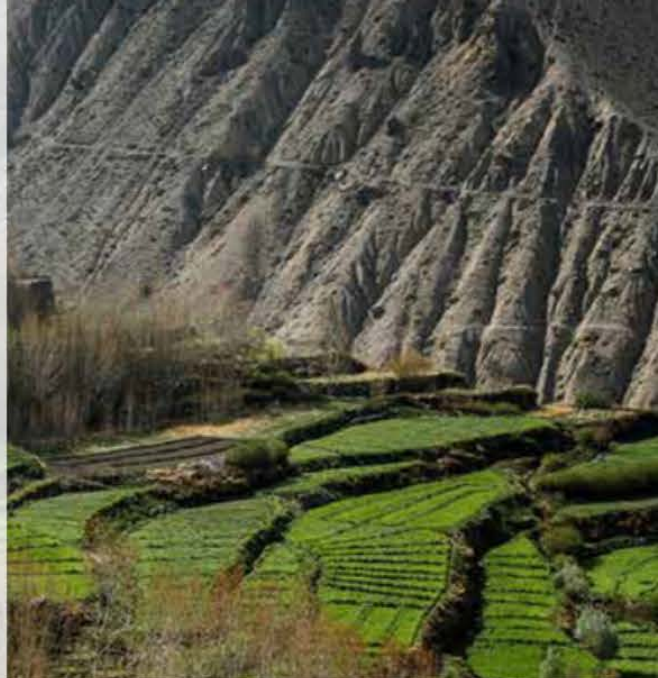# EMBEDDING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES INTO POLICY LEARNING SERIES

Session 3: Economic Valuation of Investments in Reversing Land Degradation – Madagascar Case Study

about
our workshop

The session will help participants grasp economic valuation for landscape analysis, simplify the concept, and illustrate its practical use in Madagascar while exploring its potential applications in Zambia.

Keywords: Economic Valuation, Environmental Analysis, Landscape Analysis

learning
objectives

- Understand the use of economic valuation for landscape analysis
- Define and explain economic valuation
- Show the application of economic valuation in the Country Environmental Analysis done in Madagascar
- Show the utility and potential uses for Zambia

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What is economic valuation

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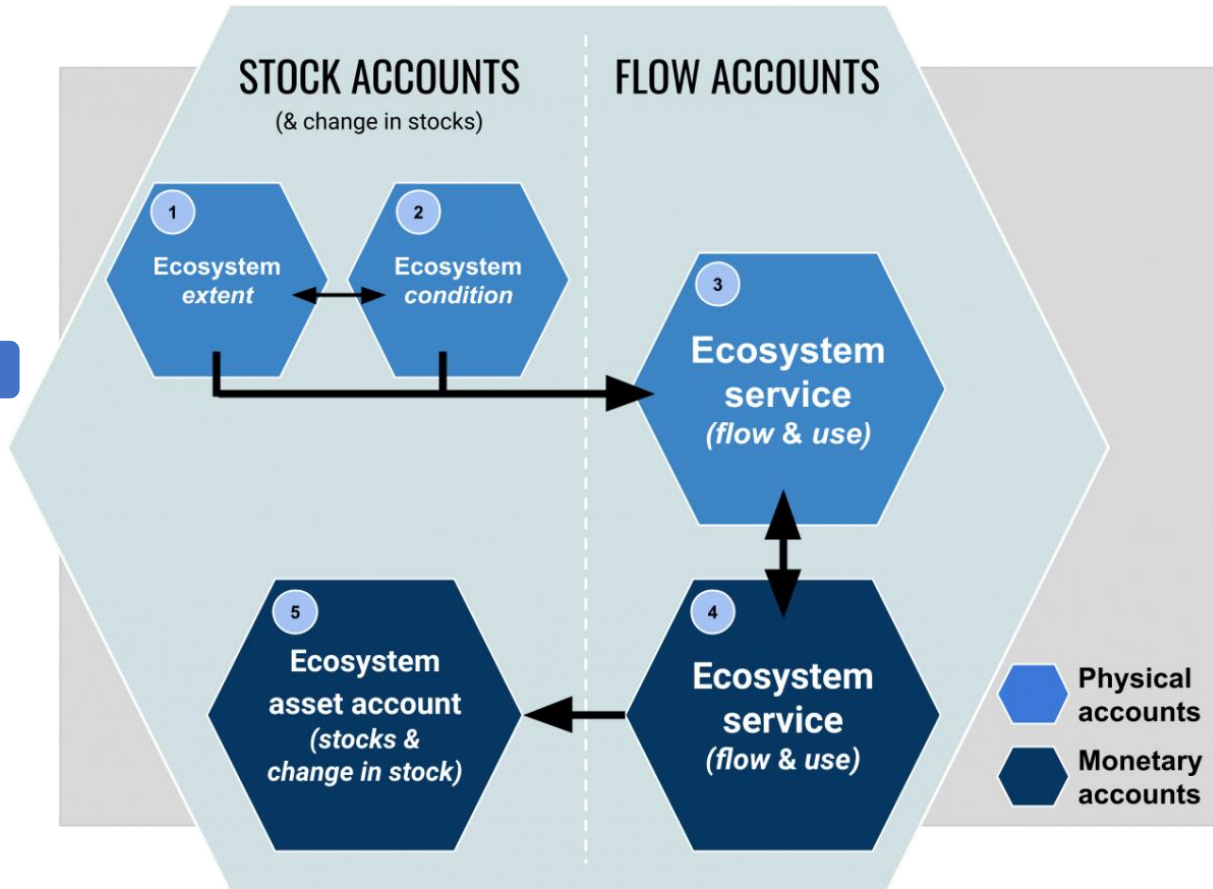# Sectors Economic Valuation Methods

SECTOR	IMPACTS	VALUATION METHODS
Agriculture	Loss of agricultural yield	Production function; market prices; benefits transfer
	Soil nutrition depletion	Replacement cost
	Salinity	Avoided cost of desalination
Water	Siltation of rivers and reservoirs	Replacement cost(cost of dredging) Avoided damage cost (Increased water purification cost), Production function (loss of agricultural output due to reduced irrigation)
	Aquifer depletion	Opportunity cost of increased water collection time
	Health impacts due to water pollution	Cost of illness for morbidity
Energy	Carbon emissions	Market prices, social cost of carbon
	Loss of hydropower efficiency	Replacement cost (least costly energy generation alternative)
Biodiversity	Loss of biodiversity	Stated preference methods
Tourism	Decrease of visitor number	Travel cost
Forests	Loss of production of fuel wood, NTFP and watershed services	Replacement cost, benefits transfer, opportunity cost of additional collecting time
Coastal zones	Vulnerability increase	Hedonic prices, benefits transfer, stated preference methods
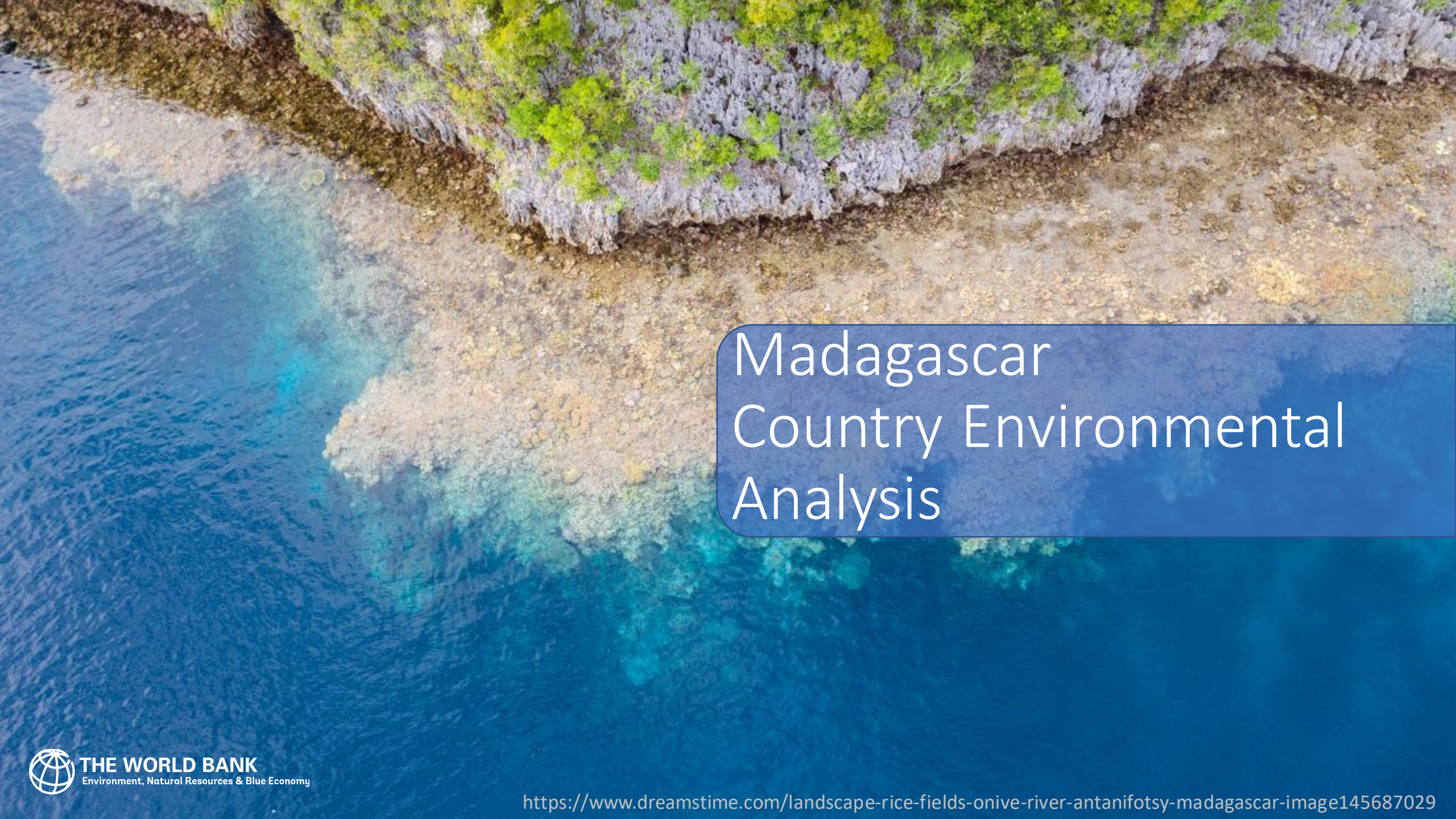
Source: Based on Amman et al., 2013; Bolt et al., 2005; and World Bank, 2020

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ES accounting

SYSTEM OF ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING (SEEA)

UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

Source: https://seea.un.org/ecosystem-accounting

Madagascar
Country Environmental
Analysis

https://www.dreamstime.com/landscape-rice-fields-onive-river-antanifotsy-madagascar-image145687029

Country Environmental Analysis

World Bank Country Environmental Analysis (CEA)

Guidance for integrating information	Environment-development priorities	Analytical information

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Country Assistance Strategy

Environmental and sustainability indicators	Strategic environmental assessments	Capacity-building

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Strategic approach to the management of environmental issues

Analysis about environment-development links	Decisions at the country and sectorial levels

CEA Methodologies

- Literature Review
- Technical studies
- Consultation and documentation of expert knowledge

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Integrated Landscape Analysis

Spatial approach Data	→	Geographical, environmental, ecological, and economic information	→	Landscape management Nature Based Solutions (NBS)

Vegetation health (NDVI)
Carbon storage (NPP)
Soil erosion control
Water availability
Seasonal flow patterns

Land Degradation Trends in Madagascar 1990-2020

Legend:
- Regions
- Land Degradation Index Categories
  - Very degrading
  - Moderately degrading
  - Less degrading
  - Less improving
  - Moderately improving
  - Highly improving
  - No change

0   100   200 km

Source: World Bank Team Estimation.

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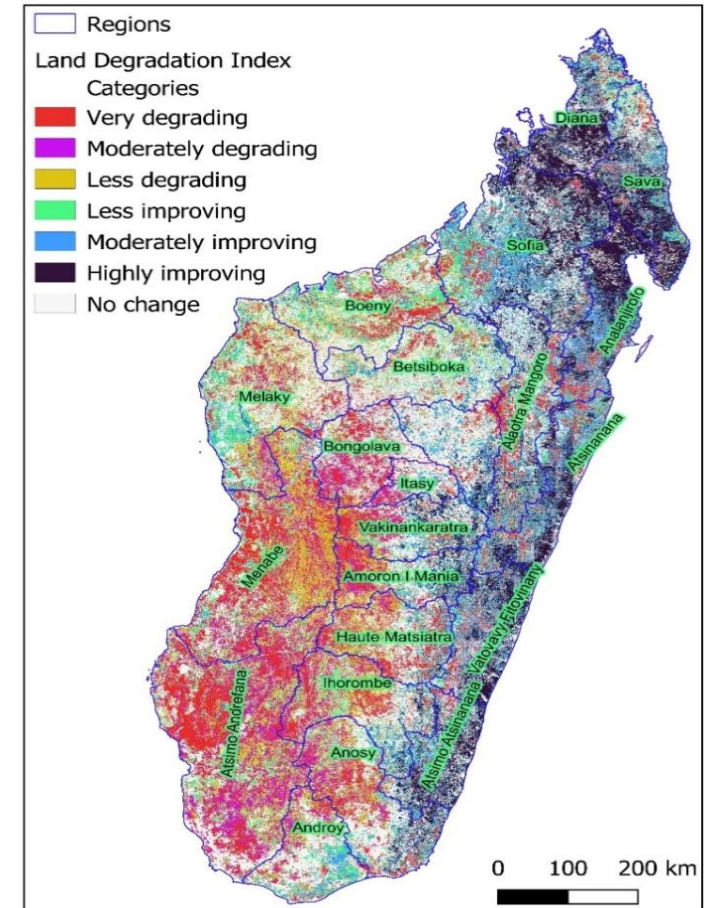
Application to Madgascar

29-year period
1992 - 2020

Historical costs and future savings

Land degradation and land use change

Public available economic information

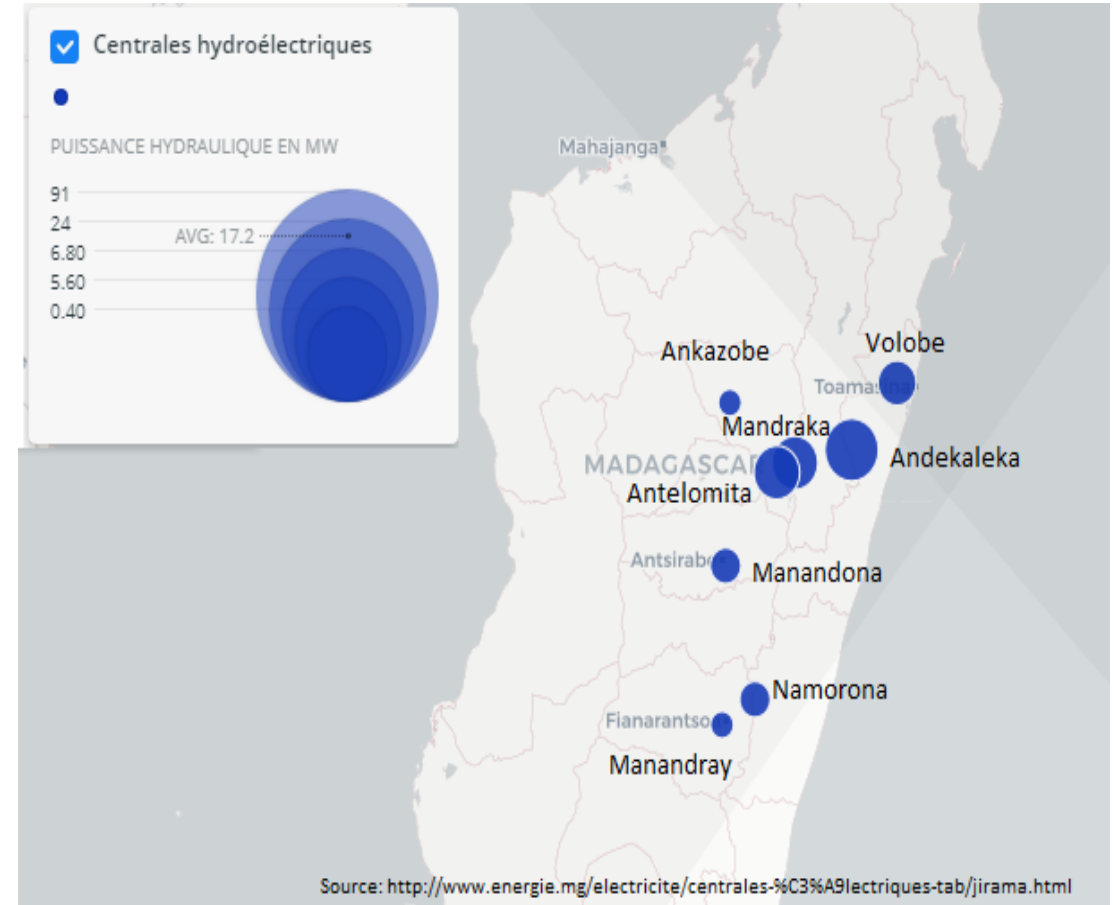| Key Sector	Impacts	Valuation approach
Agricultural	Loss of agricultural yield	Loss in productivity for selected crops due to erosion + potential dredging cost of irrigation dams
Hydropower	Loss of hydropower efficiency	Loss in power generation due to water scarcity + potential dredging cost of hydropower dams
Carbon	Carbon emissions	Opportunity cost of unrealized carbon credits due to deforestation
Social cost of carbon		Global social cost of carbon not absorbed due to degradation

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Economic valuation of land degradation impacts

https://www.madamagazine.com/en/das-korn-des-lebens-reisanbau-auf-madagaskar/

Hydropower

Antananarivo Interconnected Network (RIA) 70%

Isolated Mini grids 30%

Andekaleka Antelomita Mandraka

Hydropower

Lack of rehabilitation

Poor efficiency

Centrales hydroélectriques

PUISSANCE HYDRAULIQUE EN MW

91
24
6.80
5.60
0.40

AVG: 17.2

Mahajanga

Ankazobe
Volobe
Toamas

Mandraka
Andekaleka
MADAGASCAR
Antelomita

Antsirabe
Manandona

Namorona

Fianarantso
Manandray

Source: http://www.energie.mg/electricite/centrales-%C3%A9lectriques-tab/jirama.html

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Hydropower

Land degradation on watersheds that feed the reservoirs

Bigger discharge of sediments

Lower reliability on water availability

Hydropower Generation Antelomita

Generation

Annual Water yield

Sediment Export

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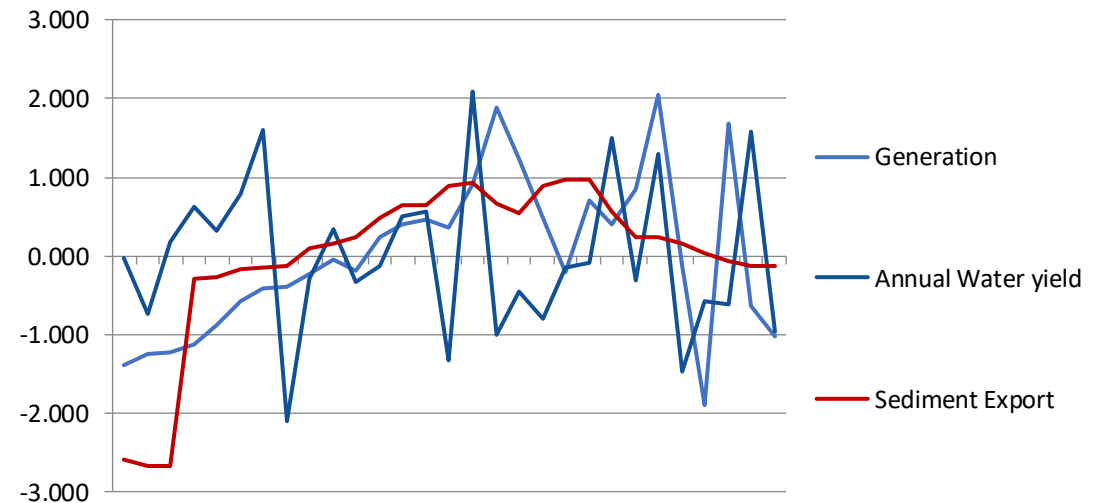
Hydropower production loss

- Office de Régulation de L'électricité Madagascar
- Historical generation of electricity
- Historical Tariffs

Generation losses

- Adeoyung et al. (2016)
- Suboptimal hydrological provision 19%
- Sedimentation 6%

$$HPL = ICG\text{-}HPG_t$$

$$C = \sum_{t=1}^{n} HPL_t \cdot WMD \cdot P_t$$

where
HPL: hydropower production loss, measured in kWh
ICG: Installed capacity hydropower generation, measured in kWh
HPG: Hydropower generated in period t
C: Cost of hydrological hydropower production loss, measured in 2020 USD
WMD : Hydrological factor in hydropower loss
p: Selling price of electricity for t period, measured in 2020 USD per kWh

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Land degradation and dam watershed area

→

Siltation in hydropower dams

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Cost of dredging
→Literature review

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Potential cost of dredging
Udayakumara et al. (2017)

Potential cost of dredging

$$C = S * D$$

where
C: Cost of dredging reservoir, measured in 2020 USD
S: Total sediment trapped in reservoirs, measured in tons
D: Cost of dredging, measured in 2020 USD per ton

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Hydropower results

Loss in power generation due to water scarcity
Adeogun et al.(2016)

Accumulated in Million USD 2020		Annual average in Million USD 2020	
High	243.33	High	7.71
Av.	220.49	Av.	7.27
Low	197.64	Low	6.83

Potential dredging cost of hydropower dams
Udayakumara & Gunawardena (2017)

Accumulated in Million USD 2020		Annual average in Million USD 2020	
High	219.10	High	7.56
Av.	159.85	Av.	5.51
Low	100.61	Low	3.47

Total Loss Hydropower Sector

	Accumulated in Million USD 2020	Annual average in Million USD 2020
Loss in power generation due to water scarcity + Potential dredging cost of hydropower dams	380.34	12.78

Alternative to value the impact of water outages due to land degradation

Replacement cost Alternative sources of energy	→	Diesel heavy fuel oil plants Diesel fuel oil plants.	→	Cost of energy increases in 30% and 67%

Agriculture
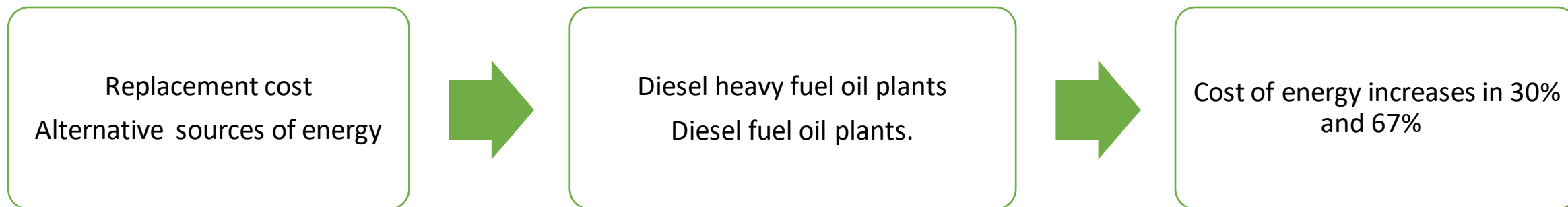
- Rice 70%
- Cash crops Vanilla
- Poverty in farmers 85%
- Local Consume
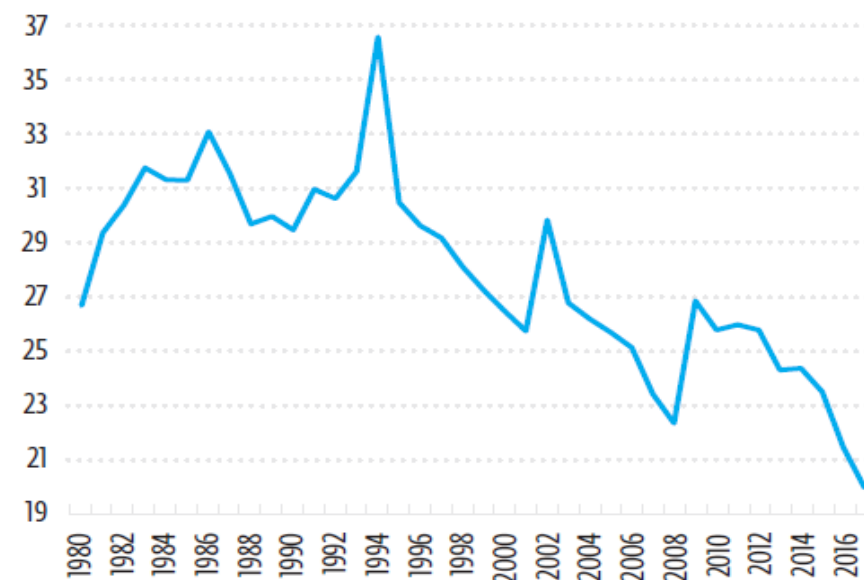- Subsistence Farming
- 2.5 million small farms
- Agriculture
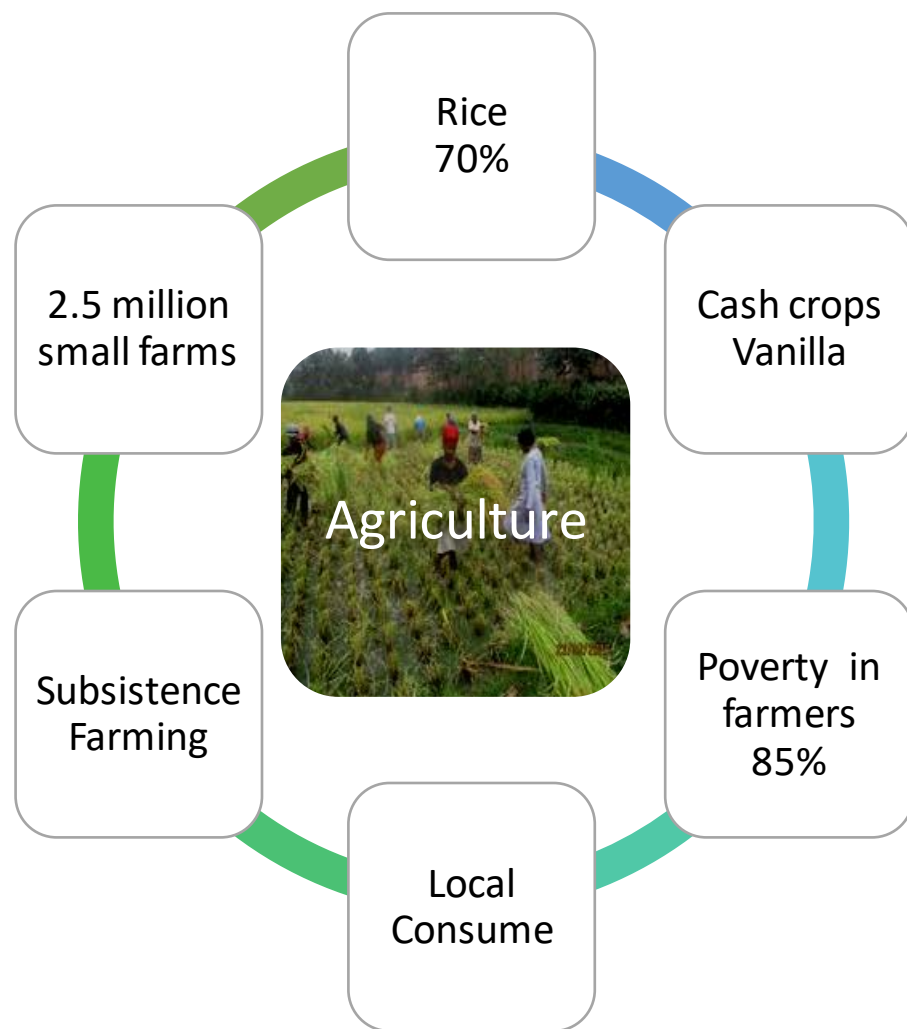
a. Agriculture contribution to GDP, 1980–2017

% of GDP

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators data.

Note: GDP= gross domestic product.

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Literature review on land degradation and agricultural yields

Global

Sartori et al. (2019)
- Areas of severe erosion
- → 8% mean crop yields loss

Pimentel et al. (1995)
- Areas of severe erosion
- → 8% crop productivity loss

Africa

Lal, R. (1995)
- Yield reductions due to severe erosion
- → 8.2% mean crop yields loss

Madagascar

Carret, J; Loyer, D. (2003).
- Silted irrigation channels and suboptimal water availability
- → 10% loss of productivity in rice plots

Randrianarisoa, J. & Minten, B. 2001.
- Cyclones on previous year
- → 7% agricultural production value loss

Portela et al. (2012)
- 1% increase in the use of water (rainfall or irrigation)
- → Rice production : +0.91%
- → Manioc production: +0.83%

Land degradation → Erosion

Erosion → Productivity losses

Productivity losses → Loss in Agro revenue

Productivity losses due to

$$C = \sum_{n} R_{it} \cdot L \cdot P_{it}$$

where
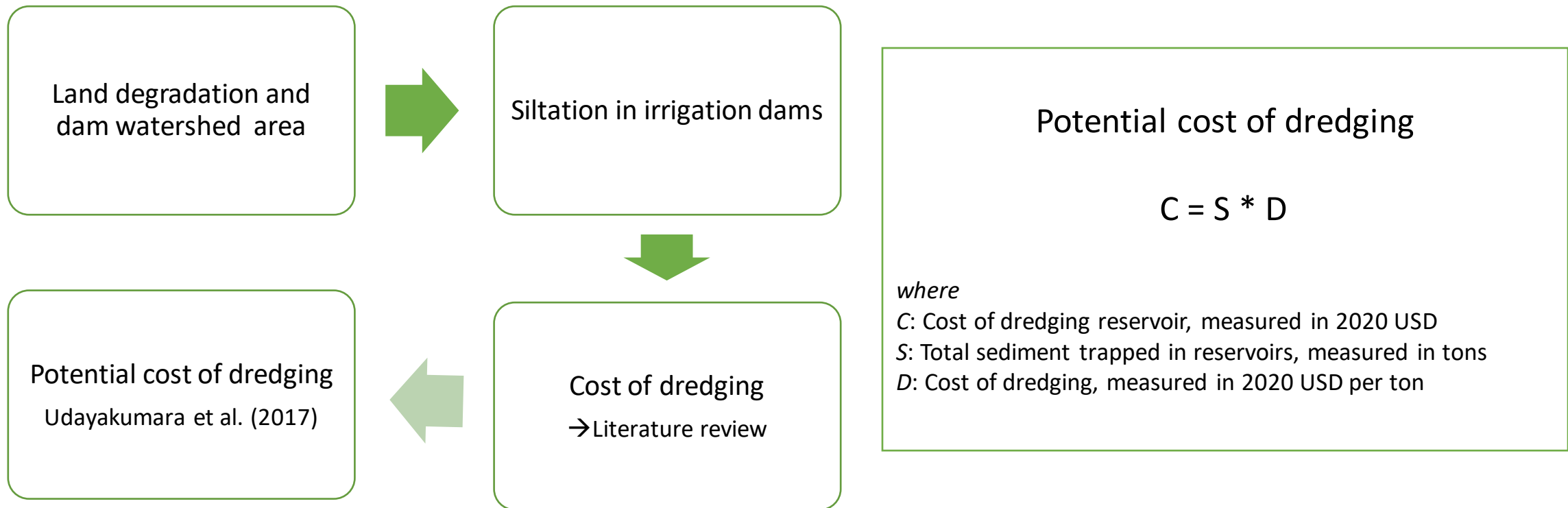C: cost of agricultural losses for erosion afflicted region, measured in 2020 USD
R: Total production of crop i in period t, measured in tons
L: Production loss coefficient
P: Price of crop i in period t, measured in 2020 USD per ton of produce

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Land degradation and dam watershed area

Siltation in irrigation dams

Cost of dredging
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Agriculture results

Loss in productivity for selected crops due to erosion

Accumulated in million USD 2020		Annual average in Million USD 2020	
High	4753.48	High	163.91
Av.	4100.75	Av.	141.41
Low	3448.01	Low	118.90

Potential dredging cost of irrigation dams

Accumulated in million USD 2020		Annual average in Million USD 2020	
High	328.47	High	11.33
Av.	239.65	Av.	8.26
Low	150.83	Low	5.20

Total Loss Agricultural Sector

	Accumulated in Million USD 2020	Annual average in Million USD 2020
Loss in productivity for selected crops due to erosion + Potential dredging cost of irrigation dams	4340.40	149.67

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Maize Function Results

lnProdMaizTon	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P>|z|
lnSuperMaizHa	.6416534	.1513671	4.24	0.000
lnSedimentExport	-.107341	.119962	-0.89	0.371
lnPreciMaiz	.0265226	.0863528	0.31	0.759
lnAnimales	.0787763	.041068	1.92	0.055
lnLitFem	-.3145459	.1344624	-2.34	0.019
lnLitMen	.6510934	.1938091	3.36	0.001
lnPopula	-.3510608	.2303857	-1.52	0.128
lnErosionRm3Ha	-.454947	.2412999	-1.89	0.059
lnAWYtnha	-.1524747	.0623427	-2.45	0.014
_cons	4.267997	2.434039	1.75	0.080
sigma_u	.24352784			
sigma_e	.06175867			
rho	.93957325	(fraction of variance due to		

Fertilizer consumption (kilograms per hectare of arable land)

Azote N (total)
Phosphatés (total fertilizer P205)
Potasse K2O
Total*
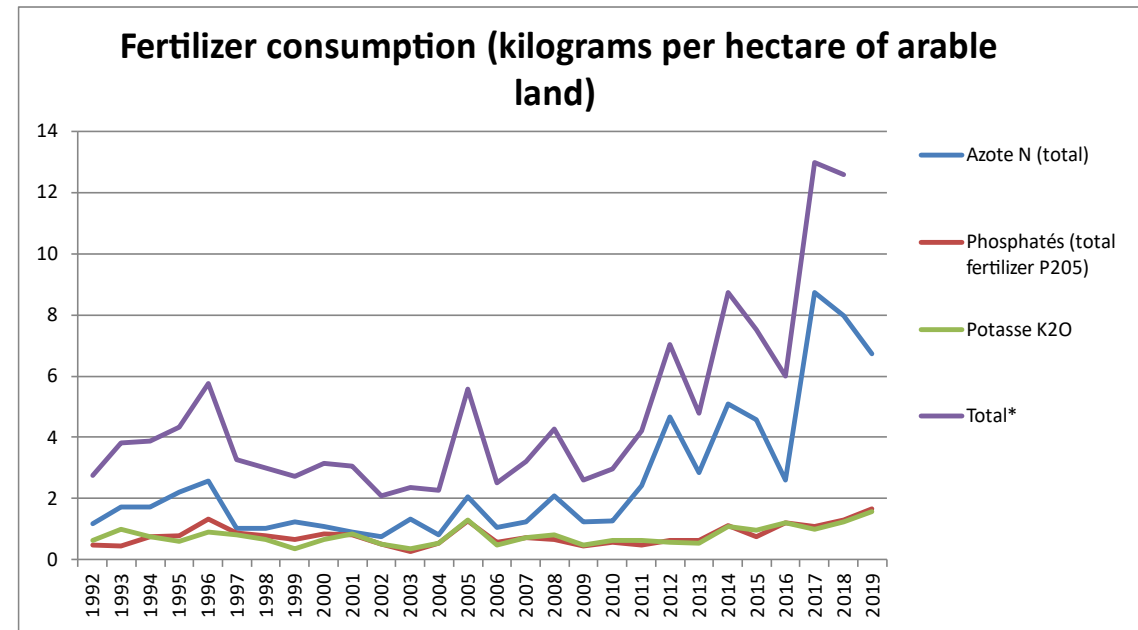
Climate

Climate

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Emission Reduction Program

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Atiala Atsinanana

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USD $5 per ton of CO2e
(FCPP 2018)

Change in forest cover from 2000-2020
Madagascar

Legend
- Forest
- Loss 2015-2019
- Loss 2010-2015
- Loss 2005-2010
- Loss 2000-2005
- Non forest
- Water
- Mangrove
- Forest gain
- Mangrove loss
- Mangrove gain

Cover in 1953

Change 2000-2020
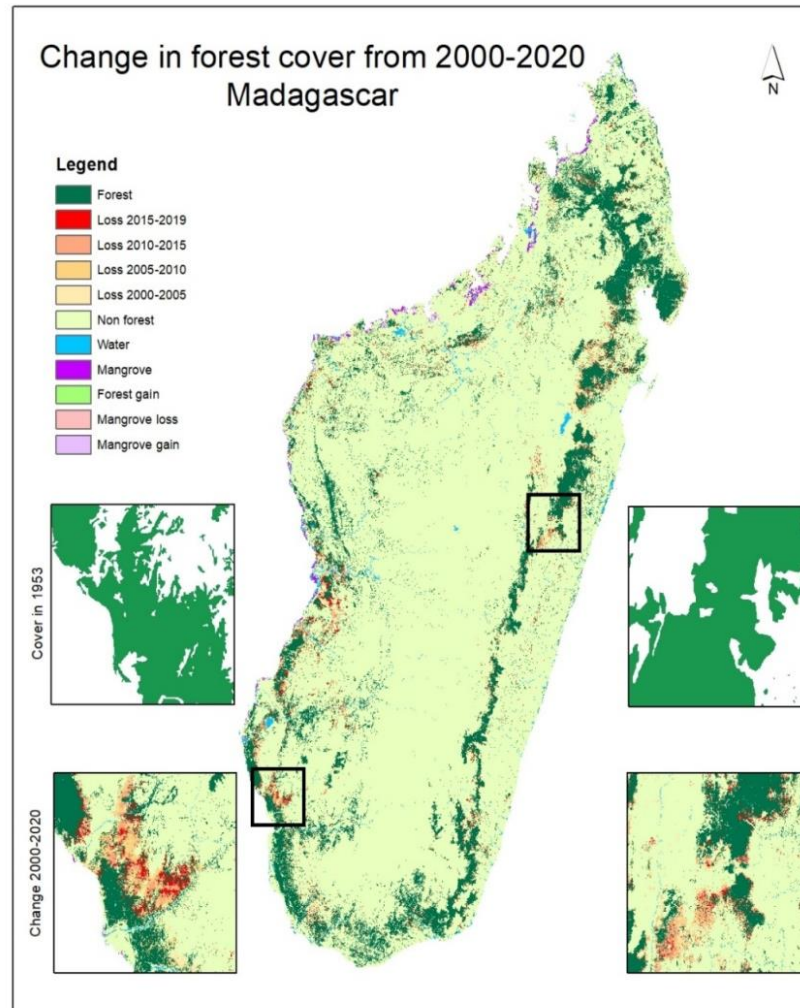
Total forest loss:

3.9 M Has

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Source: World Bank Team Estimation.

Climate

Impact of land degradation

- Carbon absorption losses

- Social cost
  Carbon emissions
  additional costs

The impact of land use change

- Carbon stock loss

- Market price of carbon
  Direct exchange value of carbon

Potential carbon credits lost

$$C = P * (A * S)$$

where
C: Opportunity cost of lost carbon credits
P: Market price of CO2, measured in $ per ton of CO2
A: Total area of deforestation, measured in ha
S: CO2 content of forest, measured in tons of CO2 per ha

Social cost of carbon

$$C = \sum N_t \, x \, S_t$$

where
C: Global cost of carbon not absorbed
N: NPP decrease in period t, measured in tons of CO2 at the National level
S: Social cost of carbon price for period t, measured in 2020 US$ per ton of CO2

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Climate results

The average amount of carbon not absorbed
1.56 M tons of CO_2 per year.

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1700 M USD of potential loss revenue in carbon market

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12% of Madagascar's current GDP

Humid forest cover loss	Area (thousand has)	Accumulated Value of CO2 loss stocks (million USD)	Annual average losses (million USD)
	1 947.5	1791.7	59.75

Annual average loss
8% of forest rents in 2020

Forest loss in Protected Areas (PAS)	Area (thousand has)	Accumulated Value of CO2 loss stocks (million USD)	Annual average losses (million USD)
	50.98	49.91	1.67

Annual average loss in Protected Areas
1 M USD

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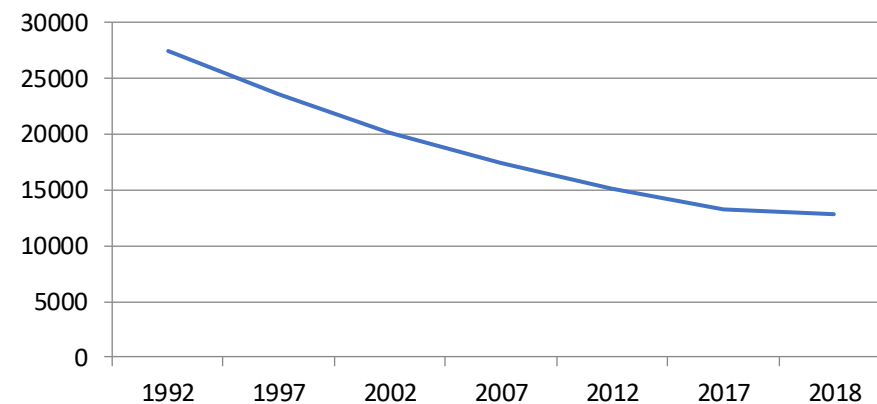Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy

Water consumption

Access drinking water
41%

Water consumption

Natural sources
Wells
Public taps

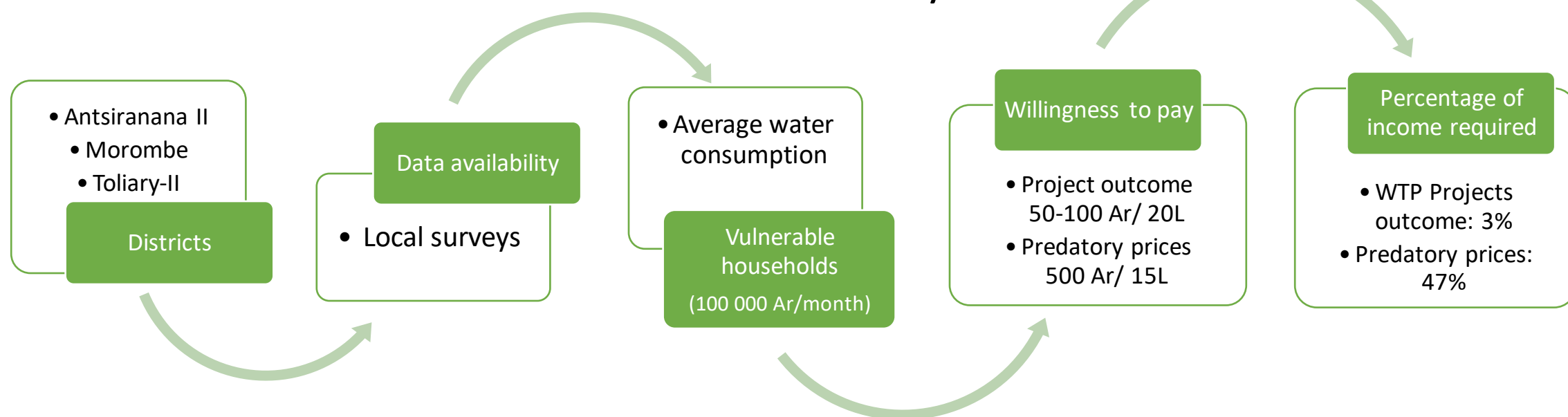**Renewable internal freshwater resources per capita (cubic meters)**

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization, AQUASTAT data

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Water consumption

As part of the valuation exercise, a regional assessment of the economic impact on households of a reduction on water availability was also conducted:
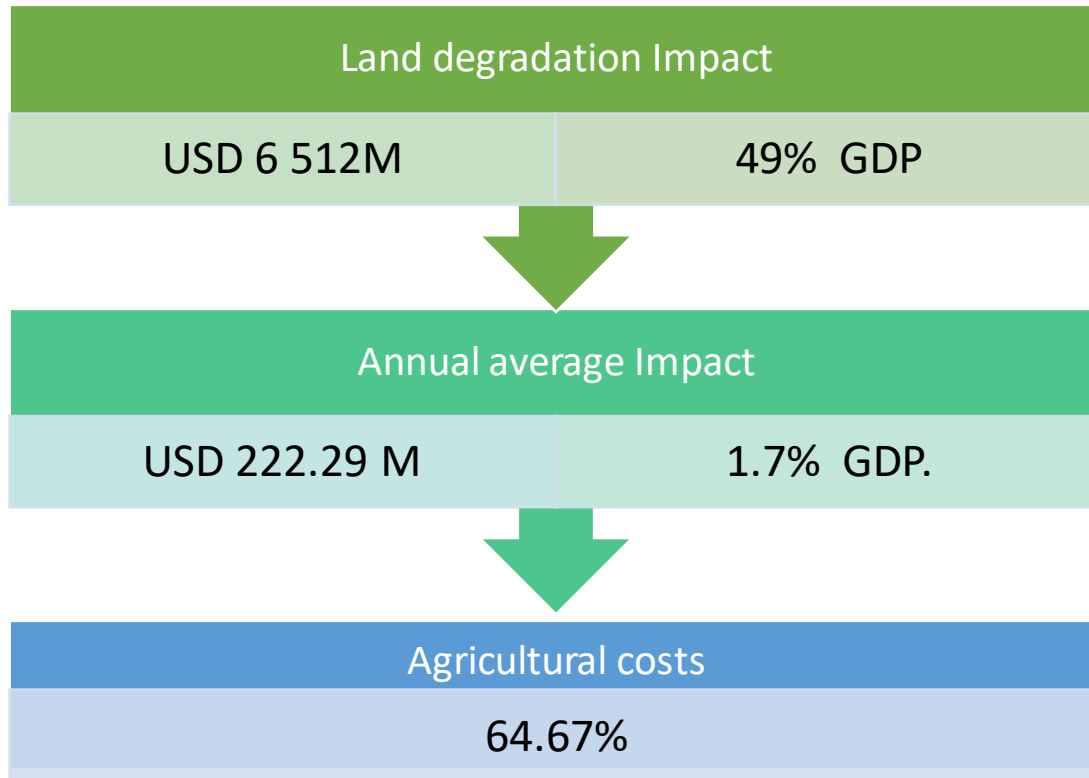
- Antsiranana II
- Morombe
- Toliary-II

Districts

Data availability

- Local surveys

- Average water consumption

Vulnerable households
(100 000 Ar/month)

Willingness to pay

- Project outcome 50-100 Ar/ 20L
- Predatory prices 500 Ar/ 15L

Percentage of income required

- WTP Projects outcome: 3%
- Predatory prices: 47%

Conclusion
and lessons for Zambia

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Author: Frank Vassen. Lavaka (erosion gully), Ankarafantsika National Park, Madagascar

Conclusions

Land degradation Impact

| USD 6 512M | 49% GDP |

Annual average Impact

| USD 222.29 M | 1.7% GDP. |

Agricultural costs

64.67%

Annual cost of Land degradation in Million USD

Legend:
- Hydropower
- Carbon
- Agricultural

X-axis: Total Land degradation

Y-axis: 0, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250
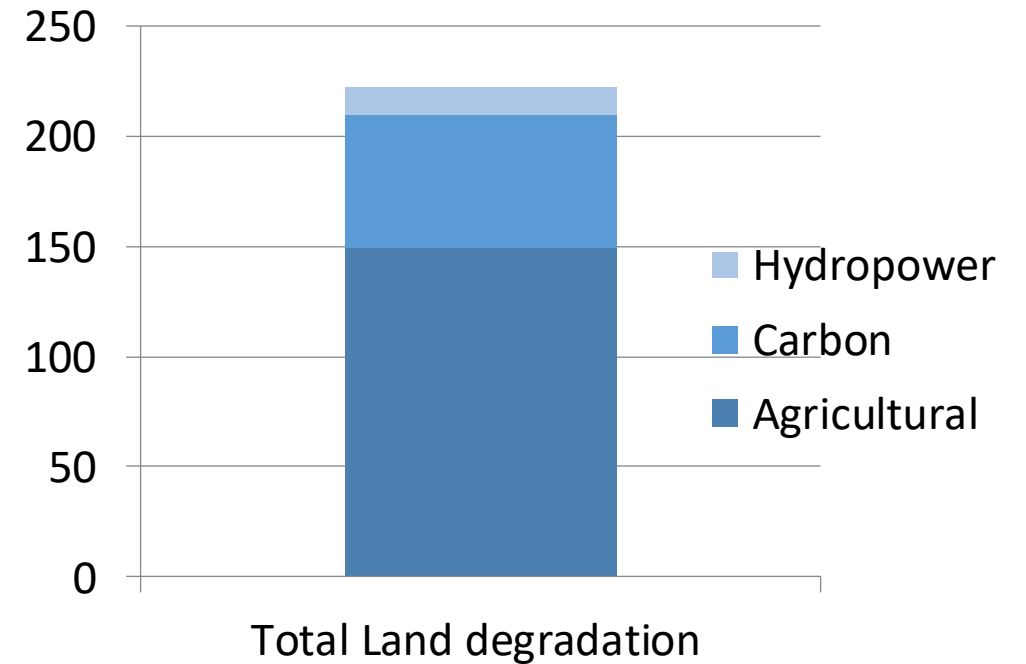
Lessons for Zambia

Determine the need for economic valuation

- Capacity-building assistance→ What kind of valuation

Coordinate and use spatial analysis

Understand and contextualize values

Use economic data to guide investment decisions

- Strategic environmental assessments
- ES Accounting

Agricultural Irrigation Dams

Potential cost of dredging in irrigation dams	Ankaibe River Dam (2014)
↓	↓
Total Cost: 239.65M USD	2,100 ha paddy fields 6,000 households
↓	↓
Annual average cost: **8.26M USD**	Total cost **7.65M USD**

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