



NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO FOOD SECURITY

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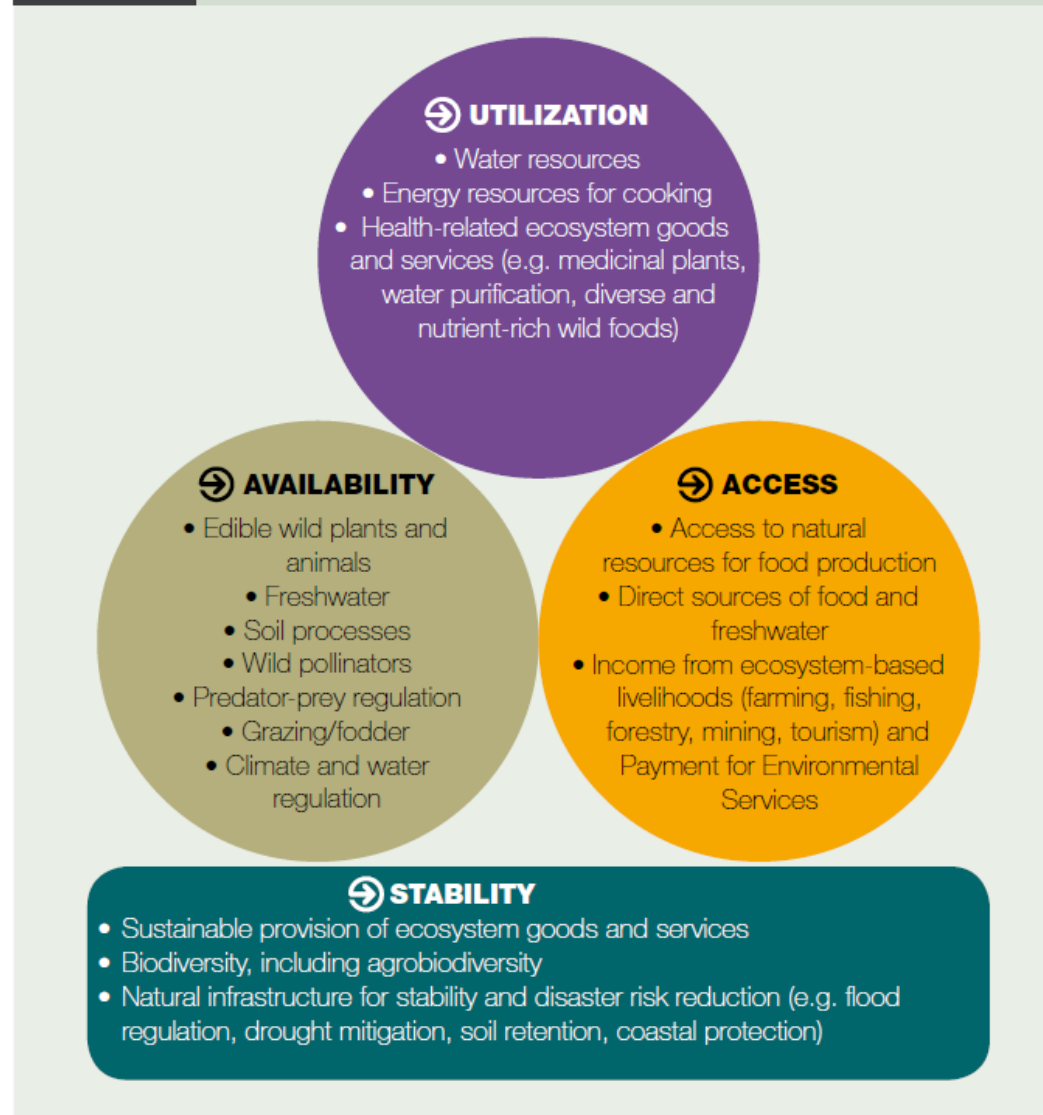


FORESTS AS A COMPLEMENT TO OTHER INTERVENTIONS



Food and nutrition security require multiple strategies and forests will only ever be part of the picture.

FIGURE 1 ECOSYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUR DIMENSIONS OF FOOD SECURITY





INSTITUTIONAL AND THEMATIC SILOS ACT AS A POWERFUL OBSTACLE

Climate change will undermine the resilience of hundreds of millions of rural livelihoods but global responses tend to concentrate on individual aspects only:



Avoid deforestation



Breed better, more resistant plants



Conserve and better manage soil & water





WHAT ARE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS?

Actions to protect, manage and restore natural or modified ecosystems, which address societal challenges, effectively and adaptively, providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.



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Enhancing food security through traditional agroforestry in the dry forests of Guatemala:

Kuxur Rum



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Before



Gliricidea sepium and *Zea mays*

Results of *Kuxur Rum* after 5 years

- Increased grains yields
50% more maize and 30% more beans
- The percentage of moisture retention increased
Crops resistance to at least 20 days of drought
- Less erosion/soil organic matter and nutrients improved
Farmers reduced the use of chemical fertilizers and herbicides by 50%

Restored forest lands & smallholder food security – Burkina Faso



(Case study by CIFOR)



BEFORE

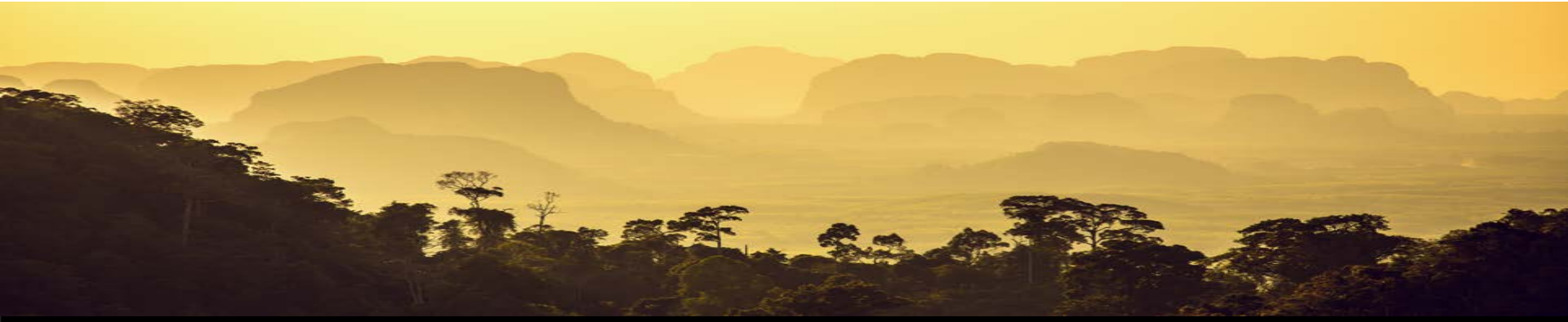
AFTER





CONCLUSIONS

- *Restoration of farm land can increase yields and diversify crops
- *Focusing on local solutions to climate uncertainty can help farmers to adapt
- *Forest landscape restoration as a nature-based solution which contributes to food security

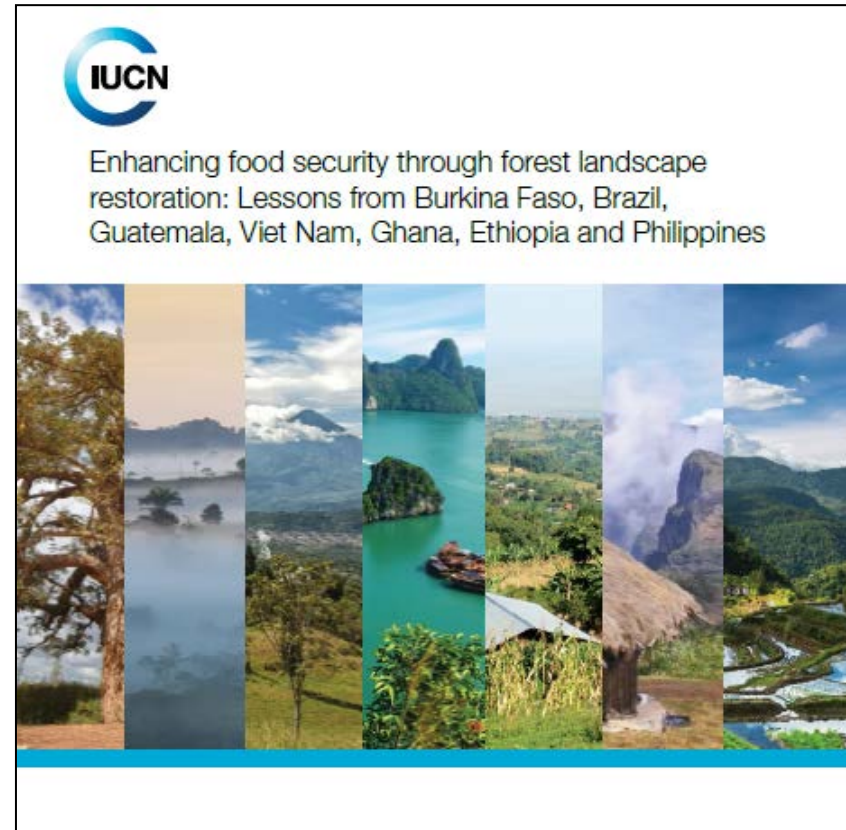


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