



# Cocoa & Forests Initiative



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LAUNCH OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT FRAMEWORK OF ACTION OF THE COCOA AND FORESTS INITIATIVE

Report Launch of the activities of the Joint Framework of Action of the Cocoa and Forests Initiative in Côte d'Ivoire



# Launching of the joint framework of action of the cocoa and forests initiative

The [Joint Framework for Action](#) signed by the Minister of Water&Forests and the chocolate industry along with the World Cocoa Foundation portrays the perspective of the industry and the Côte d'Ivoire government in terms of principles, commitments and actions to be taken to preserve forests and combat deforestation in cocoa-producing areas.

A workshop was held on 16-17 January in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to launch the activities and process for the operationalization of the Joint Framework for Action.

The overall objective of the meeting was to launch and prepare a detailed action plan for the implementation of the Joint Framework for Action of the Cocoa and Forests Initiative. The specific objectives of the workshop were as follows :

- Present the policy statement for the preservation and rehabilitation of forests in Côte d'Ivoire;
- Introduce the signed Joint Framework for Action and the commitments made by the signatory parties ;
- Outline the main action and timelines guiding the detailed action plan





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## Day 1 – Technical sessions

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# Agenda

## DAY 1: Wednesday, January 17, 2018: Technical Sessions

<b>08h30-9h00</b>	Arrival of participants
<b>09h00-09h30</b>	Presentation of the Joint Framework for Action and the Forestry Policy
<b>09h30-10h00</b>	Explanation of the objectives of the brainstorming sessions
<b>10h00-10h30</b>	Q&A and exchange
<b>10h30-10h45</b>	Coffee break
<b>10h45-12h30</b>	Brainstorm sessions
<b>12h30-14h00</b>	Lunch
<b>14h00-14h45</b>	Continuation and finalization (preparation of the presentation at plenary)
<b>14h45-15h30</b>	Feedback from the brainstorm sessions in plenary session
<b>15h30</b>	Wrap up





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## MINISTRY OF WATER AND FORESTS



# PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF FORESTRY IN COTE D'IVOIRE

# OUTLINE

**I. CONTEXT**

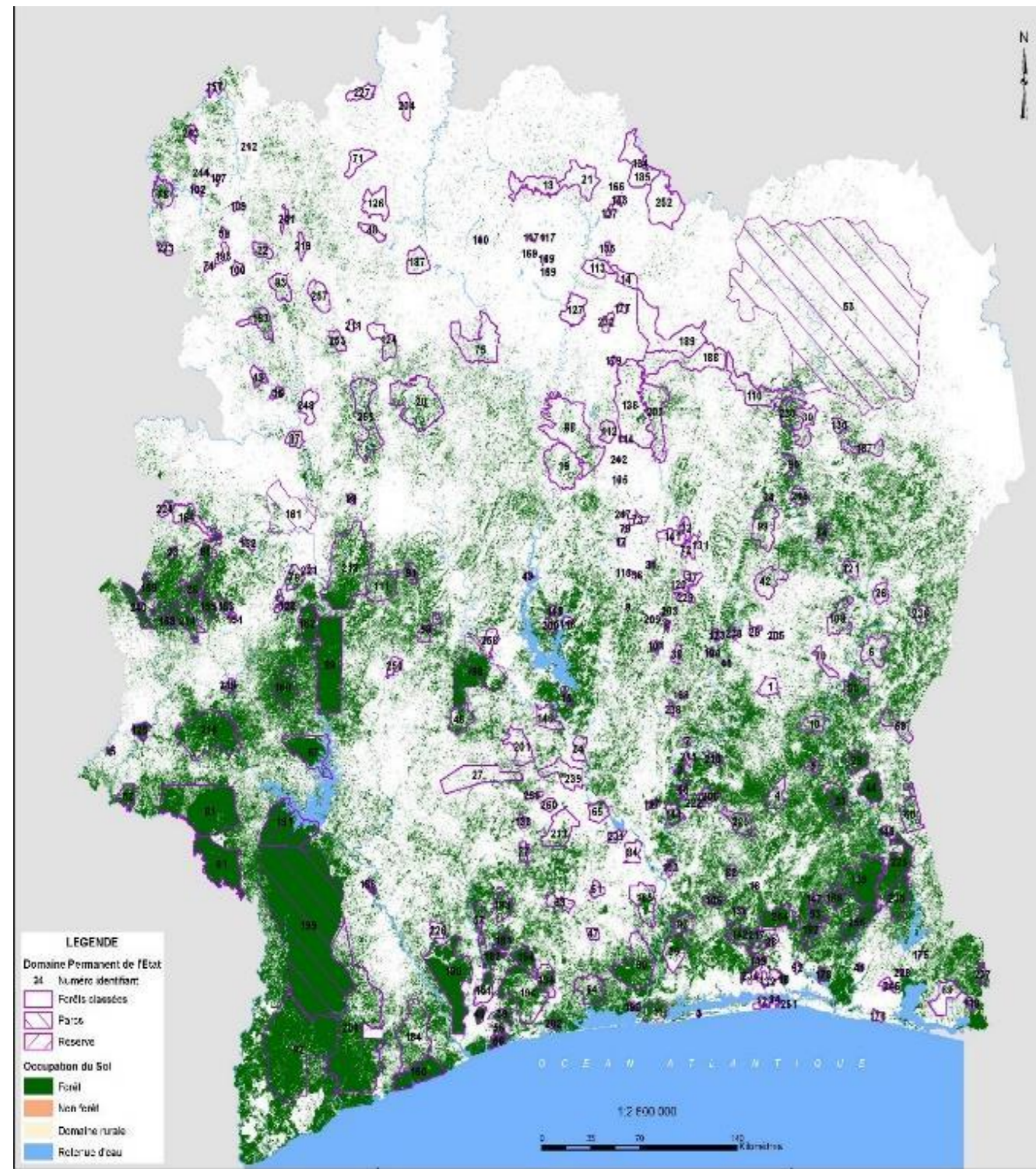
**II. OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW POLICY**

**III. SIX (6) MAJOR AREAS OF THE POLICY**

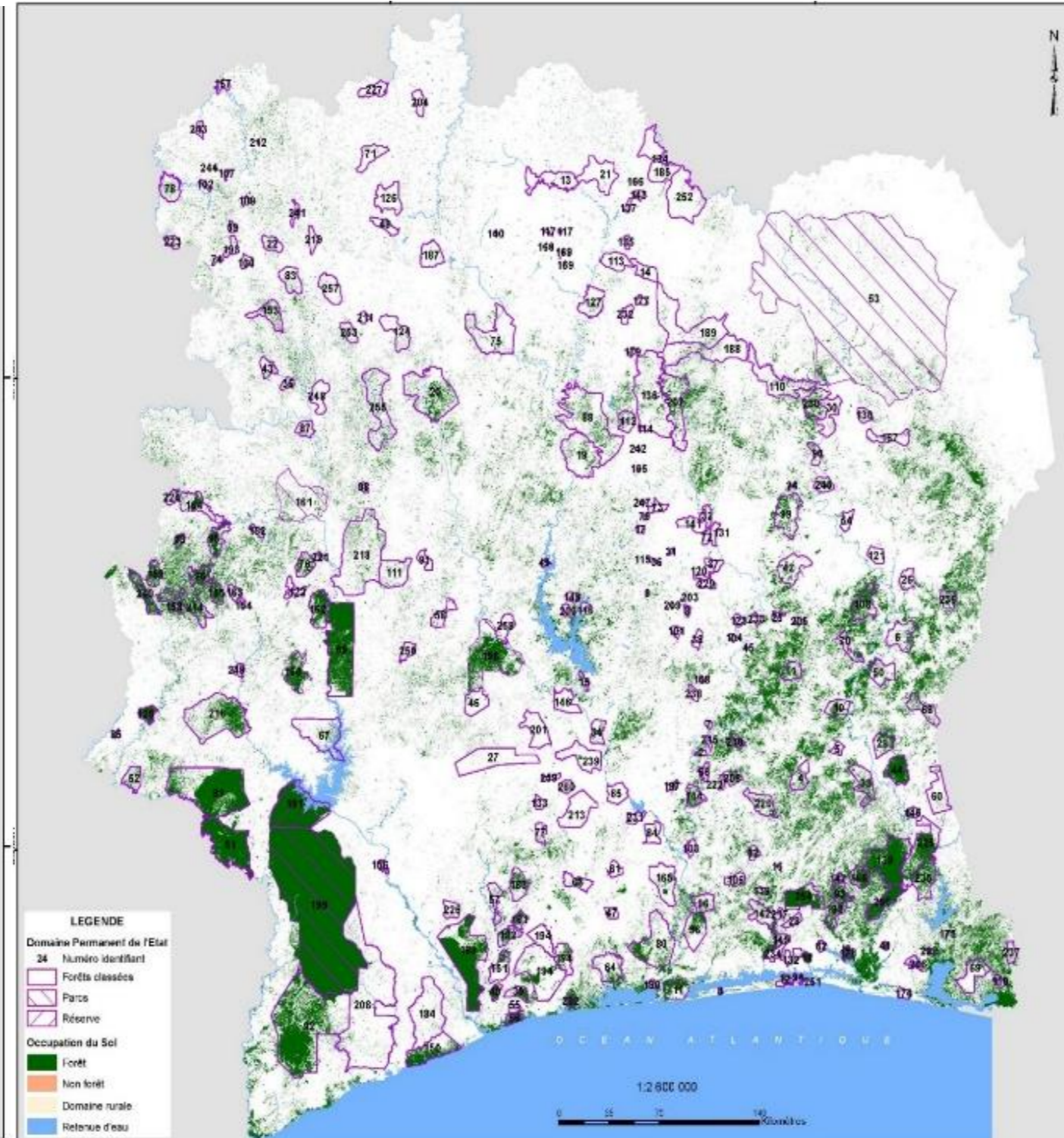
**IV. CATEGORIZATION OF FORESTS**

**V. STAKEHOLDERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY**

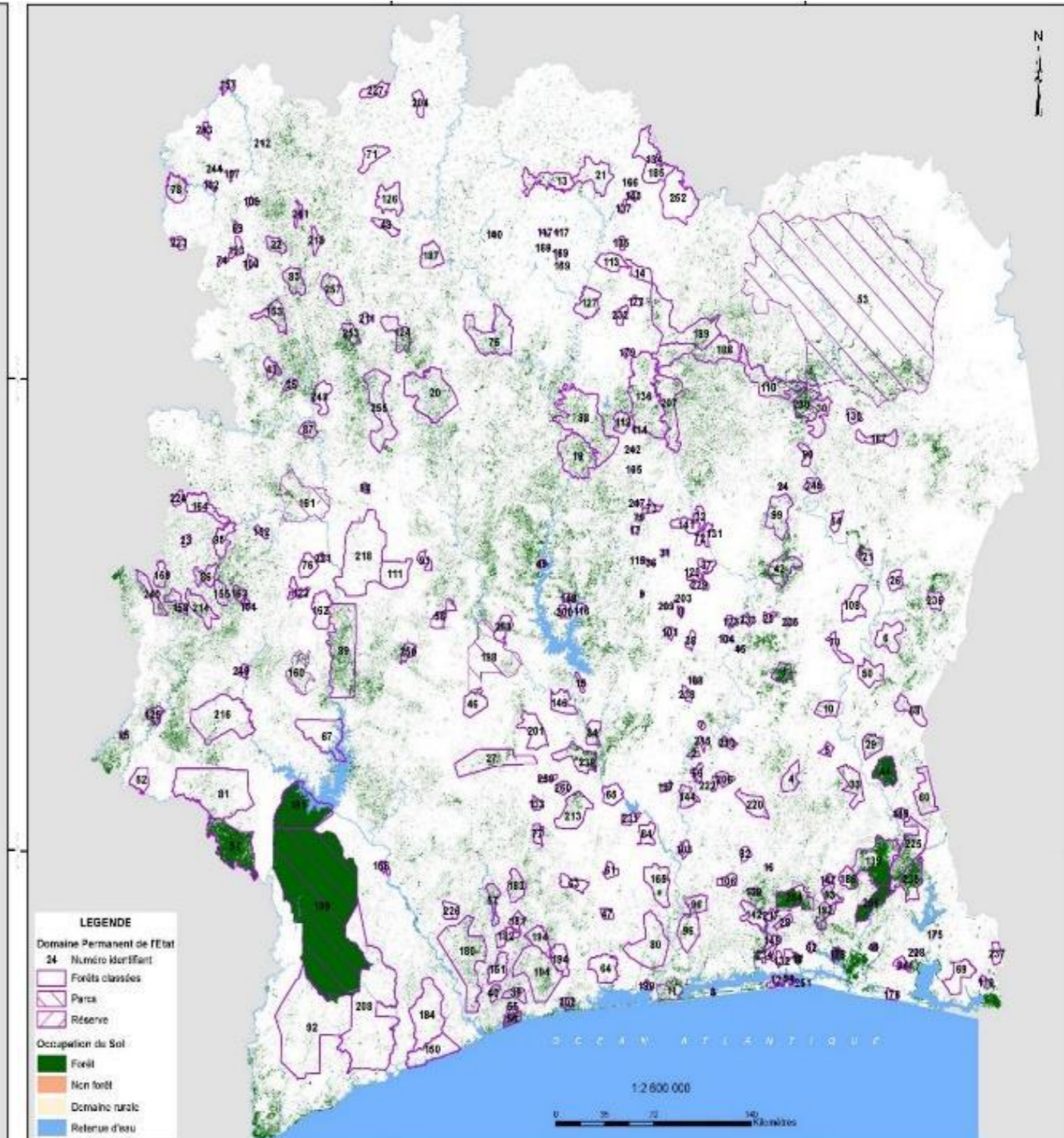
# I. CONTEXT: STATUS OF FOREST COVER FROM 1990 TO 2015



**1990 / 7,850,864 ha of forests (24%)**



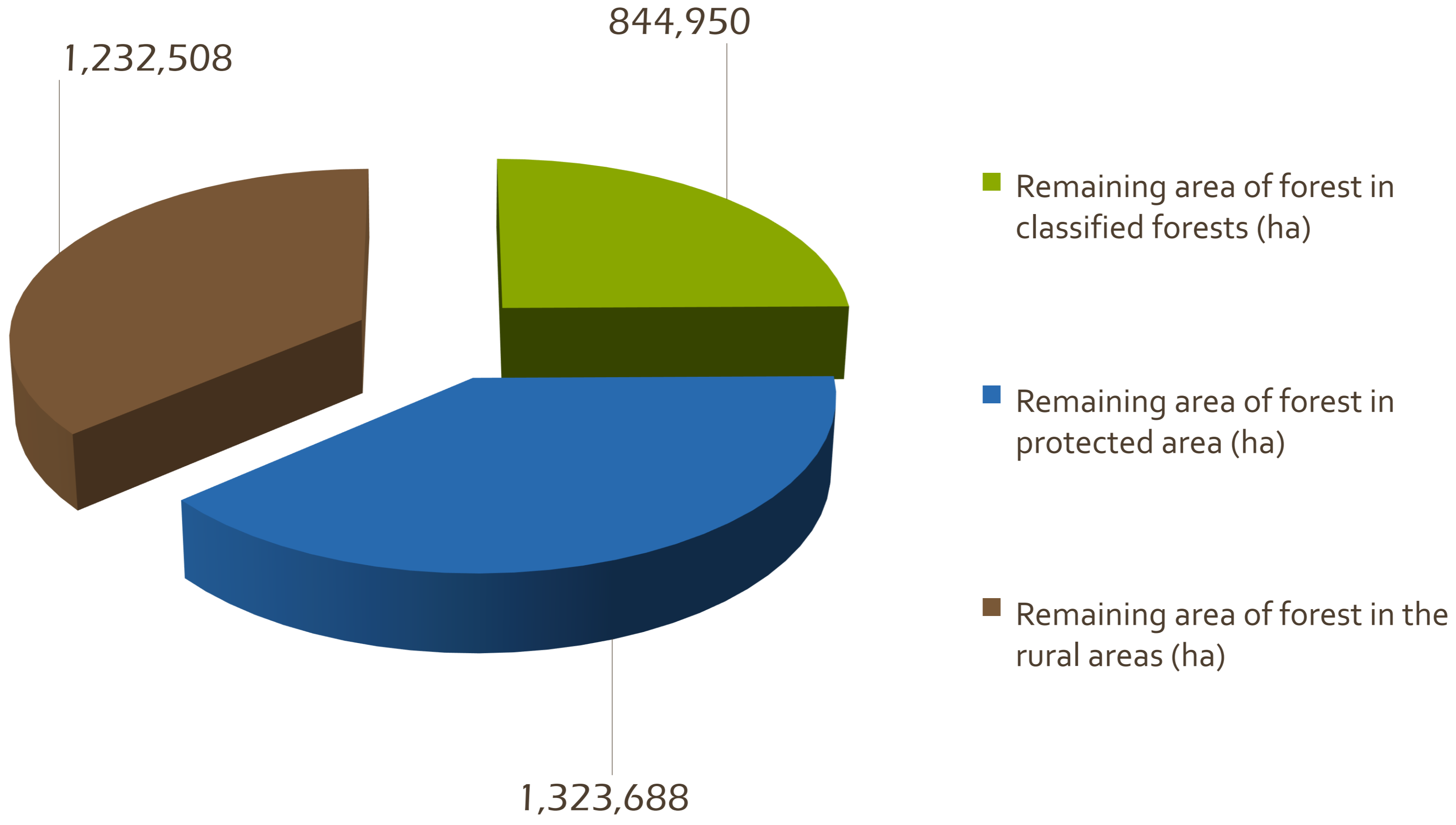
**2000 / 5,094,452 ha of forests (16%)**



**2015 / 3,401 146 ha of forests (11%)**

**(source BNETD)**

# I. CONTEXT : FOREST COVER





# SOME PICTURES OF DEFORESTATION



**Destruction of a reforestation work by SODEFOR in the IROBO classified forest, 2011**



**Illegal gold mining in LOHO's Broken Forest, March 2017**



**Tree incineration in the CAVALLY classified forest, 2016**



**Ministerial visit to an illegal gold mining site, 2016**

### **III. OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW POLICY**

**1- Côte d'Ivoire's international commitments to preserve the environment, control global climate change, carbon sequestration and the practice of "zero deforestation" agriculture.**

**2- Need for Côte d'Ivoire to maintain a local climate conducive to the development of agricultural activities**

**3- Need for biodiversity preservation**

**4- Need to pursue the socio-economic development of the country, in a forest environment conducive to the development of the agricultural sector and the timber industry, generating millions of jobs**

## IV. SIX (6) MAJOR AREAS OF THE NEW POLICY

**1-** Swiftly complement the legislative and regulatory provisions on tree and forestry protection, by reviewing the Law on the **Forestry Code**.

**2-** Strictly protect classified forests conserved at more than 75% and **reclassify** relevant protected areas

**3-** Ensure strict compliance with the logic of classified forests and law enforcement.

## IV. SIX (6) MAJOR AREAS OF THE NEW POLICY

**4-** Reclassify degraded classified forests (more than 75%) in whole or in part, as **Classified Agro-Forests**. (but of course in no case to downgrade into ordinary rural spaces, the State remains in all cases the land owner)

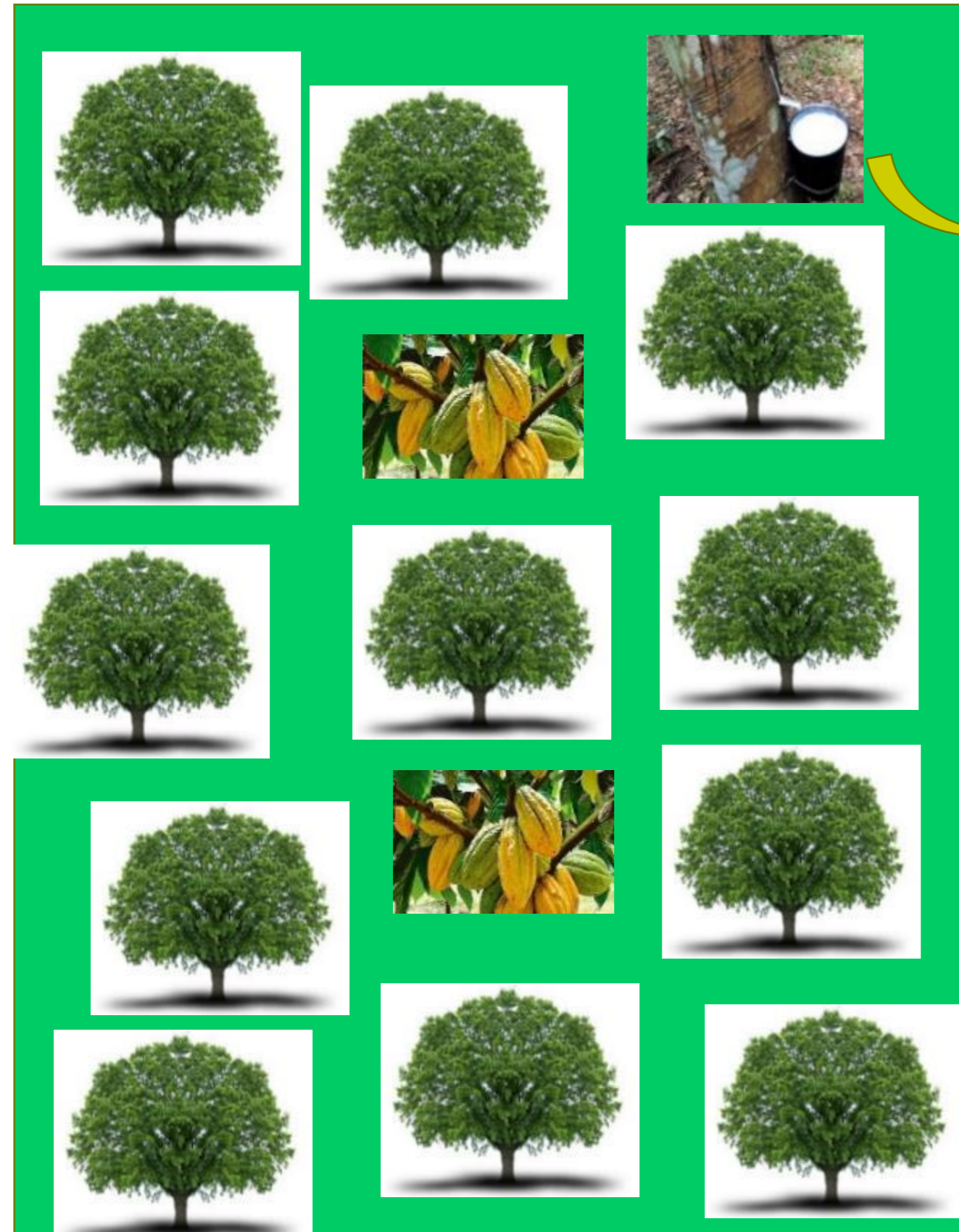
**5-** Apply the classified agro-forest system to all the relevant forests in the rural areas, respecting the acquired land rights.

**6-** Identify and make spaces available that are suitable for planting trees with wood energy objectives, near wood-consuming communities.

## **V. Categorization of forests**

# CATEGORY 1 – CLASSIFIED FOREST :

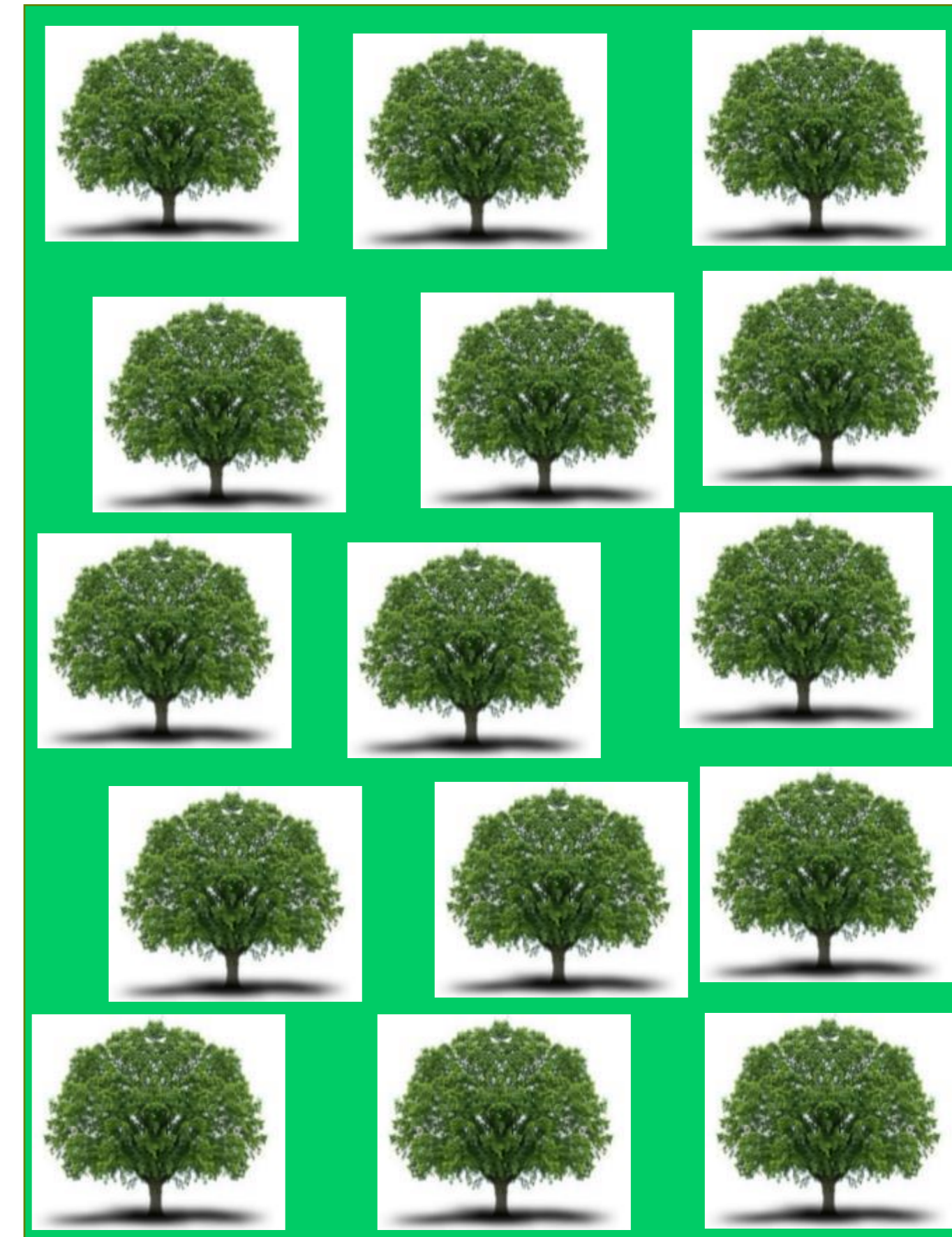
## 5 CLASSIFIED FORESTS or 114 000 Ha



**Degradation rate**  
**< 25 %**

**Immediate  
departure of farm  
managers**

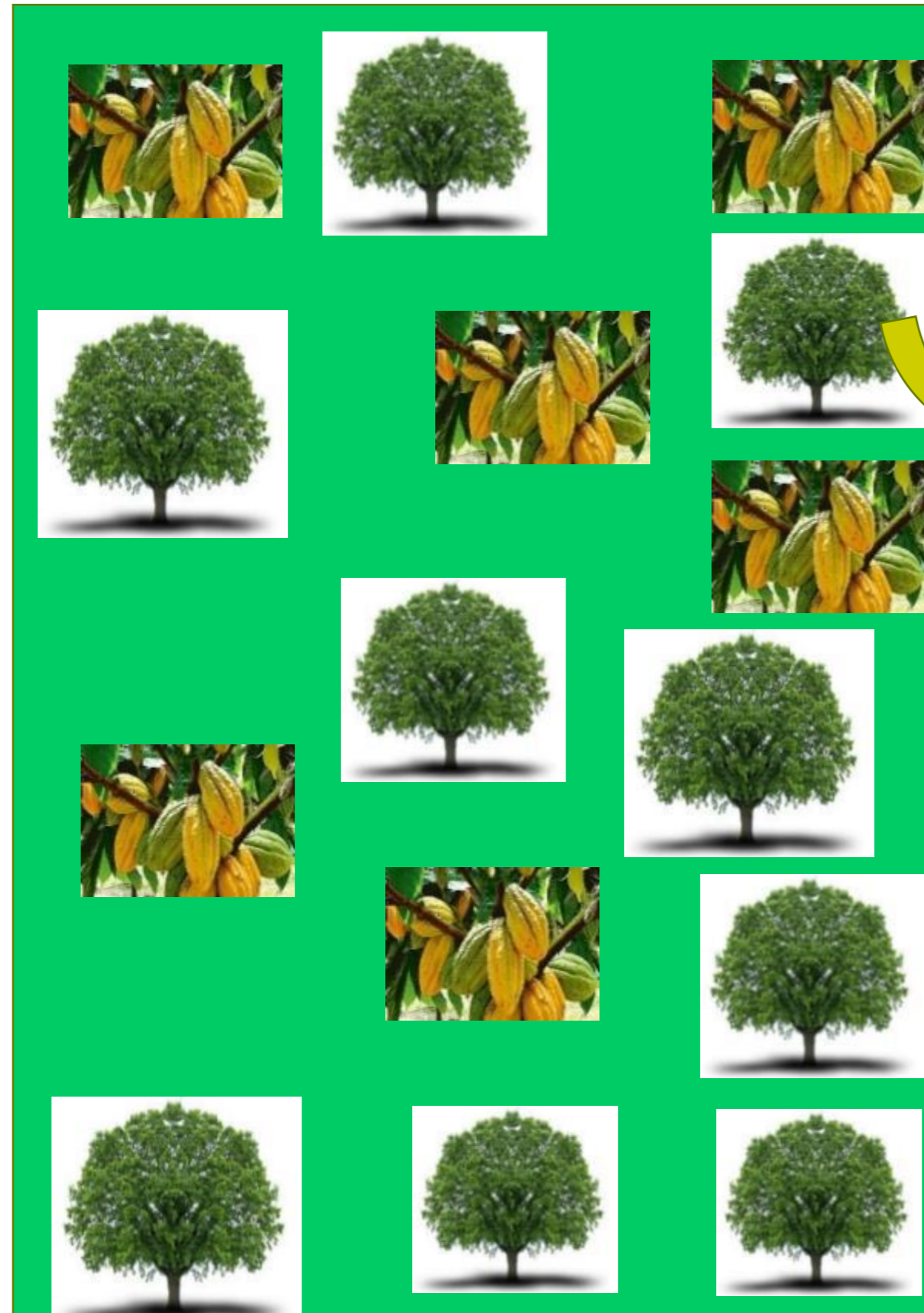
- Implementation of development plans;
- Reconstruction of degraded areas through high density reforestation and / or defensive measures;
- Social measures over 3 years



**Final objective :**  
**100% forest**

# CATEGORY 2 – CLASSIFIED FOREST :

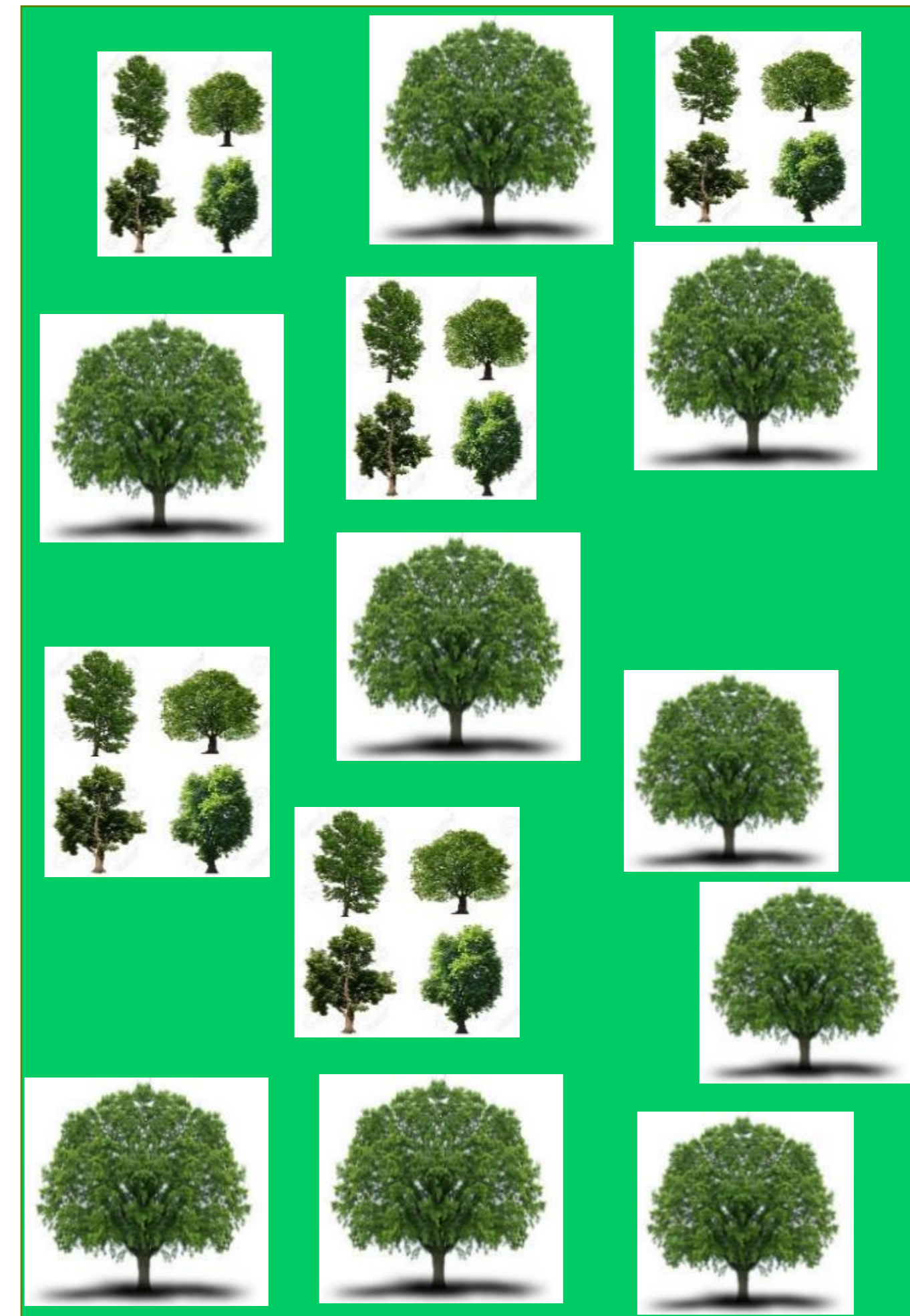
## 5 CLASSIFIED FORESTS or 427 000 Ha



Gradual departure of farm managers (25-40 years depending on the crop)



- **Contracting ;**
- **Reforestation ;**
- **Social measures outside classified forests**



**Degradation rate between 25% and 75%**

**Final objective: 100% of forests**

**CATEGORY 3 CLASSIFIED FORESTS :**  
**66 CLASSIFIED FORESTS or 1 900 000 Ha**

**Rehabilitated agricultural land for intensive production**

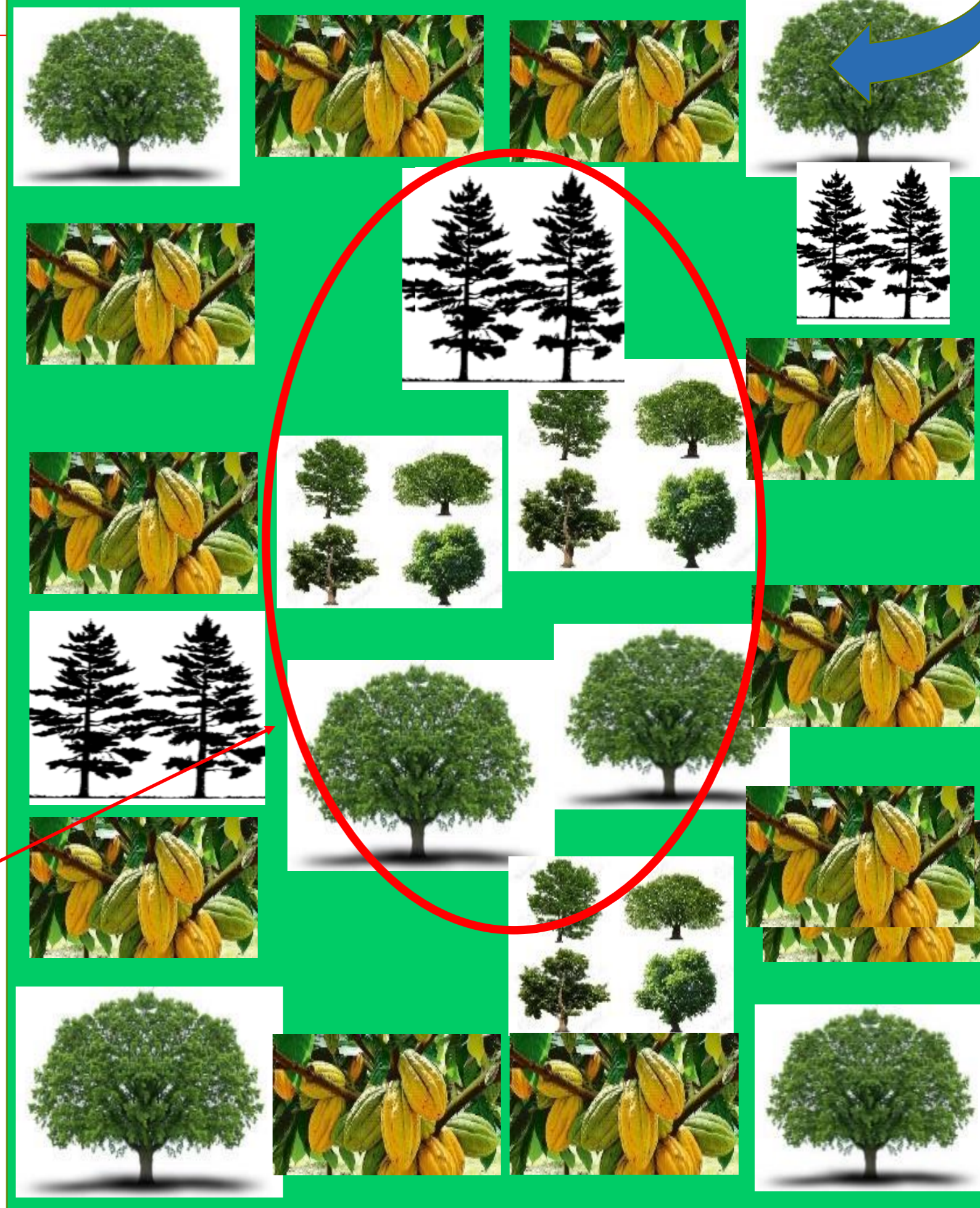


**Degraded areas > 75%**

- **Classified Agro-Forest ;**
- **Intensive farming;**
- **Reforestation;**
- **Social Infrastructures**



**Reconstituted forests on open spaces**

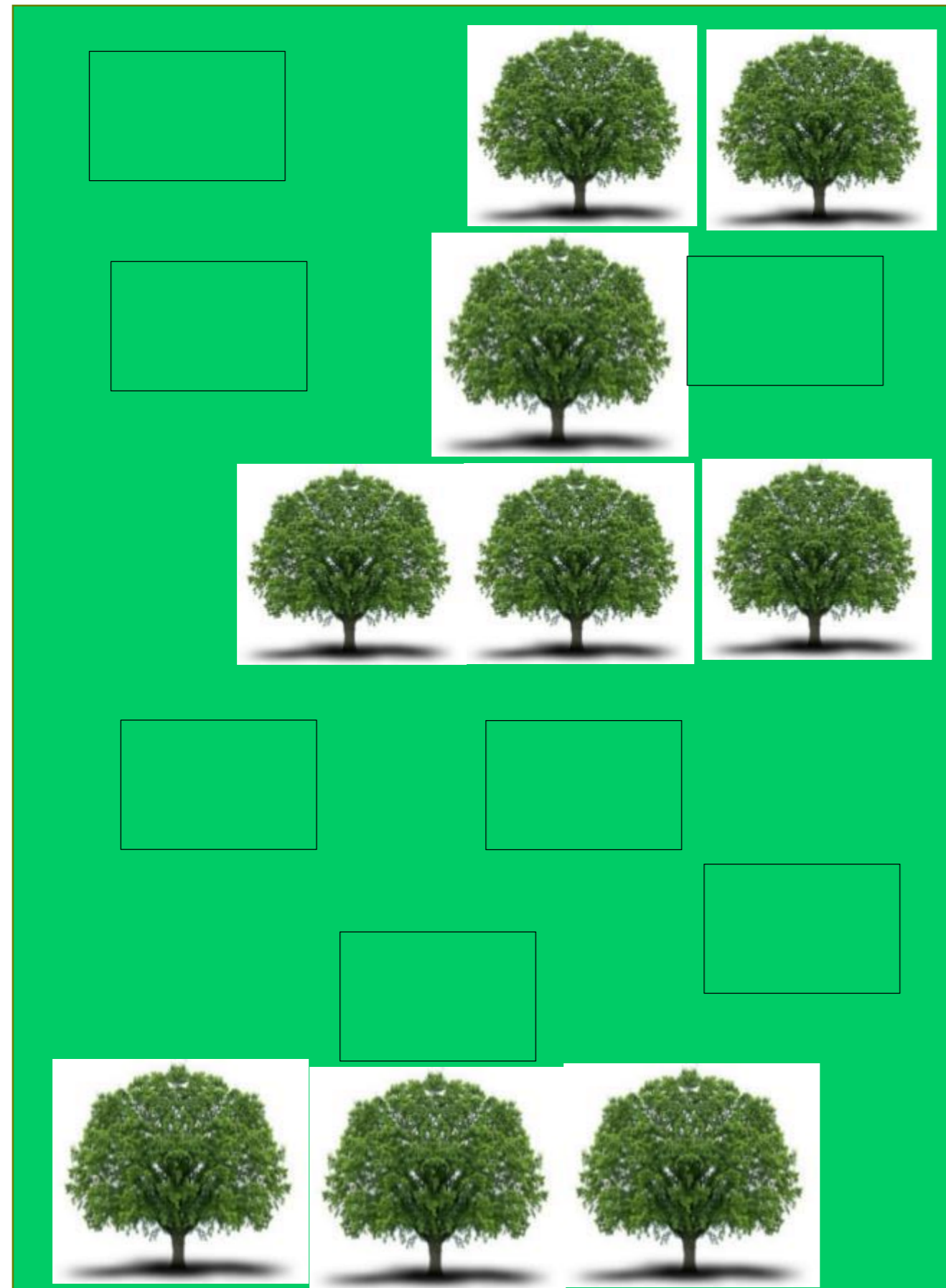


**At least 50% reconstituted forests**



# RURAL AREA FORESTS (10 000 000 Ha)

Introduction of  
forest trees in crops

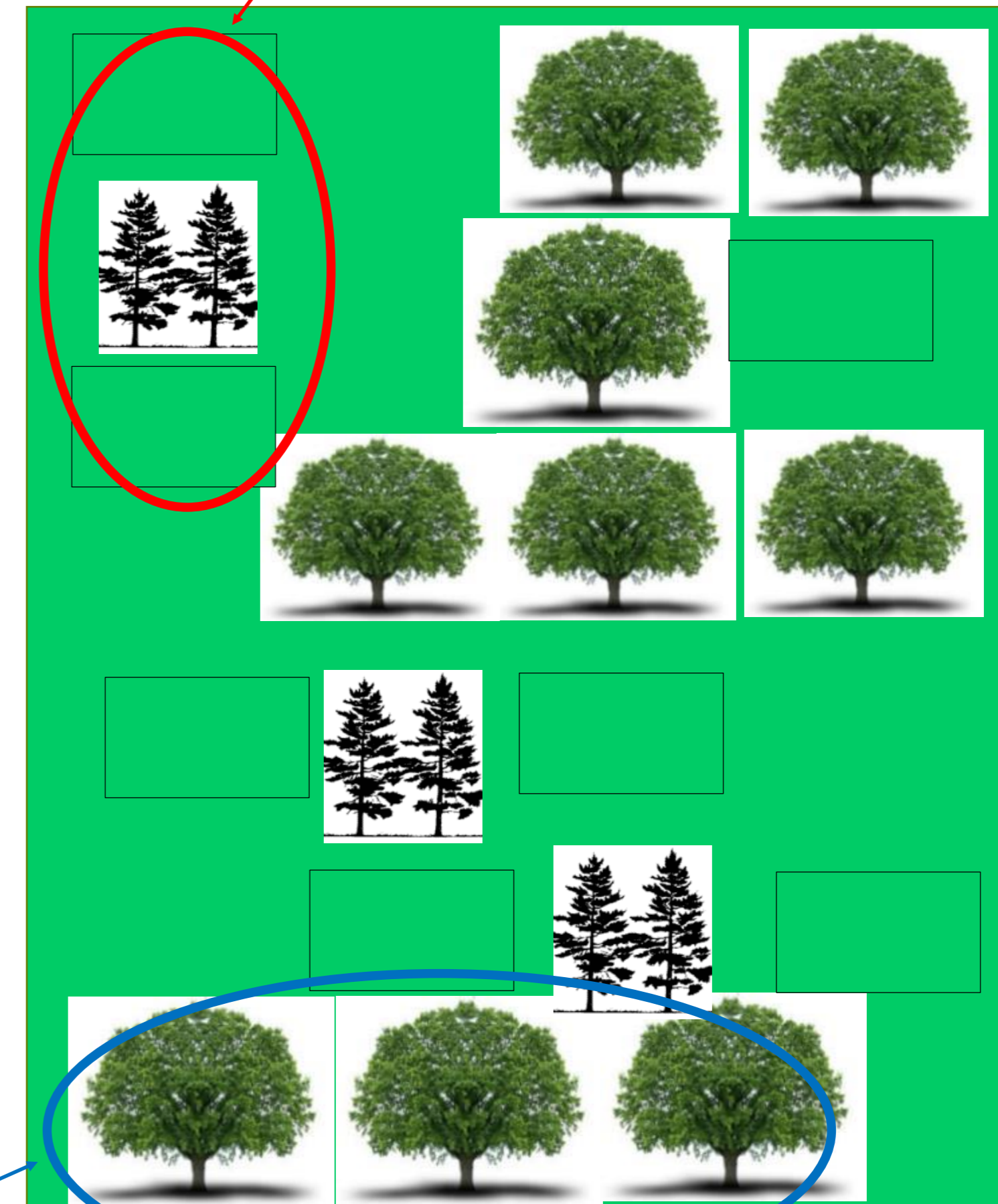


Over 80% degraded forests

- Widespread of Agroforestry;
- Intensive reforestation;
- Development of forests in decentralized and local communities,
- Private entities

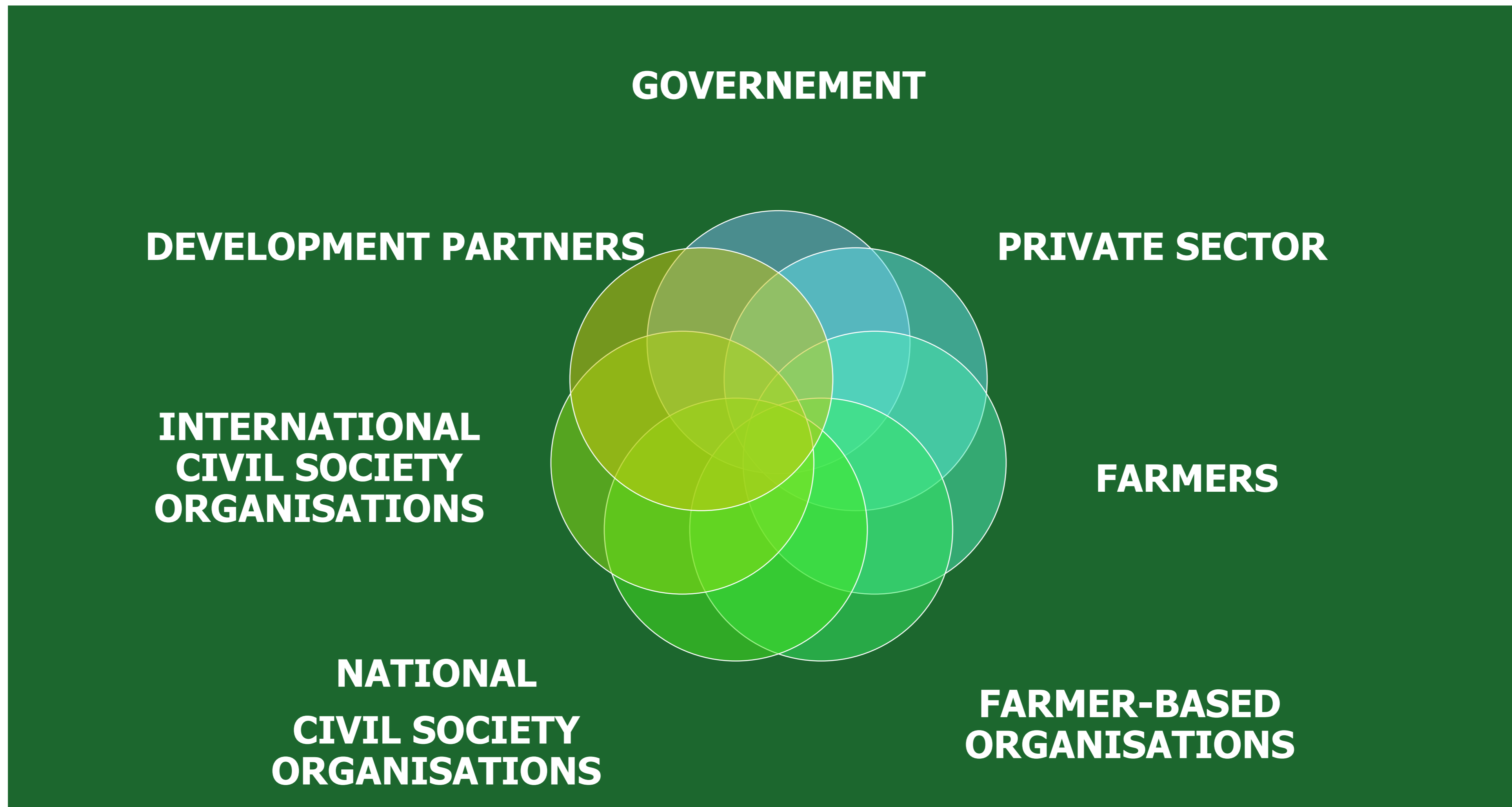


- Protection of residual forest areas;
- Protection of sacred forests



At least 20% forest cover

# VI- ACTORS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY





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## Objective of the brainstorm sessions

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Four workshops were held on 17 January, to make suggestions for the Working Groups of the Cocoa & Forests Initiative. Working Groups and their terms of reference will be formalized prior to the end of January 2018 so as to enable the Groups to come up with a detailed draft action plan by the end of February 2018 for adoption by the Steering Committee by the end of March 2018.

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# Financing



# Proposals for the Finance Working Group

POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	MEMBERS	OPERATION
<p><b>MAJOR ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>Determine the nature of the fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory of existing funds and national and international initiatives</li> <li>• Defining the Fund's Objectives</li> <li>• Defining the Fund Implementation Process</li> </ul> <p><b>STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out inventories</li> <li>• Define the Fund's Objectives</li> <li>• Defining the nature and governance of the fund</li> <li>• Establish the governance framework</li> <li>• Drawing up the founding texts</li> <li>• Determine the financial commitments of the parties</li> </ul>	<p><b>MEMBERS OF THE CORE GROUP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MINEF</li> <li>• PNUD</li> <li>• OI-REN</li> <li>• SIAT</li> <li>• WCF</li> <li>• CHOCOLATE INDUSTRY</li> </ul> <p><b>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE WG LIKELY TO EXPAND EXISTING MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Timber and cocoa industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APBEF-CI (Association of Bank Professionals and Financial Institutions), importance in relation to their activities</li> <li>• The other agricultural inter-professions (AIPH, APROMAC, CCA, CCC...)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in place a core group with government leadership</li> <li>• Elaborate the draft of the TORs for the realization of the studies</li> <li>• Ensure the validation of TORs by the extended working group</li> <li>• Engage the process of recruiting the consultant(s)</li> </ul>

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# **Forest Protection and Restoration & Sustainable Production and Source of Income for Farmers**



# Proposals for the Protection & Production Working Group 1/2

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce updated maps of forest cover and land use for different forests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document search to take stock of existing data</li> <li>Matching SODEFOR, OIPR and BNEDT databases</li> <li>Update the boundaries of classified forests and parks and reserves</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect socio-economic data on cocoa farmers and forest-dependent communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census of population dependent on forests and taking their interests into account</li> <li>Census of producers and mapping of agricultural occupations and other populations living on producers' incomes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Develop detailed operational guidelines and make them public by December 31,2019"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness / information of populations / actors on forest regulation</li> <li>Delimitation of classified forests and parks and reserves</li> <li>Legal status of the various classified forests</li> <li>Forest security</li> <li>Strengthening surveillance</li> <li>Expulsion</li> <li>Cooking energy</li> <li>Suppression</li> <li>Emergency plan for securing classified forests</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Amend the Forest Code no later than June 2018."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out awareness-raising campaigns, training of forest management institutions in the amended Forest Code and subsequent texts</li> <li>Implement the Government's current approach to "contracting" and development of mixed agroforestry systems.</li> </ul>





# Proposals for the Protection & Production Working Group 2/2

## OTHER LINES OF ACTION

- Develop an action plan for the implementation of a direct and traceable procurement program
- Categorize forests as per their level of degradation
- Identify good practices, technical routes and incentive mechanisms for forest restoration and mixed agroforestry systems.
- Develop sustainable agroforestry models in consultation with all stakeholders.
- Updating or drawing up management plans

## MEMBERS OF THE CORE GROUP

BNEDT, MINEF, CNTIG, OIPR, SEPREDD, MINESUDD,  
SODEFOR, Ministère du Plan



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# Social Inclusion



## Proposals for the Working Group on Social Inclusion 1/3

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	STAKEHOLDERS
Identify and assist communities affected by land use changes proposed in the Framework for Action	Identify the areas concerned	PRIMATURE/BNETD MINEF/SODEFOR MINSEDD/OIPR
	- Production areas	
	- Areas to be protected	
Promote community-based models for forest protection and restoration with the participation and commitment of the relevant communities	- Superimpose both areas	Working Group (proposed criteria) Executive Committee (validation of criteria)
	Define criteria for identifying populations	
	Raise awareness of target communities	
	Identify target populations	
Promote community-based models for forest protection and restoration with the participation and commitment of the relevant communities	Identify existing models/good practices	Work group
	Analyze models in accordance with the Forest Policy Statement	Work group
	Conduct an inclusive and participatory process for model adoption	Work group (TOR) Executive Committee (Consultant)



## Proposals for the Working Group on Social Inclusion 2/3

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	STAKEHOLDERS
Develop action plans for the protection and restoration of the forest,		
Evaluate and take measures to reduce the social impacts and risks associated with proposed land use changes on agricultural producers and their communities;	Identify risks and impacts Prioritize risks and impacts Identify / plan responses and appropriate actions	Working Group (TOR) Executive Committee (Consultant)
Ensure the provision of alternative resources and the restoration of the standard of living of affected populations, in accordance with reasonable standards to be agreed.	Identify and characterize the needs of affected communities (communities to be displaced and host communities) Determine the timing of responses Focus on livelihoods with rapid economic impact	Working Group (TOR) Executive Committee (Consultant)

# Proposals for the Working Group on Social Inclusion 3/3

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## Proposed Composition

- Private sector
- Government
- Technical and Financial Partners
- Civil society
- Producer Representative
- House of Kings and Traditional Chiefs
- Local elected officials
- Territorial government
- Basic Communities
- Consular Representative



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# Traceability



# Proposals for the traceability work group 1/5

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## GENERAL PROPOSALS

1. Define concepts that can be discussed :
  - a. First point of purchase :
    - Change the concept of exporter's first point of purchase to cover the entire value chain
    - The farm is the starting point of traceability
  - b. Value chain ?
2. Establish the accountability of different stakeholders on the reporting of information (stress on credibility)
3. Define standards and regulations on cocoa traceability
4. Develop a communication and awareness-raising strategy and plan

## Proposals for the Traceability Working Group 2/5

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	PERIOD	STAKEHOLDERS	COMMENTS
Conduct a feasibility study on physical and financial traceability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining physical and financial traceability and their objectives</li> <li>Take stock of existing traceability mechanisms</li> <li>Identify risk factors</li> <li>Make recommendations with an indicative budget proposal for each recommendation</li> </ul>	From February 2018 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee and cocoa sector (State, operators)</li> <li>Independent consulting firm</li> <li>Ministries in charge of forestry, environment and agriculture</li> <li>NGOs (to be involved to support the study)</li> <li>Rural Land Agency (AFOR)</li> <li>SODEFOR</li> <li>BNETD</li> <li>Financial and Technical Partners</li> </ul>	<p>A draft of the ToR made available no later than end of February 2018</p> <p>End of the study by June 2018</p> <p>Perform testing in October (the big cocoa crop year)</p> <p>Take into account the development of a financial traceability including the interests of farmers and consideration of the price fixed by the State</p> <p>Highlight the potential synergies with timber traceability</p>



## Proposals for the Traceability Working Group 3/5

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	PERIOD	STAKEHOLDERS	COMMENTS
Develop a traceability action plan with a timeline that will be implemented to achieve complete and verifiable traceability, applicable to all by the end of 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a framework for dialogue between stakeholders to adopt a single traceability system proposed based on the results of the feasibility study</li> <li>Put in place the regulatory framework</li> </ul>	2018 - 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee and cocoa sector (State, operators)</li> <li>Independent consulting firm</li> <li>Ministries in charge of forestry, environment and agriculture</li> <li>ONGs</li> <li>Rural Land Agency (AFOR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and validate this action plan on the basis of the results of the feasibility study</li> <li>Identify and geolocation of producers</li> <li>Identify areas of high conservation and biodiversity value</li> <li>Develop two databases: physical and financial traceability and define responsible entities</li> </ul>

# Proposals for the Traceability Working Group 4/5

AREAS OF ACTION	POTENTIAL ACTIVITES	PERIOD	STAKEHOLDERS	COMMENTS
Establish verifiable tracking systems for traceability from planting to the first point of purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geo-location of protected areas, classified forests, high carbon stocks, cocoa farms and points of purchase;</li> <li>- Use satellite imagery to track changes in farm boundaries;</li> <li>- Cross-checking of production statistics could also make it possible to assess changes in cocoa growing areas.</li> <li>- Develop procedures for procurement and potential audits</li> <li>- Establish a database of regulatory texts on traceability, farmers and plantations;</li> <li>- Initiate monitoring at farmer level</li> <li>- Inform, sensitize and train stakeholders</li> <li>- Set up a digital information platform on production risk zones (digital mapping of risk zones) on the legality of products</li> </ul>	<p>Application of the traceability system should be permanent upon implementation.</p> <p>Traceability and monitoring and verification system projects to be ready by June 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coffee-cocoa sector (State, operators)</li> <li>- Independent consulting firm</li> <li>- Ministries in charge of forests, environment, agriculture</li> <li>- NGOs (involved in accompanying the study)</li> <li>- Rural Land Agency (AFOR)</li> <li>- Local communities (watch groups, exporters)</li> <li>- Independent observers</li> <li>- National and international NGOs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective enforcement is a prerequisite for traceability</li> <li>• Ensure that the geo-referencing to be carried out is part of the single rural cadastre</li> </ul> <p>Examples of models to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm sector allowing to assign identification numbers to each farmer</li> <li>• Timber-forestry sector with geo-referencing and allocation of operating perimeters to operators</li> </ul> <p>Take into account the counts made by MINADER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining the future of cocoa from classified forests</li> <li>• Take supply management into account</li> <li>• Establish a risk management and control system</li> </ul>



## Proposals for the Traceability Working Group 5/5

### BODIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WORKING GROUP

- MINADER
- ANADER
- COCOA-COFFEE BOARD
- MINSEDD
- SEP-REDD
- MINEF
- APV-FLEGT
- IMPACTUM
- CHOCOLATIERS
- OIPR
- SODEFOR
- ICCO
- Ministry of trade
- Trade unions in the timber industry
- Loggers' Union
- Exporters' Union
- BNETD / CIGN
- Ministry of interior
- AFOR
- ICRAF
- GEPEX
- FAO
- Certification and Audit Bodies
- Civil Society Organizations
- Farmer organizations





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## Day 2 – Launching ceremony

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# Agenda

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## DAY 2: Thursday, January 18, 2018: Launching Ceremony

Arrival of participants

Welcome address

Address by the President of WCF ([ifind speech here](#))

Address by the Minister of Public hygiene, Environment and Sustainable Development ([find speech here](#))

Address by the Minister of Water & Forests ([find speech here](#))

Presentation of the commitments and key dates of the [Joint Framework for Action](#)

Presentation of the governance of Cocoa and Forests Initiative

Closing Cocktail - End of the Launching Ceremony





# INTRODUCTION OF JOINT FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION - CÔTE D'IVOIRE

## LAUNCHING CEREMONY



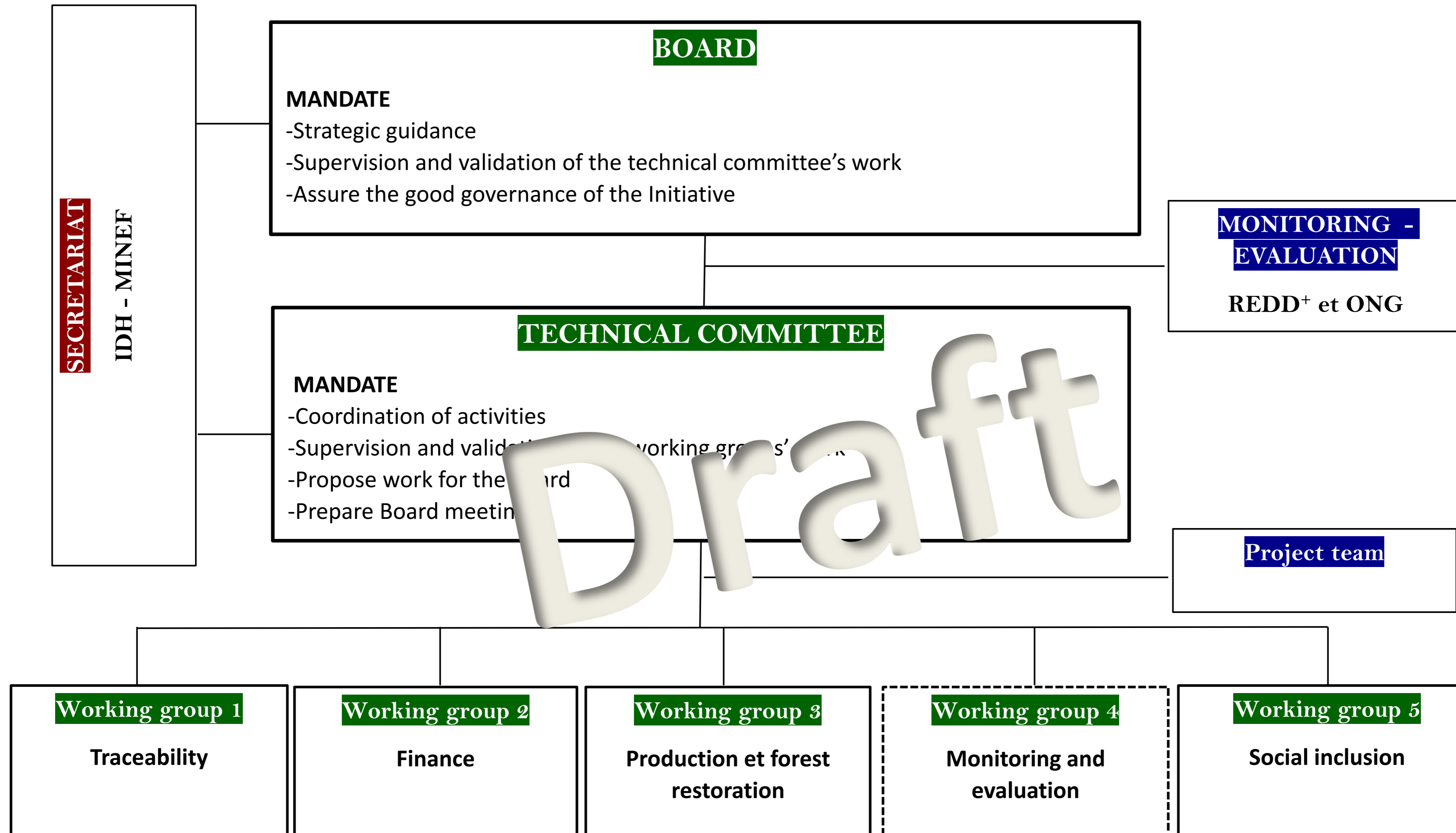


# COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE JOINT FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION





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## Next steps

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## Next steps

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The agreed milestone for further operationalization of the implementation of the Joint Framework for Action are as follows:

- Views and validation of the governance bodies of the Joint Framework for Action by the signatory companies through the WCF, 26 January, 2018;
- Formalization of the governance bodies of the Joint Framework for Action, at the end of January 2018;
- Submission of the draft comprehensive action plan by the working groups on 28 February 2018 ;
- Next meeting of the Technical Committee will be held on 8-10 March 2018;
- Validation of the comprehensive action plan by the Steering Committee on 31 March 2018;
- Next Steering Committee meeting will be held at the end of March 2018 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.



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