

Figure S1*: Biplots of the first principal components (PC) of inventory data of two primeval beech forests (7 attributes, see Table 2). The colored area and the contour lines represent PC-scores. Arrows depict PC-loadings. A moving window was used to aggregate the datasets from completely mapped data at four observation scales (window sizes; separated by grey shaded areas). Contour lines mark areas with equal point densities (in total 8216 points in Mirdita and 9666 points in Rajca). Coloring represents the results of k-means clustering with 3 clusters (red, green and blue; color mixing indicates overlap of two or more clusters). A bivariate normal kernel was used to aggregate the data (weighting of objects by their distance to the window center).