Land Modeling Using GCOMAP: Deforestation, transaction costs, and regional disaggregation

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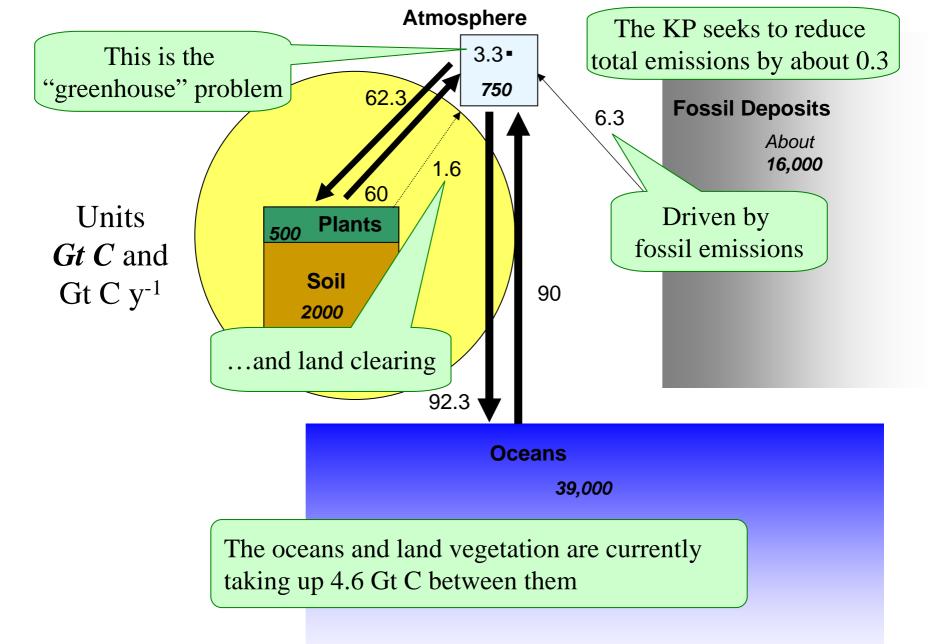
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No Guinea Pig

- GCOMAP is a partial equilibrium model
- Requires data on reference case land planting and gross deforested area scenarios
- IMAGE runs provided change in total forest area but not the above information
- So, no guinea pig for the time being

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Human Activities are Perturbing the Carbon Cycle

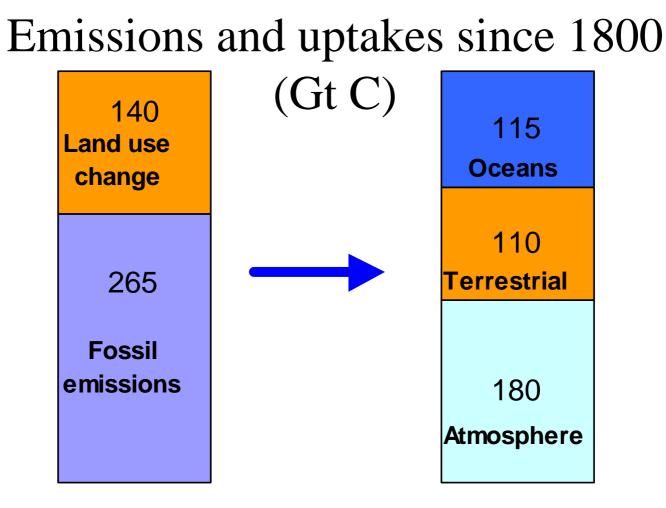
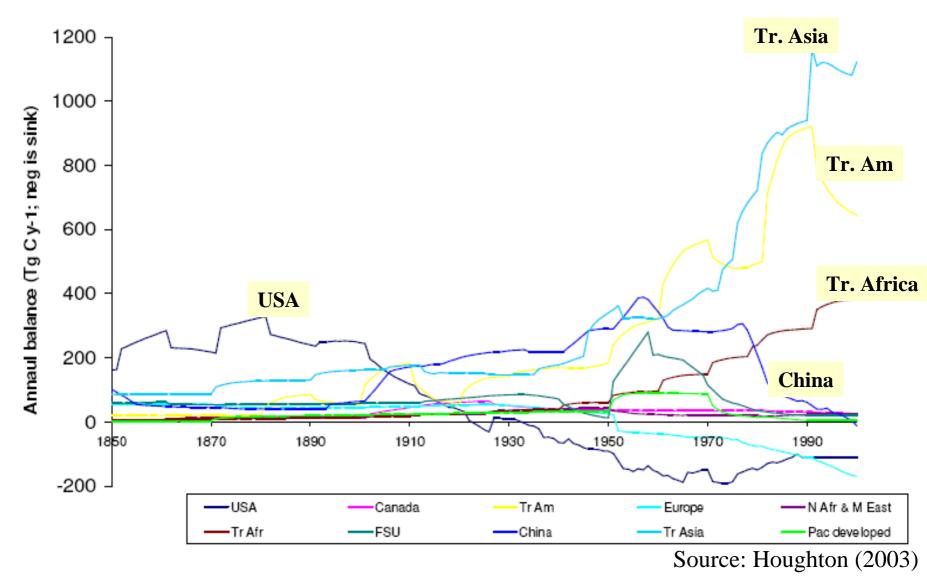


Table 1: Global carbon stocks in vegetation and soil carbon pools down to a depth of 1 m.

Biome	Area	Global Carbon Stocks (Gt C)			
	$(10^9 ha)$	Vegetation	<u>Soil</u>	Total	
Tropical forests	1.76	212	216	428 ← 50%	
Temperate forests	1.04	59	100	159	
Boreal forests	1.37	88	471	559 84%	
Tropical savannas	2.25	66	264	330 > 26 %	
Temperate grasslands	1.25	9	295	304 20 %	
Deserts & semi-deserts	4.55	8	191	199	
Tundra	0.95	6	121	127	
Wetlands	0.35	15	225	240	
Croplands	1.60	3	128	131	
World total	15.16	466	2011	2477	



Carbon balance of the land use change and forestry sector by region Positive Values = Emissions Source



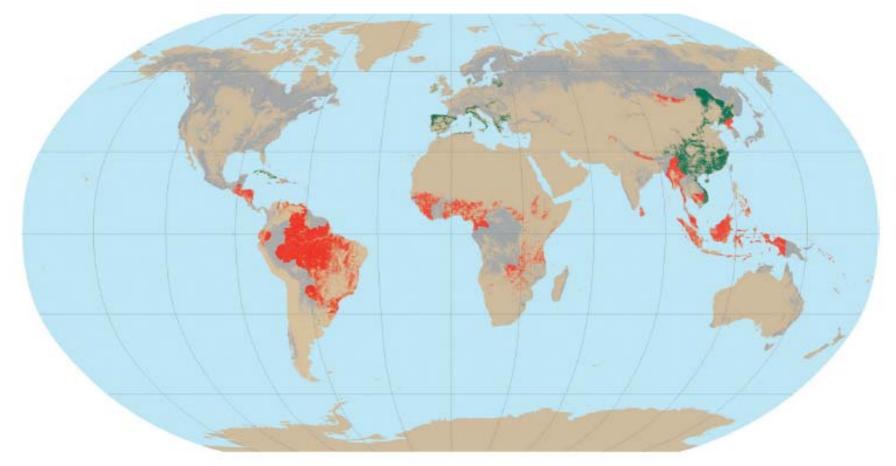
The Atlantic Monthly, April 1995 v275 n4 p61(15)

An explosion of green. (reforestation of eastern U.S.)(Cover Story) Bill McKibben.

Wood was used for everything--it was the cornerstone of the economy in the same way that petroleum is today. What iron existed was smelted using wood charcoal; to produce a thousand tons of iron a year, a furnace needed 20,000 or 30,000 acres of forest, MacCleery writes. A square forty-acre field required 8,000 fence rails. In the latter half of the nineteenth century, when barbed wire began to replace wood, there were more than three million miles of wooden fence in America. Railroads soon claimed the wood freed up by wire fencing; at the turn of the century the demand for railroad cars, ties, fuel, bridges, trestles, stations, and telegraph poles was taking a quarter of the nation's timber production. Steamboats burned wood for fuel until the Civil War, consuming a fifth of all the wood sold for fuel in 1840. In the second half of the nineteenth century forest cover in many areas of the East had fallen from 70 percent to 25 percent or less. Eventually the profligate cutting left lumbermen little choice but to move west: there were few mature forests left to take. Loggers moved from New England to New York, Pennsylvania, the Great Lakes, and the South.

Areas with high net change in forest area between 2000 and 2005

- Global forest cover -- 3,952 million ha, about 30 percent of the world's land area
- Net forest area loss was 7.3 million ha/yr compared to 8.9 million ha/yr in the 1990s

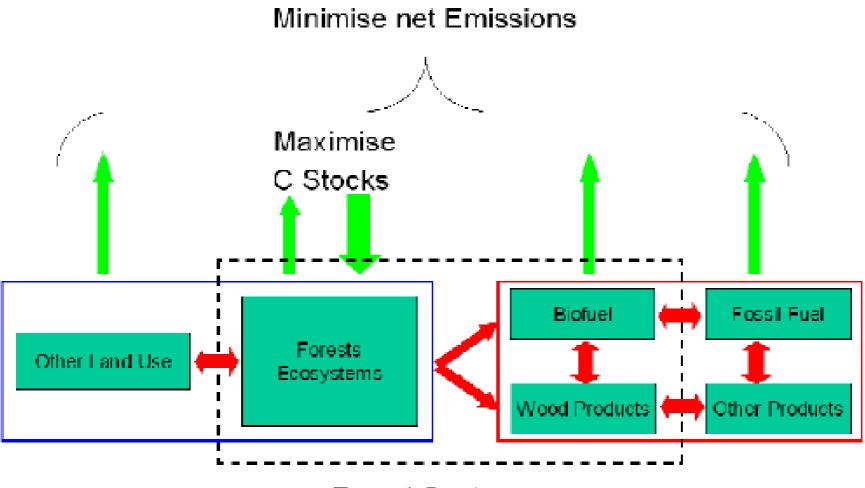




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Mitigation strategies aimed at maximizing carbon storage in forest ecosystems

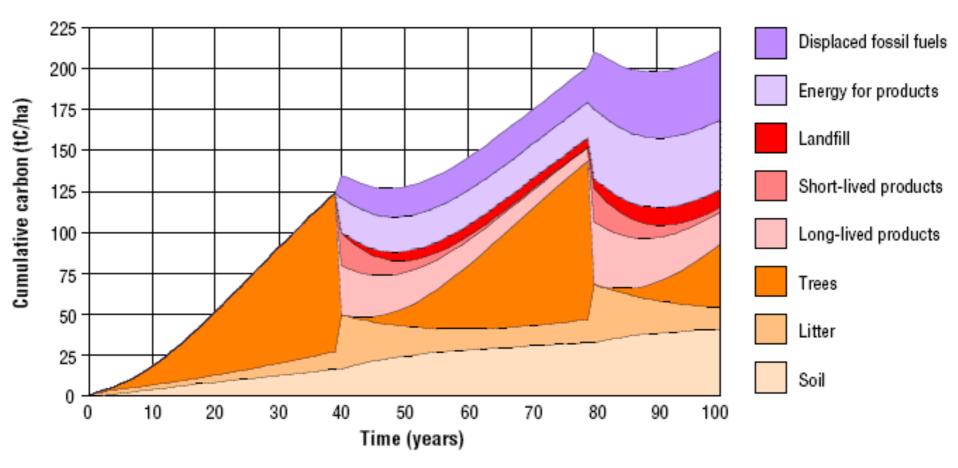


Forest Sector

Land-use Sector

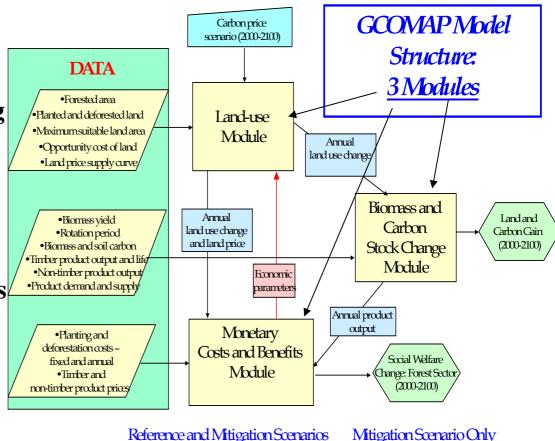
Services used by Society

Carbon Balance for a Hypothetical Forest Management Project



Global Forestry Carbon Mitigation Potential Using GCOMAP: A Dynamic Partial Equilibrium Model

- Since 1990, LBNL has developed bottom-up models to estimate forestry sector mitigation costs and potential for the tropics.
- GCOMAP was developed using this expertise, and uses these data combined with global and OECD data
- Model represents forest sector market dynamics; based on investment theory, and assumes perfect foresight
- Includes 10 regions, a deforestation and 2 forestation options, and tracks carbon in 6 pools annually



Deforestation Rate: Historical and Projected

- <u>Global deforestation</u> 17 Mha/yr in 1990s; 13 Mha/yr in 2000-05 (FAO) –India and China: deforestation declined to zero
 - –<u>Brazil:</u> widely fluctuating deforestation rates
 - -<u>Africa 1990-00</u> deforestation rate increased, unlike in other regions
 - Deforestation rate is projected to increase to 2020 before declining
- <u>Rest of tropics</u>: Deforestation rates are projected to continue declining

Region	Change in Deforestation Rate (%/yr)	Deforestation Rates (% / year)				
	199000	2000	2020	2040	2050	2100
Africa	+ 0.026	0.80	1.29	0.78	0.65	0.26
Rest of Asia	- 0.005	1.03	0.82	0.60	0.52	0.12
Central America	- 0.011	1.19	0.97	0.75	0.65	0.37
South America	- 0.030	0.40	0.26	0.21	0.20	0.13

The deforestation rate gives the percent decline in the forest area per year

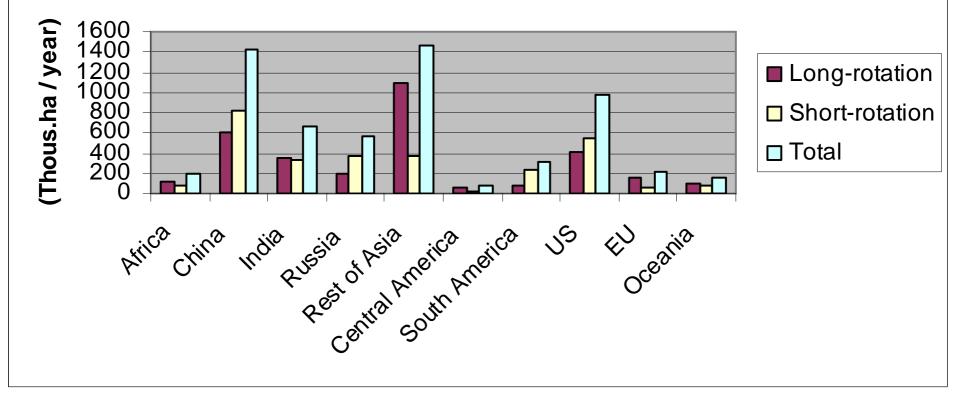
(-) rate is an annual decline in the deforestation rate

Based on FAO 2001 – Forest Resource Assessment-2000; Kaimovitz 1996 Livestock and deforestation in Central America in 1980s and 1990s; Barraclough and Ghimire 2000. Agricultural Expansion and Tropical Deforestation

Key Data Inputs

Historical Afforestation Rates

(Data for each region for periods varying from 1975 to 2000)



Source:

FAO 2001 – Forest Resource Assessment-2000, and

FAO 2000 - The Global Outlook for Future Wood Supply from Plantations

US - Moulton et al., 1996: Tree Planting in the United States

Results – Global land area and carbon gain* across scenarios

Mitigation Options : Long and short rotation forestry, and avoided deforestation

Scenario ^b	Carbon Price (\$/t	arbon Price (\$/t C)		Land Area Gained (Mha)		ned (Mt C)
2010 C Price +	2050	2100	2050	2100	2050	2100
Annual Increase						
1. \$5 + 5%	35	404	190	662	13,570	70,145
Forestation			68	163	5,554	33,162
Avoided deforestation			122	499	8,034	37,105
2. \$10 + 5%	70	807	327	880	24,917	96,496
Forestation			108	231	10,123	47,849
Avoided deforestation			219	649	14,796	48,835
3. \$10 + 3%	33	143	212	555	15,628	50,905
Forestation			52	77	4,934	16,358
Avoided deforestation			160	478	10,694	34,547
4. \$20 + 3%	65	286	363	819	28,582	79,559
Forestation			75	135	8,917	28,575
Avoided deforestation			288	684	19,665	50,985
5. \$100 + 0%	100	100	537	866	47,252	78,970
Forestation			83	56	13,587	17,245
Avoided deforestation			454	810	33,665	61,725
6. \$75 + \$5	275	275	664	1081	63,300	113,208
Forestation			192	146	25,675	38,422
Avoided deforestation			501	959	37,625	74,786

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Carbon price to virtually stop deforestation (i.e., C price > opportunity cost) varies across the tropics

- Carbon price to halt deforestation depends on opportunity cost of land and products
 - Timber products fetch higher prices than land or other products
 - Higher the timber revenue higher the carbon price required to slow or avoid deforestation
- Feasibility of stopping deforestation complicated by many barriers.

Region	Carbon price to virtually stop deforestation (\$/ t C)
Africa	\$ 39
Central America	\$ 127
South America	\$ 147
Rest of Asia (Asia without China and India)	\$ 281

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Transaction Costs Influence Supply of Traded Carbon

May be spread over many projects
Feasibility studies costs – engineering, economic, and environmental assessments

 GHG Baseline estimation and establishing additionality

Negotiations costs – obtaining permits, negotiating and enforcing contracts for fuel supply, arranging financing

 Marketing GHG credits, carbon contracting and enforcement

Insurance costs – project risk insurance

 GHG credit insurance (Difficult to get or too expensive today)

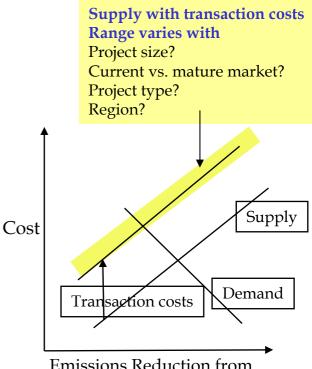
Regulatory approval costs (GHG)

Project search costs – Identification and stakeholder consultation

- Project validation and government review (May include both domestic and international validation costs)
- <u>Monitoring and verification costs (GHG)</u> During project implementation
 - Monitoring including equipment cost, verification and certification (Spread over many years of project life)
- Data Set 1: (26 projects)

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- The Nature Conservancy (Forestry) -- Bolivia, and Brazil
- Indian Institute of Science (Forestry), LBNL (Household woodstoves)
- Oregon Climate Trust (Forestry, energy efficiency, renewable energy)
- Natural Resources Canada (Forestry)
- Trexler and Associates (Methane, large power plants, energy efficiency, carbon capture)
- Data Set 2: (13 projects)
 - Ecofys (renewable energy)
 - Ecoenergy (bagasse cogeneration)
- <u>Data Set 3: (50 projects) –</u>
 - Swedish AIJ Programme (Energy efficiency and renewable energy)
- Data Set 4: (10 projects)
 - Global Environmental Facility (Transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy)



Emissions Reduction from Offsets Projects

Key Findings: Regression Analysis of Transaction Costs of Multiple Types of Offset Projects

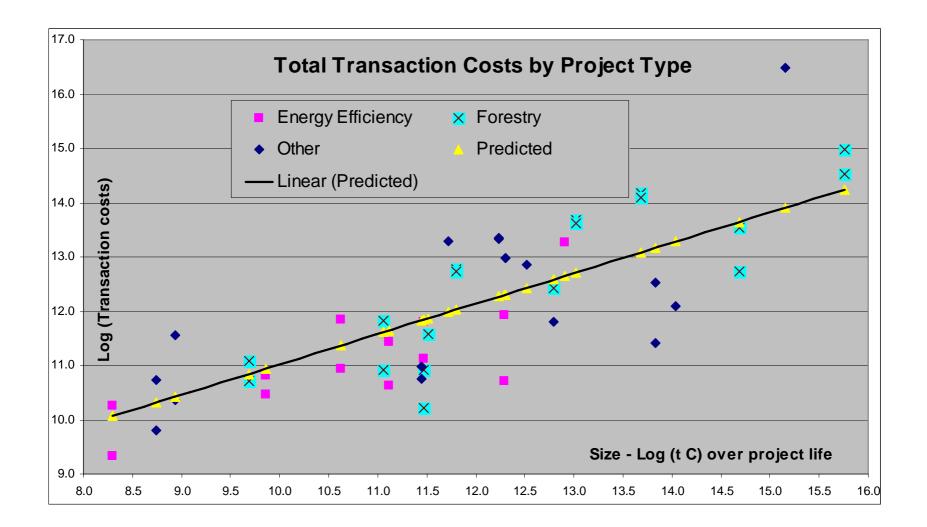
Dependent variable:	Log (Total Transaction Costs (USD))
	(Standard error in parenthesis)
Independent variables:	
t C (log)	0.56**
	(0.08)
Forestry	-1.04**
, ,	(0.40)
Energy Efficiency	-0.59
	(0.36)
	-0.34
Multiple objectives	(0.30)
	0.75*
S. America	(0.45)
	-0.24
Asia	(0.41)
	-0.49*
Mature	
	0.27
Constant	6.08**
	(1.00)
R2	0.69
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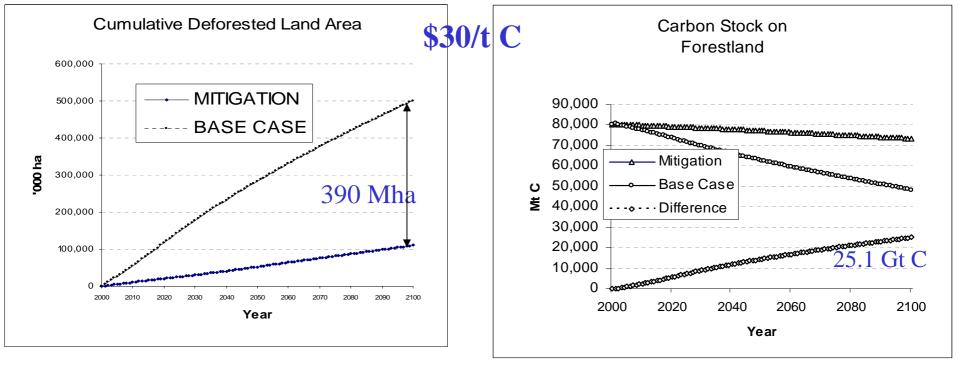
*Statistical significance at the 10% level **Statistical significance at the 5% level Statistical analysis to determine significant influence on costs of

- Project Size
- Multiple benefits
 - Technology demonstration, social development, other environmental benefits
- Forestry, energy efficiency dummies
- Regional dummies Asia and Latin America
- Mature vs. nascent markets

Transaction costs range from:

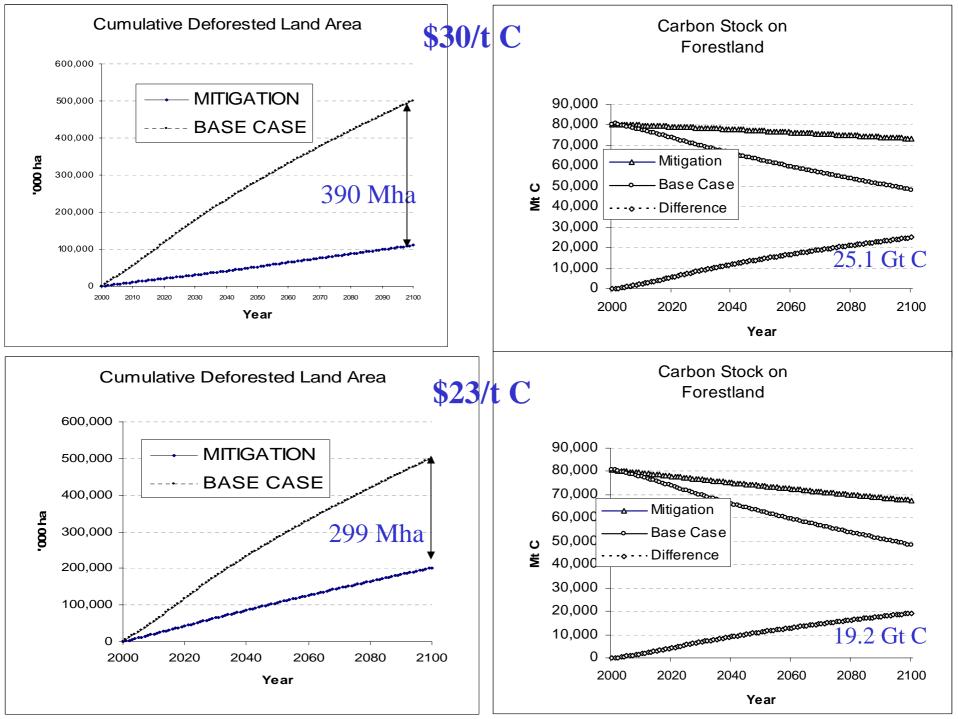
- \$0.11/t C for larger to \$15/t C for smaller projects
- Range from 1% to 19% of project costs for forestry projects





Africa

- 2000 deforestation rate: 0.80% per year
- Future deforestation rate:
 - Increases gradually to 1.29% by 2020 and then declines to 0.26% by 2100
- Carbon price: Constant \$30 per t C
- Theoretical carbon price to virtually halt deforestation: \$39 per t C



Alternative Reference Case Run: Africa Taking transaction costs into consideration

- Assuming a transaction cost of \$7 per t C
- Hence an effective carbon price of \$23 per t C
- Cumulative avoided deforestation:
 - Land area: 299.2 Mha
 - Carbon: 19.2 Gt C
- Net reduction in avoided deforestation due to transaction cost
 - Land area: 390.4 299.2 = 91.2Mha (23%)
 - Carbon: 25.1 19.2 Gt C = 5.9 Gt C (24%)

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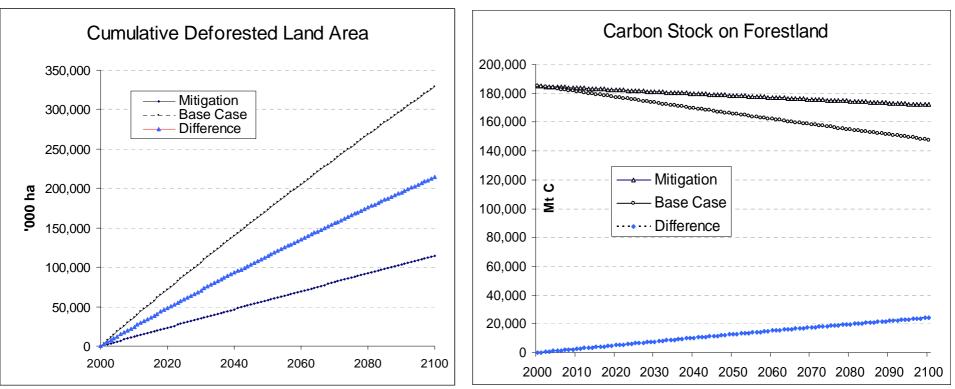
EMF 21 Case: South America Deforested Area and Forest Carbon Stock Constant carbon price: \$100/t C (2000-2100) Base year deforestation: 3.7 Mha

EMF-21 (2100):

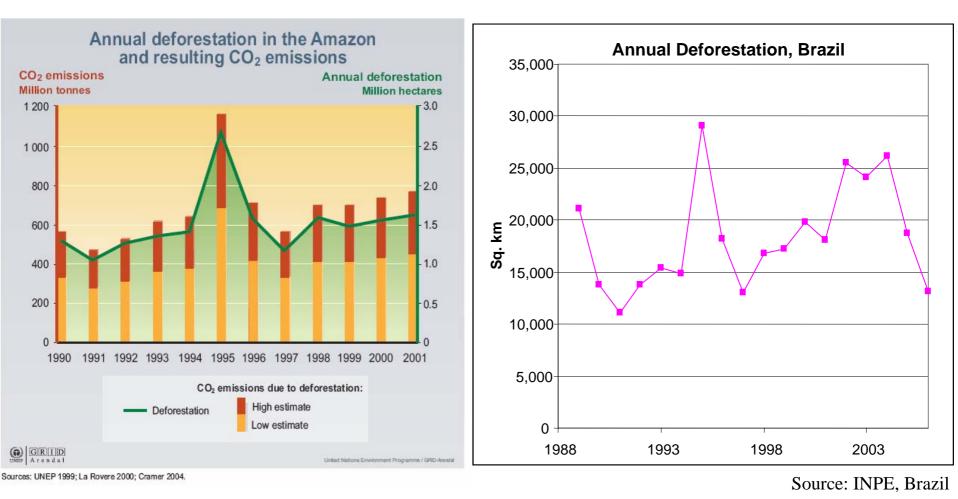
Reference case deforested area: 329 Mha Avoided deforested area: 215 Mha

EMF 21 (2100):

Reference case carbon stock: 148 Gt C Avoided carbon emissions: 24.3 Gt C

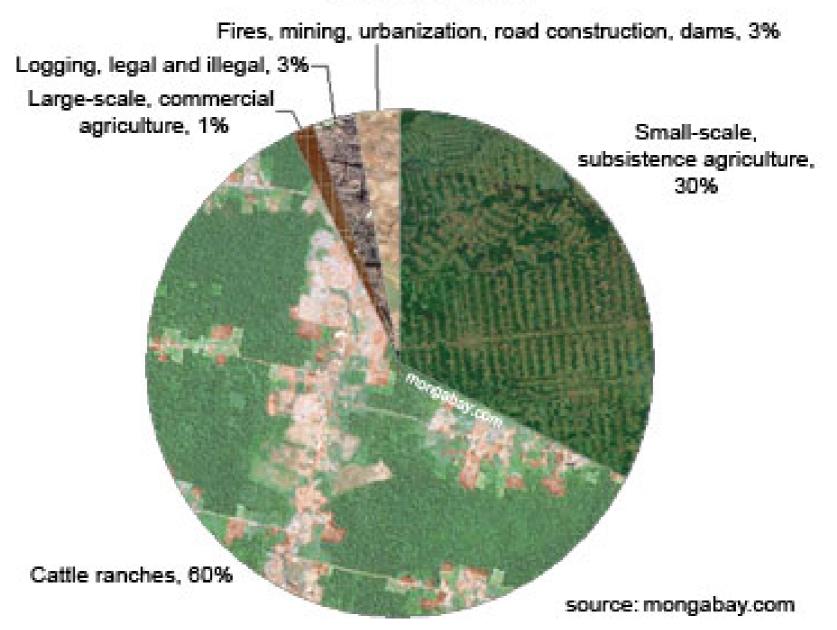


Brazil Annual Deforested Area



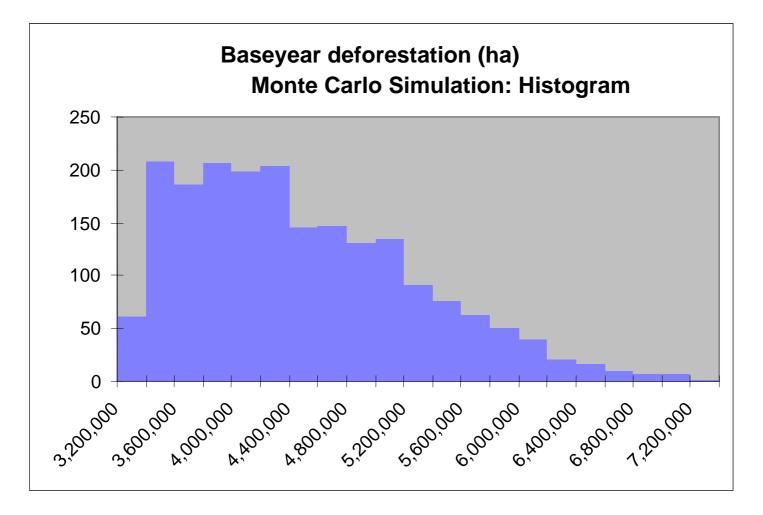
How to model sharp fluctuations in base year deforested area?

Causes of Deforestation in the Amazon, 2000-2005



Alternative Reference Case: South America Base Year Deforestation

Mean Area in Reference Case: 3.7 Mha



Alternative Reference Case: South America Deforested Area and Forest Carbon Stock

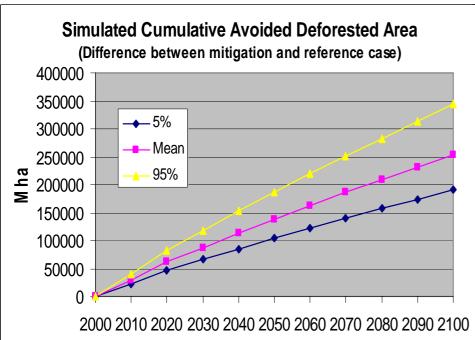
Constant carbon price: \$100/t C (2000-2100)

Base year deforestation: 3.1 - 7.0 Mha Range; Smoothed Triangular Distribution

Annual deforestation rate – Single rate changing over time

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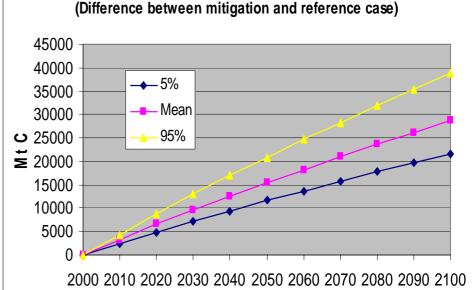
- Avoided deforested area -275 Mha (base case) Avoided deforested area range -153 Mha
- -- 5%: 191 Mha (-31%)
- -- Mean: 254 Mha,
- -- 95%: 344 Mha (+25%)



<u>2100:</u>

Cumulative carbon gain – 24.3 Gt C (base case) Cumulative carbon gain range – 17.3 Gt C

- -- 5%: 21.6 Gt C (-11%)
- -- Mean: 28.8 Gt C
- -- 95%: 38.9 Gt C (+60%)



Simulated Cumulative Carbon Gain

Alternative Reference Case: South America Deforested Area and Forest Carbon Stock

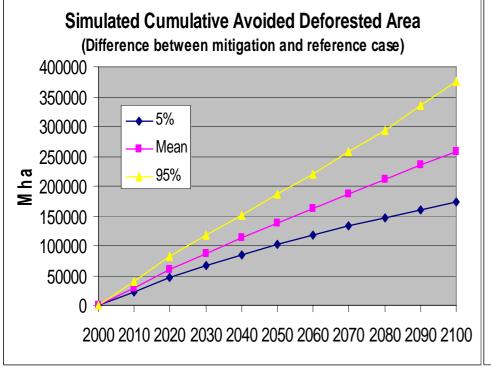
Constant carbon price: \$100/t C (2000-2100)

Base year deforestation: 3.7 Mha (3.1 – 7.0 Mha Range; Triangular Distribution Annual deforestation rate – SD increases from 100% to 400% by 2100

<u>2100:</u>

Avoided deforested area – 275 Mha Avoided deforested area range – 203 Mha (33%)

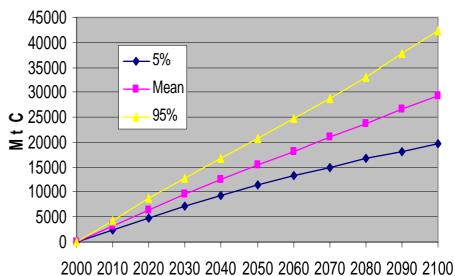
- -- 5%: 173 Mha;
- -- Mean: 259 Mha
- -- 95%: 376 Mha



<u>2100:</u>

Cumulative carbon gain – 24.3 Gt C Cumulative carbon gain range – 22.8 Gt C (26%) 5%: 19.6 Gt C; Mean: 29.3 Gt C; 95%: 42.4 Gt C

> Simulated Cumulative Carbon Gain (Difference between mitigation and reference case)



Alternative Reference Case: Global Implications Deforested Area and Forest Carbon Stock Constant carbon price: \$100/t C (2000-2100)

<u>2100: Four regions – South and Central America, Africa and Rest of Asia</u> Avoided deforested area – 866 Mha Avoided carbon emissions – 61.7 Gt C

If the above findings hold for the other three regions: Considering only baseyear deforested area probability distribution --Avoided deforested area range - 562-1013 Mha Avoided carbon emissions - 54.8 - 98.8 Gt C

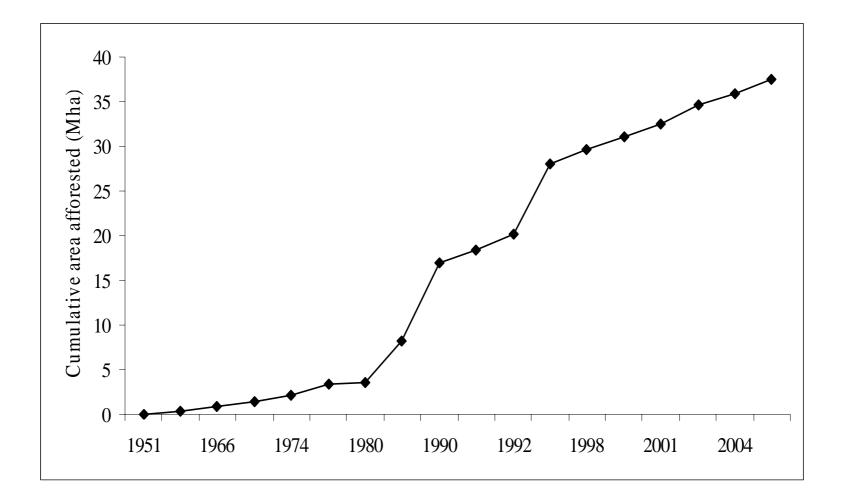
Considering baseyear deforested area and future deforestation rate probability distribution –

Avoided deforested area range – 510-1107 Mha Avoided carbon emissions – 49.8 – 107.6 Gt C

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Cumulative area afforested in India for the period 1951 to 2005



Wasteland categories, their features and technical potential area

Wasteland category	Features	Technical potential area ('000 ha)
Gullied and /or ravinous land (Shallow-<2.5m deep)	Extensive network of gullies formed	1,056
Gullied and /or ravinous land (Medium-<2.5-5m deep)	generally in deep alluvium and entering nearby river (along river courses), flowing much lower than surrounding	583
Gullied and / or ravinous land (Deep->5m deep)	table lands	375
Land with scrub	Occupies high topographic conditions – with little vegetation	16,222
Land without scrub	Occupies high topographic conditions – with no vegetation	3,858
Shifting and cultivation area (Abandoned)	Land as a result of cyclic felling of trees and burning of forest for growing crops. Results in extensive soil losses and land degradation; Abandoned – if no cultivation at present	1,181

Degraded Forest - Scrub Dominated	Degraded forest land with crown cover lost and dominated by scrub vegetation, with root stock or seed source present in some locations	12,249
Degraded pastures/ grazing land	Mainly in Rajasthan, Haryana etc. Results from continuous grazing coupled with drought and famine; loss of ground cover leading to low moisture storage	1,939
Degraded land under plantation crop	Degraded land, where plantation crop raised has been harvested and currently with no tree crown cover	215
Mining Wastelands	activity Lands deteriorated as a result of mining	
Industrial Wastelands	Lands deteriorated as a result of large-scale industrial effluent discharge	20
Total		37,858

India trends ('000 ha)

Year	Long-term fallow ¹	Current fallow	Net sown area	
1960-61	11,180	11,640	133,200	
1970-71	8,760	11,120	140,270	
1980-81	9,920	14,830	140,000	
1990-91	9,660	1,370	143,000	
1999-2000	10,110	1,480	141,230	

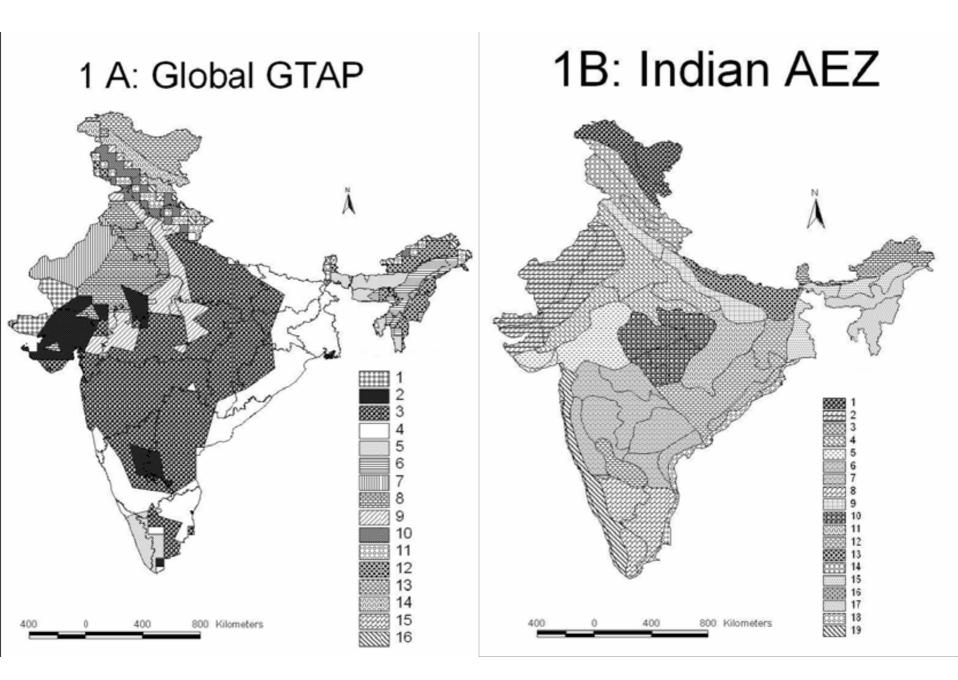
¹All fallow lands other than current fallow

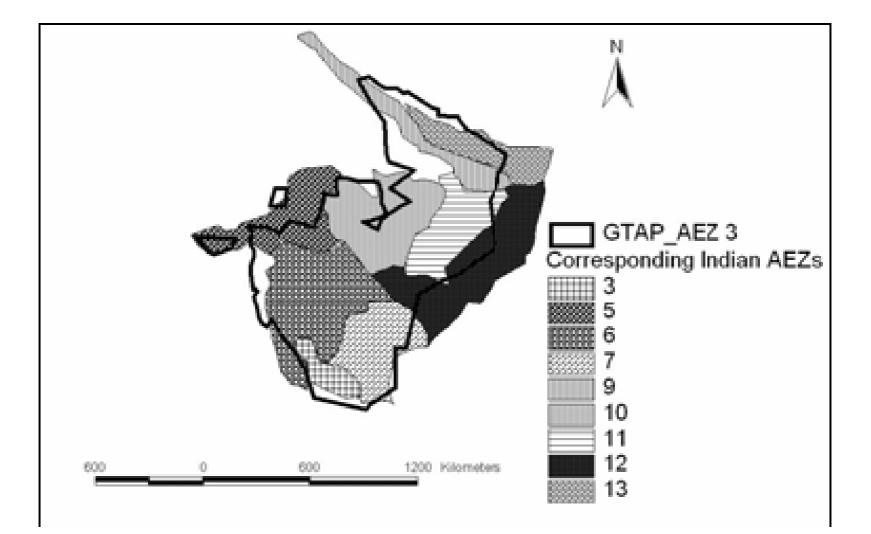
Agro-ecological Zone (AEZ)

- The AEZ categorization is based on the Length of the Growing Period (LGP) concept, which is derived from climate, soil and topography data with water balance model and knowledge of the crop requirements (Sehgal et al., 1992 and FAO/IIASA, 1993).
- LGP refers to the period during the year when both soil moisture and temperature are conducive to plant growth.
- India has categorized its geographic area into 20 AEZs.

Features of Indian AEZs

Zone No,	Indian AEZ zone	Features
1	Western Himalaya, cold arid eco-region	Cold arid climate, low AWC(60 to 90 days)
2	Western Plain Kutch and part of Kathiawar peninsula	Hot hyper arid climate, very low AWC (60 to 90 days)
3	Deccan Plateau, hot arid ecoregion	Hot arid climate, low to medium AWC (60 to 90 days)
4	Northern Plain and Central Highlands including aravalis	Hot semi-arid climate, medium AWC (90 to 120 days)
5	Central Highlands (Malwa), Gujarat Plain and Kathiawar Peninsula	Hot moist semi-arid climate, medium to high AWC (120 to 150 days)
6	Deccan Plateau, hot semi-arid ecoregion	Hot moist semi-arid climate, medium to high AWC (150 to 180 days)
7	Deccan Plateau (Telangana) and Eastern Ghats	Hot moist semi-arid climate, medium AWC (150 to 180 days)
8	Eastern Ghats and Tamilnadu uplands and Deccan (Karnataka) Plateau	Hot moist semi-arid climate, low AWC (120 to 150 days)
9	Northern Plain, hot sub-hurnid (dry) ecoregion	Hot dry sub humid climate, medium to high AWC (150 to 180 days)
10	Central highlands (Malwa and Bundelkhand)	Hot arid climate, low to medium AWC (60 to 90 days)
11	Eastern Plateau (Chattisgarh)	Hot moist climate, medium AWC (150 to 180 days)
12	Eastern Plateau (Chota Nagpur)	Hot moist sub humid climate, low to medium AWC (180 to 210 days)
13	Eastern Plain, hot sub-humid	Hot dry to moist sub humid climate, low to medium AWC (180 to 120 days)
14	Western Himalaya	Warm moist to dry sub humid climate, medium AWC (150 to 210 days)
15	Assam and Bengal Plain	Hot moist to dry sub humid climate, medium to high AWC (210 to 240 days)
16	Eastern Himalaya	Warm to hot perhumid climate, low to medium AWC (> 300 days)
17	Northeastern Hills (Purvanchal)	Warm to hot moist humid to perhumid climate, medium AWC (270 to 300 + days)
18	Eastern Coastal Plain	Hot moist semi-arid climate, high AWC (120 to 150 days)
19	Western Ghats and Coastal Plains	Hot moist sub-humid to humid transitional climate, low to medium AWC (210 to 270 days)





Socio-economic potential land for mitigation activities and allocation of land for SR, LR and NR according to GTAP and Indian AEZ land classifications

	Π	Technical	potential economic potential	Allocation of socio-economic potential to different options ('000 ha)		
	Zone	potential ('000 ha)		Short rotation	Long rotation	Natural regeneration
			WL scen	ario ¹		
	1,7,8	9,443	6,610	4,363	2,247	
	2	2,837	1,986	1,311	675	
	3	13,683	9,578	3,161	1,628	4,789
	4	5,045	3,532	1,166	600	1,766
	5,6	1,729	1,210	799	412	
	9	3,203	2,242	1,480	762	
	10 to 16	5,683	3,978	2,625	1,352	
GTAP	Total	41,623	29,136	14,905	7,676	6,555
0	WL+LF+MC scenario ²					
	1,7,8	41,703	11,839	7,814	4,025	
	2	15,276	3,308	2,183	1,125	
	3	101,193	21,121	6,970	3,591	10,560
	4	30,834	7,437	2,454	1,264	3,718
	5,6	13,981	2,367	1,563	805	
	9	10,361	3,279	2,164	1,115	
	10 to 16	16,277	4,366	2,881	1,484	
	Total	229,625	53,717	26,029	13,409	14,278

Socio-economic potential land for mitigation activities and allocation of land for SR, LR and NR according to GTAP and Indian AEZ land classifications (continued)

	WL scenario ¹					
	1&14	6,103	4,282	2,826	1,456	
	2	2,027	1,419	468	241	709
	3,6,7	3,723	2,606	1,341	691	574
	4,9,13	9,953	6,967	4,598	2,367	
	5	2,345	1,641	1,083	558	
	8&19	5,040	3,528	1,164	600	1,764
	10	1,989	1,392	919	473	
	11&12	4,807	3,365	1,110	572	1,682
	15,16,17	5,242	3,660	1,211	624	1,826
	18	394	276	184	94	
INDIAN	Total	41,623	29,136	14,905	7,676	6,555
AEZ			WL+LF+MC	scenario ²		
	1&14	21,326	5,072	3,348	1,725	
	2	22,837	5,359	1,841	1050	2,541
	3,6,7	32,821	7,256	2,588	1,234	3,489
	4,9,13	56,458	11,974	7,903	4,028	
	5	8,468	2,629	1,735	894	
	8&19	28,142	6,707	2,213	1,140	3,215
	10	11,605	3,225	2,129	1,096	
	11&12	22,253	5,588	1,844	950	2,655
	15,16,17	21,147	5,038	1,662	997	2,378
	18	4,568	869	766	295	
	Total	229,625	53,717	26,029	13,409	14,278

¹technical potential includes all wastelands suitable for A&R

²technical potential includes all wasteland area, all fallow land area (current as well as long-term fallow) and net cropped (Sown) area

Cumulative additional area ('000 ha) brought under A&R during 2005-2025, over the baseline scenario, under two C-price cases for GTAP and Indian AEZ land classifications

Land classification	Scenario	Cumulative additional area brought under A&R, 2000-25 ('000 ha)		
		US\$50 C-price	US\$100 C-price	
	WL scenario	1,964	3,662	
GTAP	WL+LF+MC scenario	3,209	6,425	
Indian	WL scenario	2,048	3,475	
AEZ	WL+LF+MC scenario	4,967	7,322	

Summary and Conclusions

- Transaction costs could significantly affect level of deforestation if carbon price is low
- The uncertainty in baseyear value can change carbon stock maintained by reducing deforestation by -11% to +60% if Brazil distributions hold globally
- India results:
 - Disaggregation approaches can result in widely varying estimates of carbon stock.
 - Taking climate impact into consideration reduces mitigation potential by almost 50%