



EUROPEAN CONSERVATION FOR THE 21st CENTURY



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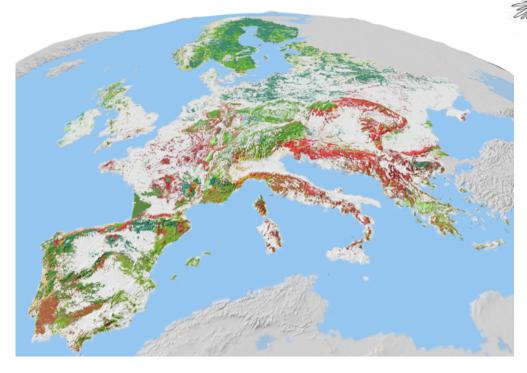


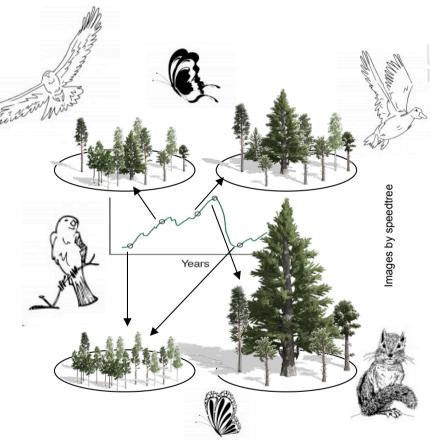
#### **Problem**





Biodiversity crisis is EU-wide – policy response must be as well





Biodiversity dynamics – species, community & ecosystem interactions – are local

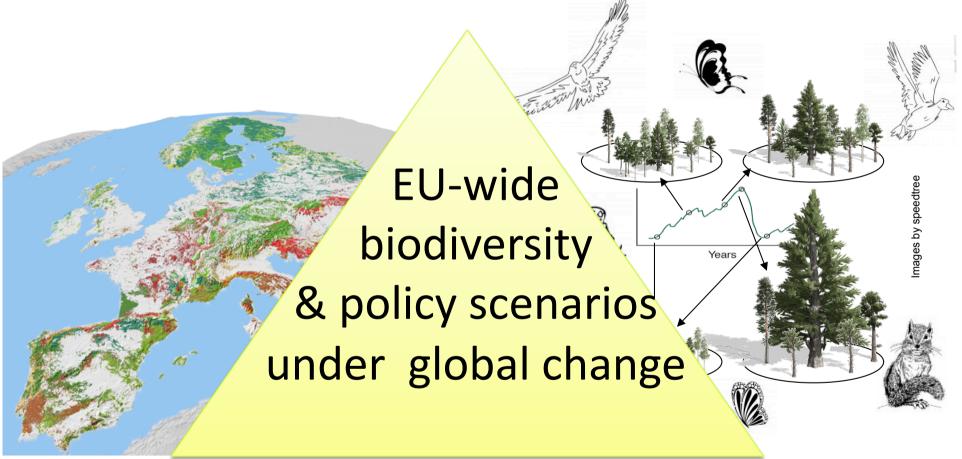




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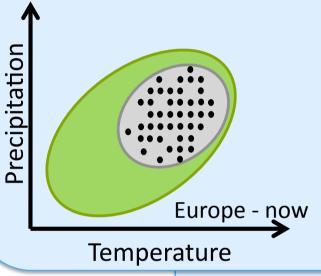


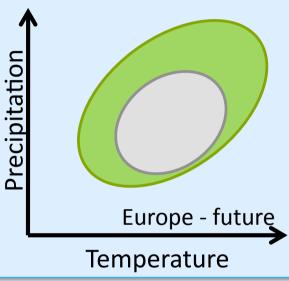
### Tools for large scales



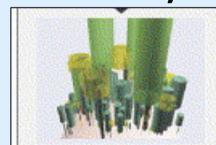


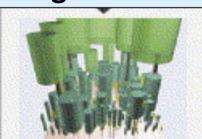


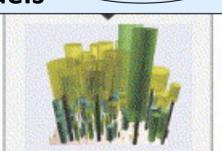




#### **DVMs – Dynamic Vegetation Models**



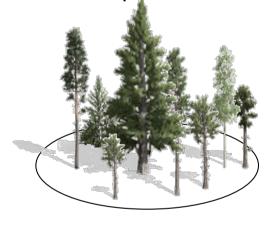






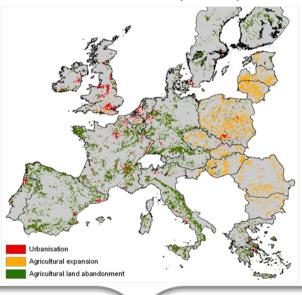


Models growth of 20 dominant woody plant species

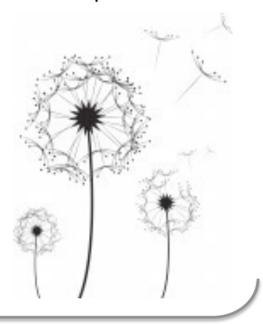


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21st century land-use forecasts (CLUE)



Dispersal



21st century shifts in vegetation community structure Europe-wide, 1km resolution,



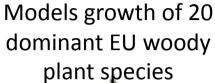
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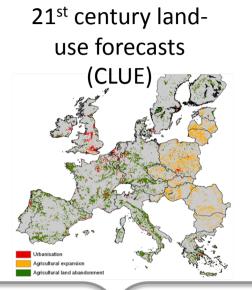
### DVM - LPJ-GUESS













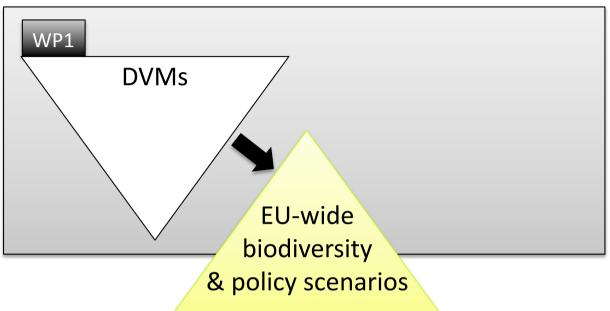
Simulate ecosystem services: crop and timber yields + carbon sequestration, erosion-control, and groundwater recharge Evaluate resilience & tipping points in the response of ecosystem services to habitat fragmentation, climate change, and increasing CO<sub>2</sub>.















# Coupling climate and land-use change





#### Climate is suitable



### SDMs - European plants and vertebrates







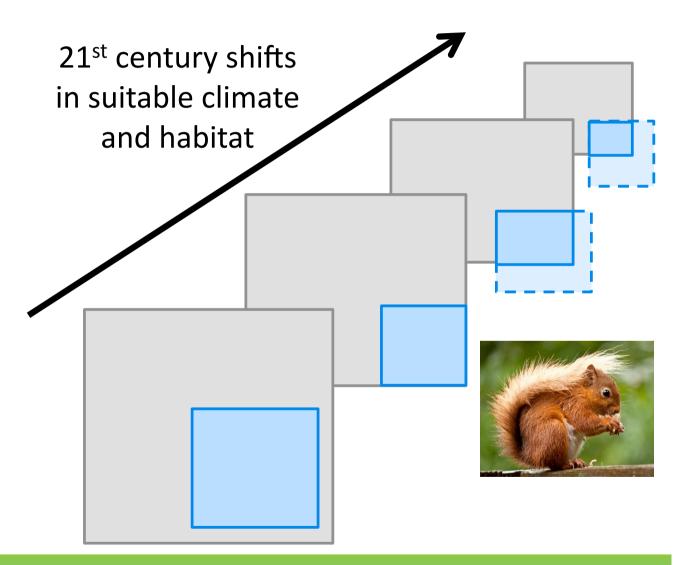
# Coupling climate and land-use change





Suitable climate predicted with climate forecasts + SDMs

Suitable habitat predicted using LPJ-GUESS DVM

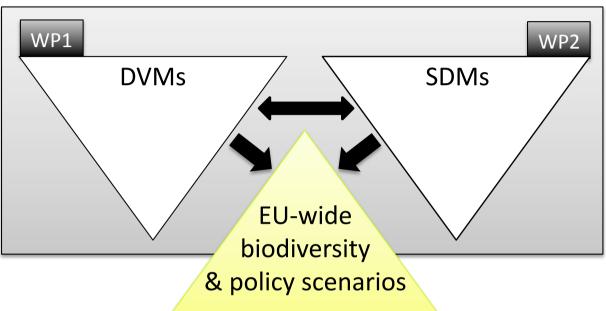












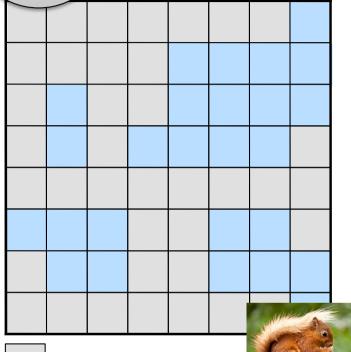


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# Landscape effects: theory and forecasts



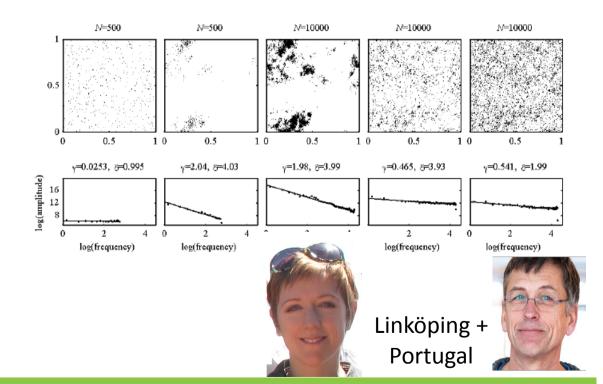




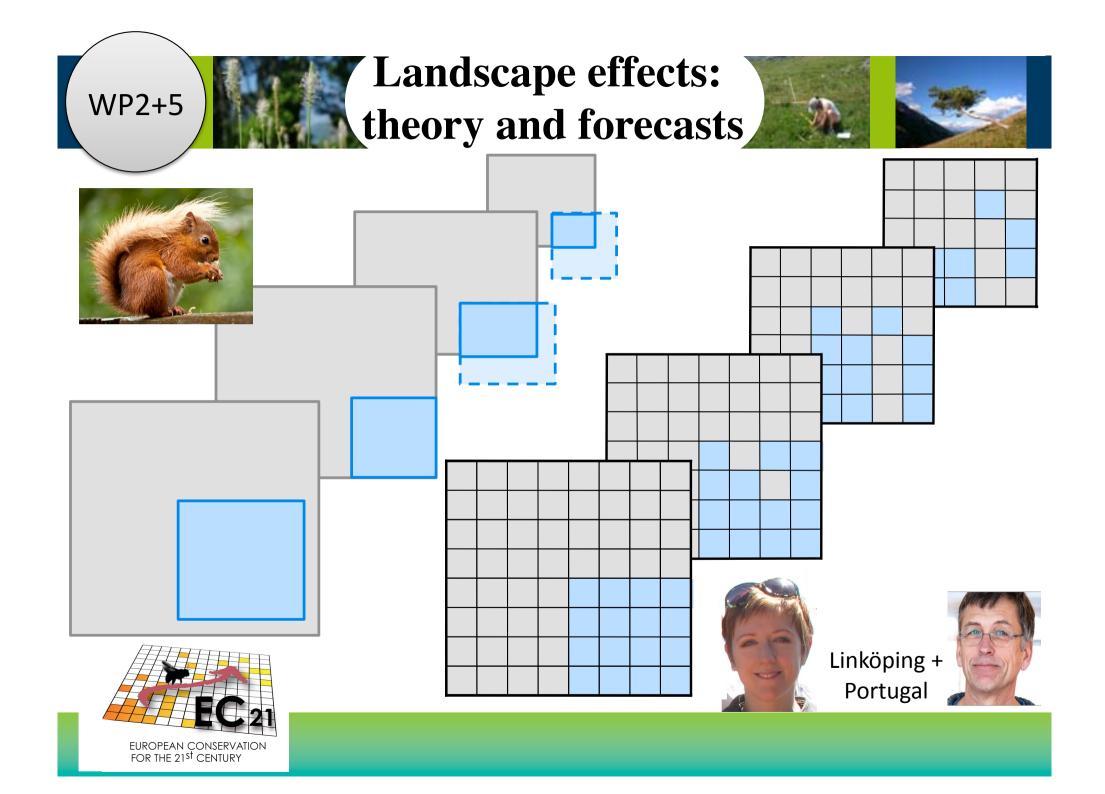
Suitable climate

Suitable climate & vegetation

1km vegetation forecasts → effects of habitat fragmentation across Europe



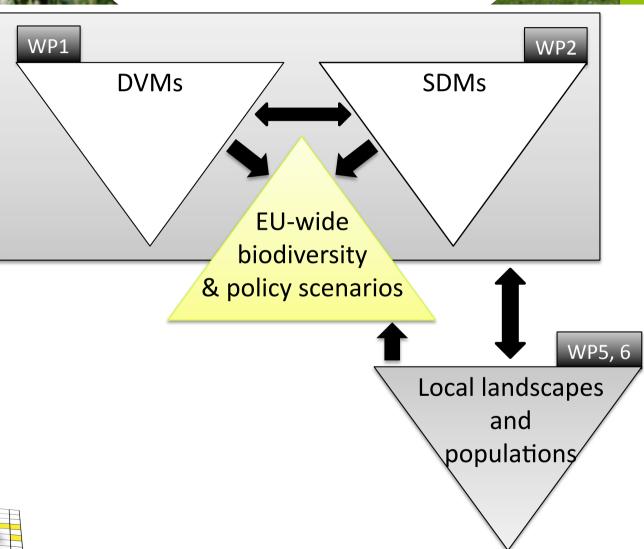
















### Landscape effects: empirical





Pollinators, natural enemies and plants in an agricultural landscape

Hierarchical models integrate landscape structure and continental-scale climate data → local suitability



Germany

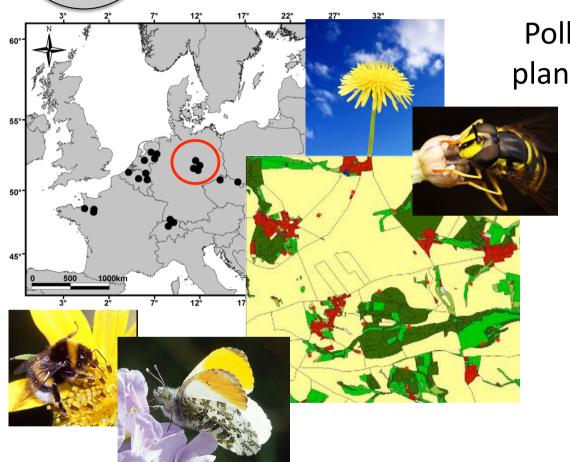




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Population studies measure effect of landscape structure under climate change:

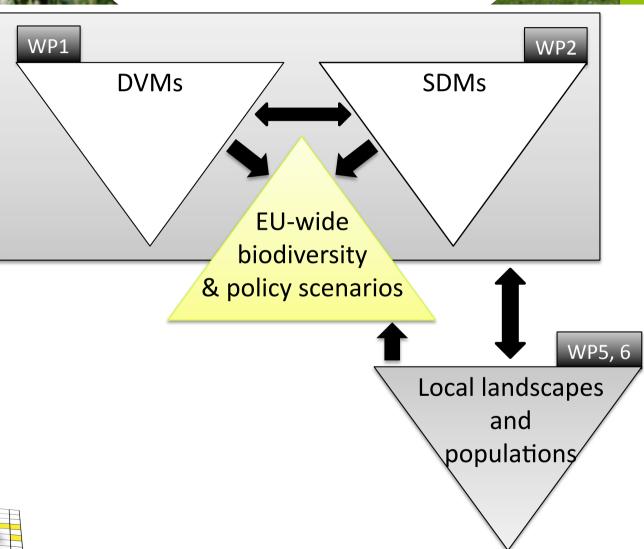
- population robustness *in situ*
- permeability to range shifts



















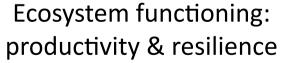
#### Forests:

- >25% of European land
- Major providers of ecosystem services



Local community composition: species richness, functional & phylogenetic diversity







Animal and understorey plant communities





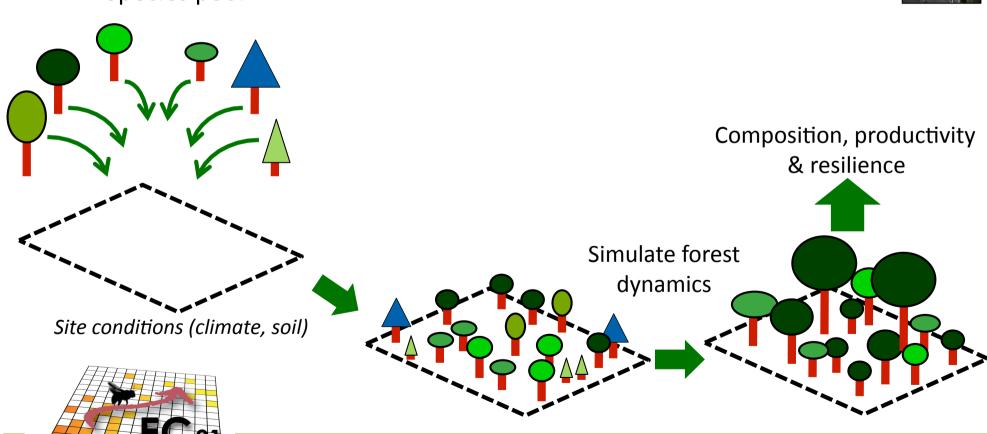


ForClim: individual-based forest succession model



Species pool

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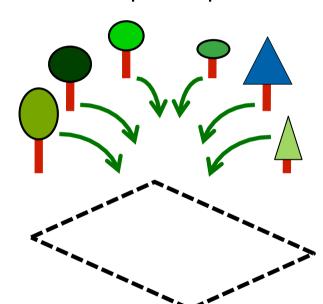






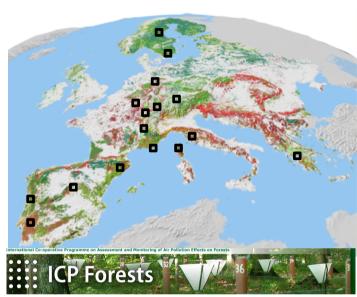






Site conditions (climate, soil)

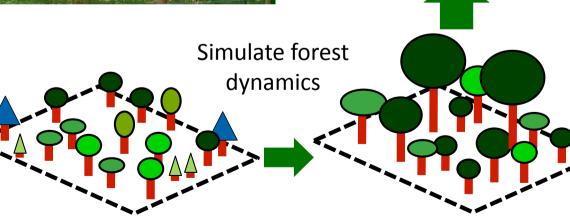




France



Composition, productivity & resilience





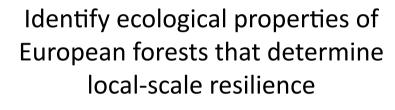




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Account for intraspecific variability

Composition, productivity & resilience

Simulate forest dynamics

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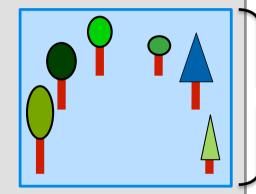
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# Community & ecosystem - empirical





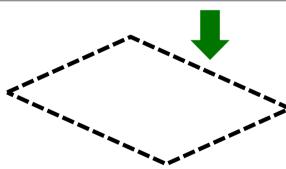
Climate suitable (SDM)



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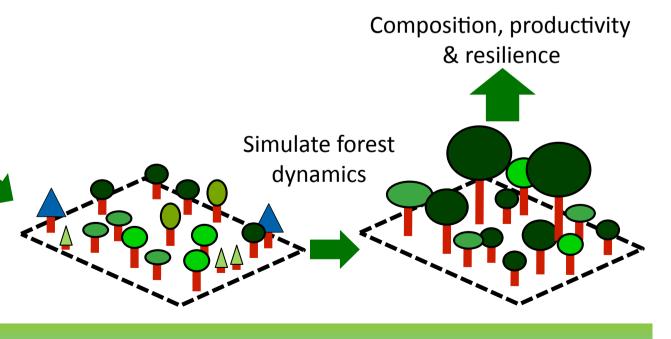


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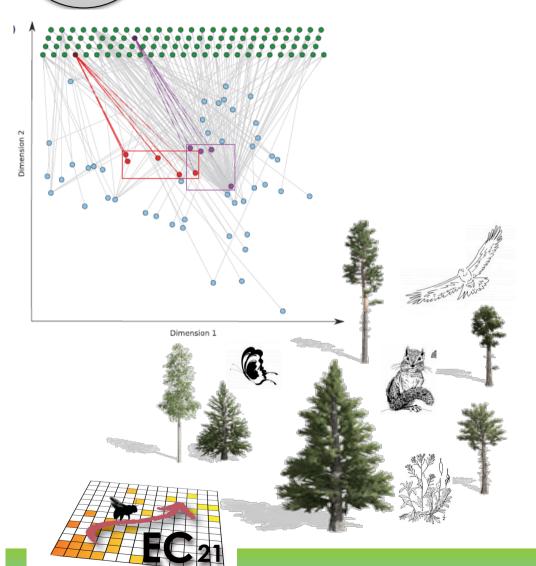




# Community & ecosystem – theory







Use functional traits to identify species assemblages in which species identity and functional characteristics might change radically (tipping points)



Linköping + Portugal

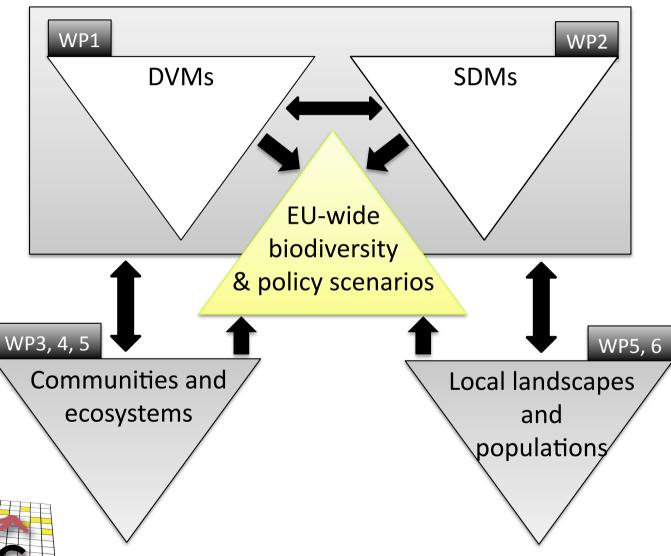




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# WP6 Green infrastructure



"...a strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces and other environmental features." (

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ecosystems/
green infrastructure.htm)

Action 6 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy foresees the development of:

'... a strategy by 2012 to promote the deployment of GI in urban and rural areas, including through incentives to encourage upfront investments in GI projects and the maintenance of ecosystem services, for example through better targeted use of <u>EU funding</u> streams and Public Private Partnerships'.



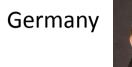


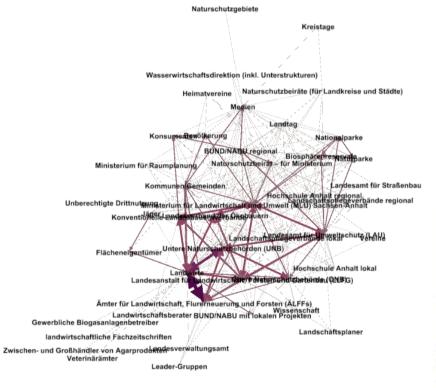
### Green infrastructure





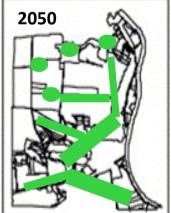
#### Analysis of political framework



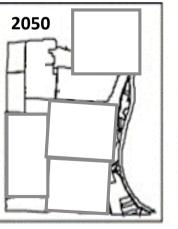


Analysis of stakeholder capacity and willingness to implement

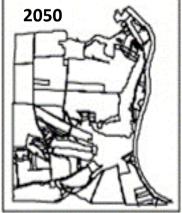
#### **Best case**



#### **Worst case**



**Business** as usual



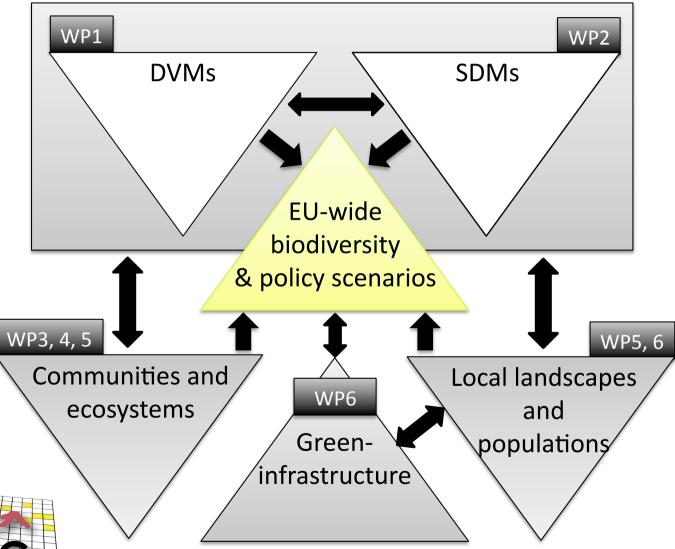




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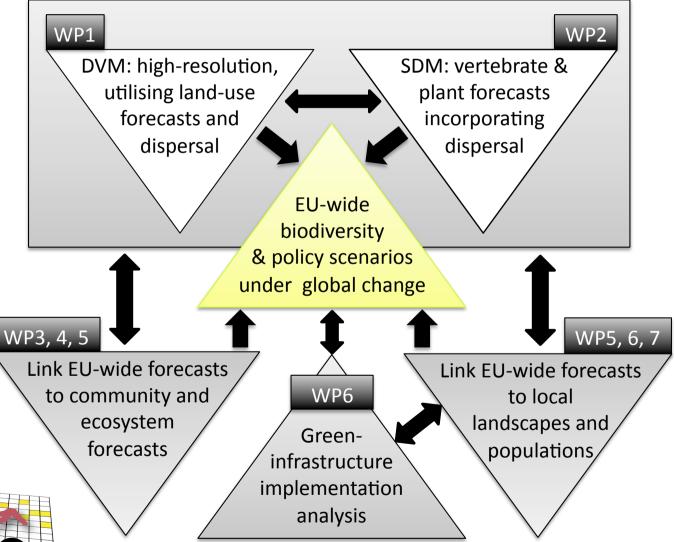




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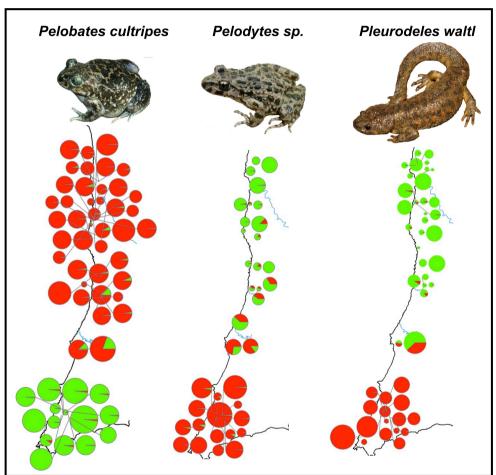






### **Dispersal**





Group effort – collate dispersal estimates from different sources (e.g. observed, range size, population dynamics, population genetics).

Compare and assess potential to inform range shift.





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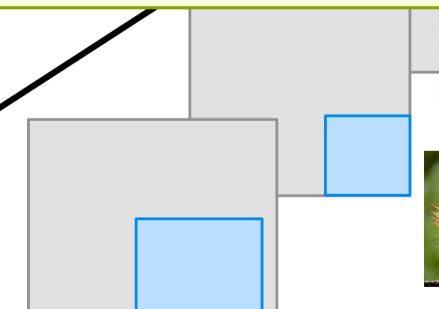


#### **Progress report:**

Dispersal and vegetation associations largely collected

SDMs

Suitable habitat predicted using LPJ-GUESS DVM





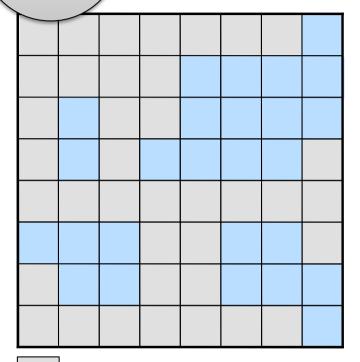


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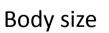
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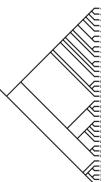
Suitable climate & vegetation

Landscape effects dependent on population growth rate + dispersal ability.

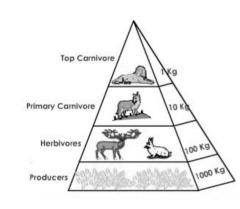
Generalisations across:







Phylogenies



Trophic level

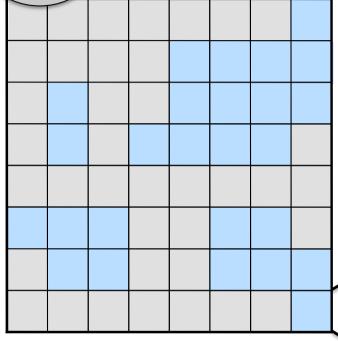


Linköping

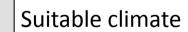








Landscape effects dependent on spatial scale?







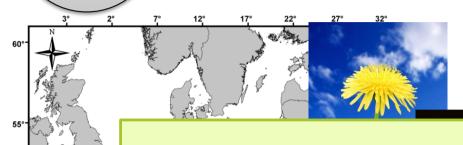




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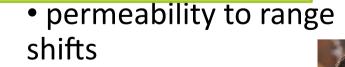
#### **Progress report**

Abundance/activity data for pollinator communities 2010-2013

Habitat maps and microclimate compiled

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Germany

#### Analysis of political framework

Germany



Naturschutzgebiete

Kreistag

#### **Progress report**

#### **Stakeholder analysis completed:**

Several farmers and farmer associations Local & regional environmental, planning and agricultural agencies

Land owners

Hunters

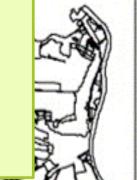
**Conservation NGOs** 

Local communities

**Stakeholder workshop – 16<sup>th</sup> September** 

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