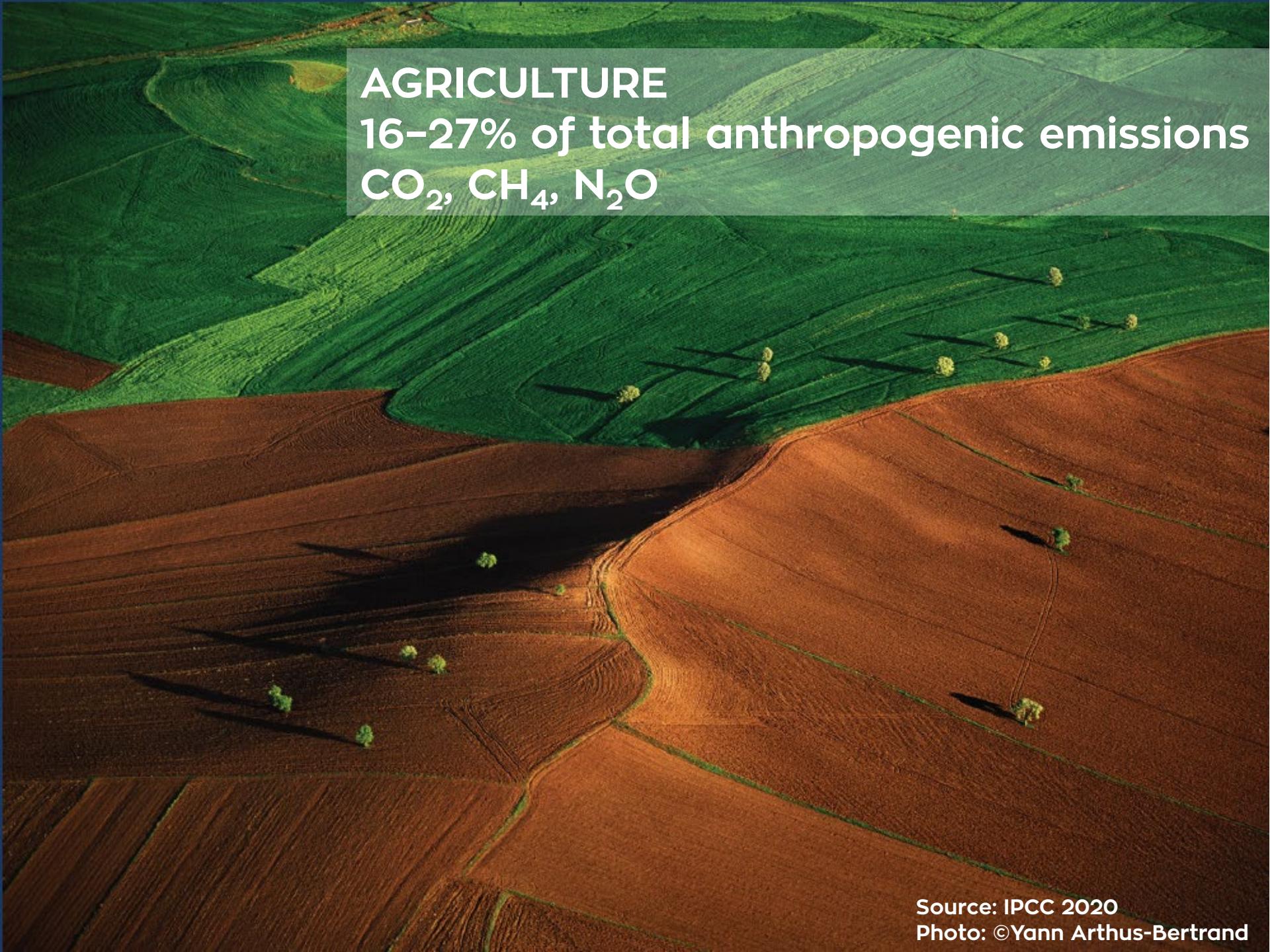


# Regreening landscapes for climate adaptation

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An aerial photograph showing a patchwork of agricultural fields. Some fields are a vibrant green, while others are a rich, reddish-brown. The fields are separated by thin white lines, likely roads or boundaries. Scattered throughout the landscape are several small, isolated trees, their green canopies contrasting with the earthy tones of the fields.

**AGRICULTURE**

**16–27% of total anthropogenic emissions**

**CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O**

Source: IPCC 2020

Photo: ©Yann Arthus-Bertrand



Currently accounting for ca. 70% of global fresh-water use

Source: IPCC 2020

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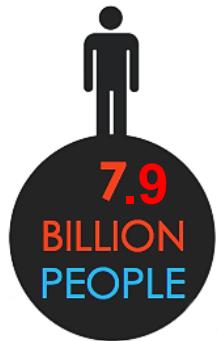
Roughly 2 billion people (26.7% of the world population) derive their livelihoods from agriculture



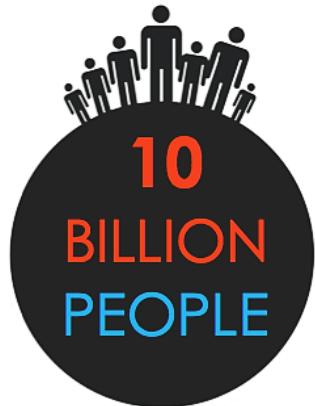
# A hungry world



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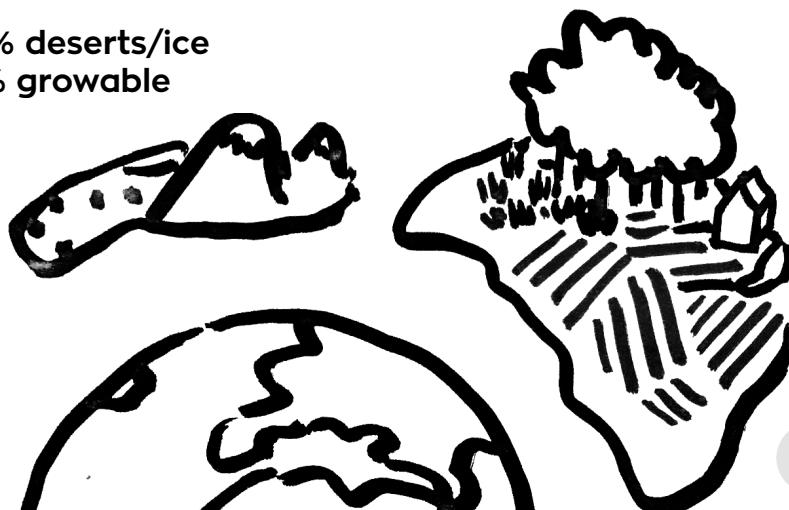
**Earth surface**  
71% ocean  
29% land



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**Land surface**

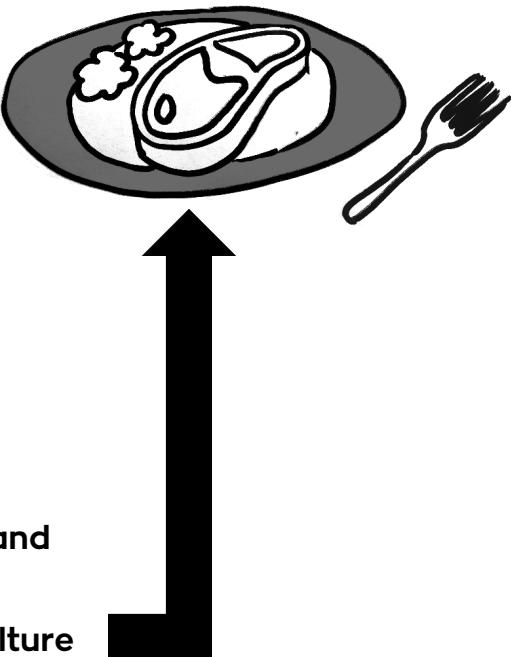
29% deserts/ice  
71% growable



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**Growable land surface**

50% agriculture  
48% forested landscapes  
1% urban  
1% fresh water

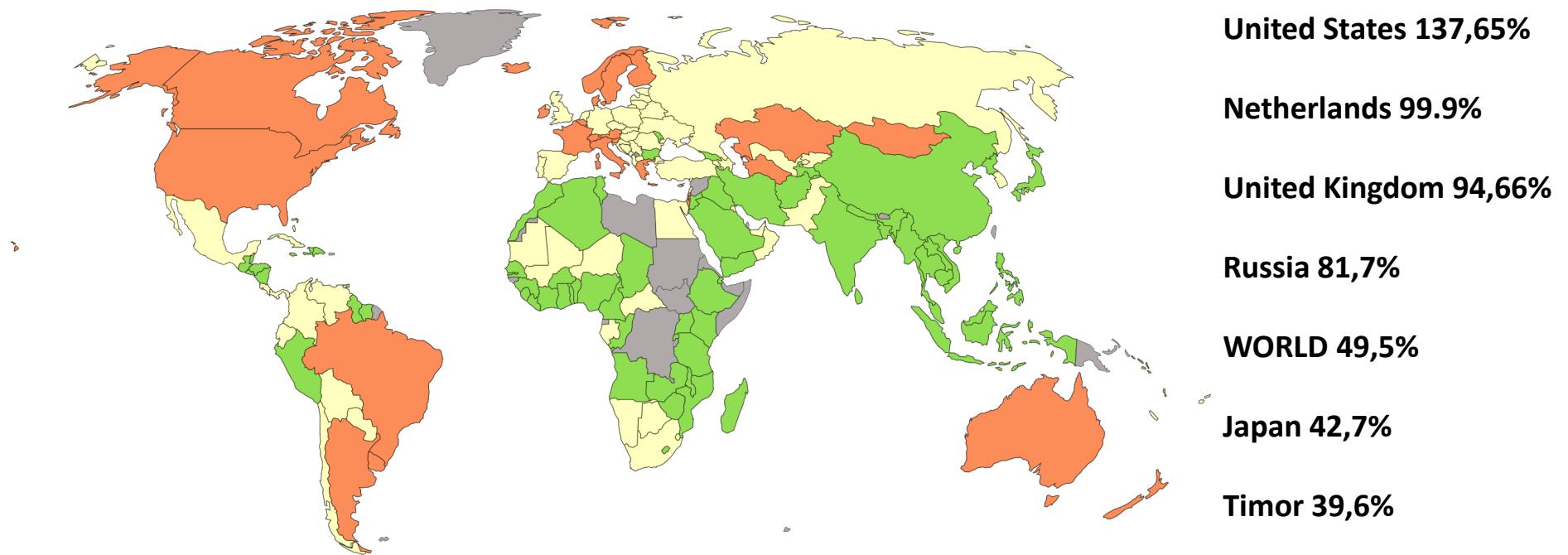




Author: Peter Menzel

# What the World Eats





No data

Less than currently used

Greater than currently used

Not possible with global land

Source: HALF Index (Land Use) - Alexander et al. (2016)

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# What is the option?

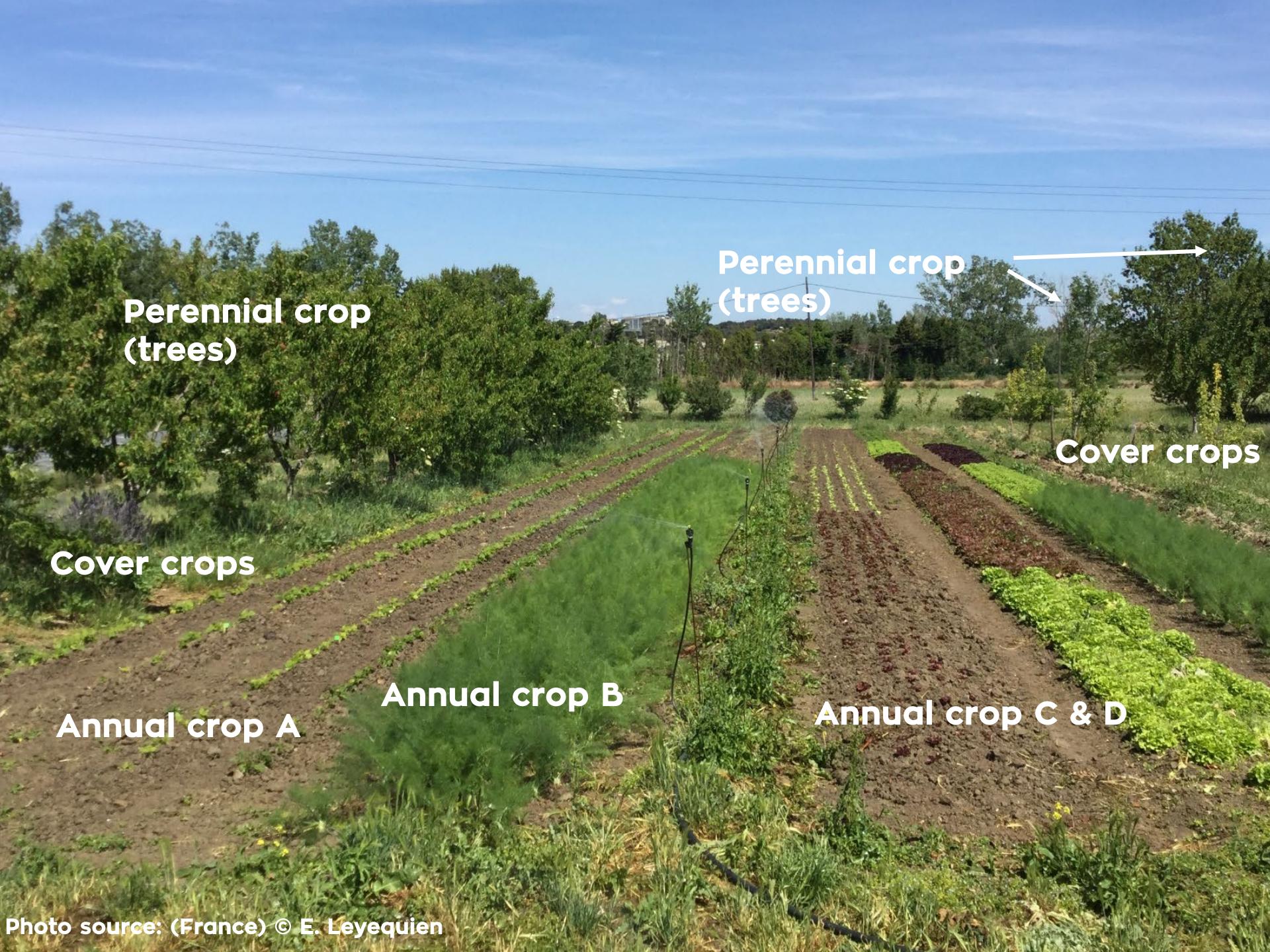


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Author: Jérôme Bosch, Jardin des délices.





Perennial crop  
(trees)

Perennial crop  
(trees)

Cover crops

Cover crops

Annual crop A

Annual crop B

Annual crop C & D

Response options based on land management		Mitigation	Adaptation	Desertification	Land Degradation	Food Security	Cost
Agriculture	Increased food productivity	L	M	L	M	H	—
	Agro-forestry	M	M	M	M	L	●
	Improved cropland management	M	L	L	L	L	●●
	Improved livestock management	M	L	L	L	L	●●●
	Agricultural diversification	L	L	L	M	L	●
	Improved grazing land management	M	L	L	L	L	—
	Integrated water management	L	L	L	L	L	●●
	Reduced grassland conversion to cropland	L	—	L	L	L	●

### Key for criteria used to define magnitude of impact of each integrated response option

	Mitigation Gt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq yr <sup>-1</sup>	Adaptation Million people	Desertification Million km <sup>2</sup>	Land Degradation Million km <sup>2</sup>	Food Security Million people
Positive ↑	Large	More than 3	Positive for more than 25	Positive for more than 3	Positive for more than 100
	Moderate	0.3 to 3	1 to 25	0.5 to 3	1 to 100
	Small	Less than 0.3	Less than 1	Less than 0.5	Less than 1
Negative ↓	Negligible	No effect	No effect	No effect	No effect
	Small	Less than -0.3	Less than 1	Less than 0.5	Less than 1
	Moderate	-0.3 to -3	1 to 25	0.5 to 3	1 to 100
	Large	More than -3	Negative for more than 25	Negative for more than 3	Negative for more than 100



Variable: Can be positive or negative



no data



na not applicable

### Confidence level

Indicates confidence in the estimate of magnitude category.

H High confidence

M Medium confidence

L Low confidence

### Cost range

See technical caption for cost ranges in US\$ tCO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>-1</sup> or US\$ ha<sup>-1</sup>.

●●● High cost

●● Medium cost

● Low cost

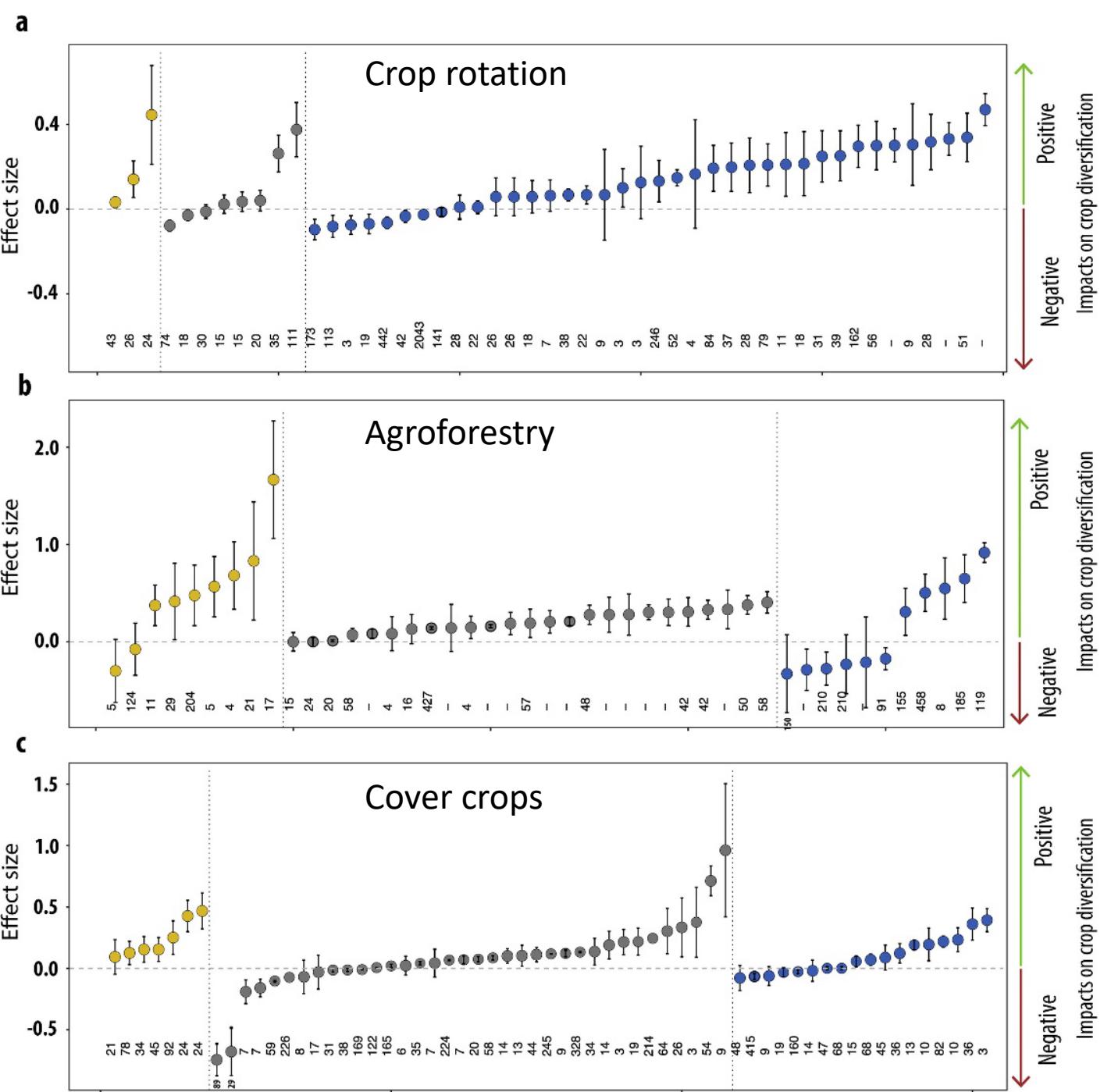
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**Mixed timber**

**Wheat**



- Biodiversity (yellow)
- Soil quality (grey)
- Productivity levels (blue).



Beillouin, D. et al. 2019. A dataset of meta-analyses on crop diversification at the global scale. Data in brief.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2019.103898>

## Walnut trees





**Deadly floods, caused by historic rainfall, struck Germany  
(Erftstadt-Blessem) in July 2021.**



**Food Forest Ketelbroek in the Netherlands remains green even during drought**