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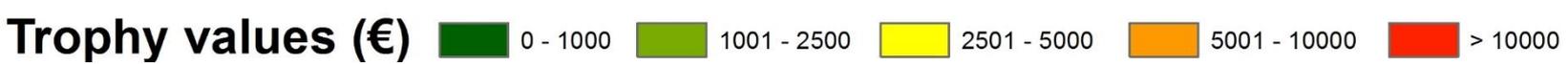
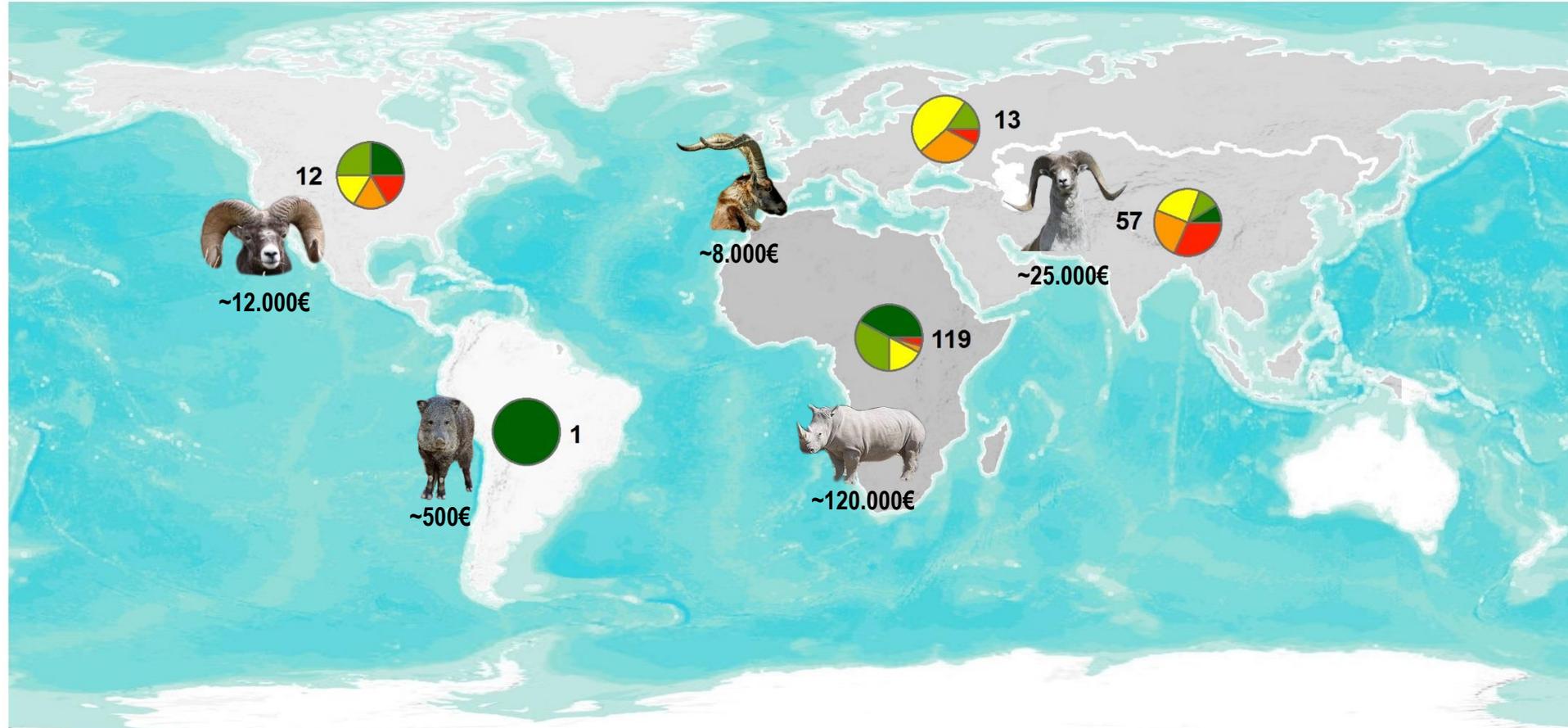
Ausencia de crecimiento compensatorio en los cuernos del macho montés

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# Introduction



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Intense selective hunting leads to artificial evolution in horn size**

Gabriel Pigeon,<sup>1,2</sup> Marco Festa-Bianchet,<sup>1</sup> David W. Coltman<sup>3</sup> and Fanie Pelletier<sup>1,2</sup>

*Management and Conservation*

## **Decrease in Horn Size and Increase in Age of Trophy Sheep in Alberta Over 37 Years**

PERSPECTIVE

## **When does selective hunting select, how can we tell, and what should we do about it?**

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## **Changes in horn size of Stone's sheep over four decades correlate with trophy hunting pressure**

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AND CHRISTOPHE BONENFANT<sup>1</sup>

## **SELECTIVE HARVESTING AND HABITAT LOSS PRODUCE LONG-TERM LIFE HISTORY CHANGES IN A MOUFLON POPULATION**

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AND DOMINIQUE DUBRAY<sup>2</sup>

## **Reduced horn size in two wild trophy-hunted species of Caprinae**

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Horn size is related to animal overall performance and is sensitive to direct and indirect external forcing factors, including food availability, climate variability, hunting pressure and genetic architecture.

# Hypothesis

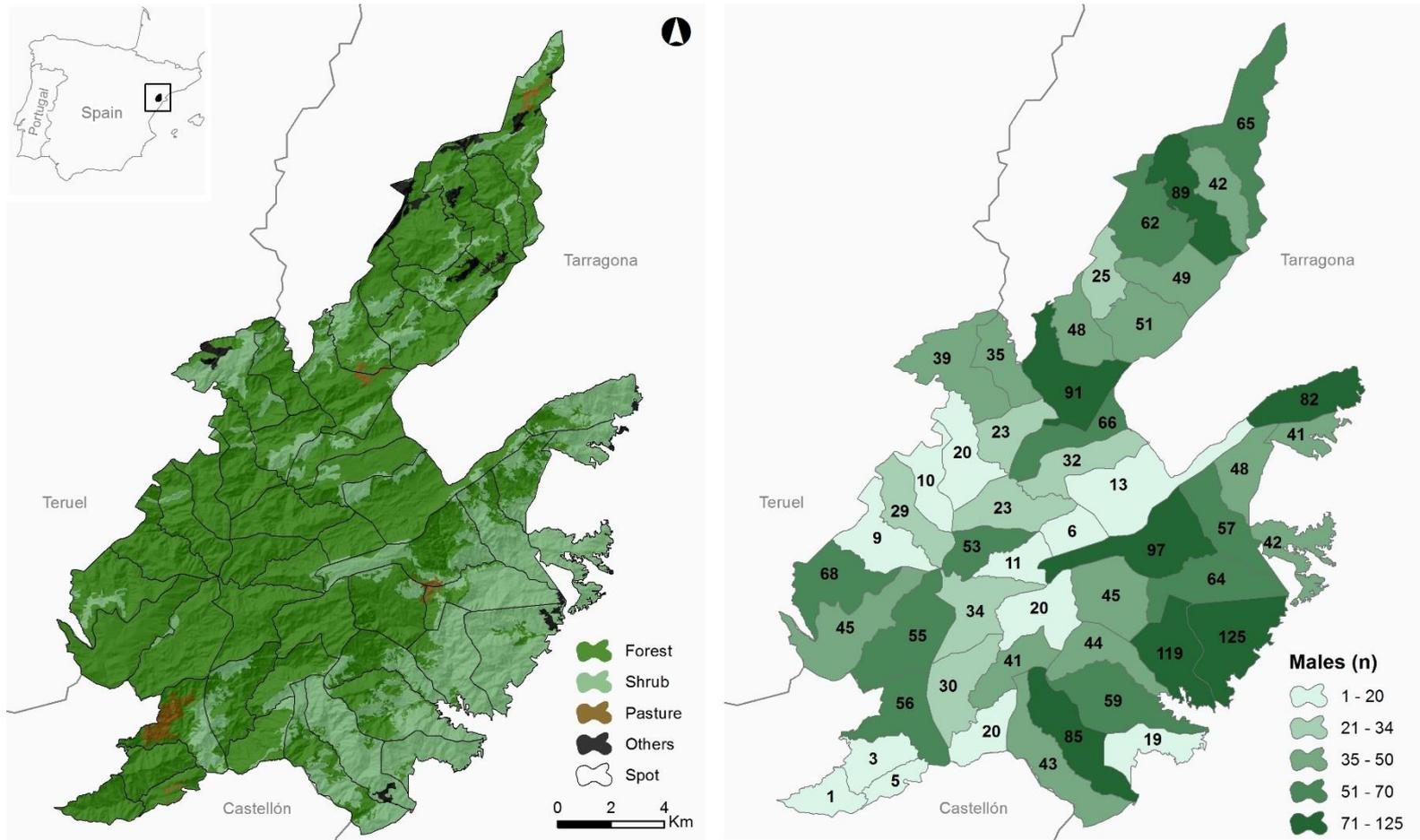
**H1:** We expect marked individual heterogeneities in horn size (**H1a**) and evident plasticity in horn growth patterns between sampling locations (**H1b**);

**H2:** The large variability in habitat characteristics found in our study area may allow for compensatory horn growth to occur in male ibex inhabiting specific locations.

# Materials and methods



# Study area and Iberian ibex sampling



N = 2,145 male ibexes (24,615 annual horn growth segments) sampled at “Els Ports de Tortosa i Beseit” National Game Reserve over 21 years (from 1995 to 2016).

# Statistical analysis

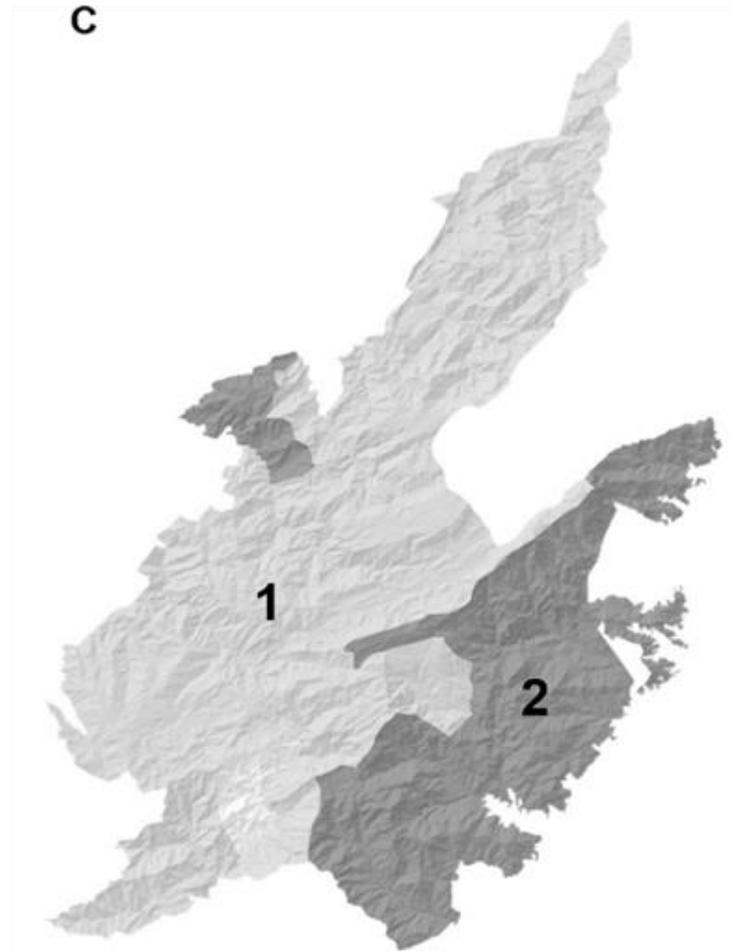
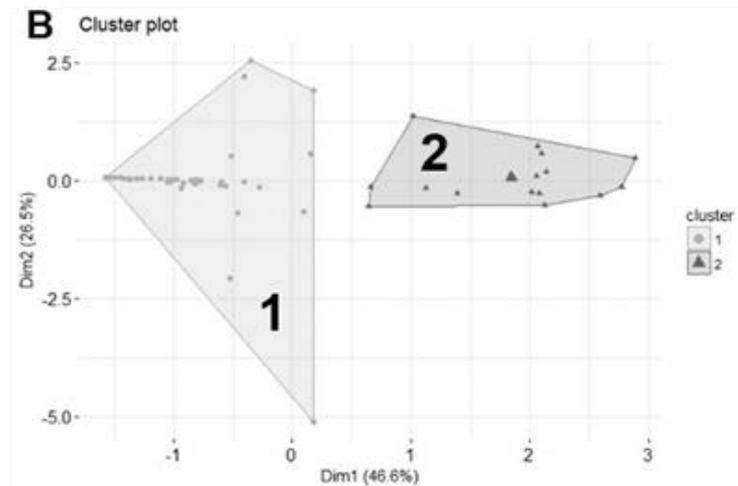
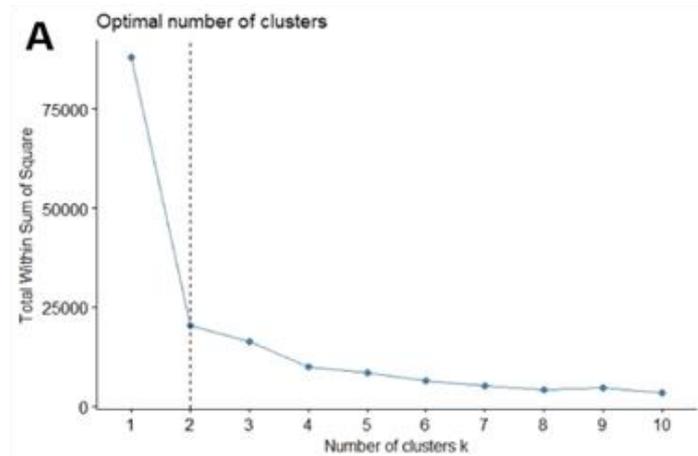
**H1a and H1b:** Mixed models with **annual segment length** (cm) as the response variable, and **male identity** (ID) as a random factor. **Age** (years), **cohort** and **habitat cluster** were included as fixed factors;

**H2:** Regression model between **log-transformed L2** and the **log-transformed L3-L6** (inflection point). Multiple regressions between subsequent horn growth segments (**L3-L2**, **L4-L3**, **L5-L4** and **L6-L5**). **Cohort** and **habitat cluster** were included as fixed factors.

## Results and discussion

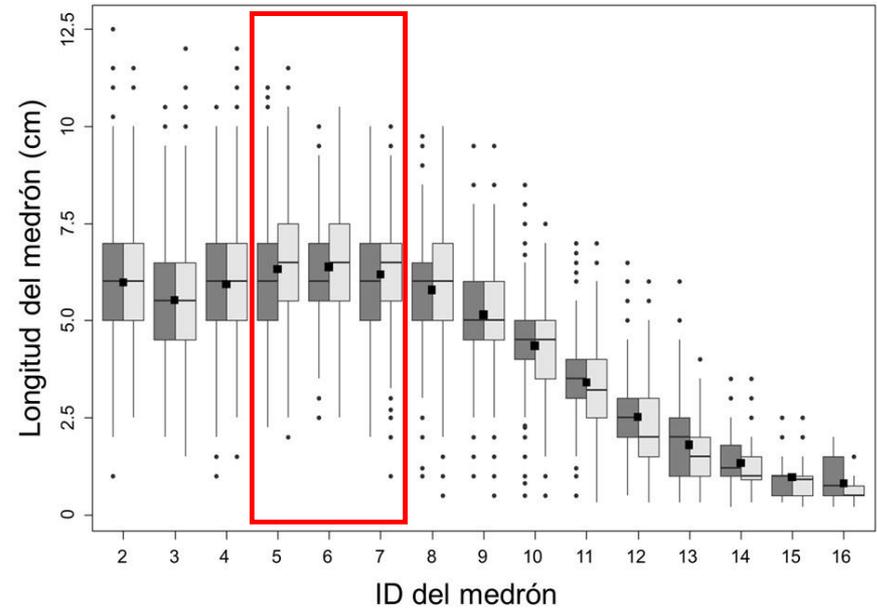
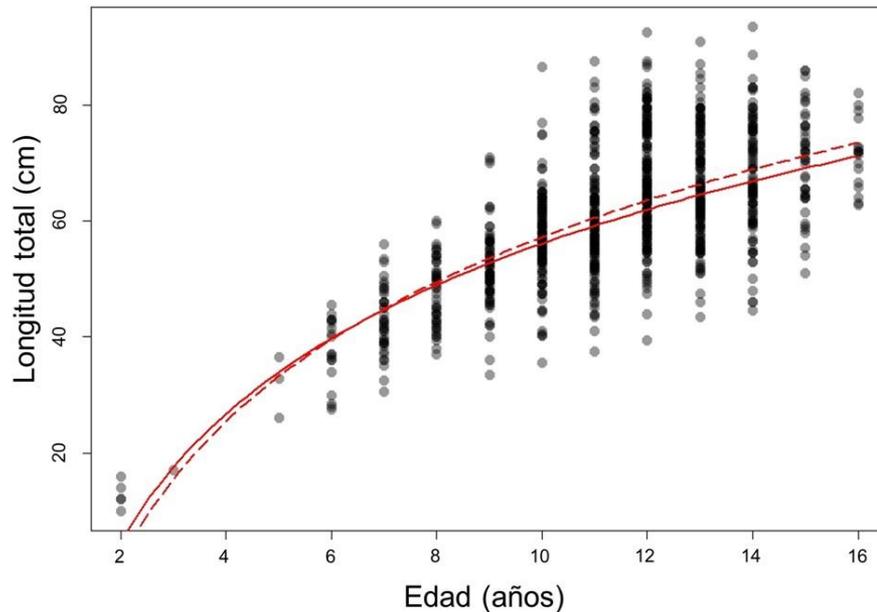


# K-means cluster analysis



We identified **two** distinct clusters (A, B) that explain **73.11%** of the spot variability in terms of habitat characteristics (C).

# Horn growth patterns

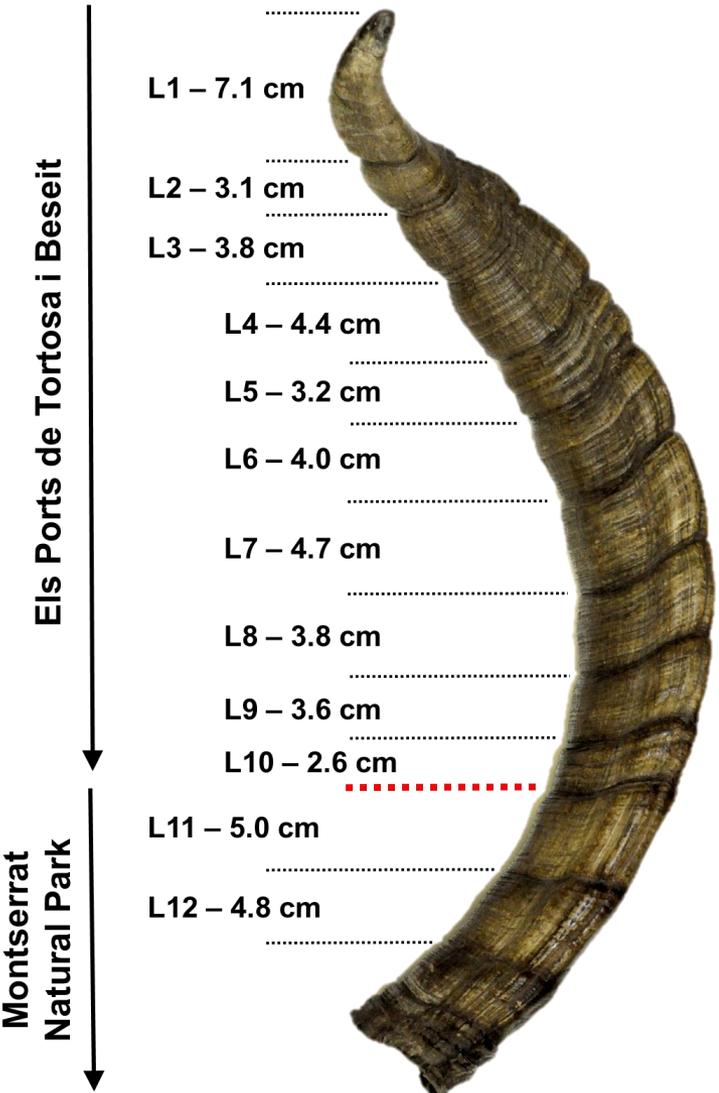


Among-individual variations accounted for 27.75% of observed differences in annuli length H1a ✓

The annual segments of males harvested in spots dominated by scrublands are significantly longer than the segments of males harvested in forest-dominated areas ( $\beta = 0.43$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ ,  $t = 9.23$ ,  $P < 0.001$ )

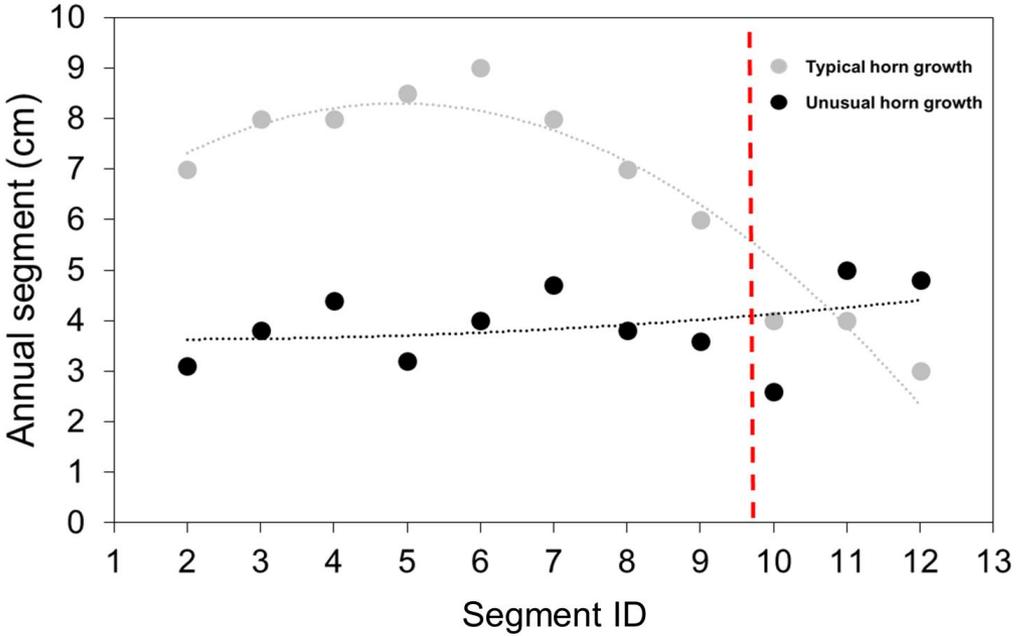
H1b ✓

# Evidence for phenotypic plasticity

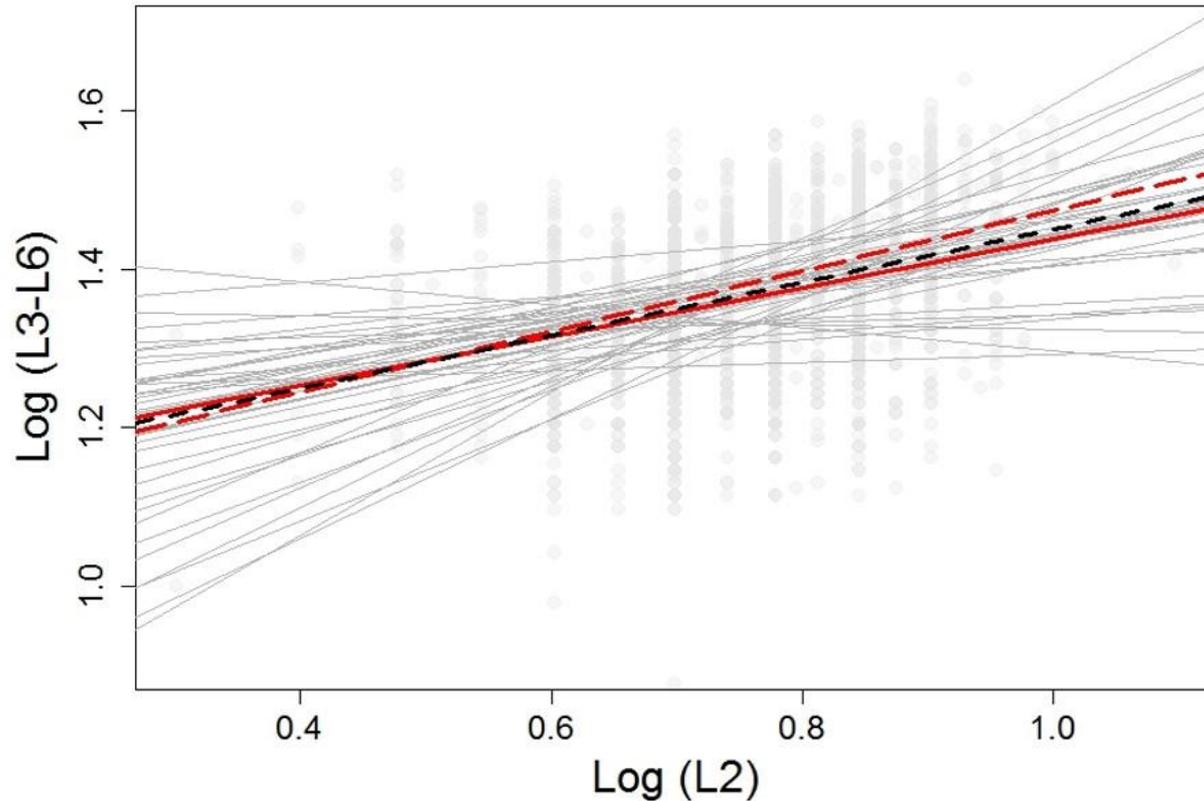


**Els Ports de Tortosa i Beseit**

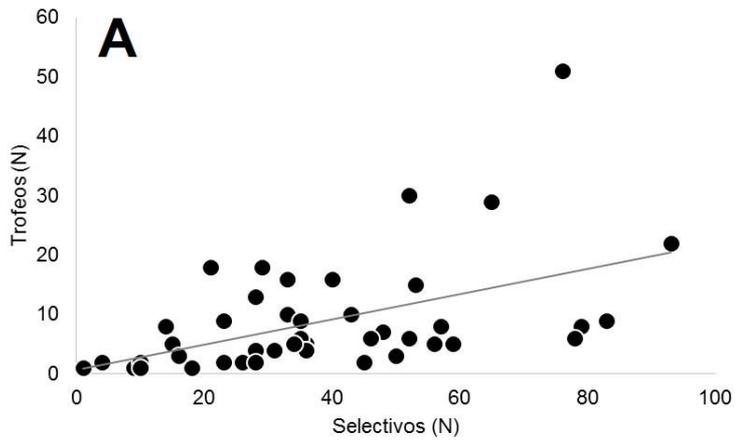
**Montserrat Natural Park**



# Compensatory horn growth



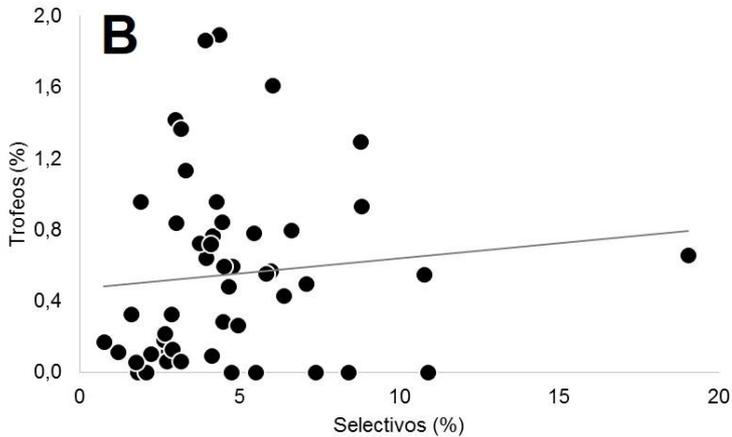
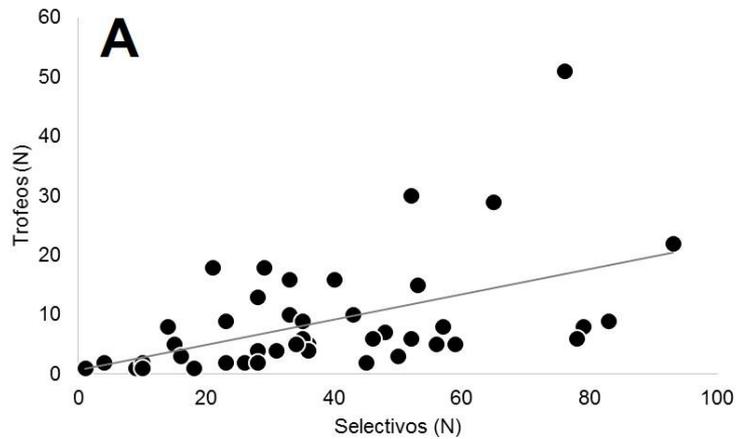
La longitud de L2 estuvo positivamente correlacionada con la longitud del cuerno entre L3 y L6 ( $\beta = 0.42$ , SE = 0.03,  $t = 13.55$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ). La relación de la longitud de los medrones subsecuentes fue también positiva.



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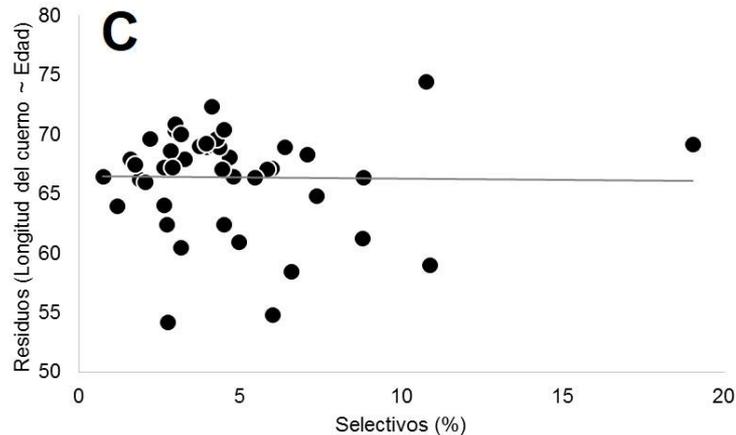
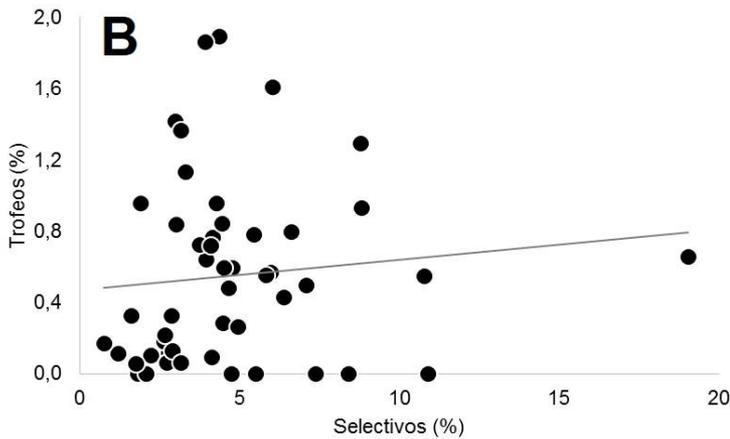
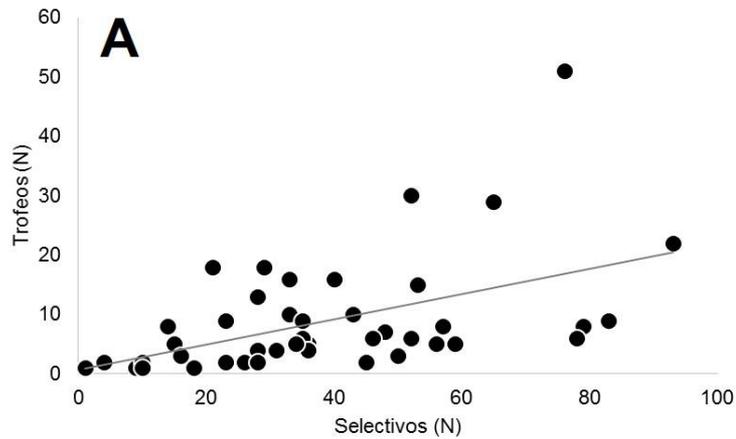


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(C) Relationship between the percentage of selective males and the trophy size.

