

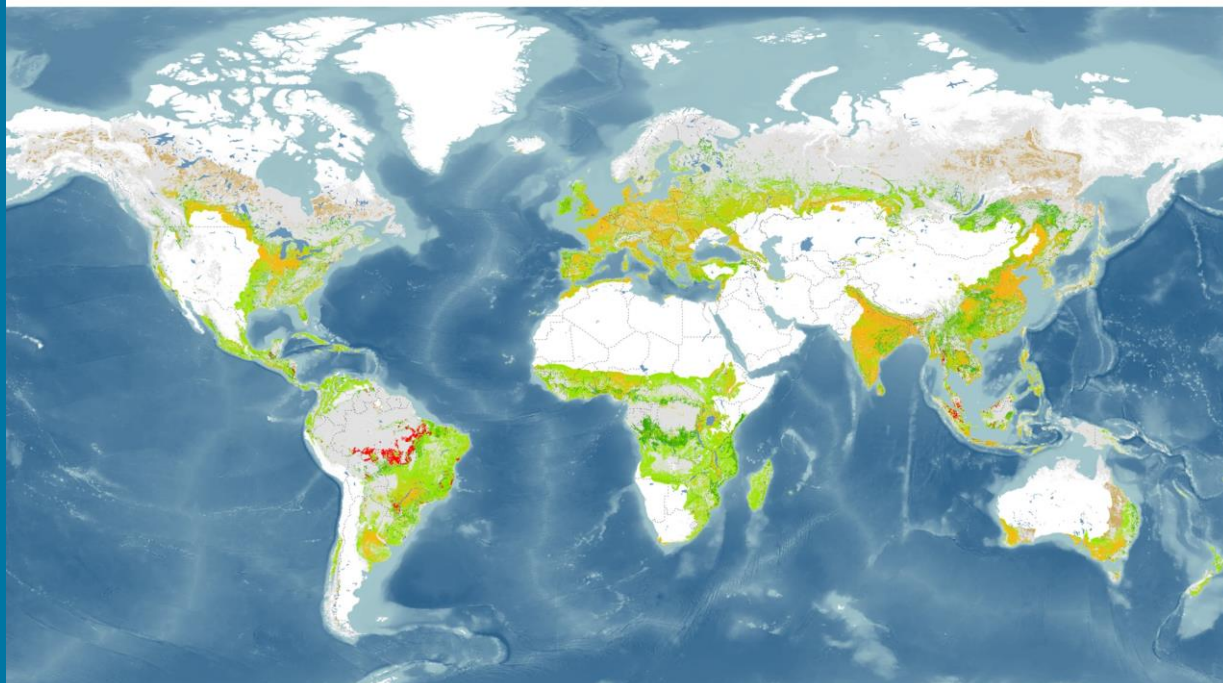


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# A World of Opportunity for Forest and Landscape Restoration



## TENURE AND RESTORATION

### FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide-scale restoration
- Mosaic restoration
- Remote restoration

### OTHER AREAS

- Agricultural lands
- Recent tropical deforestation
- Urban areas
- Forest without restoration needs



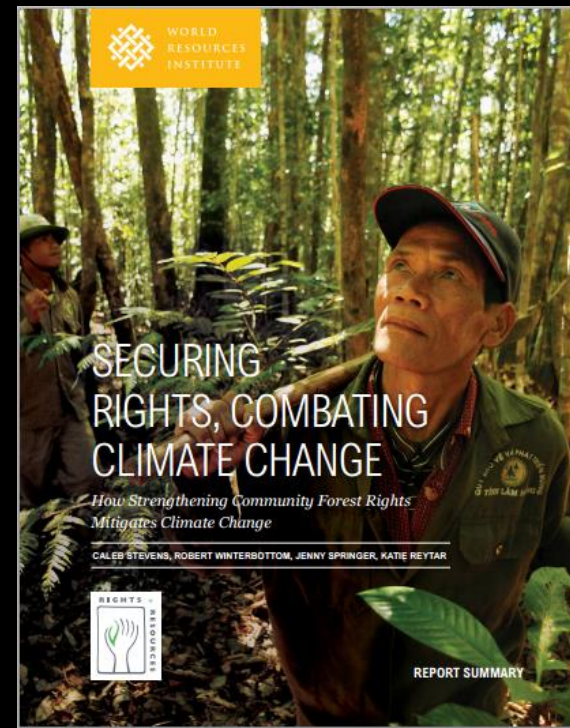
# WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- Restoration: Process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that is degraded, damaged or destroyed (IUCN)
- Land Tenure: Legal or customarily-defined relationship among people with respect to land (FAO)
- Land Tenure Security: Certainty that an individual's or community's land rights will be recognized & protected (FAO)

# WHAT DO WE KNOW?

## Community Tenure & Forests (Deforestation)

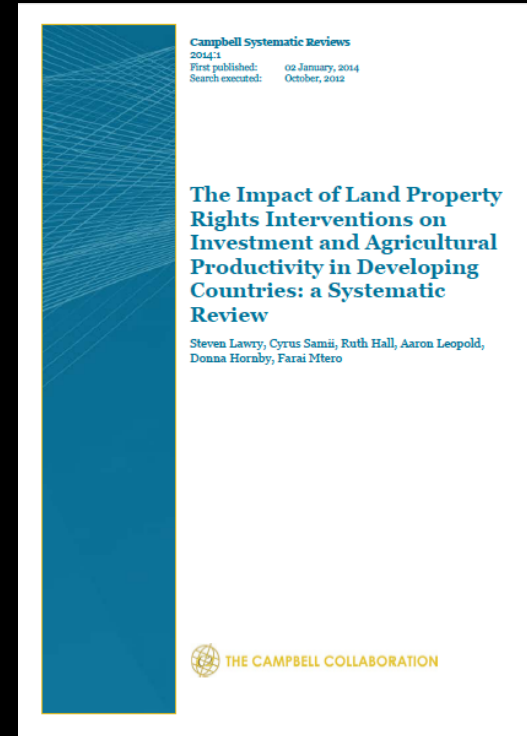
- Weak tenure linked to deforestation & forest cover loss
- Legal recognition & protection of rights linked to low deforestation rates & better forest cover
- Interventions that increase tenure security linked to reduced forest loss



# WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW?

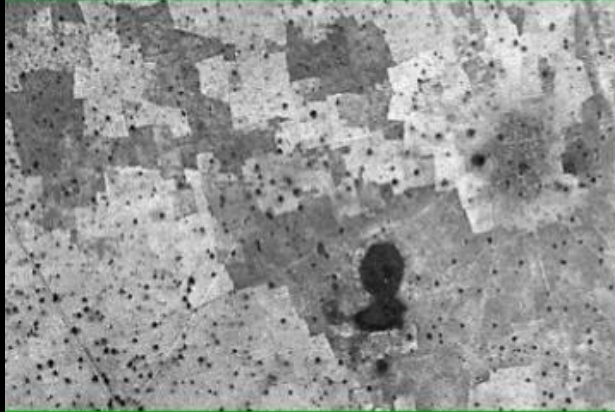
## Community Tenure & Agricultural Productivity

- Formalizing rights (registration, titling) increases productivity & slows forest loss
- Documentation of already secure customary rights has limited impact on productivity
- Securing tenure not a silver bullet, but an important part of mix of interventions

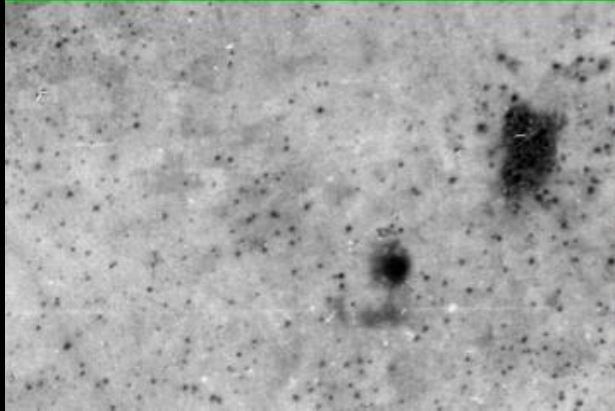


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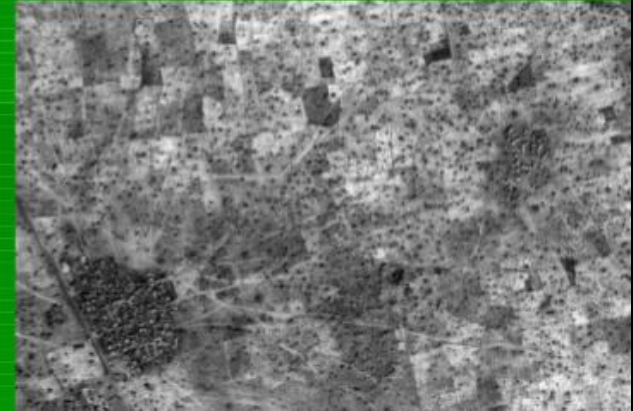
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# TAKE AWAYS

- Secure tenure is linked to common components of restoration
- Restoration interventions are more likely to succeed if they invest in strengthening & protecting rights
- Many ways to secure tenure (legal recognition, documentation, protection)
- Research can help identify appropriate means to strengthen land rights in specific locations



# Thank you