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2                   **tropical trees**

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29  
30                   **Abstract**

31                   The rates of appearance of new mutations play a central role in evolution. However,  
32                   mutational processes in natural environments and their relationship with growth rates are  
33                   largely unknown, particular in tropical ecosystems with high biodiversity. Here, we  
34                   examined the somatic mutation landscapes of two tropical trees, *Shorea laevis* (slow-growing)  
35                   and *S. leprosula* (fast-growing), in central Borneo, Indonesia. Using newly-constructed  
36                   genomes, we identified a greater number of somatic mutations in tropical trees than in  
37                   temperate trees. In both species, we observed a linear increase in the number of somatic  
38                   mutations with physical distance between branches. However, we found that the rate of

39 somatic mutation accumulation per meter of growth was 3.7-fold higher in *S. laevis* than in  
40 *S. leprosula*. This difference in the somatic mutation rate was scaled with the slower growth  
41 rate of *S. laevis* compared to *S. leprosula*, resulting in a constant somatic mutation rate per  
42 year between the two species. We also found that somatic mutations are neutral within an  
43 individual, but those mutations transmitted to the next generation are subject to purifying  
44 selection. These findings suggest that somatic mutations accumulate with absolute time and  
45 older trees have a greater contribution towards generating genetic variation.

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## 47 Significance Statement

48 The significance of our study lies in the discovery of an absolute time-dependent accumulation of  
49 somatic mutations in long-lived tropical trees, independent of growth rate. Through a comparative  
50 analysis of somatic mutation landscapes in slow- and fast-growing species, we observed a clock-  
51 like accumulation of somatic mutations in both species, regardless of their growth rates. Although  
52 the majority of somatic mutations were restricted to a single branch, we also identified mutations  
53 present in multiple branches, likely transmitted during growth. Our findings suggest that older  
54 trees make a greater contribution towards generating genetic variation.

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## 56 Keywords

57 Somatic mutations; mutational spectrum; genetic diversity; tropical ecosystems; Shorea

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## 59 Main text

60 Biodiversity ultimately results from mutations that provide genetic variation for organisms to adapt  
61 to their environments. However, how and when mutations occur in natural environments is poorly  
62 understood<sup>1-3</sup>. Recent genomic data from long-lived multicellular species have begun to uncover  
63 the somatic genetic variation and the rate of naturally occurring mutations<sup>4,5</sup>. The rate of somatic  
64 mutations per year in a 234-year-old oak tree has been found to be surprisingly low<sup>6</sup> compared to  
65 the rate in an annual herb<sup>7</sup>. Similar analyses in other long-lived trees have also shown low mutation  
66 rates in both broadleaf trees<sup>8-12</sup> and conifers<sup>13</sup>. Despite the growing body of knowledge of somatic  
67 mutation landscapes in temperate regions, there is currently no knowledge on the somatic mutation  
68 landscapes in organisms living in tropical ecosystems, which are among the most diverse biomes  
69 on Earth.

70 Mutations can arise from errors during replication<sup>14</sup>, or from DNA damage caused by  
71 exogenous mutagens or endogenous reactions at any time during cell growth<sup>15</sup>. While DNA  
72 replication errors have long been assumed to be major sources of mutations<sup>16,17</sup>, a modeling study  
73 that relates the mutation rate to rates of DNA damage, repair and cell division<sup>15</sup> and experimental  
74 studies in yeast<sup>18</sup>, human<sup>19</sup>, and other animals<sup>20</sup> have shown the importance of mutagenic processes  
75 that do not depend on cell division. Consequently, it remains largely unknown which source of  
76 mutations, whether replicative or non-replicative, predominates in naturally growing organisms.

77 To investigate the rates and patterns of somatic mutation and their relation to growth rates  
78 in tropical organisms, we studied the somatic mutation landscapes of slow- and fast-growing  
79 tropical trees in a humid tropical rain forest of Southeast Asia. By comparing the somatic mutation  
80 landscape between slow- and fast-growing species in a tropical ecosystem, we can gain insights  
81 into the mutagenesis that occurs in a natural setting. This comparison provides a unique  
82 opportunity to understand the impact of growth rate on somatic mutations and its potential role in  
83 driving evolutionary processes.

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### 85 **Detecting somatic mutations in slow- and fast-growing tropical trees**

86 The humid tropical rainforests of Southeast Asia are characterized by a preponderance of trees of  
87 the Dipterocarpaceae family<sup>21</sup>. Dipterocarp trees are highly valued for both their contribution to  
88 forest diversity and their use in timber production. For the purposes of this study, we selected  
89 *Shorea laevis* and *S. leprosula*, both native hardwood species of the Dipterocarpaceae family  
90 (Supplementary Fig. 1a). *S. laevis* is a slow-growing species<sup>22</sup>, with a mean annual increment  
91 (MAI) of diameter at breast height (DBH) of 0.38 cm/year (as measured over a 20 year period in  
92  $n = 2$  individuals; Supplementary Data 1). In contrast, *S. leprosula* exhibits a faster growth rate<sup>22</sup>,  
93 with an MAI of 1.21 cm/year ( $n = 18$ ; Supplementary Data 1), which is 3.2 times greater than that of  
94 *S. laevis*. We selected the two largest individuals of each species (S1 and S2 for *S. laevis* and F1  
95 and F2 for *S. leprosula*; Fig. 1a) at the study site, located just below the equator in central Borneo,  
96 Indonesia (Supplementary Fig. 1b). We collected leaves from the apices of seven branches and a  
97 cambium from the base of the stem from each tree (Fig. 1a; Supplementary Fig. 2), resulting in a  
98 total of 32 samples. To determine the physical distance between the sampling positions, we  
99 measured the length of each branch (Supplementary Data 2) and DBH (Supplementary Table 1).  
100 The average heights of the slow- and fast-growing species were 44.1 m and 43.9 m, respectively  
101 (Fig. 1a; Supplementary Data 1). While it is challenging to accurately estimate the age of tropical  
102 trees due to the absence of annual rings, we used the DBH/MAI to approximate the average age of  
103 the slow-growing species to be 256 years and the fast-growing species to be 66 years  
104 (Supplementary Table 1).

105 To identify somatic mutations, we constructed new reference genomes of the slow- and  
106 fast-growing species. We generated sequence data using long-read PacBio RS II and short-read  
107 Illumina sequencing and assembled the genome using DNA extracted from the apical leaf at branch  
108 1-1 of the tallest individual of each species (S1 and F1). The genomes were estimated to contain  
109 52,935 and 40,665 protein-coding genes, covering 97.9% and 97.8% of complete BUSCO genes  
110 (eudicots\_odb10) for the slow- and fast-growing species (Supplementary Table 2). Genome sizes  
111 estimated using k-mer distribution were 347 and 376 Mb for the slow- and fast-growing species,  
112 respectively. The synteny relationship between *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula* exhibited a high level of  
113 conservation overall (Supplementary Fig. 3).

114 To accurately identify somatic mutations, we extracted DNA from each sample twice to  
115 generate two biological replicates (Supplementary Fig. 2). A total of 64 DNA samples were  
116 sequenced, yielding an average coverage of 69.3 and 56.5 $\times$  per sample for the slow- and fast-  
117 growing species, respectively (Supplementary Data 5). We identified Single Nucleotide Variants

(SNVs) within the same individual by identifying those that were identical within two biological replicates of each sample (Supplementary Fig. 2). We identified 728 and 234 SNVs in S1 and S2, and 106 and 68 SNVs in F1 and F2, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 2; Supplementary Data 4). All somatic mutations were unique and did not overlap between individuals. We conducted an independent evaluation of a subset of the inferred single nucleotide variants (SNVs) using amplicon sequencing. Our analysis demonstrated accurate annotation for 31 out of 33 mutations (94% overall), with 22 out of 24 mutations on S1 and all 9 mutations on S2 (Supplementary Table 5).

### **Somatic mutation rates per year is independent of growth rate**

Phylogenetic trees constructed using somatic mutations were almost perfectly congruent with the physical tree structures (Fig. 1a), even though we did not incorporate knowledge of the branching topology of the tree in the SNV discovery process. The majority of somatic mutations were present at a single branch, but we also identified somatic mutations present in multiple branches (Fig. 1b) which are likely transmitted to new branches during growth. We also observed somatic mutations that did not conform to the branching topology (Fig. 1b), as theoretically predicted due to the stochastic loss of somatic mutations during branching<sup>23</sup>.

Our analysis revealed that the number of SNVs increases linearly as the physical distance between branch tips increases (Fig. 2a). The somatic mutation rate per site per meter was determined by dividing the slope of the linear regression of the number of SNVs against the physical distance between branch tips by the number of callable sites from the diploid genome of each tree (Fig. 2b; Supplementary Table 3). The somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per meter was  $7.08 \times 10^{-9}$  (95% CI:  $6.41\text{--}7.74 \times 10^{-9}$ ) and  $4.27 \times 10^{-9}$  (95% CI:  $3.99\text{--}4.55 \times 10^{-9}$ ) for S1 and S2, and  $1.77 \times 10^{-9}$  (95% CI:  $1.64\text{--}1.91 \times 10^{-9}$ ) and  $1.29 \times 10^{-9}$  (95% CI:  $1.05\text{--}1.53 \times 10^{-9}$ ) for F1 and F2, respectively. The average rate of somatic mutation for the slow-growing species was  $5.67 \times 10^{-9}$  nucleotide $^{-1}$  m $^{-1}$ , which is 3.7-fold higher than the average rate of  $1.53 \times 10^{-9}$  nucleotide $^{-1}$  m $^{-1}$  observed in the fast-growing species (Fig. 2b; Supplementary Table 3). This result indicates that the slow-growing tree accumulates more somatic mutations compared to the fast-growing tree to grow the unit length. This cannot be explained by differences in the number of cell divisions, as the length and diameter of fiber cells in both species are not substantially different (1.29 mm and 19.0  $\mu$ m for the slow-growing species<sup>24</sup> and 0.91mm and 22.7  $\mu$ m for the fast-growing species<sup>25</sup>).

Based on the estimated age of each tree, somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per year was calculated for each tree. On average, resultant values were largely similar between the two species, with  $7.71 \times 10^{-10}$  and  $8.05 \times 10^{-10}$  nucleotide $^{-1}$  year $^{-1}$  for the slow- and fast-growing species, respectively (Fig. 2b; Supplementary Table 3). This result suggests that somatic mutation accumulates in a clock-like manner as they age regardless of tree growth. The result suggests that somatic mutation accumulates in a clock-like manner as they age regardless of tree growth. Our estimates of somatic mutation rates per nucleotide per year in *Shorea* are higher than those previously reported in other long-lived trees such as *Quercus robur*<sup>6</sup>, *Populus trichocarpa*<sup>11</sup>, *Eucalyptus melliodora*<sup>10</sup> and *Picea sitchensis*<sup>13</sup>. This might suggest that long-lived trees in the tropics do not necessarily suppress somatic mutation rates to the same extent as their temperate

159 counterparts. To validate this assertion, additional studies are required to compare somatic  
160 mutation rates among trees in tropical, temperate, and boreal regions, employing standardized  
161 methodologies.

### 163 **Mutational spectra are similar between slow- and fast-growing trees**

164 Somatic mutations may be caused by exogenous factors such as ultraviolet and ionizing radiation,  
165 or endogenous factors such as oxidative respiration and errors in DNA replication. To identify  
166 characteristic mutational signatures caused by different mutagenic factors, we characterized  
167 mutational spectra by calculating the relative frequency of mutations at the 96 triplets defined by  
168 the mutated base and its flanking 5' and 3' bases (Fig. 3; Supplementary Fig. 4). Across species,  
169 the mutational spectra showed a dominance of cytosine-to-thymine (C>T and G>A on the other  
170 strand, noted as C:G>T:A) substitutions at CpG sites with CG (Fig. 3a, b). This is believed to result  
171 from the spontaneous deamination of 5-methylcytosine<sup>26,27</sup>. Methylated CpG sites spontaneously  
172 deaminate, leading to TpG sites and increasing the number of C>T substitutions<sup>28</sup>. Compared to  
173 the proportion of CpG sites in the reference genomes, the proportion of somatic mutations at CpG  
174 sites showed a 3.38-fold and 2.56-fold increase for F1 and F2, and a 4.54-fold and 3.53-fold  
175 increase for S1 and S2, respectively.

176 We compared the mutational spectra of our tropical trees to single-base substitution (SBS)  
177 signatures in human cancers using the Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (COSMIC)  
178 compendium of mutation signatures (COSMICv.2<sup>29-31</sup>). The mutational spectra were largely  
179 similar to the dominant mutation signature in humans known as SBS1 (cosine similarity = 0.789  
180 and 0.597 for the slow- and fast-growing species; Supplementary Data 6). SBS1 is believed to  
181 result from the spontaneous deamination of 5-methylcytosine. The mutational spectra were also  
182 comparable to another dominant signature in all human cancers, SBS5 (cosine similarity = 0.577  
183 and 0.558 for the slow- and fast-growing species; Supplementary Data 6), the origin of which  
184 remains unknown. Our finding that somatic mutations in tropical trees accumulate in a clock-like  
185 manner (Fig. 2a) is consistent with the clock-like mutational process observed in SBS1 and SBS5  
186 in human somatic cells<sup>32,33</sup>. This suggests that the mutational processes in plants and animals are  
187 conserved, despite the variation in their life forms and environmental conditions.

### 189 **Somatic mutations are neutral but inter-individual SNVs are subject to selection**

190 We tested whether the somatic mutations and inter-individual SNVs are subject to selection (Fig.  
191 4a). The observed rate of non-synonymous somatic mutations did not deviate significantly from  
192 the expected rate under the null hypothesis of neutral selection in both the slow- (binomial test:  $P$   
193 = 0.71) and fast-growing (binomial test:  $P$  = 1.0) species (Fig. 4b; Supplementary Table 4). In  
194 contrast, the number of inter-individual SNVs were significantly smaller than expected ( $P < 10^{-15}$   
195 for both species: Fig. 4c). These results indicate that somatic mutations are largely neutral within  
196 an individual, but mutations passed to next generation are subject to strong purifying selection  
197 during the process of embryogenesis, seed germination and growth.

198 Overall, the mutational spectra were similar between somatic and inter-individual SNVs  
199 (Supplementary Fig. 4). However, the fraction of C>T substitutions, in particular at CpG sites, was

200 lower in inter-individual SNVs compared to somatic SNVs (Fig. 4d). This observation may be  
201 indicative of the potential influence of GC-biased gene conversion during meiosis<sup>34</sup> or biased  
202 purifying selection for C>T inter-individual nucleotide substitutions.

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204 **Discussion**

205 Our study demonstrates that while the somatic mutation rate per meter is higher in the slow- than  
206 in fast-growing species, the somatic mutation rate per year is independent of growth rate. To gain  
207 deeper understanding of these findings, we developed a simple model that decomposes the  
208 mutation rate per site per cell division ( $\mu$ ) into the two components: DNA replication dependent  
209 ( $\alpha$ ) and replication independent ( $\beta$ ) mutagenesis. This can be represented as  $\mu = \alpha + \beta\tau$ , where  $\tau$   
210 is the duration of cell cycle measured in years. The replication dependent mutation emanates from  
211 errors that occur during DNA replication, such as the misincorporation of a nucleotide during DNA  
212 synthesis. The replication independent mutation arises from DNA damage caused by endogenous  
213 reactions or exogenous mutagens at any time of cell cycle. Since the number of cell division per  
214 year is given as  $r = 1/\tau$ , the mutation rate per year becomes  $r\mu = \alpha/\tau + \beta$ . From the relationship,  
215 the number of nucleotide substitution per site accumulated over  $t$  years, denoted as  $m(t)$ , is given  
216 by  $m(t) = (\alpha/\tau + \beta)t$ . The formula indicates that when  $\beta$  is significantly greater than  $\alpha$ , somatic  
217 mutations accumulate with tree age rather than with tree growth.

218 We estimated the relative magnitudes of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by using the results obtained from our  
219 study. Given that the cell cycle duration is likely inversely proportional to MAI, we have  $\tau_S/\tau_F =$   
220 3.2 (Supplementary Data 1), where  $\tau_S$  and  $\tau_F$  denote the cell cycle duration for the slow- and fast-  
221 growing species, respectively. It is also reasonable to assume that the same number of cell divisions  
222 are required to achieve 1 m of growth in both species as the cell size is similar between the two  
223 species. Based on our estimates of the somatic mutation rate per site per meter for the slow- ( $\mu_S$ )  
224 and fast-growing species ( $\mu_F$ ), we have  $\mu_S/\mu_F = (\alpha + \beta\tau_S)/(\alpha + \beta\tau_F) = 3.7$ , which is close to the  
225 ratio of cell cycle duration  $\tau_S/\tau_F$ . This consistency can be explained by the substantial contribution  
226 of the replication independent mutagenesis to the somatic mutation rate (i.e.  $\beta \gg \alpha$ ), as long as  
227 the magnitudes for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are similar between the two species. The time required for a unit length  
228 to grow can vary even within the same species, depending on microenvironmental conditions such  
229 as the availability of light and nutrients. These variations could explain the differences in somatic  
230 mutation rates per unit growth between two individuals within the same species (Fig. 2).

231 This argument concords with previous studies in human and other animals, which showed  
232 the presence of mutations that do not track cell division<sup>19,20</sup>. This study contributes to  
233 understanding the importance of non-replicative mutagenesis in naturally grown trees by  
234 decoupling the impacts of growth and time on the rate of somatic mutation. The preponderance of  
235 non-replicative mutational process can be attributed to its distinct molecular origin, the  
236 accumulation of spontaneous CpG mutations with absolute time. The neutral nature of newly  
237 arising somatic mutations within the tree results in a molecular clock, a constant rate of molecular  
238 evolution<sup>35-37</sup>. For our argument, we made an intuitive assumption that the number of stem cell  
239 divisions increases with distance regardless of species when cell size is similar. However, to  
240 further validate this assumption, we require mathematical models that consider the asymmetric

241 division of stem cells within the meristem<sup>38,39</sup> and complex stem cell population dynamics during  
242 elongation and branching in tree growth<sup>23,40</sup>. Moreover, understanding establishment timing of  
243 germlines during development is crucial in addressing the impact of somatic mutation on the next  
244 generation<sup>39</sup>. The model we have presented here is based on the assumption that genetic drift is  
245 prominent within a stem cell population, and that a single stem cell lineage becomes fixed within  
246 a meristem. However, future studies could explore relaxing this assumption to consider the  
247 contribution of multiple stem cell lineages. By doing so, we can gain insights into how the  
248 relationship between pairwise genetic differences and the distance between branch tips is  
249 influenced by the branching architecture of the tree and the strength of genetic drift. Furthermore,  
250 improving the accuracy of our argument, as derived from the model, can be achieved through  
251 future investigations that directly estimate the cell cycle duration for each individual tree.

252 The relative importance of replication independent mutagenesis, represented as the  
253 relative magnitude of  $\beta$  compared to  $\alpha$ , can vary through evolution possibly through selection on  
254 DNA repair pathways. The selection pressure that leads to different magnitudes either or both for  
255  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  may explain the differential somatic mutation rate per year in mammals with different  
256 lifespan<sup>41</sup>. Conversely, in plants, the selection pressure to constrain somatic mutation rates to lower  
257 levels in long-lived trees might be less significant. A definitive answer to this query awaits the  
258 accumulation of additional data on somatic mutation rates in closely related plant species  
259 inhabiting the same environment but exhibiting different growth rates.

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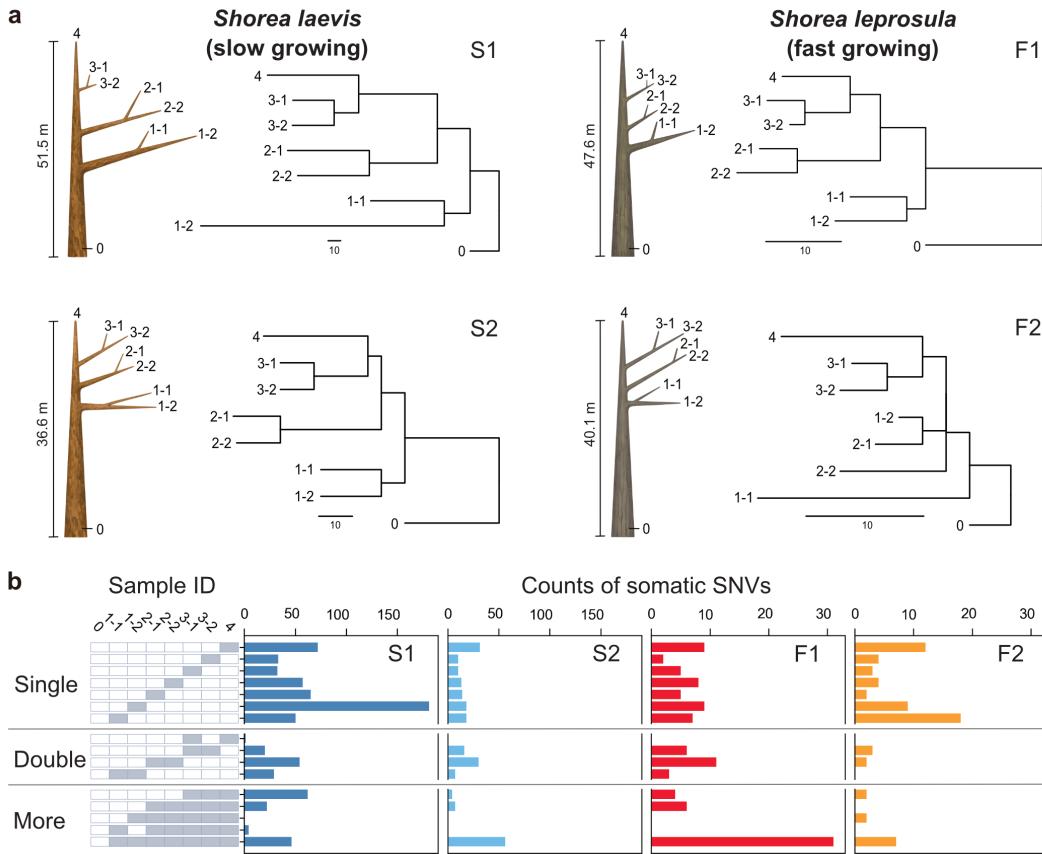
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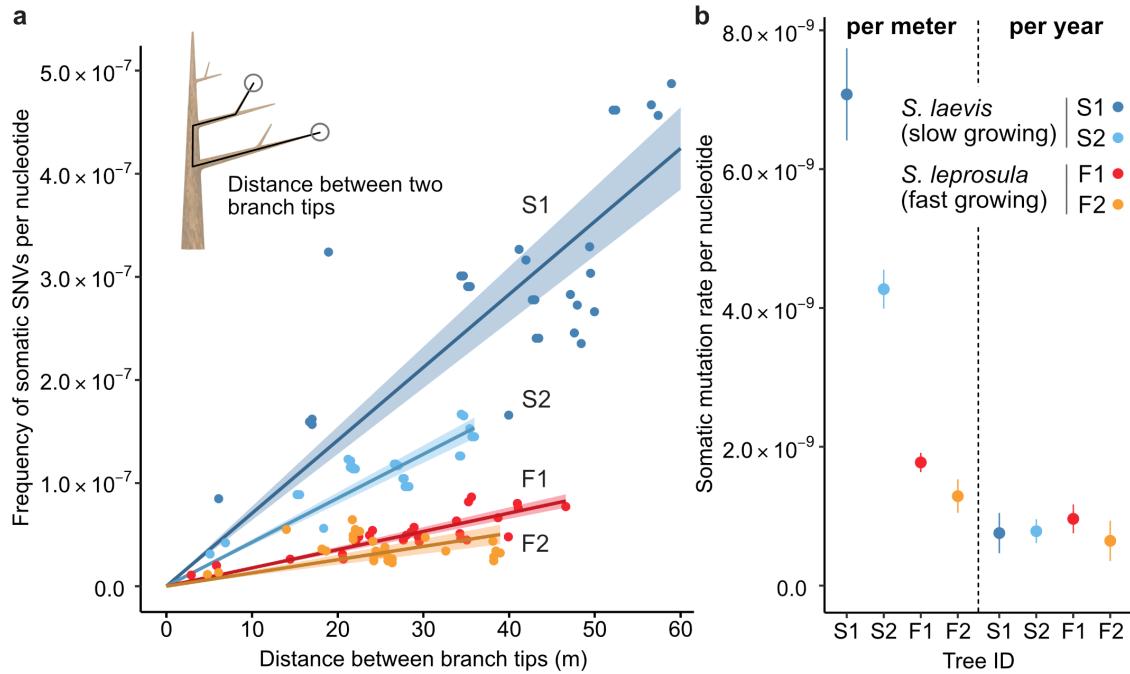


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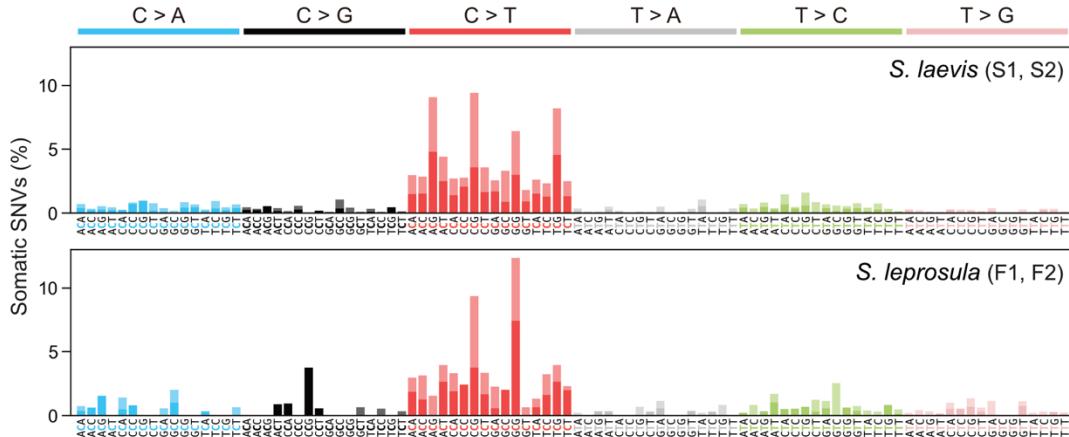
**Fig. 1 | Physical tree structures and phylogenetic trees constructed from somatic mutations.**

340 **a**, Comparisons of physical tree structures (left, branch length in meters) and neighbor-joining (NJ) 341 trees (right, branch length in the number of nucleotide substitutions) in two tropical tree species: 342 *S. laevis*, a slow-growing species (S1 and S2), and *S. leprosula*, a fast-growing species (F1 and 343 F2). IDs are assigned to each sample from which genome sequencing data were generated. Vertical 344 lines represent tree heights. **b**, Distribution of somatic mutations within tree architecture. A white 345 and gray panel indicates the presence (gray) and absence (white) of somatic mutation in each of 346 eight samples compared to the genotype of sample 0. Sample IDs are the same between panels **a** 347 and **b**. The distribution pattern of somatic mutations is categorized as Single, Double, and More 348 depending on the number of samples possessing the focal somatic mutations. Among  $2^7 - 1$  349 possible distribution patterns, the patterns observed in at least one of the four individuals are shown. 350



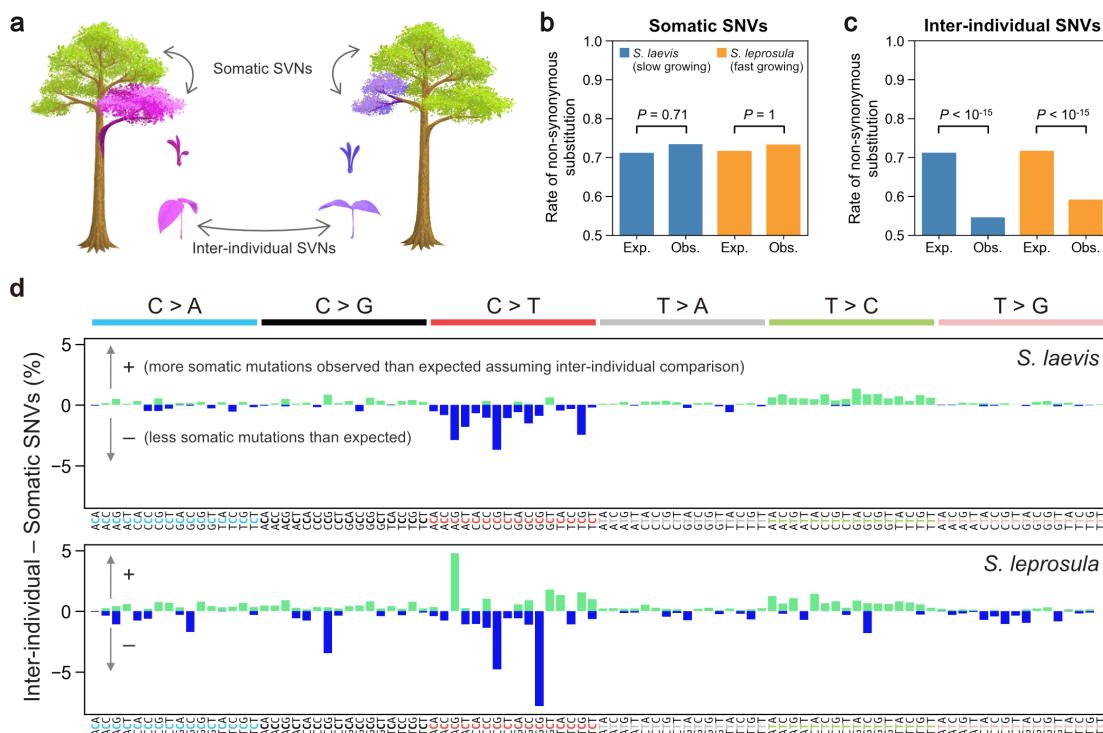
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352 **Fig. 2 | The relationship between the physical distance and the numbers of SNVs.** **a**, Linear  
353 regression of the number of SNVs against the pair-wise distance between branch tips with an  
354 intercept of 0 for each tree (S1: blue, S2: right blue, F1: red, and F2: orange). Shaded areas  
355 represent 95% confidence intervals of regression lines. Regression coefficients are listed in  
356 Supplementary Table 3. **b**, Comparison of somatic mutation rates per nucleotide per growth and  
357 per year across four tropical trees. Bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

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360 **Fig. 3 | Mutational spectra of somatic SNVs.** Somatic mutation spectra in *S. laevis* (upper panel)  
361 and *S. leprosula* (lower panel). The horizontal axis shows 96 mutation types on a trinucleotide  
362 context, coloured by base substitution type. Different colours within each bar indicate  
363 complementary bases. For each species, the data from two trees (S1 and S2 for *S. laevis* and F1  
364 and F2 for *S. leprosula*) were pooled to calculate the fraction of each mutated triplet.  
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368 **Fig. 4 | Detecting selection on somatic and inter-individual SNVs.** **a**, An illustration of somatic  
369 and inter-individual SNVs. Different colours indicate different genotypes. **b**, Expected (Exp.) and  
370 observed (Obs.) rates of somatic non-synonymous substitutions. **c**, Expected (Exp.) and observed  
371 (Obs.) rates of inter-individual non-synonymous substitutions. **d**, The difference between the  
372 fractions of inter-individual and somatic substitutions spectra in *S. laevis* (upper panel) and *S.*  
373 *leprosula* (lower panel). The positive and negative values are plotted in different colours. The  
374 horizontal axis shows 96 mutation types on a trinucleotide context, coloured by base substitution  
375 type.

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## Materials and Methods

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### Study site and sampling methods

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The study site is in a humid tropical rain forest in Central Borneo, Indonesia (00°49' 45.7" S, 380 112°00' 09.5" E; Supplementary Fig. 1b). The forest is characterized by a prevalence of trees of 381 the Dipterocarpaceae family and is managed through a combination of selective logging and line 382 planting (Tebang Pilih Tanam Jalur, TPTJ). The mean annual temperature range from 2001 to 383 2009 was between 22 to 28°C at night and 30 to 33°C during the day, with an average annual 384 precipitation of 3376 mm<sup>41</sup>.

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The study focuses on two native Dipterocarpaceae species, *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula* (Supplementary Fig. 1a). We logged two individuals from each species (S1 and S2 for *S. laevis* and F1 and F2 for *S leprosula*; Supplementary Fig. 1a) on July 17–18, 2018 and collected samples prior to their transportation for timber production. Approximately 0.4–1.0 g of leaf tissue was collected from each of the apices of seven branches and approximately 5 g of cambium tissue was taken from the base of the stem per individual (Supplementary Fig. 2). To calculate the physical distance between sampling positions within the tree architecture, we measured the length of each branch (Supplementary Data 2). Samples were promptly preserved in a plastic bag with silica gel following harvest and transported to the laboratory within 4 days of sampling. During transportation, samples were kept in a cooler box with ice to maintain a low temperature. Once in the laboratory, samples were stored at –80°C until DNA and RNA extraction.

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DBH have been recorded for the trees with DBH greater than 10 cm every two years since 397 1998 within three census plots of 1 hectare (100 × 100 m) in size located near the target trees. The 398 mean growth was calculated by taking the average of MAI of DBH for 2 and 18 trees for the slow- 399 and fast-growing species, respectively (Supplementary Data 1).

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### DNA extraction

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For short-read sequencing, DNA extraction was performed using a modified version of the method 402 described previously<sup>42</sup> as follows: Frozen leaves were ground in liquid nitrogen and washed up to 403 five times with 1 mL buffer (including 100 mM HEPES pH 8.0, 1% PVP, 50 mM Ascorbic acid, 404 2% (v/v) β-mercaptoethanol)<sup>43</sup>. DNA was treated with Ribonuclease (Nippogen, Tokyo, Japan) 405 according to the manufacturer's instruction. DNA was extracted twice independently from each 406 sample for two biological replicates. The DNA yield was measured on a NanoDrop ND-2000 407 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and Qubit4 Fluorometer 408 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For long-read sequencing, we extracted high molecular weight 409 genomic DNA from branch 1-1 leaf materials of S1 and F1 individuals using a modified CTAB 410 method<sup>44</sup>.

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### RNA extraction and sequencing

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For genome annotation, total RNA was extracted from the cambium sample of the S1 individual 414 of *S. laevis* in accordance with the method described in a previous study<sup>45</sup>. RNA integrity was 415 measured using the Agilent RNA 6000 Nano kit on a 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, 416 Santa Clara, CA, USA), and the RNA yield was determined using a NanoDrop ND-2000 417

418 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The extracted RNA was sent to Pacific Alliance  
419 Lab (Singapore), where a cDNA library was prepared with a NEBNext® Ultra™ RNA Library  
420 Prep Kit for Illumina (New England BioLabs, Ipswich, MA, USA) and 150 paired-end  
421 transcriptome sequencing was conducted using an Illumina NovaSeq6000 sequencer (Illumina,  
422 San Diego, CA, USA). For *S. leprosula*, we used published RNA-seq data<sup>46</sup>.  
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#### 424 **Illumina short-read sequencing and library preparation**

425 For Illumina short-read sequencing, the DNA sample from the first replicate of the S1 individual  
426 of *S. laevis* was sent to the Next Generation Sequencing Facility at Vienna BioCenter Core  
427 Facilities (VBCF), a member of the Vienna BioCenter (VBC) in Austria, for library preparation  
428 and sequencing on the Illumina HiSeq2500 platform (Illumina). The library was prepared using  
429 the on-bead tagmentation library prep method according to the manufacturer's protocol and was  
430 individually indexed with the Nextera index Kit (Illumina) by PCR. Insert size was adjusted to  
431 around 450 bp. The quantity and quality of each amplified library were analyzed using the  
432 Fragment Analyzer (Agilent Technologies) and the HS NGS Fragment Kit (Agilent Technologies).  
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434 The DNA sample from the second replicate of the S1 individual and two replicates from  
435 the S2, F1, and F2 individuals were sent to Macrogen Inc. (Republic of Korea) for sequencing on  
436 the Illumina HiseqX platform (Illumina). DNA was sheared to around 500 bp fragments in size  
437 using dsDNA fragmentase (New England BioLabs). Library preparation was performed using the  
438 NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit (New England BioLabs) according to the manufacturer's  
439 protocol, and the libraries were individually indexed with the NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for  
440 Illumina (New England BioLabs) by PCR. The quality and quantity of each amplified library were  
441 analyzed using the Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent Technologies), the High Sensitivity DNA kit  
442 (Agilent Technologies), and the NEBNext Library Quant Kit for Illumina (New England BioLabs).  
443 In total, 64 samples (16 samples per individual) were used for short-read sequencing.

#### 444 **PacBio long-read sequencing and library preparation**

445 To construct the reference genome of *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula*, high molecular weight DNA  
446 samples were extracted from branch 1-1 leaf materials of S1 and F1 individuals of each species,  
447 and sequenced using PacBio platforms. For *S. laevis*, library preparation and sequencing were  
448 performed at VBCF. The library was prepared using the SMRTbell express Kit (PacBio, Menlo  
449 Park, CA, USA), and sequenced on the Sequel platform with six SMRT cells (PacBio). For *S.  
450 leprosula*, library preparation and sequencing were performed by Macrogen Inc. (Republic of  
451 Korea). The library for *S. leprosula* was prepared using the HiFi SMARTbell library preparation  
452 system (PacBio) according to the manufacturer's protocol, and was sequenced on the Sequel II  
453 platform (PacBio) with one SMRT cell.  
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#### 455 **Genome assembly**

456 The PacBio continuous long reads of *S. laevis* were assembled using Flye 2.7-b158<sup>47</sup> with 12  
457 threads and with an estimated genome size of 350 Mbp. We subsequently used HyPo v1.0.3<sup>48</sup> for  
458 polishing the contigs. The Illumina read alignments provided to HyPo were created using Bowtie

459 v2.3.4.3<sup>49</sup> with `--very-sensitive` option and using 32 threads. We used the Illumina reads from  
460 all branches of the individual S1 rather than utilizing exclusively those of branch 1-1, in order to  
461 capitalize on the increased aggregate sequencing depth.

462 The PacBio HiFi reads of *S. leprosula* with an average Quality Value (QV) 20 or higher  
463 were extracted, and subsequently assembled using Hifiasm 0.16.1-r375<sup>50</sup>, with `-z10` option and  
464 using 40 threads. The primary assembly of *S. leprosula* was used for further analysis. The quality  
465 and completeness of the genome assembly were assessed by searching for a set of 2,326 core genes  
466 from eudicots\_odb10 using BUSCO v5.3.0<sup>51</sup> for each species (Supplementary Table 2).

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### 468 Genome annotation

469 We constructed repeat libraries of *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula* using EDTA v2.0.0<sup>52</sup>. Using the  
470 libraries, we ran RepeatMasker 4.1.2-p1<sup>53</sup> with `-s` option and with `Cross_match` as a search engine,  
471 to perform soft-masking of repetitive sequences in the genomes. The estimated percentages of the  
472 repetitive sequences were 42.4% for *S. laevis* and 39.5% for *S. leprosula* (Supplementary Table  
473 2).

474 We ran BRAKER 2.1.6<sup>54</sup> to perform gene prediction by first incorporating RNA-seq data  
475 and subsequently utilizing a protein database, resulting in the generation of two sets of gene  
476 predictions for each species. To perform RNA-seq-based prediction, we mapped the RNA-seq  
477 reads (see RNA extraction in Methods section) to the genomes using HISAT 2.2.1<sup>55</sup>, with the  
478 alignments subsequently being employed as training data for BRAKER. For protein-based  
479 prediction, we used proteins from the Viridiplantae level of OrthoDB v10<sup>56</sup> as the training data.

480 The two sets of gene predictions were merged using TSEBRA (commit 0e6c9bf in the  
481 GitHub repository)<sup>57</sup> to select reliable gene predictions for each species. Although in principle  
482 TSEBRA groups overlapping transcripts and considers them as alternative spliced isoforms of the  
483 same gene, we identified instances where one transcript in a gene overlapped with another  
484 transcript in a separate gene. In such cases, we manually clustered these transcripts into the same  
485 gene.

486 We used EnTAP 0.10.8<sup>58</sup> with default parameters for functional annotation. The  
487 databases employed were: UniProtKB release 2022\_05<sup>59</sup>, NCBI RefSeq plant proteins release  
488 215<sup>60</sup>, EnTAP Binary Database v0.10.8<sup>58</sup> and EggNOG 4.1<sup>61</sup>. We constructed the standard gene  
489 model by utilizing the gene predictions of each species, eliminating any gene structures that lacked  
490 a complete ORF. Transcripts containing Ns were also excluded. Following the filtering process,  
491 the splice variant displaying the longest coding sequence (CDS) was selected as the primary  
492 isoform for each gene. The set of primary isoforms was used as the standard gene model.

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### 494 Genome size estimation

495 We estimated genome size of two species using GenomeScope<sup>62</sup>. We counted k-mer from forward  
496 sequence data of branch 1-1 from the S1 and F1 individuals using KMC 3<sup>63</sup> ( $k = 21$ ). The genome  
497 size and heterozygous ratio were estimated by best model fitting. Estimated genome sizes were  
498 347 Mb for the slow-growing species and 376 Mb for the fast-growing species. These estimates  
499 were 8% and 7% smaller than the estimates obtained through flow cytometry<sup>64</sup>, respectively. The

500 genome size of the fast-growing species was nearly identical to that previously reported for *S.*  
501 *leprosula* in peninsular Malaysia<sup>46</sup>.

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### 503 Genome synteny analysis

504 To investigate the synteny relationship between *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula*, the synteny analysis  
505 performed using the MCScanX in TBtools-II (Toolbox for Biologists) v1.120  
506 (<https://github.com/CJ-Chen/TBtools/releases>) with default parameters. For the synteny analysis,  
507 we selected 20 contigs from *S. leprosula* because these were the only ones that exhibited synteny  
508 blocks between the two species. 20 contigs covers more than 99.5% of the *S. leprosula* genome.  
509 The synteny blocks spanning more than 30 genes were displayed in the synteny map  
510 (Supplementary Fig. 3).

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### 512 Somatic (intra-individual) SNV discovery

513 We filtered low quality reads out and trimmed adapters using fastp v22.0<sup>65</sup> with following options:  
514 -q 20 -n 10 -t 1 -T 1 -l 20 -w 16. The cleaned reads were mapped to the reference genome using  
515 bwa-mem2 22.1<sup>66</sup> with default parameters. We removed PCR duplicates using fixmate and  
516 markdup function of samtools 1.13<sup>67</sup>. The sequence reads were mapped to the reference genome,  
517 yielding average mapping rates of 91.61% and 89.5% for the slow- and fast-growing species,  
518 respectively. To identify reliable SNVs, we utilized two SNP callers (bcftools mpileup<sup>67,68</sup> and  
519 GATK (4.2.4.0) HaplotypeCaller<sup>69</sup>) and extracted SNVs detected by both (Supplementary Fig. 2).

520 We first called SNVs with BCFtools 1.13<sup>70</sup> mpileup at three different thresholds;  
521 threshold 1 (T40): mapping quality (MQ) = 40, base quality (BQ) = 40; threshold 2 (T30): MQ =  
522 30, BQ = 30; threshold 3 (T20): MQ = 20, BQ = 20. SNVs detected under each threshold were  
523 pooled for further analyses, with duplicates removed. We normalized indels using bcftools norm  
524 for vcf files. We removed indels and missing data using vcftools 0.1.16<sup>71</sup>.

525 Second, we called SNVs using GATK (4.2.4.0) HaplotypeCaller and merged the  
526 individual gvcfs into a vcf file containing only variant sites. We removed indels from the vcf using  
527 the GATK SelectVariants. We filtered out unreliable SNVs using GATK VariantFiltration with  
528 the following filters: QD (Qual By Depth) < 2.0, QUAL (Base Quality) < 30.0, SOR (Strand Odds  
529 Ratio) > 4.0, FS (Fisher Strand) > 60.0, MQ (RMS Mapping Quality) < 40.0, MQRankSum  
530 (Mapping Quality Rank Sum Test) < -12.5, ReadPosRankSum (Read Pos Rank Sum Test) < -8.0.  
531 After performing independent SNV calling for each biological replicate using each SNP caller, we  
532 extracted SNVs that were detected in both replicates for each SNP caller. We further extracted  
533 SNVs that were detected by both bcftools mpileup and GATK HaplotypeCaller (Supplementary  
534 Fig. 2) using Tassel5<sup>72</sup> and a custom python script, generating potential SNVs for each threshold.  
535 Finally, SNVs detected at any of the three thresholds were extracted to obtain candidate SNVs.  
536 The number of SNVs at each filtering step can be found in Supplementary Data 4.

537 The candidate SNV calls were manually confirmed by two independent researchers using  
538 the IGV browser<sup>73</sup>. We removed sites from the list of candidates if there were fewer than five high-  
539 quality reads (MQ > 20) in at least one branch sample among the 16 samples. After labeling  
540 branches carrying the called variant as somatic mutations, we compared the observed pattern with

541 the genotyping call and extracted SNVs that were supported more than one read in both biological  
542 replicates (Supplementary Fig. 5a). We illustrated three types of false positive SNVs that were  
543 removed from the list of candidates in Supplementary Fig. 5b–d. The final set of SNVs can be  
544 found in Supplementary Data 7. Proportion of potential false positive and negative SNVs for each  
545 threshold are illustrated in Supplementary Fig. 6 and 7.

546 The NJ tree for each individual was generated using MEGA11<sup>74</sup> based on the matrix of  
547 the number of sites with somatic SNVs present between each pair of branches and edited using  
548 FigTree v1.4.4 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>). Most of the somatic SNVs were  
549 heterozygous, whereas 4% of the total SNVs (46/1136) were homozygous (Supplementary Data  
550 7). The homozygous sites were treated as a single mutation due to the likelihood of a genotyping  
551 error being higher than the probability of two mutations occurring at the same site.

### 552 553 **Inter-individual SNV discovery**

554 We also identified SNVs between pairs of individuals within each species as inter-individuals  
555 SNVs. The method for calling inter-individual SNVs was the same as for intra-individual SNVs,  
556 except that only threshold 2 (MQ = 30, BQ = 30) for BCFtools 1.13<sup>70</sup> was used. We extracted  
557 SNVs that are present in all branches within an individual using Tassel5<sup>72</sup>. To exclude ambiguous  
558 SNV calls, we removed SNVs within 151 bp of indels that were called with BCFtools 1.13<sup>70</sup> with  
559 the option of threshold 2. We eliminated SNVs within 151 bp of sites with a depth value of zero  
560 that occur in more than ten consecutive sites. We also removed SNVs that had a depth smaller than  
561 five or larger than  $d + 3\sqrt{d}$ , where  $d$  represents the mean depth of all sites<sup>75</sup>. Due to the large  
562 number of candidates for inter-individual SNVs, the manual checking process was skipped.

### 563 564 **Somatic SNVs confirmation by amplicon sequencing**

565 We verified the reliability of the final set of somatic SNVs by amplicon sequencing approximately  
566 5% of the SNVs in *S. laevis* (31 and 10 SNVs for S1 and S2, respectively). We used multiplexed  
567 phylogenetic marker sequencing method (MPM-seq<sup>76</sup>) with modifications to the protocol as  
568 follows: to amplify 152–280 bp fragments, the first PCR primers comprising tail sequences for the  
569 second PCR primers were designed on the flanking regions of each SNV. The first PCR was  
570 conducted using the Fast PCR cycling kit (Qiagen, Düsseldorf, Germany) under the following  
571 conditions: an initial activation step at 95°C for 5 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of denaturation  
572 at 96°C for 5 seconds, annealing at 50/54/56°C for 5 seconds, and extension at 68°C for 10 seconds.  
573 This was followed by a final incubation at 72°C for 1 minute. Subsequent next-generation  
574 sequencing was performed on an Illumina MiSeq platform using the MiSeq Reagent Kit v2 (300  
575 cycles: Illumina).

576 Amplicon sequencing reads were mapped to the reference genome using bwa-mem2  
577 22.1<sup>66</sup> with default parameters. Using bcftools mpileup<sup>70</sup>, we called the genotypes of all sites on  
578 target regions and eliminated candidate sequences with MQ and BQ less than 10. The final set of  
579 sites selected for confirmation consisted of 24 for the S1 individual and 9 for the S2 individual.  
580 We manually confirmed the polymorphic patterns at the target sites using the IGV browser<sup>73</sup>. If  
581 the alternative allele was present or absent in all eight branches in the amplicon sequence, the site

582 was determined as fixed. The site was determined as mismatch if the difference of polymorphic  
583 patterns between the somatic SNV calls and amplicon sequence was supported by more than four  
584 reads per branch. The sites that were neither fixed nor mismatched were determined as true. 94%  
585 (31/33) of SNVs at the final target sites, with 22 out of 24 mutations on S1 and all 9 mutations on  
586 S2, were confirmed to exhibit a polymorphic pattern that exactly matched between the somatic  
587 SNV calls and amplicon sequence (Supplementary Data 5). It is important to note that the SNVs  
588 that were not matched with amplicon sequencing data could potentially represent true somatic  
589 mutations. This discrepancy could be attributed to a low allele frequency, where the call is not  
590 identified as heterozygous despite the presence of a true mutation.  
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## 592 **Somatic mutation rates per growth and per year**

593 To estimate the somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per growth ( $\mu_g$ ), a linear regression analysis  
594 of the number of somatic SNVs against the physical distance between sampling positions within  
595 an individual was conducted using the lm package, with an intercept of zero, in R version 3.6.2.  
596 The somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per growth was estimated as:  
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$$598 \mu_g = \frac{b}{2 \times R},$$

600 where  $b$  indicates the slope of linear regression and  $R$  denotes the number of callable sites,  
601 respectively. Note that the denominator includes a factor of two due to diploidy. A site was  
602 considered callable when it passed the filters as the polymorphic sites, that is, a mapping quality  
603 of at least 40 using GATK, a mapping quality of at least 20 using BCFtools, and a depth greater  
604 than or equal to 5. This resulted in 388,801,756 and 320,739,335 base pairs for S1 and S2 and  
605 327,435,618 and 263,488,812 base pairs for F1 and F2, respectively.

606 The somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per year ( $\mu_y$ ) was estimated as:  
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$$608 \mu_y = \frac{M}{2 \times R \times A}.$$

610 Here,  $M$  indicate the total number of SNVs accumulated from the base (ID 0 in Fig. 1a;  
611 Supplementary Data 2) to the branch tip and  $A$  represents tree age, respectively.  $R$  denotes the  
612 number of callable sites that was also used to estimate  $\mu_g$ . Because there are seven branch tips for  
613 each tree (Fig. 1a), we estimated  $\mu_y$  for each of branch tips and then calculated the mean and 95%  
614 confidence interval for each tree (Supplementary Table 3).  
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## 616 **Mutational spectrum**

617 Mutational spectra were derived directly from the reference genome and alternative alleles at each  
618 variant site. There are a total of six possible classes of base substitutions at each variant site:  
619 A:T>G:C (T>C), G:C>A:T (C>T), A:T>T:A (T>A), G:C>T:A (C>A), A:T>C:G (T>G), and  
620 G:C>C:G (C>G). By considering the bases immediately 5' and 3' to each mutated base, there are  
621 a total of 96 possible mutation classes, referred to as triplets, in this classification. We used seqkit<sup>77</sup>

622 to extract the triplets for each variant site. To count the number of each triplet, we used the  
623 Wordcount tool in the EMBOSS web service ([https://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgi-  
624 bin/emboss/wordcount](https://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgi-bin/emboss/wordcount)). We calculated the fraction of each mutated triplet by dividing the number  
625 of mutated triplets by the total number of triplets in the reference genome.

626 We compared the mutational signatures of our tropical trees to those of single-base  
627 substitution (SBS) signatures in human cancers using Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer  
628 (COSMIC) compendium of mutation signatures (COSMICv.2<sup>78-80</sup>, available at  
629 [https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/signatures\\_v2](https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/signatures_v2)). Cosine similarity was calculated between each  
630 tropical tree species and each SBS signature in human cancers.  
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### 632 **Testing selection of somatic and inter-individual SNVs**

633 To test whether somatic and inter-individual SNVs are subject to selection, we calculated the  
634 expected rate of non-synonymous mutation. For the CDS of length  $L_{cds}$ , there are possible numbers  
635 of mutations of length of  $3L_{cds}$  (Supplementary Fig. 8). We classified all possible mutations into  
636 three types based on the codon table: synonymous, missense, and nonsense (Supplementary Fig.  
637 8). Each type of mutation was counted for each of the six base substitution classes (Supplementary  
638 Fig. 8). We generated count tables based on two distinct categories of CDS: those that included all  
639 isoforms and those that only encompassed primary isoforms (Supplementary Data 8). As the two  
640 tables were largely congruent, we employed the version which included all isoforms of CDS.

641 Using the count table and background mutation rate for each category of substitution class,  
642 we calculated the expected number of synonymous ( $\lambda_S$ ) and non-synonymous mutations ( $\lambda_N$ )  
643 (Supplementary Fig. 8). As a background mutation rate, we adopted the observed somatic mutation  
644 rates in the six substitution classes in the intergenic region (Supplementary Table 5), assuming that  
645 the intergenic region is nearly neutral to selection. Because the number of nonsense somatic  
646 mutation is small, we combined missense and nonsense mutations as non-synonymous. The  
647 intergenic regions were identified as the regions situated between 1 kbp upstream of the start codon  
648 and 500 bp downstream of the stop codon. Expected rate of synonymous mutation ( $p_N$ ) is given  
649 as  $\lambda_N/(\lambda_S + \lambda_N)$ . Given the observed number of non-synonymous and synonymous mutations, we  
650 rejected the null hypothesis of neutral selection using a binomial test with the significance level of  
651 5% (Supplementary Table 4). We used the package binom.test in R v3.6.2.

652 We also used the observed somatic mutation rate in the whole genome (Supplementary  
653 Table 5), including genic and intergenic regions, as the background mutation rate and confirmed  
654 the robustness of our conclusion (Supplementary Tables 4). The somatic mutation rates in the  
655 intergenic region and the whole genome were calculated for each species by pooling the data from  
656 two individuals (Supplementary Table 5). While cancer genomics studies have accounted for more  
657 detailed context-dependent mutations, such as the high rate of C>T at CpG dinucleotides<sup>81</sup> or  
658 comprehensive analysis of 96 possible substitution classes in triplet context<sup>82</sup>, the number of SNVs  
659 in our tropical trees is too small to perform such a comprehensive analysis. Therefore, we used the  
660 relatively simple six base substitution classes. The genes with somatic SNVs can be found in  
661 Supplementary Data 7.  
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663 **Data availability**

664 The raw sequencing data have been deposited to DDBJ under accessions DRX404986-DRX405036  
665 for *S. laevis* and DRX412534-DRX412566 for *S. leprosula*. The genome assembly and the gene  
666 annotation are available under accessions BSQA01000001-BSQA01007745 for *S. laevis* and  
667 BSQB01000001-BSQB01000070 for *S. leprosula*.

668 **Code availability**

669 The codes for the bioinformatics pipeline to process whole genome sequencing data is available  
670 from [https://github.com/ku-biomath/Shorea\\_mutation\\_detection](https://github.com/ku-biomath/Shorea_mutation_detection).

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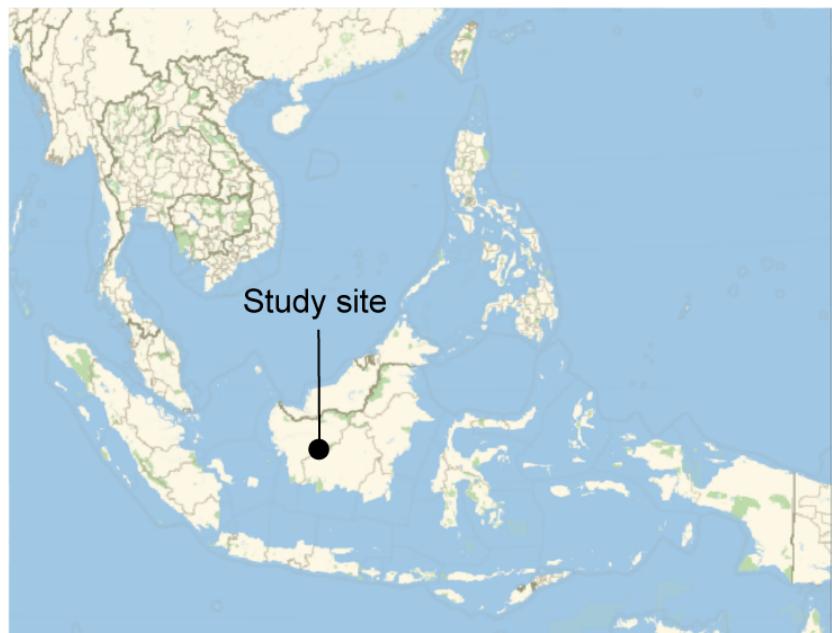
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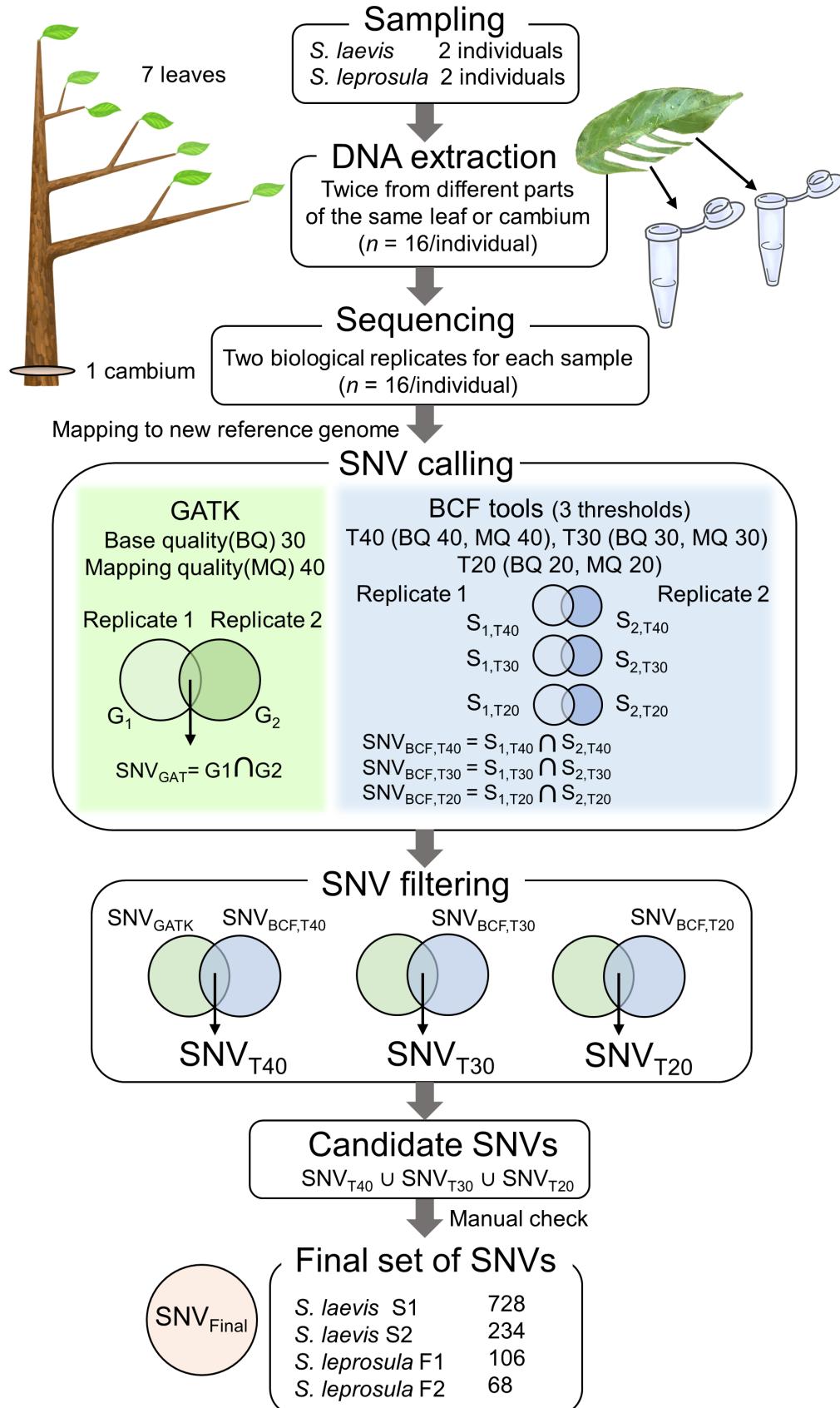
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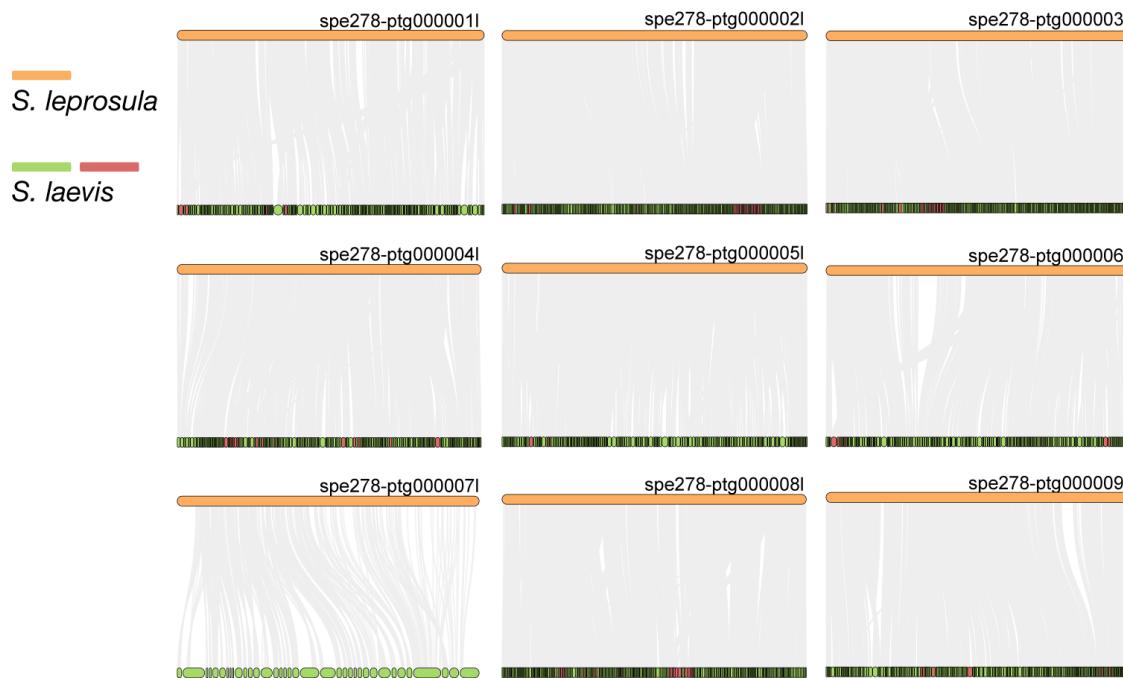
784 **Supplementary Fig. 1 | Target tropical trees and location of study site. a**, Images of *S. laevis*  
785 (S1), a slow-growing species, and *S. leprosula* (F1), a fast-growing species. **b**, Location of the  
786 study site in central Borneo, Indonesia.

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790 **Supplementary Fig. 2 | Workflow for identifying *de novo* somatic SNVs.** 8 samples (seven  
791 leaves and one cambium) were collected from four trees (two trees from each species). DNA was  
792 extracted twice independently from each sample and sequenced independently. Reads were  
793 mapped to the reference genome and used for SNV calling and filtering. SNVs over 8 samples  
794 were called using GATK HaplotypeCaller (GATK) and Bcftools mpileup (BCF tools) for each set  
795 of biological replicates from 7 branches and 1 cambium independently, generating potential SNVs  
796 for each set of replicates and for each SNP caller ( $G_1$  and  $G_2$  for GATK,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  for BCF tools).  
797 For BCF tools, we set three thresholds (T40, T30, and T20) with different base quality (BQ) and  
798 mapping quality (MQ). SNVs detected in both replicates were extracted for each SNP callers and  
799 generated potential SNVs for each SNP caller,  $SNV_{GATK}$  for GATK and  $SNV_{BCF}$  for Bcftools with  
800 three thresholds. These SNVs were filtered by extracting SNVs detected in both SNP callers,  
801 generating potential SNVs for each threshold:  $SNV_{T40}$ ,  $SNV_{T30}$ , and  $SNV_{T20}$ . Finally, SNVs  
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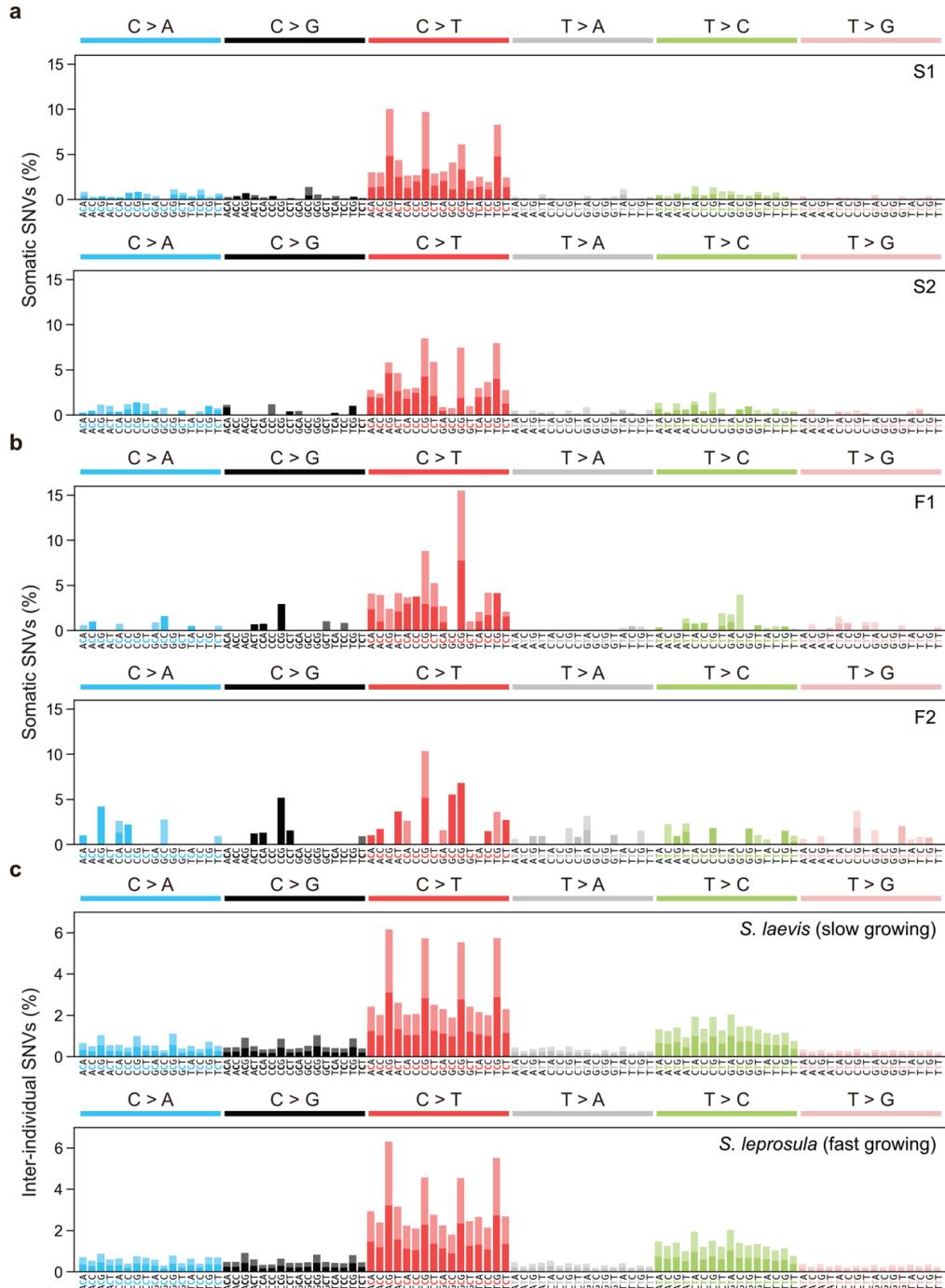
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**Supplementary Fig. 3 | Synteny relationship between *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula*.** The collinear blocks within the genomes of *S. leprosula* and *S. laevis* were displayed by gray lines, with orange objects representing the contigs of the *S. leprosula* genome and green objects denoting the contigs of the *S. laevis* genome. In cases where the direction of a contig in *S. laevis* was partly different from that in *S. leprosula*, the contigs of the *S. laevis* genome were colored in red, otherwise it is indicated as green.



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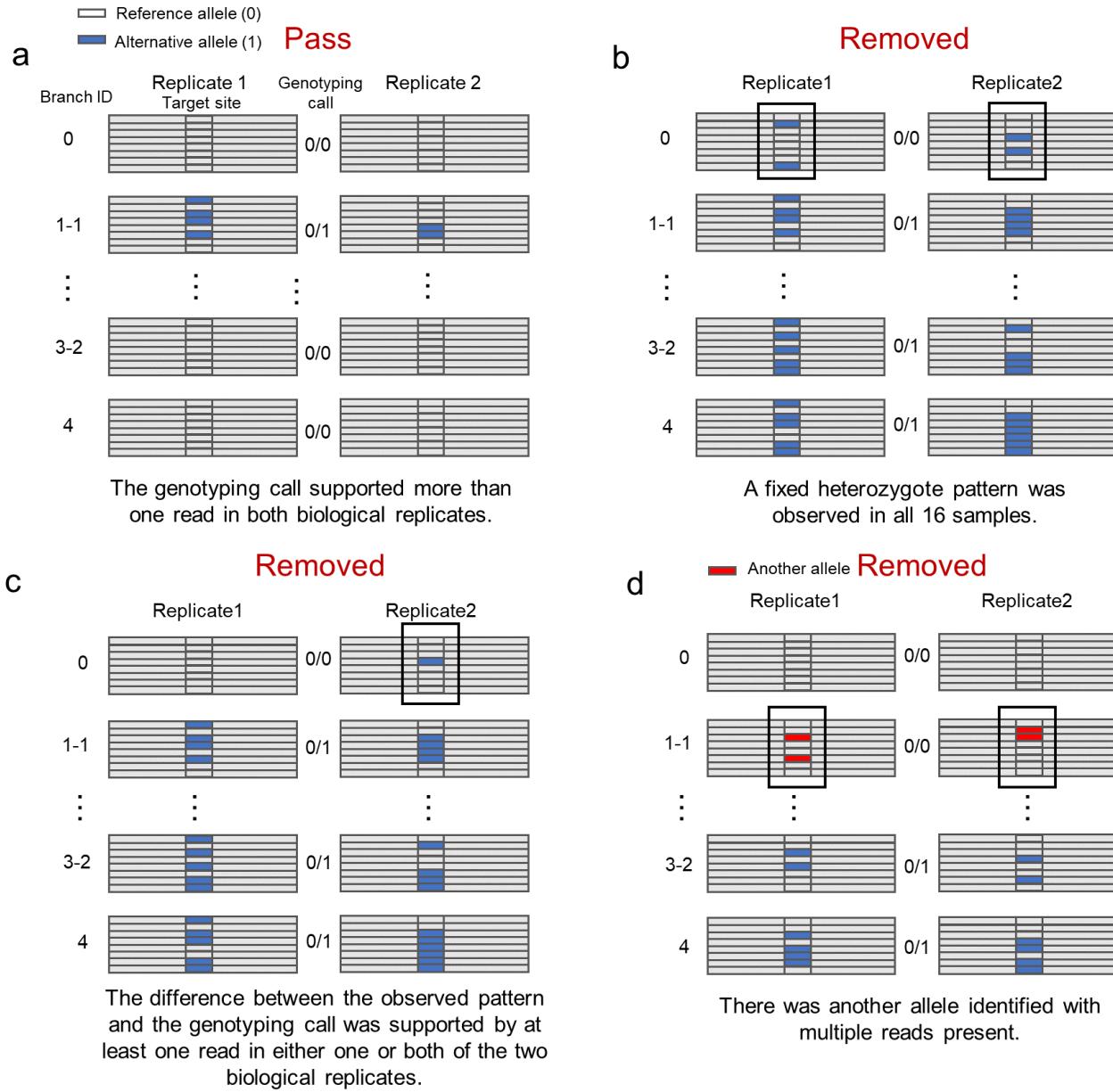
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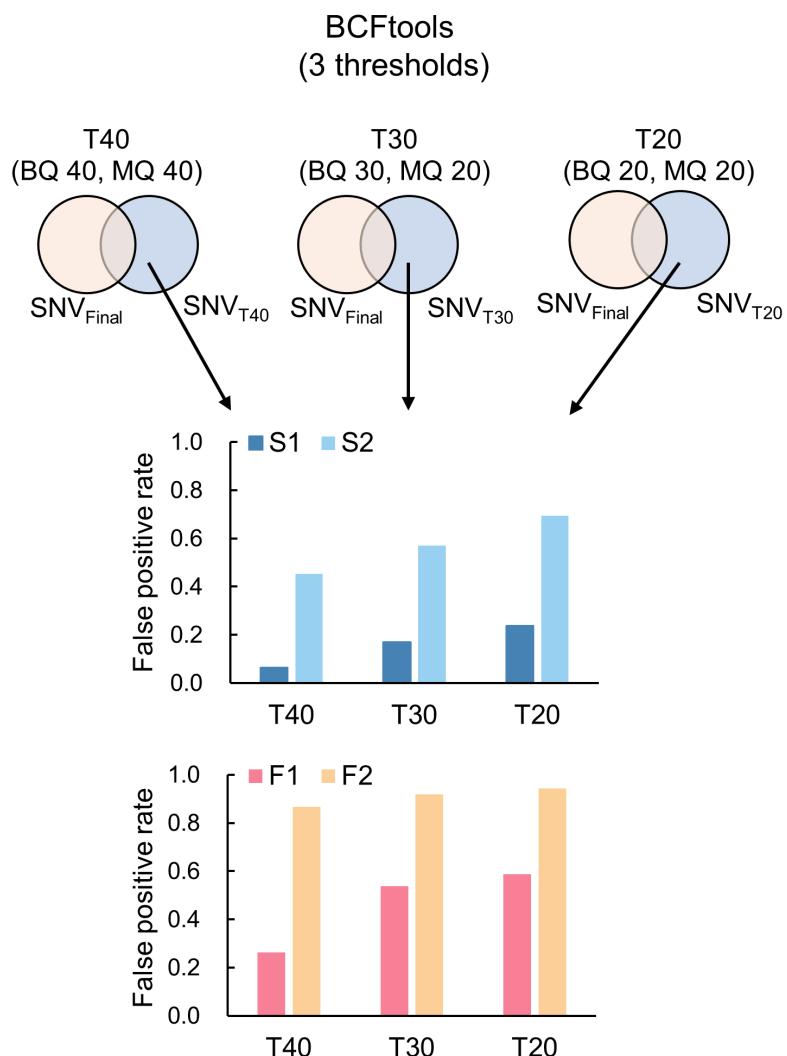
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**Supplementary Fig. 5 | Manual confirmation of candidate SNVs.** **a**, SNVs that passed manual confirmation. **b**, SNVs that were removed due to their fixed heterozygote pattern. **c**, SNVs that have been removed due to the difference between the observed pattern and the genotyping call. **d**, SNVs that were removed due to the presence of another allele with multiple reads.

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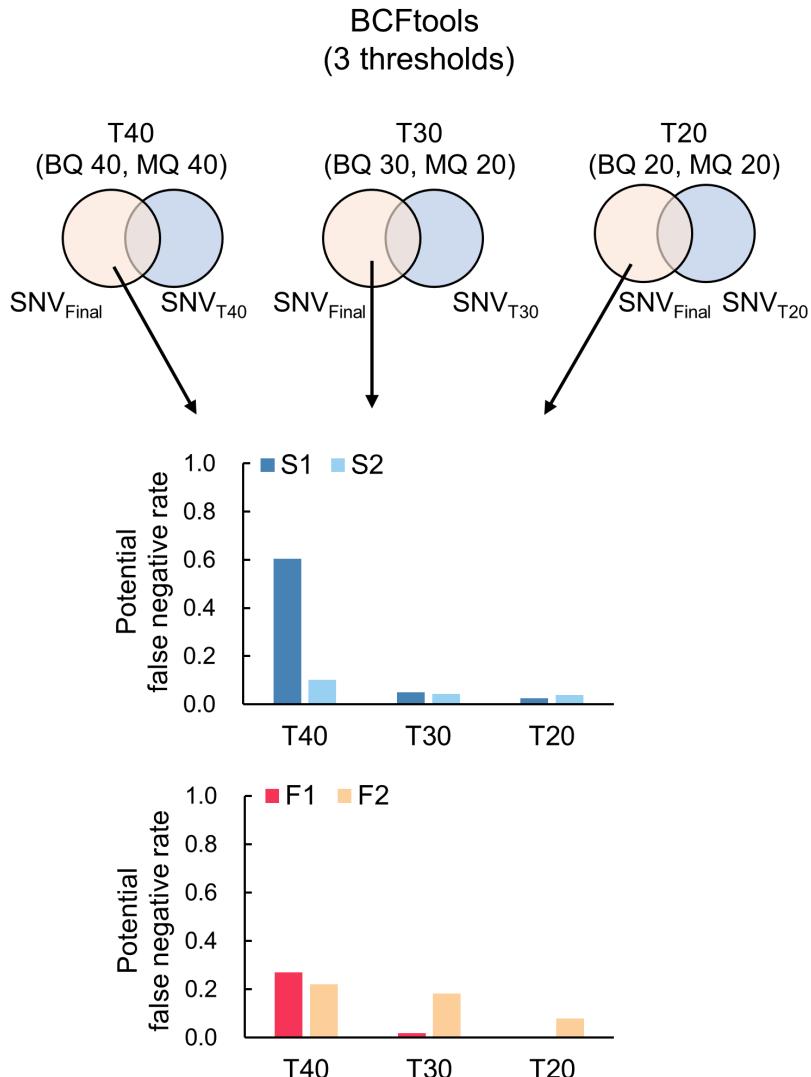
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**Supplementary Fig. 6 | Proportion of potential false positive SNVs for *S. laevis* (S1, S2) and *S. leprosula* (F1, F2).** Potential false positive SNVs was identified as the subset of candidate SNVs that were not included in the final set for each threshold (T40, T30, and T20). This subset was then divided by the total number of potential SNVs at each threshold to determine the proportion.

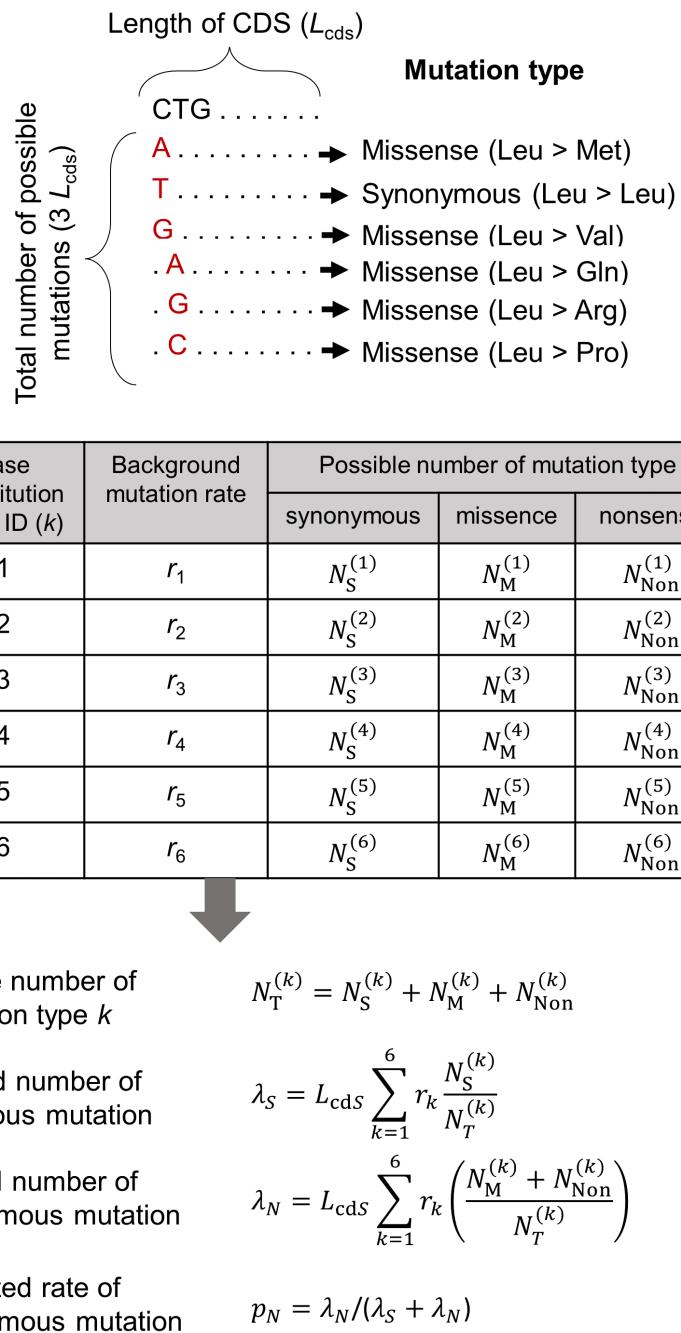


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838 **Supplementary Fig. 7 | Proportion of potential false negative SNVs for *S. laevis* (S1, S2) and**  
839 ***S. leprosula* (F1, F2).** Potential false negative SNVs was identified as the subset of potential SNVs  
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**Supplementary Fig. 8 | A calculation scheme for the expected rate of non-synonymous mutation.** The possible numbers of synonymous ( $N_S$ ), missense ( $N_M$ ), and nonsense ( $N_{\text{Non}}$ ) mutations were counted for each of six base substitution classes from all possible mutations in CDS of length  $L_{\text{cds}}$  and used for the calculation of expected rate of non-synonymous mutation. For non-synonymous mutation, we pooled the number for missense and nonsense mutations. The background mutation rate for each substitution class  $i$  ( $r_i$ ) is calculated from the observed somatic substitutions in intergenic regions.

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**Supplementary Table 1.**

**Summary statistics of the studied trees.**

Height and DBH were directly measured for two individuals of *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula*. Age was estimated as DBH divided by a mean annual increment (MAI).

| Species             | Individual ID | Height (m) | DBH (cm) | Estimated age (year) |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------------------|
| <i>S. laevis</i>    | S1            | 51.5       | 122.8    | 324.9                |
| <i>S. laevis</i>    | S2            | 36.6       | 70.7     | 187.0                |
| <i>S. leprosula</i> | F1            | 47.6       | 95.5     | 78.8                 |
| <i>S. leprosula</i> | F2            | 40.1       | 65.6     | 54.1                 |

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**Supplementary Table 2.**

**Summary statistics of genome assemblies for *S. laevis* and *S. leprosula*.** We assembled the genome using DNA extracted from the apical leaf at branch 1-1 of the tallest individual of each species (S1 and F1). Summary statistics of genome assemblies are listed here.

| Category          | Features                                       | <i>S. laevis</i>      | <i>S. leprosula</i> |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assembly</b>   | Sequencing Technology                          | PacBio CLR + Illumina | PacBio HiFi         |
|                   | Number of Contigs                              | 7,695                 | 70                  |
|                   | Total length of contigs (nt)                   | 539,910,052           | 378,538,404         |
|                   | Contig N50 (nt)                                | 206,905               | 39,554,423          |
|                   | Number of Scaffolds                            | 7,745                 | 70                  |
|                   | Total length of scaffolds (nt)                 | 540,441,910           | 378,538,404         |
|                   | Scaffold N50 excluding gaps (nt)               | 219,154               | 39,554,423          |
|                   | Maximum scaffold length excluding gaps (nt)    | 3,442,711             | 58,083,003          |
|                   | Number of scaffolds > 1kbp                     | 7,427                 | 70                  |
|                   | Number of N's per 100 kbp                      | 1                     | 0                   |
| <b>Annotation</b> | GC-content (%)                                 | 33.71                 | 33.14               |
|                   | Number of protein-coding genes                 | 52,935                | 40,665              |
|                   | % of repetitive sequences (identified by EDTA) | 42.4                  | 39.5                |
|                   | % of Complete BUSCO genes                      | 97.9                  | 97.8                |
|                   | % of Complete and single-copy BUSCO genes      | 65.8                  | 76.7                |

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**Supplementary Table 3.**

**Somatic mutation rates.** The somatic mutation rate per nucleotide per meter was estimated as  $\mu_g = \frac{b}{2 \times R}$ , where  $b$  indicates the slope of linear regression. The somatic mutation per nucleotide per year ( $\mu_y$ ) was estimated as  $\mu_y = \frac{M}{2 \times R \times A}$ , where  $M$  indicates the total number of SNVs accumulated from the base to the branch tip and  $A$  represents tree age, respectively.  $R$  denotes the number of callable sites.

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| Species   | <i>S. laevis</i>  |   | <i>S. leprosula</i>   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| individual ID   | S1  | S2  | F1  | F2  |
| <b>Coefficient of linear regression (95% confidence interval)</b> | 5.503<br>(4.985–6.020)  | 2.740<br>(2.561–2.919)  | 1.149<br>(1.06–1.239)   | 0.679<br>(0.552–0.806)  |
| <b><math>\mu_g</math> (95% confidence interval)</b>               | $7.08 \times 10^{-9}$<br>( $6.41$ – $7.74 \times 10^{-9}$ )   | $4.27 \times 10^{-9}$<br>( $3.99$ – $4.55 \times 10^{-9}$ )   | $1.77 \times 10^{-9}$<br>( $1.64$ – $1.91 \times 10^{-9}$ )   | $1.29 \times 10^{-9}$<br>( $1.05$ – $1.53 \times 10^{-9}$ )   |
| <b><math>\mu_y</math> (95% confidence interval)</b>               | $7.58 \times 10^{-10}$<br>( $4.67$ – $10.1 \times 10^{-10}$ ) | $7.85 \times 10^{-10}$<br>( $6.12$ – $9.57 \times 10^{-10}$ ) | $9.63 \times 10^{-10}$<br>( $7.56$ – $11.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ) | $6.46 \times 10^{-10}$<br>( $3.55$ – $9.38 \times 10^{-10}$ ) |
| <b>Average of <math>\mu_g</math> within species</b>               | $5.67 \times 10^{-9}$   |   | $1.53 \times 10^{-9}$   |   |
| <b>Average of <math>\mu_y</math> within species</b>               | $7.71 \times 10^{-10}$  |   | $8.05 \times 10^{-10}$  |   |

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**Supplementary Table 4.**

**Results of the binomial test for selection on somatic and inter-individual SNVs.** To test whether somatic and inter-individual SNVs are subject to selection, we calculated the expected rate of non-synonymous mutation. Given the observed number of non-synonymous and synonymous mutations, we rejected the null hypothesis of neutral selection using a binomial test with the significance level of 5%.  $p_N$ \_expected and  $p_N$ \_observed represent the expected and observed rate of non-synonymous substitutions.

| Type of SNVs          | Genomic region used for background mutation inference | Summary statistics | <i>S. laevis</i>        | <i>S. leprosula</i>     |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Somatic SNVs          | Intergenic  | $p_N$ _expected    | 0.712                   | 0.717                   |
|                       |   | $p_N$ _observed    | 0.734                   | 0.733                   |
|                       |   | <i>P</i> value     | 0.711                   | 1                       |
|                       | Whole genome  | $p_N$ _expected    | 0.716                   | 0.723                   |
|                       |   | $p_N$ _observed    | 0.734                   | 0.733                   |
|                       |   | <i>P</i> value     | 0.803                   | 1                       |
| Inter-individual SNVs | Intergenic  | $p_N$ _expected    | 0.712                   | 0.717                   |
|                       |   | $p_N$ _observed    | 0.546                   | 0.592                   |
|                       |   | <i>P</i> value     | $<2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ | $<2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ |
|                       | Whole genome  | $p_N$ _expected    | 0.716                   | 0.723                   |
|                       |   | $p_N$ _observed    | 0.546                   | 0.592                   |
|                       |   | <i>P</i> value     | $<2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ | $<2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ |

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**Supplementary Table 5.**

**Somatic mutation rates for six substitution classes.** Somatic mutation rates for six substitution classes were calculated based on the observed number of SNVs both from the intergenic region and the whole genome. S1+S2 and F1+F2 represent the use of pooled data from two individuals for each species: *S. laevis* (S1, S2) and *S. leprosula* (F1, F2). The values based on the pooled data (indicated in bold type) were used to calculate the expected rate of non-synonymous mutation.

| Genomic region<br>used to<br>determine<br>background<br>mutation rate | Tree<br>ID   | Transition   |              |              | Transversion |              |              | Total<br>number<br>of SNVs |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|   |              | A:T > G:C    | G:C > A:T    | A:T > T:A    | G:C > T:A    | A:T > C:G    | G:C > C:G    |                            |
| Intergenic  | S1           | 0.141        | 0.585        | 0.105        | 0.066        | 0.062        | 0.041        | 532                        |
|   | S2           | 0.193        | 0.540        | 0.107        | 0.067        | 0.073        | 0.020        | 150                        |
|   | <b>S1+S2</b> | <b>0.152</b> | <b>0.575</b> | <b>0.106</b> | <b>0.066</b> | <b>0.065</b> | <b>0.037</b> | <b>682</b>                 |
|   | F1           | 0.225        | 0.588        | 0.025        | 0.038        | 0.088        | 0.038        | 80                         |
|   | F2           | 0.297        | 0.297        | 0.162        | 0.108        | 0.054        | 0.081        | 38                         |
|   | <b>F1+F2</b> | <b>0.248</b> | <b>0.496</b> | <b>0.068</b> | <b>0.060</b> | <b>0.077</b> | <b>0.051</b> | <b>118</b>                 |
| Whole genome  | S1           | 0.168        | 0.541        | 0.099        | 0.087        | 0.058        | 0.048        | 728                        |
|   | S2           | 0.205        | 0.496        | 0.103        | 0.090        | 0.064        | 0.043        | 234                        |
|   | <b>S1+S2</b> | <b>0.177</b> | <b>0.530</b> | <b>0.100</b> | <b>0.087</b> | <b>0.059</b> | <b>0.047</b> | <b>962</b>                 |
|   | F1           | 0.208        | 0.547        | 0.028        | 0.066        | 0.104        | 0.047        | 106                        |
|   | F2           | 0.250        | 0.265        | 0.162        | 0.103        | 0.147        | 0.074        | 68                         |
|   | <b>F1+F2</b> | <b>0.224</b> | <b>0.437</b> | <b>0.080</b> | <b>0.080</b> | <b>0.121</b> | <b>0.057</b> | <b>174</b>                 |

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