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Modelling *Ips typographus* Development and Predisposition to Outbreaks in Austria

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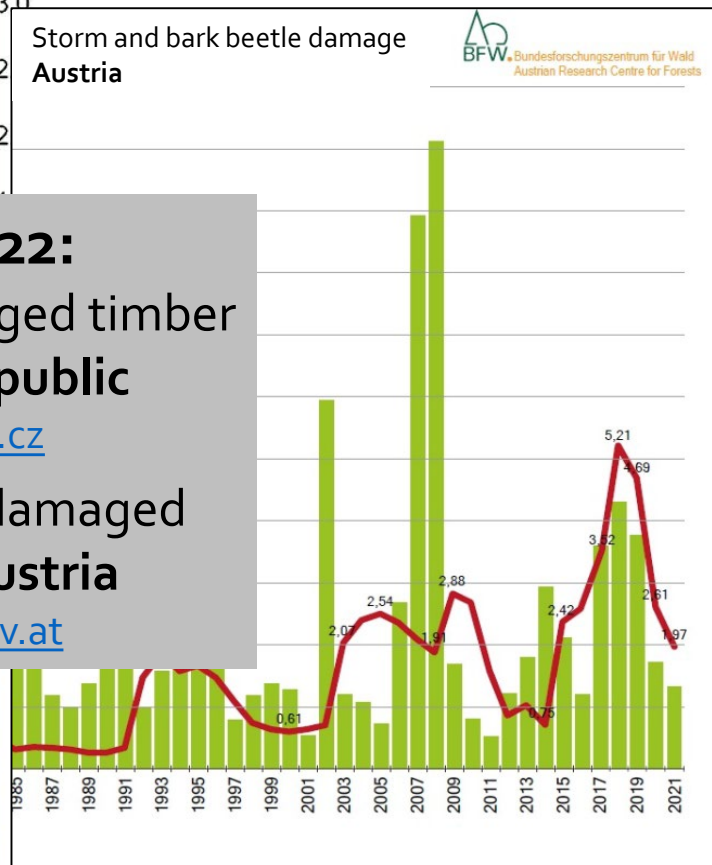
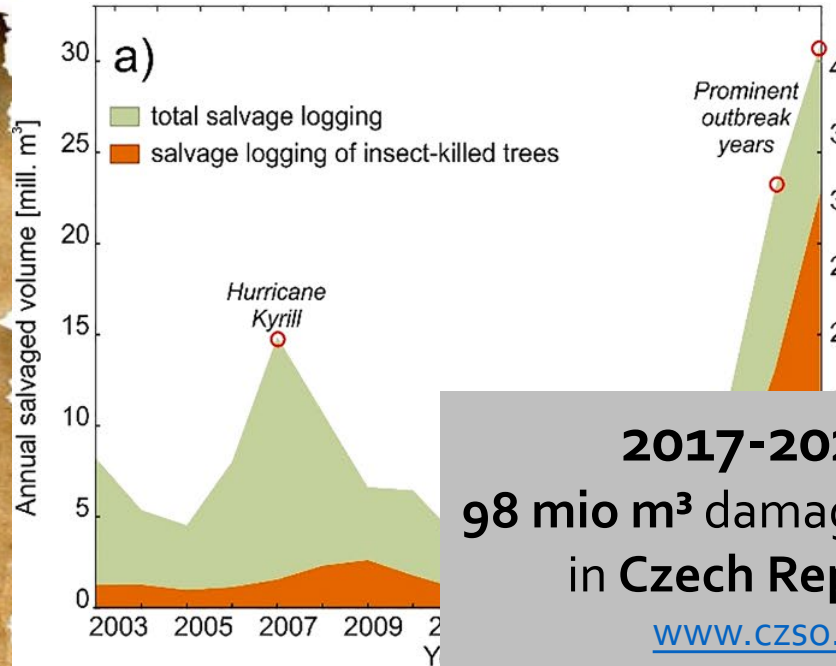
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Eurasian spruce bark beetle *Ips typographus*

- 1-3 generations + sister broods
- Hibernation in bark or litter
- Reproductive diapause

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2017-2022:
98 mio m³ damaged timber
in Czech Republic
www.czso.cz

21.75 mio m³ damaged
timber in Austria
www.bfw.gv.at



Hlasny et al. (2021)
 Forest Ecology and Management

Comprehensive Bark Beetle Monitoring and Risk Assessment important!

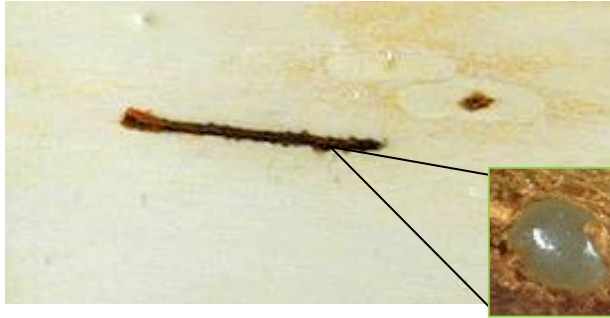
Tools for assessing the disturbance risk of Norway spruce dominated forests:

RAWLog
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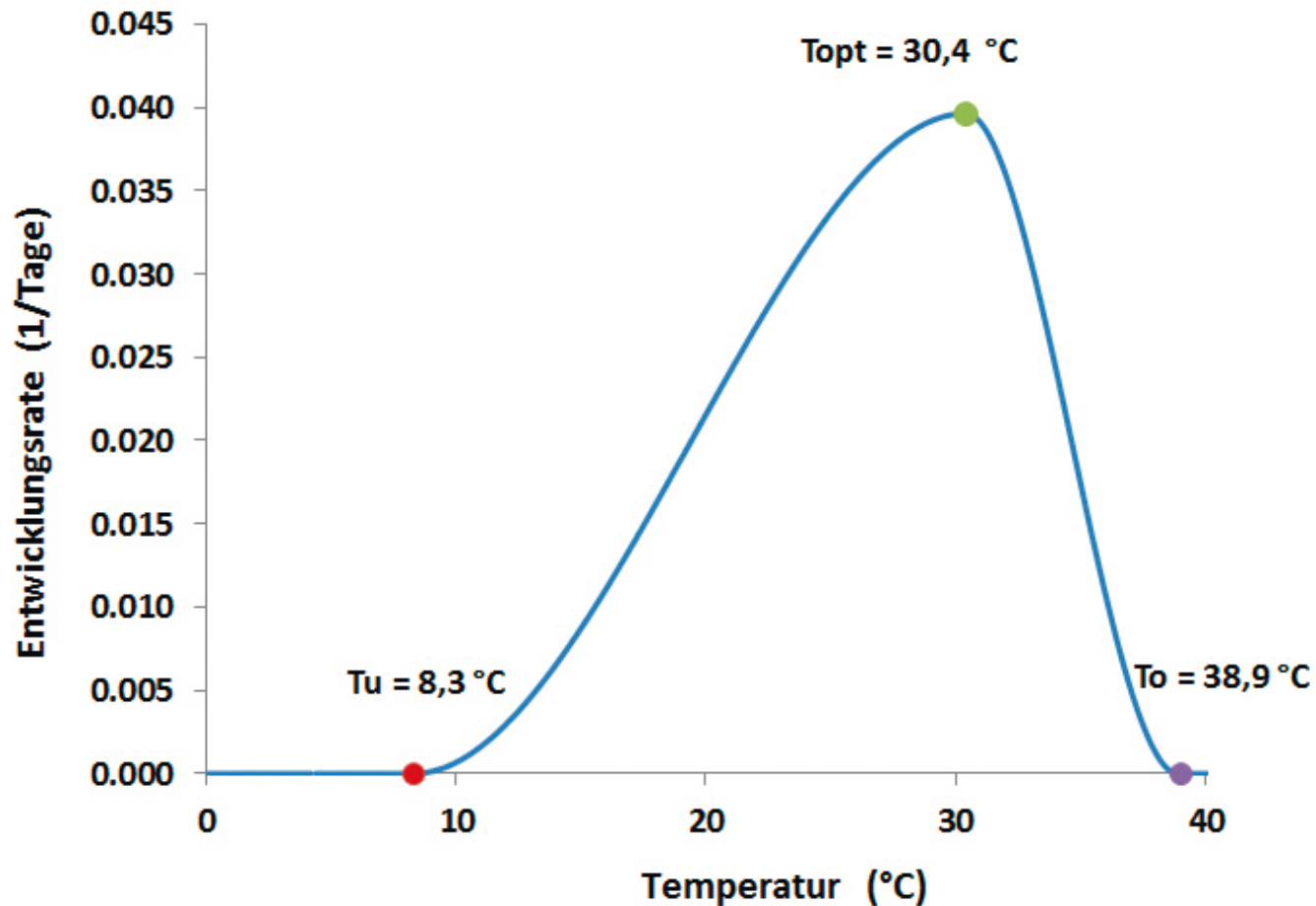
- **Predisposition Assessment System (PAS)** (Führer and Nopp 2001; Netherer and Nopp-Mayr 2005)
Susceptibility of spruce forests to bark beetle infestations, storm and snow damages
- Forest disturbance maps via Sentinel-2 time series (Löw and Koukal 2020)
Detection of current damaged areas (so-called anomalies)
- Operational sanitation capacities → needs to be developed
e.g., road density, forest subdivision, machine & personnel availability
- **PHEnology of IPS typographus (PHENIPS)** (Baier et al. 2007)
Development status of the bark beetle
- Transpiration **DEFicit modul (TDEF)** (Matthews et al. 2018)
Acute drought stress of spruce forests

Thermal sums and temperature thresholds for development are well known!
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Baier et al., 2007; 2021

Thermal Thresholds

Spring flight/Onset of attack:

- $T_{max} \geq 16.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $T_{sum} \geq 60$ degree days $> 8.3^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $T_{sum} \geq 140$ degree days $> 8.3^{\circ}\text{C}$

Brood development:

- Development Zero (Tu) = 8.3°C
- $T_{sum} > 8.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ egg to adult stage = 557 degree days
- Start of sister brood at $> 50\%$ generation development
- Induction of Diapause at day-length of < 14.5 hours
- Broods can successfully overwinter at $> 60\%$ generation development

Bark beetle development at a specific site

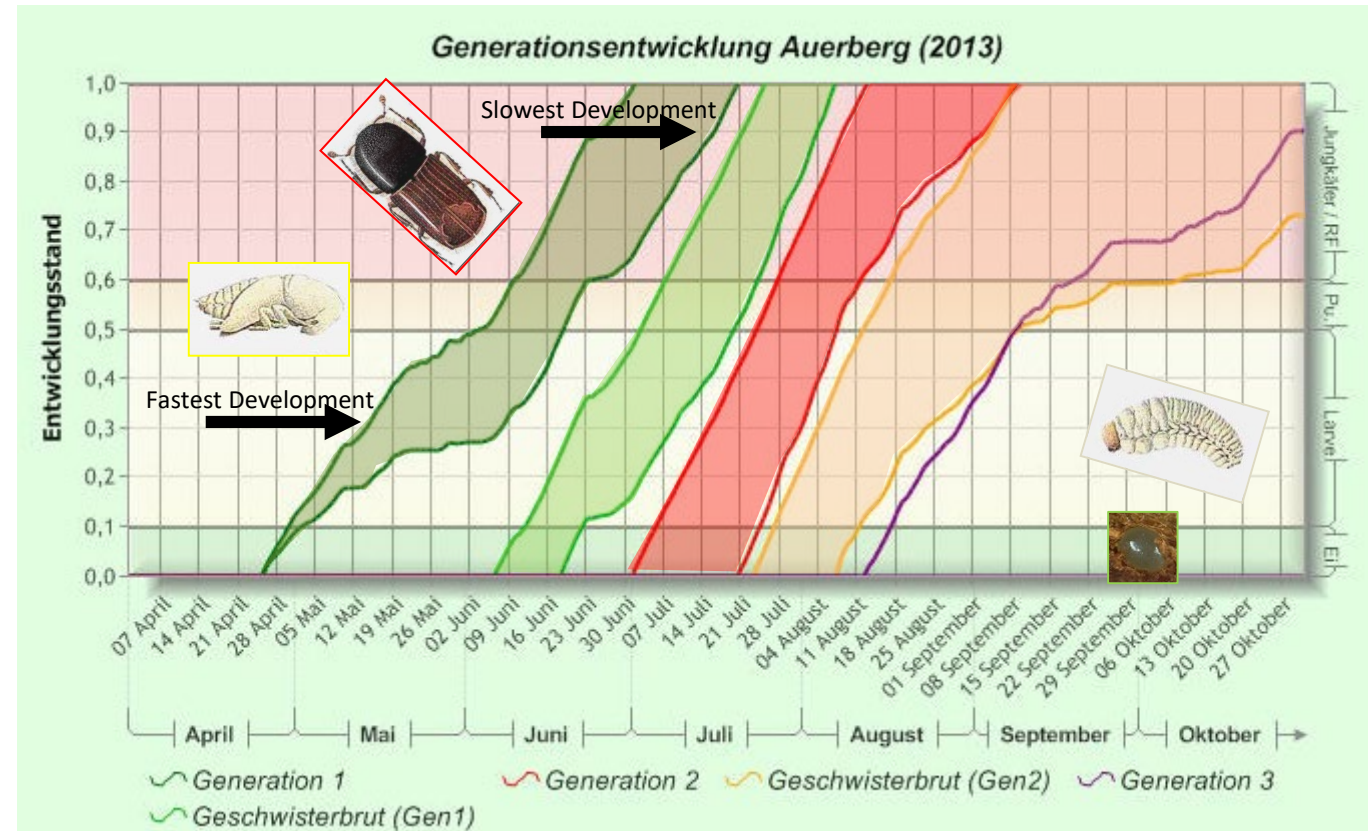
1. Generation

1. Sister Brood

2. Generation

2. Sister Brood

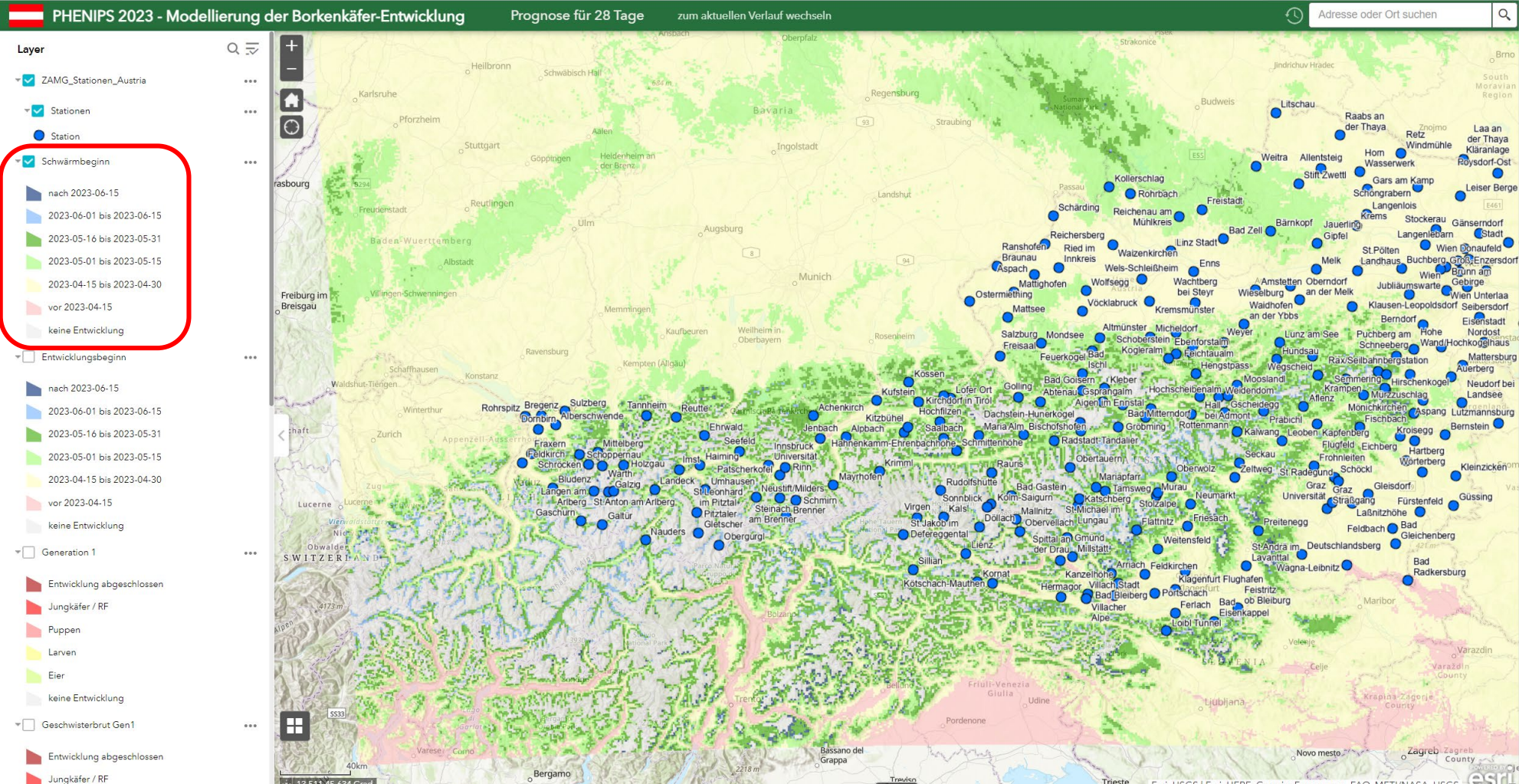
3. Generation



Bark beetle development for entire Austria

INCA weather data (Integrated Nowcasting through Comprehensive Analysis)
provided by GeoSphere Austria, 1x1 km grid

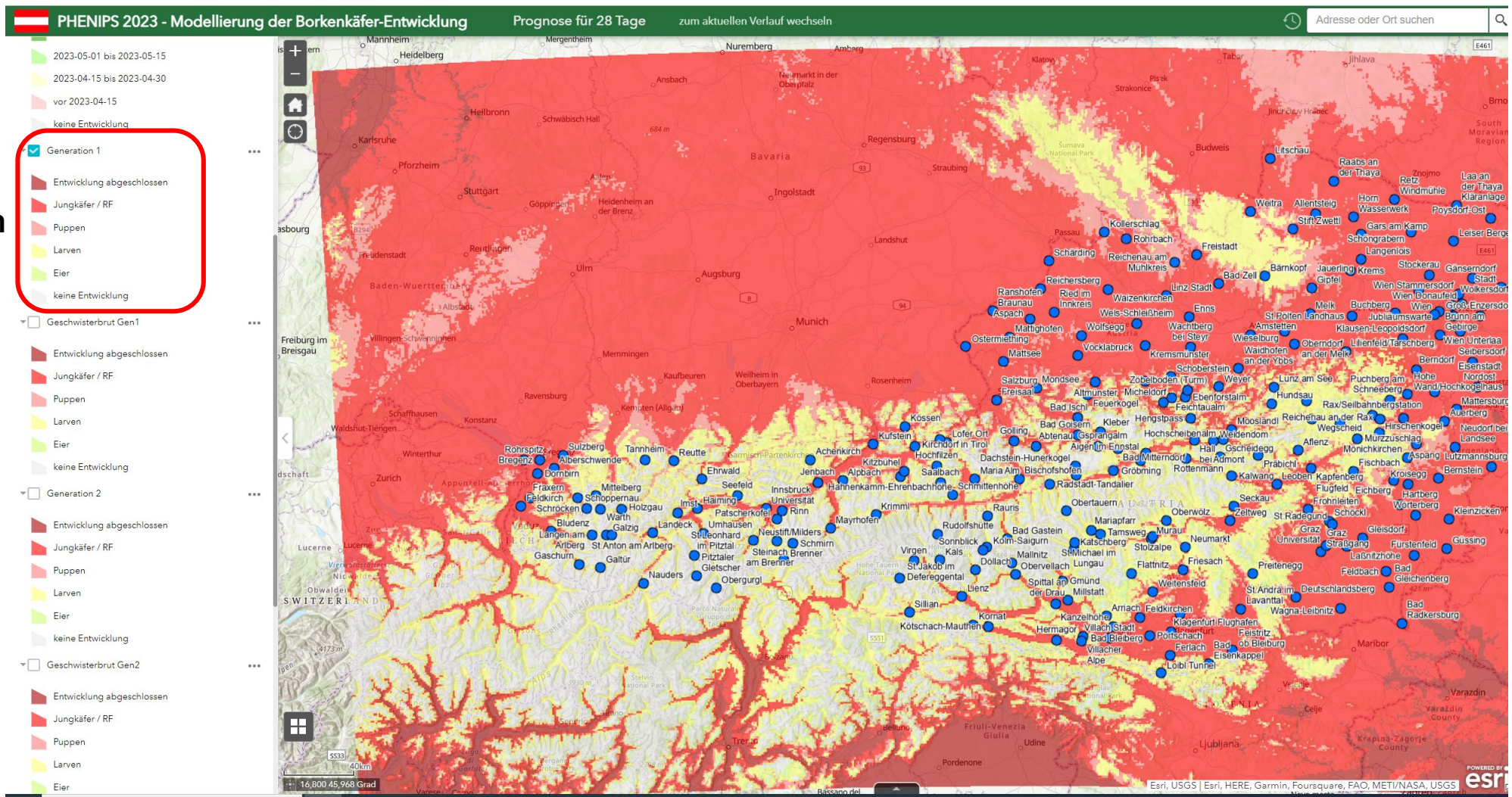
Spring
Flight
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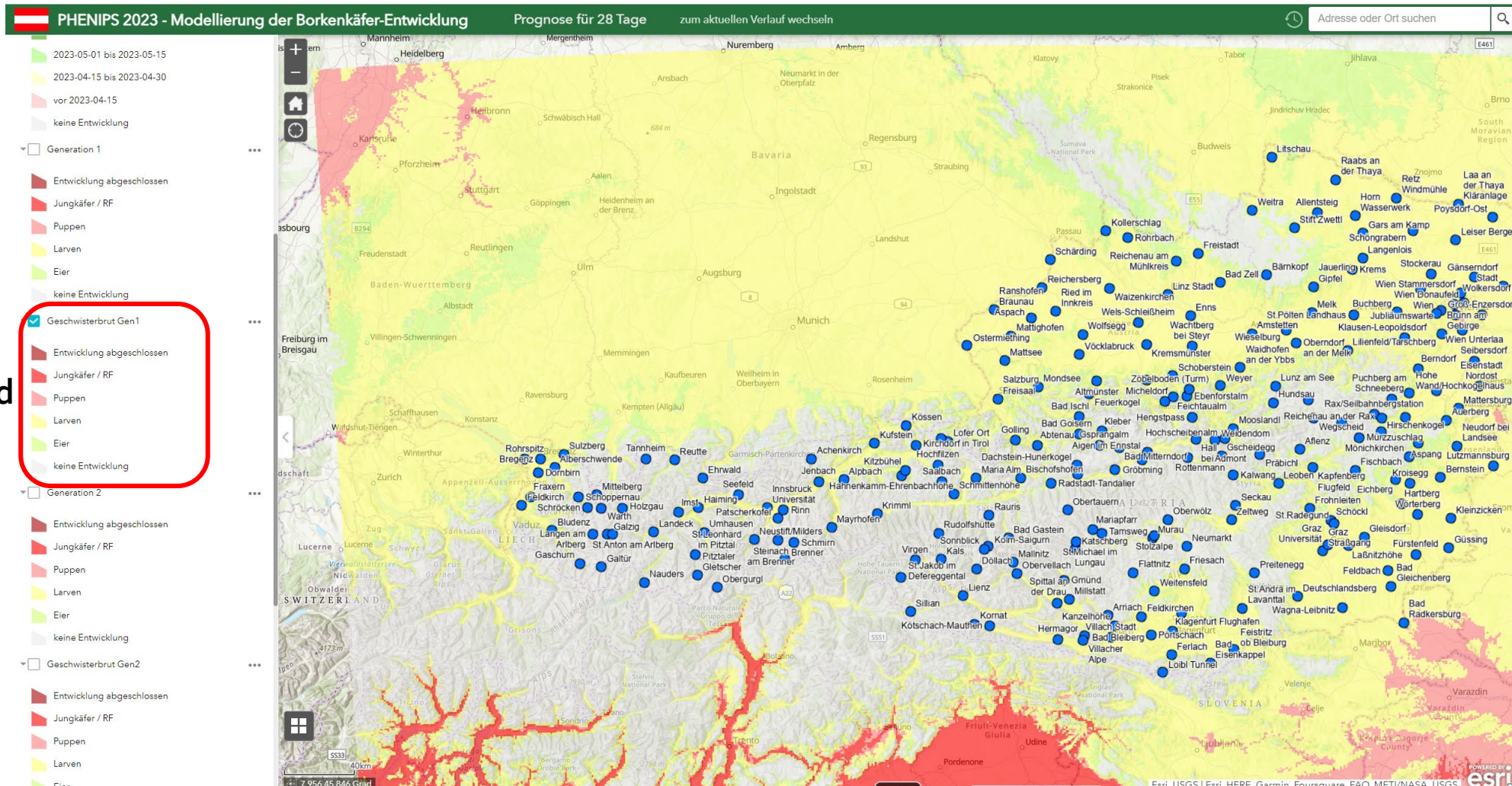
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First
Generation
19 June 23



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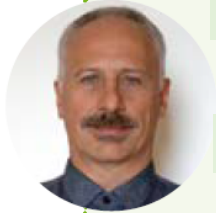


First
Sisterbrood
19 June 23

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Validation is ongoing!



Phloem temperatures



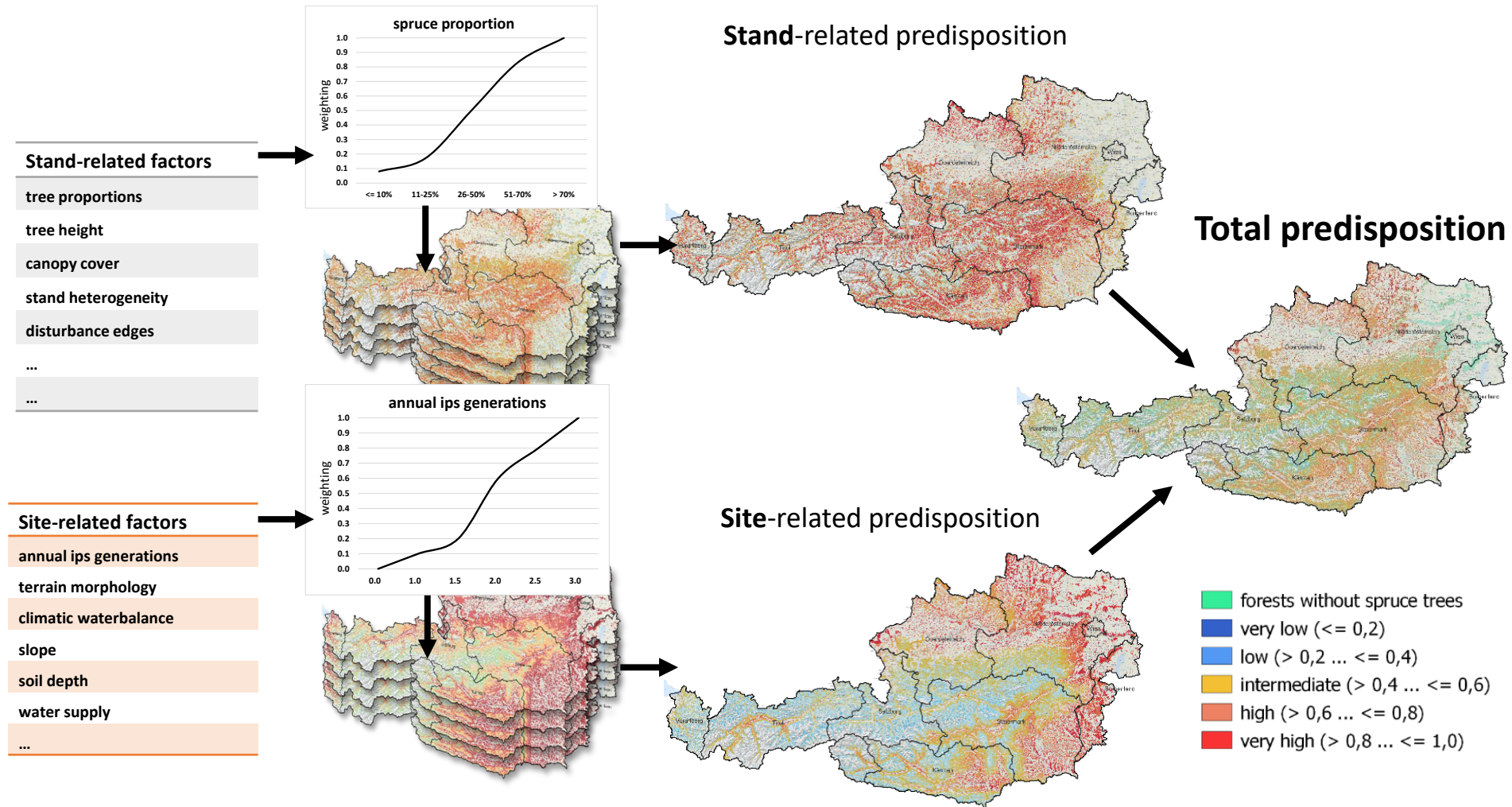
Trap logs



Pheromone traps

Predisposition Assessment Systems (PAS)

- knowledge-based additive expert models
 - open model systems
 - available for various disturbance agents
 - already applied in Austria, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland
- Führer and Nopp 2001; Netherer and Nopp-Mayr 2005; Seidl et al. 2022; Temperli et al. 2020; Nordqvist et al. 2023



RAWLog project:

- *Ips typographus*, Storm, Snow
- **10**-m-resolution
- first time for **all Austria**
- Incorporation of **novel remote sensing** rather than terrestrial data
e.g. proportions of tree species, detection of forest disturbance areas via Sentinel-2 time series
- **Dynamization** through an annual system update
updated 10-year average of climatic factors
regular update of
- **Automatization** of data preparation and calculation processes



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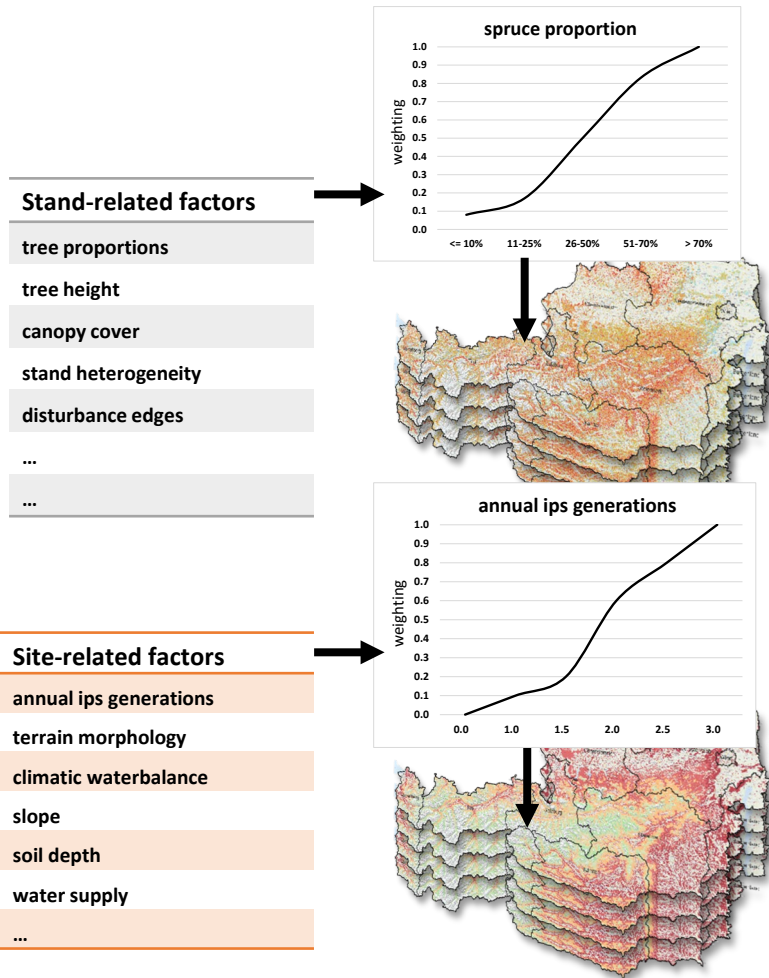
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Important factors:

Stand level

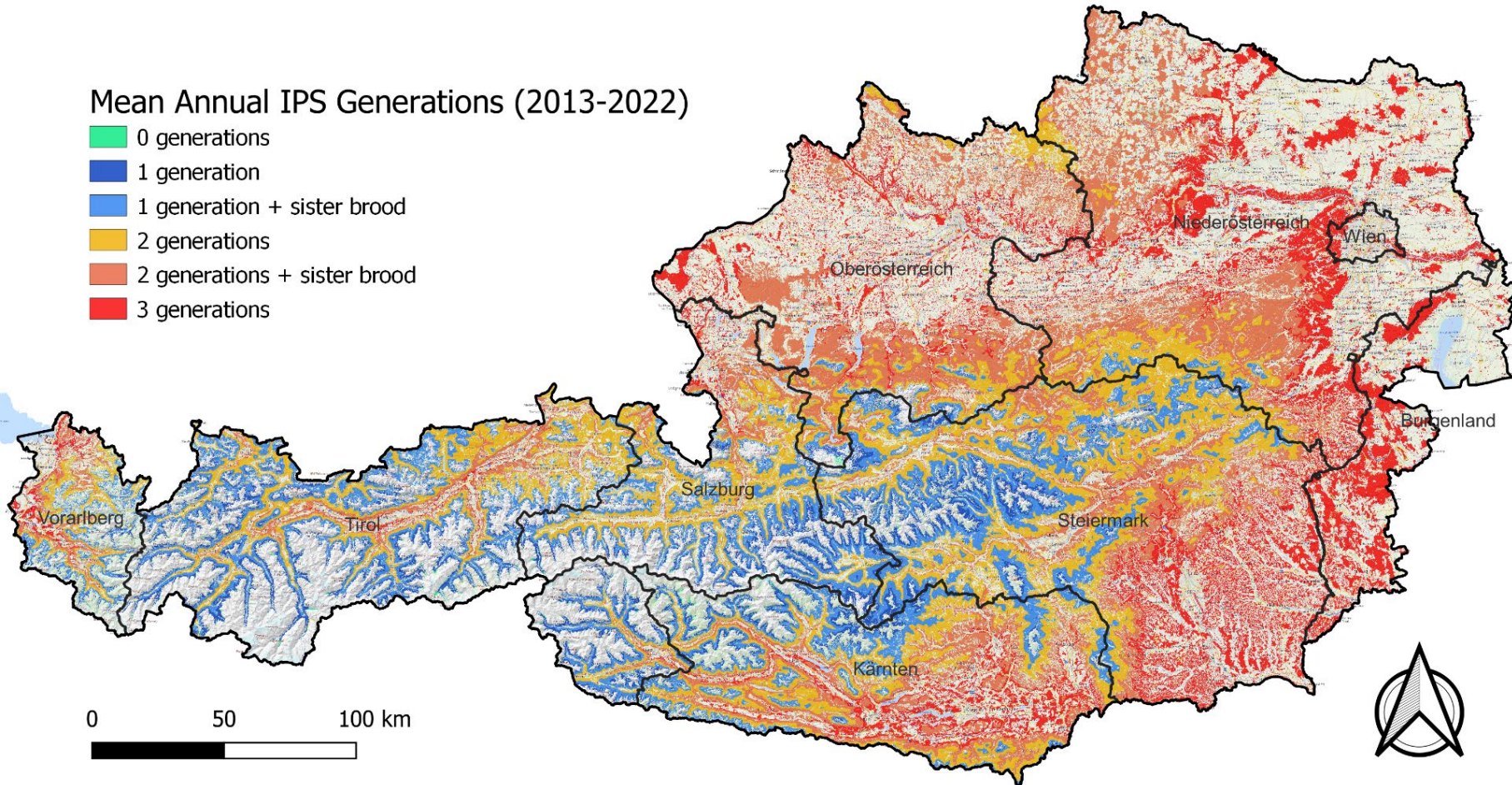
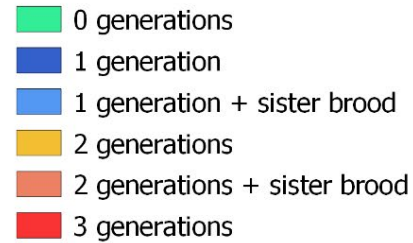
- Tree species proportions (spruce, pine, conifers, deciduous etc.)
- Tree height (instead of stand age)
- Tree height distribution (stand heterogeneity)
- Fragmentation/stand edge
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Site level

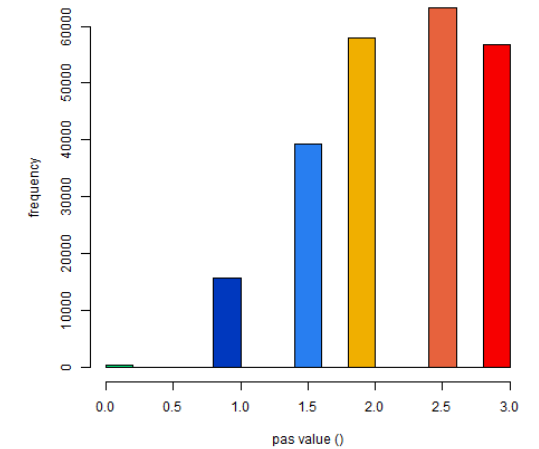
- Temperature (Ips generations)
- Climatic water balance (Apr-Oct)
- Road distance and density
- Main wind direction (derived from daily wind data)
- Wind speed (based on monthly 90%-percentile of hourly data)
- Frequency of wet snow events
- ...

Predisposing factor temperature

Mean Annual IPS Generations (2013-2022)



histogram of annual ips generations

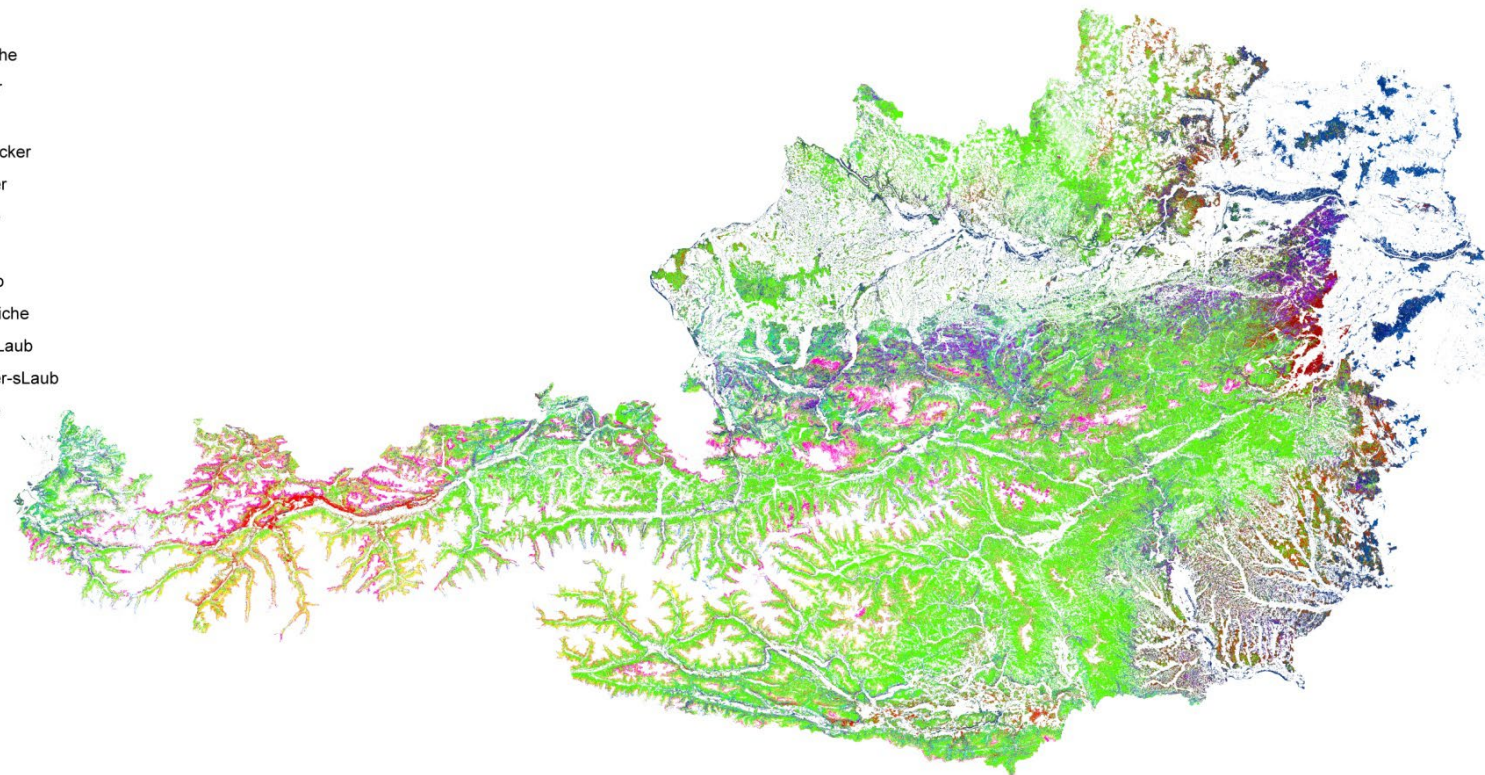


- calculated with PHENIPS
- many red areas are not covered by spruce

Predisposing factor Norway spruce



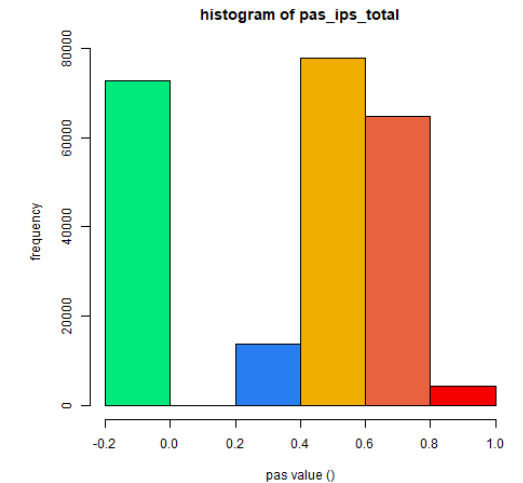
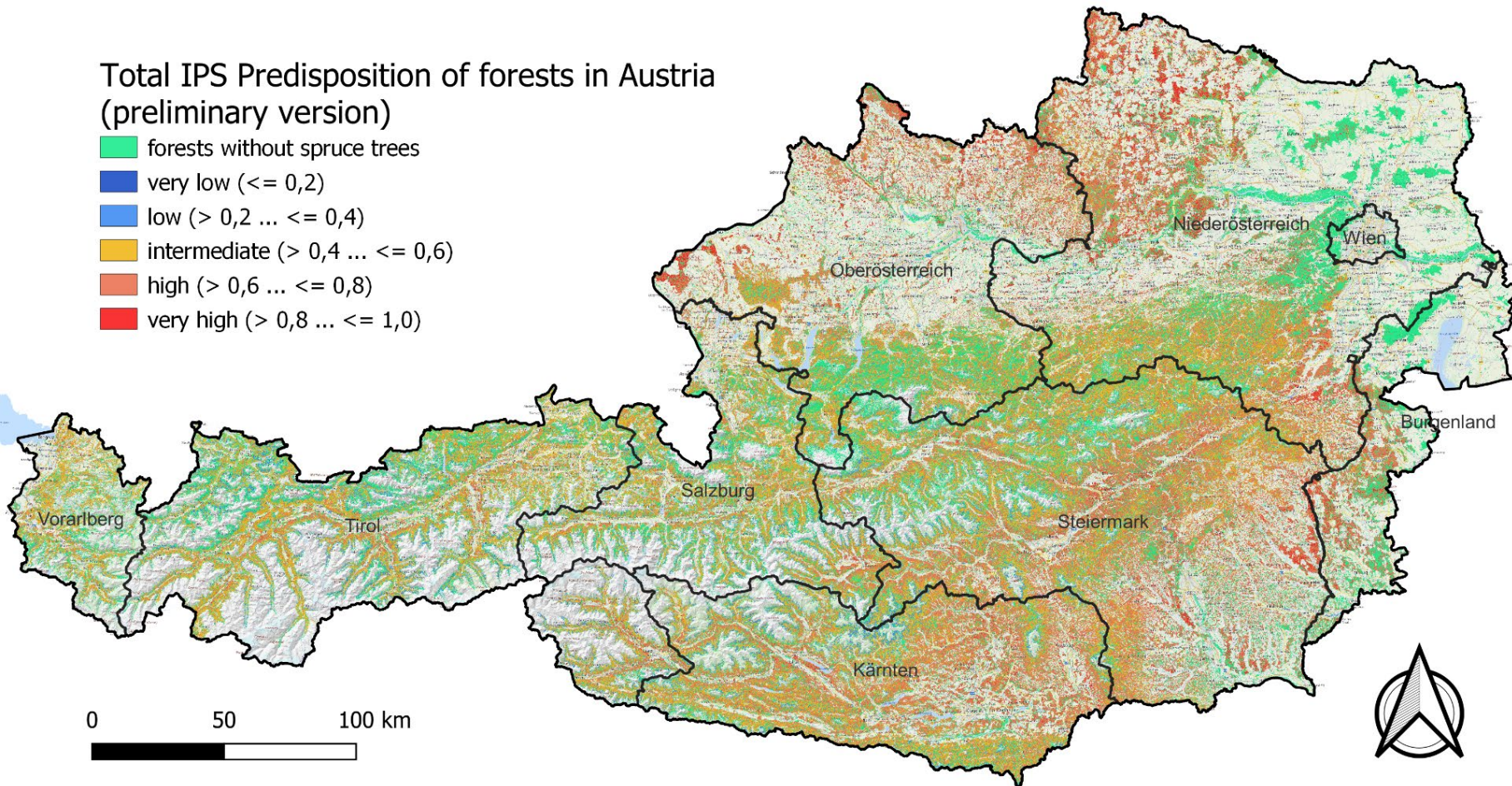
Tree species Map Austria



Preliminary results

Total IPS Predisposition of forests in Austria (preliminary version)

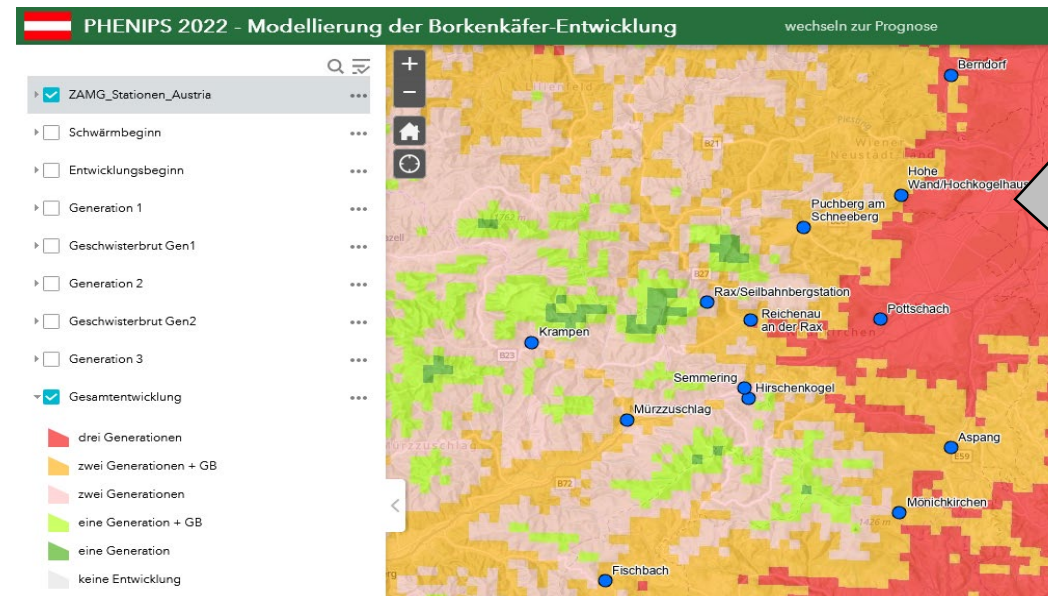
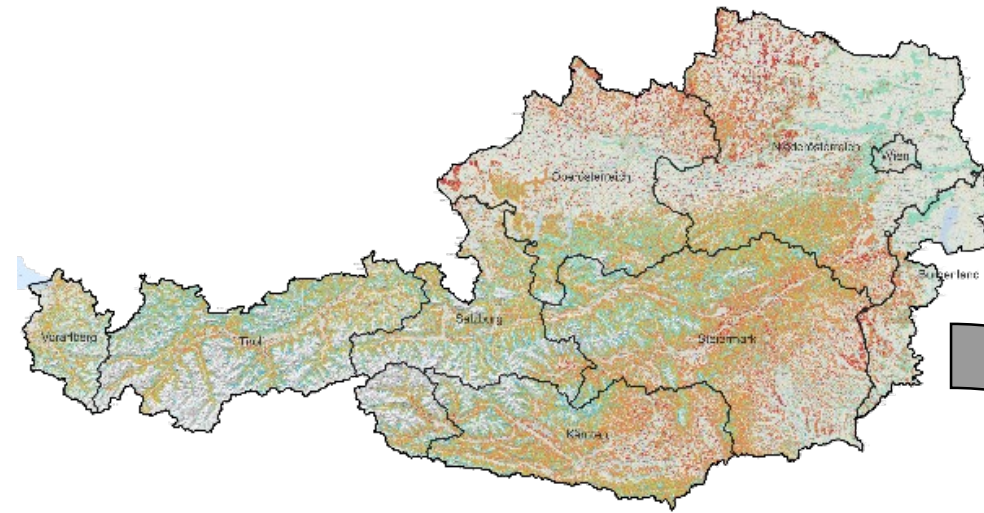
- forests without spruce trees
- very low ($\leq 0,2$)
- low ($> 0,2 \dots \leq 0,4$)
- intermediate ($> 0,4 \dots \leq 0,6$)
- high ($> 0,6 \dots \leq 0,8$)
- very high ($> 0,8 \dots \leq 1,0$)



- not all factors are included yet
- snow predisposition is missing
- validation and calibration has just started

Next Steps

- Implementation of **PAS-Layers** into **PHENIPS** Map-Services
- Evaluation of **operational sanitation capacities**
- Development of a comprehensive **model framework**
→ **Bark beetle early warning system**
- **Calibration and validation** of the system with remote sensing and terrestrial data



Screenshot: [PHENIPS Map-Services 2022](#)



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