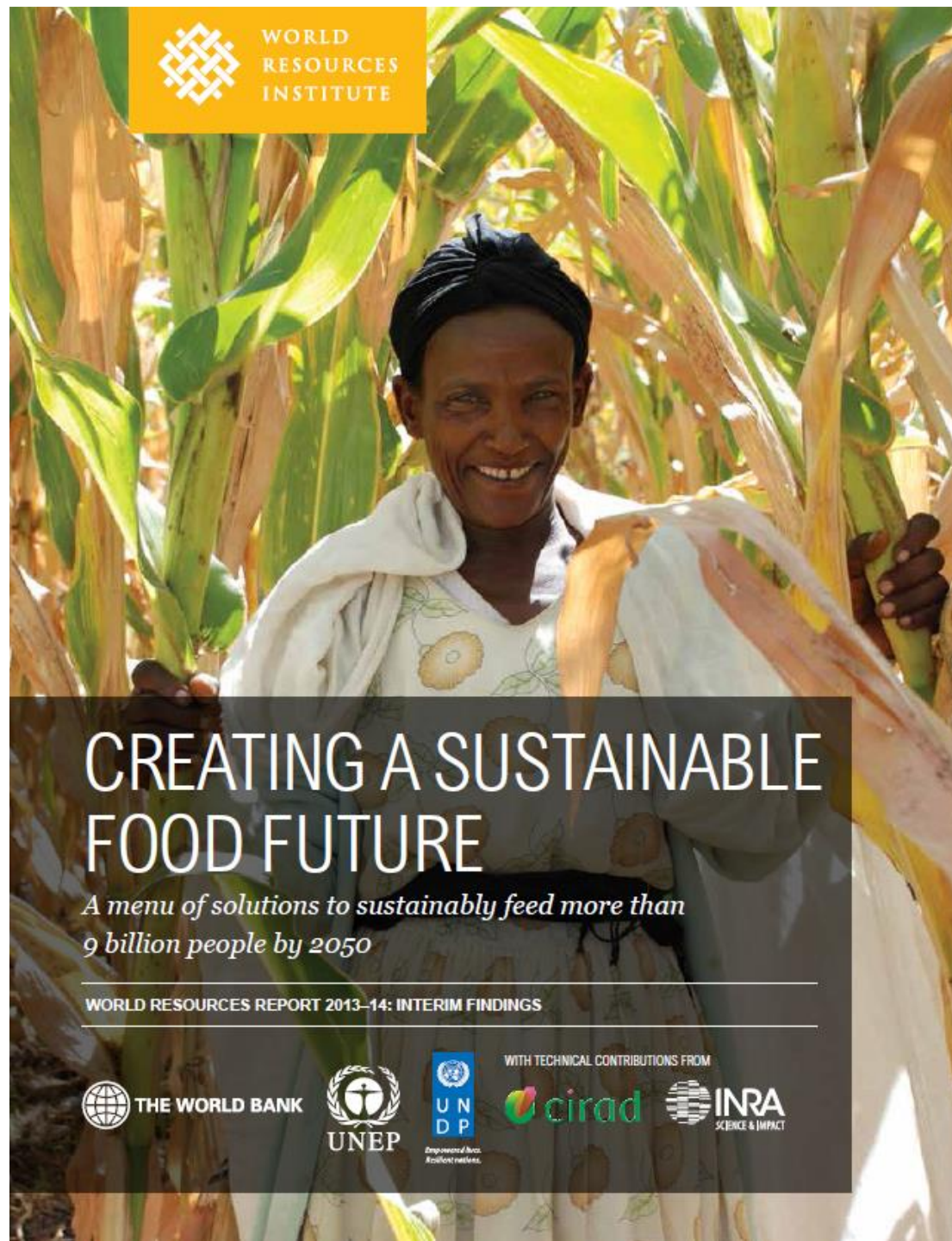




CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FOOD FUTURE

*A menu of solutions to sustainably feed more than
9 billion people by 2050*

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~10 to 12% of world chronically malnourished

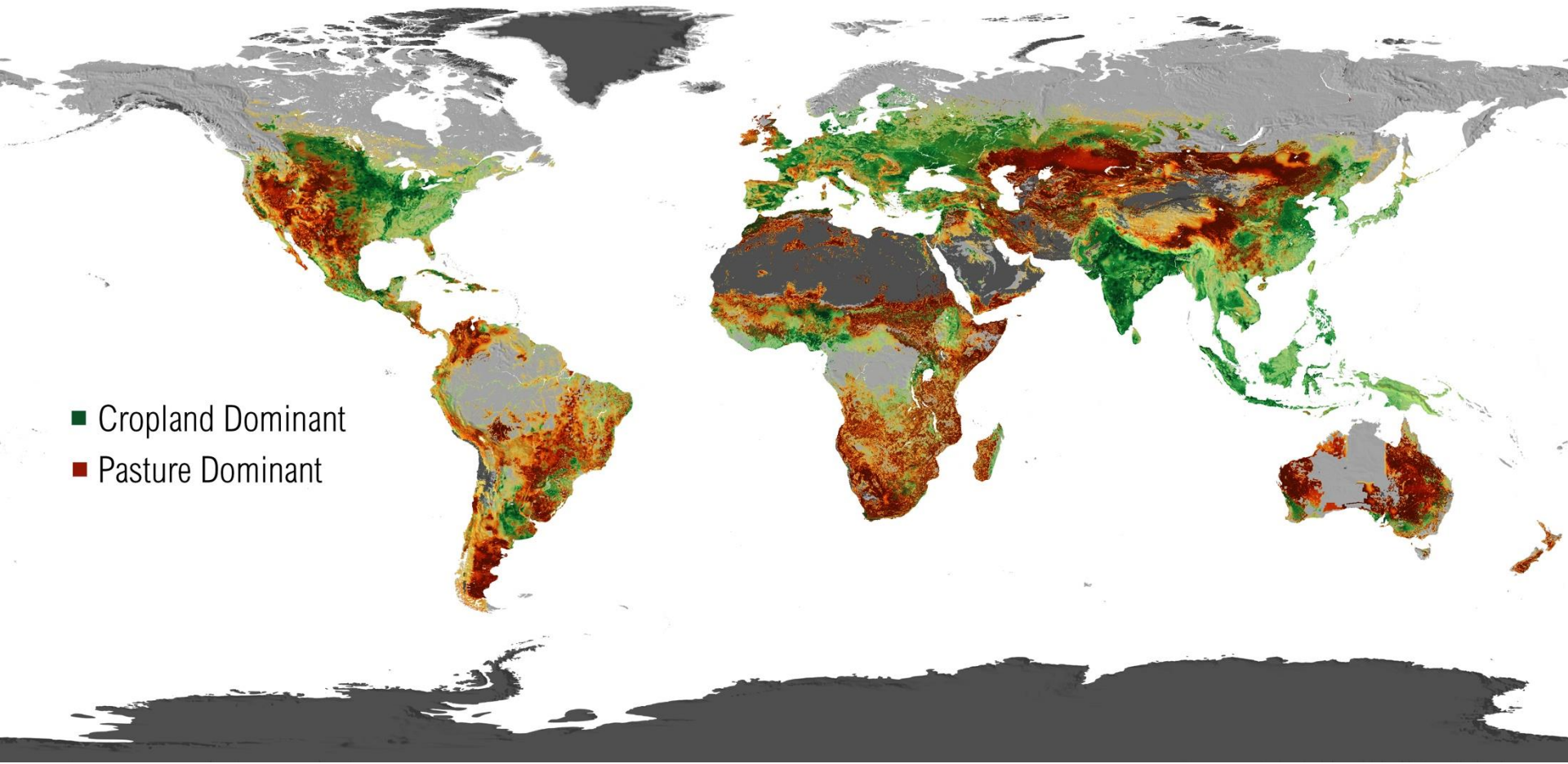
1/3 of children in developing world stunted

5 million children die annually from causes related to lack of nutrition



Croplands and pasture occupy half of the world's vegetated lands

Distribution of croplands and pastures (2000)

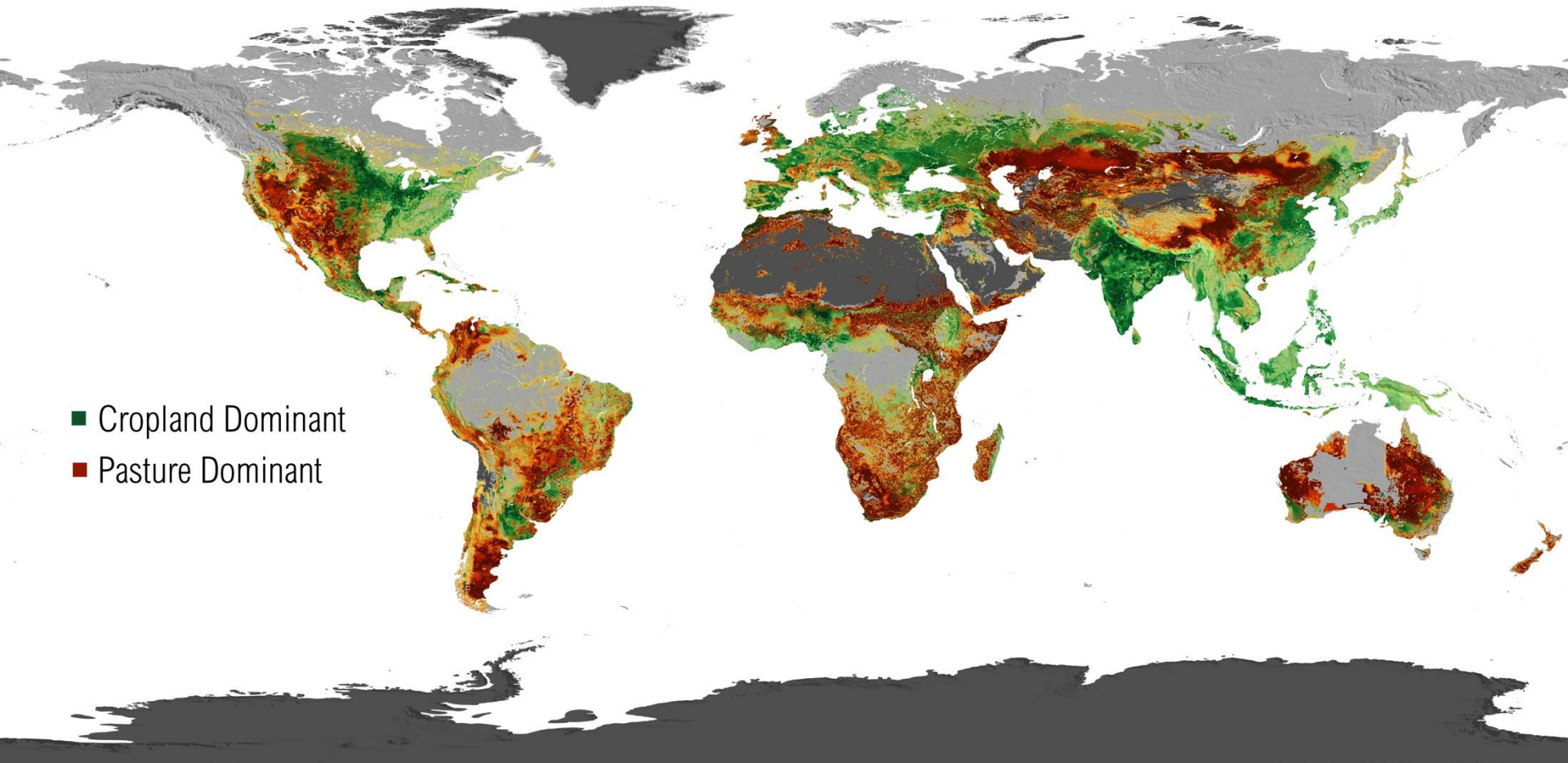


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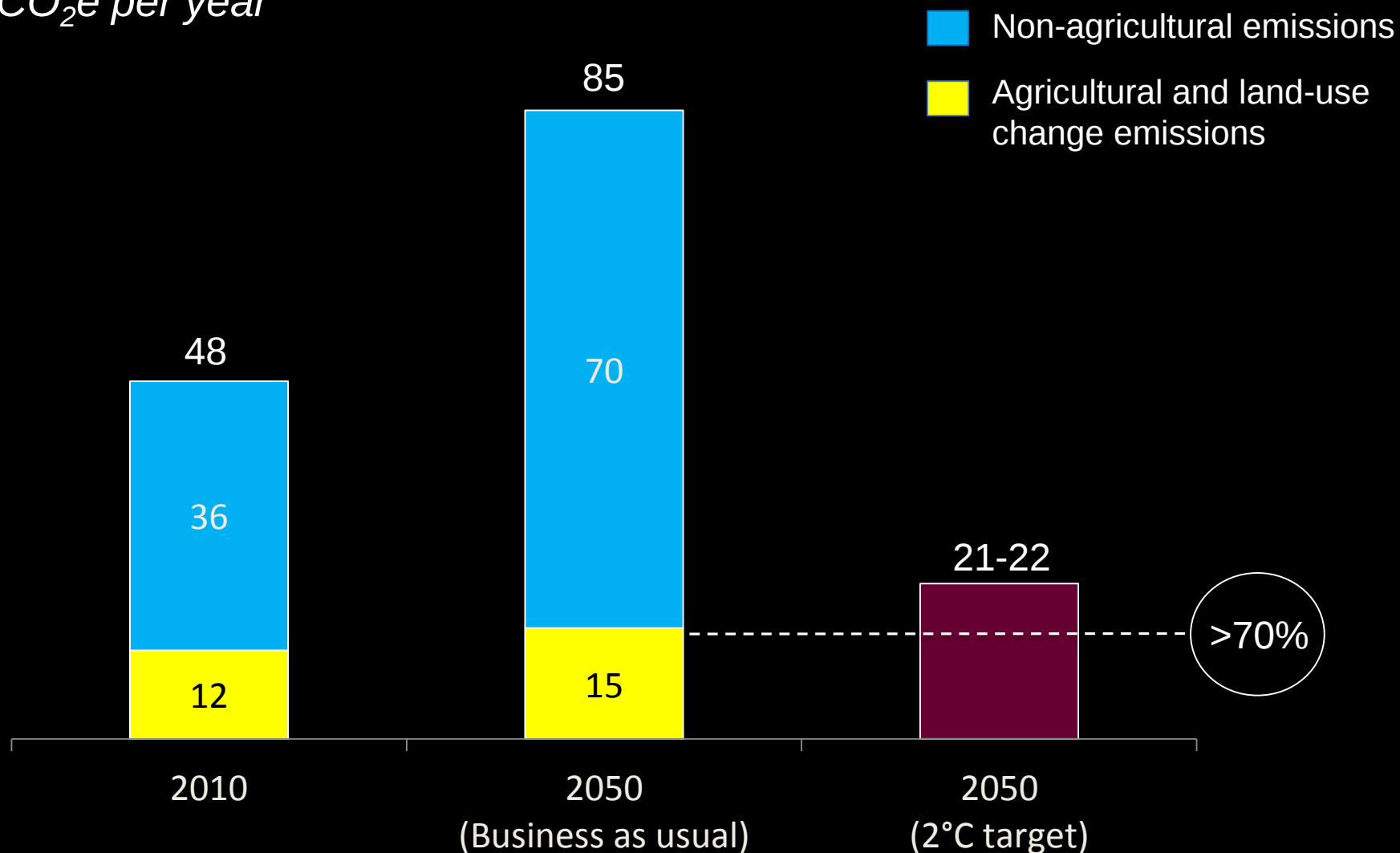
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Figure 25. “Business as usual” (BAU) agriculture emissions would comprise >70% of allowable emissions to achieve a 2°C world

Gt CO₂e per year



A menu of solutions is required to sustainably close the food gap

Global annual crop production (kcal trillion)*

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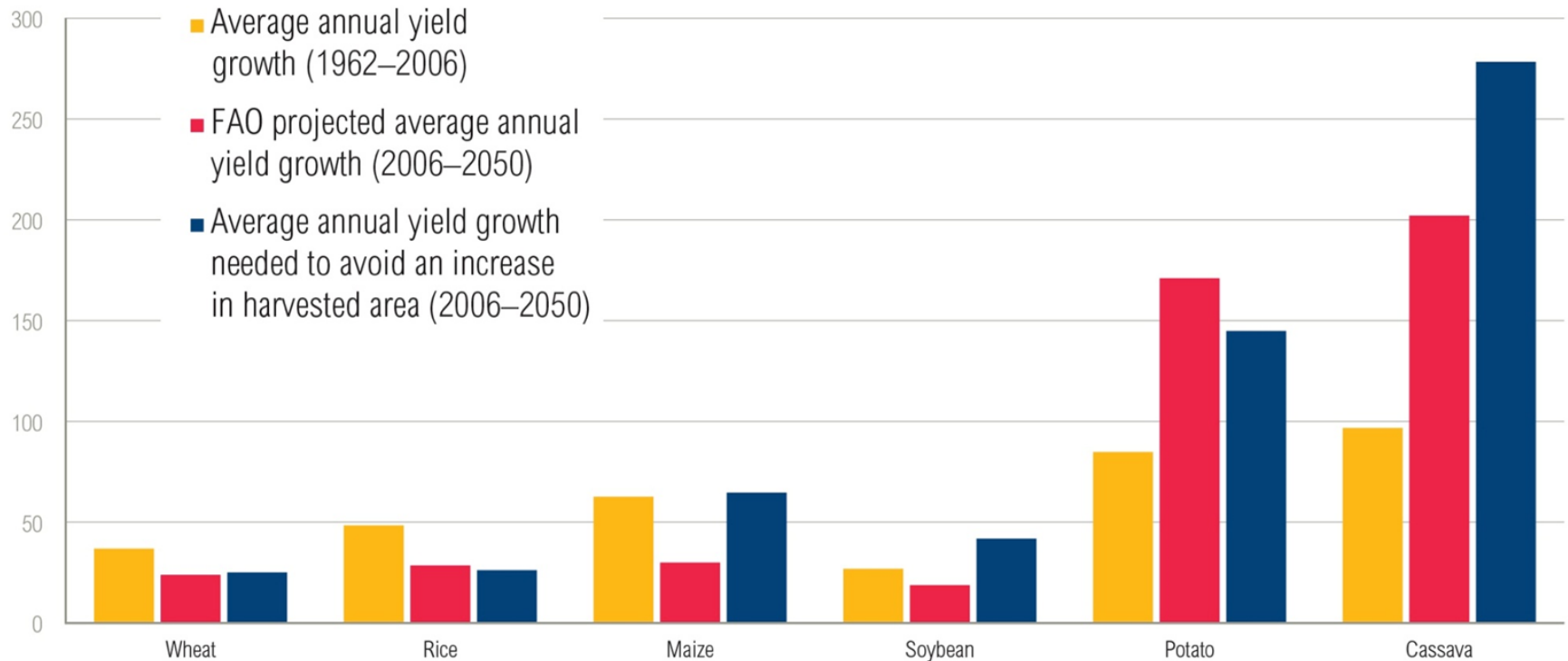


* Includes all crops intended for direct human consumption, animal feed, industrial uses, seeds, and biofuels

Source: WRI analysis based on Bruinsma, J. 2009. *The Resource Outlook to 2050: By how much do land, water and crop yields need to increase by 2050?* Rome: FAO; Alexandratos, N., and J. Bruinsma. 2012. *World agriculture towards 2030/2050: The 2012 revision*. Rome: FAO.

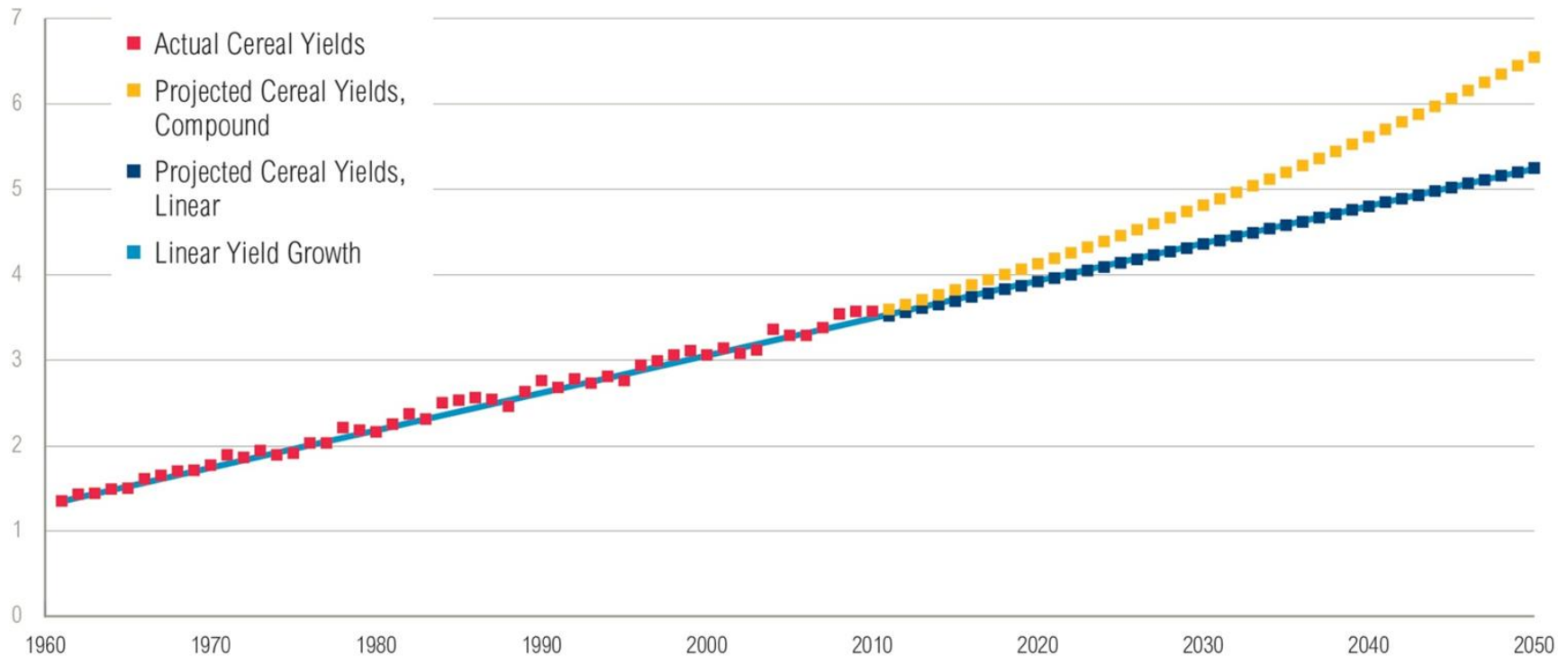
Future yields overall will need to grow faster than historical rates to prevent new land conversion

Kg/ha/year



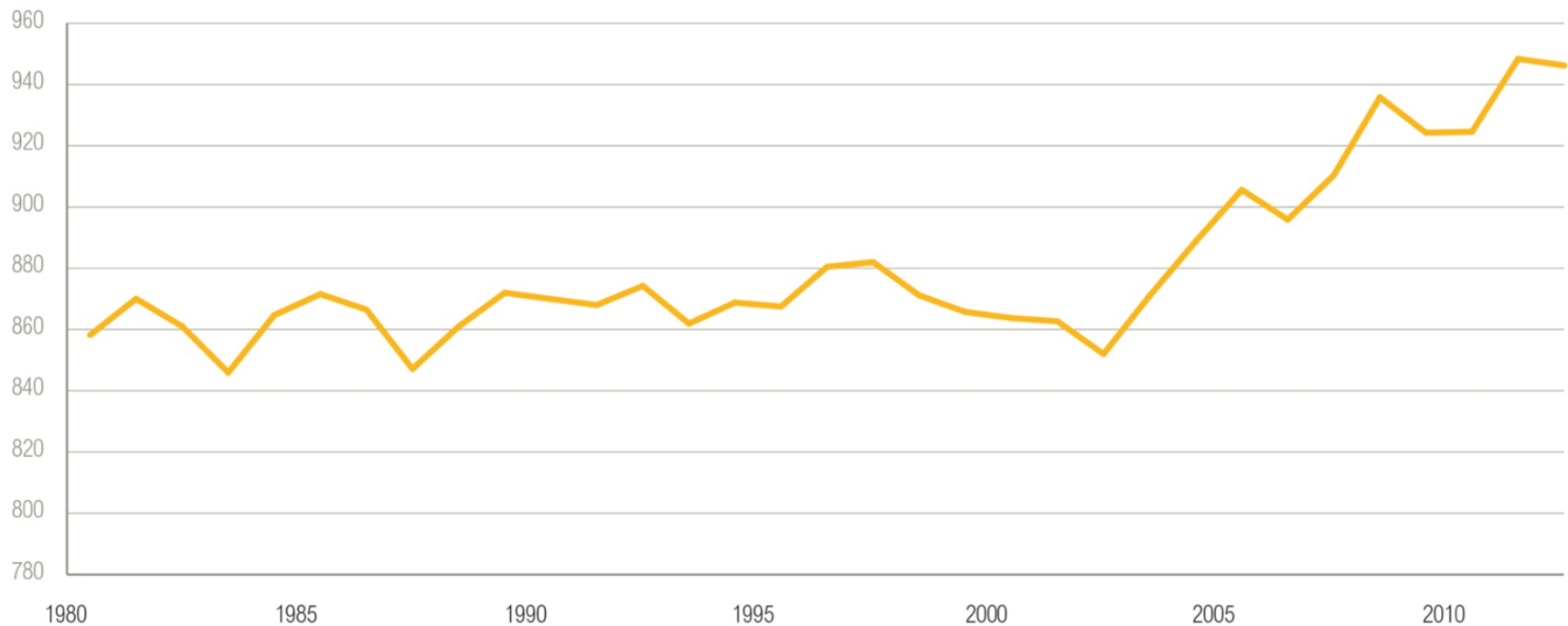
Compound growth and absolute growth produce varying estimates of future cereal yields

Tons/ha/year



Harvested area for 15 major crops has expanded by almost 100 million hectares in the last ten years

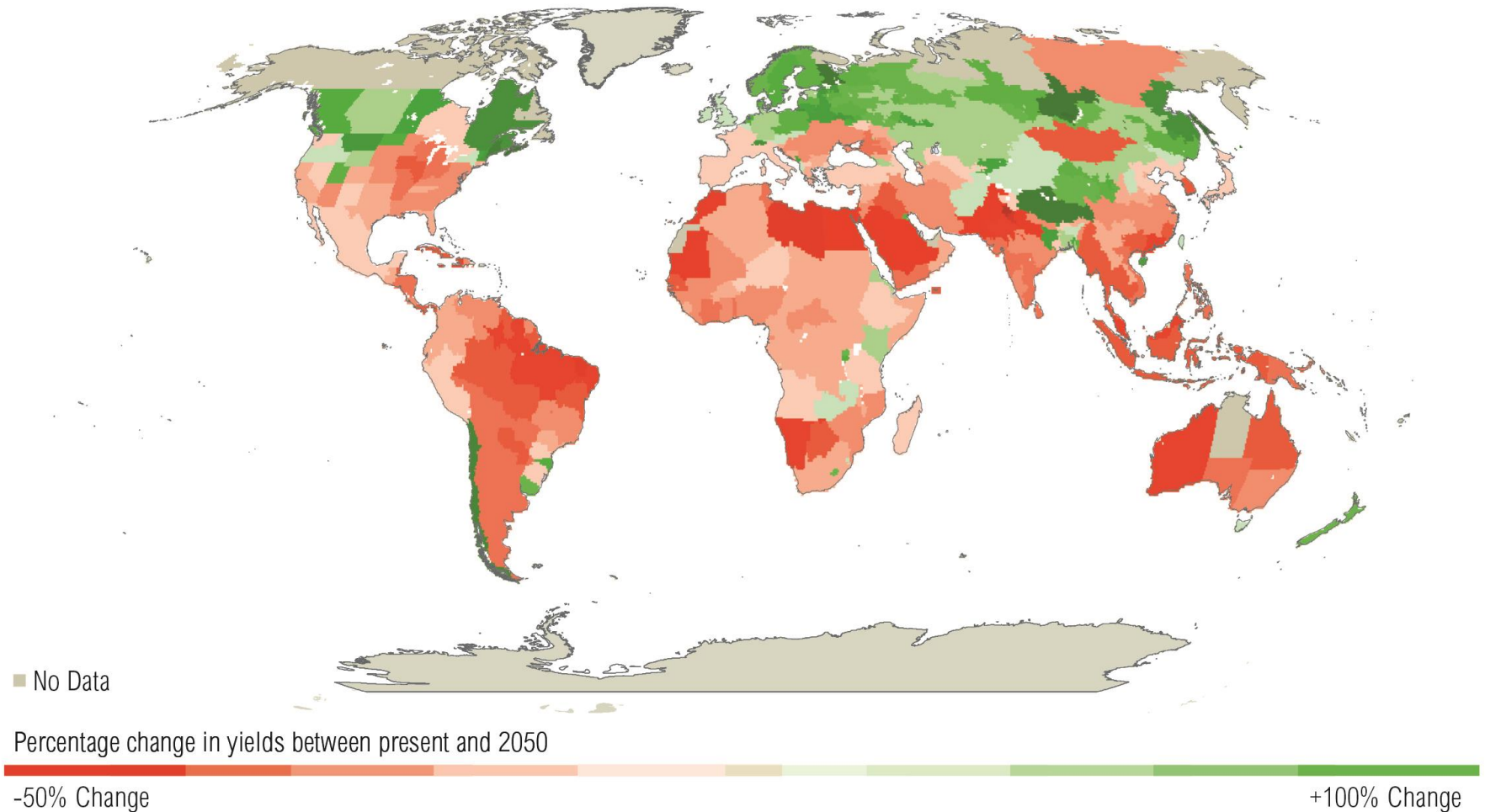
Million hectares



Source: WRI analysis based on FAO. 2012. "FAOSTAT." Rome: FAO.

Most studies now project adverse impacts on crop yields due to climate change

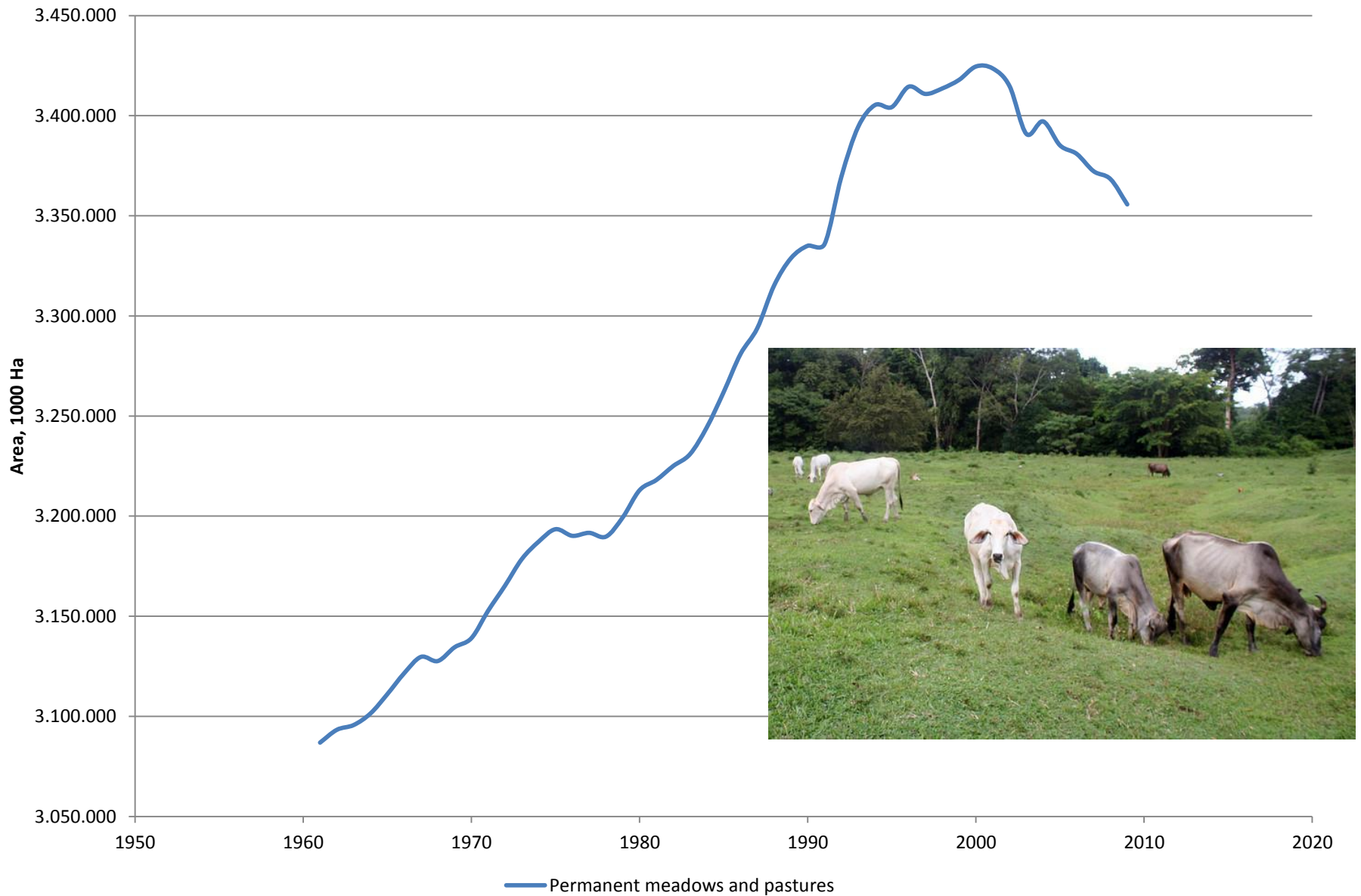
3° C warmer world



Projected Increase in meat and milk calories from pasture 2006-2050 is 140% of increase from 1962-2006

	Beef Increase	Dairy Increase	
FAO Projection	81%	71%	Pasture increases equal to increases in crop-based beef and dairy
Adjusted for 9.6 billion population	90%	80%	

Permanent meadows and pastures, World (FAO)



Additional Land Demands

- 100 million hectares of agricultural loss to urban expansion (FAO 2002)
- Demand for industrial use
- Sawn timber growth 1.4% per year (72% by 2050) & 3% paper (Smith 2010)
- Potential high pop. of 10.6 billion (UN)



Menu for a sustainable food future

Consumption

- Reduce food loss and waste (Installment 2)
- Shift diets (Installment 10)
- Achieve replacement level fertility (Installment 3)
- Reduce biofuel demand for food crops (Installment 9)

Production

- Sustainably increase crop yields
 - Improved crop breeding (Installment 7)
 - Improve soil and water management (Installment 4)
 - Expand onto low-carbon degraded lands (Installment 9)
- Sustainably increase “livestock” productivity
 - Increase productivity of pasture and grazing lands
 - Reduce then stabilize wild fish catch (Installment 5)
 - Improve productivity and environmental performance of aquaculture (Installment 5)

Production methods

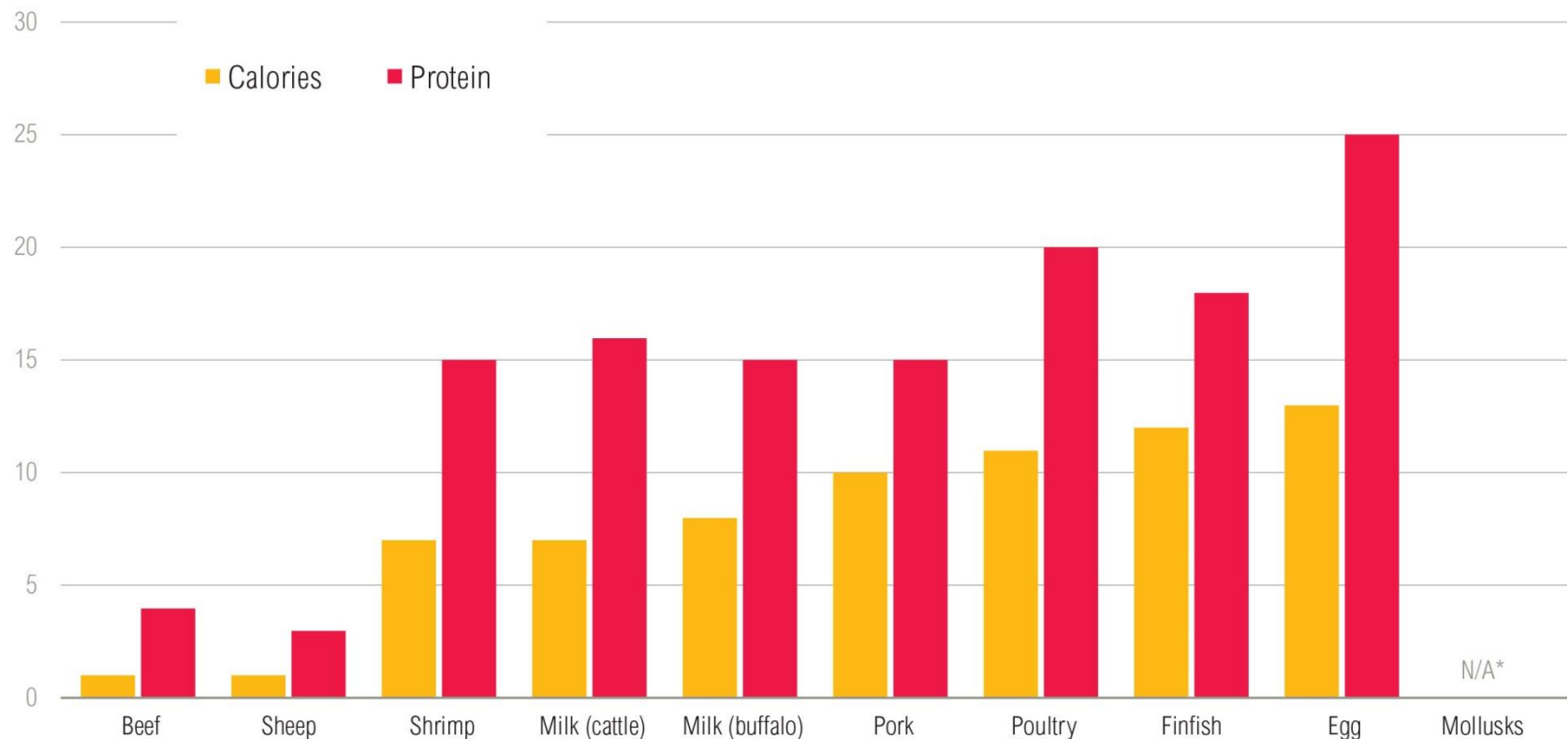
- Improve livestock feeding efficiency (Interim Findings)
- Increase the efficiency of fertilizer use (Interim Findings)
- Manage rice paddies to reduce emissions (Installment 8)

Holding down consumption of milk and meat by those who consume too much is necessary to allow more room for those who consume little

Region	Livestock (kcal/person/day)			Beef and mutton (kcal/person/day)		
	2006	2050	% change	2006	2050	% change
Canada & USA	907	887	-2%	117	95	-19%
European Union	864	925	7%	80	75	-6%
Brazil	606	803	33%	151	173	15%
Former Soviet Union	601	768	28%	118	156	32%
China	561	820	46%	41	89	116%
Other OECD	529	674	27%	64	84	31%
Latin America (ex Brazil)	475	628	32%	96	116	21%
Middle East & North Africa	303	416	37%	59	86	45%
Asia (ex. China, India)	233	400	72%	24	43	79%
India	184	357	94%	8	19	138%
Sub-Saharan Africa	144	185	29%	41	51	26%
World	413	506	23%	50	65	30%

Menu Item: A more efficient balance of livestock products could save hundreds of millions of hectares because beef efficiency is low

- Percent or “units of edible output per 100 units of feed input”



* Mollusks independently produce calories and protein without any human-managed inputs.

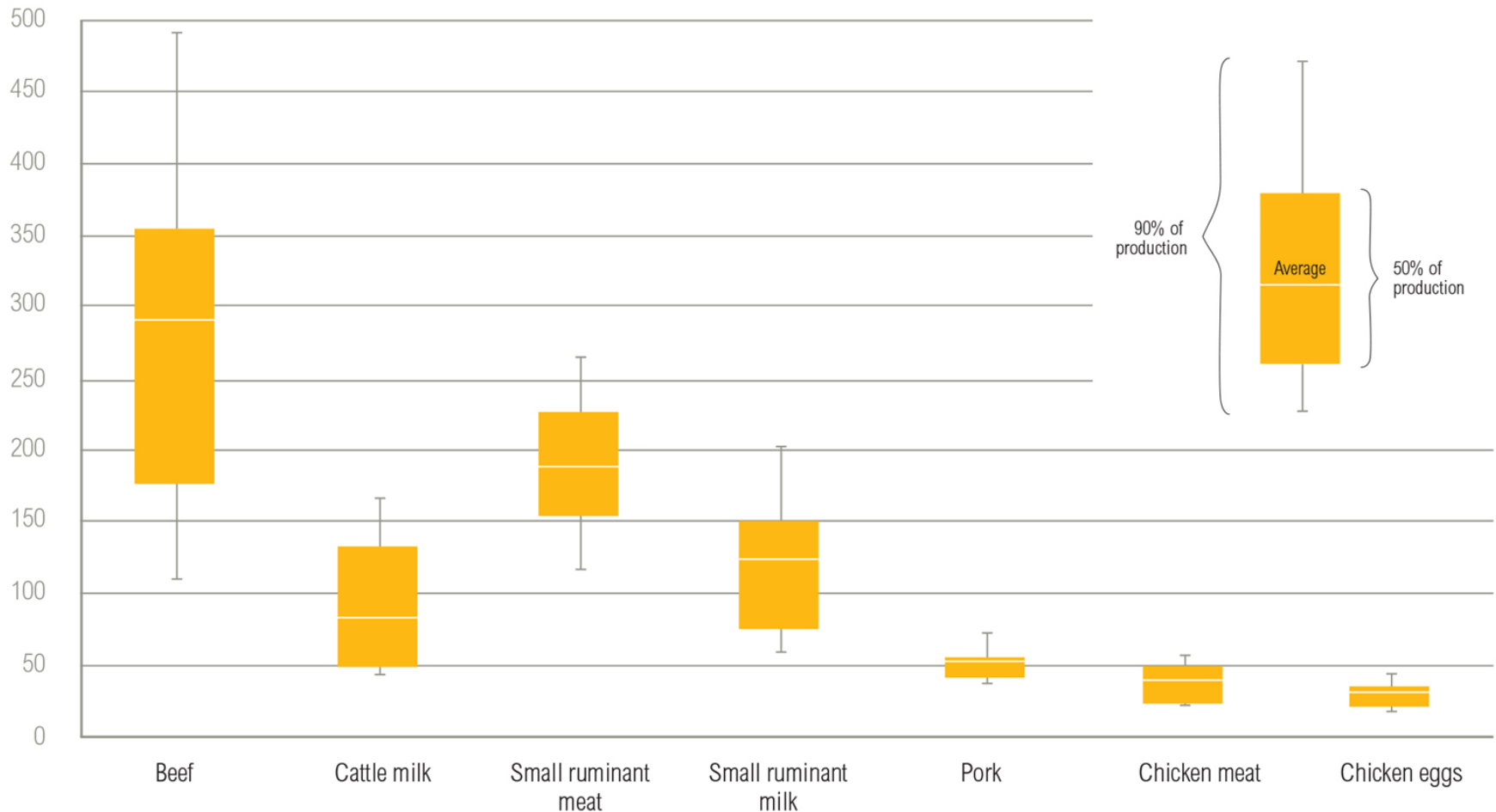
Note: “Edible output” refers to the calorie and protein content of bone-free carcass.

Source: Terrestrial animal products: Wirsenius et al. (2010) (extra unpublished tables), Wirsenius (2000).

Finfish and shrimp: WRI analysis based on USDA (2013), NRC (2011), Tacon and Metian (2008), Wirsenius (2000), and FAO (1989).

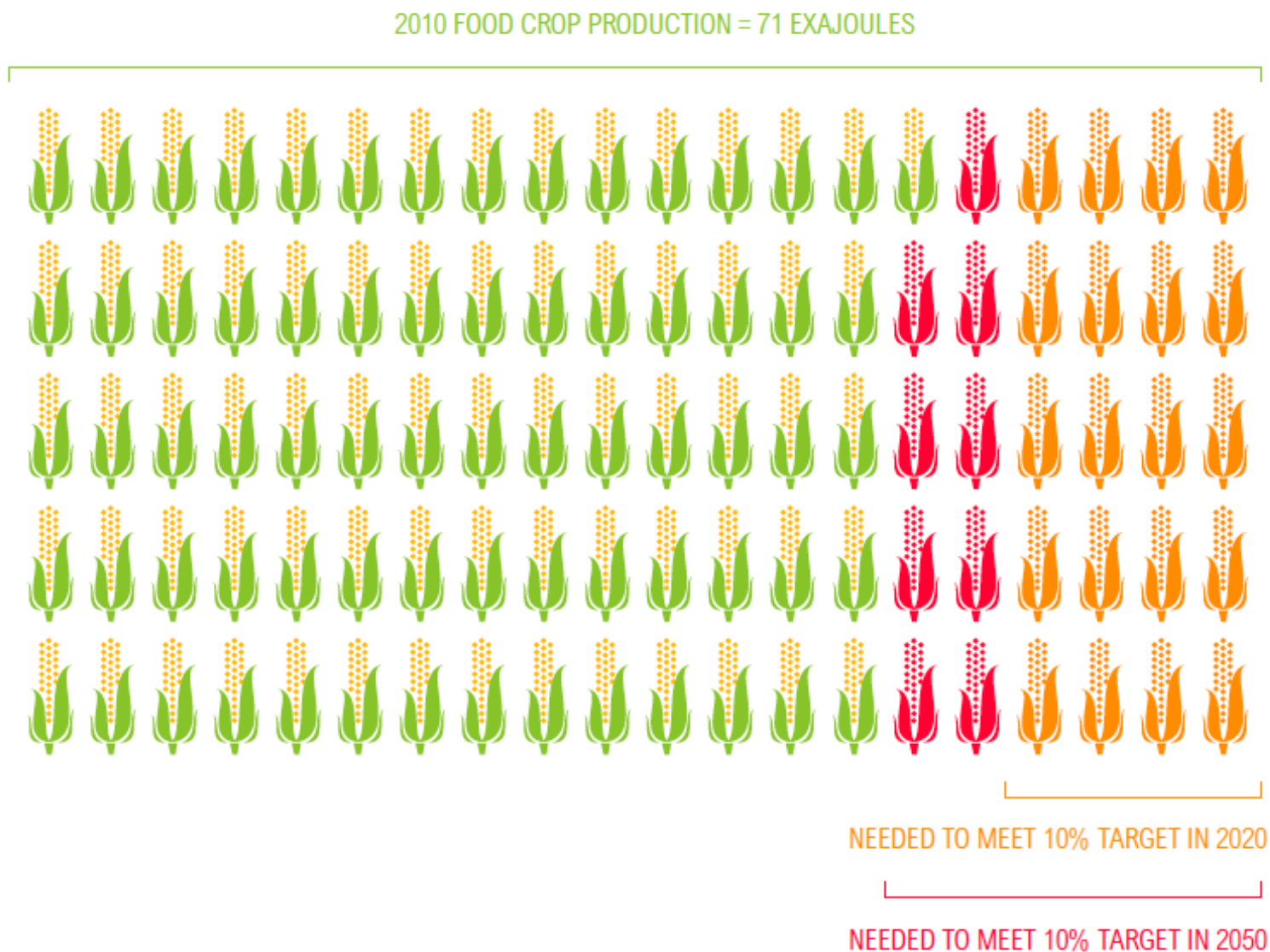
Beef production generates 6 times more greenhouse gas emissions per unit of protein than pork, chicken, and egg production

Kilograms of CO₂e per kilogram of protein



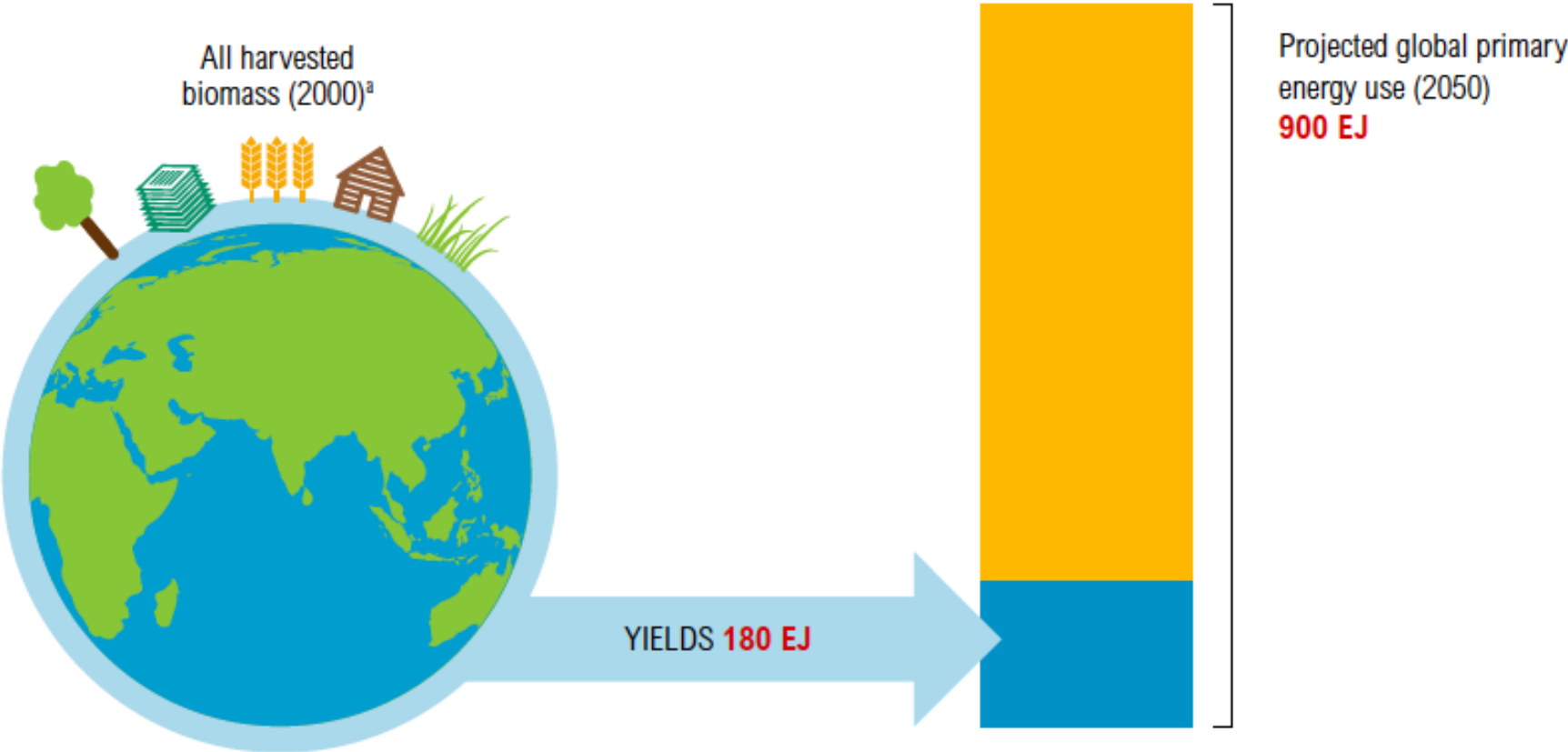
Source: GLEAM in Gerber, P. J., H. Steinfeld, B. Henderson, A. Mottet, C. Opio, J. Dijkman, A. Falcucci, and G. Tempio. 2013. *Tackling climate change through livestock: A global assessment of emissions and mitigation opportunities*. Rome: FAO.

Figure 3 | A Global 10% Transportation Biofuel Target in 2020 Would Consume 20% of 2010's Food Crop Calories. By 2050, This Target Would Consume 29%.



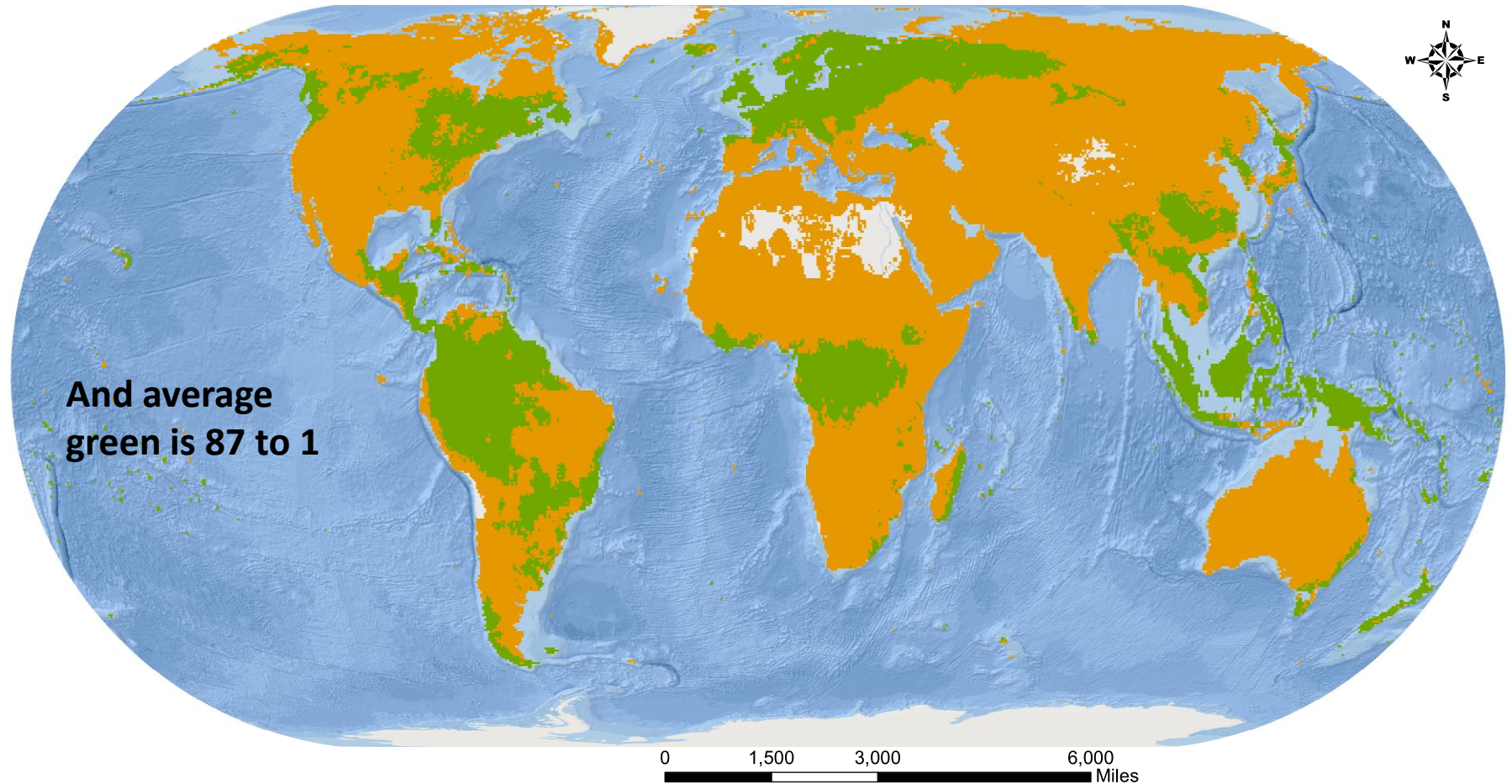
Source: Authors' calculations based on EIA (2013a), FAO (2013), and Wirseniuss (2000).

Figure 4 | **Using All of the World's Harvested Biomass for Energy Would Provide Just 20 Percent of the World's Energy Needs in 2050 (Exajoules per year)**



Source: Authors' calculations based on Haberl et al. (2007), IEA (2008), and JRC (2011).
Note: a. Total amount of crops, harvested residues, grass eaten by livestock, and harvested wood contained 225 EJ, but would replace only 180 EJ of fossil fuels because of conversion efficiencies from biomass to useable energy.

Where is Solar Energy 100 Times More Efficient Than Bioenergy?



Relative Comparison of Bioenergy to Photovoltaics

Relative Production Efficiency

-  Solar Energy Produces Less Than 100x Bioenergy
-  Solar Energy Produces More Than 100x Bioenergy

This analysis calculated that on 73 percent of the world's land, the useable energy output of PV would exceed that of bioenergy by a ratio of more than 100 to 1. Even on the 27 percent of land with a ratio less than 100 to 1, the average ratio would be 87 to 1.

The GIS analysis was completed by Asa Strong and Susan Minnemeyer of WRI.

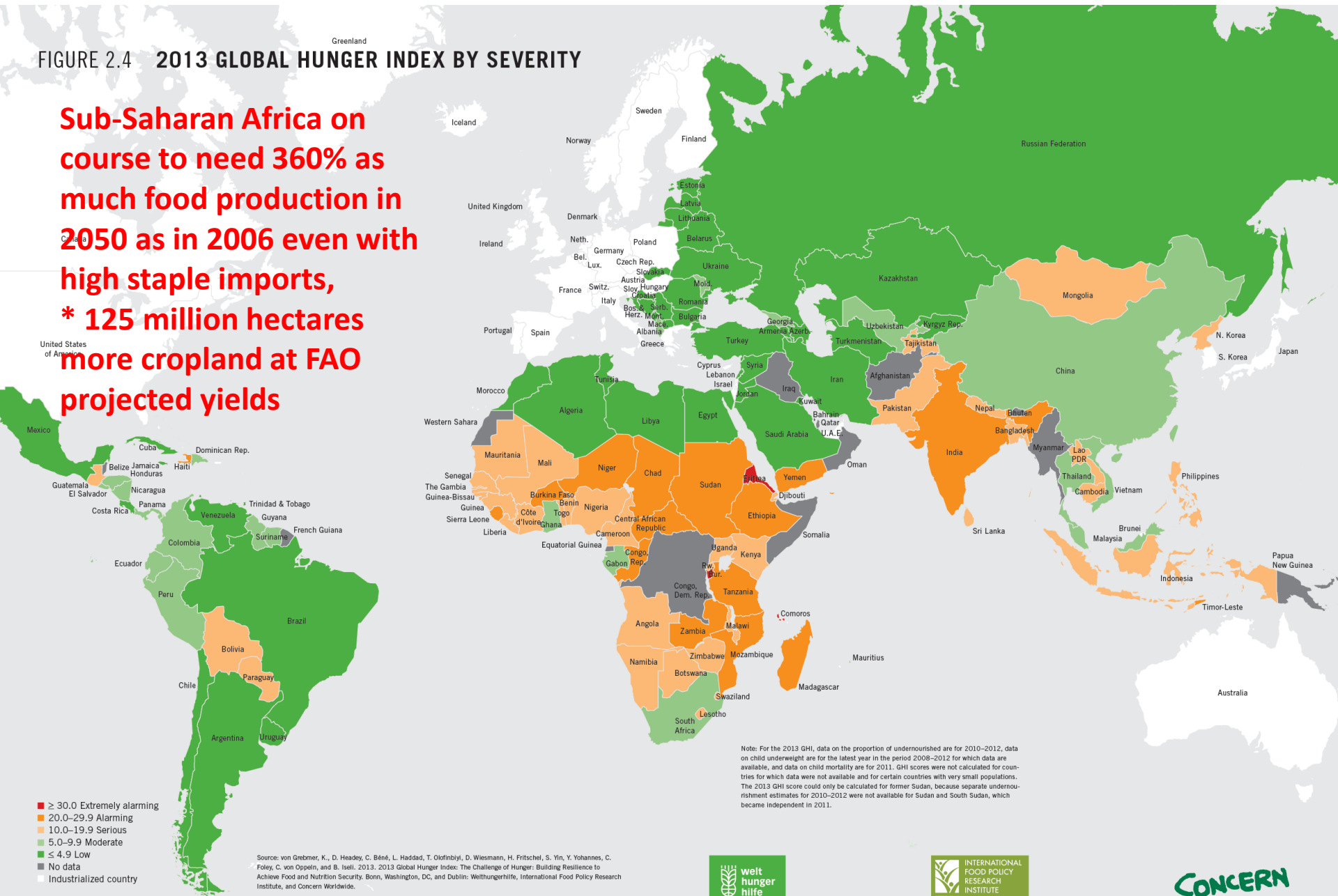
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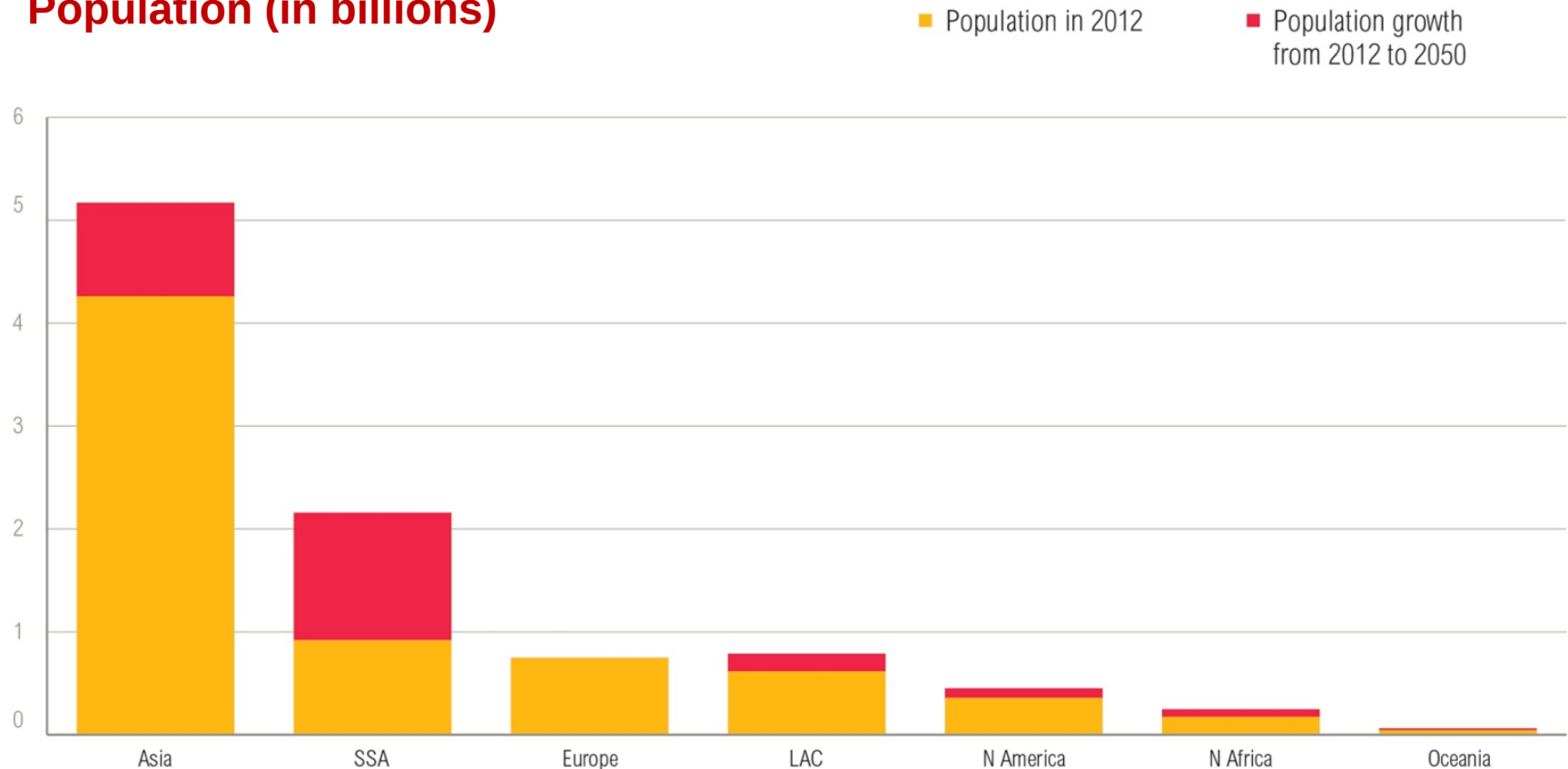
FIGURE 2.4 2013 GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX BY SEVERITY

Sub-Saharan Africa on course to need 360% as much food production in 2050 as in 2006 even with high staple imports, * 125 million hectares more cropland at FAO projected yields



The world's population is projected to grow from about 7 billion people in 2012 to nearly 9.6 billion in 2050, with half of growth in sub-Saharan Africa

Population (in billions)

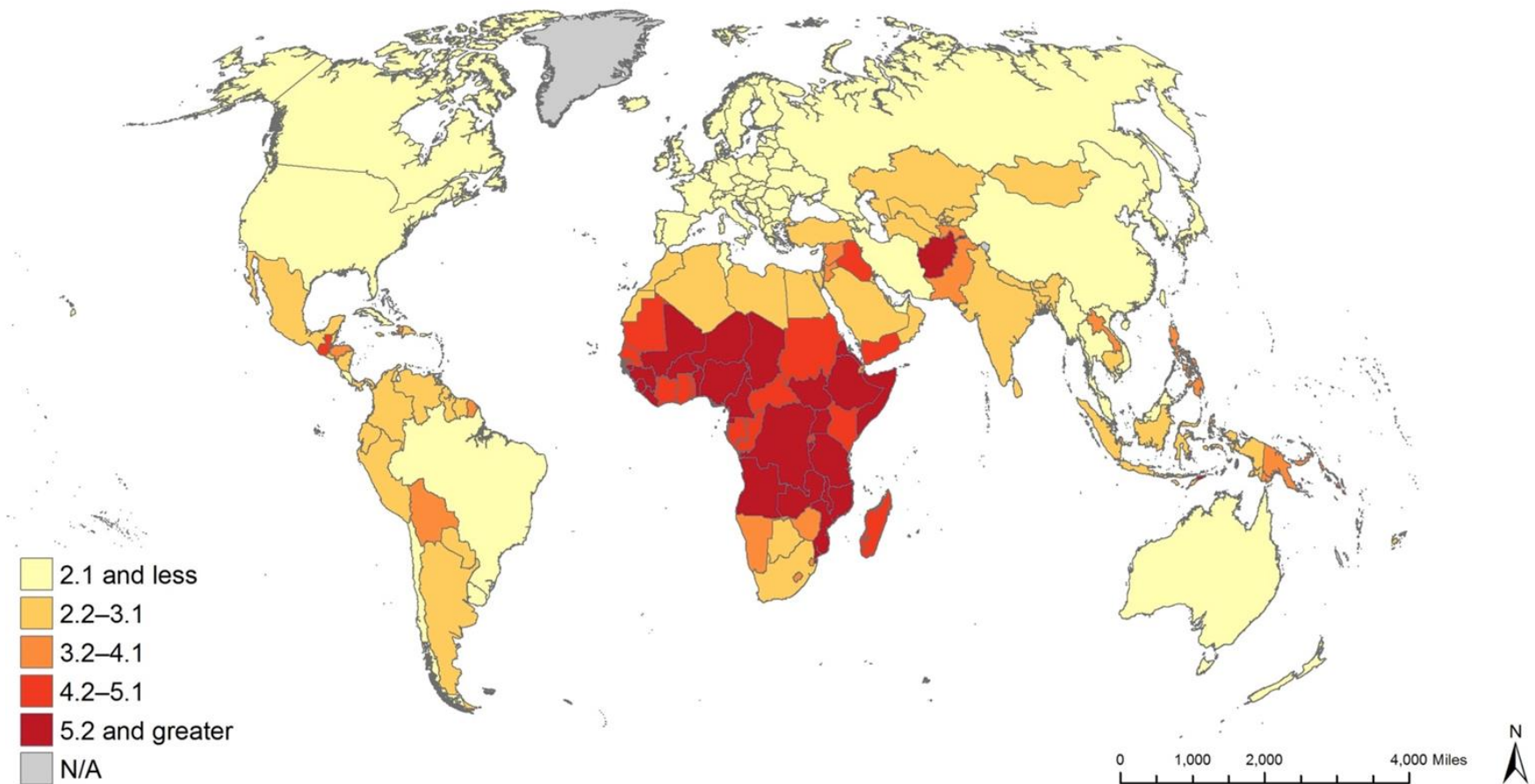


Note: “SSA” = Sub-Saharan Africa, including Sudan. “LAC” = Latin America and Caribbean. “N America” = North America. “N Africa” = Rest of Africa.

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (UNDESA). 2013. *World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision*. New York: United Nations. Total population by major area, region, and country. Medium fertility scenario.

Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest total fertility rates

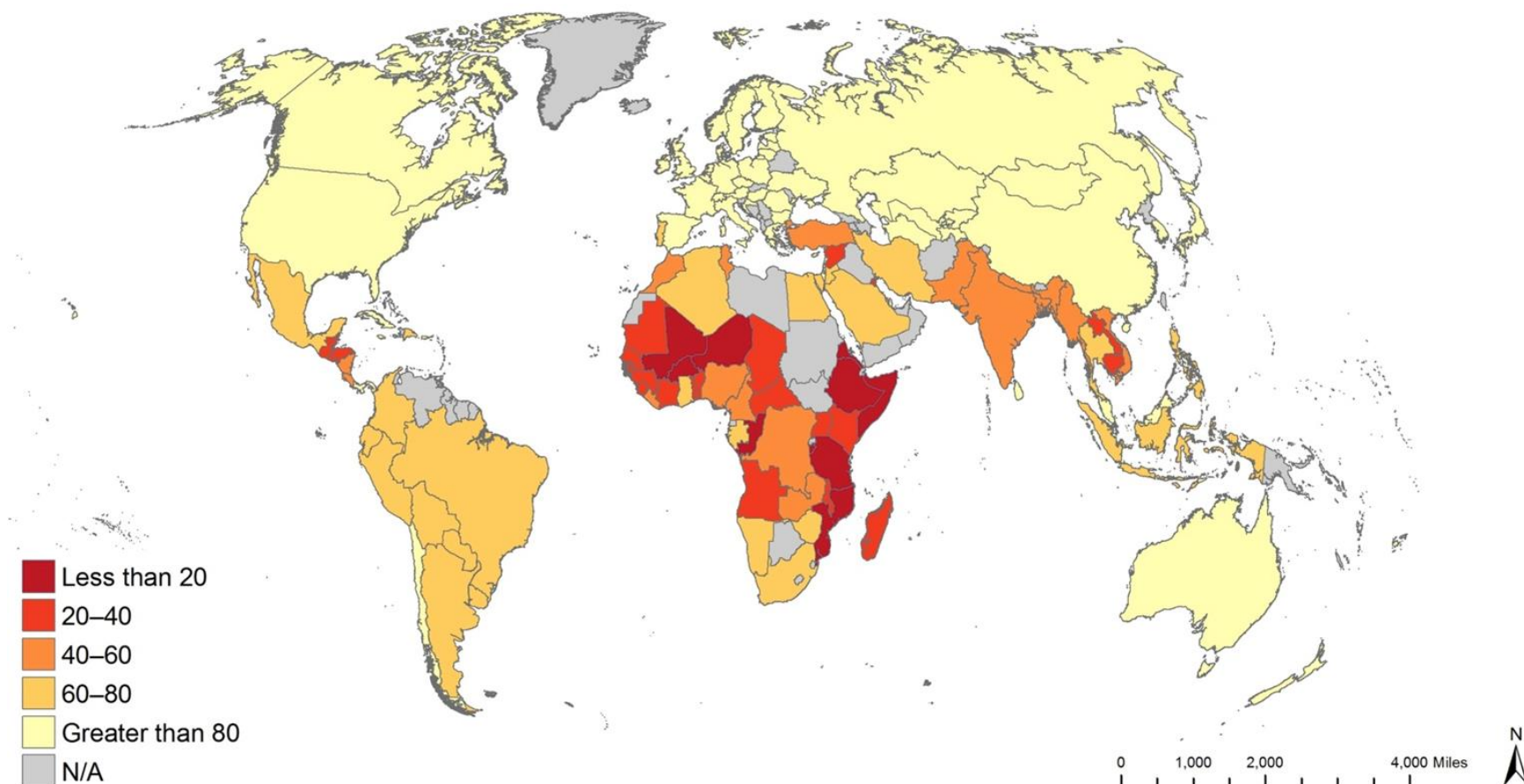
Total fertility rate (2005–2010)



Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (UNDESA).
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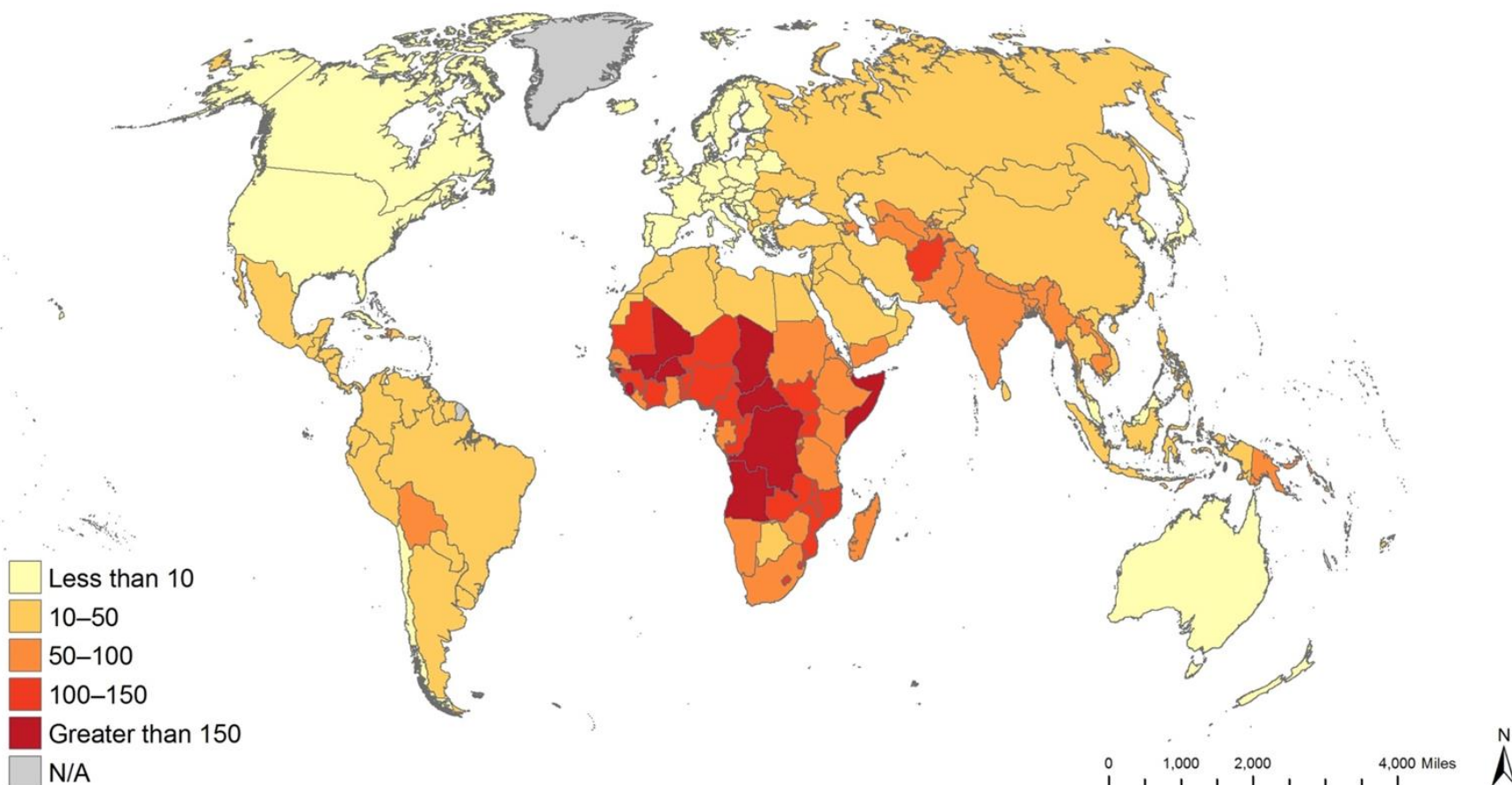
Sub-Saharan Africa has the lowest total share of women with at least lower secondary education

Percent of women ages 20–39 with at least lower secondary education
(2005–2010)



Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest child mortality rates

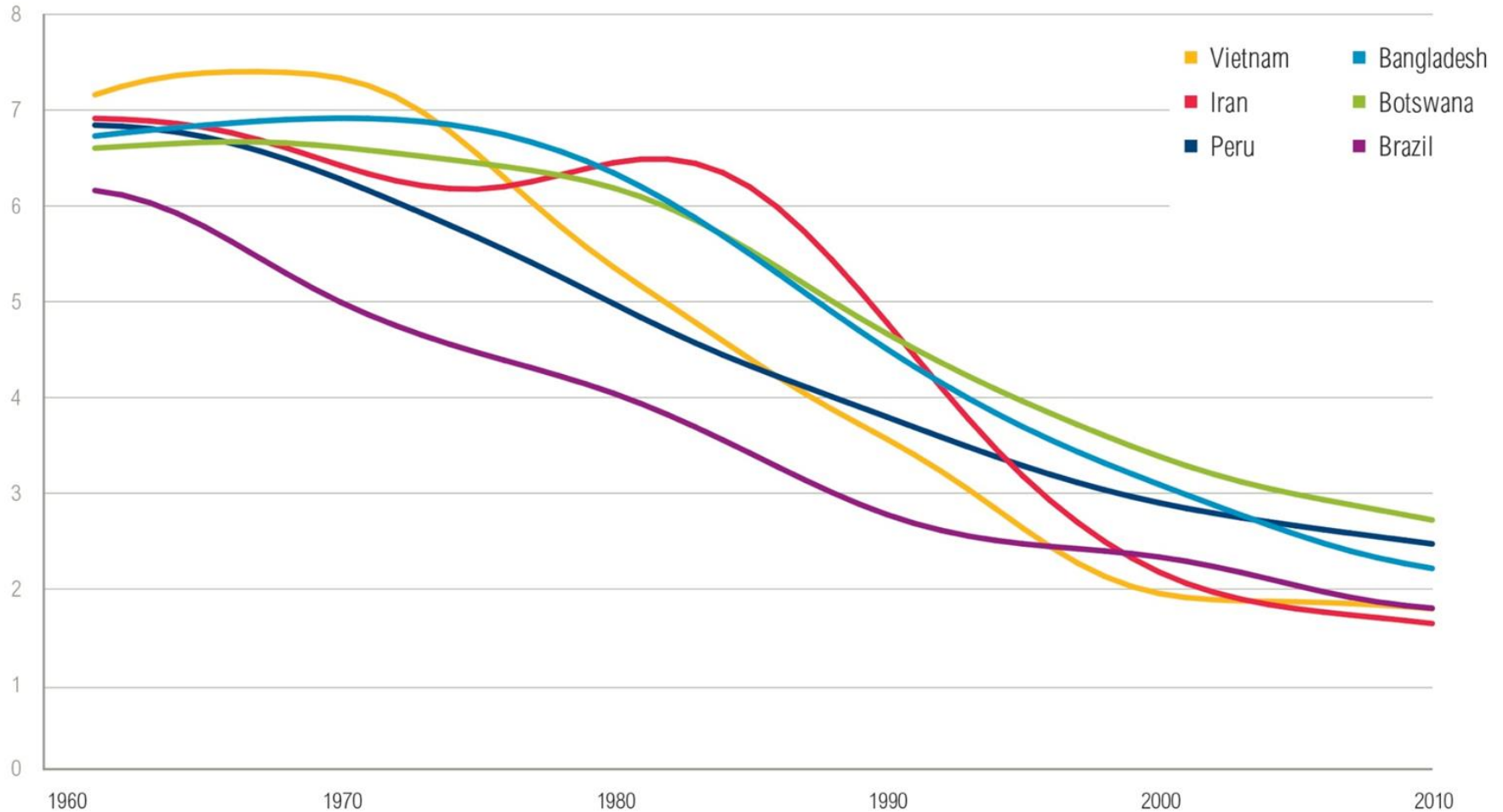
Mortality of children under age 5 per 1,000 live births (2005–2010)



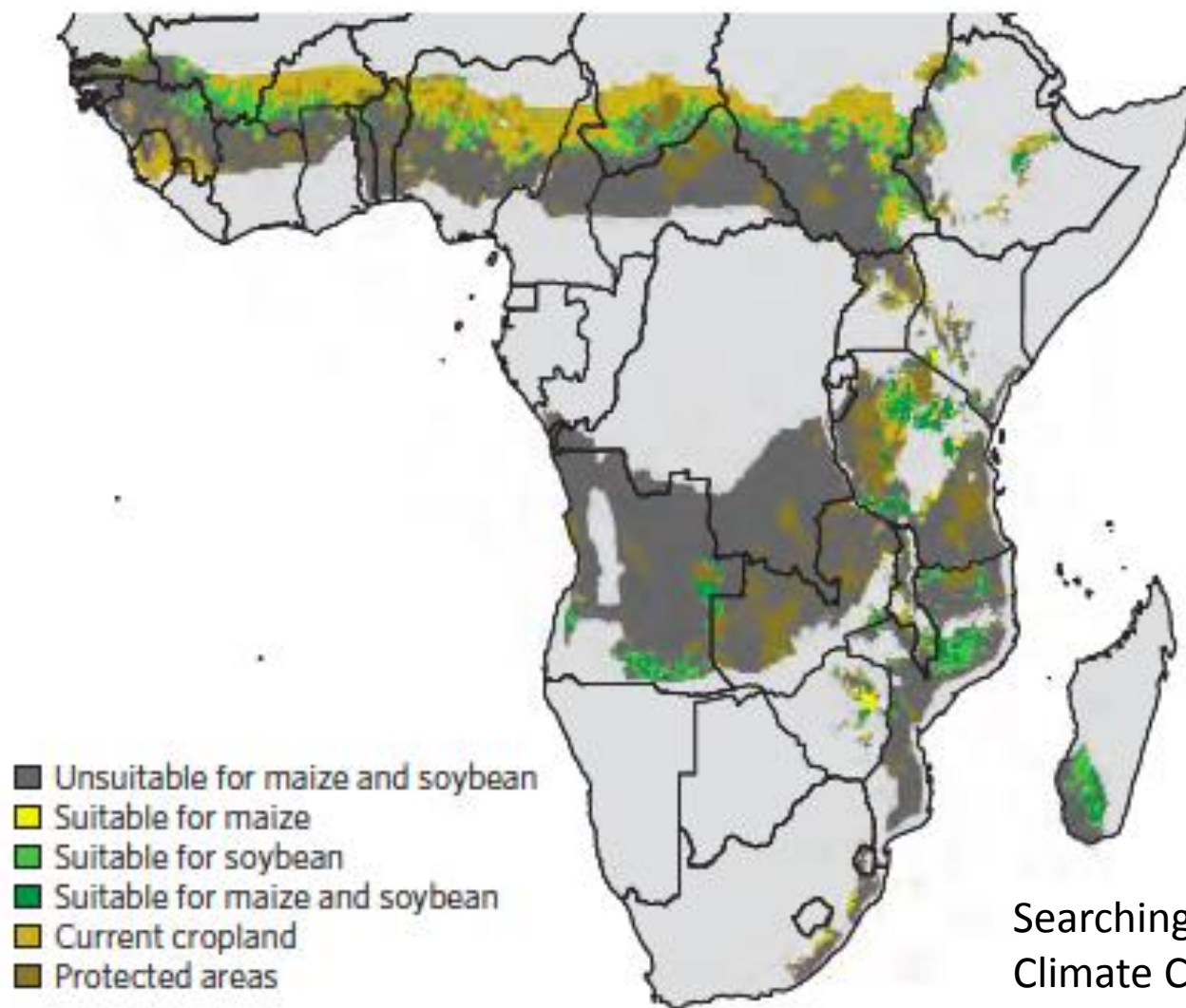
Source: World Bank. 2012. Databank: "Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)." Data retrieved April 2, 2013, from World Development Indicators Online (WDI) database.

Total fertility rates can decline rapidly

Total fertility rate



Source: World Bank. 2012. Databank: "Fertility rate, total (births per woman)." Data retrieved November 30, 2012, from World Development Indicators Online (WDI) database.

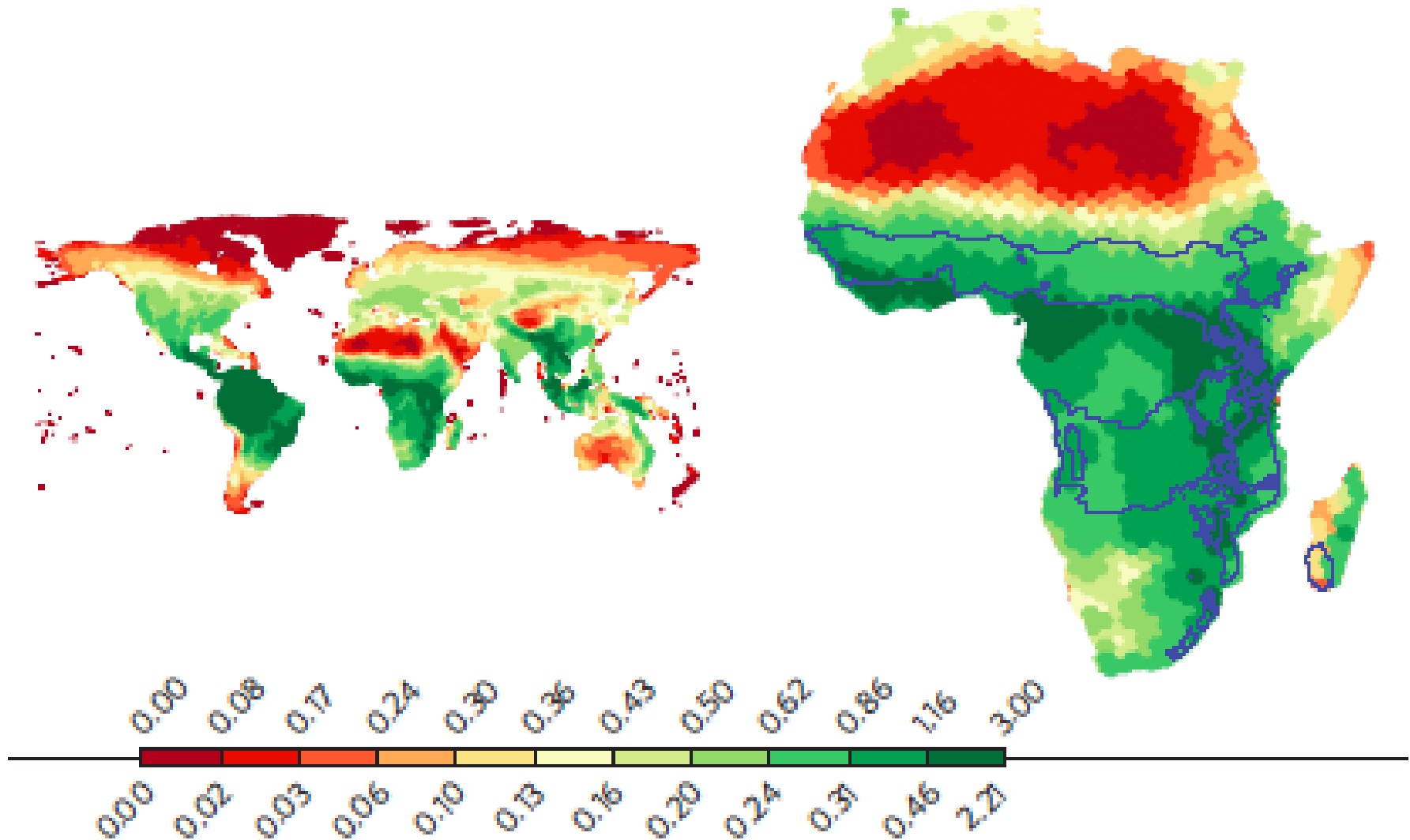


Searchinger et al., Nature
Climate Change 2015

Figure 2 | Low-carbon potential cropland sites. Suitable means: yields $\geq 4 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$ (maize) or 1.5 t ha^{-1} (soybeans), yield CV $\leq 30\%$, crop season failure rates $\leq 10\%$, and carbon loss/yield ratios 33% lower than global averages for each crop.

Total Vertebrate Biodiversity in Wet Savannas of Africa & the World

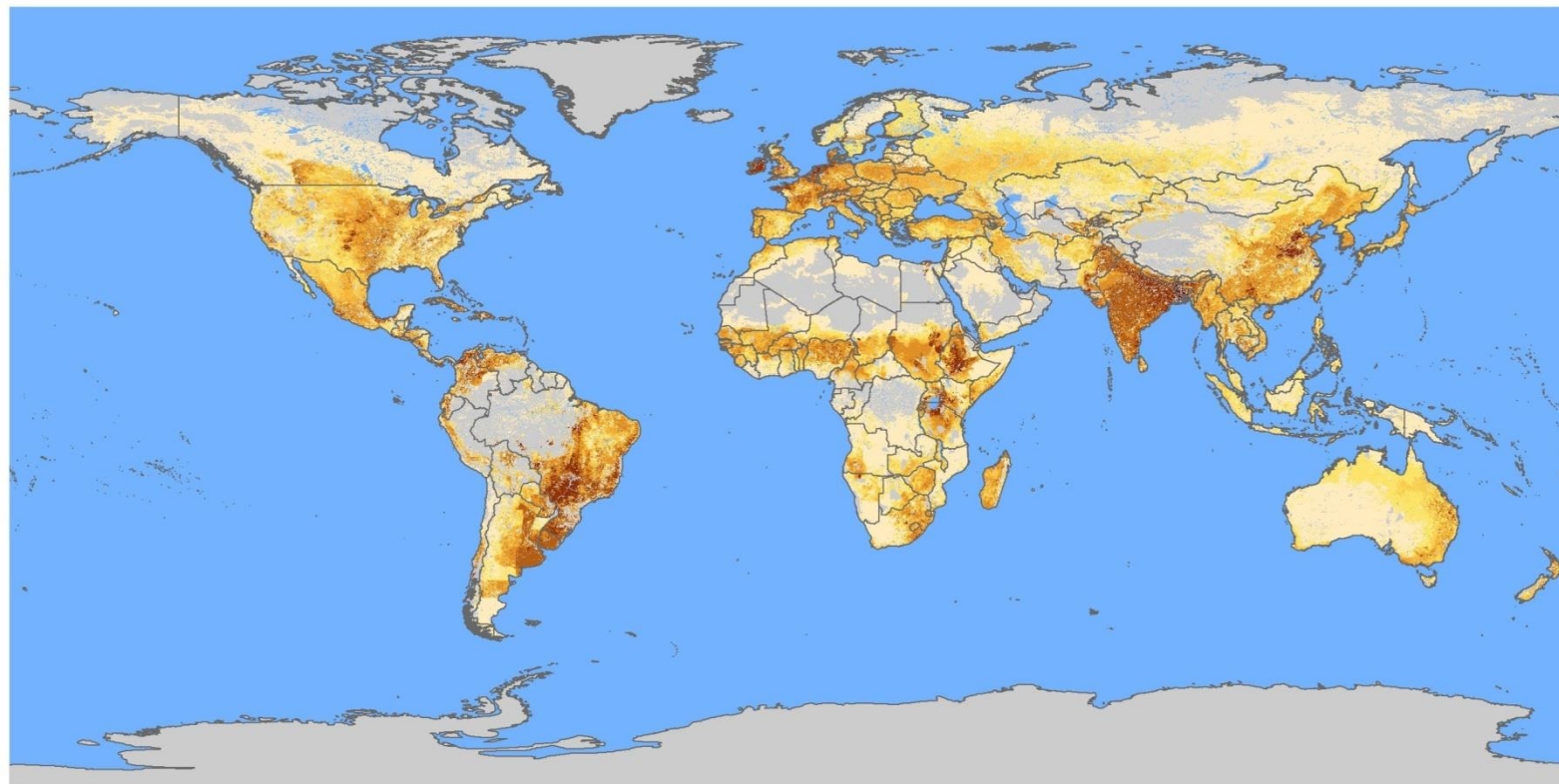
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Cattle density map matching FAOSTAT 2005 (*modelled*)

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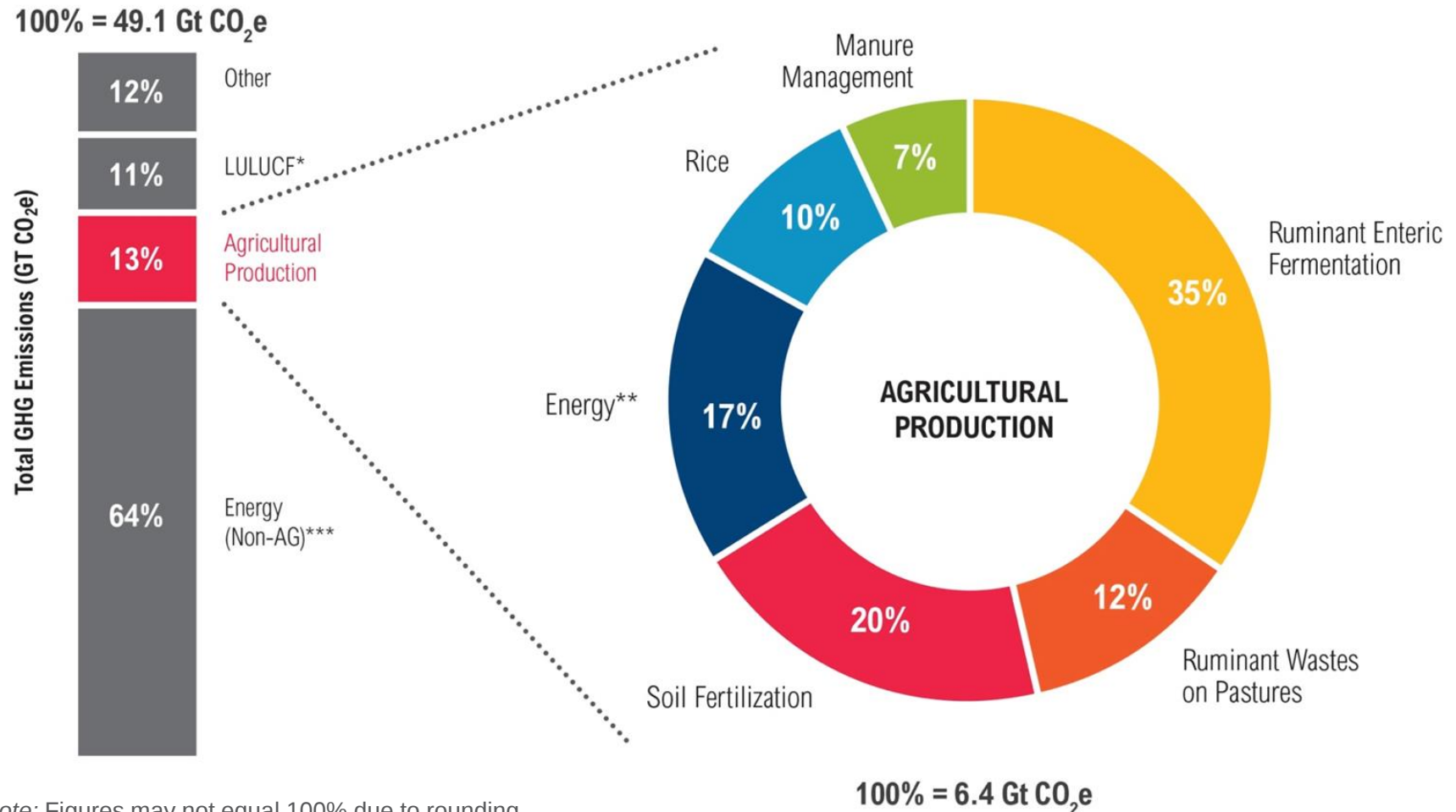


Number per square km



Source: Gridded Livestock of the World

Ruminants contributed nearly half of global greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural production in 2010



Note: Figures may not equal 100% due to rounding.

* LULUCF = Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry.

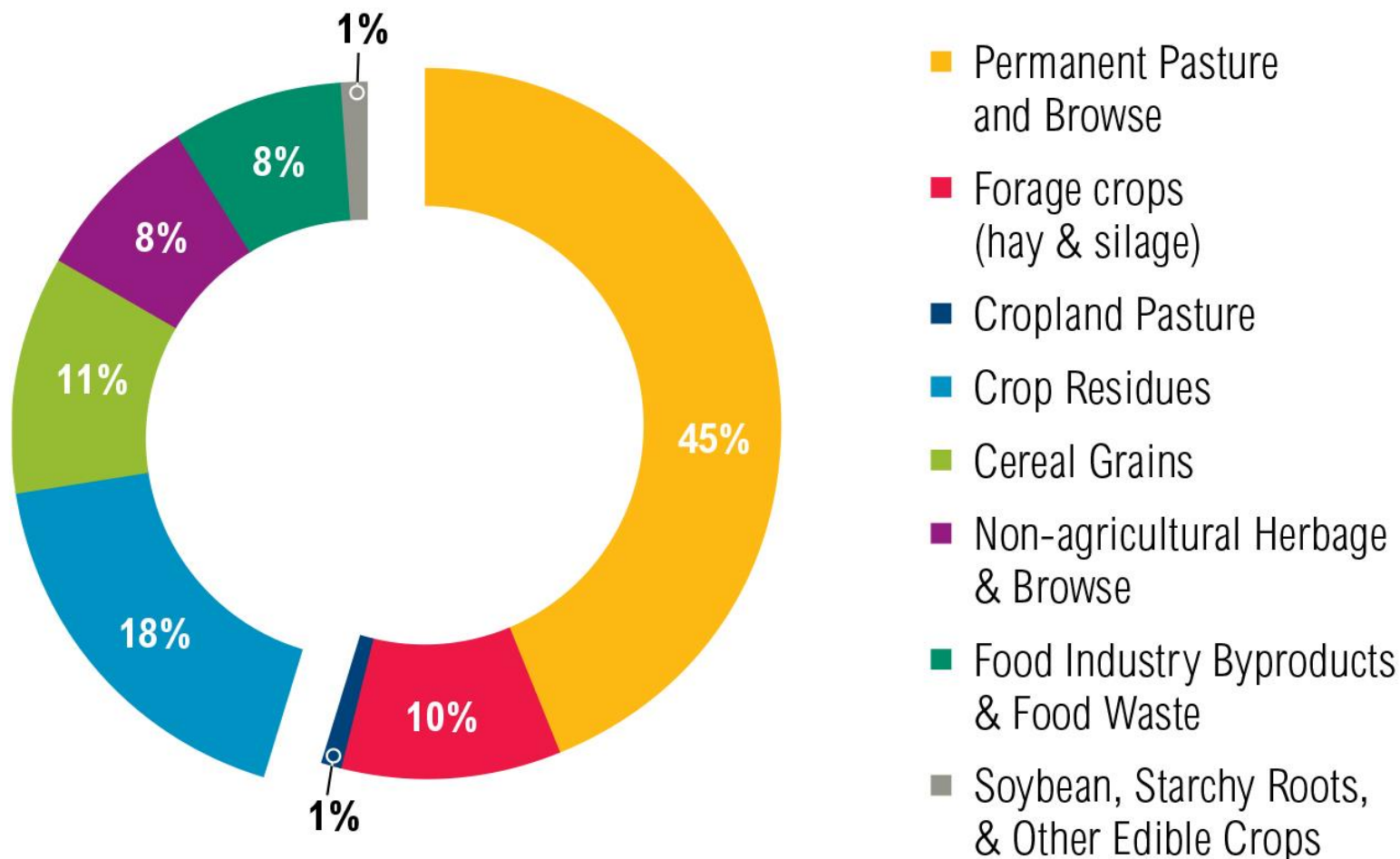
** Includes emissions from on-farm energy consumption as well as from manufacturing of farm tractors, irrigation pumps, other machinery, and key inputs such as fertilizer. It excludes emissions from the transport of food.

*** Excludes emissions from agricultural energy sources described above.

Source: WRI analysis based on UNEP (2012), FAO (2012e), EIA (2012), IEA (2012), and Houghton (2008) with adjustments.

Grasses provide more than half of all animal feed

Percent, 100% = 6724 Tg dry matter per year (2010)



Note: Soybean and other oil meals are included in “Food industry by-products” while whole soybeans are included in “Soybeans, starchy roots and other edible crops.” Data from Wirsenius is for 1992–94 and for 2030.

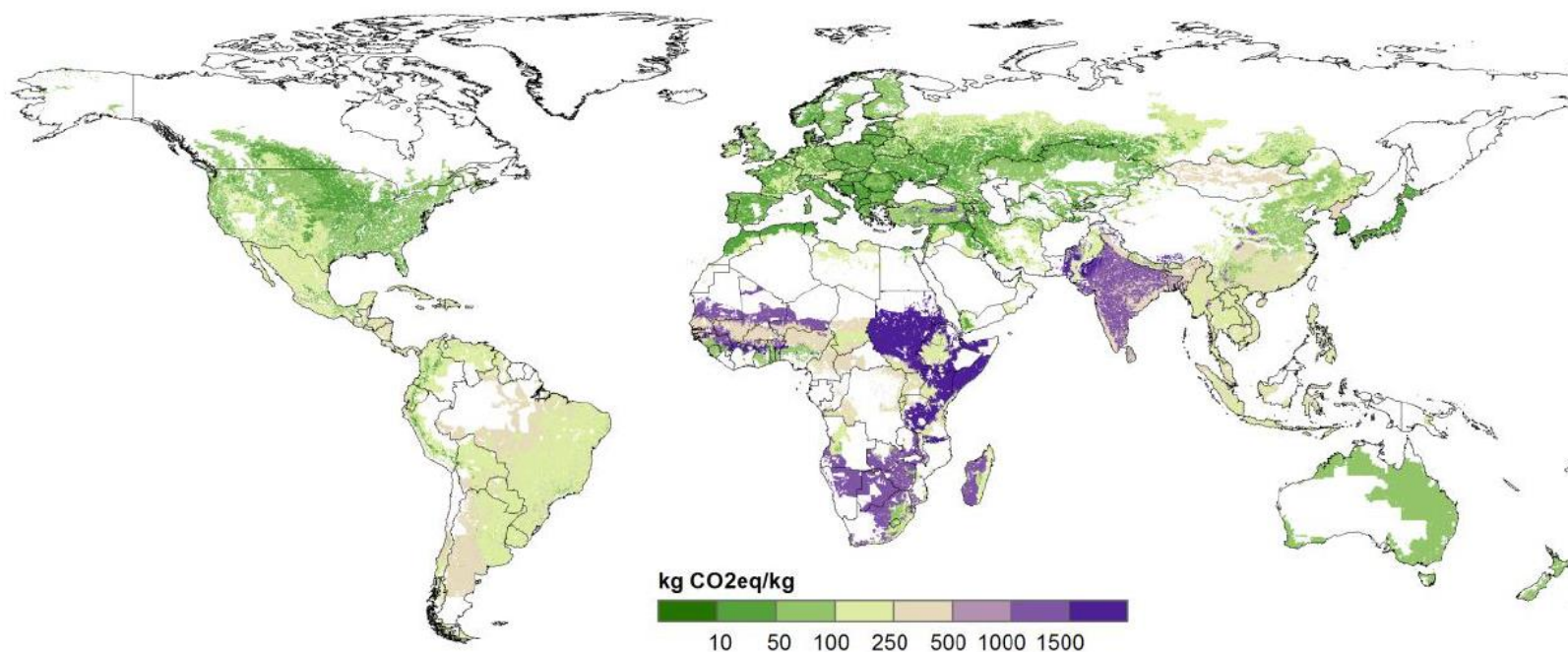


Figure S 47. GHG efficiency of bovine meat production (expressed in kg CO₂eq/g protein) in the year 2000

Herrero et al., PNAS (2013)

Comparative Emissions from Dairy Cows

Gerber et al., FAO (2010)

Africa: 7.5 kg of greenhouse gases
per kilogram of milk



U.S.: 1.3 kg of gases per kilogram
of milk



Accessible improvements – cut emissions
per unit of milk by $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$.

- High protein shrub

- Improved pasture

- Increased stover digestibility



Source: Thornton & Herrero 2010 PNAS

Menu item: Increase pastureland productivity



Photo Source: Luis Solarte/CIPAV.



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The Agricultural Synergies Project

Improving Food Security Sustainably While Holding Down Greenhouse Gas Emissions

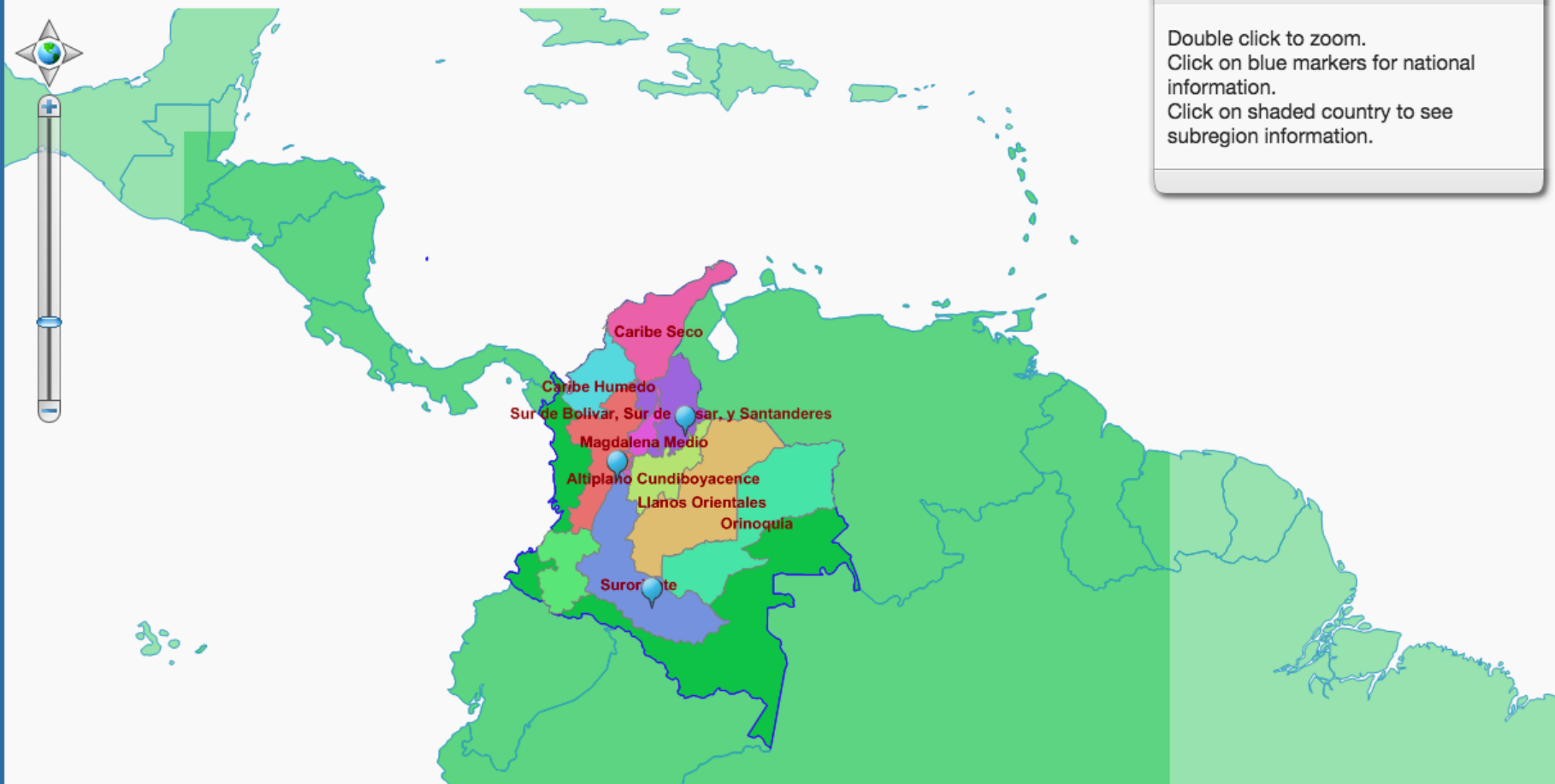
The Agricultural Synergies Project is a collaborative effort of research institutions across the world to develop detailed guidance of ways developing countries can boost food production while reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. This guidance will help countries to develop Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Plans (NAMAs), and international aid agencies to evaluate them. It will also help farmer groups, private companies, and non-profit organizations to identify the most promising synergies between increases in agricultural production and reduction in emissions. The initial efforts focus on three sets of guidance:

1. Sustainable intensification of ruminant livestock
2. Land sparing
3. Agroforestry.



Instructions

Double click to zoom.
Click on blue markers for national information.
Click on shaded country to see subregion information.



Parameter Type Cluster Cow-Calf System-
Coffee Belt

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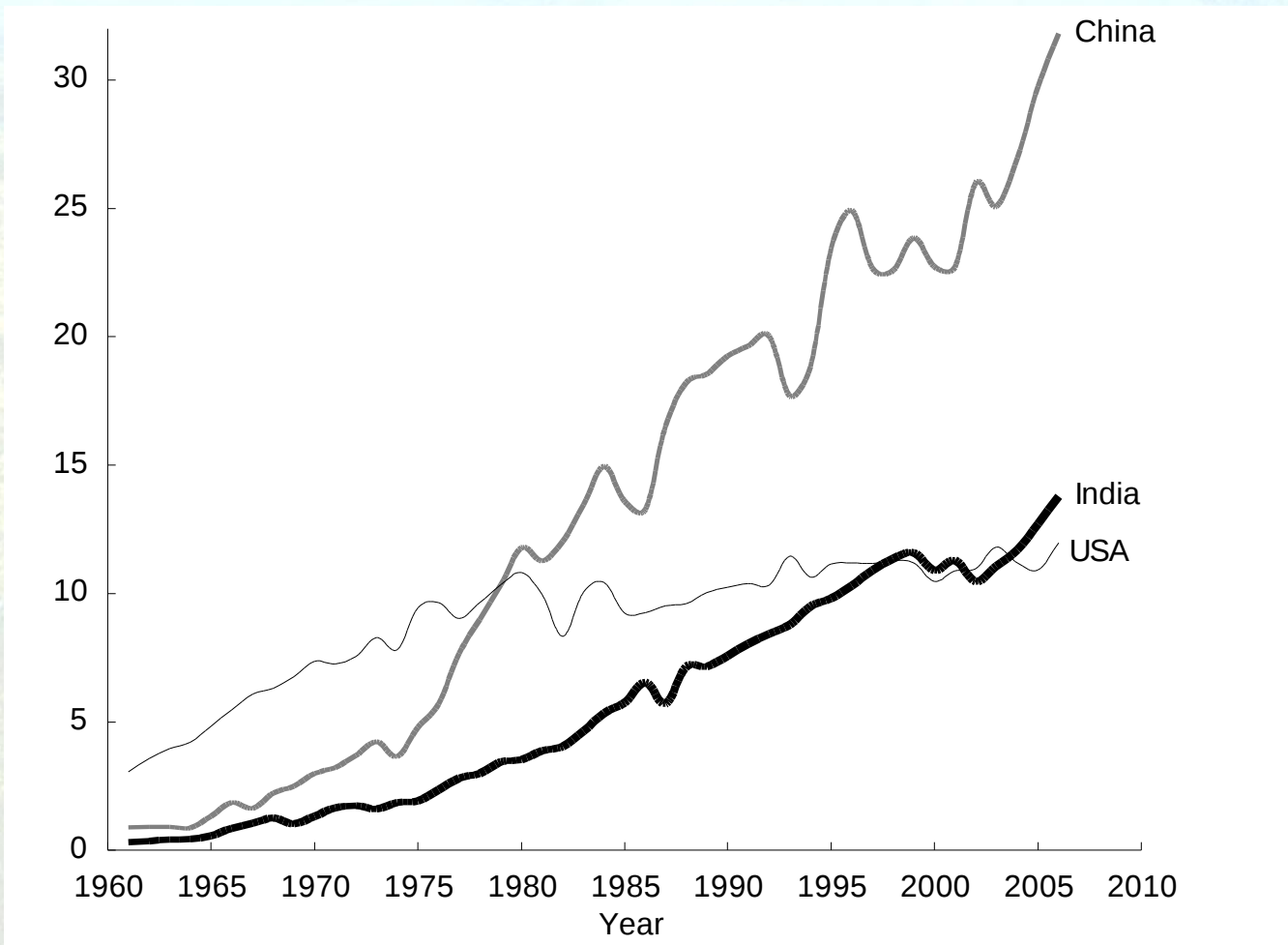
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Water Management strategies for reducing impacts (e.g., GHG) from paddy rice

1. Alternative Wet & Dry
2. Single season drawdown
3. Dry seeding
3. Avoid flooding in off-season
4. Bed & furrow (saturated) production
5. Off-season drawdown

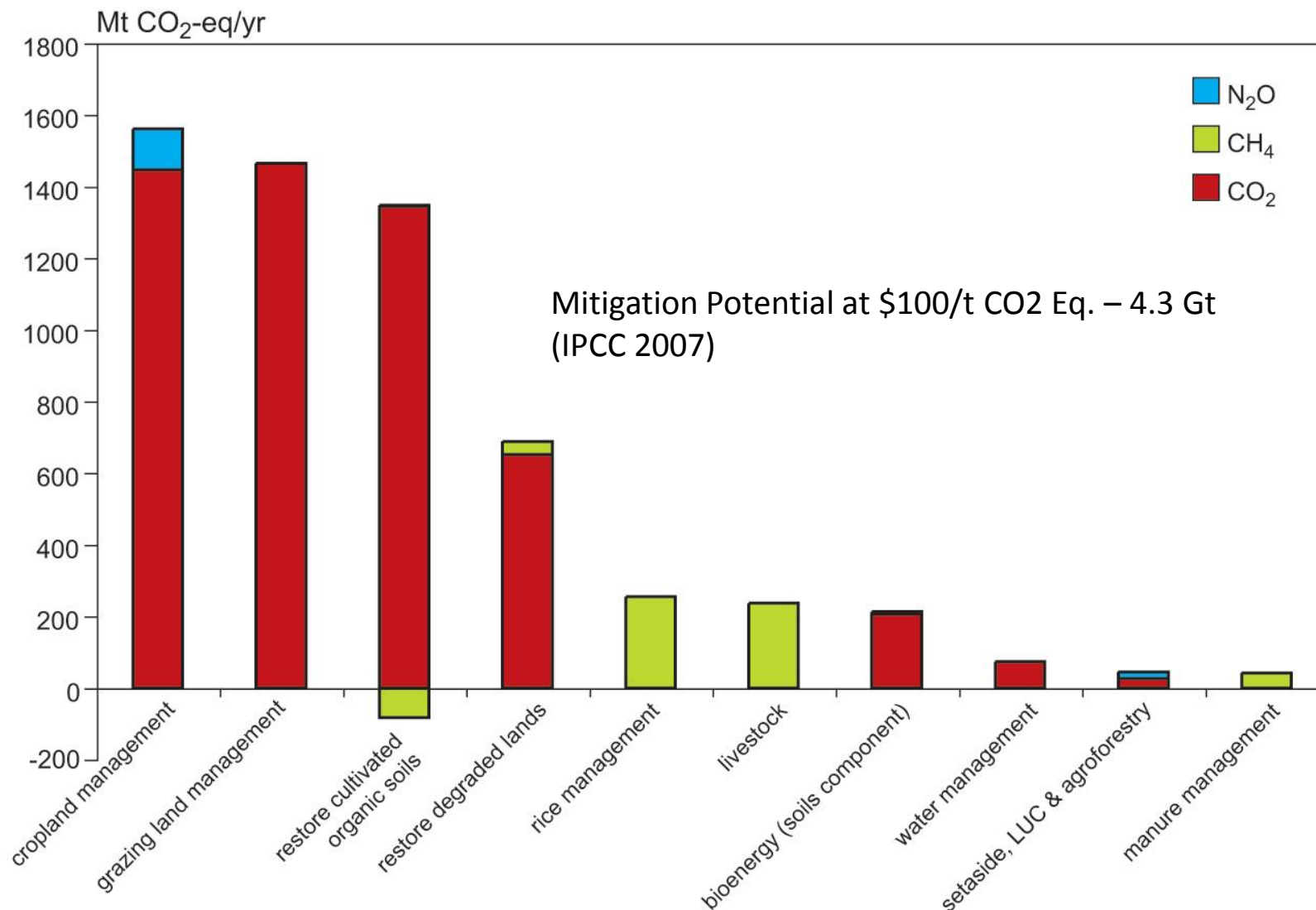


Greatest Overuse of Nitrogen Fertilizer is in China and Parts of India



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Rice Institute,
Cuttack, India

Overwhelming Focus on Carbon Sequestration Misplaced



Petland conversion in
Southeast Asia today releases
1-2% of all global GHG
emissions annually and oil
palm expansion could level of
emissions for decades



Some Key Takeaways

- The agricultural emissions & land use challenge is big
- Pasture productivity
- Get out of peat
- More efficient use of inputs, particularly livestock
- Demand reduction important: food waste, balance of livestock products (beef); replacement level fertility
- Need to have truly detailed, coordinated strategies