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Application and Structure

The SP-PAM system is designed for analysis of stress periods in tree growth. It consists of two parts:

1. Desktop Application.
2. Web Application.

Chapter Two describes the functions of the desktop application and Chapter Three of the web application.1.

1. Main Definitions

1.1 Stress periods

Tree rings are a reliable system for storing information about the event and the influence of environmental factors on growth.

The samples for the dendrochronological analysis were taken from dominant tree species in forest communities. Sampling is performed with Preslerov drill at 1 - 1,5 m. and the width of each ring is measured. The measurement result is obtained from the ordered sequence (year, latitude) probed for each individual as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1 Change in the annual tree ring widths

The obtained data is used as an input for the regression analysis. The purpose of the regression analysis is to find a polynomial that approximates the best data from a dendrochronological row. Criterion of proximity of the approximative polynomials to the initial data is given by the determination coefficient R^2 ($0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$). Bigger values of R^2 mean bigger approximation.

After calculating the approximated values the index values are calculated as a relationship to the approximated value of width for each year. Figure 3 shows a graph of the calculated indices compared to the measured ones shown on Figure 2. When the index value is outside of the acceptable range for normal values say that the year in which it is observed, is a stressful year for the growth. The sequence of one or more adjacent stress years is perceived as stress period. Each stress period is set by a couple years - the initial year (LB) and the end year (RB) sequence. When the stress period consists of one year the right and left border is the same.

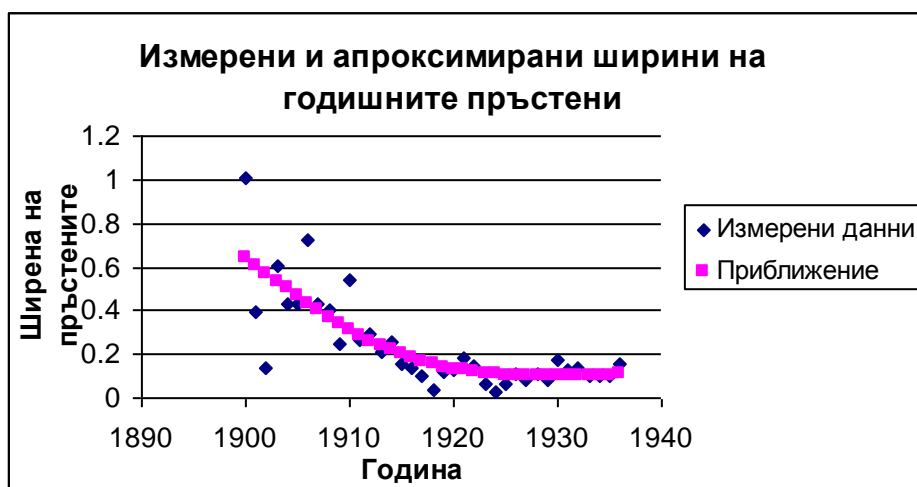


Figure 2 Measured and approximated annual tree ring widths



Figure 3 Indexes calculated through regression analysis

1.2 Stress years and Stress periods

Measurement of the stress periods of an individual sample of a species is not sufficient to conclude on the type of stress. Obviously it is necessary to find a common stress periods for a greater number of specimens of the same species.

Let A indicate the stress periods for one dendrochronological row:

$$(1) \quad A = \{ SI_i, i = 1 \dots n, \},$$

where SI_i are the specific stress years. The stress years could be arranged in an increasing order i.e. in the multitude of A there is a specific order. S indicates the multitude of all multitudes of stress years for the sampled tree specimens from the same species:

$$(2) \quad S = \{ A_i \mid i \in \{1 \dots n\} \}, \text{ where } A_i \text{ are the multitudes of stress years of separate dendrochronological rows;}$$

\mathfrak{R} represents a multitude of sections of stress years.

$$(3) \quad \mathfrak{R} = \{ I \mid I = \{ SI_{i_1}^{j_1}, SI_{i_2}^{j_2}, \dots, SI_{i_k}^{j_k} \} : SI_{i_1}^{j_1} \cap SI_{i_2}^{j_2} \cap \dots \cap SI_{i_k}^{j_k} \neq \emptyset \text{ where } SI_{i_1}^{j_1} \in A_{i_1}^{j_1}, \dots, SI_{i_k}^{j_k} \in A_{i_k}^{j_k} \wedge A_{i_k}^{j_k} \in S \wedge \neg \exists SI_{i_m}^{j_m} \in A_{i_m} \text{ where } i_m \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \text{ such that } SI_{i_m}^{j_m} \cap SI_{i_1}^{j_1} \cap SI_{i_2}^{j_2} \cap \dots \cap SI_{i_k}^{j_k} \neq \emptyset \}.$$

This means that each element consists of multitudes of separate stress years from dendrochronological rows $A_i \in S$, which contain stress years with total non-empty section. For brevity sections of stress years will be called stress years. Sections that have consecutive years we would call stress periods.

Stress periods characterize with the following parameters - cardinality (CARD), left border year (IL), right border year (IR), coverage (CO), confidence interval, standard deviation α . With cardinality we denote the number of the separate stress periods that belong to stress section $I \in \mathfrak{R}$. The coverage (CO, %) is the relation between the cardinality and the number (N) of all dendrochronological rows A_i such as :

$$EY_i \leq IL \leq IR \leq LY_i, \text{ where } EY_i \text{ и } LY_i \text{ are the earliest and the latest years from } A_i.$$

$$(3) \quad CO = 100 * CARD / N$$

With (IM) we denote the middle of each stress period.

$$(4) \quad IM = (LB + RB + 1) / 2.$$

The average values of the midpoints are denoted with M and $M = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S IM_i,$

where IM_i are the midpoints of the separate stress periods, constructing the stress section. The standard deviation (STD) is the standard deviation of the midpoints IM_i of the separate stress periods.

(MINT) is the middle of the shared interval..

AMPL is the amplitude (depth) of the stress.

$$(5) \quad AMPL = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S (1 - IND_i) \text{ where } IND_i \text{ are the middle indexes of the stress years of the shared}$$

period and belong to the respective dendrochronological rows.

2. Description of the desktop application

2.1 Application purpose

The main purposes of the application are:

1. Locating sections of stress periods for each type of wood, for which data exists, and the characteristics that are described above.
2. Providing statistical information for the studied tree species.
3. Regression analysis of the calculated indices relative to the climatic data.

2.2 Language for input data description

Application input data.

Each line begins with a description of the keyword. Each keyword is followed by zero or more parameters. The description of the keywords and their importance and the related parameter follow.

SPECIMEN = {name and species} / {ROW| INDX} – specifies the name of the specific instance of which the dendrochronological row is measured / means that an option is set for the data type. ROW is a data option from the type year and tree ring width. INDX denotes indexes, and not tree ring widths. Mandatory keyword.

NROWS = {number of rows} – denote the number of rows that set the measured dendrochronological row.

RAW = {year} {tree ring width} – denotes a paired data sets describing the dendrochronological row. The width of annual rings is a real number.

INDX = {year, index} - denotes a paired data sets describing the indexes of the dendrochronological row.

An Example of input data is shown below:

Table 1 Example description of dendrochronological rows of Fagus sylvatica L.

SPECIMEN = Chuprene 2 /RAW	
NROWS = 34	
RAW = 1968	1,19
RAW = 1969	0,935
RAW = 1970	0,73
RAW = 1971	0,685
RAW = 1972	0,715
RAW = 1973	0,57
RAW = 1974	0,52
RAW = 1975	0,535
RAW = 1976	0,505
RAW = 1977	0,575
RAW = 1978	0,885
RAW = 1979	0,88
RAW = 1980	0,835
RAW = 1981	0,735
RAW = 1982	0,865
RAW = 1983	0,89

2.3 Results Description.

The processing of input data is performed in two stages. The first one is pre-processing or compilation and the second is finding the stress sections. In both stages the results from the processing of input or intermediate data are displayed.

While compiling the following operations on the input data are performed:

1. Read the data and check for errors. For ease of use of the application and reducing error messages all lines starting with undefined keywords are ignored.
- 2 . Find the equations of polynomials approximating each dendrochronology . Selection of the polynomial approximating the best data by each of them. Dendrochronology for which R2 is less than 0.45 are rejected as unreliable. Calculating the indices of the dendrochronological rows which are considered as reliable.
- 3 . Calculating all the best formulas and the corresponding values of R2 by type , area of sampling , individual. Calculating the average of the indices of reliable dendrochronological ranks. Calculating the correlation coefficients between the indices of reliable dendrochronological ranks.
- 4 . Calculating the autocorrelation matrix of the width of annual growth rings for the location.
- 5 . Calculation of the correlation matrix between the indices of the rows of the location.
- 6 . Analysis of these climate data and calculated indices in the manner in which they are calculated for the width of the annual rings.
- 7 . Determine the type of each climate year .

Table 2 shows an example result of an analysis.

Table 2 Analysis result

Species	Fagus sylvatica		
Specimen	Type of Approximation	Formula	R ²
Western Balkan 1			
1	Linear	-0.00090872x+1.9134	0.14923
2	Polynomial of 2th degree	-4.9846e-05x ² +0.19299x ¹ -186.61	0.47914
3	Polynomial of 3th degree	-5.959e-07x ³ +0.0034272x ² -6.5689x ¹ +4196.1	0.51253
4	Polynomial of 4th degree	+4.6505e-08x ⁴ -0.0003624x ³ +1.0589x ² -1374.9x ¹ +6.6932e+05	0.65468
5	Polynomial of 5th degree	-6.7204e-10x ⁵ +6.5821e-06x ⁴ -0.025784x ³ +50.495x ² -49440x ¹ +1.9361e+07	0.67529
6	Polynomial of 6th degree	+1.0217e-11x ⁶ -1.199e-07x ⁵ +0.0005863x ⁴ -1.529x ³ +2242.9x ² -1.7547e+06x ¹ +5.7195e+08	0.67859
7	Polynomial of 7th degree	+5.8862e-13x ⁷ -8.0038e-09x ⁶ +4.6639e-05x ⁵ -0.15097x ⁴ +293.21x ³ -3.4164e+05x ² +2.2113e+08x ¹ -6.1338e+10	0.68547
8	Polynomial of 8th degree	-4.5315e-15x ⁸ +7.1099e-11x ⁷ -4.8798e-07x ⁶ +0.0019136x ⁵ -4.6893x ⁴ +7353.4x ³ -7.206e+06x ² +4.0347e+09x ¹ -9.8819e+11	0.68572

Year	Measured data	Approximation		Index
1893	0.24		0.23193	1.0348
1894	0.23		0.22205	1.0358
1895	0.2		0.20569	0.97234
1896	0.145		0.19299	0.75132
1897	0.16		0.17737	0.90208
1898	0.155		0.16248	0.95399
1899	0.145		0.15344	0.94498
1900	0.13		0.14282	0.91022
1901	0.13		0.1322	0.98334
1902	0.135		0.12317	1.0961

Table 3 shows the calculated statistics by species, sampling region and individual. The first column is the name of the sampling region. The second – the names of the respective individuals. In the third – the equations of the best approximating polynomials for all dendrochronological rows. The forth column contains R^2 .

Table 3 Statistics generated during input data compilation stage.

Location	Specimen	Best approximation polynomial	Best approximation R^2	Year	Average index	Number of samples
Western Balkan						
	Western Balkan 1	$-4.5315e-15x^8+7.1099e-11x^7-4.8798e-07x^6+0.0019136x^5-4.6893x^4+7353.4x^3-7.206e+06x^2+4.0347e+09x^1-9.8819e+11+1.157e-13x^7-1.5473e-09x^6+8.8628e-06x^5-0.028185x^4+53.744x^3-61444x^2+3.8998e+07x^1-1.06e+10$	0.68572	1893	1.0348	1
	Western Balkan 2	$+2.8837e-09x^6-3.4209e-05x^5+0.16909x^4-445.74x^3+6.6095e+05x^2-5.2269e+08x^1+1.7223e+11+6.3521e-09x^6-7.5331e-05x^5+0.37223x^4-980.95x^3+1.4541e+06x^2-1.1496e+09x^1+3.7869e+11-6.8493e-12x^7+9.3757e-08x^6-0.00055x^5+1.7924x^4-3504.6x^3+4.1113e+06x^2-2.6794e+09x^1+7.4831e+11+2.1851e-10x^6-2.5732e-06x^5+0.012625x^4-33.037x^3+48627x^2-3.8172e+07x^1+1.2485e+10-2.4027e-12x^7+3.2805e-08x^6-0.00019194x^5+0.62389x^4-1216.6x^3+1.4234e+06x^2-9.2515e+08x^1+2.5768e+11-3.0122e-13x^7+4.108e-09x^6-2.4008e-05x^5+0.077943x^4-151.81x^3+1.774e+05x^2-1.1516e+08x^1+3.2035e+10-1.251e-12x^7+1.7125e-08x^6-$	0.38323	1894	1.0358	1
	Western Balkan 3		0.63614	1895	0.97234	1
	Western Balkan 4		0.65495	1896	0.75132	1
	Western Balkan 5		0.2675	1897	0.90208	1
	Western Balkan 6		0.53053	1898	0.95399	1
	Western Balkan 7		0.50751	1899	0.94498	1
	Western Balkan 8		0.45368	1900	0.84806	3
	Western		0.37904	1901	1.0409	4

Balkan 9	0.00010046x ⁵ +0.32737x ⁴ - 640.06x ³ +7.5082e+05x ² - 4.8927e+08x ¹ +1.3664e+11 -6.9723e-12x ⁷ +9.5438e-08x ⁶ - 0.00055986x ⁵ +1.8245x ⁴ -				
Western Balkan 10	3567.3x ³ +4.1847e+06x ² - 2.7271e+09x ¹ +7.6164e+11	0.26156	1902	1.0219	4
Western Balkan 11	+2.6176e-10x ⁶ -3.1084e-06x ⁵ +0.01538x ⁴ - 40.581x ³ +60227x ² -4.767e+07x ¹ +1.572e+10 -1.215e-11x ⁷ +1.6753e-07x ⁶ - 0.00099002x ⁵ +3.2501x ⁴ -	0.47527	1903	1.0798	4
Western Balkan 12	6401.5x ³ +7.565e+06x ² - 4.9664e+09x ¹ +1.3973e+12	0.31843	1904	1.0259	4

Table 4 shows the matrix of correlation coefficients between the indexes of the reliable dendrochronological rows.

Table 4 Correlation coefficients of dendrochronological rows indexes.

			Correlation coefficients	
	Western	Western Balkan 3	Western Balkan 4	Western Balkan 6
Western Balkan 1		0.52	0.26	0.04
Western Balkan 3			0.15	0.11
Western Balkan 4				0.16

For each sampling region (location) additional average characteristics are shown:

- Location name.
- Sampled species names.
- Equation of the best approximating polynomial for each individual.
- Relative value of R^2 .
- Average indexes, resulting from the reliable dendrochronological rows, specified for the species – year, average index, row number, for which the average index is calculated.

Table 5 shows a sample location characteristic.

Table 5 Location characteristics.

Location	Specimen	Best approximation polynomial	Best approximation R ²	Year	Average index	Number of samples
Petrohan	Petrohan_1	$+8.9744e-05x^5-0.86219x^4+3313.3x^3-6.3663e+06x^2+6.1163e+09x-2.3504e+12-5.0641e-05x^5+0.48668x^4-$	0.19298	1917	0.99328	2
	Petrohan_2	$1870.9x^3+3.5959e+06x^2-3.4558e+09x+1.3285e+12-0.00078462x^5+7.539x^4-$	0.80171	1918	0.95286	2
	Petrohan_3	$28975x^3+5.5681e+07x^2-5.3501e+10x+1.20563e+13$	0.82908	1919	0.95306	2
				1920	1.0897	2
				1921	0.73507	2
				1922	1.0833	2
				1923	1.1631	2
				1924	0.8454	2
				1925	1.0482	2
				1926	0.8945	2
				1927	5	2
				1928	5	2

Also the following characteristics are displayed:

- The equations of approximative polynomials in temperature and precipitation.
- Suitable values of R².
- For each year for which data are available for widths of annual rings, temperature and precipitation, the following information appears - year average index of the width of annual rings dendrochronologically, the front of location, temperature index, rainfall and type of the year. Type of year for short is specified as - the first letter may be N - normal year, W - warm year or C - cold year and the second N - normal year, W - wet year or D - dry year. These labels depend on the value of the corresponding index.

Table 6 Location characteristics connected to climate data.

Climate	Width	Temperature	Precipitation	Type of year
Polynomial		$-3.4253e-11x^7+4.703e-07x^6-0.0027673x^5+9.0459x^4-17741x^3+2.0876e+07x^2-1.3646e+10x+1.38228e+12$	$+2.9087e-10x^7-3.9574e-06x^6+0.023072x^5-74.722x^4+1.4518e+05x^3-1.6924e+08x^2+1.0958e+11x-1.30408e+13$	

R ²		0.054965		0.15249	
Year	Width index	Temperature index	Precipitation index		
1917	0.99328		1.0159	0.92622	NN
1918	0.95286		0.97602	1.0731	NN
1919	0.95306		1.011	1.2981	NW
1920	1.0897		0.9785	0.66689	ND
1921	0.73507		0.97166	1.053	NN
1922	1.0833		0.99343	0.86377	NN
1923	1.1631		1.0499	1.2729	NW
1924	0.8454		0.97775	0.99302	NN
1925	1.0482		1.0152	0.90687	NN
1926	0.89455		1.0443	0.84161	NN

After approximation and filtering of the input data the second stage of processing begins. During this stage the following operations on the intermediate reliable dendrochronological data are performed:

1. Locating the stress section and calculation of the statistical characteristics.
2. Calculating the statistical characteristics of dendrochronological rows separately by area of sampling and the species as a whole.

Stress sections and statistical data

Table 7 a and b shows a sample excerpt of a part of a description of a stress section. Columns (a) show the species name, number, name of the dendrochronological rows, first and last years of the dendrochronological rows, the stress period which is part of the section, amplitude of the shared stress period, cardinality, coverage, middle of the total period, standard deviation, confidence interval, α , intersection and union of the stress periods.

Table 7 a Stress sections and statistical data.

<i>Pinus nigra</i>	No	Specimen	Earliest	Latest			Year Interval		Amplitude	Cardinality
			Year	Year Interval						
		1	Vitosha 1	1901	2000	1968	1972	0.204798	22	
			Vitosha 2	1906	2000	1968	1974	0.181296		
			Vitosha 4	1903	2000	1968	1973	0.104699		
			Vitosha 6	1895	2000	1968	1969	0.277354		
			Vitosha 7	1909	2000	1968	1970	0.021656		
			Vitosha 8	1914	2000	1966	1976	0.1808		
			Vitosha 10	1912	2000	1966	1970	0.280289		
			Vitosha 11	1949	2000	1965	1969	0.066499		

Table 7 b Stress sections and statistical data (continued)

Coverage	Mean	Standard	Confidence	Alpha	Intersection	Union
%		deviation				
81.48	1968	1.708	16	0.25	1968	1968
						1962
						1978

The statistics related to the stress periods of the dendrochronological sequences are shown in Tables 8a and b. These include the period of each dendrochronological row, the number of stress periods, frequency of stress periods, calculated for 100 years, the average amplitude, the largest amplitude, the average length of the stress period, the longest stress period - initial and final year. The same data - aggregated and averaged are calculated and for the specific species sampling location.

Table 8 a Statistics connected to the stress periods of dendrochronological rows.

<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>					
	Period		Number of stress periods	Frequency	
Petrohan					
Petrohan_2	1900	1909	5	50	
Petrohan_3	1900	1909	3	30	
Average per Location	1900	1909	4	40	
Boishte					
Boishte_1	1913	1922	3	30	
Average per Location	1913	1922	3	30	
Gabra					
Gabra_1	1900	1909	5	50	
Gabra_2	1900	1909	3	30	
Average per Location	1900	1909	4	40	
Average per Species	1900	1922	3.667	36.67	

Table 8 b Statistics connected to the stress periods of dendrochronological row (continued).

Average amplitude	Highest amplitude		Average period	Longest stress period		Longest stress period length
0.1094	1907	0.1904	1.2	1906	1907	2
0.2245	1907	0.4585	2.667	1900	1902	3
0.1669	1907	0.4585	1.933	1900	1902	3
0.05989	1915	0.103	2	1918	1920	3
0.05989	1915	0.103	2	1918	1920	3
0.1094	1907	0.1904	1.2	1906	1907	2
0.2245	1907	0.4585	2.667	1900	1902	3
0.1669	1907	0.4585	1.933	1900	1902	3
0.1313	1907	0.4585	1.956	1900	1902	3

2.4 Desktop application functions description

Figure 4 shows a general view of the application. The desktop application is a table containing the results from the processing of the input data.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17							
18							
19							
20							
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29							

Figure 4 Overall application view.

With marking the cells or part or them the marked area could be copied Ctrl C on the clipboard and subsequently transferred into Excel, Open Office Calc or another application.

2.4.1 File manipulation functions

The file functions menu is shown in Figure 5. New input description opens with the sequence: File -> New description - a file choice dialog appears, as shown on Figure 6.

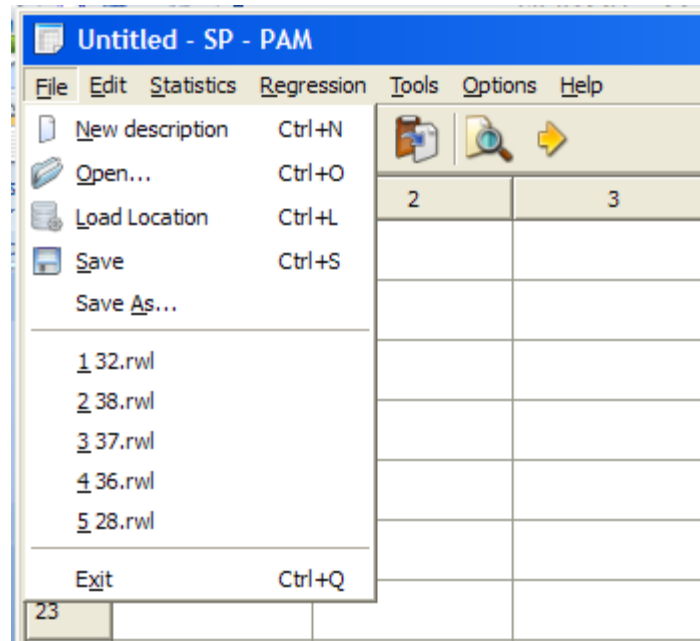


Figure 5 File manipulation menu.

If the function New Description is selected a dialog for file choice appears, containing a description of rows of tree ring widths from a location, as shown on Figure 6.

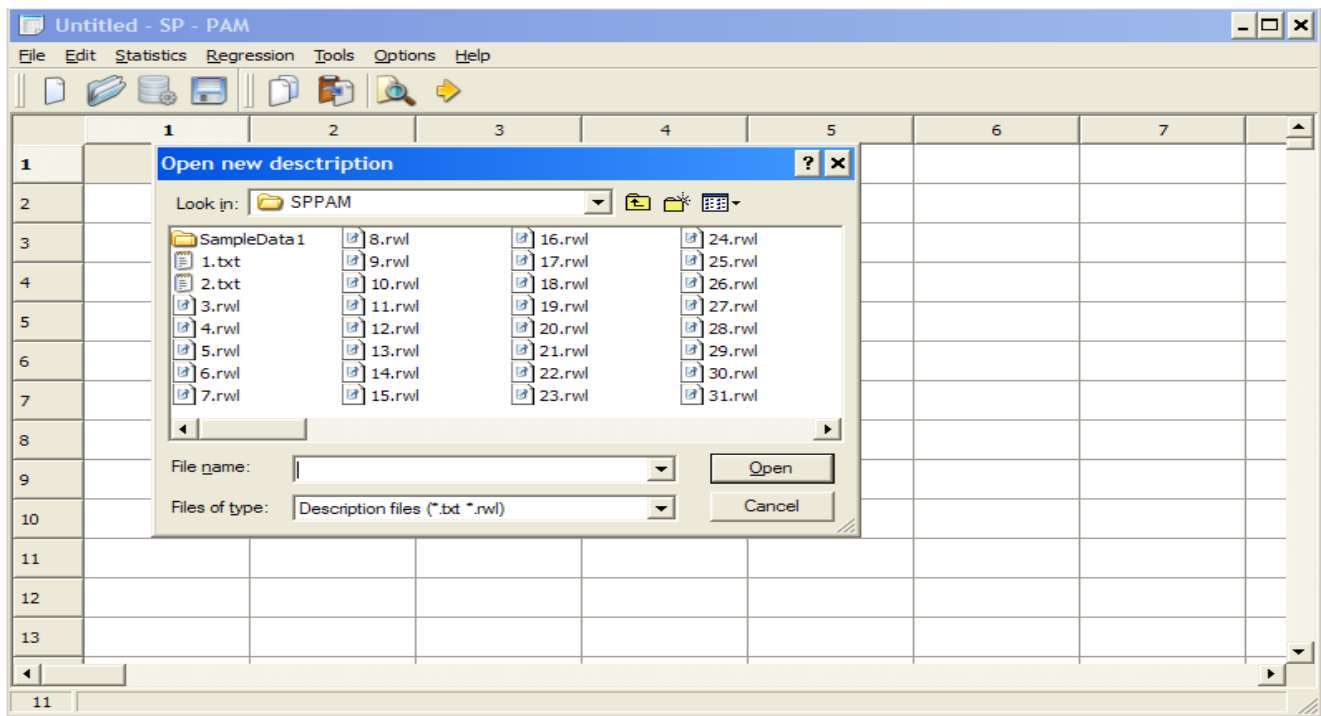


Figure 6 File choice with input description dialog.

Users can choose two types of input description formats – description, which is standard for the application(.txt extension) and a description which is specific to some dendrochronological databases (.rwl extension). Table 9 shows an example of an .rwl description of the tree rings. The .rwl format is the de facto standard for the description of the measurements of widths of annual rings.

Table 9 Example data format from .rwl file.

626	1	Blumone, Malga	WIDTH_RING	PCAB	-							
626	2	Italy	Norway spruce	1650	4553-1025	1840	1980	-				
626	3	FRITZ SCHWEINGRUBER	-									
626031	1851	262	241	176	188	300	295	230	262	290		
626031	1860	251	321	263	350	305	404	369	379	340	265	
626031	1870	53	47	97	132	132	118	151	118	138	145	
626031	1880	143	116	113	104	98	137	138	124	155	130	
626031	1890	120	117	137	177	175	189	177	167	159	168	
626031	1900	152	194	213	208	307	242	215	185	187	166	
626031	1910	112	184	205	158	103	150	181	225	206	165	
626031	1920	217	185	157	129	175	159	158	184	184	218	
626031	1930	198	166	135	123	154	138	114	133	106	133	
626031	1940	133	132	253	211	238	300	263	313	273	313	
626031	1950	252	179	273	309	246	275	262	253	190	262	
626031	1960	278	243	210	223	323	292	258	273	288	293	
626031	1970	260	283	239	250	233	229	218	198	208	241	
626031	1980	187	999									

After selecting the file with a description of the widths of the annual rings, the user must enter the place of sampling;

1. From the list of countries a country is chosen.
2. In the Location name a name of the location must be entered.

3. In the fields Location latitude, Location longitude and Location altitude appropriately are fed geographical width geographical longitude and altitude of the location. The data is an integer format as in the standard .rwl files. The system converts them to decimal numbers. The last two digits are converted into tenths and hundredths of a geographical degree.

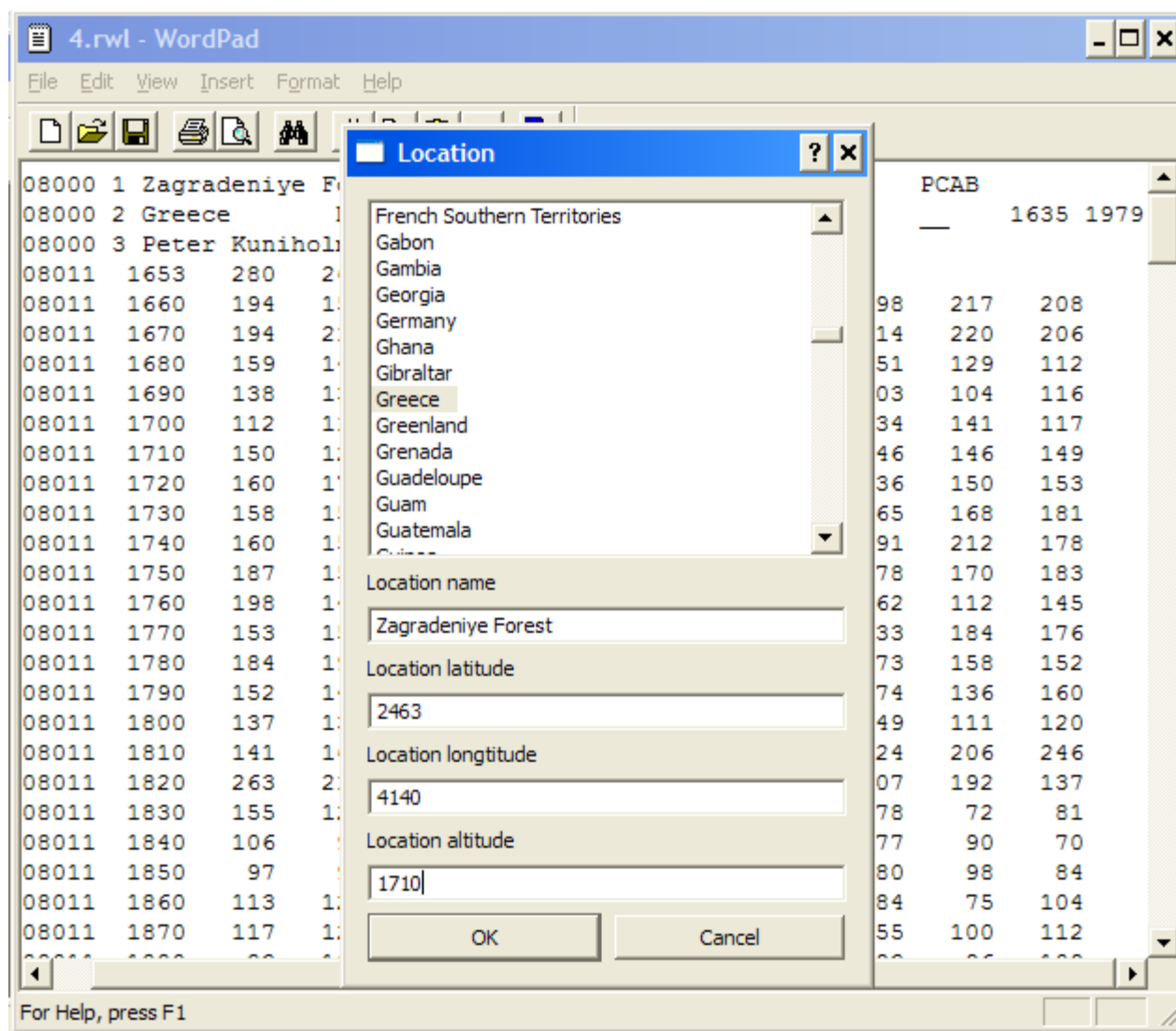


Figure 7 Sample location data choice.

After selecting the OK button a dialog for selecting the sampled tree species is shown, as shown in Figure 8.

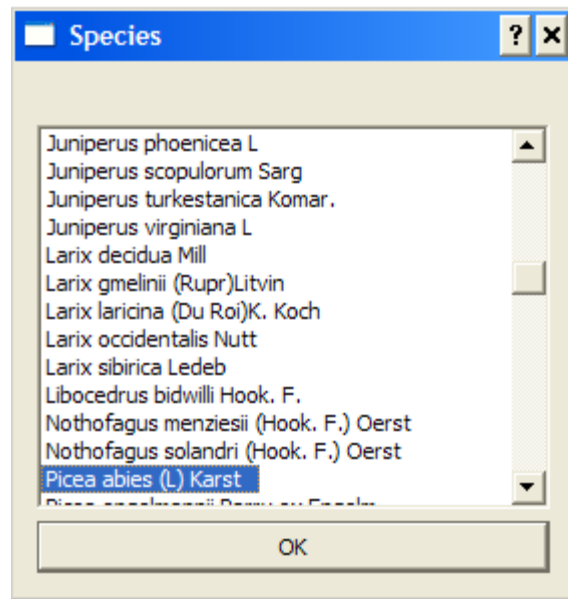


Figure 8 Tree species choice dialog.

The functions Open, Save and Save as in the current version work with files containing comma separated fields(csv). The buttons for the functions New description, Open and Save from the File menu are shown on Figure 9.



Figure 9 New description, Open and Save functions buttons.

2.4.2 Cell editing functions

The functions for cell redactions are located in the Edit menu. Figure 10 shows all cell redaction functions.

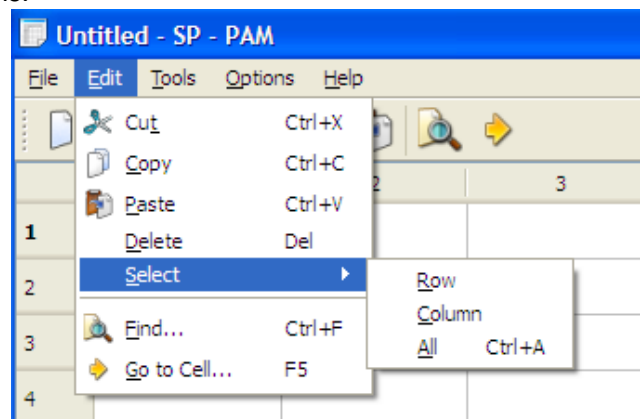


Figure 10 Cell editing functions.

2.4.3 Tools

When choosing Tools-> Settings the dialog shown on Figure 11 appears. Here it can be chosen which of the following data to appear when showing the data for stress sections.

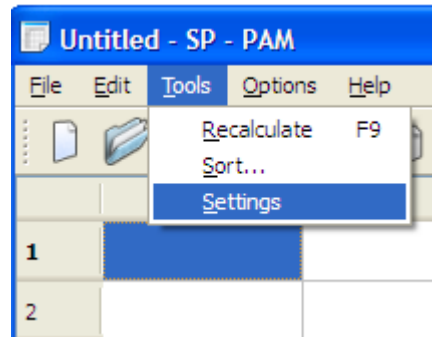


Figure 11 Tools

The options that can be set in the window shown below are:

- Minimal coverage – the minimum amount of coverage rates over which stress sections are considered reliable.
- Variation interval – The value of the percentage for which it is assumed that the indexes are not stressful. If this value is not set the confidence interval of the sequence of indices is chosen.

The following options determine whether to display certain characteristics of stress sections of all intervals or only those for which climate information is available.

The last group of options specifies which of the calculated data are to be virtualized.

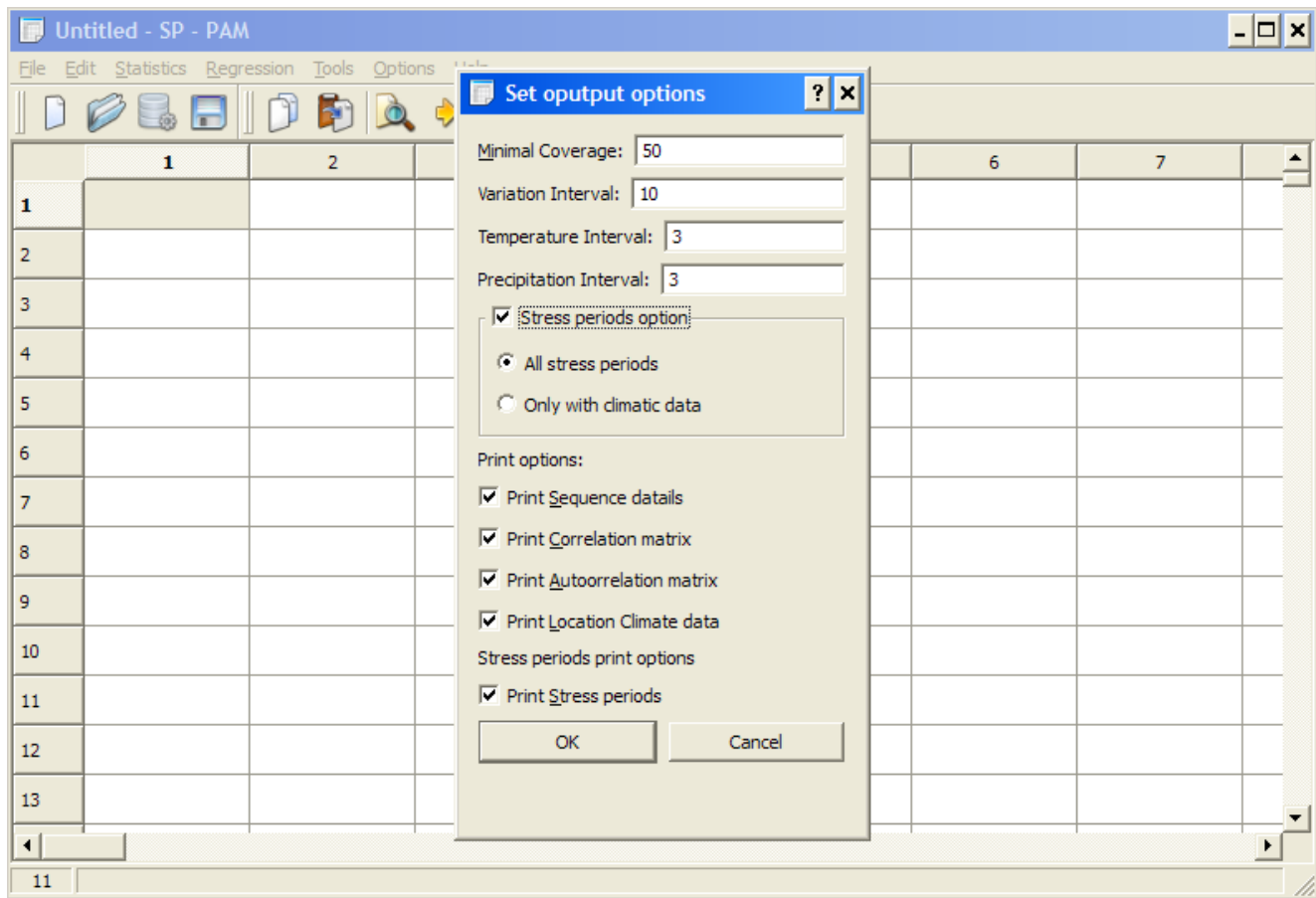


Figure 12 Stress sections characteristics condition choice.

2.4.5 Functions for displaying statistical information

Statistical information related to the results of data processing of the measured widths of annual rings and stored air information can be obtained by selecting the menu item - Statistics-> By Geolocation as shown in Figure 13. Then a wood species is selected, as shown in Figure 8. After the selection of tree species a parameters of statistics are introduced:

1. Geographic coordinates - longitude, latitude and altitude.
2. Select information output - on screen or csv file.
3. Choice of statistics data.

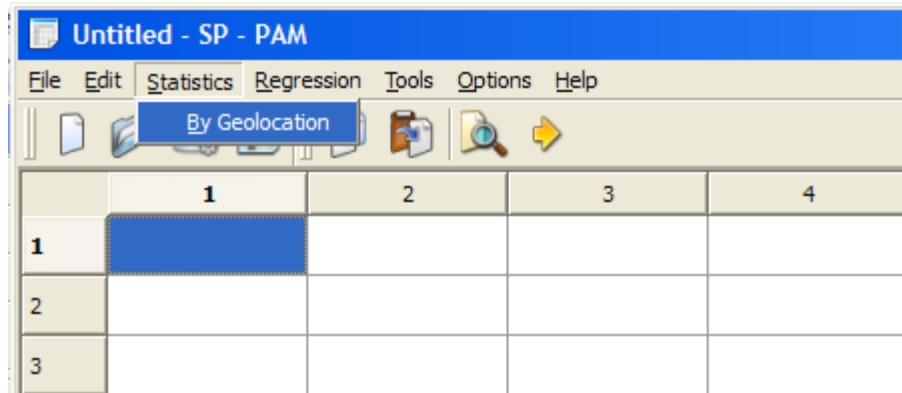


Figure 13 Geographic coordinates statistics function choice.

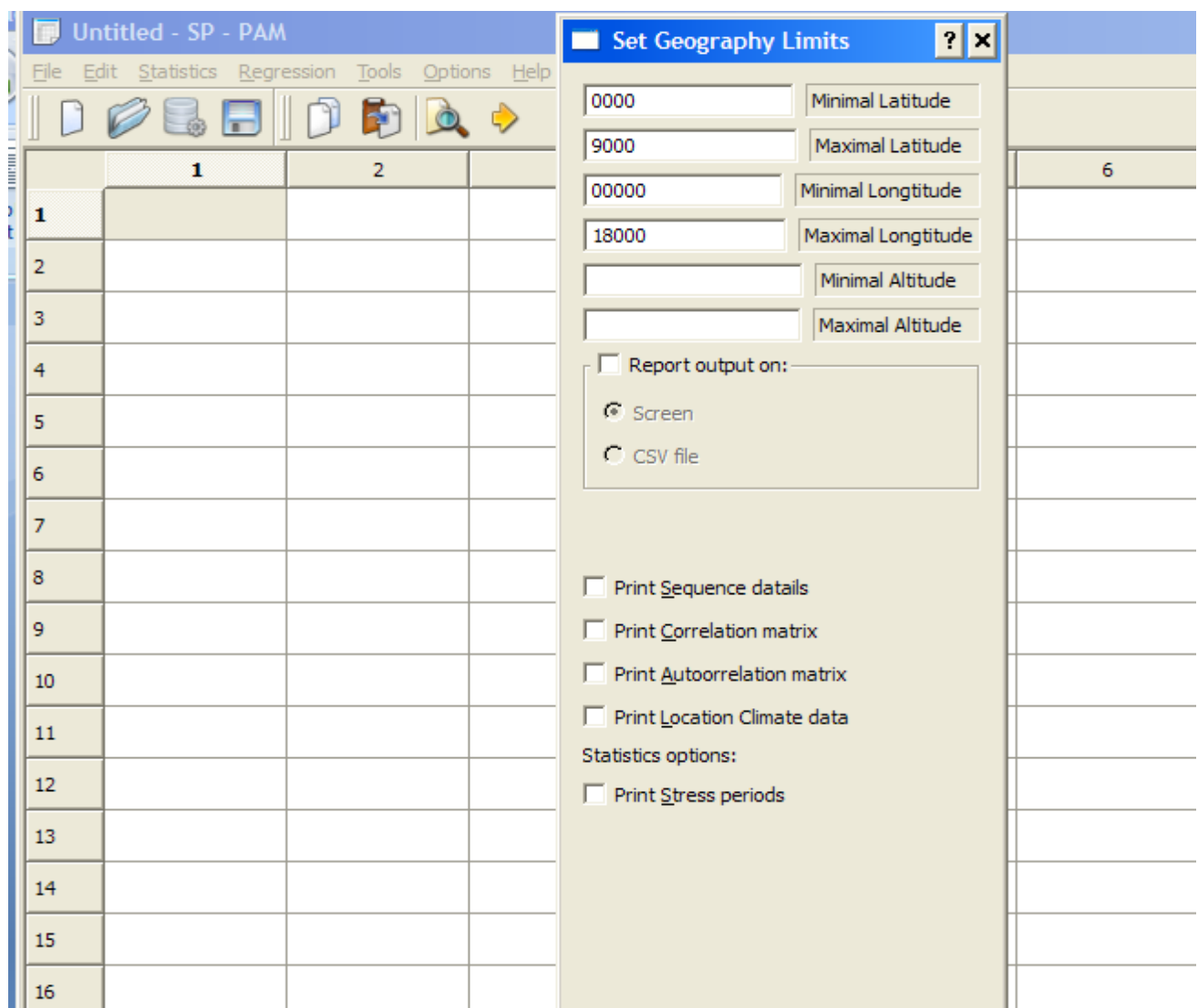


Figure 14 Geographic coordinates statistics parameters choice.

2.4.5 Functions for regression analysis

The application supports functions for regression analysis. Regression analysis includes functions for multidimensional linear analysis and one-dimensional nonlinear analysis. In both cases, the dependent variable is a variable of the values of the average index of the annual rings from a selected location.

The choice of one of two types of regression analysis is done by selecting the menu function Regression. Multivariate linear regression analysis is selected by Regression-> Linear Regression, and non-linear regression analysis using Regression-Nonlinear Regression as shown in Figure 15

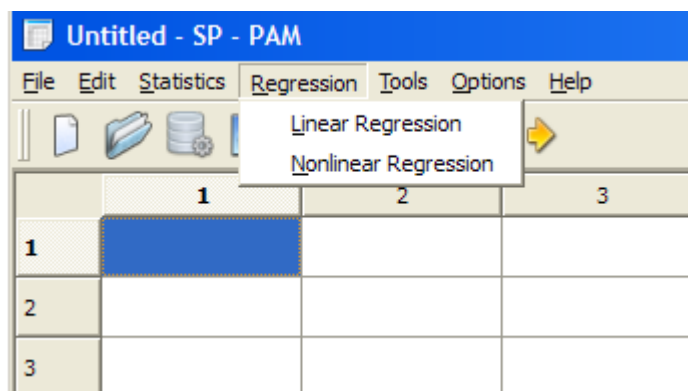


Figure 15 Regression analysis type choice.

After selecting the type of the regression analysis is tree species is selected (Fig. 8).

Figure. 16 shows a window for selecting the location and the independent variables. The independent variables can be one or more of the following - the temperature for the years for which there is a calculated index difference of the mean temperatures , precipitation and a differential of average precipitations .

Figure 17 shows the window for selecting the location, type of nonlinear regression and independent variables. The independent variables can be one or more of the following - the temperature for years for which there is a calculated index, difference of the mean temperatures , and precipitation and a differential of average precipitations. In case more than one independent variable is selected a regression analysis for each of them is carried out .

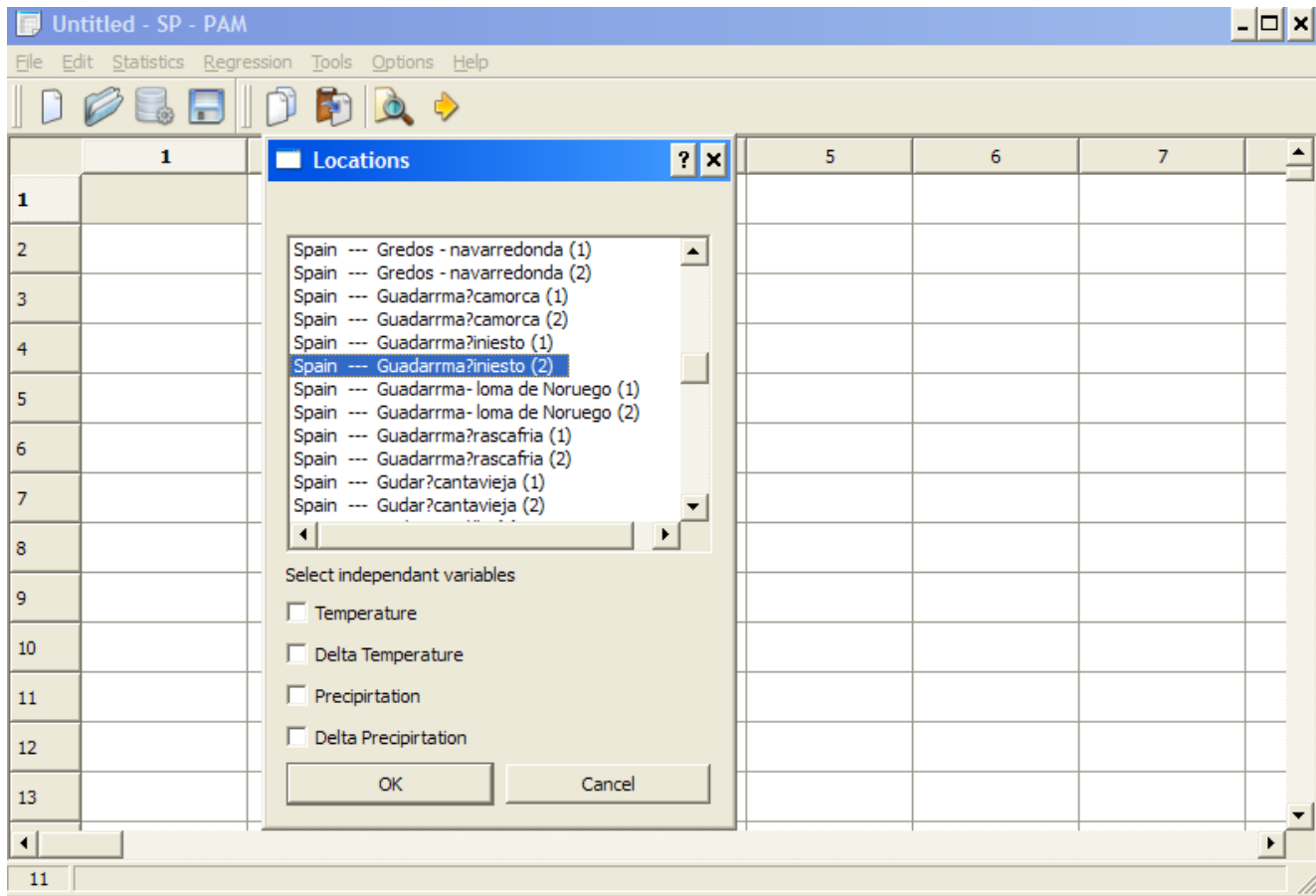


Figure 16 Dialog for choosing locations and independent variables for linear multidimensional regression analysis.

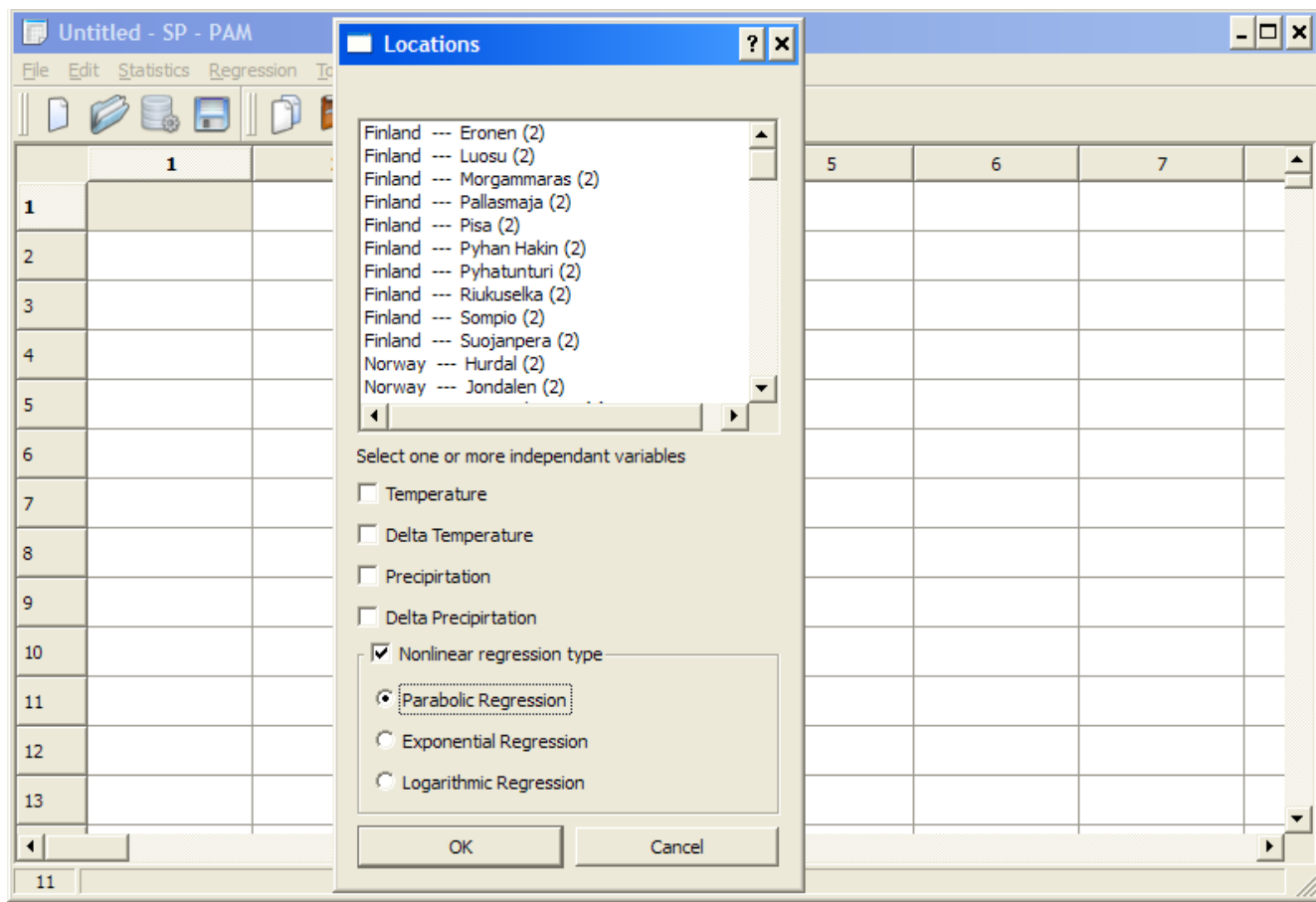


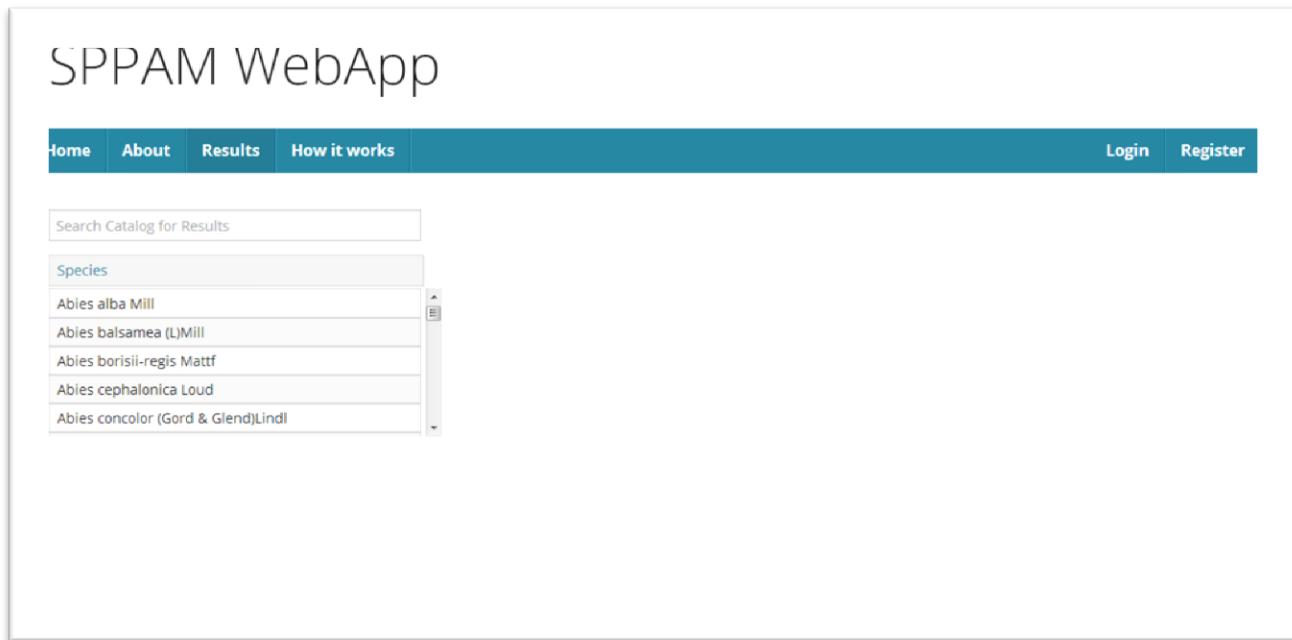
Figure 17 Dialog for choosing locations, independent variables and type for one dimensional regression analysis.

3. Web Application Description

The web application is designed for public access to information related to the processing of the widths of the annual rings of all locations processed and stored in the database.

3.1 Results

Entering the link - <http://sppam.e-ecology.org/results> to the results page as shown on Figure 18.



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Search Catalog for Results

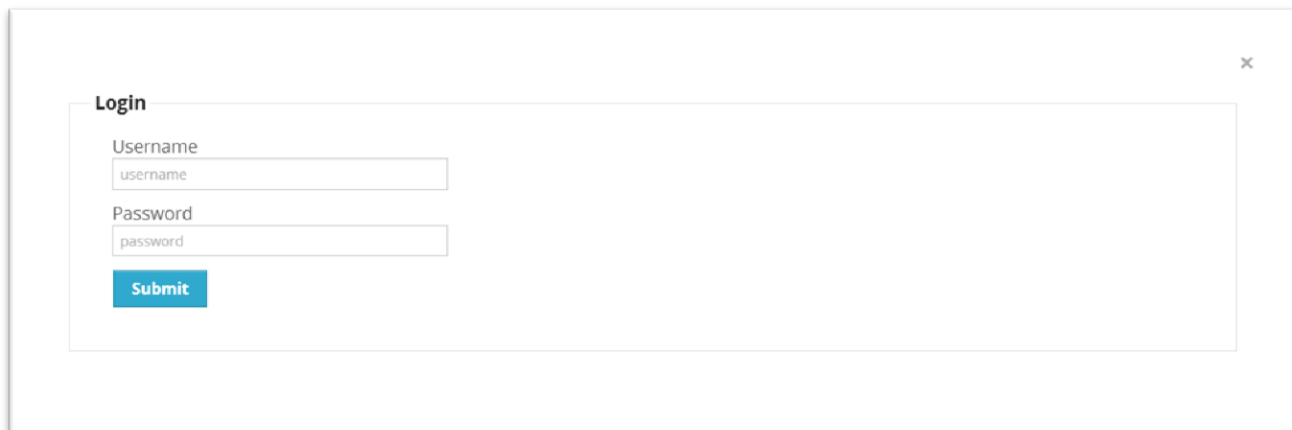
Species

- Abies alba Mill
- Abies balsamea (L) Mill
- Abies borisii-regis Matf
- Abies cephalonica Loud
- Abies concolor (Gord & Glend) Lindl

Figure 18 Results page of the web application

3.1 Registration and Login

The system supports user registration, as logging-in is done by entering user name and a password as shown on Figure 19 and Figure 20.



Login

Username
username

Password
password

Submit

Figure 19 Web application login

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Registration

First Name Last Name

Email

Password Confirm Password

Password must be between 6 to 20 characters with letters, numbers or symbols !?_

☐ Off Recieve information news, updates (privacy respected).

Submit

Figure 20 Web application registration.

3.2 Initial processing results display

Access to the data from the initial processing is open to any visitor to the site . It operates through a consistent choice of tree species (Fig. 21) , country and location (Fig. 22). After selecting a location a list of all rows of the location having $R^2 > 0.45$ is displayed. For each row the best approximation polygon and R^2 are shown.

When selecting the id of a location two graphics are visualized :

1. The measured and approximated values of annual ring widths of the selected row.
- 2 . The calculated index as the ratio between the measured and calculated values for each year.

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Species

PINUS resinosa Ait

Pinus regida Mill

Pinus strobus L

Pinus sylvestris L

Pinus taeda L

Figure 21 Tree species choice.

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Species

- Pinus resinosa Ait
- Pinus regida Mill
- Pinus strobus L
- Pinus sylvestris L**
- Pinus taeda L

Countries

- Spain
- Norway
- Norway**
- Sweden
- Spain

Locations

- Hurdal (2)**
- Jondalen (2)
- Karasjok 2001 (2)
- Veolia.Dombas 30km (2)
- Rorstaddalen (2)

Sequences	Pollinomial	Rsquare
9875	$+5.3678e-12x^8-8.1675e-08x^7+0.00054361x^6-2.0671x^5+4912x^4-7.4689e+06x^3+7.0967e+09x^2-3.8526e+12x^1+9.1484e+14$	0.617
9876	$-8.7211e-13x^8+1.3204e-08x^7-8.7447e-05x^6+0.33089x^5-782.39x^4+1.1838e+06x^3-1.1193e+09x^2+6.0465e+11x^1-1.4288e+14$	0.6236
9877	$+1.2115e-12x^8-1.8262e-08x^7+0.00012041x^6-0.45359x^5+1067.7x^4-1.6081e+06x^3+1.5134e+09x^2-8.1373e+11x^1+1.9138e+14$	0.7488
9878	$+9.1854e-12x^8-1.3959e-07x^7+0.00092799x^6-3.5248x^5+8367x^4-1.2709e+07x^3+1.2065e+10x^2-6.5436e+12x^1+1.5526e+15$	0.6678
9879	$+1.8553e-09x^7-2.4795e-05x^6+0.142x^5-451.76x^4+8.6224e+05x^3-9.8732e+08x^2+6.2802e+11x^1-1.7119e+14$	0.8437

Figure 22Country and location choice

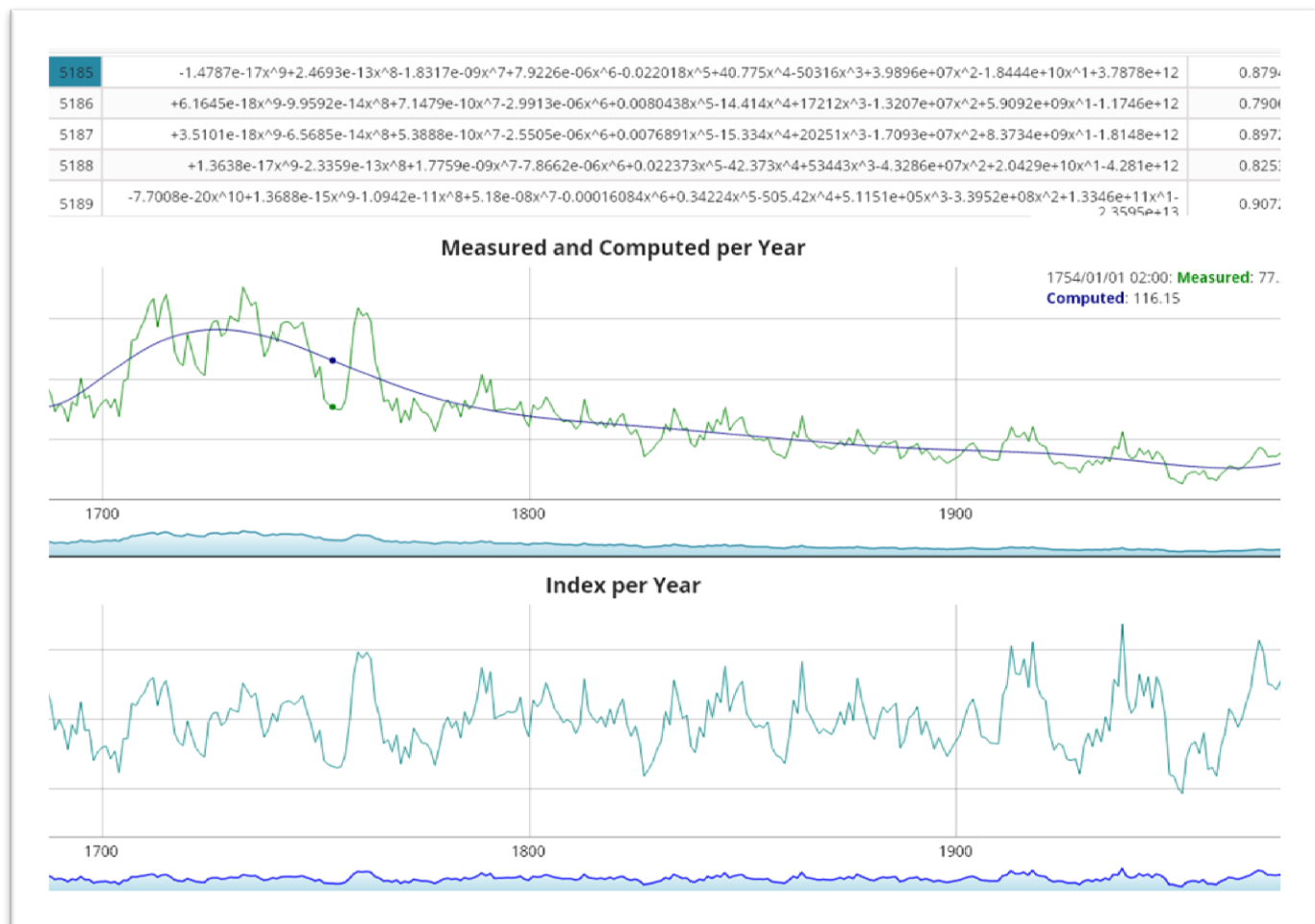


Figure 23Graphics per selected sequence id.