

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].