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# Provisioning forest and conservation science with high-resolution maps of potential distribution of major European tree species under climate change

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## Abstract

**•Key message** We developed a dataset of the potential distribution of seven ecologically and economically important tree species of Europe in terms of their climatic suitability with an ensemble approach while accounting for uncertainty due to model algorithms. The dataset was documented following the ODMAP protocol to ensure reproducibility. Our maps are input data in a decision support tool “SusSelect” which predicts the vulnerability of forest trees in climate change and recommends adapted planting material. Dataset access is at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3686918>. Associated metadata are available at <https://metadata-afs.nancy.inra.fr/geonetwork/srv/fre/catalog.search#/metadata/fe79a36d-6db8-4a87-8a9f-c72a572b87e8>.

**Keywords** biomod2 · Ensemble species distribution model · ODMAP

## 1 Background

Climate change is likely to cause widespread shifts in the composition and range of plant communities worldwide (Scheffers et al. 2016). For long-living communities such as forests, such change may lead to a drastic decline in their ability to support multiple ecosystem services (Maroschek et al. 2009; Härtl et al. 2016; Mina et al.

2017). In Europe, the effects of climate change on forests may include changes in forest productivity (Reyer et al. 2014), changes in the distribution of tree species (Dyderski et al. 2018; Thurm et al. 2018), the economic value of forests (Hanewinkel et al. 2013), effects of intensifying disturbance regimes (Seidl et al. 2011, 2014), and droughts (Allen et al. 2010).

As such, there has been considerable interest in estimating the potential distribution of tree species under scenarios of climate change. Species distribution models (SDMs), often referred to as ecological niche models (ENMs), are the most widely used tools for this purpose (Sykes et al. 1996; Zimmermann et al. 2010; Guisan et al. 2013; Dyderski et al. 2018), because they predict the potential distribution of species by exploiting the correlation between the known occurrence of a species and corresponding environmental conditions.

In the recent decades, SDMs have evolved and were applied for a wide range of questions such as to predict species range in the future (Sykes et al. 1996; Thuiller et al. 2008; Dyderski et al. 2018), to test hypotheses about species distribution limits (Kreyling et al. 2015), to develop conservation and management strategies in climate change (Guisan et al. 2013; Hamann and Aitken 2013; Mcshea 2014; Schueler et al. 2014), and understand the role of genetic variation in tree species distributions (O’Neill et al.

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2008; Benito Garzón et al. 2011; Valladares et al. 2014; Chakraborty et al. 2019; Garate-Escamilla et al. 2019).

Despite the recent improvements and widespread use, the free and unrestricted utilization of SDMs in the applied forest and conservation science is often limited due to inadequate documentation and reporting of the predictions and uncertainties. Therefore, Zurell et al. (2020) proposed a reporting protocol known as ODMAP (Overview, Data, Model, Assessment, and Prediction), which offers a standardized way of communicating the results/outputs from SDMs by describing the objectives, model assumptions, scaling issues, data sources, model workflow, model predictions, and uncertainty.

Here we present a dataset on the potential distribution of seven widely occurring tree species of Europe for current and projected future climate scenarios. To ensure transparent reporting and reproducibility, we described the dataset according to the ODMAP protocol suggested by Zurell et al. (2020). The following sections describe the basic elements of the dataset, while the detailed metadata according to ODMAP (Zurell et al. 2020) is presented in Table 2 in Appendix.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Species occurrence data

Current occurrence (presence and absence) of seven major stand forming tree species in Europe (Table 1) was obtained from the EU-Forest dataset (Mauri et al. 2017). These species are known to form stands in a wide range

of forest types across Europe (European Environmental Agency 2006) and are also economically important (Hanewinkel et al. 2013). The Mauri et al. (2017) dataset is one of the most exhaustive, harmonized European tree species occurrence (presence) data available till date, which combines three existing datasets: the Forest Focus (Hiederer et al. 2011), Biosoil (Houston Durrant et al. 2011), and national forest inventories. In our case, the geographic locations of the target species in the EU-Forest dataset were assumed to be true presences, while the presence locations of other target species were assumed to be the absence locations. To ensure that the absence locations are not only climatically dissimilar but also geographically distant from the observed presence locations, we developed the so-called pseudoabsences according to Senay et al. (2013). This is a three-step approach: (i) specifying a geographical extent outside the observed presences, (ii) environmental profiling of the absences outside this geographic extent, and (iii) *k-means* clustering of the environmental profiles and selecting random samples within each cluster. In our case, a 2-degree buffer was found to be optimum following Senay et al. (2013). The absence locations outside this geographic extent were classified into 10–15 environmentally dissimilar clusters according to the *k-means* clustering algorithm. The numbers of absence clusters for each species were determined from the elbow of the plot of total within-cluster sum of square (WSS) and number of clusters. The number of pseudoabsence locations was further reduced by randomly selecting a sample of locations defined by the 95% confidence interval from each of the absence clusters. This approach was used

**Table 1** Occurrence (presence and absence points) for the seven tree species obtained from Mauri et al. (2017) and model evaluation statistics. The model evaluation based on mean ROC, TSS, sensitivity, and specificity of the models used to develop the ensemble predictions. For detailed model evaluation see Table 5 for the seven tree species

Species	Occurrence data		Model evaluation				
	Presence	Absence	Criteria	Testing data	Evaluating data	Sensitivity	Specificity
<i>A alba</i>	9895	579,088	ROC	0.98	0.98	94.74	96.67
<i>F sylvatica</i>	38,693	550,290	ROC	0.95	0.95	92.09	88.19
<i>L decidua</i>	14,747	574,236	ROC	0.96	0.96	94.06	92.28
<i>P abies</i>	61,210	527,773	ROC	0.95	0.95	93.47	90.08
<i>P sylvestris</i>	70,852	518,131	ROC	0.94	0.94	93.03	87.01
<i>Q petraea</i>	20,929	568,054	ROC	0.94	0.94	91.74	86.45
<i>Q robur</i>	24,809	564,174	ROC	0.97	0.97	92.96	93.36
<i>A alba</i>	9895	579,088	TSS	0.92	0.91	94.78	96.44
<i>F sylvatica</i>	38,693	550,290	TSS	0.81	0.80	91.79	88.40
<i>L decidua</i>	14,747	574,236	TSS	0.86	0.86	94.19	92.02
<i>P abies</i>	61,210	527,773	TSS	0.84	0.83	93.16	90.32
<i>P sylvestris</i>	70,852	518,131	TSS	0.80	0.80	93.18	86.72
<i>Q petraea</i>	20,929	568,054	TSS	0.79	0.78	91.83	86.19
<i>Q robur</i>	24,809	564,174	TSS	0.86	0.86	93.21	93.04

to generate pseudo-absence for all seven species. The resultant dataset was used to calibrate the SDMs with the biomod2 platform (Thuiller et al. 2016).

## 2.2 Climate data

Biologically relevant climate variables were obtained from the ECLIPS 2.0 dataset (Chakraborty et al. 2020a, b). This dataset was developed from dynamically downscaled, and bias-corrected regional climate model results from the EURO-CORDEX with a resolution of 30 arcsec. The EURO-CORDEX ([www.eurocordex.net](http://www.eurocordex.net)) is an initiative of the World Climate Research Program (Giorgi et al. 2009) for coordinating dynamic regional downscaling of the global climate projections from the CMIP5 (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5) (Jacob et al. 2014). All projections were corrected for bias using a distribution scaling method (Yang et al. 2010) to produce  $0.11 \times 0.11^\circ$  resolution gridded data for daily mean, minimum, and maximum near-surface air temperature and precipitation. We further refined this  $0.11 \times 0.11^\circ$  resolution bias-corrected data to 30 arcsec using the delta algorithm for spatial downscaling (Ramirez-Villegas and Jarvis 2010; Moreno and Hasenauer 2016). With this approach, we developed a gridded dataset for 80 climate variables (Table 3 in Appendix) for historic climate (1961–1990) and three future time frames which include averages of (2041–2060, 2061–2080, and 2081–2100) for two Representative Concentration Pathway (van Vuuren et al. 2011), RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5. The RCP 4.5 or the moderate scenario assumes a 650-ppm atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and a 1.0–2.6-°C increase in annual temperature by 2100, whereas in RCP 8.5, a pessimistic scenario assumes a 1350-ppm CO<sub>2</sub> and 2.6–4.8-°C increase in annual temperature by 2100 (van Vuuren et al. 2011). The ECLIPS 2.0 dataset is available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3952159>.

## 2.3 Variable selection

From the list of potential predictor variables (Table 3 in Appendix), the ones which explain most of the variation in the observed presence and absences of each species were selected with a recursive feature elimination approach (RFE) implemented within the Random forest algorithm (Breiman 2001). Within the RFE approach,

the variables were eliminated iteratively, starting from the full set of potential predictors and retaining only those variables that reduce the mean square error over random permutations of the same variable. The variables which were linearly correlated with other variables and had a variance inflation factors VIF > 5, a commonly used threshold in detecting multicollinearity (Craney and Surlis 2002; Thompson et al. 2017), were identified. The identified collinear variables with the lower value according to the Akaike Information Criteria (AIC) (Akaike 1974) were retained for further model development. This subset of uncorrelated climate variables (Table 4 in Appendix) was used as predictor variables for developing the ensemble species distribution models.

## 2.4 Ensemble species distribution models

To model the potential distribution of the seven European tree species, an ensemble distribution modeling approach, implemented through the R package, biomod2 (Thuiller et al. 2016), was used. biomod2 offers a computational platform for multi-method modeling that generates models of species' potential distribution for each species. The model algorithms include GLM (Generalized Linear Models), GAM (Generalized Additive Models), GBM (Generalized Boosted regression Models), CTA (Classification Tree Analysis), ANN (Artificial Neural Networks), SRE (Surface Range Envelop or BIOCLIM), FDA (Flexible Discriminant Analysis), MARS (Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline), RF (Random Forest for classification and regression), and MAXENT. Tsuruoka. Hence, biomod2 combines the strengths of multiple modeling algorithms while accounting for their uncertainties. We used biomod2 default settings for all the modeling algorithms (Thuiller et al. 2016). Each model algorithm predicted the probability of the potential distribution for each species. Such probabilities predicted from the individual models were ensembled into a consensus model by combining the median probability over the selected models with true skill statistics threshold (TSS > 0.7) (Allouche et al. 2006; Coetzee et al. 2009). The median was chosen because it is known to be less sensitive to outliers than the mean. The estimated ensemble model predictions were presented as GeoTIFF rasters. These raster files are available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3686918>.

## 2.5 Model evaluation and uncertainty analysis

Model evaluation was carried by splitting the occurrence dataset into 75% for model training and 25% for model testing. Besides, biomod2 allows specifying the number of runs for each combination of training and testing data. Therefore, 10 independent runs, each with a randomly selected set of training and test data, were implemented.

For each such model run as well as the final ensemble models, the model evaluation statistics were recorded. These statistics were true skill statistics (TSS) and area under the relative operating characteristic (ROC), model sensitivity (the ability of the model to predict true presences), and model specificity (the ability of the model to predict the true absences). TSS takes into account both omission and commission errors and ranges also from  $-1$  to  $+1$ , not being affected by prevalence as KAPPA (Allouche et al. 2006). TSS values ranging from 0.2 to 0.5 were considered poor, from 0.6 to 0.8 useful, and values larger than 0.8 were good to excellent (e.g., Coetzee et al. 2009). Prediction accuracy is considered to be similar to random for ROC values lower than 0.5; poor, for values in the range 0.5–0.7; fair in the range 0.7–0.9; and excellent for values greater than 0.9 (Pontius and Parmentier 2014).

Model uncertainty was also estimated in terms of coefficient of variation (CV) among the predictions of the individual models. The estimated CVs are also presented as GeoTIFF rasters where each cell corresponds to a CV value, whereby higher and lower CV values indicate higher and lower uncertainties, respectively, in the ensemble model. These raster files are available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3686918>.

In addition to internal evaluation, the model predictions were also tested against independent data on European Forest Genetic Conservation Units (GCU) (Lefèvre et al. 2013). The geographic locations of the 3354 genetic conservation units (Fig. 3 in Appendix) were used to extract the predicted probability of occurrence from the models for the seven target species for the period 1961–1990. The ensemble models were used to predict the distribution of the seven target species at each GCU location. Predicted probability  $< 60$  were assumed to be, “incorrectly predicted,” whereas those  $> 60\%$  were treated as “correctly predicted” following Dyderski et al. (2018). For most species, the incorrectly classified GCUs are those located in the southeastern part of their potential distribution (Fig. 3 in Appendix).

## 3 Access to the data and metadata description

The dataset is accessible through <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3686918>. Associated metadata are available at <https://metadata-afs.nancy.inra.fr/geonetwork/srv/fre/catalog.search#/metadata/fe79a36d-6db8-4a87-8a9f-c72a572b87e8>

## 4 Technical validation

In general, for all species, a high correlation was observed between the predictive performance of the models calibrated with both training and evaluation data with mean TSS ranging from 0.79 to 0.92 and mean ROC ranging from 0.92 to 0.98 (Table 1). Average sensitivity or the ability of the models to predict true presences across all species and models range from 95 to 98% and average specificity or the ability of the models to predict true absences range 86–96% (Table 1). Detailed performance of individual models can be found in Table 5 in Appendix.

Model evaluation against independent data reveals that out of the total 3354, 80–96% of the species occurrence in the European genetic conservation unit (GCU) dataset was correctly predicted by our ensemble SDMs (Table 6 in Appendix).

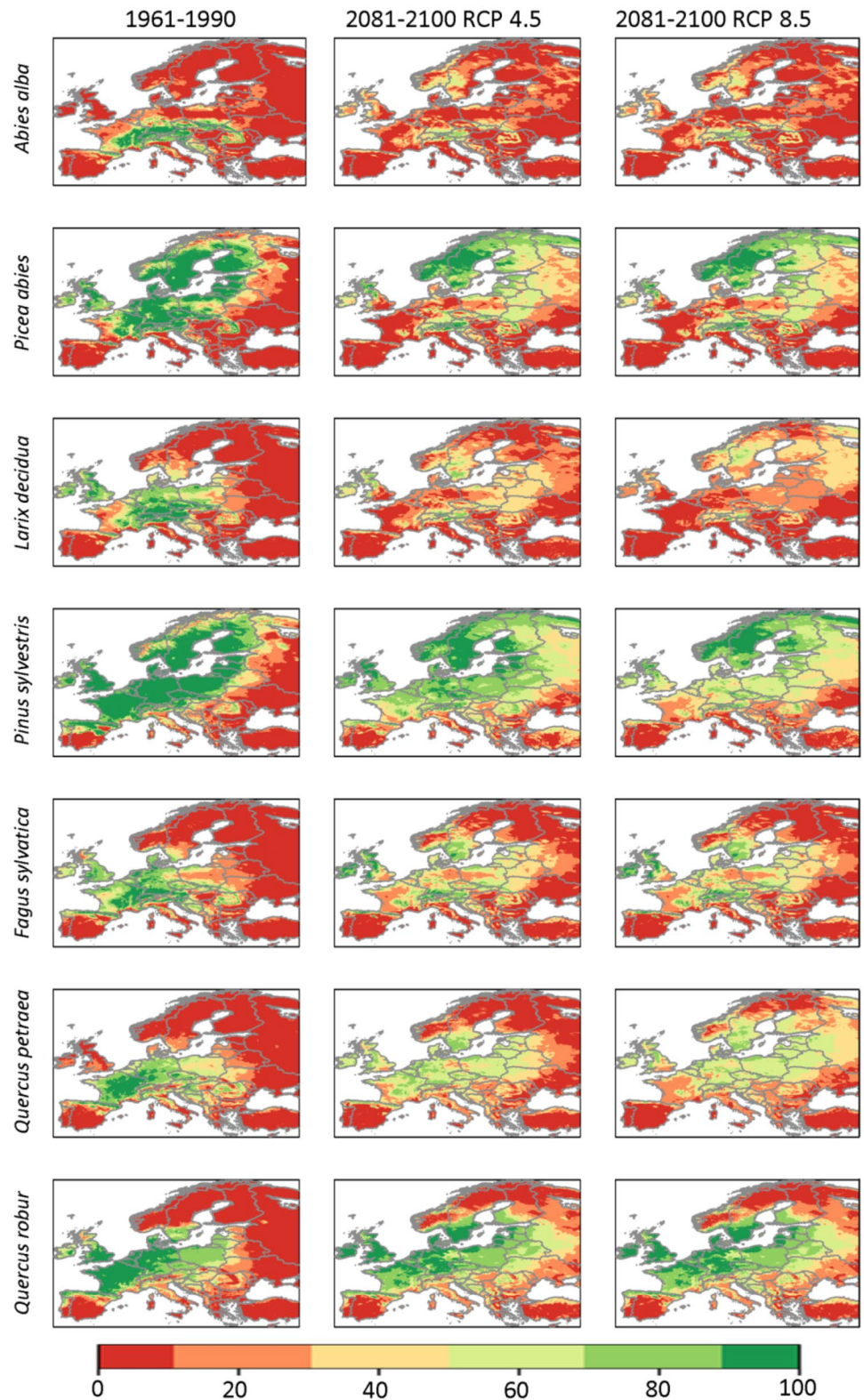
The ensemble SDMs predicts a substantial change in the potential distribution of the seven target species (Fig. 1). A general trend of a northward shift in potential climate suitability (probability  $> 60\%$ ) was predicted, as also observed by recent studies such as Dyderski et al. (2018). Median uncertainty represented by the coefficient of variation between individual models varies between 6 and 15% and with *Larix decidua* and *Abies alba* having higher prediction uncertainty compared to other species (Fig. 2).

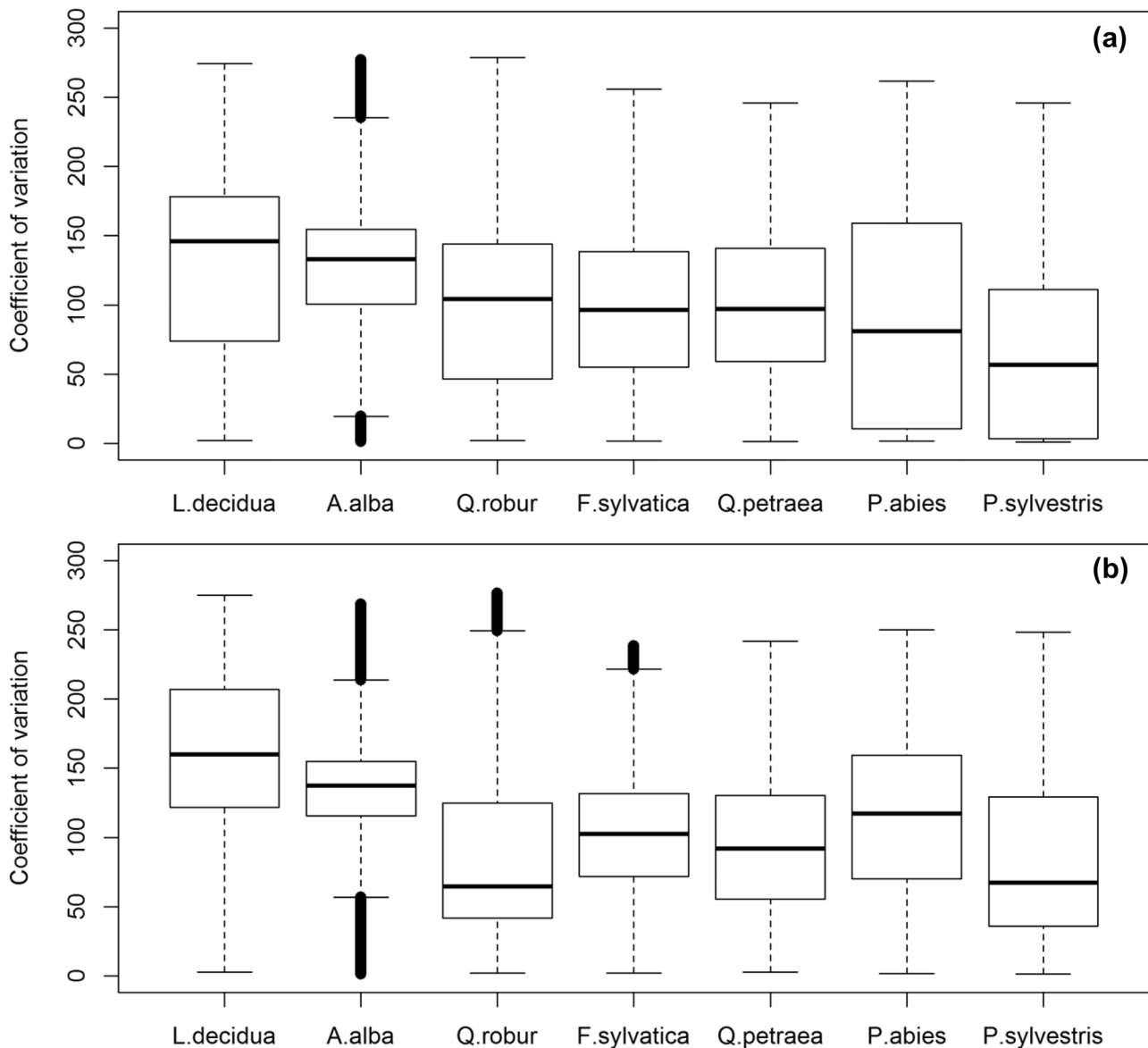
## 5 Reuse potential and limits

The dataset is currently being used to develop a decision support tool, SusSelect Smartphone app <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.topolynx.susselect&hl=en>, which calculates the vulnerability of tree species under climate change. The dataset is also being used to develop an Integrated Toolbox that combines tools from Interreg CE, Horizon 2020, and EU Life projects. This integrated toolbox (TEACHER-CE) is under development and focuses on climate-proof management of water-related issues such as floods, heavy rain, and drought risk prevention, small water retention measures, and protection of water resources through sustainable land-use management. For details see: <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/TEACHER-CE.html>.



**Fig. 1** Potential distribution of seven European tree species under the historical period (1961–1990) and predicted future scenario of 2080–2100 under RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5





**Fig. 2** Uncertainty of predictions for the seven target tree species under **a** current climate (1961–90) and **b** RCP 8.5 (1981–2100) expressed as the coefficient of variation

Ecological niche models or SDMs assume that the relation between climatic drivers and the species distribution remains constant also in climate change. This assumption needs to be taken into account while interpreting the results of the paper.

## 6 Dataset citation

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## Appendix

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**Table 2** Description of the dataset according to the ODMAP protocol

ODMAP elements	Contents
Overview	
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Model objective	SDM Objective: forecast/transfer Target output: probability of occurrence of target tree species
Taxon	<i>Seven tree species of Europe:</i> <i>Abies alba, Fagus sylvatica, Larix decidua, Picea abies, Pinus sylvestris, Quercus petraea, Quercus robur</i>
Location	Europe
Scale of analysis	Spatial extent (Lon/ Lat): Longitude: $-32.65000^{\circ}\text{E}$ , $-69.44167^{\circ}\text{E}$ Latitude: $30.877982^{\circ}\text{N}$ , $-71.57893^{\circ}\text{N}$ Spatial resolution: 30 arcsec Temporal resolution: We modeled for historic climate (1961–1990) and three future time frames which include averages of (2041–2060, 2061–2080, and 2081–2100). The predictions were done for two Representative Concentrations RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5
Biodiversity data overview	Observation type: standardized monitoring Response data type: presence/absence data
Type of predictors	Climatic
Conceptual model/hypotheses	A large body of scientific studies indicate that climate is one of the major drivers of the distribution of tree species at the continental scale. We exploited this correlation between species' current occurrence and climate to develop SDMs that predict the potential distribution of the target tree species
Assumptions	We assumed that species are at pseudo-equilibrium with the environment. The source of the presence/absence data (Mauri et al. 2017) used in this study is largely from national forest inventories where tree individuals below a certain diameter at breast height are not recorded. We assume that this data collection procedure did not bias our occurrence data Since our occurrence dataset covers the whole current distribution of the target species, which represents both current and likely future climate of Europe, we safely assumed that the species retain their niches across space and time and the current occurrence–climate correlation remains stable when predicting the models for future climate
SDM algorithms	Algorithms: We selected 10 modeling algorithms: GLM (Generalized Linear Models), GAM (Generalized Additive Models), GBM (Generalized Boosted regression Models), CTA (Classification Tree Analysis), ANN (Artificial Neural Networks), SRE (Surface Range Envelop or BIOCLIM), FDA (Flexible Discriminant Analysis), MARS (Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline), RF (Random Forest for classification and regression), and MAXENT. Tsuruoka. These model algorithms were implemented through an ensemble model platform biomod2 (Thuiller et al. 2016) Model complexity: The individual models were run using the standard default settings of biomod2 that are designed to balance model complexity and overfitting Ensembles: The prediction of individual model algorithms were ensembled through biomod2 (Thuiller et al. 2016)



**Table 2** (continued)

ODMAP elements	Contents
Model workflow	The model workflow includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data cleaning and generation of pseudo absences</li> <li>2. Finding the best climate variables to fit the models</li> <li>2. Model running through biomod2 platform</li> <li>3. Ensemble prediction</li> <li>4. Generation of the maps as gridded 30 arcsec rasters</li> </ol>
Software	Software: All analyses were conducted using R version 3.3.2 (R Core Team 2016). Packages used: biomod2 (Thuiller et al. 2016), Random Forest (Breiman 2001), Data availability: Presence absence data are available from Mauri et al. (2017) Climate data is available from Chakraborty D, Dobor L, A, Hlásny T, Schueler S (2020) High-resolution gridded climate data for Europe based on bias-corrected EURO-CORDEX: the ECLIPS-2.0 dataset [Zenodo: <a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3952159">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3952159</a> .]
Data	
Biodiversity data	Taxon names: <i>Abies alba</i> , <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> , <i>Larix decidua</i> , <i>Picea abies</i> , <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> , <i>Quercus petraea</i> , <i>Quercus robur</i> Ecological level: <i>Species-level</i> Data source: Species presence-absence data was obtained from the EU-Forest dataset (Mauri et al. 2017). The dataset harmonizes European tree occurrence from National Forest inventories (NFI), Forest Focus (Hiederer et al. 2011), and Bioisil datasets (Houston Durrant et al. 2011). A major part of the data arises from the NFI data (96%) while 4% contributed by Forest Focus (Hiederer et al. 2011), Bioisil datasets (Houston Durrant et al. 2011) Sampling design: The background data included in the EU-Forest (Mauri et al. 2017) varied in their sampling intensity and design. This data was harmonized and aggregated to a spatial resolution of 1 square kilometer, in line with an INSPIREcompliant 1-km × 1-km grid Sample size The dataset includes a total of 1,000,525 occurrence records at a spatial resolution of 1 × 1 km (Mauri et al. 2017) Data filtering: Form the EU-Forest dataset we obtained 412,2881 occurrence records about the seven target species Presence-absence data: In our case the geographic locations of the target species in the EU-Forest dataset was assumed to be true presences, while the remaining locations of occurrence of other species were assumed to be the absence locations To ensure that the absence locations are not only climatically dissimilar but also geographically distant from the observed presence locations, we developed the so-called pseudo absences according to Senay et al. (2013). This is a three-step approach: (i) specifying a geographical extent outside the observed presences, (ii) environmental profiling of the absences outside this geographic extent, and (iii) <i>k-means</i> clustering of the environmental profiles and selecting random samples within each cluster. In our case, a 2-degree buffer was found to be optimum following Senay et al. (2013). The absence locations outside this geographic extent were classified into 10–15 (depending on species) environmentally dissimilar clusters according to the <i>k-means</i> clustering algorithm. The number of clusters for each species were determined with a plot of total within-cluster sum of square (WSS) and number of clusters The number of pseudoabsence locations was further reduced by randomly selecting a sample of locations defined by the 95% confidence interval from each of the clusters. This approach was used to generate pseudoabsence for all the seven species
Data partitioning	The occurrence dataset for each target species was partitioned by splitting into 75% for model training and 25% for model evaluation
Environmental predictors	Predictor variables Environmental predictors were 80 biologically relevant climate variables comprising of annual, seasonal, and monthly variables From this list of 80 variables, a small subset of potential predictor variables was selected for each target species during the variable selection process Data sources: The spatial resolution of predictor data: 30 arcsec which is roughly equivalent to 1 × 1 km or lower depending on latitude The temporal resolution of predictor variable: Historic climate (1961–1990) and three future time frames which include averages of (2041–2060, 2061–2080, and 2081–2100) for two Representative Concentration RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 were used for the SDM predictions Geographic projection: WGS 84 (EPSG: 4326)
Model	

**Table 2** (continued)

ODMAP elements	Contents
Variable selection and multi-collinearity	From the list of potential predictor variables (Table 2 in Appendix), the ones which explain most of the variation in the observed presence and absences of each species were selected with a recursive feature elimination approach (RFE) implemented within the Random forest algorithm (Breiman 2001). Within the RFE approach, the variables were eliminated iteratively, starting from the full set of potential predictors (Table 2 in Appendix), and retaining only those variables that reduce the mean square error over random permutations of the same variable. The variables which were linearly correlated with other variables and had a variance inflation factors $VIF > 5$ as suggested by Booth et al. (1994) were identified, and the ones with the lower value according to the Akaike Information Criteria (AIC) (Akaike 1974) were retained for further model development. This subset of uncorrelated climate variables (Table 3 in Appendix) was used as predictor variables for developing the ensemble species distribution models
Model settings	The models were run with the default settings of biomod2 (Thuiller et al. 2016)
Model estimates	The models estimated median ensemble probability of species occurrence and associated model uncertainty represented by the coefficient of variation
Model ensemble	Predicted probabilities from the individual models for each target species were ensemble as a consensus model which combined the median probability over the selected models with true skill statistics threshold ( $TSS > 0.7$ ) (Allouche et al. 2006; Coetzee et al. 2009)
Threshold selection	True skill statistics threshold ( $TSS > 0.7$ ), a commonly used threshold for SDMS (Allouche et al. 2006; Coetzee et al. 2009), was used
<b>Assessment</b>	
Model performance statistics	For each such model run as well as the final ensemble models for each target species, the model evaluation statistics were recorded. These statistics were true skill statistics (TSS) and area under the relative operating characteristic (ROC), model sensitivity (the ability of the model to predict true presences), and model specificity (the ability of the model to predict the true absences). TSS takes into account both omission and commission errors and ranges also from $-1$ to $+1$ , not being affected by prevalence as KAPPA (Allouche et al. 2006). TSS values ranging from 0.2 to 0.5 were considered poor, from 0.6 to 0.8 useful, and values larger than 0.8 were good to excellent (e.g. Coetzee et al. 2009). Prediction accuracy is considered to be similar to random for ROC values lower than 0.5; poor, for values in the range 0.5–0.7; fair in the range 0.7–0.9; and excellent for values greater than 0.9 (Pontius and Parmentier 2014)
<b>Prediction</b>	
Prediction output	Predicted probabilities from the individual models and target species were ensemble as a consensus model which combined the median probability over the selected models with true skill statistics threshold ( $TSS > 0.7$ ) (Allouche et al. 2006; Coetzee et al. 2009). The median was chosen because it is known to be less sensitive to outliers than the mean. The estimated ensemble model predictions were presented as GeoTIFF rasters
Uncertainty quantification	Model uncertainty was estimated in terms of coefficient of variation (CV) among the predictions of the individual models. The estimated CVs are also presented as GeoTIFF rasters where each cell corresponds to a CV value whereby higher and lower CV values indicate higher and lower uncertainty respectively in the ensemble model

**Table 3** Potential climate variables from the ECLIPS 2.0 dataset (Chakraborty et al. 2020a, b) used to calibrate the ensemble SDMs

Climate variable	Variables	Unit
AHM	Annual heat: moisture index $(MAT + 10)/(MAP/1000)$	
bFFP	The Julian date on which FFP begins	
DDabove18	Degree-days below 18 °C, heating degree-days	
DDabove5	Degree-days above 5 °C, growing degree-days	
DDbelow0	Degree-days below 0 °C, chilling degree-days	
DDbelow18	Degree-days below 18 °C, heating degree-days	
eFFP	The Julian date on which FFP ends	
EMT	Extreme minimum temperature over 30 years	°C
FFP	Frost-free period	Days
MAP	Mean annual precipitation (mm)	°C
MAT	Mean annual temperature (°C)	°C
MCMT	Mean coldest month temperature (°C)	°C
MSP	Mean summer (May to Sept.) precipitation (mm)	°C
MWMT	Mean warmest month temperature (°C)	°C
NFFD	The number of frost-free days	days
PPT_at	Autumn precipitation (mm)	mm
PPT_sm	Summer precipitation (mm)	mm
PPT_sp	Spring precipitation (mm)	mm
PPT_wt	Winter precipitation (mm)	mm
PPT01	Precipitation month 01	mm
PPT02	Precipitation month 02	mm
PPT03	Precipitation month 03	mm
PPT04	Precipitation month 04	mm
PPT05	Precipitation month 05	mm
PPT06	Precipitation month 06	mm
PPT07	Precipitation month 07	mm
PPT08	Precipitation month 08	mm
PPT09	Precipitation month 09	mm
PPT10	Precipitation month 10	mm
PPT11	Precipitation month 11	mm
PPT12	Precipitation month 12	mm
SHM	Summer heat: moisture index $((MWMT)/(MSP/1000))$	
Tave_at	Autumn (Sep.–Nov.) mean temperature (°C)	°C
Tave_sm	Summer (Jun.–Aug.) mean temperature (°C)	°C
Tave_sp	Spring (Mar.–May) mean temperature (°C)	°C
Tave_wt	Winter (Dec. (prev. yr)–Feb.) mean temperature (°C)	°C
Tave01	Average temperature month 01	°C
Tave02	Average temperature month 02	°C
Tave03	Average temperature month 03	°C
Tave04	Average temperature month 04	°C
Tave05	Average temperature month 05	°C
Tave06	Average temperature month 06	°C
Tave07	Average temperature month 07	°C
Tave08	Average temperature month 08	°C
Tave09	Average temperature month 09	°C
Tave10	Average temperature month 10	°C
Tave11	Average temperature month 11	°C
Tave12	Average temperature month 12	°C
TD	Temperature difference between MWMT and MCMT(°C)	°C
Tmax_an	Maximum yearly temperature	°C
Tmax_at	Maximum autumn temperature	°C

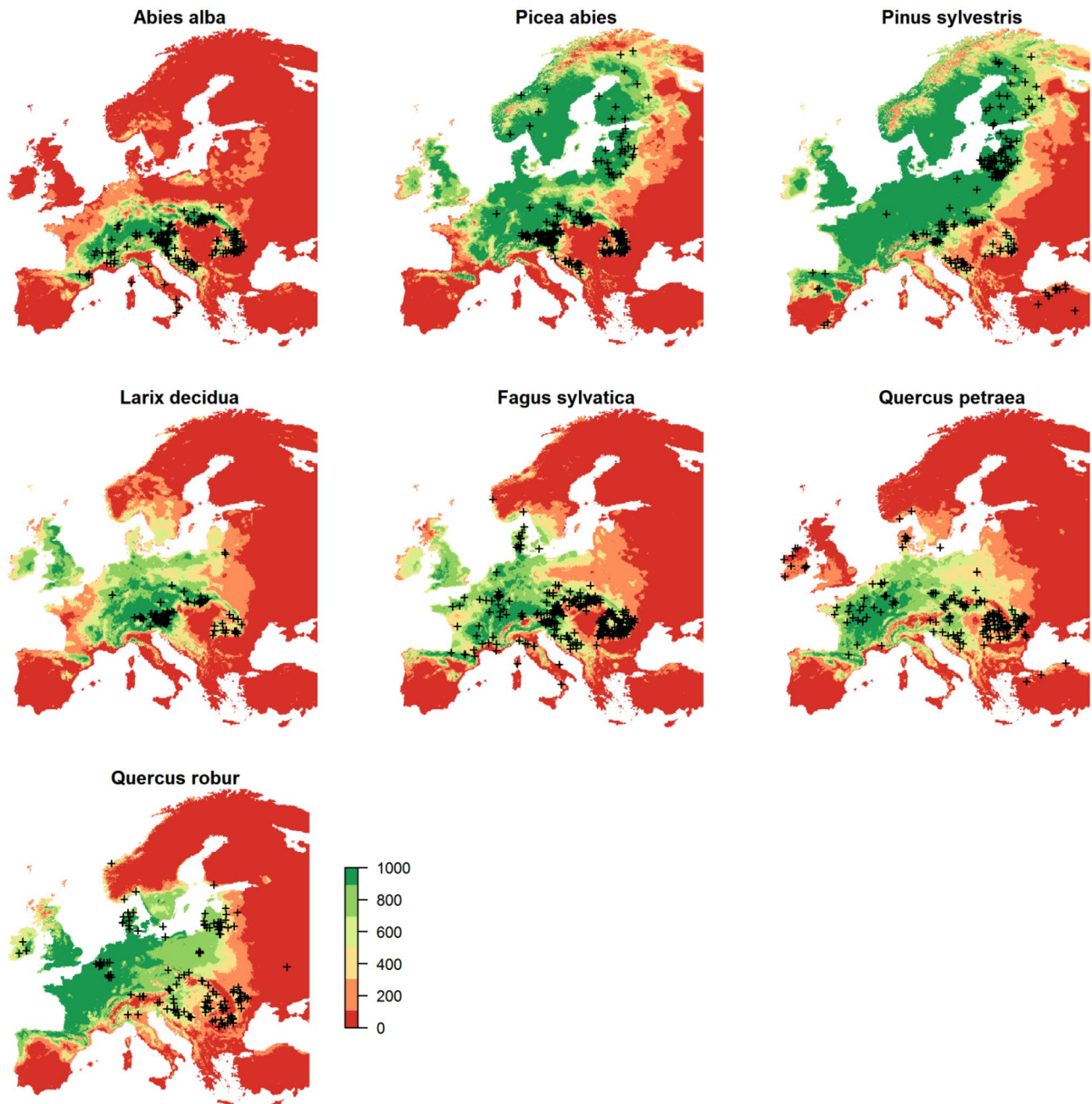
**Table 3** (continued)

Climate variable	Variables	Unit
Tmax_sm	Maximum summer temperature	°C
Tmax_sp	Maximum spring temperature	°C
Tmax_wt	Maximum winter temperature	°C
Tmax01	Maximum temperature 01	°C
Tmax02	Maximum temperature 02	°C
Tmax03	Maximum temperature 03	°C
Tmax04	Maximum temperature 04	°C
Tmax05	Maximum temperature 05	°C
Tmax06	Maximum temperature 06	°C
Tmax07	Maximum temperature 07	°C
Tmax08	Maximum temperature 08	°C
Tmax09	Maximum temperature 09	°C
Tmax10	Maximum temperature 10	°C
Tmax11	Maximum temperature 11	°C
Tmax12	Maximum temperature 12	°C
Tmin_an	Minimum annual temperature	°C
Tmin_at	Minimum autumn temperature	°C
Tmin_sm	Minimum summer temperature	°C
Tmin_sp	Minimum spring temperature	°C
Tmin_wt	Minimum winter temperature	°C
Tmin01	Minimum temperature 01	°C
Tmin02	Minimum temperature 02	°C
Tmin03	Minimum temperature 03	°C
Tmin04	Minimum temperature 04	°C
Tmin05	Minimum temperature 05	°C
Tmin06	Minimum temperature 06	°C
Tmin07	Minimum temperature 07	°C
Tmin08	Minimum temperature 08	°C
Tmin09	Minimum temperature 09	°C
Tmin10	Minimum temperature 10	°C
Tmin11	Minimum temperature 11	°C
Tmin12	Minimum temperature 12	°C

**Table 4** Climate variables used to calibrate the ensemble SDMs

Acronym	Climate variable	Species
SHM	Summer heat-moisture index	<i>Picea abies</i>
PPT_at	Mean autumn precipitation	<i>Picea abies</i>
FFP	Longest frost-free period	<i>Picea abies</i>
TD	Continentality	<i>Picea abies</i>
MCMT	Mean coldest month temperature	<i>Picea abies</i>
SHM	Summer heat-moisture index	<i>Abies alba</i>
EMT	Extreme minimum temperature	<i>Abies alba</i>
TD	Continentality	<i>Abies alba</i>
SHM	Summer heat-moisture index	<i>Larix decidua</i>
Tave_sm	Average summer temperature	<i>Larix decidua</i>
MWMT	Mean warmest month temperature	<i>Larix decidua</i>
SHM	Summer heat-moisture index	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
DDabove18	Days with mean temperature above 18 °C	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
Tmax_sp	Maximum spring temperature	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
Tave_wt	Average winter temperature	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
SHM	Summer heat-moisture index	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
DDabove5	Days with mean temperature above 5 °C	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
PPT_sp	Mean spring precipitation	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
EMT	Extreme minimum temperature	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
Tave_sp	Average spring temperature	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
DDbelow18	Days with mean temperature below 18 °C	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
PPT_sm	Mean summer temperature	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
MAT	Mean annual temperature	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
DDabove5	Days with mean temperature above 5 °C	<i>Quercus robur</i>
PPT_sm	Mean summer temperature	<i>Quercus robur</i>
FFP	Longest frost-free period	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Tmin_sp	Minimum spring temperature	<i>Quercus robur</i>
MCMT	Mean coldest month temperature	<i>Quercus robur</i>





**Fig. 3** Locations of the genetic conservation units (Lefèvre et al. 2013) plotted against the predictions of the ensemble SDMs for the period 1961–1990 for the seven target species of Europe. The prediction range 0–1000 refers to 0–100%

**Table 5** Statistics for evaluation for each of the models used to develop the ensemble SDM for the seven tree species. The summary of this model evaluation is presented in Table 1

Criteria	Testing data	Evaluating data	Sensitivity	Specificity	Model	Species
TSS	0.921	0.916	96.718	94.925	GLM	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.99	0.99	96.334	95.522	GLM	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.936	0.933	96.377	96.887	GBM	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.995	0.994	96.377	96.972	GBM	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.949	0.939	97.357	96.588	GAM	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.996	0.995	96.121	98.038	GAM	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.936	0.932	95.396	97.825	CTA	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.978	0.977	95.78	97.612	CTA	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.962	0.956	97.4	98.209	ANN	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.993	0.992	97.144	98.806	ANN	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.743	0.745	79.199	95.309	SRE	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.872	0.873	79.199	95.309	SRE	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.927	0.92	96.633	95.394	FDA	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.987	0.987	95.951	96.418	FDA	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.929	0.927	96.292	96.418	MARS	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.992	0.992	96.377	96.375	MARS	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.998	0.968	98.167	98.635	RF	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	1.00	0.998	98.679	98.337	RF	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.872	0.884	94.246	94.2	MAXENT*	<i>Abies alba</i>
ROC	0.979	0.981	95.482	93.262	MAXENT*	<i>Abies alba</i>
TSS	0.802	0.804	93.126	87.25	GLM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.956	0.955	93.081	87.305	GLM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.825	0.818	92.991	88.806	GBM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.971	0.97	93.723	88.25	GBM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.826	0.827	94.375	88.384	GAM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.969	0.969	94.263	88.517	GAM	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.859	0.85	93.543	91.441	CTA	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.962	0.959	93.543	91.441	CTA	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.849	0.846	93.993	90.585	ANN	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.971	0.971	95.106	89.595	ANN	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.6	0.586	75.307	83.337	SRE	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.8	0.793	75.307	83.337	SRE	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.794	0.793	90.899	88.395	FDA	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.958	0.958	92.598	86.972	FDA	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.811	0.809	92.789	88.072	MARS	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.961	0.961	92.238	88.751	MARS	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.994	0.935	97.278	96.187	RF	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	1	0.994	97.188	96.343	RF	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.755	0.752	93.61	81.525	MAXENT*	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
ROC	0.926	0.927	93.835	81.381	MAXENT*	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
TSS	0.858	0.867	95.254	91.423	GLM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.975	0.976	95.548	91.277	GLM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.894	0.891	94.765	94.201	GBM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.987	0.985	94.716	94.591	GBM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.91	0.911	96.282	94.786	GAM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.988	0.987	95.89	95.224	GAM	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.92	0.906	96.233	94.396	CTA	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.978	0.973	96.233	94.396	CTA	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.924	0.923	96.722	95.614	ANN	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.991	0.989	95.841	96.686	ANN	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.656	0.651	77.153	87.914	SRE	<i>Larix decidua</i>

Table 5 (continued)

Criteria	Testing data	Evaluating data	Sensitivity	Specificity	Model	Species
ROC	0.828	0.825	77.153	87.914	SRE	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.863	0.871	95.548	91.52	FDA	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.974	0.974	95.303	92.251	FDA	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.878	0.888	96.526	92.3	MARS	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.981	0.98	96.575	92.3	MARS	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.997	0.96	98.386	97.661	RF	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	1	0.996	98.337	97.758	RF	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.735	0.754	95.01	80.361	MAXENT*	<i>Larix decidua</i>
ROC	0.917	0.924	95.01	80.409	MAXENT*	<i>Larix decidua</i>
TSS	0.834	0.834	91.633	91.827	GLM	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.975	0.975	91.93	91.58	GLM	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.895	0.898	96.673	93.09	GBM	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.986	0.987	96.615	93.192	GBM	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.893	0.897	95.143	94.591	GAM	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.987	0.987	94.692	95.171	GAM	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.921	0.917	97.631	94.028	CTA	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.979	0.978	97.631	94.028	CTA	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.875	0.873	96.393	90.915	ANN	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.965	0.965	96.484	90.889	ANN	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.643	0.643	75.589	88.662	SRE	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.821	0.821	75.589	88.662	SRE	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.829	0.832	91.553	91.648	FDA	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.974	0.975	93.334	90.104	FDA	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.861	0.865	93.419	93.073	MARS	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.979	0.98	94.35	92.228	MARS	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.998	0.985	99.515	98.968	RF	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	1	0.998	99.538	98.968	RF	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.606	0.604	94.019	66.362	MAXENT*	<i>Pice abies</i>
ROC	0.88	0.88	94.492	65.953	MAXENT*	<i>Pice abies</i>
TSS	0.787	0.789	91.278	87.63	GLM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.958	0.958	91.74	87.281	GLM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.872	0.864	96.999	89.344	GBM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.976	0.974	94.859	91.808	GBM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.857	0.859	94.526	91.366	GAM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.976	0.976	93.778	92.26	GAM	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.91	0.9	97.731	92.249	CTA	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.968	0.964	97.682	92.362	CTA	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.886	0.886	96.08	92.537	ANN	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.966	0.964	95.789	92.875	ANN	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.572	0.579	76.21	81.686	SRE	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.786	0.789	76.21	81.686	SRE	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.803	0.802	91.638	88.533	FDA	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.961	0.96	93.009	87.517	FDA	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.829	0.831	95.176	87.917	MARS	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.966	0.966	94.628	88.584	MARS	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.998	0.975	99.048	98.47	RF	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	1	0.997	99.145	98.44	RF	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.503	0.506	93.101	57.479	MAXENT*	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
ROC	0.819	0.816	93.413	57.243	MAXENT*	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
TSS	0.849	0.851	91.782	93.277	GLM	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.976	0.977	91.73	93.418	GLM	<i>Quercus robur</i>

**Table 5** (continued)

Criteria	Testing data	Evaluating data	Sensitivity	Specificity	Model	Species
TSS	0.889	0.892	96.048	93.175	GBM	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.985	0.986	94.818	94.517	GBM	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.88	0.882	94.87	93.328	GAM	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.983	0.984	95.342	92.97	GAM	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.91	0.909	96.218	94.696	CTA	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.977	0.978	96.218	94.696	CTA	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.915	0.917	96.794	94.875	ANN	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.984	0.984	96.336	95.386	ANN	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.718	0.72	76.93	95.066	SRE	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.859	0.86	76.93	95.066	SRE	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.844	0.844	92.423	92.037	FDA	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.974	0.977	92.044	92.523	FDA	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.859	0.857	92.58	93.175	MARS	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.977	0.979	92.306	93.494	MARS	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.996	0.965	98.574	97.968	RF	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	1	0.998	98.09	98.556	RF	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.778	0.787	95.878	82.848	MAXENT*	<i>Quercus robur</i>
ROC	0.943	0.946	95.773	82.975	MAXENT*	<i>Quercus robur</i>
TSS	0.754	0.747	94.685	80.019	GLM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.942	0.945	93.45	81.709	GLM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.789	0.788	89.93	88.988	GBM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.962	0.962	90.629	88.401	GBM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.806	0.805	91.865	88.565	GAM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.962	0.962	91.072	89.739	GAM	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.856	0.834	93.986	89.458	CTA	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.957	0.953	93.986	89.458	CTA	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.831	0.835	92.96	90.514	ANN	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.961	0.963	92.821	90.679	ANN	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.643	0.658	79.674	86.124	SRE	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.821	0.829	79.674	86.124	SRE	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.766	0.764	92.051	84.269	FDA	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.949	0.951	90.49	86.194	FDA	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.782	0.783	95.455	82.883	MARS	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.952	0.953	95.618	82.789	MARS	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.992	0.901	95.431	94.811	RF	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	1	0.989	95.501	94.811	RF	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
TSS	0.702	0.685	92.238	76.286	MAXENT*	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
ROC	0.9	0.898	94.126	74.618	MAXENT*	<i>Quercus petraea</i>

\*MAXENT Tsuruoka

**Table 6** Predicted probability of occurrence of the seven target species predicted for independent data of European genetic conservation units from Lefèvre et al. (2013). Probability class of 0–40, and 40–60 were

assumed to be incorrectly predicted and > 60% as correctly predicted by the SDMs

Probability class	Number of genetic conservation units in respective probability class						
	<i>A alba</i>	<i>P abies</i>	<i>P sylvestris</i>	<i>L decidua</i>	<i>F sylvatica</i>	<i>Q petraea</i>	<i>Q robur</i>
0–40	4	1	17	2	5	26	23
40–60	9	16	24	9	38	18	6
60–80	32	34	18	6	96	95	62
80–100	182	318	152	108	208	86	82

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