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Thematic Assessment on Land Degradation & Restoration





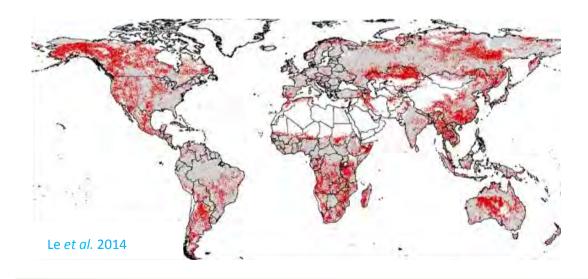






Definitions

- Degraded land State that results from the persistent decline or loss of biodiversity/NCP that cannot fully recover unaided within decades. Major driver of poverty, migrations.
- Restoration Intentional activities towards recovery of ecosystems from a degraded state.



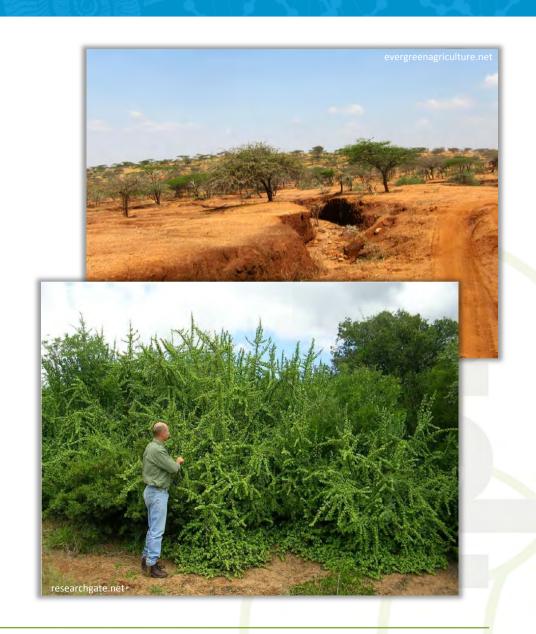
Purpose

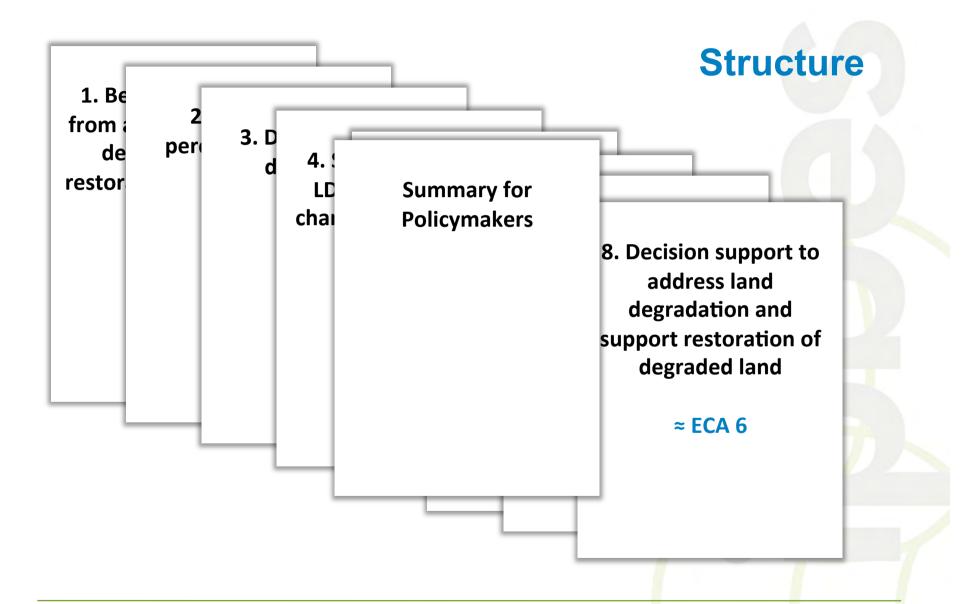
- Identify and synthesize key information on land degradation (→ awareness)
- Identify and synthesize key information on restoration
 (→ solutions)
- Identify gaps
- → Assessment Report



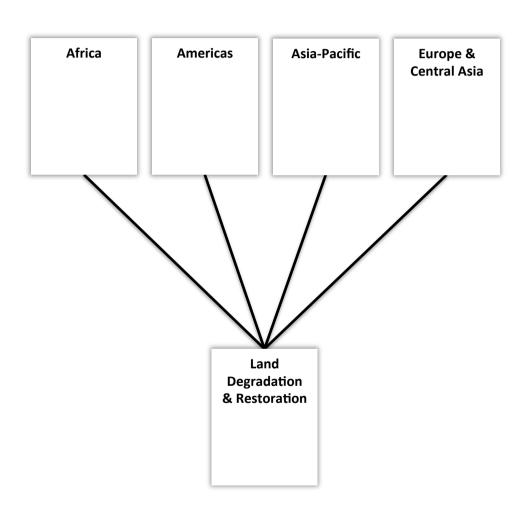
Background

- Uses existing knowledge and literature
- Draws from diverse knowledge systems
- Global; terrestrial
- Domains:
 - Croplands
 - Forested lands
 - Rangelands
 - Wetlands
- IPBES-2: scoping approved
- IPBES-3: undertaking approved





Treatment of LDR in regional assessments



- Definitions approved by IPBES Plenary (as per scoping report)
- Regional assessments to address LDR, substantially; in tandem
- Indicators of state of degradation/restoration; quality of life → exchange encouraged

Context















Convention on Biological Diversity



LDRA Team

- Co-chairs: Bob Scholes and Luca Montanarella
- 17 CLAs; 60 LAs (half liaison experts); 7 fellows; 16 review editors; contributing authors
- TSU: Anastasia Brainach







IPBES-6 Timeline March 2018 LDR author meeting July 2017 **External review** May-June 2017 Joint author meeting SPM workshop Aug 2016 Feb 2017 **External review** LDR author meeting June-July 2016 Sept 2015 **IPBES-3** Jan 2015 The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services www.ipbes.net

Review

- 1st external review
 - 2200 individual comments
 - Missed publications
 - Overlap between chapters
- What's needed
 - Recent relevant publications missed
 - Suggestions for graphics to relay complex concepts
 - Stronger focus on policy-related chapters
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