# 1 Appendix

2 Non-linearity and temporal variability are overlooked components of global

- 3 population dynamics
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## 5 SM1: Temporal, geographical, and taxonomic extent of the analyzed 6 database

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8 In the main text, we analyzed a subset of the Living Planet Database. We omitted 9 populations which had less than twenty time points of monitoring data. This resulted in a 10 final database constituted of 6,437 population time series. However, among these, only 6 11 were invertebrates population time series, relative to only one species in the same 12 geographical region. Thus, for all analyses relative to taxonomic patterns, we omitted 13 these populations.

In this appendice, we present the temporal (Fig. S1.1), biogeographical and taxonomic extent (Fig. S1.2, S1.3) of the analyzed database. First, this reveals that very few population time series were monitored more than 45 years (Fig. S1.1). Second, this highlights the fact that the database is highly biased geographically (73.2% of the population time series are monitored in North America and Europe, Fig. S1.2C, S1.3). Similarly, the taxonomic coverage is not satisfactory (Birds represent 67.3% of the analyzed time series, Fig. S1.2B).

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time series. The dashed line represents the minimum number of years we selected (20 years) and the straight line represents the average number of monitoring years among the

26 6,437 population time series.



Figure S1.2: Distribution of time series across biogeographic and taxonomic groups. (A) Habitat types, (B) Taxonomic groups, (C) Regions, (D) IUCN Red List Categories and (E) Realms. The exact number of populations within each category are written in black.

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# Table S1.1: Cross-distribution of population time series across habitat types and regions in the analyzed dataset.

	Freshwater	Marine	Terrestrial
Africa	17	77	58
Antarctic	0	50	0
Asia	26	62	51
Europe	391	428	720
International Waters	0	100	0
Latin America and Caribbean	25	59	16
North America	698	894	1581
Oceania	48	1038	98



38 Figure S1.3: Geographical distribution of population time series, colored according to different biogeographic and

taxonomic patterns. (A) Habitat types, (B) Taxonomic groups, (C) Regions, (D) Realms, (E) IUCN Red List Categories and (F)
 Linear or Non-linear trajectory.

# 41 SM2: Impact of the duration, number of years sampled, and starting

## 42 year of the time series on the proportion of non-linearity

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The population time series we studied range from 1950 to 2020, with both duration of 44 monitoring and the frequency of surveys varying across time series. Eventhough we 45 46 selected time series with twenty time points of monitoring data, previous studies demonstrated that capturing directional trends in population abundance depends on 47 the length of the time series (Wauchope et al., 2019). Additionnally, recent studies 48 49 highlighted the fact that trends should be interpreted in the light of the temporal window covered by the analyzed time series (Daskalova et al., 2020; Duchenne et 50 51 al., 2022). We thus examined how the temporal baseline and the duration of the time series we analyzed influenced the proportion of non-linearity. To do so, we simply 52 53 looked at how the proportion of non-linearity varied according to the strating year (Fig. S2A) and the number of points (Fig. S2B) of the time series we analyzed. This 54 55 revealed that longer time-series capture more non-linearity that shorter time series 56 (Fig. S2B). As longer time series (e.g. those having 65-70 years of data) necessarily start sooner (around 1955 on average) (Fig. S2C), the proportion of non-linearity 57 decreases with the starting year of the time series (Fig. S2A). This suggests that in 58 59 future research, the proportion of non-linearity should be examined relatively to specific periods of monitoring. Still, this reinforces the importance of non-linear 60 61 modeling for long-term monitoring data.



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63 Figure S2: Impact of the starting year and number of years sampled on the

proportion of non-linearity. Proportion of non-linearity depending on (A) the
starting year of the time series and (B) the number of points within the time series.
Figure (C) shows the distribution of the starting years among time series for several

67 groups of duration.

### 69 SM3: Detailed analysis of non-linearity among biogeographic and 70 taxonomic patterns

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**Table S3.1: Model outputs for all Z-test analyses.** Each row corresponds to the following test:  $H_0: \hat{p} = \overline{p}; H_1: \hat{p} \neq \overline{p}; \hat{p}$  being the estimate of the proportion of nonlinearity observed within the tested category (e.g. marine habitats for the first row), and  $\overline{p}$  being the mean proportion of non-linearity among all populations (0.448). We

76 used  $\alpha$ =5%. Significant tests are highlighted in bold.

		estimate	p-value	conf.low	conf.high	n.pop
77	Habitat types					
	Marine	0.3977105	1.578221e-07	0.3792514	0.4164623	2708
	Terrestrial	0.4837559	3.277830e-04	0.4641020	0.5034598	2524
	Freshwater	0.4887967	4.819792e-03	0.4602403	0.5174254	1205
78	Regions					
	Oceania	0.2711149	2.744241e-34	0.2461558	0.2975790	1184
	Africa	0.4539474	9.474616e-01	0.3737466	0.5365117	152
	North America	0.4821935	1.155630e-04	0.4646820	0.4997484	3173
	Europe	0.4905783	8.582676e-04	0.4653332	0.5158710	1539
	Asia	0.5323741	5.548256e-02	0.4461397	0.6167928	139
	Antarctic	0.5400000	2.436234e-01	0.3945281	0.6793659	50
	Latin America ar Caribbean	nd 0.5500000	5.110734e-02	0.4475426	0.6485719	100
	International Waters	0.5600000	3.142352e-02	0.4573588	0.6579781	100
79	Taxonomic gro	oups				
	Invertebrates	0.1666667	0.3294181017	0.008762291	0.6351774	6
	Amphibians	0.2400000	0.0587244969	0.101580568	0.4552084	25
	Sharks_Rays	0.3773585	0.0869912844	0.302796333	0.4579454	159
	Birds	0.4362463	0.1232485405	0.421435114	0.4511711	4337
	Reptiles	0.4404762	0.9768950468	0.333687402	0.5527565	84
	Fish	0.4730229	0.0682208651	0.446166090	0.5000346	1353
	Mammals	0.5306554	0.0003588341	0.484560177	0.5762451	473
80	Realms					
	Indo-Malayan	0.0000000	5.733790e-01	0.0000000	0.8021325	2
	Tropical and subtropical Ind	0.2888617 0-	8.103148e-20	0.2582387	0.3214997	817

Pacific					
South temperate and Antarctic	0.3066362	3.759977e-09	0.2641558	0.3525752	437
Australasia	0.3837209	2.755904e-01	0.2827311	0.4952042	86
Atlantic north temperate	0.4614687	3.847187e-01	0.4317840	0.4914251	1103
Palearctic	0.4664401	2.139207e-01	0.4376734	0.4954284	1177
Oceania	0.4861111	5.948648e-01	0.3677856	0.6059261	72
Nearctic	0.4947368	7.947790e-06	0.4740218	0.5154698	2280
Atlantic tropical and subtropical	0.5225225	1.379641e-01	0.4260259	0.6174406	111
Pacific north temperate	0.5663265	1.116525e-03	0.4937822	0.6362281	196
Neotropical	0.5750000	1.453319e-01	0.4100777	0.7257554	40
Afrotropical	0.5833333	2.847269e-02	0.4612444	0.6964792	72
Arctic	0.6590909	7.718808e-03	0.4999894	0.7906642	44
IUCN Red List C	Category				
Near Threatened	0.3258706	4.261321e-12	0.29376443	0.3596646	804
Endangered	0.3408521	2.104012e-05	0.29485793	0.3899629	399
Critically Endangered	0.4727273	8.156144e-01	0.33857201	0.6106808	55
Least Concern	0.4764256	2.919241e-04	0.46095214	0.4919440	4051
Data Deficient	0.4905660	6.276476e-01	0.35251085	0.6299827	53
Vulnerable	0.5050100	1.187317e-02	0.46027666	0.5496651	499
Extinct in the Wild	1.0000000	9.167194e-01	0.05462076	1.0000000	1



82 Figure S3.1: Representation of the proportion of linear or non-linear increases,

decreases or no trends among (A) habitat types, (B) Regions. "N" represents the number of populations within each category. Information relative to the linear trajectories are written in black whereas information relative to the non linear trajectories are written in white.



- 87 Figure S3.2: Representation of the proportion of linear or non-linear increases,
- 88 decreases or no trends among (A) taxonomic groups, (B) IUCN Red List
- 89 Categories. "N" represents the number of populations within each category.
- 90 Information relative to the linear trajectories are written in black whereas information
- 91 relative to the non linear trajectories are written in white.

### 92 SM4: Detailed analysis of populations' temporal variability

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# 94 1. Investigating temporal variability according to biogeographic and taxonomic 95 patterns

96 To test if population temporal variability varied according to biogeographic and 97 taxonomic patterns, we used a generalized linear mixed-effect framework. The 98 models were structured as followed:

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$$R_{i,j,k} = \beta_0 + \beta_k E_{i,j,k} + \mu_{0,j} + \varepsilon_{i,j,k}$$

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Where  $R_{i,j,k}$  is the response variability metric (either D, CV or MSE) for the  $i^{th}$ 102 population time series from the  $j^{th}$  species from the  $k^{th}$  category of the explanatory 103 variable,  $E_{i,j,k}$  is the category of the explanatory variable of the  $i^{th}$  time series from 104 the  $j^{th}$  species,  $\beta_0$  the global intercept,  $\beta_k$  the global slope estimates for the  $k^{th}$ 105 category of the explanatory variable (fixed effect),  $\mu_{0,i}$  is the species-level departure 106 107 from 0 (random effect), and  $\varepsilon_{i,i,k}$  the random error (unreliable measurements, 108 random fluctuations). All mixed-effect models were fitted using maximum likelihood as implemented in the R package "Ime4" (Bates et al., 2015). When differences were 109 110 detected, we performed post-hoc tests using the *ghlt* function from the "multcomp" 111 package (Hothorn et al., 2008).

- In the present appendix, we present the models outputs for all analyses. In total, we 112 performed three models (corresponding to the three variability metrics we tested) for 113 114 each explanatory variable (habitat type, regions, taxonomic groups, IUCN Red List 115 Categories, and trajectory types), resulting in 15 models in total. The outputs present 116 the estimates, corresponding to the effect size for the intercept (first row of each 117 model) and to the relative deviation from the intercept for the other rows. The 118 estimates thus represent  $(\beta_0 + \mu_{0,j})$  from the equation above for the intercepts and (  $\beta_k + \mu_{0,i}$ ) for the other rows. In the main text and the main figures, we presented the 119 120 effect size, thus  $(\beta_0 + \beta_k + \mu_{0,i})$ .
- 121 Post-hoc tests were performed for each model using the *ghlt* function from the 122 "multcomp" package (Hothorn et al., 2008). In the present appendix, we only present 123 the letters of these pairwise comparisons that were obtained using the *cld* function
- 124 from the "Ismeans" package (Piepho, 2004).
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#### 126 **Table S4.1. Model outputs for habitat types analyses.**

Habitat type	Variability metric	Estimate	Std Error	t-value	p-value	post- hoc
Freshwater	D	0.20350443	0.01863231	10.9221286	7.528100e-27	а
Marine	D	0.10141422	0.02321998	4.3675409	1.321026e-05	b
Terrestrial	D	-0.05032771	0.02246197	-2.2405742	2.518791e-02	а
Freshwater	CV	0.28806132	0.02786639	10.3372310	1.570451e-24	а
Marine	CV	0.14593425	0.03514889	4.1518875	3.402504e-05	b
Terrestrial	CV	-0.04538011	0.03359696	-1.3507206	1.769134e-01	а
Freshwater	MSE	0.26442466	0.02753112	9.6045722	1.963586e-21	а
Marine	MSE	0.01629220	0.03492463	0.4664961	6.409060e-01	a
Terrestrial	MSE	-0.17156345	0.03322067	-5.1643584	2.621565e-07	b

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128 Variability differed among habitat types, with marine populations being significantly

more variable than freshwater and terrestrial ones when using D or CV as a proxy of temporal variability (Table S4.1). This was not consistent when using the MSE, in

131 which case terrestrial populations were significantly less variable than populations

132 from the other habitat types (Table S4.1).

#### 133 **Table S4.2. Model outputs for regions analyses.**

Region	Variability metric	Estimate	Std Error	t-value	p-value	post- hoc
Africa	D	0.247299542	0.03929770	6.29297807	3.524431e-10	а
Antarctic	D	-0.144066988	0.08747252	-1.64699708	9.968089e-02	а
Asia	D	-0.040930211	0.05364695	-0.76295510	4.455276e-01	а
Europe	D	-0.076457091	0.04160113	-1.83786112	6.617296e-02	а
International Waters	D	-0.111826312	0.06627812	-1.68722823	9.166079e-02	a
Latin America and Caribbean	D	-0.081362231	0.05869021	-1.38629981	1.657207e-01	а
North America	D	-0.047903306	0.04078319	-1.17458460	2.402495e-01	а
Oceania	D	0.248422263	0.04854936	5.11690116	3.291917e-07	b
Africa	CV	0.286650268	0.06097077	4.70143775	2.658100e-06	ab
Antarctic	CV	-0.115886264	0.13249269	-0.87466154	3.818178e-01	ab
Asia	CV	-0.082247194	0.08550956	-0.96184797	3.361675e-01	ab
Europe	CV	-0.088777276	0.06444341	-1.37760042	1.683946e-01	а
International Waters	CV	-0.064875080	0.10149714	-0.63918138	5.227428e-01	ab
Latin America and Caribbean	CV	-0.088522174	0.09351753	-0.94658375	3.438916e-01	ab
North America	CV	0.030949602	0.06300761	0.49120422	6.233062e-01	b
Oceania	CV	0.643962401	0.07444659	8.64999242	7.493160e-18	С
Africa	MSE	0.235306590	0.06714894	3.50424879	4.618667e-04	ab
Antarctic	MSE	-0.126479558	0.14281944	-0.88559062	3.758977e-01	ab
Asia	MSE	0.109506187	0.09546871	1.14703743	2.514137e-01	bc
Europe	MSE	0.001707522	0.07082393	0.02410939	9.807663e-01	b
International Waters	MSE	-0.132444621	0.11017069	-1.20217656	2.293655e-01	ab
Latin America and Caribbean	MSE	0.012064598	0.10448218	0.11547039	9.080763e-01	abc
North America	MSE	-0.118709379	0.06917136	-1.71616370	8.619599e-02	а
Oceania	MSE	0.271788875	0.08032380	3.38366546	7.234362e-04	С

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Variability differed among regions, with populations from Oceania being significantly more variable than populations from other regions, no matter the metric used (Table S4.2). However, 87 % of populations monitored in Oceania are marine populations (Table S1.1). These results may reflect the marine variability more than a regionspecific variability. Populations from other regions were slightly different in their variability level (Table S4.2).

#### 141 Table S4.3. Model outputs for taxonomic groups analyses.

Taxonomic group	Variability metric	Estimate	Std Error	t-value	p-value	post- hoc
Amphibians	D	0.182928665	0.09272528	1.97280260	0.04859556	ab
Birds	D	-0.024723510	0.09348699	-0.26445937	0.79144167	а
Fish	D	0.125822920	0.09466379	1.32915579	0.18388559	bc
Mammals	D	0.073165170	0.09716788	0.75297688	0.45151776	bc
Reptiles	D	-0.055574077	0.11453461	-0.48521645	0.62756192	ac
Sharks_Rays	D	0.221667877	0.10569434	2.09725396	0.03605935	b
Amphibians	CV	0.152507201	0.14855844	1.02658053	0.30466557	а
Birds	CV	0.152352273	0.14956872	1.01861056	0.30843568	а
Fish	CV	0.197391999	0.15124650	1.30510127	0.19191741	а
Mammals	CV	0.100103828	0.15487035	0.64637181	0.51806847	а
Reptiles	CV	0.005809561	0.18011163	0.03225534	0.97426994	а
Sharks_Rays	CV	0.327317429	0.16681841	1.96211820	0.04981061	а
Amphibians	MSE	0.172236321	0.16202502	1.06302299	0.28781496	ab
Birds	MSE	-0.008613353	0.16288232	-0.05288083	0.95782866	а
Fish	MSE	0.093730301	0.16440936	0.57010320	0.56862982	b
Mammals	MSE	0.016118841	0.16787126	0.09601906	0.92350881	ab
Reptiles	MSE	-0.020554817	0.19175893	-0.10719093	0.91464190	ab
Sharks_Rays	MSE	-0.034763733	0.17874894	-0.19448357	0.84580481	ab

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Variability did not differ that much between the different taxonomic groups, no matter the metric used (Table S4.3), even when the Imer test was significant (which was the case for models with CV and D). However, as highlighted before, the taxonomic extent of our database is highly biased, which may not allow consistent comparisons

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#### Table S4.4. Model outputs for IUCN Red List Categories analyses.

IUCN Red List Category	Variability metric	Estimate	Std Error	t-value	p-value	post- hoc
Critically Endangered	D	2.604285e-01	0.07090886	3.672722158	0.0002467468	ab
Endangered	D	4.403682e-02	0.08602930	0.511881673	0.6088052965	ab
Vulnerable	D	-1.685413e-02	0.07868741	-0.214190939	0.8304249489	ab
Near Threatened	D	6.239178e-02	0.08152927	0.765268488	0.4442312170	a
Least Concern	D	-8.004060e-02	0.07173665	-1.115756005	0.2646727747	b
Data Deficient	D	-1.121528e-01	0.11608917	-0.966091629	0.3341638137	ab
Critically Endangered	CV	3.835281e-01	0.11240565	3.412000267	0.0006527684	ab
Endangered	CV	6.035612e-02	0.13464325	0.448266933	0.6539968008	ab
Vulnerable	CV	-8.394315e-02	0.12356723	-0.679331836	0.4969827169	b
Near Threatened	CV	1.953914e-01	0.12729780	1.534915742	0.1249247594	a
Least Concern	CV	-1.014754e-01	0.11359433	-0.893313535	0.3717564511	b
Data Deficient	CV	-1.949489e-01	0.17994969	-1.083352212	0.2787644797	ab
Critically Endangered	MSE	1.966466e-01	0.11600913	1.695095907	0.0901370953	ab
Endangered	MSE	1.064840e-01	0.13562820	0.785117290	0.4324513193	ab
Vulnerable	MSE	4.221216e-04	0.12574778	0.003356891	0.9973217957	ab
Near Threatened	MSE	1.730321e-01	0.12830348	1.348615925	0.1775653003	a
Least Concern	MSE	-4.061497e-02	0.11706690	-0.346938083	0.7286568497	b
Data Deficient	MSE	3.380956e-05	0.17851537	0.000189393	0.9998489021	ab

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Variability differed among Red List Categories, but the pairwise comparisons revealed that only populations from « Least Concern » species were less variable than populations from « Near Threatened » species. This result was consitent no matter the metric of temporal variability that was used (Table S4.4).

# **2. Testing the complementarity bewteen non-linearity and temporal variability**

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156 To test wether variability differed among the different types of trajectories, we used

the same model as presented above, with the explanatory variable being the type of

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### 160 **Table S4.5. Model outputs for trajectory types analyses.**

Trajectory type	Variability metric	Estimate	Std Error	t-value	p-value	post- hoc
Decrease linear	D	0.193754659	0.01395202	13.88721046	7.181121e-43	a
Decrease non linear	D	-0.092966069	0.01902177	-4.88735061	1.047018e-06	b
Increase linear	D	0.008867684	0.01768007	0.50156389	6.159916e-01	a
Increase non linear	D	-0.067827900	0.02020858	-3.35639062	7.942533e-04	b
No trend linear	D	0.235029733	0.01642083	14.31290120	9.382218e-46	С
No trend non linear	D	-0.010211608	0.01619664	-0.63047708	5.284052e-01	a
Decrease linear	CV	0.131333203	0.02240335	5.86221175	4.855472e-09	a
Decrease non linear	CV	0.084756748	0.03178690	2.66640456	7.685928e-03	ab
Increase linear	CV	0.086510771	0.02951286	2.93129020	3.387462e-03	b
Increase non linear	CV	0.179687105	0.03352526	5.35975243	8.626179e-08	bc
No trend linear	CV	0.556519847	0.02749530	20.24054606	2.357958e-88	d
No trend non linear	CV	0.175649818	0.02709379	6.48302941	9.658079e-11	С
Decrease linear	MSE	0.202098530	0.02478561	8.15386494	4.362844e-16	a
Decrease non linear	MSE	-0.156751022	0.03690855	-4.24701105	2.197034e-05	b
Increase linear	MSE	-0.002289654	0.03417899	-0.06699011	9.465917e-01	a
Increase non linear	MSE	-0.137213304	0.03839385	-3.57383570	3.544741e-04	b
No trend linear	MSE	0.193992204	0.03201457	6.05949736	1.442795e-09	С
No trend non linear	MSE	-0.026552209	0.03151394	-0.84255432	3.995091e-01	a



Figure S4.1: Temporal variability in population change differs according to trajectory types. Either the MSE (A) or the CV (B) is used here as a proxy of temporal variability. Half violins represent the density distribution of temporal variability in populations for each trajectory type, points represent the raw values, boxplots are represented including the median, first and third quartiles. Letters indicate the significance of pairwise comparisons, calculated with post-hoc tests after running the linear mixed effect model.

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Variability differed among the different types of trajectories, populations classified as
« no trend linear » being consistently significantly more variable than other types of
trajectories, no matter the metric that was used.

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# 175 3. Exploring the role of the trajectory types among biogeographic patterns of 176 temporal variability

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178 Our results revealed for instance that marine populations were the ones expressing 179 the lowest proportion of non-linearity while being the ones expressing the highest 180 variability. However, we also showed that "no trend linear" trajectories were the ones 181 with the highest variability, followed by the other linear types of trajectories. As marine populations expressed a higher percentage of "no trend linear" trajectories, 182 183 we wondered whether the variability observed emerged from the marine 184 characteristic of those populations, or wether this was a consequence of the types of 185 trajectories observed.

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187 To investigate this question, we plotted the raw values of D according to each habitat 188 types and trajectory types (Fig. S4.1). This already suggested that globally, marine 189 populations still seemed to express higher variability, even within the same types of 190 trajectory. For instance, among all "no trend linear" trajectories, marine populations 191 were the ones showing the highest variability.



193 Figure S4.1: Illustration of temporal variability among habitat types within each

194 **type of trajectories.** The consecutive disparity index (D) is used here as a proxy of 195 temporal variability. Half violins represent the density distribution of temporal 196 variability in populations for each trajectory type and system, points reprensent the 197 raw values.

198 In order to test this prediction, we used an additionnal generalized linear mixed-effect 199 model. We took the consecutive disparity index (D) as the response variable and the 200 habitat types as the explanatory variable (fixed effect). Only in this analysis, we 201 included both species and trajectory types as random effects, to account for the 202 possible correlation between populations from the same species and trajectory type.

This analysis confirmed that populations from marine habitats were the ones experiencing the highest variability (Table S4.6).

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206 Table S4.6. Model outputs for GLMM with both species and type of trajectory

as random effects. Freshwater category was the intercept, thus estimates from
 marine and terrestrial represent the deviation from the intercept. The mean column
 respresent the effect sizes.

Habitat type	Estimate	Std Error	mean	t-value	p-value
Freshwater	0.20442126	0.04951662	0.2044213	-2.414555	0.0158659268
Marine	0.08263943	0.02189254	0.2870607	4.128337	0.0054435371
Terrestrial	-0.05080407	0.02104076	0.1536172	3.774775	0.0001649935

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