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## Extended Data for

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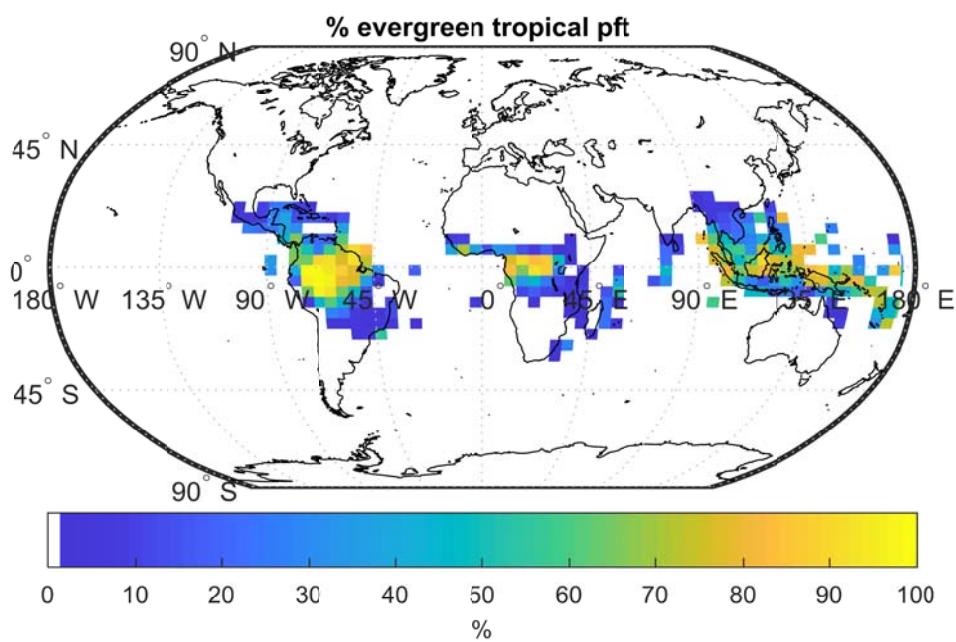
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**Supplemental Table 1** – Attributes from the plots.

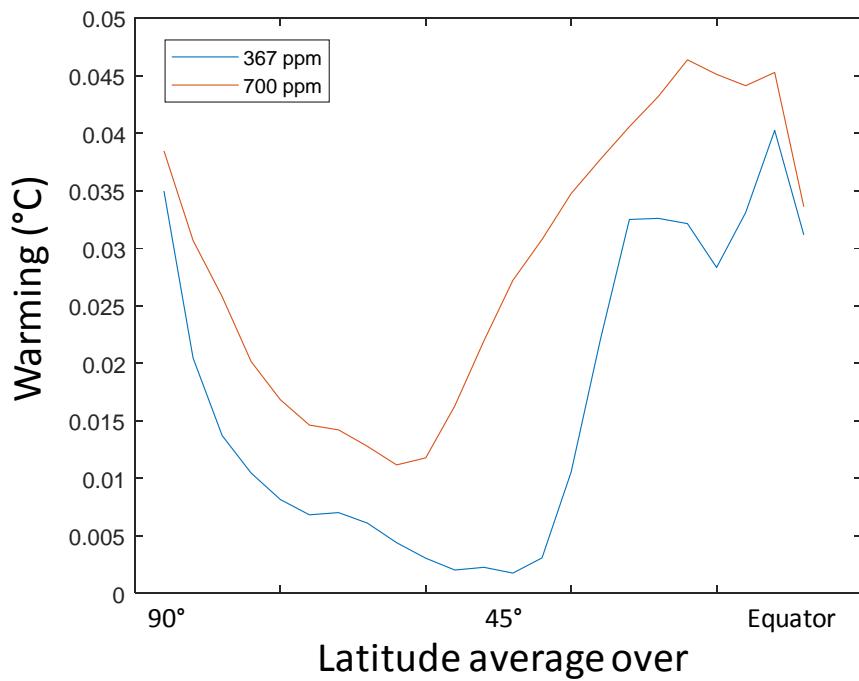
| CHAMBASA plot code                        | Tambopata<br>5 | Tambopata<br>6 | Pantiacolla<br>2 | Pantiacolla<br>a 3 | San Pedro<br>2 | San Pedro<br>1 | Trocha<br>Union 4 | Esperanza      | Wayqecha       | Acjanaco 1     |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>RAINFOR site code</b>                  | TAM-05         | TAM-06         | PAN-02           | PAN-03             | SPD-02         | SPD-01         | TRU-04            | ESP-01         | WAY-01         | ACJ-01         |
| <b>Latitude</b>                           | -12.8309       | -12.8385       | -12.6495         | -12.6383           | -13.0491       | -13.0475       | -13.1055          | -13.1751       | -13.1908       | -13.14689      |
| <b>Longitude</b>                          | -69.2705       | -69.2960       | -71.2626         | -71.2744           | -71.5365       | -71.5423       | -71.5893          | -71.5948       | -71.5874       | -71.6323       |
| <b>Elevation* (m)</b>                     | 223            | 215            | 595              | 859                | 1494           | 1713           | 2719              | 2868           | 3045           | 3537           |
| <b>Mean annual air temperature** (°C)</b> | 24.4           | 24.4           | 23.5**           | 21.9**             | 18.8           | 17.4           | 13.5              | 13.1           | 11.8           | 9              |
| <b>Precipitation (mm yr<sup>-1</sup>)</b> | 1900           | 1900           | 2366**           | 2835**             | 5302           | 5302           | 2318              | 1560           | 1560           | 3487           |
| <b>Vegetation height*</b>                 | 27.5           | 28.2           | 24.4             | 18.7               | 22.8           | 14.0           | 15.7              | 16.9           | 14.3           | 12.5           |
| <b>Soil type</b>                          | Cambisol       | Alisol         | Plintico         | Alisol             | Cambisol       | Cambisol       | Umbrisol          | Umbrisol       | Umbrisol       | Cambisol       |
| <b>Skewness LMA field</b>                 | 2.0            | 3.1            | 3.6              | 2.4                | 2.1            | 3.5            | 1.2               | 1.9            | 8.4            | 4.4            |
| <b>Skewness LMA RS (1ha)</b>              | 0.8            | 0.2            | 0.7              |                    | 1.4            | 1.0            | 0.9               | 1.3            | 0.9            | 0.3            |
| <b>Mean LMA field</b>                     | 103.7+2<br>1.3 | 107.3+1<br>8.5 | 103.5+2<br>3.1   |                    | 108.7+31<br>.7 | 134.8+42<br>.1 | 136.8+5<br>6.6    | 127.8+2<br>4.8 | 152.4+31<br>.6 | 146.1+49<br>.5 |
| <b>Mean LMA RS (1ha)</b>                  | 104.9<br>±5.6  | 100.4<br>±3.7  | 104.4<br>±4.0    |                    | 117.4<br>±14.6 | 120.5<br>±11.2 | 137.3<br>±19.7    | 138.0<br>±23.3 | 138.3<br>±21.6 | 138.3<br>±21.6 |

**Supplementary Table 2** - We parameterized the PROSPECTv4 model using measured basal area weighted plot level values of chlorophyll ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ), water ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) and dry matter ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) as shown below.

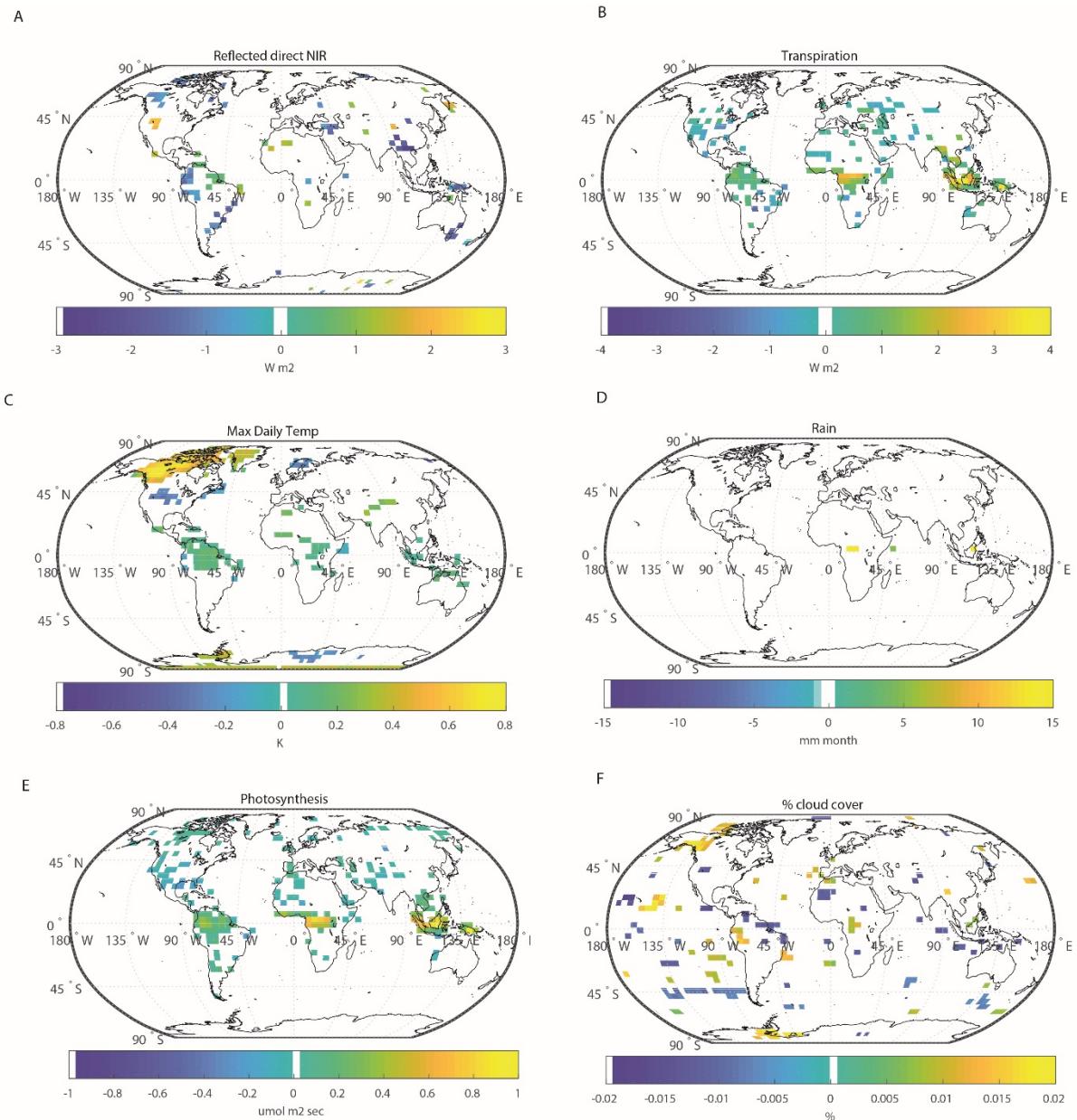
| CHAMBASA plot code | Mean annual Temperature (C) | Leaf structure parameter | Chlorophyll a+b content - $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ | Equivalent water thickness - $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ | Dry matter content in $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Tam -5</b>      | 24.40                       | 1.05                     | 74.36   | 0.0058  | 0.0049                                       |
| <b>Tam-6</b>       | 24.40                       | 1.04                     | 65.75   | 0.0053  | 0.0051                                       |
| <b>Pan-02</b>      | 23.50                       | 1.04                     | 50.82   | 0.0056  | 0.0047                                       |
| <b>SPD-02</b>      | 18.80                       | 1.05                     | 79.35   | 0.0062  | 0.0047                                       |
| <b>SPD-03</b>      | 17.40                       | 1.12                     | 58.77   | 0.0075  | 0.0060                                       |
| <b>TRU-04</b>      | 13.50                       | 1.12                     | 64.57   | 0.0081  | 0.0056                                       |
| <b>ESP-01</b>      | 13.10                       | 1.10                     | 80.77   | 0.0079  | 0.0049                                       |
| <b>WAY-01</b>      | 11.80                       | 1.16                     | 77.27   | 0.0098  | 0.0054                                       |
| <b>ACJ-01</b>      | 9.00                        | 1.14                     | 72.90   | 0.0092  | 0.0054                                       |



**Supplementary Figure 1** – The percentage of the grid cell composed of broadleaf evergreen tropical plant functional type.



**Supplementary Figure 2** – The average change in maximum daily temperature with a 0.2 change in NIR tropical leaf albedo for simulations at 367 (blue) and 700 ppm (red) atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. At the left, 90° represents an average from 90° N to 90°S. Moving to the right averages over gradually less area until the equator, which averages only the equatorial band.



**Supplementary Figure 3** – Same as Figure 4, but only showing significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) pixels using a simple two-tailed paired t-test.