

Supplementary Material

Multiple mechanisms mediate growth and survival in young seedlings of two populations of the halophyte *Atriplex halimus* (L.) subjected to long single-step salinity treatments

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Table S1. Nutrient solution, Macroelements (Morard 1995)

	K	Ca	Mg	Na	N	P	S	Cl
Macroelements	K ⁺	Ca ⁺⁺	Mg ⁺⁺	Na ⁺	NO ₃ ⁻	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	SO ₄ ⁻	Cl ⁻
Concentration (mM)	7	5	1.5	-	15	2	1.5	-

Table S2. Nutrient solution, Microelements (Morard 1995)

Microelements	Fe	Mn	Cu	Zn	B	Mo
Concentration (mM)	0.089	0.008	0.0009	0.001	0.024	0.0001

Table S3. Electrical Conductivity of different treatments

Treatment	T0	T1	T2	T3	T4
NaCl concentration (mM)	0	34	85	171	256
Electrical Conductivity (ms) at 25°C	2.34	5.78	10.93	18.75	25

Table S4. PCR primers used for real-time PCR

Oligo Name	Sequence (5'-3')
CMOatriplexF	CGAACCTGCCTTCTATGCTC
CMOatriplexR	AAGGGCATAACGAAACAYGAC
Na-HF	GATGTGGGAAACGGAAACC
Na-HR	CAAATTGTTGGTGCTTTGTT
Mt 18S-F	TGACGGAGAATTAGGGTTCG
Mt 18S-R	CCTCCAATGGATCCTCGTTA

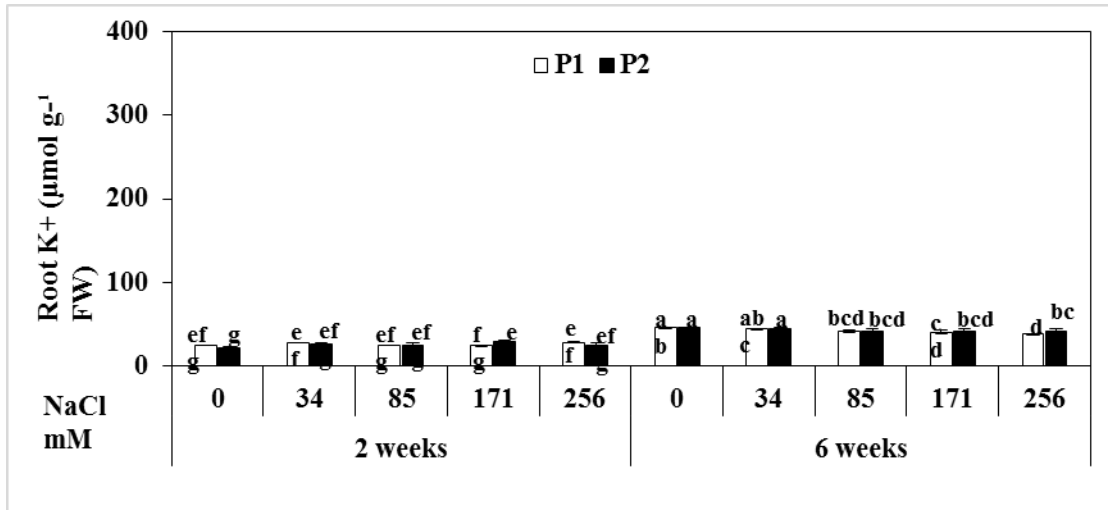


Fig. S1. K⁺ accumulation in roots of *Atriplex halimus* seedlings from Steppe (P1) and coastal (P2) regions over time and across salt stress treatments (mean ± s.d.; $n = 3$; different letters above the bars indicate significant differences based on a Tukey's test ($P < 0.05$) across all samples.

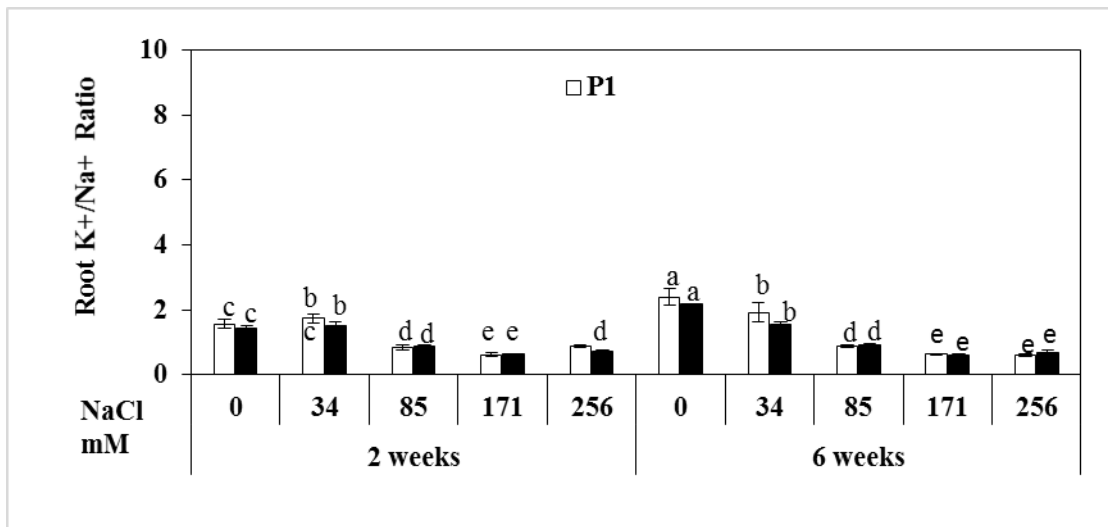


Fig. S2. K⁺/Na⁺ ratio in roots of *Atriplex halimus* seedlings from Steppe (P1) and coastal (P2) regions. Over time and across salt stress treatments (mean ± s.d.; $n = 3$; different letters above the bars indicate significant differences based on a Tukey's test ($P < 0.05$) across all samples.

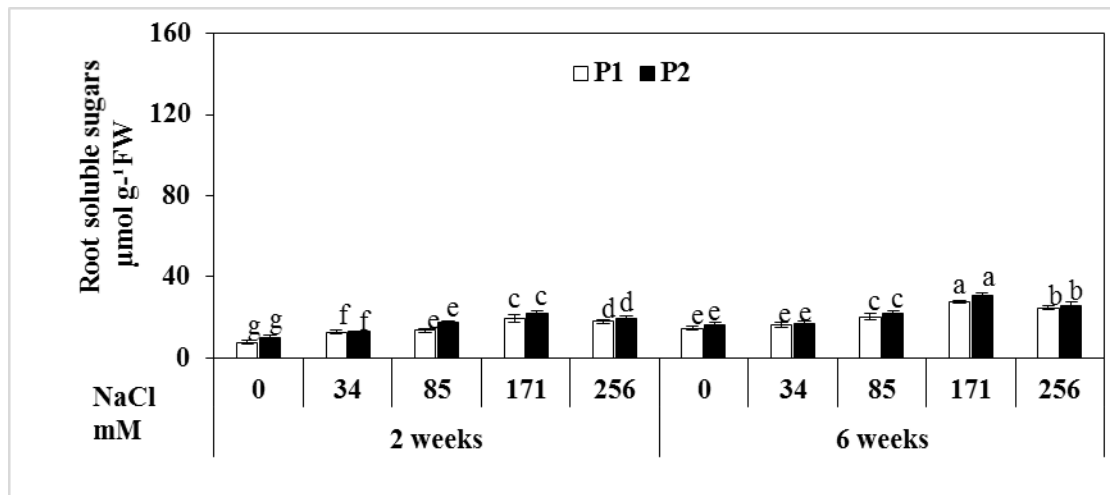


Fig. S3. Soluble sugar concentration in roots of *Atriplex halimus* seedlings from Steppe (P1) and coastal (P2) regions over time and across salt stress treatments (mean \pm s.d.; $n = 3$; different letters above the bars indicate significant differences based on a Tukey's test ($P < 0.05$) across all samples).

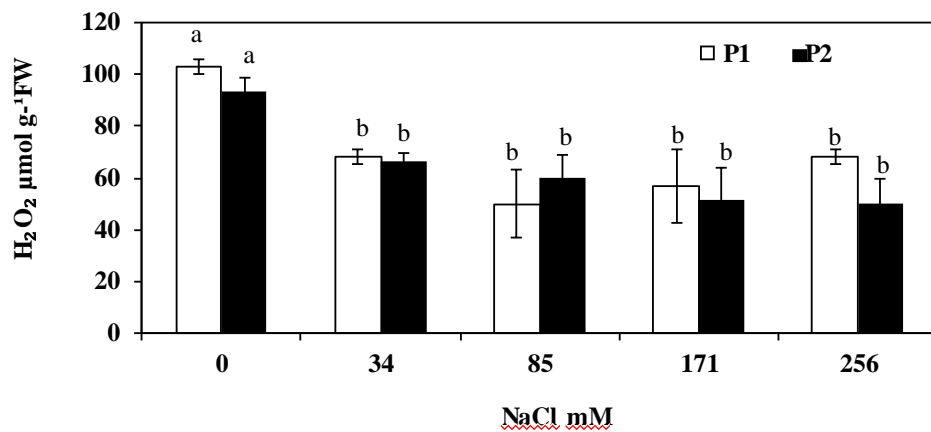
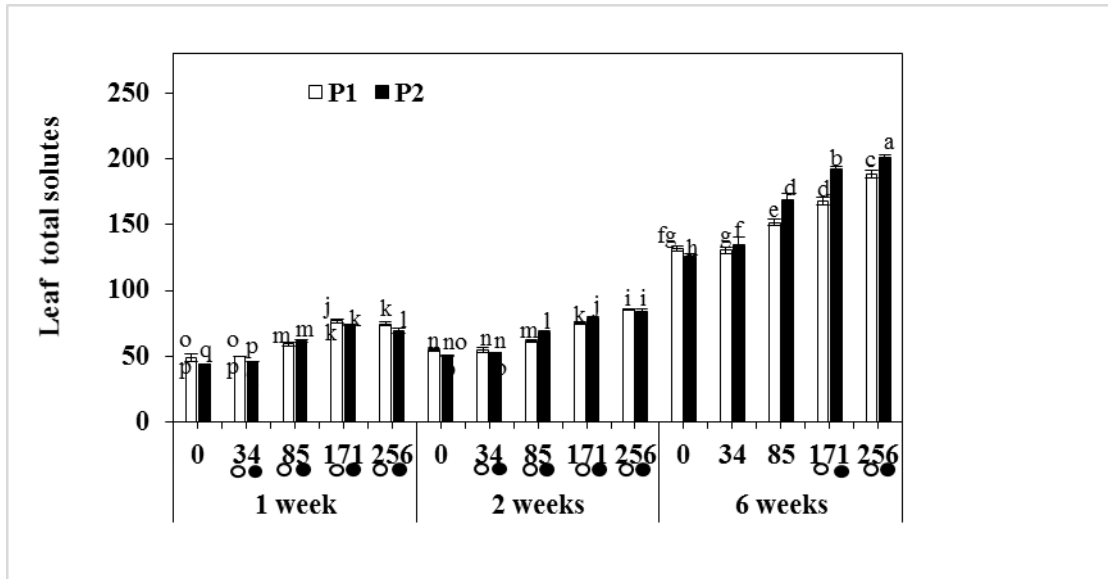
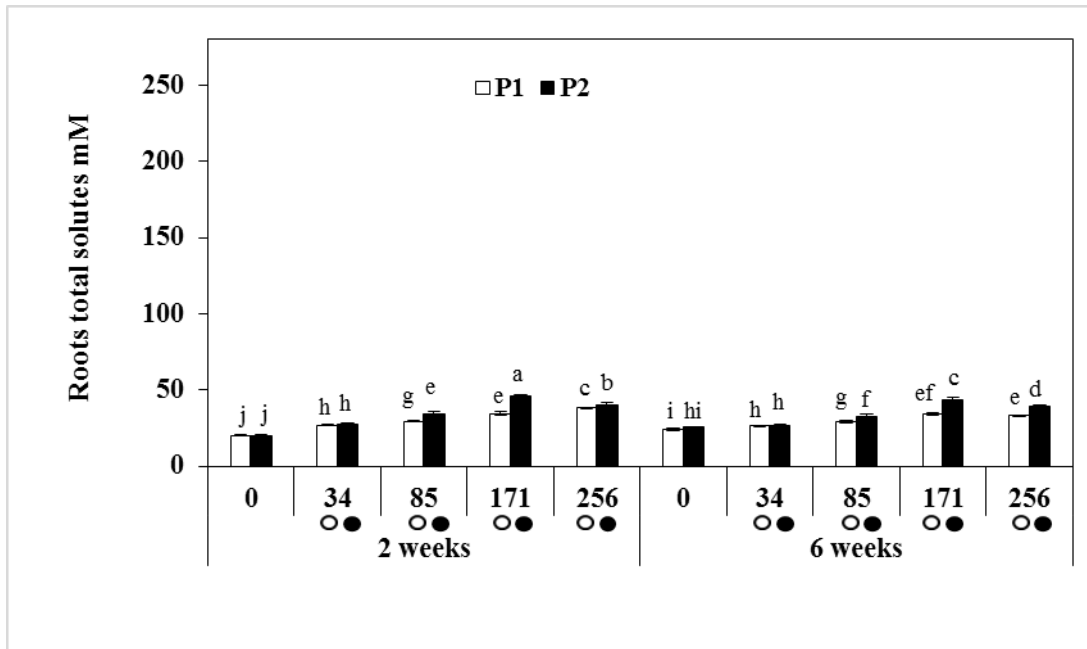


Fig. S4. H₂O₂ concentration in leaves of *Atriplex halimus* seedlings from Steppe (P1) and coastal (P2) regions after 6 weeks of salt stress (mean \pm s.d.; $n = 3$; different letters above the bars indicate significant differences based on a Tukey's test ($P < 0.05$) across all samples).



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(B)

Fig. S5. Total internal solutes (expressed in mM) in leaves (A) and roots (B) of *Atriplex halimus* seedlings from Steppe (P1) and coastal (P2) regions over time against total external solutes comprising NaCl (0, 34, 85, 171, 256 mM) and total nutrient solutes of 32.1 mM (mean \pm s.d.; $n = 3$; different letters above the bars indicate significant differences based on a Newman-Keuls test ($P < 0.05$) across all samples. Open or closed circles indicate that the internal solute concentration is below the external concentration for P1 and P2 respectively.