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green belt

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## **Biodiversity Monitoring at the Green Belt: A Nationwide Insect Survey of Habitat Connectivity and Biodiversity**

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**Systematic study of the biological diversity of Germany's Green Belt for the analysis of its biotope network and climate corridor function, the development of a management and monitoring concept, and the assessment of its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) in the course of the UNESCO World Heritage nomination.**

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🦋 Main Goal: Survey of the flying insects in the German Green Belt

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## Specific Goals:

- Providing a dataset for the description of the „Outstanding Universal Value“ of the Green Belt
- First standardized method to survey the insectdiversity of the german Green Belt
- Evaluation of the Green Belt as biotope network, climate corridor and habitat
- Survey of insects with Malaise traps:
  - 100 Traps on 19 different biotope-types and 5 special habitats
  - Monthly sampling from april to august 2025
  - DNA-Metabarcoding analysis + additional taxonomic plausibility checks
- Complementation through data collection of existing biodiversity monitorings

# Project scope

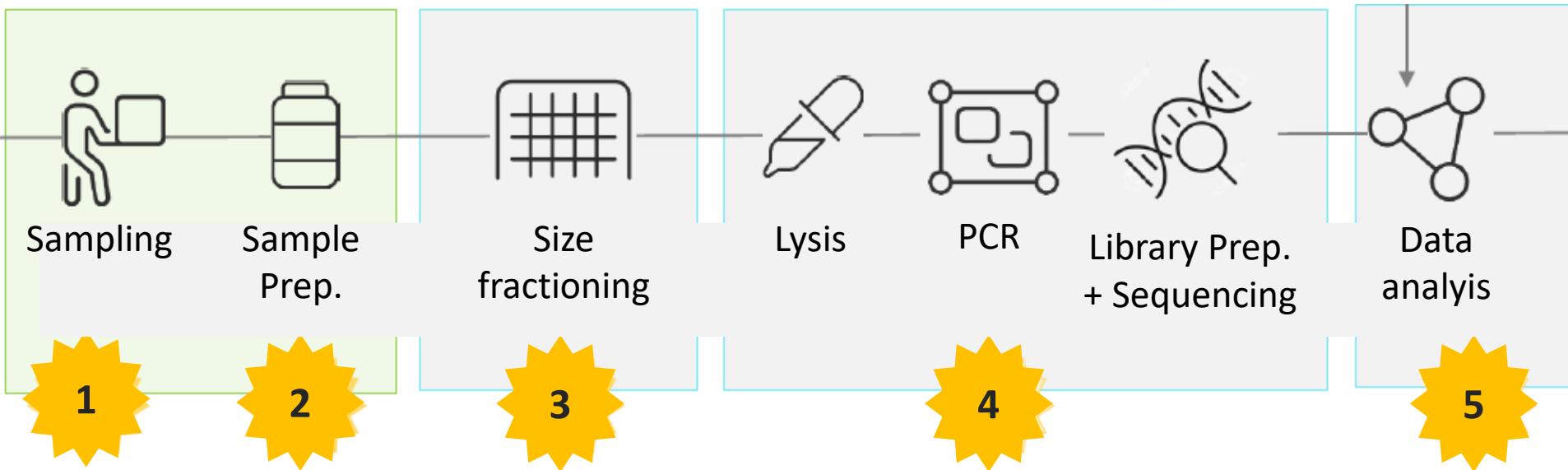




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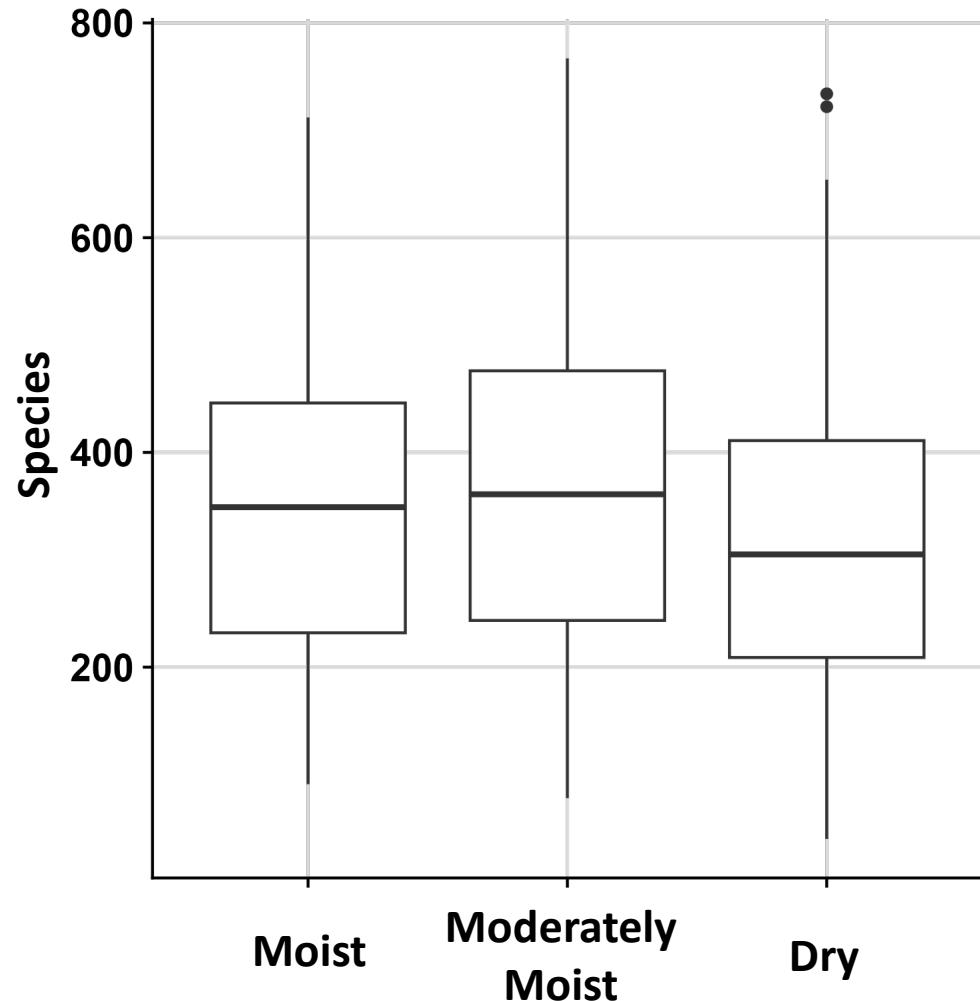


## What is being evaluated?

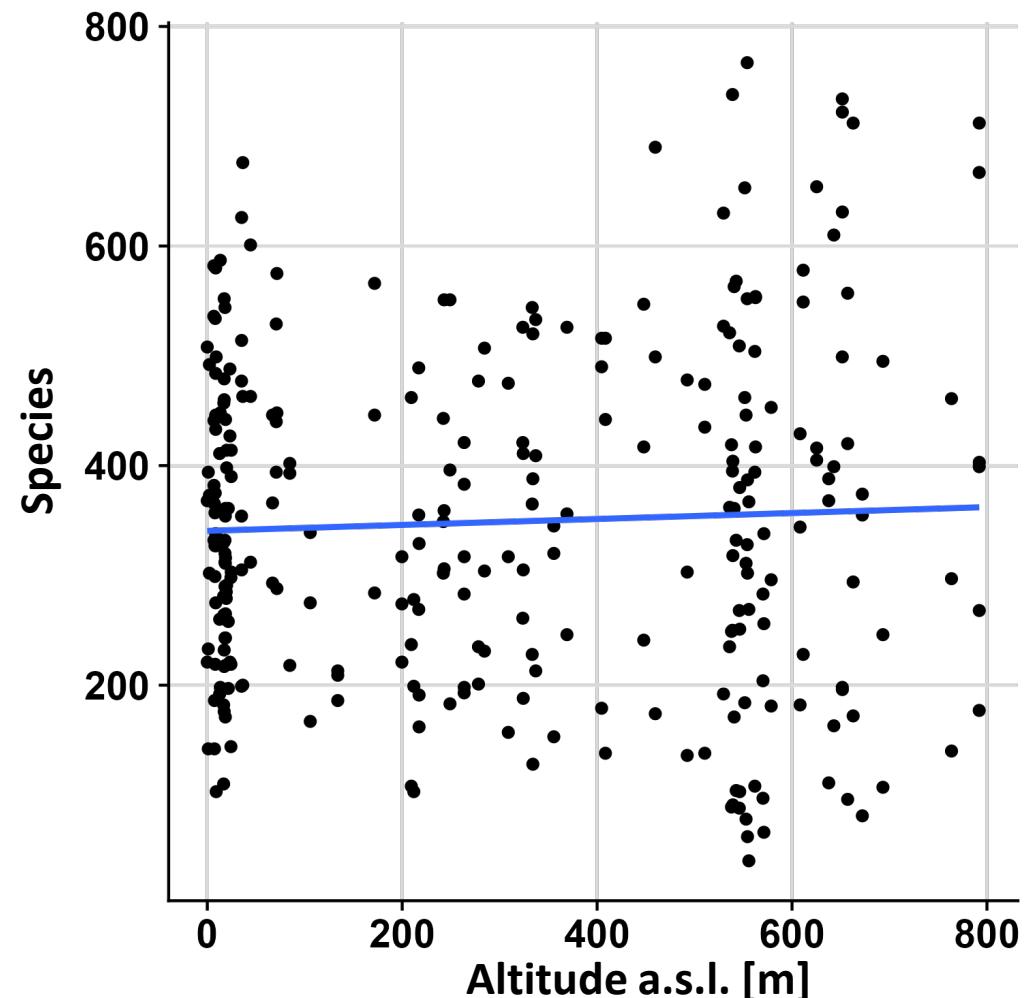
- Sequencing results are verified through taxonomic experts
- Main topics of data analysis:
  - Current species numbers
  - Occurrence of Red List species
- Ecological analysis of the results:
  - Spatial and temporal distribution of diversity
  - Identification of climate change-induced migration of species
  - Influences from environment, protection status, and management practices

- Just some days ago: finally all samples analyzed
- Long process of data cleaning and analysis is necessary
- Many partners and experts involved
- Analysis of ecological data, geographic regions, distance from agricultural land and water, distribution of endangered species in different habitat types

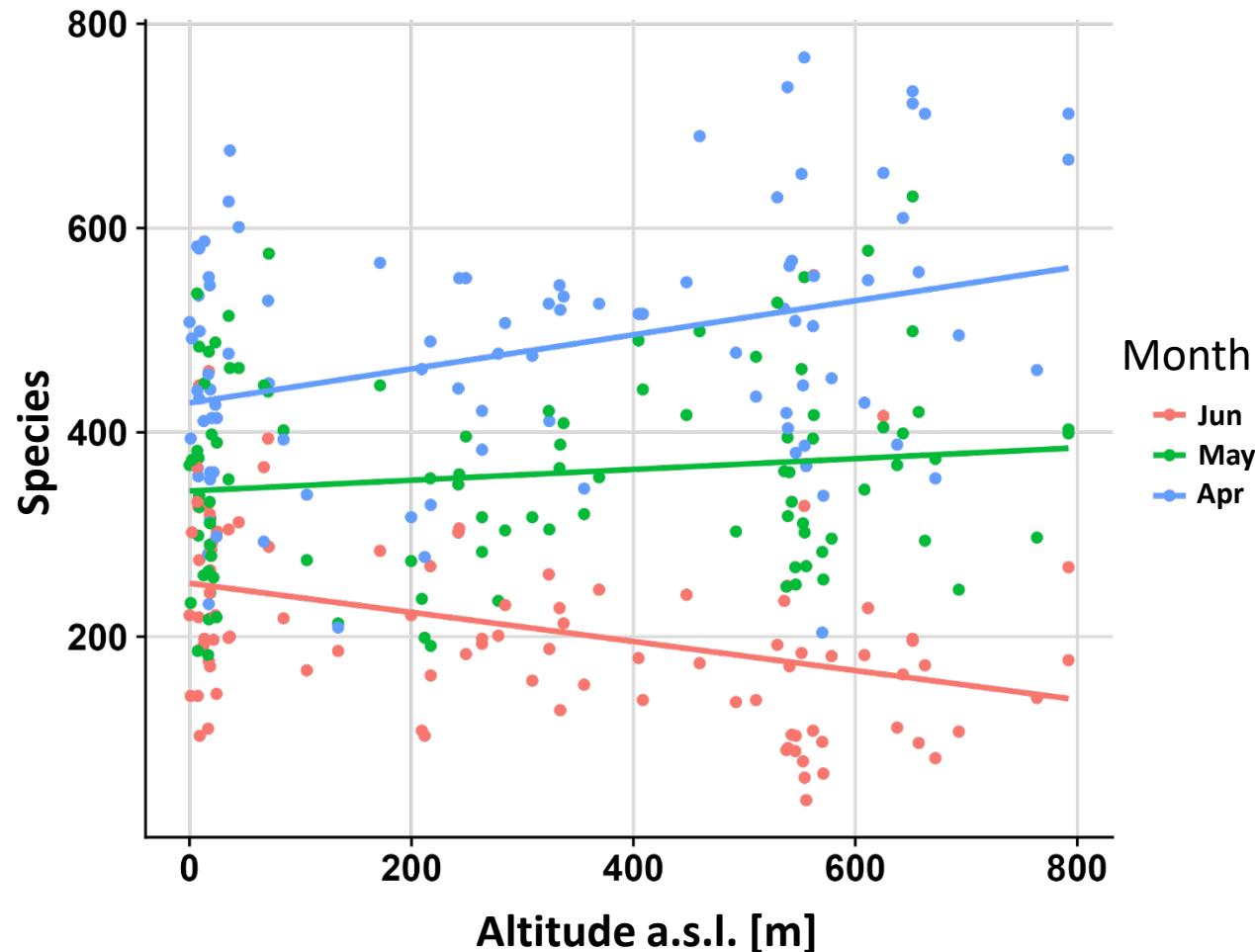
- High variance of species diversity between habitat types
- Mesophilic habitats show highest number in species diversity



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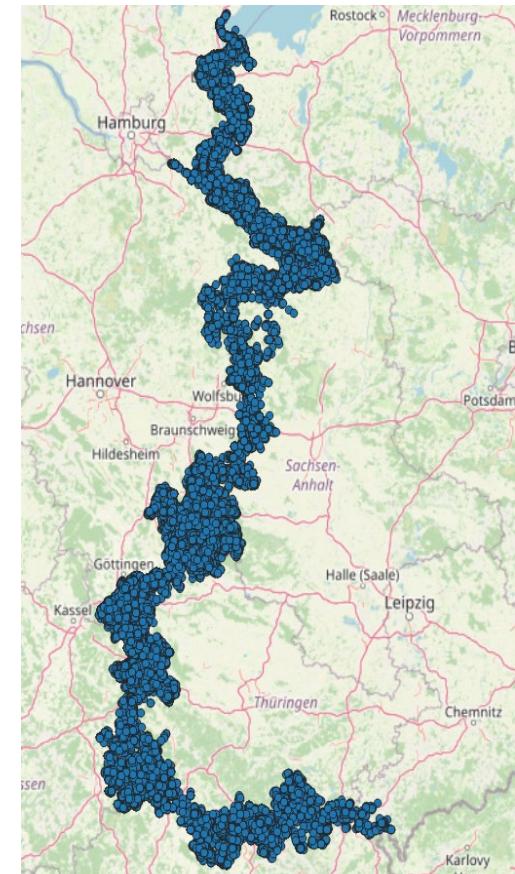


- No clear trend of species diversity and altitude a.s.l.
- Clear trends when separated into months



## Complementary data collection:

- Collection of data from previous surveys of biological diversity:
  - Previous surveys of species diversity (all groups)
  - Species monitoring in and outside of protected areas
  - Management plans
  - Scientific publications



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## Thank you for the attention

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