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# **Status of REDD+ Activity Data for Zambia:**

## **A case of the SADC REDD+ MRV Mapping of Degradation in the Transboundary Test Site with Malawi**

*“Concepts and Costs of Measuring and Monitoring Forest Degradation”*

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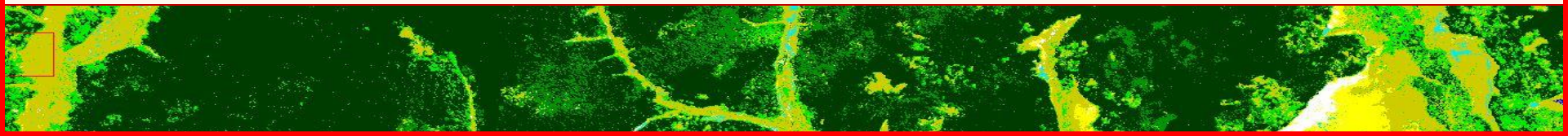
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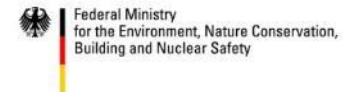
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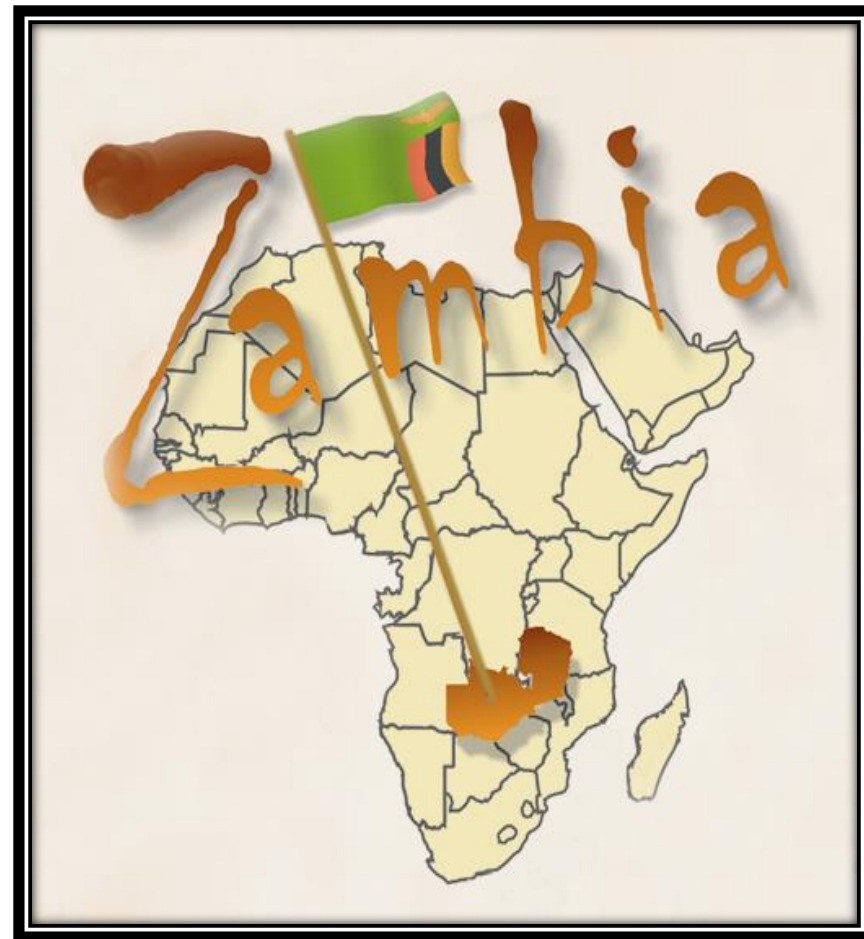


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# REDD+ READINESS IN ZAMBIA

**PROGRAMME GOAL:** To Prepare Zambian institutions and stakeholders for effective nationwide implementation of REDD+ mechanism

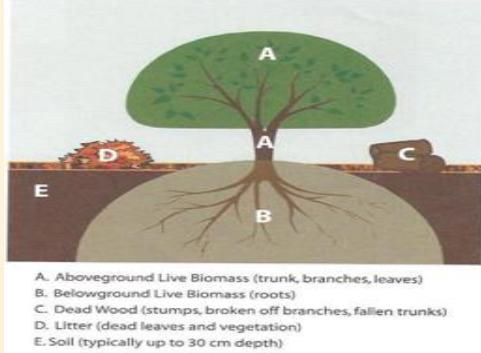
**PROGRAMME DURATION:** THREE (3) YEARS (2010 – 2013) – Now in extension

**APPROVED BUDGET:** US\$4.49 Million

**IMPLEMENTING AGENT:** Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

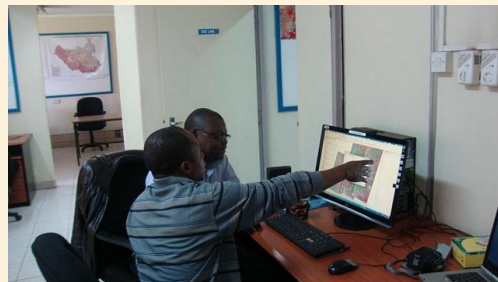
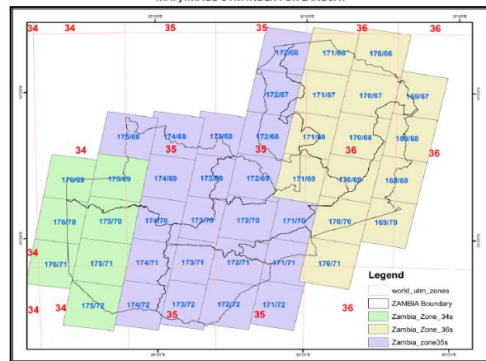
**LEAD AGENT:** Forestry Department - Zambia

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** UNDP, FAO and UNEP



ZAMBIA'S 1990 LAND REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE (LANDSAT) DATA

Source: Global Land Cover (GLC); USGS - <http://glcvis.usgs.gov>  
MAP/IMAGE UTM INDEX FOR LANDSAT

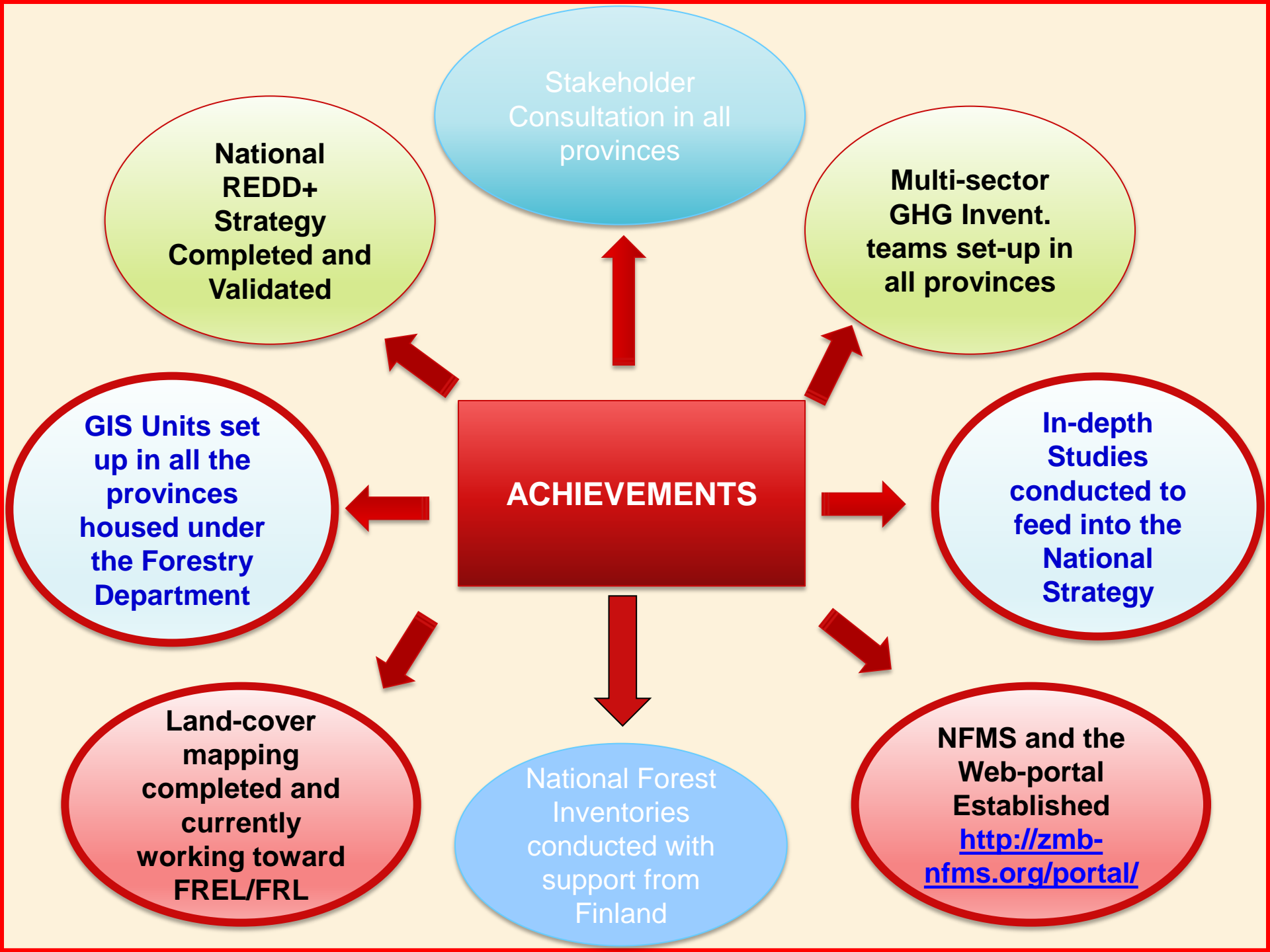


# REDD+ READINESS CONT'D

Officially the UN-REDD Program Ended in August 2013. However, there was a **Strategic Review** conducted for a **non-cost extension** (JSC endorsed it and was approved by UN-REDD Program Policy Board). Have almost successfully gone through the following steps (**but one**) to be read for REDD+ in Zambia

- a) Prepare a **national strategy or action plan** aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation;
- b) **Setting-up the reference emission level and/or forest reference level** (interim measure, sub national) in order to establish the national level of emissions
- c) Develop a **robust and transparent national forest monitoring system** for the monitoring and reporting of the REDD+ activities (interim measure, sub national)
- d) Develop a **system for providing information on how the safeguards** (environment and social) will be addressed and respected - **FLES**



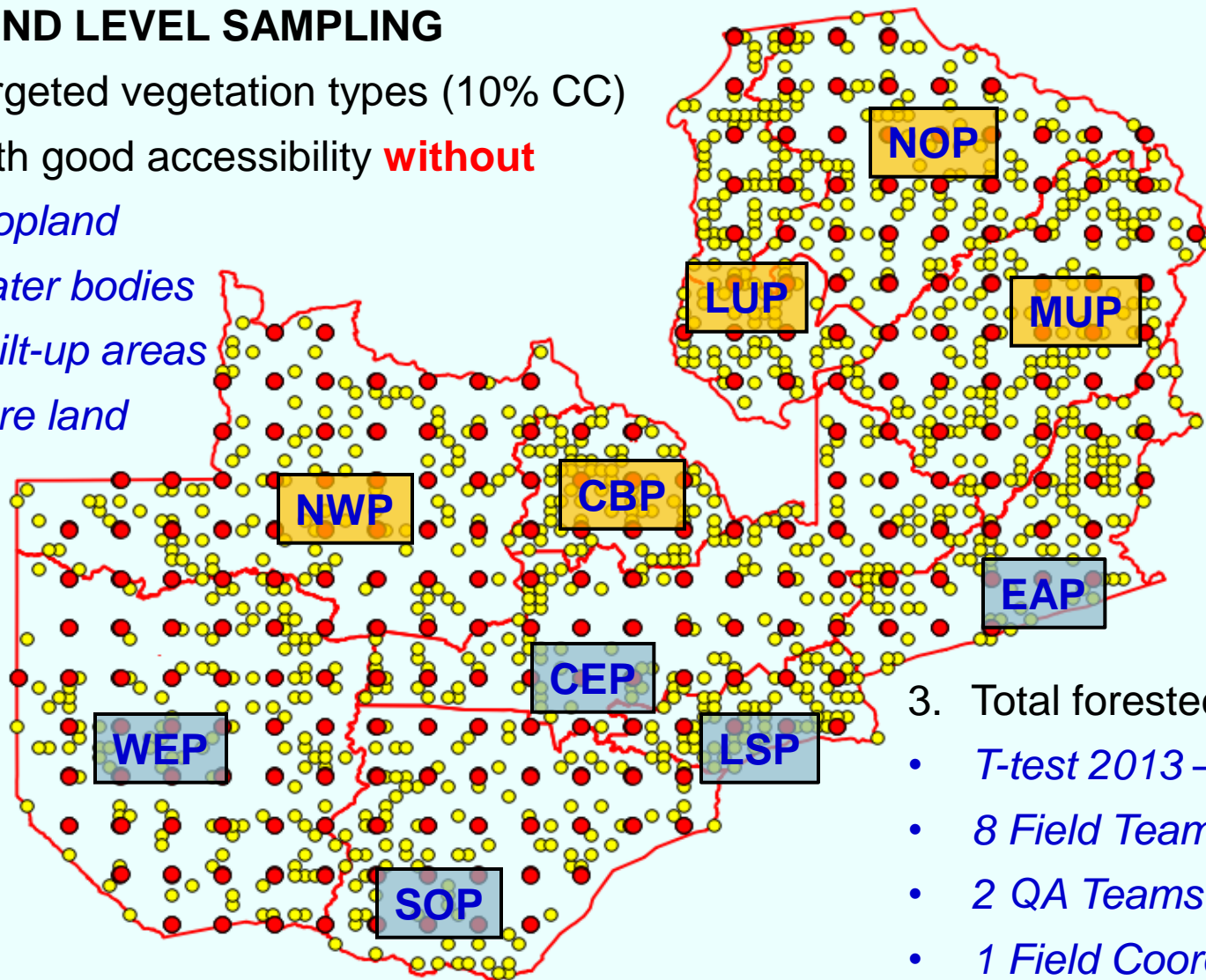


## SECOND LEVEL SAMPLING

1. Targeted vegetation types (10% CC)

2. With good accessibility **without**

- *Cropland*
- *Water bodies*
- *Built-up areas*
- *Bare land*



3. Total forested area 61.5%

- *T-test 2013 – 2014*
- *8 Field Teams*
- *2 QA Teams*
- *1 Field Coordination Team*

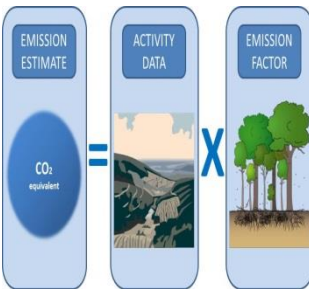
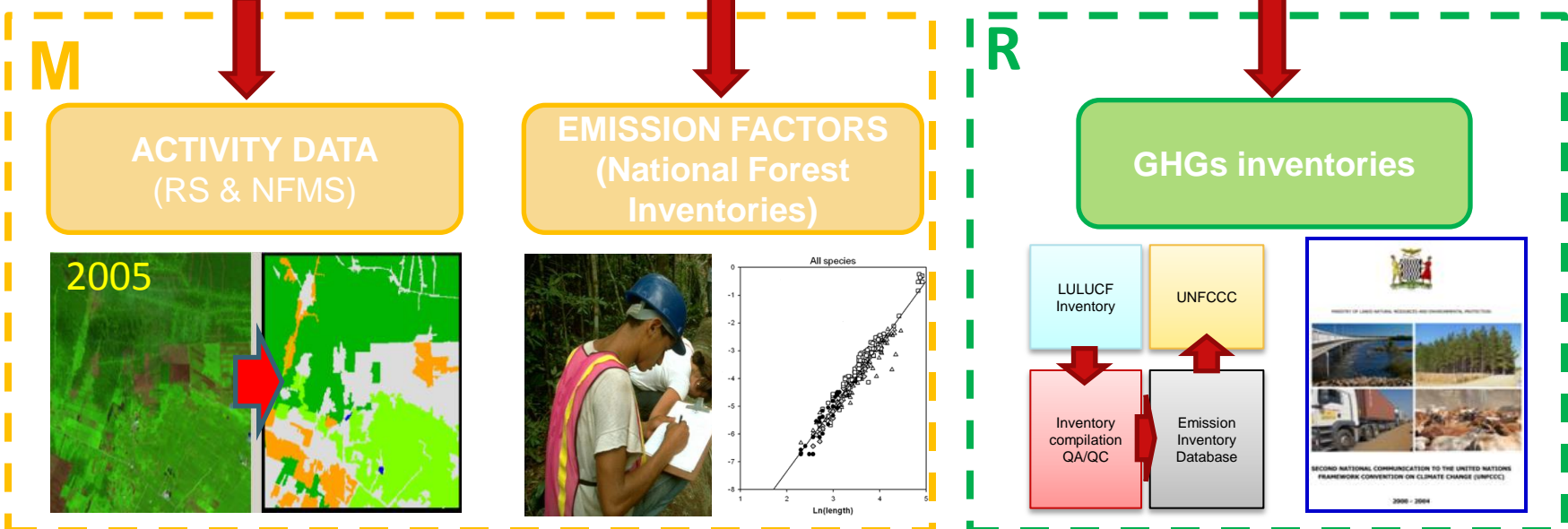
# REDD+ MRV in Zambia



Land-cover mapping  
1990, 2000, 2010 & 2014

ILUA II National  
Forest Inventory

Capacity building on  
GHG reporting for  
Forest Lands

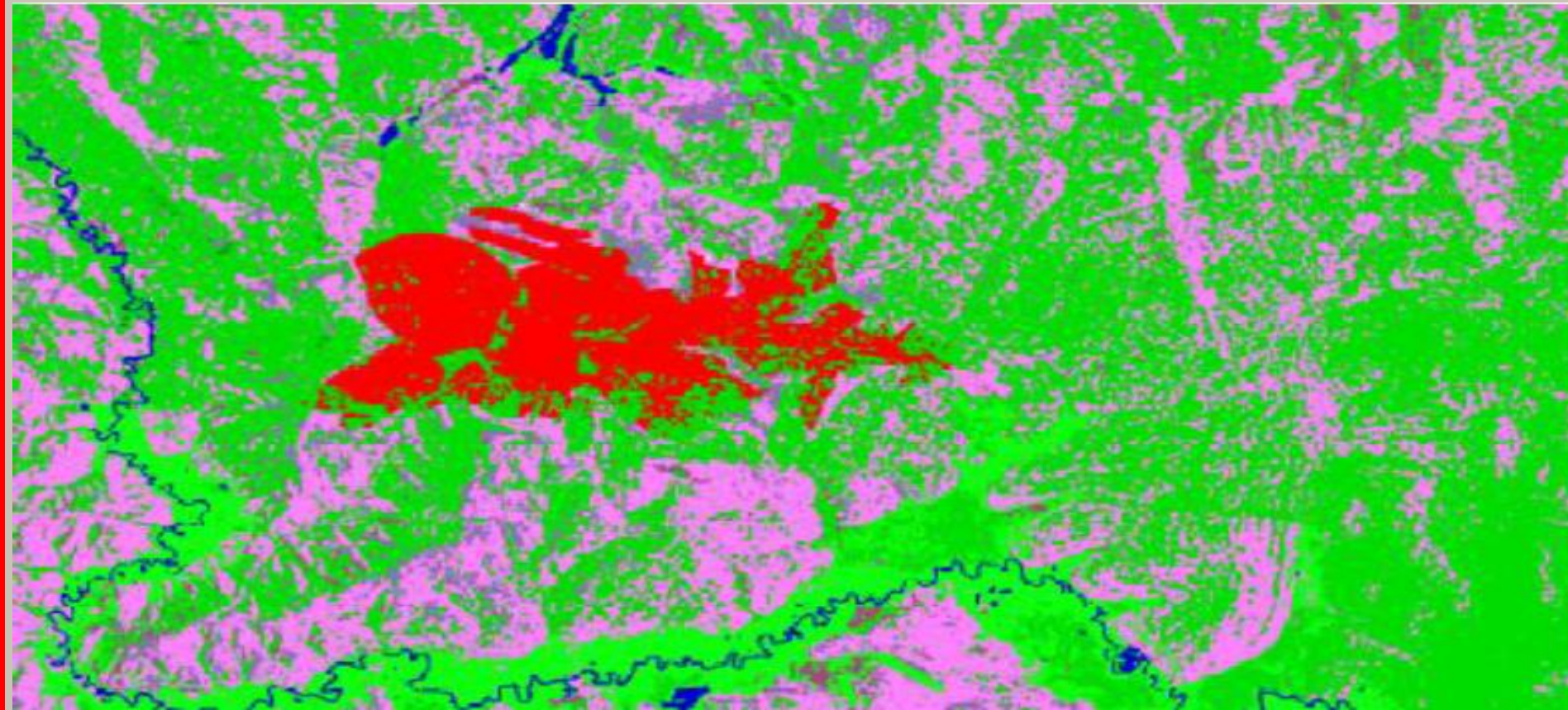


**UN-REDD**  
PROGRAMME



# STATUS OF THE MAPPING ACTIVITY DATA FOR ZAMBIA

1. Time Series (i.e. 1990 = FD, 2000 & 2010 = RCMRD and 2014 FAO)
2. Wall to wall Land-sat based
3. Pixel based classification (maximum likelihood)
4. Remote sensing software (Envi 5.0)
5. Preliminary map products (<http://zmb-nfms.org/portal/> )



# STATUS OF THE MAPPING ACTIVITY DATA CONT'D

## Accuracy Assessment: Total Accuracy

- *Quantifying accuracy (Number of correct plots / total number of plots)*
- *Where diagonals represents sites correctly classified*
- *Off-diagonals were misclassified*

However, **TOTAL ACCURACY** is normally an average it does not reveal if error was evenly distributed between classes or if some classes were really bad / good. Therefore, we requested for:

- *User's accuracy*
- *Producer's accuracy*
- *Kappa coefficient*

2000 Schema 1 (89.05%)		Class types determined from reference source						
Class types determined from classified map	# Of Plots	Settlement	Cropland	Grassland	Forestland	Water bodies	Other-land	TOTAL
	Settlement	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Cropland	0	105	8	0	0	1	114
	Grassland	0	21	482	23	5	0	531
	Forestland	0	15	70	626	8	0	719
	Water bodies	0	2	7	1	87	0	97
	Other-land	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1470</b>

# STATUS OF THE MAPPING ACTIVITY DATA CONT'D

## Overall (summary) accuracy and kappa coefficient

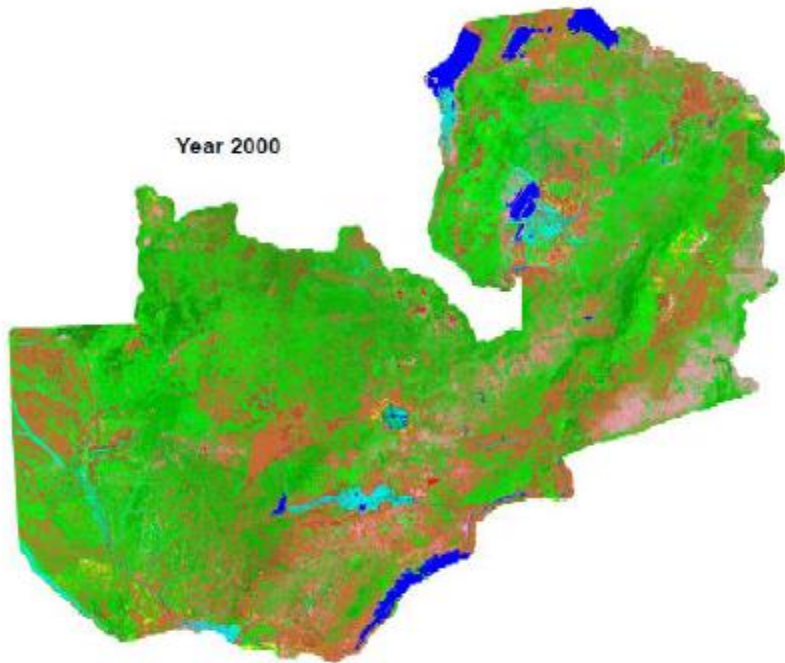
- *User's accuracy – errors of commission (inclusion)*
- *Producer's accuracy – errors of omission (exclusion)*
- *Summary accuracy was  $1309/1470 * 100 = 89.05\%$*
- *Kappa coefficient = 0.8268*

2000 Schema 1		Class types determined from reference source							USER ACC %
	# Of Plots	Settled	Crops	Grasses	Forests	Waters	Others	TOTAL	
Class types determined from classified map	Settled	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	100
	Crops	0	105	8	0	0	1	114	92
	Grass	0	21	482	23	5	0	531	91
	Forests	0	15	70	626	8	0	719	87
	Waters	0	2	7	1	87	0	97	90
	Others	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	100
	TOTAL	5	143	567	650	100	5	1470	
	PRODUCER ACC %		100	73	85	96	87	80	

## Zambia Land Cover Maps for GHG Inventory Development



Year 2000



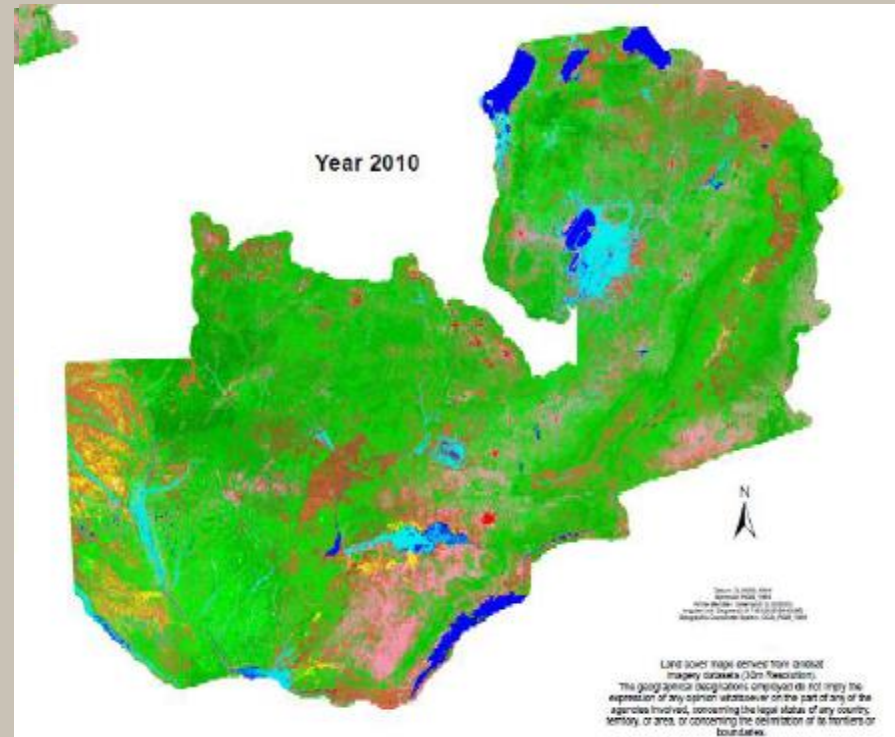
## Zambia Scheme 2 Land cover maps

### Land Cover Categories

Very Dense Forest	Closed Grasslands	Settlements
High Dense Forest	Open Grasslands	Otherland
Moderate Forest	Closed Shrublands	
Sparse Moderate Forest	Open Shrublands	
Sparse Forest	Perennial Cropland	
Open Sparse Forest	Annual Cropland	
Planted Forest	Wetlands	
Woodlands	Water Bodies	



Year 2010



Source: UNEP/WHO  
 Land cover maps derived from orbital  
 imagery datasets (30m resolution).  
 The geographic designations employed do not imply the  
 expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of any of the  
 agencies involved, concerning the legal status of any country,  
 territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or  
 boundaries.

# STATUS OF THE MAPPING ACTIVITY DATA CONT'D

1. Cluster sampling with randomly selected "centroids" = **2700**
2. Increased accuracy assessment points to **5700** from on-screen, local knowledge + Google earth

**LEVEL II**



1. Settlements
2. Agriculture land
3. Rangeland (GL)
4. Forest land
5. Water bodies
6. Other land



11. Urban settlements
12. Rural settlements
21. Annual crop land
22. Perennial crop land
31. Open grasslands
32. Closed grasslands
33. Open shrub land
34. Closed shrub-land
41. HDF – 80%
42. MDF – 50 to 79%
43. LDF – 20 to 49%
44. ODF – 10 to 19%
45. Planted Forests
51. Inland water
52. Wetlands
61. Outcrop

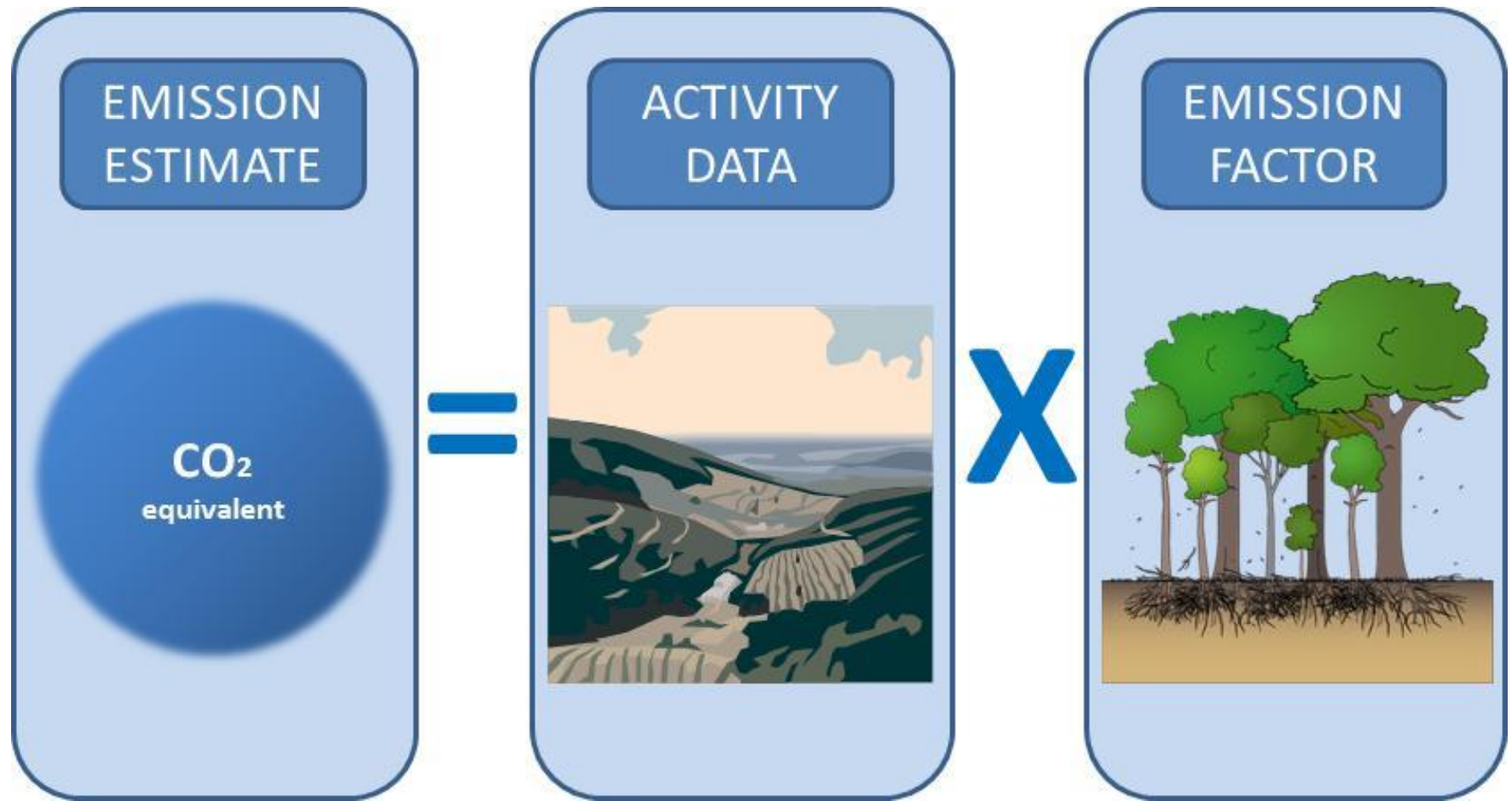
Forest &  
Non Forest

LC

**LEVEL I – LULUFC**

Accuracy assessment yet to be resolved

# STATUS OF THE MAPPING ACTIVITY DATA CONT'D

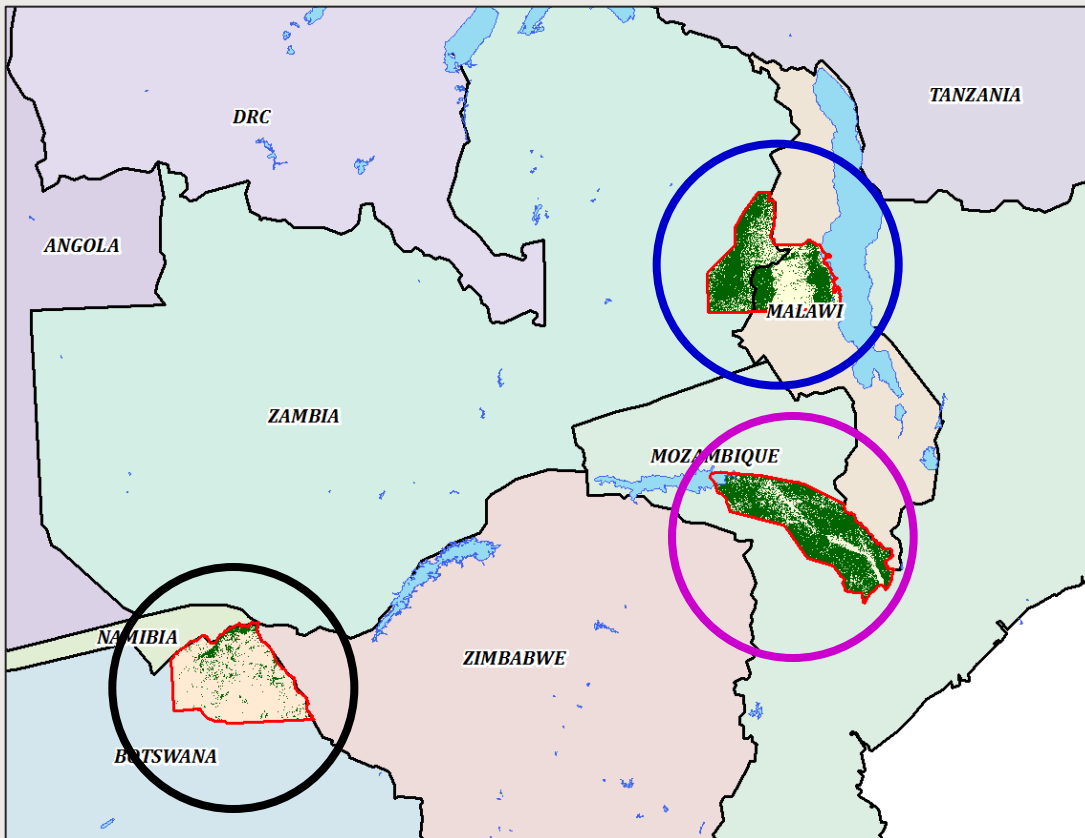


1. Biomass map
2. Carbon map
3. Land cover change maps
4. Annual burnt area maps (ZEMA)

5. Grass fuel load / ha (ILUA/FAO)
6. Gross & net emissions (ILUA/FAO)
7. Set the REL and RL
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> NC to the UNFCC



# SADC REDD MRV DEGRADATION MAPPING



## SADC REDD 3 Pilot sites

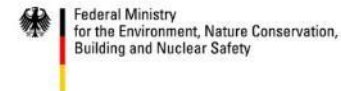
- ❑ Site 1: North-east Botswana – Baikiaea woodland biome
- ❑ Site 2: Central Malawi/Zambia border – Miombo woodland biome
- ❑ Site 3: Central Mozambique – Mopane woodland biome
- ❑ URAs Test sites of 26,000km<sup>2</sup>





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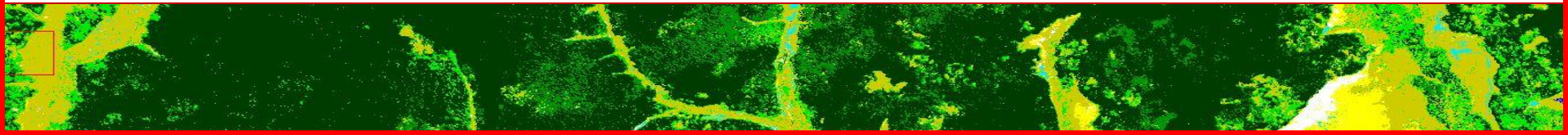
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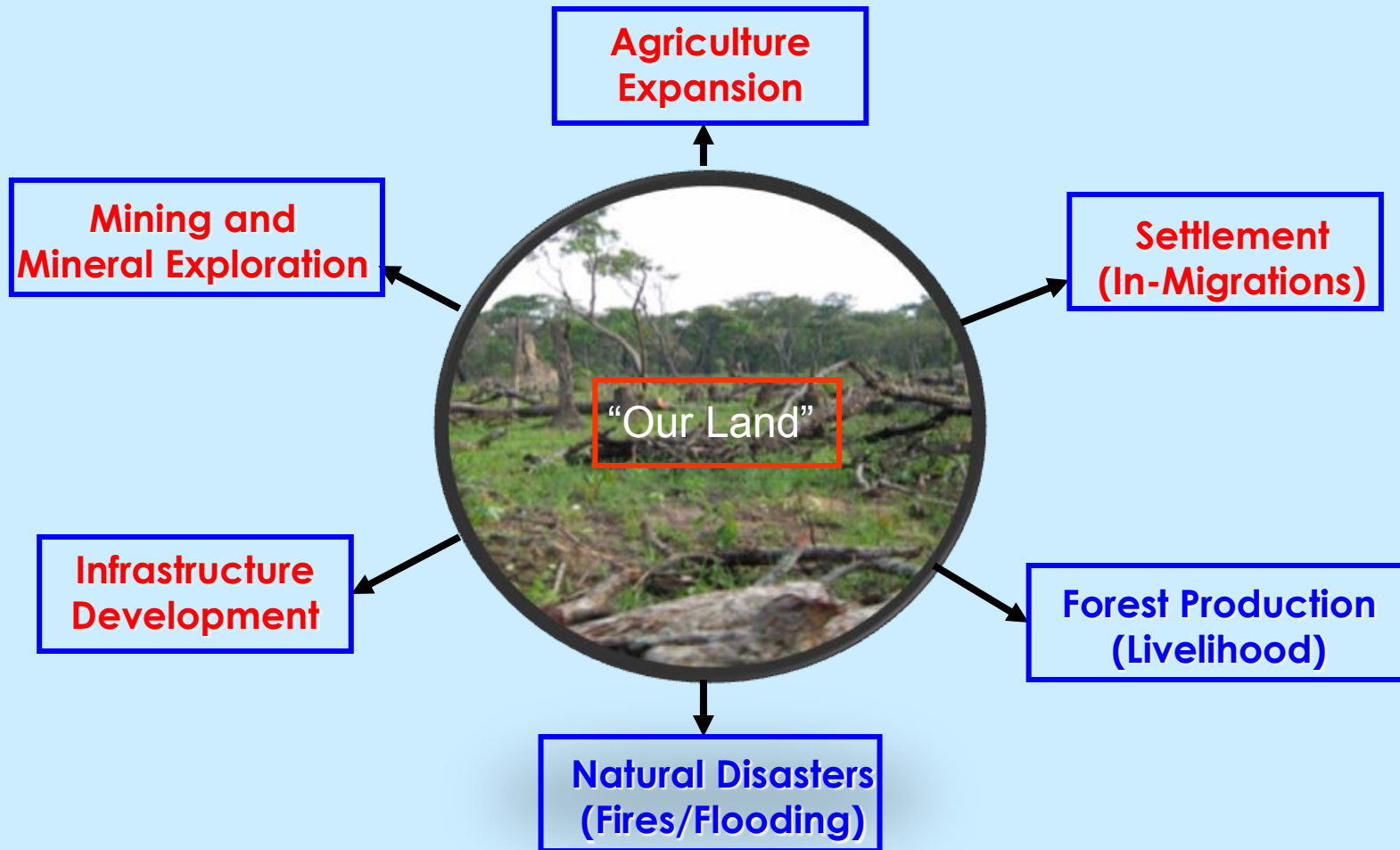
## Dry Forests - Africa

- One of the major ecosystems of these dry forests in SSA is called Miombo. The main tree species that comprise this ecosystem are the deciduous *Brachystegia*, *Julbernardia* and *Isoberlinia*. Mittermeier et al (2003) identified the miombo-mopane woodlands as one of the five ecozones (*together with Amazonia, Congo, New Guinea and the North American deserts*) needing to be prioritized for biodiversity conservation because of their irreplaceability in terms of species endemism.
- Countries in the southern African regions such as Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi have some of the highest deforestation rates in Africa and globally. Malawi for example has a deforestation rate of 2.8% and is ranked 4th in the world and the first in southern Africa.





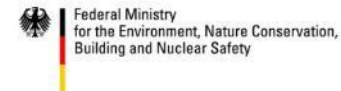
# Major Drivers of Deforestation





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## Observations on Miombo Biome

- **Dry Forest Biome is the most threatened and least studied of the world's ecosystems** (Janzen, 1988; Miles et al, 2006...Gillespie et al, 2012)-CIFOR Tropical Dry Forests, 2014 (Blackie et al).
- **The biome is largely neglected** in the REDD+ process as focus was initially on tropical humid forests.





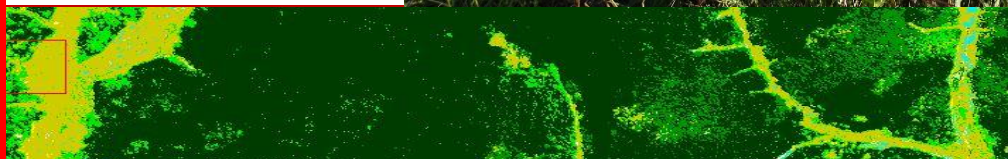
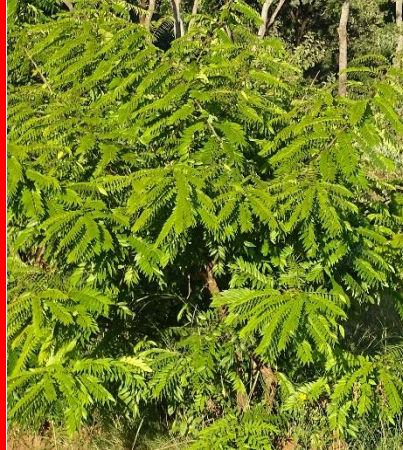
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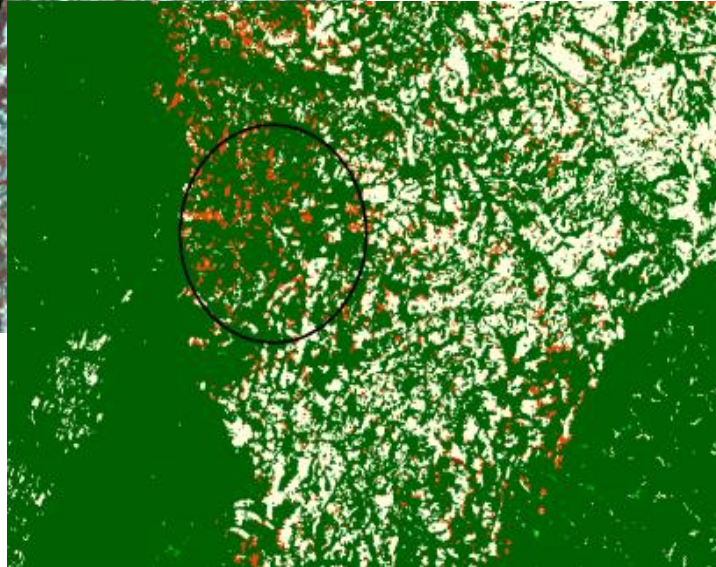
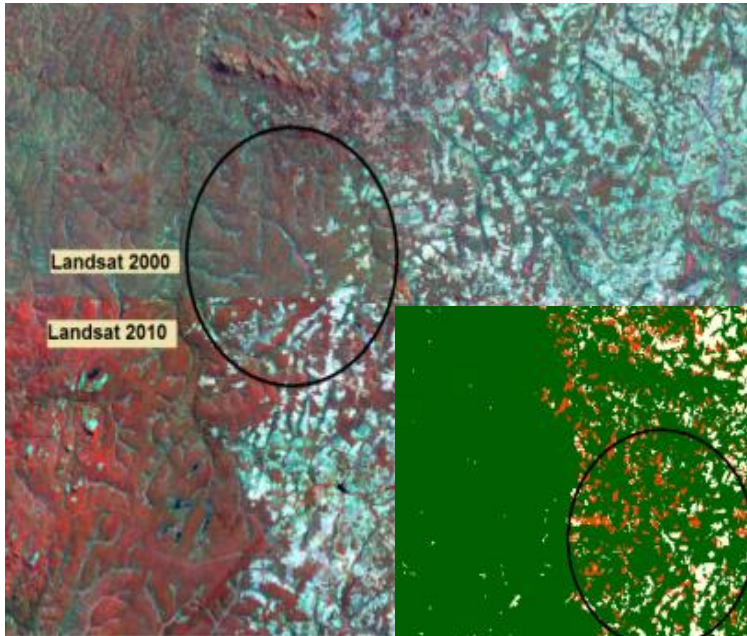
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# Some Pictures of the Intact Miombo and Degraded Miombo





- ❑ Satellite data classified into Forest and Non Forest cover classes for 1990, 2000 and 2010

Example Left: Malawi  
Zambia border

Higher human population  
density in the area and  
more widespread  
subsistence agriculture

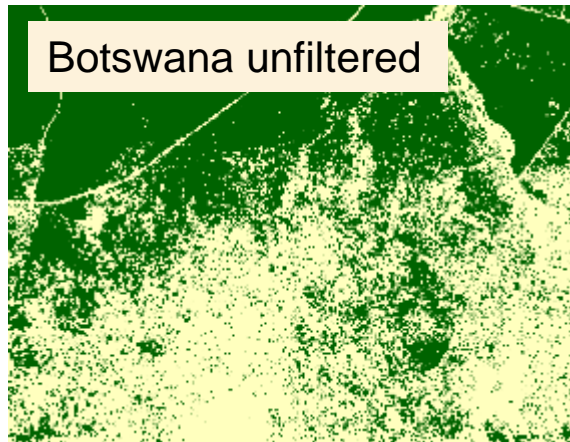
Example left shows  
subsistence agriculture  
expansion (**orange**) into  
forest



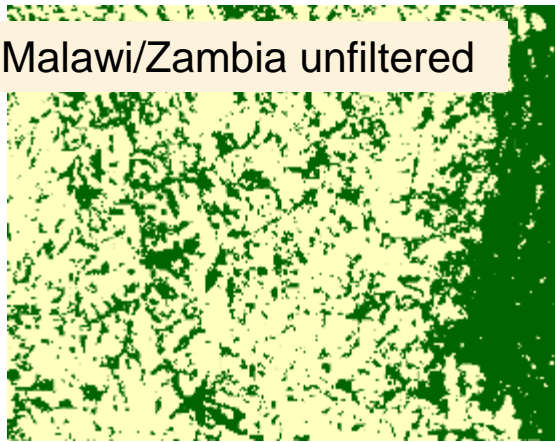


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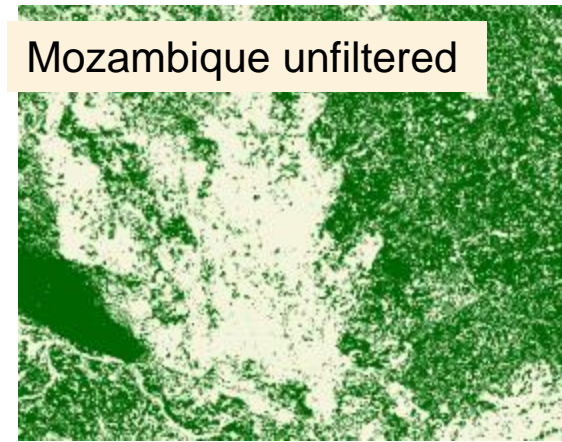
Botswana unfiltered



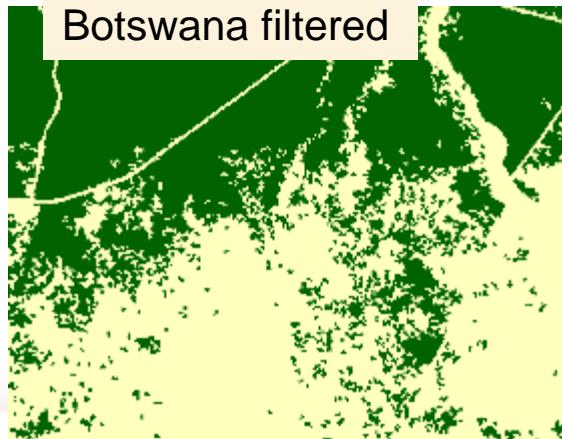
Malawi/Zambia unfiltered



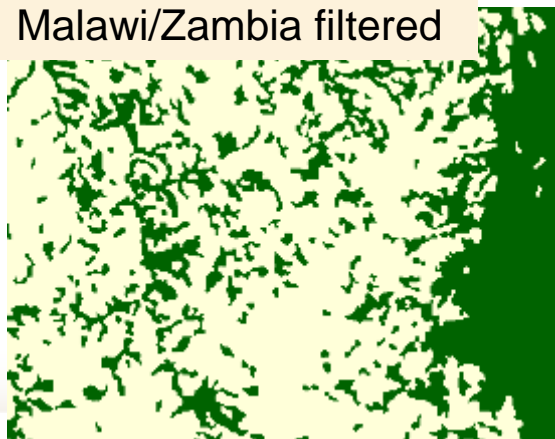
Mozambique unfiltered



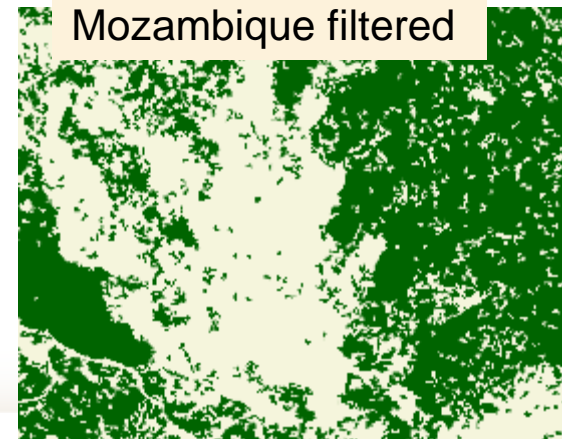
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Malawi/Zambia filtered



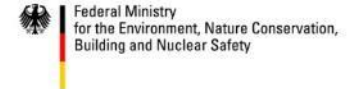
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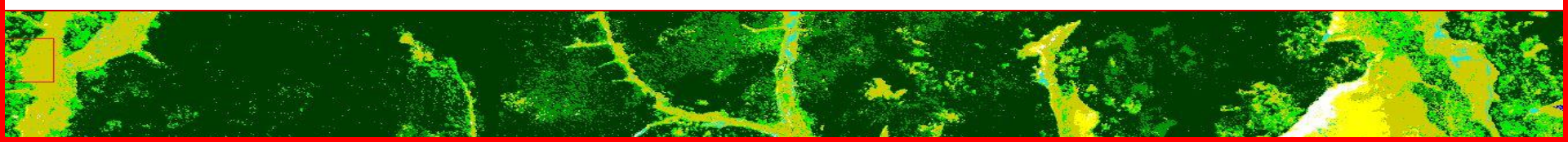
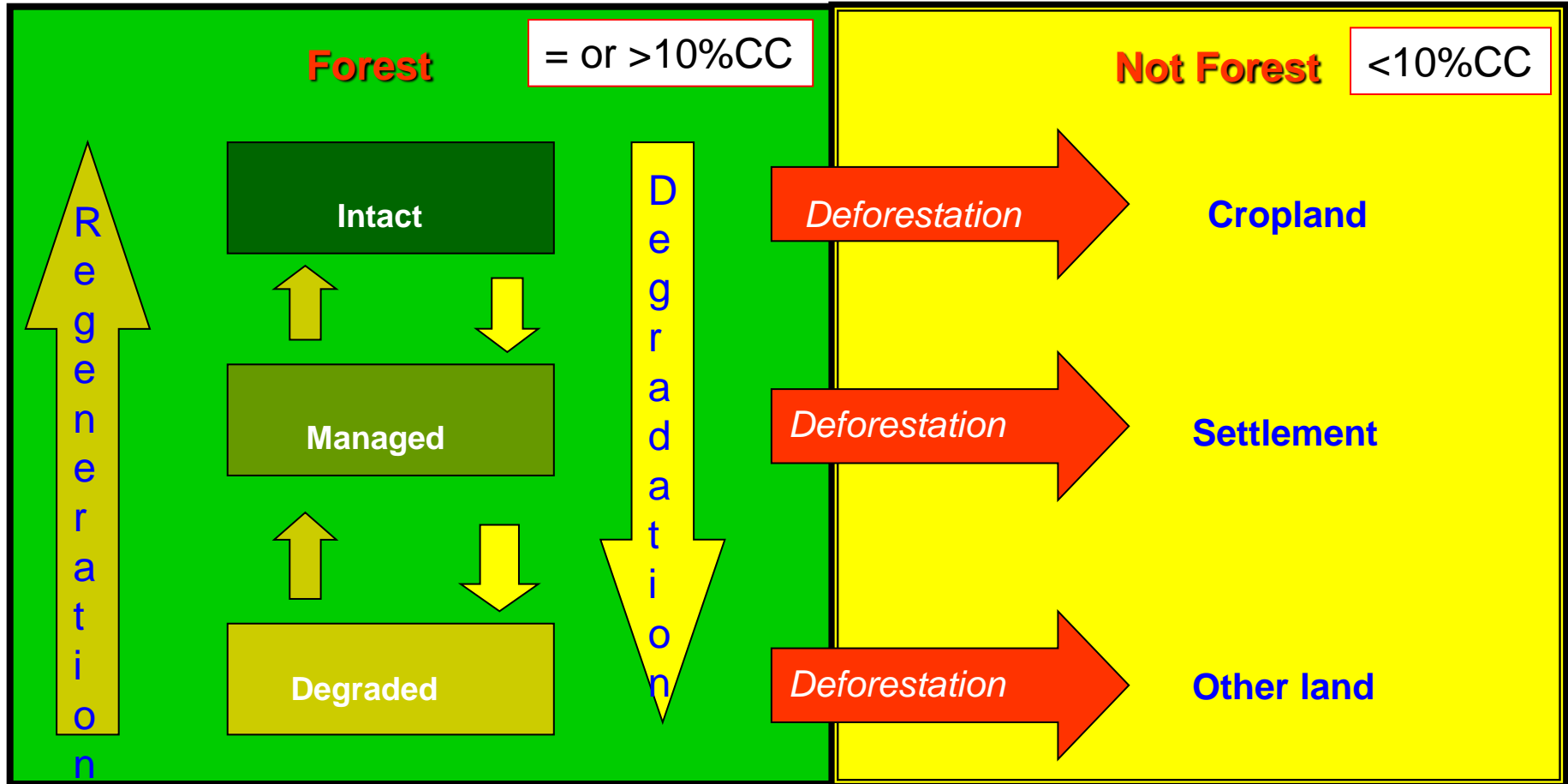


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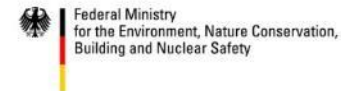
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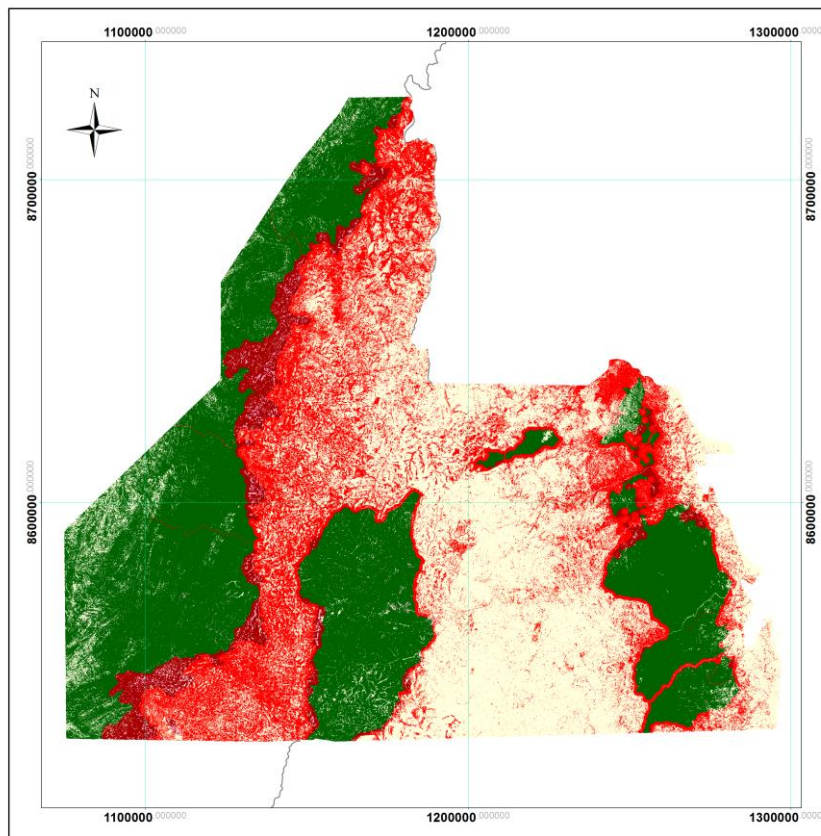
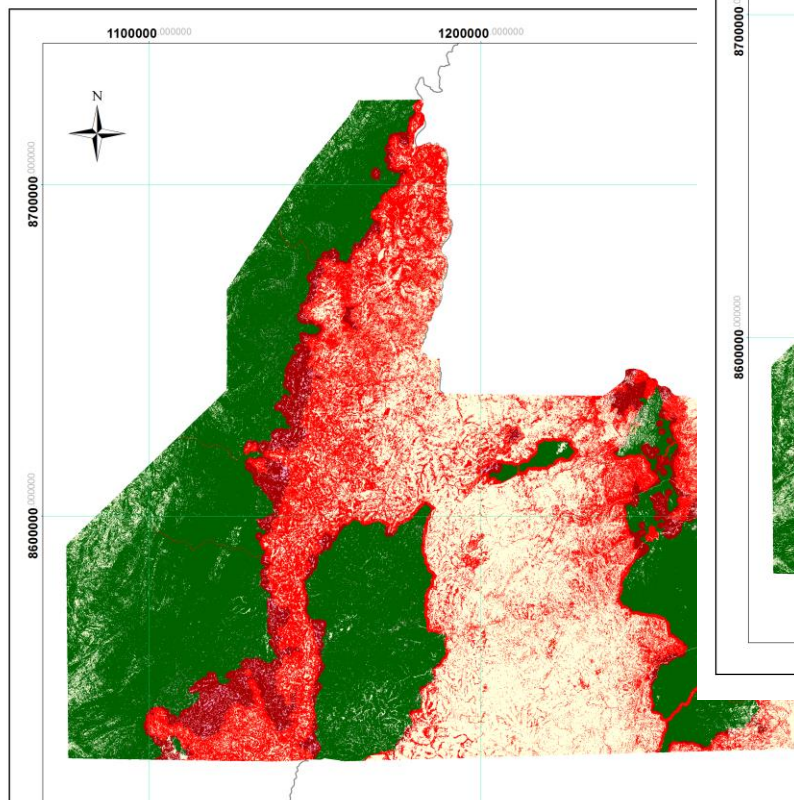
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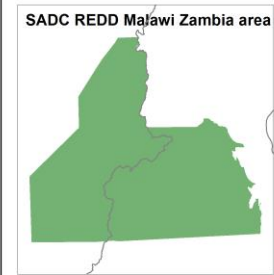


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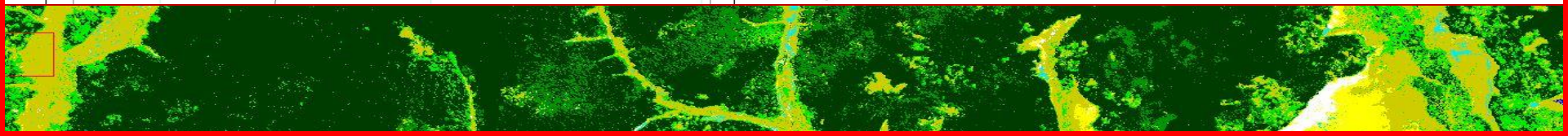
# Degradation mapping Malawi/Zambia



## Malawi/Zambia Non Intact Forest Change Map 2000 to 2010



### GIZ SADC REDD MRV Malawi and Zambia





## Overall Map Accuracy

Map Products	Overall Map Accuracy			
	Botswana	Malawi Zambia	Mozamb.	Namibia
1990 Forest Cover Map	84.21%	84.54%	79.61%	tbd
2000 Forest Cover Map	83.88%	88.16%	87.50%	tbd
2010 Forest Cover Map	85.86%	87.17%	79.28%	tbd
Forest Cover and Land-use Change Map 1990 to 2000	N/A	N/A	N/A	tbd
Forest Cover and Land-use Change Map 2000 to 2010	69.85%	61.17%	68.55%	tbd







## Overview – Forest Cover and Land-use Change Map 1990-2000

Description	Botswana		Malawi/Zambia		Mozambique	
	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]
Overall interpretable area in 1990 and in 2000	26,252.97	N/A	26,252.97	N/A	26,172.95	N/A
<b>Unchanged Land</b>						
Forest Land in 1990 remaining Forest Land in 2000	6,971.14	N/A	16,413.42	N/A	21,493.25	±1.87
Non-Forest Land in 1990 remaining Non-Forest Land in 2000	19,263.42	N/A	7,894.88	N/A	4,462.22	±6.86
<b>Changes of Forest Land in 1990 to Non-Forest Land in 2000</b>						
Forest Land in 1990 to Cropland in 2000	0.10	N/A	1,311.88	N/A	166.48	±8.05
Forest Land in 1990 to Grassland in 2000	6.72	N/A	424.00	N/A	25.57	±1.67
Forest Land in 1990 to Wetland in 2000	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	5.06	±3.91
Forest Land in 1990 to Settlement in 2000	11.37	N/A	0.00	N/A	1.01	±0.00
Forest Land in 1990 to Other Land in 2000	0.05	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.17	N/A
<b>Sum (Gross Deforestation)</b>	<b>18.24</b>	N/A	<b>1,737.64</b>	N/A	<b>198.29</b>	±2.67
<b>Changes of Non-Forest Land in 1990 to Forest Land in 2000</b>						
Non-Forest in 1990 to Forest Land in 2000	0.17	N/A	0.00	N/A	19.18	±0.55
<b>Summary Changes 1990-2000</b>						
<b>Gross Deforestation Area</b>	<b>18.24</b>	N/A	<b>1,737.64</b>	N/A	<b>198.29</b>	±2.67
<b>Gross Annual Deforestation Area</b>	<b>1.824</b>	N/A	<b>173.764</b>	N/A	<b>19.829</b>	±0.26
<b>Gross Annual Deforestation Rate</b>	<b>0.026%</b>	N/A	<b>0.957%</b>	N/A	<b>0.0914%</b>	N/A

Unchanged areas

Majority of Changes

Very low change rate

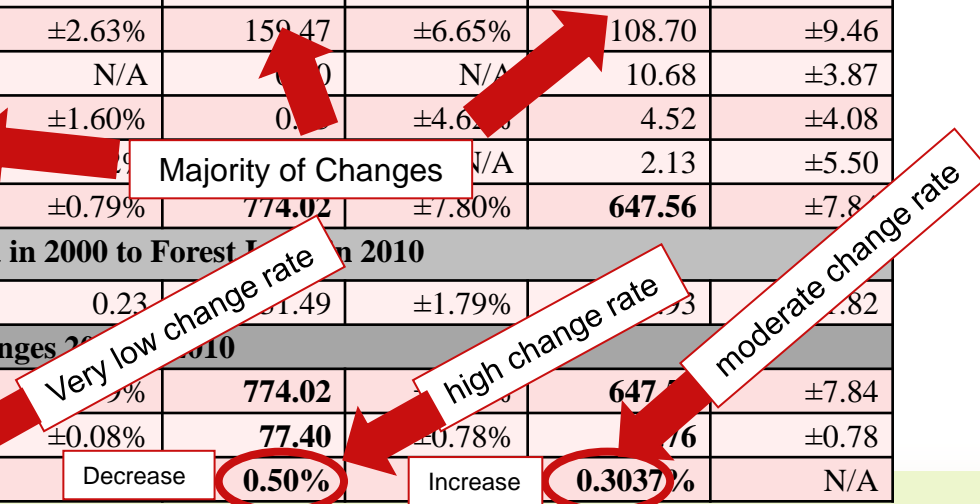
high change rate

moderate change rate



## Overview – Forest Cover and Land-use Change Map 2000-2010

Description	Botswana		Malawi/Zambia		Mozambique	
	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]
Overall interpretable area in 2000 and in 2010	26,252.97	N/A	26,079.53	N/A	26,172.95	N/A
<b>Unchanged Land Use</b>						
Forest Land in 2000 remaining Forest Land in 2010	6,958.86	±4.14%	15,517.28	±2.55%	20,674.21	±2.14
Non-Forest Land in 2000 remaining Non-Forest Land in 2010	19,284.17	±1.52%	9,788.23	±4.50%	4,843.25	±7.05
<b>Changes of Forest Land in 2000 to Non-Forest Land in 2010</b>						
			Decrease		Increase	
Forest Land in 2000 to Cropland in 2010	0.70	±0.40%	614.10	±14.57%	521.53	±21.98
Forest Land in 2000 to Grassland in 2010	4.86	±2.63%	159.47	±6.65%	108.70	±9.46
Forest Land in 2000 to Wetland in 2010	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	10.68	±3.87
Forest Land in 2000 to Settlement in 2010	4.03	±1.60%	0.00	±4.62%	4.52	±4.08
Forest Land in 2000 to Other Land in 2010	Decrease	±0.79%	Majority of Changes	N/A	2.13	±5.50
<b>Sum (Gross Deforestation)</b>	<b>9.71</b>	±0.79%	<b>774.02</b>	±7.80%	<b>647.56</b>	±7.80%
<b>Changes of Non-Forest Land in 2000 to Forest Land in 2010</b>						
Non-Forest in 2000 to Forest Land in 2010	0.17	±0.23%	51.49	±1.79%	19.53	±1.82
<b>Summary Changes 2000-2010</b>						
<b>Gross Deforestation Area</b>	<b>9.71</b>	±0.79%	<b>774.02</b>	±7.80%	<b>647.56</b>	±7.84
<b>Gross Annual Deforestation Area</b>	<b>0.971</b>	±0.08%	<b>77.40</b>	±0.78%	<b>64.756</b>	±0.78
<b>Gross Annual Deforestation Rate</b>	Decrease	<b>0.014%</b>	Decrease	<b>0.50%</b>	Increase	<b>0.3037%</b>





## Overview – Non-Intact Forest Change Map 1990 to 2000

Description	Botswana		Malawi/Zambia		Mozambique	
	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]
Overall interpretable area in 1990 and in 2000	26,252.97		26,079.53	N/A	26,172.95	N/A
<b>No Change Categories</b>						
Intact Forest in 1990 remaining Intact Forest in 2000	6,907.71	N/A	10,246.51	N/A	9,379.38	N/A
Non-Intact Forest in 1990 remaining Non-Intact Forest in 2000	52.63	N/A	4,599.71	N/A	7,733.40	N/A
Non-Forest in 1990 remaining Non-Forest in 2000	19,266.47	N/A	7,869.13	N/A	4,448.04	N/A
<b>Change of Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land from 1990 to 2000</b>						
Intact Forest in 1990 to Non-Intact Forest 2000	5.93	N/A	1,543.74	N/A	4,326.93	N/A
Non-Intact Forest in 1990 to Intact Forest in 2000	0.10	N/A	2.36	N/A	0.00	N/A
<b>Forestations: Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land from 1990 to 2000</b>						
Non-Forest in 1990 to Intact Forest in 2000	0.16	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.82	N/A
Non-Forest in 1990 to Non-Intact Forest in 2000	0.01	N/A	0.25	N/A	18.39	N/A
<b>Deforestations of Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land from 1990 to 2000</b>						
Non-Intact Forest in 1990 to Non-Forest in 2000	11.87	N/A	1,487.54	N/A	145.78	N/A
Intact Forest in 1990 to Non-Forest in 2000	8.09	N/A	0.00	N/A	120.21	N/A
<b>Summary Changes 1990 to 2000</b>						
Gross Degradation Area (increase of Non-Intact Forest )	5.93		1,543.74	N/A	4,326.96	N/A
Annual Gross Degradation Area	0.593	N/A	154.37	N/A	432.7	N/A
Annual Gross Degradation Rate	0.008%	N/A	1.28%	N/A	3.13%	N/A

Unchanged areas

Indicator for degraded area

Deforestation of Intact and Non-Intact Forests

Very low degradation rate

High degradation rate



## Overview – Non-Intact Forest Change Map 2000 to 2010

Description	Botswana		Malawi/Zambia		Mozambique	
	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Uncertainty [%]
Overall interpretable area in 2000 and in 2010	26,252.97	N/A	26,079.53	N/A	26,172.95	N/A
<b>No Change Categories</b>						
Intact Forest in 2000 remaining Intact Forest in 2010	6,897.94	±4.14	8,791.80	±3.95	6,041.58	±2.14
Non-Intact Forest in 2000 remaining Non-Intact Forest in 2010	51.41	±4.14	5,371.95	±3.95	11,263.27	±2.14
Non-Forest in 1990 remaining Non-Forest in 2000	19,288.27	±1.52	9,775.89	±5.65	4,811.90	±7.05
<b>Change of Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land from 2000 to 2010</b>						
Intact Forest in 2000 to Non-Intact Forest in 2010	4.50	±4.14	1,276.51	±3.95	3,213.78	±2.14
Non-Intact Forest in 2000 to Intact Forest in 2010	0.08	±4.14	0.13	±3.95	0.0396	±2.14
<b>Forestations: Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land from 2000 to 2010</b>						
Non-Forest in 2000 to Intact Forest in 2010	0.12	±0.38	4.35	±1.79%	0.6144	±1.82
Non-Forest in 2000 to Non-Intact Forest in 2010	0.11	±0.38	27.05	±1.79%	7.31	±1.82
<b>Deforestations of Intact and Non-Intact Forest Land 2000 to 2010</b>						
Non-Intact Forest in 2000 to Non-Forest in 2010	5.66	±0.79	673.7	±7.80%	724.21	±7.84
Intact Forest in 2000 to Non-Forest in 2010	4.90	±0.79		±7.80%	110.21	±7.84
<b>Summary Changes 2000 to 2010</b>						
<b>Gross Degradation Area (increase of Non-Intact Forest Land)</b>	<b>4.50</b>		<b>1,276.51</b>	<b>±7.80%</b>	<b>3,213.78</b>	<b>±2.14</b>
<b>Annual Gross Degradation Area</b>	<b>0.450</b>	<b>±0.41</b>	<b>127.65</b>	<b>±0.78%</b>	<b>321.38</b>	<b>±0.21</b>
<b>Annual Gross Degradation Rate</b>	<b>0.006%</b>		<b>1.25%</b>		<b>3.43%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Very low degradation rate

High degradation rate



## The overall picture of Deforestation and Degradation rates in the SADC REDD Pilot Countries

Country/Period	Gross Annual Deforestation Rate	Gross Annual Degradation Rate
Botswana 1990-2000	0.03%	0.008%
Botswana 2000-2010	0.01%	0.006%
Trans-boundary 1990-2000	0.96% Mal. 1.11% Zam. 0.86%	1.28% Mal. 0.98% Zam. 1.45%
Trans-boundary 2000-2010	0.50% Mal. 0.37% Zam. 0.53%	1.25% Mal. 0.64% Zam. 1.64%
Mozambique 1990-2000	0.09%	3.13%
Mozambique 2000-2010	0.30%	3.43%
Namibia 1990-2000	0.0044%	0.0128%
Namibia 2000-2010	0.0058%	0.022%

# NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS GOING FORWARD

The overall objective was to design a SADC REDD+ MRV system based on an ecosystem approach which can be used by the Member States (MS); in order to do this a prototype design was successfully tested. Key expectations going forward:

## ➤ Overall challenges for Deforestation and Degradation Mapping

- 1. Financing required to improve current methods / results for deforestation mapping; for example - methodology issues such as implementing robust accuracy assessment methods*
- 2. Degradation mapping was done for a test site and now needs to be rolled out to whole country-needs funding*
- 3. Intensive capacity development in Remote Sensing for Forest Monitoring in Zambia is required.*
- 4. Developing easier and efficient image processing techniques (open source based - cloud processing and R-scripts).*
- 5. Development of allometric equations for the Miombo Biome would be a good research programme (i.e. WHRC – USA).*



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