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Abstract

Climate change and nitrogen (N) deposition are among the most important determinants of changes in biodiversity at a global scale and are interlinked, although commonly considered separately in applied research, conservation, and policy development. Both empirical and modelling studies indicate that in concert climate change and nitrogen deposition may trigger a more pronounced biodiversity loss than each stressor alone. Interactive effects thus need to be considered in conservation strategies. In this study we propose a method for broad scale risk assessment employing standard procedures such as climate envelope modelling and the evaluation of exceedances of empirical Critical Loads for eutrophication through N deposition. A combined habitat-specific risk metric is calculated, which is the scaled exceedance of the N critical load and climatic thresholds in the three dimensional space of temperature, water limitation and nitrogen deposition. Projected into geographical space, risk maps for the Austrian territory, for both current and future climatic and nitrogen deposition scenarios, indicated high combined impact on abundant habitats such as coniferous woodlands and disproportional high risk to alpine habitats. We propose this method as a tool that might support the prioritization and guidance of conservation strategies.

Zusammenfassung

Global gesehen sind Klimawandel und Stickstoffdeposition zwei der wichtigsten Gefährdungsfaktoren für Biodiversität und eng miteinander verknüpft. Dennoch werden sie in angewandter Wissenschaft sowie Natur- und Umweltschutz-Strategien und -Maßnahmen meist getrennt behandelt. Empirische Studien und Modellierungen indizieren jedoch eine potentiell beträchtliche negative interaktive Wirkung. Mit dieser Studie möchten wir eine neue Methode für die Risikoanalyse von Habitaten vorstellen, die Gefährdung durch Klimawandel und Stickstoffeintrag in eine Maßzahl zusammenfasst. Diese Maßzahl wird aus der skalierten Überschreitung kritischer klimatischer und Stickstoff-Schwellenwerte errechnet. Mithilfe von Artverbreitungsmodellierungen und kritischen Schwellenwerten für Stickstoffdeposition (engl. Critical load) kann sie Habitat-spezifisch und räumlich explizit dargestellt werden. Wir illustrieren die Methode mit Gefährdungskarten für Österreich unter aktuellen und zukünftigen Klima- und Stickstoffdepositionsszenarien. Die Ergebnisse zeigen hohe Risiken durch kombinierte Klima und N-Depositions-Effekte für weitverbreitete Habitate wie Koniferenwälder und ein überproportional hohes Risiko für alpine Habitate. Wir schlagen diese Methode für Prioritätensetzung und Strategientwicklung im Natur- und Umweltschutz vor.

1. Introduction

Climate change and nitrogen deposition are among the most important determinants of changes in biodiversity at a global scale (Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, 2005; Sala et al., 2000). The multiple components of climate change are anticipated to affect all levels of biodiversity, from organisms to biomes (Bellard et al., 2012). Predictions of responses on these different levels have been conducted repeatedly (Bellard et al., 2012; Dillon et al. 2010; Parmesan, 2006; Pereira et al., 2010) and play an important role in alerting scientists and policy makers to potential future risks.

Atmospheric nitrogen deposition, on the other hand, has increased substantially in the second half of the 20th century (Galloway et al., 2004) due to agricultural intensification and rising emissions from fossil fuel combustion. Among its numerous negative effects, N deposition drives eutrophication and acidification (via nitrification) of soils and causes loss of species richness and changes in species composition of terrestrial ecosystems (Bobbink et al., 2010; Dirnböck et al., 2014; McClean et al., 2011; Simkin et al., 2016; Stevens et al., 2010). Efforts have been made to define critical loads (CL) of nitrogen deposition for different types of ecosystems, i.e. thresholds beyond which negative effects are to be expected in the long run (Bobbink et al., 2010; Pardo et al., 2011). Among these negative effects is a change in their characteristic species composition.

Although commonly considered separately in applied research and policies, climate change and air pollution are interlinked (De Marco et al., 2014; de Vries & Posch, 2011; McDonnell et al., 2014). Climate influences atmospheric N deposition (through precipitation), as well as soil biogeochemistry. Temperature and moisture conditions control soil N availability as they are major drivers of litter decomposition (Butler et al., 2012; Guntiñas et al., 2012). Although interactions are complex, both empirical and modelling studies indicate that in concert climate change and nitrogen deposition may trigger a more pronounced biodiversity loss than each stressor alone (Porter et al., 2012; Zavaleta et al. 2003). On the other hand, dry and wet climate can also render plant communities insensitive to N deposition, as recently shown in a continental study (Simkin et al., 2016).

In this study we propose a new method to map future areas at risk of these potentially interacting effects. We adopted the critical load method, which is commonly used to assess

the magnitude of risks from air pollutants (Posch et al. 2001), to additionally assess the risk of habitats caused by climate change. With species distribution modelling, also known as climate envelope-modelling, and an adaptation to the approach of stacking projections of individual characteristic plant species of a habitat, in order to predict its fate under differing environmental condition (Guisan & Rahbek, 2011), we were able to define critical, habitat-specific thresholds of climate warming and water limitation. The “exceedance” of the critical climate thresholds were numerically combined with the exceedance of the empirical critical load for N deposition. As an example, we applied the method to the territory of Austria by using climate and N deposition scenarios until 2050.

2. Material and Methods

2.1. *Study area*

The study area covers Austria, a land-locked country of central Europe spanning approximately 84,000 km². The mean annual temperature in Austria ranges between -9°C at the highest peaks of the Alps and 10° C in the Eastern lowlands, and the annual precipitation sum between a minimum of approximately 500 mm and a maximum of 2100 mm (www.worldclim.org). High climatic diversity is mainly due to the rugged terrain of the Austrian Alps, which cover about two thirds of the country, and drives considerable habitat diversity.

2.2. *Climatic data*

Spatial variability of current climatic conditions in Austria was mapped on a 100 x 100 m raster by statistically downscaling WorldClim maps (www.worldclim.org), original resolution 30 seconds ~ 1 km² in Austria) of monthly temperatures and precipitation sums to this spatial resolution. Downscaling was done by means of the so-called 'delta-method' (Dullinger et al., 2012; Zimmermann et al., 2009). Subsequently we calculated the mean annual temperature and annual precipitation sum for each cell of the 100 x 100 m raster.

Maps of the same two climatic variables were calculated for two scenarios of the most recent IPCC report (IPCC 2014), the representative concentration pathways RCP2.6 and RCP8.5, corresponding to the mildest and most severe climate change scenario, respectively. Maps of these climatic scenarios for the years 2030 (average 2014 – 2046) and 2050 (average 2034 – 2066) were taken from the Cordex portal (<http://cordexesg.dmi.dk/esgf-web-fe/live>) and downscaled to 100 x 100 m raster maps of future mean annual temperature and annual precipitation sums using the same procedures as applied to current climatic data.

2.3. *Selection of habitat types*

Critical loads are defined for specific habitat types. As our focus is on biodiversity conservation issues, we concentrated on natural and semi-natural habitat types of Austria in this study, and particularly disregarded agricultural fields, intensively used meadows and pastures as well as urban ecosystems. Classification of the focal habitat types was based on the syntaxonomical system of Austrian plant communities (Grabherr & Mucina, 1993; Willner & Grabherr, 2007). Overall, 66 “alliances” of this system were selected which represent various types of mires, mire forests, heaths, alpine grasslands, dry, wet and extensively used mesic grasslands, broad-leaved forests, and conifer forests (Appendix: Tab.1).

2.4. *Species selection*

“Alliances” and other classification levels of the syntaxonomical system represent plant community types which are essentially defined by particular combinations of diagnostic species (Rodwell et al., 2002), i.e. species, which are (largely) restricted to the respective syntaxonomical unit (Willner et al., 2009). Our approach is based on this concept by defining critical climatic thresholds of a particular community type (= habitat type, in this study) from an overlay of the climatic niches of its diagnostic species. These climatic niches are derived from species distribution models. We therefore extracted the full list of the diagnostic species of all 66 alliances from Grabherr & Mucina (1993) and Willner & Grabherr (2007).

2.5. *Species distribution data*

To cover the climatic niches of the diagnostic species as complete as possible we collected a set of 70780 vegetation samples covering most of central and parts of eastern, western and southern Europe. Samples represent complete lists of vascular plants growing in plots of variable sites (~ 5-500 m²). The data were provided by databases participating in the European Vegetation Archive (EVA) (Chytrý et al., 2016). All relevés were geo-referenced, mostly at an accuracy of < 1 km.

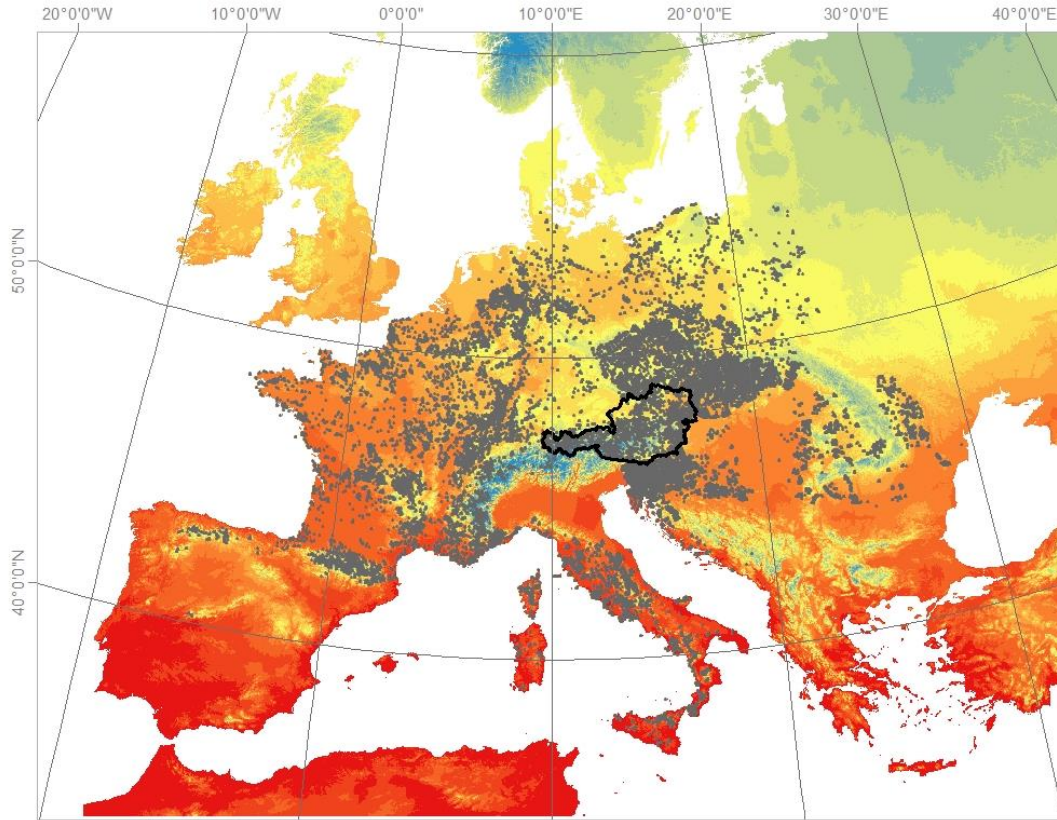


Fig.1 Climate variable bio1 (mean annual temperature) as base map, grey dots as sites of vegetation relevés and Austrian border indicated by black line

2.6. Species distribution models (SDM)

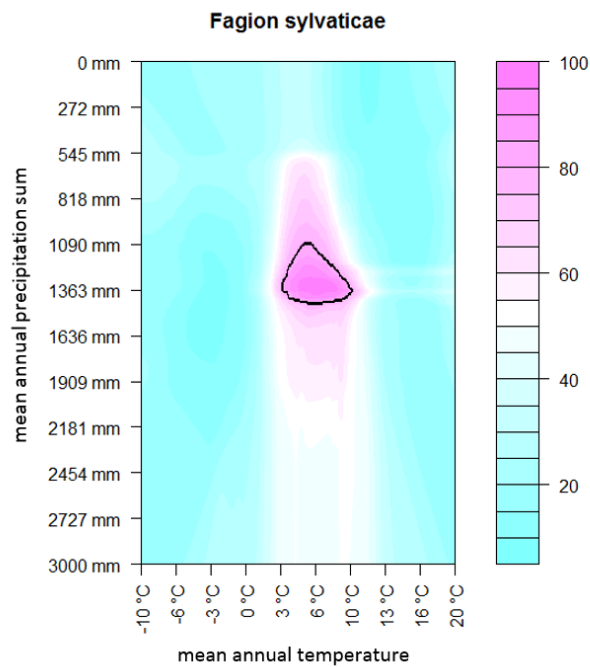
Species distribution models were fit by a selection of 482 diagnostic species which were sufficiently frequent (> 20 occurrences) in the 70,780 vegetation plots (Baatar et al., 2016, unpubl.). Models used presence-absence of a species in the plots as the dependent and mean annual temperature and annual precipitation sum as the independent variables. As the spatial accuracy of the plots was mostly > 1 km, but often lower than 100×100 m, we used the original $30''$ -WorldClim data for model fitting. SDMs were calibrated in biomod2 (Thuiller et al., 2012) using Generalized Linear Models (GLM), Generalized Boosted Regression Models (GBM), Generalized Additive Models (GAM) and Multivariate adaptive regression splines (MARS) with three replicate runs for each technique. In each run, a randomly selected subset of 70% of the plots was used for calibration and the remaining 30% for model evaluation. Fitted models were then used to project each species probability of occurrence into the two-dimensional climatic space using an ensemble forecasting approach. Thereby, the projected probability of occurrence at a particular combination of mean annual temperature and annual

precipitation sum represents a weighted average of the projections of each single model, with ROC-scores of the models used as weights. Models with a ROC-score < 0.7 were excluded from the ensemble forecast (Appendix: Tab.2).

2.7. *Niche models of alliances*

Projected two-dimensional niches of all the diagnostic species of one community were subsequently stacked and occurrence probabilities averaged (cf. Fig. 2). For further analyses, we defined an average occurrence probability of 0.8 as the critical climatic threshold of the respective community. This threshold is the equivalent to the Critical Load of nitrogen deposition and controls how conservative or sensitive the resulting risk metric will be. We here used 0.8 as this value resulted in niche margins that we deemed realistic for the majority of alliances. We note, in addition, that the use of a relative scale in final metrics (see below) reduces the impact that threshold selection has on results.

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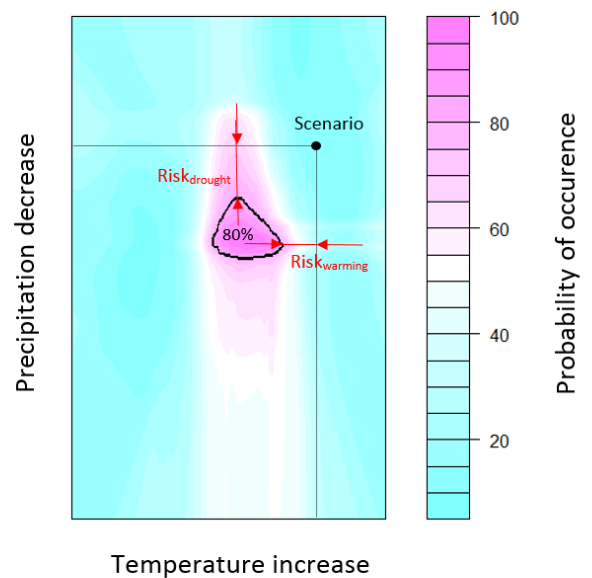


Fig.2 a) Representation of plant community niche in temperature / precipitation space (example: *Fagion sylvaticae* = European beech forests). Colours represent probability of occurrence as calculated from averaging SDM-projections of all diagnostic plant species of the community. The black line delimits the niche as defined by an averaged probability of occurrence of constituent species ≤ 0.8 . The precipitation axis was reversed as we assumed drought stress to represent the main challenge for Austrian plants under climate change (Appendix: Tab.3)

b) Derivation of combined risk of plant communities from climate change schematically exemplified. Risk from N deposition is given by the exceedance of the critical load ($\text{Risk}_N = \text{Deposition} - \text{CL}$)

2.8. Data on N deposition

We downscaled existing EMEP-MSCW N deposition data (Simpson et al., 2012) with a resolution of 50 x 50 km to 0.1 x 0.05° Lat/Lon resolution using precipitation data and a digital elevation model. Precipitation was taken from Isotta et al. (2014), a daily precipitation dataset for the Alpine region (resolution 5 x 5 km). Annual mean precipitation sum for the period 1979 to 2008 was calculated from this data and spatially interpolated to the 0.1 x 0.05° Lat/Lon target resolution. The mean altitude of each cell of the 0.1 x 0.05° Lat/Lon grid was calculated from a 70 x 70 m digital elevation model. Since N deposition increases with precipitation the coarse scale deposition were scaled with the finer scale precipitation data so that areas with

lower precipitation in a coarse scale cell receive less deposition and vice versa. The mean deposition of all smaller scale cells remain the same as the respective coarse scale values. Additionally, we took into account altitudinal effects because of the high variation of altitude within the coarse scale grid cells. Above 1000 m a.s.l. N ion concentrations in wet deposition increase by 2.5% per 100 altitudinal meters whereas below 1000 m concentrations are independent from altitude (Umweltbundesamt, 1998). These rules were used to downscale wet N deposition whereas dry deposition was taken from the coarse scale grids as they were. We used three different N deposition scenarios for the years 2010, 2030 and 2050. The current legislation (CLE) scenario with revised Gothenburg Protocol emissions until 2030, the technically maximum feasible emission reduction scenario (MFR) until 2030 (both no further reduction between 2030 and 2050), and the 2010 deposition values as baseline with no further reduction (B10).

2.9. Classifying alliances into the EUNIS classes

Critical loads are defined for habitat types of the European Nature Information System (EUNIS, <http://eunis.eea.europa.eu/>), but not for alliances of the syntaxonomical system. Moreover, the available 100 x 100 m habitat map of Austria also uses the EUNIS classification system (Dirnböck & Peterseil, 2013). We hence assigned the 66 alliances to a total of 43 EUNIS categories. Thereby, some alliances could be classified into several different categories, since habitat types in EUNIS are more broadly defined (see Appendix, Tab.1). In such cases, an alliance was assigned the average CL of all the respective EUNIS categories. By contrast, some EUNIS categories included more than one alliance – with all of them receiving the same CL in these cases (Appendix, Tab.1)

2.10. Risk maps

Based on the different N deposition and climate change scenarios we finally computed risk maps separately for temperature, drought and nitrogen deposition as well as for the combination of these three factors. Risk was thereby defined as the magnitude of exceedance of the empirical critical load for nitrogen, taken from Bobbink & Hettelingh, (2010), or critical climatic thresholds, respectively. For each 100 x 100 m cell, exceedance was calculated as the distance between the current, or predicted future, mean annual temperature, annual

precipitation sum, or nitrogen deposition and the critical climatic thresholds of the local habitat type (Fig. 1) or its critical load of nitrogen, respectively. As we assumed that the sensitivity of a community is proportional to its niche width, i.e. that ‘generalists’ are more tolerant to exceedance of critical threshold than ‘specialists’, we further divided the calculated distance by the respective niche width, i.e. the maximum breadth of the habitat type’s niche along the temperature and precipitation axes of Fig. 1 for temperature and water limitation, respectively; or by the critical load in case of nitrogen deposition.

By scaling the calculated exceedance values to [0,1], i.e. dividing them by the respective maximum values, all exceedance values were re-aligned on a relative scale and effects of different measurement scales of temperature (°C), precipitation (mm) and N deposition (kg N / ha / y) were removed. The final maps presented here hence allow to identify areas of highest relative risk in a region, but not to quantify absolute risk. Information on the latter can, however, be extracted from the exceedance maps that underly these relative risk maps if desired.

These scaled values were then combined into joint risk measure by means of the Euclidean distance metric. To keep this risk measures conservative, we computed all risk maps by assuming that the EUNIS-habitat type present in a certain raster cell according to the habitat map is locally represented by the syntaxonomical alliance with the lowest risk value (in all cases where more than one of the 66 alliances was assigned to respective EUNIS category).

2.11. Risk differences among scenarios, habitat types and regions

We evaluated differences in average risk to Austrian habitat types among climatic and N scenarios using a random sample of 15% of all 100 x 100 m cells ($n = 819980$). Statistical significance was assessed by means of a Kruskal Wallis test using Dunn’s Test of multiple Comparison as a post-hoc test. The same approach was applied to compare differences in risk among ten EUNIS categories, with number of samples >20 .

In order to pinpoint conservation implications of the combined climate and nitrogen deposition scenarios we additionally overlaid the maps of calculated single-factor- and total risk, as well as a map of the 80% quantile of combined risk values, with a map of the Natura2000 network in Austria (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/>).

3. Results

3.1. Risk maps

The full factorial combination of three N-deposition scenarios, two climate change scenarios and two time horizons (2030 and 2050) yielded a total of 12 different future risk maps for Austria (see Fig.3 as an example).

Risk maps 2050

climate scenario = RCP8.5
N deposition scenario = B10

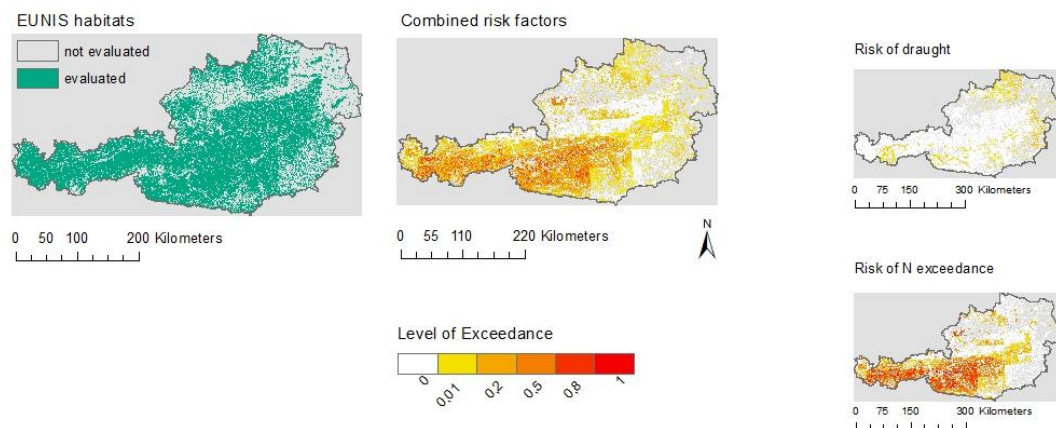


Fig.3 Risk maps of a 2050 scenario combining RCP8.5 and B10. Risk levels are standardized to [0,1] with 0 indicating no risk and 1 maximum risk. Areas where none of the modelled habitat types occur (grey) have not been evaluated (further maps in Appendix: Fig.1).

Calculated total risk values are dominated by N-risk at each time step, with mean values approximately an order of magnitude larger as those of climatic risk values (Fig. 3). This 'pattern' holds even when combining the most pronounced climatic scenario with the most modest N-deposition scenario. With respect to N-risk, our evaluation demonstrates a significant decline under both CLE and MFR as compared to B10 (Fig.4b). Thus, if combined risk is averaged across all scenarios for each point in time, overall combined risk is declining (Fig.4a). Fig.4.c depicts increasing combined risk value in the RCP8.5 scenario, as opposed to

the RCP2.6 scenario. Kruskal Wallis tests show that differences in risks between climate and deposition scenarios and between time steps are significant ($p < 0.001$, Appendix: Tab.4). Post-hoc Dunn test pairwise comparisons are all significant ($p < 0.001$, Appendix: Tab.5), except for the N-risk between 2030 and 2050 (Appendix, Tab.3).

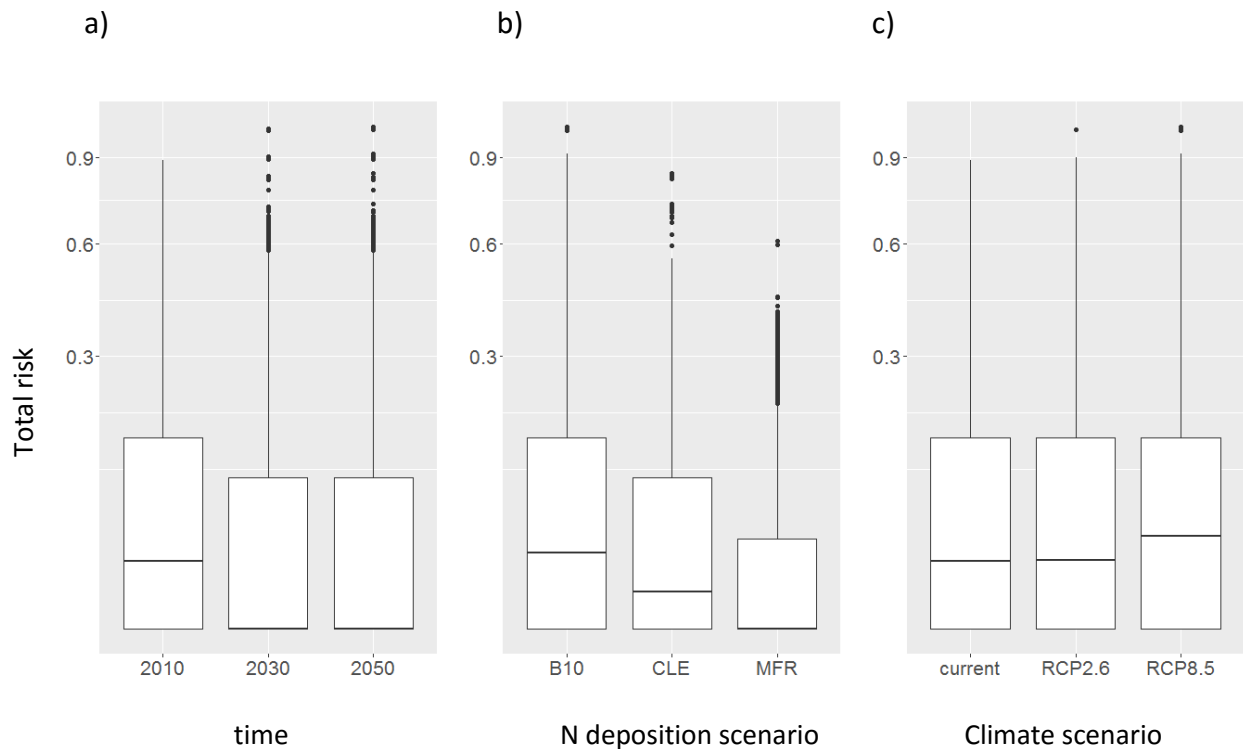


Fig.4 Differences in combined risk values between a) time steps, b) N deposition scenarios and c) climate scenarios. Category ‘2010’ and ‘current’ represent combinations of B10 and current climatic conditions. In c) B10 is retained as the deposition scenario, whereas for the other categories in a) values represent averages over all considered N deposition and climatic scenarios and b) averages over the two climatic scenarios.

3.2. Risks within special protection sites

Depending on the combination of climate, deposition scenarios and time step, 23-40% of the Austrian Natura 2000 area is affected by combined risk, i.e. at least one factor exceeds the respective critical threshold. In total, 6-7% of the Natura 2000 area are hot spots i.e. exposed to the highest 20% of risk values (= 80th quantile of total risk values). In comparison 34-62% of the non-protected area experiences combined risk, with 6-12% as hot spots. Lowest risk values in- and outside special protection sites are found when RCP2.6 and MFR scenarios are

combined, highest risk values under a combination of RCP8.5 and B10. In general, the proportion of area affected by combined risk depends on the particular combination of scenarios applied, but on average over all scenarios and all the area combined risk increases until 2050 (Fig. 6).

Not only underpins the magnitude of risk that N deposition is the dominant risk factor, but also the percentage area affected: 13-28% of Natura2000 areas are on risk of eutrophication, but only 2-12% are on risk from too high temperature or too low precipitation (Appendix, Tab.10).

A map of the hot spots according to the scenario with the highest total risk in 2050 (RCP8.5, B10), demonstrates that combined risk is especially pronounced in the southern regions of the Austrian Alps (Fig. 7). Again, this pattern of combined risk largely reflects the distribution of N-risk (compare Fig.3 N).

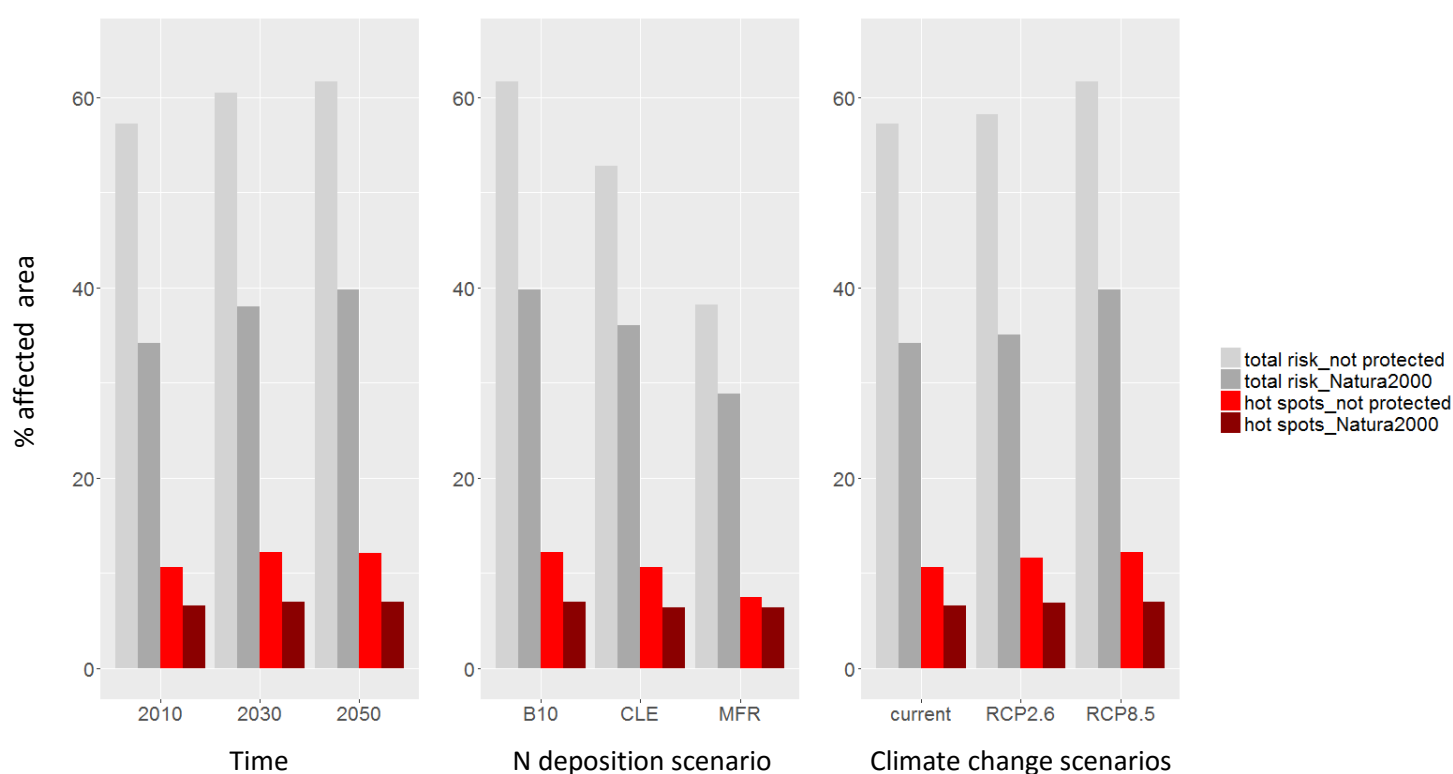


Fig.6 Area affected by combined risk (total risk > 0) and percentage of hot spots (80th quantile of total risk > 0) over time, and in different N deposition and climate change scenarios within Natura2000 sites and non-protected area.

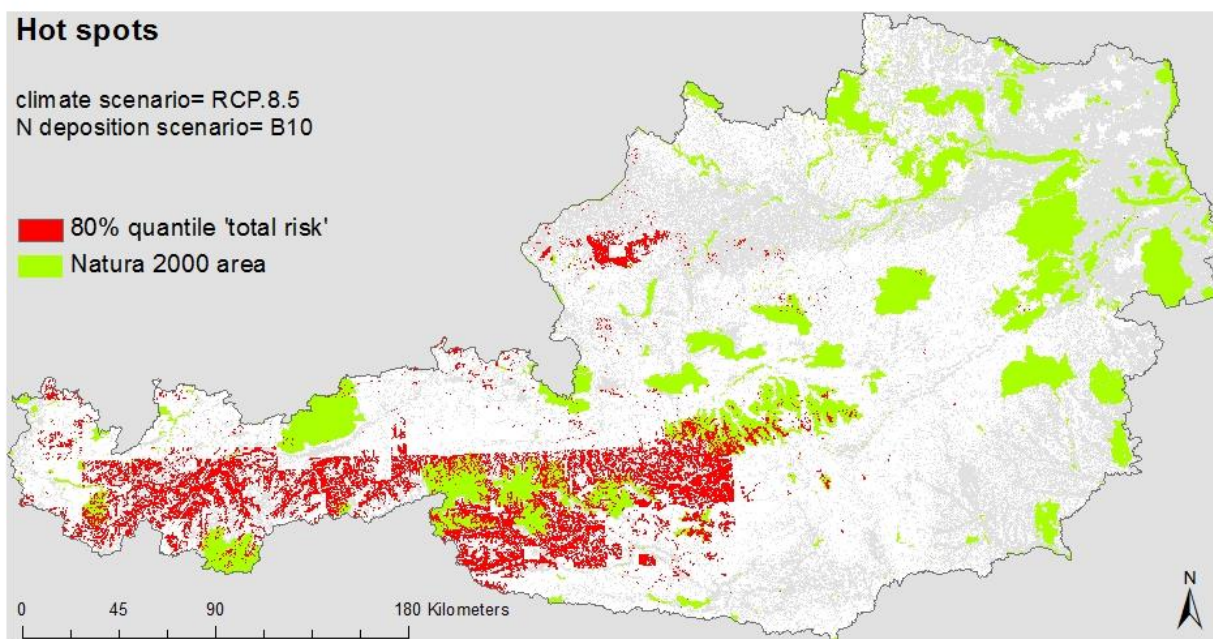


Fig.7 Location of Natura 2000 sites (as of 2015) and areas that are at high risk (top 20% of values >0) in the scenario combination with the highest combined risk (RCP8.5, B10).

3.3. Habitats at risk

Across all scenarios, up to 27% of 'Coniferous Woodland' [G3] is affected by combined risk and in sum experiences the highest total risk values. The maximum combined risk value was found in the sub-group of 'Boreal Bog Conifer Woodland' [G3.D]. Among single risk factors, N-risk is also highest for 'Coniferous Woodland' [G3]. 'Central Alpine Arid Grassland' [E1.24] face maximum drought risk and maximum risk of temperature increase is highest in 'Arid Subcontinental Steppic Grassland' [E1.22] (under RCP8.5) or 'Acid Alpine and Subalpine Grassland' [E4.3] (under RCP2.6).

In Fig. 8, yet again, dominance in risk of N exceedance is prominent. Especially bogs, mires, alpine habitats and coniferous woodland are exposed to N-risk, though mires and alpine grassland are also affected by warming-risk. Habitats of dry grassland show particular risk from drought and warming. Medians in single and combined risks are significantly different between habitats ($p < 0.001$, Appendix: Tab.6-9).

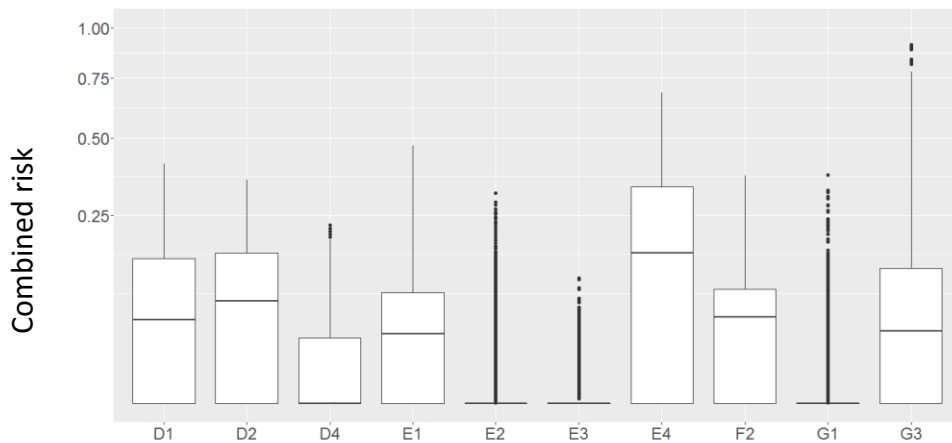
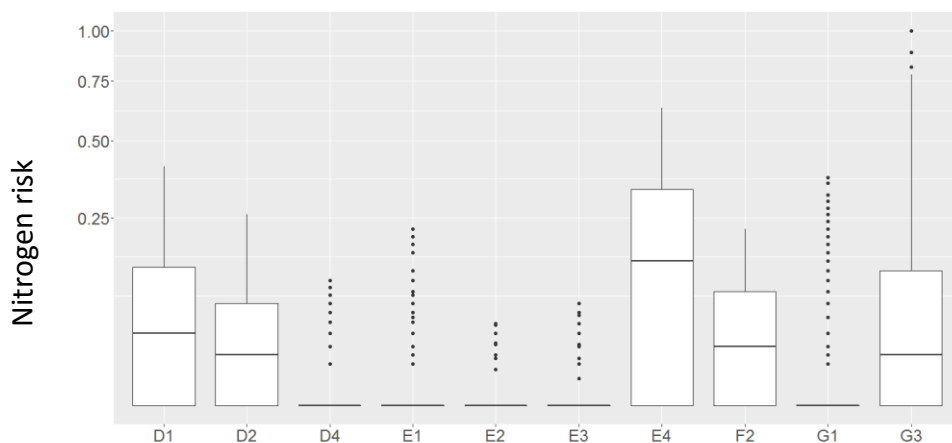
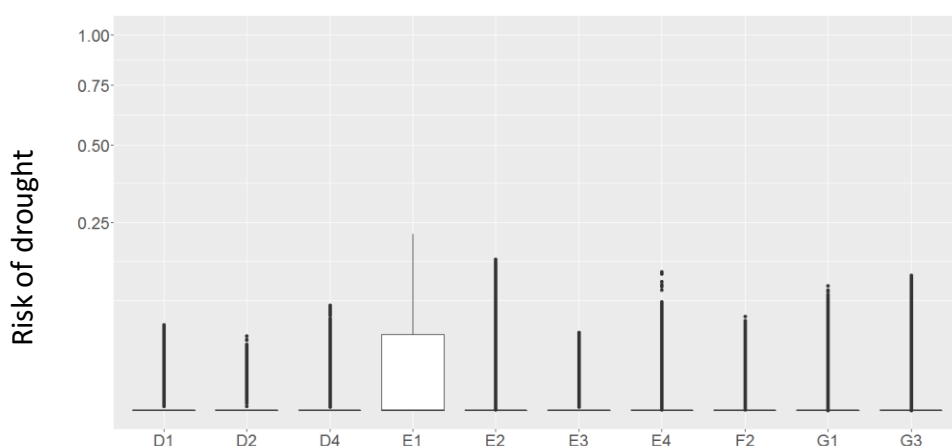
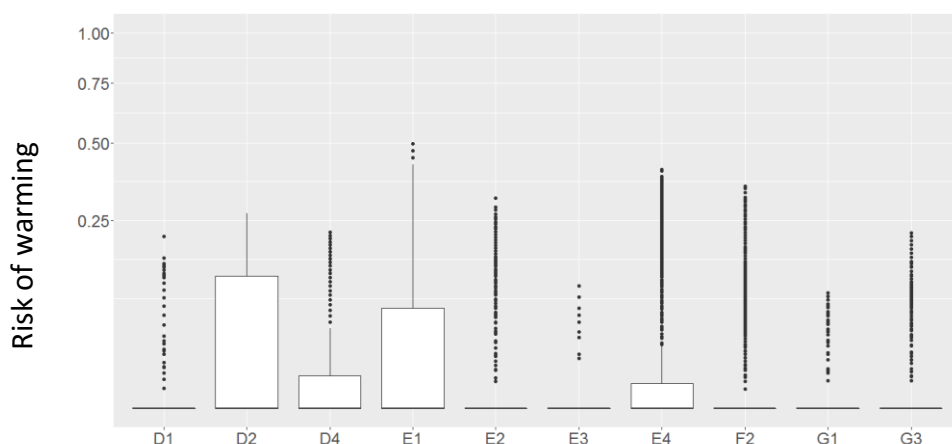


Fig.8 Risks of single factor and 'combined risk' regarding 10 EUNIS level 2 categorized habitats of all evaluated area



D1 = Raised and blanket bogs
D2 = Valley mires, poor fens and transition mires
D4 = Base-rich fens and calcareous spring mires
E1 = Dry grassland
E2 = Mesic grassland
E3 = Seasonally wet and wet grassland
E4 = Alpine and subalpine grassland
F2 = Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub
G1 = Broadleaved deciduous woodland
G3 = Coniferous woodland



4. Discussion

This study provides us with a new method to identify areas and habitats that are of special concern if interactive effects of climate change and nitrogen deposition are to be considered in conservation strategies. Our method combines current state of the art assessment tools in climate change and N deposition impact studies into a common framework. Its application to Austria demonstrates that abundant habitats such as coniferous woodlands are and will experience high risk of combined impacts due to their distribution in areas with high N deposition, the general higher N deposition in these habitats and their high climate risk. Also very oligotrophic habitats (e.g. bogs) with low critical loads are facing high combined risk. Taking proportion of area affected, average risk and high risk together, alpine habitats in the southern part of the Central Alps are disproportionately at risk.

Our method gave us new insights into the magnitude and the distribution of combined risks from N deposition and climate change in Austria. As special protection sites are an implemented conservation strategy in Europe, we were interested in the proportion of areas at risk following our evaluation method. A concerning outcome is that, regardless of the scenario, a constant of 6-7% of the Natura 2000 area is exposed to the highest risk values (top 20% of all values). Most of the area is found in the southern Austrian alpine region, where high N deposition prevails from high N emission in the Italian Po valley (Rogora et al., 2006). A recent meta-analysis by Humbert et al. (2016) showed that species richness in mountain grassland is negatively and additively influenced by increasing dose and duration of N deposition. Hence Austrian alpine and subalpine grassland habitats should be prioritized in research about interactive effects and respective conservation efforts. The same can be said, and was highlighted with our method, for habitats particularly vulnerable to both climate change (Essl et al., 2012) and N deposition (Bobbink et al., 2010; Bobbink et al., 1998) such as oligotrophic bogs.

There are, however, limitations to our approach. Most importantly, the calculated metric is not scaled well to the potential ecological or biological impact that the risks might exert. Put it another way, it is well possible that an area with a small risk of warming or drought has an equally large or even larger impact on plant communities than a much larger N-risk value. Our

results that airborne N deposition may exert a more intense pressure on Austrian plant communities than climate warming over the next decades may not be true in general. As an example, due to the wide distribution of coniferous forests in areas with high N deposition input, our evaluation resulted in high levels of combined risk. Since Austrian Norway spruce forests are exposed to high N deposition (Jandl et al., 2012; Jost et al., 2011) and are particularly vulnerable to climate change (Lexer et al., 2002; Seidl et al., 2011), we deem this an equitable result. However, interactions could even lower the magnitude of total effects because warming induced tree growth might lower soil N availability (McDonnell et al., 2014). Also the very dry sites showing disproportionate total risk 'Arid Subcontinental Steppic Grassland' [E1.22] and 'Central Alpine Arid Grassland' [E1.24] might not be sensitive to N deposition as shown in Simkin et al. (2016). They might also react quite different to climate change. Baatar et al. (2016, unpubl.) suggests dry grassland habitats of higher elevation are at risk of losing area due to upward expansion of more warm adapted similar habitat types, which is not the case for lowland grasslands.

The logical advance in our method would be to include N deposition effects directly into the empirical niche functions. This is currently in development for large parts of Europe but still hampered in many other parts of the world by the limited availability of on-ground measurements to calibrate N-driven niche functions for a large enough number of species (Reinds et al., 2014; Rowe et al., 2015). Also, more climate variables could be implemented to achieve a finer representation of climate constraints. The results of our method particularly depend upon the quality of the habitat map. In some EUNIS habitats the risk values relied on single alliances (e.g. some grassland types) whereas for others they relied on many (e.g. deciduous forests). Hence availability of high resolution habitat maps is key to an unbiased assessment. Considerable progress has been made in some parts of Europe in providing such maps (Kuttner et al., 2015).

Conclusion

Empirical studies and dynamic models evaluate in detail interactive effects of N deposition and climate change at specific sites and given conditions. Since our method is based on standard procedures, it is well possible to be applied to large areas, with further data input deemed improvable. Albeit interactive effects are not always considered negative for given

habitat, we propose this method to be a simple tool for broad scale risk assessment that might help to prioritize and guide conservation strategies.

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6. Appendix

Tab.1 Alliances as defined in Grabherr et al. (1994), Grabherr & Mucina (1994) und Willner et al. (2007), their alignment with the EUNIS classification and the respective critical loads.

ALLIANCE	EUNIS_CODE	CL N	CLN DERIVED FROM	EUNIS LEVEL 2 NAMES
ABIETI-PICEION	G3.1 G3	10	G3.1	Coniferous woodland
AGROSTION SCHRADERIANAE	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
ALCHEMILLO-POION SUPINAE	E2 E2.1	NA	E2.1	Mesic grasslands
ALNION GLUTINOSAE	G1 G1.2	NA	G1.2	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
ALNION INCANAE	G1 G1.A	NA	G1.A	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
ALNION VIRIDIS	F2 F2.3	15	F2.3	Dry heaths
ALYSSO ALYSSOIDIS- SEDION ALBI	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
ALYSSO SAXATILIS- FESTUCION PALLENTIS	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
ARABIDOPSIDION THALIANAE	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
ARRHENATHERION	E2 E2.2	20	E2.2	Mesic grasslands
BETULION PUBESCENTIS	G1 G1.5	NA	G1.5	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
BROMION ERECTI	E1 E1.2	15	E1.2	Dry grasslands
BROMO PANNONICI- FESTUCION PALLENTIS	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
CALAMAGROSTION VARIAE	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
CALTHION	E3 E3.4	NA	E3.4	Seasonally wet and wet grasslands
CARICION ATROFUSCO- SAXATILIS	D4 D4.2 D4.1	15	D4.1 = D4.2	Base-rich fens and calcareous spring mires
CARICION AUSTROALPINAE	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
CARICION CURVULAE	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
CARICION DAVALLIANAE	D4.1 D4 D4.2	15	D4.1 = D4.2	Base-rich fens and calcareous spring mires
CARICION FERRUGINAE	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
CARICION FIRMAE	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
CARICION FUSCAE	D2	10	D2	Valley mires, poor fens and transition mires
CARICION LASIOCARPAE	D2 D2.3	10	D2.3	Valley mires, poor fens and transition mires
CARPINION BETULI	G1 G1.A	15	G1.A	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
CIRSIO-BRACHYPODION PINNATI	E1 E1.2	15	E1.2	Dry grasslands

ALLIANCE	EUNIS_CODE	CL N	CLN DERIVED FROM	EUNIS LEVEL 2 NAMES
CNIDION	E3 E3.4	NA	E3.4	Seasonally wet and wet grasslands
CORYNEOPHORION CANESCENTIS	E1 E1.9	15	E1.9	Dry grasslands
CYNOSURION	E2 E2.2 E2.1 E2.6	20	E2.2	Mesic grasslands
DESCHAMPSION	E3 E3.5 E3.4	15	E3.4	Seasonally wet and wet grasslands
DIANTHO LUMNITZERI- SESLERION	E1 E1.2 E1.1	15	E1.1 = E1.2	Dry grasslands
ERICION CARNEAE	F2 F2.2	10	F2.2	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub
ERICO-PINION SYLVESTRIS	G3 G3.E G3.4	5	G3.E = G3.4	Coniferous woodland
FAGION SYLVATICAE	G1 G1.6 G3 G3.1	10	G1.6 = G3.1	Broadleaved deciduous woodland & Coniferous woodland
FESTUCION VAGINATAE	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
FESTUCION VALESIIACAE	E1 E1.22	15	E1.22	Dry grasslands
FESTUCION VARIAE	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
FRAXINO ORNI-OSTRYION	G1 G1.7	10	G1.7	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
GENISTION PILOSAE	F4.2	10	F4.2	Dry heaths
HYPERICO PERFORATI- SCLERANTHION PERENNIS	E1 E1.1 E1.9	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
JUNCION TRIFIDI	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
LOISELEURIO-VACCINION	F2 F2.2	10	F2.2	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub
MOLINION	E2 E2.1 E2.2 E3 E3.4 E3.5	17.5	mean E2.2 & E3.5	Mesic grasslands & Seasonally wet and wet grasslands
NARDION STRICTAE	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
NARDO-AGROSTION TENUIS	E4 E4.3	5	E4.3	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
NARDO-JUNCION SQUARROSI	E3 E3.5	15	E3.5	Seasonally wet and wet grasslands

ALLIANCE	EUNIS_CODE	CL N	CLN DERIVED FROM	EUNIS LEVEL 2 NAMES
ONONIDO ROTUNDFOLII-PINION SYLVESTRIS	G3 G3.4	5	G3.4	Coniferous woodland
OXYOCOCCO-EMPETRION HERMAPHRODITI	D1 D1.1	5	D1.1	Raised and blanket bogs
OXYTROPIDO-ELYNION	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
PHYTEUMO-TRISETION	E2 E2.3	20	E2.3	Mesic grasslands
PINION MUGI	F2 F2.4	15	F2.4	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub
POION ALPINAE	E4 E4.5	NA	E4.5	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
POLYGONO-TRISETION	E2 E2.3	20	E2.3	Mesic grasslands
QUERCION PUBESCENTI-PETRAE	G1 G1.7	10	G1.7	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
QUERCION ROBORIS	G1 G1.8	10	G1.8	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
RHODODENDRO-VACCINION	F2 F2.2	10	F2.2	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub
RHYNCHOSPORION ALBAE	D2 D2.3 D1 D1.1 D1.2	7.5	mean D2.3 & D1.1 (= D1.2)	Raised and blanket bogs & Transition mires and quaking bogs
SALICION AURITAE	G1 G1.2	NA	G1.2	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
SALICION CINERAE	G1 G1.2	NA	G1.2	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
SEDO-SCLERANTHION BIENNIS	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
SESLERION COERULEAE	E4	5	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands
SPHAGNION MEDII	D1 D1.1	5	D1.1	Raised and blanket bogs
STIPO-POION XEROPHILAE	E1 E1.24	15	E1.24	Dry grasslands
THERO-AIRION	E1 E1.1	15	E1.1	Dry grasslands
TILIO-ACERION	G1 G1.A	15	G1.A	Broadleaved deciduous woodland
VACCINIO ULIGINOSI-PINION SYLVESTRIS	G3 G3.D G3.E	5	G3.D = G3.E	Coniferous woodland
VIOLION CANINAE	E1 E1.7	10	E1.7	Dry grasslands

Tab.2 Ensemble models evaluation with ROC. EM_ROC= ensemble model evaluation for each species, meanROC = mean ROC of an alliance. Names of syntaxa and characteristic species follow Grabherr et al. (1994), Grabherr & Mucina (1994) und Willner et al. (2007). Species not listed have not been represented with sufficient frequency in the relevé dataset.

Alliance	Species	EM_ROC	meanROC
Abieti-Piceion	<i>Galium rotundifolium</i>	0.796	0.795
	<i>Orthilia secunda</i>	0.794	
Agrostion schraderianae	<i>Agrostis schraderiana</i>	0.929	0.97
	<i>Alchemilla alpina</i>	0.974	
	<i>Carex aterrima</i>	0.984	
	<i>Festuca picturata</i>	0.988	
	<i>Gnaphalium norvegicum</i>	0.968	
	<i>Pedicularis recutita</i>	0.975	
Alchemillo-Poion supinae	<i>Alchemilla xanthochlora</i>	0.832	0.892
	<i>Poa supina</i>	0.952	
Alnion glutinosae	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	0.737	0.832
	<i>Carex elongata</i>	0.852	
	<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	0.877	
	<i>Ribes nigrum</i>	0.871	
	<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	0.798	
	<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>	0.859	
Alnion incanae	<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	0.735	0.735
	<i>Festuca gigantea</i>	0.729	
	<i>Prunus padus</i>	0.749	
	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	0.726	
Alnion viridis	<i>Alnus alnobetula</i>	0.957	0.934
	<i>Ribes petraeum</i>	0.884	
	<i>Salix waldsteiniana</i>	0.961	
Alyso alyssoidis-Sedion albi	<i>Alyssum alyssoides</i>	0.824	0.887
	<i>Bombycilaena erecta</i>	0.914	
	<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	0.777	
	<i>Cerastium glutinosum</i>	0.971	
	<i>Cerastium pumilum</i>	0.827	
	<i>Cerastium tenoreanum</i>	0.939	
	<i>Hornungia petraea</i>	0.951	
	<i>Minuartia fastigiata</i>	0.902	
	<i>Minuartia mutabilis</i>	0.928	
	<i>Reseda phyteuma</i>	0.941	
	<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	0.818	
	<i>Sedum sexangulare</i>	0.748	
	<i>Sideritis montana</i>	0.963	
	<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	0.84	
	<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	0.935	
	<i>Veronica praecox</i>	0.915	
Alyso saxatilis-Festucion pallentis	<i>Allium senescens</i> ssp. <i>montanum</i>	0.794	0.876
	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> ssp. <i>saxatilis</i>	0.952	
	<i>Festuca pallens</i>	0.829	
	<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	NA	

	Hieracium schmidtii	0.91	
	Sedum rupestre	0.79	
	Seseli osseum	0.978	
Arabidopsidion thalianae	Arabidopsis thaliana	0.789	0.881
	Valerianella carinata	0.928	
	Veronica dillenii	0.923	
	Veronica triphyllos	0.908	
	Veronica verna	0.858	
Arrhenatherion	Arrhenatherum elatius	NA	0.741
	Campanula patula	0.722	
	Crepis biennis	0.738	
	Galium album	NA	
	Pastinaca sativa	0.763	
	Pimpinella major	NA	
Betulion pubescentis	Betula pubescens	0.731	0.731
Bromion erecti	Aceras anthropophorum	0.955	0.87
	Colchicum autumnale	0.733	
	Euphrasia rostkoviana	0.749	
	Laserpitium siler	0.874	
	Linum viscosum	0.912	
	Listera ovata	NA	
	Melampyrum arvense	0.861	
	Onobrychis montana	0.947	
	Onobrychis viciifolia	0.788	
	Ophrys apifera	0.879	
	Ophrys holoserica	0.884	
	Ophrys insectifera	0.876	
	Ophrys sphegodes	0.871	
	Pedicularis comosa	0.958	
	Thesium humifusum	0.907	
	Tragopogon orientalis	0.855	
Bromo pannonici-Festucion pallentis	Aethionema saxatile	0.912	0.893
	Campanula sibirica	0.903	
	Echinops ritro ssp. ruthenicus	0.987	
	Fumana procumbens	0.787	
	Helianthemum canum	0.834	
	Helianthemum nummularium	NA	
	Lotus borbasii	0.986	
	Medicago orbicularis	0.975	
	Ononis pusilla	0.859	
	Poa badensis	NA	
	Rhamnus saxatilis	0.812	
	Scabiosa canescens	0.922	
	Scorzonera austriaca	0.882	
	Seseli hippomarathrum	0.937	
	Stipa pulcherrima	0.9	
	Viola rupestris	0.806	
Calamagrostion variae	Calamagrostis varia	0.878	0.862
	Gymnadenia odoratissima	0.863	

	Laserpitium siler	0.874	
	Molinia caerulea	0.747	
	Peucedanum verticillare	0.949	
	Bromus racemosus	0.881	
	Caltha palustris	NA	
	Cirsium oleraceum	0.725	
Calthion	Crepis paludosa	0.798	0.805
	Lotus pedunculatus	0.825	
	Myosotis palustris agg.	0.836	
	Scirpus sylvaticus	0.763	
	Carex parallela	0.87	
	Juncus triglumis	0.974	
Caricion atrofusco-saxatilis	Kobresia simpliciuscula	0.991	0.956
	Tofieldia pusilla	0.99	
	Allium ochroleucum	0.859	
	Carex austroalpina	0.955	
	Festuca calva	0.978	
Caricion austroalpinae	Horminum pyrenaicum	0.962	0.948
	Koeleria eriostachya	0.982	
	Laserpitium peucedanoides	0.971	
	Pedicularis gyroflexa	0.926	
	Carex brunnescens	0.985	
	Carex curvula	0.985	
	Festuca halleri	0.981	
	Festuca pseudodura	0.992	
	Festuca supina	0.972	
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	Minuartia recurva	0.943	
	Oreochloa disticha	0.987	
	Pedicularis kernerii	0.982	
	Senecio incanus ssp. carniolicus	0.988	
	Veronica bellidioides	0.977	
	Blysmus compressus	0.805	
	Carex davalliana	0.765	
	Carex hostiana	0.843	
	Carex lepidocarpa	0.769	
	Carex pulicaris	0.796	
	Dactylorhiza incarnata	0.824	
Caricion davallianae	Dactylorhiza majalis	0.774	0.829
	Epipactis palustris	0.78	
	Eriophorum latifolium	0.74	
	Liparis loeselii	0.951	
	Schoenus ferrugineus	0.926	
	Trichophorum alpinum	0.887	
	Triglochin palustre	0.911	
	Alchemilla anisiaca	0.986	
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	Anemone baldensis	0.981	
	Anemone narcissiflora	0.975	

	Astragalus frigidus	0.988	
	Astrantia bavarica	0.977	
	Campanula thyrsoidea	0.978	
	Carex ferruginea	0.945	
	Crepis mollis	0.851	
	Crepis pontana	0.975	
	Festuca norica	0.983	
	Festuca pulchella	0.969	
	Lathyrus laevigatus	0.916	
	Luzula glabrata	0.97	
	Pedicularis foliosa	0.965	
	Phleum hirsutum	0.926	
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	Senecio doronicum	0.931	
	Traunsteinera globosa	0.896	
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	Trifolium pratense ssp. nivale	0.974	
	Trifolium thalii	0.953	
	Androsace chamaejasme	0.974	
	Carex firma	0.96	
	Chamorchis alpina	0.982	
	Crepis jacquinii	0.943	
	Crepis kernerii	0.981	
	Festuca pumila	0.977	
Caricion firmae	Helianthemum alpestre	0.979	0.975
	Minuartia gerardii	0.979	
	Pedicularis portenschlagii	0.996	
	Pedicularis rosea	0.984	
	Saussurea pygmaea	0.98	
	Saxifraga caesia	0.962	
	Agrostis canina	0.75	
	Carex canescens	0.843	
	Carex echinata	0.794	
	Carex hartmanii	0.889	
Caricion fuscae	Carex nigra	0.771	0.8
	Epilobium palustre	0.746	
	Juncus filiformis	0.811	
	Viola palustris	0.797	
	Carex lasiocarpa	0.831	
	Carex rostrata	0.782	
Caricion lasiocarpae	Menyanthes trifoliata	0.767	0.807
	Pedicularis palustris	0.831	
	Potentilla palustris	0.826	
	Carex pilosa	0.761	
	Carpinus betulus	0.739	
Carpinion betuli	Festuca heterophylla	0.981	0.795
	Fragaria moschata	0.769	
	Galium sylvaticum	0.766	
	Lathyrus niger	0.776	

	Prunus avium	0.73	
	Rosa arvensis	0.792	
	Stellaria holostea	0.761	
	Viola alba	0.877	
	Viola riviniana	NA	
Caricion firmae	Androsace chamaejasme	0.974	0.975
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Diantho lumnitzeri-Seslerion	Acinos alpinus	0.829	0.891
	Anthyllis montana ssp. jacquinii	0.983	
	Betonica alopecuros	0.941	
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	Erysimum sylvestre	0.914	
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	Galium lucidum	0.781	

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	Phyteuma orbiculare	0.866	
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	Thlaspi montanum	0.911	
Ericion carneae	Daphne striata	0.966	0.967
	Genista radiata	0.968	
Erico-Pinion sylvestris	Aquilegia atrata	0.926	0.884
	Coronilla vaginalis	0.836	
	Daphne cneorum	0.839	
	Festuca amethystina	0.912	
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Euphorbio-Callunion	Agrostis vinealis	0.918	0.862
	Avenula pratensis	0.835	
	Dactylorhiza sambucina	0.88	
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	Genista sagittalis	0.955	
	Hieracium peletierianum	0.915	
	Saxifraga granulata	0.784	
Fagion sylvaticae	Euphorbia amygdaloides	NA	0.788
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	Festuca altissima	0.814	
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	Prenanthes purpurea	0.824	
Festucion pseudovinae	Achillea asplenifolia	0.999	0.979
	Artemisia santonicum	0.996	
	Bupleurum tenuissimum	0.984	
	Eryngium planum	0.98	
	Gypsophila muralis	0.934	
Festucion vaginatae	Dianthus diutinus	0.974	0.96
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	Gypsophila fastigiata	0.944	
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	Helichrysum arenarium	0.936	
	Koeleria glauca	0.949	
Festucion valesiaca	Achillea pannonica	0.919	0.938
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	Carduus collinus	0.927	
	Carex supina	0.961	

	Centaurea biebersteinii	0.981	
	Chamaecytisus austriacus	0.941	
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	Festuca duvalii	0.988	
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	Pseudolysimachion orchideum	0.92	
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	Rapistrum perenne	0.975	
	Salvia nemorosa	0.951	
	Thymus kosteletzkyanus	0.925	
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	Vinca herbacea	0.992	
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	Xeranthemum cylindraceum	0.978	
Festucion variae	Festuca varia	0.987	0.94
	Hieracium hoppeanum	0.832	
	Pedicularis tuberosa	0.986	
	Potentilla grandiflora	0.957	
Fraxino orni-Ostryion	Acer obtusatum	0.961	0.913
	Asparagus tenuifolius	0.95	
	Carpinus orientalis	0.972	
	Dianthus monspessulanus	0.928	
	Fraxinus ornus	0.872	
	Laburnum anagyroides	0.868	
	Lilium bulbiferum	0.854	
	Ostrya carpinifolia	0.901	
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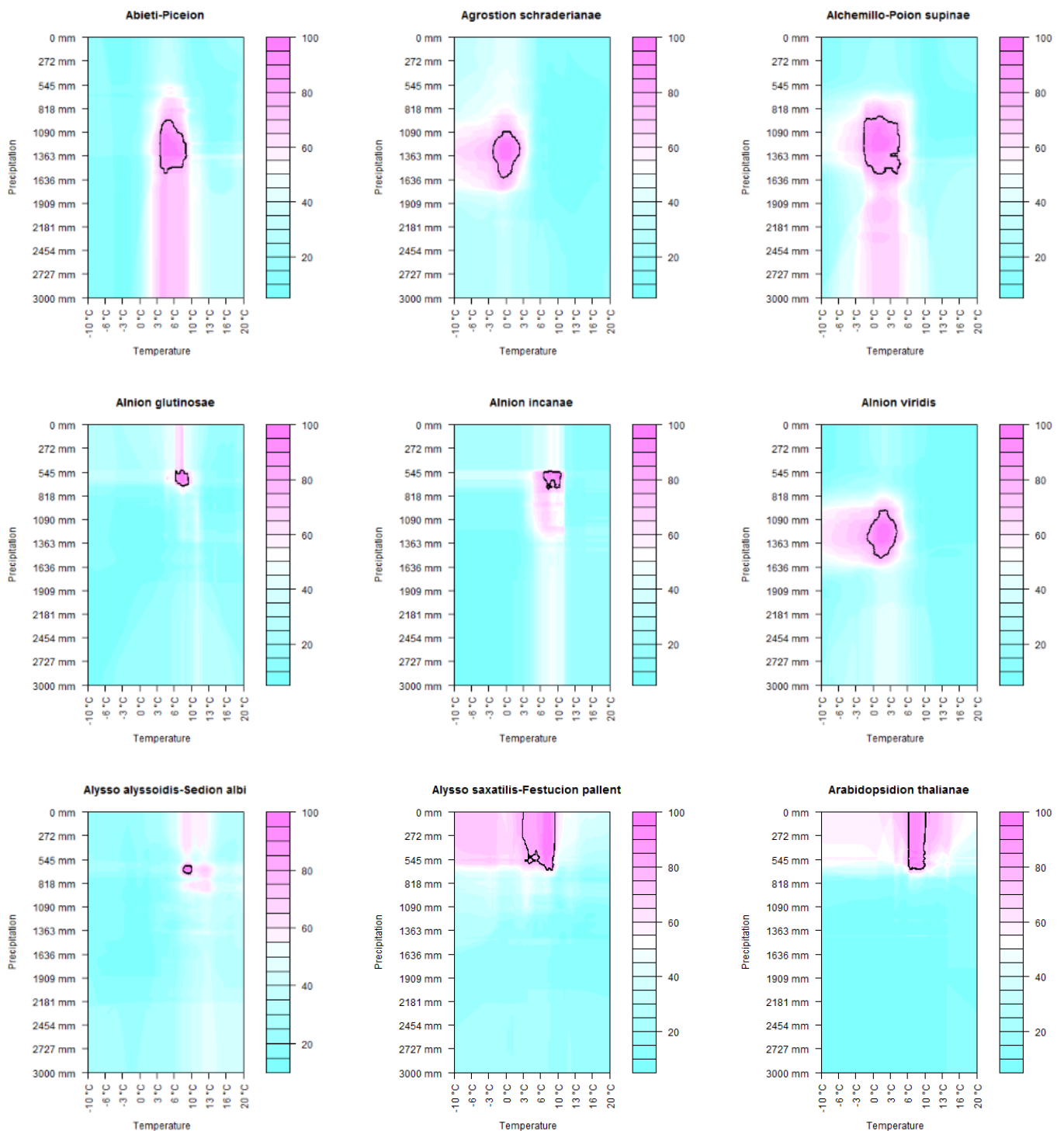
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Juncion trifidi	Juncus trifidus	0.979	0.987
	Senecio carpaticus	0.995	
Koelerion arenariae	Cerastium semidecandrum	0.788	0.91
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Loiseleurio-Vaccinon	Empetrum hermaphroditum	0.985	0.984
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Molinion	Achillea aspleniifolia	0.999	0.841
	Carex tomentosa	0.783	
	Dianthus superbus	0.89	
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	Galium boreale	0.782	
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	Iris sibirica	0.829	
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	Molinia caerulea	0.747	
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	Scorzonera humilis	0.76	
	Selinum carvifolia	0.772	
	Serratula tinctoria	0.773	
	Silaum silaus	0.868	
	Succisa pratensis	0.745	
Nardion strictae	Ajuga pyramidalis	0.942	0.966
	Campanula barbata	0.95	
	Geum montanum	0.975	
	Pseudorchis albida	0.964	
	Ranunculus villarsii	0.996	
	Viola lutea ssp. sudetica	0.969	
Nardo-Agrostion tenuis	Avenula planiculmis	0.987	0.912
	Campanula serrata	0.959	
	Carex leporina	0.791	
	Gentiana pannonica	0.967	
	Gnaphalium sylvaticum	0.821	
	Hieracium aurantiacum	0.947	
Nardo-Juncion squarrosi	Juncus squarrosus	0.827	0.844
	Pedicularis sylvatica	0.862	
Ononido rotundifolii-Pinion sylvestris	Astragalus monspessulanus	0.925	0.943
	Ononis rotundifolia	0.961	
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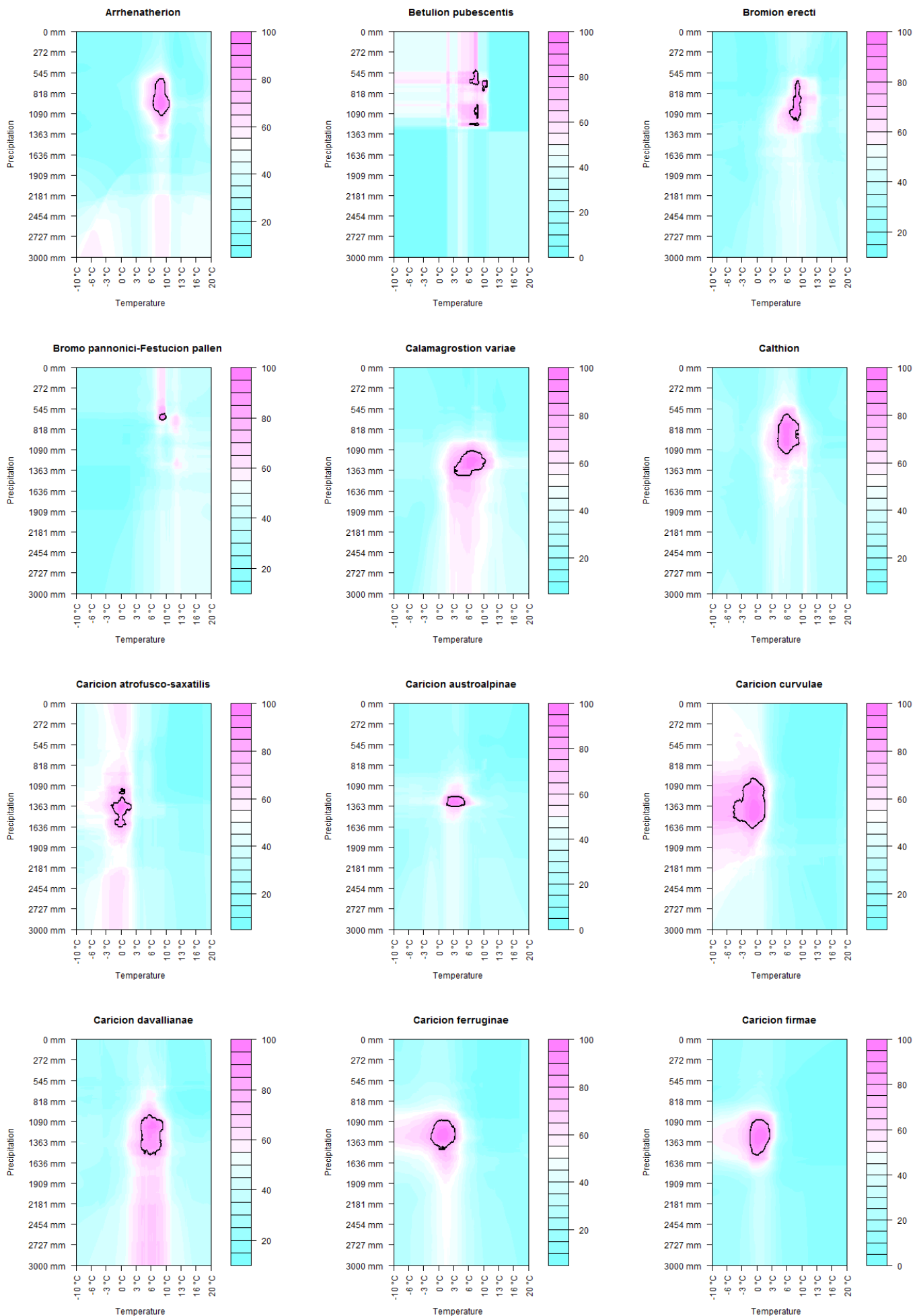
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	Carex rupestris	0.975	
	Comastoma tenellum	0.983	
	Dryas octopetala	0.957	
	Erigeron uniflorus	0.989	
	Kobresia myosuroides	0.99	
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	Oxytropis triflora	0.999	
	Pedicularis oederi	0.99	
	Potentilla crantzii	0.95	
	Salix serpyllifolia	0.982	
Phyteumo-Trisetion	Cardaminopsis halleri	0.873	0.866
	Chaerophyllum aureum	0.824	
	Poa chaixii	0.9	
Pinion mugi	Larix decidua	0.867	0.933
	Pinus cembra	0.966	
	Pinus mugo	0.943	
	Pinus uncinata	0.934	
	Sorbus chamaemespilus	0.957	
Poion alpinae	Crepis aurea	0.969	0.962
	Phleum rhaeticum	0.968	
	Plantago alpina	0.949	
	Poa alpina	0.962	
	Trifolium badium	0.963	
Alliance	Species	EM_ROC	meanROC
Polygono-Trisetion	Centaurea pseudophrygia	0.931	0.893
	Crocus albiflorus	0.929	
	Persicaria bistorta	0.867	
	Trollius europaeus	0.845	
Quercion pubescenti-petrae	Betonica officinalis	0.862	0.863
	Bupleurum falcatum	0.766	
	Campanula bononiensis	0.852	
	Carex michelii	0.88	
	Clematis recta	0.859	
	Euphorbia polychroma	0.982	
	Fragaria viridis	0.822	
	Hierochloa australis	0.937	
	Inula hirta	0.848	
	Peucedanum alsaticum	0.921	
	Potentilla alba	0.843	
	Ranunculus polyanthemus	0.788	
	Serratula tinctoria	0.773	
	Vicia cassubica	0.865	
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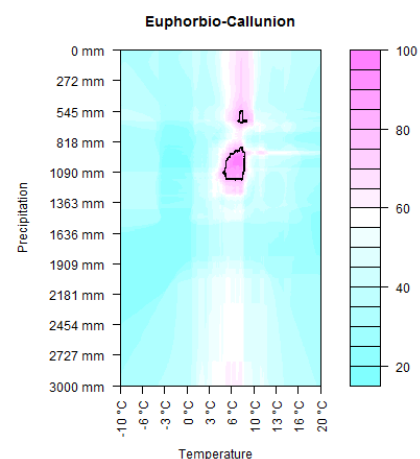
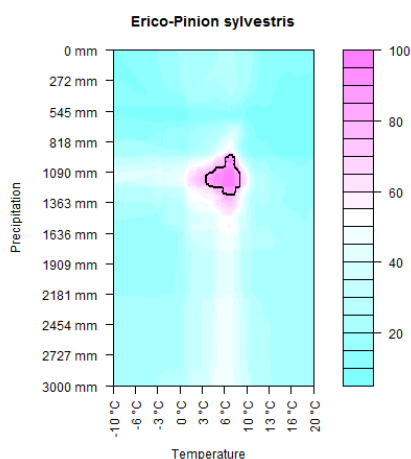
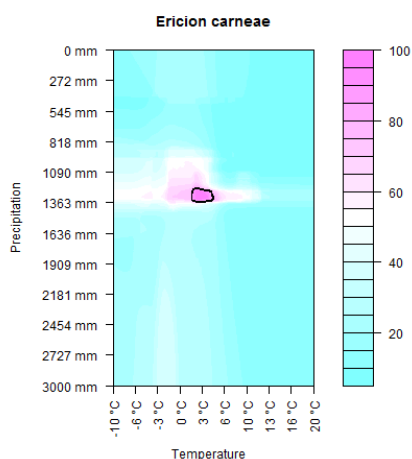
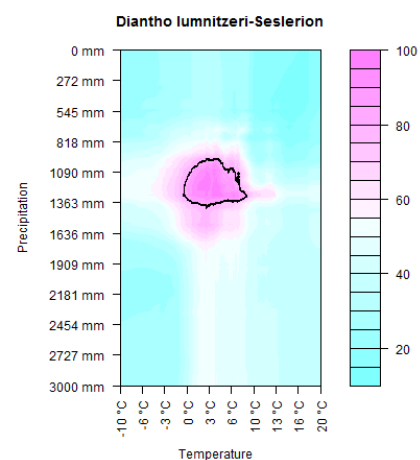
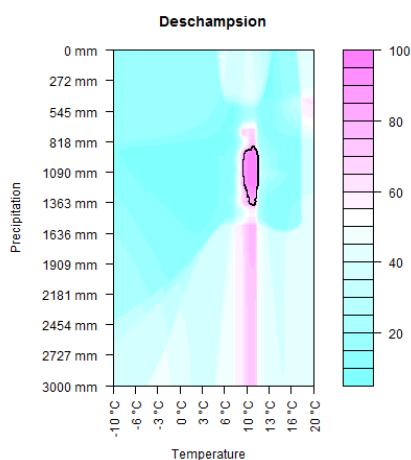
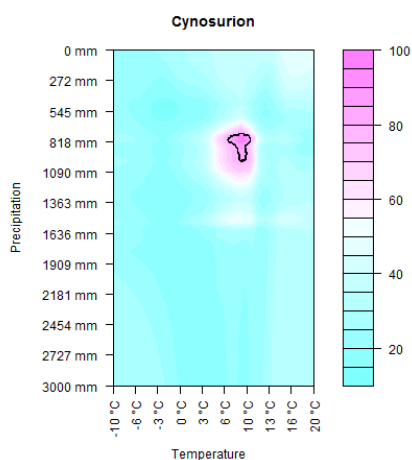
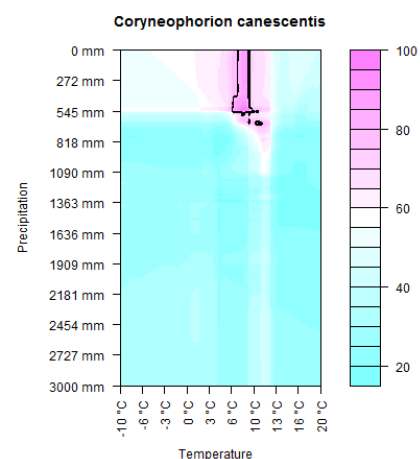
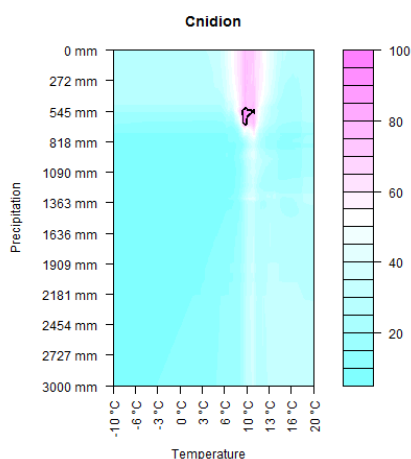
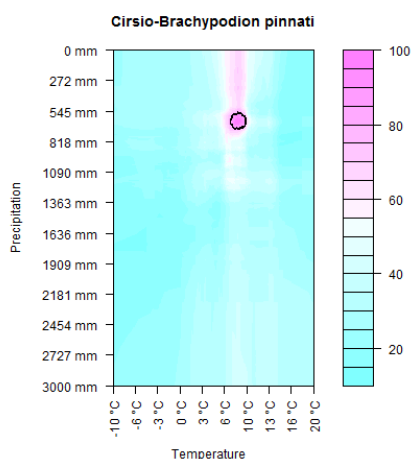
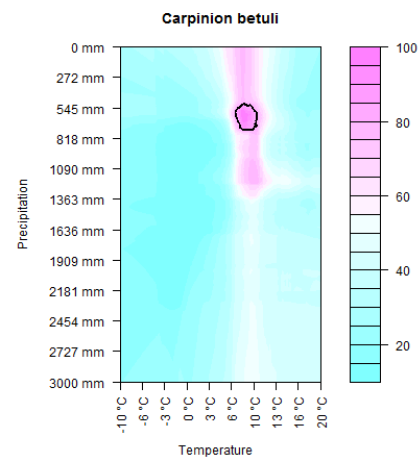
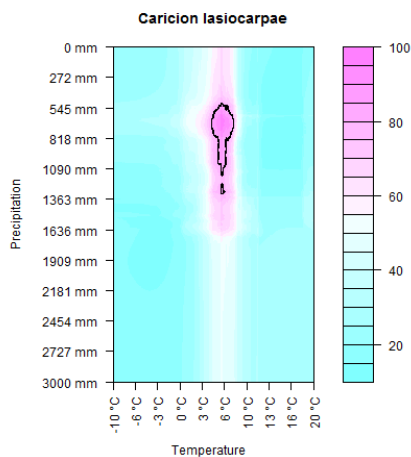
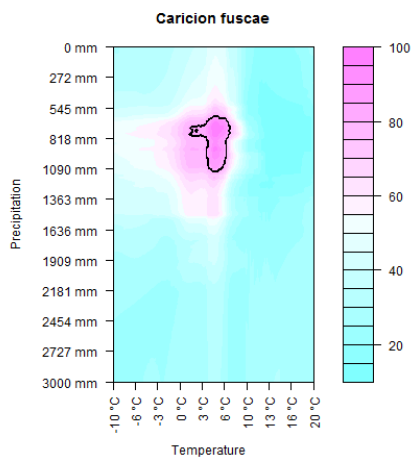
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	Carex limosa	0.84	
	Drosera anglica	0.923	
Rhynchosporion albae	Drosera intermedia	0.913	0.876
	Rhynchospora alba	0.828	
	Salix aurita	0.775	
Salicion auritae	Salix repens	0.984	0.88
Salicion cinerae	Salix cinerea	0.745	0.745
	Salix daphnoides	0.958	
Salicion eleagno-daphnoidis	Salix eleagnos	0.913	0.928
	Salix myrsinifolia	0.913	
Salicion purpureae	Salix purpurea	NA	NA
	Carex distans	0.825	
	Carex divisa	0.961	
	Carex otrubae	0.871	
	Cirsium brachycephalum	0.989	
	Glaux maritima	0.949	
Scorzonero-Juncion gerardii	Juncus gerardii	0.952	0.936
	Lotus maritimus	0.977	
	Samolus valerandi	0.965	
	Taraxacum bessarabicum	0.992	
	Trifolium fragiferum	0.85	
	Triglochin maritimum	0.965	
	Cerastium arvense ssp. strictum	0.967	
	Dianthus sylvestris	0.859	
	Petrorhagia saxifraga	0.816	
	Sedum annuum	0.94	
Sedo-Scleranthion biennis	Sempervivum arachnoideum	0.927	0.915
	Sempervivum montanum	0.963	
	Sempervivum tectorum	0.865	
	Silene rupestris	0.94	
	Veronica fruticans	0.957	
	Arabis ciliata	0.951	
	Aster alpinus	0.894	
Seslerion coeruleae	Bupleurum ranunculoides	0.927	0.922
	Carex ornithopoda	0.865	
	Dianthus alpinus	0.984	
	Gentiana utriculosa	0.91	
Sphagnion medii	Vaccinium oxycoccos	0.847	0.847
	Centaurea maculosa	0.906	
	Minuartia laricifolia	0.963	
Stipo-Poion xerophilae	Poa molinerii	0.955	0.922
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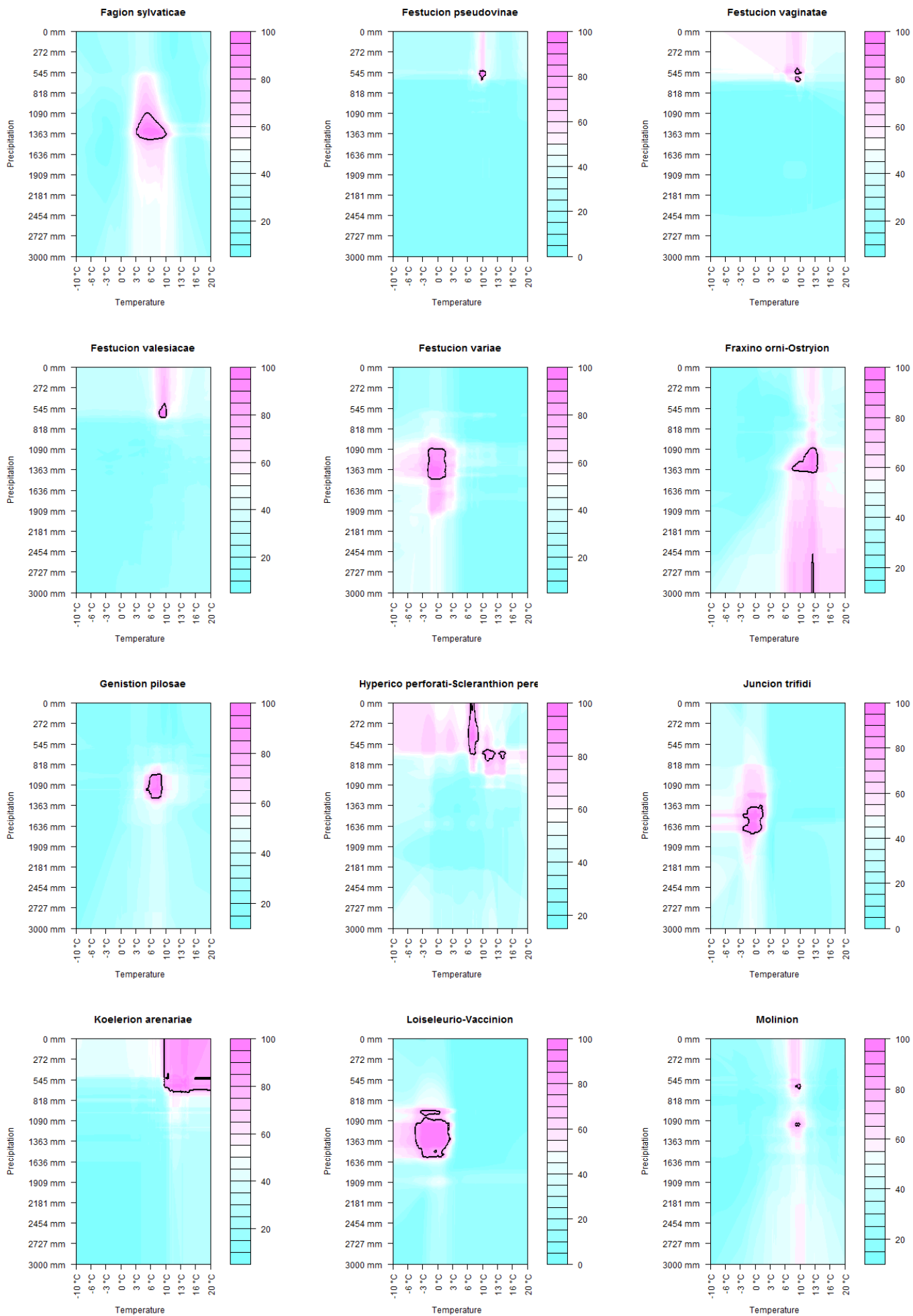
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	Moenchia mantica	0.925	
	Myosotis discolor	0.887	
	Ornithopus perpusillus	0.852	
	Trifolium striatum	0.83	
	Tuberaria guttata	0.996	
	Ventenata dubia	0.995	
Tilio-Acerion	Acer platanoides	0.73	
	Acer pseudoplatanus	0.714	
	Aruncus dioicus	0.83	
	Asperula taurina	0.884	
	Campanula latifolia	0.85	
	Euonymus latifolia	0.848	
	Geranium robertianum	NA	0.793
	Lunaria rediviva	0.82	
	Ribes uva-crispa	0.777	
	Staphylea pinnata	0.793	
	Tilia platyphyllos	0.74	
	Ulmus glabra	0.742	
Vaccinio uliginosi-Pinion sylvestris	Ledum palustre	0.92	
	Vaccinium uliginosum	0.865	0.893
Violion caninae	Centaurea nigra	0.832	
	Dianthus armeria	0.84	
	Dianthus deltoides	0.79	
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	Jasione laevis	0.941	
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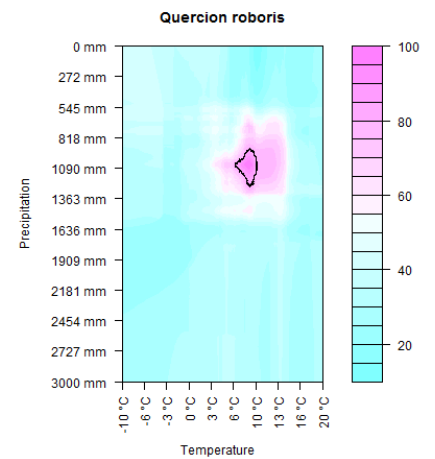
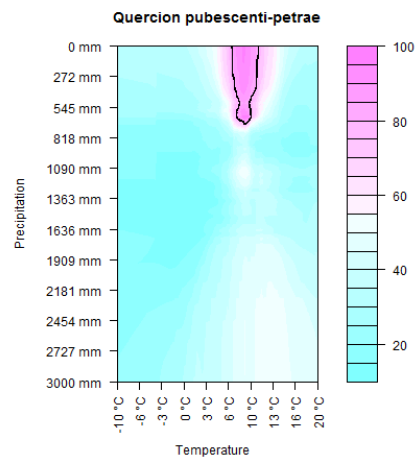
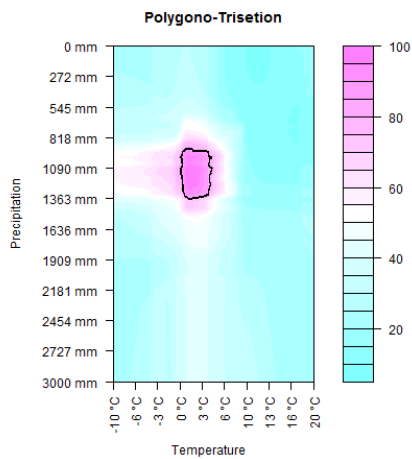
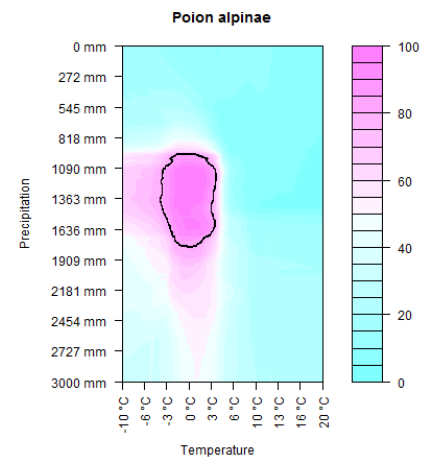
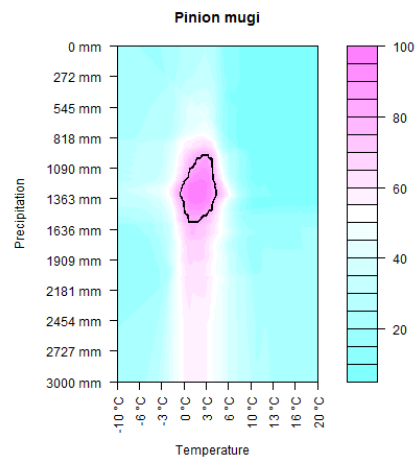
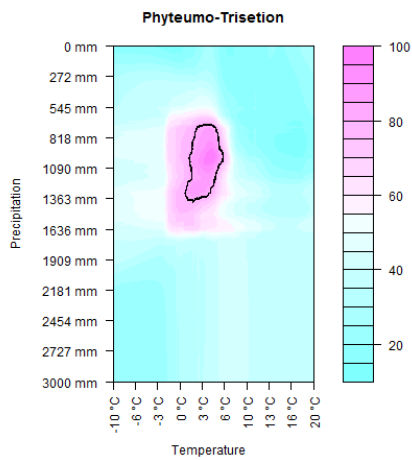
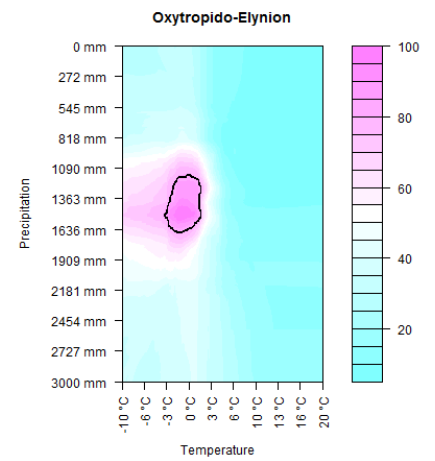
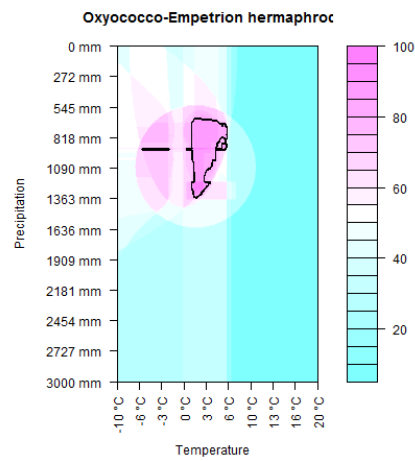
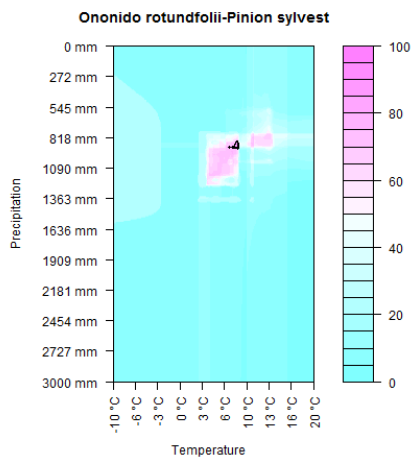
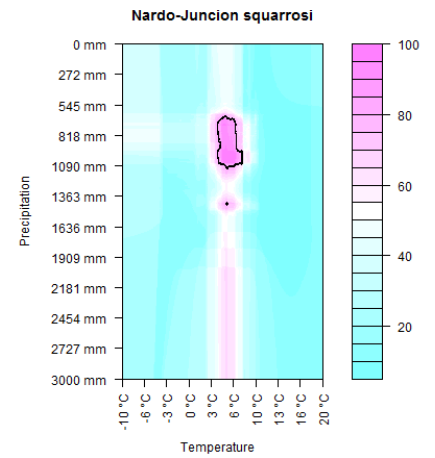
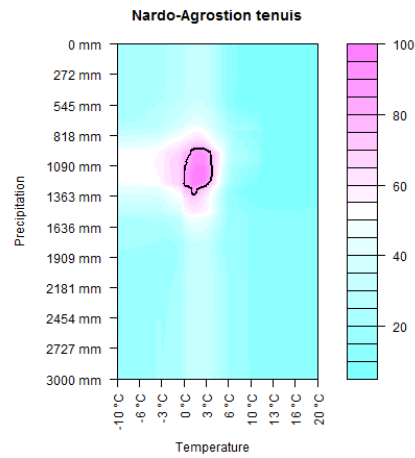
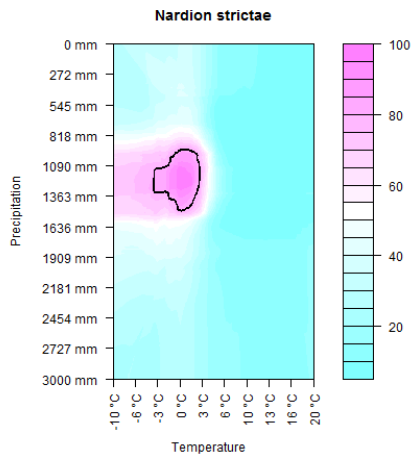
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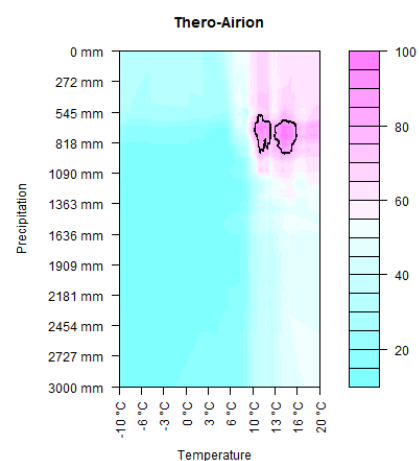
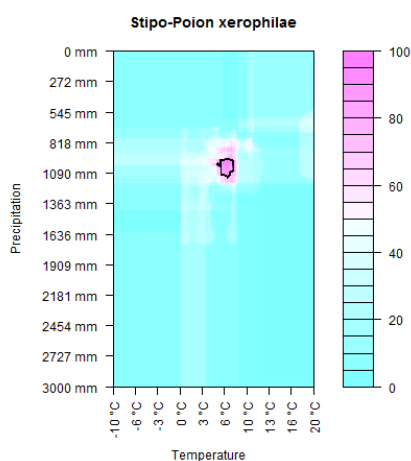
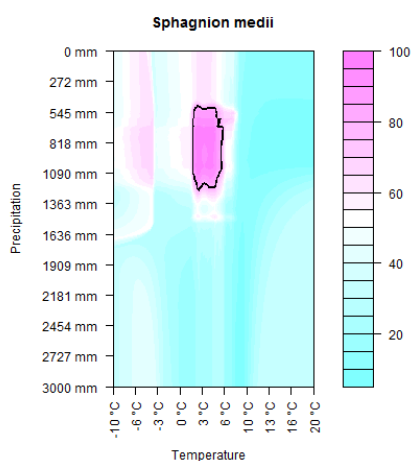
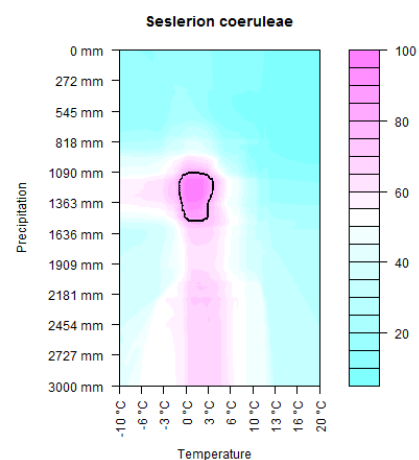
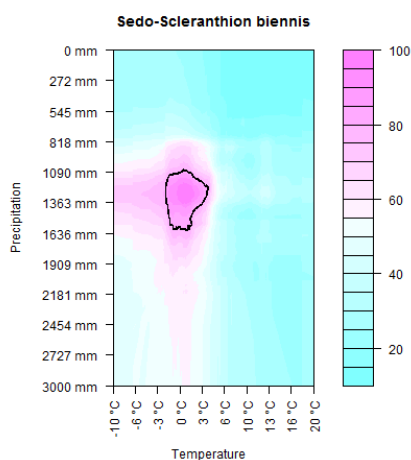
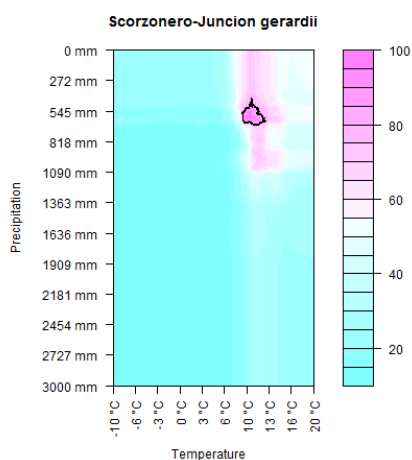
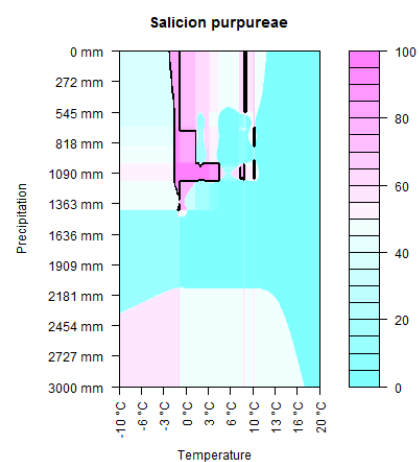
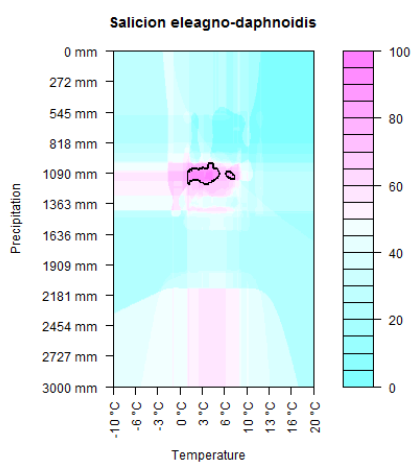
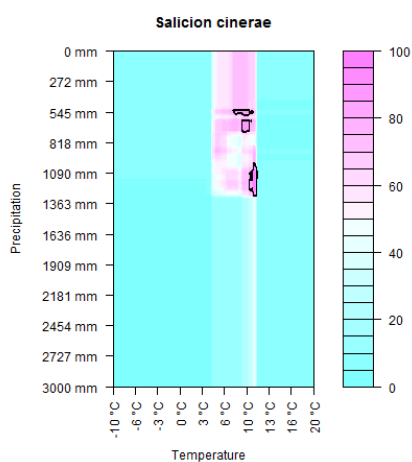
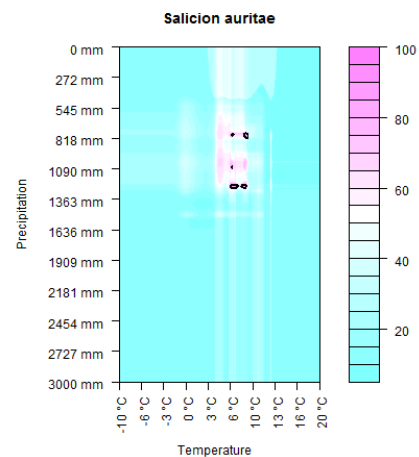
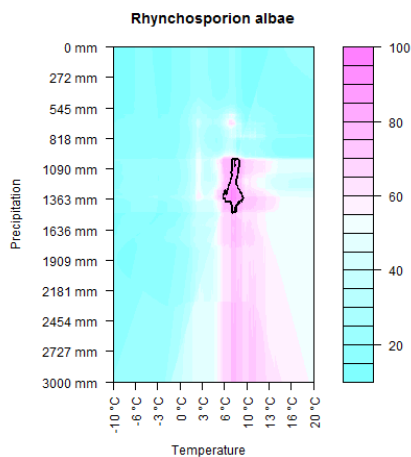
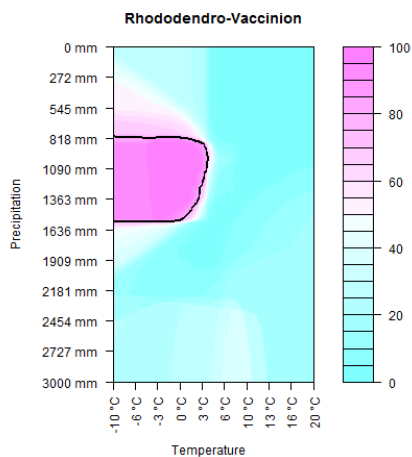


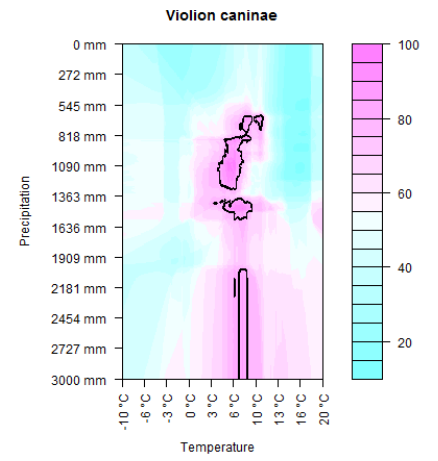
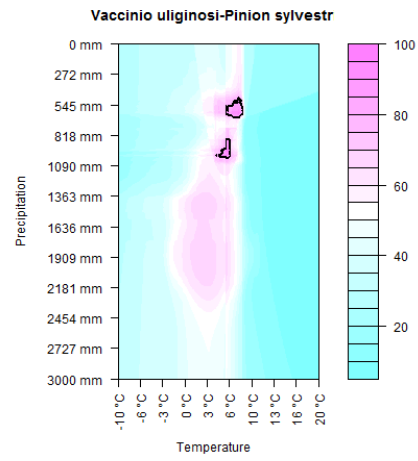
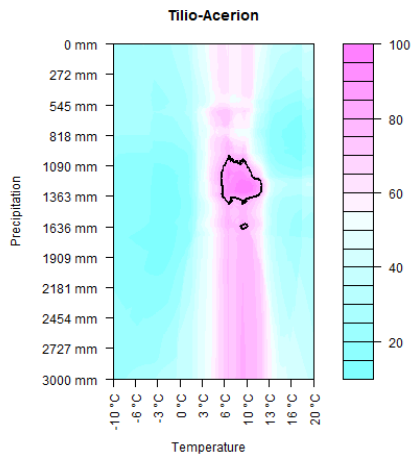












Tab.4. Kruskal Wallis tests with single factor and combined risk as response and time, climate scenarios and N deposition scenarios as grouping factors.

RESPONSE	GROUPING FACTOR	CHI SQUARED	DF	P	
COMBINED RISK	TIME	32561	2	<0.0001	***
COMBINED RISK	CLIMATE SCENARIOS	40095	2	<0.0001	***
COMBINED RISK	N DEPOSITION SCENARIOS	526590	2	<0.0001	***
COMBINED RISK	EUNIS CATEGORIES	3091800	10	<0.0001	***
RISK OF WARMING	TIME	62091	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF WARMING	CLIMATE SCENARIOS	100290	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF WARMING	EUNIS CATEGORIES	796250	10	<0.0001	***
RISK OF DROUGHT	TIME	24289	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF DROUGHT	CLIMATE SCENARIOS	29800	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF DROUGHT	EUNIS CATEGORIES	920270	10	<0.0001	***
RISK OF N EXCEEDANCE	TIME	59853	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF N EXCEEDANCE	N DEPOSITION SCENARIOS	655780	2	<0.0001	***
RISK OF N EXCEEDANCE	EUNIS CATEGORIES	2407900	10	<0.0001	***

Tab.5. Dunn's Test pairwise comparison of combined risk levels by time, climate scenarios and N deposition scenarios

PAIRWISE COMPARISON	Z- STATISTIC	P.ADJUSTED	P	
2010 - 2030	173.87500	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
2010 - 2050	169.84732	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
2030 - 2050	-7.53509	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
RCP26 - RCP85	195.63299	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
RCP26 - CURRENT	148.76316	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
RCP85 - CURRENT	-87.68542	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
N2010 - CLE2030	430.5210	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
N2010 - MFR2030	-269.5153	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
CLE2030 - MFR2030	-723.3242	< 0.001	< 0.001	***

Tab.6 Dunn's Test pairwise comparison of **combined risk** levels by EUNIS level 2 habitat categories.

PAIRWISE COMPARISON	Z- STATISTIC	P.ADJUSTED	P	
G3 - E2	-7.5701832	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - G1	48.3040381	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - G1	52.4146509	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E4	21.9178592	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E4	28.7005723	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E4	-38.2228535	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - F2	101.9246394	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - F2	98.7954587	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - F2	56.7175151	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - F2	140.6096611	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D2	76.2872236	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D2	77.8301689	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D2	32.7730564	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D2	76.5586914	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D2	-11.7025383	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E3	-35.2670262	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E3	-20.7114881	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E3	-128.4193711	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E3	-109.5500348	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E3	-1357.5946055	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D2 - E3	-179.7225529	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D1	11.9141469	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D1	20.3832898	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D1	-64.4836327	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D1	-23.4352639	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D1	-759.8237651	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D2 - D1	-113.3951051	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D1	371.2860167	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E1	0.1529475	1	0.429	
E2 - E1	0.6271855	1	0.265	
G1 - E1	-2.3193792	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E1	-0.8747398	1	0.191	
F2 - E1	-4.0529123	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D2 - E1	-3.7058180	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - E1	1.6099742	1	0.053	
D1 - E1	-0.3400350	1	0.367	
G3 - D4	104.5580843	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D4	101.1075288	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D4	60.3152193	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D4	145.0436499	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D4	26.8714577	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D2 - D4	15.5317820	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D4	1238.2207443	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - D4	720.0861501	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D4	4.1671052	< 0.001	< 0.001	***

Tab.7 Dunn's Test pairwise comparison of **Nitrogen exceedance** by EUNIS level 2 habitat categories

PAIRWISE COMPARISON	Z- STATISTIC	P.ADJUSTED	P	
G3 - F2	8.665522e+00	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E2	6.342006e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E2	4.796903e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - G1	6.917245e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - G1	5.148837e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - G1	4.474699e-02	1	0.482	
G3 - E4	8.954897e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E4	6.637707e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E4	1.485313e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E4	1.991168e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E1	7.254315e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E1	5.607943e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E1	1.021770e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E1	1.161041e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E1	-6.628828e-01	1	0.254	
G3 - E3	-2.631942e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E3	-3.433625e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E3	-1.420243e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E3	-1.908750e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E3	-1.149709e+03	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - E3	-1.603987e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D4	-3.011365e+00	0.0715	0.0013	
F2 - D4	-1.405573e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D4	-1.100753e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D4	-1.475475e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D4	-7.844593e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D4	-1.275180e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D4	1.838820e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D2	4.128607e+00	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D2	3.541646e+00	0.01	0.0002	*
E2 - D2	6.370785e-01	1	0.262	
G1 - D2	6.354126e-01	1	0.263	
E4 - D2	1.503078e-01	1	0.44	
E1 - D2	1.713902e-01	1	0.432	
E3 - D2	5.304367e+00	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D4 - D2	4.266945e+00	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D1	8.884758e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D1	6.580260e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D1	1.402322e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D1	1.875953e+01	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D1	-5.720634e+00	1	< 0.001	
E1 - D1	-1.551487e-01	1	0.438	
E3 - D1	1.022287e+03	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D4 - D1	7.163799e+02	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D2 - D1	-1.764425e-01	1	0.43	

Tab.8 Dunn's Test pairwise comparison of **risk of warming** by EUNIS level 2 habitat categories

PAIRWISE COMPARISON	Z- STATISTIC	P.ADJUSTED	P	
G3 - E2	-63.9273598	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - G1	-32.8964749	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - G1	41.1528683	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E1	-102.6513200	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E1	-16.0134188	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E1	-82.6322839	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E4	33.2943381	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E4	114.4121630	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E4	99.9695082	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - E4	274.2564910	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - F2	20.0461180	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - F2	90.3662074	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - F2	63.6012231	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - F2	157.0698073	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - F2	-12.0342580	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D1	-41.0721507	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D1	48.7845108	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D1	-0.3568360	1	0.361	
E1 - D1	137.6355201	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D1	-738.6460041	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D1	-91.1649854	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E3	27.7101760	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E3	109.3101033	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E3	92.0542482	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - E3	261.5957741	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E3	-46.5988288	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E3	4.3649141	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - E3	542.9200682	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D4	2.0205625	1	0.022	
E2 - D4	6.4458410	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D4	3.8963660	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D4	7.3760064	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D4	0.4937855	1	0.311	
F2 - D4	0.8910322	1	0.186	
D1 - D4	3.9107607	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D4	0.7464207	1	0.228	
G3 - D2	37.4781853	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D2	118.0246816	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D2	105.4298492	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D2	280.7959658	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D2	41.2162493	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D2	17.8700235	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - D2	697.5054473	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D2	75.7683871	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D4 - D2	-0.2994560	1	0.382	

Tab.9 Dunn's Test pairwise comparison of **risk of drought** by EUNIS level 2 habitat categories

PAIRWISE COMPARISON	Z- STATISTIC	P.ADJUSTED	P	
G3 - F2	20.573421	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - G1	14.620617	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - G1	-9.562322	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E2	-56.309993	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E2	-75.221989	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E2	-89.204652	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E4	34.278483	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E4	2.680180	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E4	21.609666	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E4	178.334850	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E1	15.851097	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E1	-8.707913	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E1	1.247371	1	0.106	
E2 - E1	92.694666	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E1	-20.601732	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D1	38.069109	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D1	6.023830	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D1	26.702267	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D1	184.621233	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D1	37.916389	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D1	25.878292	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - E3	44.147208	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - E3	11.393212	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - E3	34.849159	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - E3	194.558738	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - E3	84.467012	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - E3	34.316148	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - E3	48.471431	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D4	-10.877430	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D4	-12.468448	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D4	-11.814149	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D4	-7.605769	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D4	-12.646749	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D4	-11.880558	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - D4	-12.842928	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D4	-13.158711	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G3 - D2	40.142892	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
F2 - D2	7.842177	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
G1 - D2	29.484282	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E2 - D2	188.264359	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E4 - D2	57.442118	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E1 - D2	28.760394	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D1 - D2	18.430455	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
E3 - D2	-31.714139	< 0.001	< 0.001	***
D4 - D2	12.949625	< 0.001	< 0.001	***

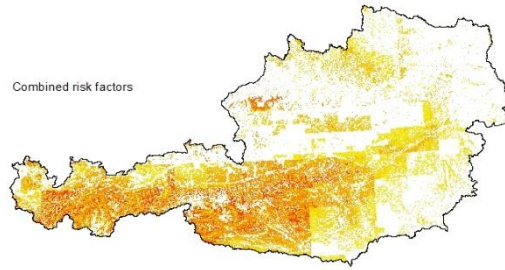
Tab.10 Percentage of area affected by total risk, risk of warming, drought and N exceedance 'in'side Natura 2000 protection sites and 'out'side according to different combinations of climate and deposition scenarios.

TIME	CLIMATE SCENARIO	N DEPOSITION SCENARIO	TOTAL RISK_OUT	TOTAL RISK_IN	TEMP RISK_OUT	TEMP RISK_IN	DROUGHT RISK_OUT	DROUGHT RISK_IN	N EXCEED_OUT	N EXCEED_IN
2010	current	N2010	57	34	2	2	18	10	51	28
2030	RCP2.6	N2010	58	35	5	4	15	9	51	28
2030	RCP2.6	CLE2030	50	32	5	4	15	10	40	23
2030	RCP2.6	MFR2030	34	23	5	4	13	8	23	13
2030	RCP8.5	N2010	60	38	7	7	20	12	51	28
2030	RCP8.5	CLE2030	53	34	7	7	20	12	40	23
2030	RCP8.5	MFR2030	38	27	7	7	17	11	23	13
2050	RCP2.6	N2010	58	35	6	5	12	8	51	28
2050	RCP2.6	CLE2030	49	32	6	5	13	9	40	23
2050	RCP2.6	MFR2030	34	23	6	5	11	8	23	13
2050	RCP8.5	N2010	62	40	11	10	14	11	51	28
2050	RCP8.5	CLE2030	52	36	11	10	14	11	40	23
2050	RCP8.5	MFR2030	38	29	11	10	13	11	23	13

Risk map current

climate scenario = current
N deposition scenario = B10

Combined risk factors



Risk of climate warming



Risk of drought



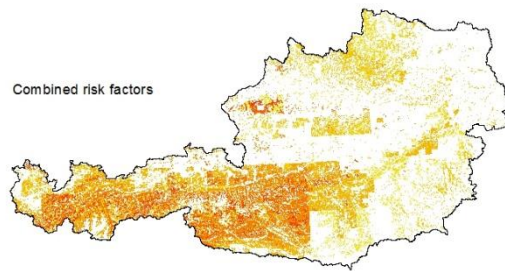
Risk of N exceedance



Risk map 2030

climate scenario = RCP2.6
N deposition scenario = CLE

Combined risk factors



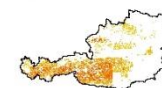
Risk of climate warming



Risk of drought



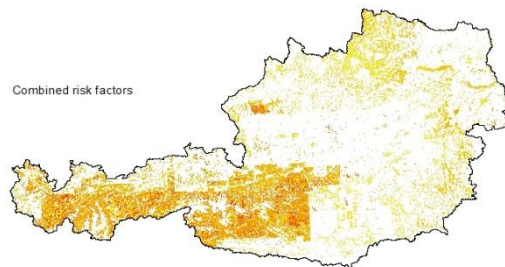
Risk of N exceedance



Risk map 2050

climate scenario = RCP8.5
N deposition scenario = MFR

Combined risk factors



Risk of climate warming



Risk of drought



Risk of N exceedance



0 75 150 300 Kilometers



Fig.1 Risks maps of combined, N-, drought and warming risk for different scenario combinations.