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# Could TReMs be relevant conservation forestry targets and/or biodiversity indicators ?

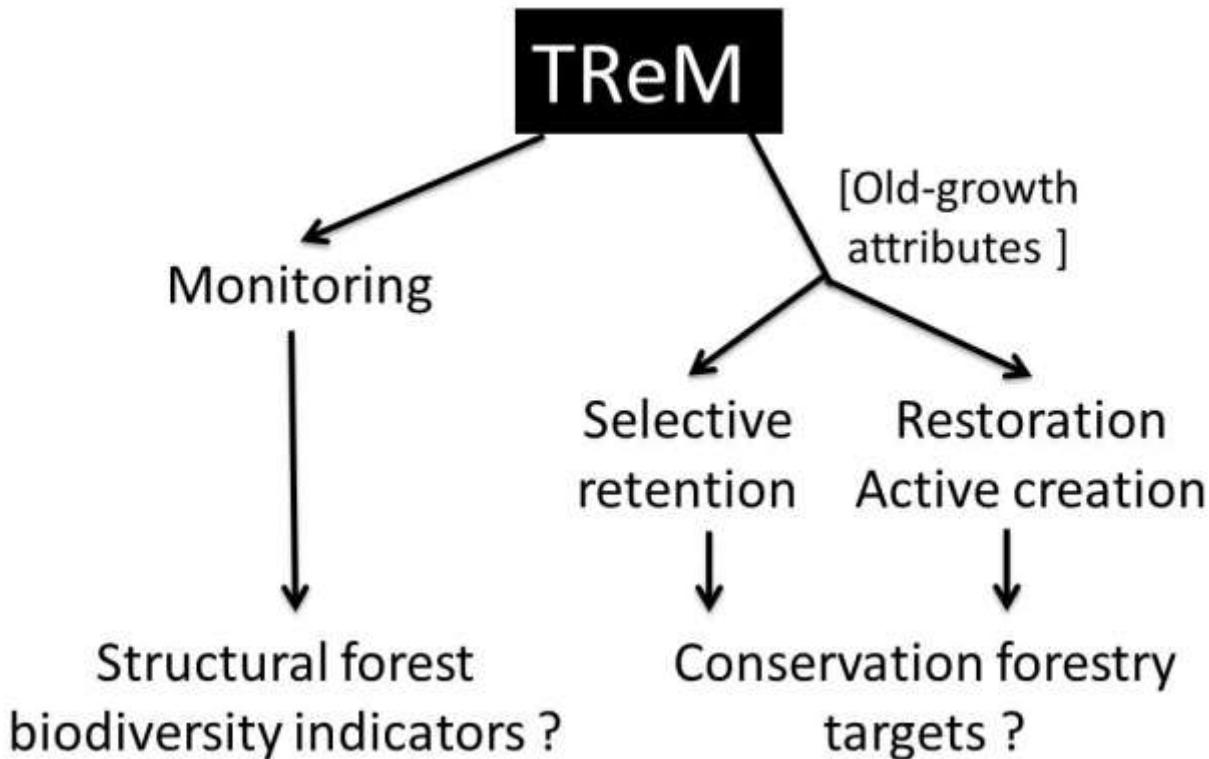


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# TReMs, biodiversity and forestry



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ORIGINAL PAPER

Boxes mimicking tree hollows can help conservation of saproxylic beetles

Nicklas Jansson · Thomas Ranius · Anna Larsson · Per Milberg

Research Article · doi: 10.3832/ifor1281-007

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The Habitat-Trees experiment: using exotic tree species as new microhabitats for the native fauna

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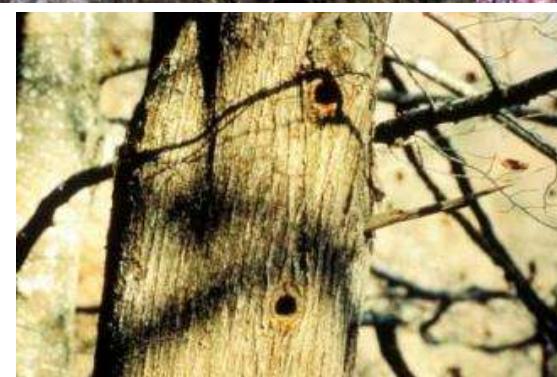


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# TReMs and biodiversity

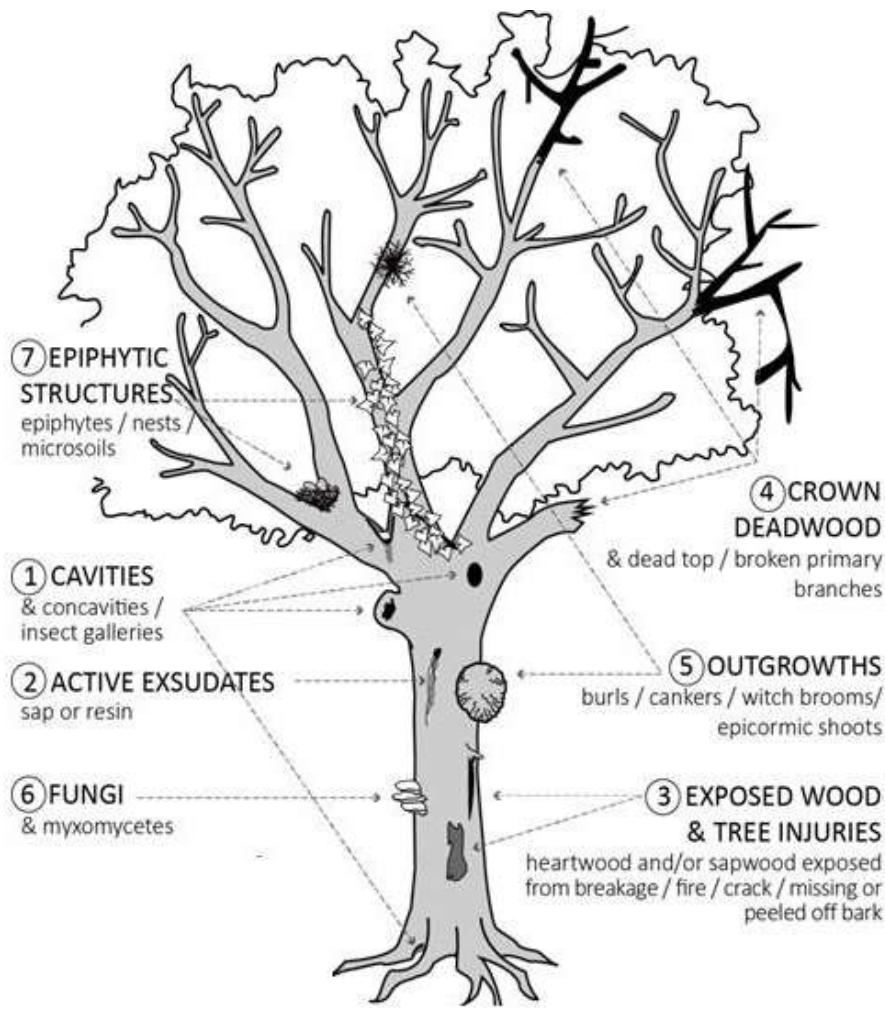
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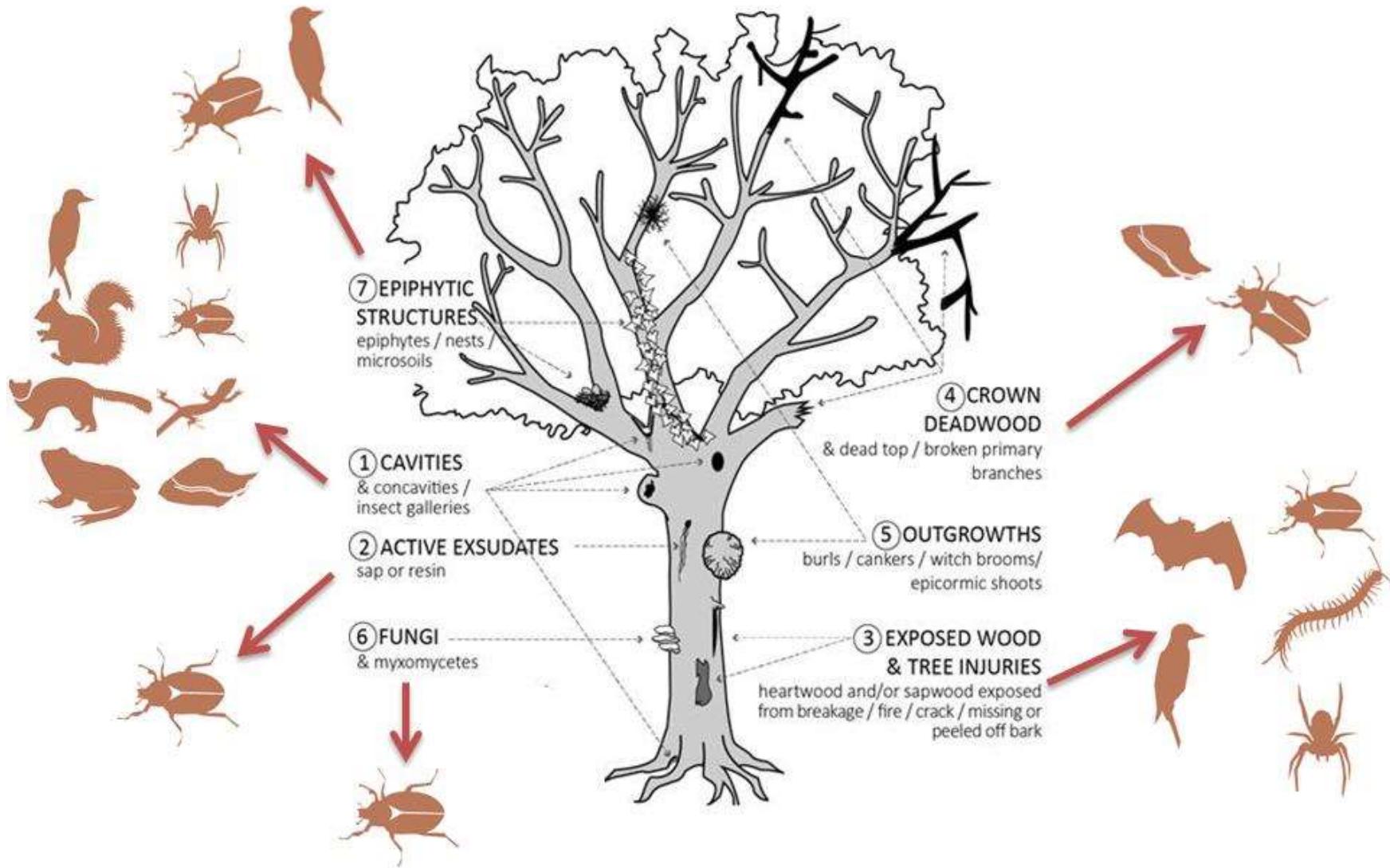
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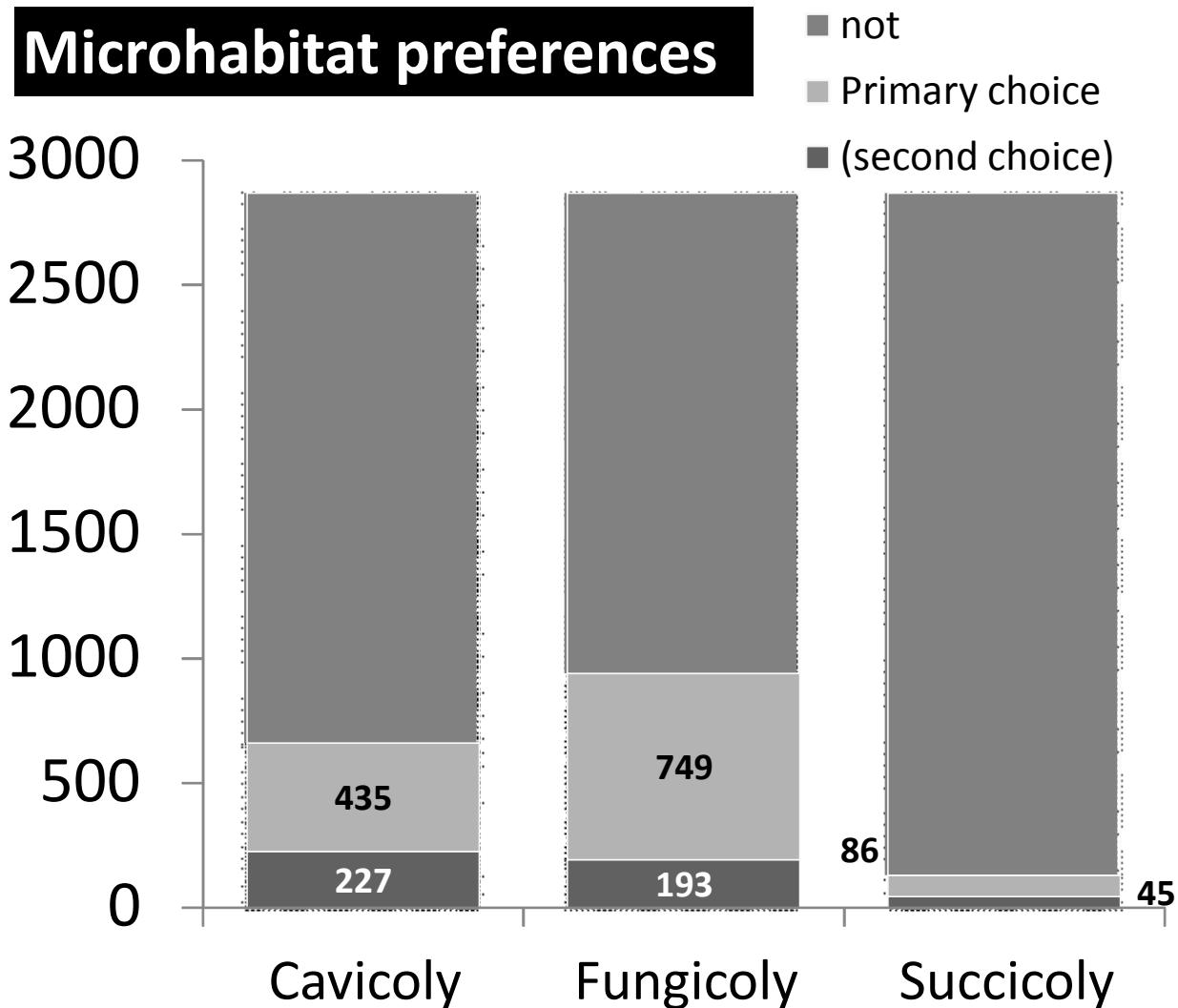
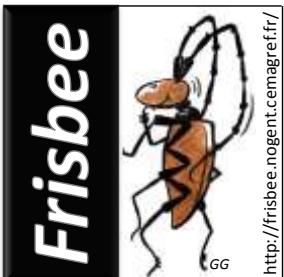
# TReMs host a wide diversity of taxa

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# TReMs host species-rich assemblages

e.g. many beetle species depend on TReMs !



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At stand scale,  
the relationships between  
TReMs and saproxylic beetle  
diversity...

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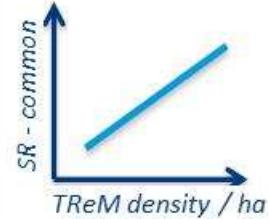
...are strongly context-  
dependent

# Saproxylic beetle species richness increases with the local amount of certain TreM-bearing trees in various but not all forest contexts

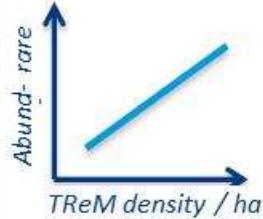


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Oak  
*Lowland*



Beech  
*Lowland*



Key features for saproxylic beetle diversity derived from rapid habitat assessment in temperate forests

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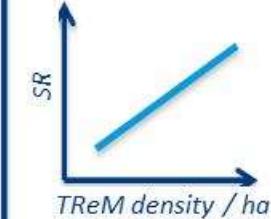
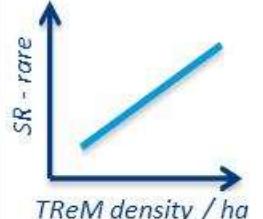
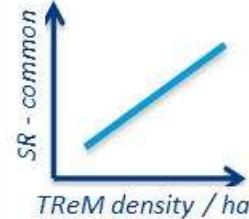
Beech  
*Highland*



Pine  
*Lowland*



Spruce-Fir  
*Highland*



# In lowland deciduous forests, TReMs are significantly associated to variations in species richness, but to a lesser extent than deadwood or openness

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In search of the best local habitat drivers for saproxylic beetle diversity in temperate deciduous forests

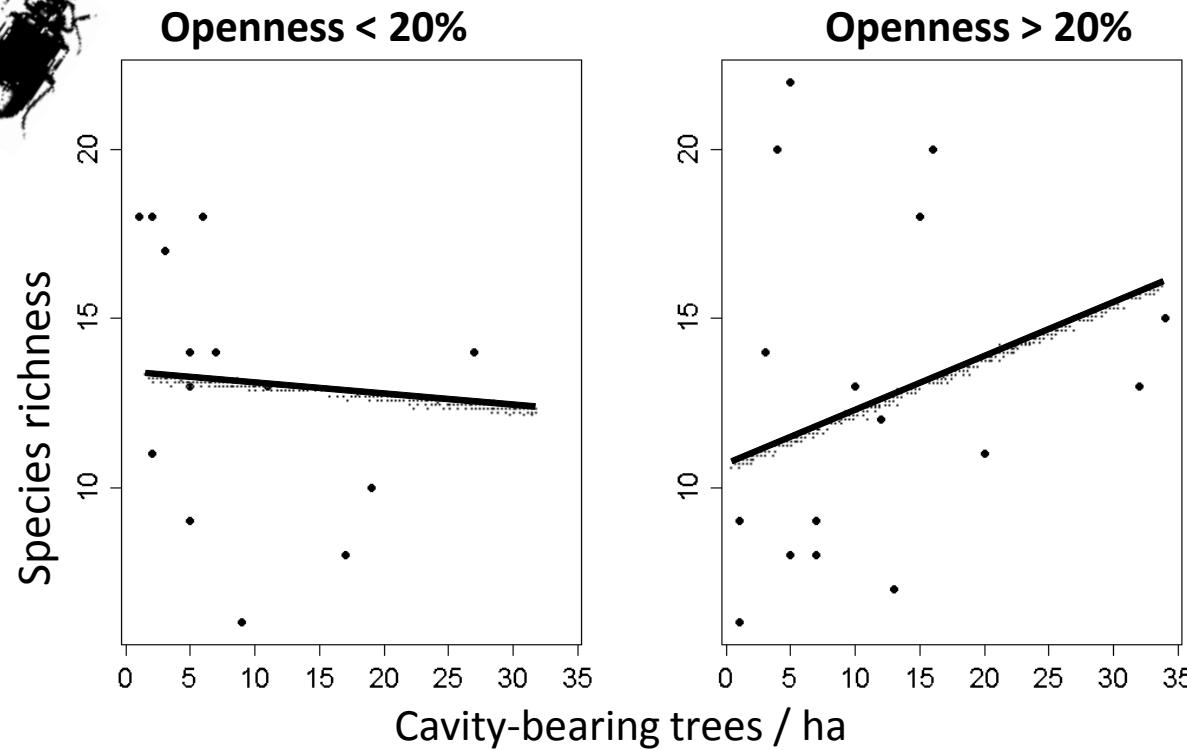
C. Bouget · L. Larrieu · B. Nusillard · G. Parmain

## Key factors of saproxylic beetle diversity



		<u>rare sp</u>	<u>common sp</u>
Oak	Abiotic	2=Openness	1=Openness
	Deadwood	1=Deadwood diversity	2= Lying deadwood volume 3= Large lying deadwood volume 4= Deadwood diversity 5=density fungus-bearing trees 6=density cavity-bearing trees
	TReMs	ns	
Beech	Abiotic	ns	1=Openness
	Deadwood	ns	2=Deadwood diversity 3=density crown-deadwood-bearing trees
	TReMs	1=density fungus-bearing trees	

# In highland forests some relationships between TReM density and saproxylic beetle diversity depend on stand openness



# In highland forests TReM diversity only slightly correlates with saproxylic beetle assemblage structure



Forest continuity acts congruently with stand maturity in structuring the functional composition of saproxylic beetles

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	Mean trait CWM	Functional Dispersion FDis	Sp. richness	Abundance
<b>Body Size</b>	ns	ns		
<b>Canopy prefer.</b>	ns	ns		
<b>Decay prefer.</b>	↗	↗		
<b>Diameter prefer.</b>	↗	ns		
<b>Low-dispersal</b>			ns	ns
<b>High-dispersal</b>			ns	ns
<b>Cavicolous</b>			ns	ns
<b>Fungicolous</b>			ns	ns

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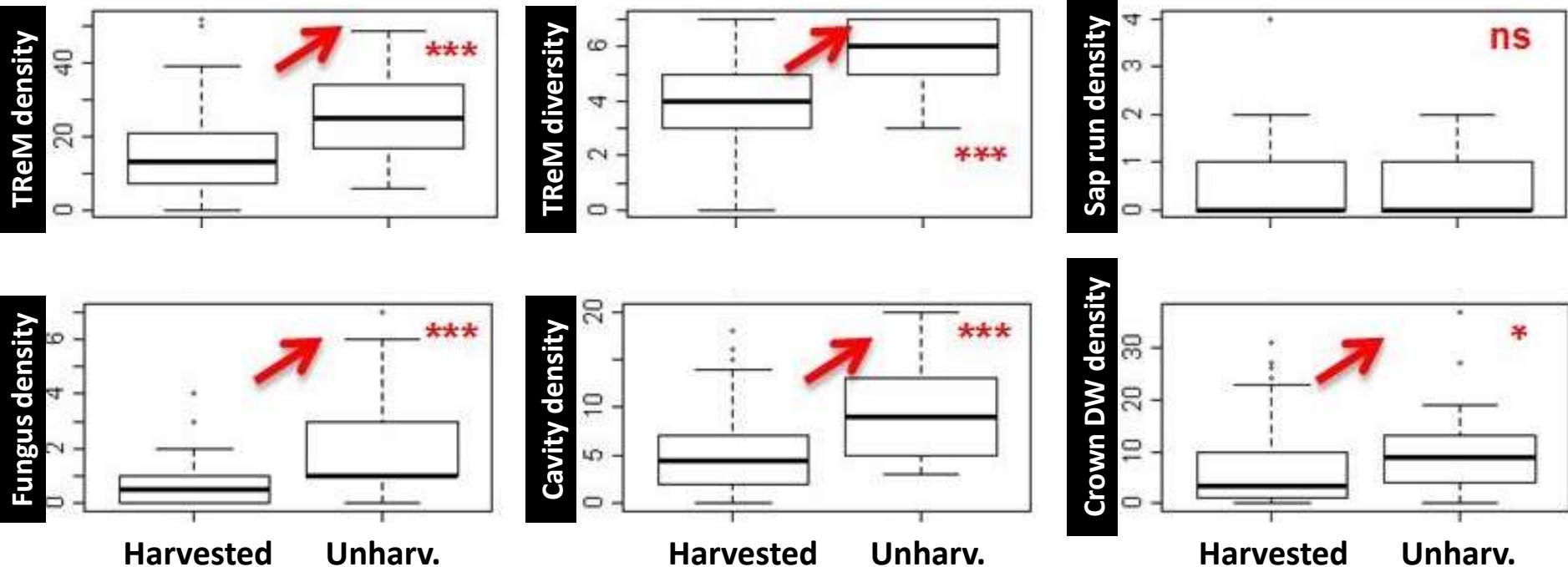
Why are TReM-biodiversity relationships so weak at stand scale in ecological studies?



# 1. TReM metrics

- TReM values are too low in managed forests?
  - Values below ecological thresholds ?
- Bad biodiversity sampling ?
  - Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
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# Trem density and diversity are affected by forestry



Unharv > 30 yrs



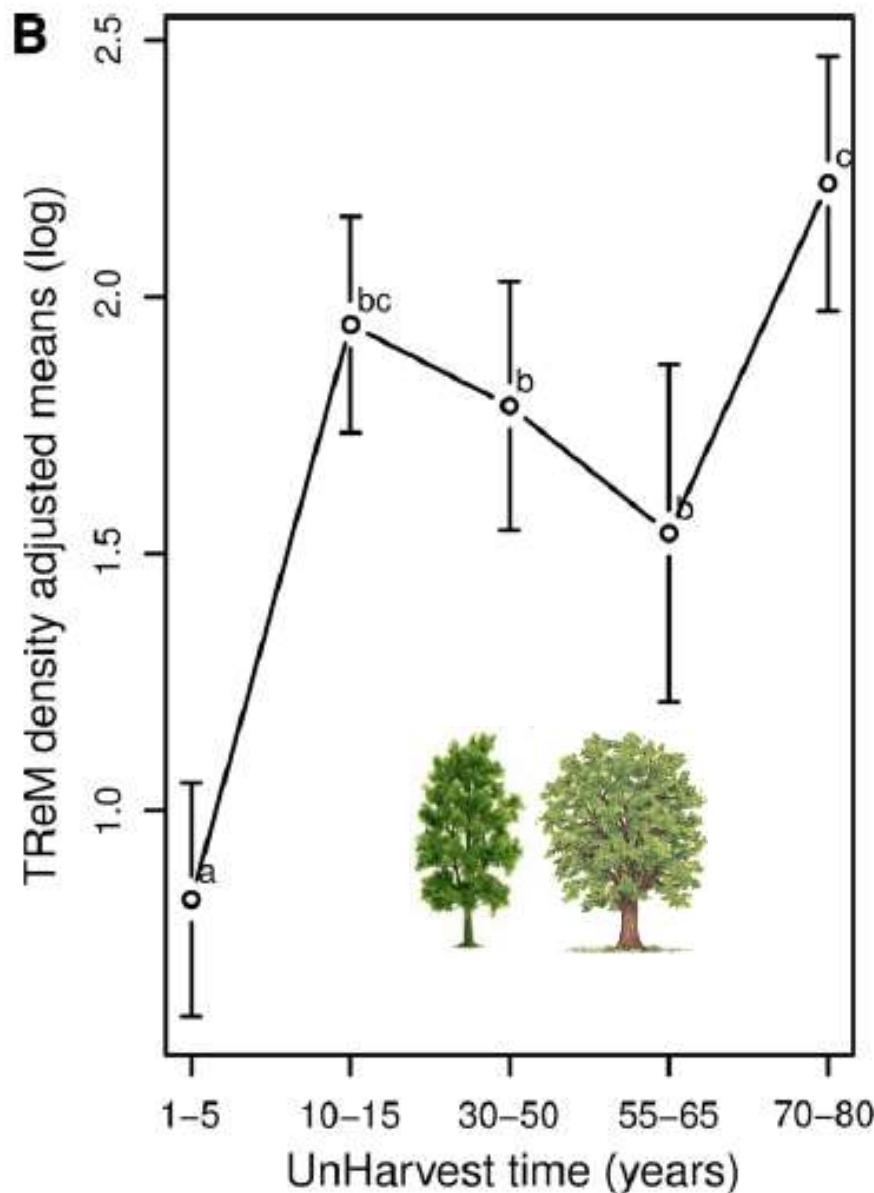
Animal Conservation

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**Does a set-aside conservation strategy help the restoration of old-growth forest attributes and recolonization by saproxylic beetles?**

C. Bouget<sup>1</sup>, G. Parmain<sup>1,2,3</sup>, O. Gilg<sup>4</sup>, T. Noblecourt<sup>2</sup>, B. Nusillard<sup>3</sup>, Y. Paillet<sup>1</sup>, C. Pernot<sup>1</sup>, L. Larrieu<sup>5,6</sup> & F. Gosselin<sup>1</sup>

# After forestry abandonment, TreM stock recovery needs decades



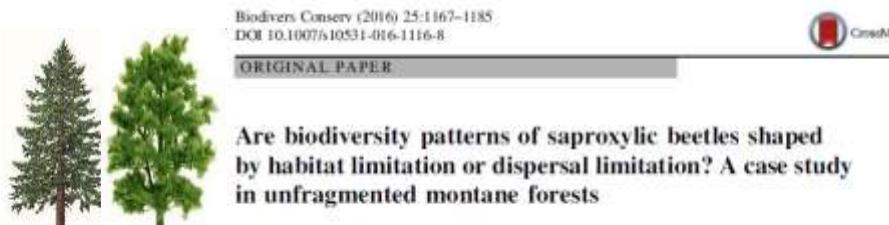
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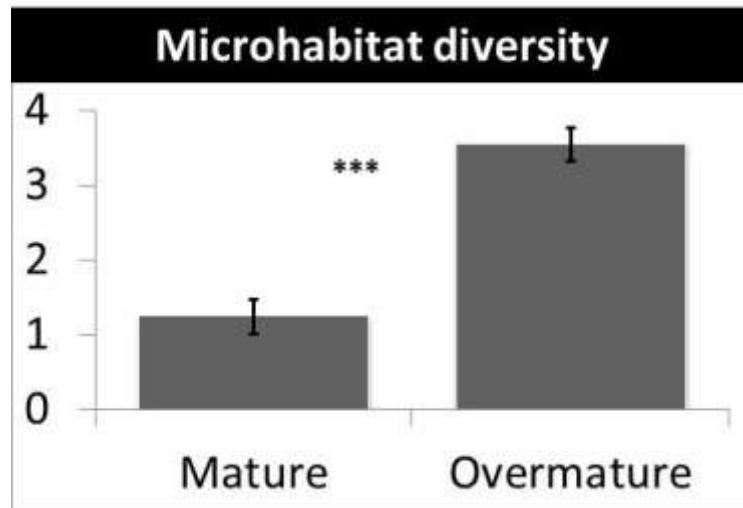
Development over time of the tree-related microhabitat profile:  
the case of lowland beech-oak coppice-with-standards set-aside  
stands in France

Laurent Larrieu<sup>1,2</sup> · Alain Cabanettes<sup>2</sup> · Nicolas Gouix<sup>3</sup> · Laurent Burnel<sup>1</sup> ·  
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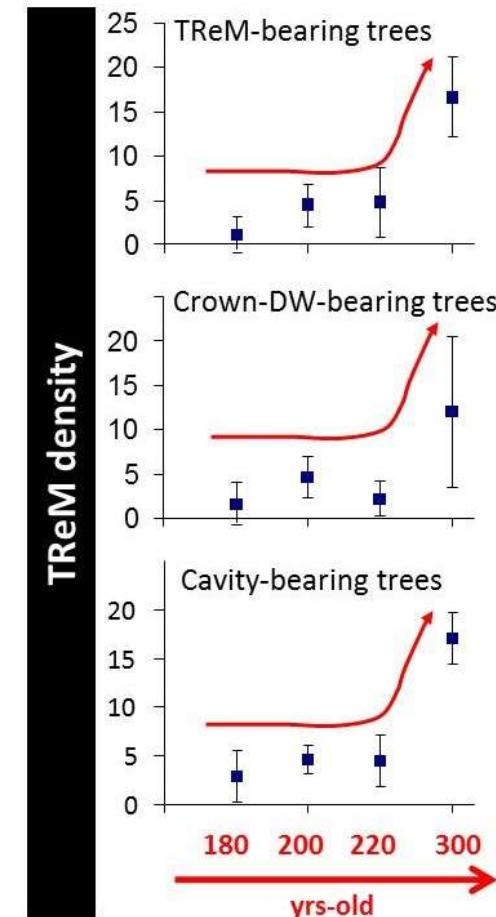
# TReM density/diversity sharply increase in overmature stands



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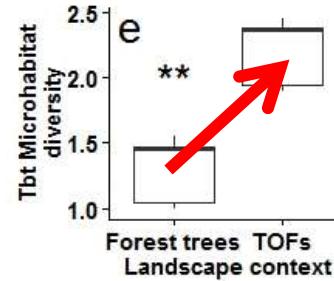
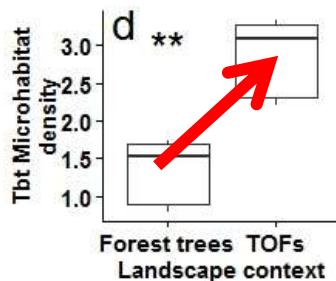
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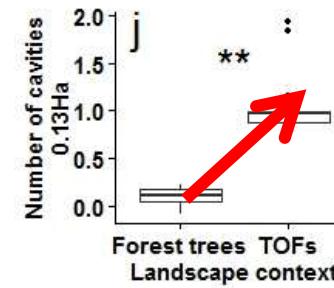
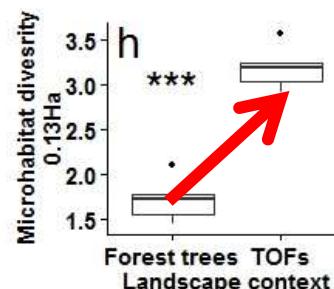
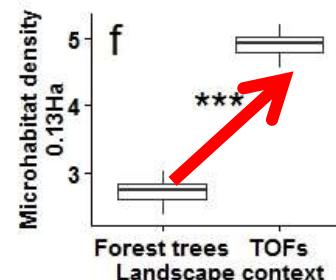
# TReM effects increase with TReM values

TReM density and diversity are **higher** in and around veteran trees **outside** than **inside** forests

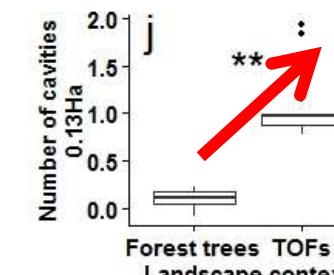
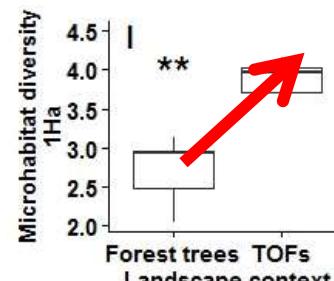
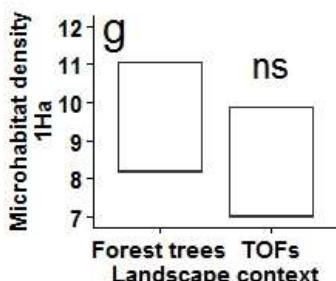
Veteran tree scale



0.13ha-scale



1ha-scale



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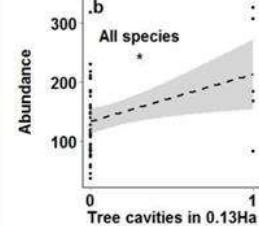
The effects of TReM metrics on sx beetle diversity are **stronger outside than inside forests!**



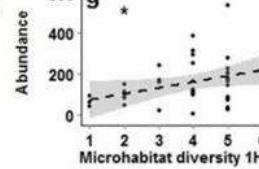
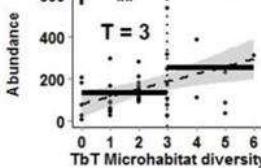
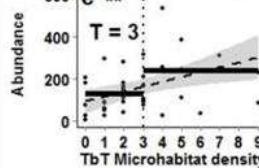
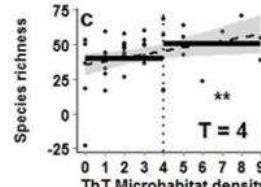
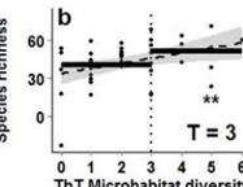
Veteran trees  
inside forest



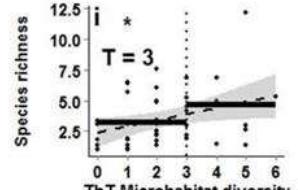
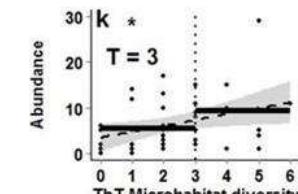
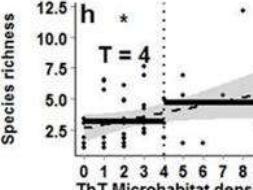
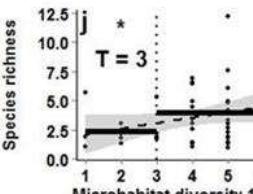
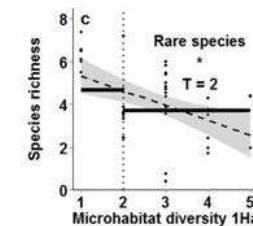
All sx beetle species



Veteran trees  
outside forests



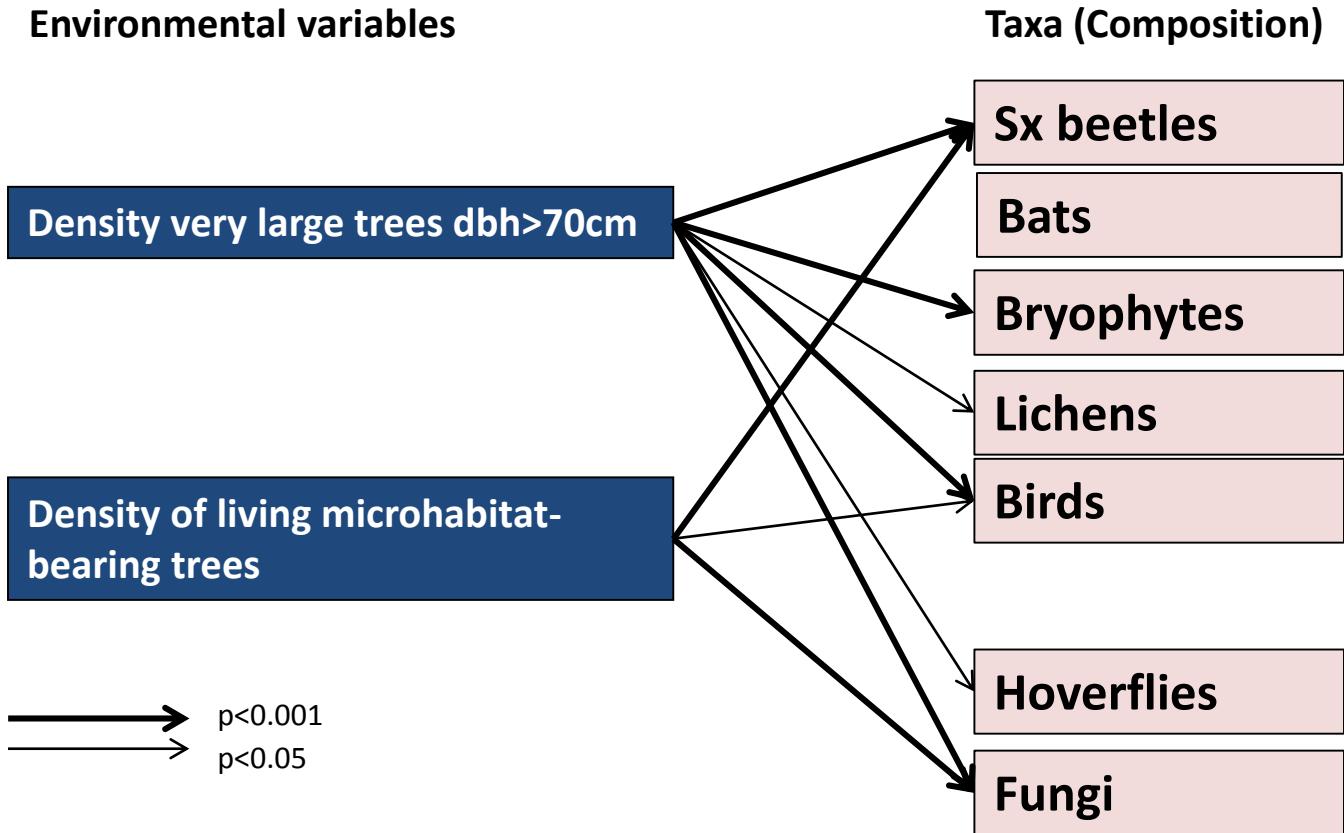
Rare sx beetle species



## 2. TReM sampling

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- Irrelevant TReM sampling ?
- Bad biodiversity sampling ?
  - Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
  - Sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms
  - Multi-taxon approaches

# Facing low TReM detectability... ...by the use of proxies?



487 plots in 19 areas

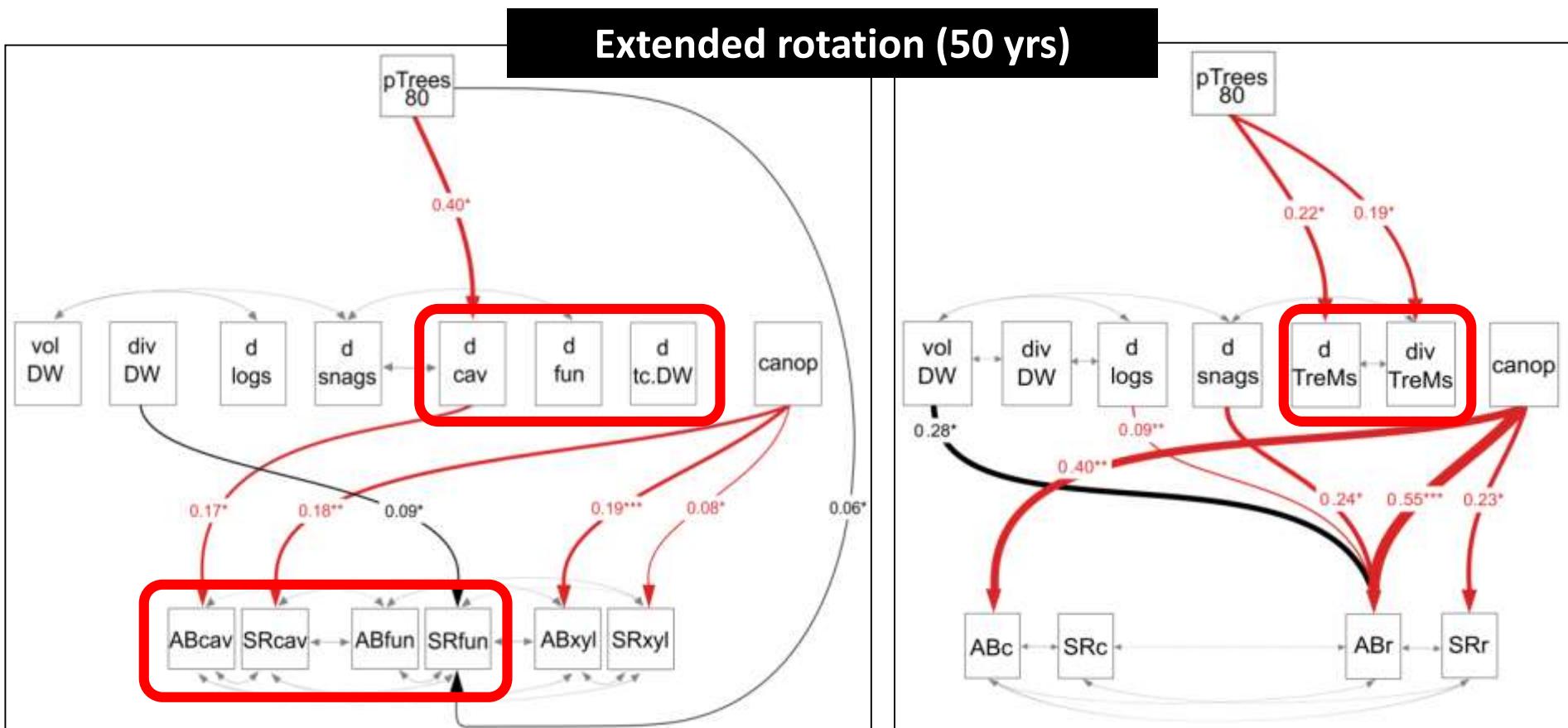
Larrieu et al., in prep.

### 3. Biodiversity metrics

- Low TReM values in managed forests ?
- Irrelevant biodiversity metrics ?
  - Diversity of TReM-associated taxa only vs overall diversity
    - sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms
- Bad TReM sampling ?

# TReM are fostered by extended rotation...

Only TReM-associated (and not all sx) taxa correlate to TReM rise



# 3. Biodiversity metrics

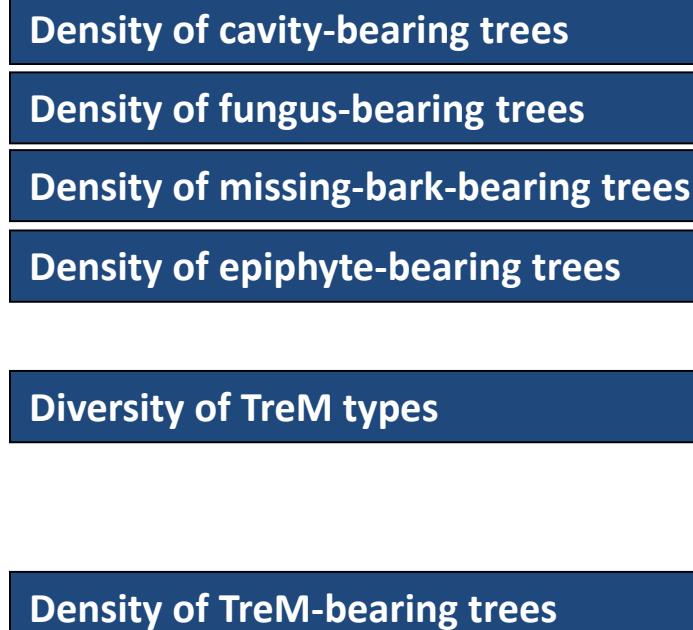
- Low TReM values in managed forests ?
- Irrelevant biodiversity metrics ?
  - Saproxylic beetles only
  - vs
  - Multi-taxon approaches
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# Monitoring more taxa --> more TReM-biodiversity relationships...sometimes difficult to interpret

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Environmental variables (1ha-plot)



Sp richness/composition

Sx beetles

Bryophytes

Bats

Birds

Hoverflies

Fungi

Lichens

Effect +

$\rightarrow$  p<0.001  
→ p<0.05

Effect -

$\rightarrow$  p<0.001  
→ p<0.05

$\rightarrow$  composition

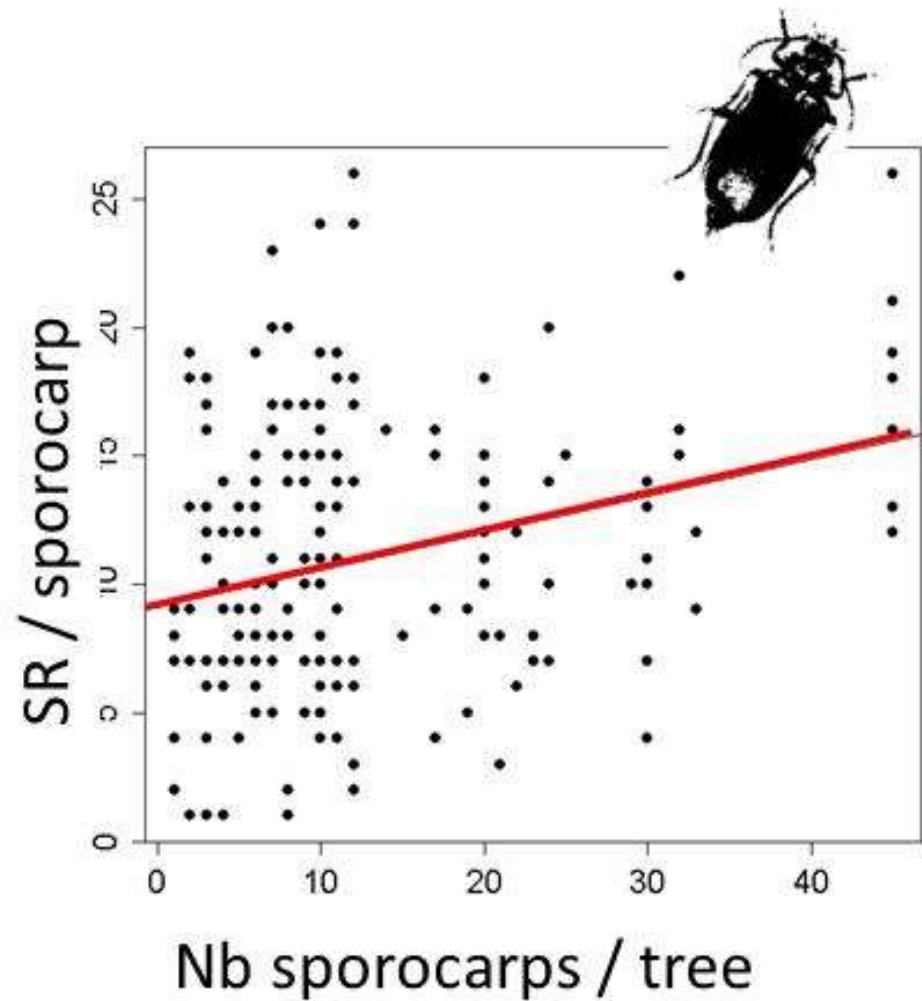
## 4. Biodiversity sampling

- Low TReM values in managed forests ?
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  - Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
  - Freely hanging flight interception traps
- vs
- Sampling methods explicitly dedicated to TReM-associated taxa
- Bad TReM sampling ?

# Sporocarp-associated beetle sampling

**Positive effects of  
aggregation of  
suitable  
microhabitats**

Specific emergence traps



**Nb sporocarps/tree >> Nb fungus-bearing trees/0.3ha**

# Conclusion

- At the stand scale : TReM effects on biodiversity
  - Low significance, magnitude and consistency
- Role of finer-scale connectivity effects (tree scale)
- Importance of :
  - taxon sampling method adequation
  - TReM sampling improvements
- ...Further research required to inspire quantitative management guidelines...

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