



# Welcome to CIFOR

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# Why forests are important

- Forests provide \$250 billion in various forms of income and are essential to the **livelihoods** of 1.6 billion people – a quarter of the world's population
- They contain 80% of the Earth's terrestrial **biodiversity**
- Forests absorb up to a third of all **carbon** emissions

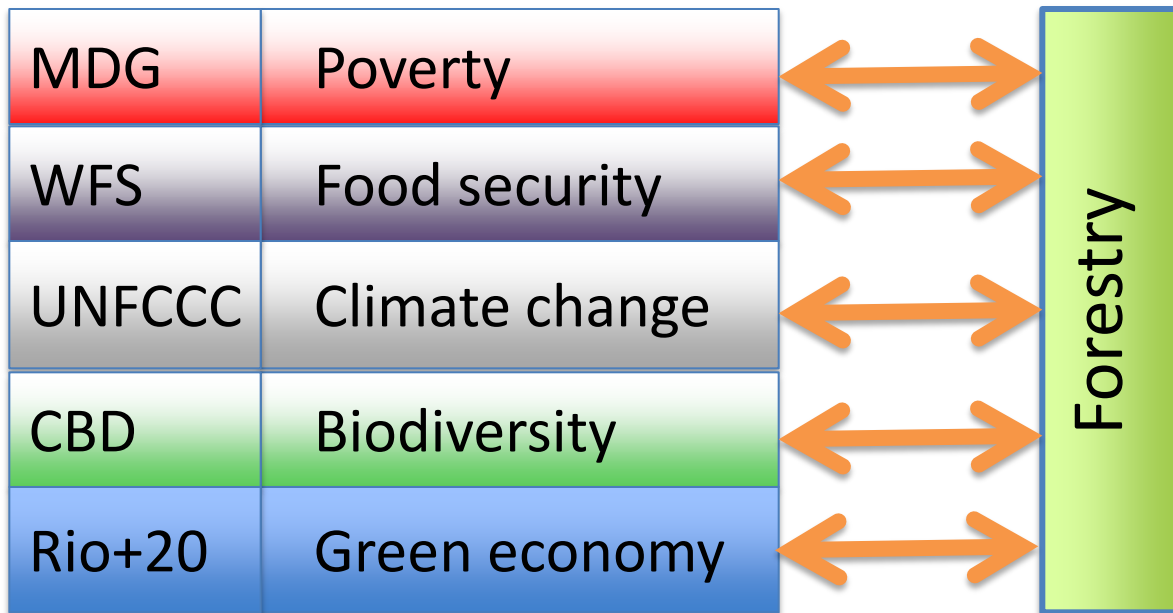


# CIFOR's purpose

- We advance human wellbeing, environmental conservation and equity by conducting research to inform policies and practices that affect forests in developing countries.

# (Re)defining forestry for the bigger picture

“Big 5”



- Political relevance
- Positive contributions
- Not only problems





# CIFOR's history

- Established in 1993 as part of the CGIAR
- Board's early guidance led to emphasis on policy-oriented, multi-disciplinary research
- Major lines of research have included:
  - Criteria and indicators
  - Underlying causes of deforestation
  - Decentralisation
  - Improved logging practices
  - Forests and livelihoods
  - Forest finance and governance
- Board approved a new strategy in 2008





# CGIAR

- CIFOR is one of 15 centers that make up the CGIAR Consortium
- CIFOR is the Lead Center for the CGIAR Research Programme on *Forests, Trees and Agroforestry* (CRP6), in partnership with the World Agroforestry Centre, Bioversity and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture



# Where we work: Tropical forests



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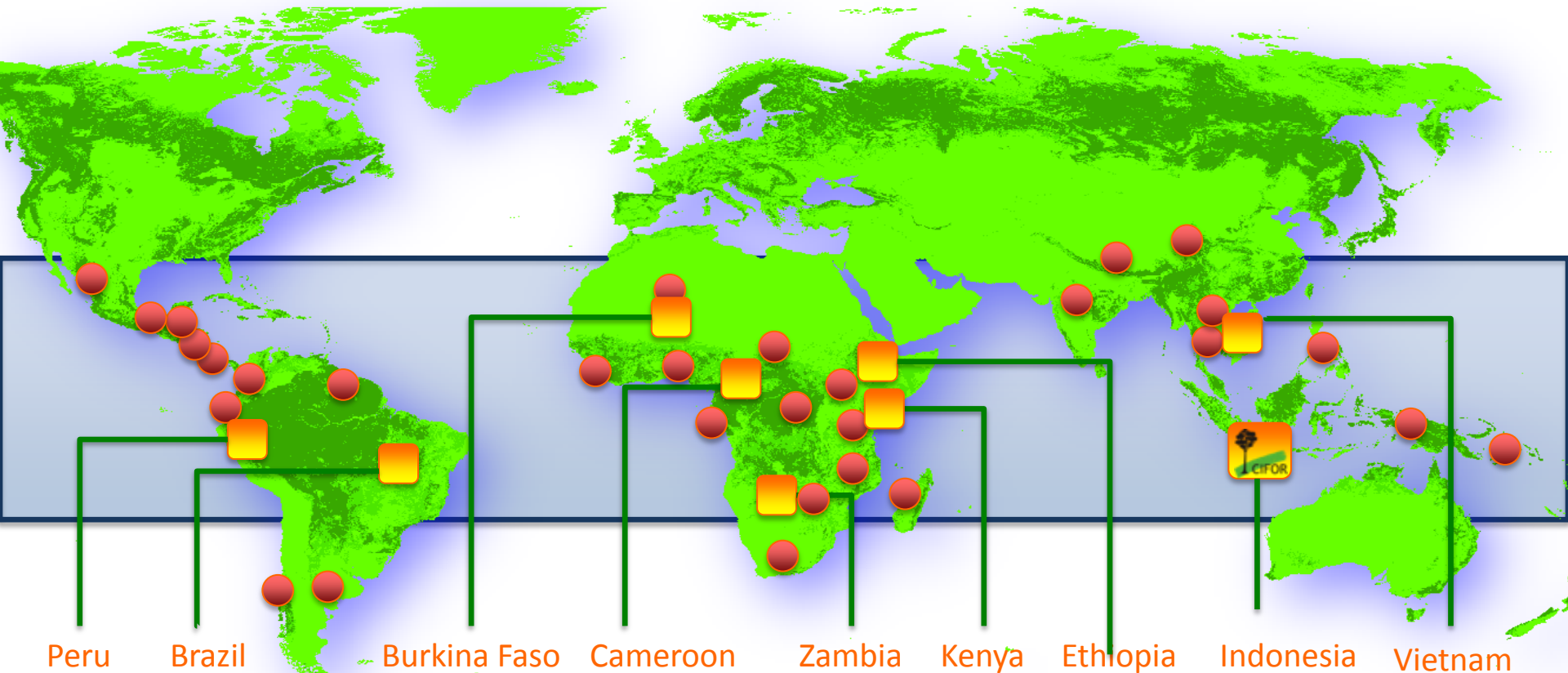


Dry forests

1.1 billion hectares  
Diverse, 50% terrestrial species  
Low population density  
Rural poor/marginalized groups

0.7 billion hectares  
Less diverse, high endemism  
Low /high population density  
Disproportionate number of poor

# Where we work



Headquarters: Bogor, Indonesia

8 regional & project offices

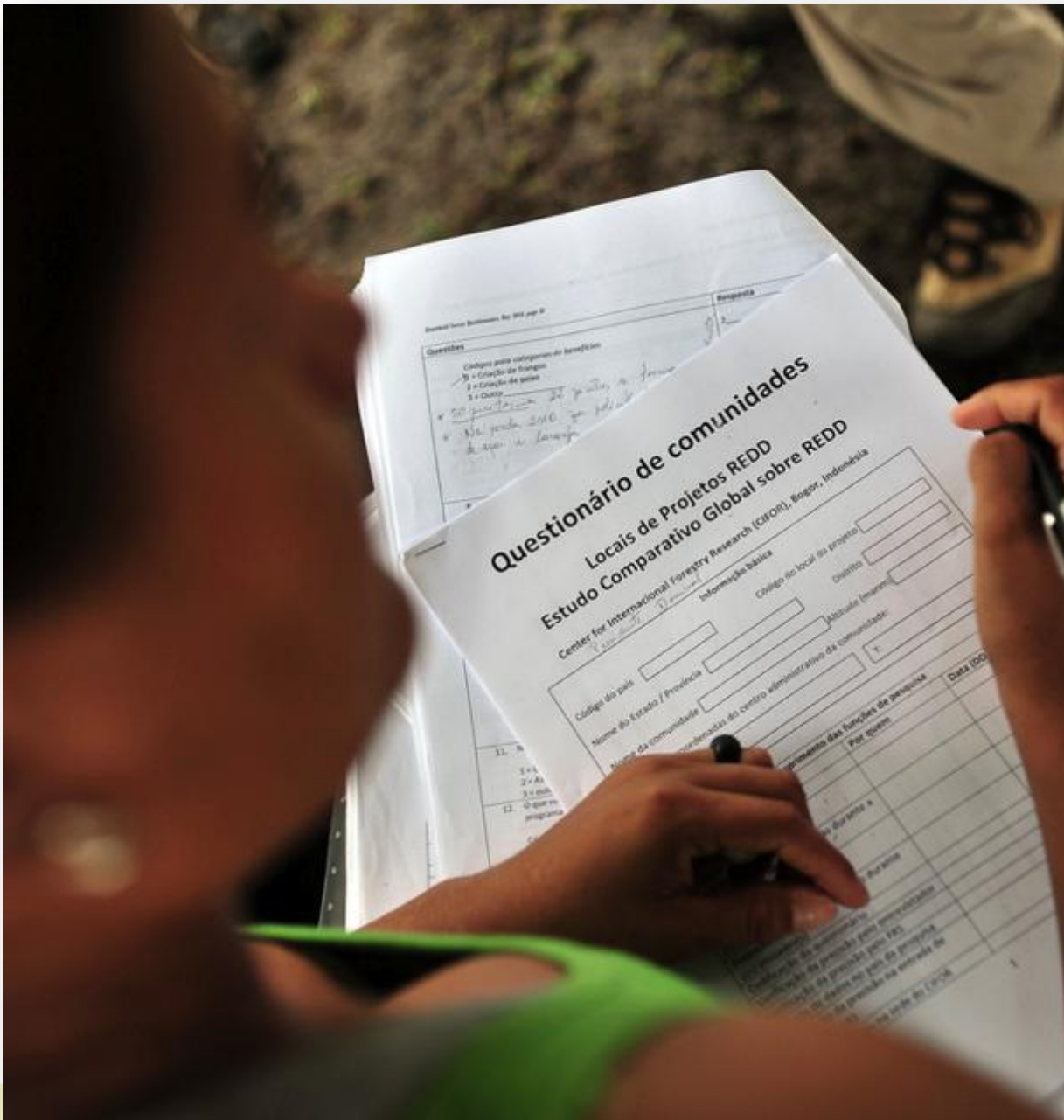
Research sites in more than 30 countries





# How we work: Approaches

- Global comparative research
- Synthesizing existing knowledge
- Developing new methods
- Partnership
- Capacity-building
- Outreach





# Human resources

- 250 staff representing 35 countries
- 85 consultants, 29 PhD students/interns
- Network of Associates





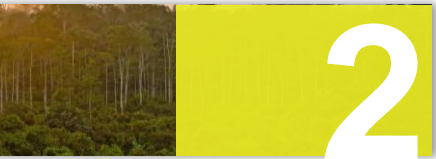
# Research Themes

- Smallholder production systems and markets
- Management and conservation of forest and tree resources
- Environmental services and landscape management
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Impacts of trade and investment on forests and people

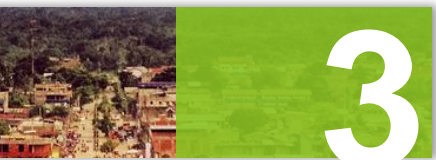
# The landscape as a framework



Landscapes are essential for future we want.



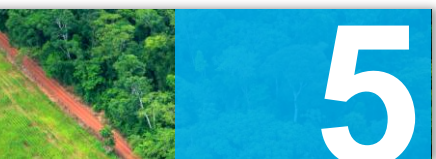
Fragmentation of sectors and political processes hinder us.



Landscapes approach creates synergies and manages trade-offs.

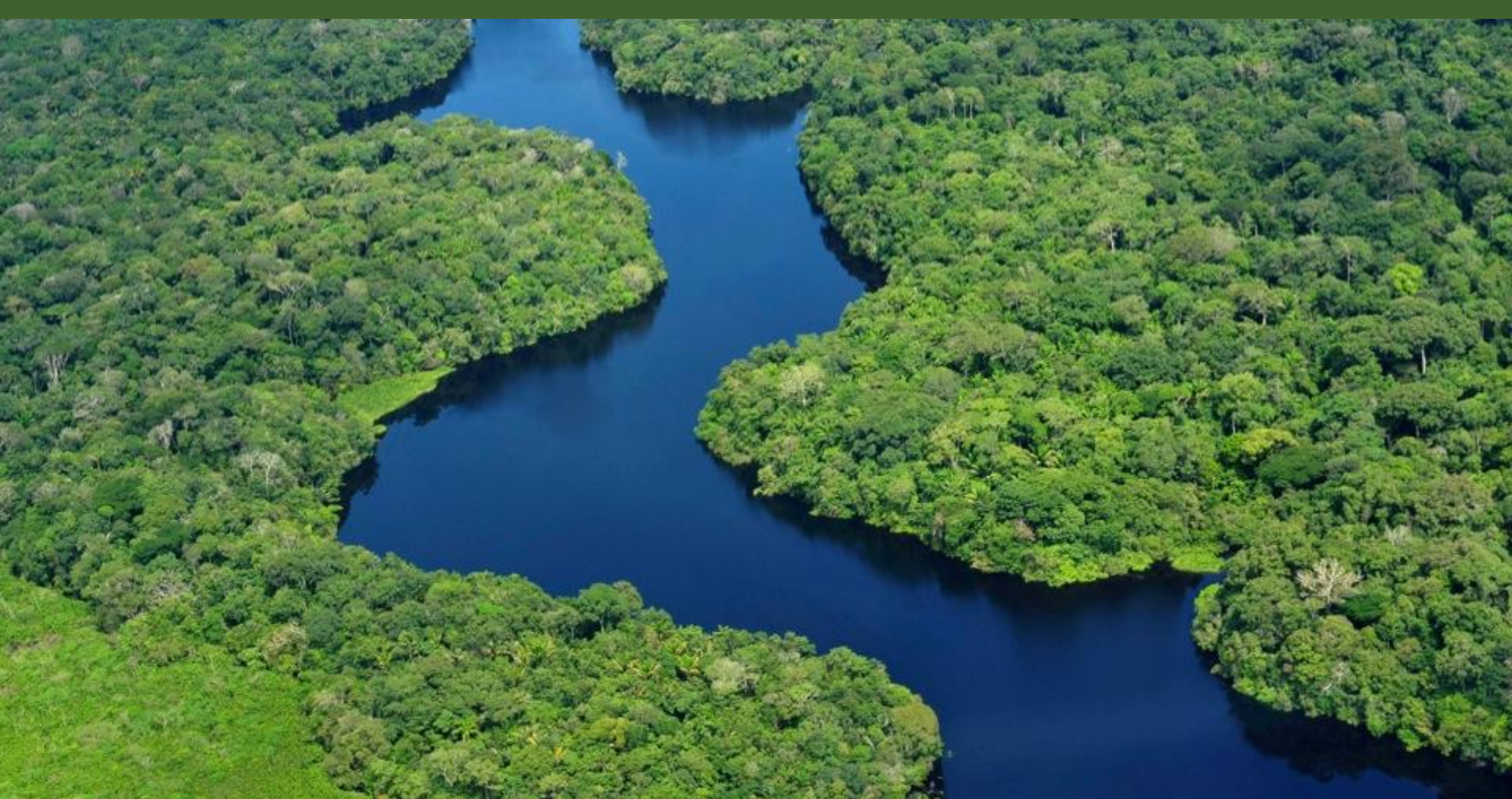


People on the ground are in charge.



Private finance is essential to the solutions.





# Impact pathways



## Engagement with policy-makers





## Engagement with practitioners

CIFOR hosted and contributed to about 30 workshops and conferences in 2011 that involved civil society and business representatives

- South-South exchange: Oil palm development and the challenges for sustainable and equitable growth and forest governance
- Norad civil society workshop
- Linking great ape conservation and poverty alleviation: Sharing experience from Africa and Asia



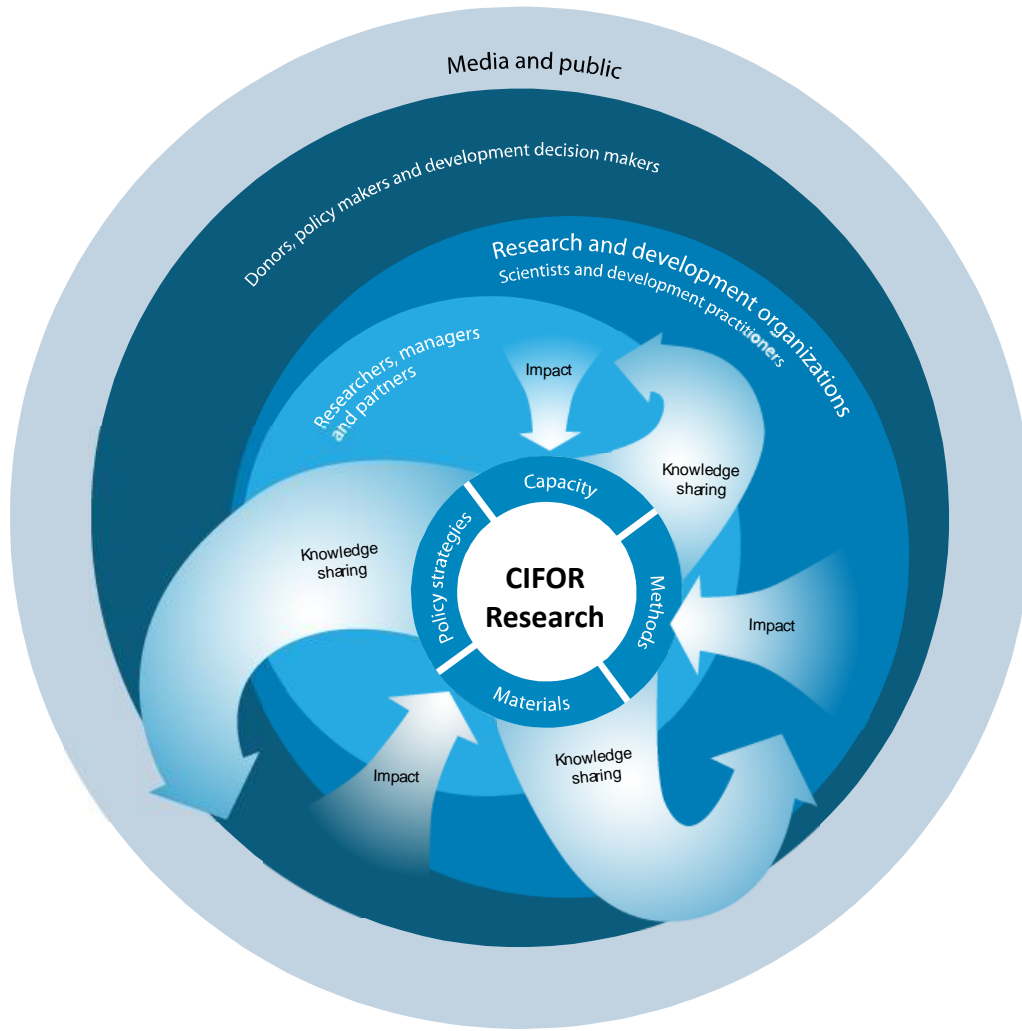
# Capacity building: Example from the DRC

- Survey in 2005 found less than 10 active researchers in DRC - a country that represent 60% of the Congo Basin's forests
- Project at the University of Kisangani: 35 MSc students trained; 13 PhDs ongoing
- Separate project in Congo Basin on climate change adaptation trained 40 MSc students





# Communications



CIFOR's communications model

- Web-based
- Combines with traditional outreach
- Demand driven
- Tailored to stakeholders
- Shared platforms and content with partners
- Constant monitoring, review, adaptation

# Global Landscapes Forum

*Warsaw, 16-17 November 2013 – at COP19*

- **A Landscapes Approach to inform:**
  - Climate Change agreements and actions
  - Sustainable Development Goals
- **Agriculture & Forestry together - 2200 participants over 2 days**
- **4 themes:**
  - Investment
  - Governance
  - Climate change adaptation & mitigation
  - Food and nutrition







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