Forests cover about 4 billion hectares, 31 percent of the earth’s land surface.
Forests are being lost at an alarming rate

- Forest loss: 2000 to 2010: 130 million hectares of forest
- 13 million hectares per year

Source: FAO 2012
Planetary Boundaries

Climate Change
< 350 ppm CO₂ < 1W m²
(350 – 500 ppm CO₂; 1–1.5 W m²)

Ozone depletion
< 5 % of Pre-Industrial 290 DU
(5 - 10%)

Biogeochemical loading: Global N & P Cycles
Limit industrial fixation of N₂ to 35 Tg N yr⁻¹ (25% of natural fixation)
(25%-35%)
P < 10× natural weathering inflow to Oceans
(10× – 100×)

Atmospheric Aerosol Loading
To be determined

Ocean acidification
Aragonite saturation ratio
> 80 % above pre-industrial levels
 (> 80% - > 70 %)

Global Freshwater Use
<4000 km³/yr
(4000 – 6000 km³/yr)

Rate of Biodiversity Loss
< 10 E/MSY
(< 10 - < 1000 E/MSY)

Land System Change
≤15 % of land under crops
(15-20%)

Chemical Pollution
Plastics, Endocrine Desruptors, Nuclear Waste Emitted globally
To be determined

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Ecosystem-based resilience to climate change:
- Forests x concrete solutions
- Forest restoration
+ 1 billion people depend directly on forests, + 350 M of the world’s poorest, 60 million indigenous people
People do not deforest because they are stupid or ignorant; there is an economic logic that drives deforestation.
• **80% of global deforestation**: driven by expansion of agricultural frontiers
  - food demand increase by 2050: 70%
An essential goal (Viana 2003):
• making forests worth more standing than cut
TEEB principles (Sukhdev 2012):
recognize the value + demonstrate the value +
capture the value of these ecosystems in economic terms
changes in water cycle and precipitation, losses of biodiversity, soil erosion; in addition to negative social and cultural impacts on local populations
Food production
Water supply to cities
10 suggested SDGs

1. End extreme poverty including hunger
2. Achieve Development within Planetary Boundaries
3. Ensure Effective Learning for All Children and Youth for Life and Livelihood
4. Achieve Gender Equality, Social Inclusion, and Human Rights for All
5. Achieve Health and Wellbeing at all Ages
6. Improve Agriculture Systems and Rise Rural Prosperity
7. Empower inclusive, Productive and Resilient Cities
8. Curb Human-induced Climate Change and Ensure Sustainable Energy
9. Secure Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity, and Ensure Good Management of Water and other Natural Resources
10. Transform Governance for Sustainable Development
Targets

(1) Reduce deforestation and degradation of forests

– absolute deforestation and degradation area (hectare per year) – zero by 2030
– % deforestation and degradation relative to total forest area (per biome)
– CO2 emissions from deforestation and degradation (tons)
– CO2 uptake from managed forests (tons)
– absolute area of natural forests restored
Targets

(2) Increase the value of sustainably managed forest products and environmental services

- % increase in value of forest products relative to agricultural products
- % increase in value of payments made for environmental services
- Investment in forest management technology development and transfer ($)
- Incentives to enterprises that incorporate co-benefits of forests (e.g. tax reductions - $)
Targets

(3) Eliminate extreme poverty in forest dependent communities

• % change in social indicators of human development

• % reduction of inequalities between forest x urban populations

• % reduction of gender inequalities in forest populations
(4) Improve governance of forests

- % of forest area with clear and secure land ownership
- % of indigenous people with secure land rights
- % change in conflicts over forest use
- % reduction of illegal production of forest products and illegal deforestation
Making forests worth more standing than cut

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