

Leaf functional traits are related to tree size and location in cotton trees *Bombax malabaricum*

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Table S1 Characteristics of climate conditions in the five sample areas

Plot	Haikou	Danzhou	Qionghai	Qiongzong	Baoting
Average annual temperature/°C	24.80	23.80	24.60	23.10	24.80
Average annual extreme minimum temperature/°C	8.70	7.40	9.10	6.10	8.60
mean annual precipitation/mm	1,646	1,857	2,054	2,388	2,163
Average air temperature in January/°C	18.40	17.90	18.80	17.40	20.20
Average air temperature in July /°C	29.10	27.90	28.90	27.00	27.60
Average annual wind speed/m/s	2.00	2.10	2.20	1.20	1.20
Mean annual humidity/%	82.00	82.00	84.00	85.00	82.00
Annual dryness index	0.81	0.74	0.65	0.49	0.6
annual sunshine hours/h	1,878	1,979	1,971	1,888	1,755

Table S2 The variation of functional traits of *Bombax malabaricum* at the diameters and geographical distributions

Functional traits	Diameters	Distributions	Within
GCL (per/mm ²)	8.06E-08	0.50	0.50
LE (μ m)	2.483E-07	0.82	0.18
LTh (μ m)	3.8825E-07	0.74	0.26

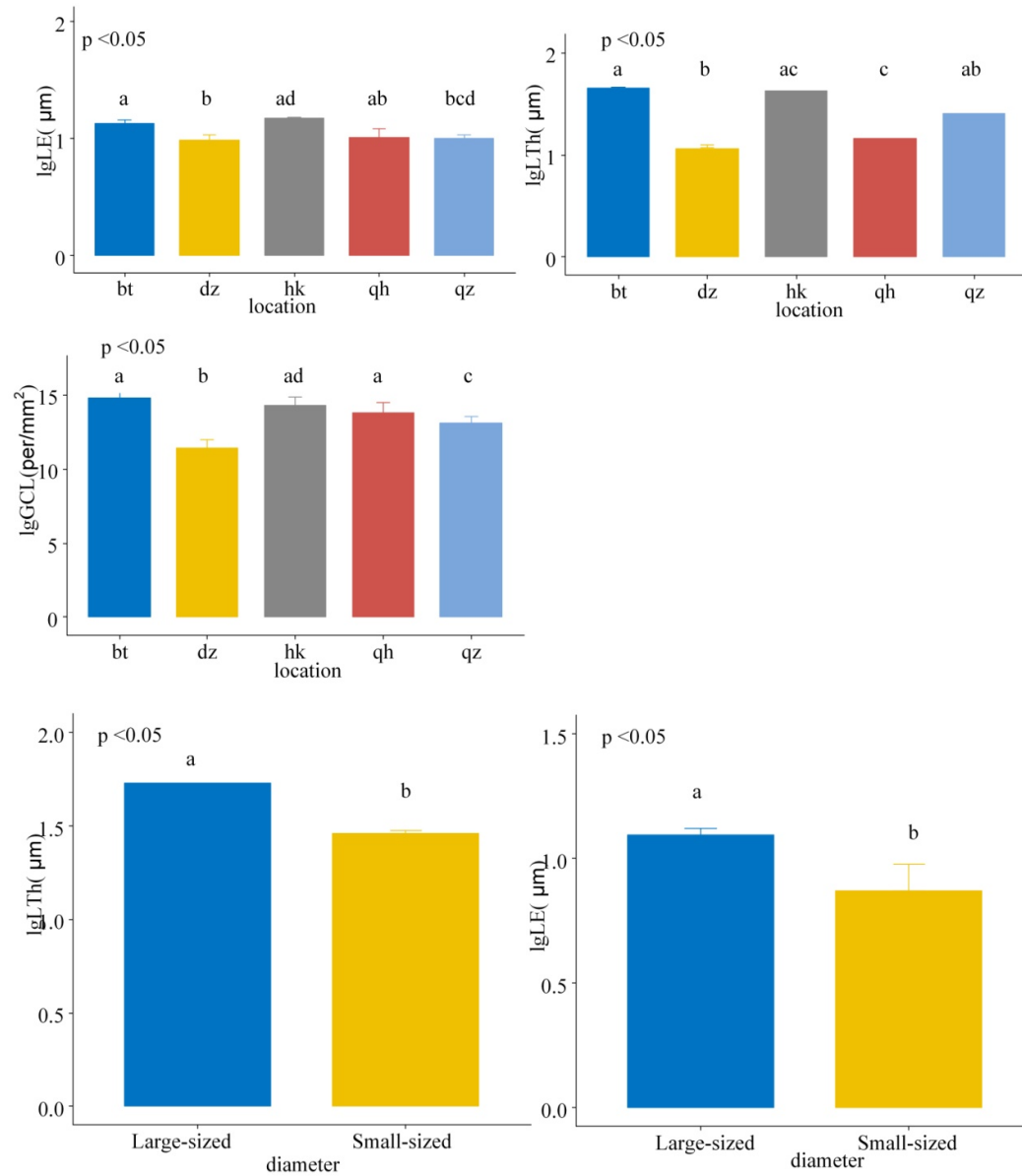


Figure S1 The variation of functional traits in different geographic distribution and diameters

GCL, guard cell length; LE, the thickness of lower epidermis; LTh, thickness of leaves.

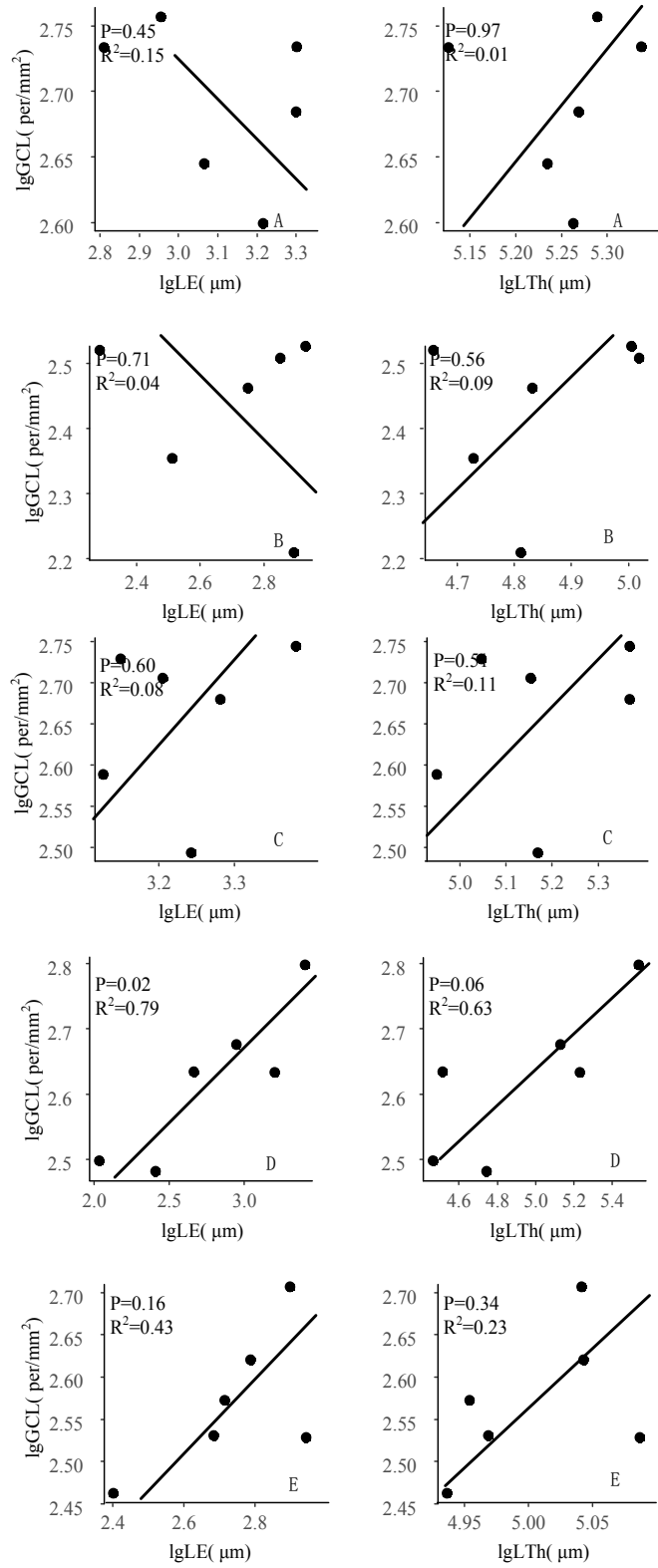


Figure S2 Standardized major axis of functional trait pairs of *Bombax malabaricum*.

A, Baoting; B, Danzhou; C, Haikou; D, Qionghai; E, Qiongzong