1. ABOUT THE DATASET

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Title: Pollen data and charcoal data of the Iberian Peninsula (version 2)

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Description: Sedimentary charcoal, preserved in lakes, peatbogs and other anoxic environments, has been widely used as an indicator of past changes in fire regimes. Pollen records can be used to reconstruct past climate changes by deriving a statistical relationship between modern pollen abundance and modern climate and applying this relationship to fossil pollen assemblages. Here, we present pollen data and charcoal data from the Iberian Peninsula.

The pollen data file includes basic information (e.g., latitude, longitude, elevation, source of the data, citation for original publication), age information (IPE age and IntCal20 mean and median ages and age uncertainties) and pollen counts for 205 taxa by depth (cm) for 120 sites (122 entities).

The charcoal data file includes basic information (e.g., latitude, longitude, elevation, charcoal. count type and unit), age information (IntCal20 mean and median age and age uncertainties) and charcoal quantity by depth (cm) for 55 sites (78 entities).

There are four main updates to the second version of Pollen data and charcoal data of the Iberian Peninsula: (1) the quality of the new age models created using IntCal20 calibration curve has been improved; (2) 9 more pollen entities have been added (ALCUDIA, ALGENDAR, GALDANA, CPORTER, ESGRAU, HTIMONER, TRAVESS1, PRATVILA, SONBOU) and one pollen entity removed (BAJONDI: the new age model cannot be correctly generated because of limited date information); 4 more charcoal entities have been added (El Payo core\_50, El Payo core\_50100, El Payo core\_100150, El Payo core\_150plus); (3) some charcoal entity names and charcoal site names have been edited to make them comparable with original sources and the Reading Palaeofire database (Harrison et al. 2021, https://doi.org/10.17864/1947.319); (4) some references and coordinates have been edited for consistency.

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2. TERMS OF USE

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121 entities have IntCal20 ages. 8 entities (BANYOLES\_1, Marbore composite, VILLUERCAS, BSM08, PORTALET, ENOL, Estanya Catena, ZONARcombined) have both IPE ages provided by the original authors and IntCal20 ages. Villarquemado does not have IntCal20 age but has IPE age provided by the original authors.

Pollen taxa were amalgamated in this dataset (please check METHODS for more details). Please note this can cause differences when compared with the raw published pollen data elsewhere.

***Table 1. Definition of the Iberia\_pollen\_records table.***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Field name | Definition | Data type | Notes |
| site\_name | Site name as given by original authors | Text |  |
| entity\_name | Name of entity, where an entity may be a separate core from the same site. | Text |  |
| latitude | Latitude of the sampling entity, given in decimal degrees, where N is positive and S is negative | Float | Numeric value between -90 and 90 |
| longitude | Longitude of the sampling entity in decimal degrees, where E is positive and W is negative | Float | Numeric value between -180 and 180 |
| elevation | Elevation of the sampling entity in meters above (+) or below (-) sea level | Float |  |
| source | Sources where the pollen data are obtained | Text | EPD: European Pollen Database (www.europeanpollendatabase.net) PANGAEA: www.pangaea.de/ author: all other records were provided directly by the original authors |
| reference | Original references that record the information of pollen sites | Text |  |
| avg\_depth..cm. | Average depth in the sedimentary sequence | Float | The unit of depth is centimeter (cm) |
| IPE.age..cal. | Age models provided by the original authors (IPE, Instituto Pirenaico de Ecología) | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_mean | Mean age of the sample | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_median | Median age of the sample | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_5 | Lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_95 | Upper bound of the 95% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_25 | Lower bound of the 75% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_75 | Upper bound of the 75% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| Taxa from Abies to Zygophyllaceae | Pollen count of each taxon | Float | At a few sites, pollen data are shown as relative abundance (percentages). |

Iberia\_charcoal\_records.csv:

***Table 2. Definition of the Iberia\_charcoal\_records table.***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Field name | Definition | Data type | Notes |
| site\_name | Site name as given by original authors or as defined by us where there was no unique name given to the site | Text |  |
| entity\_name | Name of entity, where an entity may be a separate core from the site or a separate type of measurement on the same core | Text |  |
| latitude | Latitude of the sampling entity, given in decimal degrees, where N is positive and S is negative | Float | Numeric value between -90 and 90 |
| longitude | Longitude of the sampling entity in decimal degrees, where E is positive and W is negative | Float | Numeric value between -180 and 180 |
| elevation | Elevation of the sampling entity in meters above (+) or below (-) sea level | Float |  |
| TYPE | The unit type of the measured charcoal values (e.g. concentration, influx) | Text | “TYPE” is used to do charcoal accumulation transformation |
| reference | Source of charcoal data | Text |  |
| avg\_depth..cm. | Average depth in the sedimentary sequence | Float | The unit of depth is centimeter (cm) |
| charcoal.quantity | Quantity of charcoal measured in the sample | Float |  |
| units | Charcoal measurement unit | Text | “unit” is used to distinguish micro and macro entities |
| INTCAL2020\_mean | Mean age of the sample | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_median | Median age of the sample | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_5 | Lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_25 | Lower bound of the 75% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_75 | Upper bound of the 75% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |
| INTCAL2020\_uncert\_95 | Upper bound of the 95% confidence interval for the median age | Integer |  |

5. METHODS

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Pollen data were obtained from the European Pollen Database (EPD, www.europeanpollendatabase.net), from PANGAEA (www.pangaea.de/) or provided by the authors (as indicated). Non-pollen palynomorphs (e.g. fungi, algae), introduced species, and fire-insensitive plants (e.g. obligate aquatics) were removed from the assemblages before analysis. Some pollen taxa are not identified consistently by palynologists or occur at very few sites, so some pollen types were amalgamated to higher taxonomic groups (mostly genera for trees, families for herbaceous taxa) for consistency across the records. This amalgamation was done in order to create a data set that was compatible with the SPECIAL Modern Pollen Database (Harrison, 2019), which is used as a training data set for climate reconstructions. Charcoal data were obtained from the Global Charcoal Database (Power et al., 2010; Marlon et al., 2016) or provided by the original authors (as indicated). New age models were created for both the pollen and the charcoal records using the IntCal20 calibration curve (Reimer et al., 2020) and the BACON Bayesian age-modelling tool in the rbacon package (2.5.0) in CRAN (Blaauw and Christeny, 2011) with the help of ageR package (Villegas-Diaz et al., 2021).

We provide one csv file for pollen data and another csv file for charcoal data formatted in UTF-8. Both pollen and charcoal data files include basic information for each entity (Site name, Entity name, Latitude, Longitude, Elevation, Reference), depth in cm, IntCal20 ages including median, mean, 5% uncertainty, 25% uncertainty, 75% uncertainty, 95% uncertainty values. In addition, the pollen data file contains pollen counts for 205 taxa and IPE ages for 9 entities (Villarquemado, BANYOLES\_1, Marbore composite, VILLUERCAS, BSM08, PORTALET, ENOL, Estanya Catena, ZONARcombined). The charcoal data file includes additional information on charcoal type, charcoal unit and charcoal quantity.

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