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[Snowpatch traits protocol 01May2026.pdf](#)
[Rixen et al 2022 Journal of Ecology Intraspecific trait variation in alpine plants relates to their elevational.pdf](#)

Dear ITEXers and snow enthusiasts,

we mentioned it at the last ITEX meeting in Sweden: we are planning a protocol measuring plant traits along snowmelt gradients (so from the center of a snowpatch with late snowmelt to the margin).

Would you be interested to join in?

Please see attached our preliminary (one day) protocol with a preliminary data sheet.

Analyses could be along the lines of the attached trait paper from 2022 (but along a snow gradient and not an elevation gradient).

We are hoping to get many of you on board for a good coverage of regions and species. The one-day field campaign would be in late summer (when the snow is gone of course) this year in the northern hemisphere and half a year later in the southern hemisphere.

Please get back to us if you could be interested and/or sign up in the google sheet with your favourite site and species: [Snowbed protocol - Google Sheets](#)

We are happy to discuss more details with you, possibly in an online meeting in few weeks or so. But we wanted to get the word out before the field season starts and you are already gone or have no more resources.

Let us know your thoughts.

All the best!

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