



Forests are an overlooked and undervalued asset in the struggle to achieve SDGs:

If you care about the SDGs, take a second look at forests!

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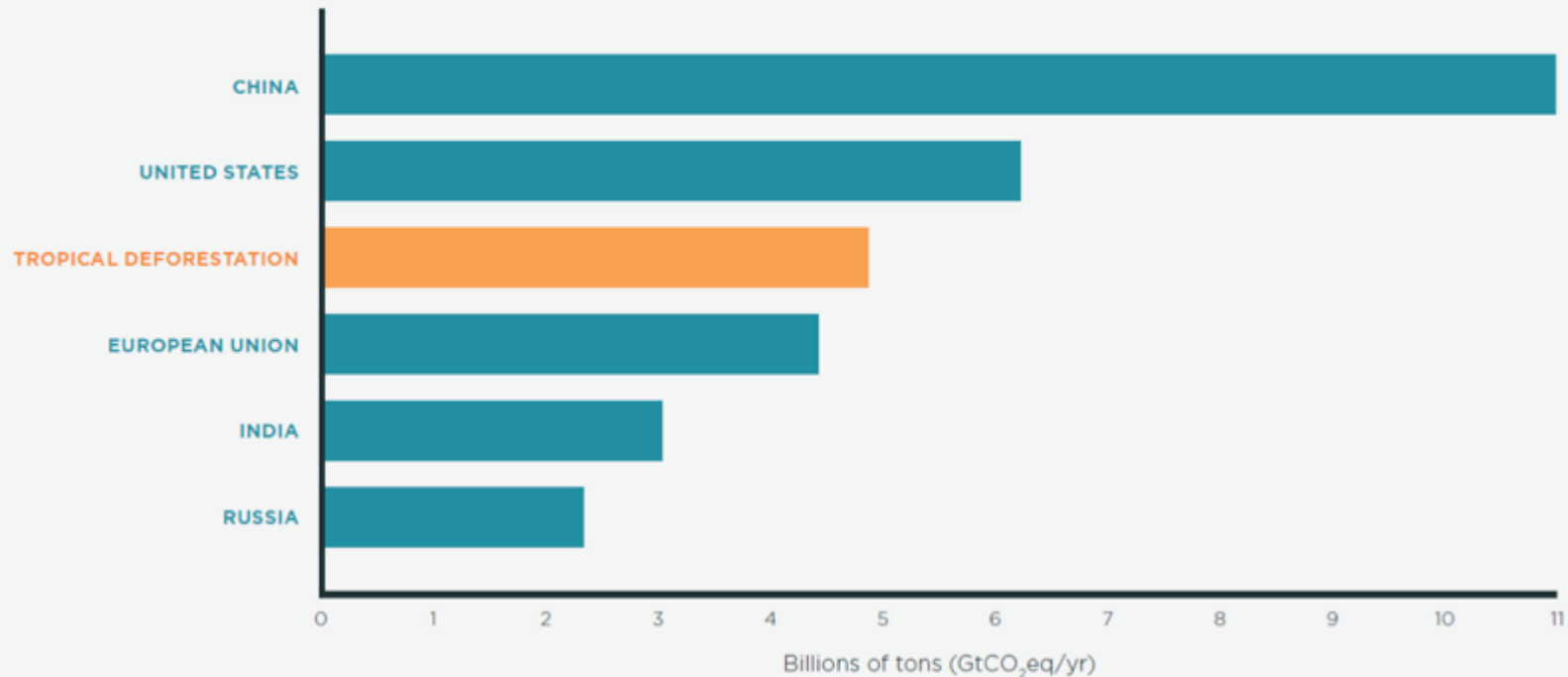
The SDG's natural foundation



Source: [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#)

If tropical deforestation were a country, its emissions would be greater than those of the European Union

ANNUAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, 2012



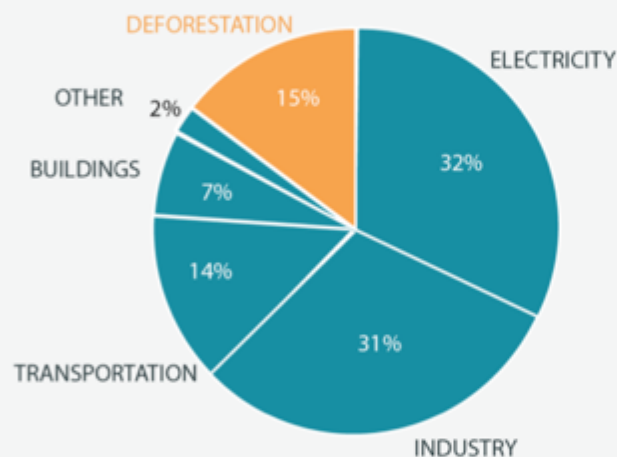
Source: CAIT v2.0, Busch and Engelmann 2015

Emissions from deforestation refers to gross emissions from tropical forest cover loss and peat conversion

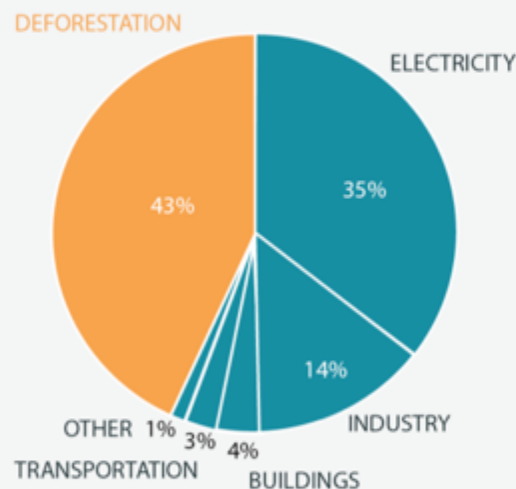


Reducing deforestation offers nearly half the potential low-cost emission reductions in developing countries

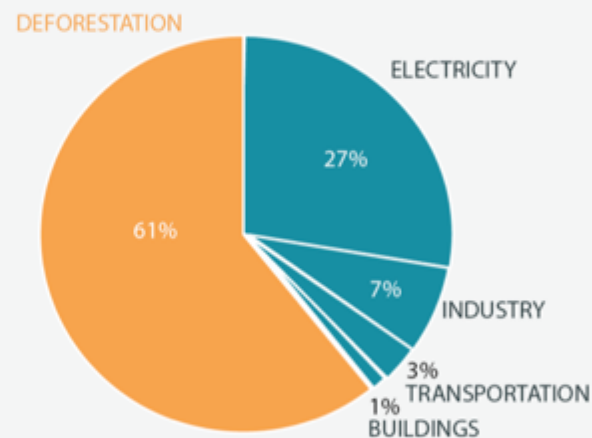
Gross emissions
(Developing countries, 2015)



Potential low-cost emission reductions
(Developing countries, 2020)



Potential low-cost emission reductions
(Developing countries outside of China, 2020)



Gross emissions and emission reductions refer to greenhouse gases excluding agriculture. Low-cost emission reductions refer to emission reductions available below a carbon price of \$20/tCO₂.

Source: Busch, Engelmann, and Lepissier, 2015 based on Busch and Engelmann (2015), "Global Climate Assessment Model" (GCAM), University of Maryland, Accessed 2015, <http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/models/gcam/>



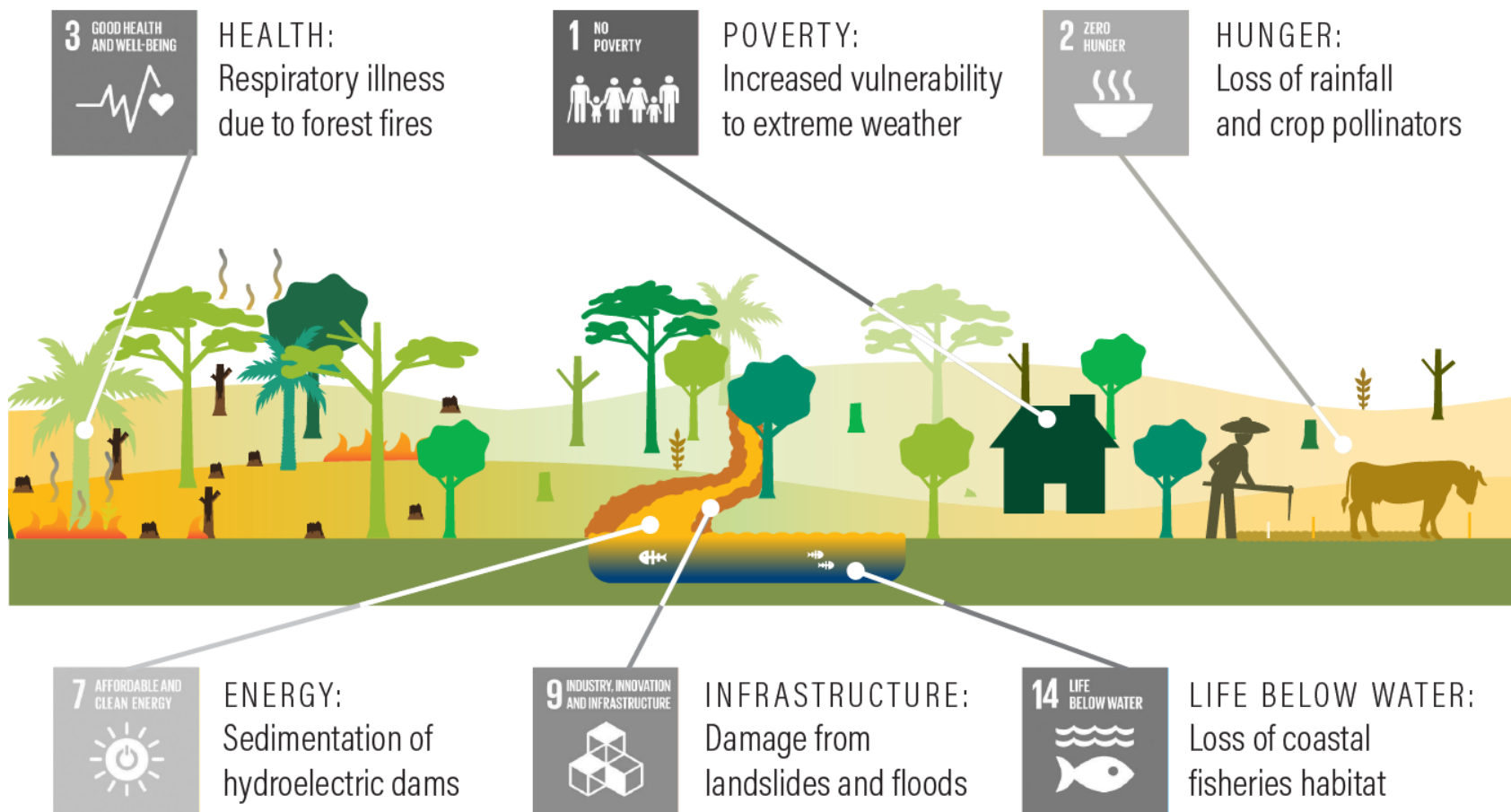
“All pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C project the use of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) on the order of 100–1000 GtCO₂ over the 21st century. CDR would be used to compensate for residual emissions and, in most cases, achieve net negative emissions to return global warming to 1.5°C following a peak (*high confidence*).”

Ref: IPCC SR1.5

Summary for Policymakers

http://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15_spm_final.pdf

Examples of deforestation risks to SDGs



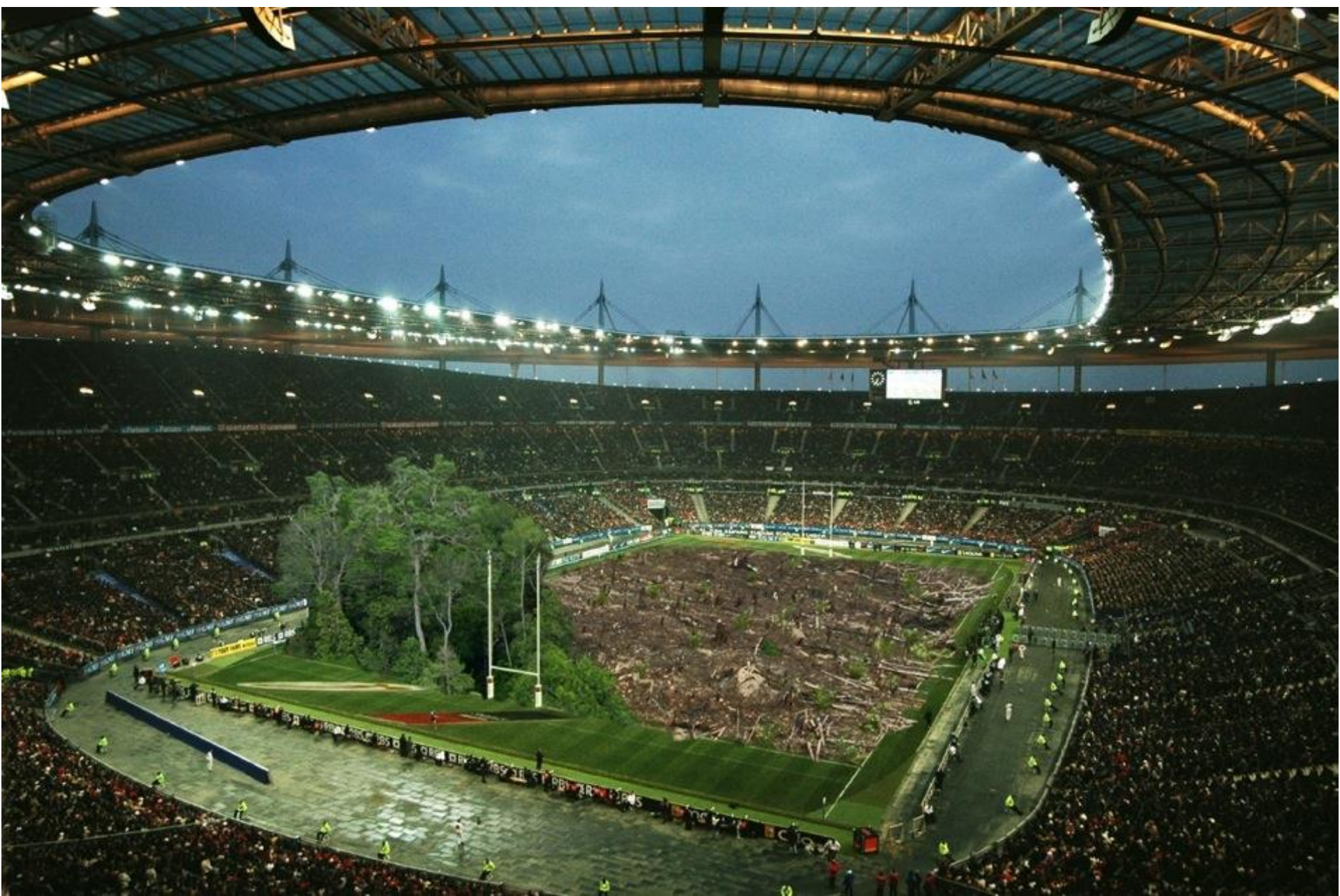
Source: Why Forests? Why Now? (Centre for Global Development, 2016) / [WRI](https://www.wri.org/)

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In 2017, the world lost more than 1 football pitch of forest...



... every second



...equivalent to the area of Italy over a year



Unprecedented momentum



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Reference: C.N.TD/2016/TREATIES/XXVIII/7.4 (Depository Notification)

PARIS AGREEMENT
PARIS, 12 DECEMBER 2015

ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depository, communicates the following:

On 5 October 2016, the conditions for the entry into force of the above-mentioned Agreement were met. Accordingly, the Agreement shall enter into force on 4 November 2016, in accordance with its article 21, paragraph 1, which reads as follows:

"This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which at least 55 Parties to the Convention accounting in total for at least an estimated 55 per cent of the total global greenhouse gas emissions have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession."

5 October 2016



Article 5

1. Parties should take action to conserve and enhance, as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1(d), of the Convention, including forests.
2. Parties are encouraged to take action to implement and support, including through results-based payments, the existing framework as set out in related guidance and decisions already agreed under the Convention for: policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries; and alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, while reaffirming the importance of incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches.

1. Political momentum
2. Know-how
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On the horizon...

2019 UN SGs Climate Summit



2020 NDC review



EU MFF 2021-2028



2030 Paris / SDG targets

A lush, dense tropical forest scene. Sunlight filters through the thick canopy of green leaves and branches, creating a dappled light effect. The forest floor is covered in various tropical plants, including palm trees and broad-leafed species. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Conclusions

**Our planets future
is inextricably tied
to the future of its
forests'**

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Thank You

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