

Relict populations of *Araucaria angustifolia* will be isolated, poorly protected, and unconnected under climate and land-use change in Brazil

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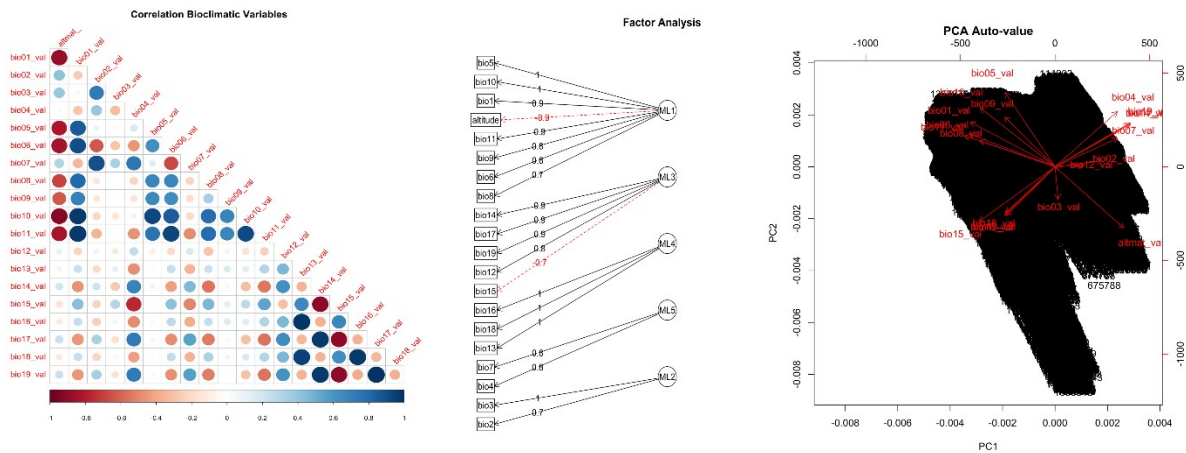


Figure S1. Three strategies to select bioclimatic variables for the Species Distribution Modelling. (left) The main strategy to select our climatic variables was the correlation graph, where we selected “Annual Mean Temperature (°C)” – bio01_val; “Mean Diurnal Range (Mean of monthly (max temp - min temp °C))” – bio02_val. We excluded “altitude” because it will not change in the future. (middle) Factor analysis: we selected “Annual Mean Temperature (°C)” – bio1; “Temperature seasonality (°C)” – bio4. (right) Principal Component Analysis (PCA): we selected “Temperature seasonality (°C)” – bio4; “Annual Mean Precipitation (mm.y⁻¹)” – bio12.

Table S1. Predictive performance of the ensemble model prior and based on committee averaging for *Araucaria*. Predictive performance before the binary conversion was evaluated by the Area Under de Curve (AUC) specifying a fixed threshold of 0.6 or 60%, where algorithms predicting *Araucaria* occurrence with values < 0.6 or 60% did not account for the committee averaging. The AUC was evaluated over the continuous prediction of *Araucaria* distribution after 10 model runs with 70% training and 30% testing data and 1 full dataset run (11 model runs X 5 selected algorithms). The mean AUC value was 0.788 (among 55 model runs), indicating very high predictive capacity. The True Skills Statistic (TSS), Sensitivity, and Specificity (all threshold-dependent) were selected to evaluate the statistical performance of the SDM algorithms: ANN, GAM, GLM, Maxent, and RF. All indexes' values were satisfactory to forecast *Araucaria* distribution, i.e. > 0.5 for TSS; > 0.65 for Sensitivity and Specificity.

Species	Algorithms (ANN, GAM, GLM, Maxent, RF)	Area Under the receive operation Curve (AUC)^a	True Skill Statistics (TSS)	Sensitivity (Sen)	Specificity (Spe)
<i>Araucaria angustifolia</i>	Ensemble	0.788	0.556	0.883	0.673

^a Before committee averaging

Table S2. Relative variable importance table showing which abiotic variables selected in the SDM were most relevant explaining potential *Araucaria* distribution in the present and future. Each algorithm used in the SDM presented an importance ranking value. The ranking is defined by the biggest importance value weighted amongst all five algorithms. Temperature-related variables (i.e. Annual Mean Temperature, Temperature Seasonality, and Mean Diurnal Range — °C) were the main variables explaining *Araucaria* projected distribution. Annual Precipitation (mm) was the fourth most important variable.

Species	Environmental variables	ANN	Maxent	Random Forest	GLM	GAM	Ranking
<i>Araucaria angustifolia</i>	<i>Annual Mean Temperature</i>	0.669	0.901	0.803	0.752	0.557	1
	<i>Mean Diurnal Range</i>	0.132	0.092	0.419	0.103	0.243	3
	<i>Temperature Seasonality</i>	0.414	0.095	0.387	0.138	0.220	2
	<i>Annual Precipitation</i>	0.263	0	0.385	0.002	0.074	4

Table S3. Bioclimatic niche calculated according to the Araucaria current distribution within the Mixed and Dense Forests. We computed the mean and the confidence interval (2.5 to 97.5%) values among all variables. The model confirmed the already known adaptation of Araucaria to lower temperatures (16.2°C), as well as the low mean diurnal range: 12°C. The altitude distribution varied from 5m to 1653m. Despite Araucaria’s adaptation to more elevated areas, the species occurs in transitional ecosystems, like the Dense Ombrophilous Forest and the Mixed Ombrophilous Forest. As part of the Atlantic Forest biome, the Mixed and Dense Forests have an elevated annual precipitation regime, indicating why the species’ average precipitation is > 1700 mm.y⁻¹.

Species	Confidence interval	Annual Mean Temperature (°C)	Mean diurnal range (°C)	Temperature seasonality (°C <i>standard deviation x 100</i>)	Mean Annual Precipitation (mm.y⁻¹)	Altitude (m)
<i>Araucaria angustifolia</i>	Mean	16.2	10.9	29.67	1701	645
	2.5%	14.1	14.1	25.69	1419	5
	97.5%	17.8	17.8	32.58	2072	1653

Table S4. The vulnerability of Araucaria to climate change under different scenarios: RCP 4.5 and 8.5; Full and Zero-Dispersal hypotheses; year 2085; with or without current land-use. We calculated the Percentage of Area Change (%) compared to the actual Species Distribution Area (SDA_c). The last column compares mean altitudinal (m) change in the future with current mean altitudinal optimal for Araucaria. As a subtropical species, Araucaria showed a common pattern to shift its centroid towards higher elevations, to tracking milder temperatures. This upward range contraction is explained because Annual Mean Temperature (°C) and Temperature seasonality were the main climatic variables explaining Araucaria projected distribution.

Species	Present Area (km ²) — SDA _c Suitable/ Land-use	RCP	Year	Dispersal Hypothesis	Area Future (km ²) — SDA _f Suitable/ Land-use	Percentage of Area Change (%) — Suitable/ Land-use	Current elevation (mean/m)	Future elevation shift (mean/m)
<i>Araucaria angustifolia</i>	135,468/ 108,174	4.5	2085	<i>Full</i>	47,683/ 36,365	-65/-66	645	1056
		4.5		<i>Zero</i>	47,558/ 36,240	-65/-66.5		1056
	8.5	<i>Full</i>		15,767/ 11,993	-88/-89	1142.5		
	8.5	<i>Zero</i>		15,766/ 11,993	-88/-89	1142.5		