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Abstract

Vegetation provides the foundation of life on Earth. Assessing biodiversity status and trends in plant communities is therefore critical to understand and quantify the effects of global change on ecosystems. Here, we present the largest dataset of vegetation plots (i.e. species co-occurrence or community composition data) ever released in open access. It contains information on 91,031 vegetation plots recording the cover or abundance of each plant species that occurs in a plot of a given surface area at the date of the botanical survey. Plots were derived from 103 local to regional datasets. To improve the representation of Earth's environmental conditions, plots were resampled from a larger pool of vegetation plots using an environmentally balanced sampling design. Each vegetation plot comes with information on community-weighted means and variances of key plant functional traits. Our open-access dataset can be used to explore global patterns of diversity at the plant community level, as ground truthing data in remote sensing applications or as a baseline for biodiversity monitoring.

Background & Summary

Biodiversity is facing a global crisis (1). As many as 1 million species are estimated to be already facing extinction, mostly as a consequence of anthropogenic impacts, land-use and climate change (1). The rates of biodiversity redistribution and homogenization are also accelerating (2; 3). Biological assemblages are becoming progressively more similar to each other globally, as local biodiversity and endemic species go extinct and are replaced by introduced exotic species or by more widespread and competitive native species (1; 3). This has profound potential impacts on human and ecosystem health (4; 5). For instance, many terrestrial and marine species are shifting their geographical distribution as a response to climate change (2), including animals hosting pathogens transmissible to humans (6; 7; 8).

Vegetation, i.e., the assemblage of plant species, is no exception to this biodiversity crisis (9; 10; 3). This is worrisome, since terrestrial vegetation accounts for 80% (450 Gt C) of the living biomass on Earth (11). Given the central role of vegetation in ecosystem productivity, stability and functioning (10), assessing biodiversity status and trends in plant communities is paramount, for other life compartments and human societies alike.

Monitoring plant biodiversity trends requires adequate data across a range of scales (12). Large independent collections of plant occurrence data do exist at the global or continental extent via the Botanical Information and Ecology Network (BIEN) (13), the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits (GIFT) (14) or the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) (https://www.gbif.org/). However, all these occurrence-only databases either neglect how individual plant species co-occur and interact locally to form plant communities, or are collected at spatial resolutions (e.g., one-degree grid cells) which are too coarse to assess biodiversity trends at the most relevant scale of local plant communities (15).

Yet, there is a long-lasting tradition among botanists to record the cover or abundance of each plant species that occurs in a vegetation plot of a given size (i.e. surface area) at a given time. Compared to species-level data, vegetation-plot data present many advantages. First, they contain information on which plant species co-occur together in the same locality at a given moment in time (16). This built-in feature of vegetation plots is a necessary prerequisite for testing hypotheses related to biotic interactions among plant species (i.e. plant-plant interactions). It can also provide crucial information on where and when a species is absent, therefore improving current species distribution models (17). Being spatially explicit, vegetation plots can be resurveyed through time to assess potential changes in plant species composition relative to a baseline (18; 19, 3). As they normally contain also information on the relative cover or abundance of each species, vegetation plots are more adequate to detect subtle biodiversity changes, compared to data based on the occurrence of individual species only (20).

Vegetation-plot data are very fragmented, though, as they typically stem from a myriad of research projects. As such, these data often suffer from the usual trade-off in biodiversity data: Collections have either fine-grain spatial resolutions but small spatial extents, or vice versa (12). Furthermore, with their disparate sampling protocols, standards and taxonomic resolutions, aggregating and harmonizing vegetation plot data proves extremely challenging (21). It is not surprising, therefore, that these data have only been rarely used in global-scale biodiversity research until recently (22; 23).

The sPlot initiative tries to close this data gap. It leverages on several existing local to regional vegetation-plot datasets, to create a harmonized and comprehensive global geo-database of terrestrial plant species assemblages (24). Established in 2013, sPlot currently contains more than 1.9 million vegetation plots, and is fully integrated with the TRY database (25), from which it derives information on plant functional traits. The sPlot database is increasingly being used to study continental- to global-scale vegetation patterns, such as the relative contribution of regional vs. local factors on the global patterns of fern richness (26), the mechanisms underlying the spread and

abundance of native vs. invasive tree species (27), and worldwide trait–environment relationships in plant communities (21).

Here, we provide a data set composed of 91,031 plots, which is representative of the environmental space covered by the sPlot database. Plots stem from 103 databases, and span across 115 countries (Figure 1). This resampled dataset (sPlot Open - hereafter) is composed of: (1) plot-level information, including metadata and basic vegetation structure descriptors; (2) the species composition of each vegetation plot, including species cover or abundance information when available; and (3) community-level functional diversity indices derived from the TRY database (25).

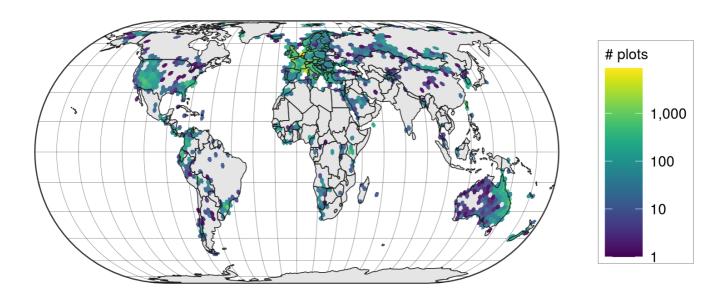


Figure 1: Global map of sPlot Open (n = 91,031) and spatial distribution of vegetation plot density per hexagonal cell with a spatial resolution of approximately 70.000 km^2 . Map projection is Eckert IV.

Methods

Vegetation plot data sources

We started from the sPlot database v2.1 (created October 2016), which contains 1,121,244 vegetation plots and 23,586,216 species records stemming from 110 different vegetation-plot datasets of regional, national or continental extent. Some of the 110 datasets stem from regional or continental initiatives (see 24 for more information). For instance: 48 vegetation-plot datasets derive from the European Vegetation Archive (EVA) (16), three major African datasets from the Tropical African Vegetation Archive (TAVA), multiple vegetation datasets in the USA from the VegBank archive (28; 29). Data from other continents (South America, Asia) or countries were contributed as separate datasets. The metadata of each of the 110 vegetation-plot datasets stored in sPlot are managed through the Global Index of Vegetation-Plot Databases (GIVD; 30), using the GIVD identifier as the unique dataset identifier.

Resampling method

Data in the sPlot database are unevenly distributed across continents and biomes (see 21). Mid-latitude regions in developing countries (mostly Europe, the USA and Australia) are overrepresented, while regions in the tropics and subtropics are underrepresented, which is a typical geographical bias in biodiversity data (e.g., 31; 2). To reduce this imbalance to the extent possible, we performed a stratified resampling approach, using several environmental variables available at the global extent as sampling strata. We considered 30 climatic and soil variables. For climate we complemented the 19 bioclimatic variables from CHELSA (32), as well as two variables reflecting growing-season warmth (growing degree days above 1 °C - GDD1 - and 5 °C - GDD5), which we calculated based on CHELSA bioclimatic variables. In addition we considered an index of aridity (AR) and a model for Potential Evapotranspiration (PET - 33). For soil, we extracted seven variables from the SOILGRIDS database (34), namely: soil organic carbon content in the fine earth fraction, cation exchange capacity, pH, as well as the fractions of coarse fragments, sand, silt and clay.

We stratified our sampling effort based on the following procedure. First we ran a global principal component analysis (PCA) of the 30 above-mentioned environmental variables. We considered the full environmental space of all terrestrial habitats on Earth at a spatial resolution of 2.5 arcmin, totaling 8,384,404 terrestrial grid cells, irrespective of whether a grid cell hosted vegetation plots from the sPlot database v2.1 or not. We then subdivided the environmental space represented by the first two principal components (PC1-PC2), accounting for 47% and 23% of the total variation on PC1 and PC2, respectively, into a 100 × 100 grid. This PC1-PC2 bidimensional space was subsequently used to balance our sampling effort across all PC1-PC2 grid cells for which vegetation plots are available. Before projecting vegetation plots from the sPlot database v2.1 onto this PC1-PC2 environmental space, we removed vegetation plots: from wetlands; from anthropogenic vegetation types; without geographical coordinates; and with a location uncertainty higher than 3 km for those having geographical coordinates. This led to a total of 799,400 out of the initial set of 1,121,244 vegetation plots. When projecting the 799,400 vegetation plots in the PC1-PC2 grid, we calculated how many vegetation plots occurred in each PC1-PC2 grid cell. For those grid cells with more than 50 vegetation plots (n = 858), we randomly selected up to 50 vegetation plots using the heterogeneity-constrained random resampling algorithm from [35]. This approach optimizes the selection of a random subset of vegetation plots that encompasses the highest variability in species composition while avoiding peculiar and rare communities, which may represent outliers. We based the quantification of variability in plant species composition among the 50 randomly selected vegetation plots by computing the mean and the variance of the Jaccard's dissimilarity index (36) between all possible pairs of vegetation plots for a given random selection of 50 vegetation plots (n = 1225). We chose this

dissimilarity index because it is not influenced by differences in species richness among vegetation plots. More precisely, for a given PC1-PC2 grid cell containing more than 50 vegetation plots, we generated 1,000 random selections of 50 vegetation plots and ranked the 1,000 random selections according to the mean (ascending order) and variance (descending order) value. Ranks from both sortings were summed for each random selection, and the random selection with the lowest summed rank was considered as the most representative of the focal grid cell. In case a grid cell contained fewer than 50 plots, we retained all of them. In this way, we reduced the imbalance towards oversampled climate types, while ensuring the resampled dataset to be representative of the entire environmental gradient covered by the sPlot database. We repeated the resampling procedure three times to get three different possibilities of a random selection of 50 vegetation plots per PC1-PC2 grid cell with, initially, more than 50 vegetation plots. Vegetation plots selected during the first iteration were our first choice, while we considered the vegetation plots additionally selected in the second and third iteration as reserves when asking for the permission to release the data as open access to each dataset's contributor(s).

Permission to release the data as open access

The resampling procedure resulted in a preliminary potential selection of 98,383 vegetation plots (first choice) and 51,634 vegetation plots flagged as reserves (second or third choice for the subset of PC1-PC2 grid cells with more than 50 vegetation plots available). Being the sPlot database a consortium of independent datasets, whose copyright belongs to the data contributor, we used this preliminary potential selection to ask each dataset's custodian (i.e., either the owner of a dataset or its authorized representative in case of a collective dataset) for permission to release the data of each selected vegetation plot as open access. For 8,070 vegetation plots, permission could not be granted, for instance because the data are unpublished, confidential or sensitive. For these vegetation plots, we used the reserve pool to randomly select replacements, for which such permission could be granted. We imposed the constraint that each vegetation plot in the reserve should belong to the same environmental strata, i.e., the same PC1-PC2 grid cell, of the confidential vegetation plot. Note that a given PC1-PC2 grid cell may have one or more confidential vegetation plots (max = xx) that could not be replaced from the reserve pool.

Trait information

For each vegetation plot for which open access has been granted, we computed the community weighted means for eighteen plant functional traits derived from the TRY database v3.0 (25). These traits were selected among those traits that describe the leaf, wood and seed economics spectra (37; 38), and are known to either affect different key ecosystem processes or respond to macroclimatic drivers or both (24). The eighteen plant functional traits were: (1) leaf area [mm²]; (2) stem specific density [g cm-3]; (3) specific leaf area [m²kg⁻¹]; (4) leaf Carbon concentration [mg g-1]; (5) leaf Nitrogen concentration [mg g⁻¹]; (6) leaf phosphorus concentration [mg g-1]; (7) plant height [m]; (8) seed mass [mg]; (9) seed length [mm]; (10) leaf dry matter content [g g-1]; (11) leaf nitrogen per area [g m-2]; (12) leaf N:P ratio [g g⁻¹]; (13) leaf δ ¹⁵N [per million]; (14) seed number per reproductive unit; (15) leaf fresh mass [g]; (16) stem conduit density [mm⁻²]; (17) dispersal unit length [mm]; and (18) conduit element length [µm].

Because missing values were particularly widespread in the species-trait matrix, we employed a gap-filling procedure based on hierarchical Bayesian modeling (R package 'BHPMF', 39; 40). Gap-filling was performed at the level of individual observations. We then loge-transformed all gap-filled trait values and averaged each trait by taxon (i.e., at species, or genus level). Additional information on the gap-filling procedure are available in [24].

Community-weighted means (CWM) and the variances (CWV) were calculated for every plant functional trait j and every vegetation plot k as follows ($\frac{41}{2}$):

$$CWM_{j,k} = \sum_{i}^{n_k} p_{i,k} t_{i,j}$$
 (1)

$$CWV_{j,k} = \sum_{i}^{n_k} p_{i,k} (t_{i,j} - CWM_{j,k})^2$$
 (2)

where n_k is the number of species with trait information in vegetation plot k, $p_{i,k}$ is the relative abundance of species i in vegetation plot k calculated as the species' fraction in cover or abundance of total cover or abundance, and $t_{i,i}$ is the mean value of species i for trait j.

Data Records

The final dataset that is provided here as open access contains 91,031 vegetation plots from 115 countries and all continents except Antarctica (Figure 1) and stems from 103 constitutive datasets (11). Information on the size (surface area) of the vegetation survey is available for 61,898 vegetation plots, and ranges between 0.01 m2 and 4 ha (mean = 270 m^2 ; median = 78.5 m^2). The average number of vascular plant species per vegetation plot ranges between 1 (i.e. monospecific stands) and 270 species (mean = 17.6; median = 13). Most plots only include information on vascular plants, while a minority also includes information on lichens (n = 3,045) or mosses (n = 4,963). By reducing the overrepresentation of vegetation plots in specific environmental conditions, the resampling procedure described above strongly reduced the bias in the distribution of vegetation plots within the environmental niche space. Yet, due to the lack or scarcity of data from some geographical regions, like the Tropics, the spatial distribution of vegetation plots remains unbalanced across geographical regions (Figure 1). This is evident when comparing the number of plots across continents or biomes. Europe is by far the best represented continent, with 53,884 vegetation plots. Africa and South America, conversely, have only 4507 and 5515 vegetation plots, respectively. The representation of biomes is equally unbalanced. The biomes 'Temperate midlatitudes' and 'Subtropics with winter rain' have 37,507 and 16,510 vegetation plots each, while none of the other biomes have more than 10,000 vegetation plots (Figure 2).

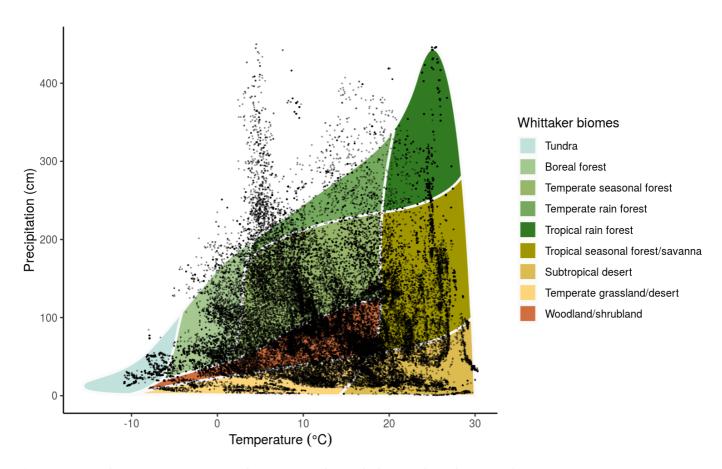


Figure 2: Distribution in environmental space (R package plotbiomes by Valentin Stefan).

Finally, the dataset contains a relatively balanced number of forest (n = 25,832) vs. non forest (n = 38,203) vegetation plots, with a minor proportion of plots remaining unassigned (n = 10,050). This classification is based on multiple lines of evidence, including the plot-level information on the cover of the tree layer, and the growth form and height of the species composing a plot. In short, a plot was considered as forest if the cover of the tree layer, or alternatively, the sum of relative cover of all tree taxa, was greater than 0.25. It was instead considered as non forest if the sum of relative cover of low-

stature, non-tree and non-shrub taxa was greater than 0.90. For an extensive explanation on this classification scheme, we refer the reader to [24]. Even if the proportion of forest vs. non forest vegetation plots is relatively well-balanced, the geographical distribution of vegetation plots belonging to different vegetation types is likely not balanced in the geographical space, as it depends on the idiosyncrasies of the individual datasets composing the sPlot database. For instance, the data from New Zealand only include plots collected in non-forest ecosystems, while data from Chile only refer to forests. We invite potential users to carefully read the description of each individual dataset before using this open-access dataset.

Database Organization

The open-access dataset is organized into three matrices.

The 'header' matrix contains plot level information for the 91,031 vegetation plots provided in this open access dataset, including metadata (e.g., plot ID, ownership, sampling date, geographical location, positional accuracy), sampling design information (e.g., the total surface area used during the vegetation survey), and a plot-level description of vegetation structure (e.g., vegetation type, percentage cover of each vegetation layer). A brief description of all the xx variables contained in the header matrix is provided in 12.

The 'DT' matrix contains data on the species composition of each plot. It is structured in a long format and contains 1,607,826 records, from 39,922 taxa, mostly resolved at the species level. For each record we report both the taxon name as originally contributed by the data custodian (column 'Matched_concept'), and the taxon name after taxonomic standardization (column 'Species_name_harmonized'). For each entry, we report the species covervalues. These follow different standards across the datasets constituting the sPlot database. We therefore provide both the original covervalue (column 'Cover') and a 'Relative_cover' field, i.e., the coverof each taxon in each vegetation layer divided by the total coverof all taxa in that vegetation layer. Finally, for each entry, we provide a 'Taxon_group' field, reporting whether the corresponding taxa is a vascular plant, moss, lichen or alga.

Finally the 'CWM' matrix contains the community weighted means and variances calculated for each of the 18 functional traits mentioned above. It also contains three additional columns. The column 'Species_richness' returns the number of species recorded in each plot. The columns 'Trait_coverage_cover' and 'Trait_coverage_pa' return respectively the proportion of total cover and species in a plot for which functional trait information was available.

Functional trait information was available for 20,932 species. The average proportion of species in each plot for which we have functional trait information is 0.88 (median = 1). For 47,177 plots the coverage is complete, while only in one plot we have no functional trait information for any of the occurring species. When considering relative cover, the average species coverage increases to 0.89. As many as 68,234 and 74,388 plots have functional trait information for more than 80% of the species or relative cover, respectively.

Technical Validation

The sPlot database has a nested structure, and is composed of several individual datasets, each validated and maintained by its respective dataset custodian. Each individual dataset also has individual vegetation plots, each provided by its owner (the person who performed the actual vegetation survey) or by someone who digitized the original data from the scientific or grey literature. We obviously have no direct control on the individual vegetation plots that we provide here in an open access dataset. Yet, each of these vegetation plots are stemming from trained professional botanists, or published scientific work, and are accompanied by detailed information on the sampling protocols used, thus ensuring data quality and reliability.

Before having been integrated into the sPlot database, each dataset was further checked for consistency and converted to Turboveg format (CIT). During this conversion into a Turboveg format, we checked that all dataset contained the required metadata information and we converted this information to the sPlot database standards, if necessary. Furthermore we cross-checked that each plot is located within the geographic scopes of its respective dataset. Finally, we harmonized all the taxonomic names from a dataset, based on the sPlot's taxonomic backbone (REF). This backbone matched all the taxonomic names (without nomenclatural authors) from all datasets in sPlot 2.1 and TRY v3.0 (25) to their resolved version based on the Taxonomic Name Resolution Service web application (TNRS version 4.0; 42; iPlant Collaborative, 2015). This allowed to (1) harmonize all datasets to a common nomenclature, and (2) to link the sPlot database to the TRY database (25). All taxa originally denoted at taxonomic ranks lower than species, were aggregated at species level. Additional detail on the taxonomic resolution is reported in [24], while a description of the workflow, including R-code, is available in Purschke (2017).

Usage Notes

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Code Availability

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Supplementary Material

Table 11: List of databases contributing to the open access dataset extracted from the sPlot database. Databases are ordered based on their ID in the Global Index of Vegetation Databases (GVID ID).

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0 0 - 0 0 - 0 0 4	Vegetation Database of Eurasian Tundra	Risto Virtanen	NA	1 1 3 2	600	NA
0 0 - R U - 0 0 3	Database Meadows and Steppes of Southern Ural	Sergey Yamalov	Mariya Lebede va	2 3 5 4	99	NA
0 0 - T R - 0 0	Forest Vegetation Database of Turkey - FVDT	Ali Kavgacı	NA	9 1 9	15	NA
E U - 0 0 - 0 0 2	Nordic-Baltic Grassland Vegetation Database (NBGVD)	Jürgen Dengler	Łukasz Kozub	7 6 7 5	931	Dengler & Rūsiņa (2012)
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 1	Vegetation-Plot Database of the University of the Basque Country (BIOVEG)	ldoia Biurrun	ltziar García- Mijango s	1 8 4 4 1	1694	Biurrun et al. (2012)

G I V D I	DB_name GIVD	Custodian	Deputy custodi an	n P I o t	cont ribut ed_p lots	Citation
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 3	Balkan Dry Grasslands Database	Kiril Vassilev	Armin Macano vić	7 6 8 3	224	Vassilev et al. (2012)
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 6	Mediterranean Ammophiletea Database	Corrado Marcenò	Borja Jiménez -Alfaro	7 3 5 9	3713	Marcenò & Jiménez- Alfaro (2017)
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 7	European Coastal Vegetation Database	John Janssen	NA	4 6 2 4	1369	NA
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 8	The Nordic Vegetation Database	Jonathan Lenoir	Jens- Christia n Svennin g	5 4 7 7	1755	Lenoir et al. (2013)
E U - 0 0 - 0 1 9	Balkan Vegetation Database	Kiril Vassilev	Hristo Pedash enko	9 1 1 8	211	Vassilev et al. (2016)

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E U - 0 0 - 0 2 0	WetVegEurope	Flavia Landucci	NA	1 4 1 1	61	Landucci et al. (2015)
E U - 0 0 - 0 2 2	European Mire Vegetation Database	Tomáš Peterka	Martin Jiroušek	1 0 1 4 7	1843	Peterka et al. (2015)
E U - A L - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Albania	Michele De Sanctis	Giulian o Fanelli	2 9 0	99	De Sanctis et al. (2017)
E U - A T - 0 0	Austrian Vegetation Database	Wolfgang Willner	Christia n Berg	3 4 4 5 8	950	Willner et al. (2012)
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I V D I D	DB_name GIVD	Custodian	Deputy custodi an	P I o t s	cont ribut ed_p lots	Citation
E U - B G - 0 1	Bulgarian Vegetation Database	lva Apostolova	Desisla va Sopotli eva	5 2 5 4	74	Apostolova et al. (2012)
E U - C H - 0 5	Swiss Forest Vegetation Database	Thomas Wohlgemuth	NA	1 4 1 9 3	1409	Wohlgemut h (2012)
E U - C Z - 0 0	Czech National Phytosociological Database	Milan Chytrý	llona Knollov á	1 0 4 6 9 7	579	Chytrý & Rafajová (2003
E U - D E - 0 0	VegMV	Florian Jansen	Christia n Berg	5 3 8 2 2	5	Jansen et al. (2012)
E U - D E - 0 1 3	VegetWeb Germany	Florian Jansen	Jörg Ewald	2 3 0 7 8	199	Ewald et al. (2012)

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E U - D E - 0 1 4	German Vegetation Reference Database (GVRD)	Ute Jandt	Helge Bruelhe ide	3 0 8 4 0	286	NA
E U - D K - 0 0	National Vegetation Database of Denmark	Jesper Erenskjold Moeslund	Rasmus Ejrnæs	2 4 2 6 4	1181	NA
E U - E S - 0 0	Iberian and Macaronesian Vegetation Information System (SIVIM) - Wetlands	Aaron Pérez- Haase	Xavier Font	6 5 6 0	292	NA
E U - F R - 0 0 3	SOPHY	Emmanuel Garbolino	Patrice De Ruffray	2 0 9 8 6 4	1332 2	NA
E U - G B - 0 0	UK National Vegetation Classification Database	John S. Rodwell	NA	2 8 5 3 3	5457	NA

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E U - G R - 0 0	KRITI	Erwin Bergmeier	NA	2 9 2	43	NA
E U - G R - 0 0 5	Hellenic Natura 2000 Vegetation Database (HelNatVeg)	Panayotis Dimopoulos	loannis Tsiripidi s	5 1 6 8	777	Dimopoulos & Tsiripidis (2012)
E U - G R - 0 0	Hellenic Woodland Database	loannis Tsiripidis	Georgio s Fotiadis	3 1 9	4	Fotiadis et al. (2012)
E U - H R - 0 0	Phytosociological Database of Non-Forest Vegetation in Croatia	Zvjezdana Stančić	NA	5 0 5 7	213	Stančić (2012)
E U - H R - 0 0	Croatian Vegetation Database	Željko Škvorc	Daniel Krstono šić	8 7 3 4	688	NA

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E U - H U - 0 0 3	CoenoDat Hungarian Phytosociological Database	János Csiky	Zoltán Botta- Dukát	8 5 0 5	17	Lájer et al. (2008)
E U - I T - 0 0	VegItaly	Roberto Venanzoni	Flavia Landuc ci	1 5 3 3 2	2712	Landucci et al. (2012)
E U - I T - 0 1	Italian National Vegetation Database (BVN/ISPRA)	Laura Casella	Pierang ela Angelini	3 5 6 2	155	Casella et al. (2012)
E U - I T - 0 1	Vegetation-Plot Database Sapienza University of Rome (VPD-Sapienza)	Emiliano Agrillo	Fabio Attorre	1 2 7 8 0	1003	Agrillo et al. (2017)
E U - L T - 0 0	Lithuanian Vegetation Database	Valerijus Rašomavičius	Domas Uoginta s	7 8 2 1	119	NA

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E U - L V - 0 0	Semi-natural Grassland Vegetation Database of Latvia	Solvita Rūsiņa	NA	5 5 9 4	306	Rūsiņa (2012)
E U - M K - 0 0	Vegetation Database of the Republic of Macedonia	Renata Ćušterevska	NA	1 4 1 7	10	NA
E U - N L - 0 0	Dutch National Vegetation Database	Joop H.J. Schaminée	Stepha n M. Hennek ens	1 0 2 3 2 7	1022 3	Schaminée et al. (2006)
E U - P L - 0 0	Polish Vegetation Database	Zygmunt Kącki	Grzegor z Swacha	2 2 2 2 9	464	Kącki & Śliwiński (2012)
E U - R O - 0 0 7	Romanian Forest Database	Adrian Indreica	Pavel Dan Turture anu	6 0 1 7	60	Indreica et al. (2017)

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E U - R O - 0 8	Romanian Grassland Database	Eszter Ruprecht	Kiril Vassilev	1 9 2 1	44	Vassilev et al. (2018)
E U - R S - 0 0	Vegetation Database Grassland Vegetation of Serbia	Svetlana Aćić	Zora Dajić Stevano vić	5 5 8 7	57	Aćić et al. (2012)
E U - R U - 0 0 2	Lower Volga Valley Phytosociological Database	Valentin Golub	Viktoria Bondar eva	1 4 8 5 3	149	Golub et al. (2012)
E U - R U - 0 0 3	Vegetation Database of the Volga and the Ural Rivers Basins	Tatiana Lysenko	NA	1 5 1 6	96	Lysenko et al. (2012)
E U - R U - 0 1	Vegetation Database of Tatarstan	Vadim Prokhorov	Maria Kozhev nikova	7 4 7 1	94	Prokhorov et al. (2017)

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E U - S I- 0 0	Vegetation Database of Slovenia	Urban Šilc	Filip Küzmič	1 0 9 8 6	435	Šilc (2012)
E U - S K - 0 0 1	Slovak Vegetation Database	Milan Valachovič	Jozef Šibík	3 6 4 0 5	893	Šibík (2012)
E U - U A - 0 6	Vegetation Database of Ukraine and Adjacent Parts of Russia	Viktor Onyshchenko	Vitaliy Kolomiy chuk	3 3 2 6	479	NA
A F - 0 0 - 0 1	West African Vegetation Database	Marco Schmidt	Georg Zizka	3 1 2 9	184	Schmidt et al. (2012)
A F - 0 0 - 0 8	PANAF Vegetation Database	Hjalmar Kühl	TeneKw etche Sop	2 4 6 9	942	NA

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A F - B F - 0 0	Sahel Vegetation Database	Jonas V. Müller	Marco Schmid t	1 0 7 9	279	Müller (2003)
0 0 - 0 0 - 0 0	ForestPlots.net	Oliver L. Phillips	Aurora Levesle y	1 8 2 7	108	Lopez- Gonzalez et al. (2011)
0 0 - 0 - 0 0 3	SALVIAS	Brian Enquist	Brad Boyle	4 8 8 3	2860	NA
0 0 - 0 0 - 0 5	Tundra Vegetation Plots (TundraPlot)	Anne D. Bjorkman	Sarah Elmend orf	5 7 7	227	Elmendorf et al. (2012)
0 0 - R U - 0 0 2	Database of Masaryk University`s Vegetation Research in Siberia	Milan Chytrý	NA	1 5 4 7	128	Chytrý (2012)

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A F - 0 0 - 0 3	BIOTA Southern Africa Biodiversity Observatories Vegetation Database	Norbert Jürgens	Ute Schmie del	1 6 6	562	Muche et al. (2012)
A F - 0 0 - 0 0 6	SWEA-Dataveg	Miguel Alvarez	Michael Curran	2 7 0 4	1211	NA
A F - 0 0 - 0 9	Vegetation Database of the Okavango Basin	Rasmus Revermann	Manfre d Finckh	5 9 0	202	Revermann et al. (2016)
A F - C D - 0 0	Forest Database of Central Congo Basin	Elizabeth Kearsley	Hans Verbeec k	2 9 2	97	Kearsley et al. (2013)
A F - E T - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Ethiopia	Desalegn Wana	Anke Jentsch	7 4	59	Wana & Beierkuhnle in (2011)

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A F - M A - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Southern Morocco	Manfred Finckh	NA	1 3 7	266	Finckh (2012)
A F - Z W - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Zimbabwe	Cyrus Samimi	NA	3 6	17	Samimi (2003)
A S - 0 0 - 0 0	Korean Forest Database	Tomáš Černý	Jiri Dolezal	4 8 8 5	766	Černý et al. (2015)
A S - 0 0 - 0 0 3	Vegetation of Middle Asia	Arkadiusz Nowak	Marcin Nobis	1 3 8 1	128	Nowak et al. (2017)
A S - 0 0 - 0 0 4	Rice Field Vegetation Database	Arkadiusz Nowak	NA	1 7 9	31	NA

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A S - B D - 0 0	Tropical Forest Dataset of Bangladesh	Mohammed A.S. Arfin Khan	Fahmid a Sultana	2 1 1	82	NA
A S - C N - 0 0	China Forest-Steppe Ecotone Database	Hongyan Liu	Fengjun Zhao	1 4 8	97	Liu et al. (2000)
A S - C N - 0 0	Tibet-PaDeMoS Grazing Transect	Karsten Wesche	NA	1 4 6	27	Wang et al. (2017)
A S - C N - 0 0 3	Vegetation Database of the BEF China Project	Helge Bruelheide	NA	2 7	18	Bruelheide et al. (2011)
A S - C N - 0 0 4	Vegetation Database of the Northern Mountains in China	Zhiyao Tang	NA	4 8 5	70	NA

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A S - E G - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Sinai in Egypt	Mohamed Z. Hatim	NA	9 2 6	98	Hatim (2012)
A S - I D - 0 0	Sulawesi Vegetation Database	Michael Kessler	NA	2 4	24	NA
A S - I R - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Iran	Jalil Noroozi	Parasto o Mahdav i	2 3 3 5	105	NA
A S - K Z - 0 0	Database of Meadow Vegetation in the NW Tien Shan Mountains	Viktoria Wagner	NA	9	3	NA
A S - M N - 0 0	Southern Gobi Protected Areas Database	Henrik von Wehrden	Karsten Wesche	1 5 1 6	688	von Wehrden et al. (2009)

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A S - R U - 0 0	Wetland Vegetation Database of Baikal Siberia (WETBS)	Victor Chepinoga	NA	2 3 8 1	6	Chepinoga (2012)
A S - R U - 0 0	Database of Siberian Vegetation (DSV)	Andrey Korolyuk	Andrei Zverev	9 1 1 6	2150	NA
A S - R U - 0 0 4	Database of the University of Münster - Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research Group's Vegetation Research in Western Siberia and Kazakhstan	Norbert Hölzel	Wanja Mathar	4 4 5	85	NA
A S - S A - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Saudi Arabia	Mohamed Abd El-Rouf Mousa El- Sheikh	NA	9 1 9	607	NA
A S - T J- 0 0	Eastern Pamirs	Kim André Vanselow	NA	2 8 2	174	Vanselow (2016)

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A S - T W - 0 0 1	National Vegetation Database of Taiwan	Ching-Feng Li	Chang- Fu Hsieh	9 3 0	897	NA
A S - Y E - 0 0	Socotra Vegetation Database	Michele De Sanctis	Fabio Attorre	3 9 6	190	De Sanctis & Attorre (2012)
A U - A U - 0 0 2	AEKOS	Anita Smyth	Ben Sparro w	2 1 2 6 1	7443	NA
A U - N C - 0 0 1	New Caledonian Plant Inventory and Permanent Plot Network (NC-PIPPN)	Jérôme Munzinger	Philippe Birnbau m	2 0 1	98	lbanez et al. (2014)
A U - N Z - 0 0	New Zealand National Vegetation Databank	Susan Wiser	NA	1 8 9 5	983	Wiser et al. (2001)

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A U - P G - 0 1	Forest Plots from Papua New Guinea	Timothy Whitfeld	George D. Weible n	6 3	53	Whitfeld et al. (2014)
N A - 0 0 - 0 0 2	Tree Biodiversity Network (BIOTREE-NET)	Luis Cayuela	NA	1 7 5 7	208	Cayuela et al. (2012)
N A - C A - 0 0 3	Database of Timberline Vegetation in NW North America	Viktoria Wagner	Toby Spribille	1 1 0	38	NA
N A - C A - 0 4	Understory of Sugar Maple Dominated Stands in Quebec and Ontario (Canada)	Isabelle Aubin	NA	1 5 6	9	Aubin et al. (2007)
N A - C A - 0 0 5	Boreal Forest of Canada	Yves Bergeron	Louis De Grandp ré	8 9	44	NA

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N A - G L - 0 0	Vegetation Database of Greenland	Birgit Jedrzejek	Fred J.A. Daniëls	6 6 4	340	Sieg et al. (2006)
N A - U S - 0 0 2	VegBank	Robert K. Peet	Michael T. Lee	6 7 3 5 2	6456	Peet et al. (2012a)
N A - U S - 0 0 6	Carolina Vegetation Survey Database	Robert K. Peet	Michael T. Lee	1 7 2 2 1	2317	Peet et al. (2012b)
N A - U S - 0 1 4	Alaska-Arctic Vegetation Archive	Donald A. Walker	Amy Breen	1 3 6 3	467	Walker et al. (2016)
S A - 0 0 - 0 0 2	VegPáramo	Gwendolyn Peyre	Xavier Font	2 6 4 3	1591	Peyre et al. (2015)

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S A - A R - 0 0 2	Vegetation Database of Central Argentina	Melisa Giorgis	Alicia Acosta	2 1 8	42	NA
S A - B O - 0 0 3	Bolivia Forest Plots	Michael Kessler	Sebasti an Herzog	7 5	18	NA
S A - B R - 0 0 2	Forest Inventory, State of Santa Catarina, Brazil (IFFSC Project)	Alexander Christian Vibrans	André Luis de Gasper	1 6 6 9	1345	Vibrans et al. (2010)
S A - B R - 0 0 3	Grasslands of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Eduardo Vélez-Martin	Valério De Patta Pillar	3 2 0	271	NA
S A - B R - 0 0 4	Grassland Database of Campos Sulinos	Gerhard E. Overbeck	Valério De Patta Pillar	1 6 1	111	NA

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S A - C L - 0 0	SSAForests_Plots_db	Alvaro G. Gutierrez	NA	2 6 1	163	NA
S A - C L - 0 0 3	Chilean Park Transects - Fondecyt 1040528	Aníbal Pauchard	Alicia Martico rena	1 6 5	33	NA
S A - E C - 0 0	Ecuador Forest Plot Database	Jürgen Homeier	NA	1 7 2	156	NA

Table 12: Description of the variables contained in the 'header' matrix, together with their range (if numeric) or possible levels (if nominal or boolean). Variable type can be c - character (i.e. text), f - factor (i.e. qualitative or ordinal variable), i - integer (e.g. binomial), n - numeric (i.e., double) or I - logical (i.e., boolean).

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o . r e c o r d s	Ty pe .of .v ari ab
GIVD ID	NA	9 1 0 3 1	ch ar ac ter
Datas et	NA	9 1 0 3 1	ch ar ac ter

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o r e c o r d s	Ty pe .of .v ari ab le
Conti nent	Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America	9 0 7 2 9	fa ct or
Count	NA	9 1 0 3 1	ch ar ac ter
Biom e	Alpine, Boreal zone, Dry midlatitudes, Dry tropics and subtropics, Polar and subpolar zone, Subtrop. with year-round rain, Subtropics with winter rain, Temperate midlatitudes, Tropics with summer rain, Tropics with year-round rain	9 1 0 3 1	fa ct or
Date of recor ding	-29764 - 16469	7 5 7 9 8	nu m eri c
Latitu de	-54.73863 - 80.149116	9 1 0 3 1	nu m eri c
Longit ude	-162.741433 - 179.590053	9 1 0 3 1	nu m eri c
Locati on uncer tainty (m)	1 - 2500	9 1 0 0 2	int eg er
POINT _X	-162.741433 - 179.590053	9 1 0 3 1	nu m eri c
POINT _Y	-54.73863 - 80.149116	9 1 0 3 1	nu m eri c

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o . r e c o r d s	Ty pe .of .v ari ab le
Relev é area (m²)	0.01 - 40000	6 1 8 9 8	nu m eri c
Herbs identi fied (y/n)	FALSE = 4876; TRUE = 6323	1 1 1 9	lo gic al
Moss es identi fied (y/n)	FALSE = 19707; TRUE = 4963	2 4 6 7 0	lo gic al
Liche ns identi fied (y/n)	FALSE = 16027; TRUE = 3045	1 9 0 7 2	lo gic al
Plants recor ded	All trees & dominant understory, All vascular plants, All vascular plants and dominant cryptogams, All woody plants, Dominant trees, Only dominant species, Dominant woody plants >= 2.5 cm dbh, Woody plants >= 1 cm dbh, Woody plants >= 20 cm dbh, Woody plants >= 2.5 cm dbh, Woody plants >= 5 cm dbh, NA	9 1 0 1 5	fa ct or
Altitu de (m)	-25 - 4819	5 2 1 2	nu m eri c
Aspec t (°)	0 - 360	3 0 7 9 6	nu m eri c
Slope (°)	-5 - 99	3 7 8 7 8	nu m eri c
is.fore st	FALSE = 20396; TRUE = 25832	4 6 2 2 8	lo gic al

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o . r e c o r d s	Ty pe .of .v ari ab le
is.non .fores t	FALSE = 50870; TRUE = 38203	8 9 0 7 3	lo gic al
ESY	NA	5 5 4 5 7	ch ar ac ter
Natur alness	1 - 2	6 8 0 1	int eg er
Forest	FALSE = 38295; TRUE = 23735	6 2 0 3 0	lo gic al
Shrub land	FALSE = 38233; TRUE = 11081	4 9 3 1 4	lo gic al
Grassl and	FALSE = 10213; TRUE = 46947	5 7 1 6	lo gic al
Spars e.veg etatio n	FALSE = 33381; TRUE = 11315	4 4 6 9 6	lo gic al
Wetla nd	FALSE = 29078; TRUE = 18038	4 7 1 1 6	lo gic al
Cover total (%)	1 - 313	2 4 7 1 2	int eg er

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o r e c o r d s	Ty pe .of .v ari ab le
Cover tree layer (%)	0.5 - 150	7 2 4 5	nu m eri c
Cover shrub layer (%)	0.5 - 145	1 0 1 9 7	nu m eri c
Cover herb layer (%)	0.2 - 180	2 6 6 7 9	nu m eri c
Cover moss layer (%)	1 - 100	9 6 4 3	int eg er
Cover lichen layer (%)	1 - 95	7 3 4	int eg er
Cover algae layer (%)	1 - 100	2 2 1	int eg er
Cover litter layer (%)	1 - 100	4 5 0 0	int eg er
Cover bare rock (%)	1 - 100	1 8 9 7	int eg er
Cover crypto gams (%)	1 - 95	5 9 3	int eg er
Cover bare soil (%)	0.1 - 99	1 4 1 2	nu m eri c

Varia ble	Range/Levels	N o r e c o r d	Ty pe .of .v ari ab le
Heigh t (highe st) trees (m)	1 - 99	6 1 1 5	nu m eri c
Heigh t lowes t trees (m)	1 - 90	2 2 1	nu m eri c
Heigh t (highe st) shrub s (m)	0.1 - 9.9	2 8 8 0	nu m eri c
Heigh t lowes t shrub s (m)	0.1 - 9	3 2 8	nu m eri c
Aver. height (high) herbs (cm)	0.1 - 440	1 0 1 2 5	nu m eri c
Aver. height lowes t herbs (cm)	1 - 250	2 7 8 5	int eg er
Maxi mum height herbs (cm)	1 - 600	1 7 3 3	int eg er