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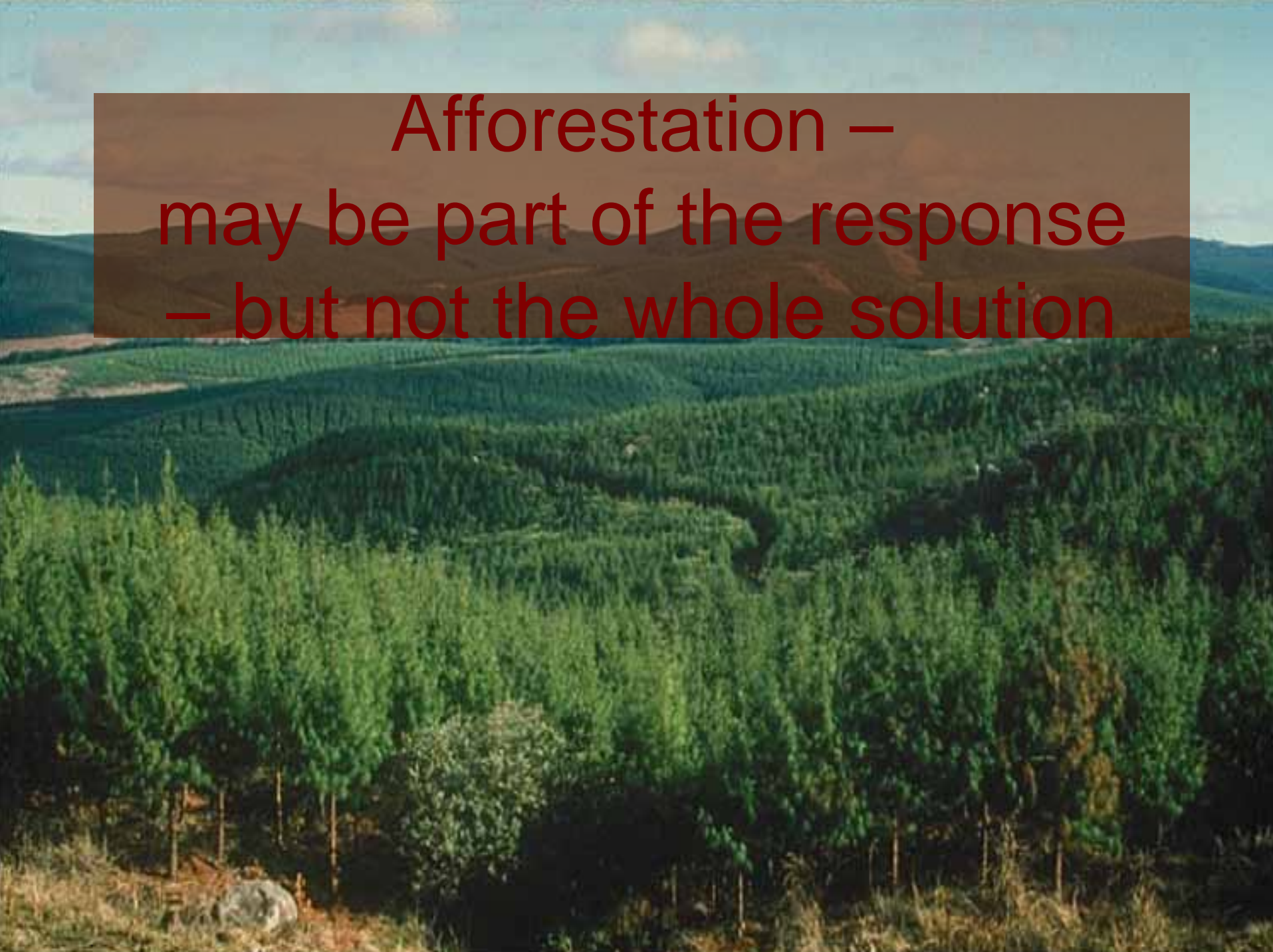
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New Interest in Degraded Landscapes

- Concern has focused on large tracts of tropical primary or pristine forests

- Conservation value and development potential of degraded and secondary forests worldwide have been largely neglected

- Increasing international attention because of growing demand globally for forest products and bioenergy, and for potential to increase carbon stocks and contribute to food security

Extent and Rate of Degradation

- 13 million hectares deforested per year

- More than 80% of the world's forests have been cleared, fragmented or degraded

- Estimated 850 million hectares of forest exists in a degraded state in tropical Africa, Asia and America, an area almost size of USA

Afforestation –
may be part of the response
– but not the whole solution

Forest Landscape Restoration

Forest landscape restoration (FLR) brings people together to identify, **negotiate** and implement practices that restore an **agreed optimal balance** of the **ecological, social and economic benefits** of forests and trees within a **broader pattern of land uses**

- Restoring, not Replicating
- Not about re-establishing pristine forests
- Function, not just configuration
- Includes privately and publicly owned forests

FLR Principles

1. Improve both ecological integrity and human well-being

2. Restore a balanced and agreed package of forest functions

3. Actively engage, and collaborate and negotiate among a mix of stakeholders

4. Work across a landscape

5. Learn and adapt

"Landscape"

- Landscape concept
  - Dynamic
  - Adaptive
  - Mosaics
  - Multifunctional, productive land cover systems

Cultivating Cooperation

- Successful restoration projects must do more than grow trees!
- Must cultivate relationships and cooperation
- From government officials to local farmers to logging companies

- Not an easy task! High stakes. Fences to be mended -- but will bring benefits!

Real Solutions

- Not a short-term fix
- Unique to their setting
- Adaptable and flexible over time
- Channel needs of many stakeholders
- Serve all in the long term

Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration

Goal:

➢ Catalyze, promote and reinforce conditions for, and approaches to, forest landscape restoration that deliver benefits to local communities and nature, as well as fulfil international commitments on forests

What does the GPFLR do?

Worldwide network that unites influential governments, major UN and non-governmental organisations, companies and individuals with a common cause

ideas transform landscapes

- Provide information and tools
- Build support, local and international level
- Influence legal, political and institutional frameworks

Partners

- China!
- IUCN
- WWF
- United Kingdom
- Alliance for Religions & Conservation
- CARE
- CBD Secretariat
- CIFOR
- El Salvador
- FAO
- Finland
- Global Mechanism/UNCCD
- ICRAF
- Italy

- ITTO
- IUFRO
- Kenya
- Ghana (FORIG)
- Japan
- Lebanon
- Netherlands

- PROFOR/World Bank
- South Africa
- Switzerland (SECO)
- United States
- UNEP-WCMC
- UNFF Secretariat
- WBCSD

Learning Network

- Learning for practitioners
- Connecting partners and collaborators
- Community of practice

- Raise awareness of real world FLR experiences
- Make available tools and knowledge to c practitioners
- Exchange diverse ideas and solutions
- Spread best practice
- Build cooperation
- Highlight transferable lessons
- Not aimed at applying a convenient but unworkable formula!

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