



# Integrating trees in agricultural landscapes with agroforestry

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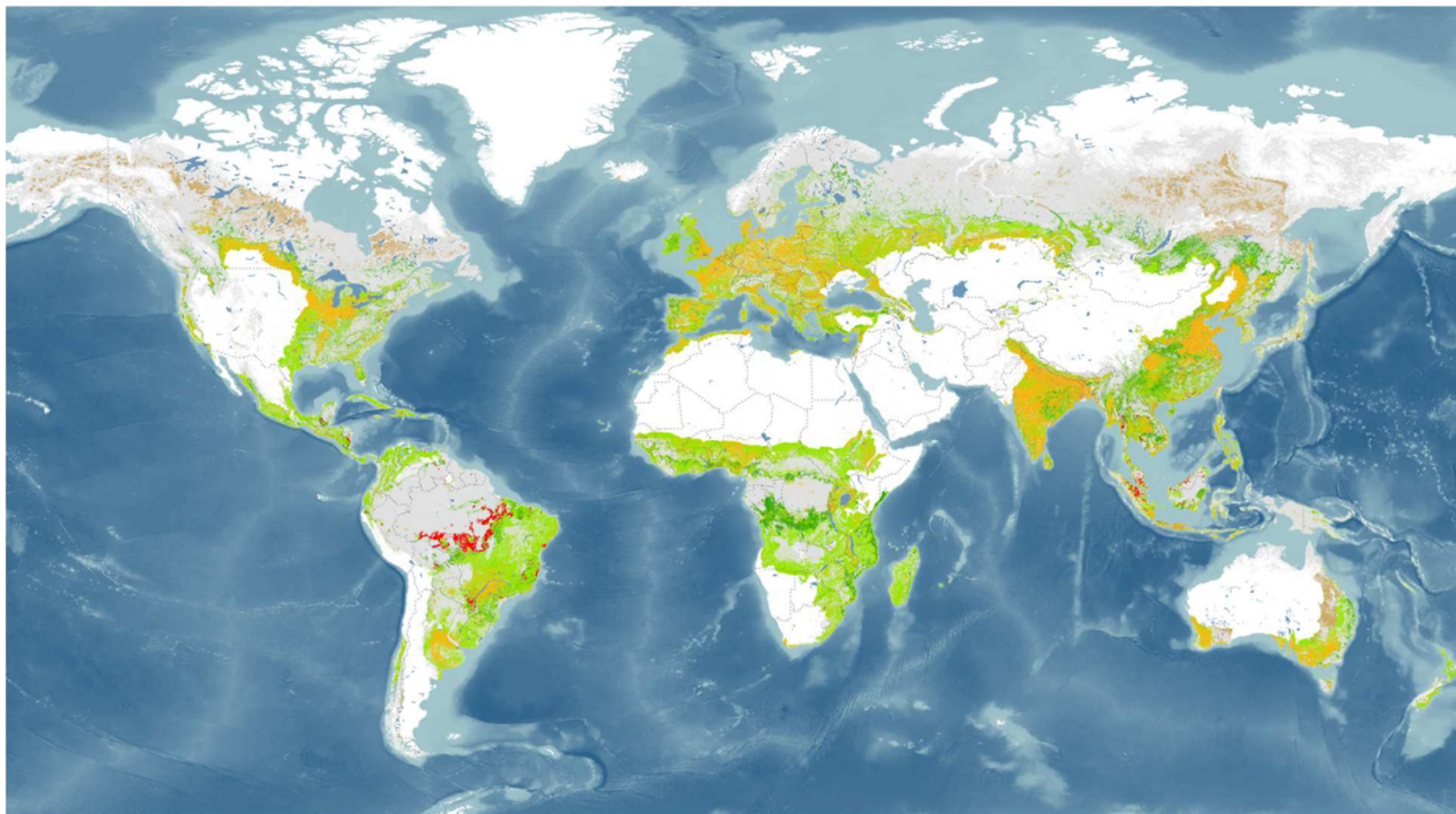
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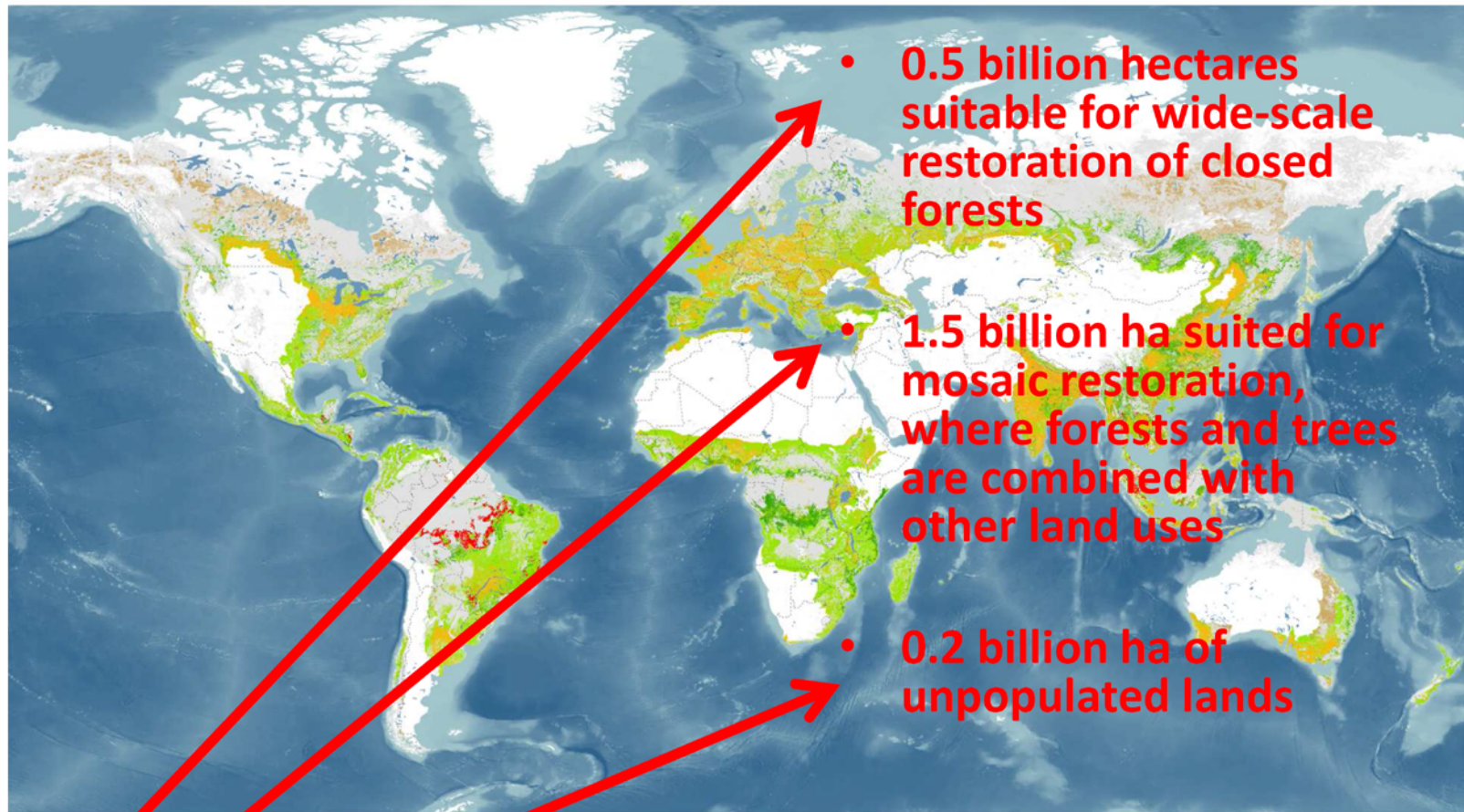
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- 0.5 billion hectares suitable for wide-scale restoration of closed forests
- 1.5 billion ha suited for mosaic restoration, where forests and trees are combined with other land uses
- 0.2 billion ha of unpopulated lands

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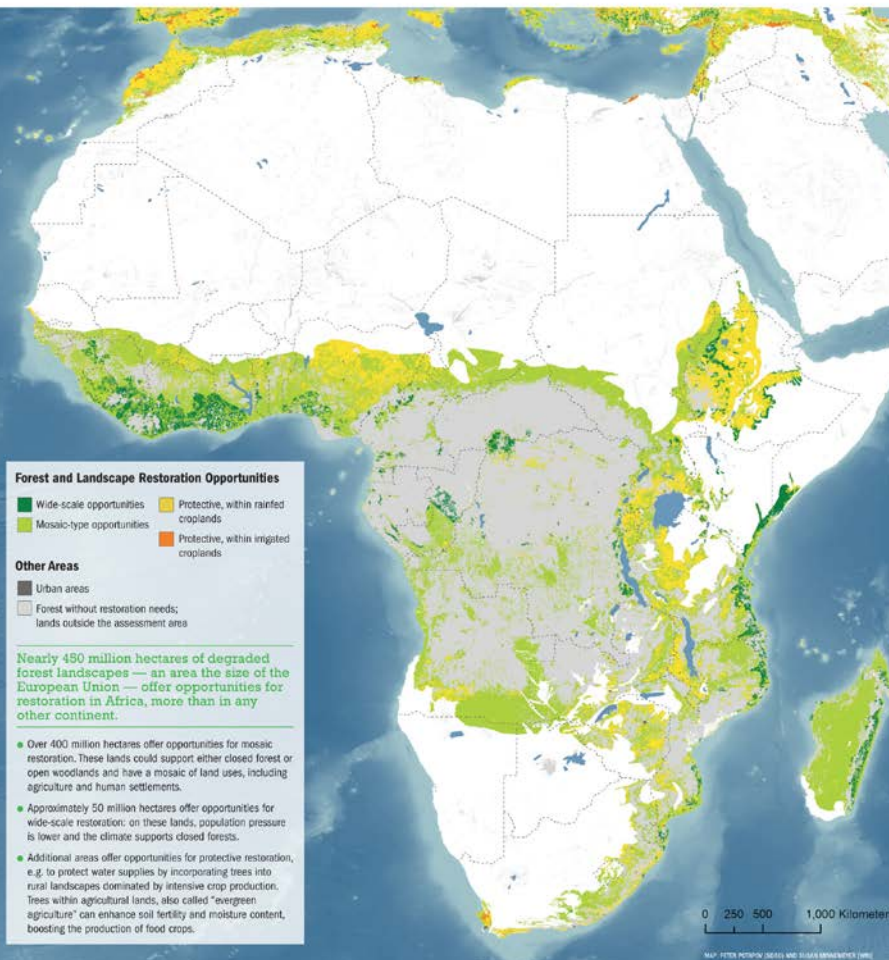
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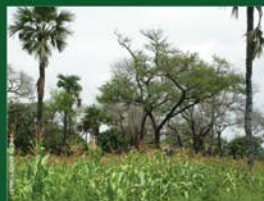
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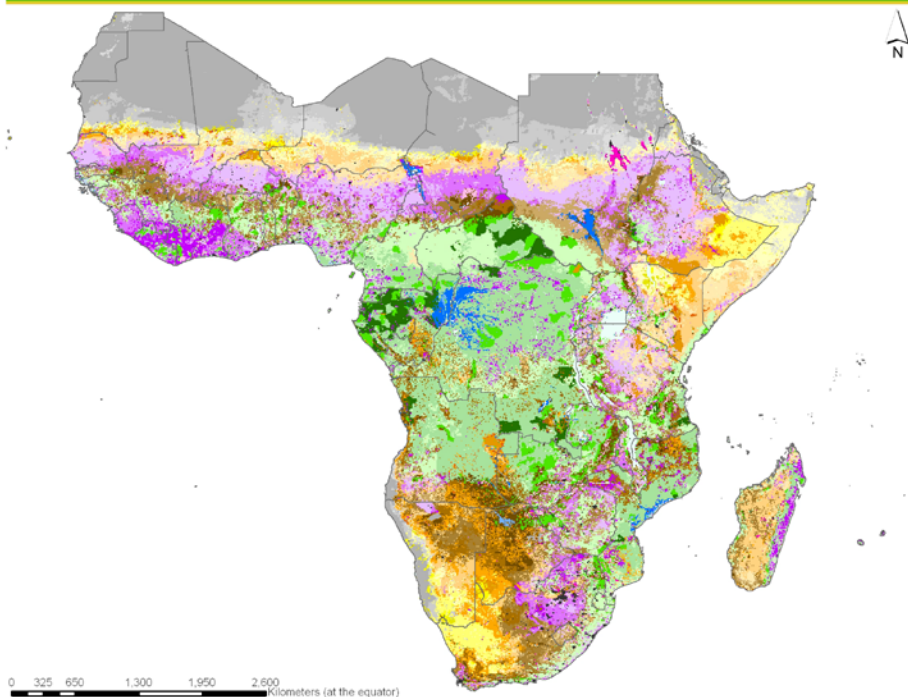


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Sub-Saharan Africa



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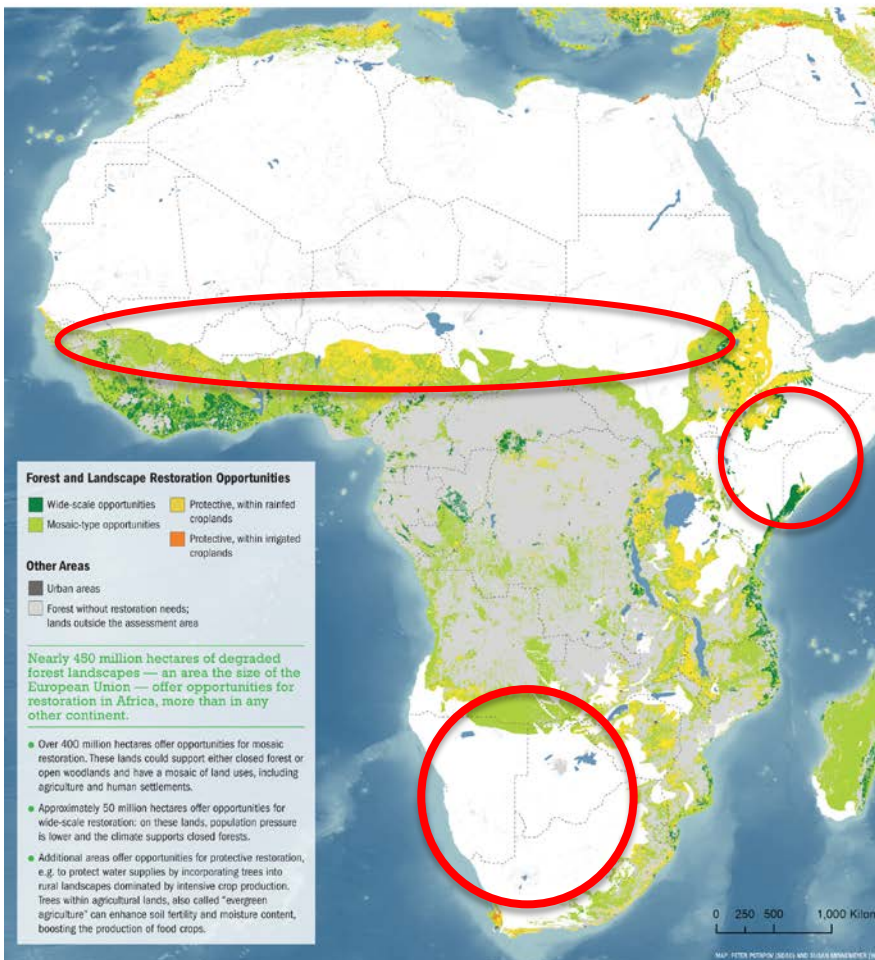
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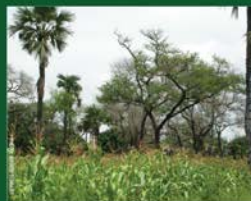
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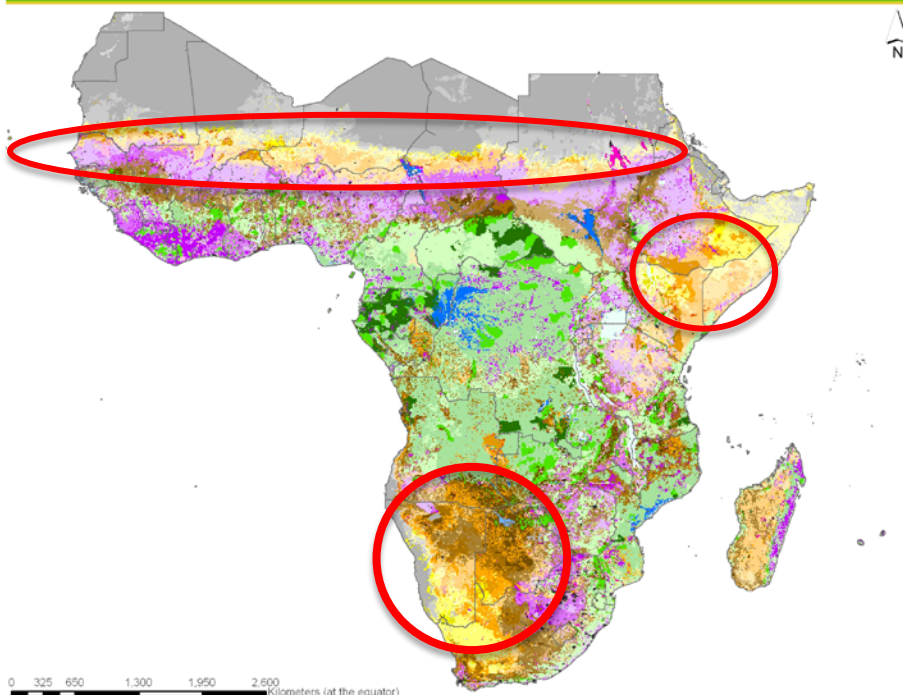


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# Restoration – FLR - What does it mean?

- “a [planned] process that aims to regain **ecological integrity** and enhance **human wellbeing** in a deforested or degraded forest landscape” (IUCN/WWF 2000)
- FLR broadens the scope of restoration to consider **the entire landscape** and explicitly incorporates **human activities and needs** (Mansourian et al., 2005; Lamb et al., 2012; Stanturf et al. 2015)



# The broader scope of FLR integrates Agroforestry

- Agriculture with trees
  - Interaction of agriculture and forestry involving farmers, livestock, trees and forests at multiple scales
  - Focus on ‘polycultures’ with trees to produce food, fibre, fuel, timber and other products;
  - and to produce environmental services (shelter, soil and water conservation, carbon sequestration and biodiversity)

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***“Transforming Lives and  
Landscapes with Trees”***

# The importance of agroforestry in restoration confirmed by ROAM

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Forest Landscape Restoration Opportunity Assessment for Rwanda

September, 2014



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



Ministry of Water and Environment

## Forest Landscape Restoration Opportunity Assessment for Uganda

2016



- Like e.g. in Rwanda and Uganda, where Agroforestry comes up as one of the main priorities for restoration



# Aspirations of agroforestry in FLR

1. Optimizing the contribution of trees to agricultural systems at nested scales will **deliver multiple benefits** to people and the planet;
2. Fine-scale **variation and diversity** of species, systems, life-forms, contexts and options **are assets** rather than hurdles;
3. It is **possible to go to scale up agroforestry** in time because we have the tools, evidence and an understanding of the kinds of partnerships that will succeed. However, challenges remain.

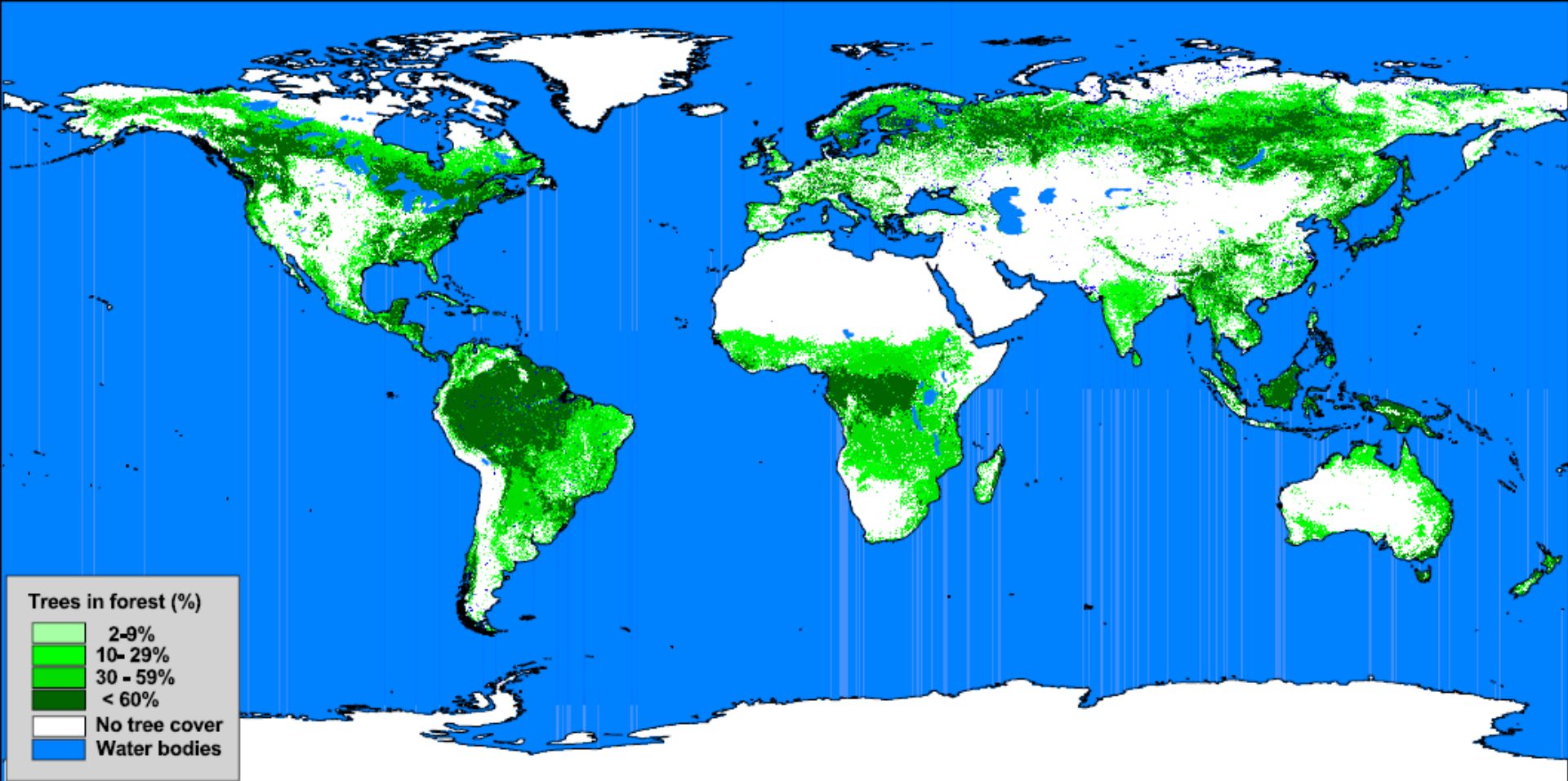
Prabhu et al. 2015 Agroforestry: Realizing the promise of an agroecological approach

# Foci of agroforestry in restoration

(overview of this presentation)

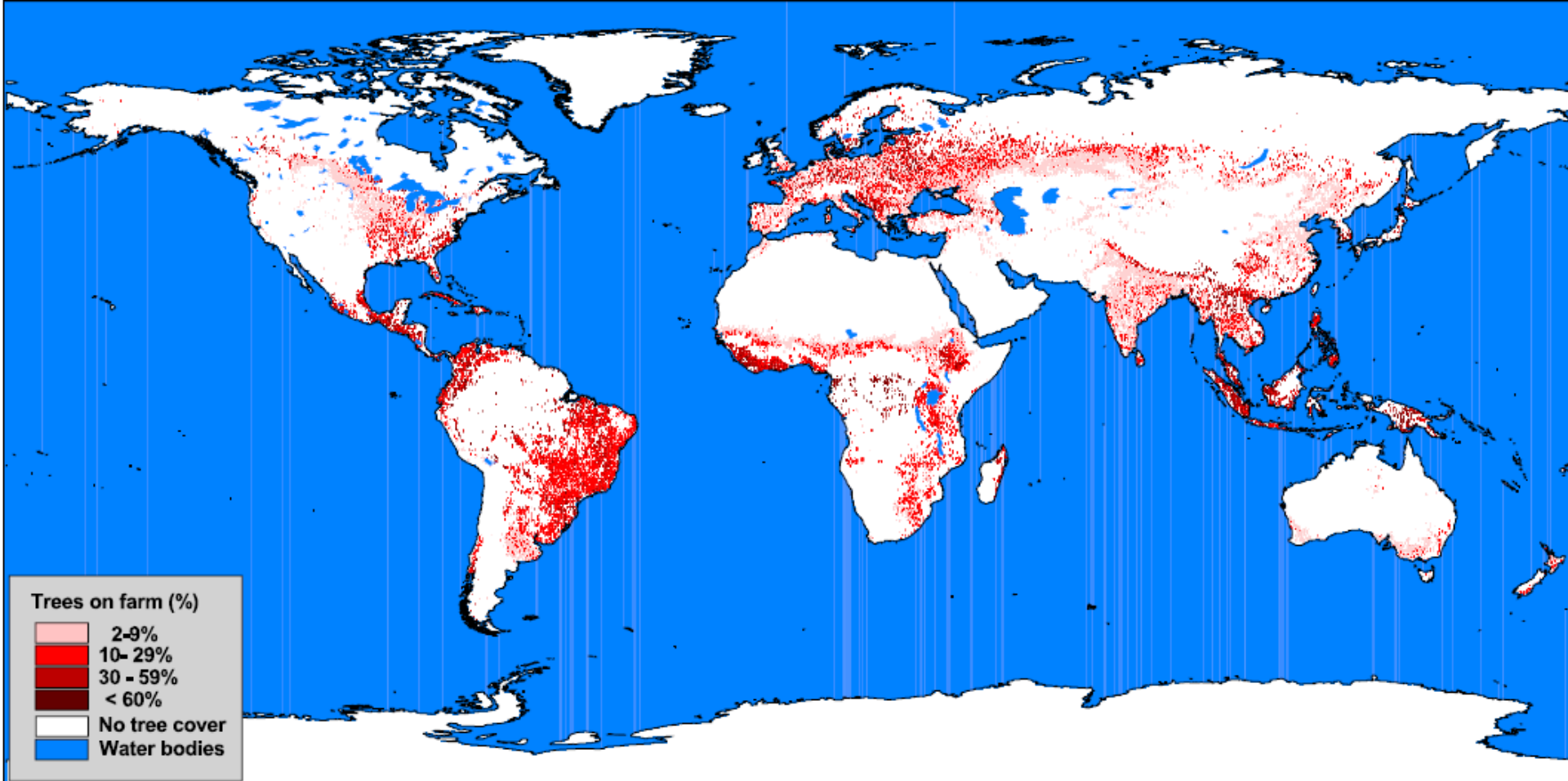
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- Adaptation
  - Environmental and economic resilience (biodiversity, soils, ROI)
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    - Closing the yield gap
- Adequate planting material (“tree genetic resources” often constitutes a bottleneck in (successful) large-scale restoration (e.g. Broadhearth et al. 2016, BioScience 66: 73–79. doi:10.1093/biosci/biv155)
  - The seed challenge





# The foresters' view of the world : global forest area

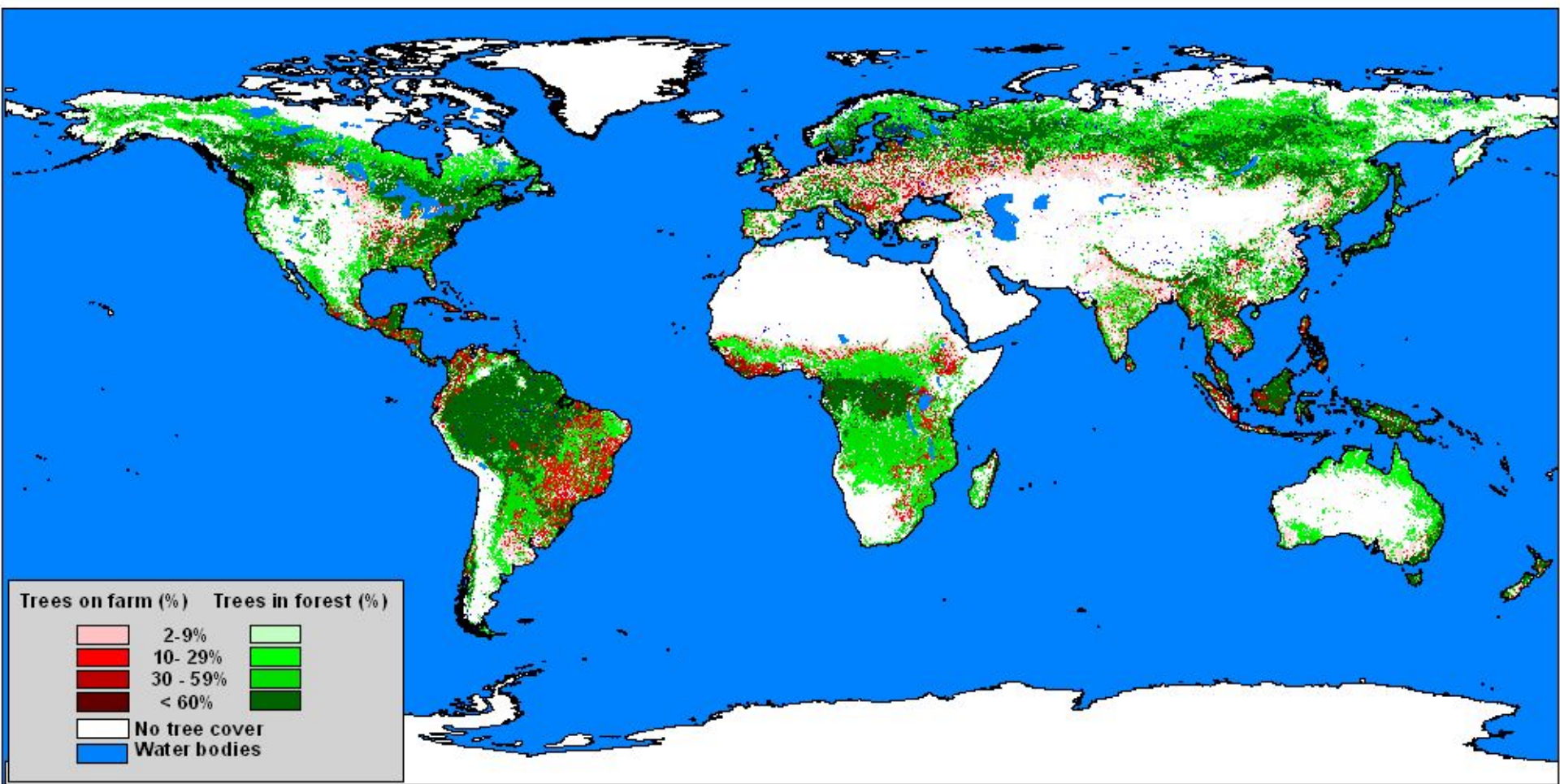
(Source: CGIAR Consortium research program 6 Forests, trees and agroforestry: Livelihoods, landscapes and governance)



# The agroforestry view of the world: trees outside forests

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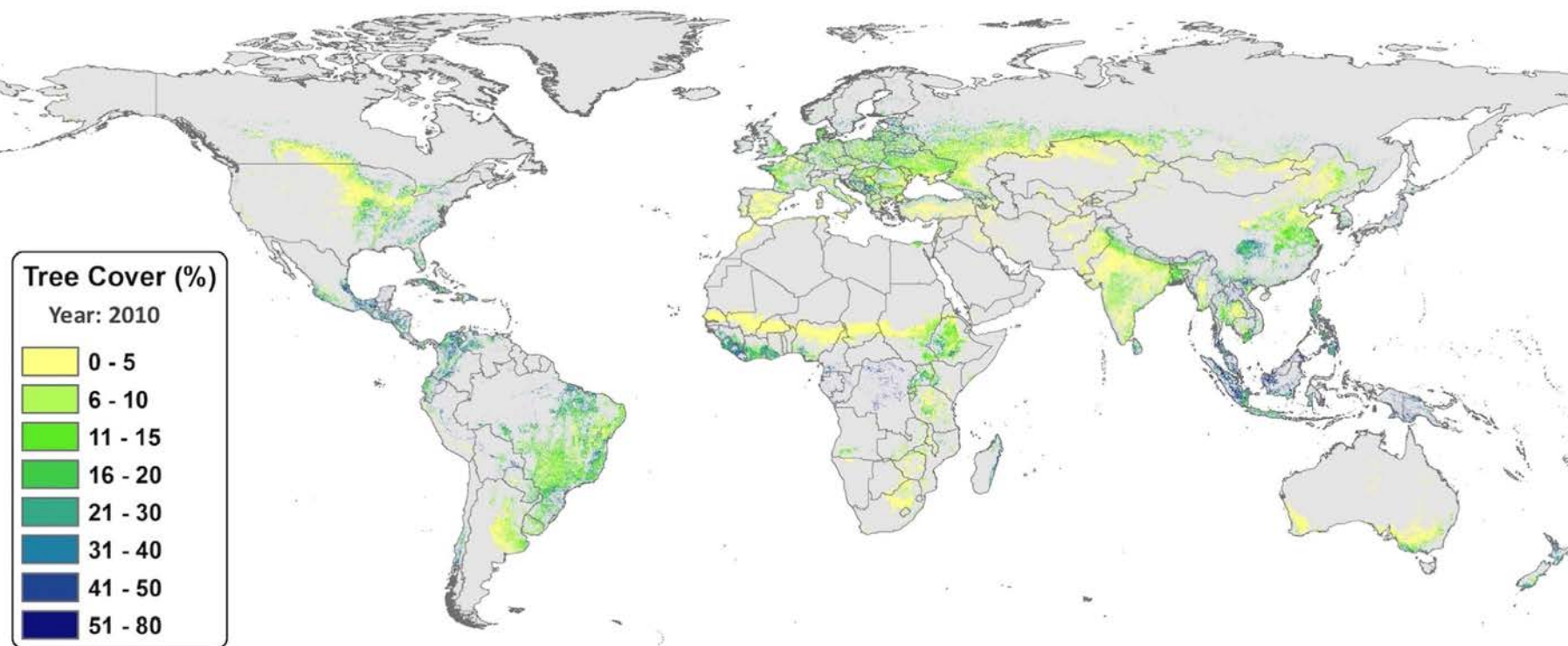


# The Tree Diversity view of the world

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Global tree cover inside and outside forest, according to the Global Land Cover 2000 dataset, the FAO spatial data on farms versus forest, and the analysis by Zomer et al.

(2009, 2014) [www.worldagroforestry.org](http://www.worldagroforestry.org)



**Global tree cover on agricultural land 2010.** Approximately 40% of all agricultural land in the year 2000 had at least 10% tree cover (which corresponds to the FAO definition of forest). This increased by 3.7% by the 2010, to account for more than 43% of all agricultural land under some variation of agroforestry approaches. Based on this current analysis, these land-use types represent over **1 billion hectares** of land and provide subsistence to more than 900 million people

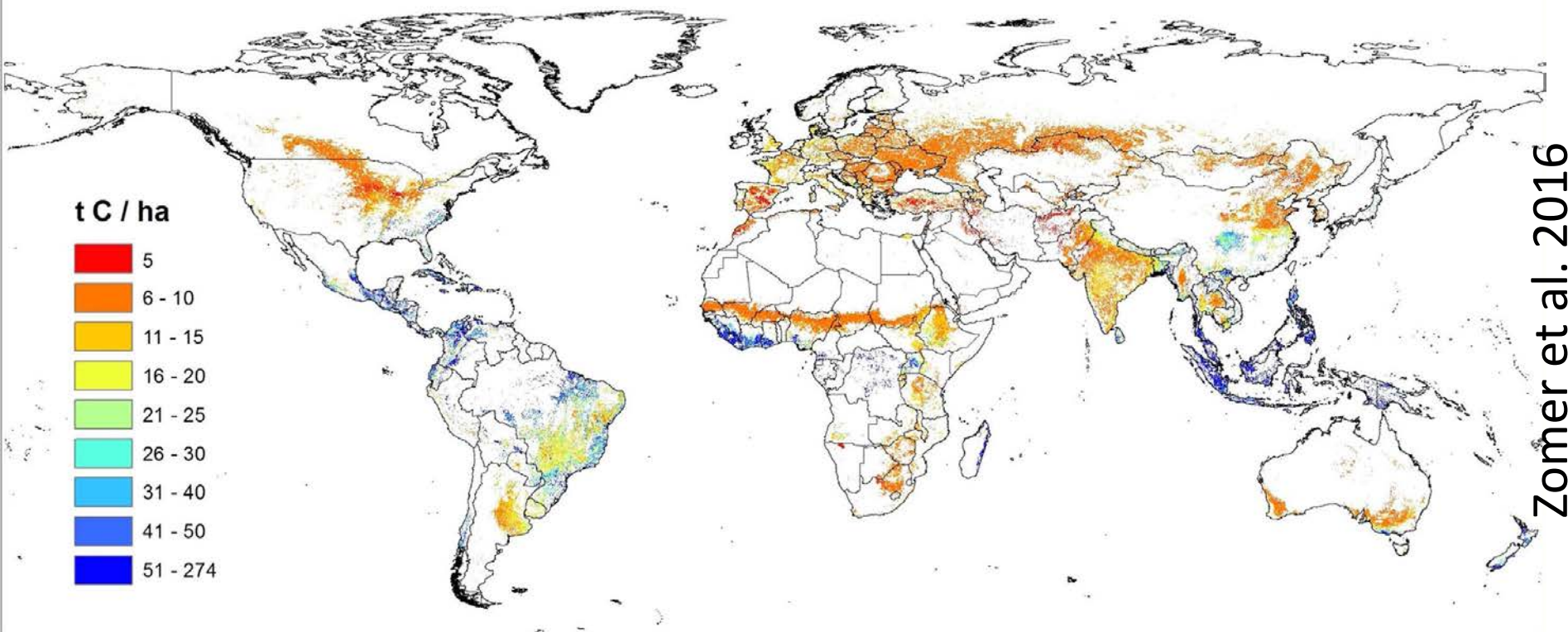
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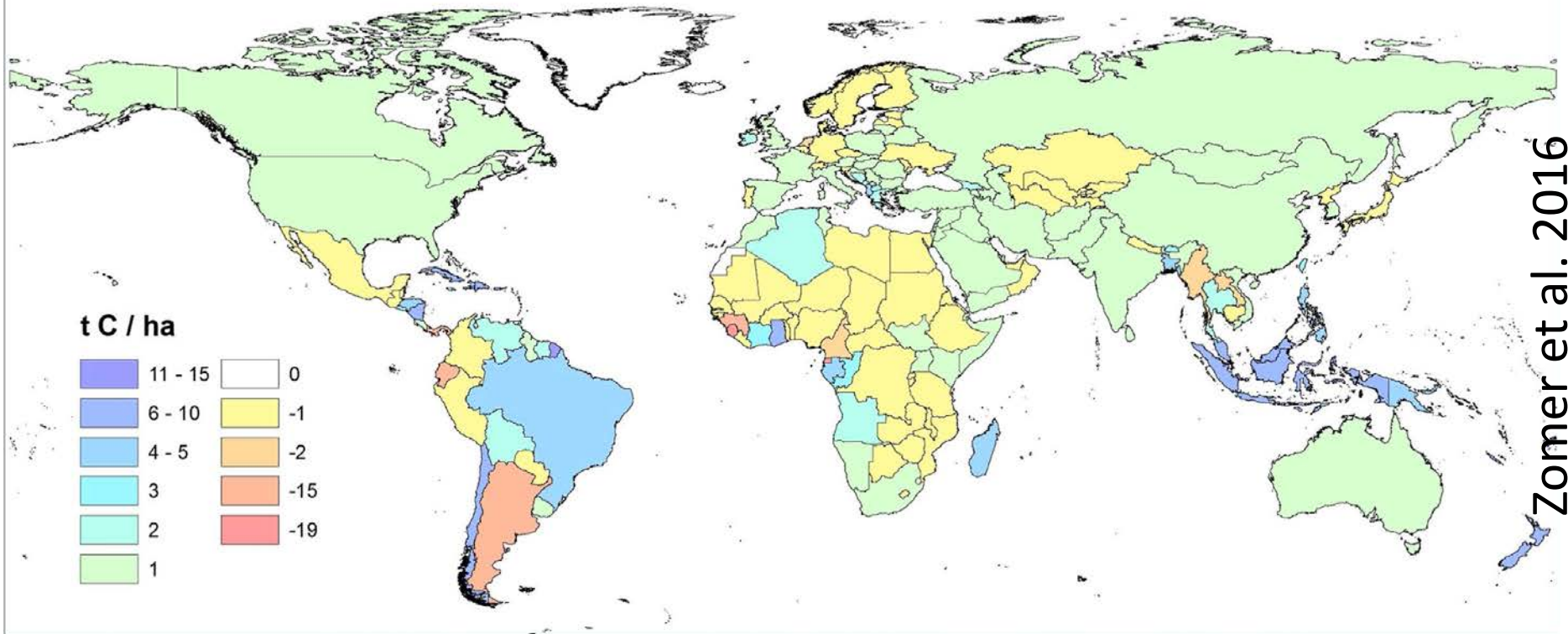
## Biomass Carbon on Agricultural Land - 2010



Zomer et al. 2016

- IPCC estimate 5 t/ha on average (above and below ground)
- Zomer et al. estimate 21.4 t/ha in 2010
- Large regional variation
- Potential for increase remain

## Change in Biomass Carbon on Agricultural Land - 2000 - 2010

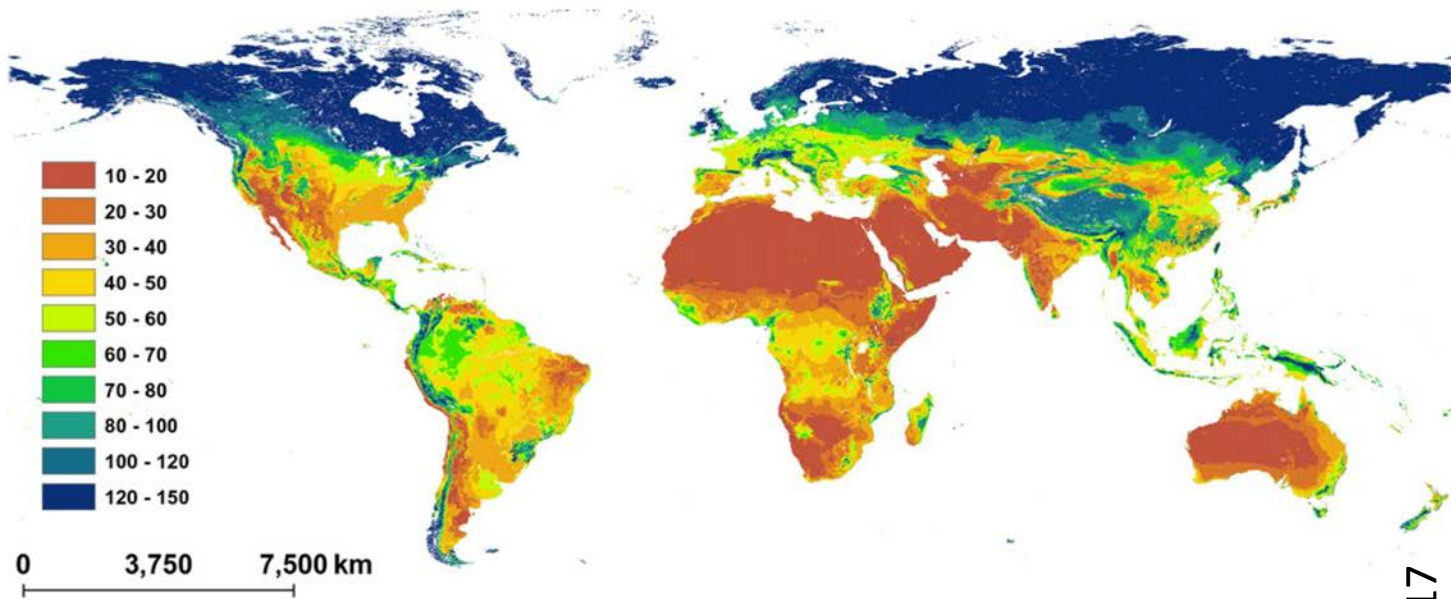


Zomer et al. 2016

- Change varies over time: stable, increasing or decreasing
- What makes the difference?
- Interactions between climate and soil and crop production (moisture, temperature, nutrient levels, N fixation)
- Management regimes favouring both above ground biomass and SOC

Soil C stocks of the world's topsoil (0–0.3 m) in tonne C per hectare.

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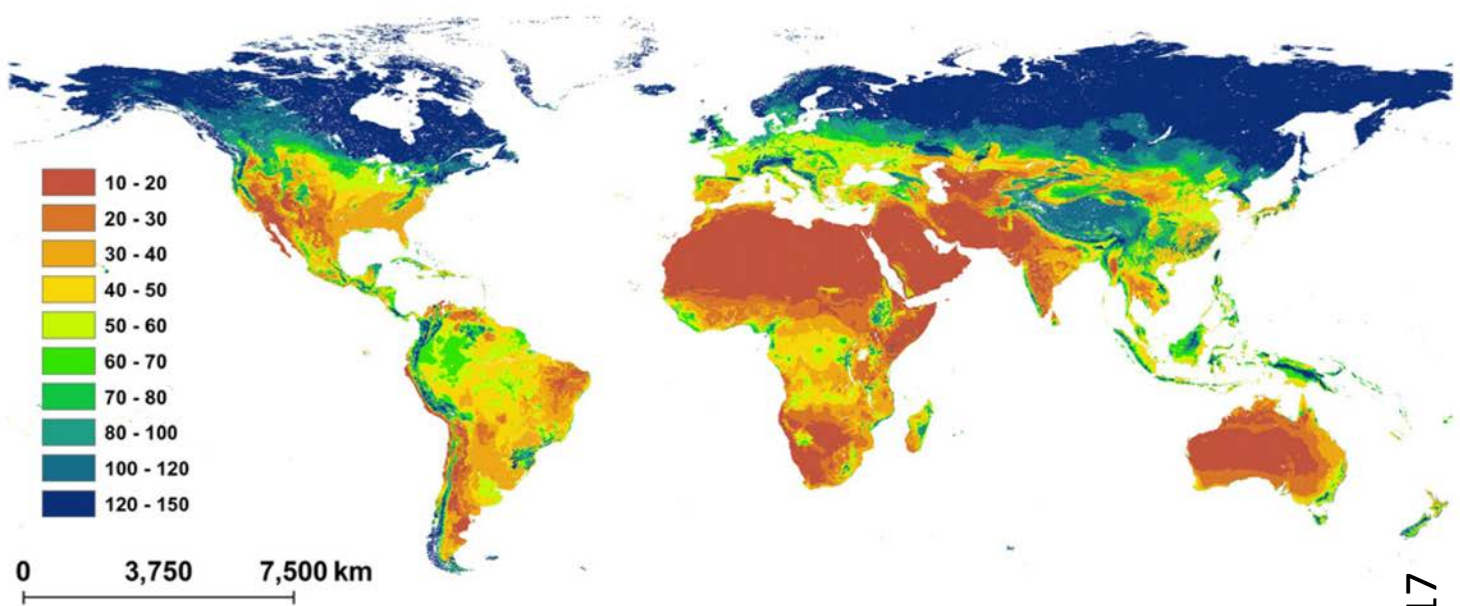
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For comparison Pan et al. 2011 quote a figure of 861 Gt in the worlds forests (incl. soil to a depth of 1 m). The amount of C stock increase needed to offset CO<sub>2</sub> emission would here be 1%

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# Earth's Future

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

10.1002/2016EF000469

## The limits to global-warming mitigation by terrestrial carbon removal

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### Key Points:

- Terrestrial Carbon Dioxide Removal (tCDR) is not a viable option for countering unabated anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions
- Even in the RCP2.6 scenario, the tCDR amount needed to hold the 2°C warming line requires massive inputs including extensive irrigation
- Profound trade-offs of tCDR include loss of natural ecosystems, reductions in food production, and adverse effects of heavy fertilizer application

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- Supporting Information S1

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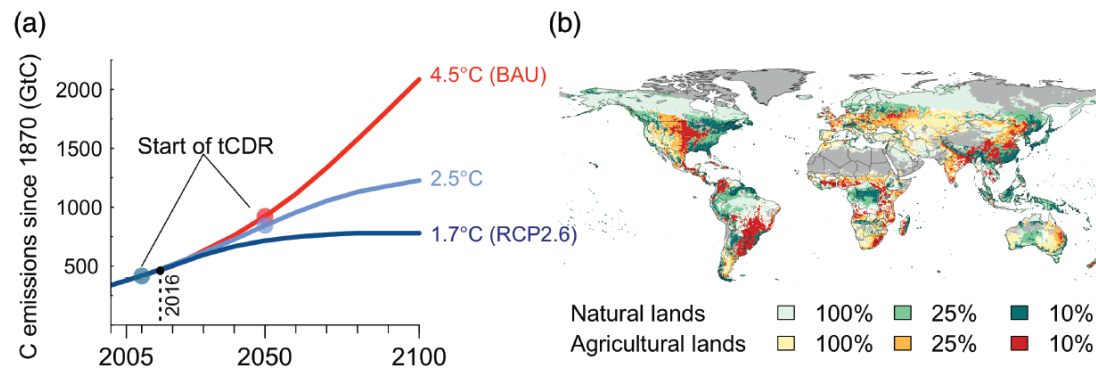
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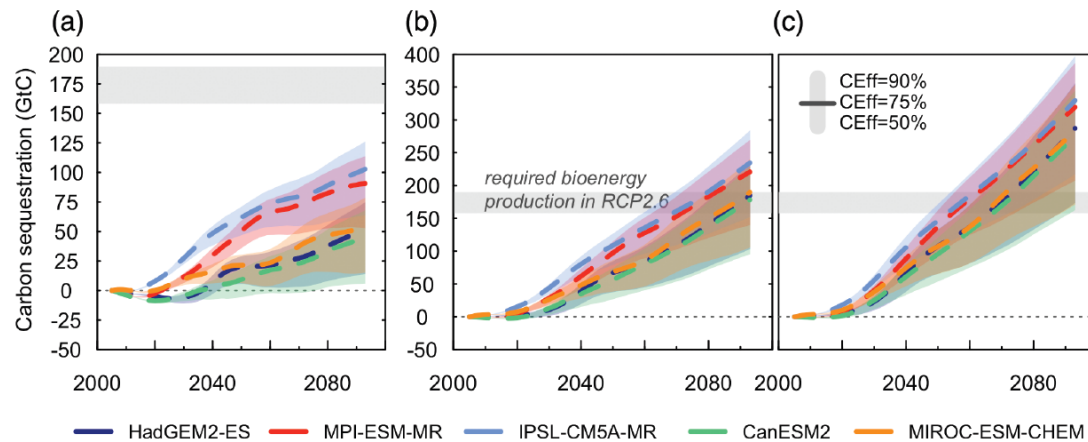
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**Figure 1.** (a) Cumulative emission pathways leading to a mean global warming of 1.7°C (Representative Concentration Pathway 2.6 [RCP2.6]), 2.5°C, and 4.5°C by 2100, respectively. Dots indicate the starting points of terrestrial carbon dioxide removal (tCDR) assumed here. Climate projections for the upper two graphs were retrieved with a pattern-scaling approach applied on five CMIP3 models [Heinke *et al.*, 2013] while the RCP2.6 climate was retrieved from CMIP5 simulations. (b) Areas considered for tCDR in the studied conversion scenarios. Values are given as % fraction of  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  grid cells for scenarios listed in Table 1. Note that only the dominant fraction of either natural or agricultural land in each cell is displayed.



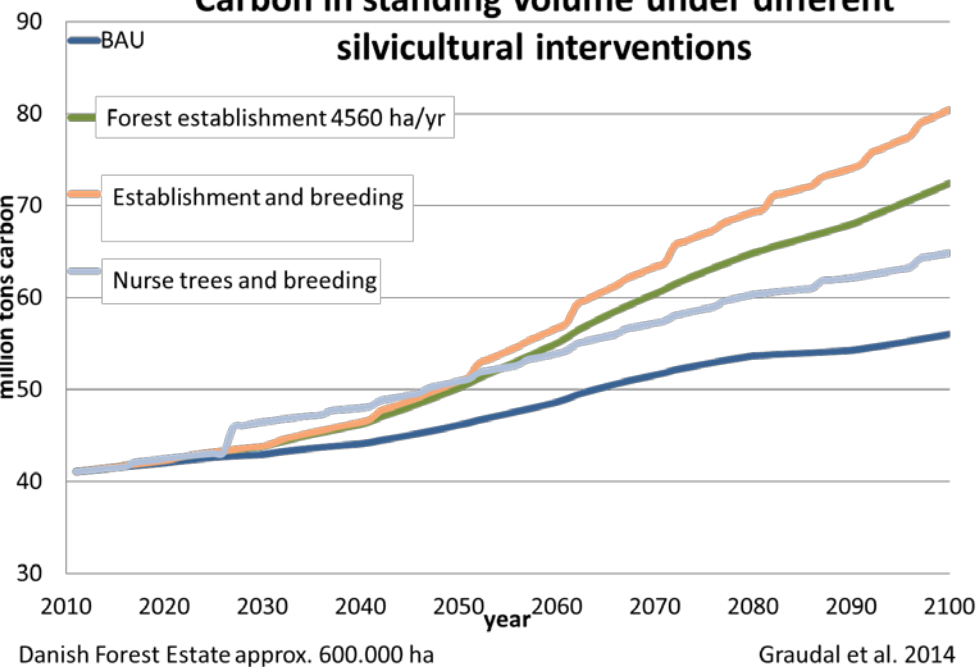
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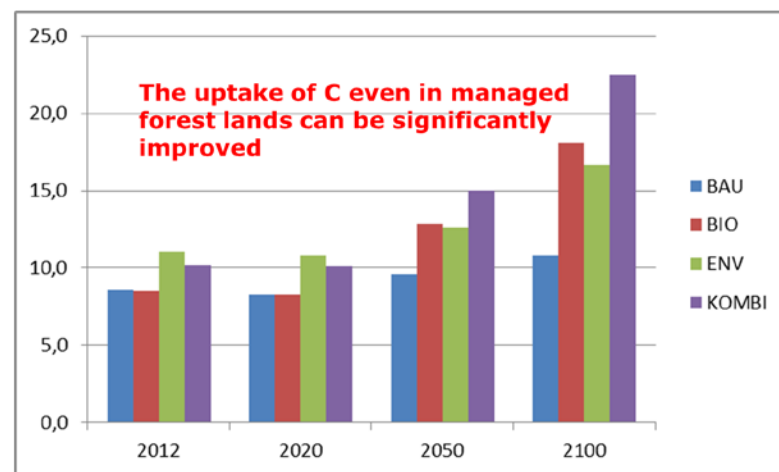
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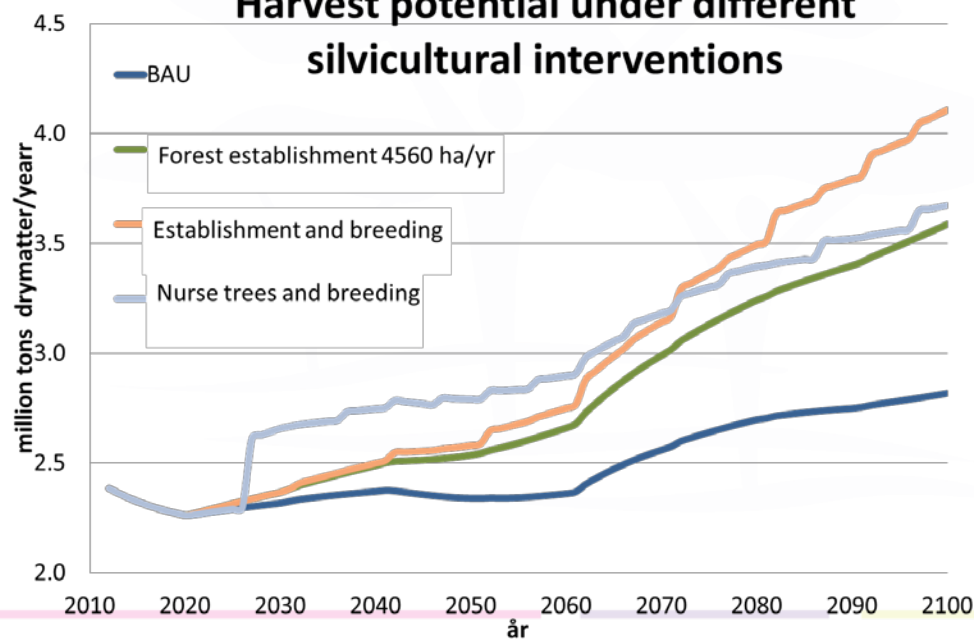


## The total CO<sub>2</sub> effect of forests and forestry in Denmark (displacement and storage) in % of the Danish CO<sub>2</sub> emission in 2011 under different silvicultural scenarios



Increasing productivity, carbon storage and diversity in the Danish forest estate (600 000 ha)

## Harvest potential under different silvicultural interventions



# The global carbon budget (Gt C per year) for two periods

Sources and sinks (Gt/yr)	1990–1999	2000–2007	Pan et al. 2011
<b>Sources (C emissions)</b>			
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• Land-use change	1.5 ± 0.7	1.1 ± 0.7	
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<b>Sinks (C uptake)</b>			
• Atmosphere	3.2 ± 0.1	4.1 ± 0.1	
• Ocean	2.2 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.4	
• <b>Terrestrial ('established' forests)</b>	<b>2.5 ± 0.4</b>	<b>2.3 ± 0.5</b>	
• Total sinks	7.9 ± 0.6	8.7 ± 0.7	
• Global residuals	0.1 ± 1.0	0.0 ± 1.0	

- Famous table published by Pan et al in Science 2011
- Established forest lands not just as a stock but as a persistent sink for carbon of high importance for the stability of our climate

(after Pan et al. 2011) and in 2010 (CO<sub>2</sub> Earth, <http://co2now.org/Current-CO2/CO2-Now/global-carbon-emissions.html>)

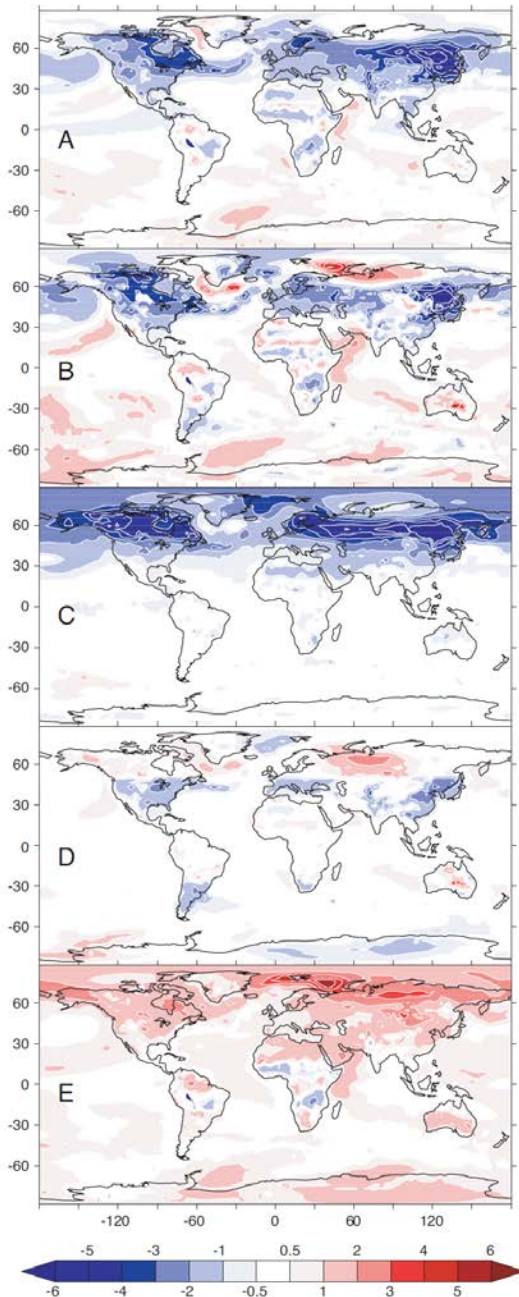
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					Carle & Holmgren 2008
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<b>Planted Forests/Trees</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>?</b>	IUCN 2011 (150 million ha over 50 years)
<b>Restoration</b>				<b>0.29</b>	
<b>TOF/Agroforestry</b>		<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>?</b>	Zomer et al. 2009, 2014, 2016

- The table by Pan et al with added rows and columns based on different sources
- The potential of planted forests, restoration and agroforestry is huge

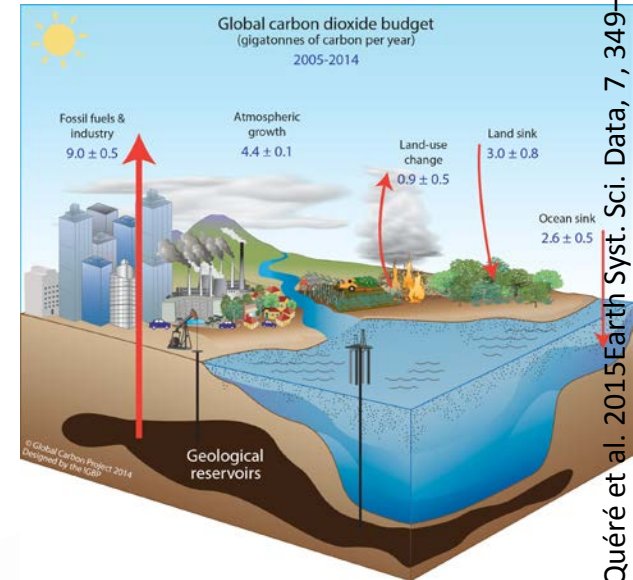


## Albedo

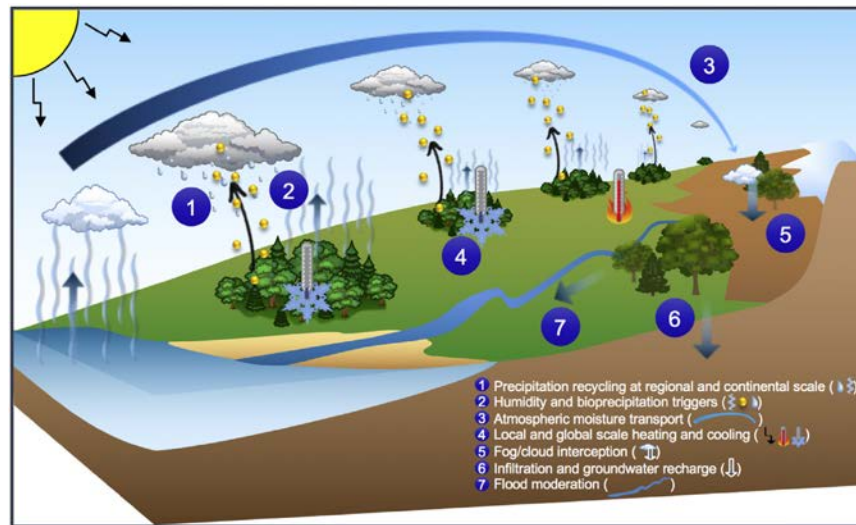


**The global biochemical effect of C storage on temperature may be adjusted by biophysical effects of radiation (albedo) and non-radiative processes (evapotranspiration and turbulence)**

## Biochemical effect



## Non-radiative processes



Ellison et al. 2017 Global Environmental Change 43 (2017) 51–61,  
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## The biophysical role of tree cover in the energy and water cycles

Change in soil moisture (green) and surface temperature (blue) during summer (dark) and over the year (light) as a result of restoration (increasing savanna woodlands under a global warming scenario)

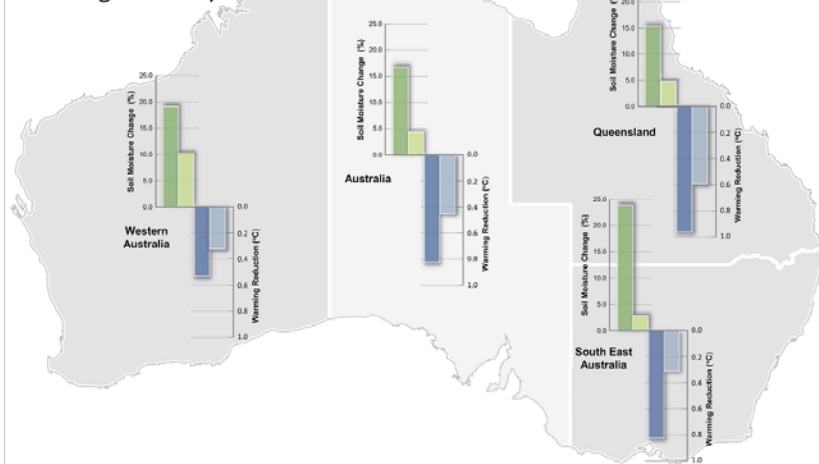


Figure 5. Summary of simulated changes in surface temperatures and near surface soil moisture between Partial Restoration and Maximum Crop for the 2056–2075 period under RCP8.5. Area average changes over restored regions of Australia (all restored regions), Western Australia, Queensland and southeast Australia are presented for summer (darker colour) and annual (lighter colour). Figure was created using Adobe Illustrator Version CC2015(19.2.0), (<http://www.adobe.com/au/products/illustrator.html#>).

Syktus and McAlpine 2016 More than carbon sequestration: Biophysical climate benefits of restored savanna woodlands Nature Scientific Reports | 6:29194 | DOI: 10.1038/srep29194

Syktus and McAlpine 2016

**A modelling study of woodland restoration in Australia show that restoration increases soil moisture and decreases temperature**

**Global simulation of the combined effect of land cover and land management change (LCMC) on temperature : forest cover gain in most regions south of the northern temperate latitudes leads to notable local annual cooling**

## The biophysical role of tree cover in the energy and water cycles

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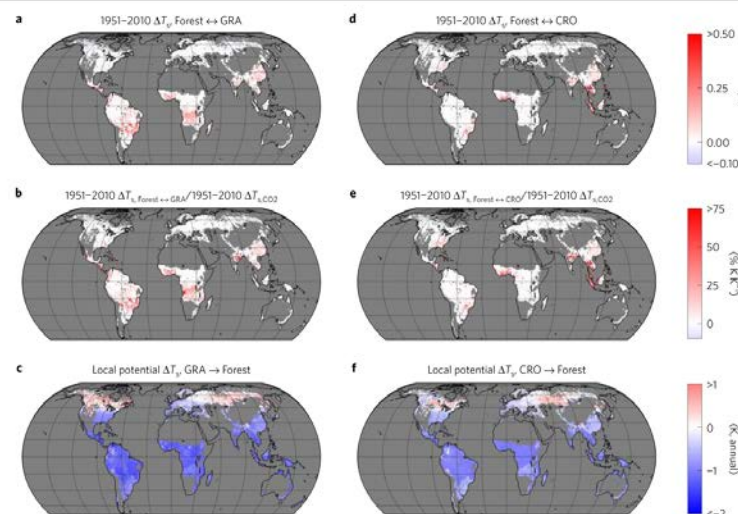
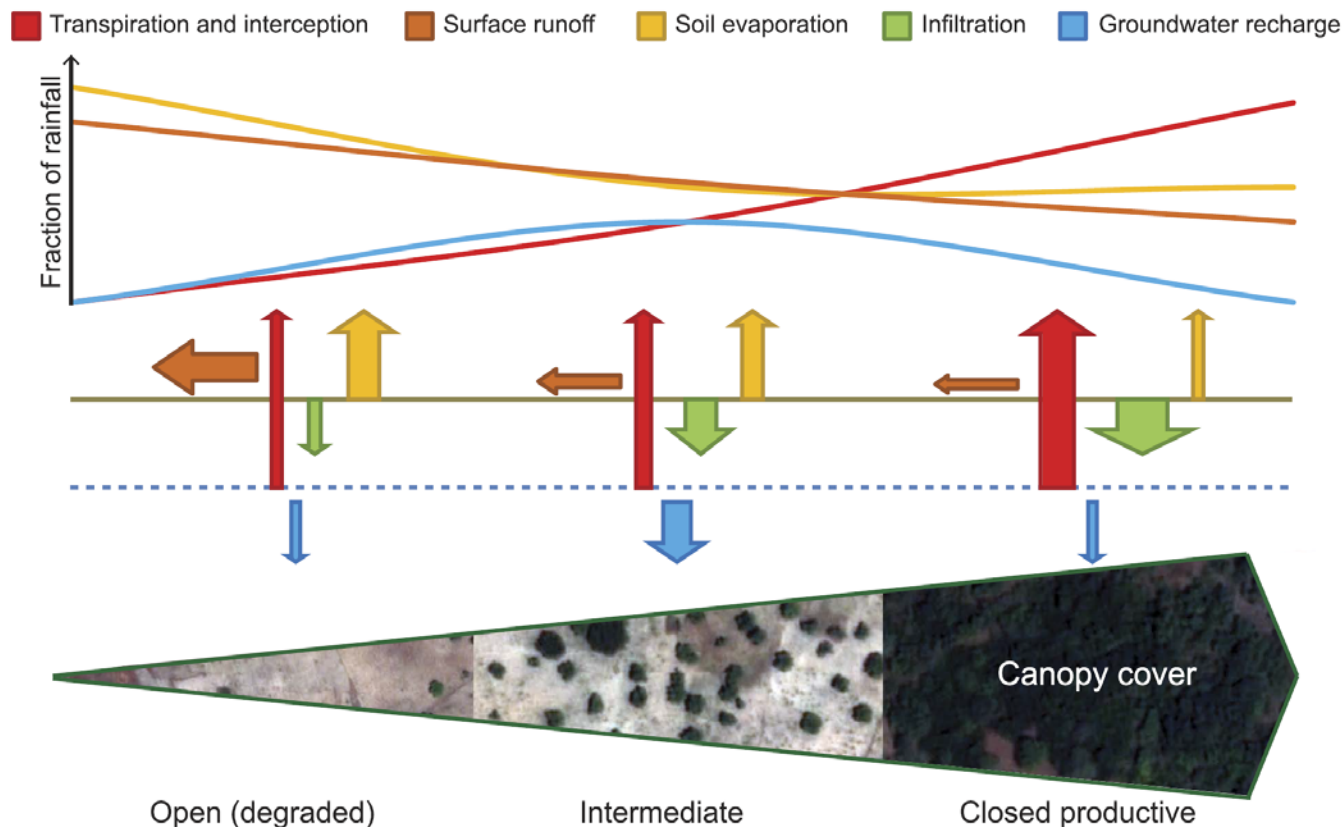


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Forest cover gain in most regions south of the northern temperate latitudes leads to notable local annual cooling

Bright et al. 2017

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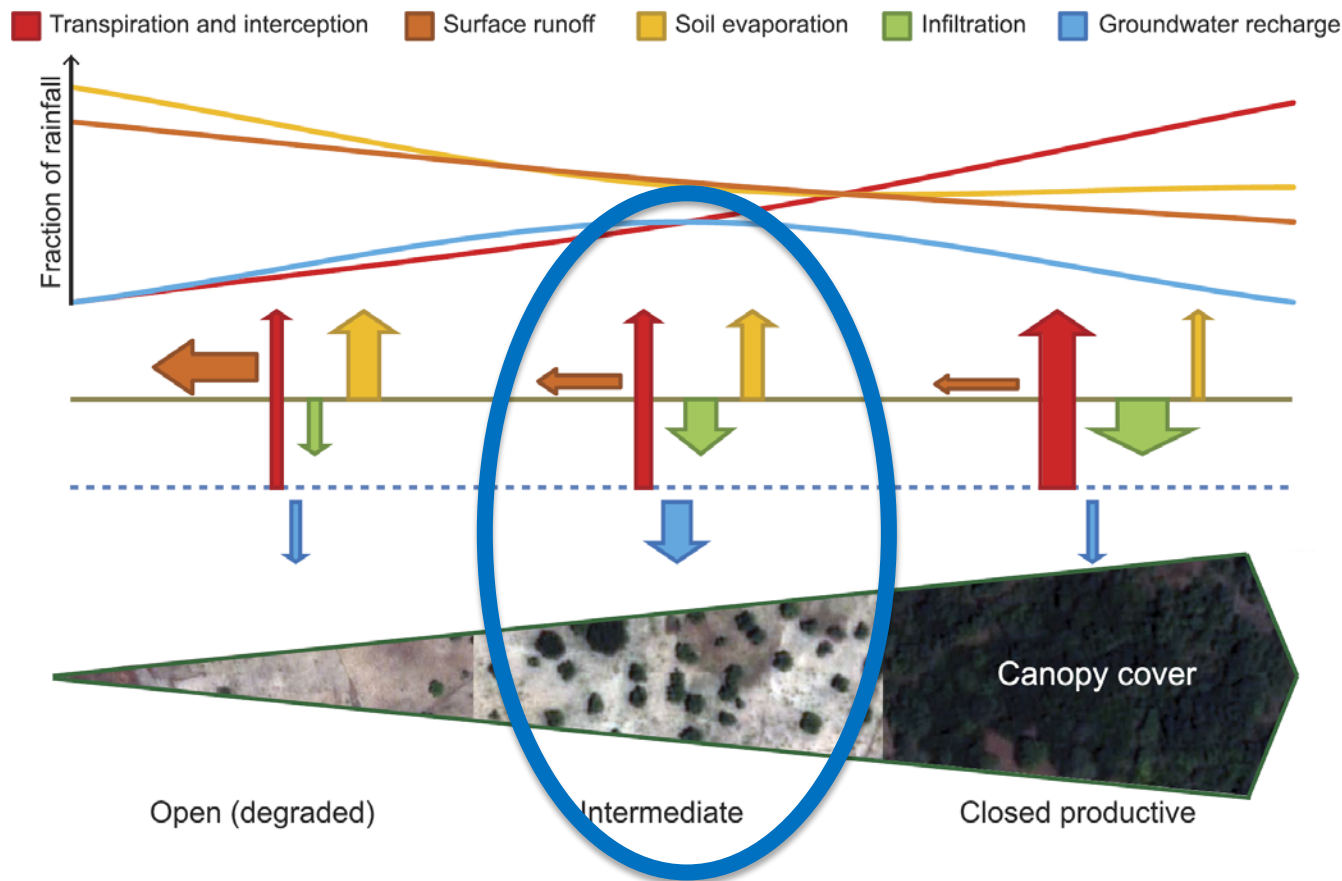
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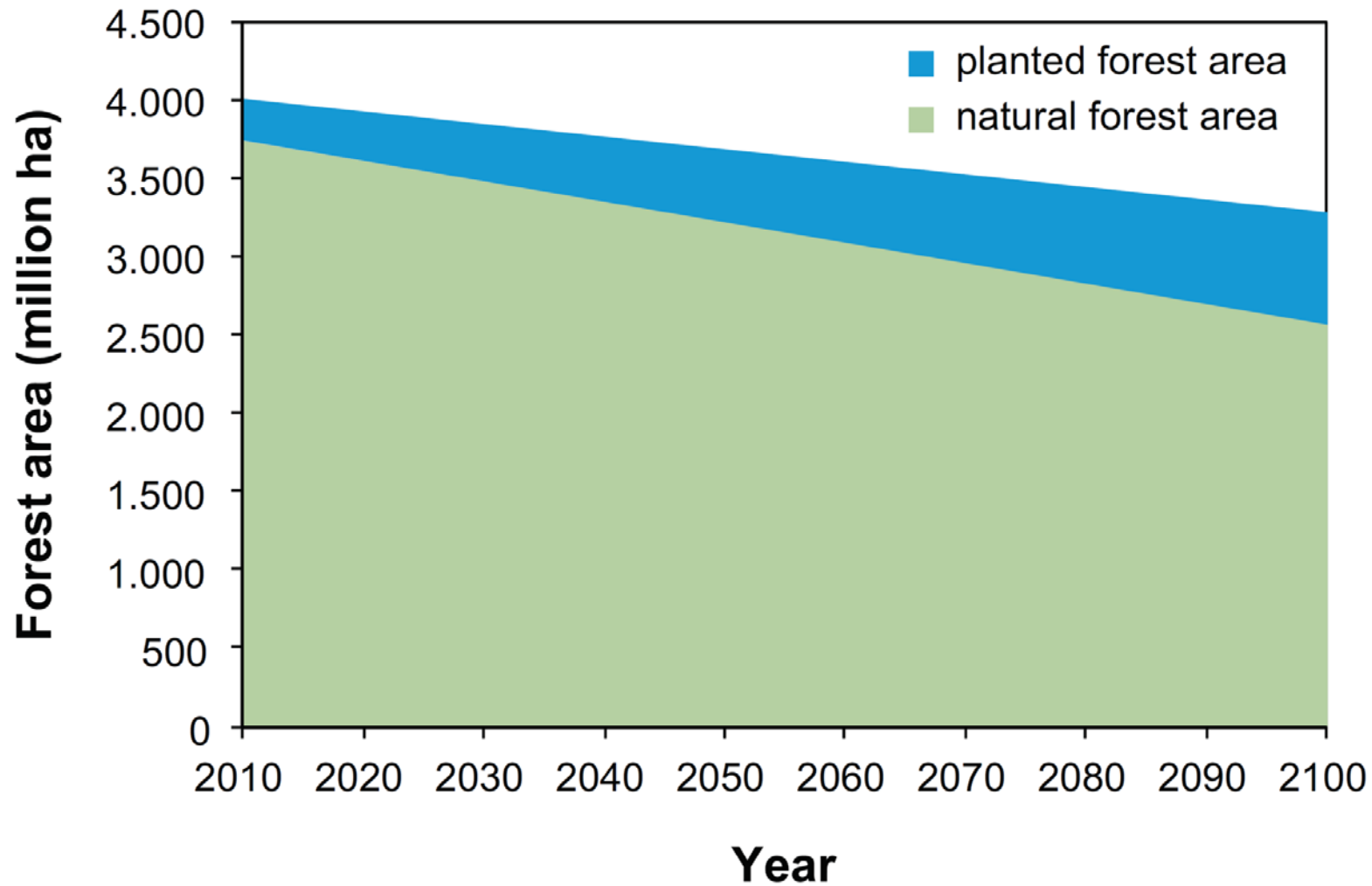


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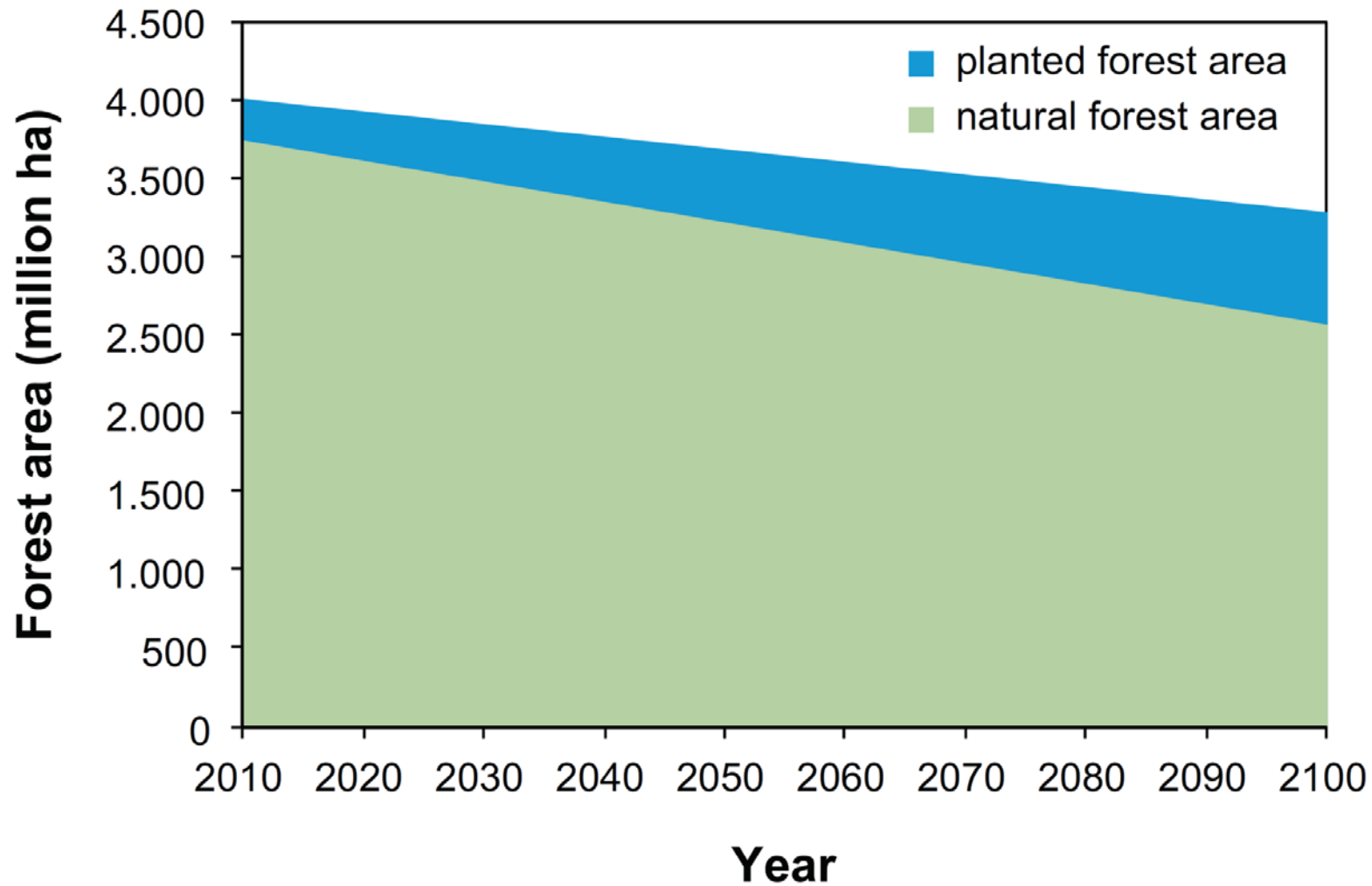
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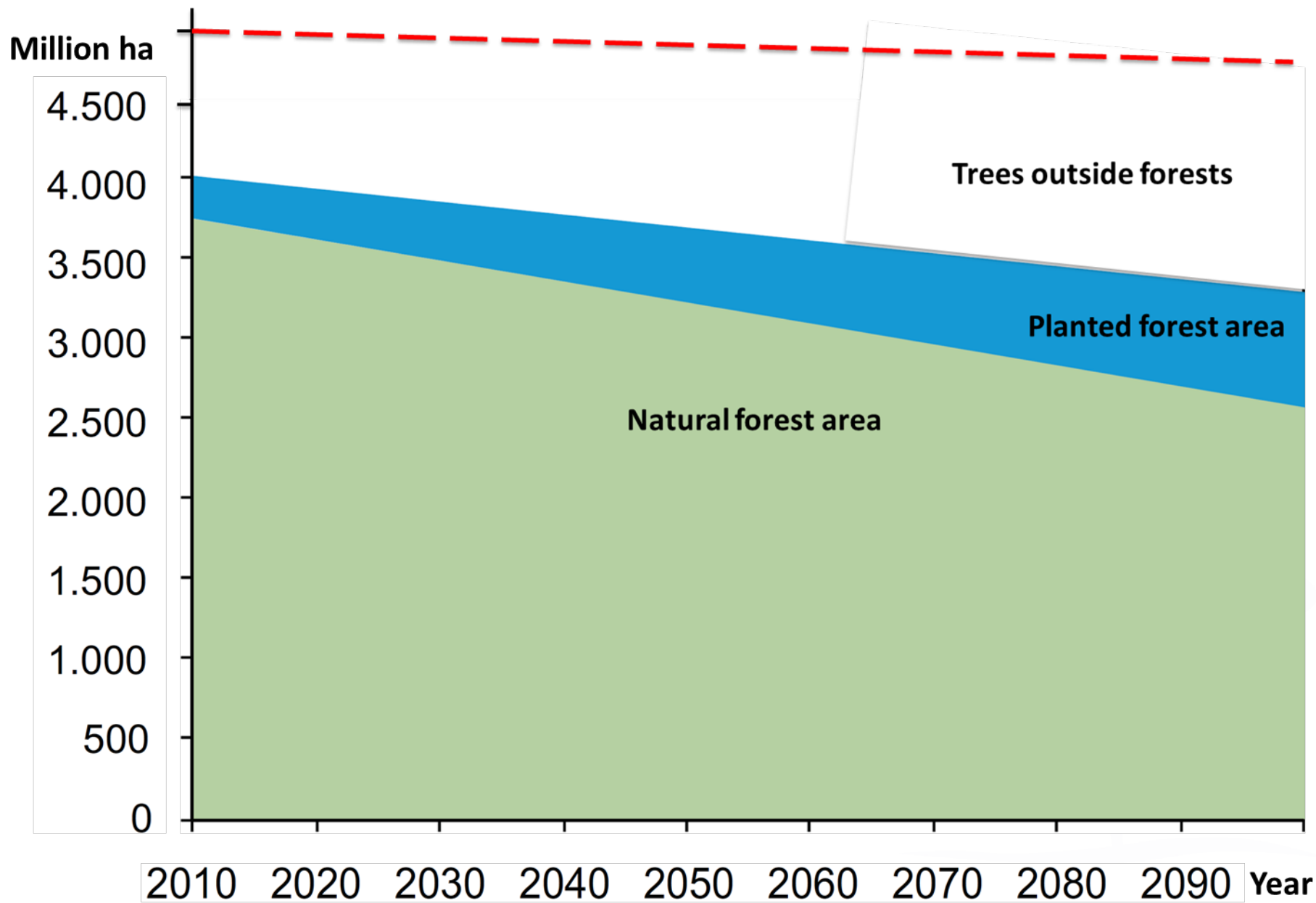


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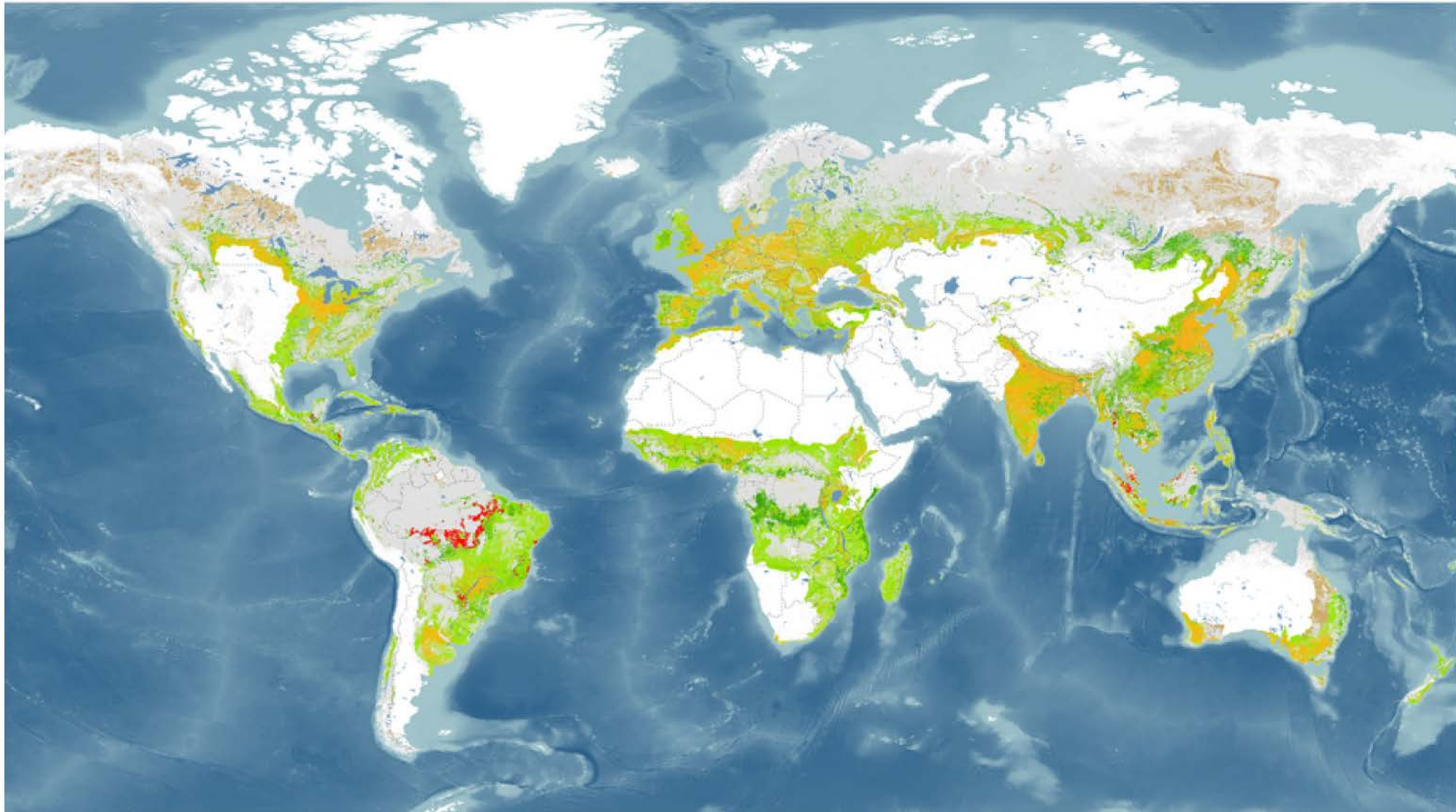
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**+ Trees outside forests/agroforests**





# A World of Opportunity for Forest and Landscape Restoration



## FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION OPPORTUNITIES

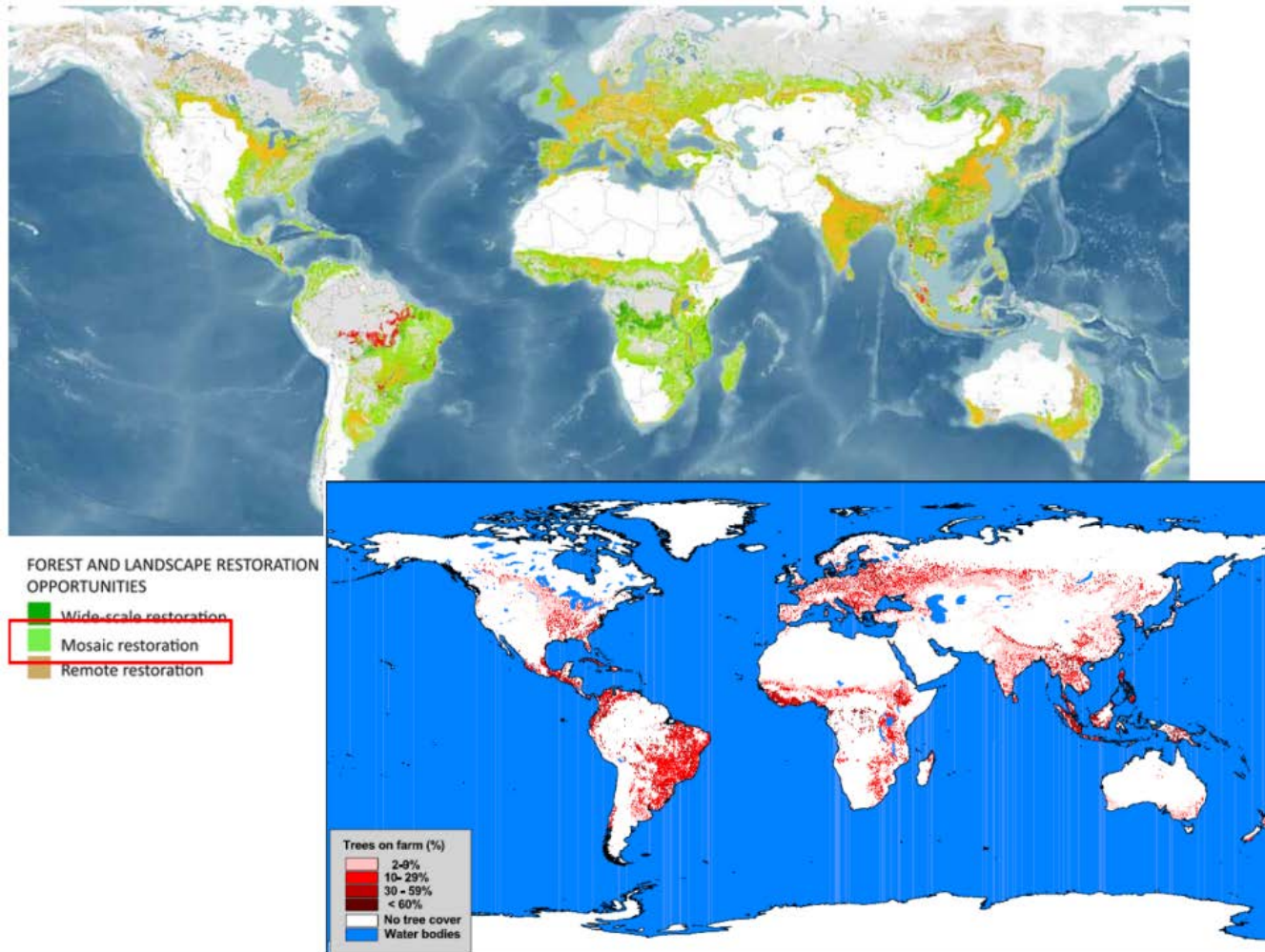
- Wide-scale restoration
- Mosaic restoration
- Remote restoration

## OTHER AREAS

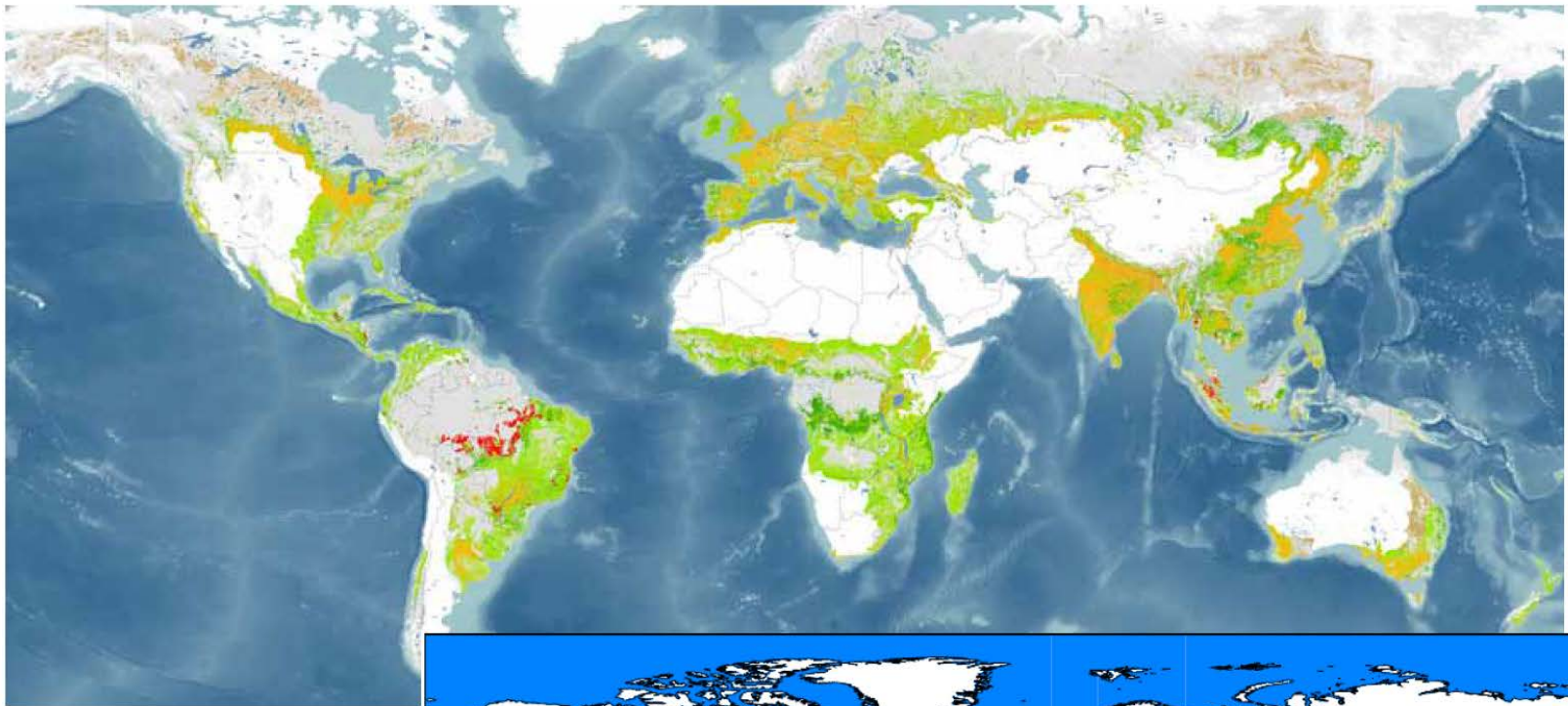
- Agricultural lands
- Recent tropical deforestation
- Urban areas
- Forest without restoration needs



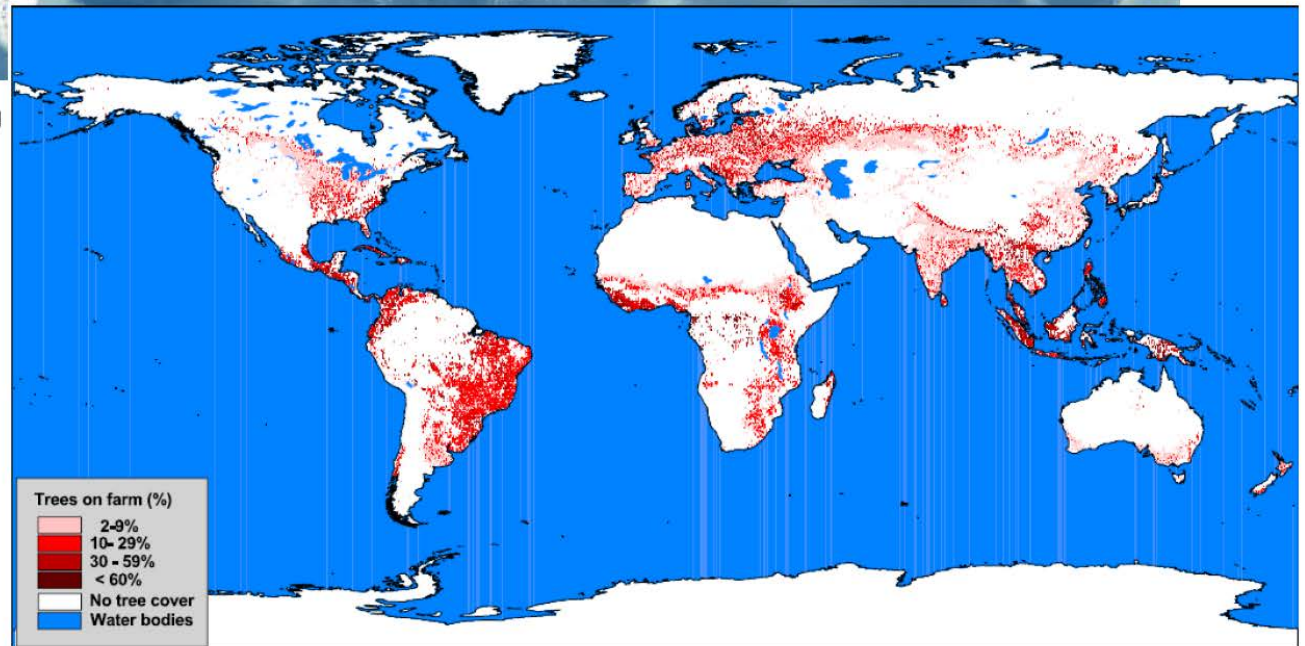
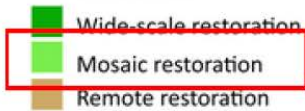
# Most restoration needs are in the 'mosaic' (agroforestry) zone







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# Foci of agroforestry in restoration

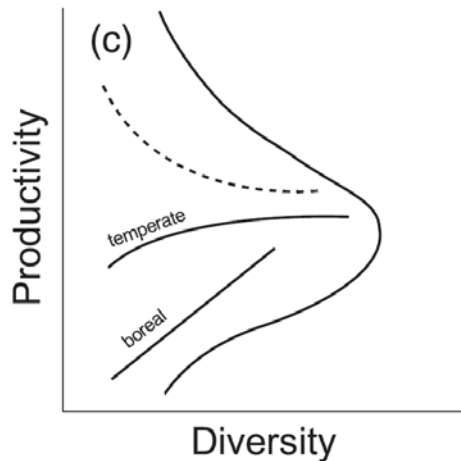
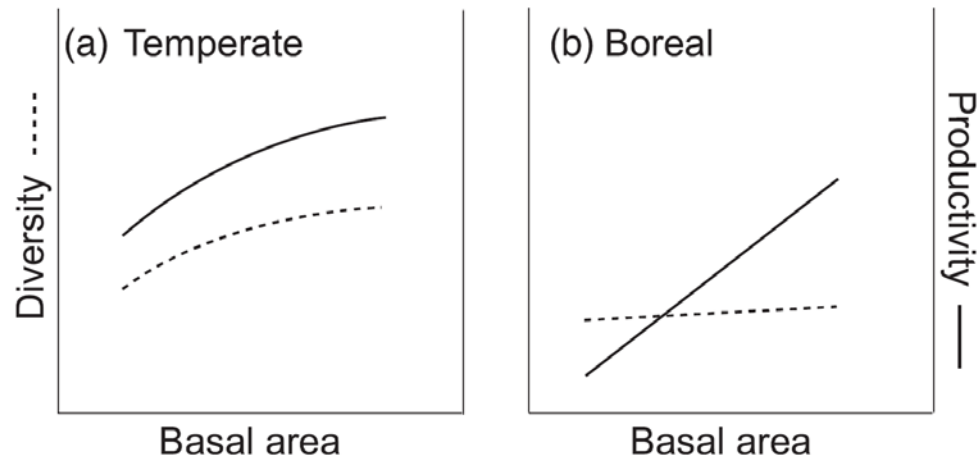
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    - Productivity of mixed systems
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- Adequate planting material (“tree genetic resources” often constitutes a bottleneck in (successful) large-scale restoration
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# Advantages of mixed systems

- Mixed systems are often ‘resource conserving’
  - Nutrient recycling, Microclimate modification, Water-use efficiency, Species diversity, Reduced agrochemical pollution (Prabhu et al. 2015)
- Many recent studies support that mixed species or varieties (‘biodiverse’) systems are often **more productive** than single species or variety systems
  - Cardinale et al. 2011, Paquette and Messier 2011, Zeller et al. 2012, Hulvey et al. 2013, Pretzsch et al. 2013a,b,c, and 2015, Zuppinger-Dingley et al. 2014
  - Over-yielding and over-density possibly result from several different types of interactions (light-, water-, and nutrient-related).
  - A better understanding of the underlying causes of over-yielding/under-yielding is essential for both science and practice (Pretzsch et al. 2015)

# The productivity-diversity debate



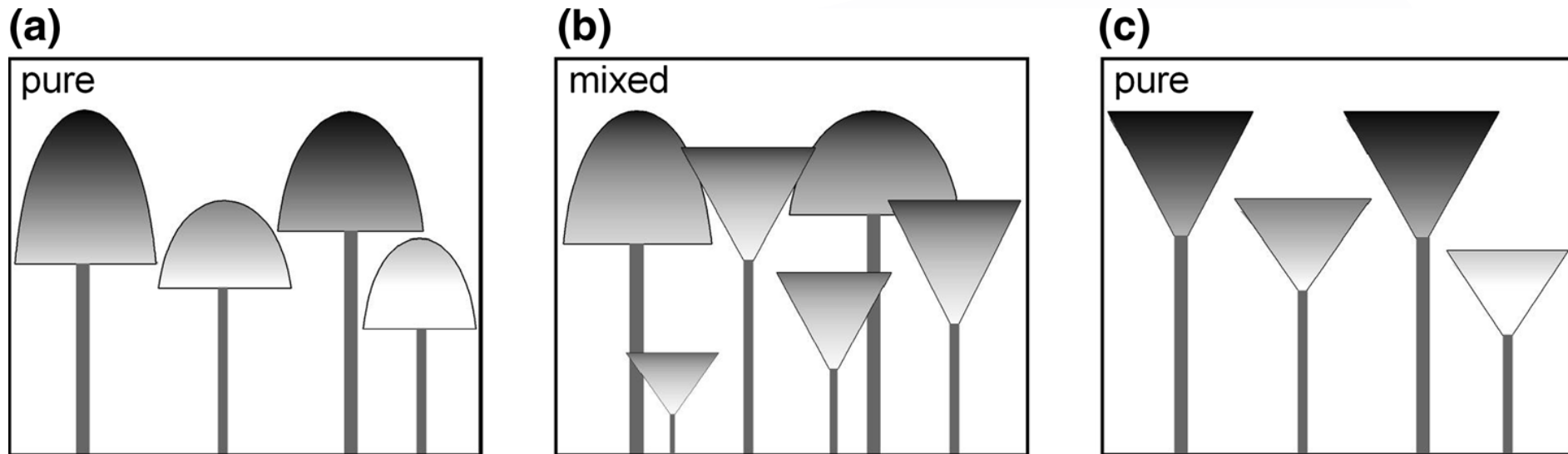
- a) Temperate forest
- b) Boreal forest
- c) Fertile and ruderal habitats

A. Paquette and C. Messier 2011, *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 20, 170–180, DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2010.00592.x



# Biodiverse intensification

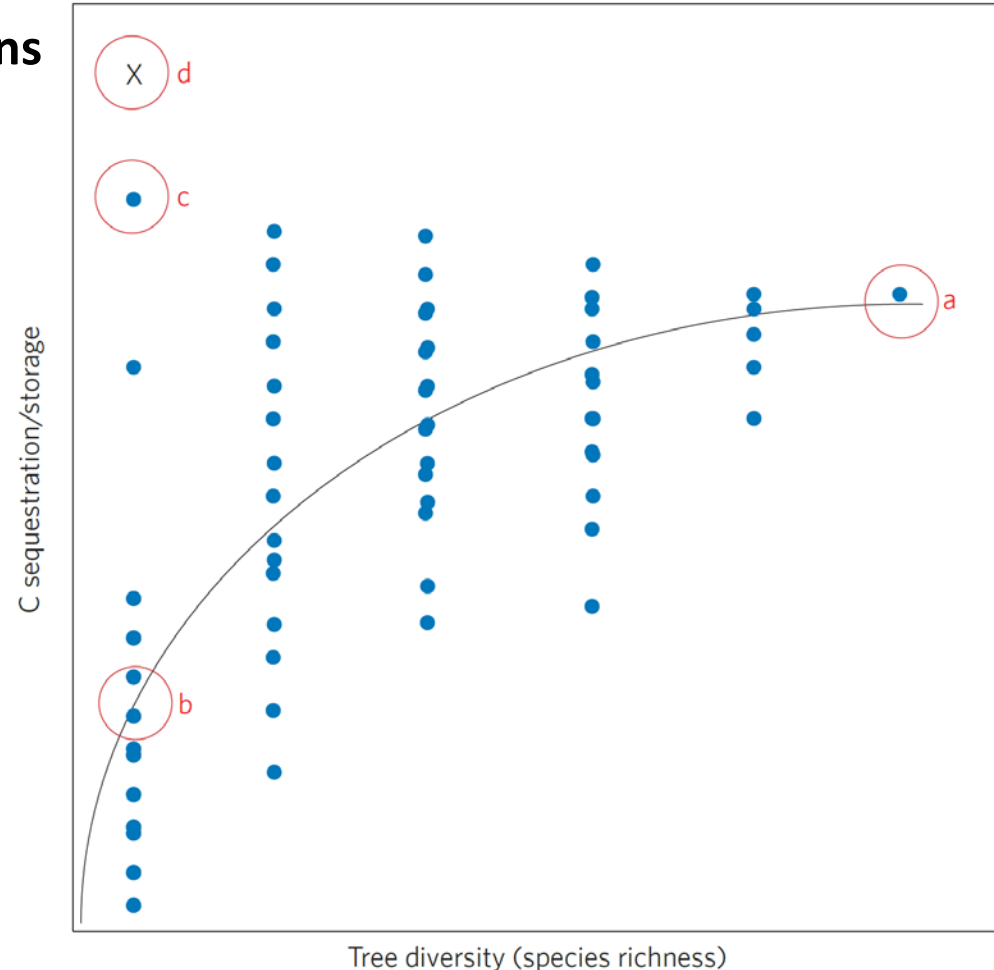
- Wider tree crown extension, multi-layering, and higher stocking density may all contribute to 'overyielding'
- Mixing can increase mean tree productivity (dry matter) up to 60% and stand density up to 50%
- **On average productivity increases by 25–50%**
- Effects in terms of over-yielding are the highest on poor sites and diminish the better the sites are



## C sequestration and storage comparisons in mixed versus monoculture plantings

- Tree mixes stored  $\geq$  carbon as monocultures of the mixture's most productive species.
- In mixed stands, in particular nitrogen-fixing trees increased stand biomass.
- Tree richness further includes the contribution of diversity to total forest carbon-pool development, carbon-pool stability and the provision of extra ecosystem services.
- **Suggest for carbon plantings: (1) increased tree species richness; and (2) the addition of species that contribute to carbon storage and other target functions.**

Hulvey et al 2013 NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE | VOL 3 | OCTOBER 2013 | [www.nature.com/natureclimatechange](http://www.nature.com/natureclimatechange), DOI: 10.1038/NCLIMATE1862



X; Monoculture of high-productivity trees not included in other treatments.

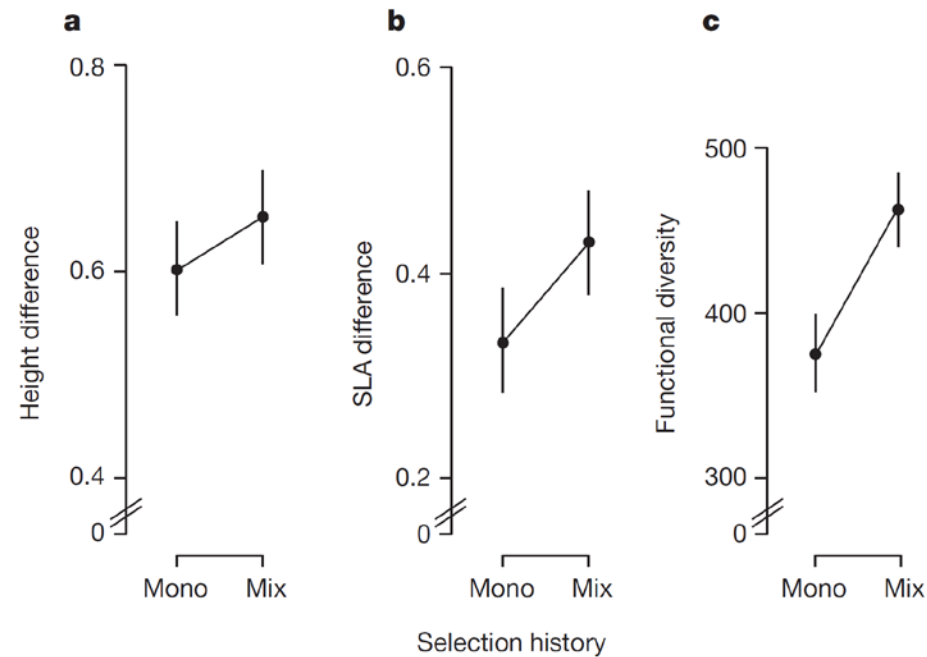
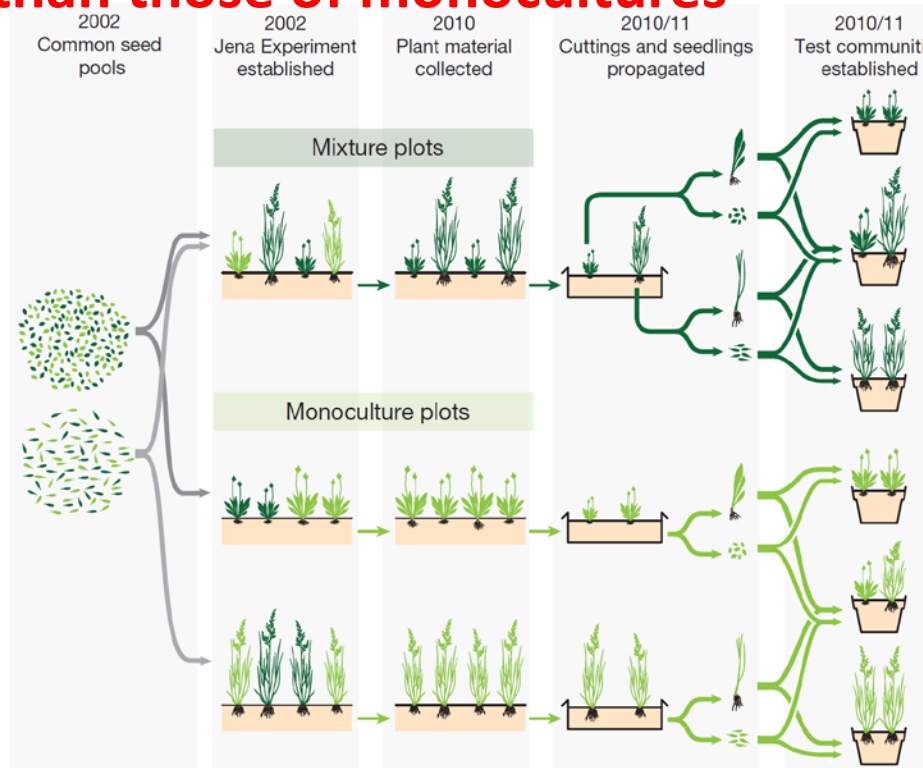
a; C sequestration/storage in most diverse mixture.

b; Average C sequestered/stored in monocultures (excluding 'X').

c; Most productive monoculture included in mixtures.

d; C sequestered/stored in X.

# In grassland plants the yields of diverse plant communities are larger than those of monocultures



Plants selected in mixtures show character displacement between species when grown in mixture.

12 species over 8 years, four functional groups (grasses, small and tall herbs, and legumes)

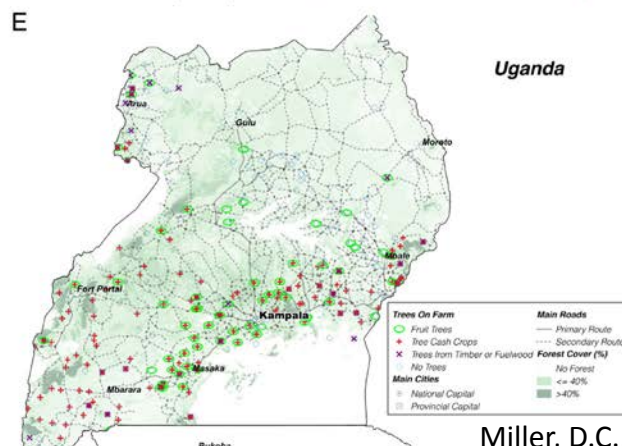
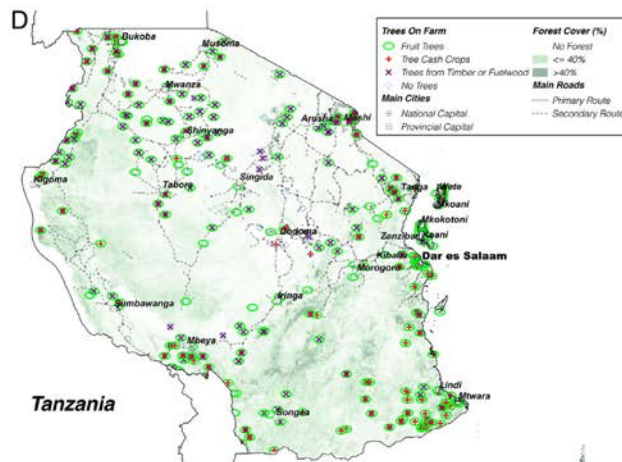
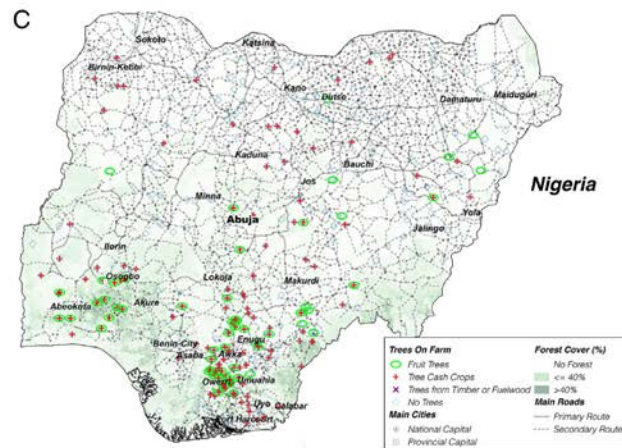
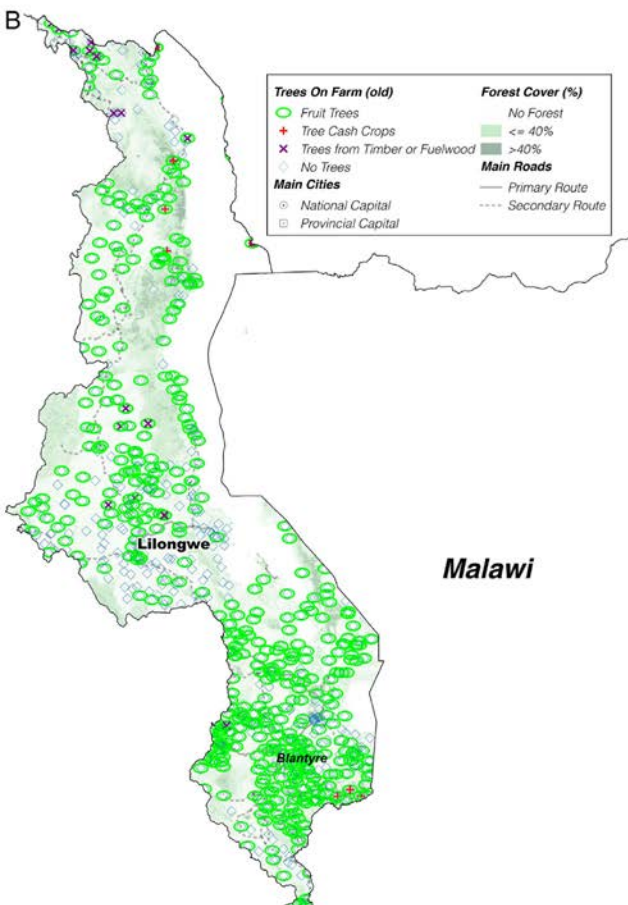
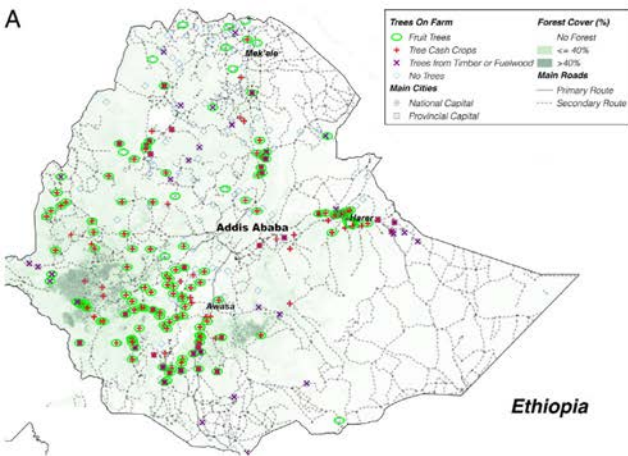
# The economy of mixed systems

The economic benefits of agroforestry accrue to smallholders through

- increased on-farm profitability
- higher and more diversified income flows from the sale of agroforestry products and services
- once lesser-known agricultural products have rapidly emerged from obscurity to become globally known, high value crops demanded at home and abroad
- capacity to invest their scarce productive assets in more intensive production systems

Prabhu et al. 2015 Agroforestry: Realizing the promise of an agroecological approach

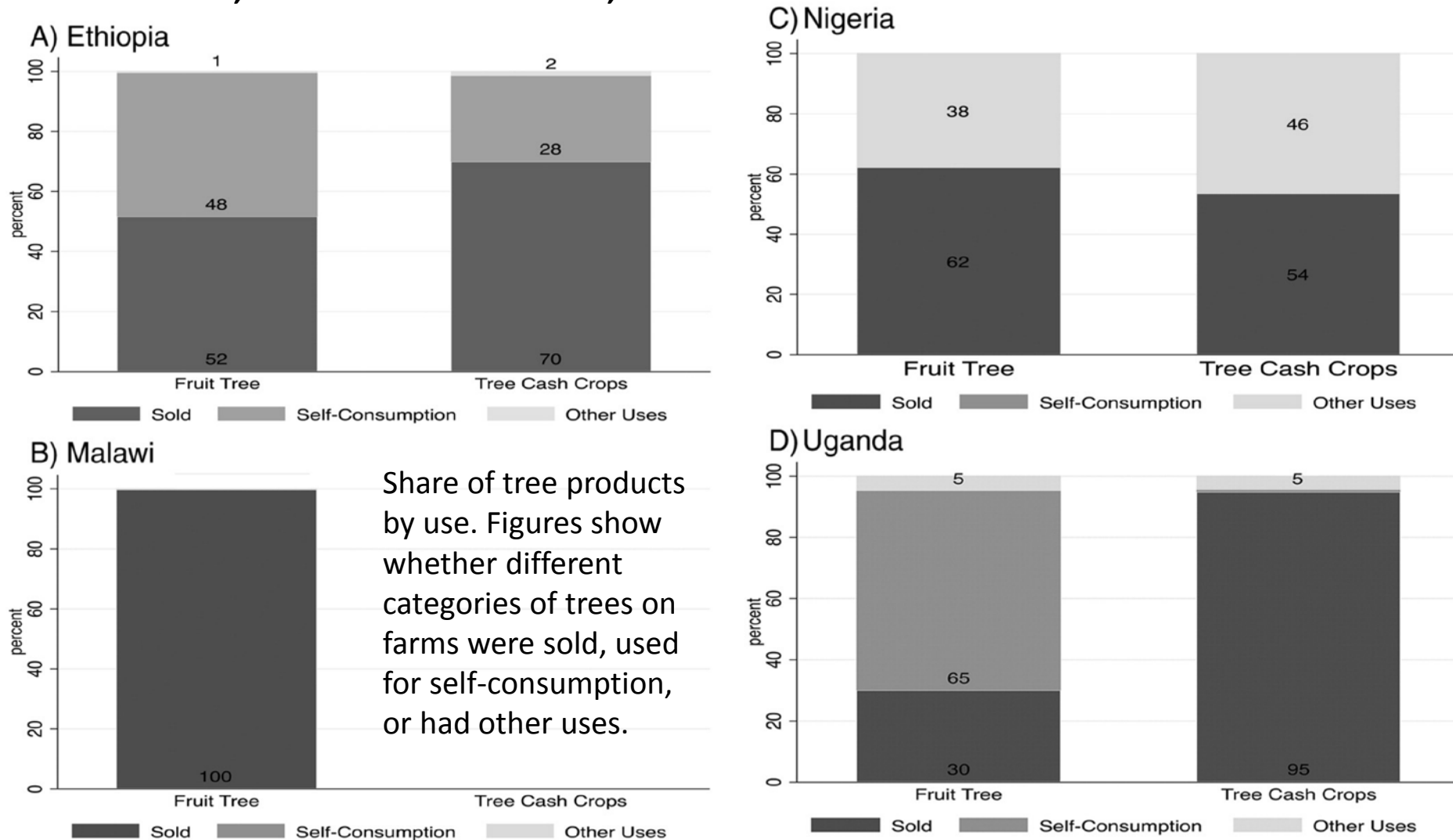




# Prevalence, Economic Contribution, and Determinants of Trees on Farms across Sub-Saharan Africa

- Trees on farms are widespread.
- On average, almost a third of rural smallholders grow trees.

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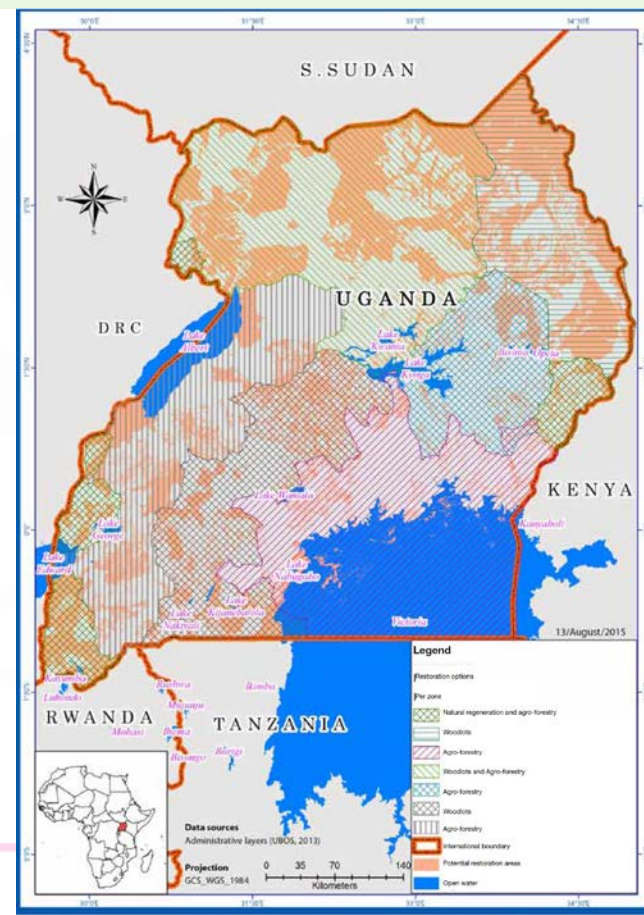
- **Trees account for an average of 17% of total annual gross income for tree-growing households and 6% for all rural households**

Table 14: Results from Cost Benefit Analysis of Restoration Activities in Uganda

	Agroforestry		Woodlots		Natural regeneration	
Discount Rate	10%	16%	10%	16%	10%	16%
	Value (UGX/Ha)	Value (UGX/Ha)	Value (UGX/Ha)	Value (UGX/Ha)	Value (UGX)	Value (UGX)
Present Value of Costs	1,274,893	908,642	5,377,609	3,567,785	94,269	61,772
Present Value of Benefits	17,334,162	8,135,547	7,993,122	4,502,454	2,967,154	1,542,919
NPV	16,059,269	7,226,905	2,615,513	934,669	2,872,885	1,481,147
Benefit Cost Ratio	13.60	8.95	1.49	1.26	31.48	24.98

**Cost-benefit analyses are made as part of some ROAM planning exercises, here shown for Uganda**

**All restoration interventions** (agroforestry, woodlots and natural regeneration) **have positive benefit cost ratios** with natural regeneration being highest, agroforestry second and woodlots lowest.





However, the **revenue of natural regeneration is solely dependent on assumed payment for environmental services** of carbon sequestration and watershed protection

*Table 13 Enterprise Budget for Agroforestry, Woodlots, and Natural Regeneration*

	Agroforestry	Woodlots	Natural regeneration
	Value (UGX/Ha)	Value (UGX /Ha)	Value (UGXha)
<b>Variable costs</b>			
Pruning	20,000	50,000	-
Seedlings	50,000	555,500	-
Planting	10,000	222,200	-
Thinning	-	300,000	-
Timber harvest	3,000,000	6,000,000	-
<b>Fixed costs</b>			
Site preparation	300,000	300,000	-
Weeding	60,000	360,000	-
Protection/Patrolling	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Revenue</b>			
Crop yields	1,250,000	-	
Timber	35,000,000	10,500,000	
Firewood	200,000	400,000	100,000
Firewood from second thinning	-	400,000	
Firewood from third thinning	-	10,800,000	
Above ground biomass carbon	840,000	1,680,000	1,680,000
Belowground biomass carbon	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Watershed protection (quantity and quality)	346,000	346,000	346,000



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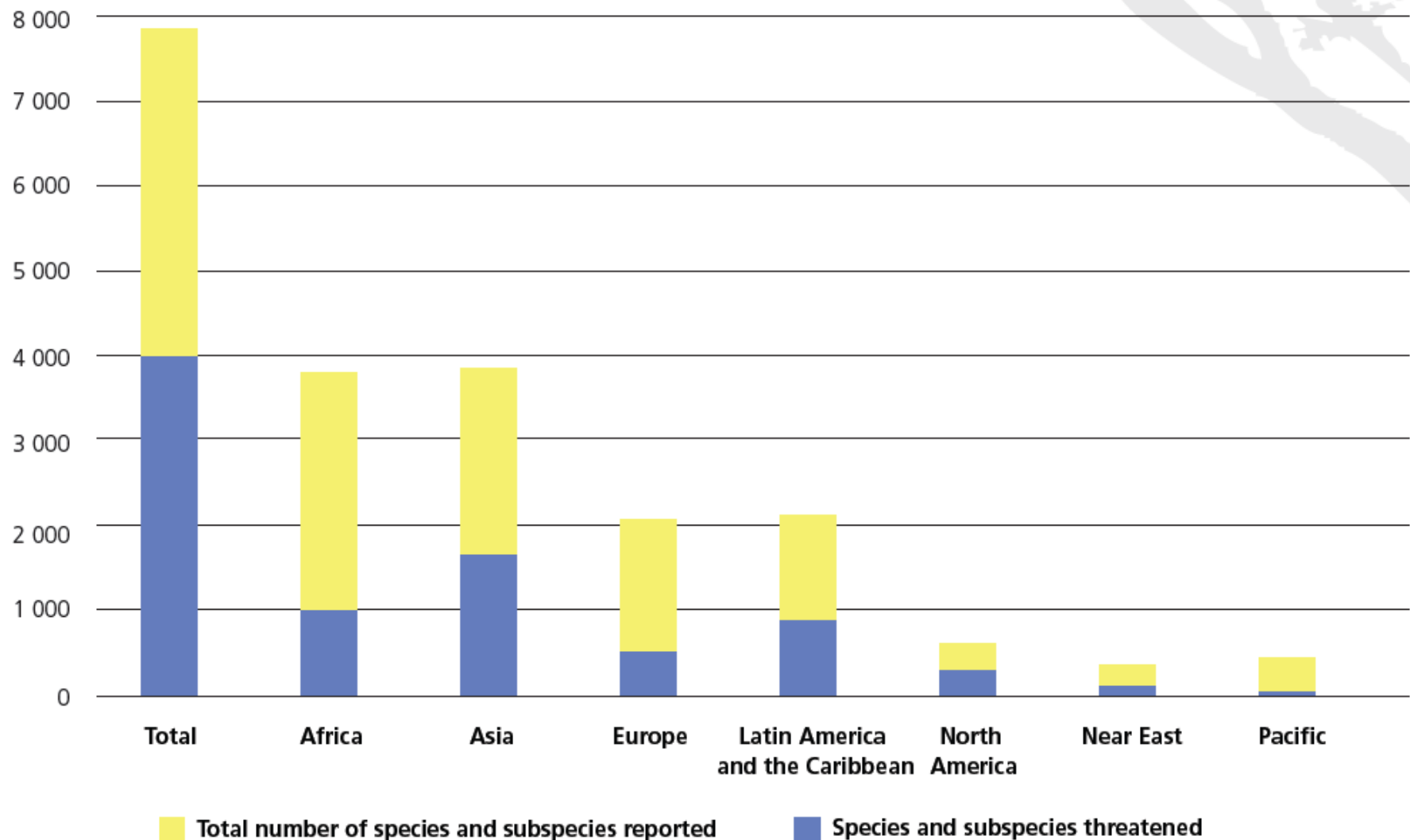
A 'back of the envelope' estimate based on the case of Ethiopia

- Restoration applying a mix of planting, direct sowing and natural regeneration will require some 250-1000 tons of seed per million ha.
- At country level a typical range of species will be in the order of 10-20 species
- At global level this may increase to several hundreds of species and **in the order of billions of tons of seed**, not to forget large amounts of vegetative material

# Tree species diversity and within species variation and selection

- Some 70,000 woody species exist (50,000-100,000)
- Around 8,000 are mentioned in SoW FGR (2014)
- Some 2,400 are reported as actively managed
- Around 3,000 are of known value in agroforestry
- Around 700 are included in tree improvement programmes
- Genetic level information is available for 500-600 species; 240 are included in biotechnology research
- Very few are intensively bred
- Conservation **status of the genetic resources of most species are not well known**

FAO 2014 SoW FGR 2014



**About half of the nearly 8000 species in SoW FGR are reported as threatened**



# Estimating the global conservation status of more than 15,000 Amazonian tree species

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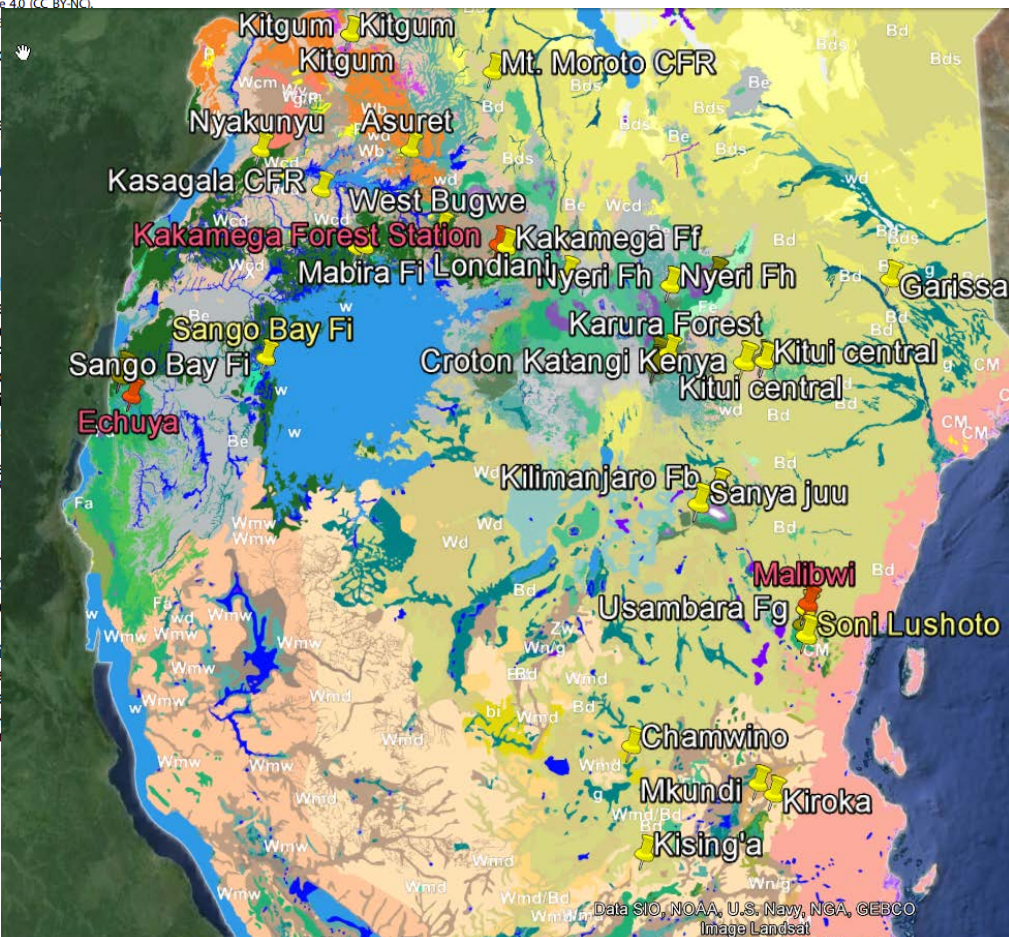
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*Croton megalocarpus* (NTSC collaboration Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania)

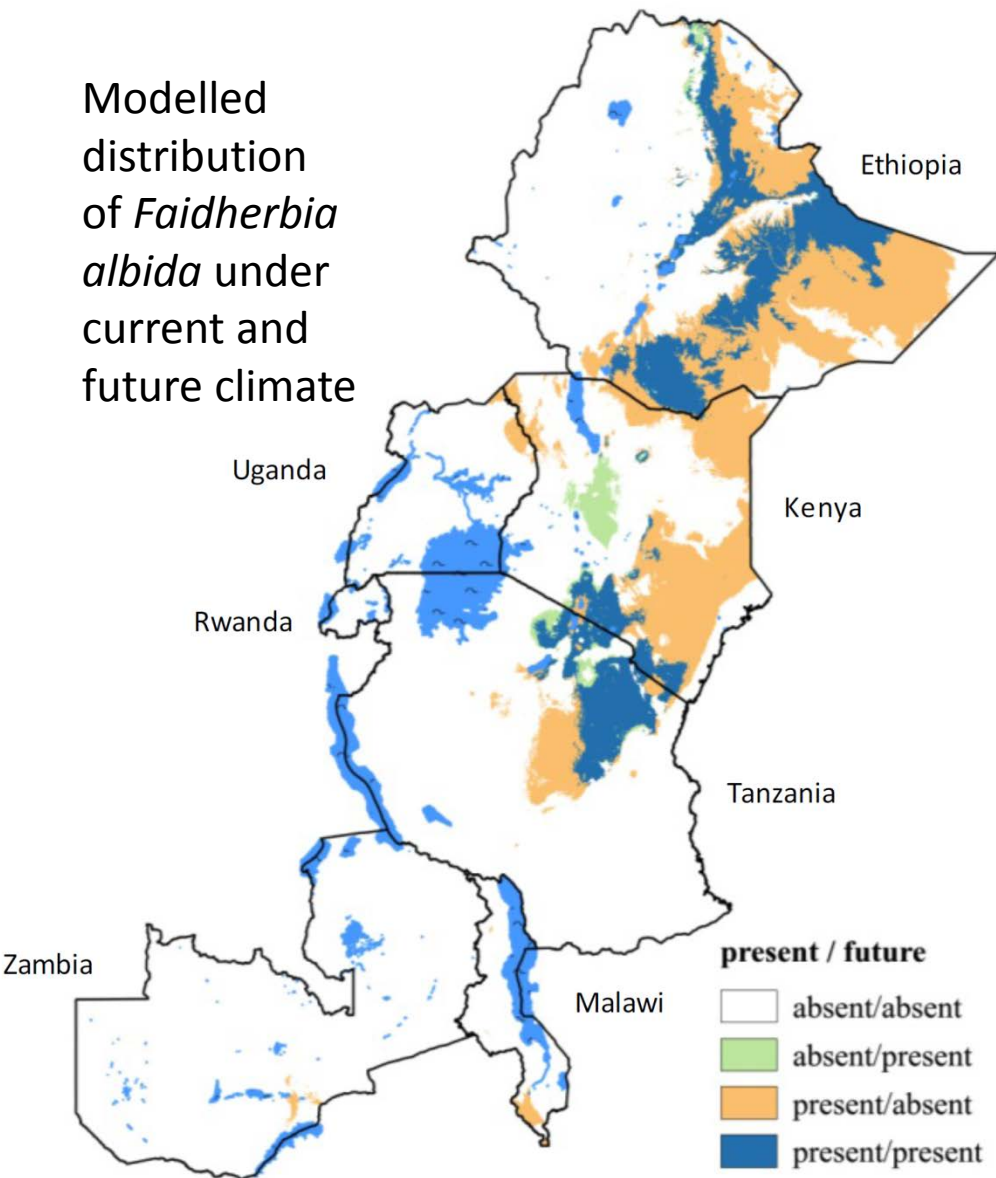
**Yellow:** Rangewide exploration/collection (> 20 mother trees x > 20 sites)

**Red:** Testing in 3 (BSOs) at 3 sites (High/wet, Low/wet, Low/dry)

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# Domestication and productivity in changing climates and to diversify production

Modelled distribution of *Faidherbia albida* under current and future climate

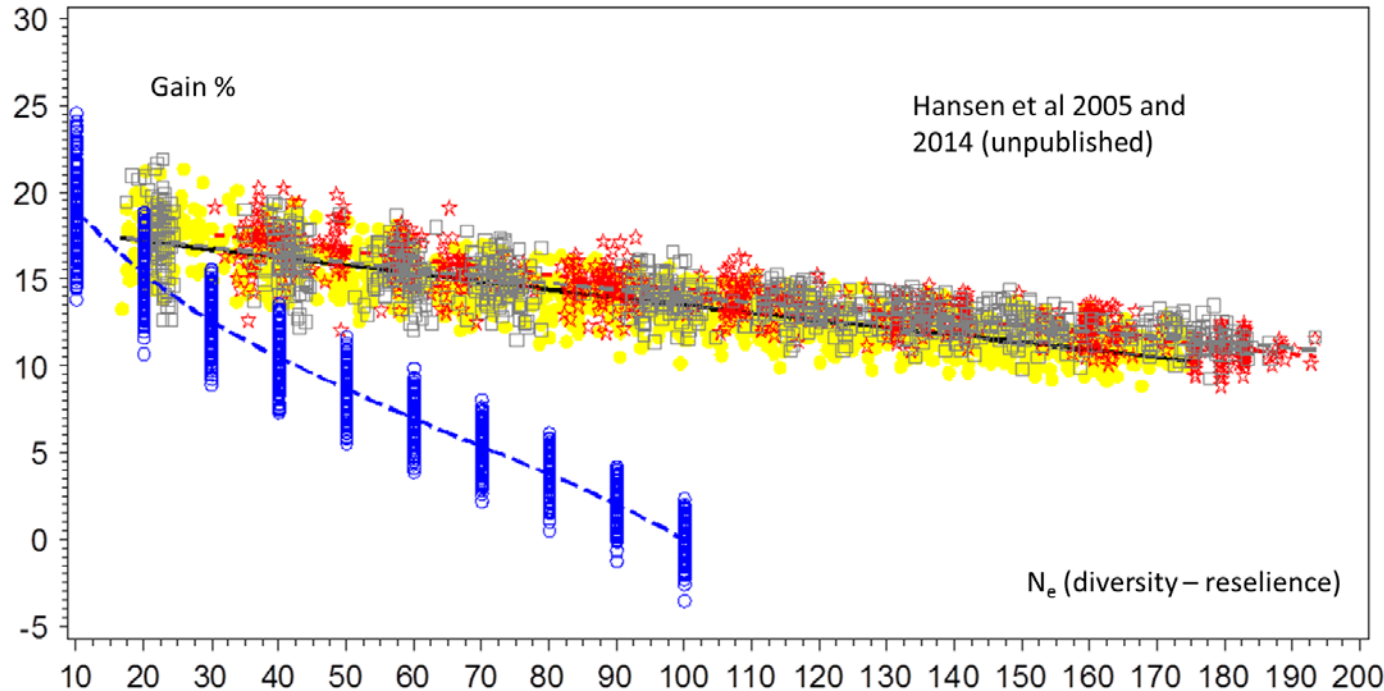
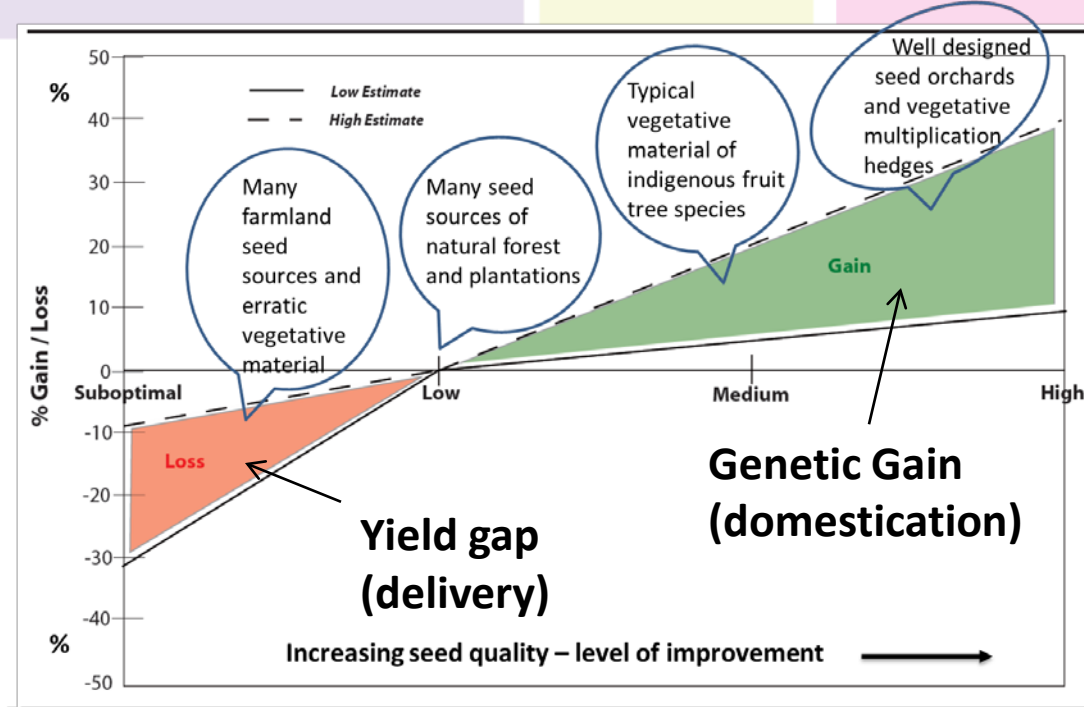


- Distribution and recommendation domains may change as a result of climate change (van Breugel et al 2011, cf. Dawson et al. 2014)
- Modelled for 1000+ species – more underway (Kindt et al, 2014)
- A challenge of domestication is to increase productivity and adaptability at the same time while exploring the resource **before it disappears**
- We know how to do it (Graudal et al 2014a)



# Traditional and novel approaches to breeding for productivity and resilience

- Realized gains can be huge (Foster et al. 1995, Graudal et al. 2014b)
- Fast-track knowledge and materials: BSOs, Quasi field trials, genomic tools and low-input breeding (Hansen & McKinney 2010, Kjær et al. 2006)



- Traditional perception of breeding
- Low input – high diversity
- Mobilisation of genetic resources, conservation, breeding, adaptability and deployment combined provides a solution

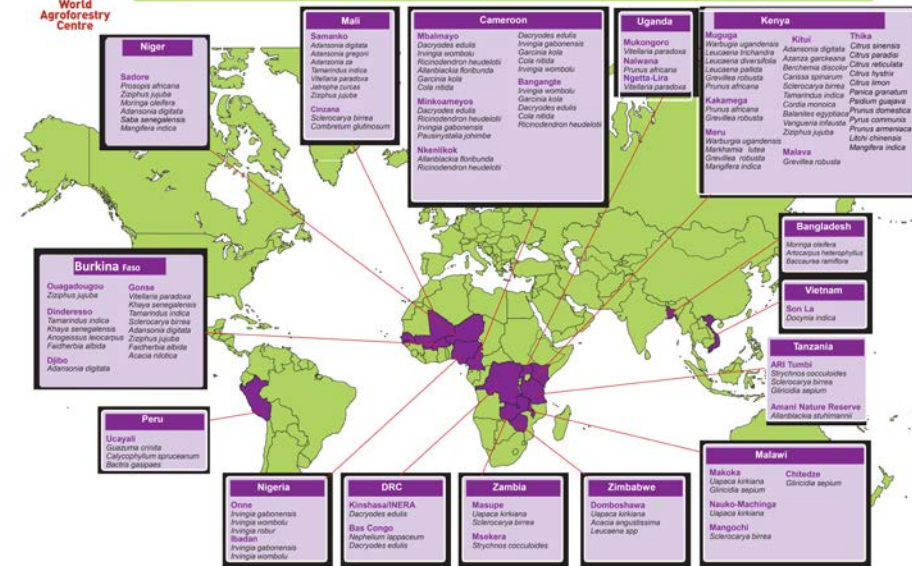


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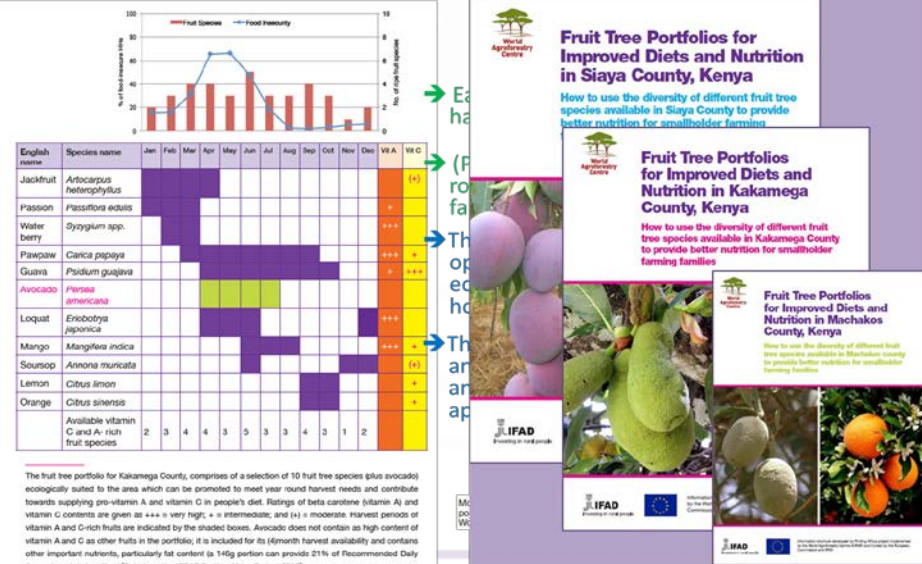
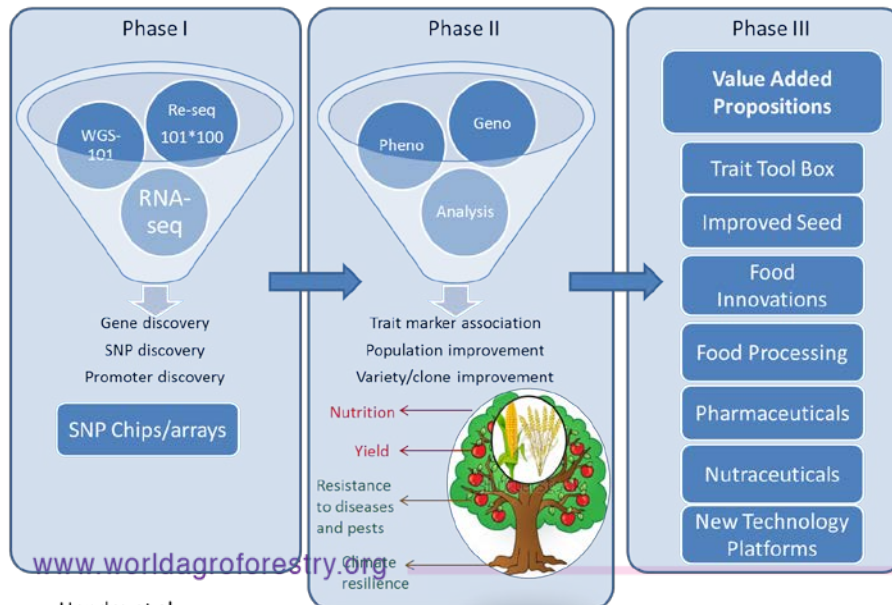
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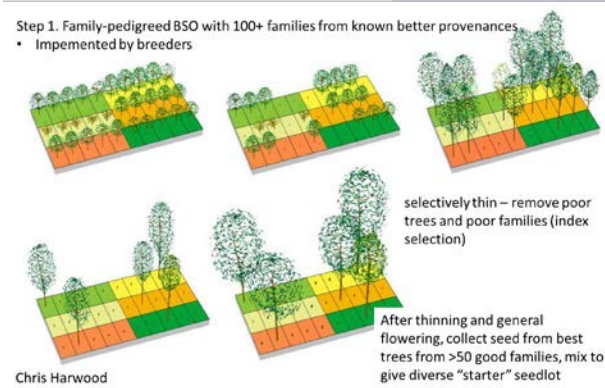


soil fertility      carbon      erosion      watershed      shade      biodiversity



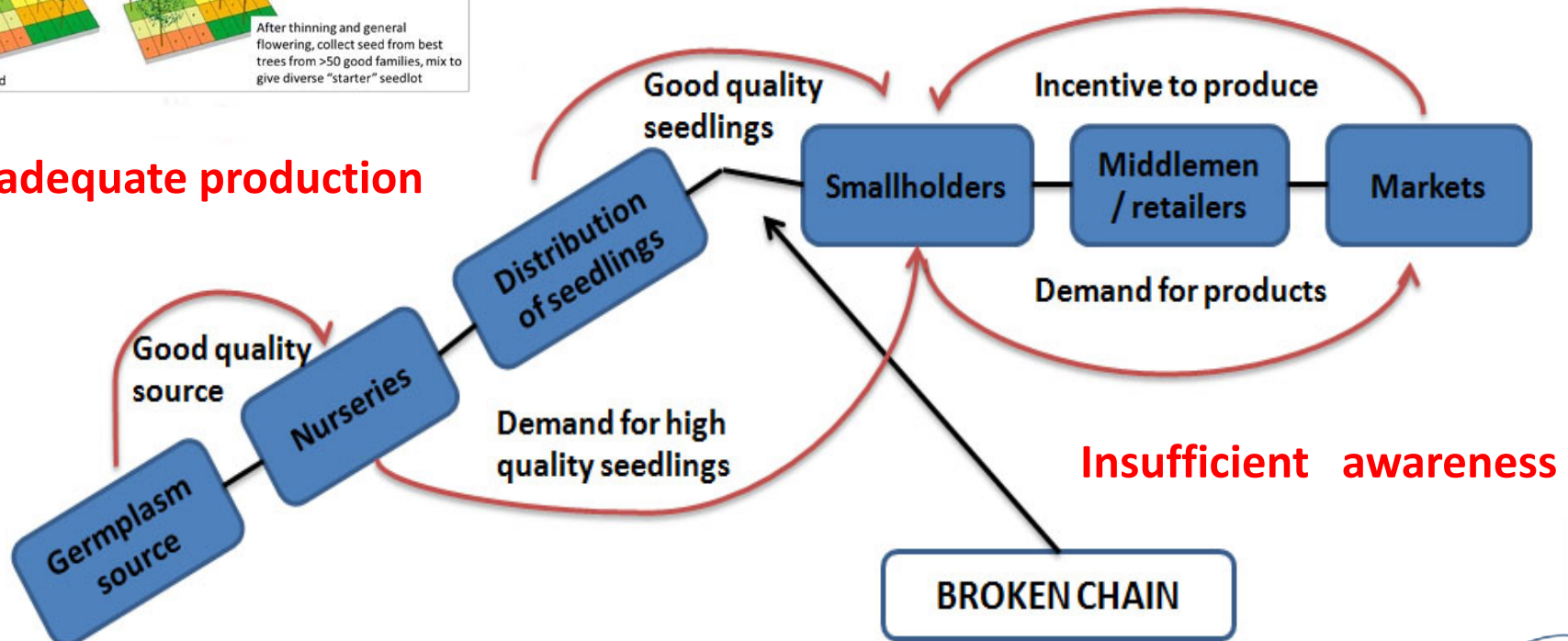
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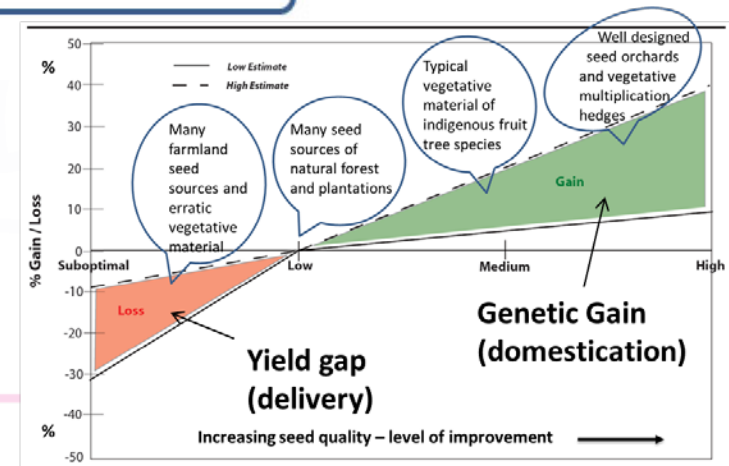


# Major bottlenecks in input supply and demand with a broken chain of availability information and value

## Inadequate production



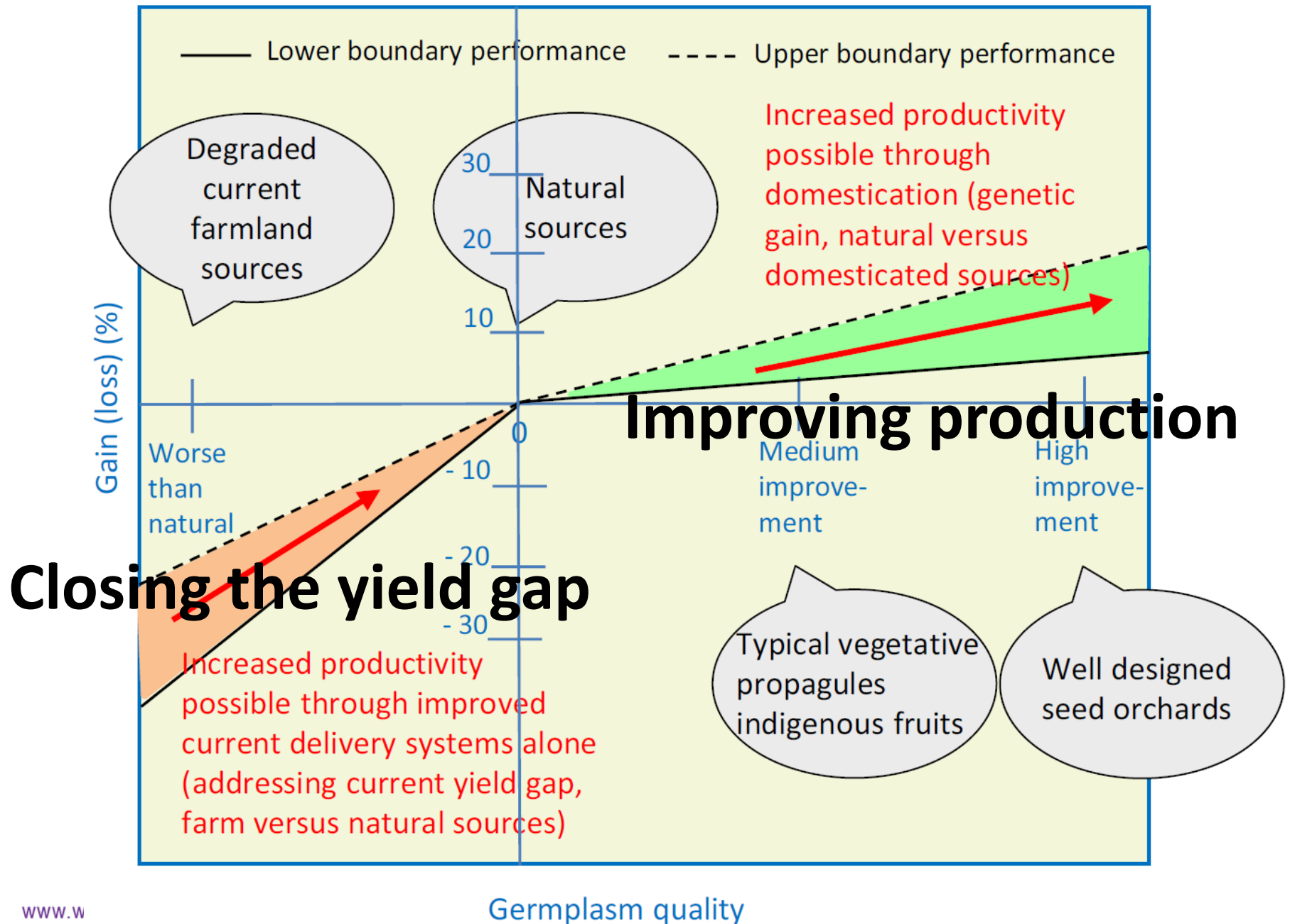
- Smallholders must know that “high quality” seedlings perform better than alternatives – need results from comparative trials.
- Supply chain for “high quality” seedlings must be financed



# Specific challenges with respect to reproductive material


- Innovations in field testing to address multiplicity of species and functions
- Link between domestication/breeding and delivery to enable scaling up
- Efficiency of delivery systems (knowledge, standards, 'trust and traceability')





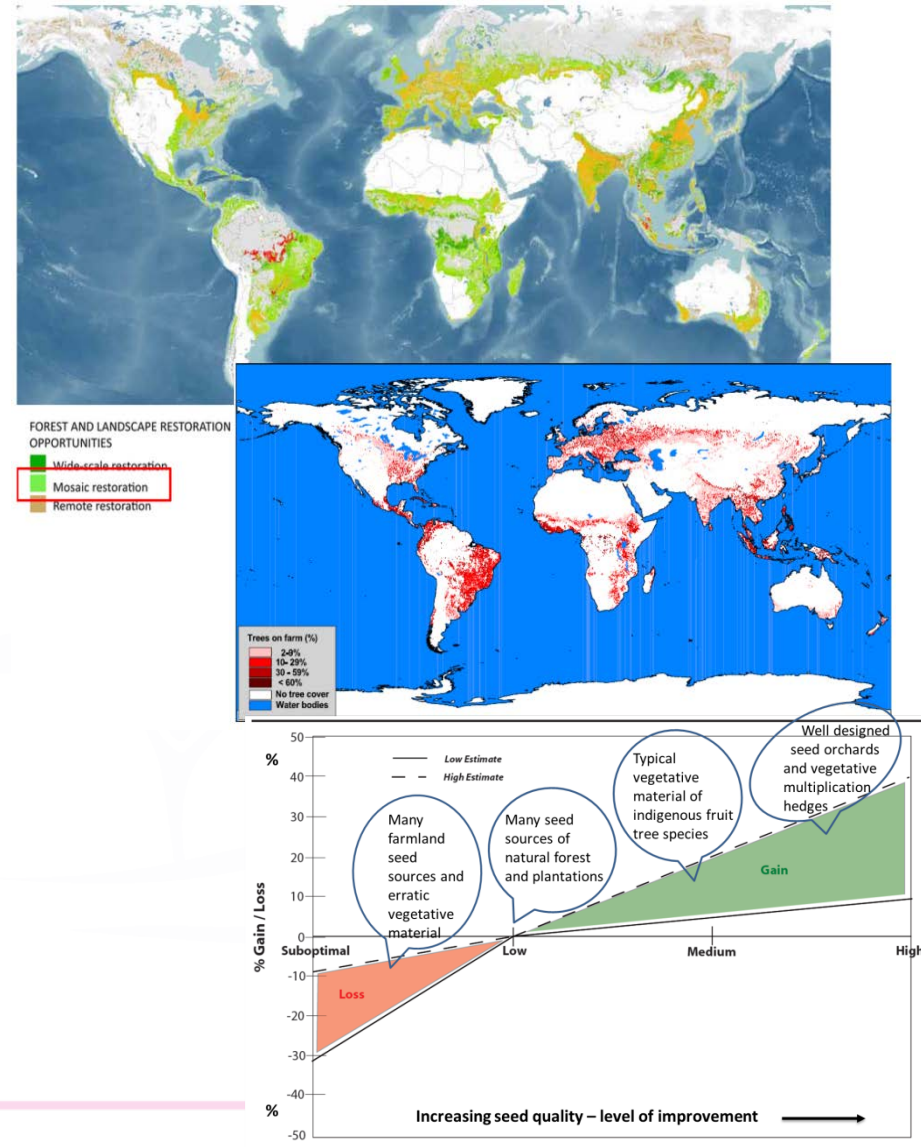


# Impact: Enhancing productivity and resilience of FLR in Ethiopia

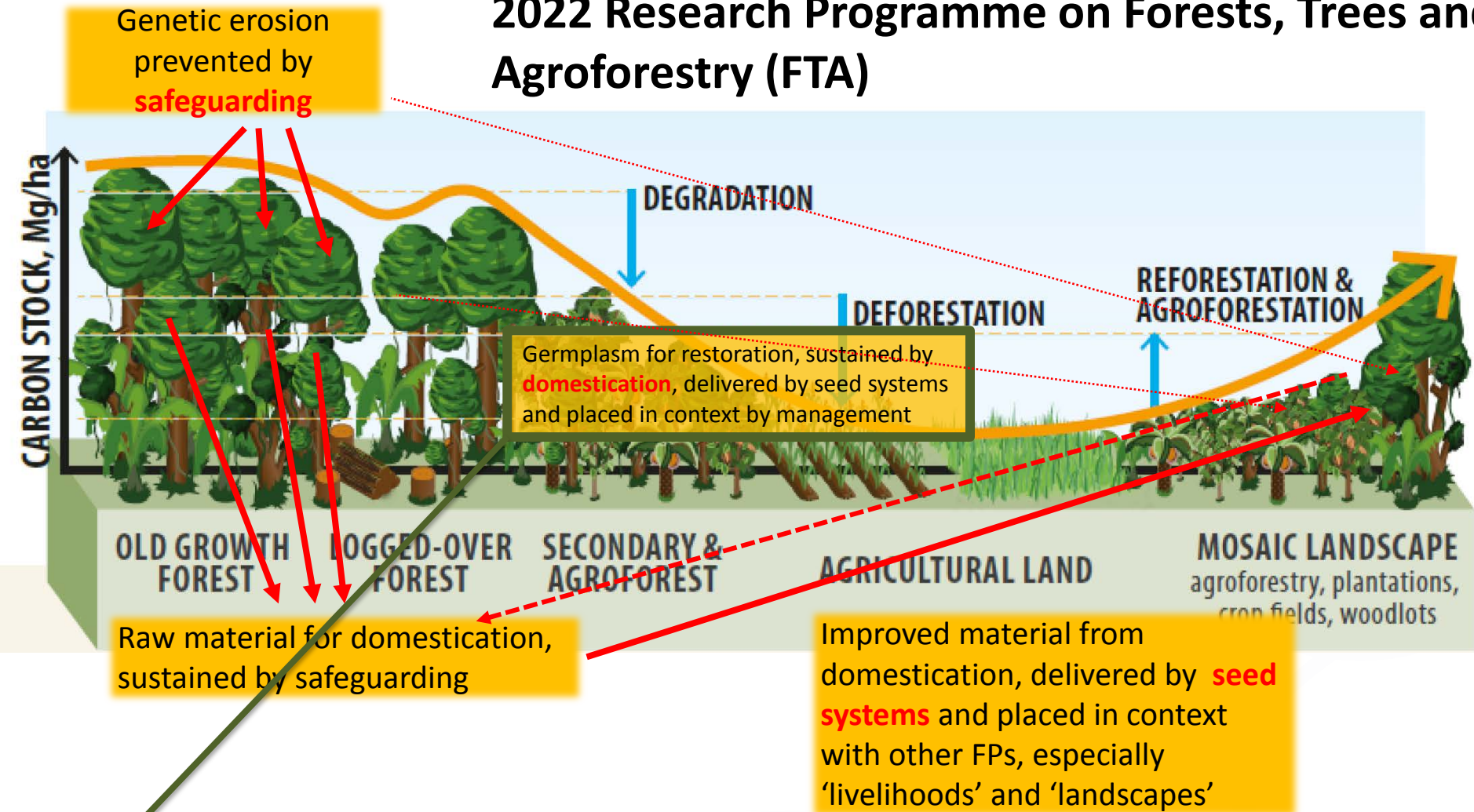
- 20 million ha of FLR in 20 years
- Cost of planting material alone > 3.3 billion US\$ (around 70 billion birr)
- Investment in more productive and resilient material 5% 
- Benefit 60% **higher productivity** of **more diverse (resilient) material** and more diverse production
- Based on a catalytic investment in this programme of less than 0.2%

# Conclusions: FLR and the integration of trees in agricultural landscapes

- Agroforestry and trees in mosaic agricultural landscapes can be among the **major tools to achieve large scale restoration**
  - The environmental and economic benefits are huge but needs to be better quantified and documented
- Proper **context matching at species and genetic level** can be considered **a necessary condition** (but of course not a sufficient one in itself) to achieve the ambitions of the Bonn Challenge and other international commitments, like e.g. SDGs 2, 13 and 15
  - **Mobilization of the 'biodiversity' resource** (species and genetic) to achieve this is **critical and a matter of urgency** to avoid serious losses of this resource



# FLR is therefore high priority in the CGIAR 2017-2022 Research Programme on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA)



- In the new FTA flagship on tree genetic resources 2017-2022, **restoration** is a major priority area



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