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1. Introduction

Estimation of volume, biomass and carbon stocks support several applications from the commercial exploitation of timber to global carbon cycle. Especially in the latter context the estimation of tree biomass with sufficient accuracy is essential to determine annual changes of carbon stored in particular ecosystems. Such estimations are the core of carbon sequestration projects (sink projects) that deals with the accumulation and long-term storage of atmospheric carbon in vegetation and soil organic matter. These projects give a better understanding of nature's carbon sinks, and the valuable information and evidence generated therein will help addressing the physical, natural, social and economic aspects of climate change in a more factual way.

Forest ecosystems act as both source and sink of carbon and thus play a crucial role in global carbon cycles. Forests form an important aspect of active carbon pool as they account for 60 percent of terrestrial carbon storage (Wilson and Daff, 2003). Tropical forests, which constitute 60 percent of world forests and 43 percent of terrestrial net primary productivity (Dixon *et al.* 1994), dominate the role of forests in the global carbon flux and stocks, and hence demands great attention with respect to carbon policies and estimations. In spite of their importance to the carbon cycle, there is little information on the carbon budgets of tropical forest systems in South Asia. Efficient and accurate national systems for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems are required in the region to properly assess carbon stocks and support international climate change efforts. The use of suitable allometric equations is a crucial step in such endeavours, making precise and non destructive estimation of above and belowground biomass and carbon storage in the region.

Allometry, generally relates some non-easy to measure tree characteristics from easily collected data such as dbh (diameter at breast height), total height, or tree age and provides relatively accurate estimates. Models for volume, biomass or nutrient content within the trees belong to the same class as methodologies for sampling trees and fitting and using the equations are similar (Picard *et al.*, 2012). Despite their apparent simplicity, these models have to be built carefully, using the latest regression techniques. Tree growth parameters varies considerably with species, site quality, location, climatic regimes, altitude etc. and therefore becomes necessary to obtain accurate and precise tree allometric estimates in order to improve understanding of the role of these carbon sinks in global carbon cycle. An unsuitable application of allometric equation may lead to considerable bias in carbon stocks estimations (Henry, 2013).

In the recent past carbon sequestration has received particular attention in South Asia due to global initiatives on climate change and realization of potentials of tropical forests to attract financial resources under Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM) of Kyoto Protocol. Though the market for CDM sinks were limited in the first commitment period of Kyoto, 2008 -12, a huge potential is envisaged for afforestation and reforestation activities in developing countries beyond 2012 (De Koning *et al.*, 2005). South Asia with a sizable proportion of tropical forests can harness a good proportion of these global initiatives. However, the pre requisite to actual commercialization of these carbon sinks depends very much on efficient and accurate methods of estimating biomass stocks and carbon sequestration rates. Though large numbers of tree allometric models have been developed for volume, biomass and carbon stocks estimations in South Asia, their accessibility is very limited as they are mainly confined to scientific articles, reports from private companies and hard copies in institutional or national libraries. The development of new allometric equations is time consuming, laborious and involves destructive harvesting of trees. In order to provide accessibility and facilitate identification of gaps of existing tree allometric models to the national institutions and other stakeholders, it is important to inventory all existing volume and biomass allometric equations. Hence the project was envisaged with the objective of collating published tree allometric equations of six South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) into a database that can be made available internationally.

2. Objectives of the report

The objective of this report is to provide a regional overview on the status of tree allometric equation in South Asia to support national forest monitoring system and improve assessment of the necessary parameters to support policies and measures. Tree allometric equations are time consuming and costly to develop and such a database is necessary to support cost-efficient actions to improve robustness of estimates.

3. Data compilation

3.1 Review of available literature

The database was developed by collecting data from several secondary sources and by communicating with various agencies. The first stage of the database development was extensive literature survey and identification of key stakeholders who could make significant contributions to the database. An online search using Google Scholar with the selected keywords helped to identify individual researchers and Institutes in the region with good

experience in tree allometry. Contacts were established with these Institutes and researchers and the reports, mostly archived as hard copy reports in libraries, were scanned and data added to the database (Appendix – 1). Visits to research and educational Institutions in the region yielded hard copies of dissertation thesis and old research papers which contained large volumes of recent works on allometry in the region. Publications/ documents of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) also served as good source for many allometric equations in the database. Further soft copies of tree, stand and sprout allometry of South Asia published in peer reviewed journals were collected from bibliographic databases such as Science Direct – biological Sciences, Springer Link, CABI, AGRIS, AGRICOLA, JSTOR and Indian Forestry Abstracts (<http://www.indianforestry.org>). In spite of our earnest attempts the database is not exhaustive and may have several omissions of published literature in the region. However, it is a first such attempt to create a regional database for South Asia that can be progressively completed.

3.2 Data organization

The extensive literature survey produced thousands of documents, which were filtered to give 550 documents containing relevant information. These documents were deciphered and entered into an Excel database. The database provides information on the type of population, ecosystem, bioclimatic zones, equation parameters, fit statistics and geographic location where the equations were developed or applied. Detailed information on the database structure and methodology for entering the data in the database was provided by Baldasso *et al.*, 2012, a tutorial developed for this purpose.

Each row entry in the database contains 74 fields (columns) describing various aspects of the allometric equation. A Unique Identification Number (ID) was given for each allometric equation in the database. Each equation has its own ID reference and two different equations cannot have the same ID. The population (lianas, mangroves, sprout, stand and tree) and ecosystem in which the allometric equations were developed/ applied were defined in the next few fields. Location identity of the particular work was explained by fields: continent – country –latitude and longitude. The geographical coordinates provided in the source documents along with information from publically available spatially explicit datasets were used to extract biome classification. A few fields are devoted for describing the dependent and independent variables and their corresponding units used in the equation. Maximum and

minimum values of these variables have also been provided whenever it was available in the source literature.

The equations covered in the database were found to contain many vaguely defined vegetative components (big and small roots, trunk, small and large branches, above ground biomass etc.). For standardizing the data and its easy usage, the vegetative components were divided into 11 different compartments and defined (Figure 1). The equations in the original sources were thoroughly checked and carefully converted to our newly defined system.

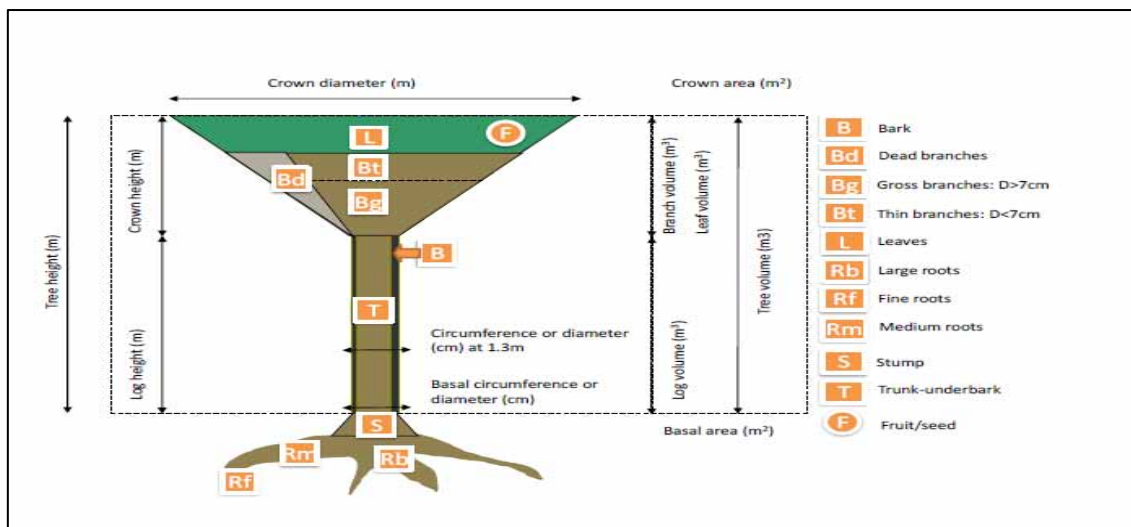


Figure 1. Tree components classification used in the present work (Henry *et al.*, 2011)

Taxonomical hierarchy of the plant/ tree for which the equations were developed was explained upto family level (species, genus and family) in three different fields. It should be noted that no attempts were made to update the nomenclature to the present status, but we have used the species and common names as given in the original source. Individual species can be identified using Unique Species Identification Numbers. When an allometric equation refers to a group of species Group Species IDs were provided to describe them. Fit statistics for the entered equations were described in terms of R^2 , adjusted R^2 , bias correction, root mean squarer error (RMSE) and standard error of mean.

4. Data description and structure

The database consists of 74 variables grouped into 7 different categories

1. Plant ecology (Population and Ecosystem)
2. Geographical location where the equation was developed or applied (Continent, Country, Biomes)
3. Equation parameters (variable characters and ranges)
4. Tree vegetation components (Bark, Root, Stump etc.)
5. Taxonomical description (Family – Genus- Species)
6. Statistical Information (R^2 , adjusted R^2 , bias correction, RMSE and standard error of mean)
7. Bibliography

4.1. Document status in the database

Of the thousands of materials collected from the region, 550 documents were found to be in line with the objectives of the project. Further refinement yielded 466 reports/ articles/ other documents which were considered in the present database. 15% of the documents (i.e., 84 nos.) either didn't contain any equations or couldn't technically fit into the defined parameters of the database and hence not included (Table 1). 67.81% of the total articles covered in the database were collected from India. India's vast geographical extend along with its large network of research institutes has enabled generation of large volumes of tree allometric equations compared to other nations included in the study.

Table 1. Country wise literature coverage in South Asia

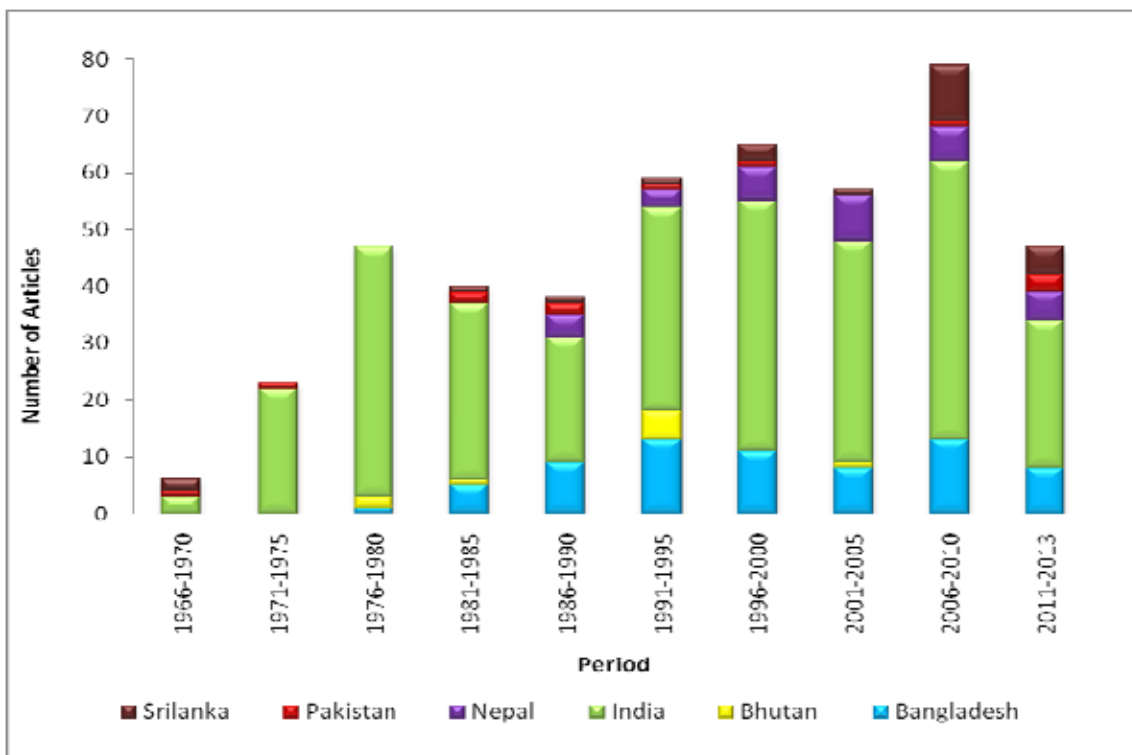
Country	Total documents collected		Documents covered in the database		Documents not covered for technical reasons	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Bangladesh	80	14.55	72	15.45	8	9.52
Bhutan	13	2.36	10	2.15	3	3.57
India	371	67.45	316	67.81	55	65.48
Nepal	40	7.27	32	6.87	8	9.52
Maldives	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pakistan	13	2.36	12	2.58	1	1.19
Sri Lanka	29	5.27	24	5.15	5	5.95
Others	4	0.73	0	0	4	4.76
Total	550	100	466	100	84	100

The proportion of equations contributed to the database by individual nations in South Asia varied as India > Bangladesh> Nepal > Sri Lanka> Pakistan> Bhutan. We couldn't find any tree allometric equation reports from Maldives. It should be noted that the database is a compilation of available literature and the proportional contributions may not have a bearing on the actual volume of work on tree allometry in these nations.

4.2. Year wise publication status of tree allometric equations

Year wise classification of the data shows that there were few works in allometric equations in South Asia prior to 1950 (Figure 2). By 1960, works in this field began to take effect in the region especially in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In 1980s, tree inventory and volume table preparation at regional and national scales were taken up by all nations in South Asia and large volumes of output were generated each year. With the advent of new century, modern techniques of inventorying were utilized on a large scale and publications in peer reviewed journals were also found to increase substantially. Since 2000, documents containing allometric equations are being published in the region at a rate of 14 per year, slightly over the 12.5 per year in the previous decade.

Figure 2. Number of published literature per year in South Asia.



4.3. Population status in the database

Population is a major field in the database which explains whether the equations have been developed for trees or stands or mangroves or shrubs or seedlings (Table 2). 70 - 80% of the equations developed and literature derived from the region were for tree populations (except Pakistan). Tree populations were followed by stand and shrubs in the number of equations developed in each country. Equations for mangroves, shrubs and seedlings are the least in the database with only 8% of the records corresponding to these growth forms in the database. As most of the equation in the database is with respect to trees, further discussions in the report are made with respect to this particular population.

Table 2. Status of population in the literature covered

Population	Bangladesh		Bhutan		India		Nepal		Sri Lanka		Pakistan	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Tree	54	71.05	9	69.23	264	80.98	27	79.41	19	76.00	8	57.14
Stand	15	19.74	1	7.69	36	11.04	7	20.59	5	20.00	4	28.57
Mangroves	2	2.63	0	0.00	2	0.61	0	0.00	1	4.00	0	0.00
Shrubs	4	5.26	3	23.08	12	3.68	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	7.14
Seedlings	1	1.32	0	0.00	12	3.68	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	7.14
Total	76	100.00	13	100.00	326	100.00	34	100.00	25	100.00	14	100.00

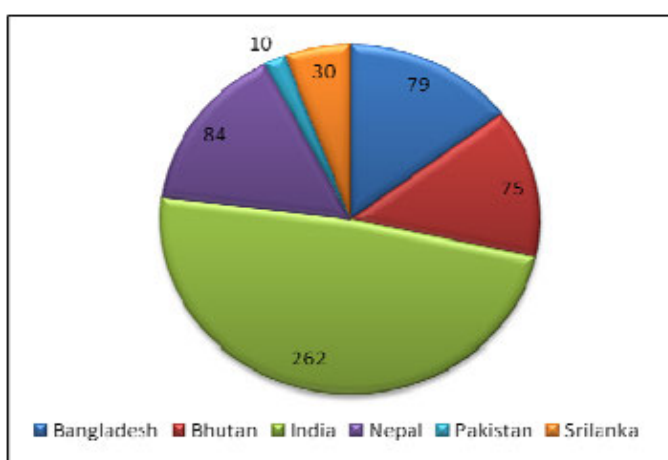
4.4 Tree species status in the database

The database contains allometric equations for 375 species belonging to 96 families and 275 genera and their countrywise coverage in the region is given in Table 3 and Figure 3. Maximum number of allometric models in the database is for *Tectona grandis* covering 5.03% ($n=224$) of the total equations in the database. 4.76% ($n=212$) equations in the database is with respect to *Populus deltoides*, which ranks second after *Tectona grandis*. 3rd, 4th and 5th positions with respect to the number of equations in the database is occupied by *Dalbergia sissoo* ($n=158$), *Shorea robusta* ($n=142$) and *Acacia auriculiformis* ($n=133$). These results show the importance attached to scientific management of plantation species in the region. The number of different types of allometric equations available in the database for each species is given in Appendix – 2.

Table 3. Country wise coverage of genera, family and equations in the database

Country	Number			Percent		
	Family	Genus	Equations	Family	Genus	Equations
Bangladesh	33	72	874	34.38	26.18	19.61
Bhutan	32	64	291	33.33	23.27	6.53
India	72	204	2813	75.00	74.18	63.13
Nepal	39	64	373	40.63	23.27	8.37
Pakistan	5	10	44	5.21	3.64	0.99
Sri Lanka	18	29	65	18.75	10.55	1.46

Figure3. Country wise coverage of tree species in the database



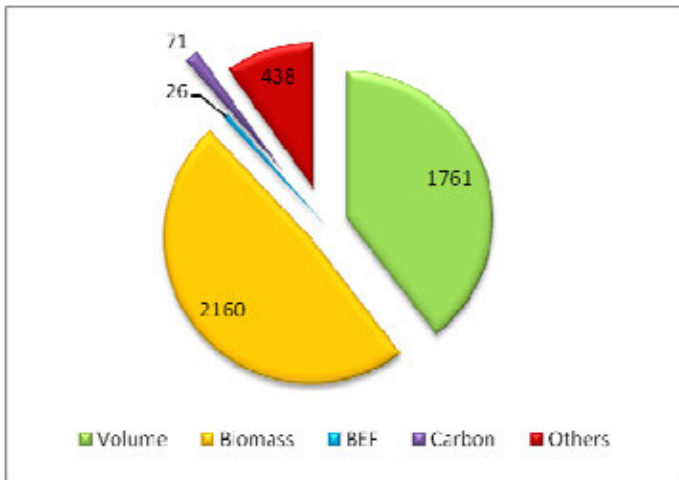
4.5. Status of allometric equations in the database

A total of 4456 tree allometric equations are covered in the database (Figure 4). Out of these 48% are biomass equations, 40% are volume equations, 1.5% equations describes carbon stocks, 0.5% describes biomass expansion factors (BEF) and miscellaneous forms cover 10% of the equations. Among the total volume and biomass equations 53 and 77 percent respectively were developed in India (Table 4).

Table 4. Country wise status of the volume, biomass and BEF tree allometric equations in database

Country	Volume		Biomass		BEF	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Bangladesh	592	33.62	116	5.37	0	0.00
Bhutan	140	7.95	100	4.63	0	0.00
India	939	53.32	1671	77.36	26	100.00
Nepal	47	2.67	250	11.57	0	0.00
Pakistan	12	0.68	15	0.69	0	0.00
Sri Lanka	31	1.76	8	0.37	0	0.00
Total	1761	100.00	2160	100.00	26	100.00

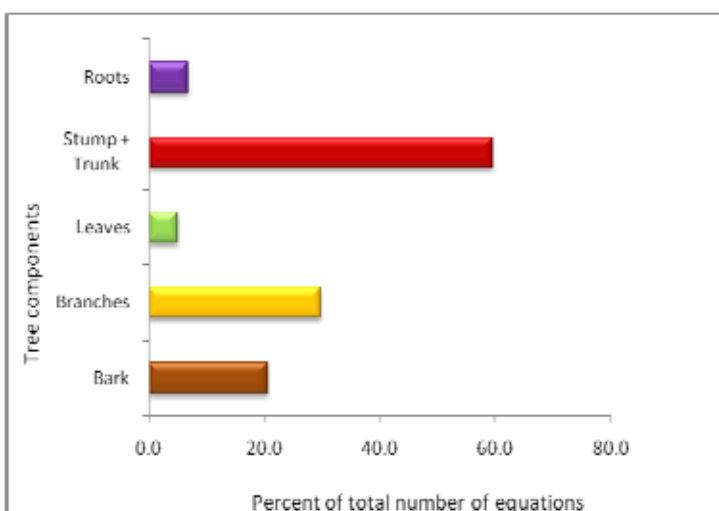
Figure 4. Distribution of volume, biomass, BEF, carbon and other allometric equations (by number) in database



4.6. Status of tree components in the database

Tree components are considered in the equations either singly or in combination (Eg. Branch, Branch + stump + Trunk etc.). So the same equation can contain more than one tree component. 60% of the total tree allometric equations developed in the region are for stump and trunk (Figure 5). Trunk and stump variables are easy to measure and researchers often try to relate easily measurable characters to difficult to measure ones in allometric equations. Foliage, branches, bark etc are often loosely defined and difficult to quantify, hence left out in most instances of allometric equations. Though roots form an important component of plant biomass it was found to be neglected in most documents included in the database.

Figure 5. Percentage of allometric equations per tree component



4.7. Geographical distribution of the equations in South Asia

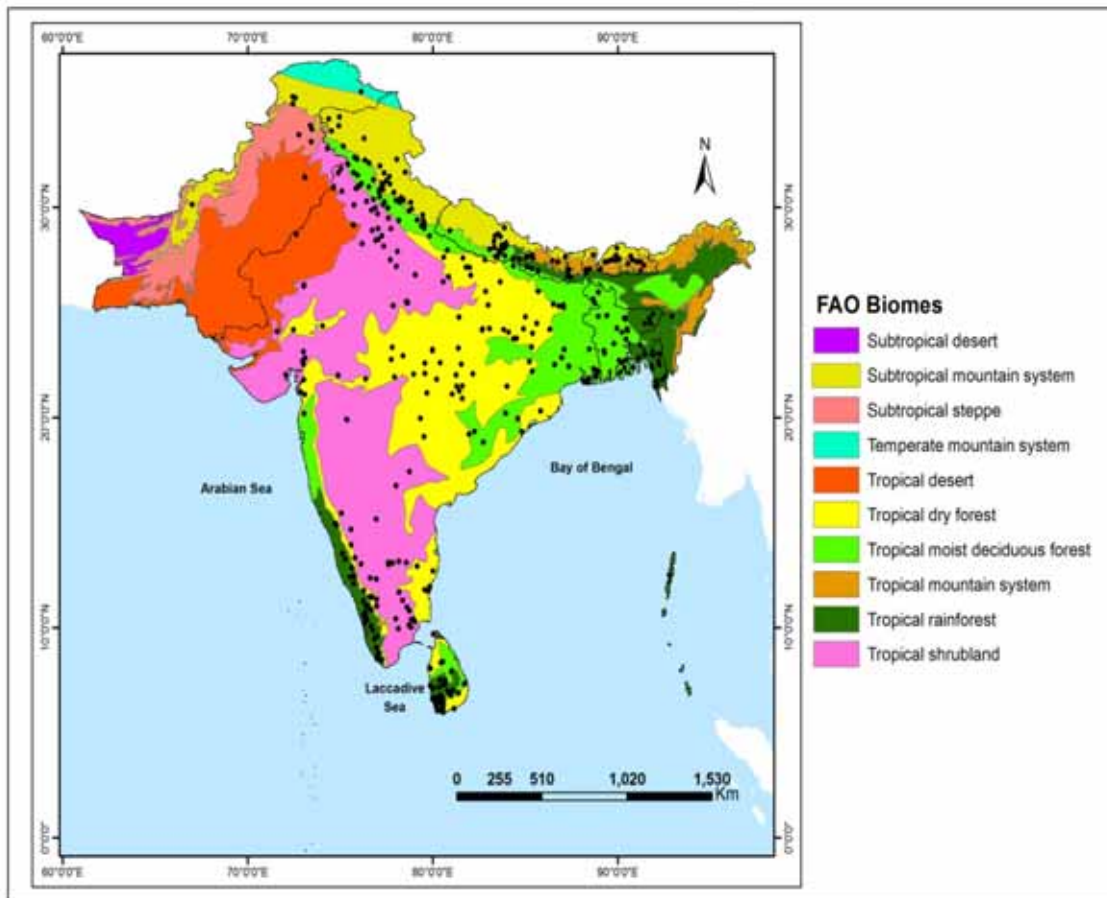
There is high unevenness in the geographical distribution of equations developed across different biomes in South Asia (Figure 6). The amount of allometric works in different life zones had a good correlation with diversity of the system. 21% of the allometric equations in the database were developed for 155 species in tropical rainforests followed by tropical shrubland which covers 95 species and 13% of the equations (Table 5). Among all forest types on earth, the greatest diversity of plants is found in tropical rainforest. Rainforests of tropical Asia are second in extent only to the range of Amazonian rainforests and are found in a great belt centred on the Malay Archipelago, but with tracts found as far west as parts of India and Sri Lanka all the way to the east in Papua New Guinea and northern Queensland in Australia and Pacific islands. We could locate only few allometric works in subtropical steppe. Tropical regimes like tropical moist deciduous forest, tropical dry forest and tropical mountain system were also found to have good number of allometric equations. High diversity in the tropical systems compared to other life zones in South Asia can be cited as the main reason for concentration of most allometry works in these sites. Consequently, tropical desert and subtropical steppe with low species diversity have less number of allometric equations. Coordinates were not available for 2379 allometric equations covered in the database.

Table 5. Coverage of tree allometric equations across different FAO biomes in South Asia

FAO Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Subtropical mountain system	85	22.67	231	5.18
Subtropical steppe	3	0.80	19	0.43
Tropical desert	7	1.87	25	0.56
Tropical dry forest	52	13.87	422	9.47
Tropical moist deciduous forest	75	20.00	547	12.28
Tropical mountain system	68	18.13	167	3.75
Tropical rainforest	155	41.33	945	21.21
Tropical shrubland	95	25.33	581	13.04
Coordinates not available	260	69.33	2380	53.41
Total*	375		4456	

* Total doesn't represent sum of a particular column as the same species/ allometric equation is repeated in more than one biome. Total refers to the actual number of species/ allometric equation after excluding repetitions.

Figure 6. Geographical distribution of sample plots in FAO Biome systems of South Asia. The black dots represent the sites where equations were developed. (Sample plot distributions of ecosystems in FAO, UDVARDY and Holdridge Biome systems are given in Appendix 3)



5. Country wise analysis in South Asia

5.1 Bangladesh

Seventy two articles from Bangladesh are covered in the database. 75% of this literature is related to tree population and 21% to stand population. A total of 874 equations were derived from these documents covering 33 families, 72 genera and 79 species. 70% of these species are distributed in forest systems ($n= 56$) and plantations ($n=54$). Though majority of the species indicated in the database is common to both forest systems and plantations, most of the allometric equations (85%) were developed with respect to plantation systems. The high percentage of allometric works in plantation sector indicates the importance attached to scientific management of these systems in the country. Though mangroves form a major population type in Bangladesh, we could collect only < 3% allometric equations for this particular system. The geographical distribution of the sample sites of allometric equations

developed in Bangladesh was found to be mostly concentrated in Tropical rainforest (FAO Biome classification)/ Tropical humid forests (UDVARDY Biome classification)/ Lower gangetic plain moist deciduous forests (WWF Biome classification)/ Subtropical wet forest (Holridge Biome classification) (Tables 6 to 9). Fit statistics status of the equations from Bangladesh are indicated in table 10.

Table 6. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in Bangladesh

FAO Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Tropical moist deciduous forest	27	34.18	216	24.71
Tropical rainforest	65	82.28	470	53.78
Coordinates not available	50	63.29	383	43.82
Total*	79	100.00	874	100.00

Table 7. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDVARDY Biomes in Bangladesh

UDVARDY Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Bengalian rainforest	14	17.72	22	2.52
Burman monsoon forest	33	41.77	187	21.40
Burman rainforest	23	29.11	125	14.30
Tropical dry forests/Woodlands	3	3.80	3	0.34
Tropical humid forests	58	73.42	409	46.80
Coordinates not available	50	63.29	383	43.82
Total*	79	100.00	874	100.00

Table 8. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in Bangladesh

WWF Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Lower gangetic plain moist deciduous forests	70	88.61	512	58.58
Mizoram-Manipur- Kachin moist evergreen forest	4	5.06	15	1.72
Sunderbans freshwater swamp forest	11	13.92	76	8.70
Sunderbans mangrove	1	1.27	2	0.23
Coordinates not available	50	63.29	383	43.82
Total*	79	100.00	874	100.00

Table 9. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holdridge Biomes in Bangladesh

HOLDRIDGE Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Subtropical moist forest	21	26.58	168	19.22
Subtropical wet forest	49	62.03	402	46.00
Tropical moist forest	60	75.95	386	44.16
Total*	79	100.00	874	100.00

* Total doesn't represent sum of a particular column as the same species/ allometric equation is repeated in more than one biome. Total refers to the actual number of species/ allometric equation after excluding repetitions in Tables 5 - 8.

Table 10. Availability of fit statistics for tree allometric equations in Bangladesh

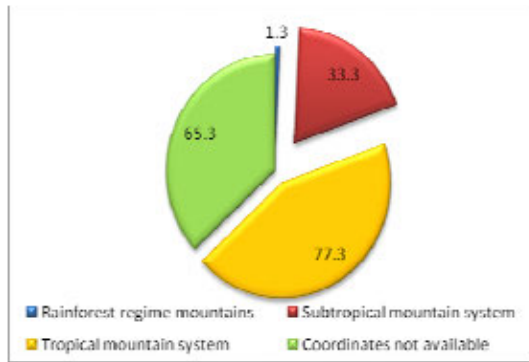
Fit statistics	Number	%
R^2	281	32.15
Adjusted R^2	14	1.60
RMSE	46	5.26
SSE	69	7.89
Bias correction	--	--

5.2 Bhutan

Majority of Bhutan falls under tropical and subtropical mountain systems (FAO Biome Classification). 291 allometric equations related to 32 family, 64 genera and 75 species are covered in the database. 48% of these equations explains tree volume. All the allometric equations from Bhutan covered in the database are for species distributed in forest systems. Majority of the tree allometric works in Bhutan were found to be distributed in Tropical mountain system (FAO Biome classification)/ Himalayan highlands (UDVARDY Biome classification)/ Eastern himalaya broadleaf forest (WWF Biome classification)/ Cool temperate moist forest (Holdridge Biome classification) (Figures 7 - 10). Correlation coefficients were available for 34 % of the equations and remaining 66% of equations covered in the database for Bhutan lack any fit statistical values.

Figure 7 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in Bhutan

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

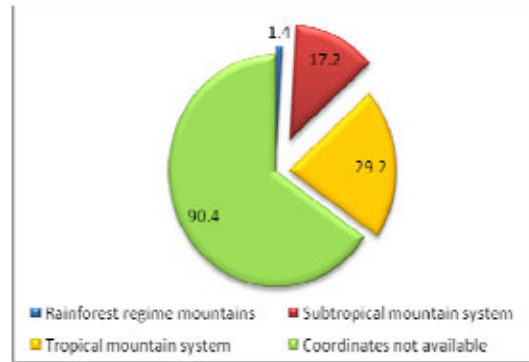
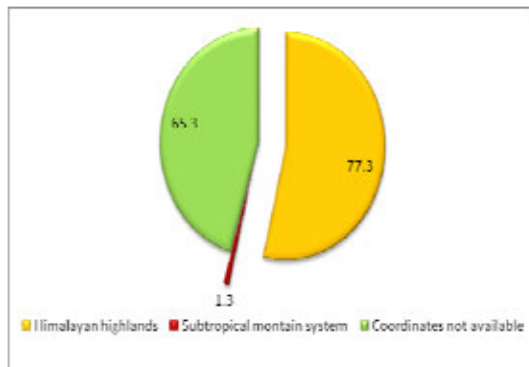


Figure 8 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDVARDY Biomes in Bhutan

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

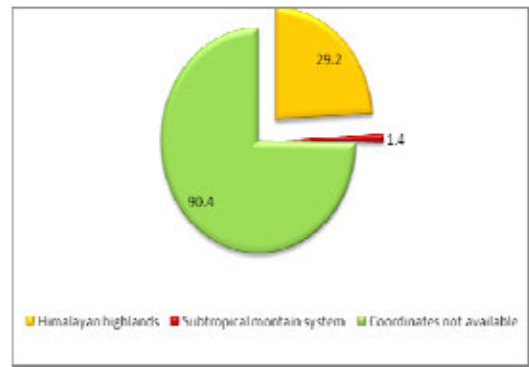
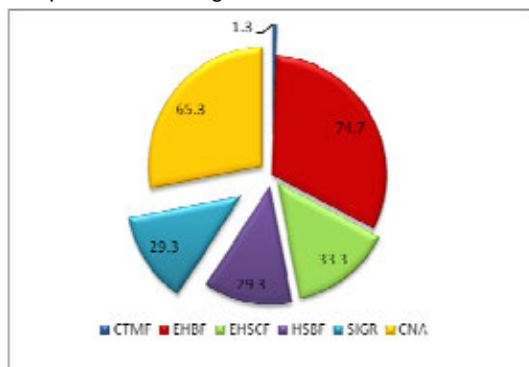
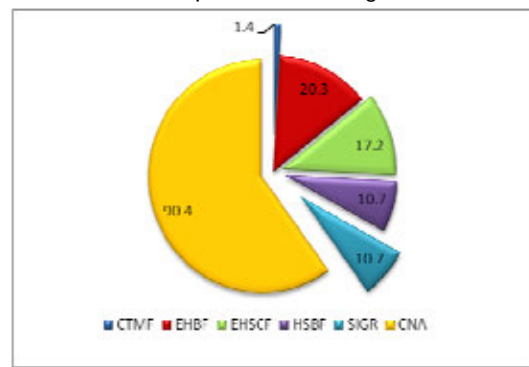


Figure 9 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in Bhutan

a. Species coverage

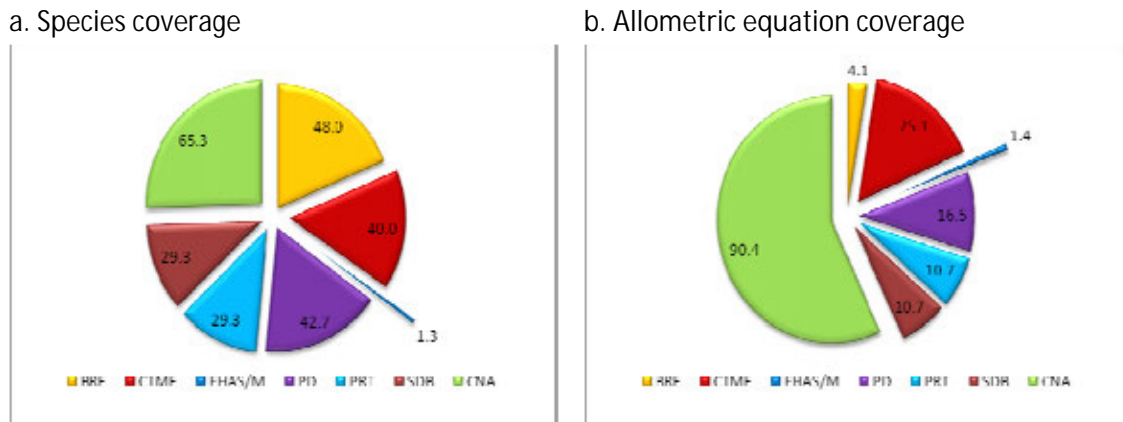


b. Allometric equation coverage



CTMF - Cool temperate moist forest; EHBf - Eastern Himalayan broadleaf forest; EHSCF - Eastern Himalayan subalpine conifer forests; HSBF - Himalayan subtropical broadleaf forest; SIGR - Snow, ice, glaciers and rock; CNA - Coordinates not available

Figure 10 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holridge Biomes in Bhutan



BRF - Boreal rain forest; CTMF - Cool temperate moist forest; EHAS/M - Eastern Himalayan alpine shrub/meadow; PD - Polar desert; PRT - Polar rain tundra; SDB - Subtropical desert bush; CNA – Coordinates not available

5.3 India

India contributed 316 articles (68%) to the database. Of these 271 articles (86 %) are related to tree populations and 25 articles (8 %) to stand populations. The database contains 2813 allometric equations of 262 tree species in India. These species falls under 204 genera and 72 different families. 60% of these are biomass and 33 % tree volume equations. Majority of the allometric equations (69 %) has been developed for forest systems. Followed by forests, plantations were the major contributors to allometric equations from India (28 %). Plantations have a long history in the country and volume equations were developed long before 1950s to estimate their timber potential. Maximum number of allometric equations in India were developed for *Populus deltoids* ($n=211$) followed by *Tectona grandis* ($n= 181$), *Dalbergia sissoo* ($n=108$) and *Shorea robusta* ($n=90$).

Among the FAO Biomes maximum number of species and allometric equations (94 species, 578 equations) were found to be in Tropical shrublands (Table10). There were only 129 equations for 61 species in subtropical mountain system whereas the documents provided 415 equations for 48 species in the tropical dry forests. Thus there is larger number of equations per species in the Tropical dry forest system compared to Subtropical mountain system. This indicates larger growth differences for the same species in the tropical biomes which make a single allometric equation unable to explain the same character with accuracy at different sites, hence necessitating large number of equations per species across different sampling

locations. The literature on allometry was at a minimum for trees of tropical desert and tropical mountain system. The distribution of species and allometric equations across different biomes as classified by UDVARDY, WWF and Holdridge are given in tables 11 to 14. Correlation coefficients were available for 57% and SSE (sum of square error) for 11% of the works done on tree allometry in the country (Figure 11).

Table 11. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in India

FAO Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Tropical shrubland	94	35.88	578	20.55
Subtropical mountain system	61	23.28	129	4.59
Tropical desert	3	1.15	11	0.39
Tropical dry forest	48	18.32	415	14.75
Tropical moist deciduous forest	32	12.21	259	9.21
Tropical mountain system	6	2.29	20	0.71
Tropical rainforest	87	33.21	322	11.45
Coordinates not available	183	69.85	1509	53.64
Total*	262		2813	

Table 12. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDVARDY Biomes in India

UDVARDY Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Bengalian rainforest	1	0.38	14	0.50
Coromandel	2	0.76	6	0.21
Deccan thorn forest	5	1.91	31	1.10
Himalayan highlands	48	18.32	127	4.51
Indus-Ganges monsoon forest	63	24.05	416	14.79
Mahanadian	3	1.15	7	0.25
Malabar rain forest	60	22.90	159	5.65
Mixed island systems	1	0.38	3	0.11
Mixed mountain systems	39	14.89	308	10.95
Tropical dry forests/Woodlands	40	15.27	271	9.63
Tropical humid forests	80	30.53	283	10.06
Warm deserts/semi-deserts	5	1.91	25	0.89
Coordinates not available	182	69.47	1509	53.64
Total*	262		2813	

Table 13. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in India

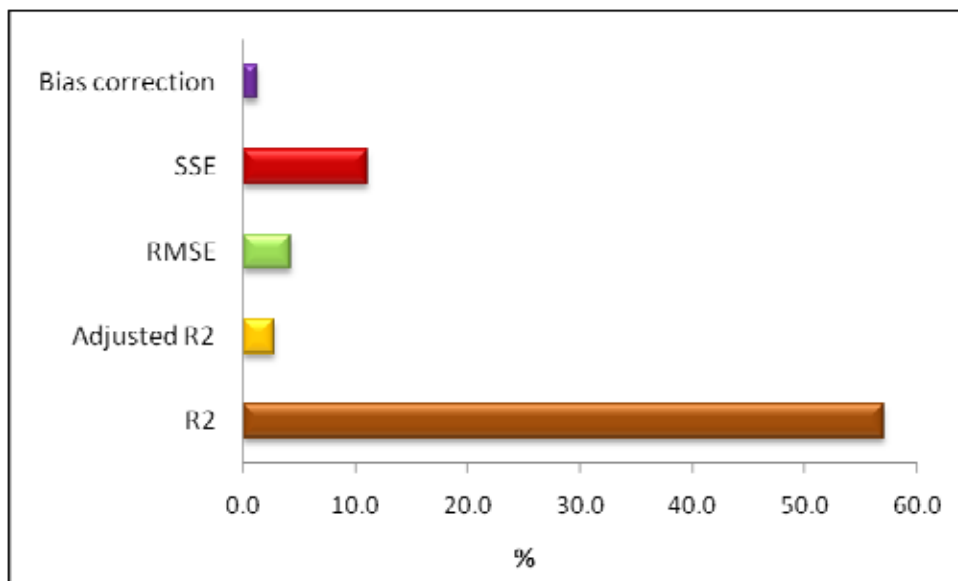
WWF Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Andaman islands moist forests	1	0.38	3	0.11
Central deccan plateau dry deciduous forest	6	2.29	14	0.50
Chhota-Nagpur dry deciduous forest	23	8.78	27	0.96
Deccan thorn scrub forest	8	3.05	10	0.36
Deccan thorn shrub forest	53	20.23	113	4.02
East deccan semi-evergreen moist forests	3	1.15	26	0.92
Eastern ghats moist deciduous forest	20	7.63	171	6.08
Eastern Himalayan broadleaf forest	2	0.76	4	0.14
Eastern Himalayan subalpine conifer forests	6	2.29	9	0.32
Himalayan subtropical broadleaf forest	9	3.44	64	2.28
Himalayan subtropical pine forest	55	20.99	110	3.91
Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forest	10	3.82	74	2.63
Lower Gangetic plain moist deciduous forest	24	9.16	52	1.85
Malabar coast moist deciduous forest	5	1.91	40	1.42
Narmada valley dry deciduous forest	24	9.16	148	5.26
North Western ghats moist deciduous forests	50	19.08	59	2.10
North Western ghats montane forests	32	12.21	124	4.41
North Western thorn scrub forest	27	10.31	128	4.55
Orissa semi evergreen moist forests	2	0.76	4	0.14
South Western ghats moist deciduous forests	77	29.39	244	8.67
South Western Ghats montane forests	19	7.25	96	3.41
Terai-duar savanna and grassland	6	2.29	69	2.45
Thar desert	1	0.38	4	0.14
Upper gangetic plains deciduous forest	31	11.83	329	11.70
West Pakistan shrub and steppe	1	0.38	13	0.46
Western Himalayan alpine shrub/meadow	1	0.38	12	0.43
Western Himalayan broadleaf forest	10	3.82	73	2.60
Western Himalayan subalpine conifer forests	2	0.76	10	0.36
Coordinates not available	182	69.47	1509	53.64
Total*	262		2813	

Table 14. Coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holdridge Biomes in India.

HOLDRIDGE Biomes	Species		Allometric equations	
	Number	%	Number	%
Boreal wet forest	2	0.76	10	0.36
Cool temperate moist forest	2	0.76	10	0.36
Cool temperate rain forest	3	1.15	5	0.18
Cool temperate wet forest	4	1.53	10	0.36
Polar desert	7	2.67	21	0.75
Subtropical desert bush	2	0.76	29	1.03
Subtropical dry forest	30	11.45	274	9.74
Subtropical moist forest	114	43.51	557	19.80
Subtropical thorn steppe	8	3.05	48	1.71
Subtropical wet forest	72	27.48	149	5.30
Tropical dry forest	46	17.56	320	11.38
Tropical moist forest	43	16.41	234	8.32
Tropical thorn steppe	1	0.38	4	0.14
Tropical very dry forest	77	29.39	332	11.80
Warm temperate moist forest	8	3.05	14	0.50
Coordinates not available	182	69.47	1509	53.64
Total*	262		2813	

* Total doesn't represent sum of a particular column as the same species/ allometric equation is repeated in more than one biome. Total refers to the actual number of species/ allometric equation after excluding repetitions in Tables 5 - 8.

Figure 11. Percent availability of fit statistics for tree allometric equations in India



5.4 Nepal

373 allometric equations from Nepal are included in the database from 32 documents. 67% ($n=250$) of these are biomass related and 13% ($n=47$) are volume based allometric equations. These equations cover 39 families, 64 genera and 84 species in the country. 67% of the total species reported in the database from Nepal belongs to forest systems and only 16% were from plantation forestry sector. However, maximum number of allometric equations were developed for *Cupressus macrocarpa* ($n=31$) followed by *Acacia auriculiformis* ($n=24$), two important plantation species in Nepal. 25% of the total allometric equations in Nepal were for 31 species in Tropical rainforest system (FAO Biome classification). The distribution of species and allometric equations in different Biome classification systems (UDVARDY, WWF and Holdridge) in Nepal is given in Figures 12 -15. All the documents collected from Nepal had fit statistics values (Table 15).

Figure 12 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in Nepal

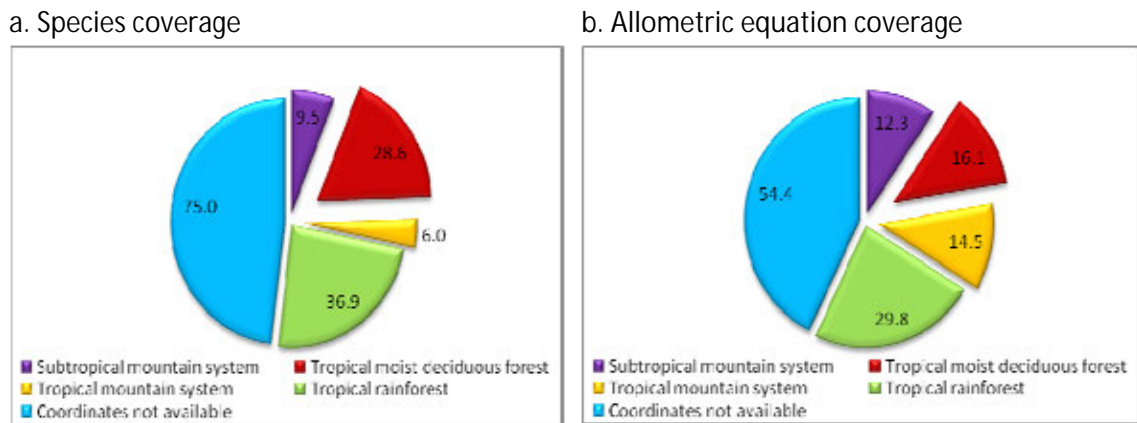


Figure 13 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDVARDY Biomes in Nepal

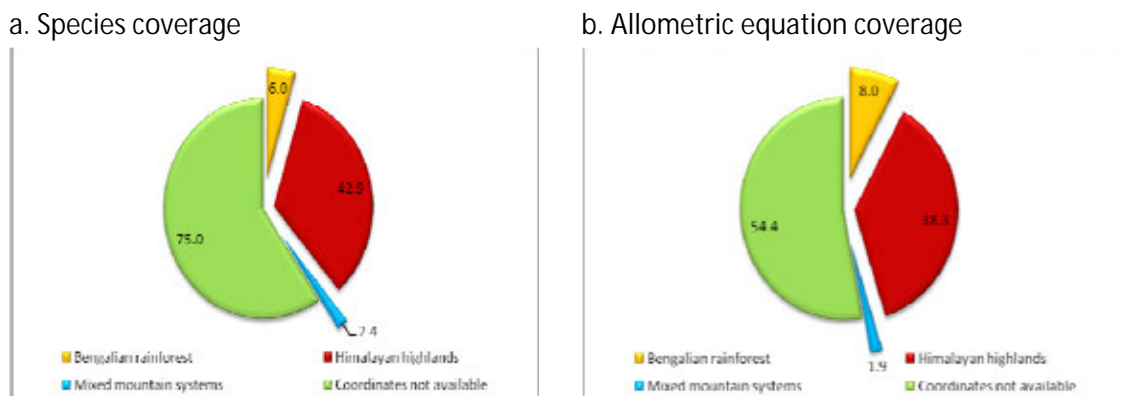
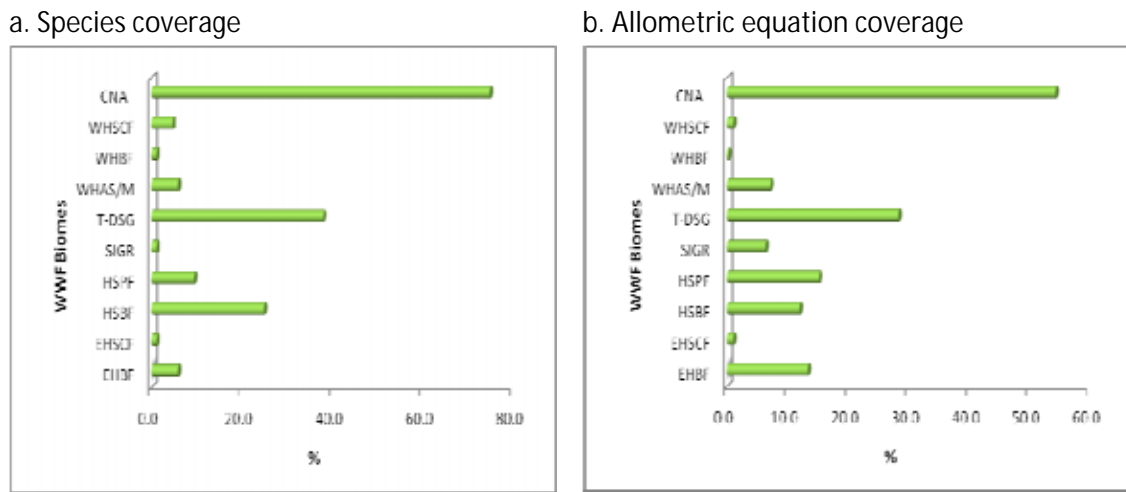
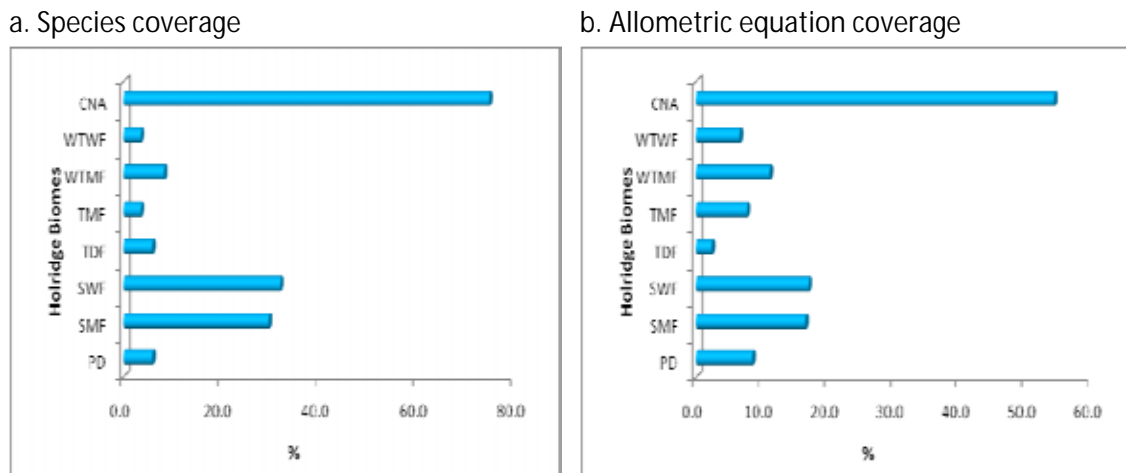


Figure 14 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in Nepal



EHBF - Eastern Himalayan broadleaf forest; EHSCLF - Eastern Himalayan subalpine conifer forests; HSBF - Himalayan subtropical broadleaf forest; HSPF - Himalayan subtropical pine forest; SIGR - Snow, ice, glaciers and rock; T-DSG - Terai-Duar savanna and grassland; WHAS/M - Western Himalayan alpine shrub/meadow; WHBF - Western Himalayan broadleaf forest; WHSCF - Western Himalayan subalpine conifer forests; CNA – Coordinates not available

Figure 15 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holdridge Biomes in Nepal



PD - Polar desert; SMF - Subtropical moist forest; SWF - Subtropical wet forest; TDF - Tropical dry forest; TMF - Tropical moist forest; WTMF - Warm temperate moist forest; WTWF - Warm temperate wet forest; CNA – Coordinates not available.

Table 15. Availability of fit statistics for tree allometric equations in Nepal

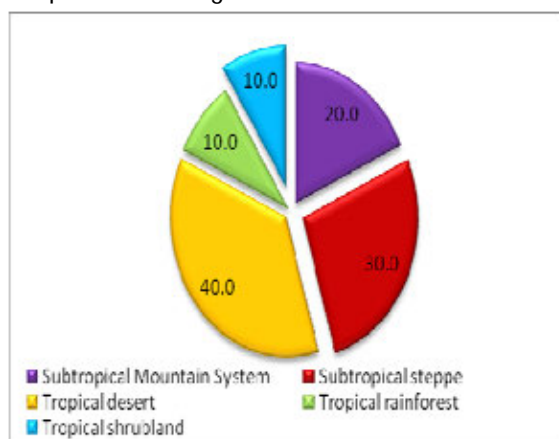
Fit statistics	Number	%
R^2	281	75.34
Adjusted R^2	55	14.75
RMSE	33	8.85
SSE	40	10.72
Bias correction	30	8.04

5.5 Pakistan

12 articles covering 5 family and 10 genera from Pakistan are included in the database. Most of the 44 allometric equations from Pakistan included in the database represent tree biomass (34%) and volume (27%). Maximum number of equations are for *Olea ferruginea* ($n= 11$) and *Pinus roxburghii* ($n = 7$). 80% of the species from Pakistan included in the database belong to forest systems mainly spread over subtropical steppe and tropical desert systems (FAO Biome Classification) (Figure 15). The distribution of species and allometric equations across different biomes as classified by UDWARDY, WWF and Holridge are given in Figures 16 to 19. More than 50% of the allometric works from Pakistan had some sort of fit statistical values (Table 16).

Figure 16 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in Pakistan

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

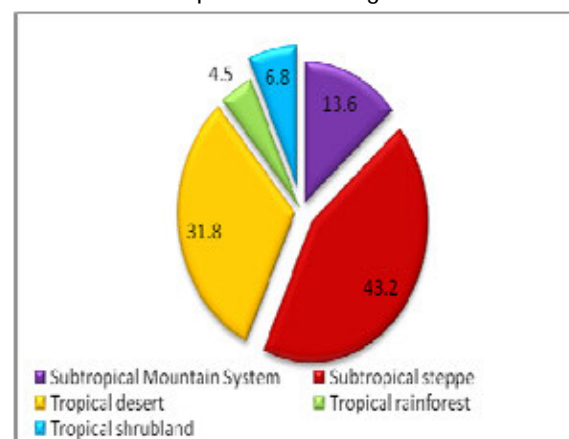


Figure 17 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDWARDY Biomes in Pakistan

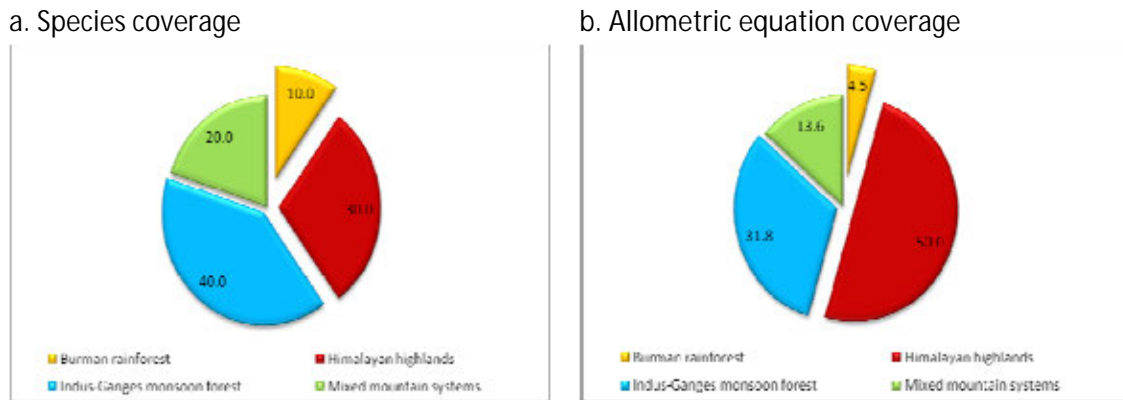
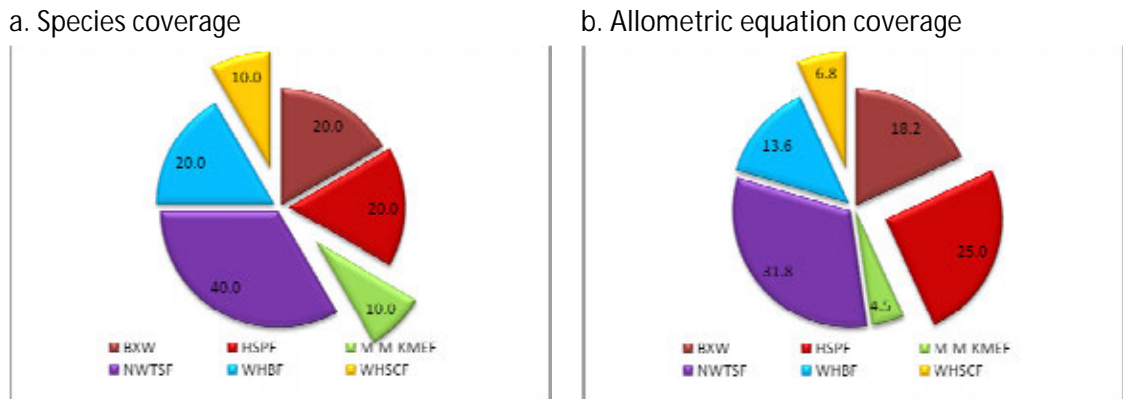


Figure 18 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in Pakistan



BXW - Baluchistan xeric woodland; HSPF - Himalayan subtropical pine forest; M-M-KMEF - Mizoram-Manipur- Kachin moist evergreen forest; NWTsf - North Western thorn scrub forest; WHBF - Western Himalayan broadleaf forest; WHSCF - Western Himalayan subalpine conifer forests

Figure 19 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holdridge Biomes in Pakistan

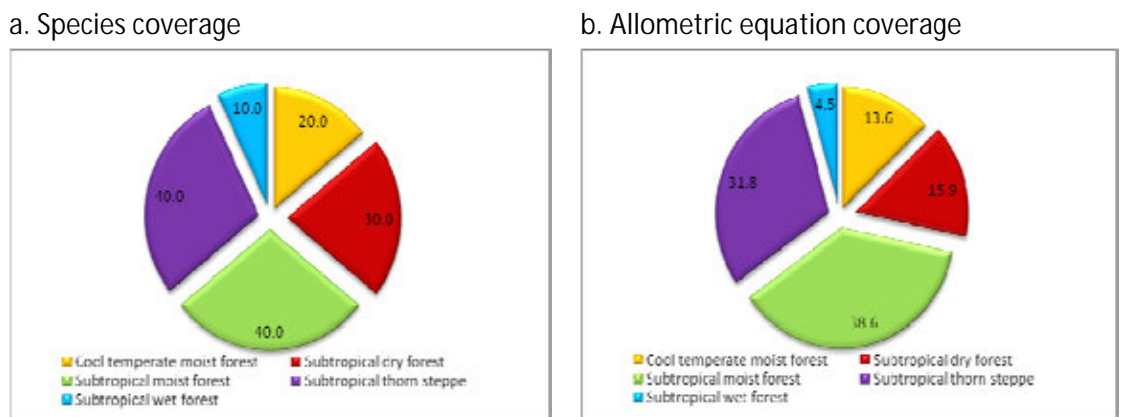


Table 16. Availability of fit statistics for tree allometric equations in Pakistan

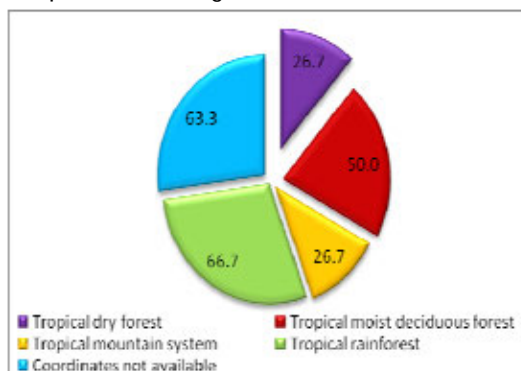
Fit statistics	Number	%
R^2	23	52.27
Adjusted R^2	0	0.00
RMSE	0	0.00
SSE	8	18.18
Bias correction	0	0.00

5.6 Sri Lanka

A total of 65 equations were derived from 24 documents collected from Sri Lanka. 30 species belonging to 29 genera and 18 families are presented in the database. More than 90% of these species and equations from Sri Lanka were from plantation systems. *Pinus caribaea*, *Tectona grandis* and *Eucalyptus grandis* cover 34% of the total allometric equations from the island nation. More than 60% of the allometric equations developed in Sri Lanka had fit statistical analyses associated with them. The distribution of species and allometric equations across different biome systems (FAO, UDWARDY, WWF and Holridge) is given in Figures 20 – 23.

Figure 20 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different FAO Biomes in Sri Lanka.

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

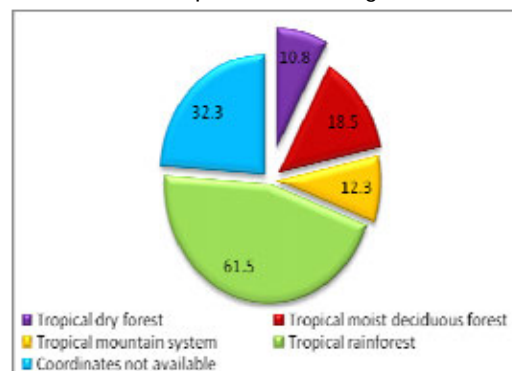
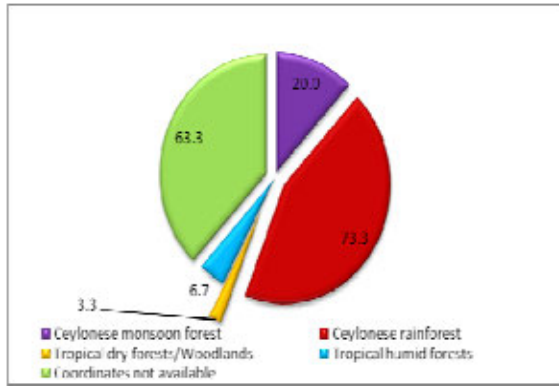


Figure 21 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different UDWARDY Biomes in Sri Lanka

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

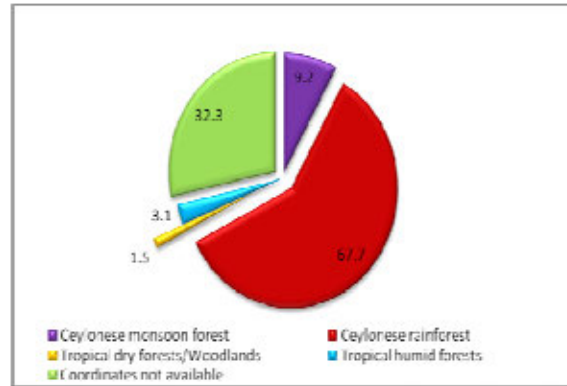
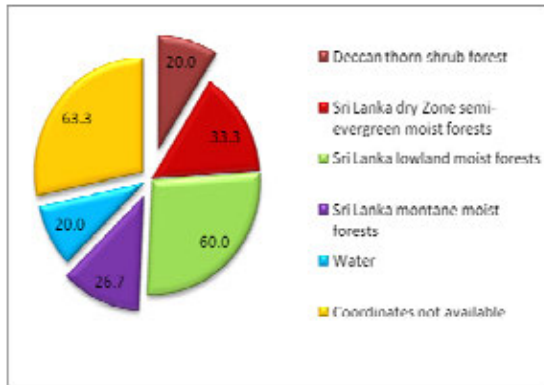


Figure 22 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different WWF Biomes in Sri Lanka

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage

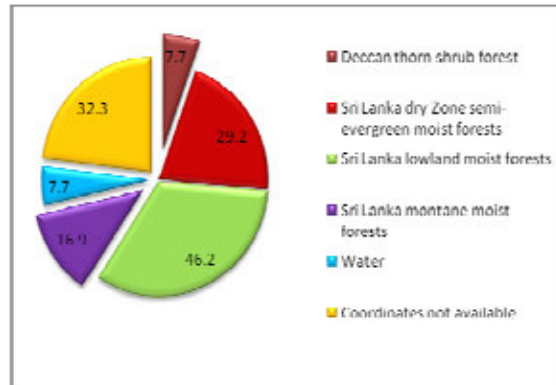
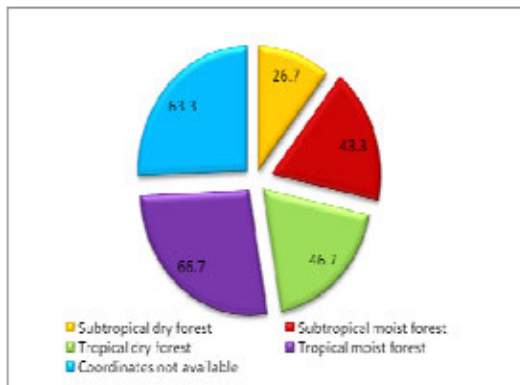
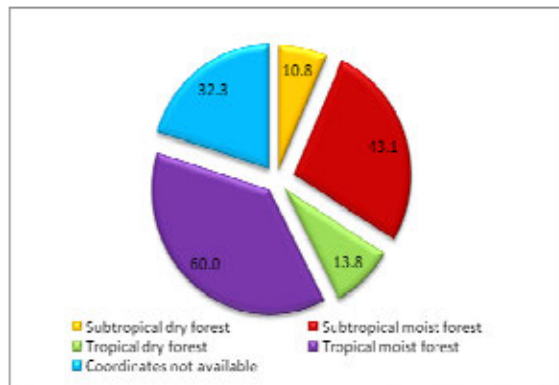


Figure 23 a & b. Percent coverage of species and tree allometric equations across different Holdridge Biomes in Sri Lanka

a. Species coverage



b. Allometric equation coverage



6. Conclusions and recommendations

This compilation project entitled 'Inventory of volume and biomass tree allometric equations for South Asia' was an attempt to inventory all available published data on tree allometric equations in the study region. The database has been prepared by extensive and exhaustive literature collected from the region. Nevertheless, there will be several lacunae which can be progressively corrected.

The database covers a total of 466 documents on tree allometry. 4456 equations on volume, biomass, BEF, carbon and other growth variables in South Asia for 375 species belonging to 96 families and 275 genera are included in the database. Though root biomass is as important as shoot in carbon stock estimations, there were very few documents on root growth parameters. Also proportionate allocation of allometric models for different species in the collected documents is not homogenous with commercially important ones capturing more percentage share of equations (Eg. *Tectona grandis*, *Populus deltoides* etc.). The geographical distribution of these allometric equations is highly skewed and conscious efforts should be taken to unearth documents on allometry in the neglected life zones.

Given the high biodiversity within and among different life zones in South Asia, further scientific analysis of the allometric equations in the database is needed to derive more elaborate results. Research activities in the region should be directed to fill the existing gaps in allometric equations database. Studies should be taken up to improve the geospatial distribution of sample plots and thereby include under-represented biomes such as subtropical steppe and tropical desert (FAO biome system) in the South Asian region. Efforts to develop allometric equations of neglected species (eg. *Melanorrhoea usitata*, *Zizyphus mauritiana*, *Ficus benghalensis* etc.) should be taken up for a comprehensive assessment of carbon stocks in the region. Though home gardens and trees outside forest contribute much to the vegetation, biomass and carbon storage, these ecosystems remain outside the purview of most tree allometric works.

Since felling is banned in many countries, there have been difficulties in obtaining permission to fell sample trees. This discourages the researchers to take up new studies related to developing volume and biomass allometric equations. Among the population, biomass estimates are available for many shrubs and seedlings. However, such estimates are not useful for extrapolation as they lack minimum statistical measures like standard error and thus not found place in the database developed here. Similarly, there are many stand level volume equations developed, most of them are of non-linear nature and hence conceiving a common database for carbon storage estimation appears to be a difficult task.

Mangroves were a neglected population in the region. But of late it is gaining lot of importance due to improved understanding on its vital role in the ecological maintenance and carbon sequestration. Allometric studies on mangroves should be encouraged so as to have precise estimates of carbon storage.

Given the huge spatial variability of estimates of the parameters associated with allometric equations and absence of GPS (Geographical Positioning System) measurements for large number of equations published before the advent of GPS, the calibration of the equations for carbon estimation at local and regional level has been a big issue. The availability of suitable analytical and decision support tools related to carbon issues has also been a weak area in the region. Lack of minimum publishing and reporting standards is another weakness in allometric database reporting in the region. Vague description of tree components and output terms reduces the quality of allometric equations developed in the region.

Recently there has been a considerable interest in using site and species specific allometric equations for estimating volume, biomass and carbon stocks in the region. This should be capitalized and conscious efforts should be made so that the published database is used by researchers/ stakeholders for cost effective and accurate biomass, carbon and bioenergy estimations. A capacity building programme on international set of "good practice" guidelines focused on sampling methods, regression methods and inventorying allometric equations is quite essential to improve the quality of works and reporting procedures. It would also be important to periodically update the database so as to provide up-to-date information on tree allometry to all stakeholders in the region. This can be achieved by encouraging researchers in the region to provide relevant information to the database as and when developed and by periodic literature surveys. A comprehensive repository of allometric works in South Asia will provide policy makers valuable inputs during REDD+ policy formulations in the region in tune with International standards.

Finally, carbon stock inventorying of an ecosystem remains incomplete without assessment of soil carbon. A unified soil carbon monitoring mechanism (surveys and modeling) for South Asia along with tree biomass estimates will help countries in the region to assess and plan common strategies to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conserve forest carbon stocks and manage forests sustainably. A co-ordinated network of researchers working on various aspects of plant biomass and terrestrial carbon stocks could be established in the region to share information, avoid duplication of works and channelize the available resources to new avenues in an effort to fill the existing research gaps. The co-ordinated network can be used to design meaningful courses of future action leading towards a common goal.

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Appendix - 2. Species-wise distribution of different types of allometric equations available in the database

Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	141	2.85	338	9.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	72	10.04	551	5.70
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	197	3.97	74	1.98	14	24.14	0	0.00	59	8.23	344	3.56
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	27	0.54	15	0.40	1	1.72	0	0.00	4	0.56	47	0.49
<i>Acacia tortilis</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	7	0.07
<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	87	1.76	28	0.75	1	1.72	0	0.00	13	1.81	129	1.33
<i>Eucalyptus hybrid</i>	140	2.82	69	1.84	0	0.00	0	0.00	25	3.49	234	2.42
<i>Tecomella undulate</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	5	0.05
<i>Acacia mangium</i>	108	2.18	47	1.26	0	0.00	3	1.49	48	6.69	203	2.10
<i>Eucalptus grandis</i>	62	1.25	32	0.86	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	97	1.00
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	40	0.81	45	1.20	1	1.72	1	0.50	6	0.84	92	0.95
<i>Dalbergia latifolia</i>	19	0.38	15	0.40	1	1.72	0	0.00	1	0.14	36	0.37
<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>	47	0.95	4	0.11	0	0.00	2	0.99	0	0.00	51	0.53
<i>Terminalia paniculata</i>	12	0.24	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	21	0.22
<i>Lagerstroemia lanceolata</i>	10	0.20	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	19	0.20
<i>Xylia xylocarpa</i>	18	0.36	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	1.26	39	0.40
<i>Careya arborea</i>	8	0.16	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	0.21
<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>	204	4.12	77	2.06	4	6.90	4	1.98	116	16.18	401	4.15
<i>Toona cedrela</i>	30	0.61	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	30	0.31
<i>Bombax ceiba</i>	67	1.35	0	0.00	1	1.72	2	0.99	2	0.28	70	0.72
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	300	6.05	89	2.38	2	3.45	29	14.36	45	6.28	436	4.51
<i>Holoptelia integrifolia</i>	13	0.26	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Pinus wallichiana</i>	104	2.10	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.84	113	1.17

Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Gmelina arborea</i>	57	1.15	12	0.32	1	1.72	6	2.97	2	0.28	72	0.74
<i>Shorea robusta</i>	170	3.43	66	1.76	0	0.00	8	3.96	12	1.67	248	2.56
<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	15	0.30	6	0.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	23	0.24
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	4	0.08	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Calophyllum elatum</i>	8	0.16	21	0.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	30	0.31
<i>Dysoxylum malabaricum</i>	5	0.10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Dipterocarpus turbinatus</i>	63	1.27	2	0.05	0	0.00	3	1.49	10	1.39	75	0.78
<i>Holigarna grahamii</i>	5	0.10	37	0.99	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	43	0.44
<i>Coronidium elatum</i>	4	0.08	35	0.94	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	39	0.40
<i>Canarium strictum</i>	5	0.10	47	1.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	52	0.54
<i>Carallia brachiata</i>	5	0.10	25	0.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	30	0.31
<i>Dillenia indica</i>	0	0.00	15	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Poa macrantha</i>	0	0.00	15	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Syzygium utilis</i>	4	0.08	35	0.94	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	39	0.40
<i>Garcinia cambogia</i>	4	0.08	47	1.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	51	0.53
<i>Garcinia indica</i>	8	0.16	54	1.44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	62	0.64
<i>Lansium anamallayanum</i>	4	0.08	39	1.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	43	0.44
<i>Dimocarpus longana</i>	0	0.00	15	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Palaquium ellipticum</i>	14	0.28	41	1.10	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	57	0.59
<i>Eucalyptus globules</i>	4	0.08	24	0.64	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	28	0.29
<i>Populus deltoids</i>	57	1.15	230	6.15	15	25.86	6	2.97	4	0.56	306	3.16
<i>Pterocarpus dalbergioides</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	3	0.03
<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	18	8.91	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	1	0.02	10	0.27	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Bambusa tulda</i>	0	0.00	5	0.13	0	0.00	6	2.97	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Morus alba</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	0.98	9	0.09
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%

<i>Pinus caribaea</i>	70	1.41	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1.98	2	0.28	72	0.74
<i>Pinus patula</i>	6	0.12	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	10	0.10
<i>Trewia nudiflora</i>	19	0.38	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>	59	1.19	30	0.80	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	89	0.92
<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	18	0.36	42	1.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	62	0.64
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	0	0.00	6	0.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	1	0.02	64	1.71	1	1.72	0	0.00	2	0.28	68	0.70
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	8	0.16	20	0.53	4	6.90	0	0.00	12	1.67	44	0.45
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	0	0.00	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Pinus roxburghii</i>	58	1.17	31	0.83	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	2.79	109	1.13
<i>Ailanthus excels</i>	3	0.06	21	0.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	26	0.27
<i>Dipterocarpus indicus</i>	14	0.28	39	1.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	54	0.56
<i>Alnus nepalensis</i>	20	0.40	83	2.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	104	1.08
<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Acacia catechu</i>	31	0.63	75	2.01	1	1.72	0	0.00	2	0.28	109	1.13
<i>Lanea grandis</i>	5	0.10	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Melanorrhoea usitata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Duabanga grandiflora</i>	29	0.59	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.99	2	0.28	31	0.32
<i>Amoora wallichii</i>	7	0.14	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	0.11
<i>Zanthoxylum rhetsa</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Lagerstroemia parviflora</i>	41	0.83	24	0.64	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	65	0.67
<i>Tetrameles nudiflora</i>	42	0.85	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	44	0.45
<i>Pinus kesiya</i>	15	0.30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Adina cordifolia</i>	62	1.25	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	74	0.77
<i>Lanea coromandelica</i>	34	0.69	29	0.78	0	0.00	1	0.50	2	0.28	65	0.67
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Albizia procera</i>	31	0.63	18	0.48	0	0.00	2	0.99	8	1.12	57	0.59

<i>Sonneratia apetala</i>	128	2.58	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	130	1.34
<i>Pterygota alata</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Madhuca indica</i>	3	0.06	18	0.48	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	21	0.22
<i>Buchanania lanzan</i>	14	0.28	18	0.48	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	34	0.35
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	54	1.09	7	0.19	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	61	0.63
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	0	0.00	8	0.21	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	0.09
<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	7	0.14	13	0.35	1	1.72	2	0.99	3	0.42	24	0.25
<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Acacia latifolia</i>	0	0.00	5	0.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Terminalia tomentosa</i>	80	1.61	52	1.39	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	136	1.41
<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	40	0.81	5	0.13	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	46	0.48
<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>	10	0.20	25	0.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	35	0.36
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	6	0.12	21	0.56	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	27	0.28
<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>	5	0.10	8	0.21	0	0.00	5	2.48	0	0.00	13	0.13
<i>Artocarpus hirsutus</i>	6	0.12	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	11	0.11
<i>Ailanthus triphysa</i>	1	0.02	11	0.29	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	16	0.17
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	6	0.12	3	0.08	0	0.00	1	0.50	2	0.28	11	0.11
<i>Paulownia fortunei</i>	2	0.04	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	5	0.05
<i>Bauhinia retusa</i>	1	0.02	11	0.29	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	14	0.14
<i>Stylosanthes humilis</i>	0	0.00	1	0.03	1	1.72	0	0.00	2	0.28	4	0.04
<i>Carpinus viminea</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Celtis caucasica</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Cordia vestita</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Ficus cunia</i>	0	0.00	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	10	0.10
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Ficus roxburghii</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Grewia elastica</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02

<i>Grewia optiva</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Grewia vestita</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	6	0.06
<i>Murraya exotica</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Ougeinia oojeinensis</i>	11	0.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	13	0.13
<i>Trema politoria</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Grewia tiliaefolia</i>	9	0.18	7	0.19	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	17	0.18
<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	4	0.04
<i>Tsuga dumosa</i>	14	0.28	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	17	0.18
<i>Picea spinulosa</i>	46	0.93	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	47	0.49
<i>Abies densa</i>	43	0.87	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.84	49	0.51
<i>Betula utilis</i>	33	0.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	36	0.37
<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	67	1.35	47	1.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	114	1.18
<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i>	21	0.42	27	0.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	48	0.50
<i>Poeciloneuron indicum</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Mesua ferrea</i>	7	0.14	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	26	0.27
<i>Vateria indica</i>	10	0.20	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	30	0.31
<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Drypetes elata</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Diospyros ebenum</i>	3	0.06	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	0.11
<i>Humboldtia brunonis</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Hardwickia pinnata</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Nothopegia heyneana</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Diospyros candolleana</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Elaeocarpus tuberculatus</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24
<i>Myristica swamps</i>	4	0.08	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	0.24

<i>Melia azadirachta</i>	4	0.08	13	0.35	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	21	0.22
<i>Bambusa bambos</i>	1	0.02	14	0.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Flemingia macrophylla</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Chamaecytisus palmensis</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Annona squamosa</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	1	0.01
<i>Dalbergia paniculata</i>	2	0.04	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Boswellia serrata</i>	39	0.79	16	0.43	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	55	0.57
<i>Cleistanthus collinus</i>	4	0.08	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	0.08
<i>Emblica officinalis</i>	5	0.10	11	0.29	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	16	0.17
<i>Sterculia urens</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Abies pindrow</i>	7	0.14	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	21	0.22
<i>Prosopis cineraria</i>	3	0.06	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	10	0.10
<i>Cassia siamea</i>	43	0.87	41	1.10	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	86	0.89
<i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i>	29	0.59	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.49	2	0.28	31	0.32
<i>Hardwickia binnata</i>	2	0.04	10	0.27	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	13	0.13
<i>Excoecaria agallocha</i>	31	0.63	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	31	0.32
<i>Paraserianthes falcataria</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Acrocarpus fraxinifolius</i>	4	0.08	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Anthocephalus cadamba</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Cedrela toona</i>	10	0.20	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Quercus lamellosa</i>	1	0.02	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Castanopsis tribuloides</i>	10	0.20	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	16	0.17
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Symplocos theaefolia</i>	1	0.02	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Eurya acuminata</i>	0	0.00	7	0.19	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	0.07
<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>	9	0.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	4.46	11	1.53	20	0.21
<i>Sterculia alata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01

<i>Eugenia laetum</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Michelia champaca</i>	42	0.85	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	44	0.45
<i>Michelia oblonga</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Phoebe goalparensis</i>	19	0.38	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	19	0.20
<i>Terminalia myriocarpa</i>	17	0.34	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	19	0.20
<i>Schima wallichii</i>	38	0.77	13	0.35	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.70	56	0.58
<i>Bambusa cupulata</i>	0	0.00	5	0.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	5	0.10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	6	0.06
<i>Quercus glauca</i>	21	0.42	7	0.19	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	29	0.30
<i>Samanea saman</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	10	0.10
<i>Butea monosperma</i>	7	0.14	51	1.36	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	58	0.60
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>	32	0.65	197	5.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	233	2.41
<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>	22	0.44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	22	0.23
<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	20	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	21	0.22
<i>Cinnamomum tamala</i>	2	0.04	15	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	17	0.18
<i>Lophopetalum wightianum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Euphoria longana</i>	5	0.10	20	0.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	25	0.26
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	10	0.20	0	0.00	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	0.11
<i>Wendalendia exserta</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Lagerstroemia microcarpa</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Lagerstroemia reginae</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Dillenia pentagyna</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Hopea parviflora</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Persea macrantha</i>	14	0.28	32	0.86	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	49	0.51
<i>Terminalia elliptica</i>	12	0.24	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Bombax malabaricum</i>	1	0.02	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	0.09

<i>Eugenia jambolana</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Hymenodictyon excelsum</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Garuga pinnata</i>	8	0.16	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	0.21
<i>Myrsina capitellata</i>	4	0.08	18	0.48	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	22	0.23
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	7	0.14	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	19	0.20
<i>Syzygium cerasoides</i>	4	0.08	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	16	0.17
<i>Holarrhena antidysenterica</i>	6	0.12	25	0.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	31	0.32
<i>Casearia graveolens</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Engelhardia spicata</i>	20	0.40	5	0.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	27	0.28
<i>Eugenia operculata</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Ficus lacor</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Ficus nerifolia</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Ficus semicordata</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Fraxinus floribunda</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Litsea monopetala</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Lyonia ovalifolia</i>	2	0.04	19	0.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	21	0.22
<i>Maesa macrophylla</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Myrica esculenta</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Myrsina semiserrata</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	1	0.02	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Pyrus pashia</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Quercus floribunda</i>	9	0.18	13	0.35	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	25	0.26
<i>Quercus lanuginosa</i>	18	0.36	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	21	0.22
<i>Quercus leucotrichophora</i>	1	0.02	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Rhododendron arboreum</i>	16	0.32	23	0.61	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	41	0.42

<i>Rhus wallichii</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Viburnum coriaceum</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Wendlandia coriacea</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Castanopsis indica</i>	29	0.59	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	35	0.36
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	0	0.00	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Rhus succedanea</i>	0	0.00	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Rhus javanica</i>	0	0.00	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Machilus thunbergii</i>	10	0.20	11	0.29	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	21	0.22
<i>Ficus nemoralis</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Michelia kisopa</i>	2	0.04	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	6	0.06
<i>Lithocarpus spicata</i>	0	0.00	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Dendrocalamus bookeri</i>	0	0.00	5	0.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Adhatoda vasica</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Bambusa nutans</i>	3	0.06	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	0.11
<i>Schleichera trijuga</i>	2	0.04	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	65	1.31	5	0.13	0	0.00	1	0.50	3	0.42	73	0.75
<i>Alstonia macrophylla</i>	20	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	0.21
<i>Bauhinia racemosa</i>	1	0.02	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Abies smithiana</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Acer barbatum</i>	41	0.83	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	44	0.45
<i>Quercus incana</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Acacia arabica</i>	30	0.61	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	30	0.31
<i>Callicarpa arborea</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Cynometra polyandra</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Dysoxylum binectariferum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01

<i>Jonesia asoca</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Stereospermum personatum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Zigiphys xylopyra</i>	0	0.00	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Miliusa tomentosa</i>	2	0.04	3	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Avicennia officinalis</i>	60	1.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	60	0.62
<i>Cerriops decandra</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.70	11	0.11
<i>Mitragyna parvifolia</i>	32	0.65	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	36	0.37
<i>Pometia pinnata</i>	28	0.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	28	0.29
<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Lagerstroemia spaciosa</i>	10	0.20	4	0.11	0	0.00	8	3.96	12	1.67	26	0.27
<i>Wrightia tomentosa</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Acacia ferruginea</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Acacia lenticularis</i>	2	0.04	8	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Manilkara achras</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Salvadora oleoides</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Wrightia tinctoria</i>	9	0.18	24	0.64	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	33	0.34
<i>Chloroxylon swietenia</i>	5	0.10	20	0.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	25	0.26
<i>Falcourtia indica</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
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<i>Zizyphus xylopyrus</i>	3	0.06	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	13	0.13
<i>Gardenia resinifera</i>	2	0.04	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Memecylon edule</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Bridelia retusa</i>	6	0.12	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Aporosa lindleyana</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Macaranga peltata</i>	8	0.16	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	0.21
<i>Olea dioica</i>	5	0.10	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	0.09
<i>Albizzia amara</i>	2	0.04	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12

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<i>Quercus semecarpifolia</i>	3	0.06	14	0.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	17	0.18
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<i>Cullenia excelsa</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
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<i>Memecylon angustifolium</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Dolichandrone falcata</i>	1	0.02	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Acacia sundra</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	4	0.04
<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>	20	0.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20	0.21
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>	16	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	16	0.17
<i>Madhuca latifolia</i>	10	0.20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Ficus glomerata</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	4	0.04
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<i>Acacia leucophloea</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Tsuga brunoniana</i>	22	0.44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	22	0.23
<i>Larix griffithii</i>	14	0.28	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	15	0.16
<i>Alstonia scholaris</i>	2	0.04	5	0.13	0	0.00	2	0.99	0	0.00	7	0.07
<i>Albizia moluccana</i>	1	0.02	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.05
<i>Syzygium grande</i>	49	0.99	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.49	0	0.00	49	0.51
<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>kingeodendron pinnata</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04

<i>Amoora rohituka</i>	12	0.24	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Ailanthus grandis</i>	10	0.20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Machilus macrantha</i>	9	0.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	0.09
<i>Symplocos spicata</i>	28	0.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	31	0.32
<i>Salmalia malabarica</i>	11	0.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	0.11
<i>Sterculia villosa</i>	17	0.34	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	19	0.20
<i>Engelhardtia spicata</i>	8	0.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	9	0.09
<i>Beilschmiedia obtusifolia</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	7	0.07
<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i>	13	0.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	13	0.13
<i>Toona ciliata</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
<i>Dipterocarpus zeylanicus</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Picea glauca</i>	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	3	0.03
<i>Syzygium nervosum</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.06
<i>Hopea odorata</i>	3	0.06	1	0.03	0	0.00	4	1.98	2	0.28	6	0.06
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Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
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<i>Dipterocarpus costatus</i>	15	0.30	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	15	0.16
<i>Xylocarpus mekongensis</i>	24	0.48	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	24	0.25
<i>Palaquium polyanthum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Quercus spicata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Hydnocarpus kuzii</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Artocarpus chaplasha</i>	27	0.54	2	0.05	0	0.00	3	1.49	5	0.70	34	0.35
<i>Callophyllum polyanthum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Vitex peduncularis</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	1	0.01
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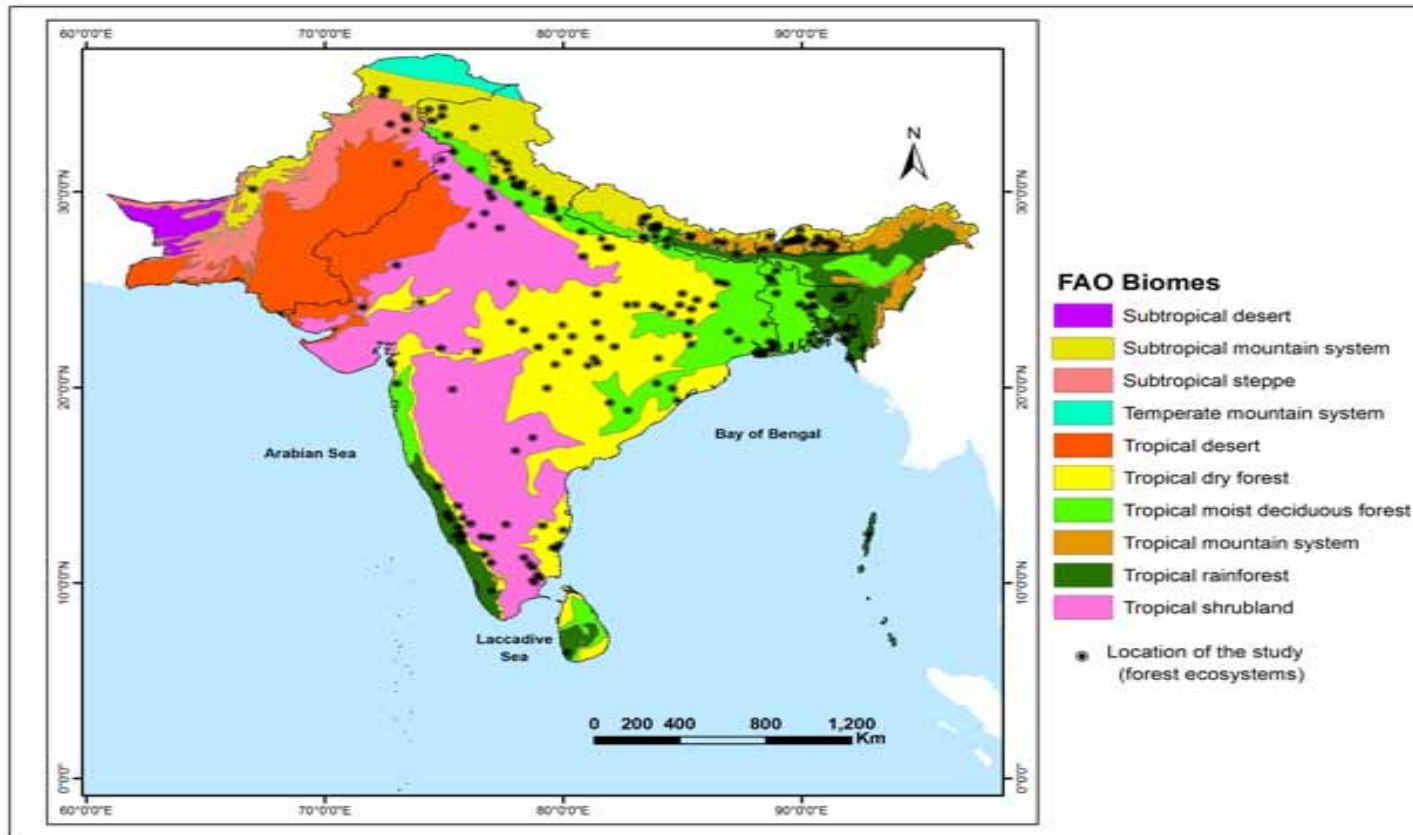
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<i>Michelia montana</i>	2	0.04	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Olea ferruginea</i>	1	0.02	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	13	0.13
<i>Artocarpus lakoocha</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.99	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Acacia modesta</i>	0	0.00	4	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	6	0.06
<i>Cinnamomum malabatum</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.04
<i>Erythrina indica</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Acer acuminatum</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
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Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
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<i>Artocarpus lacucha</i>	0	0.00	1	0.03	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	1	0.01
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<i>Pinus oocarpa</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01

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<i>myristica dactyloides</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Cullenia ceylanica</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Vitex pinnata</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Cullenia rosayroana</i>	3	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.03
<i>Ehretia laevis</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Ailanthus integrifolia</i>	6	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	8	0.08
<i>Phoebe hainesiana</i>	9	0.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.42	12	0.12
<i>Alcimandra cathcartii</i>	4	0.08	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	6	0.06
<i>Terminalia alata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Juniperus excelsa</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.56	4	0.04
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Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
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<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	2.97	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Podocarpus nerifolia</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.99	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Dipterocarpus alatus</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Elaeocarpus floribundus</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Microcos paniculata</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Pterospermum acerifolium</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Syzygium fruticosum</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Chukrasia tabularis</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1.98	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Albizia odoratissima</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
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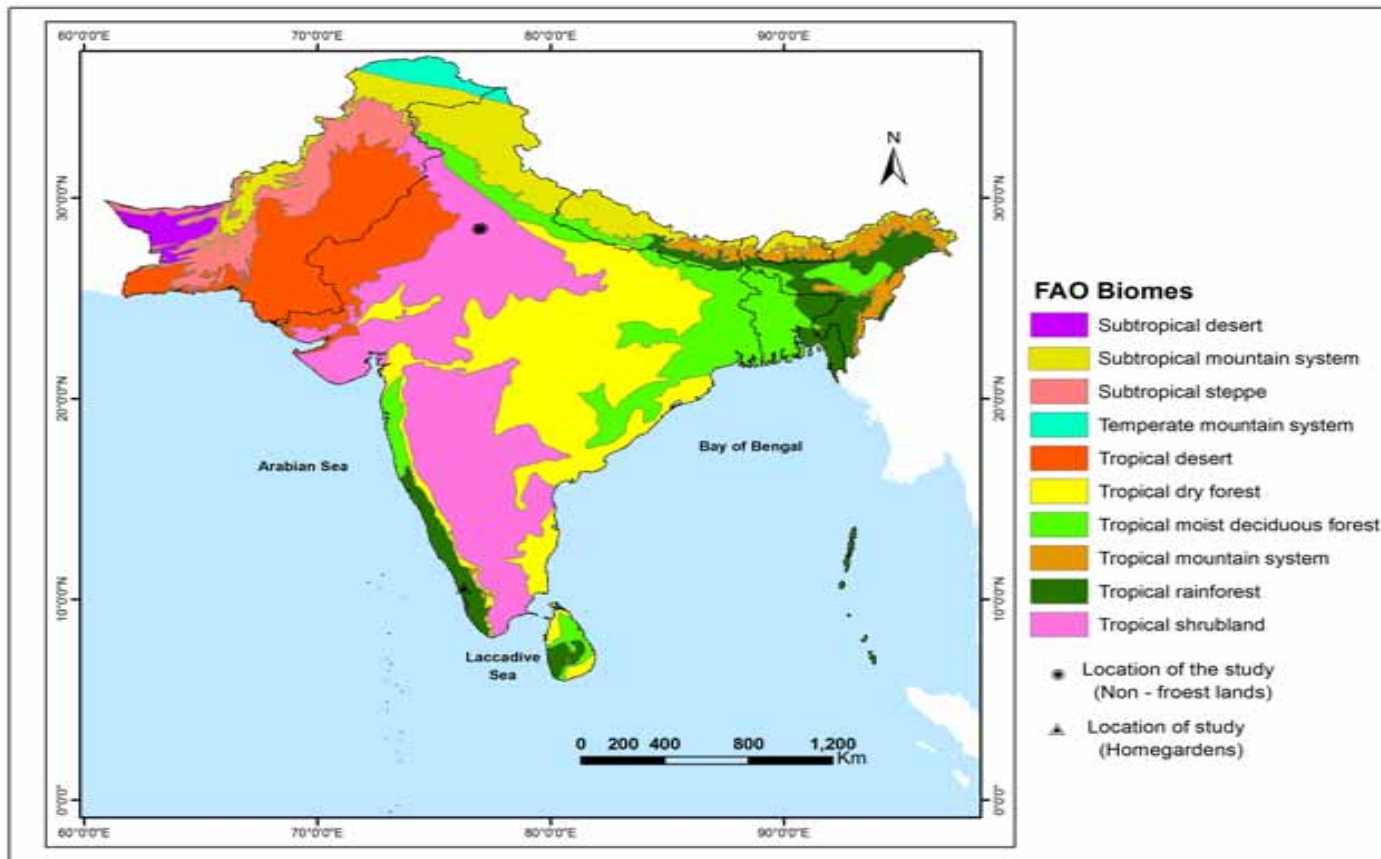
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<i>Hovenia dulcis</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
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<i>Nyssa javanica</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Sapium eugeniifolium</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Saurauja napaulensis</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Vitex heterophylla</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Plant Species	Volume equations		Biomass equations		BEF equations		Carbon equations		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Castanopsis hystrix</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Symplocos paniculata</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
<i>Juglans regia</i>	0	0.00	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Litsea umbrosa</i>	0	0.00	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Symplocos chinensis</i>	0	0.00	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Ilex dipyrena</i>	0	0.00	10	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.10
<i>Landea anamallyanum</i>	0	0.00	12	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	0.12
<i>Soymida febrifuga</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.28	2	0.02
<i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	2.48	0	0.00	0	0.00
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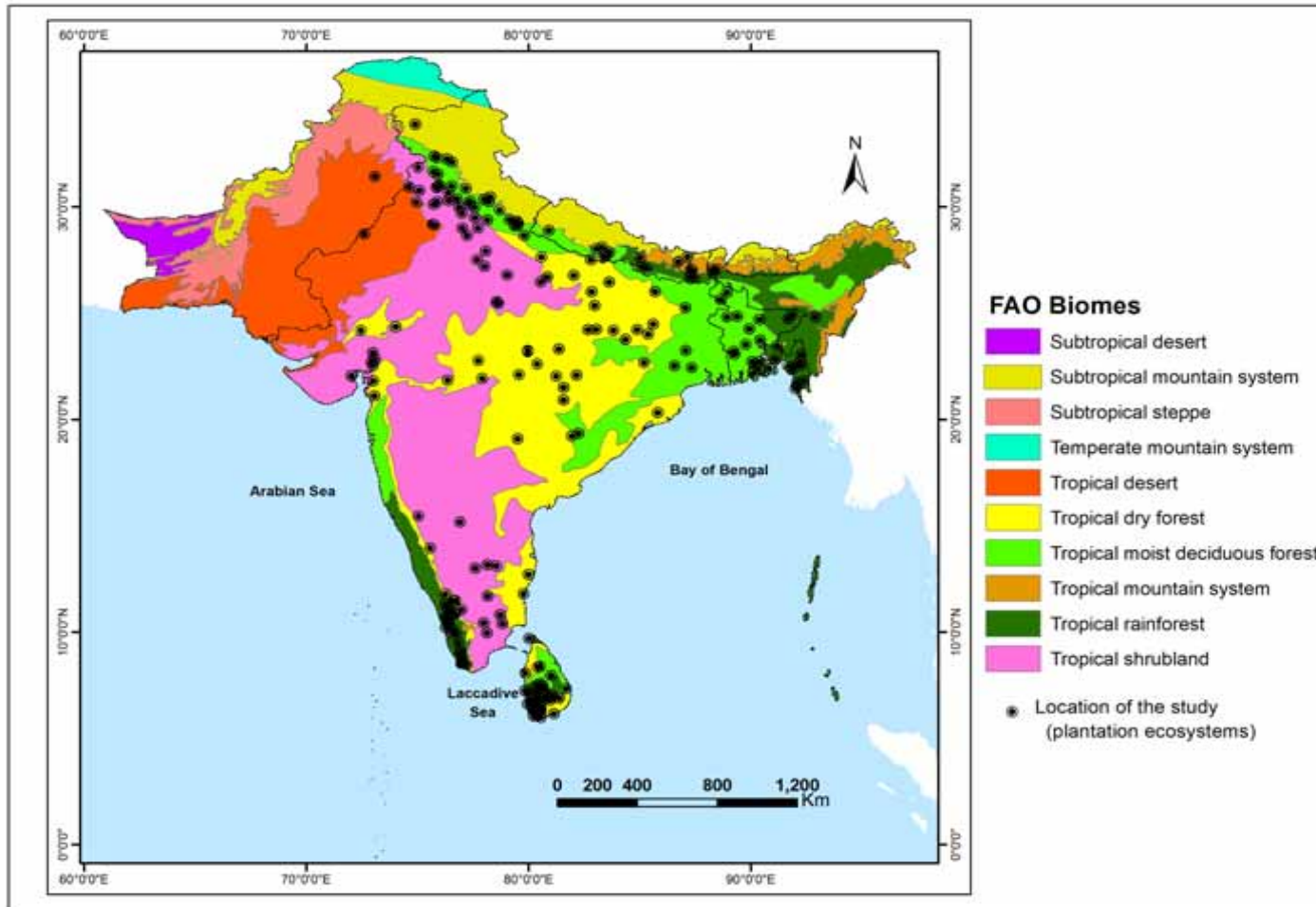
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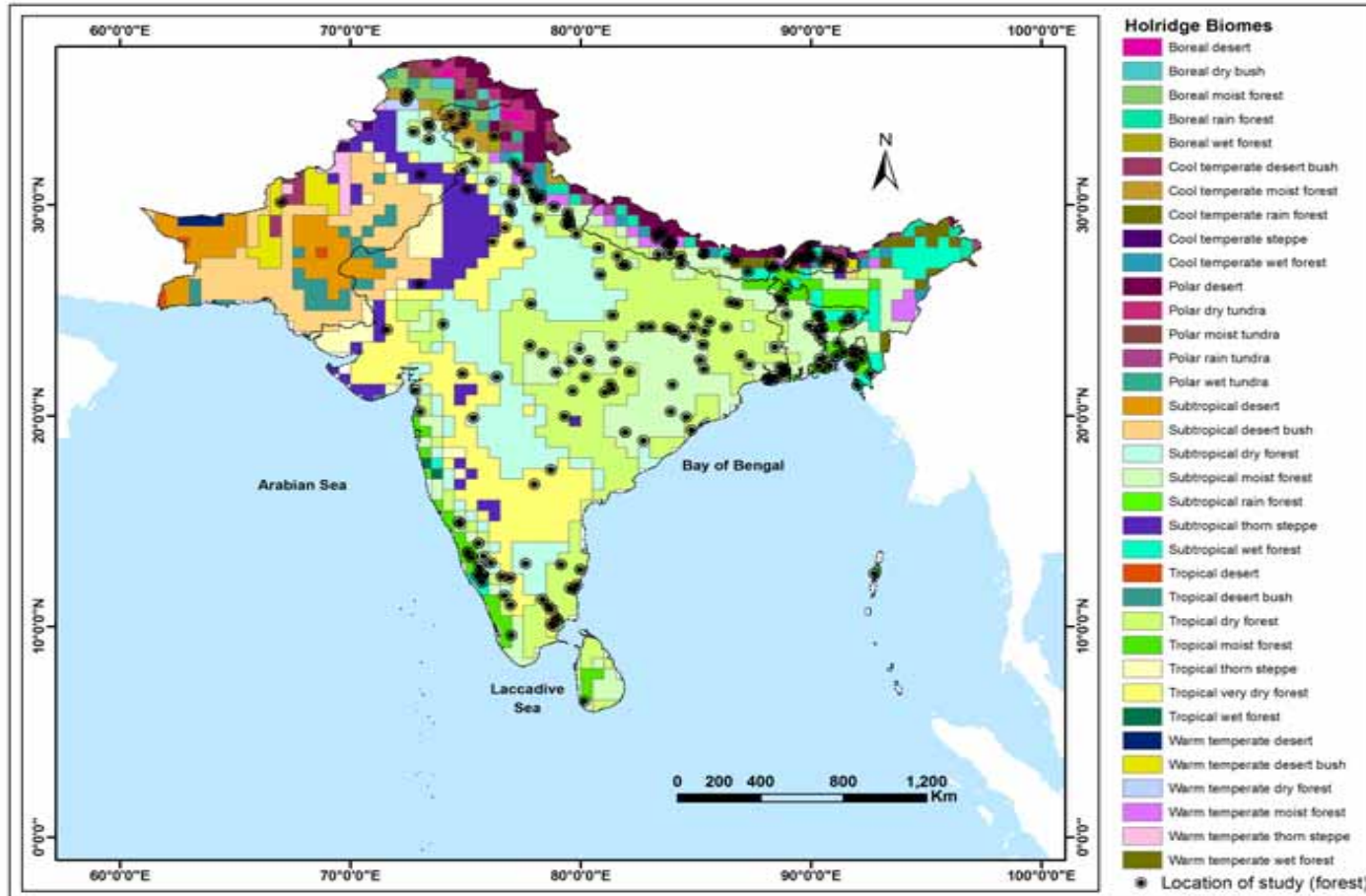
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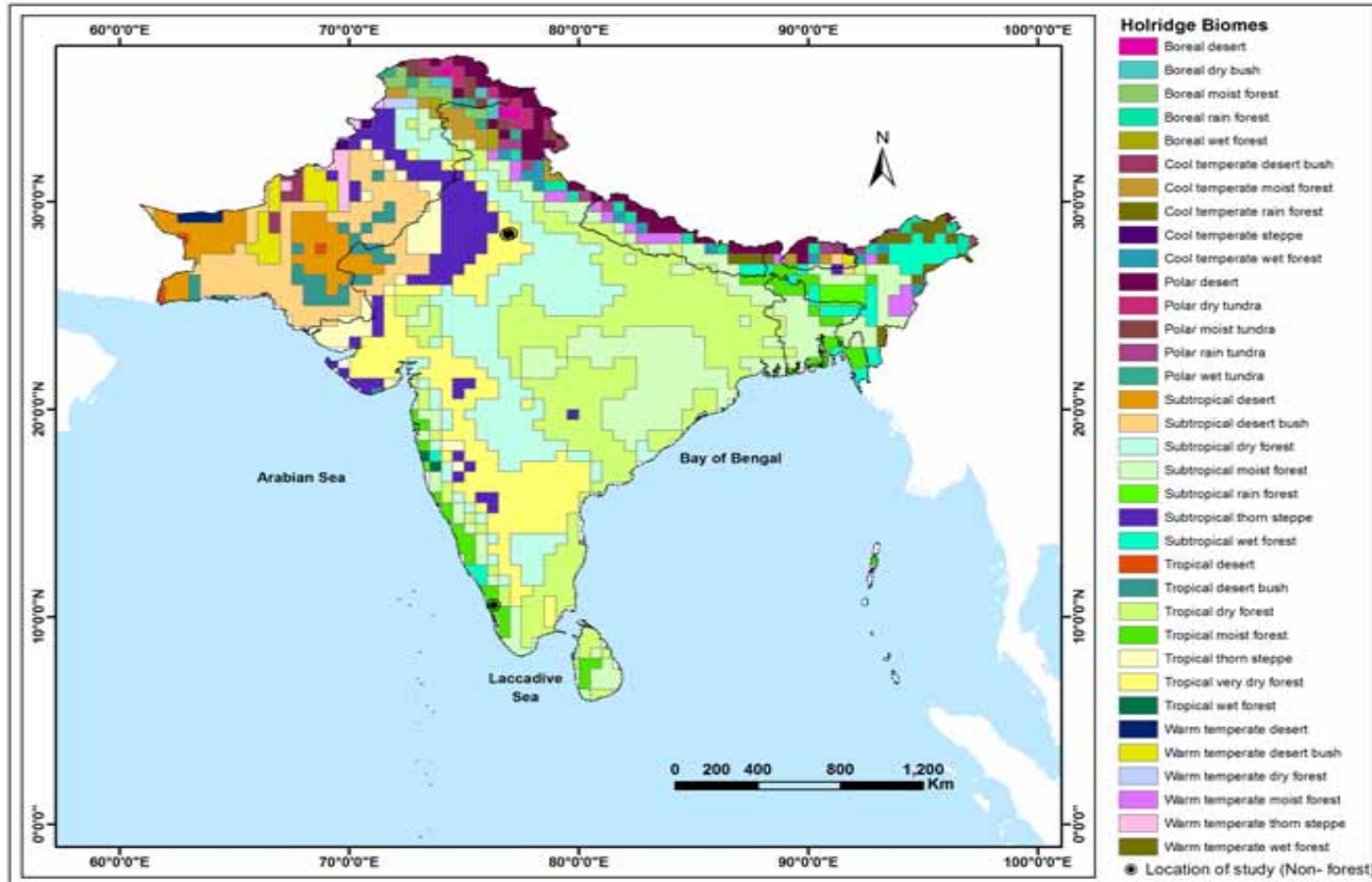
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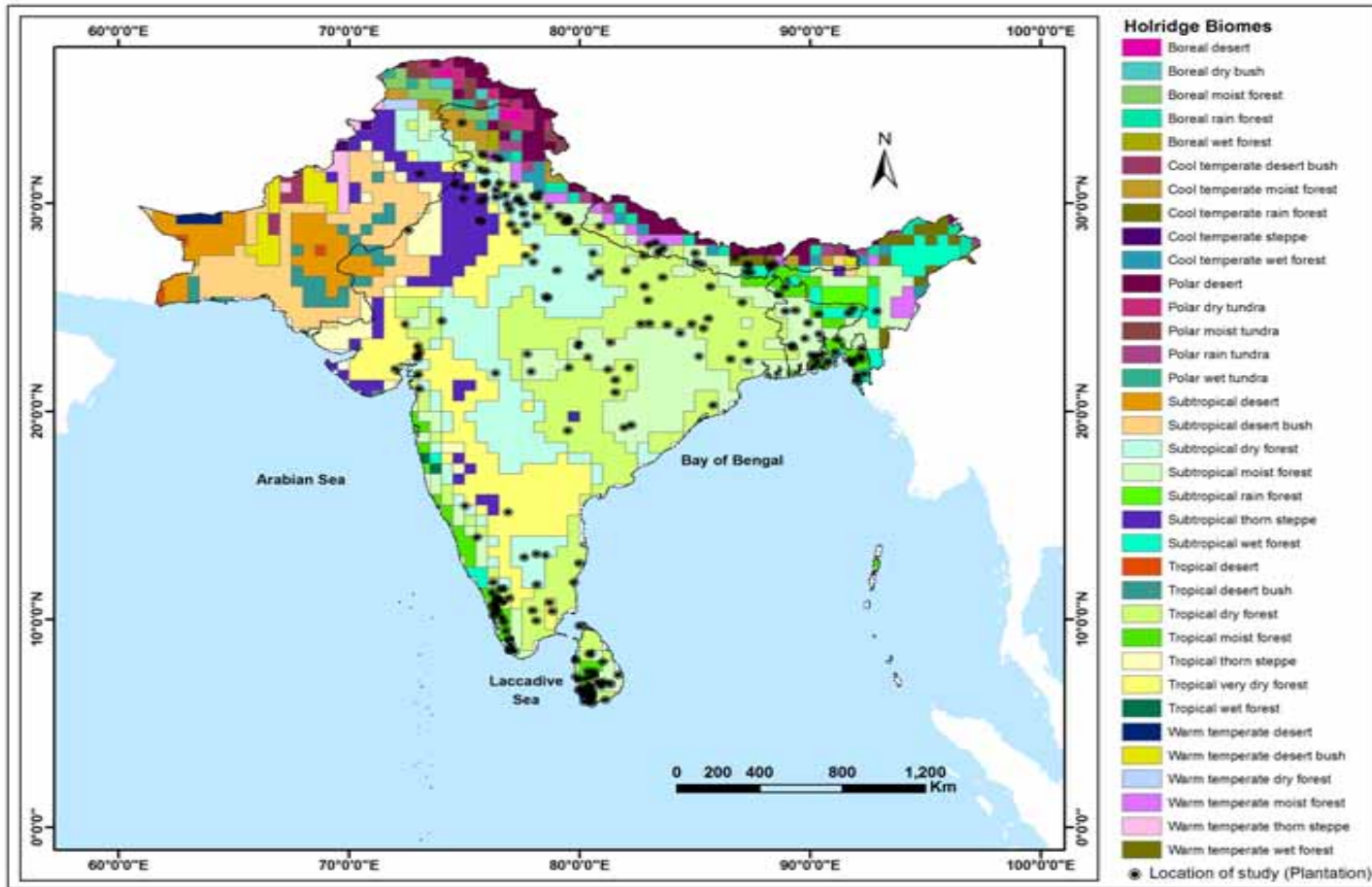
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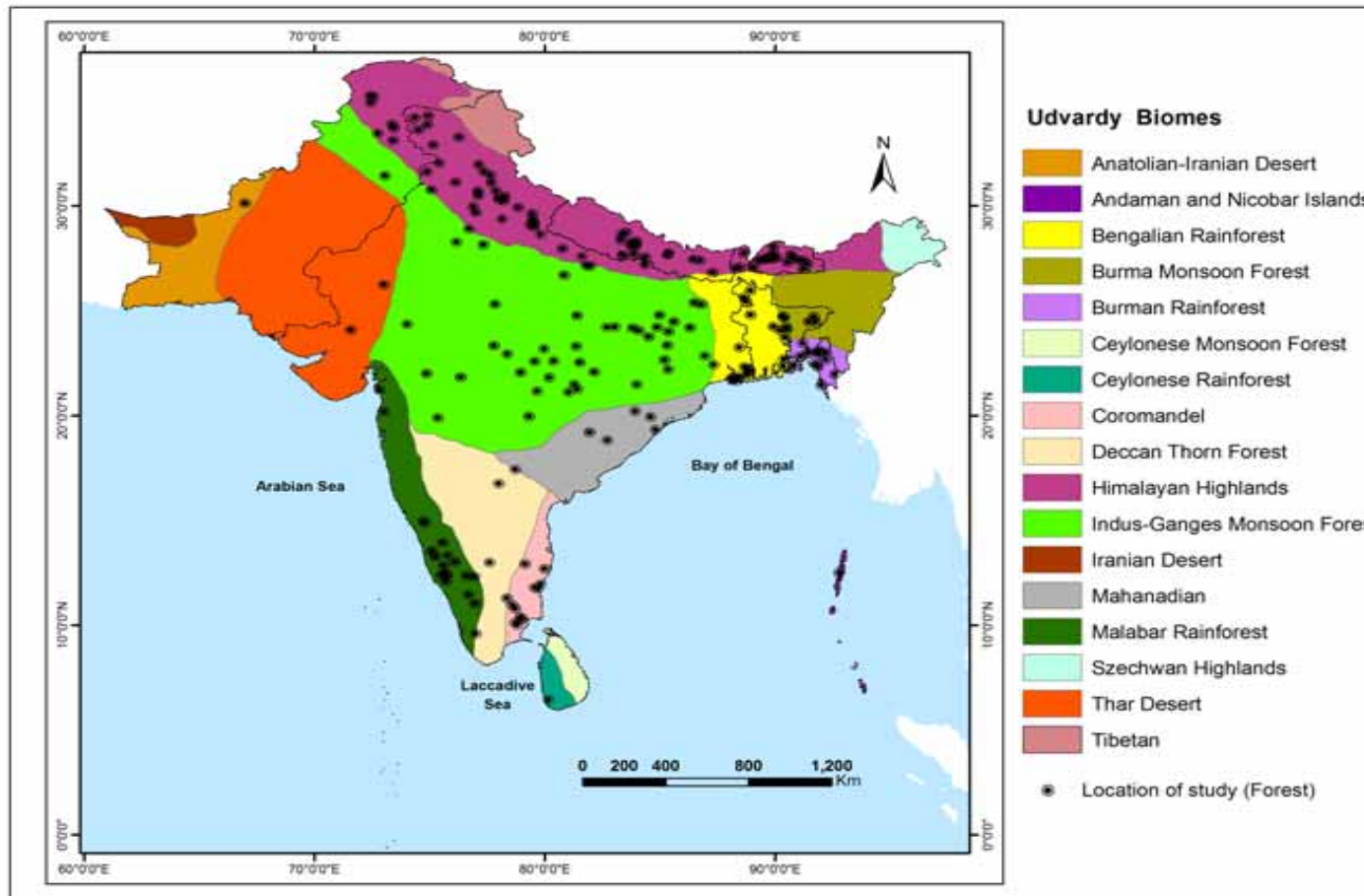
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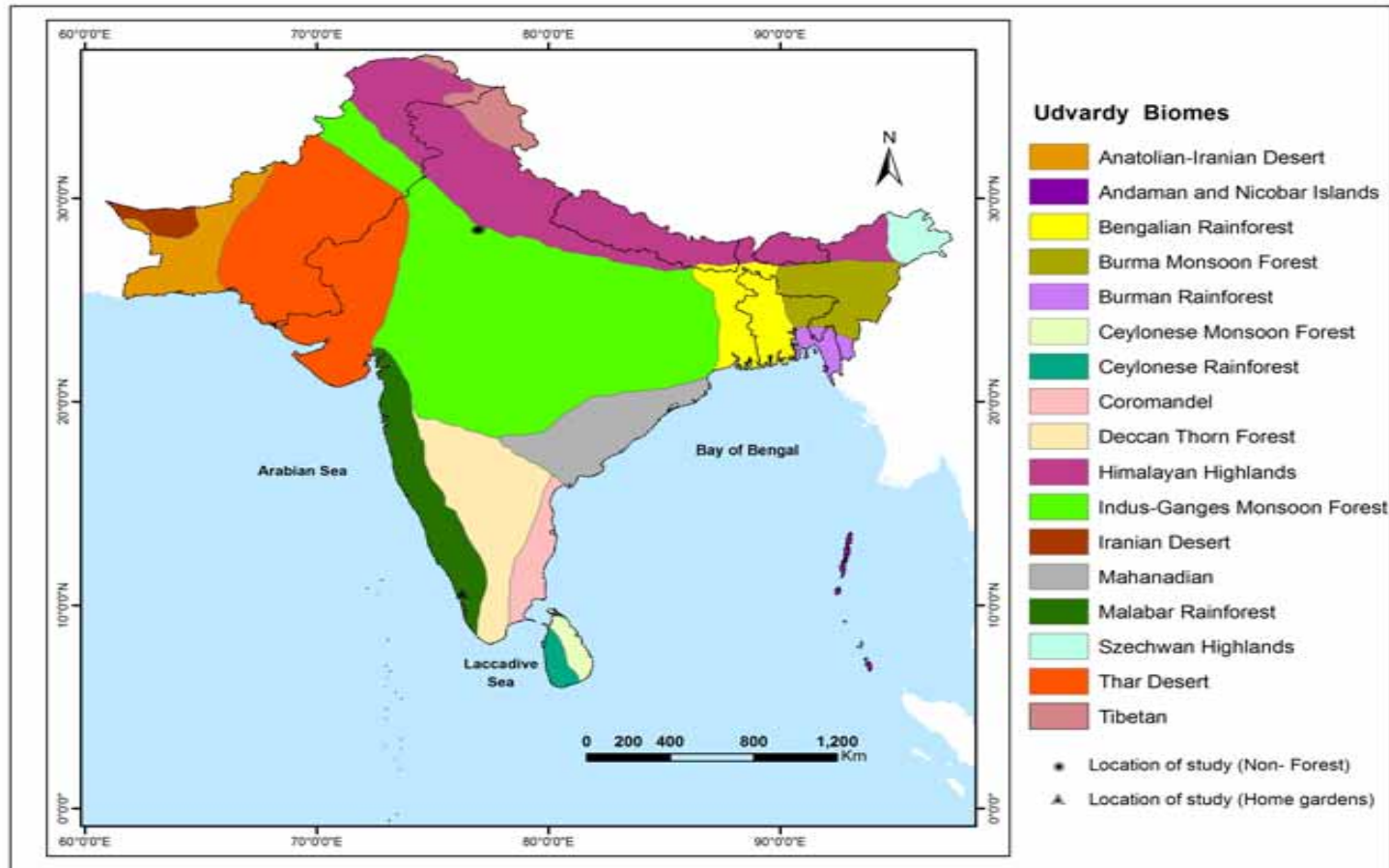
Appendix – 3.2 c. Geographical distribution of sample plots of plantation ecosystems in Holridge Biome systems of South Asia. The black dots represent the sites where equations were developed.



Appendix – 3.3 a. Geographical distribution of sample plots of forest ecosystems in Udvardy Biome systems of South Asia. The black dots represent the sites where equations were developed.



Appendix – 3.3 b. Geographical distribution of sample plots of non forest ecosystems in Udvardy Biome systems of South Asia. The black dots represent the sites where equations were developed



Appendix – 3.3 c. Geographical distribution of sample plots of plantation ecosystems in Udvardy Biome systems of South Asia. The black dots represent the sites where equations were developed

