

Supplementary materials

Developing a stand based growth and yield model for *Thuja (Tetraclinis articulata (Vahl) Mast)* in Tunisia

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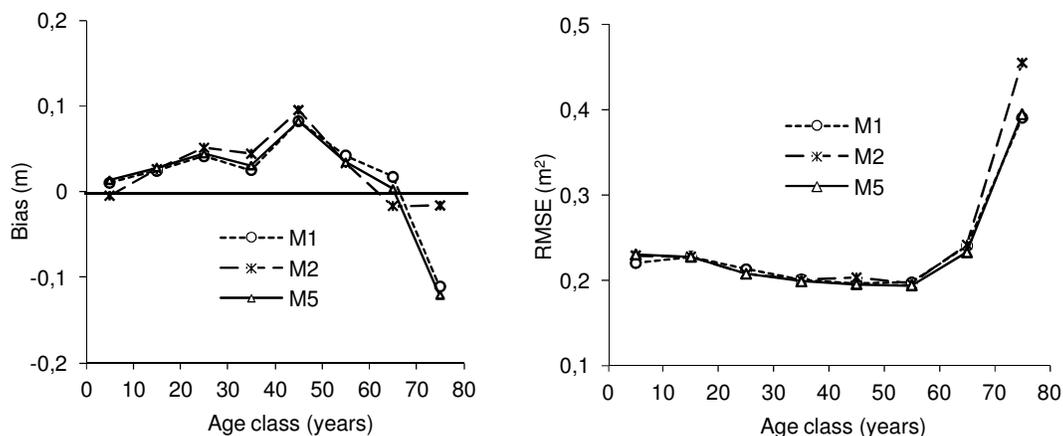


Fig. S1 - Bias and root mean square error (RMSE) in height estimation for site index models M1, M2 and M5 by 5-year age classes.



Fig. S2 - Relative error in height prediction (RE) related to choice of reference age for Model (M5) by 5-year age classes adjusted with CAR(2) and number of observation (n).

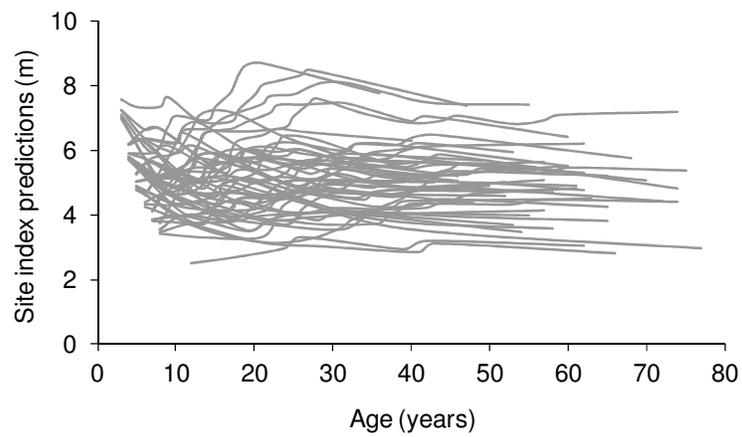


Fig. S3 - Site index predictions against age using model M5 and the stem analysis data.

Tab. S1 - Base models and GADA formulations considered.

Base equation	Parameter related to site	Solution for X with initial values (t_0, Y_0)	Dynamic equation	Model
Log-logistic (log-transformed) :	$\begin{cases} a_1 = b_1 + X \\ a_2 = b_2 / X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(Y_0 - b_1 \pm \sqrt{(b_1 - Y_0)^2 + 4b_2 Y_0 t_0^{-b_3}} \right)$	$Y = \frac{b_1 + X_0}{1 + b_2 / X_0 t^{-b_3}}$	(M1)
$Y = \frac{a_1}{1 + a_2 t^{-a_3}}$	$\begin{cases} a_1 = b_1 + X \\ a_2 = b_2 X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{Y_0 - b_1}{1 - b_2 Y_0 t_0^{-b_3}}$	$Y = \frac{b_1 + X_0}{1 + b_2 X_0 t^{-b_3}}$	(M2)
Bertalanffy-Richards :	$\begin{cases} a_1 = \exp(X) \\ a_3 = b_2 + b_3 / X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln Y_0 - b_2 F_0 \pm \sqrt{(b_2 F_0 - \ln Y_0)^2 - 4b_3 F_0} \right)$ with $F_0 = \ln(1 - \exp(-b_1 t_0))$	$Y = Y_0 \left(\frac{1 - \exp(-b_1 t)}{1 - \exp(-b_1 t_0)} \right)^{(b_2 + b_3 / X_0)}$	(M3)
	$\begin{cases} a_1 = \exp(X) \\ a_3 = b_3 / X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln Y_0 \pm \sqrt{(\ln Y_0)^2 - 4b_3 F_0} \right)$ with $F_0 = \ln(1 - \exp(-b_2 t_0))$	$Y = \exp(X_0) (1 - \exp(-b_2 t))^{b_3 / X_0}$	(M4)
	$\begin{cases} a_1 = \exp(X) \\ a_3 = b_3 + 1 / X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln Y_0 - b_3 F_0 \pm \sqrt{(\ln Y_0 - b_3 F_0)^2 - 4F_0} \right)$ with $F_0 = \ln(1 - \exp(-b_2 t_0))$	$Y = \exp(X_0) (1 - \exp(-b_2 t))^{b_3 + 1 / X_0}$	(M5)
Lundqvist-Korf	$\begin{cases} a_1 = \exp(X) \\ a_2 = b_2 / X \end{cases}$	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln Y_0 \pm \sqrt{(-\ln Y_0)^2 + 4b_2 t_0^{-b_3}} \right)$	$Y = \exp(X_0) \exp(-(b_2 / X_0) t^{-b_3})$	(M6)

Tab. S2 - Proposed stand density isolines for constructing SDMD

Isoline for	Equation	Values for isoline
SDI	$N = \left(\text{SDI} \left[\frac{a_0 H_0^{a_1}}{25} \right]^{-1.605} \right)^{\frac{1}{(1+1.605 a_2)}}$	SDI = 100 to 700 by 100
Dg	$N = \left(\frac{Dg}{a_0 H_0^{a_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{a_2}}$	Dg = 5 to 14 by cm
W _T	$N = \left(\frac{W_T}{b_0 a_0^{b_1} H_0^{(a_1 b_1 + b_2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{(b_3 + a_2 b_1)}}$	W _T = 5 to 140 by 10 t/ha
V	$N = \left(\frac{V}{c_0 a_0^{c_1} H_0^{(a_1 c_1 + c_2)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{(c_3 + a_2 c_1)}}$	Vol = 5 to 120 by 5 – 10 m ³ /ha
Ri	$N = \left(\frac{\log(R_i)}{d_0 D_i^{d_1} a_0^{d_2} H_0^{a_1 d_2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{a_2 d_2}}$	Ri = 0.10 to 0.40 by 0.05 D _i = 15 cm