## Supplement of

# Experiments of the efficacy of tree ring blue intensity as a climate proxy in central and western China 

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Fig.S1 ADS detrended chronologies of RW, EWB, and LWB $_{\text {inv }}$. Shading indicates sample depth.


Fig.S2 Correlation response function analysis (1951-2012) using RW chronologies with CRU TS4.05 mean temperatures, precipitation, and PDSI


Fig.S3 Correlation response function analysis (1951-2012) using monthly TMP with EWB and $\mathrm{LWB}_{\text {inv. }}$. The bars in each monthly group represent different percentile extraction ADS chronology variants, specifically P50:50, P60:40, P70:30, P80:20, P85:15, P90:10, and P95:5, respectively.


Fig.S4 as Fig.S3, but correlations for PRE with EWB and LWB inv


Fig.S5 as Fig.S3, but correlations for scPDSI with EWB and LWB inv

Table S1 CV, AC1, and Rbar for each ADS detrended chronology

| Site |  | Extraction | Parameter | CV | AC1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WL | RW | RW | 0.536 | 0.642 | Rbar |
| XRH | RW | RW | 0.429 | 0.707 | 0.42 |
| JHL | RW | RW | 0.636 | 0.7 | 0.376 |
| YL | RW | RW | 0.470 | 0.606 | 0.241 |
| LJS | RW | RW | 0.578 | 0.814 | 0.235 |
| WL | P50:50 | EWB | 0.056 | 0.425 | 0.161 |
| WL | P60:40 | EWB | 0.055 | 0.429 | 0.159 |
| WL | P70:30 | EWB | 0.054 | 0.435 | 0.156 |
| WL | P80:20 | EWB | 0.053 | 0.442 | 0.154 |
| WL | P85:15 | EWB | 0.053 | 0.447 | 0.154 |
| WL | P90:10 | EWB | 0.052 | 0.449 | 0.154 |
| WL | P95:5 | EWB | 0.052 | 0.451 | 0.154 |
| XRH | P50:50 | EWB | 0.070 | 0.329 | 0.09 |
| XRH | P60:40 | EWB | 0.069 | 0.330 | 0.089 |
| XRH | P70:30 | EWB | 0.068 | 0.334 | 0.088 |
| XRH | P80:20 | EWB | 0.067 | 0.332 | 0.088 |
| XRH | P85:15 | EWB | 0.067 | 0.331 | 0.089 |
| XRH | P90:10 | EWB | 0.066 | 0.329 | 0.088 |
| XRH | P95:5 | EWB | 0.066 | 0.327 | 0.089 |
| JHL | P50:50 | EWB | 0.055 | 0.628 | 0.088 |
| JHL | P60:40 | EWB | 0.056 | 0.625 | 0.089 |


| JHL | P70:30 | EWB | 0.062 | 0.574 | 0.097 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JHL | P80:20 | EWB | 0.061 | 0.589 | 0.096 |
| JHL | P85:15 | EWB | 0.060 | 0.592 | 0.096 |
| JHL | P90:10 | EWB | 0.060 | 0.596 | 0.095 |
| JHL | P95:5 | EWB | 0.059 | 0.597 | 0.095 |
| YL | P50:50 | EWB | 0.058 | 0.186 | 0.136 |
| YL | P60:40 | EWB | 0.058 | 0.190 | 0.137 |
| YL | P70:30 | EWB | 0.057 | 0.192 | 0.138 |
| YL | P80:20 | EWB | 0.057 | 0.198 | 0.139 |
| YL | P85:15 | EWB | 0.057 | 0.200 | 0.139 |
| YL | P90:10 | EWB | 0.057 | 0.202 | 0.139 |
| YL | P95:5 | EWB | 0.056 | 0.203 | 0.14 |
| LJS | P50:50 | EWB | 0.084 | 0.522 | 0.099 |
| LJS | P60:40 | EWB | 0.083 | 0.530 | 0.098 |
| LJS | P70:30 | EWB | 0.083 | 0.531 | 0.098 |
| LJS | P80:20 | EWB | 0.082 | 0.531 | 0.098 |
| LJS | P85:15 | EWB | 0.081 | 0.532 | 0.098 |
| LJS | P90:10 | EWB | 0.081 | 0.532 | 0.099 |
| LJS | P95:5 | EWB | 0.080 | 0.534 | 0.099 |
| WL | P50:50 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.082 | 0.336 | 0.301 |
| WL | P60:40 | LWBinv | 0.081 | 0.336 | 0.303 |
| WL | P70:30 | LWBinv | 0.081 | 0.337 | 0.306 |
| WL | P80:20 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.080 | 0.339 | 0.308 |
| WL | P85:15 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.080 | 0.34 | 0.308 |
| WL | P90:10 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.079 | 0.342 | 0.307 |
| WL | P95:5 | $L^{\text {L }}$ Binv | 0.077 | 0.345 | 0.304 |
| XRH | P50:50 | LWBinv | 0.070 | 0.448 | 0.097 |
| XRH | P60:40 | LWBinv | 0.070 | 0.444 | 0.096 |
| XRH | P70:30 | $L^{\text {L }} \mathrm{BB}_{\text {inv }}$ | 0.070 | 0.441 | 0.094 |
| XRH | P80:20 | LWBinv | 0.069 | 0.44 | 0.091 |
| XRH | P85:15 | $L^{\text {L }} \mathrm{B}_{\text {inv }}$ | 0.068 | 0.44 | 0.089 |
| XRH | P90:10 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.068 | 0.438 | 0.087 |
| XRH | P95:5 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.067 | 0.435 | 0.085 |
| JHL | P50:50 | LWBinv | 0.058 | 0.367 | 0.185 |
| JHL | P60:40 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.058 | 0.364 | 0.186 |
| JHL | P70:30 | LWBinv | 0.057 | 0.362 | 0.188 |
| JHL | P80:20 | $L^{\text {L }}$ Binv | 0.056 | 0.359 | 0.188 |
| JHL | P85:15 | LWBinv | 0.055 | 0.359 | 0.188 |
| JHL | P90:10 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.055 | 0.357 | 0.187 |
| JHL | P95:5 | LWBinv | 0.054 | 0.355 | 0.186 |
| YL | P50:50 | $L^{\text {LWB }}$ inv | 0.044 | 0.328 | 0.191 |
| YL | P60:40 | LWBinv | 0.043 | 0.34 | 0.188 |
| YL | P70:30 | LWBinv | 0.043 | 0.333 | 0.191 |
| YL | P80:20 | LWBinv | 0.042 | 0.326 | 0.193 |
| YL | P85:15 | $L^{\text {L }}$ Binv | 0.041 | 0.32 | 0.194 |
| YL | P90:10 | $L^{\text {L }}$ Binv | 0.041 | 0.316 | 0.193 |
| YL | P95:5 | LWBinv | 0.040 | 0.306 | 0.189 |


| LJS | P50:50 | LWBinv | 0.059 | 0.492 | 0.113 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LJS | P60:40 | LWB $_{\text {inv }}$ | 0.058 | 0.488 | 0.113 |
| LJS | P70:30 | LWB $_{\text {inv }}$ | 0.057 | 0.486 | 0.113 |
| LJS | P80:20 | LWB | 0.066 | 0.583 | 0.095 |
| LJS | P85:15 | LWB inv | 0.067 | 0.586 | 0.094 |
| LJS | P90:10 | LWB $_{\text {inv }}$ | 0.067 | 0.588 | 0.092 |
| LJS | P95:5 | LWB inv | 0.067 | 0.589 | 0.091 |

Note: Highest values highlighted using yellow shadow.

