



# Beauty and challenges of European pastoral landscapes

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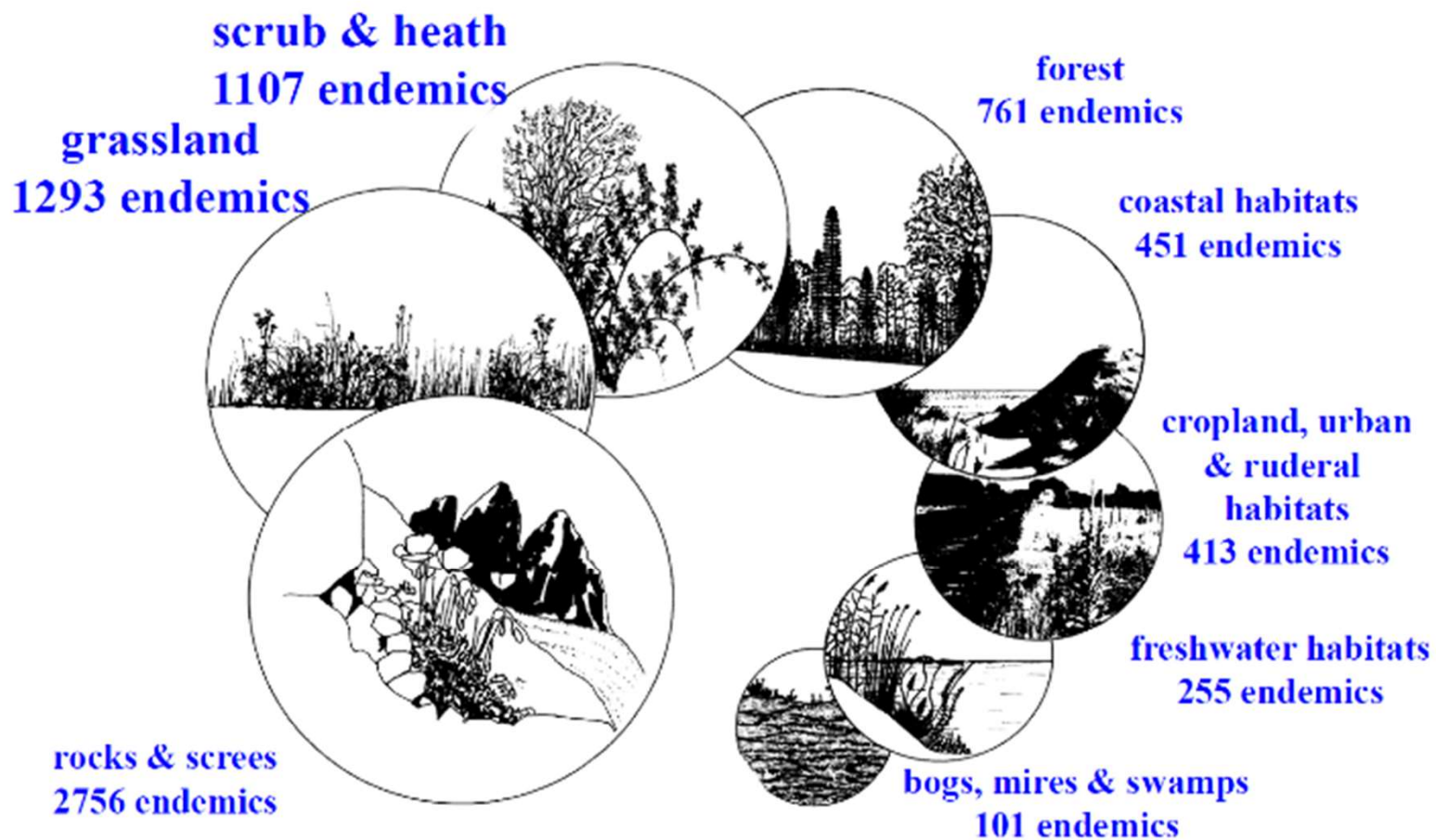
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# 64 'Halada' Annex 1 habitats

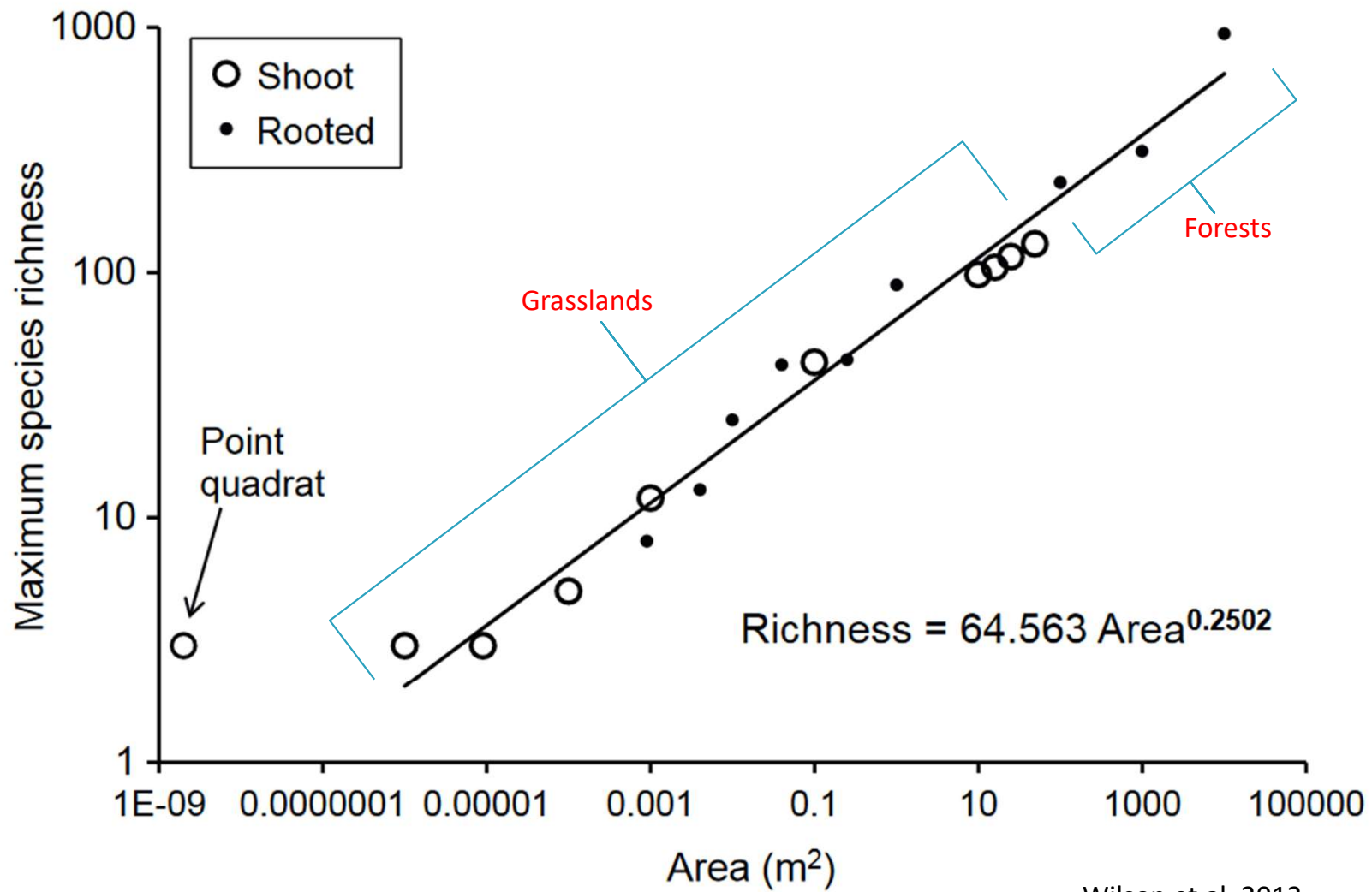


Number of endemic vascular plant taxa in different habitat types of Europe (Hobohm & Bruchmann 2009, 2010, 2012)

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Wilson et al. 2012









## Emerging themes

- Nature conservation can have a positive, even dependent, relationship to agriculture; policy objectives depend on HNV farmland and farming systems
- Raising awareness of that simple message is a task in itself
- These areas are (mostly) marginal, in all senses – physically, economically, socially – usually with ‘economically-small’ farms – low returns
- Huge political implications which need to be set out and acted upon during legislation and during implementation
- Benefits of talking together, supporting each other, learning from each other
- Idea of the European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism





## Some activities and successes

- Raising awareness of low-intensity, high public-goods farming systems: the concept of High Nature Value farming in policy; defining it and starting the process of estimating its extent
  - Two workshops in Vilm; conference on Mainau
  - The book
- Incoherence of the CAP land eligibility rules with wider EU policy
  - Workshop with DVL in Hungen
- Development and dissemination of results-based/outcome-focussed approaches to agri-environment payments
- Implications of the Halada list – if they need grazing, how many grazing animals do they need? And what does that mean for policy?





## Current state of play

- Has the old duality (bad agriculture vs. good nature) really been dispelled? New lease of life with rewilding
- Coherence between policies is still poor in practice (agriculture/nature conservation/fire risk management/rural policy etc.) with lots of silo thinking behind the seemingly fine words
- Solutions mostly not at the same scale as the problems
- Climate is a new political juggernaut which can seemingly justify anything – HNV farming is not what's taking fossil C and putting into the atmosphere, but....
- The big challenge is still how to break the link between HNV farming and poverty – that requires a large shift of resources and a lot of accompanying action
- CAP is a lot better in many ways – lots of flexibility for Member States to do good things (though default is a lot of status quo), but not as 'Common' any more; more chance of learning from others, but needs effort/lubricant to do it
- Some excellent organisations, but noone else is primarily focussed on High Nature Value farming systems





Still a role for a European Forum,  
but don't assume someone else is doing it!