**Table 1.** The four ecological zones of Dhofar and their dominant vegetation taxa.

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| Ecological zone | Description  | Dominant vegetation  |
| Coastal plain | Low elevation, highly disturbed and sparsely vegetated | *Aerva javanica*, *Heliotropium* spp.  |
| Escarpment | High elevation, mountainous, seasonal cloud forest | *Terminalia dhofarica*, *Maytenus dhofarensis*, Poaceae, *Merremia* spp., *Heliotropium* spp. |
| Plateau | High elevation, flat, grassland  | Poaceae, *Ficus vasta*, *Boswellia sacra, Dracaena* |
| Nejd | Desert, isolated trees and sparse herbs | *Senegalia* spp., *Boscia*, *Maerua*, *Ficus salicifolia*, *Heliotropium* spp., *Cornulaca* |