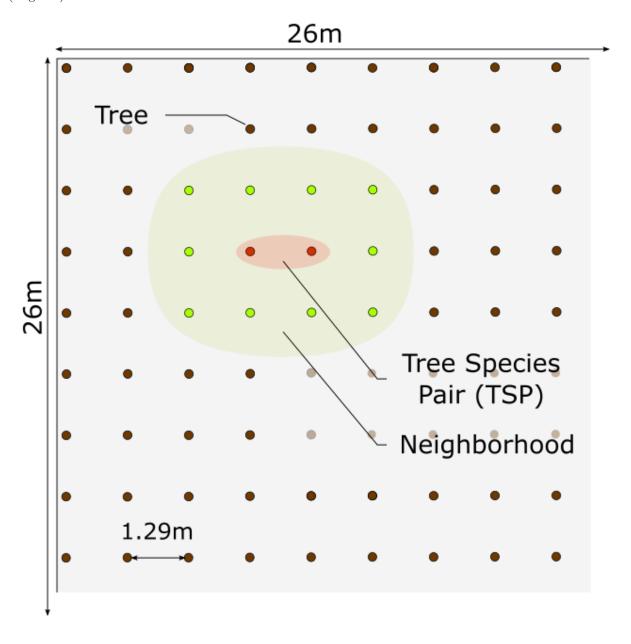
# Supplementary material III-S1

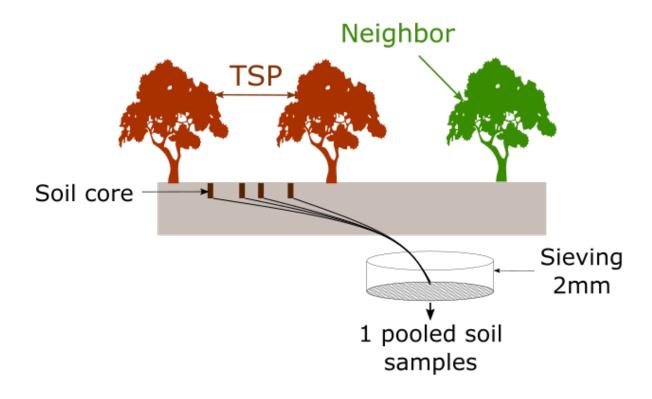
### A. Plot design

Plantation design in BEF China plot with example of tree species pair (i.e. TSP in red) and its neighborhood (in green).



#### B. Tree Species pair sampling design

Soil sampling design between the tree species pairs, where four soil cores were taken and pooled together.



#### C. Tree species selection

List of tree species building the tree species pairs (TSPs) in the different plots of Site A (BEF China experiment)

Species	Leaf persistence
Castanea henryi Castanopsis sclerophylla Choerospondias axillaris Cyclobalanopsis glauca	deciduous evergreen deciduous evergreen
Koelreuteria bipinnata Liquidambar formosana	deciduous deciduous
Lithocarpus glaber Nyssa sinensis Quercus fabri	evergreen deciduous deciduous
Quercus serrata Sapindus mukorossi Sapium sebiferum	deciduous deciduous

## D. Tree Species Pairs (TSPs) selection

Tree species pairs description and attributes (paragraphs were added for readability)

TSP code	Site	Plot	Diversity level	Species 1	Species 2
26-E24	A	E24	1	Liquidambar formosana	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
33-E31	A	E31	1	Quercus fabri	Quercus fabri
34-E31	A	E31	1	Quercus fabri	$\stackrel{\circ}{Q}uercus\; fabri$
27-E33	A	E33	1	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
28-E33	A	E33	1	Lithocarpus glaber	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
1-E34	A	E34	1	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
2-E34	A	E34	1	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
37 - F21	A	F21	1	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
38-F21	A	F21	1	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
10-G17	A	G17	1	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
29-G22	A	G22	1	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	Lithocarpus glaber
22 - G24	A	G24	1	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	Koelreuteria bipinnata
23-G24	A	G24	1	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
36 - G33	A	G33	1	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
30 -H25	A	H25	1	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
3-I12	A	I12	1	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
24-I28	A	I28	1	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
25-I28	A	I28	1	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
14-K9	A	K9	1	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
8-L11	A	L11	1	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
9-L11	A	L11	1	Castanopsis sclerophylla	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
13-L23	A	L23	1	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
42-N11	A	N11	1	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
43-N11	A	N11	1	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
46-N13	A	N13	1	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
47-N13	A	N13	1	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
11-O27	A	O27	1	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	Choerospondias axillaris
12 - O27	A	O27	1	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
21-Q13	A	Q13	1	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$
r-21-Q13	A	Q13	1	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
35-Q16	A	Q16	1	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
15-R14	A	R14	1	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
16-R14	A	R14	1	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
44 - R17	A	R17	1	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
45-W13	A	W13	1	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
31-W14	A	W14	1	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
32 -W 14	A	W14	1	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
51-C32	A	C32	2	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
52 - C32	A	C32	2	Castanea henryi	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
96-C32	A	C32	2	Castanea henryi	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
95-C32	A	C32	2	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
97 - C32	A	C32	2	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	Nyssa sinensis
53-F22	A	F22	2	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
54 - F22	A	F22	2	Castanea henryi	$Castanea\ henryi$
55-F22	A	F22	2	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$

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TSP code	Site	Plot	Diversity level	Species 1	Species 2
98-F22	A	F22	2	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
87-H31	A	H31	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
86-H31	A	H31	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
113-H31	A	H31	2	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
112-H31	A	H31	2	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
114-H31	A	H31	2	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
67-I27	A	I27	2	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Choerospondias\ axillar is$
68-I27	A	I27	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
116-I27	A	I27	2	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$
117-I27	A	I27	2	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$
118-I27	A	I27	2	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
81-J21	A	J21	2	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
82-J21	A	J21	2	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
83-J21	A	J21	2	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	Lithocarpus glaber
91-J21	A	J21	2	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	Koelreuteria bipinnata
r-91-J21	A	J21	2	Lithocarpus glaber	Koelreuteria bipinnata
92-J21	A	J21	2	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	Lithocarpus glaber
72-K3	A	K3	2	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
73-K3	A	К3	2	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
75-K3	A	К3	2	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
99-K3	A	К3	2	$Quercus\ fabri$	Quercus fabri
64-O6	A	O6	$\frac{1}{2}$	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Castanopsis sclerophylla
65-O6	A	O6	2	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Castanopsis sclerophylla
66-O6	A	O6	2	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Quercus serrata
105-O6	A	O6	$\frac{2}{2}$	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
63-P26	A	P26	2	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Castanopsis sclerophylla
62-P26	A	P26	$\frac{1}{2}$	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Quercus serrata
w-104-P26	A	P26	$\frac{1}{2}$	Quercus serrata	Castanopsis sclerophylla
102-P26	A	P26	2	$Quercus\ serrata$	Quercus serrata
103-P26	A	P26	2	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
104-P26	A	P26	2	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
74-Q21	A	Q21	$\frac{1}{2}$	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
76-Q21	A	Q21	2	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
77-Q21	A	Q21	2	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	$Quercus\ fabri$
100-Q21	A	Q21	2	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
101-Q21	A	Q21	2	Quercus fabri	Quercus fabri
84-Q7	A	Q7	2	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Koelreuteria bipinnata
85-Q7	A	Q7	$\frac{2}{2}$	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Lithocarpus glaber
93-Q7	A	Q7	$\frac{2}{2}$	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
94-Q7	A	Q7	2	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
69-S18	A	S18	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
70-S18	A	S18	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Sapium sebiferum
71-S18	A	S18	$\frac{2}{2}$	Choerospondias axillaris	Sapium sebiferum
119-S18	A	S18	$\overset{2}{2}$	Sapium sebiferum	Sapium sebiferum
r-120-S18	A	S18	$\overset{2}{2}$	Sapium sebiferum	Sapium sebiferum
88-T17	A	T17	2	Liquidambar formosana	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
89-T17	A A	T17	$\frac{2}{2}$	Liquidambar formosana	Liquidambar formosana
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90-T17	A	T17	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	Sapindus mukorossi
115-T17	A	T17	2	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
130-F27	A	F27	4	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
131-F27	A	F27	4	$Choeros pondias\ axillar is$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
153-F27	A	F27	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	Choerospondias axillaris
161-F27	A	F27	4	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$
162-F27	A	F27	4	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
139-F28	A	F28	4	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
132-N20	A	N20	4	$Choeros pondias\ axillar is$	$Choeros pondias\ axillar is$
154-N20	Α	N20	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
155-N20	A	N20	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Quercus\ serrata$
156-N20	A	N20	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
163-N20	A	N20	4	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
133-N8	A	N8	4	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
149-N8	A	N8	4	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
125-P19	A	P19	4	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Castanea\ henryi$
126-P19	A	P19	4	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
143-P19	A	P19	4	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
148-P19	A	P19	4	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
160-P19	A	P19	4	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
124-P29	A	P29	4	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
141-P29	A	P29	4	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
142-P29	A	P29	4	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
147-P29	A	P29	4	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Castanea\ henryi$
159-P29	Α	P29	4	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Castanea\ henryi$
150 - U15	Α	U15	4	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
140-V12/W12	Α	V12/W12	4	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
146-W12/X12	A	W12/X12	4	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
176-P27	A	P27	8	$Cyclobal ano psis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
181-P27	$\mathbf{A}$	P27	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
187-P27	Α	P27	8	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
166-R16	A	R16	8	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
171-R16	A	R16	8	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
175-R16	A	R16	8	$Choe rospondias\ axillar is$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
190-R16	$\mathbf{A}$	R16	8	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Castanea\ henryi$
193-R16	A	R16	8	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
194-R16	A	R16	8	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Quercus\ serrata$
198-R16	A	R16	8	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
199-R16	A	R16	8	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
200-R16	A	R16	8	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Quercus\ serrata$
201-R16	A	R16	8	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
165-S10	A	S10	8	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Castanea\ henryi$
170-S10	A	S10	8	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
173-S10	A	S10	8	Choerospondias axillaris	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
174-S10	A	S10	8	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
172-S10	A	S10	8	Choerospondias axillaris	$Quercus\ serrata$
186-S10	A	S10	8	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
185-S10	A	S10	8	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$

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188-S10	A	S10	8	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
189-S10	A	S10	8	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
197-S10	A	S10	8	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Castanea\ henryi$
178-S14	A	S14	8	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
183-S15	A	S15	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
r-216-S15	A	S15	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
184-S15	A	S15	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Quercus\ fabri$
191-T15	A	T15	8	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
220-L21	A	L21	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$
216-L21	A	L21	16	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
203-L22	A	L22	16	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
204-L22	A	L22	16	$Castanea\ henryi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
209-L22	A	L22	16	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
210-L22	A	L22	16	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Choerospondias \ axillaris$
r-213-L22	A	L22	16	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
217 - L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	Castanea henryi
219-L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
218-L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$
221-L22	A	L22	16	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
222-L22	A	L22	16	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
230-L22	A	L22	16	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
r-220-M21	A	M21	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
226 - M21	A	M21	16	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
208-M22	A	M22	16	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
211-M22	A	M22	16	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
213-U10	A	U10	16	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
r-213-U10	A	U10	16	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Quercus\ fabri$
225 - U10	A	U10	16	$Quercus\ serrata$	Quercus serrata
229-U10	A	U10	16	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
231-U10	A	U10	16	Sapium sebiferum	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
232-N9	A	N9	24	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
236-N9	A	N9	24	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
238-N9	A	N9	24	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
241-N9	A	N9	24	Sapindus mukorossi	Nyssa sinensis
234-R18	A	R18	24	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	Quercus serrata
235-R18	A	R18	24	Choerospondias axillaris	Quercus serrata
239-R18	A	R18	24	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Nyssa\ sinensis$