The Nexus of Forests, Food, Agriculture, Energy, Water and Poverty in A Dynamic World of Globalization, Climate Change and Technological Change

Implications for Future Financing for "Optimal Land Use"

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## Diverse Forest Management Capacities and Global to Local Impacts

**Diverse Countries, Diverse Forests, Diverse Forest Values** 

## **Countries Ranging in Scale Of pop and forests**

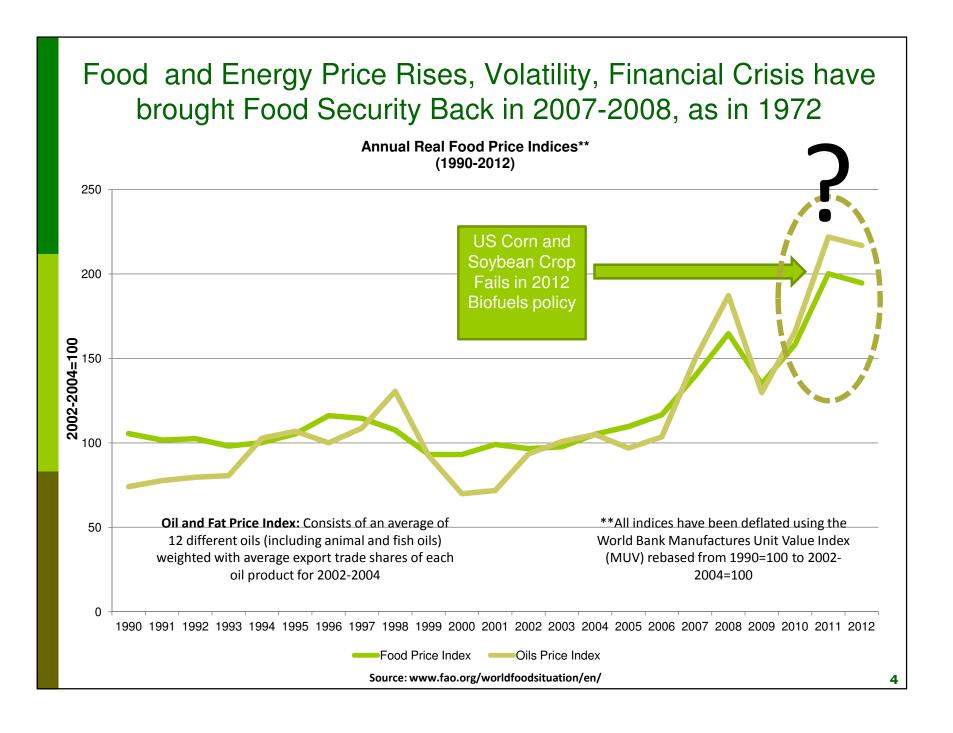
- Mega Countries 2 pop 2.2 billion
- Large Countries 200m+
- Medium Size Countries -100 to 200m
- Moderate Size Countries
   50 to 100m
- Small countries
- Island States

## **Diverse Forest Types and Trees Outside Forests**

- Tropical
- Primary
- Secondary
- Temperate
- Boreal
- Dry land

## Forests and Agriculture in Economic Transformation

- Declining share of forests and agriculture in GDP and employment
- Rural-urban migration
- Increased Demand for Land for service and manufacturing
- Demographic transition
  - reduction in population growth rates and
  - Reduction in poverty through labor transfers from agriculture and forestry to the urban sector.
- Agricultural Lands back into (Secondary) Forests
- Loss and (regain of some?) Biodiversity
- Payments for Environmental Services to Protect Ecosystem Functions
- Mosaic of Land Use-Including Community Forestry for Indigenous Peoples



# How Will Forests Fare In the Changing Dynamics?

How Will External Factors Affect Forests?

Domestic Policy and Institutional Capacity
for Decision-Making

Under Complex Trade-offs and Uncertainty

### Recent Myths Dispelled

Brian Wright, Fuglie, Josef Schmidhuber

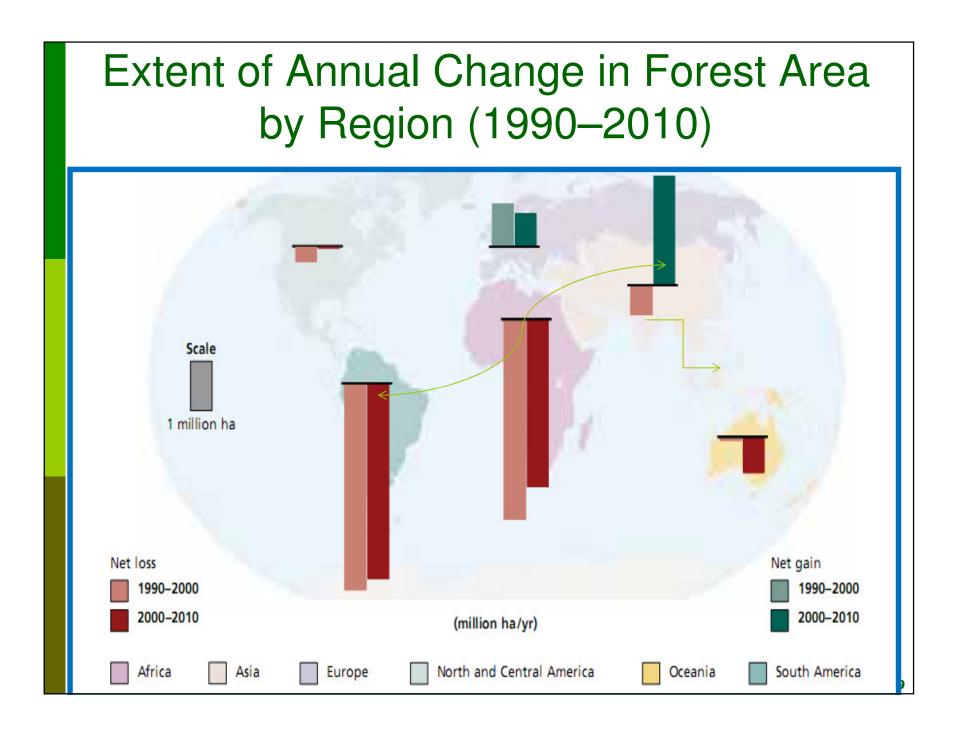
- 1. Price rise and volatility result from low stocks, increases in biofuels
- 2. Recent food prices are not the highest nor more volatile
- 3. Yet Food and Energy Price Increases have Potentially Profound Implications for future land use changes (including lands under forests, pastures) and food insecurity of the poor



## Inter-Connected "Insecurities" — and Trend to Move From MDGs to SDGs

- At National and Sub-National Levels:
  - Poverty, Water, Food, Fuel, Nutrition Insecurity,
     Forest Loss, Climate, Soil and Land Degradation
- At the household level:
  - Unclear relationship between income growth and changes in food consumption—in India
- Acute Infant and Child Mortality
- Women facing collective "Insecurities" of hunger, fuel wood, water, sanitation, diseases

Lele, Agarwal, Goswami, AAEA 2011



## (Often) Unquantifiable Changes in Natural Resources Accompanying Forest Loss

- Extent of Forest Degradation
- Watersheds lost or threatened
- Excessive Groundwater Exploitation
- Increased Salinity
- Still Huge Dependence on Fuel wood as source of energy among the poor
- More Trees Outside Forests

### Long Term Global Food Challenge

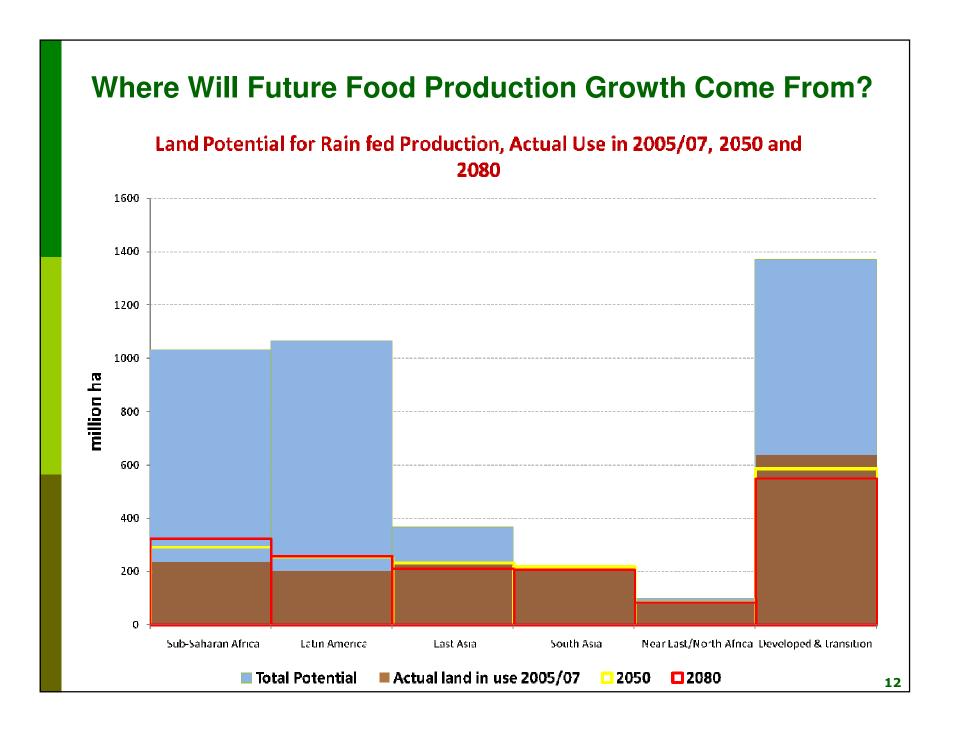
9 Billion + in 2050: Cereal Production (Net of Biofuels) Increase by 70%, Meat production: 220%, Cereal Imports of Developing countries by 220%

#### **On Demand Side**

- Population Growth:
  - Almost all in SSA and SA
  - But Declining Growth Rates
- Income Growth:
  - Mostly in Developing Countries
- Urbanization Levels:
  - Up from 50% to 70%
  - Rural Population Will shrink
- Shift in Food Consumption Patterns:
  - Rice, Wheat, Maize, Soybeans for Feed
- Biofuels: maize, oilseeds
- Processed Foods

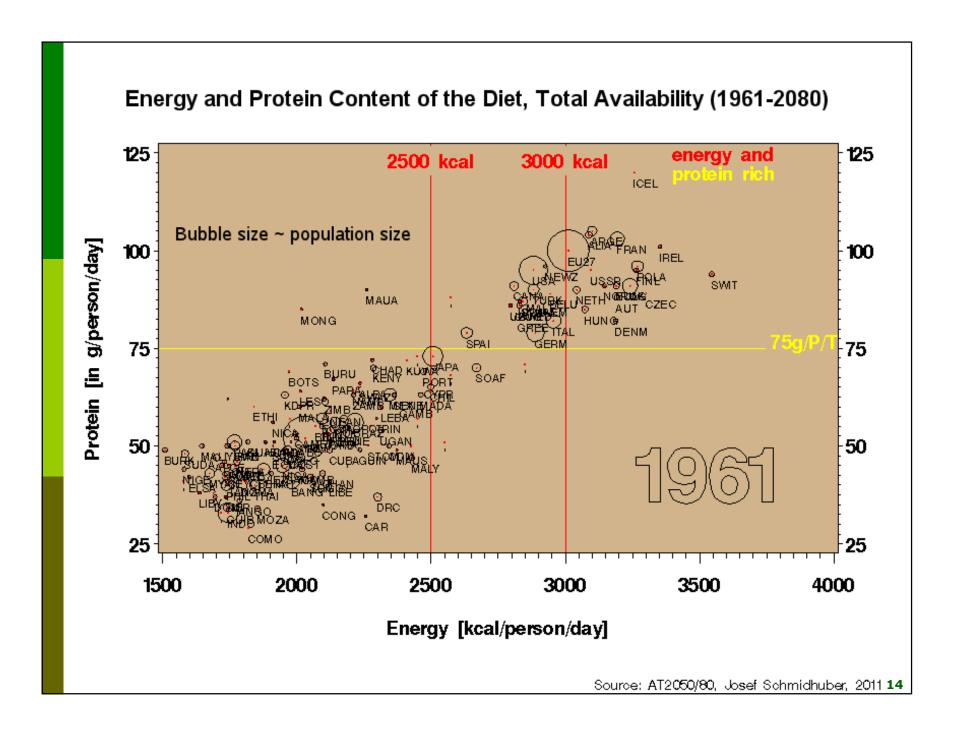
#### **On Supply Side**

- Slowing Yield Growth
- Climate Change
- Limits to Land, Water, Soils, Biodiversity, Forests, Fisheries
- Last Frontiers?
  - LAC, SSA, Eastern Europe
- Increased Market Related Risks and Uncertainty
- DE capitalization of Agriculture - Investment in R&D



#### Loss of Pastures, Grasslands and Forests?

- Much of the remaining land and water balance in Slide #12 (2.6 billion ha) is:
  - unevenly distributed
  - under forests, protected, under settlements
  - suitable for only a few crops
  - suffering from one or more constraints
- Crop land change is a net change!
- What about land degradation? Its magnitude and scope?
- LUC = GHG emissions, loss of biodiversity



#### "Biofuels Are a Wild Card" -- Thomas Hertel

## They could affect Croplands, Grasslands, Permanent Crops and Forests

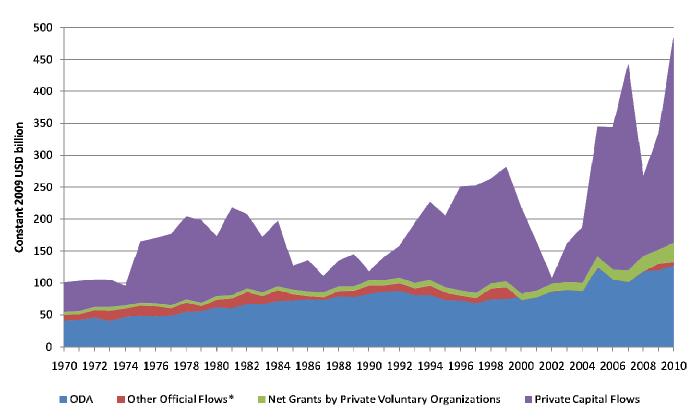
- "Food-competing biofuels can do more harm to the welfare of poor and landless, globally, than the greatest conceivable aid efforts or productivity increases could compensate"
- First generation biofuels ineffective for climate change
- Second generation (Cellulosic ethanol) could be more effective, but "if it is perennial crops, and compete with food production, could be worse than annual crops, because inflexibility"
   Brian Wright
- "Flexible Crops with possibilities to switch could be the future name of the game"
   -- Alain Karsenty

#### Reasons: Trade Offs!

- Low income elasticity of demand for food
- High income elasticity of demand for energy (e.g., Transport)
- Small share of biofuels in total energy use
- Increased demand for biofuels due to OECD mandates and subsidies for biofuels
- Possibility of substitution among fuels depending on relative prices and technologies
- Opportunity Cost of Land Use Matters
- Growing International Private Investment in Land?
- Reduced supply of land due to urbanization
- "Climate change mitigation policies leading to Rising Demand for Ecosystem services could come at the cost of food security for the poor"-- Hertel

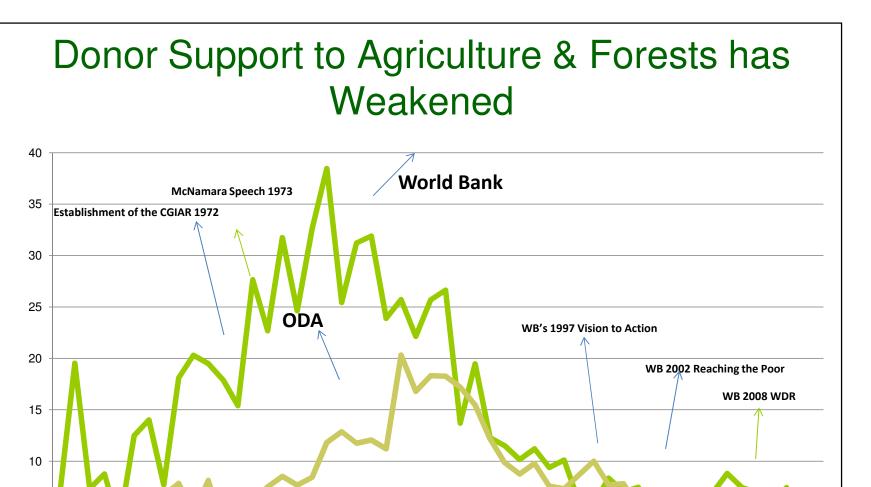
## Growing Private Capital Flows and Multinational Investments Call for Improved Global and Local Governance of Natural Resources and Commodities

## DAC & Non-DAC Members' Total Net Resource Flows to Developing Countries (1970-2010)



<sup>\*</sup> Net OOF flows were negative in 2000-01, 2003-04 and 2006-07 & 08.

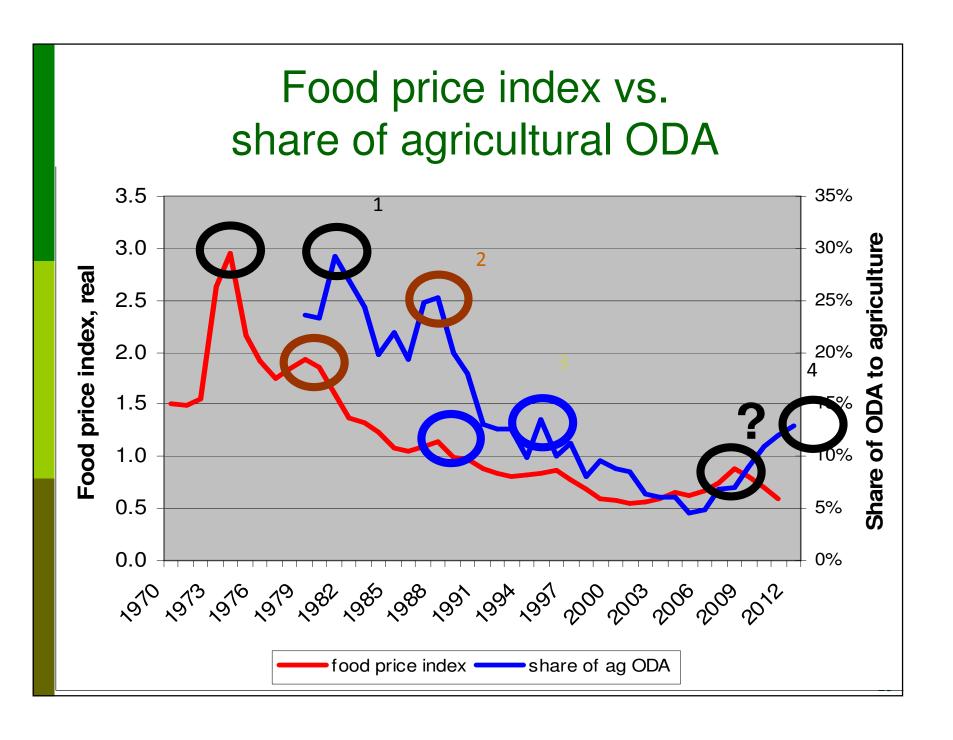
Source: http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=CRSNEW



Share of Agriculture (%) (IBRD+IDA)

Source: OECD.Stat and Data sent by Sanjiva Cooke from World Bank

Share of Agriculture (%) (ODA)



### Changes In Expectations From "Aid"

- Linking aid to output delivery is changing the character of aid
  - E.g., Cash for School Attendance, Carbon Sequestration, REDD readiness
- Increasing focus on outcomes and impacts as a condition for receiving aid
- Shifting focus from aid effectiveness to development effectiveness
- From macro growth indicators to household outcomes and impacts
  - e.g., nutrition, child survival
- From MDGs to SDGs
- Score Cards for (1) Countries, (2) International Organizations, and (3) Donors too?

### **Concluding Thoughts**

- Landscapes will matter far more in the future than in the past
- Increased Complexity in Land Use Changes
- Growing Importance of Markets
- Tenure and Governance Will Need More Attention if Short Term Efficiency is not to trump Equity and Sustainability
- Future aid/PES should focus on improving policy capacity to deal with realities of developing countries on the ground and of Changes in the External Environment!

