

Chapter 11

Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use - AFOLU -

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AFOLU in the IPCC ARs

IPCC SAR (IPCC WGIII, 1996)

Agricultural and forestry mitigation were dealt with in separate chapters

IPCC TAR (IPCC WGIII, 2001)

No separate sectoral chapters on either agriculture or forestry.

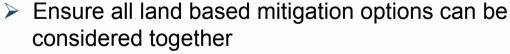
IPCC AR4 (IPCC WGIII, 2007)

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IPCC AR5

First time - the terrestrial land surface, comprising agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU), is considered together in a single chapter.





- Minimise the risk of double counting or inconsistent treatment (e.g. different assumptions about available land)
- Consider systemic feedbacks between mitigation options related to the land surface

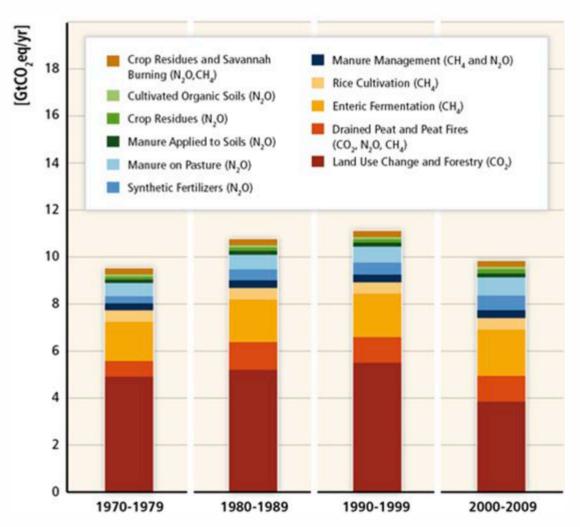








AFOLU emissions for the last four decades



Current trends

- Cropland area
- Irrigated crop area
- World grain harvest
- Use of fertilizers
- Livestock
- ↑ Demand of fish
- Deforestation

Just under 25% of anthropogenic GHG emissions (~9–12 GtCO₂eq/yr)





AFOLU mitigation options

SUPPLY SIDE

Livestock mgmt. Cropland mgmt. Int. systems Forestry

... and bioenergy (annex)



DEMAND SIDE

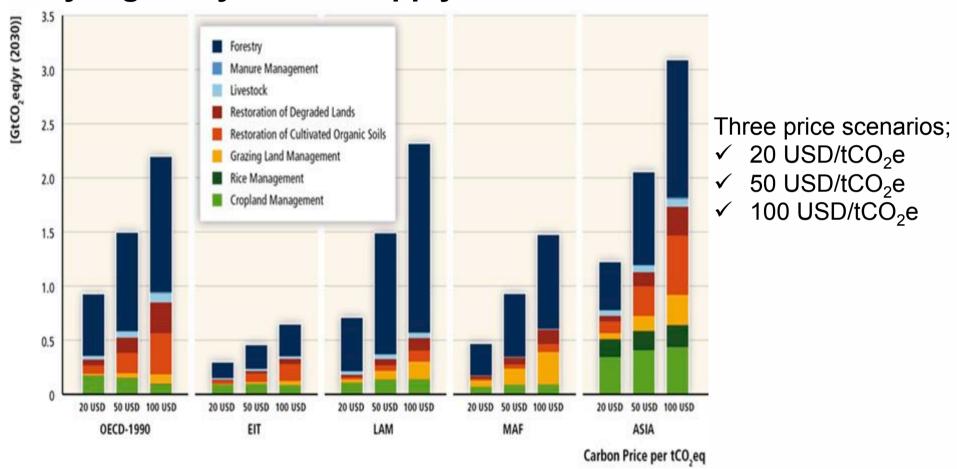


Dietary change Improvement in the food chain Use of wood products





Economic mitigation potentials in the AFOLU sector by region by 2030 – Supply side.



Supply side: economic mitigation 7.18 - 10.6 GtCO₂e/yr at carbon prices up to 100 USD/tCO₂e. About a third can be achieved at <20 USD/tCO₂e

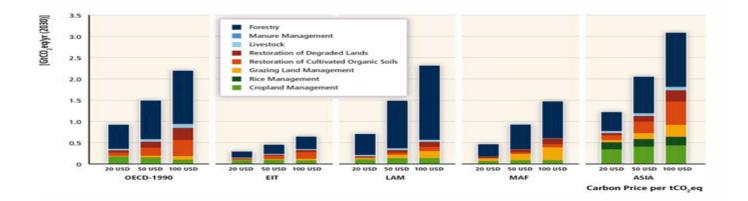




Global potential from demand side

[GtCO₂eq/yr] Technical **Potentials** 12

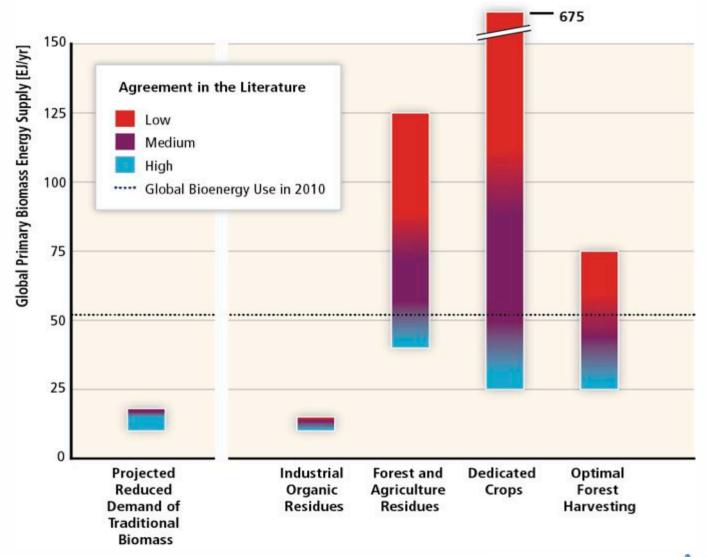
Economic mitigation potentials in the AFOLU sector by region by 2030 - Supply side.



9 6 3 Stehfest et al. (2009) - Low [Waste Reduction Only] Stehfest et al. (2009) - High [No Animal Products] Smith et al. (2013) - Feed Improvement Smith et al. (2013) - Diet and All Measures

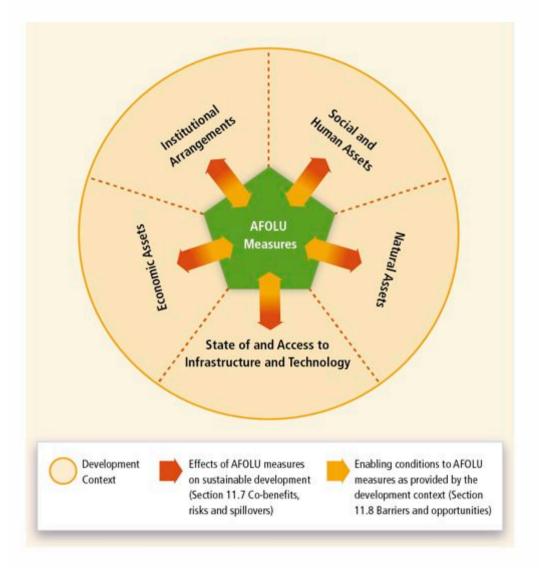
Demand-Side Measures -

Bioenergy: Global Technical Bioenergy Potential for 2050





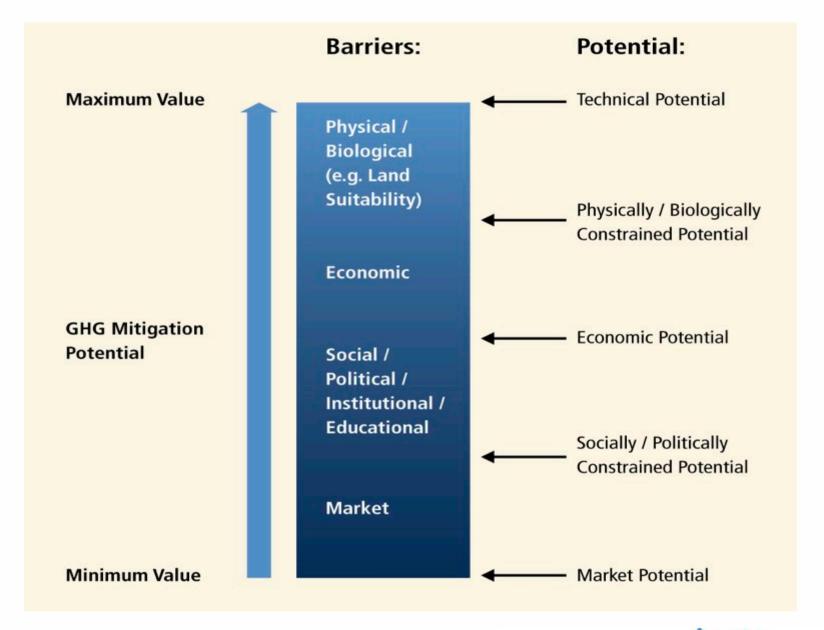
AFOLU and sustainable development













Summary

- Around 25% of the yearly GHG emissions come from the AFOLU sector (ca. 9 – 12 GtCO₂e/yr)
- The economic mitigation potential of supply-side options shows that at carbon prices up to 100 USD/tCO₂e ca 80% of the emissions from the sector can be reduced/offset by 2030.
- When assessing overall potential one needs to include trade-offs and feedbacks with land-use competition
- Impacts on sustainable development are case- and site specific and they depend on scale, scope, and pace of implementation.
- AFOLU mitigation options can impact adaptation capacity of social and ecological systems.
- Good governance is central for reducing most mitigation barriers in this sector







Land based mitigation: real potential or alibi?

Thank you!



