

A photograph of a large, weathered tree trunk in a forest. The trunk is heavily decayed and split, with a rough, greyish-brown surface. It stands in a clearing with other trees in the background under a blue sky with light clouds. A semi-transparent green box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

**Lois contre la déforestation:**  
**Une opportunité pour le secteur du chocolat Belge**

# La déforestation pour le cacao – enjeu majeur

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L'agriculture pour le chocolat (y compris le cacao, l'huile de palme, lait, papier) est liée

- ❖ à la **déforestation**, contribuant au changement climatique, la **désertification**
- ❖ aux **feux de forêt**, qui sont des “bombes de carbone”
- ❖ l'**extinction de masse et la perte de biodiversité**
- ❖ des **violations des droits du travail**
- ...
- ❖ **Mais nous pouvons surmonter cela!** Résoudre les problèmes du secteur du chocolat fait une grande différence – des nouvelles lois permettront aux entreprises d'agir de manière durable plus facilement, dans des conditions équitables.



A dramatic sunset over a forest. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a large, dark silhouette of a tree. The sky is filled with thick, dark clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the sun. The foreground shows the silhouettes of various trees and branches, some of which are dark and skeletal. A dark green text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

**Des lois arrivent qui changeront l'avenir du  
chocolat belge**

# Lois et projets de loi en UE et au Royaume-Uni

## Union Européenne

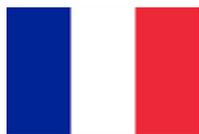


- Le règlement sur la déforestation (**RDUE**). Entré en vigueur 29 juin 2023. Conformité à partir du 30 décembre 2024 (juin 2025 pour les petites entreprises).
- Limite l'importation de produits à risque forestier et oblige les opérateurs à faire preuve de diligence raisonnable
- **EUmHREDD** va être important aussi



## Royaume-Uni: "the UK Environment Act" 2021 (Schedule 17)

- A reçu la sanction royale le 9 novembre 2021
- Limite les importations de produits liés à la déforestation illégal



## Des marchés publics sans déforestation (lois et politiques)

France (politique, 2018), Norvège (loi, 2016), Pays de Galles (politique, en cours)

## Autres lois connexes en Europe



- **France** : 'Devoir de vigilance' (en vigueur, 2017);
- **Norvège** : The Transparency Act – Forbrukertilsynet (1er juillet 2022);
- **Allemagne** : Lieferkettengesetz (Janvier 2023);
- **Pays-Bas** : Loi sur le devoir de diligence en matière de travail des enfants

An aerial photograph showing a landscape with significant soil erosion. The terrain is characterized by large, irregular patches of brown, eroded soil interspersed with areas of dense green forest. The erosion appears to be the result of deforestation, with the remaining forest fragments acting as islands in a sea of eroded earth. The overall scene suggests a state of environmental degradation and the need for land management regulations.

**La réglementation arrive dans le monde entier**

# Réglementations similaires aux États-Unis

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## Forest Act (pending re-introduction at Congress)

- ❖ A risk-based framework for increasing transparency and reporting in companies' international supply chains.
- ❖ Financial and technical assistance to coordinate solutions to reduce illegal deforestation.
- ❖ Provisions that include illegal deforestation in financial crime statutes.
- ❖ Purchasing preference for the federal government for deforestation-free products.



## California Deforestation-Free Procurement Act



## New York Deforestation-Free Procurement Act

& An Executive Order  
from Colorado!



Le nouveau gouvernement brésilien (de Lula) s'attaque à la déforestation.



## Et mondialement...



Les Philippines s'apprêtent à adopter une loi sur la responsabilité des entreprises.

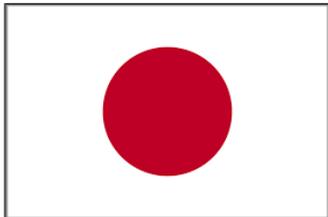
**Le gouvernement néo-zélandais** pourrait

- modifier le projet de loi '**Forest (Legal Harvest Assurance) Amendment Bill**'.
- Adopter une législation sur le devoir de diligence pour éradiquer le travail des enfants, l'esclavage et le travail forcé dans les chaînes d'approvisionnement.



[Australie : Modern Slavery Act.](#)

Loi australienne sur l'esclavage moderne. Déjà en vigueur.



**Le Japon** dispose de lignes directrices nationales en matière de diligence raisonnable en matière de droits de l'homme. Ce processus est géré par le ministère de l'Économie, du Commerce et de l'Industrie (METI).

<https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/09/20220913003/20220913003-a.pdf>



“Les lignes directrices pour le développement durable du caoutchouc naturel” témoignent de l'intérêt du gouvernement chinois à lutter contre la déforestation (émis par le ministère du Commerce). Et l'Administration nationale des forêts et des prairies a discuté de l'applicabilité aux marchés d'importation de la loi forestière chinoise, qui interdit la manipulation du bois provenant de l'exploitation forestière illégale.



**Similarités & différences  
entre les lois et projets de loi**

# Similarités & différences: règlements UE, Royaume Uni, USA

	EU	UK	US
<b>Regulation</b>	<a href="#">EU Deforestation Regulation</a>	<a href="#">UK Environment Act, Schedule 17</a>	<a href="#">FOREST Act</a>
<b>Basis of regulation</b>	Producer country legality + sustainability (as defined by the EU)	Legality (as defined by produced countries)	Legality (as defined by produced countries)
<b>Adoption status and timelines</b>	Entered into force 29 June 2023. Compliance from 30 December 2024 (June 2025 for small businesses).	Adopted November 2021. Not yet in force. Secondary legislation under development (to determine commodities and businesses covered, and enforcement).	Proposed in 2021. Not yet adopted.
<b>Commodities in scope</b>	Cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soy and wood.	TBD, pending secondary legislation. Likely to cover cattle, cocoa, coffee, maize, palm oil, rubber, and soy.	Cattle, cocoa, palm oil, rubber, soy, and wood pulp.
<b>Ecosystems covered</b>	Forests (FAO definition)	Forests (FAO definition) and peatlands	Forests (FAO definition) & other wooded lands
<b>Private sector actors covered</b>	All companies that place products on the EU market, including importers, exporters and traders.  Financial institutions are not covered.	TBD, pending secondary legislation. To be in scope a business must exceed a turnover threshold that will be defined by secondary legislation. Financial institutions are unlikely to be covered in the initial phase of implementation.	
<b>Human rights</b>	Based on producer country laws, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).	Based on producer country laws, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent.	Based on producer country laws, includes Free, Prior and Informed Consent.
<b>International cooperation</b>	Provisions to provide technical and financial assistance to producer countries and to support international cooperation on minimise deforestation.	No specific provision for international cooperation.	Provisions for financial (\$20 million) and technical assistance to governments, CSOs, local residents including IP and LCs in producer countries towards efforts to combat deforestation.



# Soutien des entreprises aux lois car c'est bon pour les affaires

Des milliers de compagnies issues de secteurs réglementés, ont soutenu les lois :

- ❖ **Cacao** : Mars, Nestle, Mondelez, Hershey's, Barry C, et presque toute l'industrie du cacao
- ❖ **Papier et bois** : Ikea, Stora Enso et autres en plusieurs lettres
- ❖ **Huile de palme** : RSPO, PepsiCo (plus de 400 000 tonnes d'huile de palme), Jardine Matheson, NESTE
- ❖ **Caoutchouc** : Halcyon (plus grand négociant de caoutchouc au monde, avec 12 % du marché mondial)
- ❖ **Secteur de l'habillement** : Nike, ASOS, New Look, H&M, Primark, Marks & Spencer, Adidas, etc.
- ❖ **Bétail** : McDonald's, Danone, Arla Foods, et d'autres acteurs majeurs dans l'espace bovin/viande
- ❖ **Café** : Fédération européenne du café, Nestlé, Olam, ECOM, Rainforest Alliance, Fair Trade

## Efforts du secteur privé luttant contre la déforestation se multiplient

- Entreprises adoptant des politiques d'approvisionnement zéro déforestation, voire des engagements favorables à la nature (agroécologie, agroforesterie)
- Outre la croissance de SBTi, Afi et Race to Zero, GFANZ



# Investisseurs soutiennent aussi les lois contre la déforestation

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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**  
AN INITIATIVE OF ICCR



**IPDD INITIATIVE**

**FAIRR**  
A COLLIER INITIATIVE



**Une opportunité pour le secteur du  
chocolat belge!**

**im possible**

A torn piece of light-colored paper is shown against a dark, textured background. The paper is split into two pieces by a jagged tear. On the left piece, the letters 'im' are printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. On the right piece, the word 'possible' is printed in the same font. A thick, horizontal red line is drawn underneath the word 'possible', extending across its width. The overall composition suggests a visual pun on the phrase 'impossible'.

# OPPORTUNITÉ : technologie & plateformes peuvent aider

- ❖ **Cartes satellites** sont désormais pratiquement gratuites ; de nombreuses entreprises peuvent travailler avec vous
- ❖ Les **drones** sont également une bonne option
- ❖ Les **systemes de traçabilité de la chaîne d'approvisionnement** pour le cacao (et l'huile de palme et la pâte et papier) sont déjà efficaces et s'améliorent rapidement
- ❖ **Traçabilité** avec la [technologie d'argent mobile](#), « forensics » pour [vérifier l'origine](#) des produits
- ❖ **Les crédits carbone** peuvent être une option
- ❖ **Un observatoire de l'UE** pourrait également être créé pour aider, en matière de cartographie et de chaînes d'approvisionnement.



# Ce challenge est une OPPORTUNITÉ : les guides abondent

- ❖ [Carte cacao Mighty Earth](#) montre comment combiner l'utilisation des sols (cacao) & déforestation & chaînes d'approvisionnement
- ❖ Le Tableau de bord du chocolat [guide](#) sur l'excellence en matière de durabilité
- ❖ EFI : [guides](#) sur comment se conformer à la loi RDUE <https://efi.int/partnerships/cocoa>

La **diligence raisonnée** des entreprises consiste en **3 étapes** :

- 1** Recueillir des preuves que le produit est traçable, non issu de la déforestation, et légal
- 2** Évaluer les risques de non-conformité
- 3** Si des risques ont été identifiés, prendre des mesures pour les atténuer

Produits de : Obligations : Fréquence des contrôles :

Zones à risque  
**FAIBLE**

Diligence raisonnée  
simplifiée



1%

Zones à risque  
**STANDARD**

Diligence raisonnée  
en 3 étapes



3%

Zones à risque  
**ÉLEVÉ**

Diligence raisonnée  
en 3 étapes



9%



# Chocolate Scorecard: Entreprises

Les entreprises sont classées sur la base de leurs performances

Entreprise	Produits phares	Traçabilité et transparence	Revenu vital	Travail des enfants et travail forcé	Déforestation et Climat	Agroforesterie	Gestion des produits chimiques	Global
		1	1	1	1	1	1	
		1	1	1	1	1	2	
		1	1	2	1	1	1	
		1	2	1	1	1	1	
		1	1	2	1	1	2	

Mighty Earth and Contributors

 Cocoa

Vivid Economics

**Land Cover**

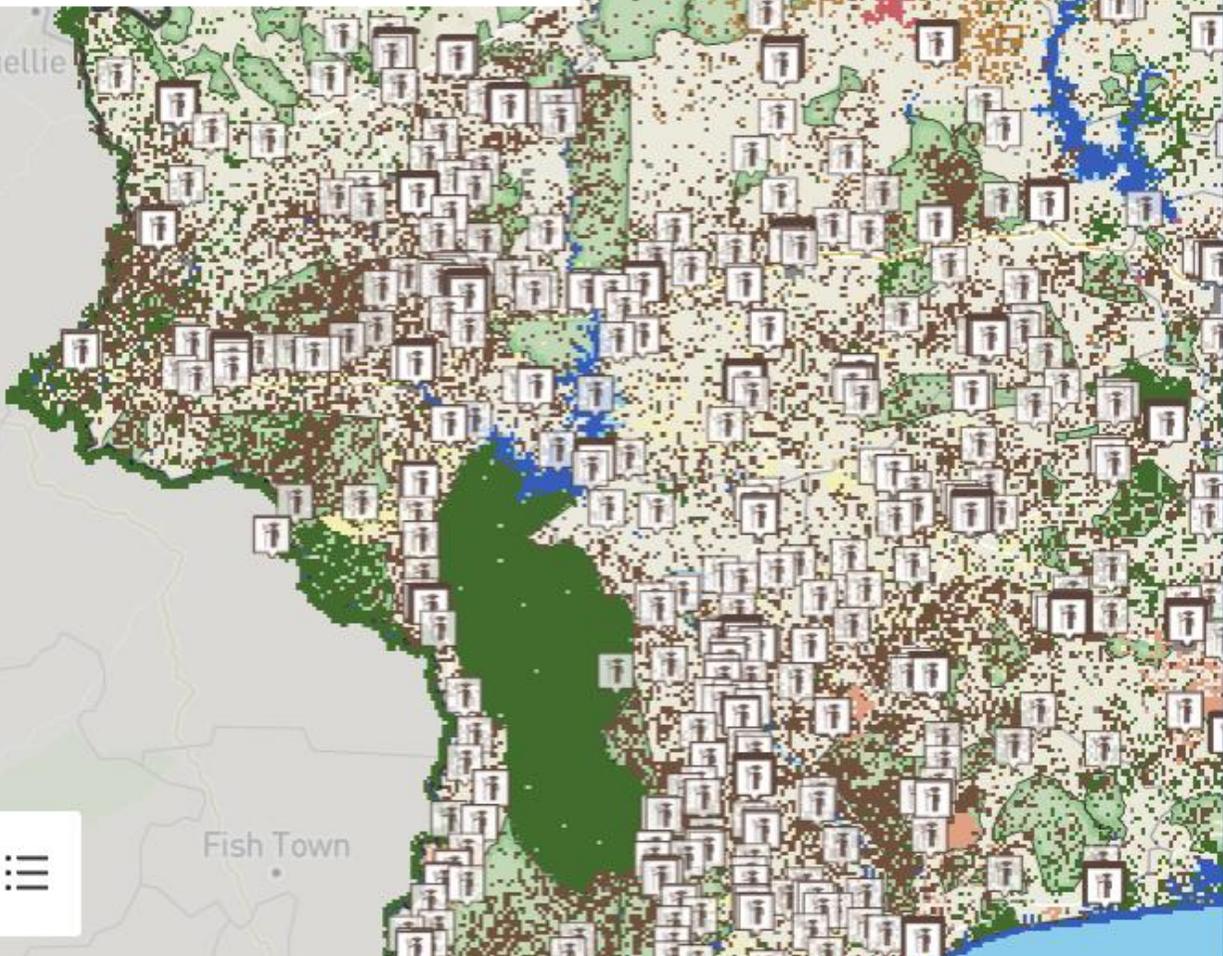
-  Rubber
-  Protected Forest
-  Palm oil
-  Settlement
-  Cashew
-  Water
-  Agriculture
-  Industrial

Vivid Economics

 Protected Areas

MINEF, Vivid Economics, Hansen/UMD

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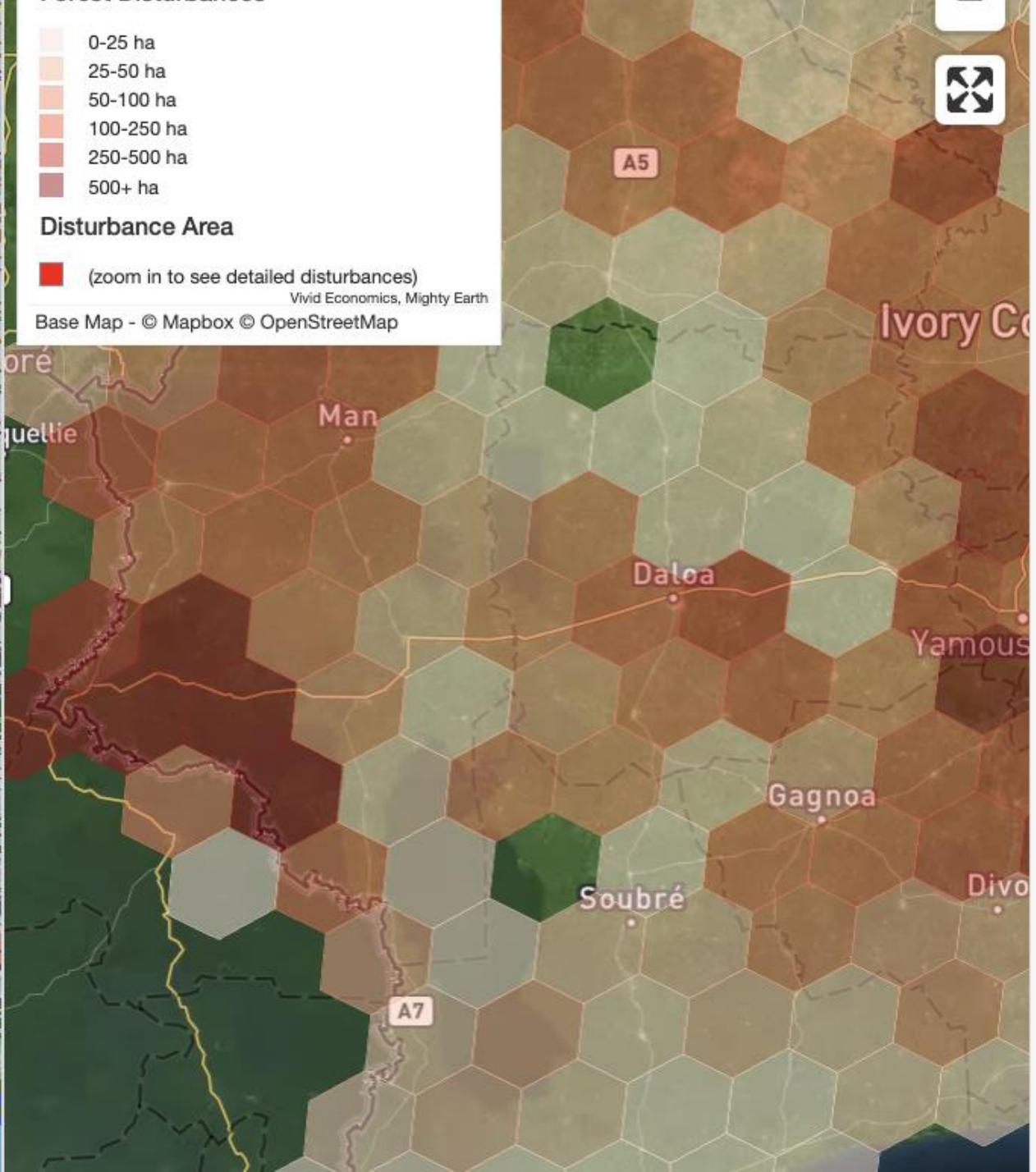
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 25-50 ha  
 50-100 ha  
 100-250 ha  
 250-500 ha  
 500+ ha

**Disturbance Area**

 (zoom in to see detailed disturbances)

Vivid Economics, Mighty Earth

Base Map - © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap



Fish Town

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Gagnoa

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A black bird, possibly a crow or raven, is perched on a thin branch. It has a prominent yellow ring around its eye and is holding a large, segmented earthworm in its beak. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

**BE AN EARLY BIRD!**

**N'ATTENDEZ PAS POUR ÊTRE EN PLEINE CONFORMITÉ. Si vous conformez plus rapidement et mieux que d'autres entreprises, vous renforcez votre avantage concurrentiel.**

# Reformes : moins chères et meilleures ensemble

- ❖ **L'action est moins coûteuse et meilleure lorsque vous partagez les couts et agissez ensemble.**  
Bonne nouvelle : il existe de nombreuses plateformes et groupes dont vous pouvez bénéficier
  - ❖ Beyond Chocolate (BISCO vous attend)
  - ❖ Retailer Cocoa Collaboration (RCC)
  - ❖ Living Income Community of Practice
  - ❖ Initiative Cacao & Forêts (ICF) et des quasi-ICFs
  - ❖ Accountability Framework initiative (AFi)
  - ❖ Science Based Targets Network (SBTN)



CocoaAction Brasil



# Mettez en œuvre le RDUE de manière équitable pour les fermiers



- ❖ Inclure les petits agriculteurs dans les discussions
- ❖ Leur offrir soutien technique, juridique et financier
- ❖ Accroître leur accès direct au marché de l'UE
- ❖ Soutenir les systèmes de traçabilité nationaux/publics

De nombreuses organisations de la société civile et d'agriculteurs le réclament, et FERN a publié des lignes directrices sur comment garantir cela.



# En résumé : les lois arrivent ; vous pouvez bénéficier!

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- ❖ De nombreuses lois arrivent pour imposer la traçabilité, zéro déforestation et lutter contre les abus - y compris le RDUE
- ❖ Les outils, plates-formes et documents d'orientation existent pour vous aider à devenir pleinement conforme
- ❖ Le faire rapidement évite les mauvaises surprises de dernière minute
- ❖ Cela signifie un chocolat 100% traçable (cacao & huile de palme & papier d'emballage)
- ❖ Cela signifie garantir l'absence de déforestation dans vos chaînes d'approvisionnement
- ❖ Aller au-delà de la simple conformité peut aider : déployer l'agroforesterie, viser zéro émission nette, payer le prix d'un revenu vital, et soutenir les droits des travailleurs.
- ❖ Une conformité totale signifie que vous contribuerez à sauver la planète et à rendre le monde meilleur !



Merci

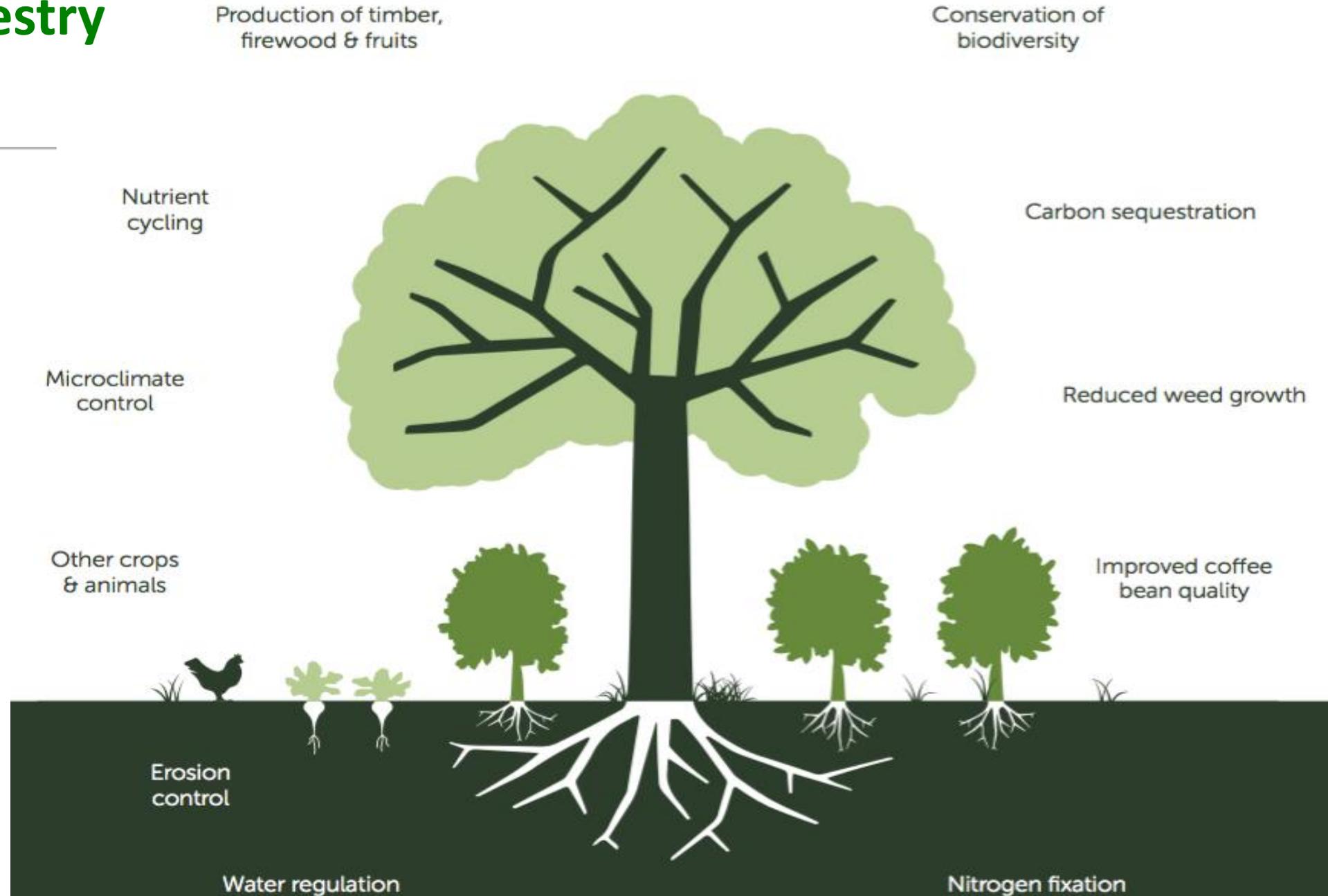






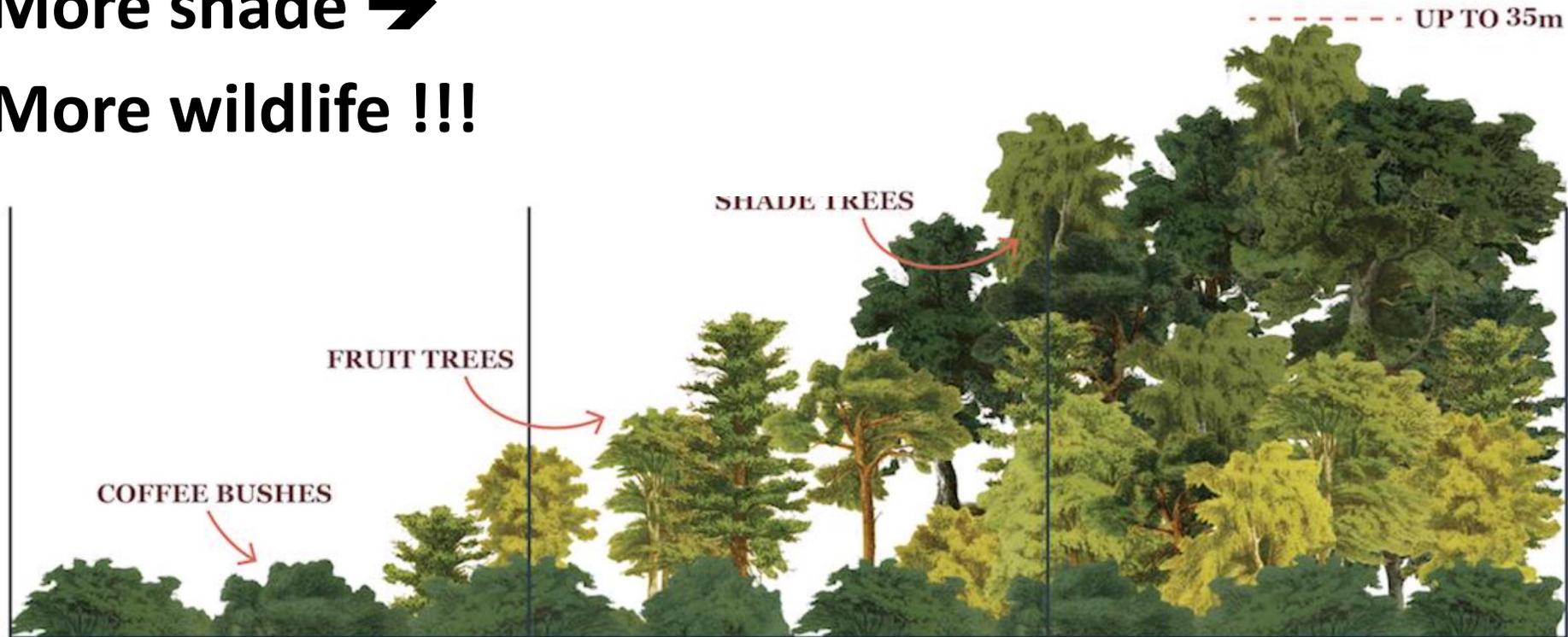
# Consider agroforestry

- ❖ Going beyond zero deforestation can help
- ❖ Switching from monoculture to agroforestry
- ❖ Providing many benefits beyond guaranteeing you will not be in the red, in terms of tree loss



# Agroforestry sliding scale of benefits: 61 → 79 → 243 bird species

**More shade →  
More wildlife !!!**



Monoculture  
61 bird species

Half-shade  
79 bird species

Ideal shade  
243 bird species

# Questions?

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# Avoid desertification and supply chain chaos (& save this monkey)

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- ❖ Help avoid the worst-case scenario

Trees are rain machines

=> Cut trees, you lose rains

=> Then desertification & loss of soil

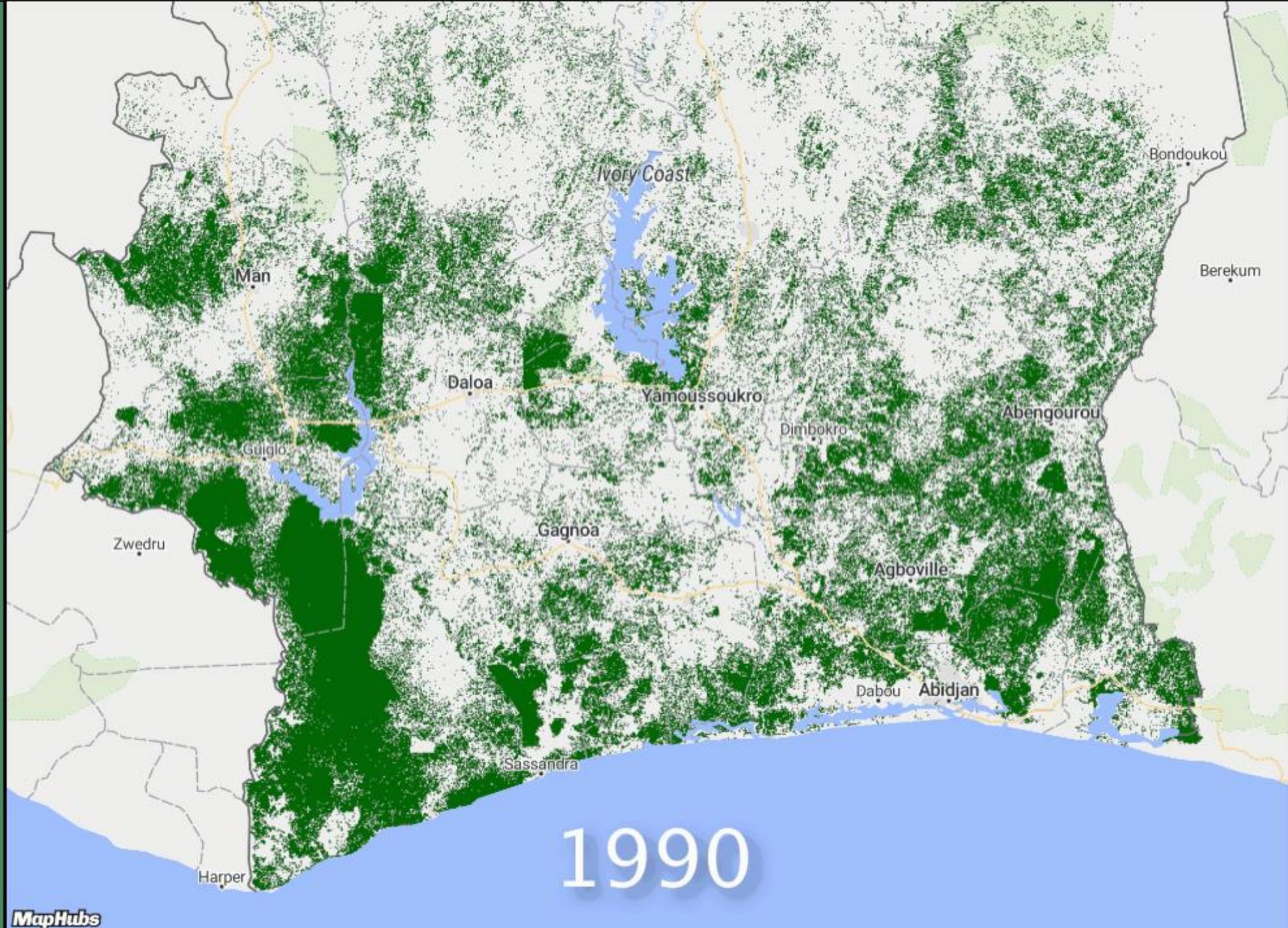
=> Lose rains & soil, you lose crops

=> Crops fail, social unrest ensues

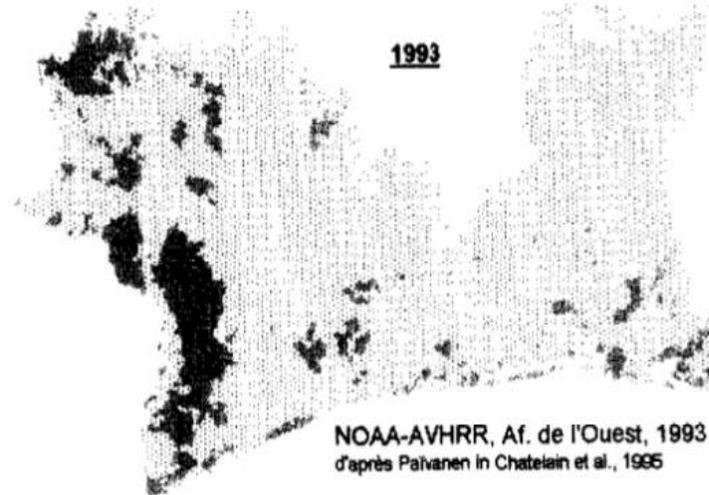
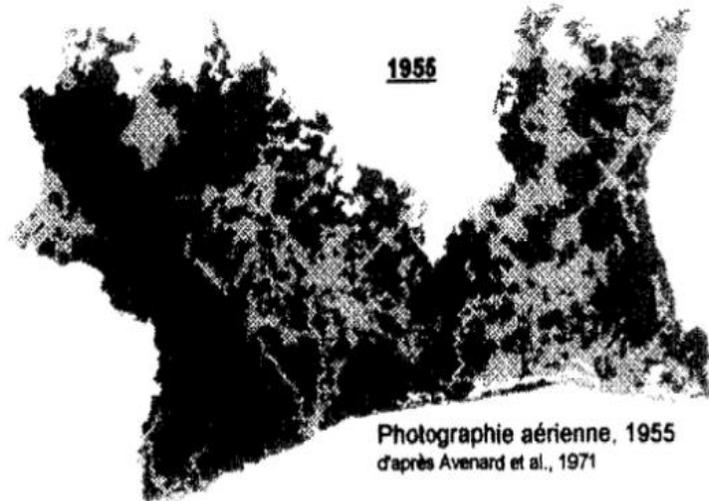
=> And you have to move your supply chains



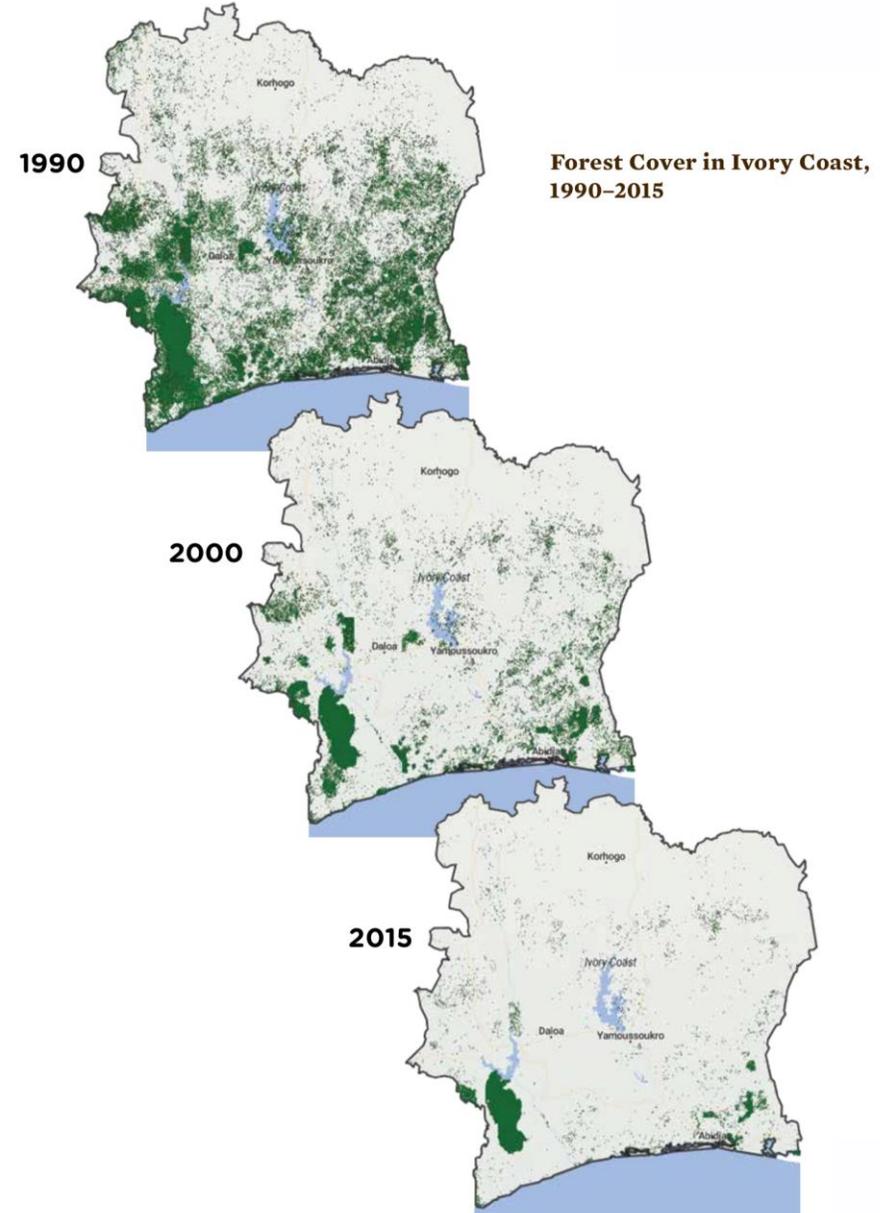
# Deforestation in Côte d'Ivoire 1990 to 2015



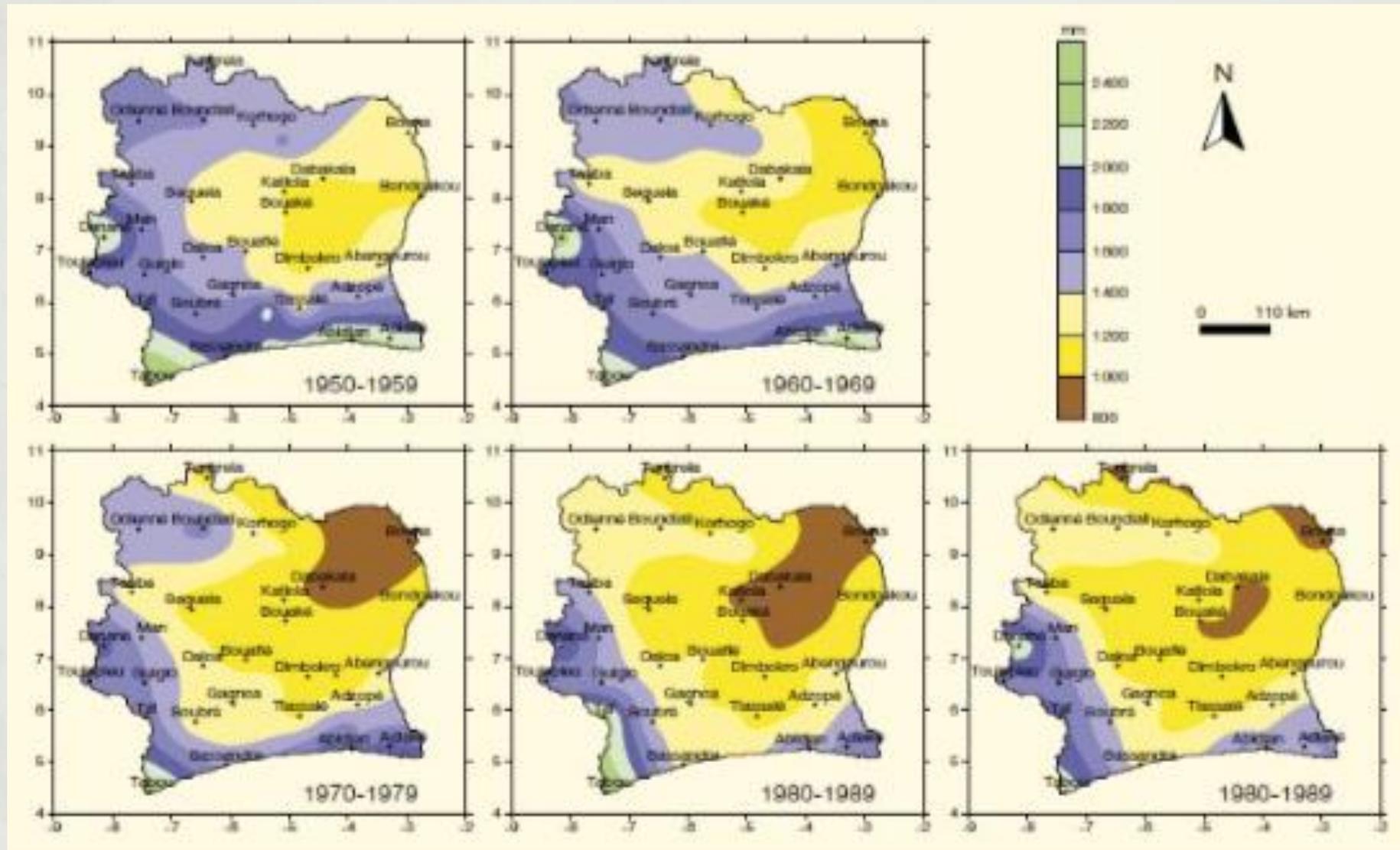
# Ivorian deforestation 1955 - 2015



Zone forestière non soumise à l'agriculture (forêt dense)

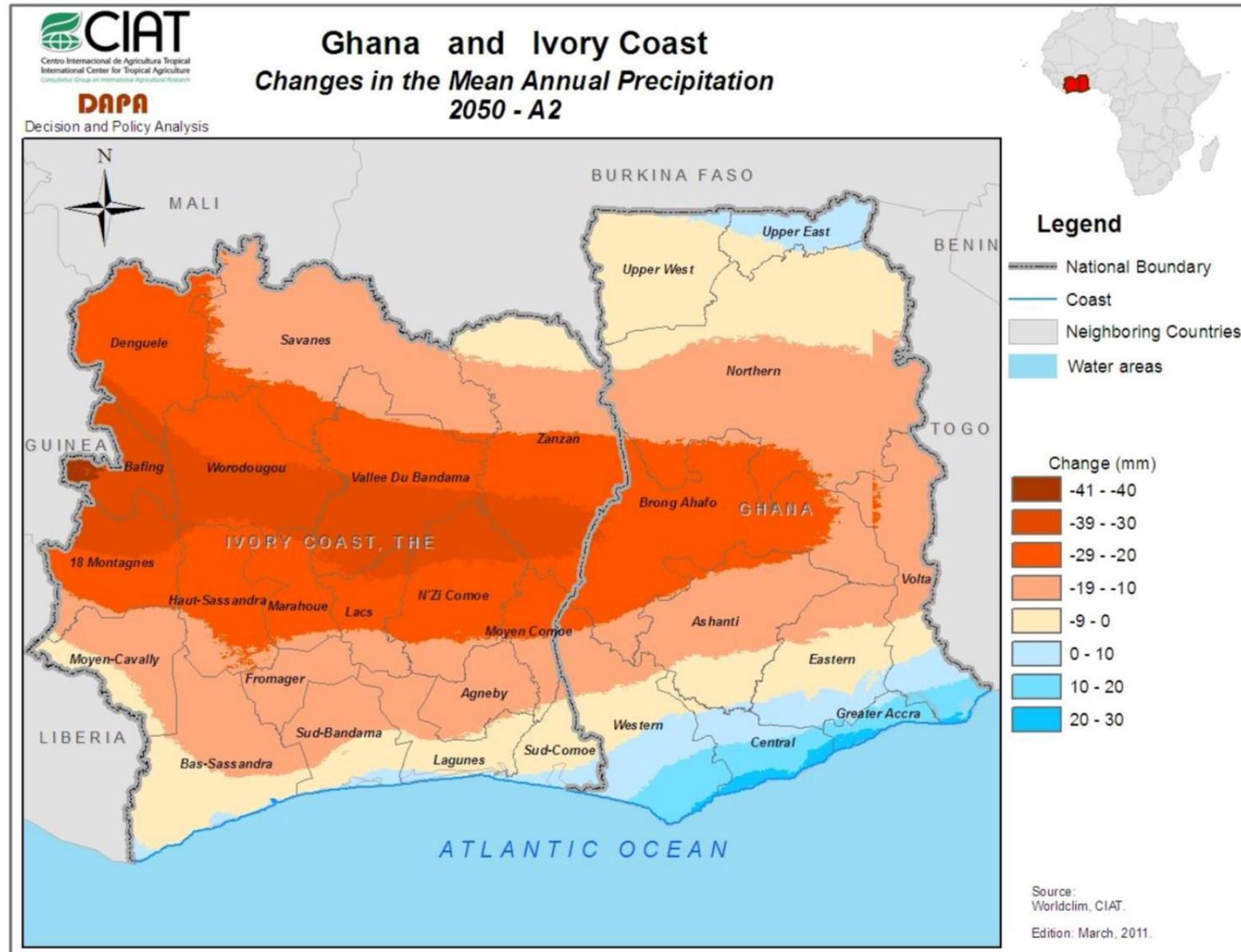


# Deforestation → Rains have been disappearing, 1950-1990



Hauteurs pluviométriques moyennes interannuelles de 1950 a 1989 (Brou, 2010)

# Cocoa → deforestation → rainfall loss (2050 projection)







# Investor support thus far for the three US bills

❖ Older investor letter for CA/NY, with over 1.7 trillion in AUM

❖ New investor letters with over 3 trillion in AUM:

Total Assets: \$2,734,428,229,815		
Letter	Signatures	AUM
FOREST Act	173	\$2,650,528,229,815.00
CA bill	66	\$2,239,183,868,505.00
NY bill	59	\$2,238,488,868,505.00

❖ Support from industry, beyond investors:

- ❖ USCA and others in the **cattle** industry;
- ❖ RSPO which is close to 1/4 of global **palm oil**;
- ❖ **Cocoa**: Joint release from National Confectioners Association (NCA) and the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF):
- ❖ US Conference of Bishops; academia; civil society; etc.

## Investor letters of support for Deforestation-free legislation

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Three important pieces of legislation have been introduced in the U.S. at the federal and state levels that would work together in complementary and powerful ways to reduce deforestation and human rights abuses in U.S. supply chains and set important precedents for improving global norms. We urge you to sign on to letters in support of these three bills by June 30, 2022.

The **FOREST Act** (S.2950/H.R.5508), introduced in Congress with bipartisan support last fall, would prohibit agricultural commodities entering the U.S. market from being sourced on land that was illegally deforested and require traceable supply chains. The U.S. would provide support to producing countries to improve governance and promote sustainable production.

Complementing these federal measures, **public procurement laws** proposed by **California** and **New York** legislators would require products purchased by state governments to be deforestation-free and respect human rights, shifting demand to responsibly sourced products in two globally significant markets.

The California and New York bills had been introduced last year, and legislators are working to address the concerns from last cycle. We are optimistic that they will gain positive momentum this year. Many investors supported the bills in the past (thank you!), and we hope you will join us in supporting them again this year.

Through better regulation of U.S. imports and consumption of global forest-risk commodities, the three bills are an important step towards meeting the commitments made by the U.S. alongside over 100 governments at the most recent Climate COP in Glasgow to end deforestation and land degradation by the end of the decade. The legislation would also level the playing field for leaders in this space who have already begun applying due diligence measures to address deforestation risk.

There is real urgency to passing the three bills at stake this year. Should you want more information, (1) The full text of the FOREST Act is available here, a one page summary here and a section by section summary here; (2) The full text of the CA bill is available here; and (3) The full text of the NY bill is available here.

Please find each letter below followed by options to sign on. You'll note the three letters are almost identical, with only small differences required by the divergences between the bills themselves.

Please contact Natalie Wasek of Seventh Generation Interfaith <wasek.natalie@gmail.com> with any questions.

[View letter of support for the FOREST Act](#)

[View letter of support for California Deforestation Free Procurement Act](#)

[View letter of support for the New York Deforestation Free Procurement Act](#)

*The letters of support for the California and New York Deforestation-Free Procurement Acts are now closed for signatures. The letter of support for the FOREST Act will remain open until June 30.*

I would like to sign on to the letter of support for the FOREST Act

Organization \*

Assets under management - This will only be used in aggregate and will not be shared publicly \*

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4969401>

# Investor support for EU, European, UK regulation

- ❖ Investors' letters of support visible, many searchable in the [Business and Human Rights Resource Centre](#) database
  - ❖ **EU:** [Investor statement \(07/10/2021\)](#) Investor Alliance for Human Rights, 94 investors with over **US\$6T in AUM**
  - ❖ **Global:** [Investor statement \(21/04/2020\)](#) Investor Alliance for Human Rights, 105 institutional investors, **US\$5T AUM**
  - ❖ **UK:** [Joint statement \(22/10/2021\)](#) including Investor Alliance for Human Rights, Aviva Investors, Ardevora, Jupiter Asset Management, Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
  - ❖ **Germany & EU:** [Joint statement \(09/12/2019\)](#) Including Arbeitskreis Kirchlicher Investoren, Bank für Kirche und Caritas, GLS Bank, Pax-Bank
  - ❖ **EU:** [Joint statement \(10/11/2021\)](#) Including Australian Ethical, Boston Common Asset Management, ClearBridge, Dwight Hall Socially Responsible Fund, EFG Asset Management, Ethos Foundation, Friends Fiduciary Corporation, Miller/Howard Investments, Natural Investments, Pensionskassen for Akademikere , Storebrand Asset Management, Trillium
  - ❖ **EU:** [Joint statement \(08/02/2022\)](#) including NEI Investments, Nia Impact Capital, Pensions Caixa 30, SOC Investment Group, Socially Responsible Investment Coalition, Triodos Bank, Vancity Investment Management
  - ❖ **Switzerland:** [Investor statement \(16/12/19\)](#) Swiss bill introducing a broad mandatory human rights due diligence regime backed by 5 major Swiss business associations and 27 institutional investors representing over US\$808 billion in AUM
  - ❖ **France:** [Position paper \(17/11/15\)](#): 65 investors
  - ❖ **Holland:** December 2018, more than 70 large Dutch pension funds with combined assets of almost €1.2T in AUM signed a covenant with civil society organizations, trade unions, and the Dutch government committing to worldwide cooperation aimed at promoting sustainable investment based on respect for human and labor rights
  - ❖ **Australia:** Investors representing over US\$4T in AUM filed multiple statements in support of the Australian Modern Slavery Act in 2018, which is an issue-specific iteration of this type of regulation (primarily focuses on reporting)