GIS-based infrastructure to assess species and provenance suitability

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INTERREG SUSTREE PROJECT



Seeds without borders sustain forest diversity

- 8 project partners
- □ 6 central European countries
- □ 1.8 Mio € budget
- □ 3 years (08/2016 08/2019)
- 2 pilot actions









Climate change is not only a shift.





Phenology

flushing (80%)

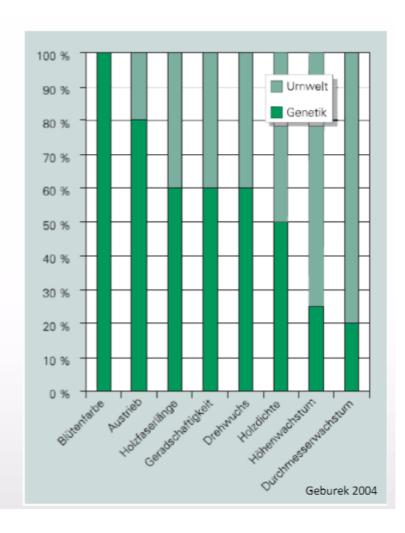
Quality

stem form (60 %)

Growth

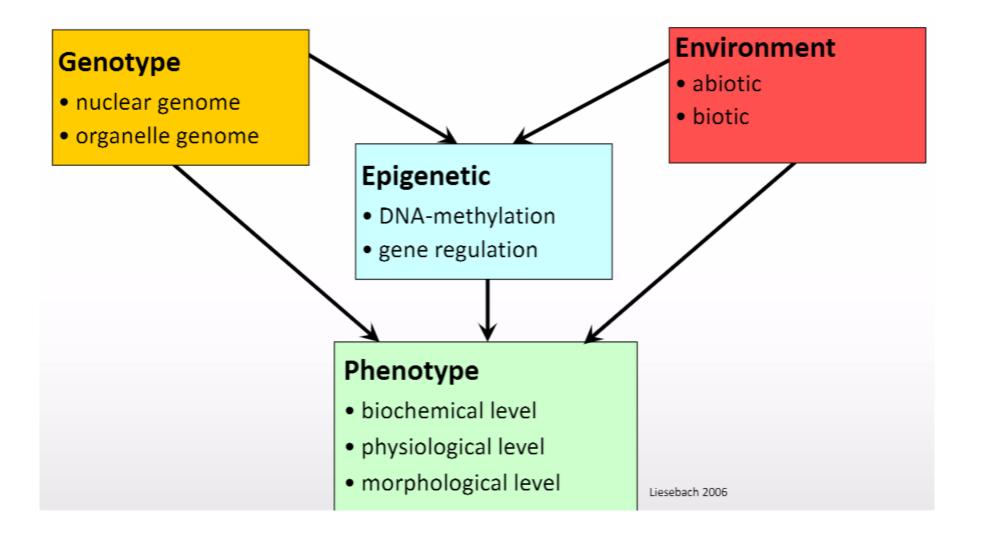
height (25 %) dbh (20 %)

(error excluded)











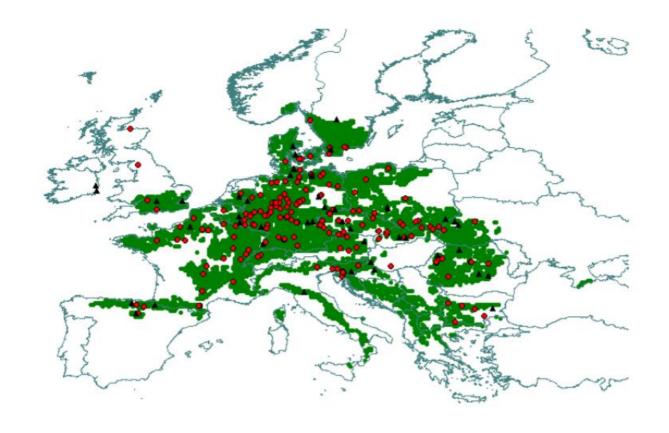










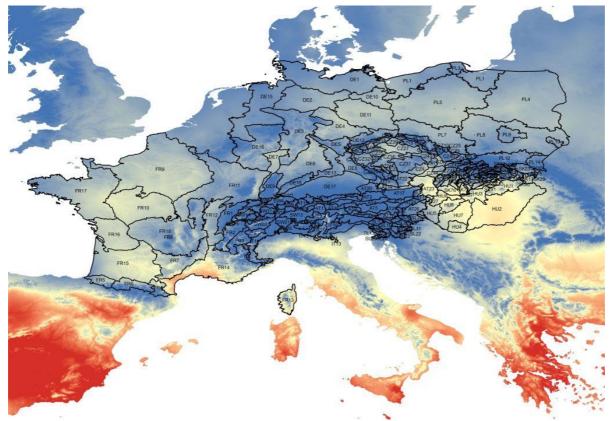






Current situation:

- FRM zones are based on geographic constraints (ecology is only indirect)
- It is suggested to keep the FRM's within the zone of origin



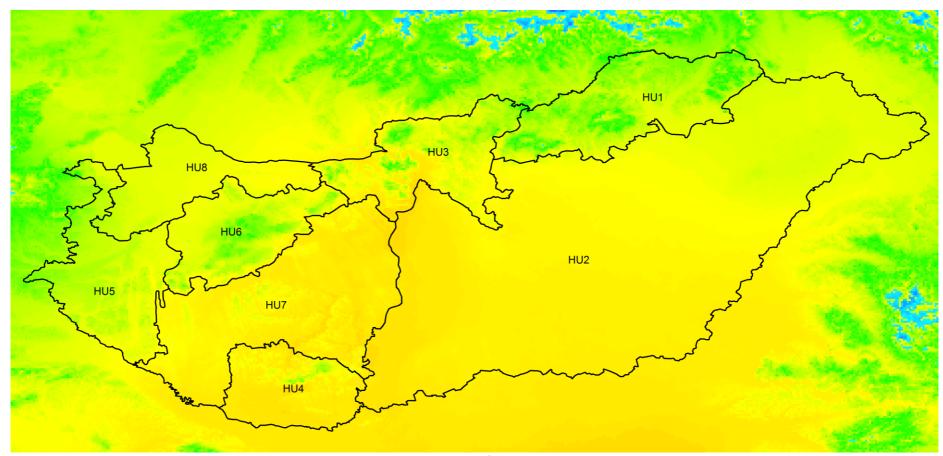
Provenance zones for beech in Europe

Result: Dynamic changes (climate change) are not considered at all - > conservation of the current situation.





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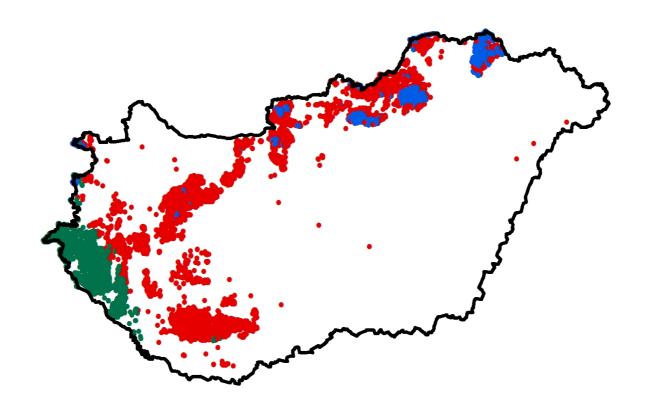
Provenance zones for beech in Hungary





New perspective:

- Classification of FRM zones are based exclusively on ecological parameters without geographic constraints.



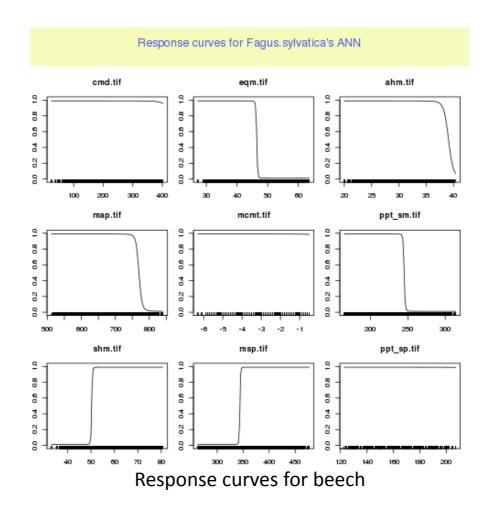
Provenance zones for beech based on selected climatic parameters in Hungary.





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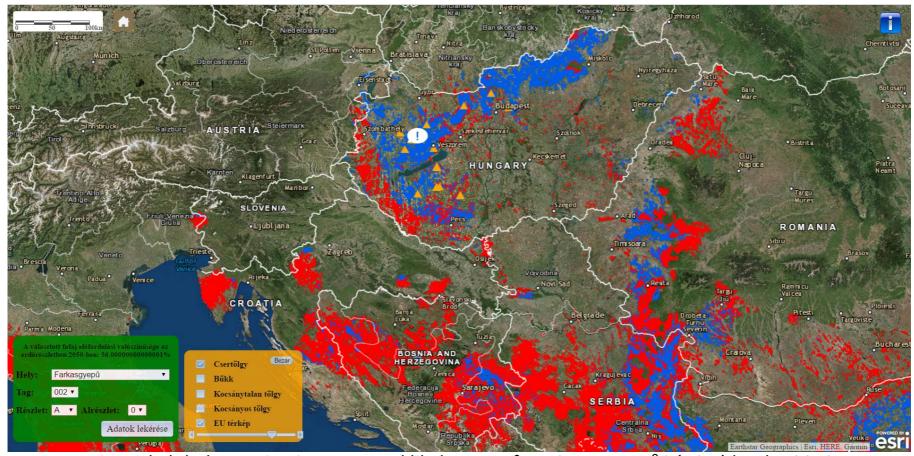
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Moving of the FRM is aimed to introduce pre-adapted populations to get prepared for the situations expected in 2050*! The web based app helps the managers to find sites with similar climatic conditions expected in 2050 at the subcompartment of the interest.



^{*} Average projected global warming increase and likely range for RCP4.5: +1.4°C (±0.5) by the 2050s.





This infrastructure can be used to investigate:

how to change species or provenance to better adapt to climate change assess the impacts of climate change on the tree species portfolio

