

Supplementary Material

Fig. S1 - Details of the used containers. Shallow container CCS-18 (on the left) and deep container CCL-30 (on the right).



Fig. S2 - Panel of vegetable fiber composed per wicker branch (*Salix purpurea*), 0.50 m wide by 1.00 m long (above). Lateral view of the vegetable fiber tree shelters (VFT; on the left. Top view and detail of the solar light transmission between wicker branches (on the right).



Fig. S3 - View of a cleared shrubland strips (CSs) and undisturbed shrubland strips (USs) on both sides. In each strip, (CSs and USs) were combined with the other experimental treatments. Seedlings grown in the CCS-18 and CCL-30 containers, combined with vegetable fiber tree shelters (VFT) and without VFT (NVFT).



Fig. S4 - Ombroclimatic diagram. Monthly mean rainfall and temperature. Weather Station (Sierra Calderona; Fig. 1A: year 2011; Fig. 1B: year 2012. Data from CEAMET (CEAM); Fig. 1C: Historical series data of the Segorbe HS weather station (years 1961 to 1990; Pérez Cuevas, 1994).

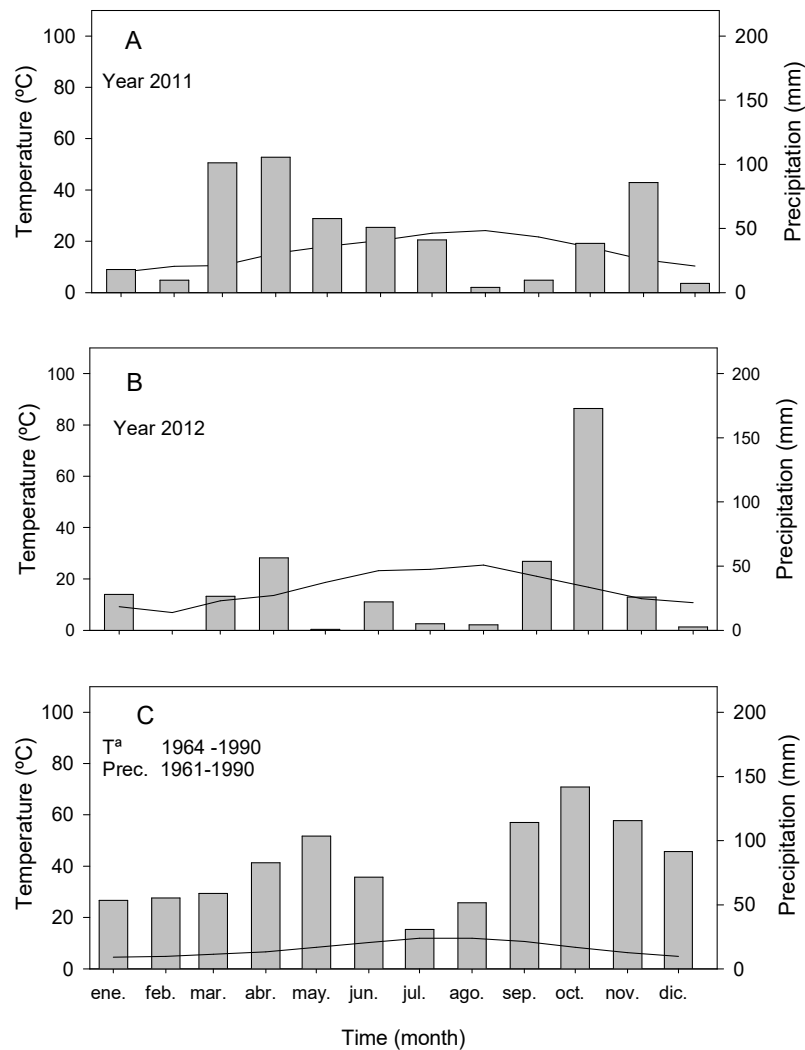
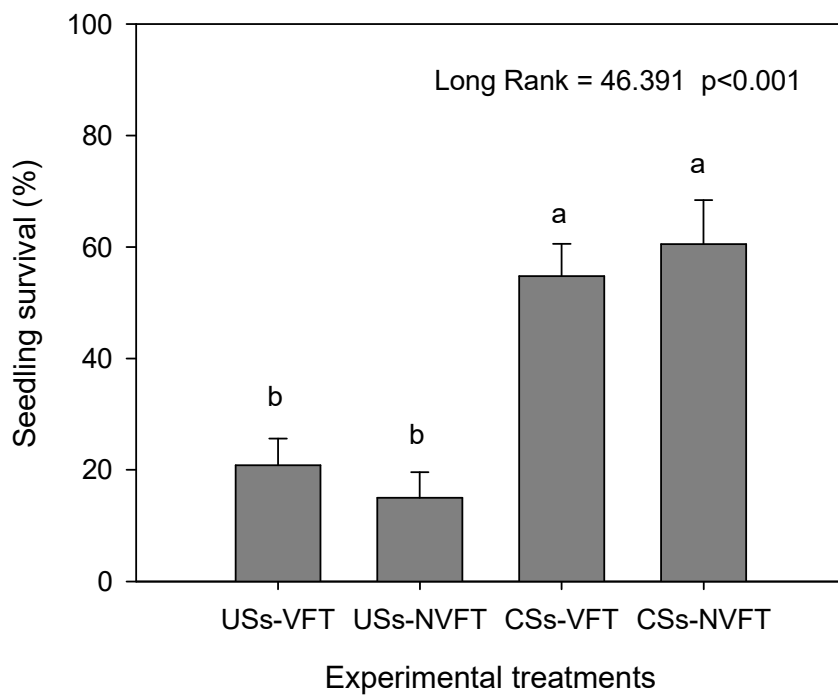


Fig. S5 - Seedling survival by the combined effect of the two experimental treatments. Cleared shrubland strips (CSs); undisturbed shrubland strips (USs); vegetable fiber tree shelters (VFT); without vegetable fiber tree shelters (NVFT).



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Tab. S1 - Measures taken in June 2011 of soil water content (*SWC*, %), water potential at midday (Ψ_{md} , -MPa), leaf chlorophyll content (*LCC*, units SPAD), and maximum efficiency of photosystem PSII (*Fv/Fm* at predawn and midday) per experimental site. Results of the GLM univariate, three-way ANOVA; factors: tree shelters (T_f), container type (CT_f) and shrubland management (SM_f); the F value in bold indicates significant difference $p < 0.05$; significance *** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$; ns: not significant; ⁽¹⁾ tendency $p < 0.1$.

| Site | Effects of factors and interactions | F value | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | <i>SWC</i> | Ψ_{md} | <i>LCC</i> | <i>Fv/Fm</i> _{pd} | <i>Fv/Fm</i> _{md} |
| Puntal de la Bella | SM_f | 2.482 ns | 0.719 ns | 2.717 ns | 1.232 ns | 1.926 ns |
| | T_f | 0.449 ns | 6.696 * | 0.018 ns | 4.744 * | 0.390 ns |
| | CT_f | 0.030 ns | 2.122 ns | 4.645 * | 0.854 ns | 0.406 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f$ | 0.862 ns | 1.230 ns | 1.860 ns | 0.020 ns | 0.056 ns |
| | $SM_f * CT_f$ | 0.148 ns | 0.057 ns | 8.638 ** | 0.587 ns | 0.008 ns |
| | $T_f * CT_f$ | 0.261 ns | 0.398 ns | 2.010 ns | 0.000 ns | 0.620 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | 1.205 ns | 0.957 ns | 0.133 ns | 1.618 ns | 0.208 ns |
| El Sapo | SM_f | 3.863 ns ⁽¹⁾ | 0.868 ns | 1.030 ns | 1.205 ns | 0.167 ns |
| | T_f | 0.442 ns | 2.450 ns | 1.279 ns | 10.519 ** | 0.228 ns |
| | CT_f | 5.297 * | 0.272 ns | 0.865 ns | 0.100 ns | 1.379 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f$ | 0.227 ns | 0.012 ns | 3.005 ns | 0.332 ns | 0.216 ns |
| | $SM_f * CT_f$ | 0.079 ns | 0.312 ns | 0.019 ns | 0.246 ns | 0.003 ns |
| | $T_f * CT_f$ | 0.402 ns | 0.450 ns | 0.004 ns | 0.344 ns | 0.240 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | 0.058 ns | 0.612 ns | 2.968 ns | 0.002 ns | 3.643 ns |
| Tristán | SM_f | 4.920 * | 6.919 * | 2.250 ns | 0.237 ns | 0.926 ns |
| | T_f | 0.080 ns | 7.074 * | 2.527 ns | 6.487 * | 0.023 ns |
| | CT_f | 0.292 ns | 2.258 ns | 2.263 ns | 0.219 ns | 2.062 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f$ | 1.552 ns | 0.061 ns | 0.040 ns | 0.464 ns | 0.003 ns |
| | $SM_f * CT_f$ | 0.111 ns | 0.330 ns | 3.025 ns | 1.456 ns | 0.031 ns |
| | $T_f * CT_f$ | 0.365 ns | 4.282 * | 0.922 ns | 3.092 ns | 0.405 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | 0.031 ns | 2.270 ns | 0.318 ns | 0.758 ns | 0.007 ns |

Tab. S2 - Measures taken in August 2011 of soil water content (*SWC*, %), water potential at midday (Ψ_{md} , -MPa), leaf chlorophyll content (*LCC*, units SPAD), and maximum efficiency of photosystem PSII (Fv/Fm at predawn and midday) per experimental site. Results of the GLM univariate, three-way ANOVA; factors: tree shelters (T_f), container type (CT_f) and shrubland management (SM_f); the F value in bold indicates significant difference $p < 0.05$; significance *** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$; ns: not significant; ⁽¹⁾ tendency $p < 0.1$.

| Site | Effects of factors and interactions | F value | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | | <i>SWC</i> | Ψ_{md} | <i>LCC</i> | Fv/Fm_{pd} | Fv/Fm_{md} |
| Puntal de la Bella | SM_f | 8.436 * | 47.007 *** | 0.522 ns | 0.067 ns | 7.067 * |
| | T_f | 0.021 ns | 0.438 ns | 2.097 ns | 0.053 ns | 0.377 ns |
| | CT_f | 0.20 ns | 0.457 ns | 3.578 ns ⁽¹⁾ | 0.394 ns | 0.031 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f$ | 0.325 ns | 2.236 ns | 0.032 ns | 0.133 ns | 0.332 ns |
| | $SM_f * CT_f$ | 0.036 ns | 2.416 ns | 0.012 ns | 0.088 ns | 0.156 ns |
| | $T_f * CT_f$ | 0.049 ns | 0.318 ns | 2.539 ns | 0.122 ns | 0.279 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | 0.648 ns | 1.474 ns | 1.945 ns | 0.665 ns | 0.026 ns |
| | El Sapo | SM_f | 8.480 ** | 26.667 *** | 0.112 ns | 11.151 ** |
| T_f | | 0.138 ns | 0.972 ns | 1.537 ns | 0.022 ns | 3.216 ns |
| CT_f | | 0.141 ns | 0.067 ns | 0.191 ns | 0.014 ns | 0.167 ns |
| $SM_f * T_f$ | | 0.137 ns | 0.432 ns | 8.447 * | 0.215 ns | 1.269 ns |
| $SM_f * CT_f$ | | 0.009 ns | 0.124 ns | 0.972 ns | 0.512 ns | 2.697 ns |
| $T_f * CT_f$ | | 1.562 ns | 0.675 ns | 0.450 ns | 1.532 ns | 0.017 ns |
| $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | | 0.105 ns | 0.124 ns | 3.421 ns | 0.00 ns | 0.856 ns |
| Tristán | | SM_f | 19.742 *** | 63.960 *** | 0.000 ns | 18.500 *** |
| | T_f | 0.007 ns | 0.004 ns | 0.985 ns | 0.005 ns | 0.024 ns |
| | CT_f | 0.049 ns | 0.064 ns | 3.019 ns | 0.002 ns | 0.015 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f$ | 0.250 ns | 2.490 ns | 5.429 * | 0.019 ns | 0.000 ns |
| | $SM_f * CT_f$ | 0.002ns | 1.512 ns | 0.813 ns | 0.016 ns | 0.009 ns |
| | $T_f * CT_f$ | 0.000 ns | 0.048 ns | 0.134 ns | 0.010 ns | 0.001 ns |
| | $SM_f * T_f * CT_f$ | 0.124 ns | 0.025 ns | 0.134 ns | 0.049 ns | 0.019 ns |