



**Keeping forests standing:  
Pathway out of poverty  
or  
Roadblock to immiseration?**



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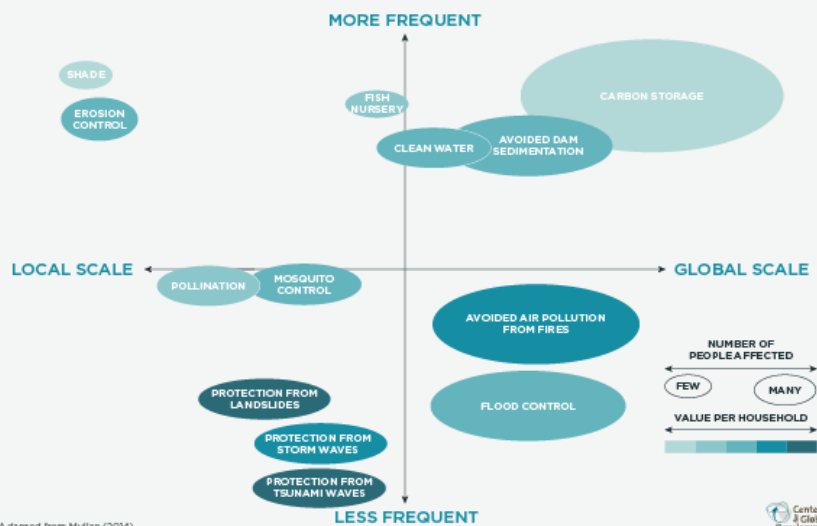
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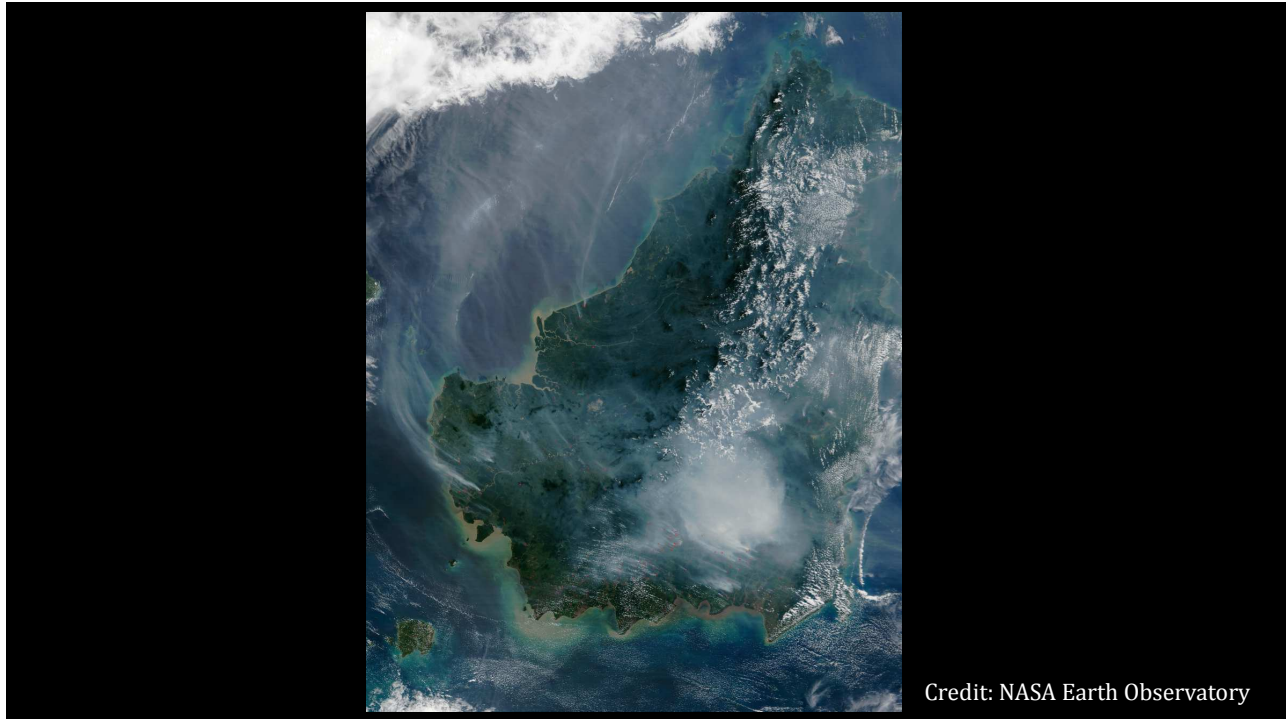
Forested landscapes provide services; deforestation puts lives at risk

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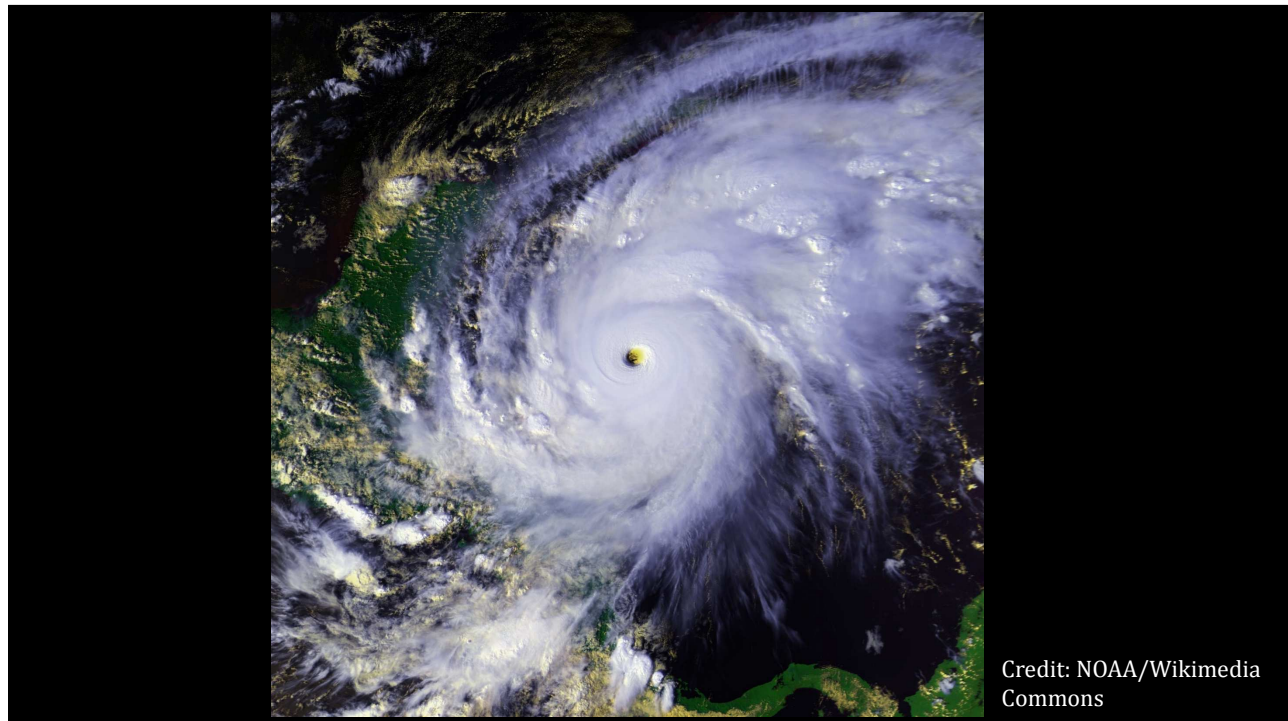
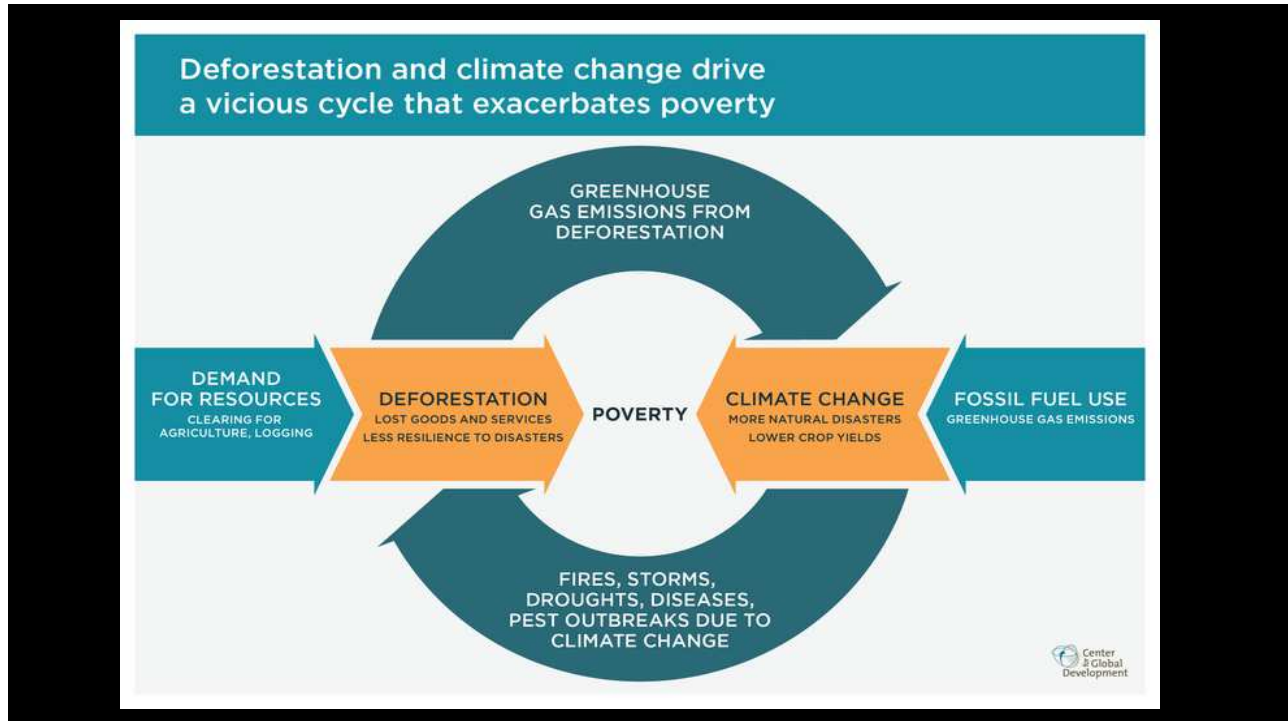


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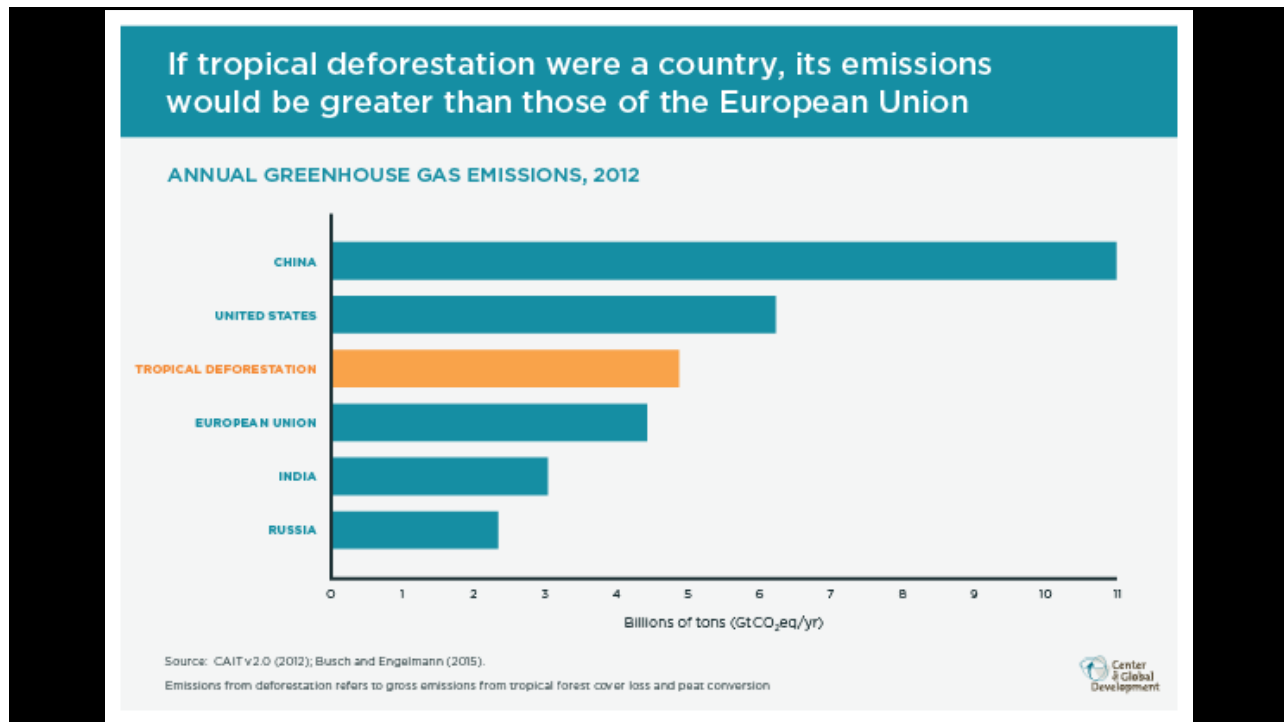
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