

# Selecting Useful Tree Species: potential natural distribution maps and species distribution models

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# The Right Trees for the Right Place

## A. Trees for Products



fruit



firewood



medicine



income



Sawn wood



fodder

## B. Trees for Services



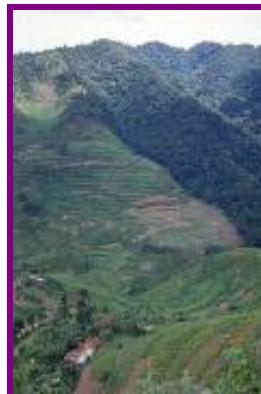
Soil fertility



Carbon



erosion



watershed



shade



biodiversity

## C. Trees for right place...

Simple as ABC !?

# Locations of 985 useful tree species

[www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org)

Google earth



Occurrences	Species	Percentage	Cum. Percentage
300+	1	0.1%	0.1%
200-299	3	0.3%	0.4%
100-199	31	3.1%	3.6%
50-99	63	6.4%	9.9%
30-49	107	10.9%	20.8%
10-29	184	18.7%	39.5%
1-9	220	22.3%	61.8%
0	376	38.2%	100.0%
All	985	100.0%	100.0%

Biased locations ... and some locations are wrong

# vegetationmap4africa

[http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/2\\_Vegetation\\_map.html](http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/2_Vegetation_map.html)

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Individual PNVs

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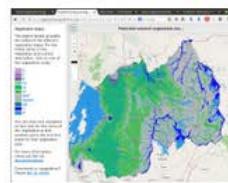
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### A vegetation map for eastern Africa

The map of potential natural vegetation of eastern Africa, gives the distribution of potential natural vegetation in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and Zambia. The map distinguishes 48 vegetation types, divided in four main vegetation groups: 16 forest types, 15 woodland and wooded grassland types, 5 bushland and thicket types and 12 other types. Furthermore, a number of compound vegetation types are mapped, which include vegetation mosaics, catena's and transitional zones. The current version is 2.0. The map is available in various formats, listed below. Before using the maps, please consult the [terms of use](#).

### Web-based maps



View the interactive online map in your browser and quickly find out more about the natural vegetation and its species for any location. [Click here](#)

### Maps in mobile format

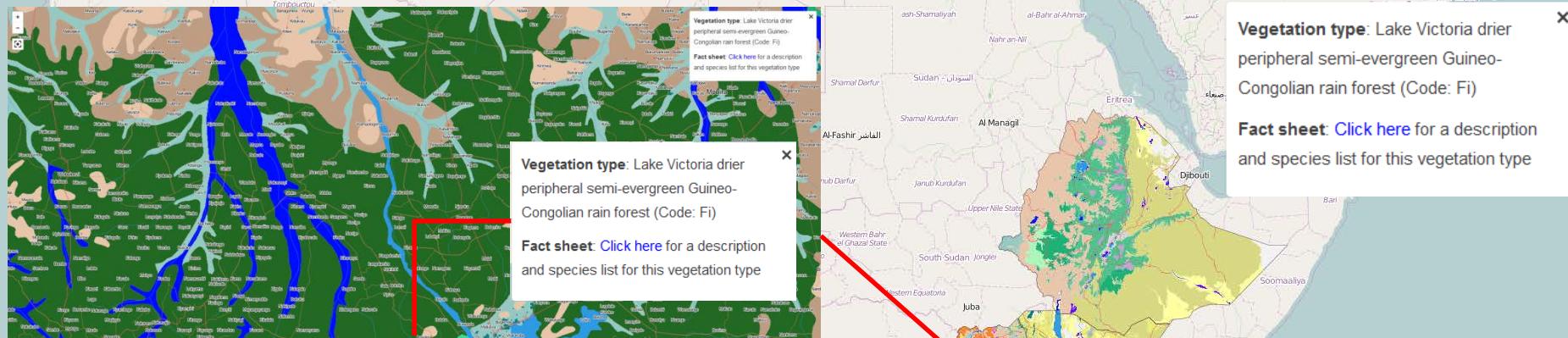


Bring the map with you in the field and know the natural vegetation where ever you are. Download the map for use on your favorite mobile map viewer - [Click here](#).

# vegetationmap4africa

[http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/Vegetation\\_map.html](http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/Vegetation_map.html)

New version with web-based, Google Earth and mobile maps



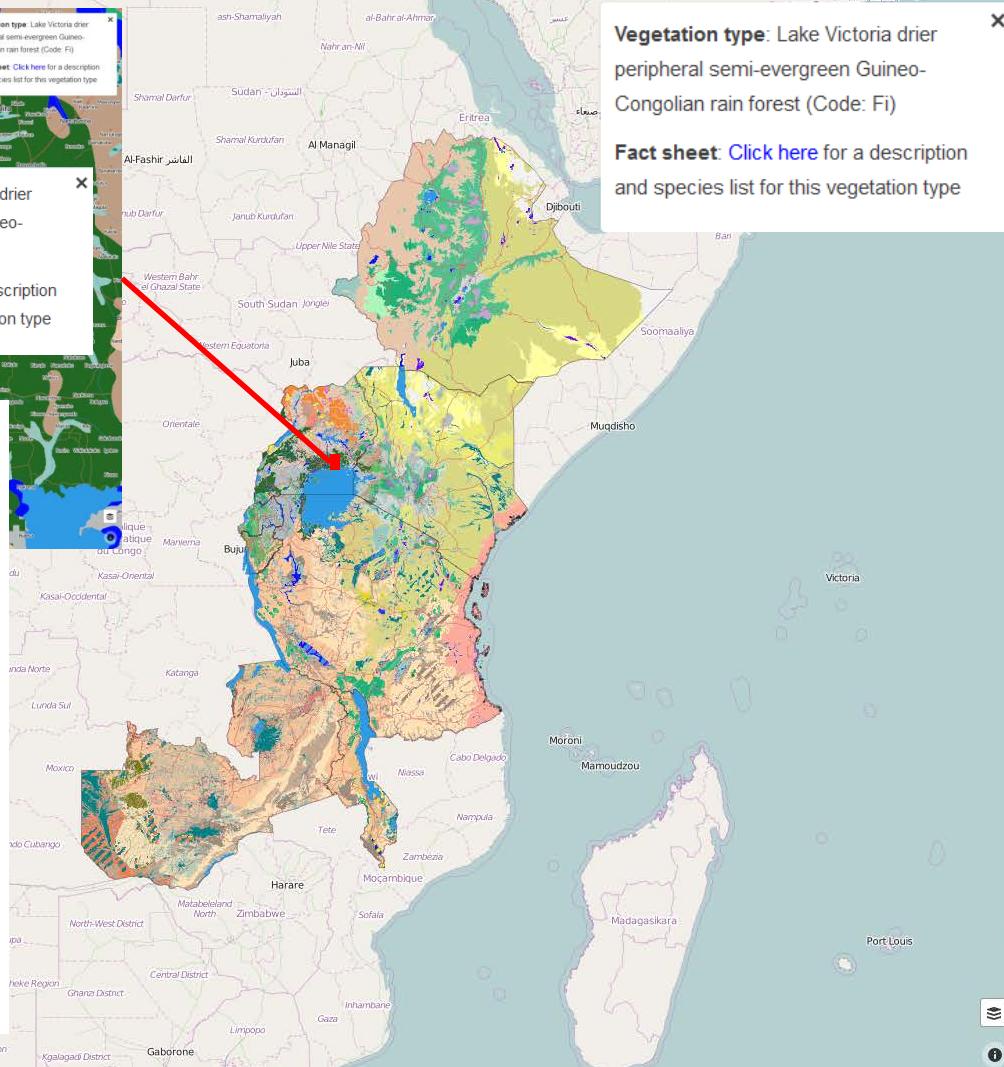
## Products and environmental services of tree species

Documented products and environmental services for the tree species occurring in this vegetation type (Fi) are listed below. Clicking the name of any of these species will open the page for that species on the Agroforestry Species Switchboard. Between brackets information is given on the status of each species ('dom' indicates dominant species, 'cha' characteristic species, 'pre' other species and 'mar' species of marginal occurrence), the English vernacular name of the species and the documented country distribution of the species (B=Burundi, E=Ethiopia, K=Kenya, M=Malawi, R=Rwanda, T=Tanzania, U=Uganda, Z=Zambia).

### Wood

- Firewood
- Charcoal
- Timber, Furniture, Construction

*Albizia grandibracteata* (Cha, Large-leaved albizia, BEKRTU), *Alstonia boonei* (Cha, Cheesewood, EU), *Antiaris toxicaria* (Cha, False mvule, BEKRTUZ), *Celtis africana* (Cha, White stinkwood, BEKMRTUZ), *Celtis gomphophylla* (Cha, Bastard white stinkwood, EKMRTUZ), *Celtis mildbraedii* (Cha, Red-fruited white stinkwood, KTU), *Chrysophyllum albidum* (Cha, White star apple, KMU), *Cynometra alexandri* (Cha, Uganda Ironwood, BTU), *Entandrophragma angolense* (Cha, Budongo mahogany, KTU), *Entandrophragma cylindricum* (Cha, Sapelli mahogany, U), *Entandrophragma utile* (Cha, Budongo heavy mahogany, U), *Holoptelea grandis* (Cha, Orange-barked terminalia, U), *Khaya anthotheca* (Cha, Smooth-barked mahogany, KMTUZ), *Khaya grandifoliola* (Cha, Big-leaf mahogany, U), *Maesopsis eminii* (Cha, Umbrella tree, BKRTUZ), *Mildbraediadendron excelsum* (Cha, U), *Milicia excelsa* (Cha, Mvule, BEKMRTU), *Morus mesozygia* (Cha, Uganda mulberry, EKMTUZ), *Piptadeniastrum africanum* (Cha, African greenheart, U), *Pouteria altissima* (Cha, Aningeria, EKRTUZ), *Albizia coraria* (Pre, BEKTUZ), *Albizia glaberrima* (Pre, White Nongo, KMTUZ), *Albizia gummifera* (Pre, Peacock flower, BEKMRTU), *Albizia zygia* (Pre, West African albizia, BKRTU), *Balanites wilsoniana* (Pre, KTU), *Blighia unijugata*



# Agroforestry Species Switchboard

## one-stop shop for information on plant species

[www.worldagroforestry.org/products/switchboard](http://www.worldagroforestry.org/products/switchboard)

### Agroforestry Species Switchboard 1.4

A synthesis of information sources to support tree research and development activities



Enter name and click search icon



Your results for the search term: '**Gliricidia sepium**'

Names found	Current Name (Click to show links on the right)
Gliricidia sepium	Gliricidia sepium

Each species is linked to 43 web-based databases such as the ICRAF AgroforesTree Database, the Plant Resources of Tropical Africa (PROTA), the CABI Invasive Species Compendium, Tropical Forages, USDA Food Composition Database or FAO's ECOCROP database

30,542 plant species

38,466 including synonyms

240,157 hyperlinks (excluding 'search')

About the Switchboard/suggested citation

Email: [switchboard@cgiar.org](mailto:switchboard@cgiar.org)

#### Links to *Gliricidia sepium*

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[vegetationmap4africa](#)

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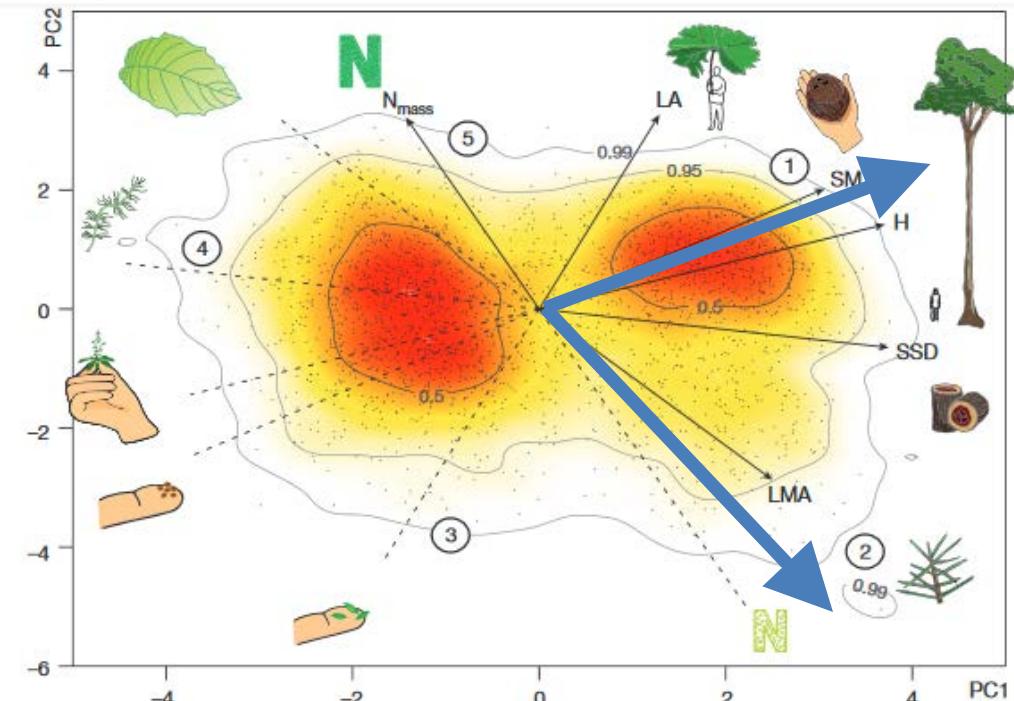
[New World Fruits Database](#)

# Plant functional attributes (eg, ecosystem services and services)

Table 10.1. Seed and seedling traits of pioneer and shade-tolerant tree species in tropical forests

Attribute	Pioneer	Shade-tolerant
Seed size	Small	Large
Initial seedling size	Small	Large
Seed dormancy	Capable	Little or no capacity
Seed longevity	Relatively long-lived	Short-lived
Seed germination physiology	Often require red light	No red light requirement
Seedling germination	Mostly epigeal (aboveground)	Mostly hypogea (belowground)
Cotyledon morphology	Photosynthetic cotyledons	Nonphotosynthetic, reserve cotyledons
Leaf and stem tissue density	Low	High
Cotyledon/leaf toughness	Low	High
Photosynthetic capacity	High	Low
Specific leaf area	High	Low
Seedling survival rate	Low	High
Seedling growth rate	High	Low
Herbivore resistance	Low	High

Sources: Based on Bazzaz (1991), Kitajima (1996), and Alvarez-Clare and Kitajima (2007).



H: adult plant height      N: N content per unit leaf mass  
 LA: leaf area      SM: diaspore mass  
 LMA: leaf mass per area      SSD: stem specific density

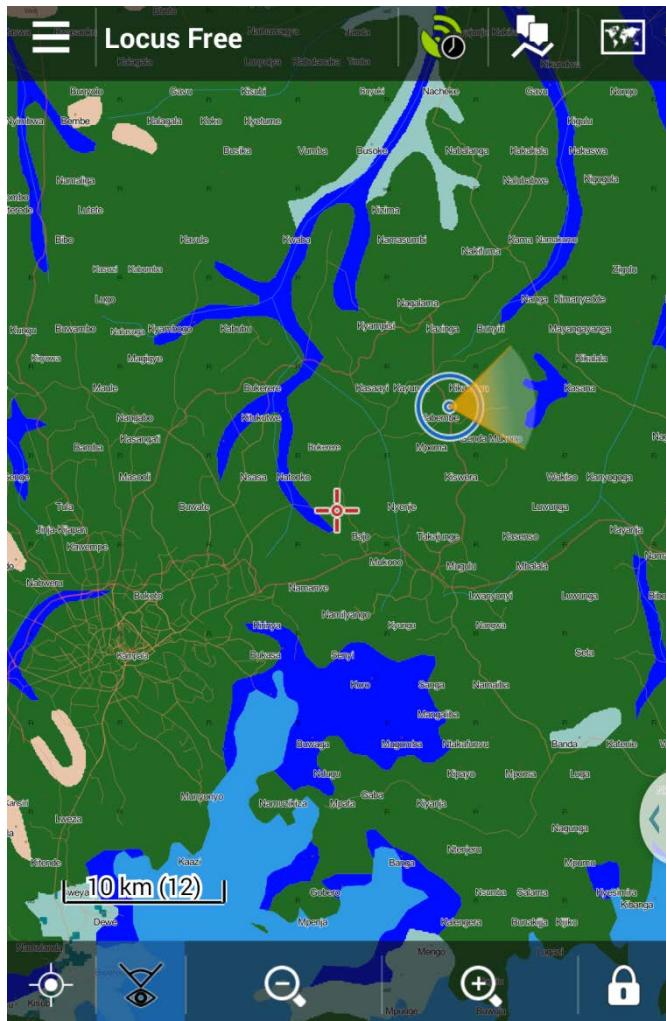
(data from 46,085 plant species)

Sources: Chazdon RL. 2014. **Second Growth: The Promise of Tropical Forest Regeneration in an Age of Deforestation**  
 Diaz S et al. 2016. **The global spectrum of plant form and function.** Nature 529

# Smart phone version via the Locus App

[http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/2\\_Vegetation\\_map.html](http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/2_Vegetation_map.html)

## Mobile maps



Locus Free

Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rain forest

**Vegetation type:** Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rain forest (Code: Fi)

**Fact sheet:** [Click here](#) for a description and species list for this vegetation type

400 m (12)

The mobile application interface includes a navigation bar with icons for search, location, and other functions.

[Characteristic species](#)

Albizia grandibracteata, Alstonia boonei, Antiaris toxicaria, Celtis adolfi-fridericii, Celtis africana, Celtis gomphophylla, Celtis mildbraedii, Celtis philippensis, Celtis zenkeri, Chrysophyllum albidum, Cynometra alexandri, Entandrophragma angolense, Entandrophragma cylindricum, Entandrophragma utile, Holoptelea grandis, Khaya anthotheca, Khaya grandifoliola, Maesopsis eminii, Mildbraediadendron excelsum, Milicia excelsa, Morus mesozygia, Piptadeniastrum africanum, Pouteria altissima, Pycnanthus angolensis

[Species present](#)

[Marginal species \(occurrence less certain\)](#)

Products and environmental services

# Species site-matching and distribution modelling

<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=BiodiversityR> (priority and AOCC species)

[http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/Vegetation\\_map.html](http://www.vegetationmap4africa.org/Vegetation_map.html) (expand beyond Africa)

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.icraf.gsl.africatreefinder>

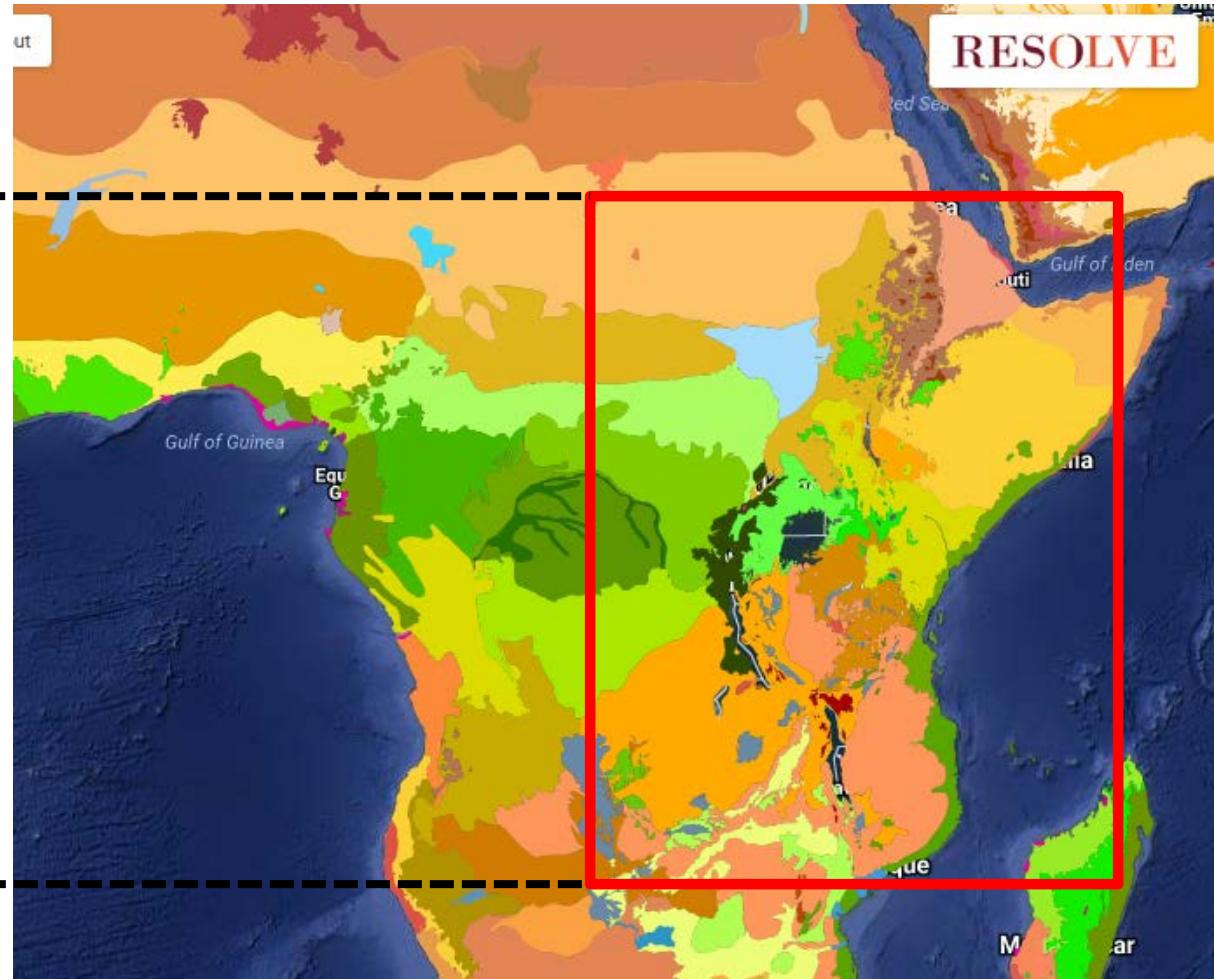
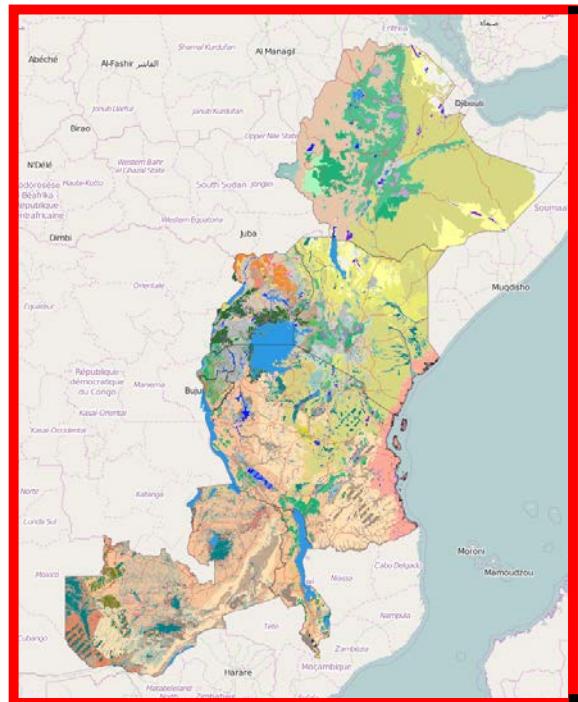
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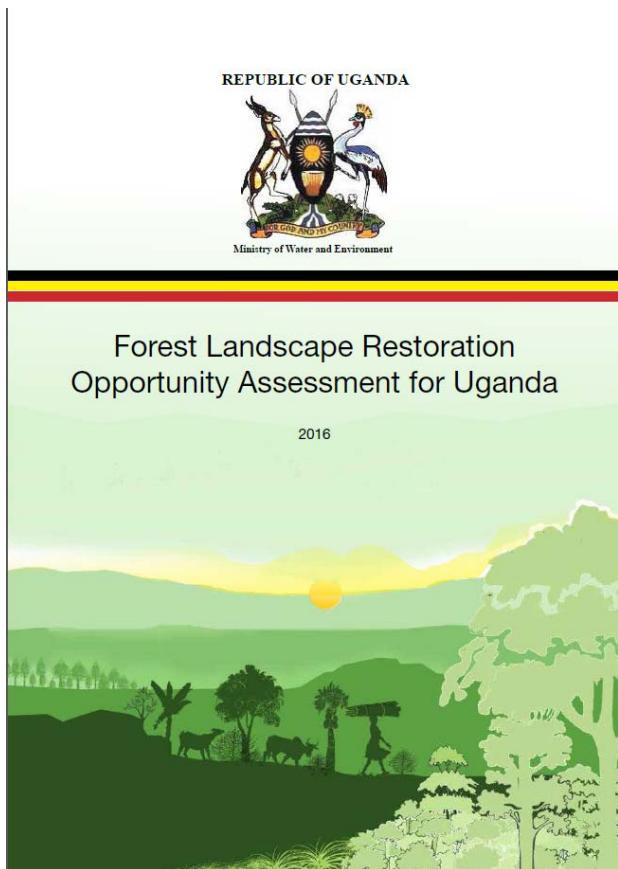
- Top Left:** A photograph of several people in a forest setting, examining a tree trunk. This represents fieldwork or data collection.
- Bottom Left:** A close-up of a person's hand holding a smartphone. The screen displays a map application, likely the Africatreefinder app, showing geographical data.
- Right Side:** A detailed map interface for vegetation distribution. It shows a map of East Africa and Southern Africa with color-coded vegetation types. A specific area in Kenya is highlighted. A callout box provides details about a selected vegetation type:
  - Vegetation type:** Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rain forest (Code: Fi)
  - Fact sheet:** Click here for a description and species list for this vegetation type
- Species Details Panel:** A sidebar on the right provides information for the selected species:
  - You Selected: *Warburgia ugandensis* (pre)
  - Origin: Indigenous
  - Local Names

Name	Language
East African green wood, Kenya	English
greenheart	
Mukuzanume	Luganda
Muwiya	Buddu
Balwegira	Lusoga
Mwihia	Runyankore
Musizambuzi	Runyoro
Muharami	Rutoro
  - Description: An evergreen tree to 25 m with a dense leafy canopy. BARK: rough brown-black, cracked into rectangular scales. LEAVES: shiny dark green above, midrib very clear below, edge wavy, to 10 cm long. FLOWERS: inconspicuous green-cream. FRUIT: round to egg-shaped, to 5 cm long on short stalks, green to purple with a waxy, white surface. Several flat heart-shaped seeds inside a pulp.
  - Ecology

# Dinerstein et al. 2017. An Ecoregion-Based Approach to Protecting Half the Terrestrial Realm

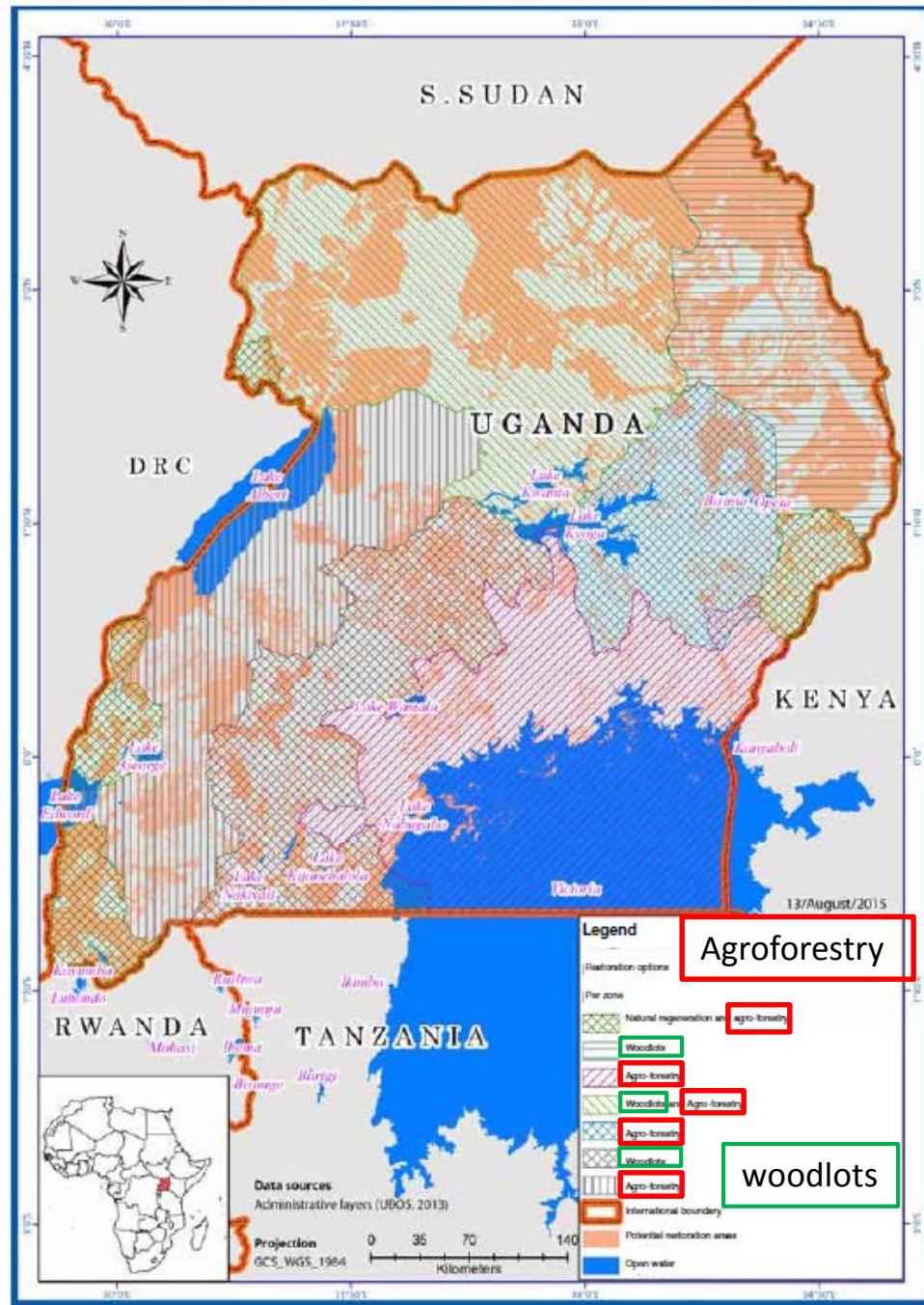
<https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/bix014>; <http://ecoregions2017.appspot.com/>





Uganda has committed 2.5 million ha  
to the Bonn Challenge

The Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (ROAM) identified agroforestry and woodlots as main restoration options



*Figure 13: Recommended restoration options for each site in all landscapes*

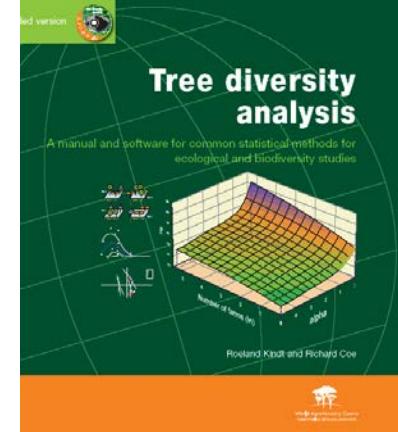
# Species Distribution Modelling (relevant for ecological genomics, collection gap analysis and sampling)



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Environmental Modelling & Software

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/envsoft](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/envsoft)



(> 77,000 Installations in R-Studio since 2012)

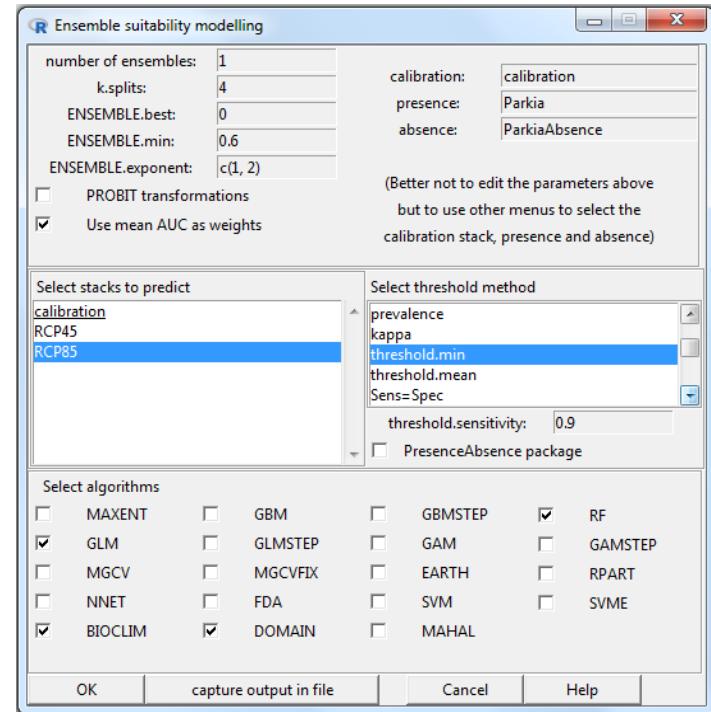
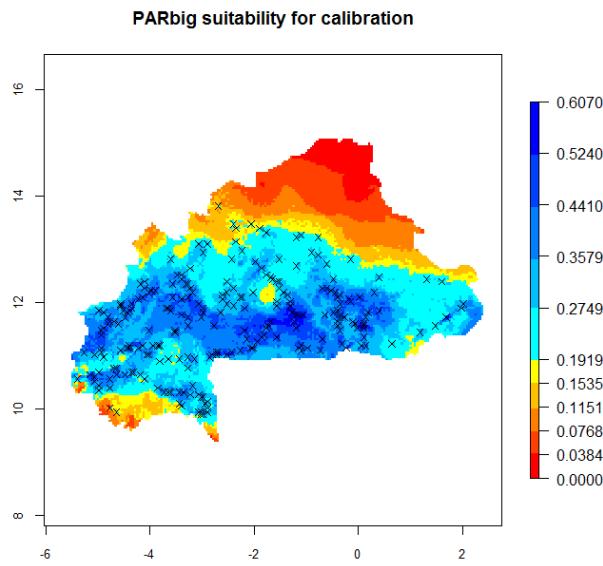
Ensemble species distribution modelling with transformed suitability values

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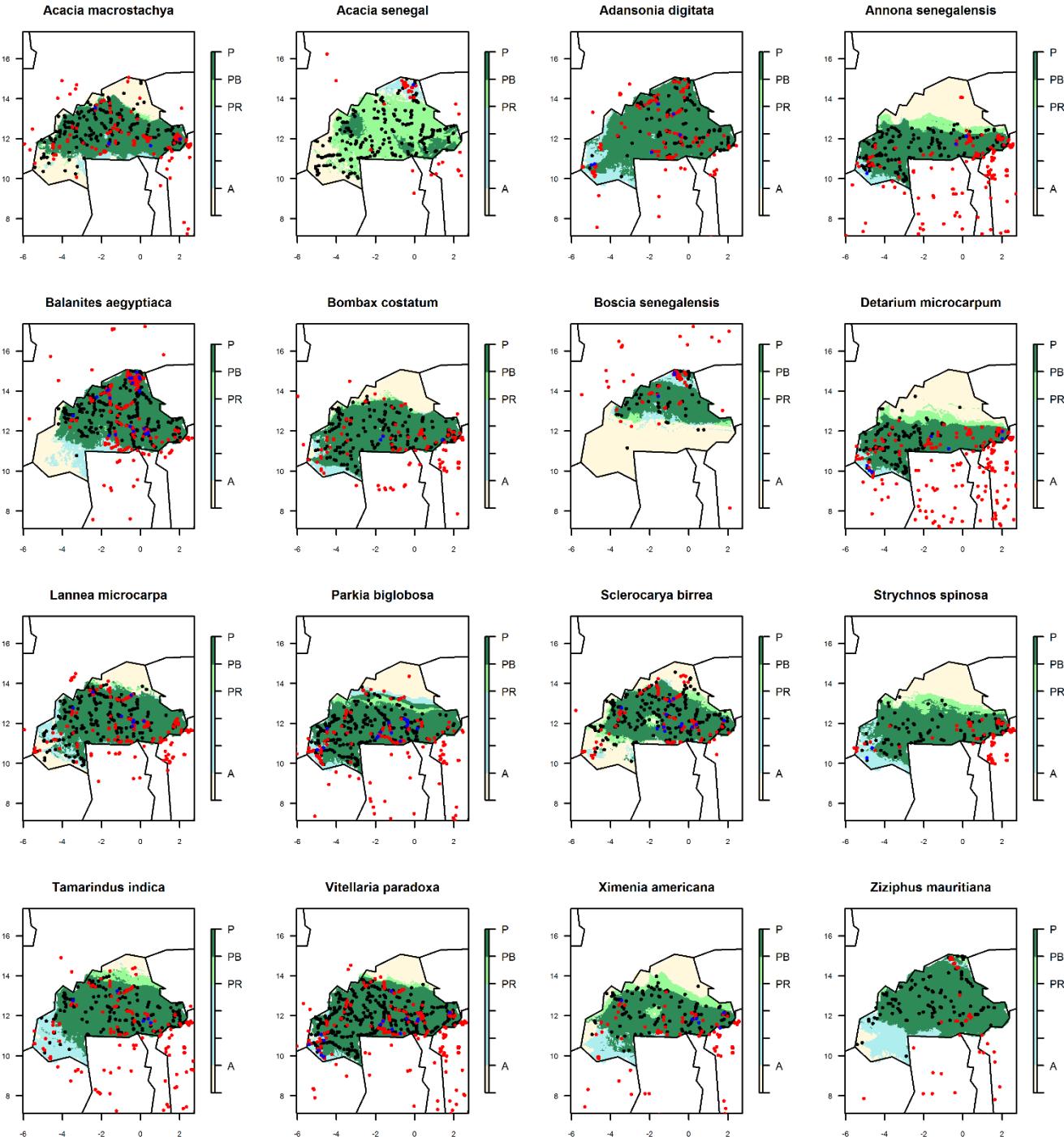
# Example: Burkina Faso (baseline climate)

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0184457>

regional model (red point locations, blue suitable habitat)

local model (black point locations, light green suitable habitat)

consensus regional and local model (dark green)



# Climate Change Atlas for Central America for 54 agroforestry species (Bioversity, CATIE, ICRAF)

<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/atlas-central-america>

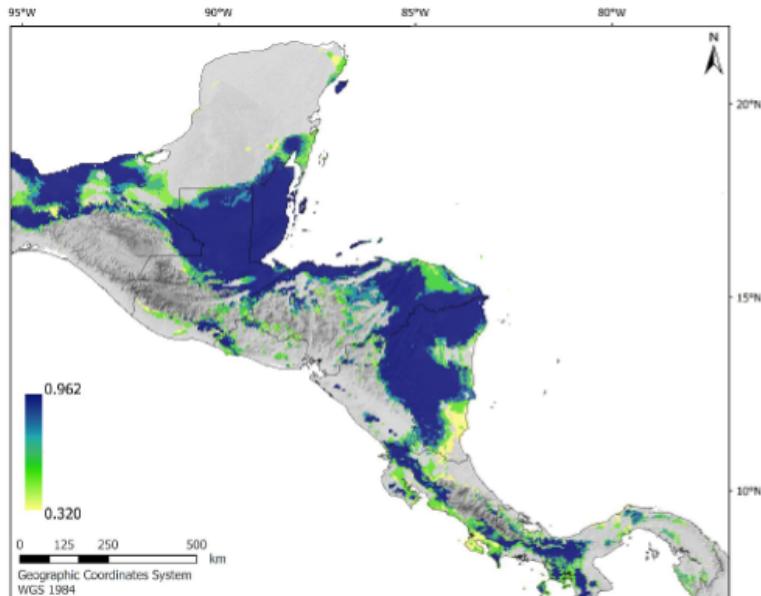
## *Swietenia macrophylla* King

Familia: Meliaceae

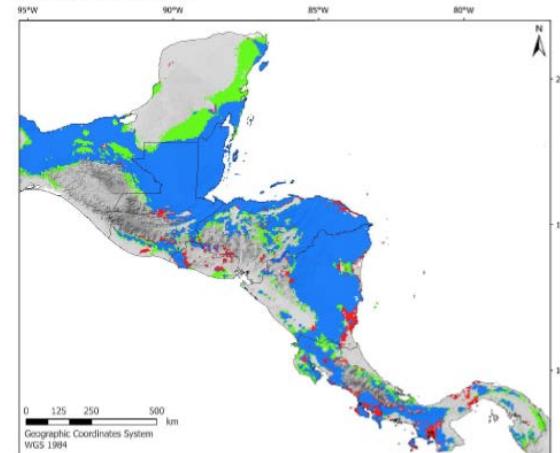
Nombres comunes: Caoba, mahogany (BZ)

Atributos de toda la planta		Usos reportados		Reproducción		Tolerancias ambientales	
Forma de vida	Árbol	Madera aserrío	Sí	Sistema de reproducción	Monóica alogama	Sequía	Por identificar
Altura (m)	33 (25 – 40)	Construcción rural	Sí	Vector de polinización	Insectos	Inundaciones	Sí
Espinas	Sí	Leña	No	Peso de mil semillas (g)	477.5 (357.4 – 617.3)	Heladas	No
Fija nitrógeno	No	Frutal	No	Almacenamiento semilla	Intermedia	Sombra	No
Densidad madera	0.51 (0.35 – 0.70)	Forraje	No	Dormancia semilla	No	Salinidad	No
Fenología	Caducifolio	Otros usos	Apicultura	Propagación vegetativa	Sí	Fuego	Por identificar

## Nichos aptos identificados

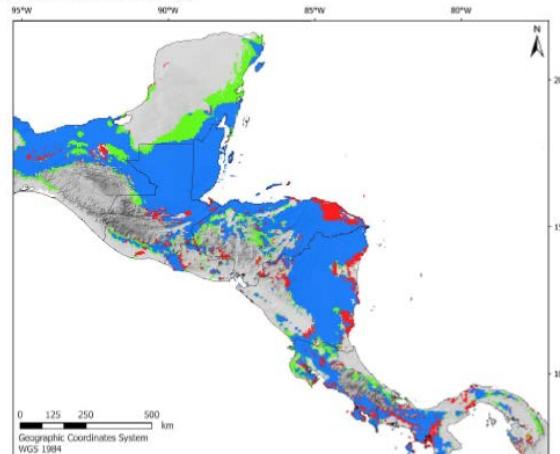


## Cambio de aptitud RCP45 2050



RCP 4.5  
2050s

## Cambio de aptitud RCP85 2050

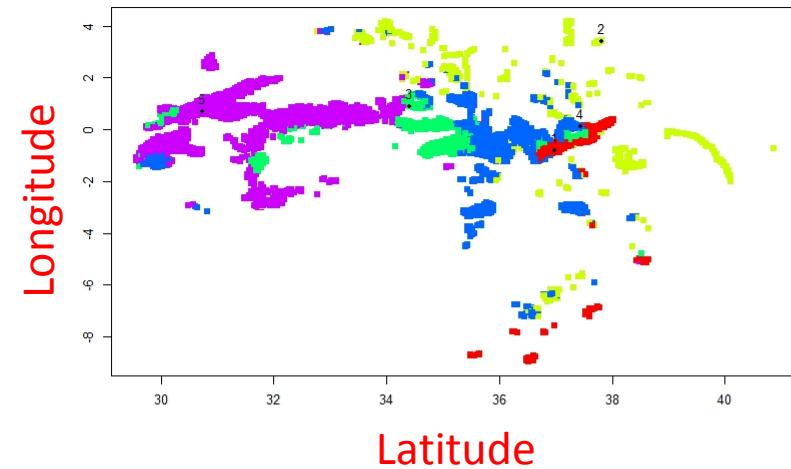


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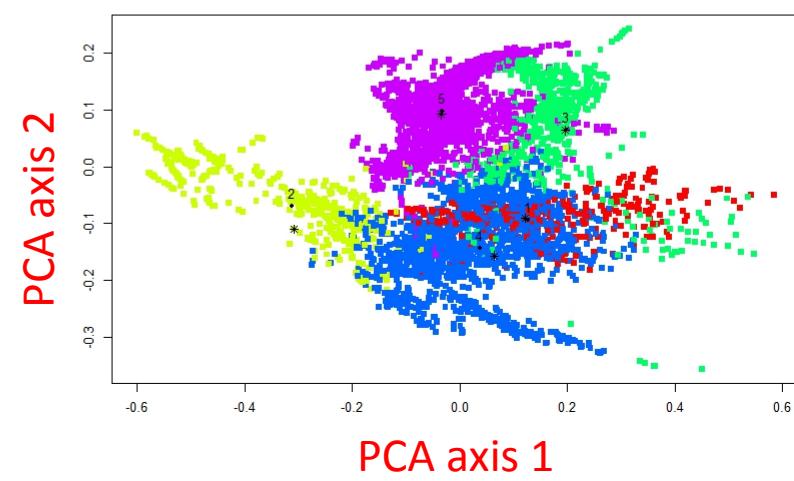
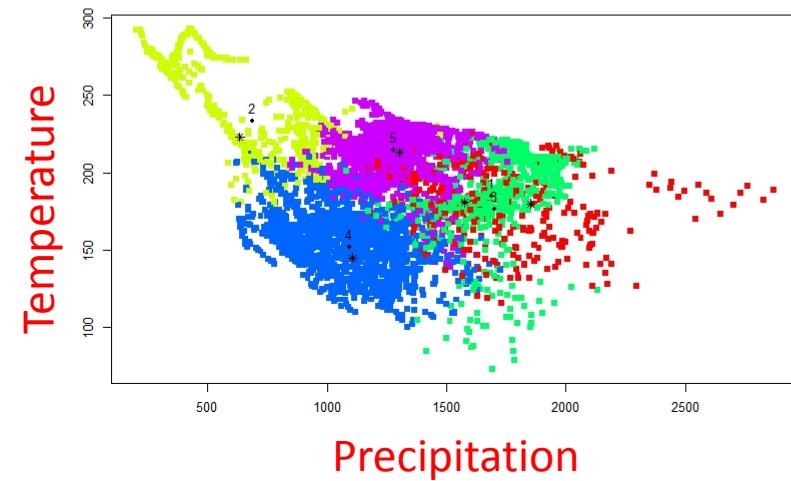
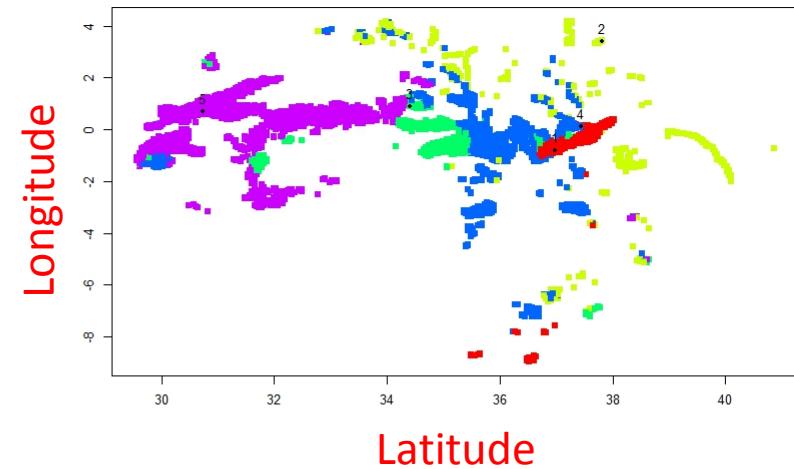
# Seed source definition based on centroid in environmental space and the Mahalanobis distance...

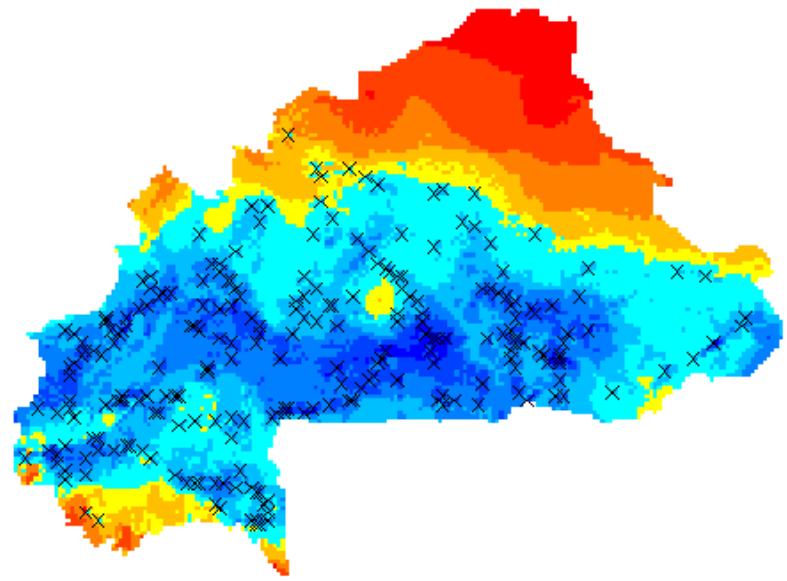
Link with genetic variation, adaptation, provenances

zones (based on K-means clustering in PCA) and locations of centroid analogs



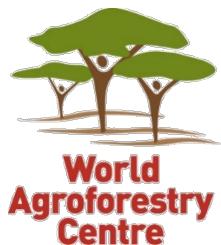
zones (based on Mahalanobis distance from centroid) and locations of centroid analogs





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