

# Ecological analysis of Kashin-Beck osteoarthropathy risk factors in Tibet's Qamdo Prefecture, China

Xinjie Zha<sup>1, 2</sup>, Xing Gao<sup>1,\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>State Key Laboratory of Resources and Environmental Information System, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100101, China

<sup>2</sup>University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100049, China

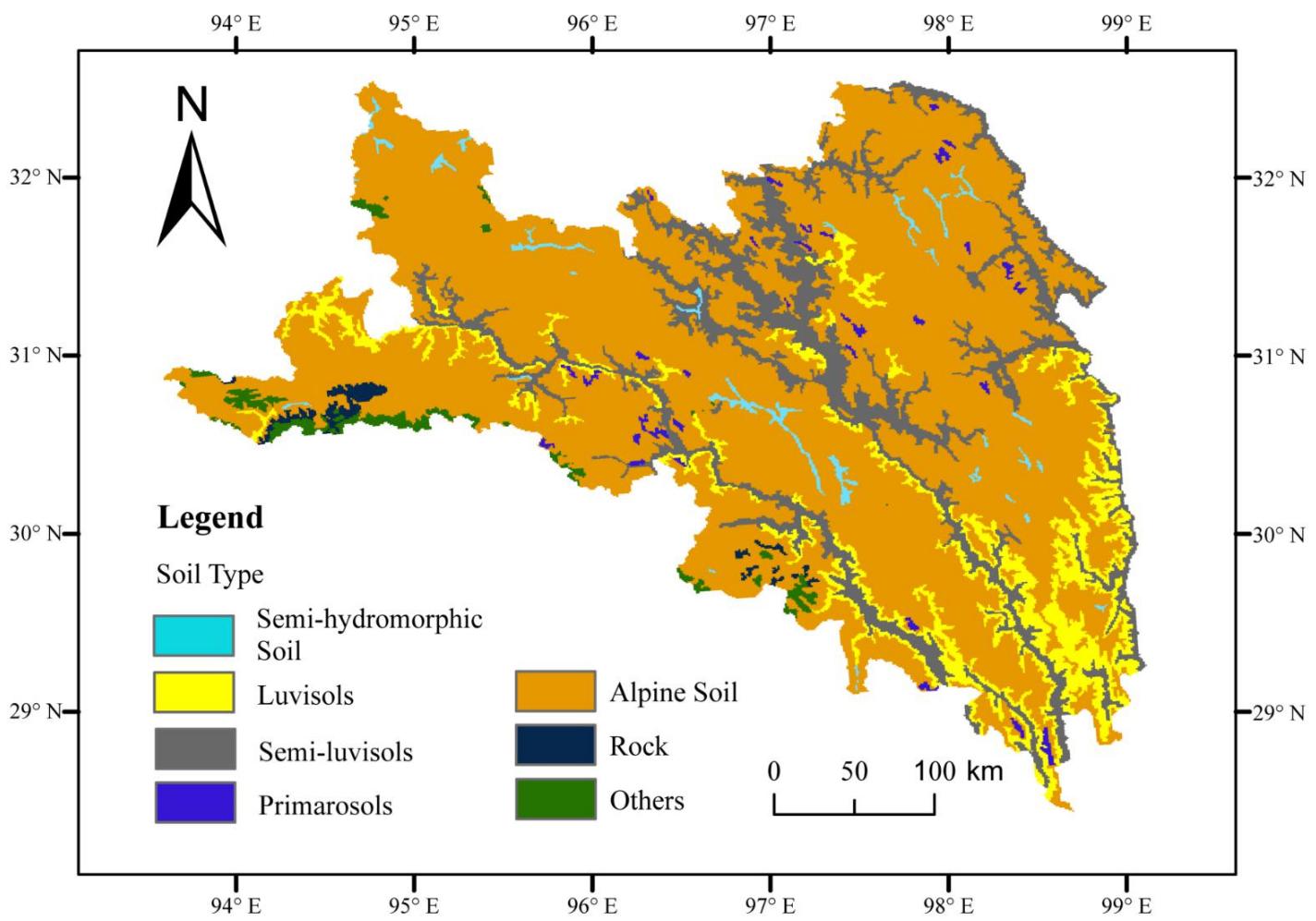
\*Corresponding. [gxing@igsnrr.ac.cn](mailto:gxing@igsnrr.ac.cn)

C=A∩B	A	B	D=A+B	Result	Interaction
TEC∩MI=0.777	0.560	0.334	0.894	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
MI∩GDP=0.760	0.334	0.314	0.648	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
TEC∩STR=0.731	0.560	0.467	1.027	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
STR∩GDP=0.710	0.467	0.314	0.781	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
MI∩PRE=0.689	0.334	0.294	0.628	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
STR∩MI=0.682	0.467	0.334	0.801	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
STR∩PRE=0.679	0.467	0.294	0.761	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
TEC∩PRE=0.674	0.560	0.294	0.854	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
TEC∩GDP=0.673	0.560	0.314	0.874	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
TEC∩TEM=0.640	0.560	0.051	0.611	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
GDP∩PRE=0.628	0.314	0.294	0.608	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
TEC∩SOI=0.614	0.560	0.117	0.677	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
ELE∩TEC=0.597	0.560	0.081	0.641	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
VEG∩TEC=0.595	0.560	0.043	0.603	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
GEO∩TEC=0.592	0.560	0.042	0.602	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
GRO∩TEC=0.573	0.560	0.088	0.648	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
GEO∩STR=0.573	0.467	0.042	0.509	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
SD∩TEC=0.563	0.560	0.012	0.572	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
SA∩TEC=0.562	0.560	0.003	0.563	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
GRO∩STR=0.556	0.467	0.088	0.555	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
TEM∩STR=0.55	0.467	0.051	0.518	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
SOI∩STR=0.545	0.467	0.117	0.584	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
ELE∩STR=0.534	0.467	0.081	0.548	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	↑
GRO∩GDP=0.518	0.314	0.088	0.402	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
VEG∩STR=0.514	0.467	0.043	0.510	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
SD∩STR=0.482	0.467	0.012	0.479	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑
SA∩STR=0.477	0.467	0.003	0.470	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	↑↑

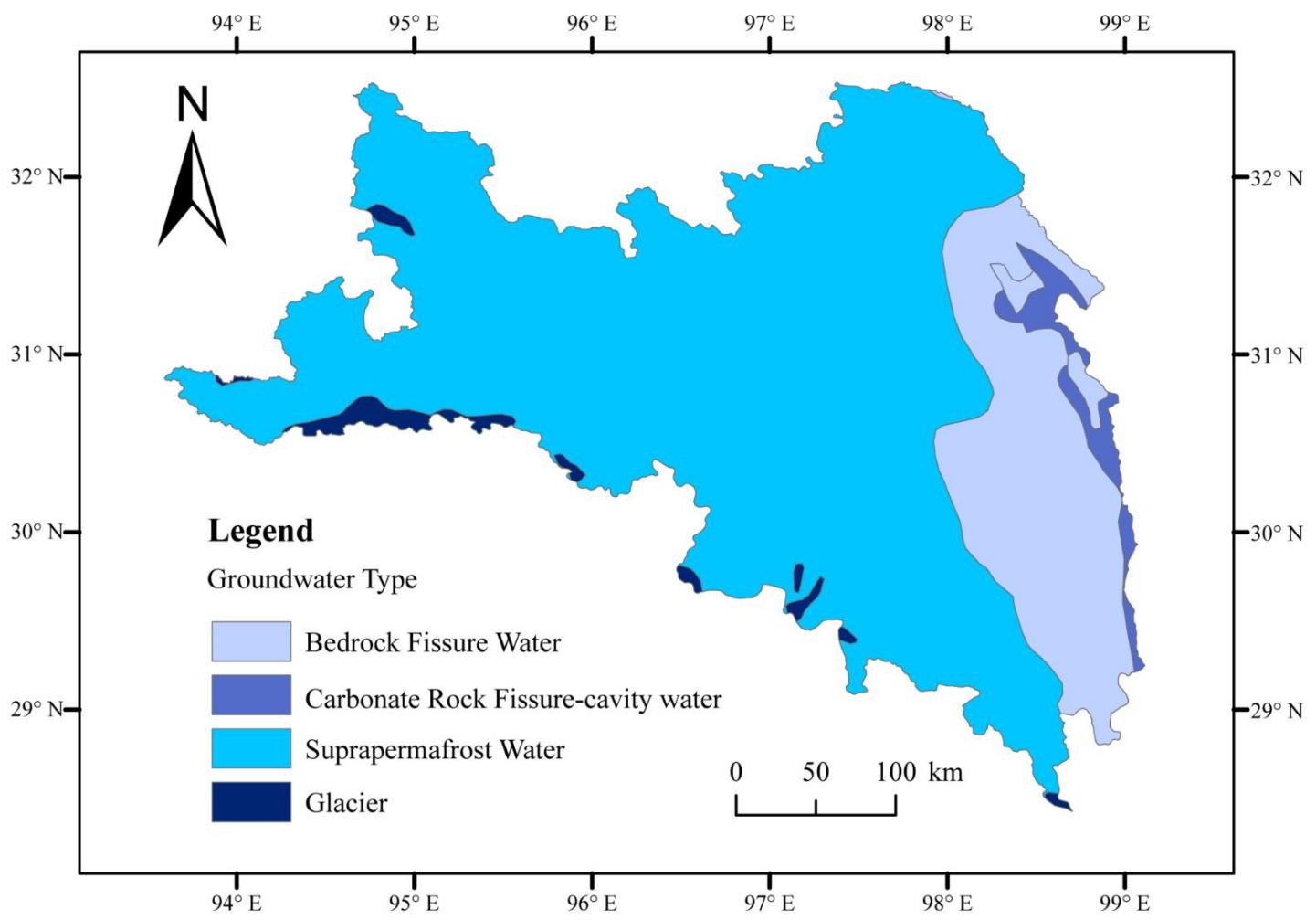
GRO $\cap$ PRE=0.456	0.294	0.088	0.382	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ PRE=0.428	0.294	0.051	0.345	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SOI $\cap$ PRE=0.419	0.294	0.117	0.411	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ PRE=0.416	0.294	0.042	0.336	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ GDP=0.412	0.314	0.042	0.356	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SOI $\cap$ MI=0.405	0.334	0.117	0.451	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
SOI $\cap$ GDP=0.391	0.314	0.117	0.431	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ GDP=0.391	0.314	0.043	0.357	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
ELE $\cap$ PRE=0.39	0.294	0.081	0.375	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GRO $\cap$ MI=0.385	0.334	0.088	0.422	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ GDP=0.385	0.314	0.051	0.365	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ MI=0.384	0.334	0.043	0.377	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ MI=0.382	0.334	0.042	0.376	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
ELE $\cap$ MI=0.374	0.334	0.081	0.415	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ MI=0.371	0.334	0.051	0.385	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
ELE $\cap$ GDP=0.369	0.314	0.081	0.395	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ MI=0.347	0.334	0.012	0.346	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ GDP=0.343	0.314	0.012	0.326	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SA $\cap$ MI=0.342	0.334	0.003	0.337	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ PRE=0.341	0.294	0.043	0.337	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SA $\cap$ GDP=0.319	0.314	0.003	0.317	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SA $\cap$ PRE=0.304	0.294	0.003	0.297	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ PRE=0.302	0.294	0.012	0.306	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ SOI=0.19	0.117	0.042	0.159	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ SOI=0.168	0.117	0.043	0.160	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GRO $\cap$ SOI=0.167	0.117	0.088	0.205	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
ELE $\cap$ SOI=0.155	0.117	0.081	0.198	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ GRO=0.155	0.088	0.042	0.130	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ ELE=0.154	0.081	0.042	0.123	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ SOI=0.151	0.117	0.051	0.168	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ GRO=0.146	0.088	0.043	0.131	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ SOI=0.144	0.117	0.012	0.129	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ ELE=0.133	0.081	0.051	0.132	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
ELE $\cap$ GRO=0.131	0.088	0.081	0.169	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ ELE=0.126	0.081	0.043	0.124	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SA $\cap$ SOI=0.122	0.117	0.003	0.120	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ ELE=0.119	0.081	0.012	0.093	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
TEM $\cap$ GRO=0.117	0.088	0.051	0.139	C<D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ TEM=0.114	0.051	0.042	0.093	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
VEG $\cap$ TEM=0.102	0.051	0.043	0.094	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
SD $\cap$ GRO=0.101	0.088	0.012	0.100	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$
GEO $\cap$ VEG=0.098	0.043	0.042	0.085	C>D; C>Max(A,B)	$\uparrow\uparrow$

$SA \cap GRO = 0.09$	0.088	0.003	0.091	$C < D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow$
$SD \cap TEM = 0.086$	0.051	0.012	0.063	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SA \cap ELE = 0.085$	0.081	0.003	0.084	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SD \cap GEO = 0.074$	0.042	0.012	0.054	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SA \cap TEM = 0.059$	0.051	0.003	0.054	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SD \cap VEG = 0.053$	0.043	0.012	0.055	$C < D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow$
$SA \cap GEO = 0.05$	0.042	0.003	0.045	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SA \cap VEG = 0.048$	0.043	0.003	0.046	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$SA \cap SD = 0.018$	0.012	0.003	0.015	$C > D; C > \text{Max}(A, B)$	$\uparrow\uparrow$

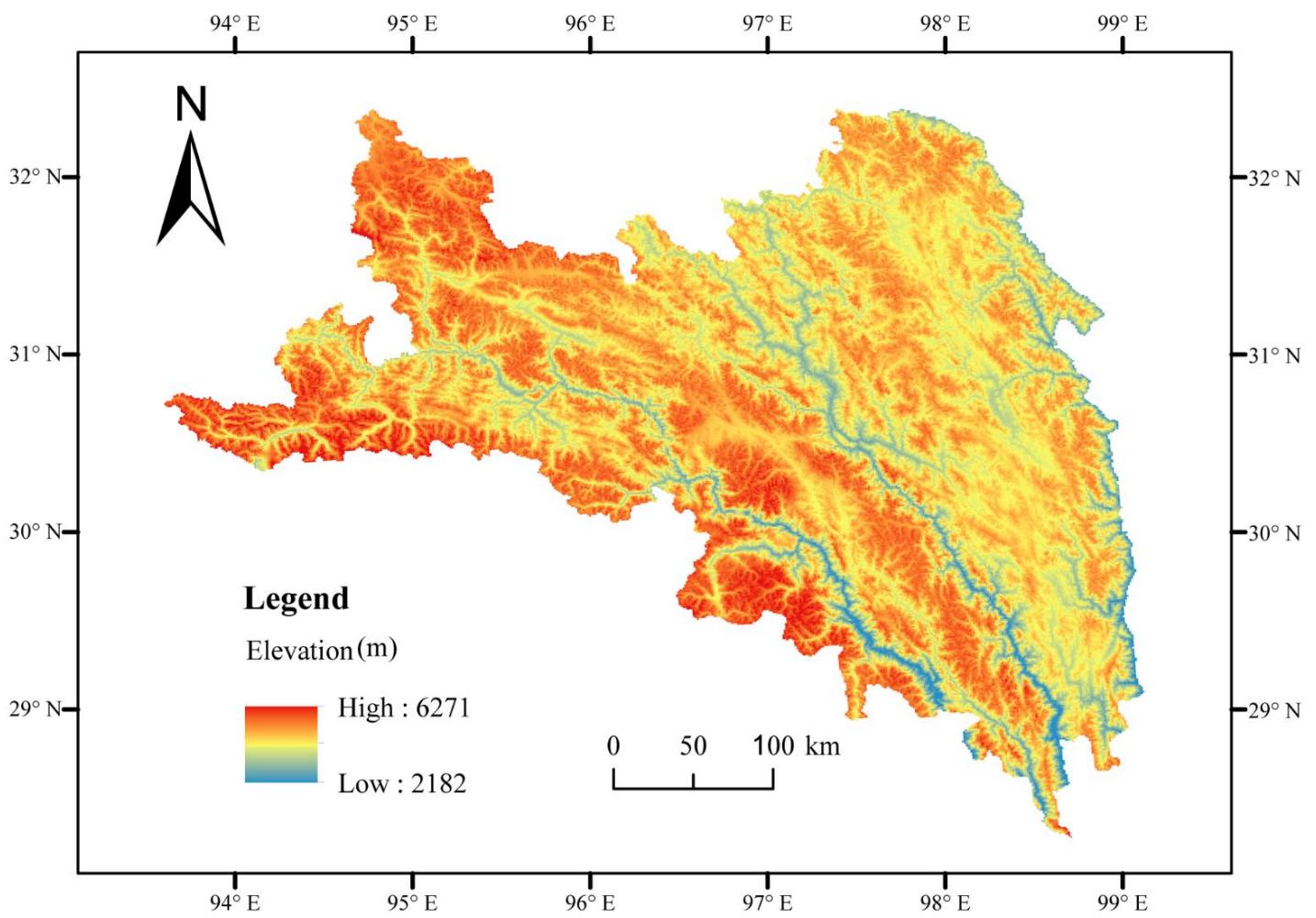
**Table S1. Interactive q-statistic values between pairs of risk factors.** “ $\uparrow$ ” denotes A and B bivariate enhance each other; “ $\uparrow\uparrow$ ” denotes nonlinear enhancement of A and B. The 13 risk factors (TEC, STR, MI, GDP, PRE, SOI, GRO, ELE, TEM, VEG, GEO, SD and SA) are all included.



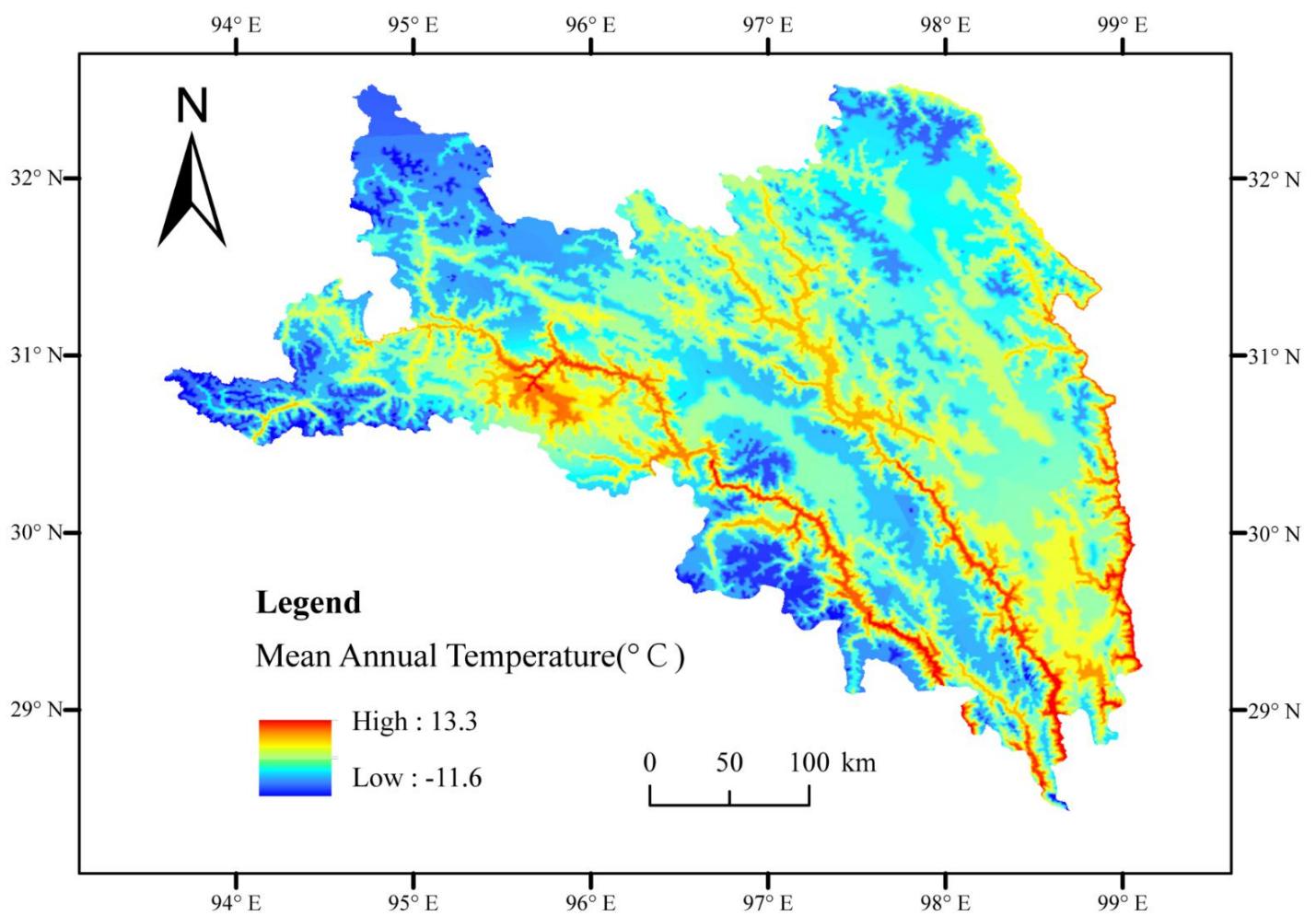
**Figure S1. Soil types of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).



**Figure S2. Groundwater types of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).



**Figure S3. Elevation of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).



**Figure S4. Mean annual temperature of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).

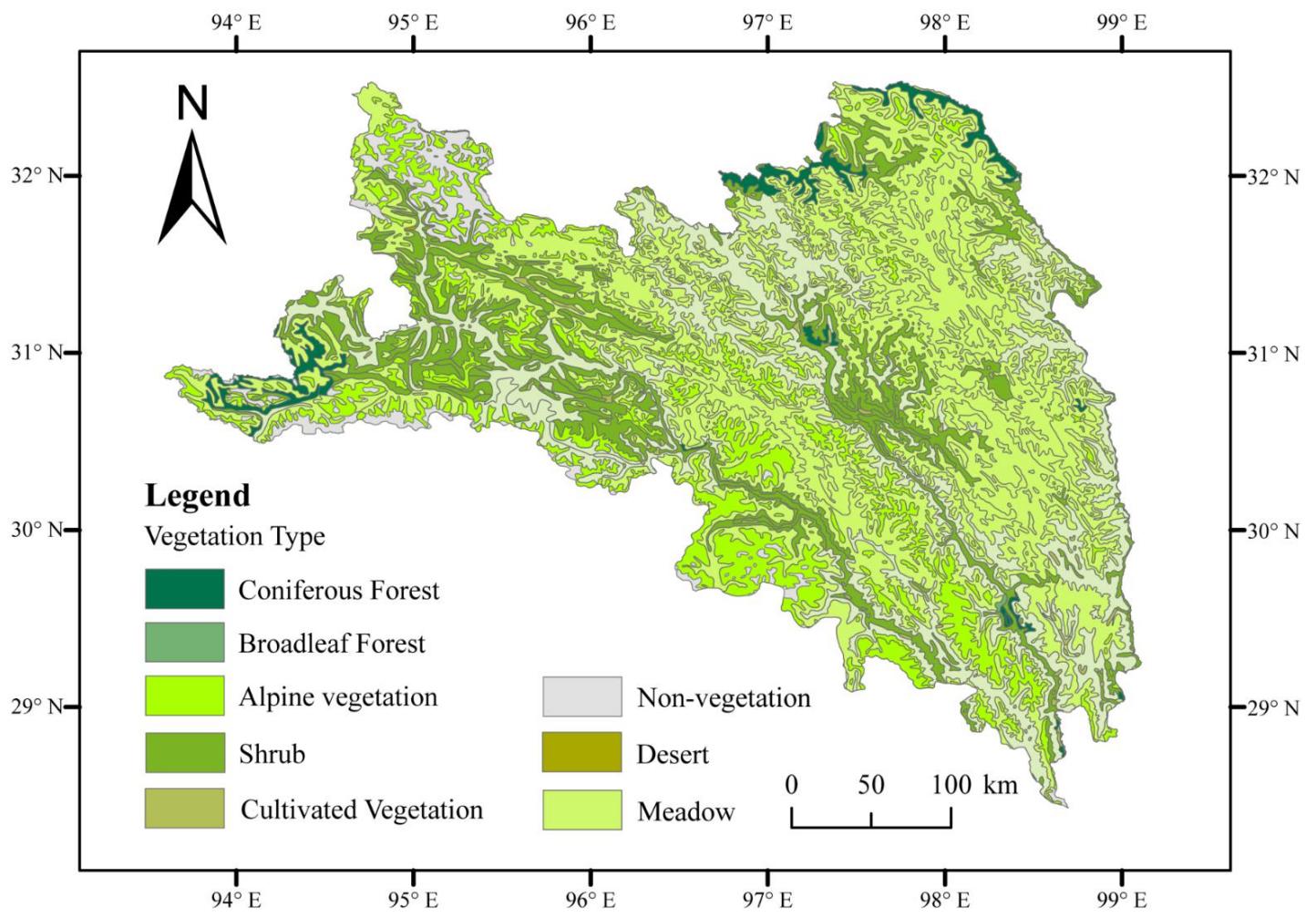
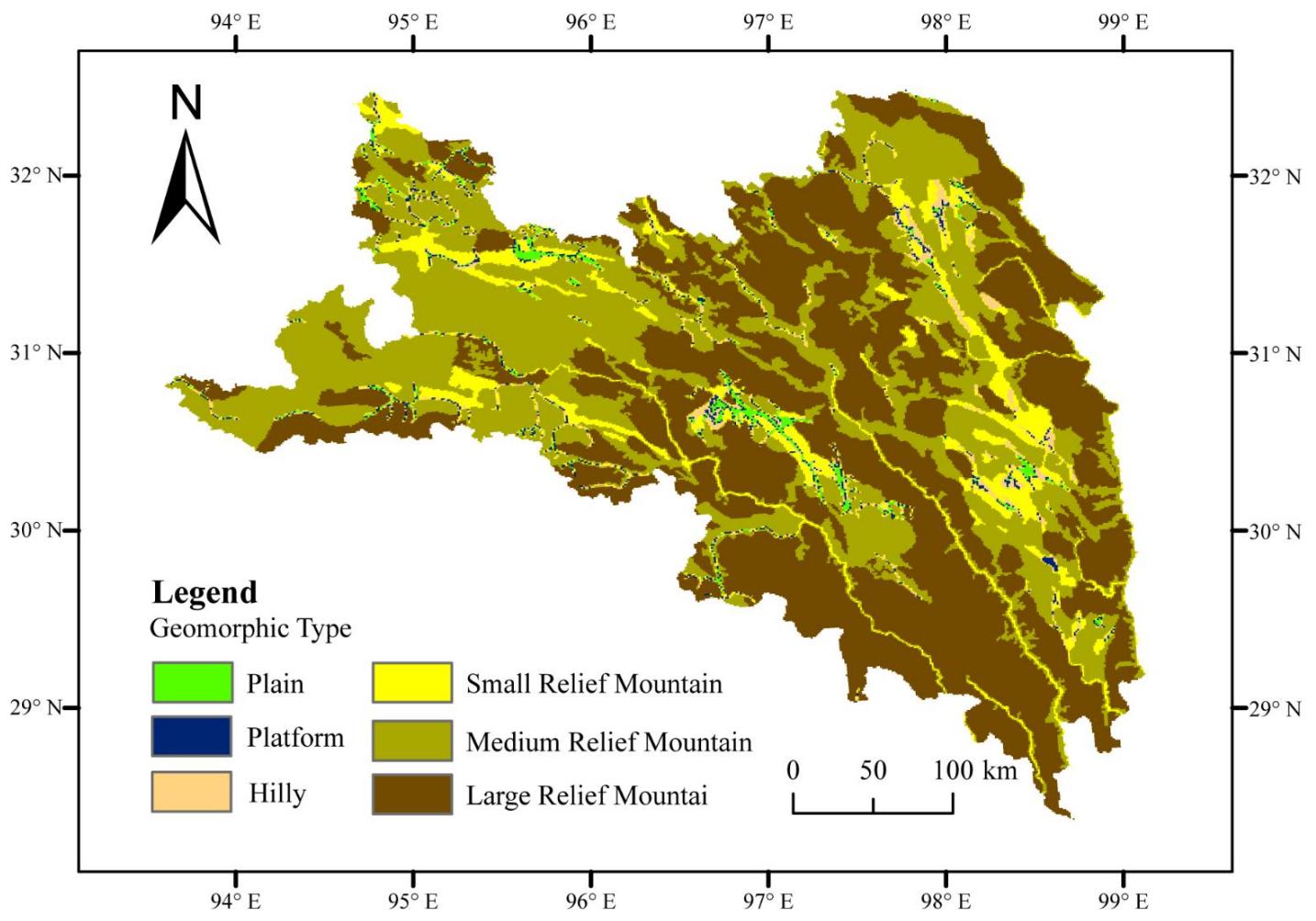


Figure S5. Vegetation types of the Qamdo prefecture. It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).



**Figure S6. Geomorphic types of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).

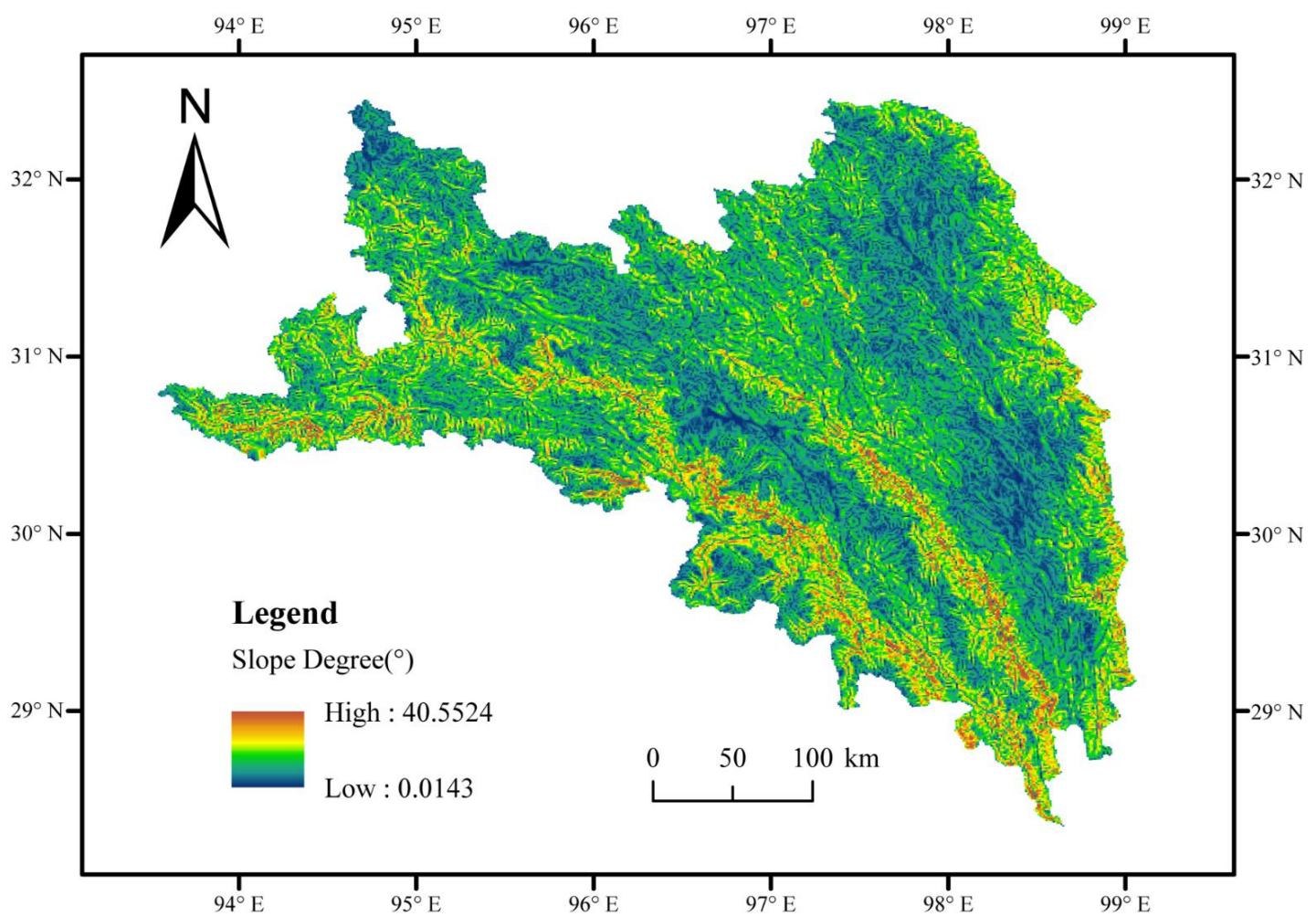
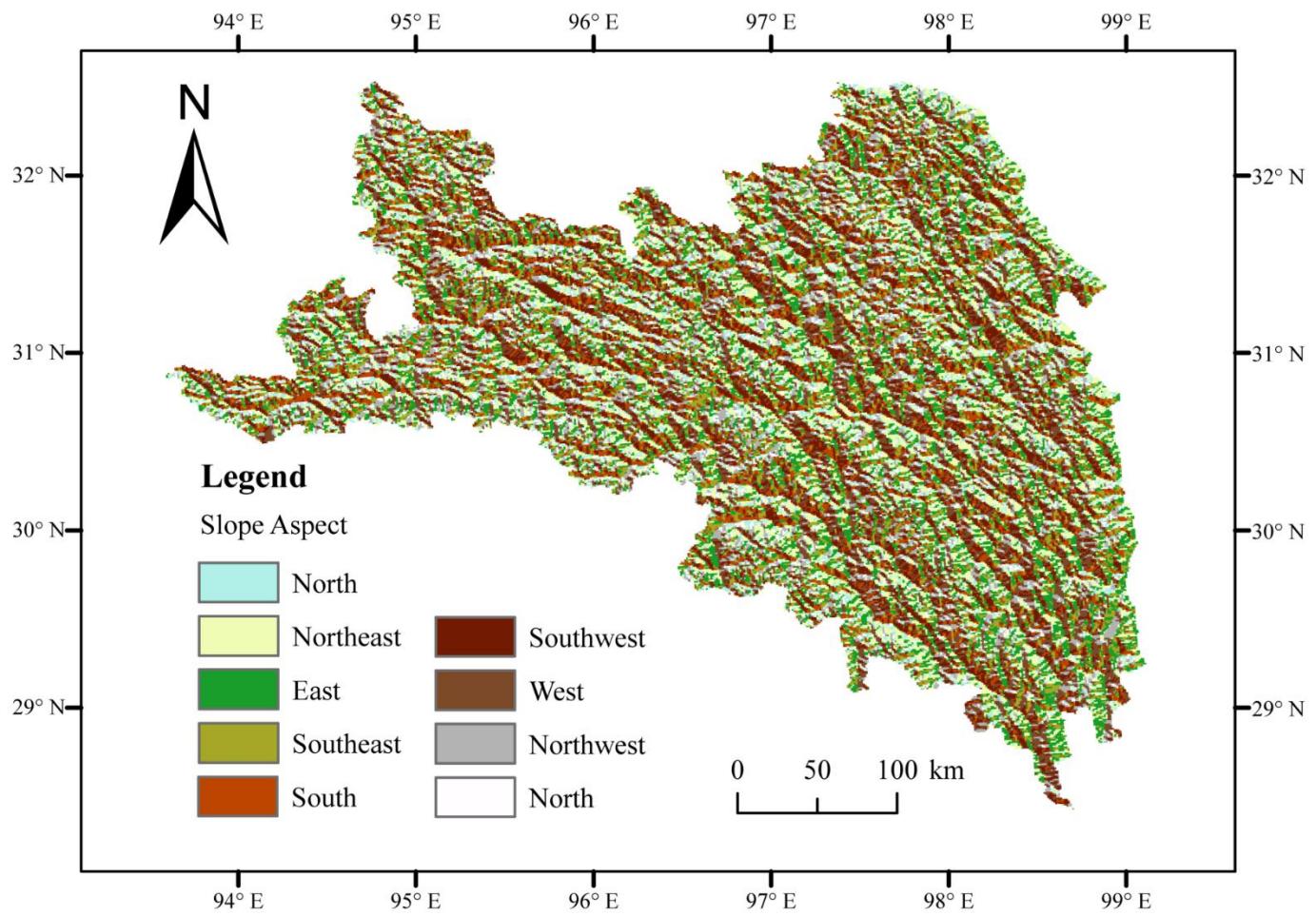


Figure S7. Slope degree of the Qamdo prefecture. It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).



**Figure S8. Slope aspect of the Qamdo prefecture.** It was generated by ArcGIS 10.2 (<http://www.esri.com/>).