

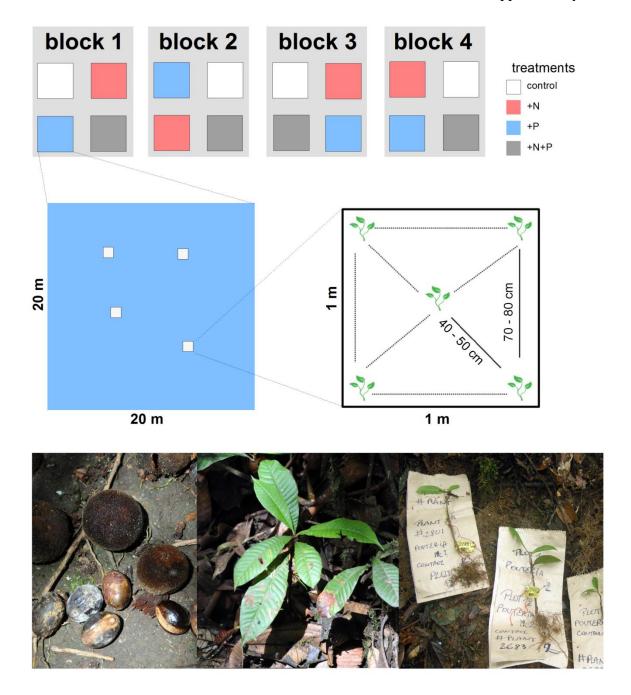
## Supplementary Material

## Performance of seedlings of a shade-tolerant tropical tree species after moderate addition of N and P

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**Supplementary Figures** 



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Nutrient manipulation experiment (NUMEX) and seedling study design. Above: Schematic overview of the experimental design. The two-factorial block design of the Ecuadorian Nutrient Manipulation Experiment (NUMEX) includes four blocks placed in old-growth forest, each including one 20m x 20m plot per treatment (control, N-addition, P-addition, both nutrients). One plot is shown in detail to illustrate the additional four randomly assigned seedling subplots (1m x 1m). Each seedling plot was planted with five *Pouteria torta* seedlings as illustrated. Below: Fruits and seeds, naturally established seedlings in a control plot and some of the harvested seedlings of *Pouteria torta*.