

# IMPACTS OF GLOBAL MARKETS AND NATIONAL POLICIES ON FOREST CARBON TRAJECTORIES AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES IN THE GUIANA SHIELD ECOREGION

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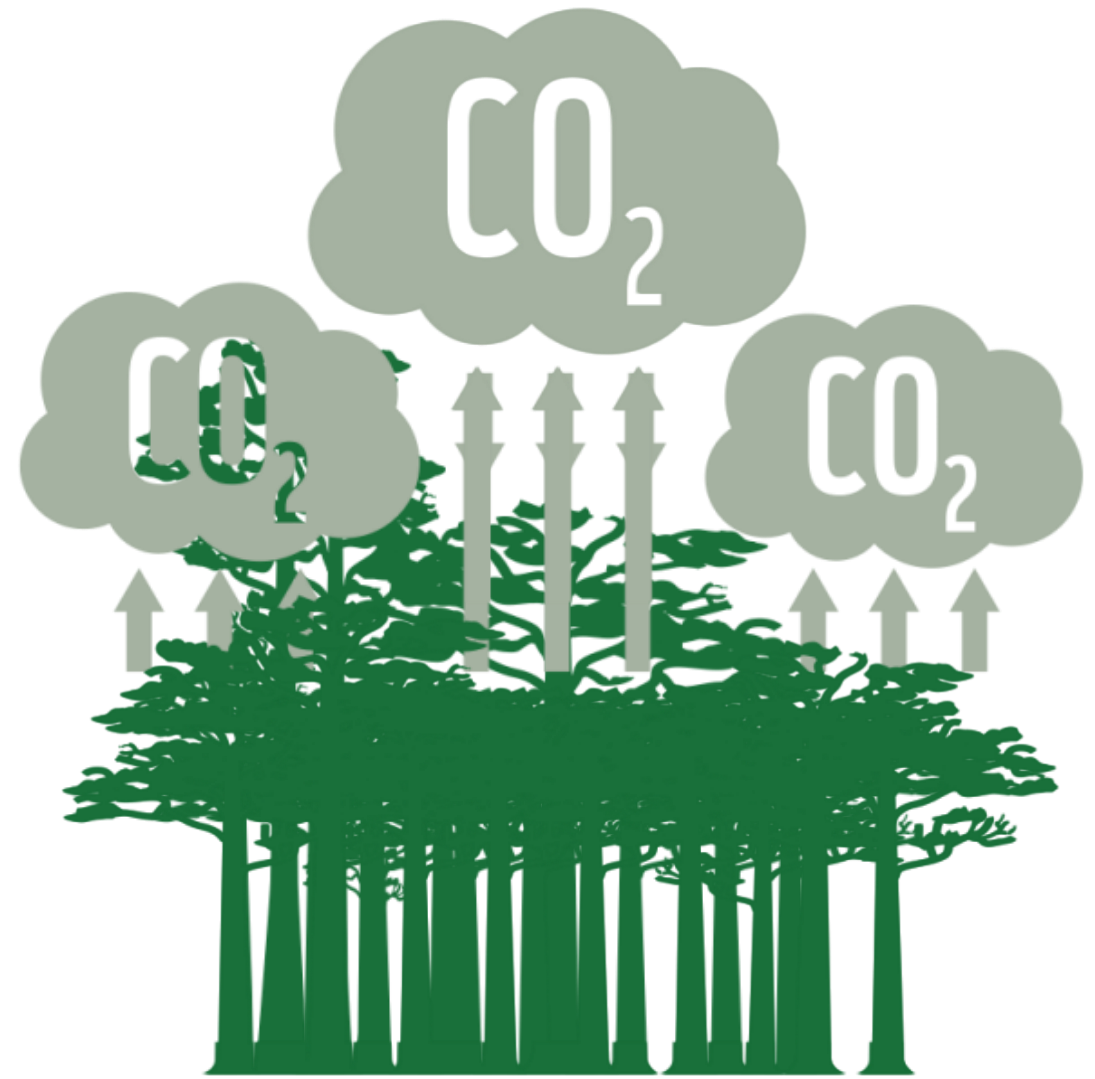
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## FORESTS AND CLIMATE

Half of all the carbon stored in the world's forests is found in tropical areas

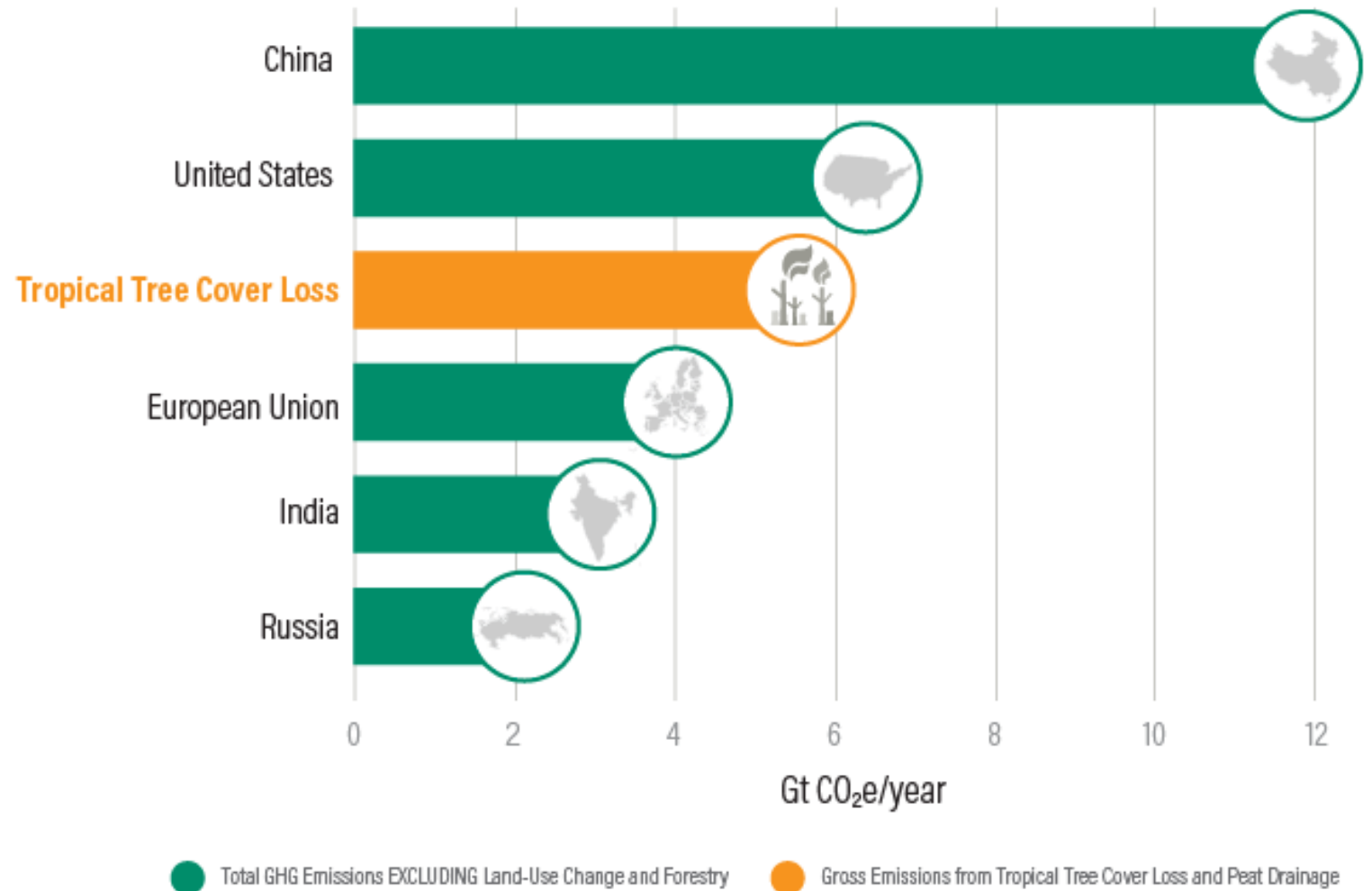


Carbon sink to carbon sources

# FORESTS AND CLIMATE

Deforestation releases  
6 GT CO<sup>2</sup> emissions per  
year

## If Tropical Deforestation were a Country, it Would Rank Third in CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions



Source: Seymour & Busch, 2016.

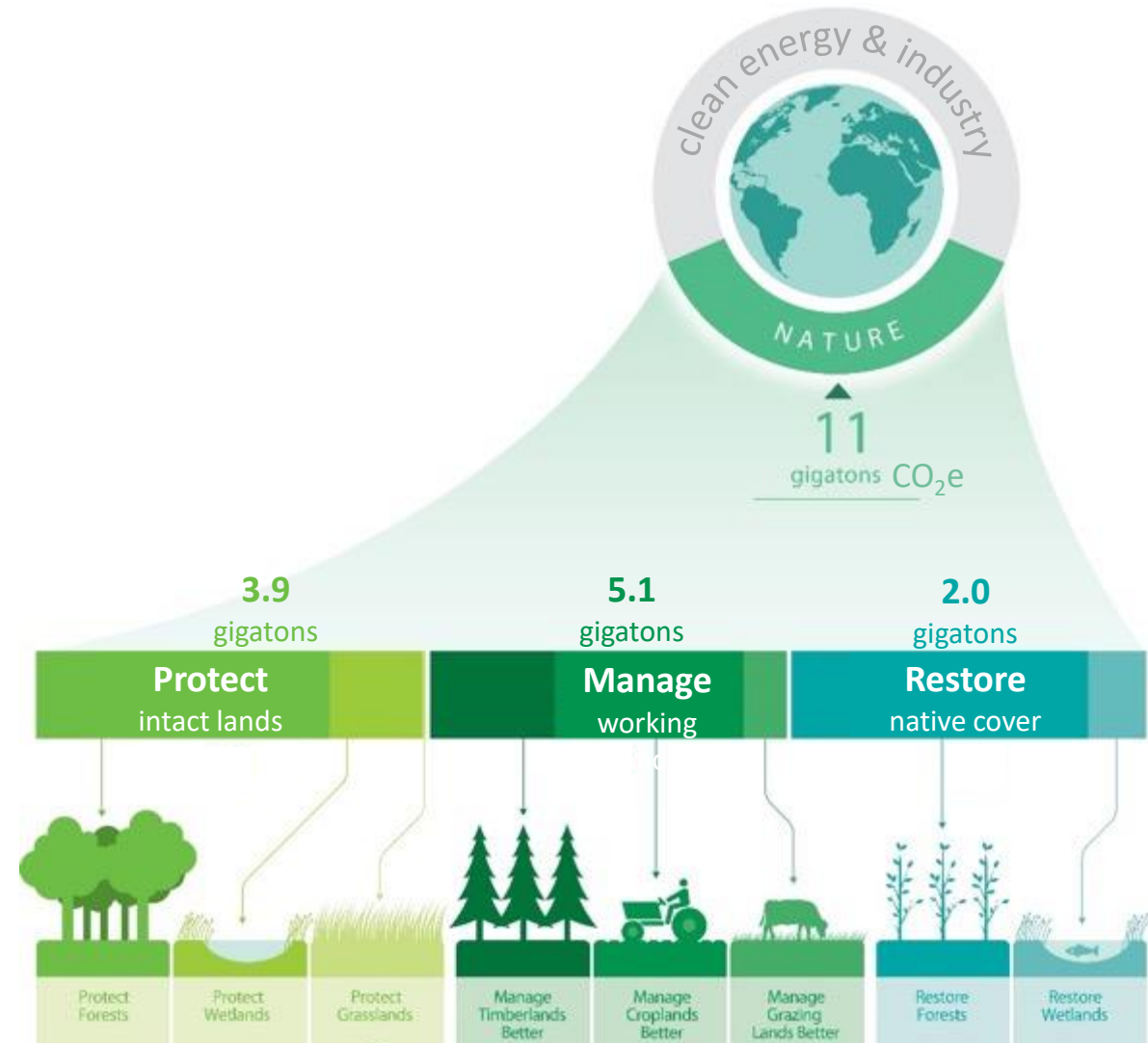


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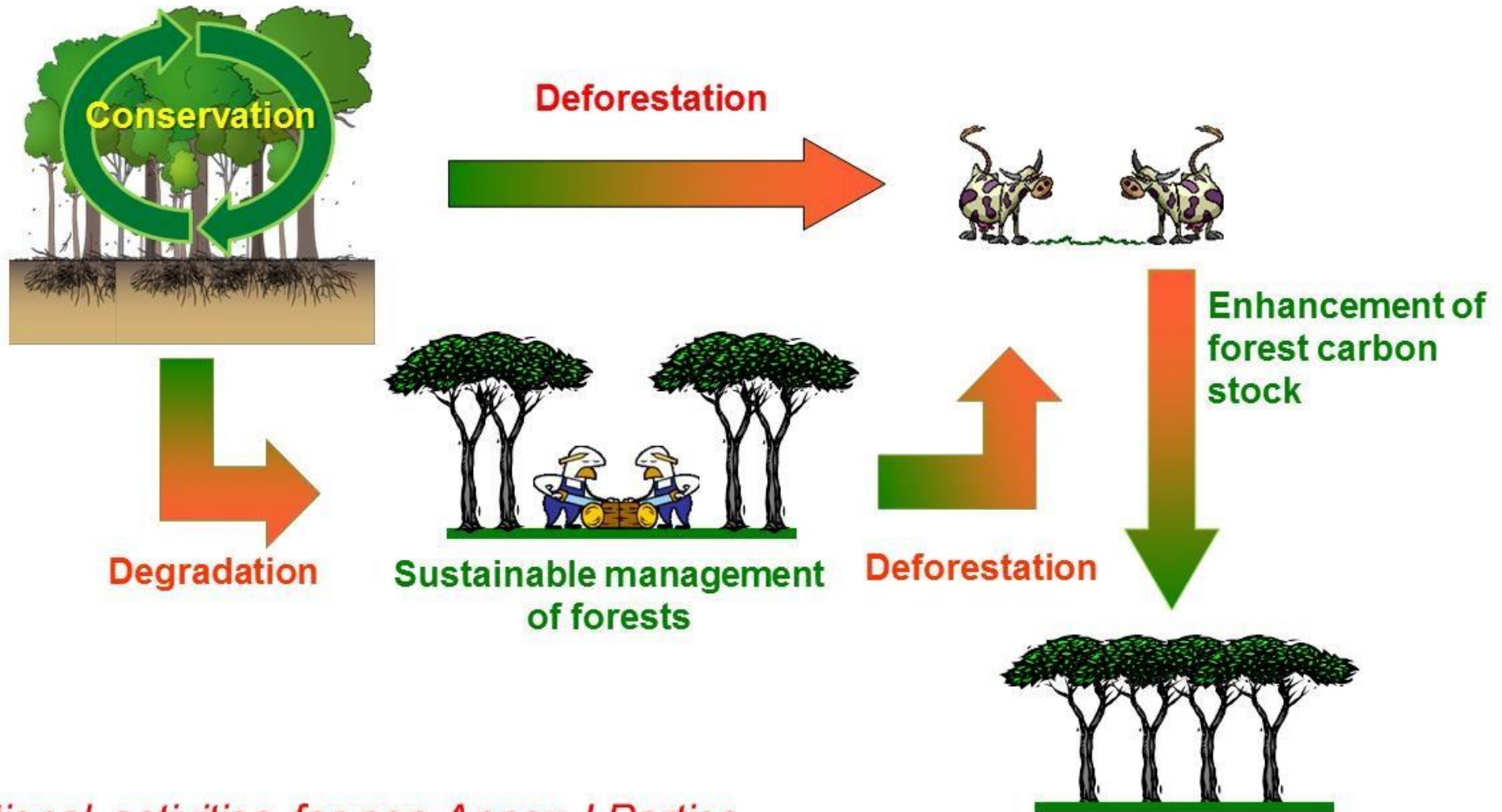
# NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS (NCS)

Natural climate solutions have a potential mitigation impact of 11 gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.



Source: Griscom et al., PNAS (2017) and Griscom et al., 2020 Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B. Graphics from Nature Conservancy magazine and 5W Infographics

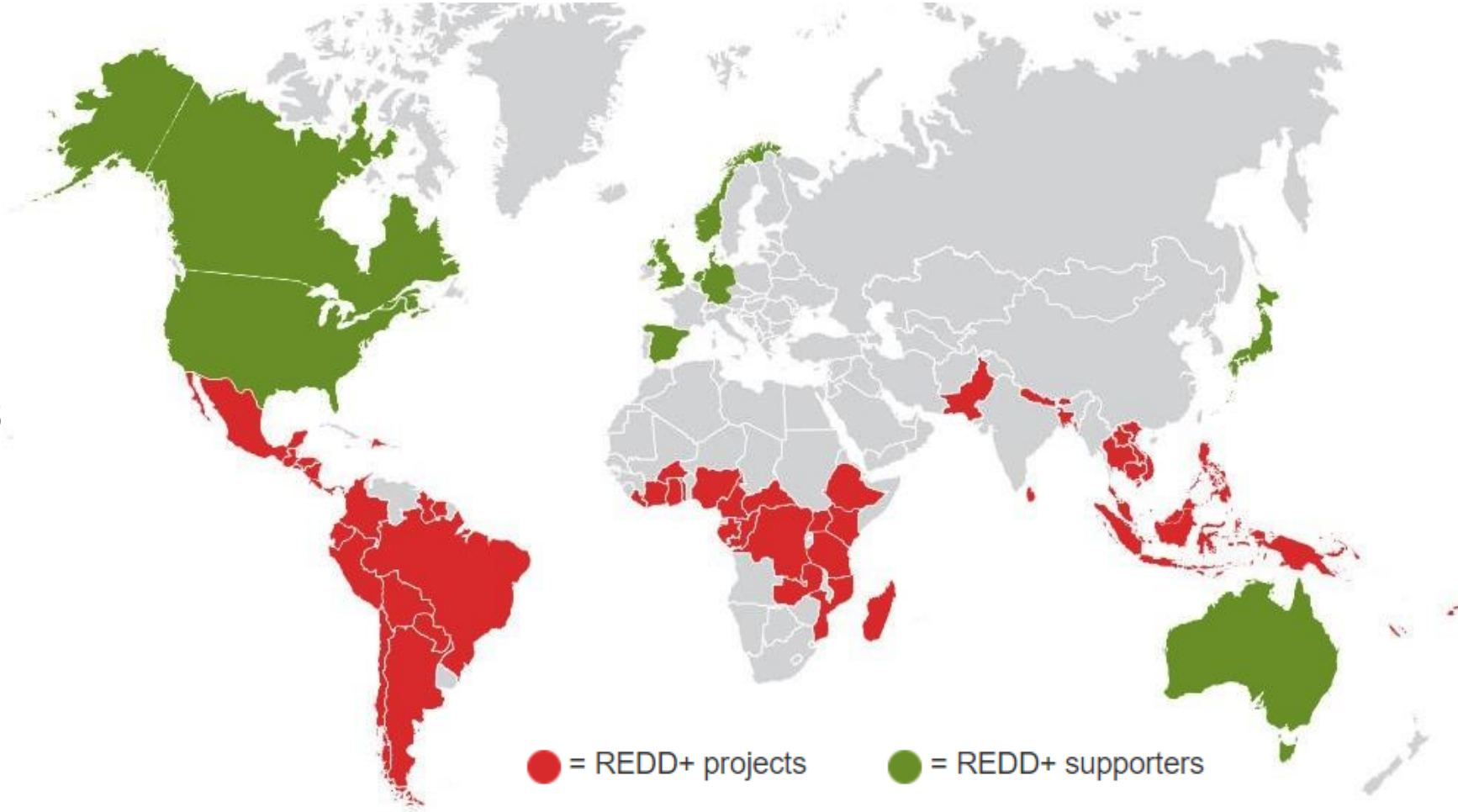
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*National activities for non-Annex I Parties*

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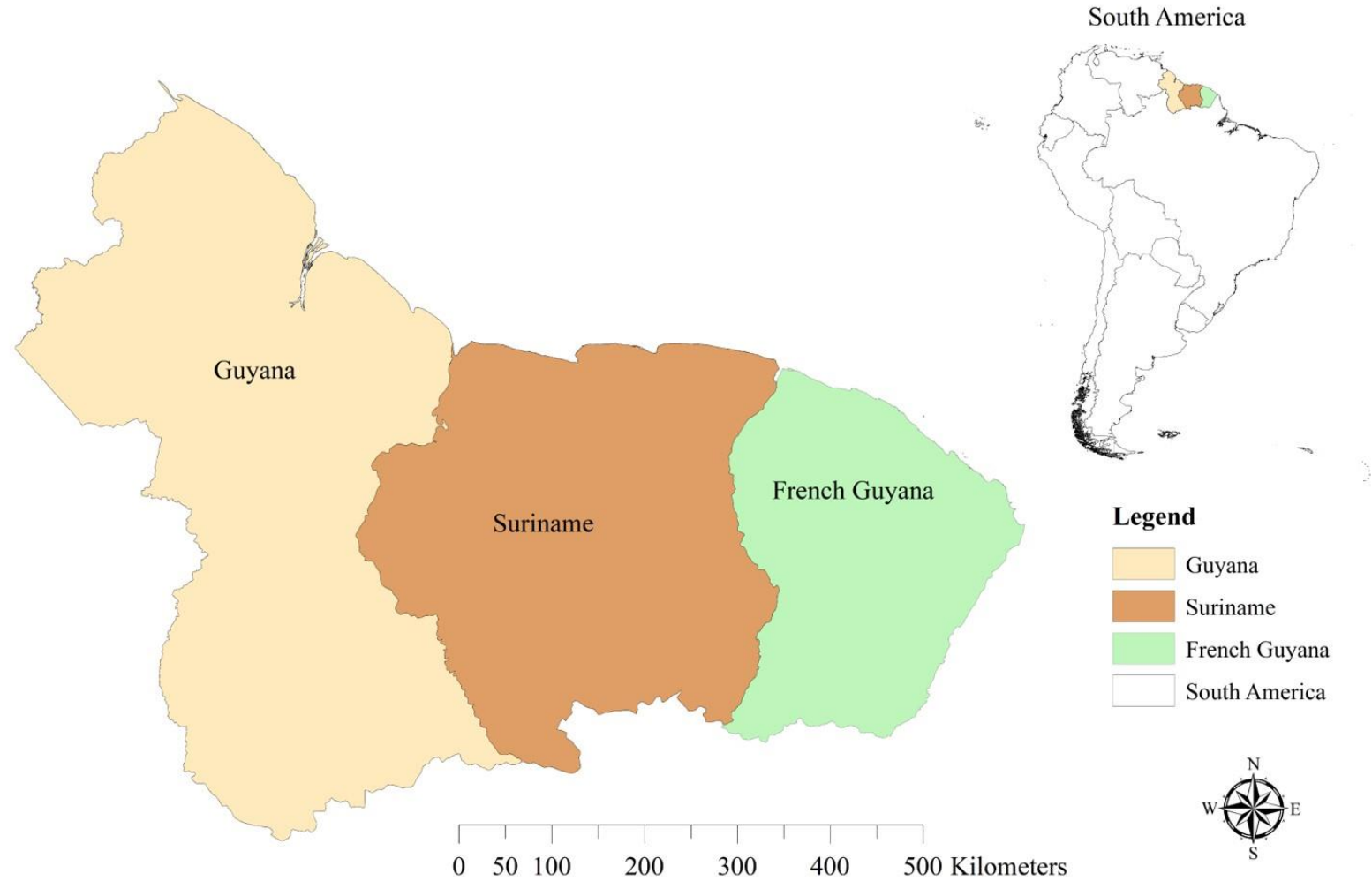
**47 countries with national REDD+ programs & sub-national projects in 8 countries**



# STUDY GEOGRAPHY: GUIANA SHIELD ECOREGION

**High Forest Cover Low Deforestation Countries**

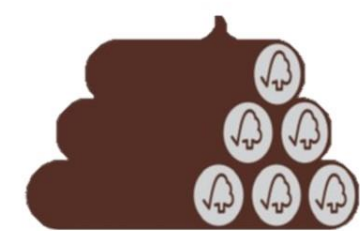
**Different NCS Interventions (REDD+, Community projects)**





# OVERVIEW OF PROJECT APPROACH

Integration of remote sensing with rigorous impact evaluation to assess both carbon and livelihood outcomes

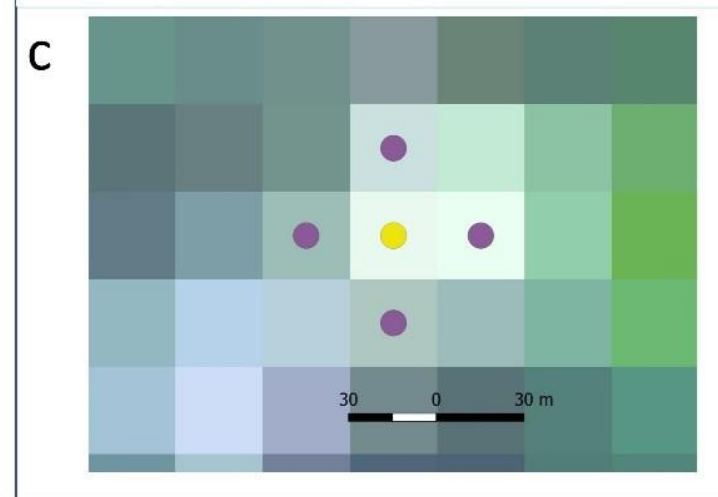
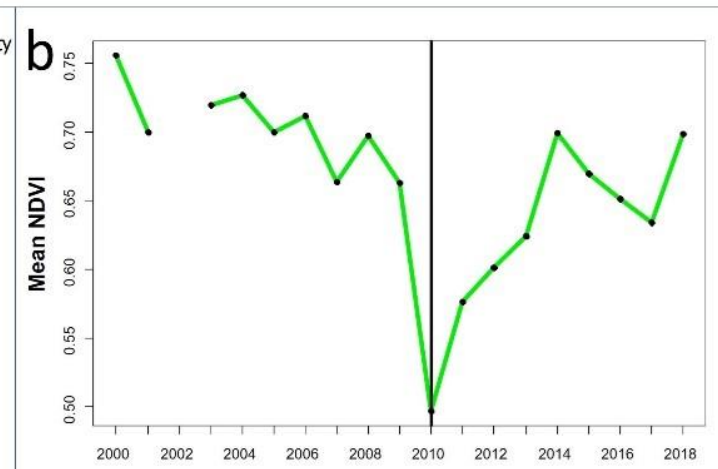
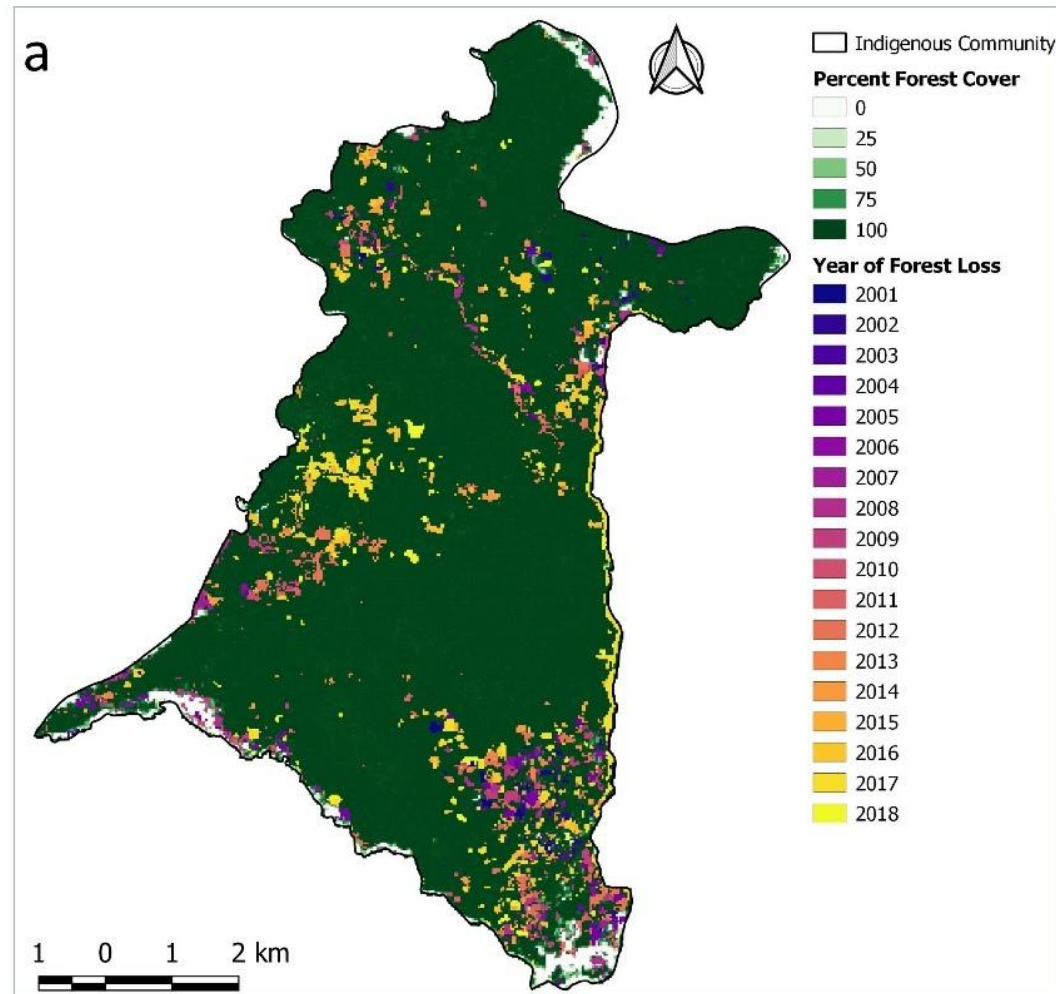


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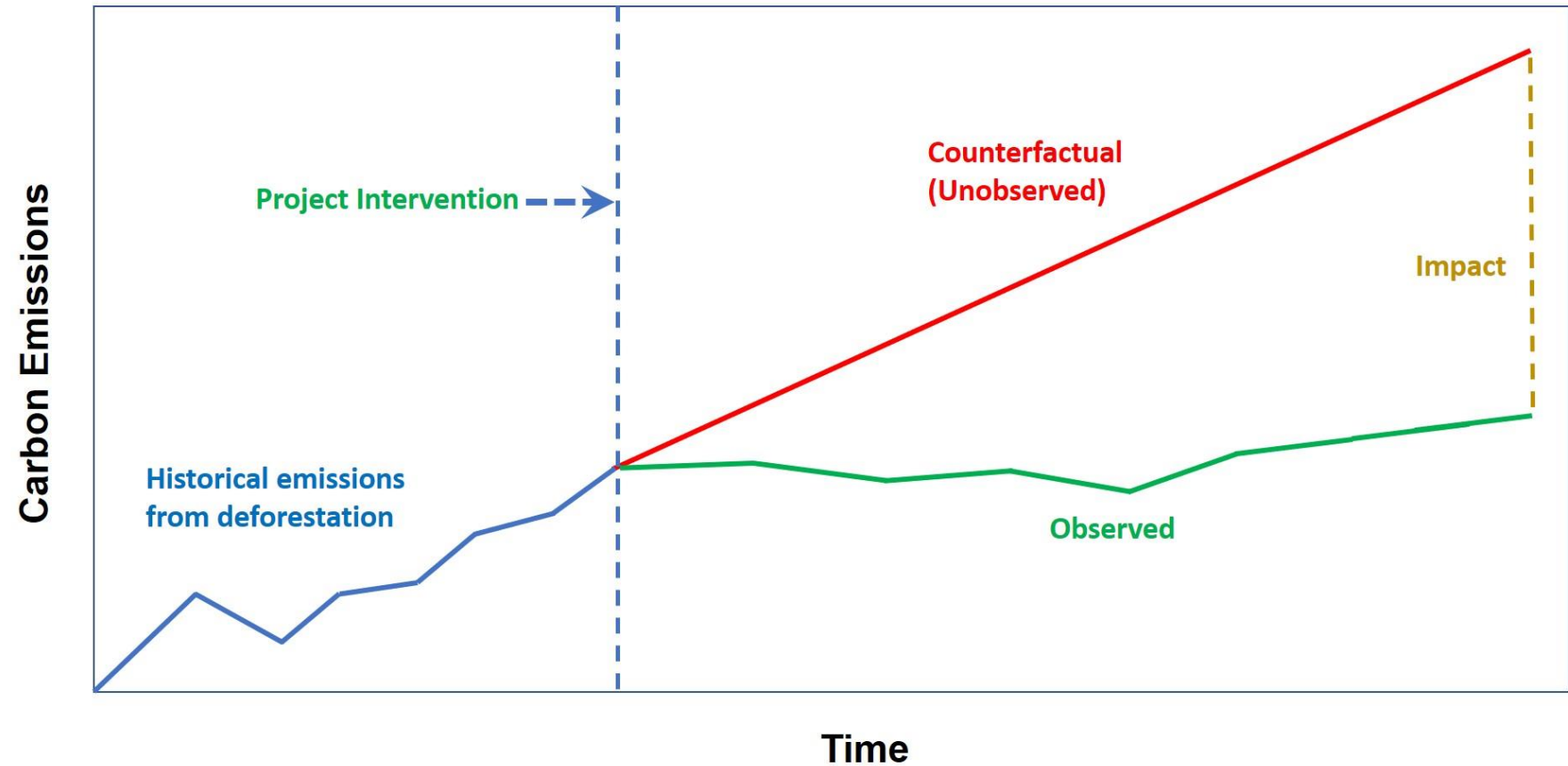
# OBJECTIVE 1: IMPROVE MAPPING OF FOREST CARBON OUTCOMES

Integration of different remote sensing products (Landsat, NISAR, GEDI)



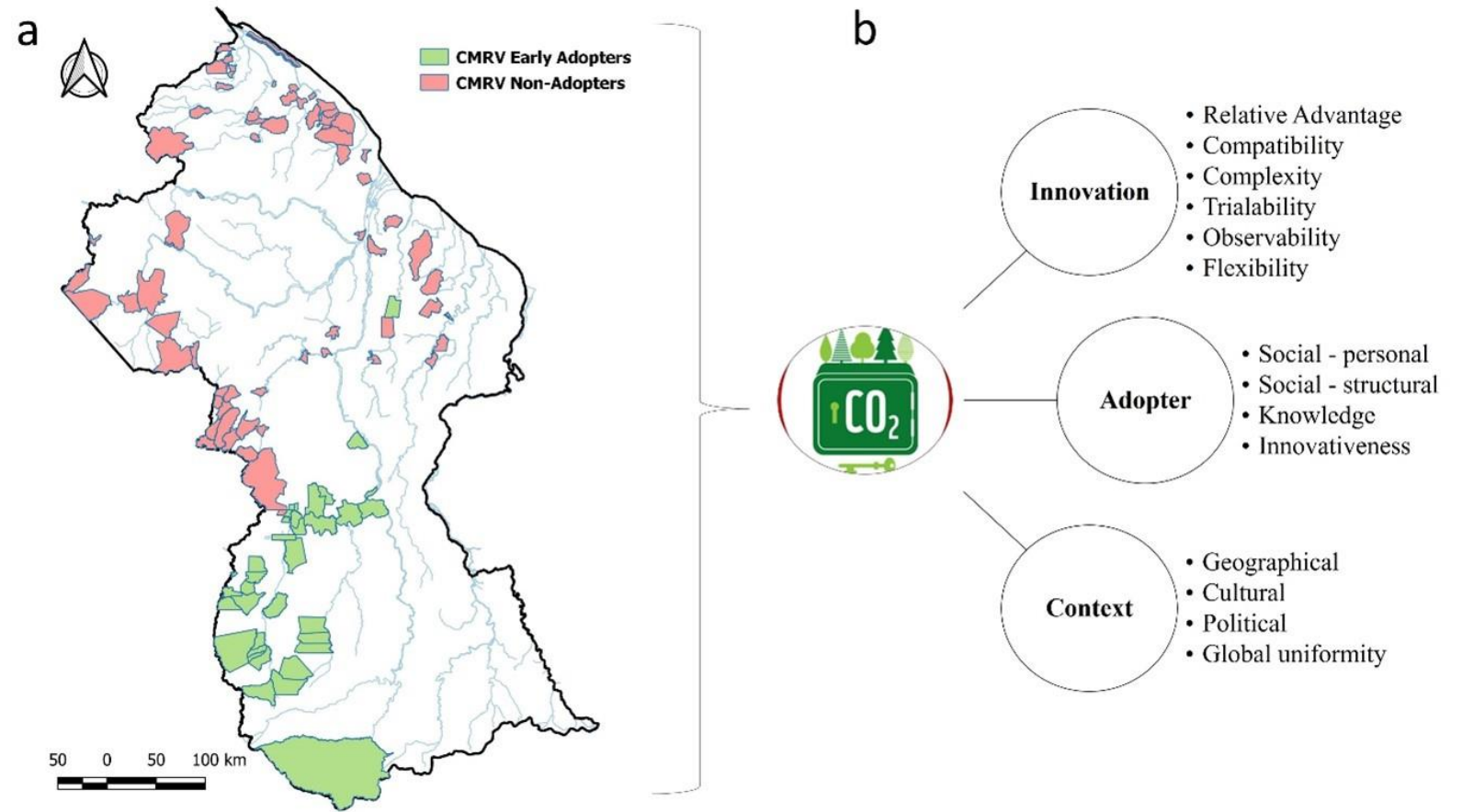
## OBJECTIVE 2: IMPACT EVALUATION OF NCS INTERVENTIONS

Assessment of forest carbon, and socio-economic outcomes with quasi-experimental methods



# OBJECTIVE 3: DIFFUSION AND SPILLOVER IMPACTS OF NCS

## Diffusion of innovation theory





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# NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS - OUTCOMES AND METRICS TO BE TRACKED

## Outcome

1. Climate benefit from improved forest management, compared to bau baseline
2. Climate benefit from avoided forest conversion, compared to bau baseline.
3. Areas of High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) protected from all commercial impacts.
4. Forest area protected from conversion.
5. Increased value of Nature
6. Net revenue to community above conventional practices baseline
7. New local jobs associated with best practices (e.g., community monitoring)
8. Diffusion and adoption of REDD+

## Metric and Units

1. tonnes CO2 (forest loss and conversion)
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3. Hectares designated HCVF
4. Hectares in Conservation Agreements committed to remain native forest cover.
5. Net present value (USD) of commercial species of pre-commercial size not damaged due to RIL-C.
6. U.S. dollars
7. Number of jobs
8. Number of adopters

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**654,178**

Landsat  
Scenes

**700**

Terapixels  
of Data

**1,000,000**

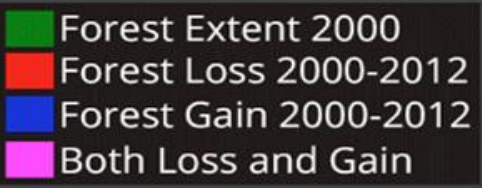
Hours of  
Computation

**10,000**

CPUs  
Used

**4**

Days to  
Complete



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