

**Table S1.** The number of soil samples collected from each climatic zone (CZ), agro climatic zone (ACZ) and soil order to test exchangeable copper (Cu) concentrations in paddy soils.

CZ →	Dry Zone		Intermediate Zone			Wet Zone		Total
ACZ →	Low country	Low country	Mid country	Up country	Low country	Mid country		
Soil orders ↓								
Alfisols	2454	301	12	2	2	-	2771	
Entisols	1301	154	27	5	192	35	1714	
Histosols	-	26	-	-	25	-	51	
Inceptisols	418	11	8	-	-	-	437	
Ultisols	40	385	29	3	196	8	661	
Vertisols	121	-	-	-	-	-	121	
	4334	877	76	10	415	43		
Total	4334	963			458		5755	

Note: soil order of some samples was not known, therefore the sample size stated in this table is less than the total number of samples collected, i.e. <7,544.