

Supplementary meterial

Table S1: Results of the linear mixed models analyzing the effects of harvesting (clipping and machine harvesting) on the shoot and flowering parameters of *Calluna vulgaris* (L.) Hull during 2011–2012 in Petäjävaara. Year: Ndf = 1, harvesting Ndf = 2, year x harvesting Ndf = 2. Ddf = 21

		Year		Harvesting		Interaction	
		<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>
Mean number							
15	All shoots (SS + FLS + NFLS)	15.820	0.001	0.151	0.861	3.240	0.059
	Short shoots (SS)	3.344	0.082	0.085	0.918	4.181	0.030
	Flowering long shoots (FLS) ^a	7.750	0.011	5.211	0.015	4.263	0.028
	Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS) ^a	126.951	<0.001	0.915	0.416	9.081	0.001
Relative							
20	Short shoots (SS)	22.949	<0.001	1.029	0.375	3.385	0.053
	Flowering long shoots (FLS) ^a	22.660	<0.001	3.166	0.063	1.960	0.166
	Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS) ^a	62.391	<0.001	2.169	0.139	11.045	0.001
	Length of FLS (mm)	3.941	0.060	5.380	0.013	19.996	<0.001
25	Number of flowers/FLS ^a	36.552	<0.001	12.492	<0.001	18.914	<0.001

^aLog-transformed data were used in the analysis.

Table S2: Results of the linear mixed models analyzing the effects of harvesting (manual clipping) on the shoot and flowering parameters of *Calluna vulgaris* (L.) Hull during 2010–2012 in Meltaus. Year: Ndf = 2, harvesting method Ndf = 1, year x harvesting method Ndf = 2. Ddf = 14

	Year		Harvesting		Interaction	
	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>
Mean number						
All shoots (SS + FLS + NFLS)	0.527	0.601	5.817	0.030	0.612	0.556
Short shoots (SS)	0.100	0.905	3.370	0.088	0.123	0.886
Flowering long shoots (FLS) ^a	16.354	<0.001	120.785	<0.001	9.820	0.002
Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS) ^a	30.868	<0.001	10.425	0.006	7.279	0.007
Relative						
Short shoots (SS) ^a	9.452	0.003	63.950	<0.001	5.983	0.013
Flowering long shoots (FLS) ^a	16.179	<0.001	108.169	<0.001	12.316	0.001
Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS) ^a	28.572	<0.001	3.419	0.086	7.433	0.006
Length of FLS	8.921	0.003	32.987	<0.001	0.738	0.496
Number of flowers/FLS	38.781	<0.001	101.833	<0.001	21.390	<0.001

Square root-transformed data were used in the analysis.

^aLog-transformed data were used in the analysis.

Table S3: Results of the linear mixed models analyzing the effects of harvesting (stripping and machine harvesting) on the growth and flowering parameters of *Calluna vulgaris* (L.) Hull during 2010–2012 in Sodankylä. Year: Ndf = 2, harvesting Ndf = 2, year x harvesting Ndf = 4. Ddf = 21

	Year		Harvesting		Interaction	
	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>
Mean number						
All shoots (SS + FLS + NFLS)	1.546	0.236	2.055	0.153	0.925	0.468
Short shoots (SS)	1.223	0.314	1.677	0.211	0.792	0.544
Flowering long shoots (FLS) ^a	40.732	<0.001	4.781	0.019	0.819	0.522
Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS)	44.720	<0.001	3.507	0.048	1.781	0.170
Relative						
Short shoots (SS)	45.212	<0.001	1.904	0.174	0.116	0.976
Flowering long shoots (FLS)	207.528	<0.001	7.368	0.004	6.650	0.001
Non-flowering long shoots (NFLS) ^a	93.547	<0.001	0.288	0.753	0.478	0.751
Length of FLS	35.605	<0.001	3.809	0.039	6.650	0.001
Number of flowers/FLS	207.720	<0.001	7.442	0.004	3.711	0.020

^aLog-transformed data were used in the analysis.