

## Supplementary Material to

# Realistic choice of annual matrices contracts the range of $\lambda_S$ estimates

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The study allows us to conclude that the  $\lambda_1(t)$  variable correlates positively with the minimum air temperatures in May–June in the alpine heath; this turned out to be the only significant predictor in the models with one factor included. The best multiple regression model explains 99% of the variance and includes three factors: minimum air temperatures in May–June, precipitation from November to May, and maximum 10cm-depth soil temperatures in May–June (Table S1).

**Table S1.** Results of multiple regression models

Model	n	df	R <sup>2</sup>	p	Factors	B	StE_B	p <sub>F</sub>
<b>Teberda State Meteorological Station</b>								
Pr 11-05	9	7	0.428	0.056 <sup>n.s.</sup>	Pr 11-05	-0.002	0.001	0.056 <sup>n.s.</sup>
Pr 11-05 + Mean T 05	9	6	0.600	0.064 <sup>n.s.</sup>	Pr 11-05 Mean T 05	-0.003 0.150	0.001 0.093	0.028 0.160 <sup>n.s.</sup>
<b>Alpine heaths</b>								
Min T 05-06	9	5	0.499	0.033	Min T 05-06	0.154	0.058	0.033
Min T 05-06 + Pr 11-05 + Max TS10 05-06	7	3	0.993	0.001	Min T 05-06 Pr 11-05 MaxTS 10 05-06	0.190 -0.003 0.030	0.013 0.0001 0.003	< 0.001 < 0.00 0.003
Min T 05-06 + Pr 11-05	8	5	0.859	0.007	Min T 05-06 Pr 11-05	0.133 -0.002	0.037 0.000	0.015 0.017

**Notations:** n, the number of observations; df, degrees of freedom; R<sup>2</sup>, the coefficient of determination; p, the significance level for the entire model; B, the regression coefficient; StE\_B, the error of the regression coefficient; p<sub>F</sub>, significance levels for factors;

Mean T 05, minimum air temperatures in May–June in the alpine heath;

Min T 05-06, minimum air temperatures in May–June;

Pr 11-05, precipitation from November to May, and

Max TS10 05-06, maximum 10cm-depth soil temperatures in May–June.