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**Necessità ed esperienze di
monitoraggio degli effetti del
clima sulle foreste italiane**
*Monitoring on the effects of
climate on Italian forests: needs
and experiments*

Renzo Motta (DISAFA)

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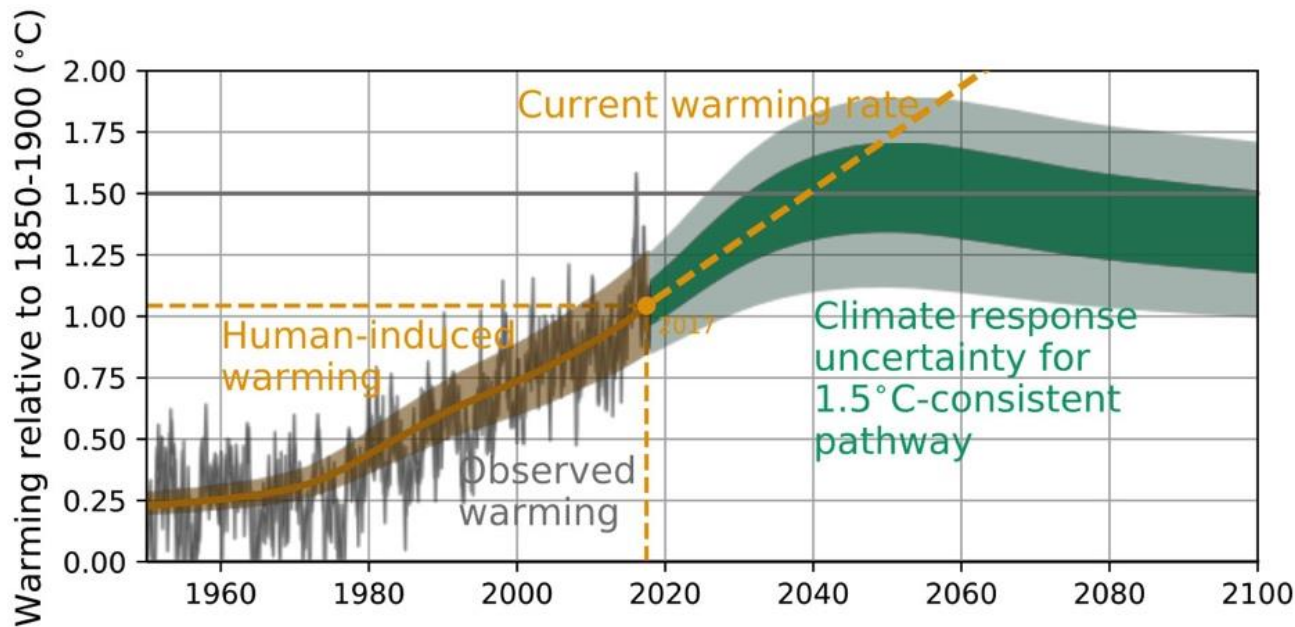
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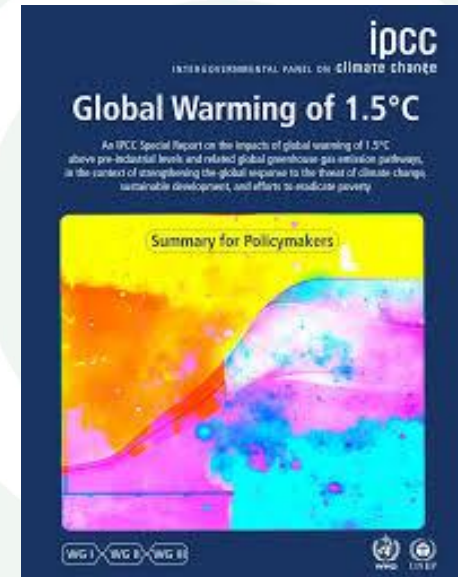
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Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising global average sea level



Source: IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, Chapter 1 – Technical Annex 1.A, Fig. 12



Forest Cover (Italy)

1900 about 18%

2005 INFC 34,3%

2015 INFC 36,4%

2019 IUTI 38,0%

>100% in one century
+ 2,1% in the last decade

Forest increment + 25%
in the last century
(climate, land use
change, nitrogen ecc.)

Global Change Biology

Global Change Biology (2015) 21, 299–313, doi: 10.1111/gcb.12714

Gross changes in reconstructions of historic land cover/
use for Europe between 1900 and 2010

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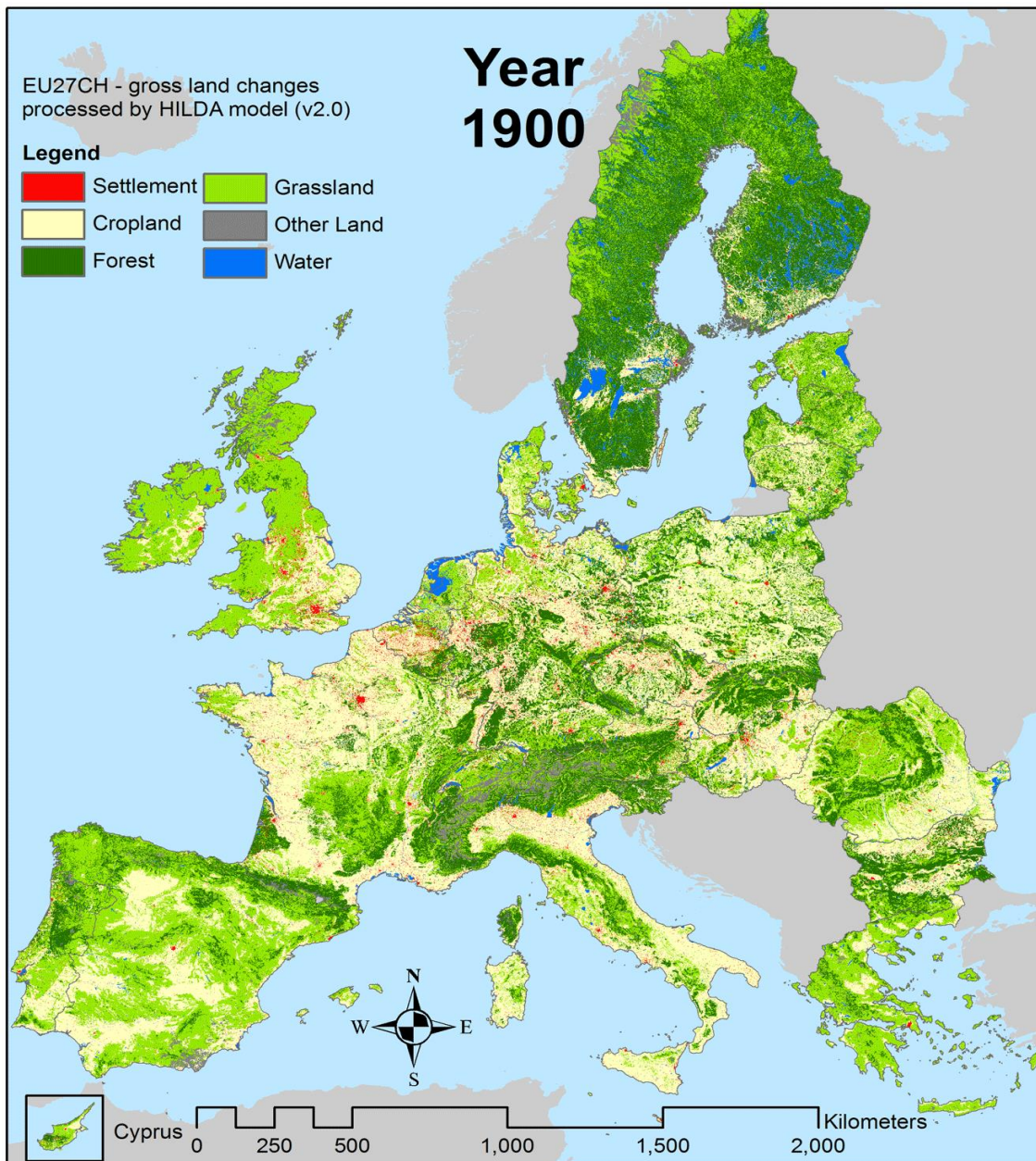


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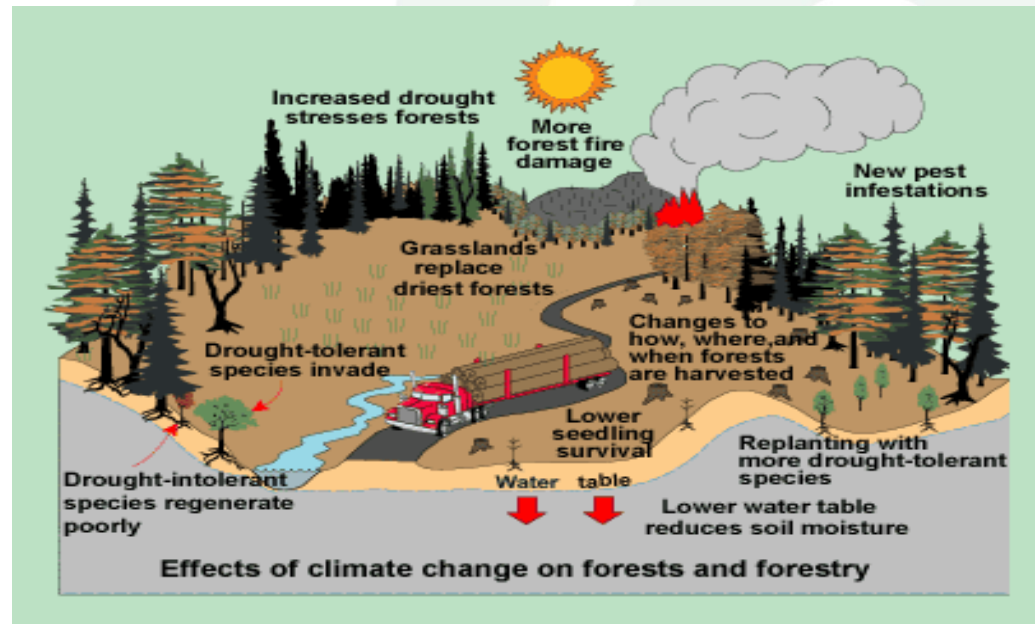
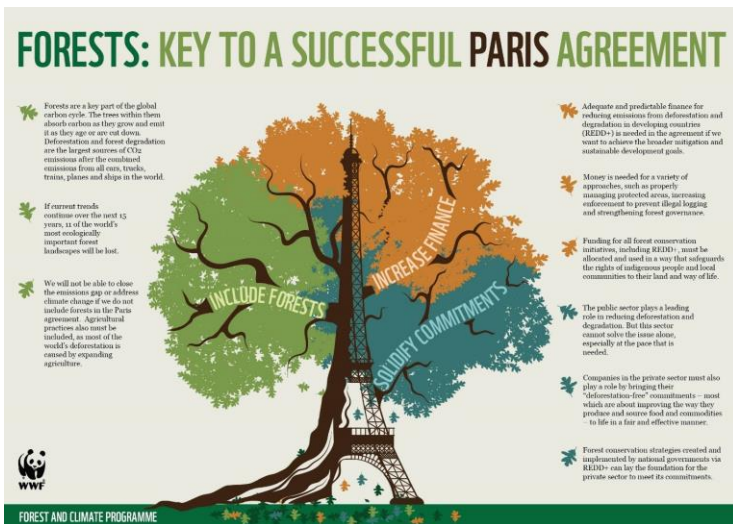
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Climate crisis impact on forests

- 1) Long-term change (species ecological traits)
- 2) Short term change (natural disturbances regime)



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1) Long-term change (species ecological traits)

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- Latitudinal range
- Elevation range
- Individuals or populations that currently live at the ecological border
- New species (alien or not)

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Forest stand growth dynamics in Central Europe have accelerated since 1870

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frontiers
in Plant Science

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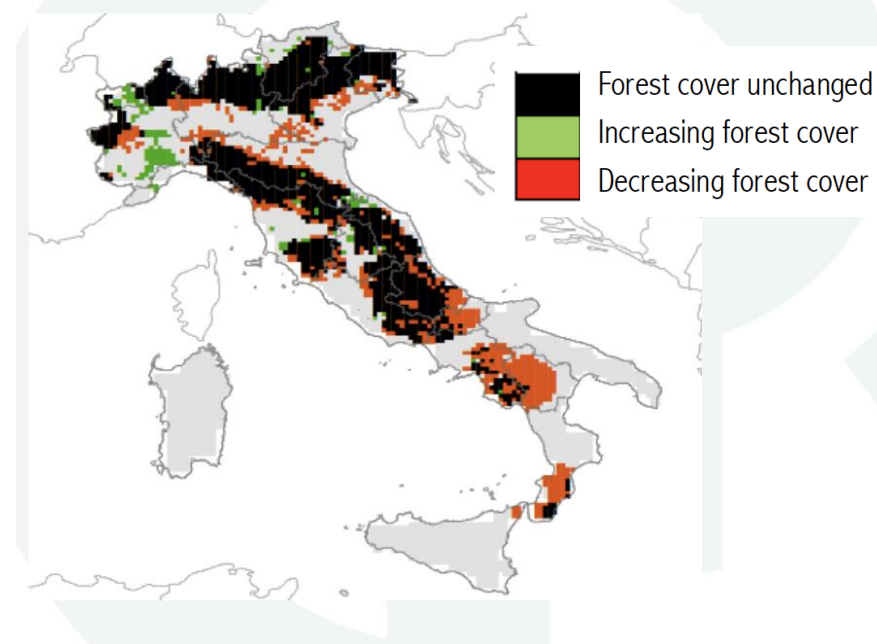
Projecting Tree Species Composition
Changes of European Forests for
2061–2090 Under RCP 4.5 and RCP
8.5 Scenarios

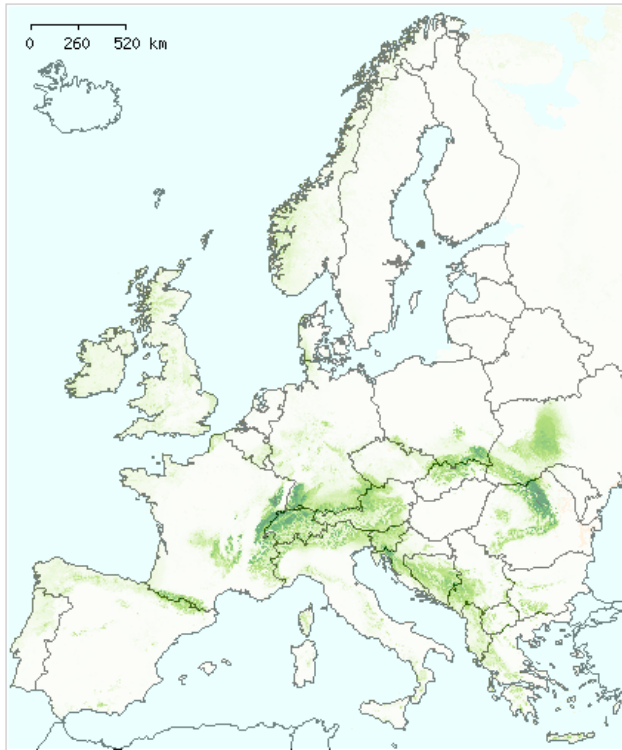
Allan Buras^{1,2*} and Annette Menzel^{1,2}

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Adapt, move or die—how biodiversity reacted to past climate change

Fagus sylvatica





Map Details

Species: *Abies alba*

Year: 2000



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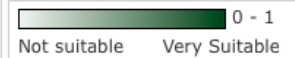


Map Details

Species: *Abies alba*

Model: ENS_A2

Year: 2080



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Do we really know the ecological traits? The silver fir case

The past ecology of *Abies alba* provides new perspectives on future responses of silver fir forests to global warming

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What is the potential of silver fir to thrive under warmer and drier climate?

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Insights about past forest dynamics as a tool for present and future forest management in Switzerland [☆]

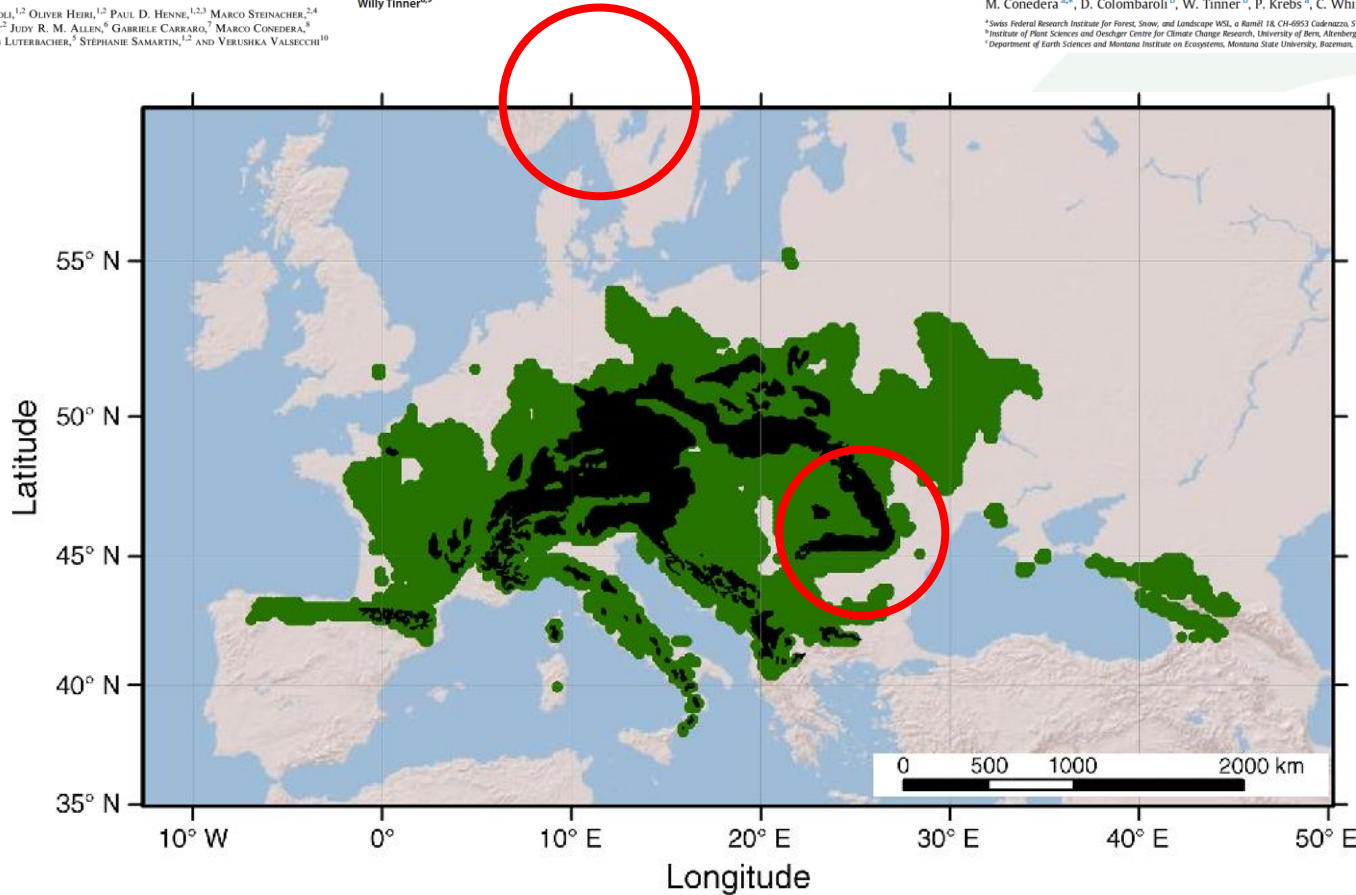


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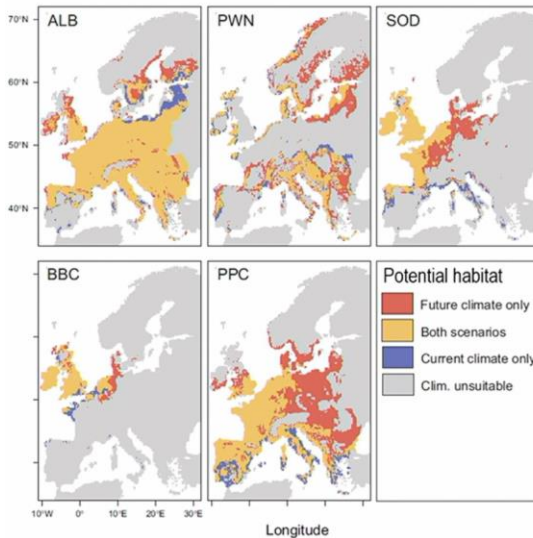
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Invasive alien pests threaten the carbon stored in Europe's forests

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Potential spread of invasive alien pests



Asian long-horned beetle (ALB), pinewood nematode (PWN) and pitch pine canker (PPC) could establish on > 1 Mill. km² already under current climate

Climate change until 2050 will increase the potential range of pine pests (PWN and PPC) by ~50%

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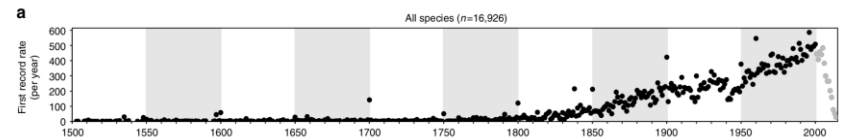
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No saturation in the accumulation of alien species worldwide

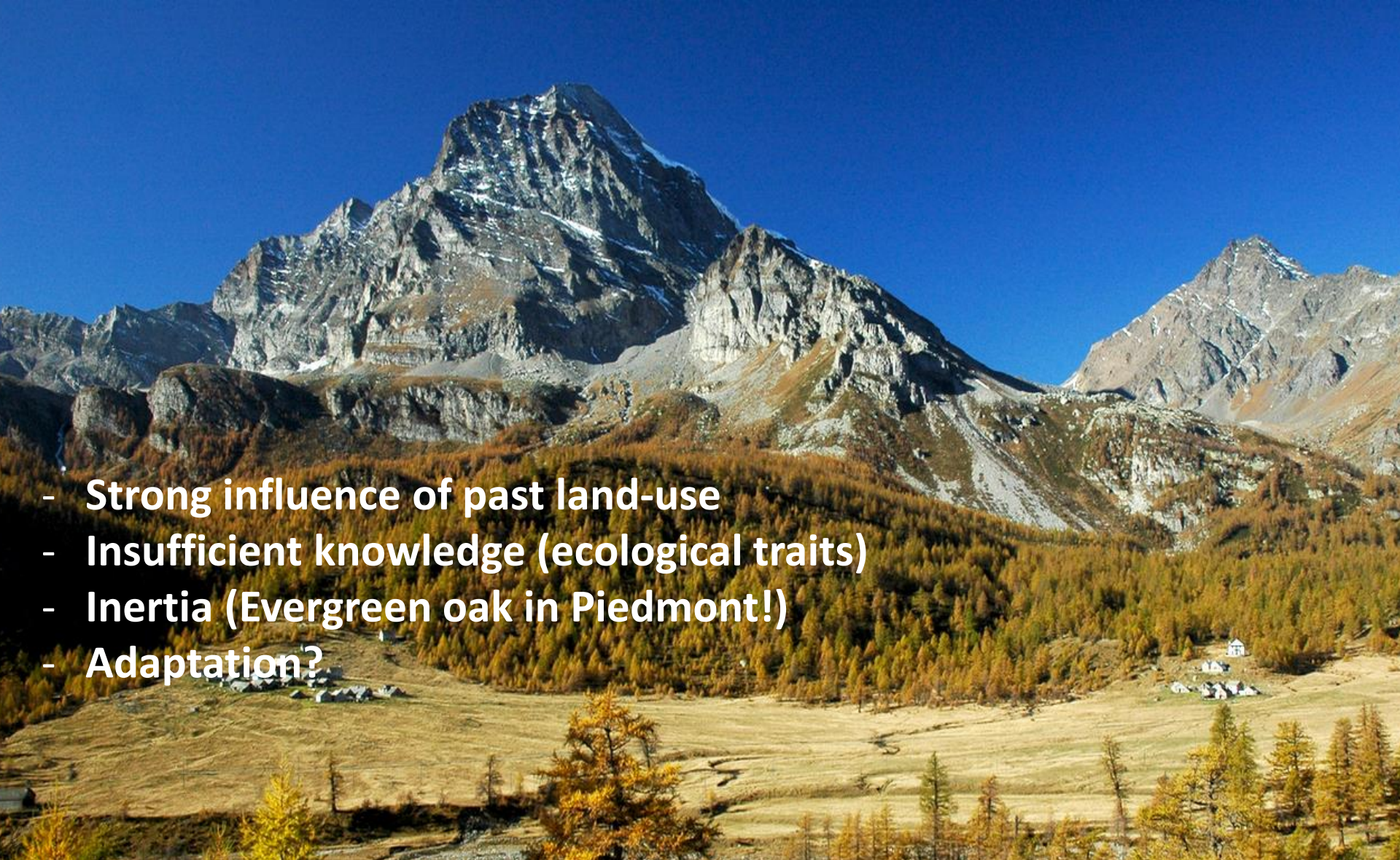
Hanno Seebens *et al.*[#]

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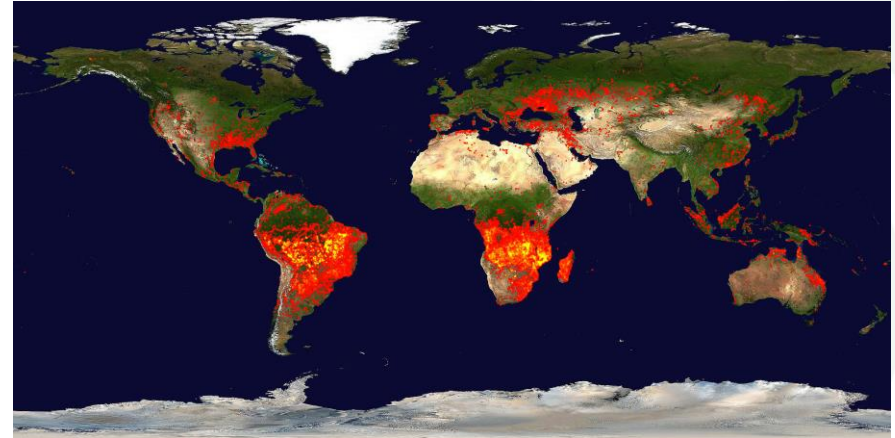
Alien species and climate change

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- Strong influence of past land-use
 - Insufficient knowledge (ecological traits)
 - Inertia (Evergreen oak in Piedmont!)
 - Adaptation?

Climate crisis impact on forests

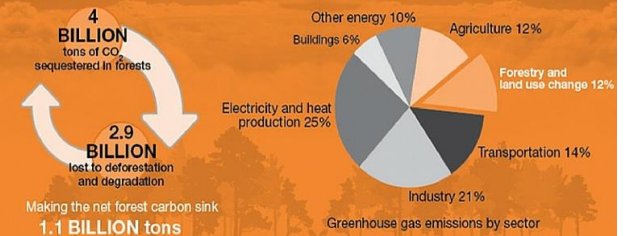
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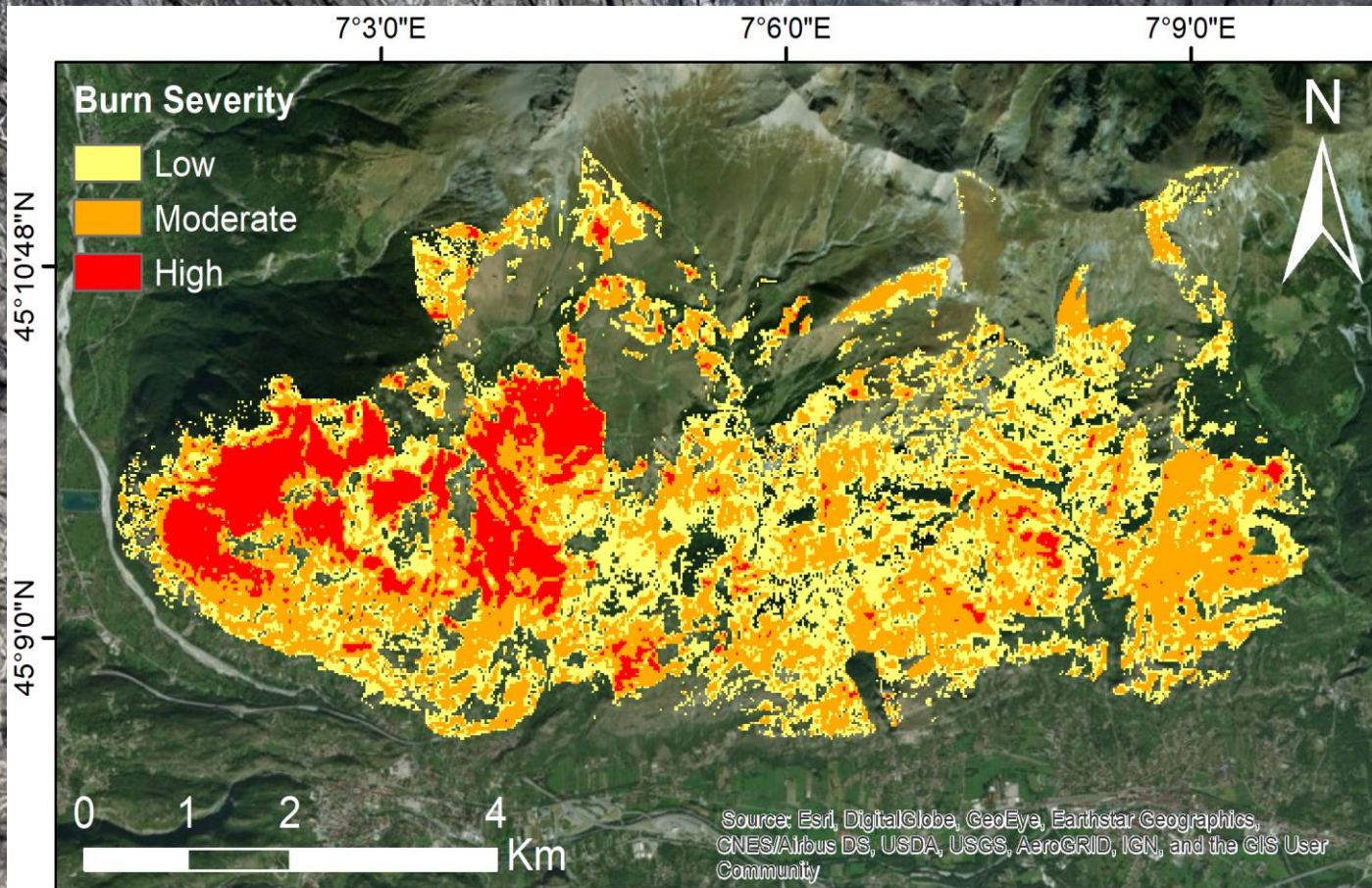
- Forest fires
- Storms
- Insect outbreaks
- Drought



FORESTS SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCREASE RESILIENCE

Forests provide a critical carbon sink. It is eroded however by deforestation and forest degradation.





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Piano straordinario di
interventi di ripristino del
territorio percorso dagli
incendi boschivi dell'autunno
2017



ai sensi dell'art. 17 della L.R. 4/2009

Susa Valley 2017:
3.974 of which 2.609 ha forest.
The largest forest fire in the Alps

Luca Lucrelli, Monpantero

Storm Vaia: 42.000 ha forest

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Commenti e Prospettive
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Selvicoltura e schianti da vento. Il caso della "tempesta Vaia"

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Silviculture and wind damages. The storm "Vaia"

On October 29th, 2018, storm Vaia hit forests in north-eastern Italy, causing the loss of 8 million cubic meters of standing trees and, more importantly, the sudden reduction of forest-related ecosystem services. Such event is not unprecedented: a similar storm had occurred in the same regions in 1966.

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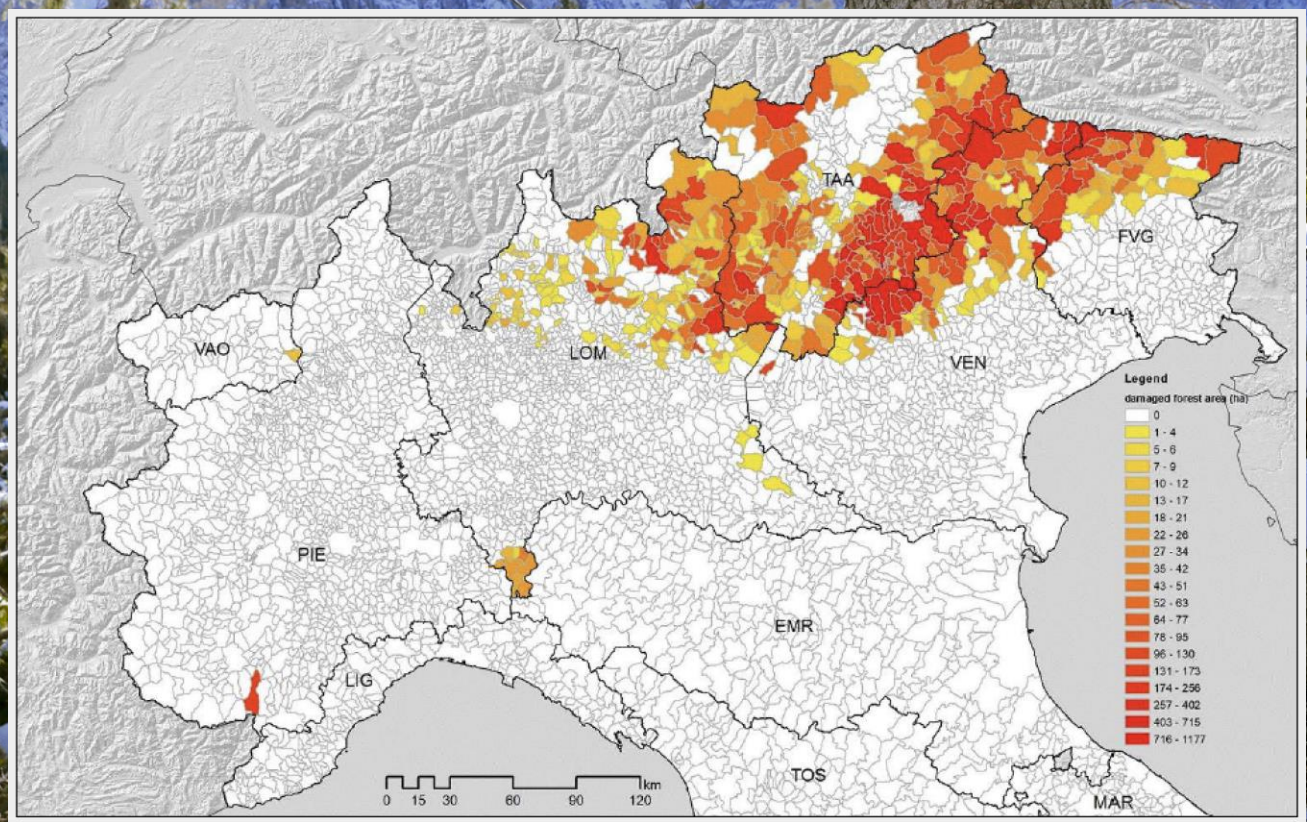
Stima dei danni della tempesta "Vaia" alle foreste in Italia

Forest damage inventory after the "Vaia" storm in Italy

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On October 29, 2018, the Vaia storm hits the North-Eastern regions of Italy by wind gusts exceeding 200 km h⁻¹. The forests in these regions have been seriously damaged. This contribution illustrates the methodology adopted in the emergency phase to estimate forest damages caused by Vaia storm, both in terms of damaged forest areas and growing stock volume of fallen trees. 494 Municipalities registered forest damages caused by Vaia, destroyed or intensely damaged forest stands amounted to about 42,500 ha, spread in Trentino Alto Adige, Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lombardy and, only marginally, Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta. The growing stock volume of fallen trees was about 8.5 millions m³.

Keywords: Windstorms, North-Eastern Italy, Wind Damages, Forest Damage Inventory



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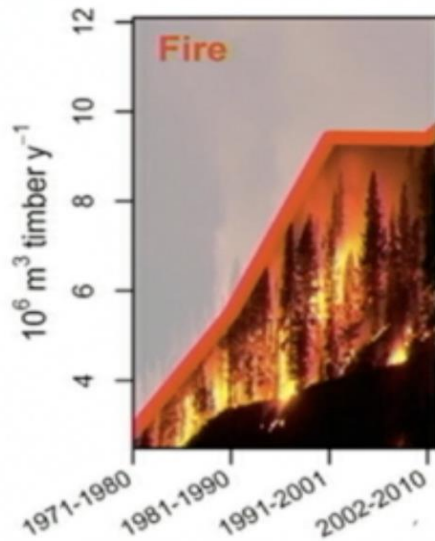
Natural disturbances in the European forests in the 19th and 20th centuries

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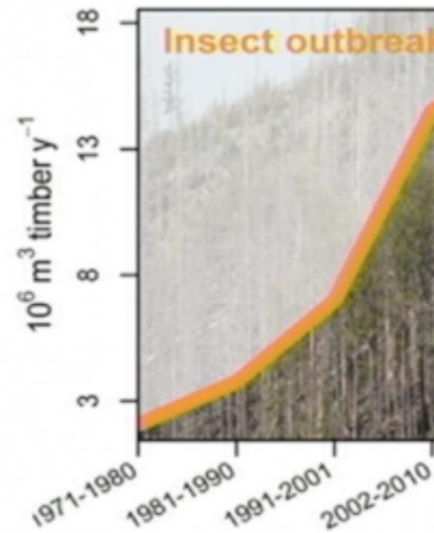
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Increasing forest disturbances in Europe and their impact on carbon storage

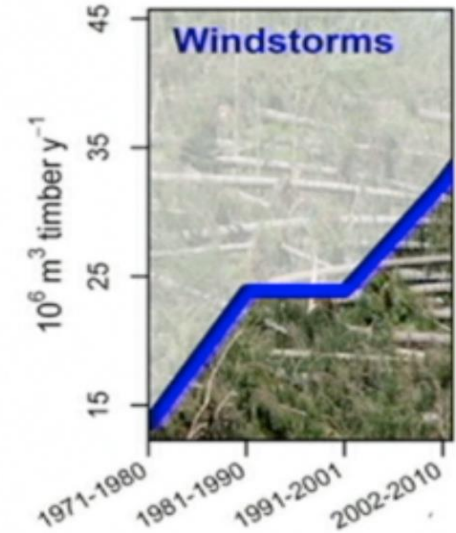
Rupert Seidl,^{1,*} Mart-Jan Schelhaas,² Werner Rammer,¹ and Pieter Johannes Verkerk³



+231%



+602%



+139%

percent change relative to
1971 – 1980

In the last 40 years the forest area damaged by natural disturbances has significantly increased. Climate change? =

Drivers of disturbance change in Europe

Legacies of past land use have a stronger effect on forest carbon exchange than future climate change in a temperate forest landscape

Dominik Thom^{1,2}, Werner Rammer¹, Rita Garsikauer³, and Rupert Seidl¹

Anthropocene 6 (2014) 63–74



Fire, humans and landscape in the European Alpine region during the Holocene

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Global Change Biology (2006) 12, 1435–1450, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2486.2006.01188.x

The relative importance of climatic effects, wildfires and management for future forest landscape dynamics in the Swiss Alps

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Original article

Land-use and climate change effects in forest compositional trajectories in a dry Central-Alpine valley

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Territorio, bioeconomia e gestione degli incendi: una sfida da raccogliere al più presto

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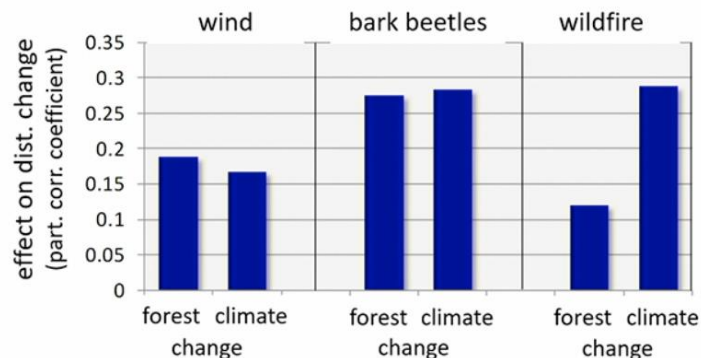
Landscape, bioeconomy and wildfire management: a challenge to face very soon

Forest fires are increasing in all developed temperate countries and especially in Southern Europe. An unprecedented forest transition is more and more due to land abandonment on one side and, on the other side, to the lack of awareness in urban culture about ecological processes and dynamics. Wildland-urban interfaces are growing and could represent potential traps in terms of security for people especially where fuel is not managed, urban areas are not planned at all and landscape is not properly planned in an integrated way. We need integrated and transversal measures by converging fire prevention programs with the RDP measures for the agro-forestry-pastoral sector and the nature conservation agenda; that is, encouraging agricultural, pastoral and forestry activities, and nature conservation interventions in areas at high fire risk, favouring the bioeconomy where forest planning has identified strategic areas for fire prevention.

Keywords: Fire Planning and Forest Policies, Megafires, Deep Causes and Increase of Fire Passage Severity, Territorial Factors and Socioeconomics

Climate change is an important driver of increasing disturbances
 ...but...

also management contributed (via changes in forest structure and composition)



Seidl et al. (2011, Glob. Change Biol.)

Most important “driver” of current natural disturbance regime is the land-use change (more for fire than for wind and bark beetles)

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Patterns and drivers of recent disturbances across the temperate forest biome

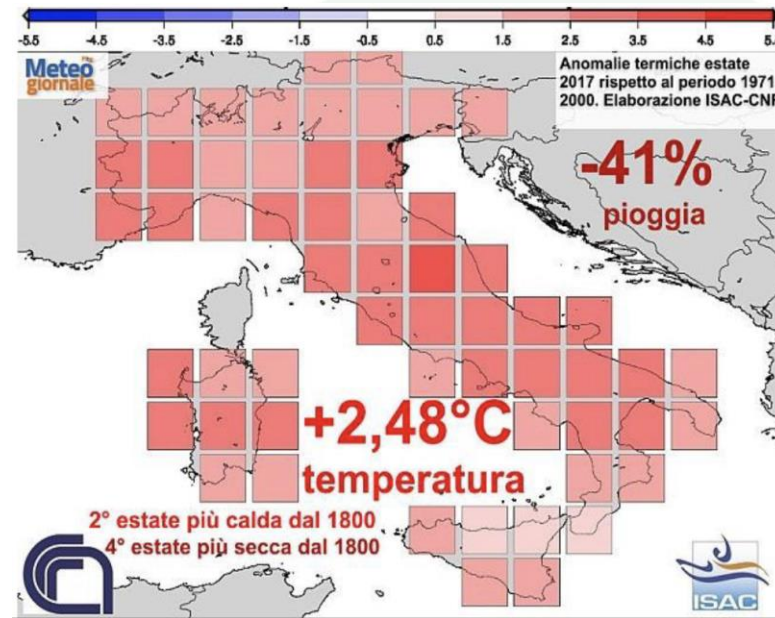
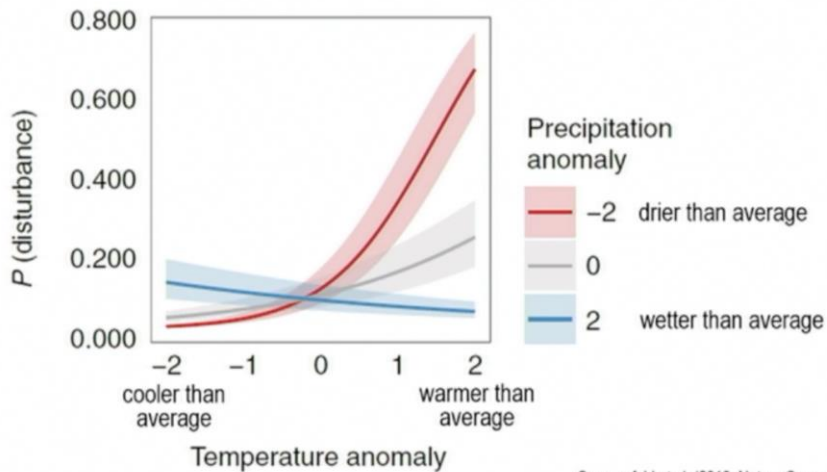
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Forest disturbances under climate change

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Analysis of 50 forest landscapes throughout the temperate biome

Large-scale, severe disturbances are consistently linked to warm and dry years



Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate

We expect an increment of frequency and intensity of natural disturbances due to climate change!



- Current strong influence of past land-use and land-use change
- Anthropogenic influence (direct)
- Interactions among disturbances

What we need to monitor? What are the correct indicators?

- Forest growth?
- Forest regeneration/structure?
- Dieback/mortality?
- Forest resistance?
- Forest resilience?
- Exotic/alien species?

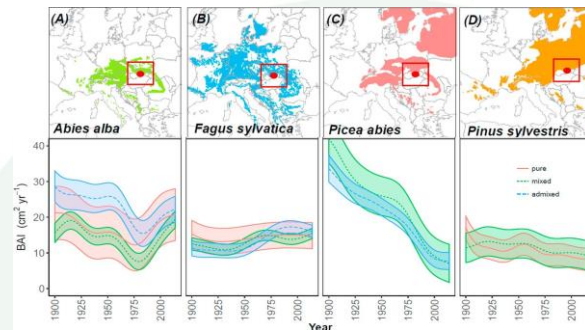


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Long-term effects of environmental change and species diversity on tree radial growth in a mixed European forest

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10.1029/2018MS001275

Thinning Can Reduce Losses in Carbon Use Efficiency and Carbon Stocks in Managed Forests Under Warmer Climate

Key Points:
• How will C-fluxes, CUE, and C-stocks of the major European forest types may respond to elevated atmospheric CO₂, warming, and management in the future?
• Results show that managed forests

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SPECIAL SECTION FOREST HEALTH

REVIEW

Forest health and global change

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Humans rely on healthy forests to supply energy, building materials, and food and to provide services such as storing carbon, hosting biodiversity, and regulating climate. Defining forest health integrates utilitarian and ecosystem measures of forest condition and function. Implemented across a range of spatial scales. Although native forests are adapted to some level of disturbance, all forests now face novel stresses in the form of climate change, air pollution, and invasive pests. Detecting how intensification of these stresses will affect the trajectory of forests is a major scientific challenge that requires developing systems to assess the health of global forests. It is particularly critical to identify thresholds for rapid forest decline, because it can take many decades for forests to restore the services that they provide.

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Long-term response of forest productivity to climate change is mostly driven by change in tree species composition

Xavier Morin[✉], Lorenz Fahse, Hervé Jactel, Michael Scherer-Lorenzen, Raúl García-Valdés & Harald Bugmann

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LETTERS

The human footprint in the carbon cycle of temperate and boreal forests

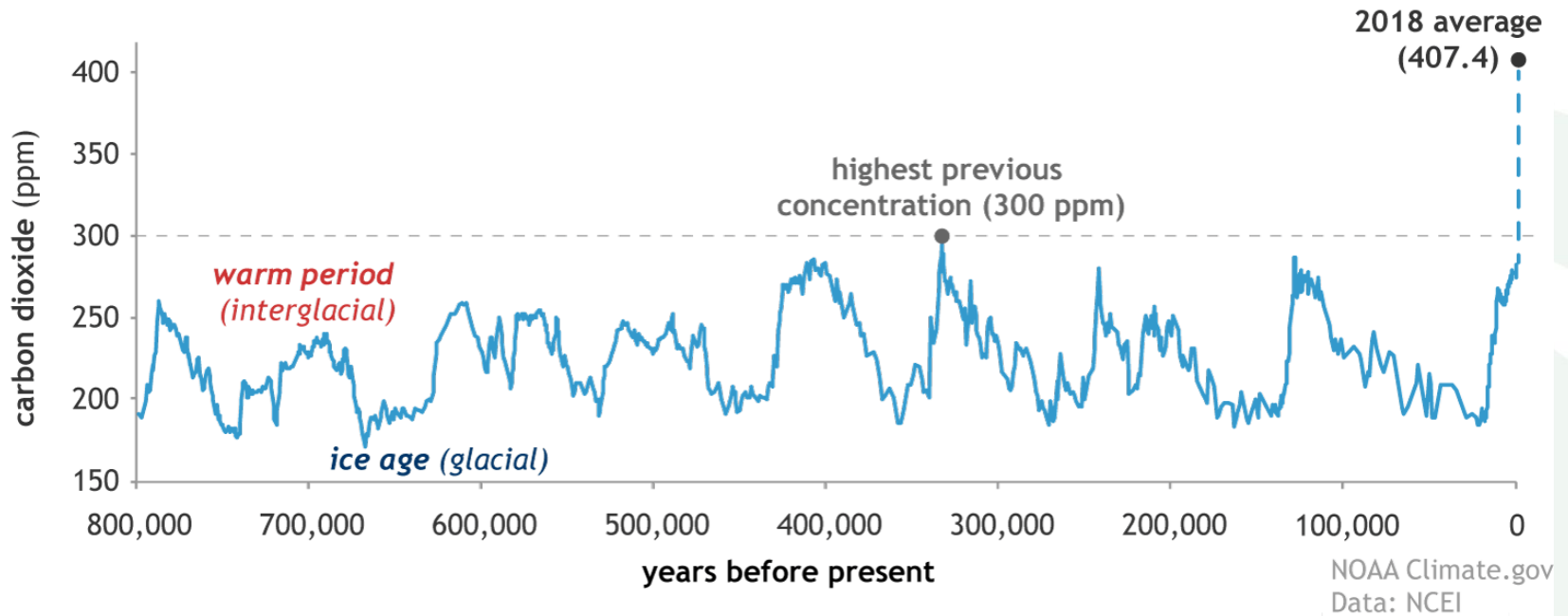
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CO₂ during ice ages and warm periods for the past 800,000 years



The current situation (carbon dioxide concentration) has never been experienced by our planet in the last 800.000 years. So we can build scenarios but **we cannot validate them** because we don't have a reference

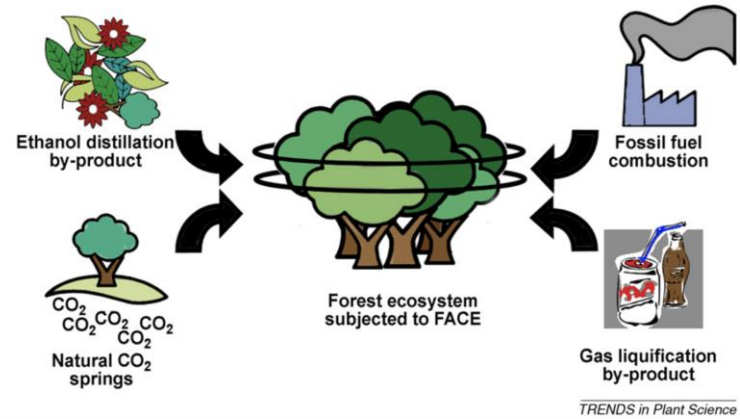


Figure 2. Natural versus artificial CO₂ sources to be considered for future experiments on forests to contain CO₂ costs.

Opinion

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Challenges in elevated CO₂ experiments on forests

ESF-Forest FACE Group

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Swiss university prepares for twenty-year forest experiment



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- Permanent plots (Forest reserves, LTER, long-term silvicultural experiments...)
- Adaptation (genetic, ecological traits...)
- New tools (satellite sensors, ecophysiological experiments, field manipulations...)
- “Prudential” indicators (number of species, new aliens, crown transparency, dieback or mortality...)

Factors driving mortality and growth at treeline: a 30-year experiment of 92 000 conifers

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- Importance of long-term experiments and long-term monitoring
- **LONG term!**

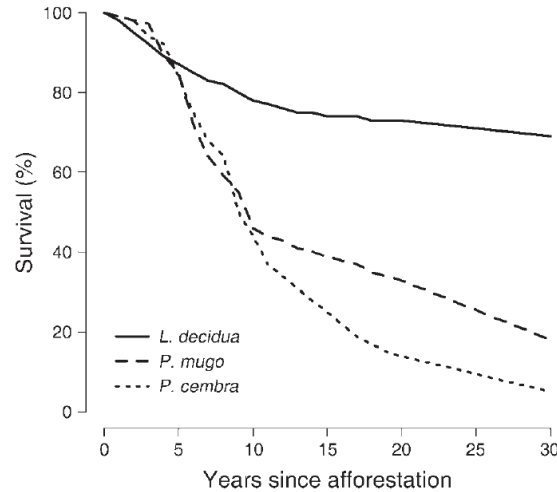


FIG. 2. Survival curves for three high-elevation conifers (*Larix decidua*, *Pinus mugo* ssp. *uncinata*, and *Pinus cembra*) for the period 1975–2005. For each species, survival is expressed as a percentage of the ~30 000 trees per species planted as seedlings.

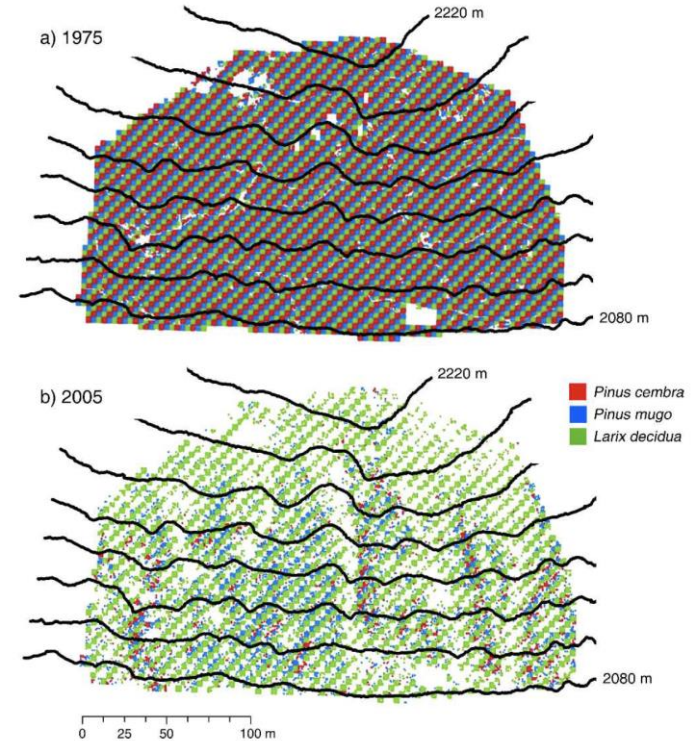


FIG. 1. Tree species distribution map of Stillberg, Central Alps, Switzerland, in: (a) 1975 and (b) 2005.



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