

### *Supplementary Material 3*

Table S1.- Results from univariate ANOVAs testing differences between leaf functional traits and formations. For each analysis, *F*-value is shown. n.s. (not significant). Specific leaf area (SLA), LCC, LNC and LPC (leaf carbon, leaf nitrogen and leaf phosphorous content respectively), leaf C:N:P stoichiometry, and Phenological index (PSI). N= 22 in Semiarid Mediterranean Shrubland (SaMS); N = 26 in Subdesert Mediterranean Shrubland (SMS); N = 30 in Subalpine Shrubland (SAS); N= 27 in Alpine Cushion Shrubland (AcS); N= 21 in Alpine Juniper prostrate Shrubland (AjS). Degrees of freedom (df) = 4.

	F	Sig.
SLA (mm <sup>2</sup> mg <sup>-1</sup> )	2.63	0.04
LNC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	3.17	0.02
LCC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	6.89	0.00
LPC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	5.19	0.00
N:P	4.11	0.00
C:N	4.93	0.00
PSI index	3.00	0.02

Table S2.- Results from univariate ANOVAs testing differences between leaf functional traits and functional groups. For each analysis, *F*-value is shown. n.s. (not significant). Specific leaf area (SLA), LCC, LNC and LPC (leaf carbon, leaf nitrogen and leaf phosphorous content respectively), leaf C:N:P stoichiometry, and Phenological index (PSI). N= 27 in Perennial Herbs (PH); N = 13 in Deciduous Half Shrubs (DHS); N= 5 in Deciduous Large Shrubs (DLS); N= 48 in Evergreen Half Shrubs (EHS); N= 15 in Evergreen Large Shrubs (ELS); N= 5 in Deciduous Trees (DT); N= 5 in Evergreen Trees (ET) and N = 8 in Succulents (SC); df = 7.

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SLA (mm <sup>2</sup> mg <sup>-1</sup> )	3.64	0.00
LNC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.393	0.03
LCC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	5.375	0.00
LPC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.672 n. s	0.70
N:P	2.85	0.01
C:N	0.59 n. s	0.77
PSI index	1.67 n. s	0.12