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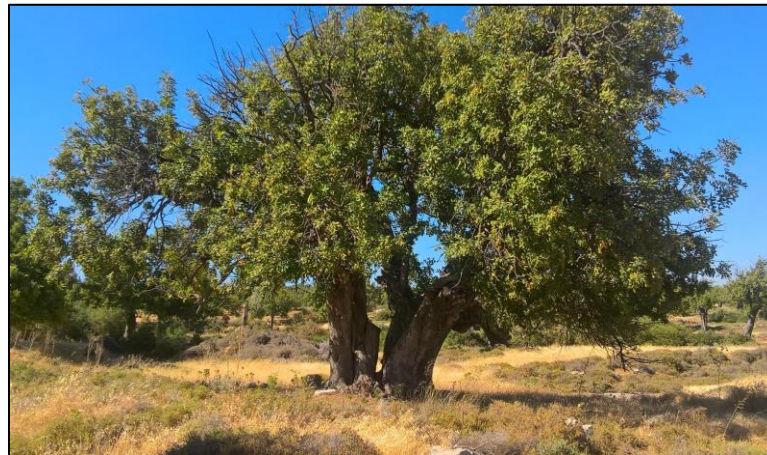
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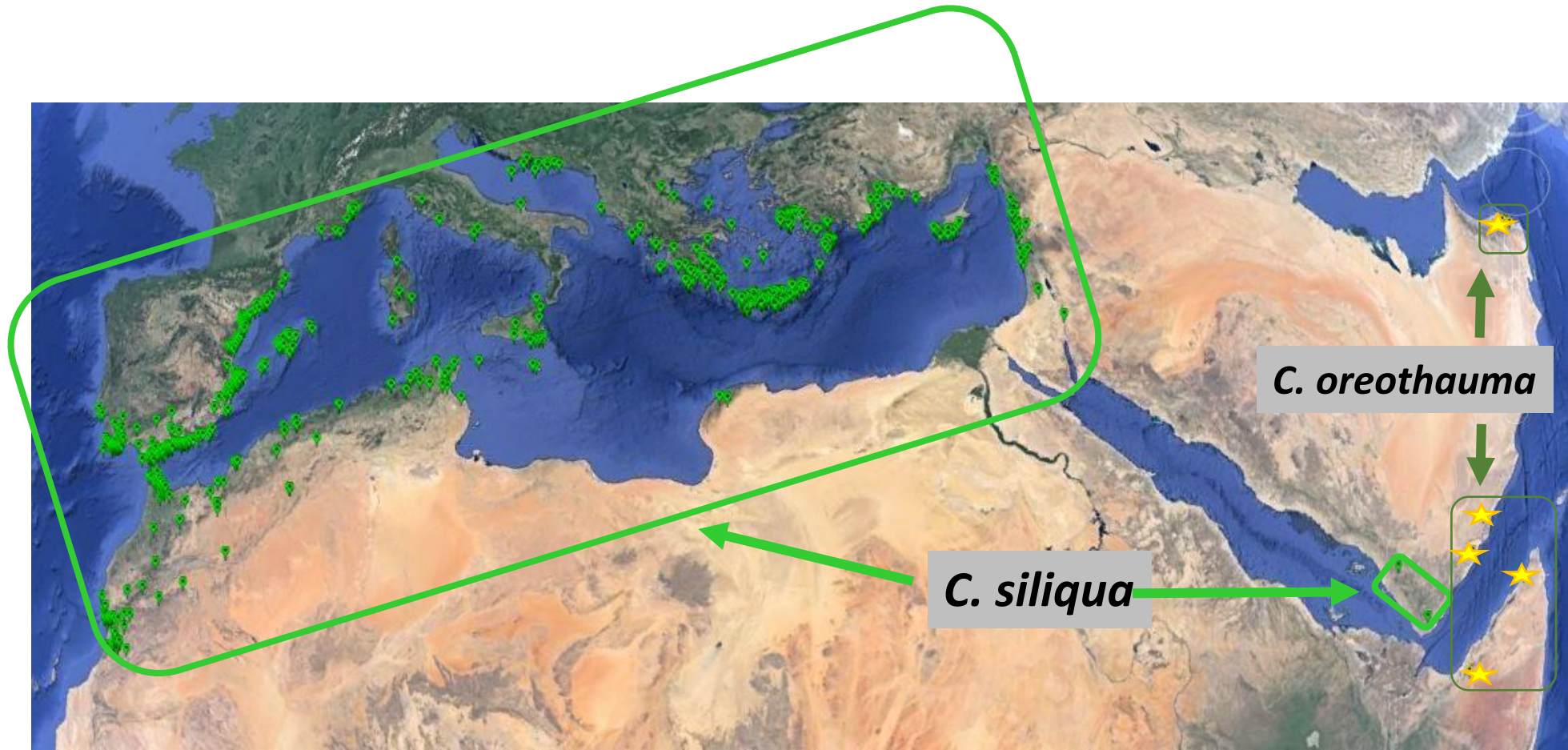
The carob tree, *Ceratonia siliqua* L.



- *Leguminosae, Caesalpinioideae*
- **Composed leaf**
- **Male and Female trees**
- **Wind and insect pollination**
- **Diploid with 24 chromosomes**



Mediterranean and Near-East range



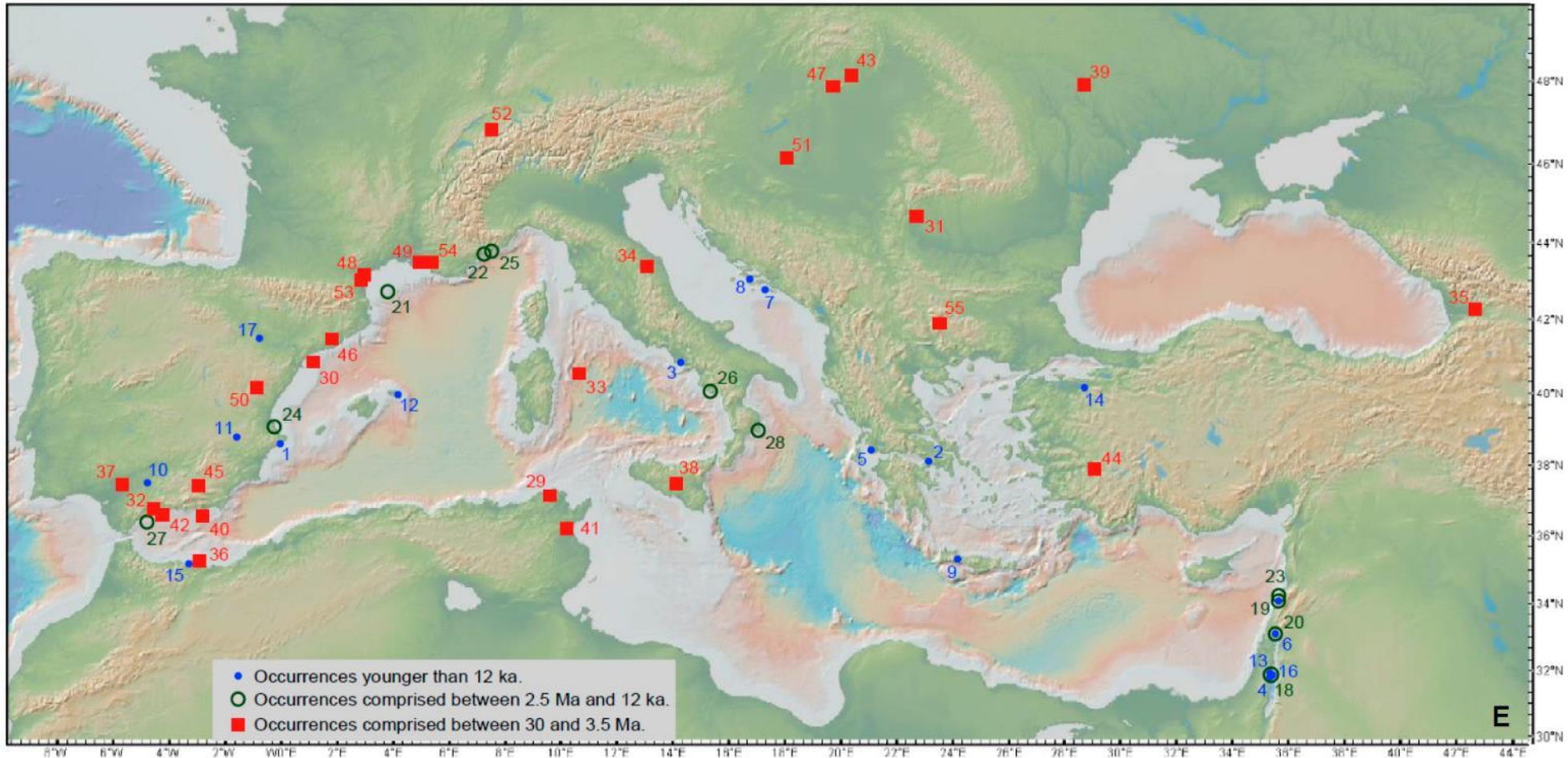
Initial hypothesis

Eastern Refugia Hypothesis and eastern domestication followed by westward dispersals by Greeks, Romans and Arabs

- Arguments:
- great abundance of the carob in the East Mediterranean
 - Arab or Greek origin of the words to name the carob
 - Two species in the Middle East: *C. siliqua* et *C. oreothauma*

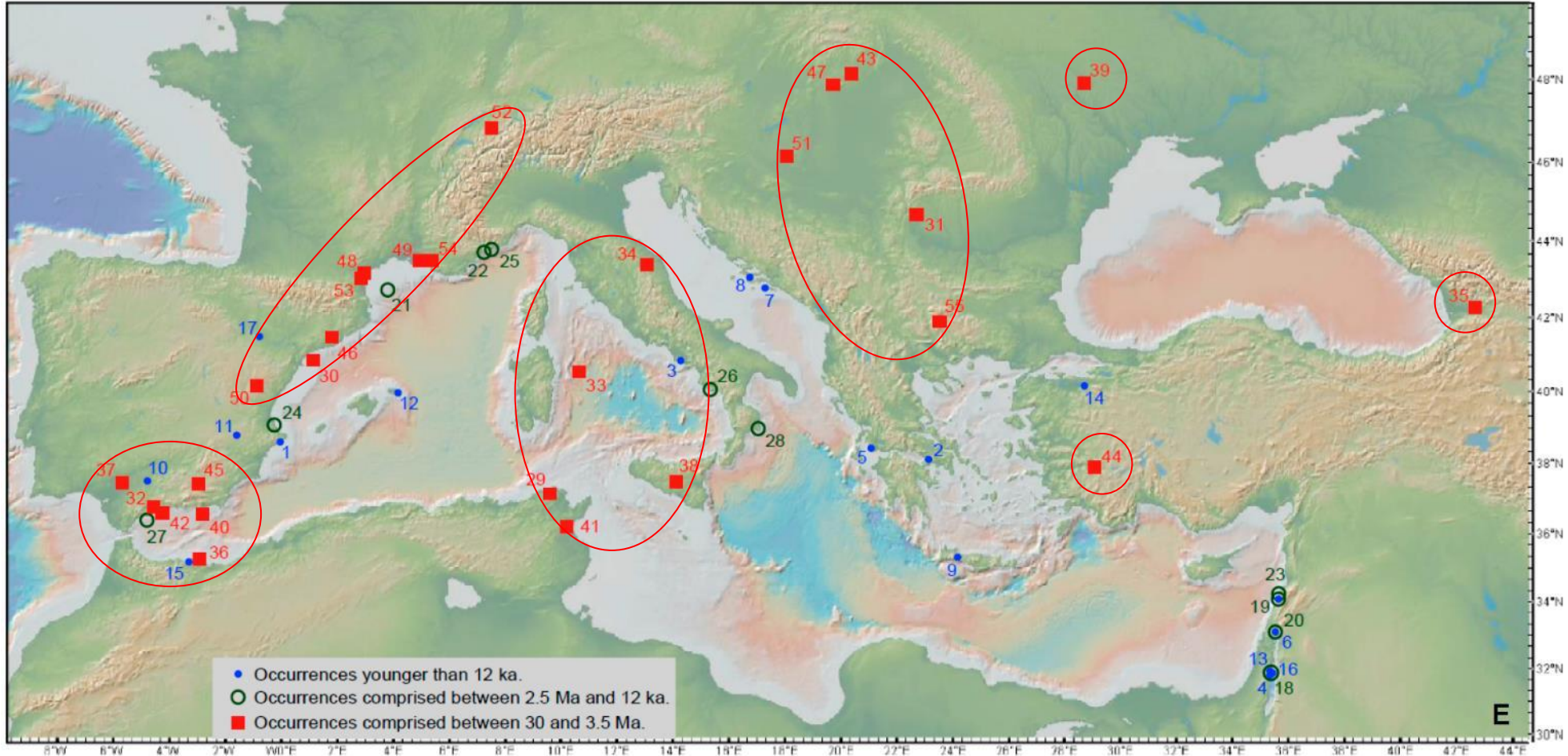


Review of past occurrences



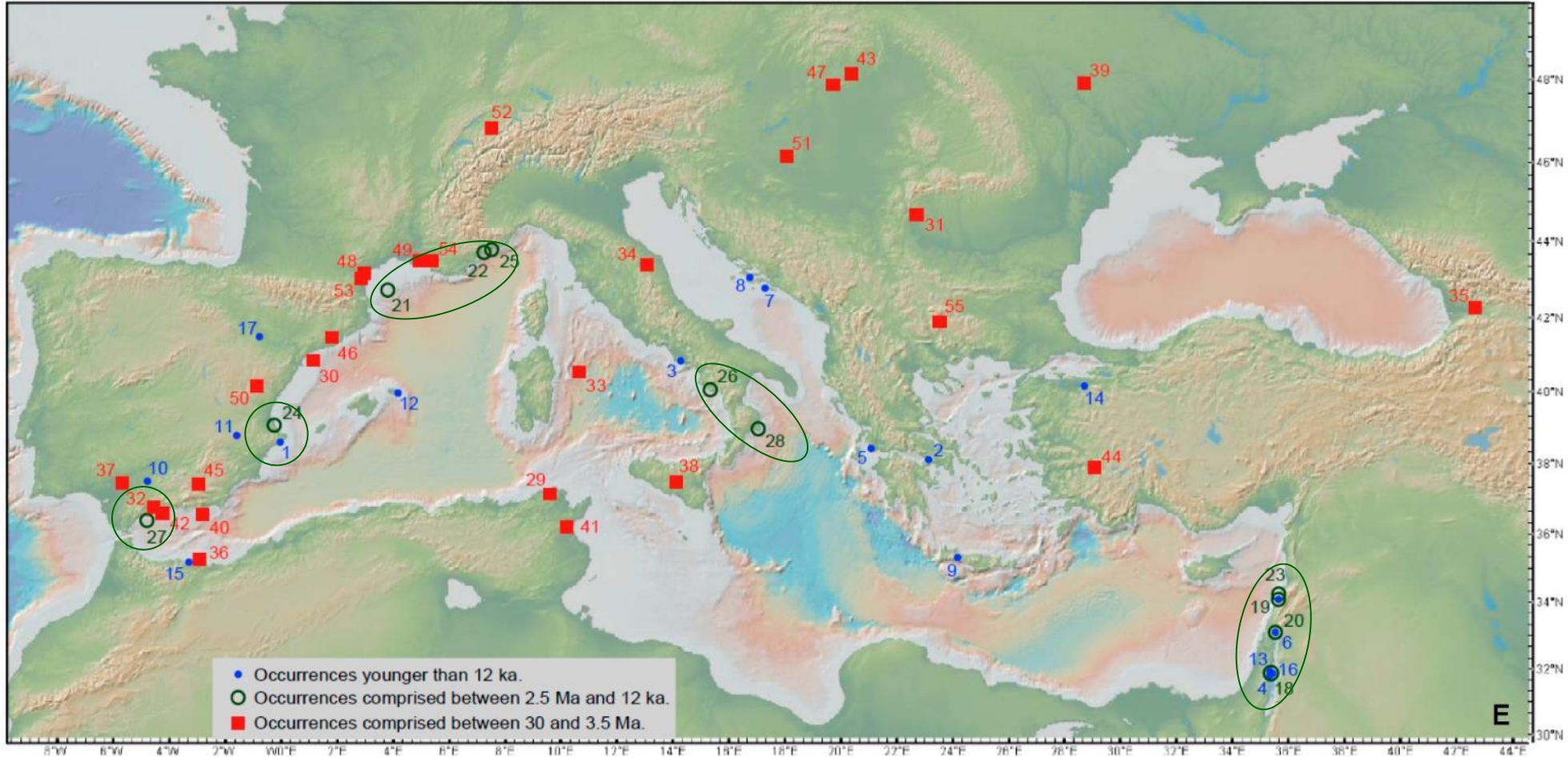
**55 past occurrences (pollens or macro remains)
From Early Oligocene to Middle ages**

Review of past occurrences



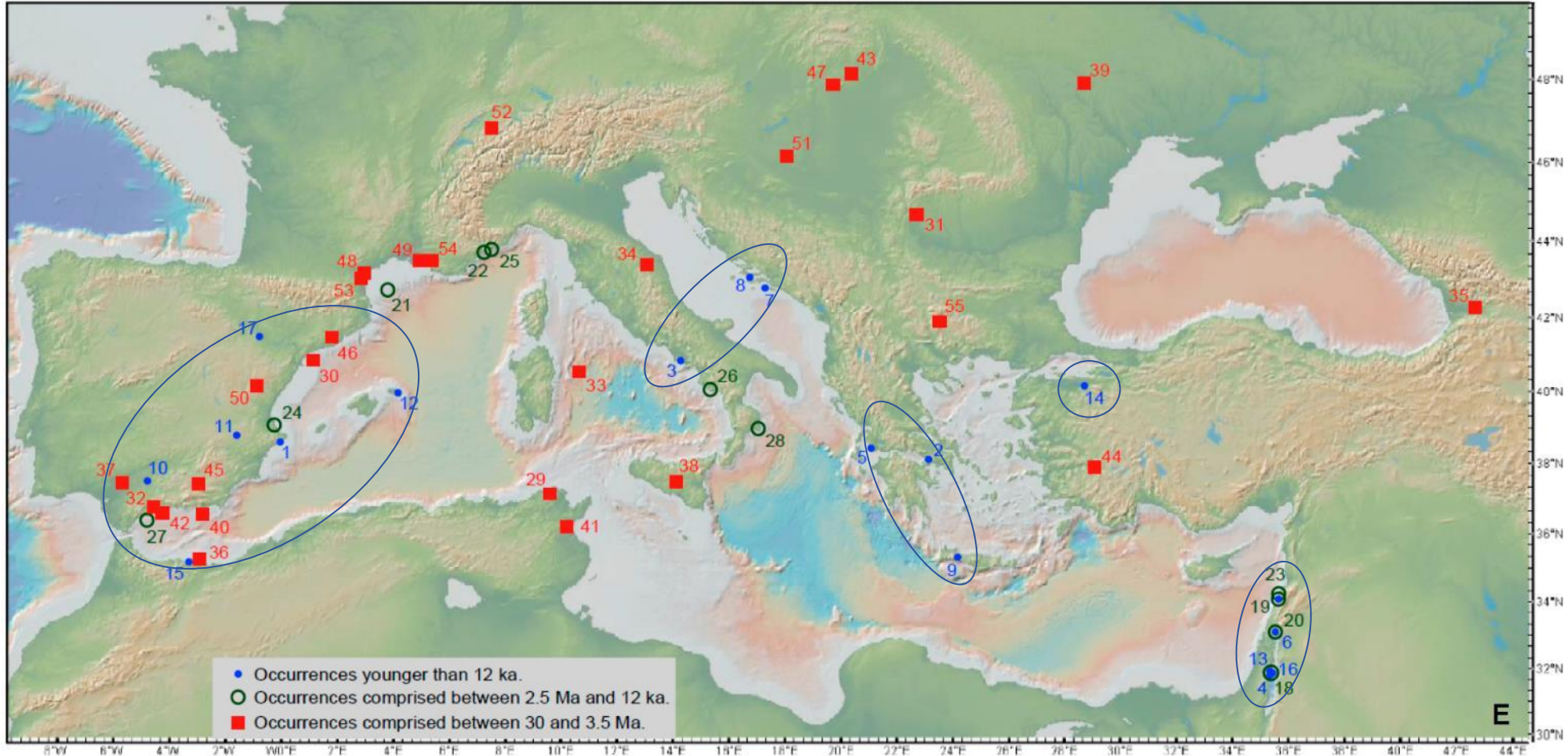
➤ From Oligocene to late Pliocene 30 to 3.5 Ma

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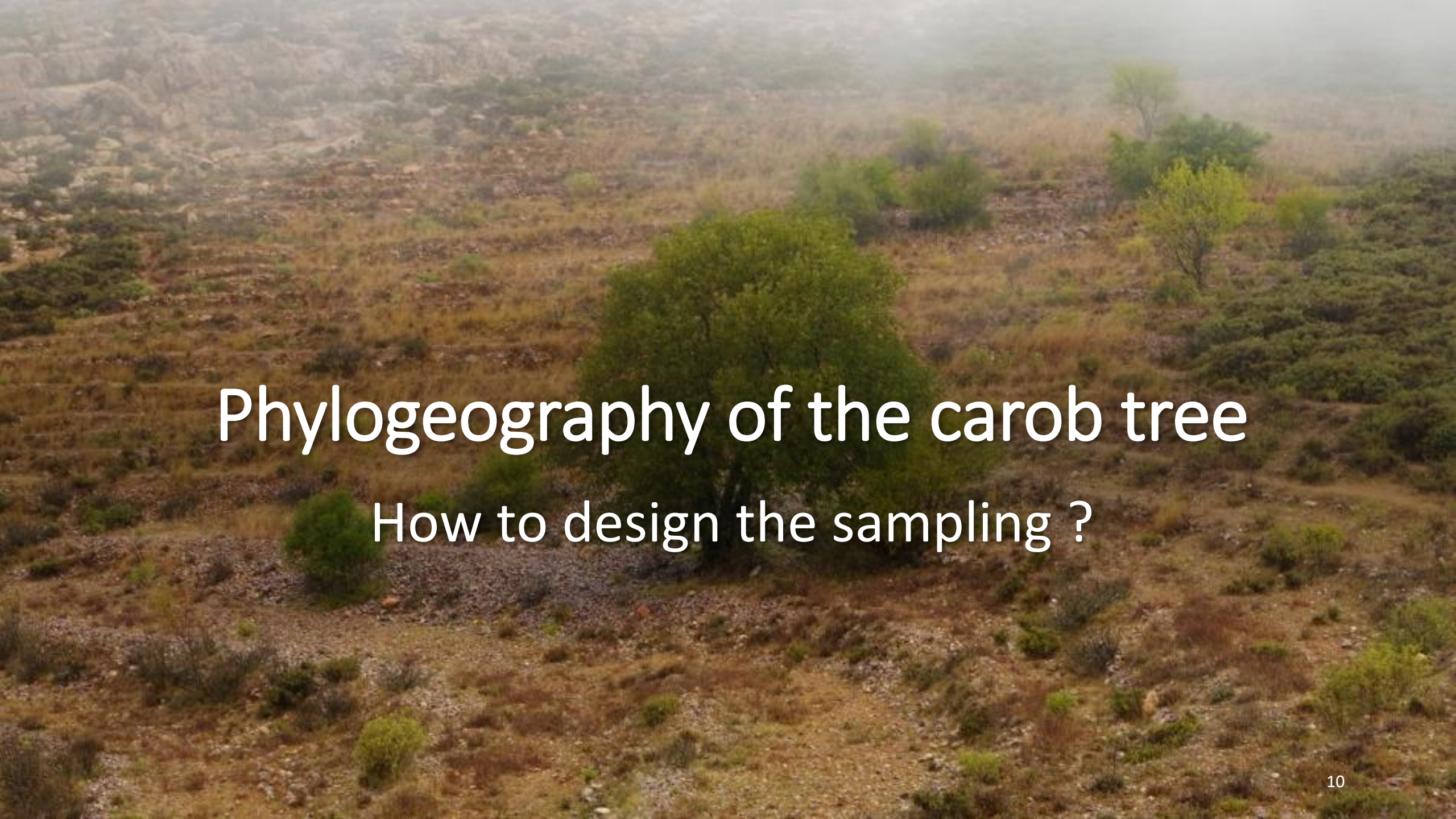


- From Oligocene to late Pliocene 30 to 3.5 Ma
- Pleistocene 2.5 Ma to 12ka

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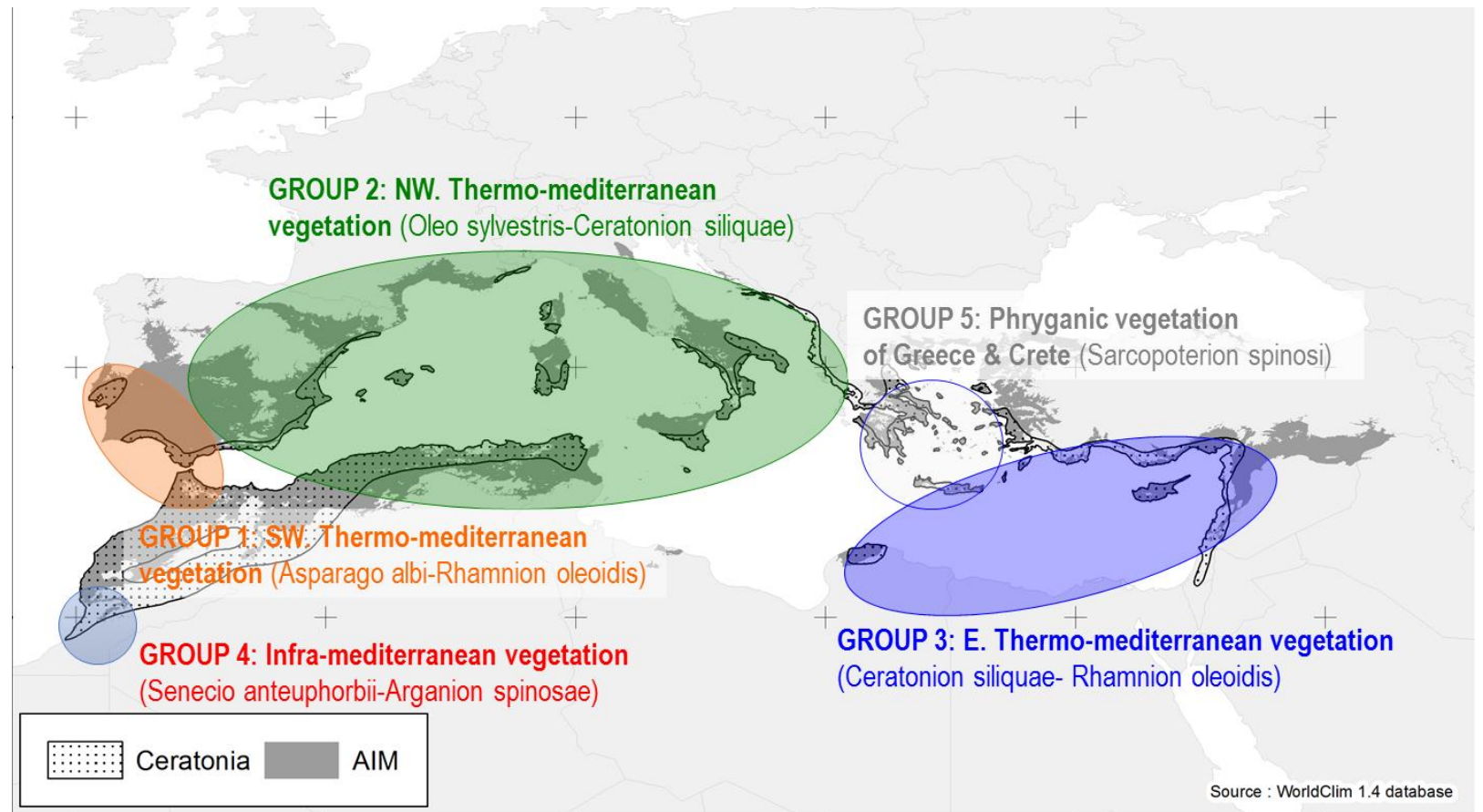
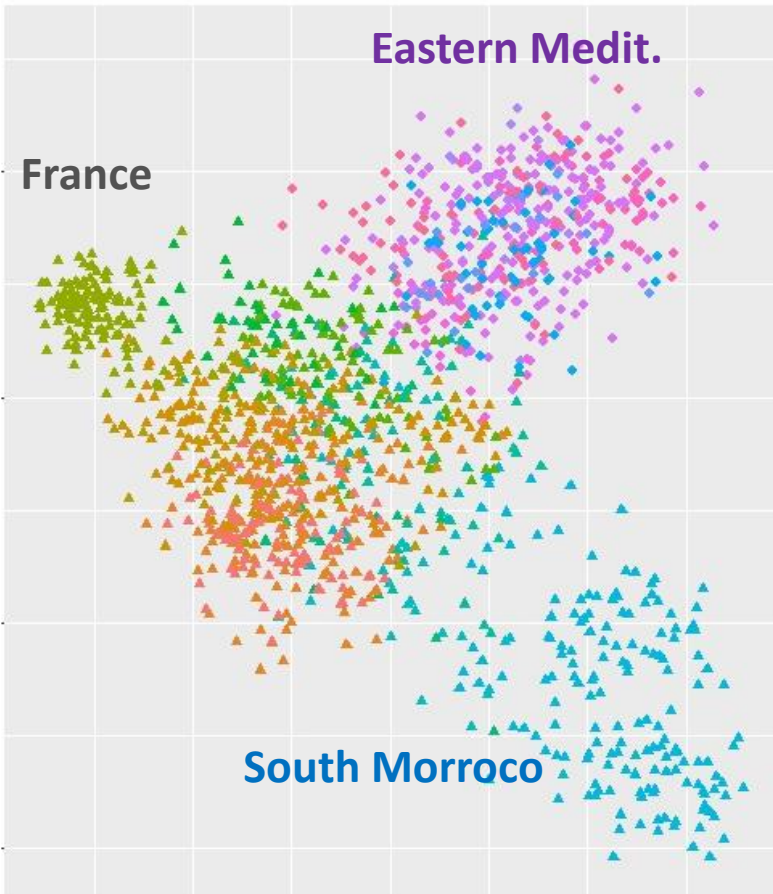
- From Oligocene to late Pliocene
- Pleistocene 30 to 3.5 Ma
- After 12 000 years bp

An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape. The terrain is covered with sparse, low-lying vegetation in shades of brown, tan, and green. A prominent, large, rounded green tree stands in the center of the frame. The background shows rolling hills under a hazy sky.

Phylogeography of the carob tree

How to design the sampling ?

Floristic diversity associated to the carob



Survey of 1542 floristic relevés

→ Higher floristic differentiation in the West

→ Five floristic groups

Mediterranean Carobhabitats



Natural Habitats



Semi-natural habitats



Cultivated habitats



Sampling and molecular markers

- 82 populations sampled : - the 5 floristic groups
- The 3 type of habitats
- Wild and cultivated trees

→ 1350 DNA extracts

- PCR-Sanger : 4 pDNA markers for 480 trees

pDNA

- Microsat. : 1067 genotypes, 17 loci, sequenced (MiSeq), NA 0.5%

μsat

- RADseq : - 3613 nuclear SNPs, 194 genotypes, NA 9.5 %, 1 SNP/loci
- 10306 bp mtDNA 0% NA
- 13931 bp pDNA 0% NA

RAD

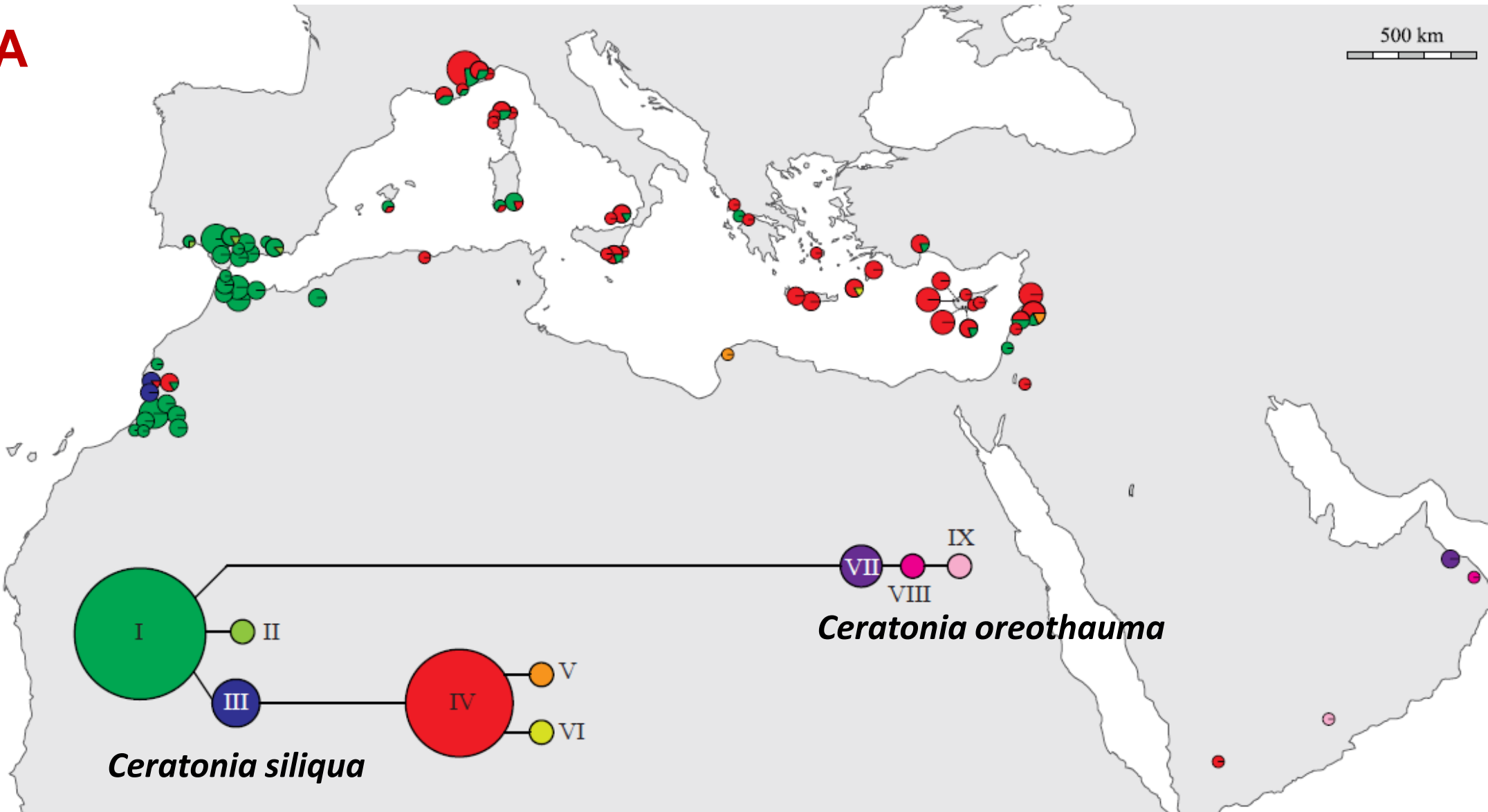
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Results

Maternal lineages

pDNA



4 loci ADNp, 6 haplotypes



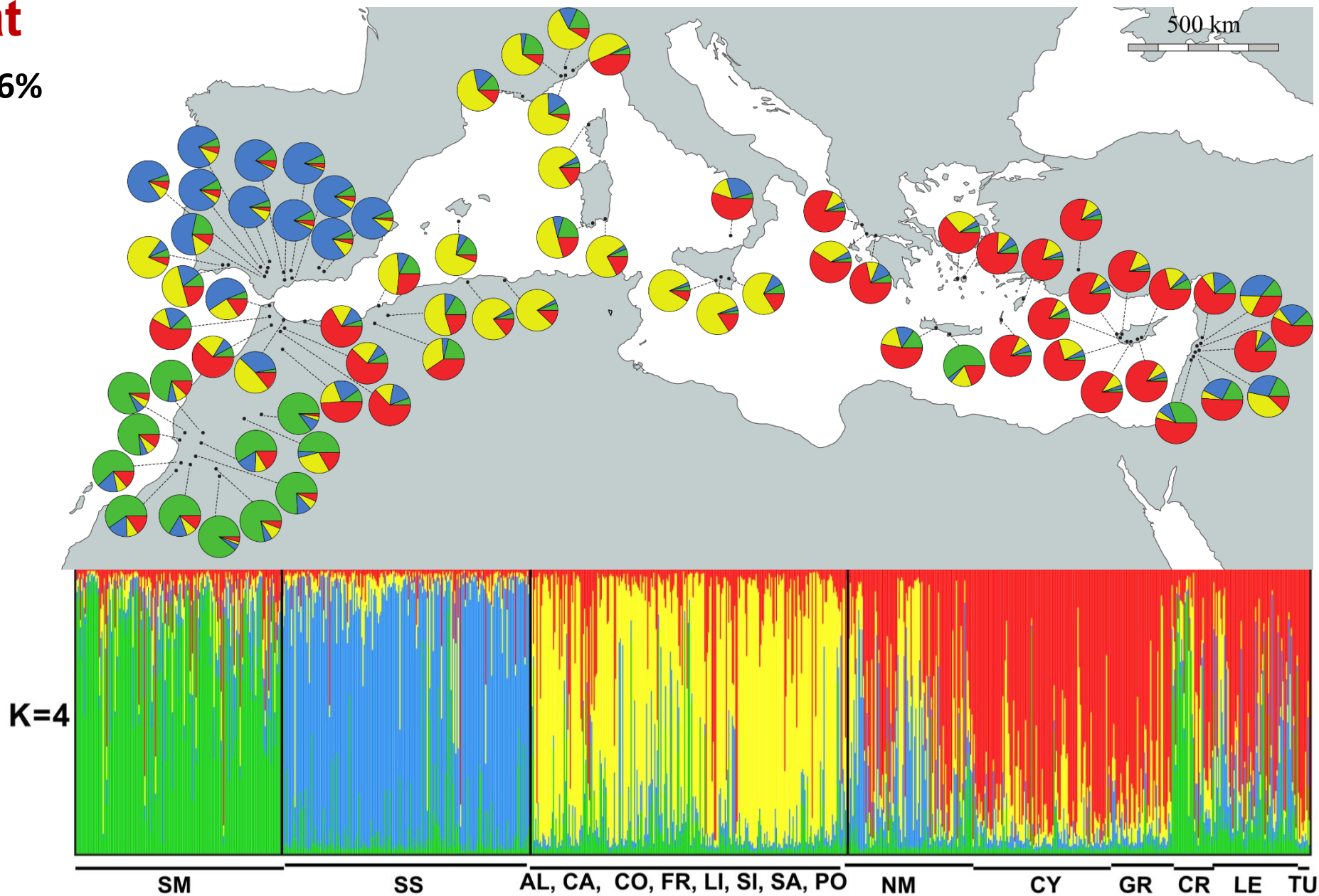
Tajima's D = 3.34***

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Genetic diversity structure of *C. siliqua*

μ sat

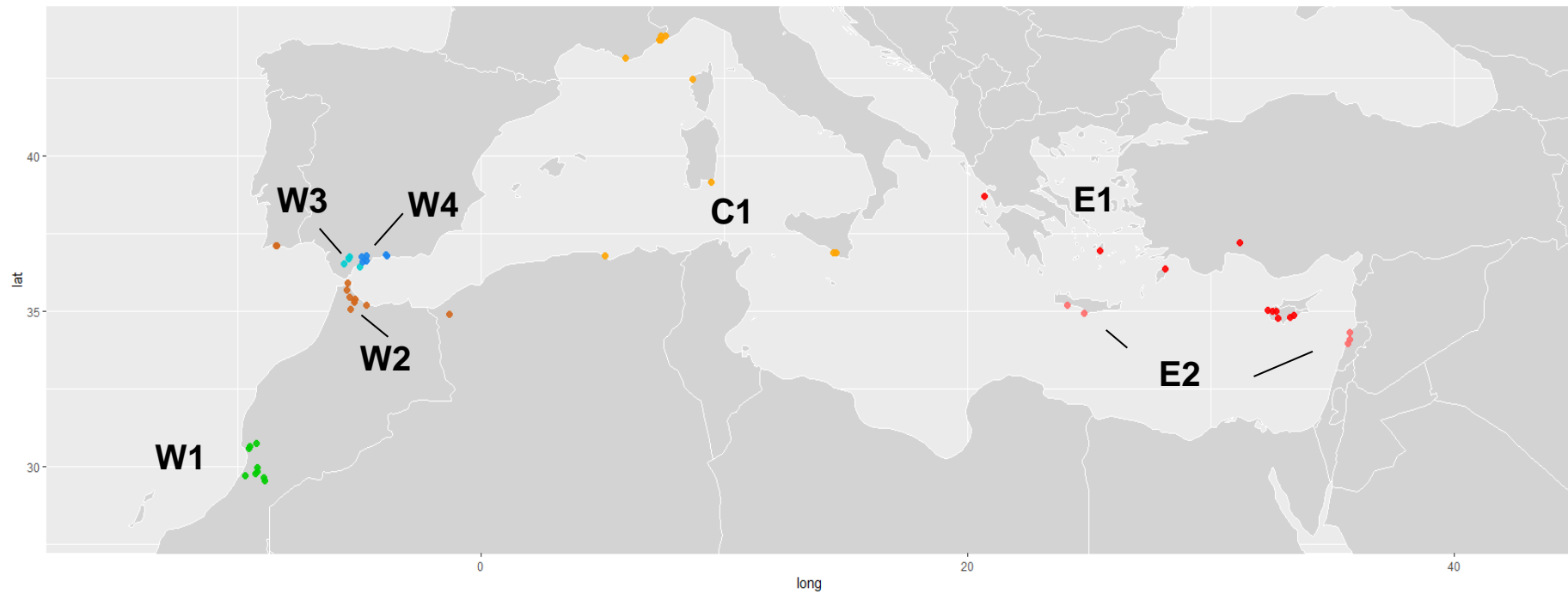
Fst = 6%



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Carob Phylogeography

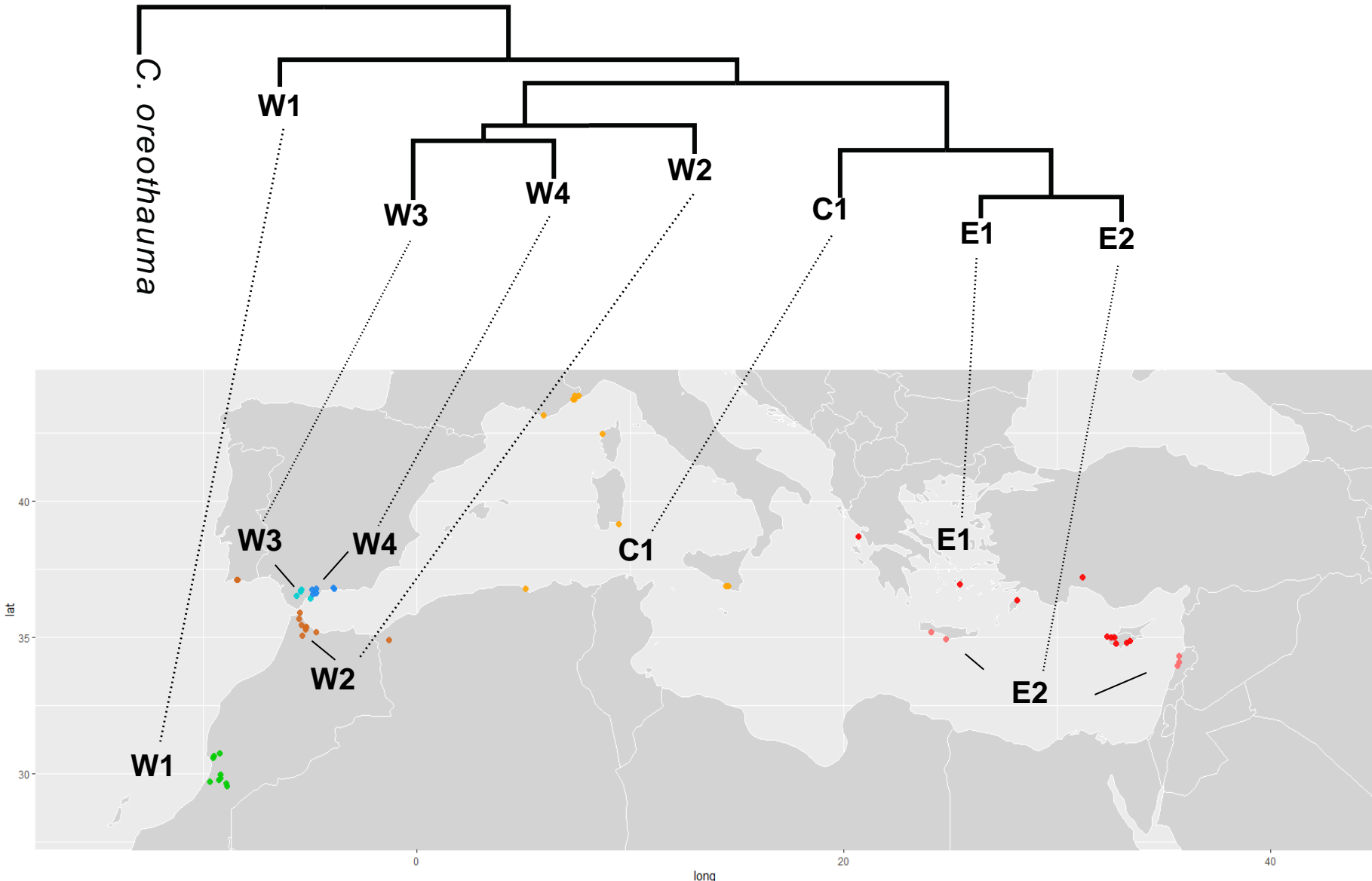
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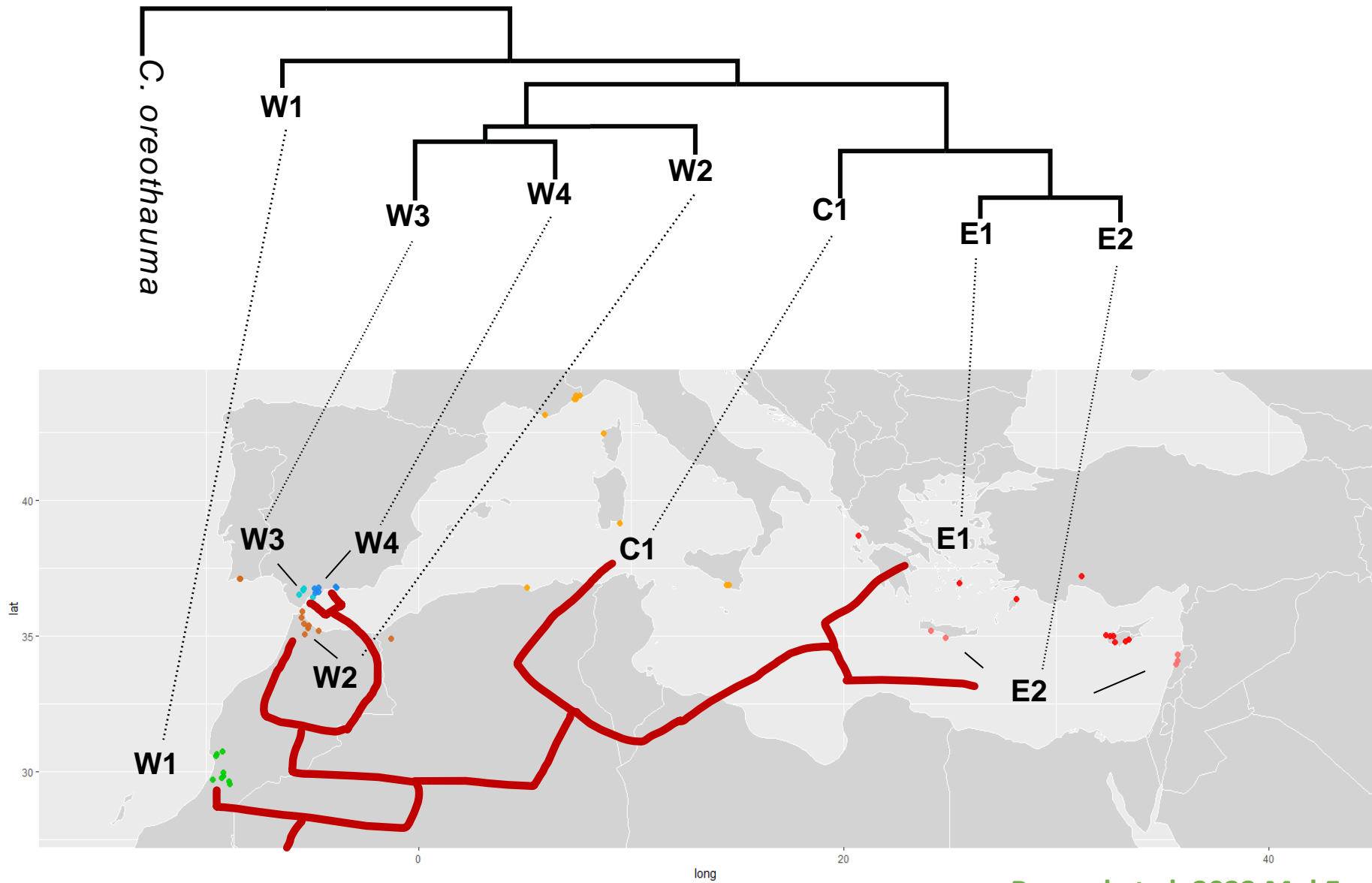
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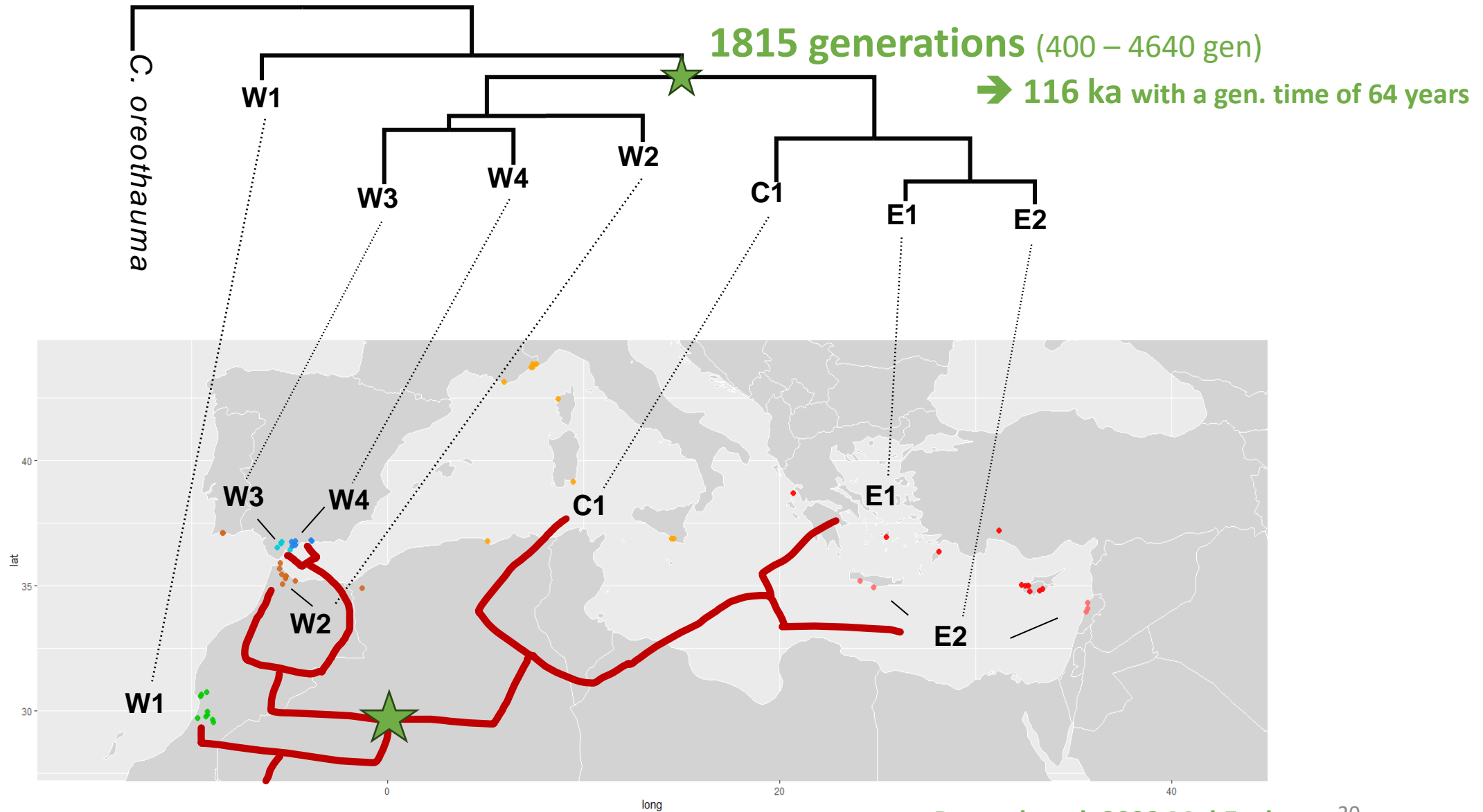
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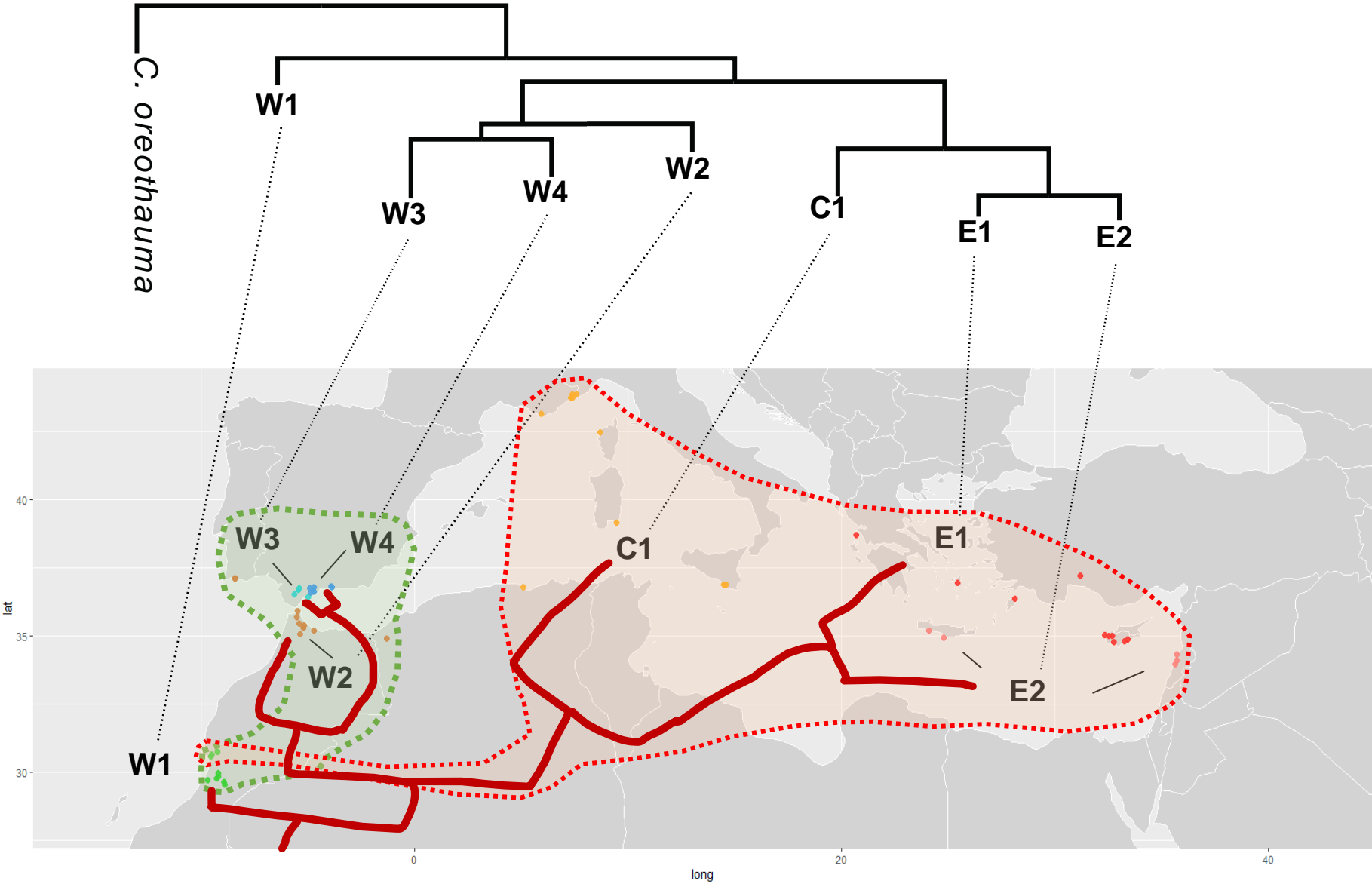
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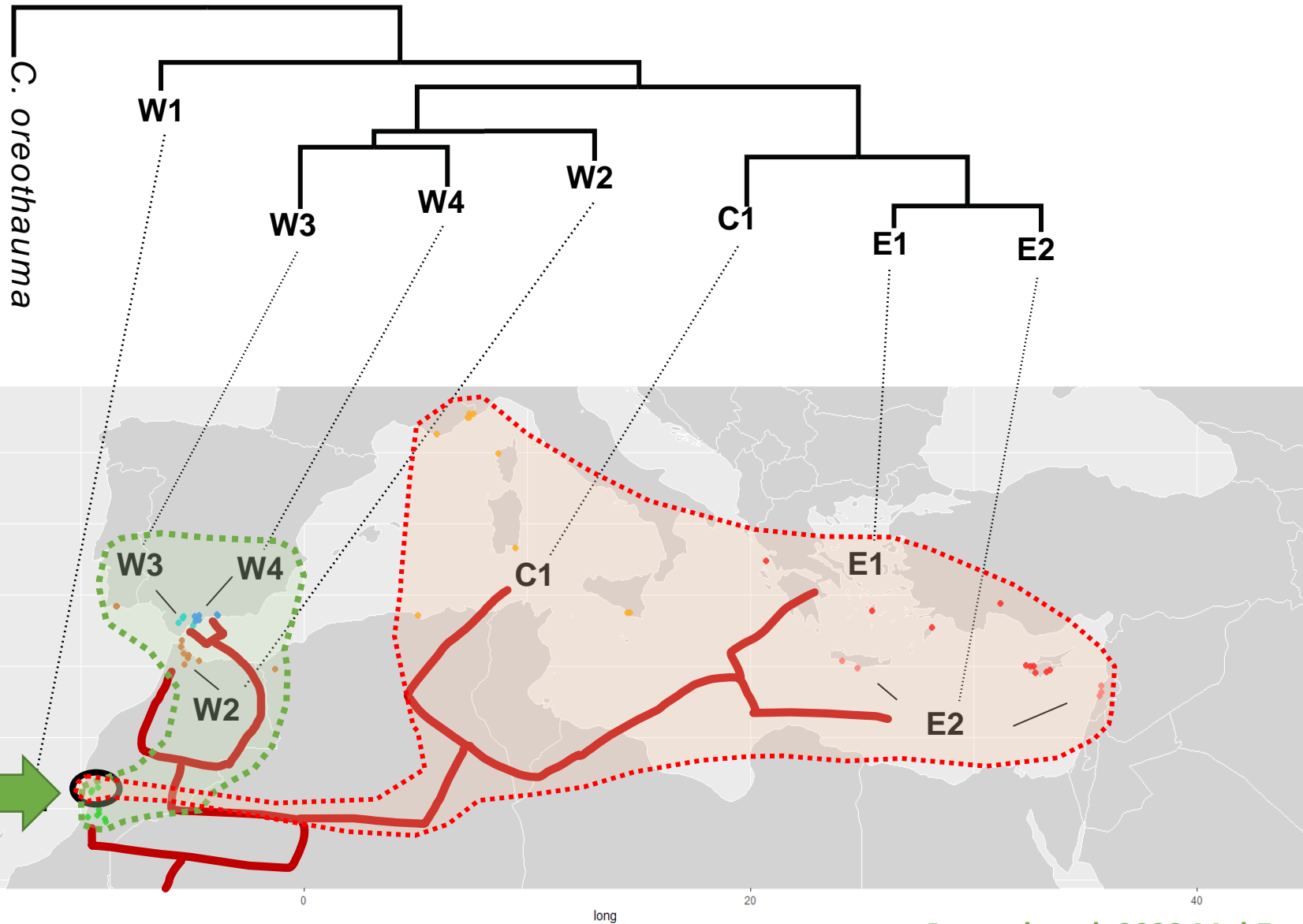
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Imouzzer
(=waterfall)

Consequences on evolutionary legacy

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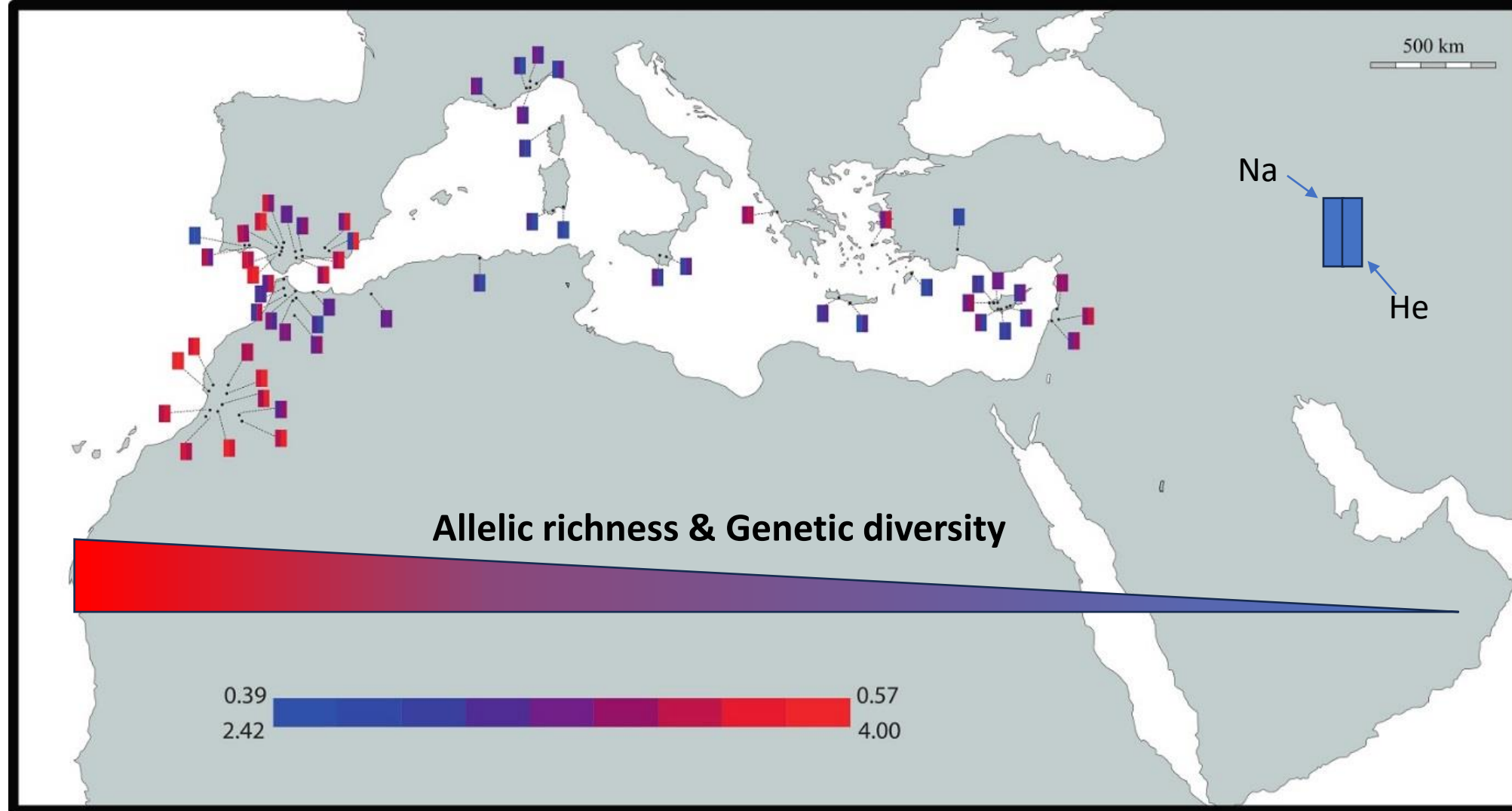
Allelic richness

Na = 6.2

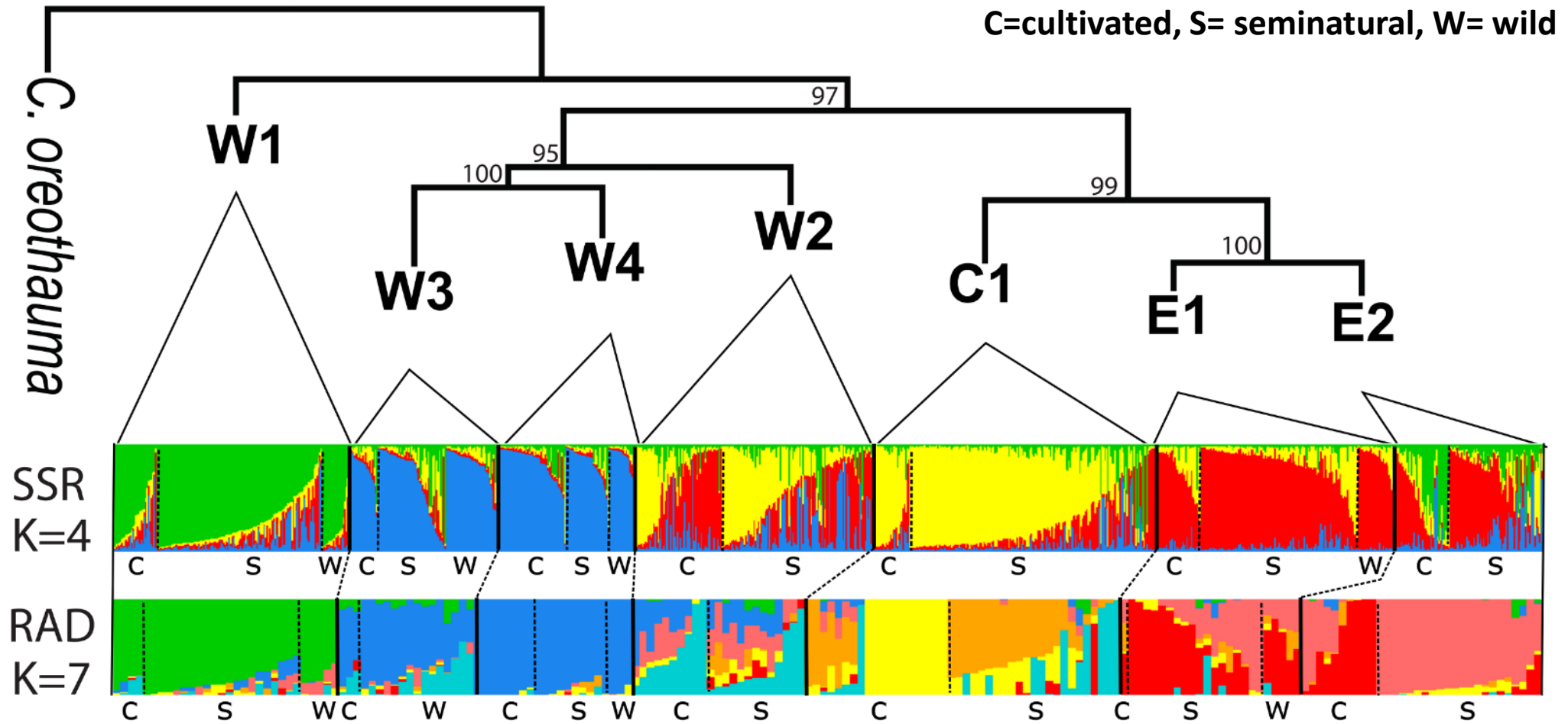
Na(>5%) = 3.2

Genetic diversity

He = 0.56



Wild-domesticated relationships



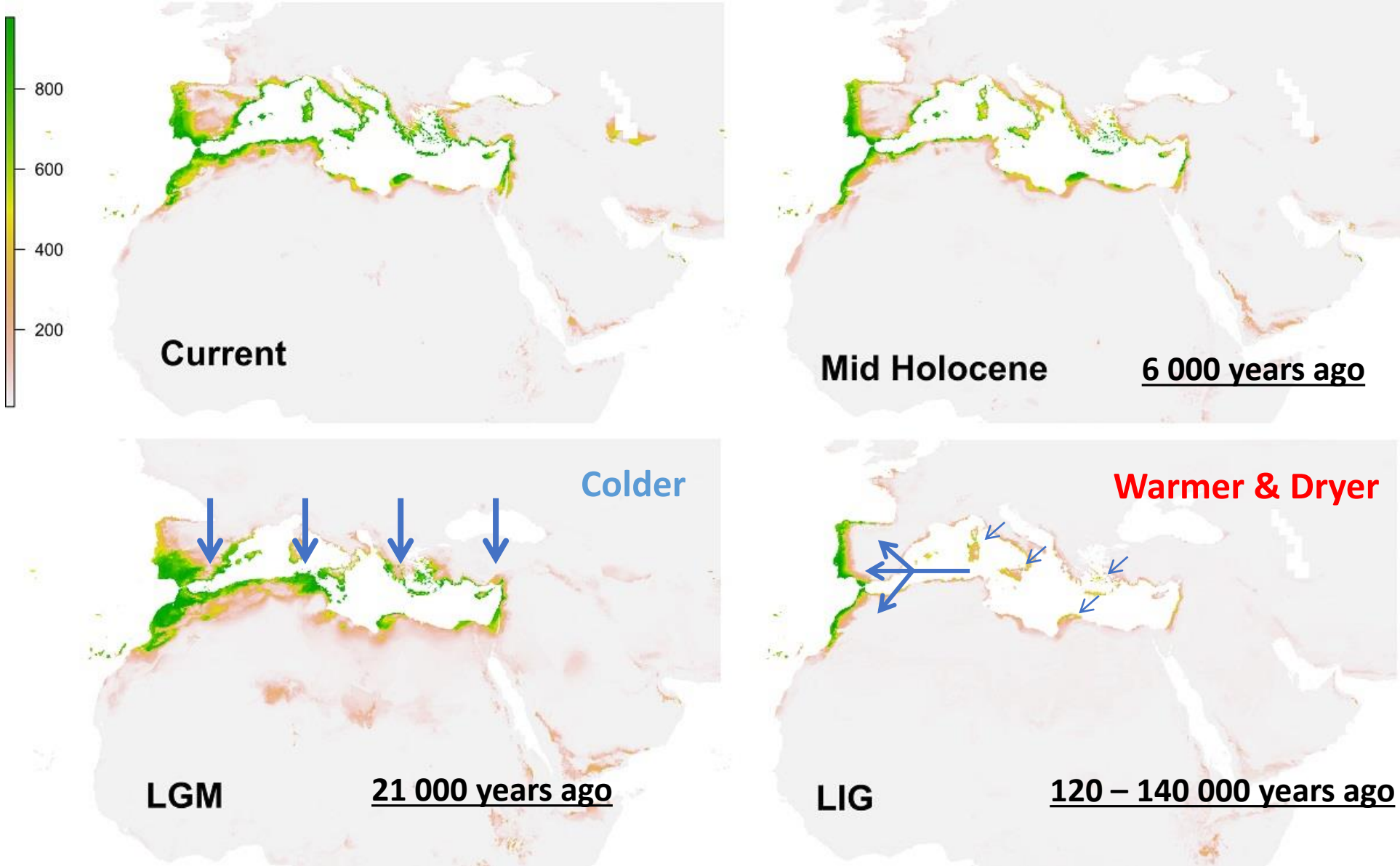
Genetic structure and admixture support that domestication was mainly based on local resources

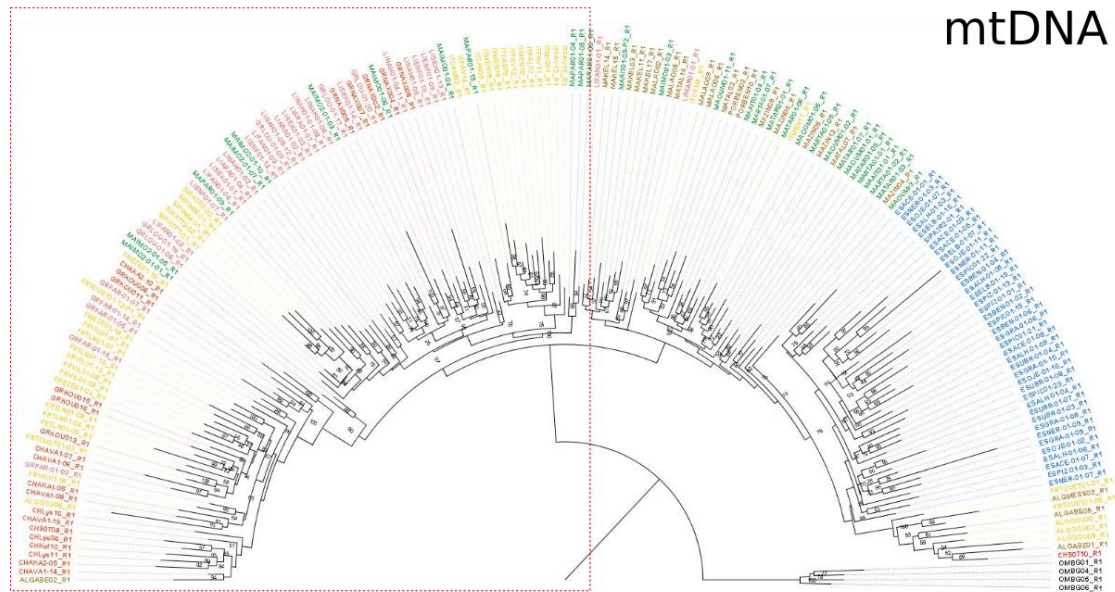
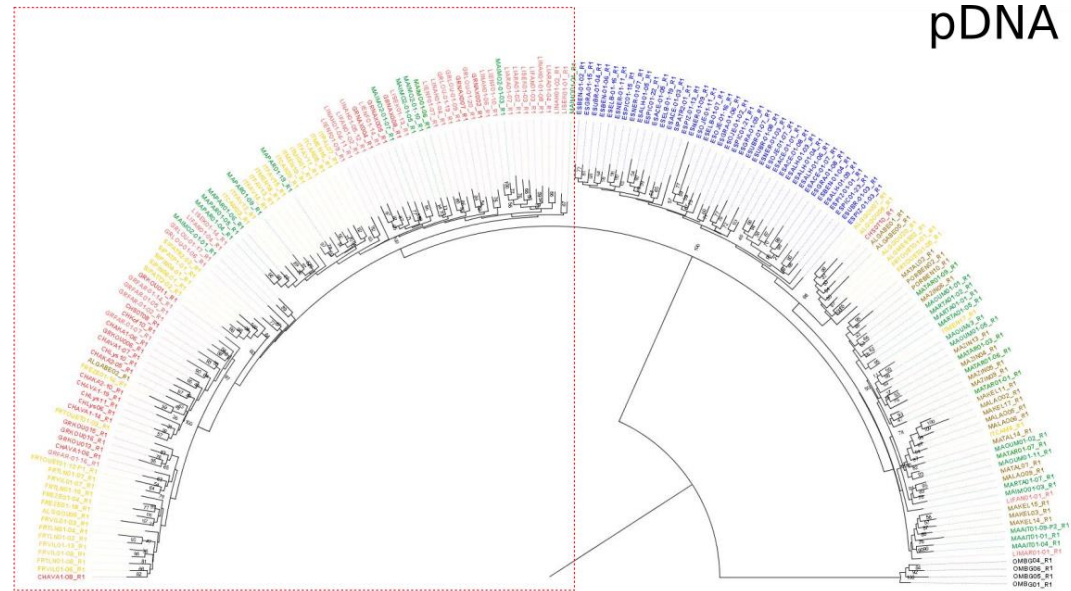
- **The eastern refugia hypothesis is rejected**
- **A single west refugium hypothesis is proposed**
- **Domestication has mainly used local genetic resources**
- **Importance of refugia for conservation**
 - **True, crucial for genetic diversity**
 - **Past refugia = future refugia ? → Phylogeography helps modelling and forecasting**

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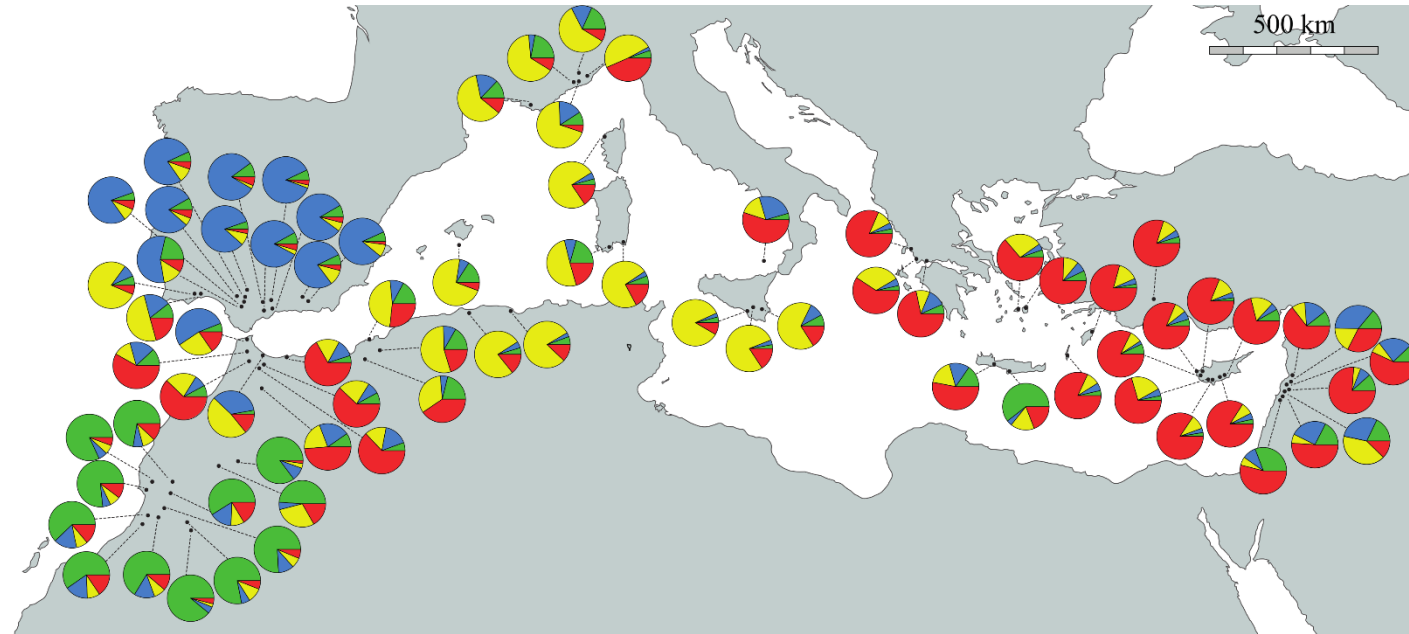
Species Distribution Modelling



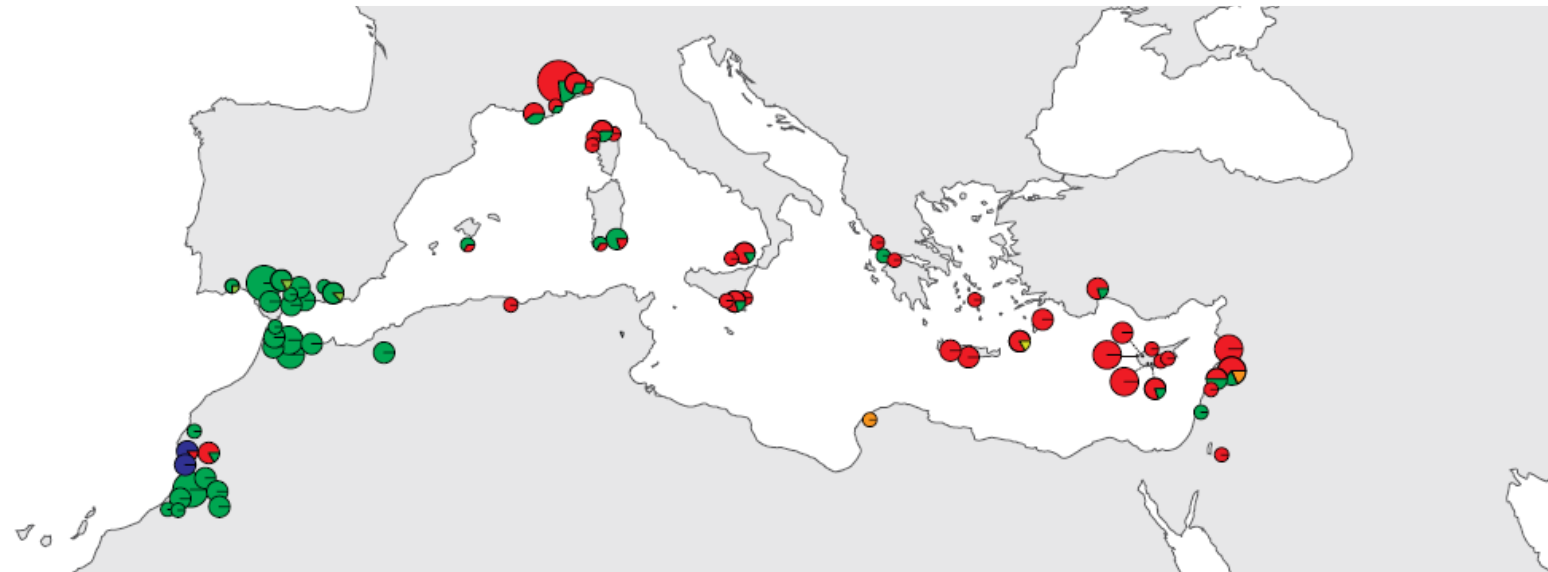


Carob genetic admixture

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pDNA



No	ka	Fossil type	Locality
1	0.7	m	Rock of Ifach, Calp, SE. Spain
2	1.9	p	Psatha, Corinth Gulf, Greece
3	2	m	Herculaneum, S. Italy
4	3	p	Ein Feshkha, Jericho, West Bank
5	3	p	Katochi, W. Greece
6	3	p	Lake Hula, N. Israel
7	3.1	p	Mljet, S. Dalmatian Islands
8	3.3	p	Dalmatian Islands
9	3.5	p	Kournas, Crete
10	4	p	Laguna de Zoñar, S. Spain
11	4	m	Bastida de Totana, SE. Spain
12	6	p	Addaia lagoon, Minorca, E. Spain
13	7.5	m	Cave V/49, Jebel Quruntul, N. Israel
14	7.5	m	Aktopraklık, NW. Turkey
15	11	p	Ifri Oudadane, N. Morocco
16	11	m	Tell es-Sultan, West Bank
17	11.3	p	Salada Mediana, Ebro Valley, NE. Spain
18	12	m	Jericho, West Bank
19	35 to 7, and ca. 2	p	Nahr Ibrahim Cave, Lebanon
20	65	p	Nahal Mahanayem Outlet, N. Israel
21	350 to 40	p	Core PRGL1-4, NW. Mediterranean
22	112 to 62	p	Lazaret Cave, SE. France
23	ca. 125	p	Batroum, Lebanon
24	600 to 120	p	Bolomar Cave, SE. Spain

No	ka	Fossil type	Locality
25	1	p	Vallonnet Cave, SE. France
26	1.4	p	Camerota, S. Italy
27	2.3	p	WellAndalucia G1, SW. Mediterranean
28	2.5 to 1.8	p	Crotone, S. Italy
29	3.5	m	Ichkeul Lake, N. Tunisia
30	3.8	p	Well Tarragona E2, NW. Mediterranean
31	4.95	p	Husnicioara, Turnu Severin, SW. Romania
32	5.3	p	Malaga, S. Spain
33	5.3	p	Site 654, W. Tyrrhenian Sea
34	5.37	p	Maccarone, Apiro, E. Italy
35	6	m	Kodor River, Kutaisi, Georgia
36	6	p	Ifounassene, N. Morocco
37	6.2	p	Carmona, SW. Spain
38	8 - 6	p	Capodarso, Enna, Sicily, S. Italy
39	10 - 9	m	Bursuc, Moldavia
40	11	p	Well Andalucia A1, SW. Mediterranean
41	12 - 11	p	Saouaf Basin, Tunisia
42	12 - 11	p	Well Alborán A1, SW. Mediterranean
43	12.6	m	Dédestapolcsány, NE. Hungary
44	13	m	Soma, W. Turkey
45	14	p	Gor, SE. Spain
46	15	p	La Rierusa, Gelida, NE. Spain
47	16	m	Szurdokpüspöki, N. Hungary
48	16	p	V. Hugo College, Narbonne, S. France
49	17	p	Estagel, Istres, S. France
50	17.5	p	Rubielos de Mora, E. Spain
51	18	m	Abaliget, S. Hungary
52	19	p	Häutligen, Bern, Switzerland
53	23	p	Portel, S. France
54	23	m	Aix en Provence, SE. France
55	30	m	Eleshnitsa, SW. Bulgaria

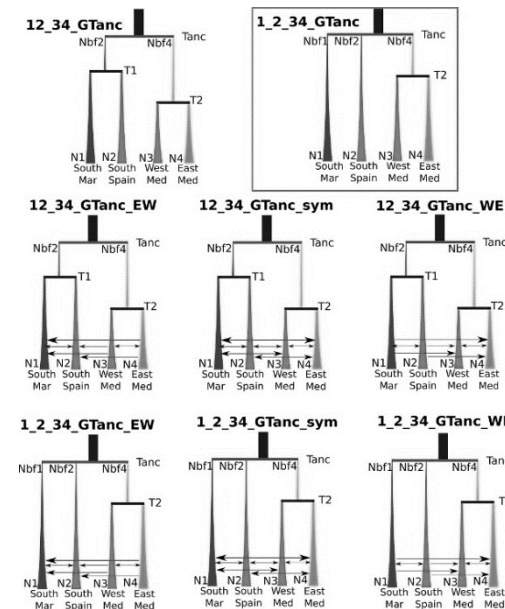
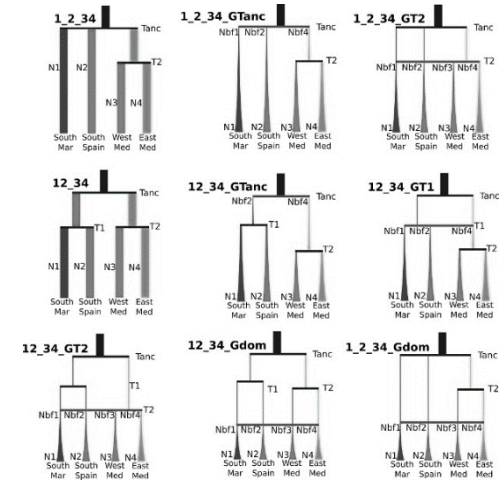
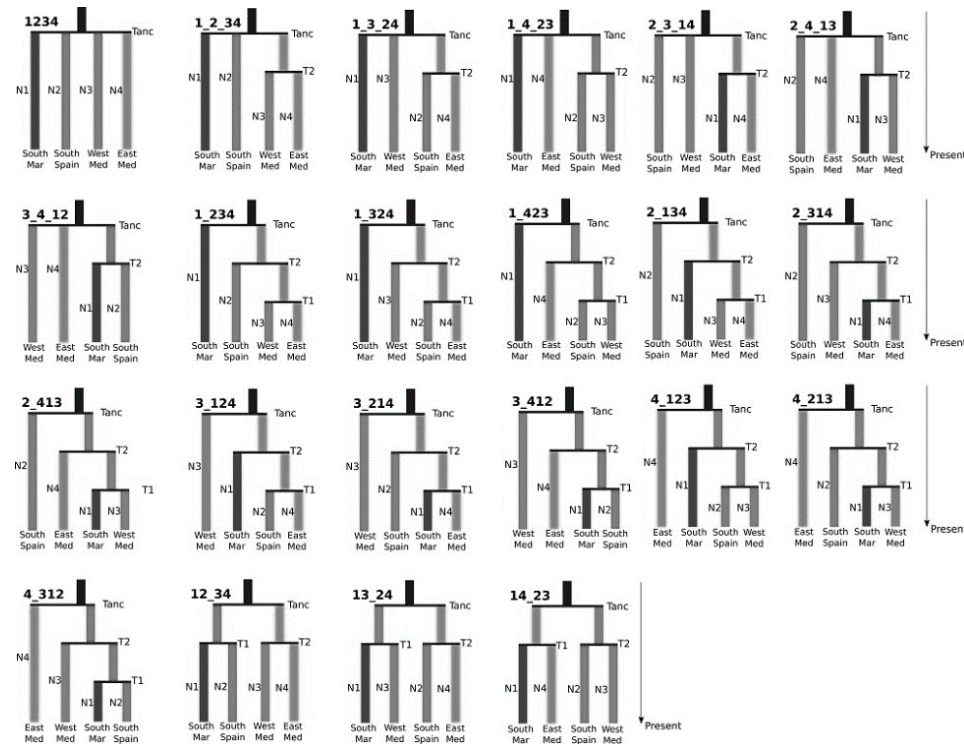
Phylogeographic hypotheses testing

Only μ sat stats

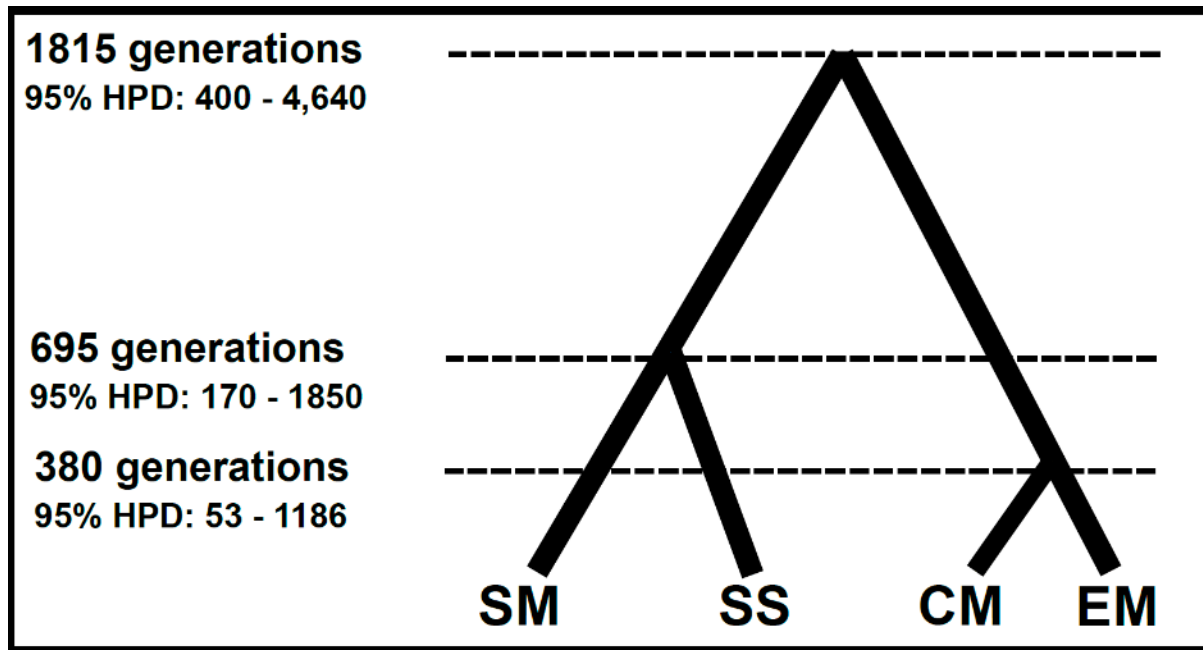
Coalescent simulation with Fastsimcoal 2,

ABC with arlsumstats, abc R, abcrf

39 hypotheses tested in 3 rounds



Best hypothesis



← c. 116 000
years BP
(for a
generation
time = 64)

