Dear Prof. Dr. Frank Hagedorn,

On behalf of my co-authors, we extend our sincere gratitude for your helpful reviews and in facilitating the review of our manuscript, bg-2018-221. We have now incorporated all the changes we stipulated in our answers to the reviewers' comments. Additionally, from your suggestion:

Please also incorporate 'tree species' more explicitly into the final version of the manuscript. You nicely clarified that 'nutrient demand of vegetation and vegetation structure of the reference land-use are not the dominant control on leaching fluxes', but the reviewer asked for 'tree species'. I am aware that tree species and 'vegetation' are interlinked but you should clearly address/write that you do not expect that the different tree species composition between the sites was of minor importance for the leaching fluxes.

we have also addressed this in L443-449 of the revised manuscript, as also mentioned in our answers to Reviewer 2's specific comment #2.

For ease in reference, our answers to the reviewers' comments are now provided with the line numbers where the changes in our revised manuscript are reflected. All the line numbers are based on the revised manuscript with tracked-change and simple markup.

We hope that our revisions will satisfy your and the reviewers' questions and the standards of Biogeosciences. We look forward to hearing back from you. If there are any questions regarding our manuscript, I would be happy to clarify.

Sincerely yours,

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Point-by-point response to the reviews and a list of all relevant changes made in the manuscript

RC1 – Dr. Yit Arn Teh

Author's response:

First, we greatly appreciate the very detailed comments and suggestions of Dr. Teh. These help improve the clarity and broaden the perspective of our Discussion. All the comments of Dr. Teh are incorporated into our revisions. We describe below how we have addressed his comments. All the line numbers we referred to in our revision are based on the line numbers when tracked-change with simple markup is used (please note that line numbers change if the version of tracked-change with all markup is used).

General remarks and suggestions:

1. First, I think it may be worthwhile re-organizing the information in the discussion around the major findings, listing the top-level or most important findings first. The current structure of the discussion generally follows the order in which the results are reported, but there could be some value in arranging information according to the most ground-breaking or high impact results, in order to maximise the impact of the most important findings on the reader. Structuring a discussion in this way can be especially effective for data-rich papers like this one, because the discussion sections for data-rich papers can sometimes become quite large and extensive, and it is possible for key messages to get lost due to the volume of information covered.

Author's response:

We agree to this suggestion.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We restructured the Discussion in the following:
Section 4.2– focuses first on the reference land uses.

L430-434, 452-453 - We put topic sentence in the beginning of the paragraphs to put first the high-impact results (previous L428-432 is condensed into a topic sentence; previous L447-448 is revised into a topic sentence). We minimized referencing back to the tables or figures with specific parameters, unless necessary. We streamlined every sentence to limit to the most convincing Results (previous L443-446 is deleted).
L449-451 - At the end of the paragraph, we give a take-home message (previous L458-460 is moved up to this place).

Section 4.3 – now titled land-use change effects.
The first paragraph focuses on the unfertilized rubber plantations and the second paragraph on the fertilized oil palm plantations, instead of separating the latter in the previous section 4.4. Although we emphasized in the previous manuscript version that the smallholder rubber plantations are not fertilized (the common practice of the smallholders in the area, at least during our study years of 2012-2013), we now highlighted this main difference in the soil management of the rubber and oil palm plantations (L469-471, L489-490).

L484-488, L512-514 - We also emphasized that the decreases in leaching losses in this rubber plantations and the increases in leaching losses in fertilized area of the oil palm plantations, as compared to the reference land uses, were mainly due to their management practices (i.e. without and with soil amendments). Again in each paragraph, we put a topic sentence (previous L465-470 is condensed into a topic sentence) to highlight the most important Results, and at the end of the paragraph a condensed take-home message (L525-528).

2. Second, another topic that is theoretically interesting and also policy-relevant is whether or not the investigators believe that over-fertilization is occurring for the rubber and oil palm systems? To phrase this another way, are the higher nutrient losses for rubber and oil palm because fertilizer inputs exceed plant/ecosystem demand, or because of the transport-reaction properties of the different soil types (e.g. do the exchange properties and rate of physical transport through the soil mean that the soil exchange complex cannot retain some of the added nutrients)? If the answer is the former, then this suggests that growers could be reducing their inputs of some elements. If the answer is the latter, then mitigation options become more complex, because they may require new means of introducing fertilizers to the soil (e.g. slow release fertilizers, organic fertilizers, soil conditioners to enhance CEC, etc.). It would be interesting if the investigators could expand upon this topic further in the discussion.

Author’s response:

These are very good suggestions. We take into considerations all these points. Our discussion was geared both on the regulation of soil texture and fertilization rates. We focused on the absence of fertilization (rubber) and low (clay Acrisol, oil palm plantations) versus relatively high fertilization rates (loam Acrisol, oil palm plantations). We did not hone our discussion on exceedance of the nutrient retention capacity of the soils. The reason is because we had 2-5 times lower fertilization rates at our studied smallholder oil palm plantations than the nearby large-scale oil palm plantations, such that it will be very speculative to say that the soil exchange complex are saturated or increasingly unable to retain the added nutrients.

Author’s changes in the manuscript:

L469-471 - We emphasized in the revised section 4.3 that the smallholder rubber plantations were not fertilized (at least during our study period of 2012-2013), and this was in part because the price of rubber had gone down at that time (as shown in the Supplementary Fig. 9 of Clough et al. 2016).

L494-497 - In the second paragraph of section 4.3, we also emphasized that the fertilizer application in oil palm plantations, despite at very low rates, resulted in increased nutrient leaching losses compared to the reference land uses, particularly in the loam Acrisol soil.

L529-535 - We stressed in the 4th paragraph of section 4.3 that the higher rates of fertilizer application in large-scale plantations than in smallholders imply for a need to optimize fertilization rate in order to minimize environmental effect while maintaining production level.

We also revised the previous L554-556 in Conclusion to this:
Management practices to regulate leaching losses are possibly more pressing for large-scale oil palm plantations, which have 2-5 times higher fertilization rates and may have a larger impact on

ground water quality than the smallholders (L550-555). Process-based models, used to predict yield and associated environmental footprint of these tree cash crop plantations, should reflect the differences in soil management (e.g., absence or low vs. high fertilization rates, weed control) between smallholder and large-scale plantations (L555-558).

3. Third, two aqueous fluxes not included in this study are throughfall and stemflow. This observation is not meant as a criticism per se, as I fully recognize that this was very comprehensive and in-depth study, and resources are always limited for large-scale field experiments like this one. However, it would be useful if the investigators could comment on whether they think that differences in throughfall and stemflow among the different land-uses could have resulted in differences in nutrient dynamics and loss? Throughfall and stemflow are potentially influenced by factors such as vegetation structure (e.g. plant density), leaf area and tissue chemistry, so it is possible that the different cover types (with different vegetation structure and properties) could have different patterns in throughfall and stemflow, with knock-on effects for soil nutrient dynamics.

Author's response:

This is a very important point. We incorporated our views on this aspect in section 4.1 last paragraph. In terms of magnitude, the highest throughfall nutrient depositions (from peat soils, influenced by land-clearing fires in Kalimantan; Ponette-Gonzales et al., 2016) are still much lower (<1-3%) than the extant soil-N cycling rates and nutrient stocks in the top 0.1-m soil at our sites. The effects of atmospheric nutrient deposition may not be on how much this has added to the soil nutrient levels but on whether or not the receiving ecosystem can serve as a sink and is able to buffer its other cascading effects (e.g. acidification).

Author's changes in the manuscript:

To keep the manuscript in the same length, previous L411-417 was shortened into one sentence. To incorporate these points raised by Dr. Teh above, we replaced the previous L418-425 with this:

L419-427 - From a peatland site in Kalimantan, influenced by land-clearing fires, throughfall nutrient depositions (19-22 kg N, 6-11 kg P, 25-44 kg S ha^{-1} yr^{-1}) are larger than those from bulk precipitation, indicating large contribution from dry deposition (Ponette-Gonzales et al., 2016). Total (dry + wet) nutrient depositions in our study region could be larger than the values from bulk precipitation. Such high atmospheric nutrient deposition may have fertilizing or polluting effect, depending on whether or not the receiving ecosystem is a sink and is able to buffer its other cascading effects (e.g., acidification). Additionally, atmospheric redistribution of nutrients in areas with widespread land-use conversion and intensification may have unforeseen effects on down-wind and down-stream ecosystems (e.g., Bragazza et al., 2016; Sundarambal et al., 2010).

These new references are added in the reference list:

Bragazza, L., Freeman, C., Jones, T., Rydin, H., Limpens, J., Fenner, N., Ellis, T., Gerdol, R., Hájek, M., Hájek, T., Iacumin, P., Kutnar, L., Tahvanainen, T., and Toberman, H.: Atmospheric nitrogen deposition promotes carbon loss from peat bogs, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 103, 19386-19389, https://*doi*.org/10.1073/pnas.0606629104, 2006.

Ponette-González, A.G., LisaMCurran, L.M., Pittman, A.M., Carlson, K.M., Steele, B.G., Ratnasari, D., Mujiman, and Weathers, K.C.: Biomass burning drives atmospheric nutrient redistribution within forested peatlands in Borneo, Environ. Res. Lett., 11, 085003, https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/11/8/085003, 2016.

Sundarambal, P., Balasubramanian, R., Tkalich, P., and He, J.: Impact of biomass burning on ocean water quality in Southeast Asia through atmospheric deposition: field observations, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 10, 11323–11336, https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-10-11323-2010, 2010.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

1. Lines 49-51: Provide information for wider context: It is worthwhile emphasizing here that smallholdings are very common through SE Asia, and account for approximately 40% of the land under production throughout the region. Therefore, while the smallholdings in Jambi may represent a larger proportion of land area than elsewhere in SE Asia, smallholdings are common and thus important to understand.

Author’s response:

We incorporated this suggestion.

Author’s changes in the manuscript:

L51-53 - The expansion of rubber and oil palm plantations has increased the income of Jambi, in particular the smallholder farmers (Clough et al., 2016; Rist et al., 2010), which account 99 % of rubber and 62 % of oil palm landholdings in the Jambi Province. In the whole of Indonesia, 85 % of rubber and 40 % of oil palm plantations are smallholders (DGEC, 2017).

DGEC (Directorate General of Estate Crops), Tree crop estate statistics of Indonesia 2015-2017: Palm oil and rubber, Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture, 2017, http://ditjenbun.pertanian.go.id/tinymcpuk/gambar/file/statistik/2017/Kelapa-Sawit-2015-2017.pdf, …/Karet-2015-2017.pdf.

2. Line 147-150: Consider re-phrasing the description of the fertilization rates, as the current wording makes it a bit more difficult to understand. One option may be to breakup this sentence into two shorter sentences; one referring to the clay Acrisol and the other to the loam Acrisol.

Author’s response:

We take this in our revision.

Author’s changes in the manuscript:

L150-152 - Fertilization rates were 48 kg N, 21 kg P and 40 kg K ha^{-1} yr^{-1} in the clay Acrisol soil, whereas these were 88 kg N, 38 kg P ha^{-1} yr^{-1} and 157 kg K ha^{-1} yr^{-1} (accompanied by Cl input of 143 kg Cl ha^{-1} yr^{-1}) in the loam Acrisol soil.

3. Line 161: Minor question or point for clarification: Do the authors have any insight as to where nutrient-acquiring roots proliferate in this system? Is it possible that sampling 1.3-1.5 m from the palm could slightly overestimate the rate of leaching loss? Oil palms tend to show the highest density of roots within 1 m of the plant stem; therefore, it is possible that by sampling outside of this region the investigators may underestimate plant uptake or overestimate leaching. Arguably, however, it is not clear if all the roots within 1 m of the palm stem are active or specialized for nutrient uptake, i.e. many of these roots may be dead or not directly involved in nutrient acquisition. Moreover, if the growers' practice is to apply fertilizer 1.3-1.5 m from the stem, then it is likely that this sampling scheme is likely to best represent actual trends in leaching. It is also possible that the roots produced 1.3-1.5 m from the stem are tracking nutrient availability and are specialized for nutrient uptake.

Author's response:

From another study (conducted by another group in this collaborative research center) that measured root distribution in the same smallholder oil palm plantations, there were no significant correlations between root mass distribution with distance to palms. This was attributed to the facts that these are mature plantations (12-16 yrs old, except one site that was 9 yrs old) and the weeding practices in smallholder plantations were not intensive (2 times per year only) and hence the ground was almost always covered with undergrowth. We think that we did not over-represent the leaching losses from the fertilized area as these values were averaged with the leaching losses from under the frond stacks to get a plot-scale estimate for an oil palm plantation.

4. Line 163: Did the growers plant any understory plants for erosion control? If so, did the authors sample from these areas too? Although the biomass and uptake capacity of these herbaceous plants is likely to be low relative to mature palms, leaching patterns are likely to be different from unvegetated areas.

Author's response:

In these smallholder oil palm plantations, the ground vegetation was that from natural regrowth after the 2-times weeding per year. The ground was mostly covered with understory plants for most part of the year.

5. Lines 268-279: Do the investigators have an estimate for the nutrient input from throughfall and stemflow? If these data do not exist, is it possible to constrain these values in the model from similar systems? While rain water provides a useful end-member with which to estimate the nutrient content of "external" moisture inputs, it is possible that dry deposition of nutrients and leaching from aboveground plant parts could contribute to the nutrient input to soil. Especially if this region is near local sources of N pollution, it is possible that throughflow/stemflow could make a contribution to the overall N load to the soil.

Author's response:

We did not measure stem flow and throughfall, and there are no data for stem flow and throughfall for these land uses for Jambi or Sumatra that we are aware of. It is likely that stem flow + throughfall is larger than from bulk precipitation in areas with large dry deposition from biomass burning. In terms of magnitude, those high throughfall nutrient depositions from heavily fire-impacted peatlands in Kalimantan (Ponette-González et al., 2016) are still much lower than extant N cycling rates and macronutrient stocks in the soil at our sites. As nutrients deposited into a system will eventually be incorporated into the soil-plant cycling, changes in leaching losses are ultimately reflecting how efficient the system (soil, biota and vegetation) is in retaining the nutrients from both external sources and internal cycling.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

Please see our answers to reviewer's major comment 3 above.

6. Lines 317-320: What are the comparable values for ET, run-off and drainage for rubber and oil palm systems?

Author's response:

We provide this information.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

L320-322 - In rubber and oil palm, modelled annual ET was 30-32 %, runoff was 22-31 %, and drainage was 37-47 % of annual precipitation.

7. Lines 395-534: Given that the authors introduce testable hypotheses in the introduction, I think it's important to "close the circle" by referencing these hypotheses in the discussion, and confirming if the authors' findings supported or falsified their hypotheses.

Author's response:

We agree with the reviewer.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We re-structured the Discussion according to the 1st and 2nd major suggestions above. In the Conclusion, we closed the circle by linking our findings to our hypotheses (L540-544).

8. Line 441: Further clarification required re: the phrase "higher rates of soil NH_4^+ cycling." For those who have not yet read Allen et al. (2015), does this phrase mean that the rate of NH_4^+ mineralization is greater, gross production and uptake of NH_4^+ is greater, or that the overall turnover of NH_4^+ is greater?

Author's response:

Gross production and immobilization of NH_4^+ were positively correlated and both rates are large, meaning this internal cycling was large and closely-coupled, and was mirrored by low TDN leaching fluxes in the clay than loam Acrisol soils.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We changed this sentence accordingly (L441-442).

9a. Lines 491-534: One question and one comment: first, given the finding that fertilization is enhancing leaching losses in these smallholder landscapes, do the authors believe that the growers are over-fertilizing? Is the high rate of leaching loss because the plant demand is lower than nutrient supply, or is it because transport factors mean that the nutrients are lost before plants are able to take-up the nutrients? The authors expert assessment directly influences policy and management decisions; if it is an over-fertilization situation (i.e. plant demand « nutrient input), then the mitigation option would be to reduce fertilizer inputs. If it is an issue of transport (e.g. ion exchange sites are saturated or movement of soil solution is too rapid for efficient plant uptake), the different mitigation options suggest themselves (e.g. use of slower release fertilizers, or other technologies to reduce nutrient transport through the soil column). The conclusion that soil texture was the dominant influence (lines 528-529) tends to imply that the authors believe the second option is more likely (i.e. rapid transport leads to loss, rather than plant demand « nutrient input); however, it would be useful to hear the authors thoughts on this topic given its wider importance for mitigation of nutrient pollution.

Author's response:

These smallholders are not over-fertilizing; please see also our answer to the 2nd major comment above. The high leaching losses from oil palm plantations occurred particularly on the fertilized area around the palm base and were higher in the loam Acrisol soil, which also happened to have a larger fertilization (e.g., 48 vs. 88 kg N/ha/yr, section 2.1), than the clay Acrisol soil. The plant demand, using simply the index of fruit harvest export (72-96 kg N/ha/yr; Kotowska et al. 2015), was certainly higher than the fertilization rates of the smallholders, whose low fertilization rates were largely determined by their resources of being able to afford the cost of fertilizers. Thus, our discussion was focused more on the regulation of soil texture and fertilization rate rather than on the exceedance of the ecosystem's capacity to retain the added nutrients from fertilizers. The leaching losses that we measured are possibly contributed by both soil texture (not only through adsorption/exchange capacity but also on solute transport) and fertilizer application. We think the role of transport occurred on pulses or time periods when high rainfall occurred following the 2 periods in a year when fertilizers were applied. Unlike, however, N_2O emissions from the soil surface of which temporal pattern following fertilization are clearly manifested (Hassler et al. 2017), this is not the case for leaching losses - probably because transport of solute down to 1.5-m depth (lysimeter sampling) can take days of intermittent rainfall events.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

As to the aspect of our findings' implications to management, we addressed this in the last paragraph of section 4.3.

L529-535 - The fertilization rates in our studied smallholder oil palm plantations were only 2-5 times lower than the nearby large-scale plantations, typically with 230-260 kg N ha^{-1} yr^{-1}. Our findings, that leaching of TDN and base cations increased and their retention efficiency decreased particularly in the loam Acrisol despite the low fertilization rates (Tables 4 and 5), imply for a need to optimize fertilization rate in large-scale plantations, especially on coarse-texture soils which have low inherent nutrient retention, in order to minimize environmental effect while maintaining production.

9b. My second point is a comment rather than a question. One of the challenges in predicting the behaviour of smallholder systems is that there is potentially a wider diversity of practices and fertilization schemes compared to large-scale industrial plantations. For instance, depending on the relative wealth or resources of individual growers, they may have better access to fertilizers than less fortunate growers. While this does not necessarily take away from the message that the authors are trying to convey here (i.e. that certain types of more "intensive" or "invasive" land-use can show enhanced leaching losses), I think it is useful to discuss this source of potential variance and uncertainty, since it means that we have to develop better process-based models so that we can adequately predict flux from smallholder systems.

Author's response:

We completely agree to this comment.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We added this in the Conclusion.

L555-558 - Process-based models, used to predict yield and associated environmental footprint of these tree cash crop plantations, should reflect the differences in soil management (e.g., absence or low vs. high fertilization rates, weed control) between smallholder and large-scale plantations.'

10. Table and figure legends: Minor pedantic point: throughout the table and figure legends, the authors refer to the loam Acrisol and clay Acrisol as two different "landscapes." While I do not consider this as problematic as such, I wonder if the phrase "soil orders" or "soil types" may be more intuitive for the reader, given that the reference for these two types of environments are the names of the soil orders?

Author's response:

Yes, we agree. In the revised version, we changed all these in the text from landscapes to soil types.

RC2 – Dr. K. Fujii

Author's response:

First, we extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Fujii for his insightful suggestions and comments that help improve our manuscript greatly. We describe how we have addressed his comments in our answers below. All the line numbers we referred to in our revision are based on the line numbers when tracked-change with simple markup is used (please note that line numbers change if the version of tracked-change with all markup is used).

1. One of major issues is soil classification (Acrisols). Sumatra soils are more or less affected by volcanic ash deposition. Soils are relatively young among Indonesian soils. I am afraid whether the soils studied satisfy Acrisols' low clay activity. Please confirm the soil profile data especially in the Bt horizon. Low CEC/clay is required. In addition, both loam and clay Acrisols contain high contents of clays. Please clarify how two types were separated.

Author's response:

Soil particle size distribution was determined from the three sites (or replicate plots) of each land use within each landscape (which was subsequently classified according to the major soil texture group). In each site, soil samples for particle size analysis was taken from 6 depth intervals within 2-m depth. For the general soil texture classification, we took the values of depth-weighted average for each land-use site, and then the averaged for the 12 land-use sites (4 land uses x 3 sites) for each landscape. Similarly, cation exchange capacity (CEC) was determined from 2 to 5 samples per depth for each land-use site. We also did an oxalate-extraction for Fe and Al, and these characteristics did not satisfy for an Andic property.

Our soil texture classification is based on the averages of the plots in order to come up with a general category of soil texture. The clay area had an average across sites of 48% clay, 27% silt and 25% sand. The loam area had particle size fractions that bordered between loam and (sandy) clay loam, and for ease in writing the classification in the manuscript, we generally termed this as loam (22-32% clay, 25-30% silt and 45-50% sand).
In the clay soils (with more than 40% clay), >8% increase in clay was observed in the subsoil. In the loam soils, the ratio of subsoil % clay to overlying layer was >1.2. Both of these metrics satisfied the criterion for an Argic horizon. These Argic horizons of our sites has CEC of < 24 $cmol_c\ kg^{-1}$ clay and base saturation of <10% (all reported in our earlier publication, Allen et al. 2016).

Author's changes in the manuscript:

As these characteristics were already reported in our earlier publication (Allen et al. 2016), we did not elaborate these in the present manuscript.
However, in order to address this concern of Dr. Fujii, we inserted in section 2.1, after a short description of the loam and clay Acrisol soils, the following:

L122 - Detailed soil characteristics of these classifications are reported by Allen et al. (2016).

2. L447 The authors link between N leaching and the acid-buffering capacity of the soils, but link between N leaching and clay contents will be precise. Exchangeable Al as well as pH is a record of soil acidification, but quantitative link between N loss and soil ANC cannot be supported by calculating proton budgets in soil.

Author's response:

We agree with the reviewer's comments. As stated in the Results (previous L366-376 of the original manuscript), N leaching fluxes (and N and base cation retention efficiency) were significantly correlated with soil base saturation, ECEC and organic C which were, in turn, correlated with clay content. Thus, this L447 is a leap in our interpretation, and we changed this L447 (as a topic sentence for this Discussion on correlations of nutrient leaching fluxes with soil biochemical characteristics) to refer only to what were clearly reflected by the correlation tests.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We changed L447 to:

L452-453 - The influenced of soil texture on soil biochemical characteristics also linked to the leaching losses or, conversely, nutrient retention efficiency.

3. There were some droughts or dry-wet cycles in Indonesia. This has strong impacts on solute concentration and leaching flux. I recommend to add correlation analyses between water flux (or soil water content) and solute concentration to check dilution or condensation effects by dry-wet cycles. This effect can affect annual nutrient loss as well. At least, adding discussion will improve manuscript.

Author's response:

From the start of our data analyses, we have explored all correlation tests, including correlations of element concentrations with the modelled soil moisture content at 1.5-m depth (lysimeter sampling) in order to check for dilution or condensation; the correlation tests with soil moisture contents were conducted in a similar manner as those sreported in Appendix Tables 3 and 4. The only significant correlation coefficients with soil moisture contents were found for the fertilized area of the oil palm plantations in the loam Acrisol soil for K, Ca, Mg and total S concentrations ($r = -0.59 – -0.72$, $P \leq 0.05$, $n = 12$ monthly measurements for one year). However, the influence of soil water content on nutrient concentrations were anyway incorporated in the calculation of leaching fluxes (nutrient concentration x drainage flux), as stated in L247-250. Also, all the correlations that used the nutrient concentrations (Appendix Tables 3 and 4) were interpreted only to assess which cations were correlated with which anions (i.e., L340-342, L350-352, L363-366) in order to support the partial ionic charge balance of solutes, as depicted in Fig. 1.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

Considering that (1) these above correlation tests were only significant in four elements at one spatial category (fertilized area of oil palm in the loam soils) and (2) the influence of soil water content on element concentrations were incorporated in the calculation of leaching fluxes, we will not add this in the Discussion. This is so that the main highlights of our findings will not be buried, as suggested by Dr. Teh's (reviewer 1) first major suggestion.

4. Throughout the paper, the authors use the ambiguous term "soil fertility". The definition of soil fertility is not same among the readers. Please define it in the beginning of the paper. Most of soil scientists avoid to use the term "soil fertility" in scientific paper.

Author's response:

We agree and take this suggestion. When we used the word soil fertility, we specified in parenthesis the soil biochemical characteristics that we used as basis. These were already done in the original manuscript version of the Introduction and M&M.

Introduction L61-62 - Soil texture affects nutrient leaching through its control on soil fertility (e.g., cation exchange capacity, decomposition, and nutrient cycling) and soil water-holding capacity.

M & M L123-125 - In summary, the soil textural difference leads to inherent differences in soil fertility (e.g., higher effective cation exchange capacity, base saturation, Bray-extractable P and lower Al saturation) in the clay than the loam Acrisols under forest and jungle rubber (Appendix Table A1).

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We specified the soil biochemical properties when we used the word *soil fertility*.
Namely:
Discussion, section 4.2, the last sentence of 1st paragraph:
L449-451 - Our findings showed that soil texture was the main factor regulating nutrient leaching losses and soil fertility (e.g., nutrient stocks and N-cycling rates) in these highly weathered Acrisol soils.

In the Abstract and Discussion, section 4.3 last sentence of 1st paragraph – we replaced '*soil fertility*' with '*nutrient availability*':
L484-488 - Our results showed that disruption of nutrient cycling between the soil and vegetation brought about by land-use conversion to rubber plantations, combined with the absence of soil amendments, had decreased nutrient leaching (Tables 3 and 4) as well soil nutrient availability (i.e., P stocks, microbial N, gross N mineralization rates; Allen et al., 2015; Allen et al., 2016).

In the Conclusion, we replaced *soil fertility* with *soil nutrients* or *nutrient levels*.

Specific comments:

1. The authors regarded jungle rubber as original vegetation, but it is introduced from Brazil some hundreds of years ago. It is not native vegetation.

Author's response:

We replaced the word '*original*' with '*previous*' (in the Introduction) or '*reference land use*' (in the Discussion), which was what we actually meant. We use '*previous*' or '*reference land use*' to denote the land use immediately before the conversion to rubber and oil palm.

2. The authors ascribed the greater nutrient losses from loam Acrisols than those from clay Acrisols. However, tree composition is not same between two sites. The authors need to add careful discussion on this topic.

Author's response:

This is a very good point and we take this into consideration. Our interpretation that soil texture was the main factor influencing leaching losses is based on the following:
a) total net primary production (aboveground + belowground), as an indicator of plant usage of soil nutrients, of the forest and jungle rubber did not differ between the loam and clay Acrisol soils (Kotowska et al., 2015).
b) despite higher tree stem density, basal area and root mass (all together maybe indicative of potential differences in nutrient demands of vegetation between these soils) in the loam than in the clay Acrisol soils (Appendix Table A2), the loam Acrisols still showed generally larger leaching fluxes than the clay Acrisols.
c) based from the rubber plantations' (which all have the same low degree of management, e.g. unfertilized, in both soil types) Na leaching fluxes (the element more prone to leaching because of its monovalence and large hydration radius), the loam Acrisol soil was also higher ($P = 0.06$) than the clay Acrisols.

Previously we did not include these above points in the Discussion to keep the information more focused, especially that we have a data-rich paper. However, in the revised version we will include points (a) and (b) to address the reviewer's suggestion.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

In the Discussion section 4.2, we added this:

L443-449 - Nutrient demand of vegetation may not be the dominant control on leaching fluxes, as the vegetation structure of the reference land uses (tree density, basal area, root biomass; Appendix Table A2) even seemed larger in the loam than the clay Acrisols. Similarly, the differences in tree species compositions between the loam and clay Acrisol soils (Appendix Table A2) may not have influenced the nutrient leaching fluxes, as supported by the comparable net primary production of the reference land uses between soil types (Kotowska et al., 2015).

3. L525-527 erosion and enhanced microbial mineralization of the native SOM can also contribute to low SOC stocks in oil palm plantation.

Author's response:

Yes, and we did not include in our discussion the erosion effect. Soil respiration in our oil palm plantations has significantly decreased compared to the reference land uses (Hassler et al., 2015). Based on correlations analysis with other soil biochemical parameters (^{15}N signatures, SOC, P and base cation stocks), we attributed the reduced soil CO_2 fluxes from the oil palm plantations as the result of the strongly decomposed soil organic matter and reduced soil C stocks, which in turn are due to reduced litter input as well as to a possible reduction in C allocation to roots because of addition of nutrients from liming and P fertilization (Hassler et al., 2015).

Author's changes in the manuscript:

Considering that erosion is an important process contributing to a decrease in SOC, we replaced the word '*strong*' with '*additional*':

L519-525 - Moreover, the increased annual DOC fluxes in fertilized areas of oil palm plantations (Table 4) suggests a reduction in the retention of DOC in the soil. This, combined with the decreases in litterfall and root production, harvest export (Kotowska et al., 2015), and decreases in soil CO_2 emissions (Hassler et al., 2015) from the same oil palm plantations, provided *additional* support for the decreases in soil organic C stocks in smallholder oil palm plantations in the same study region (van Straaten et al., 2015).

4. L505-506 What data can support this statement?

Author's response:

This statement (i.e., increases in dissolved Al and acidity of soil solution; Table 3) was based on the Results section where dissolved Al and soil water pH were presented (L352-354, L360-362).

Author's changes in the manuscript:

In this sentence (L502-504), we now inserted Table 3 as the data source.

5. Table A2 sp. or spp. should not be written in italic. Dipterocarpaceae spp. include Shorea spp. The tree composition should be re-checked.

Author's response:

We agree with the reviewer. This Appendix Table A1 was based on information we had in 2015, when another group working on species diversity in our plots were yet continuing to identify the species, and we had by mistake doubly listed the families Dipterocarpaceae and Shorea. We now checked the 5 numerous tree families with the most current identified trees.

Author's changes in the manuscript:

We updated the 5 numerous tree families in Appendix Table A2 based from Rembold et al. (2017) and Rembold (pers. comm.).

Rembold, K., Mangopo, H., Tjitrosoedirdjo, S.S., and Kreft, H.: Plant diversity, forest dependency, and alien plant invasions in tropical agricultural landscapes, Biodivers. Conserv., 213, 234-242, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2017.07.020, 2017.

6. Throughout the paper, "l-1" and "L-1" are used inconsistently. Please use terms consistently.

Author’s response:

We appreciate very much for this very thorough read, and we indeed overlooked l^{-1}.

Author’s changes in the manuscript:

We corrected the entire text and Table 3 to have uniformed unit abbreviation, L^{-1}.

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Conversion of tropical forests to smallholder rubber and oil palm plantations impacts nutrient leaching losses and nutrient retention efficiency in highly weathered soils

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Abstract. Conversion of forest to rubber and oil palm plantations is widespread in Sumatra, Indonesia, and it is largely unknown how such land-use conversion affects nutrient leaching losses. Our study aimed to quantify nutrient leaching and nutrient retention efficiency in the soil after land-use conversion to smallholder rubber and oil palm plantations. In Jambi province, Indonesia, we selected two landscapes on highly weathered Acrisol soils that mainly differed in texture: loam and clay. Within each ~~landscape~~soil type, we compared two reference land uses: lowland forest and jungle rubber (defined as rubber trees interspersed in secondary forest) with two converted land uses, smallholder rubber and oil palm plantations. Within each ~~landscape~~soil type, the first three land uses were represented by four replicate sites and the oil palm by three sites, totaling to 30 sites. We measured leaching losses using suction cup lysimeters, sampled biweekly to monthly from February to December 2013. Forests and jungle rubber had low solute concentrations in drainage water, suggesting low internal inputs of rock-derived nutrients and efficient internal cycling of nutrients. These reference land uses on the clay Acrisol soils had lower leaching of dissolved N and base cations ($P = 0.01$-0.06) and higher N and base cation retention efficiency ($P < 0.01$-0.07) than those on the loam Acrisols. In the converted land uses, particularly on the loam Acrisol, the fertilized area of oil palm plantations showed higher leaching of dissolved N, organic C and base cations ($P < 0.01$-0.08) and lower N and base cation retention efficiency compared to all the other land uses ($P < 0.01$-0.06). The unfertilized rubber plantations, particularly on the loam Acrisol, showed lower leaching of dissolved P ($P = 0.08$) and organic C ($P < 0.01$) compared to forest or jungle rubber, reflecting decreases in soil P stocks and C inputs to the soil. Our results suggest that land-use conversion to rubber and oil palm causes disruption of initially efficient nutrient cycling, which decreases ~~soil fertility~~nutrient availability. Over time, smallholders will likely be increasingly reliant on fertilization, with the risk of diminishing water quality due to increased nutrient leaching. Thus,

there is a need to develop management practices to minimize leaching while sustaining productivity.

1 Introduction

Rainforests play an important role in maintaining ground water quality in tropical regions; however, in some regions their effectiveness may be decreasing as a consequence of forest conversion to agriculture. From 1990 to 2010, the deforestation rate in South and Southeast Asia was approximately 3 million ha yr^{-1}, of which 1.2 million ha yr^{-1} occurred in Indonesia (FAO, 2010). During these two decades, the forest loss in the whole of Sumatra was 7.5 million ha, of which 1.1 million ha occurred in Jambi province (Margono et al., 2012). The two most common land uses replacing forests in Jambi province are oil palm and rubber plantations. From 2000 to 2010, the area of rubber plantations in Jambi increased by about 19% while oil palm plantations increased by 85% (Luskin et al., 2013). The expansion of rubber and oil palm plantations has increased the income of Jambi, in particular the smallholder farmers (Clough et al., 2016; Rist et al., 2010), as which account approximately 99 % of rubber and 62 % of oil palm landholdings, in the Jambi Province are owned by smallholders (BPS, 2014). In the whole of Indonesia, 85 % of rubber and 40 % of oil palm plantations are smallholders (DGEC, 2017). However, forest conversion to rubber and oil palm plantations has shown high ecological costs: losses in biodiversity (Clough et al., 2016), decreases in above- and below-ground organic carbon (C) stocks (Kotowska et al., 2015; van Straaten et al., 2015), reduction in soil nitrogen (N) availability (Allen et al., 2015), decrease in uptake of methane (CH_4) from the atmosphere into the soil (Hassler et al., 2015), and increase in soil N_2O emission following N fertilization (Hassler et al., 2017).

Under similar climatic conditions and soil types, the two major factors that influence nutrient leaching losses from forest conversion are soil texture and management practices. Soil texture affects nutrient leaching through its control on soil fertility (e.g., cation exchange capacity, decomposition, and nutrient cycling) and soil water-holding capacity. Fine-textured soils have higher cation exchange capacity, decomposition and soil-N cycling rates, which result in higher soil fertility than coarse-textured soils (Allen et al., 2015; Silver et al., 2000; Sotta et al., 2008). Soil texture also influences water-holding capacity and drainage through its effects on porosity, pore size distribution, and hydraulic conductivity (Hillel, 1982). Clay soils can hold a large amount of water and are dominated by small pores, which have low hydraulic conductivity in high moisture conditions. In contrast, coarse-textured soils have low water-holding capacity and are dominated by large pores, which conduct water rapidly in high moisture conditions, and therefore have high potential for leaching of dissolved solutes (Fujii et al., 2009; Lehman and Schroth, 2002). Thus, in heavily weathered soils, such as Acrisols, which dominate the converted lowland landscapes in Jambi, Indonesia **(**FAO et al., 2012), retention of their inherently low exchangeable base cations in the soil and maintenance of efficient soil-N cycling are largely influenced by soil texture (Allen et al., 2015).

Soil management practices (e.g., fertilizer and lime applications) in converted land uses also play an important role in influencing nutrient leaching, as the magnitude of dissolved nutrients moving downward with water is predominantly driven by the levels of those nutrients in the soil (Dechert et al., 2005, 2004). Without fertilization, nutrient leaching losses in agricultural land usually decrease with years following forest conversion (Dechert et al., 2004). This may be the case for the smallholder rubber plantations in our present study, as these have not been fertilized since conversion from forest (Allen et al., 2015; Hassler et al., 2017, 2015). However, soils in oil palm plantations are very often supplemented with chemical fertilizer and lime applications (Allen et al., 2015; Goh et al., 2003; Hassler et al., 2017, 2015). In cases where oil palm plantations are regularly fertilized, nutrient leaching losses in older plantations may be higher than in younger ones, as the applied nutrients accumulate in the subsoil over time (Goh et al., 2003; Omoti et al., 1983). Consequently, nutrient leaching in regularly fertilized oil palm plantations will likely be higher than in the original forest. Moreover, in our earlier study conducted in smallholder oil palm plantations, fertilization was shown to decrease microbial N immobilization due to decreases in microbial biomass (Allen et al., 2015), which could lead to decrease in retention of N in the soil.

Despite a growing body of information on the effects of deforestation on soil properties and processes, there is a lack of information on how forest conversion to rubber and oil palm influences nutrient leaching and the efficiency with which nutrients are retained in the soil. This lack is especially notable for nutrients other than N, as previous leaching studies commonly focus on this. Here, we present leaching losses of the full suite of major nutrients using a large-scale replicated design in a region affected by widespread land-use conversion to rubber and oil palm plantations. Our study aimed to assess: 1) how soil physical and biochemical characteristics affect nutrient leaching in highly weathered soils, and 2) the impact of land-use conversion to smallholder rubber and oil palm plantations on nutrient leaching and on N and base cation retention efficiency in the soil. We hypothesized that: 1) lowland forest and jungle rubber (rubber trees planted in secondary forest), which were the original previous land uses prior tobefore conversion, will have lower leaching losses and higher nutrient retention in clay Acrisol soil than in loam Acrisol soil, and 2) smallholder oil palm plantations with fertilizer and lime applications will have the highest nutrient leaching losses (lowest nutrient retention) whereas smallholder rubber plantations with no fertilizer input will have the lowest nutrient leaching losses.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Study sites and experimental design

Our study is part of the on-going multidisciplinary research project, EFForTS (http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/310995.html), investigating the ecological and socioeconomic impact of conversion of lowland forest to rubber and oil palm plantations. The detailed experimental design and locations of the study sites were reported earlier (e.g., Allen et al., 2015; Hassler et al., 2017, 2015). In short, our study region is located in Jambi province, Indonesia (2° 0' 57" S, 103° 15' 33" E, 35 - 95 m elevation). The area has a mean annual air temperature of 26.7 ± 0.1 °C and a mean annual precipitation of 2235 ± 385 mm (1991–2011; data from a climate station at the Jambi Sultan Thaha airport from the Indonesian Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency). The dry season (<100 mm month^{-1}) is from May to September, and the wet season is from October to April. We selected two landscapes within our study region; while both were located on highly weathered Acrisol soils, one ~~was~~ has ~~a~~ clay-textured soils and the other ~~w~~as ~~a~~ loam-textured soils (hereafter we refer to them as clay Acrisol and loam Acrisol ~~landscapes~~soils). Detailed soil characteristics of these classifications are reported by Allen et al. (2016). In summary, t~~T~~he soil textural difference leads to inherent differences in soil fertility~~,~~ ~~as shown by~~ (e.g., ~~the~~ higher effective cation exchange capacity, base saturation, Bray-extractable P and lower Al saturation) in the clay than the loam Acrisols under forest and jungle rubber (Appendix Table A1~~; Allen et al. 2015~~). Within each ~~landscape~~soil type, we selected four land uses: lowland forest, jungle rubber, and smallholder plantations of rubber and oil palm (Appendix Table A2). Within each ~~landscape~~soil type, we had 15 sites (see Allen et al. 2015 for the map of these sites in the study region): four forest, four jungle rubber, four rubber plantations, and three oil palm plantations. We started with four oil palm sites at each ~~landscape~~soil type, but one plantation was sold and the new owner did not continue the collaboration with our research and in another site the instruments for leaching sampling were damaged. In our experimental design, land-use types (including the soil management practices typical for smallholders in the region) were the treatment and the sites were the replications. At each site, we established a plot of 50 m x 50 m. All plots were on the well-drained position of the landscape with slopes ranging from 3-10 % across all plots.

Based on our interviews with the smallholders, their plantations were established after clearing and burning of either forest or jungle rubber and hence these latter land uses served as the reference with which the converted plantations were compared. Additionally, the comparability of the initial soil conditions between the reference and converted land uses was tested using a land use-independent soil characteristic, i.e., clay content at 1–2 m depth (van Straaten et al., 2015); this did not statistically differ among land uses within each ~~landscape~~ soil type (Appendix Table A1; Allen et al., 2015; Hassler et al., 2015). Thus, changes in nutrient leaching can be attributed to land-use conversion with its inherent soil management practices. These first generation rubber and oil palm plantations were between 7 and 17 years of age. Tree density, height, basal area, and tree species abundance were higher in the reference land uses than the smallholder plantations (Appendix Table A2; Allen et al., 2015; Hassler et al., 2015; Kotowska et al., 2015).

Soil management practices in smallholder oil palm plantations are inherently varied (e.g., fertilization rate), as this depended on financial resources of the smallholders. Fertilization rates were 48 ~~and 88~~ kg N~~-~~, 21 kg P and 40 kg K ha^{-1} yr^{-1}~~,~~ in the clay Acrisol soil, whereas these were 88 kg N, ~~21 and~~ 38 kg P ~~ha^{-1} yr^{-1} and 40~~ and 157 kg K ha^{-1} yr^{-1} (accompanied by Cl input of 143 kg Cl ha^{-1} yr^{-1}) ~~in the clay Acrisol and~~in the loam Acrisol soil~~s, respectively~~. Lime (e.g., $CaMg(CO_3)_2$), kieserite ($MgSO_4.H_2O$) and borate ($Na_2B_4O_2.5H_2O$) were also occasionally applied. These fertilization rates are typical of the smallholder farms in the region. Soil amendments were applied by hand around each palm tree at 0.8–1.5 m from the stem base. A combination of manual weeding and herbicides was practiced. Old oil palm fronds were regularly cut and stacked at 4–4.5 m from the palm rows (row spacing was about 9 m). The rubber plantations were not fertilized but were weeded both manually and with herbicides.

2.2 Lysimeter installation and soil water sampling

For measuring nutrient leaching, we sampled soil water using lysimeters, which were installed at two randomly chosen locations per replicate plot of the forest, jungle rubber and rubber plantations. In the oil palm plantations, the lysimeters were deployed according to the spatial structure of the soil management practices: one lysimeter was installed between 1.3–1.5-m distance from the tree stem where fertilizers were applied, and another lysimeter was installed between 4–4.5-m distance from the tree stem where the cut fronds were stacked. These suction cup lysimeters (P80 ceramic, maximum pore size 1 µm; CeramTec AG, Marktredwitz, Germany) were inserted into the soil down to 1.5-m depth. This depth was based from our previous work in a lowland forest on highly weathered Ferralsol soil, where leaching losses were measured at various depth intervals down to 3 m and from which we found that leaching fluxes did not change below 1 m (Schwendenmann and Veldkamp, 2005). Moreover, this 1.5-m depth of lysimeter installation at our sites was well below the rooting depth, as determined from the fine-root biomass distribution with depths (Appendix Fig. B1; Kurniawan, 2016).

Prior to installation, lysimeters, tubes and collection containers were acid-washed and rinsed with deionized water. Lysimeters were installed in the field three months prior to the first sampling. The collection containers (dark glass bottles) were placed in plastic buckets with lids and buried in the ground approximately 2 m away from the lysimeters. Soil water was sampled biweekly to monthly, depending on the frequency of rainfall, from February to December 2013. Soil water was withdrawn by applying a 40 kPa vacuum on the sampling tube (Dechert et al., 2005; Schwendenmann and Veldkamp, 2005). The collected soil water was then transferred into clean 100-mL plastic bottles. Upon arrival at the field station, a subsample of 20 mL was set aside for pH measurement while the remaining sample was frozen. All frozen water samples were transported to the University of Goettingen, Germany and were kept frozen until analysis.

The total dissolved N (TDN), NH_4^+, NO_3^- and Cl^- concentrations were measured using continuous flow injection colorimetry (SEAL Analytical AA3, SEAL Analytical GmbH, Norderstedt, Germany). TDN was determined by ultraviolet-persulfate digestion followed by hydrazine sulfate reduction (Autoanalyzer Method G-157-96); NH_4^+ was analyzed by salicylate and dicloroisocyanuric acid reaction (Autoanalyzer Method G-102-93); NO_3^- by cadmium reduction method with NH_4Cl buffer (Autoanalyzer Method G-254-02); and Cl^- was determined with an ion strength adjustor reagent that is pumped through an ion selective chloride electrode with an integrated reference electrode (Auto analyzer Method G-329-05). Dissolved organic N (DON) is the difference between TDN and mineral N (NH_4^+ + NO_3^-). Dissolved organic C (DOC) was determined using a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer (TOC-Vwp, Shimadzu Europa GmbH, Duisburg, Germany). DOC was analyzed by pre-treating the samples with H_3PO_4 solution (to remove inorganic C) followed by ultraviolet-persulfate oxidation of organic C to CO_2, which is determined by an infrared detector. Base cations (Na, K, Ca, Mg), total Al, total Fe, total Mn, total S, total P, and total Si in soil water were analyzed using inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometer (iCAP 6300 Duo View ICP Spectrometer, Thermo Fischer Scientific GmbH, Dreieich, Germany). Instruments' detection limits were: 6 µg NH_4^+-N L^{-1}, 5 µg NO_3^--N L^{-1}, 2 µg TDN L^{-1}, 4 µg DOC L^{-1}, 30 µg Na L^{-1}, 50 µg K L^{-1}, 3 µg Ca L^{-1}, 3 µg Mg L^{-1}, 2 µg Al L^{-1}, 3 µg Fe L^{-1}, 2 µg Mn L^{-1}, 10 µg P L^{-1}, 10 µg S L^{-1}, 1 µg Si L^{-1} and 30 µg Cl L^{-1}.

Partial cation-anion charge balance of the major solutes (i.e., those with concentrations >0.03 mg L^{-1}) in soil water was done by expressing solute concentrations in μmol_c L^{-1} (molar concentration multiplied by the equivalent charge of each solute). Contributions of organic acids ($RCOO^-$) and bicarbonate (HCO_3^-) were calculated, together with S (having very low concentrations), from the difference between cations and anions. Charge contributions of total Al were assumed to be 3^+, whereas solutes that had very low concentrations (i.e., total Fe, Mn and P), and thus had minimal charge contribution, as well as the total dissolved Si (commonly in a form of monosilicic acid ($H_4SiO_4^0$) that has no net charge) were excluded (similar to the method used by Hedin et al., 2003).

2.3 Soil water modelling and calculation of nutrient leaching fluxes

Drainage water fluxes were estimated using the soil water module of the Expert-N model (Priesack, 2005), which has been used in our earlier work on nutrient leaching losses in Sulawesi, Indonesia (Dechert et al., 2005). The model was parameterized with the characteristics measured at our sites, namely climate data, leaf area index, rooting depth, and soil characteristics. The climate variables included daily air temperature (minimum, maximum and average), relative humidity, wind speed, solar radiation, and precipitation. For the loam Acrisol ~~landscape~~soil, the climate data were taken from a climate station at the Harapan Forest Reserve, which was located 10–20 km from our sites. For the clay Acrisol ~~landscape~~soil, the climate data were taken from the climate stations at the villages of Lubuk Kepayang and Sarolangun, which were respectively 10 km and 20 km from our sites. The leaf area indices measured in our forest, jungle rubber, rubber and oil palm sites in the loam Acrisol ~~landscape~~ soil were 5.8, 4.8, 3.5, and 3.9 m^2 m^{-2}, respectively, and in the clay Acrisol ~~landscape~~ soil were 6.2, 4.5, 2.8 and 3.1 m^2 m^{-2}, respectively (Rembold et al., unpublished data). Our measured fine root biomass distribution (Appendix Fig. B1; Kurniawan, 2016) was used to partition root water uptake at various soil depths. Soil characteristics included soil bulk density, texture (Appendix Table A1) and the water retention curve. The latter was determined using the pressure plate method for which intact soil cores (250 cm^3), taken at five soil depths (0.05, 0.2, 0.4, 0.75 and 1.25 m) from each land use within each ~~landscape~~soil type, were measured for water contents at pressure heads of 0, 100, 330 and 15000 hPa.

Calculation of drainage water fluxes followed the water balance equations:

$$\Delta W + D = P - R - ET \text{ and } ET = I + E + T$$

in which ΔW = change in soil water storage, D = drainage water below rooting zone, P = precipitation, R = runoff, ET = evapotranspiration, I = interception of water by plant foliage, E = evaporation from soil, and T = transpiration by plants. The Expert-N model calculates actual evapotranspiration using the Penman-Monteith method, runoff based on the sites' slopes, and vertical water movement using the Richards equation, of which the parameterization of the hydraulic functions were based on our measured soil texture and water retention curve (Mualem, 1976; Van Genuchten, 1980). To validate the output of the water model, we compared the modelled and measured soil matrix potential (Appendix Fig. B2). Soil matrix potential was measured biweekly to monthly from February to December 2013, using tensiometers (P80 ceramic, maximum pore size 1 µm; CeramTec AG, Marktredwitz, Germany), which were installed at the depths of 0.3 m and 0.6 m in two replicate plots per land use within each ~~landscape~~soil type.

Modelled daily drainage water fluxes at a depth of 1.5 m were summed to get the biweekly or monthly drainage fluxes. Nutrient leaching fluxes were calculated by multiplying the element concentrations from each of the two lysimeters per replicate plot with the total biweekly or monthly drainage drainage water flux. The annual leaching flux was the sum of biweekly to monthly measured leaching fluxes from February to December 2013, added with the interpolated value for the unmeasured month of January 2013.

2.4 Nutrient retention efficiency

To evaluate the efficiency with which nutrients are retained in soil, we calculated the N and base cation retention efficiency as follows: 1 – (nutrient leaching loss/soil available nutrient) (Hoeft et al., 2014). For the oil palm plantations, we took the average leaching fluxes in the fertilized and frond-stacked areas of each plot for calculating the nutrient retention efficiency. This is because these sampling locations may contribute equally in terms of area as both the vertical and lateral flows in the soil profile could influence the sampled drainage water, and thus a wider area may contribute to the sampled drainage water than just the categorized sampling locations. For N retention efficiency calculation, TDN leaching flux was ratioed to gross N mineralization rate as the index of soil available N, with both terms expressed in mg N m^{-2} d^{-1}. For calculation of base cation retention efficiency, base cation leaching flux was the sum of K, Na, Mg and Ca in units of mol_{charge} m^{-2} yr^{-1} and soil available base cations was the sum of these exchangeable cations in units of mol_{charge} m^{-2}. We used the measurements of gross N mineralization rate in the top 0.05-m depth and the stocks of exchangeable bases in the top 0.1-m depth (Appendix Table A1, reported by Allen et al., 2015).

2.5 Supporting parameter: nutrient inputs through bulk precipitation

In each landscape, we installed two rain samplers in an open area at 1.5 m above the ground. Rain samplers consisted of 1-liter high-density polyethylene bottles with lids attached to funnels that were covered with a 0.5-mm sieve, and were placed inside polyvinyl chloride tubes (to shield from sunlight and prevent algal growth). Rain samplers were washed with acid and rinsed with deionized water after each collection. Rain was sampled during the same sampling period as the soil water. Each rain sample was filtered through prewashed filter paper (4 μm pore size) into a 100 mL plastic bottle and stored frozen for transport to the University of Goettingen, Germany. The element analyses were the same as those described for soil water. The element concentrations in rainwater were weighted with the rainfall volume during the two-week or 1-month collection period to get volume-weighted concentrations. The annual element inputs from bulk precipitation were calculated by multiplying the volume-weighted average element concentrations in a year with the annual rainfall in each landscape.

2.6 Statistical analysis

Each replicate plot was represented by the average of two lysimeters, except for the oil palm plantations where lysimeters in fertilized and frond-stacked areas were analyzed separately. Tests for normality (Shapiro-Wilk's test) and homogeneity of variance (Levene's test) were conducted for each variable. Logarithmic or square-root transformation was used for variables that showed non-normal distribution and/or heterogeneous variance. We used linear mixed effects (LME) models (Crawley, 2009) to (1) assess differences between the two ~~landscapes~~ soil types for the reference land uses (to answer objective 1), and (2) assess differences among land-use types within each ~~landscape~~ soil type (to answer objective 2). The latter was analyzed for each landscape because the fertilization rates applied to the smallholder oil palm plantations inherently differed between the two landscapes. For element concentrations, the LME model had ~~landscape~~ soil type or land ~~-~~use ~~type~~ as the fixed effect with spatial replication (plot) and time (biweekly or monthly measurements) as random effects. For the annual leaching fluxes, the LME model had ~~landscape~~ soil type or land ~~-~~use ~~type~~ as the fixed effect with spatial replication (plot) as a random effect. If they improved the relative goodness of the model fit (based on the Akaike information criterion), we extended the LME model to include (1) a variance function that allows different variances of the fixed effect, and/or (2) a first-order temporal autoregressive process that assumes that correlation between measurement periods decreases with increasing time intervals. Fixed effects were considered significant based on analysis of variance at $P \leq 0.05$, and differences between ~~landscapes~~ soil types or land ~~-~~uses ~~types~~ were assessed using Fisher's least significant difference test at $P \leq 0.05$. Given the inherent spatial variability in our experimental design, we also considered P values of $> 0.05 \leq 0.09$ as marginal significance, mentioned explicitly for some variables. To support the partial charge balance of dissolved cations and anions, we used Pearson correlation analysis to assess the relationships between solute cations and anions, using the monthly average ($n = 12$) of the four replicate plots per land use within each ~~landscape~~soil type. We also used Pearson correlation analysis to test the modelled and measured soil matrix potential, using the monthly average (n = 12) of the measured two replicate plots per land use within each ~~landscape~~soil type. To assess how the soil physical and biochemical characteristics (Table A1) influence the annual nutrient leaching fluxes, we conducted Spearman's rank correlation test for these variables, separately for the reference land uses and the converted land uses across ~~landscapes~~ both soil types (n = 16). All statistical analyses were conducted using R 3.0.2 (R Development Core Team, 2013).

3 Results

3.1 Water balance and nutrient input from bulk precipitation

The modelled and measured soil matric potential were highly correlated (R = 0.79 to 0.98, n = 12, P < 0.01) (Appendix Fig. B2). In forest and jungle rubber, modelled annual ET was 36-47 %, runoff was 16-27 %, and drainage was 32-44 % of annual precipitation. In rubber and oil palm, modelled annual ET was 30-32 %, runoff was 22-31 %, and drainage was 37-47 % of annual precipitation (Table 1). In both landscapes, annual input from bulk precipitation was dominated by DOC (58 % of total element deposition), followed by Na, Cl, TDN, Ca, K and total S (Table 2). We compared the chlorinity ratios of elements in the bulk precipitation at our sites to those of seawater to infer anthropogenic influence. The average chlorinity ratios from both landscapes were 1.13 ± 0.05 for Na:Cl, 0.05 ± 0.01 for Mg:Cl, 0.20 ± 0.02 for Ca:Cl and 0.13 ± 0.04 for K:Cl, which were higher, except for Mg:Cl, than seawater chlorinity ratios (0.56 for Na:Cl, 0.07 for Mg:Cl, 0.02 for Ca:Cl and 0.02 for K:Cl; p. 349, Schlesinger and Bernhardt, 2013).

3.2 Element concentrations in soil water

For forest, the loam Acrisol had higher dissolved Na, Mg, total Al (all $P \leq 0.05$), NH_4^+-N, DON, total Fe and Cl concentrations (all $P \leq 0.09$) than the clay Acrisol (Table 3). For jungle rubber, the loam Acrisol had higher dissolved NO_3^--N ($P \leq 0.05$) and lower total Si concentrations ($P \leq 0.09$) than the clay Acrisol (Table 3). The ionic charge concentration of~~in~~ soil solution ~~of~~ in the forest sites was higher in the loam (274 ± 19 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$) than in the clay Acrisols (203 ± 20 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$) ($P = 0.01$; Fig. 1), whereas in the jungle rubber these were comparable (loam Acrisols: 199 ± 31 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$, clay Acrisols: 207 ± 24 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$; Fig. 1). Correlation analysis of dissolved cations and anions in forest and jungle rubber showed that NH_4^+-N, Na, K, Ca, Mg and total Al were positively correlated with DON, DOC, Cl, NO_3^--N and total S (Appendix Tables A3 and A4).

The rubber plantations in the loam Acrisol had lower NO_3^--N, DON, DOC, Na, Ca, Cl (all $P \leq 0.05$), total P and total S concentrations (both $P \leq 0.08$) than either forest or jungle rubber (Table 3). This resulted in lower ionic charge concentration of~~in~~ soil solution ~~of~~ in rubber plantation (200 ± 21 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$) than ~~that of~~in forest ($P < 0.01$; Fig. 1). In the clay Acrisol, only dissolved Na was lower in rubber plantations than in jungle rubber ($P \leq 0.01$; Table 3), and hence the ionic charge concentration ~~in~~ of soil solution ~~of~~ in rubber plantation (189 ± 23 μmol$_{charge}$ L~~l~~$^{-1}$) were comparable to those ~~of~~ in the reference land uses (Fig. 1). In contrast to the reference land uses, unfertilized rubber plantations showed strong positive correlations of dissolved cations (NH_4^+-N, Na, K, Ca, Mg and total Al) with Cl and only weaker positive correlations with DOC or total S (Appendix Tables A3 and A4).

The fertilized areas of oil palm plantations had higher NO_3^--N, Na, Ca, Mg, total Al, Cl (all $P \leq 0.05$) and lower soil solution pH ($P = 0.07$) than in the reference land uses within the loam Acrisol soil~~landscape~~ (Table 3). In the clay Acrisol ~~landscape~~soil, the fertilized areas of oil palm plantations had higher soil solution pH and dissolved Na (both $P \leq 0.05$) whereas DON was lower (P = 0.08) than the reference land uses (Table 3). Ionic charge concentrations in of soil solutions of in the fertilized areas of oil palm plantations (648 ± 306 μmol_{charge} Ll^{-1} for loam Acrisol and 317 ± 83 μmol_{charge} Ll^{-1} for clay Acrisol) were higher than in frond-stacked areas (190 ± 23 μmol_{charge} Ll^{-1} for loam Acrisol and 173 ± 37 μmol_{charge} Ll^{-1} for clay Acrisol) and in other land uses (P < 0.01; Fig. 1). In the fertilized areas of the loam Acrisol, dissolved NO_3^--N was positively correlated with total Al (Table A3) and both were negatively correlated with soil solution pH (R = -0.57 to -0.76, n = 12, $P \leq 0.05$). The fertilized areas showed strong positive correlations of dissolved cations (Na, K, Ca, Mg and total Al) with total S or Cl and only weaker positive correlations with DOC (Appendix Tables A3 and A4). The frond-stacked areas showed positive correlations of these dissolved cations largely with Cl (Appendix Tables A3 and A4).

3.3 Annual leaching flux and nutrient retention efficiency

For forest, annual leaching fluxes of Na, Ca, Mg, total Al, Cl (all $P \leq 0.05$), NH_4^+-N, DON, total Si ($P \leq 0.09$) were larger in the loam than in the clay Acrisols, whereas in jungle rubber only annual NO_3^--N leaching flux was larger ($P \leq 0.05$) (Table 4). Across all forest and jungle rubber sites, annual leaching fluxes of anions (DON and NO_3^--N) were negatively correlated with indicators of soil exchangeable cations (base saturation, effective cation exchange capacity (ECEC), exchangeable Al; *Spearman's* ρ = -0.51 to -0.61, n = 16, $P \leq 0.05$), while annual NH_4^+-N leaching flux was negatively correlated (*Spearman's* ρ = -0.53, n = 16, P = 0.04) with soil organic C (Table A1). For both reference land uses, the higher leaching in loam than in clay Acrisols was mirrored by decreases in N and base cation retention efficiency in the soil (Table 5). Across all reference sites, N and base cation retention efficiency in the soil were positively correlated with base saturation, ECEC and soil organic C (*Spearman's* ρ = 0.52 to 0.70, n = 16, $P \leq 0.04$) which, in turn, were positively correlated with clay content (*Spearman's* ρ = 0.55 to 0.59, n = 12 sites analyzed for clay content, $P \leq 0.05$).

The rubber plantations had lower annual P leaching flux than forests (P = 0.08) and lower annual DOC leaching flux than jungle rubber in the loam Acrisol (P < 0.01) (Table 4). N and base cation retention efficiency in the soil of rubber plantations were comparable with the reference land uses in both ~~landscapes~~ soil types (Table 5). In oil palm plantations of the loam Acrisol ~~landscape~~soil, the fertilized areas had higher annual leaching fluxes of NO_3^-, TDN, DOC, Na, Ca, Mg, total Al, total S and Cl (all $P \leq 0.05$) than in the unfertilized rubber plantations or the reference land uses, whereas the frond-stacked areas showed comparable leaching fluxes with the other land uses (Table 4). In the loam Acrisol, oil palm plantations had lower N and base cation retention efficiency in the soil than the other land uses ($P \leq 0.01$ – 0.06; Table 5). In the clay Acrisol soil ~~landscape~~, where leaching fluxes were small (Table 4), there were no differences observed in soil N and base cation retention efficiency among land uses (Table 5). Across all rubber and oil palm sites, annual NH_4^+-N and DON leaching fluxes were negatively correlated with ECEC and clay content (*Spearman's* ρ = -0.50 to -0.64, $n \leq 16$, P = 0.03 – 0.07). Moreover, base cation retention efficiency in the soil was positively correlated with ECEC, soil organic C and clay content (*Spearman's* ρ = 0.68 to 0.91, $n \leq 16$, $P \leq 0.01$ – 0.02) which, in turn, were correlated with each other (*Spearman's* ρ = 0.87 to 0.90, n = 12 sites analyzed for clay content, $P \leq 0.01$).

4 Discussion

4.1 Water balance and nutrient input from bulk precipitation

Our modelled water balance was generally comparable with the estimates from other studies in Indonesia. When compared to a forest at 200-500 m elevation on a clay loam soil in Kalimantan (with 28-47 % ET and 40-55 % runoff of 3451 mm yr^{-1} precipitation; Suryatmojo et al., 2013), our estimated ET in the forest sites was comparable, although our modelled runoff was lower (Table 1). However, our runoff estimates were similar to the modelled runoff in oil palm and rubber plantations in Jambi province (10-20 % of rainfall; Tarigan et al., 2016). Our values for runoff and drainage flux in oil palm plantations (Table 1) were similar to oil palm plantations at 130 m elevation on Andisol soils in Papua New Guinea (with 37-57 % ET, 0-44 % runoff, and 38-59 % drainage of 2398-3657 mm yr^{-1} precipitation; Banabas et al., 2008). Additionally, our estimated daily ET in oil palm (2.4 ± 0.1 and 2.2 ± 0.1 mm d^{-1} in the loam and clay Acrisols, respectively) was similar to the measurements of Niu et al. (2015) (2.6 ± 0.7 mm d^{-1}) in the same oil palm plantations included in our study. Finally, the high correlations between modelled and measured matric potential (0.3-m depth; Appendix Fig. B2) suggest that our modelled drainage fluxes closely approximated those in the studied land uses.

The chemical composition of bulk precipitation in our study area was clearly influenced by ~~anthropogenic activities, likely from~~ biomass burning and~~/or~~ terrigenous dust from agriculture. This is evident from the high DOC, ~~and~~ TDN, Na:Cl, K:Cl and Ca:Cl ratios in bulk precipitation, which were comparable to values ~~from~~ of bulk precipitation impacted by such ~~biomass burning~~ anthropogenic activities in Southeast Asia as well as in Latin America ~~in Brazil, Panama and Costa Rica~~ (Balasubramanian et al., 1999;~~Coelho et al., 2008;~~ Corre et al., 2010; Eklund et al., 1997). ~~The high Na:Cl, K:Cl and Ca:Cl ratios in bulk precipitation at our sites were similar to values from bulk precipitation influenced by dusts in Singapore and Costa Rica (Balasubramanian et al., 1999; Eklund et al., 1997).~~ From a peatland in Kalimantan, influenced by land-clearing fires, throughfall nutrient depositions (19-22 kg N, 6-11 kg P, 25-44 kg S ha^{-1} yr^{-1}) are larger than those from bulk precipitation, indicating large contribution from dry deposition (Ponette-Gonzales et al., 2016). Total (wet + dry) nutrient depositions in our study region could be larger than the values from bulk precipitation. High atmospheric nutrient deposition may have fertilizing or polluting effect, depending on whether or not the receiving ecosystem is a sink and able to buffer its other cascading effects (e.g., acidification). Additionally~~The N deposition from bulk precipitation (Table 2) was only 0.7-1.4 % of the gross~~

rate of N mineralization in the top 0.05 m of soil at our forest sites (250-600 mg N m^{-2} d^{-1}; Allen et al., 2015). The amount of P and base cations from bulk precipitation (Table 2) were also only 1-3 % of the stocks of Bray-extractable P and exchangeable base cations in the top 0.1 m of soil at our forest sites (1-4 g P m^{-2}, 22-65 g K m^{-2}, 57-109 g Ca m^{-2}, and 8-29 g Mg m^{-2}; Allen et al., 2016), atmospheric redistribution of nutrients in areas with widespread land-use conversion and intensification may have unforeseen effects on down-wind and down-stream ecosystems (e.g., Bragazza et al., 2016; Sundarambal et al., 2010).. Thus, in our study area, the much larger stocks and cycling rates of nutrients in the soil (and how these are affected by land-use change) will be a more significant influence on nutrient leaching losses (see below) than the low amounts of nutrients from bulk precipitation.

4.2 Forest and jungle rubber: Lleaching fluxes and nutrient retention efficiency in the reference land uses

Highly weathered soils (e.g., Acrisols and Ferralsols) are characterized by lLow solute concentrations in drainage and stream waters in soil solution of highly weathered soils is due to minimal internal input of rock-derived nutrients via weathering (Hedin et al., 2003; Markewitz et al., 2001). The Our reference land uses on Acrisol soils in our study region exhibited similarly comparably low ionic charge concentration and with high dissolved Al in soil solutions of forest and jungle rubber (Fig. 1) as those reported by those reported these authorsfor drainage and stream waters in highly weathered Ferralsol soils (Hedin et al., 2003; Markewitz et al., 2001). Low solute concentration in soil solution of highly weathered soils is due to minimal internal input of rock-derived nutrients via weathering (Hedin et al., 2003). Soil nutrients fertility of such highly weathered soils is are conserved through efficient cycling of nutrients between the soil and vegetation, for which soil texture is one important controlling factor. Previous studies have shown thatFor example, fine-textured, highly weathered Acrisol and Ferralsol soils ~~have~~ show higher nutrient- and water-holding capacity, higher soil N availability, decomposition rate and plant productivity than the coarse~~-~~-texture~~d~~d soils of the same ~~Acrisols and Ferralsol soils~~groups -(e.g., Ohta et al., 1993; Silver et al., 2000; Sotta et al., 2008). Our measured nutrient leaching losses ~~from the reference land uses supported~~concurred to these findings. The lower ~~solute concentrations (Table 3) and lower~~ annual nutrient leaching fluxes in clay as compared to loam Acrisols (i.e., TDN, Na, Ca, Mg; Table 4) were paralleled by higher gross rates of NH_4^+ ~~soil~~ production and immobilization~~NH_4^+ cycling~~ (Allen et al., 2015), ~~higher~~ soil N stocks, ECEC, ~~and~~ base saturation; ~~(~~(Appendix Table A1) and ~~, higher~~ water-holding capacity (Hassler et al., 2015)~~ and lower drainage fluxes (Table 1)~~. Nutrient demand of vegetation may not be the dominant control on leaching fluxes, as the vegetation structure of the reference land uses (tree density, basal area, root biomass; Appendix Table A2) even seemed larger in the loam than the clay Acrisols. Similarly, the differences in tree species compositions between the loam and clay Acrisol soils (Appendix Table A2) may not have influenced the nutrient leaching fluxes, as supported by the comparable net primary production of the reference land uses between soil types (Kotowska et al., 2015). Our findings showed that soil texture was the main factor regulating nutrient leaching losses and soil fertility (e.g., nutrient stocks and N-cycling rates) in these highly weathered Acrisol soils~~Since leaching of DON and mineral N was associated with leaching of dissolved cations (Appendix Tables A3 and A4), high rates of soil N cycling in the clay Acrisol (Allen et al., 2015) had contributed to lower leaching of N with base cations, and thus conserving soil fertility (Appendix Table A1)~~.

The influenced of soil texture on soil biochemical characteristics also ~~We also observed a~~ linked to the leaching losses or, conversely, nutrient retention efficiency. ~~between N leaching and the acid-buffering capacity of the soils, as~~ This was shown by the negative correlations of annual DON and NO_3^--N leaching losses with soil base saturation, ECEC and exchangeable Al across all the reference sites. The higher the N and cation leaching (as in the loam Acrisol), the lower were the cation stocks and ECEC in the soil (Appendix Table A1). Similarly, the negative correlation of annual NH_4^+-N leaching losses with soil organic C suggest high retention of NH_4^+ in the clay Acrisol that has higher soil organic C (Appendix Table A1), higher soil microbial biomass and higher gross rates of NH_4^+ cycling than in the loam Acrisol (Allen et al., 2015). These all led to the higher N and base cation retention efficiency in clay than in loam Acrisols (Table 5)~~, reflecting the higher nutrient- and water-retention capacity of the clay Acrisols~~. The positive correlations of N and base cation retention efficiency with soil base saturation, ECEC, organic C and clay content across all the reference sites suggest efficient cycling of nutrients between the soil and vegetation in the clay Acrisol. ~~In summary, our findings showed that soil texture was an important factor regulating nutrient leaching losses and soil fertility in these highly weathered Acrisol landscapes.~~

4.3. Land-use change effects on l~~L~~eaching fluxes ~~in rubber~~and nutrient retention efficiency

~~The low ionic charge concentration in soil solutions of unfertilized rubber plantations, particularly in the loam Acrisol (Fig. 1; Table 3), reflected decreased leaching losses after 14-17 yrs of land-use conversion (Appendix Table A2).~~ L~~L~~and-use conversion ~~by smallholders entails~~(i.e., ~~-~~slashing and burning of the ~~original~~ previous vegetation) causes ~~as well as localized manual cultivation.~~ a~~A~~ large portion of nutrients in biomass ~~are~~ to be lost during burning (Kaufmann et al., 1995; Mackensen et al., 1996) and, after the initial ~~-and the pulse release of nutrients from~~ pulse of nutrient release from ashes and decomposition~~, results in high~~ nutrient leaching ~~losses immediately after burning followed by~~ continuously decreases ~~in leaching losses~~ with time (Klinge et al., 2004). Our smallholder rubber plantations were not fertilized during our study years, in part because the price of rubber was low during those years (Clough et al., 2015). ~~The low ionic charge concentration in soil solutions of unfertilized rubber~~

plantations, particularly in the loam Acrisol (Fig. 1; Table 3), reflected decreased leaching losses after 14-17 yrs of land-use conversion (Appendix Table A2).

Without soil amendments, Previous studies have shown that soil nutrient levels can decrease significantly after years after of agricultural productionland-use conversion without soil amendments (, e.g., decreases in exchangeable bases (Dechert et al. 2004), P availability (Ngoze et al., 2008), and soil-N cycling availability rate and microbial N (Allen et al., 2015; Corre et al., 2006; Davidson et al., 2007)). This was also evident in our unfertilized rubber plantations with low ionic charge concentrations of soil solutions in the loam Acrisol soil (Fig. 1; Table 3). where, in the loam Acrisol, we measured lower annual P and DOC leaching fluxes than either in forest or jungle rubber (Table 4). The dAecrease in annual P leaching flux in rubber decreased (Table 4) and was reflected by a decrease in Bray-extractable P in the entire 2-m soil depth of the same rubber plantations compared to forest (Allen et al., 2016). Compared to forestSimilarly, the decrease in annual DOC leaching flux in rubber (Table 4) was mirrored by the decreases in microbial C (Allen et al., 2015), litterfall and root production (Kotowska et al., 2015) in the same rubber plantations, and the overall decrease in soil organic C stocks in smallholder rubber plantations in the same study region (van Straaten et al., 2015) compared to forest. Decreases in DOC concentrations of soil solutions were possibly the reason why cations in the soil solutions of the rubber plantations were strongly correlated with Cl and only weakly correlated with organic-associated anions (DOC or total S; Appendix Tables A3 and A4). Our results showed that disruption of nutrient cycling between the soil and original vegetation brought about by land-use conversion to rubber plantations, combined with the absence of soil amendments, had decreased P and DOC leaching nutrient leaching (Tables 3 and 4) which suggest a as well soil nutrient decrease in soil fertilityavailability (i.e., P stocks, microbial N, gross N mineralization rates; Allen et al., 2015; Allen et al., 2016).

~~4.4 Leaching fluxes in oil palm and nutrient retention efficiency in converted land uses~~

The most important factor influencing nutrient leaching in the smallholder oil palm plantations was fertilizer application. This was evident by the higher solute concentrations of the fertilized area compared to the frond-stacked area and to the other land uses (Fig. 1; Table 3). In the fertilized area, the stronger correlations of dissolved cations with total S and Cl, rather than with DOC, were because S and Cl are components of the applied fertilizers (see 2.1). The larger increases in solute concentrations ~~in~~ of the fertilized areas ~~of~~ in the loam Acrisol ~~compared to fertilized area~~ than~~of~~ the clay Acrisol soils were ~~due~~ attributed to the following: 1) higher fertilization rates of oil palm plantations in the loam Acrisol ~~landscape~~ (see 2.1), and 2) its lower clay contents that contributed to its lower ~~nutrient- and~~ water-holding capacity and nutrient retention (~~Appendix Table A1;~~ Tables 1 and 5). In fertilized areas of the loam Acrisol, the correlations among dissolved NO_3^-, total Al and acidity were likely due to nitrification of added N fertilizer and the low acid-buffering capacity of this loam Acrisol soil (i.e., low base saturation; ~~in the top 0.1 m (~~Appendix Table A1~~) and in the entire 2-m depth~~; Allen et al. 2016). Soil extractable NO_3^- and NH_4^+ in these smallholder plantations are elevated up to six weeks following fertilization (Hassler et al., 2017), during which time NO_3^- is susceptible to leaching. Nitrification-induced acidity may have enhanced the Al acid-buffering reaction and led to the increases in dissolved Al and acidity of soil solution (Table 3). Other studies in Indonesia and Malaysia have also reported increases in soil acidity due to N fertilization in oil palm plantations (Anuar et al., 2008; Comte et al., 2013). Even though occasional liming is practiced by smallholders in these oil palm plantations, soil pH (Appendix Table A1) was still within the Al acid-buffering range (pH 3-5; Van Breemen et al., 1983). The acidic soil water and elevated dissolved Al concentration resulting from N fertilization in these oil palm plantations may also have triggered the decrease in mycorrhizal colonization of fine roots and the increase in distorted root tips found at the same sites (Sahner et al., 2015).

In the fertilized areas of oil palm plantations in the loam Acrisol, increased annual leaching fluxes of Na, total S, Cl, NO_3^-, TDN, Ca and Mg (Table 4) were due to applications of Na-, S- and N-containing fertilizers and lime (see 2.1). The leaching losses in our oil palm plantations were lower than those reported for oil palm plantations on Acrisol soils in Nigeria (2.6 g Ca m^{-2} and 0.6 g Mg m^{-2} during a six-month period; Omoti et al., 1983) and Malaysia (0.3-0.6 g N m^{-2} during a five-month period; Tung et al., 2009), and on Andisol soils in Papua New Guinea (3.7-10.3 g N m^{-2} yr^{-1} during a fourteen-month period; Banabas et al., 2008), all of which had larger fertilization rates than our smallholders. Moreover, the increased annual DOC fluxes in fertilized areas of oil palm plantations (Table 4) suggests a reduction in the retention of DOC in the soil. ~~When~~ This, combined with the decreases in litterfall and root production, harvest export (Kotowska et al., 2015), and decreases in soil CO_2 emissions (Hassler et al., 2015) from the same oil palm plantations, ~~this~~ provided~~s~~ ~~strong~~ additional support for the decreases in soil organic C stocks in smallholder oil palm plantations in the same study region (van Straaten et al., 2015). Altogether, our results showed the overarching influence of soil texture on nutrient retention or leaching in these converted land uses. This was shown by the positive correlations of annual NH_4^+-N leaching, annual DON leaching and base cation retention efficiency with ECEC, soil organic C and clay content across all sites of the converted land uses.

The fertilization rates in our studied smallholder oil palm plantations were only 2-5 times lower than the nearby large-scale plantations, which were typically 230-260 kg N ha^{-1} yr^{-1}. Our findings of increased ~~Altogether, our results showed the overarching influence of soil texture on nutrient- and water-holding capacity in these converted land uses. First, this was evident from the increased leaching of~~ TDN and base cations leaching or decreased~~, particularly in the loam Acrisol, in fertilized oil palm plantations (Table 4) that led to decreased N and base cation~~ retention efficiency, ~~in the~~ particularly in the loam Acrisol, ~~soil~~ despite the low fertilization rates (Tables 4 and 5), imply for a need to optimize fertilization rate in large-scale plantations, especially on coarse-texture soils which have low inherent nutrient retention, in order to minimize environmental effect while maintaining production. Second, this was shown by the positive correlations of annual NH_4^+-N leaching, annual DON leaching and base cation retention efficiency with ECEC, soil organic C and clay content across all sites of the converted land uses.

5 Conclusions

The low solute concentrations in drainage water of the reference land uses signified low internal inputs of rock-derived nutrients in these highly-weathered soils, and suggest efficient internal cycling of nutrients. Our findings of lower nutrient leaching losses and higher nutrient retention efficiency in the reference land uses on the clay as compared to the loam Acrisol soils supported our first hypothesis, and reflected the influence of soil texture on nutrient retention- and water-holding capacity. The low nutrient leaching losses in the unfertilized rubber plantations and the high leaching in the fertilized oil palm plantations supported our second hypothesis. Reduced P and DOC leaching in rubber plantations signaled reduction in soil fertilitynutrient levels, which may influence how long these rubber plantations can remain before conversion to another land use. Sustainability of oil palm plantations must take into account the long-term effect of chronic N fertilization on soil water acidity and Al solubility; the inherently low acid-buffering capacity of Acrisol soils implies that the smallholders will be increasingly dependent on lime application, which entails additional capital input. Our results highlight the need to develop soil management practices that conserve soil fertility nutrients in unfertilized rubber plantations and increase nutrient retention efficiency in fertilized oil palm plantations. Management practices to regulate leaching losses are possibly more pressing for large-scale oil palm plantations, , in

~~order to minimize the reductions of ecosystem provisioning services (e.g., soil fertility and water quality) and hinder further forest conversion.~~

~~Further quantification of leaching losses should focus on large-scale oil palm plantations,~~ which have 2-~~3~~ 5 times higher fertilization rates ~~than the smallholder plantations, as they~~and may have a larger impact on ground water quality than the smallholder~~ plantation~~s. Process-based models, used to predict yield and associated environmental footprint of these tree cash crop plantations, should reflect the differences in soil management (e.g., absence or low vs. high fertilization rates, weed control) between smallholder and large-scale plantations. For valid large-scale extrapolation, quantification of leaching losses in oil palm plantations should not only represent the spatial structure of management practices but also surface landforms, which influence water redistribution (e.g., inclusion of riparian areas), and an improved water budget (e.g., estimates of evapotranspiration from inter-rows).

Data availability

Our data are deposited in the EFForTS-IS data repository (https://efforts-is.uni-goettingen.de), an internal data-exchange platform, which is accessible to EFForTS members only. Based on data sharing agreement within EFForTS, these data are currently not publicly accessible but will be made available through a written request to the corresponding and senior authors.

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Table 1. Simulated water balance during 2013 in different land uses within ~~two landscapes~~ the ~~(~~loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia.

Water balance components (mm yr^{-1})	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber plantations	Oil palm plantations
loam Acrisol soil (precipitation: 3418 mm yr^{-1})				
Evapotranspiration	1384	1224	1077	1027
Transpiration	1033	815	594	437
Evaporation	155	213	287	408
Interception	196	196	196	182
Water drainage	1483	1487	1544	1614
Runoff	545	704	800	761
clay Acrisol soil (precipitation: 3475 mm yr^{-1})				
Evapotranspiration	1622	1271	1114	1071
Transpiration	1284	861	402	446
Evaporation	157	242	548	459
Interception	181	168	164	166
Water drainage	1117	1268	1280	1311
Runoff	722	932	1070	1087

Table 2. Mean (± SE, *n* = 2) volume-weighted element concentrations and annual inputs in bulk precipitation, measured bi-weekly to monthly from February to December 2013 within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia.

Elements	Volume-weighted concentration (mg L~~l~~$^{-1}$)		Annual input ($g\ m^{-2}\ yr^{-1}$)	
	loam Acrisol	clay Acrisol	loam Acrisol	clay Acrisol
Ammonium (NH_4^+-N)	0.17 (0.02)	0.20 (0.02)	0.58 (0.06)	0.69 (0.07)
Nitrate (NO_3^--N)	0.04 (0.02)	0.07 (0.01)	0.13 (0.06)	0.26 (0.04)
Dissolved organic nitrogen (N)	0.17 (0.01)	0.20 (0.04)	0.58 (0.02)	0.70 (0.14)
Total dissolved nitrogen (N)	0.38 (0.00)	0.47 (0.07)	1.29 (0.01)	1.64 (0.26)
Dissolved organic carbon (C)	8.15 (0.19)	7.44 (0.07)	27.84 (0.66)	25.86 (0.25)
Sodium (Na)	1.84 (0.04)	1.90 (0.18)	6.30 (0.13)	6.61 (0.63)
Potassium (K)	0.16 (0.04)	0.28 (0.14)	0.55 (0.15)	0.96 (0.49)
Calcium (Ca)	0.32 (0.02)	0.36 (0.07)	1.09 (0.08)	1.24 (0.24)
Magnesium (Mg)	0.07 (0.01)	0.09 (0.01)	0.24 (0.05)	0.30 (0.04)
Total aluminum (Al)	0.02 (0.01)	0.01 (0.00)	0.05 (0.03)	0.04 (0.01)
Total iron (Fe)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.04 (0.01)	0.03 (0.01)
Total manganese (Mn)	0.001 (0.00)	0.001 (0.00)	0.003 (0.00)	0.004 (0.00)
Total phosphorus (P)	0.01 (0.00)	0.02 (0.00)	0.04 (0.01)	0.08 (0.01)
Total sulfur (S)	0.26 (0.00)	0.30 (0.03)	0.90 (0.01)	1.04 (0.10)
Total silica (Si)	0.02 (0.01)	0.03 (0.01)	0.06 (0.02)	0.09 (0.03)
Chloride (Cl)	1.79 (0.25)	1.54 (0.30)	6.11 (0.84)	5.34 (1.06)

Table 3. Mean (± SE, *n* = 4, except for oil palm *n* = 3) nutrient concentrations in soil solution from a depth of 1.5 m in different land uses within the two landscapes (loam and clay Acrisol soils) in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Means followed by different lowercase letters indicate significant differences among land uses within each landscape soil type and different uppercase letters indicate significant differences between landscapes soil types for each reference land use (Linear mixed effects models with Fisher's LSD test at $P \leq 0.05$, and † at $P \leq 0.09$ for marginal significance).

Elements	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber	Oil palm fertilized area	Oil palm frond-stacked area
			loam Acrisol soil		
pH	4.3 (0.0) a†	4.3 (0.1) a†	4.4 (0.0) a†	4.1 (0.1) b†	4.3 (0.0) a†
Ammonium (mg NH_4^+-N Ll^{-1})	0.2 (0.0) A†	0.3 (0.1)	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)
Nitrate (mg NO_3^--N Ll^{-1})	0.1 (0.1) b	0.1 (0.0) b A	0.0 (0.0) c	0.3 (0.2) a	0.1 (0.0) b
Dissolved organic N (mg N Ll^{-1})	0.2 (0.0) a A†	0.1 (0.0) b	0.1 (0.0) b	0.1 (0.0) ab	0.1 (0.0) b
Total dissolved N (mg N Ll^{-1})	0.5 (0.1) A†	0.4 (0.1) A†	0.2 (0.0)	0.6 (0.2)	0.3 (0.0)
Dissolved organic C (mg C Ll^{-1})	3.7 (0.3) ab	4.0 (0.5) ab	3.1 (0.2) c	4.2 (0.1) a	3.6 (0.1) b
Sodium (mg Na Ll^{-1})	3.2 (0.1) b A	2.4 (0.2) c	2.2 (0.2) c	7.2 (3.9) a	2.3 (0.3) c
Potassium (mg K Ll^{-1})	0.4 (0.0)	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.4 (0.1)	0.4 (0.1)
Calcium (mg Ca Ll^{-1})	0.8 (0.0) b	0.7 (0.1) c	0.7 (0.1) c	2.7 (0.9) a	0.7 (0.1) c
Magnesium	0.3 (0.0) b A	0.2 (0.0) c	0.3 (0.1) b	0.5 (0.1) a	0.2 (0.0) c

(mg Mg L^{-1})					
Total aluminum (mg Al L^{-1})	0.4 (0.1) b A	0.2 (0.0) c	0.3 (0.0) b	1.2 (0.7) a	0.1 (0.0) c
Total iron (mg Fe L^{-1})	0.2 (0.1) A†	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.1)
Total manganese (mg Mn L^{-1})	0.02 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00) B
Total phosphorus (mg P L^{-1})	0.008 (0.0) a†	0.004 (0.0) b†	0.003 (0.0) c†	0.005 (0.0) ab†	0.005 (0.0) ab†
Total sulfur (mg S L^{-1})	0.16 (0.00) a†	0.14 (0.00) bc†	0.10 (0.00) c†	0.14 (0.00) ab†	0.12 (0.00) b†
Total silica (mg Si L^{-1})	0.5 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1) B†	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.2 (0.0)
Chloride (mg Cl L^{-1})	8.9 (0.8) b A†	6.6 (0.8) c	6.7 (0.6) c	21.0 (2.7) a	6.2 (0.8) c
			clay Acrisol soil		
pH	4.3 (0.1) c	4.4 (0.1) bc	4.4 (0.0) c	4.6 (0.1) ab	4.6 (0.1) a
Ammonium (mg NH_4^+-N L^{-1})	0.2 (0.0) B†	0.1 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)
Nitrate (mg NO_3^--N L^{-1})	0.1 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0) B	0.2 (0.1)	0.9 (0.9)	0.0 (0.0)
Dissolved organic N (mg N L^{-1})	0.1 (0.0) a†B†	0.1 (0.0) a†	0.1 (0.0) ab†	0.0 (0.0) b†	0.0 (0.0) b†
Total dissolved N (mg N L^{-1})	0.3 (0.0) B†	0.2 (0.0) B†	0.4 (0.1)	1.1 (0.9)	0.2 (0.0)
Dissolved organic C (mg C L^{-1})	3.3 (0.4)	4.0 (0.3)	2.9 (0.1)	4.8 (0.9)	4.4 (1.1)
Sodium (mg Na L^{-1})	2.4 (0.2) bc B	2.5 (0.1) b	2.0 (0.1) c	4.6 (1.2) a	2.5 (0.5) bc
Potassium (mg K L^{-1})	0.3 (0.0)	0.3 (0.1)	0.3 (0.0)	0.4 (0.1)	0.2 (0.1)

Calcium (mg Ca L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.7 (0.1)	0.7 (0.0)	0.7 (0.1)	0.8 (0.2)	0.5 (0.1)
Magnesium (mg Mg L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.3 (0.0) $_{B}$	0.3 (0.0)	0.3 (0.0)	0.4 (0.1)	0.2 (0.1)
Total aluminum (mg Al L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.2 (0.0) $_{B}$	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.2 (0.1)	0.1 (0.0)
Total iron (mg Fe L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.0 (0.0) $_{b\dagger\ B\dagger}$	0.0 (0.0) $_{b\dagger}$	0.0 (0.0) $_{b\dagger}$	0.0 (0.0) $_{b\dagger}$	0.1 (0.0) $_{a\dagger}$
Total manganese (mg Mn L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.08 (0.10)	0.02 (0.00)
Total phosphorus (mg P L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.010 (0.0)	0.004 (0.0)	0.004 (0.0)	0.004 (0.0)	0.010 (0.0)
Total sulfur (mg S L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.15 (0.00)	0.11 (0.00)	0.11 (0.00)	0.13 (0.00)	0.12 (0.00)
Total silica (mg Si L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	0.4 (0.0)	0.6 (0.1) $_{A\dagger}$	0.3 (0.0)	1.0 (0.4)	0.7 (0.2)
Chloride (mg Cl L~~l~~$^{-1}$)	6.4 (0.6) $_{B\dagger}$	6.8 (0.9)	5.7 (0.8)	7.2 (2.1)	4.6 (0.8)

Table 4. Mean (± SE, n = 4, except for oil palm n = 3) annual (2013) nutrient leaching fluxes measured at a depth of 1.5 m in different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Means followed by different lowercase letters indicate significant differences among land uses within each ~~landscape~~ soil type and different uppercase letters indicate significant differences between ~~landscapes~~ soil types for each reference land use (Linear mixed effects models with Fisher's LSD test at $P \leq 0.05$, and † at $P \leq 0.09$ for marginal significance).

Elements	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber	Oil palm fertilized area	Oil palm frond-stacked area
			loam Acrisol soil		
Ammonium (g NH_4^+-N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.3 (0.0) ab A†	0.5 (0.3) a	0.2 (0.01) bc	0.3 (0.0) ab	0.2 (0.0) c
Nitrate (g NO_3^--N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.1 (0.1) ab	0.1 (0.1) ab A	0.0 (0.0) b	0.6 (0.3) a	0.1 (0.0) ab
Dissolved organic N (g N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.2 (0.0) A†	0.1 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.2 (0.1)	0.1 (0.0)
Total dissolved N (g N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.6 (0.1) ab† A†	0.8 (0.3) ab†	0.4 (0.0) b†	1.1 (0.3) a†	0.4 (0.1) b†
Dissolved organic C (g C m^{-2} yr^{-1})	4.2 (0.5) bc	6.2 (1.5) ab	3.9 (0.2) c	7.3 (0.2) a	4.2 (0.4) bc
Sodium (g Na m^{-2} yr^{-1})	3.8 (0.4) b A	3.7 (0.8) b	3.1 (0.3) b	13.1 (7.6) a	3.1 (0.5) b
Potassium (g K m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.4 (0.1)	0.4 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)	0.7 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)
Calcium	1.0 (0.1) b A	1.2 (0.3) b	0.9 (0.1) b	4.6 (1.3) a	1.0 (0.2) b

(g Ca m^{-2} yr^{-1})					
Magnesium (g Mg m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.4 (0.0) b A	0.4 (0.1) b	0.4 (0.1) b	0.9 (0.2) a	0.3 (0.1) b
Total aluminum (g Al m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.4 (0.1) b A	0.3 (0.1) b	0.4 (0.0) b	2.3 (1.3) a	0.2 (0.0) b
Total iron (g Fe m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.20 (0.10)	0.02 (0.01)	0.03 (0.01)	0.04 (0.00)	0.10 (0.10)
Total manganese (g Mn m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.02 (0.01)	0.03 (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)	0.03 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)
Total phosphorus (g P m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.01 (0.00) a†	0.01 (0.00) abc†	0.00 (0.00) c†	0.01 (0.0) ab†	0.01 (0.00) bc†
Total sulfur (g S m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.20 (0.00) ab	0.20 (0.10) ab	0.13 (0.01) b	0.24 (0.0) a	0.15 (0.0) ab
Total silica (g Si m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.7 (0.2) A†	0.6 (0.3)	0.4 (0.1)	0.4 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)
Chloride (g Cl m^{-2} yr^{-1})	10.5 (0.9) b A	11.5 (2.4) b	9.1 (0.6) b	38.0 (6.7) a	7.8 (1.2) b
clay Acrisol soil					
Ammonium (g NH_4^+-N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.2 (0.0) B†	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)
Nitrate (g NO_3^--N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.1 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0) B	0.3 (0.2)	1.1 (1.1)	0.0 (0.0)
Dissolved organic N (g N m^{-2} yr^{-1})	0.1 (0.0) B†	0.1 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)
Total dissolved N	0.3 (0.1) B†	0.3 (0.0)	0.6 (0.2)	1.4 (1.1)	0.3 (0.0)

(g N m-2 yr-1)					
Dissolved organic C	3.4 (0.4) c	5.4 (0.7) ab	3.6 (0.2) bc	6.2 (1.4) a	5.6 (1.0) ab
(g C m-2 yr-1)					
Sodium	2.5 (0.4) b B	3.2 (0.3) b	2.5 (0.1) b	6.3 (1.8) a	3.3 (0.6) b
(g Na m-2 yr-1)					
Potassium	0.3 (0.0)	0.3 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.5 (0.1)	0.2 (0.1)
(g K m-2 yr-1)					
Calcium	0.7 (0.1) B	0.9 (0.0)	0.8 (0.1)	1.0 (0.2)	0.7 (0.1)
(g Ca m-2 yr-1)					
Magnesium	0.2 (0.0) b B	0.3 (0.0) b	0.3 (0.0) b	0.6 (0.1) a	0.2 (0.1) b
(g Mg m-2 yr-1)					
Total aluminum	0.2 (0.0) B	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	0.1 (0.0)
(g Al m-2 yr-1)					
Total iron	0.02 (0.00)	0.03 (0.00)	0.02 (0.00)	0.01 (0.0)	0.06 (0.05)
(g Fe m-2 yr-1)					
Total manganese	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.09 (0.07)	0.02 (0.00)
(g Mn m-2 yr-1)					
Total phosphorus	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.02 (0.01)
(g P m-2 yr-1)					
Total sulfur	0.16 (0.0) ab	0.15 (0.0) ab	0.14 (0.0) b	0.17 (0.0) a	0.17 (0.0) ab
(g S m-2 yr-1)					
Total silica	0.3 (0.1) b B†	0.7 (0.1) ab	0.3 (0.0) b	1.3 (0.6) a	0.8 (0.3) ab
(g Si m-2 yr-1)					
Chloride	6.0 (0.3) B	8.2 (1.3)	6.9 (1.0)	9.8 (3.0)	5.6 (0.6)
(g Cl m-2 yr-1)					

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Table 5. Mean (± SE, n = 4, except for oil palm *n* = 3) nitrogen and base cation retention efficiency in soils under different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Mean followed by different lower case letters indicate significant differences among land uses within each ~~landscape~~ soil type and different upper case letters indicate significant differences between ~~landscapes~~ soil types for each reference land use (Linear mixed effects models with Fisher's LSD test at $P \leq 0.05$, and † at $P = 0.07$ for marginal significance).

Characteristic	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber	Oil palm
		loam Acrisol soil		
N retention efficiency (mg N m^{-2} d^{-1}/mg N m^{-2} d^{-1})	0.997 (0.000) a B	0.996 (0.001) a B†	0.998 (0.000) a	0.995 (0.001) b
Base cation retention efficiency (mol_{charge} m^{-2} yr^{-1}/ mol_{charge} m^{-2})	0.455 (0.094) a† B	0.591 (0.088) a† B†	0.699 (0.08259) a†	0.280 (0.128) b†
		clay Acrisol soil		
N retention efficiency (mg N m^{-2} d^{-1}/mg N m^{-2} d^{-1})	0.999 (0.000) A	0.999 (0.000) A†	0.997 (0.001)	0.998 (0.001)
Base cation retention efficiency (mol_{charge} m^{-2} yr^{-1}/ mol_{charge} m^{-2})	0.812 (0.084) A	0.852 (0.083) A†	0.841 (0.025)	0.894 (0.028)

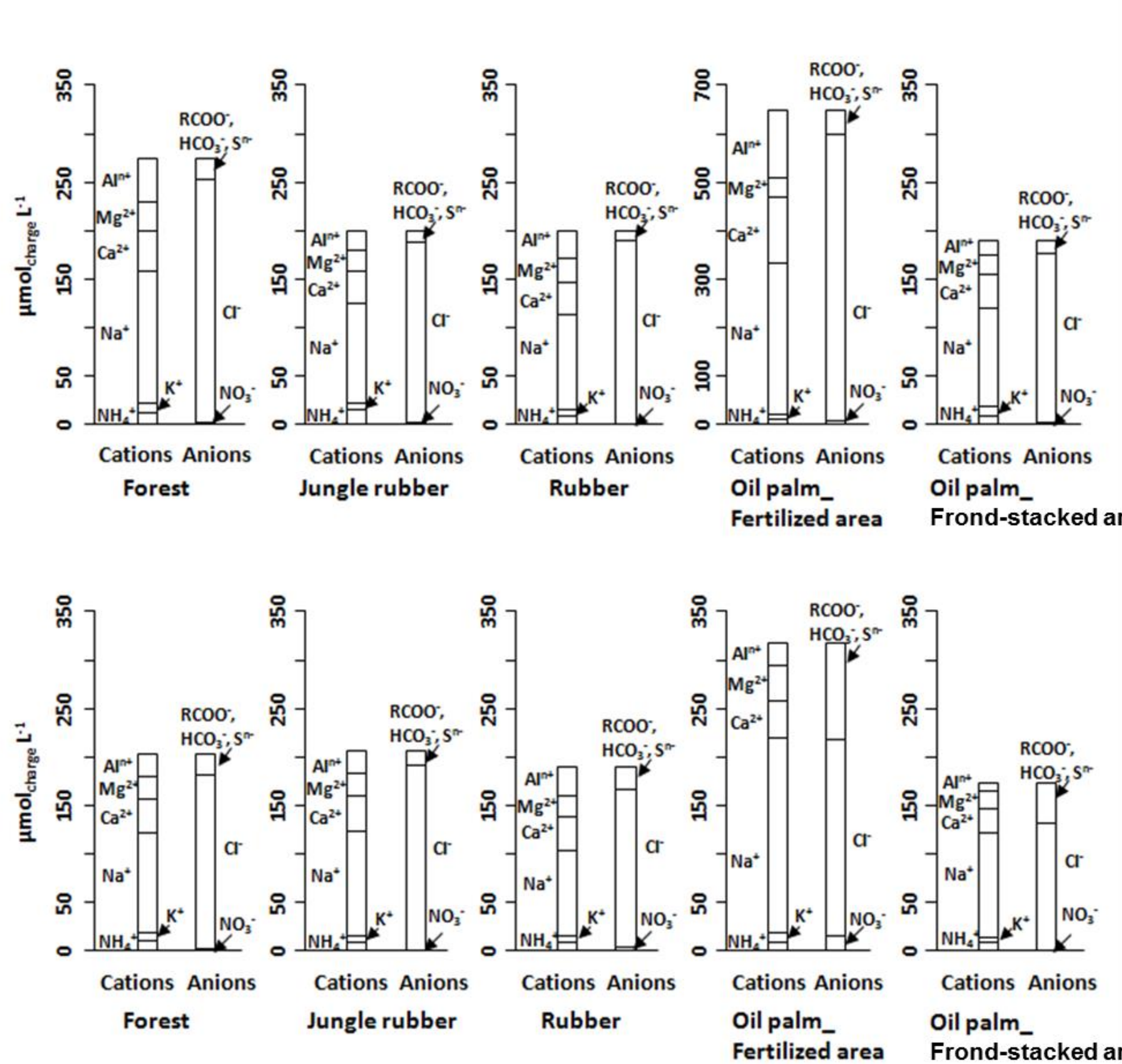

Figure 1. Partial cation-anion charge balance of the major solutes (with concentrations >0.03 mg L^{-1}) in soil water at a depth of 1.5 m in different land uses on the loam (top panel) and clay (bottom panel) Acrisol soils in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. The y-axis scale of the oil palm fertilized area in the loam Acrisol soil is twice than the other land uses.

Appendix A. Soil and vegetation characteristics, and Pearson correlations among solute concentrations in each land use within each ~~landscape~~soil type

Table A1. Soil characteristics in the top 0.1 m of soil (except for clay content, which is for 1-2 m) in different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Mean (± SE, n = 4, except for clay content n = 3) followed by different lower case letters indicate significant differences among land uses within each ~~landscape~~ soil type and different upper case letters indicate significant differences between ~~landscapes~~ soil types for each reference land use (Linear mixed effects models with Fisher's LSD test at $P \leq 0.05$, and † at $P \leq 0.09$ for marginal significance). These soil characteristics were reported by Allen et al. (2015).

Characteristic / land use	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber plantation	Oil palm plantation
		loam Acrisol soil		
Bulk density (g cm^{-3})	1.0 (0.04) ab	0.9 (0.03) b A	1.1 (0.1) a	1.1 (0.1) a
pH (1:4 H_2O)	4.3 (0.04) b†	4.3 (0.03) b† B	4.5 (0.1) ab†	4.5 (0.1) a†
Soil organic C (kg C m^{-2})	2.6 (0.2)	2.7 (0.3) B	2.0 (0.3)	1.8 (0.2)
Total N (g N m^{-2})	182.9 (10.8)	186.1 (11.0) B	172.6 (23.8)	145.0 (13.5)
C:N ratio	14.3 (0.2) a	13.7 (0.8) a	11.7 (0.7) b	12.5 (0.5) ab
Effective cation exchange capacity (mmolc kg^{-1})	44.8 (5.0)	40.6 (7.6) B	46.0 (5.4)	39.5 (7.9)
Base saturation (%)	10.6 (0.5) b† B	16.0 (2.2) ab†	21.1 (7.5) ab†	27.9 (5.4) a†
Potassium (g K m^{-2})	3.3 (0.3)	2.6 (0.2) B	3.4 (0.8)	2.1 (0.8)
Sodium (g Na m^{-2})	0.5 (0.1) c B	1.5 (0.2) b B	1.4 (0.1) b	3.9 (1.1) a
Calcium (g Ca m^{-2})	5.5 (2.0)	6.9 (0.8) B†	14.5 (7.1)	18.5 (7.4)
Magnesium (g Mg m^{-2})	1.8 (0.1)	2.0 (0.3) B	3.4 (1.4)	1.7 (0.9)
Aluminum (g Al m^{-2})	33.1 (3.5)	29.6 (6.6) B	30.7 (4.3)	23.5 (2.7)

Iron (g Fe m^{-2})	0.8 (0.1) a B	0.3 (0.02) bc B	0.3 (0.1) c	0.5 (0.02) ab
Manganese (g Mn m^{-2})	0.3 (0.1)	0.4 (0.2) B	0.8 (0.3)	0.5 (0.2)
Bray-extractable phosphorus (g P m^{-2})	0.5 (0.1) B	0.7 (0.1)	0.5 (0.1)	0.8 (0.1)
Clay at 1.0-1.5 m (%)	33.3 (7.6)	42.4 (9.9)	46.1 (9.9)	43.3 (2.8)
Clay at 1.5-2.0 m (%)	37.3 (8.7)	44.5 (10.0)	43.4 (6.5)	47.6 (4.5)
clay Acrisol soil				
Bulk density (g cm^{-3})	1.0 (0.1)	0.8 (0.1) B	0.9 (0.1)	0.9 (0.1)
pH (1:4 H_2O)	4.2 (0.04) b	4.5 (0.04) a A	4.5 (0.1) a	4.4 (0.04) a
Soil organic C (kg C m^{-2})	3.3 (0.5)	4.3 (0.4) A	2.8 (0.4)	3.5 (0.2)
Total N (g N m^{-2})	263.4 (67.1)	331.4 (34.1) A	198.9 (32.5)	260.2 (22.6)
C:N ratio	13.1 (1.3)	13.0 (0.3)	14.3 (0.6)	13.5 (0.2)
Effective cation exchange capacity (mmolc kg^{-1})	94.3 (40.8)	124.5 (25.5) A	71.3 (22.3)	78.1 (8.4)
Base saturation (%)	22.9 (5.6) A	23.2 (5.8)	20.1 (2.6)	37.5 (7.1)
Potassium (g K m^{-2})	9.4 (3.9)	9.6 (2.6) A	4.2 (1.1)	4.8 (0.9)
Sodium (g Na m^{-2})	3.6 (0.8) A	4.2 (0.2) A	3.7 (1.3)	1.9 (1.3)
Calcium (g Ca m^{-2})	32.3(21.2)	33.3 (10.9) A†	14.7 (2.8)	59.1 (19.5)
Magnesium (g Mg m^{-2})	7.3 (3.9)	12.0 (4.1) A	4.0 (0.9)	3.5 (0.8)
Aluminum (g Al m^{-2})	50.9 (22.7)	76.6 (15.6) A	47.2 (17.6)	34.4 (2.0)
Iron (g Fe m^{-2})	3.7 (1.1) a A	3.0 (0.4) a A	2.3 (0.6) a	0.7 (0.3) b
Manganese (g Mn m^{-2})	4.5 (3.1)	2.5 (0.7) A	1.5 (0.4)	3.4 (1.3)
Bray-extractable phosphorus (g P m^{-2})	1.4 (0.1) ab A	0.8 (0.1) bc	0.4 (0.04) c	4.7 (1.5) a
Clay at 1.0-1.5 m (%)	39.0 (13.0)	62.8 (12.6)	40.8 (10.3)	62.8 (3.7)
Clay at 1.5-2.0 m (%)	41.3 (11.2)	46.6 (16.2)	36.5 (10.8)	63.3 (6.1)

Table A2. Mean (± SE, n = 4) tree density, diameter at breast height (DBH), basal area, height, cumulative fine root mass in the top 1-m depth and the most common tree species with DBH ≥ 0.10 m in different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. The vegetation characteristics (e.g. tree density, DBH, basal area, and height) were reported by Kotowska et al. (2015); ~~, while~~ the five most ~~common~~ numerous tree ~~species~~ families with DBH ≥ 0.10 m were ~~recorded based~~based from ~~on trees found in five subplots (5 m x 5 m) of each replicate plot (50 m x 50 m) which had ≥ 20 individuals, except Fabaceae spp., which had < 20 individuals (reported by~~ Rembold et al. (~~(unpublished data~~2017~~)~~) and Rembold (pers. comm.). The fine root mass in the top 1-m soil depth was measured in our present study. Mean of fine root mass followed by different lower case letters indicate significant differences among land uses within each ~~landscape~~ soil type (~~Linear mixed effects models~~one-way ANOVA with Fisher's LSD test at $P \leq 0.05$, and † at $P \leq 0.09$ for marginal significance).

Characteristics	Forest	Jungle rubber	Rubber	Oil palm
	loam Acrisol soil			
Plantation age (years)	not determined (ND)	ND	14 – 17	12 – 16
Tree density (trees ha^{-1})	658 (26)	525 (60)	440 (81)	140 (4)
DBH (cm)	21.0 (0.5)	16.8 (0.5)	17.8 (1.2)	not applicable (NA)
Basal area (m^2 ha^{-1})	30.7 (1.0)	16.6 (0.4)	12.2 (1.6)	NA
Tree height (m)	20.0 (0.6)	14.0 (0.2)	13.4 (0.5)	4.9 (0.6)

Fine root mass in the top 1-m soil depth (g m^{-2})	290.2 (82.6) ab†	143.9 (33.0) b	188.2 (37.6) b	356.8 (49.9) a
~~Common trees~~Five most numerous tree families~~ species~~	*~~Aporosa spp., ~~Burseraceae, Dipterocarpaceae, Sapotaceae, Phyllanthaceae, Euphorbiaceae~~Burseraceae spp., Dipterocarpaceae spp., Fabaceae spp., Gironniera spp., Myrtaceae spp., Plaquium spp., Porterandia sp., Shorea spp.~~*	*~~Alstonia spp., Artocarpus spp., Fabaceae sp., Hevea sp., Macaranga spp., Porterandia sp.~~Euphorbiaceae, Moraceae, Apocynaceae, Rubiaceae, Fabaceae~~, Sloetia sp.~~*	*Hevea brasiliensis*	*Elaeis guineensis*
		clay Acrisol soil		
Plantation age (years)	ND	ND	7 – 16	9 – 13
Tree density (trees ha^{-1})	471 (31)	685 (72)	497 (15)	134 (6)
DBH (cm)	23.0 (0.4)	17.3 (0.6)	15.2 (0.7)	NA
Basal area (m^2 ha^{-1})	29.4 (1.7)	21.1 (1.4)	10.0 (1.4)	NA
Tree height (m)	17.0 (0.5)	15.2 (0.3)	13.4 (0.1)	4.0 (0.3)

Fine root mass in the top 1-m soil depth (g m^{-2})	140.4 (33.0) c	402.2 (65.9) b	309.6 (16.0) bc	630.1 (86.2) a
Five most numerous tree families~~Common tree species~~	*Phyllanthaceae, Olacaceae, Fabaceae, Meliaceae, Dipterocarpaceae* ~~*Archidendron sp., Baccaurea spp., Ochanostachys sp.*~~	*Euphorbiaceae, Moraceae, Fabaceae, Apocynaceae, Ixonanthaceae* ~~*Artocarpus spp., Endospermum sp., Hevea sp., Macaranga spp.*~~	*Hevea brasiliensis*	*Elaeis guineensis*

Table A3. Pearson correlations among element concentrations (mg L^{-1}) in soil solution (1.5-m depth) of the different land uses ion the loam Acrisol soil in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Correlations were carried out using monthly averages of four replicate plots per land use (*n* = 12 monthly measurements in 2013). Elements that had concentrations < 0.03 mg L^{-1} (total Fe, total Mn, and total P) and total Si (that did not show correlation with other elements) are not reported below.

Element	NH_4^+-N	NO_3^--N	DOC	Na^+	K^+	Ca^{2+}	Mg^{2+}	Total Al	Total S	Cl^-
					Forest					
DON	0.79[c]	-0.24	0.77[c]	0.36	0.43	0.80[c]	0.77[c]	0.84[c]	-0.17	0.86[c]
NH_4^+-N		0.22	0.48	0.23	0.64[b]	0.67[b]	0.65[b]	0.58[b]	0.30	0.58[b]
NO_3^--N			-0.12	-0.09	0.35	-0.26	-0.25	-0.45	0.63[b]	-0.47
DOC				0.36	0.45	0.72[c]	0.71[c]	0.73[c]	-0.02	0.68[b]
Na^+					0.58[b]	0.53[a]	0.46	0.34	0.23	0.45
K^+						0.51[a]	0.45	0.29	0.71[c]	0.33
Ca^{2+}							0.99[c]	0.94[c]	0.00	0.92[c]
Mg^{2+}								0.95[c]	-0.03	0.92[c]
Total Al									-0.28	0.95[c]
Total S										-0.23
					Jungle rubber					
DON	0.80[c]	0.28	0.77[c]	0.72[c]	0.85[c]	0.72[c]	0.79[c]	0.30	0.60[b]	0.68[b]
NH_4^+-N		0.32	0.73[c]	0.35	0.77[c]	0.53[a]	0.67[b]	0.55[b]	0.17	0.79[c]
NO_3^--N			0.35	0.17	0.20	0.65[b]	0.62[b]	0.61[b]	-0.11	0.65[b]
DOC				0.63[b]	0.76[c]	0.51[a]	0.53[a]	0.13	0.57[b]	0.49[a]

Na^+					0.80 [c]	0.58 [b]	0.55 [b]	-0.18	0.93 [c]	0.29
K^+						0.65 [b]	0.70 [c]	0.12	0.65 [b]	0.60 [b]
Ca^{2+}							0.97 [c]	0.56 [b]	0.32	0.84 [c]
Mg^{2+}								0.65[b]	0.27	0.93 [c]
Total Al									-0.47	0.85 [c]
Total S										-0.02
Rubber										
DON	-0.12	-0.32	0.53 [a]	0.04	0.65 [b]	0.37	0.65	0.67 [b]	-0.28	0.39
NH_4^+-N		0.10	0.31	0.61 [b]	-0.05	0.17	-0.07	-0.41	0.65 [b]	-0.18
NO_3^--N			-0.25	0.25	-0.48	0.42	0.15	-0.09	0.26	0.31
DOC				0.50 [a]	0.46	0.51[a]	0.50 [a]	0.29	0.30	0.34
Na^+					0.17	0.46	0.08	-0.34	0.85[c]	0.00
K^+						0.24	0.55 [b]	0.54 [a]	-0.15	0.38
Ca^{2+}							0.81 [c]	0.40	0.27	0.72 [c]
Mg^{2+}								0.84 [c]	-0.26	0.92 [c]
Total Al									-0.70 [c]	0.83 [c]
Total S										-0.35
Oil palm fertilized areas										
DON	-0.28	0.08	-0.18	-0.57 [b]	-0.12	0.16	0.31	0.50	-0.06	0.08
NH_4^+-N		0.54 [a]	-0.12	0.00	0.50	0.15	0.37	0.46	0.22	0.46
NO_3^--N			-0.12	0.14	-0.02	-0.49	0.00	0.63 [b]	-0.38	0.10
DOC				-0.22	0.08	0.02	0.29	-0.17	0.40	-0.47
Na^+					-0.12	-0.45	-0.45	-0.37	-0.38	0.22

K^+						0.58 [b]	0.43	-0.17	0.58 [b]	0.27
Ca^{2+}							0.48	-0.19	0.79 [c]	0.45
Mg^{2+}								0.40	0.72 [c]	0.41
Total Al									-0.16	0.27
Total S										0.30
Oil palm frond-stacked areas										
DON	-0.38	0.38	0.22	-0.38	0.24	-0.47	-0.16	0.47	-0.59 [b]	0.04
NH_4^+-N		0.07	0.23	0.40	0.25	0.04	0.08	-0.17	0.42	0.06
NO_3^--N			0.61 [b]	0.12	0.56 [b]	-0.26	-0.21	0.11	0.20	0.02
DOC				-0.10	0.57 [b]	-0.38	-0.55 [b]	-0.28	0.22	-0.42
Na^+					0.09	0.23	0.22	-0.35	0.61 [b]	0.09
K^+						-0.27	-0.21	-0.07	0.29	-0.06
Ca^{2+}							0.83 [c]	0.30	-0.15	0.72 [c]
Mg^{2+}								0.63 [b]	-0.41	0.95 [c]
Total Al									-0.81 [c]	0.79 [c]
Total S										-0.48

[a] $P \leq 0.09$, [b] $P \leq 0.05$, [c] $P \leq 0.01$.

Table A4. Pearson correlations among element concentrations (mg L^{-1}) in soil solution (1.5-m depth) of the different land uses i~~o~~n the clay Acrisol soil in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. Correlations were carried out using monthly averages of four replicate plots per land use (*n* = 12 monthly measurements in 2013). Element that had concentrations < 0.03 mg L^{-1} (total Fe, total Mn, and total P) and total Si (that did not show correlation with other elements) are not reported below.

Element	NH_4^+-N	NO_3^--N	DOC	Na^+	K^+	Ca^{2+}	Mg^{2+}	Total Al	Total S	Cl^-
Forest										
DON	0.10	-0.39	0.57 [b]	0.32	0.53 [a]	0.17	0.20	-0.28	0.25	-0.20
NH_4^+-N		-0.48	0.81 [c]	0.63 [b]	0.23	0.51 [a]	0.28	-0.11	-0.27	0.09
NO_3^--N			-0.48	-0.24	-0.18	-0.05	-0.03	0.36	0.12	0.37
DOC				0.66 [b]	0.41	0.48	0.31	-0.25	-0.15	-0.06
Na^+					0.69 [b]	0.52 [a]	0.54 [a]	-0.22	-0.24	-0.10
K^+						0.74 [c]	0.88 [c]	0.22	-0.17	0.26
Ca^{2+}							0.93 [c]	0.54 [a]	-0.29	0.70 [c]
Mg^{2+}								0.52 [a]	-0.34	0.59 [b]
Total Al									-0.15	0.94 [c]
Total S										-0.10
Jungle rubber										
DON	0.23	0.55 [b]	0.58 [b]	0.19	0.69 [c]	0.50 [a]	0.63 [b]	0.70 [c]	-0.22	0.49 [a]
NH_4^+-N		0.01	0.36	0.35	0.35	0.29	0.29	0.16	0.31	0.18
NO_3^--N			0.32	0.30	0.49 [a]	0.51 [a]	0.50 [a]	0.35	0.13	0.42
DOC				-0.24	0.11	-0.14	-0.05	0.29	0.06	-0.20
Na^+					0.68 [c]	0.84 [c]	0.73 [c]	0.01	0.52 [a]	0.66 [b]

K^+						0.87[c]	0.93[c]	0.63[b]	0.09	0.84[c]
Ca^{2+}							0.97[c]	0.50[a]	0.09	0.95[c]
Mg^{2+}								0.66[b]	-0.04	0.97[c]
Total Al									-0.62[b]	0.68[b]
Total S										-0.18
Rubber										
DON	-0.20	-0.18	0.21	-0.29	0.41	0.40	0.55[b]	0.65[b]	-0.57[b]	0.48
NH_4^+-N		0.22	0.81[c]	0.85[c]	0.47	0.19	0.10	-0.20	0.52[a]	-0.06
NO_3^--N			-0.07	-0.16	-0.44	-0.68[b]	-0.60[b]	-0.38	0.05	-0.63[b]
DOC				0.79[c]	0.71[c]	0.54[a]	0.45	0.20	0.43	0.30
Na^+					0.61[b]	0.38	0.21	-0.15	0.65[b]	0.07
K^+						0.67[b]	0.66[b]	0.46	0.08	0.64[b]
Ca^{2+}							0.93[c]	0.73[c]	-0.16	0.83[c]
Mg^{2+}								0.88[c]	-0.39	0.93[c]
Total Al									-0.58[b]	0.89[c]
Total S										-0.40
Oil palm fertilized areas										
DON	0.02	-0.09	0.49	0.70[b]	0.69[b]	0.67[b]	0.42	0.45	0.54[a]	0.63[b]
NH_4^+-N		0.08	0.15	0.39	0.37	0.16	0.06	0.06	0.46	-0.01
NO_3^--N			-0.18	0.03	0.46	0.51[a]	-0.01	0.19	0.33	-0.49
DOC				0.52[a]	0.66[b]	0.56[a]	0.50	0.56[a]	0.25	0.70[b]
Na^+					0.61[b]	0.61[b]	0.29	0.21	0.75[c]	0.55[a]
K^+						0.85[c]	0.74[c]	0.78[c]	0.52[a]	0.59[b]

Ca^{2+}							0.81 [c]	0.74 [c]	0.69 [b]	0.64 [b]
Mg^{2+}								0.95 [c]	0.26	0.74 [c]
Total Al									0.15	0.75 [c]
Total S										0.26
Oil palm frond-stacked areas										
DON	0.19	0.34	0.15	0.49 [a]	0.47	0.51 [a]	0.23	0.29	0.28	0.36
NH_4^+-N		-0.07	0.27	0.21	0.38	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.09
NO_3^--N			-0.28	0.24	0.32	0.13	-0.13	0.09	0.56 [b]	-0.05
DOC				0.09	0.23	0.25	0.45	0.02	-0.46	0.19
Na^+					0.91 [c]	0.94 [c]	0.76 [c]	0.91 [c]	0.33	0.89 [c]
K^+						0.88 [c]	0.74 [c]	0.80 [c]	0.21	0.79 [c]
Ca^{2+}							0.90 [c]	0.91 [c]	0.10	0.95 [c]
Mg^{2+}								0.81 [c]	-0.28	0.93 [c]
Total Al									0.16	0.92 [c]
Total S										-0.06

[a] $P \leq 0.09$, [b] $P \leq 0.05$, [c] $P \leq 0.01$.

Appendix B. Fine root biomass and soil water model validation

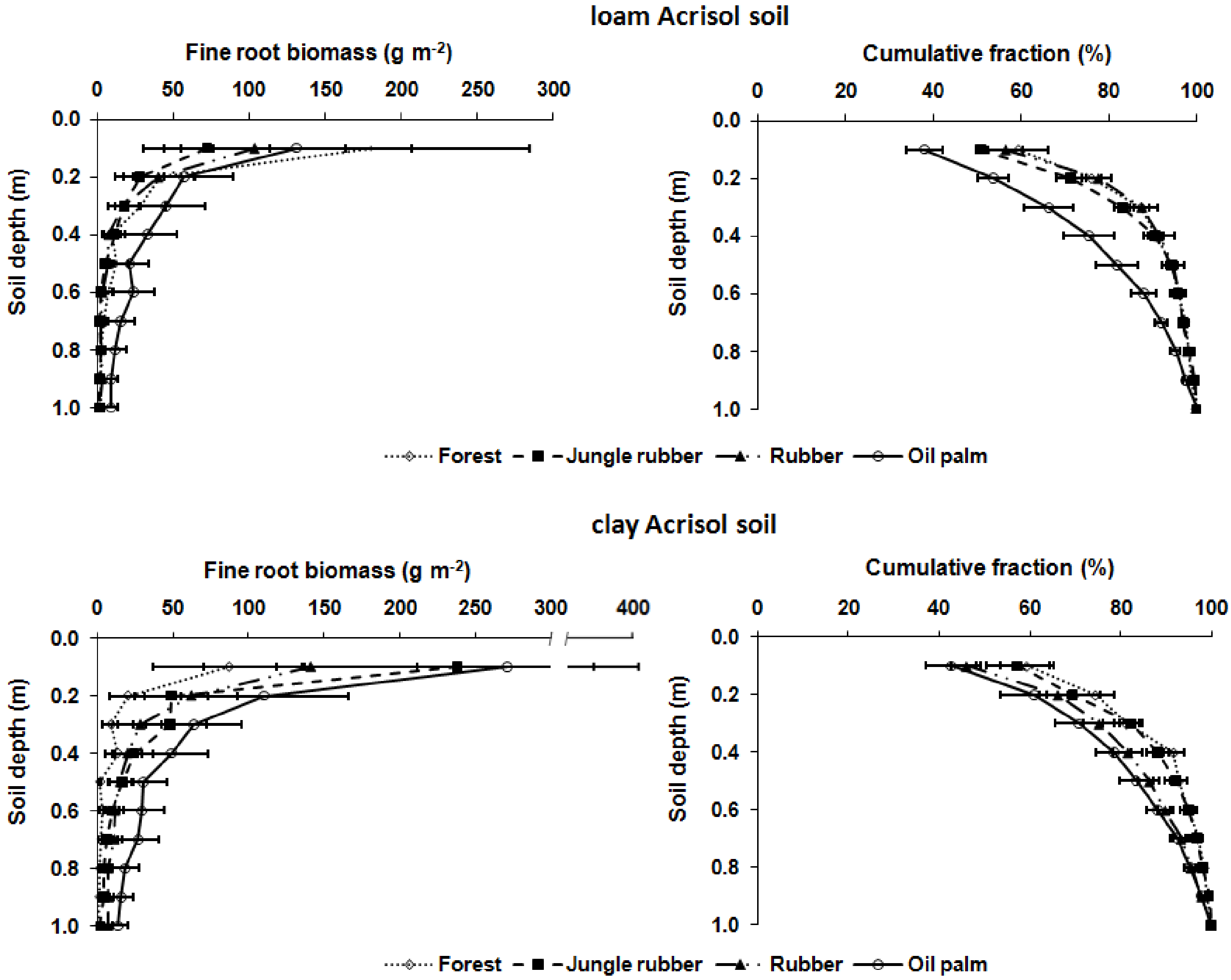

Figure B1. Fine root biomass (g m^{-2}) and distribution (%) down to a depth of 1 m in different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. The root measurement was conducted in each replicate plot by digging a pit (1 m x 1.5 m x 2-m depth) at about 2.5-m distance from an oil palm or a tree with a diameter at breast height of ≥ 10 cm. Root mass were sampled using a metal block (20 cm x 20 cm x 10 cm) at 10-cm depth interval from the top down to 1 m. Roots were carefully separated from the soil by washing over a 2-mm mesh screen and the fine roots were collected in a basin placed underneath the mesh screen. The roots were categorized into fine roots (≤ 2 mm diameter) and coarse roots (>2 mm diameter), dried in an oven at 70 ^{0}C for 5 days and weighed.

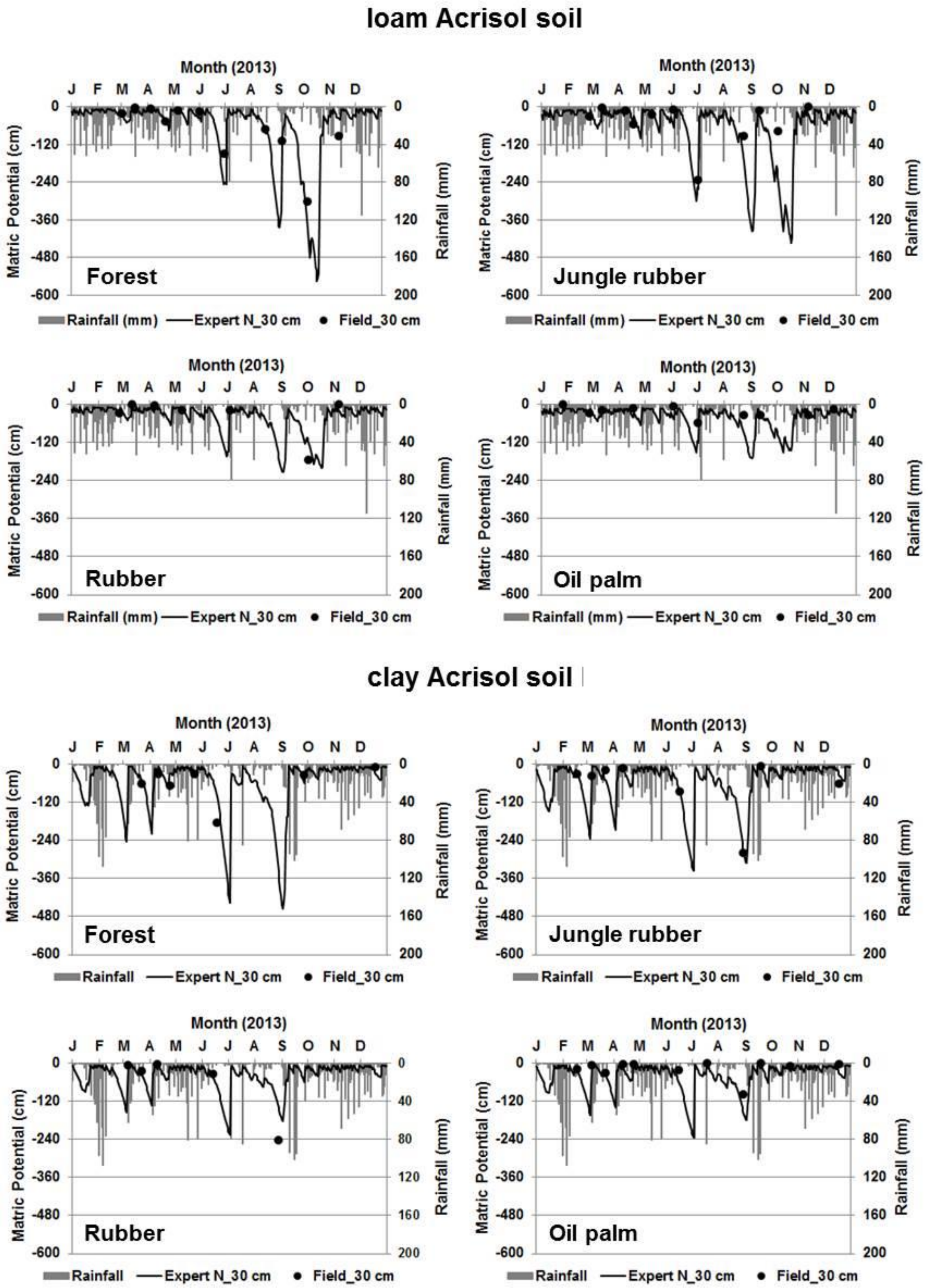

Figure B2. Validation between Expert N-modelled and field-measured matric potential at a depth of 0.3 m in different land uses within ~~two landscapes (~~the loam and clay Acrisol soils~~)~~ in Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia**.**