

Analyses & results

GCFR vs SWAFR manuscript

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1. Comparing environmental heterogeneity

Table 1: Slopes of *CLES* against ...

Variable	Slope	<i>P</i>	
Elevation	-0.029	0.135	
MAP	-0.224	0.028	*
PDQ	-0.055	0.260	
Surface_T	-0.062	0.207	
NDVI	0.059	0.134	
CEC	-0.054	0.361	
Clay	0.104	0.143	
Soil_C	-0.065	0.270	
pH	-0.013	0.729	
PC1	-0.076	0.059	.

2. Comparing species richness

Table 2: ...

metric	P_U	CLES_value
QDS_richness	0.0002828	0.5882409
HDS_richness	0.0454020	0.5875460
DS_richness	0.0067394	0.7318339
QDS_turnover_prop	0.0000000	0.7400046
HDS_turnover_prop	0.0001875	0.8114187

3. Environmental heterogeneity as an explanation of species richness

3.1. Univariate models

Table 3: Summarised results of the best fitting separate simple linear regressions of $\log_{10}[S_{\text{QDS}}]$ against environmental heterogeneity.

Model type	Heterogeneity predictor	Slope		SWAFR effect	
Main effect + region	NDVI	+	***	-	**
	Soil C	+	**	-	*
Main effect only	Elevation	+	***		
	MAP	+	***		
	PDQ	+	***		
	Surface T	+	***		
	PC1	+	***		
Region only	CEC	-		-	***

Model type	Heterogeneity predictor	Slope	SWAFR effect	
	Clay	+	-	***
	pH	-	-	***

Table 4: Summarised results of the best fitting separate simple linear regressions of $\log_{10}[S_{\text{HDS}}]$ against environmental heterogeneity.

Model type	Heterogeneity predictor	Slope	
Main effect only	Elevation	+	*
	MAP	+	***
	PDQ	+	***
	Surface T	+	*
	NDVI	+	***
	CEC	-	
	Clay	+	**
	Soil C	+	*
	pH	+	
	PC1	+	***

Table 5: Summarised results of the best fitting separate simple linear regressions of $\log_{10}[S_{\text{DS}}]$ against environmental heterogeneity.

Model type	Heterogeneity predictor	Slope	SWAFR effect	
Main effect only	Elevation	+	**	
	MAP	+	***	
	PDQ	+	***	
	Clay	+	***	
	Soil C	+	*	
	PC1	+	***	
Region only	Surface T	+	-	*
	NDVI	+	-	.
	CEC	-	-	**
	pH	+	-	*

3.2. Multivariate models

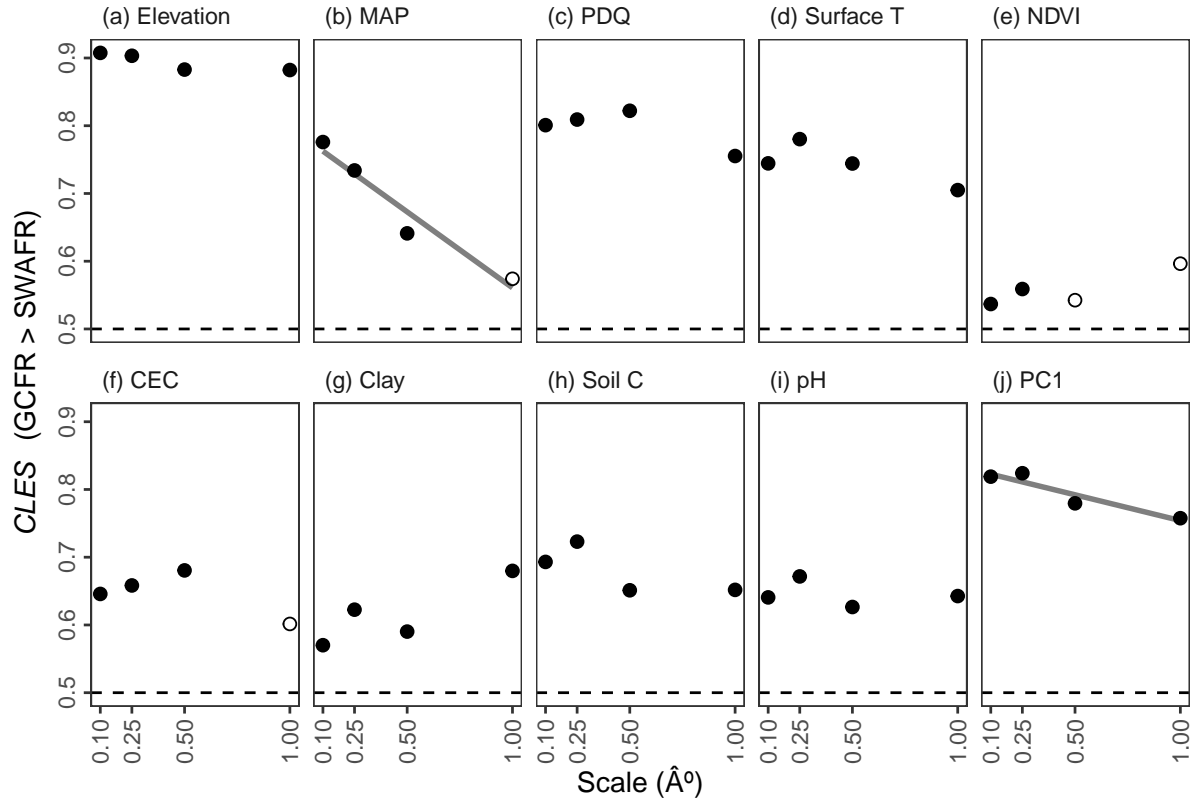


Figure 1: The common language effect size ($CLES$) of (a–i) various forms of environmental heterogeneity (\log_{10} -transformed) and (j) the major axis thereof (PC1) in the GCFR and SWAFR. The $CLES$ here is treated as the effect of GCFR relative to SWAFR values. Filled points represent comparisons where the GCFR and SWAFR significantly differed in heterogeneity ($P \leq 0.05$, Mann-Whitney U-tests), while unfilled points represent those that were not significant ($P > 0.05$). Following simple linear regressions of $CLES$ against scale, negative relationships (depicted by lines) were found for MAP (slope = -0.224, $P = 0.028$) and PC1 (slope = -0.076, $P = 0.059$). Abbreviations are as in Table 1.

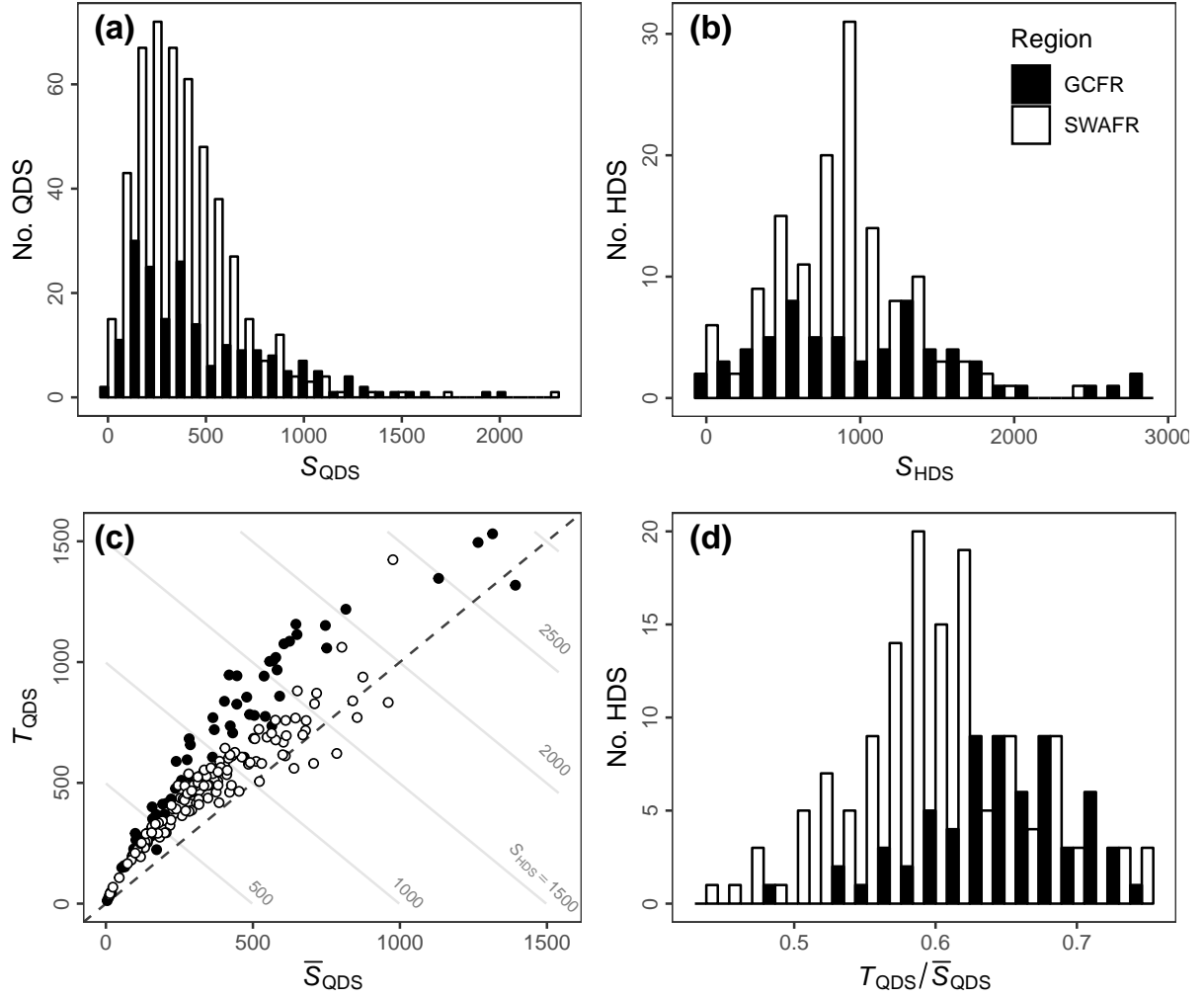


Figure 2: Distributions of (a) QDS- and (b) HDS-scale vascular plant species richness in the GCFR and SWAFR. (c) Scatter plot of mean QDS-scale richness (\bar{S}_{QDS}) and turnover (T_{QDS} ; Equation 1) with contour lines denoting the S_{HDS} that arises as their sum. (d) The distribution of the turnover partition of S_{HDS} (T_{QDS} ; in c) expressed as a proportion (T_{QDS} / \bar{S}_{HDS}).

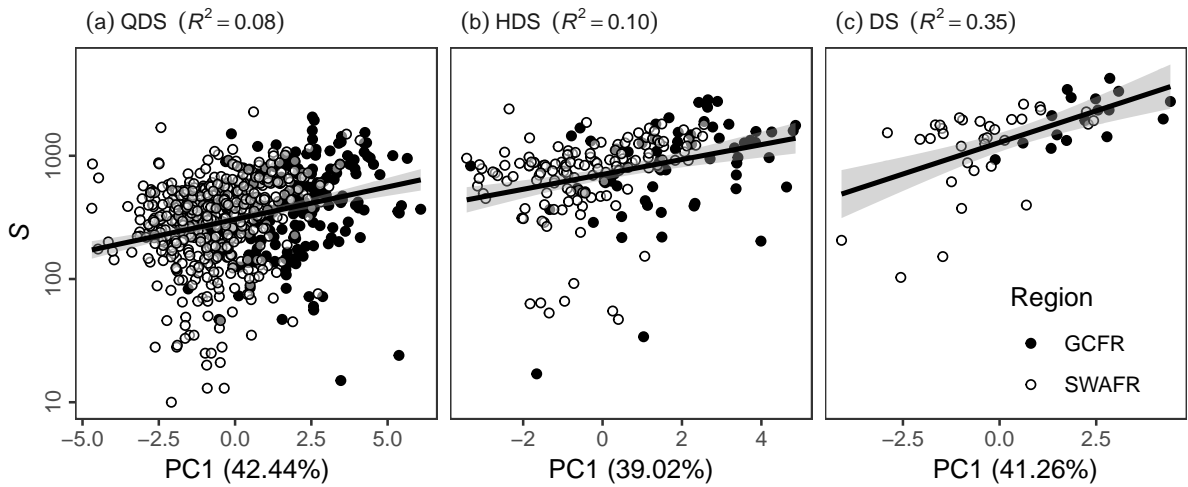


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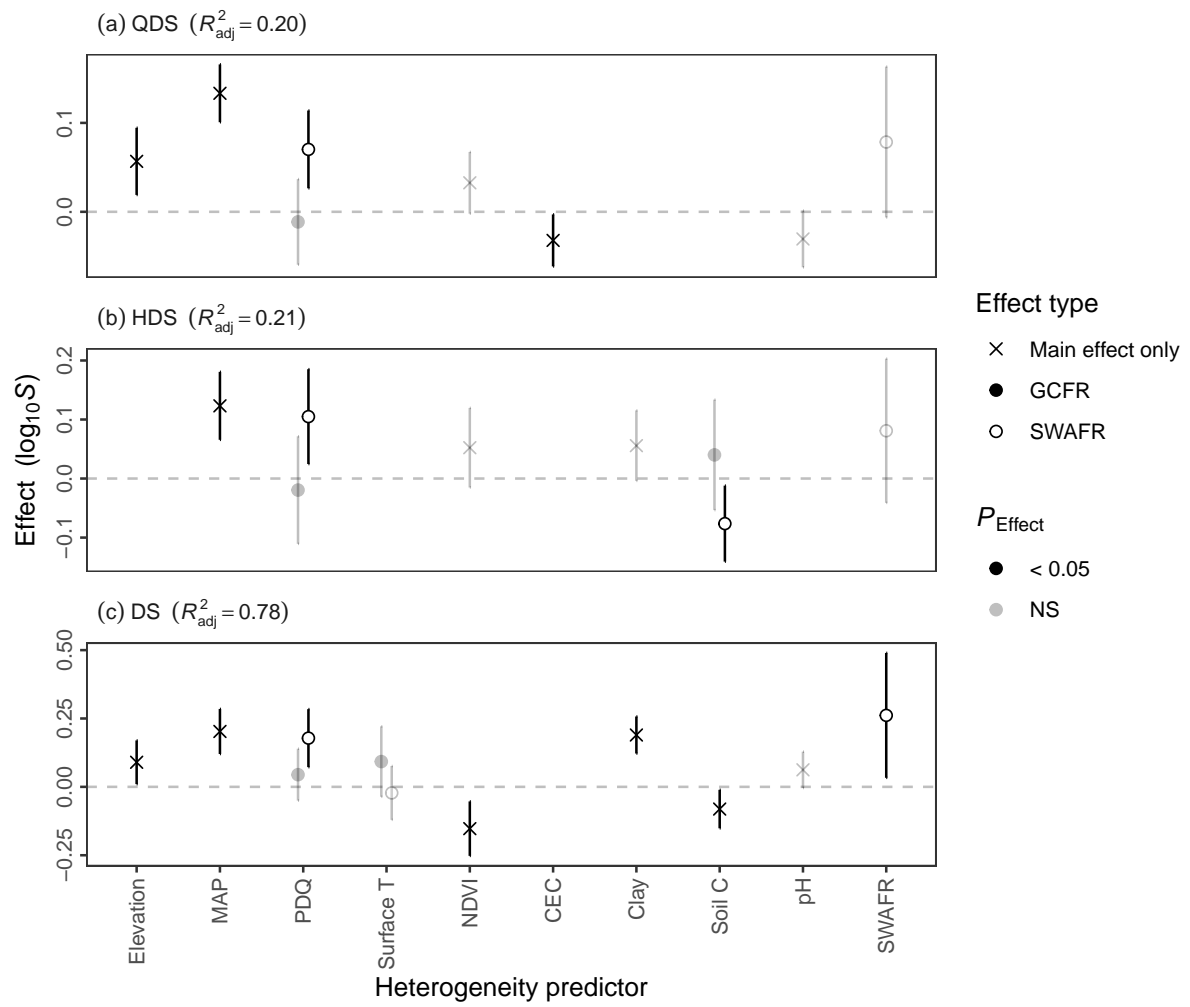


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