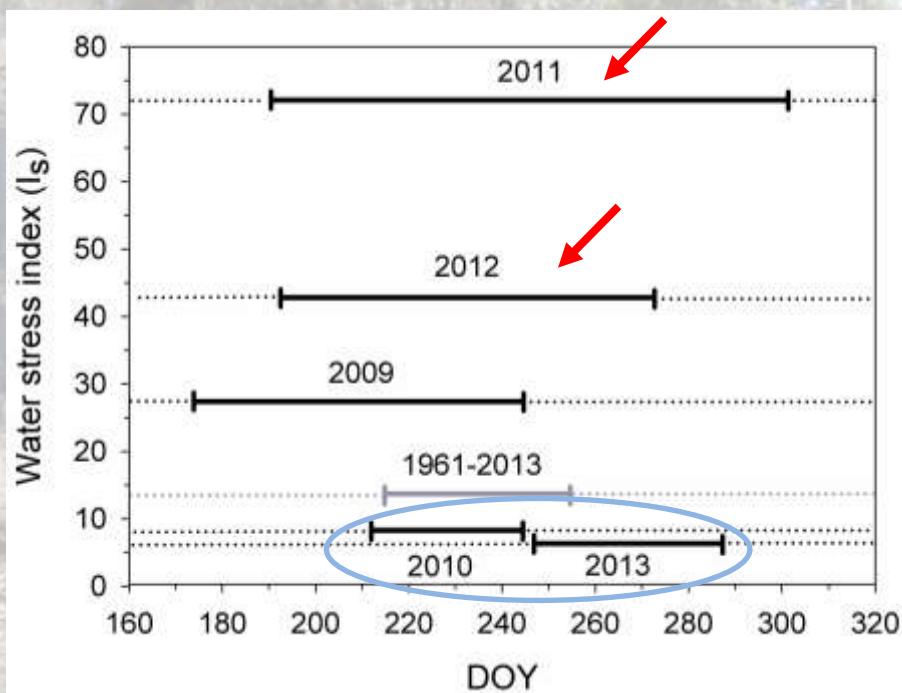
La frecuencia de las sequías extremas ha aumentado en la última década

$$REW = \frac{\text{Agua disponible}}{\text{Agua máx. extraíble}}$$

$$I_s = \frac{\text{Suma} (REW - REW_c) \text{ when } REW < REW_c}{REW_c}$$

$REW_c = 0.4$  Estrés hídrico (Granier et al. 1999)

## RESULTADOS

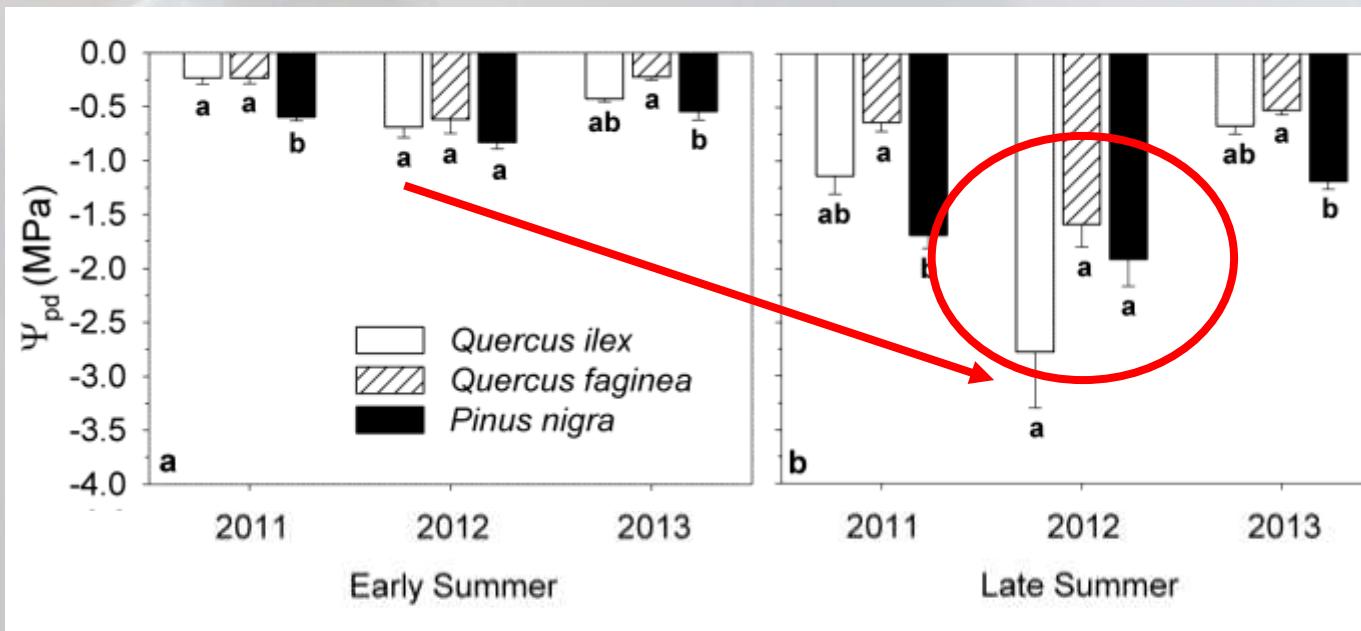


2011 presentó una sequía muy intensa, prolongada y temprana

2010 y 2013 tuvieron  $I_s$  inferior a la media

2012 tiene aprox. el triple que la media

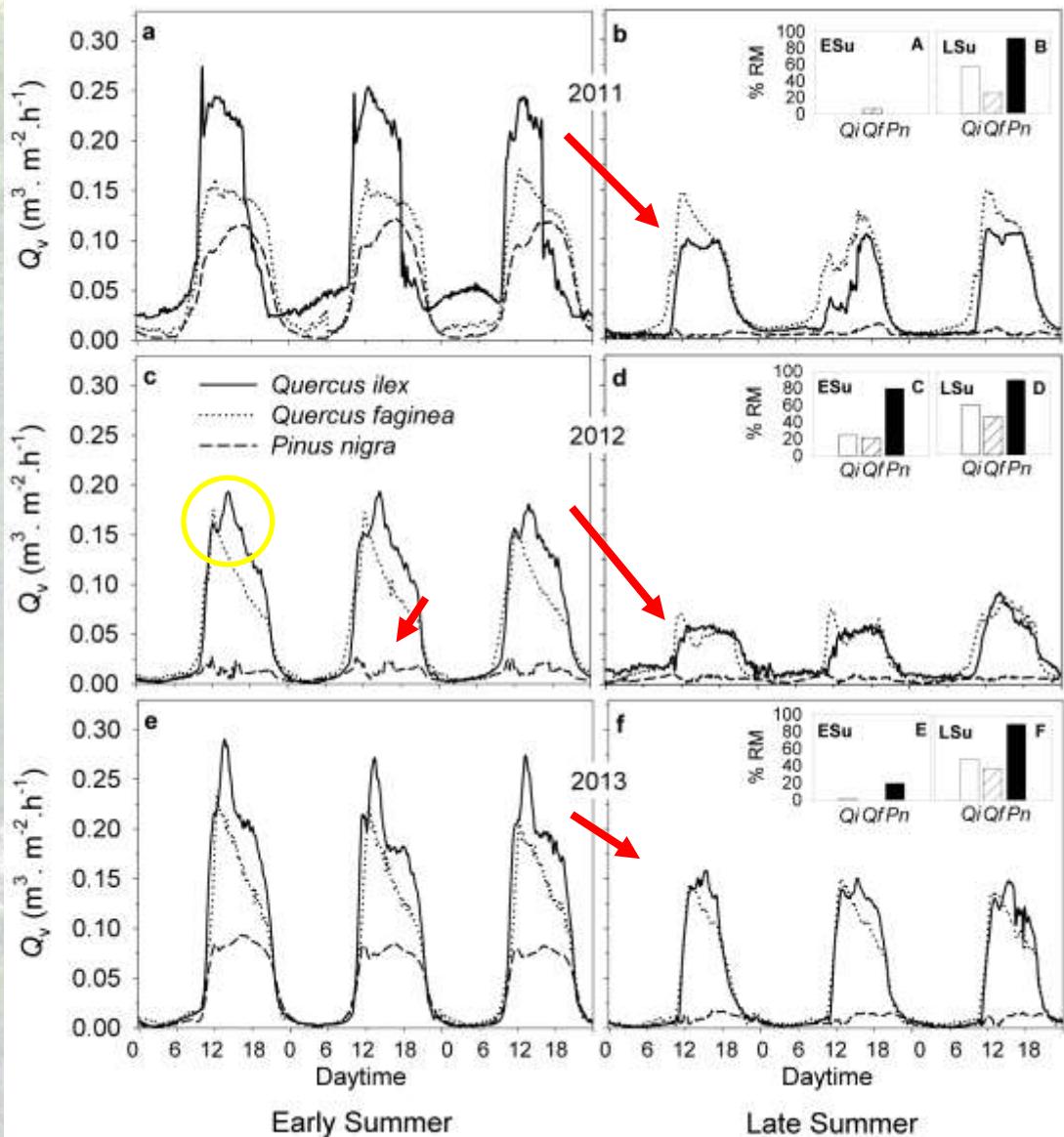
## Potencial hídrico



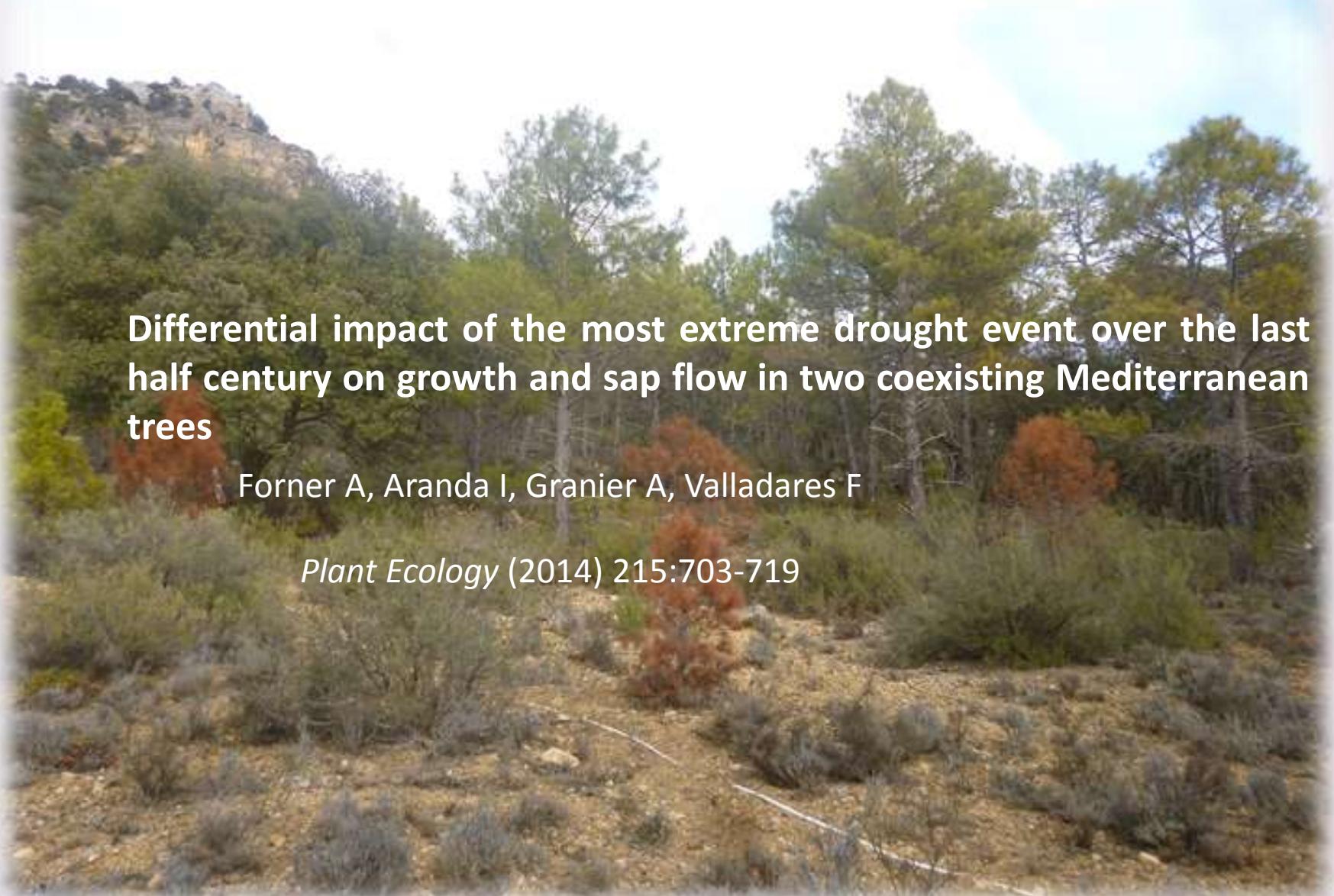
Caída potencial hídrico a lo largo del verano (*Q. ilex* en 2012)

General:  $P. nigra < Q. ilex \sim Q. faginea$

## RESULTADOS



# Papel modulador del **microclima** en la respuesta ecofisiológica de las especies bajo condiciones de sequía extrema



Differential impact of the most extreme drought event over the last half century on growth and sap flow in two coexisting Mediterranean trees

Forner A, Aranda I, Granier A, Valladares F

*Plant Ecology* (2014) 215:703-719

Al contrario de lo esperado: *P. nigra*, especie evitadora, alcanzó niveles de estrés hídrico cercanos a su umbral crítico



Potenciales hídricos bajos

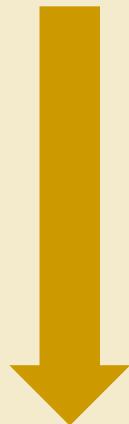
Fotorespiración

Consumo agua mínimo ya al inicio del verano  
(Cierre estomático - fijación C mínima/nula  
todo verano)

Sequía  
severa 2012



+ Acumulación efectos  
sequía extrema 2011



**SIN EMBARGO** sin síntomas claros decaimiento ni mortalidad

- 1- Mayor impacto sequías severas consecutivas que sequías extremas puntuales**
- 2- Alta resiliencia de las especies en el lugar de estudio, aunque ligera pérdida**
- 3- Aunque no muy lejos de su umbral crítico de no retorno**

- ➡ Estudios a largo plazo
- ➡ Medir y entender la recuperación





Ligeras diferencias en la humedad del suelo atenúan efecto sequía extrema

**Microclima claro efecto modulador sequías extremas, incluso en 2012**

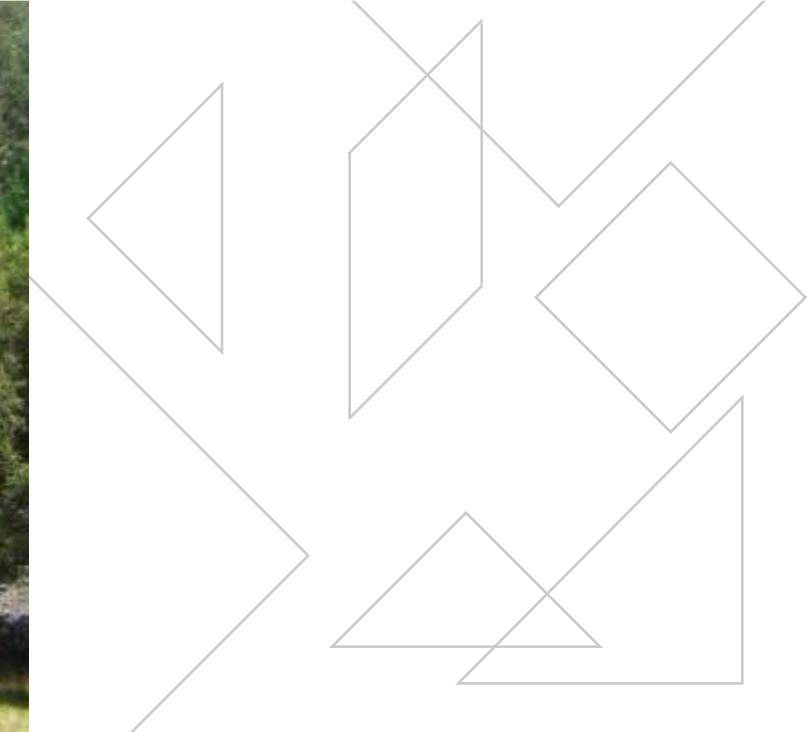
(ej. laderas umbría) Peñuelas et al. 2001. For Sci

- Importante considerar factores locales cuando se comparan diversos ámbitos geográficos
- Posibilidad de gestión local para evitar/paliar efectos sequías extremas



Avila, nevada del 23 de marzo de 2017

# *Juniperus thurifera*

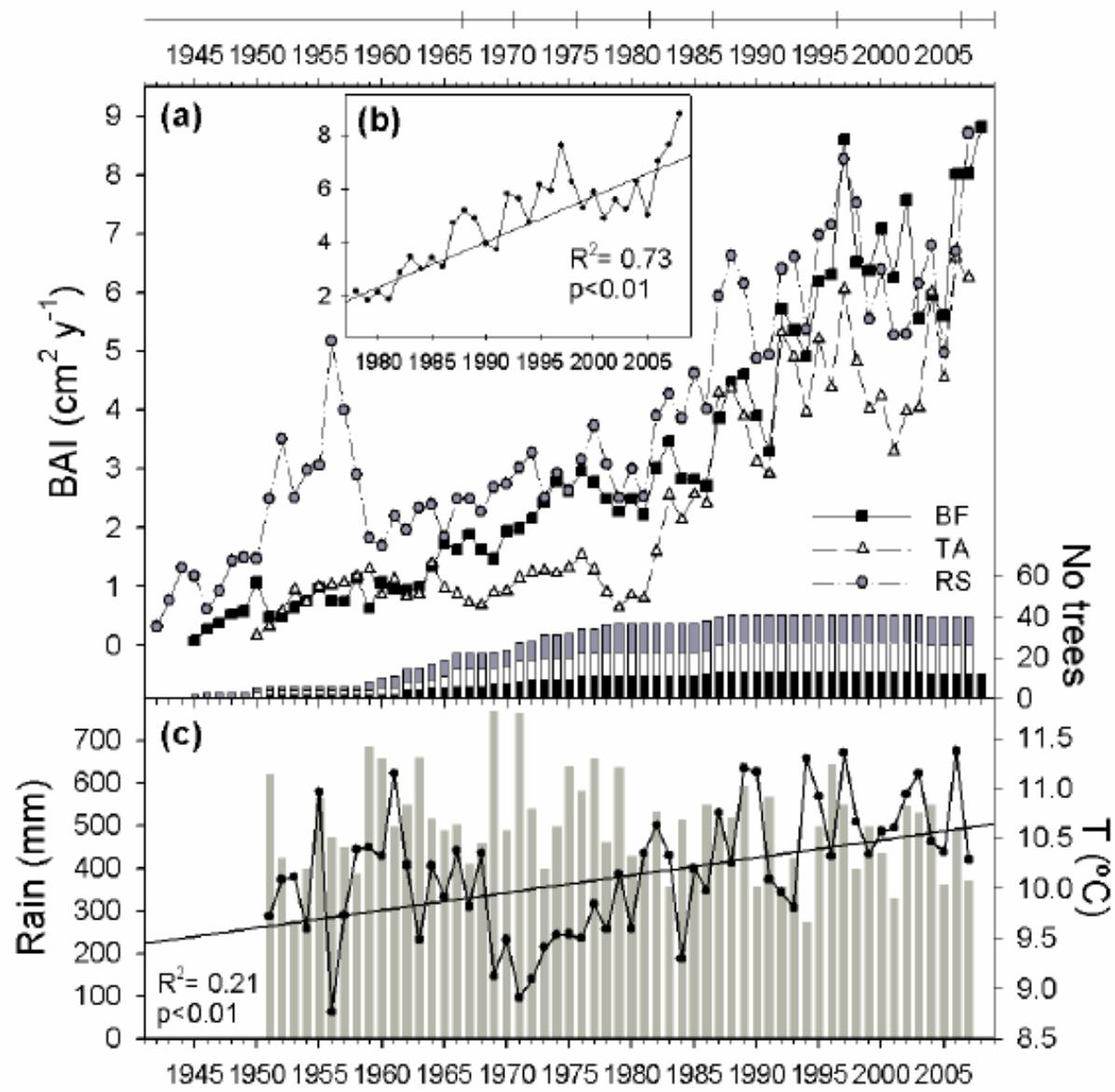


# **Continental conditions**

- ◆ Cold in winter (and over night), which adds to heat and drought



# Warming temperatures, increased growth



# Long- and short-term radial growth dynamics and ecophysiology evidence high resistance of *Juniperus thurifera* to a warmer climate

Teresa E. Gimeno, Jesús J.  
Camarero, Elena Granda, Beatriz  
Pías, Fernando Valladares

## For *Juniperus thurifera*:

- i. Growth is negatively affected by the increased warming-induced water-stress due to climate change
- ii. Males and females differ in their growth dynamics
- iii. Seasonal evolution of carbon gain and water use efficiency underlay climate-growth relationships and growth dynamics.

# Change in Habitat Use in Mediterranean Continental areas

*Forest expansion* a special case of habitat change that involves natural woodland expansion into former grasslands and increased tree density in open, partially degraded woodlands





# Spatial pattern and growth of juvenile and adult trees reveal different ecological processes in mature versus expanding Spanish-juniper woodlands

Teresa E. Gimeno, Beatriz Pías,  
Jesús Martínez-Fernández, David  
L. Quiroga, Adrián Escudero,  
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# Biodiversity

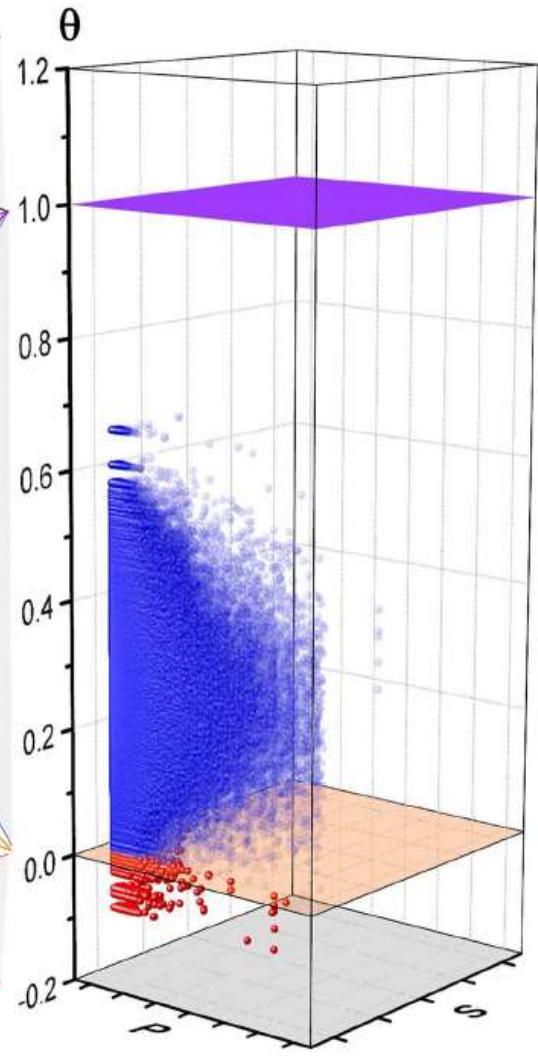
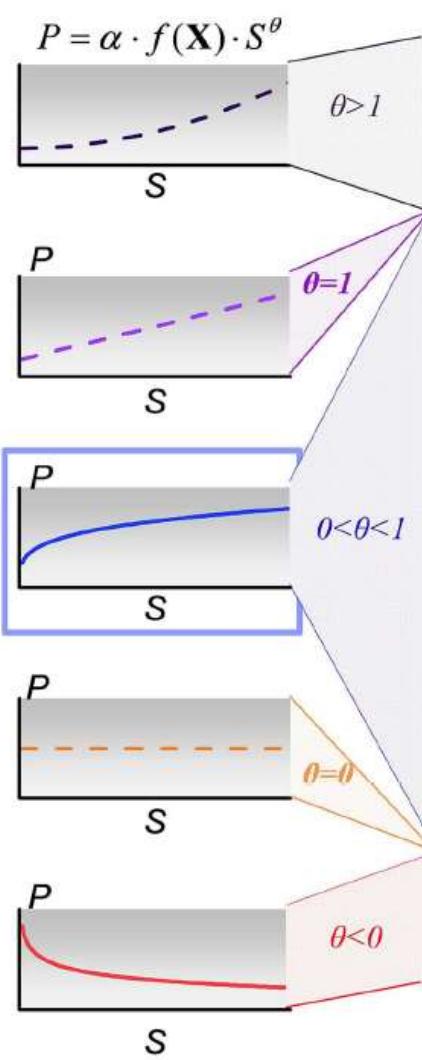
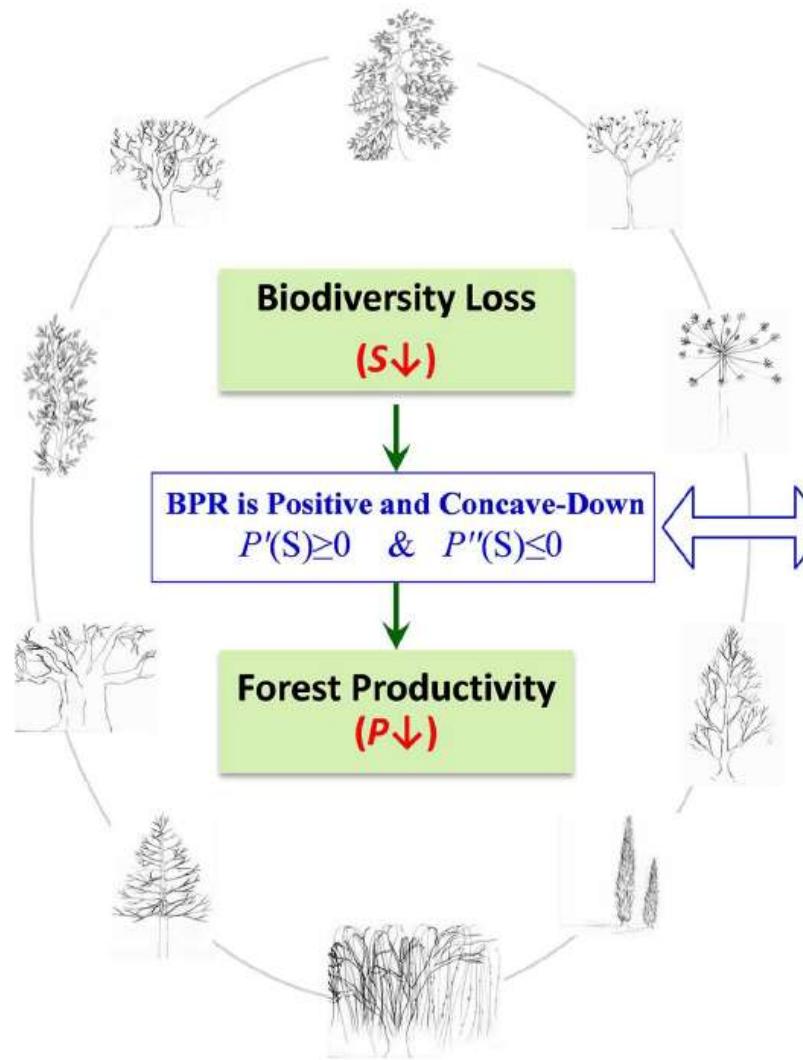
- Species, the bricks of biodiversity, can be seen as **alternative solutions** to changing challenges.
- Biodiversity also encapsulates the notion of intraspecific variability and population differentiation including, thus, a range of **alternatives on local adaptation and plasticity** that we are just beginning to uncover.

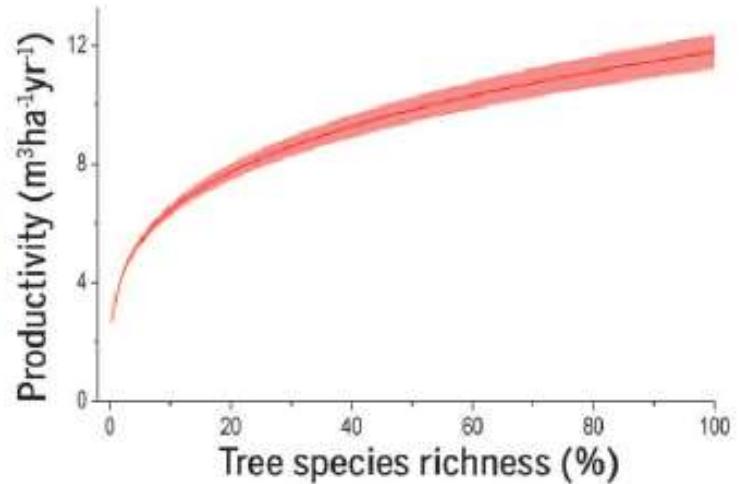
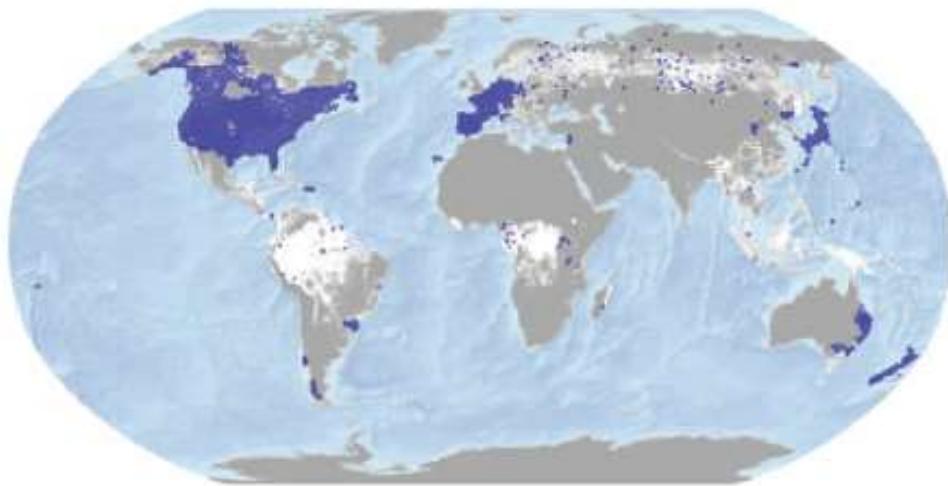


## FOREST ECOLOGY

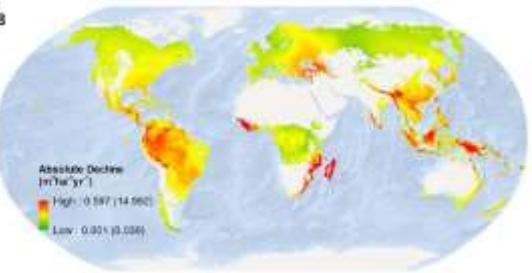
# Positive biodiversity-productivity relationship predominant in global forests

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- the opposite to be true – a decline in biodiversity would result in an accelerating decline in forest productivity.



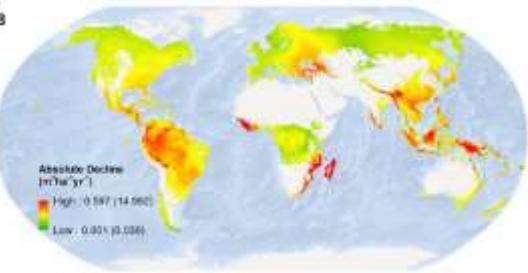
- Scientists from 90 institutions consolidated field-based data forming one of the largest global forest inventory databases in the history of forestry research.
- Tens of thousands of forestry professionals collected the underpinning data, which extended over a period of 150 years.
- In total, data was collected from more than 770,000 plots consisting of more than 30 million trees across more than 8,700 species.
- The study took into account all major global forest ecosystems across 44 countries and territories. It included some of the most distinct forest conditions on Earth, such as the northernmost in Siberia; the southernmost in Patagonia; the coldest in Oimyakon, Russia; the warmest in Palau, an archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean; and the most diverse in Bahia, Brazil

# As forests go, so goes the economy



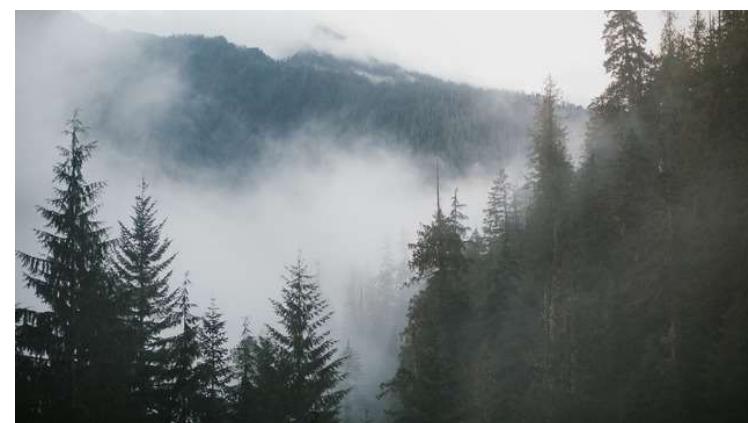
- The amount of loss in productivity that is associated with the loss of tree species richness would have an economic value of up to a \$500 billion per year across the world.
- That amounts to **more than double what it would cost to implement effective conservation** for all of Earth's ecosystems on a global scale.
- The strongest economic message of this study is that the economic **benefit of forest species diversity far exceeds the cost of preserving it**, even when we only consider its role in maintaining the global commercial productivity of forests.



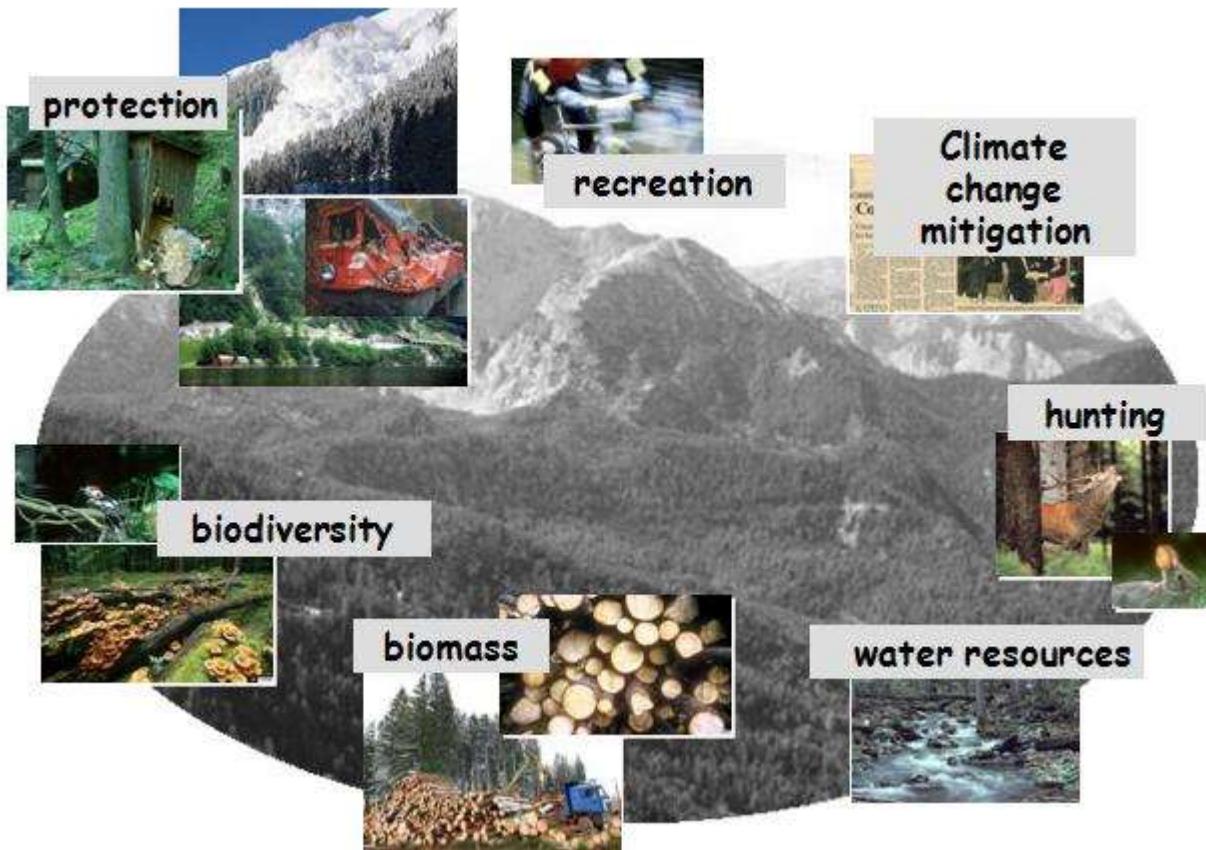


The ongoing species loss in global forests could substantially reduce forest productivity, thereby reducing the absorption of carbon dioxide by forests from the atmosphere.

Therefore, **conserving forest biodiversity** should be one of the important actions on **what we can do about climate change**.



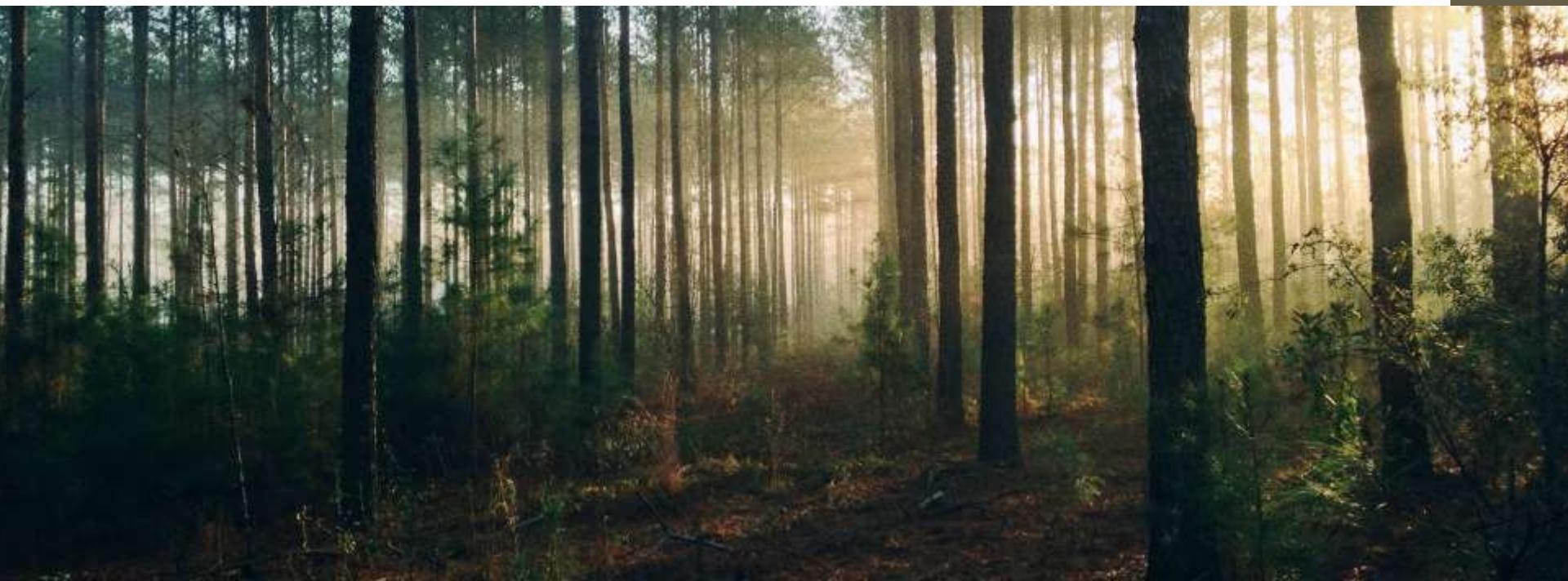
# Multifunctionality



In a world with less space for nature, we want ecosystems to do many things for us



# What do we know about forest features that confer multifunctionality?



# Not much !





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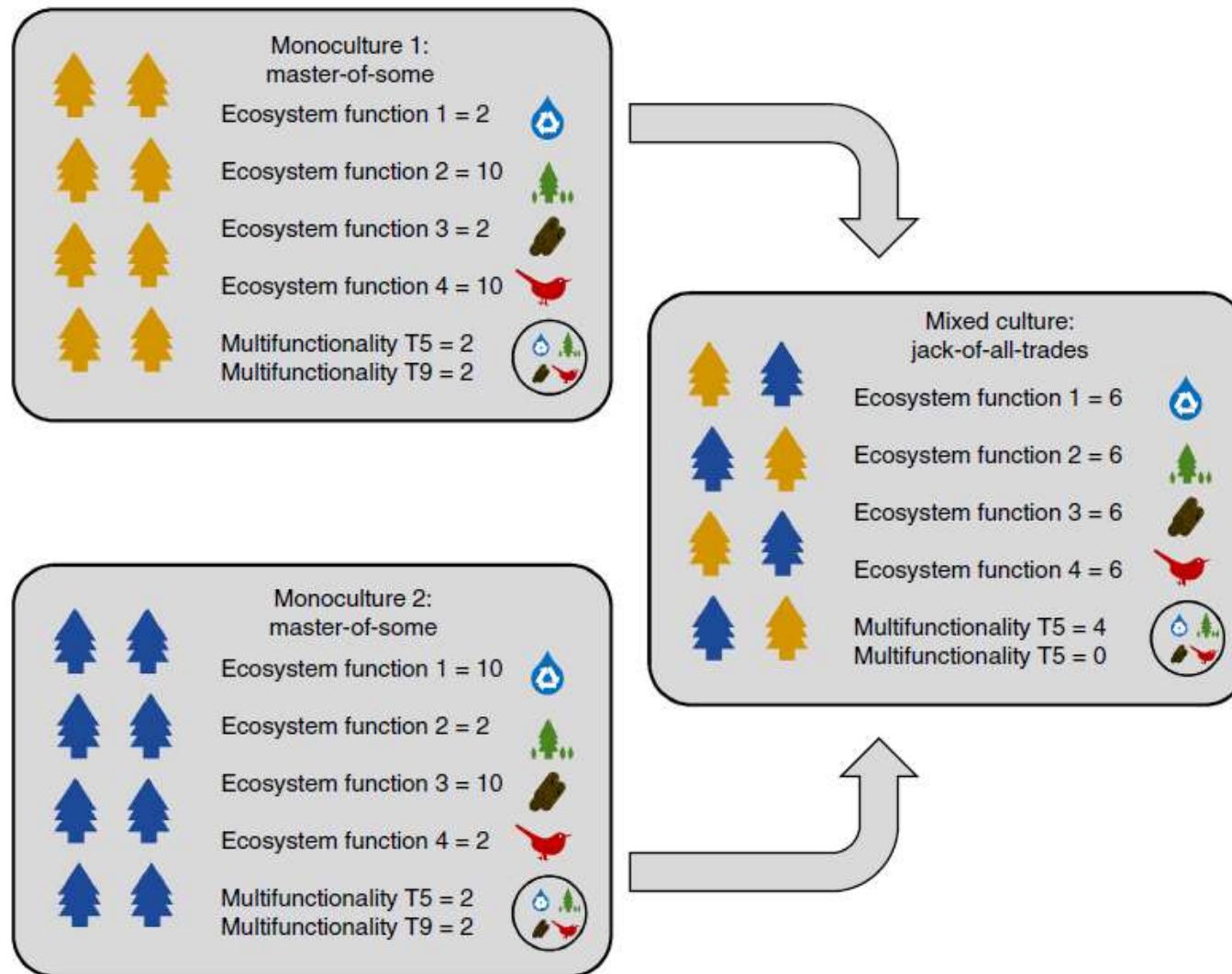
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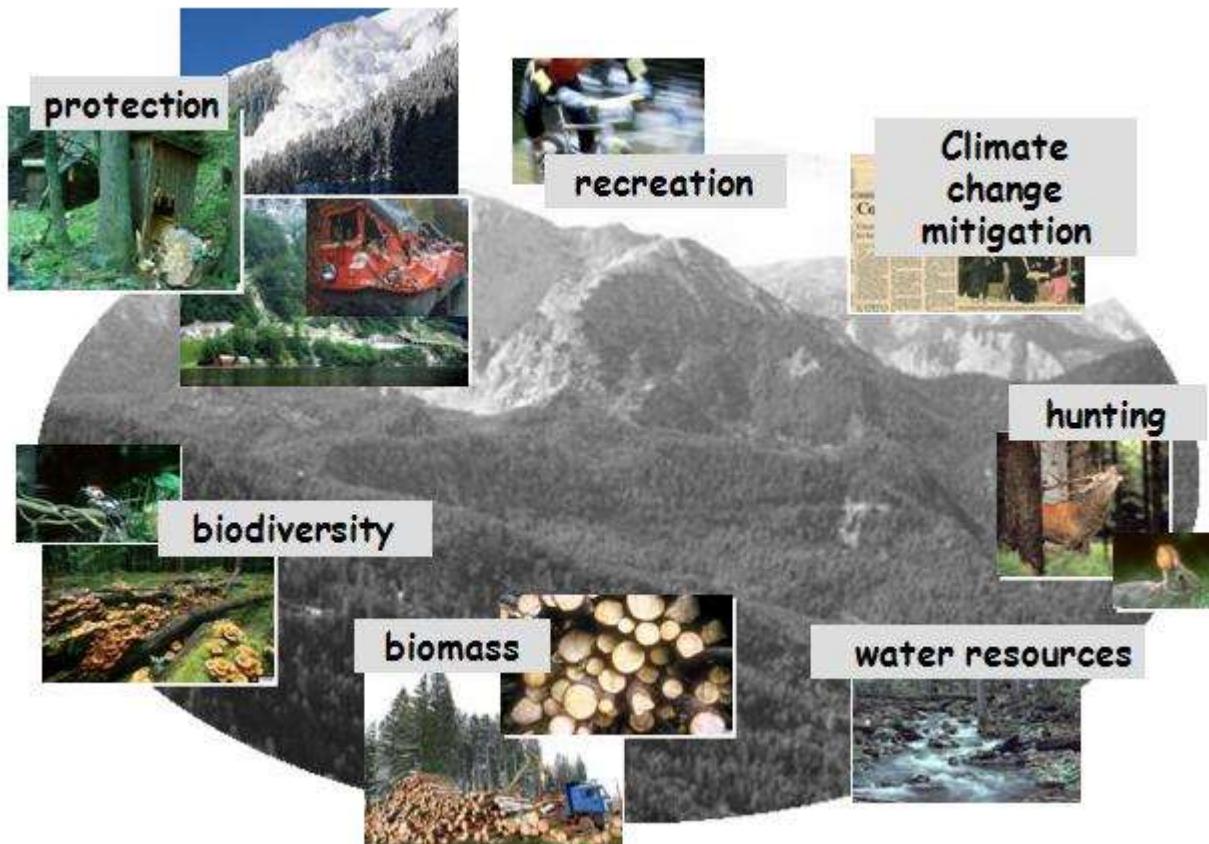
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# Jack-of-all-trades effects drive biodiversity-ecosystem multifunctionality relationships in European forests

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# Multifunctionality increases with biodiversity



Diverse forests do not maximize any function but performs very well all functions



*Jack of all trades, master of none*

# Diverse forests do not maximize any function but performs very well all functions

The analogy with decathlon

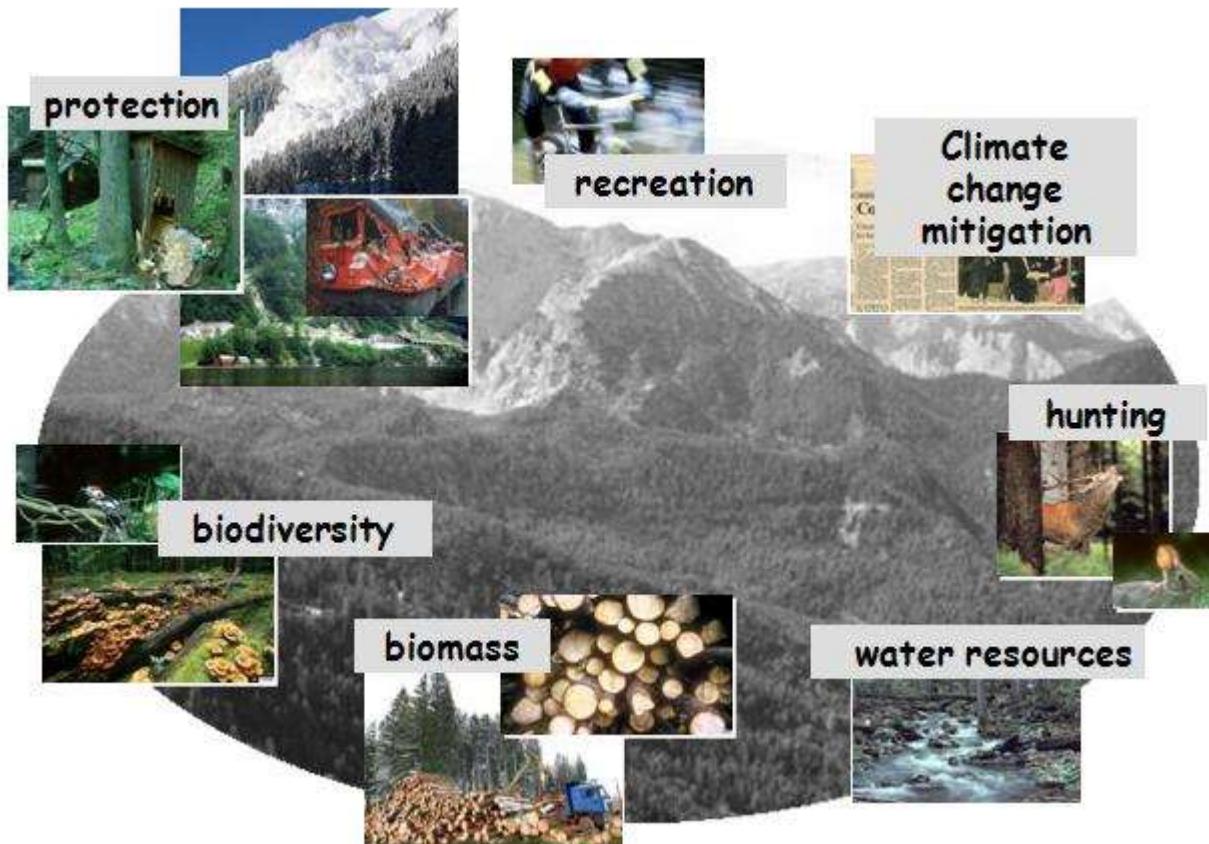


The winner is the one able to do well all 10 sports, not the one being top in one or two

The analogy with decathlon



# Multifunctionality increases with biodiversity



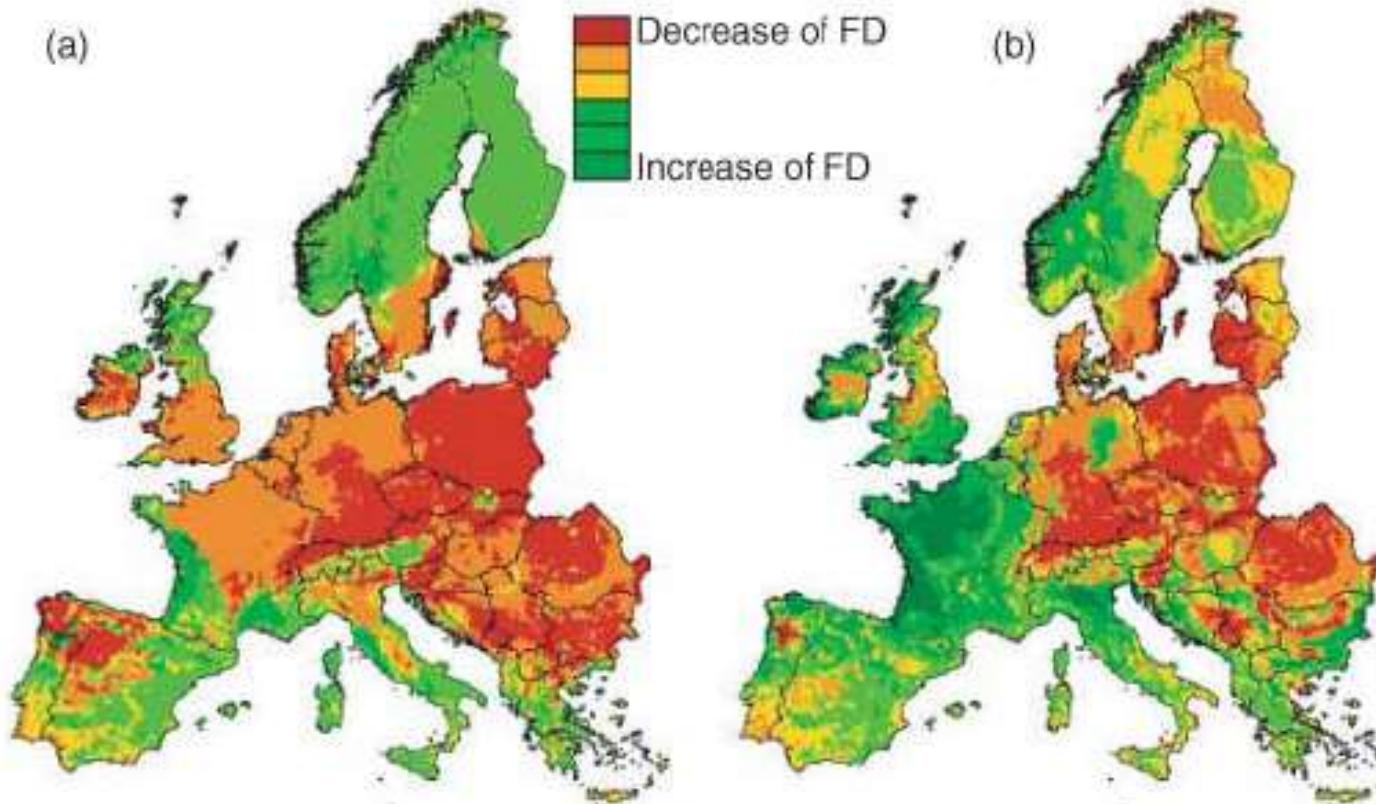
# So far, three good reasons to preserve forest biodiversity

- 1- It increases productivity
- 2- Its conservation is more than paid by productivity
- 3- It increases multifunctionality

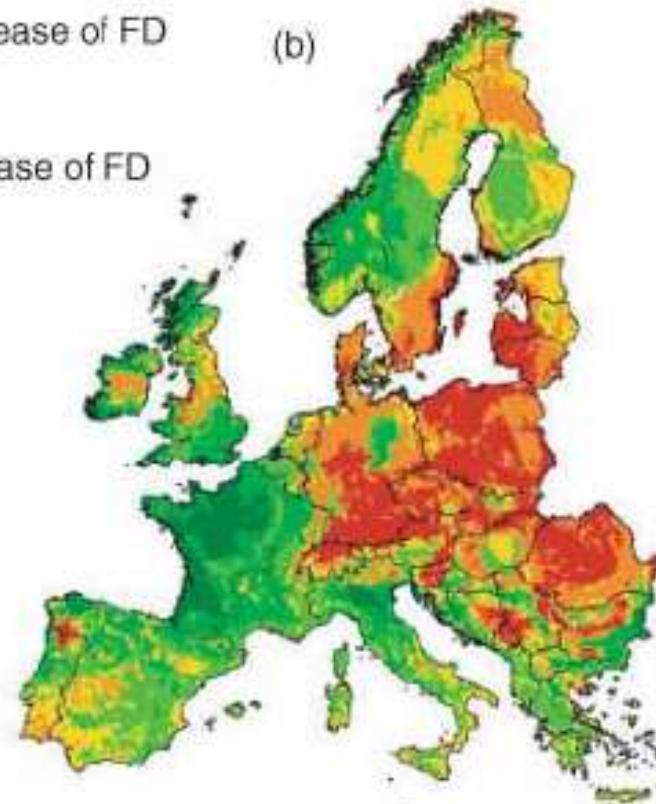


# Climate change and functional diversity of European forests

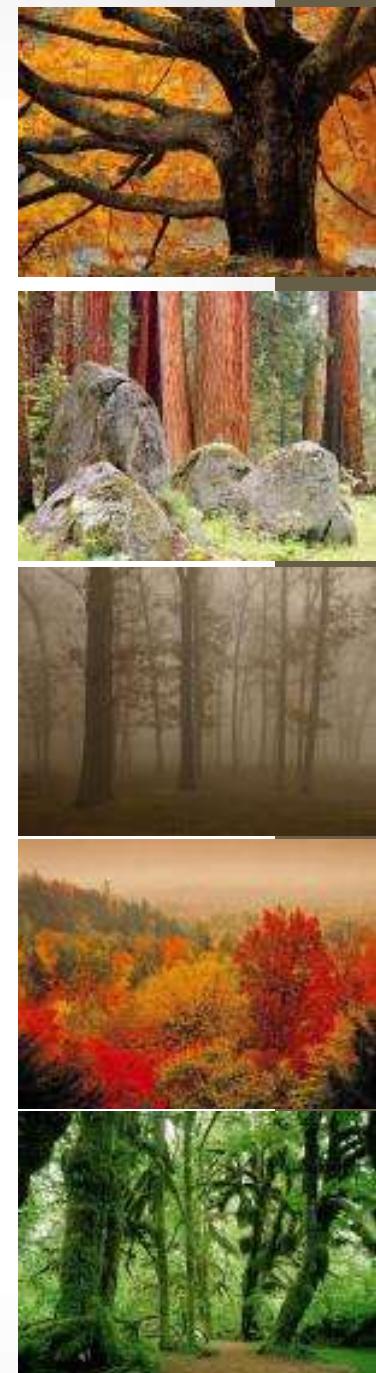
2050 (no dispersal)



2050 (with dispersal)

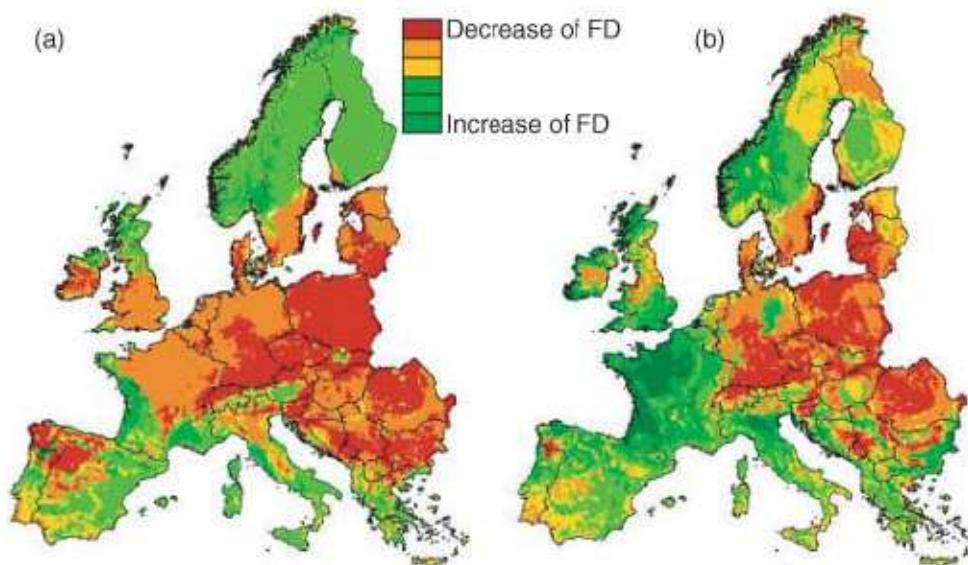


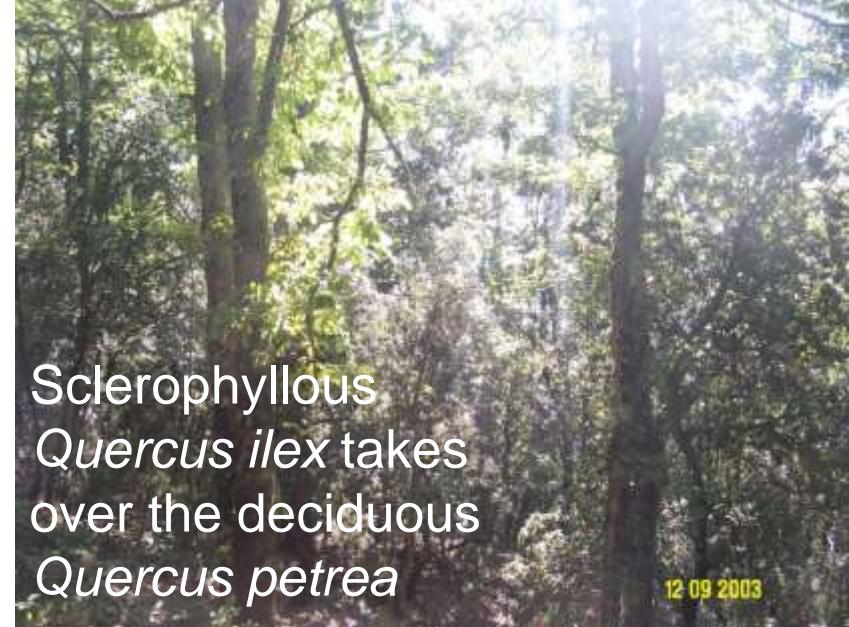
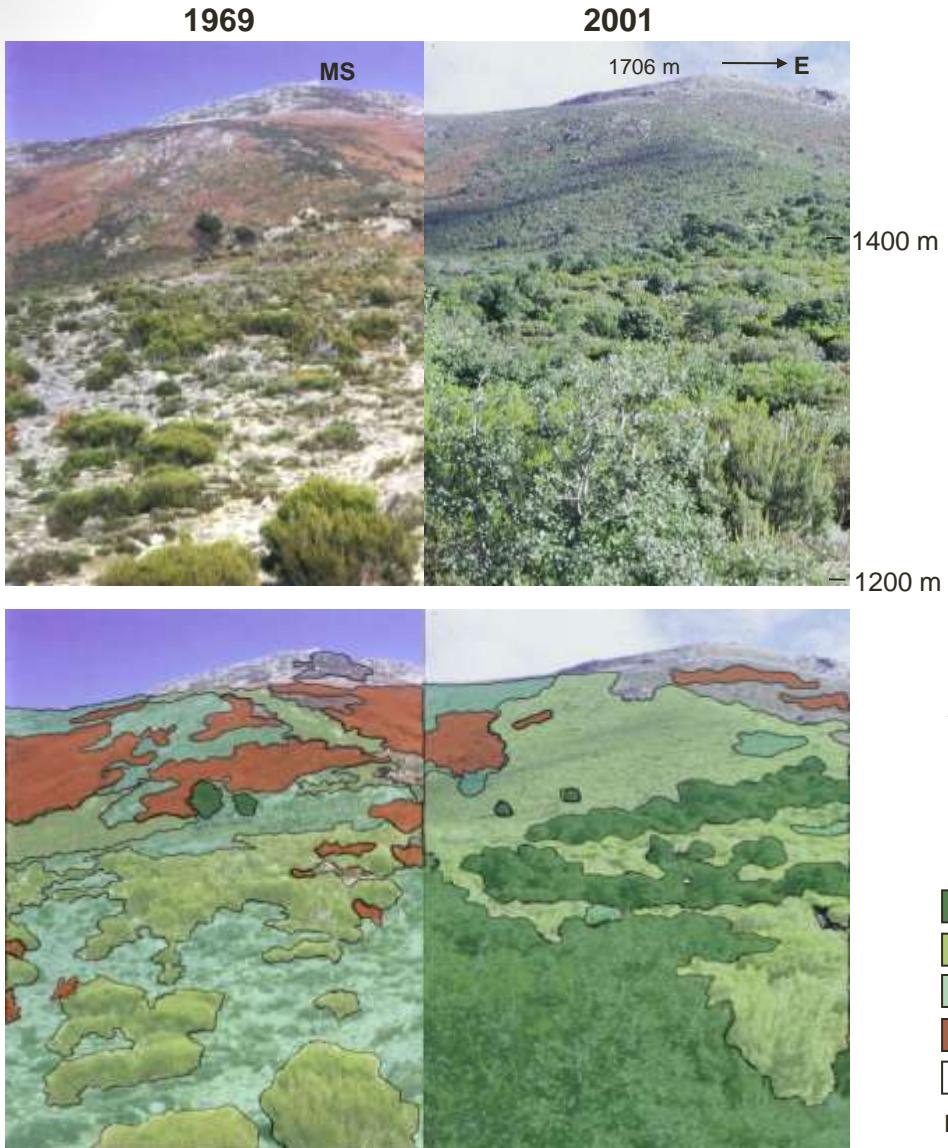
Thuiller et al. 2006



# Are these maps realistic?

Is species future distribution simply a projection of current distribution as a function of climate?





## Altitudinal shift of *Quercus ilex*

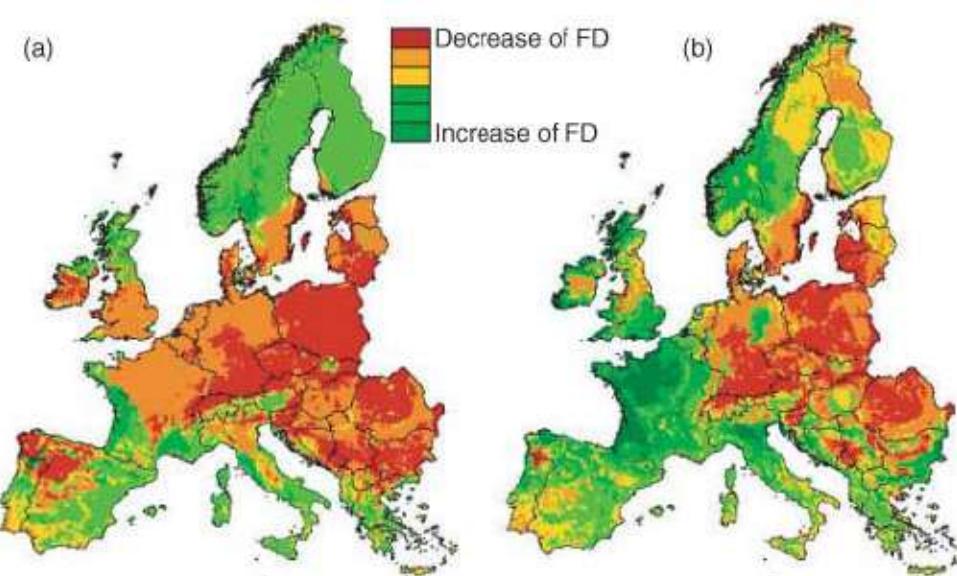
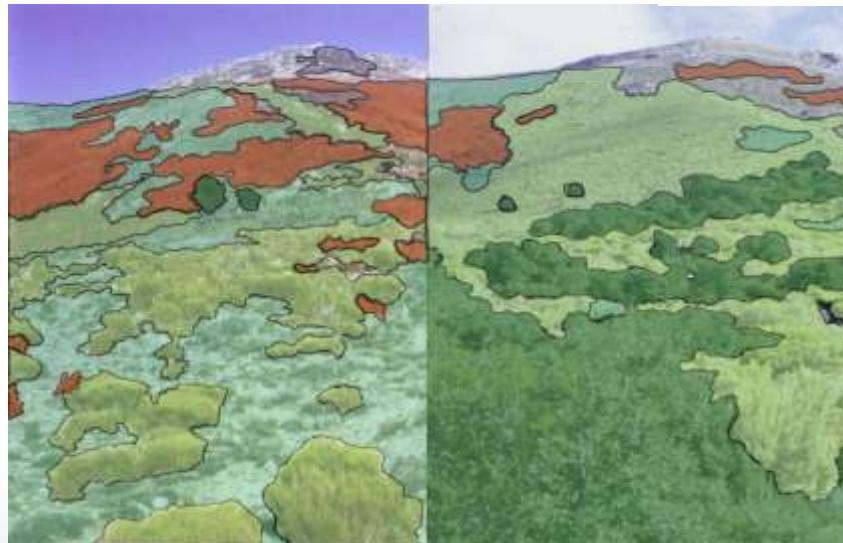
- █ *Quercus ilex* young forest
- █ *Erica scoparia* heathland
- █ *Calluna vulgaris* heathland
- █ *Pteridium aquilinum* fernland
- █ Grassland and *Cytisus scoparius*
- MS** Meteorological station

Peñuelas and Boada, 2003 *Global Change Biol*, 9, 131-140

Peñuelas et al. 2007 *Ecography*, 30,  
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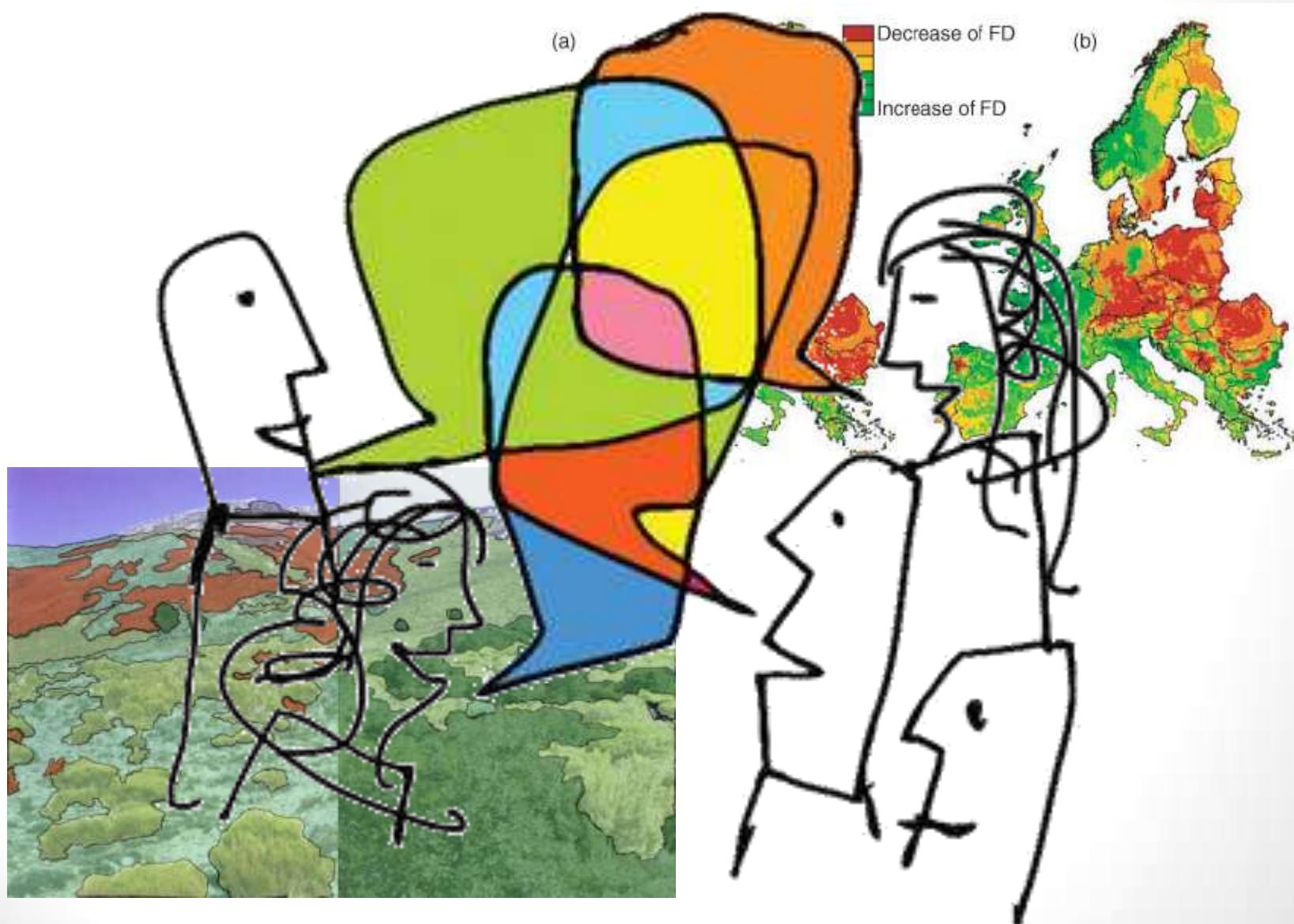
# Do these maps match?

Observation and local/regional maps less pessimistic scenarios than models over large areas



Extinctions that are not seen... movements that are less extreme

# Some reasons for mismatches

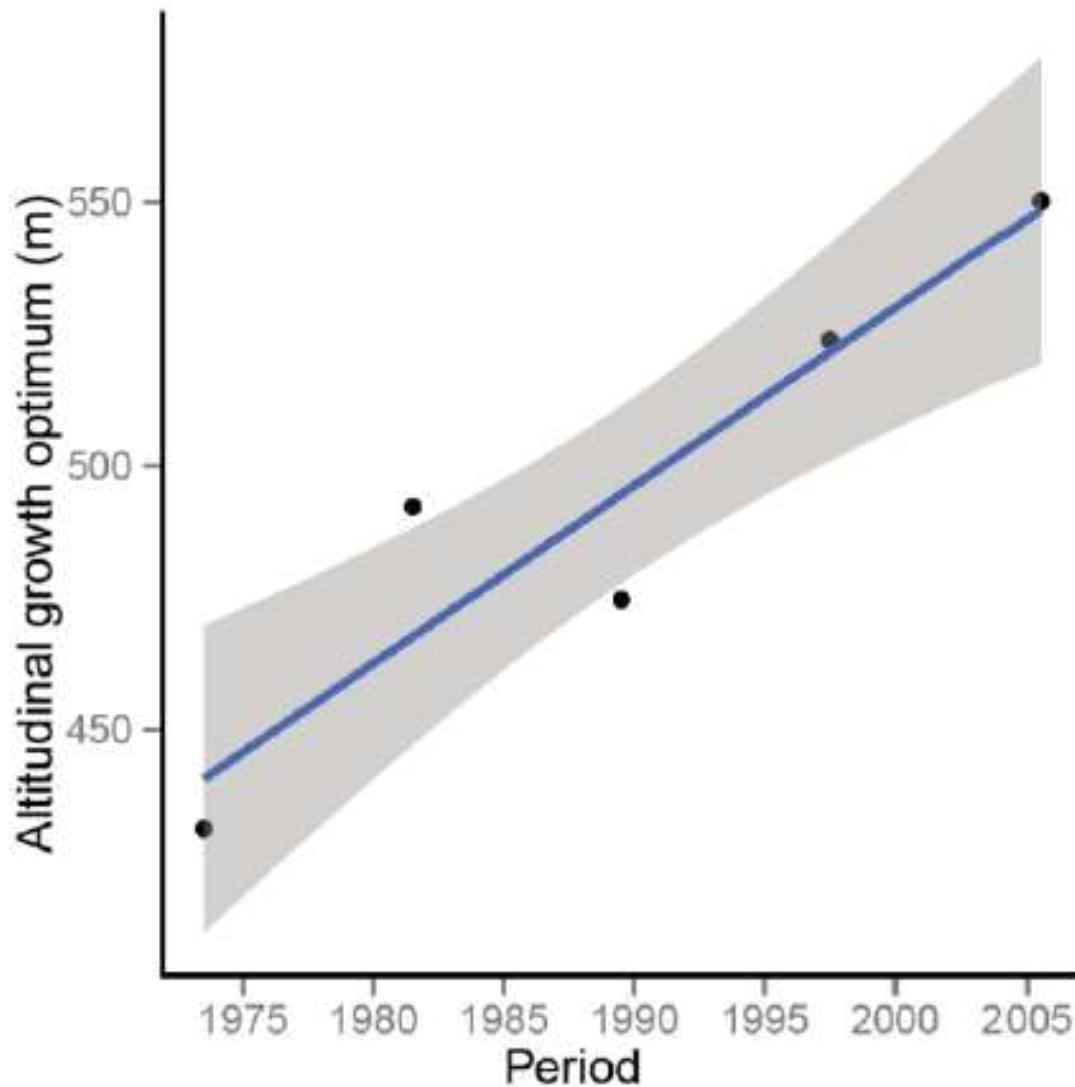


# DENDROECOLOGY

Cores along elevation gradients



# Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

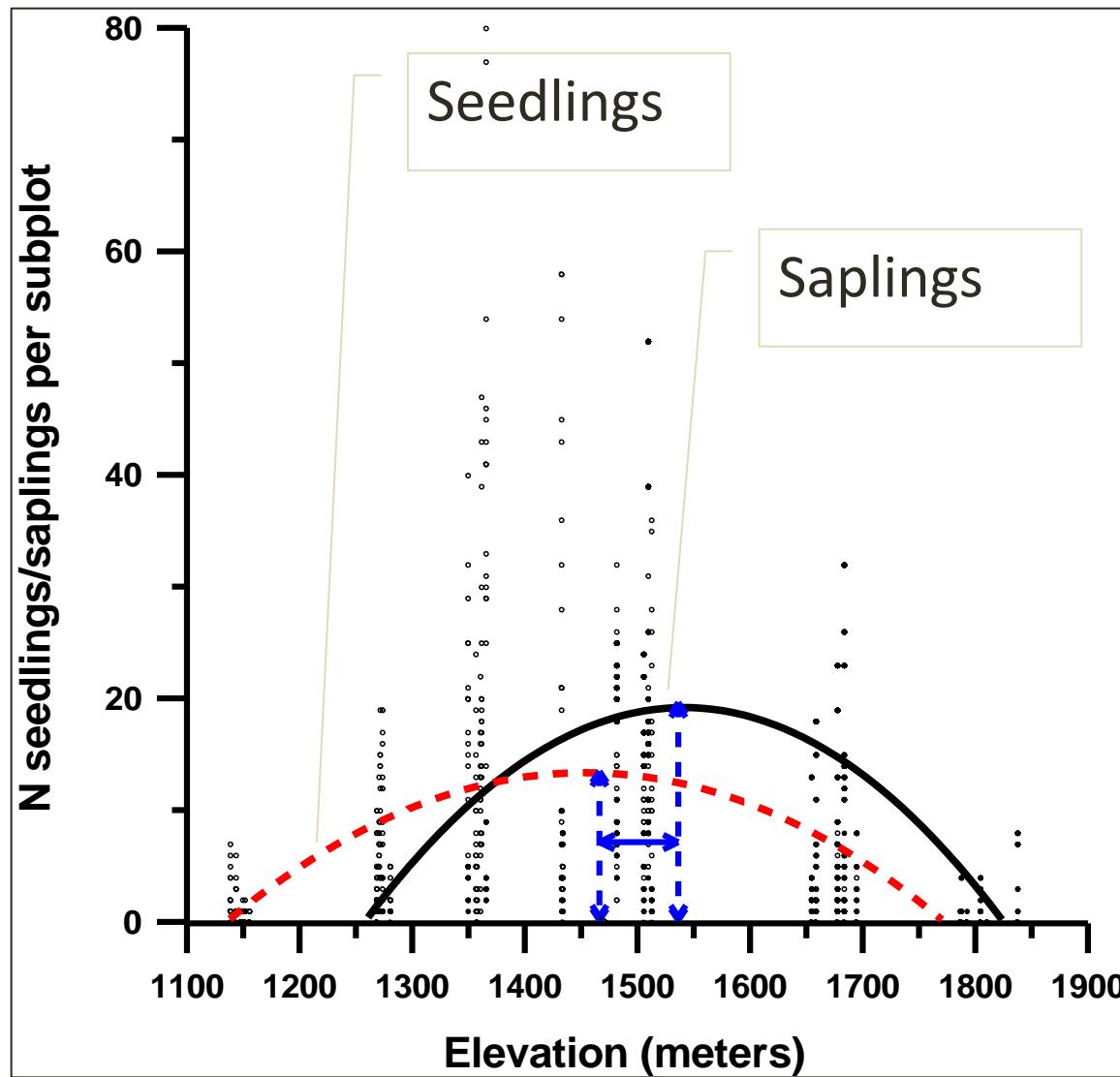


# DEMOGRAPHY

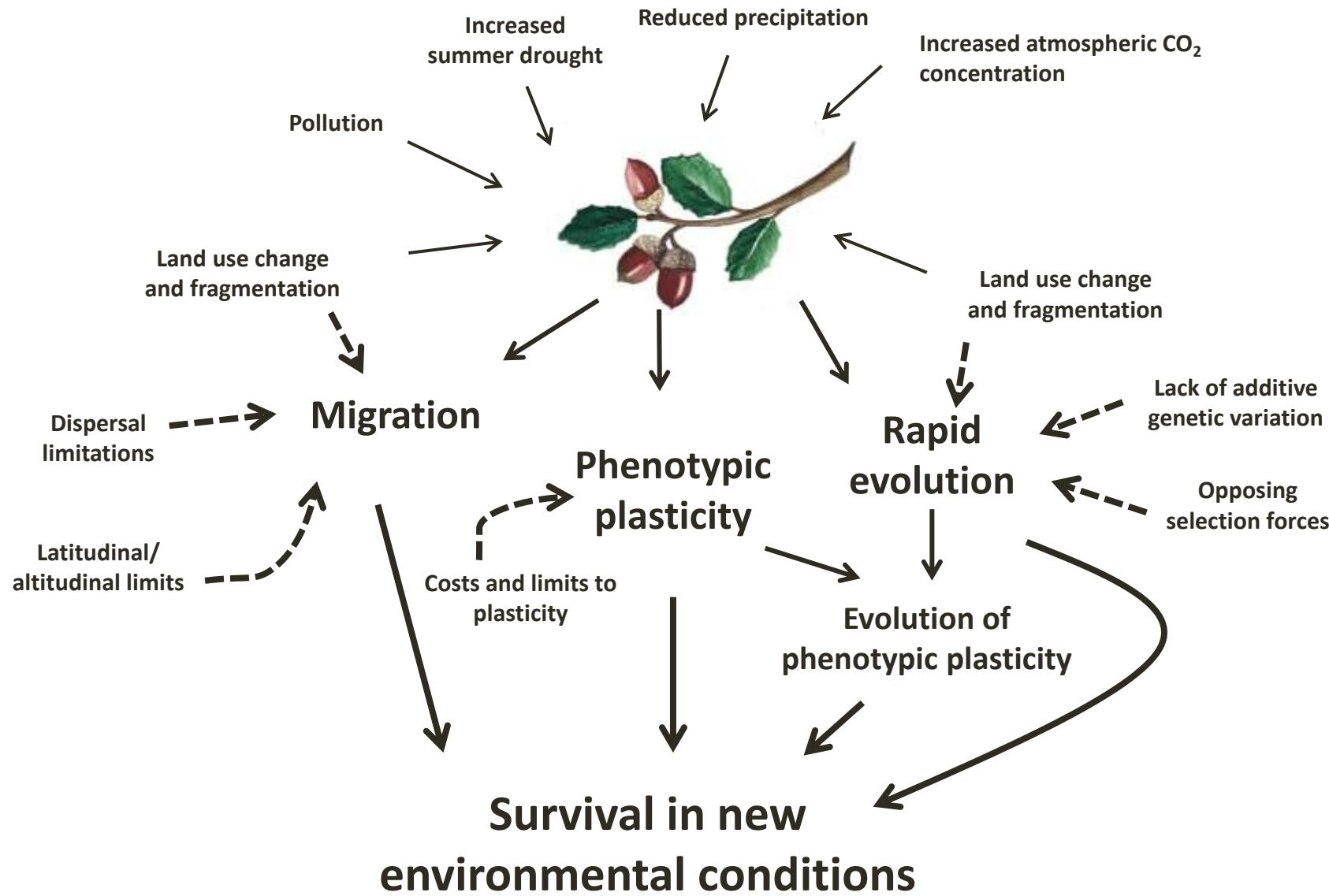
Age classes along elevation gradients



# *Pinus sylvestris*



# Global change



# ¿Que podemos hacer?

# Ganar tiempo

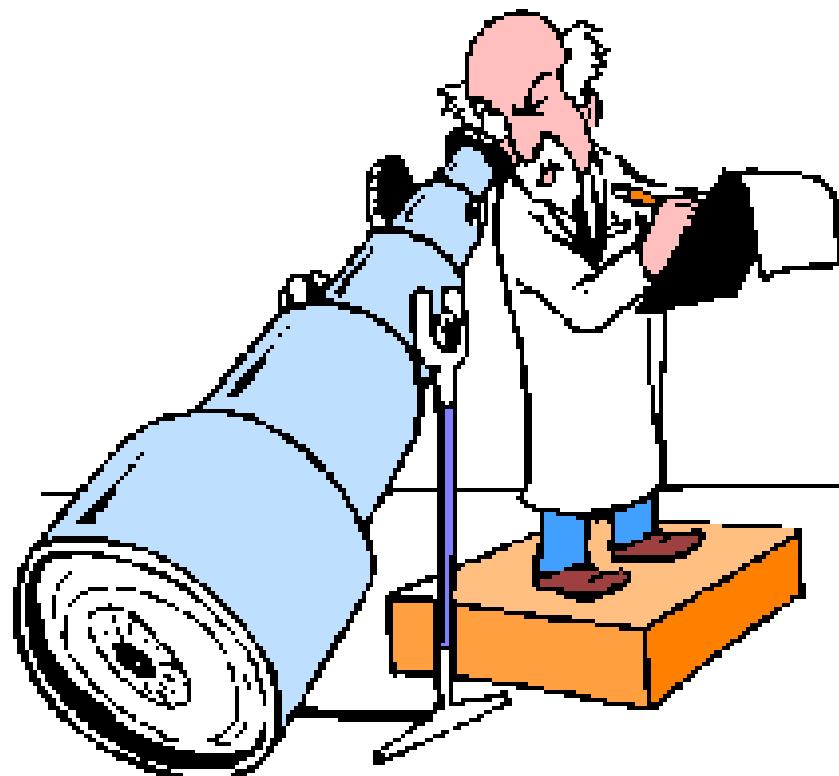
## Permite

1. Atenuar impactos
2. Entender mejor
3. Avances tecnológicos
4. Adaptación
5. Evolución



# ¿Que podemos hacer?

Mientras actuamos... seguir estudiando!



# CAMBIO USO DEL TERRITORIO

Mayor rapidez e  
intensidad acción humana

Incremento fragmentación  
hábitat

Modificación de los  
paisajes forestales

Alados et al. 2004. Landsc Ecol;  
Millennium-Ecosystem-Assessment 2005

Servicios ecosistémicos alterados

Pérdida de biodiversidad

Valladares et al. 2009. Book Chapter



Motores de Cambio Global

Doblas-Miranda et al. 2017. Glob Planet Change



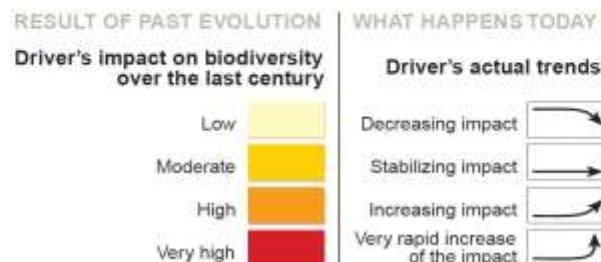
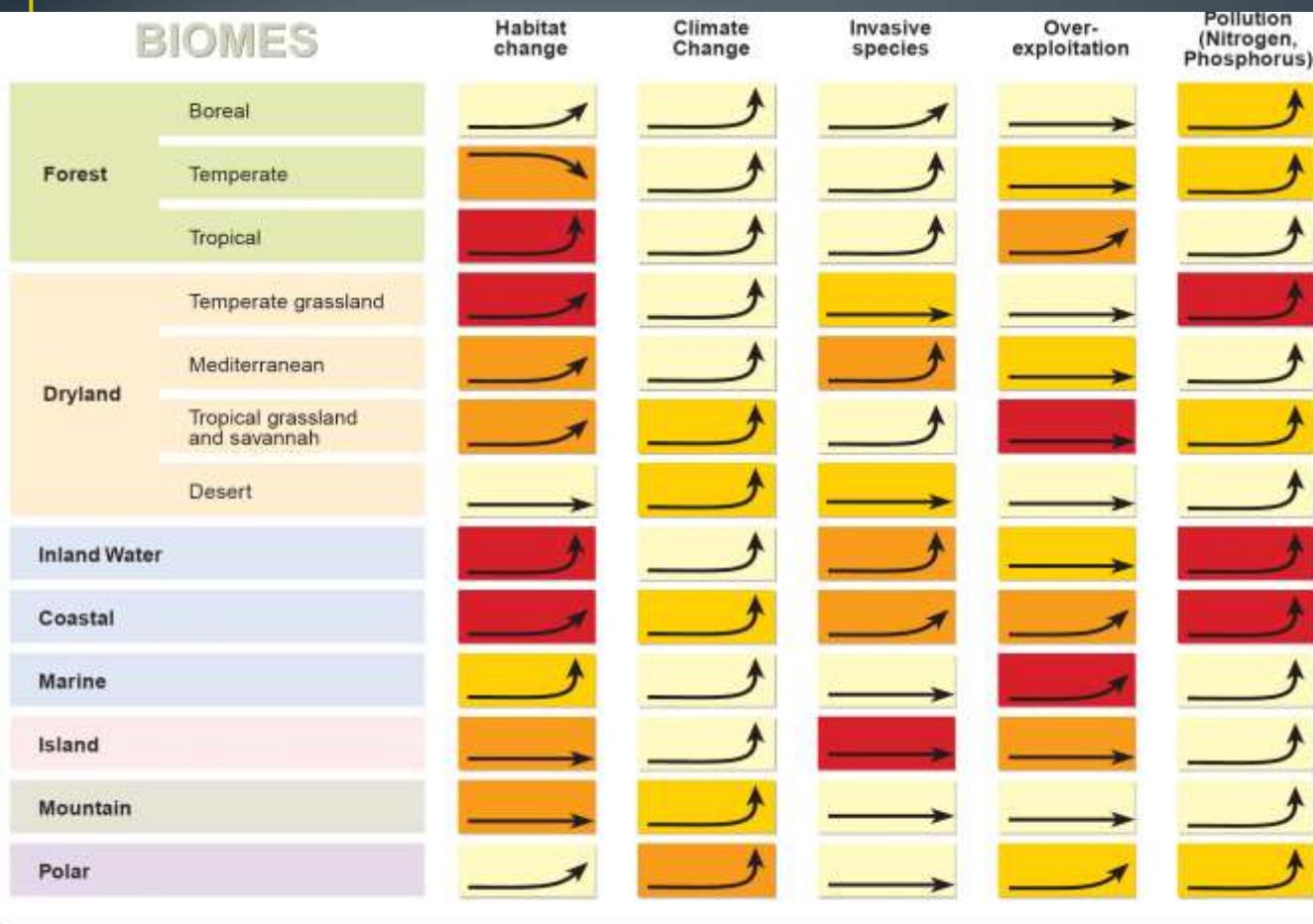
# CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO

Incremento T

Disminución P

Christensen y Christensen 2003. Nature; IPCC 2014

# Los motores de cambio global



- El cambio climático NO ESTA SOLO!!!



# Conclusions

1. Mediterranean tree species differ in their sensitivity and responses to climate change but most are still far from their tolerance limits
2. Biodiversity increases ecosystem functions such as productivity and multifunctionality, and quite likely resilience to climate change
3. Our knowledge on genetic diversity, phenotypic plasticity, and ecophysiological performance of key Mediterranean tree species is still very limited
4. Gain time is crucial to allow adaptation, evolution, and scientific and technological knowledge
5. Climate change is not coming alone and our understanding of interactions is poor