**Supporting information S1**

*R* code for Model 3.

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# Function to maximise using MLE

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# p = starting values of three parameters p[1], p[2], p[3]

# index = interval cover value for year site combination

# n.y = number if years

######

loglike10 <-function(p, index, n.y) {

 sd <- p[2]

 loglike.res<-rep(0, length(n.y))

 for (j in 1:length(n.y)){

 mu <- p[3]\*n.y[j] + p[1]

 indexdf<-index

 boundl<-rep(0,length(indexdf[,j]))

 boundr<-rep(0,length(indexdf[,j]))

 left<-rep(0,length(indexdf[,j]))

 right<-rep(1,length(indexdf[,j]))

 # Specify current boundaries for each interval class

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==0]<-logit(0.0001)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==0]<-logit(0.001)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==1]<-logit(0.001)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==1]<-logit(0.01)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==2]<-logit(0.01)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==2]<-logit(0.03)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==3]<-logit(0.03)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==3]<-logit(0.05)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==4]<-logit(0.05)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==4]<-logit(0.10)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==5]<-logit(0.10)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==5]<-logit(0.25)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==6]<-logit(0.25)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==6]<-logit(0.33)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==7]<-logit(0.33)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==7]<-logit(0.50)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==8]<-logit(0.50)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==8]<-logit(0.75)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==9]<-logit(0.75)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==9]<-logit(0.95)

 boundl[indexdf[,j]==10]<-logit(0.95)

 boundr[indexdf[,j]==10]<-logit(0.99)

 left<-pnorm(boundl, mu, sd)

 right<-pnorm(boundr, mu, sd)

 lik<-right-left

 negloglik <- (-2\*sum(log(lik[!is.na(indexdf[,j])])))

 loglike.res[j] <- negloglik

 }

 return(sum(loglike.res))

}

**Supporting information S2**

JAGS code for Model 4.

######

# isCensored[r] indexes which observations are censored

# y[r] is NA when the observation is censored

# censorLimitVec[r,] provides the lower and upper bounds for censored observation r

######

model {

for( r in 1 : Ndata ) {

isCensored[r] ~ dinterval( y[r] , censorLimitVec[r,] )

y[r] ~ dnorm( mu[r] , tau )

mu[r] <- b0[site[r]] + b1[site[r]] \* x[r]

}

for ( s in 1 : Nsite ) {

b0[s] ~ dnorm( mu0G , tau0G )

b1[s] ~ dnorm( mu1G , tau1G )

}

p.decrease <- 1 - step(mu1G)

tau ~ dgamma(0.1 , 0.1)

mu0G ~ dnorm(0 , 0.01)

tau0G ~ dgamma(0.1 , 0.1)

mu1G ~ dnorm(0 , 0.01)

tau1G ~ dgamma(0.1 , 0.1)

}