

1 **Stronger spring winds increase sand-dust storm risk in northern China**

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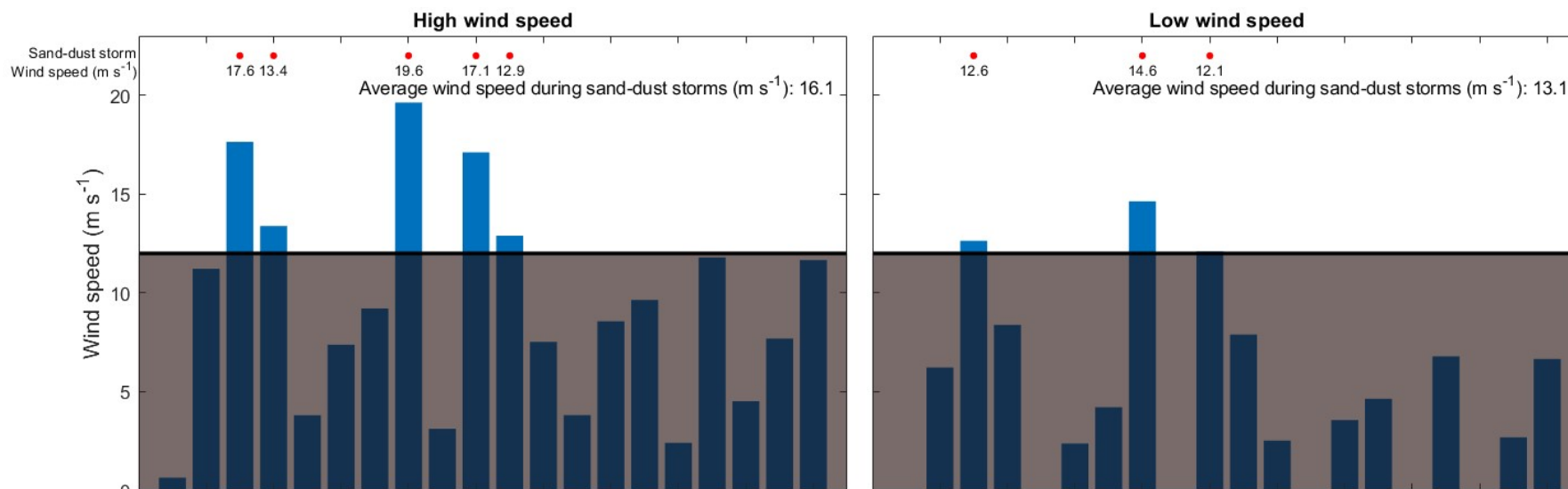
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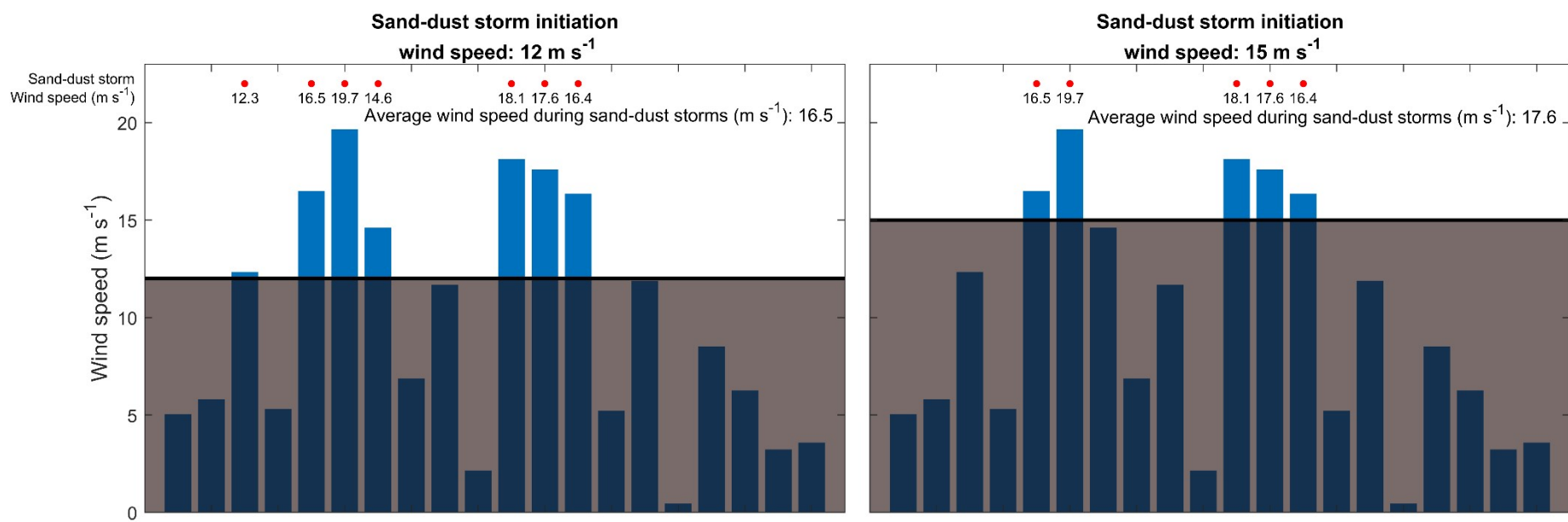
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11 **Figure S1. Explanation of how overall wind speed decreases sand-dust storm frequency and average wind speed.** Bars demonstrate
 12 randomly generated instant wind speed. The black line shows the sand-dust storm initiation wind speed (*e.g.*, 12 m s^{-1})¹. The red dots on the top
 13 indicate sand-dust storms. The numbers below the red dots are the recorded wind speed during sand-dust storms. Taking the average of them, we
 14 will get the average wind speed during sand-dust storms in that situation. The left and right figures show high and low wind speed (high wind
 15 speed distribution minus 5 m s^{-1}) situations respectively.



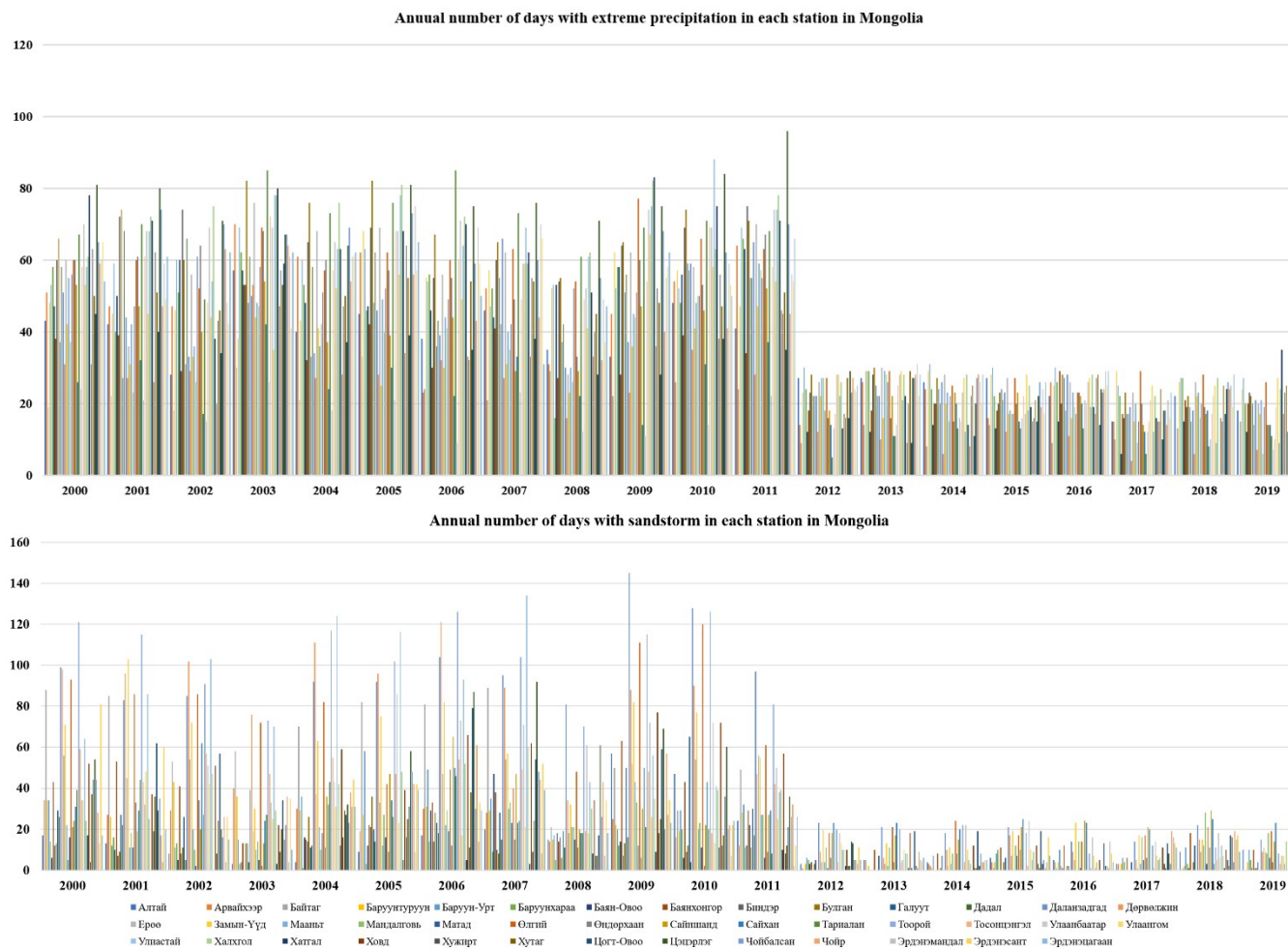
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19 **Figure S2. Explanation of how ecological restoration (higher sand-dust storm initiation wind speed) decreases sand-dust storm**
 20 **frequency but increases average sand-dust storm wind speed.** Bars demonstrate randomly generated instant wind speed. The red dots on the
 21 top indicate sandstorm events. The left and right figures show low sand-dust storm initiation wind speed, *e.g.*, 12 m s⁻¹ and high sand-dust storm
 22 initiation wind speed, *e.g.*, 15 m s⁻¹ respectively¹.



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26 Figure S3. Jump of sand-dust days data and extreme precipitation data in Mongolia.



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