

# Indonesia's Mangrove and Tropical Peatland Research and related carbon accounting

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# Why are mangroves and tropical peatlands?

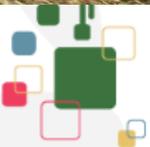
- High carbon density and provide various important ecosystem services.
- Significant contributors to global GHG emissions due to their high rates of degradation and land use change.
- Potential for climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Understanding the source and size of historical emissions is important for planning mitigation actions as well as assessing the potential impact of land management options on future emissions.
- A number of studies have been conducted in Indonesia to provide scientific information on emission factors and address a significant knowledge gap in the main parameters to improve the accuracy of emission estimation due to disturbances.



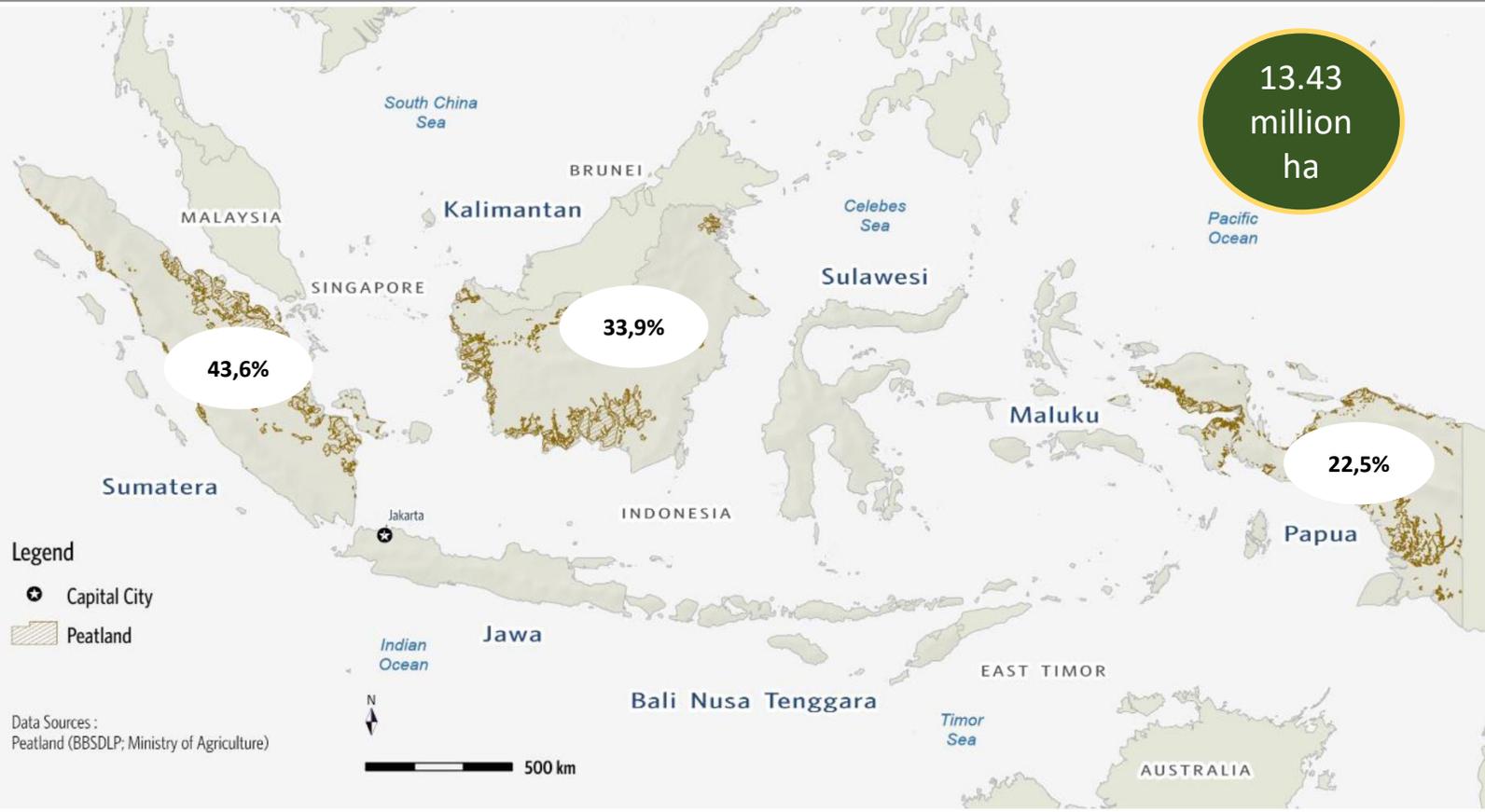
# Mangroves in Indonesia



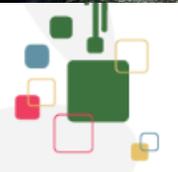
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# Peatlands in Indonesia



Source: Ministry of Agriculture (2019)



# How research has contributed to the national emission reporting?

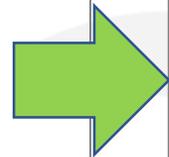
## Improvement of emission estimation

### 1st Indonesia FREL Wetland Emission Calculation

- ▶ Mangrove
  - ▶ AGB emission
- ▶ Peatland
  - ▶ AGB emission
  - ▶ SOC emission from peat decomposition

#### Uncertainty analysis

- ▶ Propagation error from activity data and emission factor



### 2nd Indonesia FREL Wetland Emission Calculation

- ▶ Mangrove
  - ▶ AGB, BGB, DOM emission
  - ▶ SOC emission from mangrove conversion
- ▶ Peatland
  - ▶ AGB, BGB, DoM emission
  - ▶ SOC emission from peat decomposition and peat fire

#### Uncertainty analysis

- ▶ Adding sources of uncertainty (improved allometrics, increased samples, etc.)
- ▶ Applying uncertainty calculation (Montecarlo simulation)



# Some studies on Indonesia's mangroves

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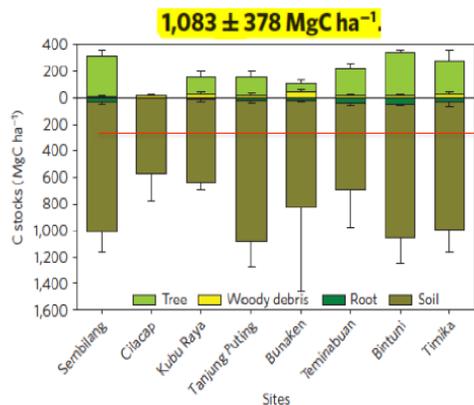
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## The potential of Indonesian mangrove forests for global climate change mitigation

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### Mangrove C stocks across Indonesian archipelago

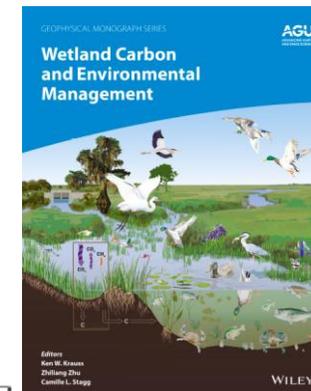
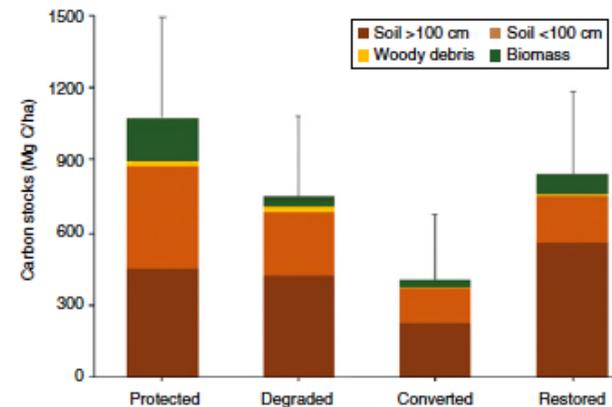


**Indonesia mangroves:**  
High C-stocks - could meet a quarter of a 26% emission reduction target by 2020 by conserving mangroves from deforestation

## Mangrove carbon stocks

### Optimizing Carbon Stocks and Sedimentation in Indonesian Mangroves under Different Management Regimes

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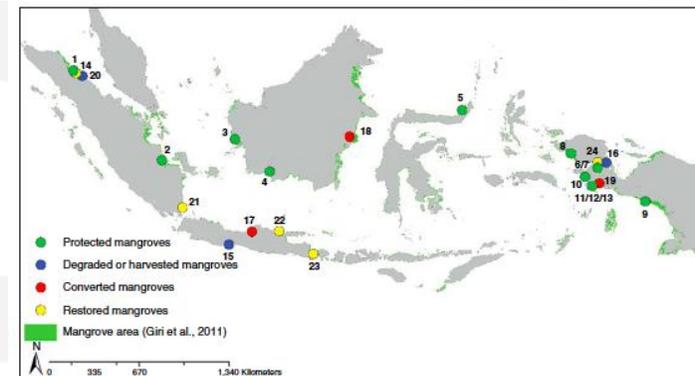
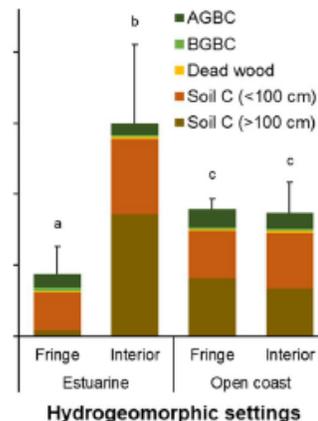


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### Mangrove blue carbon stocks and dynamics are controlled by hydrogeomorphic settings and land-use change

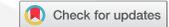
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# Mangrove carbon sequestration

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## Carbon sequestration and fluxes of restored mangroves in abandoned aquaculture ponds

Frida Sidik<sup>a,b</sup>, Maria Fernanda Adame<sup>c</sup> and Catherine E. Lovelock<sup>b</sup>

Tidal re-instatement facilitates natural regeneration

10 years – restoration

Components of carbon cycle have restored

	Natural (Mg C ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Restored (Mg C ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )
AB biomass + leaf litter	16.6	16.2
Soil	2.2	1.5

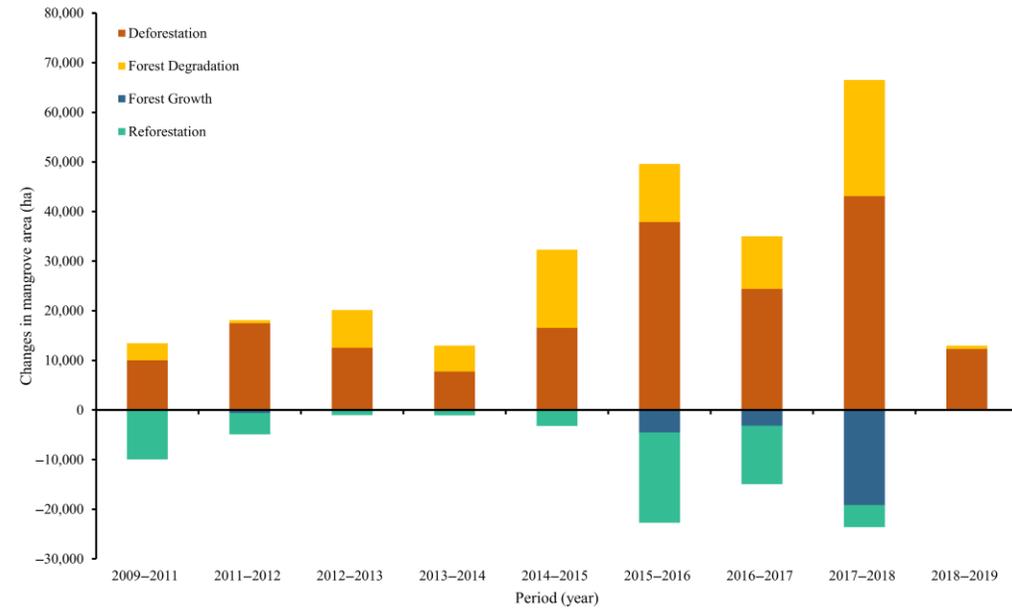


# Mangrove deforestation and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Indonesia

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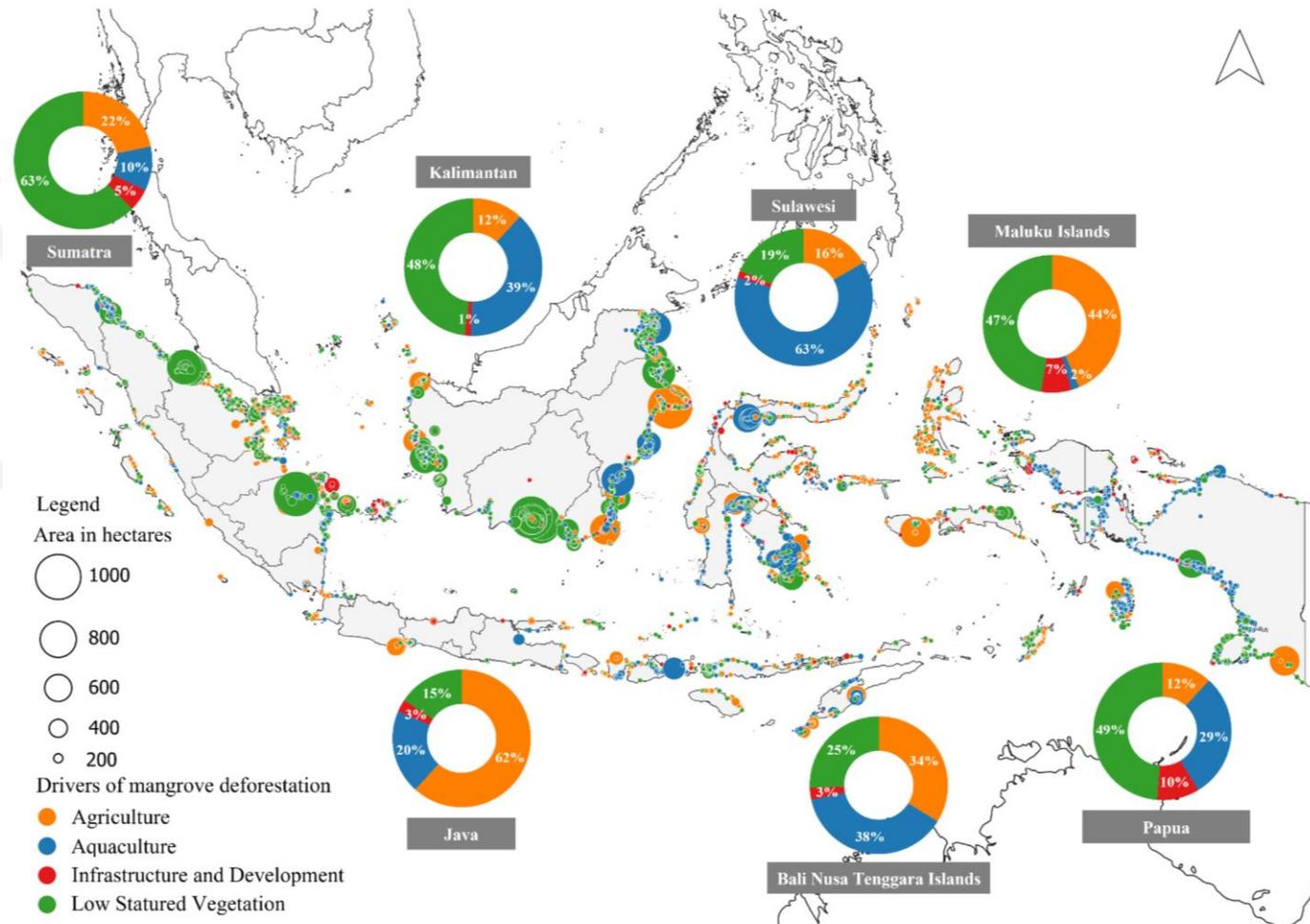


- Deforestation exceeds reforestation
- Mangrove gross deforestation rate in Indonesia is estimated at 18,209 ha yr<sup>-1</sup> (Arifanti et al., 2021)
- Mangrove net emission rate is 28 Tg CO<sub>2</sub>e r<sup>-1</sup> (Arifanti et al., 2022)

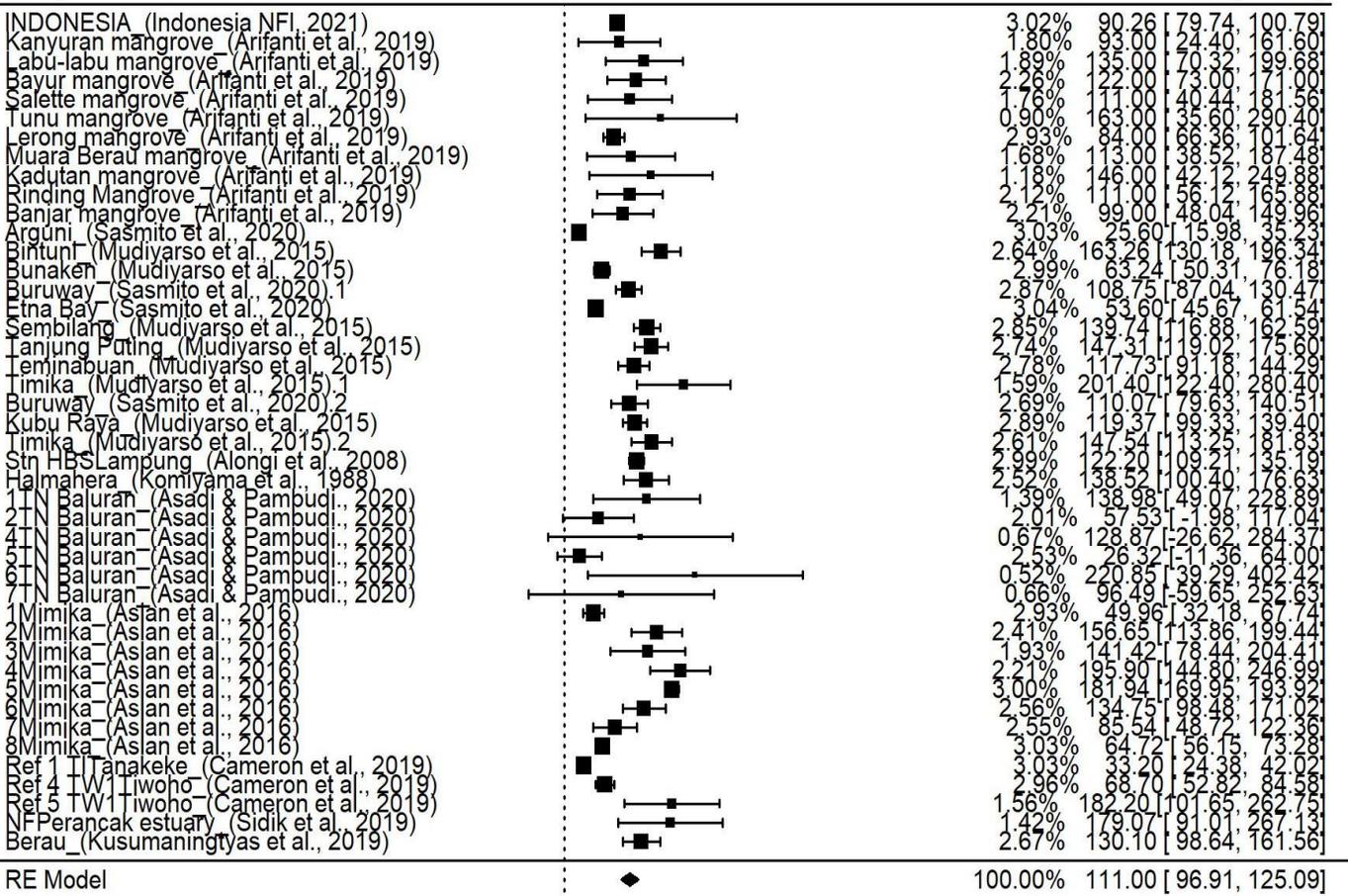
## Contributions of mangrove conservation and restoration to climate change mitigation in Indonesia

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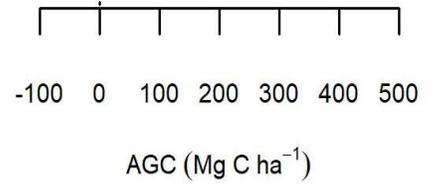
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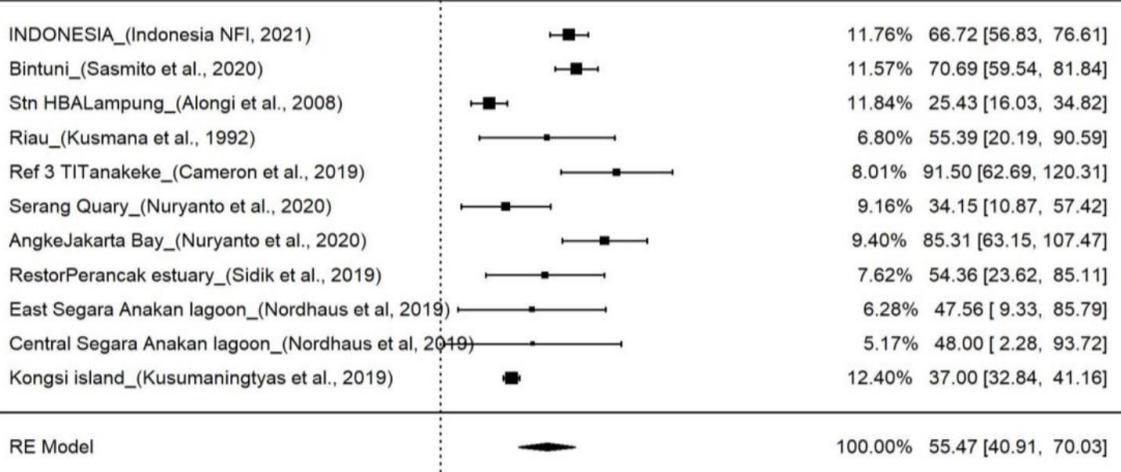
# Studies on AGC in Indonesia's primary mangrove forests



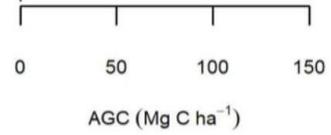
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# Studies on AGC in Indonesia's secondary mangrove forests



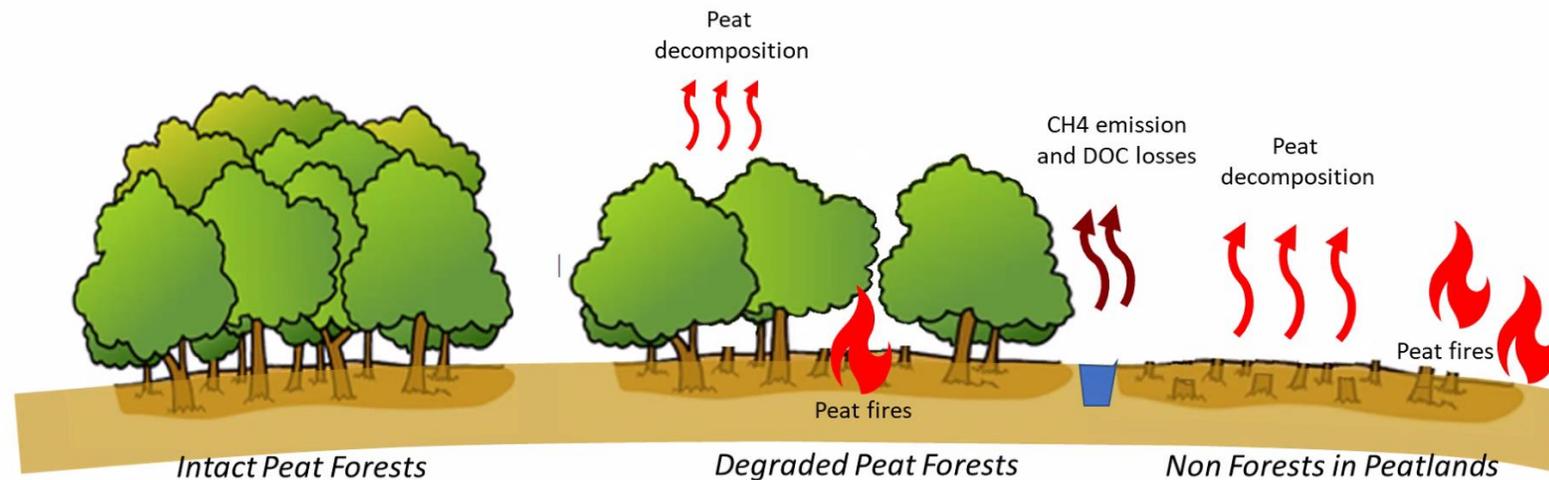
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# Studies in Indonesia's tropical peatlands

## Scope

- **Carbon Stocks**
- **Emissions from Organic Soils on Degraded Peatlands**
  - Peat Decomposition
  - Peat Fires



# Improving emission estimates from tropical peatland fires

Measuring trees in secondary peat swamp forest

## Accounting for all carbon pools

Live aboveground biomass  
(trees, shrubs, grasses)



Measuring peat depth



Dead organic matter  
(litter, coarse woody debris)



Assessing PyC



Peat (depth, bulk density, C content)

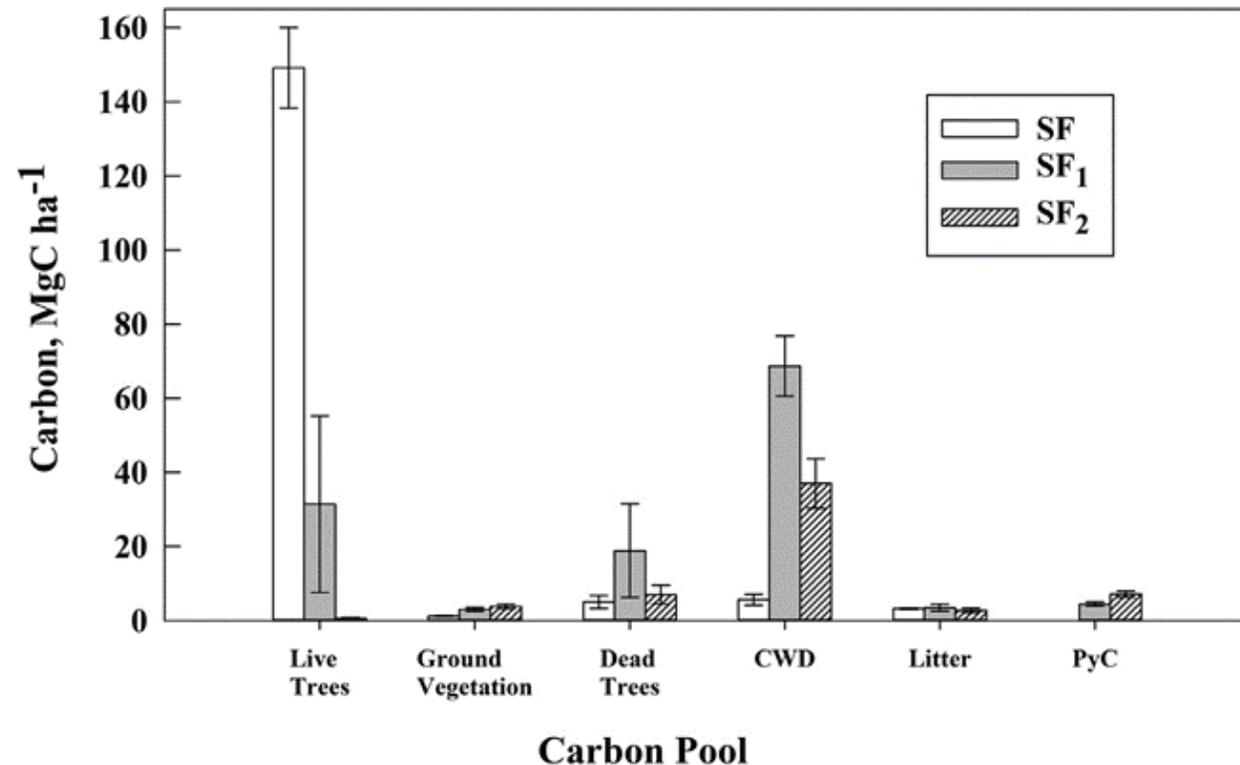


Pyrogenic carbon



# Impact of fire frequency on AGC

A comprehensive assessment of the above-ground and peat carbon pools as they are affected by recurring fires

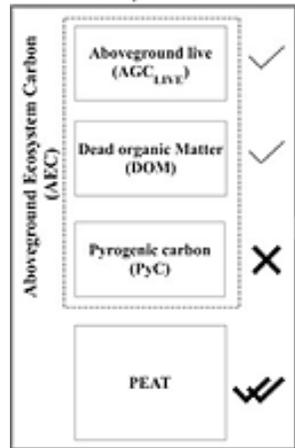


- There has been a high uncertainty in the estimates of peat fire emissions, especially where peat swamp forest are burnt in more than one fire.
- Our study shows that after one recent fire about 90 Mg C ha<sup>-1</sup> remains aboveground as the deadwood carbon pool.
- Following a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive fire, about a half of the deadwood is retained, mainly as CWD, or converted to pyrogenic carbon.



# Improved knowledge on peat fires emissions estimates

Total Ecosystem Carbon

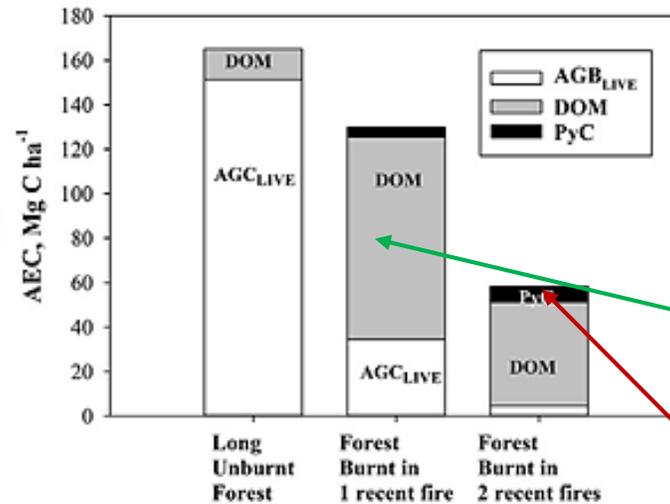


- Always accounted
- Rarely accounted
- Never accounted

Peat fire Emissions

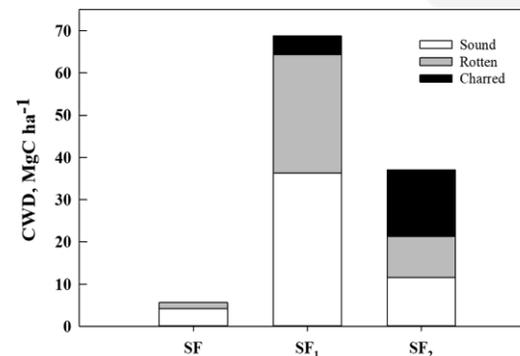


Contribution of Carbon Pools to the AEC by states of forest degradation



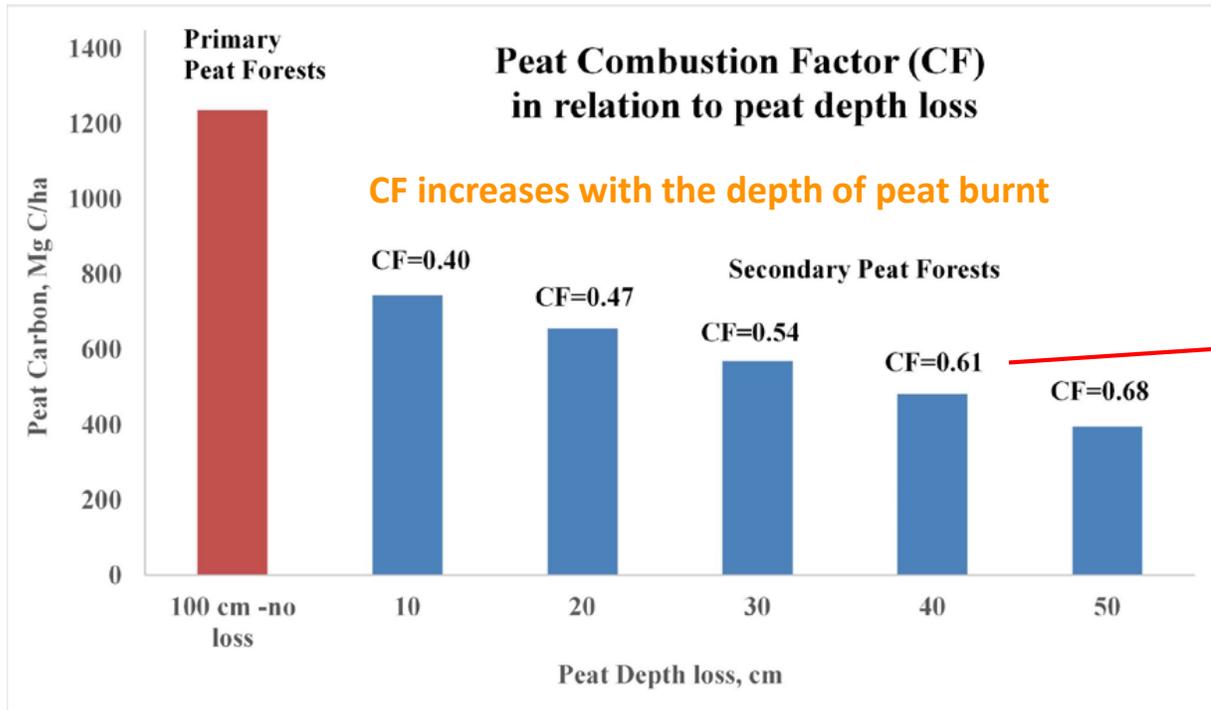
- Contribution of deadwood to peatfire emissions is not properly accounted.
- Deadwood accounts for 50–60% of aboveground carbon in recently burnt peat forests
- PyC accounts for 12% of aboveground carbon in repeatedly burnt peat forests

Carbon pool	Treatment		
	SF	SF <sub>1</sub>	SF <sub>2</sub>
AGC <sub>LIVE</sub>	92 (150.4)	26 (34.4)	8 (4.5)
Live trees	91	24	1
Ground cover	1	2	7
Deadwood	6 (10.7)	68 (87.6)	75 (44.1)
Dead trees	3	15	12
CWD	3	53	63
Litter	2 (3.2)	3 (3.4)	5 (2.8)
PyC	0	3 (4.5)	12 (7.1)
AGC <sub>TOTAL</sub>	100 (164.3)	100 (129.9)	100 (58.5)



# New Combustion Factors for Peat swamp forests

Current assumption: complete combustion of peat (CF = 1) is an oversimplification



**Table 5**  
Combustion factors for aboveground and peat biomass.

Combustion factor	This study	IPCC default
$CF_{AGC}^a$	0.564	0.50
$CF_{PEAT-10cm}$	0.399	1.0
$CF_{PEAT-20cm}$	0.469	1.0
$CF_{PEAT-30cm}$	0.540	1.0
$CF_{PEAT-40cm}$	0.610	1.0
$CF_{PEAT-50cm}$	0.681	1.0

**Table 6**  
Estimated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Mg CO<sub>2</sub>-e) from 1 ha of peat burnt down to 10 cm and 30 cm depth using the IPCC default and study derived  $CF_{PEAT}$ .

Peat depth burnt	Estimated CO <sub>2</sub> emissions using the IPCC default CF	Estimated CO <sub>2</sub> emissions using study derived $CF_{PEAT}$	Emission reduction per hector of peat burnt
10 cm	262	104	2.51
30 cm	1275	688	1.85

# Parameter to estimate peat fire emission

Parameter	Mean (SE)	Unit	Source
Cf (combustion factor)	0.54 (0.05)	-	Krisnawati et al. 2021;
Gef CO <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor)	1670.13 (34.03)	g kg <sup>-1</sup> CO	Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2016; Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2015; Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2014; Christian <i>et al.</i> (2003); Huijnen <i>et al.</i> 2016; Setyawaty <i>et al.</i> 2017; Wooster <i>et al.</i> 2018; Nara <i>et al.</i> 2017
Gef CH <sub>4</sub> (CH <sub>4</sub> emission factor)	177,87 (24,36)	g kg <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2eq</sub>	Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2016; Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2015; Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2014; Christian <i>et al.</i> (2003); Huijnen <i>et al.</i> 2016; Setyawaty <i>et al.</i> 2017; Wooster <i>et al.</i> 2018; Nara <i>et al.</i> 2017
BD (bulk density)	0.16 (0.015)	g cm <sup>-3</sup>	Konecny et al. 2016; Warren <i>et al.</i> 2012, Agus <i>et al.</i> 2011; Lampela <i>et al.</i> 2014; Kononen <i>et al.</i> 2015; Shimada <i>et al.</i> 2001
Db (Burn depth)	31.88 (4.68)	cm	Stockwell <i>et al.</i> 2016; Ballhorn <i>et al.</i> 2009; Konecny <i>et al.</i> 2016; Usup <i>et al.</i> 2004; Page <i>et al.</i> 2002; Saharjo 2007; Simpson <i>et al.</i> 2016; Saharjo and Munoz 2005



# Thank you.

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