**Supporting Information (S1) - Information about hydrological and trait datasets)**

Table 1. Importance of components, from Principal Components Analysis of the set of 18 hydrological metrics used as explanatory variables in this study.

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|  | **PC1** | **PC2** | **PC3** | **PC4** | **PC5** |
| Standard deviation | 2.787 | 1.995 | 1.273 | 1.079 | 0.996 |
| Proportion of variance | 0.431 | 0.221 | 0.090 | 0.065 | 0.042 |
| Cumulative proportion | 0.431 | 0.653 | 0.743 | 0.807 | 0.862 |

Table 2. Loadings across principal components for the set of 18 hydrological metrics used as explanatory variables in this study.

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| metric | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 | PC4 | PC5 |
| MDFMDFWet | -0.068 | 0.127 | -0.647 | -0.183 | 0.210 |
| MDFMDFDry | 0.261 | -0.226 | -0.132 | -0.141 | 0.243 |
| CVMDFWet | -0.300 | -0.102 | 0.242 | -0.194 | 0.210 |
| CVMDFDry | -0.331 | -0.134 | 0.043 | 0.125 | -0.046 |
| HSPeak | -0.307 | -0.001 | -0.272 | 0.190 | -0.018 |
| HSMeanDur | 0.261 | -0.313 | -0.046 | 0.068 | -0.016 |
| CVAnnHSPeak | -0.296 | 0.063 | -0.210 | 0.082 | 0.131 |
| CVAnnHSMeanDur | 0.141 | -0.367 | 0.150 | 0.312 | 0.029 |
| LSPeak | -0.137 | 0.384 | -0.023 | 0.314 | 0.257 |
| LSMeanDur | -0.283 | -0.193 | -0.067 | -0.336 | 0.205 |
| CVAnnLSPeak | 0.095 | -0.342 | 0.069 | -0.350 | 0.330 |
| CVAnnLSMeanDur | -0.121 | -0.242 | -0.199 | 0.130 | 0.311 |
| BFI | 0.334 | -0.020 | -0.026 | 0.205 | 0.215 |
| CVAnnBFI | -0.250 | -0.286 | -0.139 | 0.160 | -0.235 |
| C\_MinM | 0.200 | -0.225 | -0.403 | 0.394 | -0.045 |
| M\_MinM | 0.172 | 0.159 | -0.211 | -0.233 | -0.451 |
| C\_MaxM | -0.154 | -0.345 | -0.155 | -0.202 | -0.456 |
| M\_MaxM | 0.259 | 0.175 | -0.246 | -0.283 | 0.066 |

Table 3. Summary statistics for trait data.

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| **trait** | **mean** | **SD** |
| *flowering duration (months)* | 4.72 | 2.58 |
| *leaf area (cm2)* | 28.61 | 28.05 |
| *maximum height (m)* | 19.79 | 13.98 |
| *seed mass (mg)* | 365.99 | 2078.8 |
| *SLA (cm2/g)* | 15.3 | 7.42 |
| *wood density (g/cm3)* | 0.609 | 0.13 |

Table 4. Proportional abundance of plants represented in the functional diversity analysis at each site.

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| Site | Total cover (individuals Ha-1) | Represented cover (individuals Ha-1) | Proportion represented |
| 1 | 8365 | 8219 | 0.983 |
| 2 | 13698 | 13643 | 0.996 |
| 3 | 28142 | 22487 | 0.799 |
| 4 | 9567 | 8177 | 0.855 |
| 5 | 3193 | 3179 | 0.996 |
| 6 | 25237 | 25140 | 0.996 |
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| 32 | 5307 | 5307 | 1 |
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| **trait** | **data density** |
| flowering duration | 0.891 |
| growth form | 1 |
| leaf area | 0.983 |
| maximum height | 0.971 |
| seed mass | 0.868 |
| SLA | 0.661 |
| wood density | 0.672 |

Table 6. Error estimates for imputation of missing data. Note that these error estimates refer to transformed data.

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| **trait** | **normalised root mean squared error** |
|  |  |
| flowering duration | 0.263 |
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| leaf area | 4.351 |
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