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# Evaluating the Nexus between Environment, Climate Change and Development

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# Outline

- Module 1: Introduction
- Module 2: Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS 6)
- Module 3: Results and methods
- Module 4: Governance and Institutional issues
- Module 5: The road ahead

# Module 1: Introduction

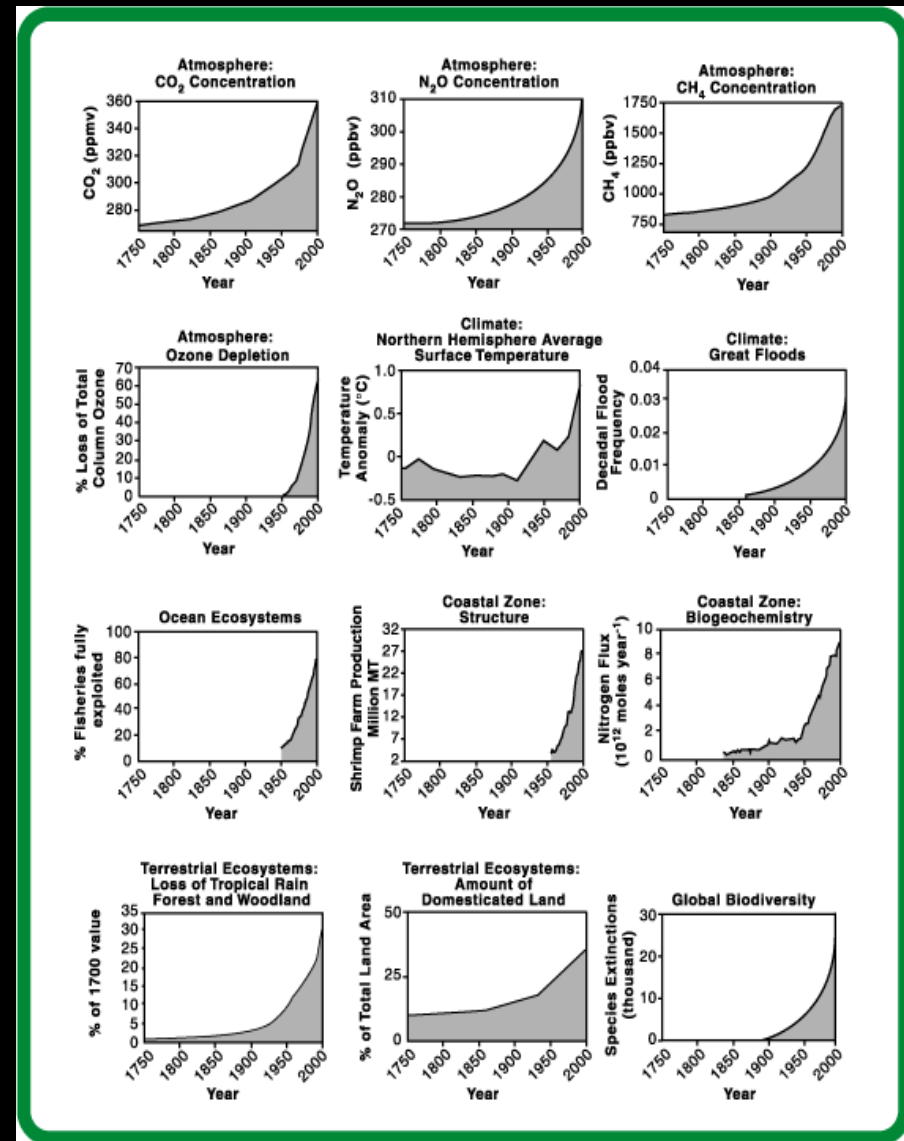
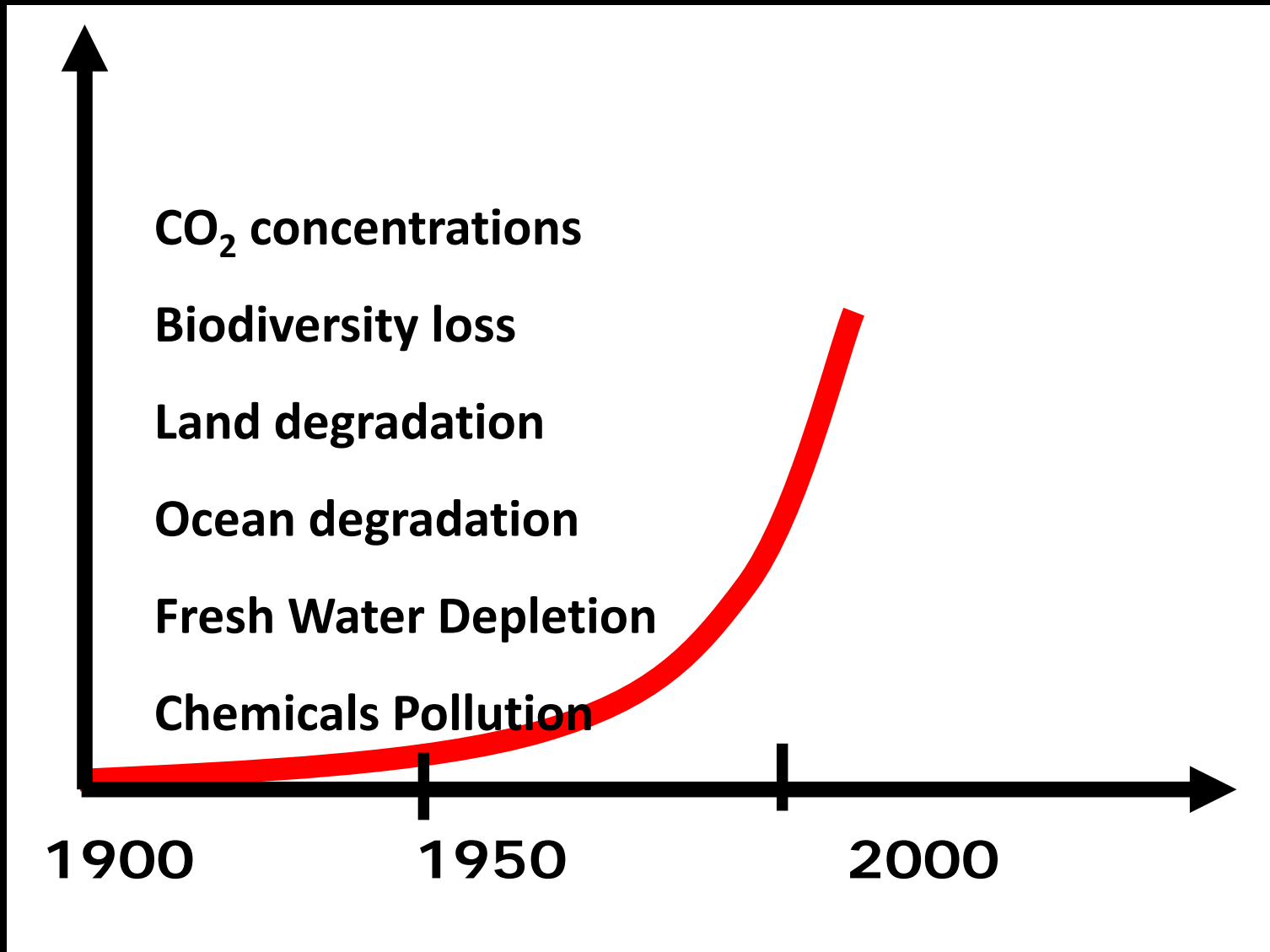
- Introduction to the participants and the session
- The state of the global environment including planetary boundaries
- Introduction to Global Environmental Facility, Conventions, IEO etc
- Linkages to the SDGs

# Let's get to know each other

- Briefly introduce yourself
- Your Name, Job description and Institution
- Why are you here?
- What are your expectations from this workshop?



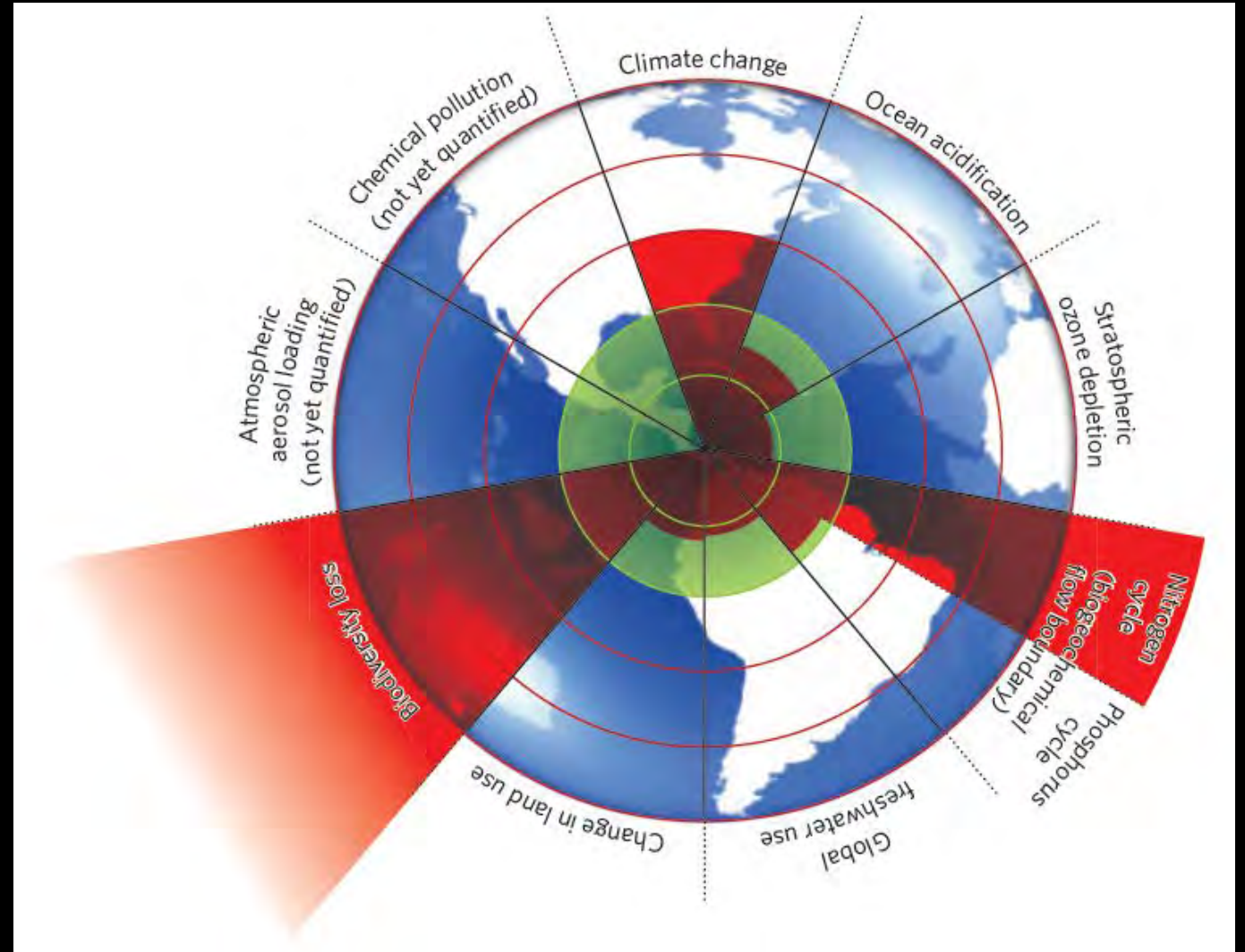
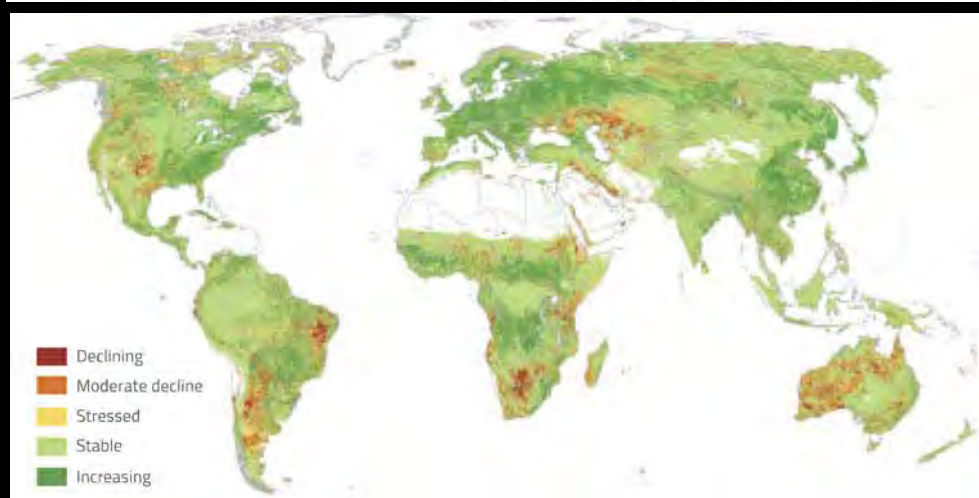
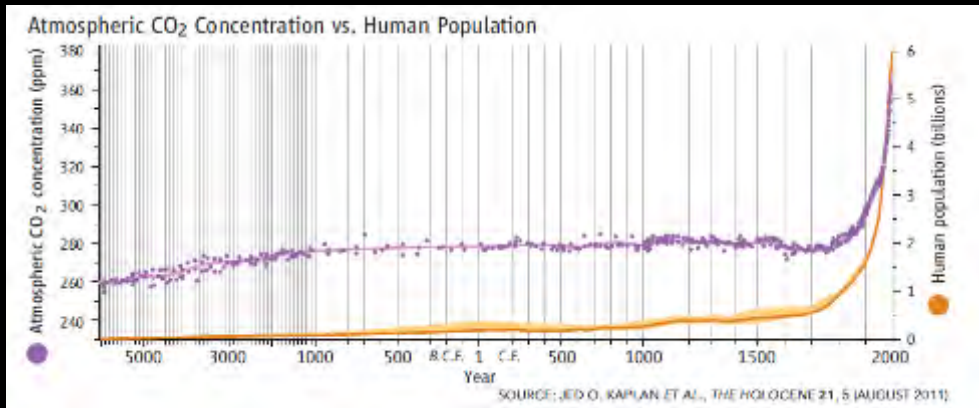
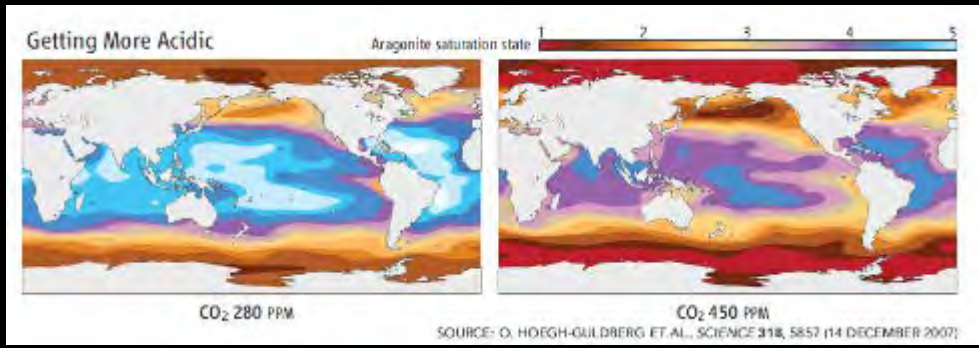
# The State of Global Environment



Source: SEI



# Transgressing safe boundaries





United Nations  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



United Nations  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



**US\$14.5  
billion, and the  
leverage of  
US\$75.4 billion**

**4,000 projects in  
167 countries**

**18  
implementing  
agencies**

**5 major  
environmental  
conventions**

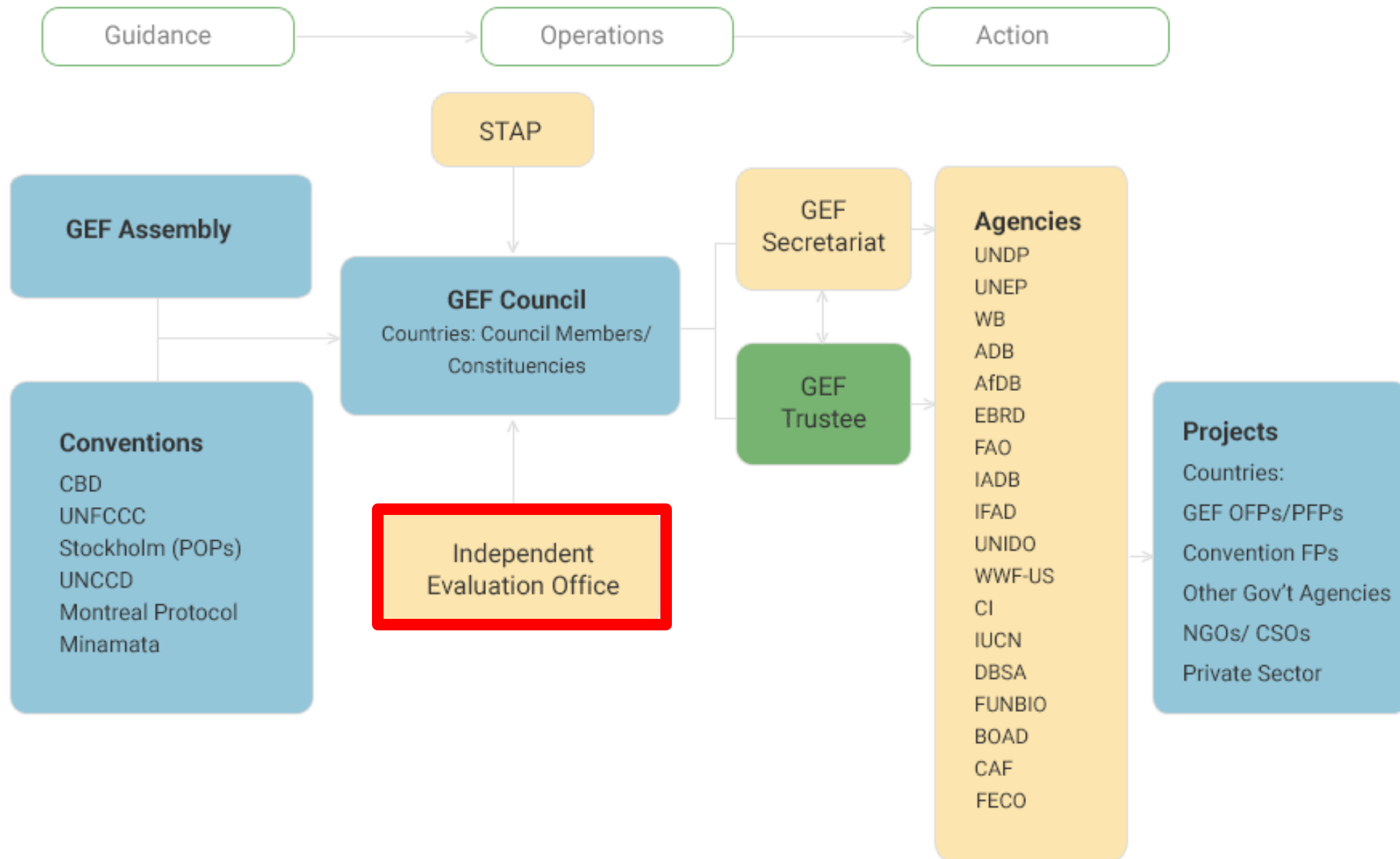
Established in 1992

Innovator and Catalyst

Unique Partnership

Financial Mechanism

# The Global Environment Facility



# GEF: Institutional Framework



# GEF Independent Evaluation Office

## Mission

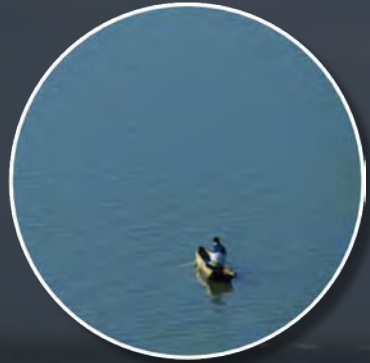
- To enhance global environmental benefits through excellence, independence, and partnership in evaluation

## Functions

- Independent evaluation
- Setting of minimum standards (normative)
- Quality control (oversight)
- Knowledge sharing and dissemination

# Thematic Areas(GEF Focal Areas)

International Waters



Land Degradation



Biodiversity



Cities



Chemical and Waste



Climate Change



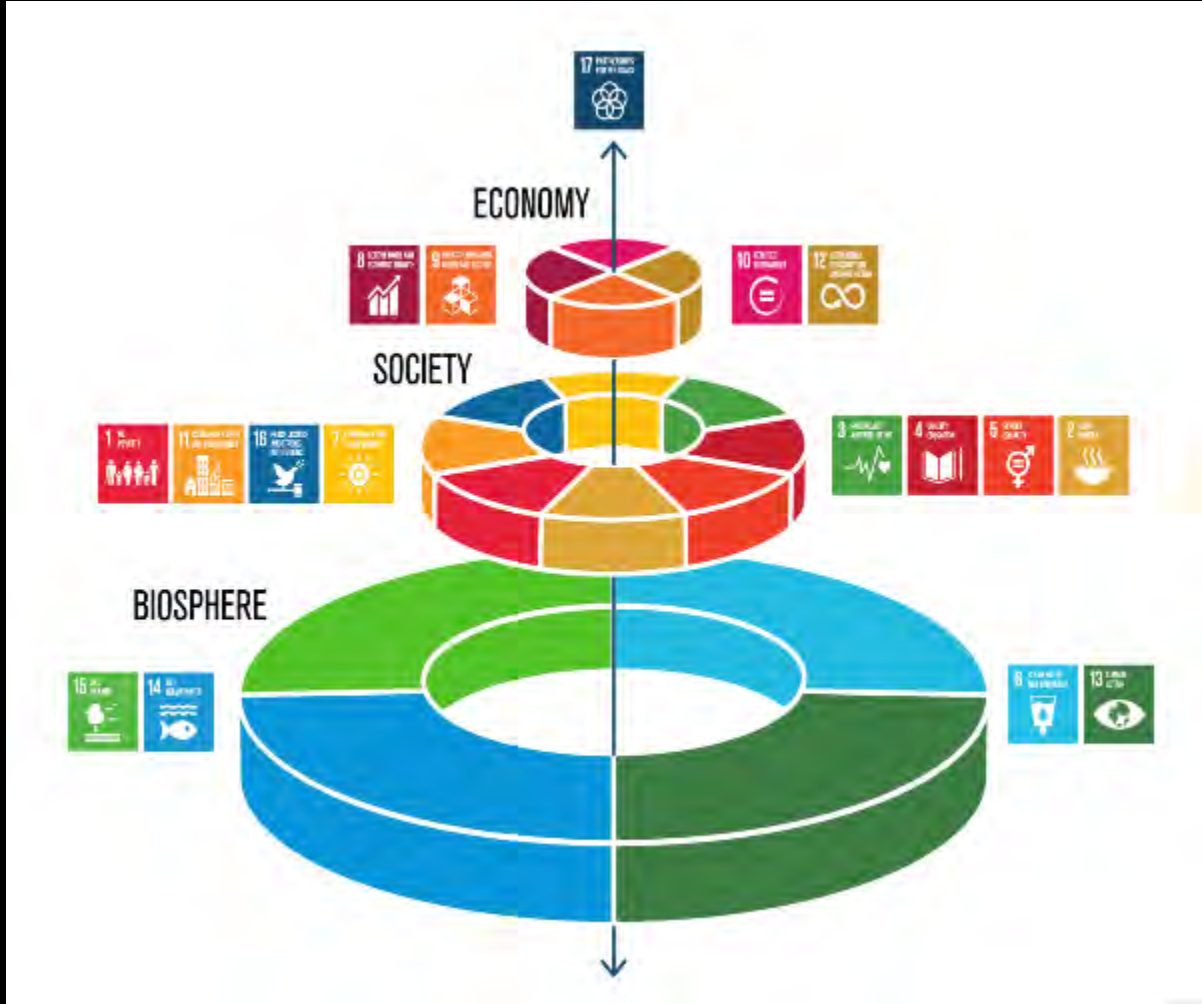
Commodities



Food Security



# The GEF and the SDGs



Credit: Stockholm Resilience Center

## Module 2: Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS 6)

- Introduction to OPS6
- Overall approach
- Description of the studies, including focal areas & cross cutting issues and 29 briefs
- **Brainstorming** on Transformational change. What does it mean? How it can be assessed etc.?
- Transformational change



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# Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS6)



# Outline

- 1 Objective, Quality Assurance, Methodology, Limitations
- 2 GEF Portfolio
- 3 Strategic Relevance
- 4 Performance and Impact
- 5 Focal Areas
- 6 Programmatic Approaches and Integrated Approach Pilots
- 7 Conclusions and Recommendations

# SECTION 1

# Overview

## OPS6 Overview

### Objective

To provide solid evaluative evidence to inform the replenishment negotiations for **GEF-7**

### Methodology

**29** evaluations and studies

Mix of qualitative and quantitative approaches including geospatial analysis

Formative approaches to evaluate ongoing programs

### Limitations

Limitations imposed by **data and timing**



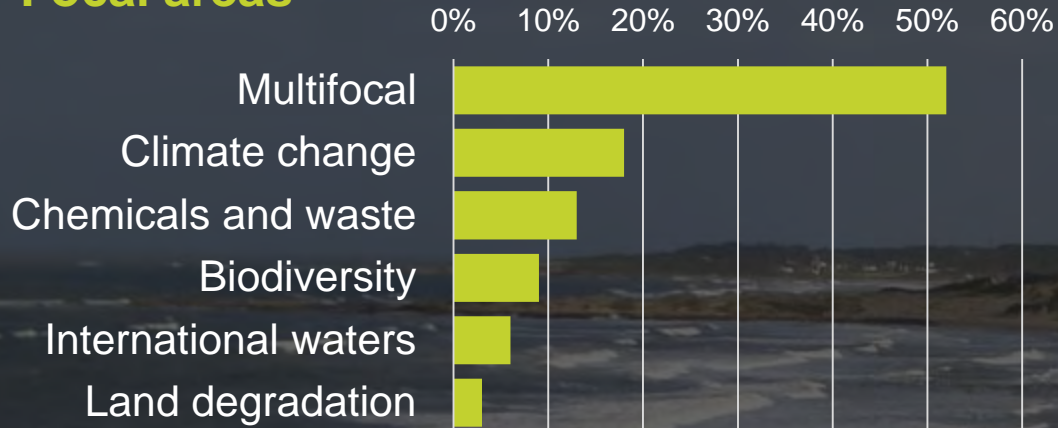
444 projects

\$2.4 billion

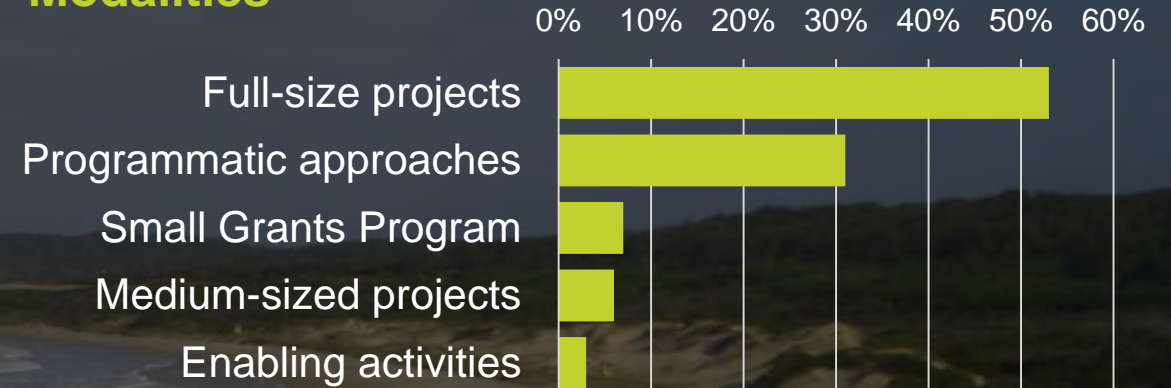
## GEF-6 Overview

# Portfolio (as of June 30, 2017)

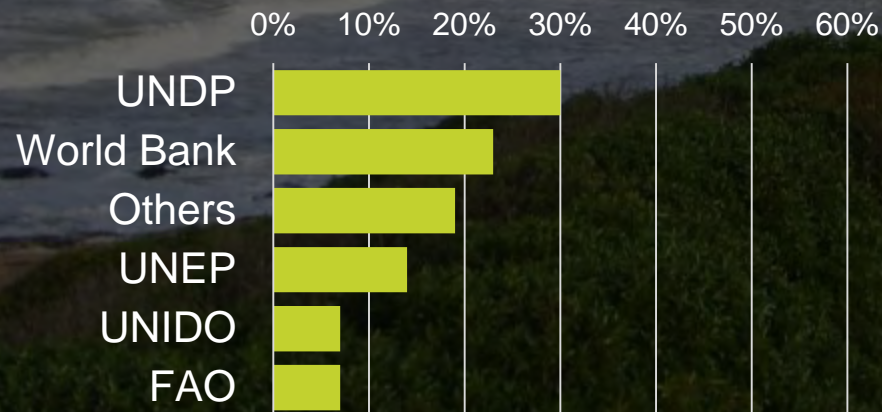
### Focal areas



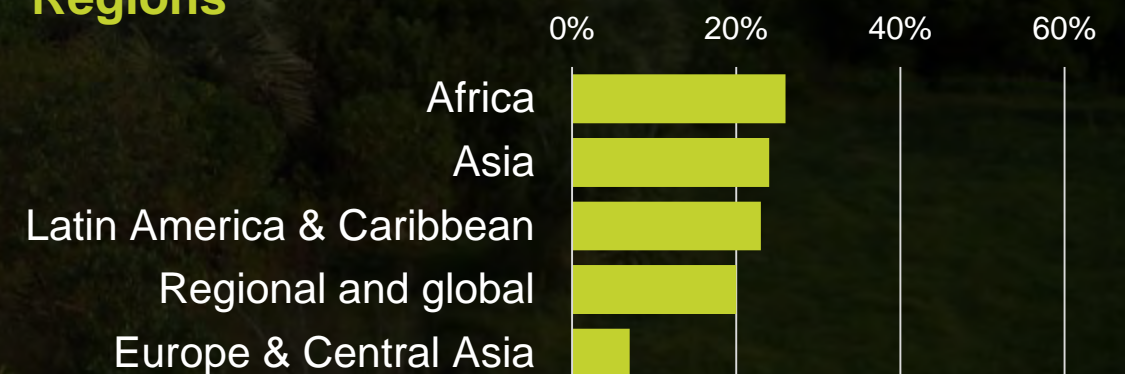
### Modalities



### Agencies



### Regions



## OPS6 Overview

# Strategic relevance

**Conventions.** Main funding mechanism for:



Also relevant to the



**Countries**

More than  
**140**  
recipient  
countries

Support for  
middle  
income  
countries  
remains  
important

Support to  
**LDCs and  
SIDS**  
has increased





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## SECTION 2

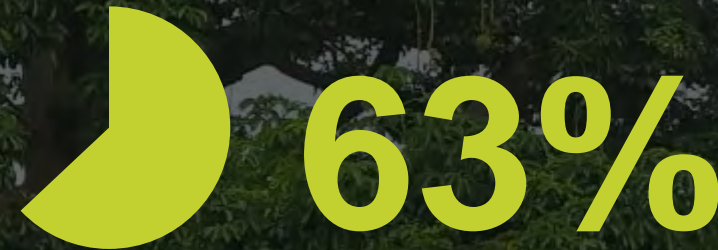
# Performance and Impact



# Performance and Impact



Satisfactory outcomes



of projects have outcomes that are likely to be sustained

## Drivers of good performance:

- Project design
- Quality of implementation and execution
- Materialized co-financing

- Performance and sustainability of outcomes > in **middle income countries**
- Institutional capacity challenges in Africa

## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Common findings

*Relevant to conventions*

***Strong performance ratings on outcomes with limited variation***

***Sustainability of outcomes (Land degradation & Biodiversity)***

***M&E Design (International Waters and Chemicals)***

***M&E Implementation (International Waters, Chemicals and Multifocal)***

***Variation in private sector engagement***

***Transformational change***





## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Biodiversity: Addresses specific drivers and pressures of biodiversity loss

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Increase in the biodiversity **mainstreaming** portfolio with focus on reforms, and improved outcomes

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Percent of forest loss in GEF supported protected areas was **half** that of protected areas not supported

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### Access to Benefits Sharing

Support to 100 countries in development **legislation** and discovery of “promising compounds”; project designs often “overpacked”





**FOCAL AREA STUDIES**  
**Climate change**

**Niche areas in changing  
landscape**

Upstream approaches  
including policy reform  
to accelerate market  
development and  
create an enabling  
environment for  
investment

Risk sharing  
approaches

Piloting  
innovative  
technologies

Collaborating  
with other  
climate funds  
and MDBs to  
scale up  
investments



## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Climate change: Examples



**China**



**Bosnia and Herzegovina**



**Mauritius**

297 projects  
1.37 billion

## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Climate change adaptation (LDCF/SCCF)



of projects have a high to very high probability of delivering tangible adaptation benefits

- Highly relevant to UNFCCC COP guidance and the GEF Adaptation Strategy
- Agriculture, NRM and climate information systems / disaster risk management



of completed projects received sustainability ratings in the likely range

- Resource availability: Constraint to actual scaling up



## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

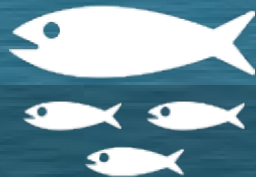
# International waters

Support to multiple regional and global treaties

High level of contemporary relevance

Planetary boundaries and environmental tipping points

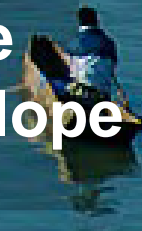
Significant emphasis on knowledge and learning



Dominance of marine and ocean investments



Decline of the funding envelope



## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# International waters: Examples



Pacific Islands



GloBallast



Hai River Basin

## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Land degradation

## Strategy

Shift towards **integrated landscape**

Shift from linkages towards  
land degradation **neutrality**



**Climate risks, contextual factors,  
restoration**

## Portfolio

High level  
of effort in

**Africa**

Addresses the  
local  
socioeconomic  
**drivers**



# FOCAL AREA STUDIES

## Land degradation



Gambia



Tanzania



Cuba



## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Chemicals and waste



Strong  
government  
ownership



Private sector  
commitment



Balancing hard  
outcomes metrics  
against relatively  
softer interventions



Promoting  
sector-wide  
approaches





## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Chemicals and waste



Georgia



China



Mauritius

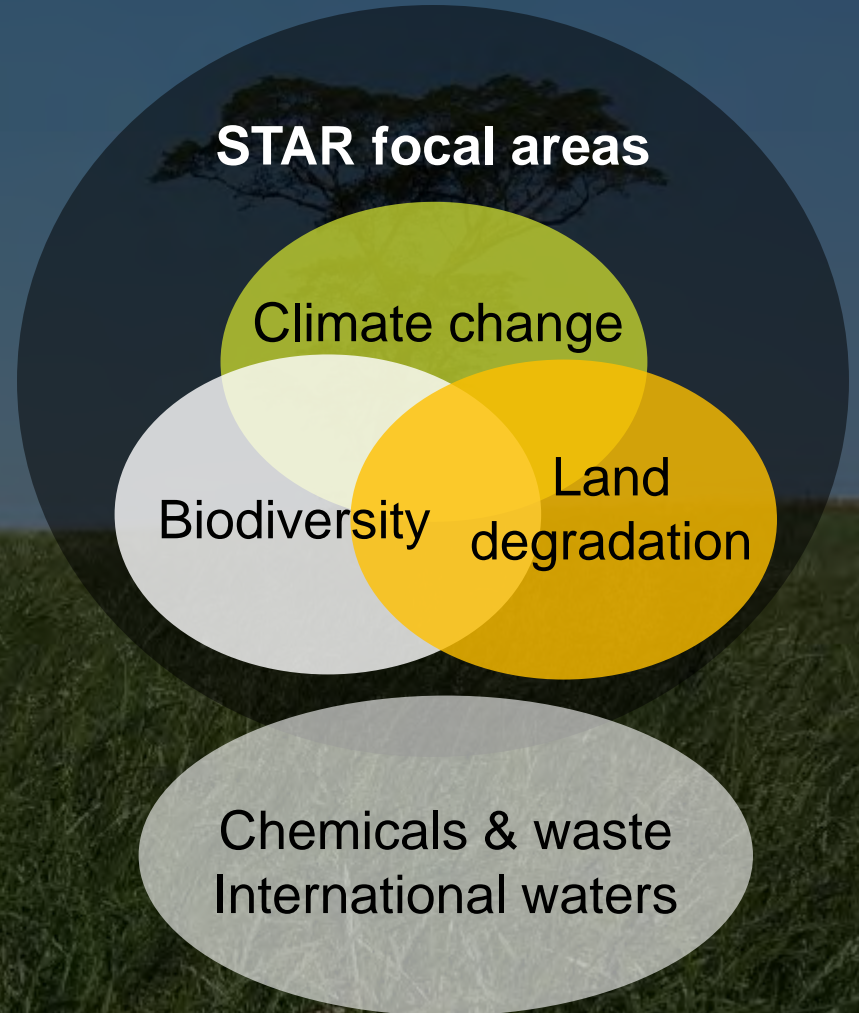
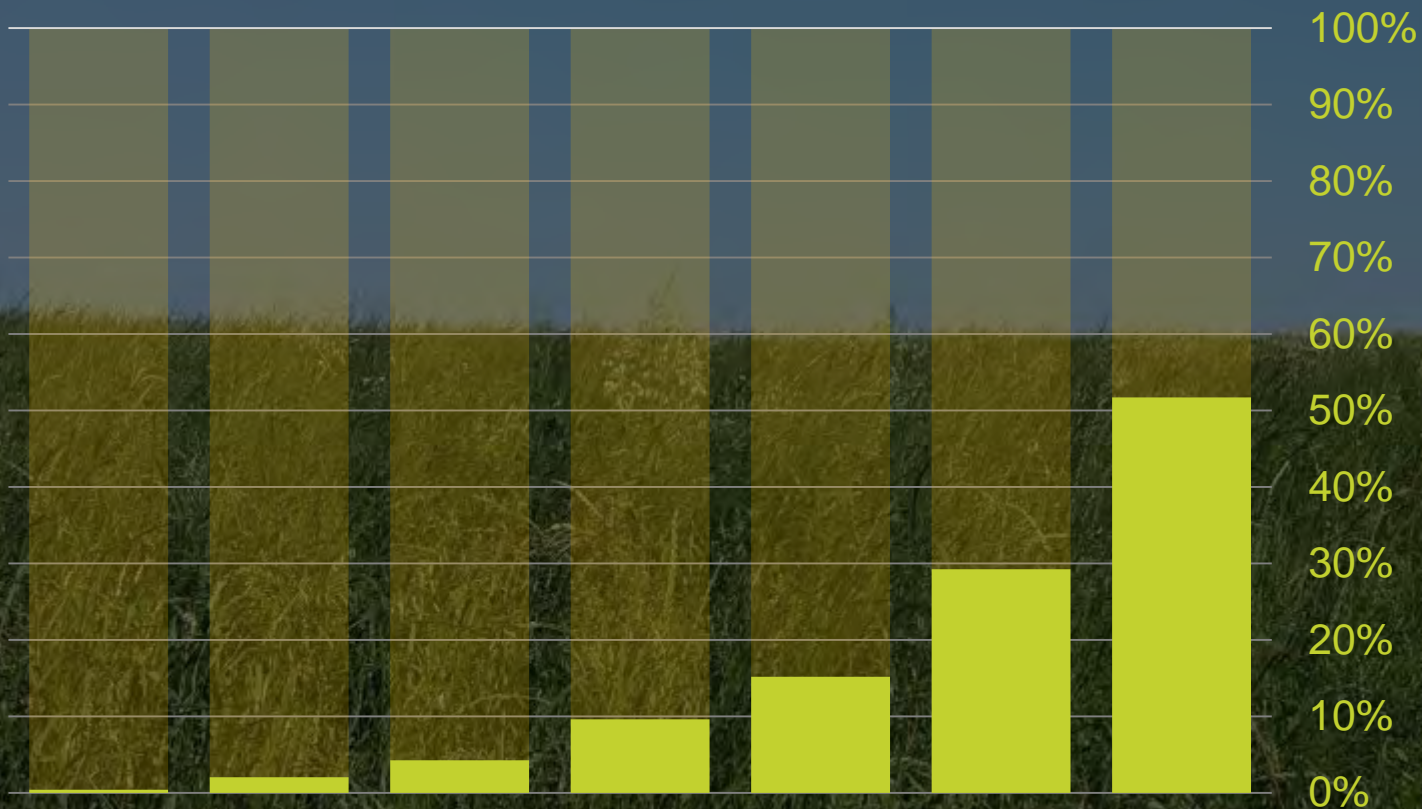
77% satisfactory outcomes  
61% likely sustainable

## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Multifocal

Share of portfolio is growing

Pilot GEF-1 GEF-2 GEF-3 GEF-4 GEF-5 GEF-6





## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Multifocal



Majority of projects  
generated multiple  
benefits



Potential to enhance  
synergies and mitigate  
trade-offs



Institutional  
arrangements for  
sectoral integration

## FOCAL AREA STUDIES

# Multifocal

Enhancing synergies



Senegal



Brazil



China

Mitigating trade-offs through value addition



# Do GEF interventions yield positive **returns on investment?**

Land degradation

**\$1:1.08**

**43.52  
tC/ha**

Biodiversity

**\$1:1.04**



## LAND DEGRADATION

# Value for money: Factors



Lag time of 4.5 to 5.5 years for impacts to be observed



Access to electricity associated with higher impact



Higher impact observed in areas with poor initial conditions



Vegetation productivity



forest loss and land fragmentation





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## SECTION 3

# Programmatic and Integrated Approach Pilots



## PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES

# Findings



Program child projects perform slightly better than standalone projects



Outcome performance, cost effectiveness and efficiency decline with increased complexity



Coherence in project-program objectives has improved, but results focused on projects rather than programs

## PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES

# Global Wildlife Program



Relevant to biodiversity strategy

Comprehensive theory of change  
addressing illegal wildlife trade

Global coordination grant

Simplified M&E framework



Gaps in geographic and species coverage

Structural limitations caused by funding  
mechanism

Political will and corruption not explicitly  
addressed

Minimal funding for demand reduction



## INTEGRATED APPROACH PILOTS

Designed to build on **linkages** and **connections** across focal areas  
Formative evaluation based on **30** child projects approved



### **Sustainable cities**

Challenges to rapid urbanization in 28 cities

### **Commodities**

Tropical Deforestation caused by soy, beef and palm oil in 4 producing countries

### **Food Security**

Smallholder agriculture and food value chains in 12 African countries



## INTEGRATED APPROACH PILOTS

### Relevance



GEF has an important convening role



Countries/cities relevant to drivers of environmental degradation



Draw on comparative strength of the Agencies and think tanks



of respondents agree that IAP child projects will address conventions at multiple levels



## INTEGRATED APPROACH PILOTS

### Design



Coherence in objectives between program and child projects

Emphasis on knowledge exchange

Designed for scale up, replication and market transformation

Gender and resilience addressed



Demonstration of program additionality

Specification and measurement of GEB Targets

Alignment between project and program outcome indicators



## INTEGRATED APPROACH PILOTS

### Process



Relevant selection of countries, cities and agencies but process varied

Set-aside funds provided incentives for countries



Agency, city and country selection process not always clear

Under estimate of time to design and launch a complex program

Limited private sector participation



## INTEGRATED APPROACH PILOTS

### Lessons

#### Design

- ✓ Demonstration of GEF additionality and comparative advantage
- ✓ Alignment of objectives between child projects and programs should translate into alignment of indicators
- ✓ Standardized measurements for GEB targets

#### Process

- ✓ Agency selection based on comparative advantage
- ✓ Transparency and clear criteria for agency and country selection
- ✓ Clarity on partnership arrangements

#### Monitoring progress

- ✓ Effectiveness of knowledge platforms
- ✓ Program and Project Outcomes

# Comparative advantage

## RELEVANCE

1. Serves multiple conventions and broad range of environmental issues
2. Strong Support to LDCs and SIDS

## PERFORMANCE

3. Long history of good performance
4. Ability to address linkages and synergies between focal areas

## TRANSFORMATIONAL

5. Ability to Create an enabling environment in countries through legal and regulatory reforms
6. Delivers innovative financial models and risk-sharing approaches



# Recommendations

## Strategic

1. Strategic positioning
2. Transformational change
3. Integration based on additionality

## Financial

4. Financial management
5. Private sector management

## Policies

6. Gender equality
7. Safeguards and indigenous people

## Institutional

8. Operational governance
9. Systems for data, monitoring and knowledge

# GEF's Support for Transformational Change

- **Brainstorming** on Transformational change.
- What does it mean?
- How it can be assessed etc.?





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# GEF's Support for Transformational Change

4 criteria:

- ✓ Relevance
- ✓ Depth of Change
- ✓ Scale of Change
- ✓ Sustainability

### Relevance

- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Chemicals and Waste
- International Waters
- Sustainable Forest Management

### Internal Factors

- Quality of implementation
- Quality of execution
- Pre-intervention analytical and advisory activities
- Partnerships with donors

### Outcome

- Depth of change
- Scale of change

### Transformational Mechanism

*A mechanism to expand and sustain the impact of the intervention (through mainstreaming, demonstration, replication, or catalytic effects)*

### Ambition Level and Focus (of intervention objectives)

- Depth of change (market and system focus)
- Scale of change

### Contextual Conditions

- Government ownership and support
- Implementation capacity
- Policy environment
- NGO & community participation
- Private sector participation
- Economic and market conditions

### Sustainability

- Financial
- Economic
- Environmental
- Social
- Political

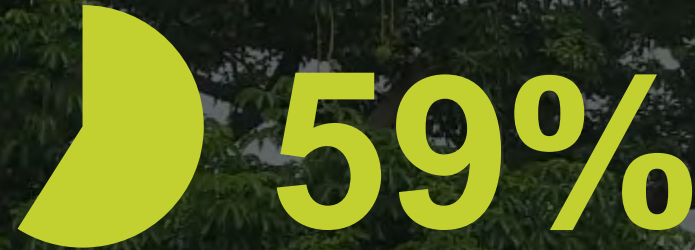


## PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT

# Broader adoption and transformational change



of projects achieved  
**broader adoption**



of projects achieved  
**environmental stress reduction**

### Mechanisms for broader adoption:

- + Mainstreaming and replication
- Scaling-up and market change

### Success factors for transformational change:

- Clear ambition in designs
- Addressing market reforms through policies
- Mechanisms for financial sustainability
- Quality of implementation and execution
- May be achieved by projects of different size



# EXAMPLES

## Transformational Change

### Uruguay

Wind power  
2008: 0%  
2016: 33%

### Africa

1.3 mln – quality  
solar lanterns;  
  
Private market  
transformed

### Amazon

13.2 mln ha –  
strict protection  
10.8 mln ha –  
sustainable use

### China

Wind power  
2005: 1.3 GW  
2015: 129.3 GW

### Namibia

98% PAs improved;  
  
Doubled number of  
wild dogs, leopards,  
cheetahs, lions  
(2004–12)

156 projects - nominated and screened  
30 cases (49 projects) - first review round  
13 cases (29 projects) - second review round  
8 cases (13 projects) - selected



# Uruguay Wind Energy Program

2007–2011

GEF: USD 1 mln; UNDP: USD 35,000; National government: USD 53.7 mln

Result: Wind power - 2008: 0%; 2016: 33% of all electricity in the country

- ✓ **Relevance:** decreasing greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ **Depth of change:** system and market-level (removing barriers to the wind energy market)
- ✓ **Scale of change:** national
- ✓ **Sustainability:** credible financial sustainability of investments; prices competitive with those of the fossil-fueled alternatives

# Lighting Africa

2007–2013

GEF: USD 7.85 mln; co-financing: USD 14.09 mln

Result: about **1.3 mln** households in remote off-grid areas of Africa purchased quality-certified solar lanterns at market prices

- ✓ **Relevance:** decreasing greenhouse gas emissions; increasing electricity access
- ✓ **Depth of change:** system and market-level  
(removing barriers to the markets for quality, affordable, clean, and safe off-grid lighting)
- ✓ **Scale of change:** multi-national
- ✓ **Sustainability:** self-sustaining market; people continue using and buying lamps; suppliers continue supplying; micro-financing available for end users



# Amazon Protected Areas Program

2002–2008

GEF: USD 30 mln; co-financing: USD 55.38 mln

Result: Doubled the amount of Brazilian Amazon under “strict protection” from **12 mln ha** in 2004 to over **25 mln ha** in 2009. Added another **10 mln ha** in “sustainable use”.

- ✓ **Relevance:** conserving biodiversity of global importance in Brazil’s Amazon Region
- ✓ **Depth of change:** system-level  
(expanding and consolidating the protected area systems in the region)
- ✓ **Scale of change:** regional
- ✓ **Sustainability:** endowment fund (\$23.4 mln), however government contributions to PAs continue to be necessary

## SUCCESS FACTORS FOR

# Transformational change

- ✓ Clear ambition in design
- ✓ Addressing market reforms through policies
- ✓ Mechanisms for financial sustainability
- ✓ Quality of implementation and execution
- ✓ May be achieved by projects of different size



[Coffee Break] 11:00-11:20 am

# Module 3: Results and methods

- [Group Work: Context-Question-Discussion-Approach-Result]
- Focal Area Studies with demonstration of methods
- Multiple Benefits, Trade-off and Synergies, Integrated approaches



# Focal Area Studies with demonstration of methods

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# Questions we seek to answer through evaluation

- **Relevance** of the intervention—is it in the right context?
- Trends in performance and **impacts** going far back in time...even if we didn't have **baseline** data?
- **Attribution**: Did the intervention make a difference?  
—**counterfactuals**
- Does the intervention deliver **value for money**?

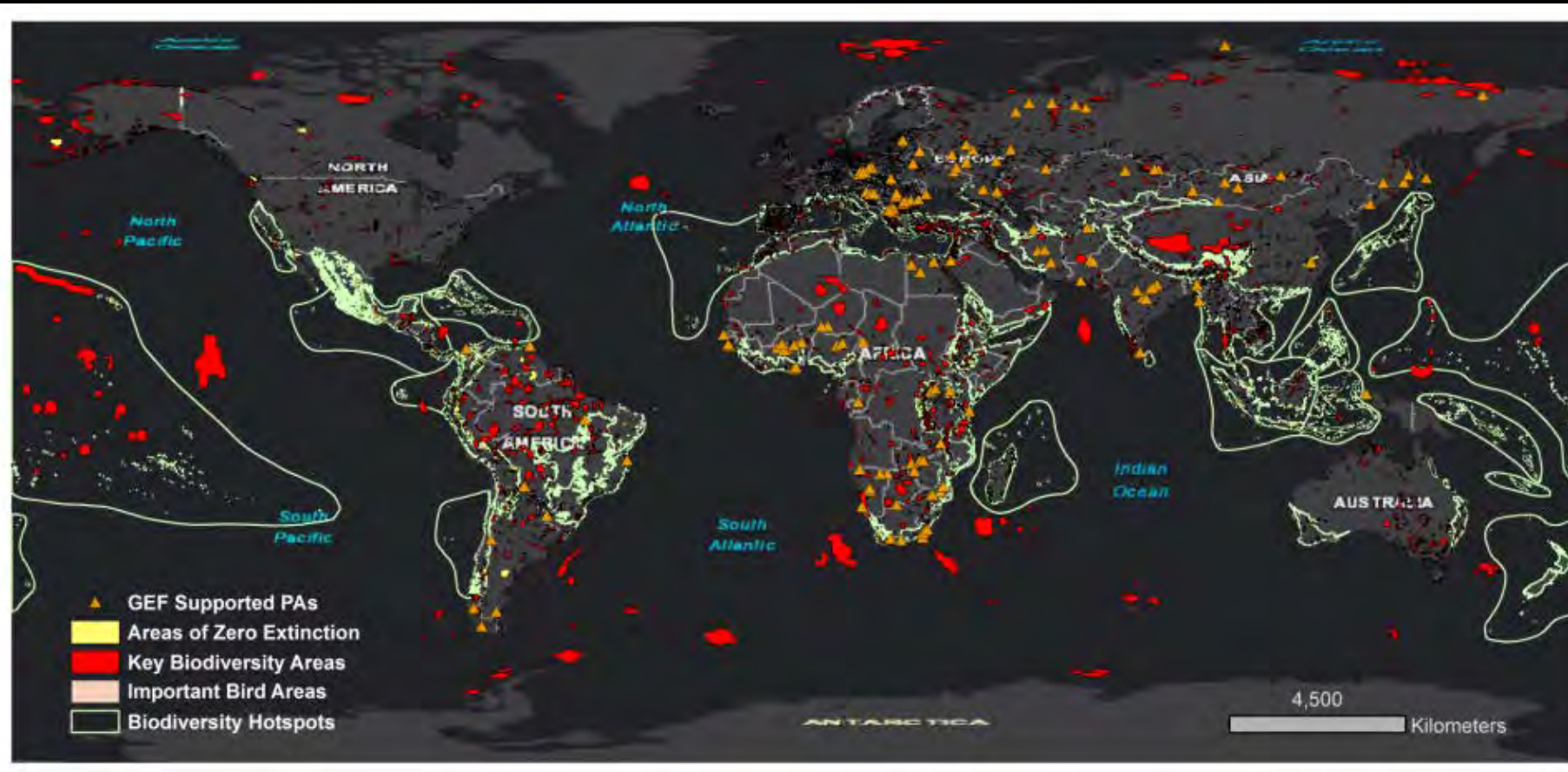


# Biodiversity

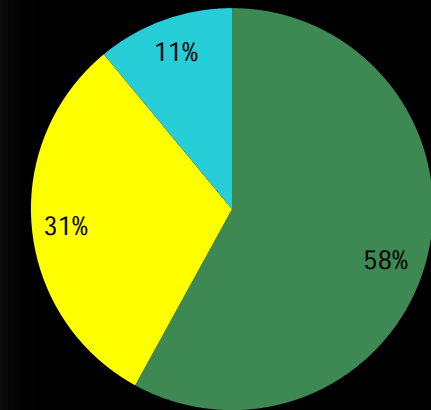




# Biodiversity: Relevance



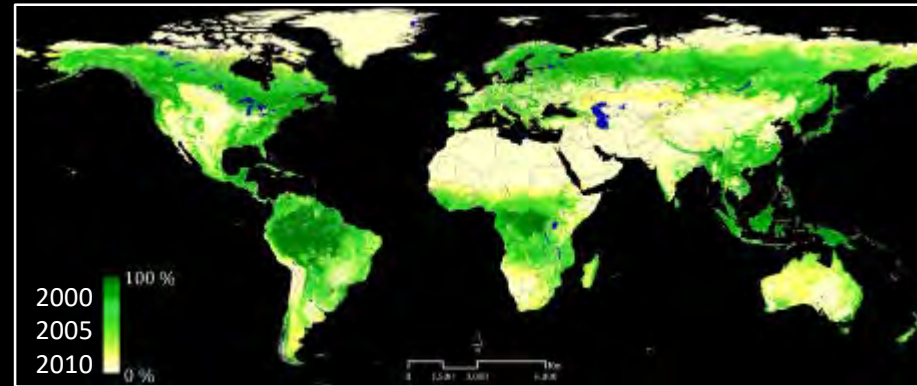
**KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS**, highest scientific designation of global biodiversity significance



■ KBA ■ International Designation ■ National Importance

**Study the impact of GEF support to 1292 global protected areas across 147 countries.**

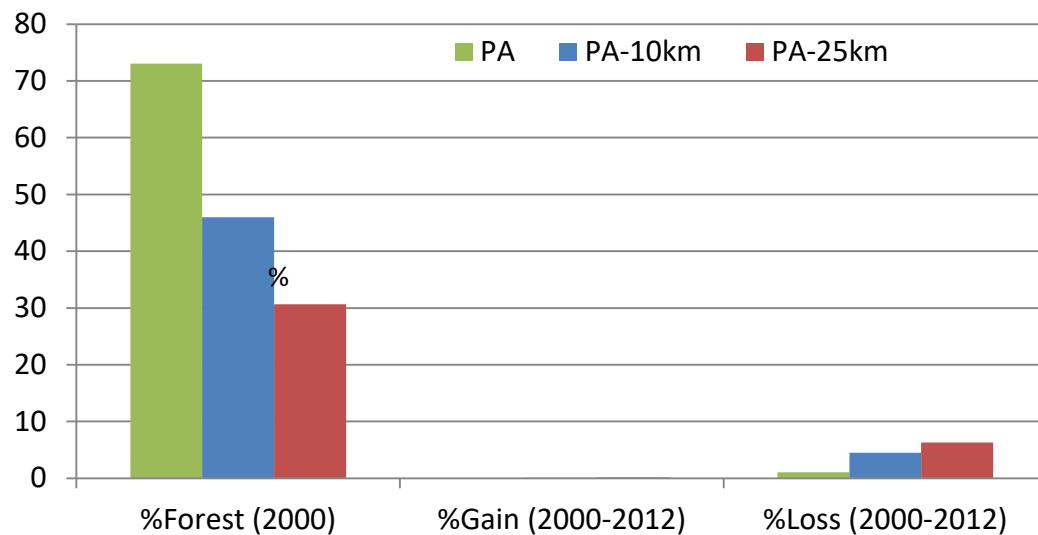




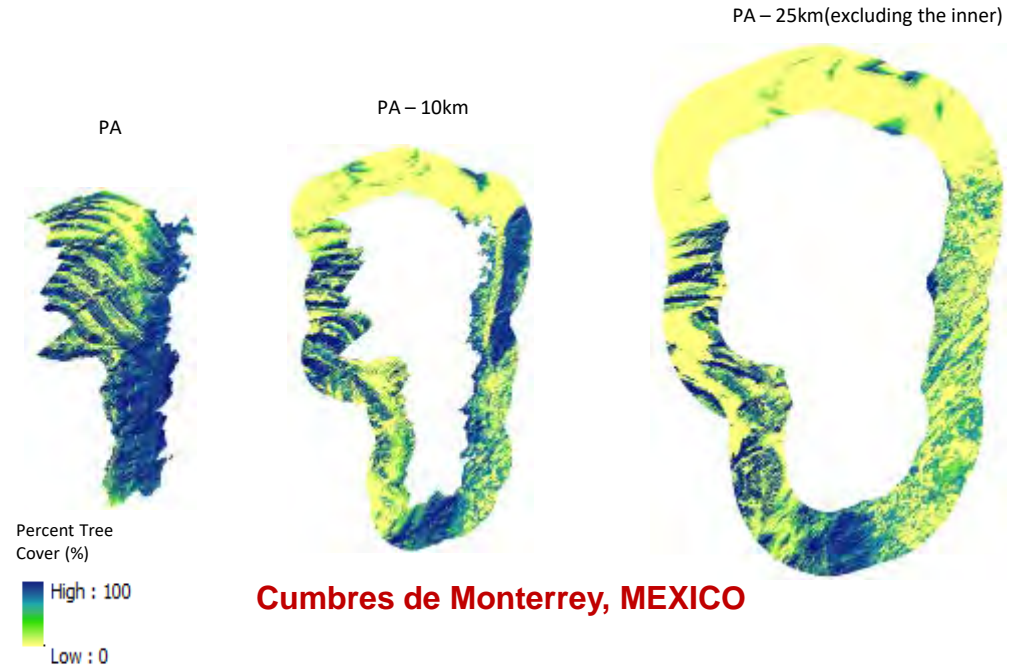
# Forest Cover Change Analysis



Decadal Forest Cover, Gain and Loss (2000 – 2012)

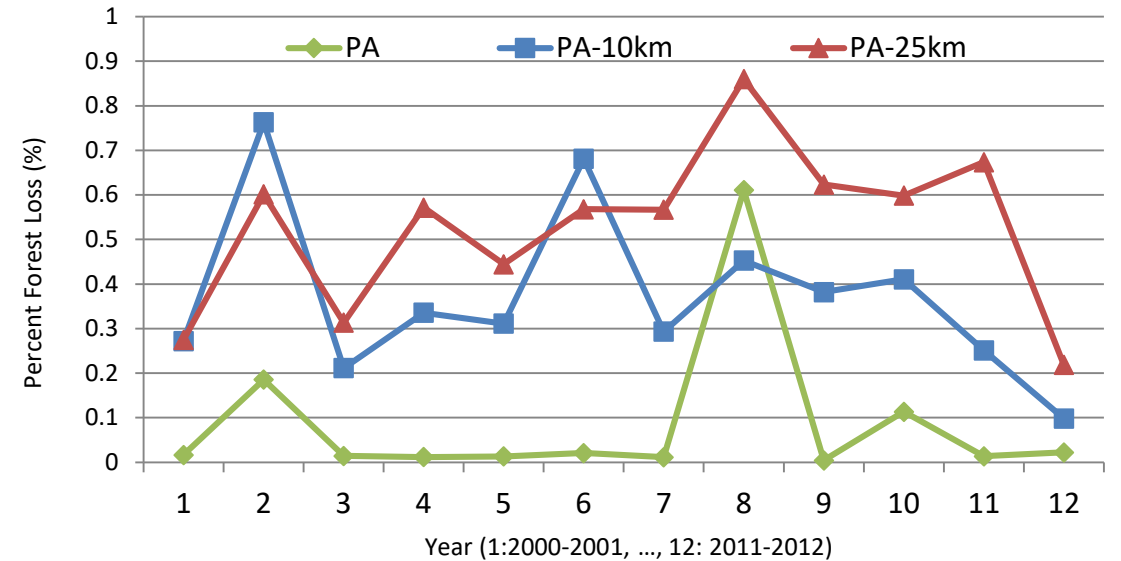


## Percent Tree Cover (2000)



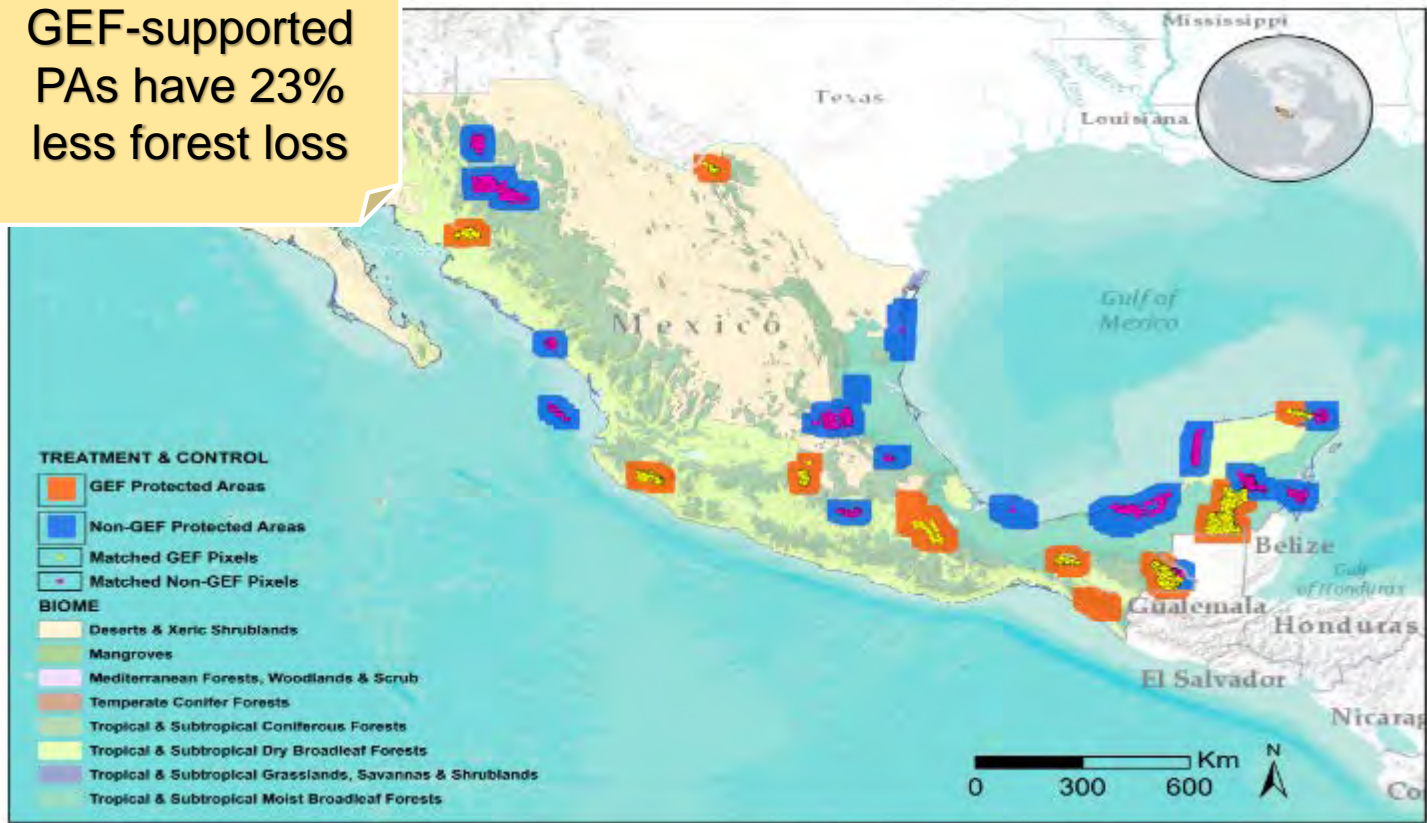
Cumbres de Monterrey, MEXICO

## Yearly Percent of Forest Loss (2000 – 2012)

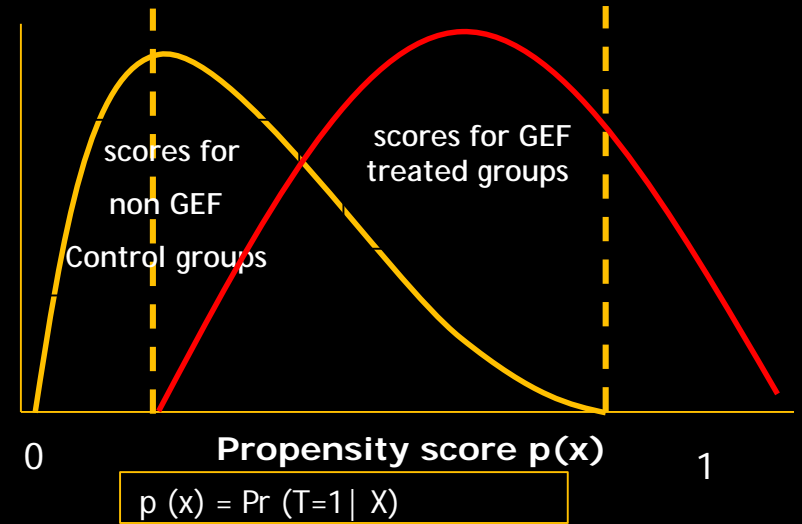




GEF-supported PAs have 23% less forest loss

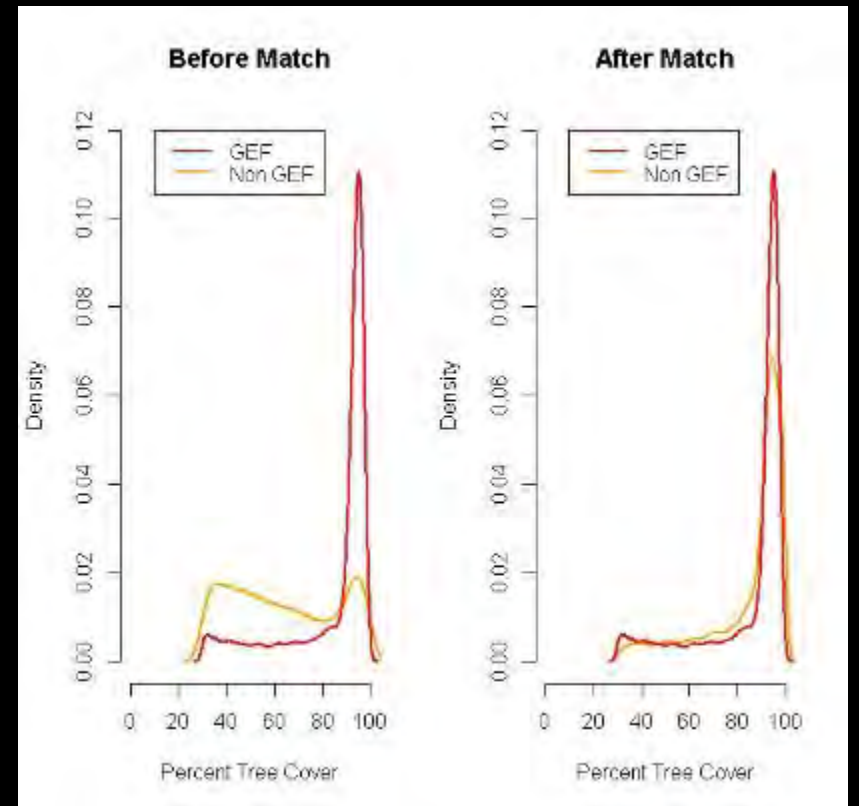


Probability



# Attribution: Did the intervention cause the change?

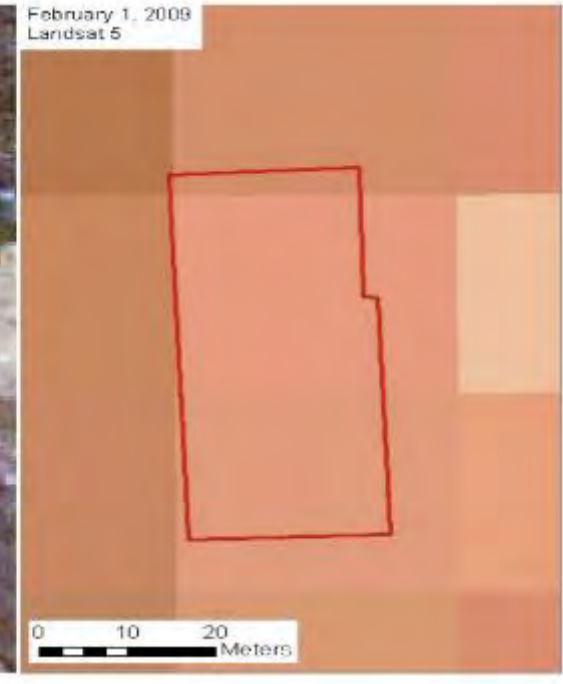
Quasi-experimental evaluation design based on PSM



# Identify the drivers



2.5 m



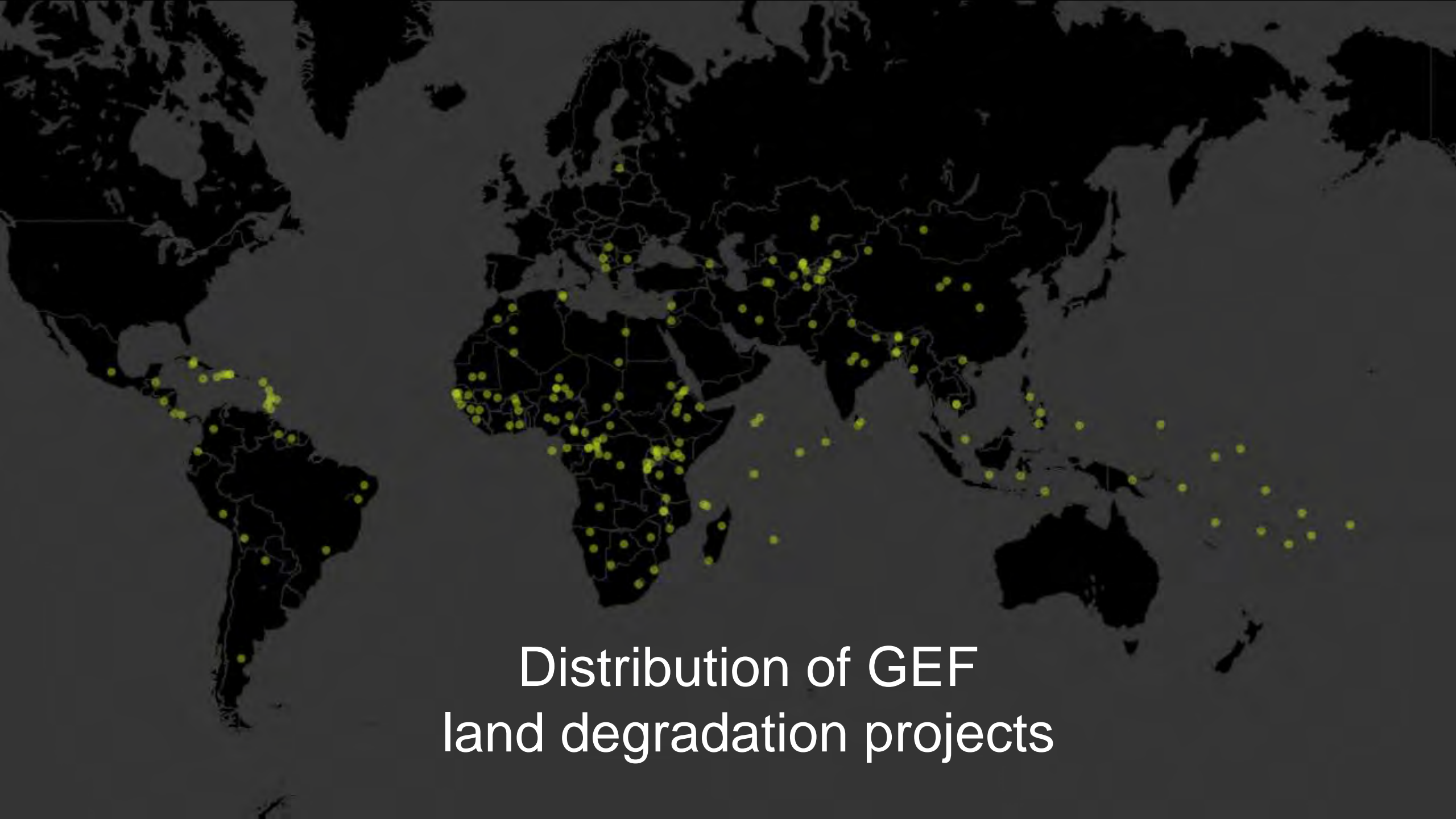
30 m zoomed in to 2.5 m

Images at 2.5 to 0.5 m resolution used to identify drivers of change that hinder success of GEF support



# Biodiversity

- Indicators
  - Annual change in forest area and land under cultivation\*: **Satellite Data analysis**
  - Area of forest under sustainable forest management as a percent of forest area: **Geospatial data/Administrative data**
  - Red List Index: **Telemetry, Tracking Data, Surveys/International monitoring**
  - Protected areas overlay with **key biodiversity areas(KBAs)**



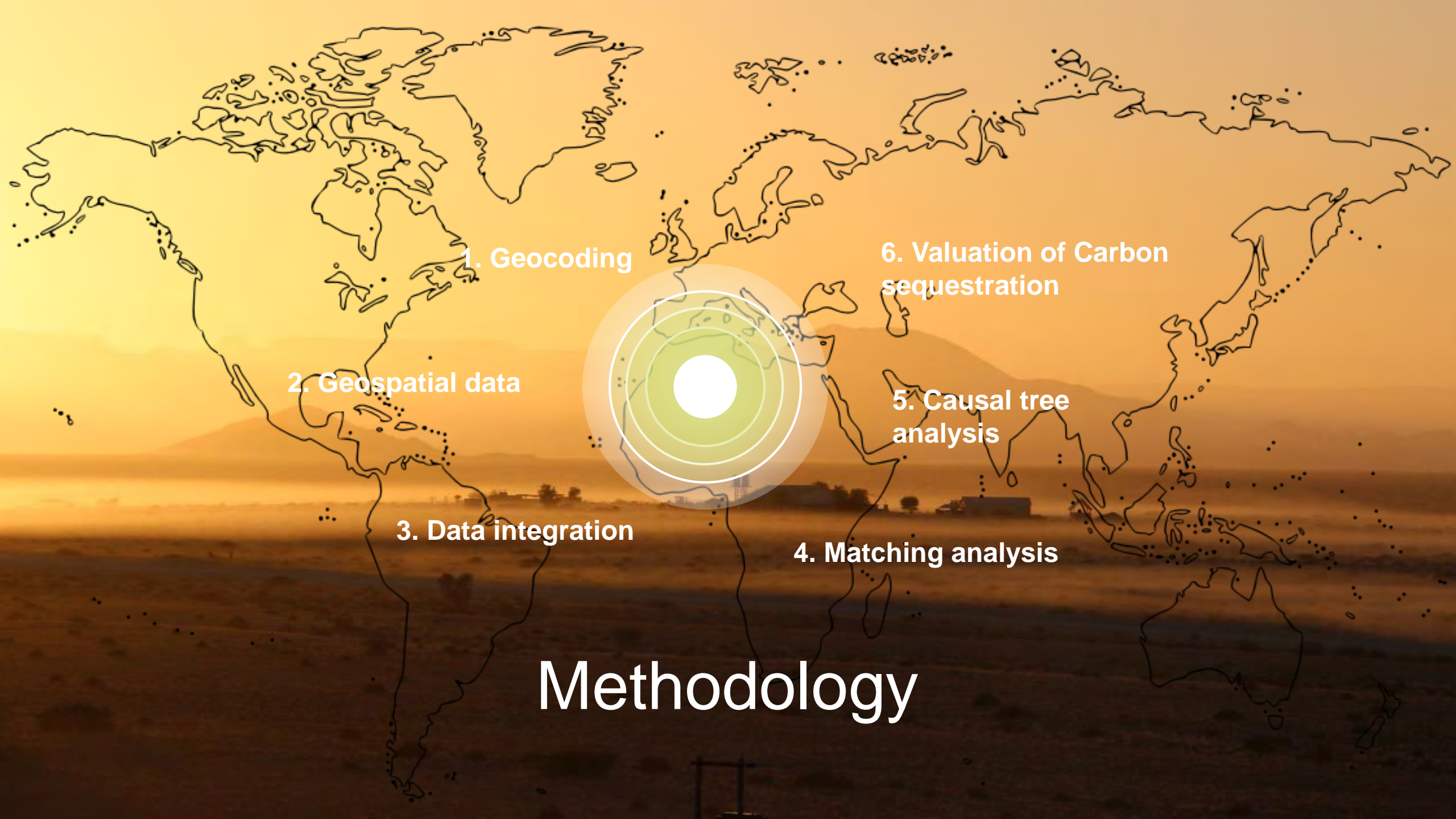
Distribution of GEF  
land degradation projects



## LAND DEGRADATION

# Value for money analysis: 3 main objectives

- 1 Impact of GEF land degradation interventions
- 2 Factors associated with the environmental outcomes
- 3 Value for money in terms of carbon sequestered



1. Geocoding

2. Geospatial data

3. Data integration

4. Matching analysis

5. Causal tree analysis

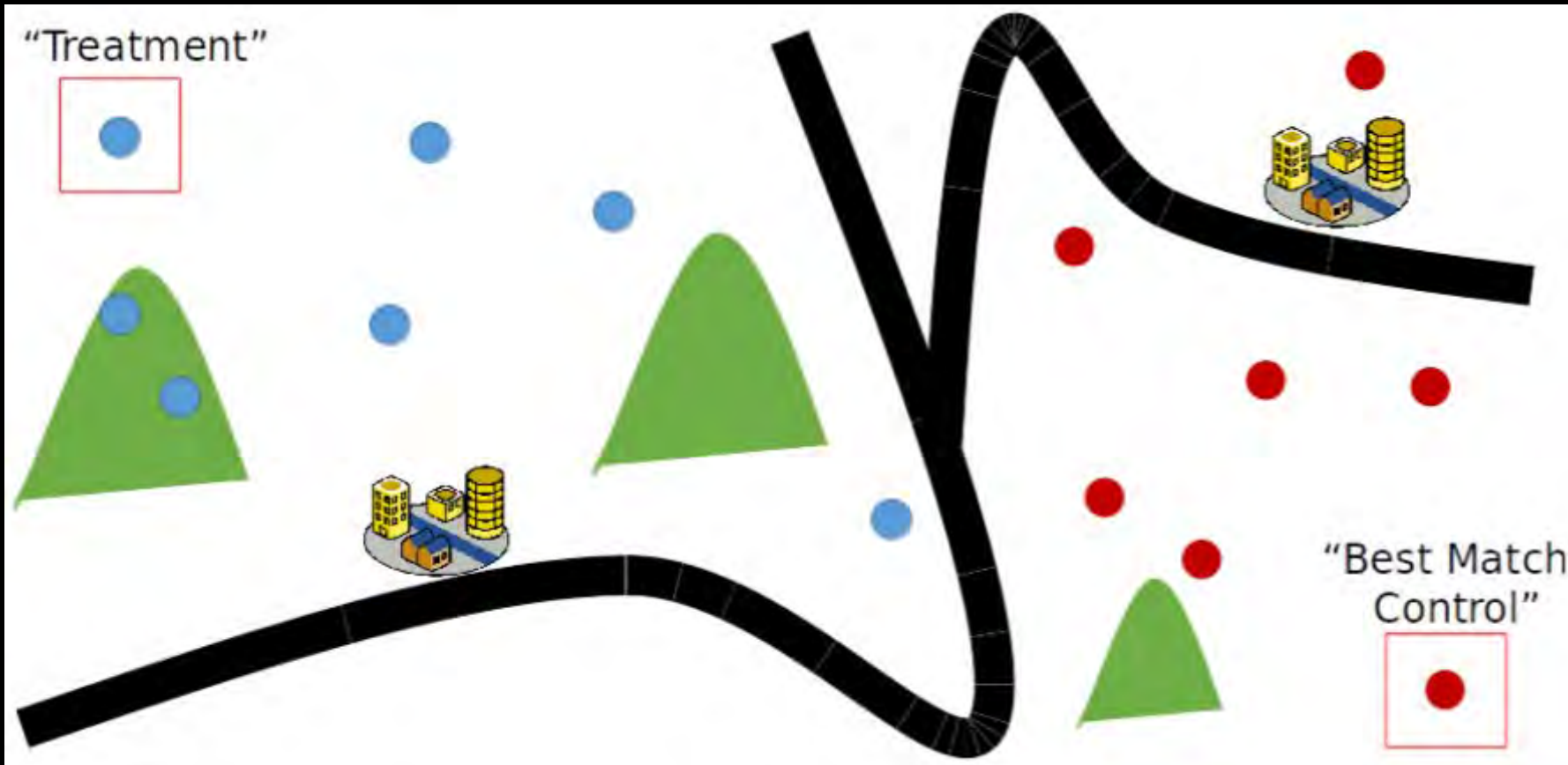
6. Valuation of Carbon sequestration

Methodology



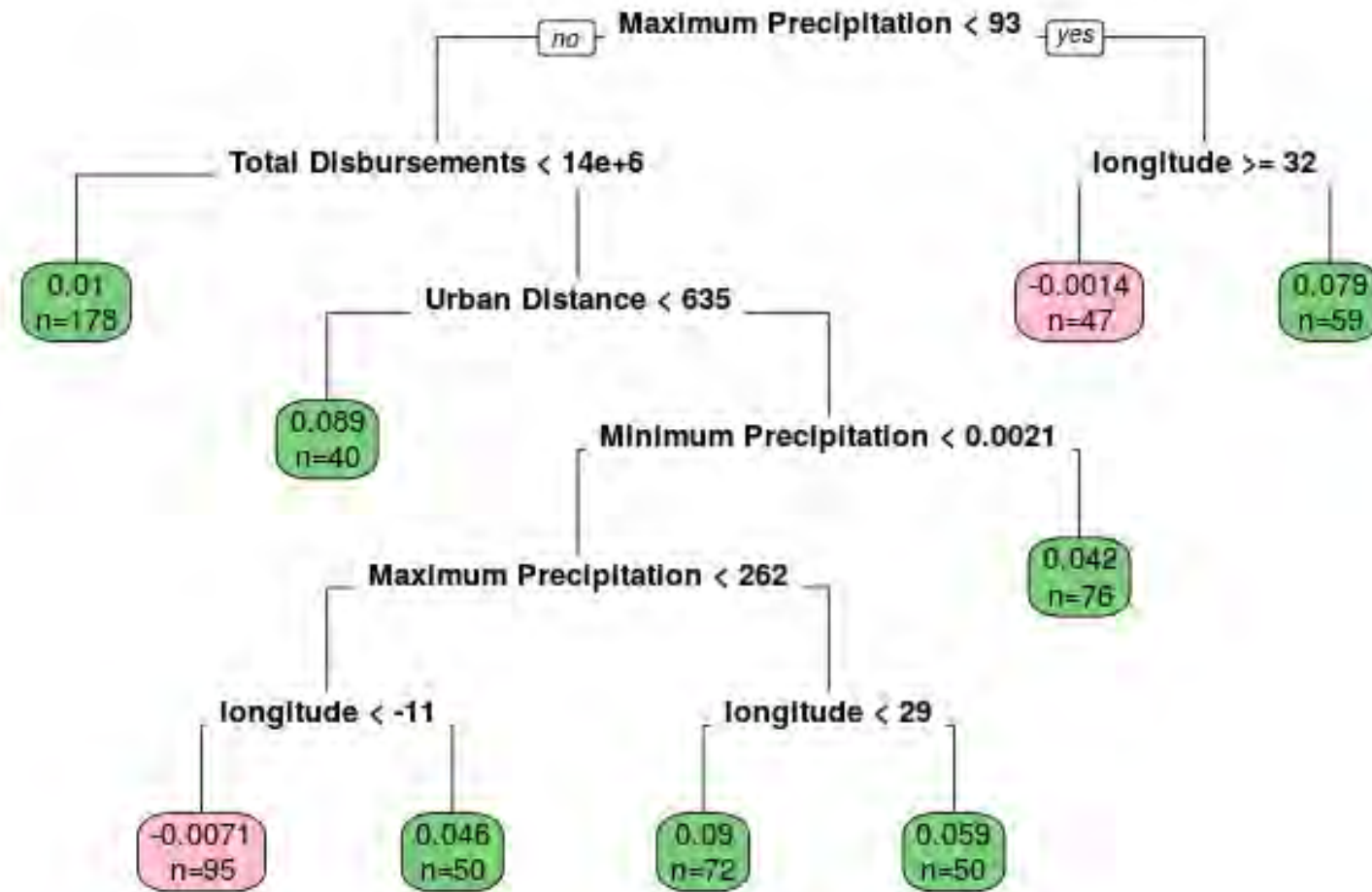
# LAND DEGRADATION

## Quasi-experimental method



## LAND DEGRADATION

# Machine learning and causal tree

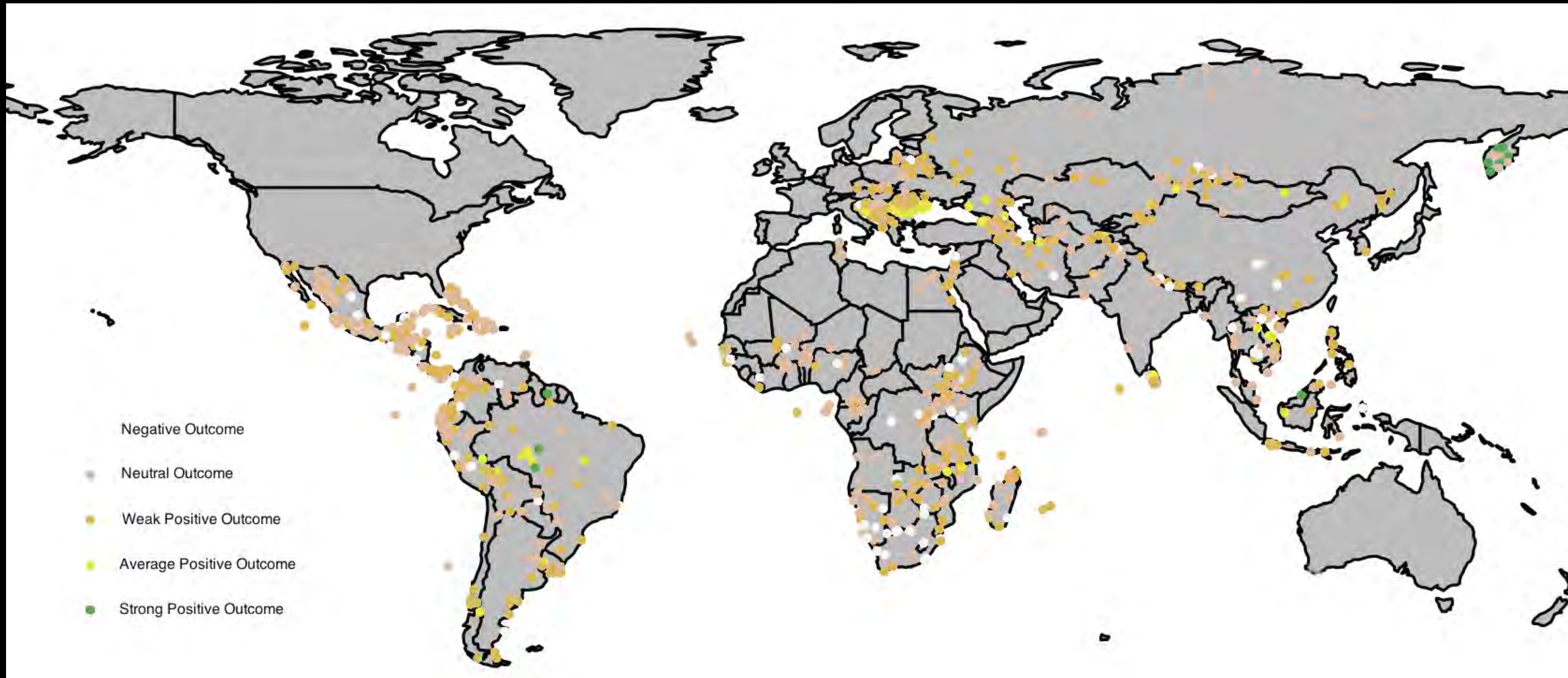




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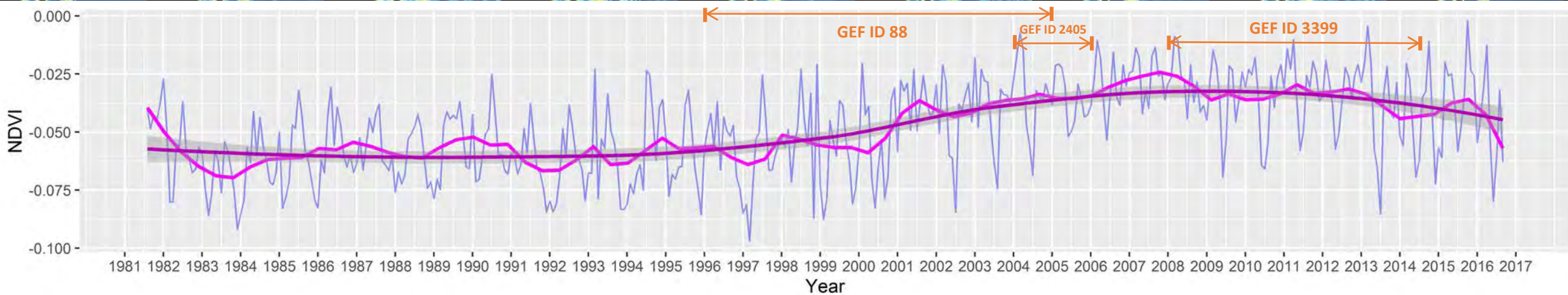
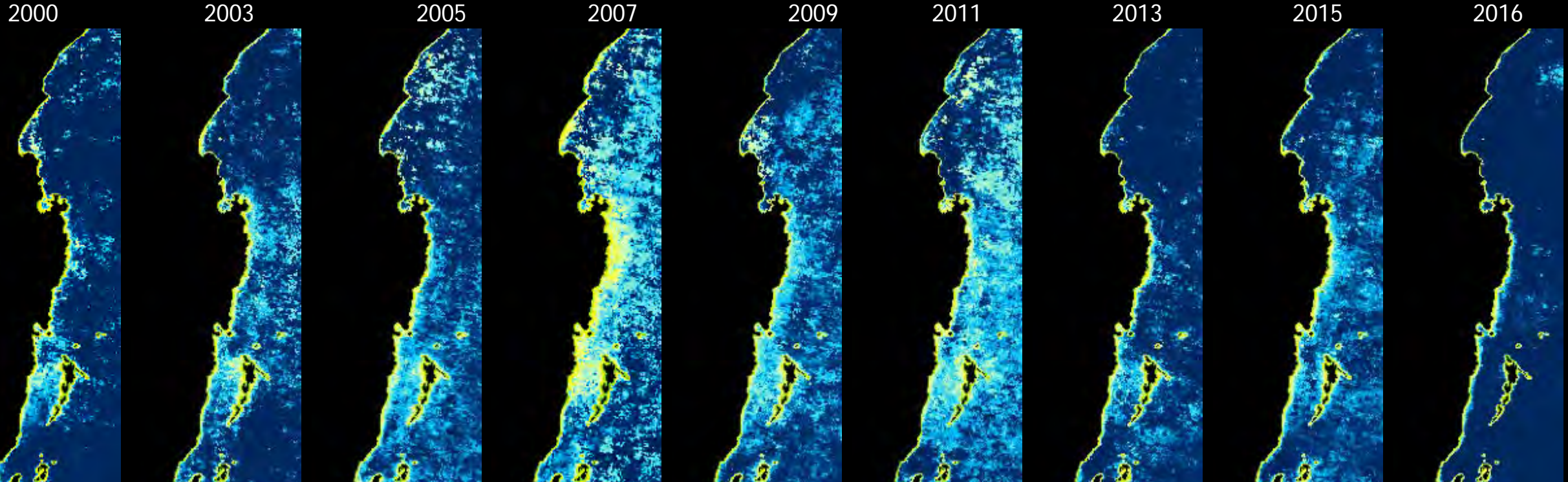
# Bang for the buck

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# DEMONSTRATING IMPACT

## International waters: Lake Victoria





# Ecological forecasting: Predicting the future

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Estimating the impact

2

Project design

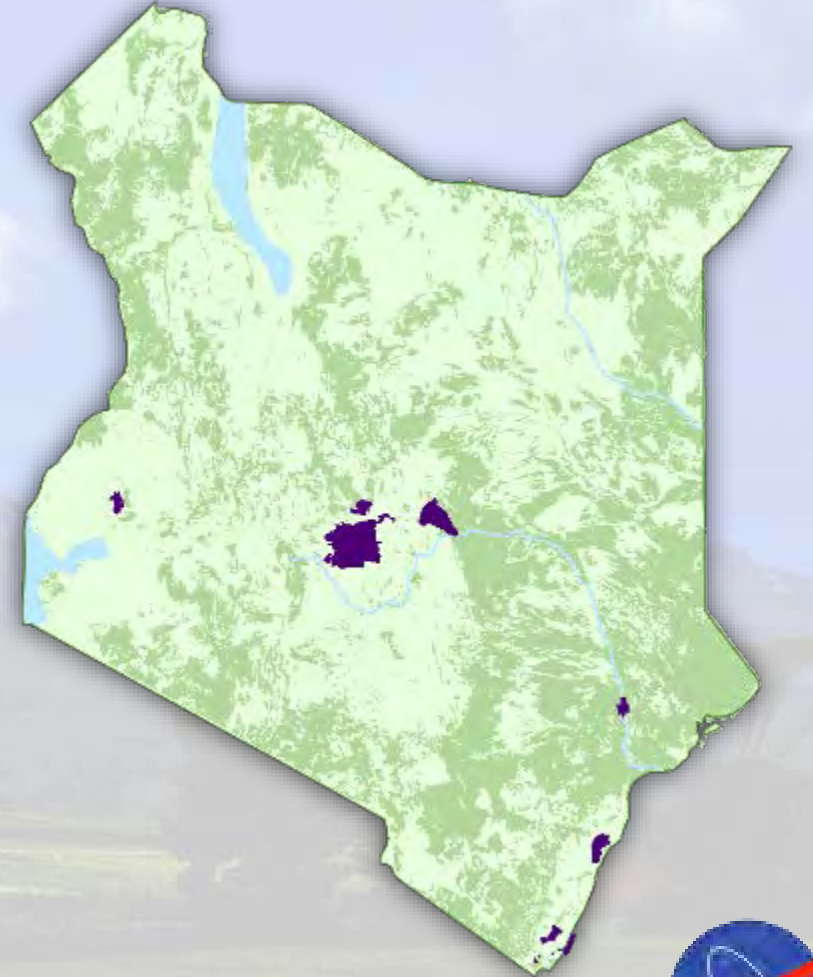
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Scenario building

# Kenya Ecological Forecasting

*“Estimating Carbon Sequestration within Global Environment Facility (GEF) Funded Protected Areas in Kenya to Aid Future Policy”*

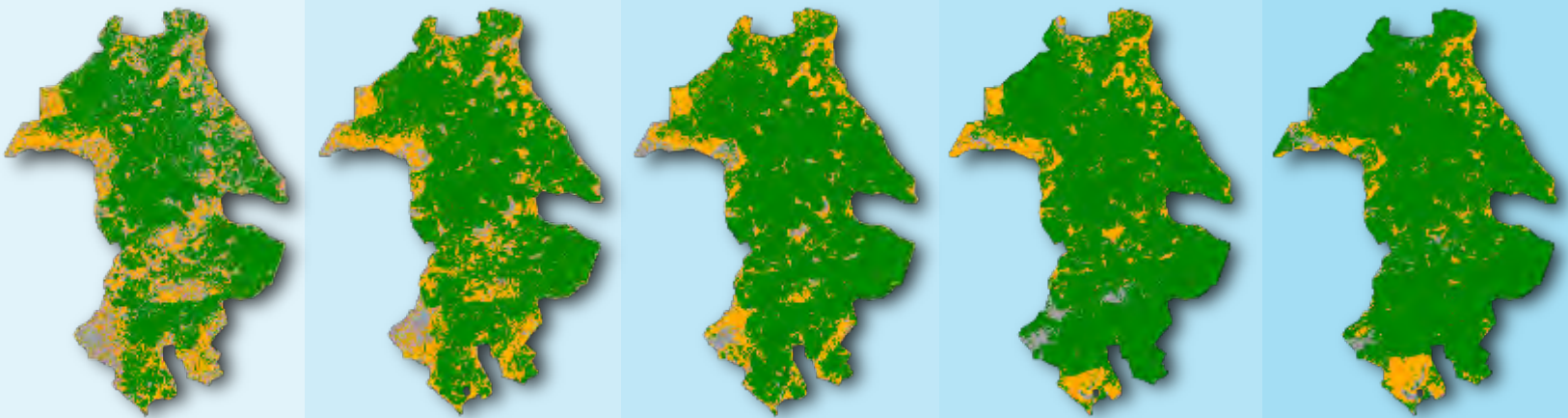
- Research collaboration between the Global Environment Facility’s Independent Evaluation Office (GEF-IEO) and NASA DEVELOP program
- Evaluated land cover and aboveground carbon stocks for 12 GEF protected areas in Kenya



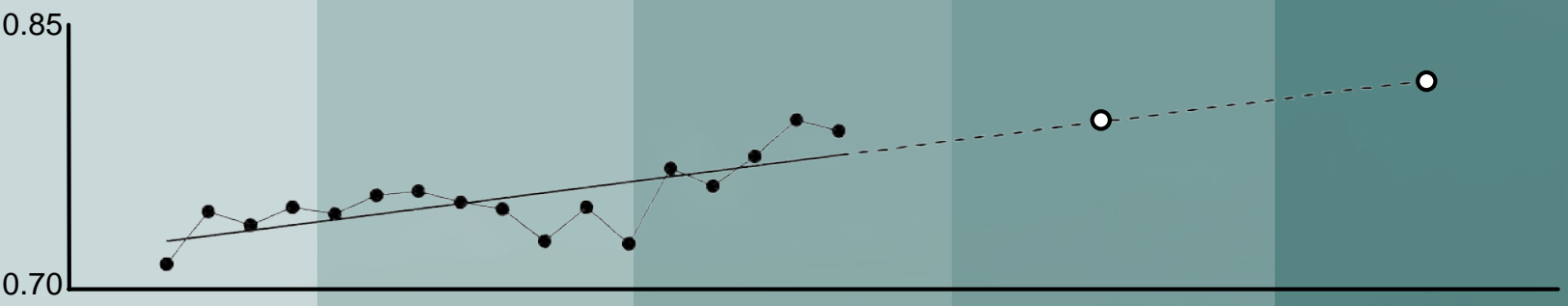


# Land Cover Change

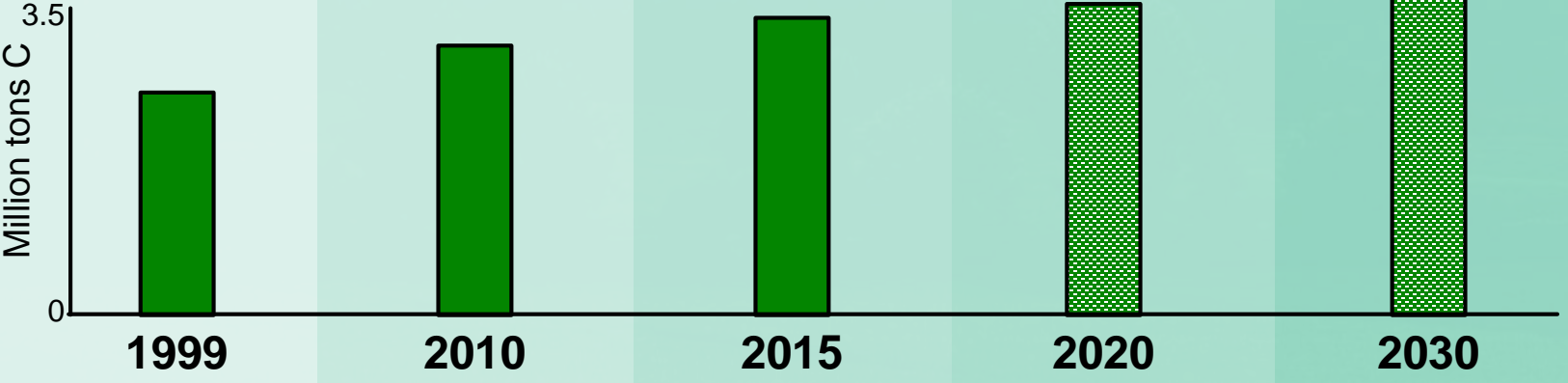
Forest Non-vegetated Shrub



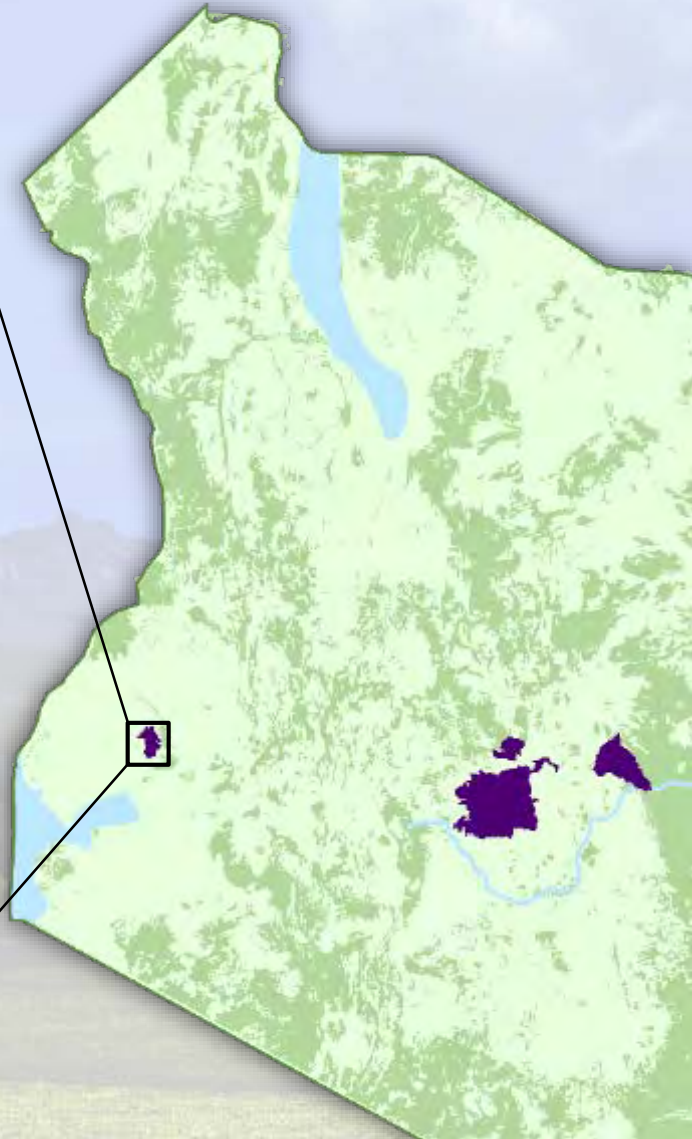
# NDVI



# Carbon Sequestration



# Case Study: Kakamega Forest Reserve



# Triangulating Across Methods



## Beneficiary survey

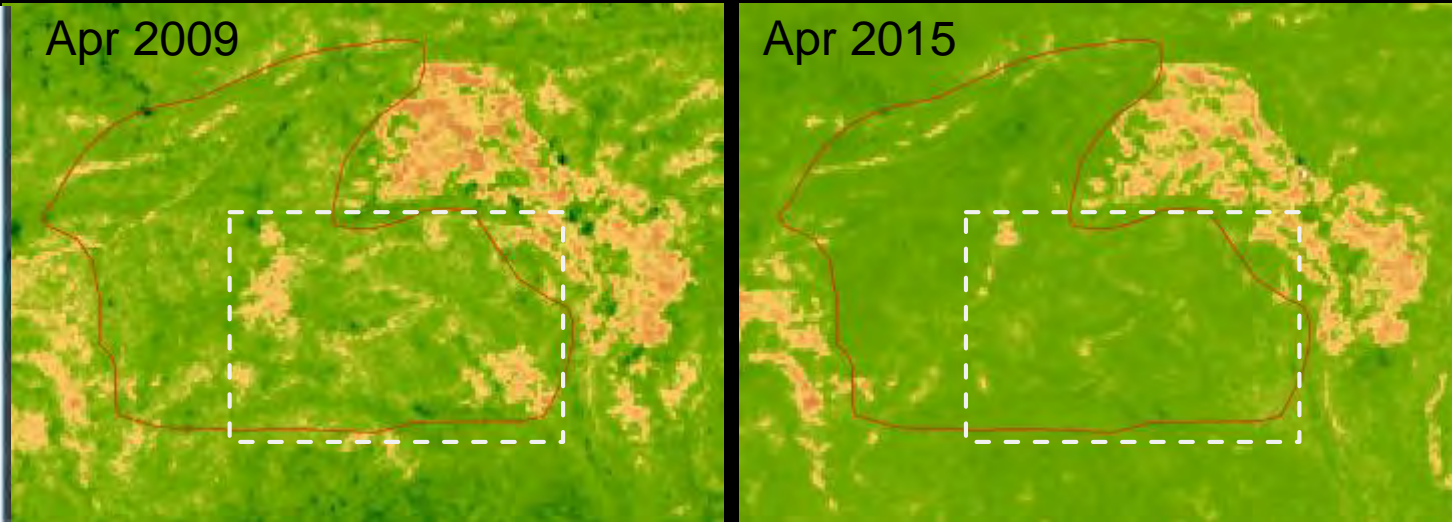


Question	Response
Whats the current date and time	2015-09-18T13:27:00.000+05:30
Where is this interview taking place?	21.7672216203057 78.66110502300134 4883959563433855 24.0
Can I take a picture?	
Name of Interviewee(s)	Premal Anke
What is your role in the project?	beneficiary
Name of Organization	Jorpati
Is the project creating any positive impact in the area/region/site?	yes
Did this project contribute to better land management?	no_a_moderate_
Has the project increased productivity of rangelands? (Y/N)	yes
Has the project allowed for creating of new jobs and livelihood?	yes
Do you believe project technicians listened to you and took your voice into account when planning or implementing the project?	no_a_moderate_
Did the project involve men and women equally?	yes
To what extent is the local community involved in the project?	no_a_moderate_

## Bamboo Forest



## Time series analysis using Satellite data



## Mixed methods and triangulation of findings

### Qualitative methods

- Case study
- Field visits
- Focused group interview
- Stakeholders interview

# Challenges and Limitations



High computing power and technical skills needed



Uneven availability and accuracy of contextual variables across sites



Cannot always answer "how" and "why" questions



Need for field verification/groundtruthing



# Multiple Benefits, Trade-off and Synergies, Integrated approaches

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# Module 4: Governance and Institutional issues

- Cross cutting issues (Gender, CSO, Ips, KM, Private Sector)





Independent  
Evaluation Office  
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

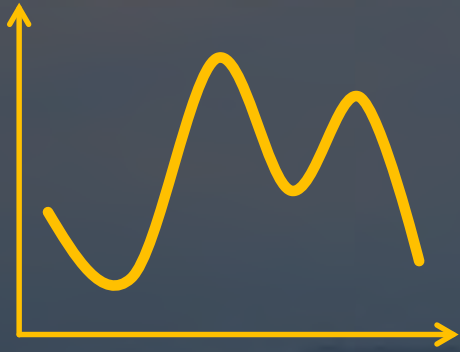
# Cross Cutting Issues: Institutional Framework





# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

## Financing



Exchange rate  
volatility

\$ £ ¥ €

Donors have  
delivered on  
funding  
commitments



Fragmentation in  
donor funding



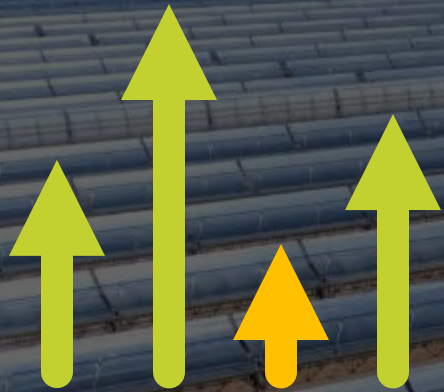
Ability to offer  
grants and  
non-grants  
appreciated



460 projects  
\$2,5 million in GEF investments

## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

# Private sector



Not an area of comparative advantage



Operational restrictions constrain engagement



Climate change investments feature heavily



**Needs to be seen as a partner, not only a source of funding**



91 projects  
\$732.6 million in GEF investments

## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

# Non-grant instrument



Greater diversity in use of NGI, beyond climate change



Technical assistance plays a significant role



Accessing NGI funds



In-house capital markets expertise



# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

## Gender



**Modest  
improvements**

**Gender  
analysis  
= higher gender  
ratings**

**Policy does not  
provide a clear  
framework**

**Gender  
Partnership is  
evolving into a  
platform to build a  
constituency**



## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

# Safeguard policies and indigenous people



Catalytic role in many GEF agencies



GEF projects that include indigenous peoples has increased substantially



Gaps in the GEF Minimum Standards



Most agencies fully consistent with obligations under Minimum Standard 4:IP



Absence of guidance on safeguards reporting during project implementation



UNDP SGP is primary modality for engagement with IPs



## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

# PMIS, RBM, Knowledge management: PROGRESS OBSERVED



### Project Management Information System

Data quality needs to keep up with partnership needs



### Results-Based Management

Promotes accountability, limited learning



### Knowledge Management

Used, and facilitates information sharing and, but access is limited

# Module 5: The road ahead

- Addressing complexity
- Technological Innovations
- Open discussion, Q&A and concluding remark



# Addressing complexity

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# Innovative Methods in M&E

Anupam Anand



# BIG DATA?

- No fixed definition
- Data sets that are so large or complex that traditional data processing applications are inadequate
- Characterized by
  - Volume from various sources needing large storage
  - Velocity at which they are generated
  - Variety of unstructured formats needing additional processing
  - Value or meaning not immediately apparent

*Adapted from Laney 2001, [www.oracle.com](http://www.oracle.com) and [www.sas.com](http://www.sas.com)*

## 40 ZETTABYTES

( 40 TRILLION GIGABYTES )

of data will be created by 2020, an increase of 300 times from 2005



## It's estimated that 2.5 QUINTILLION BYTES

( 2.5 TRILLION GIGABYTES ) of data are created each day



## Volume SCALE OF DATA

6 BILLION PEOPLE have cell phones



WORLD POPULATION: 7 BILLION

Most companies in the U.S. have at least 100 TERABYTES ( 100,000 GIGABYTES ) of data stored



# The FOUR V's of Big Data

From traffic patterns and music downloads to web history and medical records, data is recorded, stored, and analyzed to enable the technology and services that the world relies on every day. But what exactly is big data, and how can these massive amounts of data be used?

As a leader in the sector, IBM data scientists break big data into four dimensions: **Volume, Velocity, Variety and Veracity**

Depending on the industry and organization, big data encompasses information from multiple internal and external sources such as transactions, social media, enterprise content, sensors and mobile devices. Companies can leverage data to adapt their products and services to better meet customer needs, optimize operations and infrastructure, and find new sources of revenue.

By 2015 4.4 MILLION IT JOBS will be created globally to support big data, with 1.9 million in the United States



As of 2011, the global size of data in healthcare was estimated to be

150 EXABYTES ( 161 BILLION GIGABYTES )



By 2014, it's anticipated there will be

420 MILLION WEARABLE, WIRELESS HEALTH MONITORS

## Variety DIFFERENT FORMS OF DATA

4 BILLION+ HOURS OF VIDEO are watched on YouTube each month



400 MILLION TWEETS are sent per day by about 200 million monthly active users



30 BILLION PIECES OF CONTENT are shared on Facebook every month



The New York Stock Exchange captures 1 TB OF TRADE INFORMATION during each trading session



## Velocity ANALYSIS OF STREAMING DATA

Modern cars have close to 100 SENSORS that monitor items such as fuel level and tire pressure



By 2016, it is projected there will be 18.9 BILLION NETWORK CONNECTIONS - almost 2.5 connections per person on earth



1 IN 3 BUSINESS LEADERS don't trust the information they use to make decisions



Poor data quality costs the US economy around \$3.1 TRILLION A YEAR



## Veracity UNCERTAINTY OF DATA

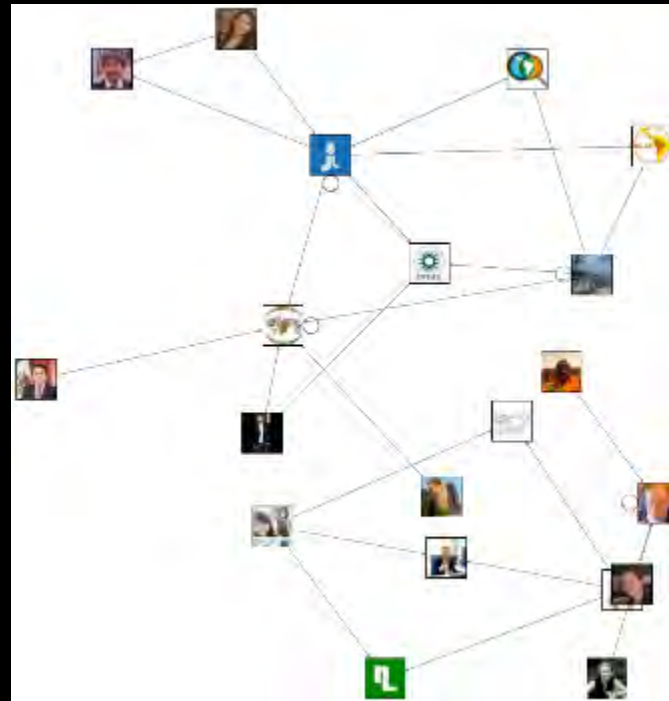


in one survey were unsure of how much of their data was inaccurate

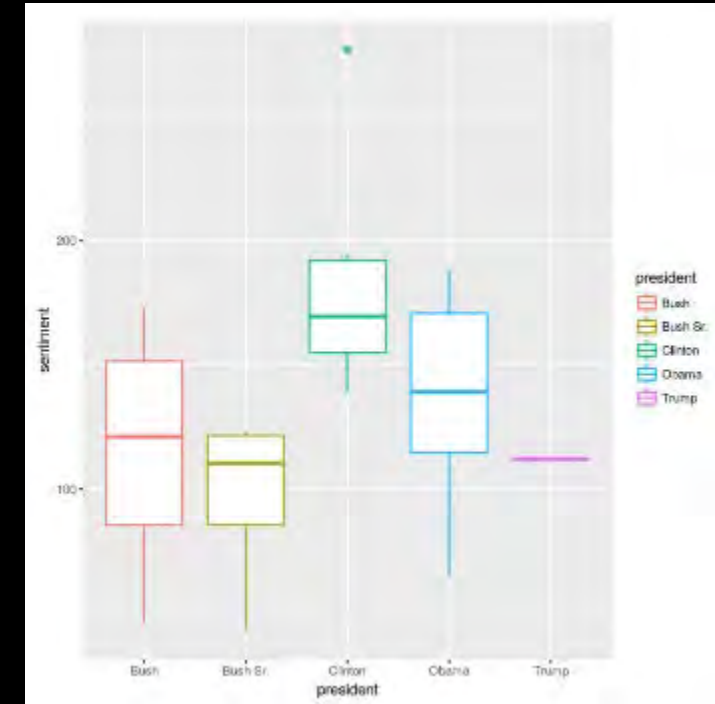


# Social Media

- Crowdsourcing
- Network Analytics
- Text analytics
- Sentiment analysis



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# Geospatial Science



Tambopata National Reserve, Peru

- **1,400 active satellites**
- **Many more planned**
- **High resolution data available**

**Application in Multiple Areas**



# SDGs and Earth Observation



Big data such as from satellite imagery and sensor networks make environment and development indicators increasingly measurable



# Drones/UAVs

- For Rapid Assessments and baseline data

## Application areas

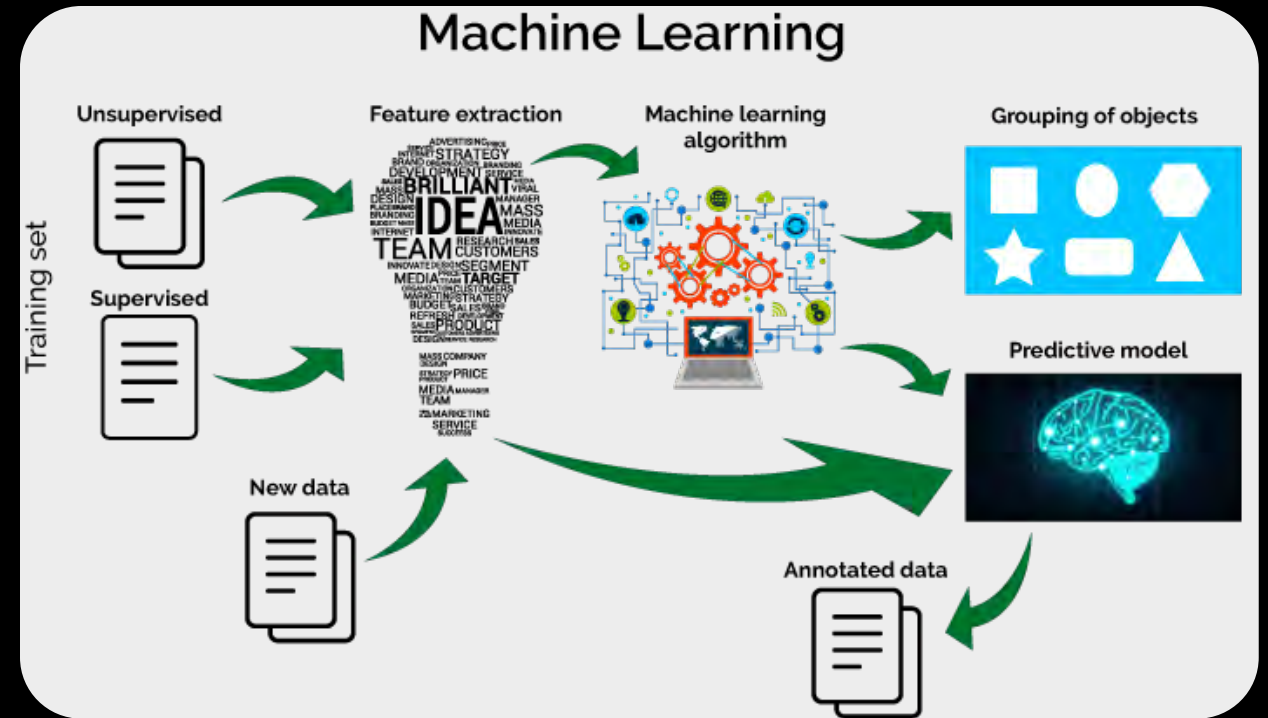
- Payment for Ecosystem services(land productivity, biomass)
- Infrastructure projects
- Conflict area





# Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence

- Process all kinds of raw data faster
- Predictive analysis, likelihood of future outcome
- Pattern identification



# Lessons for the future



**Partner with  
global institutions**

**Use mixed  
approaches  
and methods**



**Continue exploring  
new methodologies  
and data sources**



**Approach evaluation  
as a dynamic  
learning process**





# Open Discussion

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a vast, green, grassy field in the foreground. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills and a range of mountains. Some of the mountain peaks are covered in snow. The sky is filled with large, dark, grey clouds, with some blue visible between them. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

Thank you