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in a new urban ecosystem**

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Highlights

- *Bombax ceiba* significantly reduced floristic diversity, plant cover and vegetation biomass.
- Mechanical and chemical effects of the litter were of key impact on the understory vegetation.
- Litter effects correlated with shedding season, litter amount and seed size of the target species.

Abstract

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