

Supplementary material for:

## **Large contribution of soil N<sub>2</sub>O emission to the global warming potential of a large-scale oil palm plantation despite changing from conventional to reduced management practices**

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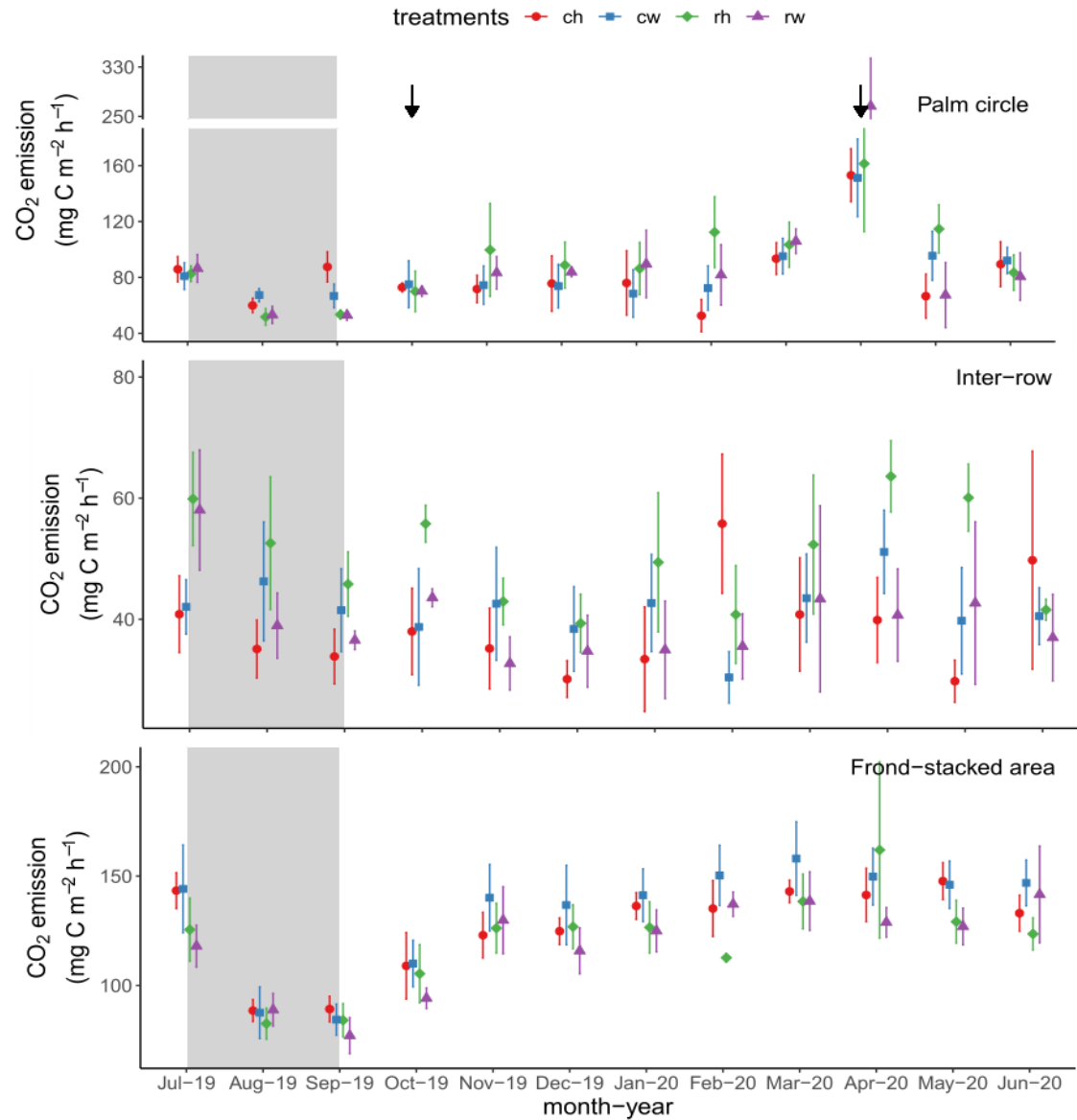
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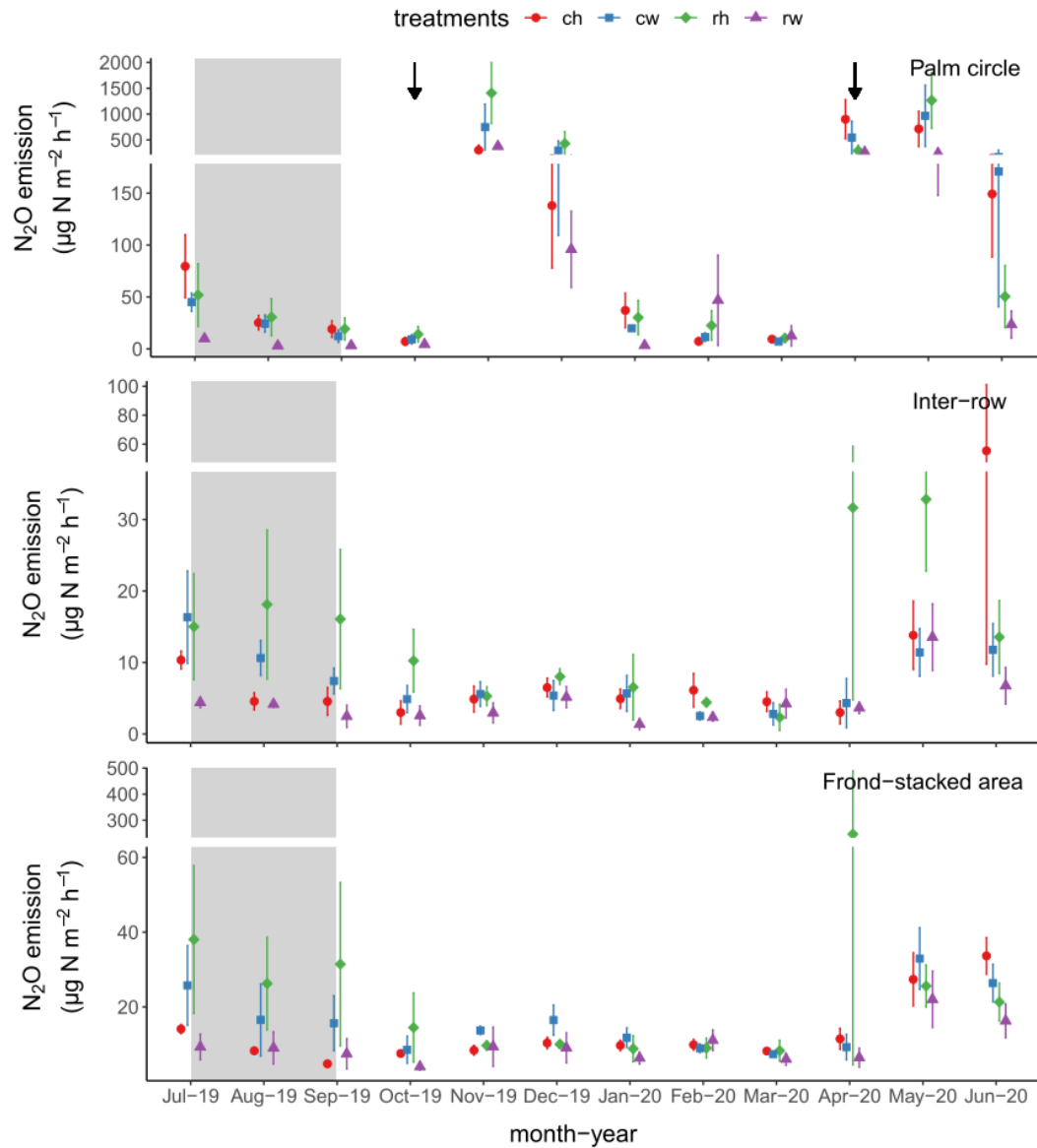
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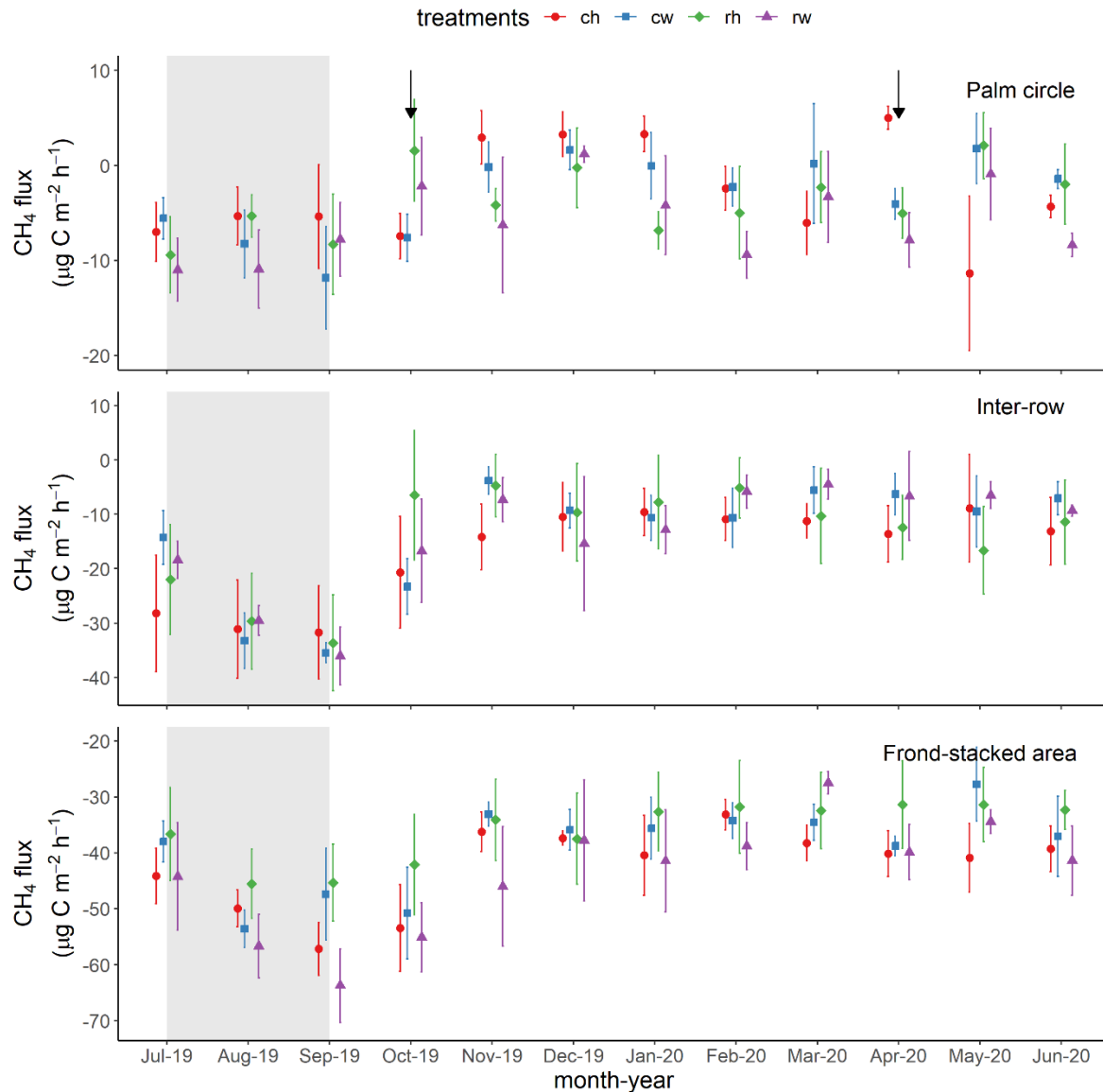
**Fig. S1** Soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (mean ± SE,  $n = 4$  plots) from different fertilization and weeding treatments in an  $\geq 18$ -year old, large-scale oil palm plantation, Jambi, Indonesia, measured monthly from July 2019 to June 2020. Gray shadings mark the dry season (precipitation  $\leq 80$  mm month<sup>-1</sup>) and black arrows indicate fertilizer applications on the palm circle. Note the different y-axis ranges for the three management zones. ch: conventional fertilization – herbicide weeding, cw: conventional fertilization – mechanical weeding, rh: reduced fertilization – herbicide weeding, rw: reduced fertilization – mechanical weeding



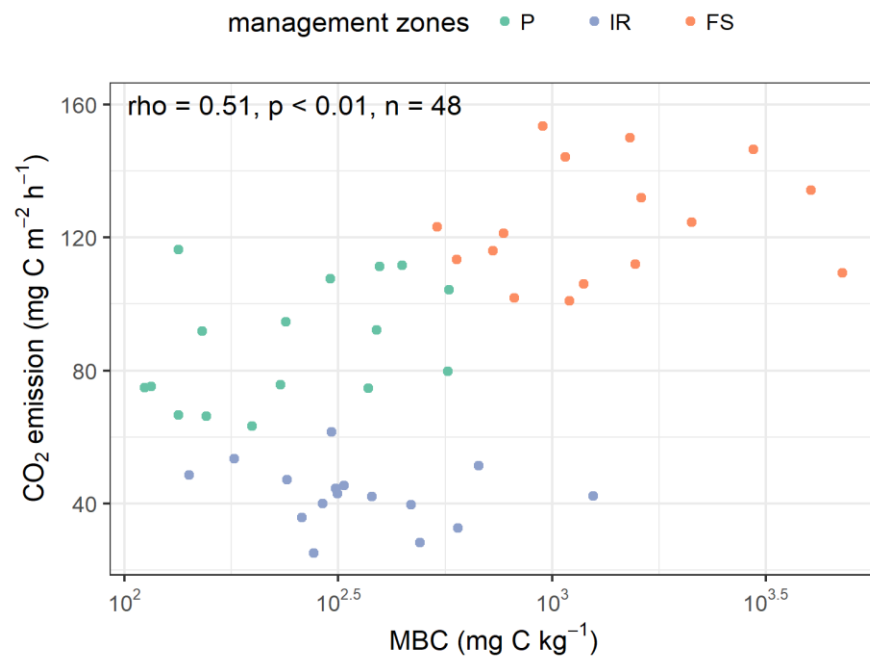
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**Fig. S2** Soil N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (mean ± SE, *n* = 4 plots) from different fertilization and weeding treatments in an ≥ 18-year old, large-scale oil palm plantation, Jambi, Indonesia, measured monthly from July 2019 to June 2020. Gray shadings mark the dry season (precipitation ≤ 80 mm month<sup>-1</sup>) and black arrows indicate fertilizer applications on the palm circle. Note the different y-axis ranges for the three management zones. ch: conventional fertilization – herbicide weeding, cw: conventional fertilization – mechanical weeding, rh: reduced fertilization – herbicide weeding, rw: reduced fertilization – mechanical weeding

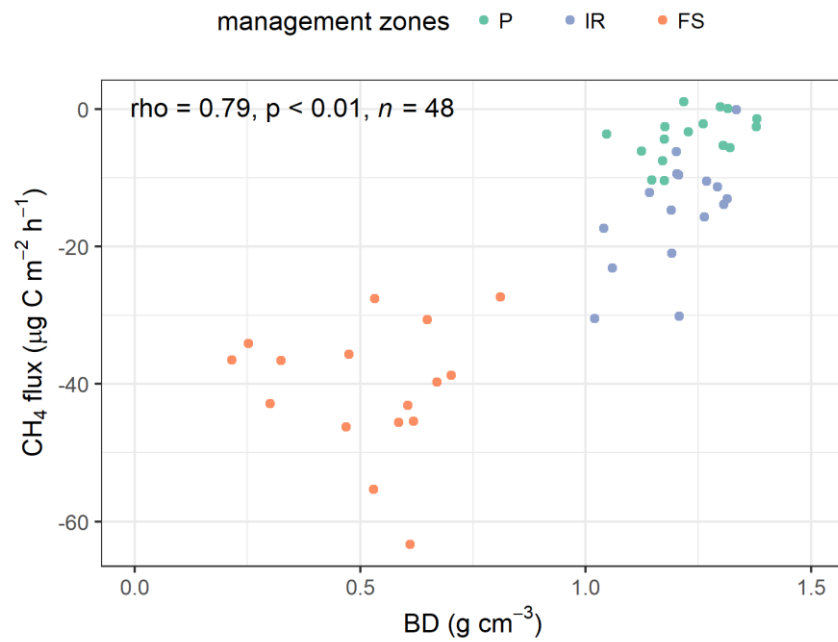
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**Fig. S3** Soil CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes (mean ± SE,  $n = 4$  plots) from different fertilization and weeding treatments in an  $\geq 18$ -year old, large-scale oil palm plantation, Jambi, Indonesia, measured monthly from July 2019 to June 2020. Gray shadings mark the dry season (precipitation  $\leq 80$  mm month<sup>-1</sup>) and black arrows indicate fertilizer applications on the palm circle. Note the different y-axis ranges for the three management zones. ch: conventional fertilization – herbicide weeding, cw: conventional fertilization – mechanical weeding, rh: reduced fertilization – herbicide weeding, rw: reduced fertilization – mechanical weeding



40 **Fig. S4** Spearman rank correlation between soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and microbial biomass carbon (MBC). Each data point for soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions was the average of 12-monthly measurements and MBC was measured once in 2018, as reported by Formaglio et al. (2021). P – palm circle, IR – inter-row, FS – frond-stacked area



45 **Fig. S5** Spearman rank correlation between soil CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes and soil bulk density (BD). Each data point for soil CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes was the average of 12-monthly measurements and BD was measured once in 2018 (Formaglio et al. 2021). P – palm circle, IR – inter-row, FS – frond-stacked area

**Table S1** Soil biochemical and physical characteristics (means  $\pm$  SE,  $n = 16$  plots) in 0–50 cm depth determined in 2018 and soil texture in the 50–150 cm depth determined in 2021, reported for each management zone in an  $\geq 18$ -year old, large-scale oil palm plantation, Jambi, Indonesia

Characteristics	Palm circle	Inter-row	FronD-stacked area
Soil organic C (kg C m <sup>-2</sup> )	6.2 $\pm$ 0.6 b	6.4 $\pm$ 0.2 b	9.1 $\pm$ 0.8 a
Total N (g N m <sup>-2</sup> )	402 $\pm$ 31 b	426 $\pm$ 15 ab	571 $\pm$ 39 a
ECEC (mmol <sub>charge</sub> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	35 $\pm$ 2 a	18 $\pm$ 1 b	28 $\pm$ 2 a
pH (1:4 soil-to-H <sub>2</sub> O)	5.05 $\pm$ 0.08 a	4.81 $\pm$ 0.05 b	5.00 $\pm$ 0.08 ab
Bulk density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.37 $\pm$ 0.01 a	1.36 $\pm$ 0.01 a	0.89 $\pm$ 0.01 b
Clay (%)	23.30 $\pm$ 1.31 a	23.60 $\pm$ 1.00 a	25.47 $\pm$ 1.37 a
Silt (%)	7.80 $\pm$ 1.19 a	7.73 $\pm$ 1.23 a	6.47 $\pm$ 1.21 a
Sand (%)	68.90 $\pm$ 1.52 a	68.67 $\pm$ 1.35 a	68.07 $\pm$ 1.97 a

50 ECEC: effective cation exchange capacity. For each parameter, different letters indicate significant differences among management zones (one-way ANOVA with Tukey HSD at  $P \leq 0.05$ ). Except for soil texture, soil characteristics were reported by Formaglio et al. (2020)

**Table S2** Cumulative fruit yield from 2017–2020 (means  $\pm$  SE,  $n = 4$  plots) in different fertilization and weeding treatments in an  $\geq 18$ -year old, large-scale oil palm plantation, Jambi, Indonesia

Treatments	Cumulative yield (Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> )			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
ch	26.64 $\pm$ 1.91	57.55 $\pm$ 2.74	83.41 $\pm$ 3.63	114.60 $\pm$ 4.26
cw	31.24 $\pm$ 1.12	66.51 $\pm$ 1.57	96.75 $\pm$ 3.55	130.37 $\pm$ 4.45
rh	28.18 $\pm$ 2.35	56.31 $\pm$ 4.86	86.59 $\pm$ 5.21	116.01 $\pm$ 6.20
rw	29.38 $\pm$ 4.69	60.62 $\pm$ 5.35	90.94 $\pm$ 5.25	118.50 $\pm$ 5.92

There are no significant differences among treatments for each column ( $2^2$  factorial ANOVA; fertilization:  $P = 0.35$ – $0.96$ ; weeding control:  $P = 0.07$ – $0.32$ ; interaction:  $P = 0.23$ – $0.57$ ). ch: conventional fertilization – herbicide weeding, cw: conventional fertilization – mechanical weeding, rh: reduced fertilization – herbicide weeding, rw: reduced fertilization – mechanical weeding. Fruit yield was reported by Iddris et al. (2023)

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