



GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON FOREST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION INITIATIVE

26 ~ 28 AUGUST, 2025 | SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA



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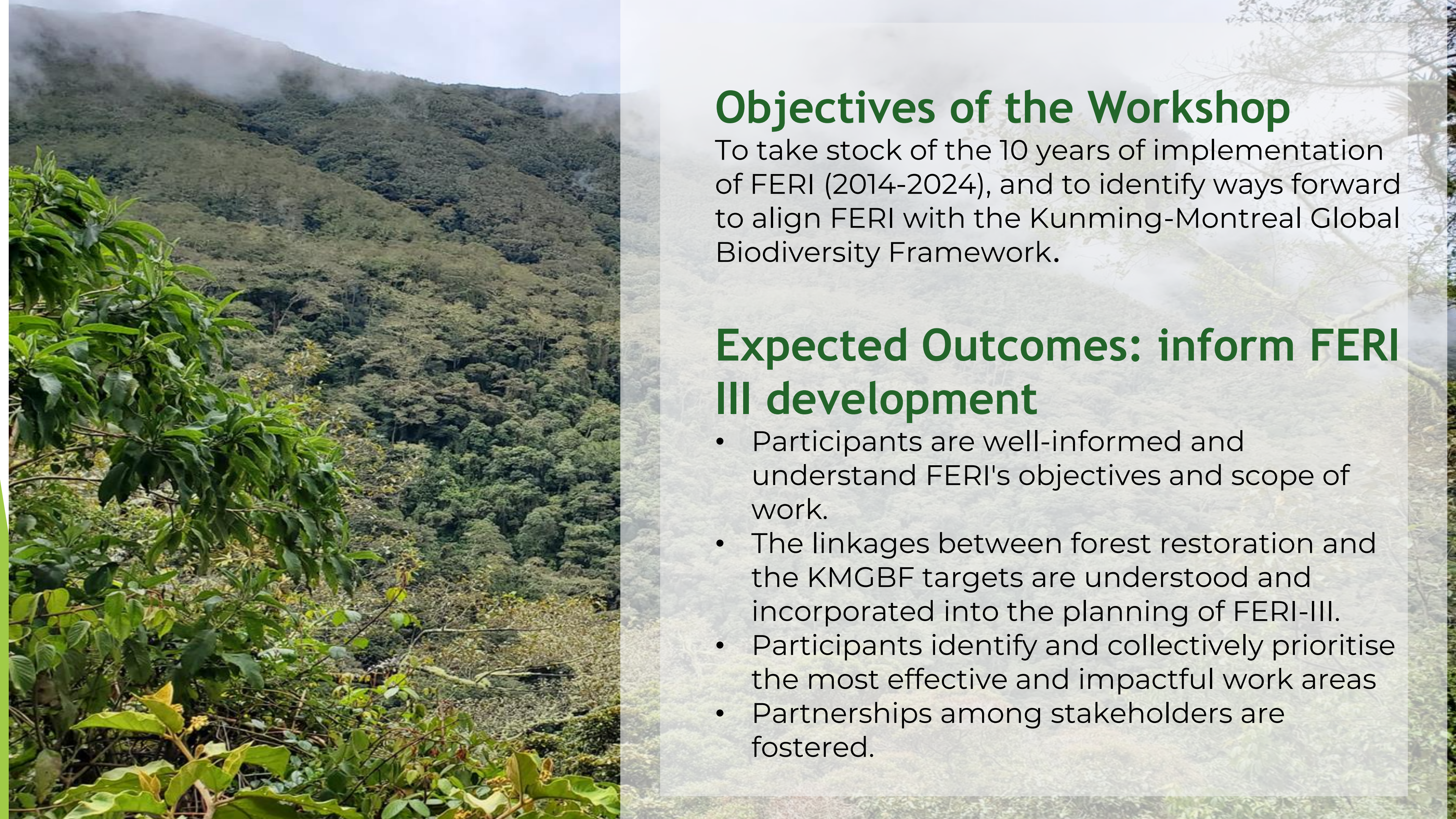
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Objectives of the Workshop

To take stock of the 10 years of implementation of FERI (2014-2024), and to identify ways forward to align FERI with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Expected Outcomes: inform FERI III development

- Participants are well-informed and understand FERI's objectives and scope of work.
- The linkages between forest restoration and the KMGBF targets are understood and incorporated into the planning of FERI-III.
- Participants identify and collectively prioritise the most effective and impactful work areas
- Partnerships among stakeholders are fostered.

Overview of agenda

26 August

Opening

1

Learning from
FERI's past
experiences



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National and regional
priorities for forest
restoration

5 PM

27 August



FERI at 10 YEARS

Securing Forest Biodiversity:
Taking forward a decade of experience of the
Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative



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Ecosystem Restoration

- Ecosystems have undergone significant degradation affecting biodiversity and livelihoods. Conserving the existing natural areas is not enough to halt and eventually reverse biodiversity loss.
- Ecosystem restoration is essential to ‘bend the curve’ of biodiversity decline, achieve the vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050 and achieve the SDGs
- In CBD COP10 in 2010, Parties adopted a Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the 2011-2020 period, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Targets 5 and 15



Target 5: By 2020, the rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced.



Target 15: By 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.

FERI's milestones

► 2012

► Decision XI/16 on Ecosystem Restoration and Hyderabad Call for a Concerted Effort on Ecosystem Restoration

► FERI was established by the government of the Republic of Korea through Korea Forest Service support Parties in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15 in an integrated manner.

► 2018

► Requests the ES to prepare proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative to support the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.



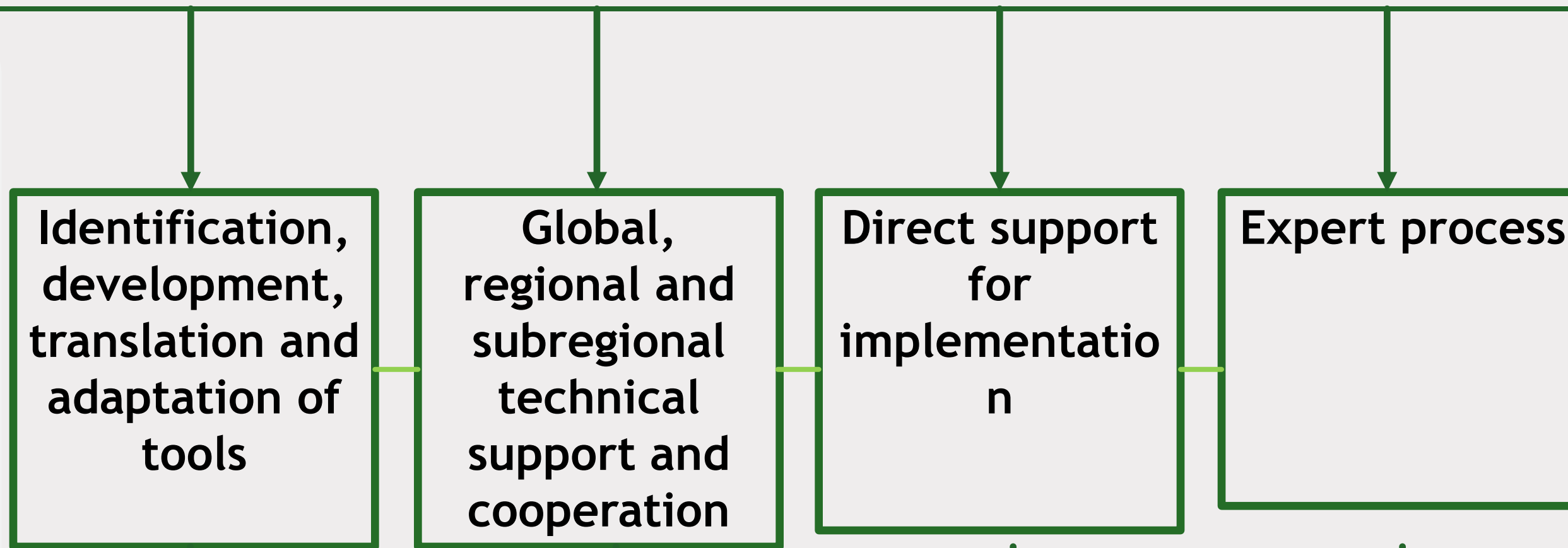
FERI: Overall design

FERI was designed as a mechanism to assist Parties to:

- (a) Assess the potential costs and benefits of restoration;
- (b) Identify and assess areas with ecosystem and forest degradation;
- (c) Identify areas with high potential for forest and ecosystem restoration;
- (d) Implement appropriate restoration activities;
- (e) Manage the complex dynamics inherent in forest and ecosystem restoration



FERI Phase I and II –interrelated components



CBD/COP/12/INF/19



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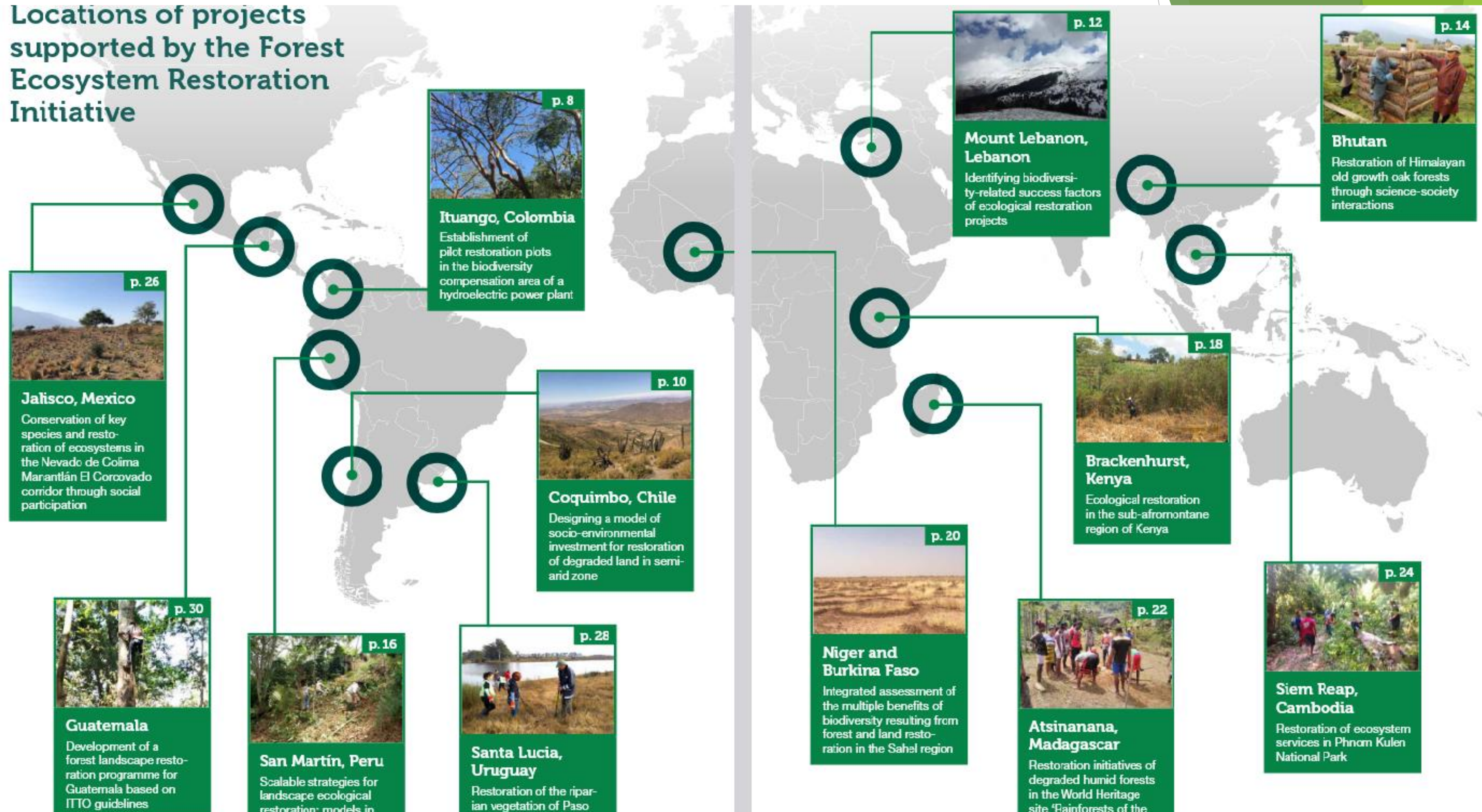
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Direct support for small-scale projects (2016-2020)

Locations of projects supported by the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative



Global, regional and subregional technical support and cooperation



Regional Workshops: 2015 - 2020

W Africa, CE&S Africa, Mediterranean, E & SE Asia, Asian Pacific & LAC

102 developing countries

+700 country participants (government, experts, IPLCs)

Global training: 2022 - 2023

Massive Online Open Course on Ecosystem Restoration

+16,000 online participants from 193 countries

KMGBF Target 2 workshop

Resource Manual and E-learning Course



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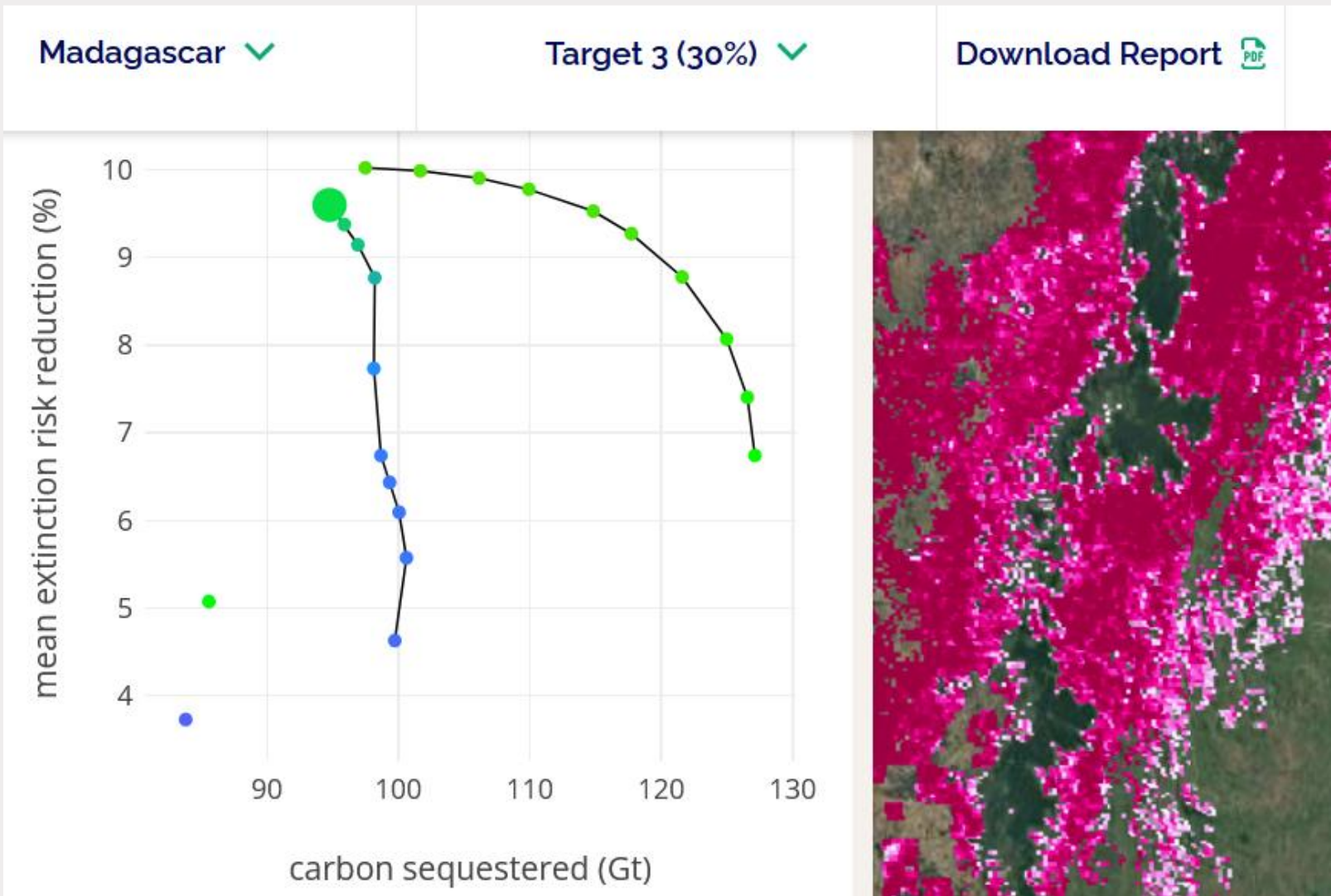


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Development and adaptation of tools

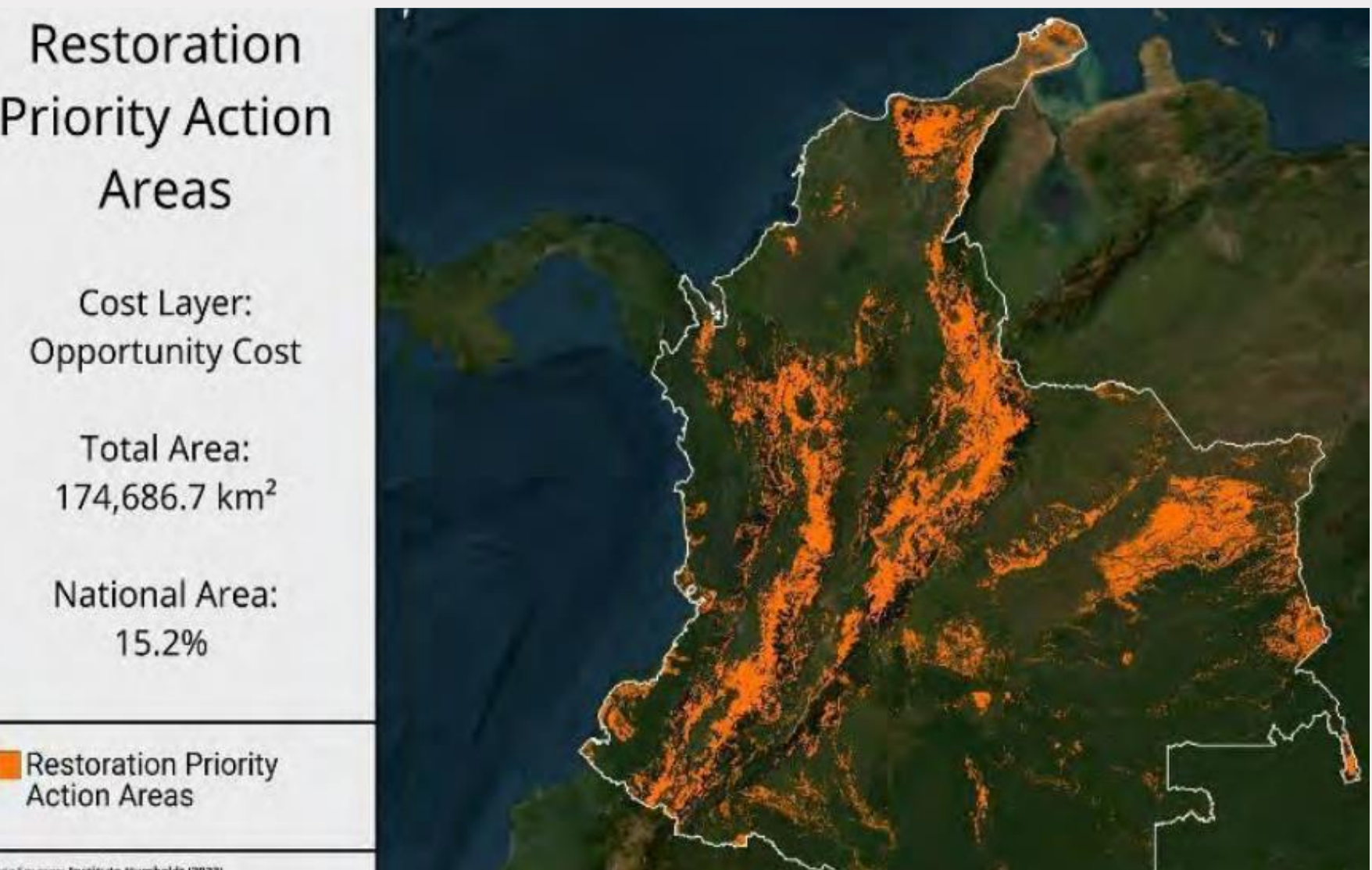
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decision support tool for spatial optimization of forest restoration for 37 countries

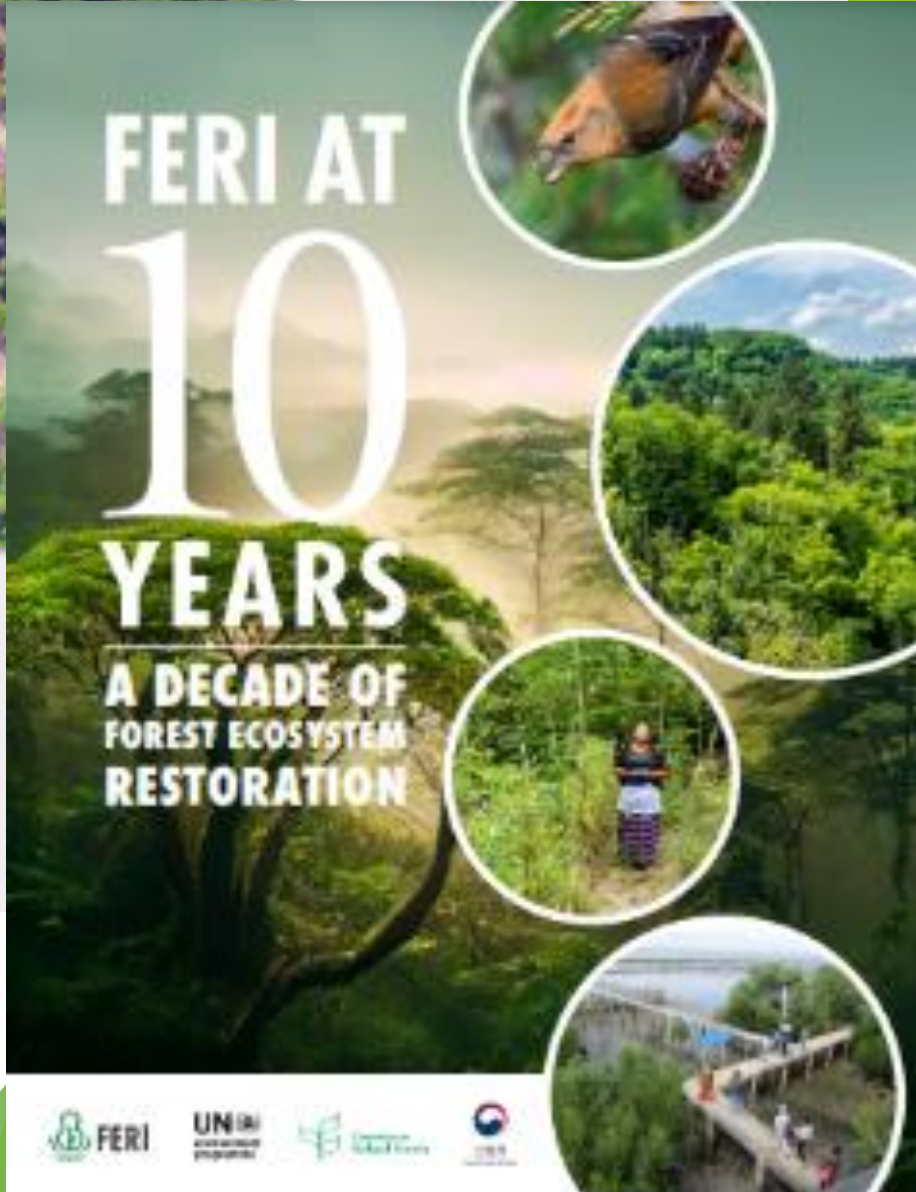
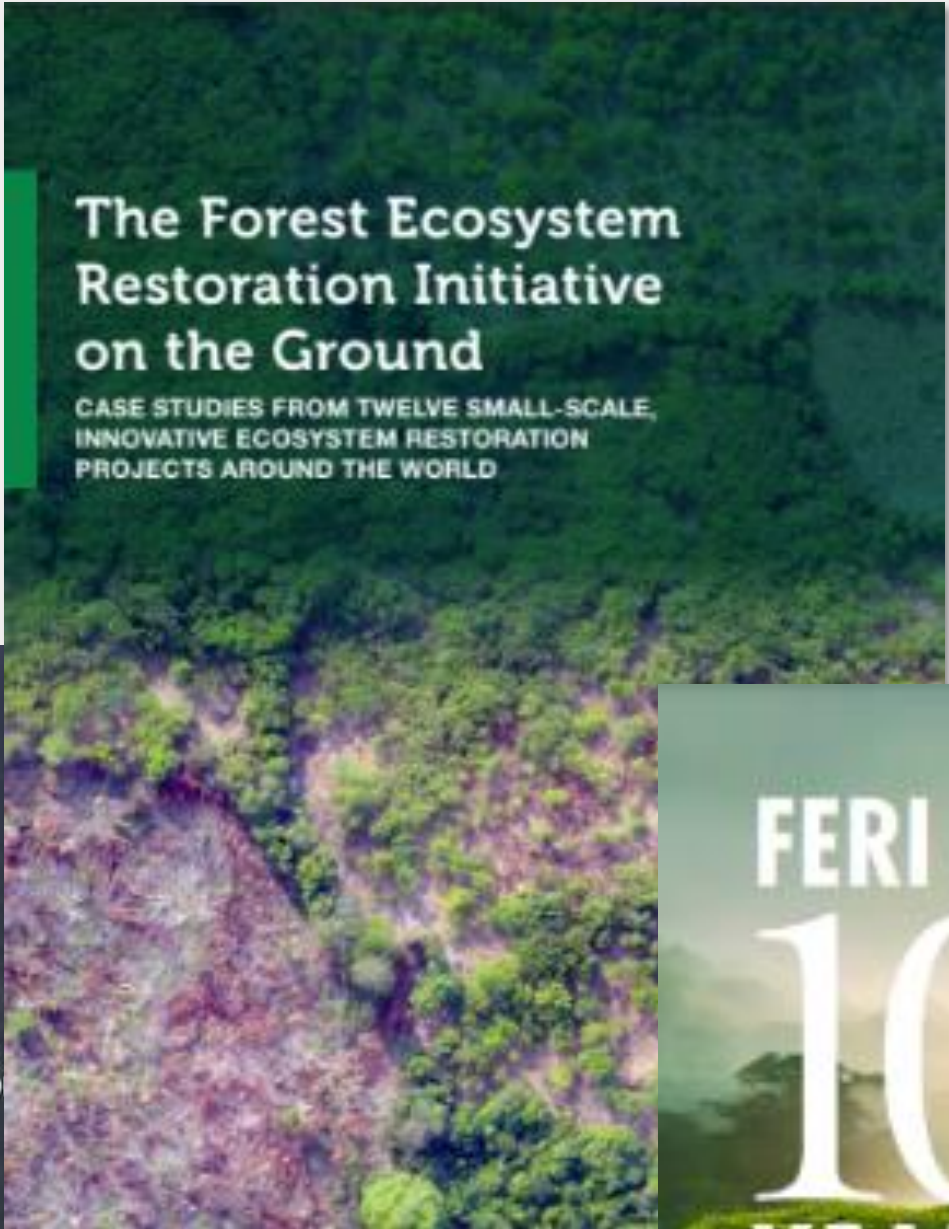
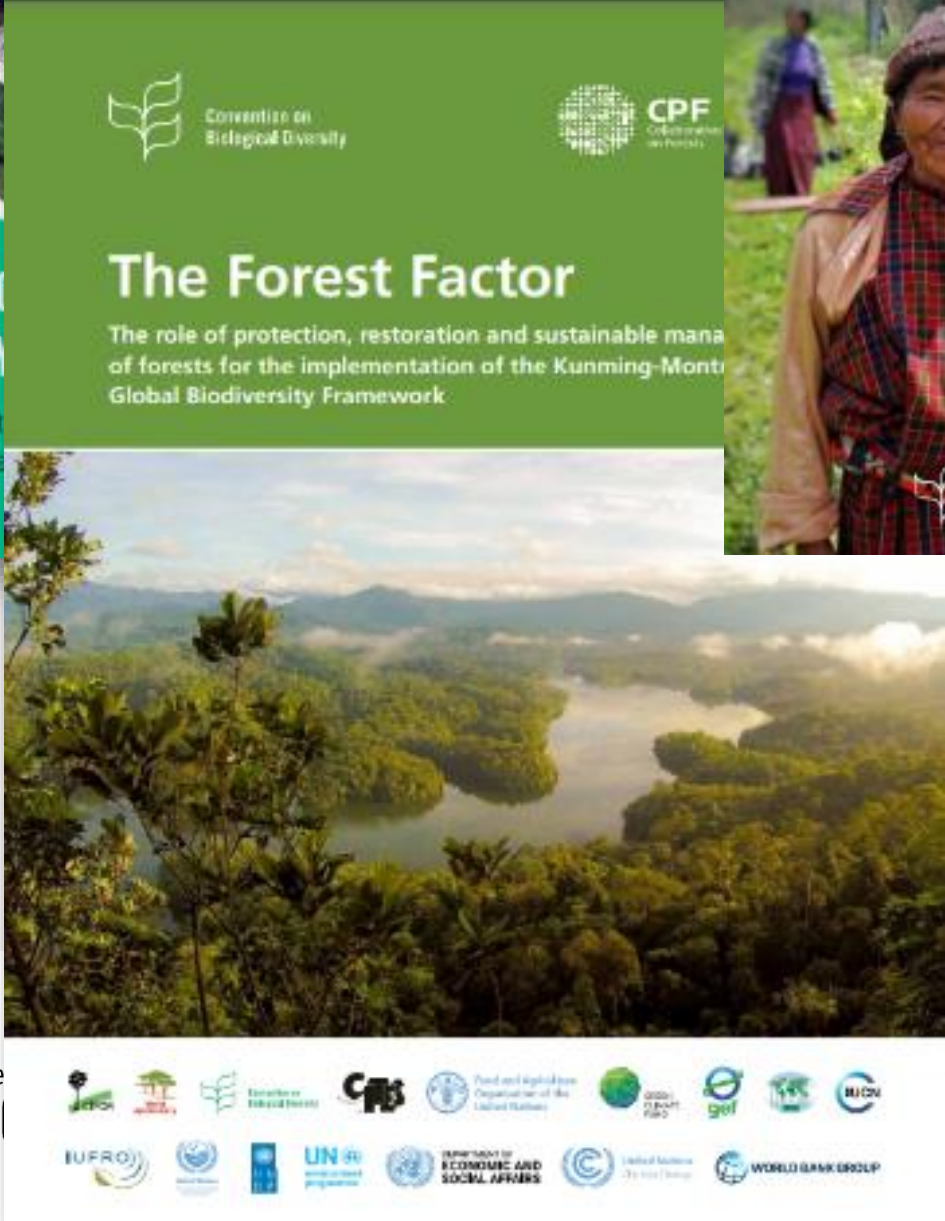


Restoring Hope

Decision support tool to optimize restoration commitments across Rio Conventions -5 countries pilot



FERI Knowledge management



Service

Informing Global Policy

Phase I - Supporting Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15

- ▶ Development of national dossiers
- ▶ Improvement of restoration targets

Phase II - Target 2 Roadmap

- ▶ To support CBD Parties in effectively monitoring and reporting towards Target 2 of the KMGBF Monitoring Framework (primary objective)
- ▶ The Target 2 Roadmap is being further articulated through a robust governance structure to provide guidance in restoration monitoring and reporting for various biomes
- ▶ Agreement with 14 CBD sub-regional scientific and technical center to support countries (2025-2028)
- ▶ Subregional training jointly with TSCs -3 workshops in 2025



Partnerships and Outreach

- ▶ UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- ▶ Restoration Day at COP15 and COP16 at KMGBF Pavilion
- ▶ Forest and Water Day at COP16
- ▶ Webinars at International Forest Days
- ▶ Side-events at COP and SBSTTA
- ▶ Synergetic planning of forest-related commitments





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