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SENIOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (FIXED-TERM)

Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna

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Research Interests

My interests span across plant ecology, macroecology, community ecology, land-use science and conservation. I strive to use biodiversity big data to uncover the factors behind the distribution of biodiversity on Earth across scales and how these interact to form communities. I work mostly on vascular plants, but I often venture out into other taxonomic groups. I am passionate about old-growth forests. Not only for the sense of awe that they inspire, but because they can teach us a tremendous amount on how to manage natural resources sustainably. I am concerned about global-change and aim at conducting conservation relevant research. To relax, I code in R.

Experience

Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna

RICERCATORE A TEMPO DETERMINATO (RTD-B) - SENIOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Bologna

Oct 2021 - Today

- Member of the research Group in Biodiversity and Macroecology (BIOME)

German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)

Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Halle-Jena-Leipzig

WISSENSCHAFTLICHER MITARBEITER - POST-DOC

Mar 2018 - Sep 2021

- Coordinator of sPlot - The Global Database of Vegetation Plots
Advisor: Prof. Helge Bruehlheide

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

WISSENSCHAFTLICHER MITARBEITER - POST-DOC

Berlin, Germany

Oct 2017 - Feb 2018

- Advisor: Prof. Tobias Kuemmerle

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE FELLOW - POST-DOC

Berlin, Germany

Oct 2015 - Sep 2017

- Research Project: FORESTS and CO - Co-Benefits and Conflicts between CO₂ sequestration and biodiversity conservation in European Forests
Advisor: Prof. Tobias Kuemmerle

Sapienza, University of Rome

ASSEGNISTA DI RICERCA - POST-DOC

Rome, Italy

Jan 2014 - Sep 2015

- Research Project: The study of floristic diversity in Apennine beech forests as a means for implementing sustainable forest management schemes
Cofunded by LIFE+11 project FAGUS - Forests of the Apennines: Good practices to conjugate Use and Sustainability
Advisor: Prof. Carlo Blasi

Qualification, Education & Training

QUALIFICATION

2018-2024 Italian National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) - 2nd Level

Botany - 05/A1

2018-2024 Italian National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) - 2nd Level

Ecology - 05/C1

EDUCATION

PhD in Ecology

SAPIENZA, UNIVERSITY OF ROME

Rome, Italy

Oct 2010 - Mar 2014

- Dissertation: 'Structural heterogeneity, dispersal limitation and abiotic resources. Causes and determinants of plant biodiversity in Southern European old-growth forests'
Advisor: Prof. Carlo Blasi; Co-Advisor: Sabina Burrascano, PhD

MSc in Environmental Sciences

SAPIENZA, UNIVERSITY OF ROME

Rome, Italy

Jan 2007 - Feb 2009

- 110/110 *cum laude*

BSc in Environmental Sciences

SAPIENZA, UNIVERSITY OF ROME

- 110/110 *cum laude*

Rome, Italy

Sep 2004 - Dec 2008

STUDY PERIODS ABROAD

Visiting PhD Student

DEPT. OF BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY, MASARYK UNIVERSITY

- Project title: Testing the use of vegetation-plot databases to assess plant diversity patterns. The case of Czech Republic
Host: Milan Chytry

Brno, Czech Republic

February 2014

Visiting PhD Student

DEPT. OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

- Host: Prof. Hanna Tuomisto

Turku, Finland

Jan 2013 - May 2013

Visiting Scholar

DEPT. OF FOREST AND WILDLIFE ECOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

- Project title: Functional diversity of ground-layer plant communities in old-growth and managed northern hardwood forests
Host: David Mladenoff

Madison (WI), USA

Jan 2010 - Sep 2010

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Course - Bayesian Statistics

IDIV - GERMAN CENTRE FOR INTEGRATIVE BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH

- Instructor: Dr Benjamin Rosenbaum, PhD

Leipzig, Germany

April 2019

Course - Statistical Rethinking

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY

- Instructor: Dr Richard McElreath, PhD

Leipzig, Germany

Dec 2018 - Mar 2019

Course - Git Basics - For Beginner-Level Git Users

IDIV - GERMAN CENTRE FOR INTEGRATIVE BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH

- Instructors: Dirk Sarpe, Christian Krause

Leipzig, Germany

October 2018

Course - How to Become a Junior Group Leader

IDIV - GERMAN CENTRE FOR INTEGRATIVE BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH

- Instructors: Dr Alexander Schiller, PhD

Leipzig, Germany

Nobember 2018

Course - Advanced Thesis and Paper Writing

DEPT. OF GEOGRAPY, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- Instructor: Dörthe Schimansky-Geyer

Berlin, Germany

June 2016

Course - Manipulating big data in R for vegetation scientists

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY, MASARYK UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: Dr. Viktoria Wagner

Brno, Czech Republic

July 2015

Course - Introduction to meta-analysis in ecology

DISTAV - DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE DELLA TERRA, DELL'AMBIENTE E DELLA VITA. UNIVERSITÀ DI GENOVA

- Instructors: Forenza Micheli (Stanford University), Craig W. Osenberg (University of Florida), Joachim Claudet (University of Perpignan)

Genova, Italy

May 2014

Course - How to present a successful project proposal in the framework of EU Research and Innovation

SAPIENZA, UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

- APRE - Agency for the Promotion of European Research

Rome, Italy

November 2013

Workshop - Public Speaking

SITE - SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI ECOLOGIA

- Instructor: Jacopo Pasotti

Rome, Italy

February 2012

Course - GIS - Advanced training course in GIS and Remote Sensing

IPT S.R.L., - INFORMATICA PER IL TERRITORIO

- Instructor: Stefano De Corso

Rome, Italy

January 2012

Course - Analysis of Ecological data in R Program

UNIVERSITY 'ROMA TRE'

- Instructor: Dr David Zelený, PhD

Rome, Italy

June 2011

Intensive Training Workshop on LANDIS-II Forest Landscape Model

Madison (WI), USA

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON (USA)

January 2010

- Instructor: Dr Robert Scheller PhD

Additional Work Experience

University of Life Science - Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences

Prague, Czech Republic

SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANT

Oct 2023 - Dec 2023

- Identification of patterns of plant biodiversity in European Old-growth forests. Support on statistical analysis, data preparation and visualization

FZS - Frankfurter Zoological Society

Frankfurt, Germany

SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANT

Feb 2019 - Sep 2020

- Update and expand the map of Primary forest for Europe (contract: ETN-WIE-GR1-001)

SBI - Società Botanica Italiana ONLUS

Rome, Italy

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR

May 2009 - Feb 2010

- Technical and scientific support to research and publication activities

eGeos s.p.a.

Rome, Italy

TRAINEE

Apr 2009 - Jul 2009

- Testing automatic techniques for the extraction of thematic information from remote sensed imagery with Definiens Developer 7.0 (eCognition)

Telespazio s.p.a.

Rome, Italy

TRAINEE

Dec 2007 - Jun 2008

- Involved in the creation of the 'Map of natural and semi-natural Vegetation Types through the improvement of Latium Land Cover map to the 4th and 5th CLC level'

Awards & Achievements

AWARDS

2024	Frontiers Planet Prize - Finalist https://magazine.unibo.it/archivio/2024/02/15/un-ricercatore-unibo-tra-i-finalisti-italiani-per-il-frontiers-planet-prize	Frontiers Research Foundation
2023	'Marin Drăcea' Award – for selviculture, ecology and forest science - https://acad.ro/institutia/acte/premii/2021.pdf	Romanian Academy of Sciences
2016	The Reviewer Prize - Winner - www.peerageofscience.org/the-reviewer-prize-2016/	Peerage of Science
2015	The Reviewer Prize - Honorary Mention - www.peerageofscience.org/reviewer-prize-2015/	Peerage of Science

GRANTS

2021	Rita Levi Montalcini fellowship 2019	Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
2019	Kongressreisen #57445178	German Academic Exchange Service
2015	Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions fellowship - Grant No. 658876	European Commission
2014	Research start-up grant - C26N14JZMA	Sapienza, University of Rome
2012	Research start-up grant - C26N12ESSE	Sapienza, University of Rome
2010	International Post-degree Scholarship	Sapienza, University of Rome

Publication

PRE-PRINTS

1. Siefert, A., Laughlin, D. C., & Sabatini, F. M. (2023). *You shall know a species by the company it keeps: Leveraging co-occurrence data to improve ecological prediction*. bioRxiv. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.02.15.528518>

ISI JOURNALS

1. Jandt, U., Bruehlheide, H., Jansen, F., Bonn, A., Grescho, V., Klenke, R. A., Sabatini, F. M., Bernhardt-Römermann, M., Blüml, V., Dengler, J., Diekmann, M., Doerfler, I., Döring, U., Dullinger, S., Haider, S., Heinken, T., Horchler, P., Kuhn, G., Lindner, M., ... Wulf, M. (2022). More losses than gains during one century of plant biodiversity change in Germany. *Nature*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-05320-w>

2. Wolf, S., Mahecha, M. D., Sabatini, F. M., Wirth, C., Bruelheide, H., Kattge, J., Moreno Martínez, Á., Mora, K., & Kattenborn, T. (2022). Citizen science plant observations encode global trait patterns. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-022-01904-x>
3. Sabatini, F. M., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Jandt, U., Chytry, M., Field, R., Kessler, M., Lenoir, J., Schrod, F., Wiser, S. K., Arfin Khan, M. A. S., Attorre, F., Cayuela, L., De Sanctis, M., Dengler, J., Haider, S., Hatim, M. Z., Indreica, A., Jansen, F., Pauchard, A., ... Bruelheide, H. (2022). Global patterns of vascular plant alpha diversity. *Nature Communications*, 13(1), 4683. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32063-z>
4. Davoli, M., Ghoddousi, A., Sabatini, F. M., Fabbri, E., Caniglia, R., & Kuemmerle, T. (2022). Changing patterns of conflict between humans, carnivores and crop-raiding prey as large carnivores recolonize human-dominated landscapes. *Biological Conservation*, 269, 109553. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2022.109553>
5. Graco-Roza, C., Aarnio, S., Abrego, N., Acosta, A. T. R., Alahuhta, J., Altman, J., Angiolini, C., Aroviita, J., Attorre, F., Bastrup-Spohr, L., Barrera-Alba, J. J., Belmaker, J., Biurrun, I., Bonari, G., Bruelheide, H., Burrascano, S., Carboni, M., Cardoso, P., Carvalho, J. C., ... Soininen, J. (2022). Distance decay 2.0 – A global synthesis of taxonomic and functional turnover in ecological communities. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 31(7), 1399–1421. <https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.13513>
6. Pärtel, M., Sabatini, F. M., Morueta-Holme, N., Kreft, H., & Dengler, J. (2022). Macroecology of vegetation — Lessons learnt from the Virtual Special Issue. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 33(2), e13121. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jvs.13121>
7. Kambach, S., Sabatini, F. M., Attorre, F., Biurrun, I., Boenisch, G., Bonari, G., Čarni, A., Carranza, M. L., Chiarucci, A., Chytry, M., Dengler, J., Garbolino, E., Golub, V., Güler, B., Jandt, U., Jansen, J., Jašková, A., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Karger, D. N., ... Bruelheide, H. (2023). Climate-trait relationships exhibit strong habitat specificity in plant communities across Europe. *Nature Communications*, 14(1), 712. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-023-36240-6>
8. Rocchini, D., Tordoni, E., Marchetto, E., Marcantonio, M., Barbosa, A. M., Bazzichetto, M., Beierkuhnlein, C., Castelnovo, E., Gatti, R. C., Chiarucci, A., Chieffallo, L., Da Re, D., Di Musciano, M., Foody, G. M., Gabor, L., Garzon-Lopez, C. X., Guisan, A., Hattab, T., Hortal, J., ... Malavasi, M. (2023). A quixotic view of spatial bias in modelling the distribution of species and their diversity. *Npj Biodiversity*, 2(1), 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s44185-023-00014-6>
9. Weigelt, A., Mommer, L., Andraczek, K., Iversen, C. M., Bergmann, J., Bruelheide, H., Freschet, G. T., Guerrero-Ramírez, N. R., Kattge, J., Kuyper, T. W., Laughlin, D. C., Meier, I. C., Plas, F. van der, Poorter, H., Roumet, C., Ruijven, J. van, Sabatini, F. M., Semchenko, M., Sweeney, C. J., ... McCormack, M. L. (2023). The importance of trait selection in ecology. *Nature*, 618(7967), E29–E30. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-023-06148-8>
10. Laughlin, D. C., Siefert, A., Fleri, J. R., Tumber-Dávila, S. J., Hammond, W. M., Sabatini, F. M., Damasceno, G., Aubin, I., Field, R., Hatim, M. Z., Jansen, S., Lenoir, J., Lens, F., McCarthy, J. K., Niinemets, Ü., Phillips, O. L., Attorre, F., Bergeron, Y., Bruun, H. H., ... Bruelheide, H. (2023). Rooting depth and xylem vulnerability are independent woody plant traits jointly selected by aridity, seasonality, and water table depth. *New Phytologist*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/nph.19276>
11. Sabatini, F. M., Hähn, G., Speziale, K., Cingolani, A. M., Damasceno, G., & Bruelheide, H. (2023). Vegetation of southern patagonia in the 1970s – digitization of a gray-literature data set as a monitoring baseline in a changing world. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 34(5), e13209. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jvs.13209>
12. Testolin, R., Attorre, F., Bruzzaniti, V., Guarino, R., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Lussu, M., Martellos, S., Di Musciano, M., Pasta, S., Sabatini, F. M., Santi, F., Zannini, P., & Chiarucci, A. (2023). Plant species richness hotspots and related drivers across spatial scales in small Mediterranean islands. *Journal of Systematics and Evolution*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jse.13034>
13. Engel, T., Bruelheide, H., Hoss, D., Sabatini, F. M., Altman, J., Arfin-Khan, M. A. S., Bergmeier, E., Cerny, T., Chytry, M., Dainese, M., Dengler, J., Dolezal, J., Field, R., Fischer, F. M., Huygens, D., Jandt, U., Jansen, F., Jentsch, A., Karger, D. N., ... Pillar, V. (2023). Traits of dominant plant species drive normalized difference vegetation index in grasslands globally. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 32(5), 695–706. <https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.13644>
14. Mikolas, M., Piovesan, G., Ahlström, A., Donato, D. C., Gloor, R., Hofmeister, J., Keeton, W. S., Muys, B., Sabatini, F. M., Svoboda, M., & Kuemmerle, T. (2023). Protect old-growth forests in Europe now. *Science*, 380(6644), 466–466. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adh2303>
15. Weigelt, A., Mommer, L., Andraczek, K., Iversen, C. M., Bergmann, J., Bruelheide, H., Fan, Y., Freschet, G. T., Guerrero-Ramirez, N. R., Kattge, J., Kuyper, T. W., Laughlin, D. C., Meier, I. C., Plas, F. van der, Poorter, H., Roumet, C., Ruijven, J. van, Sabatini, F. M., Semchenko, M., ... McCormack, M. L. (2021). An integrated framework of plant form and function: The belowground perspective [Journal Article]. *New Phytologist*, 232(1), 42–59. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.17590>
16. Mikolas, M., Svitok, M., Bace, R., Meigs, G. W., Keeton, W. S., Keith, H., Buechling, A., Trotsiuk, V., Kozak, D., Bollmann, K., Begovic, K., Cada, V., Chaskovskyy, O., Ralhan, D., Dusatko, M., Ferencik, M., Frankovic, M., Gloor, R., Hofmeister, J., ... Svoboda, M. (2021). Natural disturbance impacts on trade-offs and co-benefits of forest biodiversity and carbon [Journal Article]. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 288(1961), 20211631. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2021.1631>

17. Munteanu, C., Senf, C., Nita, M. D., Sabatini, F. M., Oeser, J., Seidl, R., & Kuemmerle, T. (2021). Leveraging historical spy satellite photographs and recent remote sensing data to identify high conservation value forests [Journal Article]. *Conservation Biology*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13820>
18. Sabatini, F. M., Bluhm, H., Kun, Z., Aksenov, D., Atauri, J. A., Buchwald, E., Burrascano, S., Cateau, E., Diku, A., Duarte, I. M., Lopez, A. B. F., Garbarino, M., Grigoriadis, N., Horvath, F., Keren, S., Kitenberg, M., Kis, A., Kraut, A., Ibisch, P. L., ... Kuemmerle, T. (2021). European primary forest database (EPFD) v2.0 [Journal Article]. *Scientific Data*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-021-00988-7>
19. Sabatini, F. M., Lenoir, J., Hattab, T., Arnst, E. A., Chytry, M., Dengler, J., De Ruffray, P., Hennekens, S. M., Jandt, U., Jansen, F., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Kattge, J., Levesley, A., Pillar, V. D., Purschke, O., Sandel, B., Sultana, F., Aavik, T., Acic, S., et al.others. (2021). sPlotOpen - an environmentally-balanced, open-access, global dataset of vegetation plots [Journal Article]. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 30(9), 1740–1764. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.13346>
20. Laughlin, D. C., Mommer, L., Sabatini, F. M., Bruelheide, H., Kuyper, T. W., McCormack, M. L., Bergmann, J., Freschet, G. T., Guerrero-Ramirez, N., Iversen, C. M., Kattge, J., Meier, I. C., Poorter, H., Roumet, C., Semchenko, M., Sweeney, C. J., Valverde-Barrantes, O. J., Plas, F. van der, Ruijven, J. van, ... Weigelt, A. (2021). Root traits explain plant species distributions along climatic gradients yet challenge the nature of ecological trade-offs. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, *in press*.
21. Bruelheide, H., Jansen, F., Jandt, U., Bernhardt-Roemer, M., Bonn, A., Bowler, D., Dengler, J., Eichenberg, D., Grescho, V., Kellner, S., Klenke, R. A., Luett, S., Luettgert, L., Sabatini, F. M., & Wesche, K. (2021). A checklist for using Beals' index with incomplete floristic monitoring data [Journal Article]. *Diversity and Distributions*, 27(7), 1328–1333. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.13277>
22. Testolin, R., Attorre, F., Borchardt, P., Brand, R. F., Bruelheide, H., Chytry, M., De Sanctis, M., Dolezal, J., Finckh, M., Haider, S., Hemp, A., Jandt, U., Kessler, M., Korolyuk, A. Yu., Lenoir, J., Makunina, N., Malanson, G. P., Montesinos-Tubee, D. B., Noroozi, J., ... Jimenez-Alfaro, B. (2021). Global patterns and drivers of alpine plant species richness [Journal Article]. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 30, 1218–1231.
23. Testolin, R., Carmona, C. P., Attore, F., Borchardt, P., Bruelheide, H., Dolezal, J., Finckh, M., Haider, S., Hemp, A., Jandt, U., Korolyuk, A. Yu., Lenoir, J., Makunina, N., Malanson, G. P., Mucina, L., Noroozi, J., Nowak, A., Peet, R. K., Peyre, G., ... Jimenez-Alfaro, B. (2021). Global functional variation in alpine vegetation [Journal Article]. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 32, e13000.
24. Cai, Q., Welk, E., Ji, C., Fang, W., Sabatini, F. M., Zhu, J., Zhu, J., Tang, Z., Attorre, F., Campos, J. A., Carni, A., Chytry, M., Coban, S., Dengler, J., Dolezal, J., Field, R., Frink, J. P., Gholizadeh, H., Indreica, A., ... Bruelheide, H. (2021). The relationship between niche breadth and range size of beech (*fagus*) species worldwide. *Journal of Biogeography*, 48, 1240–1253.
25. Padelles Cubino, J., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Sabatini, F. M., Willner, W., Lososova, Z., Biurrun, I., Brunet, J., Campos, J. A., Indreica, A., Jansen, F., Lenoir, J., Skvorc, Z., Vassilev, K., & Chytry, M. (2021). Plant taxonomic and phylogenetic turnovers increase towards climatic extremes and depend on historical factors in European beech forests. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 32, e12977.
26. Asbeck, T., Sabatini, F., Augustynczik, A. L. D., Basile, M., Helbach, J., Jonker, M., Knuff, A., & Bauhus, J. (2021). Biodiversity response to forest management intensity, carbon stocks and net primary production in temperate montane forests. *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 1625.
27. Pillar, V. D., Sabatini, F. M., Jandt, U., Camiz, S., & Bruelheide, H. (2021). Revealing the functional traits linked to hidden environmental factors in community assembly. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 32(1), e12976.
28. Sabatini, F. M., Keeton, W. S., Lindner, M., Svoboda, M., Verkerk, P. J., Bauhus, J., Bruelheide, H., Burrascano, S., Debaive, N., Duarte, I., Garbarino, M., Grigoriadis, N., Lombardi, F., Mikolas, M., Meyer, P., Motta, R., Mozgeris, G., Nunes, L., Odor, P., ... Kuemmerle, T. (2020). Protection gaps and restoration opportunities for primary forests in Europe. *Diversity and Distributions*, 26, 1646–1662.
29. Angelstam, P., Manton, M., Green, M., Jonsson, B.-G., Mikusinski, G., Svensson, J., & Sabatini, F. M. (2020). Sweden does not meet agreed national and international forest biodiversity targets: A call for adaptive landscape planning. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 202, 103838.
30. Bruelheide, H., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Jandt, U., & Sabatini, F. M. (2020). Deriving site-specific species pools from large databases. *Ecography*, 43, 1215–1228.
31. Sabatini, F. M., Andrade, R. B. de, Paillet, Y., Odor, P., Bouget, C., Campagnaro, T., Gosselin, F., Janssen, P., Mattioli, W., Nascimbene, J., et al. (2019). Trade-offs between carbon stocks and biodiversity in European temperate forests. *Global Change Biology*, 25(2), 536–548.
32. Bruelheide, H., Dengler, J., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Purschke, O., Hennekens, S. M., Chytry, M., Pillar, V. D., Jansen, F., Kattge, J., Sandel, B., et al. (2019). sPlot-a new tool for global vegetation analyses. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 30(2), 161–186.
33. Sabatini, F. M., Burrascano, S., Keeton, W. S., Levers, C., Lindner, M., Potzschnner, F., Verkerk, P. J., Bauhus, J., Buchwald, E., Chaskovsky, O., et al. (2018). Where are Europe's last primary forests? *Diversity and Distributions*, 24(10), 1426–1439.
34. Sabatini, F. M., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Burrascano, S., Andrea, L., & Chytry, M. (2018). Beta-diversity of central European forests decreases along an elevational gradient due to the variation in local community assembly processes. *Ecography*, 41(6), 1038–1048.
35. Bruelheide, H., Dengler, J., Purschke, O., Lenoir, J., Jimenez-Alfaro, B., Hennekens, S. M., Botta-Dukat, Z., Chytry, M., Field, R., Jansen, F., et al. (2018). Global trait-environment relationships of plant communities. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 2(12), 1906.

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38. Burrascano, S., Ripullone, F., Bernardo, L., Borghetti, M., Carli, E., Colangelo, M., Gangale, C., Gargano, D., Gentilesca, T., Luzzi, G., et al. (2018). It is a long way to the top: Plant species diversity in the transition from managed to old-growth forests. *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 29(1), 98–109.
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Projects

Research project

BIODIVERSA+ 2022

ROLE: NATIONAL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR - WP LEADER

2022-2025

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Project No. P2022JM3RZ
Amount: 218,506 (UNIBO) 1,705,195 (TOTAL) EUR

Research project

Italian Ministry of University and Research (PRIN 2022 PNNRR)

ROLE: PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

2023-2025

- Title: BECAUSE - Plant Biodiversity and Ecosystem Change in protected Areas: land-Use impacts and Scenario Evaluation
Project No. P2022JM3RZ
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Research project

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