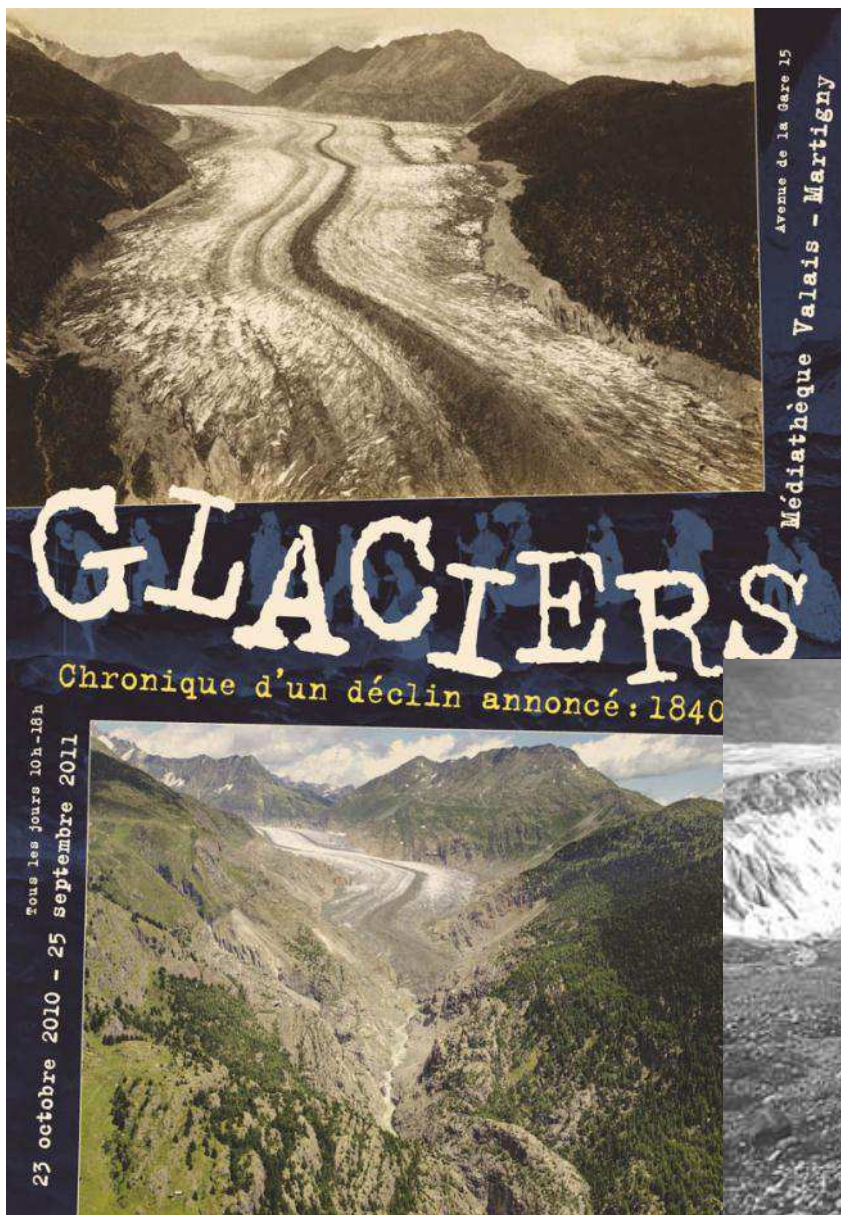


# THE AVA AS A SOURCE FOR UNDERSTANDING SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ARCTIC BIODIVERSITY

---

Loïc Pellissier & Lærke Stewart  
Aarhus University  
Department of Bioscience  
Roskilde, Denmark





1900

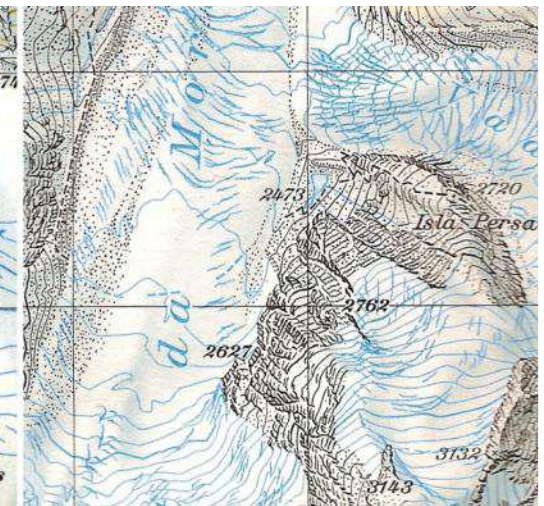
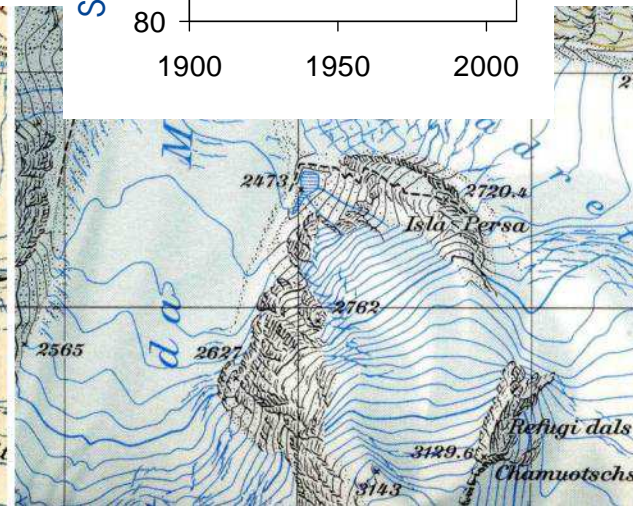
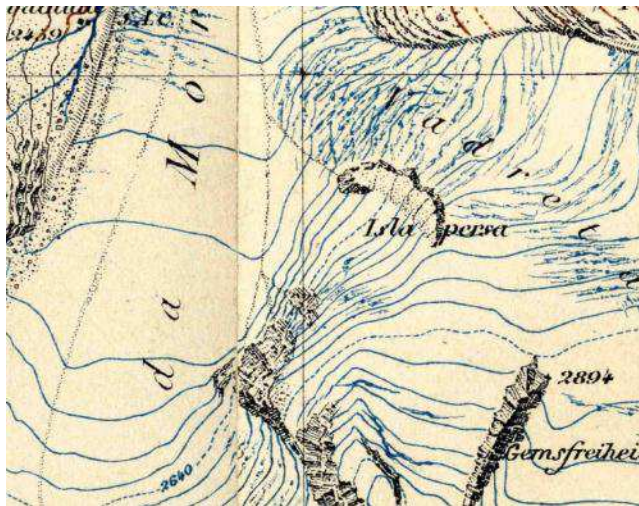
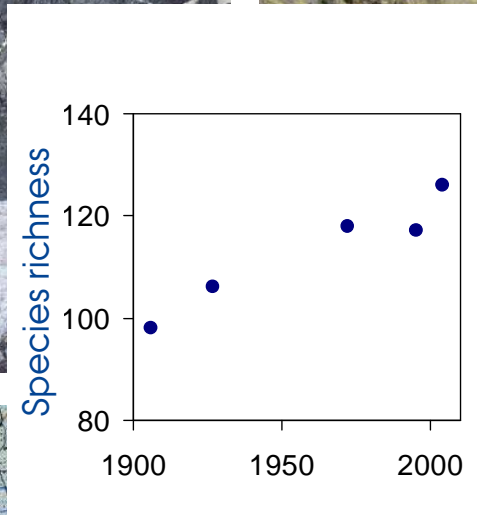
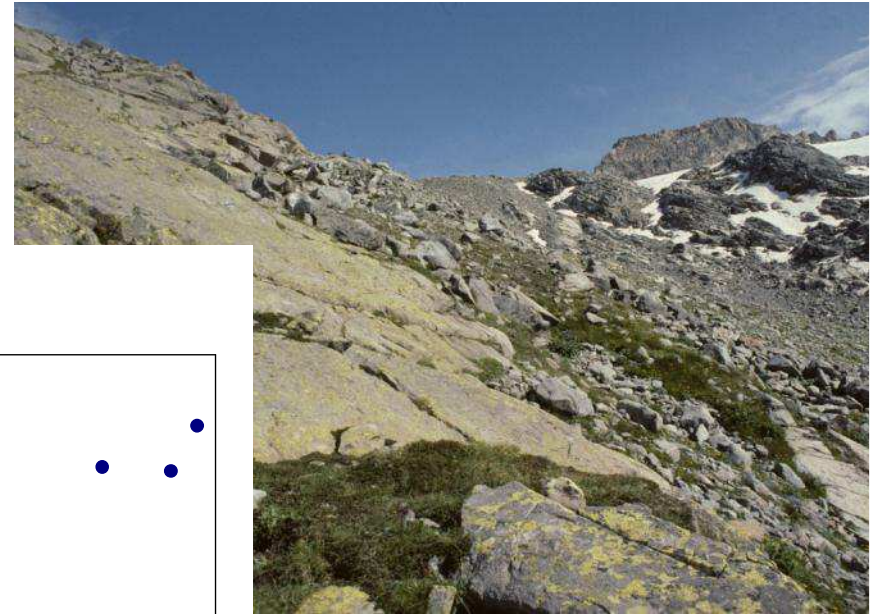
2010



## Glacier retreat in the Alps

Médiathèque Valais & Pascal Vittoz





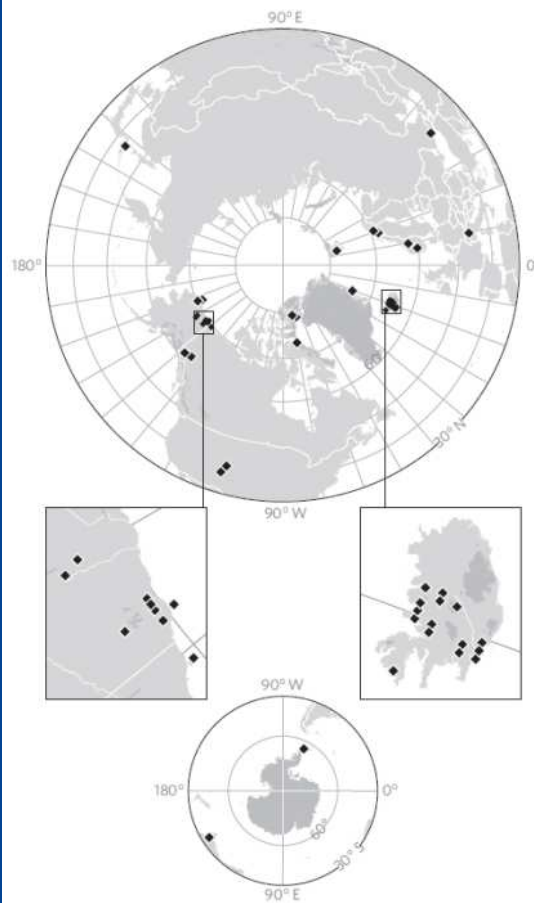
1930

1960

2000

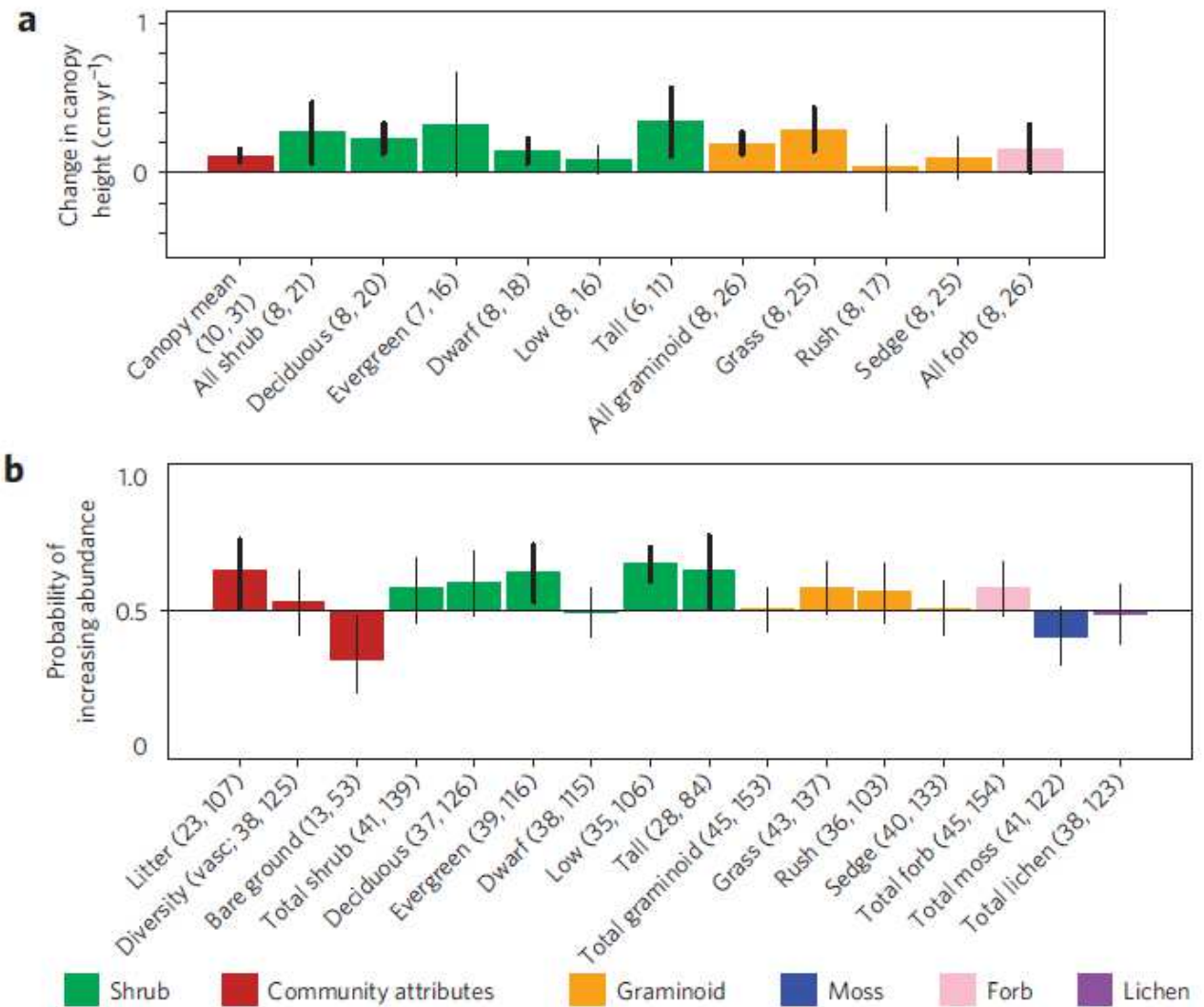
## Change on Isla Persa Nunatak





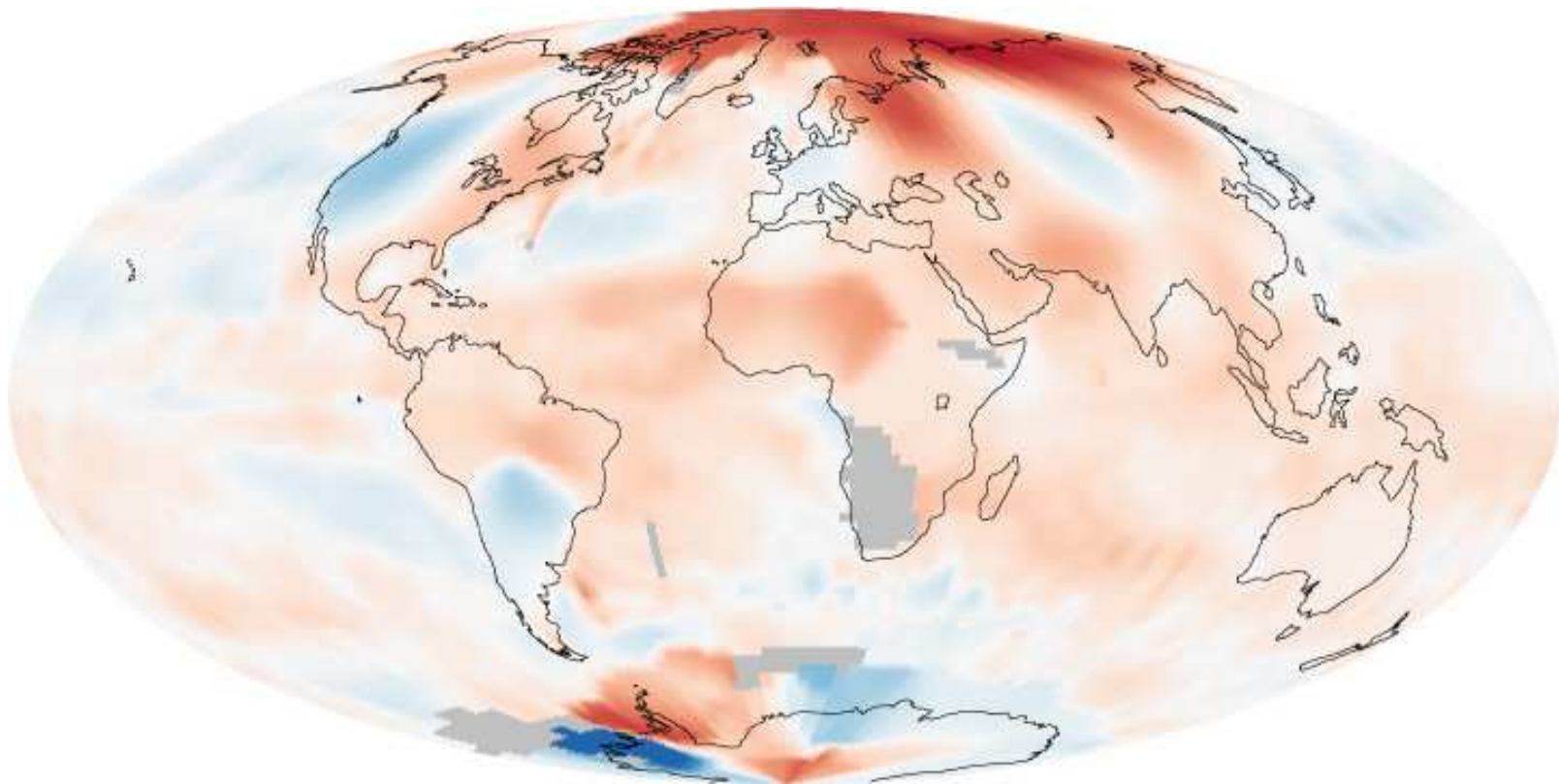
1980-2010

## Vegetation change in the Arctic



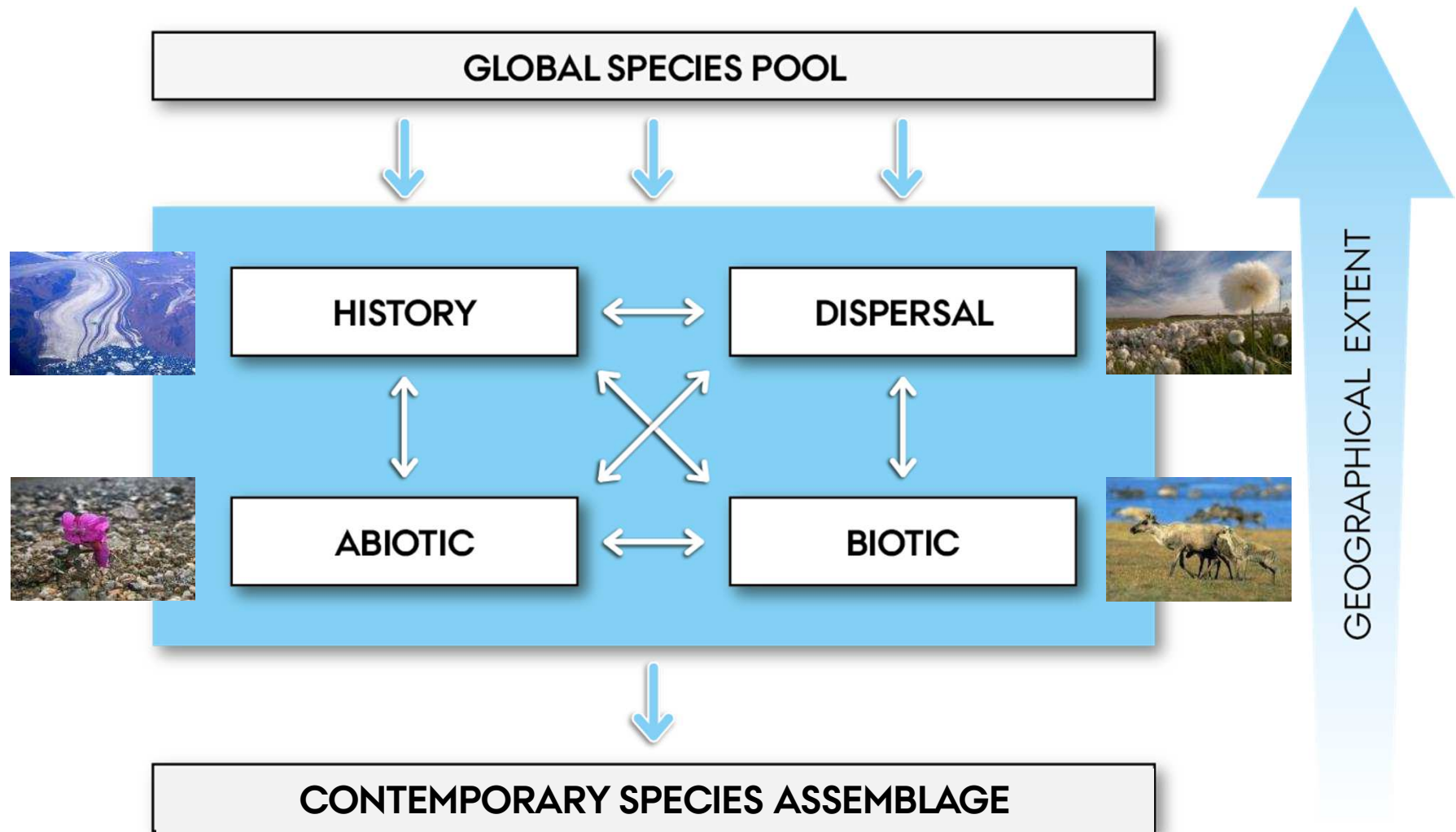


# Climate change in the Arctic



Anomalies 2010, from baseline 1951-1980

# WHAT SHAPES SPECIES ASSEMBLAGES?



Quantifying relationships?

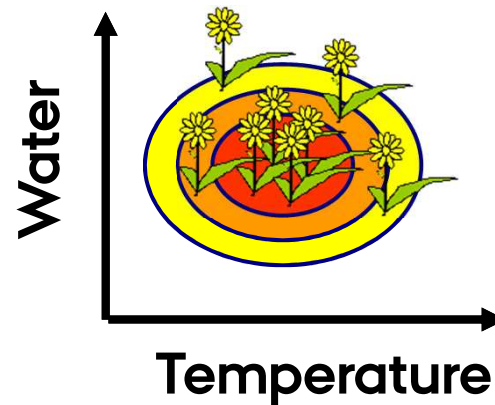


# SPECIES DISTRIBUTION MODELLING (SDMS)

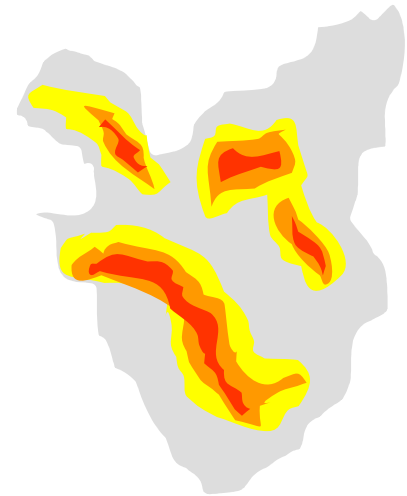
Data collection



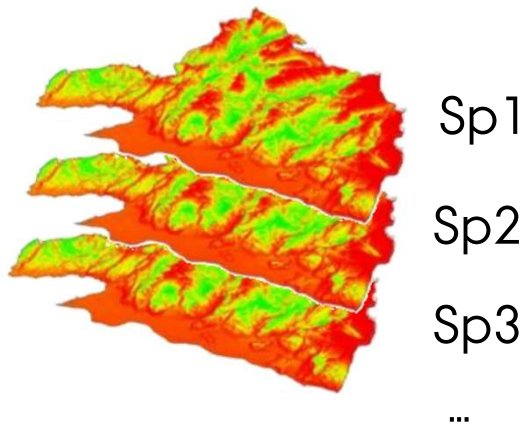
Statistical modelling



Spatial projection



Stacking SDMs



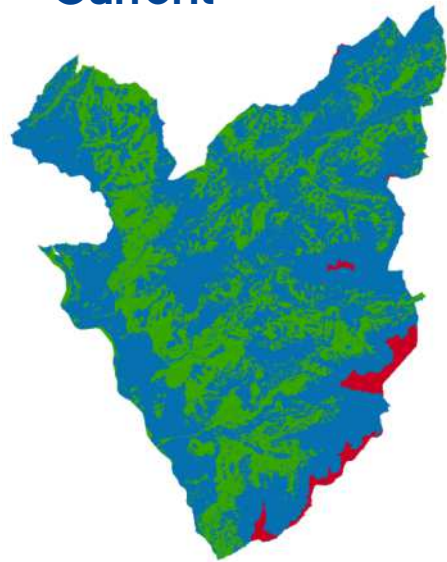
Communities



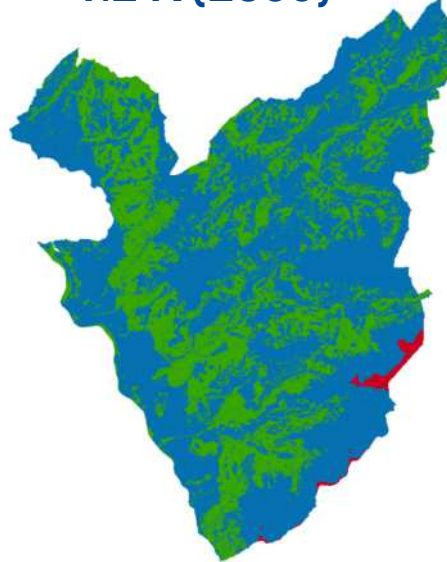
Accounting for:

- Biotic interactions
- Dispersal
- Scenarios
- ...

Current



+ 1.2 K (2035)

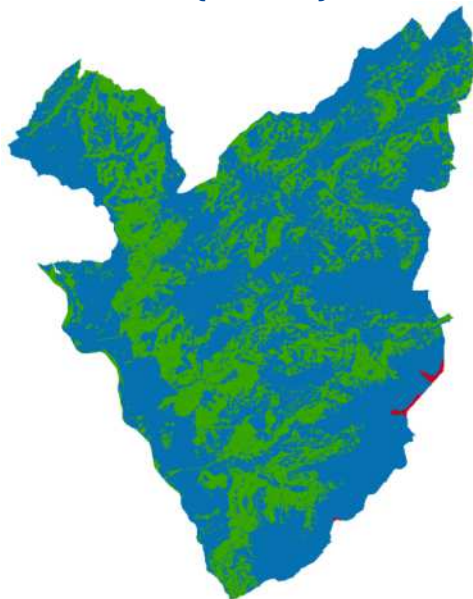


Forest

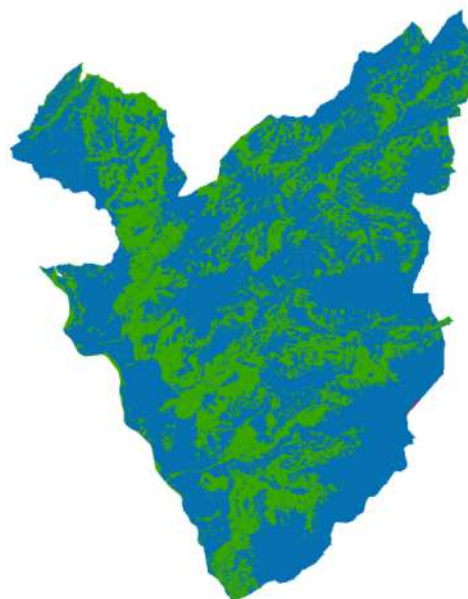


Potential distribution

+ 2.3 K (2060)



+ 3.2 K (2085)



*Plebeius glandon*



Descomptes et al. *In preparation*



# FENNOSCANDIAN VEGETATION AND BIOTIC INTERACTIONS



Dominant plants

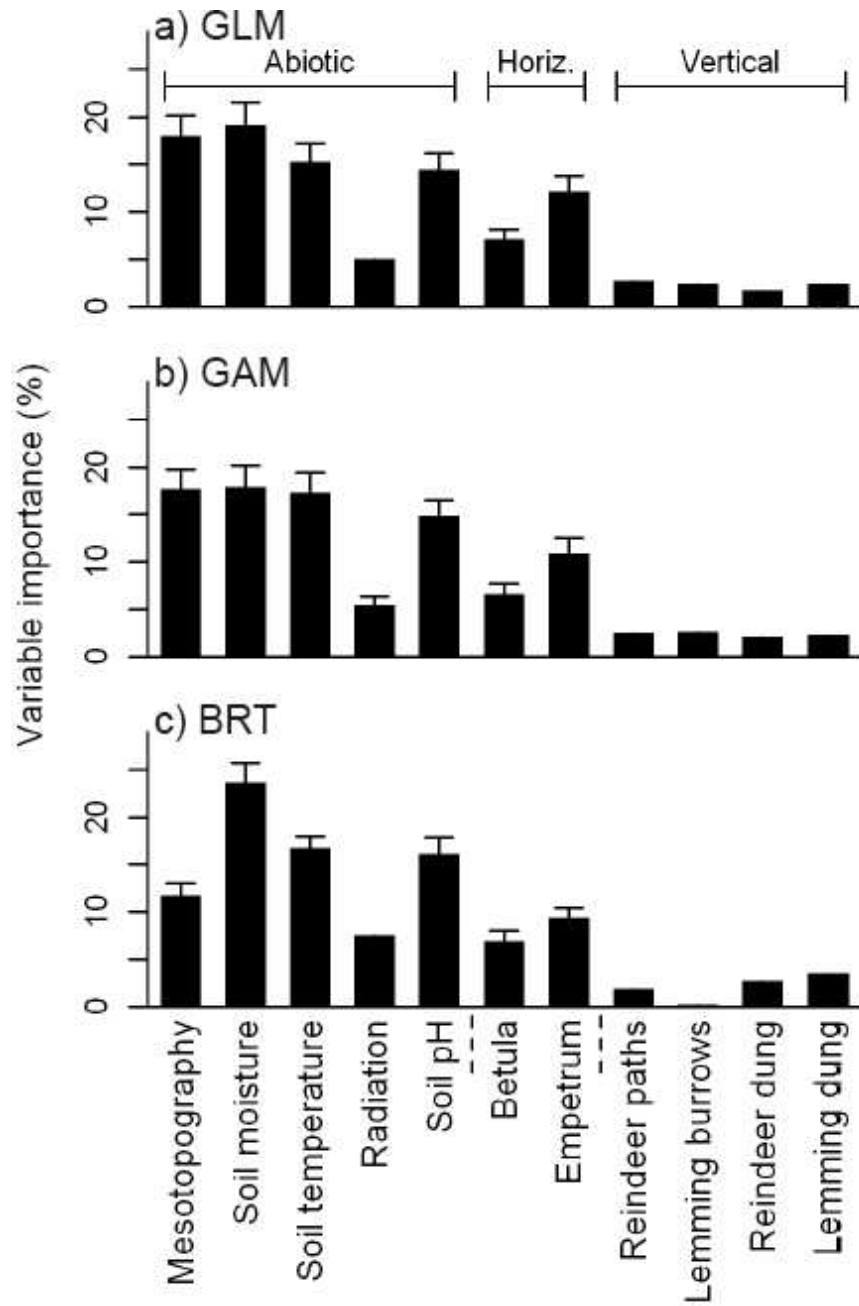


Lemmings



Reindeers







# IMPROVEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION

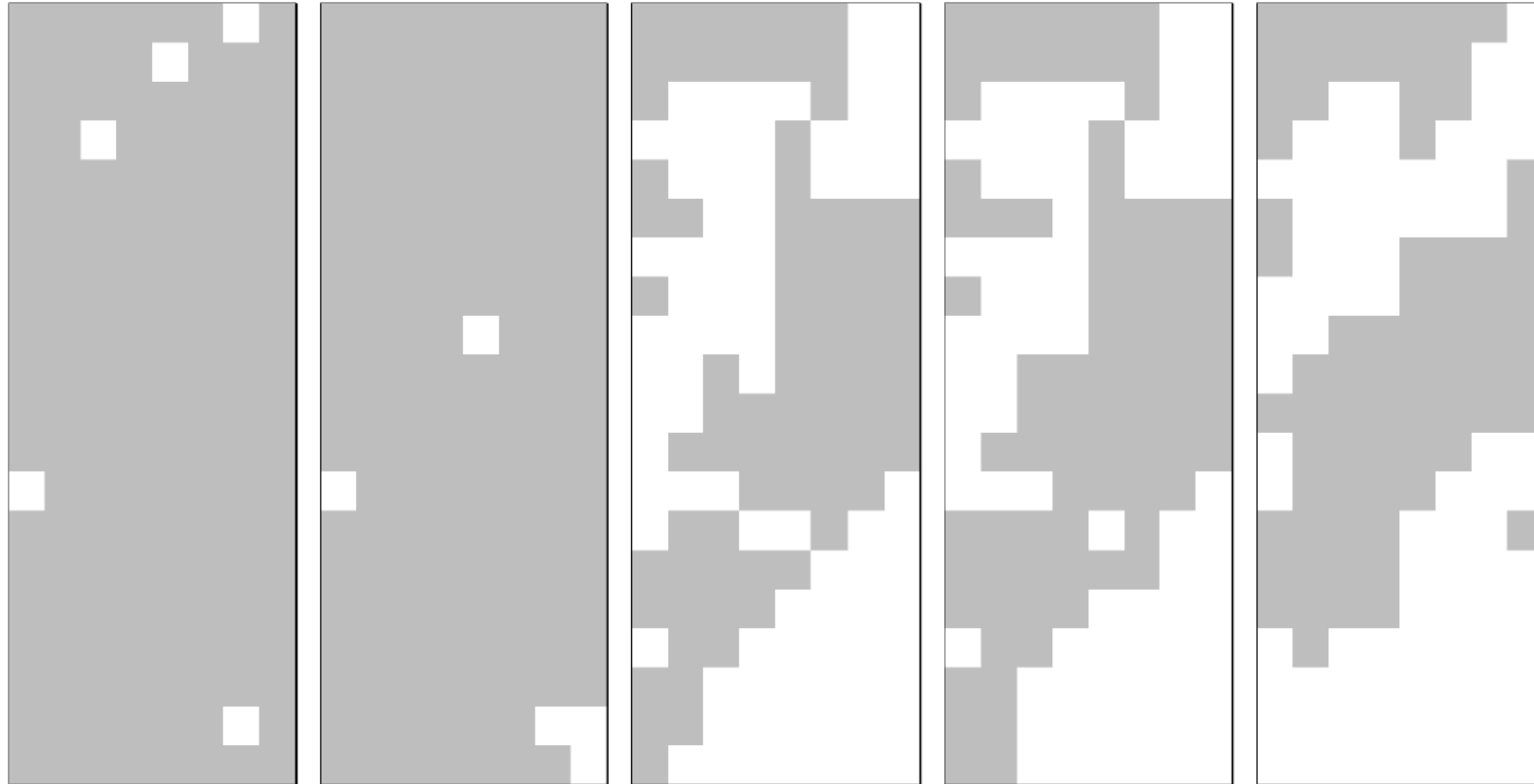
Baseline

+ herbivore

+ plant

Full model

Observations



Le Roux, Lenoir, Pellissier, Wisz & Luoto, 2013, *Ecology*



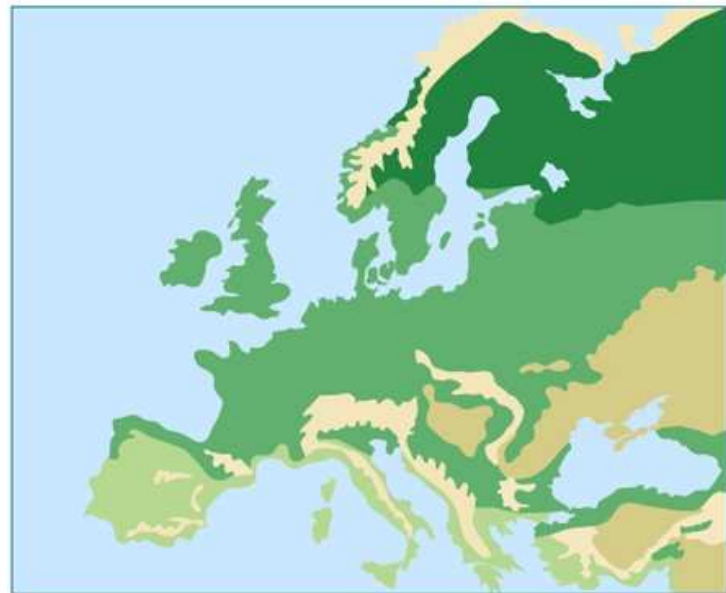
# *EMPETRUM HERMAPHRODITUM...*

## EFFECT AT LARGE SCALE

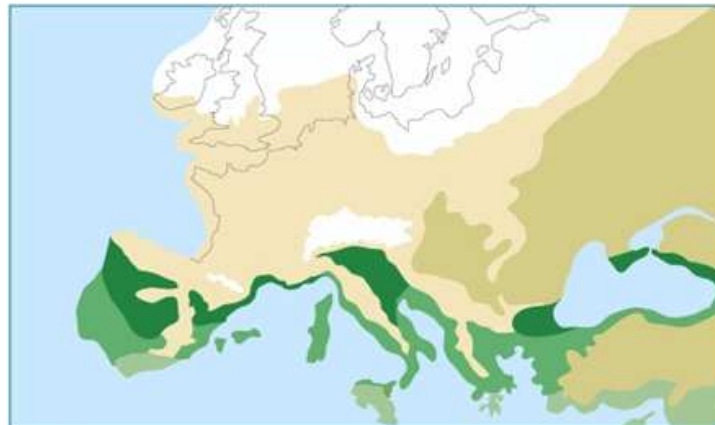
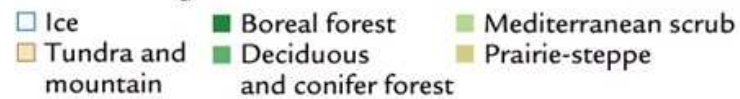




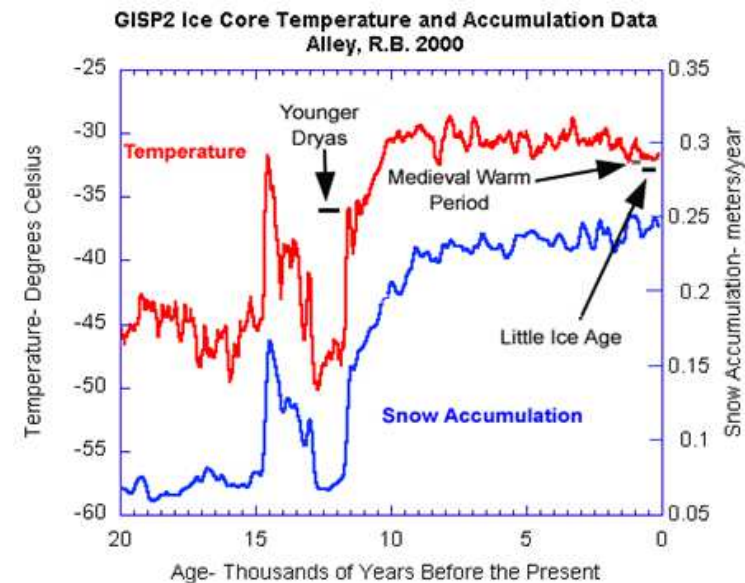
# HINDCASTING TO PAST CLIMATE



A Modern vegetation



B Glacial vegetation



The quaternary glaciations

# QUATERNARY GLACIATIONS AND RECOLONISATION



*Fagus sylvatica*



*Mus musculus*

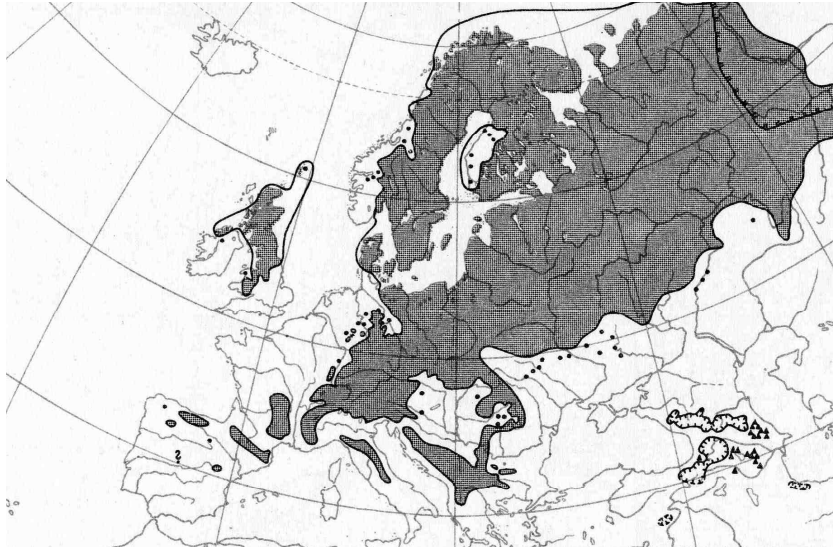


*Sorex anareus*

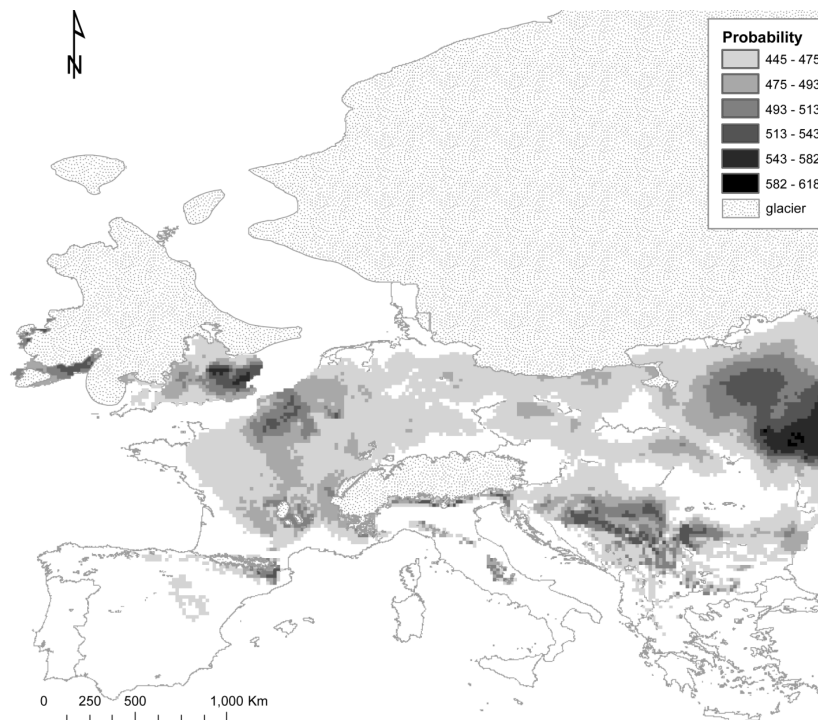




## Current



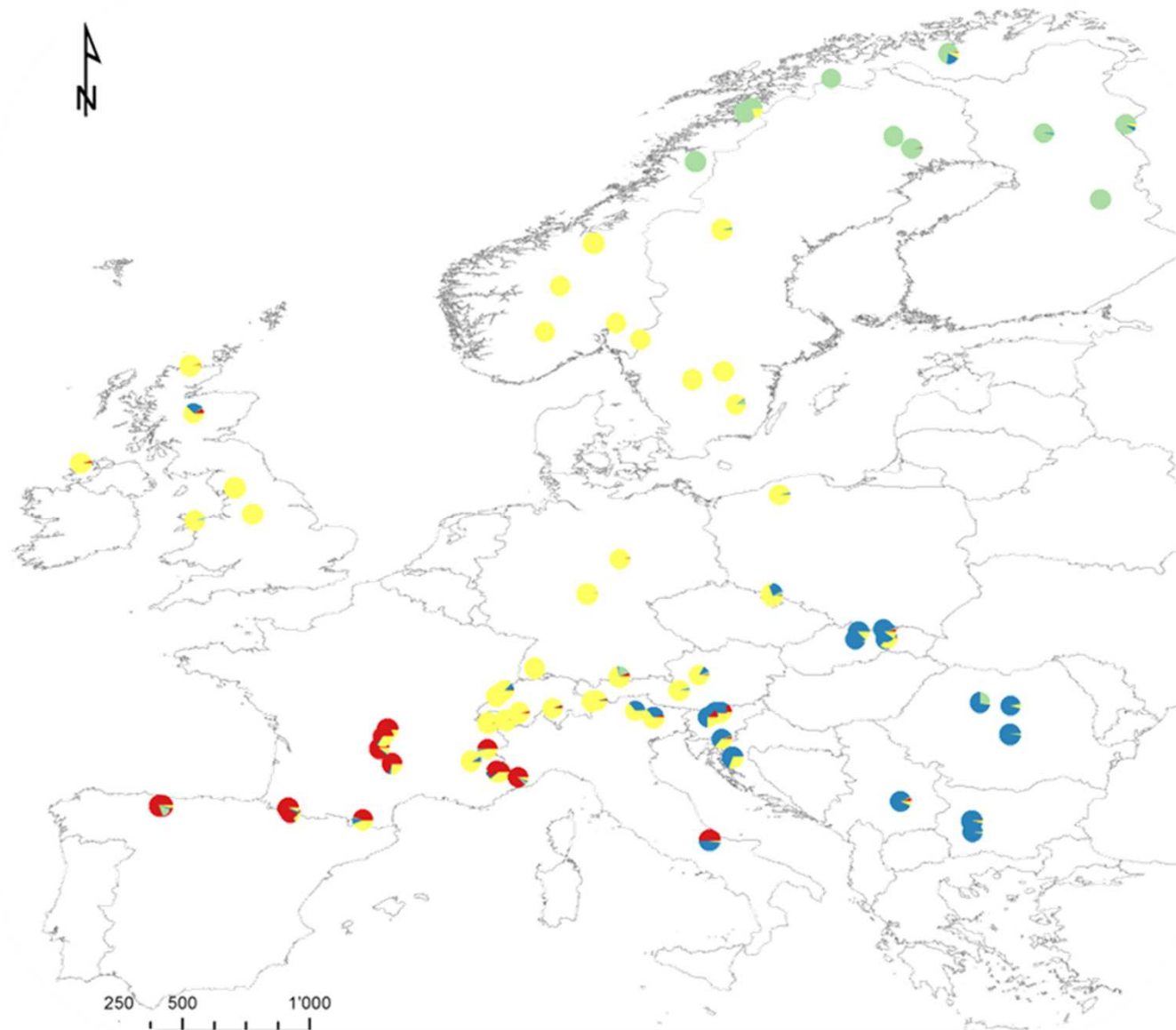
-24'000



*An exemple with Trollius europeaus*

Espindola, Pellissier, et al. 2012, *Ecology Letters*

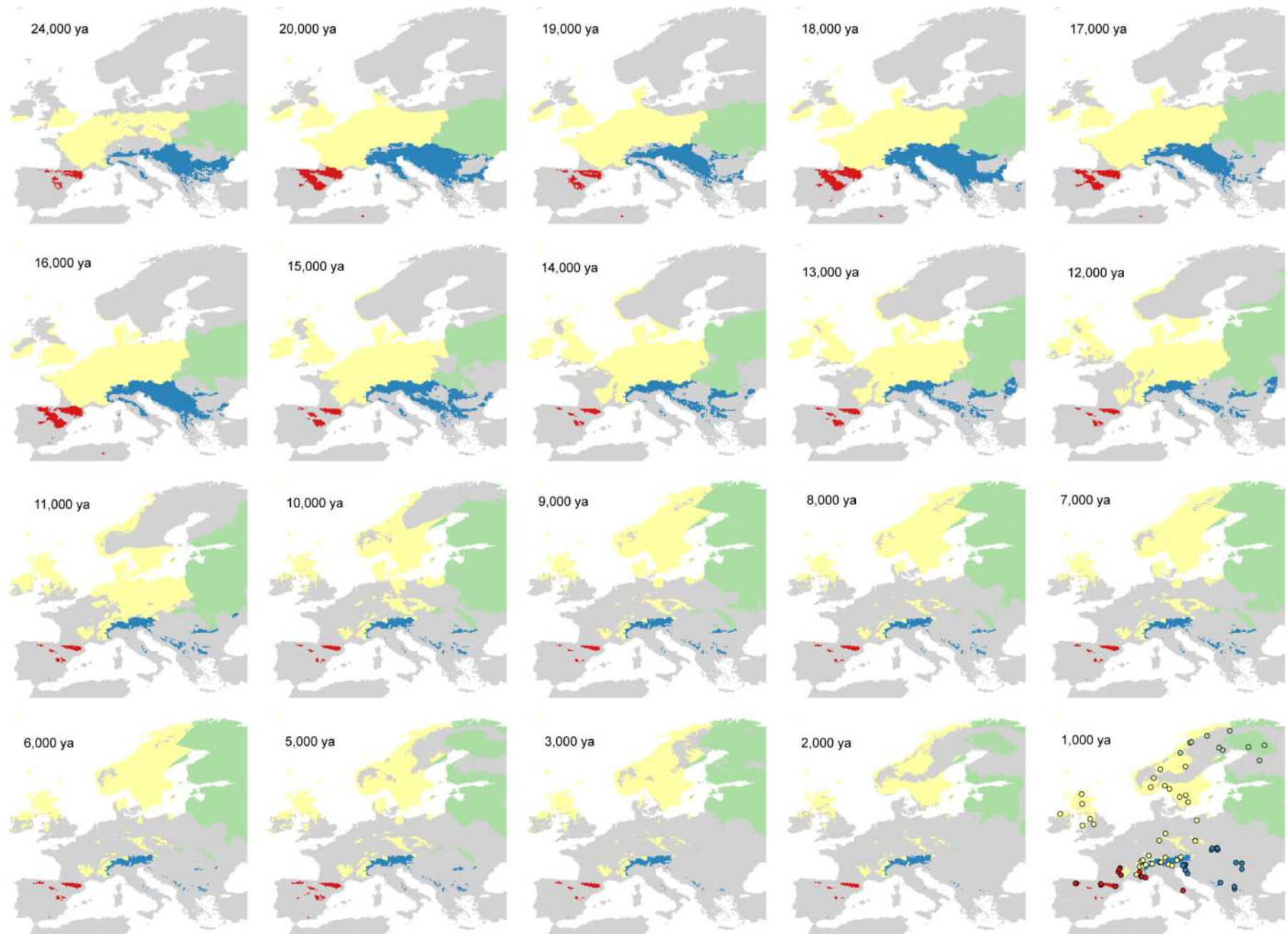
# CURRENT GENETIC STRUCTURE



AFLP data

Espindola, Pellissier, et al. 2012, *Ecology Letters*





Dynamic modelling of *T. Europeanus* through time

Espindola, Pellissier, et al. 2012, *Ecology Letters*

# GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION FACILITY (GBIF)



Species: *Gadus morhua* Linnaeus, 1758

Baccalo

»Kingdom: Animalia »Phylum: Chordata »Class: Actinopterygii »Order: Gadiformes »Family: Gadidae »Genus: *Gadus* »Species: *Gadus morhua*

## Actions for *Gadus morhua*

Explore:	Occurrences (Over 1,000 records)	Names and classification
List:	Countries with occurrences	Datasets with occurrences
Download:	Darwin Core records	One-degree cell density overlay for Google Earth
		Placemarks for Google Earth (limit 10,000)

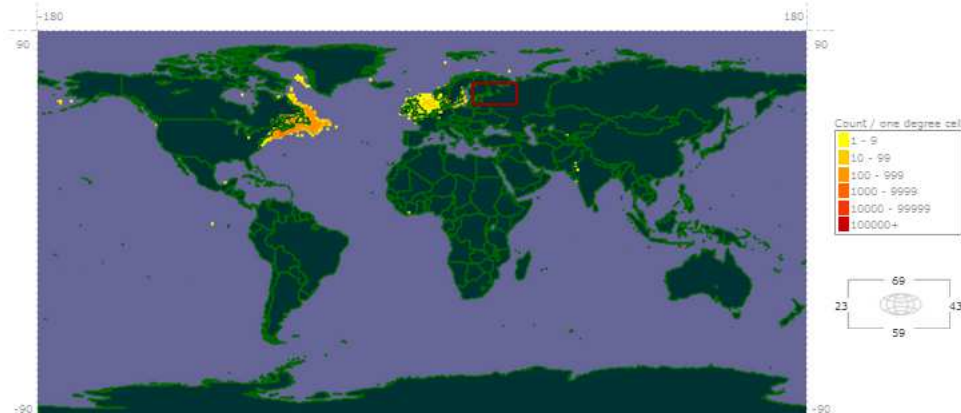
## Names and classification

According to The Species 2000 and ITIS Catalogue of Life: FishBase in Species 2000 and ITIS Catalogue of Life: 2011 Annual Checklist

Name	<i>Gadus morhua</i> Linnaeus, 1758
Classification	»Kingdom: Animalia »Phylum: Chordata »Class: Actinopterygii »Order: Gadiformes »Family: Gadidae »Genus: <i>Gadus</i> »Species:
Status	Accepted name
Synonyms	<i>Gadus morhua callarias</i> , <i>Gadus callarias</i> , <i>Gadus arenosus</i> , <i>Gadus callarias hiemalis</i> , <i>Gadus heteroglossus</i> , <i>Morhua vulgaris</i> , <i>Gadus morhua k punctatus</i> , <i>Morhua vulgaris</i> , <i>Morhua americana</i> , <i>Gadus callarias kildinensis</i> , <i>Asellus major</i>
Record URL	<a href="http://www.catalogueoflife.org/annual-checklist/details/species/id/12149500">http://www.catalogueoflife.org/annual-checklist/details/species/id/12149500</a>
Record URL	12149500
Globally unique identifier	urn:lsid:catalogueoflife.org:taxon:990e1f16-4aa4-11e2-92fb-569cdfec142:col20130128
Feedback	Feedback to The Species 2000 and ITIS Catalogue of Life on the classification of <i>Gadus morhua</i> Linnaeus, 1758 Please note that this feedback reaches the publisher of the nomenclatural (name-related) information. If your feedback concerns

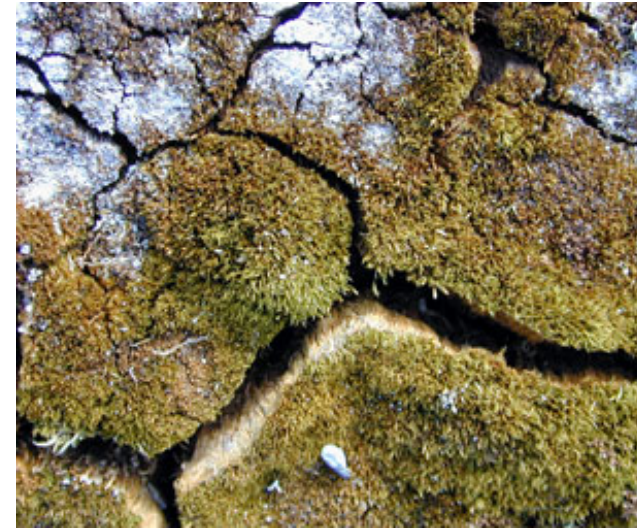
*Gadus morhua*

## Occurrence overview





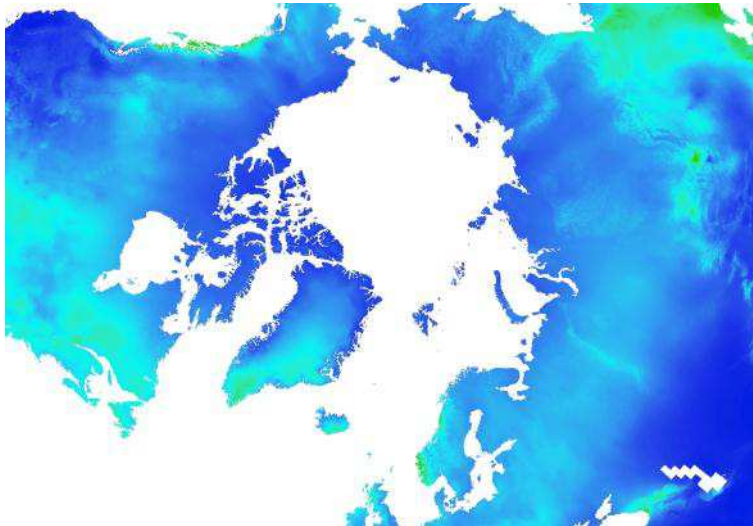
# THREE TAXONOMIC GROUPS



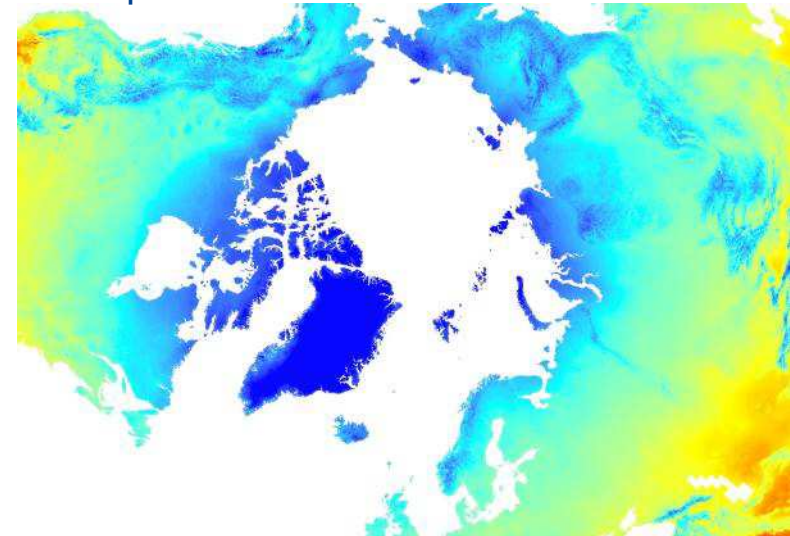
Vascular plants, lichens and bryophytes

# COMBINED WITH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

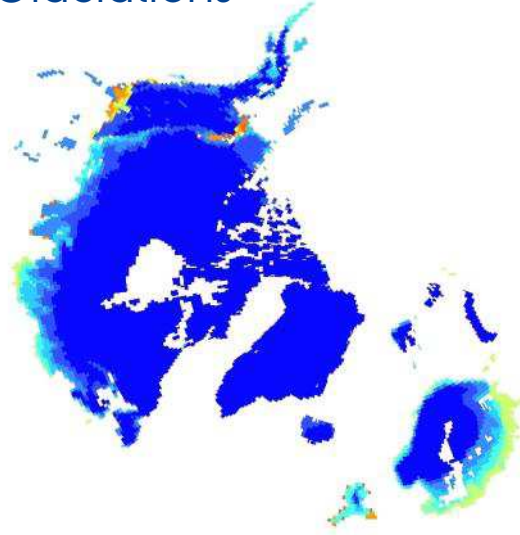
Moisture



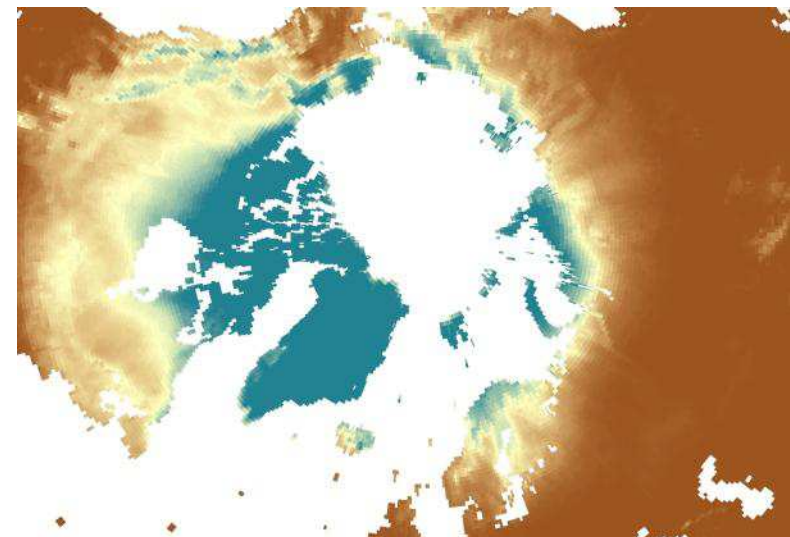
Temperature



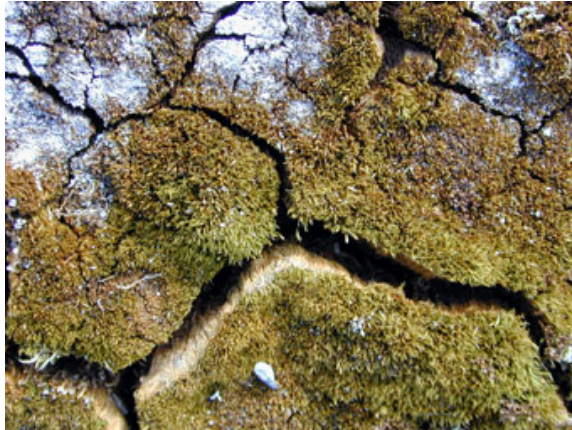
Glaciations



Climatic stability







Limited dispersal ability (Lenoir et al. 2012)  
and recolonisation after  
glaciations



Good dispersal ability (Lenoir et al. 2012)  
Higher richness in cold areas



Higher richness in warmer and  
productive areas. **No evidence  
of glaciation effect.**

# CONCLUSIONS

**AVA** COMBINED WITH **STATISTICAL MODEL**  
AS A TOOL TO:

- UNDERSTAND ARCTIC PLANT DIVERSITY
- UNDERSTAND PLANT COMMUNITY ECOLOGY
- UNDERSTAND POPULATION GENETIC STRUCTURE
- FORECAST FUTURE CHANGES TO ECOSYSTEMS



Thank you !

Egevang Arc/Plc



# Acknowledgements



FONDS NATIONAL SUISSE  
DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE



UNIVERSITÉ DE  
NEUCHÂTEL



UNIL | Université de Lausanne



Swiss Institute of  
Bioinformatics



AARHUS UNIVERSITY