

Appendix 3. Species richness patterns of epiphytes along elevation in “El Cielo” Biosphere Reserve”.

Each point represents alpha diversity per plot overall (upper figure) and per family (lower figure) of the semi-deciduous forest (**SDF**), the tropical montane cloud forest (**TMCF**), the submontane scrub (**SMS**) and the pine-oak forest in the reserve (**POF**). Colors represent the slope; grey dots represent plots along the leeward slope and black dots represent plots along the windward slope. Coefficient of determination and p value are shown in each case.

