

FIGURE 1.—(A) Ethnic boundaries. (B) Ethnic pre-colonial institutions.

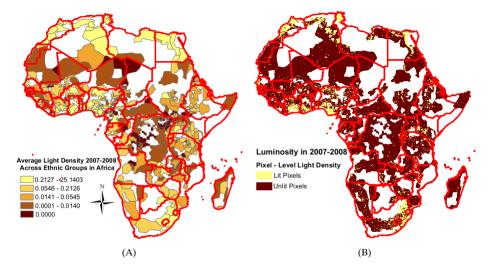


FIGURE 3.—(A) Luminosity at the ethnic homeland. (B) Pixel-level luminosity.

TABLE I
SUMMARY STATISTICS^a

Variable	Obs.	Mean	St. Dev.	p25	Median	p75	Min	Max			
Panel A: All Observations											
Light Density	683	0.368	1.528	0.000	0.022	0.150	0.000	25.140			
ln(0.01 + Light Density)	683	-2.946	1.701	-4.575	-3.429	-1.835	-4.605	3.225			
Pixel-Level Light Density	66,570	0.560	3.422	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	62.978			
Lit Pixel	66,570	0.167	0.373	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000			
Panel B: Stateless Ethnicities											
Light Density	176	0.257	1.914	0.000	0.018	0.082	0.000	25.140			
ln(0.01 + Light Density)	176	-3.231	1.433	-4.605	-3.585	-2.381	-4.605	3.225			
Pixel-Level Light Density	13,174	0.172	1.556	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	55.634			
Lit Pixel	13,174	0.100	0.301	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000			
		Panel C:	Petty Ch	iefdoms							
Light Density	264	0.281	1.180	0.000	0.015	0.089	0.000	13.086			
ln(0.01 + Light Density)	264	-3.187	1.592	-4.605	-3.684	-2.313	-4.605	2.572			
Pixel-Level Light Density	20,259	0.283	2.084	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	60.022			
Lit Pixel	20,259	0.129	0.335	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000			
	Pa	nel D: Pa	ramount	Chiefdon	ns						
Light Density	167	0.315	0.955	0.002	0.039	0.203	0.000	9.976			
ln(0.01 + Light Density)	167	-2.748	1.697	-4.425	-3.017	-1.544	-4.605	2.301			
Pixel-Level Light Density	20,972	0.388	2.201	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	58.546			
Lit Pixel	20,972	0.169	0.375	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000			
	1	Panel E: P	re-Color	nial State	S						
Light Density	76	1.046	2.293	0.012	0.132	0.851	0.000	14.142			
ln(0.01 + Light Density)	76	-1.886	2.155	-3.836	-1.976	-0.150	-4.605	2.650			
Pixel-Level Light Density	12,165	1.739	6.644	0.000	0.000	0.160	0.000	62.978			
Lit Pixel	12,165	0.302	0.459	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	1.000			

^aThe table reports descriptive statistics for the luminosity data that we use to proxy economic development at the country-ethnic homeland level and at the pixel level. Panel A gives summary statistics for the full sample. Panel B reports summary statistics for ethnicities that lacked any form of political organization beyond the local level at the time of colonization. Panel C reports summary statistics for ethnicities organized in large paramount chiefdoms. Panel B reports summary statistics for ethnicities organized in large paramount chiefdoms. Panel E reports summary statistics for ethnicities organized in large paramount chiefdoms. Panel B reports summary statistics for ethnicities organized in large centralized states. The classification follows Murdock (1967). The Data Appendix in the Supplemental Material (Michalopoulos and Papaioannou (2013)) gives detailed variable definitions and data sources.

TABLE II

PRE-COLONIAL ETHNIC INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CROSS-SECTIONAL ESTIMATES^a

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Jurisdictional Hierarchy Double-clustered s.e. Conley's s.e.	0.4106*** (0.1246) [0.1294]	0.3483** (0.1397) [0.1288]	0.3213*** (0.1026) [0.1014]	0.1852*** (0.0676) [0.0646]	0.1599*** (0.0605) [0.0599]	0.1966*** (0.0539) [0.0545]
Rule of Law (in 2007) Double-clustered s.e. Conley's s.e.					0.4809** (0.2213) [0.1747]	
Log GDP p.c. (in 2007) Double-clustered s.e. Conley's s.e.						0.5522*** (0.1232) [0.1021]
Adjusted R-squared	0.056	0.246	0.361	0.47	0.488	0.536
Population Density Location Controls Geographic Controls Observations	No No No 683	Yes No No 683	Yes Yes No 683	Yes Yes Yes 683	Yes Yes Yes 680	Yes Yes Yes 680

^aTable II reports OLS estimates associating regional development with pre-colonial ethnic institutions, as reflected in Murdock's (1967) index of jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local community. The dependent variable is log(0.01 + light density at night from satellite) at the ethnicity-country level. In column (5) we control for national institutions, augmenting the specification with the rule of law index (in 2007). In column (6) we control for the overall level of economic development, augmenting the specification with the log of per capita GDP (in 2007). In columns (2)–(6) we control for log(0.01 + population density). In columns (3)–(6) we control for location, augmenting the specification with distance of the centroid of each ethnicity-country area from the respective capital city, distance from the closest sea coast, and distance from the national border. The set of geographic controls in columns (4)–(6) includes log(1 + area under water(lakes, rivers, and other streams)), log(surface area), land suitability for agriculture, elevation, a malaria stability index, a diamond mine indicator, and an oil field indicator.

The Data Appendix in the Supplemental Material gives detailed variable definitions and data sources. Below the estimates, we report in parentheses double-clustered standard errors at the country and ethnolinguistic family dimensions. We also report in brackets Conley's (1999) standard errors that account for two-dimensional spatial auto-correlation. ***, ***, and * indicate statistical significance, with the most conservative standard errors at the 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively.

Jurisdictional

Hierarchy

Binary Political

Centralization

Paramount Chiefdoms

Pre-Colonial States

Adjusted R-squared

Country Fixed Effects

Geographic Controls

Population Density

Location Controls

Observations

Petty Chiefdoms

(1)

0.3260***

(0.0851)

0.409

682

Yes

No

No

No

(2)

(0.0852)

0.540

682

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

(3)

0.2794*** 0.2105*** 0.1766***

(0.0553)

0.400

682

Yes

No

No

Yes

(4)

(0.0501)

0.537

682

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

TABLE III

PRE-COLONIAL ETHNIC INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES^a

Panel A: Pre-Colonial Ethnic Institutions and Regional Development Within African Countries
All Observations

(6)

(0.1573)

0.661

682

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

(7)

(0.0896)

0.593

682

Yes

No

No

Yes

0.5264*** 0.5049*** 0.3413*** 0.3086***

(8)

(0.0972)

0.659

682

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

(9)

0.1538

(0.2105)

0.4258*

(0.2428)

1.1443***

(0.2757)

0.413

682

Yes

No

No

No

(10)

0.1442

(0.1736)

0.4914*

(0.2537)

0.8637***

(0.2441)

0.541

682

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

(12)

0.1361 (0.1216)

0.3384**

(0.1610)

0.5410***

(0.1484)

0.661 682

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes (Continues)

(11)

0.1815

(0.1540)

0.3700**

(0.1625)

0.6809***

(0.1638)

0.597

682

Yes

No

No

Yes

(5)

(0.1489)

0.597

682

Yes

No

No

No

TABLE III—Continued

0.4819** 0.6594*** 0.2649** 0.2949**

(6)

(0.2085)

(7)

(0.1232)

(8)

(0.1391)

(9)

0.1065

(0.2789)

(10)

0.1048

(0.2358)

(11)

0.0987

(0.1787)

(12)

0.0135

(0.1725)

(1)

0.3279***

(0.1238)

Jurisdictional

Hierarchy

Binary Political

Centralization

Petty Chiefdoms

(2)

(0.1118)

***, **, and * indicate statistical significance at the 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively.

(3)

0.3349*** 0.1651** 0.1493**

(0.0703) (0.0728)

(4)

(5)

(0.2381)

Panel B: Pre-Colonial Ethnic Institutions and Regional Development Within African Countries
Focusing on the Intensive Margin of Luminosity

									(0.270)	(0.2330)	(0.1707)	(0.1723)
Paramount Chiefdoms									0.2816	0.6253*	0.2255	0.2374
									(0.3683)	(0.3367)	(0.2258)	(0.2388)
									,	,	` ′	` ′
Pre-Colonial States									1.2393***	0.9617***	0.5972***	0.4660**
									(0.3382)	(0.3209)	(0.2207)	(0.2198)
Adjusted R-squared	0.424	0.562	0.416	0.562	0.638	0.671	0.636	0.671	0.431	0.564	0.639	0.672
Observations	517	517	517	517	517	517	517	517	517	517	517	517
Country Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Location Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Geographic Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Population Density	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
^a Table III reports within	n-country OI	S estimates	associating 1	regional dev	elonment wi	ith pre-color	ial ethnic in	stitutions 1	In Panel A the	e dependent v	variable is the	: log(0.01 ±
light density at night from sa	-		0	0		¥				¥		0.
as such we exclude areas wi												
community index. In colum												
variable. Following Gennaio	() ()		J 1					\ / 3		, ,		2
(for ethnicities that were or		. ,.						- 1				
variables that identify petty						_	,		, .			•
include a set of country fixed				J		Ü	•		5 1			
In even-numbered colum	nns we conti	ol for location	on and geogr	raphy. The s	et of control	l variables in	cludes the d	istance of t	he centroid of	f each ethnici	ty-country are	ea from the

respective capital city, the distance from the sea coast, the distance from the national border, log(1 + area under water (lakes, rivers, and other streams)), log(surface area), land suitability for agriculture, elevation, a malaria stability index, a diamond mine indicator, and an oil field indicator. The Data Appendix in the Supplemental Material gives detailed variable definitions and data sources. Below the estimates, we report in parentheses double-clustered standard errors at the country and the ethnolinguistic family dimensions.

 $\label{thm:constraint} \mbox{TABLE IV}$ Examining the Role of Other Pre-Colonial Ethnic Features a

	Specification A	1	Specification B					
	Additional Variable	Obs.	Additional Variable	Jurisdictional Hierarchy	Obs.			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
Gathering	-0.1034 (0.1892)	682	-0.0771 (0.1842)	0.2082*** (0.0550)	682			
Hunting	-0.0436 (0.1316)	682	-0.0167 (0.1236)	0.2099*** (0.0562)	682			
Fishing	0.2414* (0.1271)	682	0.2359* (0.1267)	0.2087*** (0.0551)	682			
Animal Husbandry	0.0549 (0.0407)	682	0.0351 (0.0432)	0.2008*** (0.0617)	682			
Milking	0.1888 (0.1463)	680	0.0872 (0.1443)	0.2016*** (0.0581)	680			
Agriculture Dependence	-0.1050** (0.0468)	682	-0.1032** (0.0454)	0.2078*** (0.0558)	682			
Agriculture Type	0.0128 (0.1043)	680	-0.0131 (0.1021)	0.2092*** (0.0549)	680			
Polygyny	0.0967 (0.1253)	677	0.0796 (0.1288)	0.2140*** (0.0561)	677			
Polygyny Alternative	-0.0276 (0.1560)	682	0.0070 (0.1479)	0.2106*** (0.0543)	682			
Clan Communities	-0.1053 (0.1439)	567	-0.0079 (0.1401)	0.2158*** (0.0536)	567			
Settlement Pattern	-0.0054 (0.0361)	679	-0.0057 (0.0377)	0.2103*** (0.0571)	679			
Complex Settlements	0.2561 (0.1604)	679	0.2154 (0.1606)	0.1991*** (0.0553)	679			
Hierarchy of Local Community	0.0224 (0.0822)	680	-0.0009 (0.0867)	0.2085*** (0.0565)	680			
Patrilineal Descent	-0.1968 (0.1329)	671	-0.2011 (0.1307)	0.1932*** (0.0499)	671			
Class Stratification	0.1295** (0.0526)	570	0.0672 (0.0580)	0.1556** (0.0696)	570			
Class Stratification Indicator	0.4141** (0.1863)	570	0.2757 (0.1896)	0.1441** (0.0562)	570			
Elections	0.3210 (0.2682)	500	0.2764 (0.2577)	0.2217*** (0.0581)	500			

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TABLE IV—Continued

	Specification A	1	Specification B						
	Additional Variable	dditional Variable Obs.		Jurisdictional Hierarchy	Obs.				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)				
Slavery	0.0191 (0.1487)	610	-0.1192 (0.1580)	0.2016*** (0.0617)	610				
Inheritance Rules for Property Rights	-0.1186 (0.2127)	529	-0.1788 (0.2283)	0.2196*** (0.0690)	529				

^aTable IV reports within-country OLS estimates associating regional development with pre-colonial ethnic features as reflected in Murdock's (1967) Ethnographic Atlas. The dependent variable is the log(0.01 + light density at night from satellite) at the ethnicity-country level. All specifications include a set of country fixed effects (constants not reported). In all specifications we control for log(0.01 + population density at the ethnicity-country level). In specification *A* (in columns (1)–(2)) we regress log(0.01 + light density) on various ethnic traits from Murdock (1967). In specification *B* (columns (3)–(5)) we regress log(0.01 + light density) on each of Murdock's additional variables and the jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local community index. The Data Appendix in the Supplemental Material gives detailed variable definitions and data sources. Below the estimates, we report in parentheses double-clustered standard errors at the country and the ethnolinguistic family dimensions. ***, ***, and * indicate statistical significance at the 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively.

Jurisdictional Hierarchy

Adjusted R-squared

Petty Chiefdoms

Double-clustered s.e.

Double-clustered s.e.

Double-clustered s.e.

Double-clustered s.e.

Controls at the Pixel Level

Ethnic-Country Level

Paramount Chiefdoms

Pre-Colonial States

Adjusted R-squared

Population Density

Controls at the

Observations

Country Fixed Effects

TABLE V
PRE-COLONIAL ETHNIC INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: PIXEL-LEVEL ANALYSIS^a

Panel A: Jurisdictional Hierarchy Beyond the Local Community Level

Panel B: Pre-Colonial Institutional Arrangements

(4)

0.0308***

(0.0074)

0.375

0.0161

(0.0175)

0.0614**

(0.0266)

0.0798***

(0.0216)

0.375

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

66,173

(5)

0.0265***

(0.0071)

0.379

0.0125

(0.0141)

0.0519***

(0.0178)

0.0688***

(0.0235)

0.379

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

66,173

ln(0.01 + Luminosity)

(9)

0.1757***

(0.0506)

0.448

0.0642

(0.0976)

0.3054**

(0.1347)

0.4544***

(0.1430)

0.448

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

66,173

(10)

0.1559***

(0.0483)

0.456

0.0531

(0.0837) 0.2802***

(0.0964)

0.3994***

(0.1493)

0.456

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

66,173

(8)

0.1528***

(0.0542)

0.418

0.0796

(0.1271)

0.2389

(0.1498)

0.4089***

(0.1432)

0.417

Yes

Yes

No

No

66,570

(7)

0.2362**

(0.1035)

0.320

0.1520

(0.1832)

0.3528

(0.2472)

0.6819**

(0.2881)

0.319

Yes

No

No

No

66,570

(6)

0.3619**

(0.1837)

0.045

0.1320

(0.1192)

0.3103**

(0.1560)

1.0949 **

(0.5488)

0.046

No

No

No

No

66,570

Lit/Unlit Pixels

(3)

0.0280***

(0.0081)

0.358

0.0228

(0.0220)

0.0546*

(0.0295)

0.0765***

(0.0240)

0.357

Yes

Yes

No

No

66,570

(2)

0.0447**

(0.0176)

0.272

0.0373

(0.0339)

0.0773

(0.0489)

0.1310**

(0.0519)

0.271

Yes

No

No

No

66,570

(1)

0.0673**

(0.0314)

0.034

0.0285

(0.0255)

0.0685**

(0.0334)

0.2013**

(0.0956)

0.033

No

No

No

No

66,570

TABLE VII

PRE-COLONIAL ETHNIC INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN CONTIGUOUS ETHNIC HOMELANDS IN THE SAME COUNTRY^a

	All Observations			Difference	Difference in Jurisdictional Hierarchy $Index> 1 \label{eq:local_problem}$			One Ethnic Group was Part of a Pre-Colonial State		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
Jurisdictional Hierarchy Double-clustered s.e.	0.0253*	0.0152**	0.0137**	0.0280*	0.0170**	0.0151**	0.0419**	0.0242**	0.0178***	
	(0.0134)	(0.0073)	(0.0065)	(0.0159)	(0.0079)	(0.0072)	(0.0213)	(0.0096)	(0.0069)	
Adjusted R-squared	0.329	0.391	0.399	0.338	0.416	0.423	0.424	0.501	0.512	
Observations	78,139	78,139	77,833	34,180	34,180	34,030	16,570	16,570	16,474	
Adjacent-Ethnic-Groups Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Population Density	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Controls at the Pixel Level	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	

^aTable VII reports adjacent-ethnicity (ethnic-pair-country) fixed effects OLS estimates associating regional development, as reflected in satellite light density at night with pre-colonial ethnic institutions, as reflected in Murdock's (1967) jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local community index within pairs of adjacent ethnicities with a different degree of political centralization in the same country. The unit of analysis is a pixel of 0.125×0.125 decimal degrees (around 12×12 kilometers). Every pixel falls into the historical homeland of ethnicity i in country c that is adjacent to the homeland of another ethnicity j in country c, where the two ethnicities differ in the degree of political centralization. The dependent variable is a dummy variable that takes on the value of 1 if the pixel is lit and zero otherwise.

In columns (4)–(6) we restrict estimation to adjacent ethnic groups with large differences in the 0–4 jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local level index (greater than one point). In columns (7)–(9) we restrict estimation to adjacent ethnic groups in the same country where one of the two ethnicities was part of a large state before colonization (in this case the jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local level index equals 3 or 4). In columns (2), (3), (5), (6), (8), and (9) we control for ln(pixel population density). In columns (3), (6), and (9) we control for a set of geographic and location variables at the pixel level. The set of controls includes the distance of the centroid of each pixel from the respective capital, its distance from the sea coast, its distance from the national border, an indicator for pixels that have water (lakes, rivers, and other streams), an indicator for pixels with oil fields, the pixel's land suitability for agriculture, pixel's mean elevation, pixel's average value of a malaria stability index, and the log of the pixel's area. Below the estimates, we report in parentheses double-clustered standard errors at the country and the ethnolinguistic family dimensions. ***, **, and * indicate statistical significance at the 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively.

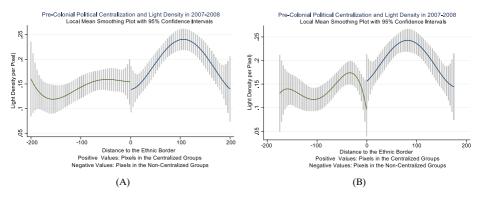


FIGURE 5.—(A) Border thickness: 0 km. (B) Border thickness: 25 km.

 $TABLE\ VIII$ Pre-Colonial Ethnic Institutions and Regional Development Within Adjacent Ethnic Homelands in the Same Country: $Close\ to\ the\ Ethnic\ Border^a$

		All Observation nnicities in the S		Difference	in Jurisdictiona Index > 1	l Hierarchy	One Ethnic Group Was Part of a Pre-Colonial State			
	< 100 km of ethnic border	< 150 km of ethnic border	< 200 km of ethnic border	< 100 km of ethnic border	< 150 km of ethnic border	< 200 km of ethnic border	< 100 km of ethnic border	< 150 km of ethnic border	< 200 km of ethnic border	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
Jurisdictional Hierarchy	Panel 1: E 0.0194*		evel Analysis i less—Total 50 0.0231**				boundary) 0.0240***	0.0297***	0.0300***	
Double-clustered s.e. Adjusted R-squared	(0.0102) 0.463	(0.0106) 0.439	(0.0102) 0.429	(0.0092) 0.421	(0.0088) 0.430	(0.0084) 0.434	(0.0090) 0.485	(0.0067) 0.500	(0.0069) 0.501	
Observations	6830	10,451	13,195	3700	5421	6853	2347	3497	4430	
	Panel 2: B	order Thickn	ess—Total 100) km (50 km f	rom each side	of the ethnic	boundary)			
Jurisdictional Hierarchy Double-clustered s.e.	0.0227** (0.0114)	0.0278** (0.0117)	0.0274** (0.0108)	0.0318*** (0.0094)	0.0331*** (0.0083)	0.0312*** (0.0076)	0.0317*** (0.0092)	0.0367*** (0.0057)	0.0350*** (0.0068)	
Adjusted R-squared Observations	0.467 4460	0.433 8081	0.423 10,825	0.458 2438	0.451 4159	0.452 5591	0.525 1538	0.526 2688	0.521 3621	
									(Continue	

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	Dependent variable is:									
	Diamond Indicator	Oil Indicator	Water Indicator	Distance to the Capital	Distance to the Sea	Distance to the Border	Malaria Stability	Land Suitability	Mean Elevation	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
Jurisdictional Hierarchy Double-clustered s.e.	0.0011 (0.0008)	0.0063 (0.0051)	-0.0058 (0.0077)	-9.1375 (20.1494)	9.4628 (6.3349)	-3.7848 (10.0488)	-0.001 (0.0181)	-0.0059 (0.0060)	21.3826 (19.5522)	
Adjusted R-squared	0.508	0.019	0.126	0.915	0.944	0.660	0.629	0.835	0.767	
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.004	0.036	0.125	521.899	643.984	157.596	0.754	0.377	743.446	
Observations	78,139	78,139	78,139	78,139	78,139	78,139	77,985	77,983	78,139	
Adjacent-Ethnic-Groups Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

^aTable VI reports OLS estimates associating various geographical, ecological, and other characteristics with pre-colonial ethnic institutions within pairs of adjacent ethnicities. The unit of analysis is a pixel of 0.125×0.125 decimal degrees (around 12×12 kilometers). Every pixel falls into the historical homeland of ethnicity *i* in country *c* that is adjacent to the homeland of another ethnicity *i* in country *c*, where the two ethnicities differ in the degree of political centralization.

The dependent variable in column (1) is a binary index that takes on the value of 1 if there is a diamond mine in the pixel; in column (2) a binary index that takes on the value of 1 if an oil/petroleum field is in the pixel; in column (3) a binary index that takes on the value of 1 if a water body falls in the pixel. In columns (4)–(6) the dependent variable is the distance of each pixel from the capital city, the sea coast, and the national border, respectively. In column (7) the dependent variable is the average value of a malaria stability index; in column (8) the dependent variable is land's suitability for agriculture; in column (9) the dependent variable is elevation. The Data Appendix in the Supplemental Material gives detailed variable definitions and data sources. Below the estimates, we report in parentheses double-clustered standard errors at the country and the ethnolinguistic family dimensions. ***, **, and * indicate statistical significance at the 1%, 5%, and 10% level, respectively.