

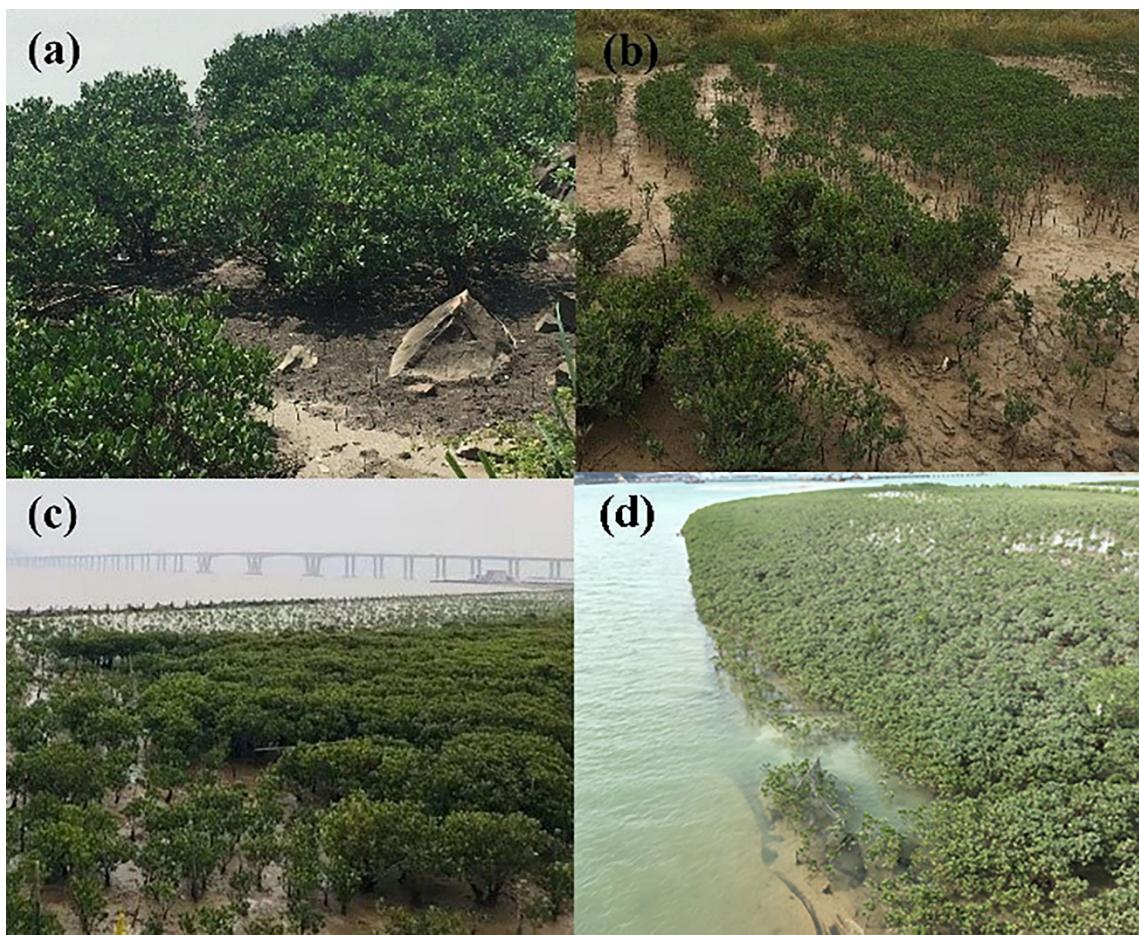
## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** The ground-truth data in this study.

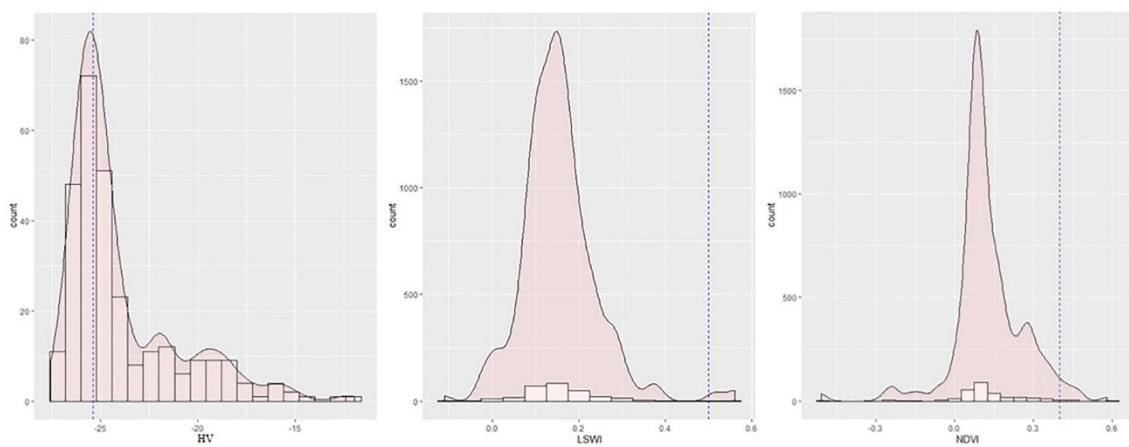
| Province  | Location                                    | Sources   |
|-----------|---|---|
| Zhejiang  | Ximendao                                    | Field surveys (2017-07-16)                      |
|           | Haishanxiang                                | Field surveys (2017-11-26)                      |
|           | Niyudao                                     | Field surveys (2018-12-11)                      |
|           | Xinmeizhou                                  | Field surveys (2018-12-12)                      |
| Fujian    | Zhangjiang Estuary (23°54'N,117°26'E)       | Literature review and Google Earth (GE) [1,2,3] |
|           | Jiulongjiang Estuary (24°26'N,117°54'E)     | Literature review and GE [4]                    |
|           | Quanzhou Bay (24°47'N,118°38'E)             | Literature review and GE [3,5,6]                |
|           | Xiamen (23°58'N,117°42'E)                   | Field surveys (2017-11-05)                      |
|           | Changle (26°01'N,119°38'E)                  | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Shacheng Harbor (27°16'N,120°18'E)          | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Longhai (24°29'N,117°23'E)                  | Literature review and GE [7]                    |
| Guangdong | Zhanjiang (20°15'-21°55'N,109°40'E-110°55') | Literature review and GE [1,3,8]                |
|           | Leizhou Bay                                 | Literature review and GE [9]                    |
|           | Gaoqiao (21°30'N,109°42'E)                  | Literature review and GE [10]                   |
|           | Futian (22°32'N,114°03'E)                   | Literature review and GE [11]                   |
| Guangxi   | Shankou (21°28'N,109°43'E)                  | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Beilunhe (21°30'N,108°09'E)                 | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Yinluo Harbor                               | Literature review and GE [12]                   |
|           | Beihai (21°28'N,109°43'E)                   | Literature review and GE [13]                   |
| Hainan    | Dongzhai Harbor (19°54'N,110°20'E)          | Literature review and GE [1,3,14,15]            |
|           | Qinglan Harbor (19°34'N,110°45'E)           | Literature review and GE [1,3,15,16]            |
|           | Danzhou (19°44'N,109°16'E)                  | Literature review and GE [15]                   |
|           | Lingao (19°51'N,109°33'E)                   | Literature review and GE [15]                   |
|           | Dongfang (19°14'N,108°39'E)                 | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Wenchang (19°15'N,110°47'E)                 | Literature review and GE [17]                   |
|           | Qiongshan (19°59'N,110°32'E)                | Literature review and GE [18]                   |
| Hong Kong | Mai Po (22°30'N,114°02'E)                   | Literature review and GE [3,19]                 |
| Taiwan    | Tanshui (25°09'N,121°26'E)                  | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Haomeiliao (23°22'N,121°07'E)               | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Peimeng (23°16'N,120°06'E)                  | Literature review and GE [3]                    |
|           | Sutsao (23°02'N,120°07'E)                   | Literature review and GE [3]                    |

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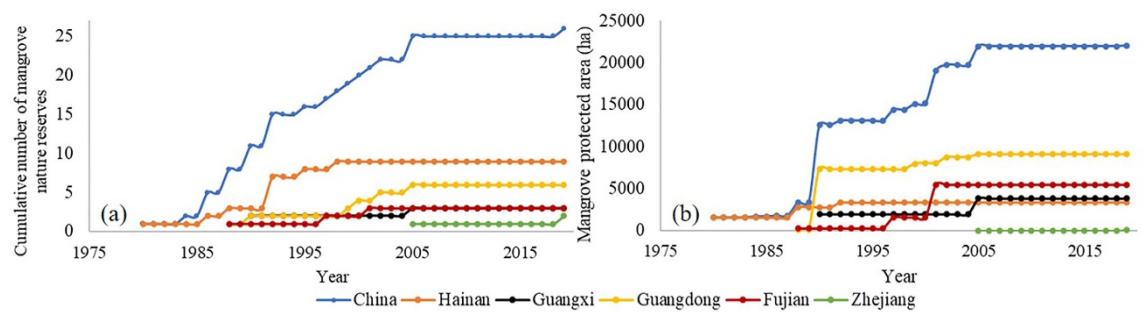
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**Figure S1.** Mangrove field work: (a) Ximendao, Zhejiang (16 July 2017); (b) Haishanxiang, Zhejiang (26 November 2017); (c) Niyudao, Zhejiang (12 December 2018); (d) Xiamen, Fujian (5 November 2017).



**Figure S2.** The distributions of HV, LSWI and NDVI values extracted for mangrove forests in Zhejiang province.



**Figure S3.** Mangrove nature reserves in China during 1980-2020: (a) Cumulative number; (b) Protected area.