

AgriWeedClim

Emerging agricultural weeds under climate and land-use changes in Central Europe: identifying high-risk species, modelling their distribution, assessing impacts and management need

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weeds under climate and land use change



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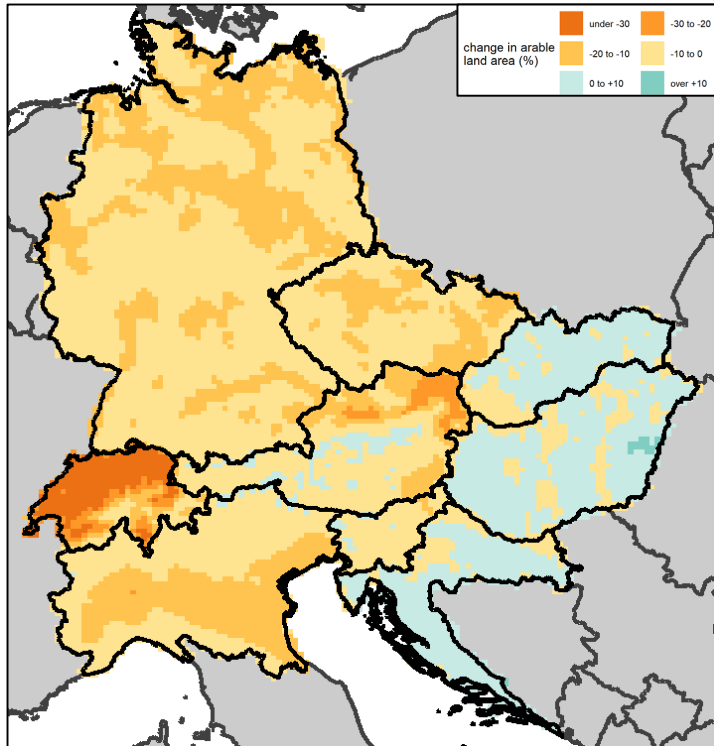


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Agriculture has changed

→ land use change

- net decrease
- new/different crops and cultivars



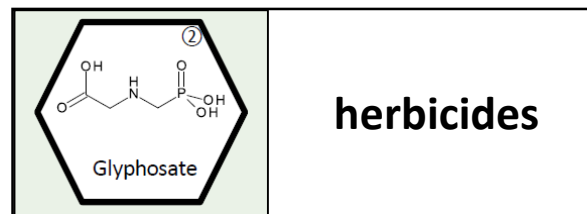
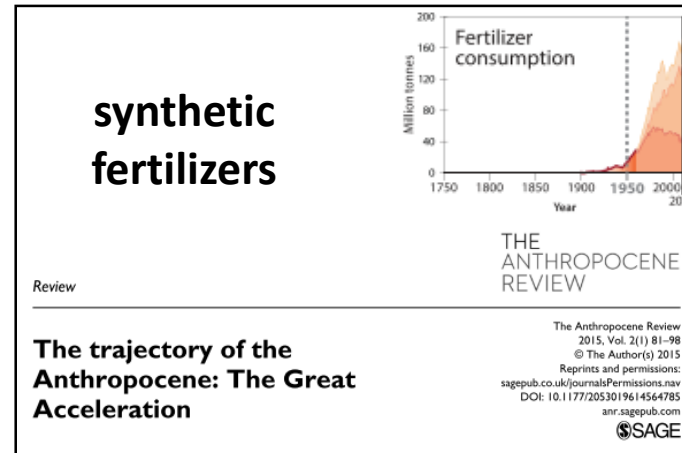
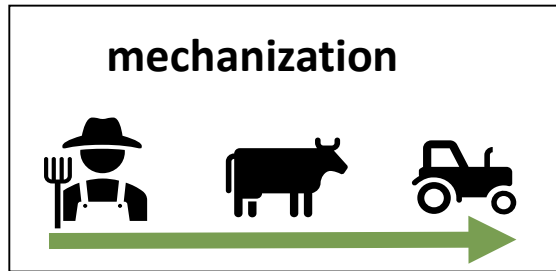
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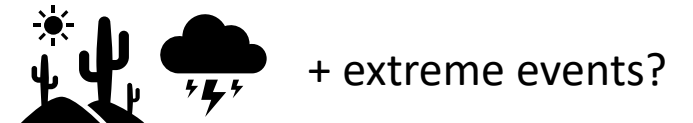
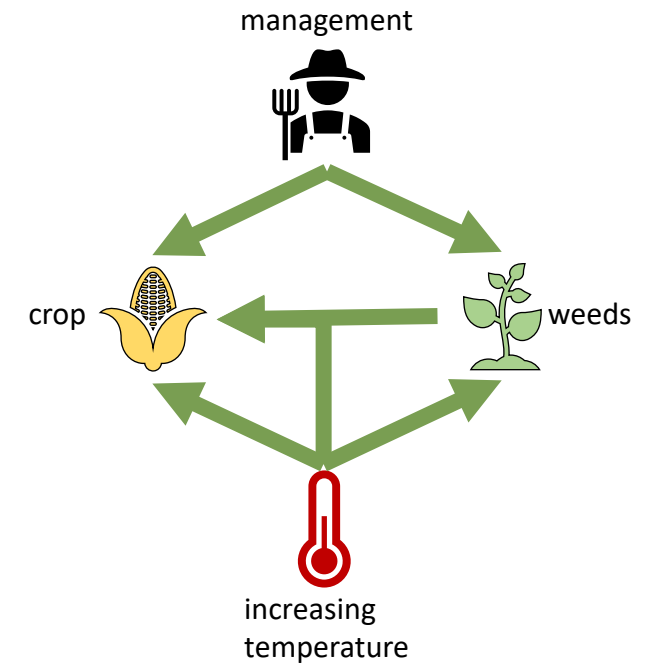
Kees Klein Goldewijk*, Arthur Beusen, Gerard van Drecht and Martine de Vos

→ land use intensification



+ climate change

potential influences on all aspects of agriculture, crop and weed management

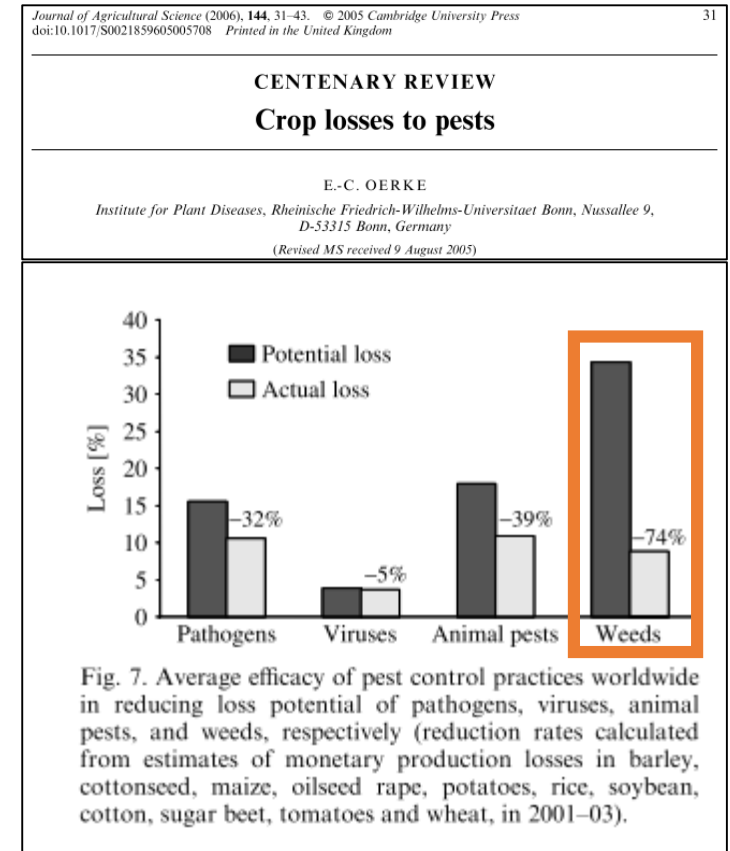


Weeds

= vascular plants, that occur in agricultural fields and that may cause substantial yield losses, disease transmission and human health impacts.

"emerging weeds" = species that are spreading or newly introduced and haven't reached their full potential impact (yet)

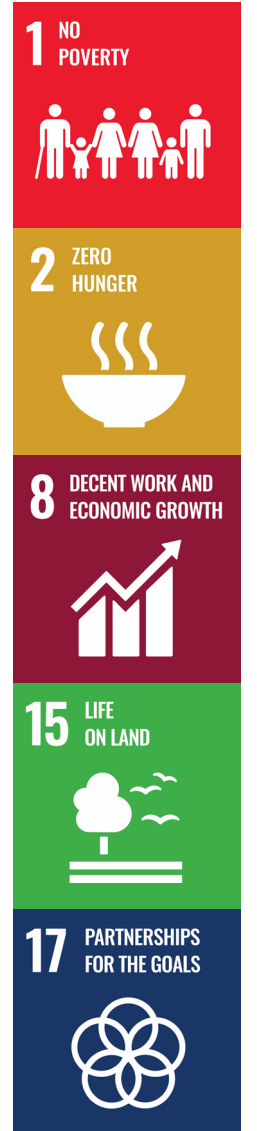
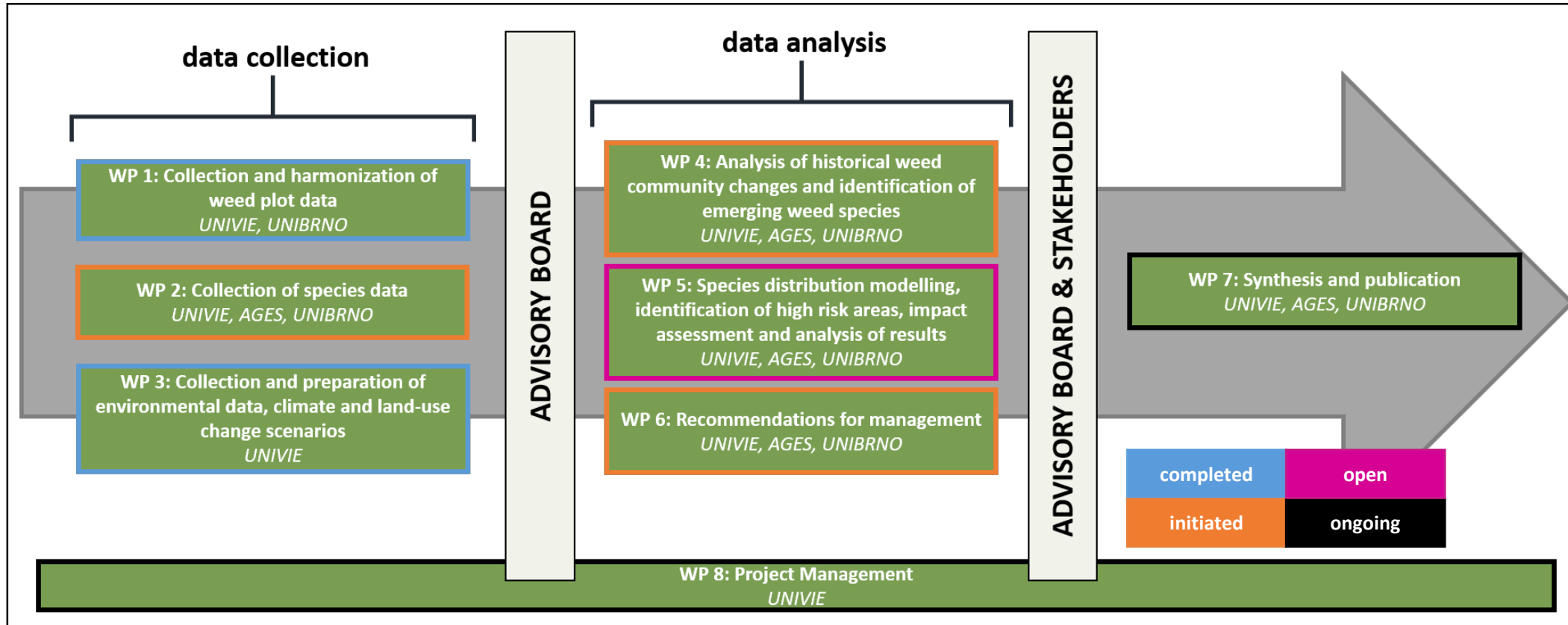
reasons for emergence: climate and land use change, biological invasions, herbicide resistance etc.



weeds are the **only** pest group that is **managed preemptively**

AgriWeedClim

- I. Analysis of changes in Central European Weed flora and their drivers.
- II. Identification of the Top 20 emerging weed species.
- III. Predicting their future range and agricultural impact.
- IV. Deriving methods for monitoring and management.
- V. Combining this information in an "Emerging Weeds Management Toolkit".

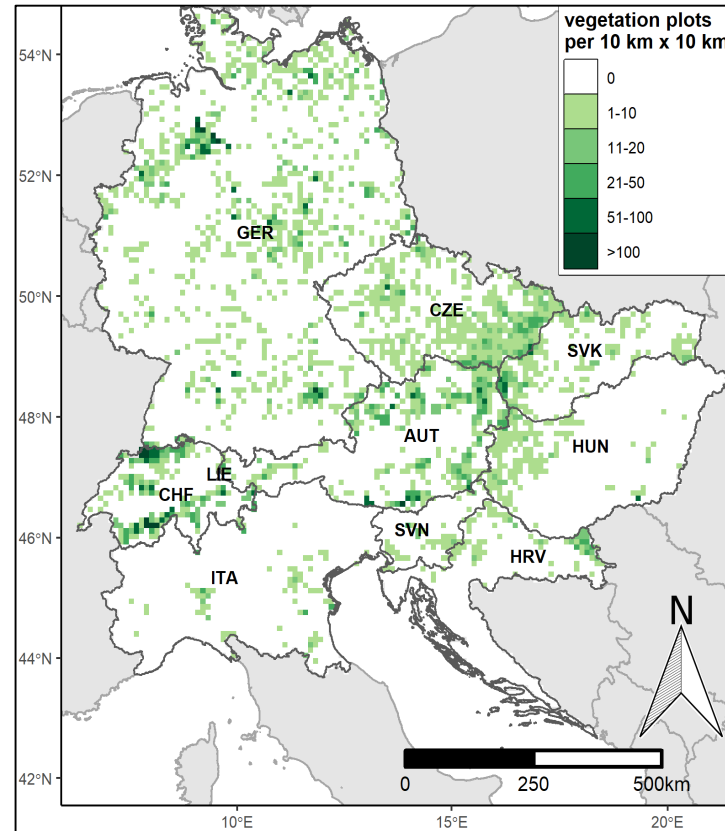


Results I – AgriWeedClim database

- European Vegetation Archive (EVA)
- other repositories
- individual dataholders
- digitization
- inclusion of agroscience plots

challenges:

- EVA filtering
- crop identification
- management documentation
- poor availability of data



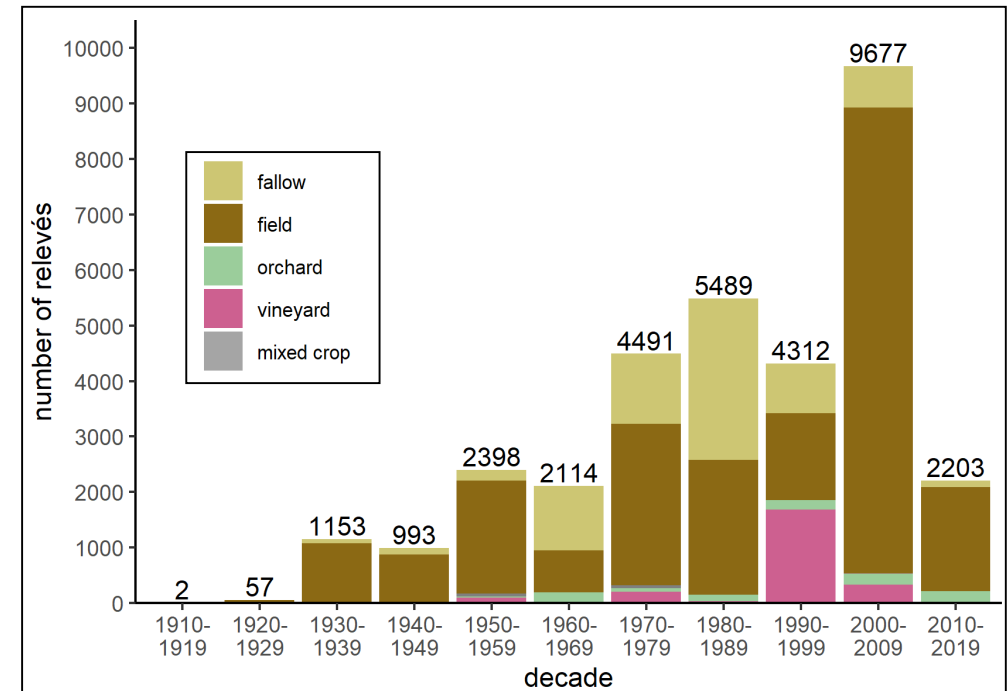
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Applied Vegetation Science 

REPORT

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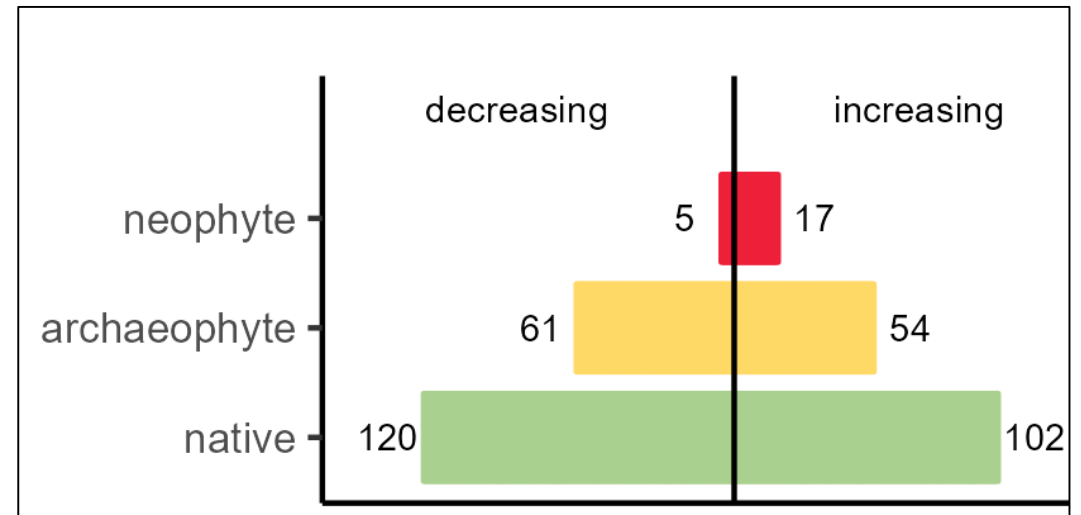
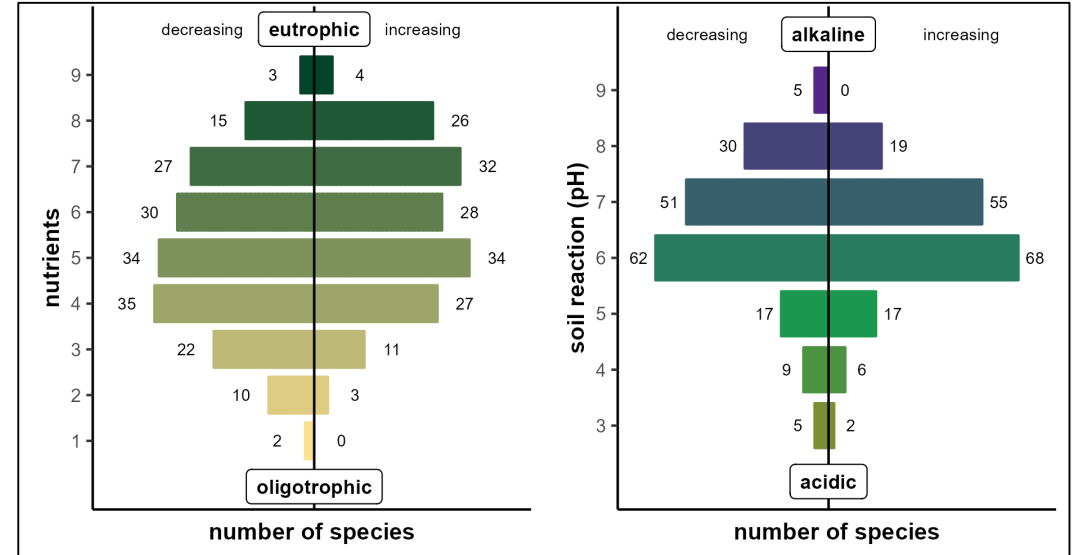
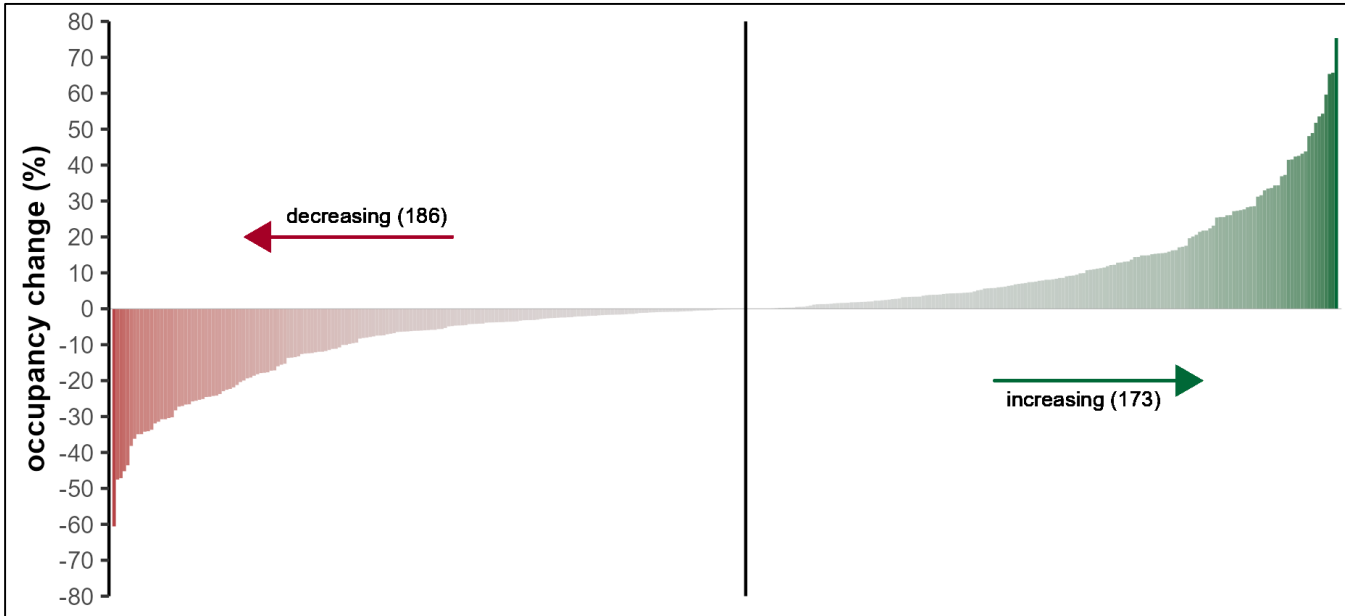


Results II – biodiversity turnover

➔ changes (1930s – 2010s) in range size of 359 most common vascular plant species in fields using the AgriWeedClim database

significant increases in:

- nutrient-preferring
- intermediate pH preferring
- neophyte species



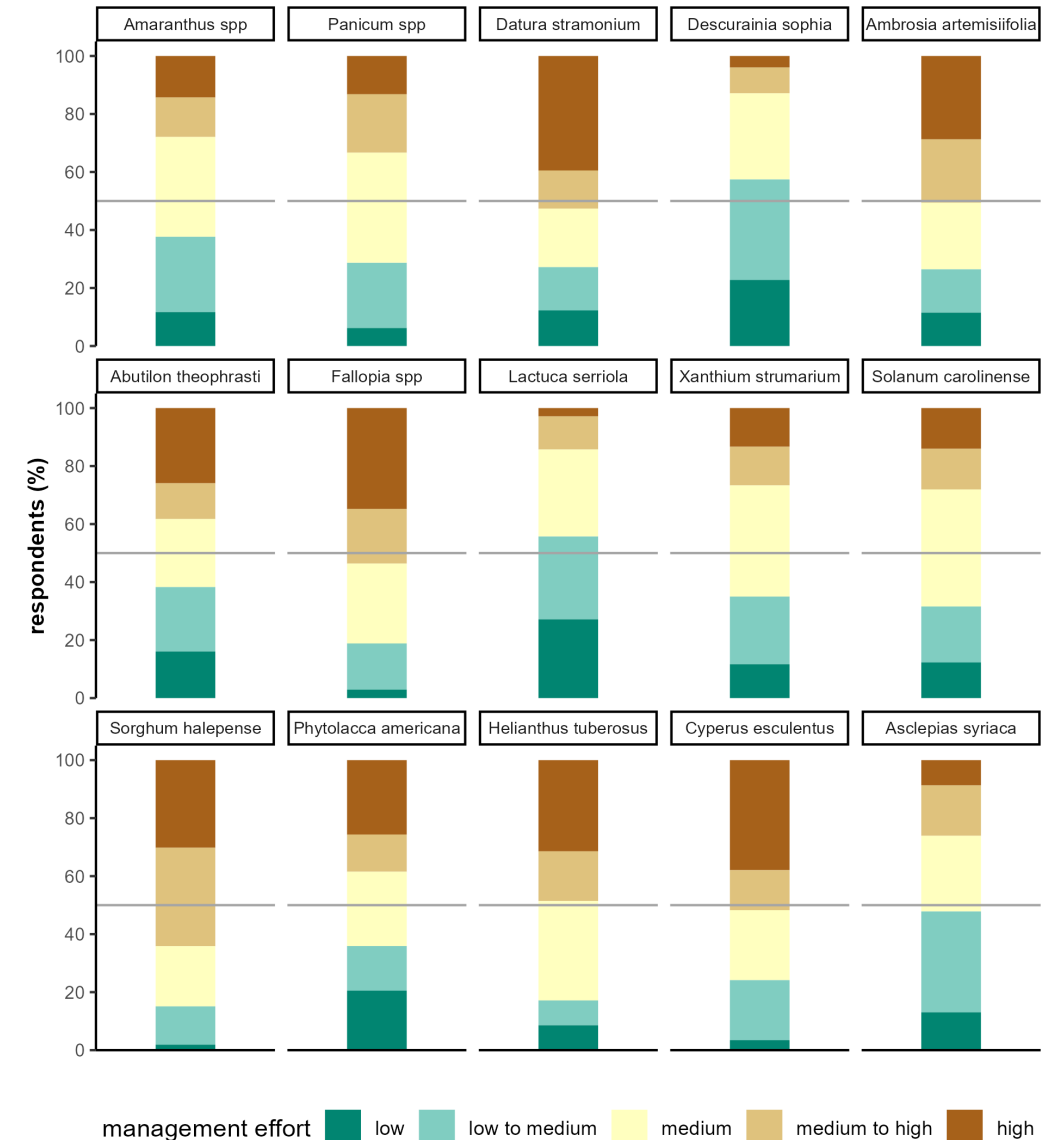
Results III – farm survey

farmers = primary decision-makers on the ground and witness changes in the weed flora early-on

- online survey (from Jan to Apr 2022)
- 181 Austrian farmers
- 15 pre-selected emerging weed species

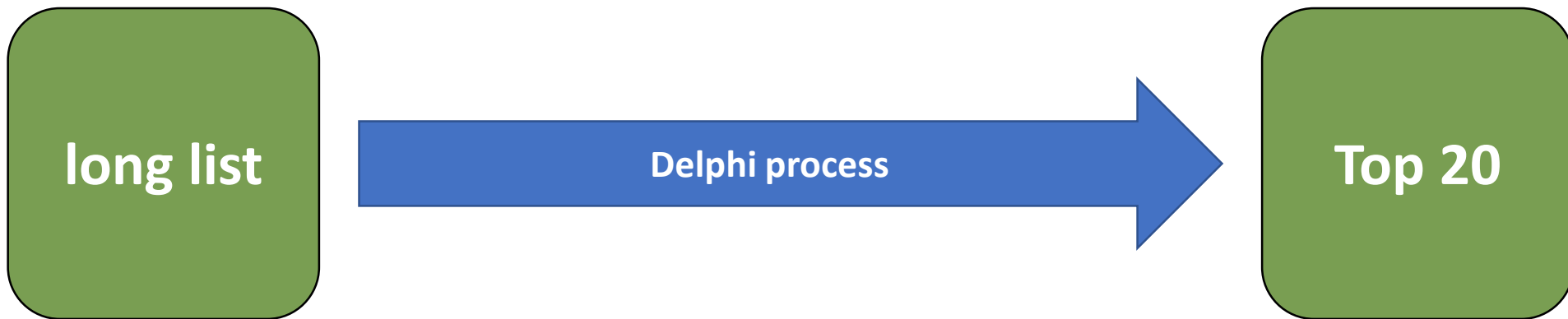


Does this species occur on your land?
If yes, how high is its management effort?



Results IV – emerging weeds

- long list of ca. 200 candidate species compiled in first version
 - biodiversity analysis
 - literature review
- requires (further) editing and standardization



Dissemination of results

Scientific

peer- reviewed publications

- data report on AgriWeedClim database
- biodiversity trends (submitted)
- farm survey (submitted)

presentations

- Neobiota conference 2019 (poster)
- EWRS symposium 2022 (talk)
- Neobiota conference 2022 (talk)
- Masaryk university seminar (talk)

Stakeholder

publications

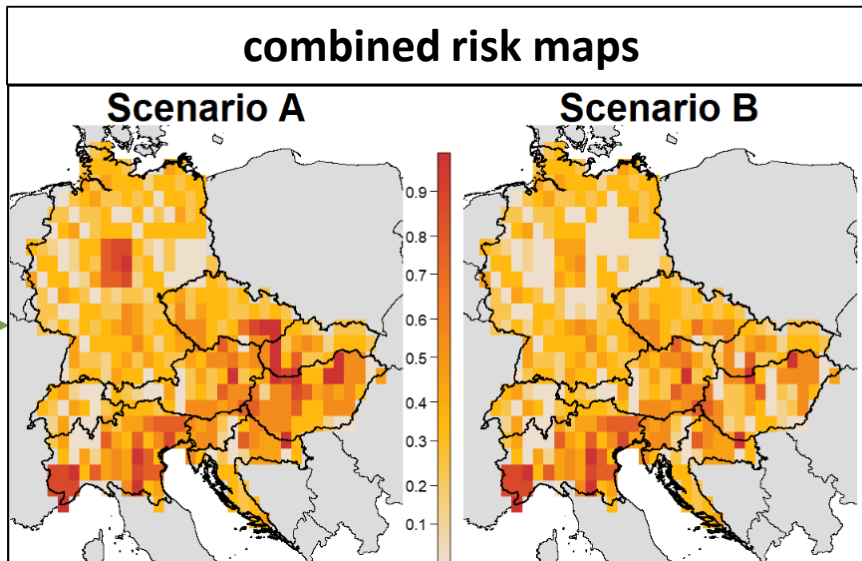
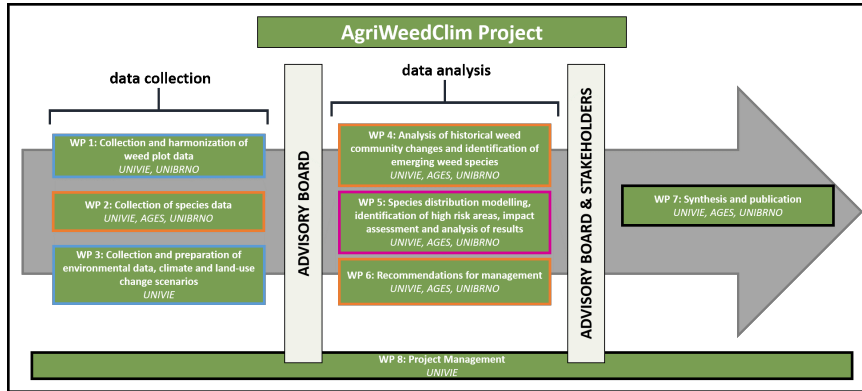
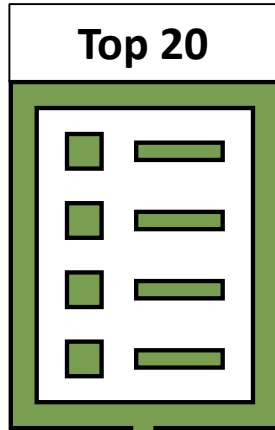
- Der Pflanzenarzt
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meetings, workshops etc

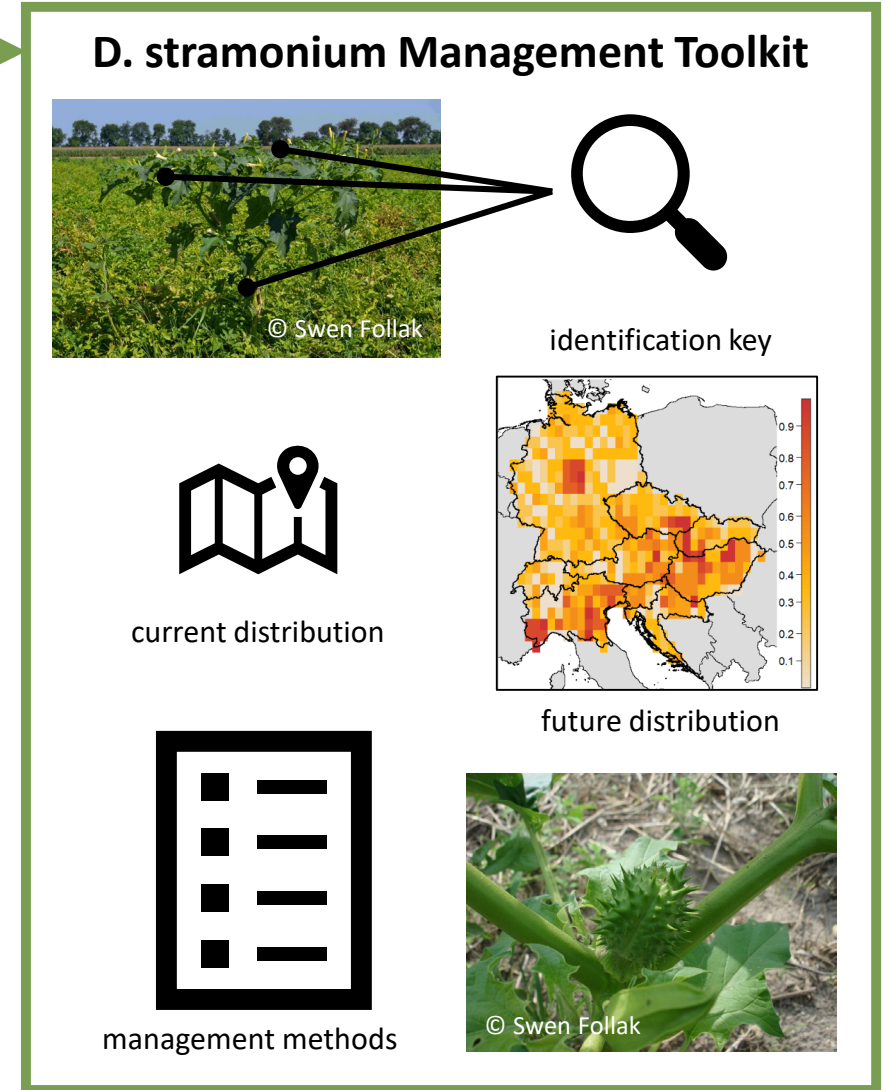
- Österreichische Pflanzenschutztag 2022

further stakeholder-relevant activities to be carried out in 2023, including workshops led by project partner AGES

Outlook



D. stramonium Management Toolkit



The toolkit includes:

- identification key**: A magnifying glass icon over a photo of a *D. stramonium* plant.
- current distribution**: A map of Europe with a location pin icon.
- future distribution**: A map of Europe showing projected risk levels with a color scale from 0.1 to 0.9.
- management methods**: A list icon.

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Thank you for your attention!

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Introduction

A brief "what's what" in the world of weeds



Ask questions any time!

What brings me here?

AgriWeedClim Project

data collection

WP 1: Collection and harmonization of weed plot data
UNIVIE, UNIBRNO

WP 2: Collection of species data
UNIVIE, AGES, UNIBRNO

WP 3: Collection and preparation of environmental data, climate and land-use change scenarios
UNIVIE

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data analysis

WP 4: Analysis of historical weed community changes and identification of emerging weed species
UNIVIE, AGES, UNIBRNO

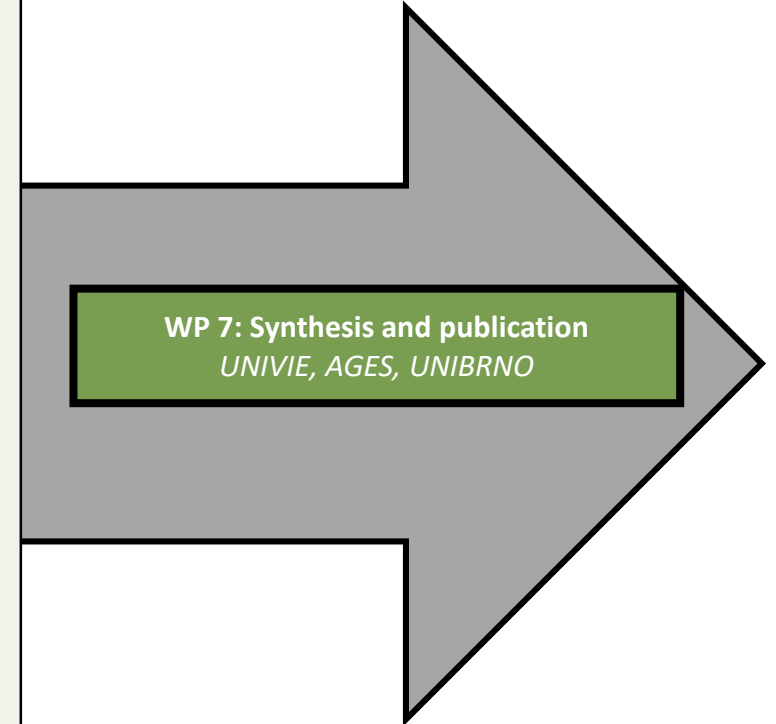
WP 5: Species distribution modelling, identification of high risk areas, impact assessment and analysis of results
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WP 6: Recommendations for management
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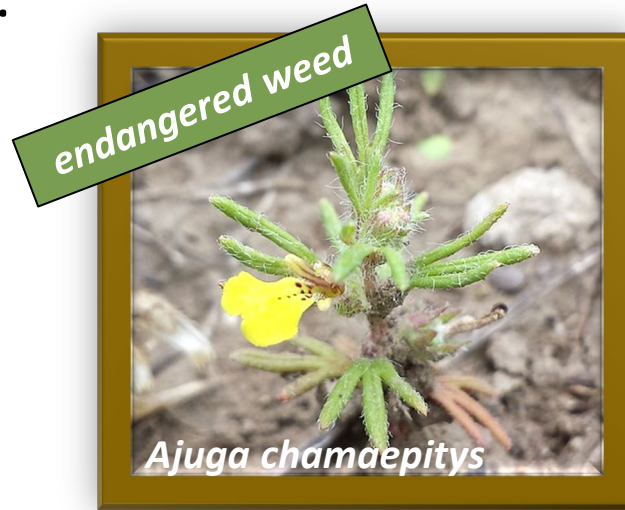
WP 7: Synthesis and publication
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WP 8: Project Management
UNIVIE



species labelled „weeds“ because:

- impact
- habitat
- mixed definitions



A: Depends ;-)

My definition

weeds = species of vascular plants growing in arable habitats that cause

“substantial”* damage to crops and/or livestock and/or humans

*enough to warrant intervention(s)

arable habitats = fields, vineyards, orchards and their fallows

sleeper weeds = weeds that appear harmless

emerging weeds = weeds showing a tendency towards spread

Are some weeds sleeping? Some concepts and reasons

Euphytica 2006 148: 111-120

R.H. Groves

CSIRO Plant Industry & CRC for Australian Weed Management, GPO Box 1600, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia
(e-mail: richard.groves@csiro.au)

Why study weeds?

THE EVOLUTION OF WEEDS

Ann. Rev. of Ecology and Systematics 1974

Herbert G. Baker

Botany Department, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720

Trends in Plant Science 2020 25 (11)

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REVIEWS

Review

Weeds: Against the Rules?

Lucie Mahaut,^{1,*} Pierre-Olivier Cheptou,¹ Guillaume Fried,² François Munoz,³ Jonathan Storkey,⁴ François Vasseur,^{1,5} Cyrille Violle,¹ and François Bretagnolle⁵

- weeds are highly **adaptable**
- weeds have **resisted** targeted eradication campaigns
- weeds **laugh at some basic principles of ecology and evolution**
 - rapid evolution
 - "chaotic" community assembly

Q: What has changed in agriculture?



BOTANY LETTERS
2019, VOL. 166, NO. 3, 356–365
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23818107.2019.1638829>

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ARTICLE

Check for updates

Shifts of arable plant communities after agricultural intensification: a floristic and ecological diachronic analysis in maize fields of Latium (central Italy)

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meta-analysis

European Journal of Agronomy 13 (2000) 85–100

European Journal of Agronomy

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Changes in agriculture and land use in Europe

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Received 19 February 1999; received in revised form 1 September 1999; accepted 14 March 2000

A: What hasn't? crops grown for profit

meta-analysis

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LETTER

Understanding the combined impacts of weeds and climate change on crops

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REVISED 2 January 2021

Montserrat Vilà^{1,2,3,*}, Evelyn M Beatty¹, Dana M Blumenthal¹, Bethany A Bradley¹, Regan Early¹, Brittany B Laginhas¹, Alejandro Trillo¹, Jeffrey S Dukes¹, Cascade J B Sorte¹ and Inés Ibáñez¹

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Changes during the 20th century in species composition of synanthropic vegetation in Moravia (Czech Republic)

Změny ve složení synantropní vegetace na Moravě v průběhu 20. století

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Reviewing change in the arable flora of Europe: a meta-analysis

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meta-analysis

The impact of agricultural intensification and land-use change on the European arable flora

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Red Lists

general trend:

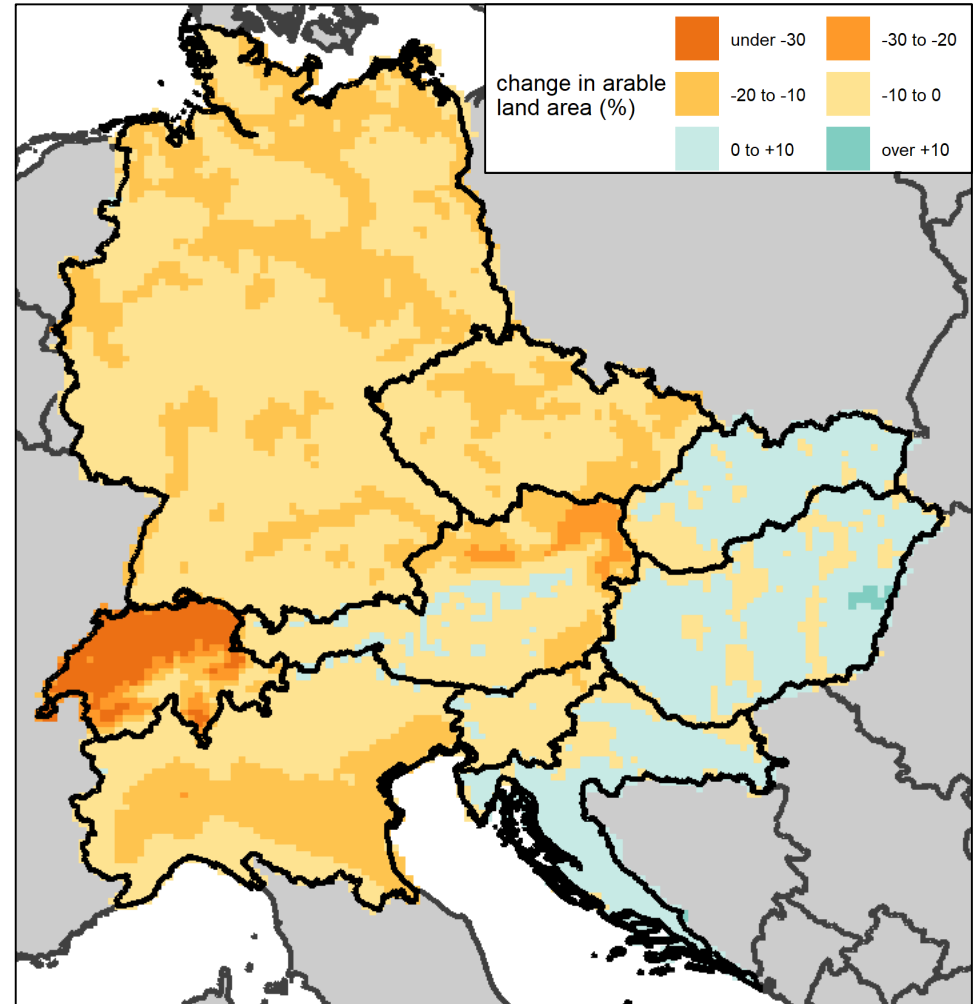
- net decrease
 - decrease in former West
 - increase in former East/Yugoslavia
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- ❖ "arable land" may include semi-permanent pastures/meadows
 - ❖ other data sources may differ in "hindcasts"
 - ❖ former East is normally "USSR, disaggregated" (~ Yugoslavia)

Global Ecology and Biogeography, (Global Ecol. Biogeogr.) (2011) 20, 73–86

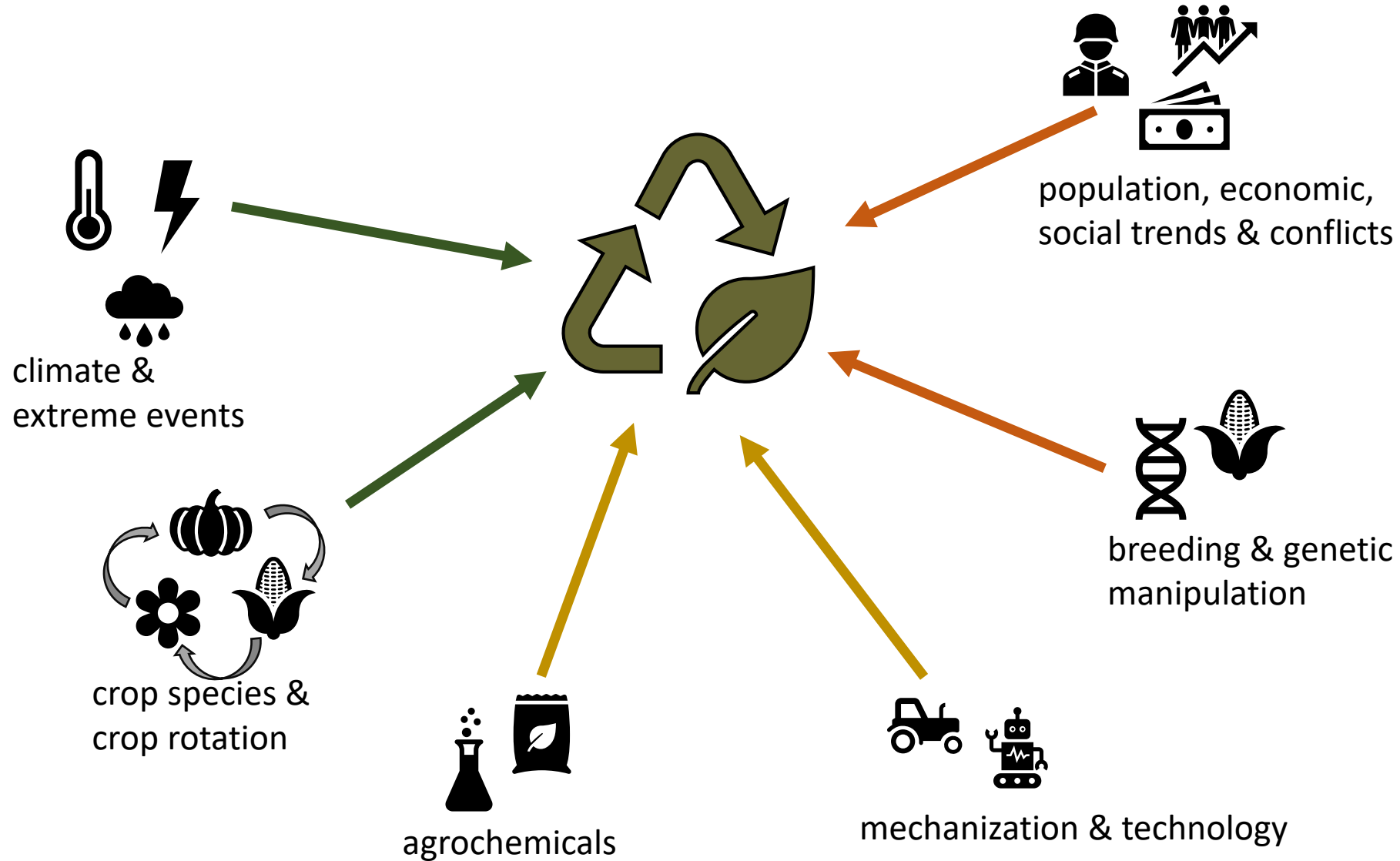
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Arable habitats



Database

step 1: get data!

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What did we want?

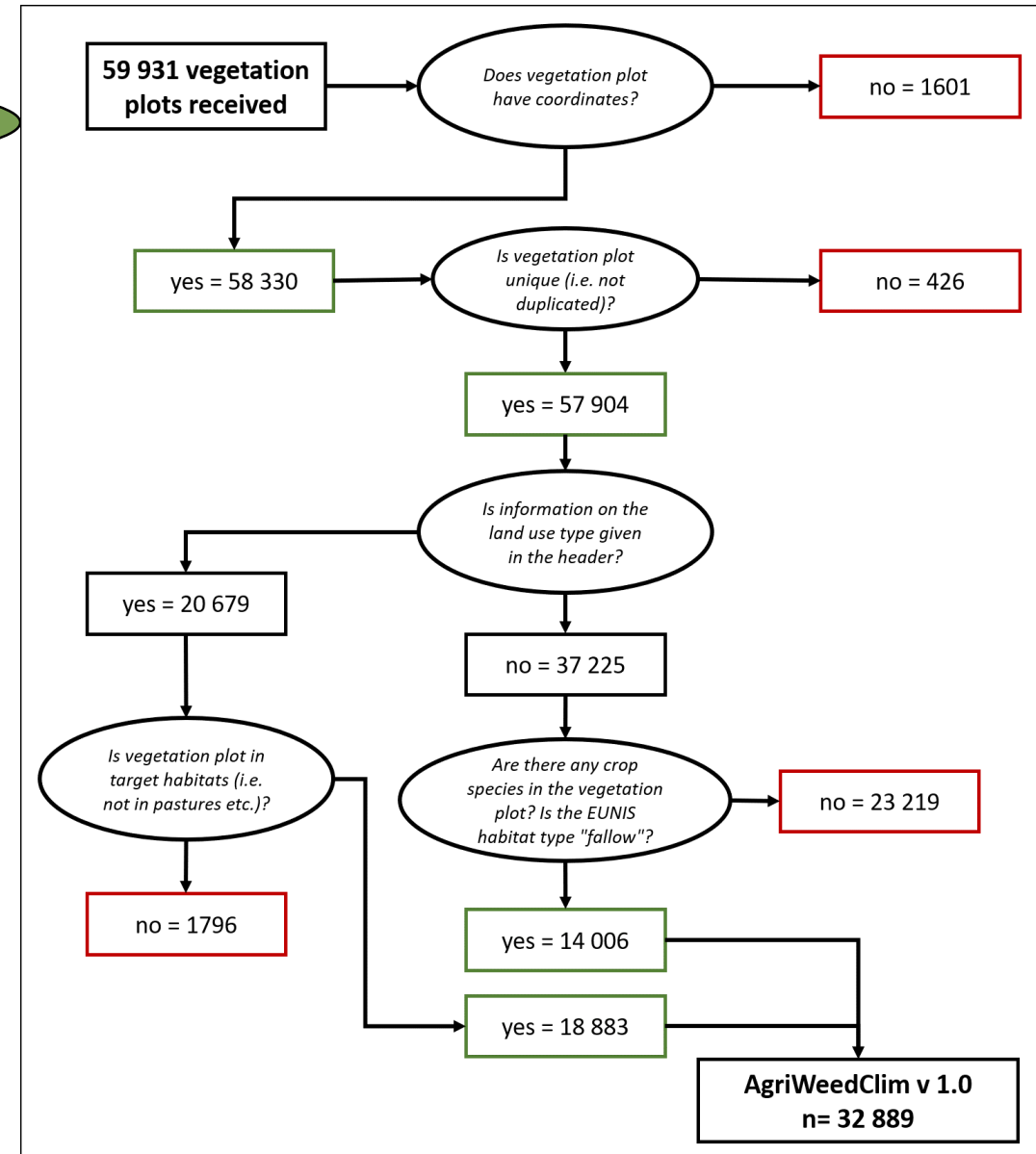
- the perfect dataset, of course
- exact positions (coordinates)
 - crop data
 - species/cultivar
 - organic/conventional
 - management data
 - even sampling



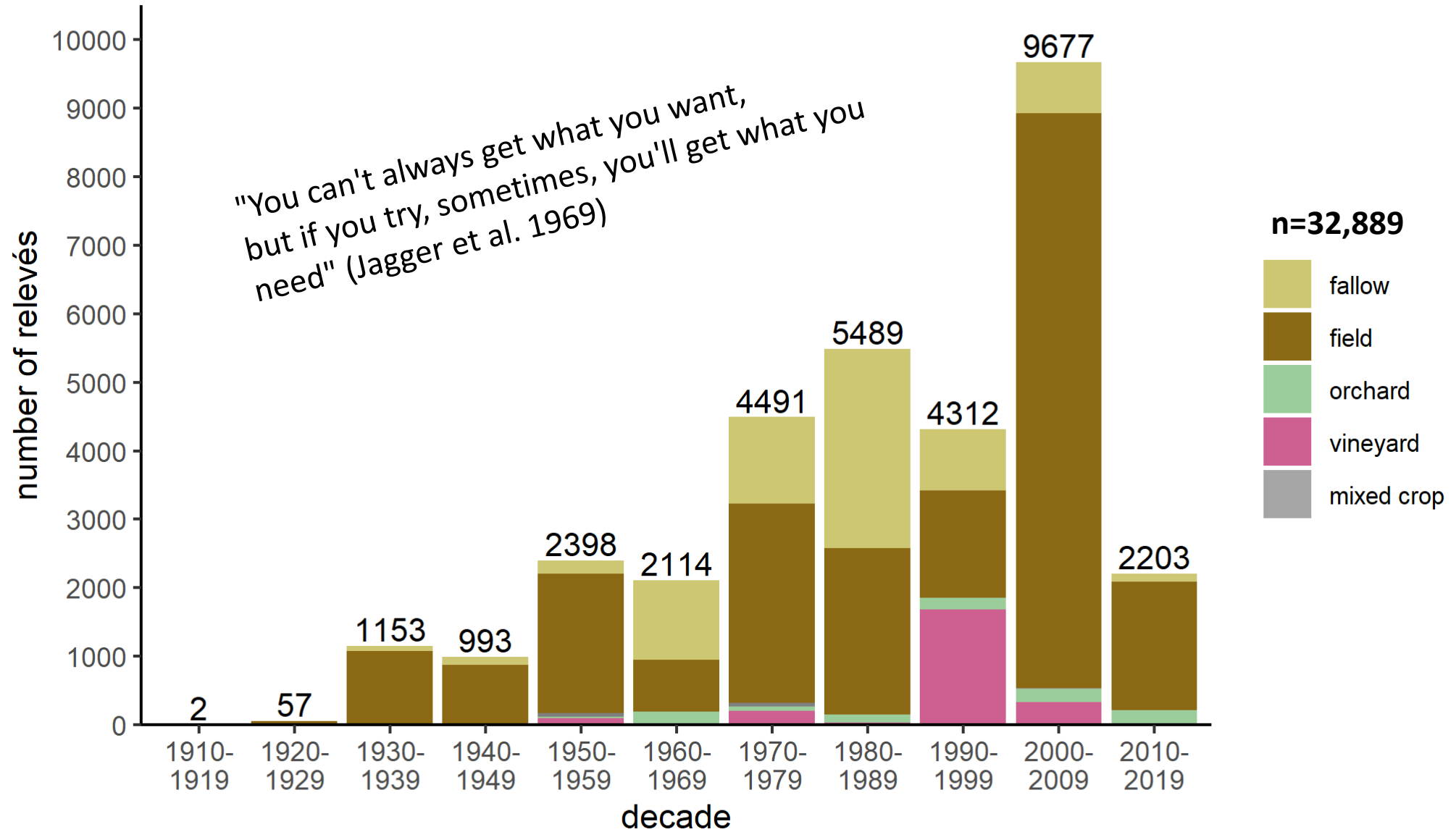
How did we try to get it?

THANK YOU EVA team!

- European Vegetation Archive
 - other databases
 - individual data holders
 - digitization
 - inclusion of agricultural "plots"
- } different processing
- taxonomic standardization
 - a lot of "fun" with R, Microsoft Excel & Access



What did we get?



AgriWeedClim v2.0

- ✓ new data
- ✓ physical archives etc. open again (CoVid times)
- ✓ EVA "habitat column"
- ✓ more digitization

- ✓ new taxonomy? WorldFloraOnline? EuroPlusMed?
- ✓ "scraping" of GBIF



IF YOU FIND SOME UNLABELLED/UNKNOWN PLOT DATA SECURE THEM!

Biodiversity Change

step 2: analyze data

Glaser et al. 2022 (submitted to Global Ecology and Biogeography)



Arable fields have changed...

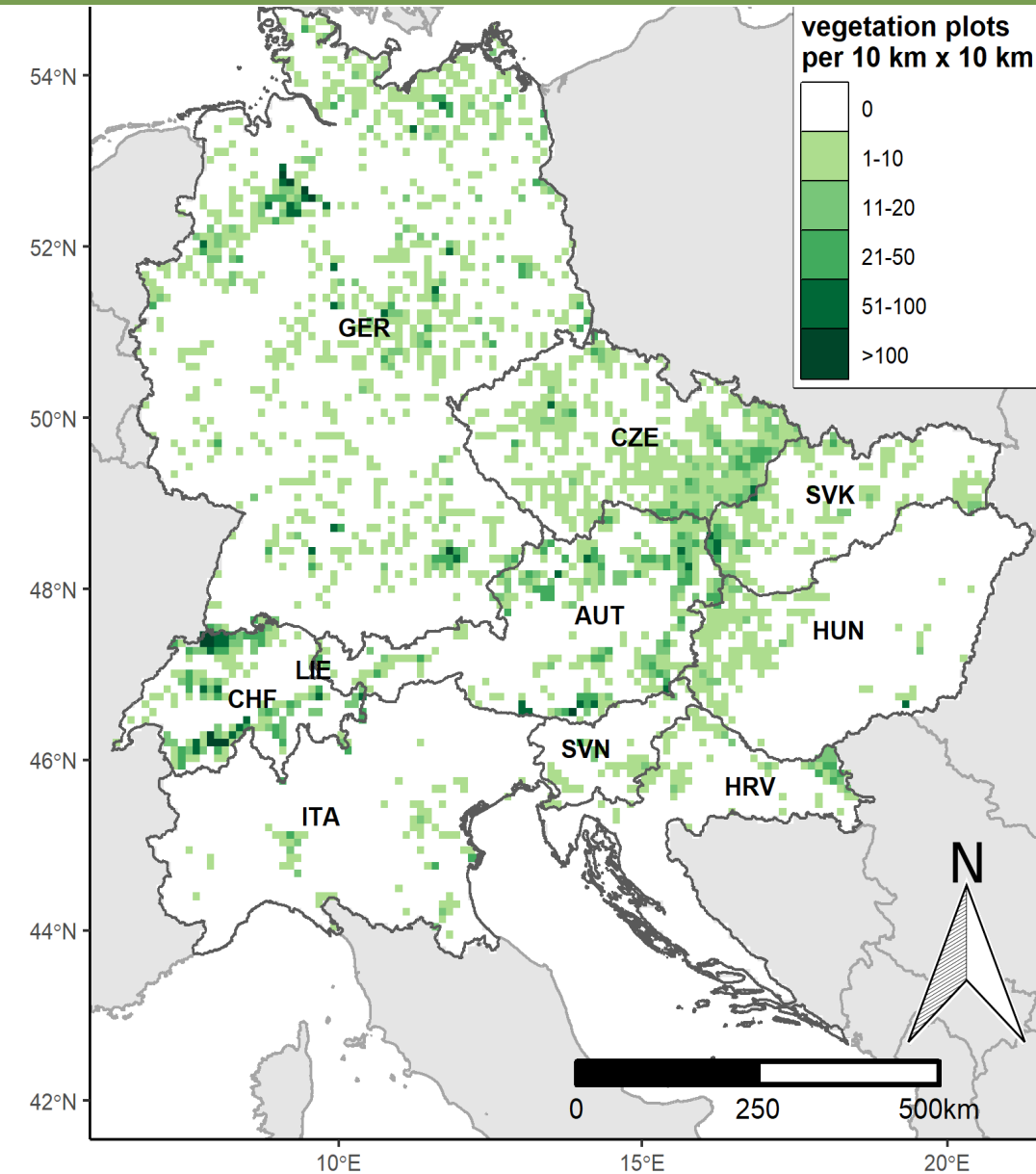
... and that raises questions:

I. How have species changed over time?

II. How large is species turnover?

III. Do species with different traits show different trajectories of change?

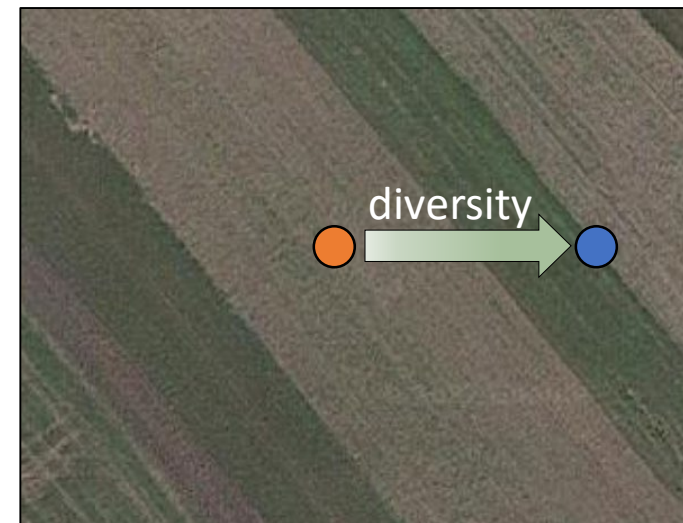
Study area & data source



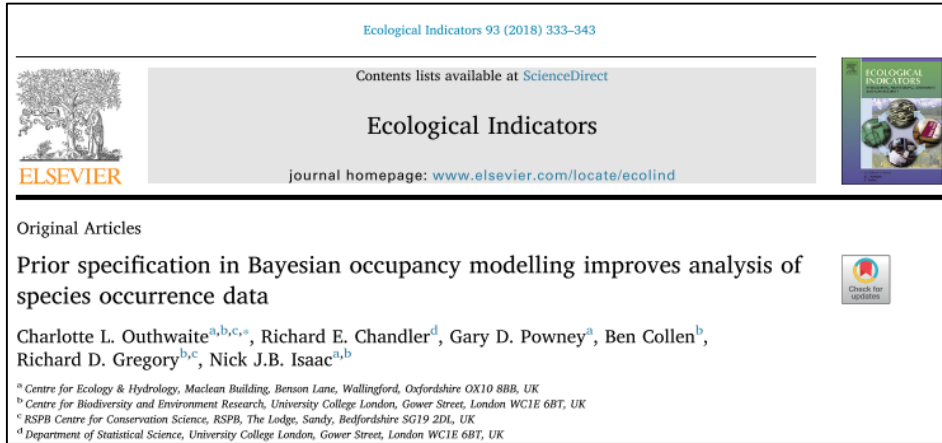
AgriWeedClim database (Glaser et al. 2022)

- plot data for arable habitats
 - fields (n= 21,955 plots)
 - species over 50 records (n=359)
- different sampling schemes

→ bias in a priori site selection between studies
field center and **field margin**



Occupancy modelling



based on

- sites i (=10x10 km cells)
- visits v (=vegetation plots)
- time t (decades 1930s-2010s)

hierarchical Bayes (JAGS and R)

state model

$$z_{i,t} \sim \text{dbern}(\varphi_{i,t})$$

true occurrence

probability of occurrence = occupancy

$$\text{logit}(\varphi_{i,t}) = b_t + u_i$$

random time effect

random site effect

observation model

$$(y_{itv} | z_{it}) \sim \text{dbern}(z_{it} * p_{itv})$$

observed data

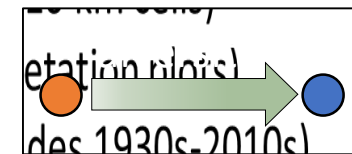
probability of observation

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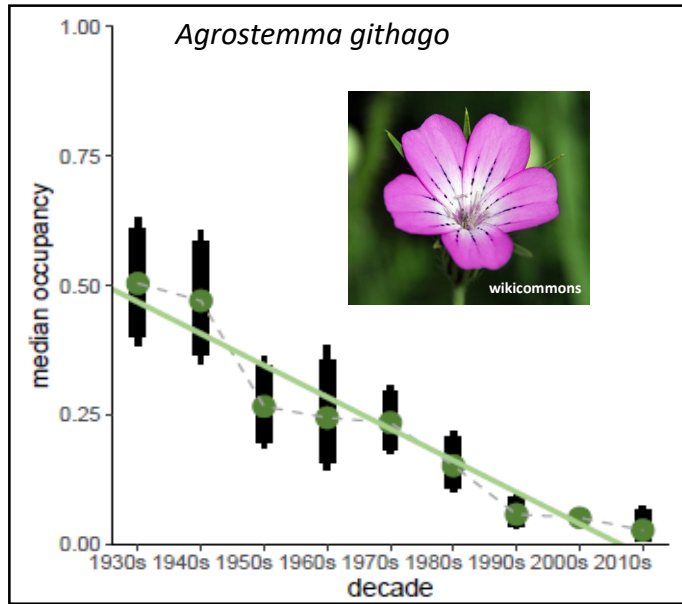
random time effect

list length effect

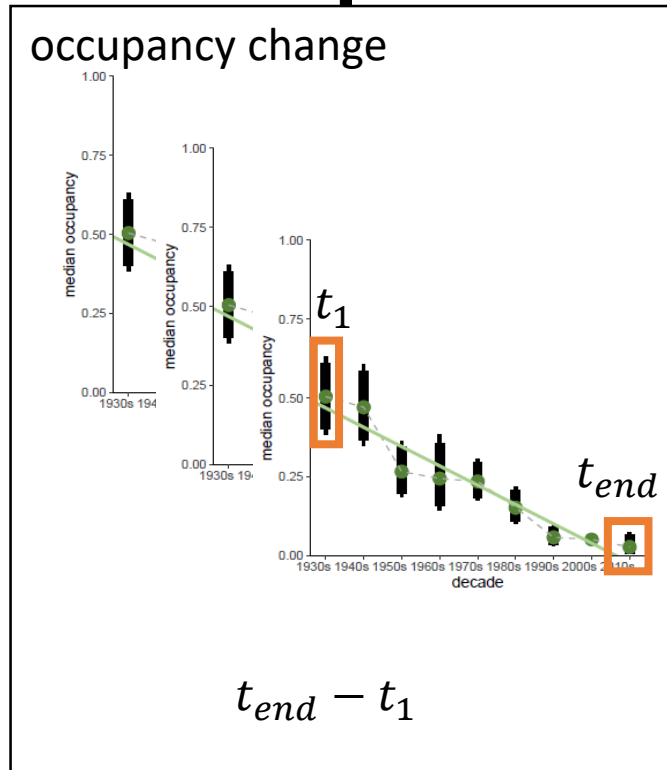
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Analysis of results









x 359 species

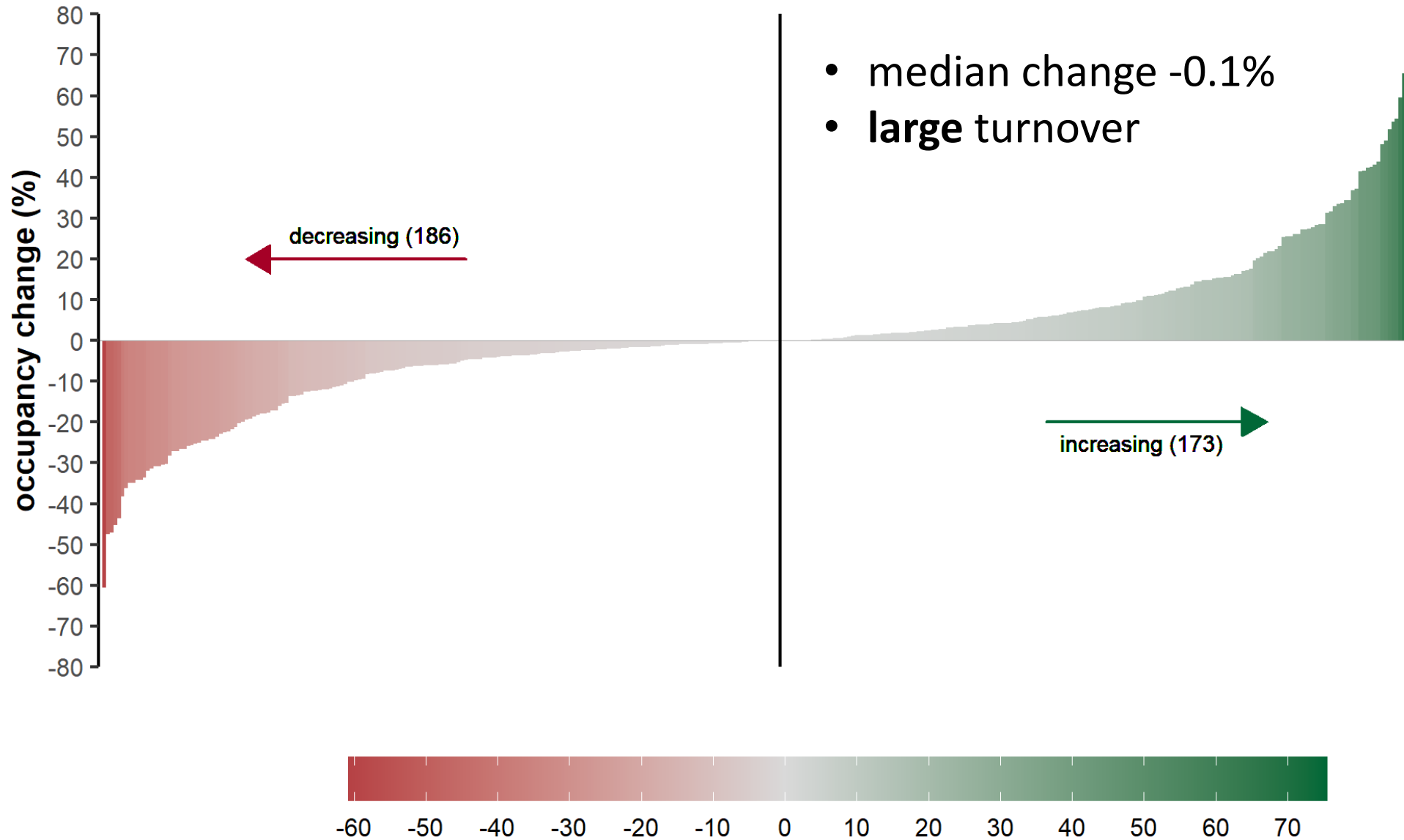


$$\log\left(\frac{t_{end}}{t_1}\right) \sim$$

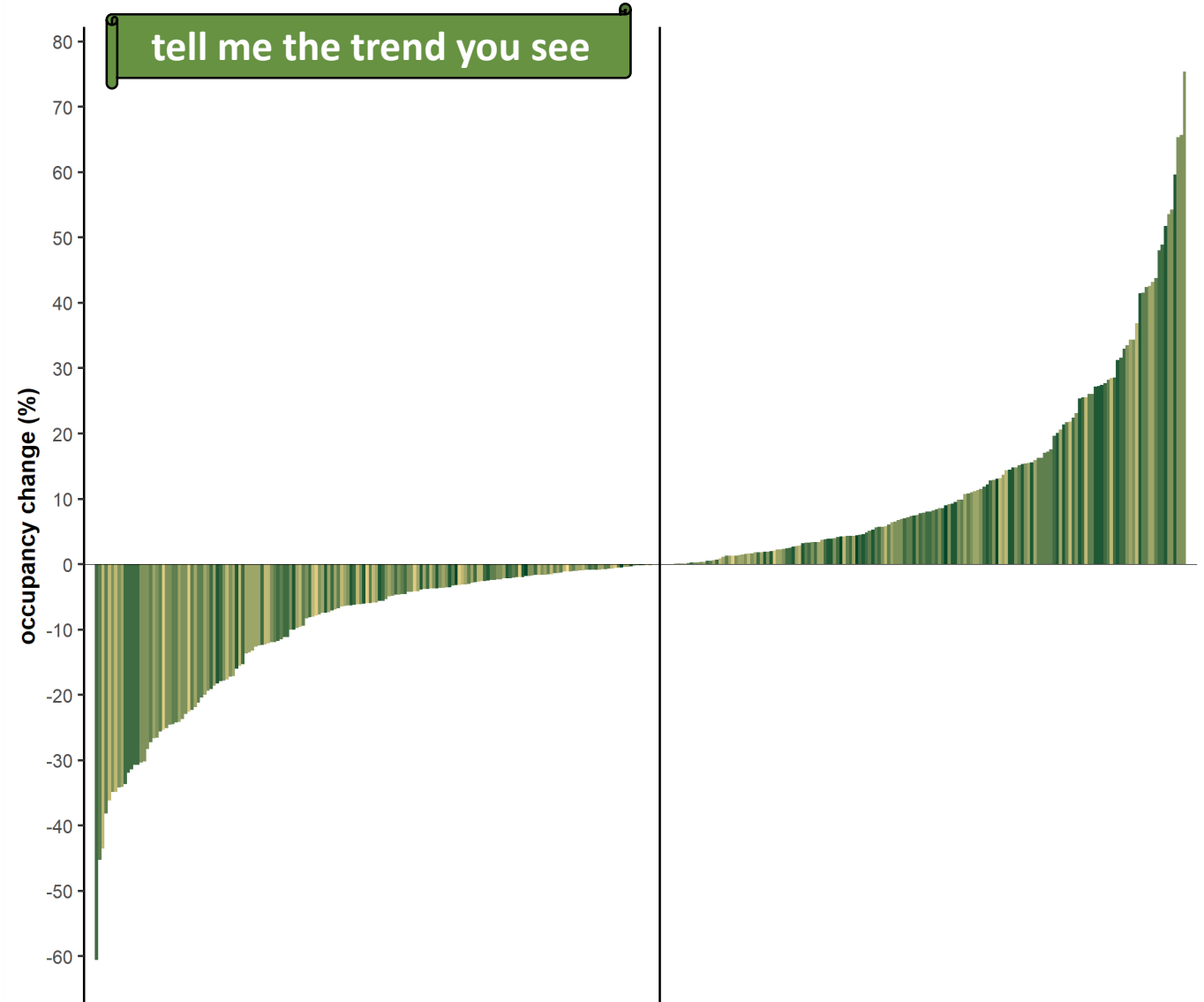
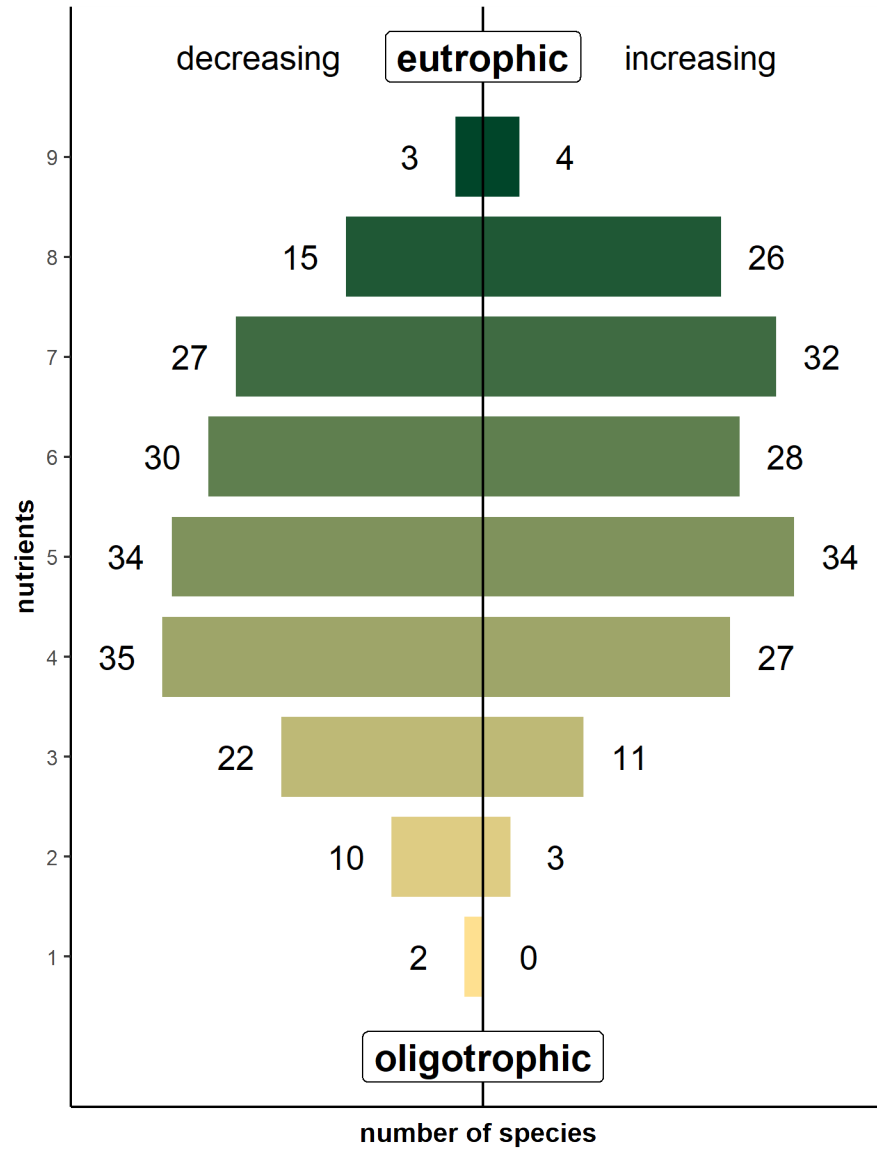
different species attributes:

-  Nutrients
-  soil pH
-  temperature
-  soil moisture
-  biogeography
-  segetal affiliation

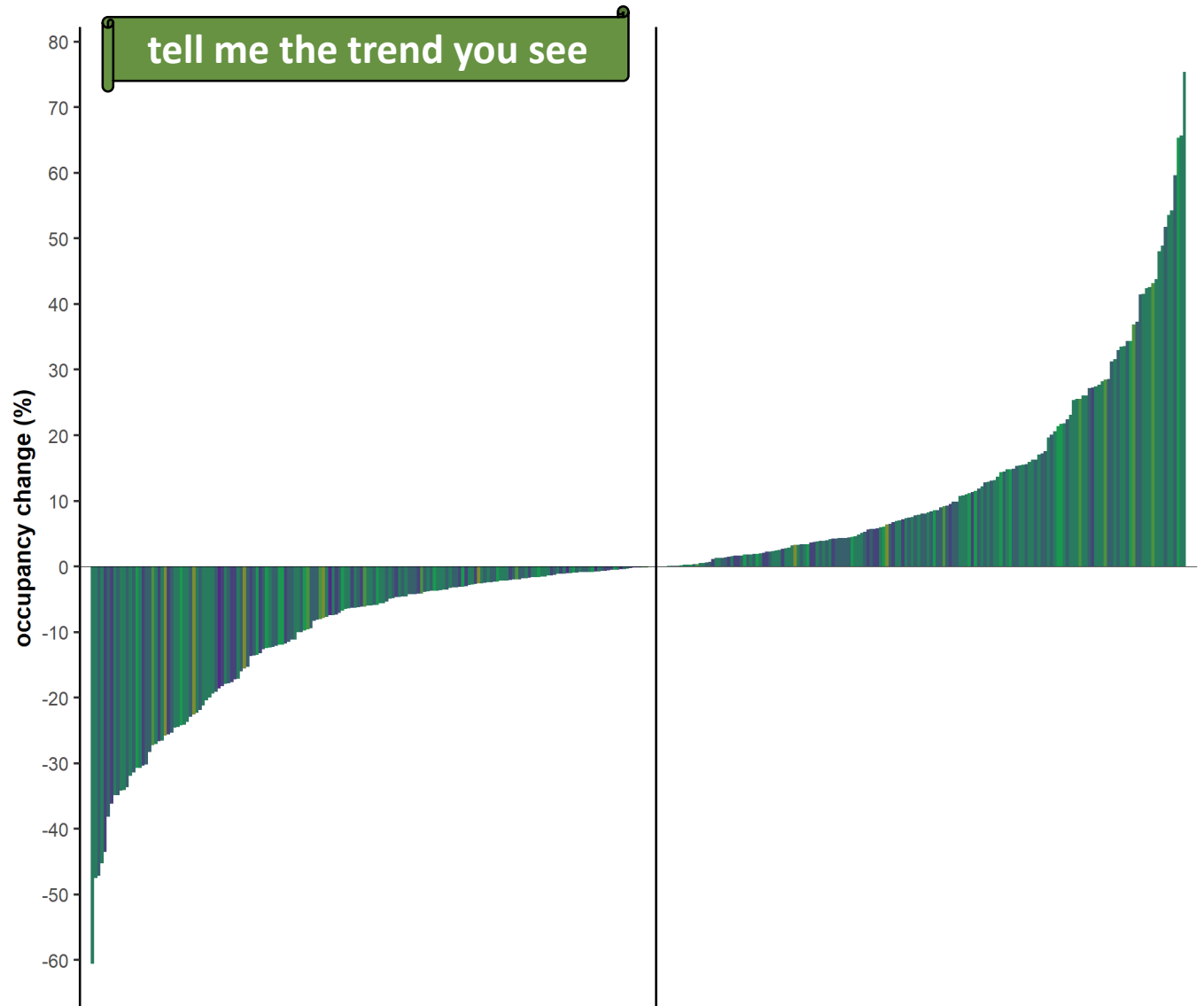
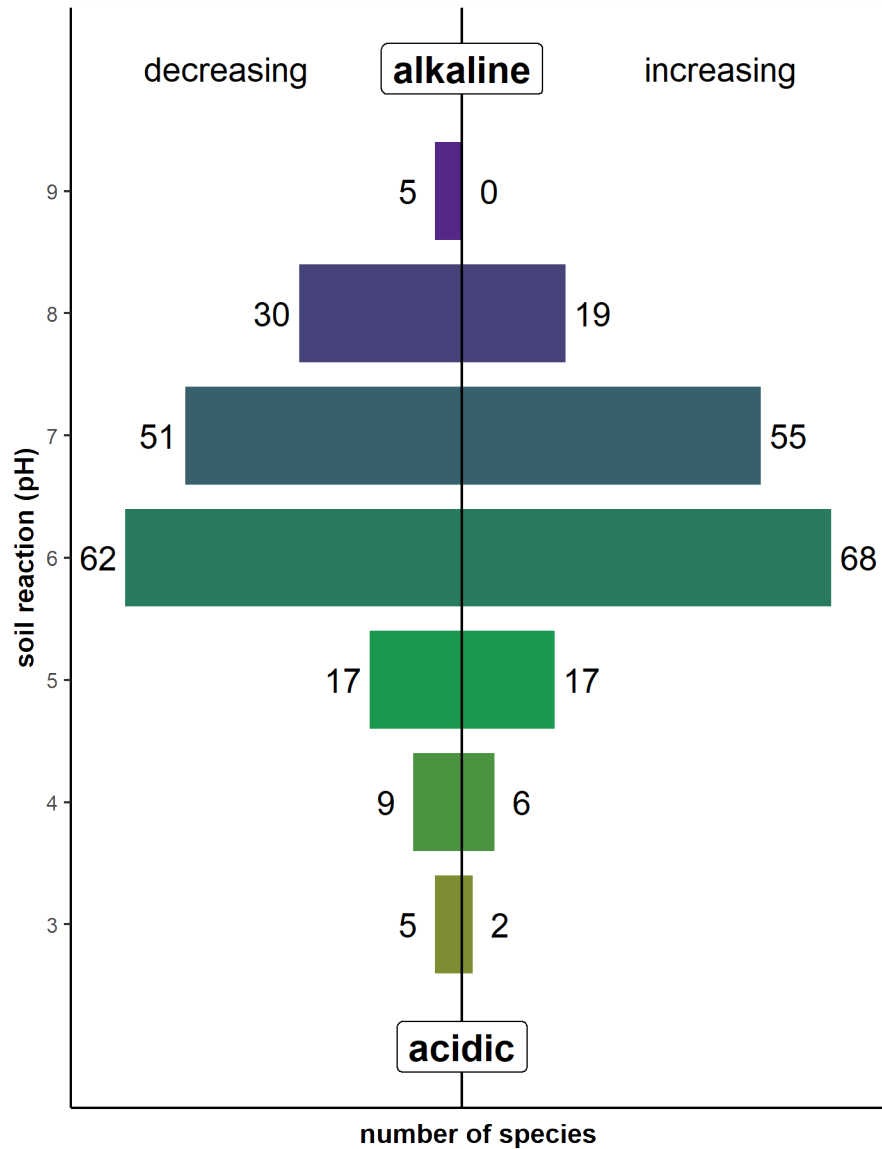
Overall Results



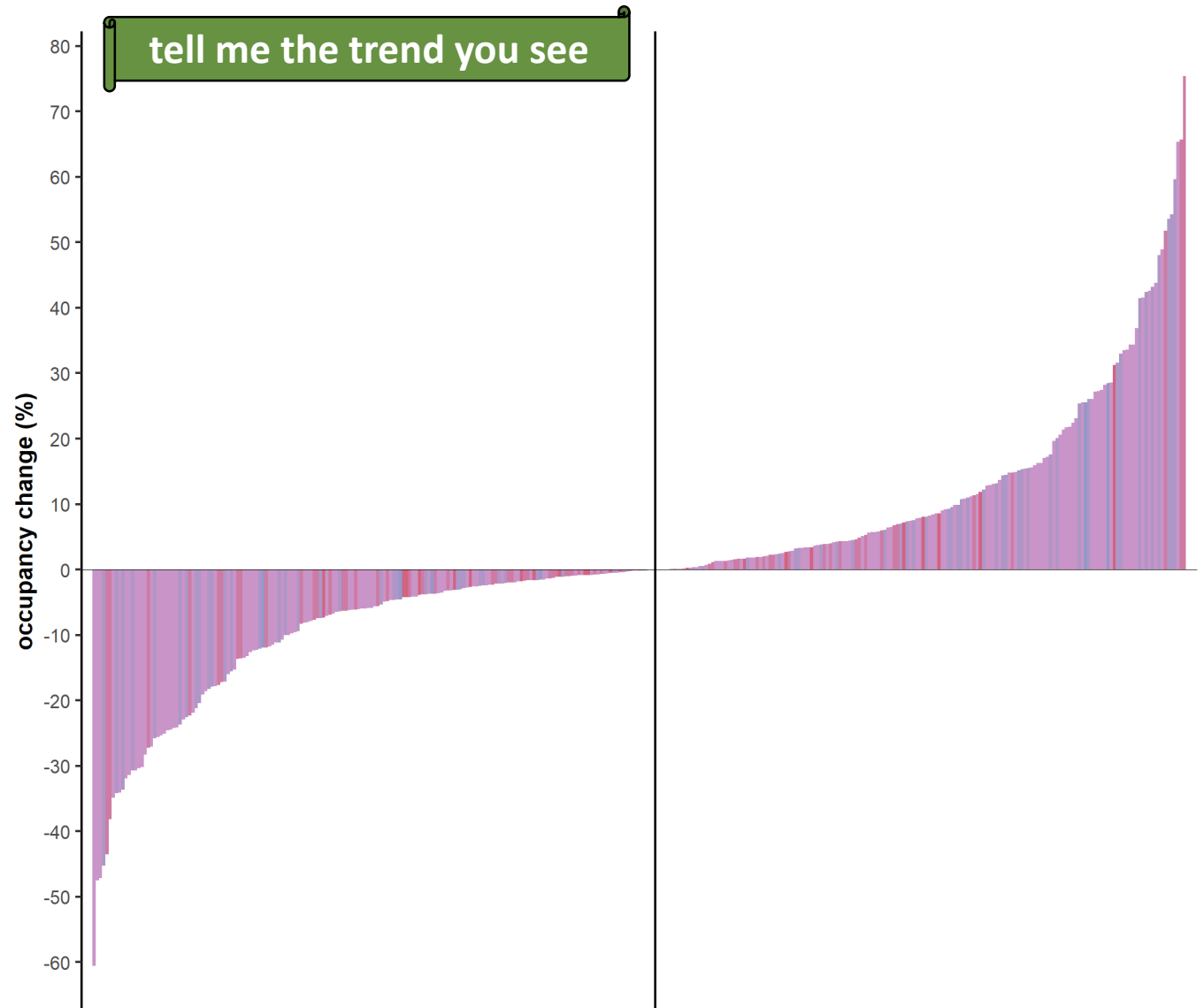
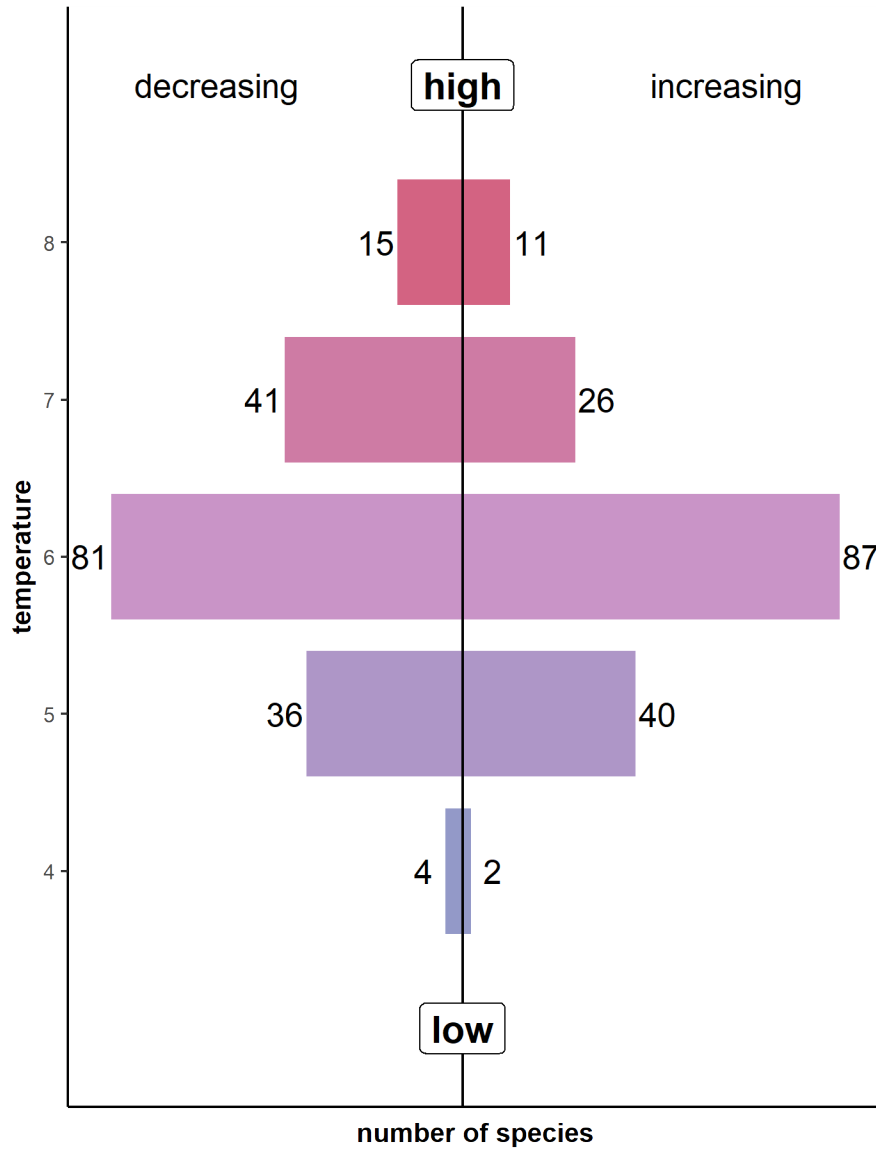
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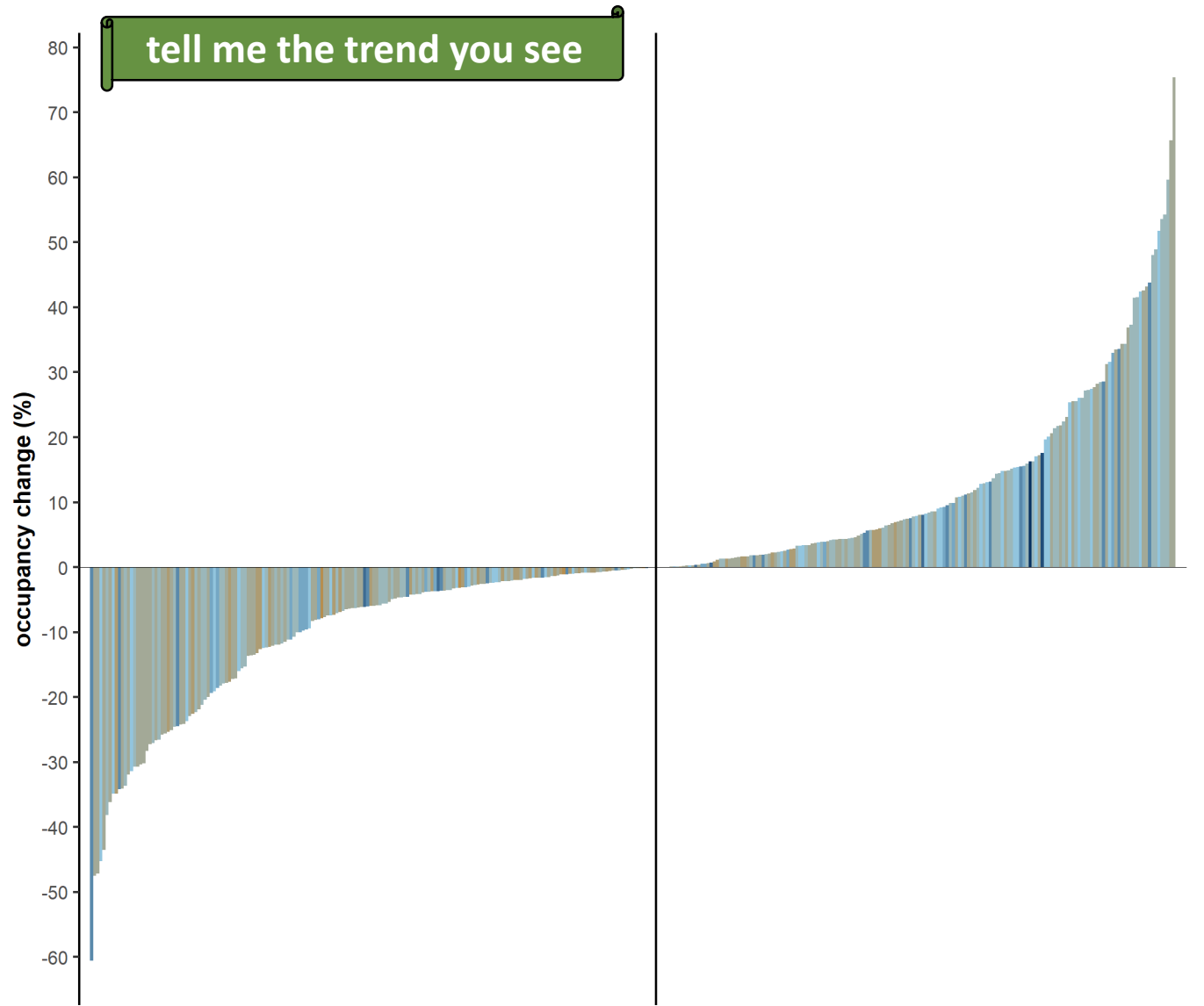
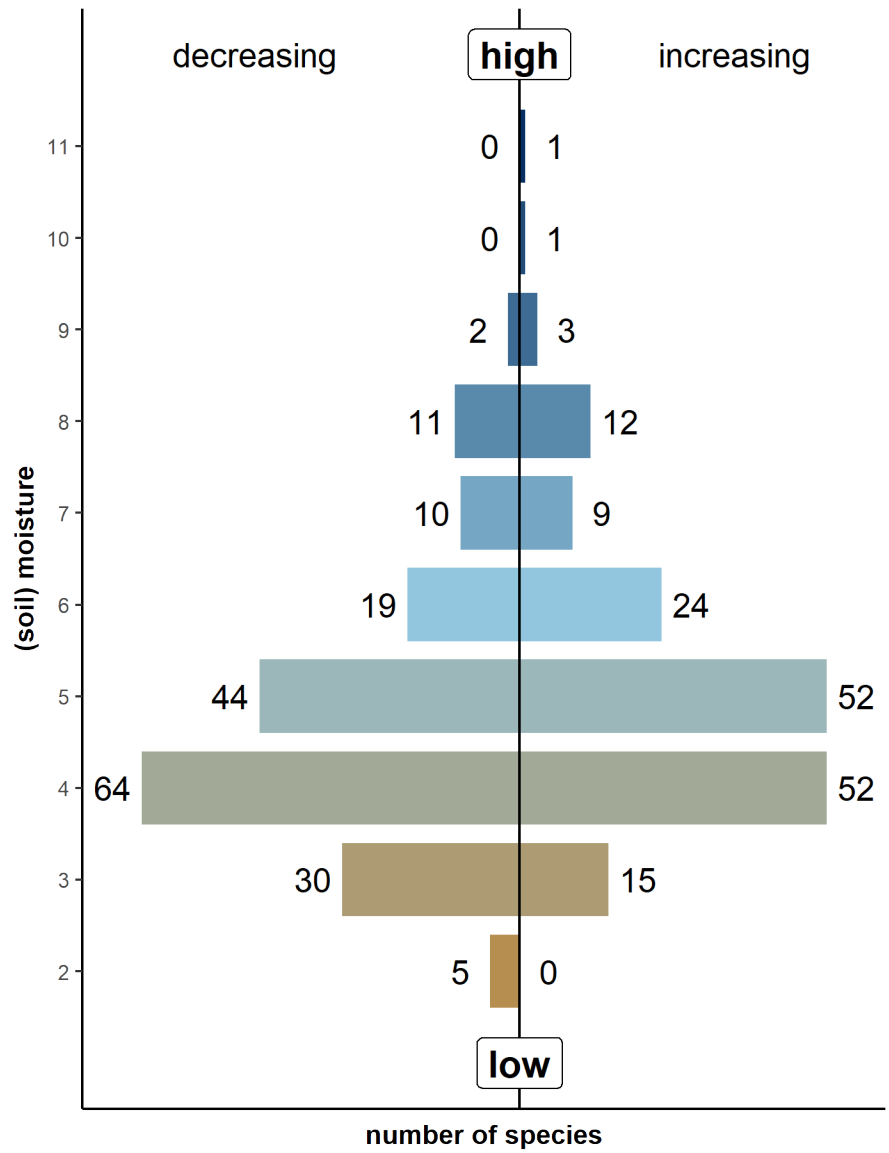
Soil reaction (pH)



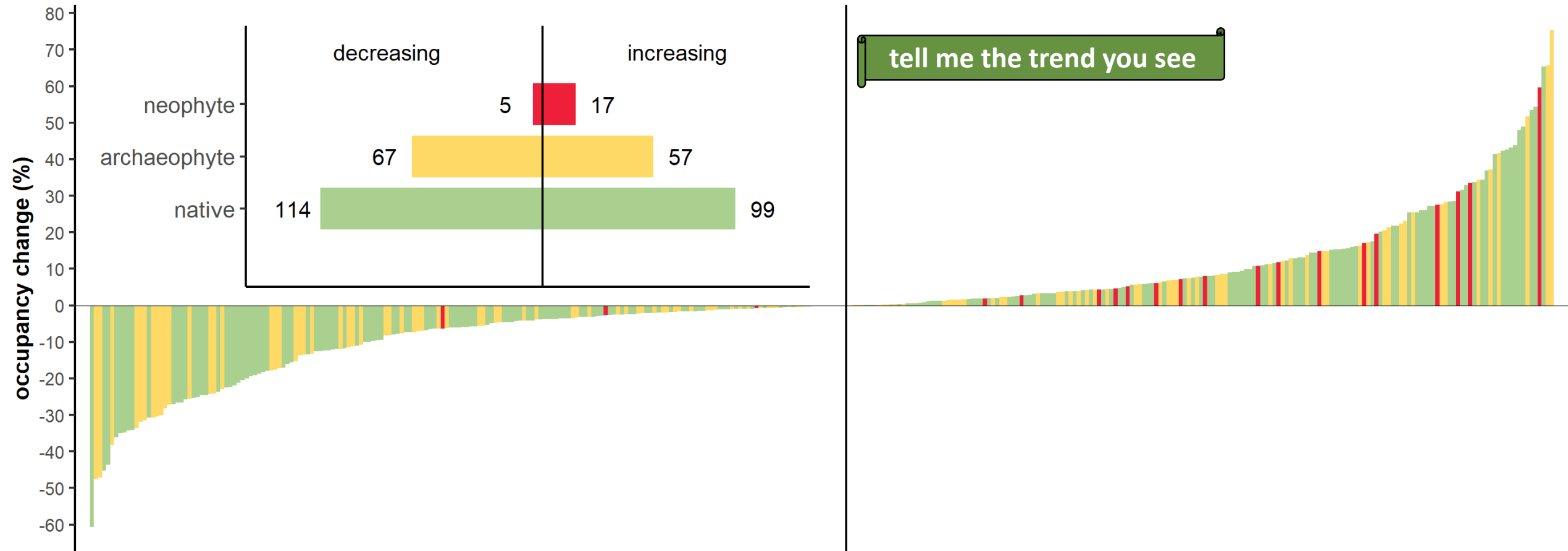
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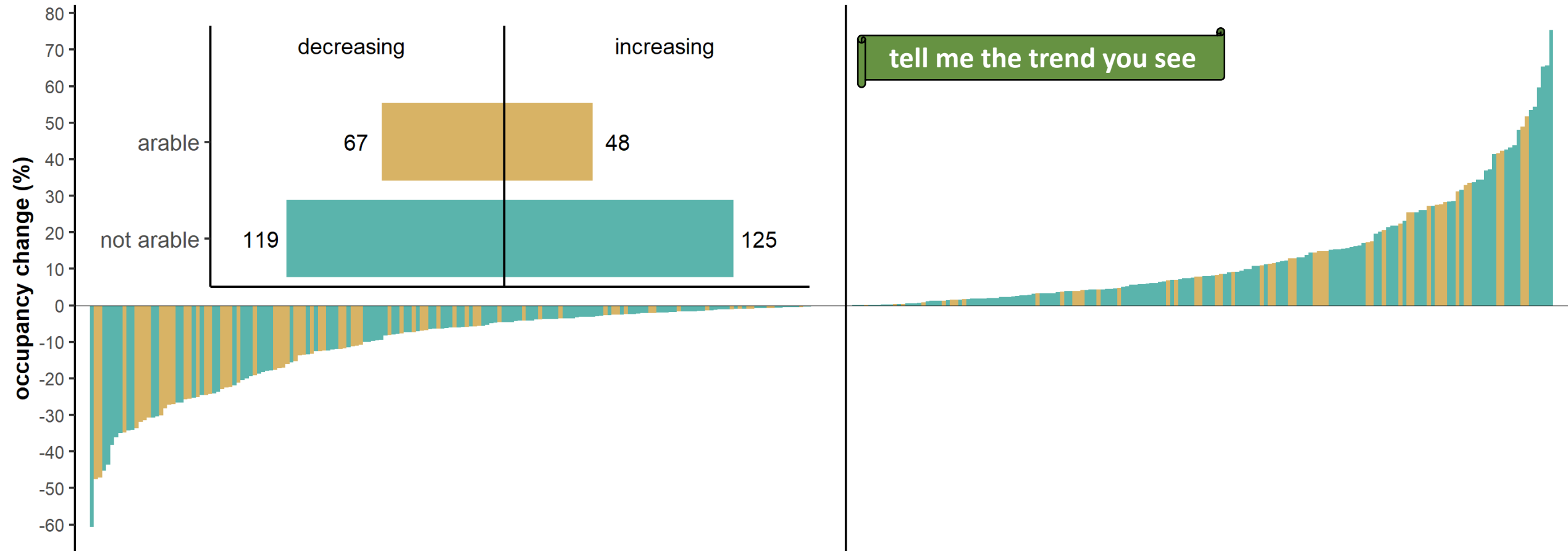
Moisture



Bio Geographic Origin




Arable habitat affinity



Significant results

 Nitrogen*** ↑

 soil pH 2nd poly* ↓

 biogeography* ↔

 arable affiliation* ↓

 temperature ↓

 soil moisture*** ↑

↑ **neophytes*****
↓ **natives****
↓ **archaeophytes****

N-preference?
drainage/irrigation?

Conclusions

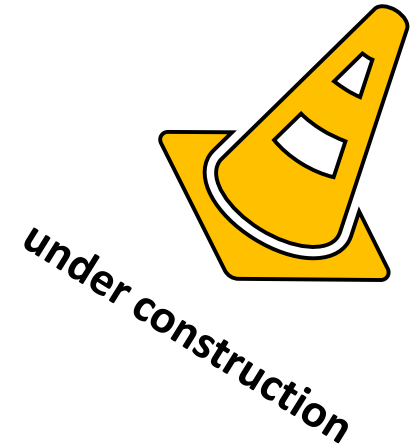
Limitations!

- a priori filtering of rare species
- neophytes underrepresented
- residual bias

- I. No “net loss”? Possible, but unlikely!**
- II. Large species turnover. Preceding species loss?**
- III. Habitat change, neophyte invasion and loss of typical species.**

consequences

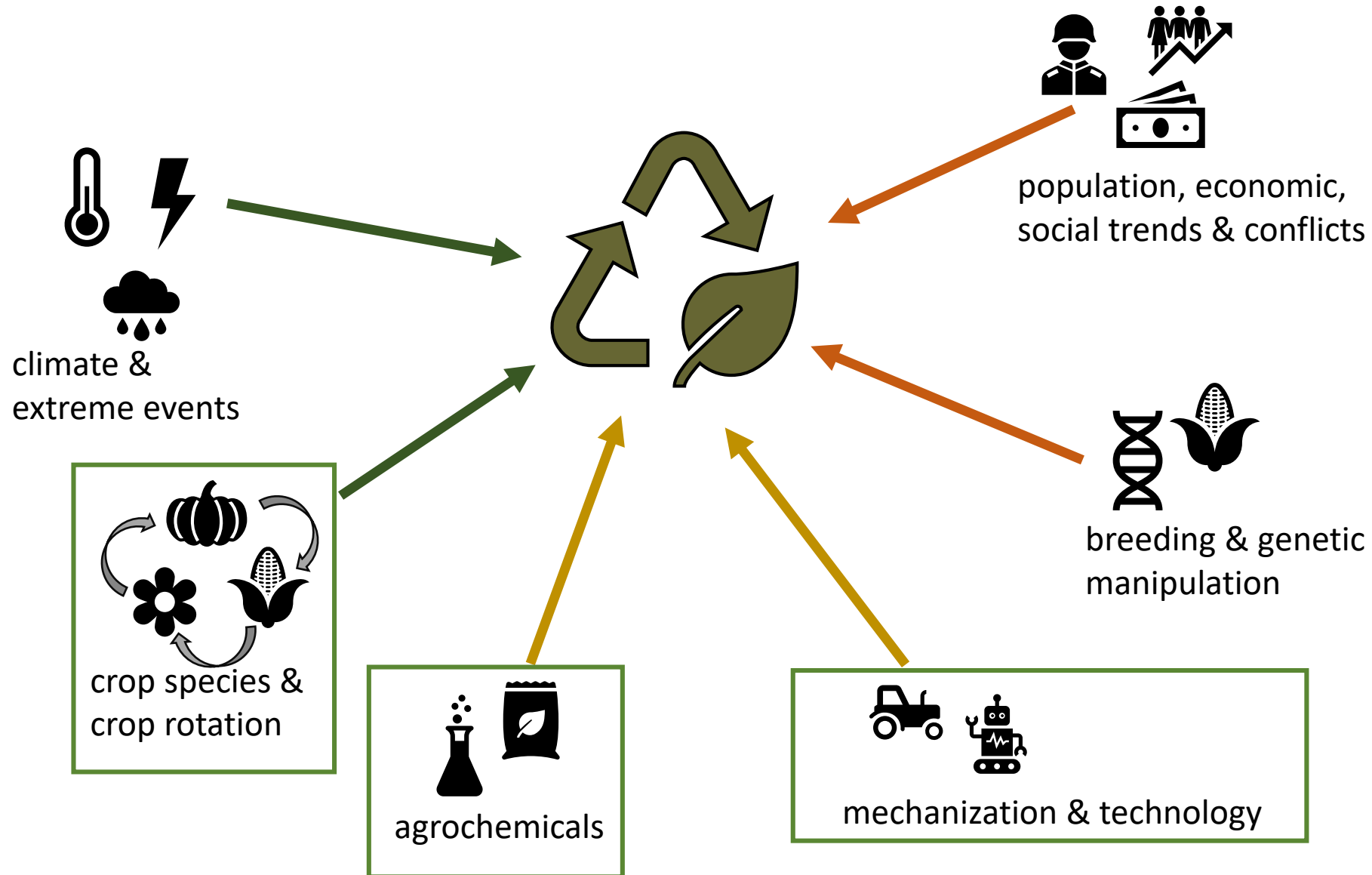
maintain/create extensively used sites
monitor neophytes (in root crops)
don't forget about future climate change



The Human Component

step 3: think hard about how human actions shaped arable habitats

Let's think about this for a minute



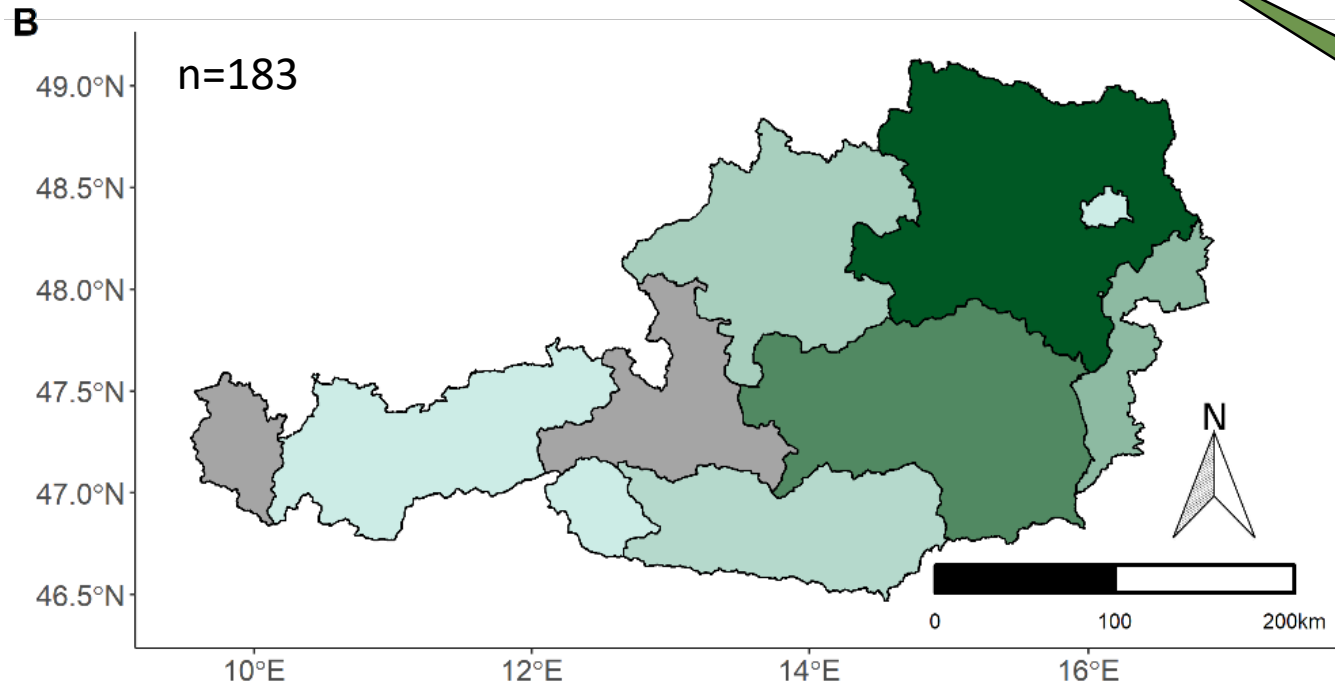
Farm Questionnaire

- Austrian farmers (language barrier)
- survey link distributed to ca. 40,000 farmers
- Jan-Apr 2022
- 15 pre-selected emerging weed species

Do you recognize this species?



How high would you estimate management effort for this species?

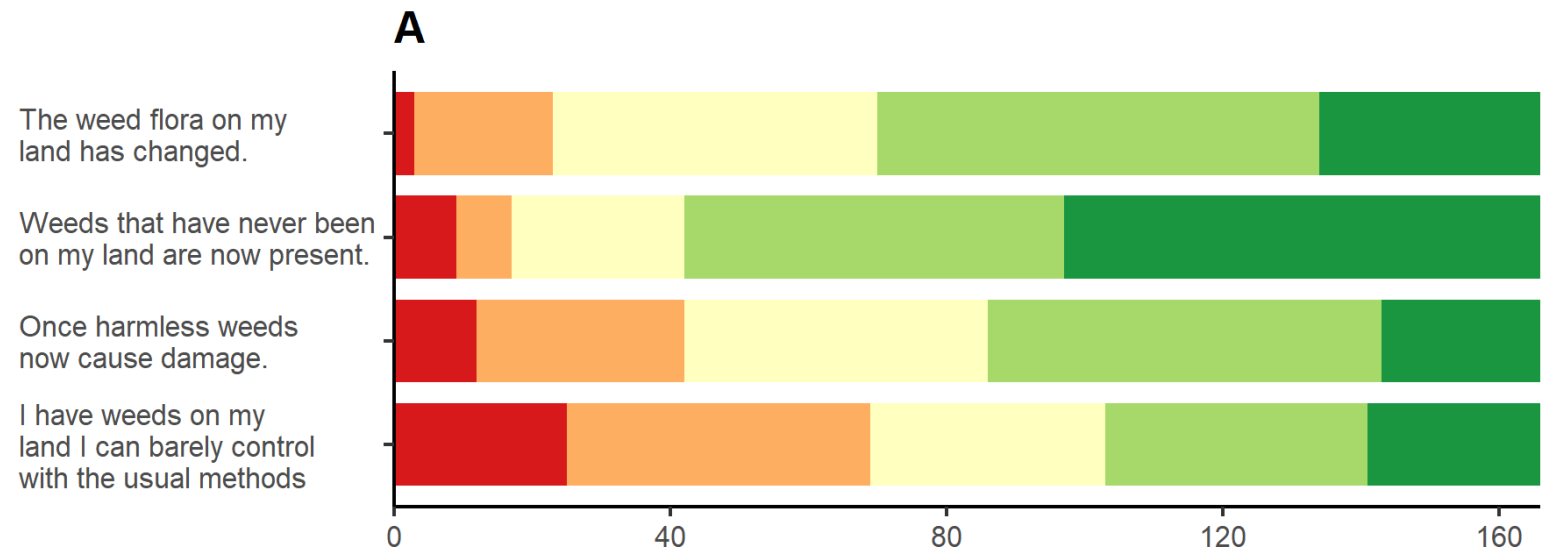


high medium to high medium low to medium low

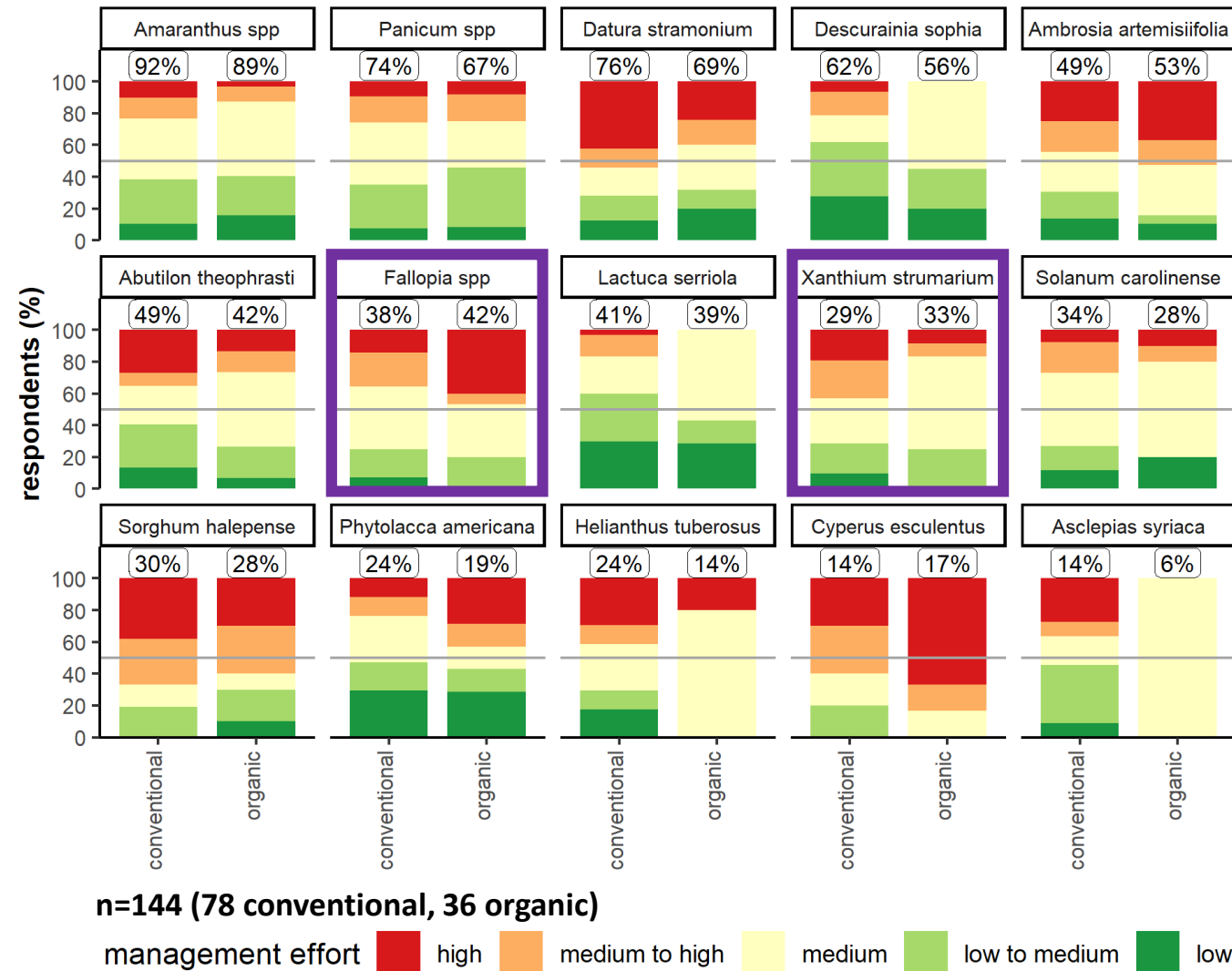
Results I – changes in weed flora

farmers see change first

- biodiversity change
- new weeds
- hard to control with commonly known measures



Results II – emerging weeds



- median # of species recognized = 6 (0-15)
- n.s. organic vs. conventional

differences

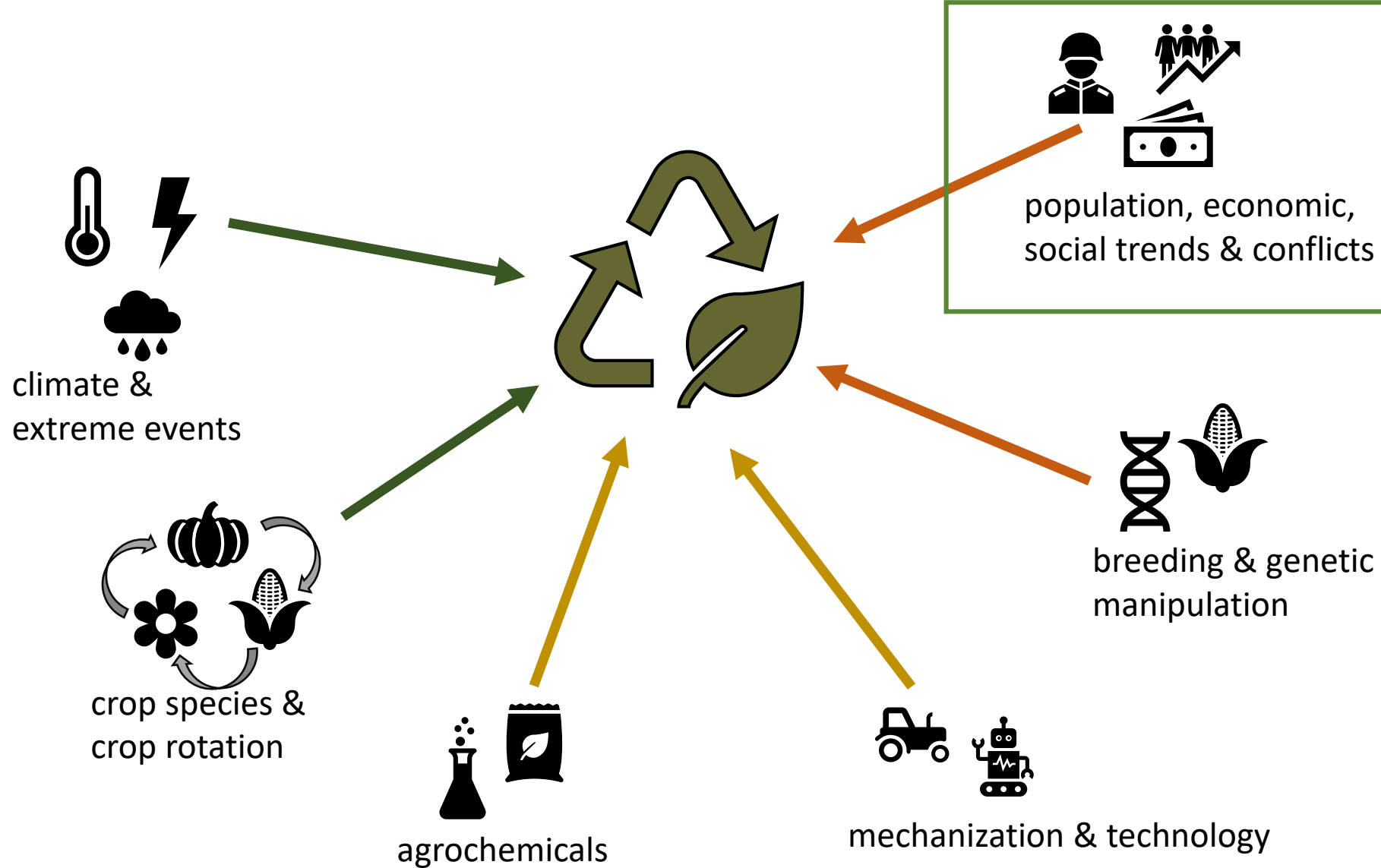
- frequency of recognition
- management effort organic vs conventional
 - expected: *Fallopia spp*
 - unexpected: *Xanthium strumarium*

sample size?

tillage difference?

herbicide efficacy/resistance?

Let's think about this for a minute



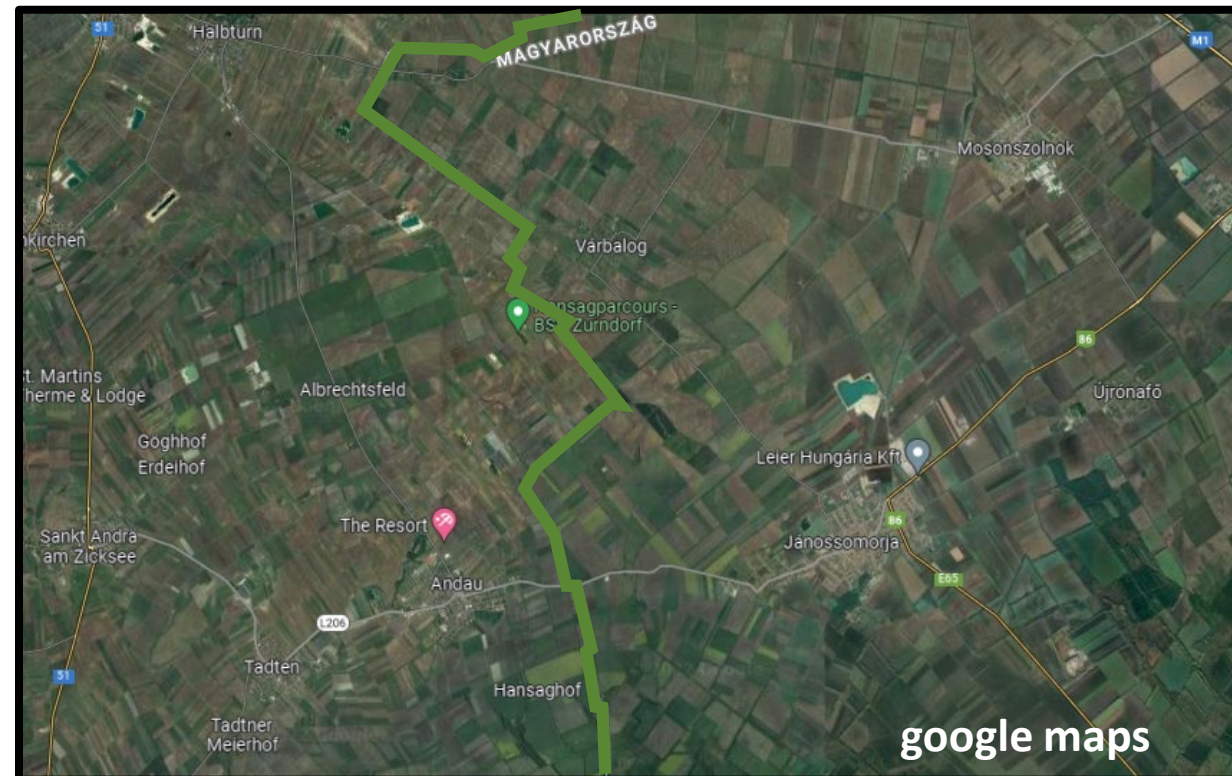
What we know...

The former Iron Curtain still drives biodiversity-profit trade-offs in German agriculture

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- is on a **highly local scale**
 - a few villages, n=324 plots
- larger fields in East
 - shorter edges/margins
- more intensive fields in West
 - fewer within-field patches?



Socioeconomic differences

West	VS	East
market	economy	planned
private	ownership	government
small	field size	large
high	intensity	low
within	trade	within
early	mechanization	late

What happened after the "separation" ended? What happened after countries joined the EU? What about (former) Yugoslavia?



***othering** = seeing one side (West) as normal and the *other* side as the divergence

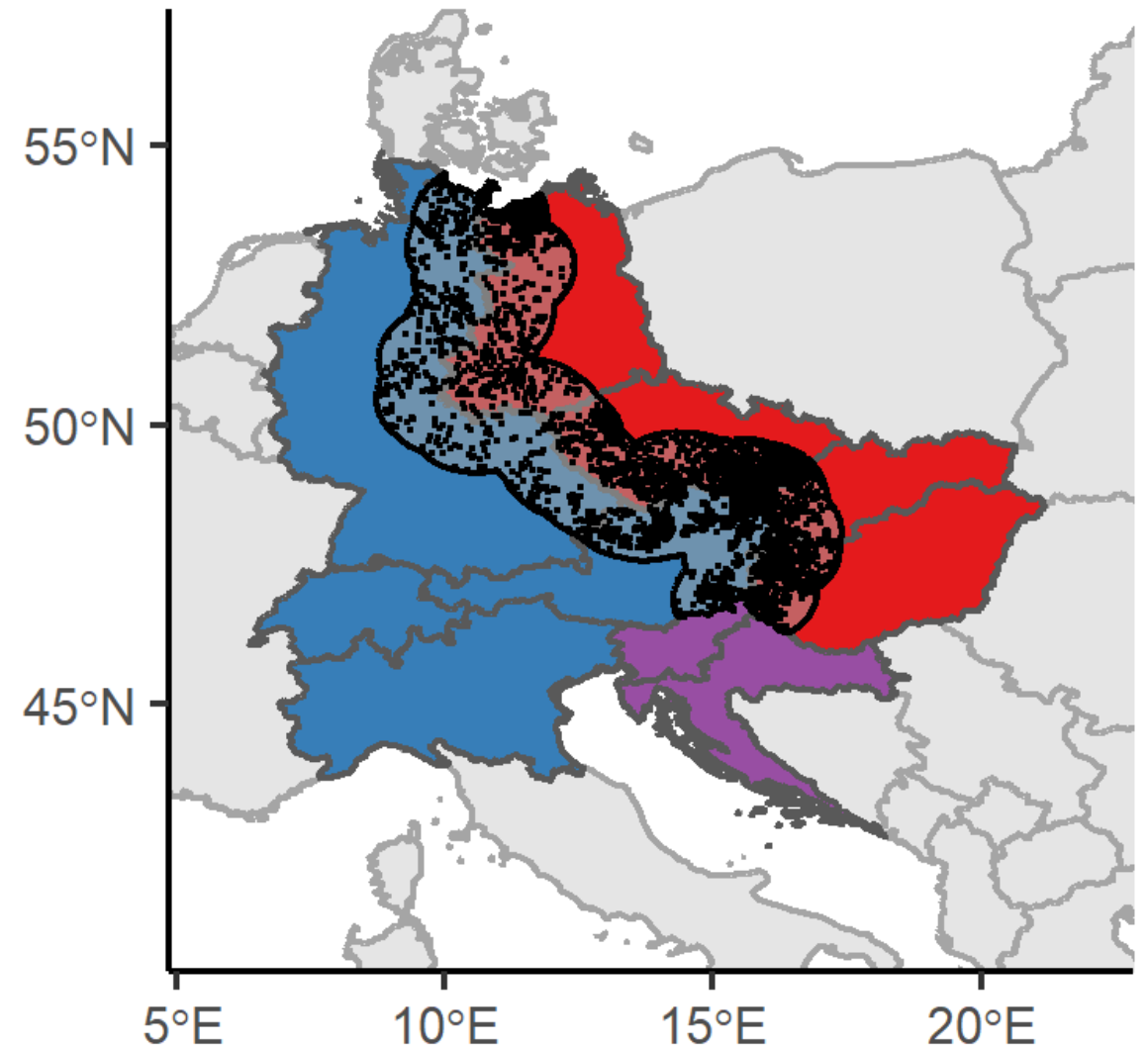
The idea

Q: How did the socioeconomic differences in (former) Western and Eastern Europe influence...

- species number?
- number of neophytes?
- individual species?

The approach

1. regression 1: $n \sim \text{climate}$
2. mixed model: $r_n \sim \text{socio} * \text{time}$



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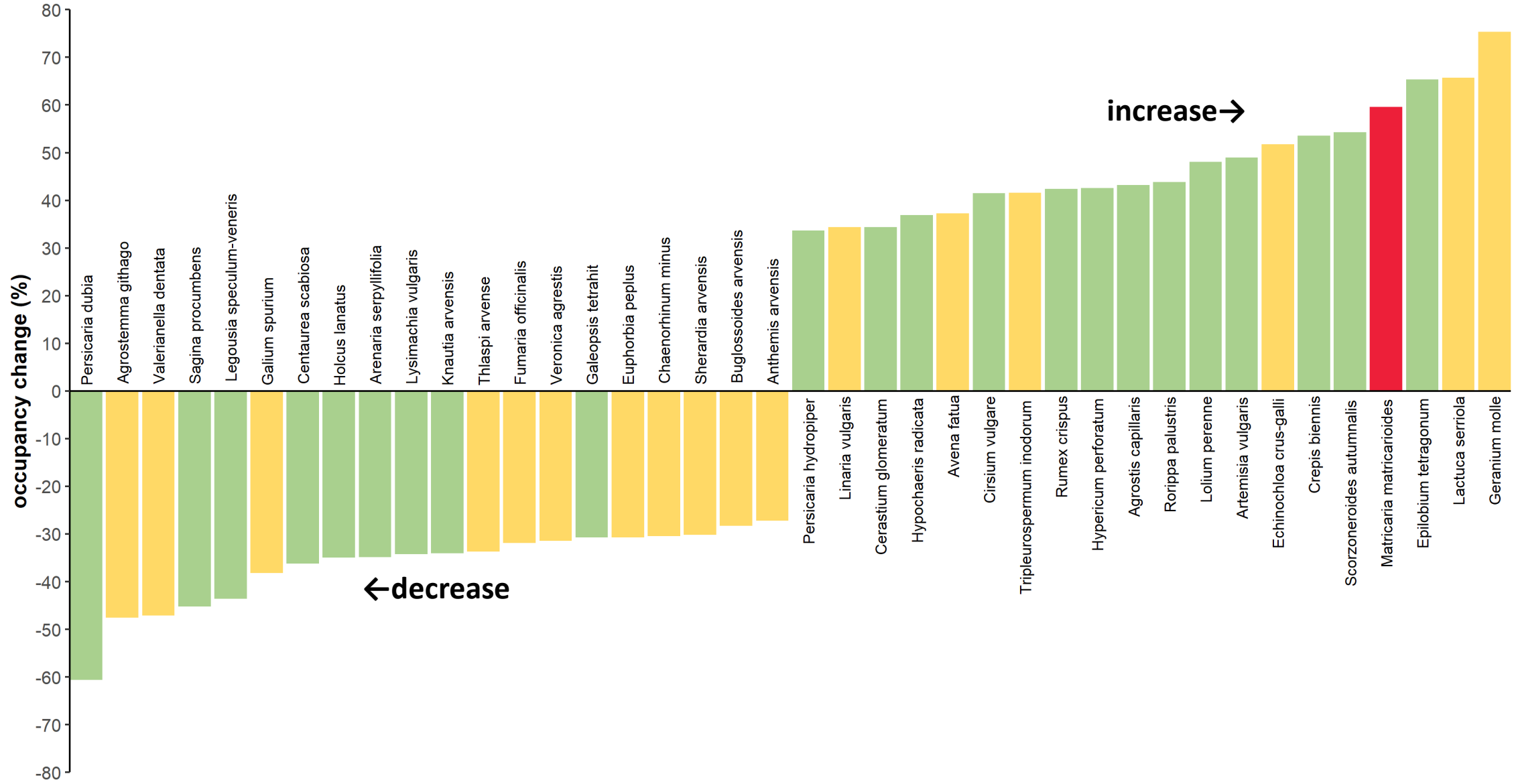
Thank you!

...any questions?

Slide Storage

for the really deep questions...

Top Winners/Losers

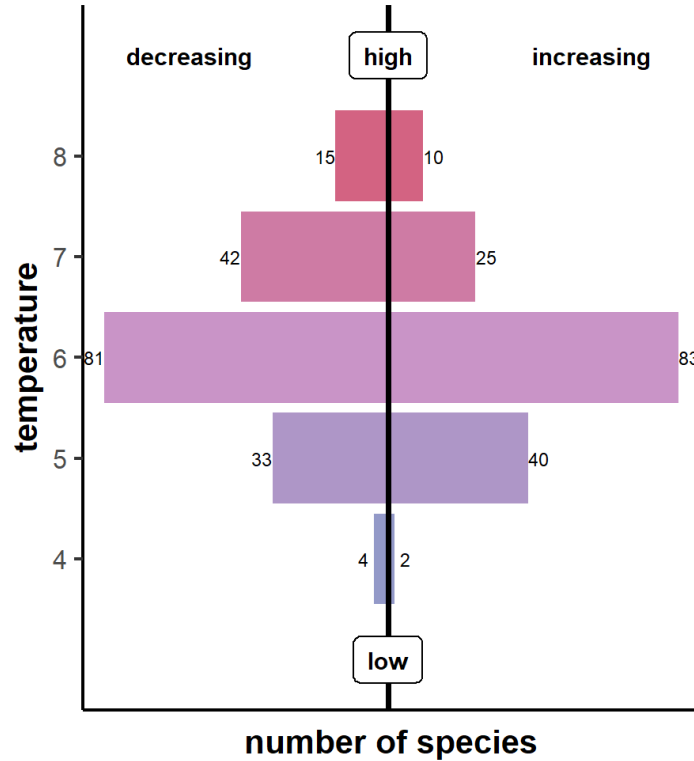


Method - Details

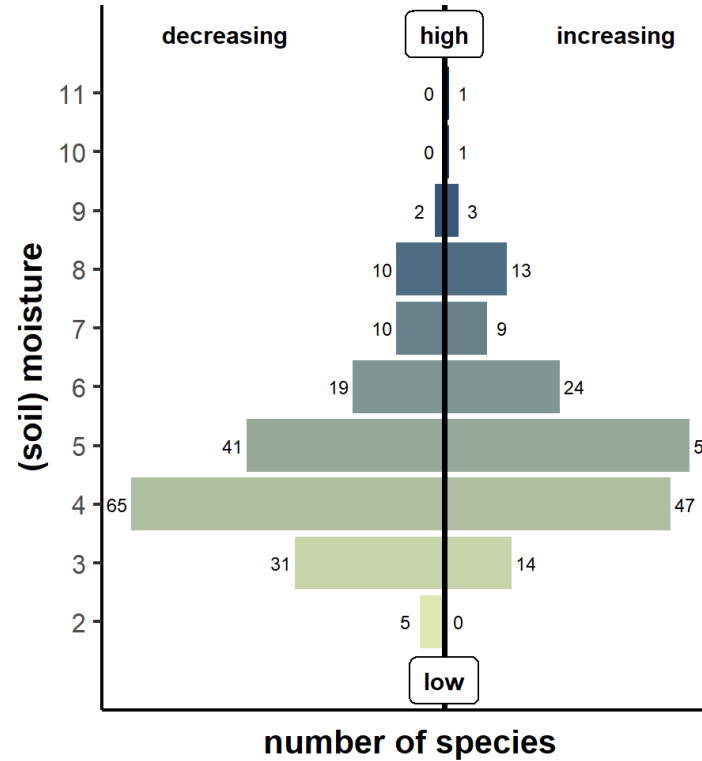
	Model	Prior	Hyperprior	Variables
State	$z_{i,t} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\varphi_{i,t})$ $\text{logit}(\varphi_{i,t}) = b_t + u_i$	$b_1 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_b, 0.001)$ $b_t \sim \text{Normal}(b_{t-1}, \tau_b)$ $u_i \sim \text{Normal}(0, \tau_u)$	$\tau_b = 1/(\sigma_b * \sigma_b)$ $\sigma_b \sim \text{Cauchy}(df = 1) $ $\tau_u = 1/(\sigma_u * \sigma_u)$ $\sigma_u \sim \text{Cauchy}(df = 1) $	<p>$\mathbf{z}_{i,t}$... true occupancy (unknown)</p> <p>$\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{i,t}$... probability of occupancy</p> <p>$\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_t$... decade effect on state</p> <p>\mathbf{u}_i ... site effect on state</p>
Observation	$(y_{itv} z_{it}) \sim \text{Bernoulli}(z_{it} * p_{itv})$ $\text{logit}(p_{itv}) = a_t + c_v * \log L_v$	$a_t \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_a, \tau_a)$ $c \sim \text{Uniform}(-10, 10)$	$\tau_a = 1/(\sigma_a * \sigma_a)$ $\sigma_a \sim \text{Cauchy}(df = 1) $	<p>\mathbf{y}_{itv} ... observed occurrence</p> <p>\mathbf{p}_{itv} ... probability of detection</p> <p>\mathbf{a}_t ... decade effect on observation</p> <p>\mathbf{c}_v ... effect size for L_v</p> <p>\mathbf{L}_v ... list length (log-transformed)</p>

What about Climate?

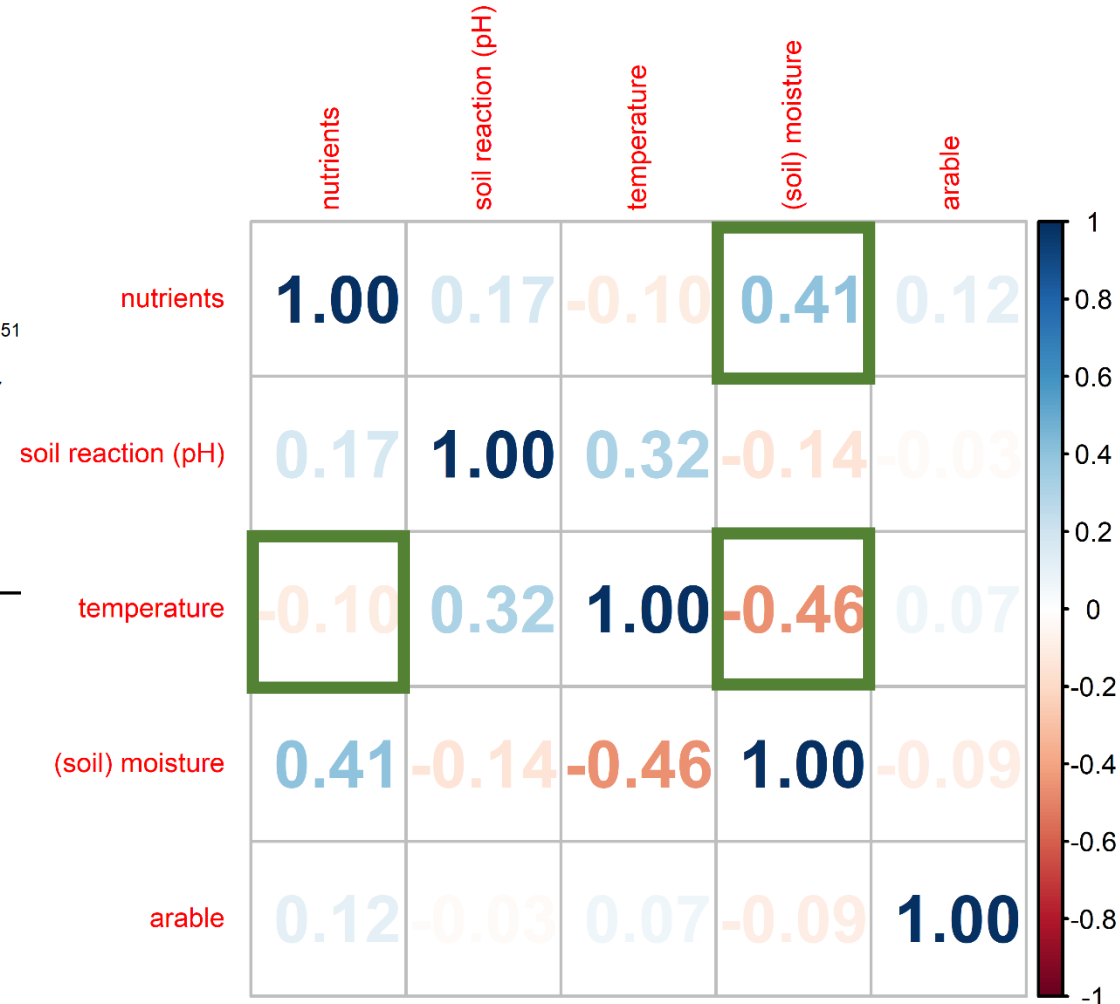
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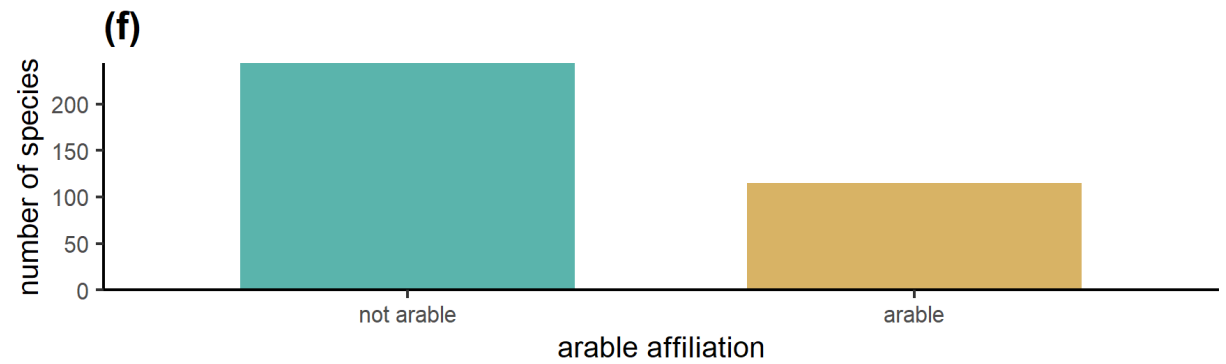
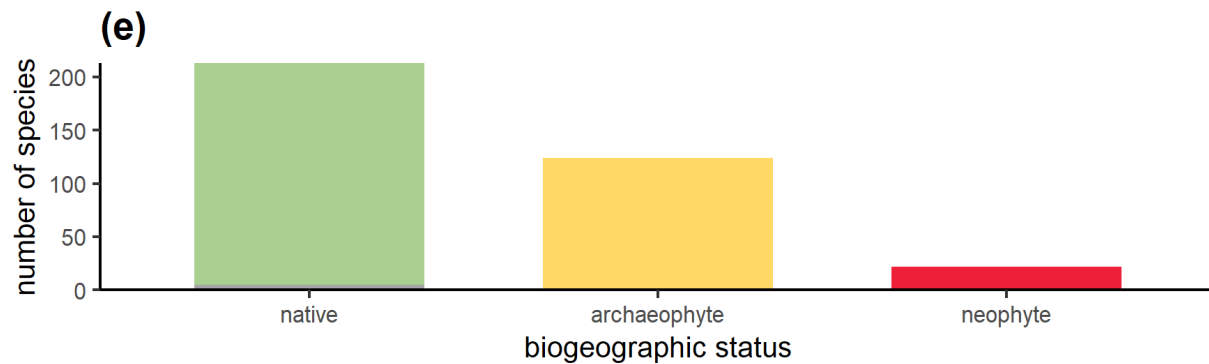
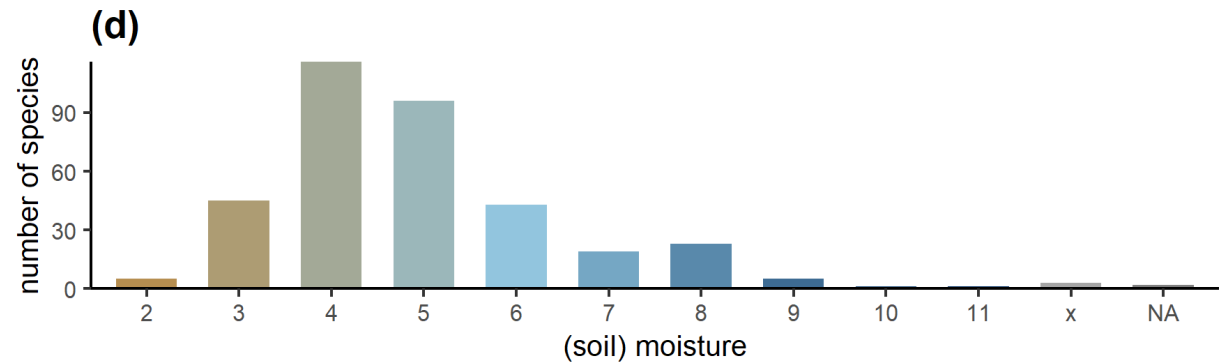
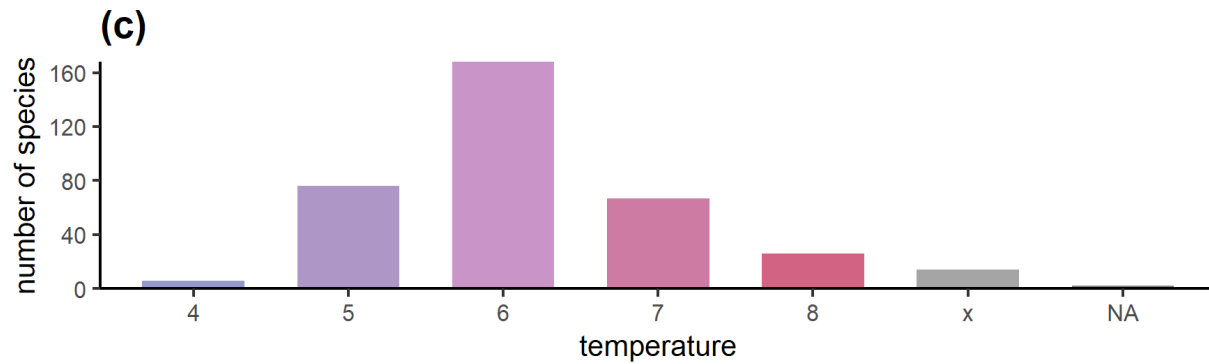
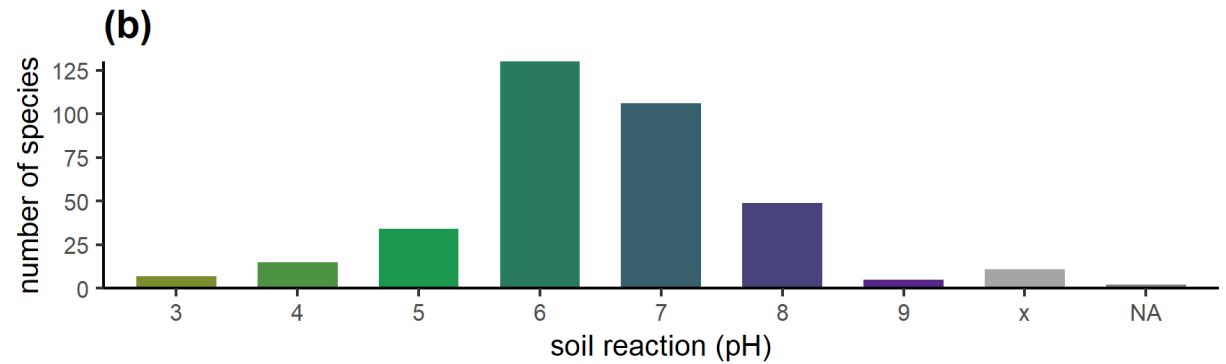
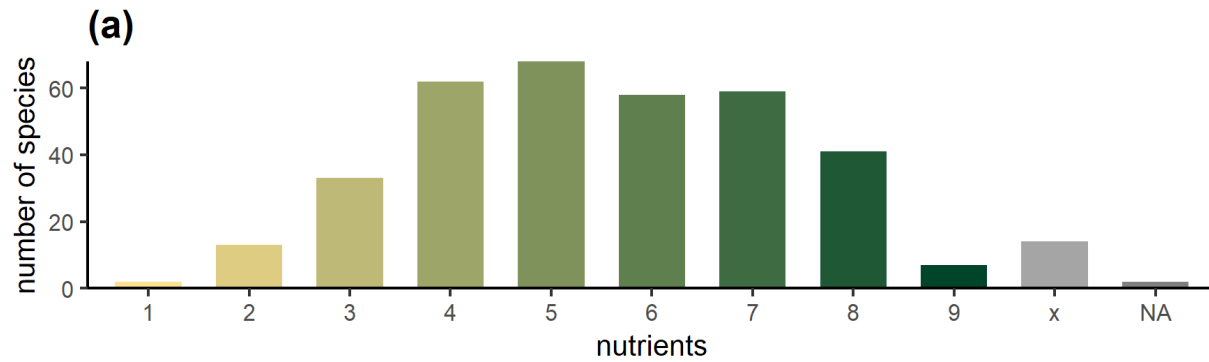
(d)



- irrigation has increased
- wet meadows possibly drained and converted
- soil moisture pos. correlated with nutrients
- temperature neg. correlated with soil moisture



Predictor completeness



Model Runtimes

there *are* more sophisticated methods!
but they require

- more data
- more runtime/computing power

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