

**S1 Table. Summary of model selection process on dynamic occupancy probabilities ( $\psi_t^{[m]}$ ) of a Eurasian Eagle-owl population in south-eastern Spain.**

Model	$K$	AIC	$\Delta$ AIC	$w$
$\psi(\text{State})$	25	2193.86	0.00	0.4778
$\psi(\text{State} + \text{Crops})$	26	2194.55	0.69	0.3384
$\psi(\text{State} + \text{Ruggedness})$	26	2195.85	1.99	0.1767
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{State} + \text{Ruggedness})$	31	2203.28	9.42	0.0043
$\psi(\text{State} + \text{Zone})$	26	2205.07	11.21	0.0018
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{State})$	30	2207.22	13.36	0.0006
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{State} + \text{Crops})$	31	2207.22	15.26	0.0002
$\psi(\text{Year} \times \text{State})$	40	2209.80	15.94	0.0002
$\psi(\text{Year})$	28	2227.62	33.76	0.0000
$\psi(.)$	23	2227.81	33.95	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{Ruggedness})$	29	2229.27	35.41	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{Crops})$	29	2231.09	37.23	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{Ruggedness} + \text{Crops})$	30	2232.74	38.88	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{State} + \text{Zone})$	31	2235.49	41.63	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Zone} + \text{Crops})$	24	2236.54	42.68	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Crops})$	23	2236.61	42.75	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Zone})$	23	2236.61	42.75	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Ruggedness})$	23	2236.61	42.75	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Ruggedness} + \text{Crops})$	24	2238.61	44.75	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Zone} + \text{Ruggedness})$	24	2238.61	44.75	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{Zone} + \text{Ruggedness})$	30	2241.46	47.60	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{State} + \text{Crops})$	30	2242.60	48.74	0.0000
$\psi(\text{Year} + \text{Zone})$	29	2244.30	50.44	0.0000

Summary of 23 multi-season, multi-state models for occupancy probabilities, including the total number of estimable parameters ( $K$ ), the value of the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), the relative differences in AIC ( $\Delta$ AIC) and the Akaike weights ( $w$ ). Models are ordered in terms of  $\Delta$ AIC.  $\psi(.)$  denotes the null (only constant) model. The probabilities of breeding success,  $R$ , were modelled considering the influence of annual

variation, the previous reproductive state of the territory and the ruggedness of the territory  $R(\text{Year} + \text{State} + \text{Ruggedness})$ . The probabilities of detecting occupancy given that the territory was occupied without successful breeding ( $p_{1-4}^{[1]}$ ) and detecting occupancy given that the territory was occupied with successful reproduction ( $p_{1-4}^{[2]}$ ) were modelled based on the *survey* covariate but considered constant across years. The probability of detecting a successful reproduction was fixed as zero for the first survey ( $\delta_1 = 0$ ) and allowed to vary independently for the rest of the surveys, but considered constant across years ( $\delta_{2-4}$ ).