

**Table S1:** Location, mean annual temperature (MAT), mean annual precipitation (MAP), soil N content ( $N_{\text{soil}}$ ) , annual litter N ( $N_{\text{re}}$ ) and net primary productivity (NPP) in this study.

Sites	Species	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	MAT (°C)	MAP (mm)	$N_{\text{soil}}$ (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	$N_{\text{re}}$ (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> )	NPP (t ha <sup>-1</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref
Miyaluo	<i>Picea Likiangensis</i>	35.6	102.6	9.0	850.0	1222.3	11.0	0.8	Pang et al. 2002
Xishan	<i>Quercus Varialilis</i>	40.1	116.2	11.6	630.0		30.0	1.2	Tian et al. 1997a
Xizang	<i>Abies Georgei</i>	29.8	94.6	0.7	1134.1	3703.0	30.0	1.2	Xin and Zhai 2003
Zhengning	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	35.3	108.5	9.3	588.2	4874.6	12.3	1.3	Zhang and Shang guan 2006
Liangshui	<i>Pinus Koraiensis</i>	47.2	128.9	0.3	676.0	7306.9	29.6	1.9	Chen et al. 1998
Zhengning	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	35.3	108.5	9.3	588.2	5459.0	21.8	2.0	Zhang and Shangguan 2006
Caijiachuan	<i>Robinia Pseudoacacia</i>	36.3	110.7	0	579.0		4.0	2.1	Xia et al. 2010
Jiyuan	<i>Robinia Pseudoacacia</i>	35.0	112.5	14.3	646.4	1008.2		2.1	Zhao et al. 2009b
Jiyuan	<i>Platycladus Orientalis</i>	35.0	112.5	14.3	646.4	1323.8		2.2	Zhao et al. 2009c
Zhengning	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	35.3	108.5	9.3	588.2	3927.0	12.9	2.3	Zhang and Shangguan 2006
Miyaluo	<i>Picea Likiangensis</i>	35.6	102.6	9.0	850.0	1447.8	28.0	2.4	Pang et al. 2002
Changbaishan	<i>Korena Pine</i>	42.4	128.1	3.6	695.0	3604.0	52.3	2.6	Cheng et al. 1987

Zhengning	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	35.3	108.5	9.3	588.2	5689.3	25.2	2.8	Zhang and Shangguan 2006
Caijiachuan	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	36.3	110.7	0	579.0		7.0	3.4	Xia et al. 2010
Xishan	<i>Acer Truncatum Bunge</i>	40.1	116.2	11.6	630.0	8315.0	40.6	3.4	Tian et al. 1997b
Caijiachuan	<i>Robinia p Seudoacacia</i>	36.3	110.7	0	579.0		3.7	3.7	Xia et al. 2010
Lufengshan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	109.7	21.1	1418.5		39.7	4.0	Xiang and Tian 2002
Xiaolangdi	<i>Quercus Varabilis</i>	35.0	112.5	14.3	646.4		70.3	4.2	Zhao 2009a
Xiaolangdi	<i>Quercus Varabilis</i>	35.0	112.5	14.3	646.4		73.3	4.3	Zhao 2009a
Xiaolangdi	<i>Quercus Varabilis</i>	35.0	112.5	14.3	646.4		77.7	4.4	Zhao 2009a
Longsheng	<i>Cunnlninghamia Lanceolata</i>	25.8	110.0	17.4	1548.0	2713.0	22.2	4.6	Wen et al. 1991
Lufengshan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	109.7	21.1	1418.5		38.8	5.2	Xiang and Tian 2002
Huitong	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300.0	11905.6	18.6	5.3	Chan and Pan 1989
Huiyan	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		31.5	5.7	Ye et al. 1996
Longli	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	26.5	106.7	14.7	1158.5	4118.7	4.3	6.0	Li et al. 2008
Huitong	<i>Cunnlninghamia Lanceolata</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300.0		24.2	6.2	Deng et al. 1988
Huitong	<i>Cunnlninghamia Lanceolata</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300.0		19.2	6.4	Deng et al. 1988
Fulushan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	105.1	21.1	1418.5		68.4	6.6	Tian 1989
Fulushan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	105.1	21.1	1418.5		36.8	6.7	Tian 1989
Anxi	<i>Fokienia Hodginsii</i>	25.1	118.2	17.4	1939.5		9.6	6.9	Tan et al. 2001

Huoditang	<i>Quercus aliena</i>	33.4	108.6	8.0	1133.0	4941.8	50.6	7.3	Zhang et al. 1996
Longhua	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	41.7	117.2	7.0	500.0		17.7	7.3	Nie et al. 1986
Xinkou	<i>Castanopsisfissa</i>	26.2	117.4	19.1	1749.0	7039.0	19.0	7.3	Fan et al. 2008
Baotianman	<i>Castanea Mollissima</i>	33.5	111.9	15.1	885.6	115.6	14.1	7.4	Liu et al. 2003
Qiyanzhou	<i>Pinus Elliottii</i>	26.8	115.1	16.5	1486.9		46.9	7.4	Chen et al. 2001
Miyaluo	<i>Picea Liangiensis</i>	35.6	102.6	9.0	850.0	158.8	11.9	7.6	Pang et al. 2002
Anxi	<i>Fokienia Hodginsii</i>	25.1	118.2	17.4	1939.5		15.8	7.6	Tan et al. 2001
Lufengshan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	109.7	21.1	1418.5		82.1	7.7	Xiang and Tian 2002
Huiyan	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		1.9	7.7	Ye et al. 1996
Fulushan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	105.1	21.1	1418.5		90.6	7.8	Tian 1989
Fulushan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	105.1	21.1	1418.5		82.1	8.0	Tian 1989
Lufengshan	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	23.8	109.7	21.1	1418.5			8.1	Xiang and Tian 2002
Tianlin	<i>Cunninghamia Lanceolata</i>	24.3	106.3	5.8	1446.0	9396.1	32.8	8.2	Lin 1991
Longli	<i>Pinus Massoniana</i>	26.5	106.7	14.7	1158.5	6857.0	18.9	8.3	Li et al. 2008
Dagangshan	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	27.5	114.5	16.8	1591.0	5165.0	11.0	8.3	Ni 1993
Huitong	<i>Cunnlnghamia Lanceolata</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300		6.6	8.4	Deng et al. 1988
Guangxi	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	22.8	108.3	19.6	1988.5	10376.0	2.8	8.5	Chen et al. 1988
Huoditang	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	33.4	108.6	8.0	1133.0	1920.0	25.2	8.6	Zhang et al. 1996
Huitong	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300.0	10131.0	6.4	8.7	Xiang et al. 2002
Xishuangban	<i>Trema Orientalis</i>	21.9	101.3	21.4	1557.0		29.7	9.0	Zhang and Feng 1997

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Xishan	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis</i>	39.9	116.3	11.8	630.0	9220.0	11.0	9.2	Yao 1989
Maoershan	<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	45.3	127.6	2.8	723.8	7959.9	53.0	9.4	Guan et al. 1999
Leizhou	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	21.1	110.1	23.5	1610.6		25.2	9.4	Zhong et al. 2004
Huian	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		5.4	9.4	Ye et al. 1996
Xishan	<i>Platycladus Orientalis</i>	39.9	116.3	11.8	630.0	11700.0	26.3	9.7	Yao 1989
Dagangshan	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	27.5	114.5	16.8	1591.0	9346.0	42.5	10.1	Nie 1993
Dagangshan	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	27.5	114.5	16.8	1591.0	6718.0	20.5	10.2	Nie 1993
Xishan	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformis × Platycladus Orientalis</i>	39.9	116.3	11.8	630.0	8560.0	21.4	10.7	Yao 1989
Huian	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		10.6	10.8	Ye et al. 1996
Leizhou	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	21.1	110.1	23.5	1610.6		24.5	11.4	Zhong et al. 2004
Anxi	<i>Fokienia Hodginsii</i>	25.1	118.2	17.4	1939.5		16.1	11.4	Tan et al. 2001
Yishan	<i>Masson Pine</i>	24.4	108.7	19.2	1260.0	4577.0	22.7	11.9	Wen and Liang 1991
Huian	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		16.6	11.9	Ye et al. 1996
Maoershan	<i>Dahurian Larch</i>	45.3	127.6	2.8	723.8	11459.0	35.7	12.2	Liu 1992
Huairou	<i>Pinus Tabulaeformins</i>	40.3	116.6	10.0	500.0	5541.0	10.2	12.3	Zhang et al. 1991
Huitong	<i>Cunninghamia Lanceolata</i>	26.5	109.8	16.5	1300.0	5376.0	13.5	12.5	Feng et al. 1985
Guangxi	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	22.8	108.3	19.6	1988.5	16350.0		12.9	Chen et al. 1988

Wuyishan	<i>Castanopsis Eyrei</i>	27.7	117.7	15.0	2000.0	9456.0	49.7	13.8	Chen 2005
Miyaluo	<i>Picea Liangiensis</i>	35.6	102.6	9.0	850.0	1467.3	20.9	14.0	Pang et al. 2002
Huoditang	<i>Picea Armandi</i>	33.4	108.6	8.0	1133.0	2992.5	32.8	14.1	Zhang et al. 1996
Huiyan	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		23.0	14.2	Ye et al. 1996
Huiyan	<i>Casuarina</i>	24.9	118.9	19.8	1029.0		28.2	14.8	Ye et al. 1996
Leizhou	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	21.1	110.1	23.5	1610.6		34.0	15.0	Zhong et al. 2004
Xinkou	<i>Castanopsisfissa</i>	26.2	117.4	19.1	1749.0	7061.6	47.4	15.3	Fan et al. 2008
Nanning	<i>Acacia Mangium</i>	23.0	108.4	21.2	1350.0		91.4	15.8	He et al. 2007
Lufengshan	<i>Chinese Fir</i>	23.8	109.7	21.1	1400.0		10.3	15.8	Pan et al. 1983
Leizhou	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	21.1	110.1	23.5	1610.6		29.1	17.6	Zhong et al. 2004
Xishuangban na	<i>Mallotus Paniculatus</i>	21.9	101.3	21.4	1557.0		64.5	17.7	Zhang and Feng 1997
Kaiping	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> × <i>E.euophylla</i>	22.4	112.7	22.1	1822.0		46.1	19.2	Xu et al. 1997
Kaiping	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> × <i>E.euophylla</i>	22.4	112.7	22.1	1822.0		34.5	19.3	Xu et al. 1997
Nanning	<i>Acacia Mangium</i>	23.0	108.4	21.2	1350.0		92.3	19.4	He et al. 2007
Fenghuangshan	<i>Acacia Mangium</i>	23.1	113.4	13.3	1694.0		83.6	19.9	Xu et al. 1998
Dinghushan	<i>Cryptocary Aconcinna</i> × <i>Lindera Chunii</i>	23.2	112.6	21.4	1927.0		172.2	20.6	Mo et al. 1994
Jiulong	<i>Kandella Candel</i>	24.4	117.9	21.0	1365.1	7854.0	129.5	23.5	Lin and Lin 1985
Nanning	<i>Acacia Mangium</i>	23.0	108.4	21.2	1350.0		96.3	24.2	He et al. 2007

Maoershan	<i>Korena Pine</i>	45.3	127.6	2.8	723.8	6322.0	36.4	24.6	Ding and Sun 1989
Heishiding	<i>Cry p tocare a Concinna</i>	23.5	111.9	19.6	1743.8		154.3	29.6	Chen et al. 1995

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