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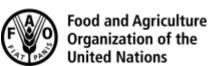


Contribution of Forest Genetic Resources to food security and nutrition

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Why care about FGR?

- 80 percent of the population in developing countries make use of NWFP for their nutrition, health, or income generation.
- Over 1500 tree species are managed world wide for food production (fruits, fodder, vegetables, gum, honey..)
- Forest and trees species enhance and protect ecosystems and landscapes.









Contribution to food Availability

FGR support the provision of a wide diversity of food from forest plants and animals in many areas of the world

- Food production is the main purpose for growing trees or managing forest in some areas:
- Bush meat, edible insects contribute to food security in many tropical countries. Their continuous production depends on the preservation of forest trees and habitats.

Contribution to Food Availability



Improve production with research:

Breeding & Domestication of wild food plants can support the increasing demand for food (Tamarindus indica (Tamarind), Dacryodes edulis (Safu), Moringa oleifera (Moringa), Vitellaria paradoxa (Karité)....)





Access to Food

Gathering and harvesting from forest and trees is an essential source of food for **indigenous and local communities** living inside or in the proximity of forest.

- Free access (gathering) of wild food by local and indigenous people.
- Women in particular play an important role in harvesting, processing and marketing of food harvested from the forest.
- Ethnic food (from wild plants) = opportunity for income generation.







Stability

Inter and intra specific diversity needed to enable adaption and resistance to diseases and other negative factors and to improve production is conserved and managed in forest ecosystems.







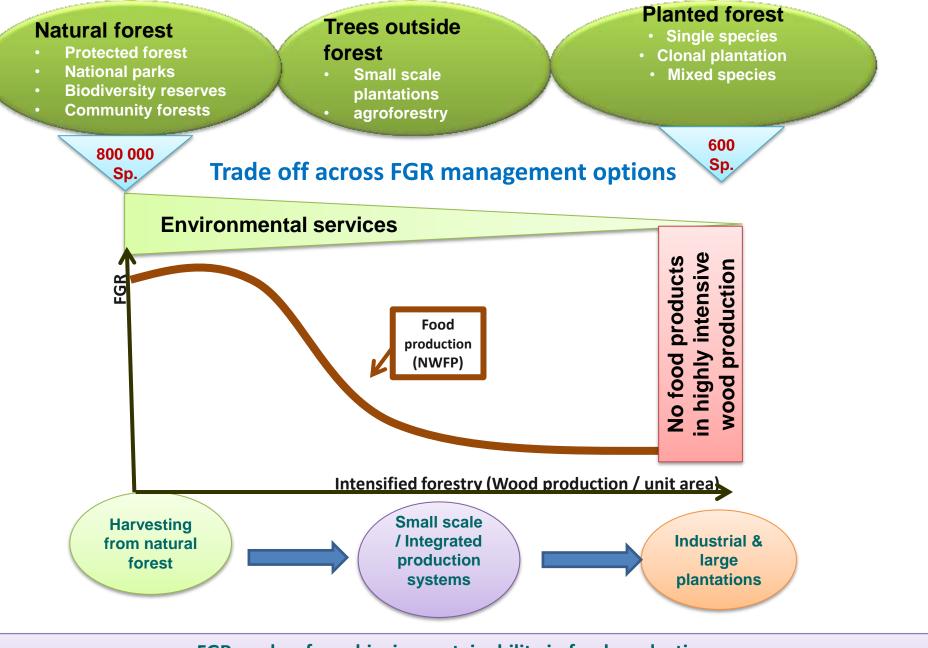
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FGR are essential for the implementation of sustainable agriculture :

- Options for low input production
- Habitats and host plants for pollinators and useful insects
- Enhance rain water infiltration and reduce soil degradation







FGR are key for achieving sustainability in food production.

Production options should include a FGR conservation dimension to optimize sustainability, thanks to the unique environmental services they provide to the humanity

