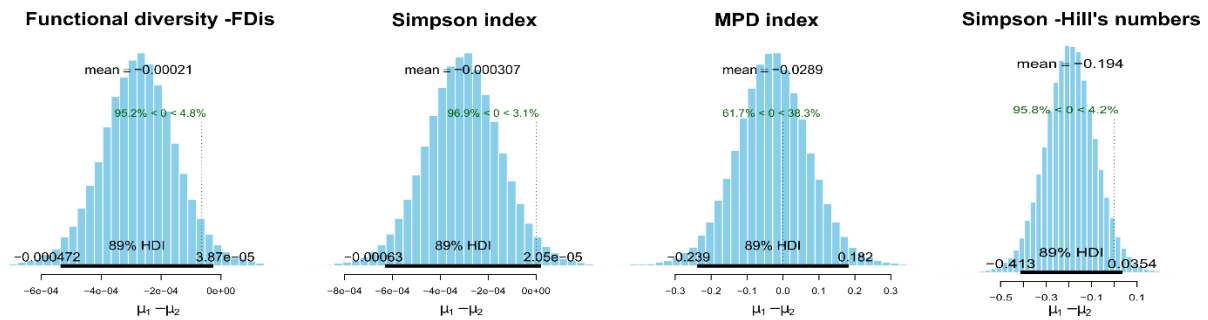
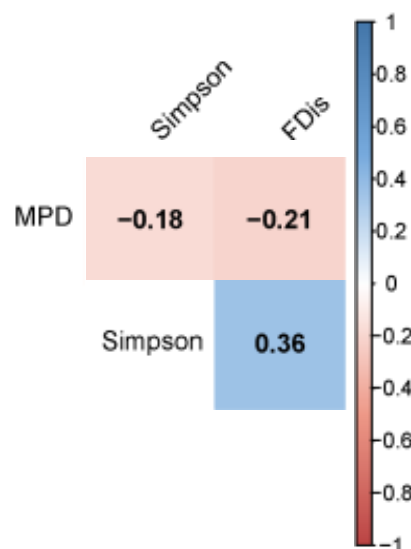


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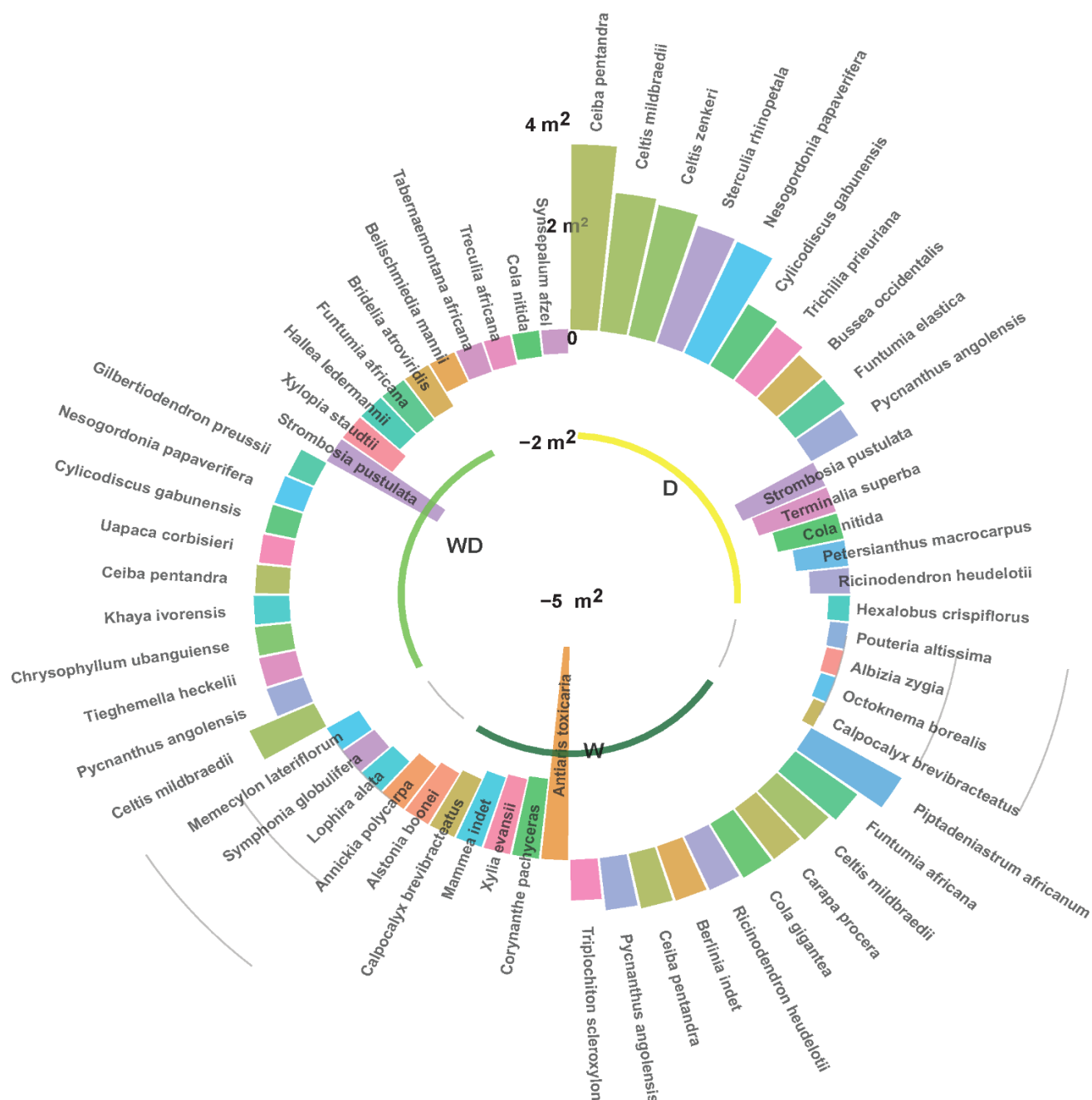
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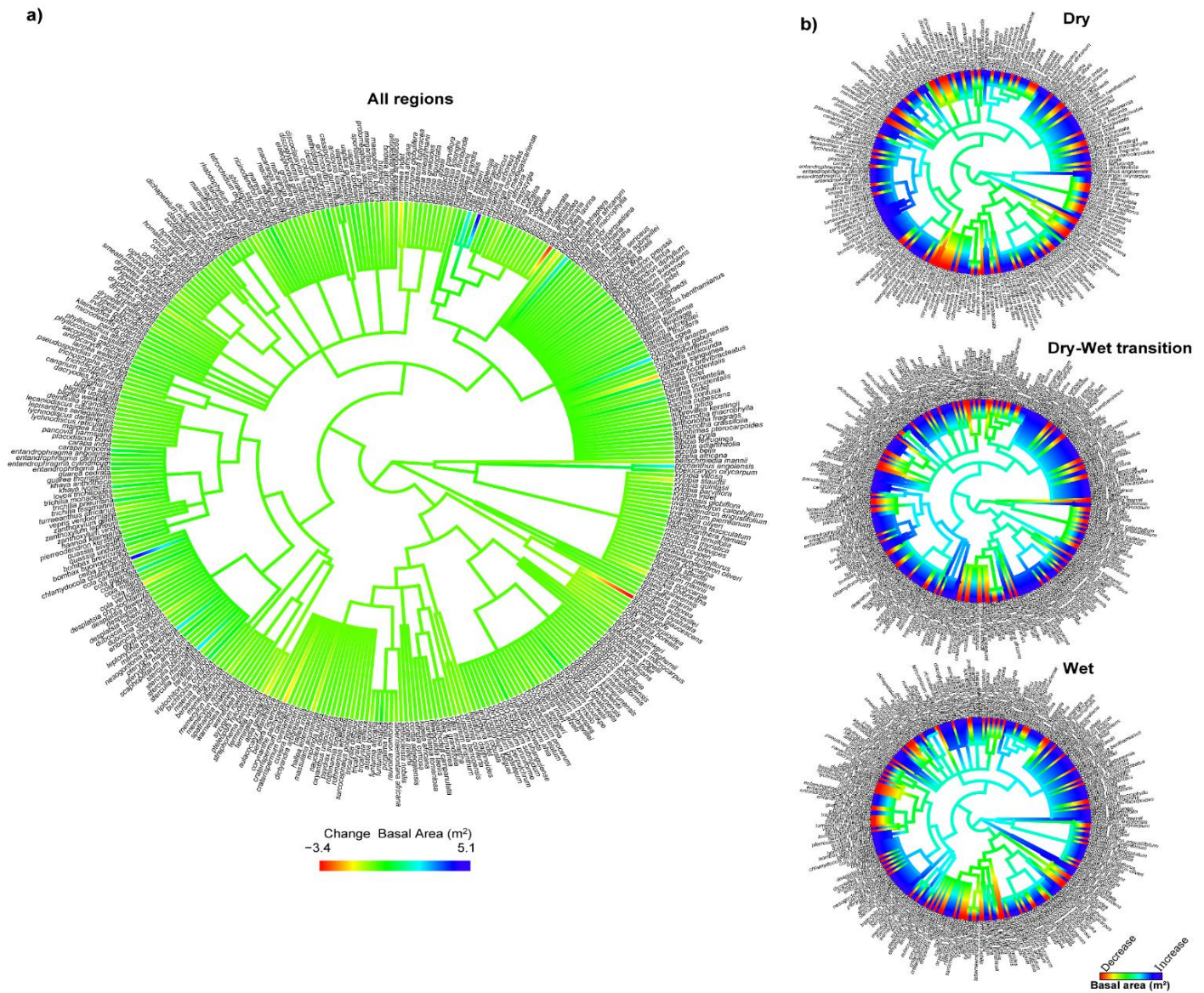
Supplementary Figure 1. Difference in rates of change in each diversity facets between dry and wet tropical forests. Posterior distribution of changes observed in functional (FDis), taxonomic (Simpson index and as Hill's numbers) and phylogenetic diversity (MPD), after standardising for time between the first and second census, between drier plots ($MCWD \leq -250$ mm during second time period), and wetter plots ($MCWDFull > -250$ mm during second time period). Drier plots, which also experienced stronger decreases in water availability across time (larger $\Delta MCWD_{Abs}$) show on average larger decreases in functional (FDis, probability= 95.2%) and taxonomic (Simpson, probability= 96.9%) diversity than wetter forests (see inset legends for full statistical results). There is no important difference in changes between drier and wetter plots for phylogenetic diversity (MPD, probability= 61.7%). The Simpson index calculated as Hill's numbers and described in the methods section (fourth histogram) showed the same pattern of results (probability= 95.8%) than the common Simpson index (second histogram), also described in the methods section.



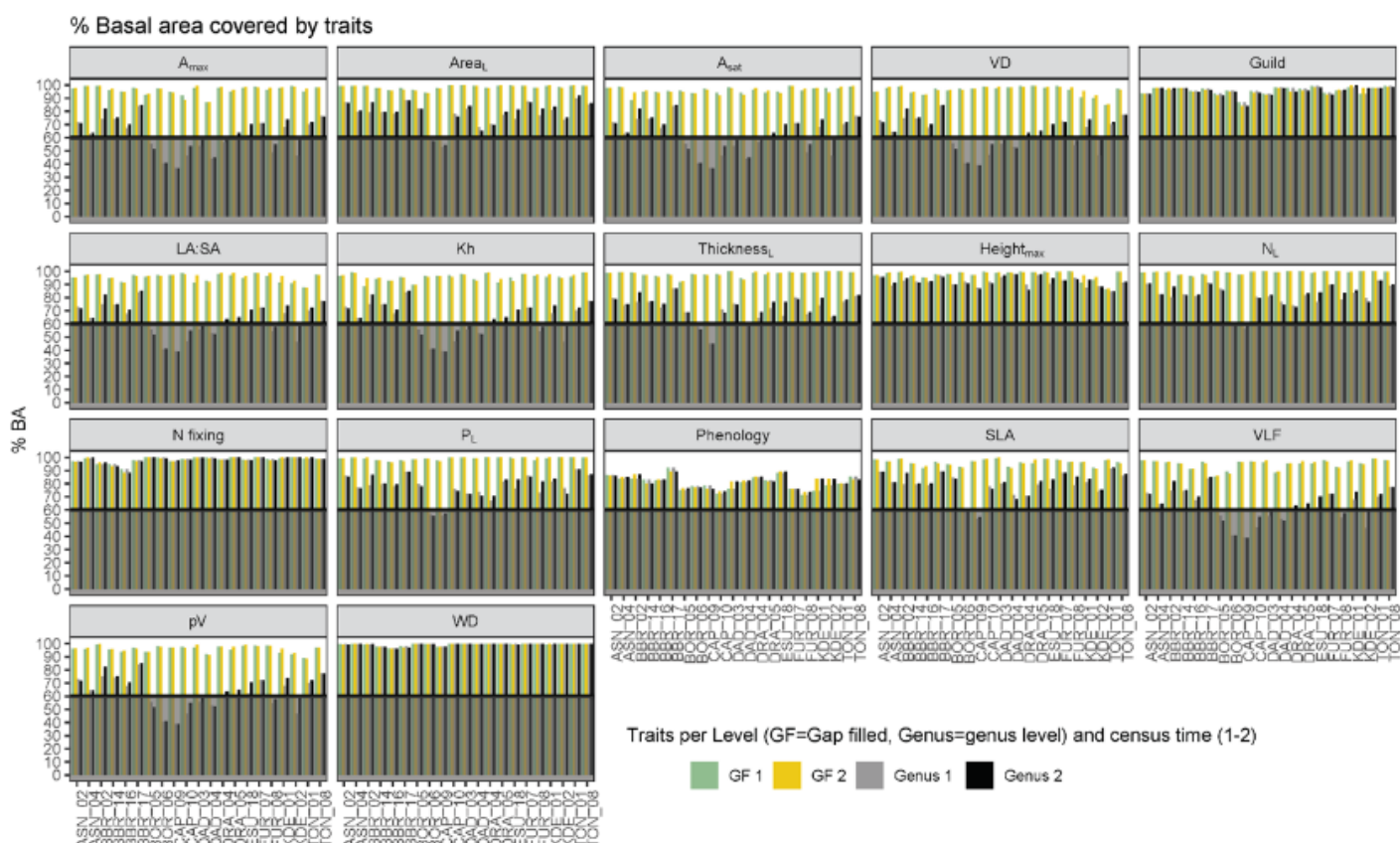
Supplementary Figure 2. Pearson's correlation analysis between the change in the three diversity facets. No significant correlations were found.



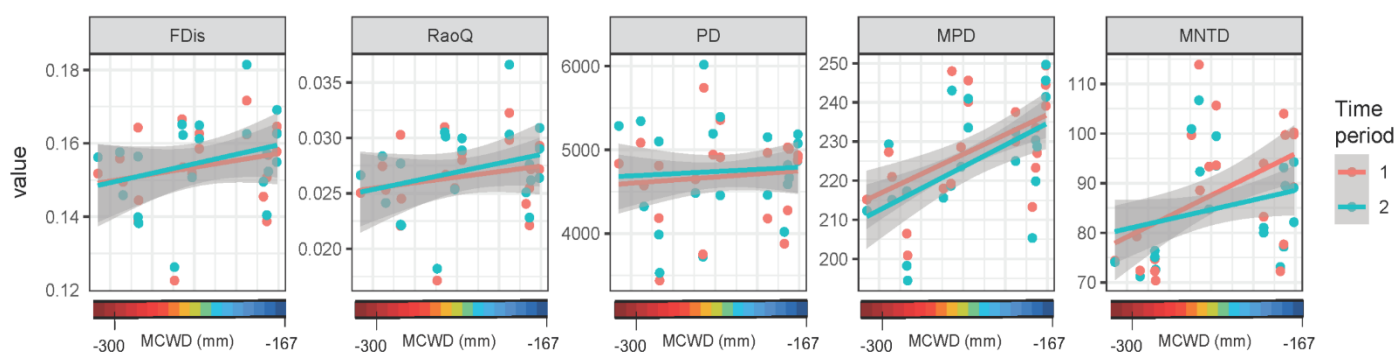
Supplementary Figure 3. The 10 species with strongest increases and decreases in Basal Area (BA m²) across the climatic gradient. Here the forest plots were grouped as dry (D) which had an MCWDFull < -256 mm, humid (WD) with MCWDFull below -211 and above -256 mm or wet (W) with MCWDFull > -211 mm. Each vertical bar represents a species and the colours represent the same species across forest communities. The drier forests communities (D) have some of the species that have experienced the strongest increases in BA across the climatic gradient. The wettest communities (W) seem to have some of the species with the strongest decreases in BA, meanwhile BA changes in the humid forests (WD) have been milder than for the W and D communities.



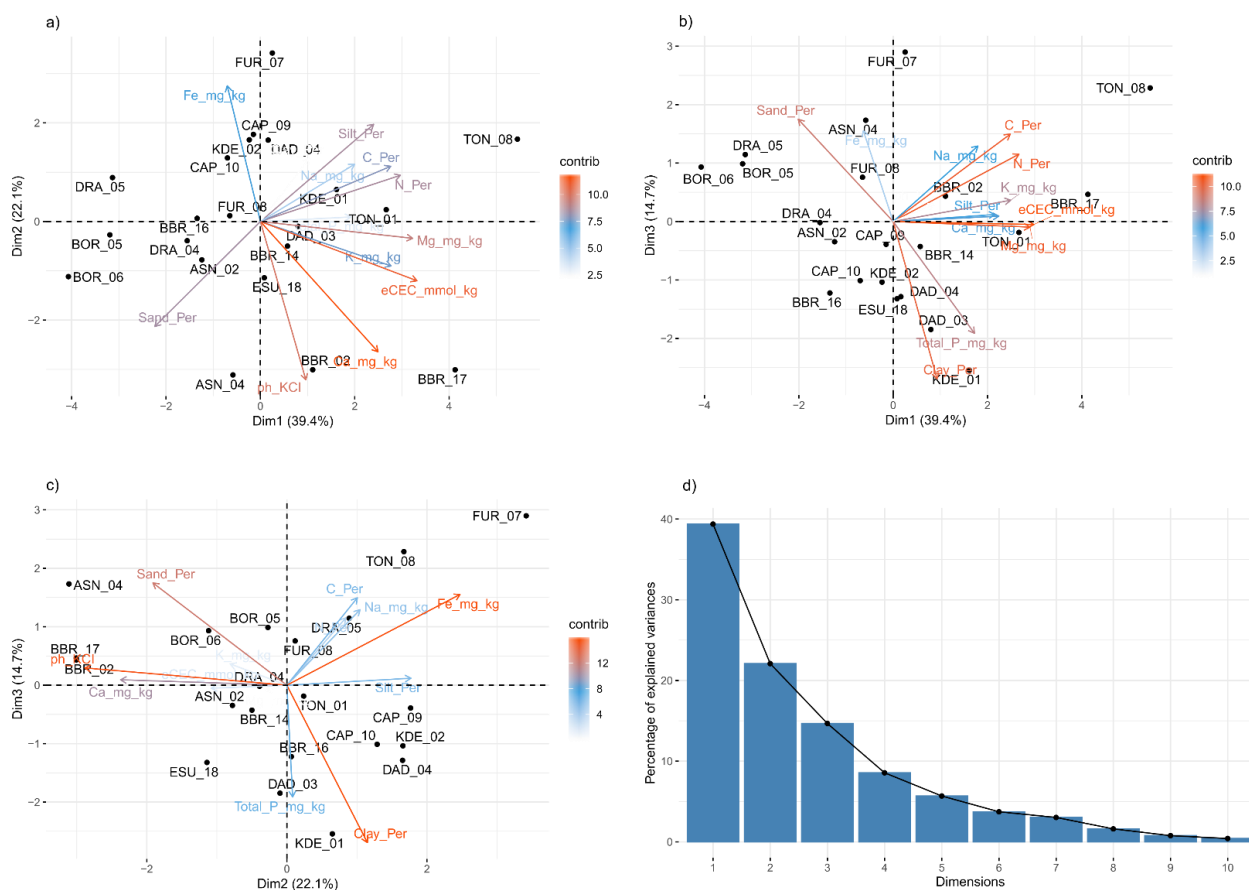
Supplementary Figure 4. Changes in basal area (m²) along the phylogenetic tree. a) Changes in basal area (m²) per species across the full set of vegetation plots. Stronger basal area changes are depicted in light-dark blue (increases in basal area) and yellow-red (decreases in basal area), with species in green showing small basal area changes. b) Changes in basal area per species and per forest region based on the climatic water deficit of the vegetation plots. Here the forest plots were grouped as 'Dry' which had a full term maximum climatic water deficit (MCWDFull) < -256mm, 'Dry-Wet' transition with MCWDFull < -211 and > -256mm or wet (W) with MCWDFull > -211mm. For each species (the tips of the tree), basal area increases (independently of their magnitude) are shown in dark blue and decreases in red. Light blue to yellow colour ranges depict the average change in basal area for each specific clade.



Supplementary Figure 5. Percentage basal area covered by trait information per vegetation plot. Genus 1= genus level trait representation during the first census; Genus 2= genus level trait representation for the second vegetation census. GF 1= trait gap filled dataset for vegetation census 1 and GF 2 is for vegetation census 2 (from Aguirre-Gutiérrez et al. 2019). For comparison purposes on the amount of trait data available between plots the horizontal black line is shows the 60% BA representation per plot.



Supplementary Figure 6. Comparison of different functional and phylogenetic diversity metrics. The functional diversity metrics are FDis: functional dispersion and RaoQ. The phylogenetic diversity metrics are PD: phylogenetic distance, MPD: mean phylogenetic distance and MNTD: mean nearest taxon distance. Coloured lines are the average fit of a linear model relating each of the diversity metrics and the maximum climatic water deficit (MCWD) per plot ($n = 21$) and time period. Grey shading shows their 95% confidence intervals.



Supplementary Figure 7. Results of the Principal Component Analysis. The first three axis were selected, which together explain 76.2% of the variance in the soil data. a) shows the first and second axes, b) the first and third axes and c) the second and third axes. d) shows the percentage of variance explained by each axis in the PCA.

Supplementary discussion on forest community dynamics

To characterise the dynamics at the community level we calculated the changes in the species' basal area, temporal diversity metrics, such as the community turnover, species appearances and disappearances and mean rank shifts, and the variance ratio community stability metric ^(1, 2). All community dynamics analyses were carried out using the "codyn" package in R platform (v3.4.1; <http://cran.r-project.org>)⁽³⁾.

There were large changes in species basal area along the climatic gradient and across time (Supplementary Figure 1). Forest communities at the locations with most negative maximum climatic water deficits (MCWD) showed some of the most extreme increase in basal area of species well adapted to drier conditions, such as *Nesogordonia papaverifera* and *Ceiba pentandra*. These two species increased their basal area by 2.2 and 3.4 m² respectively in such drier locations. The drier communities also witnessed strong decreases (up to 1.6 m²) of species with preferences for wetter climates such as *Strombosia pustulata*. Maximum basal area increases at locations with less restricted water availability, i.e. less negative MCWD, were smaller, of up to 1.8 m², and maximum decreases where up to 1.5 m² with only one species showing a decrease of 4 m² (Supplementary Figure 3). When calculating basal area changes per species across all sampled plots (n=21) the species with the largest increases were *Ceiba pentandra* (5.11 m²), *Celtis midbraedii* (5.09 m²) and *Sterculia rhinopetala* (2.75 m²), whereas *Strombosia pustulata* and *Antiaris toxicaria* showed the strongest total basal area decreases (-3.39 and -3.09 m² respectively). The species with larger increases and decreases in basal area did not appear clustered in specific locations of the phylogenetic tree that contained all species present in the studied plots (Supplementary Figure 4a). However, at the plot level (phylogenetic tree per plot), the groups/clades changing the most in basal area became more apparent but a strong variation between census plots was still observed (Supplementary Figure 4b).

The overall community dynamics with species turnover and species appearances and disappearances, mean rank shifts and variance ratio did not differ significantly ($P\text{-val} > 0.05$) along the climatic gradient. Moreover, most sampling plots (12 of them) have increased their basal area with an annual rate of between 0.005 (BBR-14) and 0.36 m² (KDE-02) and only eight showed annual rate decreases of between -0.03 (DRA-04) to -0.21 m² (FUR-07). Such changes in basal area however were not significantly related to changes in functional ($R^2 = -0.01$, $P\text{-val} = 0.94$), taxonomic ($R^2 = 0.28$, $P = 0.21$) or phylogenetic diversity ($R^2 = -0.17$, $P = 0.46$).

Supplementary Table 1. Details of the vegetation plots for which censuses and soil data was obtained. All vegetation census data was acquired from the ForestPlots.net database.

| Plot code | Longitude | Latitude | Area used (ha) | Censuses years | Time lapse (years) | Soil sampling year |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CAP_09 | -2.0400 | 4.8500 | 1 | 1993-2013 | 20 | 2007 |
| CAP_10 | -2.0492 | 4.7978 | 1 | 1993-2013 | 20 | 2007 |
| DRA_04 | -2.3824 | 5.1642 | 1 | 1990-2009 | 19 | 2009 |
| DRA_05 | -2.4358 | 5.2109 | 1 | 1990-2009 | 19 | 2009 |
| FUR_07 | -2.3851 | 5.5612 | 1 | 1990-2009 | 19 | 2009 |
| FUR_08 | -2.3917 | 5.5799 | 0.6 | 1990-2009 | 19 | 2009 |
| ASN_02 | -2.2150 | 6.5570 | 0.6 | 1993-2007 | 14 | 2007 |
| ASN_04 | -2.1700 | 6.4750 | 0.88 | 1993-2007 | 14 | 2007 |
| BBR_02 | -1.3441 | 6.6796 | 1 | 1990-2010 | 20 | 2010 |
| BBR_14 | -1.2933 | 6.7087 | 0.88 | 1990-2010 | 20 | 2010 |
| BBR_16 | -1.2886 | 6.6982 | 0.92 | 1990-2010 | 20 | 2010 |
| BBR_17 | -1.2829 | 6.6873 | 0.96 | 1990-2010 | 20 | 2010 |
| ESU_18 | -0.8031 | 5.8626 | 0.52 | 1993-2010 | 17 | 2010 |
| KDE_01 | -0.9227 | 6.1510 | 0.69 | 1987-2010 | 23 | 2010 |
| KDE_02 | -0.9218 | 6.1527 | 0.96 | 1987-2010 | 23 | 2010 |
| BOR_05 | -1.8349 | 5.3451 | 1 | 1993-2009 | 16 | 2009 |
| BOR_06 | -1.8368 | 5.3538 | 1 | 1993-2009 | 16 | 2009 |
| DAD_03 | -3.0082 | 5.9915 | 1 | 1993-2013 | 20 | 2013 |
| DAD_04 | -3.0155 | 5.9916 | 1 | 1993-2013 | 20 | 2013 |
| TON_01 | -2.1186 | 6.0706 | 1 | 1991-2009 | 18 | 2009 |
| TON_08 | -2.1030 | 6.0390 | 1 | 1991-2009 | 18 | 2009 |

Supplementary Table 2. The hypothesised plant trait response and their importance under a climate drying context. The plant traits shown are used in the calculation of the forests functional diversity metric (FDIs). References are not exhaustive.

| Trait | Importance | Hypothesised response to a drying climate | References |
|------------------------|--|--|------------|
| LA:SA | Crucial for water transport, related effects on photosynthetic rate and mechanical strength. Lower values confer greater transport capacity on a leaf area basis. | The ratio may decrease as to prevent water loss. Stronger changes in more water-limited forests and thus decreases in this trait with increases in the abundance of deciduous species. | (4, 5) |
| K _p | Water transport capacity; Index of hydraulic efficiency and possible trade off with hydraulic safety. | Reduction as a result of acclimation to drier environments. Possibly with stronger changes and being higher in communities with usually wet conditions. | (6) |
| VLF | Related to water transport capacity of stem. Larger values represent higher possible water conductivity at the partial cost of lower mechanical support. May represent hydraulic efficiency. | Expected reduction to decrease cavitation given lack of water resources under drought. | (7, 8) |
| VD | Ensure sufficient water supply from the roots to the leaves. Larger vessels diameter is associated with species with rapid water transport to support high photosynthetic rates. Wider vessels may be more susceptible to implosion and have increased risk to embolism and cavitation. | Deciduous species may show wider vessel diameter than evergreen as they avoid dry season cavitation risk. | (6, 9, 10) |
| pV | Water transport capacity. Fewer but larger vessels (lower density) may facilitate water transport. | Expected increases in dry environments in association with decrease of vessel size, to maintain water flow and lower cavitation risk | (8) |
| AreaL | Relevant as a main light capture mechanism. Higher leaf area could result in more leaf transpiration and thus water loss under a drying climate. | Under a drying climate it may increase in deciduous species and expect decreases in evergreens as to limit water loss by transpiration and for increasing cooling. | (11, 12) |
| SLA | Important for photosynthetic capacity, light capture, water loss, net assimilation rate, leaf life span. | May increase if acquisitive species, e.g. deciduous species, become more abundant with a drying climate. | (13-15) |
| NL | Essential for metabolic reactions involved in light capture, photosynthetic capacity and growth. Restricted availabilities limit plant carbon acquisition and growth | Drought effects may be compensated if nitrogen fixing species (mainly Fabaceae) become more abundant. May be more dependent on soil conditions than on climate. | (16-18) |
| PL | Needed nutrient for metabolic reactions that include light capture, related to photosynthetic capacity and growth. Lack of P may limit carbon acquisition and growth | Decreases under a drying climate and possible not strong effect under short term droughts or in wet forests. May be more dependent on soil conditions than on climate. | (16-18) |
| Thickness _L | Trade-off between decreasing water transpiration at the expense of higher construction investment. May decrease under a drying climate as a result of increasing in deciduous species which may tend to have thinner leaves. | It is expected that thicker leaves become more common under larger water deficits for evergreen species but may decreases for acquisitive deciduous species. | (11, 12) |

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| A_{\max} | Maximum CO ₂ assimilation. Index of leaf photosynthetic capacity. | Higher for species with fast resources turnover, e.g. deciduous vs evergreens. Increase with abundance of such species. | (6, 19, 20) |
| A_{sat} | Saturated photosynthetic rate. Index of leaf photosynthetic capacity. | Declines with higher temperatures and lower precipitation. However, A_{sat} is also dependent on CO ₂ fertilization and N and P levels. | (6, 19, 20) |
| Heightmax | Proxy of species position in the vertical light gradient in the forest canopy, with taller species accessing higher light levels than shorter species also given their usually wider crowns. | Taller species that can access more light resources may increase if they can also avoid cavitation risks and have a fast energy turnover as is the case for deciduous species. Otherwise, shorter species with slow growing patterns and with low vessel cavitation risks, e.g. given periods of drought, may become more dominant. | (21, 22) |
| WD | Relevant for mechanical strengths, stem vulnerability to xylem cavitation. | Expected to be higher in areas with lower water resources, and thus increase with a drying climate. | (15, 22-24) |
| Phenology –Deciduous/ Evergreens | Deciduous species have low investment in leaf construction, rapid leaf turnover and high photosynthetic capacity. Reduction of water transpiration and avoidance of xylem cavitation are important for their success –drought avoiders. | With a drying climate increasing are expected as such species may be better adapted to long and intense periods of drought in comparison to evergreen species, which may tend to decrease in abundance | (25-27) |
| | Evergreens have high investment in leaf construction, slow leaf turnover, lower photosynthetic capacity –drought resistant | | |
| Guilds | Certain guilds have been shown to be better adapted to droughts, e.g. NPLD than others, e.g. SB | With a drying climate, guilds as NPLD and Pioneers may become more abundant specially if the LA:SA ratio decreases which may negatively affect the abundance of other guilds as Shade Bearers. | (27) |
| Nitrogen Fixers | Higher productivity given N uptake. Higher leaf nitrogen content and photosynthetic capacity than non-nitrogen fixers. Likely with high rates of photosynthesis over wet periods and accumulation of carbon for foliage production after drought. | Expected increase as such species may have access to limiting resources important for photosynthesis such as nitrogen, which may confer them advantages in a drying climate | (25, 28) |

LA:SA: Leaf area-sapwood area ratio; VD: vessel diameter; Kp: hydraulic conductivity; VLF: vessel lumen fraction; pV: vessel density; PL: leaf phosphorous content; SLA: specific leaf area; NL: leaf nitrogen content; AreaL: Leaf area; ThicknessL: leaf thickness; A_{\max} : CO₂-saturated assimilation rates; A_{sat} : light-saturated photosynthetic rates; Phenology: deciduous/evergreens; Guilds: NPLD –Non pioneer light demanders, SB–shade bearers, PI–Pioneers, SW–swamp vegetation; Nitrogen fixing capacity: Fixers and not fixers; Heightmax: maximum adult size; WD: wood density.

Supplementary Table 3. Soil and climatic variables included in statistical analysis. For all components we show their summary statistics from across all vegetation plots. The soil components included in the PCA analysis are shown together with their loadings in the selected three PCA axes.

| Variable | Component | Mean | Max | Min | SD | PCA Loadings (% variance explained) | | |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | | PC1 (39.4) | PC2 (22.1) | PC3 (14.7) |
| Soil | Sand (%) | 54.12 | 85.31 | 28.66 | 15.85 | -0.26 | -0.33 | 0.37 |
| | Silt (%) | 25.66 | 49.98 | 10.81 | 10.14 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.03 |
| | Clay (%) | 20.22 | 36.09 | 3.89 | 10.75 | 0.12 | 0.20 | -0.58 |
| | N (%) | 0.15 | 0.31 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.25 |
| | C (%) | 1.72 | 3.82 | 0.61 | 0.86 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.32 |
| | Total P (mg kg) | 137.75 | 421.90 | 34.97 | 88.14 | 0.22 | 0.01 | -0.41 |
| | Ca (mg kg) | 264.21 | 790.84 | 32.83 | 199.23 | 0.29 | -0.41 | 0.02 |
| | K (mg kg) | 53.03 | 99.20 | 17.72 | 22.63 | 0.32 | -0.14 | 0.08 |
| | Mg (mg kg) | 98.54 | 267.55 | 20.53 | 60.93 | 0.38 | -0.05 | -0.02 |
| | Na (mg kg) | 13.25 | 144.76 | 1.50 | 30.50 | 0.23 | 0.18 | 0.28 |
| | Fe (mg kg) | 19.40 | 77.61 | 0.42 | 19.08 | -0.08 | 0.43 | 0.33 |
| | eCEC (mmol kg) | 29.14 | 55.99 | 10.99 | 12.54 | 0.39 | -0.19 | -0.01 |
| | pH (KCl) | 4.13 | 5.57 | 3.47 | 0.54 | 0.11 | -0.50 | 0.06 |
| Climate | Δ VPDAbs (kPa) | 0.011 | 0.015 | 0.006 | 0.003 | | | |
| | Δ MCWDAbs (mm) | -17.10 | -7.28 | -27.53 | 7.08 | | | |
| | MCWDFull (mm) | -227.86 | -167.36 | -300.74 | 48.28 | | | |

Supplementary Table 4. Specification of models fitted in the R statistical environment for each one of the Diversity Metrics (FDis: functional diversity, Simpson: taxonomic diversity and MPD: phylogenetic diversity). The diversity metric was fitted as a response to climatic and soil drivers. For all three diversity metrics the soil PC axes were fitted as quadratic terms. For the MPD models the time between censuses was used as an extra covariate in order to account for its possible role in determining changes in MPD across the different vegetation plots (given the weak but significant correlation between changes in MPD and the years between censuses).

| Number | Model summary |
|--------|---|
| 1 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + Δ VPDAbs + MCWDFull + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ VPDAbs + PC2* Δ VPDAbs + PC3* Δ VPDAbs + PC1*MCWDFull + PC2*MCWDFull + PC3*MCWDFull |
| 2 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ MCWDAbs + PC2* Δ MCWDAbs + PC3* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 3 | Δ VPDAbs + MCWDFull + Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 4 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + Plot area |
| 5 | Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 6 | MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 7 | Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 8 | PC1 + Plot area |
| 9 | PC2 + Plot area |
| 10 | PC3 + Plot area |
| 11 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + Δ VPDAbs + PC1* Δ VPDAbs + PC2* Δ VPDAbs + PC3* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 12 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + MCWDFull + PC1*MCWDFull + PC2*MCWDFull + PC3*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 13 | PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ MCWDAbs + PC2* Δ MCWDAbs + PC3* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 14 | PC1 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 15 | PC2 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC2* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 16 | PC3 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC3* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 17 | PC1 + Δ VPDAbs + PC1* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 18 | PC2 + Δ VPDAbs + PC2* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 19 | PC3 + Δ VPDAbs + PC3* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 20 | PC1 + MCWDFull + PC1*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 21 | PC2 + MCWDFull + PC2*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 22 | PC3 + MCWDFull + PC3*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 23 | 1 + Plot area |
| 24 | PC1+PC2 + Plot area |
| 25 | PC1+PC3 + Plot area |
| 26 | PC2+PC3 + Plot area |
| 27 | PC1 + PC2 + MCWDFull + PC1*MCWDFull + PC2*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 28 | PC1 + PC3 + MCWDFull + PC1*MCWDFull + PC3*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 29 | PC2 + PC3 + MCWDFull + PC2*MCWDFull + PC3*MCWDFull + Plot area |
| 30 | PC1 + PC2 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ MCWDAbs + PC2* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 31 | PC1 + PC3 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC1* Δ MCWDAbs + PC3* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 32 | PC2 + PC3 + Δ MCWDAbs + PC2* Δ MCWDAbs + PC3* Δ MCWDAbs + Plot area |
| 33 | PC1 + PC2 + Δ VPDAbs + PC1* Δ VPDAbs + PC2* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 34 | PC1 + PC3 + Δ VPDAbs + PC1* Δ VPDAbs + PC3* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |
| 35 | PC2 + PC3 + Δ VPDAbs + PC2* Δ VPDAbs + PC3* Δ VPDAbs + Plot area |

Supplementary Table 5. Test of phylogenetic signal on the quantitative traits used. All traits showed significant phylogenetic signal as shown for the significant Blomberg's K values.

| Trait | K | P-value |
|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| SLA | 0.302 | 0.031 |
| Thickness _L | 0.583 | 0.001 |
| Area _L | 0.338 | 0.014 |
| N _L | 0.318 | 0.016 |
| P _L | 0.320 | 0.039 |
| Asat | 0.483 | 0.001 |
| Amax | 0.463 | 0.001 |
| LA:SA | 0.608 | 0.001 |
| VLF | 0.720 | 0.001 |
| VD | 0.346 | 0.009 |
| Kp | 0.371 | 0.023 |
| rV | 0.536 | 0.001 |
| WD | 0.557 | 0.001 |
| Height _{max} | 0.386 | 0.002 |

LA:SA: Leaf area-sapwood area ratio;
VD: vessel diameter; Kp: hydraulic
conductivity; VLF: vessel lumen
fraction; pV: vessel density; PL: leaf
phosphorous content; SLA: specific leaf
area; NL: leaf nitrogen content; Area_L:
Leaf area; Thickness_L: leaf thickness;
Amax: CO₂-saturated assimilation
rates; Asat: light-saturated
photosynthetic rates; Height_{max}:
maximum adult size; WD: wood
density.

Supplementary Table 6. Model selection table based on Leave One Out cross-validation information criterion (LOOIC). The best model, the one with the lowest LOOIC and highest ELPD, for each diversity metric is highlighted in grey. The best models are used in subsequent analysis. For more specific information on the terms included in each model see Table S2.

| Metric | Model | LOOIC | ELPD LOO | ELPD diff | P LOO | SE LOOIC | SE ELPD LOO | SE P LOO |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| $\Delta\text{FD}_{\text{is}}$ | 7 | -294.02 | 147.01 | 0 | 3.21 | 4.07 | 2.04 | 0.6 |
| | 15 | -291.73 | 145.87 | -1.15 | 4.53 | 3.12 | 1.56 | 0.65 |
| | 16 | -291.17 | 145.59 | -1.42 | 4.61 | 3.96 | 1.98 | 0.82 |
| | 14 | -290.37 | 145.19 | -1.83 | 5.15 | 4.67 | 2.33 | 1.06 |
| | 3 | -289.93 | 144.97 | -2.05 | 5.57 | 6.65 | 3.32 | 1.82 |
| | 35 | -289.04 | 144.52 | -2.49 | 5.95 | 3.77 | 1.88 | 0.74 |
| | 9 | -287.72 | 143.86 | -3.15 | 2.69 | 4.65 | 2.32 | 0.43 |
| | 6 | -287.6 | 143.8 | -3.21 | 2.97 | 4.62 | 2.31 | 0.55 |
| | 37 | -287.55 | 143.78 | -3.24 | 6.37 | 3.87 | 1.93 | 1.11 |
| | 23 | -287.43 | 143.71 | -3.3 | 2.11 | 5.41 | 2.7 | 0.45 |
| | 36 | -286.93 | 143.47 | -3.54 | 6.01 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 0.81 |
| | 5 | -286.5 | 143.25 | -3.76 | 3.14 | 5.75 | 2.88 | 0.73 |
| | 8 | -285.92 | 142.96 | -4.05 | 2.63 | 5.27 | 2.63 | 0.5 |
| | 29 | -285.62 | 142.81 | -4.2 | 3.6 | 4.87 | 2.44 | 0.66 |
| | 31 | -285.46 | 142.73 | -4.28 | 3.54 | 4.69 | 2.35 | 0.6 |
| | 13 | -284.85 | 142.43 | -4.58 | 8.12 | 4.21 | 2.11 | 1.41 |
| | 10 | -284.83 | 142.41 | -4.6 | 3.01 | 5.31 | 2.66 | 0.66 |
| | 30 | -283.94 | 141.97 | -5.04 | 3.36 | 5.33 | 2.66 | 0.7 |
| | 40 | -283.6 | 141.8 | -5.21 | 6.17 | 4.66 | 2.33 | 1.16 |
| | 4 | -283.55 | 141.78 | -5.24 | 4.29 | 4.67 | 2.34 | 0.69 |
| | 11 | -283.45 | 141.72 | -5.29 | 7.84 | 4.15 | 2.08 | 1.21 |
| | 18 | -283.42 | 141.71 | -5.3 | 4.72 | 4.89 | 2.45 | 0.97 |
| | 21 | -283.21 | 141.6 | -5.41 | 4.9 | 4.23 | 2.11 | 0.84 |
| | 22 | -282.78 | 141.39 | -5.62 | 4.88 | 4.5 | 2.25 | 0.96 |
| | 20 | -282.72 | 141.36 | -5.65 | 4.68 | 4.43 | 2.21 | 0.91 |
| | 19 | -282.55 | 141.28 | -5.74 | 4.53 | 5.38 | 2.69 | 0.91 |
| | 17 | -280.8 | 140.4 | -6.61 | 5.31 | 5.98 | 2.99 | 1.32 |
| | 32 | -279.16 | 139.58 | -7.43 | 6.39 | 4.29 | 2.14 | 1.02 |
| | 38 | -278.88 | 139.44 | -7.57 | 6.44 | 4.55 | 2.27 | 1.22 |
| | 33 | -278.44 | 139.22 | -7.79 | 5.94 | 3.78 | 1.89 | 0.88 |
| | 39 | -277.53 | 138.77 | -8.25 | 6.04 | 4.85 | 2.43 | 1.06 |
| | 34 | -277.46 | 138.73 | -8.28 | 7.3 | 4.66 | 2.33 | 1.45 |
| | 12 | -275.62 | 137.81 | -9.2 | 9.54 | 5.16 | 2.58 | 1.67 |
| | 1 | -155.19 | 77.59 | -69.42 | 9.61 | 9.47 | 4.74 | 3.34 |
| | 2 | -139.64 | 69.82 | -77.19 | 21.15 | 5.87 | 2.94 | 2.72 |
| $\Delta\text{Simpson}_r$ | 7 | -274.38 | 137.19 | 0 | 3.36 | 5.58 | 2.79 | 0.77 |
| | 30 | -272.44 | 136.22 | -0.97 | 6.74 | 5.29 | 2.64 | 1.27 |
| | 15 | -271.51 | 135.76 | -1.43 | 5.08 | 4.76 | 2.38 | 0.92 |
| | 16 | -271.46 | 135.73 | -1.46 | 5.23 | 6.39 | 3.2 | 1.23 |
| | 5 | -271.46 | 135.73 | -1.46 | 3.46 | 5.19 | 2.59 | 0.79 |

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|-------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| | 6 | -271.27 | 135.64 | -1.55 | 3.2 | 5.66 | 2.83 | 0.76 |
| | 23 | -270.75 | 135.38 | -1.81 | 2.75 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 0.76 |
| | 17 | -270.17 | 135.09 | -2.1 | 4.78 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 0.89 |
| | 19 | -270.13 | 135.07 | -2.12 | 4.92 | 4.69 | 2.34 | 0.96 |
| | 3 | -269.69 | 134.85 | -2.34 | 5.78 | 5.69 | 2.85 | 1.4 |
| | 9 | -269.2 | 134.6 | -2.59 | 3.49 | 5.36 | 2.68 | 0.91 |
| | 14 | -269.08 | 134.54 | -2.65 | 5.95 | 6.37 | 3.18 | 1.45 |
| | 8 | -269.06 | 134.53 | -2.66 | 3.81 | 5.59 | 2.8 | 0.94 |
| | 21 | -268.98 | 134.49 | -2.7 | 4.51 | 4.34 | 2.17 | 0.73 |
| | 32 | -268.83 | 134.42 | -2.77 | 6.85 | 4.74 | 2.37 | 1.14 |
| | 10 | -268.55 | 134.27 | -2.92 | 3.75 | 5.35 | 2.67 | 0.95 |
| | 20 | -268.22 | 134.11 | -3.08 | 4.95 | 5.05 | 2.52 | 1.04 |
| | 34 | -268.07 | 134.03 | -3.16 | 6.57 | 4.75 | 2.37 | 1.14 |
| | 18 | -267.85 | 133.93 | -3.26 | 4.82 | 4.93 | 2.47 | 1.1 |
| | 27 | -267.75 | 133.88 | -3.31 | 5.75 | 4.51 | 2.25 | 0.98 |
| | 24 | -267.6 | 133.8 | -3.39 | 4.31 | 5.01 | 2.5 | 0.99 |
| | 31 | -267.34 | 133.67 | -3.52 | 7.17 | 6.2 | 3.1 | 1.43 |
| | 13 | -267.19 | 133.6 | -3.59 | 8.84 | 4.66 | 2.33 | 1.31 |
| | 25 | -267.18 | 133.59 | -3.6 | 4.65 | 5 | 2.5 | 1.09 |
| | 26 | -267.03 | 133.51 | -3.68 | 4.54 | 5.24 | 2.62 | 1.1 |
| | 22 | -266.83 | 133.41 | -3.78 | 5.18 | 5.34 | 2.67 | 1.32 |
| | 4 | -265.55 | 132.77 | -4.42 | 5.25 | 4.71 | 2.36 | 1.11 |
| | 33 | -265.54 | 132.77 | -4.42 | 6.34 | 4.45 | 2.22 | 0.98 |
| | 35 | -265.27 | 132.63 | -4.56 | 6.57 | 4.37 | 2.18 | 1.11 |
| | 29 | -263.31 | 131.66 | -5.53 | 6.37 | 4.22 | 2.11 | 1.15 |
| | 11 | -262.99 | 131.49 | -5.7 | 8.18 | 4.43 | 2.22 | 1.15 |
| | 1 | -262.58 | 131.29 | -5.9 | 8.36 | 5.53 | 2.77 | 1.65 |
| | 12 | -262.38 | 131.19 | -6 | 7.88 | 4.93 | 2.46 | 1.52 |
| | 28 | -261.54 | 130.77 | -6.42 | 7.42 | 5.88 | 2.94 | 1.85 |
| | 2 | -257.21 | 128.6 | -8.59 | 19.7 | 5.02 | 2.51 | 2.26 |
| ΔMPD _r | 2 | -36.94 | 18.47 | 0 | 21.03 | 5.19 | 2.59 | 2.26 |
| | 30 | -19.64 | 9.82 | -8.65 | 4.09 | 5.04 | 2.52 | 0.92 |
| | 8 | -19.42 | 9.71 | -8.76 | 3.2 | 5.42 | 2.71 | 0.84 |
| | 14 | -17.74 | 8.87 | -9.6 | 4.61 | 4.52 | 2.26 | 0.76 |
| | 11 | -17.65 | 8.83 | -9.64 | 9.21 | 4.61 | 2.31 | 1.61 |
| | 17 | -16.89 | 8.44 | -10.02 | 4.48 | 5.27 | 2.64 | 0.89 |
| | 4 | -16.57 | 8.28 | -10.18 | 5.41 | 5.17 | 2.58 | 1.14 |
| | 40 | -16.56 | 8.28 | -10.19 | 7.12 | 4.97 | 2.48 | 1.32 |
| | 29 | -16.07 | 8.03 | -10.44 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 2.75 | 1.23 |
| | 38 | -15.28 | 7.64 | -10.83 | 6.8 | 6.42 | 3.21 | 1.53 |
| | 20 | -14.92 | 7.46 | -11.01 | 4.6 | 4.82 | 2.41 | 0.93 |
| | 33 | -14.89 | 7.45 | -11.02 | 6.9 | 5.54 | 2.77 | 1.4 |
| | 35 | -13.6 | 6.8 | -11.67 | 6.94 | 7.11 | 3.56 | 2.09 |
| | 1 | -13.55 | 6.77 | -11.69 | 8.36 | 6.05 | 3.03 | 1.79 |
| | 36 | -12.29 | 6.14 | -12.32 | 7.63 | 5.62 | 2.81 | 1.83 |
| | 18 | -11.78 | 5.89 | -12.58 | 5.78 | 7.01 | 3.5 | 1.56 |

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|----|--------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| 12 | -11.1 | 5.55 | -12.92 | 9.15 | 5.53 | 2.76 | 1.71 |
| 39 | -10.77 | 5.39 | -13.08 | 8.07 | 6.49 | 3.25 | 2.09 |
| 5 | -10.65 | 5.32 | -13.14 | 3.16 | 5.15 | 2.58 | 0.7 |
| 32 | -10.45 | 5.23 | -13.24 | 6.92 | 5.53 | 2.76 | 1.6 |
| 23 | -10.16 | 5.08 | -13.39 | 2.11 | 4.23 | 2.12 | 0.46 |
| 10 | -9.42 | 4.71 | -13.76 | 2.96 | 4.03 | 2.02 | 0.54 |
| 16 | -9.03 | 4.51 | -13.95 | 5.4 | 7.17 | 3.58 | 1.78 |
| 6 | -8.47 | 4.23 | -14.23 | 3.56 | 5.27 | 2.64 | 0.94 |
| 13 | -7.88 | 3.94 | -14.53 | 10.32 | 6.48 | 3.24 | 2.38 |
| 7 | -7.73 | 3.87 | -14.6 | 3.24 | 4.28 | 2.14 | 0.75 |
| 37 | -6.96 | 3.48 | -14.99 | 8.06 | 6.37 | 3.18 | 2.02 |
| 9 | -6.77 | 3.38 | -15.08 | 3.78 | 5.09 | 2.55 | 1.08 |
| 3 | -6.73 | 3.37 | -15.1 | 4.46 | 4.9 | 2.45 | 0.81 |
| 31 | -6 | 3 | -15.47 | 4.54 | 4.84 | 2.42 | 1.04 |
| 19 | -5.15 | 2.57 | -15.89 | 6.05 | 6.44 | 3.22 | 1.68 |
| 15 | -4.89 | 2.44 | -16.02 | 6.07 | 6.24 | 3.12 | 1.81 |
| 21 | -4.23 | 2.11 | -16.35 | 6.26 | 6.75 | 3.37 | 1.84 |
| 22 | -2.09 | 1.05 | -17.42 | 6.88 | 6.91 | 3.46 | 2.15 |
| 34 | 1.98 | -0.99 | -19.46 | 10.2 | 9 | 4.5 | 3.24 |

LOOIC: Leave one out information criterion; ELPD LOO: Leave one out expected log predicted density; ELPD diff: difference in expected log predicted density; P LOO: Effective number of parameters; SE LOOIC: standard error of LOOIC; SE ELPD LOO: Standard Error of ELPD; SE P LOO: Standard error of P.

Supplementary Table S7. Linear regression results for the second best models, based on the leave one out cross-validation information criterion (LOOIC), explaining the functional (FDis), taxonomic (Simpson) and phylogenetic (MPD) diversity changes as a function of climatic and soil drivers. Several different models were fitted (see Supplementary Table 4 and Supplementary Table S6) to investigate the drivers of changes of each diversity facet. The most parsimonious model is shown in Table 1.

| Metric | Parameter | Median | HDI low | HDI high | ROPE % | Rhat | LOOIC |
|--------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|------|---------|
| $\Delta FDis_r$ | <i>Intercept</i> | 3.97E-05 | -4.30E-05 | 1.20E-04 | 0.30 | 1.00 | -291.73 |
| | <i>PC2</i> | 2.16E-05 | -2.89E-05 | 7.12E-05 | 0.51 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>$\Delta MCWDAbs$</i> | 1.36E-04 | 5.43E-05 | 2.18E-04 | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>Plot area</i> | -8.42E-05 | -1.62E-04 | -5.48E-06 | 0.07 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>PC2:$\Delta MCWDAbs$</i> | 3.62E-05 | -1.56E-05 | 8.86E-05 | 0.33 | 1.00 | |
| $\Delta Simpson_r$ | <i>Intercept</i> | 2.76E-04 | 1.21E-04 | 4.21E-04 | 0.00 | 1.00 | -272.44 |
| | <i>PC1</i> | 7.48E-05 | 6.24E-06 | 1.51E-04 | 0.12 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>PC2</i> | -1.03E-04 | -2.01E-04 | -1.63E-05 | 0.05 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>$\Delta MCWDAbs$</i> | 2.67E-04 | 1.01E-04 | 4.21E-04 | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>Plot area</i> | 1.40E-04 | -1.49E-05 | 2.89E-04 | 0.08 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>PC1:$\Delta MCWDAbs$</i> | 8.20E-05 | 1.64E-05 | 1.50E-04 | 0.08 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>PC2:$\Delta MCWDAbs$</i> | -1.14E-04 | -2.02E-04 | -3.32E-05 | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| ΔMPD_r | <i>Intercept</i> | -0.15 | -0.20 | -0.10 | 0.00 | 1.00 | -19.64 |
| | <i>PC1</i> | -0.05 | -0.07 | -0.03 | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>PC3</i> | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.21 | 1.00 | |
| | <i>Plot area</i> | 0.05 | -0.01 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 1.00 | |

HDI: Highest density interval; ROPE: region of practical equivalence to test the importance of parameters; Rhat: potential scale reduction statistic.

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