

Thank you for your additional comments. Reviewer Dr. Mark Gush suggested we express the root data as a mass of dry root material per volume of soil to normalise for changes in bulk density down the profile. We therefore have used your most recent suggested title for Table 3 with his suggested units.

Table 3. Dry root mass per unit volume of soil along a 1.0 m soil profile at the Peat Swamp Forest and Dune Forest sites.

Depth (m)	Dune Forest site (g m <sup>-3</sup> )	Peat Swamp Forest site (g m <sup>-3</sup> )
0.005	18.7	7.5
0.250	2.6	1.3
0.500	0.3	1.2
1.000	0.1	0.6