



Data Request Form

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- Project title:

Toward a mechanistic description of land uses for ecological studies: Building a Vegetation <> Land-use converter for Europe

- Brief description of aims and methods of the study:

Land-uses constitute one of the main threat to biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services in an increasingly anthropized world. By changing the biotic and abiotic conditions, land-uses very strongly change the composition and structure of all plant and animal communities. For plants and low mobile animal species, land-use can have large direct impacts, killing the individuals and/or their offsprings. In addition, land-use very often has strong indirect impacts on species, by changing resource and habitat quality and availability. The filtering processes induce by land-uses on plant communities have been explored during the last 20 years. These studies provide a reliable mechanistic knowledge and understanding of the set of response traits by which land-use filter species and change the functional composition of communities. Meanwhile, our knowledge of how land-use modifies animal communities mainly relies on statistical relationships relating distribution data to land-use descriptions. Compared to plants, the development of a mechanistic understanding of animals' responses to land-use is complicated by the mostly indirect effects of land-use on animals, via changes in resource and habitat. Building this mechanistic understanding depends on our ability to describe the changes in resources and habitats induce by land-use.

In this project, we aim to build a Vegetation <> Land-use converter for Europe which will offer a translation between land-uses and functional vegetation groups. The converter will use an ecologically meaningful description of land-uses, where land-use is described into three dimensions: the frequency/intensity and the type of land-use and the potential productivity and an appropriate and extensive set of traits. The EVA data will be used to calibrate the sections of the model related to the responses to natural gradients and to provide the traits data. Land-use / Vegetation data from numerous European data bases and publications will be used to calibrate the sections of the model related to the responses to the land-uses. By providing the needed basis for establishing mechanistic links between land-use and structure of communities, the converter will be useful to project scenarios of biodiversity (plants, animals and ecosystem services). It will also be used in a current



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project to extract more information about past land-use from Holocene pollen data.

- Will someone else be involved in data editing or analysis in addition to the applicant?

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- Estimated time of delivery of results (e.g. manuscript submission):

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- Geographic area needed (e.g. countries or range of geographic coordinates):

All European data

- Do you need plots to be georeferenced? If so, what is the minimum accuracy of plot location (in metres or kilometres) needed for your project?

Yes, 5000m accuracy

- Vegetation types needed (syntaxa):

All vacular plant syntaxa

- Other data selection criteria:

- Envisaged publications:

1. A land-use <> Vegetation converter for Europe
2. Estimating land-use intensity from vegetation data

- Specification of the co-authorship arrangements in publications based on the requested data. Note that the EVA Rules recommend that co-authorship is offered to a representative of each database providing data that are particularly important for the project (e.g. unique vegetation types, under-represented geographic areas) or make up more than 10% of the final dataset (5% threshold can be considered too). These database representatives should be experts in the topic of the project (they do not need to be the custodians or deputy custodians) and they should contribute to the project more than just by providing the existing data, e.g. by intellectual contribution to the concept of the paper, preparation of new data, or helping with data analysis, interpretation of the results or writing parts of the paper (see the IAVS Code of Professional Ethics: <http://iavs.org/Governance/Code-of-Professional-Ethics.aspx>). The project leader should enable active participation by regularly informing potential co-authors about the progress of the project from its early stage. The project leader should also make final co-authorship arrangements based on the real input of the individual contributors.

Co-authorship will be proposed to data contributor who contribute to mor than 10% of the final dataset.

- Eligibility of the applicant to receive EVA data. Specify to which EVA database the applicant has contributed; if the applicant is not the custodian or deputy custodian of an EVA database, give a name of a custodian or deputy custodian who supports this data request.



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The project is recommended by Borja Jiménez-Alfaro. We have also made a request to access sPlot data for this project. The request has been accepted by the sPlot steering committee.

I agree with the terms of EVA Data Property and Governance Rules as approved on 26 May 2012 (<http://euroveg.org/download/eva-rules.pdf>).

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Dr Anne Mimet