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Ideas and perspectives: why Holocene thermokarst sediments of the Yedoma region do not increase the northern peatland carbon pool

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Supplementary material

The tables below summarize the relative covergae of land cover classes extracted for the Siberian Yedoma Region from four different sources. The table also provides comments on which thematic classes were considered to show peatlands for the purpouse of this study. Please refer to the main article for full references

Reference	Coverage		Class	Comment wether classified as peatland in this study
Lehner and Döll (2004)	3.4%	Lake		
п	1.6%	River		
II .	1.9%	Freshwater marsh		
II .	0.5%	Coastal wetland		
II .	5.7%	Bog , fen, Mire		Peatland

Reference	Coverage	Class	Comment wether classified as peatland in this study
Nilsson et al. (2002)	1.6%	water	
II .	1.9%	pastures	
II .	23.8%	forest	
II	3.2%	bogs	Peatland
п	19.4%	swamps	not included a speatlands, overlay with Stolbovoi (2002) shows that these are primarily wet mineral soils
n .	49.7%	non-forest vegetation	these are primarily weethinterar some
ш	0.4%	unvegetated	

Reference Coverage		Class	Comment wether classified as peatland in this study	
Arino et al. (2012)	0.0%	Closed (>40%) broadleaved deciduous forest (>5m)		
п	40.8%	Open (15-40%) needleleaved deciduous or evergreen forest (>5m)		
п	0.6%	Closed to open (>15%) mixed broadleaved and needleleaved forest (>5m)		
11	6.1%	Mosaic forest or shrubland (50-70%) / grassland (20-50%)		
п	9.6%	Mosaic grassland (50-70%) / forest or shrubland (20-50%)		
п	0.1%	Closed to open (>15%) (broadleaved or needleleaved, evergreen or deciduous) shrubland (<5m)		
п	0.2%	Closed to open (>15%) herbaceous vegetation (grassland, savannas or lichens/mosses)		
II .	28.2%	Sparse (<15%) vegetation		
п	Closed to open (>15%) grassland or woody 4.4% vegetation on regularly flooded or waterlogged		Included as peatland, since the thematic reolution of the product does not allow separation of wetlands and peatlands	
п			Trettarias ana peattarias	
п	5.0%	Bare areas		
II .	3.5%	Water bodies		
п	1.6%	Permanent snow and ice		
п	0.0%	No data (burnt areas, clouds,)		

Reference	Coverage	Class	Comment wether classified as
			peatland in this study
Bartalev et al.	9.8%	Unclassified	
(2003)			
	1.3%	Evergreen Needle-leaf Forest	
	0.5%	Deciduous Broadleaf Forest	
"	0.2%	Needle-leaf/Broadleaf Forest	
	0.9%	Mixed Forest	
"	0.1%	Broadleaf/Needle-leaf Forest	
II	33.2%	Deciduous Needle-leaf Forest	
"	0.1%	Broadleaf deciduous shrubs	
"	1.3%	Needle-leaf evergreen shrubs	
II .	0.2%	Humid grasslands	
II	0.0%	Steppe	
11	2.5%	Bogs and marches	Peatland
п	2.7%	Palsa bogs	Peatland
	0.4%	Riparian vegetation	Peatland (may include peatlands
II .	0.476	Riparian vegetation	along lake or river margins)
II .	2.5%	Barren tundra	along take of fiver margins,
II .	5.4%	Prostrate shrub tundra	
II .	10.9%	Sedge tundra	
11	13.0%	Shrub tundra	
II .	0.8%	Recent burns	
II .	0.0%	Croplands	
II .	4.5%	Forest - Natural Vegetation complexes	
II .	0.0%	Forest - Cropland complexes	
II .	0.0%	Cropland - Grassland complexes	
II .	4.7%	Bare soil and rock	
11	0.0%	Permanent snow/ice	
11	4.6%	Water bodies	
II .	0.0%	Urban	
11	0.2%	Salt-march	
11	0.0%	Burns of year 2000	