In each site, two SFD plots were established, one up slope and one down slope, both perpendicular to the main slope direction (See Fig. S1). Total size of each plot is $20 \times 50$ m, divided in $5 \times 5$ m quadrants. Grey quadrants: All plants $\geq 1$ cm DBH (Trees, shrubs, palms, lianas). White quadrants: all trees, shrubs and palms $\geq 5$ cm DBH and lianas $\geq 1$ cm DBH. Black 1×1 m quadrants: seedlings 20-80 cm height.