

Overall comment:

I thank the authors for thoroughly addressing my comments in detail. Overall, I think the manuscript has been improved, and will be more accessible to a greater number of readers. If I have not commented on specific responses in the following, please interpret this as my agreement with the author's response and or revision.

Specific comments:

- \* The new title is more appropriate.
- \* LAI is a standard abbreviation, but thank you for removing the other abbreviations.
- \* Figure 4 is nice. The legend text is a bit small, although perhaps the copy editor can resize the figure to take up more page space.
- \* Figure A3 is nice, and quite useful for understanding the rainfall distribution.

Comment 2:

noted

Comment 3:

It's not a big issue, but I still find the display of fractions (negative, neutral, positive), in Figure 3 a bit difficult to interpret.

Comment 7:

\* I do not argue for its removal, but I still do not get much value from Figure A2. It is quite complicated and it is a bit difficult to discern the nuanced differences between subpanels. Perhaps others will gain more insight from it than I have.

Comment 9:

Agreed, I think figure 4 helps clarify this point about tropical cyclones aiding LAI recovery from summer drought stress.

L294: Also I thank the authors for clarifying the use of these references in the main text. I strongly agree with the authors' point that starting the assessment from the actual storm tracks is necessary to reduce bias in the assessment. This approach is sorely needed, although not always possible, in the disturbance ecology literature.