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Detection of old-growth forests through satellite images: a case study in a mediterranean mountain range (Cazorla, southeast Spain)

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**“Aserradores, hacheros,
pelaores, ajorraores, pineros,
resineros, esencieros,
carboneros, leñadores y
matuteros, carreteros,
arrieros, aladreros,
alimañeros, aperadores,
cadiceros, cuchareros,
seteros, pastores, herbolario,
cazadores, pescadores,
guardas, carpinteros,
mieleros, peluseros, neveros”**

Idáñez Aguilar, 1995



Before going
to the point....

Old Growth Forests in Spanish and
Andalusia Forestry Regulations,
Initiatives and Projects

Andalusian OGF

Our Projects on OGF



Laws and strategic plans about forests

SPAIN (NATIONAL)

- Law 43/2003 Forests (Montes) It is the basic national regulation on forestry; there is no new draft currently in development.
- Spanish Forest Strategy – Horizon 2050 (approved 2022). Reference document for national forest policy. Considering European Strategy for Biodiversity (2020) that establishes to strictly protect all primary and mature forests in EU, including actions to define, map, monitor and preserve these ecosystems
- Spanish Forest Plan 2022–2032. It implements the Spanish Forest Strategy for the first decade



ANDALOUSIA (REGIONAL)

- Andalusian Forest Law (1992). A new draft has been under development since 2024.
- Andalusian Forest Plan, approved in 1989 and revised in 2023 to adequate to 2030 Agenda



SPANISH FORESTRY STRATEGY- HORIZON 2050

Goal: To establish a long-term vision for achieving managed, resilient, and multifunctional forests that contribute to social well-being, biodiversity, the green economy, and climate change mitigation

Measures:

- Identification, protection, and restoration of forest **ecosystems with high ecological value** (including mature forests).
- Creation of **inventories and mapping of forest areas with high conservation value**.
- **Integration of old-growth forest conservation into regional and local forest planning instruments**.
- Recognizes these forests as critical for climate resilience, biodiversity corridors, and carbon sequestration.

SPANISH FORESTRY PLAN 2022- 2032

Goal: To implement the Spanish Forestry Strategy during its first decade through **289 specific measures**, prioritizing **active and sustainable forest management**, protection against threats and the provision of ecosystem services.

Measures:

- Develops a **national inventory of mature and singular forests, including criteria for ecological value, age, structure, and biodiversity**.
- **Promotes passive management (non-intervention) in selected old-growth stands**
- **Enhances connectivity between mature forest patches to support ecological networks**.
- **Encourages monitoring and research on forest aging processes and their role in ecosystem services**.

DRAFT OF THE NEW ANDALUSIAN FOREST LAW (2024), law currently in force from 1992

Goal: to modernize and adapt the region's forest legislation to current environmental, social, and economic challenges.

Measures:

- Creation of the “Red MUESTRA” (Network of Exemplary Forests): network of forests managed sustainably, serving as models of best practices in conservation and multifunctional use.
- Prioritizes long-term conservation of ecologically valuable forest areas.
- Encourages landowners to preserve mature and biodiverse forest stands.
- Focuses on enhancing forest structure and ecological functions, especially in areas with old or vulnerable tree populations.

ANDALUSIAN FOREST PLAN (1989, adequation to Horizon 2030 in 2023)

Goal; to respond to the evolving ecological, social, and economic challenges facing Andalusia's forest ecosystems

Measures:

- Adaptive Management of Mediterranean Ecosystems protecting key ecosystem services in forests threatened by climate change, including those with mature or structurally complex vegetation.
- Promotes the creation of forest corridors, which benefit old-growth patches and enhance landscape-level resilience.
- Strengthens the use of forest inventories and ecological indicators to identify and manage forests of high conservation value.



LIFE RedBosques & LIFE RedBosques



LIFE RedBosques (2016–2019)

- Objective: to identify, characterize, and conserve stands of mature forests in Spain.
- Outcomes:
 - Identified and characterized mature forest stands.
 - Developed protocols to assess forest maturity.
 - Created a network of high-maturity forest plots.
 - Published management guidelines for maturity conservation.

LIFE RedBosques Clima (2022–2024)

- Focused on the role of mature forests in climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Has produced technical reports and tools for forest managers.
- Contributes to the implementation of the Spanish Forest Strategy and the integration of mature forests into territorial planning.



Antecedente



Revisión del concepto de madurez y del valor de los rodales maduros



Una red de rodales de elevada madurez



Un procedimiento para su caracterización



Unas recomendaciones para la conservación y gestión de los rodales maduros



Una herramienta para la valoración de su naturalidad

Reference Stand Map – Red Bosques Project (redbosques.creaf.cat/redbosques/herramienta/#mapaFase1)



Anderdalen National Park-Norway

Ånderdalen nasjonalpark

Sølvfuruene i Ånderdalen

Silbafurur
Aldovuonis

The Silver Pines
of Ånderdalen

Furuskogen i Ånderdalen er en kulturpåvirket gammelskog. Den er åpen og har innslag av liggende døde trær og gamle stubber. Nære stående torrfuruer lyser opp i landskapet. Lokalt kalles de for sølvfuruer.

Den nøyssomme furua er viktig for det biologiske mangfoldet i skogen, både som vintermat for blant annet storfulg, og som vert for treboende sopp, lav og insekter. I Norden er hele 7000 ulike arter avhengige av døde trær for å overleve. Det er derfor svært viktig at de gamle trærne blir tatt vare på. På sølvfuruene ser vi ofte at stammen spraker opp i en spiral. Det kan være flere årsaker til det; som veksten på grunn av lyset, og fysisk påvirkning fra vind og jordrotasjon.

Sametværra beavhii lea dikšad sámiid biologišat gárvuššii, sámiid álbmohisvuođa seavnehávdnái. Álbmohisvuođa fálakšiid, sámiid álbmohisvuođa seavnehávdnái, lea dikšad sámiid biologišat gárvuššii. Álbmohisvuođa fálakšiid, sámiid álbmohisvuođa seavnehávdnái, lea dikšad sámiid biologišat gárvuššii. Álbmohisvuođa fálakšiid, sámiid álbmohisvuođa seavnehávdnái, lea dikšad sámiid biologišat gárvuššii.

The silver growth pine forest in Ånderdalen is classified as a forest of cultural significance. It is an open forest with dead and recumbent trees and very old tree stump remains. The low and contorted trunks and branches of standing dead trees have an almost shimmering quality in the otherwise dark landscape. The local people call them the Silver Pines.

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The humble pine tree is an important feature for the biological diversity of this forest habitat. It provides a source of winter food for birds, and it is host to many insects associated fungi, lichen, and moths and is host to many other animals associated fungi, lichen, and moths. It is an important part of the forest's biodiversity. Therefore, it is of great importance to take care of it and let the trees and dead trunks remain in a forest. You may see that the trunks of the Silver Pines have a spiral form. This can be due to several reasons such as growth in narrow light spaces, due to other physical and environmental factors such as the wind and the earth's rotating axis.



Ånderdalen nasjonalpark

Velkommen inn - Ta med din egen ved

I Ånderdalen får trærne stå til de dør og forvandles til sølvgrå naturmonumenter. Det tar mange hundre år før trærne blir slik, så vi setter pris på at de får stå i fred og ikke brukes til brensel. Dersom du planlegger å lage bål, ta med deg litt ved og bruk de etablerte bålplassene.

Buresboahhtin – Váldde iežat muoraid mieldie
Aldovuomis muorat čužžot dassáži go áštet ja šaddet silbaránes luoddumonomieantan. Gollet mánga čuodi jagi ovdal go muorat šaddet dakkárin, nu ahte mii árvvusatnit dan ahte besset leat ráfis, eai geavahuvo boaldámuššan. Jus plánet dolastallat, de váldde mieldie veahá muoraid ja dolastala dolastallansajiin mat go gávdnojit.

Welcome – yet take your own firewood with you
In Ånderdalen the trees are protected until they die naturally and thus transform into silver-grey natural monoliths. Such a process takes many hundreds of years, and we are therefore grateful to all who let dead standing trees stay as they are. Please refrain from breaking off any branches or using the dead trunks for firewood. If you want to make a fire, take instead your own supply of firewood, and please remember to use established fire pits.



Old Growth Forests in Andalusia



**Los Alcornocales
Natural Park
(*Quercus suber*)**



**Sierra de Las
Nieves National
Park (*Abies
pinsapo*)**



**Sierra Nevada
National Park
(*Pinus sylvestris*)**

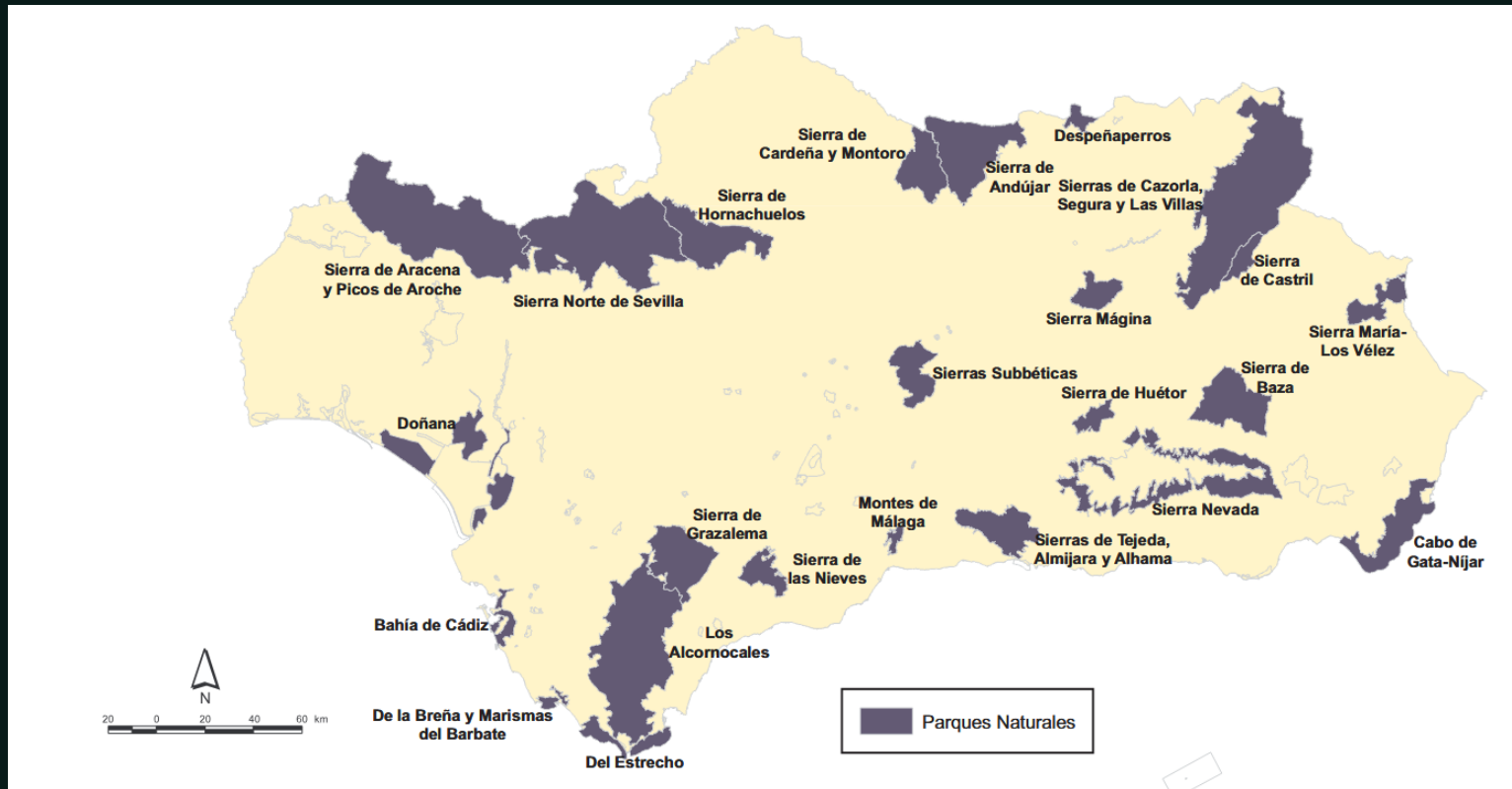


**Doñana National
Park (*Pinus pinea*)**



**Cazorla, Segura y
Las Villas Natural
Park (*Pinus nigra*)**

Natural and National Parks in Andalusia



Alcornocales (Cork oak forests)

Alcornocales Natural Park(1989)

Cork Oak Forests

Cadiz and Málaga province

ZEC Natura 2000

Ecological values, biodiversity and biological corridor between Europe and Africa (Mediterranean Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve, designated by UNESCO in 2006)



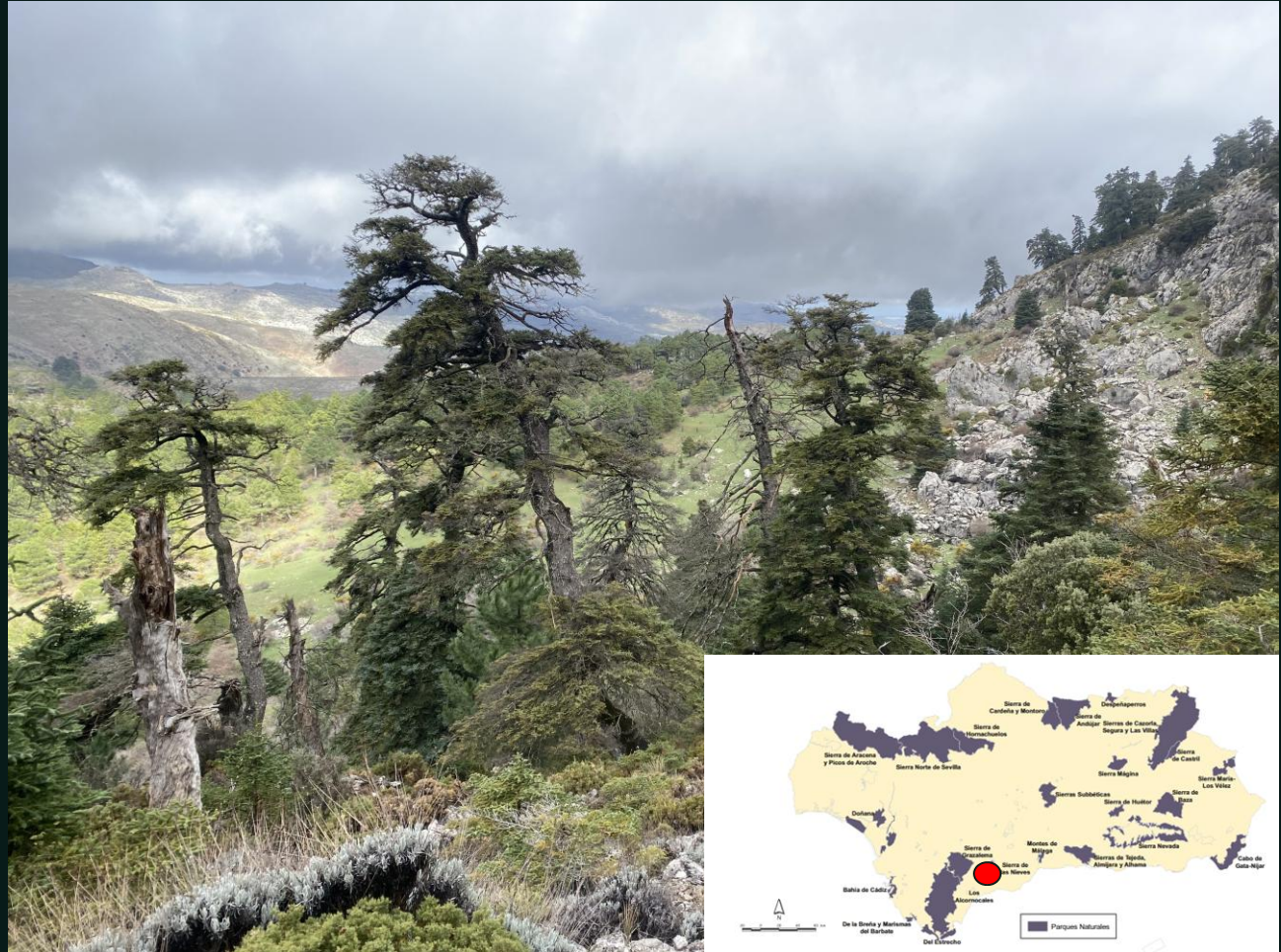
Pinsapares (Abies pinsapo forest)

Sierra de las Nieves National Park (2021)

Abies pinsapo Forests
Natural Park since 1989
Málaga province
ZEC Natura 2000

Relic fir in the South of
Spain and North Morocco

Special Plan for protection of
Abies pinsapo in Andalusia
since 2011



Scots pine forests (*Pinus sylvestris*)

Sierra Nevada National Park (1999)

Pinus sylvestris forests
Natural Park since 1989)
Granada province
The Southernmost
Scotspine forest in Spain



Coastal pine forests (*Pinus pinea* forests in dunes)

Doñana National Park (1969)

Pinus pinea forests on dunes

Huelva and Seville provinces

Biosphere Reserve, ZEPA,
LIC, Ramsar, World Heritage
UNESCO (1994)



Bosques de pino salgareño (*Pinus nigra* ssp. *salzmannii*)

Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas Natural Park (1986)

Pinus nigra forest

Jaén province

ZEC Natura 2000

Oldest forests in the
Iberian Peninsula,
over 1000 years old



Research Projects on Old-Growth Forests (UHU)

Project Title	Main Objectives
The End is the Beginning (BEGINPINE, 2023–2026) 	Studies regeneration and aging of native pine forests. Analyzes resilience and vulnerability to environmental change. Aims to improve adaptive ecosystem management.
End of the Cycle (OLDPINE, 2018–2022) 	Investigates senescence, mortality, and regeneration in Mediterranean pines. Evaluates adaptation to climate change. Proposes sustainable forest management strategies.
Old Pine Forests in the Face of Climate Change (2016–2018) 	Analyzes vulnerability and adaptive capacity of old-growth forests. Studies implications for forest management. Supports conservation policies under climate change.

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Vulnerability of Pinus pinea Stands (2014–2017) 	Assesses response of Pinus pinea forests to global change scenarios. Identifies ecological and productive risk factors. Suggests adaptation measures for conservation.
Millennia Old Black Pines and Andalusian Cultural Heritage (2014–2015) 	Explores links between ancient black pines and Andalusian heritage. Studies historical human-environment interactions. Uses dendrochronology to reconstruct landscapes.
European Dendrochronology Network to Assess Iberian Wooden Cultural Heritage (2009–2011) 	Builds a multidisciplinary network to study Iberian wooden heritage. Strengthens European dendrochronology with Mediterranean data. Supports global cultural heritage conservation.



- Millennia old black pines and Andalusian Cultural Heritage to unravel human-environment interactions in the Western Mediterranean (National Geographic Waitt Grant)

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BOSQUES VIEJOS

Exposición enmarcada dentro del proyecto de investigación
"Bosques Viejos frente al cambio climático:
vulnerabilidad, capacidad adaptativa e implicaciones en la gestión forestal"

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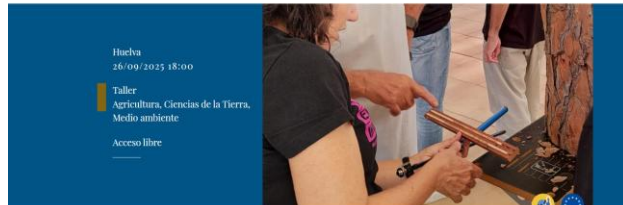
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Historias que los árboles nos cuentan

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Taller
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Medio ambiente
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En este taller vamos a aprender a extraer una muestra de un árbol que nos permita leer sus anillos, con un extractor que se llama barrena de Pressler, vamos a dibujar el cronograma (la historia de su crecimiento a lo largo del tiempo) de un árbol, y a partir de él identificaremos algunos eventos climáticos que éste nos cuenta. También observaremos otros instrumentos que permiten estudiar el crecimiento de los árboles, como los dendrómetros de fondo o los dendrómetros electrónicos.

En este taller vamos a presentar una ciencia llamada dendrochronología (etimología: dendros, árbol; cronos, tiempo), que nos permite conocer la edad y el crecimiento de los árboles a través de los anillos que aparecen en su madera. Los fustes de los árboles, con sus anillos diferenciados, encierran mucha información muy valiosa que vamos a tratar de descubrir en el taller. El crecimiento de los árboles está por ejemplo muy relacionado con el clima, y en nuestro país hay árboles de más de mil años, la historia climática de ese milenio está contenida en los anillos.

Si pensamos que las primeras estaciones meteorológicas se instalaron a finales del siglo XIX o principios del XX, podemos comprender el gran valor que tiene una reconstrucción climática de un milenio. Los "muestras" de anillos de crecimiento o cronogramas son también muy valiosos para datar muestras históricas: una muestra de madera de, por ejemplo, un edificio histórico, puede darnos (conociendo la fecha en que se cortó el árbol, la especie e incluso en ocasiones el área geográfica) gracias a la información escrita en sus anillos. Incluso la dendrochronología se ha utilizado para conocer qué factores ambientales (grandes sequías, grandes lluvias, incendios...) contribuyeron al declive de civilizaciones.

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Importe de la financiación:

143.790 euros.

Valor que aporta la investigación:

En un momento en que estamos viviendo los efectos del cambio climático en diferentes aspectos, en este taller vamos a conocer algunos conceptos básicos de dendrochronología, una ciencia que nos permite realizar reconstrucciones climáticas, que nos ayudan a conocer el comportamiento del clima en el pasado, y entender las reacciones de los árboles a esos cambios, lo que nos guía para comprender mejor los procesos actuales y planificar y desarrollar estrategias para la conservación de nuestros bosques y de los beneficios que ellos aportan a nuestra sociedad. Por tanto el taller contribuirá a la educación del público y a su concienciación e implicación en las temáticas de conservación del medio ambiente y de la salud pública en el actual contexto de cambio global.

La dendrochronología se revela además como una disciplina con interés para las dataciones de restos históricos de edificios, puentes, etc, así como para entender procesos tan complejos como el declive de civilizaciones. Por tanto el taller podrá contribuir a la conservación del patrimonio público los grandes impactos que los cambios medioambientales pueden tener en la sociedad.

Con el taller se pretende además sensibilizar al público hacia el importante rol que la ciencia tiene en el progreso de la sociedad y con especial referencia a la temática tratada, el papel que las ciencias del medioambiente desempeñan en el conocimiento de nuestro planeta y en la conservación de los recursos naturales que benefician a nuestra sociedad.

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Científicas andaluzas difunden su trabajo en un 'Café con ciencia' dedicado a mujeres



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Últimas Noticias

TIERRA Y MAR- CANAL SUR TV

Estudio de los Bosques Viejos de Andalucía



Alberta Central Rockies Forest

- Banff National Park, 14 km outside the Village of Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.
- Multiple species of Lodgepole Pine, Engelmann Spruce and Subalpine Fir.
- Dense forest comprises 53 percent of Banffs area





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TREES *will* TELL

Three countries
Old forests, People,
Cities



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the European Union

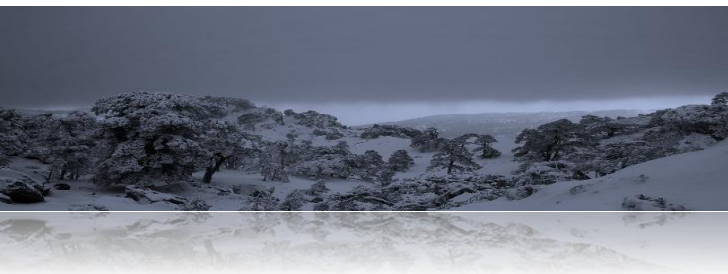


Grazie!

*"If you want to go
fast, go alone. If
you want to go far,
go together"*

African proverb



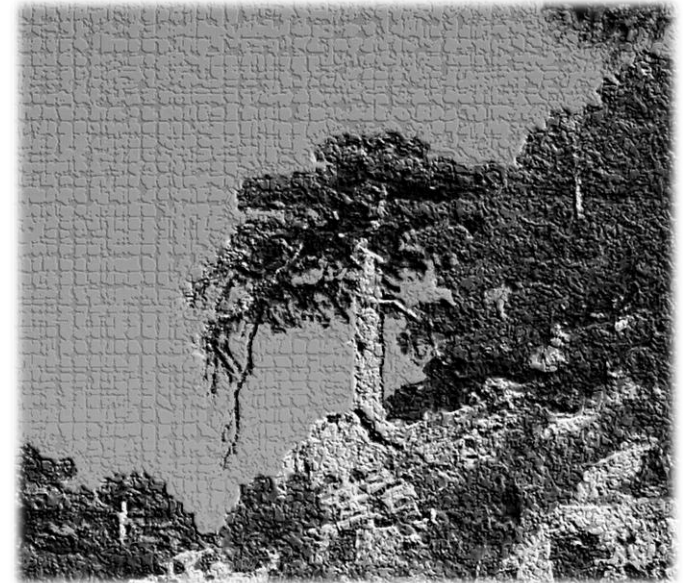


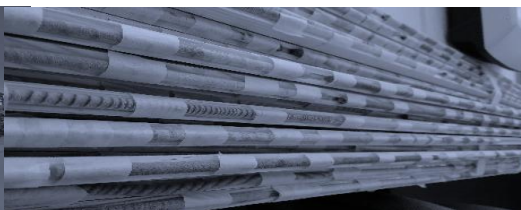
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Structure

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2. Detection through structural indexes and satellite images: stydy case in Cazorla mountain range





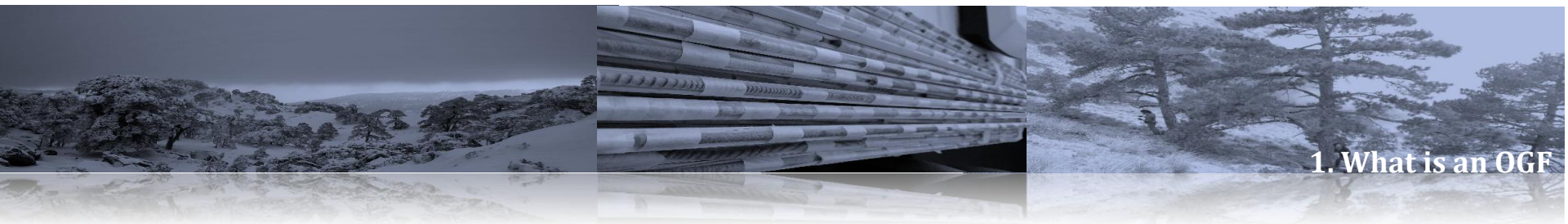
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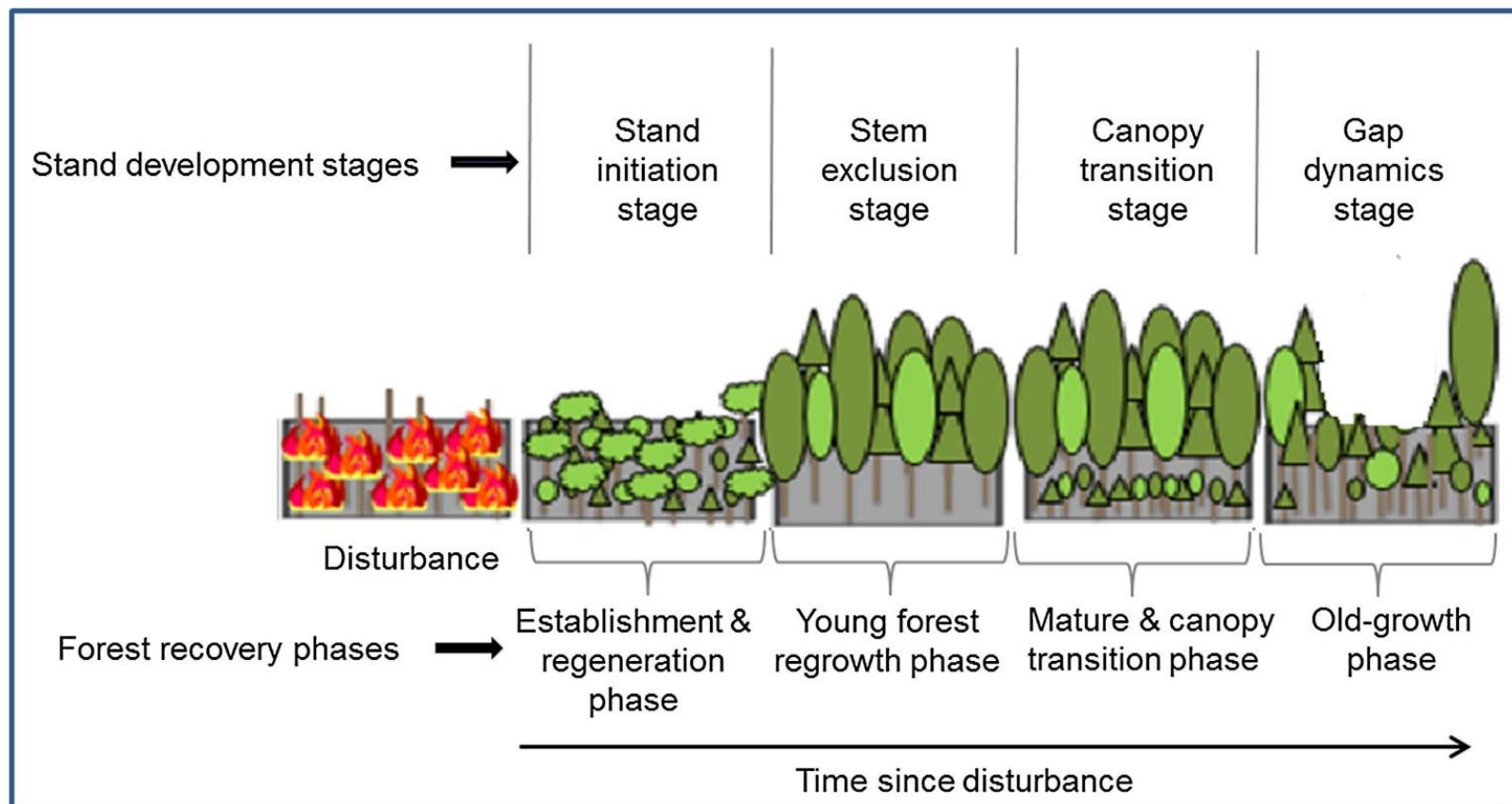
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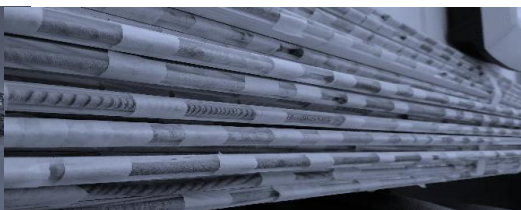
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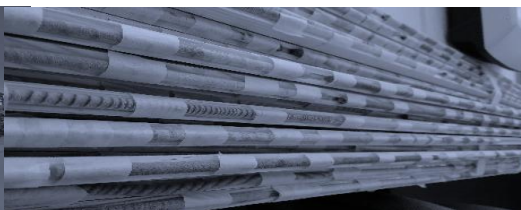
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1. Ecological succesion

Limitations:

- To know the “forest history”
- To know the disturbance regime





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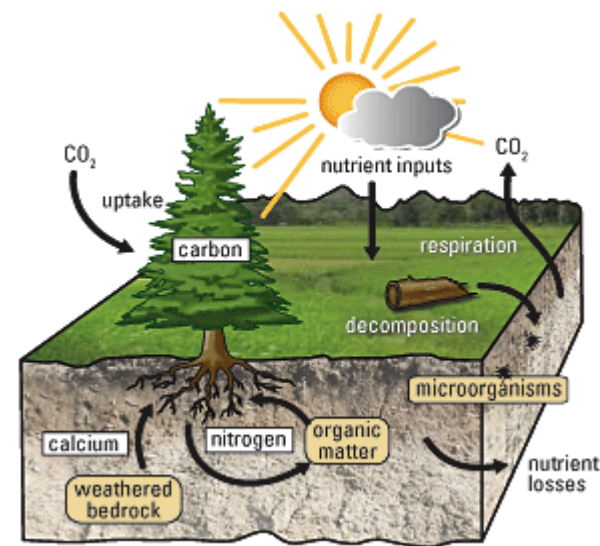
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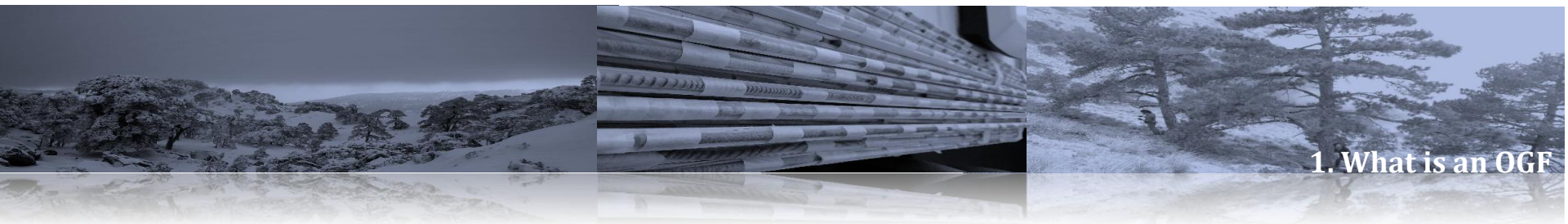
Characteristics:

- Closed nutrient cycle
- NPP very low
- Net biomass accumulation quite low
- Increase under-canopy vegetation

Limitations:

- Very expensive
- Very slow
- A lot of work!!!



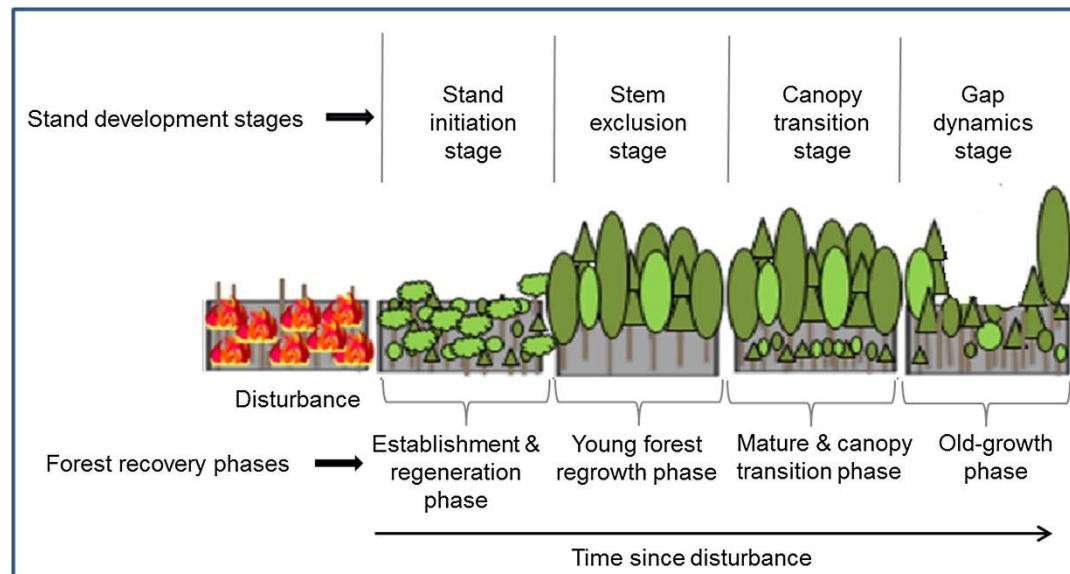


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3. Structural criteria

Based on:

- a. Age distribution
- b. Size distribution
- c. Spatial distributon patterns of dead and live trees



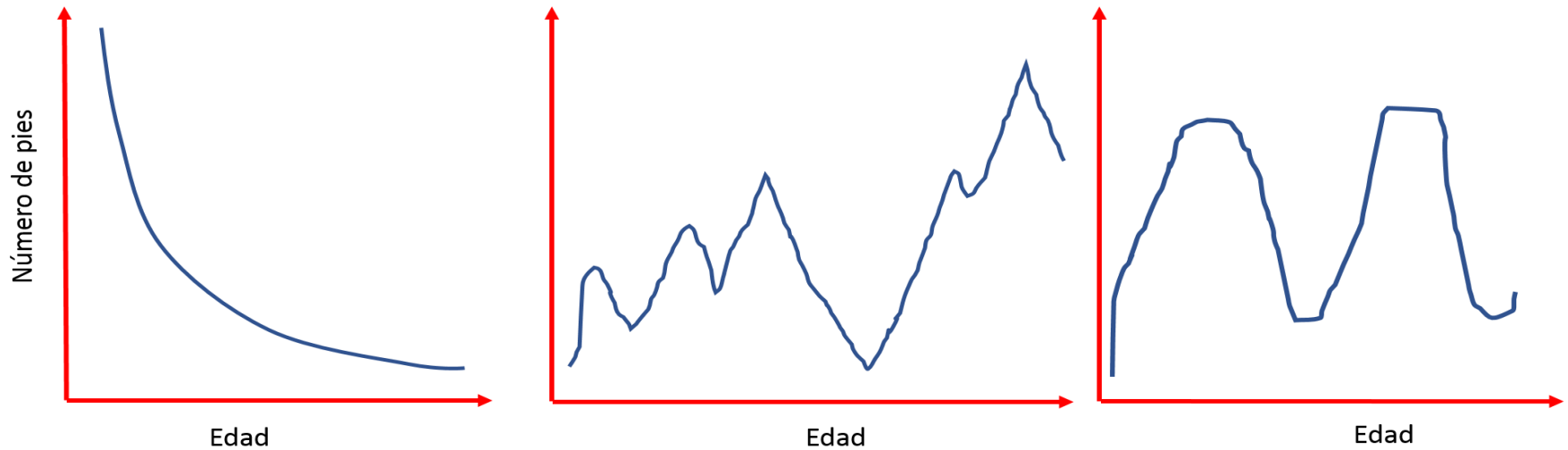


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Mosseler et al. (2003): main age distributions in OGF:

- Structure inverted-J, irregular or multimodal





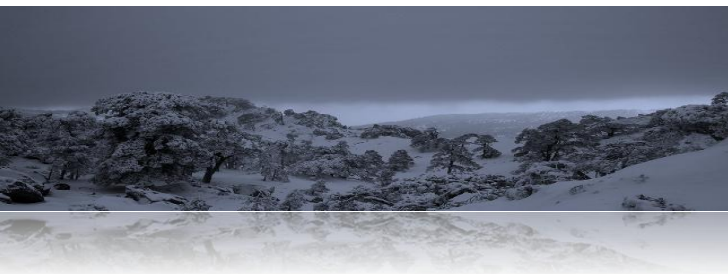
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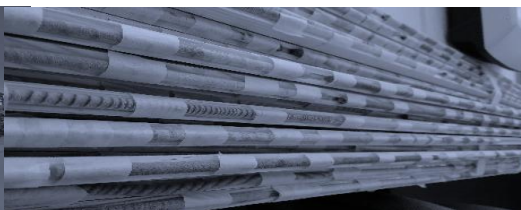
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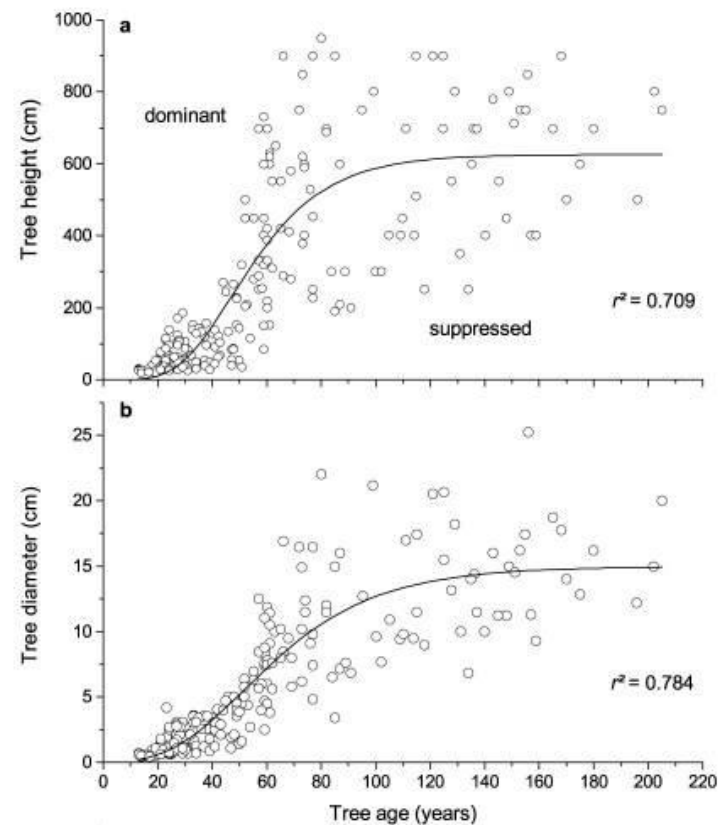


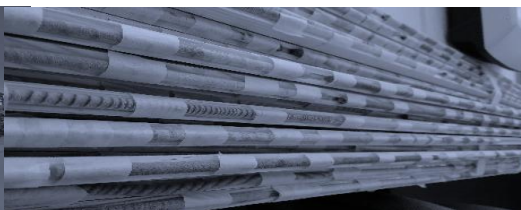
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b. Size distributions

Assume a high correlation between age and size





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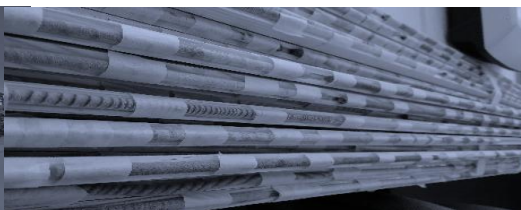
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c. Distribution of dead and live trees

Typical attributes of gap dynamics:

- Presence of mortality
 - Big standing dead trees
 - Big logs of deadwood on the ground





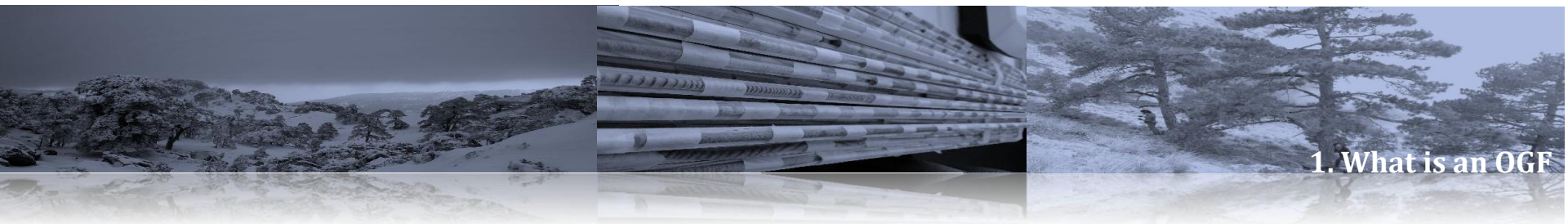
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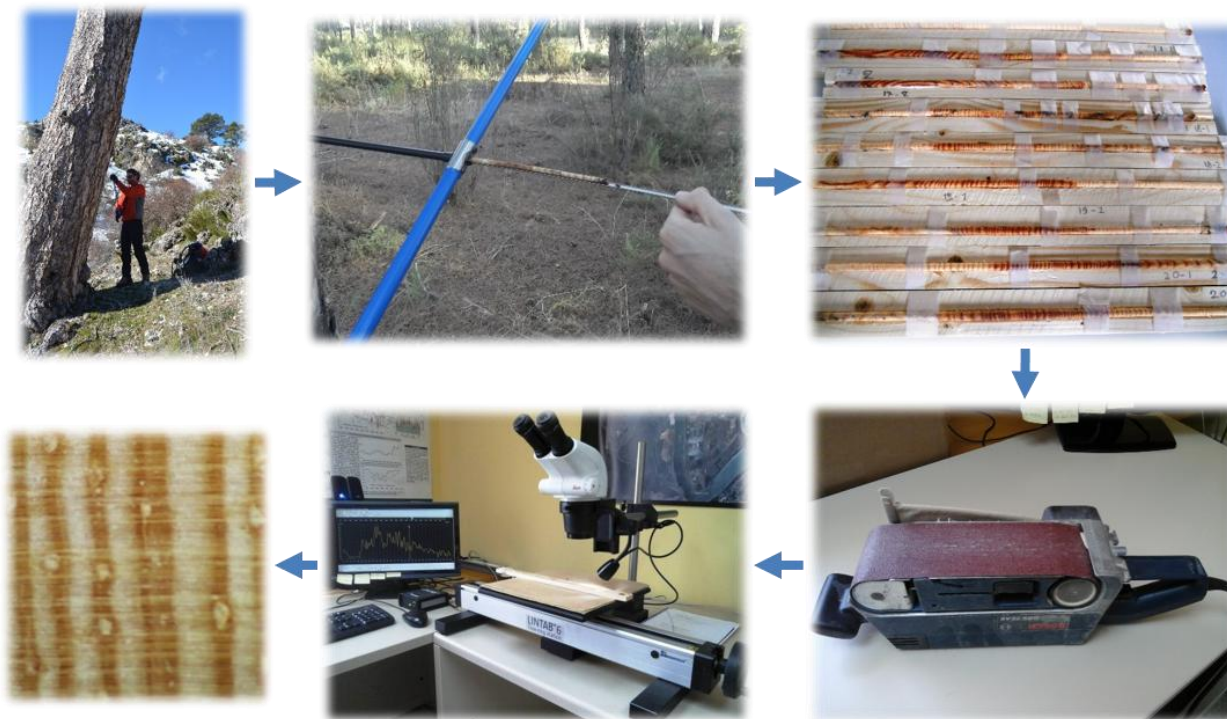


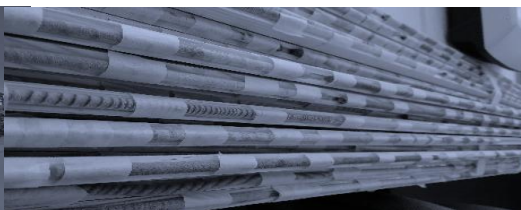
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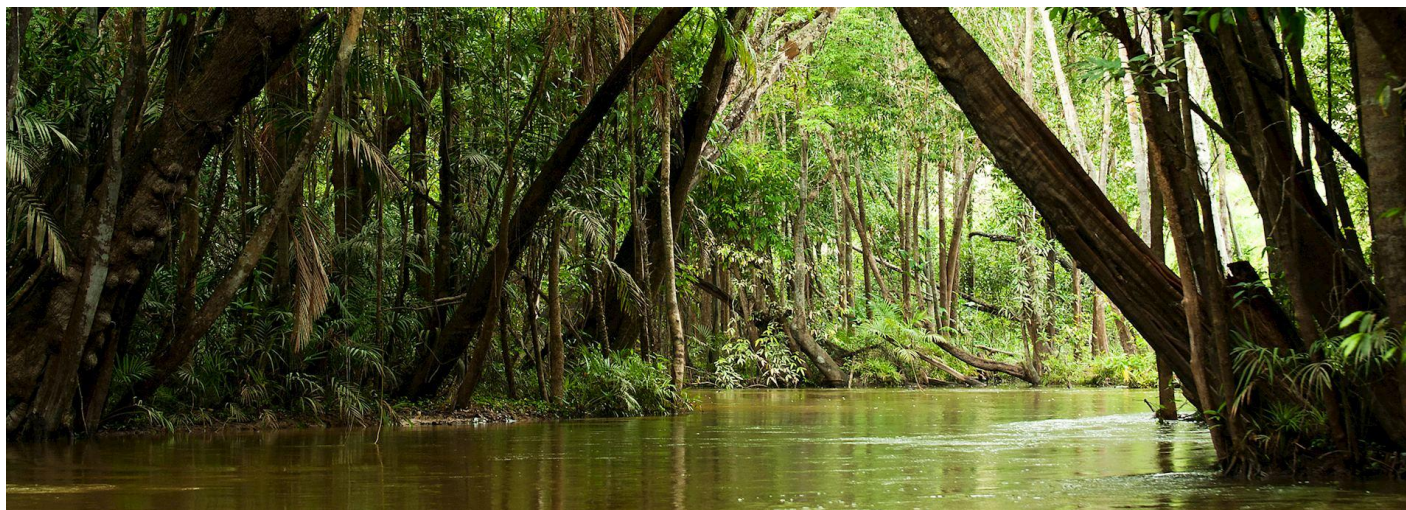


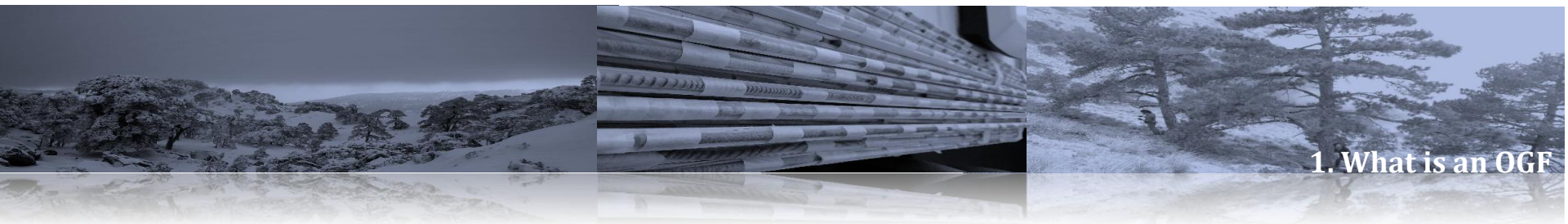
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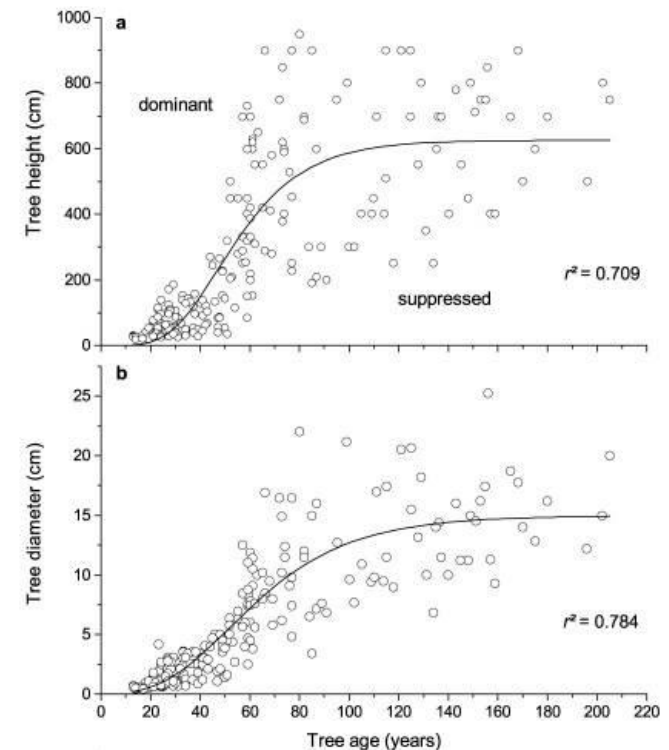


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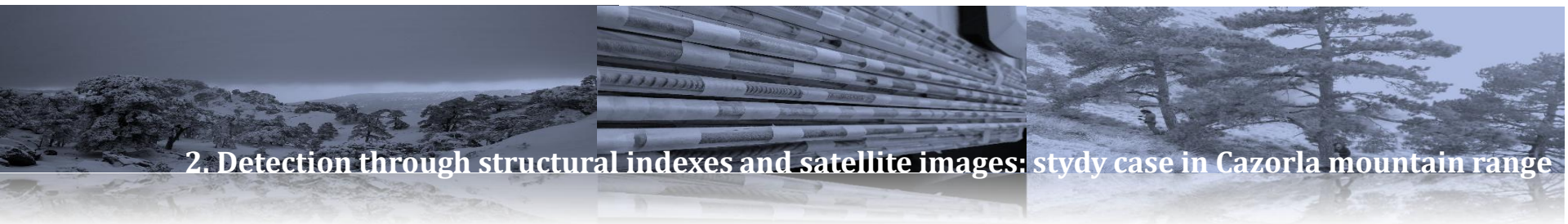




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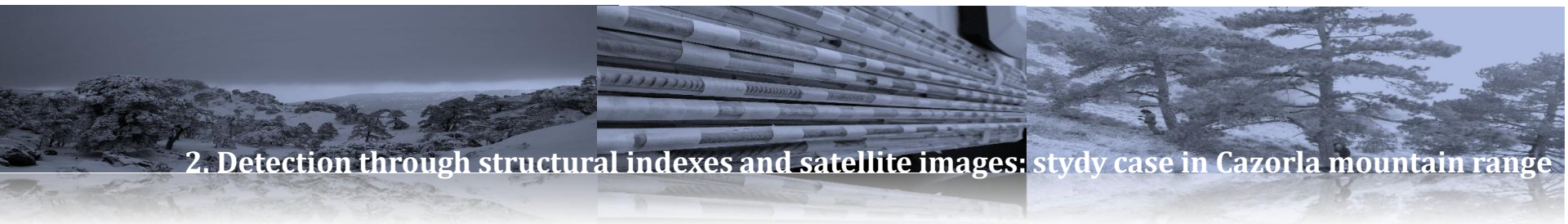
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- **Structural criteria:** is the easiest way
- Old-Growth index (OGI)
 - ✓ Number that reflects the maturity of a stand
 - ✓ Obtained from structural variables:
 - Size variability
 - Density of trees exceeding a particular diameter (e.g. >70 cm)
 - Mean diameter
 - Total density of trees $>$ e.g. 5 cm
 - ✓ Created for forests of USA west coast
 - ✓ Not widely applied in mediterranean areas





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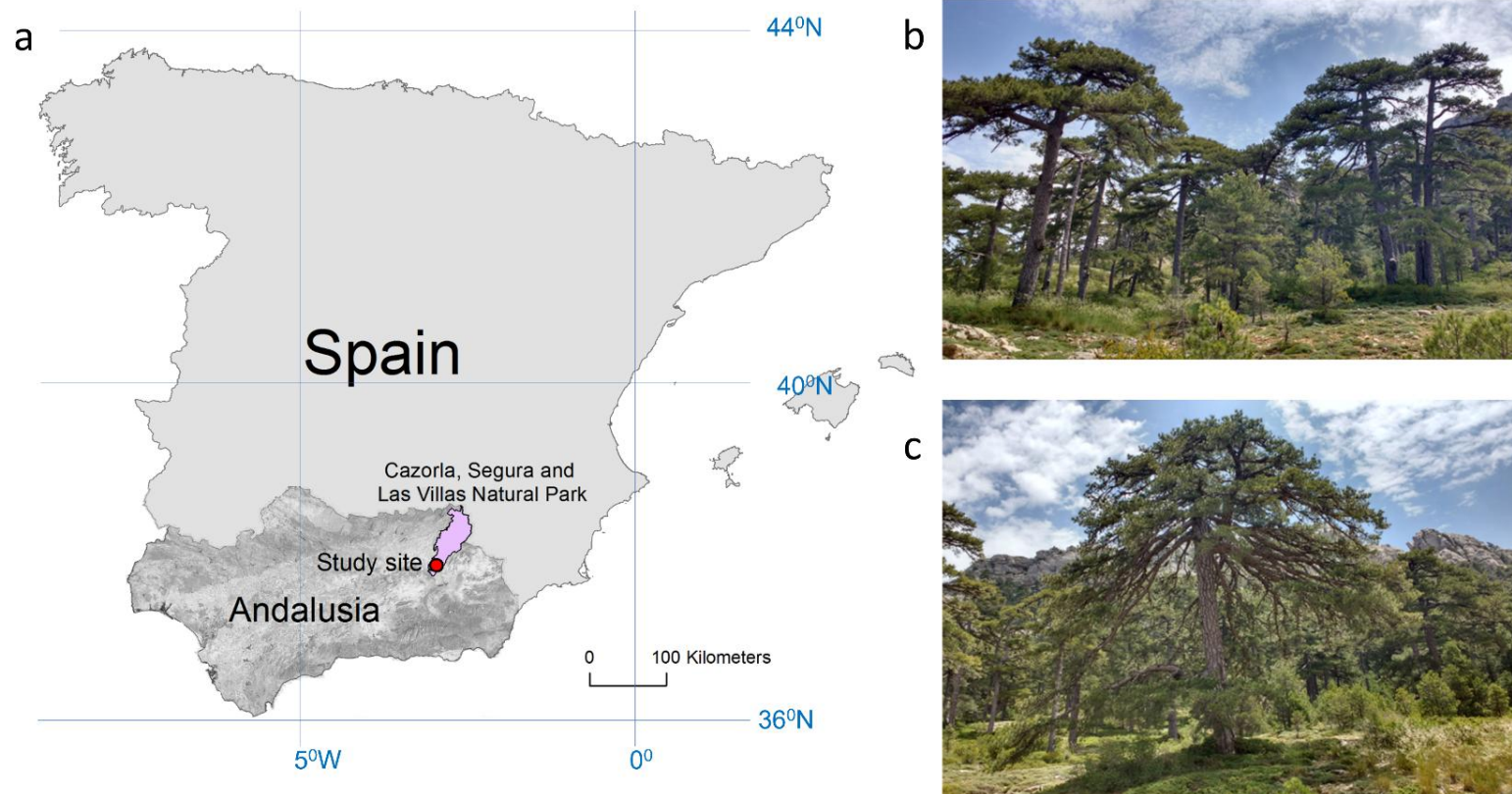
- OGI - Spies y Franklin (1991):

$$OGI = 25 \sum_{i=1}^{i=4} \left| \frac{x_{i \text{ obs}} - x_{i \text{ young}}}{x_{i \text{ old}} - x_{i \text{ young}}} \right|$$

- Combination of 4 structural parameters:
 1. Number of trees DBH > 100 cm
 2. Standard deviation of DBH
 3. Mean DBH
 4. Density of trees > 5 cm DBH
- We need to know the characteristic values of the structural parameters for a Young and Old stand

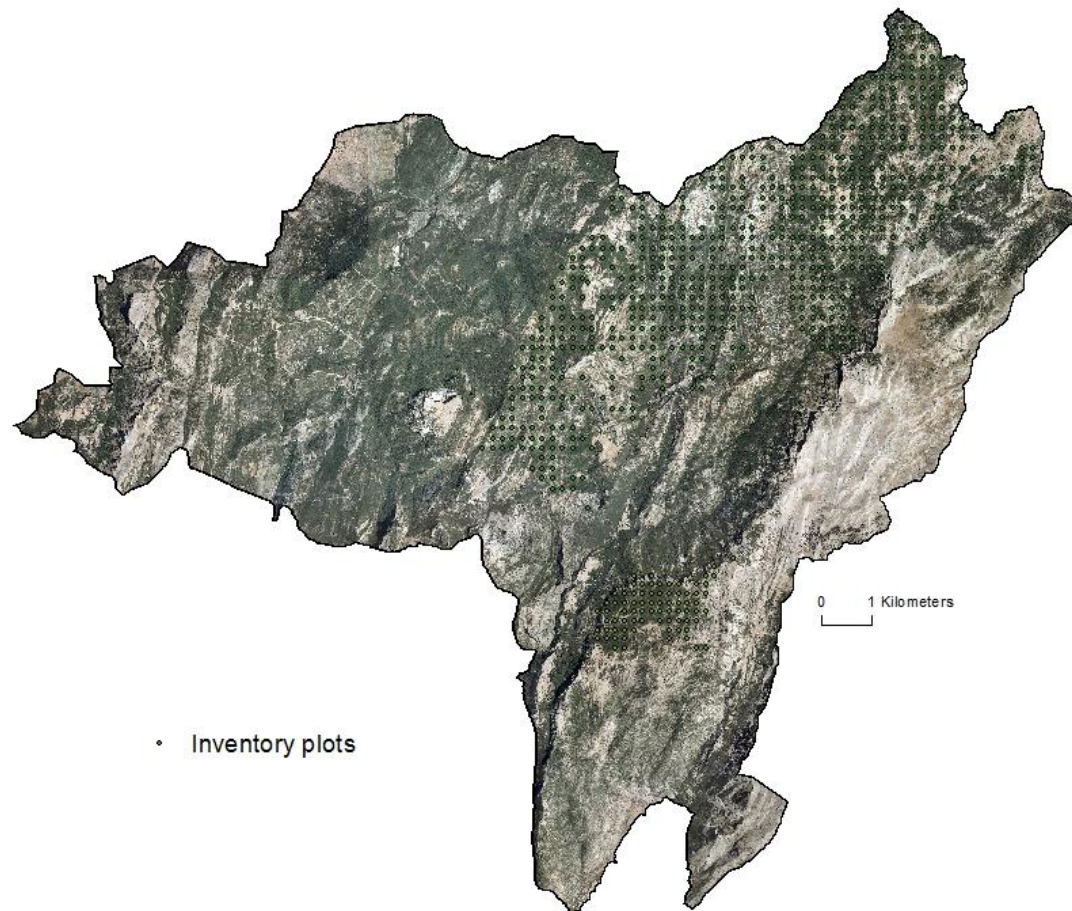
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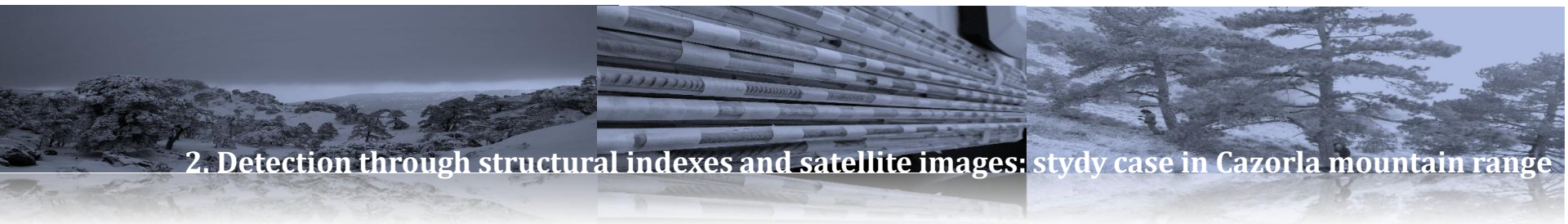
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- Inventory data 756 plots (1plot/4 ha)
- Plots >80% *P. nigra*.
- Characteristic values for Old stands: inventory of **21 plots**
- Characteristic values for Young stands : values for inventory plots with DBH < 20 cm and *P. nigra* > 80% (**18 plots**).
- Variations with respect to the original index:
 - Diameter variability: standard deviation and Gini coefficient.
 - Big trees: >50, 70 y 100 cm DBH.
 - Total plot density is not included.



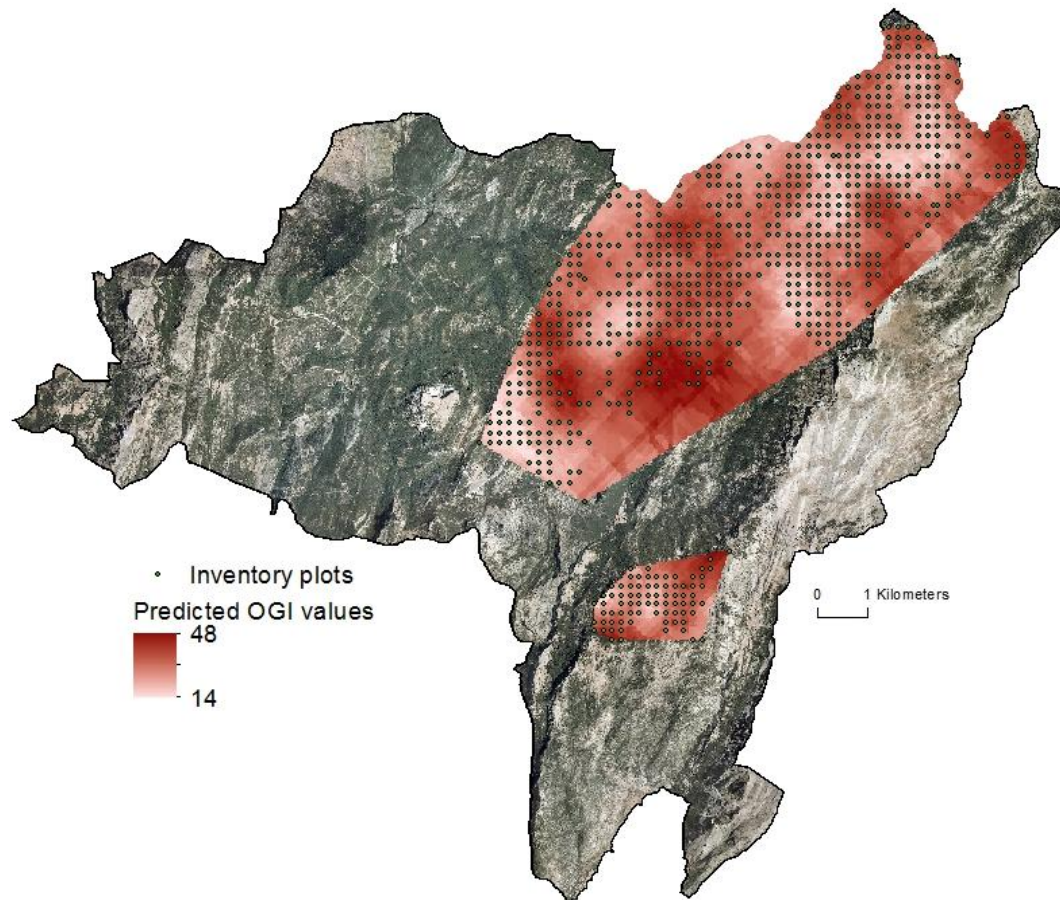
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Structural variables	Old forest (n=21)	Young forest (n=18)
Mean DBH (cm)	70	18
StdDev DBH	31	4
Basal area (G, m ² ha ⁻¹)	36	6
Total density (trees /ha)	84	285
Density of trees > 50 cm DBH	59	0.7
Density of trees > 70 cm DBH	42	0
Density of trees > 100 cm DBH	12	0

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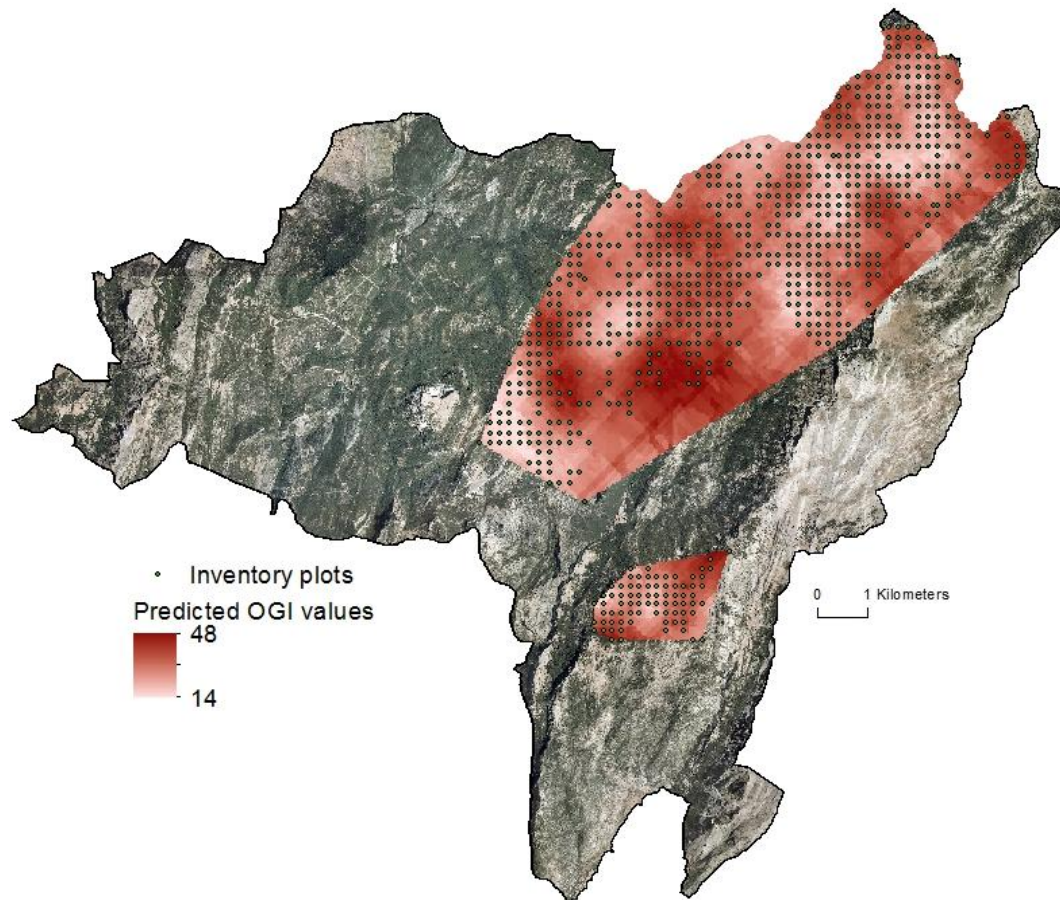
Distribution of OGI in Navahondona by kriging:



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Do the orientation, altitude and slope influence the distribution of OGF?: **No**



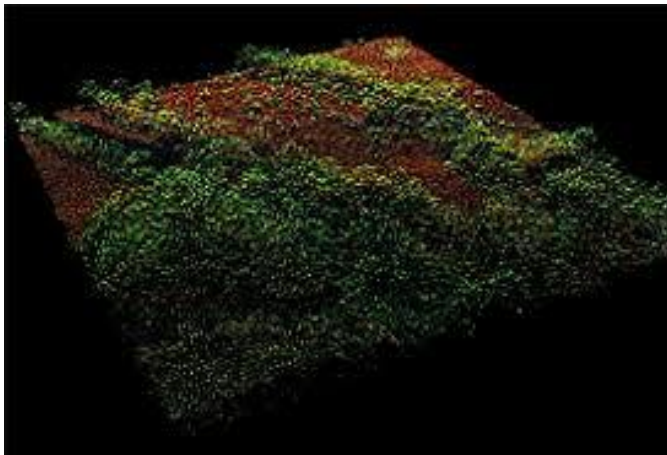
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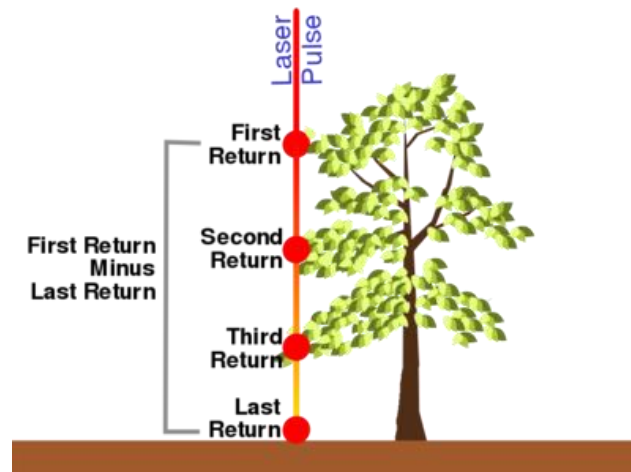
- Limitation of traditional inventory:
 - ✓ Sampling intensity → low to detect some stands
 - ✓ Accessibility of difficult areas

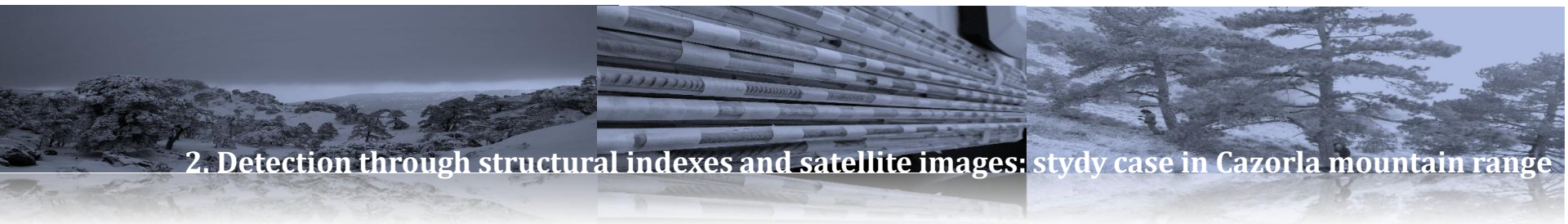


LiDAR



Lidar Return Types

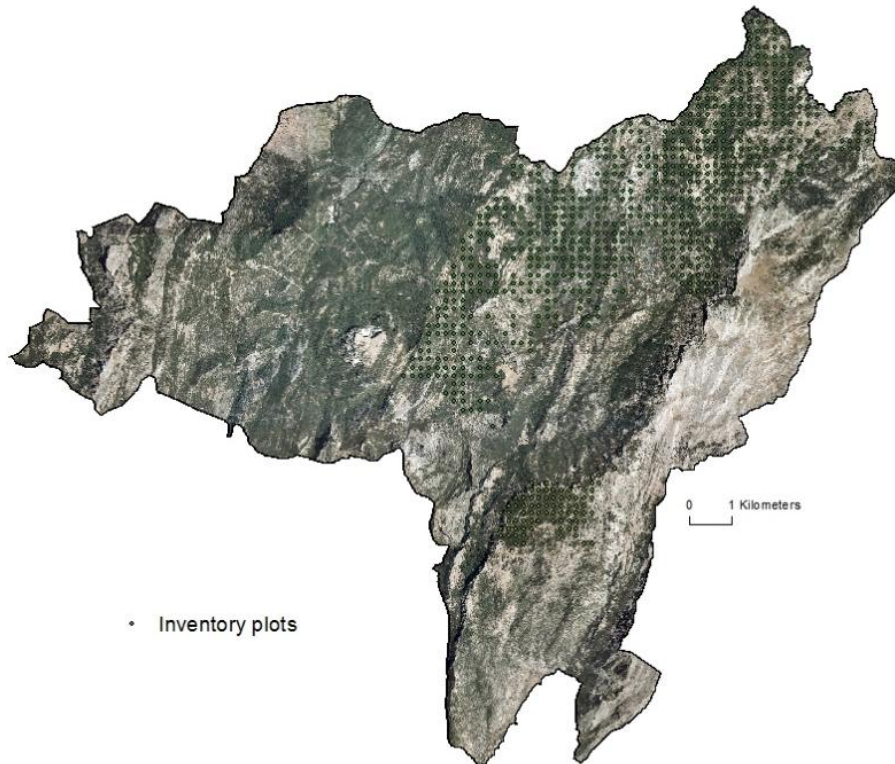


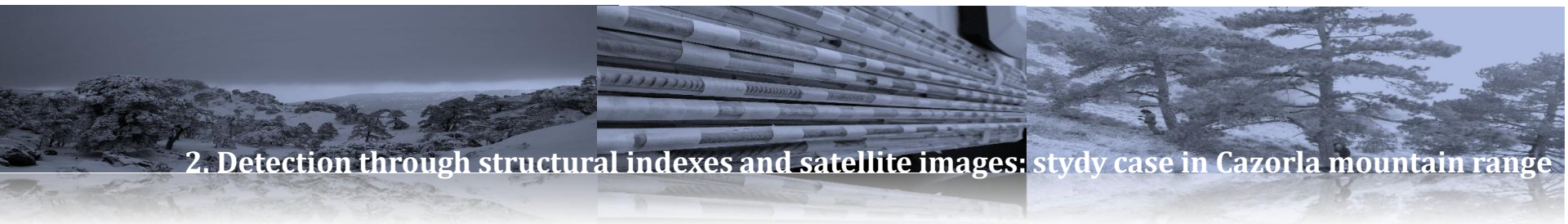


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- Data from NCGI:
 - ✓ Density: 2 points/m²





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- LiDAR metrics calculated for each plot:

LiDAR metrics	Description
$h_{\text{mean}}, h_{\text{mode}}$	mean, mode
$h_{\text{min}}, h_{\text{max}}$	minimum, maximum
$h_{\text{SD}}, h_{\text{CV}}$	Std deviation, CV
h_{Skw}	Skewness
h_{kurt}	Kurtosis
h_{ID}	Intercuartilic range
$h_{05}, h_{10}, h_{20},$ $h_{25}, \dots, h_{90}, h_{95}, h_{99}$	Percentiles
h_{CRR}	canopy relief ratio ((mean height-min height)/max height-min height))
CC	Canopy coverage (percentage of first returns over 4,5 m/total returns)

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- Modelling OGI with LiDAR metrics:

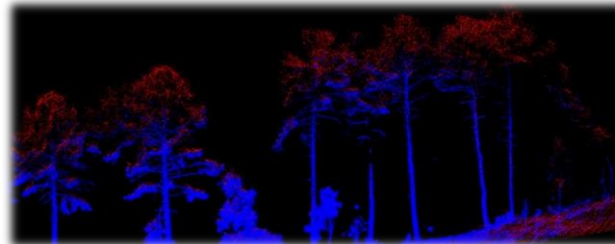
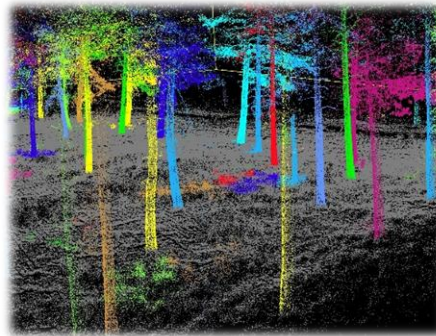
$$OGI = -21.4329 - 0.2741 \times ARAM.TFR + 1.9453 \times P_{95} + 7.9527L_2 + 18.8002 * CRR$$

- ARAM.FTR quotient of all returns over the average over total of first returns
- P95: percentil 95
- L2 : moment of order 2
- CCR: canopy relief ratio

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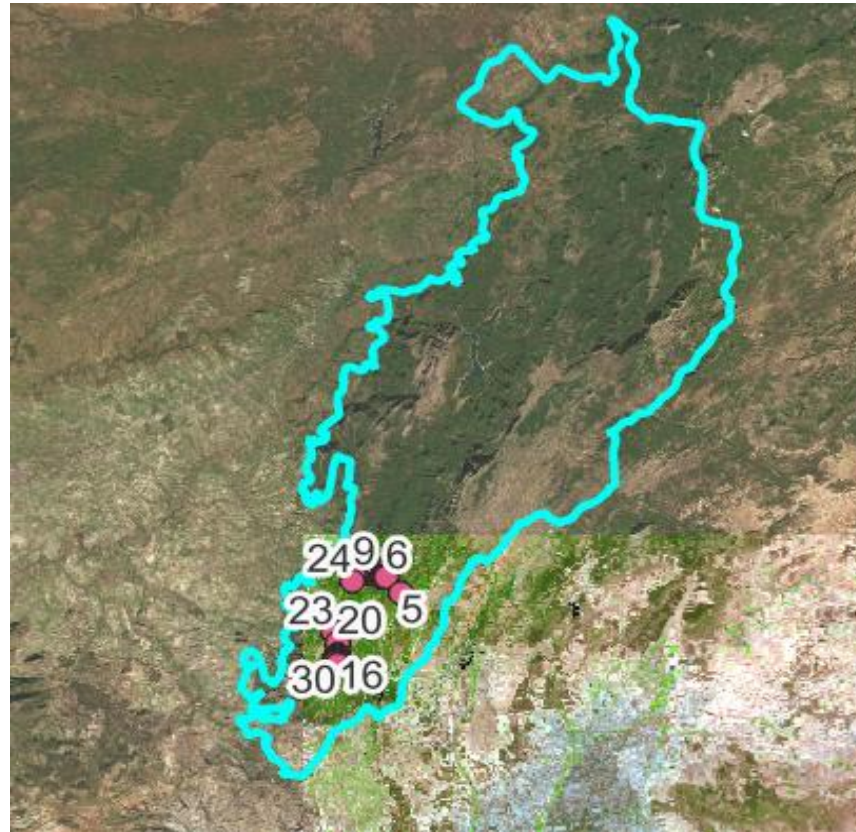
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Índex	Description	Formulae	Reference
NDVI_1	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	$\frac{B8 - B4}{B8 + B4}$	(Rouse et al., 1974)
NDVI_2	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	$\frac{B6 - B5}{B6 + B5}$	(Gitelson and Merzlyak, 1994)
MCARI	Modified Chlorophyll Absorption Ratio Index	$[(B5 - B4) - 0,2 * (B5 - B3)] * \left(\frac{B5}{B4}\right)$	(Chaoyang Wu et al., 2008)
NDGI	Normalized Difference Generic Index	$\frac{B8 - B5}{B8 + B5}$	(Pasqualotto et al., 2018)
LAI	Leaf Area Index	Biophysical Processor de SNAP	
FAPAR	Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation		
fCover	Vegetation cover fraction		
LCI	Leaf Chlorophyll Index	$\frac{B8 - B5}{B8 + B4}$	(Cardim & Lima, 2019)
EVI	Enhanced Vegetation Index	$\frac{2,5 * (B8 - B4)}{(B8 + (6 * B4)) - ((7,5 * B2) + 1)}$	(Huete et al., 2002)
MSAVI	Modified Soil-Adjusted Vegetation Index	$\frac{2 * B8 + 1 - \sqrt{(2 * B8 + 1)^2 - 8 * (B8 - B4)}}{2}$	(Qi et al., 1994)
IRECI	Inverted Red-Edge Chlorophyll Index	$\frac{B8 - B4}{\frac{B6}{B5}}$	(Frampton et al., 2013)

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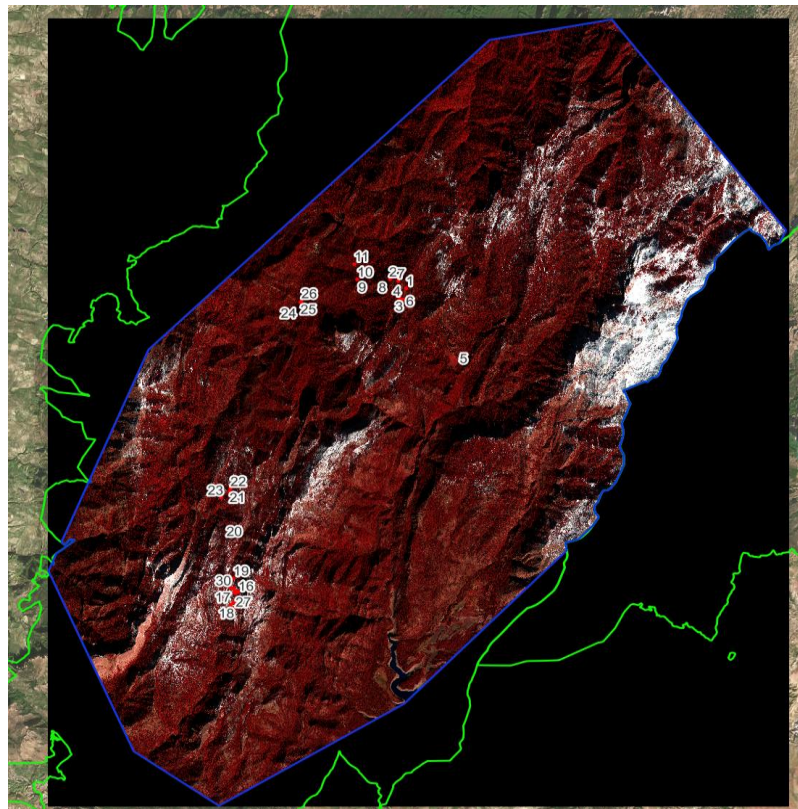
$$OGI = 168,8 - 287,5 * NDGI \quad R^2=0.18$$

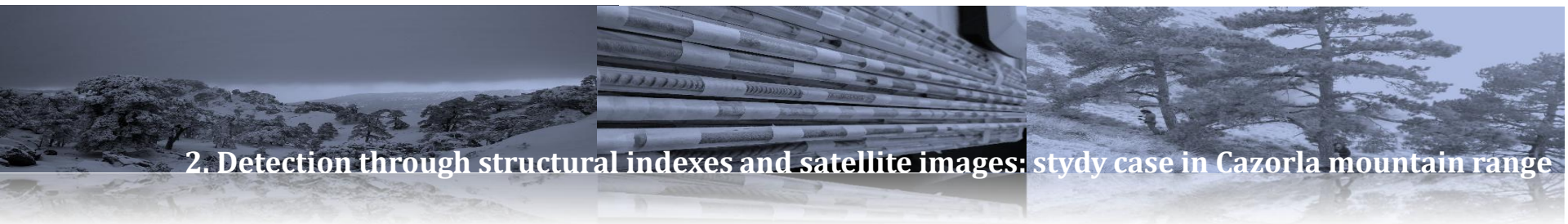
- Vegetation indices most correlated with the OGI are NDGI, LCI, and IRECI
- These indices incorporate the NIR and Red Edge bands in their formulation, which are sensitive to canopy structure (NIR) and leaf density or chlorophyll content (Red Edge)—both factors closely related to canopy cover.
- The fraction of canopy cover (Fcc), measured with TLS, showed a strong negative correlation with OGI ($R = -0.71$, $p < 0.01$), reflecting lower coverage in mature forests due to natural clearings.

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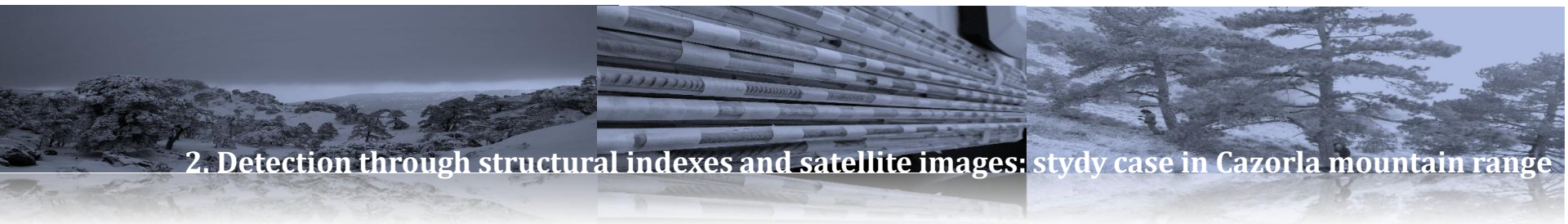
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NDVI_1a	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
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NDVI_2	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
MCARI	Modified Chlorophyll Absorption Ratio Index
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LCI_NIR1	Leaf Chlorophyll Index
LCI_NIR2	Leaf Chlorophyll Index
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IRECI	Inverted Red-Edge Chlorophyll Index
ISE	Stress index
IHD	Wetness index
IHD_Yellow_NIR1	Wetness index NIR1
IHD_Yellow_NIR2	Wetness index NIR2
YI	Yellow Index
fcc_PNOA_OL	Fcc from PNOA MS y PNOA ALS.
fcc_PNOA_Ortho	Fcc from PNOA MS.
fcc_WV3	Fcc from WV3.
Fcc_TLS	Fcc from TLS.
fcc_ALS_TLS_CloudC	Fcc from cloud points TLS-ALS.



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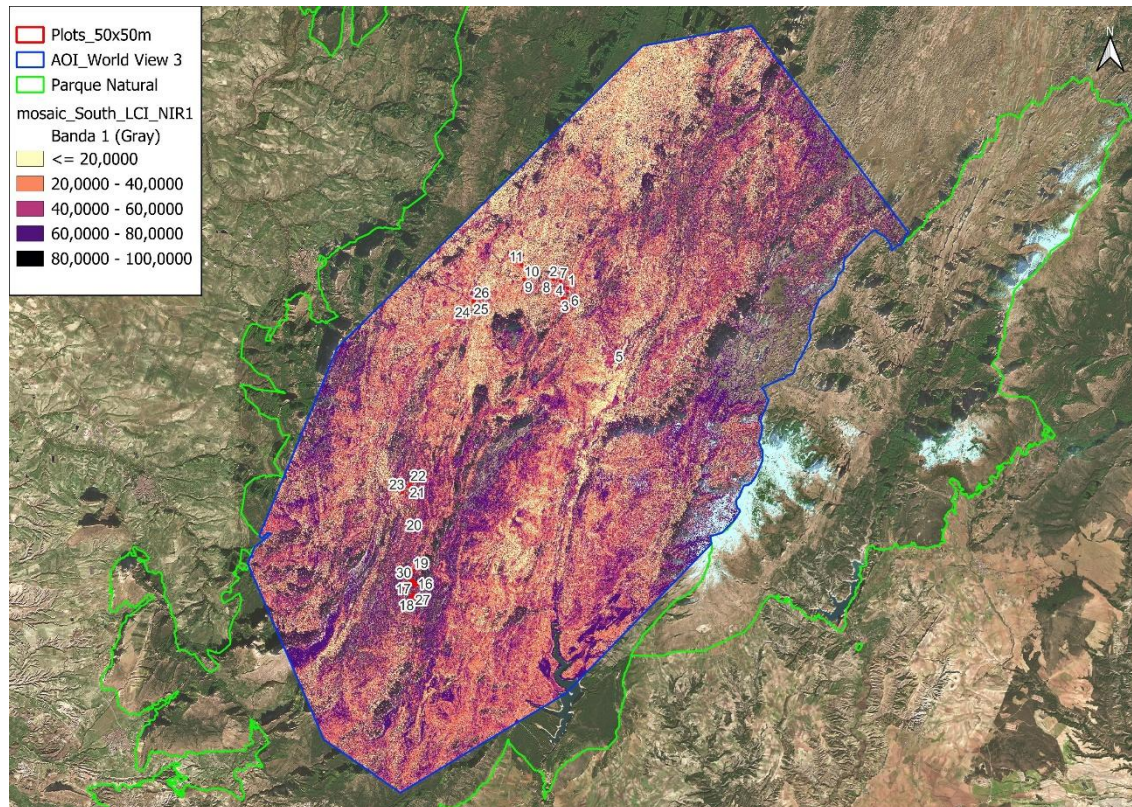
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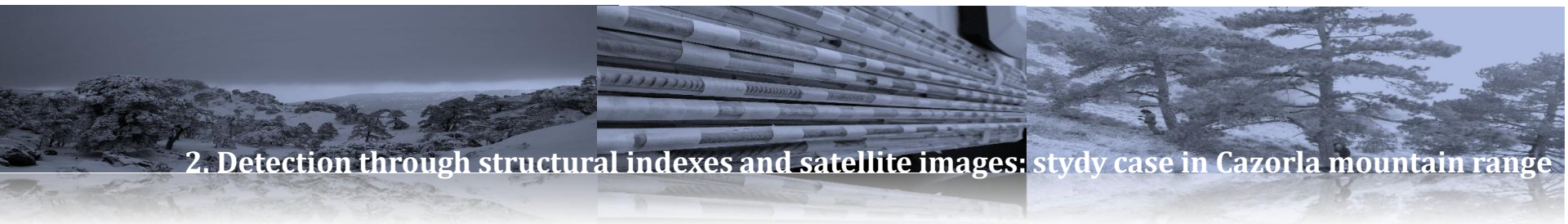
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+IRECIWV3	0.46
+NDGI	0.46
+IHD_NIR1	0.46
+IHD_NIR2	0.45
+LCI_NIR2	0.45
+IHD	0.45
+MSAVI	0.44
+FCC_TLS+ISE	0.51
+FCC_PNOA+LCI_NIR1	0.56
+FCC_PNOA+IHD_NIR1	0.56
+FCC_PNOA+NDGI	0.55
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