

Supplementary Materials for **Effects of conservation policy on China's forest recovery**

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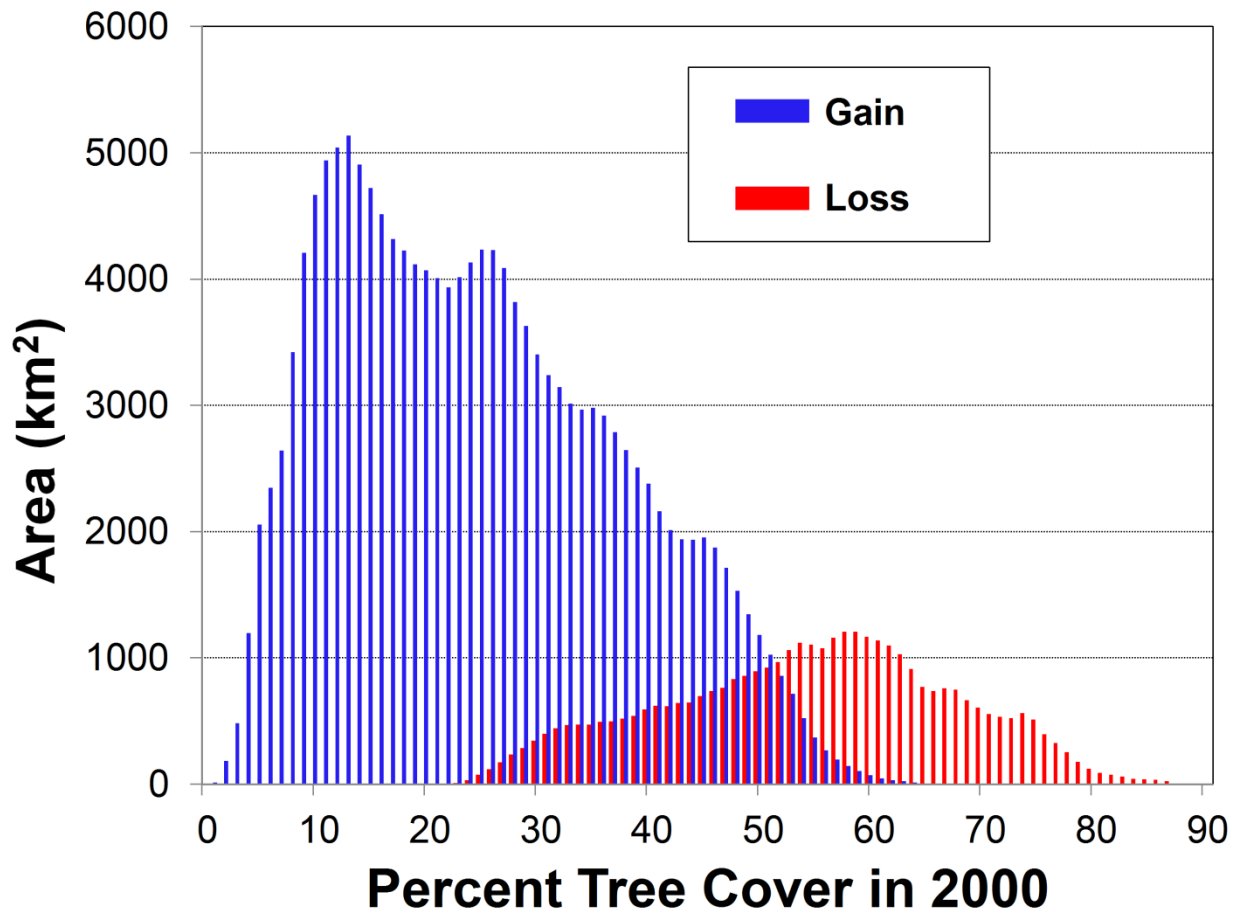


Fig. S1. Histogram of dynamic pixels. Frequency histograms of the percent tree cover in 2000 of the pixels exhibiting statistically significant forest cover gain/loss across the 2000-2010 time period.

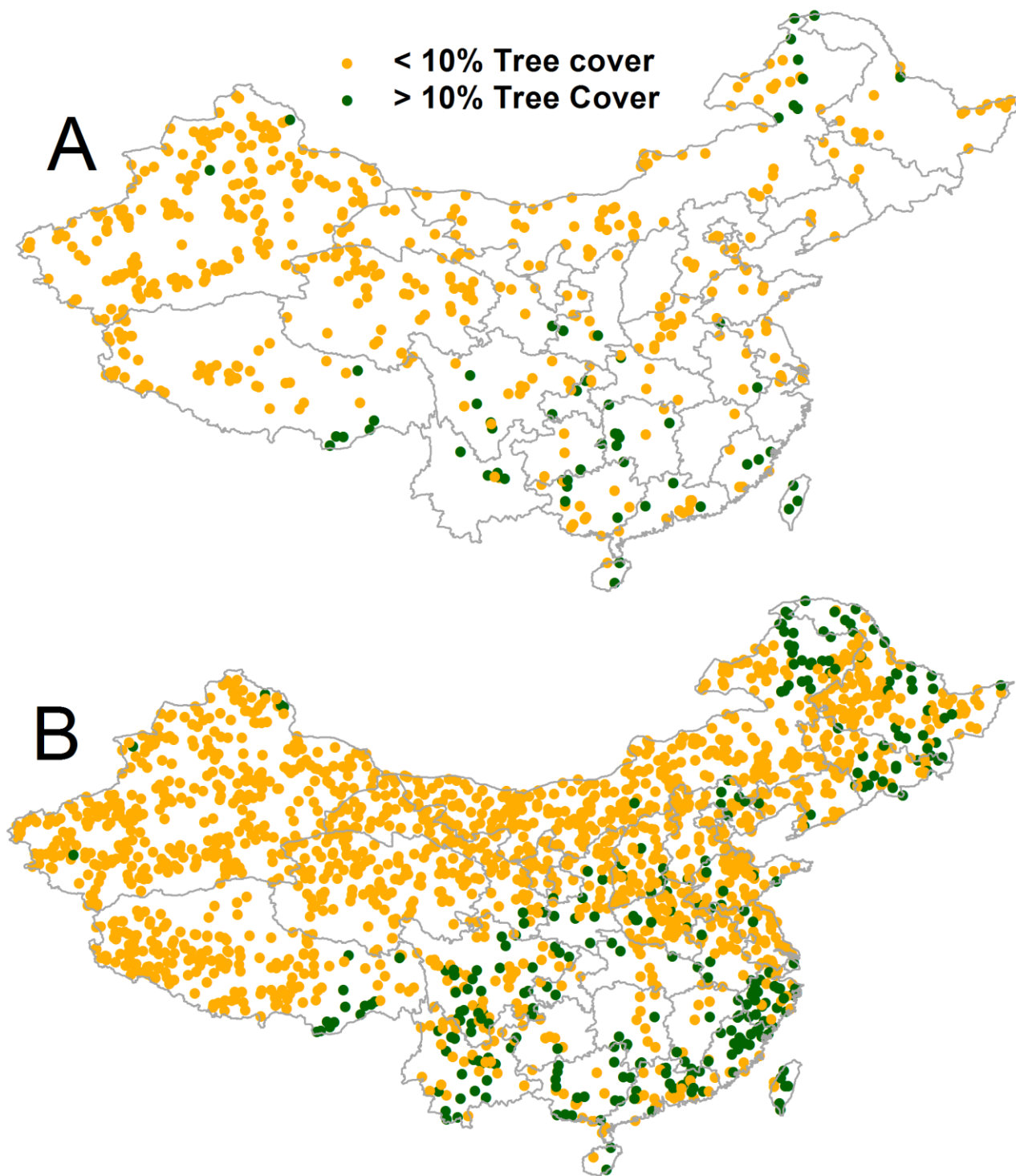


Fig. S2. Distribution of validation polygons. Locations of polygons randomly distributed throughout China used for validating the MODIS VCF tree cover product of (A) 2000 and (B) 2010. Polygons correspond to province boundaries.

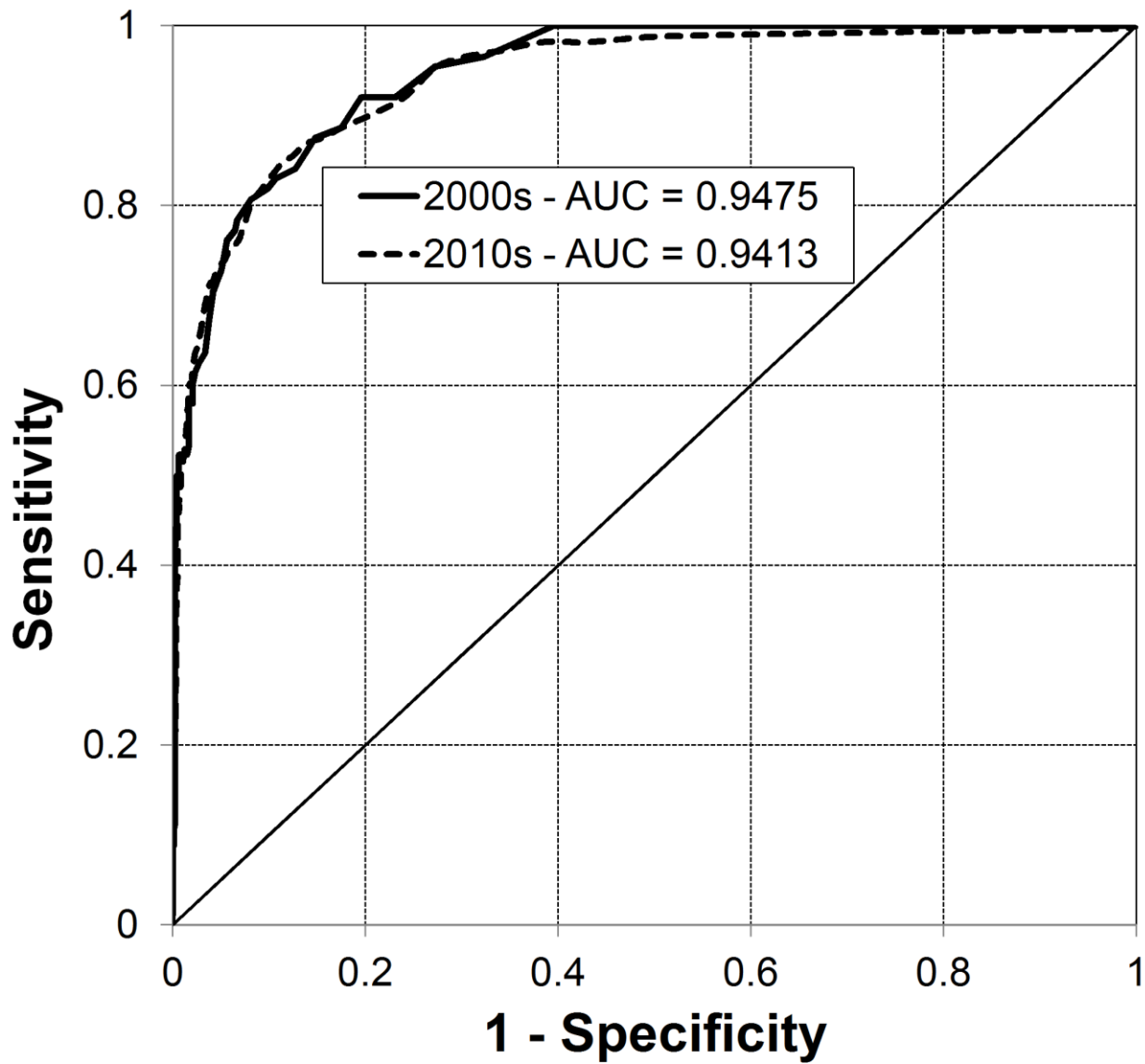


Fig. S3. Validation of the MODIS VCF. Results of the threshold independent validation procedure (Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve; AUC) of the MODIS VCF tree cover datasets of 2000 and 2010. The 45-degree line represents an AUC = 0.5 (i.e., random prediction).

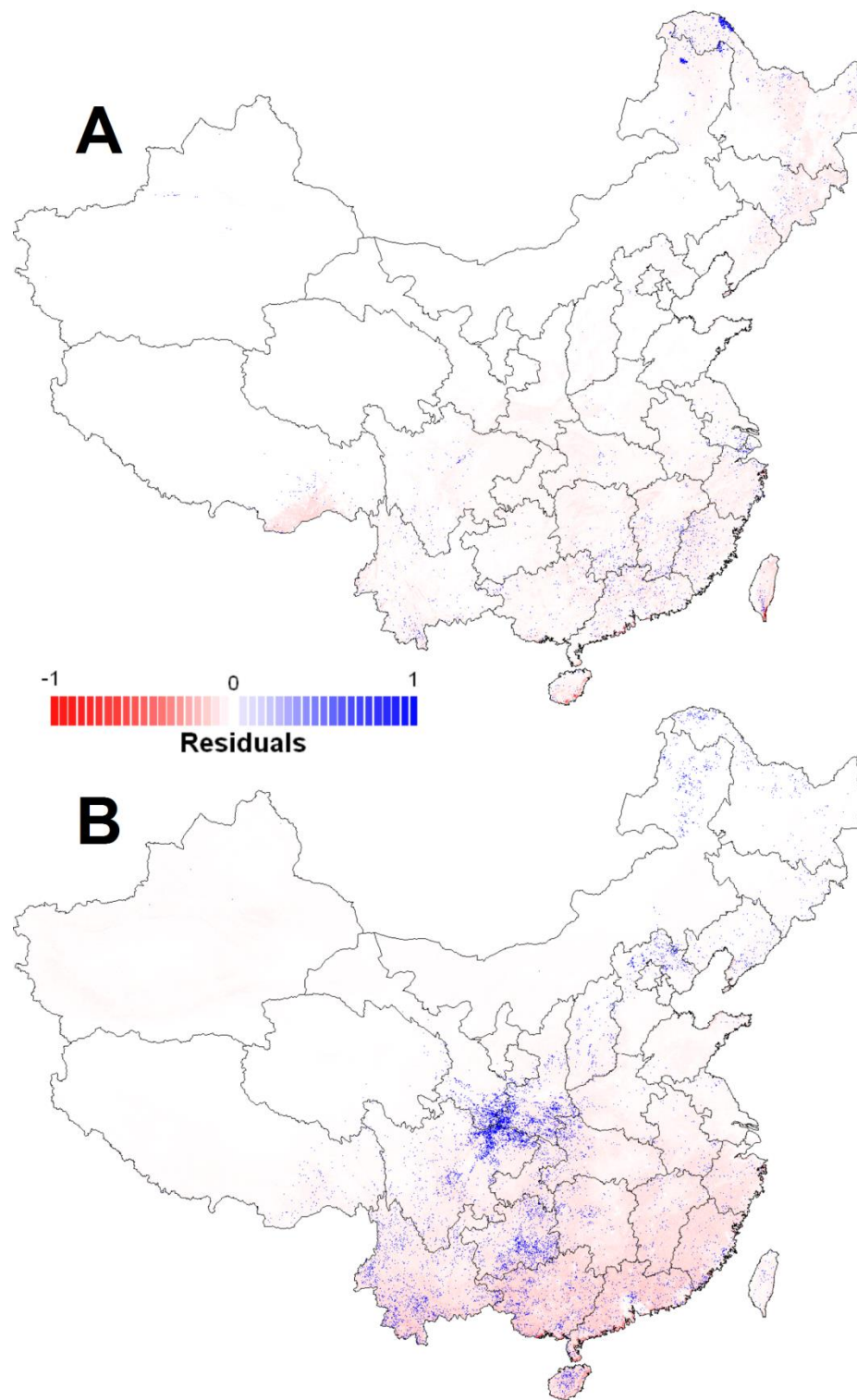


Fig. S4. Distribution of model residuals. Residuals of logistic regression models developed to assess the probability of (A) forest loss and (B) forest gain, using eleven pixel-based biophysical and demographic variables (coefficients are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively, in the main text) as independent predictors.