## Using Ecogeomorphology Models to Scale Global Estimates of Biomass, Productivity and Carbon Dynamics in Mangrove Ecosystems Robert R. Twilley

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Most of the earth's carbon-10,000 times that of the total mass of all life on earth-is stored in ocean floor sediments and on continents where it enters the cycle very slowly. This simplified model of the carbon cycle shows the movement of carbon through marine ecosystems (left) and terrestrial ecosystems (right).

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 Reflections on Mangrove Carbon – The carbon 'ante'







Figure 1. Conceptual diagram of the three major compartments of the biosphere that influence the global cycle of C. P = production, R = respiration, E = exchange, B = burial.



Figure 10. Mass balance of C for coastal ecosystems based on estimates of in situ net production and allochthonous inputs, minus losses associated with burial in coastal sediments. P and R represent net production and heterotrophic respiration, respectively, with exchange of  $CO_2$  directly with atmosphere (t) or coastal waters (o).

Twilley, R.R., R.H. Chen, and T. Hargis. **1992**. Carbon sinks in mangroves and their implications to carbon budget of tropical coastal ecosystems.

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Figure 4. Estimates of annual carbon storage in mangrove wood and sediments.

### Mangroves and Carbon



## A blueprint for blue carbon

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Twilley et al. 1992 Jennerjahn and Ittekkot 2002 Chmura et al. 2003 Duarte et al. 2005 Bouillon et al. 2008 Alongi 2009 Mcleod et al. 2011 Breithaupt et al. 2014 30 35 20 25 n 5 10 15 40

Global Burial Rate, Tg C yr<sup>-1</sup> (based on study's areal estimate of mangroves)

Mcleod, E., G. L. Chmura, S. Bouillon, R. Salm, M. Björk, C. M. Duarte, C. E. Lovelock, W. H. Schlesinger & B. R. Silliman, 2011. A blueprint for blue carbon: toward an improved understanding of the role of vegetated coastal habitats in sequestering CO2. Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment 9: 552-560

Breithaupt, J. L., J. M. Smoak, T. J. Smith, C. J. Sanders, and A. Hoare (2012), Organic carbon burial rates in mangrove sediments: Strengthening the global budget, Global Biogeochem. Cycles, 26, GB3011, doi:10.1029/2012GB004375

# 2. Developing Global Models of Carbon Sources and Sinks

(Setting the Context of Unidentified Carbon Flux – Carbon Mitigation)



The global carbon cycle in the 1990s. Units are PgC or PgC year<sup>-1</sup>.

Houghton, R.A. 1994. The worldwide extent of land-use change. Bioscience, 44(5), 305-313.

Houghton, R.A., 2007. Balancing the global carbon budget. Annu. Rev. Earth Planet. Sci., *35*, pp.313-347.



Annual emissions of carbon from the combustion of fossil fuels and from changes in land use, and the annual increase in atmospheric CO2 (in PgC) over the period 1958 to 2005.

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Annual sources and sinks of carbon from 1850 to 2000 for a balanced carbon budget (total sources are balanced by total sinks). The unidentified sink is the residual terrestrial sink.

The fractions of total annual emissions (fossil fuel plus land-use change) accumulating in the atmosphere, oceans, and land (from Canadell et al. 2007). The anomaly in the early 1990s coincides with the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1990. The values are 5-year running averages.

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 $NEP = (GPP + I_T) - (Re + E_T)$   $E_T = DIC + DOC + PC (Surface and Ground Water)$  $I_T = DIC + DOC + PC (Surface and Ground Water)$ 

Land-use changes and carbon fluxes in simulation of wetland carbon exchange. Dead plant material is indicated as 'Dead' and long-term storage as reduced carbon (mostly exported in drainage waters) as LTS. Stabilized wetlands have depleted organic soils and no longer release carbon. (Armentano and Menges 1986)



Carbon change in temperate wetlands

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Armentano, T.V. and Menges, E.S., 1986. Patterns of change in the carbon balance of organic soil-wetlands of the temperate zone. The Journal of Ecology, pp.755-774





Definitions of carbon sources and sinks as exchanged with the atmosphere using two hypothetical wetland regions subject to disturbance. (A) The original net carbon sink is totally lost by the changes in ecosystem processes in response to disturbance, to condition where a net carbon source of carbon to atmosphere from the wetland has been created. (B) The wetland regionally currently functions as a diminished carbon sink because CO<sub>2</sub> release in disturbed wetlands is lower that net  $CO_2$ fixation in undisturbed wetlands; with a modification to demonstrate that carbon sinks can actually increase in some scenarios following a disturbance by increasing NEP (net ecosystem production).

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Export

LTS



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Change with time of CO2 exchange in temperate zone wetlands affected by agricultural drainage (Armentano and Menges 1986) Armentano, T.V. and Menges, E.S., 1986. Patterns of change in the carbon balance of organic soil-wetlands of the temperate zone. The Journal of Ecology, pp.755-774



Fig. 1 – The original concept of ecosystem development over time.Modified from Odum (1969).



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Equation (1) subsumes, and partly omits, anthropogenic perturbations to carbon cycling in inland freshwaters, estuaries, and coastal areas that modify both lateral fluxes transported from land ecosystems to the open ocean, "vertical"  $CO_2$  fluxes by outgassing in rivers and estuaries, and the air-sea net exchange of  $CO_2$  in coastal areas. These flows are omitted in the absence of details on the natural versus anthropogenic terms of these facets of the carbon cycle.

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# 3. Ecogeomorphology Models to Test Energy Signature Hypothesis





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## Africa

# Micronesia



(b)

by B.F. Clough), pp. 3–17. Australian Institute of Marine Science, Canberra

## The Ecogeomorphology of Mangroves





### Figure 3

A scale-based framework within which to view mangrove systems, comprising macroscale regional boundary conditions (climate and relative sea-level change, which includes both subsidence and sea-level rise); mesoscale processes, in which hydrodynamics and sediment supply are important influences on mangrove systems; and microscale at-a-site interactions within a mangrove stand, including surface and subsurface processes.

Woodroffe, C, K. Rogers, K.L. McKee, C.E. Lovelock, I.A. Mendelssohn, and N. Saintilan, 2016. Mangrove Sedimentation and Response to Relative Sea-Level Rise. Annu. Rev. Mar. Sci. 8:243–66

### Atlantic/Eastern Pacific (AEP) Indo/West Pacific (IWP)





Figure 3 Latitudinal distribution of mangrove forest of the world.

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# 4. Using Net Ecosystem Production (NEP) to Estimate Carbon Sequestration





NEP = Net Ecosystem Productivity =  $(GPP + I_T) - (Re + E_T)$   $E_T = DIC + DOC + PC$  (Surface and Ground Water)  $I_T = DIC + DOC + PC$  (Surface and Ground Water)

Net Ecosystem Production (NEP) = Organic Carbon

Atmosphere  $CO_2$ Atmosphere  $CO_2$ R(a) R(h) GPP  $NPP_{T}$ R(s)Mangroves Litter Fall + Wood Production 1 E F NTE + Belowground  $(NPP_{L} + NPP_{W} + NPP_{R})$ Production  $\Delta C_{org}/dt$  $GPP - Ra = NPP_{T}$  $NPP_{T} = (NPP_{I} + NPP_{W} + NPP_{B})$ NTE =  $I_T + E_T$ Rh = Rs $NEP = (NPP_1 + NPP_w + NPP_B) - (Rs + NTE)$ 

Net Ecosystem Production (NEP) = Organic Carbon





Figure 1 A simple energy model illustrating the major storages and flows in a mangrove ecosystem. Potential stresses are distinguished by dashed lines. In essence, the model is a series of differential equations graphically depicted using the ecological circuit language created by H. Odum (65).

### THE ECOLOGY OF MANGROVES

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#### INTRODUCTION

### The Historical Perspective

Probably no other distinct plant community has attracted as much curiosity and scientific attention for as long as have the mangrove forests of the tropical and subtropical tidelands; a general bibliography would list some 1200 titles (L. Wilcox, personal communication). The first written account is reported by Bowman (7) from the Chronicle of Nearchus, dating back to the Greek mariners of 325 BC. The historical interest has been largely engendered by the unique adaptations (e.g. prop roots, pneumatophores, and viviparous seeds) of certain mangrove species and by their ubiquitous ability to function in a saline environment.

Unlike other terrestrial communities that can be lived in, managed, or exploited by man, mangroves offer only a few direct uses [tannin, construction timber, and charcoal (3, 69)], which may account for man's historical ambivalence concerning their value. This is revealed in the literature as attitudes that consider mangroves an academic curiosity at best; a nuisance at worst, and, in general, of little value to man and his works. In 1667, Du Terte (in 7) admonished travelers: "Wild boars and other savage beasts live in them ... who lie in wait to surprise a person." Equally ominous were two Florida newspaper accounts' that reported "300 homes blackened" and 'two men killed" by 'mangrove root gas" in Miami, Florida. In 1938, Davis, whose mangrove research papers (17-20) are considered classics, referred to

<sup>1</sup>Respectively, the Miami Herald, Nov. 15, 1951, and the Miami News, Jul. 28, 1961.

'The basic mangrove ecosystem is depicted as two coupled storages (above-ground structure and muds) linked by cycling of matter and powered by the interaction of sunlight and matter through photosynthesis'



$$F_{atm} \xrightarrow{NECE = Net} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{Carbon} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{Exchange} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} F_{atm} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \underbrace{F_{atm}}_{T} \xrightarrow{F_{atm}} \xrightarrow{F_{$$

## NECE = NEE + NTENTE (IT + ET) = DIC + DOC + PC



CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and VOC

$$NEP = (NPP_{L} + NPP_{W} + NPP_{B})$$
$$- (Rs + NTE)$$
$$NEP = NPP_{W} + \Delta S_{org}$$



Controls on mangrove forest-atmosphere carbon dioxide exchanges in western Everglades National Park. *Journal of Geophysical Research* 115: G0202

Eddy Covariance Tower Direct herbivory Vertical CO<sub>2</sub> flux Litter fall Faunal assimilaton and respiration sediment-atmosphere GPP NEE and sediment-water Advection water-atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> exchange CO<sub>2</sub> efflux of Wood production CO2 Fauna Root production sediment burial Exchange of POC, DOC Tidal exchange and DIC **Bacteria & Fun** Lateral C drainage Soil & transfer of Leaching of Groundwater exchange DIC and DOC DIC, DOC and PC (EDIC + EDOC + EPC) Atmosphere  $CO_2$ F<sub>atm</sub> F GPP R(a)R(h)NECE = NEEatm (1170) + NTE (-NEE Mangroves NEP  $I_T$ Wp(456) +550) = 620 IT g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-</sup>  $\Delta$  Sorg (125) = 581gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> NECE = NEE + NTENTE (IT + ET) = DIC + DOC + PC $NEP = NPP_{W} + \Delta S_{org}$ 

CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and VOC

Soot from Fire

 $fluxes (E_{CO} + E_{CH4} + E_{VOC}) = F_{atm}$ 



sediment-atmosphere and sediment-water

CO<sub>2</sub> exchange

Faunal assimilaton and respiration Direct herbivory

water-atmosphere

CO<sub>2</sub> efflux

Litter fall

Wood production

(NOTE: Dissolved Organic Carbon Export measured = 56 gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> that is increased to 550 gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> by including assumed values for DIC and POC).

 5. NEP Variation (Wood Production and Soil Sequestration) linked to Coastal Environmental Settings Environmental Signature Hypothesis of Carbon Dynamics in Mangrove Ecosystems

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Woodroffe, C. D., 2002. Coasts: form, process, evolution. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge, U.K.
# Literature Survey of 260 Mangrove Sites



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Plot of the frequency of sites in each ecogeomorphic setting for each ecological attribute



### Summary

- 1. No sites = 196
  - a. Estuaries (80)
  - b. Lagoons (32)
  - c. Low islands (25)
  - d. Deltas (21)
  - e. Drowned valleys (14)
  - f. Delta complex = High Islands (10)
- 2. Deltas have greater heights at 10 m avg;
- Low islands and drowned valley have lowest heights
- 4. High islands > low islands in height



### Summary

- I. No sites = 132
  - a. Estuaries (61)
  - b. High Islands (18)
  - c. Low islands (17)
  - d. Deltas (8)
  - e. Delta complex (7)
  - f. Lagoons (6)
  - g. Drowned valleys (5)
- 2. High islands have greatest AGB at 210 t/ha avg;
- 3. Low islands have lowest AGB
- 4. Estuaries = Lagoons = Delta complex



Estuaries (91) a. Lagoons (36) b. Drowned valleys C. (18)Low islands (17) d. Deltas (13) e. Delta complex (9) f. High Islands (5) g. Deltas and High islands have greatest Litter Fall at 13 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>avg; Drowned valleys and Low islands have lowest litter fall (6 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

No sites = 200

4. Estuaries = Lagoons = Delta complex





Summary

Fringe > Interior (but not sign)

Fringe > Interior Deltas Lagoons Delta complex Bedrock valley Low islands

Fringe < Interior Estuaries High Islands







# Expanding Global Estimates (Models) of NEP Using ESH Above Ground Biomass







$$NEP = NPP_W + \Delta S_{org}$$

# **Global Ecology and Biogeography**

RESEARCH PAPER

# Scaling mangrove aboveground biomass from site-level to continental-scale

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R. R. Lewis<sup>6</sup>, S. Crooks<sup>7</sup>, P. A. Horta<sup>1,8</sup>, Y. Schaeffer-Novelli<sup>9</sup>, G. Cintrón<sup>10</sup>,
M. Pozo-Cajas<sup>11</sup> and P. R. Pagliosa<sup>1,12</sup>



### LETTER

Predicting Global Patterns in Mangrove Forest Biomass James Hutchison<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Manica<sup>1</sup>, Ruth Swetnam<sup>2</sup>, Andrew Balmford<sup>1</sup>, & Mark Spalding<sup>3</sup>



+ 0.0234BIO16 + 0.195BIO17-120.3.





Observed aboveground biomass (t/ha)



Rovai AS, Riul P, Twilley RR, Castañeda-Moya E, Rivera-Monroy VH, Williams AA, Simard M, Cifuentes-Jara M, Lewis RR, Crooks S, Horta PA<sup>h</sup>, Schaeffer-Novelli Y, Cintrón G, Pozo-Cajas M, Pagliosa PR 2015. Scaling mangrove aboveground biomass from site-level to continental-scale. Global Ecology and Biogeography 25:286-298



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Environmental Signature Hypothesis of Carbon Dynamics in Mangrove Ecosystems. In prep Robert R. Twilley, Andre S. Rovai, Paulo R. Pagliosa, Alessandra Larissa Fonseca, Edward Castaneda



 $\Delta C_{\rm org}/dt$ 

Synthesis of wood productivity estimates range from 1.1 to 14.6 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>.

However, the number of global estimates for wood production (only about 60 sites) is much less than observed for litter fall; and much less than for estimates of AGB (135 sites).

The average wood production is about 5.8 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>, which is very similar to global average of litter fall productivity.

# 4B. Global Estimates (Models) of Soil CarbonSequestration





### NUMAN Conceptual Model Y= Organic matter, N and P concentrations (distribution-depth)







Chen, R., and R.R. Twilley. 1999a. A simulation model of organic matter and nutrient accumulation in mangrove wetland soils. *Biogeochemistry* 44: 93-18



Figure 10. Variation in ecosystem carbon storage in riverine peat swamps of Tanjung Puting National Park, according to peat depth



Figure 8. Depth (mean  $\pm$  SE) of organic soil layers in mangroves by distance from the ocean



Figure 11. Ecosystem C-stocks (mean, SE) in riverine peat swamp forests of Tanjung Puting National Park, by distance from the river



Murdiyarso, D., Donato, D., Kauffman, J.B., Kurnianto, S., Stidham, M. and Kanninen, M., 2009. Carbon storage in mangrove and peatland ecosystems: a preliminary account from plots in Indonesia.



## > Shark River: $1120 \pm 316 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$



Importance of depth to integrate carbon stocks in mangroves.

Comparison of aboveground biomass and soil reservoirs to carbon inventories

Donato, D.C., J.B. Kauffman, D. Murdiyarso, S. Kurnianto, M. Stidham, and M. Kanninen. 2011. Mangroves among the most carbonrich forests in the tropics. *Nature Geoscience* 4: 293-297.

Castaneda-Moya, E., R. R. Twilley, V.H. Rivera-Monroy, B.D. Marx, C.Coronado-Molina, and S.M. L. Ewe. 2011. Patterns of Root Dynamics in Mangrove Forests Along Environmental Gradients in the Florida Coastal Everglades, USA. *Ecosystems*, 14: 1178-1195. DOI: 10.1007/s10021-011-9473-3

Castañeda-Moya, E., Twilley, R.R. & Rivera-Monroy, V.H. (2013) Allocation of biomass and net primary productivity of mangrove forests along environmental gradients in the Florida Coastal Everglades, USA, *Forest Ecology and Management*, 307 226–241





(a) Schematic cross section of substrate beneath mangroves, showing variations in accommodation space. (b) Measurement methods adopted to assess sedimentary processes beneath mangroves. (c) Surface elevation changes that occur over time.

Table 1Published ranges of surface elevation change, vertical accretion, and subsurface adjustment for different mangrovehydrogeomorphic settings determined using surface elevation table–marker horizon (SET-MH) methods (for a full list ofreferences, see Krauss et al. 2014)

	Surface elevation change	Vertical accretion	Subsurface change
Hydrogeomorphic setting	(mm year <sup>-1</sup> )	(mm year <sup>-1</sup> )	$(mm year^{-1})$
Fringe	-1.3 to $+5.9$	+1.6  to  +8.6	-9.7 to $+2.4$
Riverine	+0.9 to $+6.2$	+6.5 to $+13.0$	-11.2 to -0.2
Basin/interior	-3.7 to $+3.9$	+0.7 to $+20.8$	-19.9 to $+2.8$
Scrub	-1.1	-2.0	-3.1
Overwash	-0.6 to -2.5	+4.4 to $+6.3$	-3.8

Woodroffe, C, K. Rogers, K.L. McKee, C.E. Lovelock, I.A. Mendelssohn, and N. Saintilan, 2016. Mangrove Sedimentation and Response to Relative Sea-Level Rise. Annu. Rev. Mar. Sci. 8:243–66



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Soil Burial Rates

Rates can range from 17 to 36 Tg C yr<sup>-1</sup>

Average = 25 Tg C  $yr^{-1}$ 

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Jardine, S. L. & Siikamäki, J. V. 2014. A global predictive model of carbon in mangrove soils. Environ. Res. Lett. 9, 104013



Developing global models of carbon sequestration in mangrove soils is one of the great challenges – both stocks and the annual burial rates – along with impacts from land use change.

Armentano analysis for temperate marshes....



RIVER INPUT

# 7. But What about the Fate of Carbon Outwelling? C Sequestration?





Have to get the export right? Net  $E_T = 550 \text{ gC m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ 



Cai, W.J., 2011. Estuarine and coastal ocean carbon paradox: CO<sub>2</sub> sinks or sites of terrestrial carbon incineration?. Annual Review of Marine Science, 3, pp.123-145



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# Estuaries are heterotrophic ecosystems with negative NEP.

Is respiration the fate of mangrove organic carbon to coastal ocean? What fraction is stored in coastal sediments?

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Figure 3 Latitudinal distribution of mangrove forest of the world.



The significance of this fate of organic carbon is combination of where are mangroves located relative to flux of runoff to the oceans – wet tropics.

FIG. 8. Annual discharge into the global ocean smoothed using a 5° lat running mean from four different cases, compared with that of Baumgartner and Reichel (1975).

# 8. Accounting for Mangrove Disturbance NEP Recovery – Carbon Sequestration











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#### D. A. Friess and E. L. Webb



Summary of the different trend lines that can be extrapolated for mangrove extent in Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, the Phillippines, Singapore, the Soloman Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Daniel A. Friess and Edward L. Webb. 2014. Variability in mangrove change estimates and implications for the assessment of ecosystem service provision Global Ecology and Biogeography, 23, 715–725





Figure 1 Change in mangrove forest cover change from 1975 to 2005.

Giri, C, Zhu, Z, Tieszen, LL, Singh, A, Gillette, S, & Kelmelis, JA. (2008). Mangrove forest distributions and dynamics (1975–2005) of the tsunami-affected region of Asia. Journal of Biogeography, *35*(3), 519-528

#### Mangrove forest distribution and dynamics



#### Figure 2. Areal estimate of deforestation and afforestation from 1975 to 2005.



Figure 3 Spatial distribution of mangrove deforestation in Ayeyarwady Delta, Burma, during 1975-90, 1990-2000 and 2000-05.



Fig. 4 (continued).

Thu, Phan Minh, & Populus, Jacques. (2007). Status and changes of mangrove forest in Mekong Delta: Case study in Tra Vinh, Vietnam. *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science, 71*(1–2), 98-109.

Summary: Evidence of reforestation is about 10% of the change; deforestation is about 20 to 60%.



Fig. 5. Changes in mangrove forest in Tra Vinh from 1965–1995–2001 (Left: mangrove changes in northeast part in 1965–1996, 1995–2001 and 1965–2001, Right: Comparision of mangrove changes in two parts over period 1965–2001).

# 9A. Mangrove Disturbance and NEP Recovery - Evidence from Mangrove Plantations



In the mid-1970's the Department of Forestry in Venezuela conducted a series of clear cuts in mangroves along the San Juan River Estuary to develop a plantation system. Plots were 50 m wide by 300 m inland from shore. Recovery was measured in 1988 and 1998.

















# 9B. Mangrove Disturbance and NEP Recovery -Evidence from Mangrove Restoration















Figura 4.2-14. Salinidad intersticial máxima (0,5 m) registrada en los suelos de manglar de las cinco estaciones de monitoreo durante el periodo 1995-2013. Las flechas rojas indican la apertura de los caños Clarin (año 1996) (a), Agui legras y Renegado (año 1998) (b). Las líneas punteadas indican los límites fisiológicos máximo tolerables para las pla de mangle: Límite máximo de R. mangle=60; límite máximo de L. racemosa=80; límite máximo de A. germinans= 90

Figura 4.2-2. Área basal (m<sup>2</sup>.ha<sup>-1</sup>) de los bosques de manglar en las cinco estaciones de monitoreo en la CGSM durante el periodo 1995 – 2014.

#### Rate of Increase: 11.9 km<sup>2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>



Figura 4.2-18. Mapa de cobertura de la tierra de la CGSM para el año 2013.

### 9C. Mangrove Disturbance and NEP Recovery – Hurricane Disturbance









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**Fig. 4.** Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) values at the tower location for pre- and post-Hurricane Wilma periods during which eddy-covariance data were also available. Confidence bands represent the minimum and maximum EVI values of the site pixel and 8 adjacent pixels during each 16-day averaging period.

#### Post-hurricane Effect on Belowground Biomass (SRS-6)



Strong response of BG biomass to post-hurricane Wilma in terms of resilience.

Similar responses were observed with litterfall rates.

Higher allocation to fine root production.

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Total Basal Area with Hurricane Disturbance

# 10. Mangroves and the Global Carbon Budget



The global carbon cycle in the 1990s. Units are PgC or PgC year<sup>-1</sup>.



Based on global reviews of observations, wood production is about 600 gdm m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> or about 300 g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>. The average carbon sequestration in mangroves soils, again based on observations described above, is about 225 g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>. The sum of these two measures, (NPP<sub>W</sub> +  $\Delta$ S<sub>org</sub>), is an estimate of NEP at about 525 g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>.

Land-use changes and carbon fluxes in simulation of wetland carbon exchange. Dead plant material is indicated as 'Dead' and long-term storage as reduced carbon (mostly exported in drainage waters) as LTS. Stabilized wetlands have depleted organic soils and no longer release carbon. (Armentano and Menges 1986)



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Focus on the carbon derivative – annual carbon storage - NEP

Operational methodologies for NEP of mangroves – wood production and soil organic carbon accumulation (mangrove origin vs hinterland) – fate of net carbon export

Variation in NEP among ecogeomorphic settings to scale global estimates

Variation in NEP with disturbance – change in land use and change in NEP – Armentano method of carbon accounting





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