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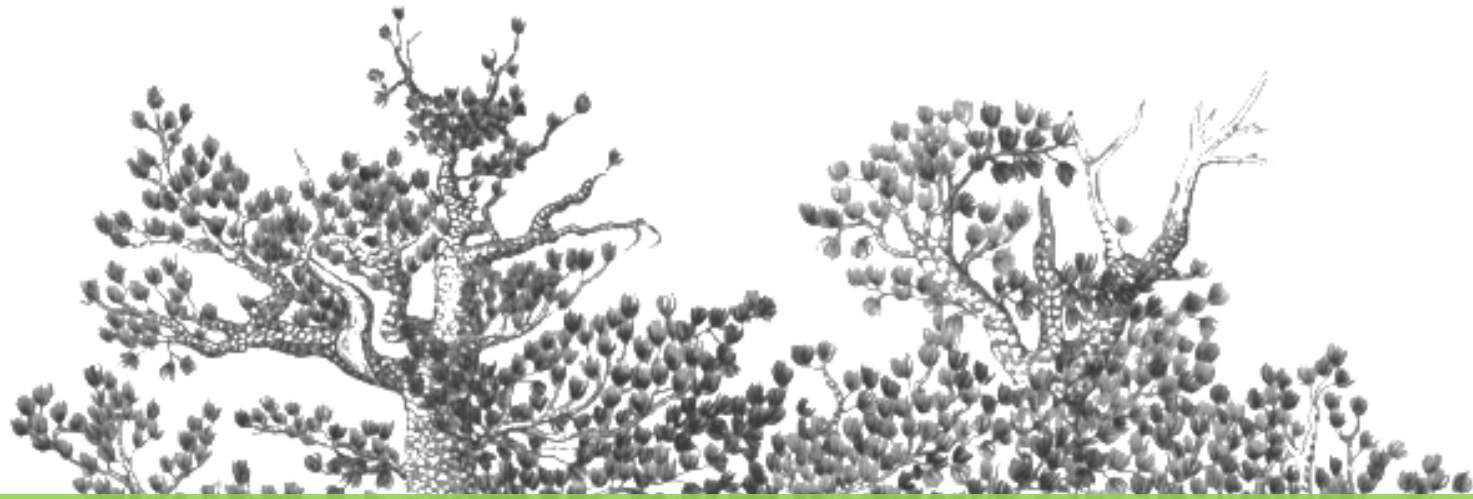
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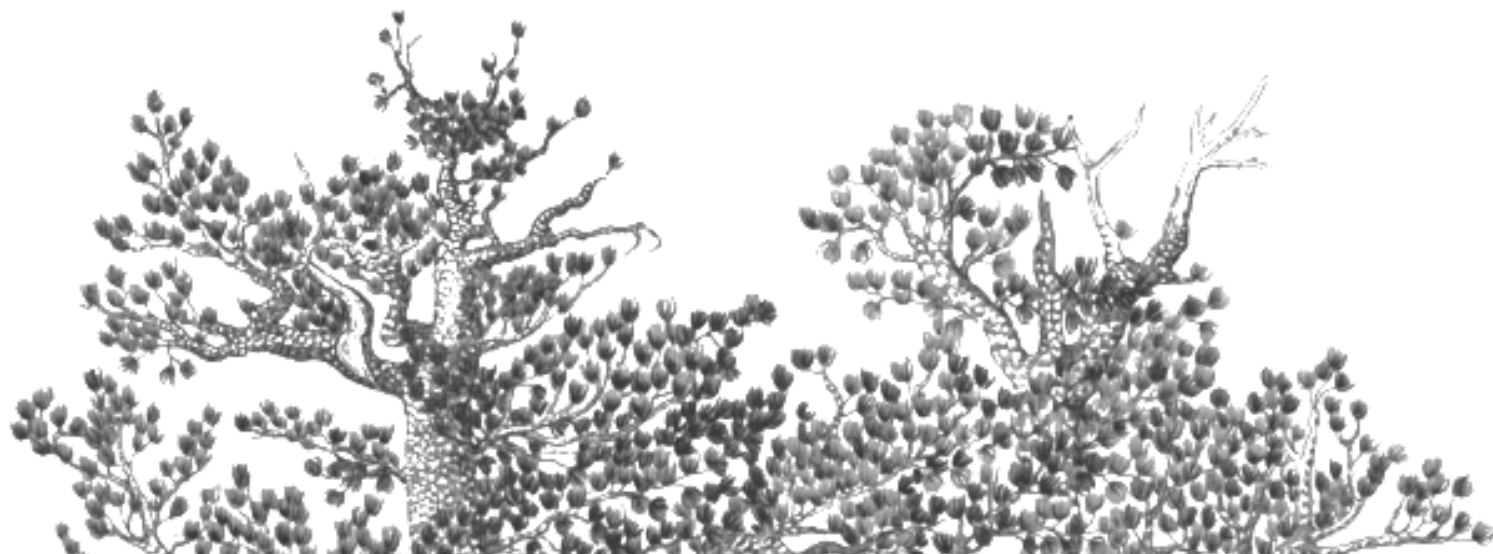






Research Questions

- (1) What is the prevalent study approach for whitebark pine research?
- (2) Does the amount of research conducted vary by study focus?
- (3) To what extent is research being conducted in the main three regions (interior rockies, pacific northwest and pacific southwest) for whitebark pine distribution?



Results



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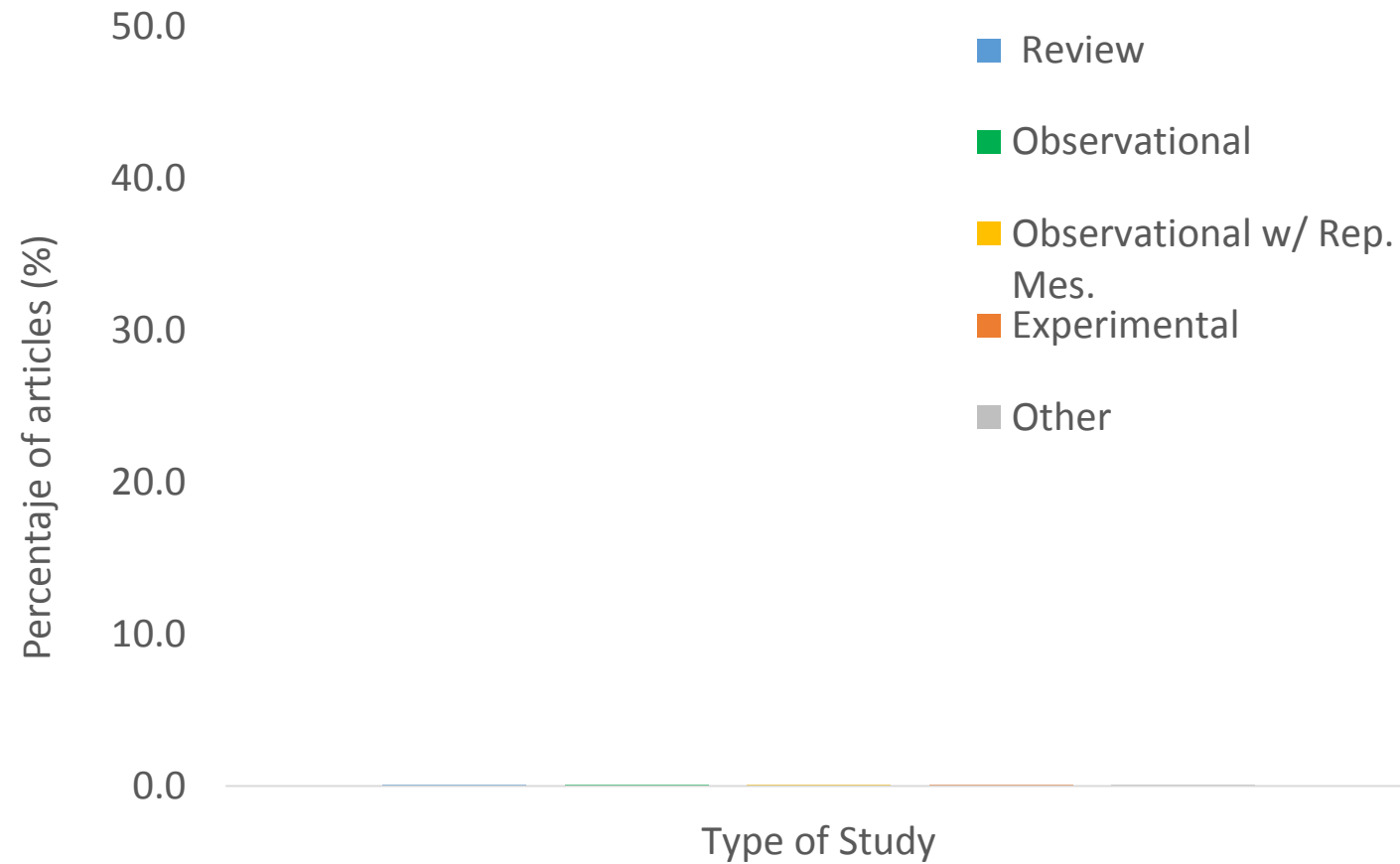


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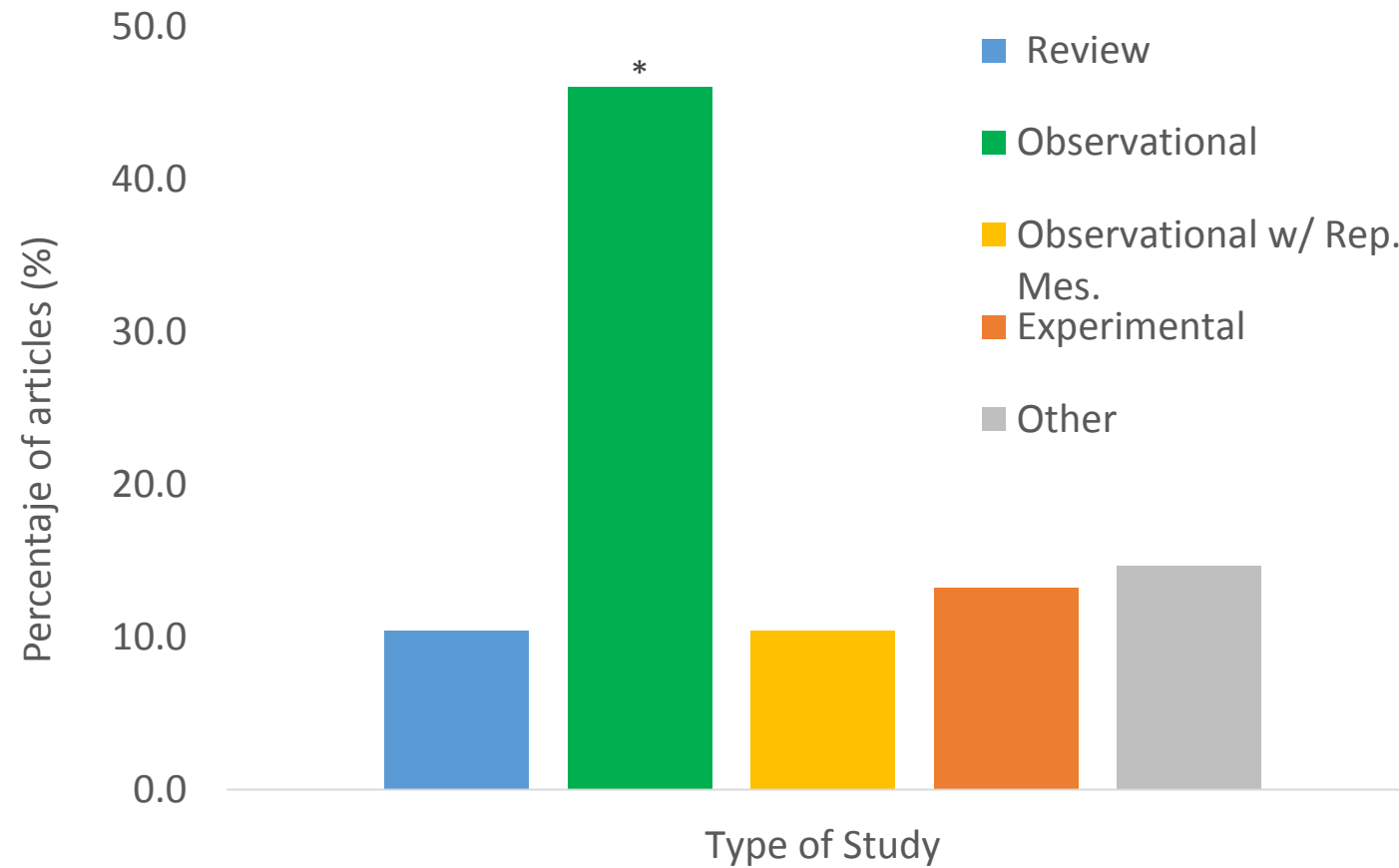


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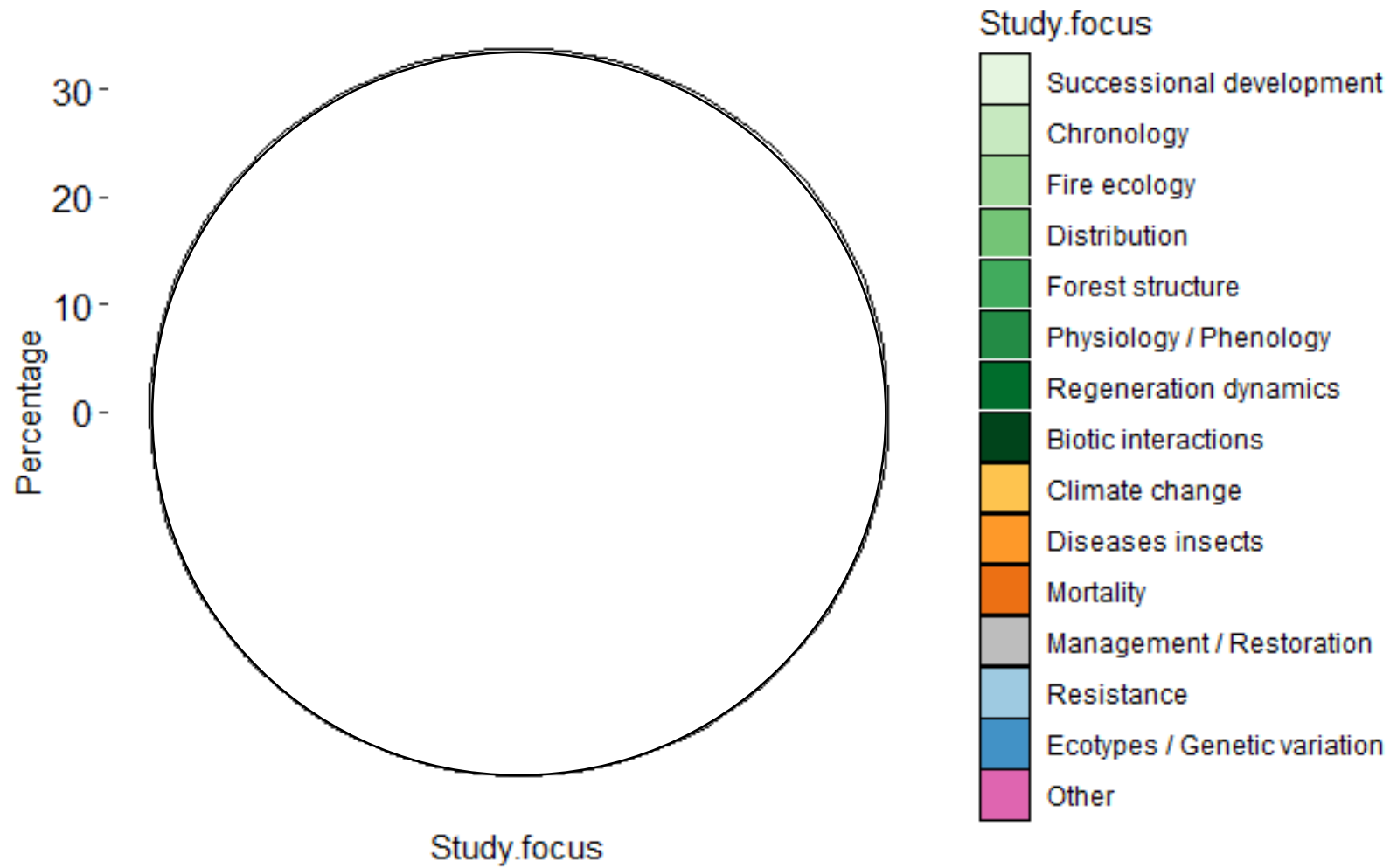


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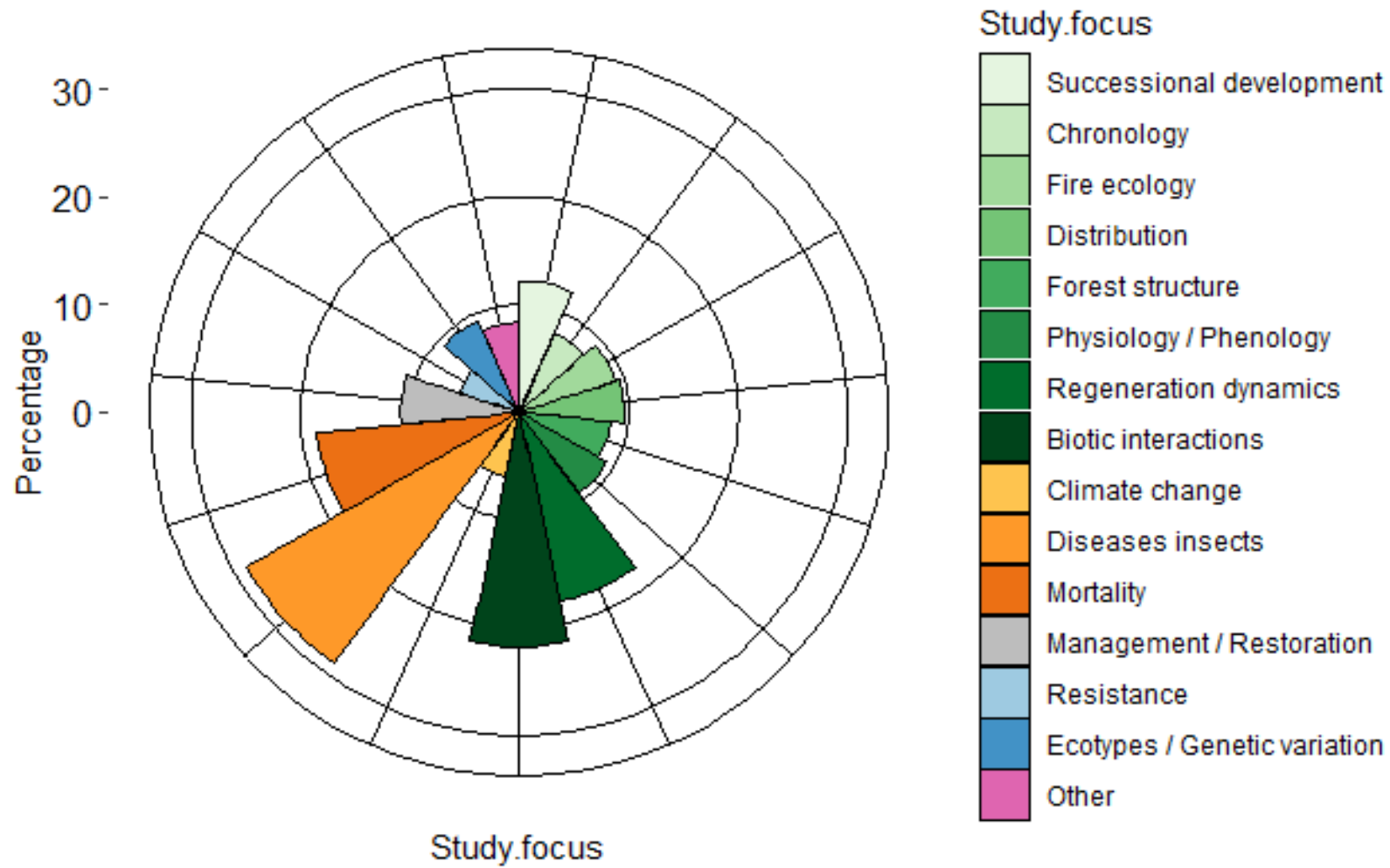


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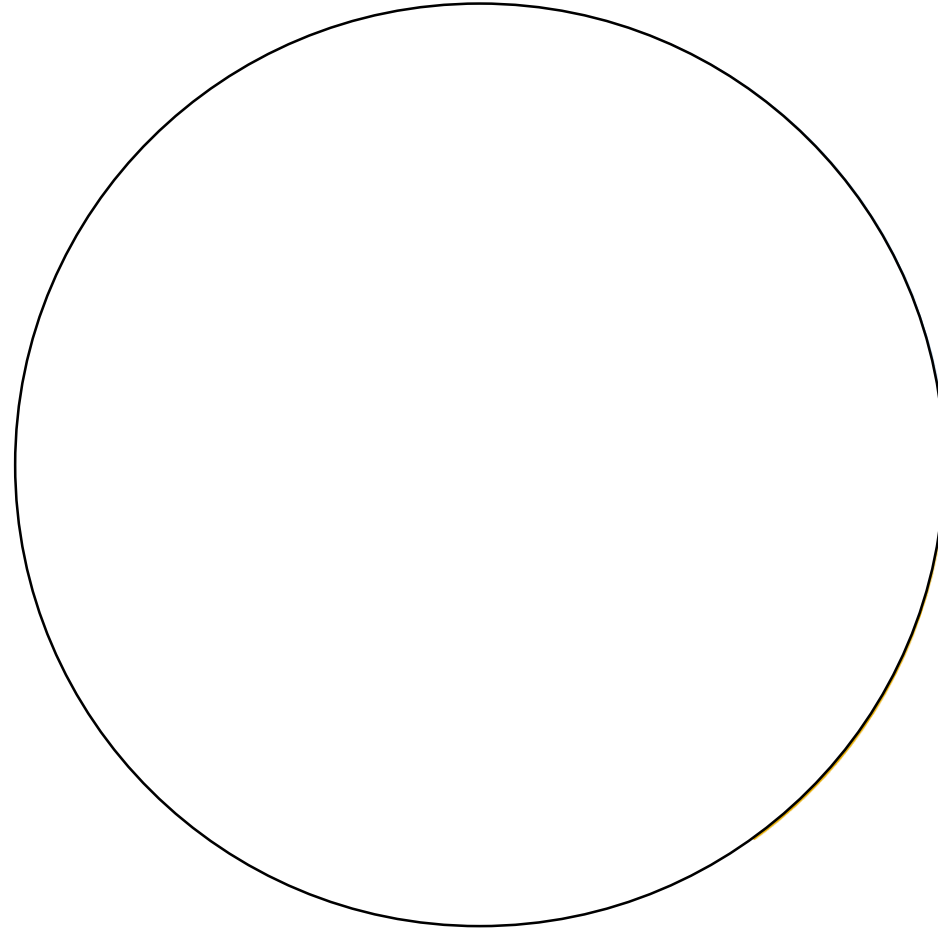


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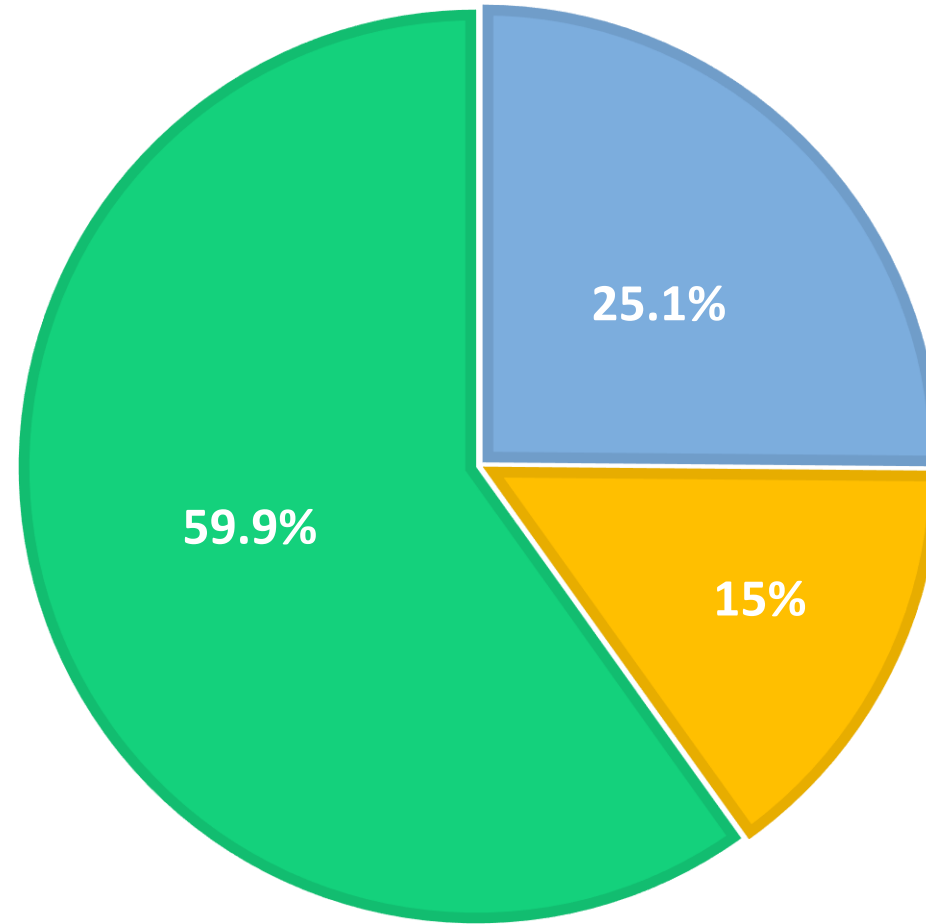


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A streetcar named opportunity

Experimental design and study approaches

- Necessity for immediate availability on the species basic biology and ecological dynamics
- Growing concern over the lack of power on observational inference at capturing real cause-effect relationship
- Highlights the difficulties for conducting question-based or long-term studies



Trend in Whitebark pine research focus

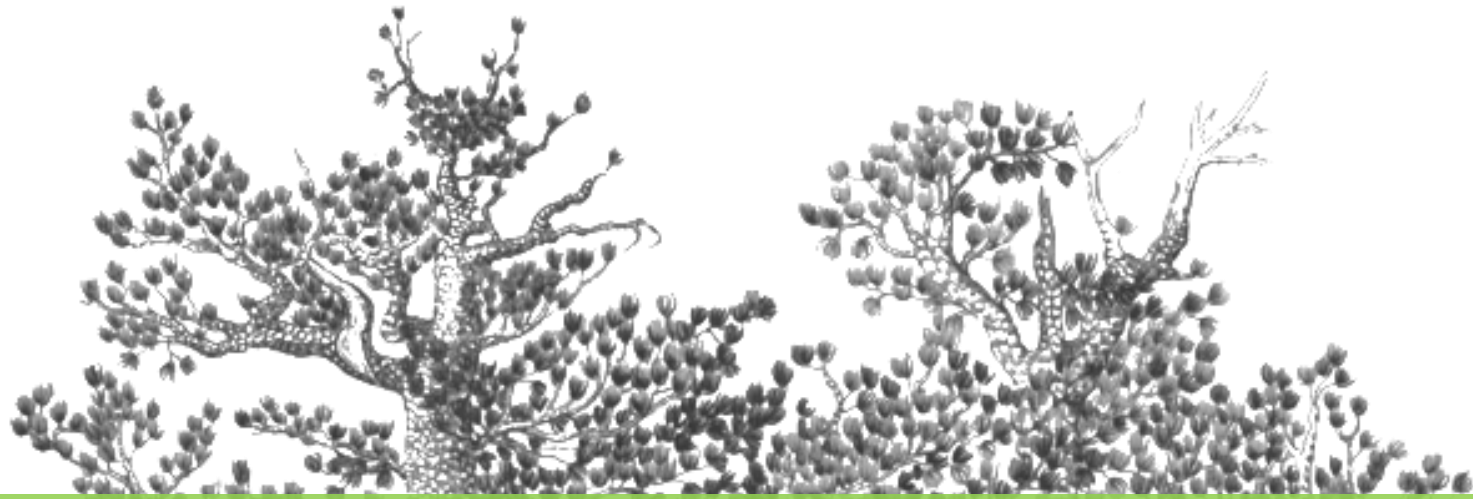
- Mainly oriented towards the species:
 - > Regeneration dynamics
 - > Drivers of population decline
- Still lack of reports on management success and failures of silvicultural treatments and prescribed fire for restoration



Research distribution and regional bias

- A potential regional research bias:
 - > larger protected areas with undisturbed communities
- Growing concern on the applicability of regional biased research
 - > impact on range-wide conservation strategies





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