

AGROFORESTRY FOR NOURISHING LIVELIHOODS AND LANDSCAPES

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Role of Agroforestry in Poverty Alleviation for All*



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staff in 33 countries

+2,200

projects completed in 92 countries

+190

Active partnerships

25,000

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RESEARCH PROGRAM ON Forests, Trees and Agroforestry



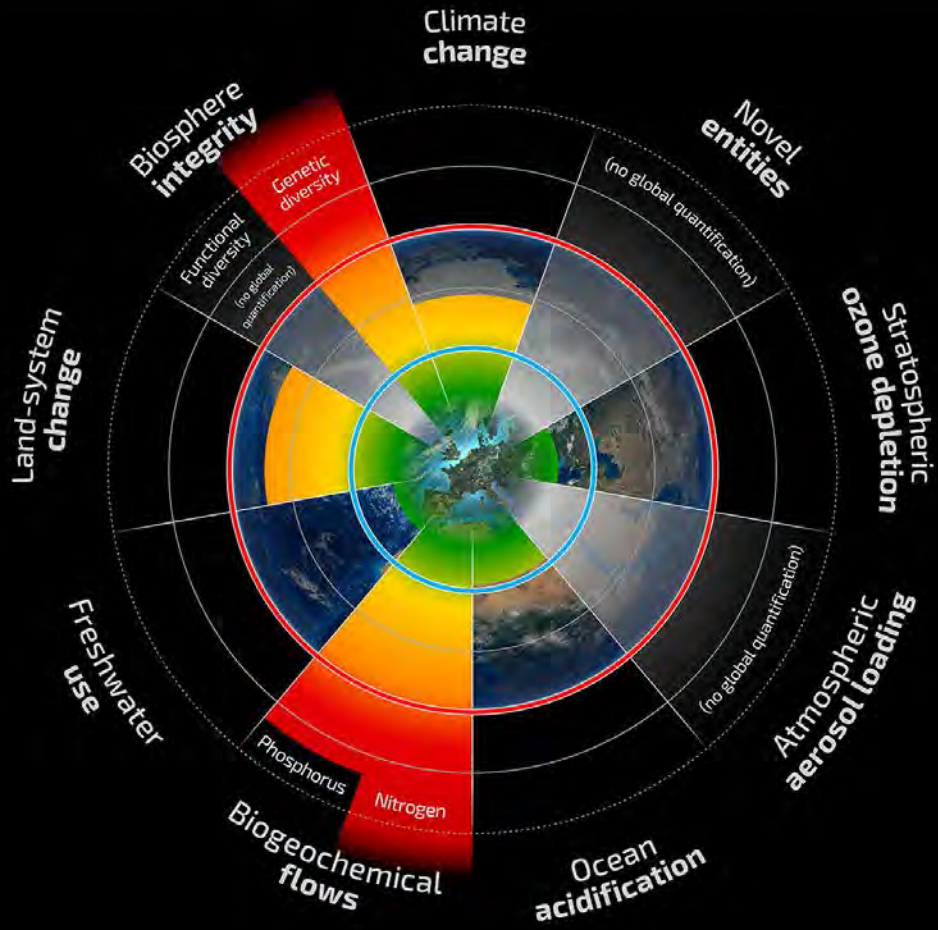
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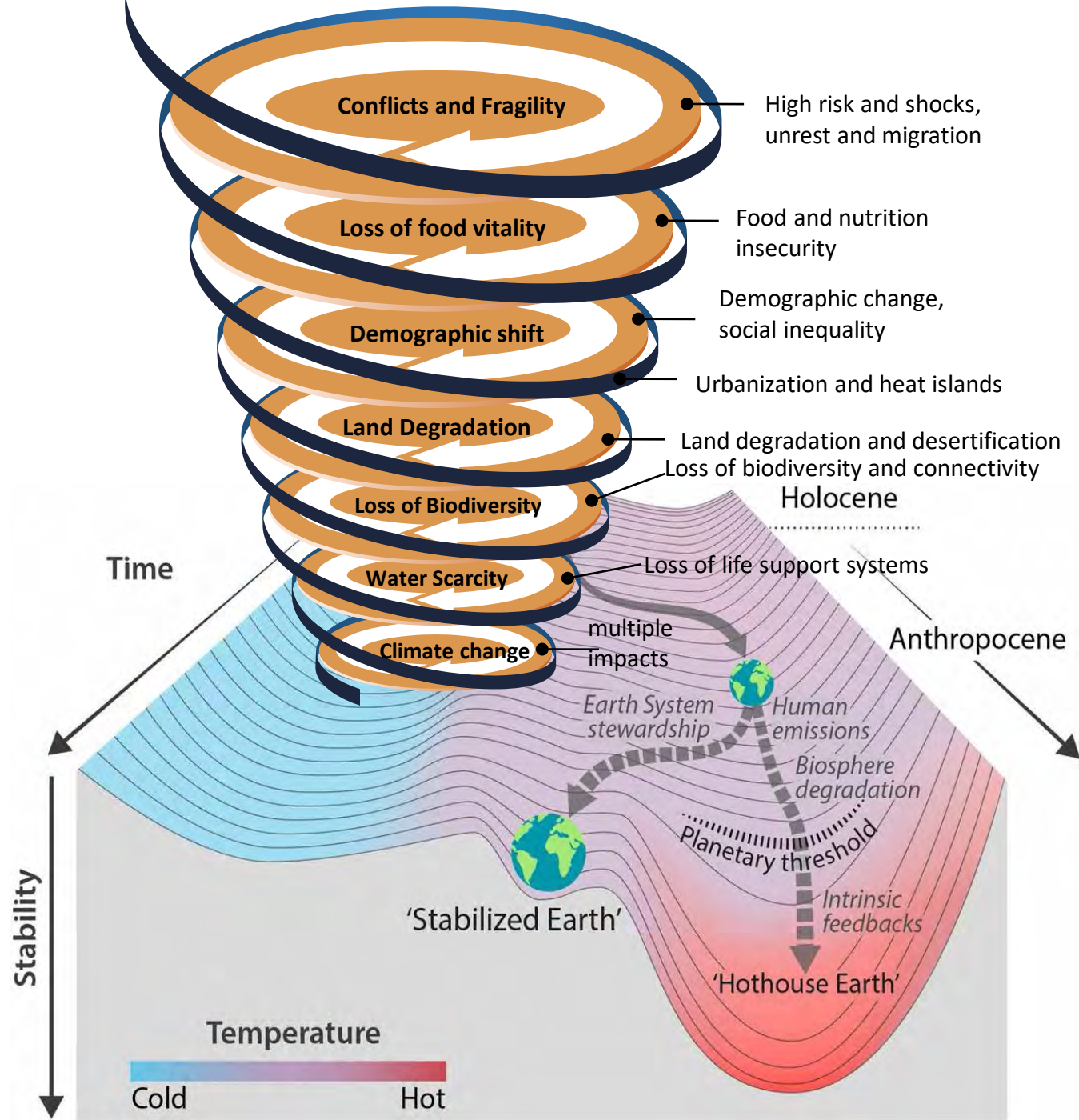
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Planetary Boundaries

A safe operating space for humanity



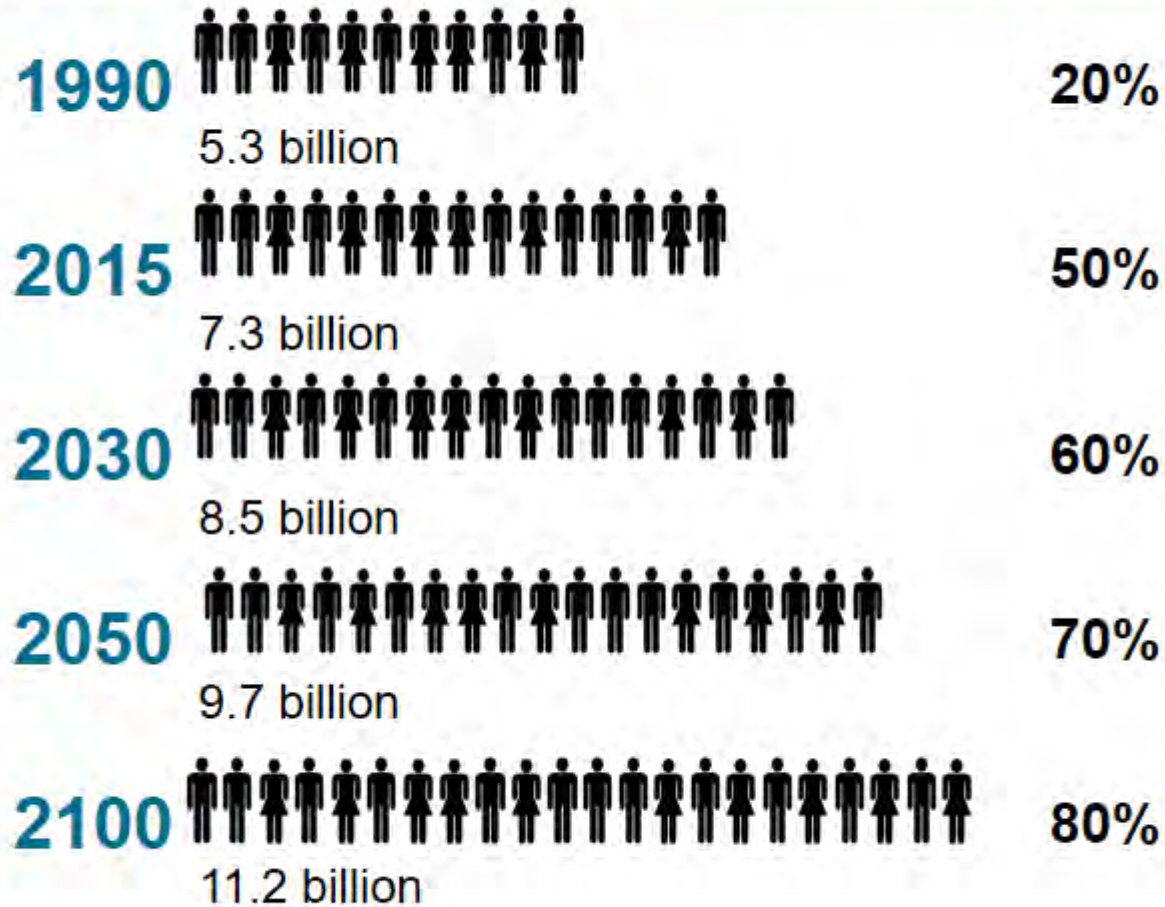
- Beyond zone of uncertainty (high risk)
- In zone of uncertainty (increasing risk)
- Below boundary (safe)
- Boundary not yet quantified



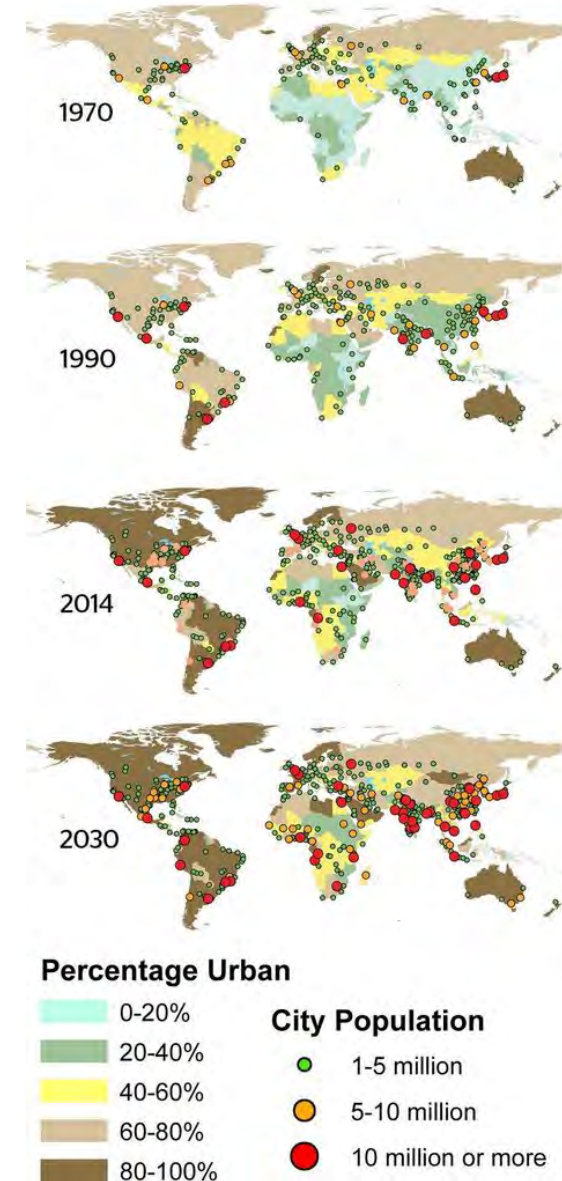
Source: Trajectories of the Earth System in the Anthropocene

Changing diets and demographics

World Population & Urbanization

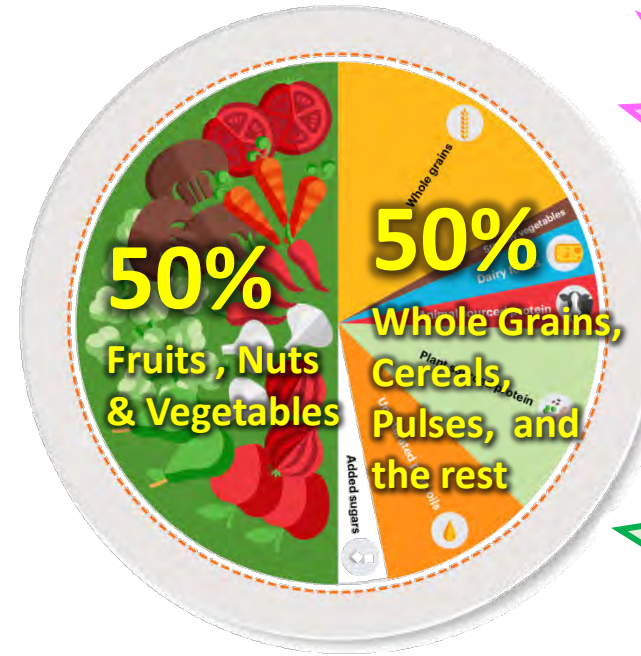
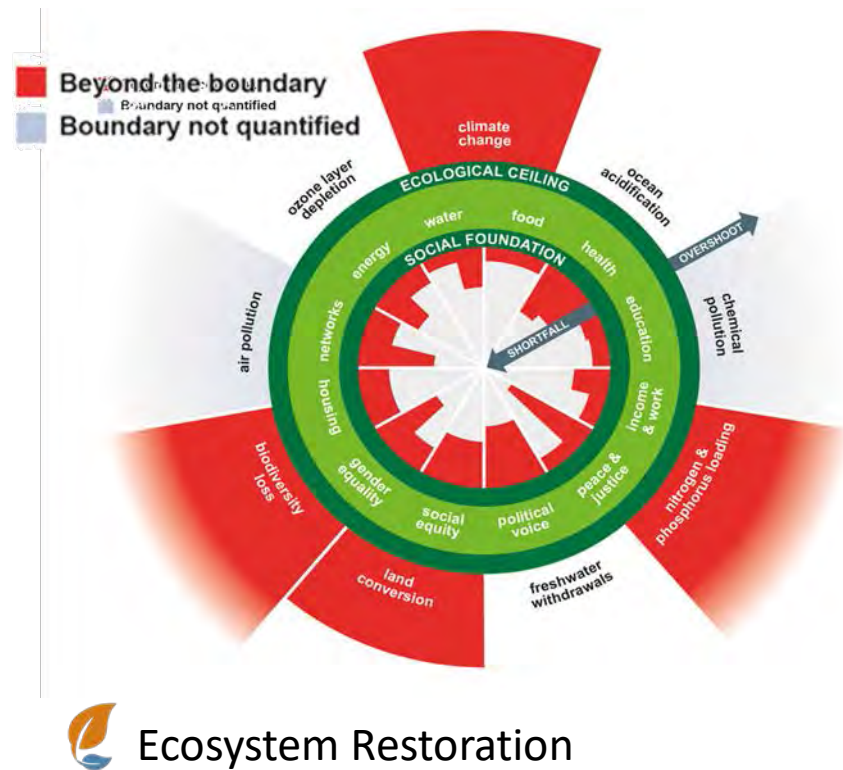


Source: United Nations



Crossroads of System Transformation

We cannot continue our current trajectory of **production systems in the way we grow, consume and dispose off** at the **unsustainable cost** to natural resources, the environment, human and planetary health.



Nature +ve Food System Transformation

Restoring functional productivity for health and climate resilience

EAT Lancet Recommendation

Balanced Agroecosystems for Balanced Diets and Better Health



What you eat you become and serve



GROW



right



Health is a state of complete **wellness** in physically, mentally, socially, and **ecologically**

#Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostava 75years of Independence

Mahatma Gandhi's Key to Healthy Diet and Diet Reforms:

Gandhiji limited his diet largely to **raw fruits, nuts, vegetables**, with curd, coarse grains, millets, unpolished rice, leafy vegetables, pulses, neem seeds, jaggery, guava seeds, tamarind, groundnut cake and often steam or boiled vegetables with a hint of salt

EARTH



WATER



AIR



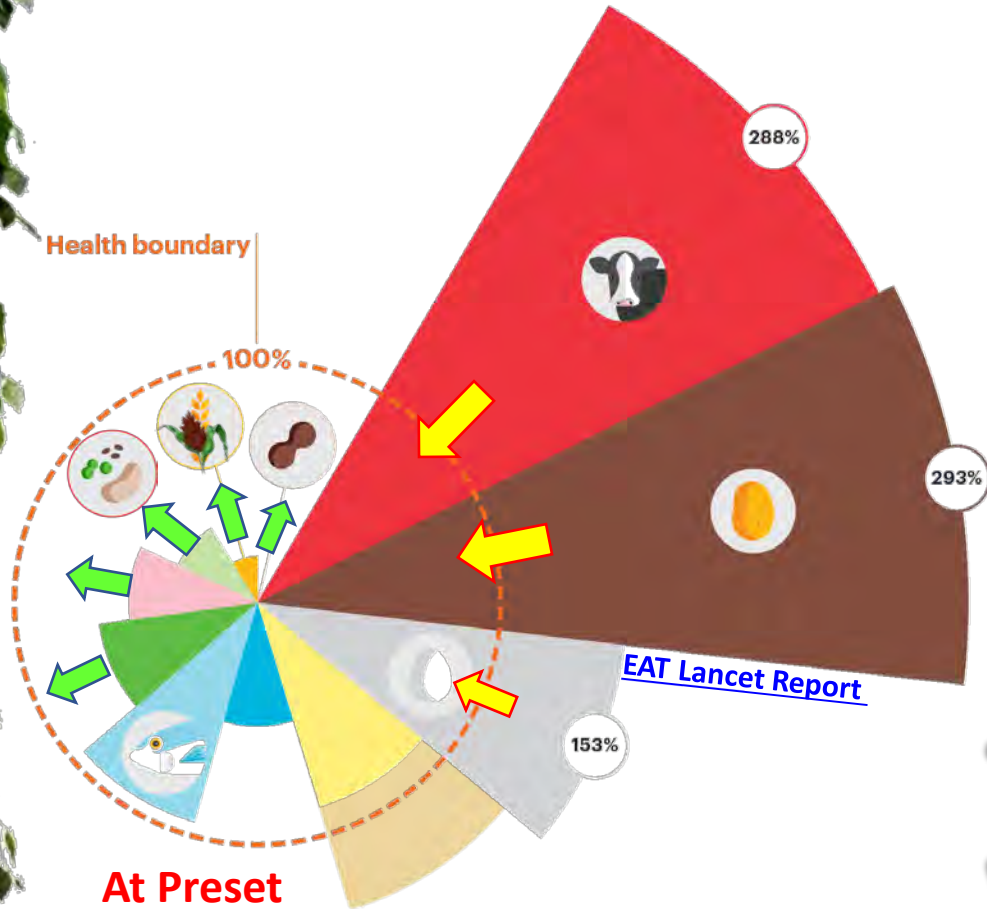
FIRE



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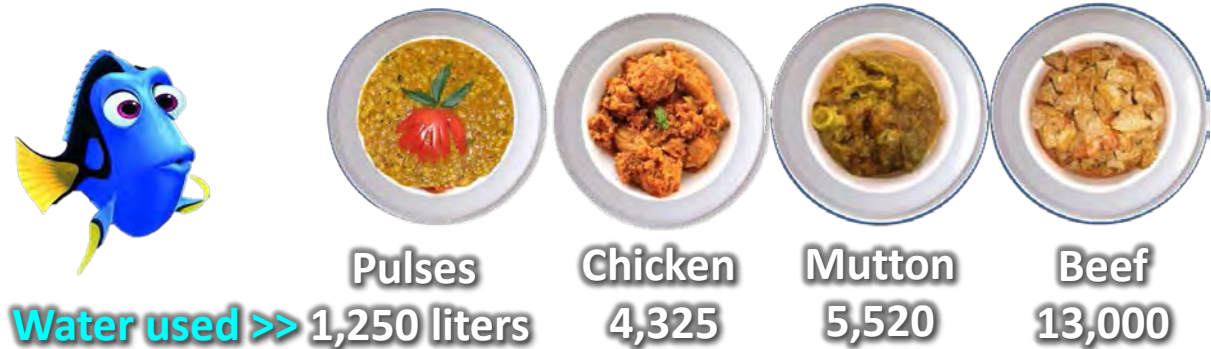


Changing way we grow food, consume >> lifestyle >> for sustainable living and landscapes



Unsustainable Diets and Greed
Are the source of climate crisis

Impact of various diets and water use



There is a need for a paradigm shift from
yield centric to nutrition focus (health)
while using natural resources consciously

“Every 1 gram of carbon absorbs 8 grams of water”

1 tree absorb 21 kg CS

“Every 4 % tree cover absorb 1 degree of heat”

1 tree absorb 12 degree C



Trees are source of resilient Food, Nitration and Livelihoods
Trees based systems are efficient to restore the food system planetary boundary

Tree based intervention play vital role in every SDGs



One Earth < > One Health < > One System



the way we produce, consume & dispose



Functional System is connecting every SGD & CCA

“The health of soil, plant, animal and man is one and indivisible” - Albert Howard, Agricultural Testament, 1940,

Validity from soil to stomach by Anderson J, 2019
 Eat Lancet Commission, Walter et al., 2020
 Ultra processed planet by Soil Association, 2021

*Health of the people, plants, soils, animals, planet

Why Tree Based >>>

trees are the sources of healthy life and planetary health

RAIN MAKER

Source of **cloud nuclei** for condensation, regulate hydrology, save soil and continuum

SAVE SOIL

Humus for Soil life, Reduce surface albedo, feedback loops, carbon sequestration

ONE-HEALTH

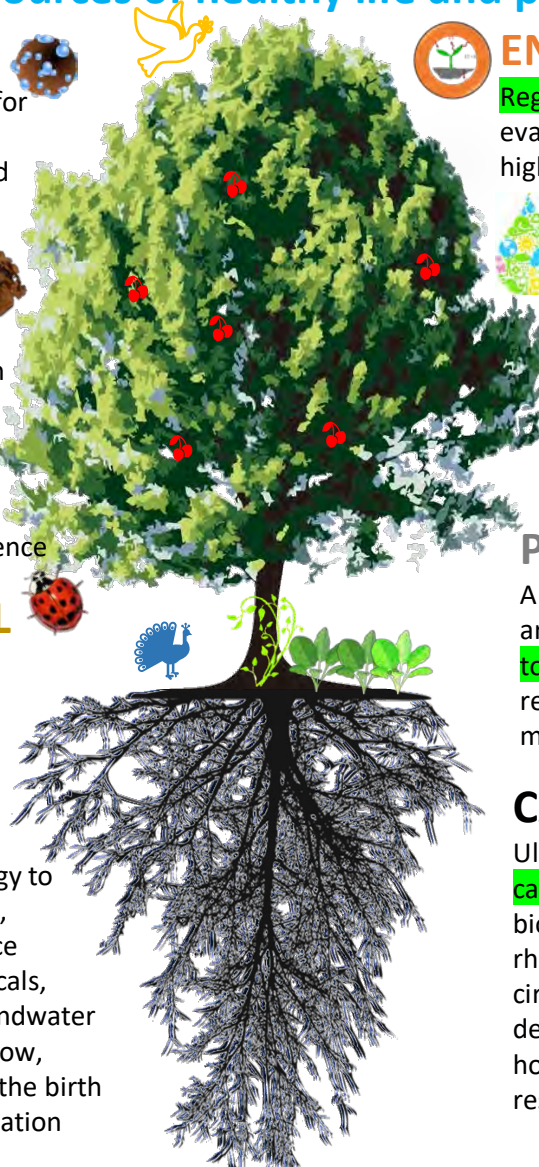
Source of **one-health**, Rejuvenation and resilience

PEST CONTROL

Trap crop for Pest and disease control- provide habitat for beneficial species, low cost IPM

WATER

Most prudent technology to **address the water crisis**, break hard-pan, enhance infiltration, filter chemicals, natural irrigation, groundwater recharge, sub-surface flow, ecosystem restoration, the birth of springs, river rejuvenation



ENERGY BALANCE

Regulates temperature and evapotranspiration, save water, high productivity, global cooling



ELIXIR OF LIFE

Source **food, nutrition**, fodder, fiber, energy, assurance, insurance, carbon credits, ecosystem services, peace of mind, wellbeing for all

PROVIDE SHADE

A single row of trees shade around the farm **sequester a ton** of carbon, Keep soil life rejuvenated, shade is moving, and productive

CARBON

Ultimate low-cost **carbon capture**, about 20% of root biomass, enriched rhizosphere, nutrient circulation from the deep, soil stability, water holding capacity, land resilience to CC

Biradar, 2021

LOW-COST PROVEN TECHNOLOGY TO FIX THE BROKEN FOOD SYSTEM & CLIMATE CRISIS

Finding the remnants of Green Deal

- Indicators of resilience

Ecological
Scaling

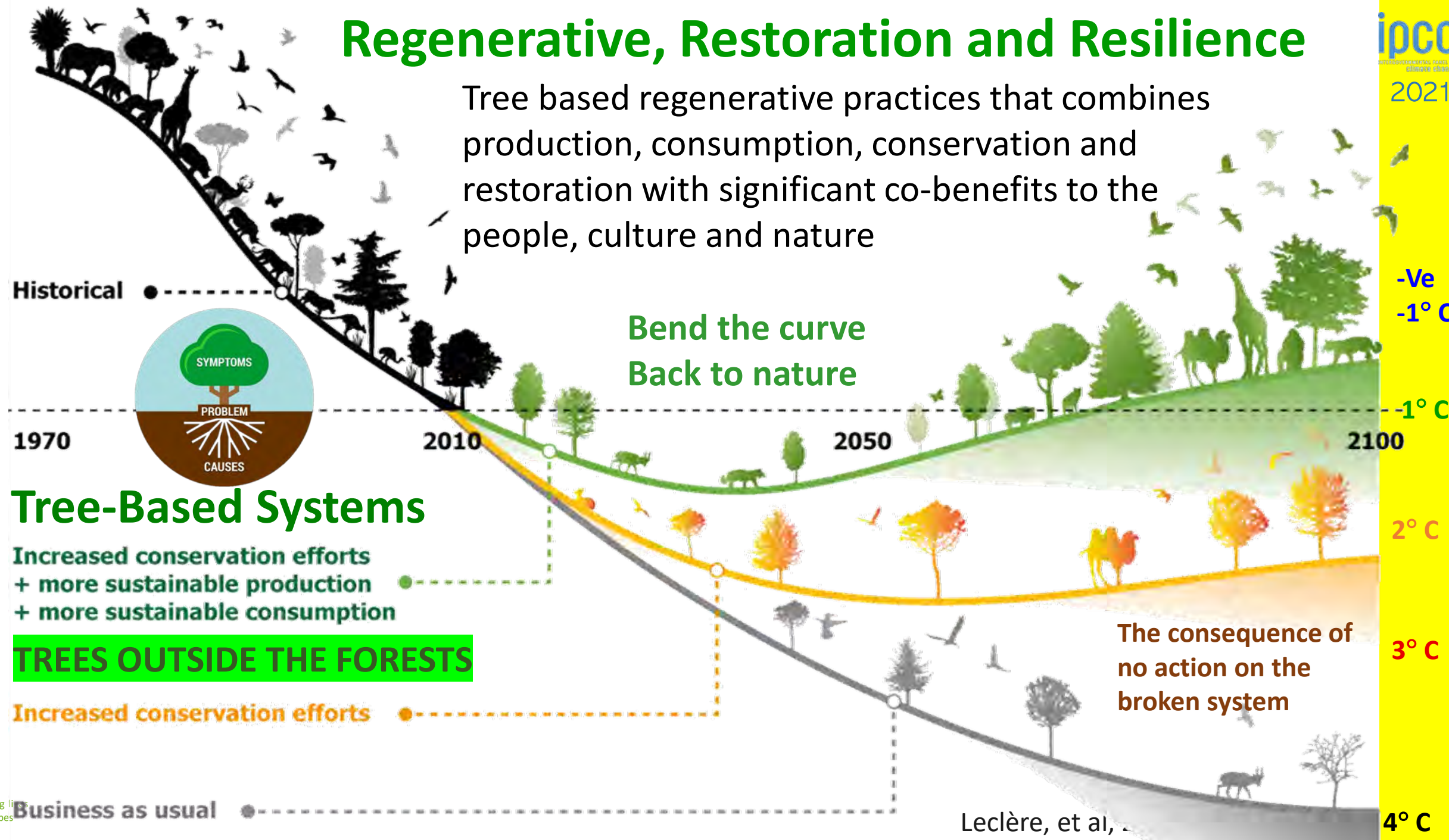


Economic
Scaling



Regenerative, Restoration and Resilience

Tree based regenerative practices that combines production, consumption, conservation and restoration with significant co-benefits to the people, culture and nature



Historical

1970

2010

2050

2100

Tree-Based Systems

Increased conservation efforts
+ more sustainable production
+ more sustainable consumption

TREES OUTSIDE THE FORESTS

Increased conservation efforts

Business as usual

Bend the curve
Back to nature

The consequence of
no action on the
broken system

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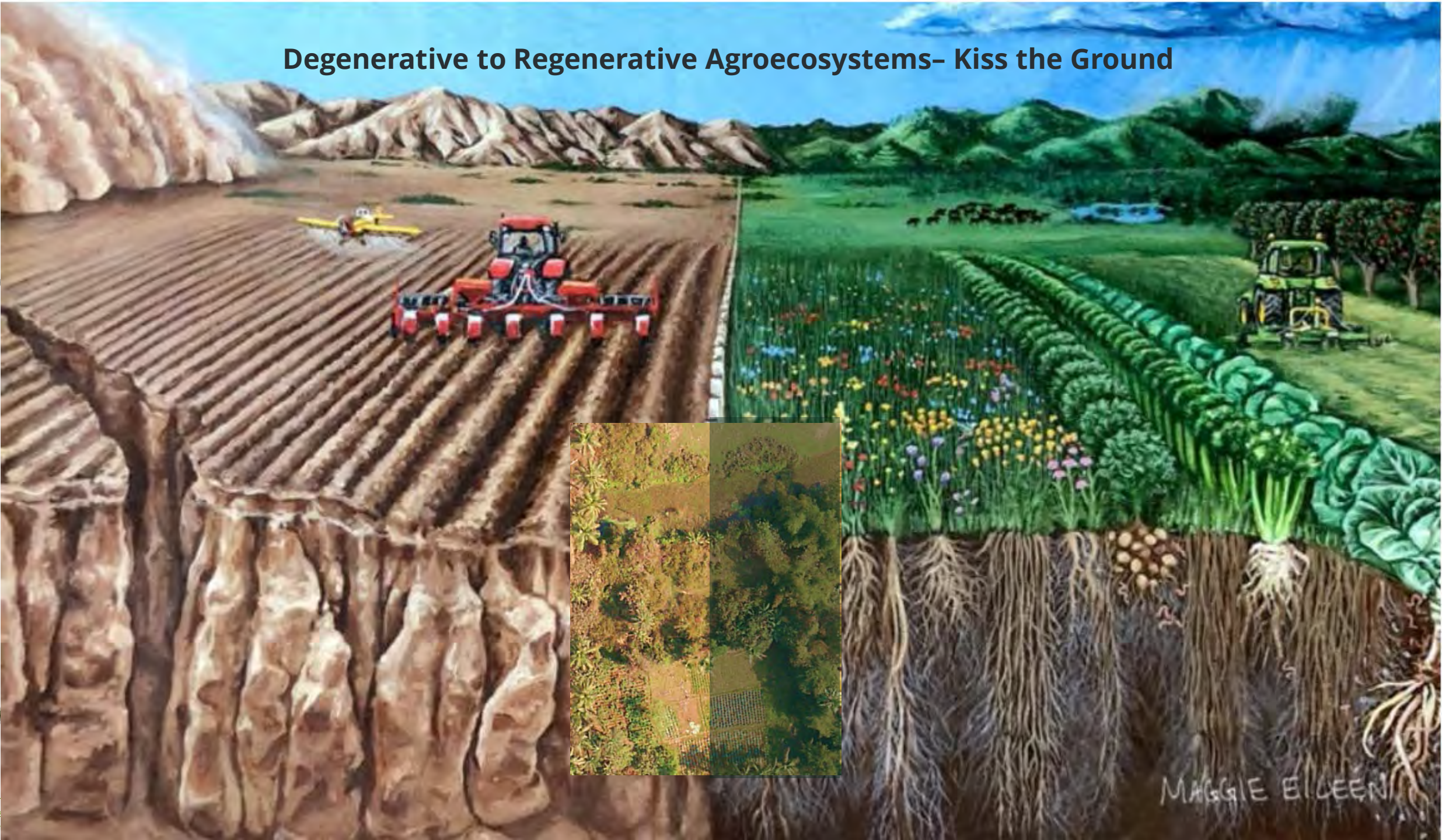
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3°C

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Degenerative to Regenerative Agroecosystems- Kiss the Ground

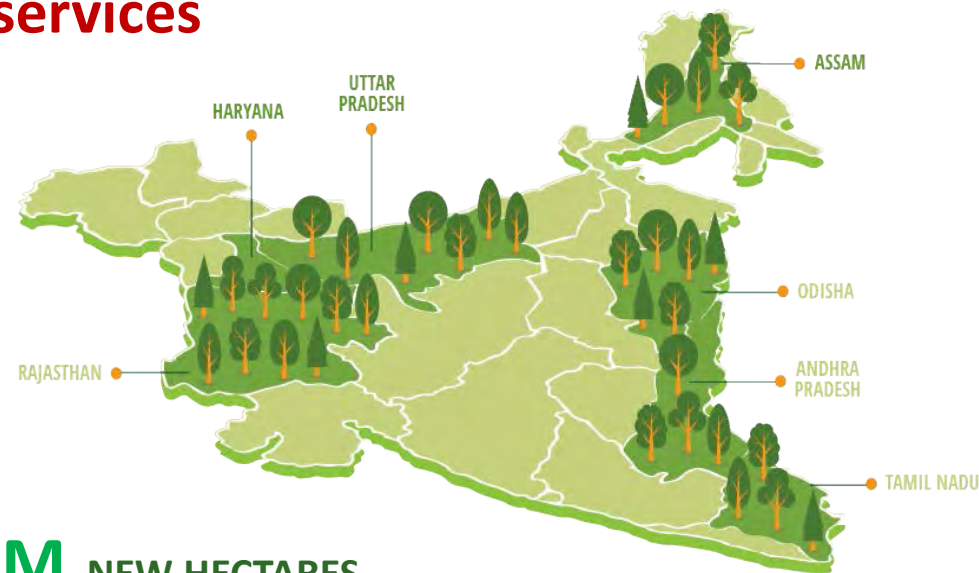
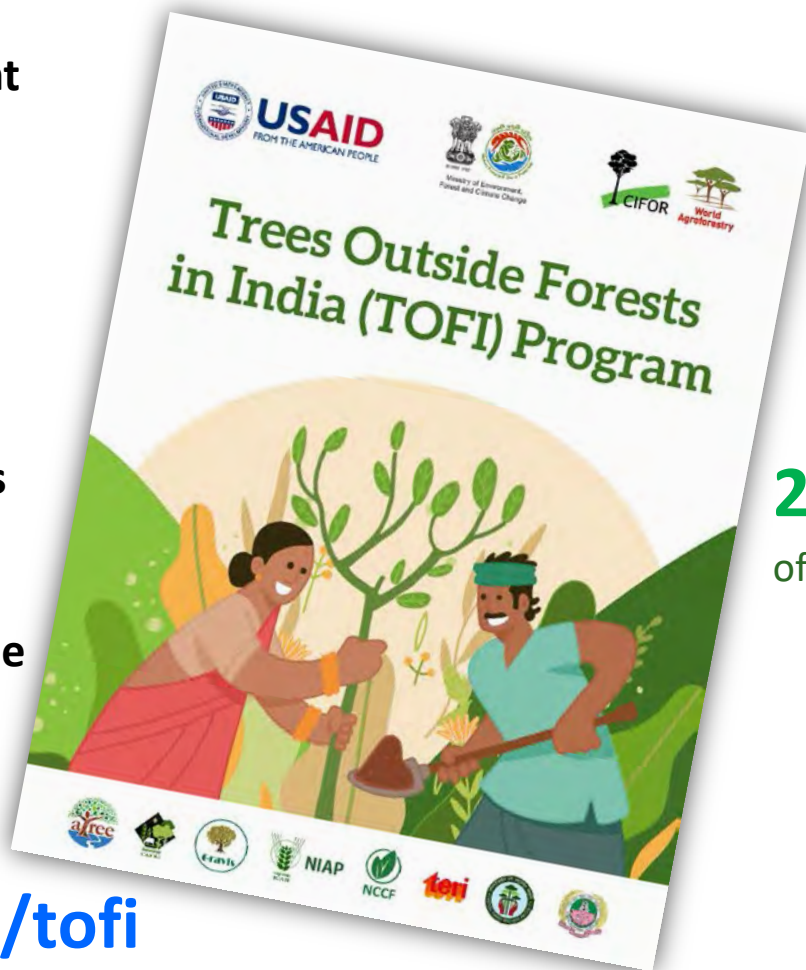


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Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) Program

Significantly expand the area under trees outside the forests while enhancing landscapes, livelihoods and ecosystem services

- ❖ Enabling environment strengthened for expansion of trees outside forests.
- ❖ Expansion of area of trees outside forests economically incentivized and risks reduced.
- ❖ Improved access to quality and actionable information about trees outside forests.



2.8M NEW HECTARES

of land under Trees Outside Forests

420M TONS of carbon dioxide (CO₂)

equivalent sequestered

13.1M PEOPLE to benefit from

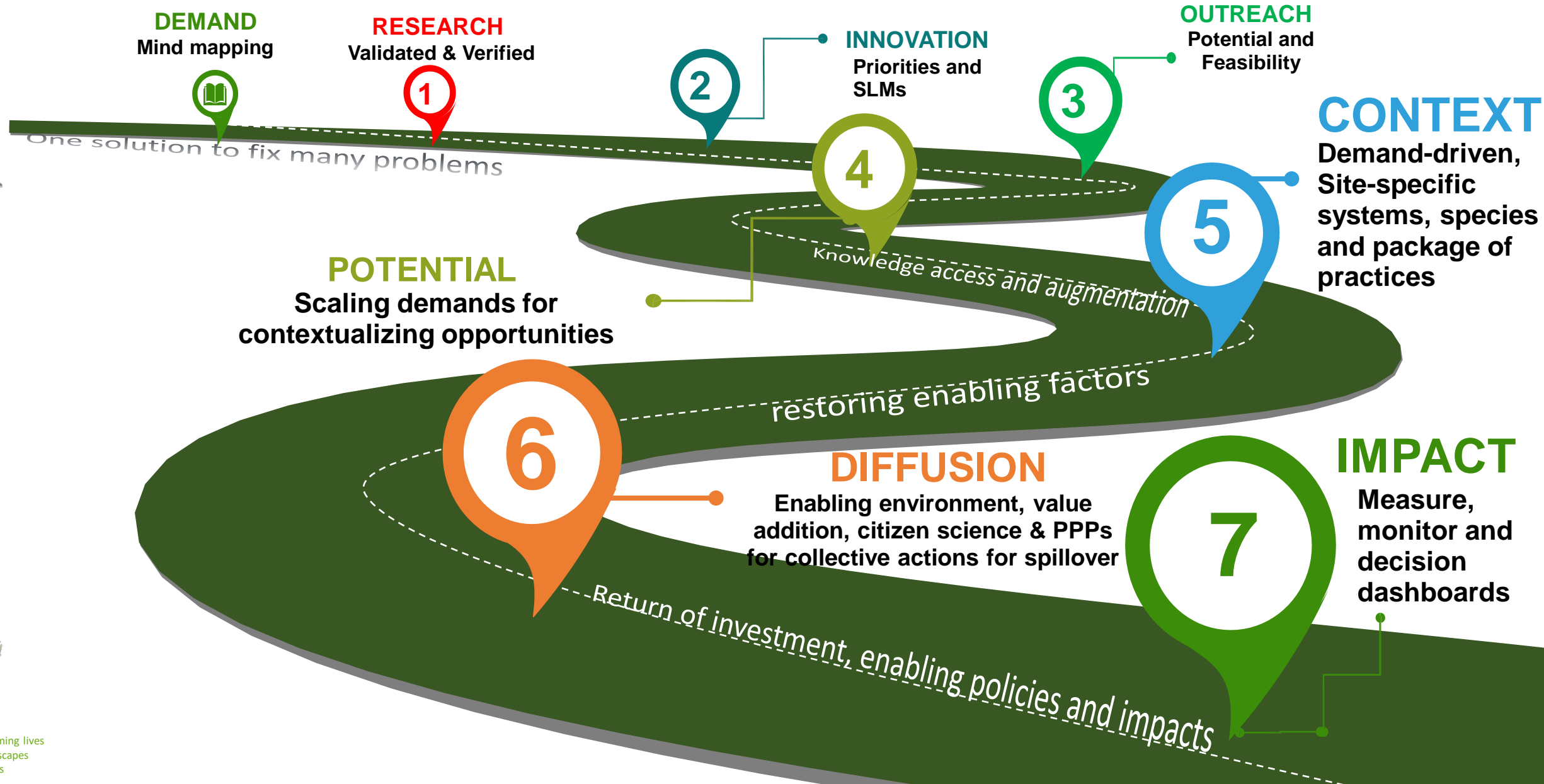
improved livelihoods & environmental services

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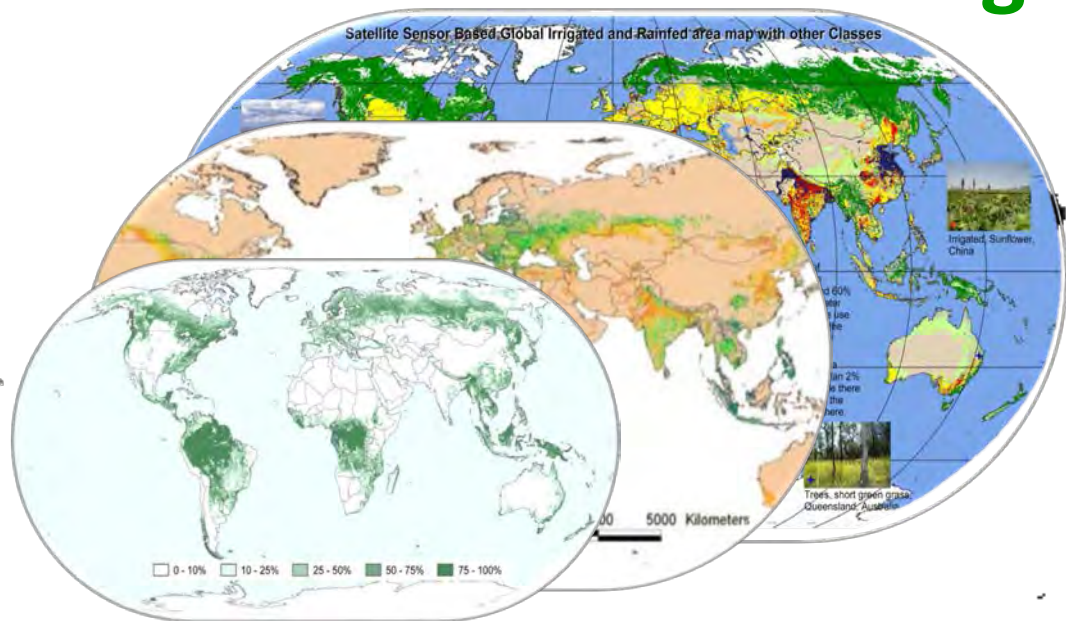
Together for global challenges

Roadmap for system-level transformation

Location and context-specific opportunities and advisories



Global to Regional Perspective

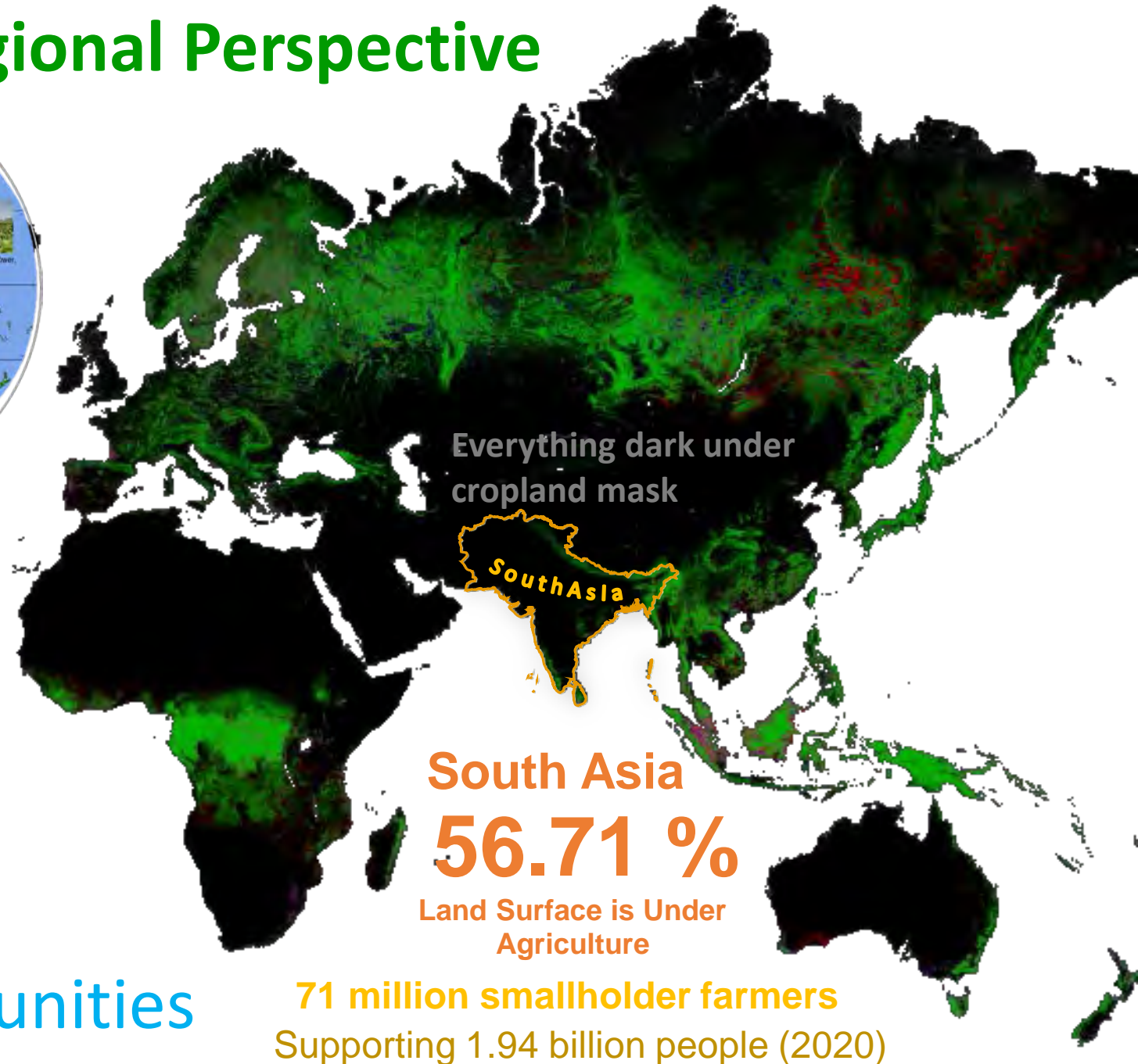


(Biradar et al, 2009; Zomer et al., 2009; Hansen et al., 2010; Thenkabail et al, 2019; FAO, 2009, 2020)

5.1 billion ha agricultural Area
80% is tilled agriculture

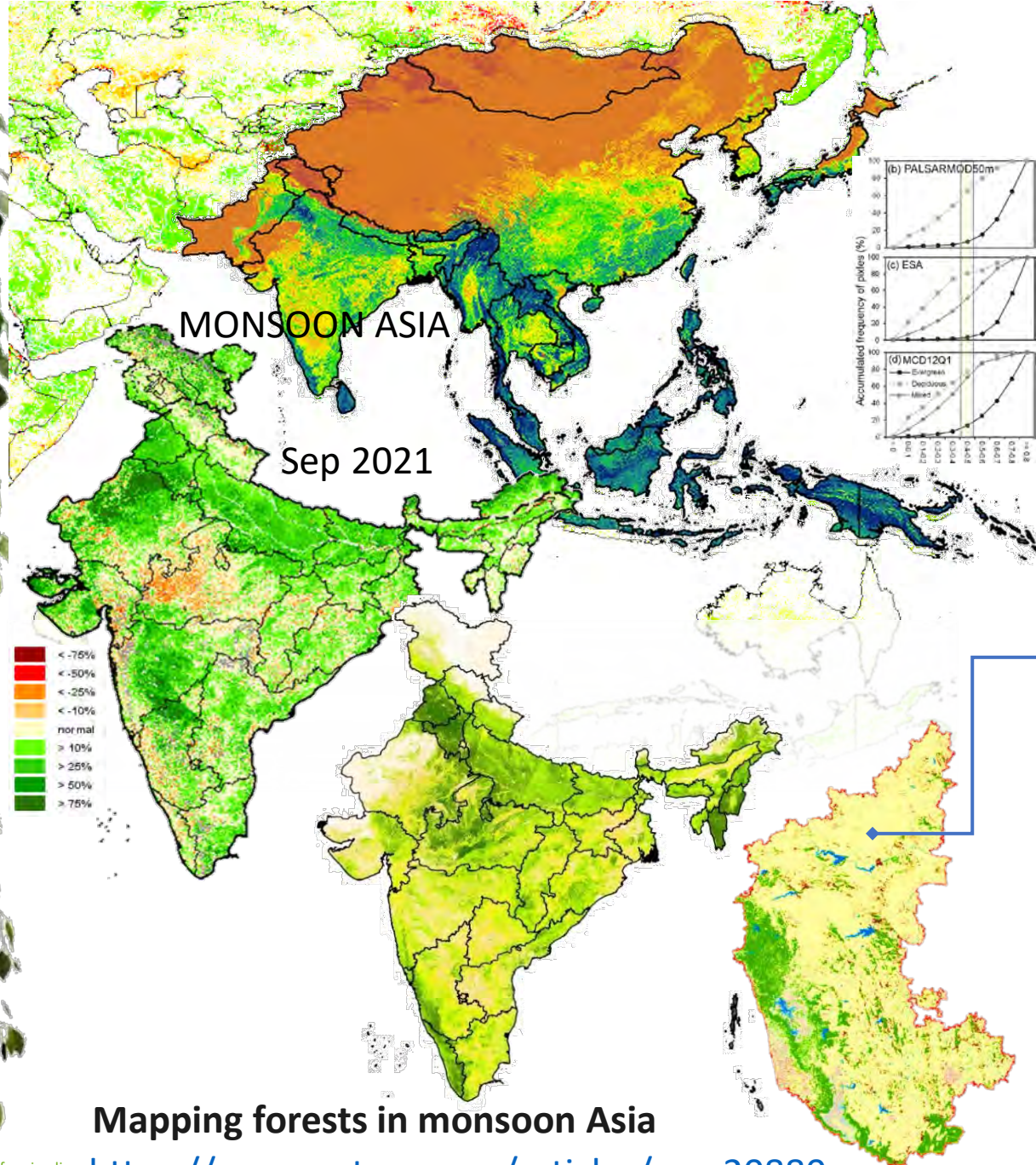
1.0 billion ha under agroforestry
~10% tree cover

4.0 billion ha of opportunities



South Asia
56.71 %
Land Surface is Under
Agriculture

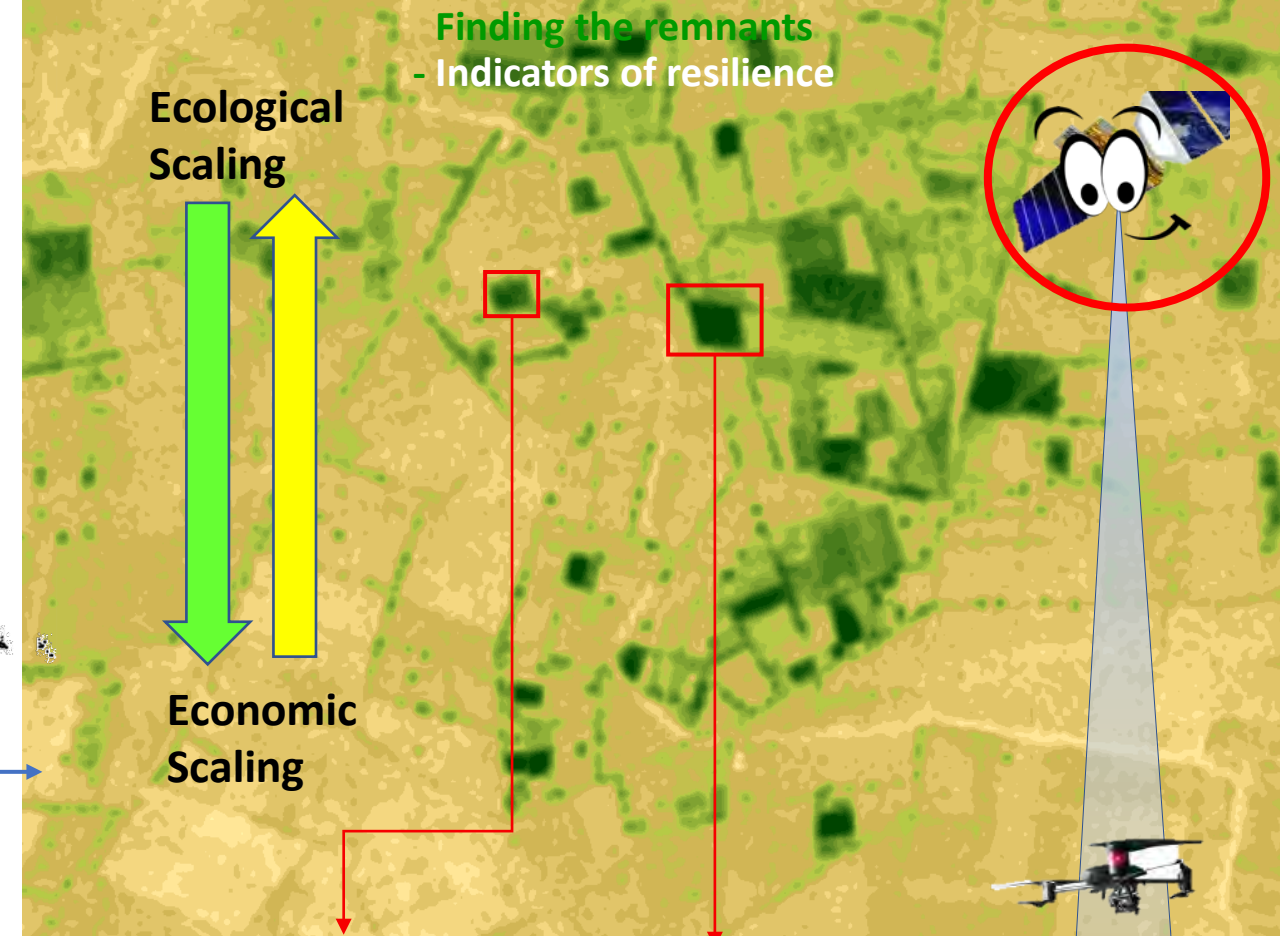
71 million smallholder farmers
Supporting 1.94 billion people (2020)



Mapping forests in monsoon Asia

<https://www.nature.com/articles/srep20880>

Finding the remnants
- Indicators of resilience



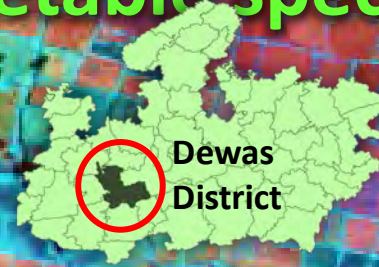
Potential of Agroforestry & Tree Fruits and Vegetables

Fingerprinting of the production systems to make informed decisions

Mapping length of the farm boundaries for bund planting of fruits and vegetable species

Dewas District, Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Geographical Area = 702,000 ha
- ❖ Cultivable Area = 624,500 ha
- ❖ Length of Farm Boundaries = 295,679 km
- ❖ Trees on bunds with 4m canopy cover = 18.93% TOF



Potential of TOF planting across the India

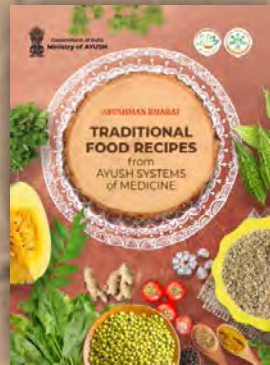
- ❖ Road and rail networks = 5.89 million km
- ❖ Length of major rivers and canals = 2,28,681 km
- ❖ Degraded lands = 130 million hectares



5.89 million km

Food, Fodder, Fuel, Fiber, Manure,
Medicines, Resilience, 'Peace of Mind'

- ❖ Harvest BIS of over 3000 economically value species
- ❖ Traditional crops and recipes
- ❖ Indigenous Knowledge



Return of recipes

Growing Wellness Industry

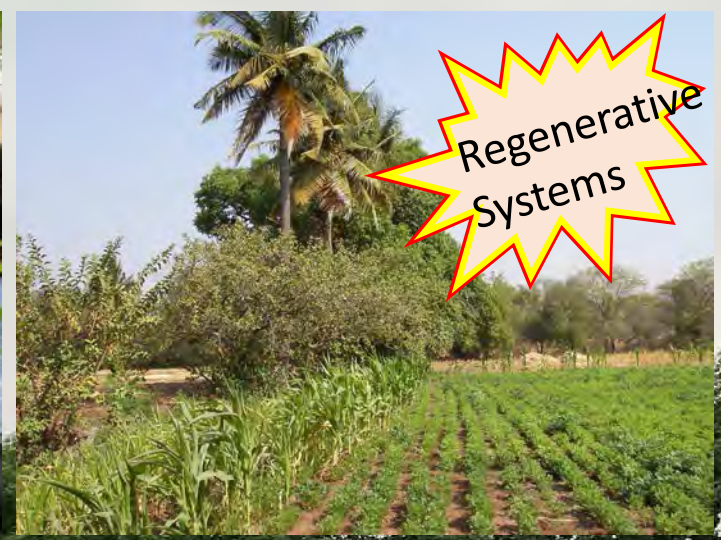
Trees Based food system transformation

2009



2012





Mainstreaming Tree Based Regenerative Practice: source of prosperity and resilience

Bridging the gaps with evidence-based scaling

“Urban <-> Periphery <-> Rural”

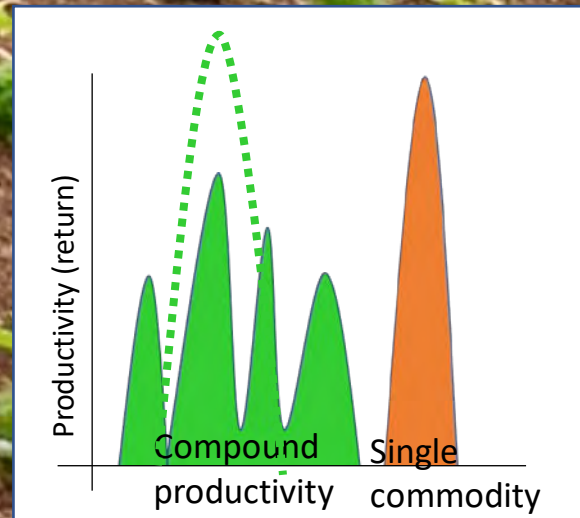
Multi-functional agroforestry systems

**Reducing loss of nutrition, food miles, water, carbon footprints
and human induced climate change impacts**

Mainstreaming Agroforestry: source of food, nutrition, income

Planting multiple crops for monthly income while main crop continue to grow with trees as insurance

Example1: Growing monthly harvestable crops like salad greens (arugula), red radish, leafy amaranth, coriander, dill, spinach in main Cotton crop: high resource use efficiency, less chemical use and high return per unit area with monthly income throughout the season



Accounting of evidence-based scaling

CAREER
OPPORTUNITY



2/06/2020



2/07/2020



17/07/2020



1/08/2020



20/08/2020



31/08/2020



23/09/2020



23/09/2020



15/11/2020



18/12/2020

Accounting of evidence-based scaling

Multilayer Multicropping Model Revenue Calculation							Seed Expanse		
Crop Area (In Acre)	1						Seed Rate (INR/Unit)	Crop Repeation in 2 years	Seed Expanse (INR)
Crop Name	Seed/Plant	Unit	Production Per Unit Quantity	Total Estimated Production (kg)	**Per Unit Rate (INR)	Gross Income (INR)			
Creeper Veg(Bittergourd)	1600	Nos.	4	6400	8	51200	2	4	12800
Papaya	400	Nos.	75	30000	10	300000	15	1	6000
Turmeric	200	kg	7	1400	40	56000	35	2	14000
Tomato	2300	Nos.	3	6900	8	55200	2	1	4600

** All the rates are whole sale rate. (

- Note
1. Time duration of this model is 2 years as papaya lasts for 2 years
 2. In this 2 years 4 crops of creeper vegetable can be taken
 3. 2 times turmeric can be taken
 4. One crop of tomato can be taken

Total Revenue generation in 2 years

Crop	Crop Repeation in 2 years	Revenue Generated in one season (INR)	Total Revenue Generation in 2 years (INR)
Creeper Veg	4	51200	204800
Papaya	1	300000	300000
Turmeric	2	56000	112000
Tomato	1	55200	55200
			616800

Net Income Calculation

Cost of Construction	50000	INR
Labour Expanse	120000	INR
Other Expanse	30000	INR
Net Income in 2 years	416800	INR
Net Income Per Year	208400	INR

*** If you manage to retail , the per acre net revenue per year will be nearly 600000 INR

Youths & New Consumerism in Food Systems Transformation



Multi-Layer
Natural Farming:
2 lakh (\$2750)
per acer

Win-Win Situation for Farmers,
Consumers and Nature

Why Invest in AFS for Restoring Agroecosystems

Investments in restoring regenerative production systems are **growing with recognition** of nourishment, carbon-neutral, net-zero, wellbeing, climate-resilience, ecologically sustainable, and economically profitable.

Agroforestry can return **8-13 times** more profit than conventional agriculture with **peace of mind** and **contentment of actions**

Establish Restoration Alliance: **Incentive driven** Xprize for carbon removal and reverse climate change.

-ve 1-1x conventional

+10x

Every \$1 invested in CGIAR yields up to \$10 in benefits

+30x

Every \$1 invested in landscape restoration yields up to \$30 in benefits

+50x*

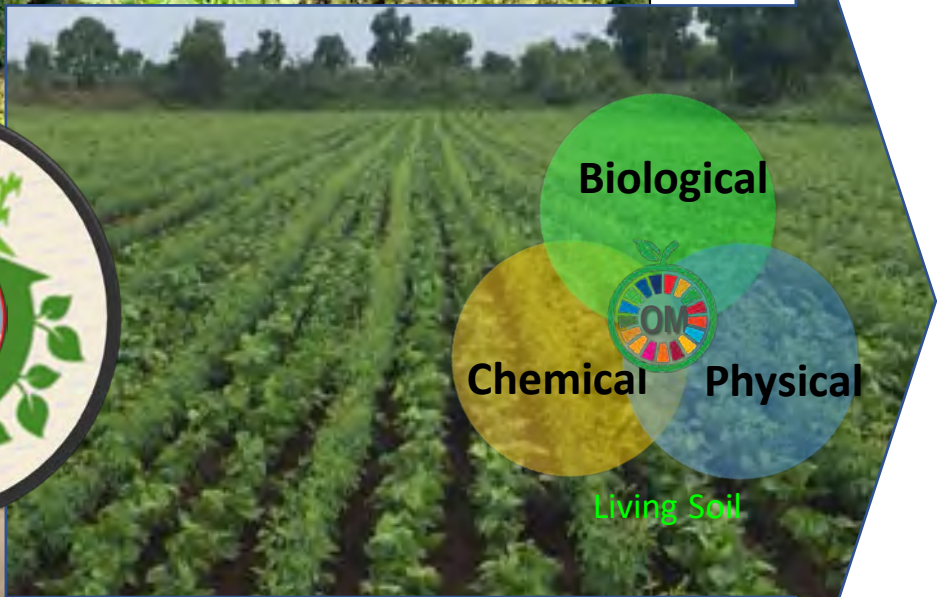
Every \$1 invested in agroecology yields up to \$50 in benefits

Investors say agroforestry isn't just productive and climate friendly — it's also **profitable** (Hanes, 2020)



Degenerative to Regenerative Agroecosystems

Nutritious Food to Feed the family



Premium quality produce to sell



Empty Calories to Nutri

Thali

Yield
+
Calories



Poverty
Zero Hunger

Cp Yield
+
Calories
+
Nutrition



Wellness
Carbon Neutral



System Approach for Transition to Green Deal



Total Factor Productivity
 Nutrition, Net Return and Carbon Neutral
 Ecosystem Restoration & Green Economic Transition

Basics of regenerative practices



EARTH



WATER



AIR



FIRE



SPACE

- Diversity of crops, trees and animals is the source regenerative system and the basis of restoring natural resources
- Growing in harmony with nature
- **Synch ecology with economy**
- Benefits for all: producers, consumers, culture and nature.

<<<more health per acre>>>

Read: HEALTH PER ACRE: Wealth Per Acre by V Shiva and V Singh, 2014;
 ° Health of Plants, Soil, Animals, People & Planet

Planet filled with Rich Agrobiodiversity, but lacks creativity in cultivation and use

Out of **400,000** plants species
at least half (**200,000**) are edible /
useful for human consumption.

6000 are used as food.

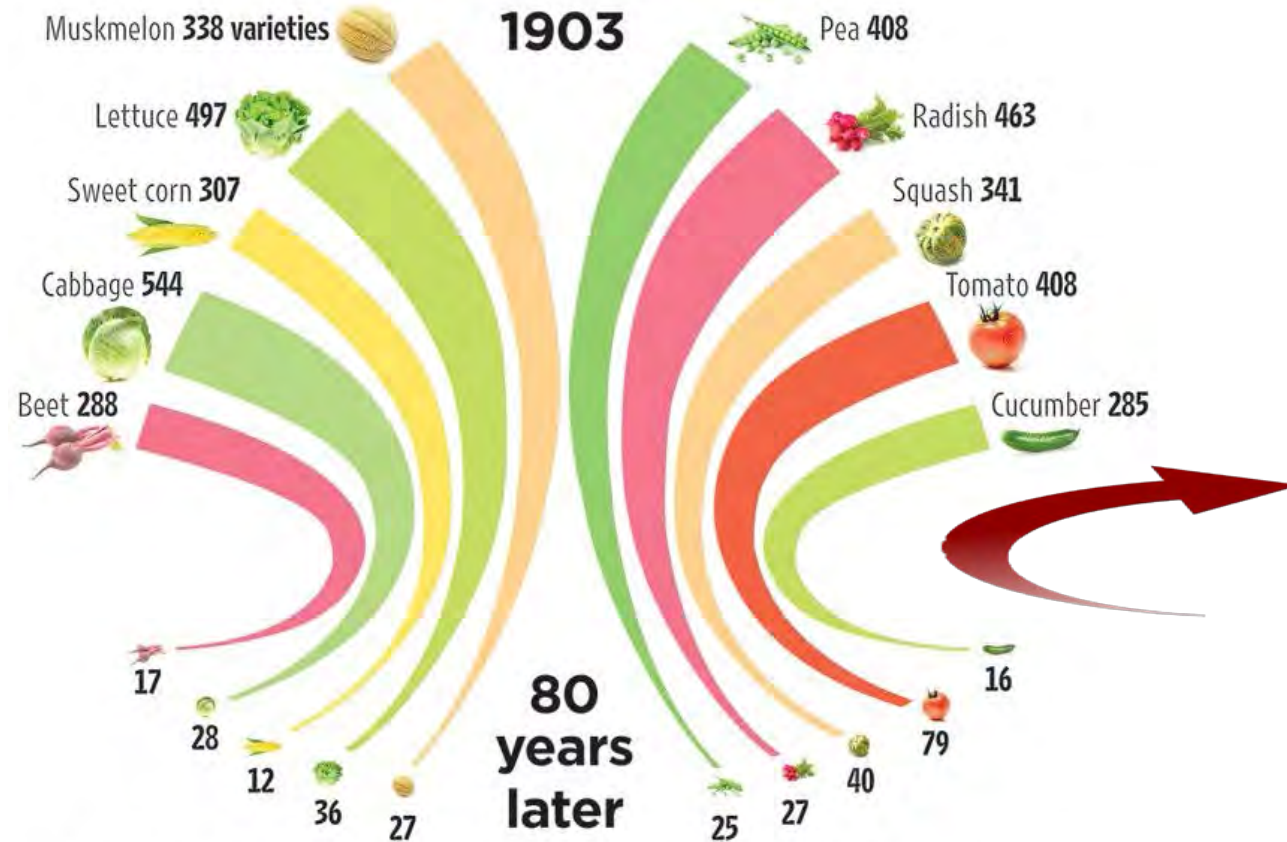
150 Crops are cultivated on a
significant scale.

Only **4 crops dominate food**
systems - **Wheat, Rice, Maize, Soybean**
which supply **70%** of the calories



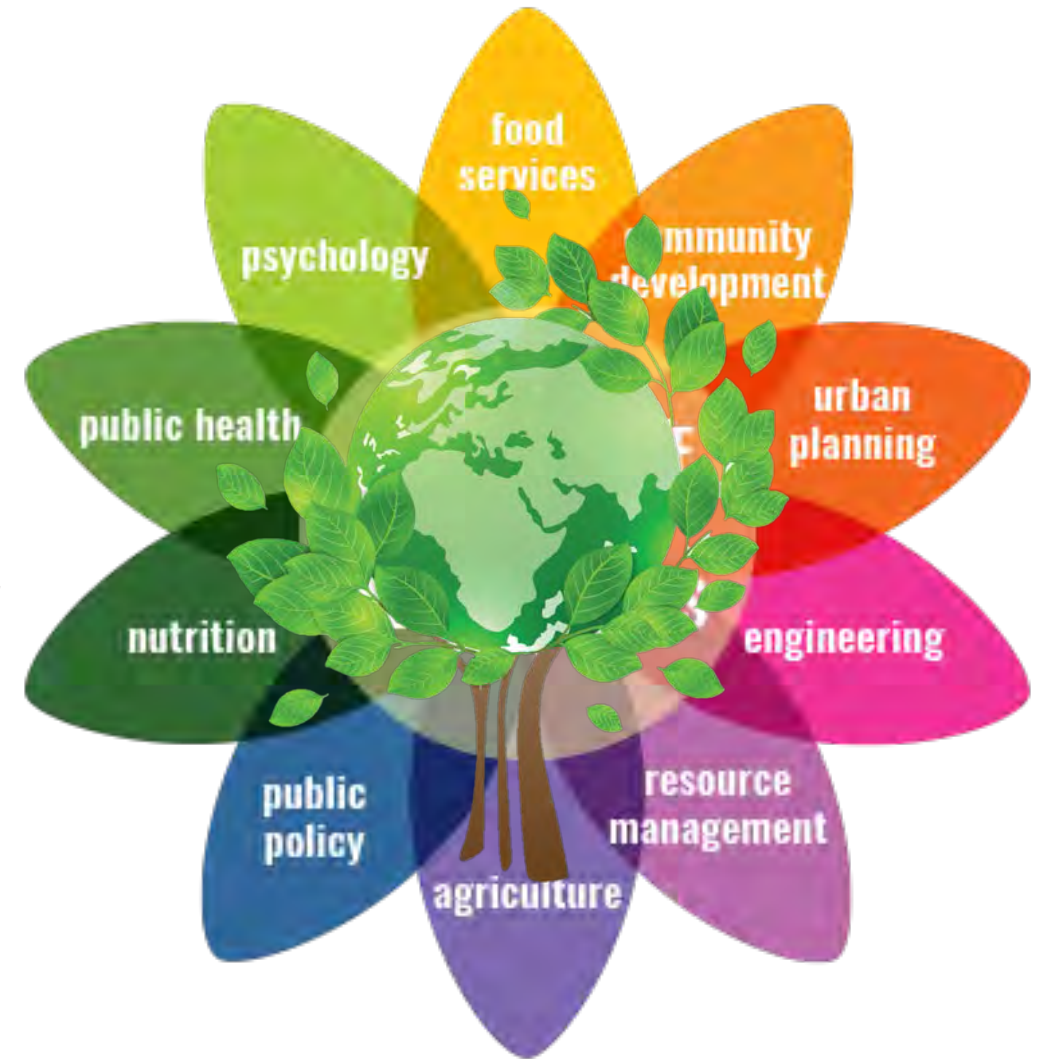
Dwindling Diet Diversity and Sustainable Future

A little over a century ago, U.S. commercial seed houses offered hundreds of varieties, as shown in this sampling of ten crops.



Few of those varieties were found in the National Seed Storage Laboratory (now called the Center for Genetic Resources Preservation).

SOURCES: National Geographic; Rural Advancement Foundation International; iStock



graham.umich.edu/news/sustainable-diet-menu

Untapped potential for new system and consumerism

Indigenous Knowledge and Inclusive Development

Convectional food systems



Inputs guzzling depleted foods
VS
Rare & Resilient Nutritious Indigenous Fruits, Vegetables, Spices and Condiments

Tree based Agroecosystems



Resource guzzling foods to resource-use efficient production systems

Less chemicals, less water, less energy, less labor, less carbon footprint

Increasing demand for traditional fruits and vegetables- tremendous market potential

Underutilized Diet Diversity for Better Health

Super Smart Food

Just an example of one
cereal and one legume

Sorghum & Horse Gram



Return of the springs

Degenerative to Regenerative

Dead soil

Droughts
Degradation
Desertification



Floods

Return to functional agroecosystems

Evidence based scaling

2009

2012



Tree based systems for one-health and planetary health

**Nurture Our Soil, Water, Food
Nature Care, People Care, Faire share**





Agroecological approach

Conventional approach

Green Gold Food Forest

Urban Agroforestry in 40*60 feet site



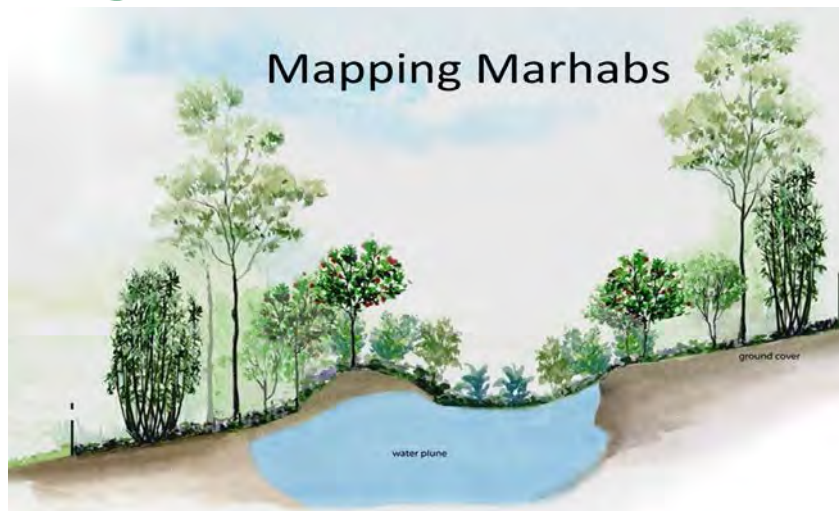
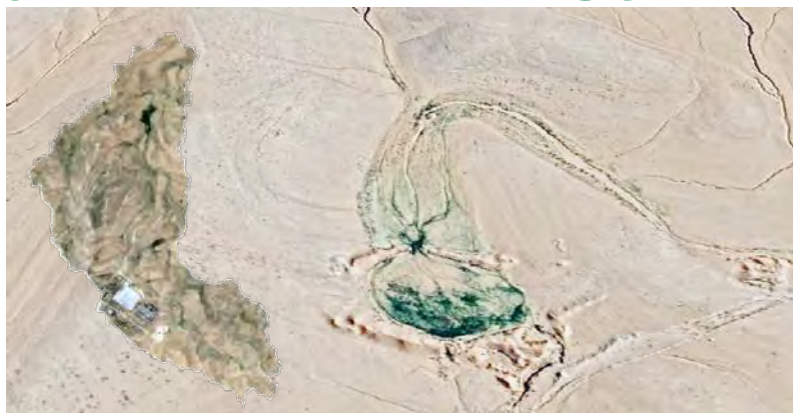


Urban Food Forest and Edible Landscapes

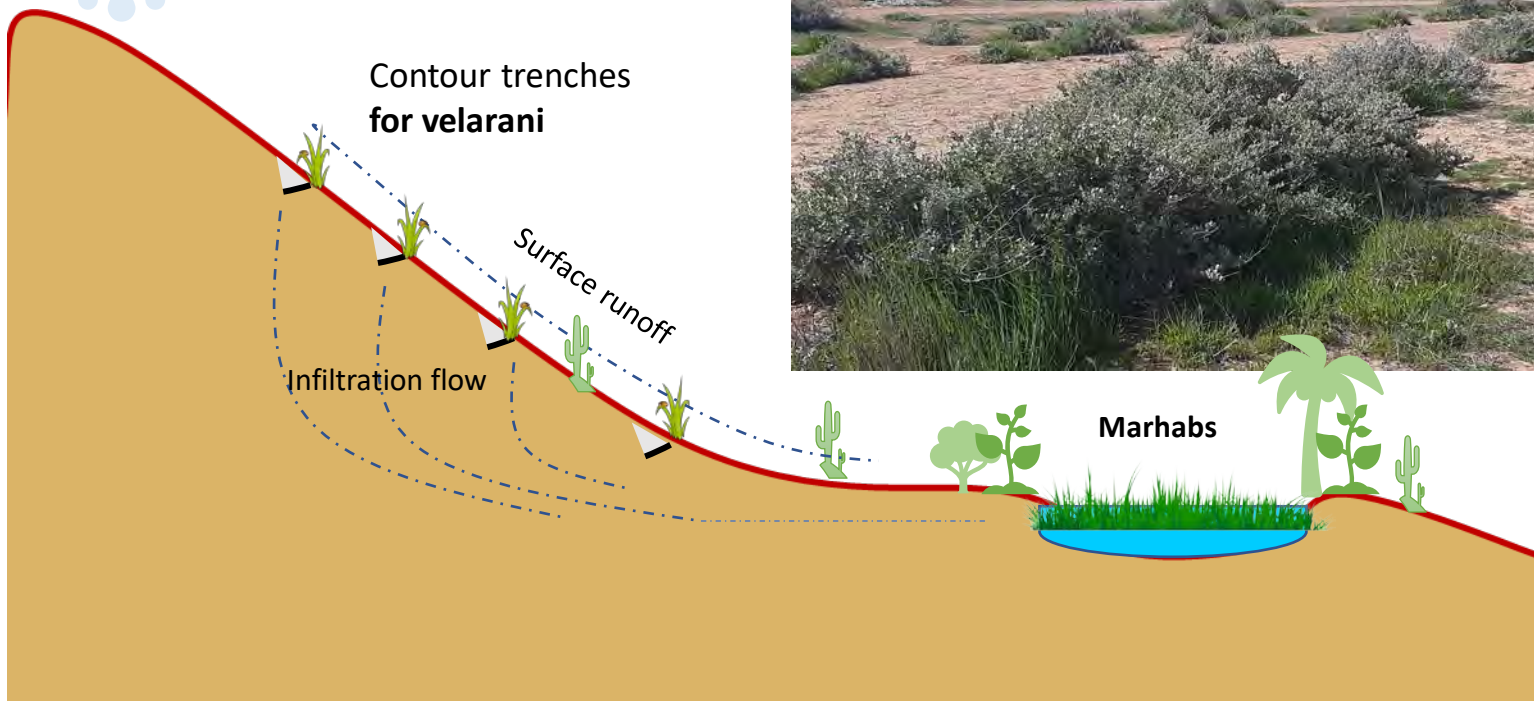




Space technology to target RWH interventions and impacts



Spatial framework for mapping marhabs



Quantification of multiple Gaps @ multiple scales

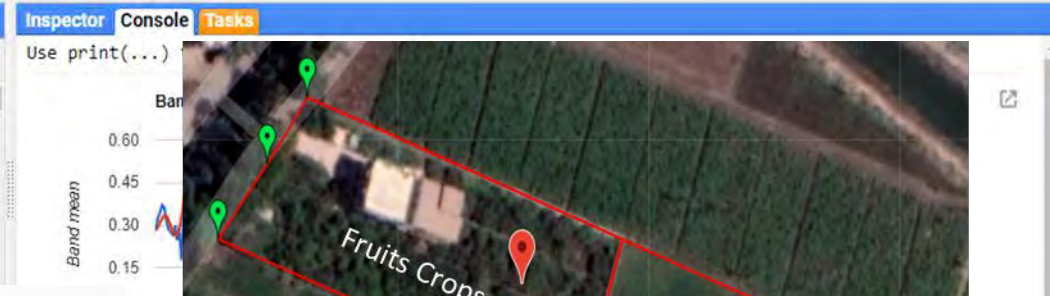
Google Earth Engine

e.g. Targeting SLMs for closing yield and nutrition gaps

- CLIMATE trends
- COVID-19 Rapid response
- Crop type mapping
- Harmonic Regression MENA
- India Aridity Index
- India Harmonics
- Kuwait site
- Landsat8 NDVI
- Landsat8 classification
- MENA EVI
- MENA EVI Forecast

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23 // Add ROI shapefile as a layer
24 Map.addLayer(MENA, {}, 'MENA');
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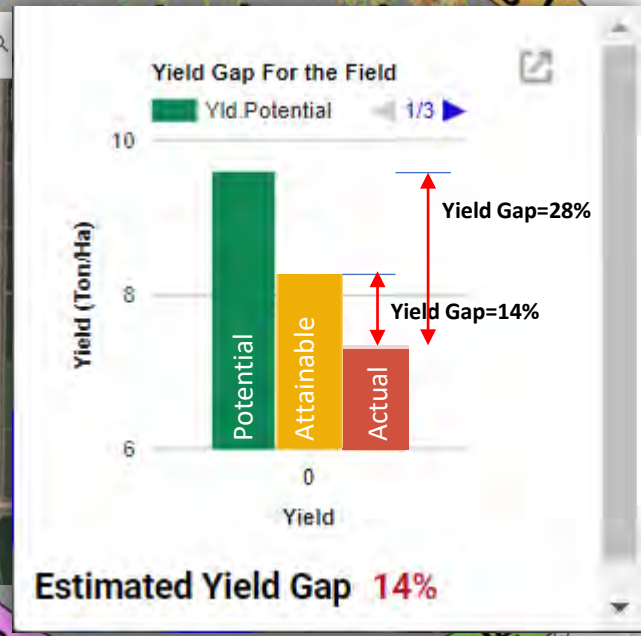


Earth Engine Apps

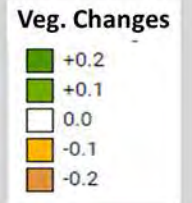
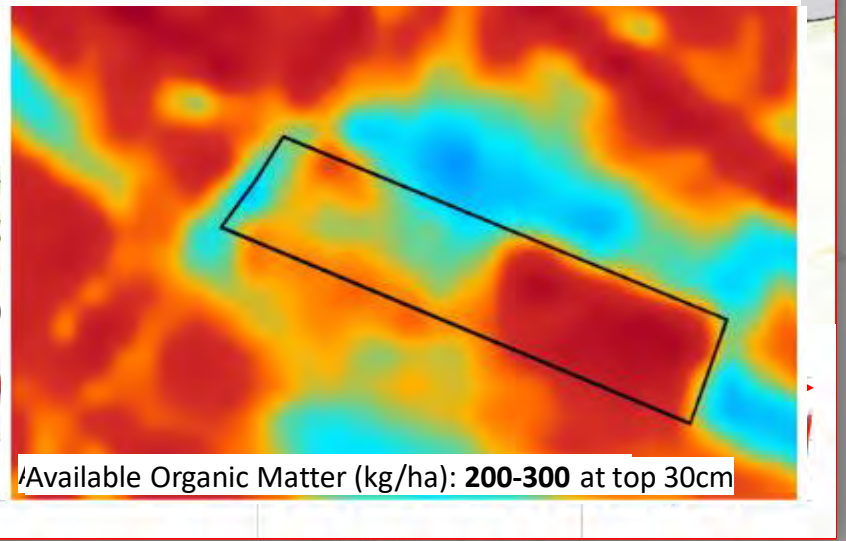
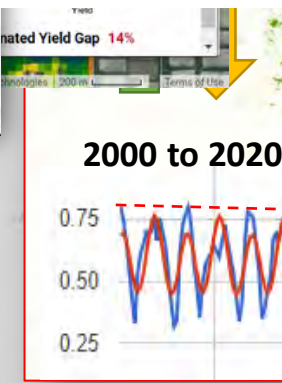
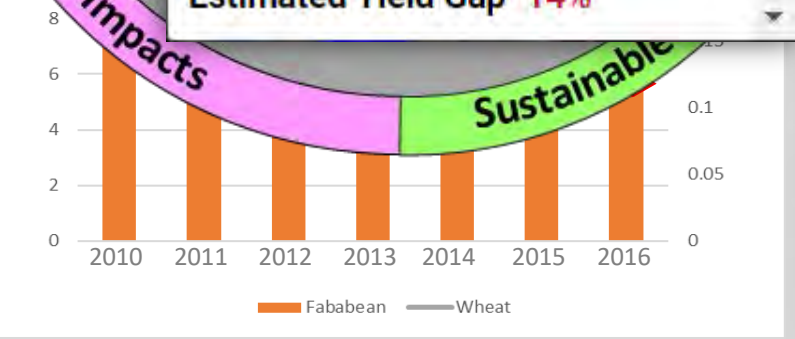
Execution Steps:

- Zoom-in to a Farm.
- Select a drawing mode.
- Draw the Boundary of Farm.
- Wait for chart to render.
- Repeat 1-3 or edit/move geometry for a new chart.

Note: Remember not drawing out side Kafr El Sheikh or Non-Wheat growing fields.



C-Seq gaps
WUE gaps
Yield gaps
Income gap?
Health gap?
Ecology gap?



Alliance for System Level Augmentation

Leveraging digital technologies and ICTs

As domain experts (extension, scientist, defined group) can assist a farmer / via digital assistance and advisor

Add active or previous seasons to get season-specific information, crop advisories and keep track of seasonal dynamics.

First time backed of research and outreach data points in each season across the agro-ecosystems. [Download app now](#)

ICIFOR World Agroforestry

Niche Mapping



Inseason Practices



Post Harvesting



Right Tree for Right Place for Right Reason

Pre-planning advisories

Site-specifics, Multi-criterial analysis, choice of crops/trees- **Demand driven inputs markets- Quality Planting Materials**

Citizen Science
Empowered Extension

In-season advisories

Optimal inputs, choice of species, **Package of Practices**, Yield **Compounding**, Risk Reduction, Peer-network

Block Chains
PPPs, FPOs, SVCs

Post harvest advisories

Policies, GI Tagging, **Demand-Driven Harvests**, Aggregation, Value Chains, MSMEs, C-Credits, ES-Payment, Health Scoring

Real-time **DASHBOARD** for result based management, M&E, Scaling, C-credits, trade, IPGs,

Responsible consumerism, new dietary guidelines,

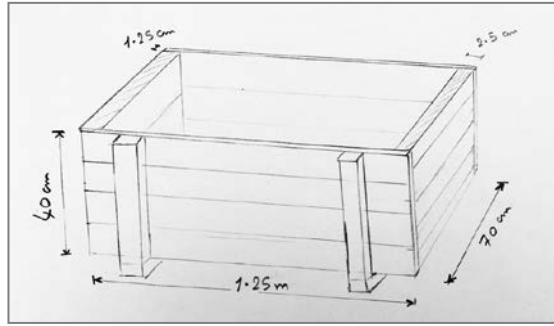
New horizon Research and **OUTREACH** for investment and expansion

Restore, Regenerate, Resilience and Rural Welfare

Transforming lives and landscapes with trees

Ecologically sustainable and economically viable options

Multi-layer Smart Food Garden in a 8 Square Feet Box



Started on May 20 (first seed sowing)

June 5



June 10



June 20 (ready for harvest)



June 20 (harvest twice already)



More than 15 types of vegetables in 8 square feet: (1) Amaranth (2 types), (2) Arugula, (3) Purslane, (4) Spinach, (5) Basil, (6) Chilies, (7) Tomatoes, (8) Sweet potatoes, (9) Cluster beans, (10) Long Beans, (11) Zucchini, (12) Okra, (13) Bitter gourd, (14) Giloi, (15) Marigold, (16) Tulsi, (17) Drumstick

Multilayer Nutri Garden: Joy of growing, eating, sharing and caring



Rainbow carrots





Vision 30:30:30

50:50:50 long way to go

Paradigm shift in farming systems, diet diversity and lifestyle



By **2030** at least **30%** of population eating at least **30%** of fruits and vegetables as their daily diets derived from tree-based agroecosystems

By **2050** at least **30%** of population eating at least **30%** of fruits and vegetables as their daily dietary needs derived from tree-based agroecosystems

Diverse choices of food with great **flavor**, **taste** and **nutrition**





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Collective actions for One Earth and One Family



- Healthy and ecologically sound food production **becoming a norm in the future of farming**
- Integrating **trees into mainstream agriculture with indigenous knowledge** for increased dietary and diversity through **context-specific agroforestry**
- Leverage innovation of **digitally-enabled citizen science** for demand-driven needs and better access
- **Technologies are matured** enough to implement but lack collective actions for scaling at large
- System level **transformation must combine resilience, conservation and restoration** with co-benefits to producers, consumers and nature
- Restore the **sustainable livelihoods and landscapes**

Production follows functions

Let's leverage technology, diversity and local intelligence, indigenous wisdom to rebuild broken food systems for healthy living and planetary health



Tree based system for nourishing livelihoods and landscapes

Thank You
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