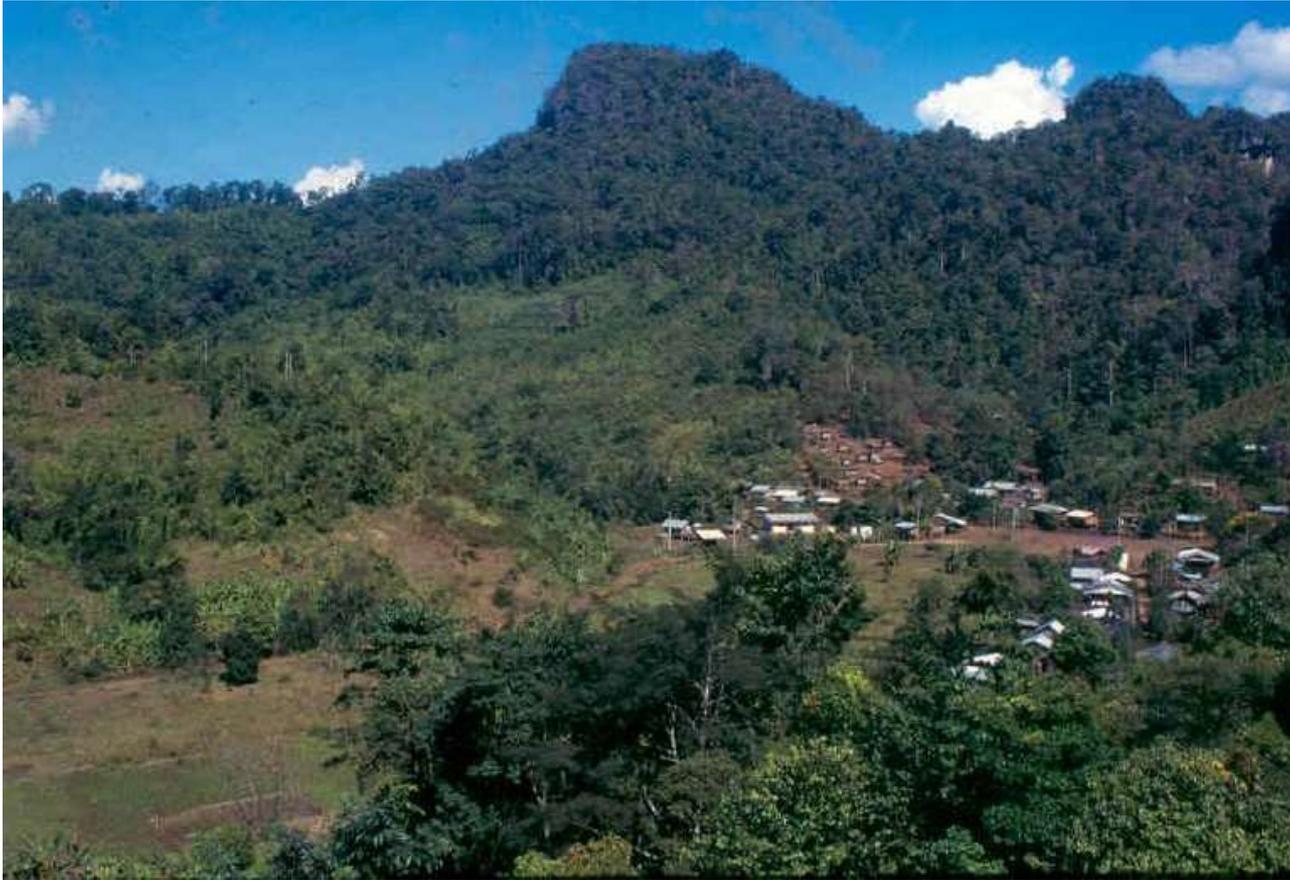


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# The Farmers



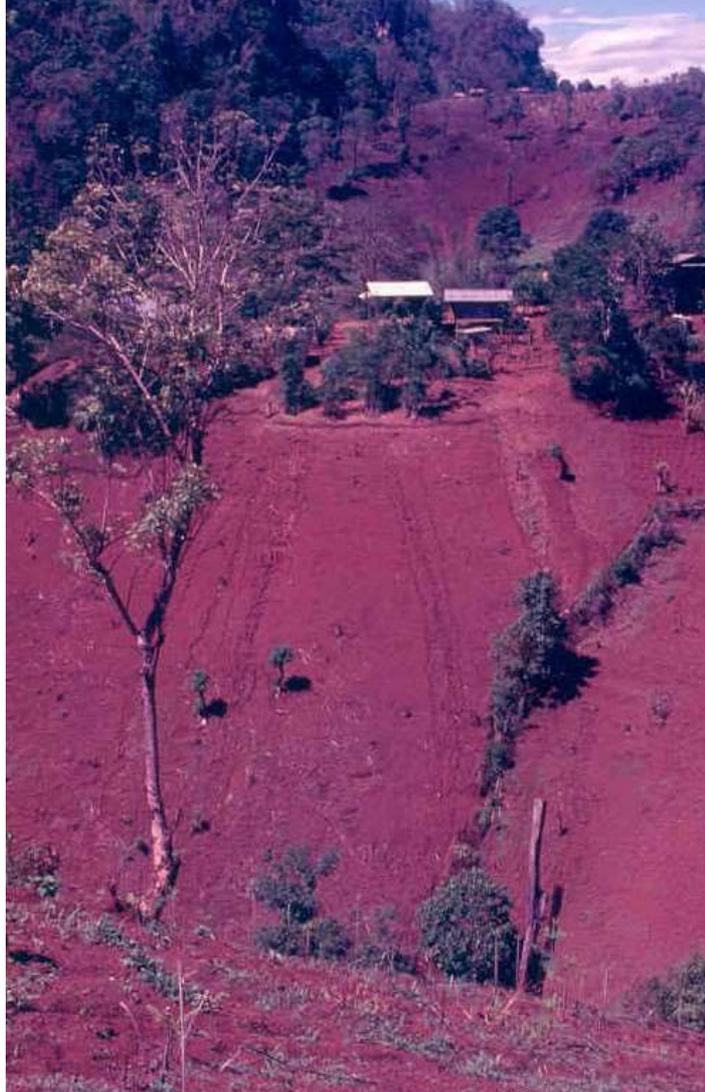
# The Farmers



# The Farmers Grow Rice (and other crops)



Farmers Cause  
Problems, i.e. Massive  
Soil Erosion and  
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# Soil Conservation Solves the Problem



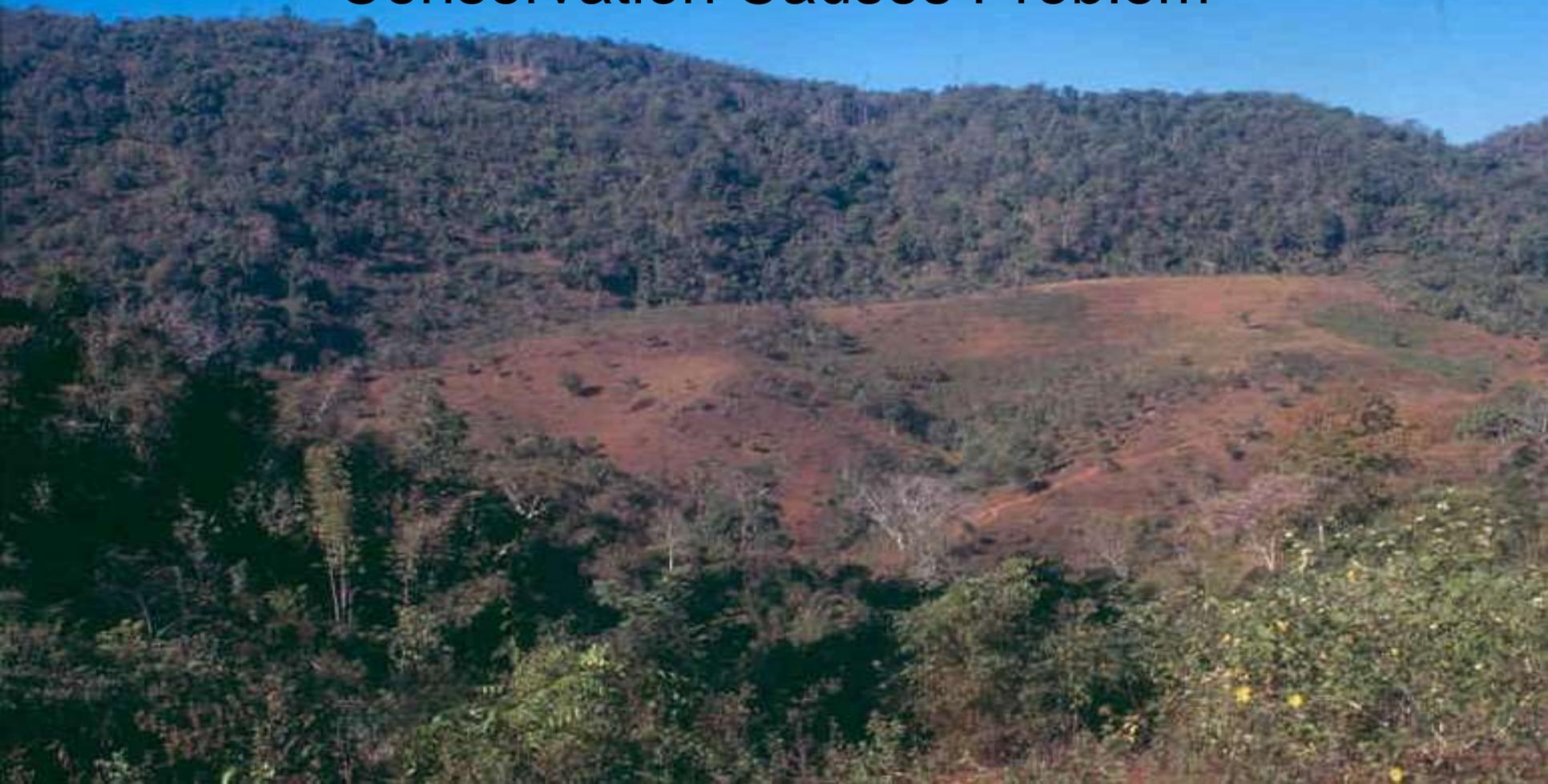
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# Conservation Causes Problem



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# Farmers reaction

The token line or stripping the strips



# What Went Wrong and What Do We Learn?

- Biophysical or technical shortcomings
- The farmers' perspective or why we shift cultivation
- Changing livelihood strategies and the static view of agricultural societies
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