Supplementary material I-S1

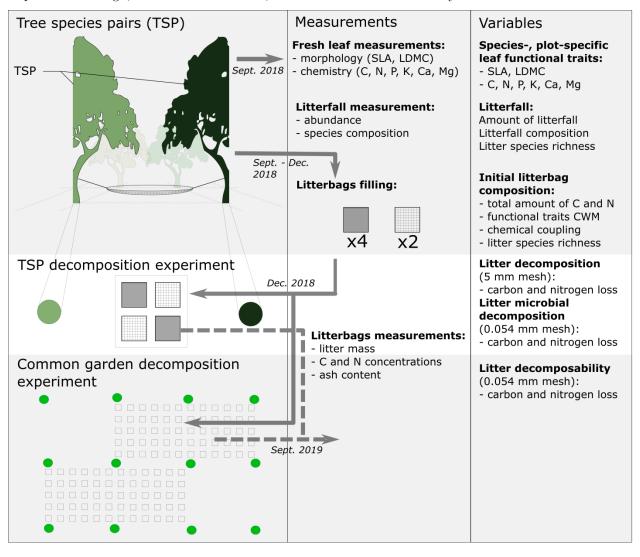
A. Plot design

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



B. Sampling design

Experimental design, realized measurements, and variables used in our study.



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	deciduous
$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	evergreen
$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	deciduous
$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	evergreen
$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	deciduous
$Liquidambar\ formosana$	deciduous
Lithocarpus glaber	evergreen
$Nyssa\ sinensis$	deciduous
$Quercus\ fabri$	deciduous
Quercus serrata	deciduous
$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	deciduous
Sapium sebiferum	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	$\overline{\ \ Liquidambar\ formosana}$
33-E31	A	E31	1	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
34 - E31	A	E31	1	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Quercus\ fabri$
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	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
23-G24	A	G24	1	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
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	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
25-I28	A	I28	1	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
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

TSP code	Site	Plot	Diversity level	Species 1	Species 2
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	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$
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-W14	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	$\frac{1}{2}$	Castanea henryi	Nyssa sinensis
95-C32	A	C32	2	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
97-C32	A	C32	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
53-F22	A	F22	2	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
54-F22	A	F22	$\frac{2}{2}$	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
55-F22	A	F22	$\frac{2}{2}$	Castanea henryi	Nyssa sinensis
98-F22	A	F22	2	Nyssa sinensis	Nyssa sinensis
87-H31	A	H31	$\frac{2}{2}$	Liquidambar formosana	Liquidambar formosana
86-H31	A	H31	$\frac{2}{2}$	Liquidambar formosana	Sapindus mukorossi
113-H31	A	H31	$\frac{2}{2}$	Sapindus mukorossi	Liquidambar formosana
113-1131 112-H31	A	H31	$\frac{2}{2}$	Sapindus mukorossi Sapindus mukorossi	Sapindus mukorossi
114-H31	A	H31	2	Sapindus mukorossi	Sapindus mukorossi
67-I27	A	I27	$\frac{2}{2}$	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillari
68-I27	A	I27	$\frac{2}{2}$	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillari
116-I27	A	I27	$\frac{2}{2}$	Sapium sebiferum	Choerospondias axillari
110-127 117-I27	A	127 127	$\frac{2}{2}$	Sapium sebiferum	Choerospondias axillari
118-I27	A	I27	2	Sapium sebiferum	Sapium sebiferum
81-J21	A	J21	$\frac{2}{2}$	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Koelreuteria bipinnata
82-J21	A	J21	$\overset{2}{2}$	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Koelreuteria bipinnata
83-J21	A	J21	$\frac{2}{2}$	_	-
91-J21	A	J21 $J21$	$\frac{2}{2}$	Koelreuteria bipinnata Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber Koelreuteria bipinnata
r-91-J21	A	J21	2	Lithocarpus glaber	Koelreuteria bipinnata
92-J21	A	J21	$\frac{2}{2}$	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
92-321 72-K3	A	K3	$\frac{2}{2}$	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
72-K3 73-K3		K3	$\frac{2}{2}$		
75-K3 75-K3	A A	K3	$\frac{2}{2}$	Cyclobalanopsis glauca Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca Quercus fabri
99-K3	A	КЗ	2		•
99-K3 64-O6		06	$\frac{2}{2}$	Quercus fabri Castanopsis sclerophylla	Quercus fabri
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65-O6	A	O6	2	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Castanopsis sclerophyll
66-O6 105-O6	A A	O6 O6	$\frac{2}{2}$	Castanopsis sclerophylla Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata Quercus serrata
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63-P26	A	P26	2	Castanopsis sclerophylla	Castanopsis sclerophyll
62-P26	A	P26	2	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	Quercus serrata

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w-104-P26	A	P26	2	Quercus serrata	Castanopsis sclerophylla
102-P26	\mathbf{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	\mathbf{A}	Q21	2	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
76-Q21	A	$\mathbf{Q}21$	2	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Quercus fabri
77-Q21	A	Q21	$\frac{1}{2}$	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	m Q7	2	$ar{Koelreuteria}\ bipinnata$	Koelreuteria bipinnata
85-Q7	A	m Q7	2	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Lithocarpus glaber
93-Q7	A	Q7	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
94-Q7	A	Q7	$\frac{2}{2}$	Lithocarpus glaber	Lithocarpus glaber
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69-S18	A	S18	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillaris
70-S18	A	S18	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Sapium sebiferum
71-S18	A	S18	2	Choerospondias axillaris	Sapium sebiferum
119-S18	A	S18	2	Sapium sebiferum	Sapium sebiferum
r-120-S18	A	S18	2	Sapium sebiferum	Sapium sebiferum
88-T17	A	T17	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$
89-T17	Α	T17	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Liquidambar\ formosana$
90-T17	A	T17	2	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
115-T17	\mathbf{A}	T17	2	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
130-F27	A	F27	4	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyllo$
131-F27	A	F27	4	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$
153-F27	A	F27	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	Choerospondias axillaris
161-F27	\mathbf{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	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	Choerospondias axillaris
154-N20	A	N20	4	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyllo$
155-N20	A	N20	4	Quercus serrata	Quercus serrata
156-N20	\mathbf{A}	N20	4	Quercus serrata	Sapium sebiferum
163-N20	A	N20	4	Sapium sebiferum	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyllo$
133-N8	A	N8	4	Cyclobalanopsis glauca	Cyclobalanopsis glauca
149-N8	A	N8	4	$Quercus\ fabri$	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$
125-P19	\mathbf{A}	P19	4	Castanea henryi	Castanea henryi
126-P19	A	P19	4	Castanea henryi	Nyssa sinensis
143-P19	A	P19	4	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	$Sapindus\ mukorossi$
148-P19	A	P19	4	Nyssa sinensis	Sapindus mukorossi
160-P19	A	P19	$\overline{4}$	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	Liquidambar formosana	Nyssa sinensis
147-P29	A	P29	4	Nyssa sinensis	Castanea henryi
159-P29	A	P29	4	Sapindus mukorossi	Castanea henryi
150-U15	A	U15	4	Quercus fabri	Quercus fabri
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140-V12/W12	Α	V12/W12	4	$Koelreuteria\ bipinnata$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$

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176-P27	A	P27	8	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	Quercus fabri
181-P27	A	P27	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
187-P27	A	P27	8	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$	$Lithocarpus\ glaber$
166-R16	A	R16	8	Castanea henryi	Liquidambar formosano
171-R16	A	R16	8	$Castanopsis\ sclerophylla$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyll$
175-R16	A	R16	8	$Choerospondias\ axillaris$	$Sapium\ sebiferum$
190-R16	A	R16	8	$Nyssa\ sinensis$	$Castanea\ henryi$
193-R16	A	R16	8	$Quercus\ serrata$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyll$
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	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyll$
174-S10	A	S10	8	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillari
172-S10	A	S10	8	Choerospondias axillaris	Quercus serrata
186-S10	A	S10	8	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	Liquidambar formosano
185-S10	A	S10	8	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	Nyssa sinensis
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	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Koelreuteria bipinnata
r-216-S15	A	S15	8	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Lithocarpus glaber
184-S15	A	S15	8	$Koel reuteria\ bipinnata$	Quercus fabri
191-T15	A	T15	8	Quercus fabri	$igc{Q}uercus\ fabri$
220-L21	A	L21	16	Liquidambar formosana	Choerospondias axillari
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 sclerophyll
210-L22	A	L22	16	Choerospondias axillaris	Choerospondias axillari
r-213-L22	A	L22	16	$Cyclobalanopsis\ glauca$	Quercus fabri
217-L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidam bar\ formosana$	Castanea henryi
219-L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	Liquidambar formosano
218-L22	A	L22	16	$Liquidambar\ formosana$	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	$Sapium\ sebiferum$	$Castanopsis\ sclerophyll$
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 sclerophyli
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

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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	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Koelreuteria 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