SI 1 Additional figures, tables, model development and input data

Figures

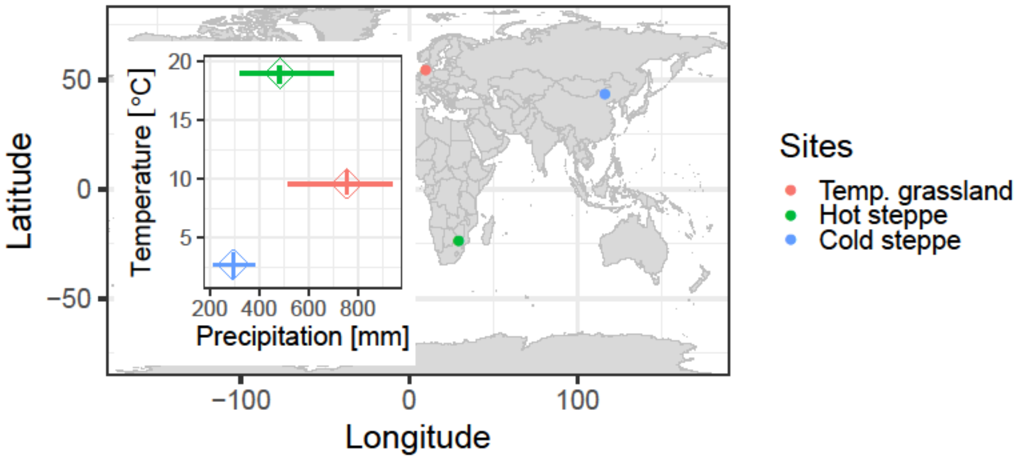


Figure SI A. 1 Location (points) of the three grassland sites and their mean annual temperature and precipitation (squares). Lines show ine standard deviation.

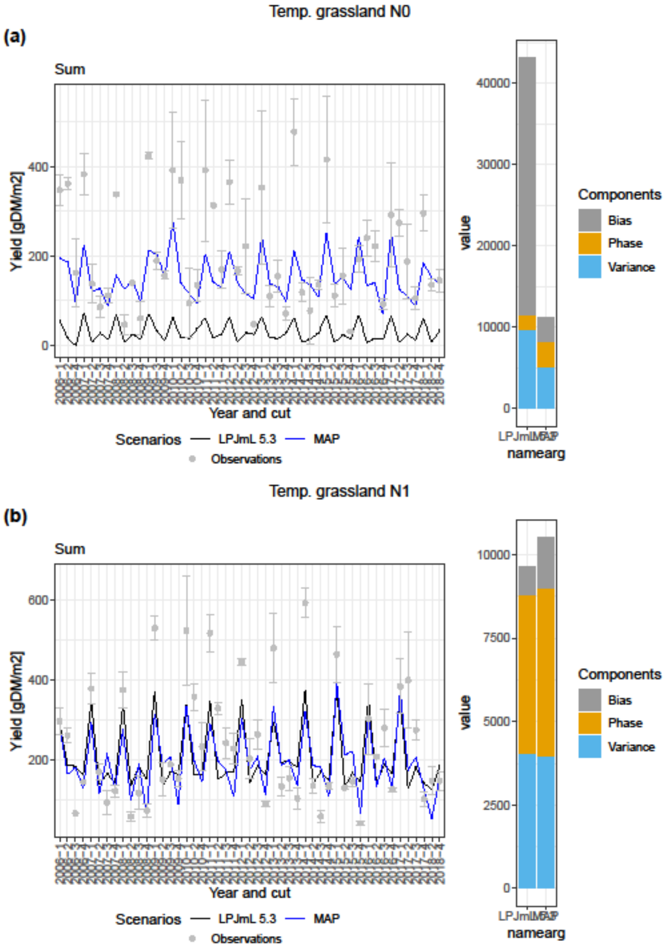
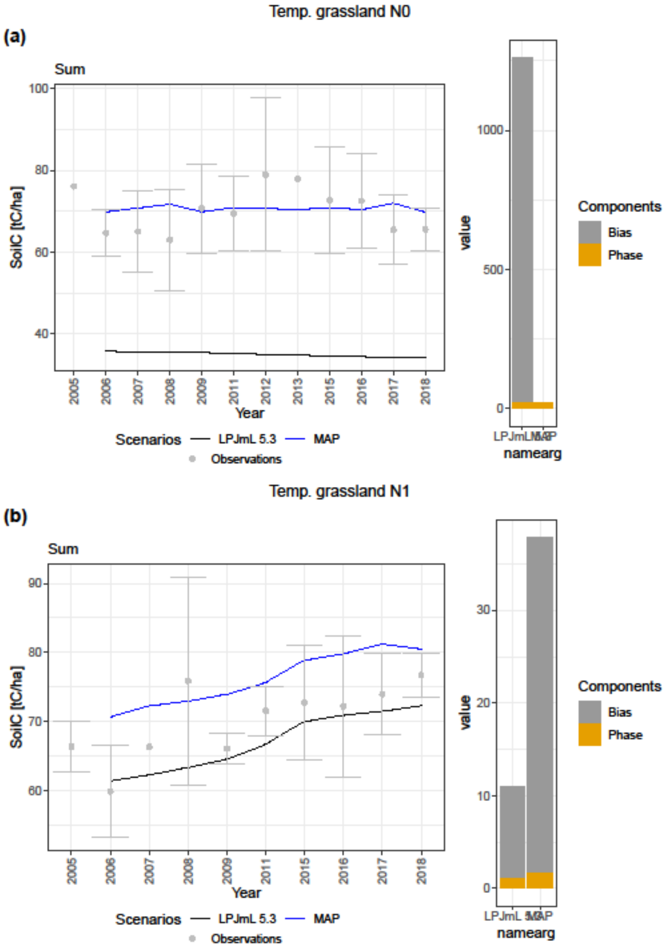


Figure SI 1Dry matter yields in gDMm^{-2} for the unfertilized (a) and fertilised (b) scenario for LPJmL 5.3 (black), the maximum a posteriori (MAP blue) and observations (grey) at the temperate grassland (left). Error bars are one standard deviation. MSE and its components bias (grey), phase (yellow) and variance (blue) for LPJmL 5.3 and the MAP



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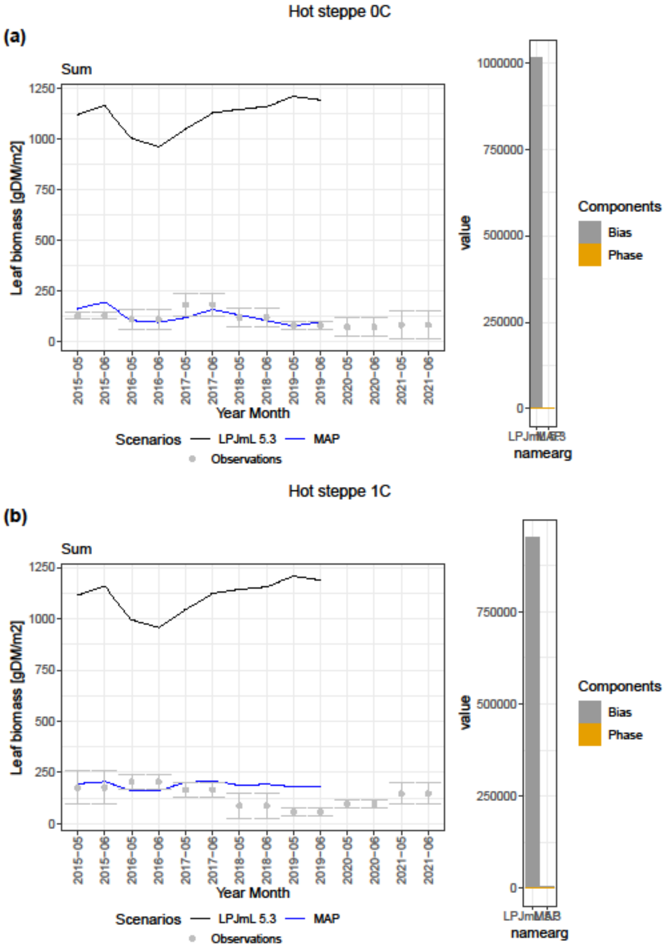
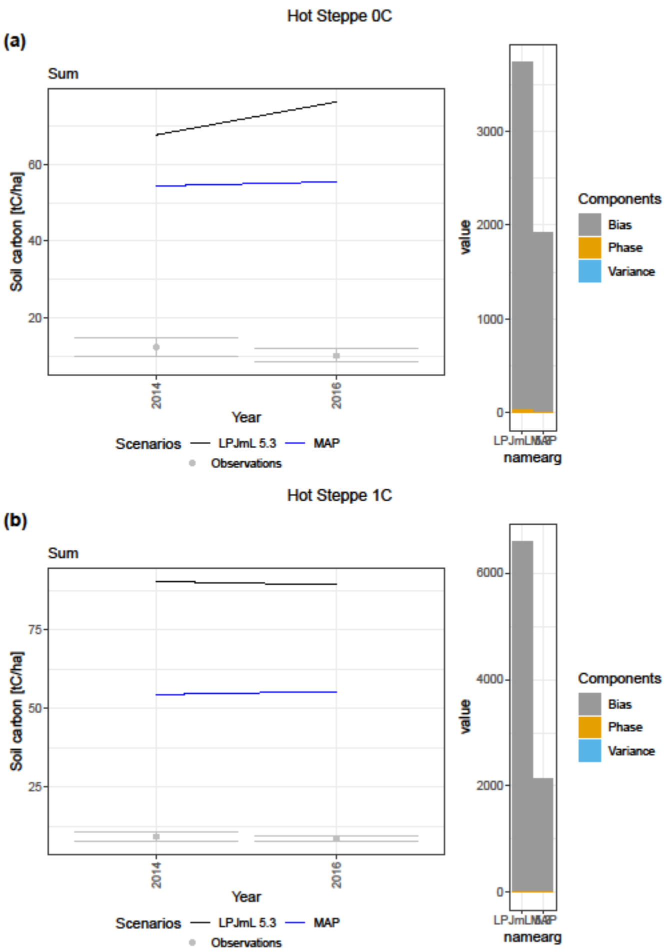


Figure SI 3 Leaf biomass in $gDMm^{-2}$ for the ungrazed (a) and grazed (b) scenario for LPJmL 5.3 (black), the maximum a posteriori (MAP blue) and observations (grey) at the hot steppe (left). Error bars are one standard deviation. MSE and its components bias (grey), phase (yellow) and variance (blue) for LPJmL 5.3 and the MAP



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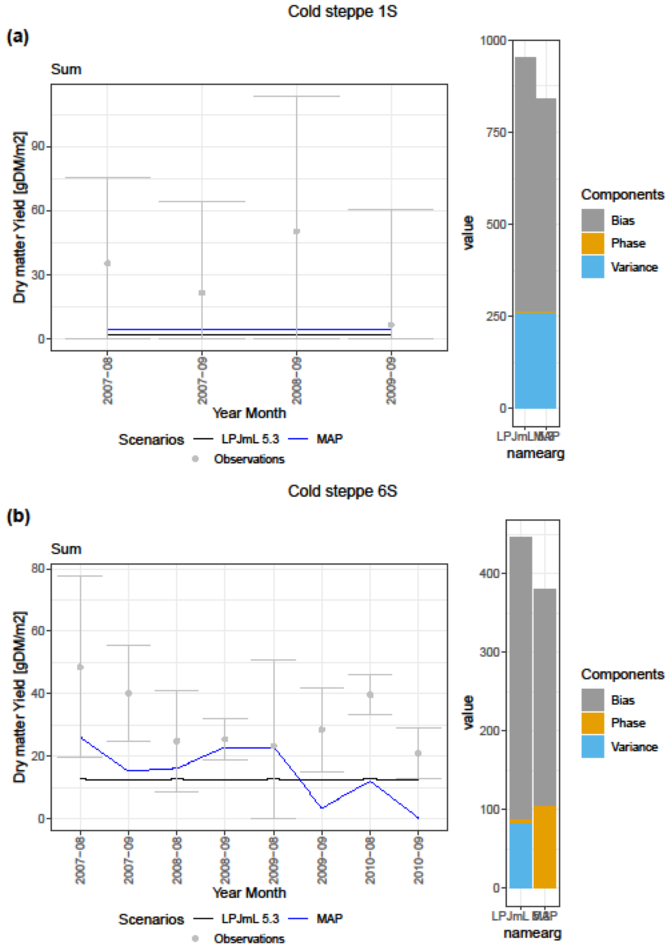
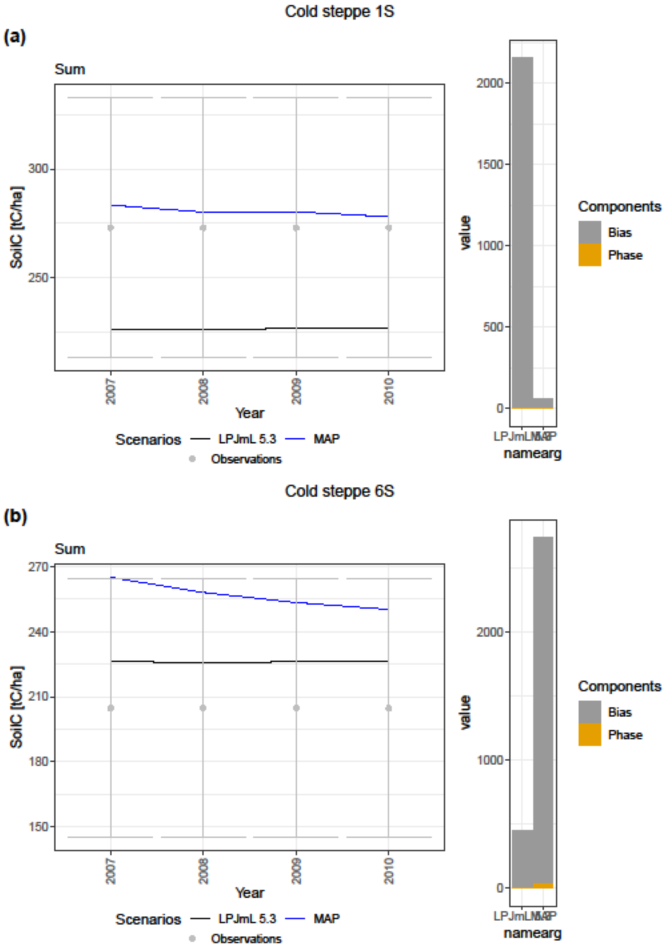


Figure SI 5 Grazing offtake in gDMm^{-2} for the extensively (a) and intensively (b) grazed scenario for LPJmL 5.3 (black), the maximum a posteriori (MAP blue) and observations (grey) at the cold steppe (left). Error bars are one standard deviation. MSE and its components bias (grey), phase (yellow) and variance (blue) for LPJmL 5.3 and the MAP



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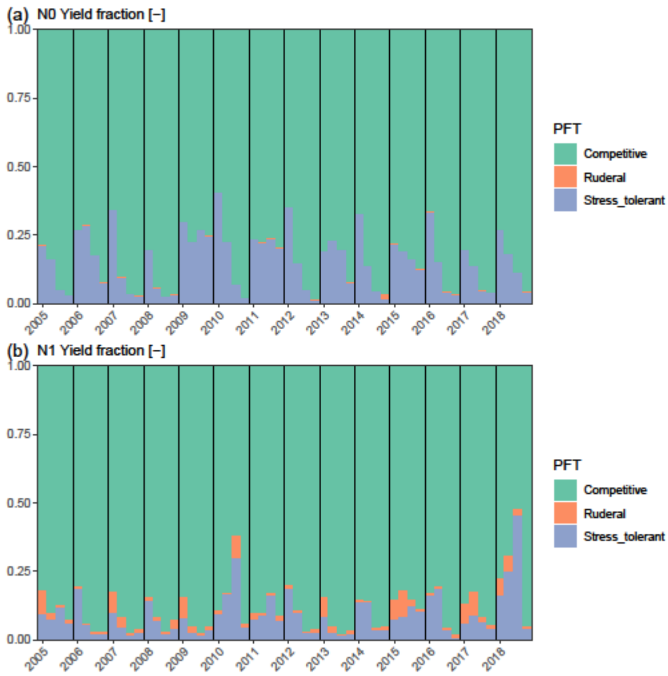

Figure SI 7 PFT fractions (colours) of dry matter yield for each cut for the unfertilised (a) and fertilized (b) experiment at the temperate grassland.

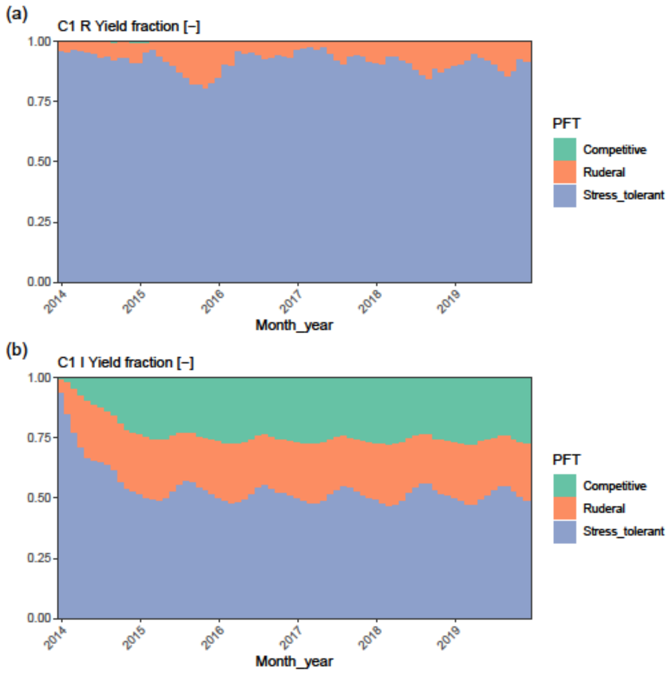

Figure SI 8 PFT fractions (colours) of monthly grazing offtake for the rainfed (a) and irrigated (b) experiment at the hot steppe.

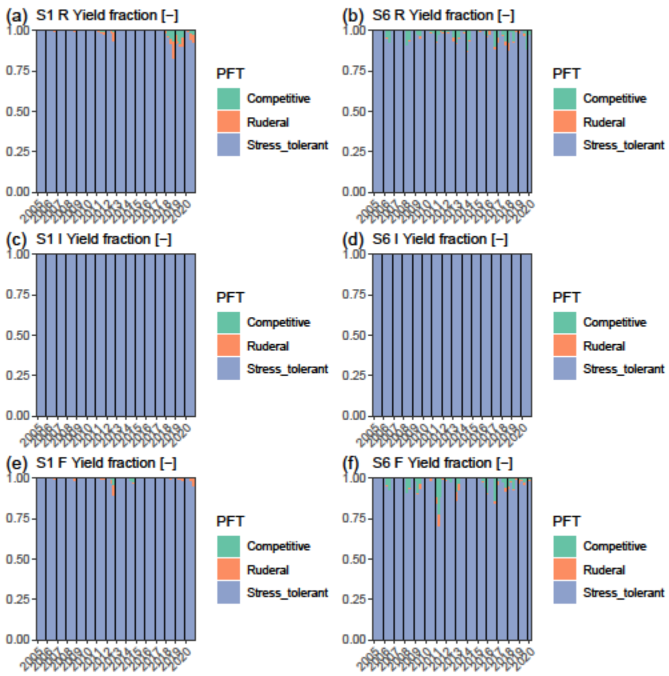

Figure SI 9 PFT fractions (colours) of monthly grazing offtake for the extensively (a,c,e) and intensively (b,d,f) grazed experiment for the rainfed (a,b), fertilized (c,d) and irrigated (e,f) scenarios at the cold steppe.

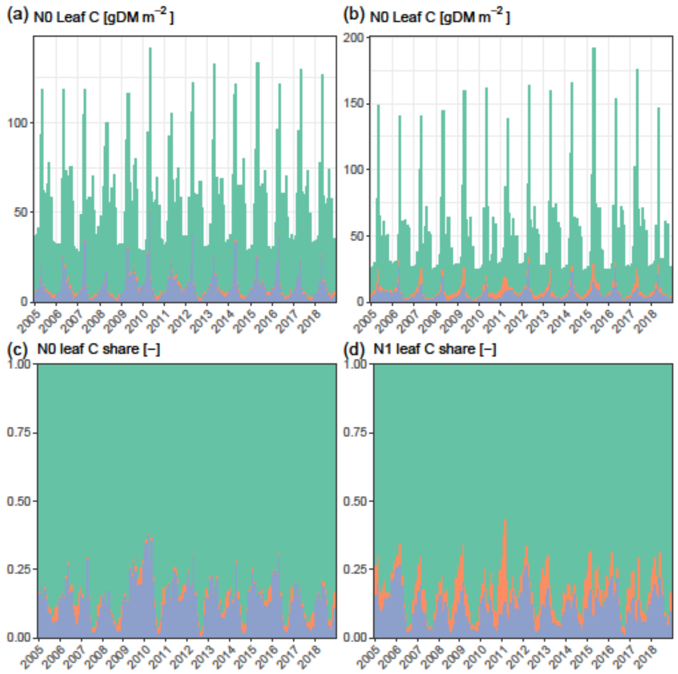

Figure SI 10 Total (a,b) and fractional (c,d,) monthly leaf carbon for the unfertilized (a,c) and fertilized (b,d) experiment for each PFT (colours)

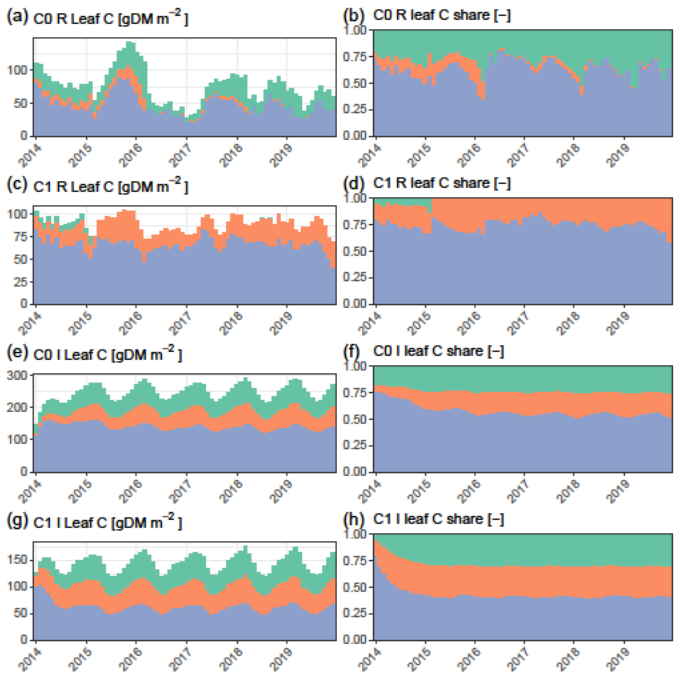

Figure SI 11 Total (a,c,e,g) and fractional (b,d,f,h) monthly leaf carbon for the ungrazed (a,b,e,f) and grazed (c,d,g,h) experiment for the rainfed (a-d) and irrigated (e-h) scenarios for each PFT (colours).

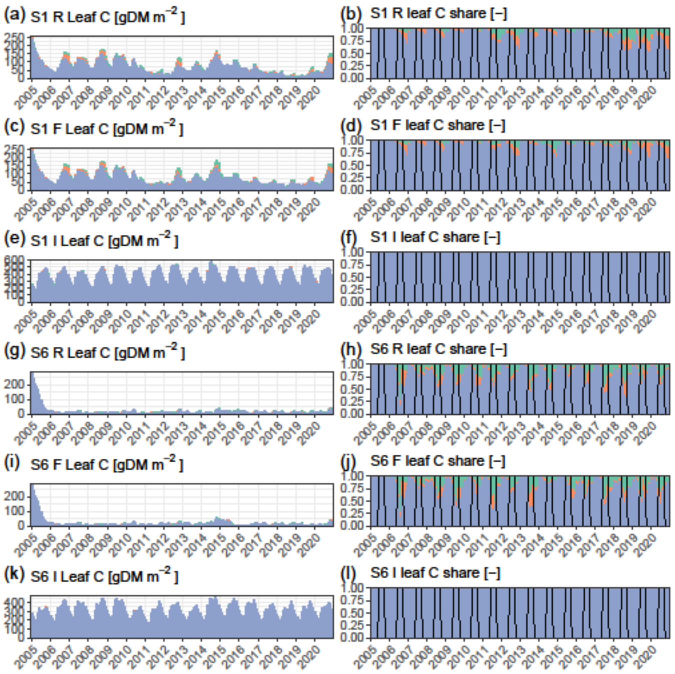

Figure SI 12 Total (a,c,e,g,I,k) and fractional (b,d,f,h,j,l) monthly leaf carbon for the extensively (a-f) and intensively (g-l) grazed experiment for the rainfed (a,b,g,h), fertilized (c,d,l,j) and irrigated (e,f,k,l) scenarios for each PFT (colours).

Tables

Table SI 1 Overview of the SLA and leaf longevity data obtained from the TRY database

Name	TRY dataset ID	References
Abisko and Sheffield Database	1	(Cornelissen et al., 2004; Quested et al., 2003)
GLOPNET—Global Plant Trait Network Database	20	(Wright et al., 2004)
Sheffield Database	37	(Cornelissen, 1996; Cornelissen et al., 2004; Diaz et al., 2004)
Leaf Physiology Database	67	(Kattge et al., 2009)
Global A, N, P, SLA Database	94	(Reich et al., 2009)
Tropical Traits from West Java Database	99	(Shiodera et al., 2008)
Functional traits explaining variation in plant life history strategies	285	(Adler et al., 2014)
Plant traits of Arabidopsis thaliana	359	(Blonder et al., 2015)

Model development

Phenology dependent allocation

Based on the GSI phenology (Forkel et al., 2014) we calculate the allocation of net primary productivity to leaves and roots (LR) dependent on changes in the temperature and light functions of the phenology (f) as follows:

$$LR = LR_{base} \cdot s_{light} \cdot s_{cold}$$

with

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 1 + f_i \; if \; \Delta f_i > \epsilon_i \\ 1 \; if - \epsilon_\mathrm{i} \leq \Delta f_i \leq \epsilon_i \\ 1 - f_i \; if \; \Delta f_i < -\epsilon_i \end{cases}$$

where $i \in (light, cold)$, $\Delta f_i = f_{i,t} - f_{i,t-1}$,$\epsilon_{light} = 0.01$ and $\epsilon_{cold} = 0.001$.

$LR_{base} = LR_{PFT} \cdot 0.5 + (0.5) \cdot \min(w_{scal}, v_{scal})$ where w_{scal} and v_{scal} are the water and nitrogen limitation factors from the photosynthesis (Schaphoff et al., 2018; von Bloh et al., 2018).

Manure application

Manure application was implemented as for the annual crops in LPJmL (Herzfeld et al., 2021). Manure is applied with a C:N ratio of 10 and a NH4 fraction of 2/3. Manure is only applied if the mowing management option is used and 24 g/m2 is split across 4 applications of 8, 6, 6 and 4 g/m2 on April 1st, May 31st,July 1st and August 15th. NH4, C and N from manure are added to the first soil layer following Eq. 1-3.

$$\Delta NH_4 = manure \cdot fraction_{NH_4} \qquad \text{Equation 1}$$

$$\Delta C_{soil} = manure \cdot CN_{manure} \qquad \text{Equation 2}$$

$$\Delta N_{soil} = manure \cdot (1 - fraction_{NH_4}) \qquad \text{Equation 3}$$

Input data and parameters

Climate data and preparation

Data on temperature, precipitation and for the cold steppe also shortwave radiation were available for different time periods (Table SI 1). For the cold steppe, data did not contain any gaps and we only had to identify and prune leap years. This is required to obtain 365 days per year time-series which are needed to run LPJmL. For pruning we dropped December 31st.

For the temperate grassland and the hot steppe, the data contained gaps that needed to be filled. Additionally, they did not contain a full calendar year at the end and/or the beginning of the time-series for which we had to extrapolate the data. We used two different procedures for the gap filling: A spline fitting (temperature) and a sampler (precipitation).

With the spline fitting we aimed to capture the seasonality trends of the observed temperature (Figure SI 14 and Figure SI 15) but also account for day to day variation. First, we fitted a spline to the temperature data using the smooth.spline function from the stats-package (R Core Team, 2019). Second, to account for day to day variability we scattered the data by a random value we drew from a uniform distribution in the interval x_{min} to x_{max}. For the different sites, we used different percentiles of the difference between the fitted spline and the observed data for the values for x_{min} and x_{max} (Table SI 1).

For the extrapolation we calculated the average for each day of the year over the time-series for the fitted spline. The values of the respective day of the year were then then used for the extrapolation. This data were also scattered with the same approach as for the gap filling.

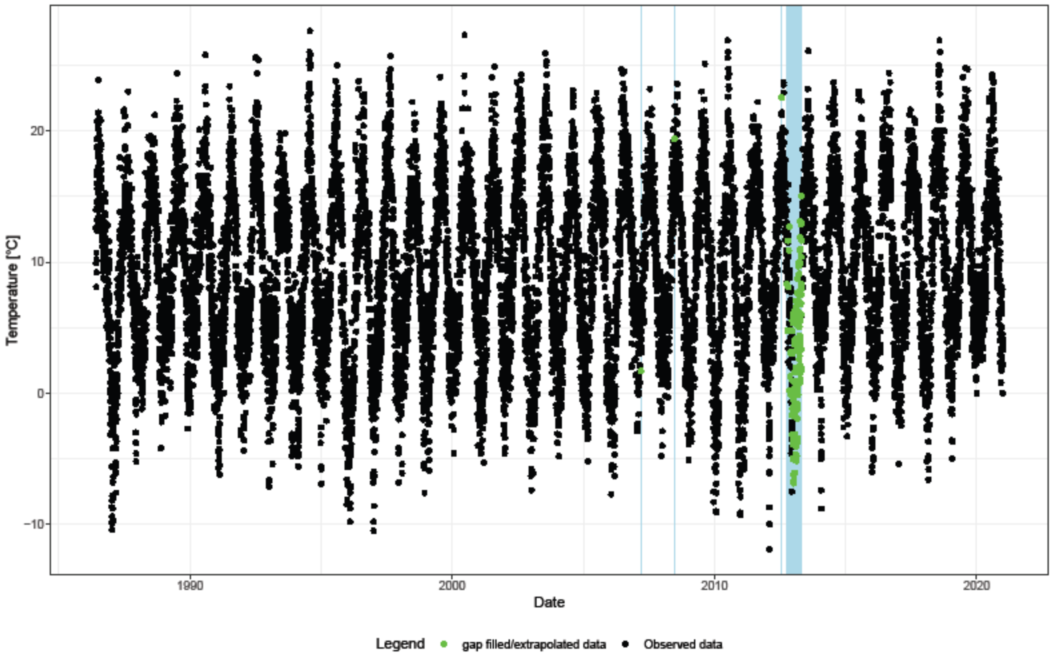

Figure SI 13 Daily temperature at the temperate grassland. Colors show observed (black) and gap filled or extrapolated (green) data.

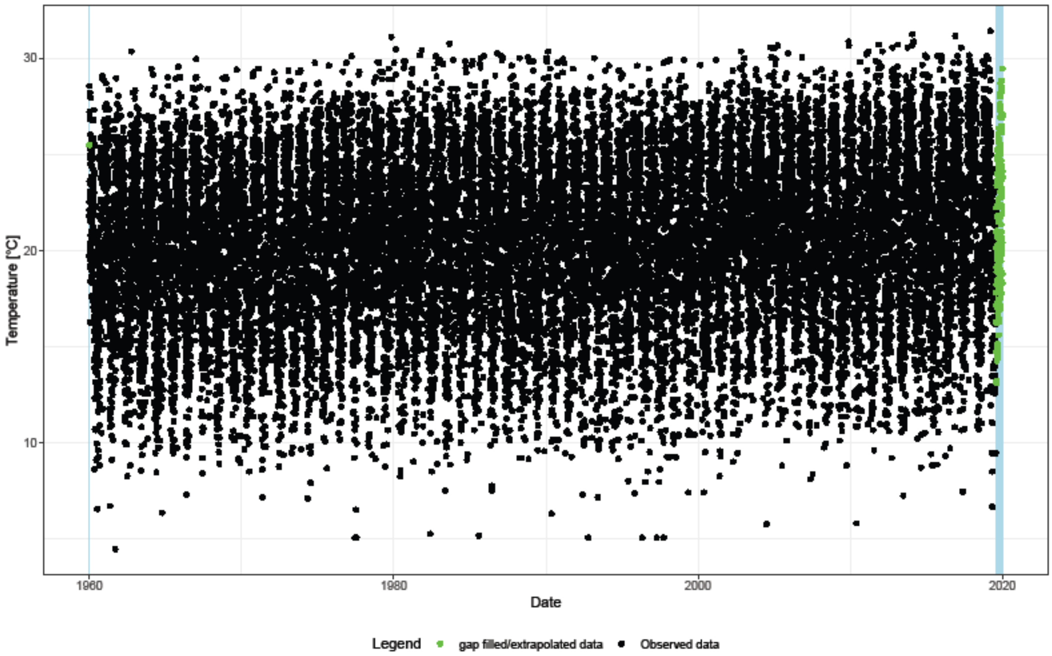

Figure SI 14 Daily temperature at the hot steppe. Colors show observed (black) and gap filled or extrapolated (green) data.

For the precipitation (Figure SI 16 and Figure SI 17) we used a sampler for gap filling and extrapolation because the spline fitting did overestimate the number of days with precipitation. We sampled the missing values directly from the observed data at randomly drawn percentiles. This ensures, that the gap-filled data have a similar distribution compared to the original data.

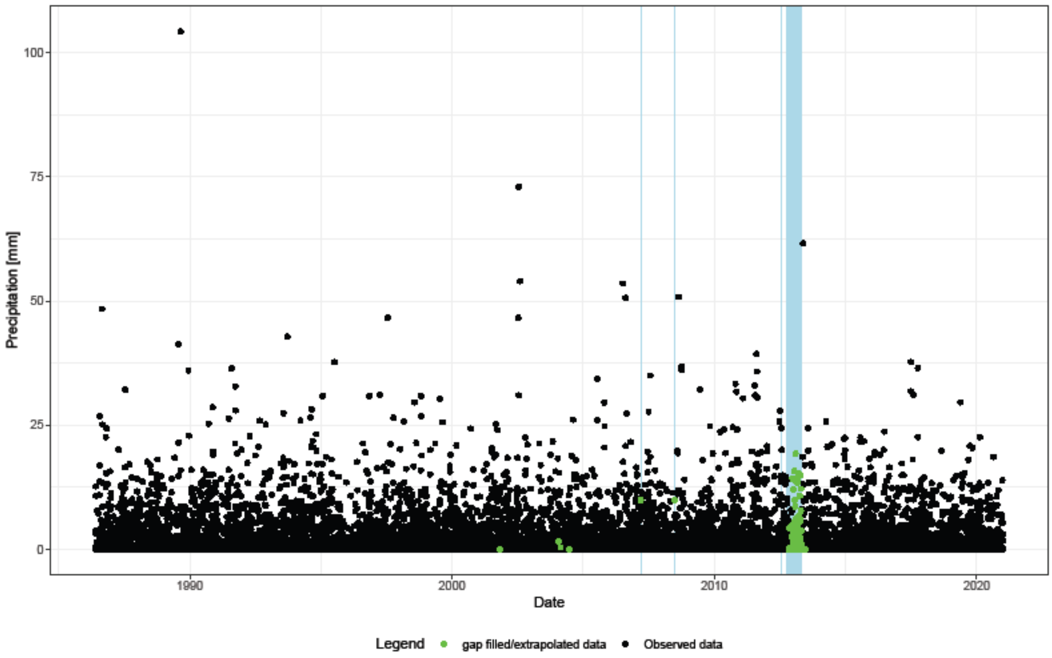

Figure SI 15 Daily precipitation at the temperate grassland. Colors show observed (black) and gap filled or extrapolated (green) data.

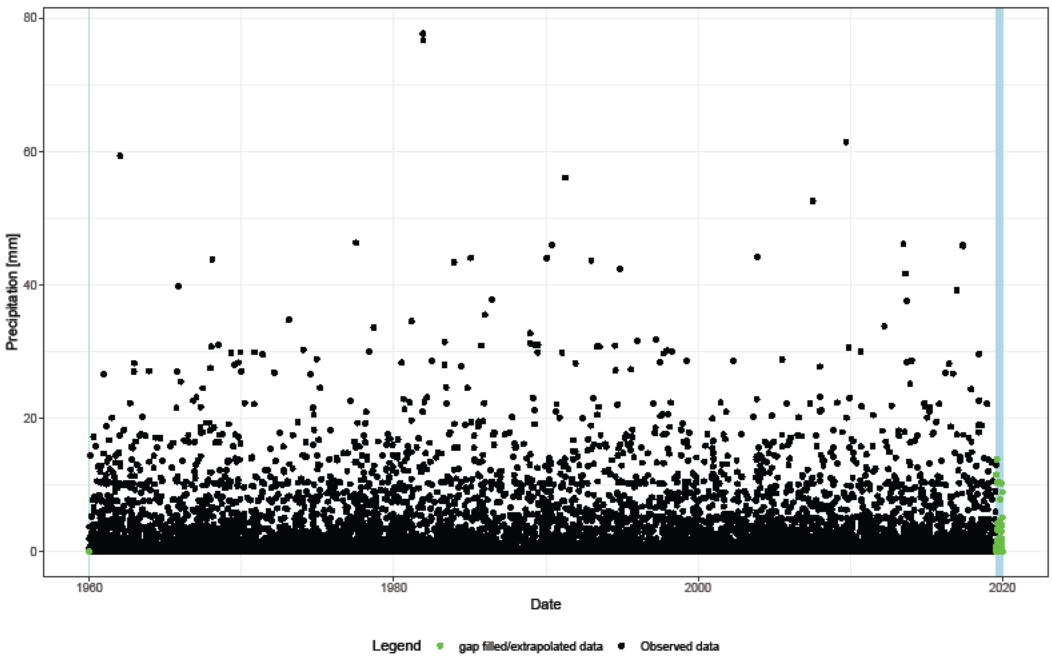

Figure SI 16 Daily precipitation at the hot steppe. Colors show observed (black) and gap filled or extrapolated (green) data.

Table SI 2 Overview of climate products used for the simulations

Site	Variable	Gap-filling	x_{min} to x_{max}	Extrapolation	x_{min} to x_{max}	Source
Temperate grassland	Temperature	Yes	1^{st}-99^{th} percentile	Yes	1^{st}-99^{th} percentile	(DWD, 2021)
Temperate grassland	Precipitation	Yes	-	Yes	-	(DWD, 2021)
Temperate grassland	Radiation	No	-	No	-	-
Temperate grassland	Wind	No	-	No	-	-
Hot steppe	Temperature	No	1^{st}-99^{th} percentile	Yes	5^{th}-95^{th} percentile	(Munjonji et al., 2020)
Hot steppe	Precipitation	No	-	Yes	-	(Munjonji et al., 2020)
Hot steppe	Radiation	No	-	No	-	(Lange and Büchner, 2022)
Hot steppe	Wind	No	-	No	-	(Lange and Büchner, 2022)
Cold steppe	Temperature	No	-	No	-	(Hoffmann et al., 2016; Schönbach et al., 2012)
Cold steppe	Precipitation	No	-	No	-	(Hoffmann et al., 2016; Schönbach et al., 2012)
Cold steppe	Radiation	No	-	No		-
Cold steppe	Wind	No	-	No	-	(Lange and Büchner, 2022)

Soil texture

Data on sand, silt and clay content of the soils were used to determine the texture class and hydraulic parameters. Data for each site were available and are listed in Table SI 3.

Table SI 3 Sand, silt and clay content of the soils at each site.

Site	Sand [%]	Silt [%]	Clay [%]	Source
Temperate grassland	61	24.2	14.8	(Reinsch et al., 2018a, 2018b)
Hot steppe	80	12	8	(Munjonji et al., 2020)
Cold steppe	62.7	16.8	20.5	(Wiesmeier et al., 2011)

Fixed parameters

In addition to the PFT specific parameters we calibrated, we changed several parameters to capture sites specific management and history (Table SI 4).

Table SI 4 Adjusted global parameter values

Parameter	Temperate grassland	Hot steppe	Cold steppe
$lsuha_{spinup}$	1.0	$0.\overline{1}$	1.0
$animal_{bw}$	650	450	35
$grazing_{stubble}$	5	5	2
$nfrac_{grassharvest}$	1.0	-	-
$first\_irrig\_year$	-	2014	2005

R packages

We used several R packages for data handling and plotting (Table SI 5). The ggradar package was not loaded but the ggradar function was adapted to create ggradar_expression.

Table SI 5 R-packages used for pre/postprocessing and data visulisation

Package (version)	Source
ggplot2(3.3.6), tidyr(1.1.4), dplyr(1.0.7), purr(0.3.4), readr(2.0.2) , stringr(1.4.0), tibble(3.1.8)	(Wickham et al., 2019)
rlang(1.0.4)	(Henry et al., 2022)
ggtern(3.3.5)	(Hamilton and Ferry, 2018)
magrittr(2.0.3)	(Bache and Wickham, 2022)
reshape2(1.4.4)	(Wickham, 2007)
plyr(1.8.6)	(Wickham, 2011)
doParallel(1.0.16)	(Microsoft Corporation and Weston, 2020)
foreach(1.5.1)	(Microsoft and Weston, 2020)
lubridate(1.7.10)	(Grolemund and Wickham, 2011)
tidyselect(1.1.1)	(Henry and Wickham, 2021)
gridExtra(2.3)	(Auguie, 2017)
MASS(7.3-53.1)	(Venables and Ripley, 2002)
Kendall(2.2.1)	(McLeod, 2022)
cowplot(1.1.1)	(Wilke, 2020)
ggradar(0.2)	(Bion, 2022)
LandMark (1.2.0)	(Kowalewski et al., 2018)
PIKTools (1.6)	(Kowalewski and Breier, 2021)

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