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#### Improving species distribution models of endangered plants (Orchidaceae, Pinaceae, Cupressaceae, Taxaceae, Podocarpaceae) in Mexico by utilizing remote sensing data and spatial measures of model uncertainty - in collaboration with IB - UNAM\*

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#### **Resumen:**

The project aims to develop and refine species distribution models (SDM) of the 987 plant species included in the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010 with the perspective to support conservation management. The SDM refinement for these endangered species includes two major aspects, namely (1) the inclusion of remote sensing data besides climatic data and (2) spatial assessments of model uncertainty. For each species, different products of distribution ranges (continuous, categorical) are modeled at 1 km<sup>2</sup> resolution using different algorithms (e.g. Maxent, GLM, RandomForest). As remote sensing predictors, Terra-MODIS time series (Enhanced Vegetation Index, Land Surface Temperature, Surface reflectance) which have been shown to be useful for vegetation classification are analyzed. The project also involves importance assessments of climate and remote sensing variables to explain species distributions and the extraction of species-specific phenological profiles. Maps of areas where climatically suitable space is not occupied by a species according to remotely sensed distribution ranges are produced to identify probable hot spots of anthropogenic habitat deterioration in the country. The use of current remote sensing data for species distribution modeling thus paves the way towards a national biodiversity monitoring system.

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### I. Project title

### "Improving species distribution models of endangered plants (Orchidaceae, Pinaceae, Taxaceae, Podocarpaceae) in Mexico by utilizing remote sensing data and spatial measures of model uncertainty"

### **II.** General information

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### **III. Summary (Resumen ejecutivo)**

The aim of this project – carried out as collaboration between the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research-UFZ (Germany) and the Institute of Biology of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) – was to develop and refine species distribution models (SDMs) of 227 plant species included in the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, belonging to the families Orchidaceae (188 species), Pinaceae (30 species), Cupressaceae (7 species), Taxaceae (1 species), and Podocarpaceae (1 species). The SDM refinement for these endangered species included two major aspects, namely (1) the inclusion of remote sensing variables (Terra-MODIS Enhanced Vegetation Index and Land Surface Temperature) in addition to climatic predictors and (2) the spatially-explicit assessment of model uncertainty. For each species, different products of distribution ranges (continuous and categorical) were modeled at 1 km<sup>2</sup> resolution using different algorithms (Maxent, GLM, and Random Forest). The project also involved importance assessments of climate and remote sensing variables to explain species distributions and the extraction of species-specific phenological profiles. Maps of areas where climatically suitable space is not occupied by a species according to remotely sensed distribution ranges were produced to identify probable hot spots of anthropogenic habitat deterioration for the modeled species.

Only for a subset of the 227 species initially considered in the project enough unique species records could be compiled from existing databases and herbarium collections (done in the context of project JM078) to allow reasonable SDMs. In total, predictions could therefore be made based on climate data for 41 species and based on remote sensing data for 31 species, respectively. Because of the limited number of species that could be modeled based on remote sensing data, not enough results were available to further investigate the potential of remote sensing data in SDMs based on species characteristics in a conceptual framework, which was initially planned. However, once additional records will be available in the future, the way the projected was implemented in the R programming language would allow re-running models for the additional species. Remote sensing data showed great potential for reducing the typical overprediction of climate-based SDMs. Even though also predictions based only on climate data were produced in the project, we therefore highly recommend using the predictions for habitat availability (which are based on remote sensing data but also consider limitations to potential species distribution ranges based on climate) for further analyses.

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### V. Introduction (Introducción)

Particular attention has been paid to climatic parameters and the potential impacts of changing climate on species distributions for a wide range of taxa, study areas and spatial scales (e.g. Araújo et al., 2005). However, despite its importance, the impact of anthropogenic land use/land cover (LULC) change is often not considered in species distribution modeling. We know that climate governs species distributions at coarse (global, continental) scales whereas LULC is a main aspect for presence of species at finer (regional to local) scales (Luoto et al., 2007). Therefore, a hierarchical framework for the interaction of climate and LULC has been proposed and successfully applied in species distribution modeling (Pearson et al., 2004; Thuiller et al., 2004). Even though the incorporation of LULC data can allow identifying regions with suitable climate but unsuitable land cover, LULC maps are often not (thematically) detailed enough to improve predictions of species distributions (Bradley & Fleishman, 2008). In line with recent studies (e.g. Buermann et al., 2008; Saatchi et al., 2008; Tuanmu et al., 2010), we therefore used satellite imagery instead of LULC data as predictors in this project to model plant species distributions in Mexico. Especially the analysis of remote sensing time series appears promising to describe vegetation and habitat characteristics.

Uncertainty in the modeled probabilities of occurrence (arising from several sources such as the quality of occurrence and environmental data and the choice of model algorithm) can be substantial and spatially structured, and uncertainty maps are an important tool for communicating the extent and spatial patterns of uncertainty (Elith et al. 2002). Building on previous case studies (Dormann et al. 2008, Buisson et al. 2010), we therefore also provide information about the reliability of the species distribution predictions. To account for prediction uncertainty due to the choice of model algorithm, several algorithms (Maxent, Generalized Linear Models and Random Forest) were employed and combined in so-called 'ensemble models'.

The study species considered in this project (Orchidaceae: 188 species; Pinaceae: 30 species; Cupressaceae: 7 species: Taxaceae: 1 species; Podocarpaceae: 1 species, Appendix A1) are endangered or at risk of extinction according to the official NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010 standard. Especially for those species threatened by habitat loss, maps of potential distributions based solely on climate data are insufficient to support sustainable conservation management and decision making. Therefore, reliable and detailed estimates of their current distributions (based for example on remote sensing data) and spatial indicators of model uncertainty are required to target conservation efforts.

The main outcomes and novel technical aspects of this project were: (1) the use of a hierarchical modeling scheme, i.e. the implementation of species distribution models separately for climatic and remote sensing data and the subsequent combination of model predictions. (2) The species-specific selection of predictors based on predictor collinearity and explanatory power together with the analysis of variable importance of different products of remote sensing data. (3) Spatially explicit uncertainty assessments for predicted probabilities of occurrence for each modeled species.

### VI. Project development (Desarrollo del Proyecto)

### 1. Quality of information (Calidad de Información)

Species records. Species records used in this project were collected within the project JM078 (lead by Dr. David S. Gernandt, UNAM). For this purpose, available presence records of the 227 conifer and orchid species considered in the NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010 (Orchidaceae: 188 species; Pinaceae: 30 species; Cupressaceae: 7 species: Taxaceae: 1 species; Podocarpaceae: 1 species) were compiled from existing databases and herbarium collections. The existing databases considered here were collected by Dr. David Sebastian Gernandt and Dr. Gerardo Adolfo Salazar Chávez, including the running project "Digitalización y Sistematización de las Colecciones Biológicas Nacionales" (KE02; Head: Dr. Víctor Manuel Sánchez-Cordero Dávila). The specimens in the resulting database of this project stem mainly from the following herbaria: the Herbario Nacional of Mexico (MEXU), the Herbario AMO (AMO), the California Academy of Sciences (CAS), the University of California, Berkeley (UC) and the New York Botanical Garden (NY). To map the distribution of non-endemic species of Mexico, also a limited number of records from GBIF (http://data.gbif.org) for species with distributions in Canada, the United States, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were considered. The quality assessment of species records included cross referencing against existing catalogs, the analysis of typographic and taxonomic problems and the verification of their plausibility in geographical space. For those records for which no coordinates were available, georeferencing was done using locality information from herbariums labels. Google Earth and literature review. Information on species localities from SNIB (Sistema Nacional de Información Sobre Biodiversidad) was not included in the project as initially planned because of many taxonomic inconsistencies highlighted by the taxonomists involved. More detailed information on the species database can be found in the report of project JM078.

In order to avoid pseudo-replication in the species distribution models, duplicate records, i.e. records within the same pixel of the environmental data (WorldClim climate data, MODIS remote sensing data) were removed. Further, species records for which no environmental data were available were not considered. Based on the recommendations of Hijmans & Elith (2015), a minimum sample size of 20 presence localities for model building was accepted. Species with less than 20 records were therefore not modeled (see Appendix A1). This resulted in 3,162 records used for the climate-based models and 1,274 records used for the remote sensing-based models, respectively (Table 1, Figure 1). A full overview of records used in this project (in DarwinCore format) analogue to the results of project JM078 was submitted together with this report.

Family	Number of records used in climate-based models (number of species)	Number of records used in remote sensing-based models (number of species)
Orchidaceae	653 (17)	640 (17)
Pinaceae	2,050 (17)	393 (10)
Cupressaceae	316 (5)	130 (2)
Taxaceae	51 (1)	51 (1)
Podocarpaceae	52 (1)	52 (1)
Total	3,122 (41)	1,266 (31)

Table 1. Overview of species records used for modeling.



Figure 1. Location of presence records used in the species distribution models for the different plant families considered. (a) For climate-based models, (b) for remote sensing-based models.

**Bioclimatic profiles.** Bioclimatic profiles of the modeled species were compiled based on WorldClim climate data (Hijmans et al., 2005; see Fig. 2 for an example for *Pinus nelsonii* and *Podocarpus matudae*). The corresponding figures for the remaining species are shown in Appendix A2. Summarizing tables considering all WorldClim bioclimatic variables can be found in Appendix A3.



Figure 2. Bioclimatic profiles of (a) *Pinus nelsonii* and (b) *Podocarpus matudae* based on WorldClim climate data (Hijmans et al., 2005; current conditions).

**Profiles of land surface phenology.** Phenological profiles of the modeled species were derived from time series data of the Terra-MODIS Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) from the years 2001 to 2009 (for further details: see Section 3, Variables used in the models). For each species, EVI values were extracted from the raster maps at the respective presence locations. Extracted values were averaged for each date over all locations (Figure 3a) as well as stratified by biogeographic region (Figure 3b; according to CONABIO, 1997) and vegetation type (Figure

(a) Pinus nelsonii 1.0 Mean Standard deviation \_\_\_ Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2008 2009 2006 2007 2010 Year (b) 1.0 Altiplano sur (zacatecan Eje volcanico (n = 1) Golfo de mexico (n = 1) potosino) (n = 17) Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) rra madre oriental (n 9 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 2002 2003 2001 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 Year (c) 1.0 Bosque de coniferas y enci Matorral xerofilo (n = 22) Pastizal (n = 1) = 5) os (r Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 Year

3c; Rzedowski, 1978; Rzedowski, 1990). Both mean values and standard deviation were plotted against time (see Appendix A4 for plots of the remaining species).

Figure 3. Phenological profiles of *Pinus nelsonii*. (a) Summarized over all locations, (b) stratified by biogeographic region, and (c) stratified by vegetation type.

# 2. Criteria for the selection of the reference area per species (Criterio de Selección de la región de referencia por especie)

Because of the large number of species considered in this project, we had - in consultation with CONABIO - to refer to a fixed geographical extent. While the study area for modelling available habitat based on remote sensing data was confined to Mexico, the area for modelling potential species distributions based on climate data was set to a rectangular area of 10 degrees (WGS84, in all four directions) beyond the extent of Mexico (according to the GADM database of Global Administrative Areas, GADM 2012).

## 3. Variables used in the models (Variables utilizadas en la modelación)

**Climate data.** Climatic variables were obtained at 30 arc seconds (~ 0.0083 degree) spatial resolution from the WorldClim data base (Current conditions; Hijmans et al., 2005). WorldClim parameters are derived from long-term time series (1950-2000) of a global network of climate stations, express spatial variations in annual means, seasonality, and extreme or limiting climatic factors, and represent biologically meaningful variables for characterizing species distributions. For the species distribution models, bioclimatic layers were resampled from their native resolution and gridded to pixel location, cell size and extent of the remote sensing data to maintain spatial consistency. This was done with R 3.0.1 (R Core Team 2013) using the *sp package* version 1.0 (Pebesma & Bivand, 2005).

**Remote sensing data.** The remote sensing parameters used in this project were selected to effectively describe vegetation dynamics and land surface phenology (Colditz et al., 2009; Cord & Rödder, 2011). Vegetation indices are an integrated measure of vegetation canopy greenness, a composite property of leaf area, chlorophyll and canopy structure as important dimensions of habitat characteristics. We used the *Enhanced Vegetation Index* (EVI) that is superior to the *Normalized Difference Vegetation Index* (NDVI) due to its improved sensitivity in high biomass regions and a reduction in atmospheric influences (Huete et al., 2002). In addition, *Land Surface Temperature* (LST) as one of the key parameters in the physics of land surface processes, e.g. surface-atmosphere interactions and energy fluxes, was analyzed. LST provides different information compared to temperature measures derived from interpolated climate station data.

Remote sensing time series from 2001 to 2009 at 1 km<sup>2</sup> spatial resolution based on the Terra-MODIS 16-day standard products MOD13A2 and MOD11A2 were compiled for Mexico. For this purpose, the MODIS-specific pixel-level *Quality Assurance Science Data Sets* (QA-SDS) were analyzed using the TiSeG software package (Colditz et al., 2008) to exclude low-quality data, e.g. due to cloud cover or atmospheric contamination. With a critical weighting between data quality and the necessary quantity for meaningful interpolation, high-quality data were used as vertices for pixel-level linear temporal interpolation. In addition, an adaptive Savitzky-Golay filter as implemented in the TIMESAT 3.0 software (Jönsson & Eklundh, 2004; Eklundh & Jönsson, 2009) was applied to account for high-frequency fluctuations and negatively-biased noise.

From the time series data, 18 annual phenological metrics including (1) Time-related metrics: Start of season (*date\_SOS*), mid of season (*date\_maximum*), end of season (*date\_EOS*), dormancy (*date\_dormancy*), length of season (*length\_season*), (2) Net primary productivity (NPP)-related metrics: Vegetation index value at SOS (*value\_SOS*), value at EOS (*value\_EOS*), maximum value (*maximum*), minimum value (*minimum*), annual range (*range*), accumulated integral during vegetation period (*integral*), annual mean (*mean*), annual median (*median*) and (3) Seasonality-related metrics: rate of green-up (*rate\_greenup*), rate of senescence

shape of phenology curve (skewness), standard deviation (*rate\_senescence*), (standard\_deviation) and coefficient of variation (CoV). For temporal metrics referring to certain stages within the phenological cycle, the number of the corresponding composite (between 1 and 23 in accordance with the 16-day composite period of the MODIS products) was assigned. In addition, annual statistical metrics (minimum, mean, median, maximum, range, standard deviation, and coefficient of variation) were computed for the Land Surface Temperature (LST) time series. All metrics were averaged over the nine year period to account for inter-annual variation of vegetation seasonality or single-year anomalies before they were used as predictors in the species distribution models.

Correlation analysis. To avoid model over-fitting and to exclude redundant data, environmental predictors (both climate and remote sensing) were carefully selected. For both data sets, species-specific pair-wise Spearman's rank correlation coefficients were estimated. Out of each pair of highly-correlated and hence redundant environmental predictors (Spearman's rank correlation coefficient  $|\mathbf{r}| > 0.7$ ) the variable with the higher explanatory power for each study species according to a Generalized Linear Model (GLM) based on presence and pseudo-absence locations was retained (select07 method in Dormann et al., 2013 which selects variables based on removing correlations > 0.7, retaining those variables more important). However, because models still tended to be over-fitted in trial runs with these reduced predictor set for species with more than 50 occurrence records, we decided to exclude the time-related variables (EVI\_date\_SOS, EVI\_date\_EOS, EVI\_date\_maximum, EVI\_date dormancy and EVI\_length\_season) due to their low mean influence (relative variable importance in most cases below (0.1) in the trial runs. Furthermore, because of its low ecological interpretability the variable EVI\_skewness was excluded. Collinearity among the remaining 19 remote sensing variables (Table 2) was analyzed using the *select07 method* in Dormann et al. (2013) as described above. An overview of how often the variables were selected is given in Appendix A5 (for climate) and A6 (for remote sensing).

	Short name (Abbreviation)	Description							
	BIO1	Annual Mean Temperature							
	BIO2	Mean Diurnal Range (Mean of monthly (max - min temp))							
	BIO3	Isothermality (BIO2/BIO7) (* 100)							
	BIO4	Temperature Seasonality (standard deviation *100)							
	BIO5	Max Temperature of Warmest Month							
	BIO6	Min Temperature of Coldest Month							
	BIO7	Temperature Annual Range (BIO5-BIO6)							
	BIO8	Mean Temperature of Wettest Quarter							
fe	BIO9	Mean Temperature of Driest Quarter							
ima	BIO10	Mean Temperature of Warmest Quarter							
C	BIO11	Mean Temperature of Coldest Quarter							
	BIO12	Annual Precipitation							
	BIO13	Precipitation of Wettest Month							
	BIO14	Precipitation of Driest Month							
	BIO15	Precipitation Seasonality (Coefficient of Variation)							
	BIO16	Precipitation of Wettest Quarter							
	BIO17	Precipitation of Driest Quarter							
	BIO18	Precipitation of Warmest Quarter							
	BIO19	Precipitation of Coldest Quarter							
	LST_standard_deviation (LSTSTD)	Standard deviation of annual mean land surface temperature							
	LST_range (LSTRANGE)	Range of annual land surface temperature							
	LST_minimum (LSTMIN)	Minimum annual land surface temperature							
	LST_median (LSTMEDIAN)	Median annual land surface temperature							
	LST_mean (LSTMEAN)	Annual mean land surface temperature							
	LST_maximum (LSTMAX)	Minimum annual land surface temperature							
	LST_CoV (LSTCOV)	Coefficient of Variation of land surface temperature							
5	EVI_value_SOS (EVIVSOS)	Mean Enhanced Vegetation Index at beginning of season							
sing	EVI_value_EOS (EVIVEOS)	Mean Enhanced Vegetation Index at end of season							
ote ser	EVI_standard_deviation (EVISTD)	Standard deviation of the mean annual value of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
emc	EVI_rate_senescence (EVISENES)	Rate of senescence							
R	EVI_rate_greenup (EVIGREENUP)	Rate of greenup							
	EVI_range (EVIRANGE)	Annual range of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
	EVI_minimum (EVIMIN)	Minimum annual value of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
	EVI_median (EVIMEDIAN)	Median annual value of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
	EVI_mean (EVIMEAN)	Mean annual value of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
	EVI_maximum (EVIMAX)	Maximum annual value of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							
	EVI_integral (EVIINTEG)	Sum of Enhanced Vegetation Index values between start and end of season							
	EVI_CoV (EVICOV)	Coefficient of Variation of the Enhanced Vegetation Index							

Table 2. Final set of variables used in the species distribution models.

### 4. Methods for modeling (Método de modelación)

**Generation of pseudo-absence data.** Pseudo-absence data were generated following the target-group background approach (Phillips et al., 2009). According to this assumption, the influence of spatially biased samples (e.g. towards roads and protected areas, which is typical for biological collections) can be reduced by comparing the occurrences with background points reflecting the same spatial bias. The underlying idea is that a model based on presence and background data with the same bias will not focus on the sample selection bias, but on any differentiation between the distribution of the occurrences and that of the background. Because the species analyzed in this study are from different families, all species records belonging to the kingdom Plantae within the study area extent were extracted from the GBIF database (<u>http://data.gbif.org</u>) (in total 1,990,527 records). From this dataset, two randomized subsets of 10,000 unique locations were selected as pseudo-absence data sets for the potential species distributions (based on climate data) and the extent of available habitat (based on remote sensing data) (Figure 4 a and b).



Figure 4. Location of pseudo-absence records. a) For climate-based models, b) For remote sensing-based models.

**Model algorithms and ensemble modeling.** Since the choice of model algorithm is a major component of prediction uncertainty in species distribution modeling (Dormann et al., 2008;

Buisson et al., 2010), several algorithms were employed in order to estimate and account for prediction uncertainty. The modelling procedure was conducted for both, potential distribution and available habitat, using the same methodology. If not mentioned otherwise, model adjustments were identical for both. All modelling procedures were performed using R version 3.1.2 (R Core Team 2014). The final models were run on a Linux-based cluster with 1,024 computing cores and 5TB RAM with a CentOS 6.5 as operating system.

We used three modeling methods that are representative for different classes of model algorithms, namely regression-based methods, machine-learning methods and presence-only methods. Generalized Linear Models (GLM), Random Forest (RF) and Maxent (Maximum Entropy) version 3.3.3e were applied as implemented in the *biomod2 package* version 3.1 (Thuiller et al., 2014). Presences and pseudo-absences were weighted equally and were used as response variables. Model runs were repeated 199 times for each species and model algorithm, randomly selecting 70% of the presences and pseudo-absences for model calibration and 30% for model testing in each model run. Models were scaled between 0 and 1,000 to ensure comparability of model predictions derived from the different model algorithms. To generate ensemble ("consensus") models from the results of these three algorithms, the ROC (Relative or Receiver Operating Characteristic) was used as evaluation metric (see the documentation of the biomod2 package for further information). For species with more than 100 occurrences (see below), additional model predictions were made using Generalized Additive Models (GAM) and Boosted Regression Trees (BRT). These additional models were done with 10 repetitions. The specific parameters used for each modeling algorithm are described in further detail in section 5 'Parameters used for modeling'.

Conversion to binary maps and combination of climate and remote sensing-based model predictions. From the resulting consensus maps (i.e., based on GLM, RF and Maxent; see above), binary species-specific distribution maps were created by applying three different threshold values that give different weight to omission and commission errors: The 'minimum training presence', '10 percentile training presence', and 'maximum training sensitivity plus specificity' threshold. The 'minimum training presence threshold' (representing the lowest value observed in the continuous prediction map at a presence location for a specific species) aims at minimizing omission errors at the expense of a greater fractional predicted area per species and may lead to model overprediction (Jarnevich & Reynolds, 2011). The '10 percentile training presence threshold' provides more conservative models by predicting the 10% most extreme presence observations as absent. Finally, the 'maximum sensitivity and specificity threshold' gives equal weight to both omission and commission errors (sensitivity = true positive rate and specificity = true negative rate of the predictions) and aims at maximizing both. It was identified as among the best approaches by Liu et al. (2005). Sensitivity and specificity values were calculated using the PresenceAbsence package version 1.1.9 (Freeman & Moisen, 2008).

Climatic and remote sensing-based species distribution models were finally integrated in a hierarchical modeling framework where first the potential distribution range (based on the '10 percentile training presence' threshold) was modeled based on climate data and then remotely sensed habitat availability within this climatic range was integrated in a hierarchical model design. These maps of current habitat availability were only produced for the Mexican national territory. We finally used binary maps based on the '10 percentile training presence' threshold to calculate maps of habitat loss by subtracting available habitat from the potential distributions.

# 5. Parameters used for modeling (Parámetros utilizados en la modelación)

**Maxent.** Maxent models were run using auto features, but excluding threshold and hinge features, with the number of iterations limited to 500. To optimize model performance, the regularization parameter  $\beta$  (to be applied to all linear, quadratic and product features; Phillips, 2006) was determined in trial runs for species with more than 80 occurrences for climate-based models (*Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca, Abies concolor, Cupressus lusitanica, Calocedrus decurrens, Pinus attenuata, Pinus jeffreyi, Pinus coulteri, Rhynchostele cervantesii, Pinus muricata, Prosthechea vitellina*) and for species with more than 50 occurrences for remote sensing-based models (*Cupressus lusitanica, Pinus pinceana, Podocarpus matudae, Prosthechea vitellina, Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca, Rhynchostele cervantesii, Taxus globosa*). For this purpose, we compared model performance using regularization multipliers of 0.001, 0.002, 0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 2, 5 and 10 separately for climate and remote sensing variables. For the final models, the regularization parameter with the highest mean AUC value in these trial runs was chosen (climate:  $\beta=0.02$ , remote sensing:  $\beta=0.002$ ).

**Generalized Linear Models.** Generalized Linear Models (GLM) were fitted using a binomial link function, including linear and quadratic terms as well as linear interaction terms of the environmental predictors. Interactions considered in the models were chosen based on their ecological meaningfulness which implied that interactions among temperature variables and interactions among precipitation variables were not allowed. A stepwise backward selection procedure starting with the full model was applied to select final models (*MASS package*, Venables & Ripley 2002). In each step, the model was simplified and the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) of the simplified model was compared to the BIC of the previous model. This procedure was repeated until the BIC reached its minimum. Simplification was done by dropping the variable which leads to a maximum decrease of BIC compared to the starting model.

**Random Forest.** As for Maxent, algorithmic settings for RF models were determined in trial runs for species more than 80 occurrences for climate-based models and for species with more than 50 occurrences for remote sensing-based models. For this purpose, the number of trees was tested between 500 and 3,000 in six steps and the number of tries was tested between 1 and 5 in five steps (again separately for climate and remote sensing variables). For each of these 30 different settings, the mean R<sup>2</sup> of the 'out-of-bag error estimate' (R<sup>2</sup>oob) over all test species was calculated. The oob is the average misclassification over all trees tested by using the out-of-bag examples (out-of-bag examples are the data that are left after bootstrapping the training data; Livingston, 2005). The settings with the highest mean R<sup>2</sup>oob were chosen for the final models (Leutner et al. 2012). Based on these results, the following settings were applied: Climate data: 2,500 trees, 2 tries; Remote sensing data: 500 trees, 1 try.

**Generalized additive models (GAM) and boosted regression trees (BRT).** As for the other algorithms, algorithmic settings for BRT models were determined in trial runs for species more than 80 occurrences for climate-based models and for species with more than 50 occurrences for remote sensing-based models. For this purpose, the number of trees was tested between 1,500 and 2,500 in three steps. The tree complexity parameter was tested between 3 and 5 in three steps. The learning rate was tested between 0.005 and 0.008 in four steps. The bag fraction was tested between 0.5 and 0.8 in four steps. For each of these 144 different settings, the mean of deviance over all test species was calculated. This was done separately for climate and remote sensing variable. Based on these results, the following settings were applied: climate: number

of trees = 2,500, tree complexity = 5, learning rate = 0.007 and bag fraction = 0.8; remote sensing: number of trees = 1,500, tree complexity = 4, learning rate = 0.005 and bag fraction = 0.8. All other parameters of BRT models were set to default. The smoothing parameter k in the GAM models was set to 30. To allow for a comparison among the different model algorithms, predictions were made for the species *Abies concolor*, *Calocedrus decurrens*, *Cupressus lusitanica*, *Pinus attenuata* and *Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca* using the GLM, RF, Maxent, GAM and BRT algorithms with 10 repetitions and the model settings described above. Results showed no significant differences to models run with only GLM, RF and Maxent.

### 6. Model evaluation (Evaluación del modelo)

Variable importance. Variable importance for GLM, RF, GAM and BRT models was calculated using the implemented algorithm of the package biomod2 (function 'variables\_importance()'). This method is based on a comparison of the model prediction derived from the original dataset and predictions derived from permuted datasets. These permuted datasets were created by randomizing one environmental variable for each data set. The predicted values of permuted datasets and the original dataset for presence/pseudo-absence locations were compared by calculating the Pearson correlation coefficient. This procedure was repeated three times for each variable. The smaller the correlation coefficient was the higher was the independent influence of the permuted variable. Values of variable importance were finally calculated by subtracting the correlation coefficient from 1. For the Maxent models, variable importance was additionally expressed by the regularized model gain for each variable. For all three algorithms (GLM, Maxent and RF), BIO4 (Temperature seasonality), BIO14 (Precipitation of Driest Month) and BIO15 (Precipitation Seasonality) showed the highest variable importance among the climatic predictors considered. On average,  $3.19 \pm 0.65$  (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation) remote sensing variables were selected based on the collinearity and variable importance analysis (select07 method) per species. These belonged in 11.6% to EVIbased and in 25.8% to LST-based variables. While there was a high variability regarding variable importance among the different study species, minimum LST turned out to have the highest average variable importance for all three algorithms.

Model performance based on AUC, partial AUC and model deviance. We quantified model performance by calculating AUC values, partial AUC values and model deviance. The AUC value is the area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (ROC) and describes the ability of the model to discriminate between 0 and 1, or absence and presence respectively (Peterson et al., 2008). The ROC is created by plotting the fraction of true presences out of observed presences (sensitivity) against the fraction of false presences out of observed absences (1-specificity), for different threshold levels. AUC values were calculated using the *package* PresenceAbsence version 1.1.9 (Freeman, 2008). The partial AUC values gives the ratio of the AUC of the model to the AUC of a random model in a defined range of sensitivity or specificity, were the model is supposed to make predictions. We used the range of sensitivity between 0.2 and 1, following Peterson et al. (2008) who recommend restricting AUC calculations "to the domain within which omission error is sufficiently low as to meet user-defined requirements of predictive ability". The partial AUC values were calculated by using the package pROC version 1.7.3 (Robin et al., 2011). The model deviance is a log-likelihood ratio statistics that compares the saturated model with the proposed model. The model deviance was calculated as: D=- $2^{(v_i + \log(u_i)) + ((1 - v_i) + \log(1 - u_i))}$ , where  $v_i$  is the binary observed presence at a locations,  $u_i$  is the predicted probability at a location and n is the number of all presences and absences. In addition, we used presence-absence records from the Mexican National Forest Inventory (INFyS, Inventario Nacional Forestal y de Suelos) for model validation for those species that were included in the INFyS database. For this purpose, AUC and model deviance were calculated by using the INFyS presence-absence data as true presence-absence data. All climate-based models showed very good performance measures based on AUC (i.e. > 0.9) and partial AUC (i.e. > 0.7). For those species for which an additional model evaluation based on INFyS data was possible, the obtained (partial)AUC scores were much lower, especially for models using GLMs. Model performance of the remote sensing-based models was lower with only 54% of the models having AUC scores of 0.9 or higher. 94% of the models, however, showed AUC scores above 0.7 and partial AUC scores above 0.5. Again, model deviance was highest for GLMs.

Exemplary model results. As two examples of a 'good' and a 'bad' model, the modeled habitat availability of Pinus nelsonii and Podocarpus matudae are shown in Figure 5. The known distribution of *P. nelsonii* (according to Farjon and Filer, 2013) is limited to Coahuila, Nuevo León, San Luis Potosí and Tamaulipas, in foothills or lower slopes of the Sierra Madre Oriental - which is well-captured by the model prediction. The species is restricted to sites on rocky limestone with shallow soils (Farjon and Filer, 2013). Apparently, while climate-based SDMs tended to overestimate distribution ranges for this species (data not shown), the inclusion of remote sensing data allowed identifying those sites with suitable habitat conditions. In addition to the distribution in Coahuila, Nuevo León, San Luis Potosí and Tamaulipas, the model for habitat availability also predicted potential habitat in Hidalgo and Puebla, though with lower suitability scores. The model of habitat suitability for P. matudae, however, overestimated habitat availability, in particular on the Yucatán peninsula. The species occurs from Honduras to Tamaulipas and Jalisco in Mexico and is mostly found in mixed pine forest, pine-oak forest, montane rain forest and evergreen cloud forest at altitudes between 600 and 2,600m (Farjon and Filer, 2013). Such habitat types do not exist on the Yucatán peninsula. However, even though only one record from Jalisco was included in this project, the model correctly predicted habitat availability in the Sierra Madre del Sur – Farjon and Filer (2013) list herbarium records of P. matudae from this region.



Figure 5. Modeled habitat availability of (a) *Pinus nelsonii* and (b) *Podocarpus matudae*. The inset map in (a) shows the main distribution range of *P. nelsonii* on karst limestone outcrops in the Sierra Madre Oriental.

**Spatial assessment of model uncertainty.** Maps of spatially explicit model uncertainty were derived by calculating the difference between the 97.5-percentile and the 2.5-percentile of cell values derived from the continuous prediction maps, based on 199 model repetition runs. For species with 40 or more independent presence locations, uncertainty maps were calculated using the predictions of the Maxent, GLM and RF models. For species with less than 40 independent presence locations, only the Maxent predictions were considered. Results showed that model uncertainty was generally higher in areas with high predicted suitability and lowest in those region with the lowest suitability (i.e. that all model algorithms and repetitions consistently predicted low suitability). In the case of *Podocarpus matudae* (Figure 6), the uncertainty map revealed that the overestimated species distribution on the Yucatán peninsula was modeled with comparatively high uncertainties. Uncertainty maps therefore can effectively help refining species distribution predictions.

For three species with a wide spatial distribution all over Mexico (Cupressus lusitanica, Pinus strobiformis, Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca), a spatially stratified resampling scheme was implemented. For each of those species, we performed a k-means clustering (Hartigang & Wong, 1979) using a maximum number of 10 iterations on the presence/pseudo-absence data to derive 199 center points. Using each of the center points, the original dataset was divided into 199 calibration datasets and one validation dataset. During each iteration, 30% of the presence/pseudo-absence points with the smallest distance to the center points were chosen as validation data and the remaining 70 % of the points as calibration data. Our aim here was to test for the relative contributions of different components of model uncertainty (occurrence data, environmental data, and model algorithm) using generalized linear models (according to Buisson et al., 2010). For this purpose, the mean predicted probability of each replicate model run was used as response and the used model type, data type (climatic or remote sensing) and replicate number as explanatory variables ( $glm(formula = x \sim data + occurence + modeltype$ , family = gaussian). For all species, we found significant effects (p < 0.001) of the environmental data (i.e. climate or remote sensing) and the model algorithm (Maxent, GLM, RF) used, but not for the occurrence data (i.e. random vs. spatially stratified resampling, p > 0.05).



Figure 6. Uncertainty map for modeled habitat availability of *Podocarpus matudae*.

## 7. Conclusions and recommendations (Conclusiones y recomendaciones)

The project aims, i.e. the development and refinement of species distribution models by (1) the inclusion of remote sensing variables (Terra-MODIS *Enhanced Vegetation Index* and *Land Surface Temperature*) in addition to climatic predictors and (2) the spatially-explicit assessment of model uncertainty could be achieved. The main limitation was the limited number of verified herbarium records available as training data – a typical phenomenon for very rare species as in the NOM – which did allow model building only for a fraction of the species considered. More efforts therefore have to be undertaken to compile reliable information on species presence that is readily accessible online.

Remote sensing data showed great potential for reducing the typical overprediction of climate-based SDMs. Even though also predictions based only on climate data were produced in the project, we therefore highly recommend using the predictions for habitat availability (which are based on remote sensing data but also include potential distributions based on climate) for further analyses. SDMs based on remote sensing data *only*, however, also in most cases overestimated distribution ranges. The combination of climate and remote sensing data therefore appears to be the most promising approach for modeling species distributions.

However, species records were mostly collected during a different time period than the remote sensing data. More specifically, 314 records were collected between 2001 and 2009 (which is exactly the time period that the remote sensing data cover), 57 records were collected after 2009, and 2,294 records were collected before 2001. Information concerning the collection date was missing for 497 records. In summary, the majority of records were hence collected before satellite data was available, with a mean collection year of 1968. How big the impact of this temporal mismatch on the applicability of the model predictions is largely depends on the characteristic of the collection sites. If specimen were collected in a site where almost no change in vegetation cover has happened over the last few decades and where the species is still present today, effects on the resultant prediction maps will be minimal. As many collectors of field data tend to sample undisturbed and well-established populations, this will hold true at least for a part of the records. On the other hand, in case land use/land cover change has happened in the collection site (making the site no longer suitable for the species of concern) between the collection date of the records and the acquisition date of the remote sensing data, this record will be unsuitable for model training and should be left out. Generally, SDMs and the algorithms used in this project can deal with some outliers or wrong records in the training data; however, models will be significantly biased, if a large fraction of the records is affected by this. Apparently, it is not possible to quantify the overall effects of the temporal mismatch of species records and remote sensing data based on the data at hand. A rigorous approach would require a lot of additional field work in order to collect recent data in those collection sites that could be affected by land use/land cover change. We therefore recommend taking this into account when interpreting remote sensing-based model results.

Further, the compiled maps of habitat loss are an indicator of anthropogenic impacts but should not be overinterpreted and directly be used for decision-making. Other factors not captured by climate but by remote sensing data (e.g. natural disturbances) may lead to areas being identified as 'lost habitat' independent of any human impact. Obviously, the map indicating total habitat loss (a summary of the species-specific habitat loss maps) is biased in the way that it considers only a small number of species and therefore is not representative for the entire country.

For some species, the different model algorithms used showed large differences regarding model performance (AUC, partial AUC and model deviance). We therefore recommend using ensemble models based on different algorithms for species distribution

modeling. The high variable importance of LST-derived parameters again supports the importance of considering additional predictors beyond the 'classical' vegetation indices in SDMs. Further research is needed to fully explore the relevance of the broad array of remotely sensed parameters available for use in SDMs.

In the future, remotely sensed time series will be operationally available at much higher spatial resolutions (e.g. from the ESA Sentinel satellites) and provide a unique opportunity for assessing habitat availability and species diversity in space and time. Due to the automated implementation of the modeling framework used in this project, the methods developed and used here can (with slight modifications) transferred to remote sensing data with other spatial resolutions available in the near future. In summary, future research therefore should focus on (1) the applicability of other remotely sensed parameters not considered here for predicting species distributions, (2) differences in the performance of remote sensing-based SDMs for species associated with different habitat types and (3) the potential of remote sensing data to verify (and falsify) species occurrence records.

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### 9. Appendix

## **1.** Documentation of delivered materials (Documentación del material entregado)

See the following pages

A1. Species considered in this project. Overview of species considered and modeled in the project.

Family	Names of included species (NOM-059)	Accepted names of included species (project JM078)	Species with models	Species without models	Short name (maps and metadata)	Unique records in database (covered by climate data)	Model algorithm (s) used for final climate- based models	Unique records in database (covered by remote sensing data)	Model algorith m(s) used for final remote sensing- based models
Pinaceae	Abies concolor	Abies concolor	x		ABICON	577	Maxent, GLM, RF	10	
Pinaceae	Abies flinckii	Abies flinckii		x		6		16	
Pinaceae	Abies guatemalensis	Abies guatemalensis		x		15		14	
Pinaceae	Abies hickelii	Abies hickelii		x		16		15	
Pinaceae	Abies vejari	Abies vejarii	x		ABIVEJ	27	Maxent	24	Maxent
Pinaceae	Abies vejari mexicana	Abies vejarii subsp. mexicana		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Acianthera eximia	Acianthera eximia (L.O. Williams) Solano		x		8		9	
Orchidaceae	Acianthera unguicallosa	Acianthera unguicallosa (Ames & C. Schweinf.) Solano		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Acianthera violacea	Acianthera violacea (A. Rich. & Galeotti) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Acineta barkeri	Acineta barkeri (Bateman) Lindl.		x		6		5	
Orchidaceae	Anathallis abbreviata	Anathallis abbreviata (Schltr.) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Anathallis oblanceolata	Anathallis oblanceolata (L.O. Williams) Solano & Soto Arenas		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Aspidogyne stictophylla	Aspidogyne stictophylla (Schltr.) Garay		x		12		10	
Orchidaceae	Barbosella prorepens	Barbosella prorepens (Rchb. f.) Schltr.		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria dorotheae	Barkeria dorotheae Halb.		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria melanocaulon	Barkeria melanocaulon A. Rich. & Galeotti		x		11		13	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria scandens	Barkeria scandens (Lex.) Dressler & Halb.		x		19		19	

Orchidaceae	Barkeria shoemakeri	Barkeria shoemakeri Halb.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria skinneri	Barkeria skinneri (Bateman ex Lindl.) Lindl. ex Paxton		x		4		7	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria strophinx	Barkeria strophinx (Rchb. f.) Halb.		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Barkeria whartoniana	Barkeria whartoniana (C. Schweinf.) Soto Arenas		x		3		7	
Orchidaceae	Bletia urbana	Bletia urbana Dressler		x		3		8	
Cupressaceae	Calocedrus decurrens	Calocedrus decurrens	x		CALDEC	109	Maxent, GLM, RF	9	
Orchidaceae	Caularthron bilamellatum	Caularthron bilamellatum (Rchb. f.) R.E. Schultes		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Chysis bractescens	Chysis bractescens Lindl.		x		12		18	
Orchidaceae	Chysis limminghei	Chysis limminghei Linden & Rchb. f.		x		3		2	
Orchidaceae	Clowesia glaucoglossa	Clowesia glaucoglossa (Rchb. f.) Dodson		x		2		1	
Orchidaceae	Clowesia rosea	Clowesia rosea Lindl.		x		7		7	
Orchidaceae	Cochleanthes flabelliformis	Cochleanthes flabeliformis (Sw.) R.E. Schultes & Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Coelia densiflora	Coelia densiflora Rolfe		x		5		5	
Orchidaceae	Corallorhiza macrantha	Corallorhiza macrantha Schltr.,		x		9		9	
Orchidaceae	Cryptarrhena lunata	Cryptarrhena lunata R. Br.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Cuitlauzina candida	Cuitlauzina candida (Lindl.) Dressler & N.H. Williams, 2003		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Cuitlauzina convallarioides	Cuitlauzina convallarioides (Schltr.) Dressler & N.H. Williams		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Cuitlauzina pendula	Cuitlauzina pendula Lex.		x		10		11	
Cupressaceae	Cupressus arizonica montana	Callitropsis montana		x		0		0	
Cupressaceae	Cupressus forbesii	Callitropsis forbesii	x		CUPFOR	36	Maxent	0	
Cupressaceae	Cupressus guadalupensis	Callitropsis guadalupensis		x		2		2	
Cupressaceae	Cupressus lusitanica	Callitropsis lusitanica	x		CUPLUS	111	Maxent, GLM, RF	106	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Cycnoches ventricosum	Cycnoches ventricosum Bateman	x		CYCVEN	23	Maxent	23	Maxent

Orchidaceae	Cypripedium dickinsonianum	Cypripedium dickinsonianum Hágsater		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Cypripedium irapeanum	Cypripedium irapeanum Lex.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Cyrtochiloides ochmatochila	Cyrtochiloides ochmatochila (Rchb.f.) N.H. Williams & M.W. Chase		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Dignathe pygmaeus	Dignathe pygmaeus Lindl.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Dracula pusilla	Dracula pusilla (Rolfe) Luer		x		3		2	
Orchidaceae	Dryadella guatemalensis	Dryadella guatemalensis (Schltr.) Luer		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Elleanthus hymenophorus	Elleanthus hymenophorus (Rchb. f.) Rchb. f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia adenocaula	Encyclia adenocaula (Lex.) Schltr.	x		ENCADE	46	Maxent, GLM, RF	45	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Encyclia atrorubens	Encyclia atrorubens (Rolfe) Schltr.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia distantiflora	Oestlundia distantiflora (A. Rich. & Galeotti) Dressler & Pollard		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia kienastii	Encyclia kienastii (Rchb. f.) Dressler & G.E. Pollard		x		5		7	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia lorata	Encyclia lorata Dressler & G.E. Pollard		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia pollardiana	Encyclia pollardiana (Withner) Dressler & G.E. Pollard		x		7		7	
Orchidaceae	Encyclia tuerckheimii	Encyclia tuerckheimii Schltr.		x		2		5	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum alabastrialatum	Epidendrum alabastrialatum G.E.Pollard ex Hágsater		x		7		5	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum alticola	Epidendrum alticola Ames & Correll		x		4		5	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum cerinum	Epidendrum cerinum Schltr.		x		7		8	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum chloe	Epidendrum chloe Rchb. f.		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum cnemidophorum	Epidendrum cnemidophorum Lindl.		x		15		18	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum coronatum	Epidendrum coronatum Ruiz & Pav.		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum cystosum	Epidendrum cystosum Ames		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum dorsocarinatum	Epidendrum dorsocarinatum Hágsater		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum dressleri	Epidendrum dressleri Hágsater		x		0		0	

Orchidaceae	Epidendrum incomptoides	Epidendrum incomptoides Ames, F.T. Hubb. & C. Schweinf.		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum isthmii	Epidendrum isthmi Schltr.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum pansamalae	Epidendrum pansamalae Schltr.		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum skutchii	<i>Epidendrum skutchii Ames, F.T. Hubb.</i> & C. Schweinf.		x		5		5	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum smaragdinum	Epidendrum smaragdinum Lindl.		x		5		5	
Orchidaceae	Epidendrum sobralioides	Epidendrum sobralioides Ames & Correll		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Erycina crista-galli	Erycina crista-galli (Rchb. f.) N.H. Williams & M.W. Chase		x		12		11	
Orchidaceae	Erycina pumilio	Erycina pumilio (Rchb. f.) N.H. Williams & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Euchile citrina	Prosthechea citrina (Lex.) W.E. Higgins		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Euchile mariae	Prosthechea mariae (Ames) Hoehne		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Eurystyles borealis	Eurystyles borealis A.H. Heller		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Galeandra batemanii	Galeandra batemanii Rolfe		x		3		5	
Orchidaceae	Galeottia grandiflora	Galeottia grandiflora A.Rich.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Galeottiella sarcoglossa	Galeottiella sarcoglossa (A. Rich. & Galeotti) Schltr.		x		11		11	
Orchidaceae	Gongora tridentata	Gongora tridentata Whitten		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Govenia tequilana	Govenia tequilana Dressler & Hágsater		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Guarianthe skinneri	Guarianthe skinneri (Bateman) Dressler & W.E. Higgins		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Habenaria umbratilis	Habenaria umbratilis Ames & L.O. Williams		x		0		1	
Orchidaceae	Hagsatera brachycolumna	Hagsatera brachycolumna (L.O. Williams) R. González		x		8		10	
Orchidaceae	Ionopsis satyrioides	Ionopsis satyrioides (Sw.) Rchb. f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Jacquiniella gigantea	Jacquiniella gigantea Dressler, Salazar & García-Cruz		x		2		2	
Cupressaceae	Juniperus californica	Juniperus californica	x		JUNCAL	37	Maxent	16	
Cupressaceae	Juniperus sabinoides monticola	Juniperus monticola	x		JUNSAB	23	Maxent	24	Maxent

Orchidaceae	Kefersteinia lactea	Kefersteinia tinschertiana Pupulin		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Kraenzlinella hintonii	Kraenzlinella hintonii (L.O. Williams) Solano		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Lacaena bicolor	Lacaena bicolor Lindl.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Laelia anceps dawsonii	Laelia anceps Lindl. subsp. dawsonii (J. Anderson) Rolfe		x		10		10	
Orchidaceae	Laelia gouldiana	Laelia gouldiana Rchb. f.		x		7		7	
Orchidaceae	Laelia speciosa	Laelia speciosa (Kunth) Schltr.	x		LAESPE	43	Maxent, GLM, RF	43	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Laelia superbiens	Laelia superbiens Lindl.		x		13		12	
Orchidaceae	Lepanthes ancylopetala	Lepanthes ancylopetala Dreesler		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Lepanthes guatemalensis	Lepanthes guatemalensis Schltr.		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Lepanthes parvula	Lepanthes parvula Dressler		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Lepanthopsis floripecten	Lepanthopsis floripecten (Rchb. f) Ames		x		2		3	
Orchidaceae	Ligeophila clavigera	Ligeophila clavigera (Rchb. f.) Garay		x		11		12	
Orchidaceae	Lycaste lasioglossa	Lycaste lasioglossa Rchb. f.		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Lycaste skinneri	Lycaste skinneri (Bateman ex Lindl.) Lindl.		x		11		11	
Orchidaceae	Lyroglossa pubicaulis	Lyroglossa pubicaulis (L.O.Williams) Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Macradenia brassavolae	Macradenia brassavolae Rchb. f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Malaxis greenwoodiana	Malaxis greenwoodiana Salazar & Soto Arenas		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Malaxis hagsateri	Malaxis hagsateri Salazar		x		5		4	
Orchidaceae	Malaxis pandurata	Malaxis pandurata (Schltr.) Ames		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Maxillaria alba	Maxillaria alba (Hook.) Lindl.		x		4		3	
Orchidaceae	Maxillaria nasuta	Maxillaria nasuta Rchb. f.		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Maxillaria oestlundiana	Maxillaria oestlundiana L.O.Williams		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Maxillaria tonsoniae	Maxillaria tonsoniae Soto-Arenas		x		11		11	
Orchidaceae	Mexipedium xerophyticum	Mexipedium xerophyticum (Soto Arenas, Salazar & Hágsater) V.A. Albert & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	

Orchidaceae	Mormodes maculata unicolor	Mormodes maculata (Klotzch) L.O. Williams var. unicolor (Klotzsch) L.O. Williams	x		MORMAC	19	Maxent	19	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Mormodes porphyrophlebia	Mormodes porphyrophlebia Salazar		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Mormodes sanguineoclaustra	Mormodes sanguineoclaustra Fowl.		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Mormodes sotoana	Mormodes sotoana Salazar		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Mormodes uncia	Mormodes uncia Rchb. f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Nemaconia dressleriana	Nemaconia dressleriana Soto Arenas		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Nemaconia pellita	Nemaconia pellita (Rchb.f.) van den Berg, Salazar & Soto Arenas		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Oestlundia distantiflora	Oestlundia distantiflora (A. Rich. & Galeotti) Dressler & Pollard		x		7		5	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium endocharis	Oncidium endocharis Rchb.f.		x		5		5	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium ensatum	Oncidium ensatum Lindl.		x		7		7	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium exauriculatum	Oncidium exauriculatum (Hamer & Garay) Jiménez		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium incurvum	Oncidium incurvum Barker ex Lindl.	x		ONCINC	35	Maxent	39	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Oncidium leucochilum	Oncidium leucochilum Barker ex Lindl.	x		ONCLEU	27	Maxent	30	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Oncidium ochmatochilum	Oncidium ochmatochilum Rchb.f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium pollardii	Oncidium iricolor Rchb. f.		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium stelligerum	Oncidium stelligerum Rchb. f.		x		9		9	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium suttonii	Oncidium suttonii Batem ex Lindley		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Oncidium tigrinum	Oncidium tigrinum Lex.	x		ONCTIG	23	Maxent	22	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Oncidium unguiculatum	Oncidium unguiculatum Lindl.	x		ONCUNG	24	Maxent	26	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Oncidium wentworthianum	Oncidium wentworthianum Bateman ex Lindl.		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Osmoglossum convallarioides	Cuitlauzina convallarioides (Schltr.) Dressler & N.H. Williams		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Pachyphyllum mexicanum	Pachyphyllum mexicanum Dressler & Hágsater		x		6		6	
Orchidaceae	Palumbina candida	Cuitlauzina candida (Lindl.) Dressler & N.H. Williams		x		0		0	

Orchidaceae	Papperitzia leiboldii	Leochilus leiboldii Rchb. f.		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Pelexia congesta	Pelexia congesta Ames & Schweinf.		x		2		1	
Orchidaceae	Phragmipedium exstaminodium	Phragmipedium humboldtii J.T. Atwood & Dressler subsp. exstaminodium (Castaño, Hágsater & E.Aguirre) J.T. Atwood & Dressler ex J.M.H. Shaw		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Physogyne gonzalezii	Physogyne gonzalezii (L.O. Williams) Garay		x		1		1	
Pinaceae	Picea chihuahuana	Picea chihuahuana		x		12		15	
Pinaceae	Picea engelmannii mexicana	Picea mexicana		x		6		7	
Pinaceae	Picea martinezii	Picea martinezii		x		0		0	
Pinaceae	Pinus attenuata	Pinus attenuata	x		PINATT	103	Maxent, GLM, RF	7	
Pinaceae	Pinus caribaea hondurensis	Pinus caribaea var. hondurensis	x		PINCAR	72	Maxent, GLM, RF	6	
Pinaceae	Pinus contorta murrayana	Pinus contorta subsp. murrayana	x		PINCON	52	Maxent, GLM, RF	10	
Pinaceae	Pinus coulteri	Pinus coulteri	x		PINCOU	98	Maxent, GLM, RF	9	
Pinaceae	Pinus culminicola	Pinus culminicola	x		PINCUL	31	Maxent	24	Maxent
Pinaceae	Pinus jaliscana	Pinus jaliscana		x		5		4	
Pinaceae	Pinus jeffreyi	Pinus jeffreyi	x		PINJEF	98	Maxent, GLM, RF	18	
Pinaceae	Pinus johannis	Pinus johannis	x		PINJOH	23	Maxent	23	Maxent
Pinaceae	Pinus lagunae	Pinus lagunae		x		0		0	
Pinaceae	Pinus martinezii	Pinus douglasiana		x		0		0	
Pinaceae	Pinus maximartinezii	Pinus maximartinezii		x		16		18	
Pinaceae	Pinus monophylla	Pinus californiarum	x		PINCAL	39	Maxent	20	Maxent

Pinaceae	Pinus muricata	Pinus muricata	x		PINMUR	86	Maxent, GLM, RF	9	
Pinaceae	Pinus nelsonii	Pinus nelsonii	x		PINNEL	27	Maxent	27	Maxent
Pinaceae	Pinus pinceana	Pinus pinceana	x		PINPIN	59	Maxent, GLM, RF	59	Maxent, GLM, RF
Pinaceae	Pinus quadrifolia	Pinus quadrifolia	x		PINQUA	47	Maxent, GLM, RF	40	Maxent, GLM, RF
Pinaceae	Pinus remota	Pinus remota		x		16		13	
Pinaceae	Pinus rzedowskii	Pinus rzedowskii		x		8		8	
Pinaceae	Pinus strobiformis	Pinus strobiformis	x		PINSTR	59	Maxent, GLM, RF	49	Maxent, GLM, RF
Pinaceae	Pinus strobus chiapensis	Pinus chiapensis	x		PINSTRC HI	41	Maxent, GLM, RF	40	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Platystele caudatisepala	Platystele caudatisepala (C. Schwein f.) Garay		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Platystele jungermannioides	Platystele jungermannioides (Schltr.) Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Platystele repens	Platystele repens (Ames) Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Platythelys venustula	Platythelys venustula (Ames) Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Pleurothallis hintonii	Kraenzlinella hintonii (L.O. Williams) Solano		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Pleurothallis nelsonii	Pleurothallis nelsonii Ames		x		3		3	
Orchidaceae	Pleurothallis saccatilabia	Pleurothallis saccatilabia C. Schweinf.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Pleurothallopsis ujarensis	Pleurothallopsis ujarensis (Rchb.f.) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	
Podocarpaceae	Podocarpus matudae	Podocarpus matudae	x		PODMAT	52	Maxent, GLM, RF	52	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Ponthieva brittoniae	Ponthieva brittoniae Ames & C. Schwinf.		x		3		4	
Orchidaceae	Prosthechea abbreviata	Prosthechea abbreviata (Schltl.) W.E. Higgins		x		0		0	

Orchidaceae	Prosthechea citrina	Prosthechea citrina (Lex.) W.E. Higgins	x		PROCIT	41	Maxent, GLM, RF	36	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Prosthechea mariae	Prosthechea mariae (Ames) W.E. Higgins		x		13		11	
Orchidaceae	Prosthechea neurosa	Prosthechea neurosa (Ames) W.E. Higgins		x		10		10	
Orchidaceae	Prosthechea vagans	Prosthechea vagans (Ames) W.E. Higgins		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Prosthechea vitellina	Prosthechea vitellina (Lindl.) W.E. Higgins	x		PROVIT	86	Maxent, GLM, RF	83	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Pseudocranichis thysanochila	Galeoglossum thysanochilum (B.L. Rob. & Greenm.) Salazar		x		0		4	
Orchidaceae	Pseudogoodyera pseudogoodyeroides	Pseudogoodyera pseudogoodyeroides (Rchb. f.) Schltr.		x		4		0	
Pinaceae	Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca	Pseudotsuga menziesii var. glauca	x		PSEMEN	611	Maxent, GLM, RF	87	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Restrepia lankesteri	Restrepia trichoglossa F.Lehm. ex Sander		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele beloglossa	Rhynchostele beloglossa (Rchb. f.) Dressler & N.H. Williams		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele cervantesii	Rhynchostele cervantesii (Lex.) Soto Arenas & Salazar	x		RHYCER	95	Maxent, GLM, RF	94	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele cordata	Rhynchostele cordata (Lindl.) Soto Arenas & Salazar	x		RHYCOR	46	Maxent, GLM, RF	42	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele ehrenbergii	Rhynchostele ehrenbergii (Link, Klotzsch & Otto) Soto Arenas & Salazar	x		RHYEHR	24	Maxent	21	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele galeottiana	Rhynchostele galeottiana (A. Rich.) Soto Arenas & Salazar		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele londesboroughiana	Rhynchostele londesboroughiana (Rchb.f.) Halbinger		x		5		5	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele madrensis	Rhynchostele madrensis (Rchb.f.) Soto Arenas & Salazar		x		11		9	

Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele majalis	Rhynchostele majalis (Rchb.f.) Halbinger y (Rchb.f.) Soto Arenas & Salazar		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele pygmaea	Rhynchostele pygmaea (Lindl.) Rchb. f.		x		8		7	
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele rossii	Rhynchostele rossii (Lindl.) Soto Arenas & Salazar	x		RHYROS	43	Maxent, GLM, RF	41	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Rhynchostele uroskinneri	Rhynchostele uroskinneri (Lindl.) Soto Arenas & Salazar		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Rodriguezia dressleriana	Rodriguezia dressleriana R. González		x		2		2	
Orchidaceae	Rossioglossum grande	Rossioglossum grande (Lindl.) Garay & G.C.Kenn.		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Rossioglossum insleayi	Rossioglossum insleayi (Barker ex Lindl.) Garay & G.C. Kenn.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Rossioglossum splendens	Rossioglossum splendens (Rchb.f.) Garay & G.C. Kenn.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Rossioglossum williamsianum	Rossioglossum williamsianum (Rchb. f.) Garay & G.C. Kenn.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Sarcoglottis cerina	Sarcoglottis cerina (Lindl.) P.N. Don		x		3		4	
Orchidaceae	Scelochilus tuerckheimii	Comparettia tuerckheimii (Schltr.) M.W. Chase & N.H. Williams		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Schiedeella nagelii	Schiedeella nagelii (L.O. Williams) Garay		x		6		6	
Orchidaceae	Sigmatostalix guatemalensis	Oncidium poikilostalix (Kraenzl.) M.W. Chase & N.H. Williams		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Sigmatostalix mexicana	Oncidium mexicanum (L.O. Williams) M.W. Chase & N.H. Williams		x		5		6	
Orchidaceae	Sobralia crispissima	Sobralia crispissima Dressler		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Sobralia mucronata	Sobralia mucronata Ames		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Specklinia digitale	Specklinia digitale (Luer) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		19		16	
Orchidaceae	Specklinia endotrachys	Specklinia endotrachys (Rchb. f.) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		15		15	
Orchidaceae	Specklinia fimbriata	Specklinia fimbriata C. Schweinf. & (Ames & C. Schweinf.) Solano		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Specklinia glandulosa	Specklinia glandulosa (Ames) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	

Orchidaceae	Specklinia lateritia	Specklinia lateritia (Rchb.f.) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Spiranthes torta	Spiranthes torta (Thunb.) Garay & H.R. Sweet		x		1		1	
Orchidaceae	Stanhopea ecornuta	Stanhopea ecornuta Lem.		x		2		1	
Orchidaceae	Stanhopea oculata	Stanhopea oculata (G.Lodd.) Lindl.	x		STAOCU	22	Maxent	20	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Stanhopea tigrina	Stanhopea tigrina Bateman	x		STATIG	24	Maxent	24	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Stelis chihobensis	Stelis chihobensis Ames		x		7		7	
Orchidaceae	Stelis cobanensis	Stelis cobanensis (Schltr.) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		18		18	
Orchidaceae	Stelis deregularis	Stelis deregularis Barb. Rodr.		x		3		2	
Orchidaceae	Stelis nigriflora	Stelis nigriflora (L.O. Williams) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase		x		4		4	
Orchidaceae	Stellilabium standleyi	Telipogon standleyi Ames		x		1		1	
Taxaceae	Taxus globosa	Taxus globosa	x		TAXGLO	51	Maxent, GLM, RF	51	Maxent, GLM, RF
Orchidaceae	Teuscheria pickiana	Teuscheria pickiana (Schltr.) Garay		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Trichocentrum flavovirens	Trichocentrum flavovirens L.O. Williams		x		6		6	
Orchidaceae	Trichocentrum hoegei	Trichocentrum hoegei Rchb. f.		x		9		8	
Orchidaceae	Trichocentrum stramineum	Trichocentrum stramineum (Bateman ex Lindl.) M.W. Chase & N.H. Williams		x		14		16	
Orchidaceae	Trichopilia galeottiana	Trichopilia galeottiana A.Rich. & Galeotti		x		3		2	
Orchidaceae	Trichopilia subulata	Trichopilia subulata (Sw.) Rchb.f.		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Trichosalpinx cedralensis	Trichosalpinx cedralensis (Ames) Luer		x		0		0	
Orchidaceae	Vanilla planifolia	Vanilla planifolia Jacks.	x		VANPLA	32	Maxent	32	Maxent
Orchidaceae	Warrea costaricensis	Warrea costaricensis Schltr.		x		1		1	

### 2. Quality of information (Calidad de información)

The following Appendices (A2, A3, A4 and A5) are submitted as separate files together with this report.

**A2.** Climatic profiles (table). Summary of climatic conditions at the presence localities used in the species distribution models (mean and standard deviation).

A3. Climatic profiles (boxplots). Summary of climatic conditions at the presence localities used in the species distribution models (mean and standard deviation).

A4 and A5. Profiles of land surface phenology (tables). Species-specific phenological profiles obtained from remotely sensed time series of the Enhanced Vegetation Index (a) for all occurrence localities together, (b) stratified by biogeographic provinces and (c) stratified by vegetation types.

**A5. Profiles of land surface phenology (figures).** Species-specific phenological profiles obtained from remotely sensed time series of the Enhanced Vegetation Index for all occurrence localities together and stratified by biogeographic provinces and vegetation types.

### **3.** Other information

A6. Overview of how often each climate variable was selected for the species distribution models (as a result of the collinearity and variable importance analysis). 0.293 means that the variable was selected in 29.3% of the models.

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation
BIO1	0.000	0.000
BIO2	0.293	0.461
BIO3	0.073	0.264
BIO4	0.439	0.502
BIO5	0.610	0.494
BIO6	0.024	0.156
BIO7	0.049	0.218
BIO8	0.317	0.471
BIO9	0.146	0.358
BIO10	0.098	0.300
BIO11	0.024	0.156
BIO12	0.000	0.000
BIO13	0.073	0.264
BIO14	0.780	0.419
BIO15	1.000	0.000
BIO16	0.122	0.331
BIO17	0.220	0.419
BIO18	0.415	0.499
BIO19	1.000	0.000

**A7.** Overview of how often each remote sensing variable was selected for the species distribution models (as a result of the collinearity and variable importance analysis). 0.677 means that the variable was selected in 67.7% of the models.

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation
EVI_CoV	0.677	0.475
EVI_integral	0.000	0.000
EVI_maximum	0.065	0.250
EVI_mean	0.000	0.000
EVI_median	0.129	0.341
EVI_minimum	0.129	0.341
EVI_range	0.000	0.000
EVI_rate_greenup	0.194	0.402
EVI_rate_senescence	0.000	0.000
EVI_standard_deviation	0.129	0.341
EVI_value_EOS	0.032	0.180
EVI_value_SOS	0.032	0.180
LST_CoV	0.129	0.341
LST_maximum	0.194	0.402
LST_mean	0.258	0.445
LST_median	0.226	0.425
LST_minimum	0.903	0.301
LST_range	0.065	0.250
LST_standard_deviation	0.032	0.180

Additional material delivered. The following additional material was delivered upon completion of the project:

- Database of the georeferenced localities of the 227 species considered in the project (DarwinCore format, compiled in the context of project JM078)
- Detailed description of the variables used for distribution modeling (tabular format)
- Species-specific overview of variables used in the species distribution models (tabular format)
- Variable importance: Contribution of environmental variables to explaining species distribution patterns for both climate and remote sensing data (tabular format)
- Model evaluation (based on AUC, partial AUC and model deviance) (tabular format)
- R-Code for species distribution modeling including remote sensing data and model uncertainty analysis
- Digital maps of distributions of the species modeled in the project:

(a) Climatic ranges (for distribution range from southern USA to Central America):

- 1. Continuous probability of occurrence
- 2. Binary distribution map at minimum training presence threshold
- 3. Binary distribution map at 10 percentile training presence threshold
- 4. Binary distribution map at maximum training sensitivity plus specificity threshold

(b) Habitat availability within bioclimatic range derived from remote sensing time series (only for Mexico)

- 1. Continuous probability of occurrence
- 2. Binary distribution map at minimum training presence threshold
- 3. Binary distribution map at 10 percentile training presence threshold
- 4. Binary distribution map at maximum training sensitivity plus specificity threshold

(c) Species-specific maps of habitat loss computed from climatic distribution ranges and remotely sensed land surface properties

(d) Cumulative habitat loss across all study species

(e) Species-specific uncertainty maps based on the difference between the 97.5-percentile and the 2.5-percentile of values derived from the continuous prediction maps (based on 199 model repetition runs)