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25 **Abstract**

26 Global climate change (GCC) may be imposing distribution range shifts in many organisms
27 worldwide. Multiple efforts are currently focused on the development of models to better
28 predict distribution range shifts due to GCC. We addressed this issue by including intra-
29 specific genetic structure and spatial autocorrelation (SAC) of data in distribution range
30 models. Both factors reflect the joint effect of eco-evolutionary processes on the geographic
31 heterogeneity of populations. We used a collection of 301 geo-referenced accessions of the
32 annual plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* in its Iberian Peninsula range, where the species shows a
33 strong geographic genetic structure. We developed spatial and non-spatial hierarchical
34 Bayesian models (HBMs) to depict current and future distribution ranges for the four genetic
35 clusters detected. We also compared the performance of HBMs with `Maxent` (a presence-
36 only model). `Maxent` and non-spatial HBM presented some shortcomings, such as the loss of
37 accessions with high genetic admixture in the case of `Maxent` and the presence of residual
38 SAC for both. As spatial HBMs removed residual SAC, these models showed higher accuracy
39 than non-spatial HBMs and handled the spatial effect on model outcomes. The ease of
40 modelling and the consistency among model outputs for each genetic cluster was conditioned
41 by the sparseness of the populations across the distribution range. Our HBMs enrich the
42 toolbox of software available to evaluate GCC-induced distribution range shifts considering
43 both genetic heterogeneity and SAC, two inherent properties of any organism that should not
44 be overlooked.

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46 **KEYWORDS:** *Arabidopsis thaliana*, geographic genetic structure, global climate change,
47 hierarchical Bayesian models, `Maxent`, spatial autocorrelation.

48 **1. INTRODUCTION**

49 Climate and land-use changes recorded in practically all Earth's bioclimatic zones are
50 dramatically affecting the distribution of many terrestrial, aquatic and marine organisms.
51 Since the turn of the century, various global meta-analyses have quantified the fingerprint that
52 global climate change (GCC) has already left on distribution ranges (Parmesan & Yohe, 2003;
53 Perry, Low, Ellis, & Reynolds, 2005; Parmesan, 2006; Chen, Hill, Ohlemüller, Roy,
54 & Thomas, 2011; MacLean & Beissinger, 2017) and extinction rates (Urban, 2015; Wiens,
55 2016). At present, models are including some improvements to better predict changes in
56 species distribution ranges due to GCC. Such improvements are aimed at considering all the
57 possible organisms' responses to GCC, such as shifts in dispersal ability, phenology and
58 physiology of life-history traits (Bellard, Bertelsmeier, Leadley, Thuiller, & Courchamp,
59 2012; Lenoir & Svenning, 2015). However, precise data on these responses are lacking for
60 many organisms because of the intensive amount of labour and data needed to estimate them
61 properly for multiple populations across large areas of the distribution range. Nonetheless,
62 modelling approaches clearly have to go beyond presence-background models and related
63 approaches (e.g. presence-absence models, random pseudo-absence point models) using
64 current and future climatic conditions to increase their accuracy and reliability (Guisan,
65 Thuiller, & Zimmermann, 2017). In this study, we address this issue by considering two
66 important biological aspects that should be considered when modelling current distribution
67 range of terrestrial organisms and their GCC-induced shifts.

68 Firstly, demographic processes (i.e. extinction/colonisation dynamics and dispersal
69 ability) and adaptation to local environmental conditions determine the extent of population
70 stratification, that is, geographically distributed allele frequencies depicting subpopulations or
71 clusters at different spatial scales (Anderson et al., 2010). Molecular data are commonly used

72 to infer the number of genetically differentiated clusters and their degree of admixture
73 (Pritchard, Stephens, & Donnelly, 2000; Falush, Stephens, & Pritchard, 2003). In addition, it
74 is very informative to determine whether such genetic clusters are geographically distributed
75 across the species distribution range (Rosenberg, Mahajan, Ramachandran, Zhao, Pritchard,
76 & Feldman, 2005; Novembre et al., 2008). This is because we can interpret the number of
77 genetic clusters, their geographic distribution and their degree of admixture as the result of all
78 demographic processes and adaptive forces acting on populations. This paradigm has steadily
79 gained ground in studies estimating future distribution range shifts due to GCC by means of
80 species distribution models (SDMs; Bálint et al., 2011; Jay et al., 2012; D'Amen,
81 Zimmermann, & Pearman, 2013; Yannic et al., 2014; Gotelli & Stanton-Geddes, 2015; Diniz-
82 Filho et al., 2016; Marcer, Méndez-Vigo, Alonso-Blanco, & Picó, 2016; Ikeda, Max, Allan,
83 Lau, Shuster, & Whitham, 2017; Lima, Ballesteros-Mejia, Lima-Ribeiro, & Collevatti, 2017;
84 Milanesi, Caniglia, Fabbri, Puopolo, Galaverni, & Holderegger, 2018), stressing the need to
85 consider the inherent genetic heterogeneity of organisms.

86 From a methodological viewpoint, working with intra-specific patterns of genetic
87 diversity implies the combination of presence-only data, which commonly feed SDMs such as
88 Maxent, with genetic structure data, which are mostly expressed as genetic cluster
89 membership proportions (ranging between 0 and 1) that inform on the degree of genetic
90 admixture (Serra-Varela, Alía, Ruiz Daniels, Zimmermann, Gonzalo-Jiménez, & Grivet,
91 2017). The problem arises when admixture information is lost because individuals have to be
92 assigned to a single cluster, generally the one with the highest membership proportion
93 according to some arbitrary threshold in order to run presence-only SDMs (Gotelli & Stanton-
94 Geddes, 2015; Marcer et al., 2016; Ikeda et al., 2017). In doing that, the amount of data and
95 information lost depends on the genetic structure of the study organism. For instance, species

96 with a pronounced genetic structure will likely have individuals with high genetic cluster
97 membership proportions, which facilitates the assignment of individuals to single genetic
98 clusters. In contrast, individual assignment to single genetic clusters will exhibit higher
99 uncertainty for weakly genetically structured organisms (e.g. high levels of individual genetic
100 admixture), posing problems for the development of SDMs to study the effects of GCC on
101 their patterns of geographic genetic structure. Either way, we lose valuable information that
102 may reduce the value and impact of GCC model outcomes and therefore our understanding of
103 the GCC effects on biodiversity.

104 The second biological aspect worth considering when modelling distribution ranges is
105 the presence of spatial autocorrelation (SAC) in data and the problems that SAC poses for
106 statistical and ecological interpretation. SAC can be defined as the dependence between close
107 observations in space (Legendre & Legendre, 2012), and it may be caused by exogenous
108 factors (e.g. historical processes and autocorrelated environmental variables) and/or
109 endogenous factors (e.g. dispersion) (Dale & Fortin, 2014). While variables representing
110 exogenous factors may be readily available to researchers, variables describing endogenous
111 factors representing important biological processes are more difficult to obtain (Belmaker et
112 al., 2015). Overall, SAC is recognised as a major challenge when predicting species
113 distributions (Dirnböck & Dullinger, 2004; de Oliveira, Rangel, Lima-Ribeiro, Terribile, &
114 Diniz-Filho, 2014) because it results in several modelling flaws, such as violation of the
115 assumption of independent error, inflated estimations of model performance, bias in model
116 selection, or inferential problems (Legendre, 1993; Dale & Fortin, 2002; Dormann, 2007;
117 Dormann et al., 2007; Fortin & Dale, 2009; Beale, Lennon, Yearsley, Brewer, & Elston,
118 2010; Swanson, Dobrowski, Finley, Thorne, & Schwartz, 2013; Wagner & Fortin, 2013). To
119 a certain extent, SAC can be dealt with data filtering, although often at a high cost of data

120 loss. For these reasons, taking SAC into account in GCC models is considered as mandatory
121 (Latimer, Wu, Gelfand, & Silander, 2006; Beguin, Martino, Rue, & Cumming, 2012; Record,
122 Fitzpatrick, Finley, Veloz, & Ellison, 2013; Swanson et al. 2013, Crase, Liedloff, Vesk,
123 Fukuda, & Wintle, 2014).

124 Here, we use hierarchical Bayesian models (HBMs), which account for the geographic
125 distribution of intra-specific genetic diversity and the presence of SAC, to analyse current
126 distribution range as well as the effect of GCC on its shifts. To that end, we use a collection of
127 301 natural populations of the annual plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* occurring in the Iberian
128 Peninsula, the region of the distribution range with the highest genomic diversity (The 1001
129 Genome Consortium, 2016). Genome-wide markers are used to infer Iberian *A. thaliana*'s
130 geographic genetic structure by estimating genetic cluster membership proportions. In order
131 to better understand the potential of our model, we compare three approaches, `Maxent` and
132 two Bayesian, representing a gradient of complexity in the treatment of intra-specific genetic
133 data and SAC. In particular, (1) presence-only SDMs (`Maxent`) that do not take SAC into
134 account and based on binary data for genetic cluster membership proportions, (2) non-spatial
135 hierarchical Bayesian models (HBMs) not accounting explicitly for SAC and based on
136 continuous data for genetic cluster membership proportions, and (3) spatially-explicit HBMs
137 accounting for SAC and based on continuous data for genetic cluster membership
138 proportions. Although HBMs represent well-established methods for statistical inference in
139 several research fields, the application of Beta regression to climate-driven shifts in species
140 distribution range is not common (see Martínez-Minaya, Cameletti, Conesa, & Pennino,
141 2018). In particular, we promote the use of Beta regressions where data fitting can be
142 achieved using integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA) rather than Markov chain
143 Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods. We discuss our results in terms of the relevance of intra-

144 specific genetic variation and SAC to better interpret and contextualise the implications of
145 GCC on species distribution range shifts, but also identifying the limitations and caveats of
146 our approach.

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148 **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

149 **2.1. Source populations and genetic structure**

150 We used a collection of 301 natural populations of the annual plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*
151 distributed across the Iberian Peninsula (ca. $800 \times 700 \text{ km}^2$; $36.00^\circ \text{ N} - 43.48^\circ \text{ N}$, $3.19^\circ \text{ E} -$
152 9.30° W ; Fig. 1a). This set of populations belongs to a long-term project pursuing a
153 permanent collection of natural populations from the western Mediterranean Basin (Spain,
154 Portugal and North Africa) intended to unravel *A. thaliana*'s evolutionary ecology, functional
155 genetics, and response to GCC (see Marcer et al., 2018, and references therein). Distance
156 among populations and altitudes had a range of 1 – 1,038 km (mean \pm SD = 360.9 ± 200.2
157 km) and 1 – 2,662 m.a.s.l (mean \pm SD = 786.5 ± 391.3 m.a.s.l.), respectively, including a
158 wide array of wild and humanised environments (Picó, Méndez-Vigo, Martínez-Zapater, &
159 Alonso-Blanco, 2008; Méndez-Vigo, Picó, Ramiro, Martínez-Zapater, & Alonso-Blanco,
160 2011; Manzano-Piedras, Marcer, Alonso-Blanco, & Picó, 2014).

161 Populations included in this study came from field surveys that spanned 12 years (2000 –
162 2011). We sampled seed from several individuals from each population. Every year and a few
163 months after every survey, field-collected seed was multiplied by the single seed descent
164 method in a glasshouse at the Centro Nacional de Biotecnología (CNB-CSIC) in Madrid.
165 Multiplied seeds were stored in dry, dark conditions in cellophane bags at room temperature,
166 storing conditions that can preserve *A. thaliana* seeds for years. In this study, we employed
167 one representative individual (accession hereafter) per population to analyse the genetic

168 structure of *A. thaliana* in the Iberian Peninsula. Importantly, accessions exhibited common
169 phenotypes within their populations based on flowering time and/or the vernalization
170 requirement for flowering, which are traits under strong selection in Iberian *A. thaliana*
171 (Méndez-Vigo, Gomaa, Alonso-Blanco, & Picó, 2013) that appear to be mediated by
172 variation in temperature (Méndez-Vigo et al., 2011; Vidigal et al., 2016). This procedure
173 increased the odds of using accessions best suited to their local environments and, therefore,
174 common genotypes in the populations.

175 Nuclear genetic data were obtained from 250 genome-wide single nucleotide
176 polymorphisms (SNPs) previously used to genetically characterise Iberian *A. thaliana* (Picó et
177 al. 2008, Gomaa, Montesinos-Navarro, Alonso-Blanco, & Picó, 2011; Méndez-Vigo et al.,
178 2011; Manzano-Piedras et al., 2014; Marcer et al., 2016). In short, SNPs were selected based
179 on their polymorphism shown in Central Europe, the Iberian Peninsula and in a worldwide
180 collection of accessions, and genotyped using the SNPlex technique (Applied Biosystems,
181 Foster City, CA, USA). These SNPs are located across the genome at putatively neutral
182 regions spaced at 0.5 Mb average intervals (range = 0.11 Kb – 1.82 Mb). All accessions were
183 genetically different from each other.

184 Genetic structure was assessed using the Bayesian model-based clustering algorithm
185 implemented in STRUCTURE v.2.3.3 (Falush et al., 2003), as previously described (Méndez-
186 Vigo et al., 2011; 2013). In brief, model settings included haploid multilocus genotypes,
187 correlated allele frequencies between populations and a linkage model. Each run consisted of
188 50,000 burn-in MCMC iterations and 100,000 MCMC after-burning repetitions for parameter
189 estimation. To determine the K number of ancestral populations and the ancestry membership
190 proportions of each accession in each population, the algorithm was run 20 times for each
191 defined number of groups (K value) from 1 to 10. The number of distinct genetic groups was

192 determined by testing the differences between the data likelihood for successive K values
193 using Wilcoxon tests for two related samples. The final K number was estimated as the largest
194 K value with significantly higher likelihood than that of K-1 runs (two-sided $P < 0.005$). This
195 was supported by a high similarity among the ancestry membership matrices from different
196 runs of the same K value ($H'=0.99$). The average symmetric similarity coefficient H' among
197 runs and the average matrix of ancestry membership proportions, derived from the 20 runs,
198 were calculated with CLUMPP v.1 (Jakobsson & Rosenberg, 2007). This analysis inferred four
199 genetic clusters in the Iberian Peninsula (Fig. 1), in agreement with previous studies on *A.*
200 *thaliana*'s genetic structure (Picó et al., 2008; Goma et al., 2011; Méndez-Vigo et al., 2011;
201 Manzano-Piedras et al., 2014; Marcer et al., 2016).

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203 **2.2. Climatic variables and GCC scenarios**

204 We selected a total of eight bioclimatic predictors to define the climatic space: BIO1 (annual
205 mean temperature), BIO2 (mean diurnal range), BIO3 (isothermality), BIO4 (temperature
206 seasonality), BIO8 (mean temperature of the wettest quarter), BIO12 (annual precipitation),
207 BIO15 (precipitation seasonality) and BIO18 (precipitation of the warmest quarter). These
208 bioclimatic predictors were selected because their pairwise correlation coefficients were less
209 than 0.7, a threshold value commonly used to avoid unacceptable co-linearity among
210 independent variables (Pino, Font, Carbó, Jové, & Pallarès, 2005). We used the `dismo` R
211 package (Hijmans, Phillips, Leathwick, & Elith, 2017) to retrieve these climate layers from
212 the Digital Atlas of the Iberian Peninsula (<http://www.opengis.uab.cat/wms/iberia/>), which
213 provides interpolated surface layers of mean monthly data obtained from 2,285 weather
214 stations for the period 1951 – 1999. We refer to this time period as year 2000.

215 We chose the year 2070 as the scenario to evaluate *A. thaliana*'s distribution range shifts
216 due to GCC. In order to use the most and least conservative GCC scenarios, we selected the
217 representative concentration pathways (RCP) 2.6 and 8.5 (van Vuuren et al., 2011),
218 respectively. In addition, we averaged four climate models: HadGEM2-ES (Met Office
219 Hadley Centre, UK), MRI-CGCM3 (Meteorological Research Institute, Japan), MIROC-ESM
220 (Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Atmosphere and Ocean Research
221 Institute, The University of Tokyo and National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan),
222 and NorESM1-M (Norwegian Climate Centre, Norway). Data for 2070 were downloaded
223 from the WorldClim Global Climate Database v.1.4 (Hijmans, Cameron, Parra, Jones, &
224 Jarvis, 2005). The resolution of the climatic spaces for the years 2000 and 2070 was 1 km.

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226 **2.3. Species distribution models (SDMs)**

227 SDMs link information on the presence/absence or abundance of a species to environmental
228 variables to predict where it is likely to be present in un-sampled locations or time periods
229 (Guisan & Thuiller, 2005; Elith & Leathwick, 2009). In the last years, the quantity and the
230 quality of the datasets have substantially increased, resulting in a higher complexity of the
231 statistical issues that have to be addressed when an SDM is created. As a result of this
232 increasing complexity, the performance of the SDM inferential and predictive processes are
233 becoming more challenging, forcing researchers to develop new sophisticated statistical
234 techniques (see a review in Martínez-Minaya et al., 2018). Given the flood of methodologies
235 developed to address this issue, we compared SDMs obtained with two contrasting
236 approaches: a presence-only model (Maxent) and the hierarchical Bayesian Beta regressions
237 (with and without a spatial term).

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239 **2.3.1. Maxent**

240 We used `Maxent` v.3.3.3k (Phillips, Anderson, & Schapire, 2006; Elith et al., 2011) to model
241 the current and future distribution of *A. thaliana*'s genetic clusters. As `Maxent` uses
242 presence-only data, we assigned each of the 301 accessions to its predominant genetic cluster
243 using a cut-off value of 0.5 to each genetic cluster membership proportion given by
244 `STRUCTURE` (as in Marcer et al., 2016). As a result, the number of accessions per genetic
245 cluster was reduced resulting in a low of 35 for genetic cluster C4 to a high of 103 accessions
246 for genetic cluster C1 (Fig. 1b). The mean (\pm SE) membership proportions to each genetic
247 cluster were 0.66 ± 0.01 (range = 0.51 – 0.92) for genetic cluster C1, 0.74 ± 0.02 (range =
248 0.52 – 0.96) for genetic cluster C2, 0.89 ± 0.02 (range = 0.56 – 0.97) for genetic cluster C3,
249 and 0.77 ± 0.02 (range = 0.51 – 0.94) for genetic cluster C4. Eighty-two accessions (27.2%)
250 did not have any genetic cluster membership proportion higher than 0.5 and could not be
251 included in the `Maxent` models, stressing one of the limitations of this approach when
252 dealing with accessions with high genetic admixture. We fitted all possible models
253 determined by the set of combinations between the eight climatic predictors without
254 considering interactions. We then ranked these models according to the five-fold cross-
255 validated area-under-the-curve (AUC) metric and chose the most parsimonious one among
256 the best five (Table S1). Then, we ran again the chosen model with all data points to obtain
257 the final model. `Maxent` was used with default parameters with the exception of features,
258 which were limited to the hinge type, making it similar to a Generalized Additive Model
259 (Elith et al., 2011).

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261 **2.3.2. Hierarchical Bayesian Beta regression**

262 Spatial and non-spatial HBMs were also used to model the current and future distribution of
263 *A. thaliana*'s genetic clusters. In particular, spatial and non-spatial Beta regressions were
264 conducted to estimate the genetic cluster membership probability, which in this particular
265 context, can be thought of as the habitat suitability for each genetic cluster. In contrast to
266 Maxent, Beta regressions allowed us to model each genetic cluster separately using all
267 genetic information available, that is, the genetic cluster membership proportions of all 301
268 accessions. In other words, no data were excluded.

269 The class of Beta regression models is commonly used to model variables that assume
270 values in the unit interval (between 0 and 1; Ferrari & Cribari-Neto, 2004), such as the case of
271 membership probabilities of genetic clusters. A Beta distribution depends on two scaling
272 parameters, $Beta(a, b)$, which can be parameterised in terms of its mean, μ , a dispersion
273 parameter, $\phi = a + b$, and the variance, $\sigma^2 = \frac{\mu(1-\mu)}{1+\phi}$. This parameterisation better supports
274 the truncated nature of the Beta distribution because the variance depends on the mean, which
275 translates into maximum variance at the centre of the distribution and minimum variance at
276 the edges. In addition, the dispersion of the distribution for a fixed μ decreases as ϕ increases.
277 We did not transform the data to avoid the problems posed by extreme values, as proposed
278 elsewhere (Cribari-Neto & Zeileis, 2010), because data fell far enough from the extremes of
279 the Beta distribution.

280 As we were interested in depicting the relationship between the genetic cluster
281 membership probabilities and the bioclimatic predictors, we linked the mean and the precision
282 of the response variable to the linear bioclimatic predictors via suitable link functions. In
283 particular, if Y_i represents the genetic cluster membership probability at location i , then its
284 conditional distribution is $Y_i | \mu_i, \phi_i \sim Beta(\mu_i, \phi_i)$, where μ_i and ϕ_i are the Beta distribution
285 parameters at location i . We used the *logit* and *log* links for μ_i and ϕ_i , respectively. The mean

286 was linked to climatic covariates (non-spatial term) and, in the case of spatial models, to a
 287 stochastic spatial effect (spatial term). The precision was assumed to be not dependent of any
 288 effect. The resulting model with a spatial term is known as a point-referenced spatial Beta
 289 regression (Paradinas et al., 2016; 2018). It is highly suitable for situations in which data are
 290 observed at continuous locations occurring within a defined spatial domain:

$$291 \quad \text{logit}(\mu_i) = X_i\beta + W_i,$$

$$292 \quad \log(\phi_i) = \theta,$$

293 where β is the vector of regression coefficients $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_c)$, X_i is the vector corresponding
 294 to the i th row of the design matrix whose first element is 1 (the one multiplying the intercept
 295 β_0), the covariate values at location i being the remaining elements, and W_i is the spatially
 296 structured random effect at each location i . W is assumed to be a multivariate Gaussian
 297 distribution whose covariance matrix, $\sigma_W^2 H(\varphi)$, depends on the distance between locations,
 298 and its parameters, σ_W^2 and φ , represent the variance and range of the spatial effect,
 299 respectively.

300 In the context of HBMs, parameters were treated as random variables and prior
 301 knowledge was incorporated using the corresponding prior distributions. These priors were
 302 specified in the second stage jointly with random effects. In the third and final level of the
 303 hierarchy, prior knowledge about the hyper-parameters was expressed. This hierarchical
 304 structure can also be considered as a latent Gaussian model (Rue & Held, 2005).

305 As posterior distributions for the parameters and hyper-parameters do not have an
 306 analytic expression, numerical approximations are usually needed. In the case of latent
 307 Gaussian models, integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA) (Rue, Martino, & Chopin,
 308 2009) is a computationally efficient alternative to the MCMC method. However, to fit and
 309 predict the particular case of continuously indexed Gaussian fields with INLA, W in our case,

310 an additional module is required. Lindgren, Rue & Lindström (2011) proposed an approach
 311 using an approximate stochastic weak solution to a stochastic partial differential equation
 312 (SPDE) as a Gaussian Markov random field (GMRF) approximation to continuous Gaussian
 313 fields with Matérn covariance structure, a highly flexible and general family of functions in
 314 spatial statistics (Rue & Held, 2005). The Markov property allowed the use of a precision
 315 sparse matrix, enabling efficient numerical algorithms. Under this approximation, the spatial
 316 effect is re-parameterised as follows:

$$317 \quad W \sim N(0, Q(\kappa, \tau)).$$

318 Here, W depends on two different parameters, κ and τ , which determine the range of the
 319 effect and the total variance, respectively. More precisely, the range is approximately $\varphi = \sqrt{\frac{8}{\kappa}}$
 320 and the variance is $\sigma_W^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\kappa^2\tau^2}$ (Lindgren et al., 2011).

321 We specified prior distributions for the parameters and hyper-parameters. In particular,
 322 normal vague priors with mean 0 and precision 10^{-4} were used for the vector of regression
 323 coefficients. Although internally INLA works with parameters κ and τ , we specified the
 324 spatial effect in terms of φ and σ_W using the re-parameterisations $\log(\varphi)$ and $\log(\sigma_W)$ as
 325 independent normal vague distributions (Lindgren & Rue, 2015).

326 Overall, the full model was stated as follows:

$$327 \quad Y_i | \mu_i, \phi_i \sim \text{Beta}(\mu_i, \phi_i)$$

$$328 \quad \text{logit}(\mu_i) = X_i\beta + W_i$$

$$329 \quad \log(\phi_i) = \theta$$

$$330 \quad \beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_c \sim N(0, 10^{-4}), W \sim N(0, Q(\varphi, \sigma_W))$$

$$331 \quad \log(\varphi) \sim N(m_\varphi, q_\varphi)$$

$$332 \quad \log(\sigma_W) \sim N(m_{\sigma_W}, q_{\sigma_W})$$

333 $\theta \sim \text{logGamma}(0,0.1)$,

334 where m_φ was automatically chosen so that the prior mean of φ was about 50% the diameter
335 of the study geographic region, while m_{σ_w} was chosen in a way that the corresponding
336 variance of the field was 1. For our analysis, this resulted in $m_\varphi = 13.517$ and $m_{\sigma_w} = 0$.
337 Finally, the default *a priori* precisions for $\text{log}(\varphi)$ and $\text{log}(\sigma_w)$ distributions were $q_\varphi = 0.25$
338 and $q_{\sigma_w} = 0.25$, respectively.

339 These latter values, q_φ and q_{σ_w} , express the large uncertainty about the parameters
340 before the analysis, resulting in quite non-informative hyper-priors. This is important because
341 it allows the range to take values between 0 and the total diameter of the Iberian Peninsula. In
342 contrast to `Maxent`, HBMs can take space into account when modelling distribution ranges,
343 which gives the possibility to evaluate its mean effects and uncertainty. As mentioned above,
344 once the inference is done, the main interest becomes to predict the response in un-sampled
345 locations. To do that, we applied the SPDE by constructing a Delaunay triangulation (Hjelle
346 & Daehlen, 2006) covering the whole Iberian Peninsula (Fig. S1).

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348 **2.3.3. Model selection, distribution range shifts and residual SAC**

349 HBMs were run with and without the spatial component with the `R-INLA` package (Lindgren
350 & Rue, 2015) in order to quantify its effects on distribution range shifts with GCC and to be
351 compared with `Maxent` outcomes. We fitted all possible models given by the set of
352 combinations among the eight climatic predictors without interactions. To select the best
353 model, we used $LCPO = \frac{-1}{N} \sum_i^N \text{log}(CPO_i)$ as a summary statistic of the conditional
354 predictive ordinate (CPO; Geisser, 1993), which gives an overall measure of predictive
355 performance (Hooten & Hobbs, 2015). CPO is defined as the cross-validated predictive
356 density at a given observation. CPO can be used to compute predictive measures, such as the

357 logarithmic score (Gneiting & Raftery, 2007) or the cross-validated mean Brier score
358 (Schmid, 2005). Among the best five models for each genetic cluster we selected the most
359 parsimonious one, that is, the one with the least number of predictors. Model quality
360 estimators, such as the deviance information criterion (DIC; Spiegelhalter, Best, Carlin, &
361 Van Der Linde, 2002) and the Watanabe–Akaike information criterion (WAIC; Watanabe,
362 2010) were also computed. We also measured accuracy of spatial and non-spatial HBMs by
363 means of mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean squared error (RMSE). Lower values of
364 MAE and RMSE indicate better accuracy. The comparison between `Maxent` and HBMs in
365 terms of accuracy can be misleading because `Maxent` used sub-samples of data for each
366 genetic cluster whereas HBMs were always based on the entire data set (Fig. 1).

367 We compared distribution range shifts due to GCC when taking the spatial component
368 into account (spatial HBM), when excluding the spatial component (non-spatial HBM), and
369 `Maxent`. We added the probabilities calculated across the whole study area by each model
370 for each time frame and GCC scenario to quantify the geographic extent of the suitability of
371 each genetic cluster for each methodology. These probabilities were used to calculate the
372 percentage loss or gain of suitability for each model and GCC scenario.

373 All models mentioned above were checked for residual SAC. We calculated the residuals
374 for model predictions between observed and predicted values and tested for residual SAC
375 using the `spdep` R package (Bivand, Hauke, & Kossowski, 2013; Bivand & Piras, 2015). In
376 order to calculate residual SAC in `Maxent`, we followed the methodology used elsewhere
377 (De Marco, Diniz-Filho, & Bini, 2008; Václavík & Meentemeyer, 2009). Basically, we
378 estimated the Moran's I coefficient of autocorrelation with 10,000 MCMC iterations. Models
379 with P -values > 0.05 were considered as SAC free. As expected, spatial HBM did not show

380 residual SAC, while non-spatial HBM did. All `Maxent` models, except for genetic cluster
381 C4, also retained residual SAC (Table S2).

382

383 **3. RESULTS**

384 **3.1. Current distribution range**

385 We compared the performance of three modelling approaches, `Maxent` and HBMs with and
386 without the spatial component, to depict the current distribution range of four *A. thaliana*'s
387 genetic clusters using eight selected bioclimatic predictors. `Maxent` models included
388 between four and seven bioclimatic predictors per genetic cluster (Table 1). With these
389 predictors, `Maxent` yielded a clear geographic distribution of genetic cluster ranges in the
390 Iberian Peninsula (Fig. 2a), as found in earlier studies using the same approach but with
391 different data (Marcer et al., 2016).

392 In the case of Bayesian models, spatial and non-spatial HBMs produced broadly similar
393 geographic distributions of genetic clusters to those generated by `Maxent` models,
394 particularly for genetic clusters C1 and C4 (Fig. 2a). In the case of genetic cluster C2, the
395 spatial HBM depicted a rather continuous distribution in NE Spain, which clearly differed
396 from those given by `Maxent` and non-spatial HBM showing the truncated distribution that
397 this genetic cluster actually has in the wild (Fig. 2a). In general, spatial HBMs and `Maxent`
398 models showed more compact distribution ranges than non-spatial HBMs, the former with
399 more dramatic transitions between low and high probability values in all genetic clusters
400 (Figs. 2a and S2). The exception was genetic cluster C3, whose predicted distribution range
401 with non-spatial HBMs was rather blurred in comparison with that obtained with `Maxent`
402 (Fig. 2a). In fact, it was not possible to fit spatial HBMs for genetic cluster C3 because the
403 results were inconsistent. When using vague hyper-priors for the range of the spatial effect,

404 the resulting mean of the posterior distribution of the range was larger than the whole study
405 area. On the contrary, when using more informative priors, results were different and very
406 much conditioned by prior selections. Thus, the spatial effect for genetic cluster C3 did not
407 provide further explanation than what can already be explained by the bioclimatic predictors.

408 For all genetic clusters, the uncertainty of the predictive mean for non-spatial HBMs was
409 lower and more evenly distributed across space than that for spatial HBMs (Fig. 2b). The
410 main reason for this apparent reduction in uncertainty is that spatial models are reflecting the
411 intrinsic variability of the Beta-distributed data, variability that is not reflected by non-spatial
412 models. As a result, the distribution of means and standard deviations for spatial HBMs was
413 more pronounced than those for non-spatial HBMs (Fig. 2 and Table S3). Nonetheless, the
414 values of the mean of the posterior distribution of the precision parameter, which are
415 inversely proportional to the variance of the data, were larger in the spatial HBMs, reflecting
416 their acceptable behaviour (Table S4). In the case of spatial HBMs, these models allowed the
417 visualisation of the spatial effects, which clearly were more intense at the centre of the genetic
418 cluster distribution ranges (Fig. 3). Uncertainty of the mean of the spatial effect was greater
419 for genetic cluster C4 than for the other two genetic clusters (Fig. 3). Overall, spatial HBMs
420 selected less bioclimatic predictors than non-spatial HBMs and `Maxent` models to define the
421 distribution range of the four genetic clusters (Tables 1 and S5), particularly for genetic
422 cluster C4. Finally, the combination of bioclimatic predictors used by `Maxent` models and
423 spatial and non-spatial HBMs was quite different (Table 1).

424 Mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean squared error (RMSE) were lower for spatial
425 than for non-spatial HBMs for all genetic clusters in which the comparison was possible
426 (Table 2). This indicated that spatial HBMs had lower average model prediction errors in the
427 response variable.

428

429 **3.2. Distribution range shifts with GCC**

430 *Maxent* models and HBMs were also used to quantify distribution range shifts of *A.*
431 *thaliana*'s genetic clusters under different GCC models and scenarios. The three modelling
432 approaches yielded different GCC predictions for each genetic cluster based on suitability
433 shifts in distribution range projections (Table 3, Fig. 4 and S3). Overall, *Maxent* showed a
434 trend of predicting more dramatic changes in distribution range due to GCC for all genetic
435 clusters compared to spatial and non-spatial HBMs (Table 3 and Fig. 4). For genetic cluster
436 C1, important reductions in distribution range were predicted for the two GCC scenarios with
437 *Maxent* and non-spatial HBMs, whereas spatial HBMs predicted slight increases (Table 3
438 and Fig. 4). For genetic cluster C2, *Maxent* predicted increasing and decreasing distribution
439 ranges with RCP 2.6 and RCP 8.5, respectively, whereas both HBMs predicted small
440 fluctuations in distribution range in both GCC scenarios (Table 3 and Fig. 4). For genetic
441 cluster C3, *Maxent* showed very large increases in distribution range, particularly for the
442 RCP 8.5 scenario, whilst non-spatial HBMs predicted slight fluctuations in distribution range
443 in both GCC scenarios (Table 3 and Fig. 4). Finally, for genetic cluster C4, all approaches
444 predicted increases in distribution range in both GCC scenarios. *Maxent* gave higher
445 increases in RCP 2.6 than in RCP 8.5 and vice-versa for both HBMs (Table 3 and Fig. 4).

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447 **4. DISCUSSION**

448 Distribution range shifts represent the most important effect of GCC on biodiversity because
449 of their ecological implications and the potentially detrimental socio-economic impact on
450 society. GCC models for distribution range shifts have to increase their sophistication by
451 adding realism to the model outcomes, yet without losing interpretability or increasing

452 uncertainty. In this study, we address this issue by developing hierarchical Bayesian models
453 (HBMs) for the annual plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* incorporating two of these elements, which
454 are inherent to practically all organisms: the geographic distribution of intra-specific genetic
455 variation and the spatial autocorrelation in data. Importantly, both geographic genetic
456 structure and spatial autocorrelation can be considered as indicators of eco-evolutionary
457 forces shaping species' distribution range, such as colonization/extinction dynamics, dispersal
458 ability, local adaptation and historical factors.

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460 **4.1. Current distribution range**

461 The selection of the modelling approach may have significant repercussions when considering
462 a species as a genetically heterogeneous organism, whose geographic distribution of its
463 genetic variation may have major implications for understanding the effects of GCC on its
464 distribution range. In the case of `Maxent`, and of any modelling technique dealing with
465 binary response variables, a major problem is the loss of data resulting from the conversion of
466 a continuous variable (i.e. the genetic cluster membership proportions characterising each
467 individual) into a binary variable (i.e. the assignment of each individual to the genetic cluster
468 with the highest membership proportion) (Gotelli & Stanton-Geddes, 2015; Marcer et al.,
469 2016). In our study, binarization of genetic data had an important cost in terms of data loss as
470 82 of 301 accessions did not reach the minimum membership proportion of 0.5 required to be
471 assigned to a genetic cluster. As a result, the number of accessions per genetic cluster used in
472 `Maxent` was reduced (Fig. 1b). In contrast, HBMs did not have this limitation and used the
473 whole set of 301 accessions also including genetic admixture among the four genetic clusters
474 detected in the Iberian Peninsula. It must be emphasised that accessions exhibiting genetic
475 admixture are quite relevant in biological terms. For example, they may indicate the existence

476 of contact zones between genetic lineages where important processes affecting the distribution
477 range may take place, such as the balance between selection and dispersal against hybrids
478 (Barton & Hewitt, 1985). For this reason, HBMs represent a better choice to model
479 distribution ranges of intra-specific genetic lineages if it is undesirable to discard accessions
480 with too much genetic admixture.

481 Broadly speaking, `Maxent` and the Bayesian modelling approaches were consistent in
482 depicting the current geographic distribution of the four genetic clusters of Iberian *A. thaliana*
483 (Figs 1 and 2). The exception was the genetic cluster C3, in which non-spatial HBM blurred
484 the distribution range and spatial HBM was not able to produce results due to unacceptable
485 outcomes in a Bayesian framework. Interestingly, the genetic cluster C3 is strongly
486 differentiated from the rest of clusters found in the Iberian Peninsula, as well as across the
487 whole species' distribution range. In fact, the genetic cluster C3 is considered as the relict
488 cluster with a long evolutionary history (Picó et al., 2008; Brennan et al., 2014; The 1001
489 Genomes Consortium, 2016; Durvasula et al., 2017). The relict nature of the genetic cluster
490 C3 is also supported by its scattered distribution across the Iberian Peninsula, a geographic
491 distribution that is interpreted as the result of Iberian glacial refugia (Picó et al., 2008;
492 Brennan et al., 2014; Marcer et al., 2016), whereas the rest of the genetic clusters exhibit
493 geographically marked distributions, likely as a result of more recent demographic histories.
494 Overall, this result indicates that modelling the distribution range of genetic clusters or
495 species with scattered distributions may be difficult no matter what modelling approach is
496 applied. For the particular case of genetic cluster C3, characterised by the high genetic
497 membership proportions of their accessions and the relatively low admixture with other
498 genetic clusters, `Maxent` predicts its distribution best.

499 For the rest of genetic clusters with marked geographic distributions (NW, NE and SW
500 Iberian Peninsula for genetic clusters C1, C2 and C4, respectively), `Maxent` and Bayesian
501 approaches were able to model their current distribution ranges. However, they exhibited
502 some differences among genetic clusters. For example, genetic cluster C2 exhibits a disjunct
503 distribution due to a major geographic barrier (i.e. the Ebro river valley in NE Spain), which
504 was clearly depicted by `Maxent` (Fig. 2). It is worth noting that such disjunct distribution is
505 not a sampling problem, but the result of the low occurrence of the species confirmed after
506 repeated field campaigns in the region. Bayesian Beta regression approaches, particularly the
507 spatial HBM, blurred, albeit not totally erasing, the disjunct distribution of this genetic
508 cluster. In contrast, `Maxent` and Bayesian Beta regression approaches were more consistent
509 for genetic clusters C1 and C4, which exhibited more compact distributions. Overall, we
510 conclude that the continuity of clusters' distribution range increases its suitability to be
511 modelled by alternative means.

512 Spatial HBMs, along with `Maxent` for genetic cluster C4, did not show residual spatial
513 autocorrelation, which is a desirable property to avoid inaccurate parameter estimates and
514 inadequate quantification of uncertainty (Latimer et al., 2006; Beguin et al., 2012; Record et
515 al., 2013; Crase et al., 2014). In addition, spatial HBMs exhibited lower average model
516 prediction errors than non-spatial HBMs. Hence, and from a purely statistical viewpoint, the
517 higher rigour of spatial HBMs, in terms of higher accuracy and efficient removal of residual
518 spatial autocorrelation, confers them a clear advantage (Swanson et al., 2013; Crase et al.,
519 2014). Spatial HBMs also allowed the assessment of the spatial effects on distribution range,
520 which were quite compact and with high intensities at the distribution range centre (Fig. 3).
521 Such patterns may account for the lower number of bioclimatic predictors selected by spatial
522 HBMs in comparison with non-spatial HBMs and `Maxent`. As a matter of fact, the reduction

523 of predictors represents a common shortcoming of spatial distribution models that, in some
524 cases, may jeopardise the biological interpretation of the environmental factors underlying
525 current distribution ranges (Beale et al., 2010; Swanson et al., 2013). We want to emphasise,
526 however, that the five best spatial HBMs for each genetic cluster included additional variables
527 compared to the best model, and all models were quite similar in terms of DIC, WAIC and
528 LCPO values (Table S5). Thus, we have different options to identify environmental drivers of
529 current distribution ranges. Furthermore, the reduction of predictors in spatial models may not
530 reduce the models' interpretability.

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532 **4.2 Distribution range shifts with GCC**

533 Taking spatial effects into account had a profound effect on the predictions of distribution
534 range shifts due to GCC for *A. thaliana*'s genetic clusters in the Iberian Peninsula. In general,
535 spatial HBMs exhibited more conservative patterns of change compared to `Maxent` and non-
536 spatial HBMs (Fig. 4). This result is in agreement with other research suggesting that
537 environment-only models forecast substantially greater range shifts compared to models
538 incorporating spatial effects (Swanson et al., 2013; Crase et al., 2014). The rationale is that
539 organisms exhibiting a high spatial autocorrelation in the environmental drivers accounting
540 for their distribution ranges will have larger areas with similar climates, which will also make
541 GCC effects more predictable and homogeneous across space (Nadeau, Urban, & Bridle,
542 2017). For this reason, genetic clusters or species with continuous distributions not only
543 increase the ease of modelling, but also facilitate the assessment of the spatial autocorrelation
544 on distribution range shifts. Overall, there is no denying that considering spatial
545 autocorrelation adds realistic biological elements for understanding the long-term effects of
546 GCC on biodiversity (De Marco et al., 2008; Swanson et al., 2013; Crase et al., 2014;

547 Cardador, Sardà-Palomera, Carrete, & Mañosa, 2014). Nevertheless, it must be noted that we
548 are assuming that spatial autocorrelation and its underlying forces remain relatively constant
549 during climate change. Clearly, this assumption, although beyond the scope of this study, will
550 need to be addressed in the future.

551 In general, the outcomes generated by the three modelling approaches for GCC scenarios
552 were quite different. Such a disparity in model outcomes may indicate the differential effects
553 of environmental drivers and the sources of spatial autocorrelation on the GCC response of
554 genetic clusters, but also the effect of geographic distribution of each genetic cluster on model
555 performance. In fact, the problems affecting the modelling of current distribution ranges,
556 namely the disjunct and scattered geographic distributions of genetic clusters C2 and C3,
557 respectively, also affected the predictions of distribution range shifts with GCC. For example,
558 in the case of genetic cluster C2, spatial HBM predicted a rather continuous distribution in NE
559 Spain when it is more reasonable to expect that the barrier separating the two major nuclei of
560 populations both sides of the Ebro river valley will be expanded with warming, as predicted
561 by *Maxent*. Furthermore, the GCC effects on genetic cluster C3 are the tougher to predict.
562 Although *Maxent* increased the potential distribution range of this genetic cluster over the
563 Iberian Peninsula, as relict organisms exhibiting scattered distributions, the future of the C3
564 cluster may simply depend on the effect of GCC on the preservation of its habitats as they are
565 today. In fact, populations of genetic cluster C3 may exhibit strong local adaptation (Méndez-
566 Vigo et al. 2013), constraining the ability of relict genotypes to colonise novel habitats.

567 In contrast, interpreting the problems of the GCC effects on distribution range shifts for
568 the other two genetic clusters with continuous distributions was totally different. For example,
569 genetic cluster C1 has a continuous distribution across the NE Iberian Peninsula, which is
570 characterised by Atlantic and continental climates. GCC models excluding spatial effects, i.e.

571 Maxent and non-spatial HBMs, indicate that GCC will restrict *A. thaliana* to northern and
572 mountainous areas, which is a typical scenario of migration towards environments that will
573 probably retain similar characteristics in the future. In contrast, spatial HBMs yielded a totally
574 different outcome, indicating that genetic cluster C1 will maintain and even increase its
575 current distribution range (Fig. 4). The strong spatial effects detected by spatial HBMs for
576 genetic cluster C1 may account for this result, as the response of *A. thaliana* to GCC is also
577 expected to be more homogeneous. Recent experimental data from transplant experiments
578 using accessions from this genetic cluster indicate that this scenario may be plausible, as *A.*
579 *thaliana* performed well in warmer environments, highlighting the potential of this genetic
580 cluster to cope with warming (Exposito-Alonso, Brennan, Alonso-Blanco, & Picó, 2018). The
581 same applies to genetic cluster C4, which is also distributed continuously in the typically
582 Mediterranean SW Iberian Peninsula. In this case, however, all modelling approaches
583 predicted its expansions with GCC, although some discrepancies among modelling
584 approaches were recorded (Fig. 4). Although we lack experimental evidence of the effects of
585 warming on performance of C4 *A.thaliana* accessions, we believe that such expansion with
586 GCC is highly probable, as the genetic cluster C4 mostly occupies the warmest Iberian region.
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588 **4.3 Conclusions**

589 We developed hierarchical Bayesian Beta regression models to explore the current
590 distribution range and its GCC-induced shifts for an organism with a marked geographic
591 genetic structure, which represents the outcome of historical, ecological and evolutionary
592 forces probably acting in concert. For this reason, the effects of GCC have to be understood as
593 a mosaic of responses varying in extent and intensity determined by the complexity of the
594 geographic genetic structure exhibited by study organisms. Rather than predicting mere

595 contractions or expansions for a single organism, we should expect a reshuffling of the
596 genetic diversity and its geographic structure with GCC, which is obviously more difficult to
597 predict. The HBMs developed here enrich the toolbox of software available to deal with such
598 expectation.

599 From a statistical viewpoint, our HBMs allow the modelling of each genetic cluster and
600 avoid the binarization of genetic cluster membership proportions, required by `Maxent`, which
601 may imply an important data loss. This has the advantage that populations with high
602 admixture can be included in HBMs. In addition, our HBMs can take the spatial
603 autocorrelation of data into account, which not only improves the statistical properties of the
604 model (i.e. removal of residual SAC) but also adds realism, as spatial autocorrelation may
605 represent the result of eco-evolutionary processes shaping distribution ranges. Despite such
606 desirable properties, our simulations of current and future distribution ranges of the four
607 genetic clusters of Iberian *A. thaliana* indicated that the ease of modelling is strongly related
608 to the continuity of their distributions. Furthermore, the biological knowledge of the study
609 organism (e.g. the identification of relict genetic lineages based on whole-genome markers,
610 the detection of void areas after years of extensive field sampling, and the experimental
611 quantification of plant performance with warming) emerges as an essential element in the
612 understanding of model outputs. Finally, we believe that further work should also be
613 conducted to validate model outputs by independent means (i.e. the assignment of new *A.*
614 *thaliana* populations to genetic clusters based on model predictions).

615 We conclude by stressing the importance of developing better models to forecast the
616 effects of GCC on organisms' distribution range worldwide. Such predictive tools, and the
617 comparison thereof, may lead to the mitigation of the inevitable impact of GCC on
618 biodiversity. However, we have to keep increasing our comprehension of the evolutionary

619 (e.g. physiological adaptive responses) and demographic (e.g. extinction/colonization
620 dynamics and dispersal ability) factors accounting for the response of organisms to
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1 Table 1. Bioclimatic variable percentage contributions to the fit of the best Maxent models and β coefficients of the best non-
2 spatial and spatial HBMs for the distribution range of each genetic cluster of *A. thaliana* in the Iberian Peninsula. Bioclimatic
3 variables: BIO1; Annual mean temperature, BIO2; Mean diurnal range, BIO3; Isothermality, BIO4; Temperature seasonality,
4 BIO8; Mean temperature of the wettest quarter, BIO12; Annual precipitation, BIO15; Precipitation seasonality, and BIO18;
5 Precipitation of the warmest quarter. For Maxent, the number of occurrence points was 103, 43, 38, and 35 for genetic
6 clusters C1, C2, C3 and C4, respectively. For non-spatial and spatial HBMs, models included all 301 occurrence points.
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Cluster	Model	Bioclimatic predictors							
		BIO1	BIO2	BIO3	BIO4	BIO8	BIO12	BIO15	BIO18
C1	Maxent	64.07	–	–	9.73	17.30	–	1.74	7.16
	Non-spatial HBMs	–	–	5.773	-0.565	-0.104	–	-0.050	-0.009
	Spatial HBMs	0.147	–	–	–	-0.071	–	–	–
C2	Maxent	–	3.01	–	20.06	7.50	–	–	69.43
	Non-spatial HBMs	-0.112	–	–	0.373	0.104	-0.001	–	0.014
	Spatial HBMs	–	–	–	–	-0.044	-0.002	0.025	0.010
C3	Maxent	19.76	–	33.11	–	–	–	38.42	8.70
	Non-spatial HBMs	–	–	–	0.288	–	0.001	–	-0.006
	Spatial HBMs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
C4	Maxent	22.65	2.52	–	11.54	–	20.18	–	43.11
	Non-spatial HBMs	0.197	–	–	–	–	–	0.021	0.004
	Spatial HBMs	0.164	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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1 Table 2. Mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean squared error (RMSE) for spatial and non-spatial HBMs applied to each genetic
 2 cluster of *A. thaliana* in the Iberian Peninsula. The spatial effect term (W) is also indicated in spatial HBMs.
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Cluster	HBM	Model	MAE	RMSE
C1	Non-spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	0.174	0.210
	Spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO8} + W$	0.134	0.171
C2	Non-spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	0.116	0.153
	Spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	0.070	0.095
C3	Non-spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	0.217	0.268
	Spatial	–	–	–
C4	Non-spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	0.148	0.189
	Spatial	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + W$	0.096	0.128

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1 Table 3. Predicted cumulative probabilities for the entire Iberian Peninsula and percentage change, with respect to values in 2000, per genetic
 2 cluster, GCC scenario and modelling approach for each of the genetic clusters of *A. thaliana* in the Iberian Peninsula.
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Cluster	GCC	Maxent		Non-spatial HBMs		Spatial HBMs	
		Cum. Prob.	% Change	Cum. Prob.	% Change	Cum. Prob.	% Change
C1	2000	5255.60	–	7277.59	–	7106.33	–
	RCP 2.6	3155.53	-39.96	6063.70	-16.68	7505.95	5.62
	RCP 8.5	1250.86	-76.20	4003.50	-44.99	8468.49	19.17
C2	2000	3020.12	–	4917.93	–	5318.48	–
	RCP 2.6	3746.01	24.04	5072.67	3.15	4953.02	-6.87
	RCP 8.5	2726.87	-9.71	4961.37	0.88	5194.97	-2.32
C3	2000	4540.23	–	6092.25	–	–	–
	RCP 2.6	6167.06	35.83	5984.34	-1.77	–	–
	RCP 8.5	8372.54	84.41	6343.11	4.12	–	–
C4	2000	4473.78	–	6698.21	–	6428.20	–
	RCP 2.6	5939.25	32.76	7894.27	17.86	7527.49	17.10
	RCP 8.5	4916.06	9.89	10378.67	54.95	8975.59	39.63

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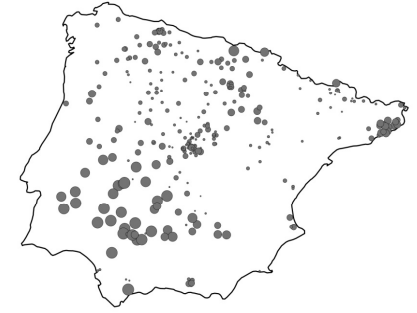
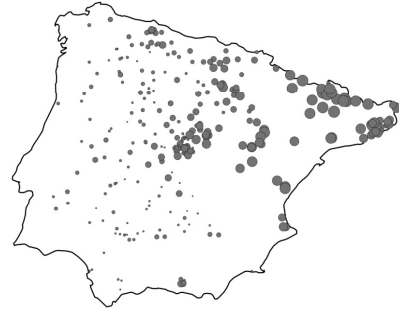
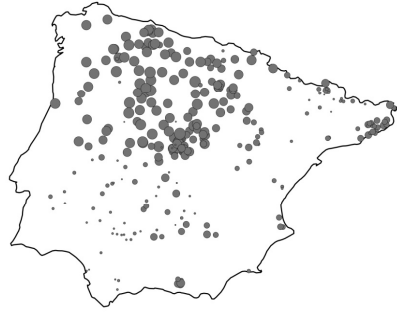
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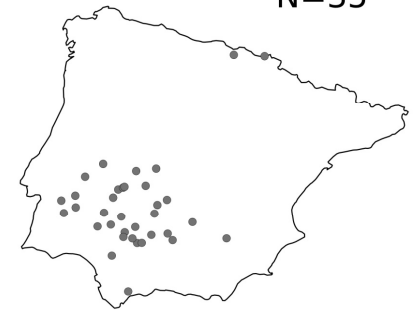
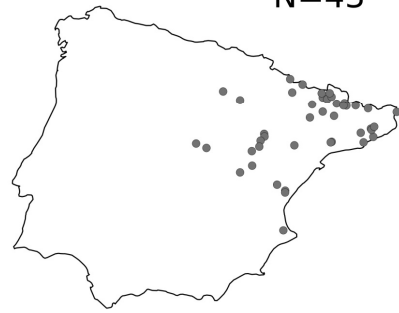
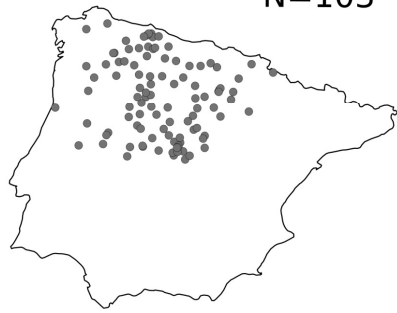
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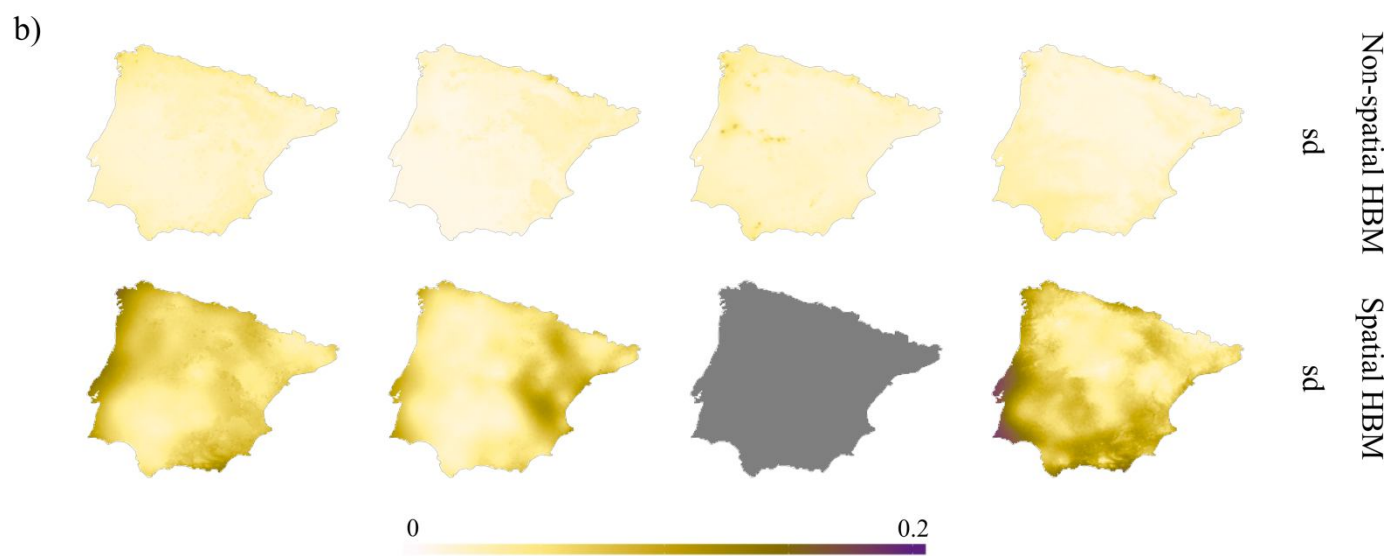
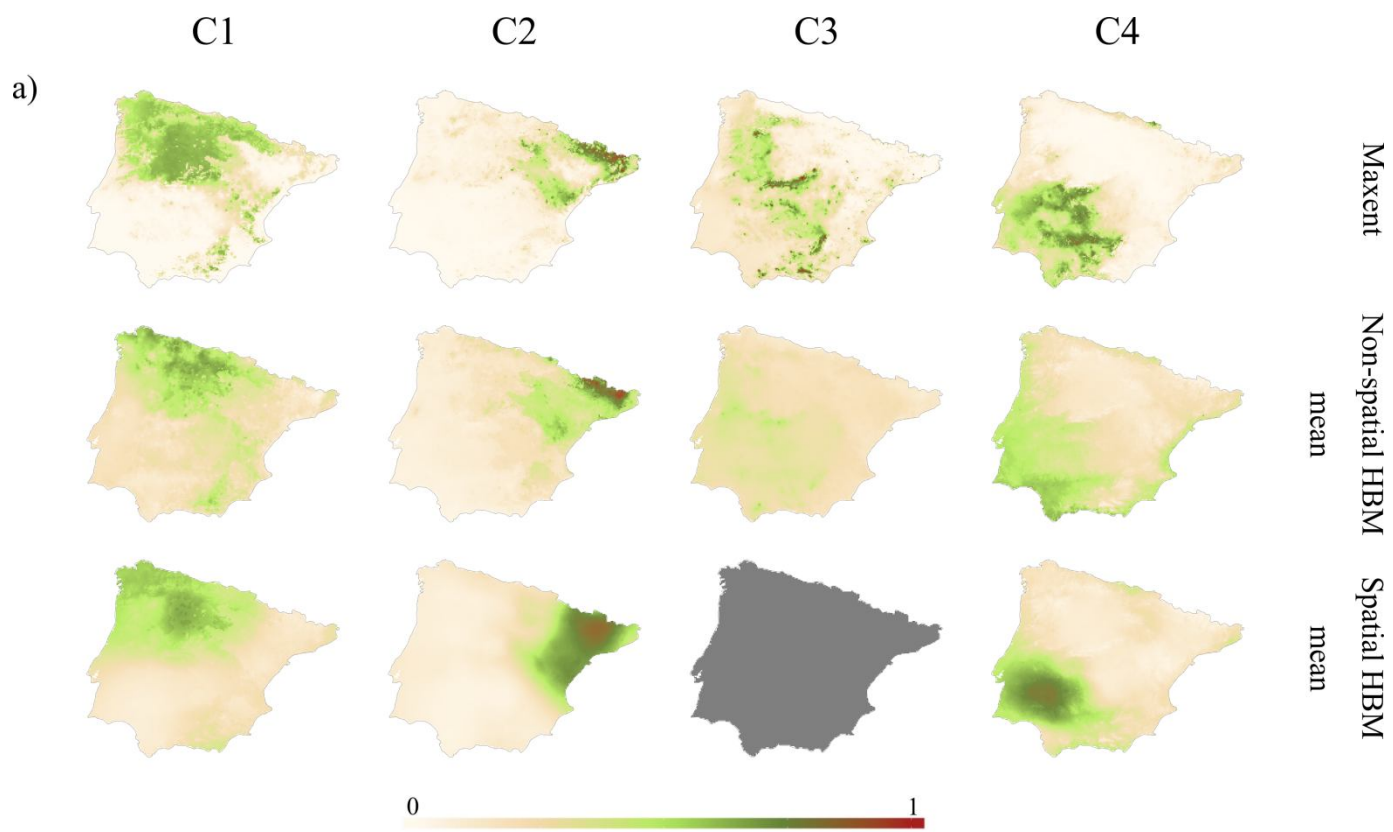
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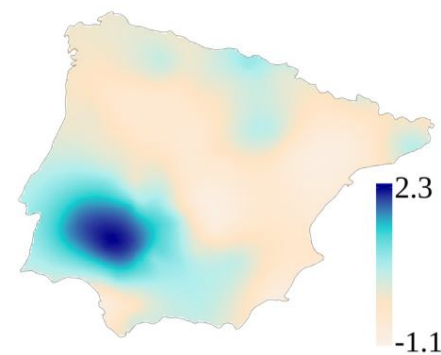
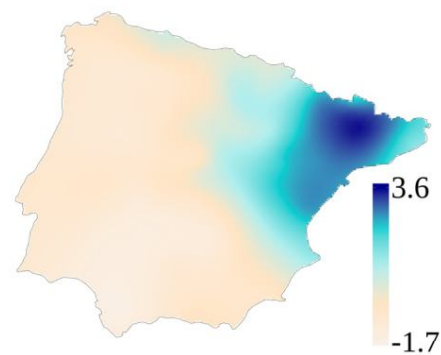
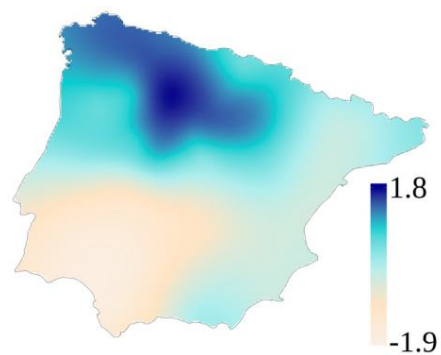


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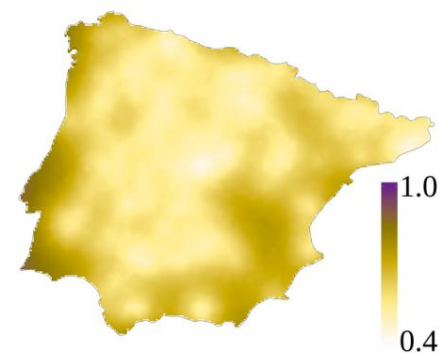
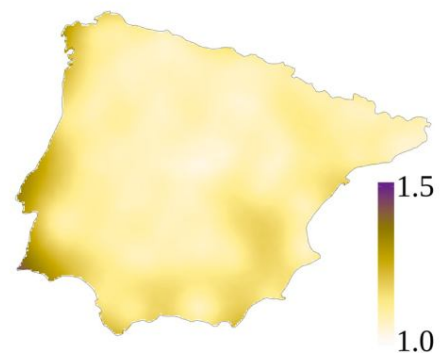
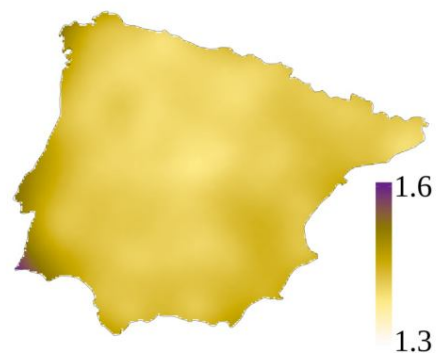
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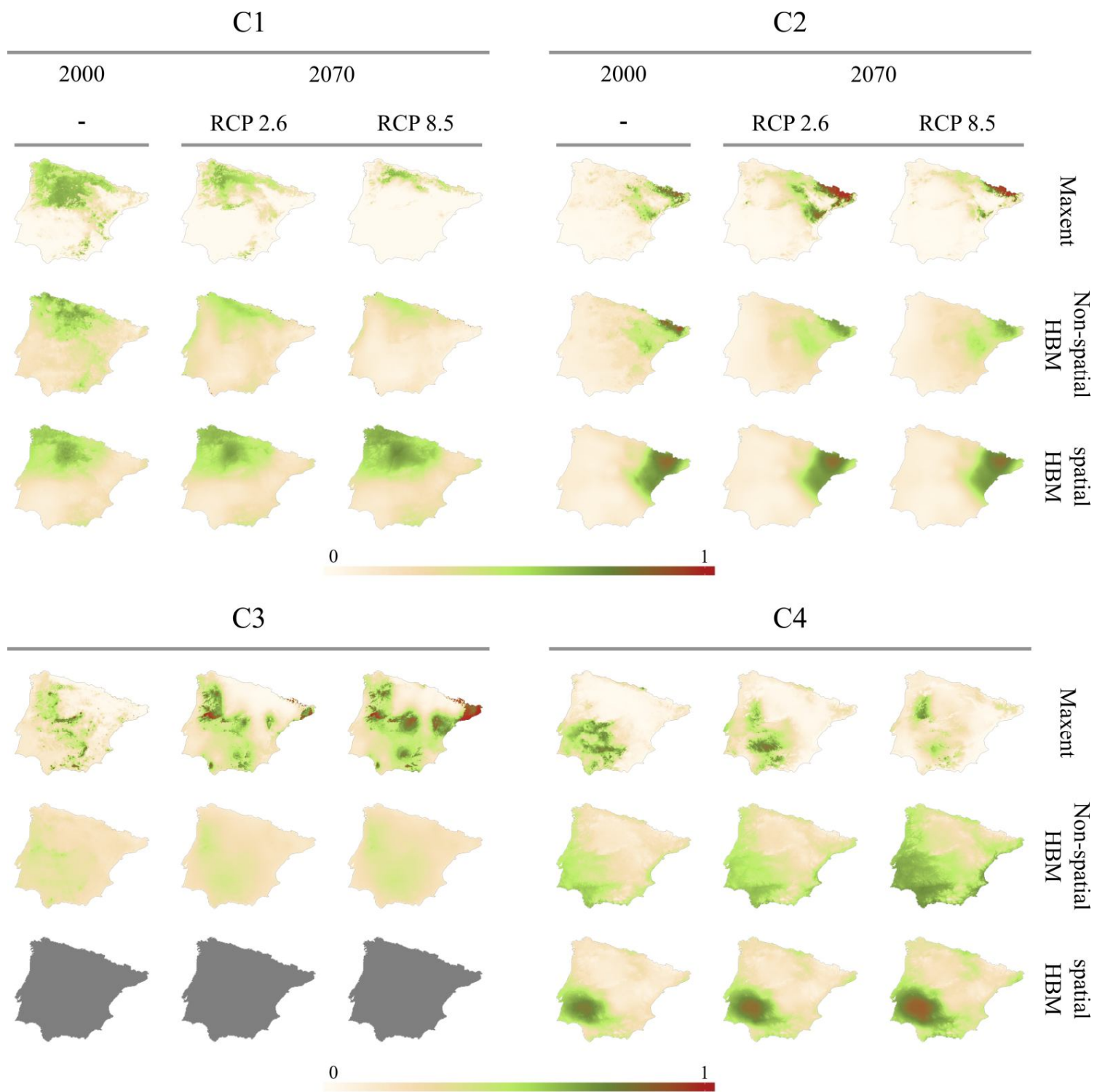
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Table S1. The best five Maxent models for each genetic cluster according to five-fold cross-validated AUC. We provide the model formula, the mean area under the curve (AUC) and its standard deviation (SD). The best model among the best five according to parsimony is indicated in bold. The number of occurrences after applying a threshold cut value of 0.5 was 103, 43, 38 and 35 for genetic cluster C1, C2, C3 and C4, respectively.

Cluster	Model	AUC	SD
C1	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO3 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.812	0.028
C1	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.812	0.029
C1	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO3 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO12 + BIO15	0.811	0.029
C1	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO12 + BIO15	0.811	0.029
C1	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO3 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO15	0.811	0.029
C2	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO18	0.910	0.039
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C3	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO3 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.808	0.073
C3	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO3 + BIO8 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.808	0.073
C3	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO3 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.808	0.072
C3	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO3 + BIO8 + BIO12 + BIO15 + BIO18	0.808	0.073
C4	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO4 + BIO12 + BIO18	0.864	0.047
C4	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO12	0.863	0.044
C4	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO3 + BIO8 + BIO12	0.863	0.049
C4	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO4 + BIO8 + BIO12 + BIO18	0.863	0.047
C4	Y ~ BIO1 + BIO2 + BIO3 + BIO4 + BIO12 + BIO18	0.863	0.048

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Table S2. Results for the Moran's *I* test on residual spatial autocorrelation (SAC) for each modelling approach and genetic cluster. Models with *P*-value > 0.05 are considered as residual SAC free. Spatial HBM for C3 is indicated by dashes because it did not produce acceptable results.

Method	Cluster	Moran's <i>I</i>	<i>P</i> -value	SAC free
Maxent	C1	0.0747	0.0158	No
Maxent	C2	0.3553	0.0001	No
Maxent	C3	0.7953	0.0001	No
Maxent	C4	0.0544	0.0626	Yes
Non-spatial HBM	C1	0.0775	0.0001	No
Non-spatial HBM	C2	0.0795	0.0001	No
Non-spatial HBM	C3	0.0417	0.0094	No
Non-spatial HBM	C4	0.1021	0.0001	No
Spatial HBM	C1	0.0147	0.1011	Yes
Spatial HBM	C2	0.0141	0.0982	Yes
Spatial HBM	C3	–	–	–
Spatial HBM	C4	-0.0015	0.4148	Yes

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Table S3. Summary of posterior distributions for the best non-spatial (A) and spatial HBMs (B) for each genetic cluster according to the logarithmic conditional predictive ordinates (LCPO). The mean, the standard deviation (SD), the quantiles (0.025, 0.5 and 0.975) and the mode of posterior distributions are given. Results of spatial HBM for C3 is not given as it did not produce acceptable results.

(A) Non-spatial HBMs

C1	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	4.3073	1.8921	0.5817	4.3108	8.0106	4.3178
BIO3	5.7731	2.8855	0.1521	5.7570	11.4781	5.7247
BIO4	-0.5653	0.1232	-0.8077	-0.5652	-0.3240	-0.5648
BIO8	-0.1040	0.0156	-0.1348	-0.1040	-0.0733	-0.1039
BIO15	-0.0501	0.0060	-0.0620	-0.0501	-0.0383	-0.0500
BIO18	-0.0091	0.0015	-0.0120	-0.0091	-0.0063	-0.0091

C2	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-3.6781	0.8329	-5.3233	-3.6750	-2.0516	-3.6687
BIO1	-0.1117	0.0328	-0.1757	-0.1118	-0.0469	-0.1121
BIO4	0.3729	0.0916	0.1944	0.3724	0.5540	0.3713
BIO8	0.1042	0.0244	0.0563	0.1042	0.1519	0.1042
BIO12	-0.0011	0.0003	-0.0018	-0.0011	-0.0004	-0.0011
BIO18	0.0137	0.0019	0.0100	0.0136	0.0174	0.0136

C3	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-3.1345	0.8826	-4.8767	-3.1314	-1.4107	-3.1252
BIO4	0.2875	0.1184	0.0568	0.2869	0.5213	0.2857
BIO12	0.0012	0.0003	0.0006	0.0012	0.0018	0.0012
BIO18	-0.0062	0.0014	-0.0089	-0.0062	-0.0035	-0.0061

C4	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-4.9265	0.4764	-5.8607	-4.9270	-3.9904	-4.9281
BIO1	0.1972	0.0290	0.1405	0.1971	0.2543	0.1970
BIO15	0.0212	0.0059	0.0096	0.0212	0.0327	0.0212
BIO18	0.0036	0.0012	0.0012	0.0036	0.0059	0.0036

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(B) Spatial HBMs

C1	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-2.2260	1.5085	-5.4395	-2.2065	0.9344	-2.1654
BIO1	0.1472	0.0507	0.0501	0.1464	0.2490	0.1447
BIO8	-0.0713	0.0317	-0.1343	-0.0710	-0.0100	-0.0704

C2	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-1.9800	1.0121	-4.1034	-1.9534	-0.0309	-1.9139
BIO8	-0.0442	0.0209	-0.0854	-0.0441	-0.0033	-0.0440
BIO12	-0.0015	0.0005	-0.0025	-0.0015	-0.0005	-0.0015
BIO15	0.0255	0.0111	0.0039	0.0254	0.0474	0.0253
BIO18	0.0095	0.0032	0.0033	0.0095	0.0160	0.0094

C4	Mean	SD	0.025 q	0.5 q	0.975 q	Mode
β_0	-4.9265	0.4764	-5.8607	-4.9270	-3.9904	-4.9281
BIO1	0.1972	0.0290	0.1405	0.1971	0.2543	0.1970

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Table S4. Mean posterior distribution for the hyper-parameter $\phi_i = \exp(\theta)$ for each of the best non-spatial and spatial HBMs for each genetic cluster (C1, C2, C3 and C4).

Model	C1	C2	C3	C4
Non-spatial HBMs	3.645	6.232	2.171	3.879
Spatial HBMs	4.651	13.228	–	6.891

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Table S5. The best five non-spatial (A) and spatial HBMs (B) for each genetic cluster according to LCPO. We provide the model formula, the deviance information criterion (DIC), the Watanabe-Akaike information criterion (WAIC), and the logarithmic conditional predictive ordinates (LCPO). For each genetic cluster, the best model among the best five according to parsimony is indicated in bold. For spatial models, the spatial effect term (W) is also indicated in the formula. Spatial HBM for C3 is indicated by dashes because it did not produce acceptable results.

(A) Non-spatial HBMs

Cluster	Model	DIC	WAIC	LCPO
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-212.81	-213.39	-0.354
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-213.01	-213.38	-0.354
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-212.73	-212.87	-0.353
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-212.43	-212.80	-0.353
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-212.02	-212.60	-0.353
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-456.02	-454.53	-0.755
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-454.12	-452.62	-0.752
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-454.01	-452.61	-0.752
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-454.04	-452.59	-0.752
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-453.03	-451.67	-0.750
C3	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-356.48	-356.84	-0.593
C3	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-356.06	-356.72	-0.593
C3	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-355.14	-355.93	-0.591
C3	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-355.27	-355.80	-0.591
C3	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO18}$	-354.78	-355.56	-0.591
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-379.14	-377.35	-0.627
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-378.19	-376.57	-0.625
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-378.23	-376.15	-0.625
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-377.62	-375.81	-0.624
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18}$	-377.42	-375.71	-0.624

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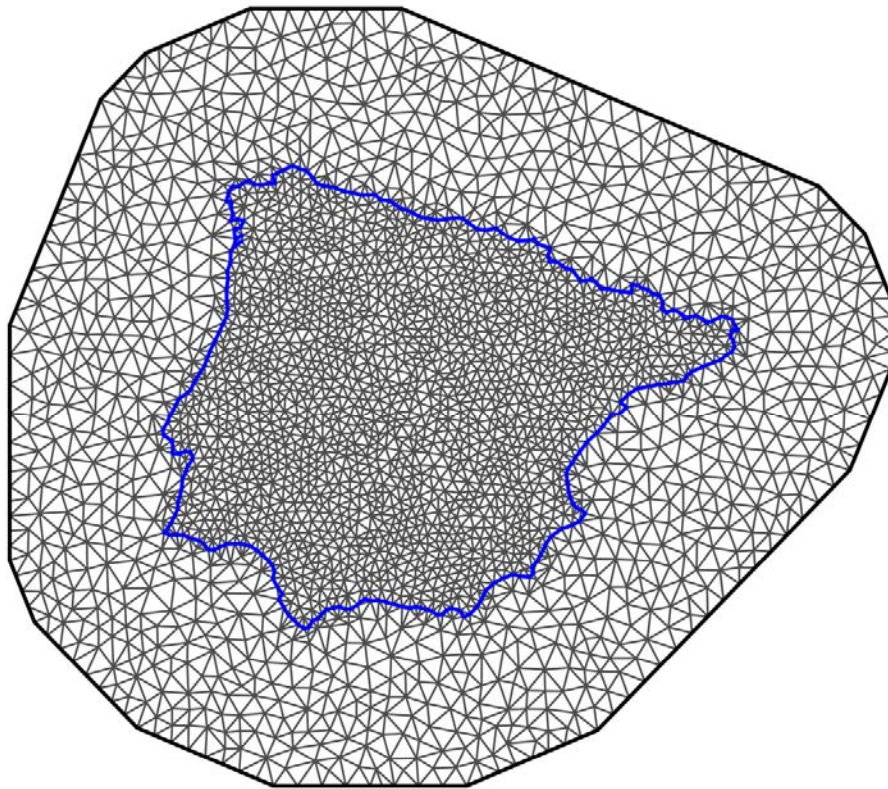
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(B) Spatial HBMs

Cluster	Model	DIC	WAIC	LCPO
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO8} + W$	-262.07	-262.46	-0.434
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO8} + W$	-261.30	-261.71	-0.434
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO8} + W$	-261.25	-261.52	-0.433
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + W$	-261.09	-261.47	-0.433
C1	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO8} + W$	-261.07	-261.32	-0.432
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	-616.66	-616.29	-1.014
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	-616.07	-615.55	-1.012
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	-615.45	-614.96	-1.011
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO4} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	-615.11	-614.83	-1.010
C2	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO3} + \text{BIO8} + \text{BIO12} + \text{BIO15} + \text{BIO18} + W$	-615.62	-613.85	-1.010
C3	–	–	–	–
C3	–	–	–	–
C3	–	–	–	–
C3	–	–	–	–
C3	–	–	–	–
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + W$	-492.78	-475.08	-0.779
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + W$	-493.30	-475.13	-0.778
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO3} + W$	-492.88	-474.65	-0.777
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO4} + W$	-492.30	-474.26	-0.777
C4	$Y \sim \beta_0 + \text{BIO1} + \text{BIO2} + \text{BIO15} + W$	-491.88	-474.07	-0.777

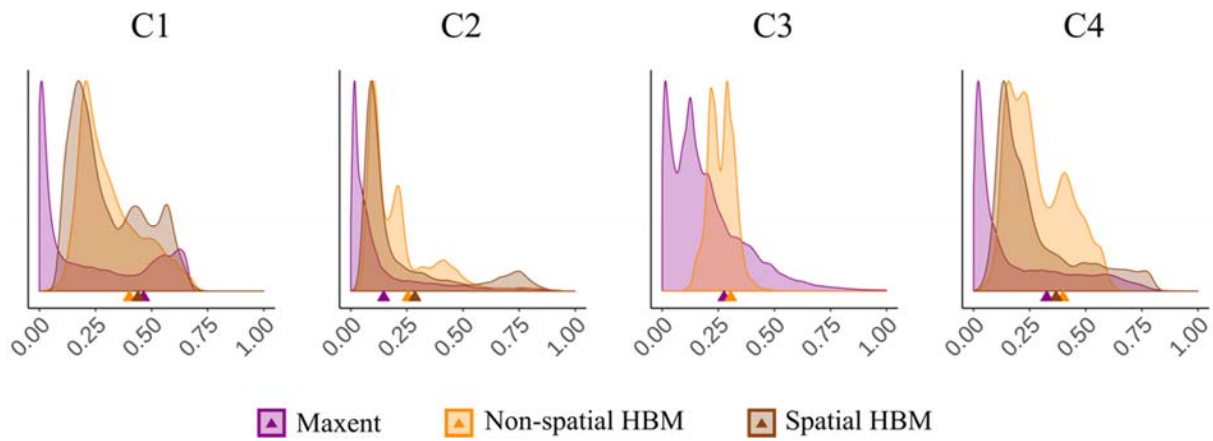
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Figure S1. Delaunay triangulation used in HBMs to predict the response variable in un-sampled locations.



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Figure S2. Density distributions of predicted genetic cluster membership probabilities for the whole of the study area for each modelling approach. Maxent densities must be interpreted as suitability for populations with a higher than 0.5 cluster coefficient. Small coloured triangles indicate the 0.75 percentile of the corresponding coloured distribution.



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Figure S3. Density plots of predicted current (year 2000) and future distributions (year 2070) of suitability values across the Iberian Peninsula for each genetic cluster and modelling approach. Small coloured triangles indicate the 0.75 percentile of the corresponding coloured distribution.

