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# Recent bark beetle damages in Bavaria, Germany

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# Bark beetle damage in Bavaria

- Spruce in Bavaria
- Weather condition 2015 - 2020
- Monitoring of *Ips typographus*
- Damage in Bavaria

# Spruce in Bavaria - I

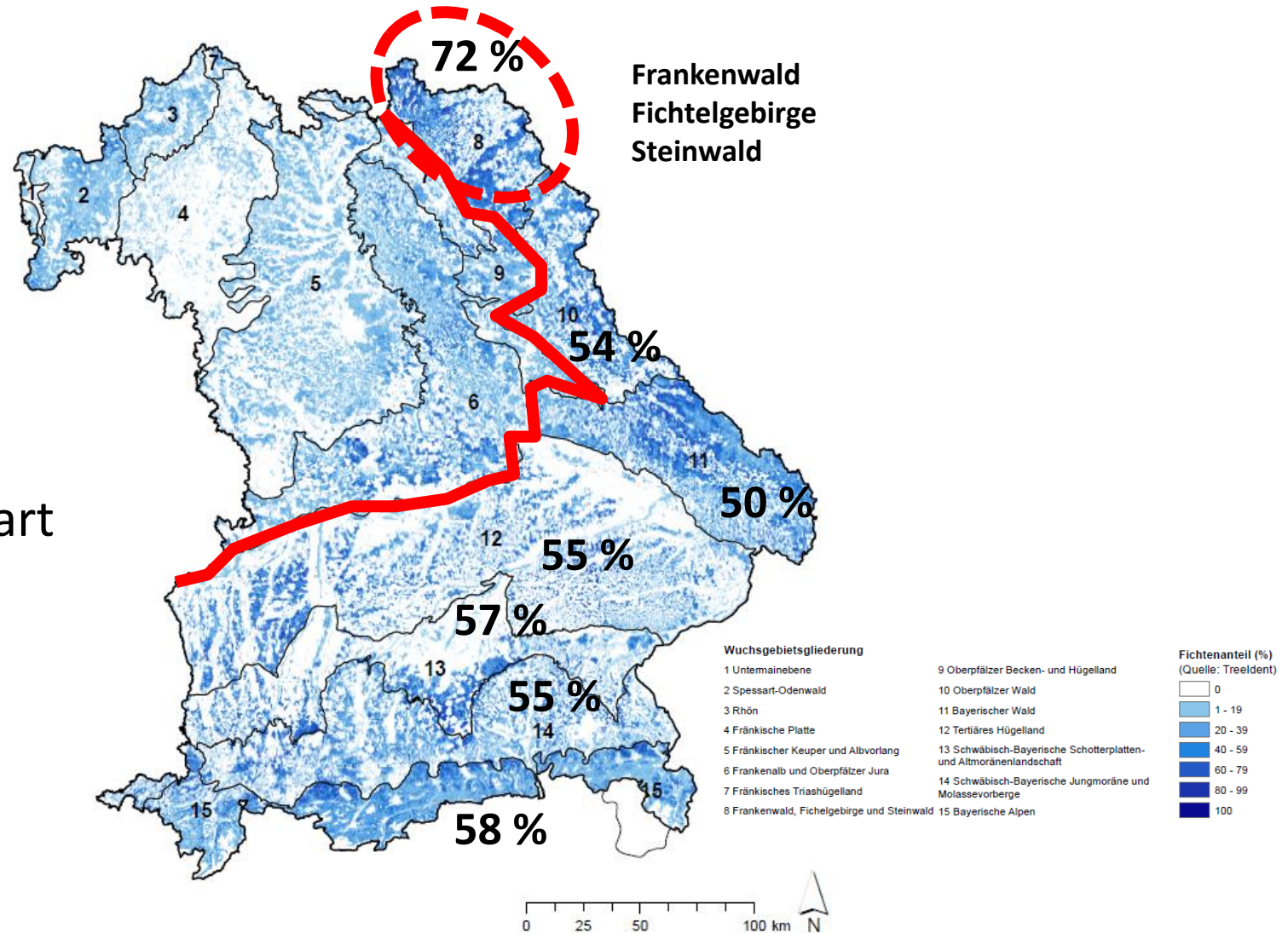
	Bavaria	Germany
Forest area [Million ha]	2.6 (23 %)	11.4 (100 %)
<i>Picea abies</i> area [Million ha]	1.0 (37 %)	2.7 (100 %)
Ratio <i>Picea abies</i> on Forest Area [%]	41	25.4
Source: National Forest Inventory 2012 (BWI 3)		



Source: NordNordWest - using United States National Imagery and Mapping Agency data, Wikipedia CC BY-SA 3.0

# Spruce in Bavaria - II

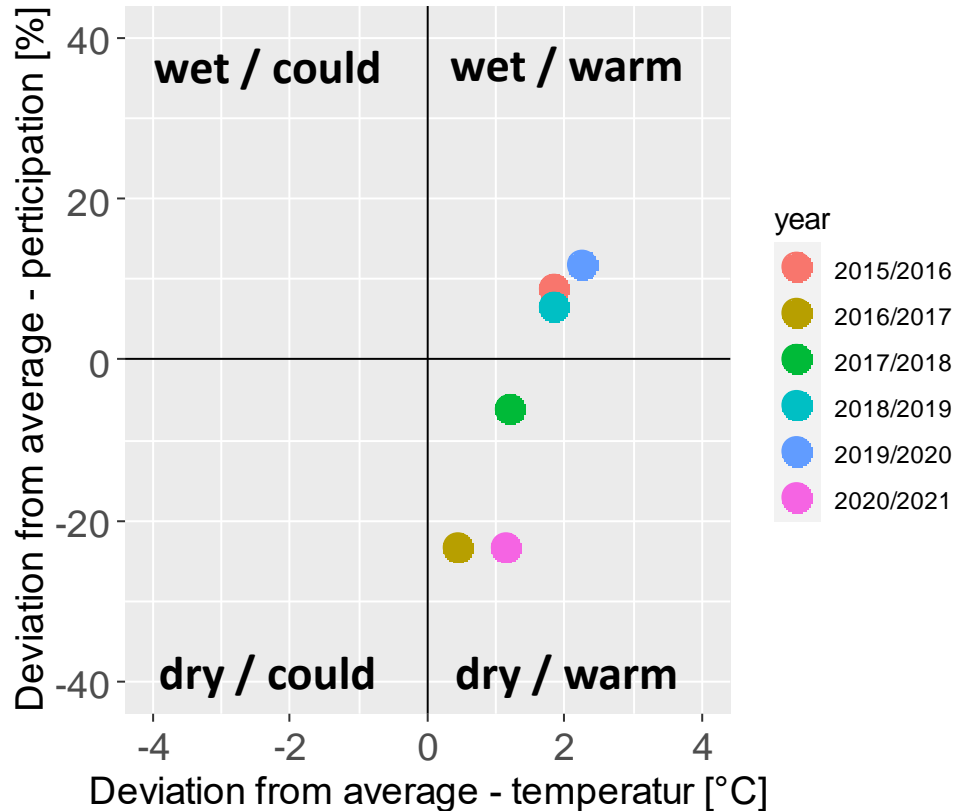
- regional differences in Spruce distribution
- Eastern, central and southern part of Bavaria with more than **50 % Spruce ratio**



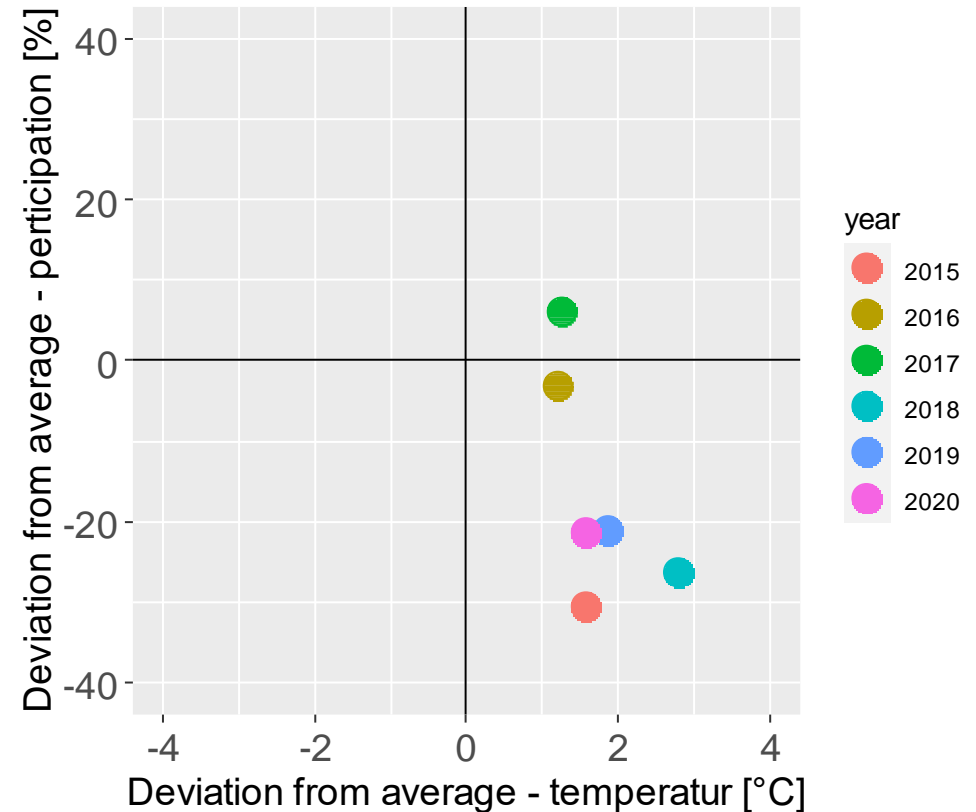
Spruce ratio in Bavaria

# Weather conditions 2015 to 2020

non-vegetation period (Oct. – March)



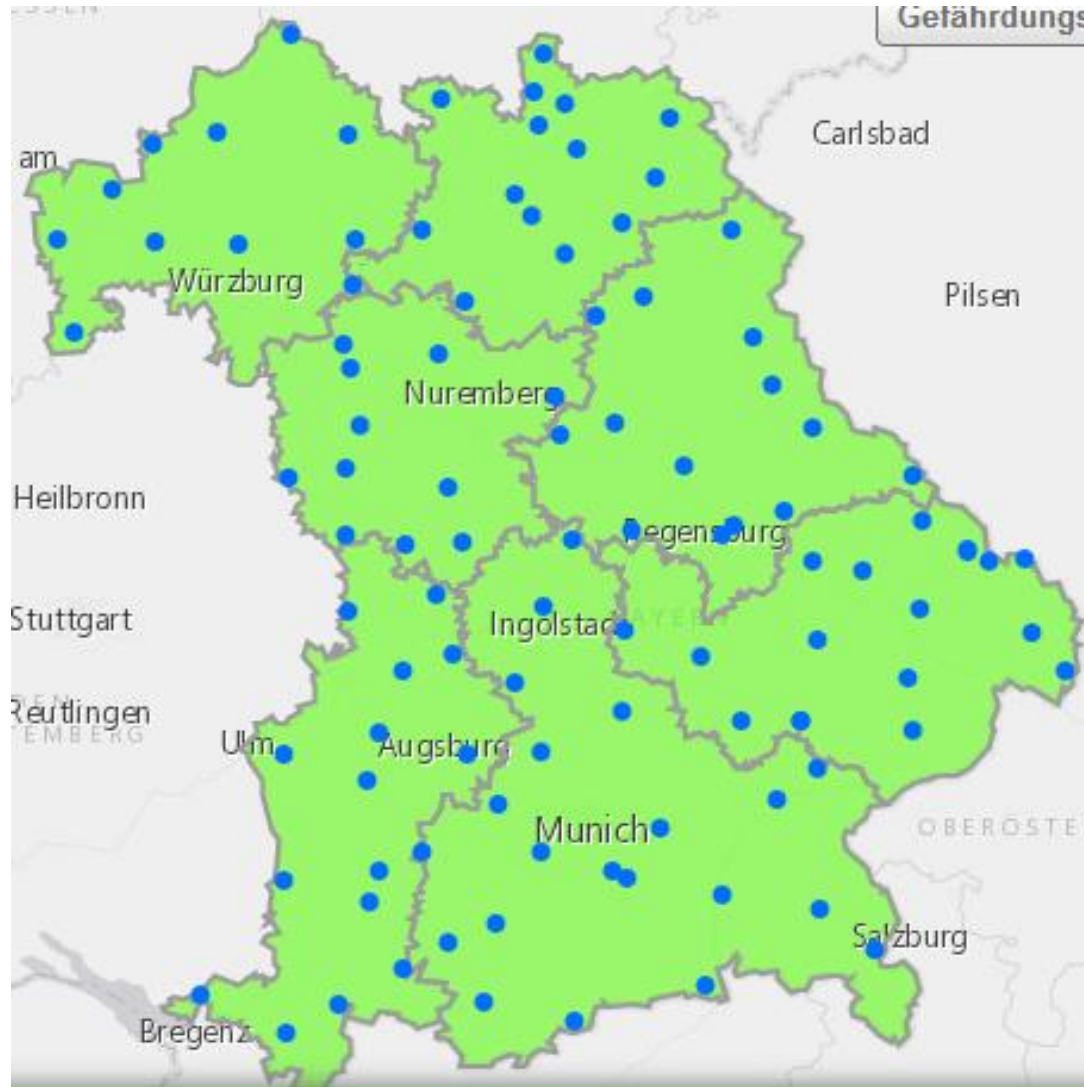
vegetation period (April – September)





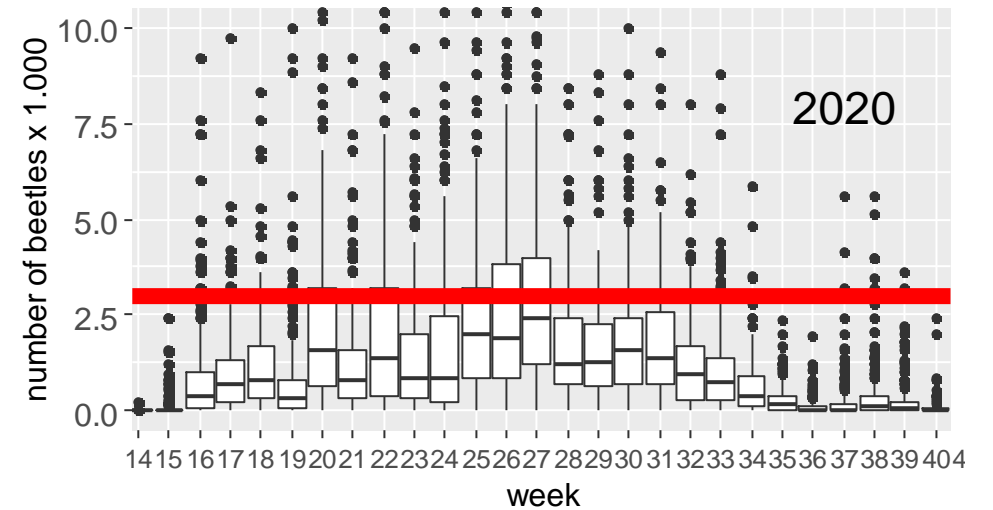
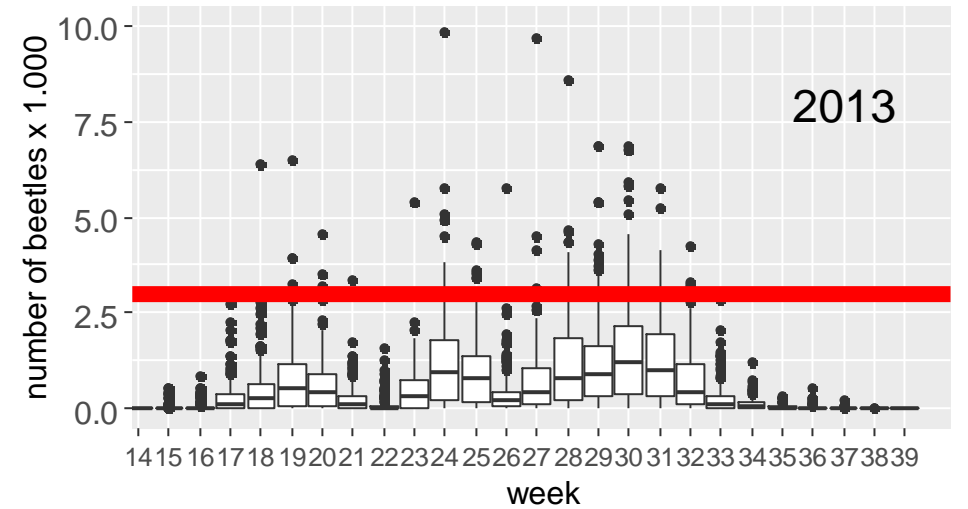
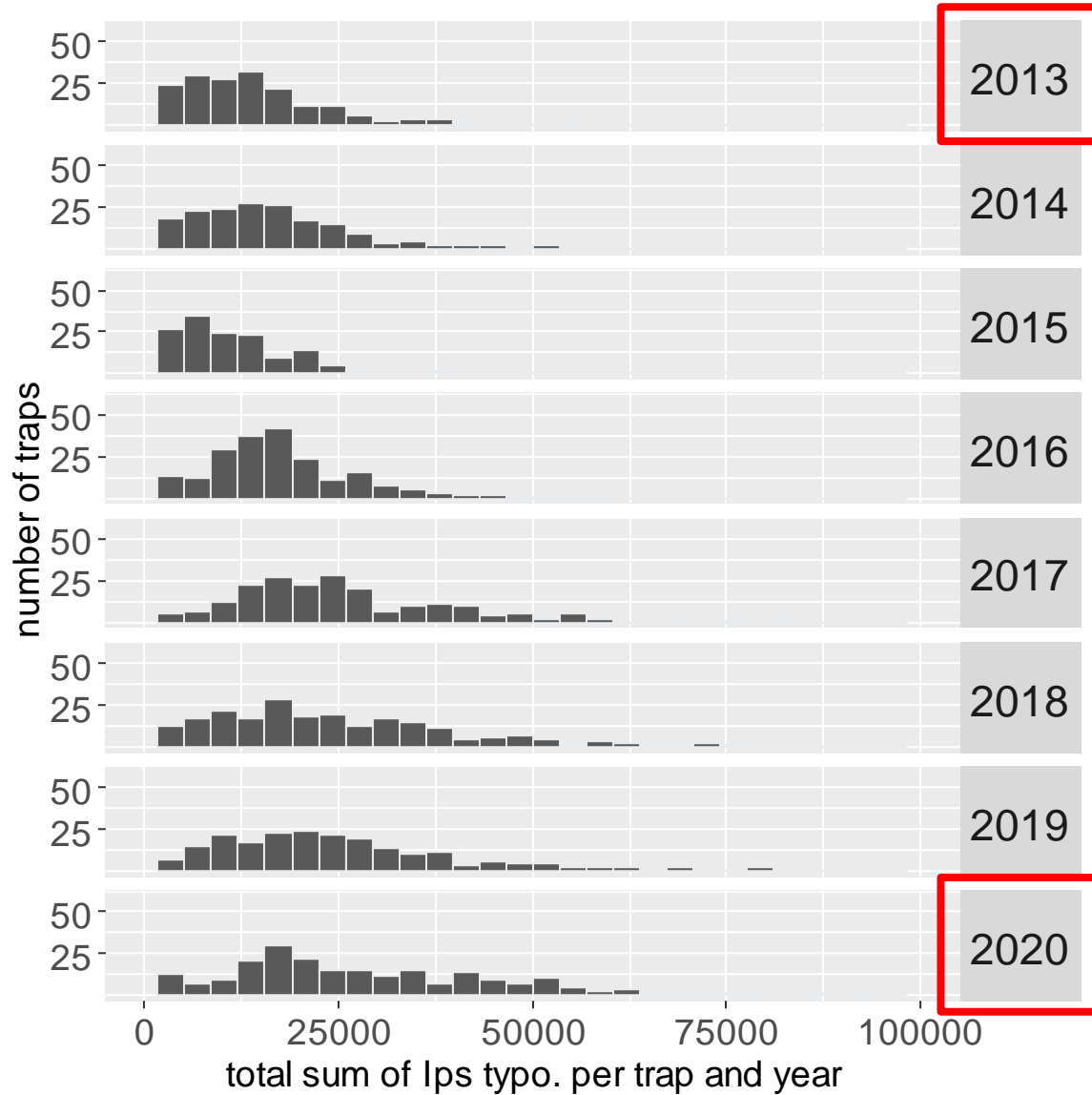
# Monitoring *Ips typographus*

- started **2006**, after the drought 2003
- 120 monitoring on fixed sites consisting of
  - 2 traps *Ips typographus*
  - 2 traps *Pityog. chalcographus*
  - 1 trap *Ips duplicatus* (since 2019)
- Lures for *Ips typographus* produced by BASF®
- Flight Phenology of bark beetles

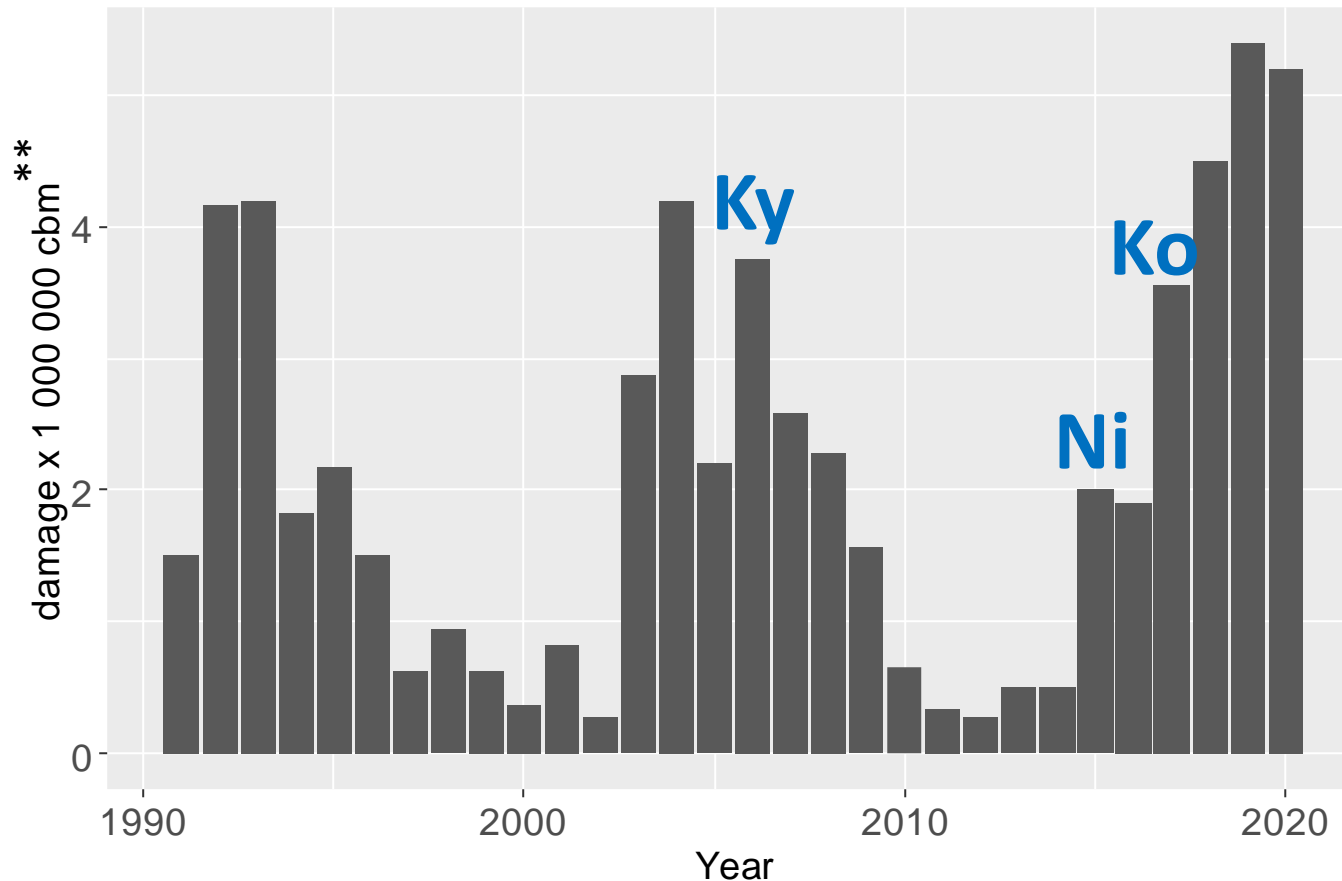


<https://www.fovgis.bayern.de/borki/> or [www.borkenkaefer.org](http://www.borkenkaefer.org)

# Monitoring *Ips typographus*



# Bark beetle damage in Bavaria



## storms in Bavaria

1991 Vivien/Wiebke

2007 **Kyrill** – 4,0 Million cbm

2015 **Niklas** – 2,5 Million cbm

2017 **Kolle** – 2,3 Million cbm

average salvage\* of **all tree** species per year **22 Million cbm**

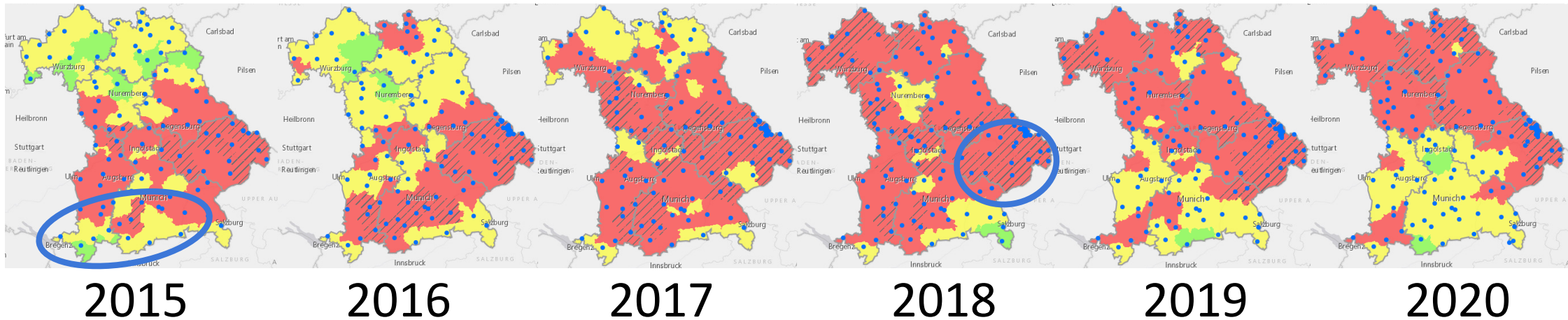
average salvage of **Spruce** and **Fir** per year **16 Million cbm**

\* periode: 2002 – 2012; \*\* only damage due to bark beetle



# Bark beetle damage in Bavaria

Bark beetle risk assessment\* (map 30th September)

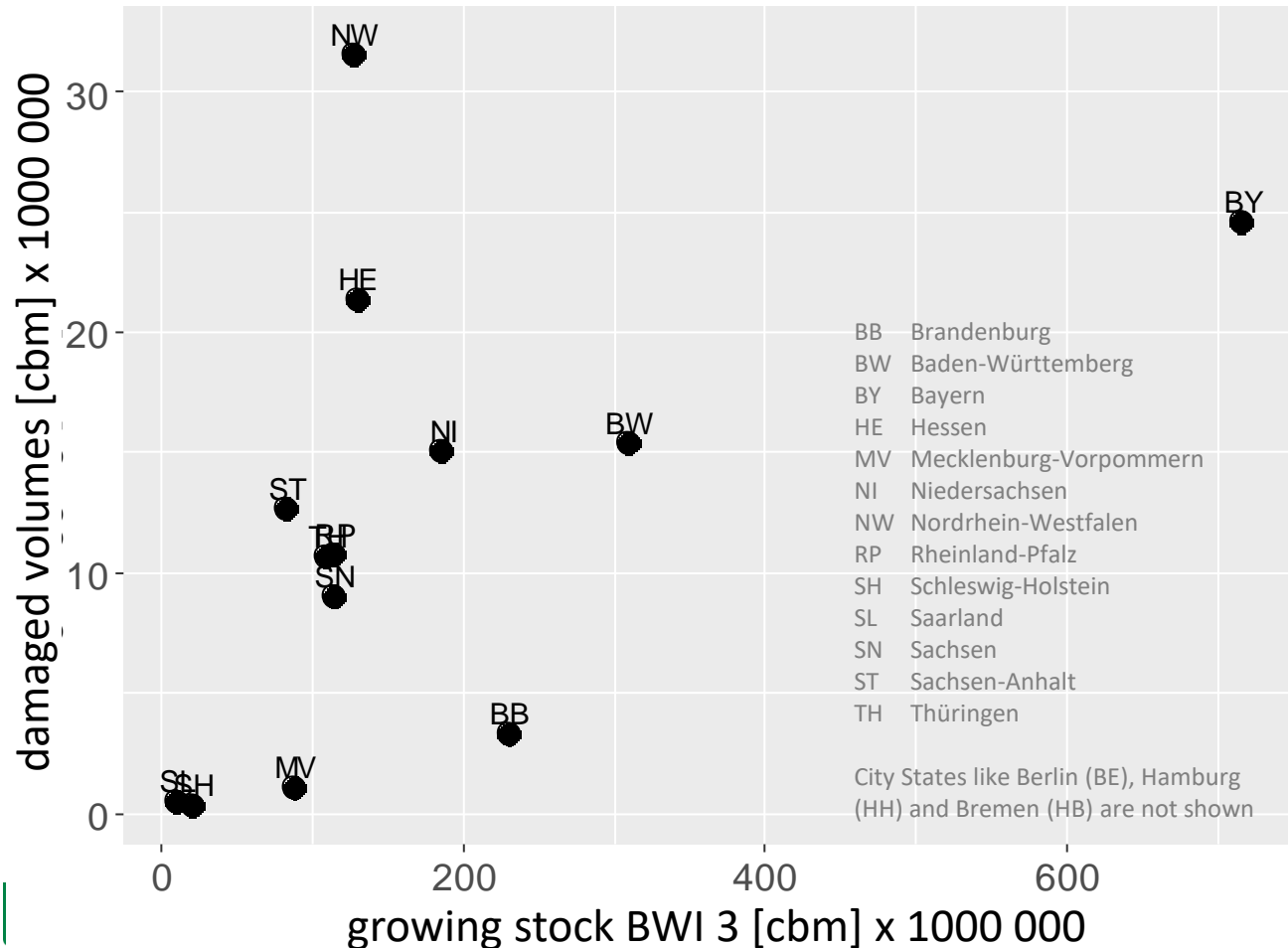


- spacial shift of bark beetle damage from 2015 to 2020  
drought + (regional storm Niklas)      →      drought
- storms regional scale
- hit the southern und southeastern part of Bavaria
  - 2015 March **Niklas** – 2,5 Million cbm
  - 2017 August **Kolle** – 2,3 Million cbm

\* similar a traffic light system (green, yellow, red, red with hachures), classified by district rangers for privat forest owners showing the need for search of attacked Spruces by Bark beetles:  
<https://www.fovgis.bayern.de/borki/>

# Damage inventory in Germany 2018-20

Damaged volumes of **all** coniferous tree species (*Picea*, *Pinus*, *Abies* + others) in 2018 – 2020 in federal states in Germany



David Liuzzo & Voland77, Wikipedia, States of Germany coded.svg

Sources: Damaged Volumes of **all coniferous** trees (*Picea*, *Pinus*, *Abies*) in 2018, 2019 and 2020 due to abiotic and biotic factors, **including Bark beetles** in Germany, Source: Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft, data for 2018 and 2019 see press release 40 - 2020 02 26; growing stock of **all coniferous** tree species: National Forest Inventory 2012 (BWI 3)

# Summary

- **historic high level** of damage, but not extrem catastrophic (regional exception in Bavaria: Frankenwald)
- switch from **storm** driven → **drought** driven bark beetle dynamics