

# 1 **Supporting Information**

## 2 3 **Use of genetic, climatic, and microbiological data to inform reintroduction of a regionally** 4 **extinct butterfly**

### 5 6 7 **Supplementary methods**

#### 8 *Dataset used for molecular analyses*

9 The dataset included 101 cytochrome *c* oxidase subunit I (COI) sequences of *M. russiae*,  
10 representative for the range of this species (Appendix S1), and obtained as follows: 54 sequences  
11 were mined from GenBank (Nazari et al. 2010, 35 sequences; Dincă et al. 2015, 17 sequences;  
12 Lukhtanov et al. 2009, 2 sequences), and 47 sequences obtained for this study. We did not use  
13 GenBank sequences shorter than 600 base pairs (bp), or those that lacked locality data of  
14 reasonable precision (e.g. less than 10 km error).

15 The above-mentioned dataset included three COI sequences of *M. russiae* from the extinct  
16 Hungarian population (all collected in 1912). These sequences were the only usable ones (see  
17 below) obtained from ten specimens collected between 1898 and 1912, that are stored in the  
18 Hungarian Natural History Museum (HNHM) Budapest.

#### 19 20 *DNA sequencing*

21 Twelve of the 47 COI sequences generated for this study were obtained at the Butterfly Diversity  
22 and Evolution Lab of the Institut de Biologia Evolutiva (CSIC-UPF), Barcelona, Spain. In this  
23 case, total genomic DNA was extracted using Chelex 100 resin, 100–200 mesh, sodium form  
24 (Biorad), under the following protocol: one leg was removed and introduced into 100 µl of  
25 Chelex 10% and 5 µl of Proteinase K (20 mg/ml) were added. The samples were incubated  
26 overnight at 55°C and were subsequently incubated at 100°C for 15 minutes. Samples were then  
27 centrifuged for 10 s at 3000 rpm. A 658-bp fragment near the 5' end of COI was amplified by  
28 polymerase chain reaction using the primers LepF1 and LepR1 (Appendix S2). Double-stranded  
29 DNA was amplified in 25-µL volume reactions containing: 14.4 µl autoclaved Milli-Q water, 5 µl  
30 5x buffer, 2 µl 25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 µl 10 mM dNTPs, 0.5 µl of each primer (10 µM), 0.1 µl Taq  
31 DNA Polymerase (Promega, 5U/ µl) and 2 µl of extracted DNA. The typical thermal cycling  
32 profile followed this protocol: first denaturation at 92°C for 60 s, followed by five cycles of 92°C  
33 for 15 s, 48°C for 45 s and 62°C for 150 s, and then by 35 cycles of 92°C for 15 s, 52°C for 45 s  
34 and 62°C for 150 s and a final extension at 62°C for 420 s. PCR products were purified and  
35 sequenced by Macrogen Inc.

36 The remaining 35 sequences were generated at the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, Canada  
37 following standard protocols for DNA barcoding (deWaard et al. 2008), and DNA sequencing  
38 was performed on an ABI 3730XL capillary sequencer (Applied Biosystems). In the case of the  
39 old specimens of *M. russiae* from Hungary, a full DNA barcode (658-bp) for one specimen was  
40 obtained combining amplicons obtained using the primers [LepF1 + MLepR2] + [MLepF1 +  
41 LepR1]. The other two specimens had reliable sequences only for the 407-bp amplicons obtained  
42 using the primers MLepF1 + LepR1 (Appendix S2).

43 Sequences were edited in CodonCode Aligner 3.0 or in GENEIOUS PRO 6.1.8 (Biomatters,  
44 <http://www.geneious.com/>) and assembled using the latter.  
45 The 47 COI sequences obtained in this study are available in GenBank (see Appendix S1 for  
46 accession numbers), and all sequences are also publicly available in the dataset DS-MELARUSS  
47 ([dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-MELARUSS](http://dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-MELARUSS)) from the Barcode of Life Data Systems  
48 (<http://www.boldsystems.org/>).

#### 49 50 *Analyses of DNA sequences*

51 The 101 COI sequences of *M. russiae* used in this study were collapsed to 43 unique haplotypes  
52 using TCS 1.21 (Clement et al. 2000). The same program was used to construct a maximum  
53 parsimony haplotype network, with a 93% connection limit.

54 Phylogenetic relationships were inferred using Bayesian inference (BI) through the CIPRES  
55 Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010). For this analysis we used the 43 haplotypes of *M. russiae*  
56 together with three outgroup sequences from *M. galathea*, *M. leda* and *M. ines* (see Nazari et al.  
57 2010). Both BI analyses and the estimation of node ages were run in BEAST 1.8.0 (Drummond  
58 & Rambaut 2007). The GTR + I + G substitution model was chosen according to the value of the  
59 Akaike information criterion (AIC) obtained in JMODELTEST 2.1.3 (Darriba et al. 2012). Base  
60 frequencies were estimated, six gamma rate categories were selected and a randomly generated  
61 initial tree was used.

62 Rough estimates of node ages were obtained by applying two molecular clocks with: 1.5%  
63 uncorrected pairwise distance per million years estimated for various invertebrates (Quek et al.  
64 2004), and 2.3% estimated for the entire mitochondrial genome of several arthropods (Brower  
65 1994). A strict clock and a normal prior distribution was used, centred on the mean between the  
66 two substitution rates, and the standard deviation was tuned so that the 95% confidence interval  
67 of the posterior density coincided with the 1.5% and 2.3% rates, respectively. Parameters were  
68 estimated using two independent runs of 20 million generations each, and convergence was  
69 checked using the program TRACER 1.6.

#### 70 71 *Wolbachia infection analyses*

72 47 specimens of *M. russiae* were surveyed for the presence of the bacterial endosymbiont  
73 *Wolbachia*.

74 DNA from half of the abdomen was extracted using Chelex 100 resin, 100–200 mesh, sodium  
75 form (Biorad), under the following protocol: the abdomen piece was introduced into 100 µl of  
76 Chelex 10%, and 5 µl of Proteinase K (20 mg/ml) were added. The samples were incubated  
77 overnight at 55°C and were subsequently incubated at 100°C for 15 minutes. Samples were then  
78 centrifuged for 10 s at 3000 rpm.

79 The samples were then tested for *Wolbachia* using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) primers  
80 specific to *Wolbachia* genes *wsp* and *coxA* (Appendix S2). These genes are extensively used to  
81 detect *Wolbachia* infection in a wide array of insects. *Wsp* was amplified by PCR in 25-µL  
82 volume reactions containing: 16 µl autoclaved Milli-Q water, 5 µl 5x buffer, 1.4 µl 25 mM  
83 MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 µl 10 mM dNTPs, 0.5 µl of each primer (10 µM), 0.1 µl Taq DNA Polymerase  
84 (Promega, 5U/ µl) and 1 µl of extracted DNA. The typical thermal cycling profile followed this  
85 protocol: first denaturation at 94°C for 120 s, followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 30 s, 59°C for 30  
86 s and 72°C for 60 s and a final extension at 72°C for 600 s.

87 CoxA was amplified by PCR in 25- $\mu$ L volume reactions containing: 15.4  $\mu$ l autoclaved Milli-Q  
88 water, 5  $\mu$ l 5x buffer, 2  $\mu$ l 25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5  $\mu$ l 10 mM dNTPs, 0.5  $\mu$ l of each primer (10  $\mu$ M),  
89 0.1  $\mu$ l Taq DNA Polymerase (Promega, 5U/  $\mu$ l) and 1  $\mu$ l of extracted DNA. The typical thermal  
90 cycling profile followed this protocol: first denaturation at 94°C for 120 s, followed by 35 cycles  
91 of 94°C for 30 s, 56°C for 45 s and 72°C for 90 s and a final extension at 72°C for 600 s.  
92 Samples with amplicons of the expected size were scored as positive for *Wolbachia*. To avoid  
93 false negatives, samples that did not produce bands after electrophoresis of the PCR products  
94 were additionally assayed using the primer pair LepF1/LepR1 that amplifies a 658-bp fragment  
95 near the 5' end of COI, to ascertain quality of the DNA extracts (PCR protocols were as  
96 described under “DNA sequencing”). When this third PCR failed to produce a band, the sample  
97 was removed from the assay. However if this PCR produced a band, the sample was declared  
98 uninfected with regard to *Wolbachia*. Following this approach, of the 47 specimens screened, 37  
99 could be reliably assessed for the presence/absence of *Wolbachia* (Appendix S1).  
100 Subsequently, the *coxA* PCR products of 16 specimens, and the *wsp* PCR products of 14  
101 specimens were purified and sequenced by Macrogen Inc. Sequences were then compared to  
102 existing records using the *Wolbachia* MLST Database ([pubmlst.org/wolbachia/](http://pubmlst.org/wolbachia/)) in order to  
103 identify the sequence type for each gene locus. Sequences obtained during the screening are  
104 available in GenBank (see Appendix S1 for accession numbers) and in the dataset DS-  
105 MELARUSS ([dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-MELARUSS](https://doi.org/10.5883/DS-MELARUSS)) from the Barcode of Life Data Systems  
106 (<http://www.boldsystems.org/>).

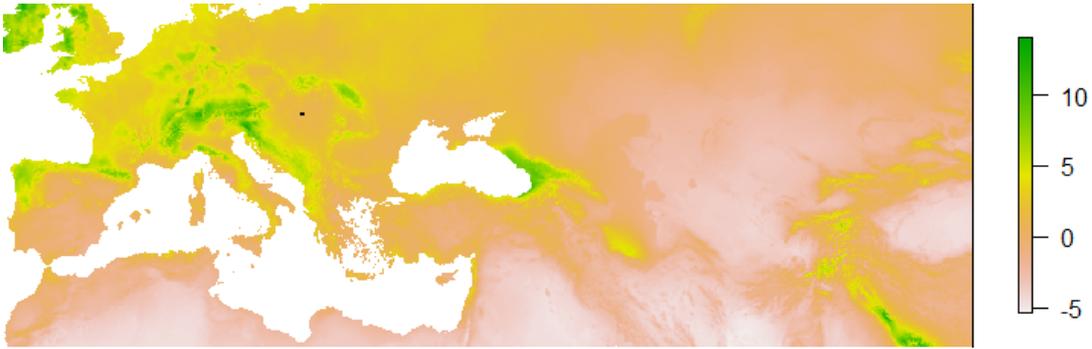
#### 107 108 *Mapping genetic diversity*

109 To examine spatial patterns of genetic differentiation, we calculated the genetic uncorrected p-  
110 distances among all sequenced specimens of *M. russiae*. A Principal Coordinates Analysis  
111 (PCoA) was applied to this matrix to reduce the dissimilarity matrix among specimens to two  
112 dimensions. To visualize the pattern of genetic similarity over geographic space, we projected the  
113 PCoA configuration in RGB space using the `recluster.col` function of the R package “recluster”  
114 (Dapporto et al. 2014). Using this function, the color resemblance of the resulting dots was  
115 directly proportional to the genetic distances among the specimens. The specimens with their  
116 corresponding colors and geographic location were plotted on a map by using pie charts that  
117 collapsed specimens belonging to the same square of 2x2 degrees of latitude and longitude.

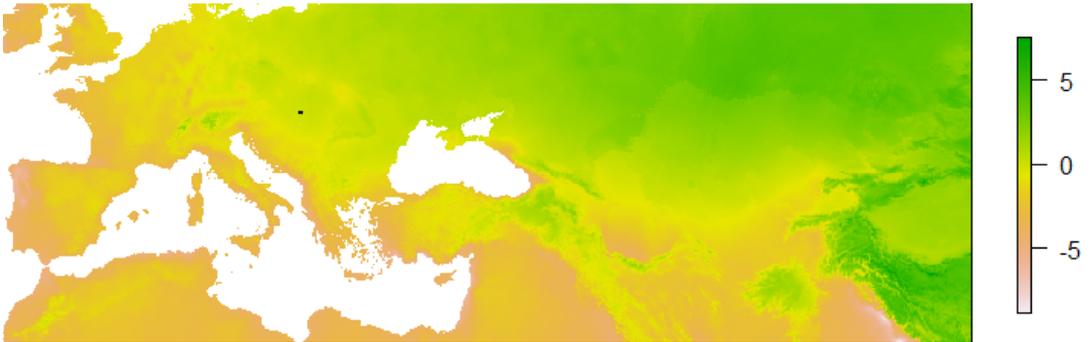
#### 118 119 *Climatic analyses*

120 We aimed to recognise the populations living in areas climatically similar to the Hungarian site  
121 where the reintroduction is planned. We proceeded as follows: we downloaded the 19 climatic  
122 layers from WorldClim (<http://www.worldclim.org/>, version 2.0 1970-2000) at a resolution of 5  
123 minutes. Climatic variables tend to be highly correlated and we scaled them to obtain a mean  
124 equal to zero and a standard deviation equal to one. Subsequently, we performed a Principal  
125 Component Analysis (PCA) among the 19 layers by using the `princomp` R function. The PCA  
126 produced a reduced number of layers composed by a combination of the 19 bioclim layers.  
127 Among the layers generated by the PCA, we retained the four layers showing eigenvalues higher  
128 than one.

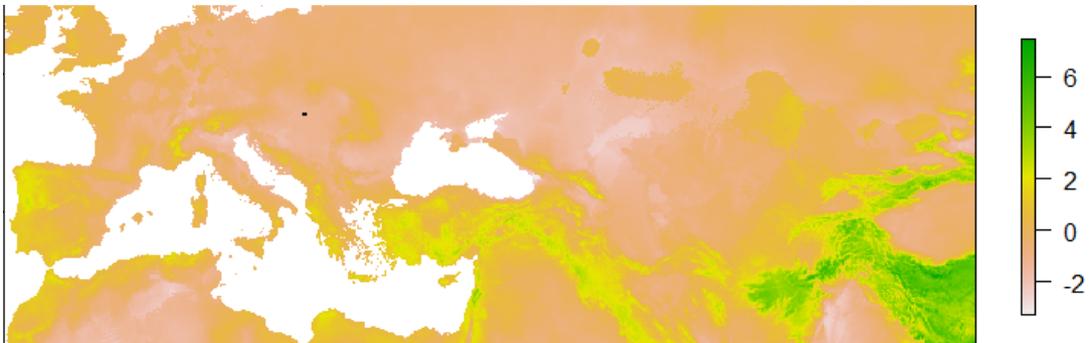
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 132 The first principal component layer mainly linked to summer precipitation (pink, dry; green, wet).  
 133 The black square indicates the location of the Hungarian target area in this and in the following  
 134 figures.  
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 137 The second principal component layer mainly linked to overall temperature (pink, warm; green,  
 138 cold).  
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 141 The third principal component layer, mainly linked to overall precipitation (pink, dry; green,  
 142 wet).  
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 145 The fourth principal component layer, mainly linked to annual variation in precipitation (pink,  
 146 low variation; green, high variation).

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From the PCA layers, we extracted the values of the cells belonging to the area where the reintroduction has been planned (target area) and averaged the values for each PCA layer. For each cell in the study area, we calculated the Euclidean distances between it and the average values of the PCA cells of the target area. The Euclidean distances were log-transformed to provide a measure of climatic similarity of each cell with the target area. With these values, we produced a new raster layer to understand which populations belong to areas climatically more similar to the target one in Hungary.

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