LAND

WHOSE FARM?



SOLD

TRASHING THE PLACE



THE FACTS

1%

Just 1% of farms control over 70% of the world's agricultural land.¹

>80%

of all farms (almost 500 million farmers) are under 2 hectares:

- covering 12% of farmland²
- producing 1/3 of food³

2.5bn

people rely on collective tenure rights for their livelihoods nearly one-third of the world's population.4

AGRICULTURAL LANDHOLDERS WHO ARE WOMEN⁵



40% of the world's land area is used for agriculture.8

LAND DEALS

LAND SOLD OFF, HECTARES, 2000-20206



BIGGEST INVESTORS IN THE LAND DEALS ABOVE, HECTARES, 2000-20207



20-40%

of global land area is degraded or degrading.8

52%

of agricultural land is degraded.8

90%

of the world's soils including farmland, forests, rangelands, and urban land - could be degraded by 2050.9

WOOD FOR TREES



Between 2000-2015

125m hectares of forest were destroyed - an area twice the size of France.8

Agriculture is responsible for 80% of global deforestation.8



90-99%

of tropical forest deforestation is driven by agriculture. But only 45-65% of that land is actually used. Instead, it's cleared for speculation or projects that never materialize.10

of the world's forest has been lost over the last 10,000 years. Half of this loss occurred in the last century.11

CITY FOLK

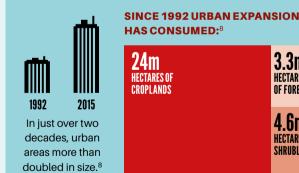


3.3m

HECTARES

OF FOREST

SHRUBLAND



of the global population is projected to live in urban areas by 2050.12

29%

of the world's population live in informal settlements.13

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