



THE PRESENCE OF *QUERCUS ESTREMADURENSIS* O. SCHWARZ IN IBERIAN PENINSULA - SYNTAXONOMIC AND BIOGEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

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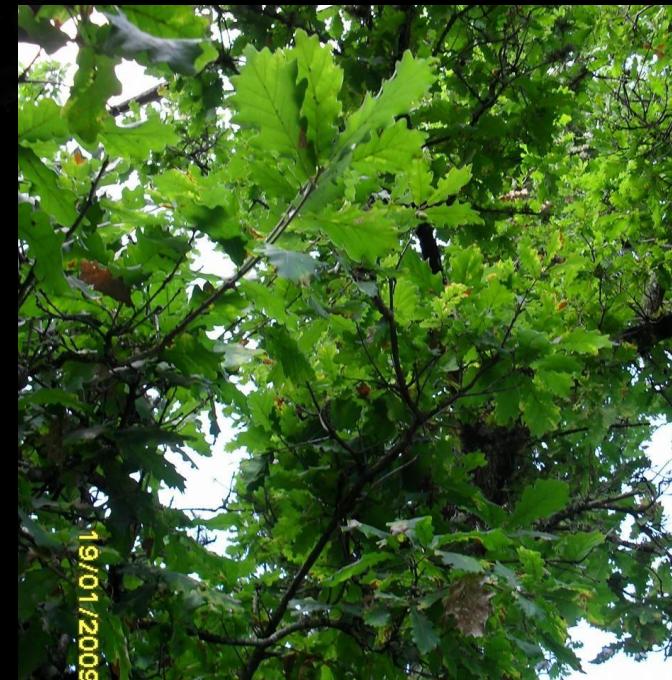
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- Field work
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- Species Distribution Model
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Quercus robur subsp. *estremadurensis* (O. Schwarz) A. Camus

Quercus estremadurensis O.Schwarz, Notizbl. Bot. Gart. Berlin-Dahlem 12: 463. (1935)
(lectotype: In JE n.v.; isotype: P06857428!)

Synonyms: =*Quercus robur* subsp. *estremadurensis* (O.Schwarz) A.Camus, Chênes,
Atlas 2: 50 (1935); =*Quercus robur* var. *conimbricensis* A.Camus, Bull. Soc. Bot. France,
81: 815 (1934) (lectotype: P06857428!) =*Quercus racemosa* Brot., Fl. Lusit. 2: 31 (1804)
(P06856882!) non Lamarck, Encycl. [J. Lamarck & al.] 1(2): 715 (1785)

Fagaceae



Semi-deciduous (Marcescent) to evergreen



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Marcescent tree,

Anfractuous branches.

Irregular (rhomboidal) sclerophilous leaves,

Lobate (acute lobes),



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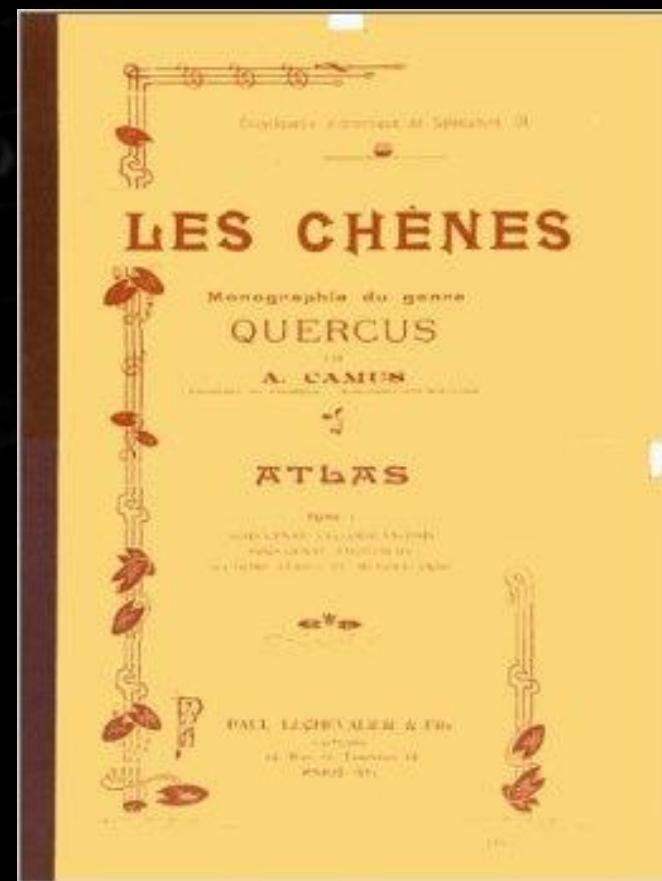
Uma árvore rara, como o *Q. canariensis*, e até agora só conhecida de Portugal. Observou-se esta espécie em Gou-

Árvores de Portugal

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veia, Bussaco, Coimbra e Sintra, sendo os exemplares desta última localidade muito bonitos. Não se sabe absolutamente nada sobre o seu porte, crescimento, madeira, etc. O seu estudo deve ser de tão grande interesse florestal como botânico. Distingue-se facilmente do *Quercus Robur* pelas folhas muito menos sinuosas e com muito mais lóbulos (mais de 8 em geral) e pelo número elevado de nervuras secundárias (9 ou mais de cada lado).

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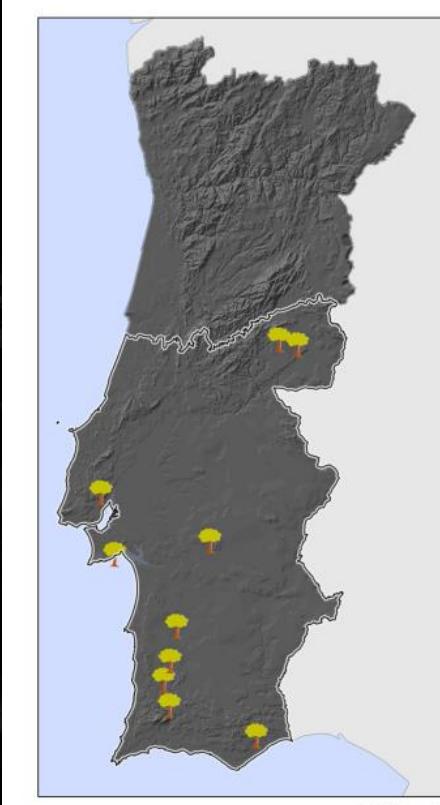


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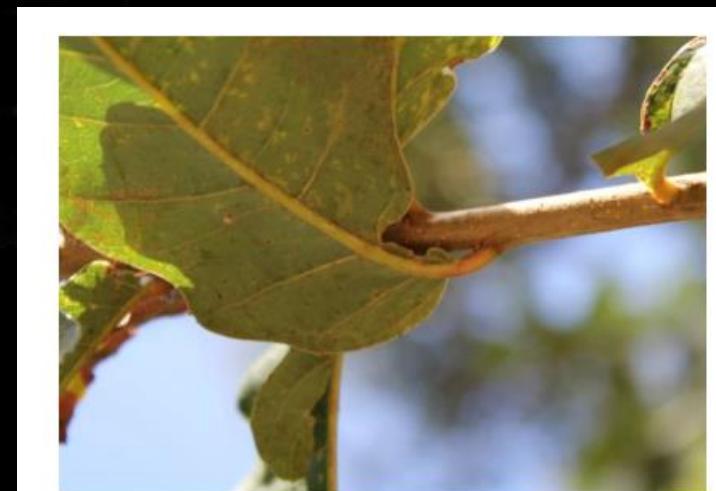
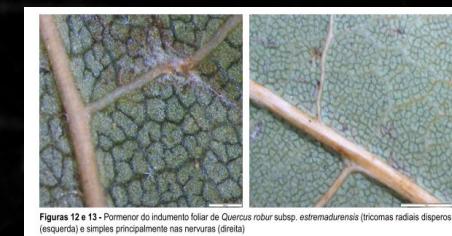
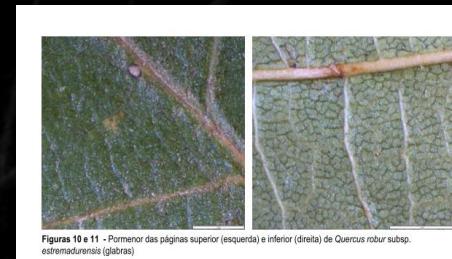
- Quercus robur subsp. estremadurensis (O. Schwarz) A. Camus
- Área de Estudo

Projeção cartográfica: Transverse Mercator
Datum ETRS 89

Fontes cartográficas:
Carta Hidrográfica de Portugal (Alentejo) 1981,
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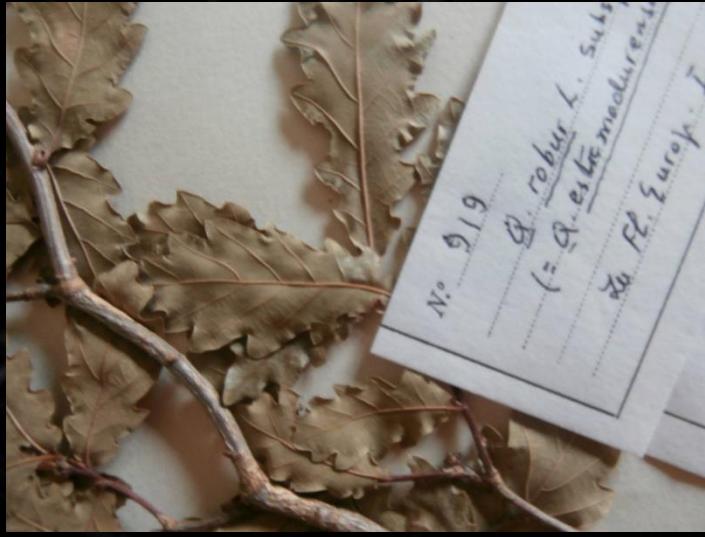
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Mapa 7 – Distribuição de *Quercus robur* subsp. *estremadurensis* (O. Schwarz)
A. Camus encontrada na área de estudo



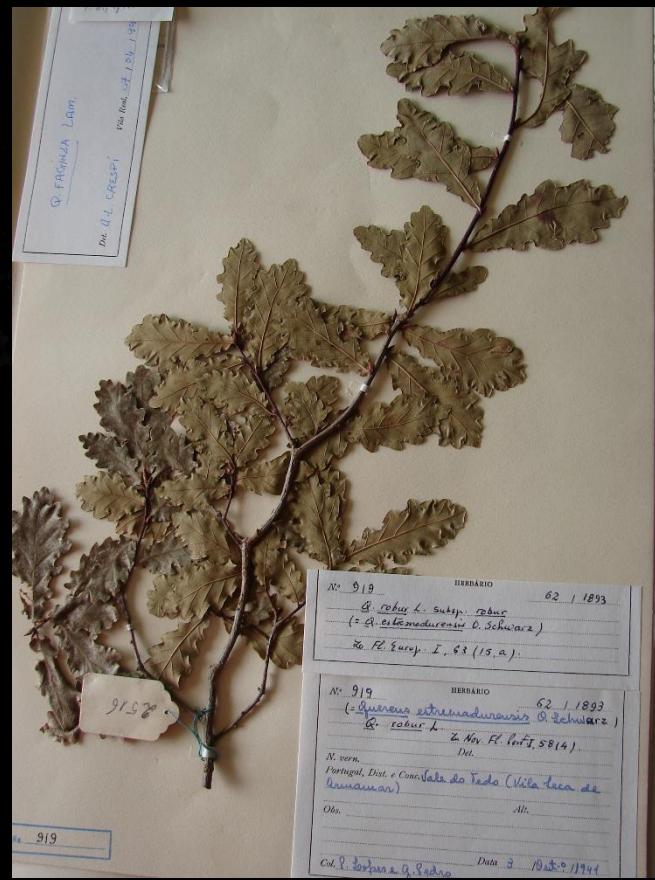
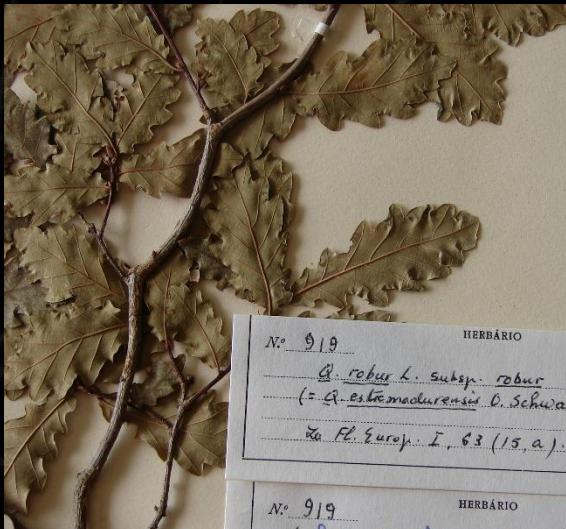
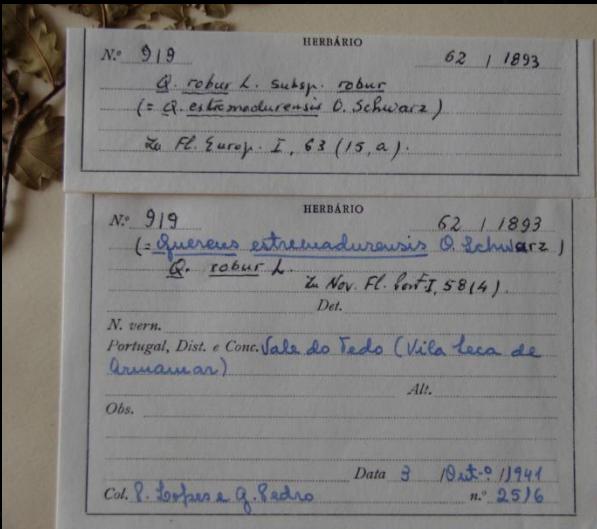
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Quercus × ferreira A.Camus (*Q. estremadurensis* < *Q. faginea*)

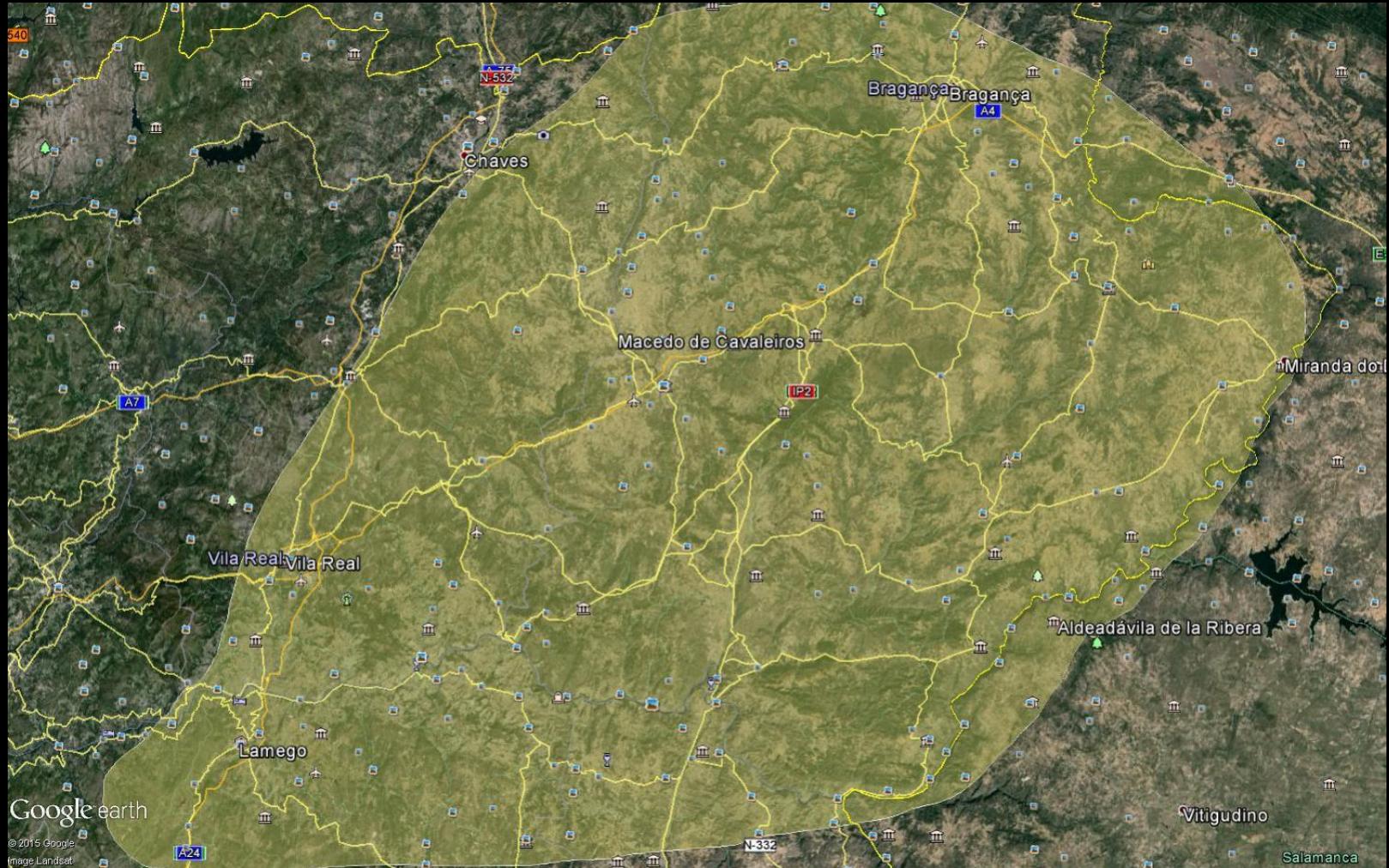


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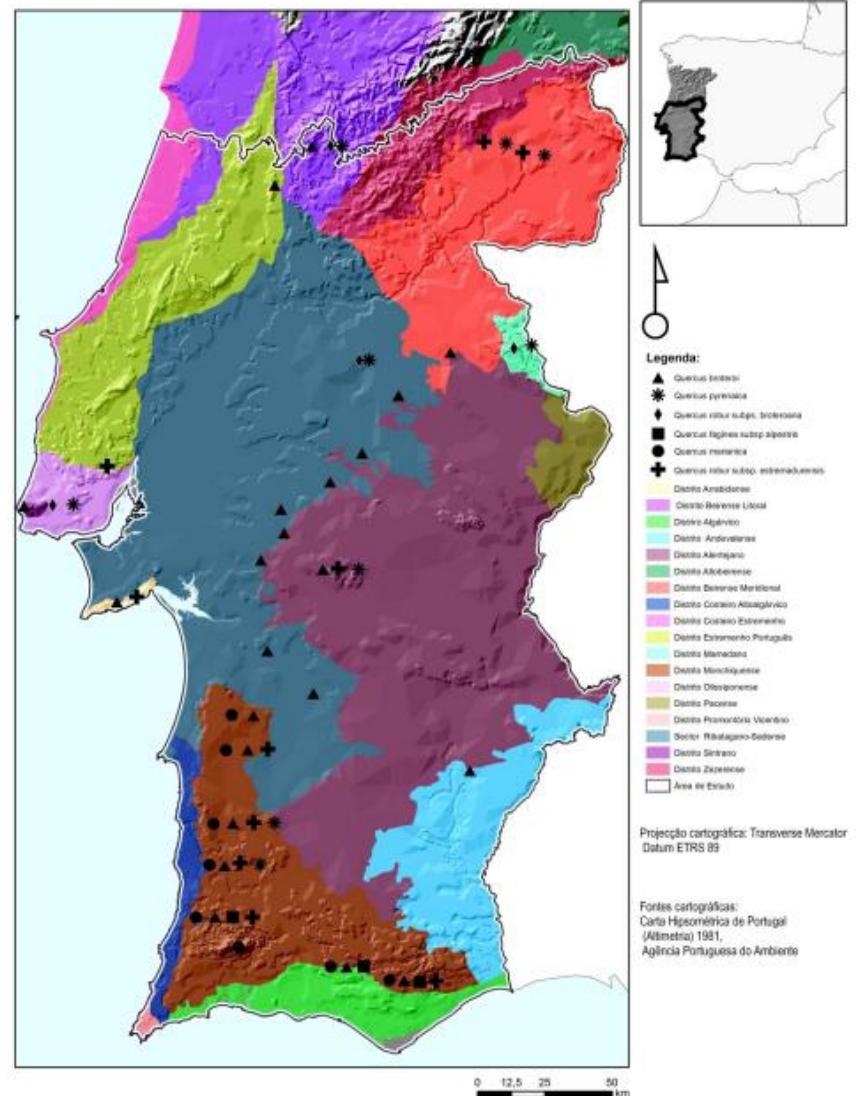
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Mediterranean Douro



| INTRODUCTION

- Field Work
 - Initially Southwestern Portugal (2005)
- Mature stages (Holarctic Kingdom)
- Characteristic from typically Sub-Mediterranean ecotones (Temperate vs Mediterranean)
- Related to specific edapho-climatic envelopes



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Monchique District

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Campanulo primulifoliae-Rhododendretum pontici

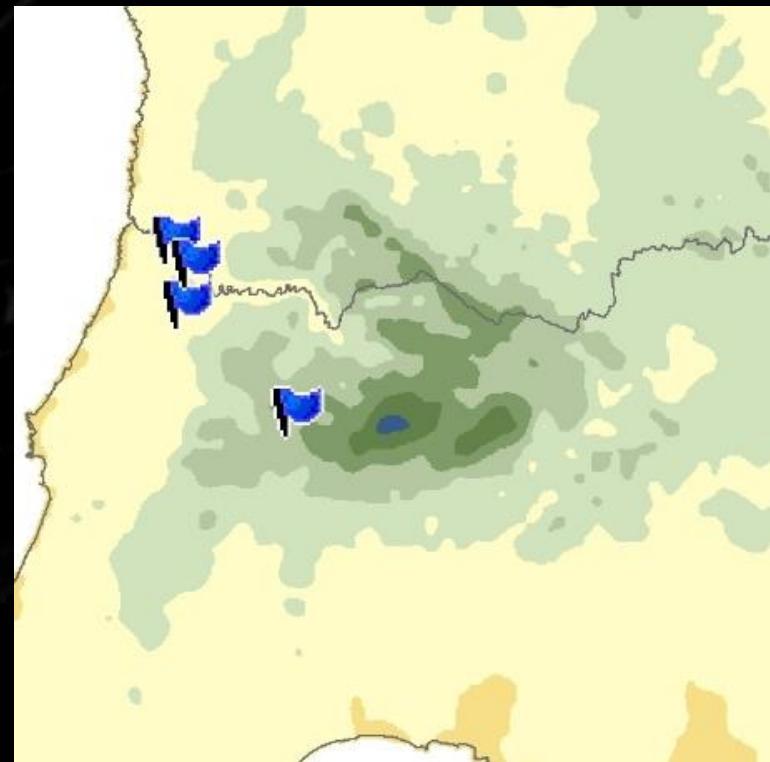
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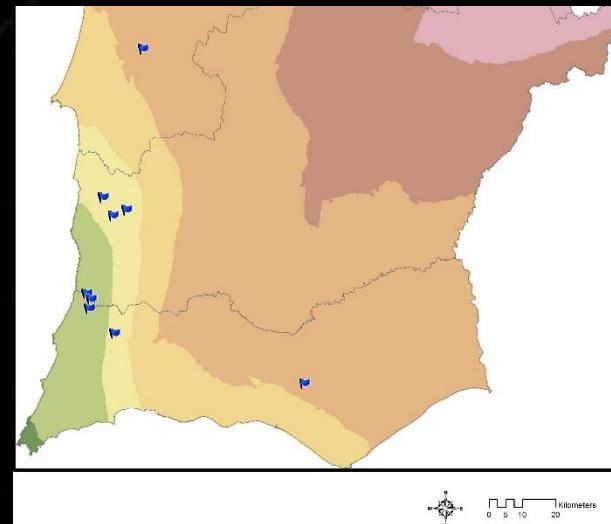


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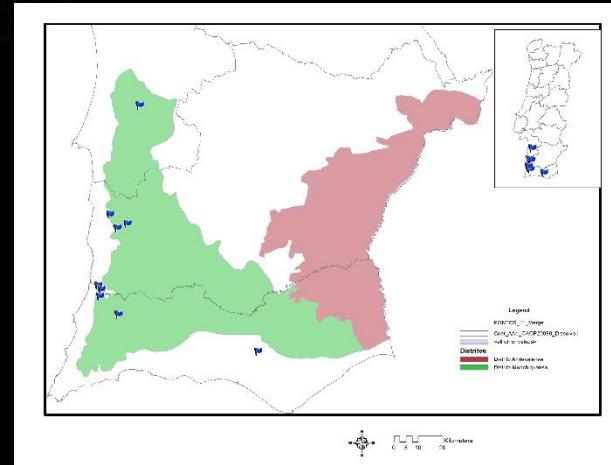
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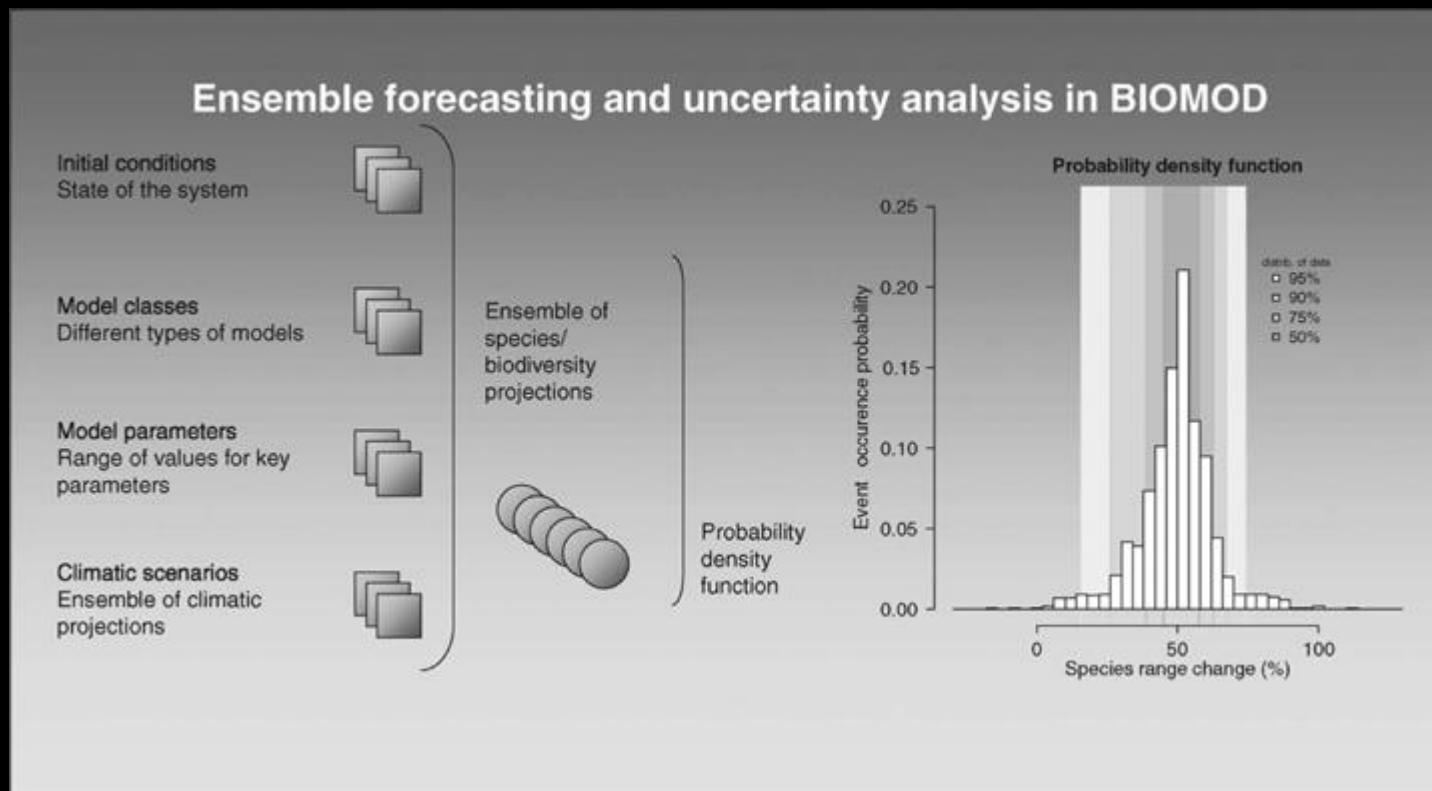
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METHODOLOGY

SPECIES DISTRIBUTION MODELS (SDMs)

BIOMOD2 – A PLATFORM FOR ENSEMBLE FORECASTING OF SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS



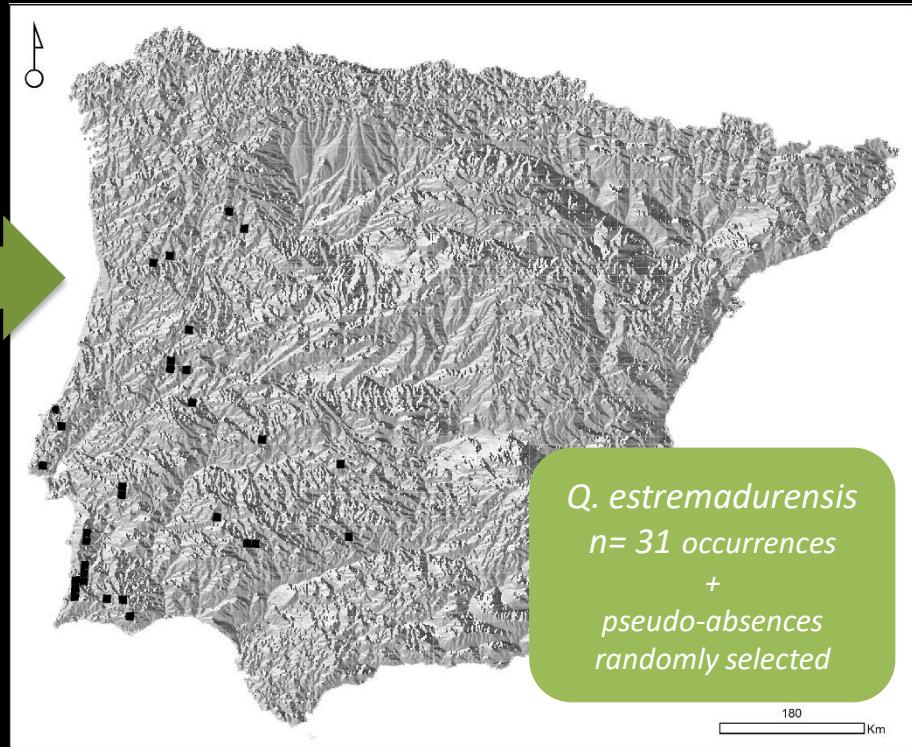
METHODOLOGY

Climate
TMIN | Minimum temperature of the coldest month

PREC | Precipitation

Land-use
For | Percentage cover of forests

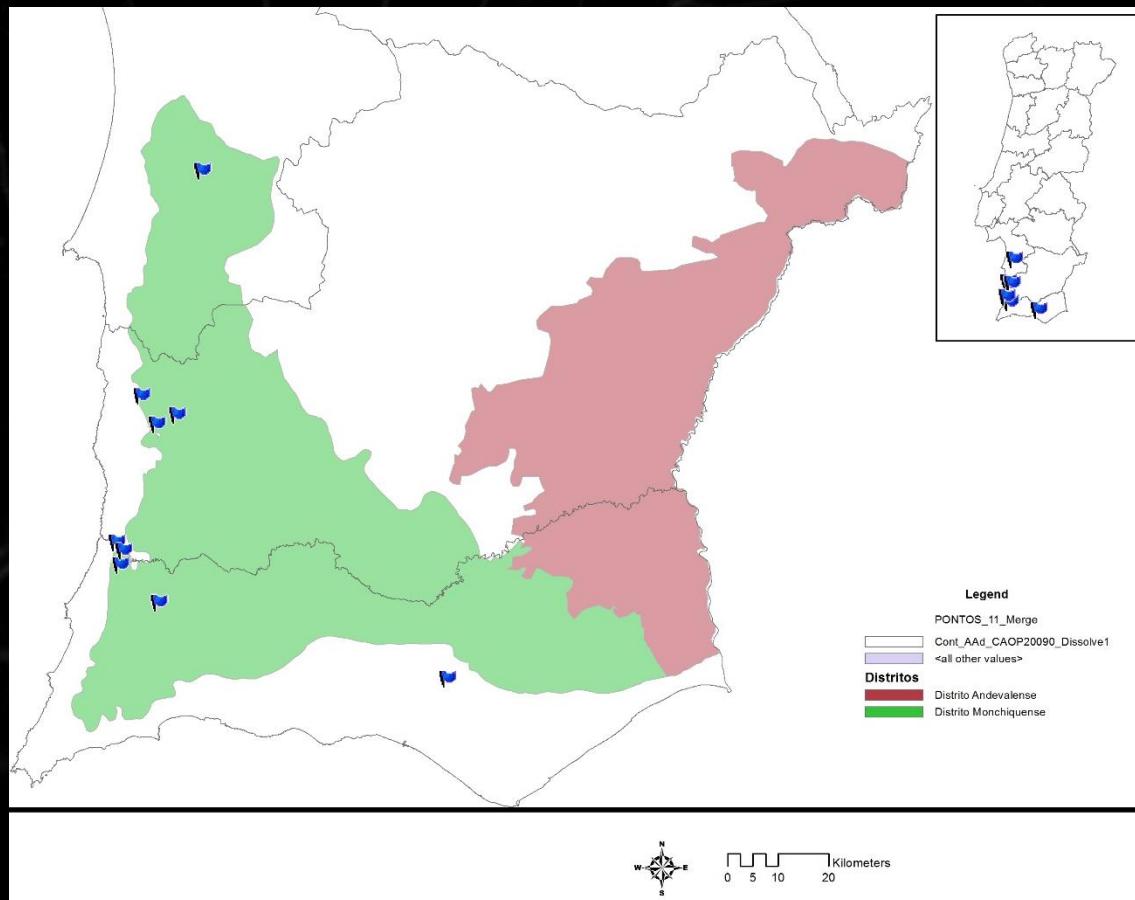
Terrain complexity
Rugg | Ruggedness index
Quantitative measurement of terrain heterogeneity summarizes change in elevation



- All environmental predictors tested for correlation ($p < 0.7$), using STATISTICA 12;
- BIOMOD2 package for R© software – 10 cutting-edge modelling techniques (GLM, GAM, GBM, MAXENT, RF, ANN, CTA, MARS, FDA, SRE), replicated 30 times;
- Pseudo-absences selected randomly from background (excluding species occurrences);
- Data split according to a 80/20 subset (due to the lack of confirmed absences) for evaluation (ROC);
- Outcome: ensemble model of *Q. estremadurensis* potential distribution produced by weighting the best models (AUC>0.7)

| RESULTS

Phytosociological reléves *Quercus estremadurensis* community 2012-2014



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RESULTS

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Quercetum illicis Q. ilex Quercus ilex												
Relevé number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	P
Area	200	350	500	600	450	300	250	400	350	400	450	R
Altitude	150	75	90	45	250	255	251	79	49	32	55	E
Cover	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	S
Aspect	E	E	NE	N	NW	W	SW	W	N	NW	W	E
Slope	25	15	25	5	15	5	10	15	5	20	5	N
Height	8	10	12	15	10	12	15	15	12	15	10	C
Characteristics												E
<i>Quercus robur subsp. <i>estremadurensis</i></i>	2	3	2	4	2	+	-	4	2	1	3	V
<i>Quercus marionica</i>	1	2	4	+	3	+	1	1	1	4	3	V
<i>Quercus broteroi</i>	4	2	+	1	1	3	4	1	2	+	+	V
<i>Avenella stricta</i>	1	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	+	-	+	V
<i>Luzula forsteri subsp. <i>baetica</i></i>	+	1	-	-	+	2	+	1	1	-	1	V
<i>Quercus xbeturica</i>	+	-	+	-	+	1	-	+	+	+	+	IV
<i>Campanula alata</i>	-	-	1	1	-	+	+	2	-	+	-	III
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	+	-	+	-	II
<i>Quercus rivasmartinezii</i>	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	1	-	+	-	II
<i>Quercus lusitanica</i>	-	-	1	-	-	+	-	+	-	1	-	II
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	-	-	1	-	+	-	-	1	+	+	1	II
<i>Fragaria baetica</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	+	+	I
<i>Lavandula viridis</i>	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
<i>Myrica faia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	-	1	-	1	I
<i>Quercus xewitschii</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
<i>Quercus xlousae</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
<i>Quercus xrosa-pintii</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	I

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<i>Luzula forsteri subsp. <i>baetica</i></i>	+	1	-	-	+	2	+	1	1	-	1	V
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Rhamno-Prunetea characteristics

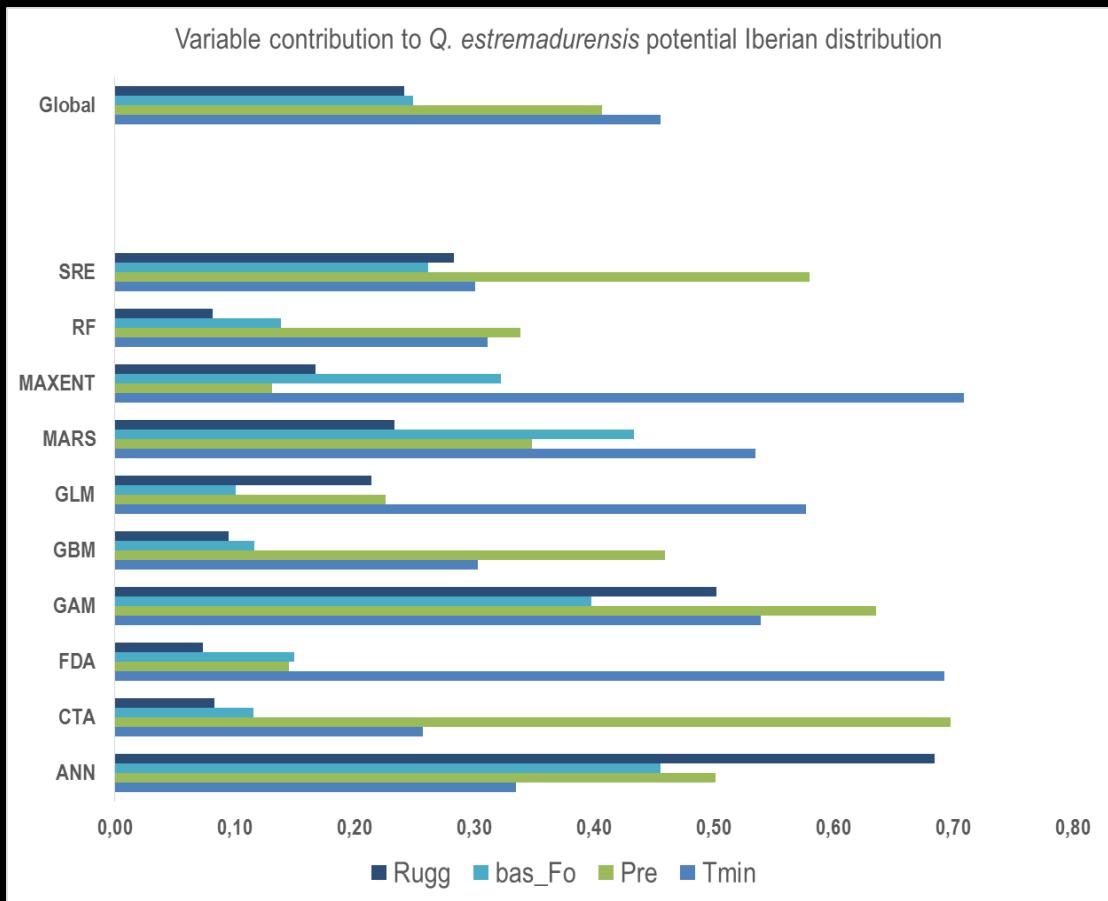
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<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> subsp. <i>brevispina</i>	1	2	1	+	+	1	+	1	+	+	+	V
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	-	1	1	-	1	-	+	1	+	+	-	IV
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i> subsp. <i>hispanica</i>	-	+	-	+	2	1	+	1	+	1	1	IV
<i>Rosa pouzinii</i>	-	1	+	-	+	-	-	1	-	-	+	II
<i>Rosa canina</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	II



RESULTS

RESULTS – VARIABLE CONTRIBUTION

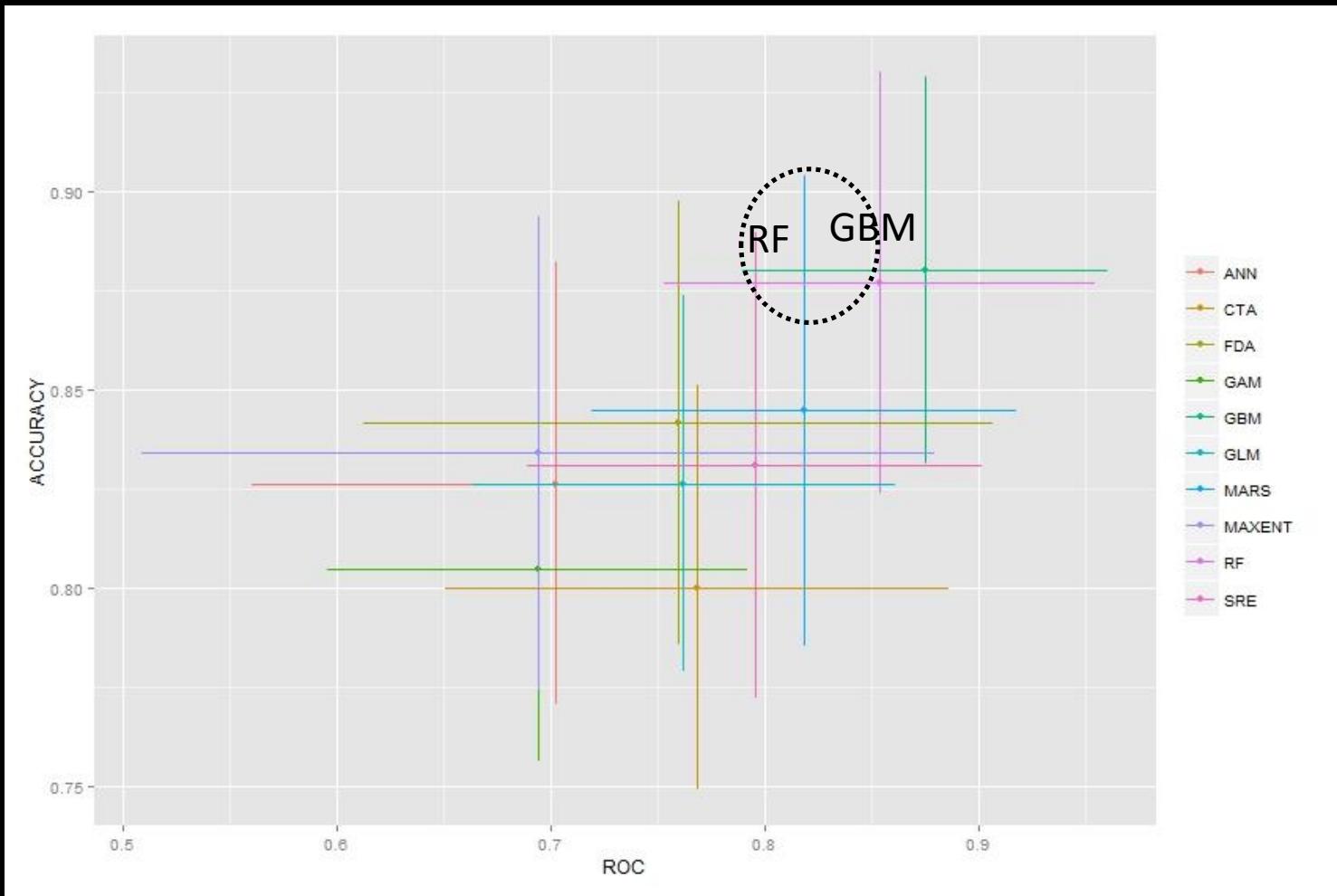
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Global	0,46	0,41	0,25	0,24
SRE	0,30	0,58	0,26	0,28
RF	0,31	0,34	0,14	0,08
MAXENT	0,71	0,13	0,32	0,17
MARS	0,53	0,35	0,43	0,23
GLM	0,58	0,23	0,10	0,21
GBM	0,30	0,46	0,12	0,10
GAM	0,54	0,64	0,40	0,50
FDA	0,69	0,15	0,15	0,07
CTA	0,26	0,70	0,12	0,08
ANN	0,33	0,50	0,46	0,68



-Overall, climatic variables appear to be more determinant for *Q. estremadurensis* Iberian distribution (Tmin: 0,46; Prec: 0,41), followed by the percentage of forests (0,25) and terrain ruggedness (0,24);

-High variation among individual modelling techniques and runs;

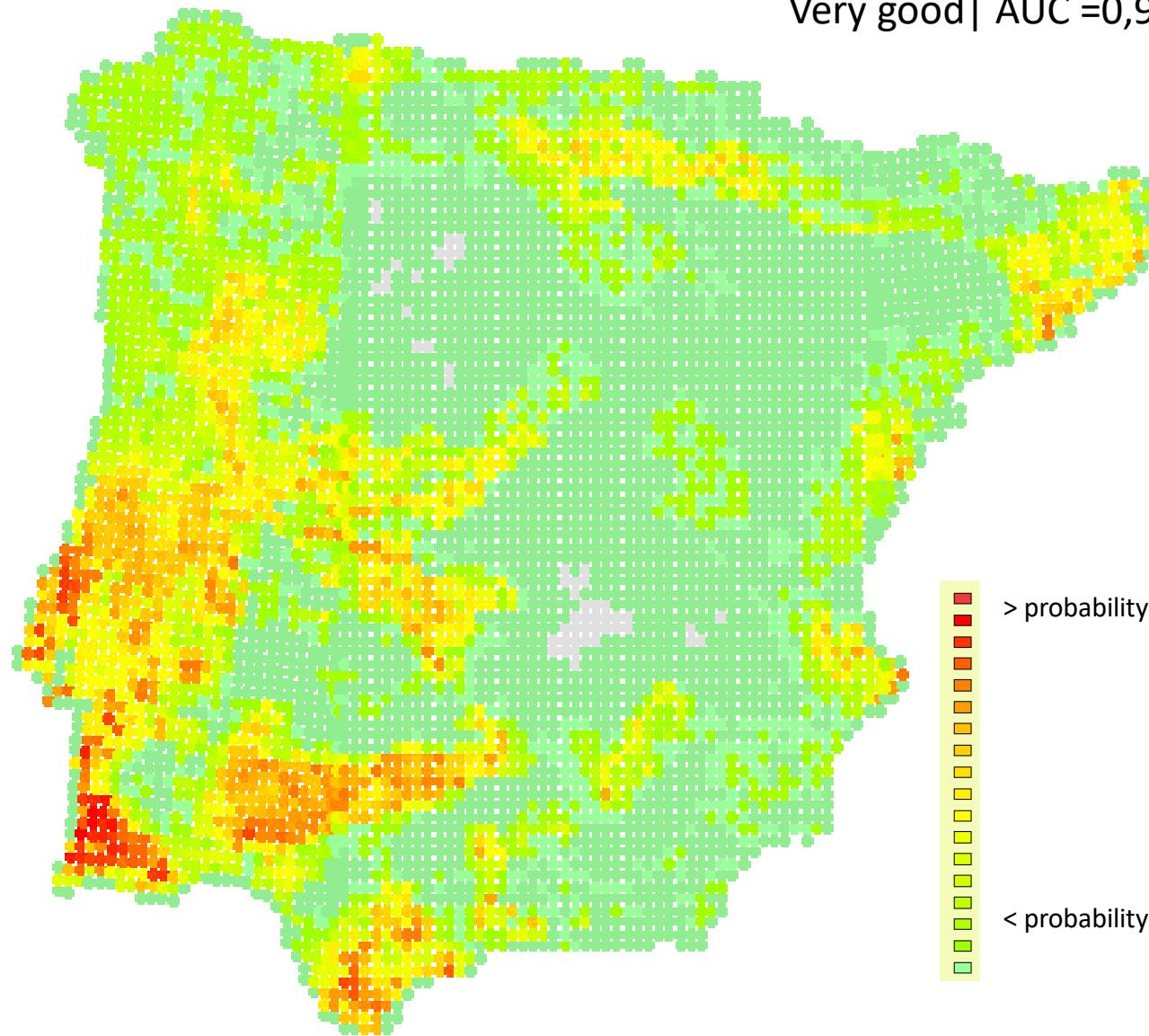
| RESULTS –EVALUATION & ACCURACY ACROSS MODELS



-High variation among individual modelling techniques and runs in relation to all evaluation metrics (e.g. AUC and Accuracy)

| RESULTS –ENSEMBLE MODEL OF *Q. ESTREMADURENSIS* DISTRIBUTION

Very good | AUC = 0,96



| DISCUSSION / BIOGEOGRAPHIC INFERENCES

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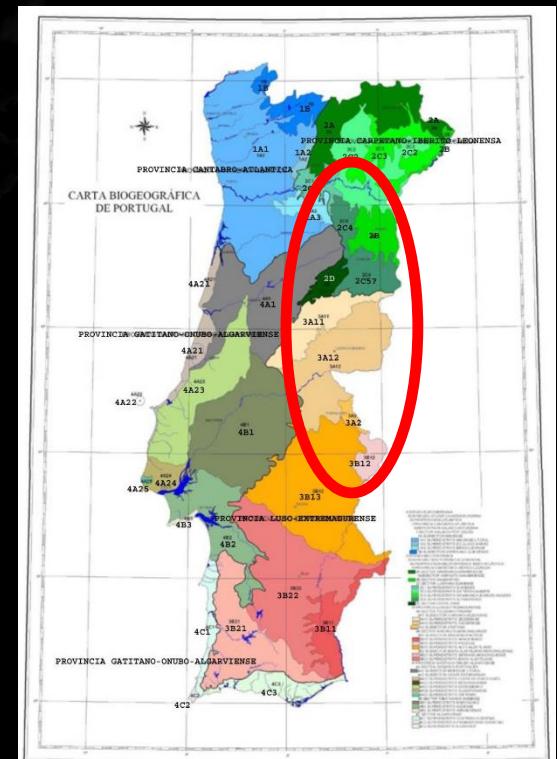
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LUSO-EXTREMADURENSE Subprovince
Mamedan District
South Beirense District

Temporihygrophilous facing *Arisaro-Quercetum pyrenaicae* and *Pistacio-Quercetum broteroi*

(*Quercenion pyrenaicae* and *Quercion broteroi*)

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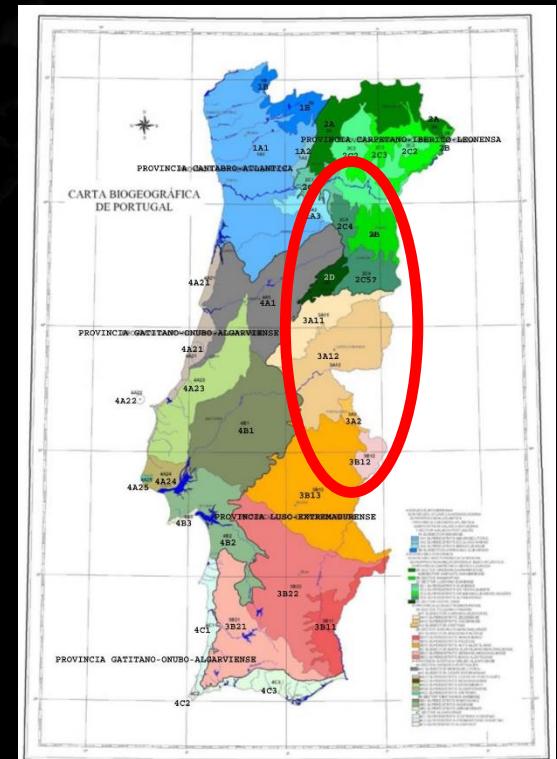
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- **MONTEMURO AND ESTRELA SIERRAN Sector**

- Montemuro and Caramulo Sierran District
- High Beirese District
- Estrela Sierran District
- Guardan District
- Zezerese District

Temporihygrophilous facing *Arbuto Quercetum pyrenaicae* and *Holco-Quercetum pyrenaicae*
(*Quercenion pyrenaicae*)

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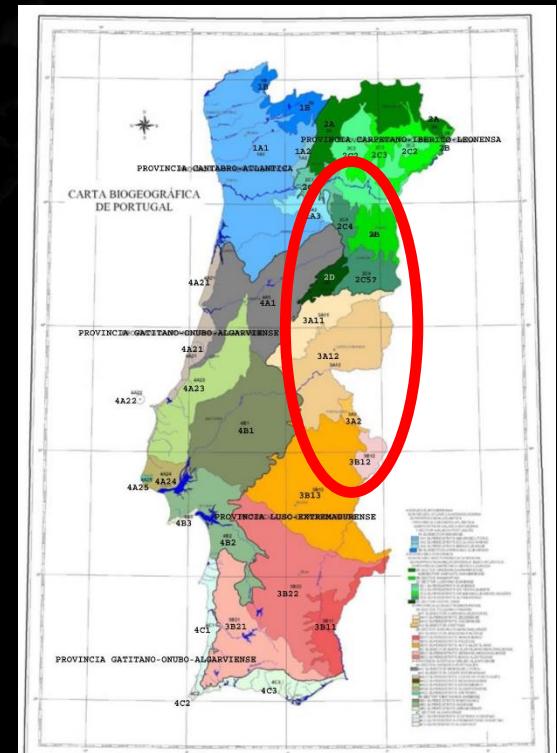


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- DURIENSE LUSITANIAN Sector
 - Braganza District
 - Vilarealense-Verinense District
 - Terraquentense District
 - Low Duriense Lusitanian District

Temporihygrophilous facing *Hedero-Quercetum faginea* and
Epipacto duriensis-Quercetum faginea Alves, Vila-Viçosa,
Aguiar inéd.
(*Aceri-Quercion faginea*)



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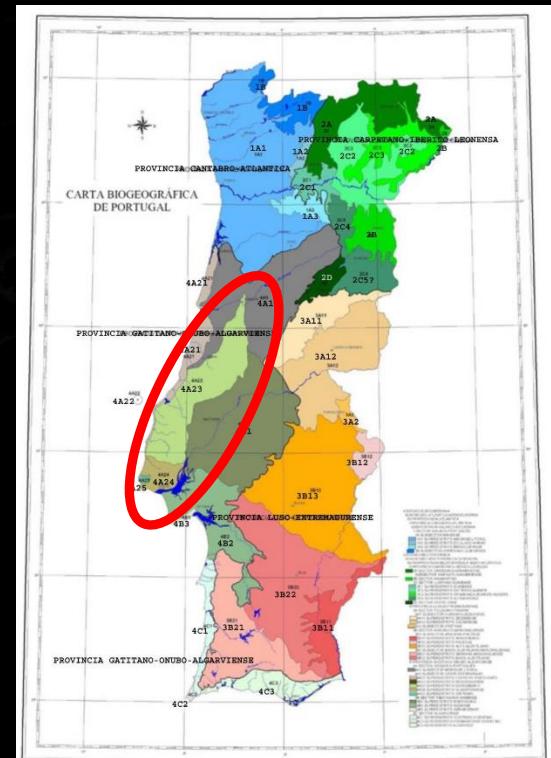
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- PORTUGUESE DIVISORIAN Sector
 - Extremenian Portuguese District,
 - Littoral Beirense District
 - Sintra Sierran District
 - Olissiponense District

Temporihygrophilous facing *Arisaro-Quercetum broteroi*

Quercus estremadurensis and *Prunus insititioides* community

(*Quercion broteroi*)



| SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMATICS

- Facing Morphological with Molecular Data
 - Featuring introgression
 - Trichome analysis validation
(Environmental vs Genetics)
- Taxonomic inflation??
- Overestimated hybridization??

Taxonomic Validation

Genetics and Evolution NGS

- Phylogeographic essay
 - Relationships between taxa
 - Ancestry??
- Hybridization (*Q. robur* x *Q. faginea* s.l.)
 - Heavily “introgressed” ones
 - Biological invasion of hybrids?? (hybrid vigor)
 - Factors promoting the occurrence of Hybrid-zones?
 - Vicariant hybridization?
 - Bottleneck effect related to paleoclimatic constraints,

- *Quercus estremadurensis* O. Schwarz
 - Most threatened tree in Europe
 - Genetic diversity
 - Conservation threats
 - Introgession
 - Climatic shift
 - Anthropic action

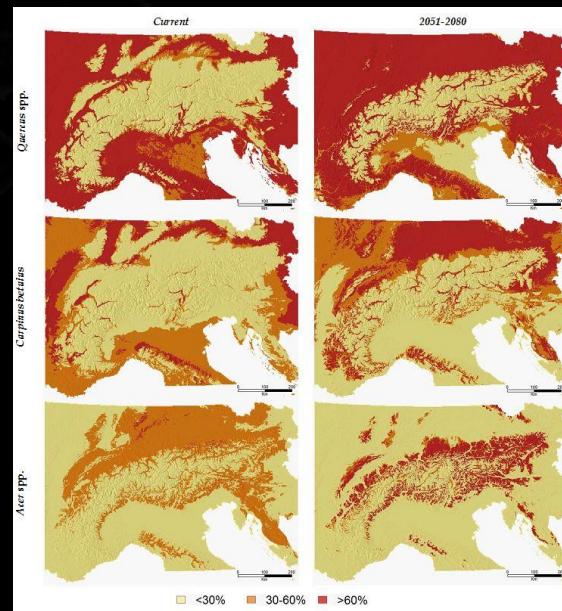
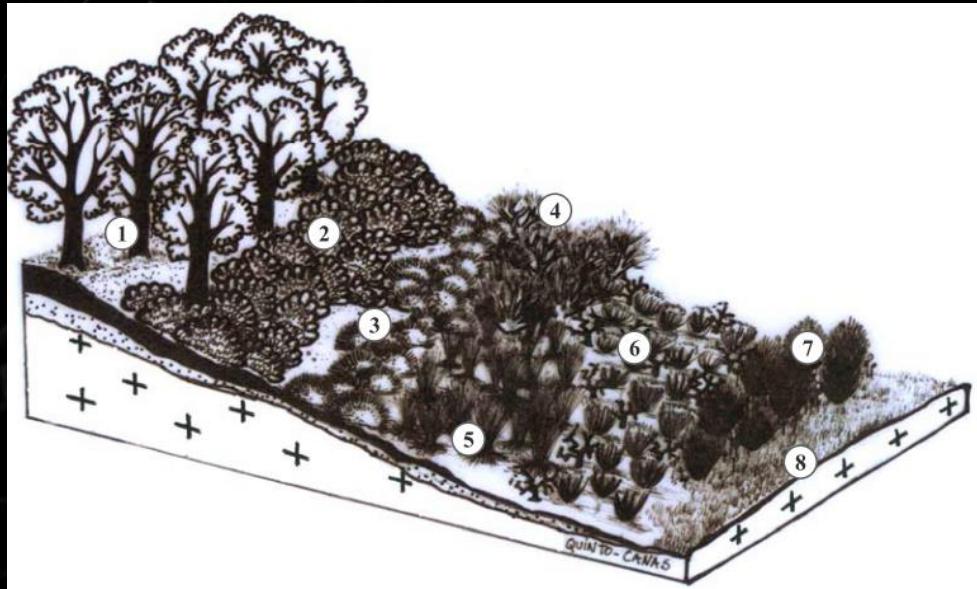
Conservation

DISCUSSION / FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Landscape Ecology

Catenal Dynamic models

SDM

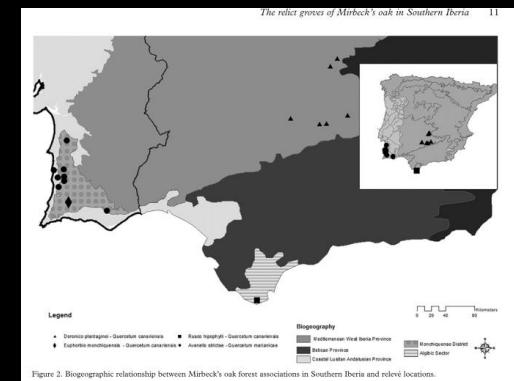
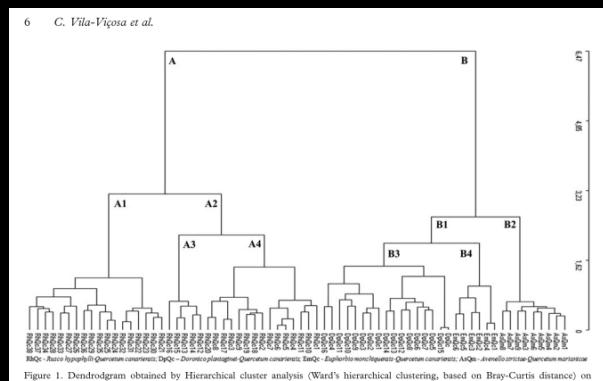


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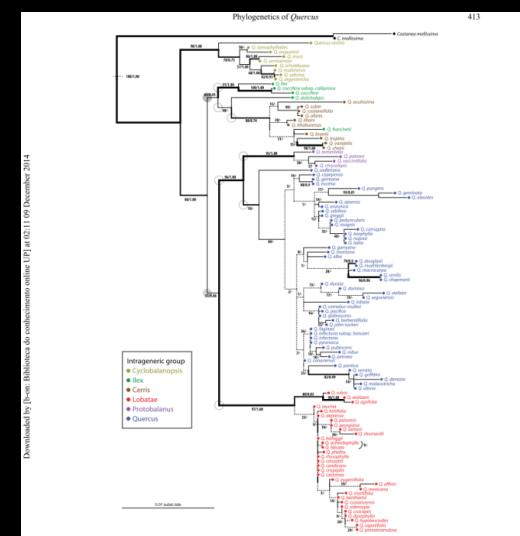
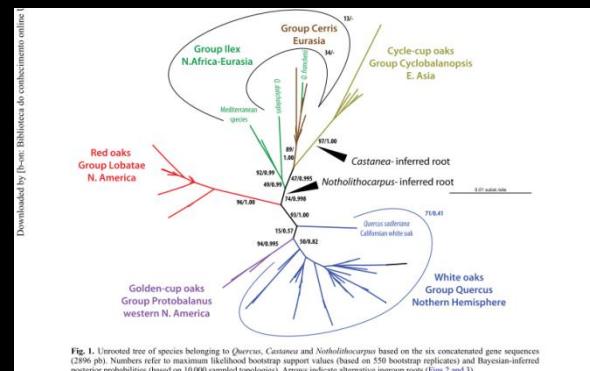
Taxonomy



Syntaxonomy / Biogeography



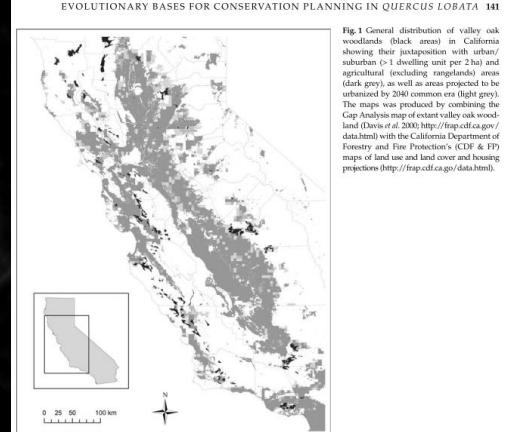
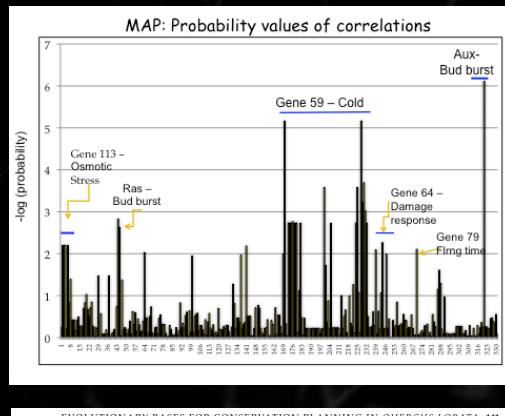
Phylogeography



FUTURE WORKS

Landscape genomics

Study of massive amounts of markers from a single-species genome to identify regions under selection and population structuring.



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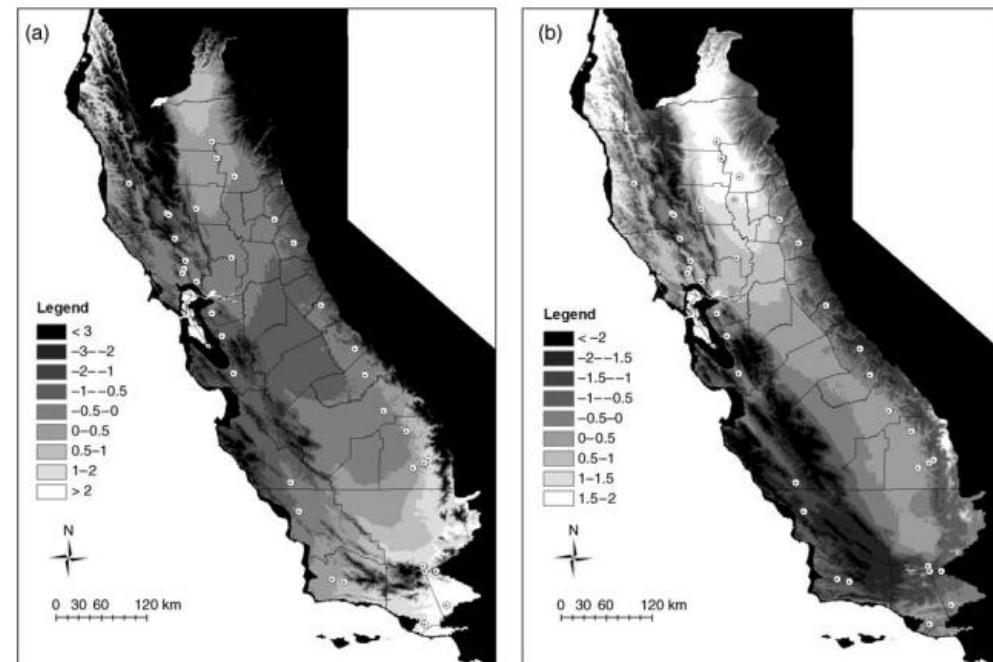


Fig. 3 Spatial trends in chloroplast genetic markers using the population mean standardized canonical scores based on the canonical correlation analysis of multivariate chloroplast genotypes vs. geographical variables. (a) Trend surface of the first canonical axis. (b) Trend surface of the second canonical axes. See Table 2 for statistical results. The shadings indicate the classes of canonical scores (see legends); dark colours represent negative values, and light colours positive values around the population mean, but no biological significance is attached to having