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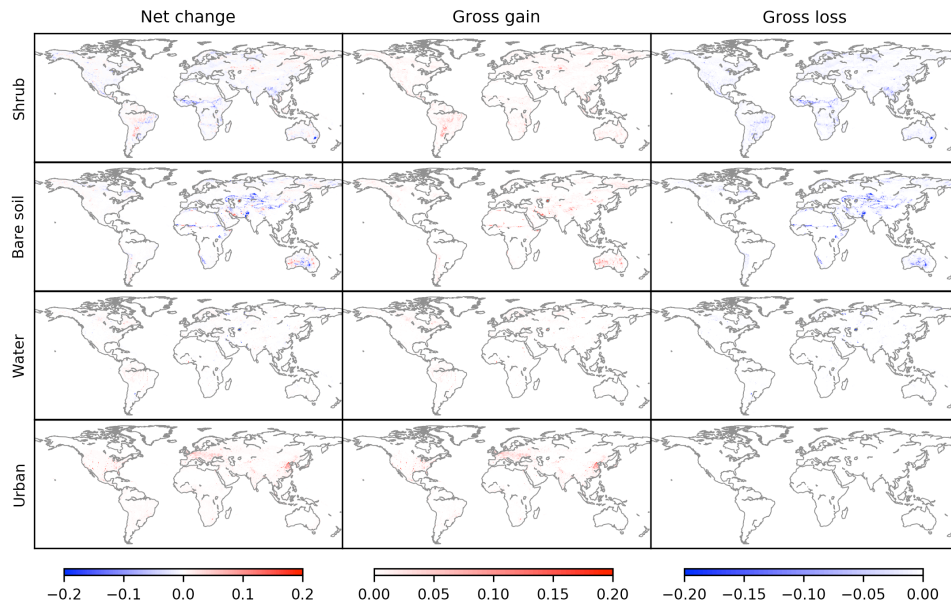
Gross and net land cover changes in the main plant functional types derived from the annual ESA CCI land cover maps (1992–2015)

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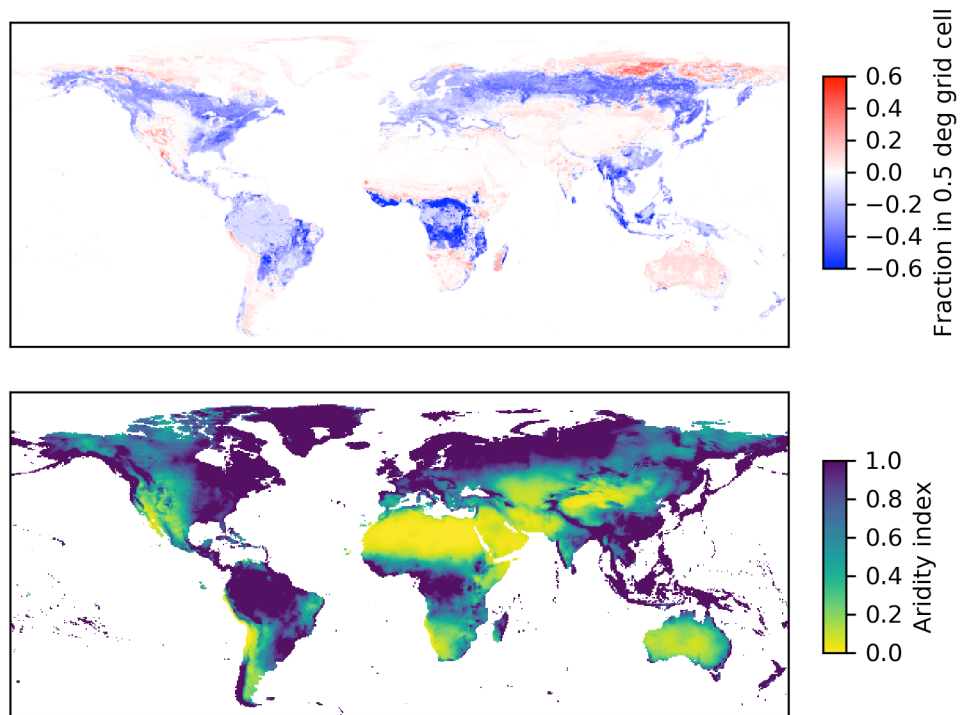
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20 **Figure S1.** Spatial distributions of net and cumulative gross changes of shrub, bare soil, water and urban PFTs between 1992 and 2015. Color scale indicates the changed fraction in each half degree grid cell.



25 **Figure S2.** Difference of forest distribution between ESA CCI – derived PFTs and Hansen et al. (2013) in year 2000 (top) and the global map of aridity index (bottom). Positive values of forest difference indicate larger forest area in ESA CCI PFTs than in Hansen et al. (2013). The aridity index data are from Zomer et al. (2007, 2008), and higher values of aridity index indicate humid land.



30 **Figure S3.** Global and regional gross changes in forest from different datasets.

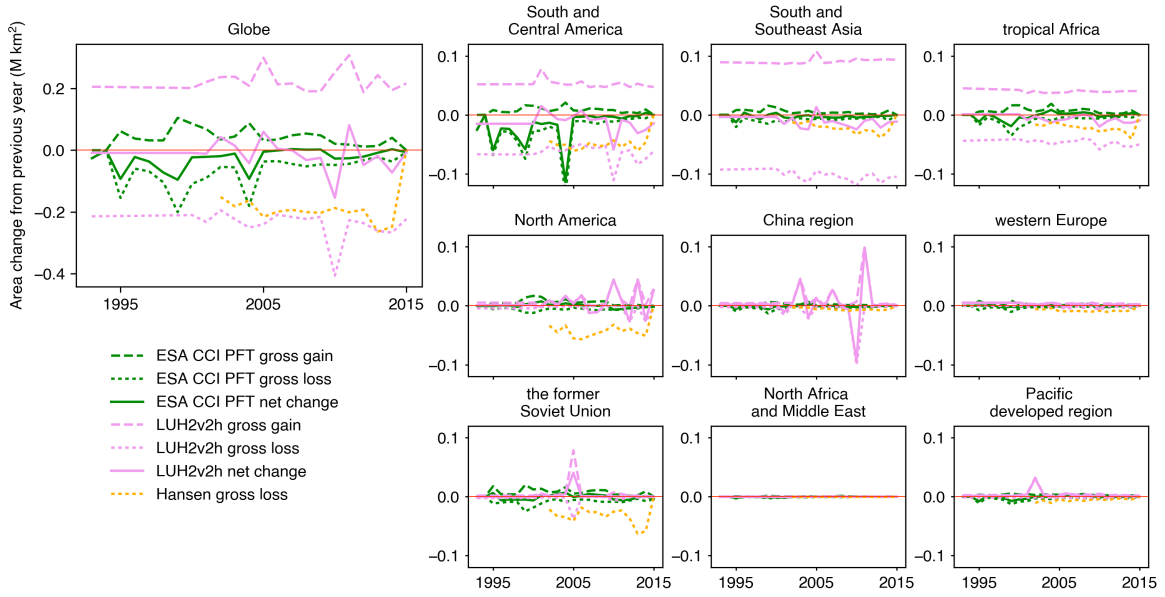
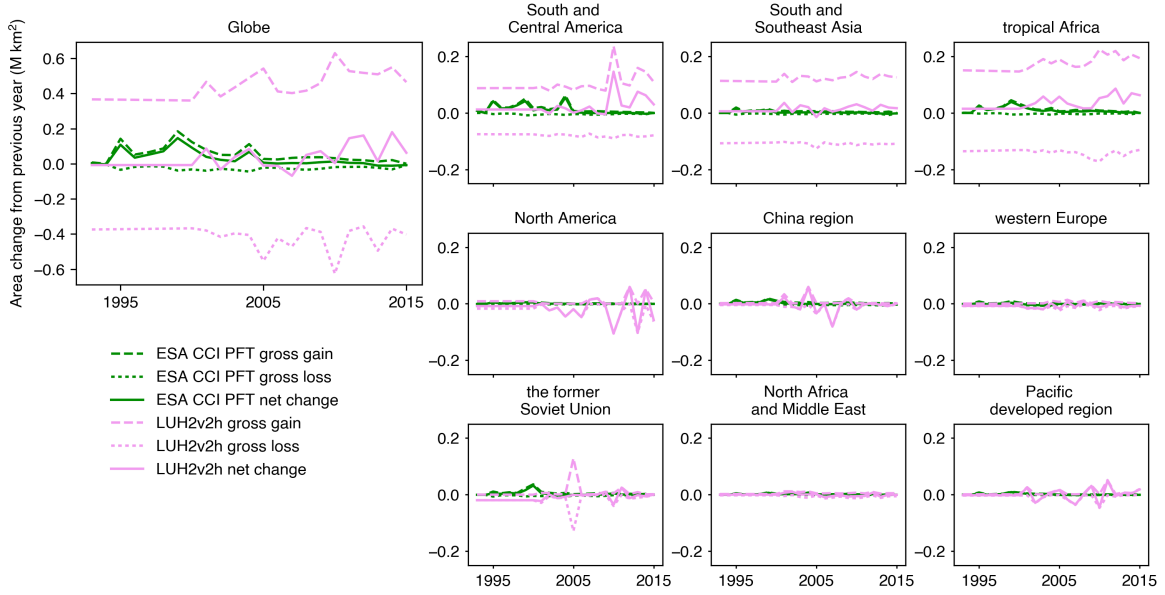


Figure S4. Global and regional gross changes in cropland from different datasets.



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Figure S5. Gross changes of forest / natural land from 1992 to 2015 in tropical Africa in different datasets. The red line indicates the zero line. Note that there is no separation between forest and other natural vegetation (e.g. natural grassland) in LUH1, thus the lines for LUH1 refer to the changes in the total of primary and secondary land.



Table S1. The conversion factors from original ESA CCI land cover classes to PFTs (ESA, 2017; Poulter et al., 2015). Stars (*) indicate the classes that experienced changes.

ID	ESA CCI land cover description	Tree		Shrub				Grass		Non-vegetated			No data	
		Broadleaf Evergreen	Deciduous	Broadleaf Evergreen	Deciduous	Broadleaf Evergreen	Deciduous	Needleleaf Evergreen	Deciduous	Natural Grass	Crop	Bare Soil		Snow/Ice Water
0	No data													100
10	Cropland, rainfed *							10	90					
11	Herbaceous cover *							10	90					
12	Tree or shrub cover					70			30					
20	Cropland, irrigated or post-flooding								100					
30	Mosaic cropland (>50%) / natural * vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (<50%) *	5		5	5	5		15	60					
40	Mosaic natural vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (>50%) / cropland (<50%) *	7.5		10	15	10		30	20					
50	Tree cover, broadleaved, evergreen, closed to open (>15%) *	90		5	5									
60	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed to open (>15%) *	50			20			30						
61	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed (>40%)	70			15			15						
62	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open (15-40%) *	30			25			45						
70	Tree cover, needleleaved, evergreen, closed to open (>15%) *		70		5	5	5	15						
71	Tree cover, needleleaved, evergreen, closed (>40%)		70		5	5	5	15						
72	Tree cover, needleleaved, evergreen, open (15-40%)		30				25	45						
80	Tree cover, needleleaved, deciduous, closed to open (>15%) *				50	2.5	2.5	2.5	12.5	30				
81	Tree cover, needleleaved, deciduous, closed (>40%)				70	5	5	5	15					
82	Tree cover, needleleaved, deciduous, open (15-40%)				30			25	45					
90	Tree cover, mixed leaf type (broadleaved and needleleaved) *	30	20	10	5	5	5	25						
100	Mosaic tree and shrub (>50%) / herbaceous cover (<50%) *	10	20	5	5	5	10	5	40					
110	Mosaic herbaceous cover (>50%) / tree and shrub (<50%) *	5	10	5	5	10	5	60						
120	Shrubland *				15	30	15	40						
121	Shrubland evergreen*				30		30	40						
122	Shrubland deciduous *					60		40						
130	Grassland *							100						
140	Lichens and mosses							100						
150	Sparse vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (<15%) *	5	5			5	5	30	50					
152	Sparse shrub (<15%) *					10	10	30	50					
153	Sparse herbaceous cover (<15%)							50	50					
160	Tree cover, flooded, fresh or brakish water	37.5	37.5					25						
170	Tree cover, flooded, saline water	75			25									
180	Shrub or herbaceous cover, flooded, fresh/saline/brakish water *					25	15	60						
190	Urban areas *												100	
200	Bare areas *								100					
201	Consolidated bare areas								100					
202	Unconsolidated bare areas								100					
210	Water bodies *											100		
220	Permanent snow and ice												100	

Table S2. The mean annual gross and net change rates (% of area in the reference year) in different PFTs from different datasets. Positive values of net changes indicate area increase. The gross change rates is calculated from the sum of absolute loss and gain, and thus always positive. The mean annual rates are calculated for the period of 1992-2015 using year 1992 as a reference year for all datasets except for Hansen et al. (2012) with a period of 2000-2012 and a reference year of 2000.

Dataset	China region	North America	South and Central America	western Europe	tropical Africa	the former Soviet Union	South and Southeast Asia	Pacific developed region	North Africa and Middle East	Total
ESA CCI PFT, Forest, Net	-0.1	0.0004	-0.2	-0.04	-0.04	-0.01	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
ESA CCI PFT, Forest, Gross	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3
ESA CCI PFT, Cropland, Net	0.1	0.01	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1
ESA CCI PFT, Cropland, Gross	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.8	0.3
ESA CCI PFT, Grassland, Net	0.01	-0.04	0.1	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.01
ESA CCI PFT, Grassland, Gross	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.2	0.3
LUH2V2H, Forest, Net	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.4	2.5	0.1	5.6	0.6	0.8	1.2
LUH2V2H, Forest, Gross	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.4	2.5	0.1	5.6	0.6	0.8	1.2
LUH2V2H, Cropland, Net	0.8	0.4	2.2	1.1	9.0	0.3	6.7	1.7	50.2	2.3
LUH2V2H, Cropland, Gross	0.8	0.4	2.2	1.1	9.0	0.3	6.7	1.7	50.2	2.3
LUH2V2H, Grassland, Net	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.1	3.0	78.4	0.5
LUH2V2H, Grassland, Gross	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.1	3.0	78.4	0.5
Hansen, Forest, Net	1.0	2.6	0.7	3.0	0.3	1.7	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.5
Hansen, Forest, Gross	1.6	3.8	1.7	4.0	0.9	2.5	3.7	2.5	1.8	2.4
Houghton&Nassikas, Forest, Net	1.1	0.04	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.04	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	-0.1

Table S3. Correlations of global temporal gross and net changes between ESA CCI, Hansen et al. (2013) and LUH2v2h (Hurtt et al., 2011).

	r value	p value
Forest gross loss, ESA CCI PFT vs Hansen	0.04	0.89
Forest gross loss, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.11	0.62
Forest gross gain, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.25	0.26
Forest net change, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	0.06	0.80
Cropland gross loss, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.07	0.76
Cropland gross gain, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.40	0.06
Cropland net change, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.27	0.21
Grassland gross loss, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.06	0.77
Grassland gross gain, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	0.11	0.63
Grassland net change, ESA CCI PFT vs LUH2v2h	-0.04	0.85

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