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Supplementary material

Appendix 1. Ant species list used in this study, number of communities within each biogeographic region (and overall) where they occur, and functional trait values for each species. Abbreviations: Med, Mediterranean; Con, Continental; Atl, Atlantic; Alp, Alpine; Bor, Boreal; n com, number of communities where the species occur; WS, worker size; WP, worker polymorphism; Diur, diurnality; Dom, behavioral dominance; pS, proportion of seeds in diet; pI, proportion of insects in diet; pLF, proportion of liquid food in diet; FSI, individual foraging strategy; FSG, group foraging strategy; FSC, collective foraging strategy; CS, colony size (ln-transformed); nQ, number of queens; nN, number of nests; CFT, colony foundation type. The states of the different functional traits are shown in Appendix 2.

SPECIES	Med	Con	Atl	Alp	Bor	n	WS	WP	Diur	Dom	pS	pI	pLF	FSI	FSG	FSC	CS	nQ	nN	CFT
Formicinae																				
<i>Camponotus aethiops</i>	66		1			67	7.50	0.67	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	1	0	7.47	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus amaurus</i>	1					1	6.10	0.69	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5.99	0	1	1
<i>Camponotus cruentatus</i>	70					70	10.00	0.80	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	1	0	8.52	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus gestroi</i>	2					2	6.10	0.59	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.21	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus fallax</i>	18	2				20	6.90	0.41	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.21	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus figaro</i>	1					1	3.90	0.44	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.21	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus foreli</i>	27					27	6.10	0.69	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5.99	0	1	1
<i>Camponotus herculeanus</i>				8	17	25	10.80	0.69	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	1	0	8.52	0.5	0	1
<i>Camponotus lateralis</i>	69					69	5.00	0.40	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.91	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus ligniperdus</i>	2	6	1	3	8	20	9.00	0.67	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	1	0	7.82	0.5	0	1
<i>Camponotus micans</i>	6					6	8.50	1.29	0		0	0	1	0	1	0	6.91	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus piceus</i>	62	1	1			64	3.90	0.44	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.21	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus pilicornis</i>	89					89	8.50	0.82	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.91	0	0	1

<i>Camponotus sylvaticus</i>	75					75	8.00	0.75	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.91	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus truncatus</i>	17	4				21	4.50	0.67	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5.70	0	0	1
<i>Camponotus vagus</i>	3	3				6	9.40	0.68	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	1	0	7.82	1	0	1
<i>Cataglyphis aenescens</i>		4				4	5.55	0.88	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.91	0	0	1
<i>Cataglyphis cursor</i>	13					13	6.70	0.61	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.62	0	0	0
<i>Cataglyphis floricola</i>	12					12	6.00	0.22	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5.52	0	0	0
<i>Cataglyphis hispanica</i>	5					5	8.50	0.93	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.62	0	0	0
<i>Cataglyphis iberica</i>	19					19	6.00	0.50	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.48	0	1	1
<i>Cataglyphis rosenhaueri</i>	15					15	6.00	0.50	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.40	0	1	1
<i>Cataglyphis velox</i>	12					12	8.30	0.90	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.62	0.5	0.5	0
<i>Formica aquilonia</i>					16	16	6.60	0.76	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	12.90	1	1	0
<i>Formica cinerea</i>		3	1	6		10	5.30	0.66	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	8.52	0.5	1	0
<i>Formica clara</i>				3		3	6.50	0.46	1	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	8.52	0	0	1
<i>Formica cunicularia</i>	16	24	10	4		54	5.30	0.47	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.24	0	0.5	1
<i>Formica decipiens</i>	1					1	5.60	0.41	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.13	0	0	1
<i>Formica fusca</i>	51	32	19	1	26	129	5.00	0.60	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	9.10	1	1	1
<i>Formica gagates</i>	48		1			49	5.00	0.60	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	6.21	0	0	1
<i>Formica gerardi</i>	14		1			15	5.50	0.36	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.13	0	0	1
<i>Formica lemani</i>	10			12	12	34	5.50	0.38	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.47	0	0	1
<i>Formica lugubris</i>	1		1	3	17	22	6.50	0.77	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	10.60	1	1	0.5
<i>Formica lusatica</i>		6				6	6.50	0.46	1	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	8.52	0	0	1
<i>Formica nigricans</i>	1					1	6.50	0.77	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	11.00	1	1	0
<i>Formica polyclteta</i>		3	6		5	14	6.50	0.77	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	13.02	1	1	0
<i>Formica pratensis</i>	1	5	1	2	10	19	6.50	0.77	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	11.00	1	1	0
<i>Formica rufa</i>	2	3	11	2	11	29	6.50	0.77	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	9.21	1	1	0
<i>Formica rufibarbis</i>	15	15	6	1	4	41	6.00	0.50	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	6.91	0	0	1
<i>Formica sanguinea</i>	2	8	4	1	14	29	7.50	0.40	1	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	9.21	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Formica subrufa</i>	65					65	4.90	0.29	1	0	0	0.75	0.25	0	1	0	6.55	0	0	1
<i>Formica transcaucasica</i>		1	1		1	3	3.90	0.62	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.60	0	1	0
<i>Formica truncorum</i>		2			7	9	6.30	0.87	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	9.21	1	1	0
<i>Formica uralensis</i>					5	5	6.30	0.40	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1		1	1	0
<i>Lasius alienus</i>	21	27	11			59	2.80	0.50	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.47	0	0	1

<i>Lasius balcanicus</i>		1				1	5.50	0.36	0		0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.90	0	0	1
<i>Lasius brunneus</i>	10	18	1		1	30	2.90	0.62	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius cinereus</i>	2					2	3.30	0.45	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius emarginatus</i>	30	4	1			35	3.20	0.47	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius flavus</i>	6	20	24	6	11	67	2.90	0.79	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0.5	0	1
<i>Lasius fuliginosus</i>	5	5	10		1	21	4.00	0.50	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	14.73	0	0	0
<i>Lasius grandis</i>	10					10	3.50	0.57	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius lasioides</i>	1					1	2.80	0.50	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.47	0	0	1
<i>Lasius myops</i>	39	4	2			45	2.90	0.79	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8.52	0	0	1
<i>Lasius niger</i>	89	43	23	10	23	188	3.00	0.67	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius paralienus</i>		3		1		4	4.50	0.44	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Lasius psammophilus</i>		1	1		1	3	3.40	0.59	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	10.43	0	1	1
<i>Plagiolepis pygmaea</i>	140	7				147	1.60	0.50	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.68	1	0.5	0
<i>Plagiolepis schmitzii</i>	37					37	2.10	0.48	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.68	1	0.5	0
<i>Proformica ferreri</i>	13					13	4.50	0.73	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.48	0	0	
<i>Proformica nasuta</i>	1					1	5.00	1.00	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.48	0	0	
Dolichoderinae																				
<i>Dolichoderus quadripunctatus</i>	9	4				13	3.50	0.29	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	6.11	0	1	0
<i>Linepithema humile</i>	5					5	2.30	0.22	0	1	0	0.25	0.75	0	0	1	11.92	1	1	0
<i>Liometopum microcephalum</i>		2				2	5.00	0.80	0	1	0	0.75	0.25	0	0	1	8.52	0	0	1
<i>Tapinoma erraticum</i>	29	12	3	4		48	2.80	0.54	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8.16	1	1	0
<i>Tapinoma nigerrimum</i>	114		2			116	4.00	0.58	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8.85	1	1	0
<i>Tapinoma simrothi</i>	2	9	1			12	3.20	0.44	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8.85	1	1	0
Myrmicinae																				
<i>Aphaenogaster dulcineae</i>	20					20	6.00	0.33	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	6.48	0	0	
<i>Aphaenogaster gibbosa</i>	80		1			81	4.90	0.41	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	6.48	0	0	1
<i>Aphaenogaster iberica</i>	20					20	6.40	0.19	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	6.25	0	0	0
<i>Aphaenogaster cardenai</i>	1					1	6.70	0.10	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	8.01	0	0	1
<i>Aphaenogaster senilis</i>	61					61	7.00	0.14	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	6.48	0	0	0
<i>Aphaenogaster subterranea</i>	67		1			68	3.80	0.45	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	0	7.60	0	0	1
<i>Cardiocondyla batesii</i>	7					7	2.10	0.24	0	0	0	0.75	0.25	0	1	0	4.79	0	0	1

<i>Cardiocondyla mauritanica</i>	2					2	2.00	0.20	0	0	0	0.75	0.25	0	1	0	5.01	1	0	0
<i>Crematogaster auberti</i>	57					57	3.40	0.35	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.48	0	0	0
<i>Crematogaster scutellaris</i>	83					83	4.05	0.57	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	6.62	0.5	0.5	1
<i>Crematogaster sordidula</i>	52					52	2.45	0.37	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.62	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma baeticum</i>	2					2	4.10	0.24	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.86	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma blanci</i>	5					5	3.50	0.29	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.86	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma collingwoodi</i>	1					1	3.65	0.08	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.86	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma hispanicum</i>	24					24	3.90	0.21	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.86	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma kugleri</i>	1					1	3.10	0.19	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.89	0	0	1
<i>Goniomma thoracicum</i>	2					2	3.90	0.21	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.86	0	0	1
<i>Leptothorax acervorum</i>	1	6	13	7	21	48	3.60	0.17	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	7.60	1	0	0
<i>Leptothorax gredleri</i>		2				2	3.20	0.16	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	3.91	0	0	0.5
<i>Leptothorax muscorum</i>		4	9		14	27	2.90	0.55	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.70	1	0	0
<i>Manica rubida</i>		1		3		4	7.00	0.71	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8.16	0.5	0	1
<i>Messor barbarus</i>	54					54	7.90	1.04	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.99	0	0	1
<i>Messor celiae</i>	2					2	7.90	1.04	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.99	0	0	1
<i>Messor bouvieri</i>	27					27	6.30	0.71	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.16	0	0	1
<i>Messor maroccanus</i>	23					23	6.30	0.71	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.16	0	0	1
<i>Messor capitatus</i>	41					41	8.40	1.07	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	8.29	0	0	1
<i>Messor hispanicus</i>	8					8	7.90	1.04	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.99	0	0	1
<i>Messor lusitanicus</i>	10					10	6.50	0.54	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.16	0	0	1
<i>Messor structor</i>	28					28	6.80	0.81	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.29	1	0	0
<i>Monomorium salomonis</i>	1					1	3.05	0.36	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	8.01	1	1	0
<i>Myrmecina graminicola</i>	18	14	3			35	3.05	0.36	0	0	0	0.75	0.25	1	0	0	4.61	0.5	0	0
<i>Myrmica aloba</i>	15					15	4.50	0.22	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.60	0	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica hellenica</i>				1		1			0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.38	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica lobulicornis</i>	1	7		5	22	35	3.75	0.27	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.31	1	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica lonae</i>					3	3	4.40	0.14	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	8.01	1	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica rubra</i>		31	16	14	11	72	4.00	0.25	0		0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	8.01	1	1	0.5
<i>Myrmica ruginodis</i>	2	35	16	16	27	96	4.75	0.11	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.60	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica rugulosa</i>		2				2	4.00	0.25	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.60	1	1	0.5
<i>Myrmica sabuleti</i>	13	39	21	2	3	78	4.40	0.14	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	8.01	1	0	0.5

<i>Myrmica scabrinodis</i>	10	31	21	10	23	95	4.25	0.24	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.31	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica schencki</i>	2	22	14	1	12	51	4.15	0.51	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	6.91	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica specioides</i>	1	9	7			17	5.60	0.18	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.31	1	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica spinosior</i>	2					2	4.40	0.14	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	8.01	1	0	0.5
<i>Myrmica sulcinodis</i>					12	12	4.75	0.32	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	6.68	0	0.5	0.5
<i>Myrmica wesmaeli</i>				3		3	3.80	0.26	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	7.31	1	0	0.5
<i>Oxyopomyrmex saulcyi</i>	15					15	2.00	0.20	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Pheidole pallidula</i>	132					132	3.20	1.03	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	8.52	0.5	0	0.5
<i>Stenamma orousetti</i>	1					1	3.30	0.18	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Stenamma westwoodi</i>	4	18				22	3.30	0.18	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Stenamma petiolatum</i>			1			1	4.50	0.13	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax angustulus</i>	5					5	2.80	0.21	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	3.91	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax caesari</i>	2					2	2.20	0.18	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	4.61	0	0	
<i>Temnothorax clypeatus</i>	1					1	3.00	0.33	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax crassispinus</i>		5				5	2.90	0.41	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	4.61	0	0	0.5
<i>Temnothorax exilis</i>	3					3	2.60	0.46	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	3.91	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax fuentei</i>	15					15	4.15	0.07	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	3.91	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax gredosi</i>	1					1	2.50	0.32	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax grouvellei</i>	1					1	2.85	0.46	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	4.61	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax interruptus</i>		9	1			10	2.30	0.52	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	1	0	0
<i>Temnothorax kraussei</i>	13					13	2.80	0.21	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	3.91	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax lichtensteini</i>	42					42	2.60	0.08	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.30	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax luteus</i>	2		1			3	2.40	0.25	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0		0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax niger</i>	20					20	2.65	0.34	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax nigriceps</i>	1	3	1			5	2.65	0.26	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax nylanderi</i>	49	19				68	2.65	0.30	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.70	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax pardoii</i>	2					2	2.50	0.08	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax parvulus</i>	4	5				9	2.45	0.12	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	6.40	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax rabaudi</i>	36					36	2.70	0.22	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax racovitzai</i>	67		1			68	2.55	0.12	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1
<i>Temnothorax recedens</i>	37					37	2.70	0.30	1	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	0
<i>Temnothorax specularis</i>	36					36	2.35	0.13	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1

<i>Temnothorax tristis</i>	5				5	2.50	0.40	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	1	0	1	
<i>Temnothorax tuberum</i>	2	11	1		2	16	2.85	0.39	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.30	0	0.5	1
<i>Temnothorax thyndalei</i>	17				17	2.65	0.19	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.01	0	0	1	
<i>Temnothorax unifasciatus</i>	10	15	2		27	2.50	0.40	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	5.78	0	0	1	
<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i>	90	22	27	5	6	150	2.90	0.41	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Tetramorium impurum</i>	3	6				9	2.90	0.41	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Tetramorium forte</i>	10					10	3.75	0.51	0	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Tetramorium hispanicum</i>	16		1			17	3.75	0.51	0	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Tetramorium ruginode</i>	10					10	3.75	0.51	0	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	0	0	1	9.21	0	0	1
<i>Tetramorium semilaeve</i>	80					80	3.60	0.33	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	9.21	1	0	1
<i>Tetramorium punicum</i>	2					2	3.60	0.33	0	1	0.25	0.75	0	0	0	1	9.21	1	0	1
Ponerinae																				
<i>Hypoponera eduardi</i>	4					4	2.85	0.18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7.31	1	0	1
<i>Hypoponera punctatissima</i>	1					1	3.15	0.16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5.01	1	1	0.5
<i>Ponera coarctata</i>	9	5	2			16	2.95	0.31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4.61	1	0	0
Pseudomyrmicinae																				
<i>Tetraponera allaborans</i>		1				1				0	0	0.75	0.25				6.62	0	0	0.5
Leptanillinae																				
<i>Leptanilla revelieri</i>	2					2	1.15	0.09	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5.70	0	0	0

Appendix 2. Functional traits used to determine the functional diversity of the ant communities included in this study.

Trait	Data type	States
Worker size	Continuous	Worker body size from the tip of mandibles to tip of the gaster (mm)
Worker polymorphism	Continuous	Mean worker size divided by the range of worker size
Diurnality	Binary	(0) Non-strictly diurnal (1) Strictly diurnal
Behavioral dominance	Binary	(0) Subordinate (1) Dominant
Diet: Seed-eating, Insect-eating, and Liquid-food eating	Fuzzy-coded (*)	0-1 (for each of the three categories)
Foraging strategy: Individual, Group, and Collective (**)	Binary	0-1 (for each of the three categories)
Colony size	Continuous	Mean number of workers per colony
Number of queens	Ordinal	(0) Monogyny; (0.5) Both monogyny and polygyny; (1) Polygyny
Number of nests	Ordinal	(0) Monodomy; (0.5) Both monodomy and polydomy (1) Polydomy
Colony foundation type	Ordinal	(0) DCF; (0.5) Both DCF and ICF; (1) ICF

*Variable categories were coded using a fuzzy-coding technique. Scores ranged from '0' (no consumption of a food resource) to '1' (frequent consumption of a food resource).

**Individual: workers of these species are not able to communicate their nestmates the presence of a food source, they forage and collect food individually; Group: workers of these species are able to communicate and guide a low number of nestmates to a previously discovered food source; Collective: workers of these species follow "anonymous" chemical signals provided by other nestmates to exploit a food source, they can organize mass-recruitment or temporal or permanent trails to the food source

Appendix 3. List of references utilized to build the working phylogeny, phylogenetic signals present in ant functional traits, and phylogenetic tree for the 154 European ant species examined in this study.

List of references utilised to build the working phylogeny. References that used molecular data are indicated as *

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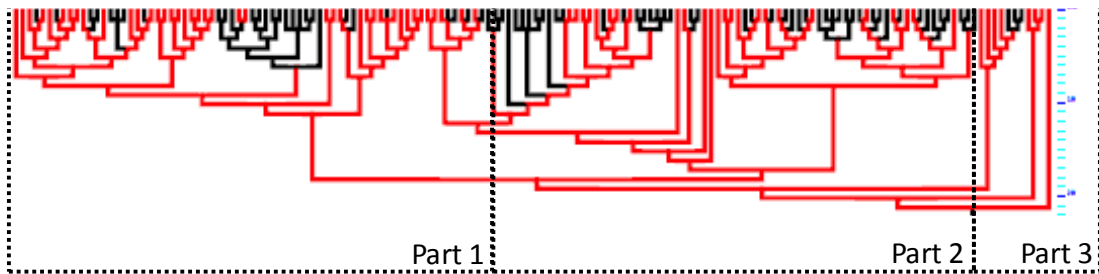
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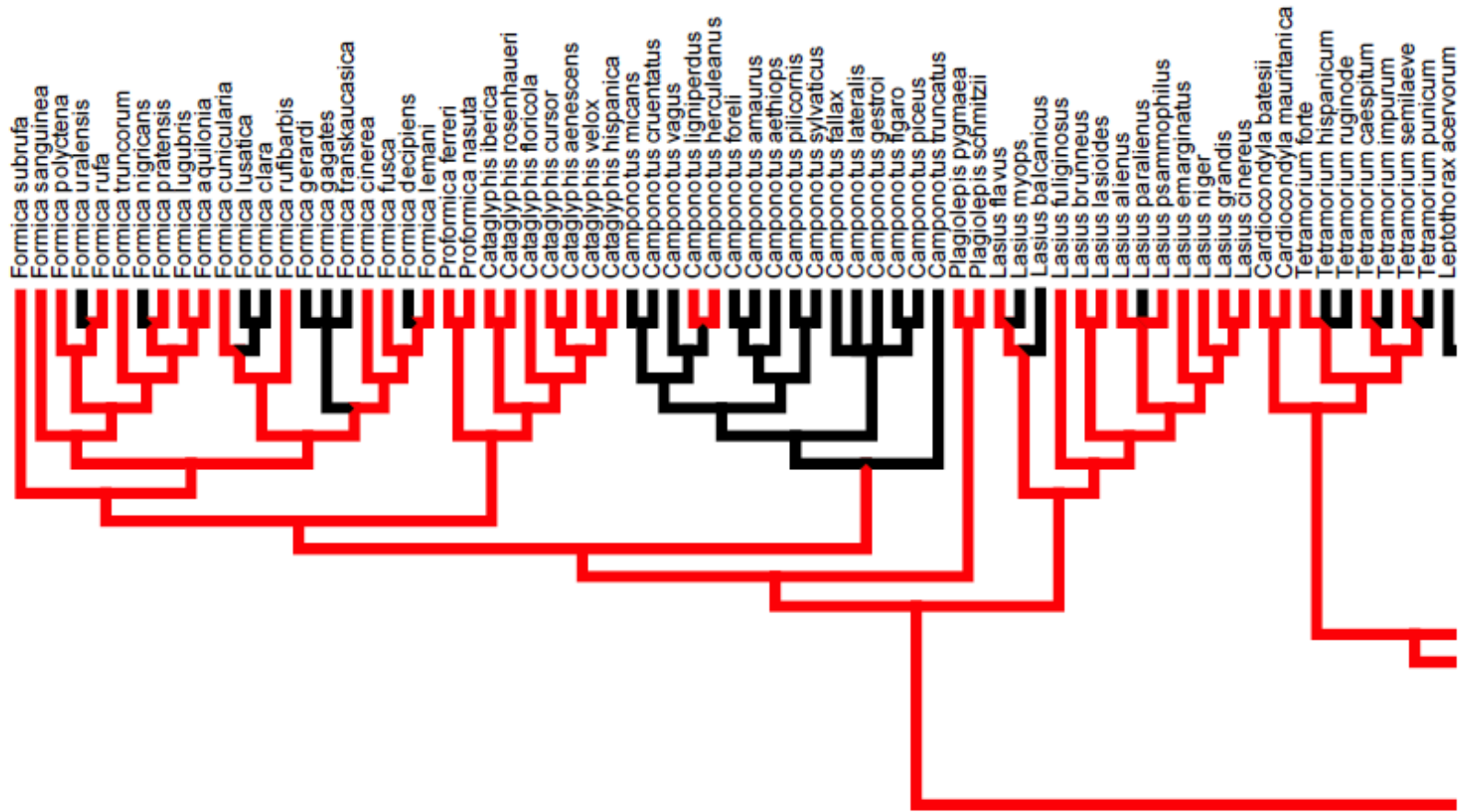
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Phylogenetic signals present in ant functional traits (quantified using Pagel's λ), first using all the ant species included in this study (Europe) and then using the subsets of species found in each biogeographic region (*, $p < 0.05$; **, $p < 0.01$; and *, $p < 0.001$).**

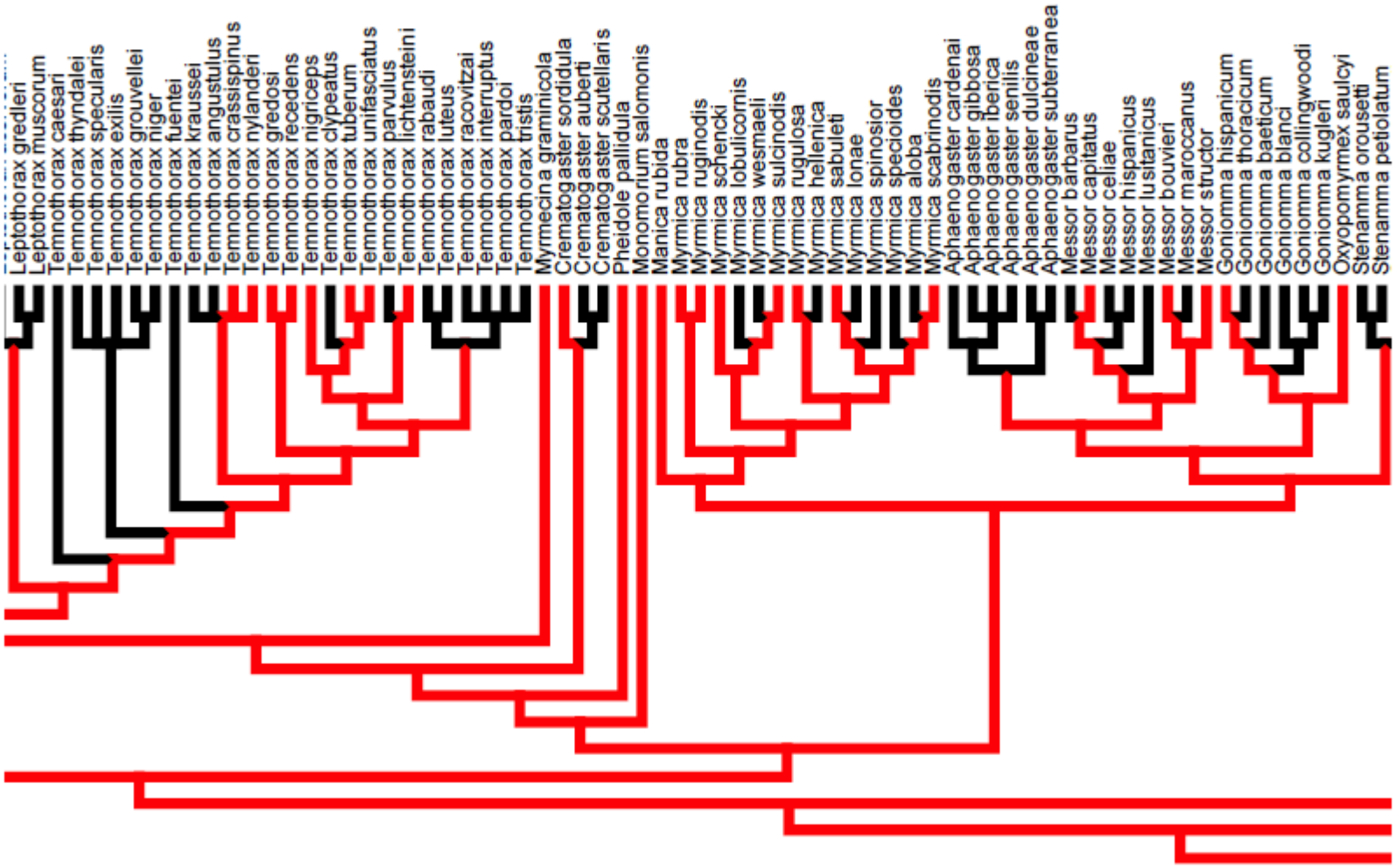
Trait	Europe	Mediterranean	Continental	Atlantic	Alpine	Boreal
Worker size	0.97***	0.99***	0.82***	0.88***	0.97***	0.97***
Worker polymorphism	0.92***	0.96***	0.35***	0.43***	0.36*	0.69***
Colony size	0.99***	0.99***	0.95***	0.98***	0.52	0.90***
% Seeds in diet	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***
% Insects in diet	0.99***	0.99***	0.93***	0.98***	1.00***	1.00***
% Liquid Foods in diet	0.99***	0.98***	0.95***	0.98***	1.00***	1.00***
Independent Colony Foundation	0.91***	0.95***	0.99***	0.97***	0.92***	0.88***
Polydomy	0.82***	0.91***	0.81***	0.79***	0.66***	0.56***
Polygyny	0.89***	0.91***	0.71***	0.96***	1.00***	0.94***
Strictly diurnal	0.89***	0.92***	0.71***	0.61***	1.00***	0.99***
Dominant	0.98***	0.99***	0.85***	0.92***	0.74***	0.82***
Foraging strategy	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***	1.00***	0.94***	1.00***

Ultrametricized ant phylogeny used in this study. It has been reconstructed from different sources in the literature (see above). Red branches indicate a phylogenetic position of taxa obtained from molecular data. Black branches indicate a position obtained from morphology-taxonomic studies.

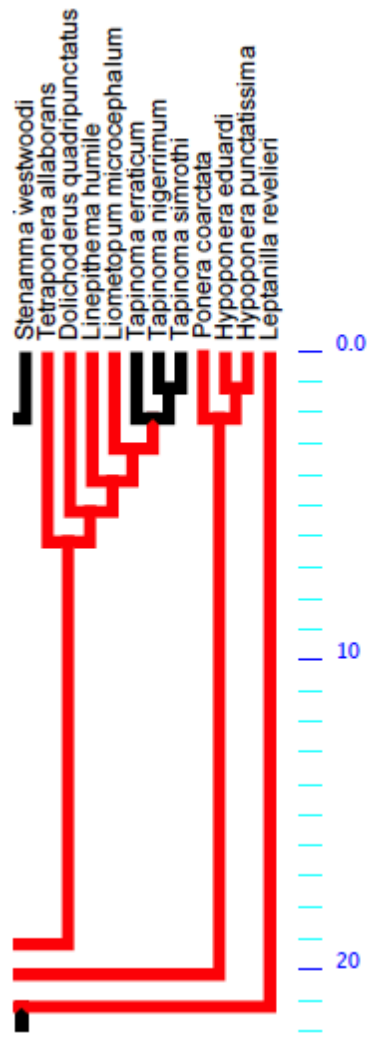




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Appendix 4. Main characteristics of the five biogeographic regions to which the communities included in this study were assigned.

Based on the information obtained in the different documents available in the website of the European Environment Agency (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/>), we describe the main characteristics of the five biogeographic regions of Europe included in this study.

(i) Mediterranean region. The region covers ca 11 % of Europe's territory and stretches over more than 4 000 km from Lisbon in the west (Portugal) to Adana in the east (Southern Turkey). The climate is warm with hot summers and mild winters. Temperatures are generally highest in the east, but there are periods during the year with temperatures over 30°C occur in all parts of the region. Average annual rainfall range varies between 500 and 1100 mm/year in many regions, but can be as low as 350 or even 100 mm. At the local scale, the Mediterranean region is known for pronounced climatic differences over very short distances because of factors such as slope, exposition, distance from sea, steepness and parent rock type. Arid and desert conditions are increasing and water will become more and more scarce during the 21th century. Soils are low in humus, and the erosion risk is great in most areas.

(ii) Continental region. It is the second largest biogeographic region in Europe, nearly as big as the Boreal region. The Continental region extends in a central east-west band over most of Europe. A relatively narrow fringe of land separates it from the Atlantic Ocean in the west; in the east it reaches as far as the border of Asia, just south of the Ural Mountains. It reaches Denmark and Sweden in the north, Italy and the Balkan Peninsula in the south. The climate in the region can be defined as truly continental with warm summers and cold winters, especially in the central and eastern parts where there are strong contrasts in seasonal temperatures, with generally warm summers and cold winters. Rainfall is most abundant during summer. Precipitation in the region varies mainly according to altitude and exposition. Towards the west, these characteristics become less and less marked due to oceanic influences. The soils have naturally high fertility.

(iii) Atlantic region. This region is closely interacting with the bordering northeast Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea and has a very long coastline and islands. It borders both the coldest and the some of the warmest parts of Europe: the Arctic and Scandinavian alpine regions in the north (Norway) and the Mediterranean region in the south (Portugal, Spain and France), but the closest contact is with the temperate western part of the Continental region. The climate is mild and humid. Differences in temperature between summer and winter are small. The eastern limit of the region approximately follows the line where the annual temperature range is 16°C. The whole region has in general a surplus of water, though there are large differences from west to east. Rainfall is very high in the western parts, reaching up to 3000 mm per year on the mountains of Northwest Scotland, while it can be as little as 550 mm per year in lowlands in the eastern parts of the region.

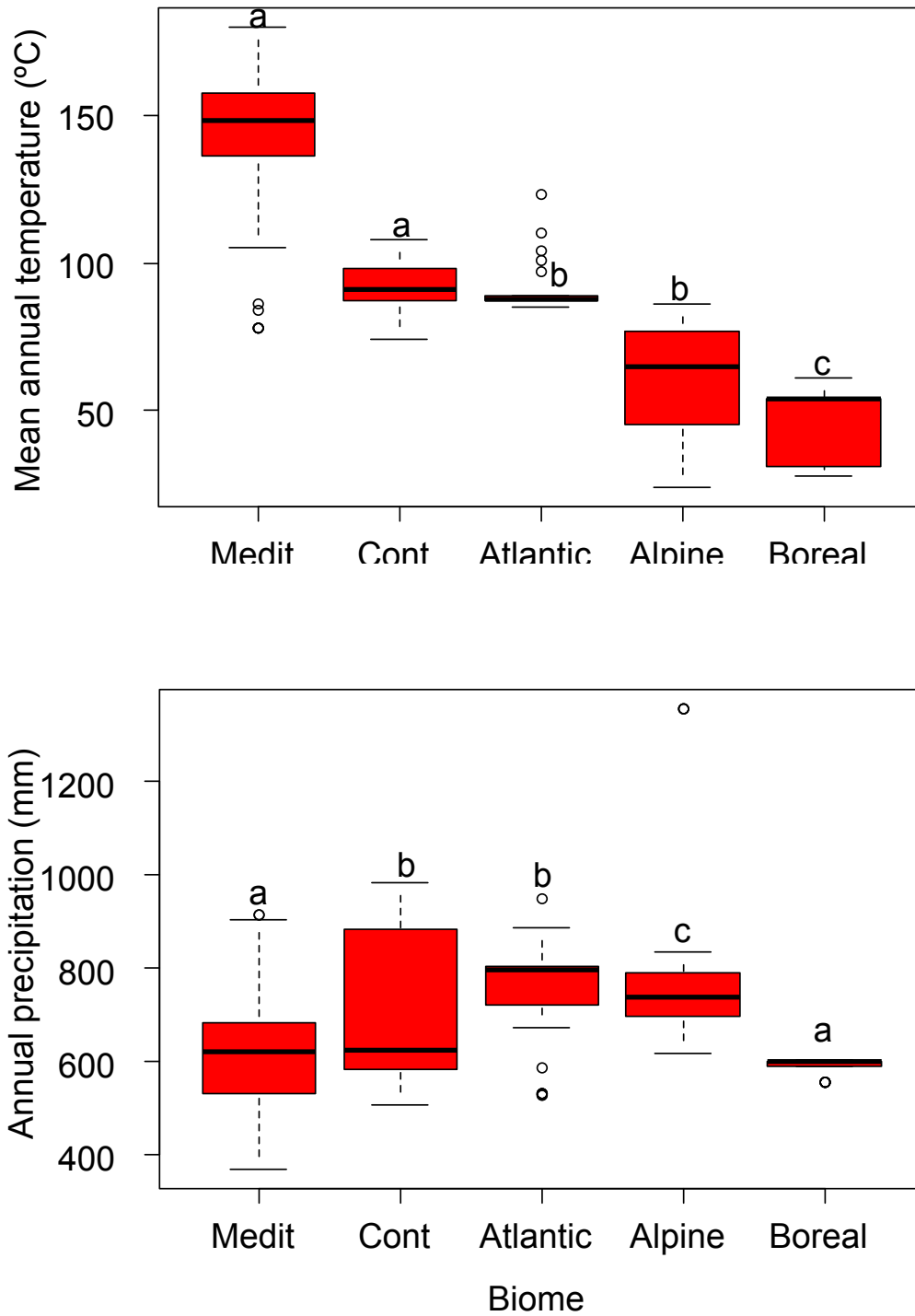
(iv) Alpine region. The Alpine biogeographic region includes some of the oldest and most recent ranges of mountains of the world, from the Mediterranean to western Siberia: the Alps, the Scandes, the Pyrenees, the Carpathians, the Rhodopes, the Urals, the Caucasia and the Dinaric Alps. These mountains areas are vulnerable ecosystems, characterised by low

productivity, slow response rates and isolation. In general this region is characterized by relatively large differences between the average summer and average winter temperatures as well as relatively high amount of precipitation during the year, but the climate of the different ranges included in the region is not homogeneous. Some of the ranges are severely influenced by the Mediterranean climate in the south and with the temperate climate in the north, with annual precipitation between 500 and 1200 mm and mean temperatures in the range 5-10°C. Other mountain ranges are located in colder areas (mean annual temperature around 0°C) and have relatively lower precipitation (400 to 1000 mm).

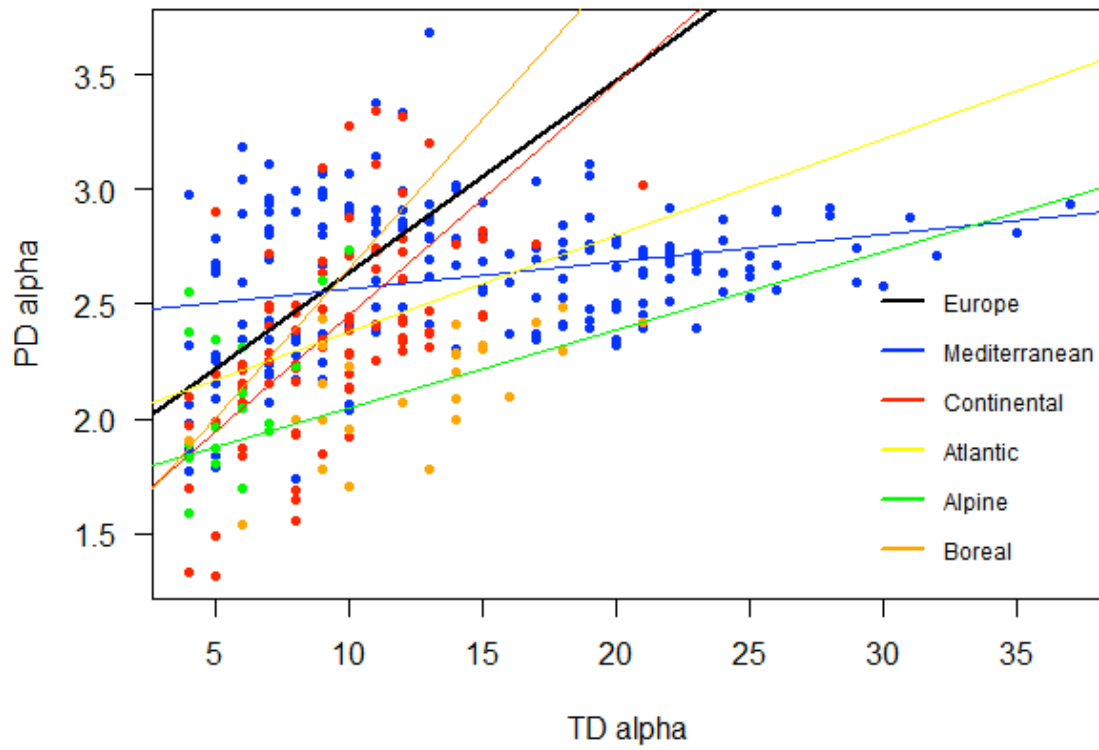
(v) Boreal region. It is the largest biogeographic region of Europe, covering around ¼ of Europe's territory and involves eight countries: south eastern Norway, the majority of Sweden, most of Finland, all Estonia and Latvia and the northern parts of Lithuania and Belarus. Most of the Boreal region lies less 500 m above sea level. The region has a cool-temperate, moist climate, varying from sub-oceanic in the west to sub-continental in the interior and the east. Precipitation varies between 500 and 800 mm per year, with extremes of 300 and 1 200 mm. Average annual temperatures are generally low, but vary much over the region: with monthly mean temperatures varying from + 20 °C in the warmest months of the warmest areas to -15 °C in the coldest months in the coldest areas.

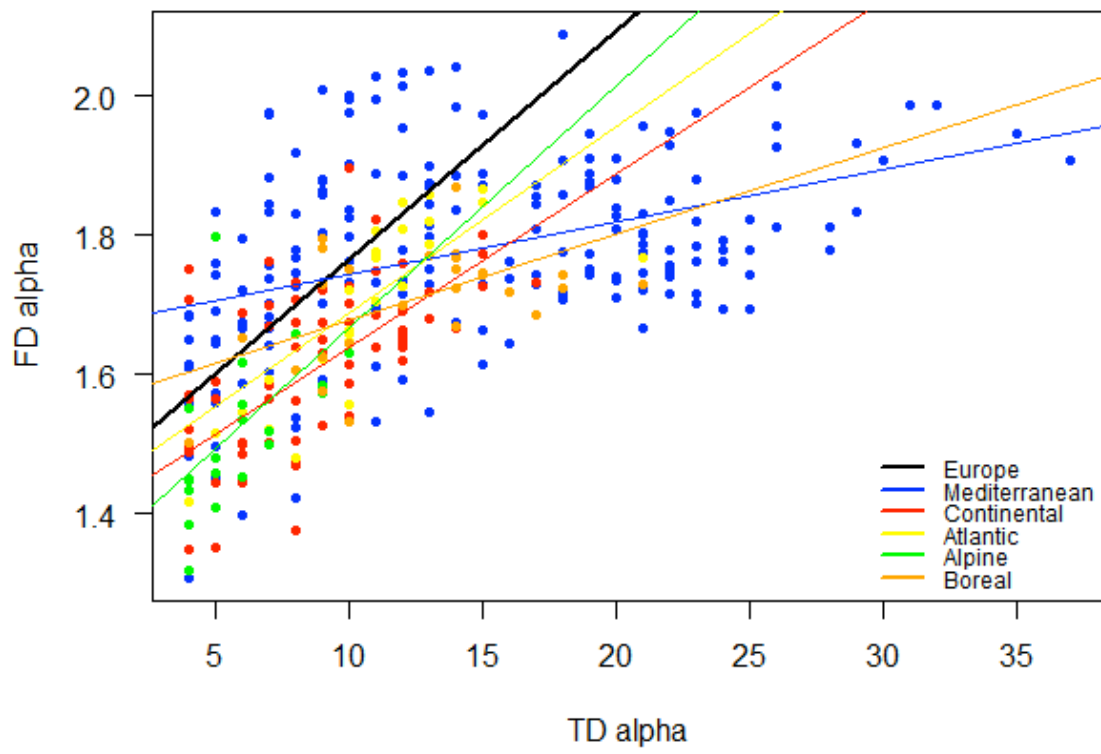
Climate characterization (mean annual temperature and annual precipitation) of these five biogeographic regions according to values of these variables from the study plots provided by the WorldClim database (<http://www.worldclim.org/bioclim>) is shown in Figure S4.1.

Figure A3. Climate characterization (mean annual temperature – x10 - and annual precipitation) of the study plots included in the five biogeographic regions considered.



Appendix 5. Relationships between alpha taxonomic diversity and alpha phylogenetic diversity (FD) or alpha functional diversity (PD) in each biogeographic region.





Appendix 6. Relationships between beta diversity components in each biogeographic region.

