

**Table S3.** The number of soil samples collected from each climatic zone (CZ), agro-climatic zone (ACZ), and soil order to test EC in soil.

CZ →	Dry Zone		Intermediate Zone			Wet Zone		Total
ACZ →	Dry zone	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Wet	Wet		
Soil order ↓	Low	zone Low	zone Mid	zone Up	zone	zone		
	country	country	country	country	Low	Mid	country	country
Alfisols	3588	401	14	2	10	-	4015	
Entisols	1831	213	32	5	279	47	2407	
Histosols	-	27	-	-	47	-	74	
Inceptisols	542	15	11	-	-	-	568	
Ultisols	52	622	34	18	412	13	1151	
Vertisols	216	-	-	-	-	-	216	
Total	6229	1278	91	25	748	60		
	6229		1394		808		8431	

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., < 8,801. Soil orders and climatic zones are classified according to [27] and [30].