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Mapping the reduction in gross primary productivity in subarctic birch forests due to insect outbreaks

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PAR modelled GPP

The Michaelis-Menten light response curve (Eq. S1; Falge et al. 2001) was fitted to daytime NEE from the growing season of 2009.

$$NEE = -(F_{csat} + R_d) \left[1 - e^{\frac{-\alpha Q}{F_{csat} + R_d}} \right] + R_d \quad (S1)$$

where F_{csat} ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is net photosynthesis at light saturation level, R_d ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is daytime ecosystem respiration, α ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} / \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is quantum efficiency and Q ($\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is PAR. Since the aim was to check how light available for photosynthesis influenced GPP for all years, one arbitrary chosen year was sufficient to get comparable results. Parameters of the fit were: $F_{csat} = 5.052$, $R_d = 1.933$, $\alpha = 0.02219$. The GPP model was based on a modified Michaelis-Menten light response function (Eq. S2) and GPP was computed according to Eq. S3.

$$GPP = R_d - NEE \quad (S2)$$

$$GPP = (F_{csat} + R_d) \left[1 - e^{\frac{-\alpha Q}{F_{csat} + R_d}} \right] \quad (S3)$$

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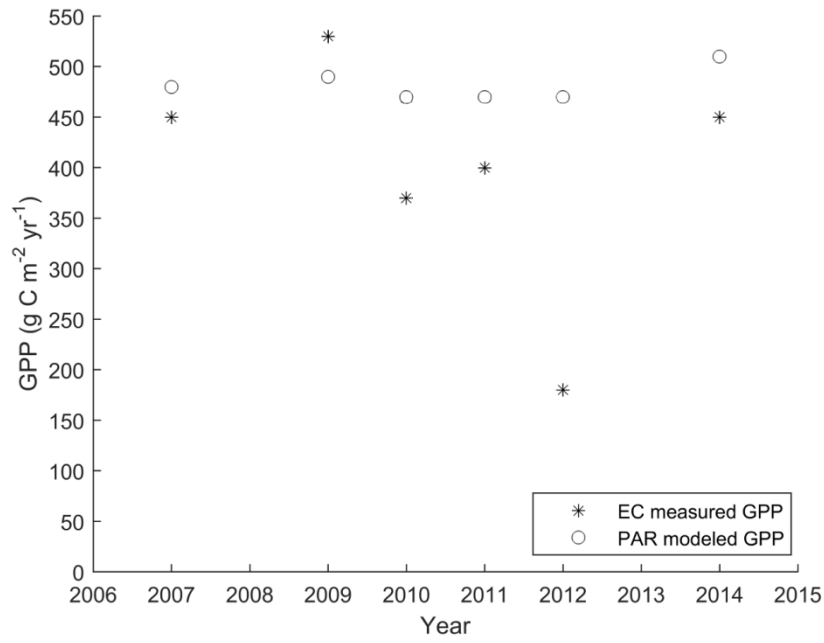


Figure S1. PAR modelled and EC measured GPP for the years 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014.

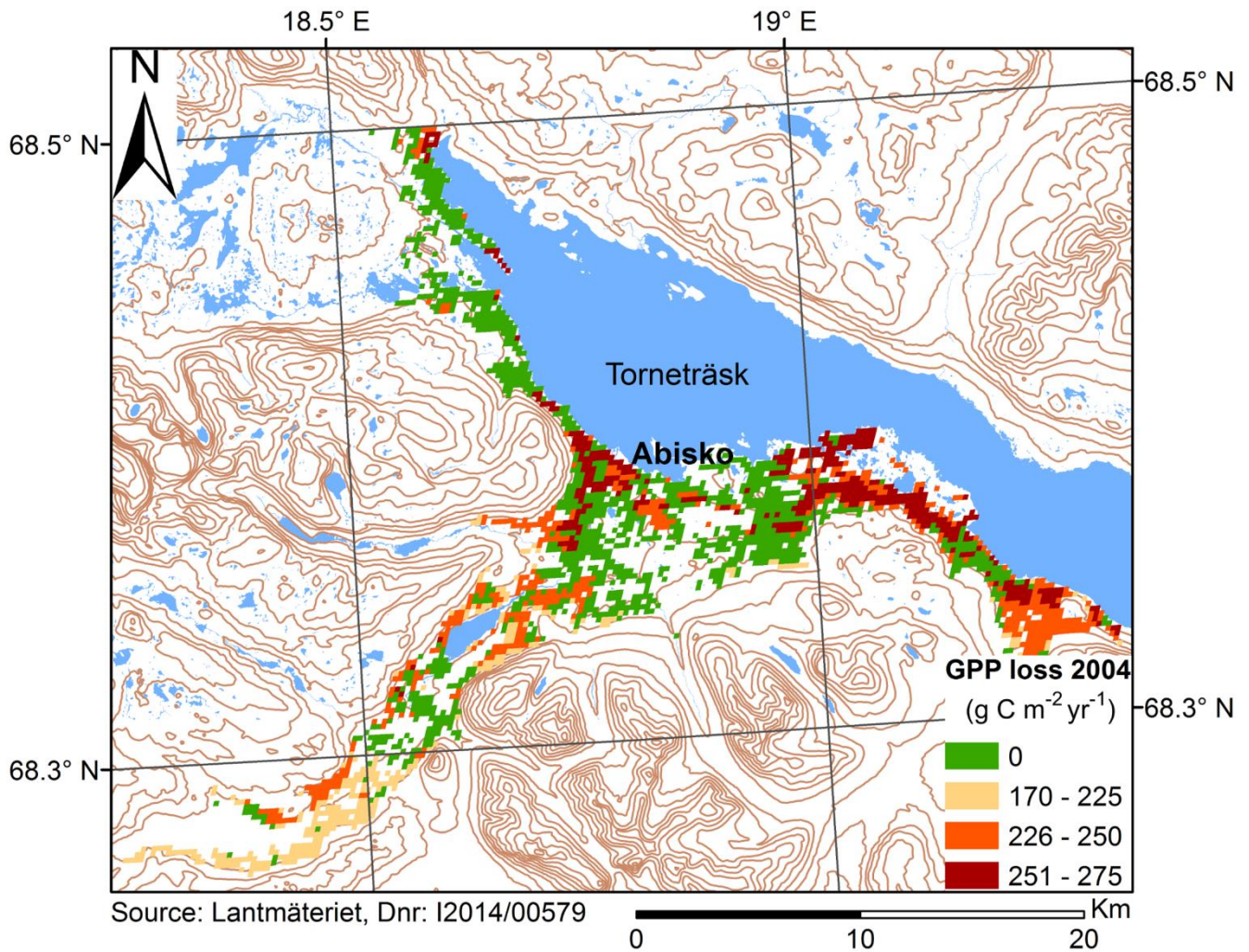


Figure S2. Reduction in annual GPP ($\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$) due to the outbreak of autumnal moth and winter moth in 2004 computed with a LUE model also for defoliation (Method 2). One standard deviation of the GPP losses is estimated to 35% of the given values. Areas with only the background map have a canopy cover less than 50% or are outside the study area shown in Fig. 1. The reference system is SWEREF99 TM and latitude and longitude are in WGS84. Source of background map: Lantmäteriet (Dnr: I2014/00579).

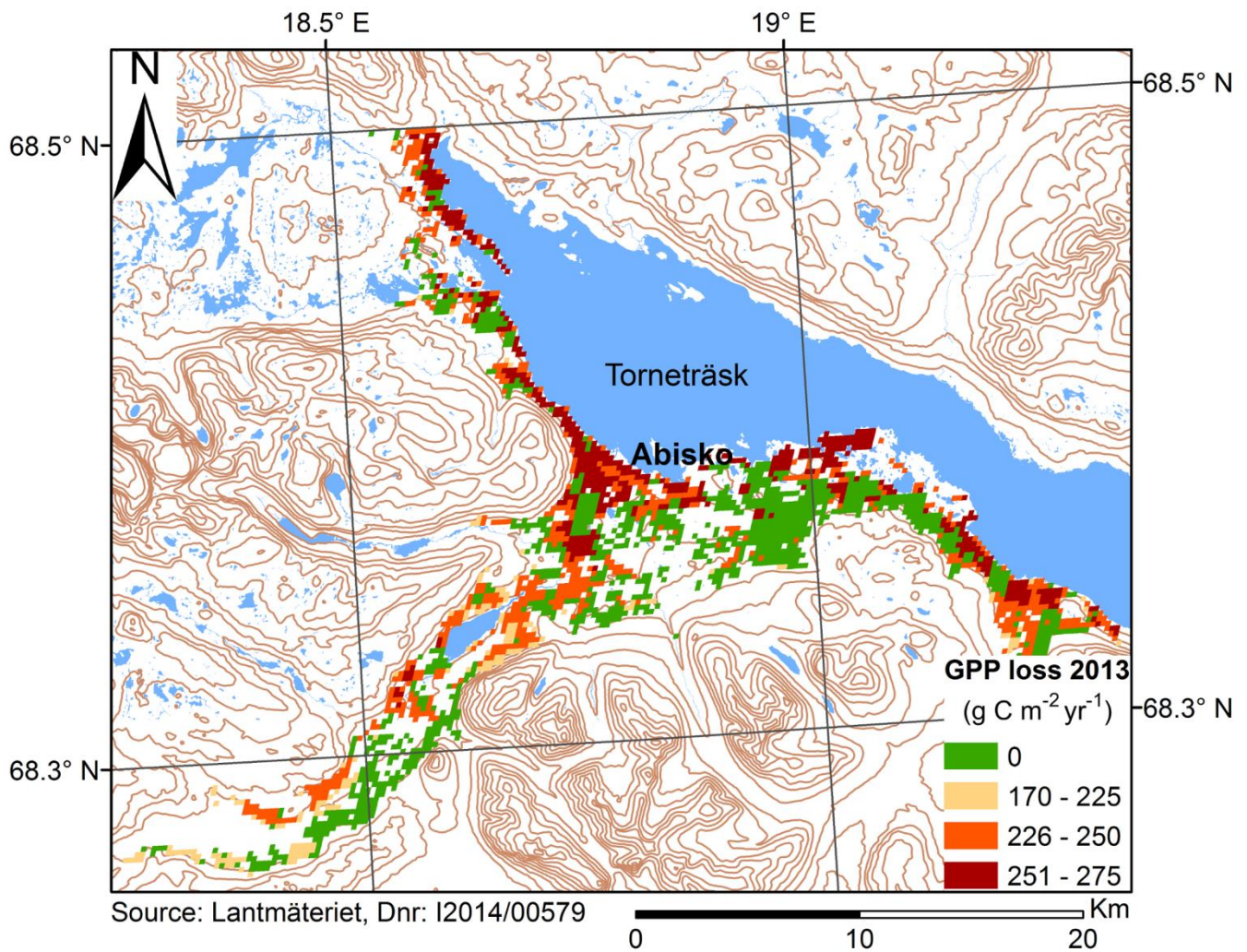


Figure S3. Reduction in annual GPP ($\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$) due to the outbreak of autumnal moth and winter moth in 2013 computed with a LUE model also for defoliation (Method 2). One standard deviation of the GPP losses is estimated to 35% of the given values. Areas with only the background map have a canopy cover less than 50% or are outside the study area shown in Fig. 1. The reference system is SWEREF99 TM and latitude and longitude are in WGS84. Source of background map: Lantmäteriet (Dnr: I2014/00579).

Table S1. Variables used in the developed method with descriptions.

Variable	Description
ϵ_{\max}	Maximum light use efficiency for undisturbed birch forest
$\epsilon_{\max, \text{def}}$	Maximum light use efficiency for defoliated birch forest
$f_{8\text{day}}$	Reduction factor that reduces ϵ_{\max} depending in temperature
$f\text{APAR}_{8\text{day}}$	fAPAR for a MODIS 8-day period
$\text{GDD}_{\text{thres}}$	Threshold set to control when temperature no longer influences ϵ_{\max}
GPP_{lue}	GPP estimated with the LUE model
GPP_{EC}	GPP derived from the EC-data
NDVI_{DL}	NDVI smoothed with double logistic functions in TIMESAT
P_{frost}	Reduction factor the influence $f_{8\text{day}}$ depending on frost events
$\text{PAR}_{8\text{day}}$	Mean daily PAR over an MODIS 8-day period
S_{GDD}	Reduction factor that influence $f_{8\text{day}}$ depending on P_{frost} and GDD
$T_{\text{mean}8}$	Mean temperature for a MODIS 8-day period
$T_{\text{min}8}$	Min temp for a MODIS 8-day period
T_{thres}	Factor controlling how $T_{\text{mean}8}$ influences $f_{8\text{day}}$ in the 2 nd part of the season