Table S1. Stand characteristics at different stages of forest succession (Mean(SD)).

Successional stage	Dominant tree species	Accompanying tree species	Shrub	Community height (m)	Basal area (m^2 ha^{-1})	Stem density (ha^{-1})	Floor carbon stock (kg C m^{-2})
Early stage	*Schima superba*	*Lithocarpus glaber*	*Litsea cubeba* (Lour.) Pers, *Ficus erecta Thunb.* var. *beecheyana*	4.9 (0.8)b	8.2 (1.8)b	18413 (5944)a	5.3(1.2)a
Middle stage	*Schima superba*	*Lithocarpus glaber, Castanopsis fargesii, Castanopsis carlesi*	*Lithocarpus glaber, Rhododendron ovatum , Eurya japonica Thunb*	13.2 (2.5)a	31.9 (12.8)a	6346 (2217)b	4.0(0.7)ab
Late stage	*Castanopsis fargesii Castanopsis carlesii*	*Alniphyllum fortunei*, *Liquidambar formosana* Hance	*Camellia fraterna , Eurya japonica Thunb*	11.2 (3.2)a	50.3 (12.5)a	4933 (1096)b	3.6(0.4)b

Note: Diverse lowercase letters indicate significant difference (*P*<0.05). Stem density refers to the number of individuals.