Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Comparison between ENSO events shown as departure from the multivariate ENSO index and total area with satellite observed increases in NDVI using MAIAC (solid line) and the C5 standard MODIS product (dashed line). The r^2 values show the correspondence between ENSO and NDVI from MAIAC and MODIS collection 5 standard surface reflectance product (MOD09), respectively.



Fig. S2. (*A*) Comparison between mean monthly estimates of NDVI and field estimates of leaf area index (LAI). LAI was obtained from published values in the works by Mahli et al. (1) (\bullet), Domingues et al. (2) (\bigcirc), Doughty and Goulden (3) (*), Negrón Juárez et al. (4) (\times), Andreae et al. (5) (\square), Zanchi et al. (6) (\diamondsuit), Restrepo-Coupe et al. (7) (\triangle), Figuera et al. (8) (left-facing triangle), Scurlock et al. (9) (right-facing triangle), and Galvão et al. (10) (+). Remote sensing data were obtained for the closest available month of the described field dataset. In some cases, only year of acquisition was provided; in these cases, NDVI from June of the closest available year was used to match field observations. *B* shows the location of the respective field plots superimposed on mean NDVI estimates.

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Fig. S3. Time series of NDVI and SE of the time-series fit. The graphs show examples of the time-series fit (black line) using combined Terra Aqua MODIS observations (bidirectional reflectance factor-normalized; gray dots). The red lines represent the annual means of the time-series model. The map shows the SE for each 1-km grid cell. The mean SE was 0.024, and SE was lowest for the tropical evergreen forest (SE = 0.0184). Grasslands and deciduous broadleaf vegetation showed an SE of 0.0278.



Fig. 54. Time series of NDVI for the 2005 and 2010 drought areas. The 2005 drought affected primarily the southwest and central regions of the Amazon forest (1, 2), whereas the 2010 drought was more widespread and affected large areas in the eastern and southern parts of Amazonia (3). Both droughts peaked during the July to September quarter (3, 4). During the 2005 drought, dry season NDVI was about 8% below its longer-term mean across the southwestern part of Amazonia; the 2010 drought saw a 5% reduction in dry season NDVI across 1.68 million km² (5).

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Fig. S5. Comparison of spatial patterns in the NDVI anomaly of the 2005 Amazon drought and spatial changes in aboveground biomass (2005 – pre-2005) as reported by Phillips et al. (1). The size of the symbol represents the relative size in changes of biomass: \triangle represents a biomass gain, and ∇ represents a biomass loss (between +8 and -18 mg ha⁻¹ y⁻¹) (1).

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