Appendix

Table A1: List of species used in the BEF-China experiment according to the Flora of China (http://www.efloras.org and http://frps.eflora.cn). The site column shows the experimental site (A, B) where the species was planted. In addition, for broad-leaved trees the number after the site shows the species set that refers to the three random extinction scenarios each at the experimental site A and B. * = commercial coniferous plantation species.

Species	Life form	Species code	Site and species set
Acer davidii Franch.	Tree	27	A2,A3
Ailanthus altissima (Miller) Swingle	Tree	29	B1,B2
Alniphyllum fortunei (Hemsl.) Makino	Tree	30	B1,B2
Ardisia crenata Sims	Shrub	s1	Α
Betula luminifera H. Winkl.	Tree	31	B1,B3
Camellia chekiangoleosa Hu	Shrub	s2	Α
Castanea henryi (Skan) Rehd. et Wils.	Tree	1	A1,A3
Castanopsis carlesii (Hemsl.) Hay.	Tree	10	A2,A3
Castanopsis eyrei (Champ.) Tutcher	Tree	13	A1,A2,B2,B3
Castanopsis fargesii Franch.	Tree	32	B1,B2
Castanopsis sclerophylla (Lindl.) Schott.	Tree	14	A1,A3,B2,B3
Celtis biondii Pamp.	Tree	33	B1,B2
Choerospondias axillaris (Roxb.) Burtt et Hill.	Tree	4	A1,A3
Cinnamomum camphora (Linn.) Presl	Tree	17	A2,A3,B2,B3
Cunninghamia lanceolata (Lamb.) Hook.	Tree*	28	A, B
Cyclobalanopsis glauca (Thunb.) Oerst.	Tree	11	A1,A3,B2,B3
Cyclobalanopsis myrsinifolia (Blume) Oerst.	Tree	9	A1,A2
Daphniphyllum oldhamii (Hemsl.) Rosenth.	Tree	16	A2,A3,B2,B3
Diospyros japonica Sieb. & Zucc.	Tree	15	A2,A3,B2,B3
Distylium buxifolium (Hance) Merr.	Shrub	s3	A, B
Distylium myricoides Hemsl.	Shrub	s4	Α
Elaeocarpus chinensis (Gardn. et Chanp.) Hook. f. ex Benth.	Tree	34	B1,B3
Elaeocarpus glabripetalus Merr.	Tree	35	B1,B2
Elaeocarpus japonicus Sieb. et Zucc.	Tree	36	B1,B3

Euonymus myrianthus Hemsl.	Shrub	s9	Α
Eurya muricata Dunn	Shrub	s5	Α
Ficus erecta Thunb.	Shrub	s16	В
Gardenia jasminoides Ellis	Shrub	s8	Α
Hydrangea chinensis Maxim.	Shrub	s18	В
Idesia polycarpa Maxim.	Tree	37	B1,B3
Itea omeiensis C.K. Schneider	Shrub	s13	В
Koelreuteria bipinnata Franch.	Tree	18	A1,A2
Liquidambar formosana Hance	Tree	6	A1,A3
Lithocarpus glaber (Thunb.) Nakai	Tree	12	A1,A2,B2,B3
Loropetalum chinense (R. Br.) Oliver	Shrub	s10	Α
Machilus grijsii Hance	Tree	39	B1,B3
Machilus leptophylla HandMazz.	Tree	41	B1,B2
Machilus thunbergii Sieb. et Zucc.	Tree	40	B1,B2
Manglietia fordiana (Oliver) Hu	Tree	42	B1,B3
Melia azedarach Linn.	Tree	26	A2,A3
Meliosma flexuosa Blume	Tree	38	B1,B3
Nyssa sinensis Oliver	Tree	20	A1,A2
Phoebe bournei (Hemsl.) Yen C. Yang	Tree	43	B1,B2
Photinia hirsuta HandMazz.	Shrub	s12	В
Phyllanthus glaucus Wall. ex Muell. Arg.	Shrub	s15	В
Pinus massoniana Lamb.	Tree*	2	A, B
Quercus acutissima Carruth.	Tree	25	A2,A3
Quercus fabri Hance	Tree	24	A1,A2
Quercus phillyreoides A. Gray	Tree	44	B1,B3
Quercus serrata Murray	Tree	8	A1,A3
Rhaphiolepis indica (Linn.) Lindl. ex Ker	Shrub	s6	Α
Rhododendron ovatum Planch.	Shrub	s14	В
Rhododendron simsii Planch.	Shrub	s17	В
Rhus chinensis Mill.	Tree	23	A1,A3
Sapindus saponaria Linn.	Tree	19	A1,A2
Schima superba Gardn. et Champ.	Tree	3	A1,A2,B2,B3
Syzygium buxifolium Hook. et Arn.	Shrub	s19	A, B
Triadica cochinchinensis Loureiro	Tree	22	A2,A3

Triadica sebifera (L.) SmallTree21A1,A3Viburnum setigerum HanceShrubs11B