

The high climatic risk of European bumblebees

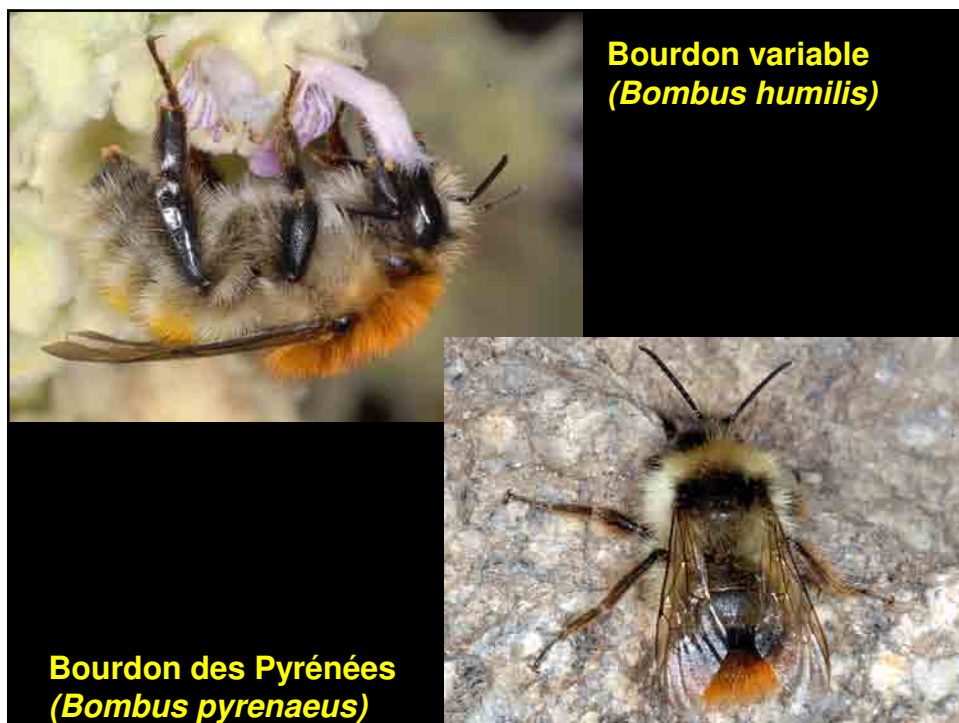
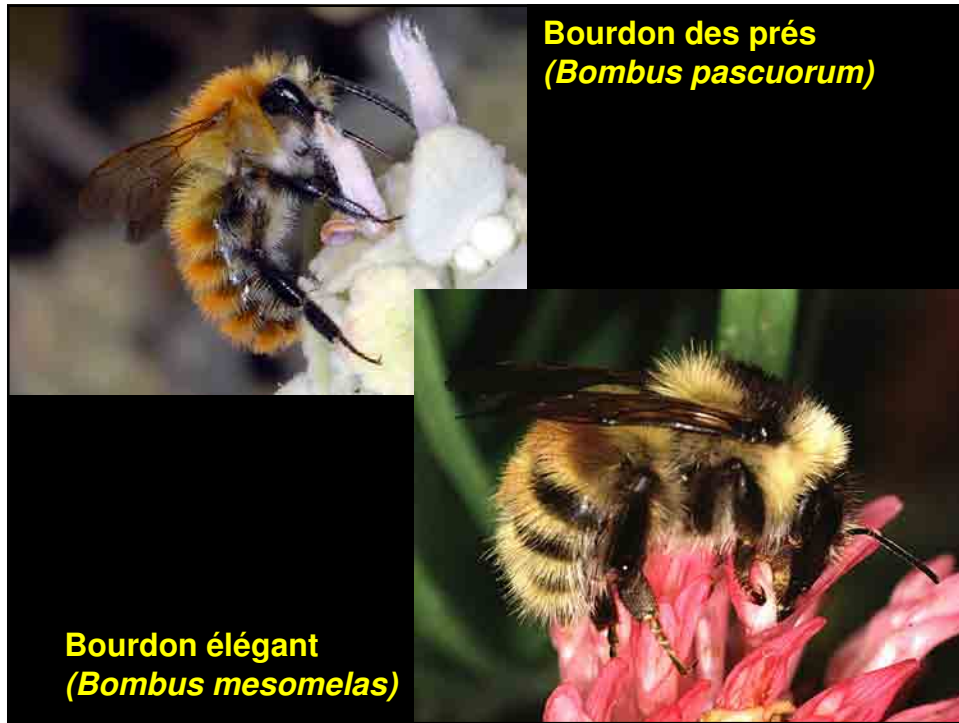
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Some of the most common European bumblebees







Bourdon des poubelles
(Bombus ruderatus)



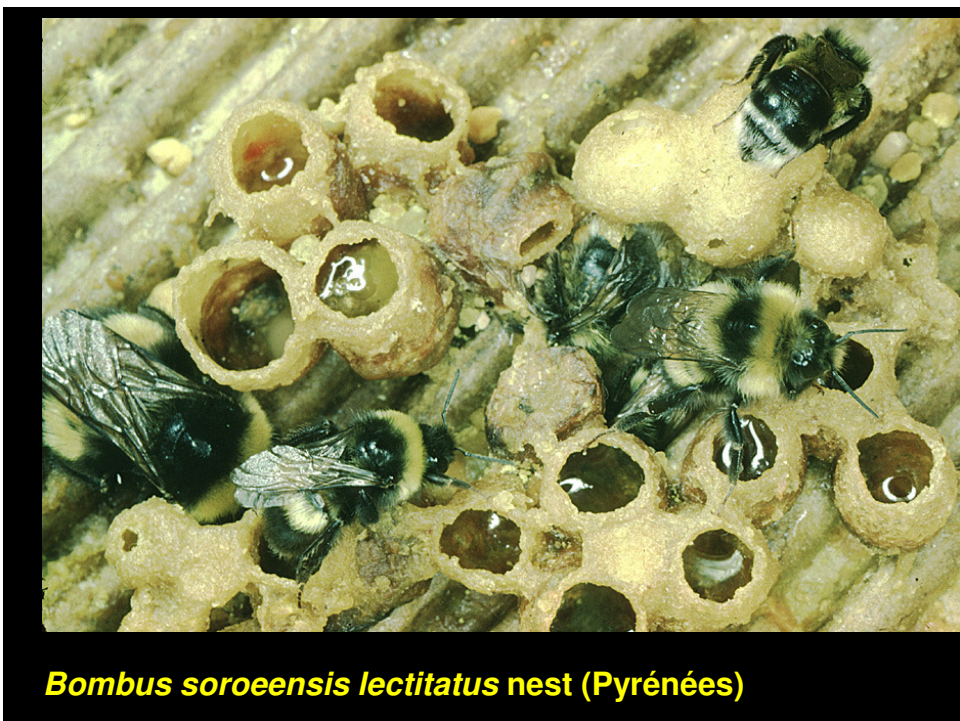
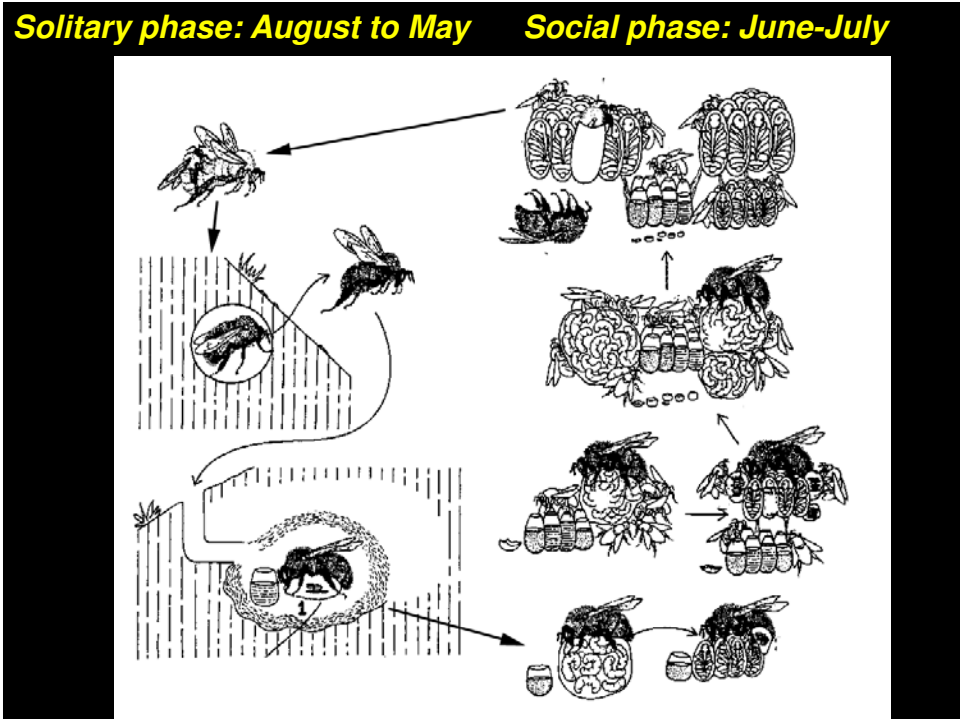
Bourdon de Sichel
(Bombus sichelii)

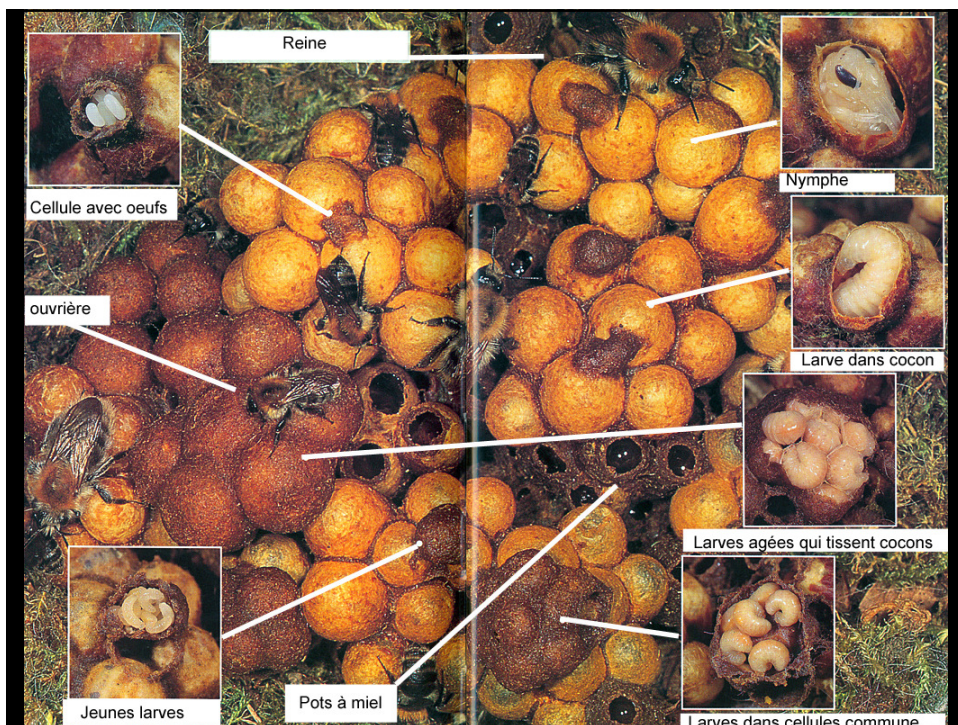
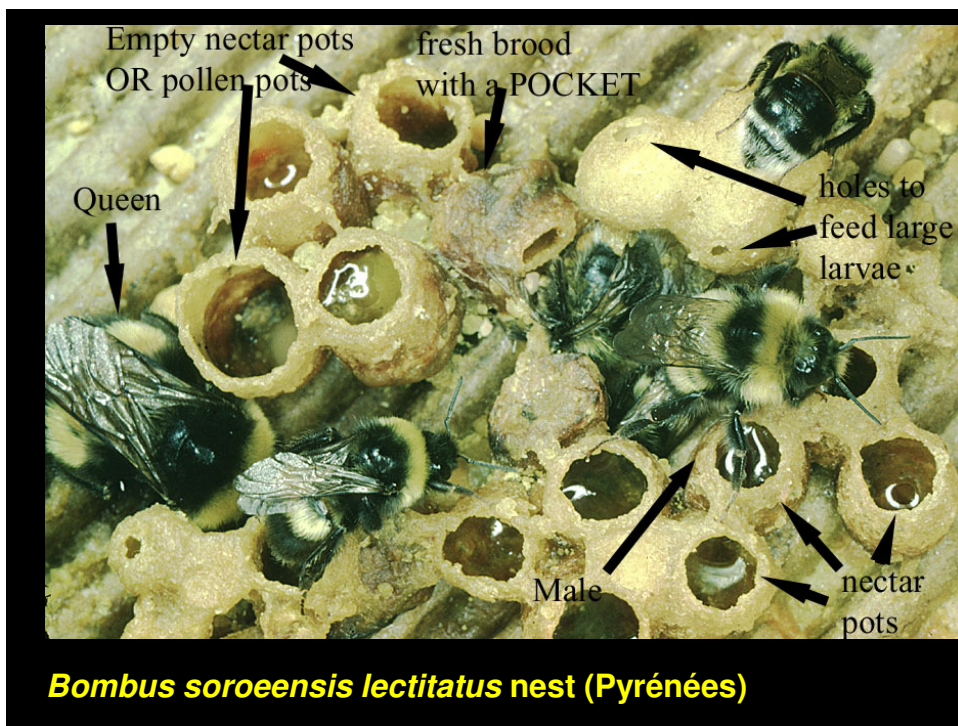


Bourdon de Brodmann
(Bombus brodmannicus)
Alpes, Caucase



Bombus sylvicola
(Alaska)





Euglossa liopoda (Amérique du Sud)



Exaerete azteca
(Amérique Centrale)



Euglossa viridissima
Amérique du Sud

**Bumblebees are the only pollinator insects in Arctic biomes,
e.g. in N. Alaska or in N. Scandinavia**



***Bombus monticola rondoui* Vogt**



Blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.) and roots of Arctic sainfoin *Hedysarum alpinum* are main food of grizzly bear in N. Alaska, as also in traditional life of Inuits.



Grizzly bear digging for sainfoin roots (photo PR)

**2010-2015
FP7 STEP project**




2011	1 391 538	data
2013	2 232 396	data
2015	3 277 936	data

**Data bases
contributions
(all bees)**



data source	2013		all inclusive	
	Nind	%	Nind	%
BDFGM (Belgium)	861 787	38.60		
UZF (Andrena)	451 693	20.23		
CSCF (Switzerland)	280 271	12.55		
BWARS (UK)	164 850	7.38		
NEUMAYER (Austria)	90 018	4.03		
STRAKA (Czech R.)	84 086	3.77		
EISN (Netherland)	76 427	3.42		
SSIC (Sweden)	70 230	3.15		
WID (Belgium)	47 040	2.11		
PAWLIKOWSK (Poland)	27 834	1.25		
NBDC (Eire)	26 239	1.18		
FMNH (Finland)	9 368	0.42		
G. Mahé (France)	6 860	0.31		
NSIC (Norway)	3 741	0.17		
L. Dvorak (Czech R.)	3 702	0.17		
Baldock (Portugal)	3 690	0.17		
SPM Roberts (UK)	2 957	0.13		
A. Gogala (Slovenia)	2 552	0.11		
A. Manino (Italy)	2 551	0.11		
L. Baliteau (France)	2 444	0.11		
L. Castro (Spain)	1 971	0.09		
X. Lair (France)	1 748	0.08		
INRA AVIGNON (France)	1 596	0.07		
Gabriele (Italy)	1 169	0.05		
BUWB (Germany)	1 070	0.05		
S. Bailey (France)	1 015	0.05		
M. Comalba (Italy)	945	0.04		
UGMD	909	0.04		
J. Smit (Netherland)	845	0.04		
Remaining	2 788	0.12		
GRAND TOTAL	2 232 396	100		

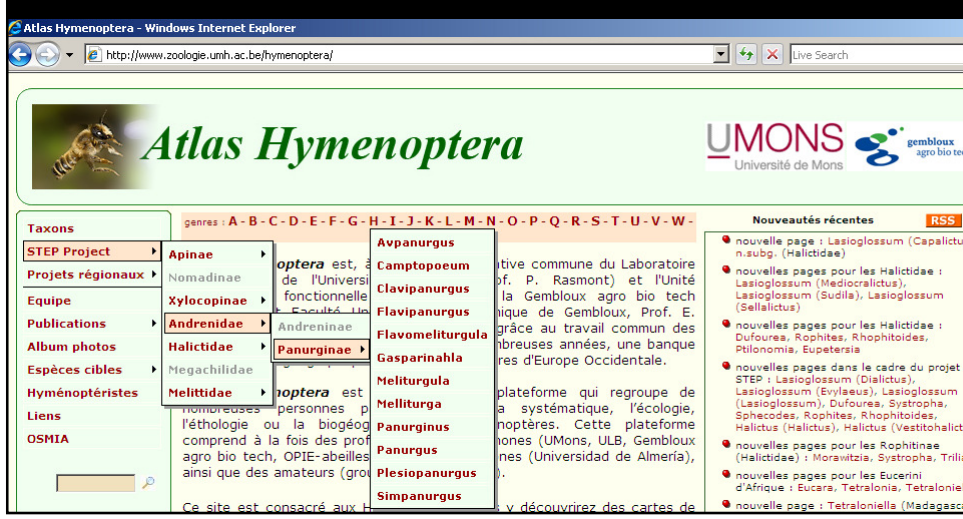
(Few contributions from Germany)



Bumblebees data

Gestionnaires (banque de données)	Pays	Données
P. Rasmont & E. Haubruge (BDFGM)	Europe	426 559
S.P.M. Roberts (BWARS)	UK	112 313
B. Cederberg (SSIC)	Suède	97 448
J. Neumayer	Autriche	90 053
M. Reemer (EISN)	Pays-Bas	76 427
F. Odegaard (NSIC)	Norvège	52 713
Y. Gonseth (CSCF)	Suisse	40 810
T. Pawlikowski	Pologne	21 734
U. FitzPatrick (NBDC)	Irlande	15 358
J. Paukkunen (FMNH)	Finlande	14 367
J. Straka & L. Dvorak	Tchéquie	9 671
J. D'Haeseler (WID)	Belgique	9 857
G. Mahé	France	9 156
A. Manino	Italie	2 551
L. Castro	Espagne	1 962
L. Baliteau	France	1 538
Autres		4 600
Total <i>Bombus</i>		988 187

All maps are on the website *Atlas Hymenoptera*
see <http://www.zoologie.umh.ac.be/hymenoptera>
and follow the menu *STEP* (on the left)
or simply search for "*Atlas Hymenoptera*" on google



**WP 1.2
Checklist of the
Western Palaeartic
Bees**

Kuhlmann M., Dathe H.H., Ebmer A., Hartmann † P., Michez D., Müller A., Patiny S., Pauly A., Praz C., Rasmont P., Risch S., Scheuchl E., Schwarz M., Terzo M., Williams P.H. 2012. Checklist of the Western Palaeartic Bees (Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Anthophila). <http://westpalbees.myspecies.info>

The checklist records 2000 bees species in Europe

**Redlist of
European bees
2015**

Bombus alpinus - (Linnaeus, 1758)

ANIMALIA - ARTHROPODA - INSECTA - HYMENOPTERA - APIDAE - Bombus - alpinus

Common Names: No Common Names
Synonyms: Apis Linnaeus, 1758; Bombus Dalla Torre, 1882;

Red List Status
 VU - Vulnerable, B2b(i,ii,iii,v)c(iv) (IUCN version 3.1)

Red List Assessment

Assessment Information

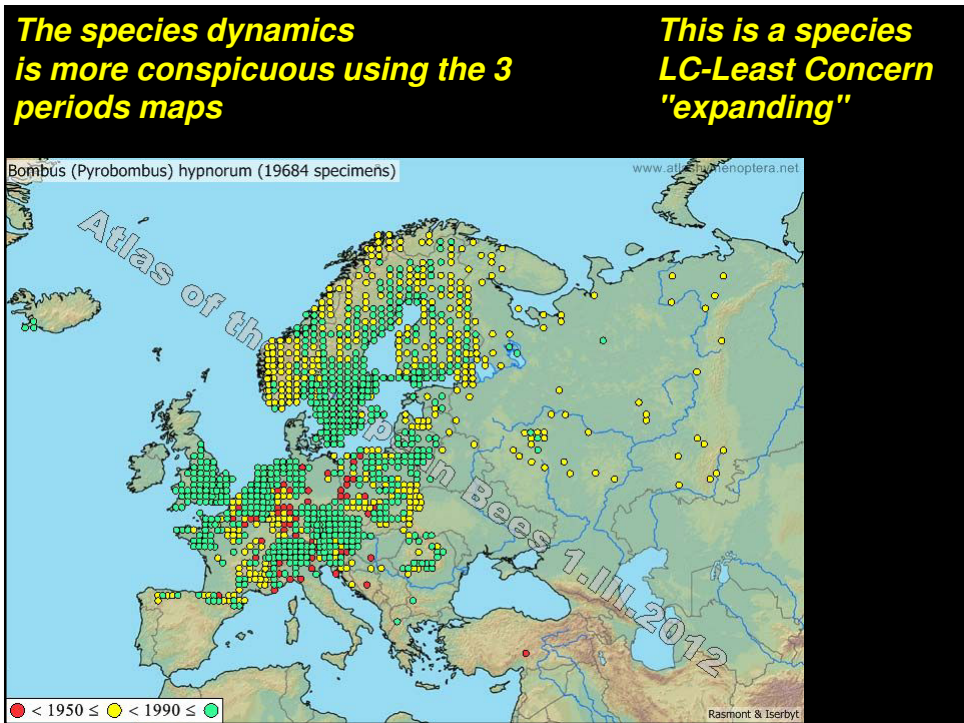
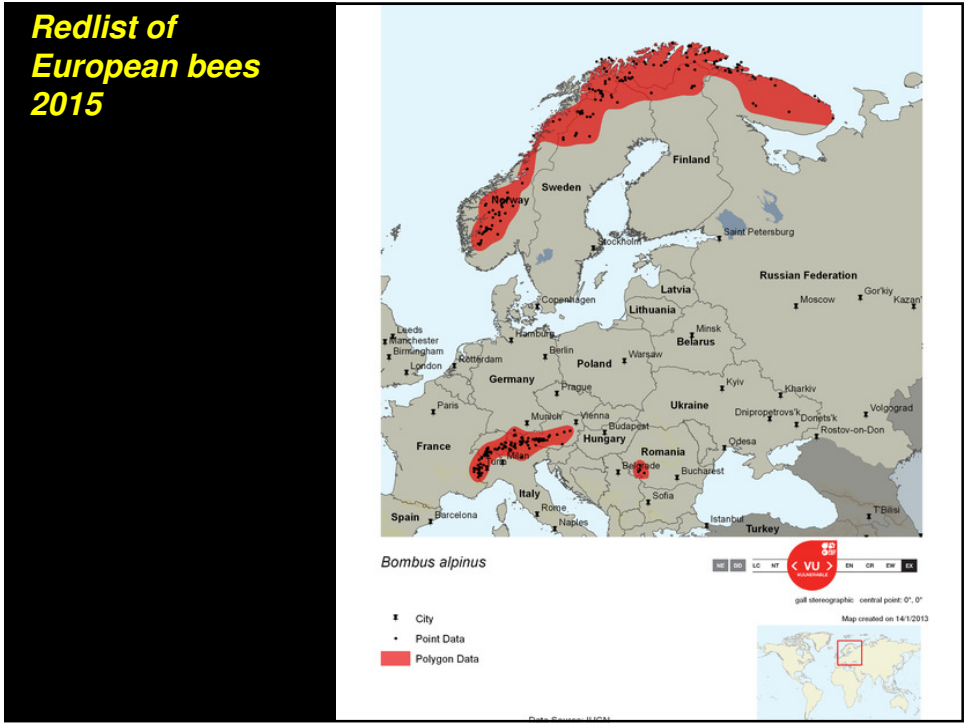
Reviewed?	Date of Review	Status	Reasons for Rejection	Improvements Needed
true	2012-10-14	Passed	-	-

Assessor(s): Cederberg, B., Michez, D., Nieto, A., Radchenko, V., Rasmont, P. & Roberts, S.
Reviewers: Williams, P. & Bilz, M.

Assessment Rationale

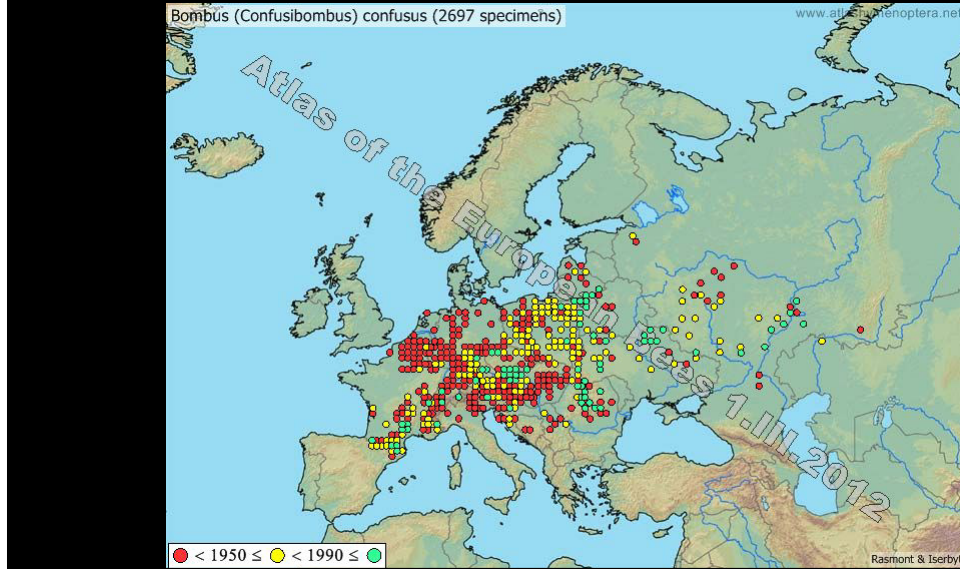
Global and European regional assessment: Vulnerable (VU)
 EU 27 regional assessment: Vulnerable (VU)

Listed as Vulnerable, because although the known area of occupancy (AOO) is 1,288 km², it is believed that the species occupies a larger area, though less than 2,000 km². There is a continuing decline in the extent of occurrence, the area of occupancy, the extent and quality of the habitat and the number of mature individuals, especially in the southern mountains due to climate change. The species is experiencing extreme fluctuations in the number of mature individuals.

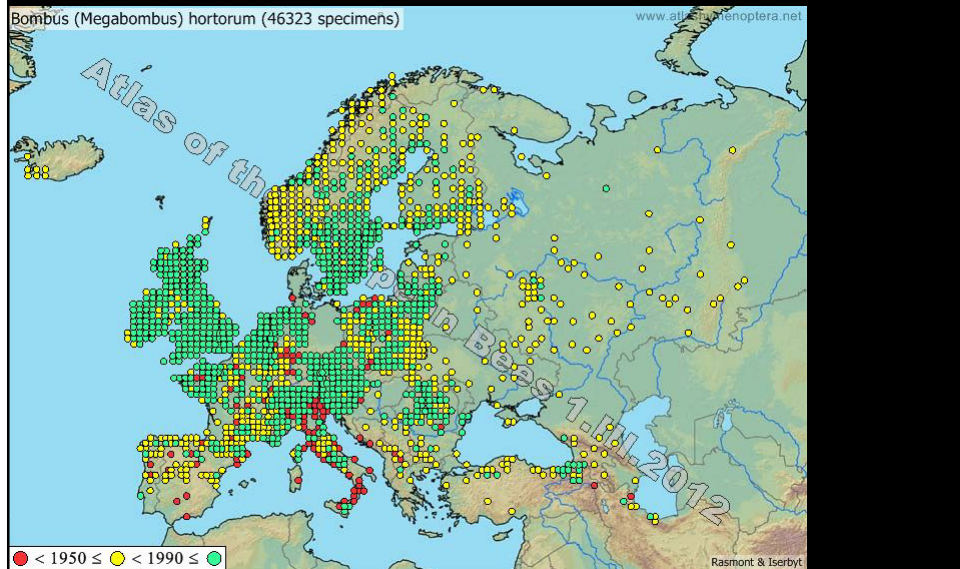


The redlist assessment is generally very conservative

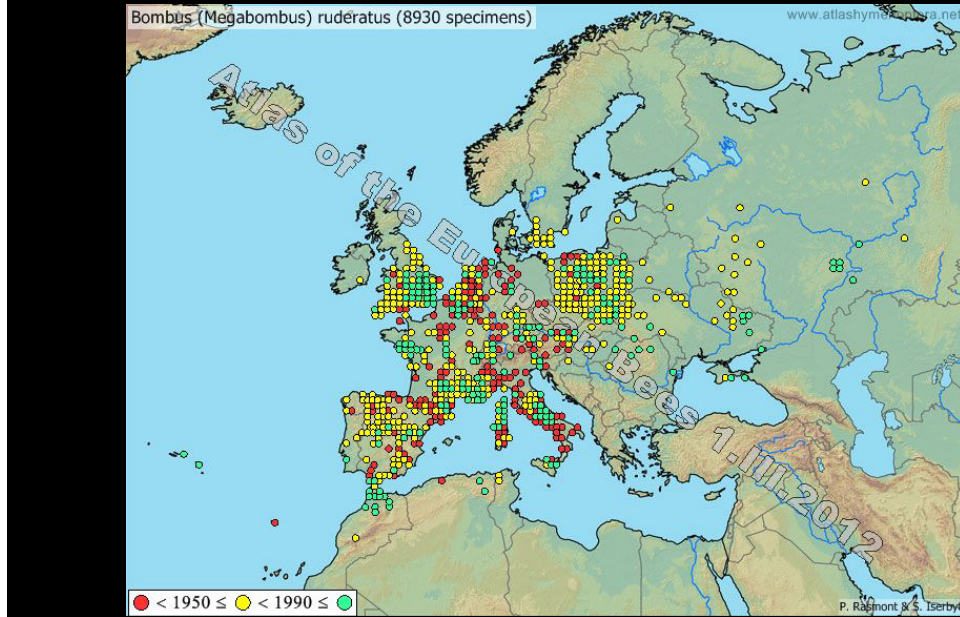
Even dramatically regressing this species is assessed as "VU - vulnerable"



This is a species in "good health" LC - Least Concern "stable"



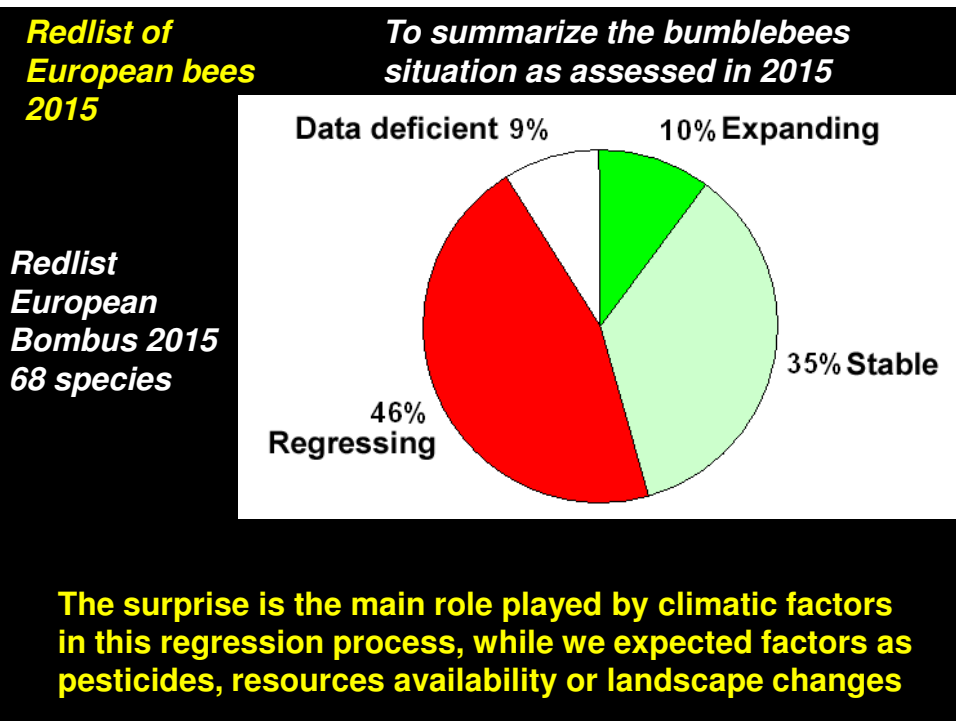
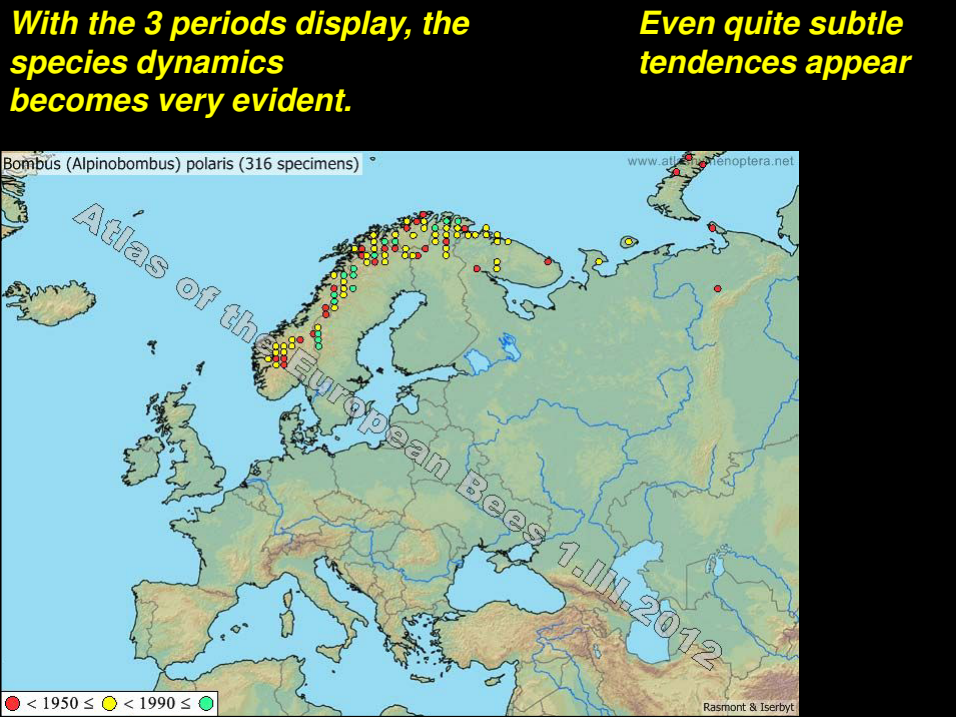
One more time, Redlist is quite conservative: This clearly regressing species is assessed as "LC - Least Concern"



With the 3 periods display, the species dynamics becomes very evident.

Even quite subtle tendencies appear





- We have now several evidence about climate impact:**
- follow-up of mountain area
 - heat waves impact
 - modelling of climatic envelope in climate warming
 - measures of heat-stress resistance
 - meta-analysis of data from Europe and N. America
 - ...



Eyne is a small town in East-Pyrenees (France)



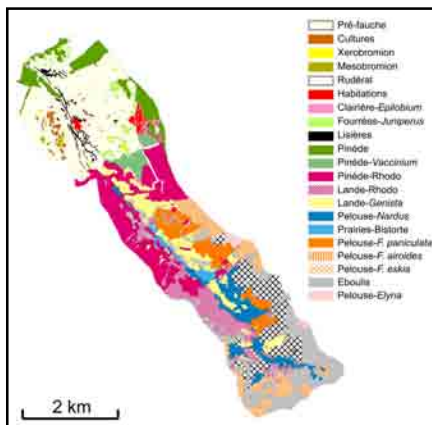
At first look, Eyne is a small charming village with nothing special



But it includes a Nature Reserve



And also the plateau de la Cerdagne



The Eyne 's vegetation is very diversified

**The area is 20.18 km²
The altitudes are 1450-2850 m**

In this small area, Eyne concentrates 33 bumblebees species. It is the highest diversified bumblebee assemblage in the world.

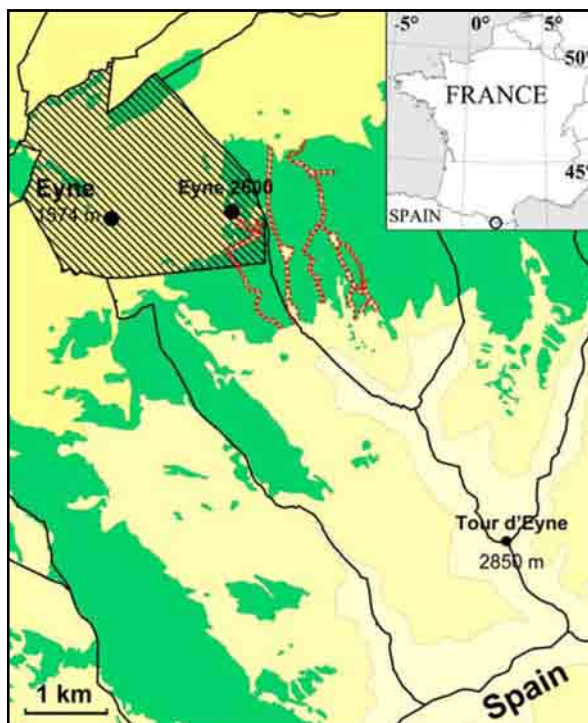
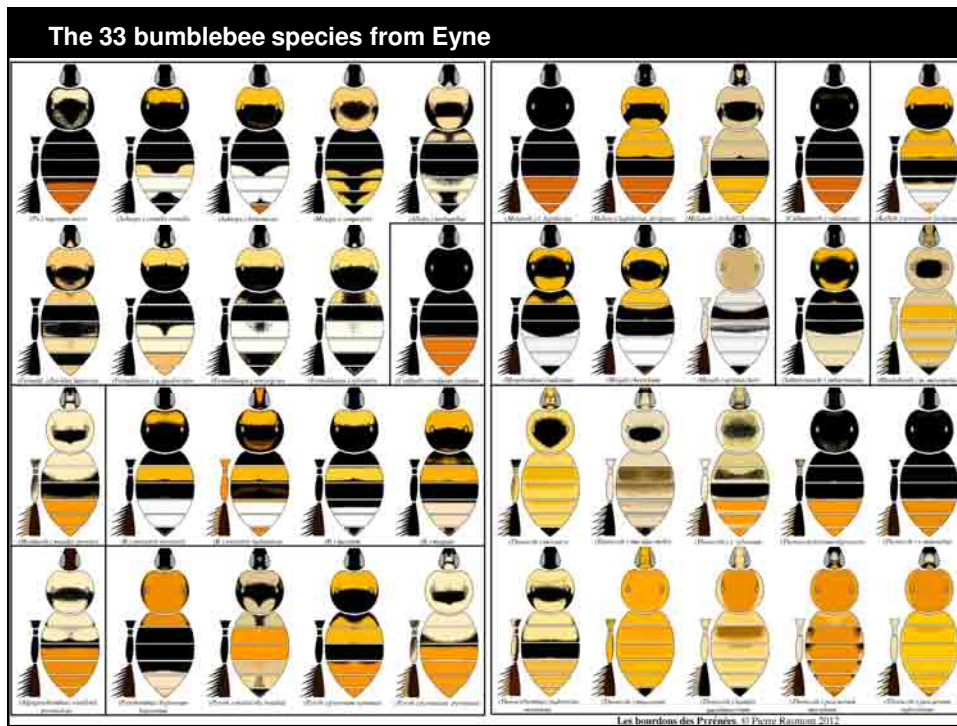
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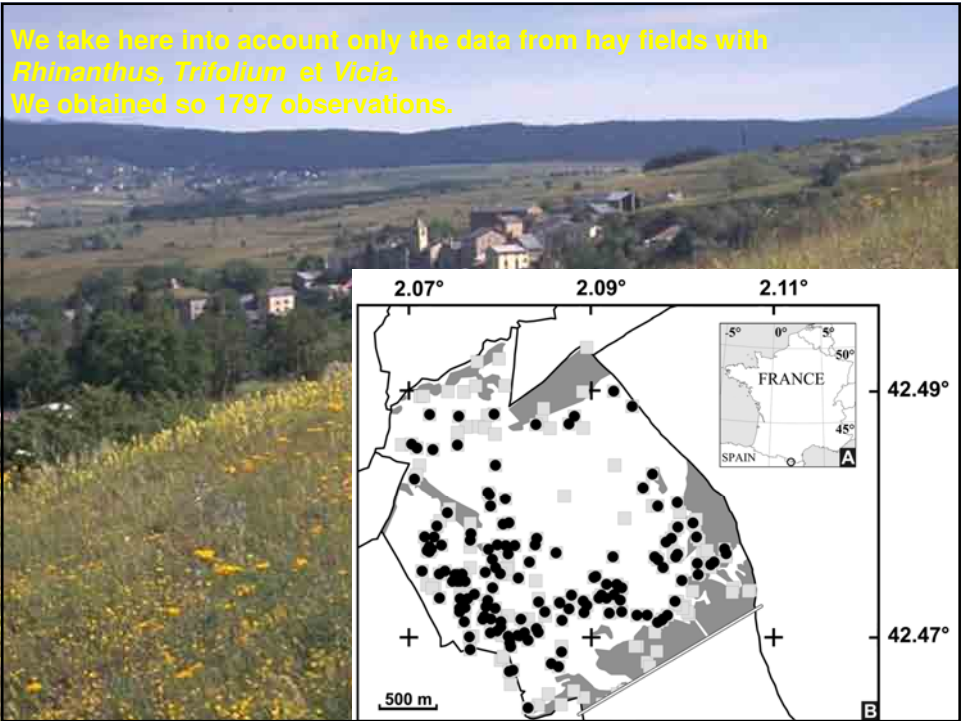
The remarkable diversity of bumblebees (Hymenoptera: Apidae: *Bombus*) in the Eyne Valley (France, Pyrénées-Orientales)

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**From 1999 to 2009,
we sampled bumblebees
in the shaded area,
from July 9 to 28.**



Climatic data obtained from the very near Saillagouse meteo station

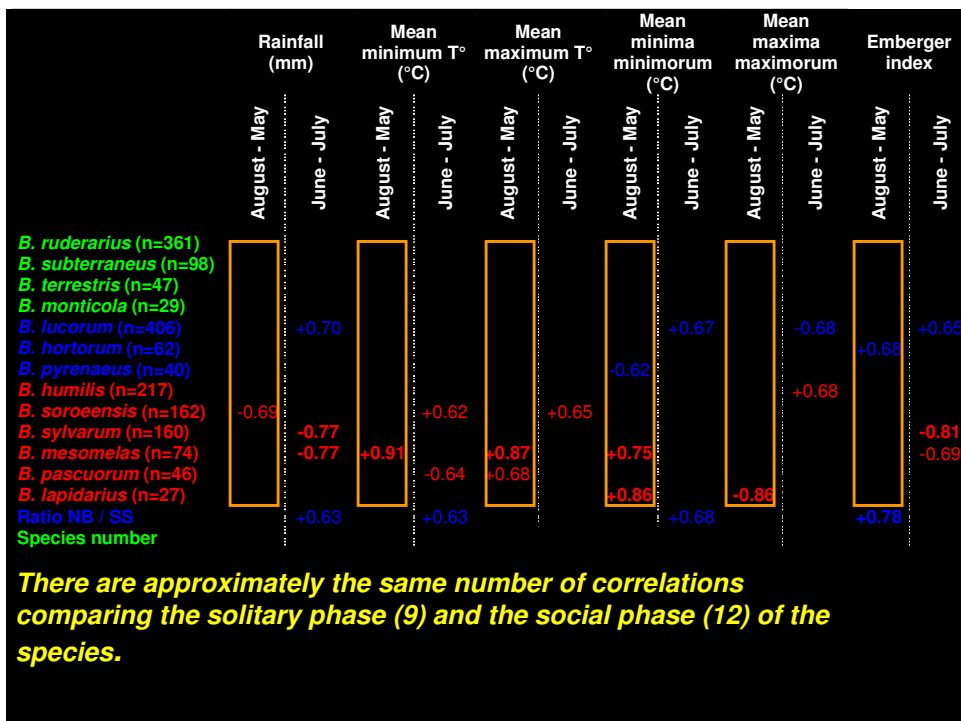
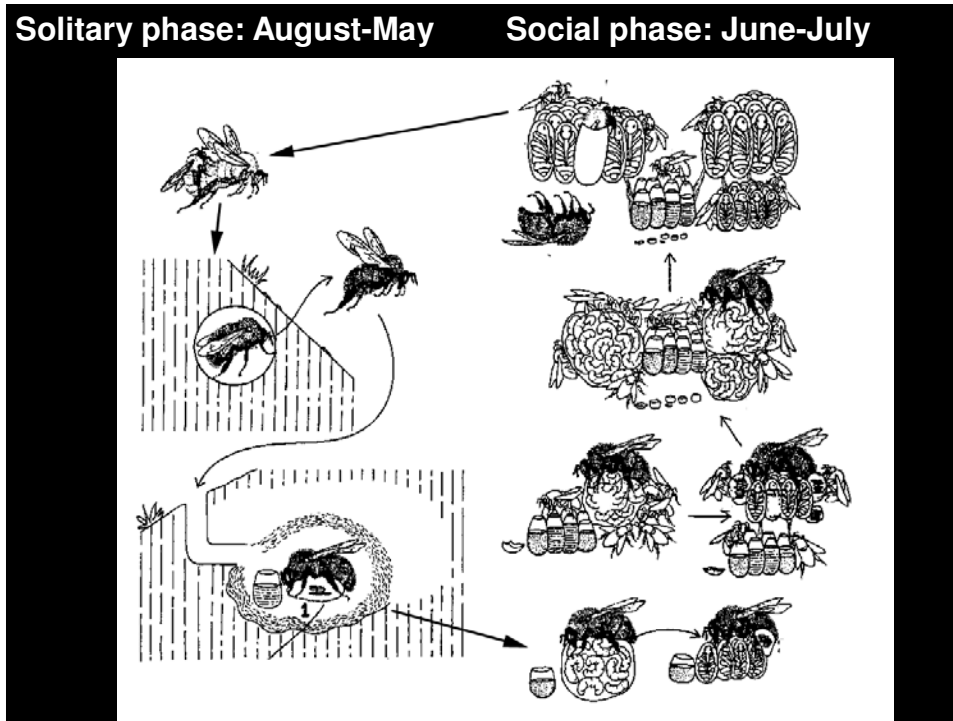
Year	Precipitation (mm)		Mean of minimum temperature (°C)		Mean of maximum temperature (°C)		Mean minimum minimum (°C)		Mean maximum maximum (°C)		Emberger Index		Tendency	
	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July	August - May	June - July
Aug 1998 - Jul 1999	429.8	193.0	3.0	10.8	13.5	22.9	-4.0	6.1	20.7	27.8	1346.5	765.9		Very damp
Aug 1999 - Jul 2000	468.5	115.0	3.2	10.1	14.2	22.6	-2.6	4.5	21.5	28.5	1461.2	478.5		Arid
Aug 2000 - Jul 2001	419.5	92.5	3.7	10.7	13.9	23.9	-2.8	4.8	20.8	31.4	1284.1	384.8		Damp
Aug 2001 - Jul 2002	372.0	163.5	2.9	11.0	14.0	23.8	-2.3	4.0	21.6	30.7	1105.2	699.0		Damp
Aug 2002 - Jul 2003	485.5	144.8	3.0	12.8	12.9	25.8	-2.9	8.3	19.5	30.7	2110.7	554.2	Damp	Damp
Aug 2003 - Jul 2004	496.8	110.4	3.2	11.2	13.4	23.6	-2.3	5.0	20.7	30.3	1297.8	466.0		
Aug 2004 - Jul 2005	345.1	101.2	2.8	11.6	13.8	25.1	-4.6	6.9	21.0	32.1	1162.7	366.1		Arid
Aug 2005 - Jul 2006	432.9	153.0	3.0	12.2	13.6	26.3	-3.4	5.8	20.6	30.2	1601.3	481.7		
Aug 2006 - Jul 2007	368.9	34.5	4.0	10.8	14.9	24.0	-1.5	4.8	21.8	29.1	1425.5	121.1		Very dry
Aug 2007 - Jul 2008	467.1	84.3	3.1	10.3	14.3	23.2	-3.1	3.9	21.6	29.9	1615.6	300.8		Arid
Aug 2008 - Jul 2009	387.8	101.4	2.8	11.3	13.5	24.8	-3.6	5.8	21.4	30.9	1166.1	328.0		Arid

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<i>B. terrestris</i> (n=47)												
<i>B. monticola</i> (n=29)												
<i>B. lucorum</i> (n=406)		+0.70					+0.67		-0.68			+0.65
<i>B. hortorum</i> (n=62)										+0.68		
<i>B. pyrenaicus</i> (n=40)								-0.62				
<i>B. humilis</i> (n=217)									+0.68			
<i>B. soroeensis</i> (n=162)	-0.69		+0.62		+0.65							
<i>B. sylvarum</i> (n=160)		-0.77										-0.81
<i>B. mesomelas</i> (n=74)		-0.77	+0.91		+0.87		+0.75					-0.69
<i>B. pascuorum</i> (n=46)				-0.64	+0.68							
<i>B. lapidarius</i> (n=27)							+0.86		-0.86			
Ratio NB / SS	+0.63		+0.63					+0.68			+0.78	
Species number												

The abundance of four species is no correlated with any climatic parameter. That means that the abundance of the remaining 9/13 species is more or less correlated with at least one climatic parameter.

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The abundance of 3 species and the number of bumblebees per sampled station are correlated with cold or wet conditions.
The abundance of 6 species is correlated with hot or dry situations.





Bombus confusus

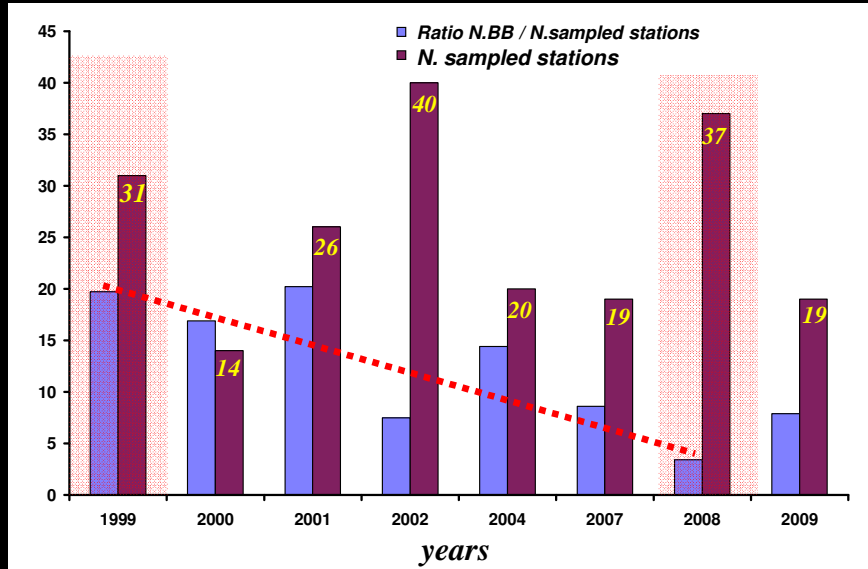
Some species, like *Bombus confusus*, have been observed only a few times during the hottest years



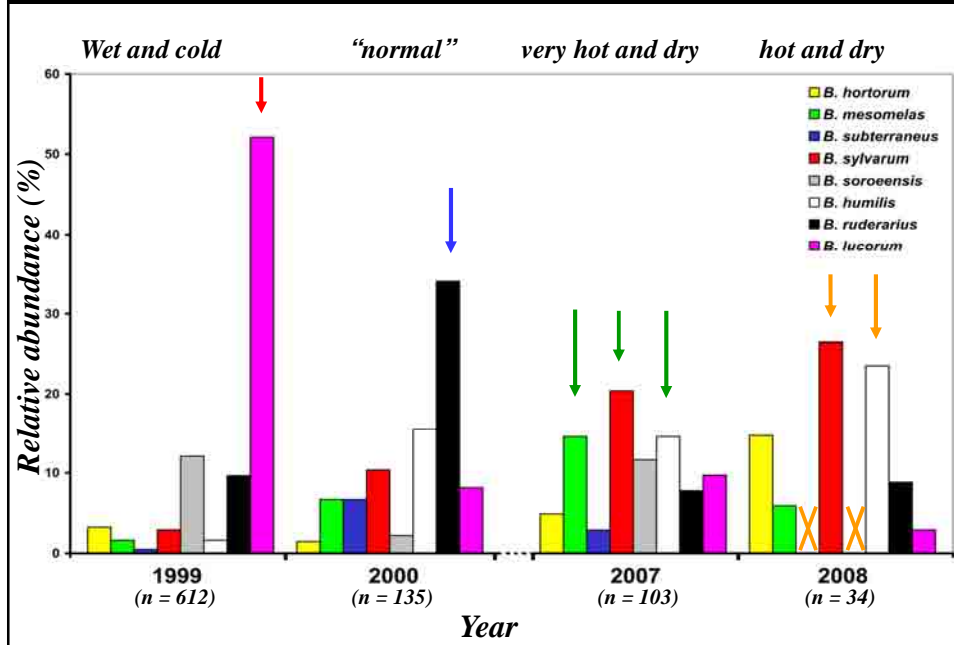
Bombus sicheli flavissimus

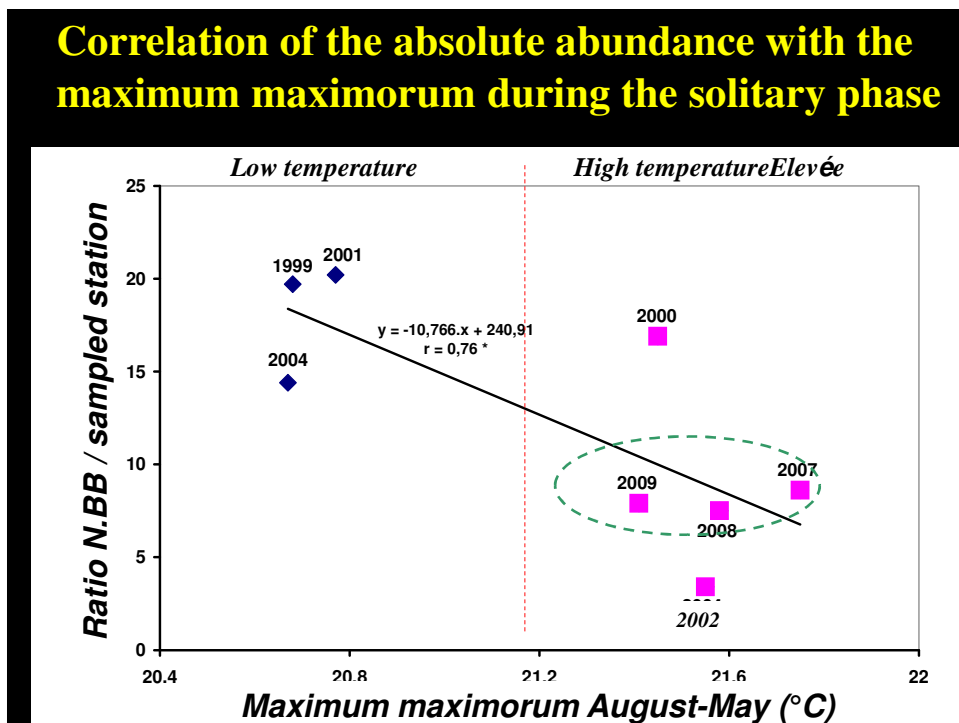
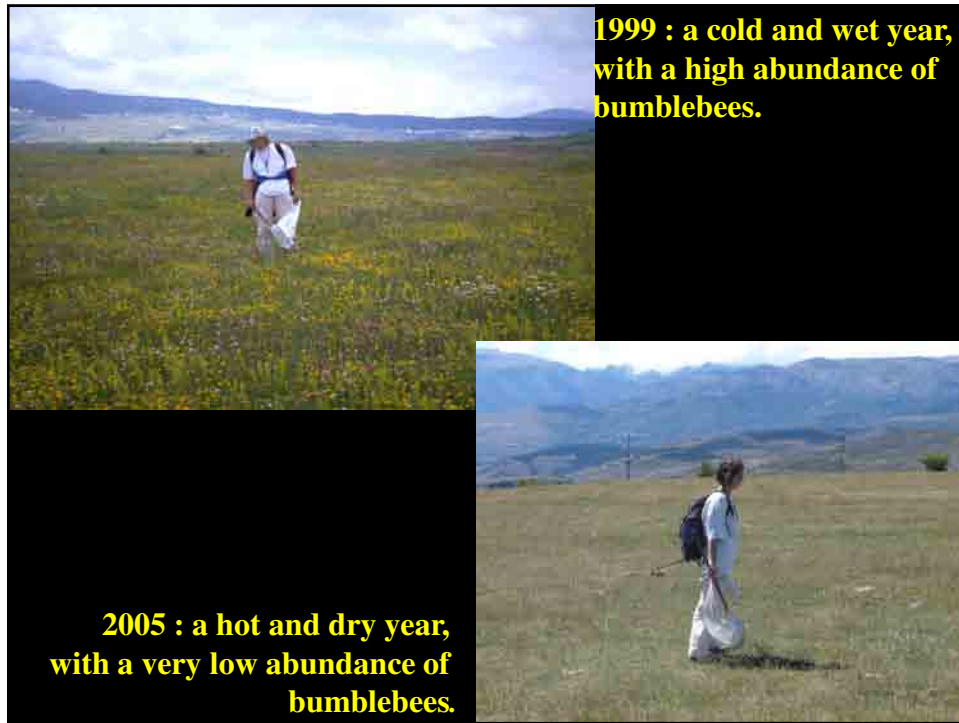
This species was only present during the coldest and the most humid year, in 1999.

Global abundance of the bumblebees

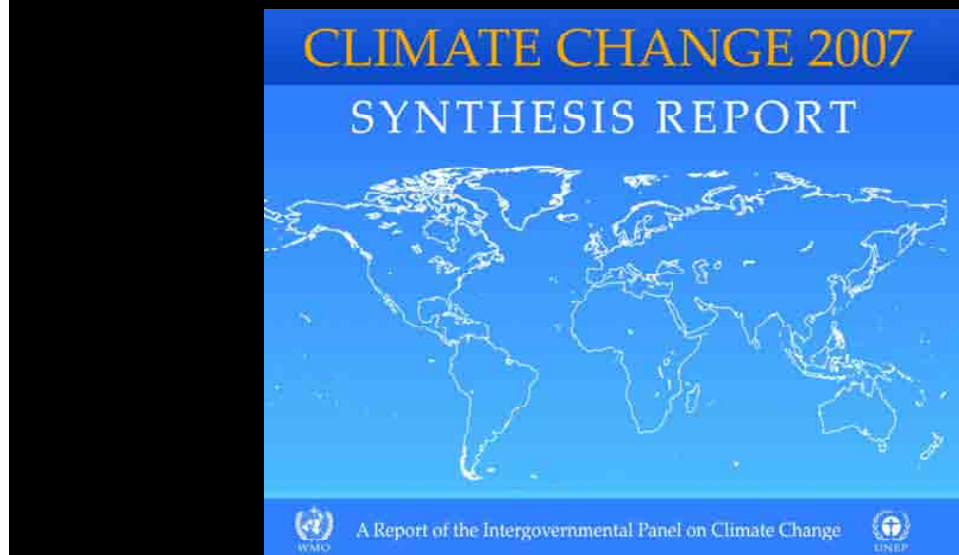


Yearly variations of the relative abundance





IPCC estimation for the 20th century : +0.74°C (1906-2005)
Air cooling with altitude = 5°C to 9°C / 1000m
The altitude shift during this period would have been +75 to +150m



Impacts of climate warming and habitat loss on extinctions at species' low-latitude range boundaries

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Since 1970, for *Erebia epiphron*, in Britain, Franco et al. 2006 observed an uphill shift of +150m. That is at least 3 times more than the IPCC indication.

Wilson et al. 2005 observed an isothermic shift uphill of +225 m from 1967 to 2004 for 16 butterfly of the Sierra de Guadarrama



Changes to the elevational limits and extent of species ranges associated with climate change

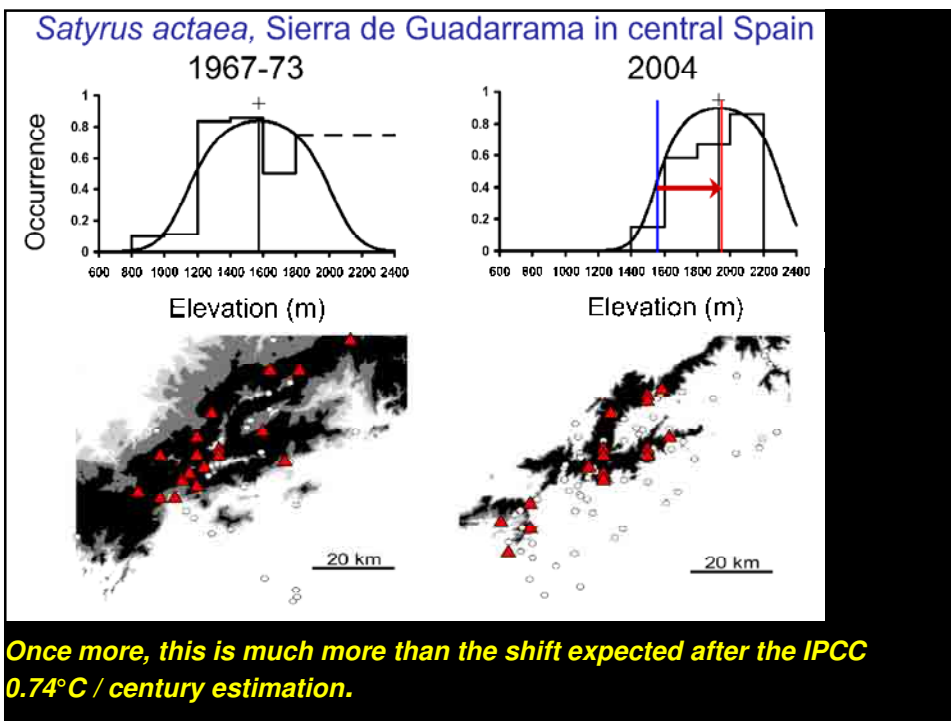
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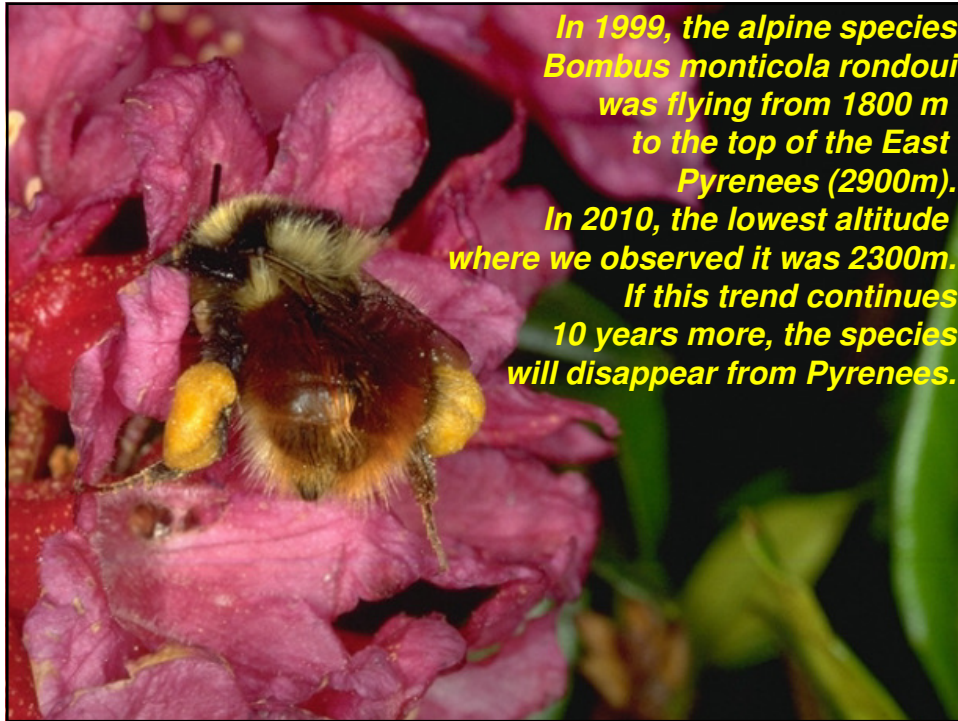
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*In 1999, the alpine species **Bombus monticola rondoui** was flying from 1800 m to the top of the East Pyrenees (2900m). In 2010, the lowest altitude where we observed it was 2300m. If this trend continues 10 years more, the species will disappear from Pyrenees.*

*The perspective of a further temperature increase of 2-3°C (IPCC 2007) is worrying. It could lead to a further 500 m shift uphill. It could take one century (following the IPCC) but could also be much faster, perhaps in the very next decades. In this case, we could expect the extinction of all alpine and subalpine bumblebees species (*flavidus*, *gerstaeckeri*, *mendax*, *mesomelas*, *monticola*, *mucidus*, *pyreneus*, *sichelii*). But it could also strongly deplete some abundant species, like *Bombus lucorum*, and even cause their local extinctions.*

Despite the robustness of plant-pollinator assemblages against disturbance, it will be impossible to avoid major disruptions of the pollination network in the future.

For Williams et al. 2008 : "Species that are susceptible to decline [...] according to our results, will tend to be those bumblebee species that have narrower climatic ranges, are nearest to the edges of their climatic ranges and become active later in the season. In contrast, species that may do relatively well [...] will tend to be those bumblebee species with broad climatic ranges that occur away from the edges of their climatic ranges and that become active early in the season."

Conservation Biology

Bumblebee Vulnerability: Common Correlates of Winners and Losers across Three Continents

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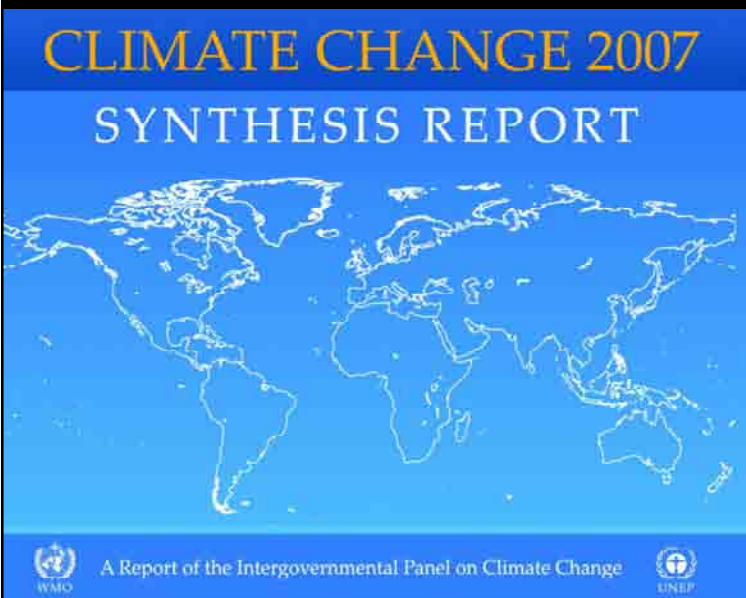
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Abstract: *It is widely agreed that in many parts of the world some bumblebee (Bombus) species have*

The IPCC (2007) observed a "quite slow" global warming (0.74°C for the passed 100 years).



The IPCC Report does not represent the events occurring at local or regional scales. To figure a more accurate example, passing from the year 2000 to 2010, the meteorological station: Le Luc (France, Var) recorded a mean temperature increase of +0.9°C, and a mean decreasing of -32% of the yearly precipitations



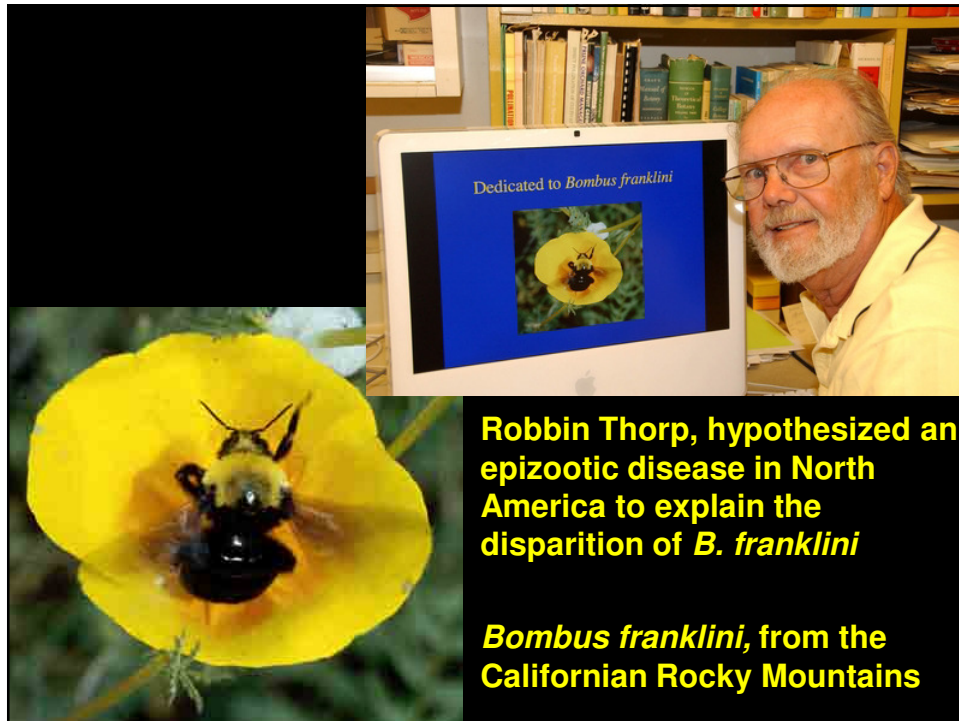
Even if it could be alarming, these indications are just means. In addition, it could occur too meteorological events like storms, drought and hot waves.

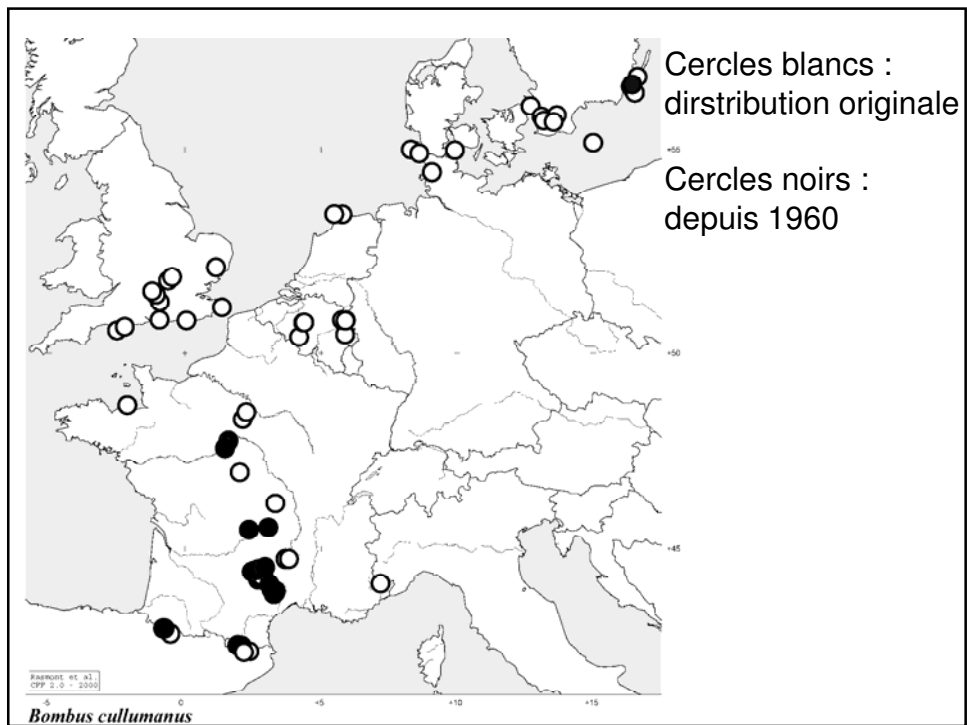
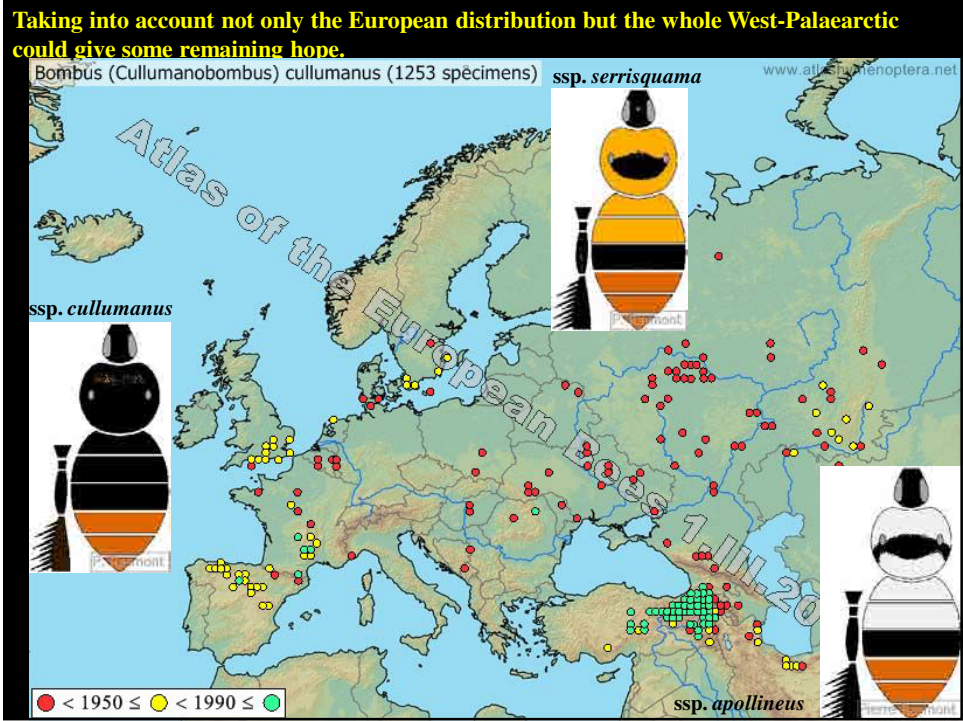
Have a look on the hot waves.

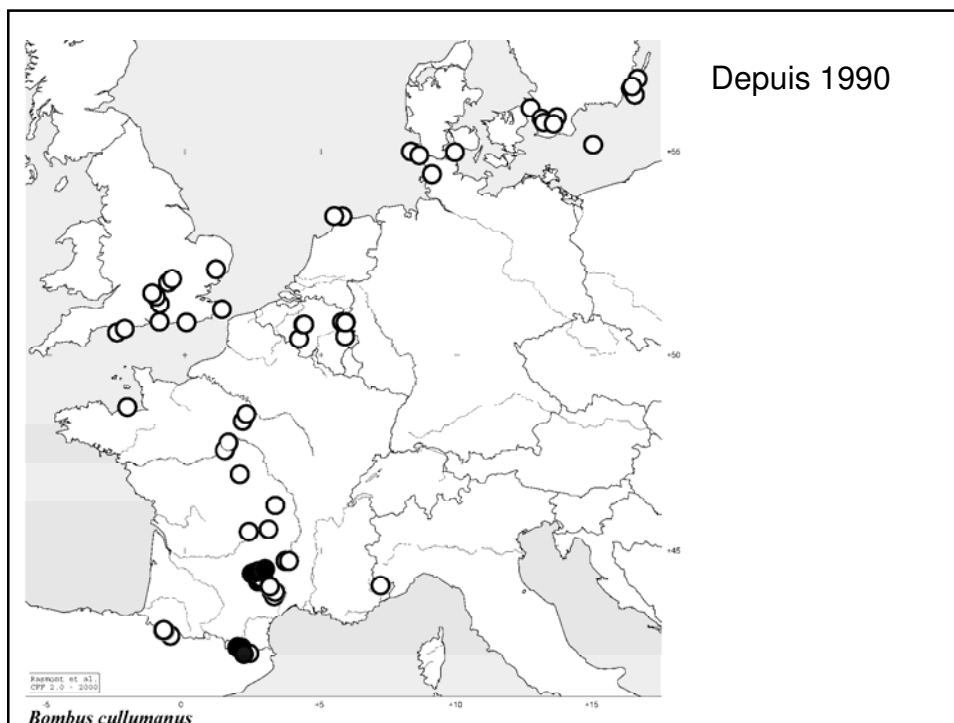
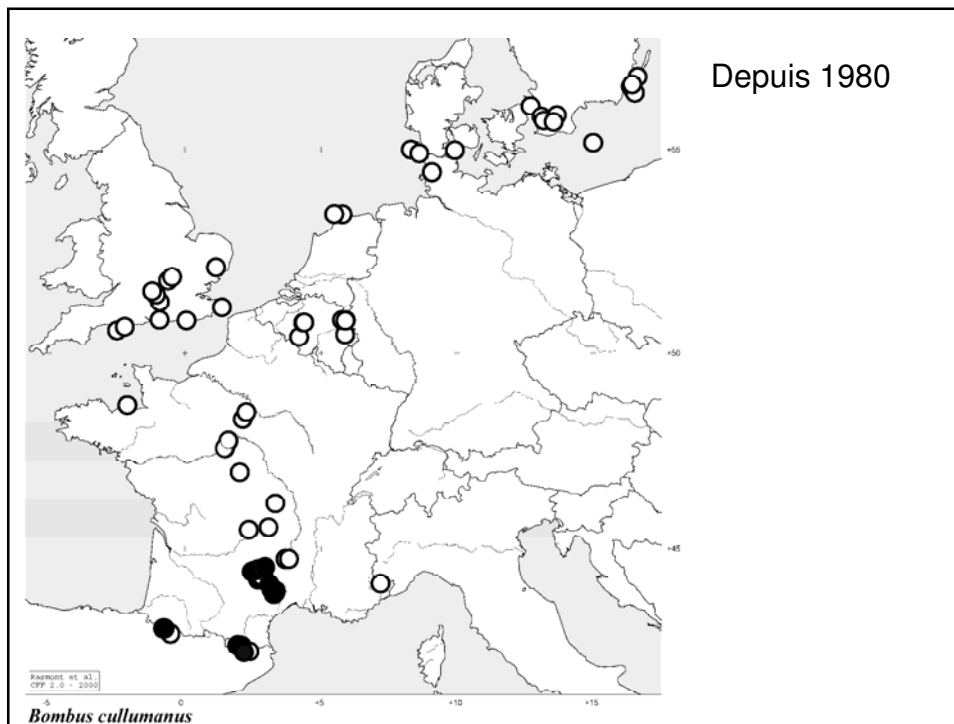
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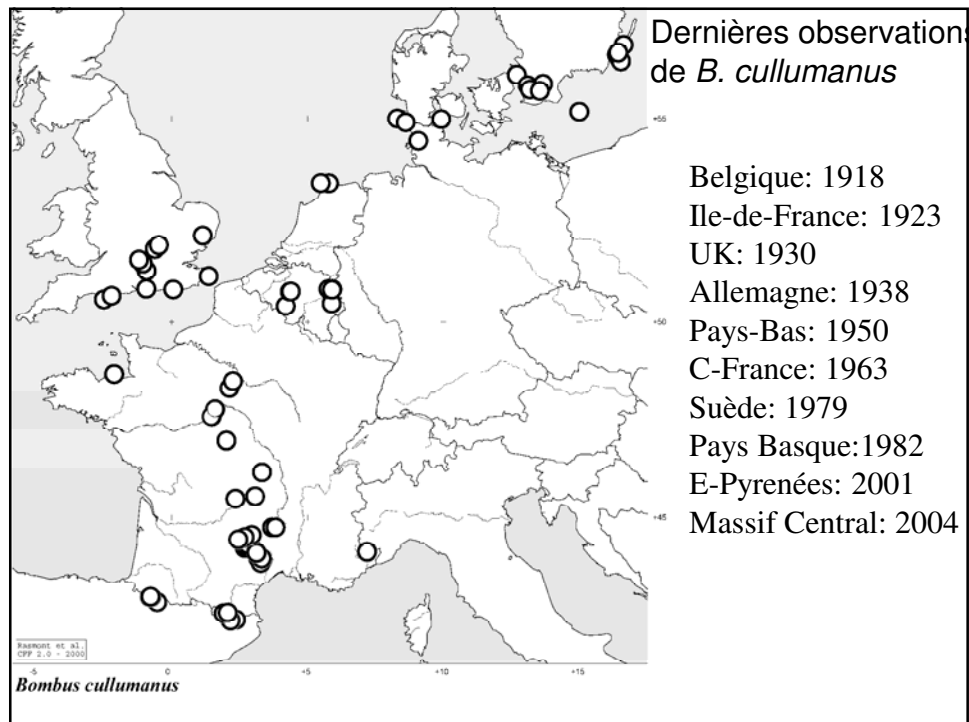
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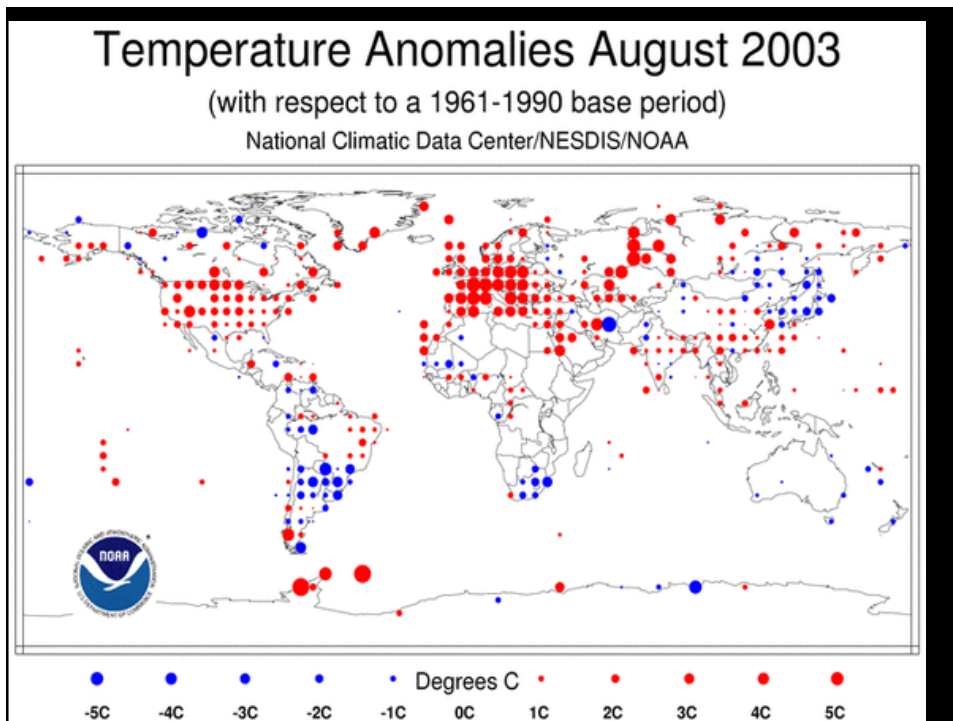
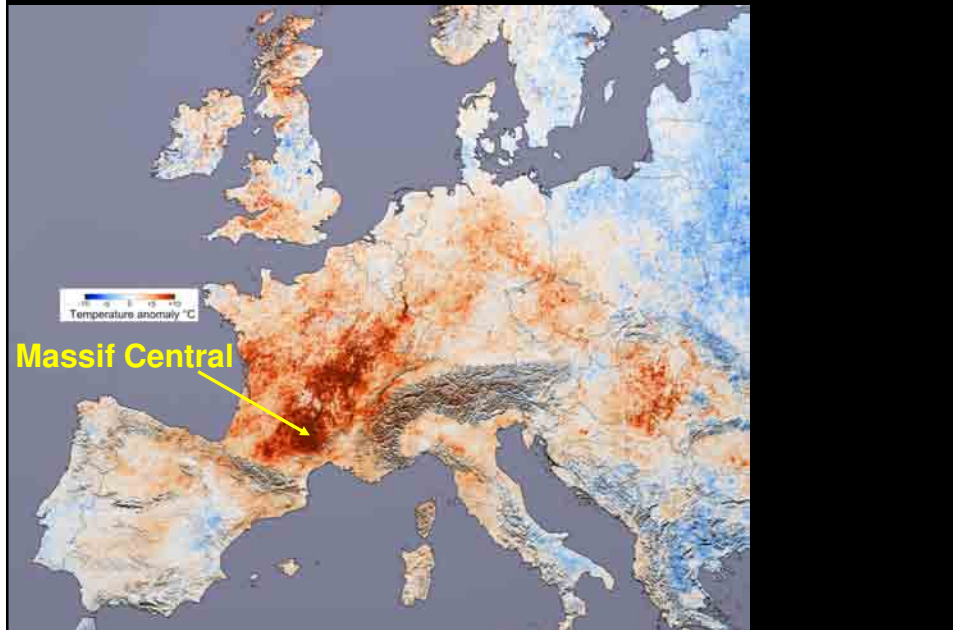


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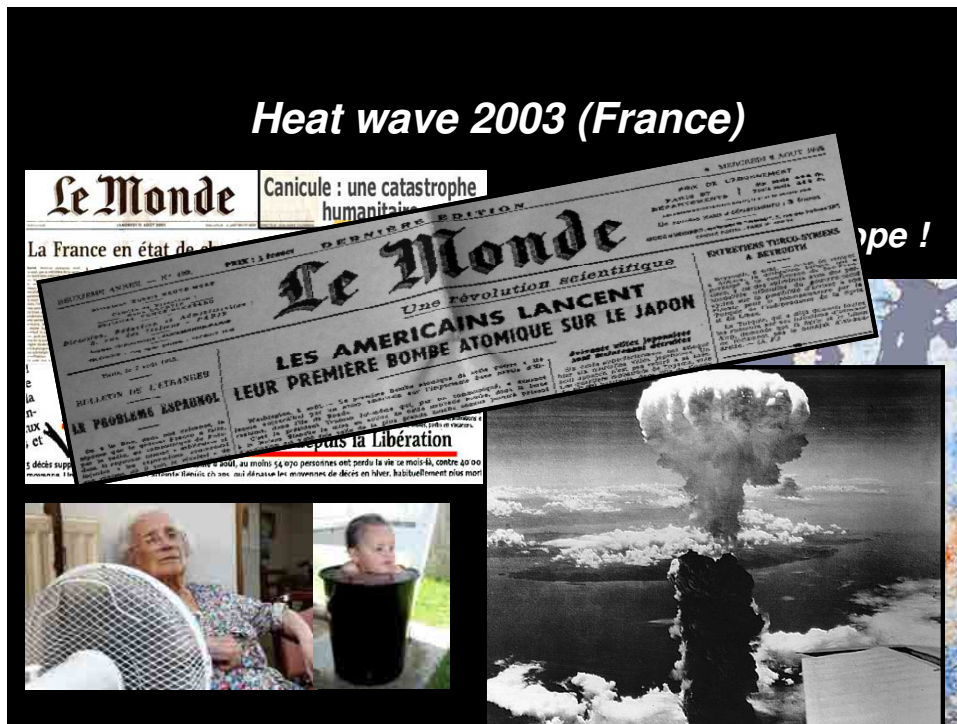


Larzac,
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This is a NASA image of the 2003 heat wave. The last stations of *Bombus cullumanus* were in the worst area.



Heat wave 2003 (France)



Other parts of the fauna could be affected.

Climate change increases the likelihood of catastrophic avian mortality events during extreme heat waves

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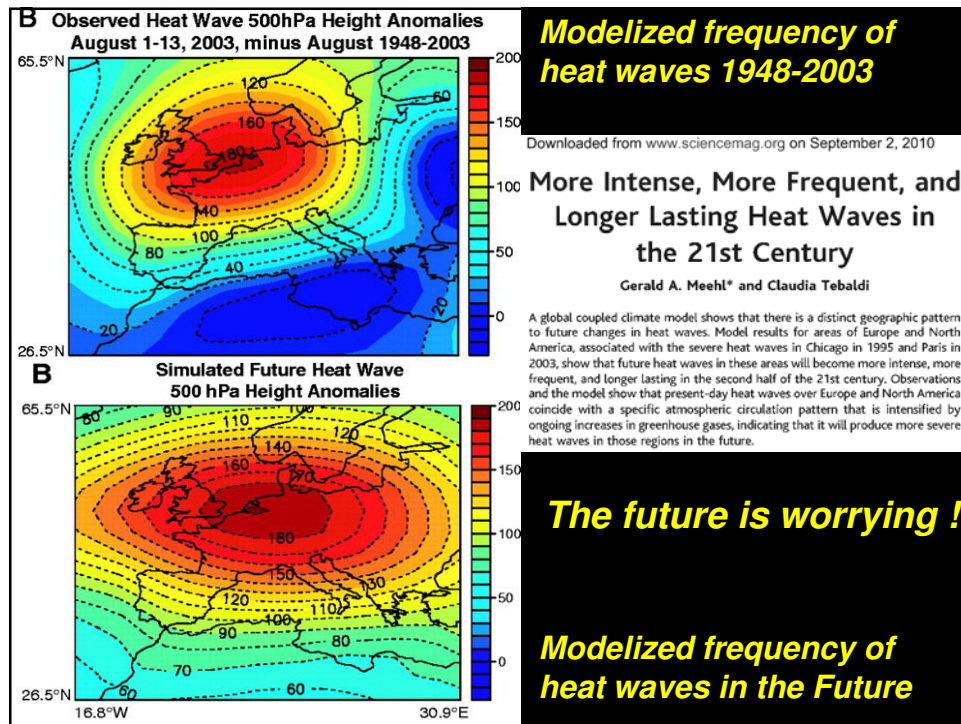
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Abstract

Severe heat waves have occasionally led to catastrophic avian mortality in hot desert environments. Climate change models predict increases in the intensity, frequency and duration of heat waves. A model of avian evaporative water requirements and survival times during the hottest part of day reveals that the predicted increases in maximum air temperatures will result in large fractional increases in water requirements (in small birds, equivalent to 150–200% of current values), which will severely reduce survival times during extremely hot weather. By the 2080s, desert birds will experience reduced survival times much more frequently during mid-summer, increasing the frequency of catastrophic mortality events.

Welbergen J.A, Klose S.M., Markus N. & Eby P. 2008. Climate change and the effects of temperature extremes on Australian flying-foxes. Proc R Soc B 275, 419-425



The Abnormal Bumblebees Scarcity syndrom

- **Returning in places where you personally experienced abundance of bumblebees**
- **In pertinent time relative to phenology**
- **With the normal density of flower resources**
- **With a good weather.**

Despite of all these apparently favourable parameters, you observe a very few number of bumblebees, sometimes no one

In the worst situation, you cannot find any bumblebees day after day.

We personally met such heat waves followed by ABS in the next places:

- 2002 Pyrenees**
- 2002 E Anatolia**
- 2003 Pyrenees**
- 2003 N Fennoscandia**
- 2005 Pyrenees**
- 2007 W Anatolia**
- 2008 Pyrenees**
- 2008 C Sweden**
- 2008 W Norway**
- 2009 Scotland**



Dried steppic vegetation in Yozgat, C-Anatolia, 2007



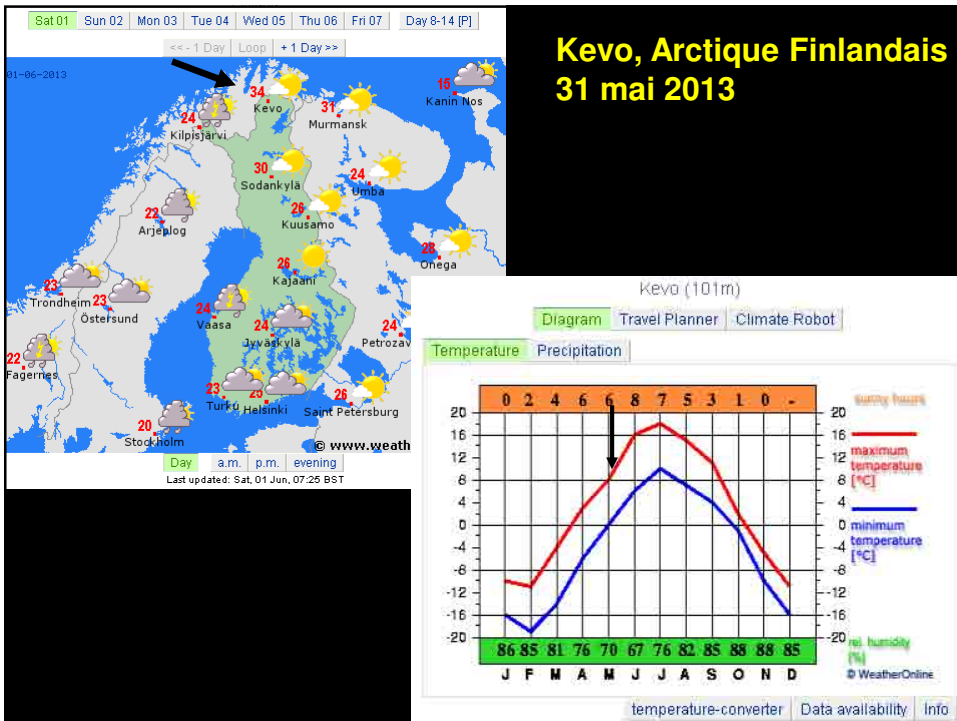
Dried peat-bog in Flatanger, Central Norway, 2008



Dried heather in Brora, Scotland, 2009.



Estives d'Osséjà, août 2012. Végétation alpine desséchée, mourante



For Williams et al. 2008 : "Species that are susceptible to decline owing to reduced abundances of their most suitable food plants, according to our results, will tend to be those bumblebee species that have narrower climatic ranges, are nearest to the edges of their climatic ranges and become active later in the season. In contrast, species that may do relatively well where reductions in food plants drive other species to pronounced declines will tend to be those bumblebee species with broad climatic ranges that occur away from the edges of their climatic ranges and that become active early in the season."

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Bumblebee Vulnerability: Common Correlates of Winners and Losers across Three Continents

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Abstract: *It is widely agreed that in many parts of the world some bumblebee (Bombus) species have*



Bombus magnus

Les canicules peuvent aussi être la cause des régressions rapides et récentes de *Bombus magnus* et *Bombus muscorum*



Bombus muscorum

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Abstract

Insect decline results from numerous interacting factors including climate change. One of the major phenomena related to climate change is the increase of the frequency of extreme events such as heat waves. Since heat waves are suspected to dramatically increase insect mortality, there is an urgent need to assess their potential impact. Here, we determined and compared the resistance to heat waves of insects under hyperthermic stress through their time before heat stupor (THS) when they are exposed to an extreme temperature (40°C). For this, we used a new experimental standardised device available in the field or in locations close to the field collecting sites. We applied this approach on different Arctic, Boreo-Alpine and Widespread bumblebee species in order to predict consequences of heat waves. Our results show a heat resistance gradient: the heat stress resistance of species with a centred arctic distribution is weaker than the heat resistance of the Boreo-Alpine species with a larger distribution which is itself lower than the heat stress resistance of the ubiquitous species.

Heat stress resistance - Protocol

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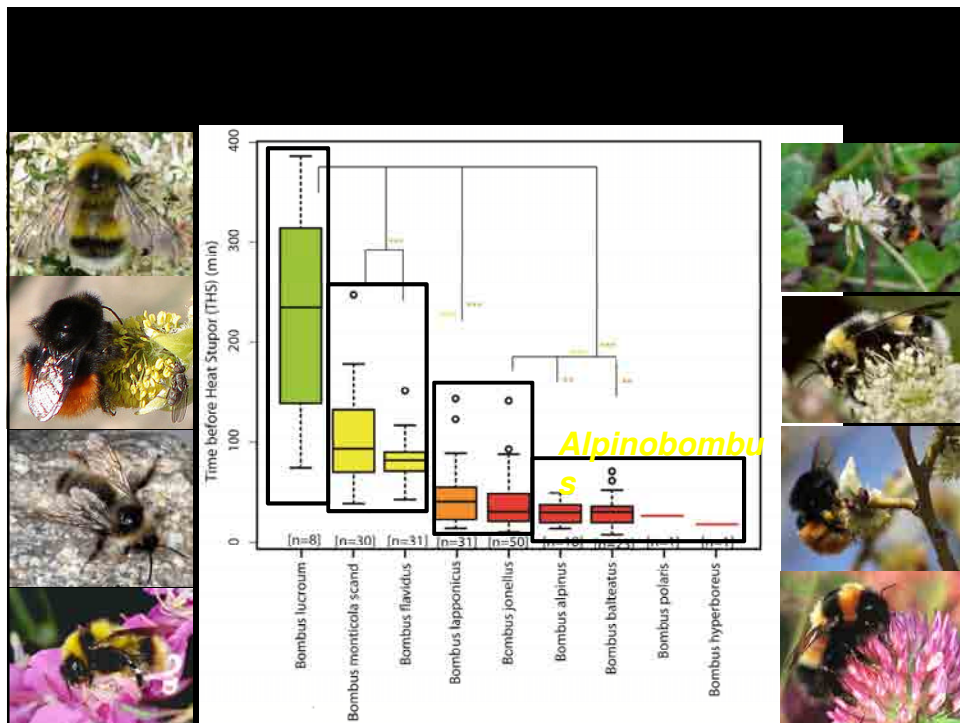
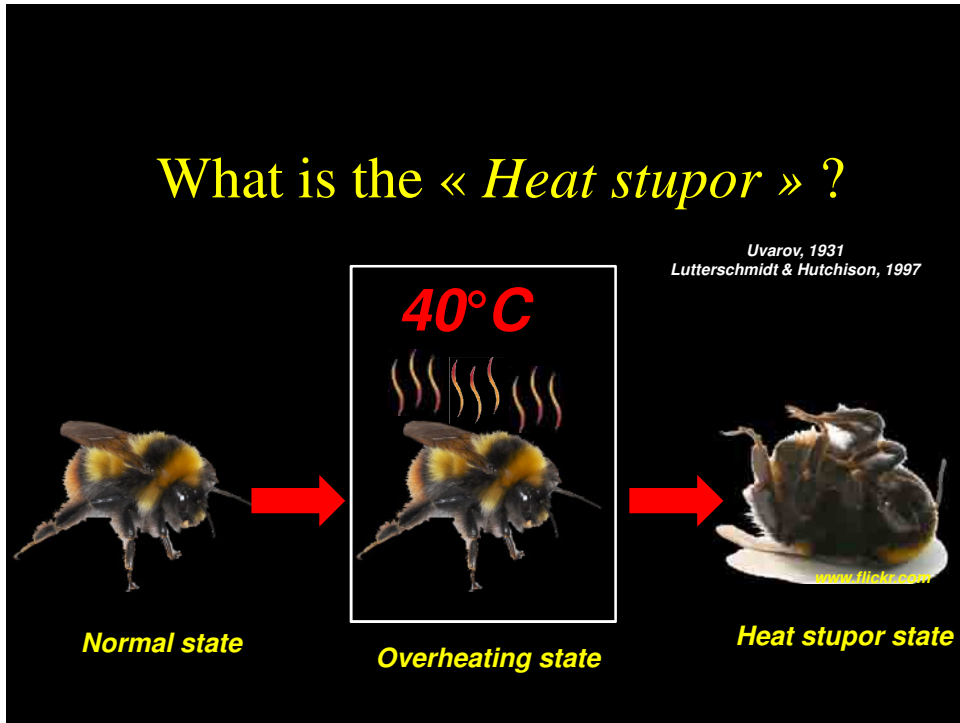
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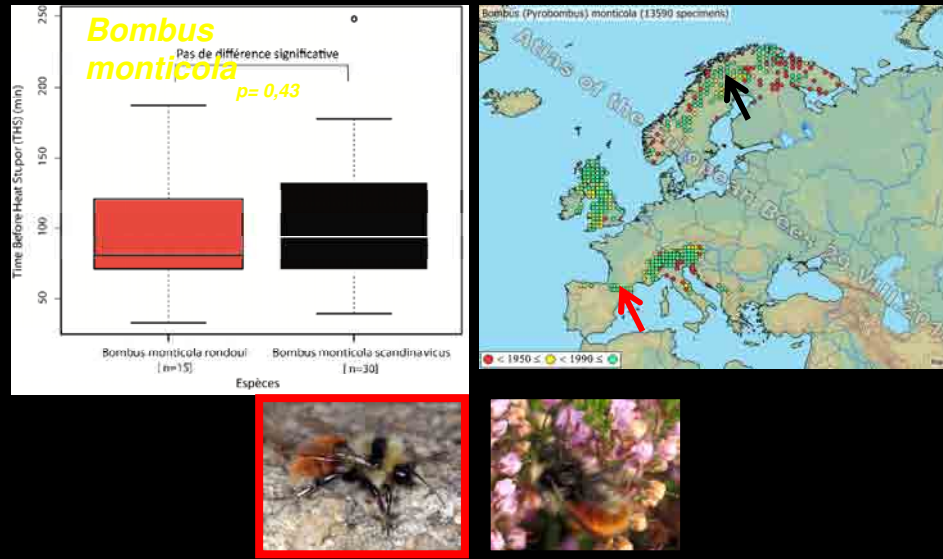
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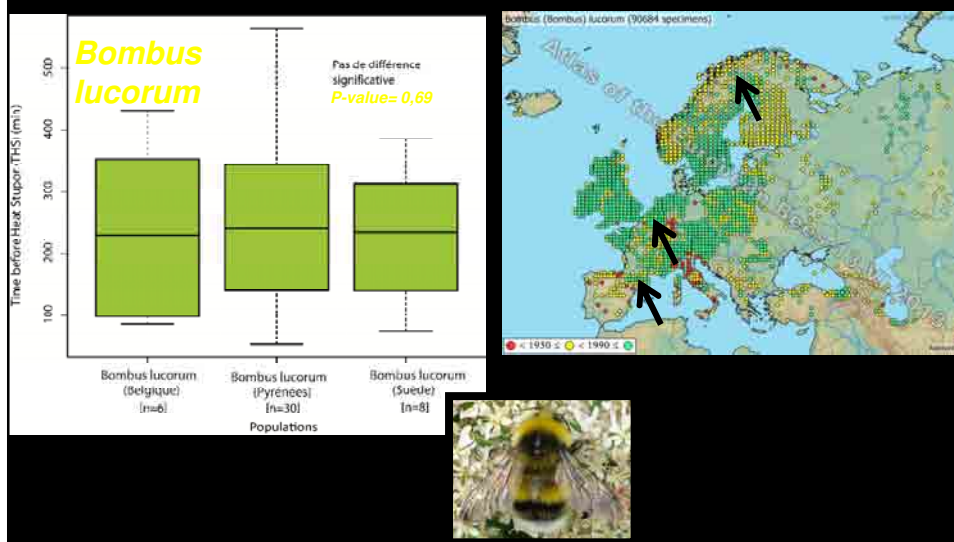
Time before Heat Stupor (THS)



B) Heat stress resistance: *variability within allopatric conspecific populations*



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Bumble bees represent one of the most important groups of pollinators. In addition to their ecological and economic relevance, they are also a highly charismatic group which can help to increase the interest of people in realizing, enjoying and conserving natural systems. However, like most animals, bumble bees are sensitive to climate. In this atlas, maps depicting potential risks of climate change for bumble bees are shown together with informative summary statistics, ecological background information and a picture of each European species. Thanks to the EU FP7 project STEP, the authors gathered over one million bumblebee records from all over Europe. Based on these data, they modelled the current climatic niche for almost all European species (56 species) and projected future climatically suitable conditions using three climate change scenarios for the years 2050 and 2100. While under a moderate change scenario only 3 species are projected to be at the verge of extinction by 2100, 14 species are at high risk under an intermediate change scenario. Under a most severe change scenario as many as 25 species are projected to lose almost all of their climatically suitable area, while a total of 53 species (77% of the 69 European species) would lose the main part of their suitable area. Climatic risks for bumblebees can be extremely high, depending on the future development of human society, and the corresponding effects on the climate. Strong mitigation strategies are needed to preserve this important species group and to ensure the sustainable provision of pollination services, to which they considerably contribute.



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On the front cover: *Bombus hyperboreus*, an Arctic bumblebee species that is threatened by global warming. © Photo: Goran Holmström

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Climate change impacts on bumblebees converge across continents

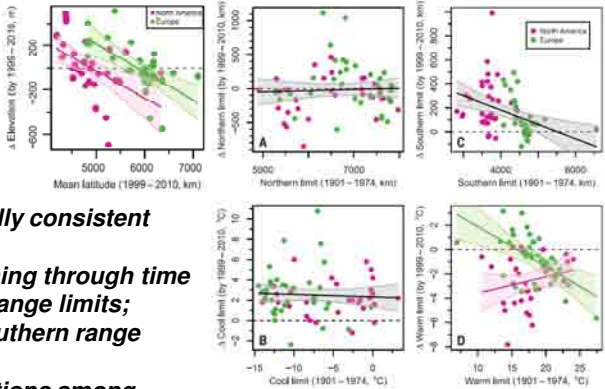
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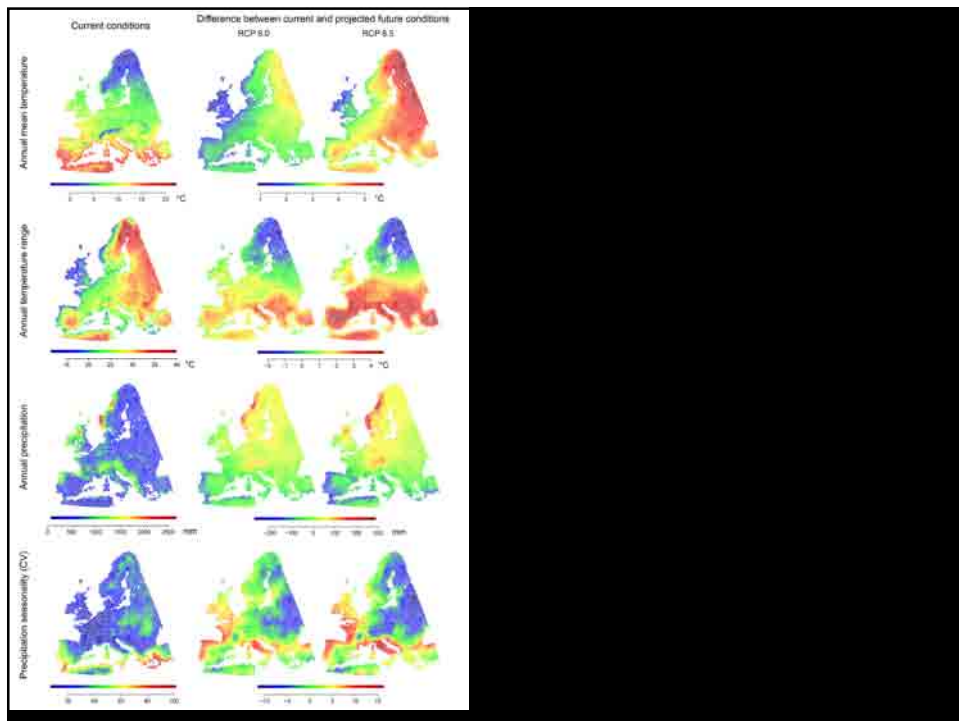
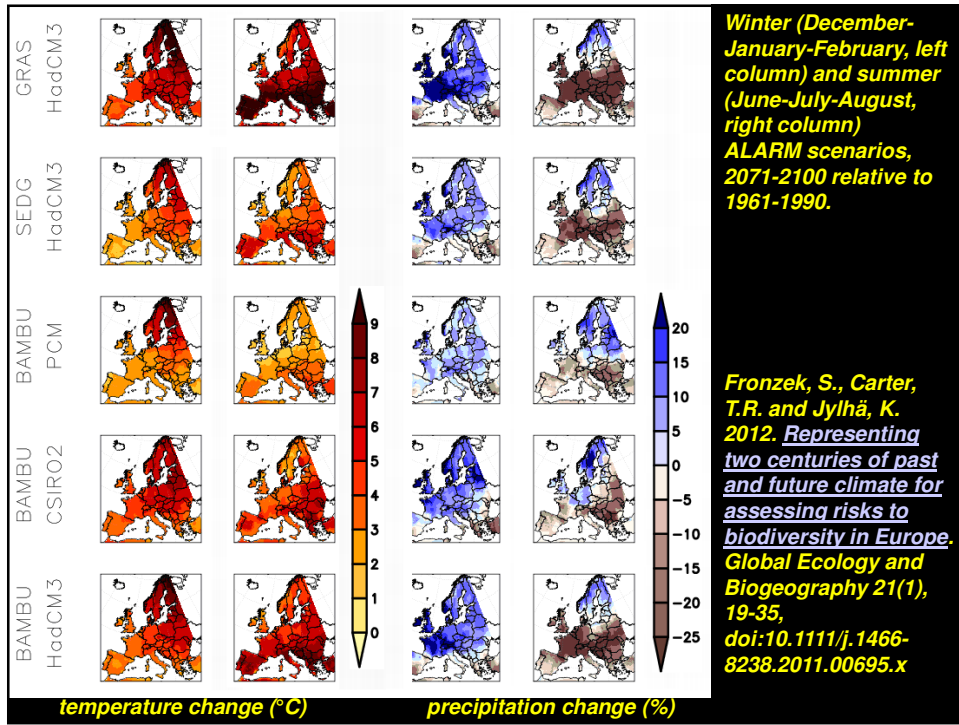


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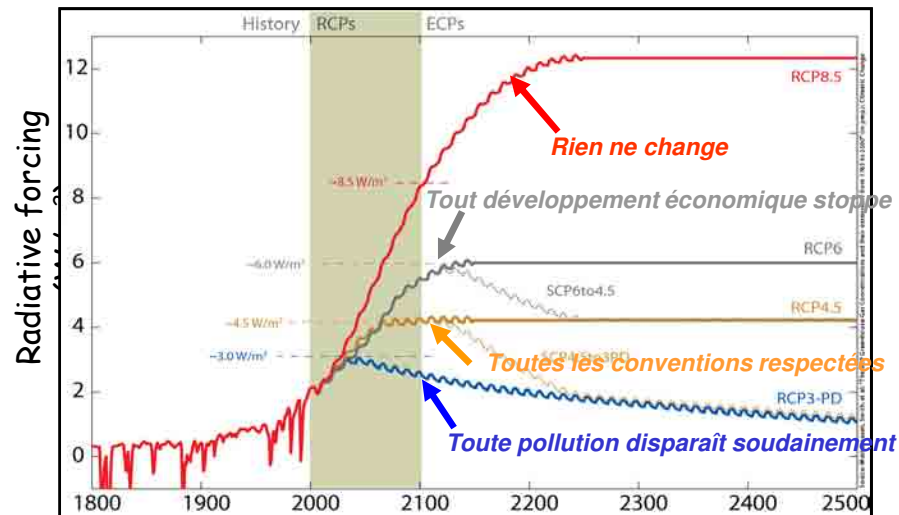
Found cross-continently consistent trends in :

- failures to track warming through time at species' northern range limits;
- range losses from southern range limits;
- shifts to higher elevations among southern species.





Les nouveaux scénarios de réchauffement climatique



Source: Potsdam Institute for Climate

Les scénarios climatiques

- **SEDG (Sustainable Europe Development Goal)** – a storyline for moderate change: The scenario of moderate change approximates the IPCC B1 climate change scenario. Mean expected temperature increase in Europe until 2080 is 2.4°C.
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35,6 MILLIARDS DE TONNES : c'est la masse des émissions de CO₂ estimées en 2012. Soit 58 pour cent de plus qu'en 1990, et 2,6 pour cent de plus qu'en 2011.

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Bombus cingulatus



Bombus hyperboreus



Bombus polaris



Scénario GRAS 2100

Même les espèces actuellement abondantes sont menacées



Bombus pascuorum



Bombus pratorum



Bombus terrestris



Trois espèces de bourdons pourraient étendre leur distribution



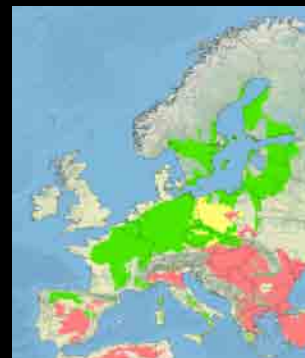
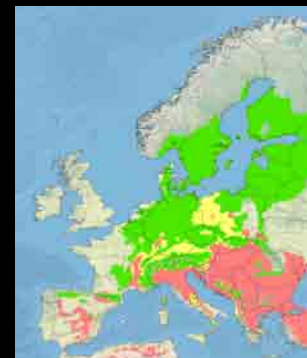
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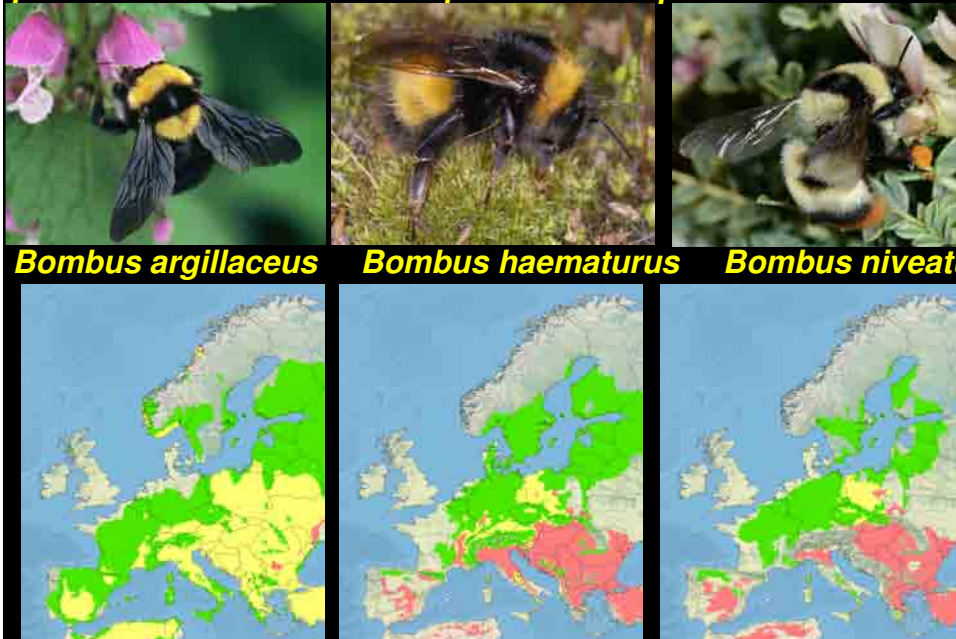
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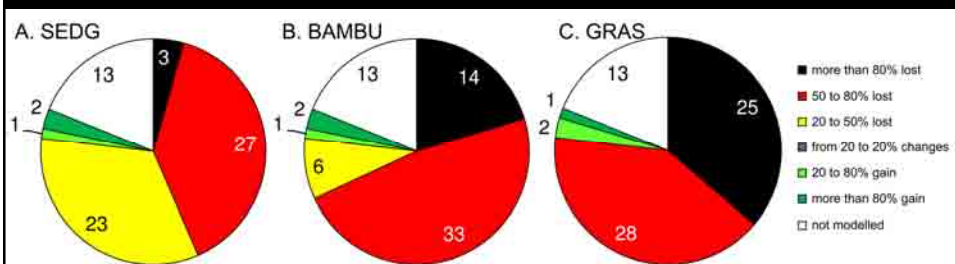
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Dans de nombreuses régions de France et de Belgique, elles pourraient être les seules espèces encore présentes



Quel que soit le scénario, le bilan est très négatif voire même cataclysmique

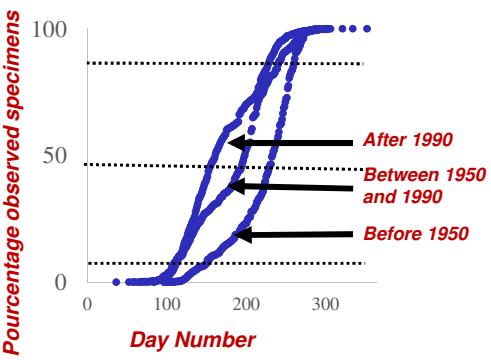


destin des espèces en 2100

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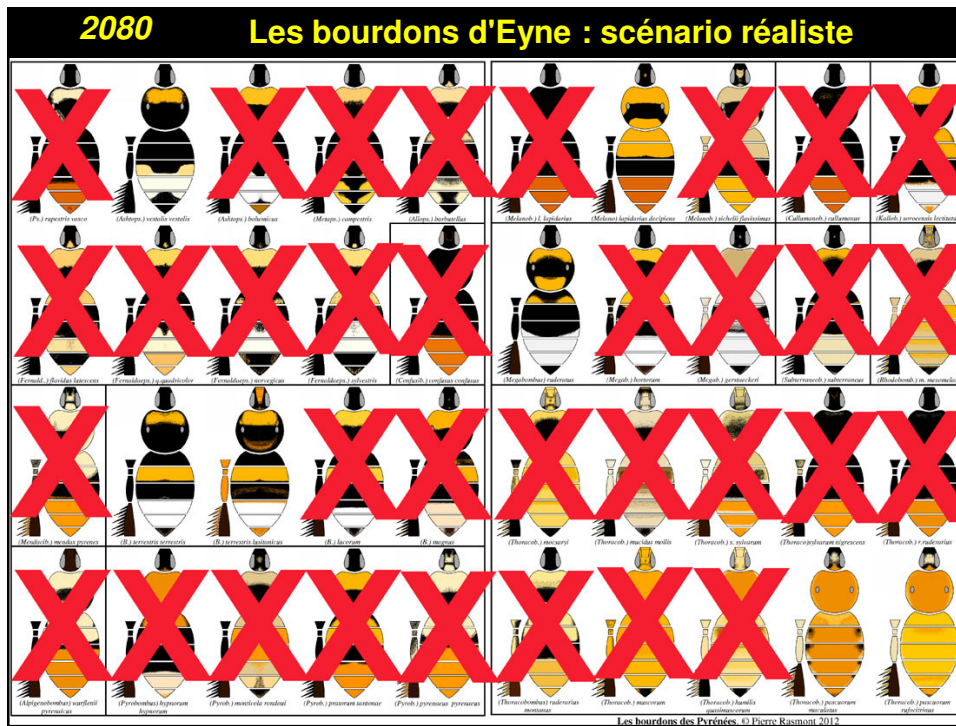
→ Study the global phenological changes in **all Belgian bumblebee** species and **characterize** these changes.


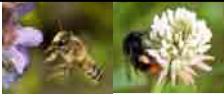


→ **Study the effect of these changes on the pollination service in the past, present and future.**

→ **Investigate the possible impact on the bumblebee-plant relationship. What are the risks?**


Que seront les bourdons de France
et de Belgique
en 2100 ?




BELBEEs project

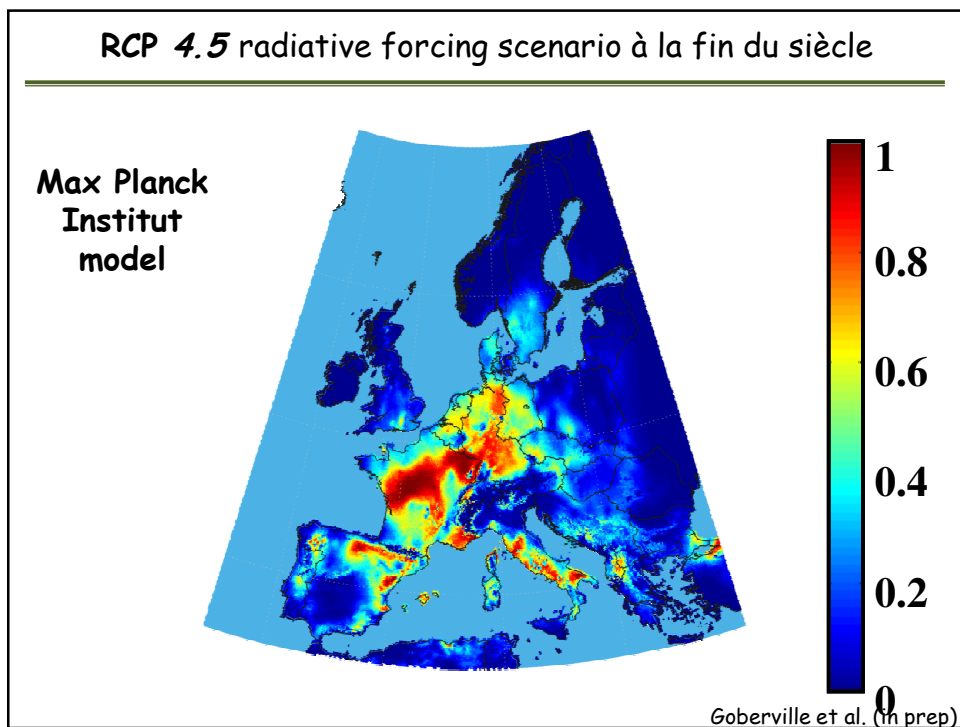
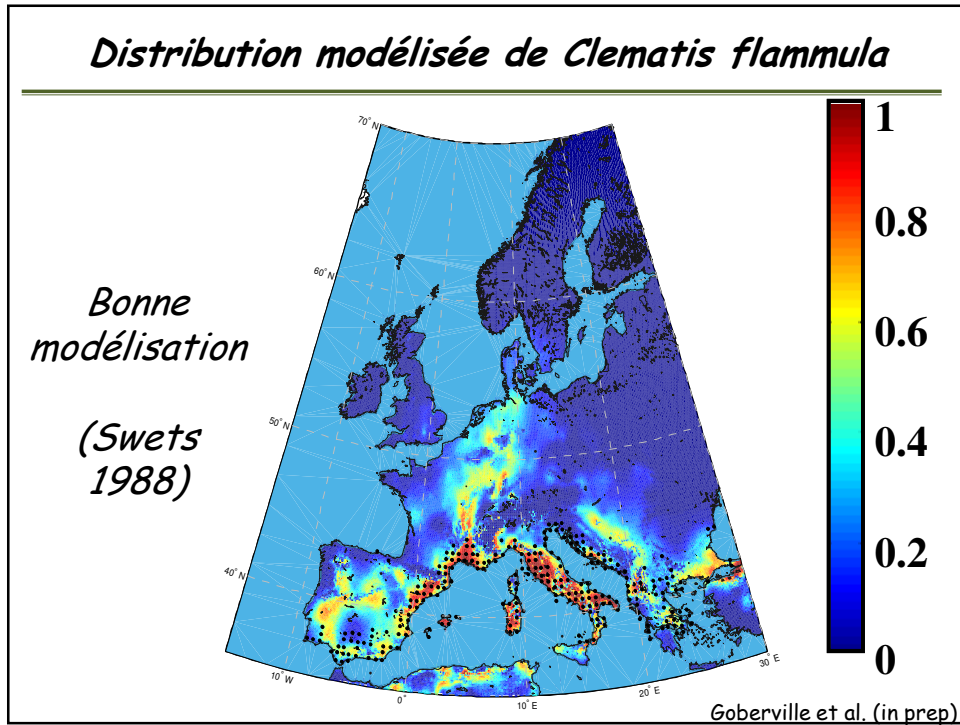
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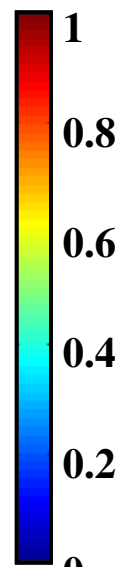
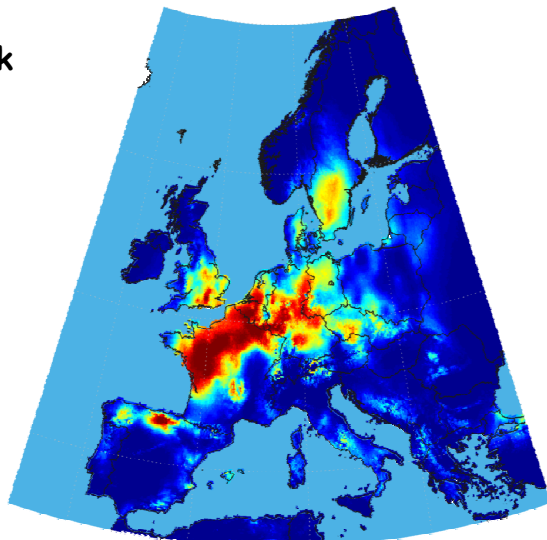
What about Belgium?

City	Present Actual sp. Nb	2050 % remaining		2100 % remaining	
		Best	Worst	Best	Worst
Narvik	23	104.9	100.0	117.1	100.0
Stockholm	26	87.1	71.0	29.0	3.2
Berlin	16	58.6	48.3	37.9	17.2
London	25	87.0	69.6	39.1	17.4
→ Brussels	29	75.0	58.3	41.7	8.3
Paris	18	50.0	35.0	50.0	10.0
Bordeaux	5	75.0	37.5	37.5	0.0
Mont-Louis	35	107.1	95.2	104.8	73.8
Granada	9	77.5	62.5	25.0	2.5
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Median	23	76.25	64.15	46.23	10.3



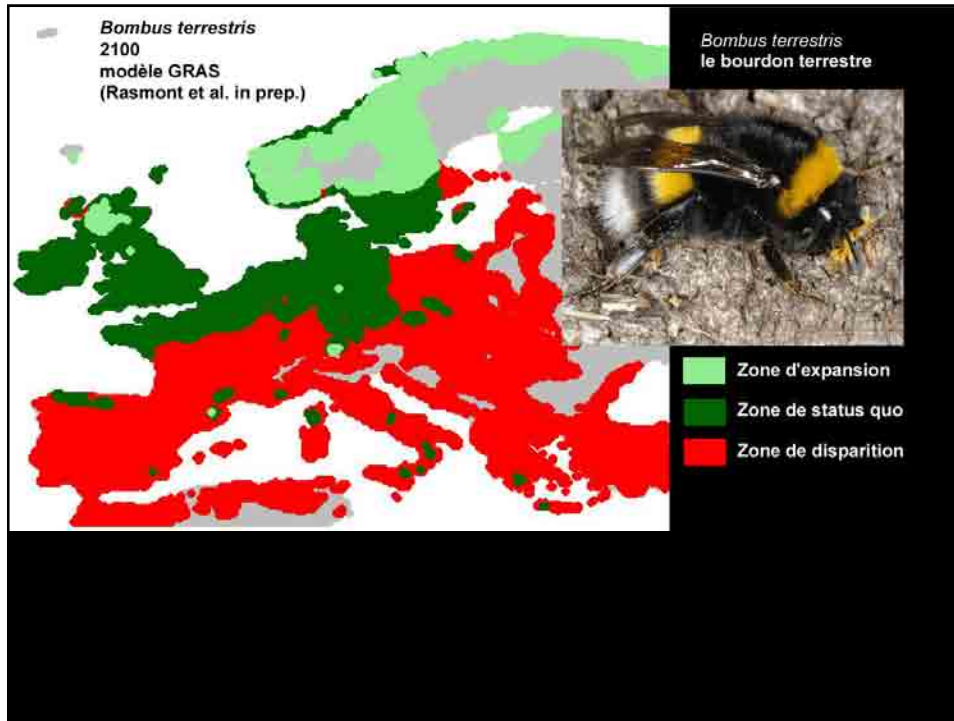
RCP 8.5 radiative forcing scenario à la fin du siècle

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Forward to the north: two Euro-Mediterranean bumblebee species now cross the Arctic Circle

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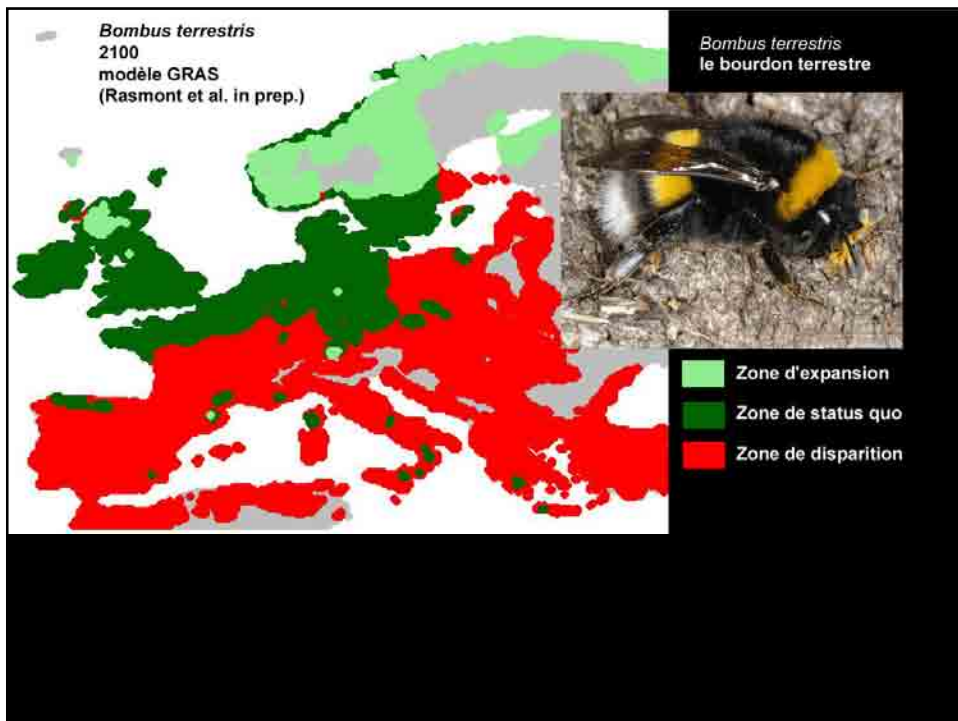
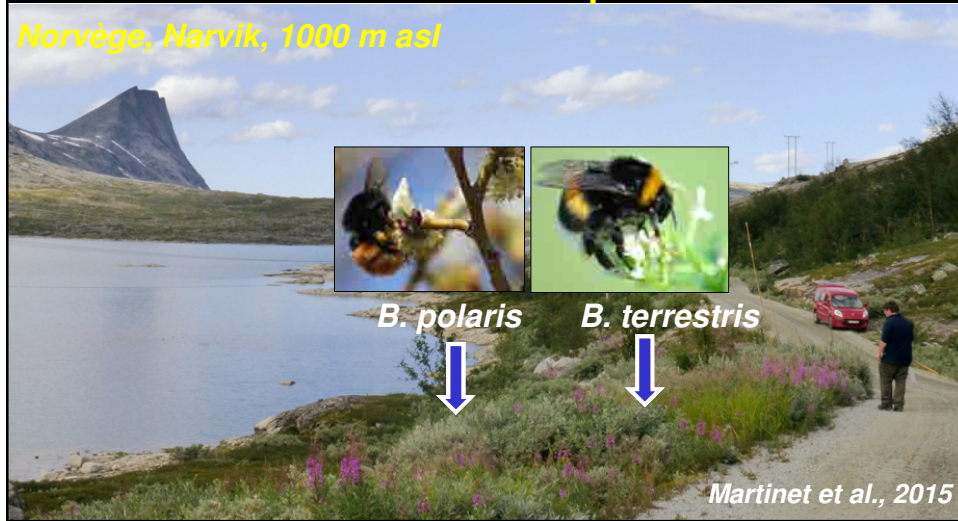
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Summary. In recent decades, several animal and plant species have been in regression (population size decrease and geographical distribution shrinking). This loss of biodiversity can be due to various factors such as the destruction and fragmentation of habitat, urban development, pesticides or climate change. However, some species benefit from these changes and expand their distribution. Here we report observations (in 2013 and 2014) of two Euro-Mediterranean bumblebee species: *Bombus terrestris* for the first time and *Bombus lapidarius*, north of the Arctic Circle in Fennoscandia.

Competition between arctic wildlife and new southern species

Norvège, Narvik, 1000 m asl



Alpages des Pyrénées 2080 (d'après le Haut-Atlas 2000)



Le maquis du Var 2080 (d'après Anti-Atlas 2000)



Le maquis du Var 2080 (d'après Anti-Atlas 2000)



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Le maquis du Var 2080 : une fiction ?

Le palmier nain est arrivé en France vers 2000



Le Lavandou 2006



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Le Lavandou 2007 : il fleurit



Le maquis du Var 2080 : une fiction ?
Le palmier nain est arrivé en France vers 2000

Hyères 2007 : il fructifie



We should abandon soon our present "Nature Conservation paradigm", mainly based on sanctuarising Natural Areas.

It should be replaced by a dynamic paradigm, with two very different concerns:

- Trailing edge conservation

How to maximize the survival of non-moving species in their original areas ?

- Leading edge conservation

How to manage the move of species toward their new areas ?

The trailing edge conservation is likely not very different from the present policy.

However, it should focus on microclimatic areas.

Such areas could play a "Noah's Arch" role for recovering the species AFTER the climatic crisis.

An example is the Forêt de la Sainte-Baume in south-eastern France. Thanks to the shelter of a high cliff, a large beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and yew (*Taxus baccata*) forest persists there since at least two thousand years, while the surrounding area with dry Mediterranean vegetation is deeply impacted by recent droughts. Here rare wild bees survive, whilst they disappeared in the surrounding area. Most hills and mountains include such areas of potential microrefugia and thus they should be of particular conservation concern, monitored with appropriate programmes.



Figure 13.6 The Forêt de la Sainte-Baume, near Marseille (Photo Georges Millet). On the right, the canopy of the beech forest sheltered by the cliff, on the left, the dry Mediterranean vegetation.

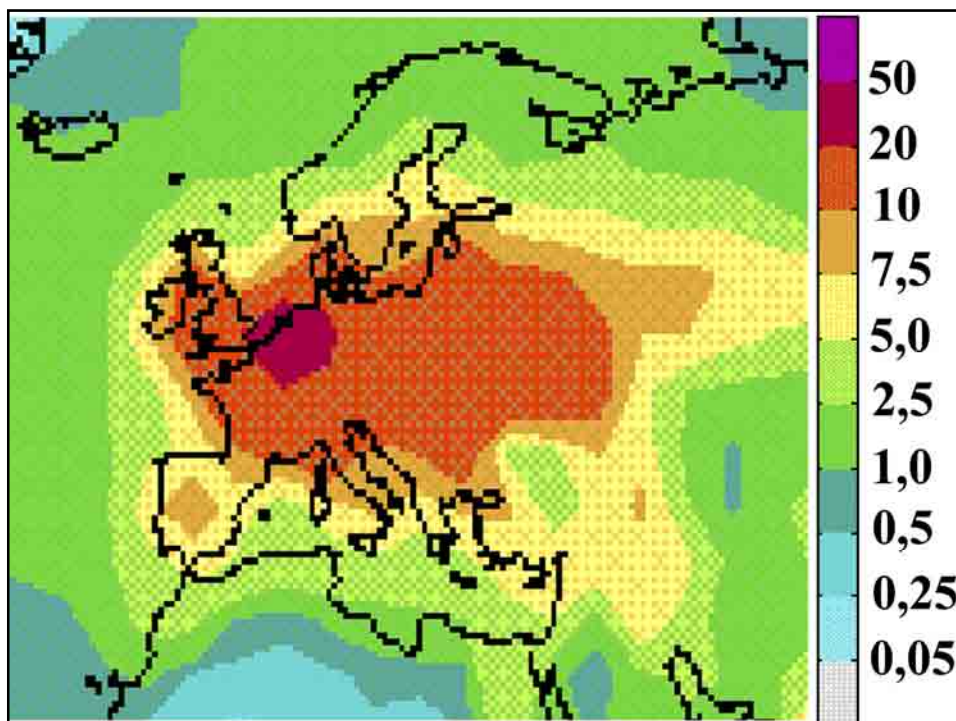
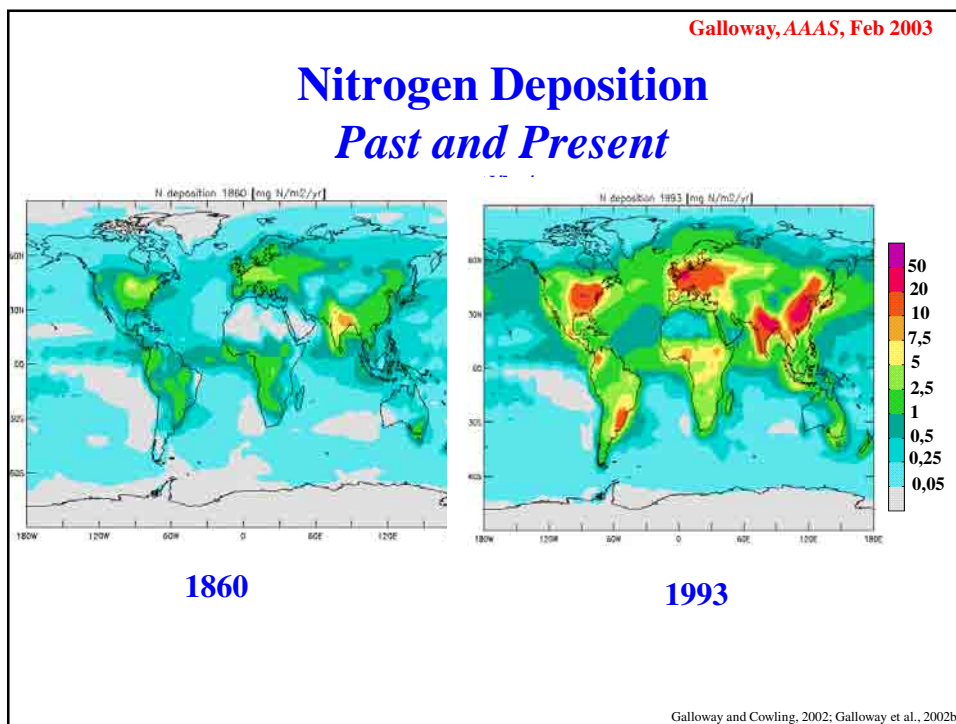
The leading edge conservation will DEEPLY question the present management of "invasive taxa" (see the case of the Dwarf Palm). Southern species are already arriving.

La chasse à l'ibis sacré contestée par des scientifiques

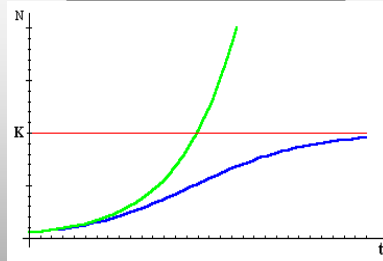
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Alors qu'il s'était multiplié sur les côtes atlantiques et méditerranéennes, l'ibis sacré, oiseau mythique, est



L'équation de Verhulst ou Equation logistique de croissance des populations



La courbe verte représente l'expansion théorique de la population en absence de facteur limitant (courbe malthusienne). La courbe bleue représente la courbe lorsque la population est dans un environnement limité. K représente la limite absolue de population en fonction des ressources disponibles.

Au cas, par exemple, où une simple bactérie de l'espèce *Escherichia coli* se multipliait sans limitation, elle formerait en 24h 2^{72} descendants, d'un poids individuel de $2 \cdot 10^{-12}$ g, soit une masse totale de 9440 T. En 48 heures, sans limitation, un seul coliforme produirait une population d'une masse totale équivalente à 7460 fois la masse totale de la Terre. L'environnement est donc TOUJOURS limité.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left(\frac{K - N}{K} \right) * rN$$

Temps en abscisse, effectif de la population en ordonnée

Les individus surnuméraires, qui représentent la différence entre la courbe verte idéale et la courbe bleue réaliste, ces individus sont donc éliminés. Ces individus éliminés de manière inexorable sont, en moyenne, un peu moins performants que ceux qui ont survécu. C'est la "bousculade" pour la vie ("struggle for life").

OVERSHOOT

The Ecological Basis of Revolutionary Change

carrying capacity: maximum permanently supportable load.

cornucopian myth: euphoric belief in limitless resources.

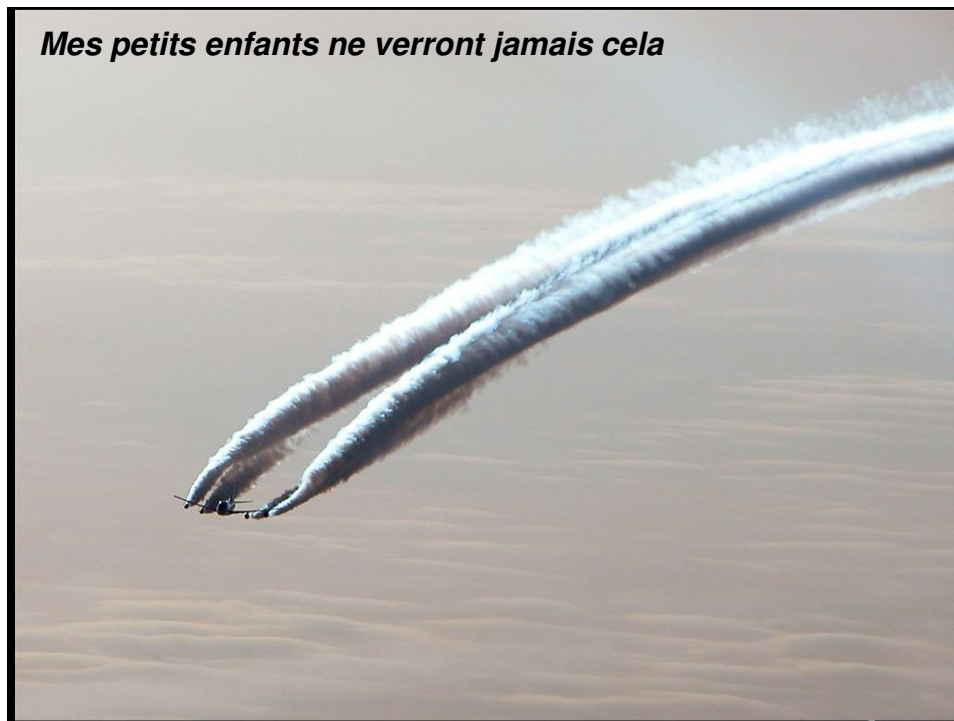
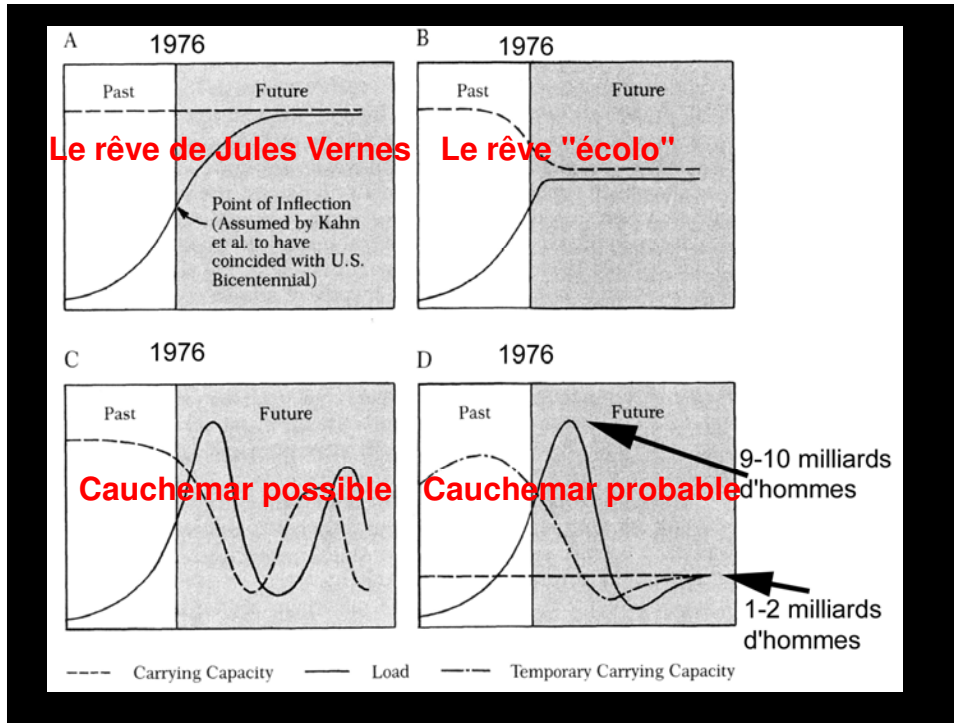
drawdown: stealing resources from the future.

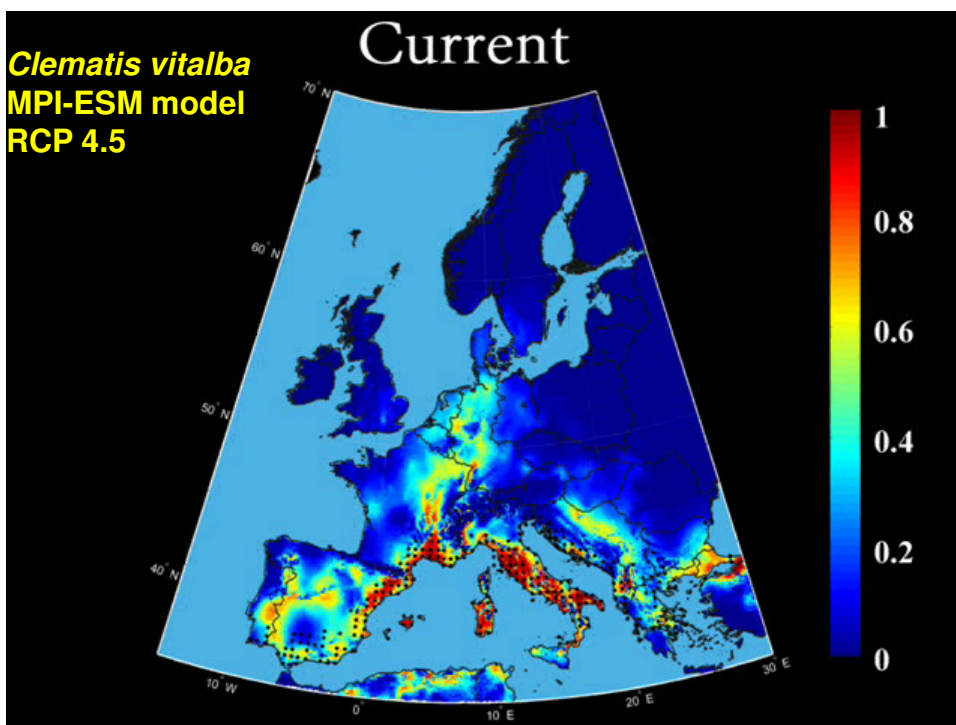
cargoism: delusion that technology will always save us from

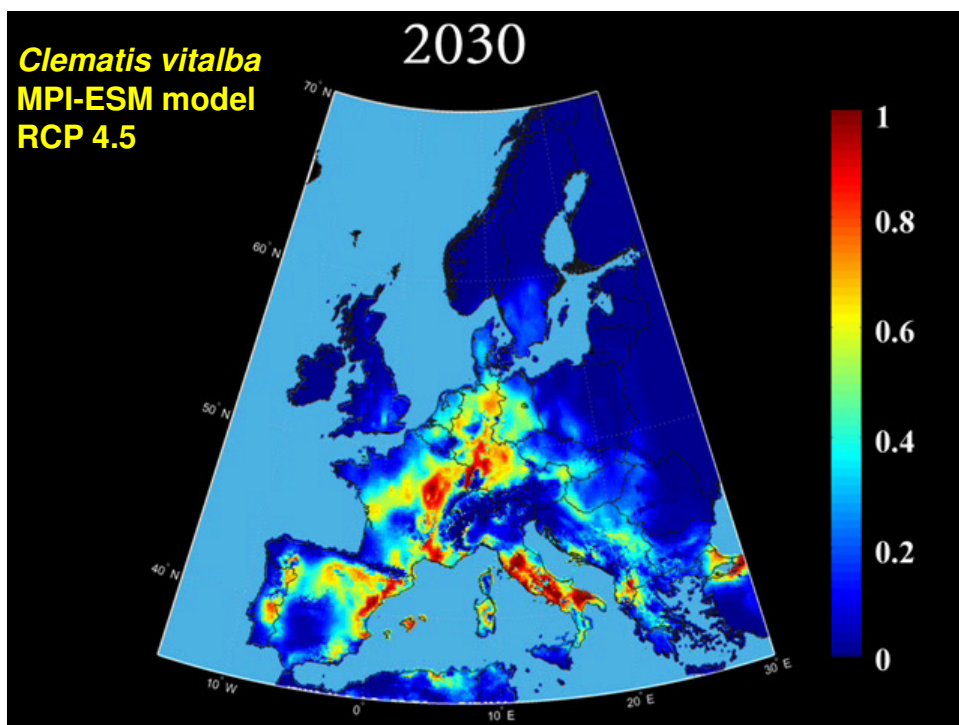
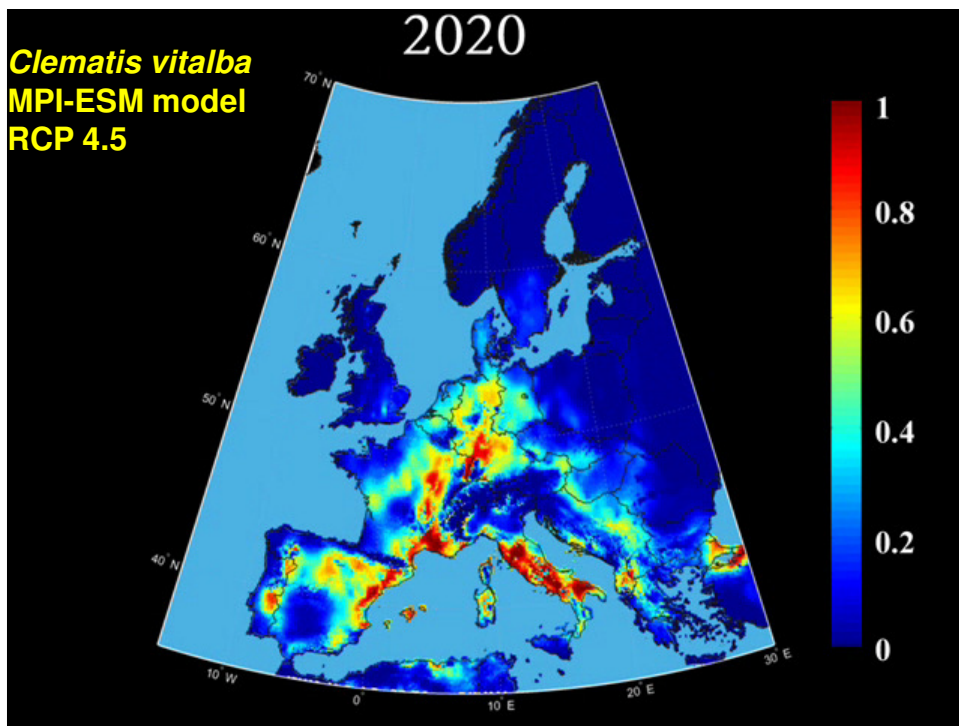
overshoot: growth beyond an area's carrying capacity, leading to

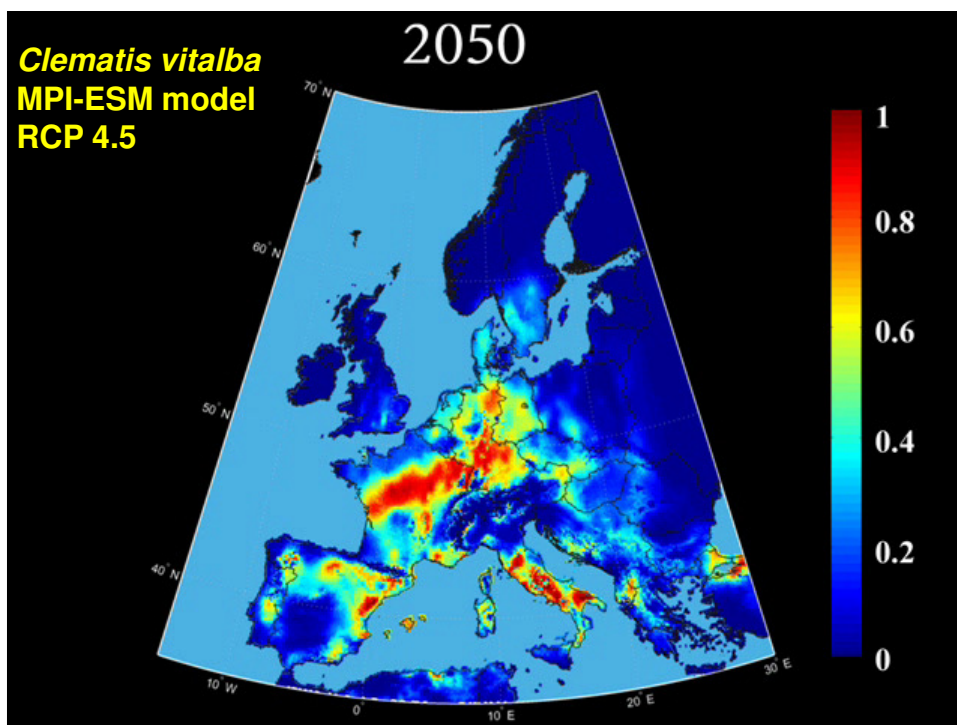
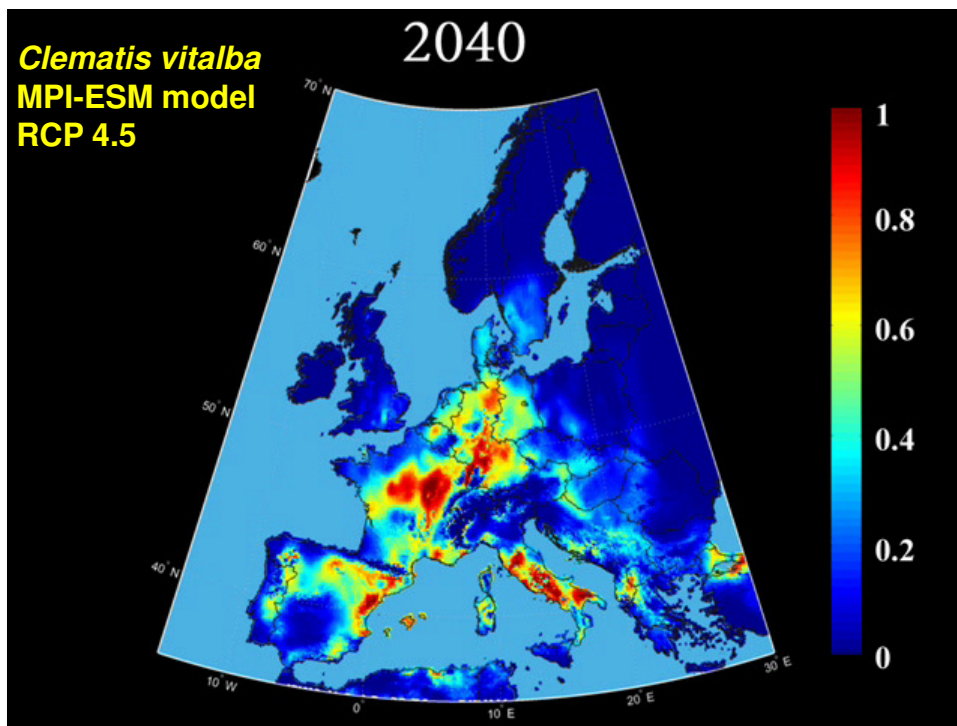
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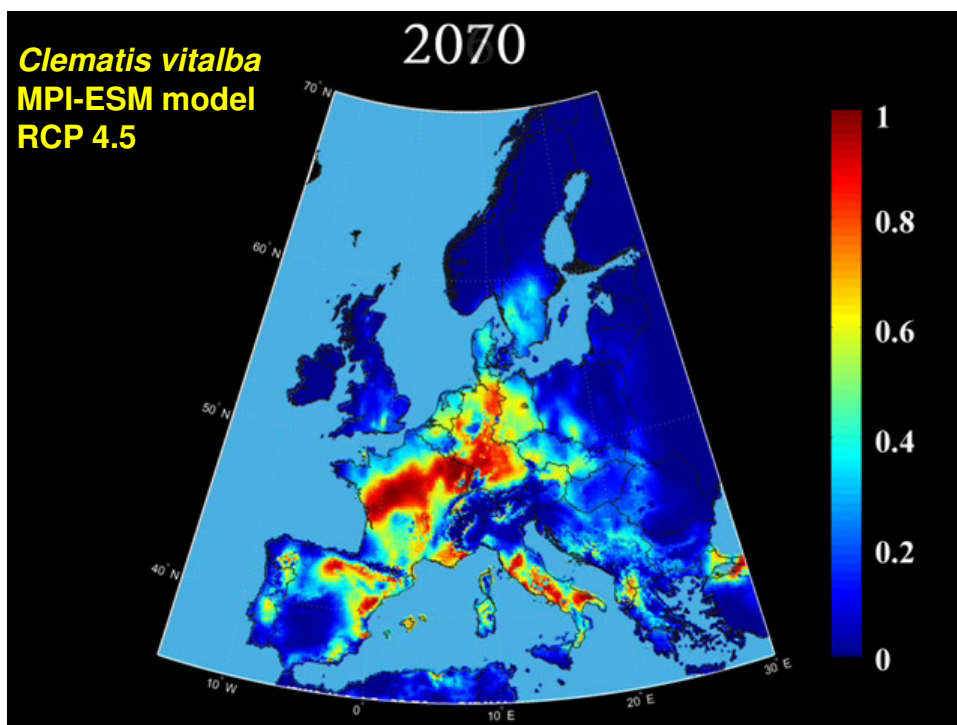
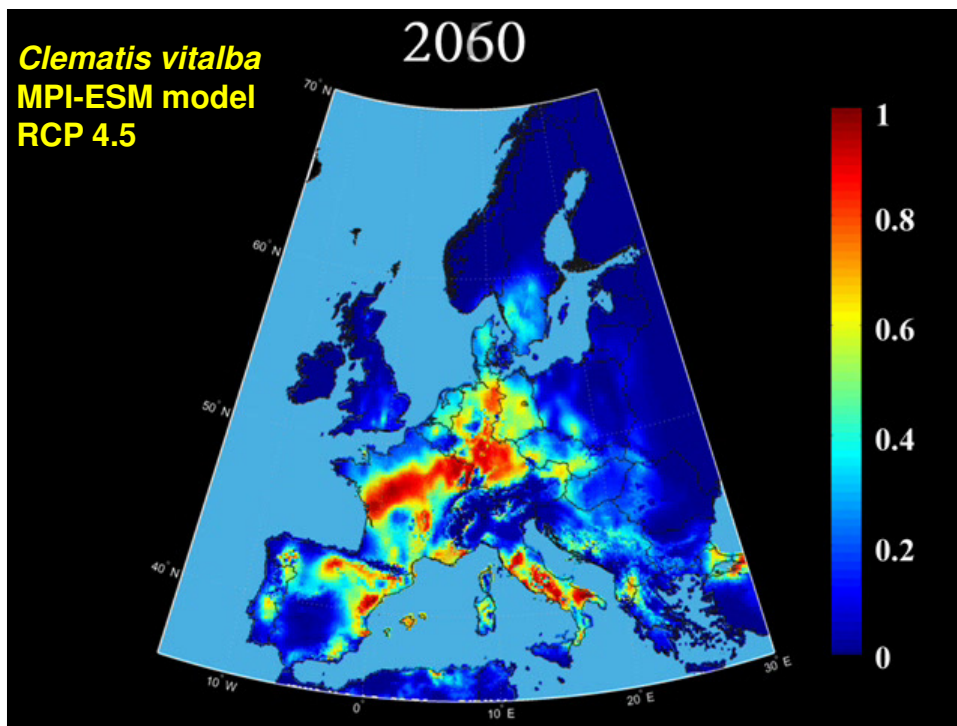
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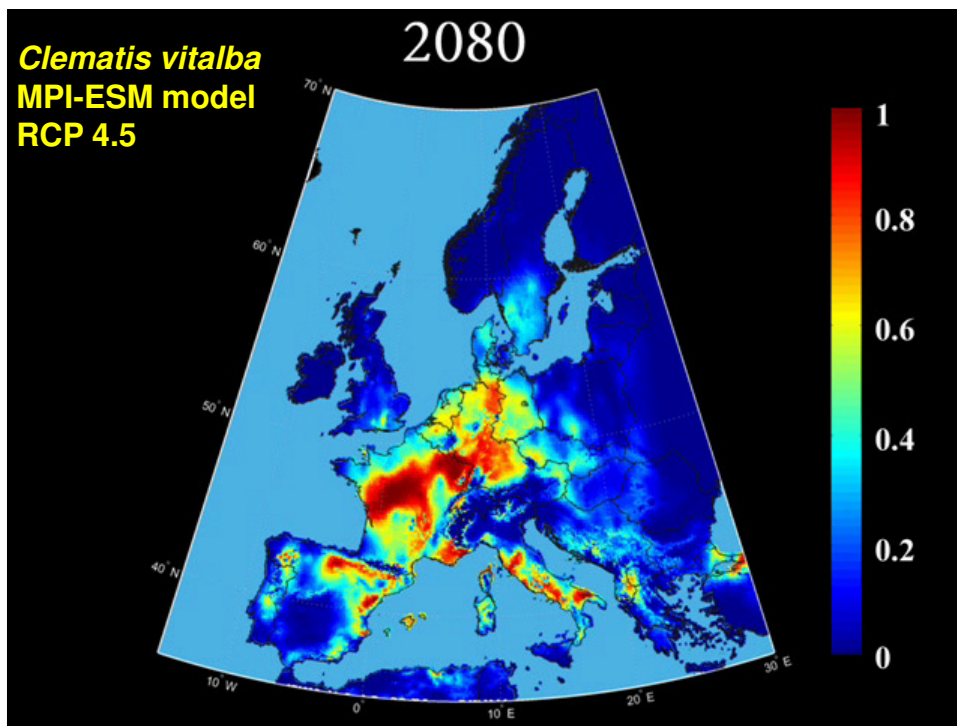












Lilium pomponium

Lilium pyrenaicum

Testudo kleinmanni

Panthere des neiges

In all cases, a lot of nice species will vanish

A collage of four images illustrating species at risk of extinction. Top left: A red *Lilium pomponium* flower. Bottom left: Yellow *Lilium pyrenaicum* flowers. Top right: A *Testudo kleinmanni* tortoise. Bottom right: A snow leopard (Panthere des neiges) with its cub. A central text overlay reads: "In all cases, a lot of nice species will vanish".



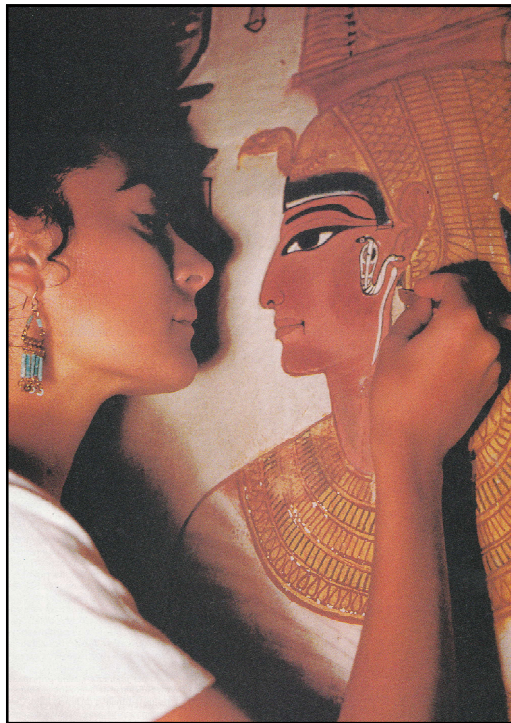
*The last **Bombus distinguendus** of Belgium was found by my father in the family garden in Brussels 1954. It needs now to go in North Scotland or in Sweden to see this species.*

These good old times !

Thanks you for attention

De beaux objets technologiques seront perdus à jamais





Faut-il être définitivement pessimistes ?

Même après les pires cataclysmes, la beauté peut renaître !

Lorenza d'Alessandro (conservatrice) restaure le portrait de Nefertari, épouse de Ramses II (1200 ans BC)



Merci de votre attention