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## **Evidence for dispersal syndromes in freshwater fishes**

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**Figure S1.** Relationships between empirical dispersal distances and time between recaptures when considering the (a) mean and (b) maximum recorded distances across all species and locations included in the final dataset.



**Figure S2.** Boxplots of (a) mean and (b) maximum empirical dispersal distances for each species included in the final dataset. Different colours represent species belonging to different families.



**Figure S3.** Cumulative probability distributions of dispersal distance fitted for each species  $\times$  location included in the final dataset. Different colours represent species belonging to different families.



**Figure S4.** Availability of species' traits (blue) and dispersal (orange) data in the final dataset with beige indicating missing data.



**Figure S5.** Proportion of variance explained in the (a) empirical and (b) fitted dispersal distances by the models with separate slopes calculated for both the fixed and random effects (conditional  $R^2$ ; white dots) or only the fixed effects (marginal  $R^2$ ; solid dots). Results are sorted from left to right according to the mean and maximum empirical dispersal distances and increasing percentiles (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 99<sup>th</sup>), respectively. Dots and associated bars are the posterior modes and 95% credible intervals.



**Figure S6.** Proportion of variance explained in the (a) empirical and (b) fitted dispersal distances by the models including a common slope calculated for both the fixed and random effects (conditional  $R^2$ ; white dots) or only the fixed effects (marginal  $R^2$ ; solid dots). Results are sorted from left to right according to the mean and maximum empirical dispersal distances and increasing percentiles (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 99<sup>th</sup>), respectively. Dots and associated bars are the posterior modes and 95% credible intervals.

**Table S1.** Selection of distribution functions using the Aikake Information Criterion corrected for small sample size (AICc) relative to the number of cumulative probability distributions of dispersal distance fitted for each species  $\times$  location (N<sub>CDF</sub>) or the number of species (N<sub>Species</sub>) included in the final dataset (total numbers in bold). Note that as several dispersal kernels might be selected for a given species, total N<sub>Species</sub> does not equal the number of species considered in the study (N = 82).

Cumulative distribution function	N <sub>CDF</sub>	<b>N</b> <sub>Species</sub>
Cauchy	1	1
Exponential	12	10
Gaussian	2	2
Gaussian-mixture	31	20
Logistic	0	0
Lognormal	66	39
Weibull	110	53
	222	125

**Table S2.** List and characteristics of the species' traits considered in this study. Unless specified, traits were collected using the scientific literature [e.g. 1] and Fishbase [2].

	type	unit	transformation
Life-history strategy			
Body length (maximum)	continuous	mm	$\log_{10}$
Length at first maturity (female)	continuous	mm	$\log_{10}$
Age at first maturity (female)	continuous	years	$\log_{10}$
Longevity (maximum)	continuous	years	$\log_{10}$
Fecundity	continuous	Total number of eggs or offspring per breeding season	log <sub>10</sub>
Energy allocation			
Parental care	ordinal	<ul><li>1 = open substratum</li><li>2 = brood hiders</li><li>3 = nest guarders</li></ul>	-
Spawning frequency	ordinal	1 = once per season 2 = more than once per season	-
Egg size	continuous	mean diameter of mature [fully yolked] ovarian oocytes in mm	-
Specialization			
Temperature seasonality	continuous	Coefficient of variation of monthly mean temperature <sup>†</sup> across species range <sup>§</sup>	-
Precipitation seasonality	continuous	Coefficient of variation of monthly cumulated precipitation <sup>∞</sup> across species range <sup>§</sup>	log <sub>10</sub>
Climatic niche breadth	continuous	Index of tolerance from an Outlying Mean Index (OMI) analysis based on four temperature [mean warmest and coldest quarters] <sup>†</sup> and precipitation [cumulated precipitation of the driest and wettest quarters] <sup>∞</sup> variables across species range <sup>§</sup>	-
Range size	continuous	Area of species range <sup>§</sup> in km <sup>2</sup>	$\log_{10}$
Swimming skill			
Aspect ratio (of the caudal fin)	continuous	$A = h^2/s$ , $h =$ height of the caudal fin; $s =$ surface area of fin	
Body shape	ordinal	1 = deep/short 2 = fusiform/normal 3 = elongated	-
Routine (feeding) behaviour			
Trophic position	continuous	-	-

<sup>†</sup> Monthly mean air surface temperatures were obtained from the Climatic Research Unit [3] for the period 1970-2000 at a 0.5° × 0.5° grid resolution, converted to water temperatures using previously derived nonlinear regressions for the different climate zones [4] and averaged over the entire period.

 $^{\infty}$  Monthly cumulated precipitations were obtained from Wordclim for the period 1970-2000 at a 5' × 5' grid resolution.

\$ Species ranges were obtained from the IUCN Red List of threatened species [5] completed by occurrence records for 25 species from the GBIF aggregated at a 1° × 1° grid resolution. Note that range sizes were calculated only for the IUCN range maps.

**Table S3.** Comparison between multivariate models with or without separate slopes relating the dispersal estimates and individual species' traits. Shown are the averages [ranges] of the differences in Deviance Information Criterion ( $\Delta DIC$ ) over the three chains ( $DIC_{separate}$  -  $DIC_{common}$ ).  $\Delta DIC \leq 4$  indicates substantial support for the model with separate slopes,  $4 \leq \Delta DIC \leq 7$  considerably less support and  $\Delta DIC > 10$  essentially no support.

ΔDIC	fitted	empirical
body length	3.95 [4.09;3.76]	0.61 [0.33;0.82]
length maturity	4.70 [4.88;4.45]	0.05 [-0.11;0.24]
age maturity	5.05 [5.17;4.93]	0.95 [0.82;1.11]
longevity	5.55 [5.66;5.41]	1.01 [0.81;1.22]
fecundity	5.25 [5.51;5.10]	1.07 [0.97;1.25]
parental care	5.70 [5.91;5.48]	1.50 [1.40;1.57]
spawn frequency	5.22 [5.41;5.02]	1.44 [1.34;1.54]
egg size	3.80 [3.85;3.73]	-0.17 [-0.38;0.05]
temperature seasonality	4.19 [4.46;3.78]	0.90 [0.67;1.14]
precipitation seasonality	6.97 [7.21;6.77]	0.98 [0.77;1.14]
climatic breadth	6.01 [6.14;5.86]	0.73 [0.49;1.15]
range size	6.39 [6.68;6.13]	1.33 [1.24;1.48]
aspect ratio	6.34 [6.59;6.13]	-1.57 [-1.87;-1.35]
body shape	5.48 [5.60;5.29]	1.17 [1.05;1.26]
trophic position	6.78 [6.89;6.70]	1.09 [0.71;1.35]

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