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Effects of coffee management intensity on composition, structure and regeneration status of Ethiopian moist evergreen Afromontane forests

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1 **Abstract:** The effect of arabica coffee management intensity on composition, structure and
2 regeneration of moist evergreen Afromontane forests was studied in three traditional coffee
3 management systems of Southwest Ethiopia: semi-plantation coffee (SPC), semi-forest coffee
4 (SFC) and forest coffee (FC). Vegetation and environmental data were collected in 84 plots from
5 forests varying in intensity of coffee management. After controlling for environmental variation
6 (altitude, aspect, slope, soil nutrient availability and soil depth), differences in woody species
7 composition, forest structure and regeneration potential among management systems were
8 compared using one way ANOVA. The study revealed that intensification of forest coffee
9 cultivation to maximize coffee production negatively affects diversity and structure of Ethiopian
10 moist evergreen Afromontane forests. Intensification of coffee productivity starts with the
11 conversion of forest coffee to semi-forest coffee, with significant negative effects on tree
12 seedling abundance. Further intensification leads to the conversion of semi-forest to semi-
13 plantation coffee, causing significant diversity losses and the collapse of forest structure (decline
14 of stem density, basal area, crown closure, crown cover and dominant tree height). Our study
15 underlines the need for shade certification schemes to include variables other than canopy cover,
16 and that the loss of species diversity in intensively managed coffee systems may jeopardize the
17 sustainability of coffee production itself through reduction of ecosystem resilience and disruption
18 of ecosystem services related to coffee yield, such as pollination and pest control.

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20 **Key words:** Afromontane forest; *Coffea arabica*; coffee certification; ecosystem services;
21 extinction debt; traditional coffee management; wild coffee

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1 **Introduction**

2 Global forest habitat in the tropics has decreased much over the last century (Priess and others
3 2007; Hansen and others 2010). Forest cover in the tropics continues to decrease, mainly by
4 forest conversion to agriculture (Ahrends and others 2010; DeFries and others 2010). Next to
5 decreasing forest cover and associated forest fragmentation, also forest structure is being affected
6 by logging and forest management, creating forests that strongly differ from the pre-disturbance
7 conditions (Hobbs and others 2006; Gardner and others 2009). These ongoing deforestation and
8 forest degradation processes put forest-dependent biodiversity at risk, as well as the ecosystem
9 functions and services of forests and their biota (Trauernicht and Ticktin 2005; Priess and others
10 2007; Aerts and Honnay 2011).

11 The moist evergreen Afromontane forests of Southwest Ethiopia (Friis 1992) are the
12 center of origin and diversity of *Coffea arabica* L. and hold the wild gene pool of all cultivated
13 arabica coffee (Anthony and others 2002). Wild coffee occurs as an understory shrub in these
14 forests at an altitude between 1,500 and 1,900 meters above sea level, but cultivated plants are
15 found over a wider range, between 1,000 and 2,800 m (Hedberg and others 2003; Gole and
16 others 2008). These Afromontane moist forests are traditionally managed by local people for
17 coffee production, as coffee forms the livelihood basis for many rural communities (Gole 2003;
18 Senbeta and Denich 2006; Schmitt and others 2009). The traditional coffee production and
19 management systems in Southwest Ethiopia are similar to the rustic coffee production system in
20 Latin America where coffee is grown under a canopy cover of indigenous trees (Hernández-
21 Martínez and others 2009), but with the difference that arabica coffee shrubs are indigenous
22 understory plants in Ethiopia and thus a functional component of the autochthonous plant
23 community and food web (Aerts and others, 2011). The forest management typically removes

1 canopy trees to increase coffee yield (Senbeta and Denich 2006; Schmitt and others 2009; Aerts
2 and others 2011), as this yield is directly proportional to growth of primary (orthotropic) and
3 secondary (plagiotropic) branches (Gebre-Egziabher 1978; Aerts and others 2011). Opening up
4 the canopy and clearing of competing lower vegetation enhance the vegetative growth through
5 side branching, and hence increase coffee yield (Aerts and others 2011). Depending on the
6 intensity of the forest management, the population structure of the coffee shrubs and the diversity
7 of canopy and sub-canopy tree species, three major traditional coffee production systems can be
8 recognized within the forest environment in Ethiopia (Senbeta and Denich 2006; Labouisse and
9 others 2008; Schmitt and others 2009; Aerts and others 2012): a) the forest coffee (FC) system,
10 where farmers harvest coffee from essentially wild coffee shrubs with little or no intervention in
11 the canopy and sub-canopy layers; b) the semi-forest coffee (SFC) system, in which herbs,
12 shrubs other than coffee and emerging tree seedlings in the understorey are removed annually,
13 the upper canopy is selectively thinned and coffee saplings are locally planted; and c) the semi-
14 plantation coffee (SPC) system, which involves modification of the forest similar to the SFC, but
15 more intensively, and including the systematic planting of coffee seedlings, often locally
16 improved coffee berry disease resistant varieties.

17 The conservation and sustainable management of moist evergreen Afromontane forests in
18 Southwest Ethiopia requires a thorough understanding of the effects of coffee management
19 intensity on the forest. It has been demonstrated that reducing shade to increase coffee
20 production causes losses of species diversity in Latin American (Perfecto and others 2005) and
21 Ethiopian coffee agro-ecosystems (Senbeta and Denich 2006; Schmitt and others 2009).
22 Because of the dramatic species losses known from intensively managed forests, negative effects
23 on structural diversity and the regeneration potential can also be expected, but very little

1 information on the effects of increasing coffee management intensity on forest structure and
2 regeneration capacity is currently available. The general aim of the current study was therefore
3 to document the impact of coffee management intensity – increasing from FC over SFC to SPC –
4 on forest diversity, structure and regeneration potential. The specific aims were to quantify the
5 impact of coffee management intensity on (i) woody species diversity; (ii) tree seedling and
6 sapling abundance; and (iii) forest structural variables such as canopy cover, canopy closure and
7 basal area. The results will assist the conservation and sustainable management of coffee forests
8 and their associated forest dependent biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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10 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

11 **Description of the study area**

12 The study was conducted in semi-plantation and semi-forest coffee systems at Garuke and
13 Fetche (see also Aerts and others 2011), and in a forest coffee system in the Gera sector of the
14 Belete-Gera National Forest Priority Area (see also Aerts and others 2012; Takahashi and Todo
15 2012). The three study areas are located in the Jimma zone, Oromia region, Southwest Ethiopia
16 (Fig 1). The Garuke study locality comprises different isolated forest fragments, managed for
17 coffee production in an undulating landscape consisting of a mosaic of crop land, pasture,
18 riverine wetland, small human settlements and isolated farmsteads (Aerts and others 2011). The
19 presence of scattered mature canopy trees characteristic of the moist evergreen Afromontane
20 forest (for example *Prunus africana* (Hook. f.) Kalkman) in the farmlands and coffee fragments,
21 and information gathered from elderly people indicates that these fragments were once part of a
22 larger Afromontane forest block. The Fetche locality consists of a more continuous (> 100 ha)
23 forest fragment in the same landscape as Garuke. The Gera forest, finally, is a large continuous

1 forest with a size of > 100,000 ha. Despite the currently ongoing processes of internal
2 degradation and fragmentation, Gera forest is one of the last remaining, least disturbed moist
3 evergreen Afromontane forests in the area.

4 Soils of the study area are largely volcanic in origin and relatively fertile. The dominant
5 soil type is nitosol (USDA: ultisol). The mean annual rainfall of the area varies between 1800
6 mm and 2300 mm with maximum rainfall between the months of June and September. The mean
7 annual temperature is between 15°C and 22°C (EMA 1988).

8 9 **Vegetation data**

10 Vegetation was sampled in eighty-four 400 m² plots (20 × 20 m) established in the three
11 localities. To avoid edge effects related to the high degree of forest fragmentation, which co-
12 varies with the differences in forest management intensity in our study area, the plots were laid
13 out at a sufficient distance (>50 m) from the forest edge. The abundance of all tree and shrub
14 species with diameter at breast height ≥ 5 cm was recorded in each plot and their circumference
15 at breast height and height were measured with tape meter and clinometer, respectively. In each
16 plot, one subplot of 25 m² (5 × 5 m) was established for recording the abundance of tree
17 seedlings and saplings. Percent crown cover was calculated from vertical crown projections
18 using SVS (Stand Visualization System, USDA Forest Service). Crown closure (%) was
19 calculated from four readings in the cardinal directions with a spherical densiometer.

20 21 **Environmental data**

22 Altitude of the plots was recorded in the centre of the plot using a handheld GPS device (eTrex
23 Vista HCx, Garmin). Aspect was recorded as the azimuth (θ) measured in degrees from true

1 north and was transformed to a relative measure for heat load (HL) using the equation $HL =$
2 $0.5[1-\cos(\theta)]$ (McCune and Keon 2002). Slope was measured using a clinometer. Soil nutrient
3 availability was quantified using soil samples randomly collected inside each plot (four sub-
4 samples per plot) at a depth of 0–20 cm. Sub-samples from each plot were merged and the
5 composite samples were air-dried, sieved (< 2 mm) and oven-dried (24h at 80°C). Following
6 standard soil analysis methods (Van Reeuwijk 2002), each sample was analyzed for potential soil
7 acidity pH(KCl), available phosphorus P, CEC, soil nutrients (Ca, Mg, K, N), soil carbon and
8 organic matter. Soil penetration resistance was measured as a proxy for soil depth and soil
9 compaction. We used the rod penetration method (Eriksson and Holmgren 1996) based on 10
10 systematic steel bar depth measurements per plot.

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12 **Data analysis**

13 The plots were assigned to the three traditional coffee management systems based on three
14 criteria that were easily distinguishable in the field: (i) slashing of the undergrowth; (ii) cutting
15 of large trees; and (iii) practice of systematic planting of coffee seedlings (Table 1). The
16 different practices were assessed as ‘intensive’ when systematically visible over the whole of the
17 established plot. They were assessed as ‘present’ when apparent but in a non systematical way.
18 Tree and seedling count data and basal area were converted to values per hectare. From tree
19 height data, we calculated mean tree height and dominant tree height (defined as the average
20 height of the five tallest trees in the plot). Alpha diversity was calculated as mean number of tree
21 species observed per plot. We calculated Hill’s numbers N_1 and N_2 (Hill 1973) as measures of
22 species diversity because they are relatively unaffected by species richness and tend to be
23 independent of sample size. $N_1 (= e^{H'})$ and $N_2 (= D^{-1})$ were calculated from Shannon’s diversity

1 (H') and Simpson's diversity (D) indices. We used non-metrical multidimensional scaling
2 (NMS) to determine community composition using tree abundance data, the Sørensen distance
3 measure, 250 iterations and an instability criterion of 10^{-5} . Multivariate differences in species
4 composition between coffee management systems were tested with a multi-response permutation
5 procedure test (MRPP). Indicator Species Analysis (ISA) and Monte Carlo permutations (5000
6 runs) were used to calculate indicator values for all species and their significances within the
7 three coffee management systems.

8 We used a principal component analysis (PCA) with varimax rotation to summarize the
9 environmental variables (altitude, aspect, slope, soil nutrient composition, and soil depth) at the
10 plot level. To control for environmental variation between plots, and to separate the effects of
11 environmental variation from the effect of management intensity, we first performed linear
12 regressions between the two derived PCA axes (cumulative variance explained by PCA1 and
13 PCA2: 53.7%) and the different vegetation variables and diversity indices. Then, we related the
14 standardized residuals (r_s) of these linear regressions to the three management intensity types,
15 using ANOVA. This way we tried to explain the residual variation between plots after
16 accounting for the environmental variables. Post-hoc multiple comparisons between the three
17 management intensity types were conducted using the Least Significant Difference (LSD) test.
18 To visualize changes in forest structure, stand profiles representing the three traditional coffee
19 production systems were drawn. The profile diagrams were created from data from five plots.
20 NMS, MRPP and ISA were performed in PC-ORD 5.31 (MjM Software, Oregon, U.S.A.). All
21 other statistical procedures were conducted in IBM SPSS Statistics 20 (IBM Corp., New York,
22 U.S.A.).

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1 RESULTS

2 Species Richness and Diversity among Coffee Production Systems

3 A total of 69 woody species with DBH \geq 5 cm were recorded. The vegetation characteristics and
4 forest structure of each coffee production system reflected a clear gradient in management
5 intensity. Although the number of plots sampled in the FC system was lower than in the SFC
6 and FC systems, FC harbored a higher total species richness (γ). Total species richness in FC
7 was 44 species, compared to 38 in SFC, and 26 in SPC. The average species richness α (and SE)
8 per plot showed a similar decline over the FC-SFC-SPC gradient: 11.2 (1.2), 8.2 (0.8) and 4.4
9 (0.4) species in FC, SFC and SPC, respectively. Tree species composition varied significantly
10 between forest management systems (MRPP $T = -18.97$; $A = 0.079$; $p < 0.001$). The indicator
11 species for the SPC were the early-successional species *Albizia gummifera* C.A.Sm. and *A.*
12 *schimperiana* Oliv., while in the SFC and FC systems, the indicator species were late-
13 successional species of the moist evergreen Afromontane forest such as *Olea welwitschii* Gilg &
14 G.Schellenb and *Schefflera abyssinica* Harms for the SFC and *Prunus africana*, *Teclea nobilis*
15 Delile and *Syzygium guineense* DC for the FC (Table 2).

16 After removing the effect of environmental variation via linear regression with the PCA
17 axes, the three traditional coffee production systems varied significantly in alpha diversity
18 ($F_{2,81}=16.59$, $p < 0.001$) and community composition ($F_{2,81}=16.59$, $p < 0.001$). Post-hoc multiple
19 comparisons between the three management systems showed that the SPC had significantly
20 lower alpha diversity (Fig. 2a) and different community composition (Fig. 2d) than the SFC and
21 FC systems and a lower N_1 than the FC (Fig. 2b). N_2 did not vary significantly between
22 management systems.

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1 **Structure and Regeneration among Coffee Production Systems**

2 After analogous removal of the effect of environmental variation, the three traditional coffee
3 management systems varied significantly in tree abundance ($F_{2,81}=12.73, p < 0.001$), basal area
4 ($F_{2,81}=26.85, p < 0.001$), crown closure ($F_{2,81}=9.35, p < 0.001$), crown cover ($F_{2,81}=4.52, p =$
5 0.014) and seedling density ($F_{2,81}=29.95, p < 0.001$). Pair-wise comparisons between the three
6 coffee management systems showed that tree density, basal area and crown closure (Fig. 3a-c)
7 were significantly higher in the FC and SFC systems compared to the SPC. Crown cover and
8 dominant tree height were lower in the SPC than in the SFC (Fig. 3d-e), and the number of
9 seedlings significantly declined over the FC-SFC-SPC gradient (Fig. 3f). Mean tree height did
10 not vary significantly between management systems.

11 The regeneration of six late-successional tree species (*Syzygium guineense*, *Afrocarpus*
12 *falcatus* (Thunb.) C.N. Page, *Olea welwitschii*, *Prunus africana*, *Ilex mitis* Radlk., and *Pouteria*
13 *adolphi-friederici* (Engl.) Baehni) was consistently higher in the FC than in the SFC and SPC
14 ($19.20 \leq F_{2,81} \leq 57.43$, all $p < 0.001$) (Fig. S1). The stand profile diagrams of the different coffee
15 production systems show that the SPC system is the most degraded and impoverished system,
16 with only few selected coffee shade trees such as *Albizia schimperiana*, *A. gummifera* and gap
17 colonizers such as *Croton macrostachys*, and the absence of small trees and shrubs in the
18 understorey. The stand profiles also clearly illustrate the decline of the maximum and dominant
19 tree heights, the notable decrease in stem number and the reduction of canopy closure from FC
20 over SFC to SPC (Fig. 4).

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1 **DISCUSSION**

2 Intensification of forest coffee cultivation to maximize coffee production in Ethiopian moist
3 evergreen Afromontane forests results in structural degradation and causes a shift in tree species
4 composition towards an early-successional community (Table 2, Fig. 4). Our study confirms that
5 intensive coffee cultivation has a negative impact on species diversity (Senbeta and Denich
6 2006; Schmitt and others 2009), leads to impoverished tree communities (Aerts and others
7 2011), and affects structure and regeneration potential. This variation was strongly related to
8 differences in tree thinning and slashing of the undergrowth. Clearly, repeated cutting of
9 emerging saplings in the understorey in the SFC and SPC limits the potential for recruitment of
10 late-successional and secondary tree species, or even pioneer tree species.

11 In our study area, intensification of coffee cultivation from FC to SPC entailed a γ
12 diversity loss of ca. 41 % (from 44 species in the SFC to 26 species in the SPC). Similar effects
13 have already been reported in coffee agro-ecosystems in Latin America and Ethiopia (Senbeta
14 and Denich 2006; Philpott and others 2008; Schmitt and others 2009) but also in other systems,
15 such as cocoa agro-ecosystems in Cameroon (Bisseleua and Vidal 2008). The reduction of α
16 diversity in SPC compared to the other systems, in particular FC (Fig. 2a), reflects the selective
17 removal of certain tree species in the process of reducing shade for coffee production. Emergent
18 tree species such as *Pouteria adolfi-friederici*, *Olea welwitschii* and *Afrocarpus falcatus* are
19 generally considered to cast too much shade or to produce unsuitable litter (see also Soto-Pinto
20 and others 2007). It is not surprising that these species are the first to experience local extinction
21 through selective cutting and recruitment failure when also considering their valuable and
22 sought-after timber (see e.g. Lemmens 2007; Aerts 2008; Aerts 2011), and the fact that in

1 fragmented forests late-successional, shade-tolerant tree species have limited regeneration
2 potential because of fragmentation effects *per se* (Puetz and others 2011).

3 Tree seedling density in SPC is reduced by more than 95 percent as compared to the FC
4 (~10,000/ha in FC vs. ~400/ha in SPC), due to slashing of the undergrowth. The conversion of
5 the FC to the SFC system also reduced seedling density, in this case by more than 70 percent
6 (~10,000/ha in FC vs. ~3000/ha in SFC). A higher tree diversity in the SFC compared to the
7 SPC (Fig. 2a) may therefore represent an extinction debt (see e.g. Tilman and others 1994;
8 Vellend and others 2006), as in both systems understorey clearing is systematically eliminating
9 all regenerating trees. Additionally, the thinning of the canopy exposes seedlings and juveniles
10 to more extreme temperatures and drought (Ramírez-Marcial and others 2001), which would
11 cause undoubtedly increased mortality in the seedling bank if it would not be systematically cut
12 (Allen and others 2010).

13 Basal area and tree abundance was also reduced by 75 percent and 68 percent,
14 respectively, when comparing FC to SPC, while the tree abundance in SFC was only about 30
15 percent lower (952/ha in FC vs. 655/ha in SFC) (Fig 3a-b). The SPC was characterized by a
16 rather low tree canopy without intermediate layers, and a uniform understorey of *C. arabica*. In
17 other words, intensive coffee management in the SPC has resulted in two-way biotic
18 homogenization, i.e. taxonomic homogenization (few tree species; Fig. 2a-b) and structural
19 homogenization (low tree abundance, basal area, canopy closure, cover and dominant height; Fig
20 3) (see also Aerts and others 2011). Because of the various, complex interactions between
21 species in tropical forests (see e.g. Zytynska and others 2011), it is expected that this
22 homogenization in intensively managed coffee forests is also occurring in other taxa, such as
23 birds or epiphytic orchids (Hundera and others, 2012), and at other levels, such as functional and

1 genetic diversity. At least for the *Coffea arabica* itself, it has recently been shown that intensive
2 management drives cryptic genetic erosion (Aerts and others 2012).

3 As demonstrated in Andean ecosystems, farmers can benefit from the conservation of
4 natural, diverse habitat through ecosystem services such as reduced pest damage and increased
5 yields (Poveda and others 2012). Also coffee benefits from the ecosystem services of the forest
6 (Millard 2011), and therefore the loss of species diversity in SPC system may jeopardize the
7 sustainability of coffee production itself. Diversity losses are very likely to lower ecosystem
8 resilience and disrupt ecosystem services related to coffee yield, such as pollination (e.g. Priess
9 and others 2007; Vergara and Badano 2009), and pest control (e.g. Soto-Pinto and others 2002).

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11 **Management implications**

12 Intensification of coffee productivity starts with the conversion of forest coffee to semi-forest
13 coffee, with significant negative effects on seedling abundance and noticeable impacts on stem
14 densities and diversity. Basal area and crown closure are not extensively affected at this stage
15 and are therefore less sensitive indicators for intensification in the forest coffee system. Further
16 intensification, however, leads to the conversion of semi-forest to semi-plantation coffee, and the
17 disintegration of the entire forest structure: stem density, basal area, crown closure, crown cover
18 and dominant tree height all decline significantly.

19 Our results imply that indicator species (late-successional tree species) and seedling
20 numbers are guiding variables to follow-up the conservation status of forest coffee systems and
21 that forest stand variables such as crown closure and basal area can be used to discriminate semi-
22 forest and semi-plantation systems. This underlines the need for shade certification schemes to
23 include variables other than canopy cover (see also Perfecto and others 2005; Philpott and others

1 2007). Second, our results show that the semi-forest coffee system has the potential to improve
2 economic performance and biodiversity conservation. In the SFC, coffee productivity is higher
3 because of the intensive canopy management, yet effects on structure and diversity are
4 (statistically) limited. Third, the repeated removal of the seedlings and saplings of shade trees
5 seems to call for the establishment of small exclosures (Aerts and others 2009) in both SPC and
6 SFC systems. These temporarily fenced areas where slashing is suspended, may facilitate tree
7 recruitment or could be used for seedling planting to maintain healthy populations of preferred
8 shade trees for coffee production and late-successional tree species for biodiversity conservation.

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1 Tables

Table 1 Management practices in three traditional coffee production systems and number of plots sampled in each system in SW Ethiopia

Coffee management practice	SPC	SFC	FC
Slashing of undergrowth	++	+	-
Planting of coffee seedlings	++	+	-
Tree cutting	++	+	-/+
Number of plots sampled	44	29	11

++ very intensive; + present; - absent

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Table 2 Indicator tree species, indicator values and significance for three traditional coffee production systems in SW Ethiopia

Management system	Species	IV	<i>p</i>
FC	<i>Prunus africana</i> (Hook. f.) Kalkman	61.4	<0.001
	<i>Teclea nobilis</i> Delile	48.9	<0.001
	<i>Syzygium guineense</i> DC.	44.4	0.005
	<i>Polyscias fulva</i> (Hiern) Harms	41.0	0.001
	<i>Millettia ferruginea</i> Hochst	38.6	0.015
	<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. (tree layer)	32.8	0.010
	<i>Ilex mitis</i> Radlk.	32.8	0.008
	<i>Oxyacantha</i> Medic <i>sp.</i>	24.5	0.050
	<i>Premna schimperi</i> Engl.	22.5	0.014
	<i>Maytenus gracilis</i> Loes.	21.4	0.030
SFC	<i>Sapium ellipticum</i> Pax	20.5	0.046
	<i>Rytigynia neglecta</i> Robyns	18.5	0.080
	<i>Olea welwitschii</i> Gilg & G.Schellenb.	28.3	0.047
	<i>Schefflera abyssinica</i> Harms	26.9	0.010
	<i>Rhus glutinosa</i> Hochst. ex A.Rich.	20.2	0.042
SPC	<i>Mimusops kummel</i> Bruce ex A.DC.	18.8	0.055
	<i>Vepris dainellii</i> (Pic.Serm.) Kokwaro	10.3	0.074
	<i>Albizia gummifera</i> C.A.Sm.	38.2	0.014
	<i>Albizia schimperiana</i> Oliv.	35.4	0.017
	<i>Croton macrostachys</i> Hochst. ex A.Rich.	31.5	0.094

The indicator value IV ranges from 0 (no indication) to 100 (perfect indication) and the significance *p* is the proportion of 1000 randomized trials with IV equal to or exceeding the observed IV. All species with significance $p < 0.10$ are listed.

1 **Fig. 1** Afromontane moist forests in Southwest Ethiopia. Insets show detail of (a) the forest
2 coffee and (b) the semi-forest coffee/semi-plantation landscape. Satellite imagery © 2012
3 DigitalGlobe, GeoEye and Cnes/Spot Image, via Google Earth.

4 **Fig. 2** Effects of forest management in forest coffee (FC), semi-forest coffee (SFC) and semi-
5 plantation coffee (SPC) systems in Southwest Ethiopia on tree diversity after accounting for
6 environmental variability: (a) alpha diversity α , (b) Hill's N_1 , (c) Hill's N_2 , and (d) community
7 composition $NMSI$. Values are standardized residuals of the regression analysis. Error bars
8 denote SE. Letters show significant differences between groups (ANOVA LSD, $\alpha = 0.05$).

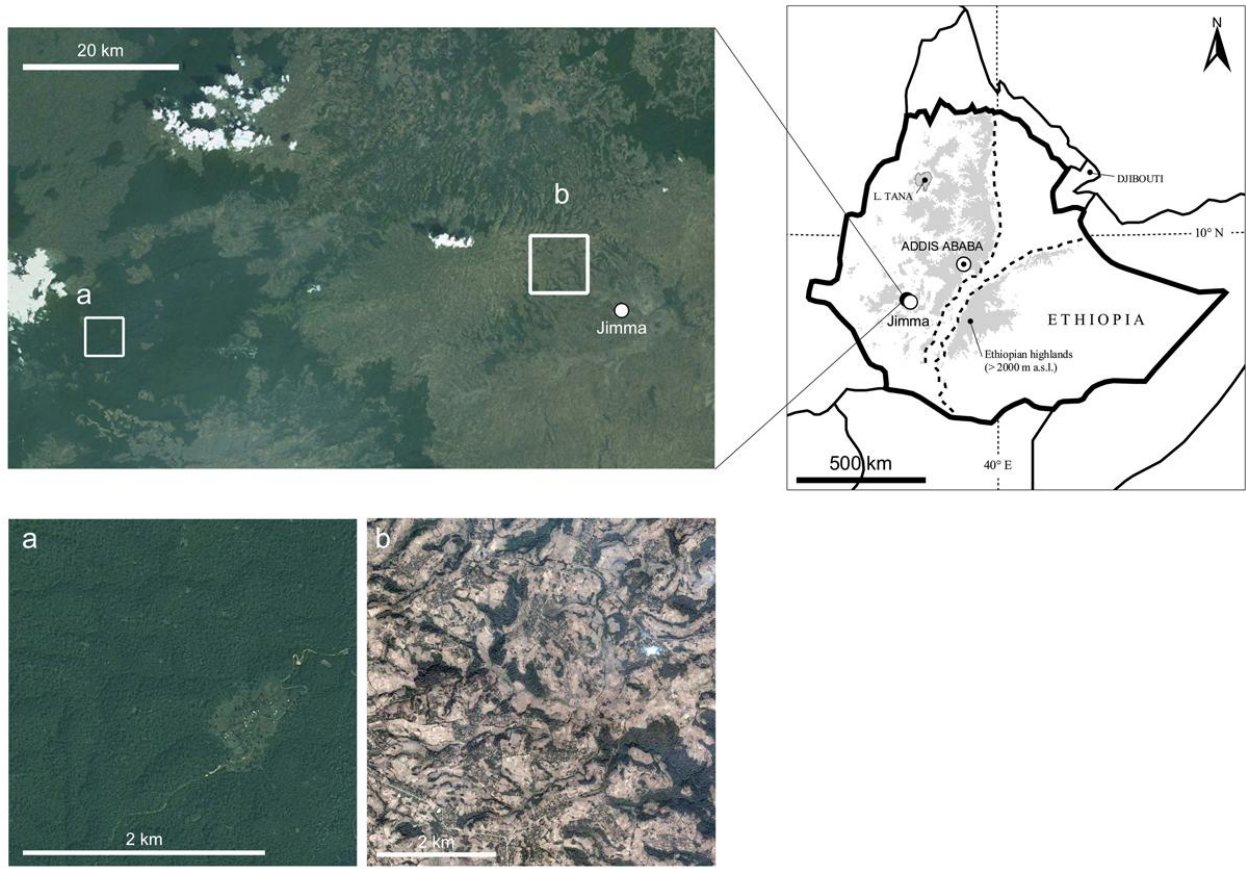
9 **Fig. 3** Effects of forest management in forest coffee (FC), semi-forest coffee (SFC) and semi-
10 plantation coffee (SPC) systems in Southwest Ethiopia on forest structure after accounting for
11 environmental variability: (a) stem density Nt , (b) basal area BA , (c) crown closure Cl , (d) crown
12 cover Co , (e) dominant tree height Hd , and (f) number of seedlings Ns . Error bars denote SE.
13 Letters show significant differences between groups (ANOVA LSD, $\alpha = 0.05$).

14 **Fig. 4** Representative stand profiles from five 20×20 m plots in forest coffee (FC), semi-forest
15 coffee (SFC) and semi-plantation coffee (SPC) systems in moist evergreen Afromontane forests
16 in Southwest Ethiopia. Upper canopy tree species are labeled: *Agu*, *Albizia gummifera*; *Asc*,
17 *Albizia schimperiana*; *Caf*, *Cordia africana*; *Cea*, *Celtis africana*; *Cma*, *Croton macrostachys*;
18 *Owe*, *Olea welwitschii*; *Pad*, *Pouteria adolfi-friederici*; *Paf*, *Prunus africana*; *Sab*, *Schefflera*
19 *abyssinica*; and *Sgu*, *Syzygium guineense*. The uniform understorey of *Coffea arabica* in the
20 SFC and SPC is not shown.

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1 **Fig. S1** Effects of forest management in forest coffee (FC), semi-forest coffee (SFC) and semi-
2 plantation coffee (SPC) systems in Southwest Ethiopia on regeneration of late-successional tree
3 species after accounting for environmental variability: (a) *Syzygium guineense*, (b) *Afrocarpus*
4 *falcatus*, (c) *Olea welwitschii*, (d) *Prunus africana*, (e) *Ilex mitis*, and (f) *Pouteria adolfi-*
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6 LSD, $\alpha = 0.05$).

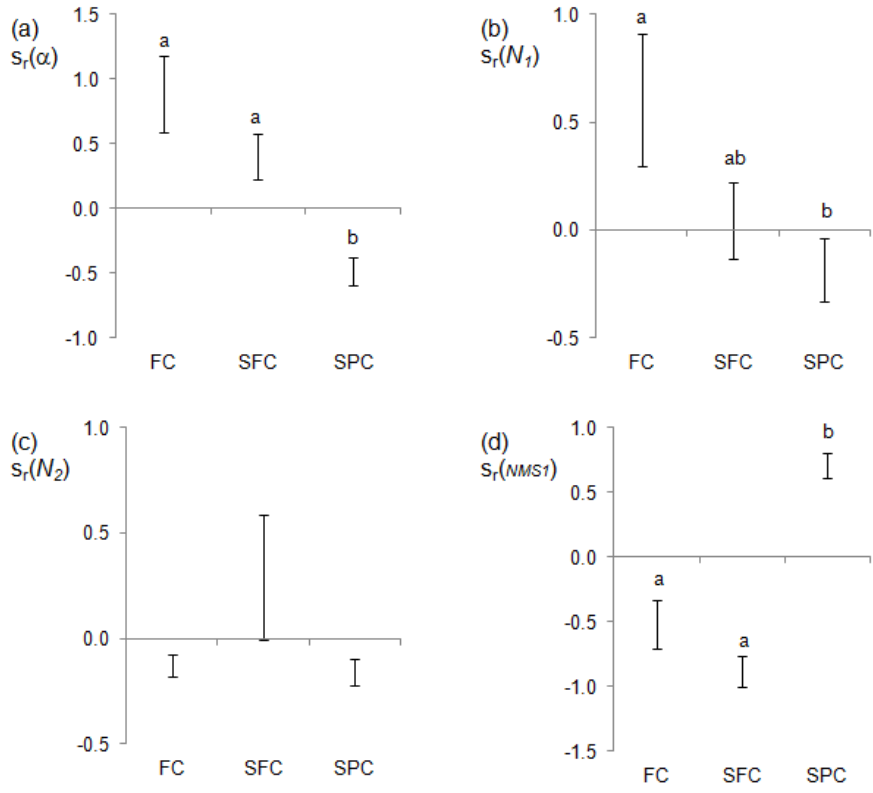
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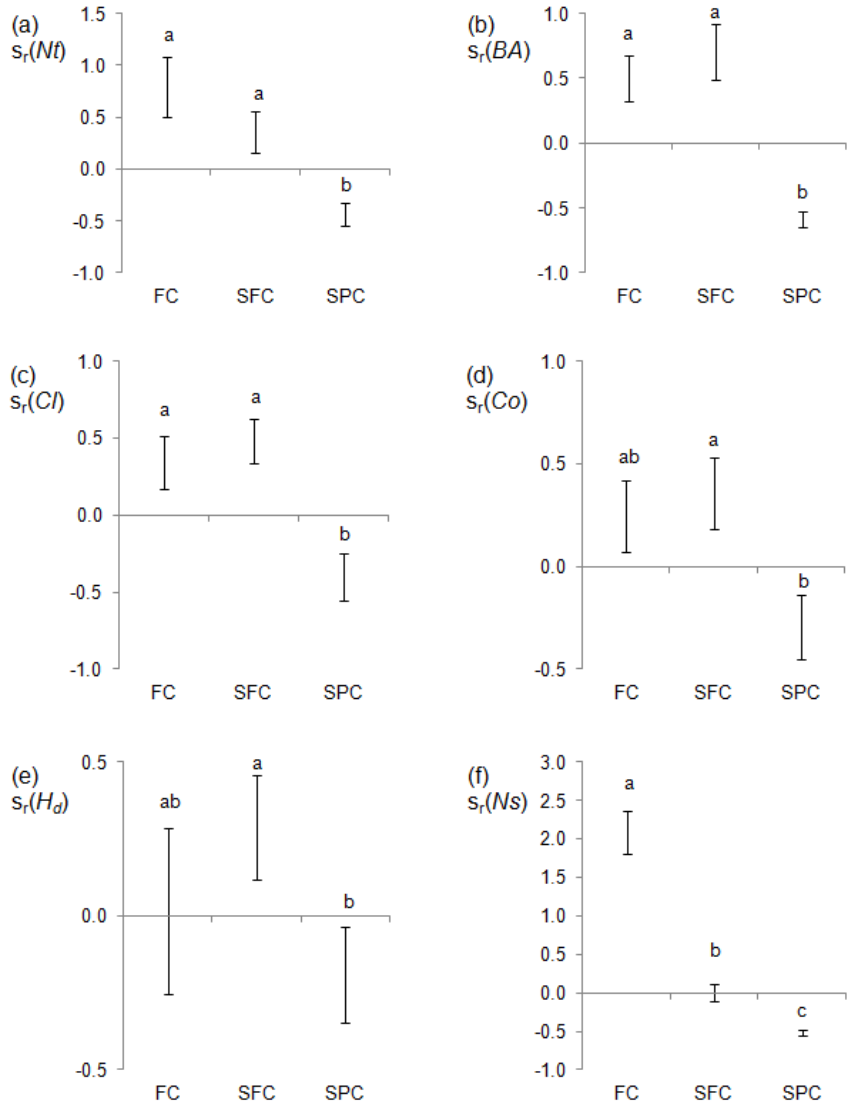


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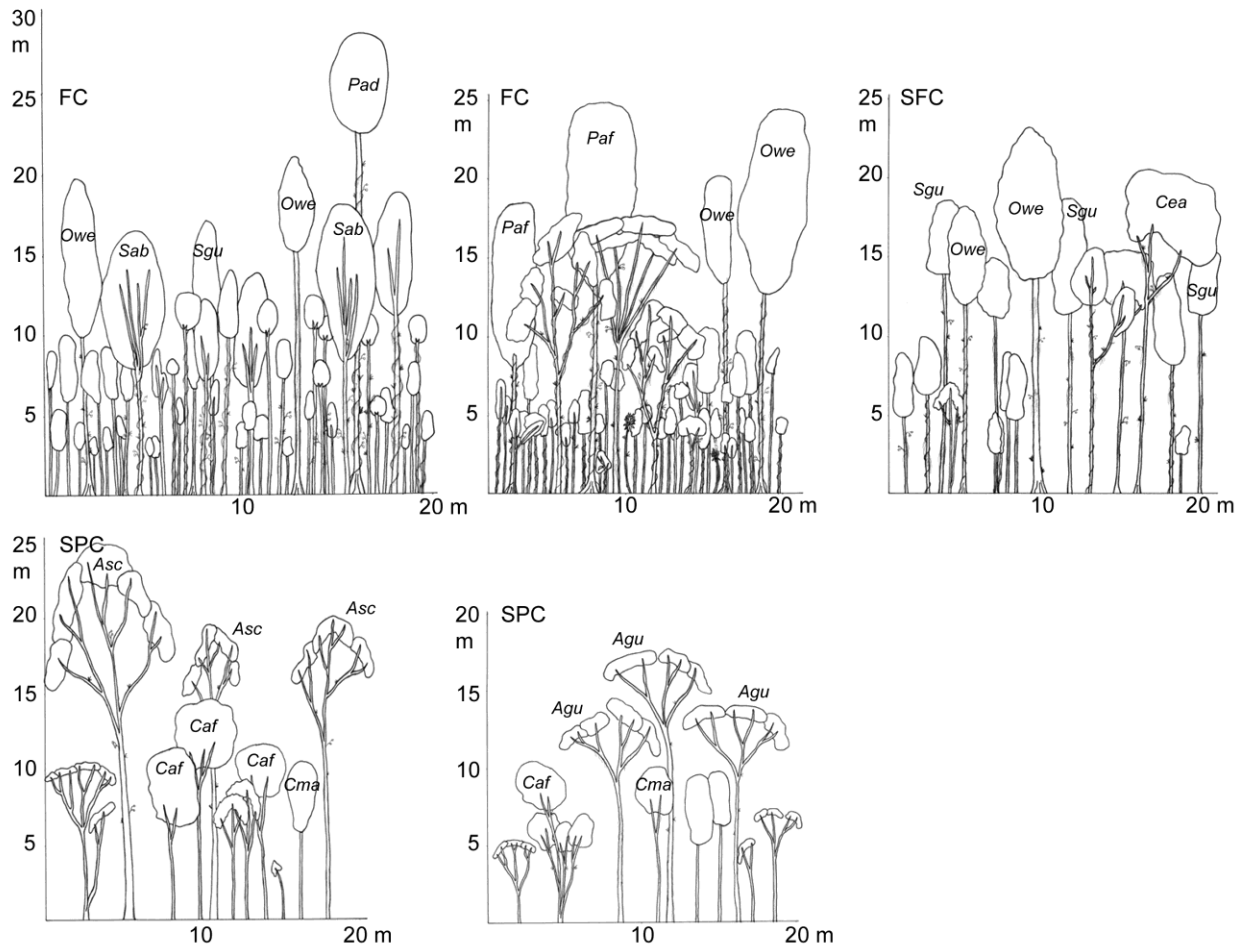


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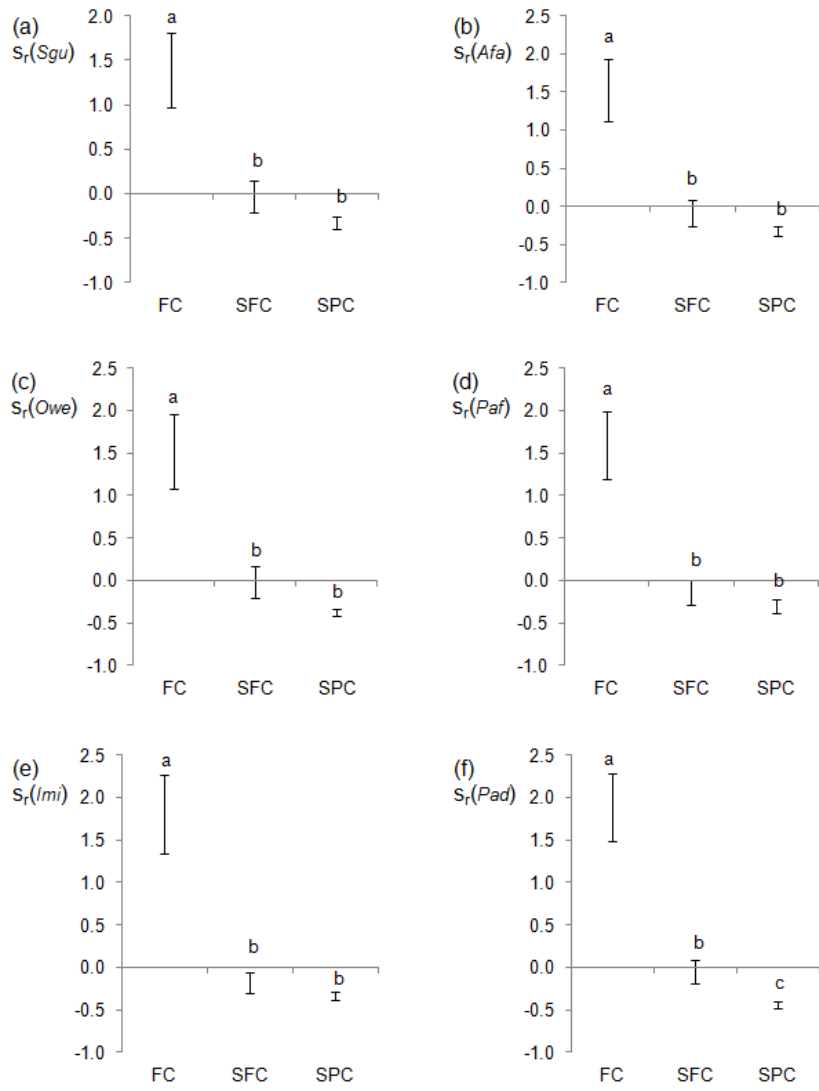
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