

The EX-ACT suite of tools

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Outline of the presentation

- Introduction to the EX-ACT suite of tools
- Theoretical presentation of EX-ACT modules;
- Application of the tool through hands-on exercises.

OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the structure of the tool;
- Understand the scope of application of the tool;
- Understand data needs;
- Read and interpret results from EX-ACT.

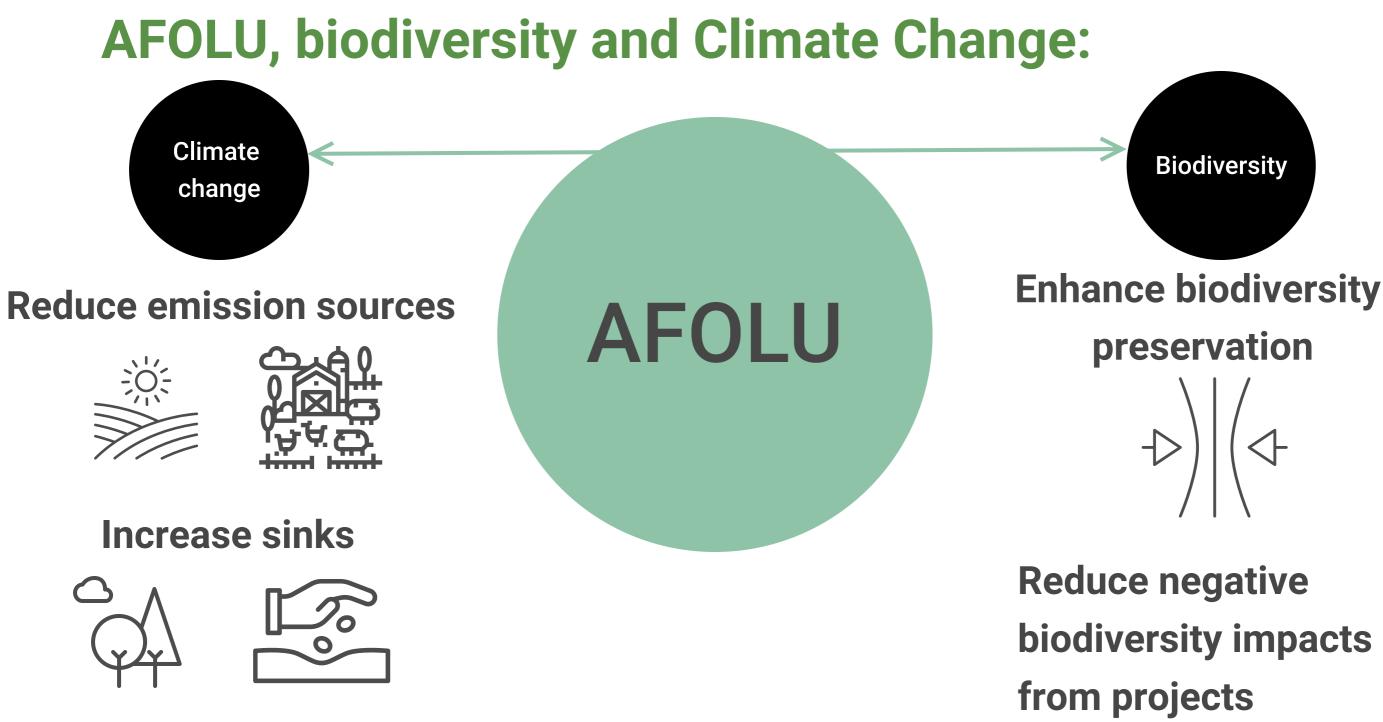


History and scope of the EX-ACT tools

Application of the tools

The EX-ACT tool

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EX-ACT suite of tools

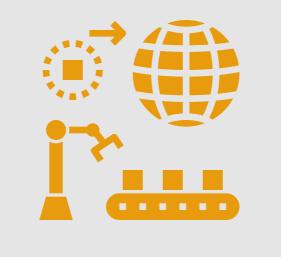
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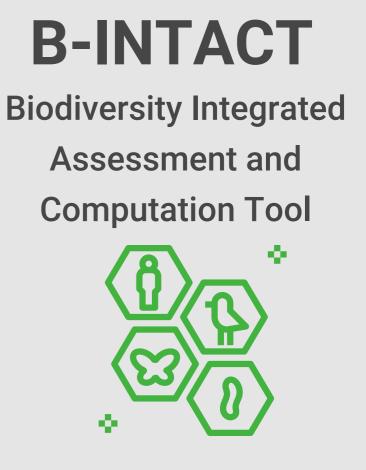
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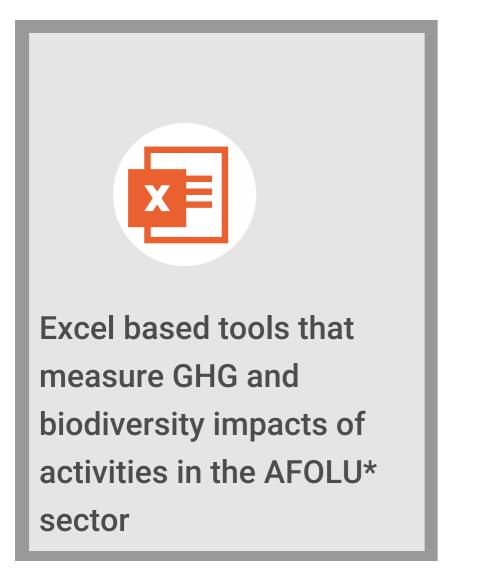
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EX-ACT for Value Chains





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Require activity data on agricultural practices, resource use and land impacted at project or policy level



Based on IPCC, GHG Protocol, PBL, ... and always reviewed by reliability

*Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use

thematic expert to ensure

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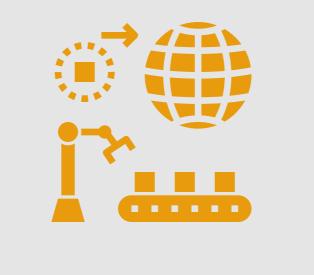
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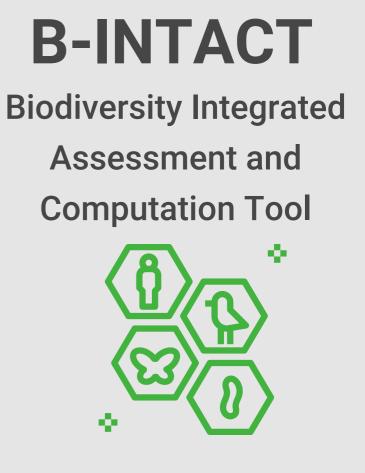
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The first tool: EX-ACT



An Excel based tool that quantifies in tCO2-eq the amount of GHG released or sequestered from activities in the agricultural* sector



IPCC Guidelines for 2006)



Primarily based on the National GreenHouseGas Inventories (2019, 2014,

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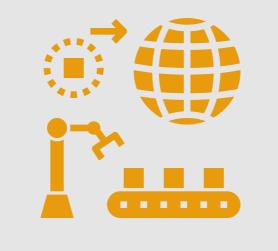
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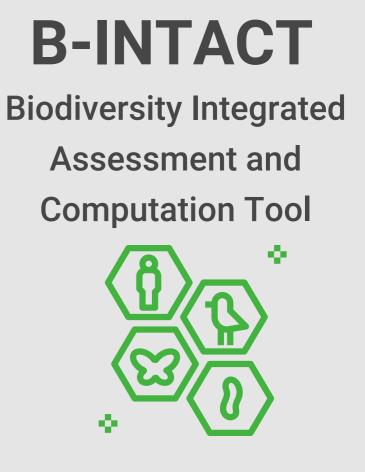
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The Ex-Ante Carbon-balance Tool for Value **Chains (EX-ACT VC)**



Integrates impact analysis of downstream activities of agrifood value chains



Environmental component allowing for a carbon footprint estimation integrating food loss and waste and water usage



Socio-economic component tracking activity impacts on value added, gross income and employment

Final outputs of the tool

Environmental indicators	 GHG emissions Carbon footprint Food loss Water usage
Socio-economic indicators	 Gross production value Gross & net value added Net income Employment indicators Gender & youth participation
SDG progress tracker	 SDG 1 Zero hunger SDG 5 Gender Equality SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation SDG 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production



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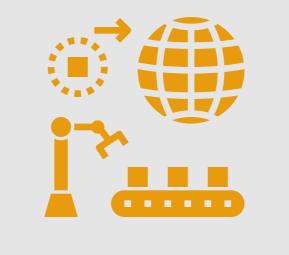
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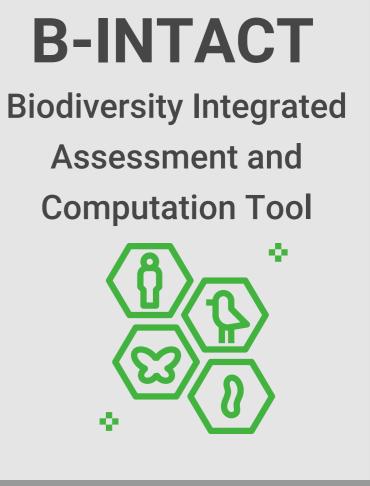


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Biodiversity Integrated Assessment and Computation Tool (B-INTACT)



Enables to account for anthropogenic impacts on biodiversity of AFOLU interventions that change land use, infrastructure, fragmentation of habitats, human encroachment

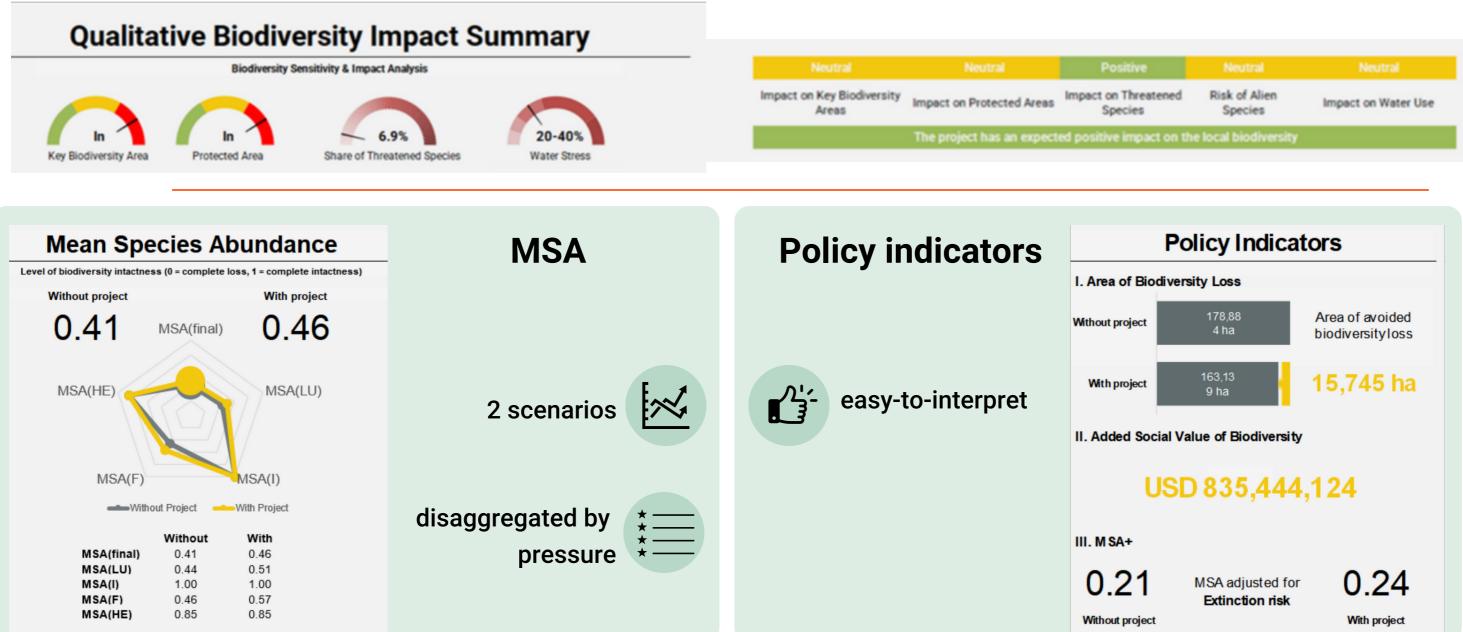


Measures changes in the Mean Species Abundance and translates into policy indicators including area of biodiversity loss and added/lost social value of biodiversity

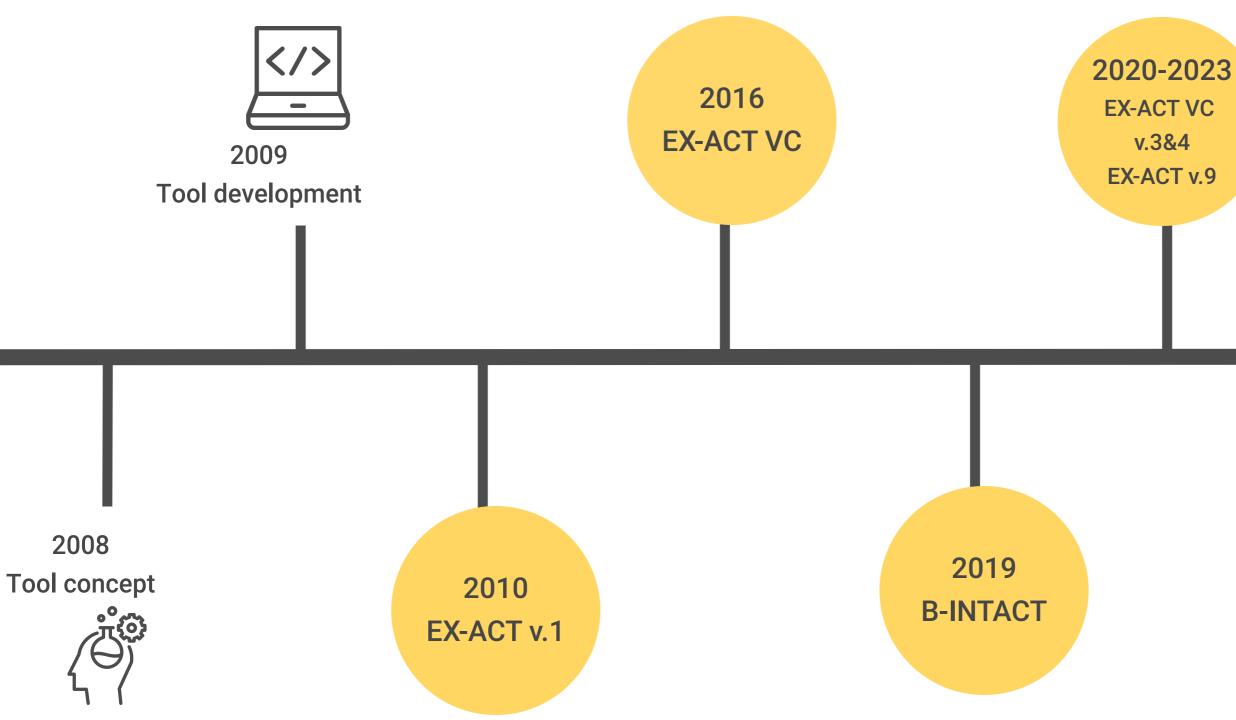


Evaluates biodiversity pressures by analysing (qualitatively) biodiversity sensitivity of the implementation zone, biodiversity management activities and agrobiodiversity practices

B-INTACT results



EX-ACT development







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Application of the tools

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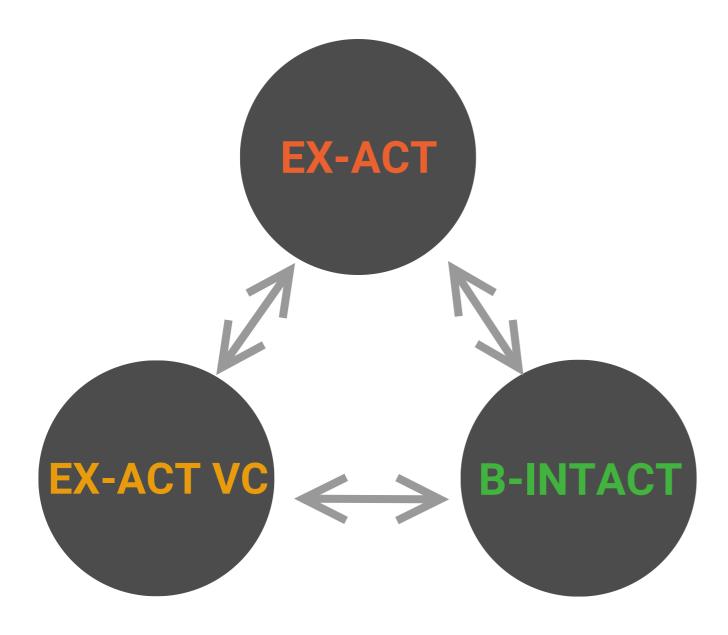


The EX-ACT suite of tool applicability





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The tools can be used: - Individually (specific indicators) - As a suite of tools (comprehensive

assessment)

The role of the EX-ACT team



Tool development

Capacity building

Assessments



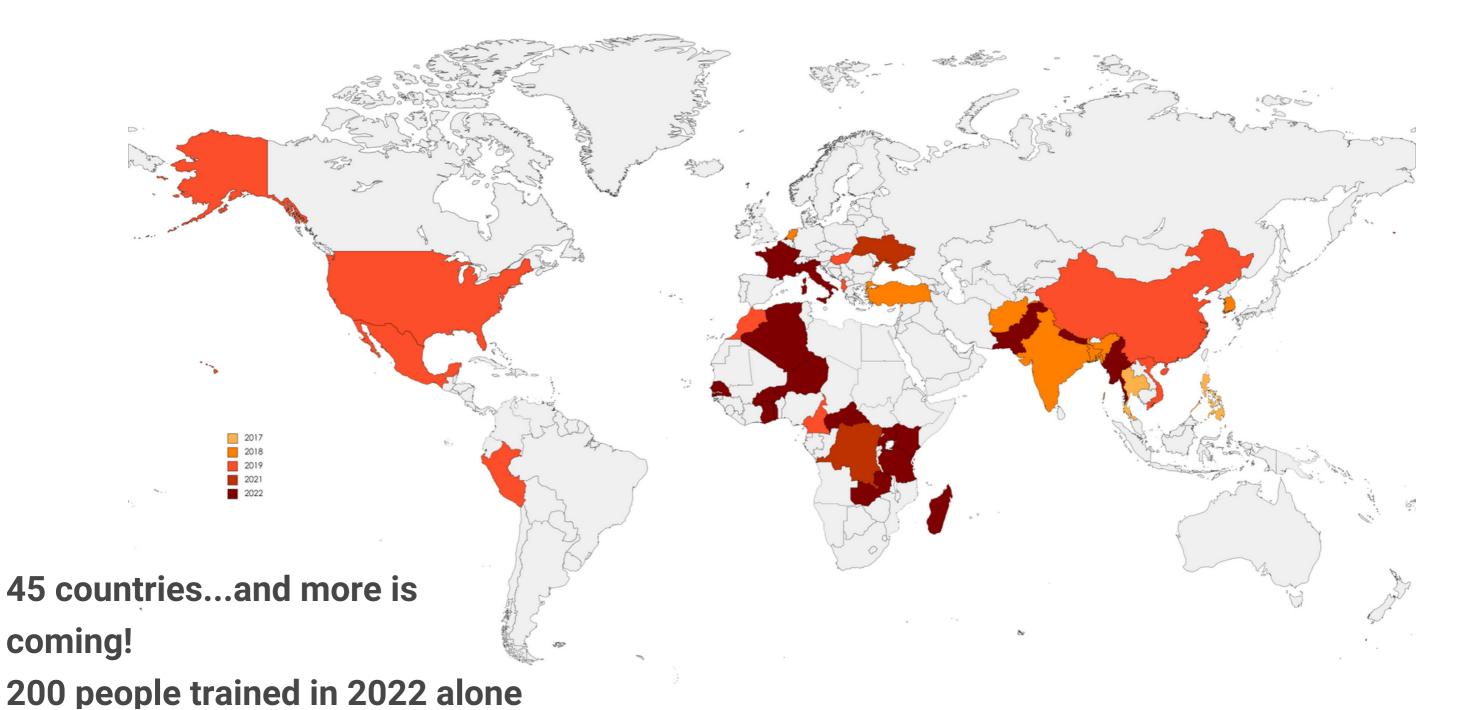
Analysis

The role of the EX-ACT team: appraisals

- Analysis conducted for over
- **150 countries**
- Over 50 appraisals in 2022
- alone



The role of the EX-ACT team: capacity building





The EX-ACT tool

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Necessary data

All activities

that could impact on GHG fluxes (reduction/emissions)

Different areas of land uses and land use changes in ha Management practices (residue burning, improved agronomic practice, nutrient management, Organic management, tillage management) Quantities of inputs used For livestock, evolution of herd **Energy consumption**

Investments in infrastructure

Initial Situation

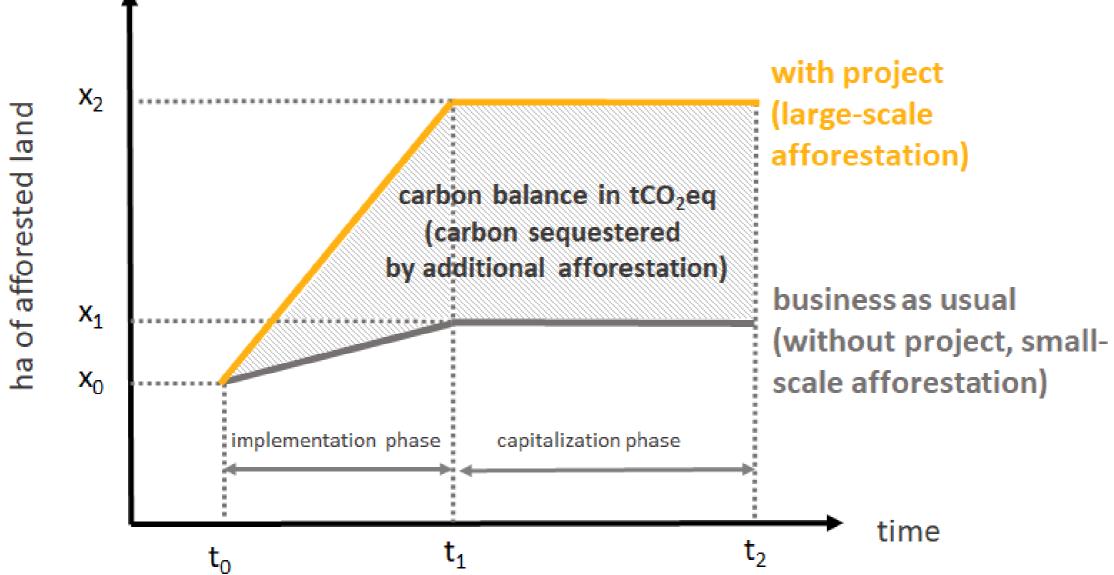
What is the initial situation?

Without project

What would happen in the future if the project was not implemented?

With project

What will happen in the future if the project is implemented?



Takes into account activities

Deforestation, a-re/forestation, forest degradation, restoration of grasslands, livestock, cultivation of annual crops, cultivation of perennial crops, fertilization of crops, installation of buildings, installation of irrigation systems...

...that impact GHG fluxes...

 CO_2 , CH_4 , N_2O

... or changes in carbon stocks

above-ground biomass, below-ground biomass, soil, litter & deadwood

Carbon Balance in tCO2-eq



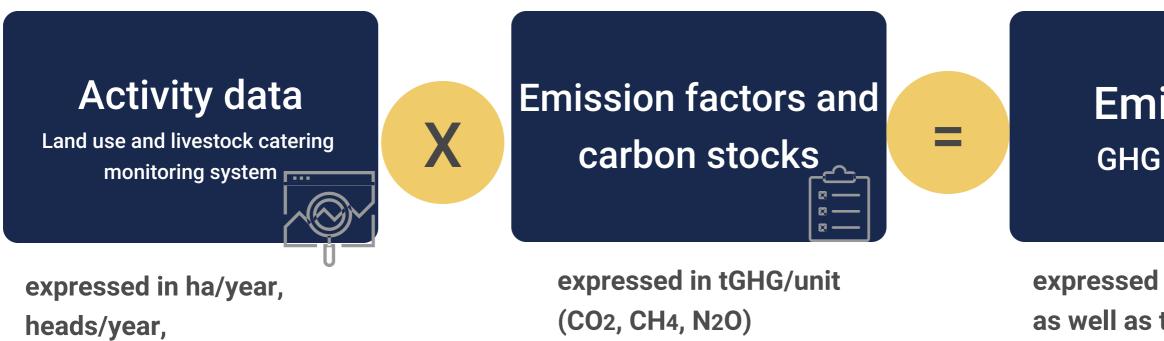


What is a carbon balance?

Carbon balance in EX-ACT: difference of all total quantified results between two scenarios, the without project scenario and the with project scenario.

The carbon balance can be disaggregated by activity, by module, by scenarios, or aggregated for the total carbon balance of the project.

The carbon balance is a numerical value always expressed in tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.

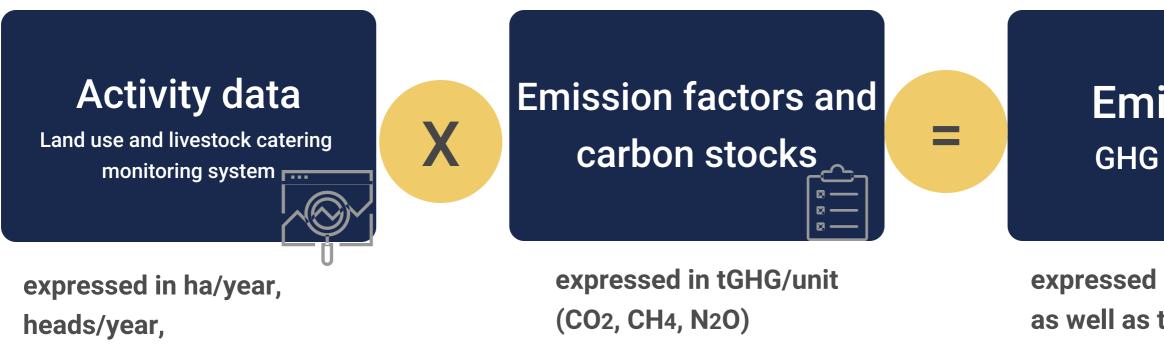


or tonnes of catch/year

Emissions GHG appraisal

expressed in tCO2eq/year, as well as total tCO2eq

With project scenario

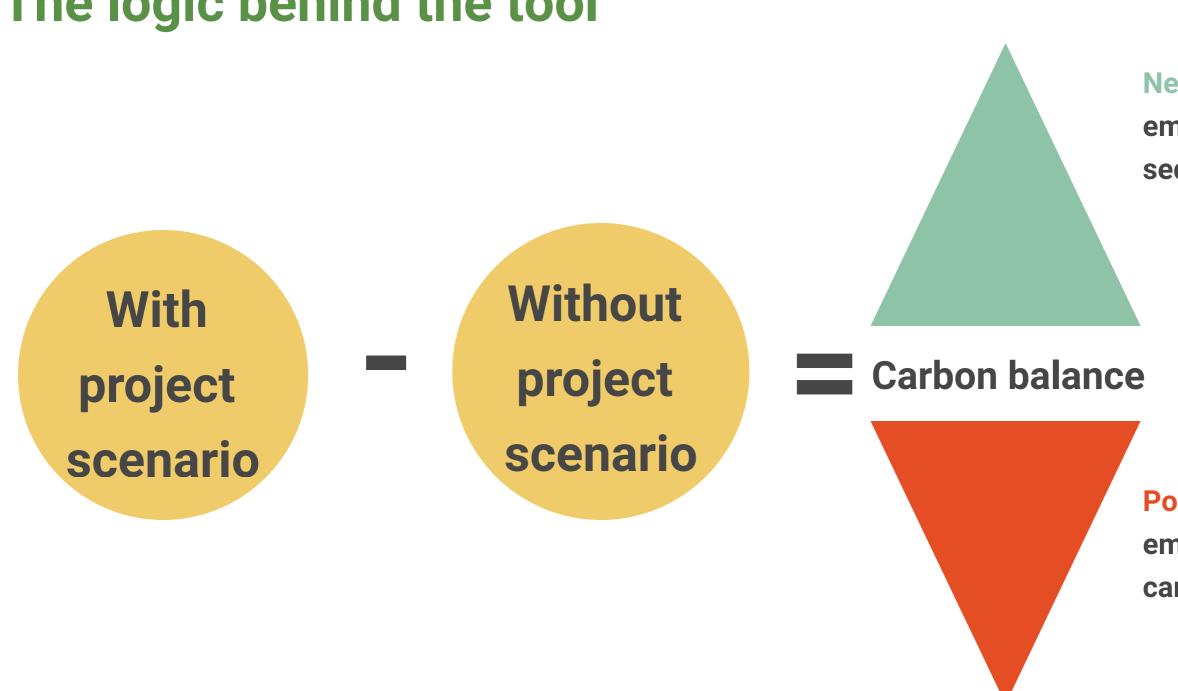


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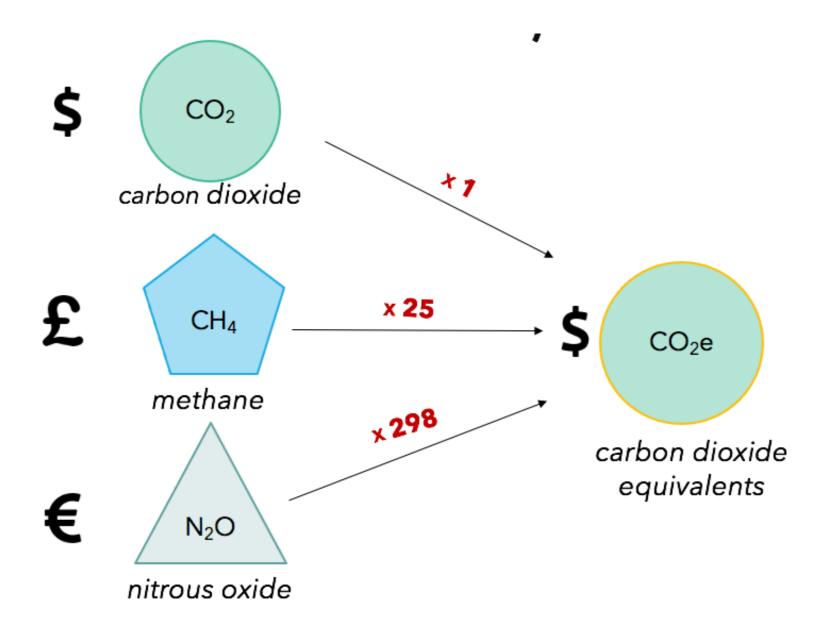
Without project scenario



Negative result = less emissions, or carbon sequestration

Positive result = more emissions, or less carbon sequestration

What is... carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-eq)



Global Warming Potential (GWP)

is a measure of how much a given mass of greenhouse gas is estimated to contribute to global warming. It is a relative scale which compares the gas in question to that of the same mass of carbon dioxide.

Assessment and GHG accounting tools (like EX-ACT) express results in a common "currency": CO₂-eq.

The results

Summary GHG analysis

Continent	Eastern Africa
Country	Ethiopia
Climate	Tropical
Moisture	Dry

Total area (ha)

2,570

Project duration (in years)

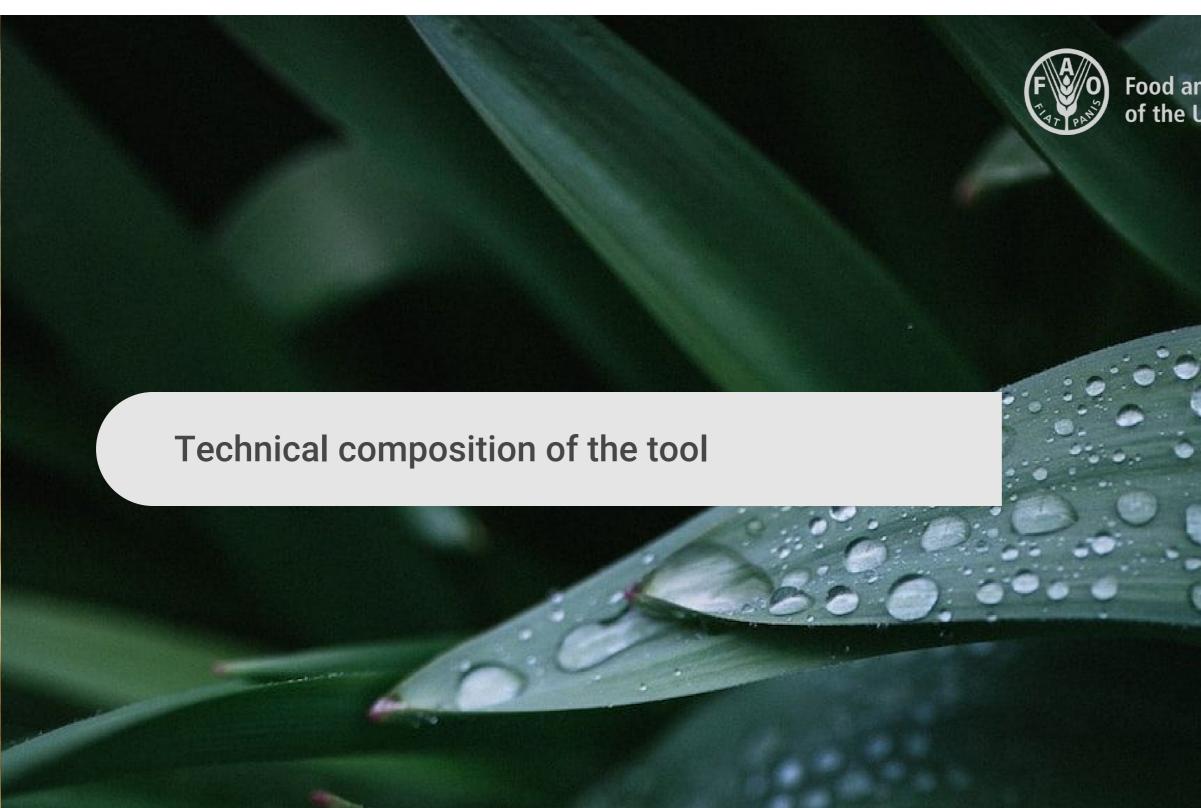
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MITIGATION POTENTIAL

301,432

tCO₂-e

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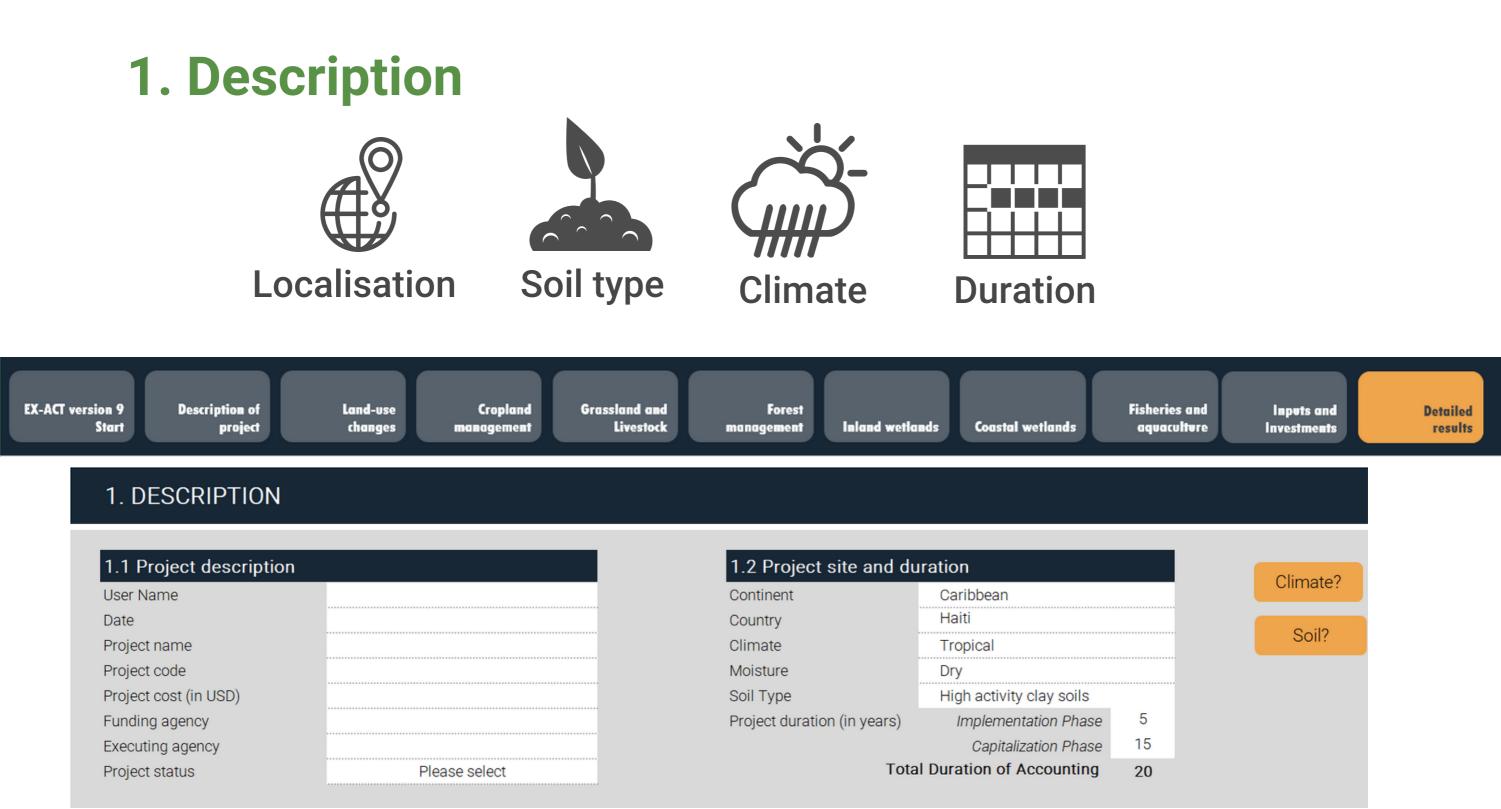
The different EX-ACT modules



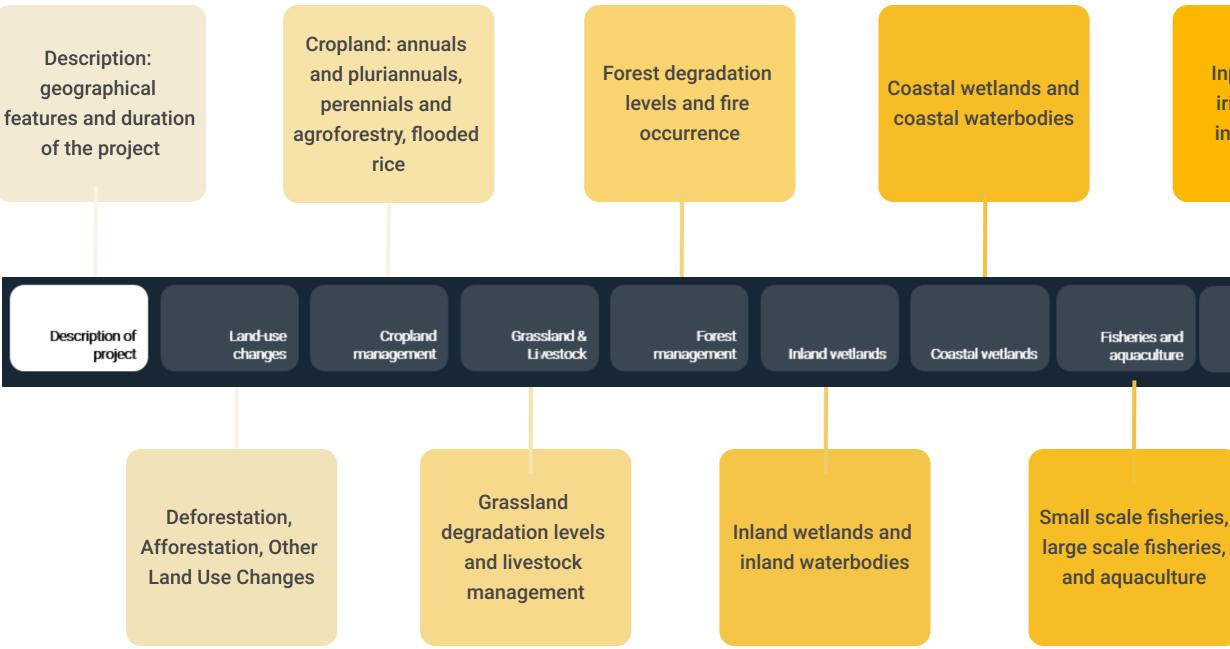
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Inputs and Investments





The different EX-ACT modules



Inputs, energy, irrigation and infrastructure

> Inputs & Investments

Detailed results

Results

Land-use changes



Deforestation

Land use change from a forest to a non-forest land use

Afforestation/Reforestation

Planting of forest in a non-forest area (including plantations)

Other land use changes

All other land use changes not involving forests as initial land use or final land use. ex: shift from grassland to annual cropland; expansion of coffee cultivation on degraded land.

Inputs and Investments



Cropland management



Annual cropland

Any change in crops and management practices (soil and water management, inputs, residue management)

Perennial cropland (agroforestry)

Any change in management practices (change in cropping system, soil, water, inputs and residue management)

Flooded rice

Any change in management practices (period and seasons of cultivation, water table management, residue management)

Inputs and Investments

Grassland and livestock



Grassland management

Any change in the management or degradation state of grasslands, rangeland and pastures, including fire impacts

Livestock management

Any change in the number, type and management of livestock (livestock species, number of heads, productivity levels)





Forest management



Forest degradation management

Any improvement or degradation of existing forests, including through fire impact and severity

Inputs and Investments



Inland wetlands



Management of organic soils

Land use changes, land management and forest management for organic soils

Peat extraction

Any activity that relates to peat extraction and changes in quantity extracted

Inland waterbodies

Any activity that relates to changes in trophic class

Inputs and Investments

Coastal wetlands



Management of coastal wetlands

Any activity that relates to extraction and excavation of coastal vegetation; drainage of coastal vegetation and rewetting of coastal vegetation.

Management of coastal waterbodies

Any activity that relates to waterbody management (changes in trophic class)

Inputs and Investments

Fisheries and Aquaculture



Small scale fisheries

Any activity that relates to fishing vessels at a small scale (fuel use, inland and marine use, choice of fishing gear)

Large scale fisheries

Any activity that relates to fishing vessels at a large scale (fuel use, type of fish, choice of fishing gear)

Aquaculture

Any activity that relates to inland or coastal aquaculture

Inputs and Investments

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Inputs

Any changes in use of fertilizers, pesticides, or animal feed

Energy consumption

Any changes in use of energy (source and/or consumption)

Irrigation

Establishment of new irrigation infrastructure and energy use for water pumping in existing irrigation infrastructure

Construction of buildings and roads

Construction of new buildings or new and rehabilitated roads

Inputs and Investments

EX-ACT modules: Results

DETAILED RESULTS

Project name

Continent Caribbean Country Haiti Climate Tropical Moisture Dry

	Total area (ha)	1,500	Global warming potential
5	Mineral soil	1,500	CO ₂ 1
15	Organic soil	0	CH ₄ 28
20	Waterbodies	0	N ₂ O 265
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GROSS FLUXES

In tCO2-e over the whole period analysis				
PROJECT C	OMPONENTS	WITHOUT	WITH	BALANCE
Level and	Deforestation	151,038	0	-151,038
Land use	Afforestation	0	0	0
changes	Other land-use	0	0	0
	Annual	1,872	234	-1,638
Cropland	Perennial	0	0	0
	Flooded rice	0	0	0
Grasslands &	Grasslands	0	0	0
Livestock	Livestock	0	0	0
	Forest mngt.	0	-41,376	-41,376
	Inland wetlands	0	0	0
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Fisheries	and aquaculture	0	0	0
	Inputs & Invest.	0	0	0
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SHARE PER GHG OF THE BALANCE

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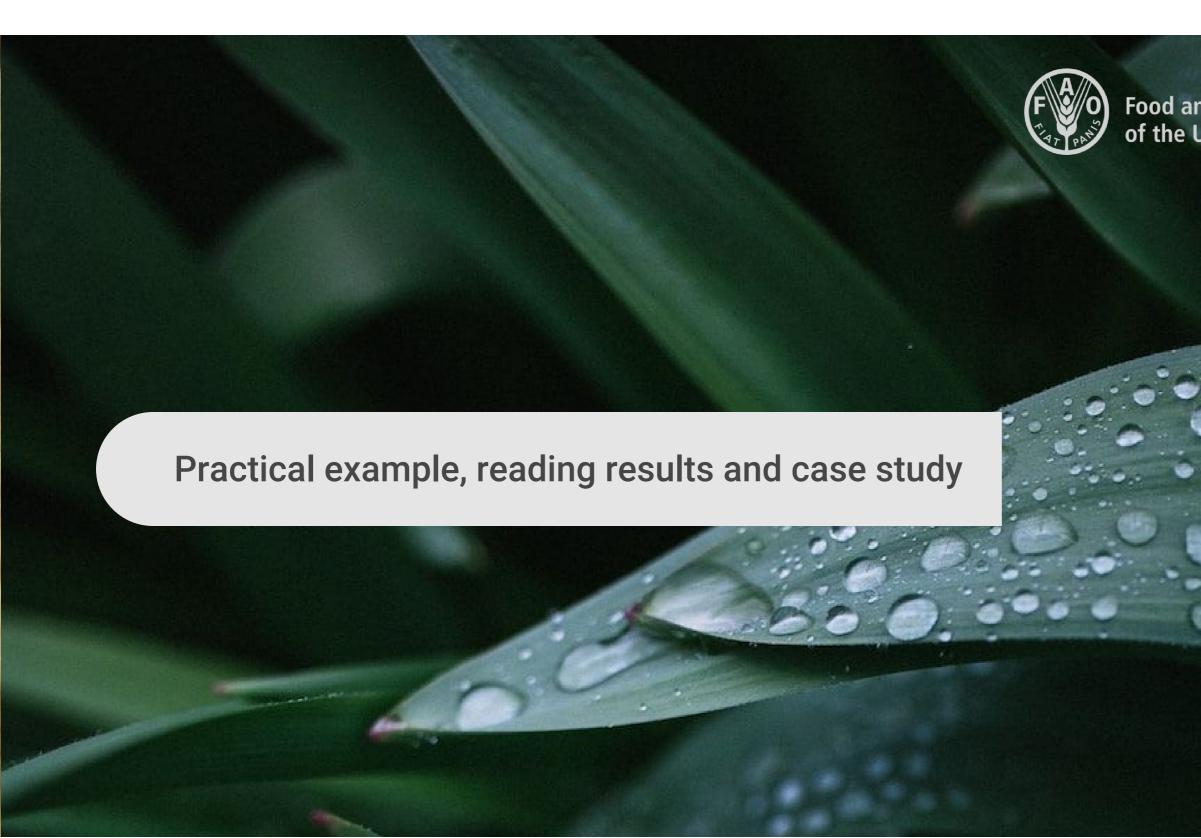
AVERAGE ANNUAL EMISSIONS

In tCO2-e/yr

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7,552	0	-7,552
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7,646	-2,057	-9,703

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Tier 2
Annual
emissions



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The activities of a rural development project in Haïti are summarized as follows:



To avoid deforestation of 400 ha of tropical dry forest

To promote good agricultural practices on 500 ha of maize (residue retention, organic fertiliser)



To restore 600 ha of degraded tropical dry forest

Building scenarios

Description	Initial situation	Without the project	With the project
Deforestation	400 ha of Tropical dry forest	400 ha of Degraded Iand	400 ha of Tropical
Improved practices on cropland	500 ha of maize land under unimproved practices (residue burning; no organic fertilizer; full tillage)	NO CHANGE	500 ha of maize la Improved practices retention; organic f tillage)
Forest management	Level of degradation is moderate (40% of biomass loss)	NO CHANGE	Level of degradation become low (20% of loss)

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EX-ACT modules: Results

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EX-ACT modules: Results

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EX-ACT modules: Results - main takeaway

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GROSS FLUXES

The carbon balance is key to measure the project's mitigation potential!

Downloading EX-ACT



- Go to the website: http://www.fao.org/in-action/epic/ex-act-tool
- Go to the EX-ACT page
- Register online
- Click on the confirmation link you receive on your personal e-mail
- Login and download the tool(s) of your interest

REGISTER to download the EX-ACT tool or LOGIN



Technical requirements EX-ACT v.9 requires MS Excel version 2011 or newer