

# CURRENT SITUATION OF *VITIS SYLVESTRIS* IN CROATIA

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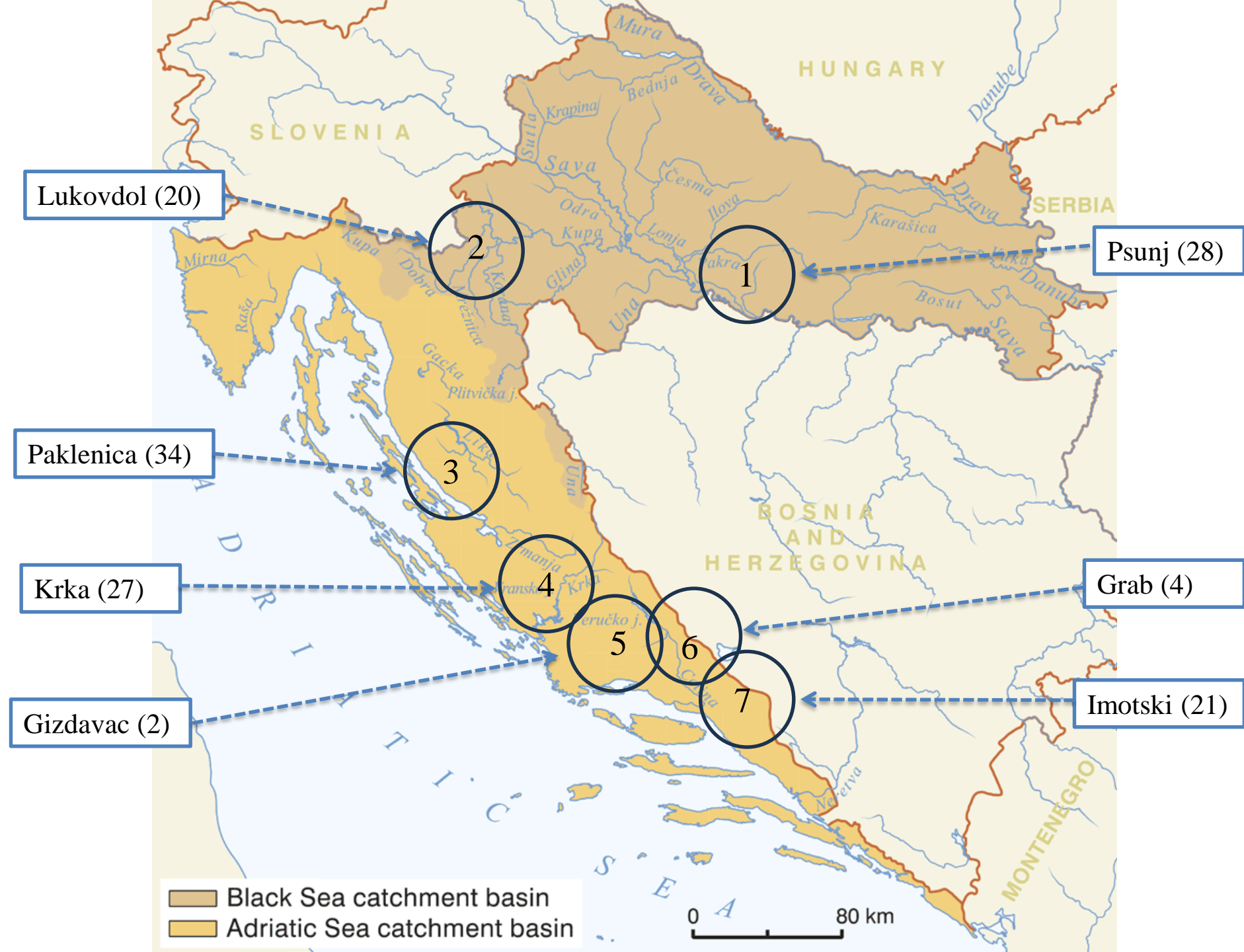
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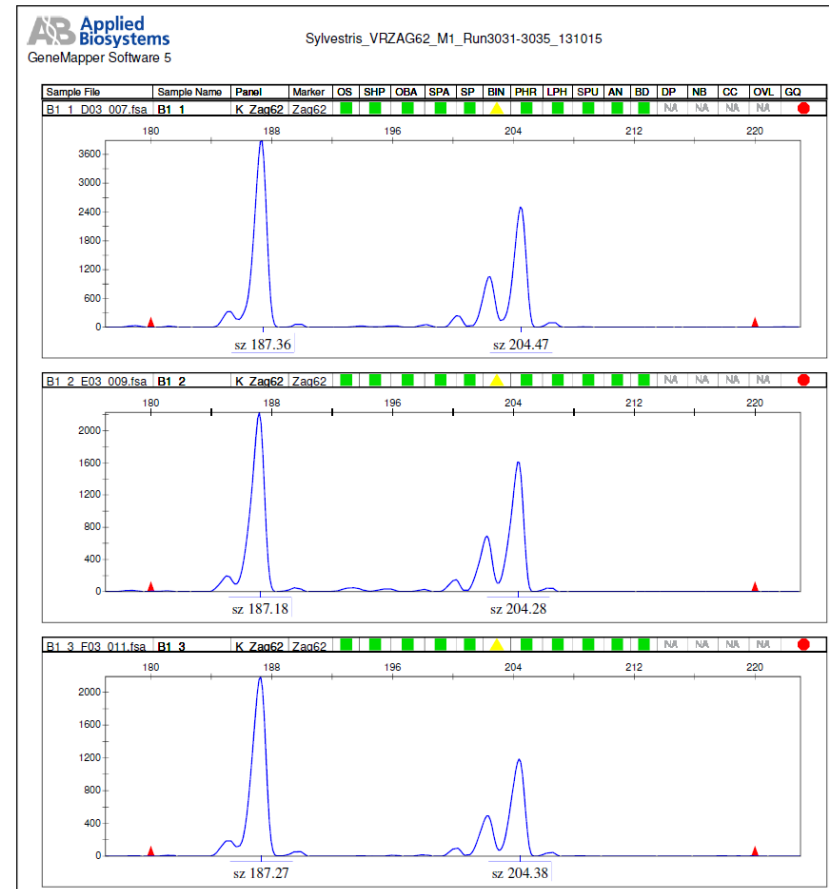
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# Methods

- Prospection, **GPS coordinates** (WGS84) recorded for each individual observed
- **Phenotyping methods** – observation of shoot, leaves and clusters, OIV descriptors (OIV, 2009)
- **Genetic analysis**: 20 SSR markers in 7 multiplex
- Descriptive statistics, PCoA, CA analysis (GenAlex 6.5; Mega 6.0)



# Karstic area



# Psunj – deep wood



# Flower type

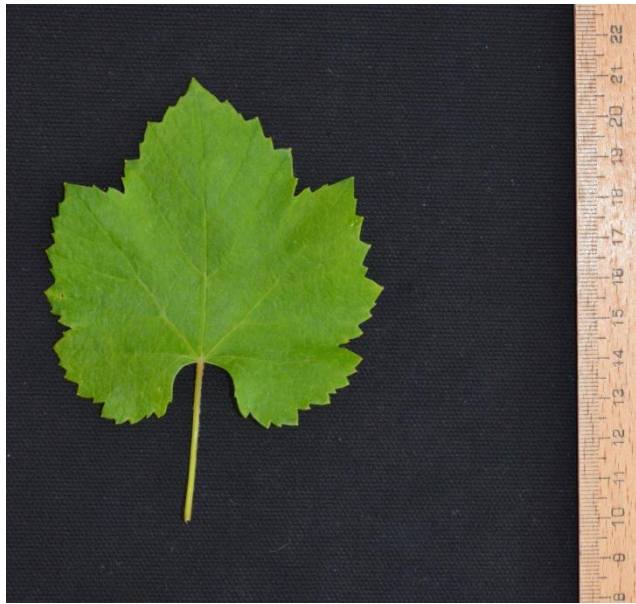
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♀ Female



# Leaf and bunch morphology



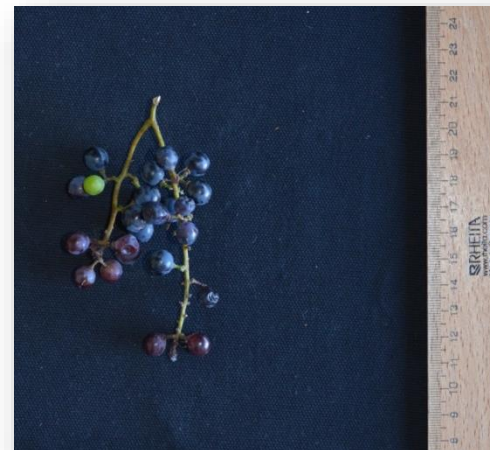
Gizdavac G1



Neretva NE04-10



Paklenica PK1



# Bunch dimensions

	cultivars (n=400)				<i>sylvestris</i> (n=385)			
	Mean	Min	Max	StDev	Mean	Min	Max	StDev
<b>Cluster length (cm)</b>	20.6	8.2	38.9	5.0	<b>9.3</b>	3.4	17.5	2.1
<b>Cluster width (cm)</b>	12.7	5.4	27.7	3.5	<b>5.4</b>	2.9	11.1	1.6
<b>Cluster weight (g)</b>	307.4	26.8	955.7	168.6	<b>14.1</b>	1.0	43.7	7.3
<b>Rachis fresh weight (g)</b>	15.6	0.1	182.3	15.6	<b>1.2</b>	0.3	3.5	0.6
<b>Berries weight (g)</b>	258.4	23.5	923.9	141.7	<b>12.9</b>	0.4	42.7	6.9
<b>Number of berries</b>	167	10.0	1000.0	108.3	<b>34</b>	7.0	83.0	14.5





# Non-*sylvestris* individuals within population

- Rootstocks, cultivars, hybrids
- Registered within each population observed



1. Distinctive morphology

2. SSR unspecific alleles, cluster

analysis, parent-offspring test



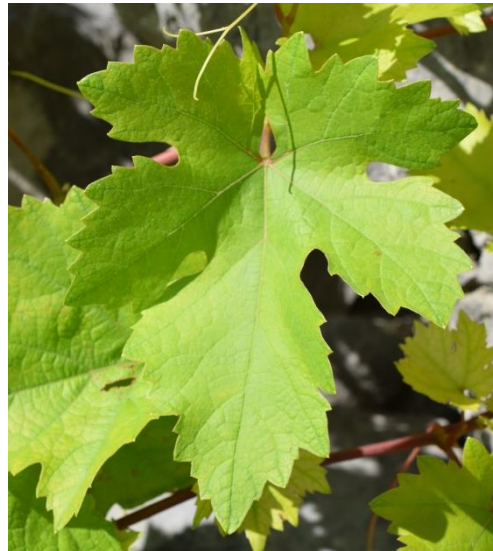
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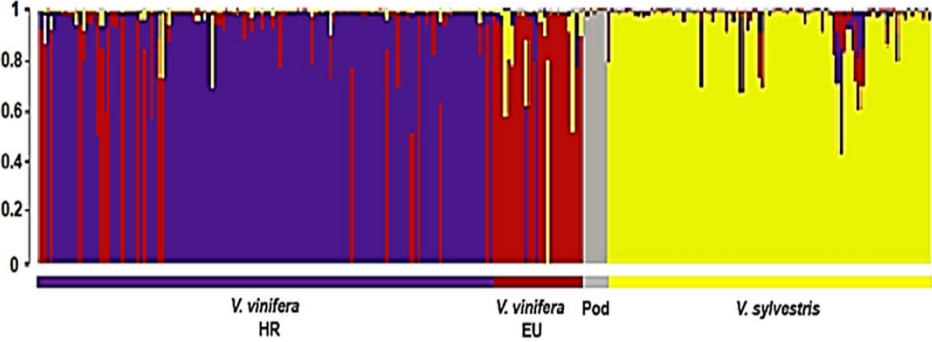
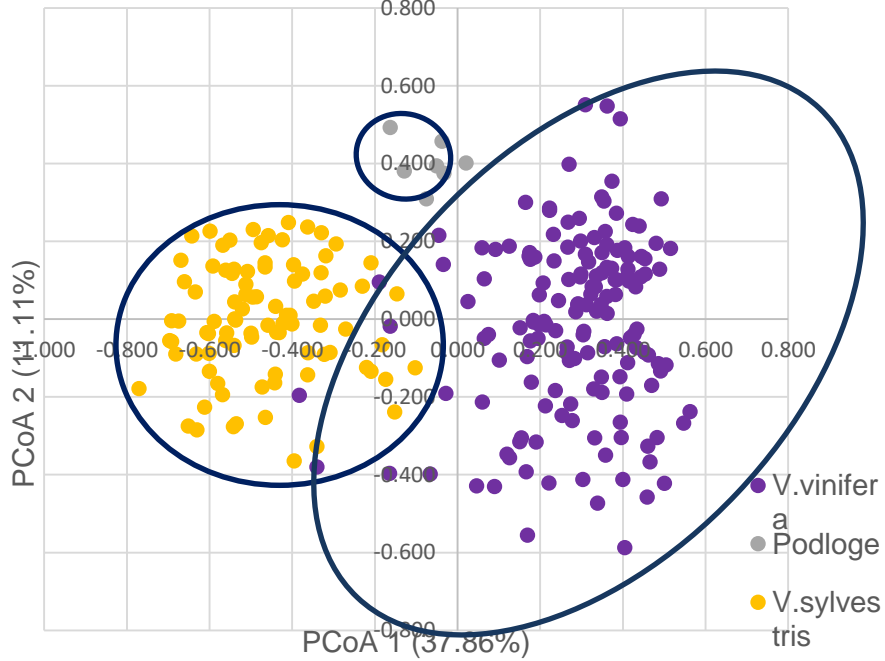
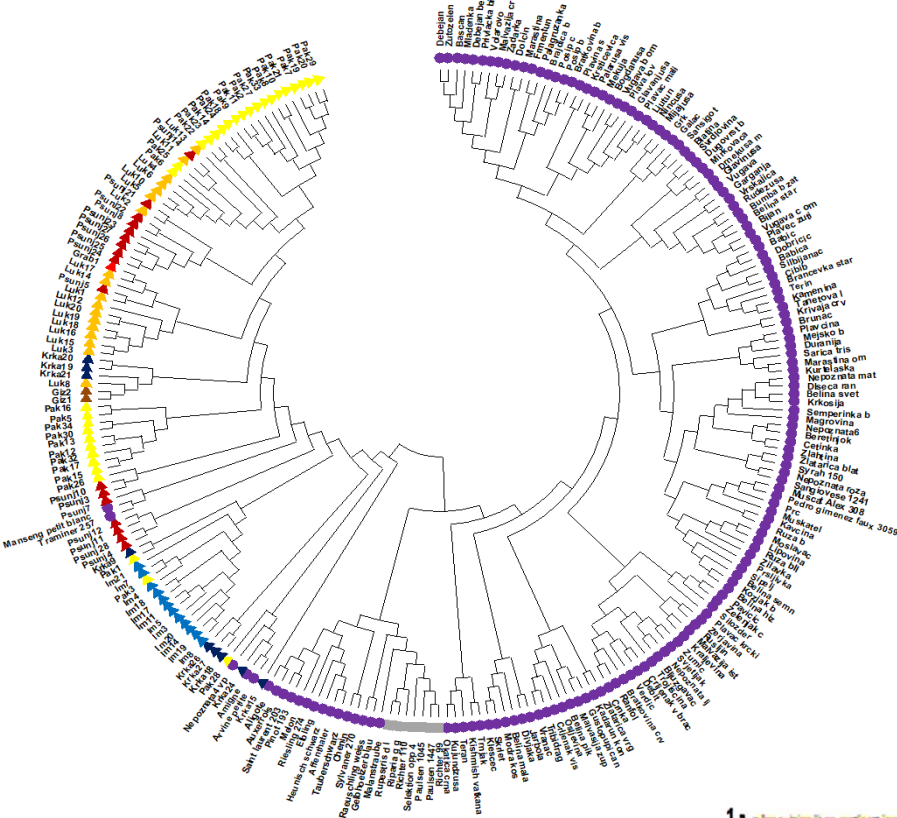
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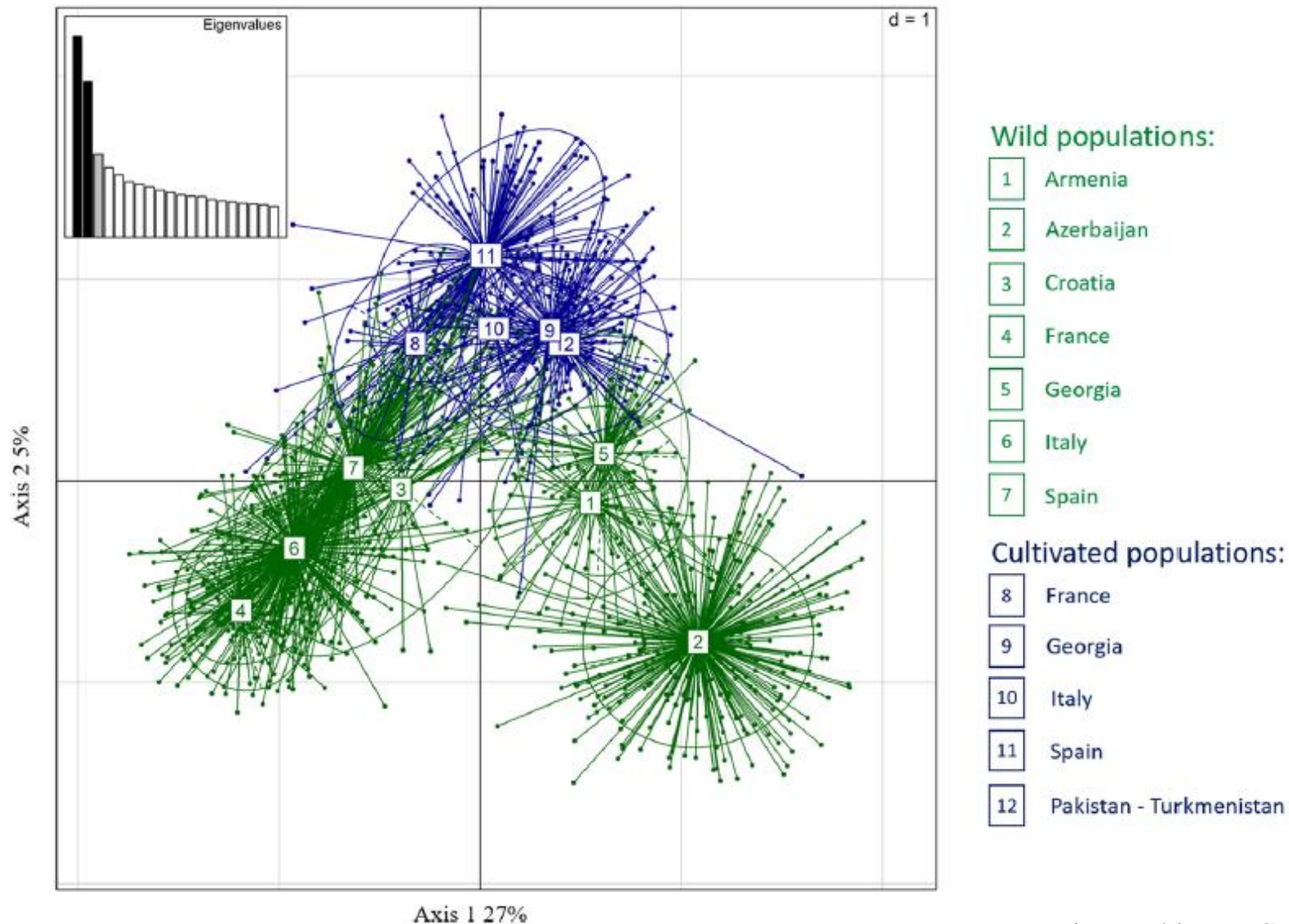
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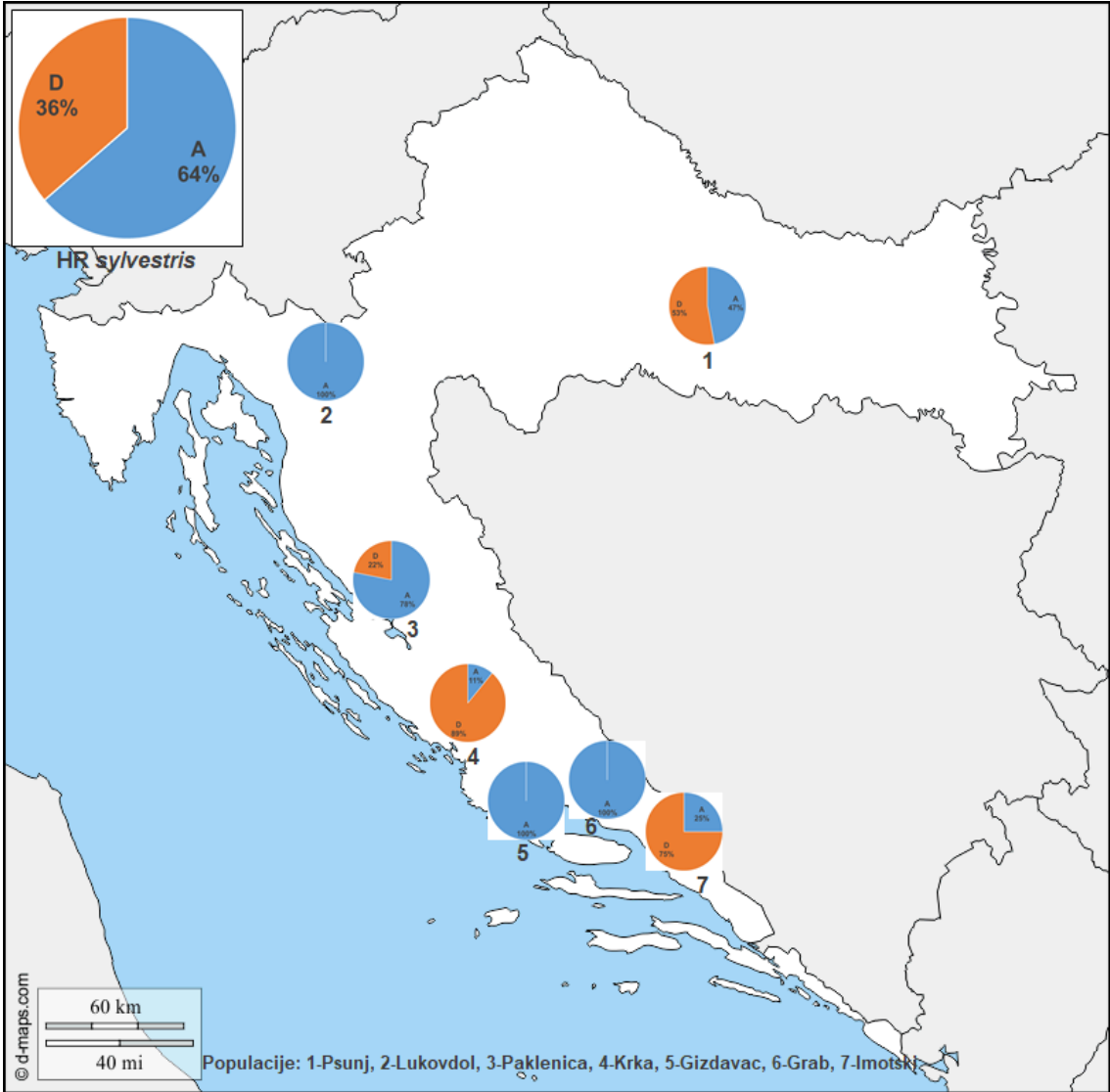
# Genetic relationship between sylvestris and cultivated genotypes



# Comparison Croatian *sylvestris* with other European populations

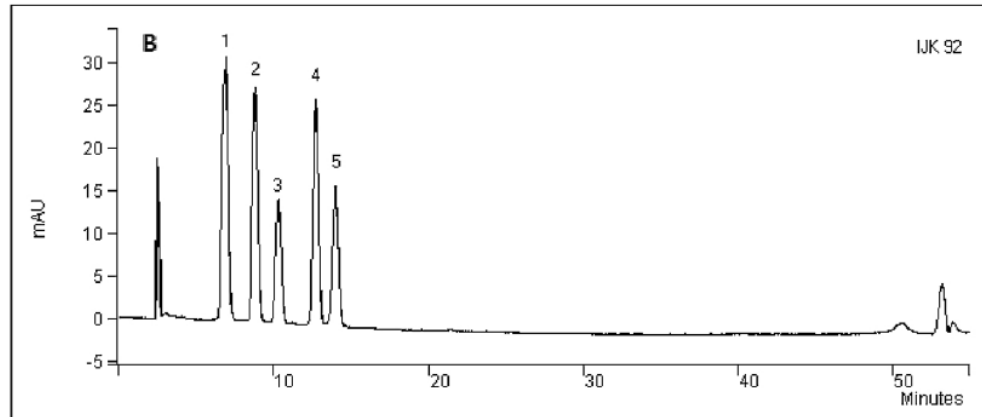
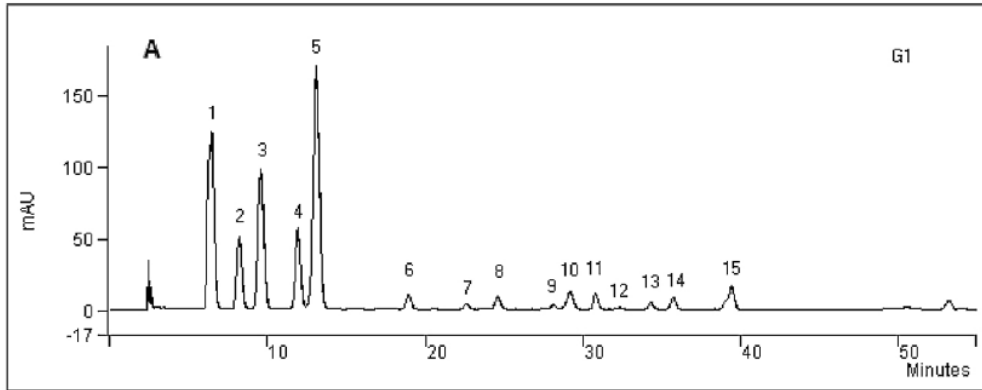


# Chlorotype diversity of *sylvestris*; overall: A = 64%, D = 36%

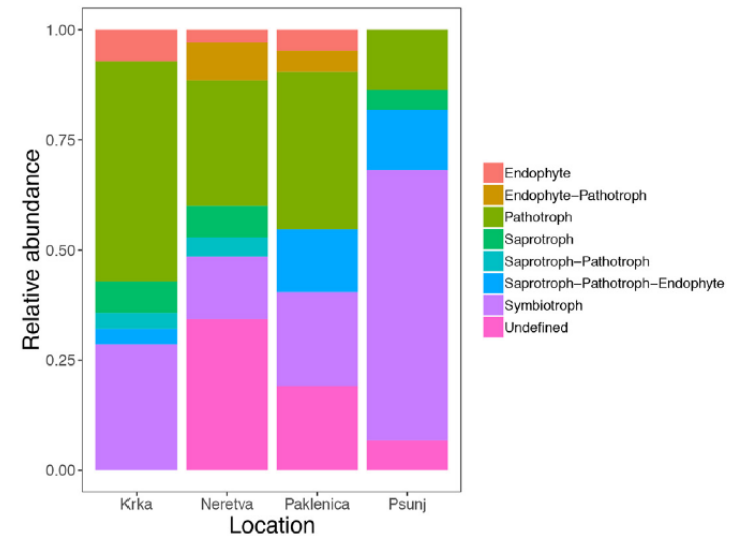


# Beneficial traits in *sylvestris*

- Two wild genotypes lacked acylated forms of anthocyanins



- High taxonomic diversity Root-associated fungal communities

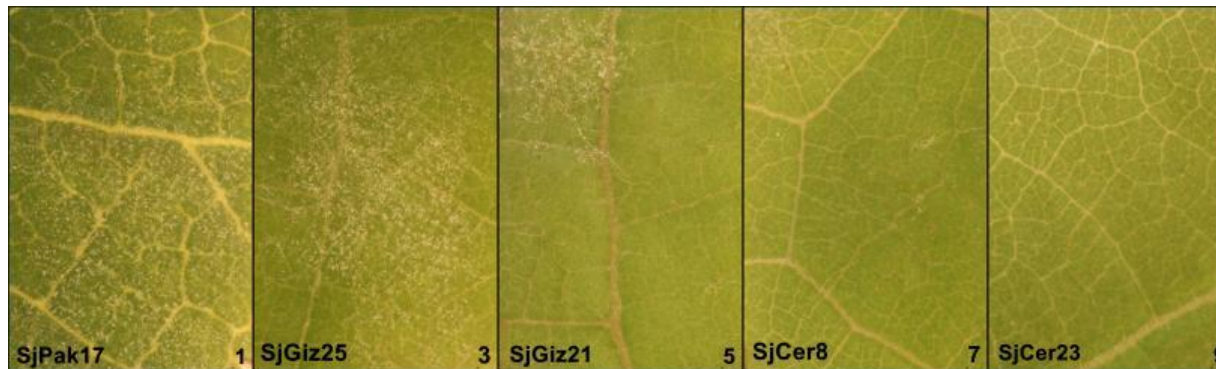
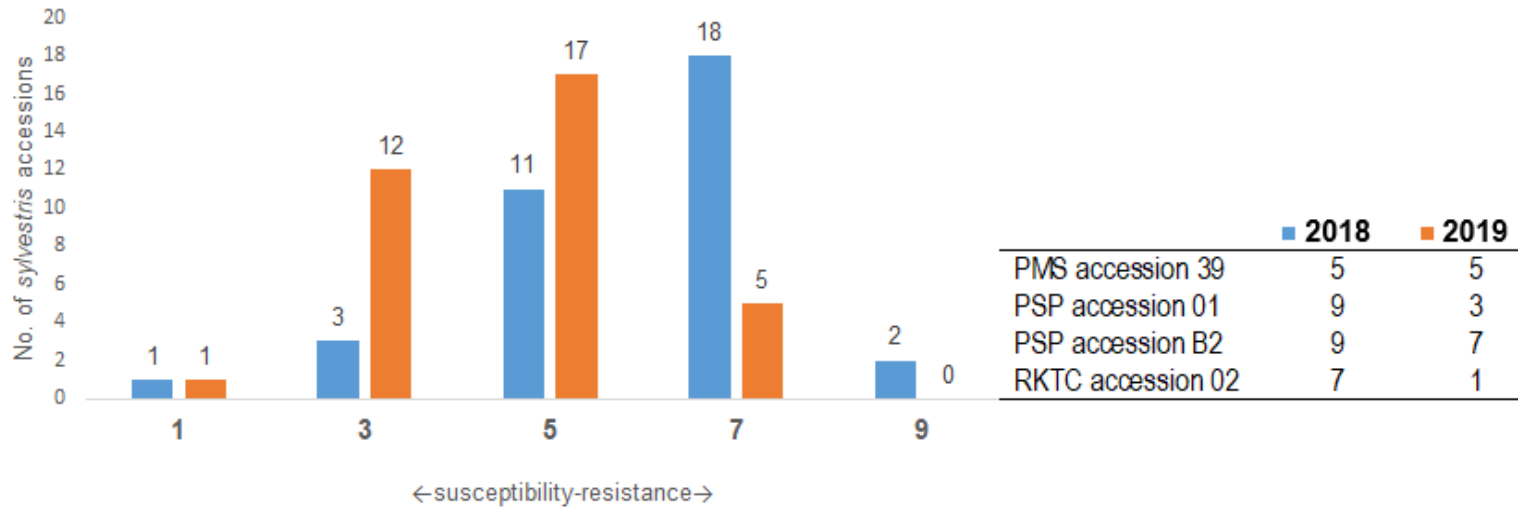


Radić et al in Fungal Ecol (2021)

Budić-Leto et al in Sci Hortic (2018)

# *Resistance to Erysiphe necator*

At SSR locus SC47-18 presence of resistance alleles 239 and 246 within Croatian sylvestris



# Conclusions

- Clear distinction between *sylvestris* and *sativa* based on leaf and cluster morphology
- Non-*sylvestris* individuals (rootstocks, cultivars, hybrids) observed in each population; 19% tested non-*sylvestris*
- Distance and model-based cluster analysis differentiated among genotypes
- Morphology seems powerful tool for discrimination between two subspecies (OIV151 Flower type, OIV079 Petiole sinus, OIV082 Lateral sinus, OIV076 Shape of teeth = diagnostic descriptors, *in situ*)
- Conservation and protection of biodiversity – highly needed – *ex situ* germplasm collection





**THANK YOU**