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Objectives and methods

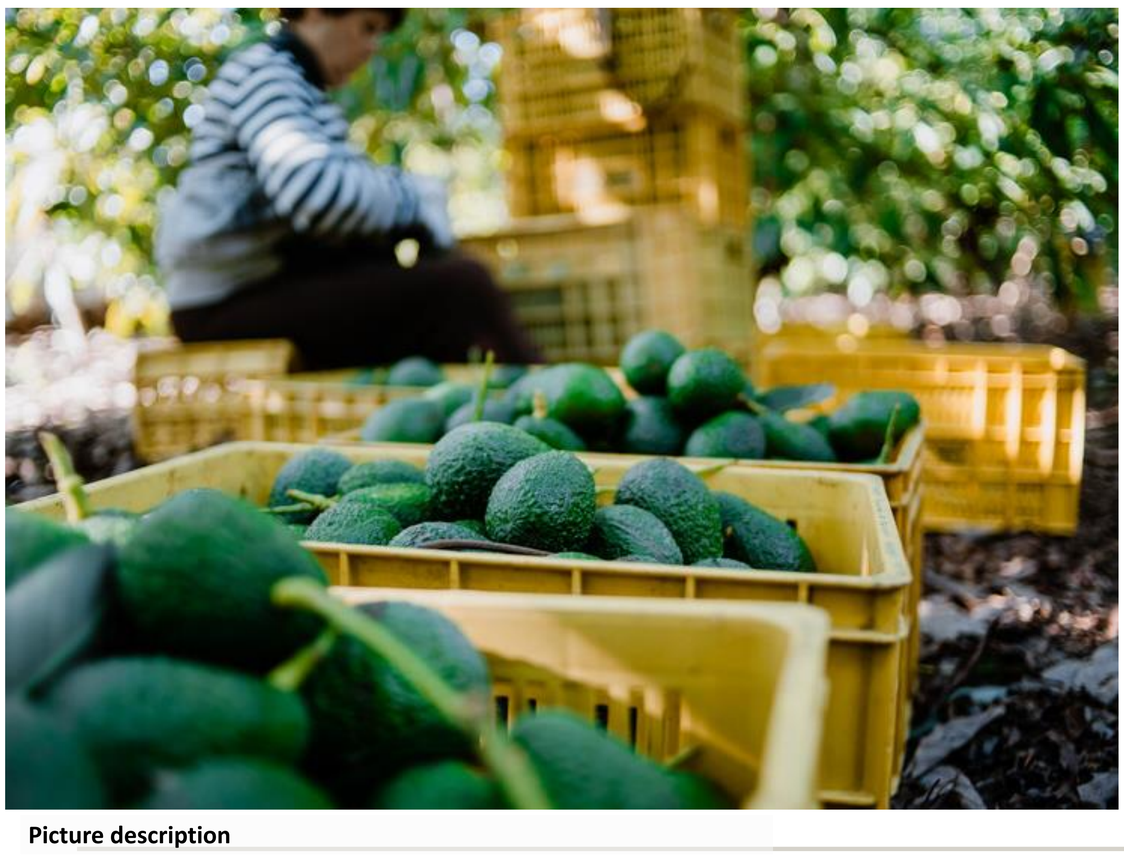
- Topic of FLW gained moment and is widely recognized as an essential step towards more sustainable food systems
- But many FLW papers, articles and reports lack concrete recommendations and there are a few persistent blind spots.
- WUR authors were invited to *move from the what to the how* by contributing chapters on concrete solutions and pathways
- Aimed at policy makers, funders, private companies, NGO's as well as citizens organizations.

Results, solutions and contribution to transitions

- Literature review (31 reports, 34 peer reviewed articles, 829recommendations, 66 overarching themes).
- Participative workshop for topic selection, involving over 20 leading WUR experts from WCDI, WEcR, WEnR, WFBR WFSR and WLR.
- Publication (in progress) of 12 chapters with a wide range of solutions and pathways, including: mobilizing informal businesses, food safety control, long versus short food supply chains, fighting urban food waste, the importance of adapting and adopting interventions to local supply chains, finding the right entry points in a food system for FLW interventions, circular valorisation of food surpluses, the promise of the Black Soldier Fly of this topic, FLW in a changing environment and the importance of a gender perspective.

External partners

- The global Champions 12.3 coalition – including Louise O. Fresco – will be involved in the dissemination throughout the (extended) network.



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What's next?

The publication actively embraces the currently existing key FLW publications and build upon them by working towards a next level (applied) research agenda. It embed the views of (future) funders and simultaneously give them a perspective on the future research directions to deliver on SDG 12.3.

Next on the agenda is:
- The presentation of the publication during WIFI event (13 & 14 June), incl. social media outreach.
- To increase the likelihood for adoption and appreciation of the publication and the research agenda, it is considered to request influential persons in the domain of FLW funding to provide their reflection on the publication.

Potential follow up:
- The format of the publication allows us to add more chapters in the future on emerging topics
- Invite leading experts outside of Wageningen to provide their translated perspective on the subject matter.

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Questions for audience

- If you could contribute a chapter (based on your expertise), what would it be about?
- How about a FLW@WUR community?

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