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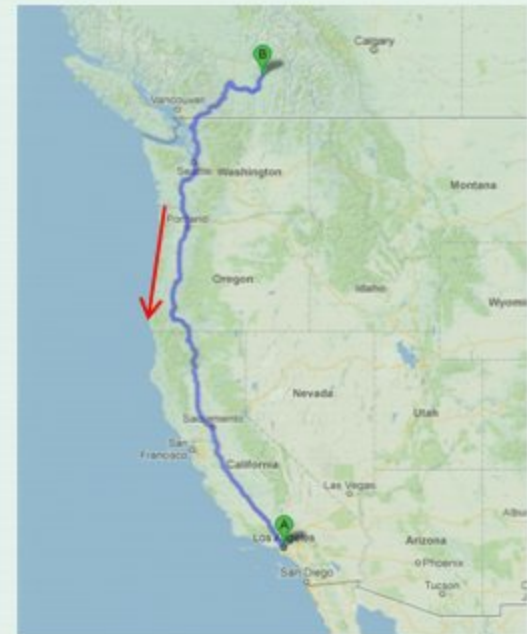
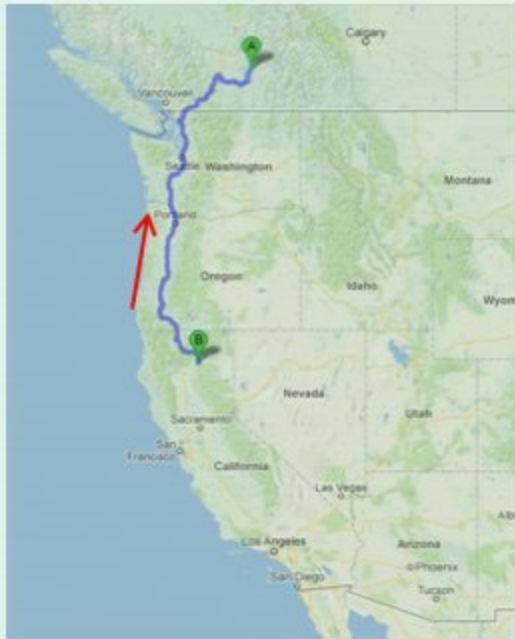


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Douglas-fir – long distance seed transfer



THE FROST HARDINESS OF GEOGRAPHIC STRAINS OF NORWAY PINE¹

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NORWAY PINE is a species which covers a comparatively narrow latitudinal range, although in its range from the north-eastern coast to the Lake States and southern Canada it encounters summer temperature differences of about 10° F. (say from 56° to 66° F., for the four months, from June to September) and considerably greater differences in mid-winter temperatures (say from -35° and -40° F. in the northwestern part of the range to not much below zero in the Alleghenies, these being mean annual minima). Nearly as great differences are found in winter if mean January temperatures be considered, or from 0° to 30° F.

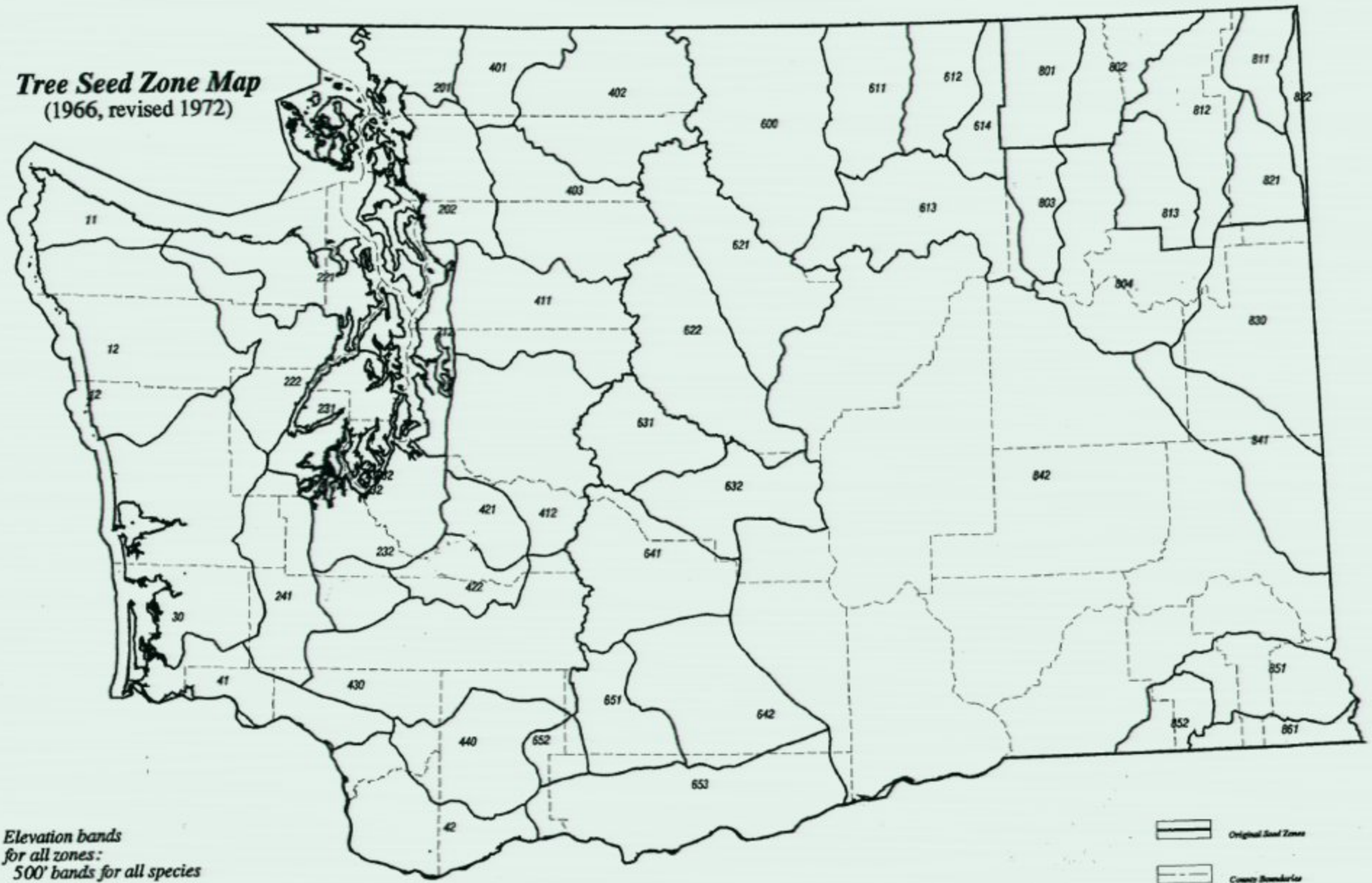
Because of its great commercial value and its extensive use on reforestation projects, Norway pine has been chosen by the Lake States Forest Experiment Station as the first species to be subjected to a scrutinizing study of geographical, varietal, and individual differences, or in other words to a "breeding" study whose primary purpose is to determine what "seed zones" should be recognized in order to avert failures in planting due to lack of local adaptation. But because of the great uniformity of appearance and development of the species, as well

as the considerations mentioned in the first paragraph above, the writer has felt some doubts as to whether outstanding differences would be likely to be developed by such a study. Therefore, to "anticipate" to some extent the results of field comparisons which were started at the same time through nursery sowings of 41 different collections of Norway pine seed, an indoor experiment was begun which it was hoped would bring out the existence of physiological differences affecting hardiness. Without going into the question of what comprises hardiness to freezing and what causes the tree to prepare itself for freezing temperatures, it may be stated as more or less obvious that differences within a species should develop according as its local forms have become adapted to long or short growing seasons, to high or low growing temperatures, and to moderately or extremely low winter temperatures.

The idea of this experiment was suggested directly by the work of Dr. R. B. Harvey on the hardiness of a great variety of woody and herbaceous plants, and the experiment was made possible by his coöperation and the use of his specially designed equipment for such studies at the University of Minnesota, this being principally in the form of refrigeration rooms which can be set at any reasonable temperature. We wish to express our gratitude for the splendid coöperation given.

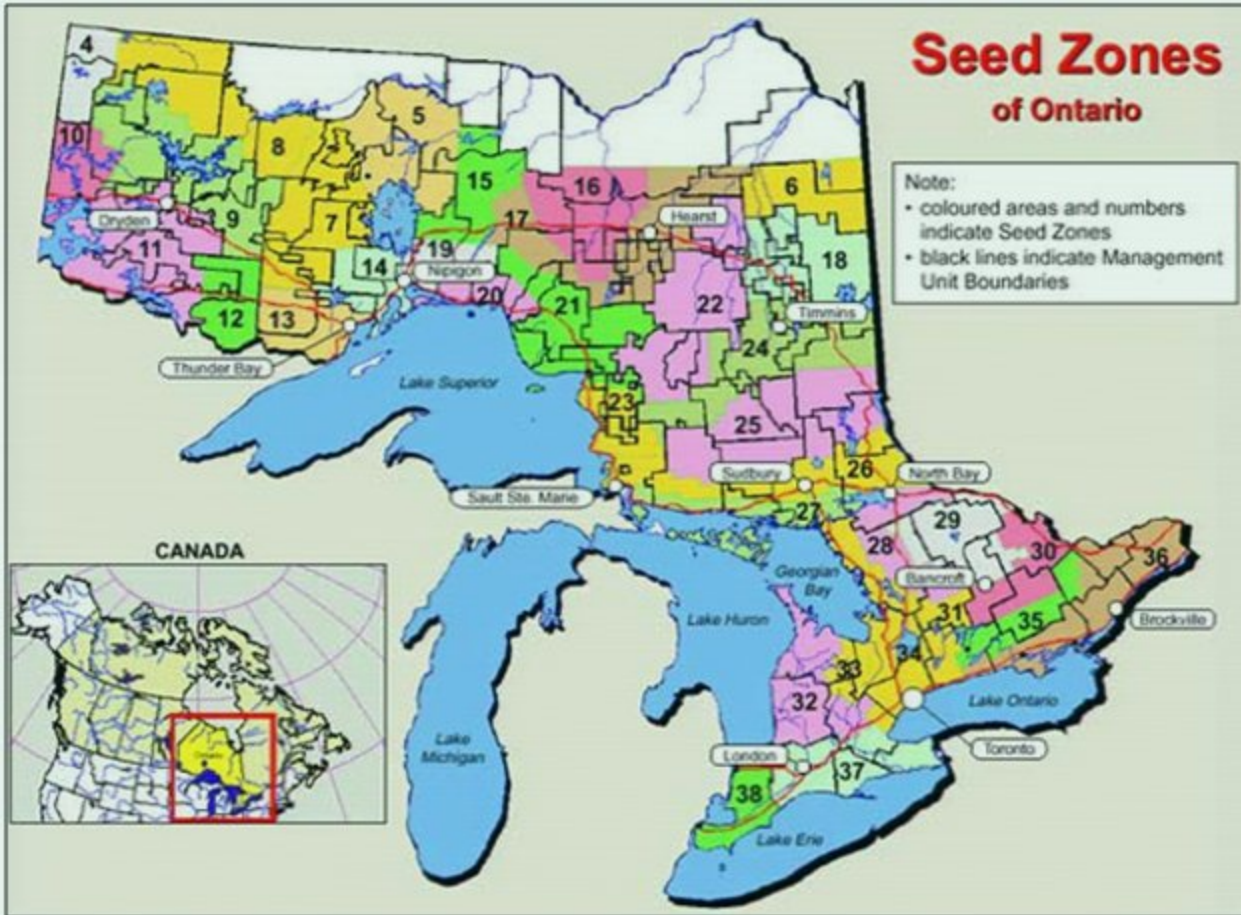
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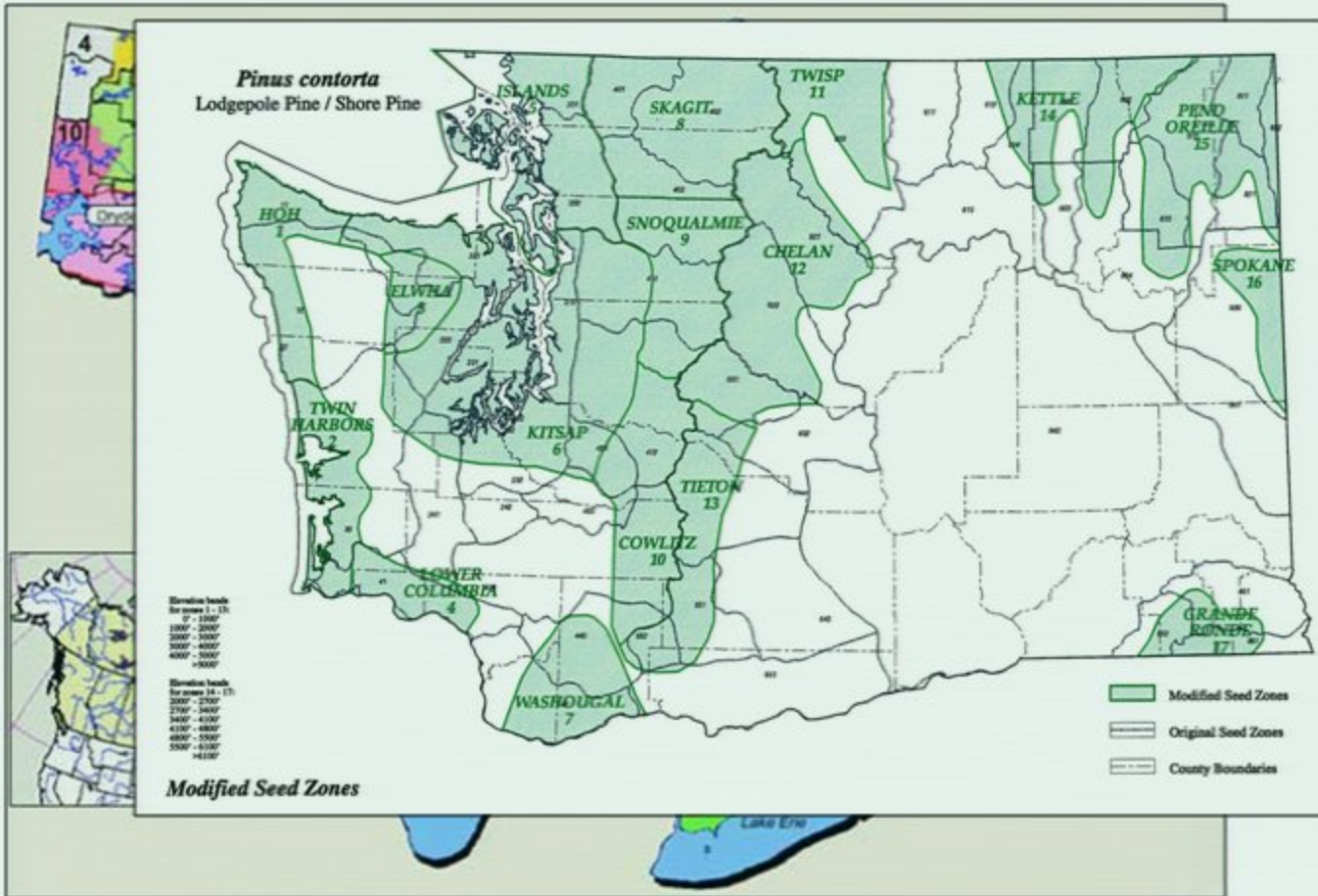
Tree Seed Zone Map
(1966, revised 1972)

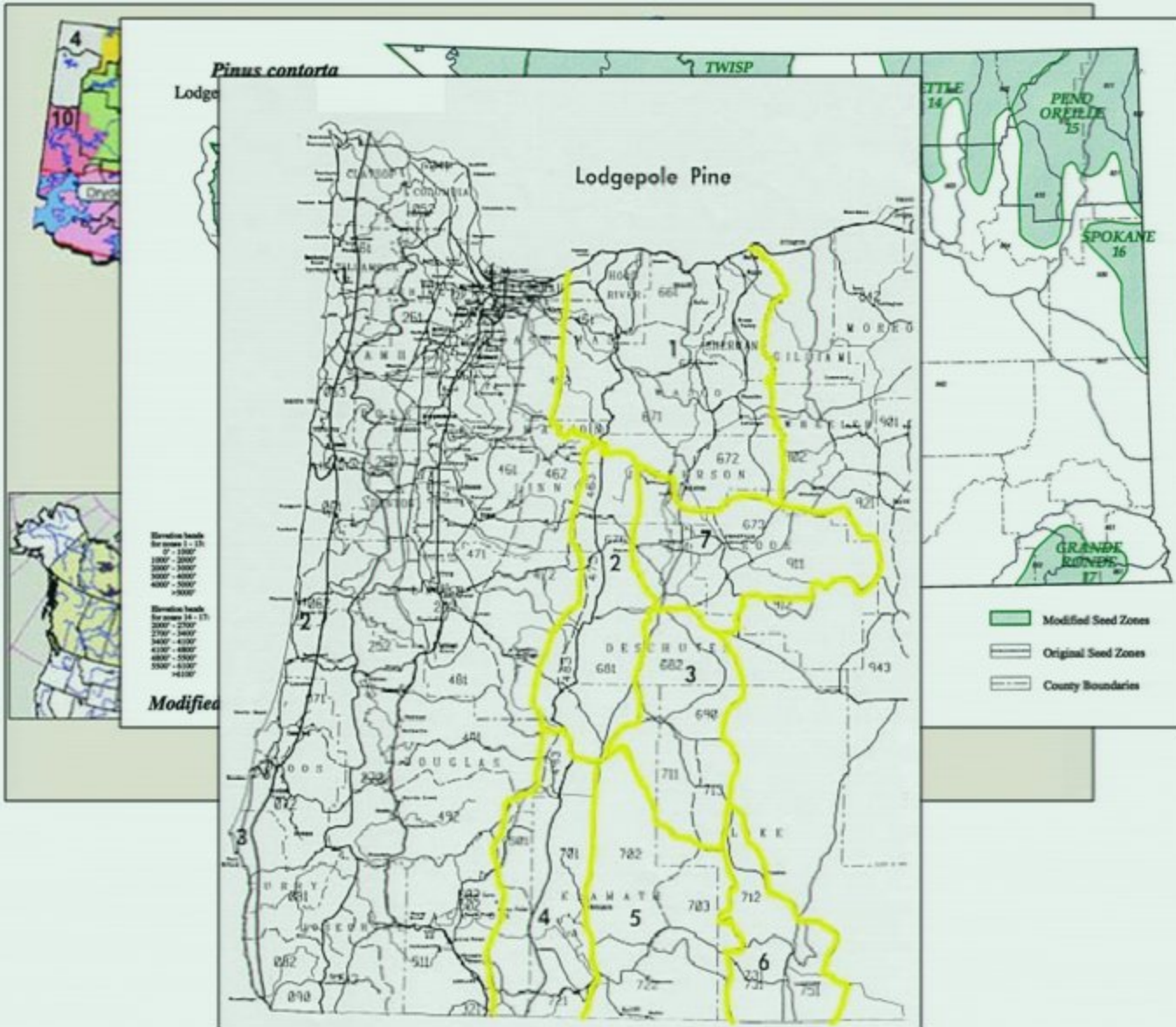


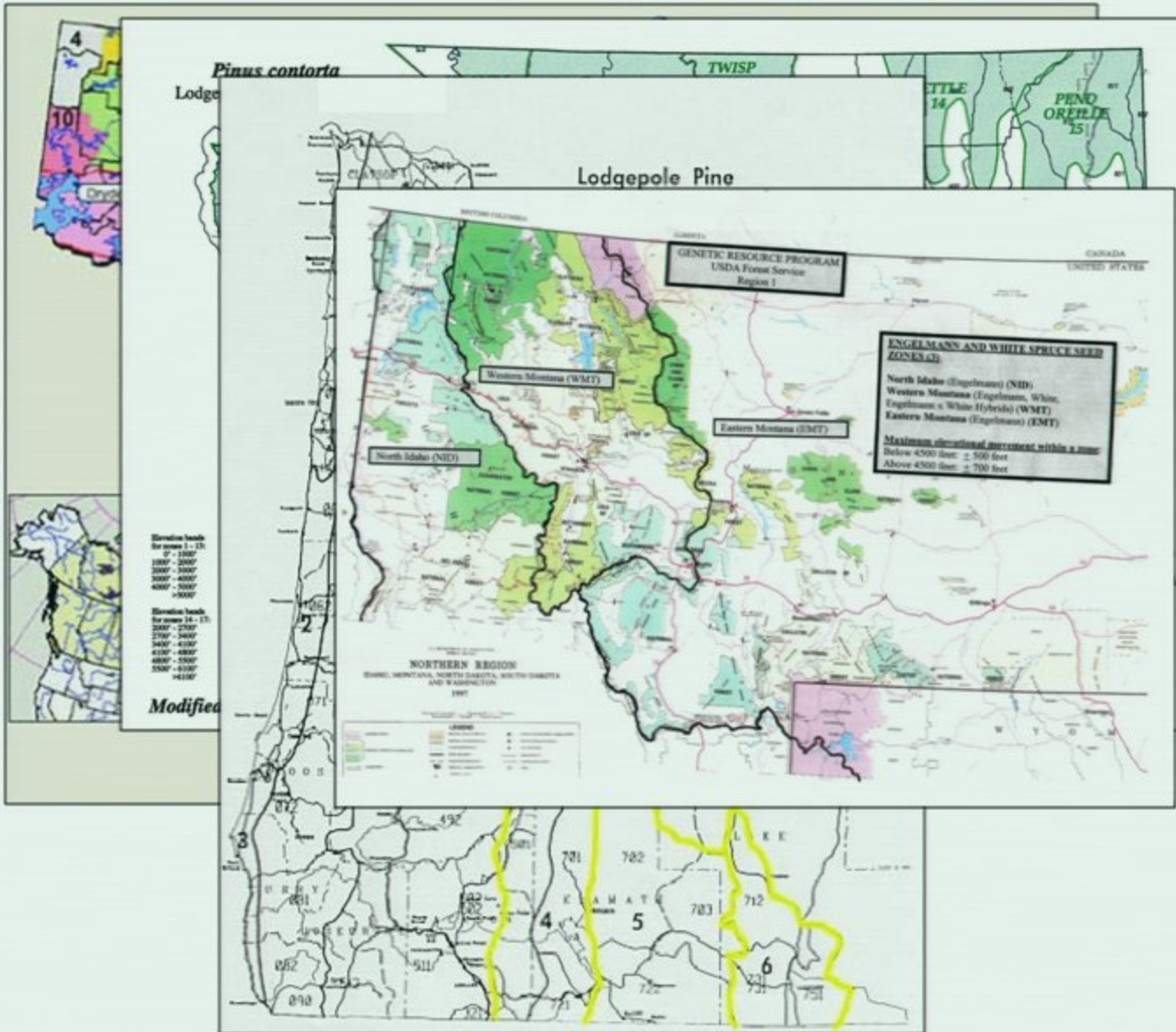
Seed Zones of Ontario

Note:
• coloured areas and numbers indicate Seed Zones
• black lines indicate Management Unit Boundaries









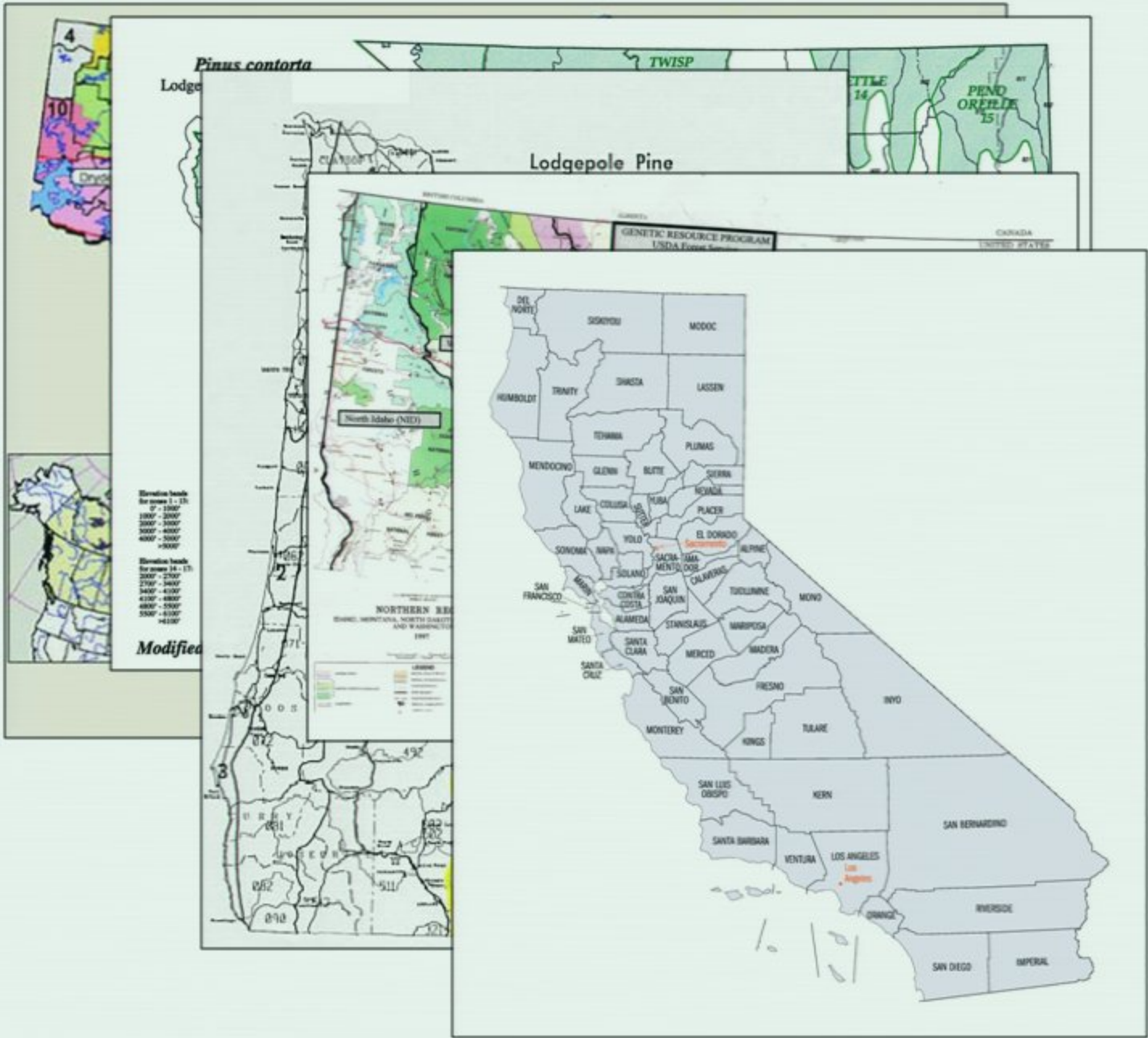
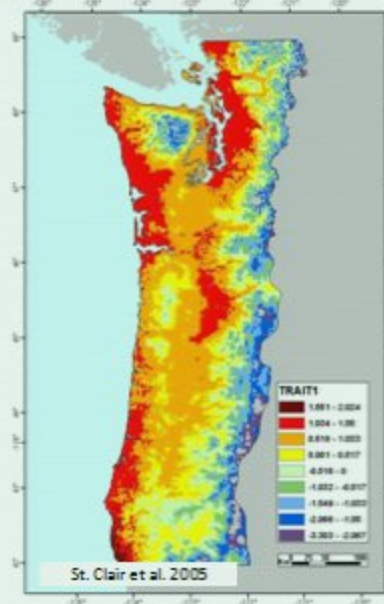
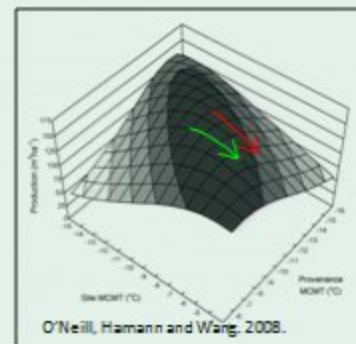
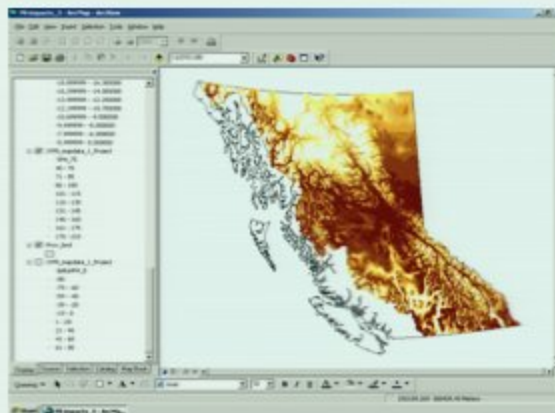
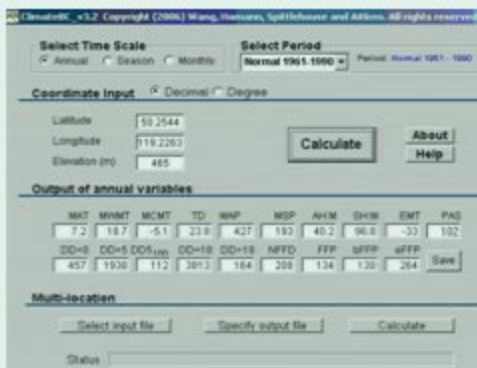




Figura 2. Subregiones de semilla 000-400 para México



New tools

New analysis techniques

Seedlot selection system



Old and new data



New climates



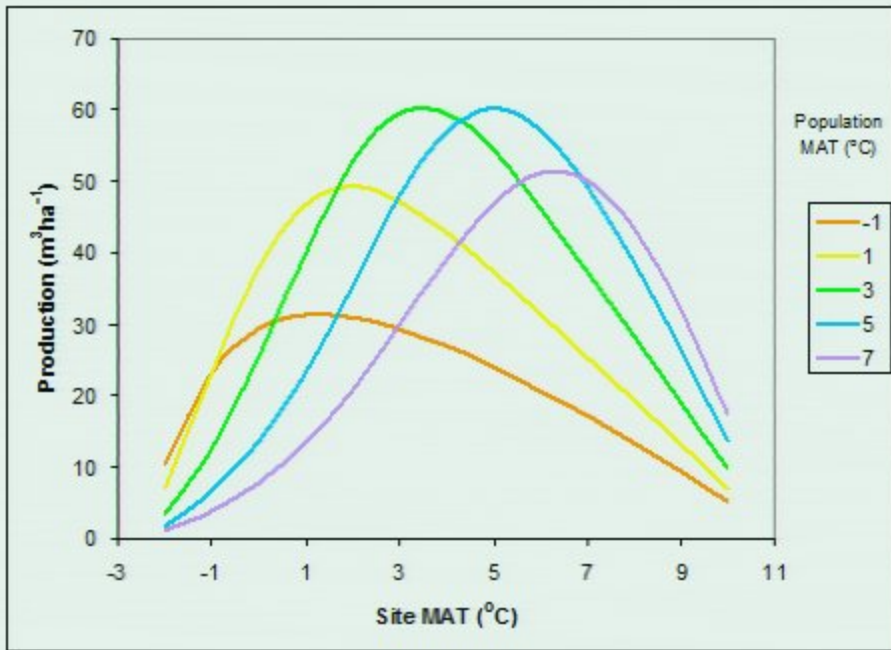


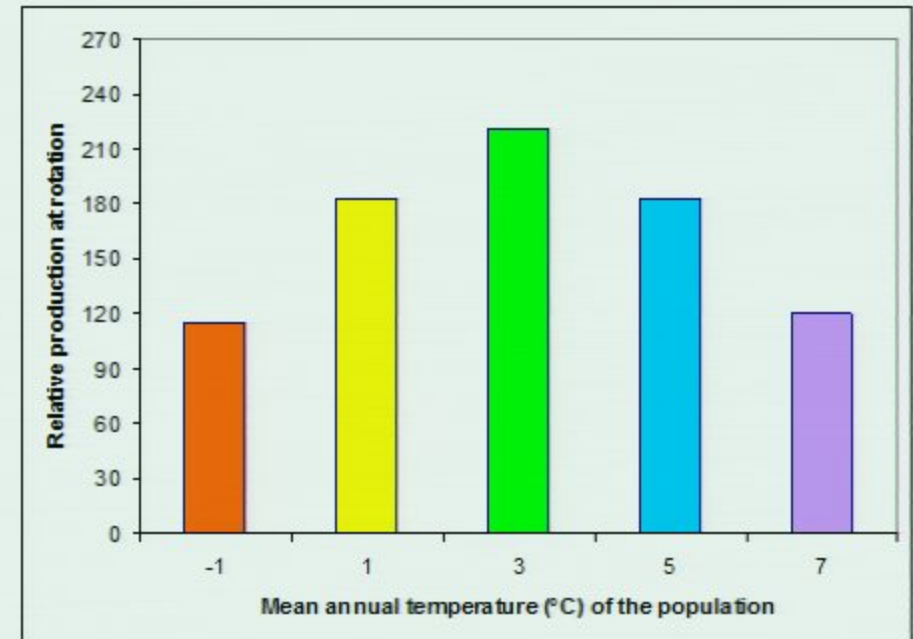
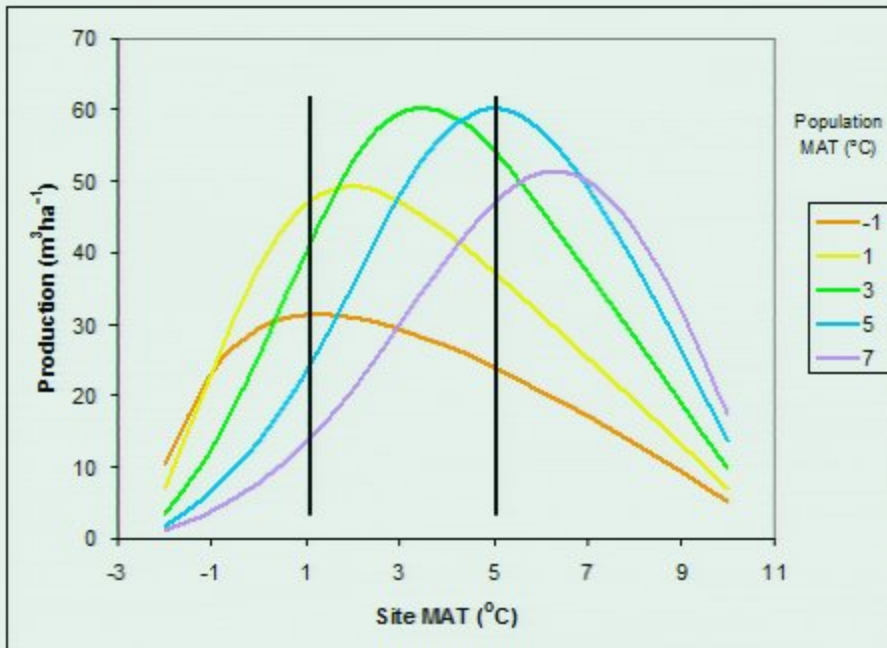
Seed source -1.3 °C
Plantation -1.3 °C



Seed source -1.3 °C
Plantation 2.9 °C

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- AM proposed to help maintain adaptation.





- Climate change is likely to have serious negative consequences on forest growth and health
- AM in forestry is about maintaining adaptation of forests and dependent ecosystems.

Genetic strategies for reforestation in the face of global climate change

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ABSTRACT

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If global warming materializes as projected, natural or artificial regeneration of forests with local seed sources will become increasingly difficult. However, global warming is far from a certainty and predictions of its magnitude and timing vary at least twofold. In the face of such uncertainty, reforestation strategies should emphasize conservation, diversification, and broader deployment of species, seed sources, and families. Planting programs may have to deploy non-local seed sources, imported from further south or from lower elevations, which necessitates a system for conserving native gene pools in seed banks or clone banks. Planting a diverse array of species or seed sources is a hedge against the uncertainty inherent in current projections of warming. Most tree improvement programs already stress genetic diversity and deployment of multi-progeny mixes, but may better prepare for climate change by testing selections in an even wider set of environments than is now the case.

INTRODUCTION

Numerous stresses threaten forests in the next century. Chlorofluorocarbons will probably deplete the earth's protective ozone layer by 7%, perhaps, reducing yield in some crop plants and forest trees (Caldwell et al., 1989). Other atmospheric pollutants are already destroying forests or changing forest composition in some areas, such as the Los Angeles Basin (Miller, 1973) and the Valley of Mexico. Acid deposition is leaching soils, which may in time affect forest growth even in areas remote from sources of pollution (Schulze, 1989). And finally, mean annual temperatures are projected to increase 2.5°C by the year 2050 as a result of the release of 'greenhouse gases', i.e. methane,

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Zebra mussels
photo: US Fish and Wildlife Service



White pine blister rust
Photo: Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service



Kudzu
photo: S. Erhardt



Cane toad
Photo: E. Greenbaum



Cooley spruce gall adelgid
Photo : Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

- In forestry, AM is about maintaining adaptation.
- Transfers involve short ecological, climate, and geographic distance.

- In conservation biology, AM is about avoiding extinction.
- Transfers often involve long ecological, climate and geographic distance.



Placing Forestry in the Assisted Migration Debate

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Table 1. Comparison between forestry assisted migration (AM) and species rescue AM.

Topic	Forestry AM	Species rescue AM
Intended outcome	Maintain forest productivity and health under climate change	Avoid extinctions among species threatened by climate change
Target species	Widespread, commercially valuable species	Species of conservation concern
Focal biological unit	Focuses on the movement of populations	Focuses on the movement of species
Movement logistics	Often within the current range of the species or within modest range extensions	Often well outside the current natural range of species
Risks	Limited potential for creating an exotic invasive, limited potential to hybridize with new species, and limited potential to introduce disease to new populations or to other species	Some potential for creating an exotic invasive, some potential to hybridize with new species, and some potential to introduce disease to other species
Feasibility of science-based implementation	Provenance data for many commercial tree species, established seed procurement and storage methods, established best practices around plantation establishment, and autecology often well described	Provenance data not typically available, seeds not typically procured or stored, establishment best practices often not known, and autecology well described for relatively few high-profile and well-studied species
Scope	Potential to be employed across the millions of hectares that are regenerated annually in North America	Likely limited to suitable microsites
Cost	Adds little to existing forest regeneration costs (see the text for caveats)	Costs vary widely with the scope of the initiative
Practice	Already implemented in several regions	Very few known cases being implemented



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Perspective

Using assisted colonisation to conserve biodiversity and restore ecosystem function under climate change

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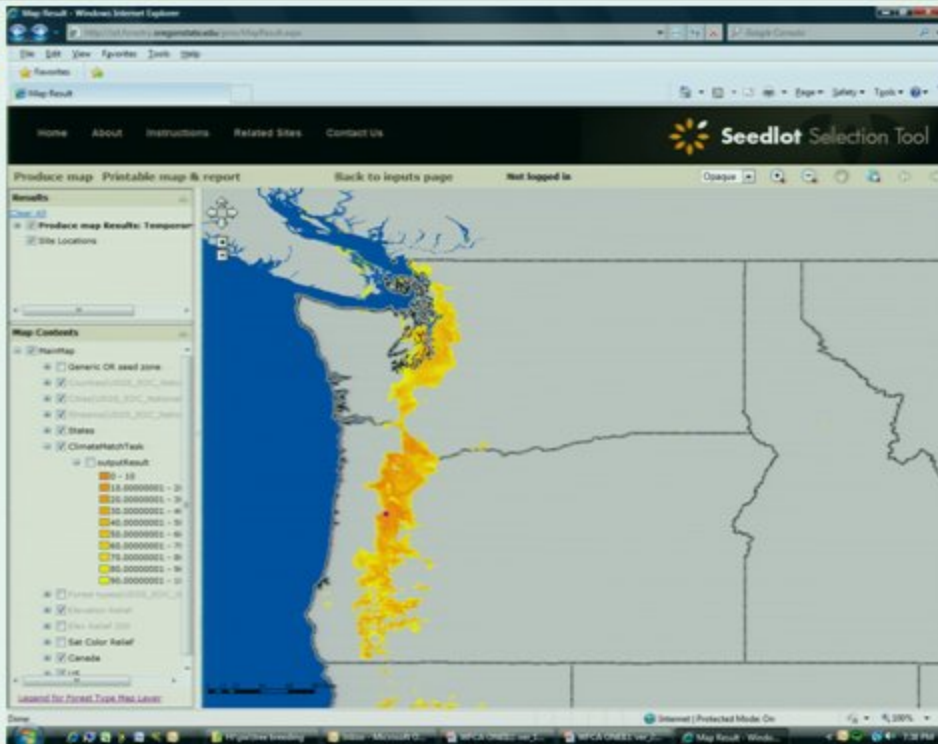
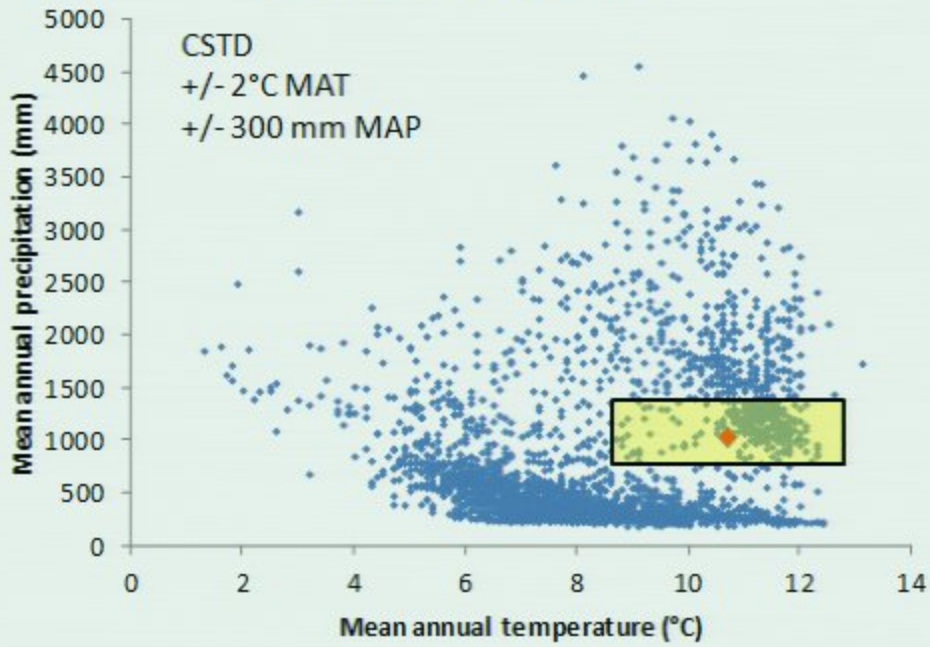
ABSTRACT

Assisted colonisation has received considerable attention recently, and the risks and benefits of introducing taxa to sites beyond their historical range have been vigorously debated. The debate has primarily focused on using assisted colonization to enhance the persistence of taxa that would otherwise be stranded in unsuitable habitat as a consequence of anthropogenic climate change and habitat fragmentation. However, a complementary motivation for assisted colonisation could be to relocate taxa to restore declining ecosystem processes that support biodiversity in recipient sites. We compare the benefits and risks of species introductions motivated by either goal, which we respectively term 'push' versus 'pull' strategies for introductions to preserve single species or for restoration of ecological processes. We highlight that, by focusing on push and neglecting pull options, ecologists have greatly under-estimated potential benefits and risks that may result from assisted colonisation. Assisted colonisation may receive higher priority in climate change adaptation strategies if relocated taxa perform valuable ecological functions (pull) rather than have little collateral benefit (push). Potential roles include enhancing resistance to invasion by undesired species, supporting co-dependent species, performing keystone functions, providing temporally critical resources, replacing taxa of low ecological redundancy, and avoiding time lags in the provisioning of desired functions.

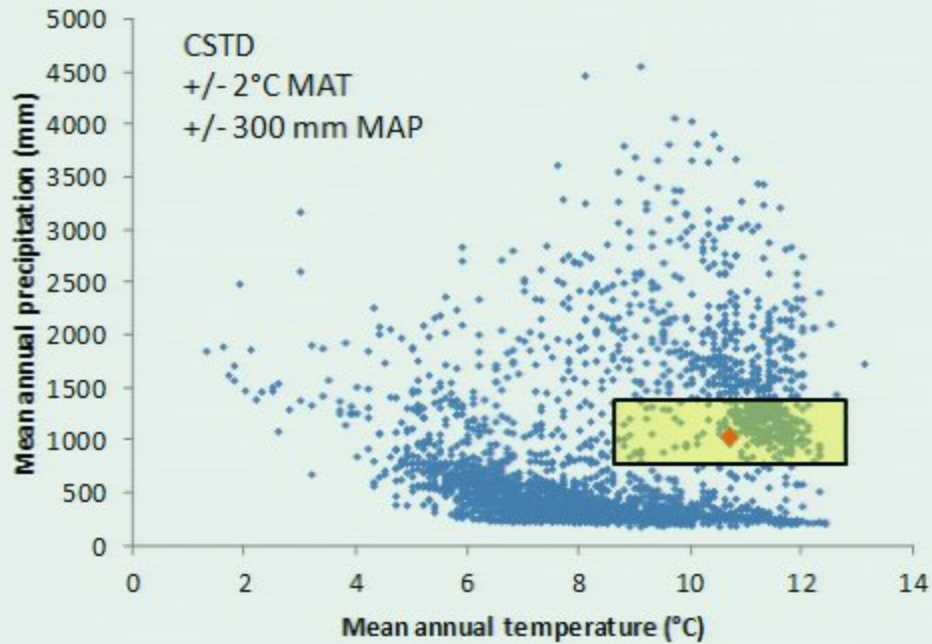
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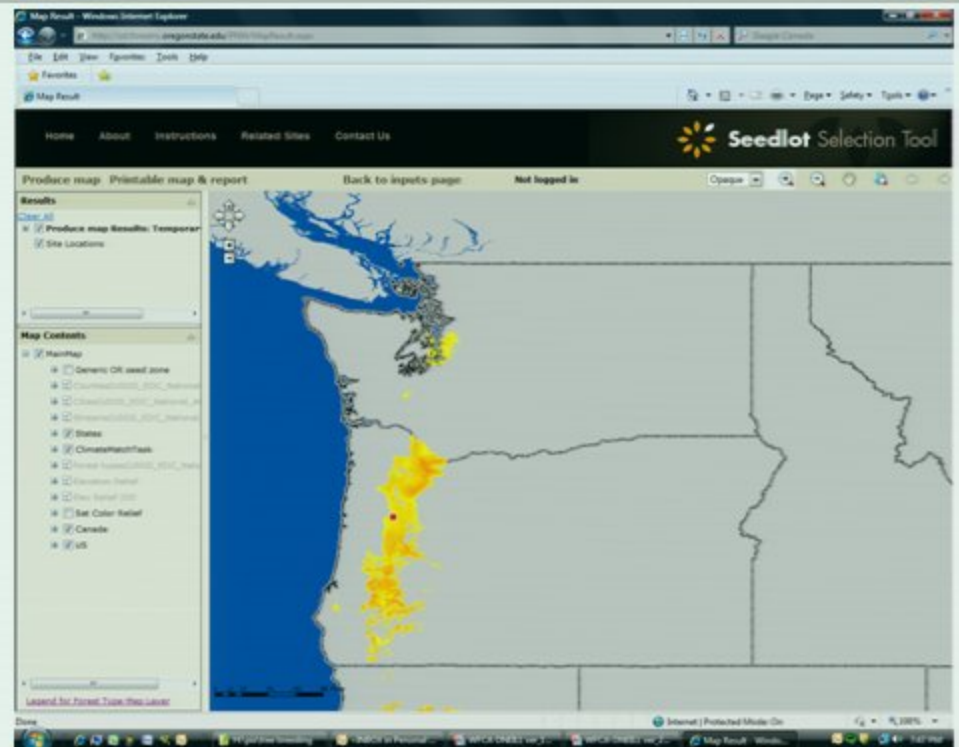
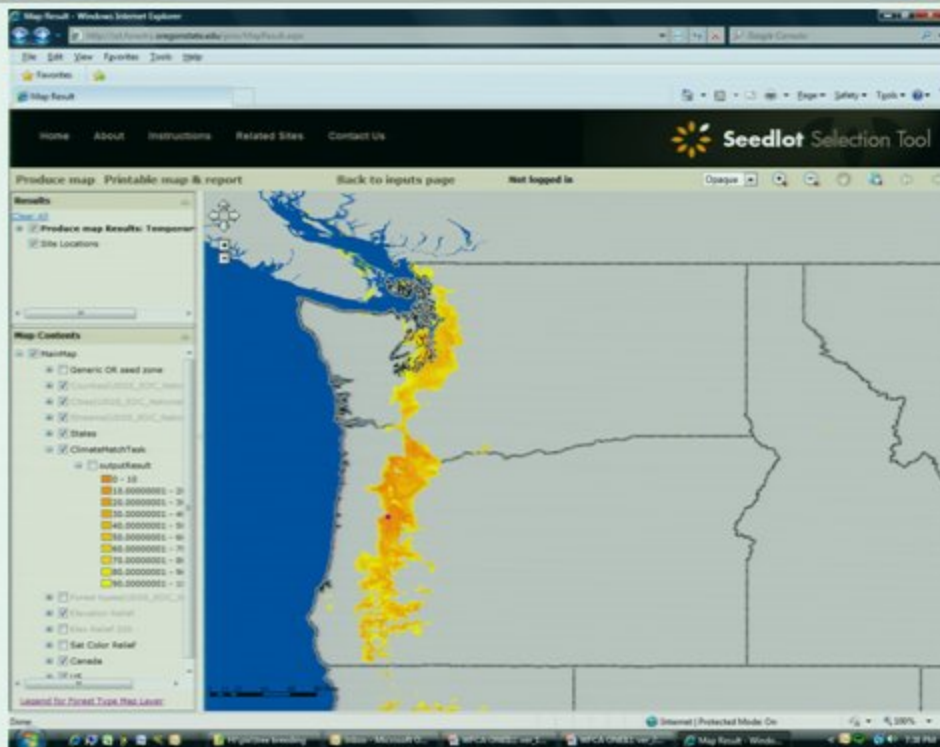
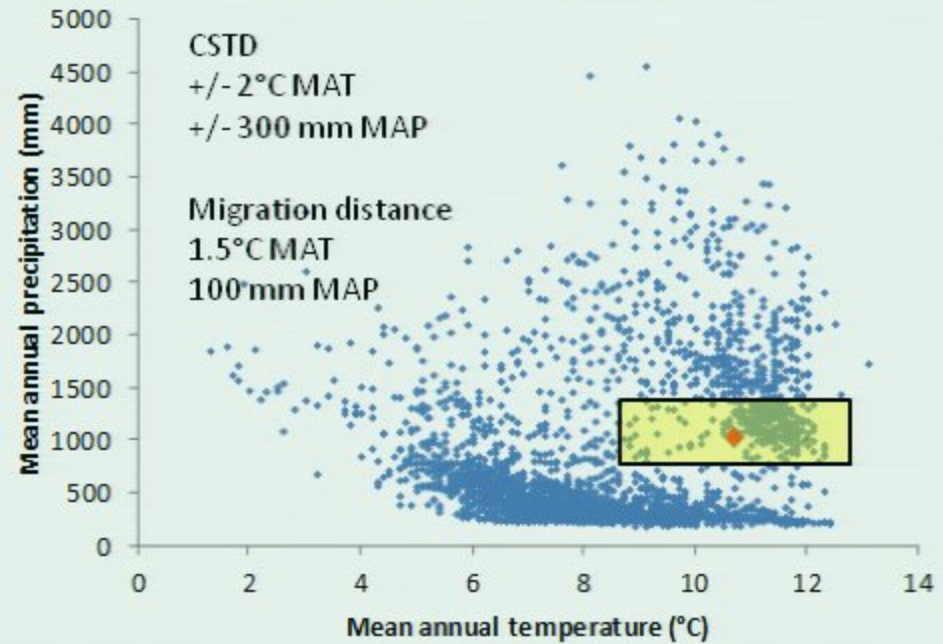
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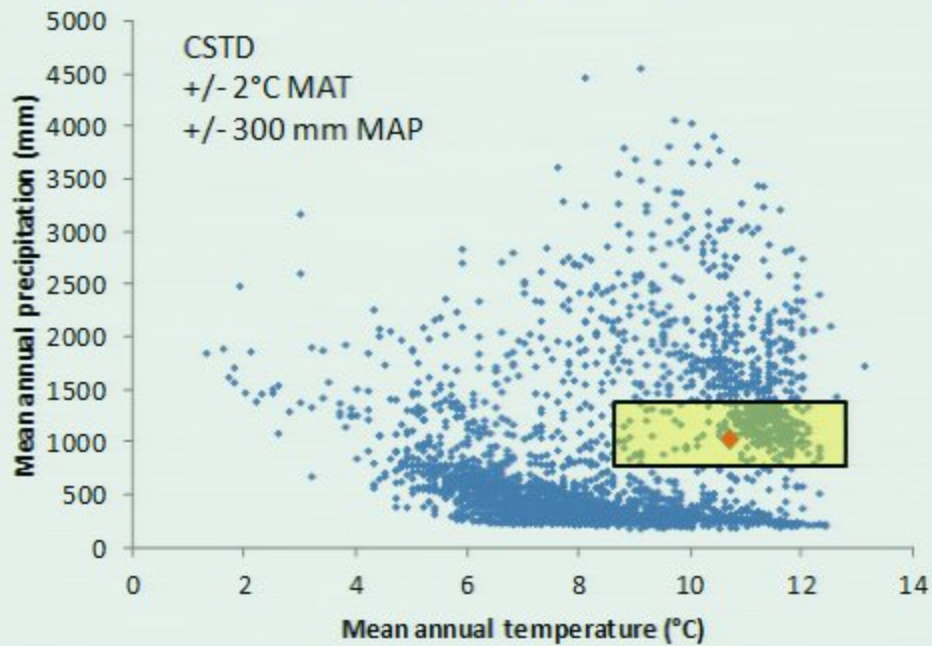
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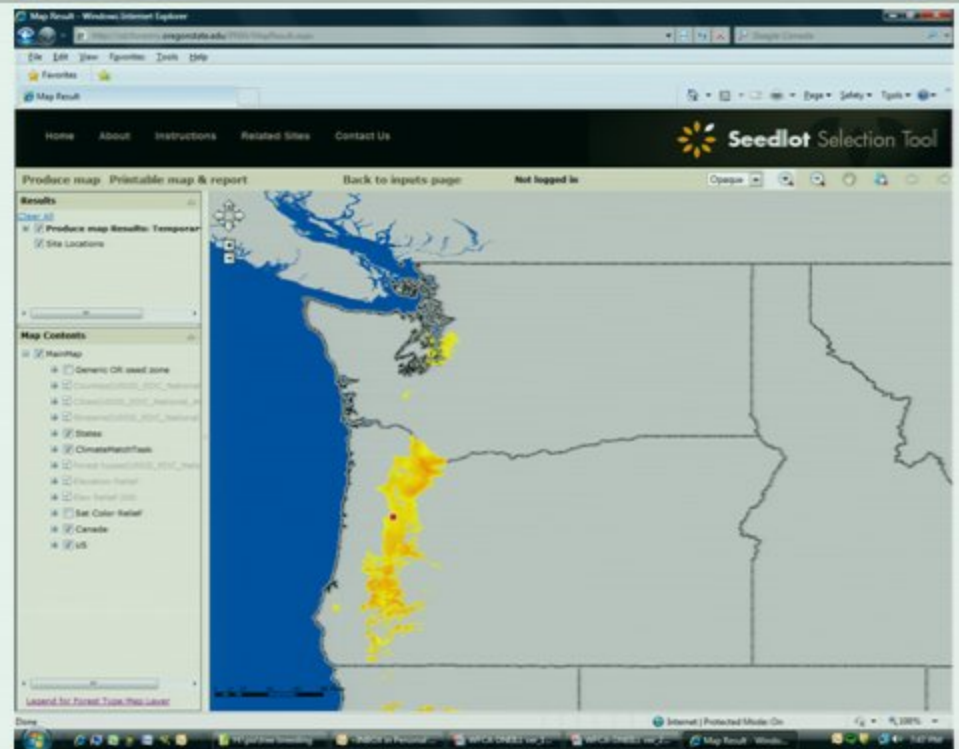
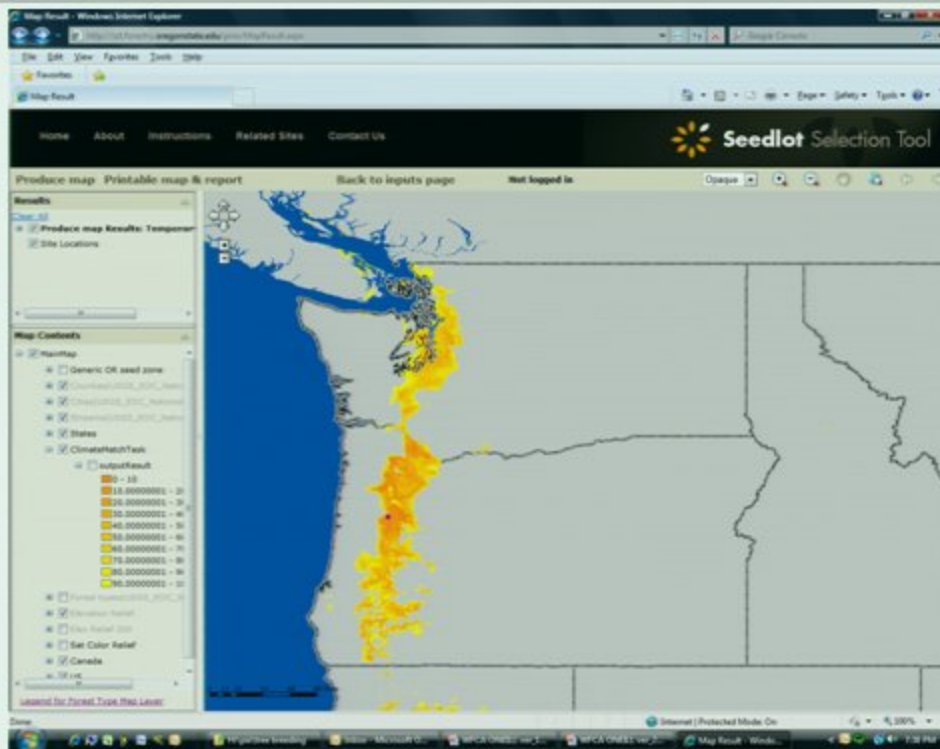
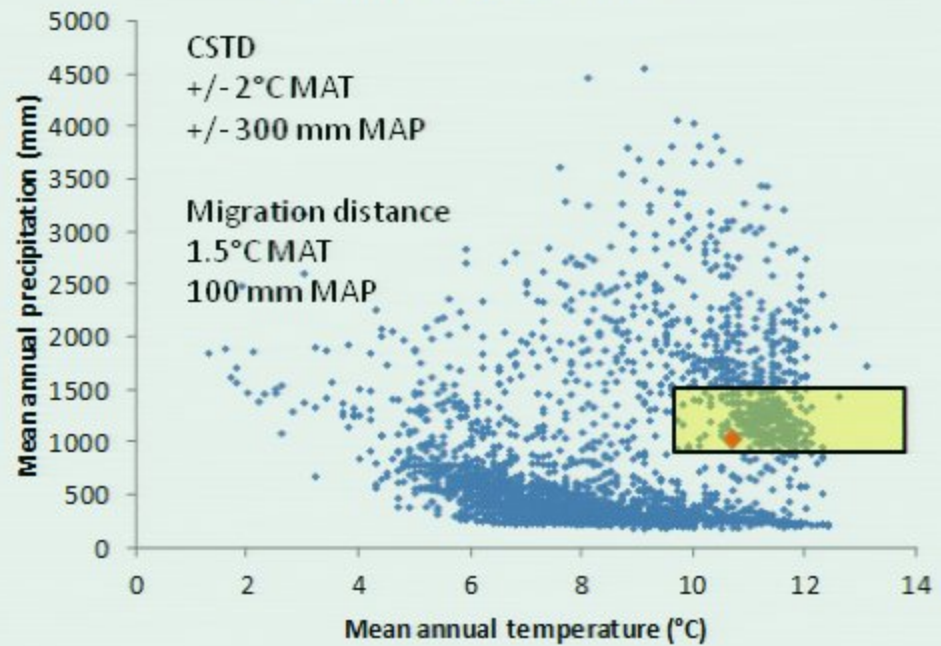
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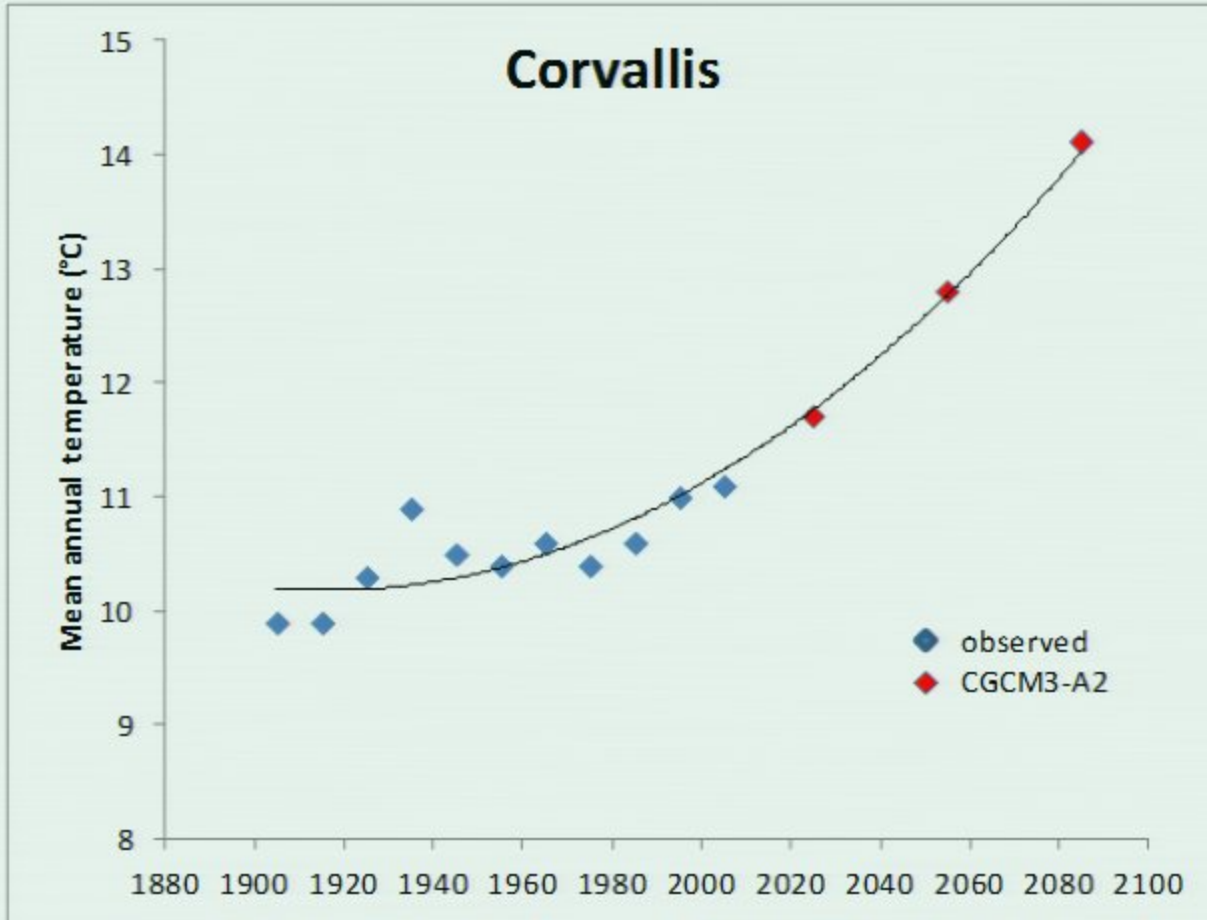


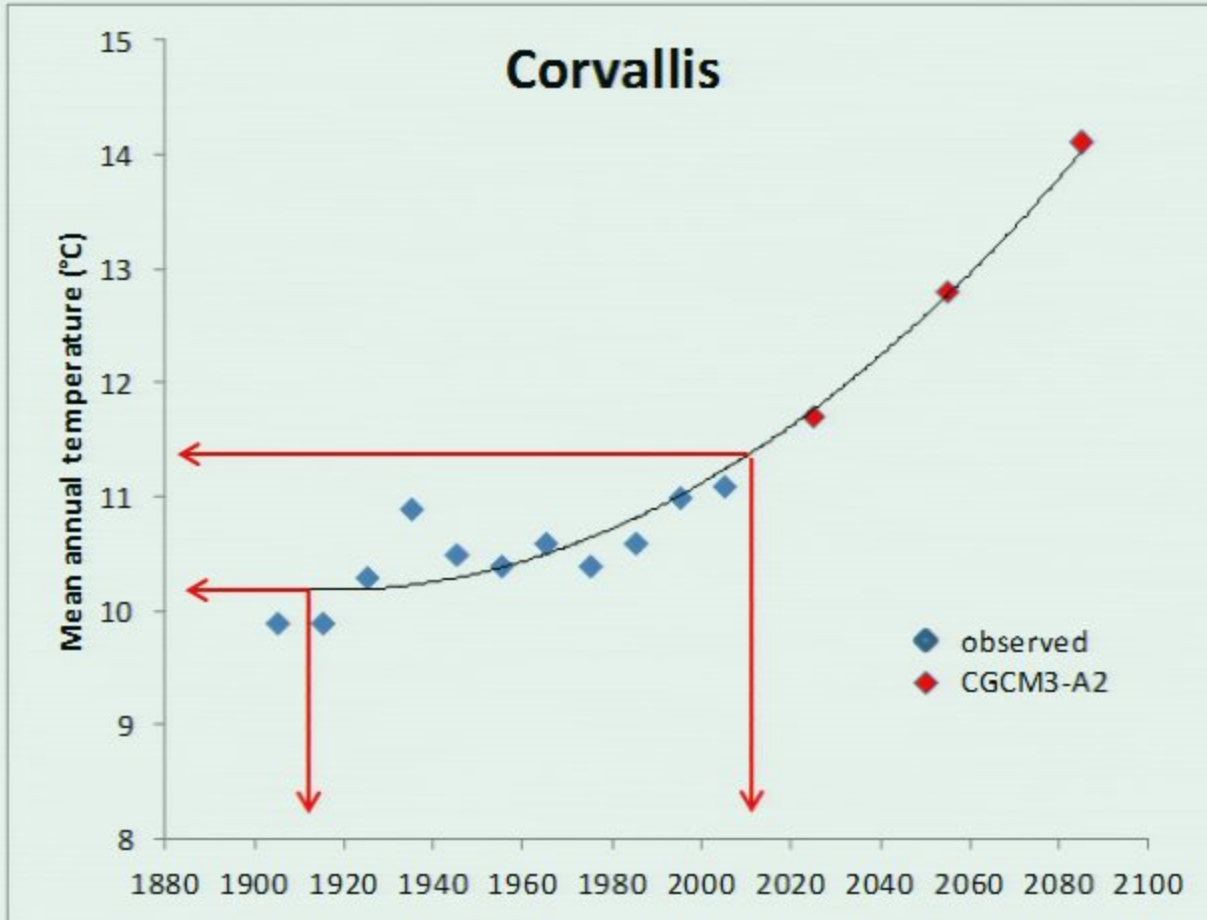
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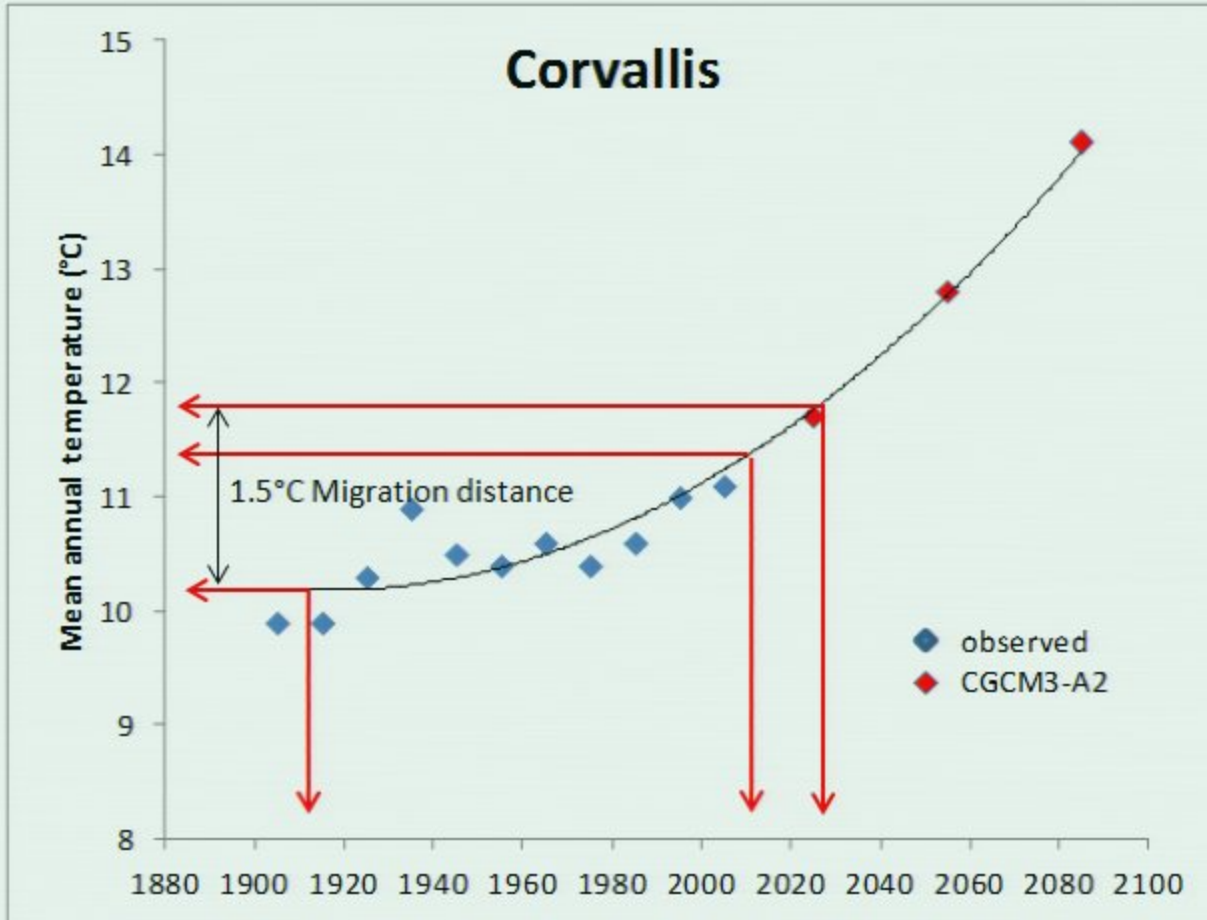


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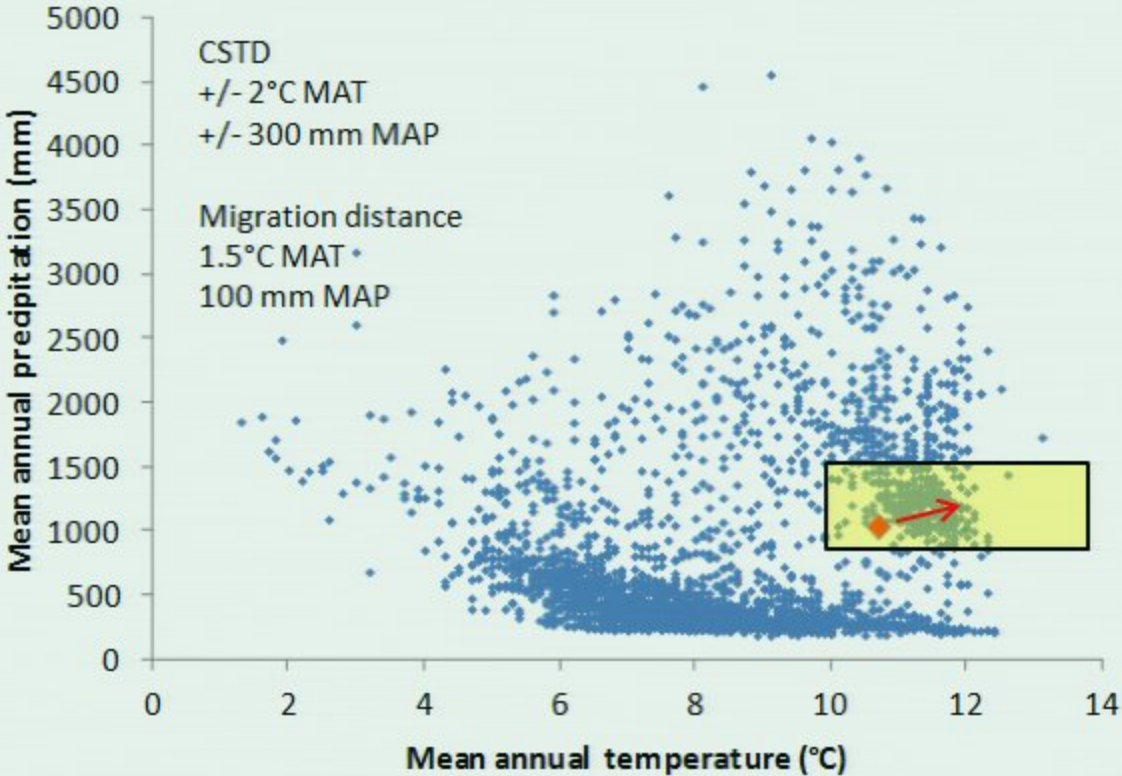
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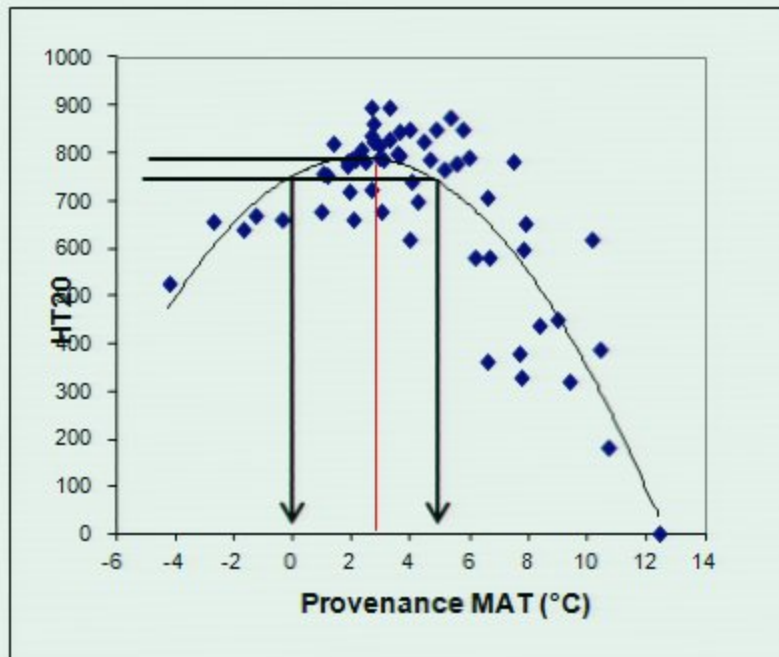


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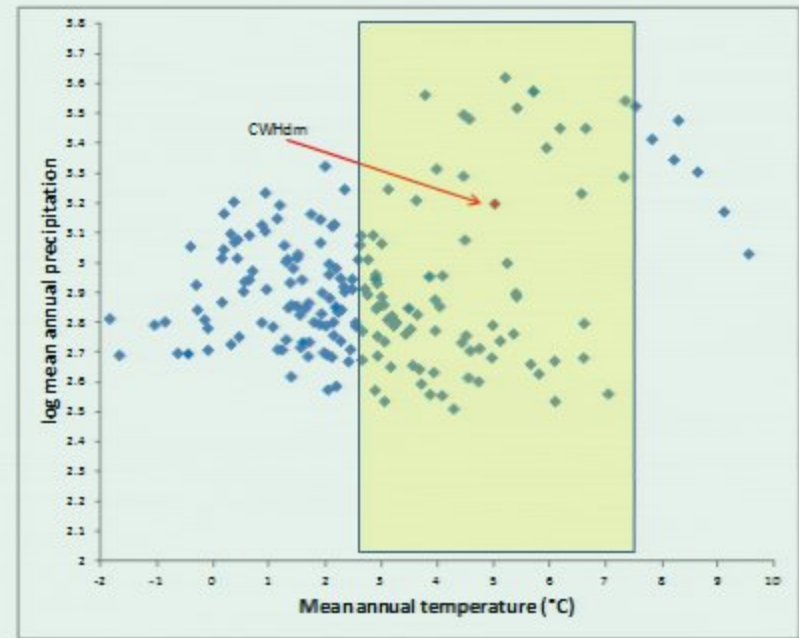
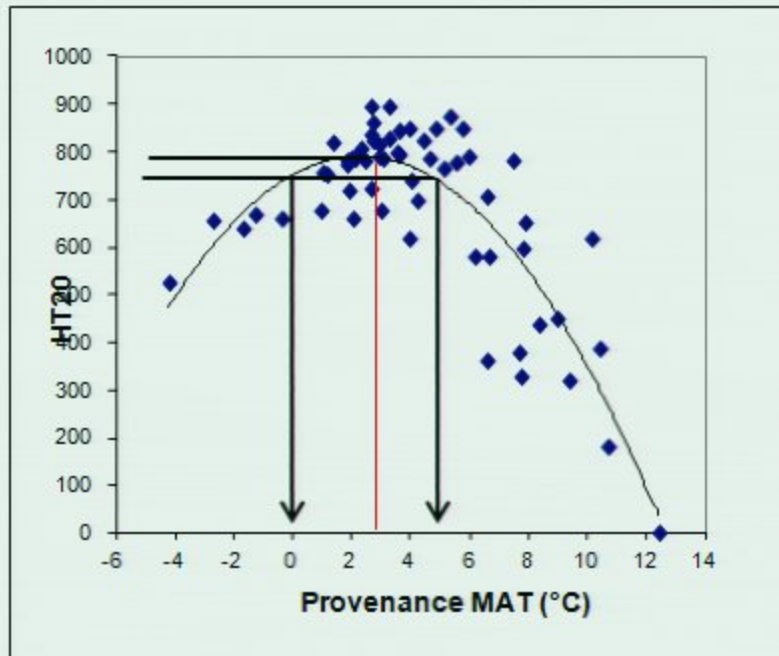
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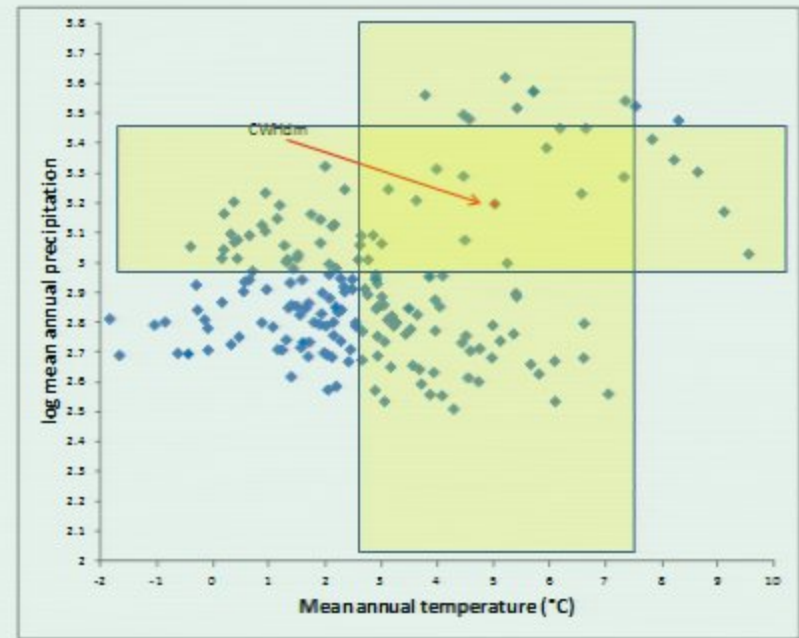
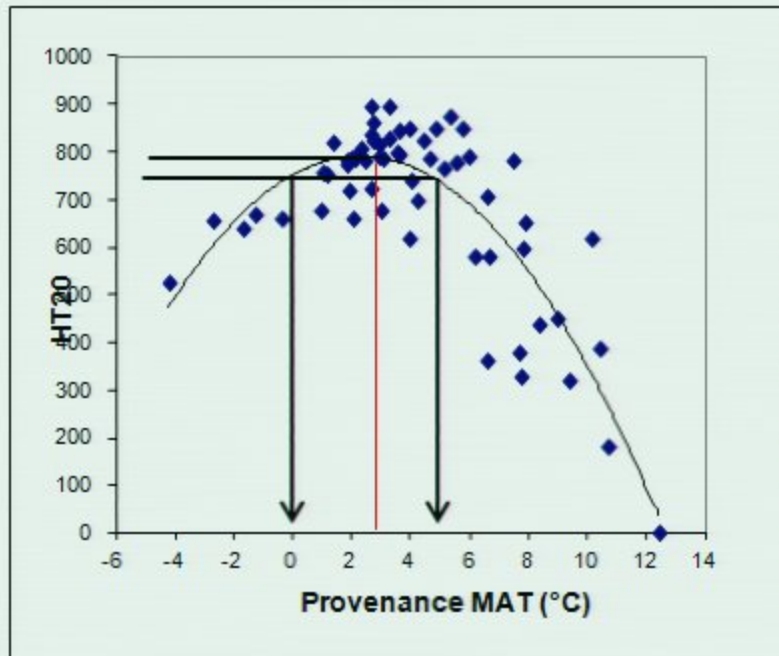
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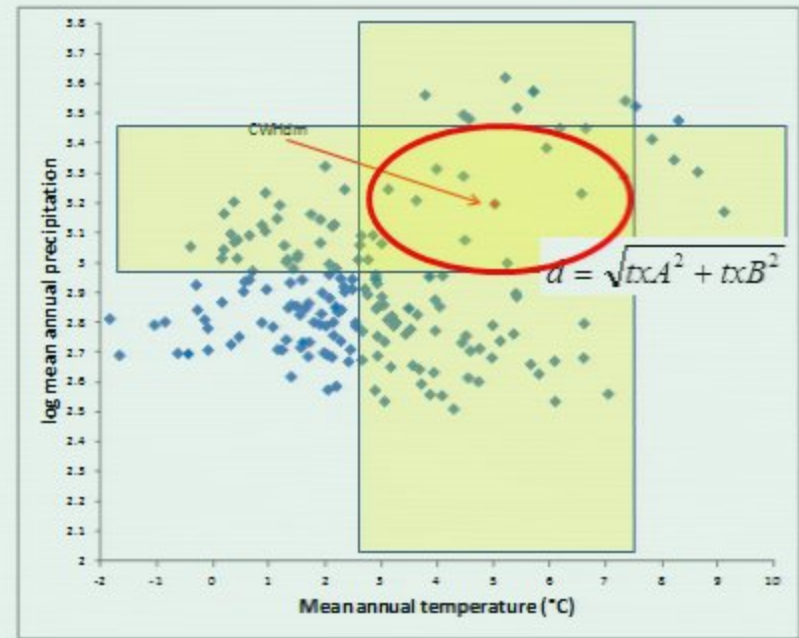
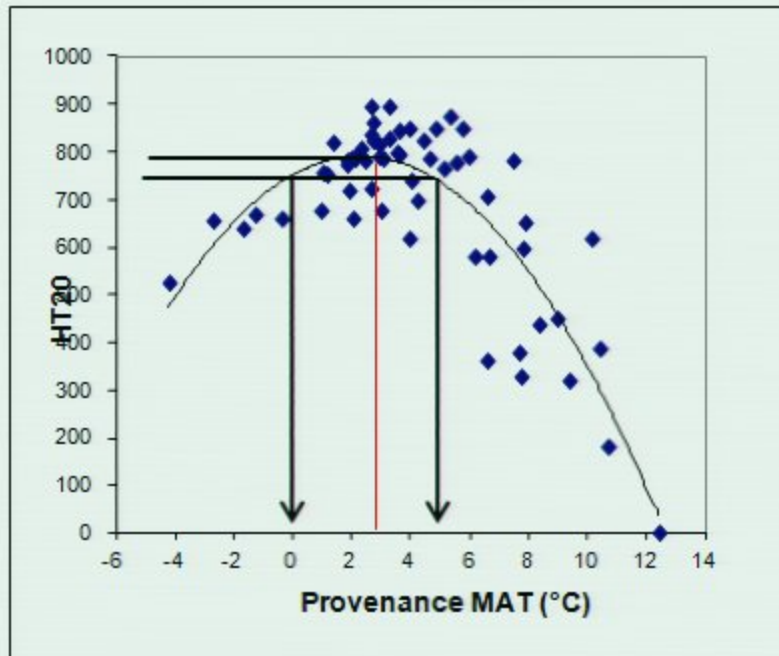
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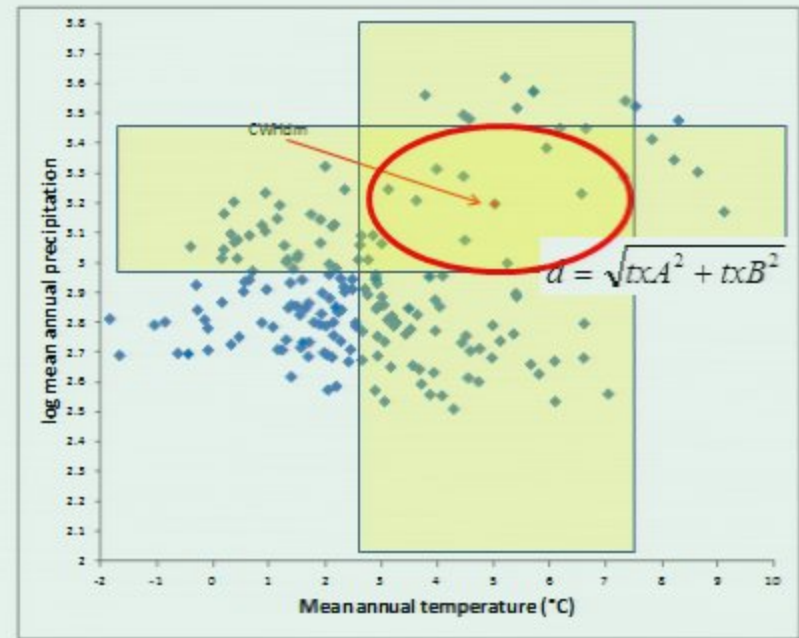
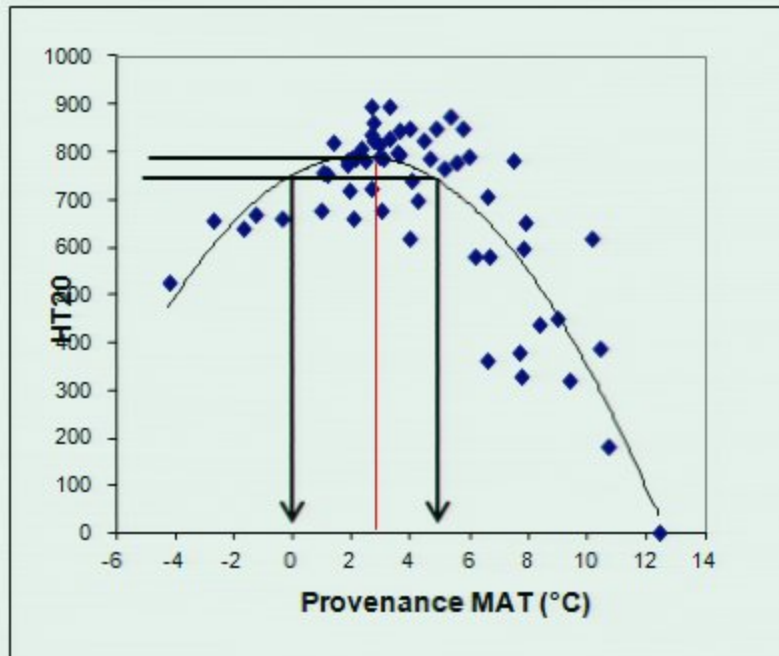
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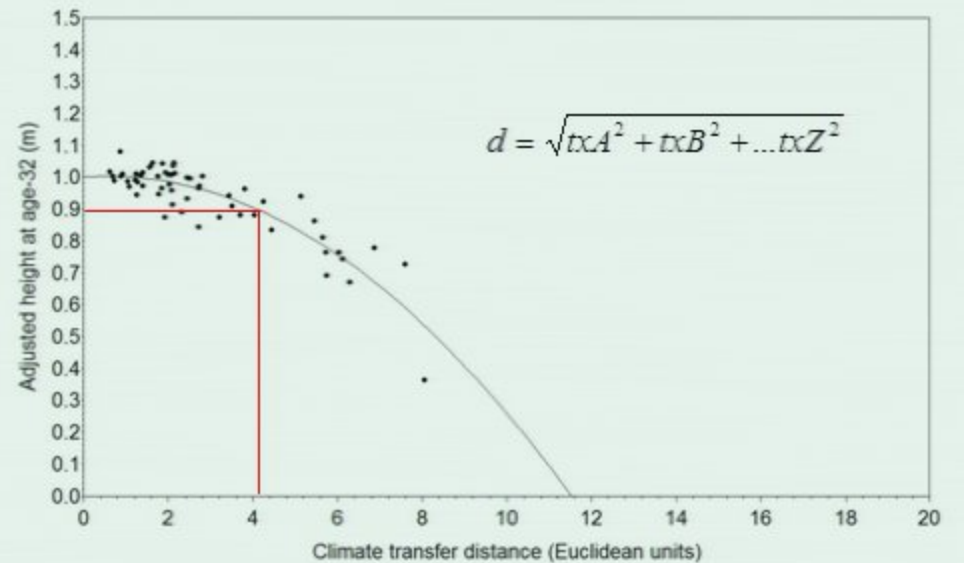


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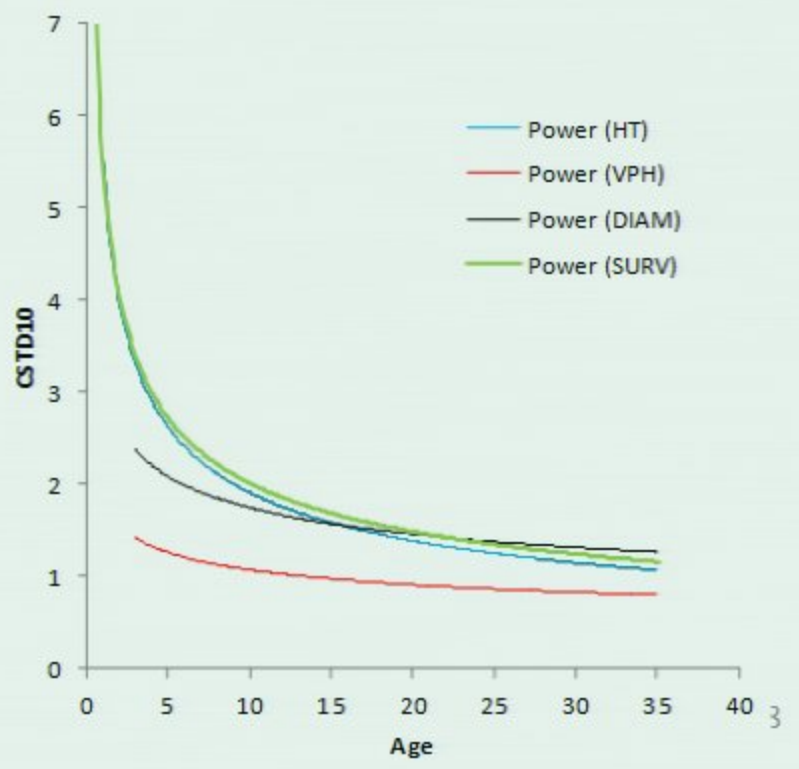
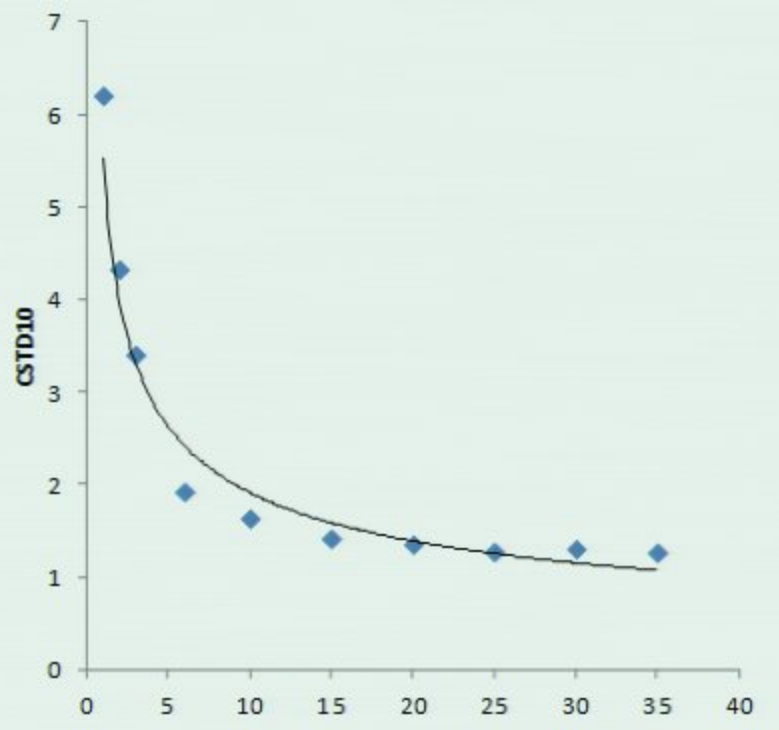
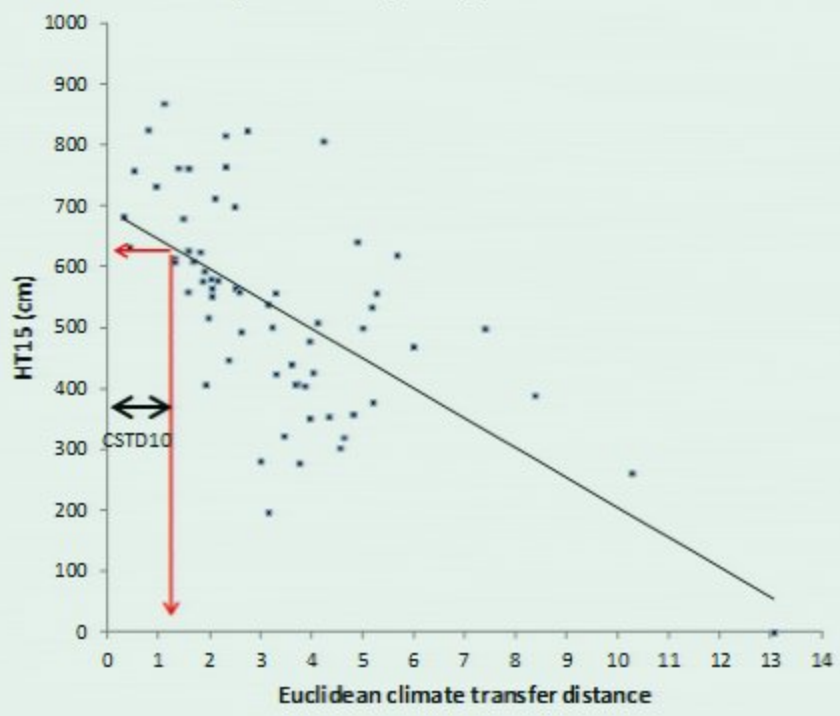
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Douglas-fir - Trinity Valley provenance trial



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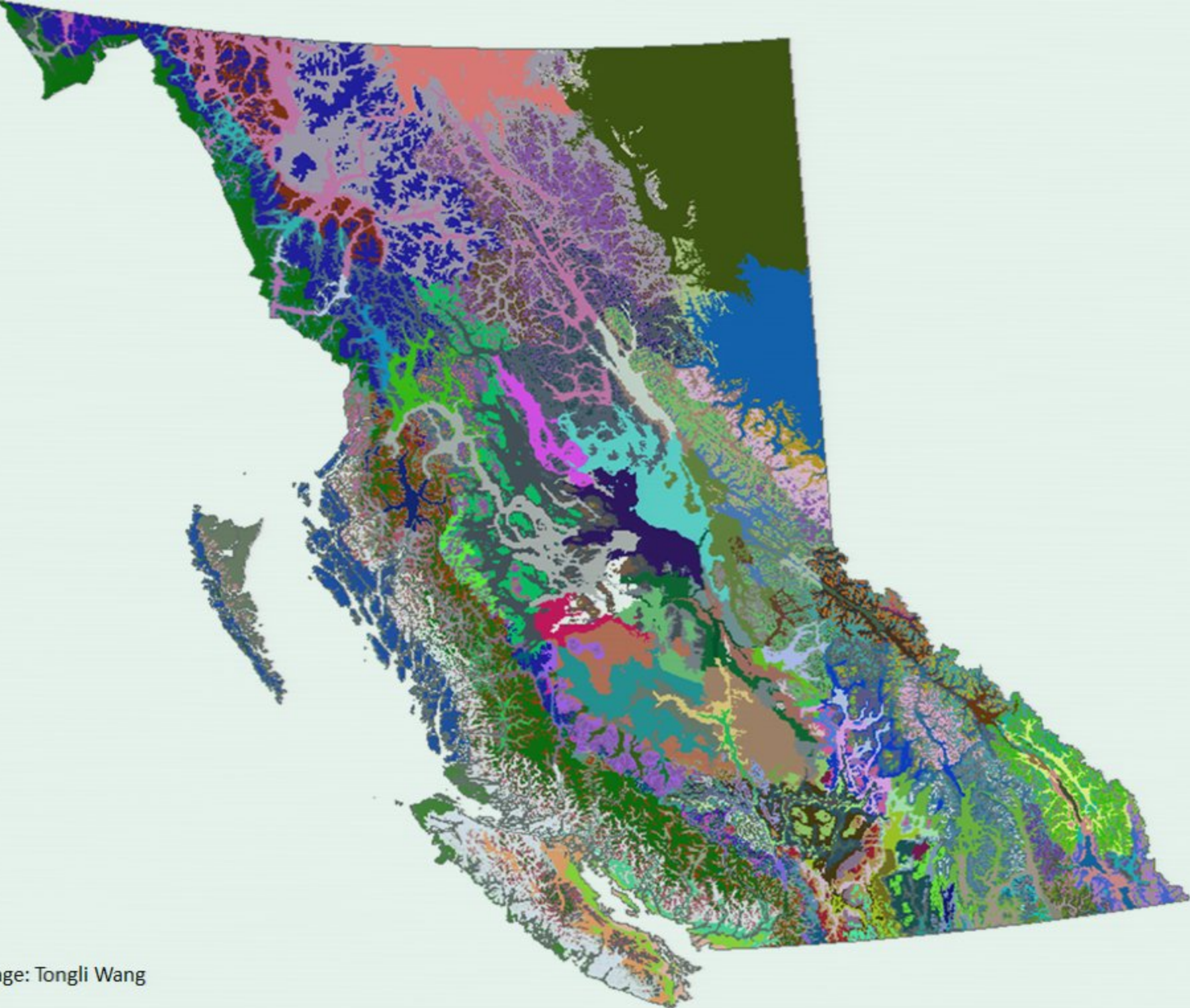
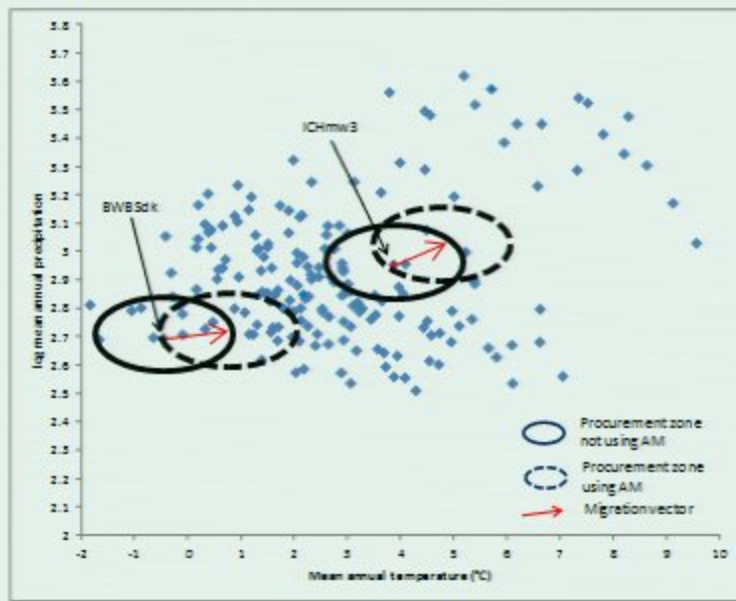
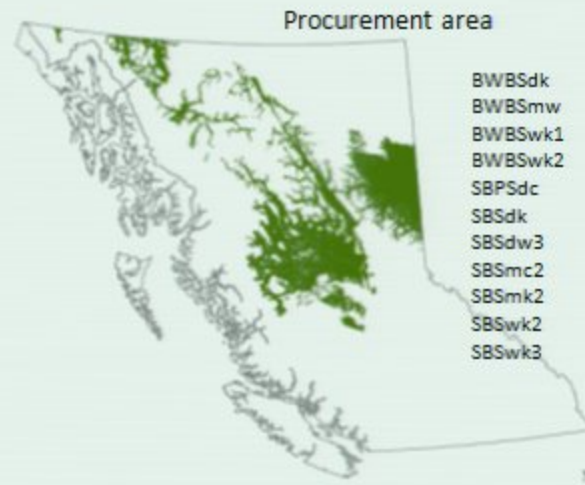


Image: Tongli Wang

Hybrid seed transfer system



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		A	B	C	D	E
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	C	0	1	1	0	1
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	E	0	1	1	0	1



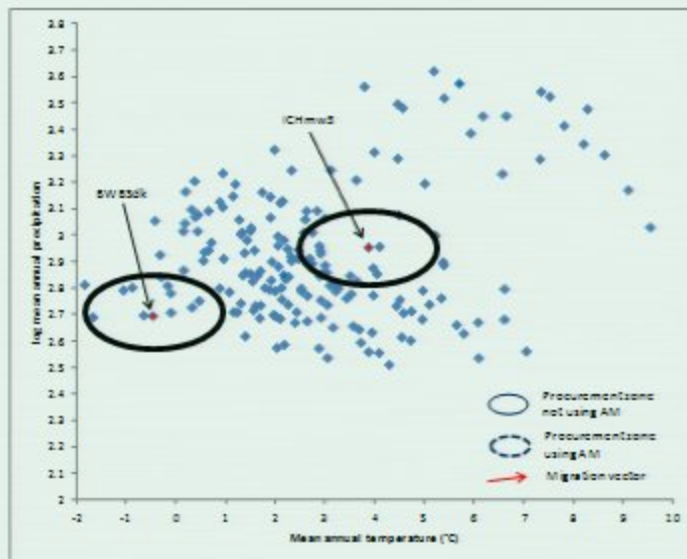
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- I have a cutblock. Where can I get seed?

Current BECvar of seed or plantation

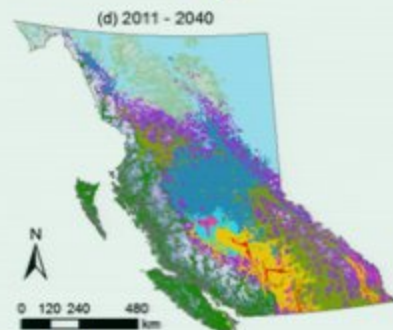
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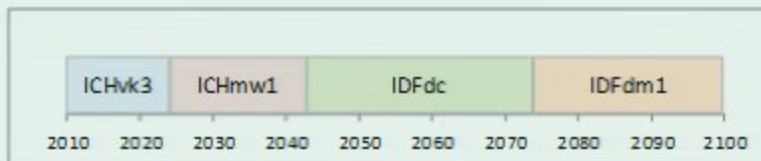
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Seed or plantation

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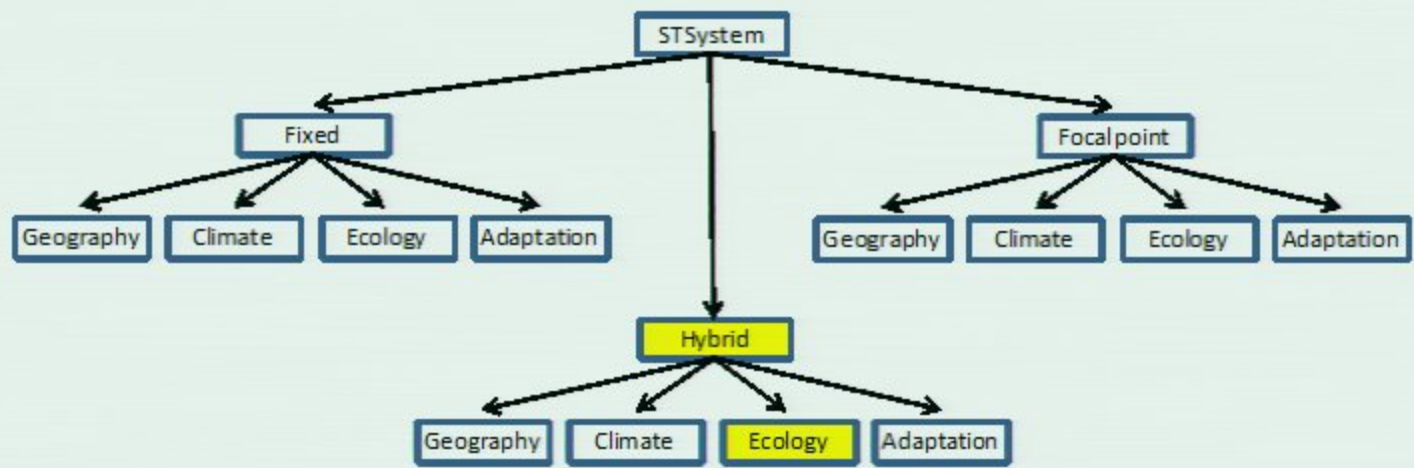
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Current BECvar of plantation

Future BECvar of plantation

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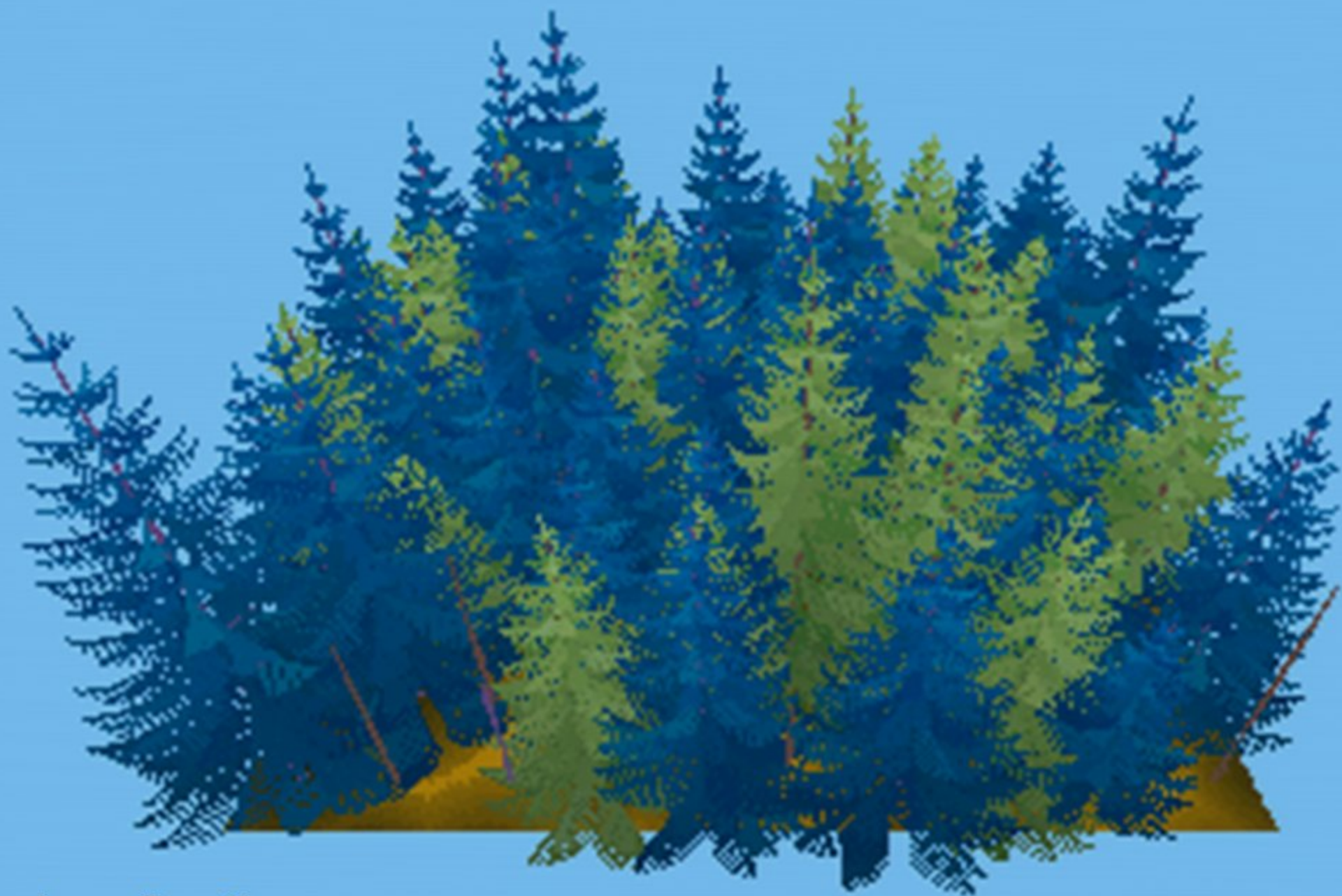


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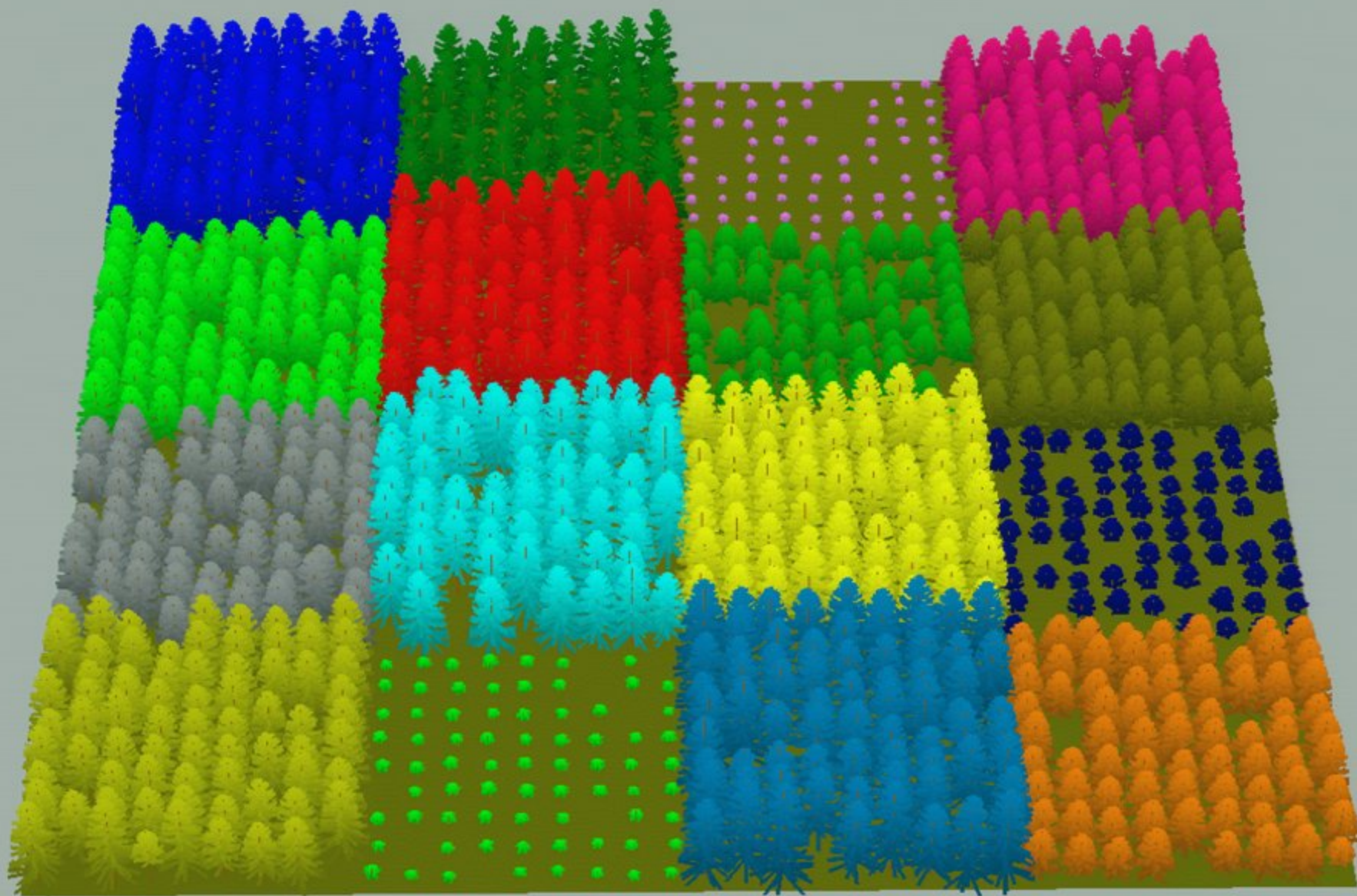


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Assisted Migration Adaptation Trial (AMAT)

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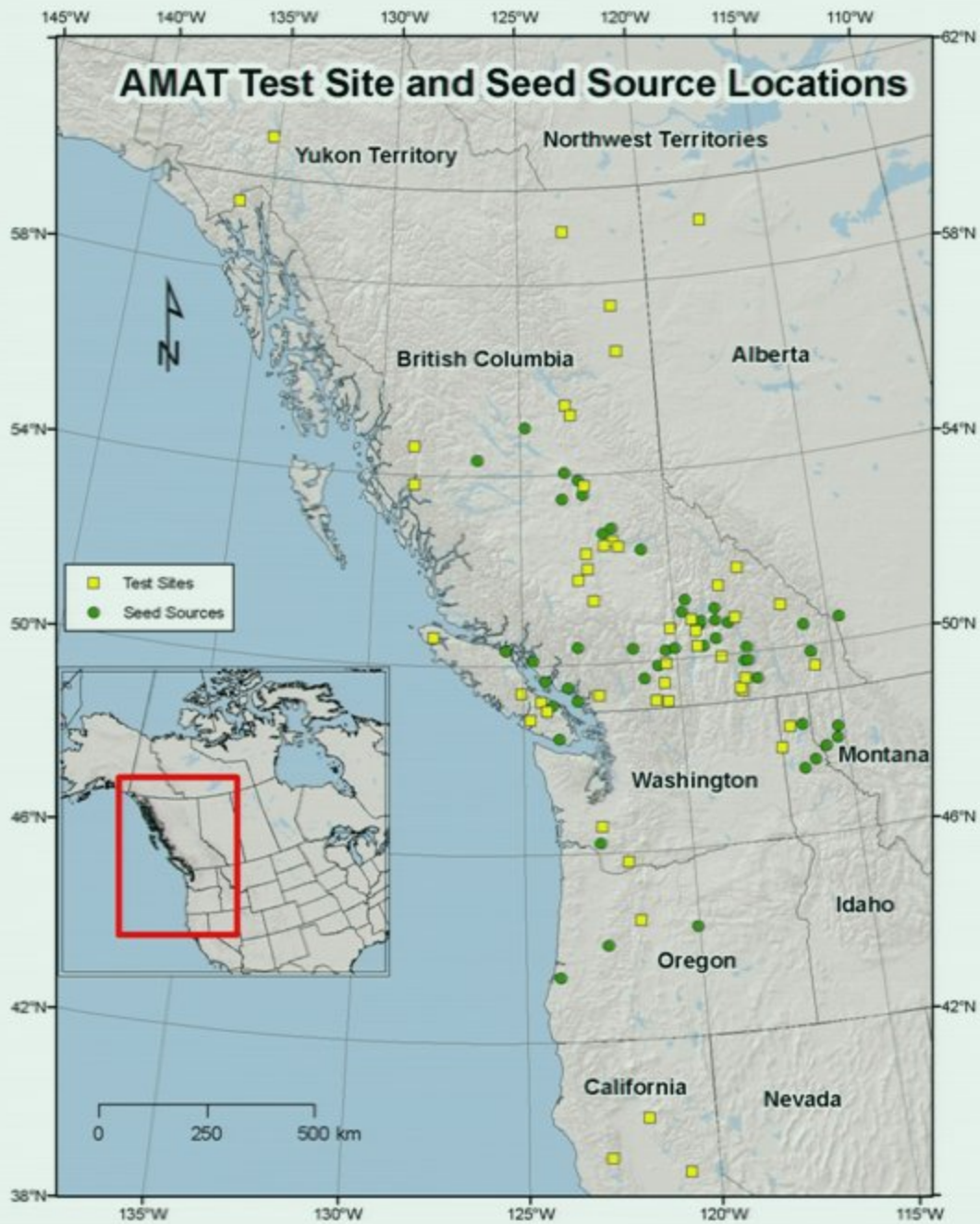
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Ba	PseudoA	Ba_SouthInt	Ba_SouthInt	49.65	121.10	1175	4.9	14.9	-4.6	19.5	2215
Bg	PseudoA	Bg_Koot	Bg_Koot	49.45	117.48	860	5.7	16.8	-5.6	22.4	966
Bl	PseudoA	Bl_SouthInt	Bl_SouthInt	50.98	119.70	1524	2.3	13.3	-8.3	21.6	733
Owrc	Class A	M Low	140	49.83	124.66	229	8.3	16.1	1.7	14.3	2364
Owri	PseudoA	Owri_Koot	Owri_Koot	50.72	118.61	410	4.8	16.1	-7.1	23.2	834
Ep	Class A	southBC	Skim_Kal	50.61	118.67	670	5.4	16.9	-8.7	23.6	705
Fdc	Class A	SM	181	50.36	123.16	568	5.8	15.5	-3.8	19.3	1867
Fdc	Class A	M Low	166	49.22	123.43	409	8.4	16.4	1.3	15.1	2351
Fdc	Class A	CoosBayOR	CoosBayOR	43.39	124.03	238	11.4	17.2	6.2	11.0	1763
Fdc	Class A	Longview WA	Longview WA	46.21	122.72	335	10.0	17.5	2.7	14.8	1893
Fdc	Class A	Springfield OR	Springfield OR	44.03	122.63	447	11.2	18.9	4.7	14.2	1541
Fdi	Class A	PG	225	53.58	122.78	772	3.2	14.5	-9.7	24.2	648
Fdi	Class A	QL	226	52.35	120.92	925	3.2	14.3	-8.9	23.2	661
Fdi	Class A	CT	231	52.74	122.17	853	3.6	14.7	-8.9	23.7	591
Fdi	Class A	NE	321	50.74	118.83	641	5.5	17.0	-8.6	23.6	824
Fdi	Class A	NE	324	50.13	117.71	1088	4.1	15.7	-7.6	23.3	926
Fdi	Class A	ID	Cherry Lane	47.44	116.40	670	6.9	17.9	-3.5	21.4	895
Hwi	PseudoA	Hw_Monashsee	Hw_Monashsee	50.77	119.10	800	5.2	16.7	-7.0	23.6	867
Hwc	Class A	M Low	133	50.32	125.53	139	6.5	15.8	2.0	13.7	2308
Hwc	Class A	M	196	49.53	123.53	773	6.6	15.0	-0.8	15.8	2575
Lw	Class A	NE Low	332	49.83	117.83	865	4.9	16.5	-8.9	23.4	828
Lw	Class A	EK	333	49.85	115.70	1096	3.7	15.9	-9.1	25.0	640
Lw	Class A	ID	IETIC/USDA	49.36	116.30	1120	5.5	16.9	-5.5	22.4	901
Lw	PseudoA	OR	OchooNatFor	44.33	120.04	1501	6.9	17.0	-1.1	18.2	754
Pli	Class A	CP	218	54.06	123.40	798	2.7	14.2	-10.3	24.5	645
Pli	Class A	BV	219	53.49	123.51	868	3.0	14.2	-9.4	23.5	662
Pli	Class A	PG Low	222	52.84	121.85	827	3.7	14.9	-8.6	23.5	710
Pli	Class A	TO Low	311	50.53	119.07	952	4.7	16.0	-7.1	23.0	631
Pli	Class A	NE Low	337	50.69	119.16	910	5.1	16.4	-8.7	23.2	670
Pli	PseudoA	Pli_IETIC_MO	Pli_IETIC_MO	47.84	115.64	792	6.1	17.6	-5.4	23.0	960
Pw	Class A	M Low	175	48.15	123.85	660	7.7	15.7	0.7	15.0	1762
Pw	Class A	KQ	335	47.59	116.04	1157	5.9	16.8	-3.9	20.7	1189
Py	Class A	ID	Plains	47.96	115.25	897	7.0	16.6	-4.6	23.3	605
Py	PseudoA	Py_SouthInt	Py_SouthInt	50.28	121.40	660	6.3	17.8	-5.8	23.6	539
Ss	Class A	M AI	172	49.45	124.04	65	9.1	16.9	2.1	14.8	1572
Sx	Class A	PG	206	55.01	124.80	942	1.7	13.3	-10.8	24.1	642
Sx	Class A	PG	211	53.88	122.94	834	2.8	14.3	-10.2	24.5	668
Sx	Class A	TO	303	50.23	120.04	965	4.8	15.6	-8.7	22.3	522
Sx	Class A	TO	303	50.21	120.33	1329	3.2	14.0	-7.4	21.4	604
Sx	Class A	EK	304	50.45	115.83	1192	2.6	14.9	-10.5	25.4	766
Sx	Class A	NE Mid	305	50.66	118.42	1160	3.4	14.6	-8.1	22.7	645
Sx	Class A	NE High	306	51.24	119.57	1633	1.3	12.1	-9.5	21.6	1003
Sx	Class A	NE	341	50.51	114.61	524	5.4	17.0	-7.6	24.6	727
Sx	Class A	BV	620	54.33	126.52	792	2.7	13.7	-9.4	23.1	661
Sx	PseudoA	Se_IETIC_MO	Se_IETIC_MO	48.03	115.19	1052	6.1	17.5	-4.9	22.4	718
Yoc	Class A	M AI	CLRSledge	49.67	124.25	1000	5.4	14.2	-1.9	16.1	3100
Yoi	PseudoA	Yoi_Koot	Yoi_Koot	49.85	117.70	1700	2.2	13.7	-9.2	22.8	1160

Methods

48 orchard seed sources from 15 native western North American tree species



- Abies amabilis* - Amabilis fir
- Abies grandis* - Grand fir
- Abies lasiocarpa* - Sub-alpine fir
- Betula papyrifera* - Paper Birch
- Callitropsis nootkatensis* - Yellow cypress
- Larix occidentalis* - Western larch
- Picea glauca* × *P. engelmannii* - Interior spruce
- Picea sitchensis* - Sitka spruce
- Pinus contorta* - Lodgepole pine
- Pinus monticola* - Western white pine
- Pinus ponderosa* - Ponderosa pine
- Populus tremuloides* - Trembling aspen
- Pseudotsuga menziesii* - Douglas-fir
- Thuja plicata* - Western redcedar
- Tsuga heterophylla* - Western hemlock



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Establish seedlots at 48 test sites spanning wide climate and latitudinal range

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