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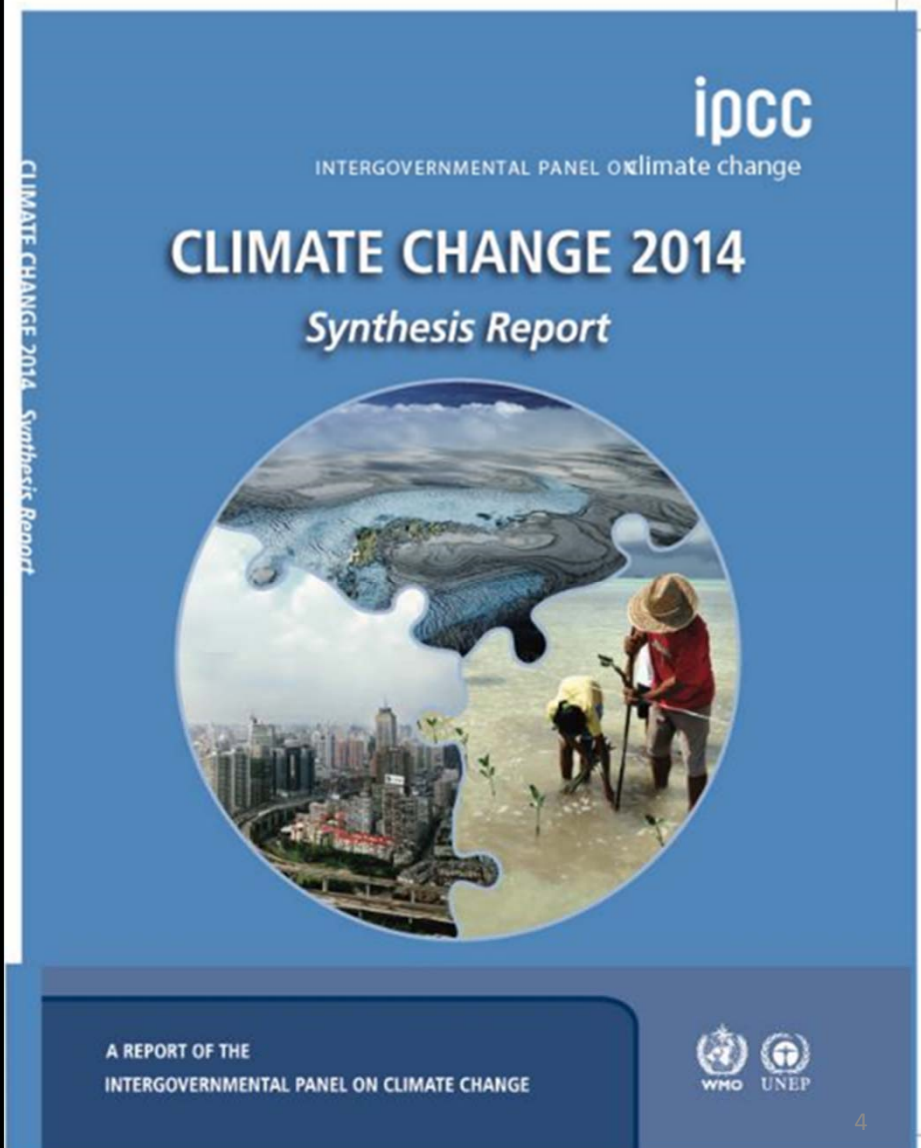
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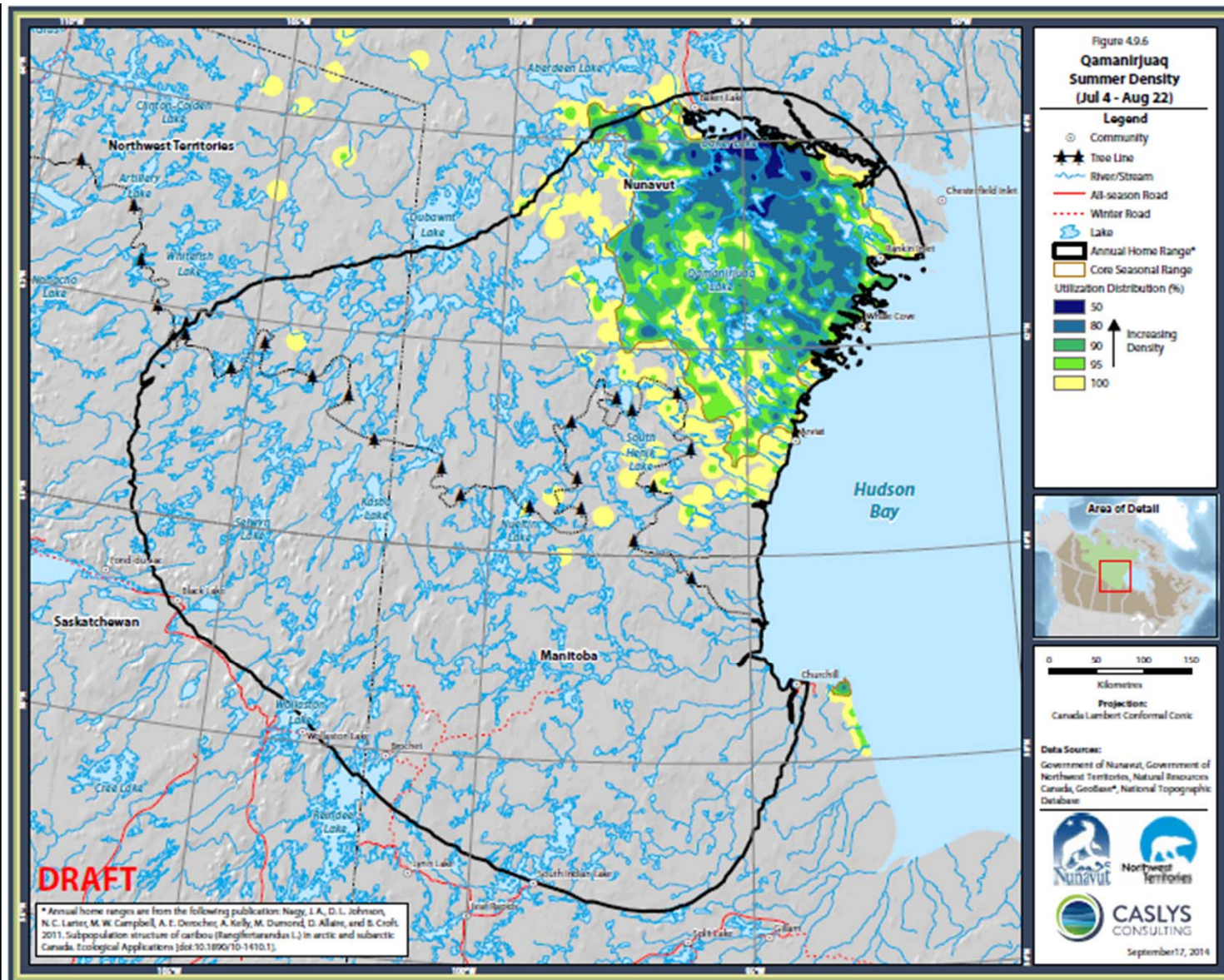
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Future climate risk from compound events

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Abstract

Floods, wildfires, heatwaves and droughts often result from a combination of interacting physical processes across multiple spatial and temporal scales. The combination of processes (climate drivers and hazards) leading to a significant impact is referred to as a 'compound event'. Traditional risk assessment methods typically only consider one driver and/or hazard at a time, potentially leading to underestimation of risk, as the processes that cause extreme events often interact and are spatially and/or temporally dependent. Here we show how a better understanding of compound events may improve projections of potential high-impact events, and can provide a bridge between climate scientists, engineers, social scientists, impact modellers and decision-makers, who need to work closely together to understand these complex events.



Community-level phenological response to climate change

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Abstract

Climatic change may disrupt intertaxonomic phenological synchrony with adverse consequences to ecosystem functioning. We present here a 40-y long time series on 10,425 dates that were systematically collected in a single Russian locality for 97 plant, 78 bird, 10 herptile, 19 insect, and 9 fungal phenological events, as well as for 77 climatic events related to temperature, precipitation, snow, ice, and frost. We show that species are shifting their phenologies at dissimilar rates, partly because they respond to different climatic factors, which in turn are shifting at dissimilar rates. Plants have advanced their spring phenology even faster than average temperature has increased, whereas migratory birds have shown more divergent responses and shifted, on average, less than plants. Phenological events of birds and insects were mainly triggered by climate cues (variation in temperature and snow and ice cover) occurring over the course of short periods, whereas many plants, herptiles, and fungi were affected by long-term climatic averages. Year-to-year variation in plants, herptiles, and insects showed a high degree of synchrony, whereas the phenological timing of fungi did not correlate with any other taxonomic group. In many cases, species that are synchronous in their year-to-year dynamics have also shifted in congruence, suggesting that climate change may have disrupted phenological synchrony less than has been previously assumed. Our results illustrate how a multidimensional change in the physical environment has translated into a community-level change in phenology.

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Contrasting effects of warming and increased snowfall on Arctic tundra plant phenology over the past two decades

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Abstract

Recent changes in climate have led to significant shifts in phenology, with many studies demonstrating advanced phenology in response to warming temperatures. The rate of temperature change is especially high in the Arctic, but this is also where we have relatively little data on phenological changes and the processes driving these changes. In order to understand how Arctic plant species are likely to respond to future changes in climate, we monitored flowering phenology in response to both experimental and ambient warming for four widespread species in two habitat types over 21 years. We additionally used long-term environmental records to disentangle the effects of temperature increase and changes in snowmelt date on phenological patterns. While flowering occurred earlier in response to experimental warming, plants in unmanipulated plots showed no change or a delay in flowering over the 21-year period, despite more than 1 °C of ambient warming during that time. This counterintuitive result was likely due to significantly delayed snowmelt over the study period (0.05–0.2 days/yr) due to increased winter snowfall. The timing of snowmelt was a strong driver of flowering phenology for all species – especially for early-flowering species – while spring temperature was significantly related to flowering time only for later-flowering species. Despite significantly delayed flowering phenology, the timing of seed maturation showed no significant change over time, suggesting that warmer temperatures may promote more rapid seed development. The results of this study highlight the importance of understanding the specific environmental cues that drive species' phenological responses as well as the complex interactions between temperature and precipitation when forecasting phenology over the coming decades. As demonstrated here, the effects of altered snowmelt patterns can counter the effects of warmer temperatures, even to the point of generating phenological responses opposite to those predicted by warming alone.

Keywords: Arctic tundra, Bayesian hierarchical modeling, climate change, flowering time, interval censoring, plant phenology, seed maturation

Climate sensitivity of shrub growth across the tundra biome

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Rapid climate warming in the tundra biome has been linked to increasing shrub dominance^{1–4}. Shrub expansion can modify climate by altering surface albedo, energy and water balance, and permafrost^{2,5–8}, yet the drivers of shrub growth remain poorly understood. Dendroecological data consisting of multi-decadal time series of annual shrub growth provide an underused resource to explore climate–growth relationships. Here, we analyse circumpolar data from 37 Arctic and alpine sites in 9 countries, including 25 species, and ~42,000 annual growth records from 1,821 individuals. Our analyses demonstrate that the sensitivity of shrub growth to climate was: (1) heterogeneous, with European sites showing greater summer temperature sensitivity than North American sites, and (2) higher at sites with greater soil moisture and for taller shrubs (for example, alders and willows) growing at their northern or upper elevational range edges. Across latitude, climate sensitivity of growth was greatest at the boundary between the Low and High Arctic, where permafrost

is thawing⁹ and most of the global permafrost soil carbon pool is stored². The observed variation in climate–shrub growth relationships should be incorporated into Earth system models to improve future projections of climate change impacts across the tundra biome.

The Arctic is warming more rapidly than lower latitudes owing to climate amplification involving temperature, water vapour, albedo and sea ice feedbacks¹⁰. Tundra ecosystems are thus predicted to respond more rapidly to climate change than other terrestrial ecosystems⁴. The tundra biome spans Arctic and alpine regions that have similar plant species pools and mean climates, yet vary in topography, seasonality, land cover and glaciation history. Concurrent with the recent high-latitude warming trend⁷, repeat photography and vegetation surveys have shown widespread expansion of shrubs^{1–3}, characterized by increased canopy cover, height and abundance. However, climate warming² and shrub increase^{2,10} have not occurred at all sites. Models predict that warming of 2–10 °C (ref. 11) could convert as much as half of current

Herbivores inhibit climate-driven shrub expansion on the tundra

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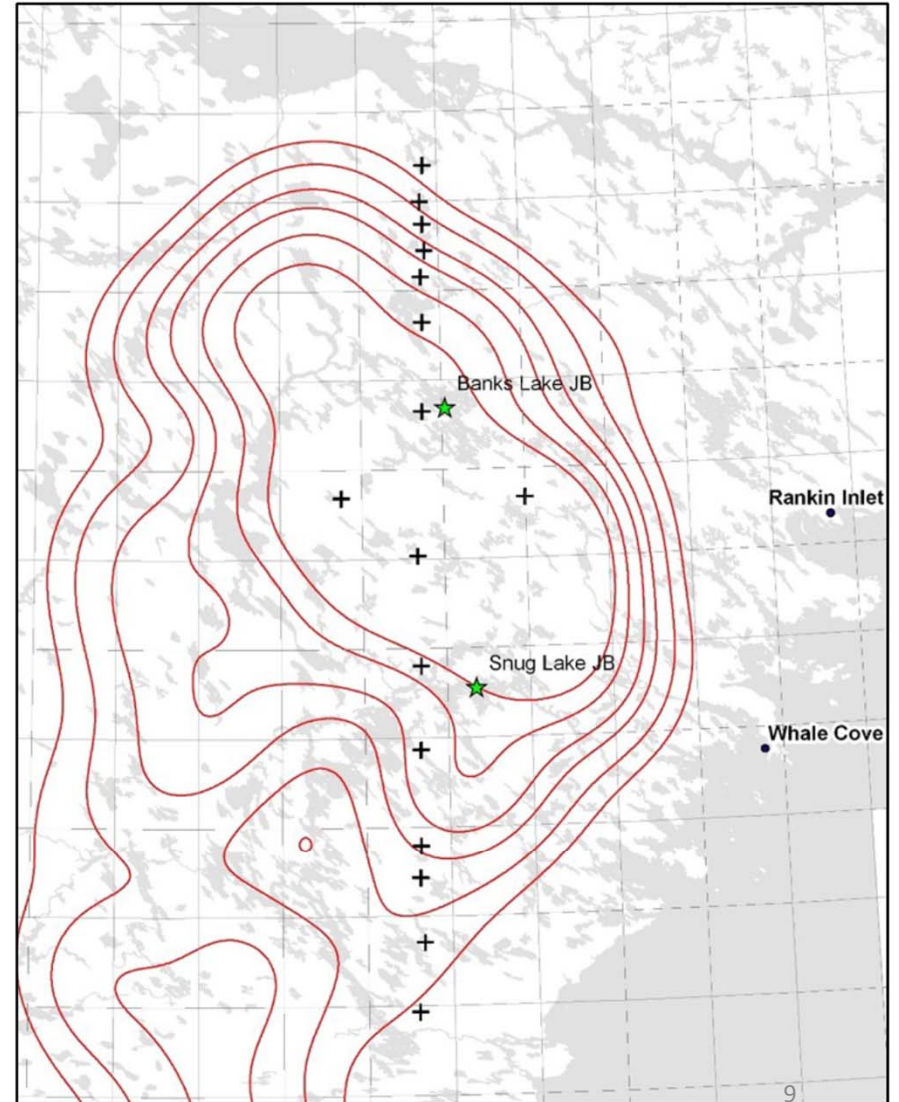
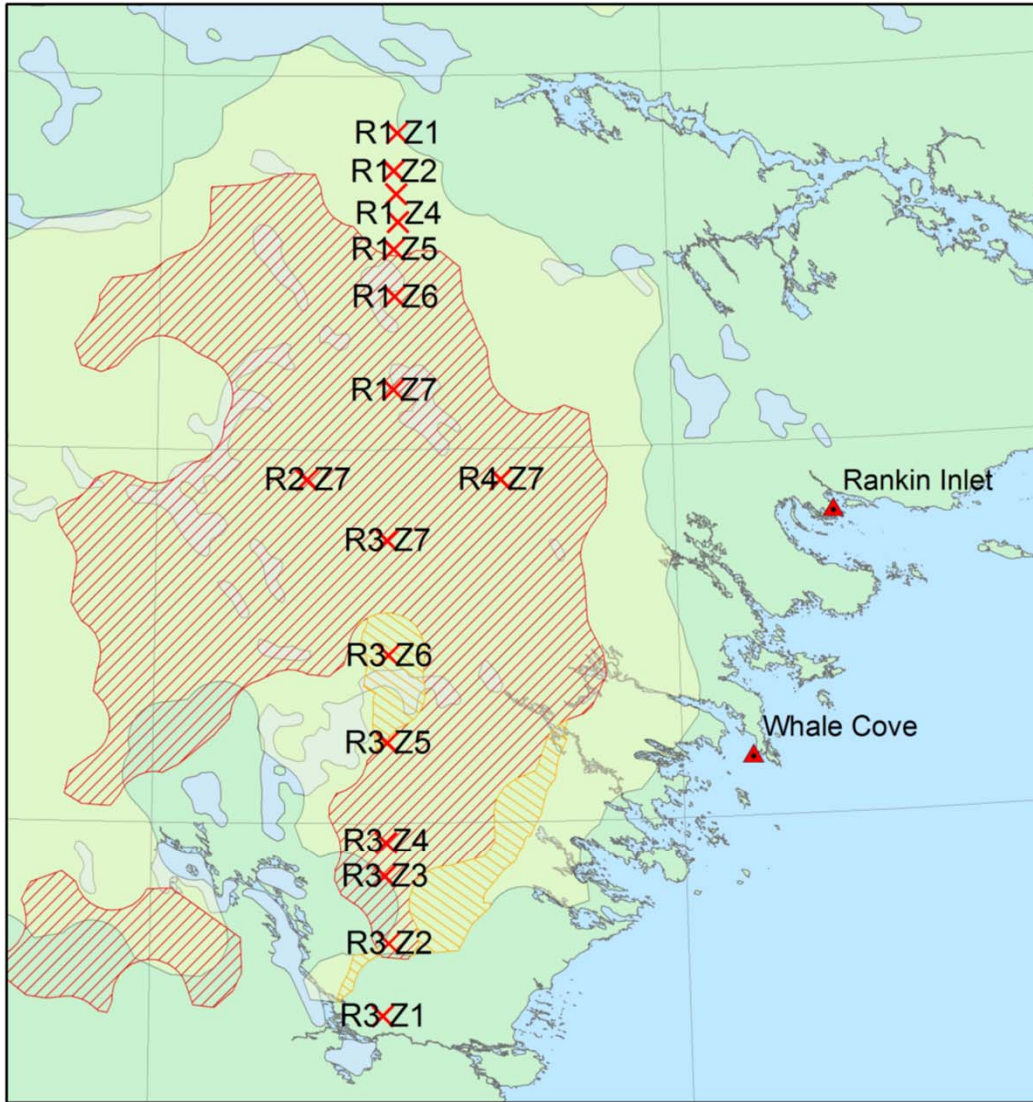
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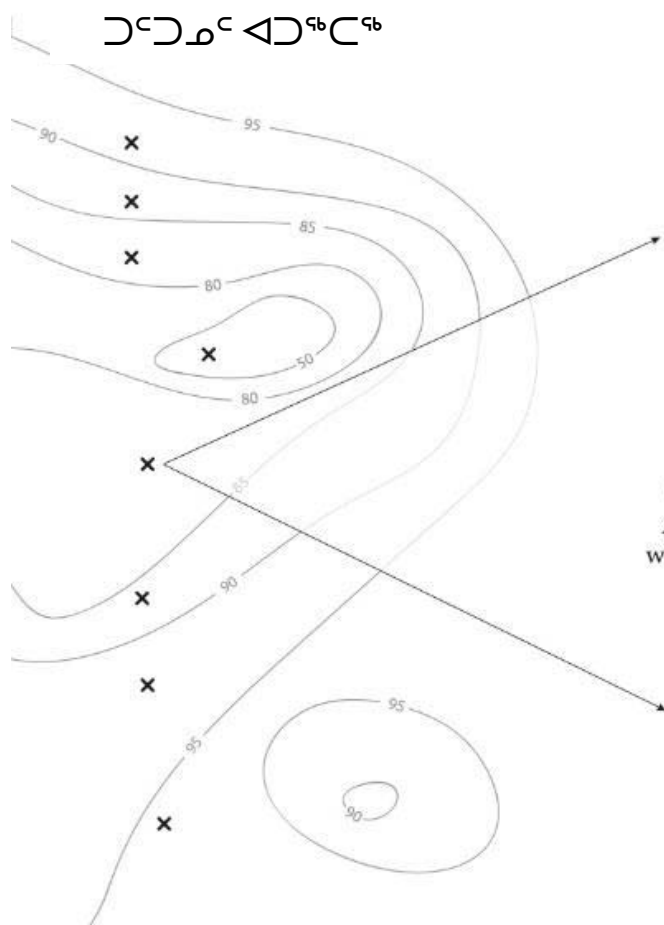
Recent pan-Arctic shrub expansion has been interpreted as a response to a warmer climate. However, alternative explanations include the abundance of shrubs in arctic ecosystems. We addressed these alternative explanations by following the changes in plant community composition during the last 10 years in permanent plots inside and outside exclosures with different mesh sizes that exclude either only reindeer or all mammalian herbivores including voles and lemmings. The exclosures were replicated at three forest and tundra sites at four different locations along a climatic gradient (oceanic to continental) in northern Fennoscandia. Since the last 10 years have been exceptionally warm, we could study how warming has influenced the vegetation in different grazing treatments. Our results show that the abundance of the dominant shrub, *Betula nana*, has increased during the last decade, but that the increase was more pronounced when herbivores were excluded. Reindeer have the largest effect on shrubs in tundra, while voles and lemmings have a larger effect in the forest. The positive relationship between annual mean temperature and shrub growth in the absence of herbivores and the lack of relationships in grazed controls is another indication that shrub abundance is controlled by an interaction between herbivores and climate. In addition to their effects on taller shrubs (> 0.3 m), reindeer reduced the abundance of lichens, whereas microtine rodents reduced the abundance of dwarf shrubs (< 0.3 m) and mosses. In contrast to short-term responses, competitive interactions between dwarf shrubs and lichens were evident in the long term. These results show that herbivores have to be considered in order to understand how a changing climate will influence tundra ecosystems.

Keywords: *Betula nana*, exclosures, global warming, herbivores, lemmings, reindeer, shrubs, snow, tundra, voles

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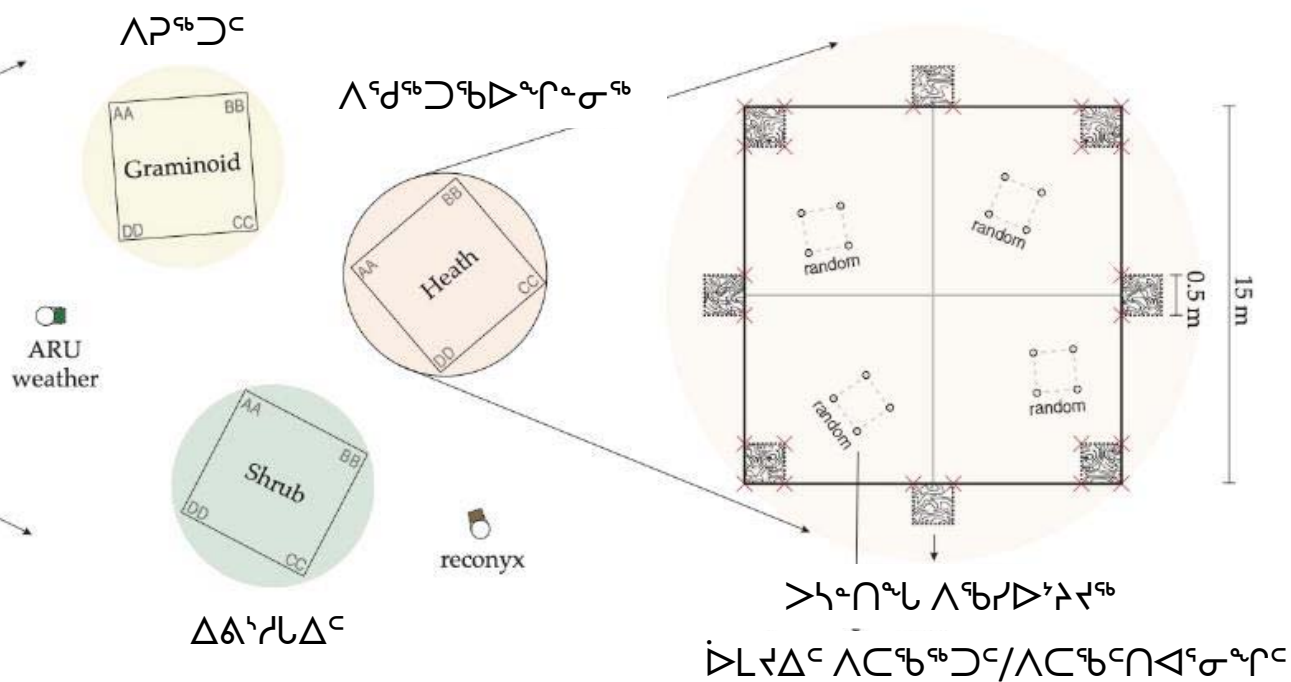
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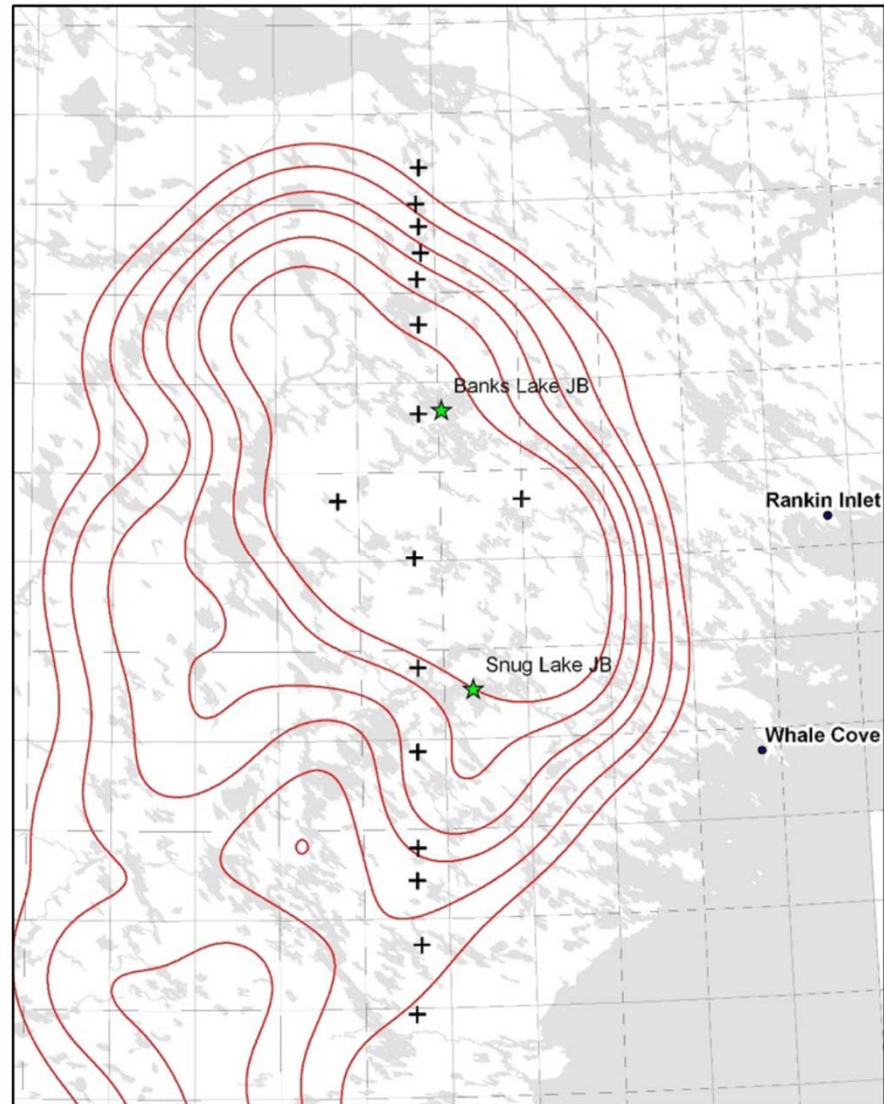


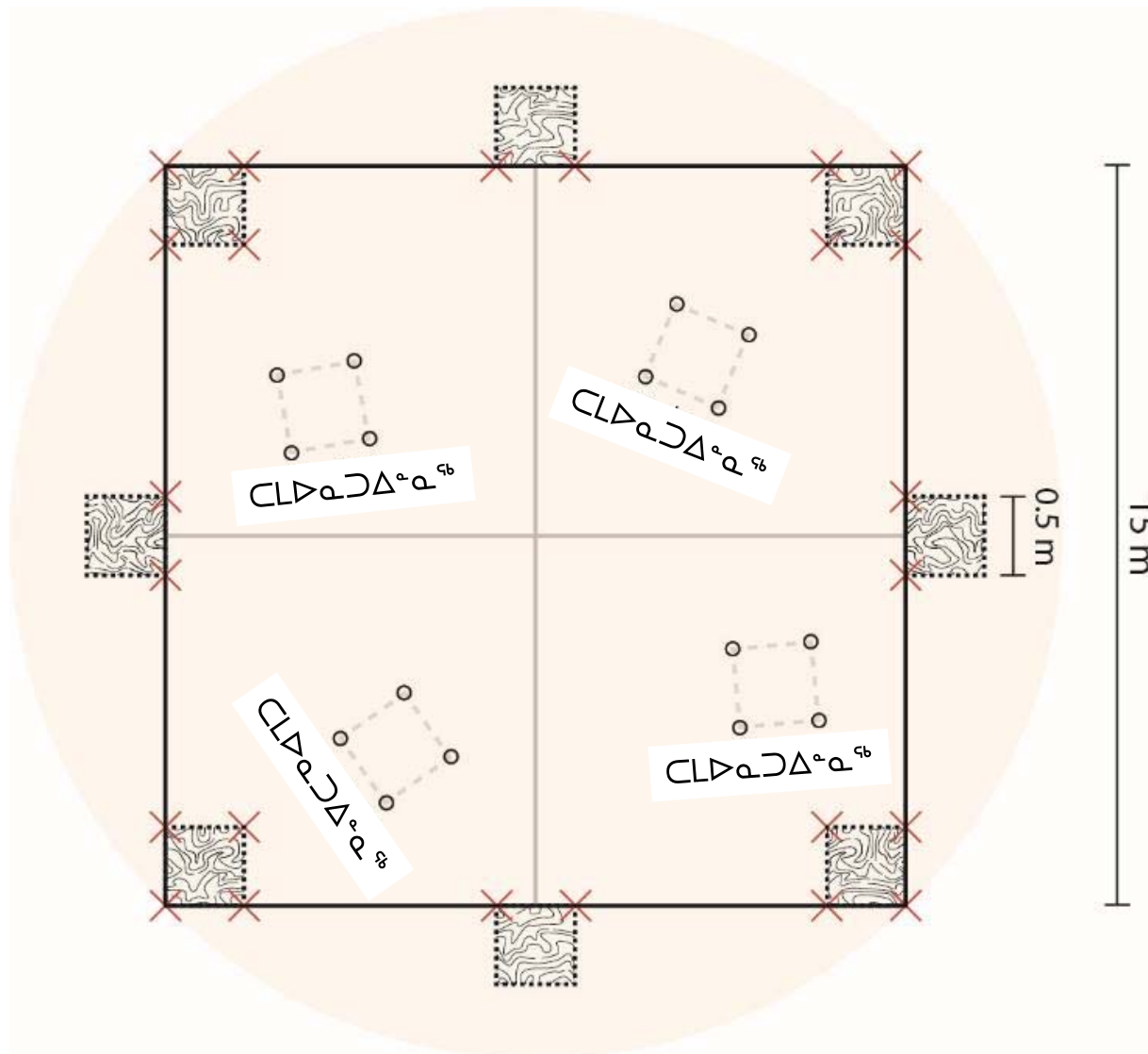


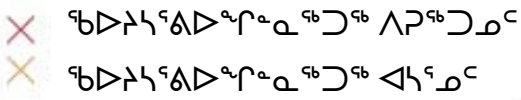
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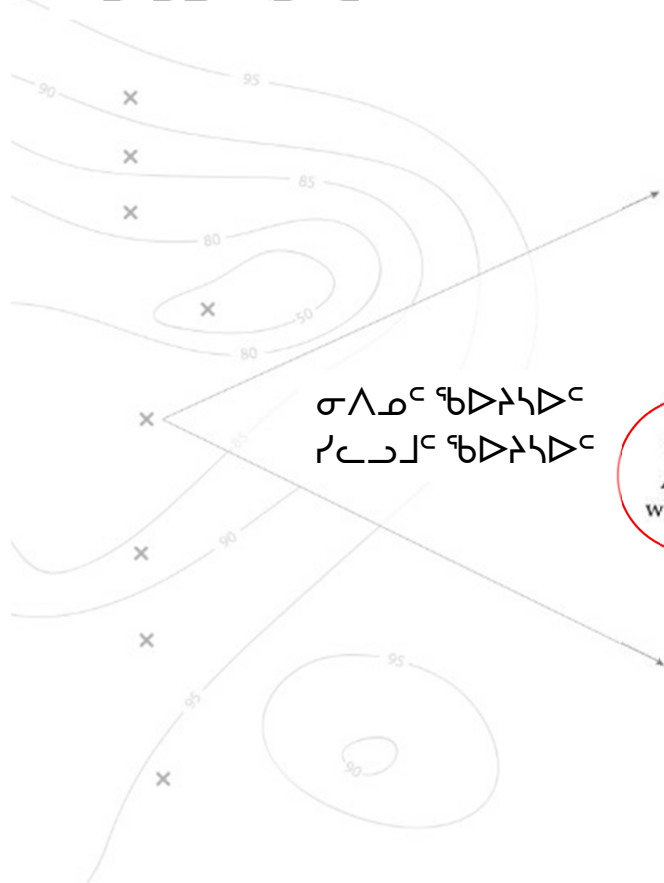




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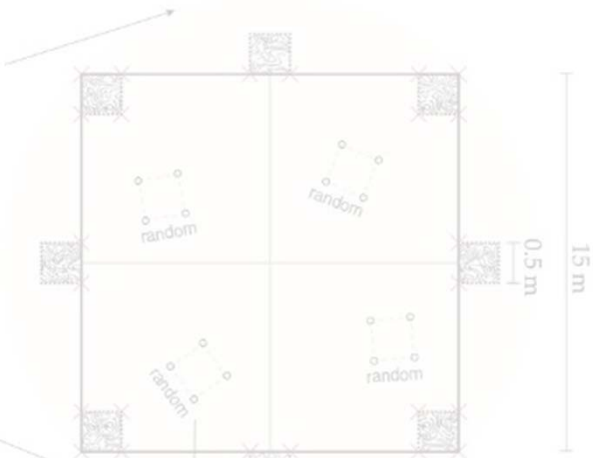
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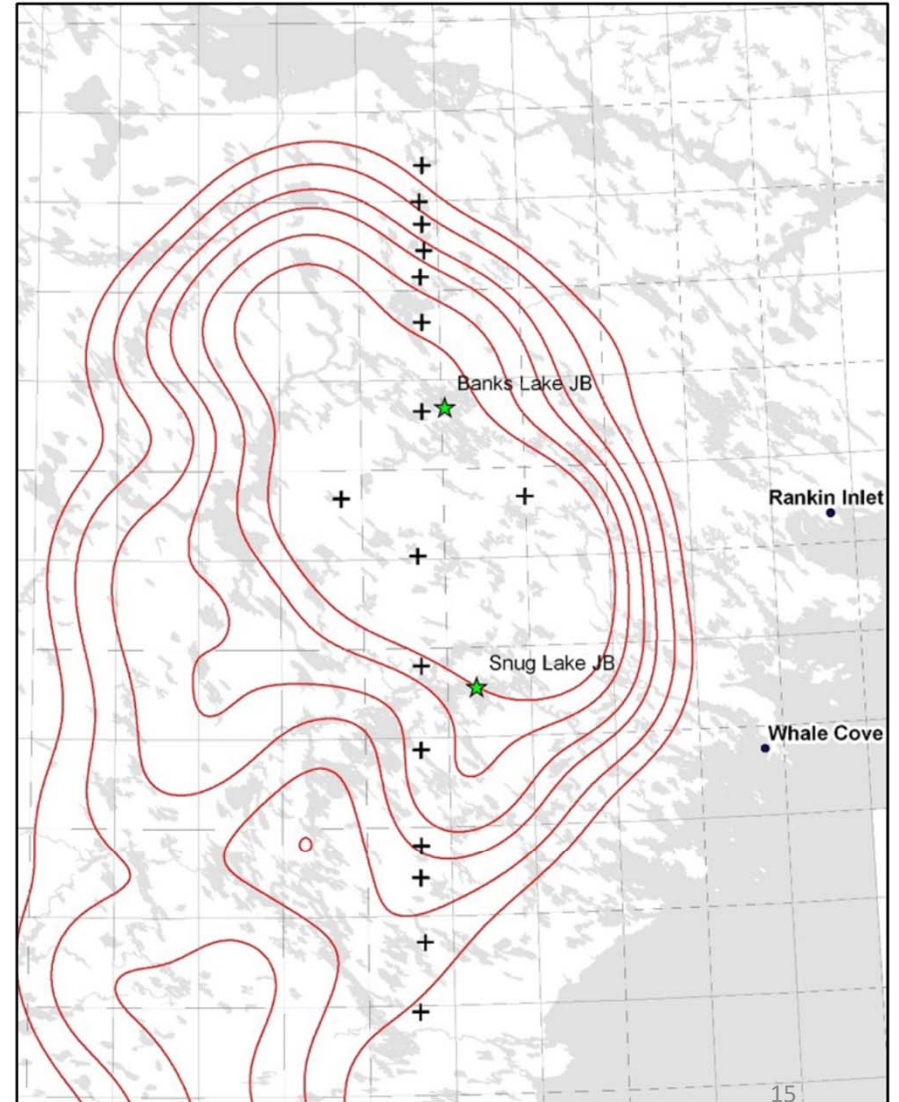
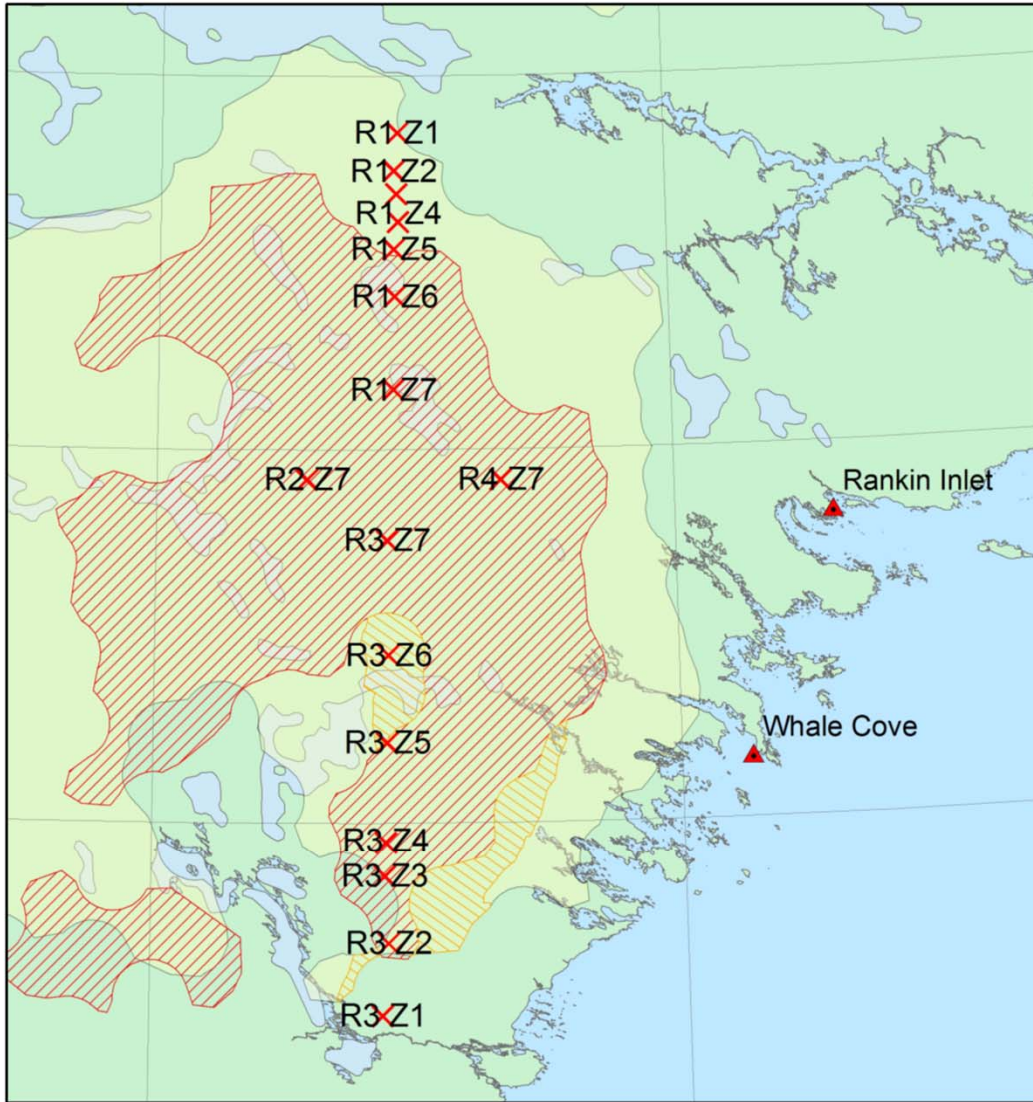


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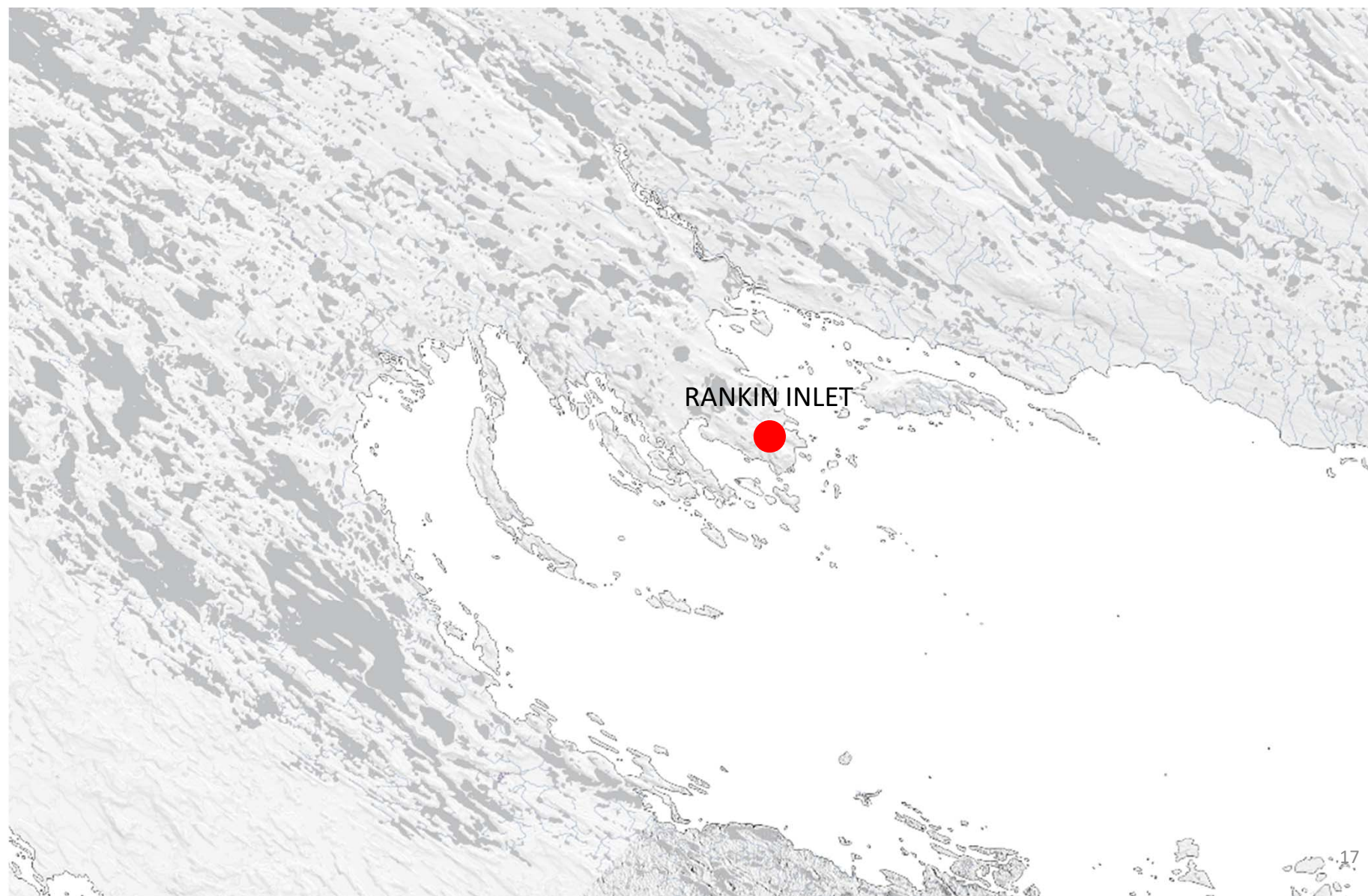
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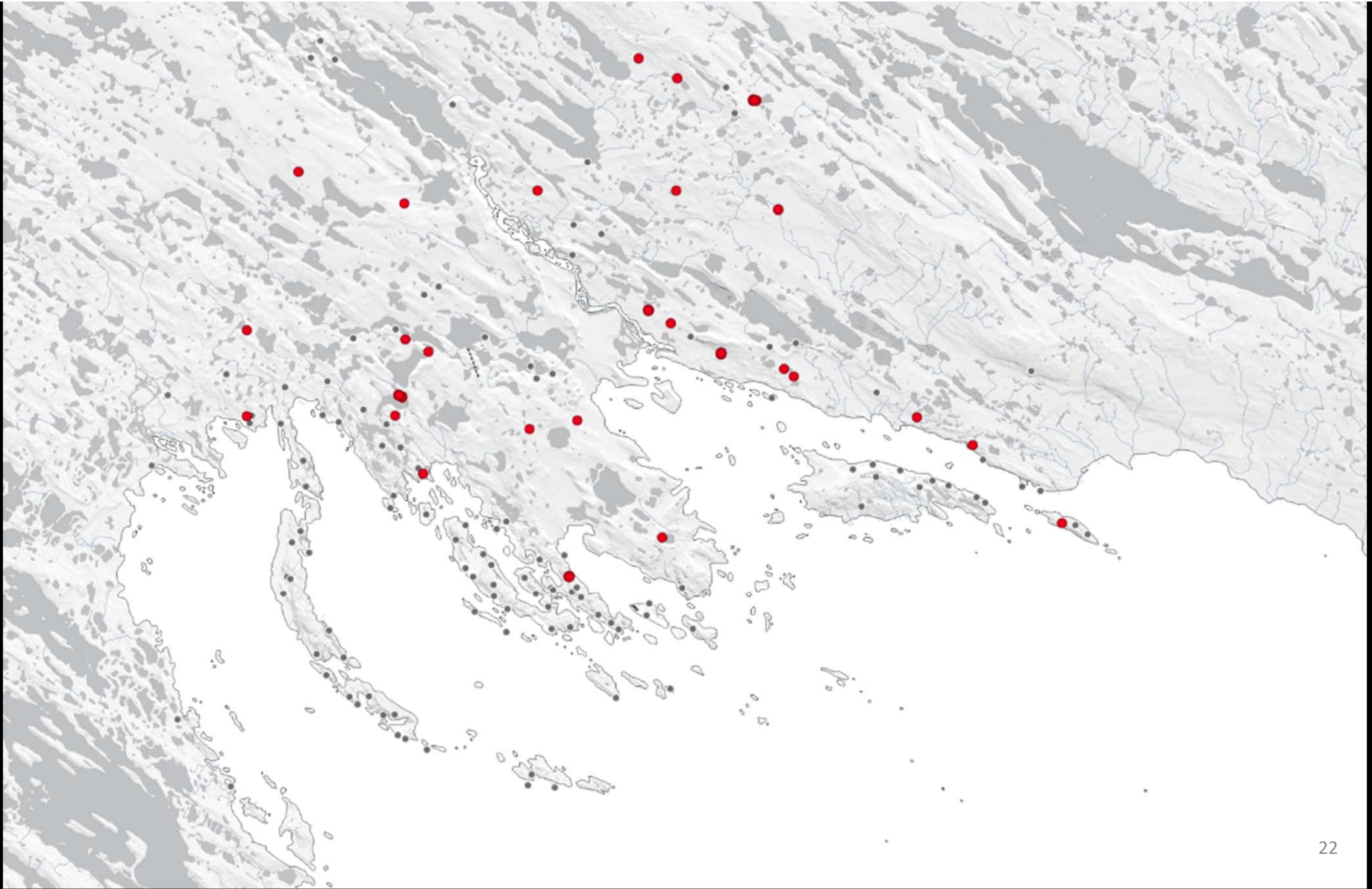
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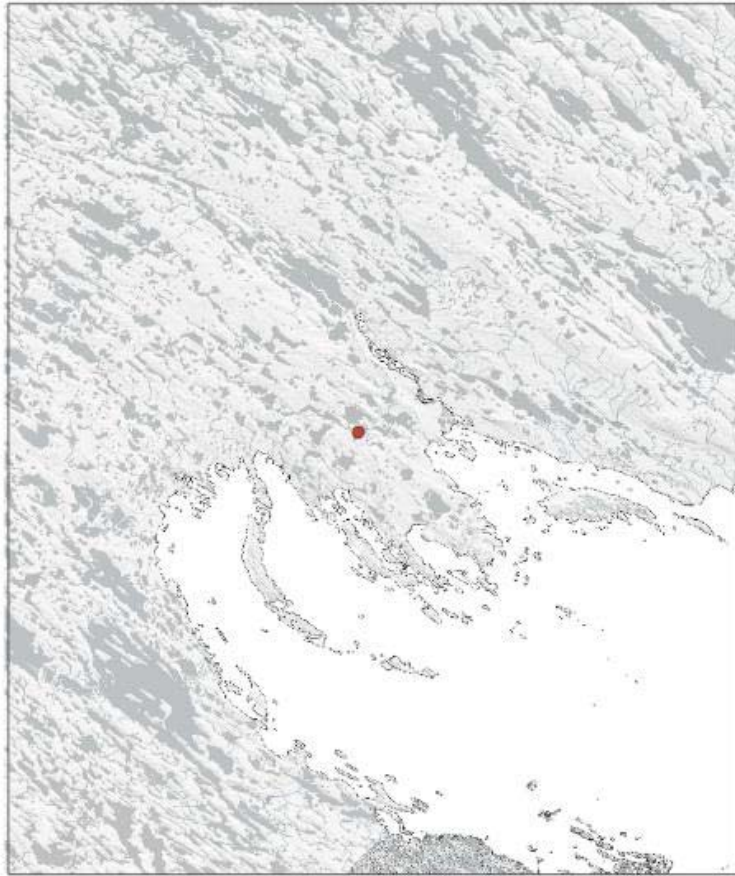
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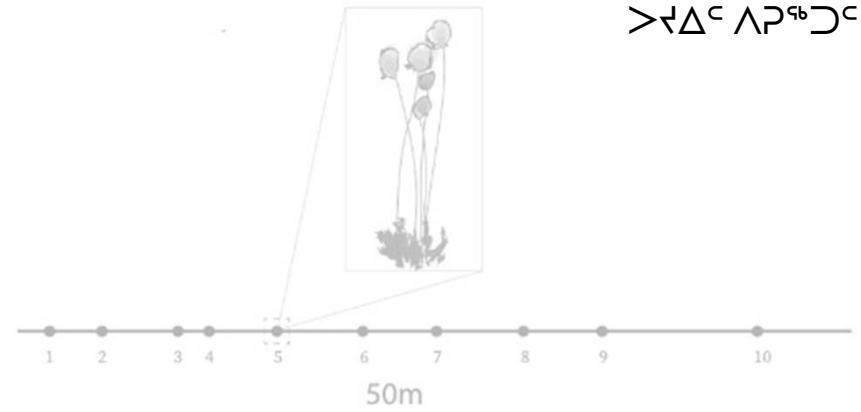
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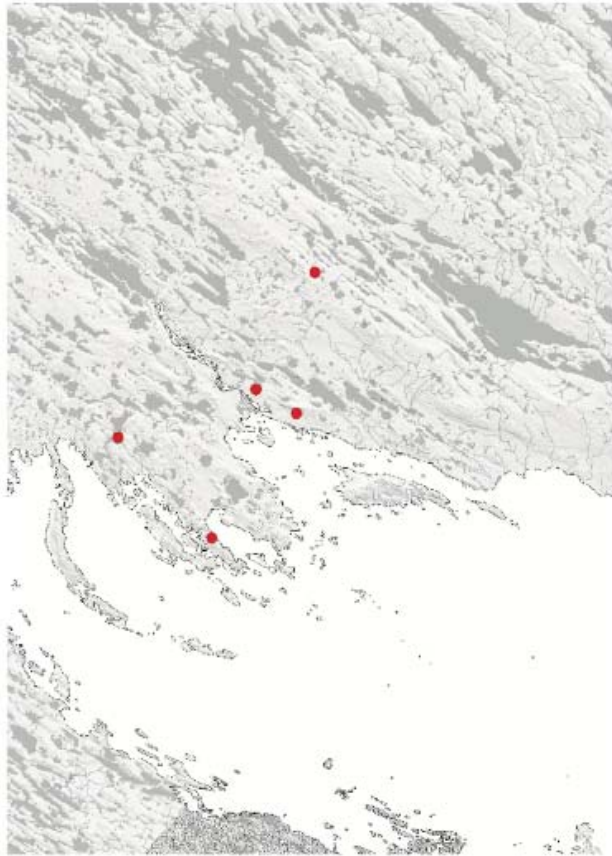


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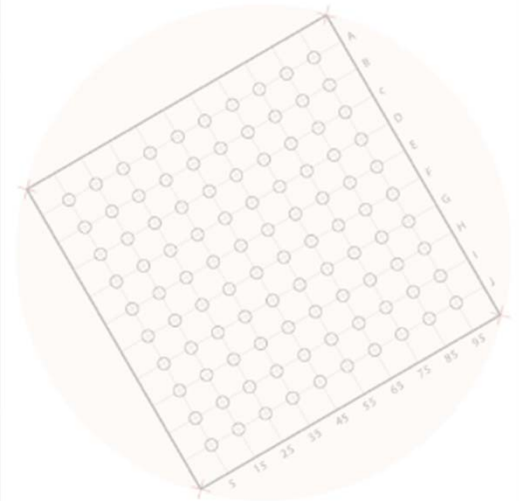
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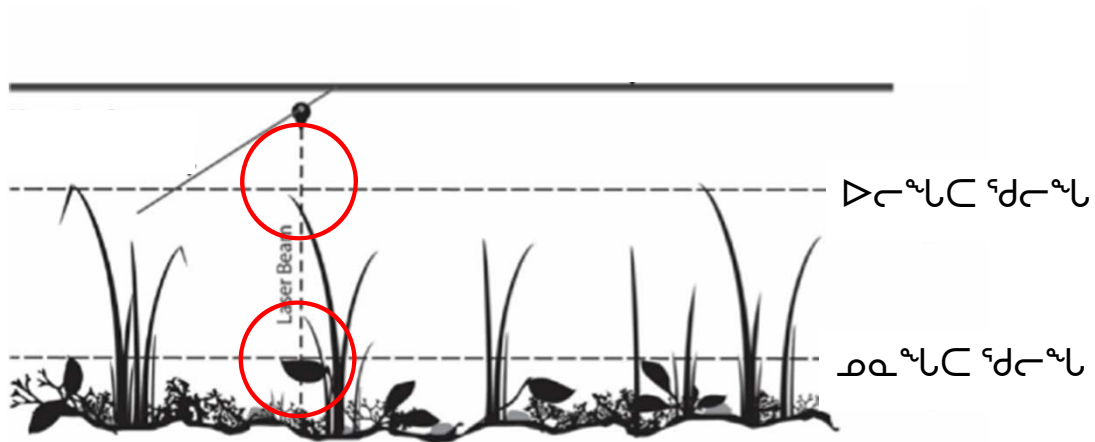


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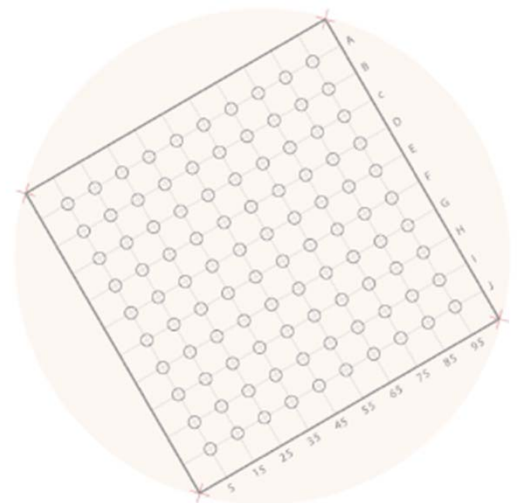




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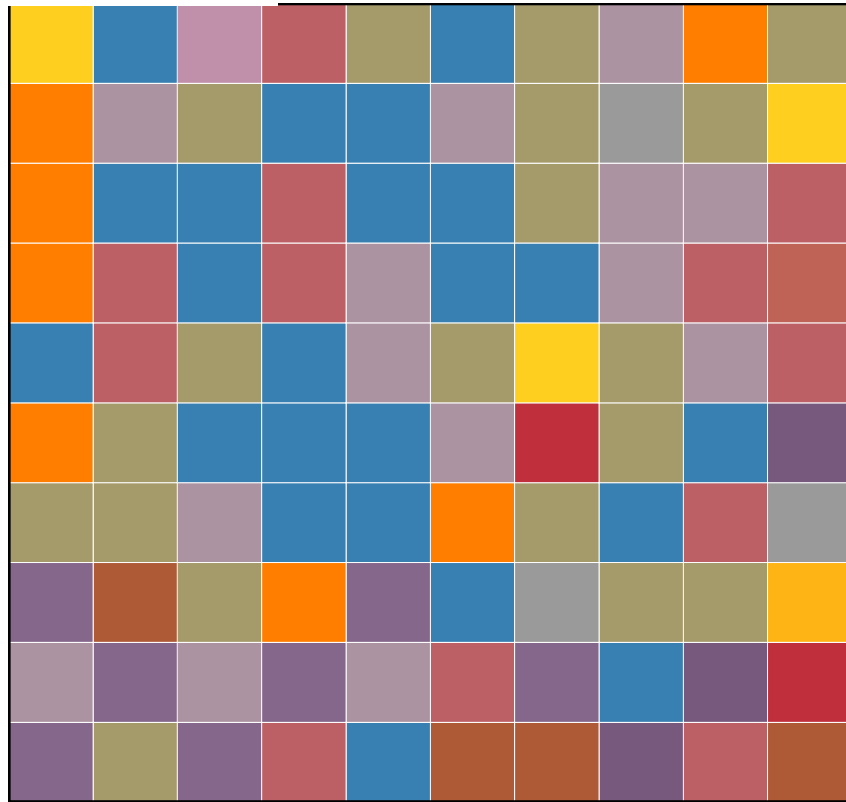
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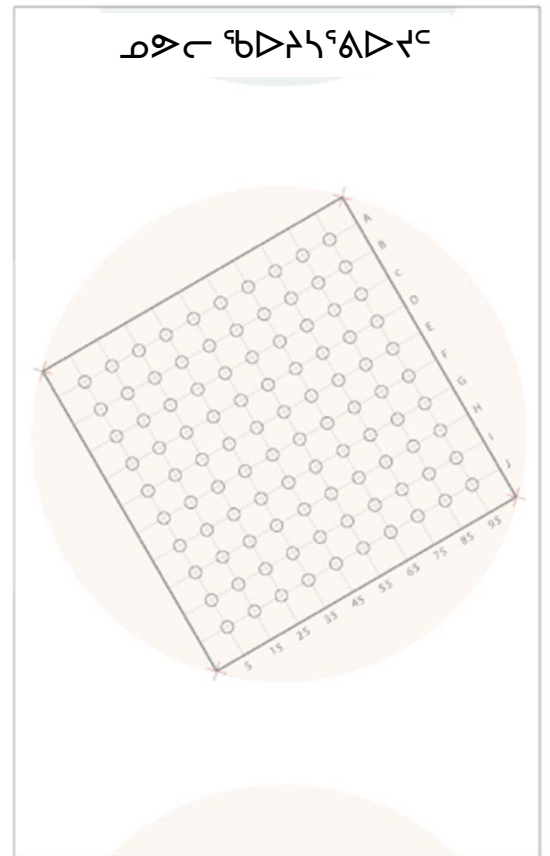
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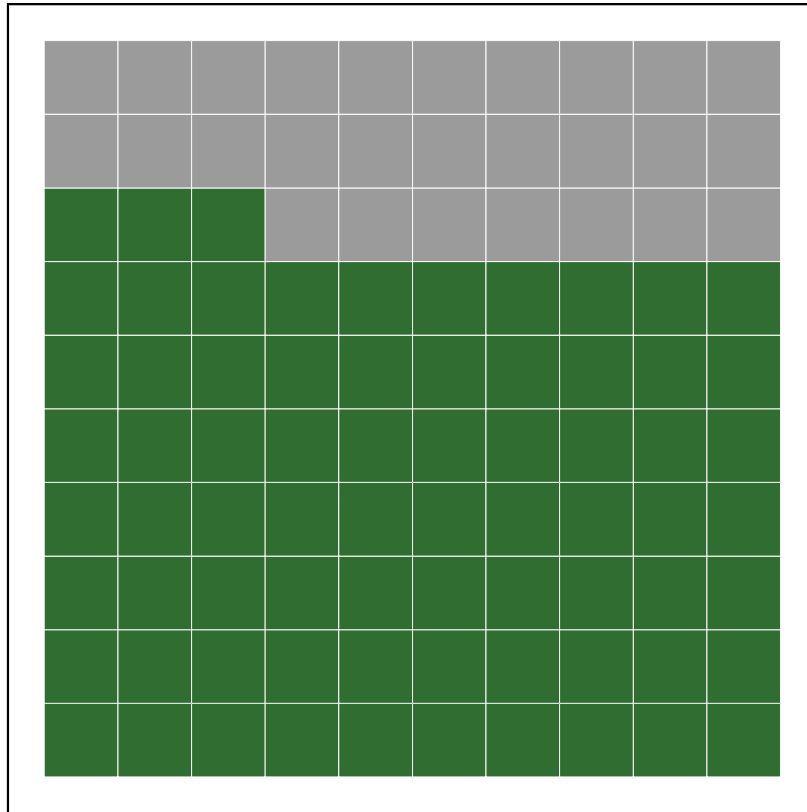
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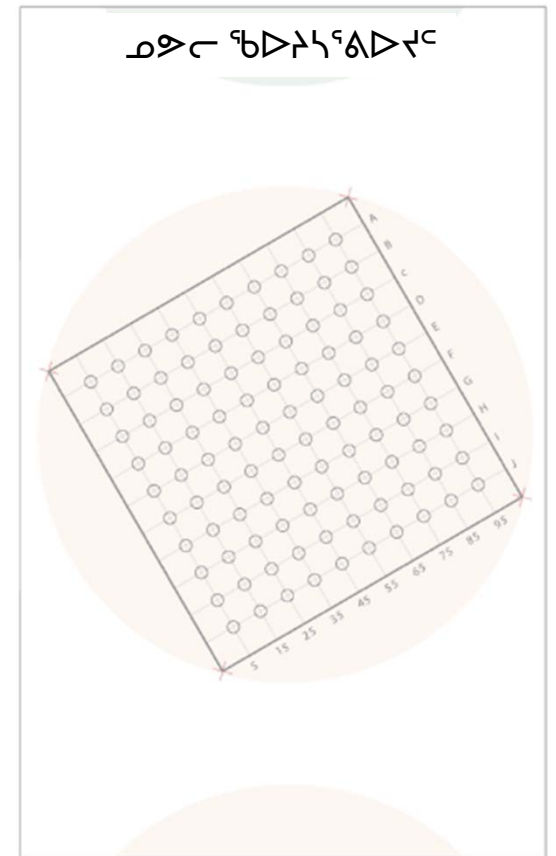
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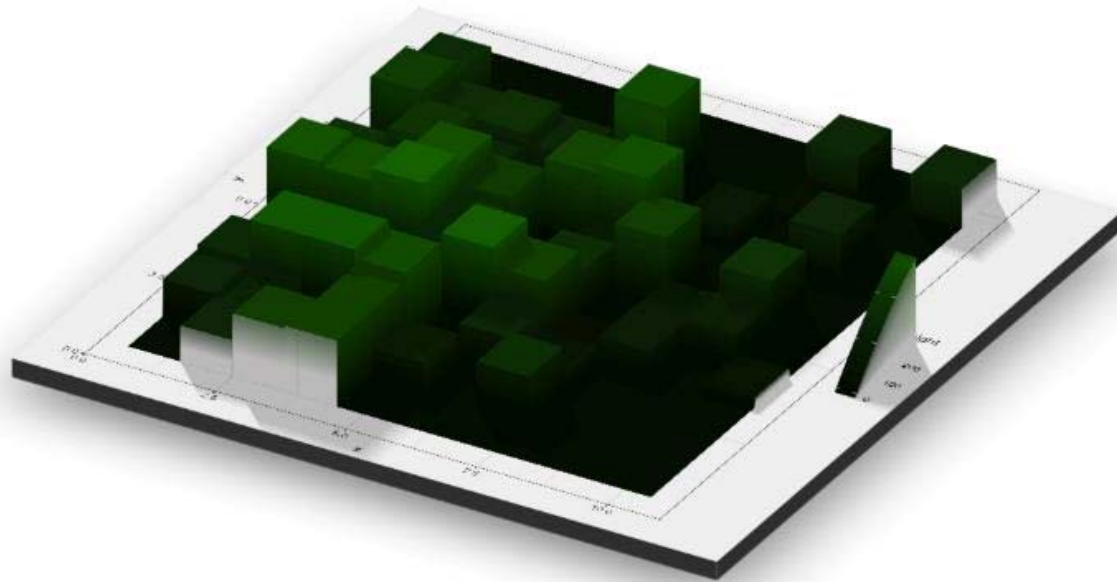
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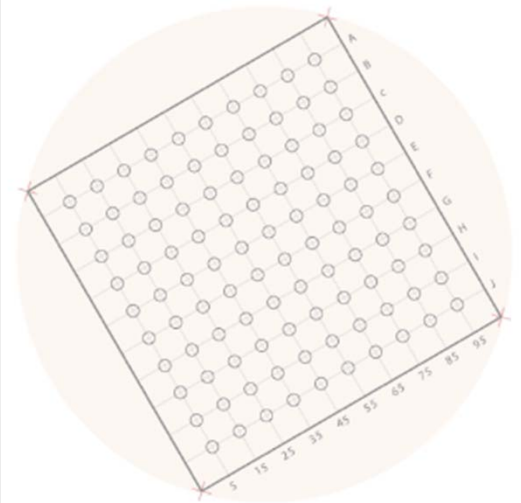




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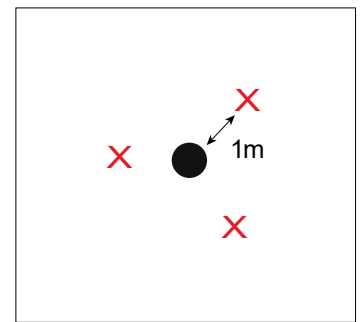
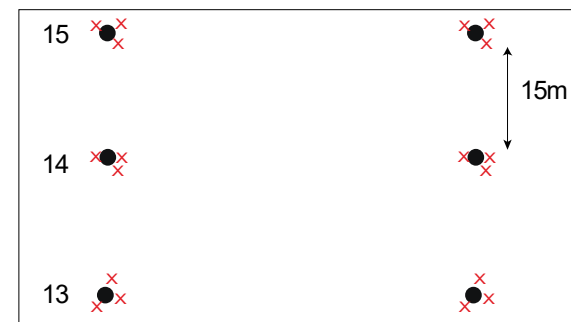
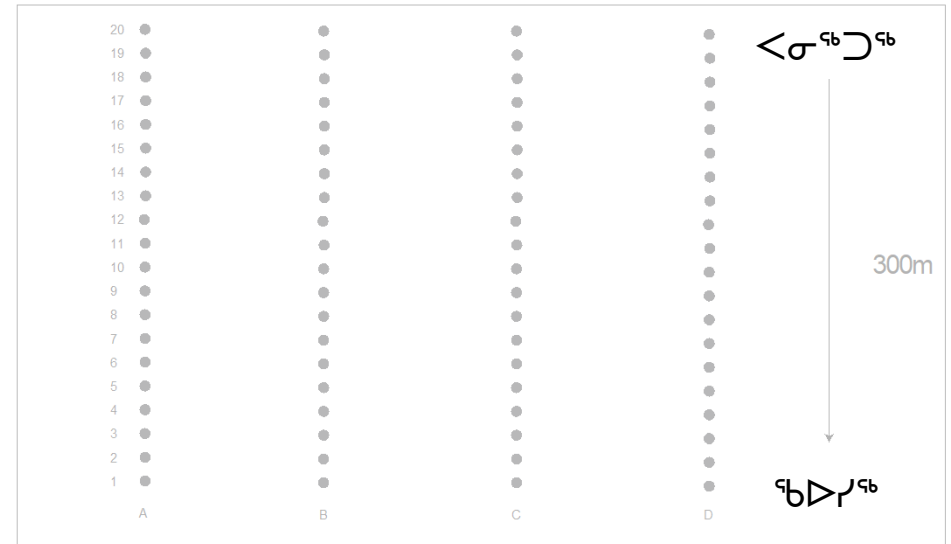
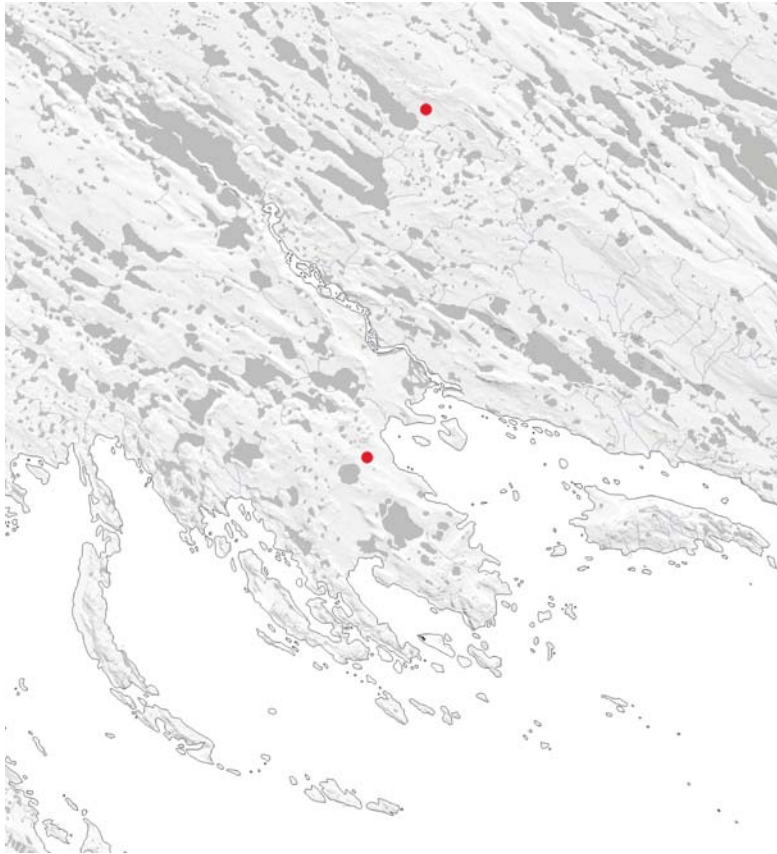


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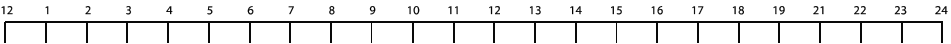
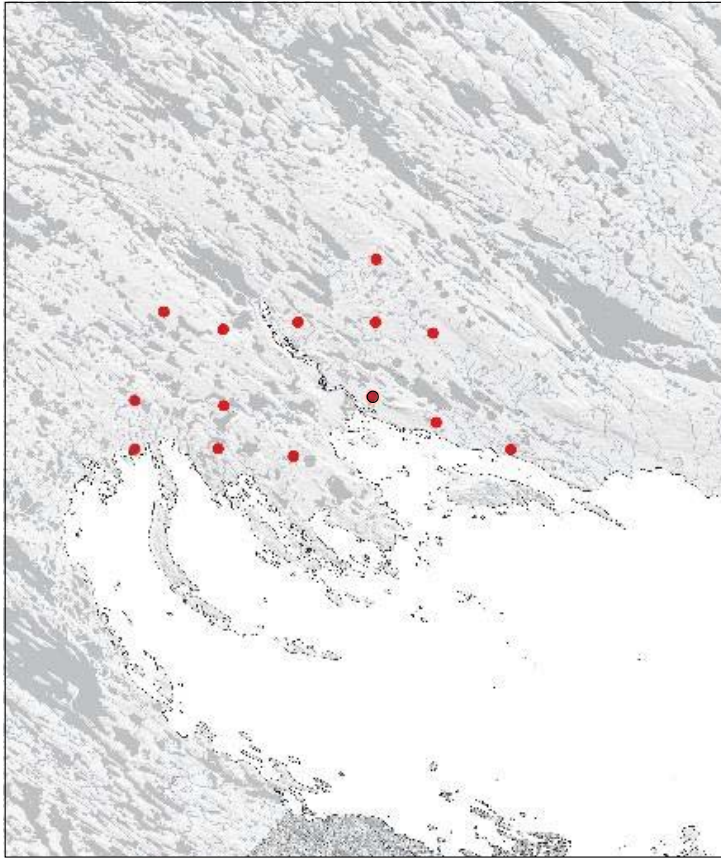
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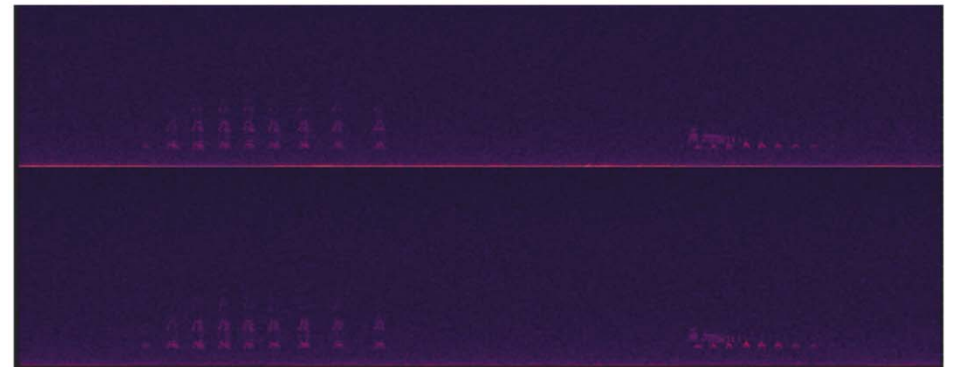
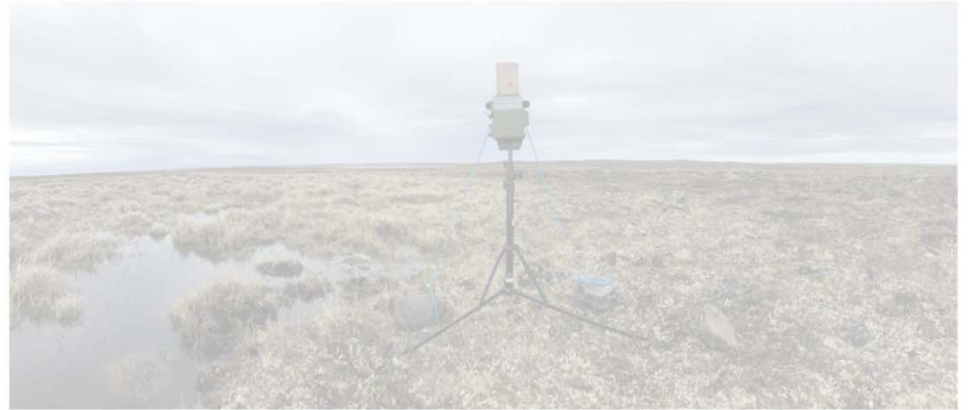
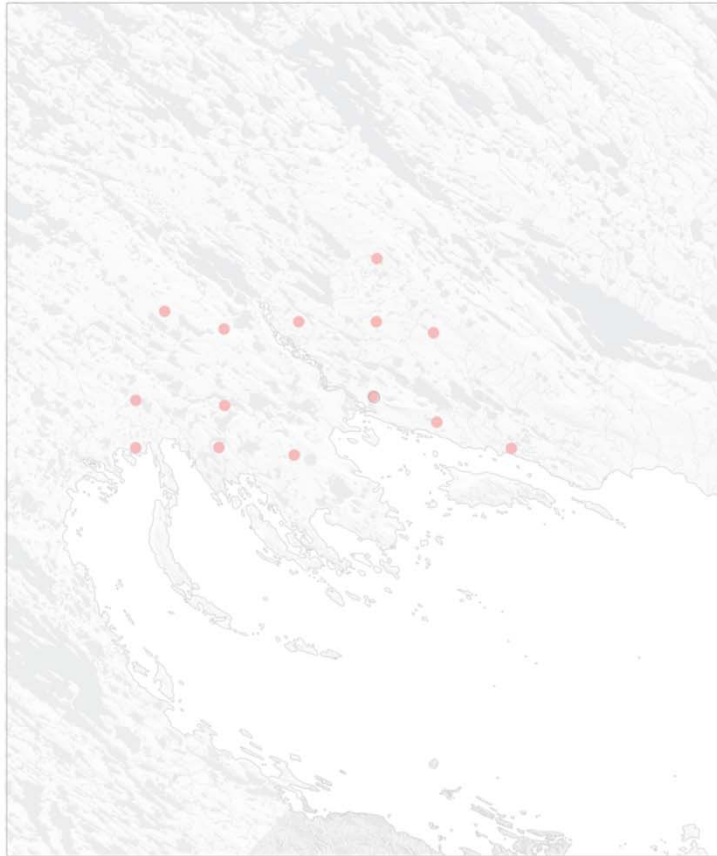
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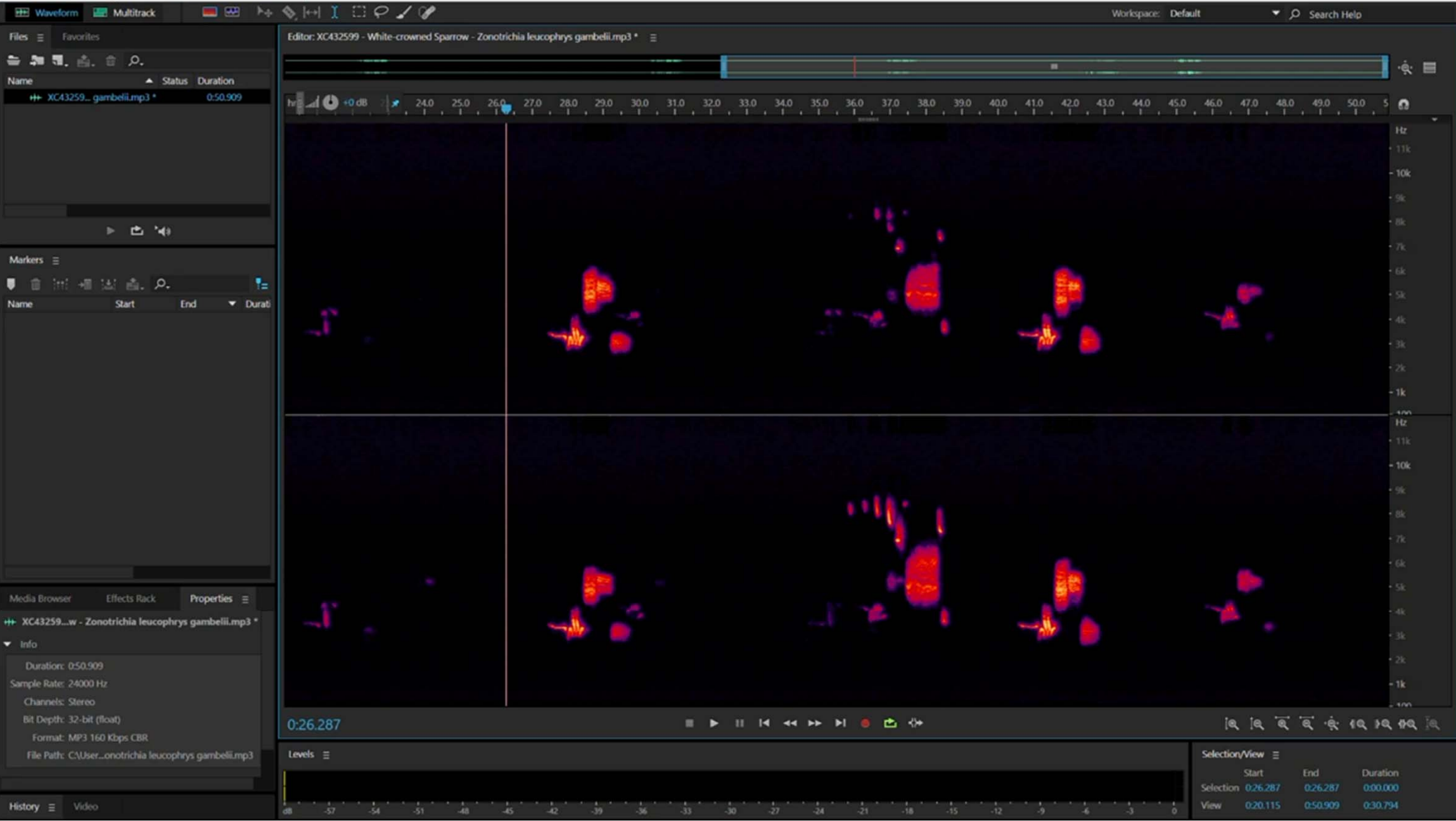


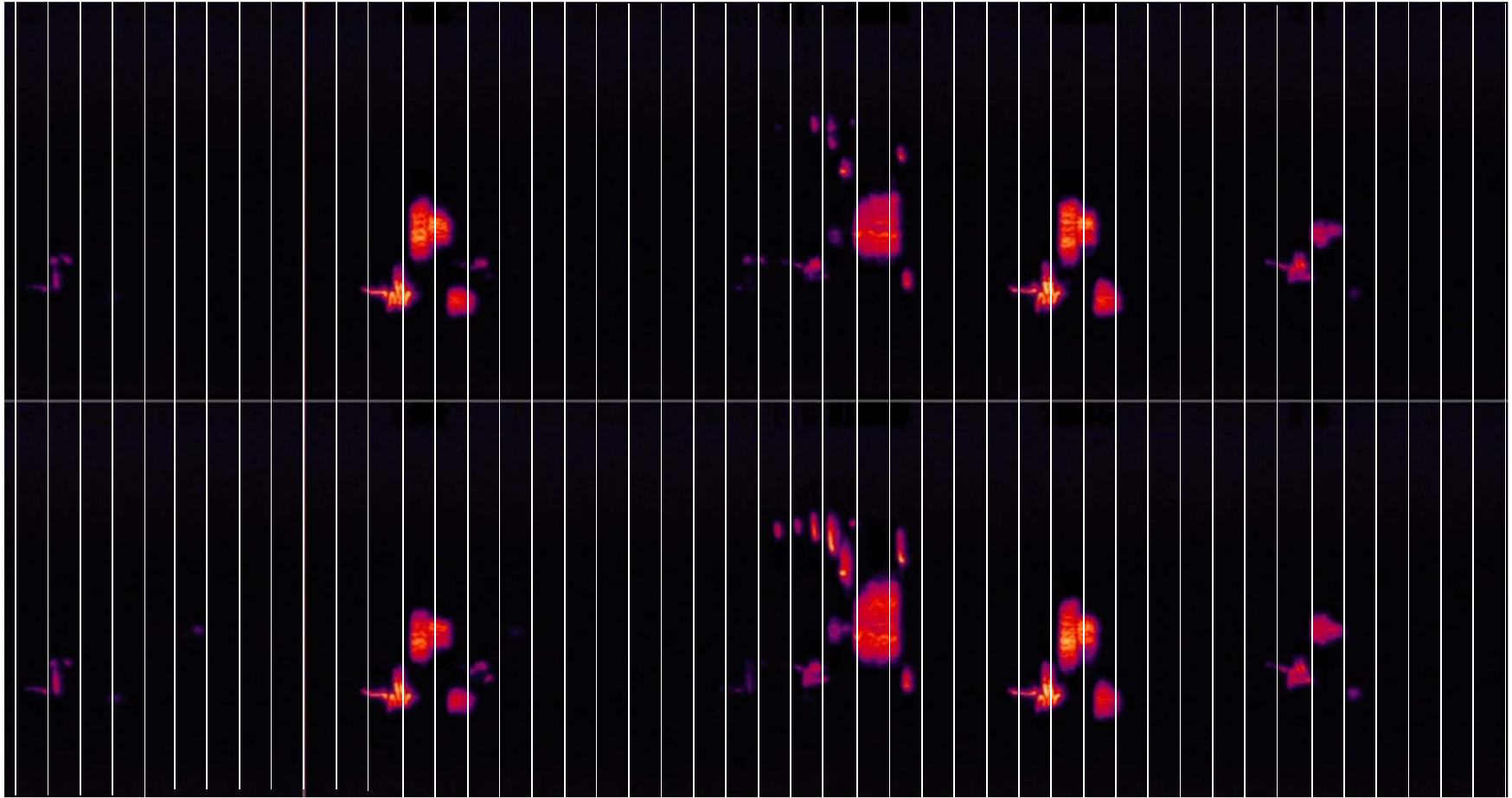
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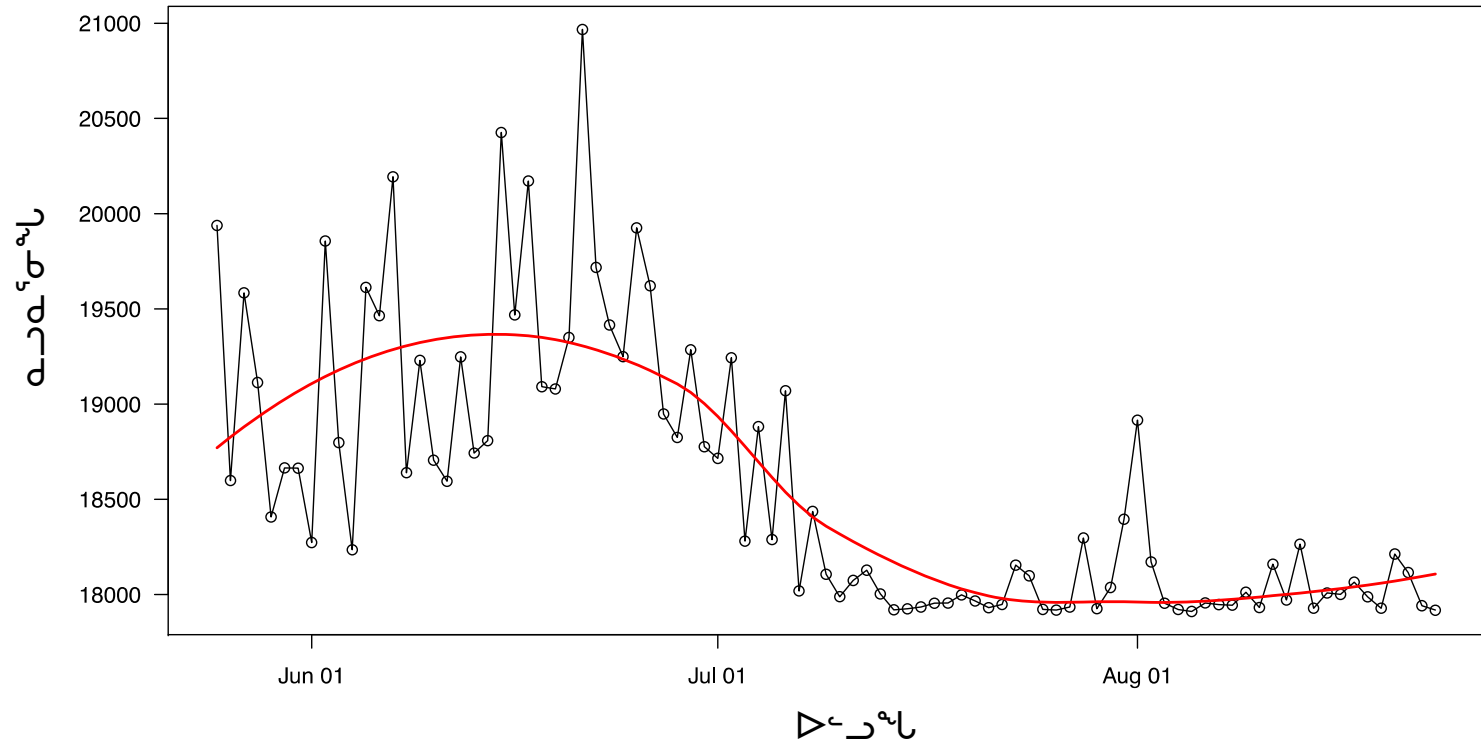




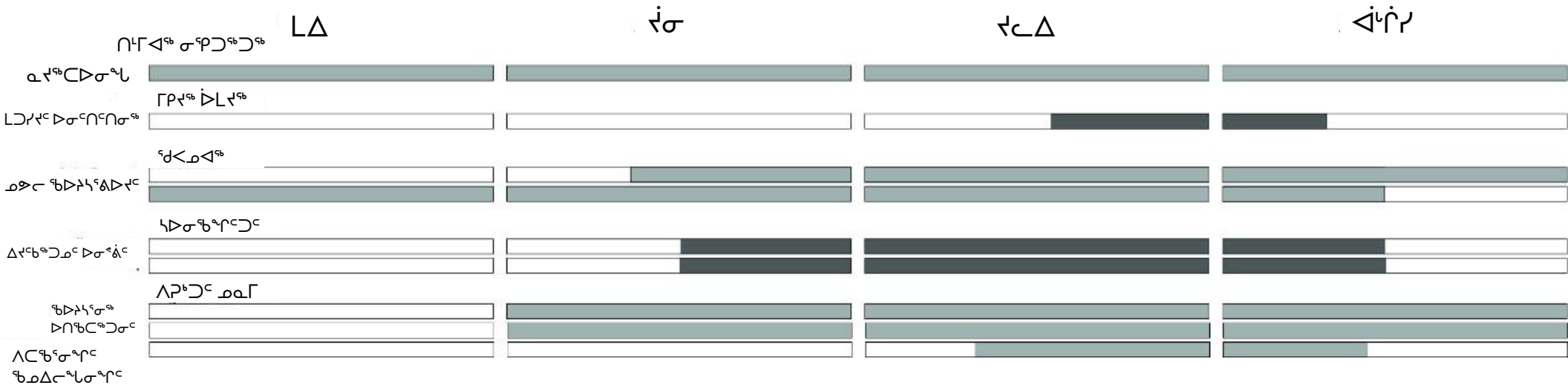


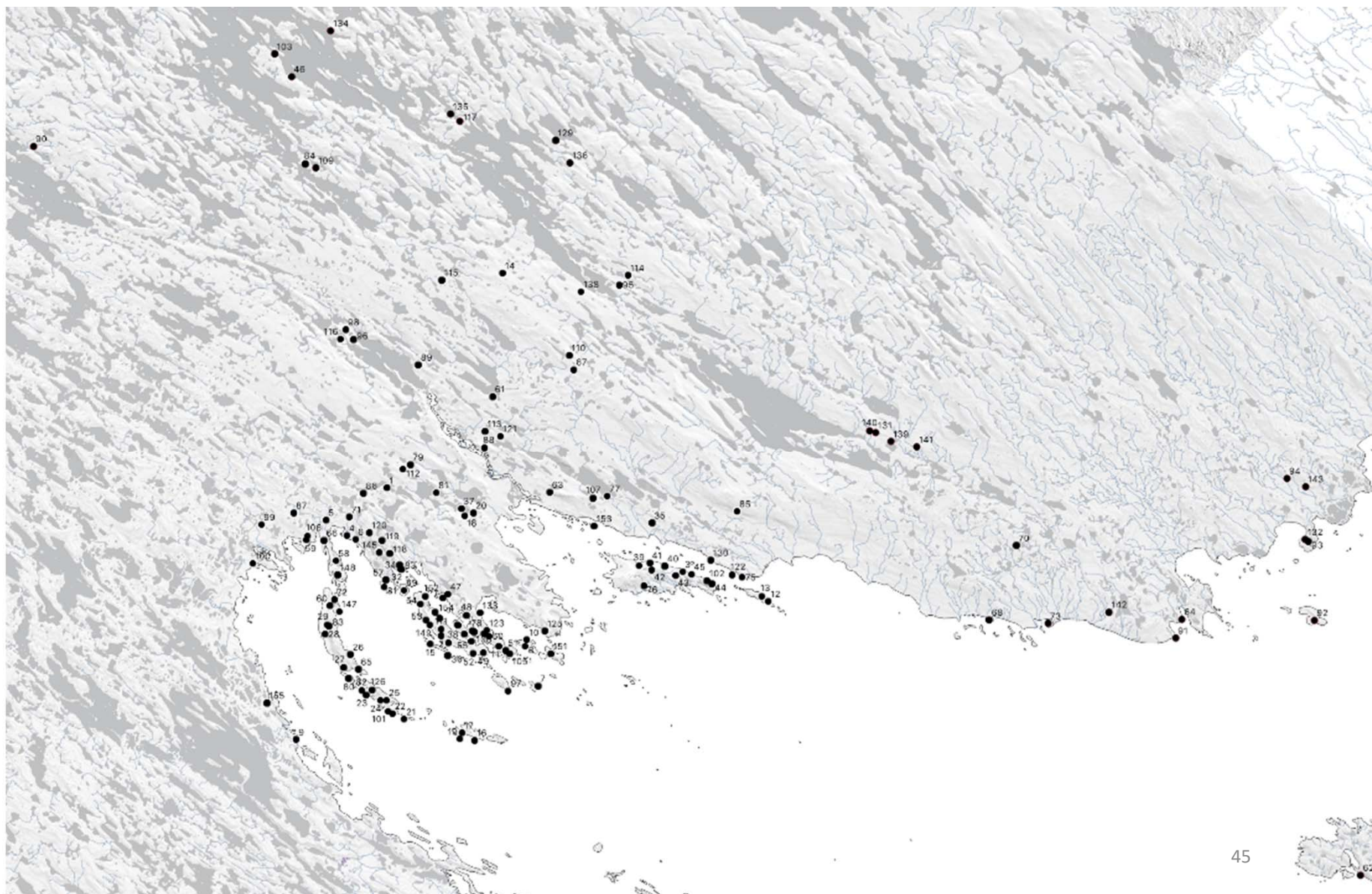
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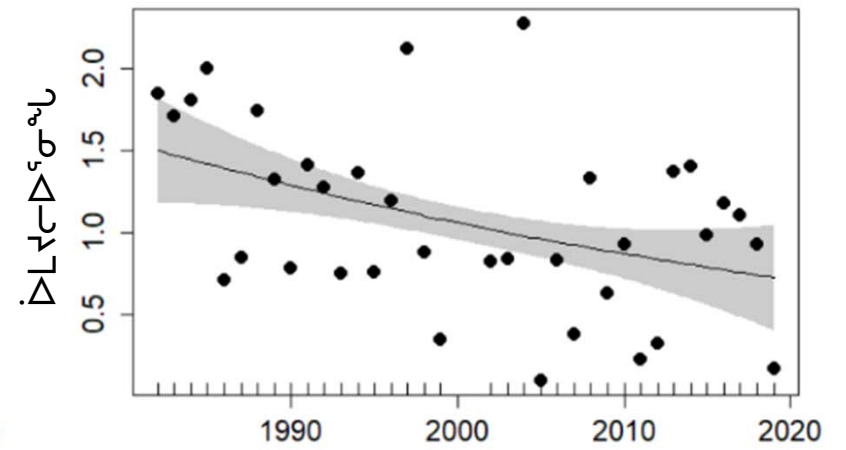
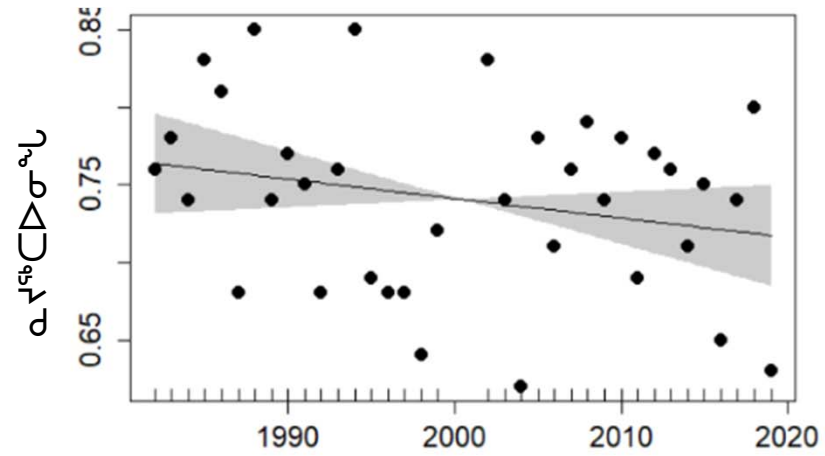
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Avian top predators



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2015-2016 < 50 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ



2015-2016 ≥ 181,960 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ
2015-2016 > 48,000 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ



2012-2015 ≥ 192 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ, 695 ጋርጋር ለጥራት ምርጫ
2012-2015 ≥ 192 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ, 294 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ለጥራት ምርጫ
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2012-2019 ≥ 192 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ, 3,840 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ
2012-2019 ≥ 192 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ, 1920 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ለጥራት ምርጫ



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1980-2019 ≥ 1200 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ

2015-2019 ≥ 550 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ
2019 ≥ 73,130 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ምርጫ

2008-2019 ≥ 720 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ምርጫ/ምርጫ

2019 ≥ 17,377 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ * ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ, 376 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ

2019 ≥ 10 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ ምርጫ, 1500 ለጥራት ምርጫ ምርጫ

