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## **Assessing recovery time of ecosystems in China: insights into flash drought impacts on gross primary productivity**

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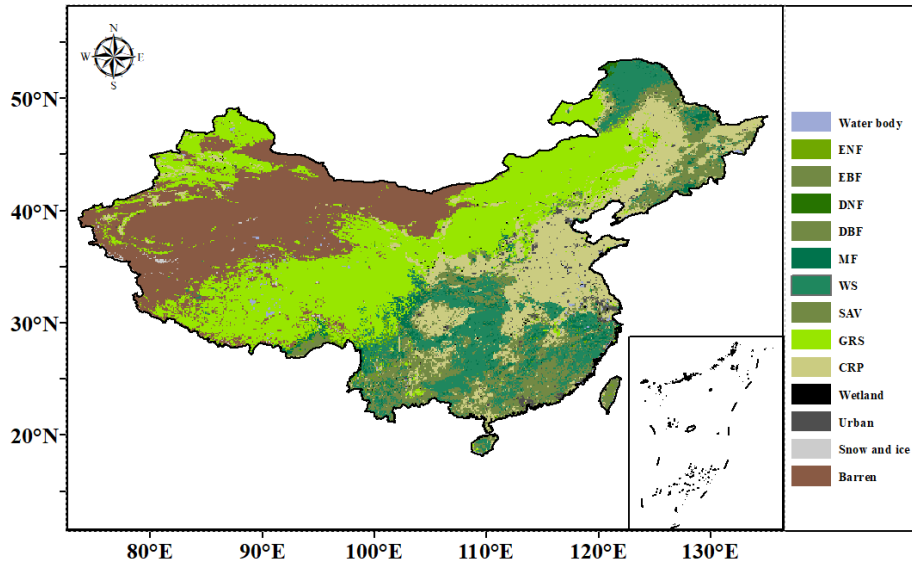
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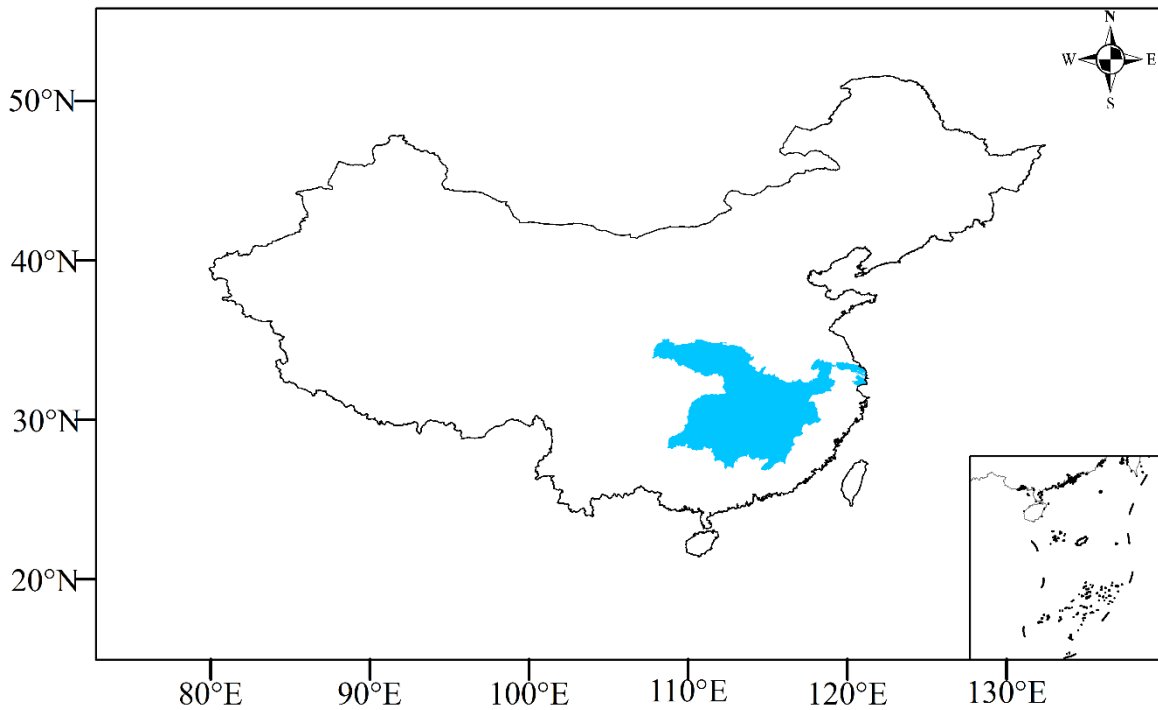
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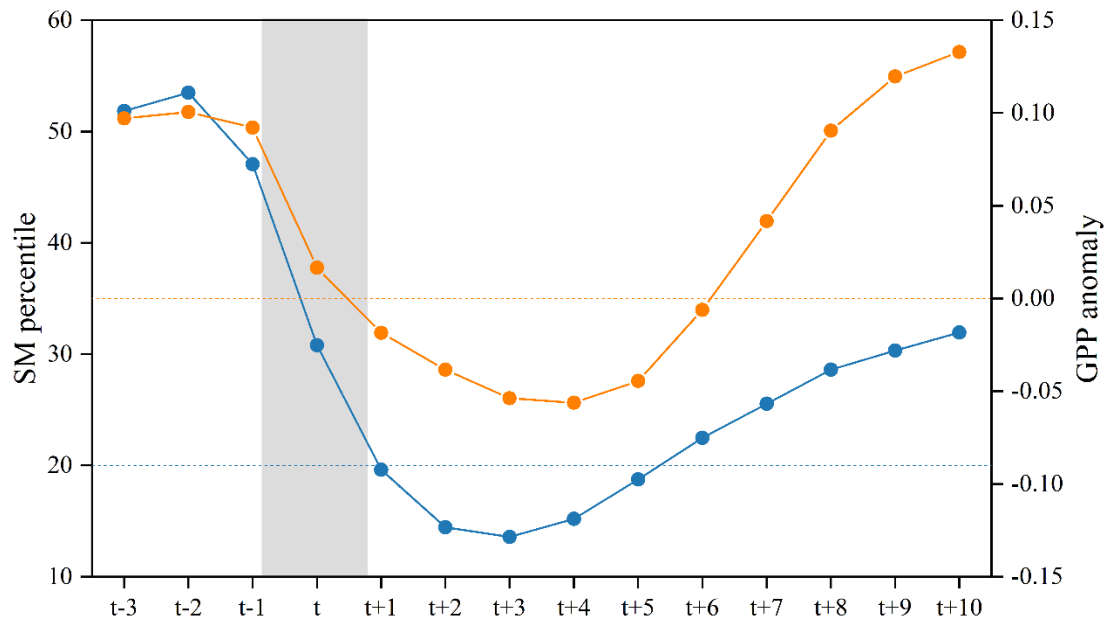
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Figure. S1. Definition of land cover classes based on IGBP land classes. ENF, evergreen needleleaf forests; EBF, evergreen broadleaf forests; DF, deciduous forests; MF, mixed forests; WS, closed shrubland, open shrubland and woody savannas; SAV, savannas (temperate); GRS, grasslands; CRP, croplands; CRO, croplands and natural vegetation mosaic; Barren, barren sparsely vegetation.



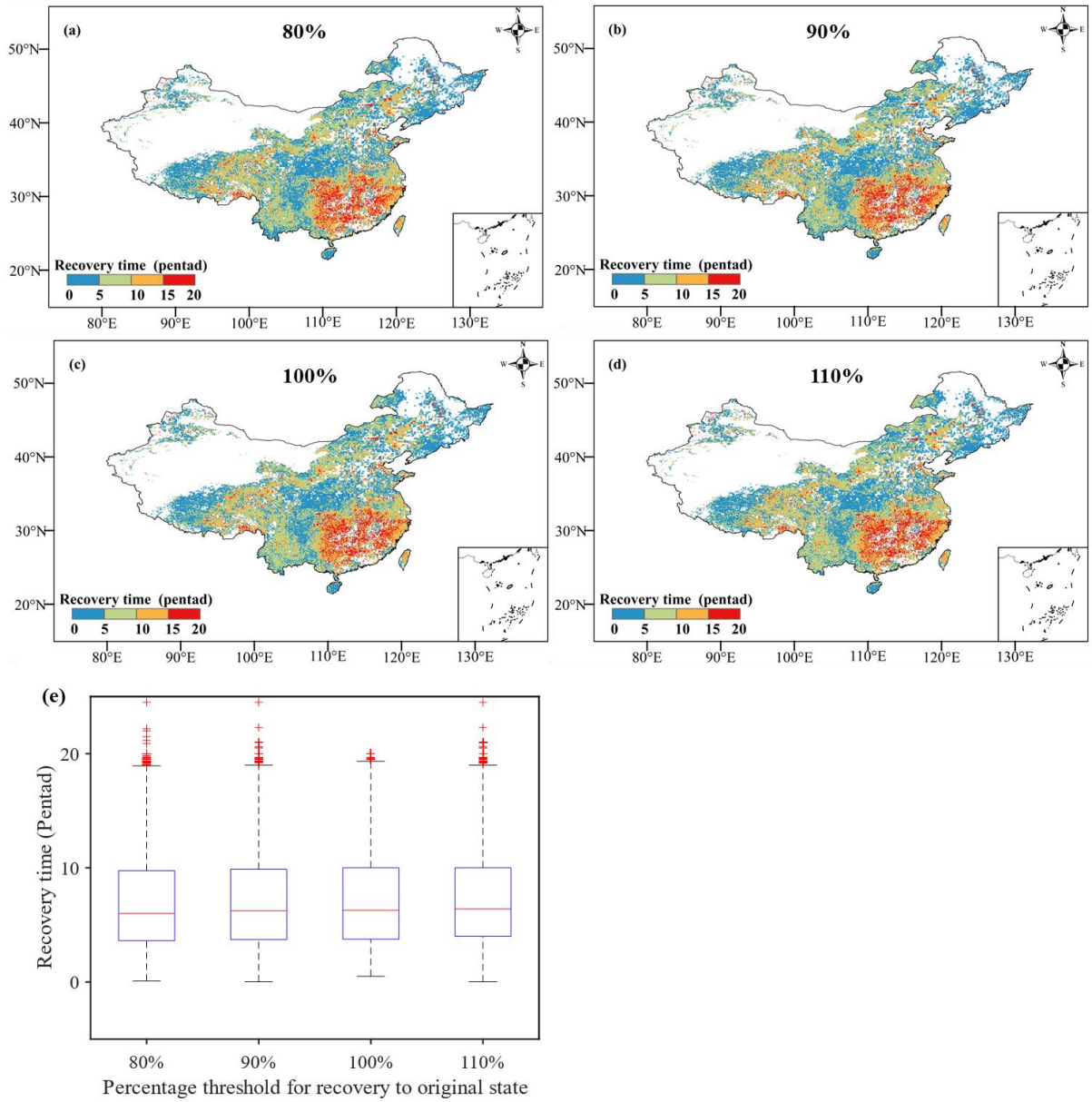
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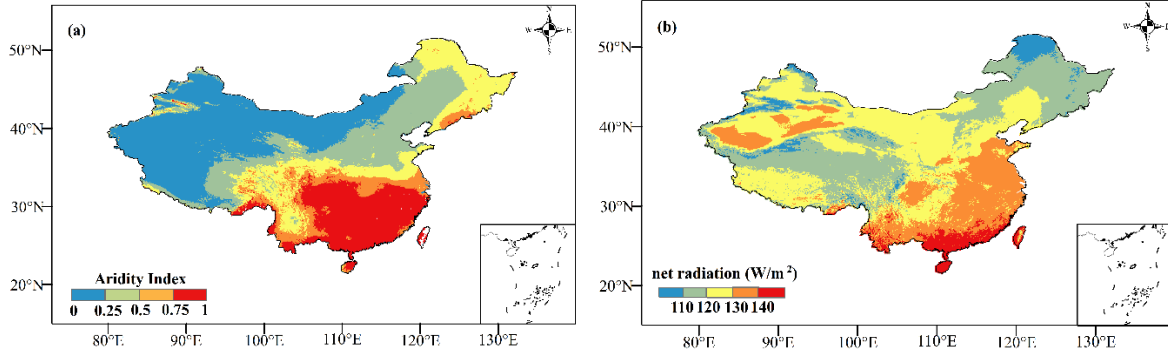
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 32 thresholds. Box plots of recovery time under different recovery thresholds (e). The box plots  
 33 display the maximum, upper quartile, median, lower quartile, and minimum values of the  
 34 recovery time distribution.

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