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A world map is formed by puzzle pieces on a light-colored wooden surface. Each piece of the map is filled with a different food ingredient, such as red chili peppers, green herbs, black beans, yellow corn, star anise, and various grains. The puzzle pieces are arranged to form the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. A semi-transparent blue banner with white text is overlaid on the map.

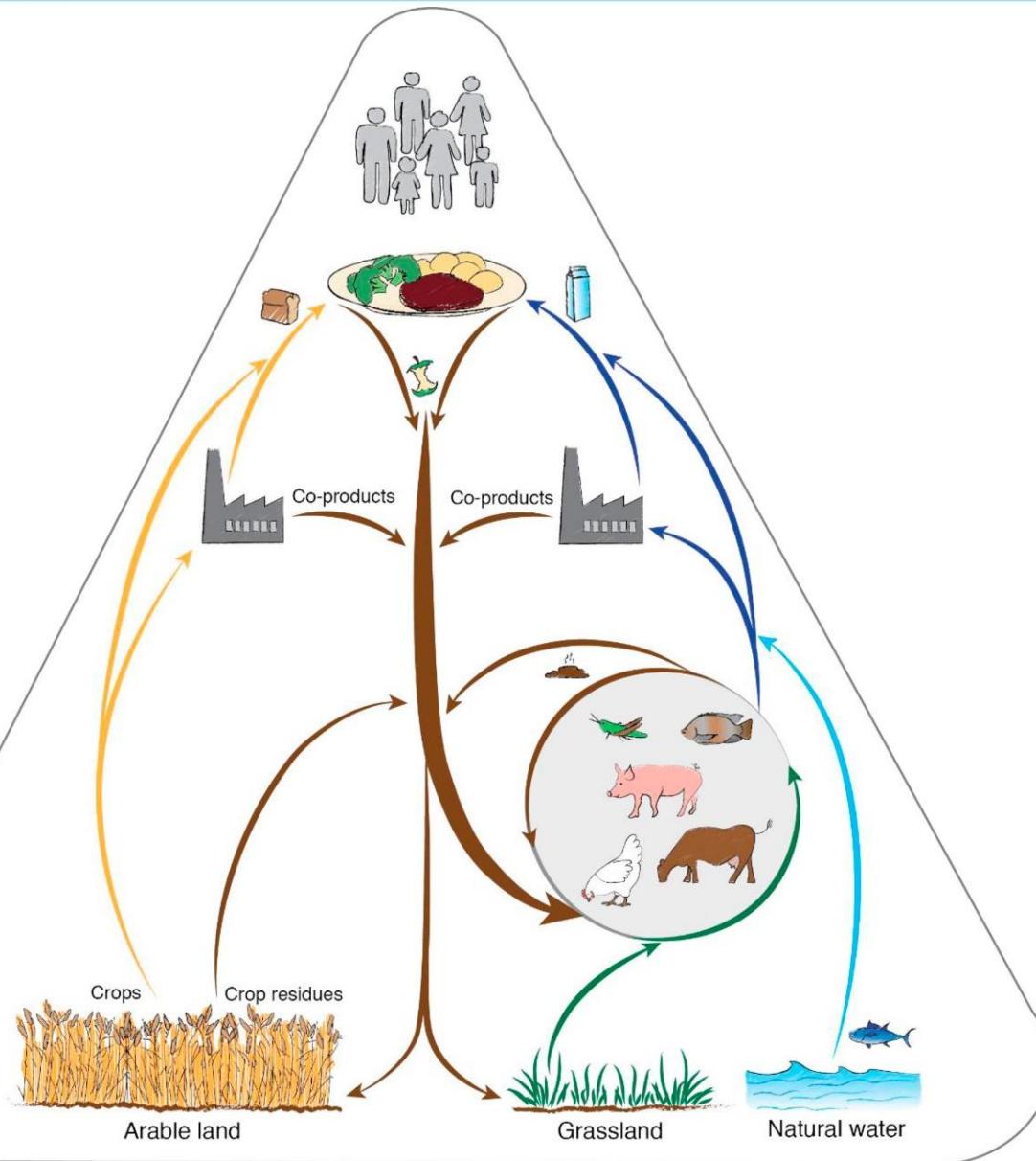
What's unique about food systems in the tropics?

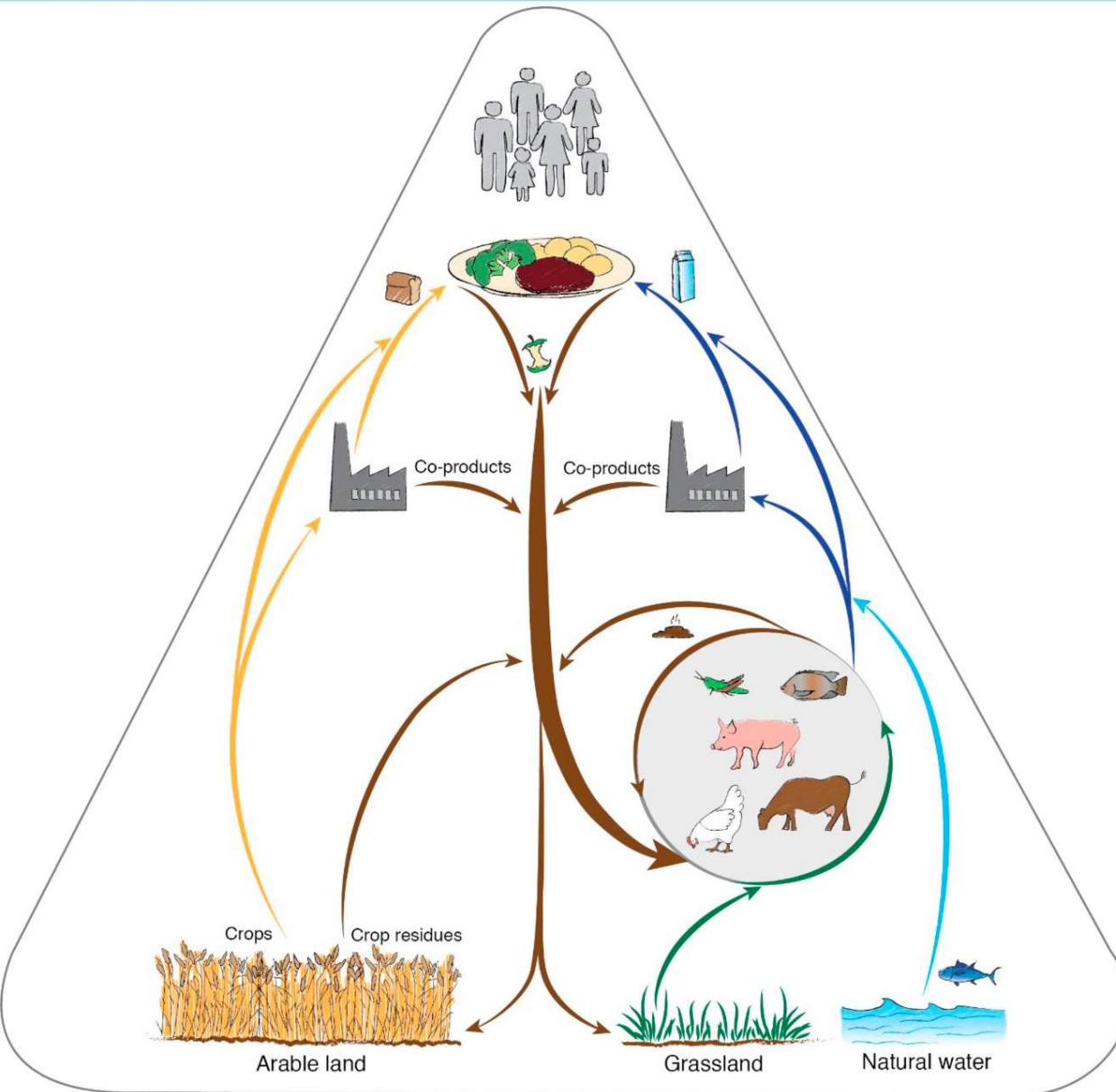


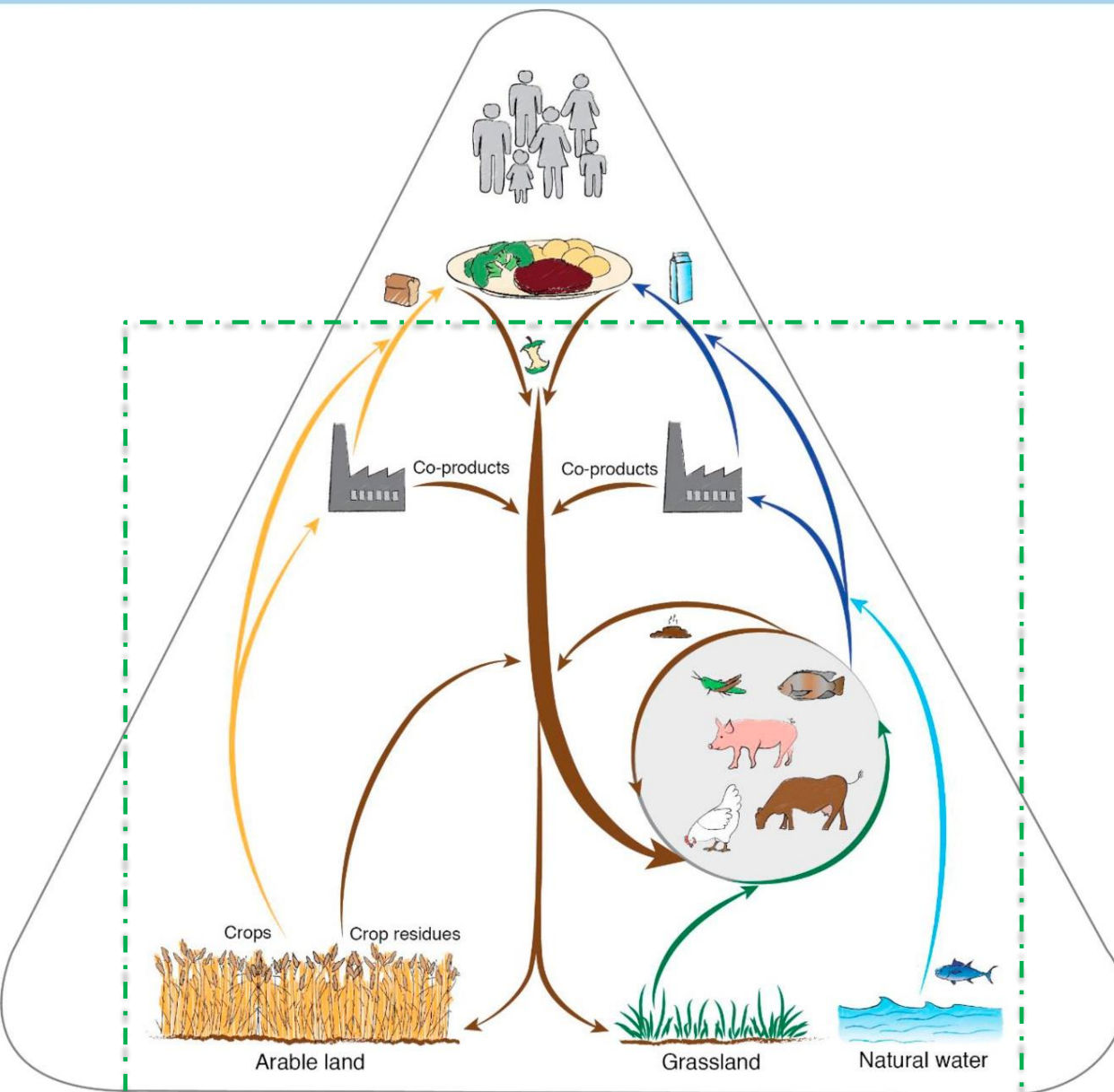
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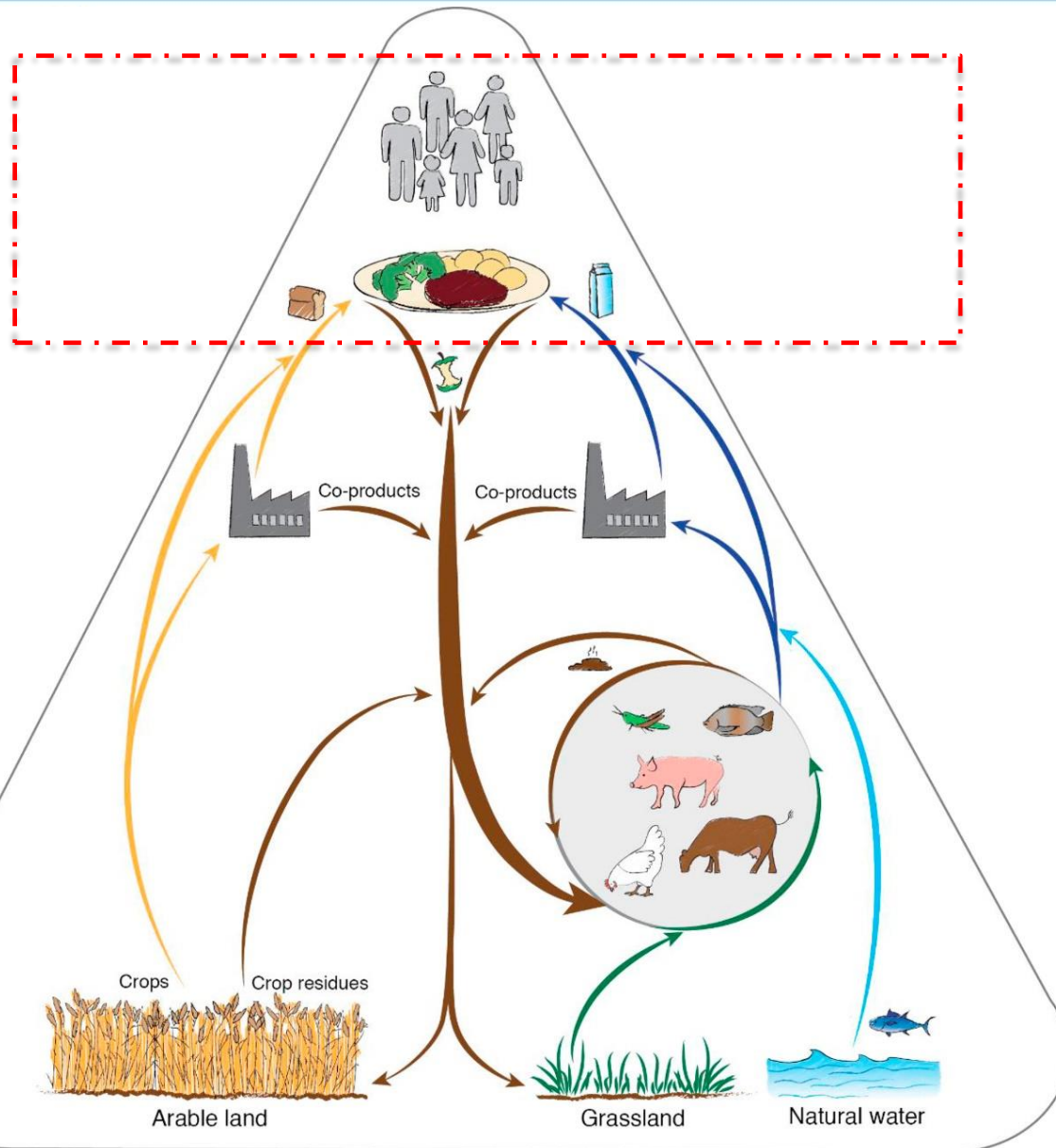
A photograph showing a person in silhouette, holding a bucket, milking a group of cows. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The cows are also in silhouette, and the overall atmosphere is warm and golden. The person is standing in the center, facing away from the camera, and the cows are positioned around them. The text 'What are the unique and acute challenges?' is overlaid on a semi-transparent blue rectangular box in the center of the image.

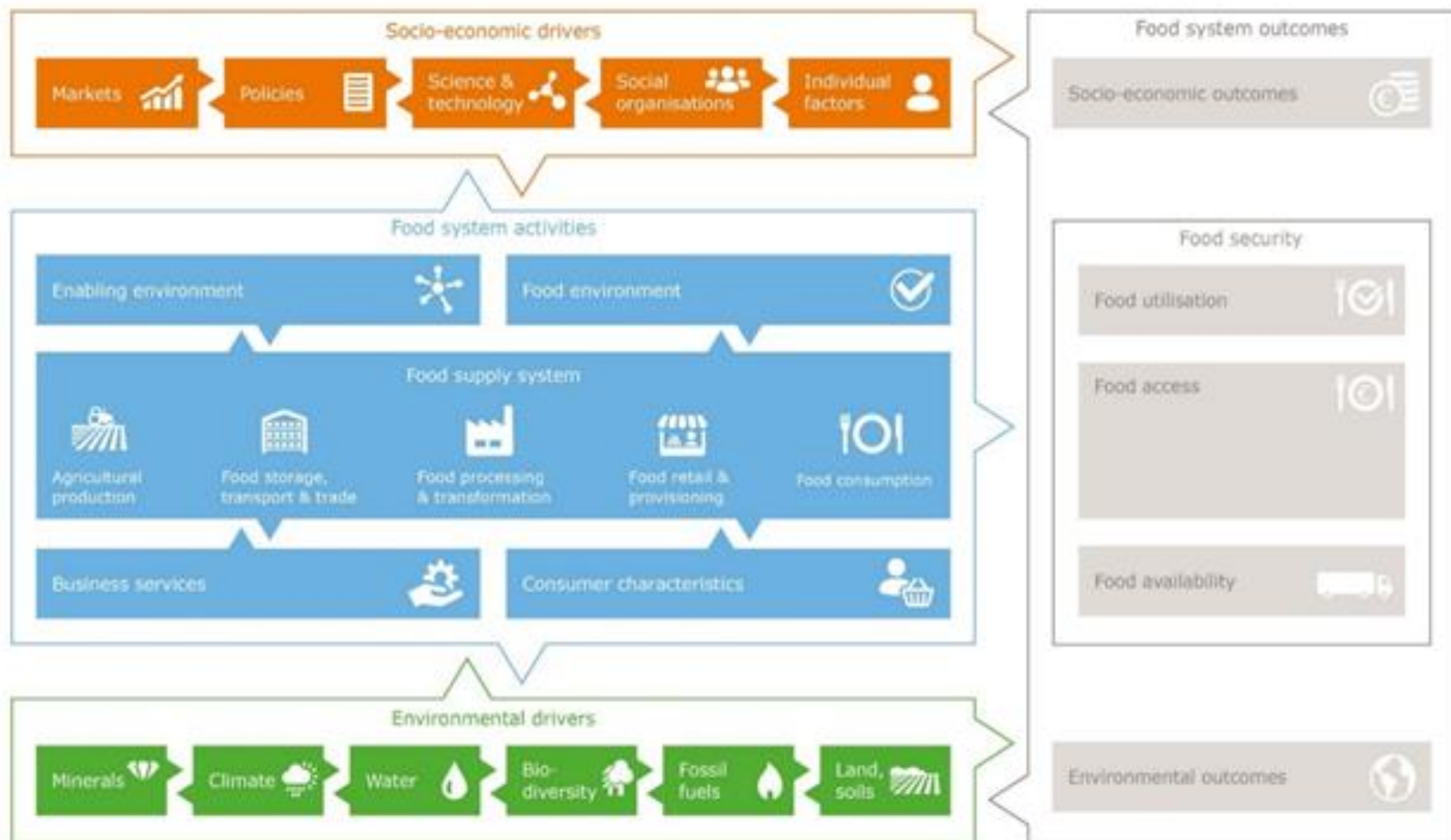
What are the unique and acute challenges?

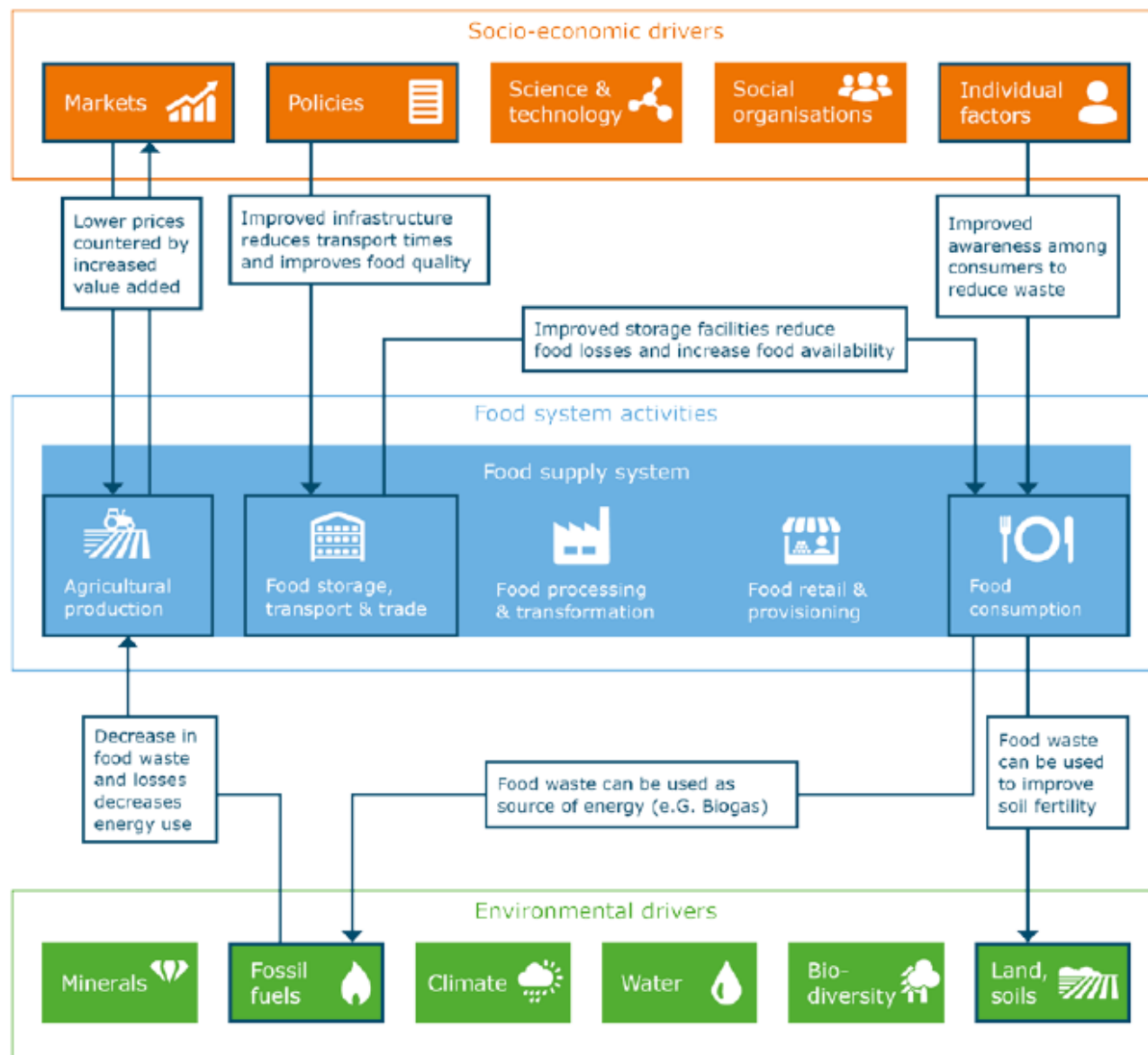






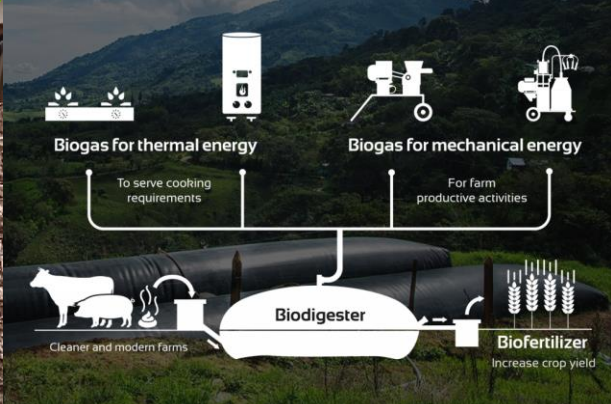
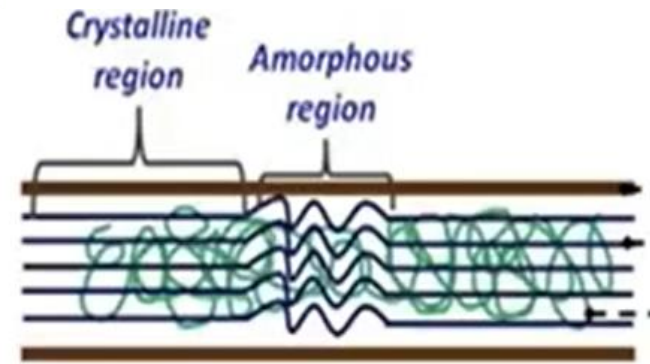




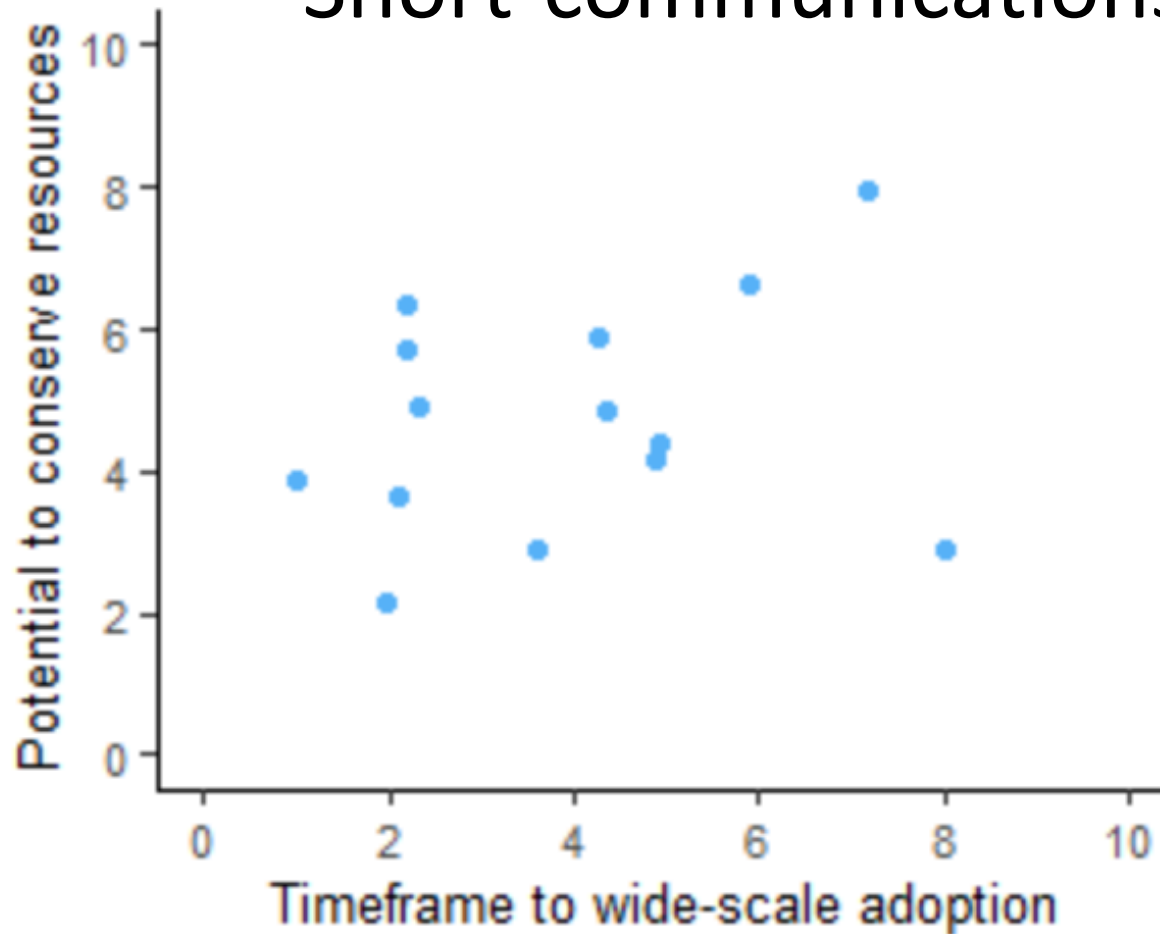




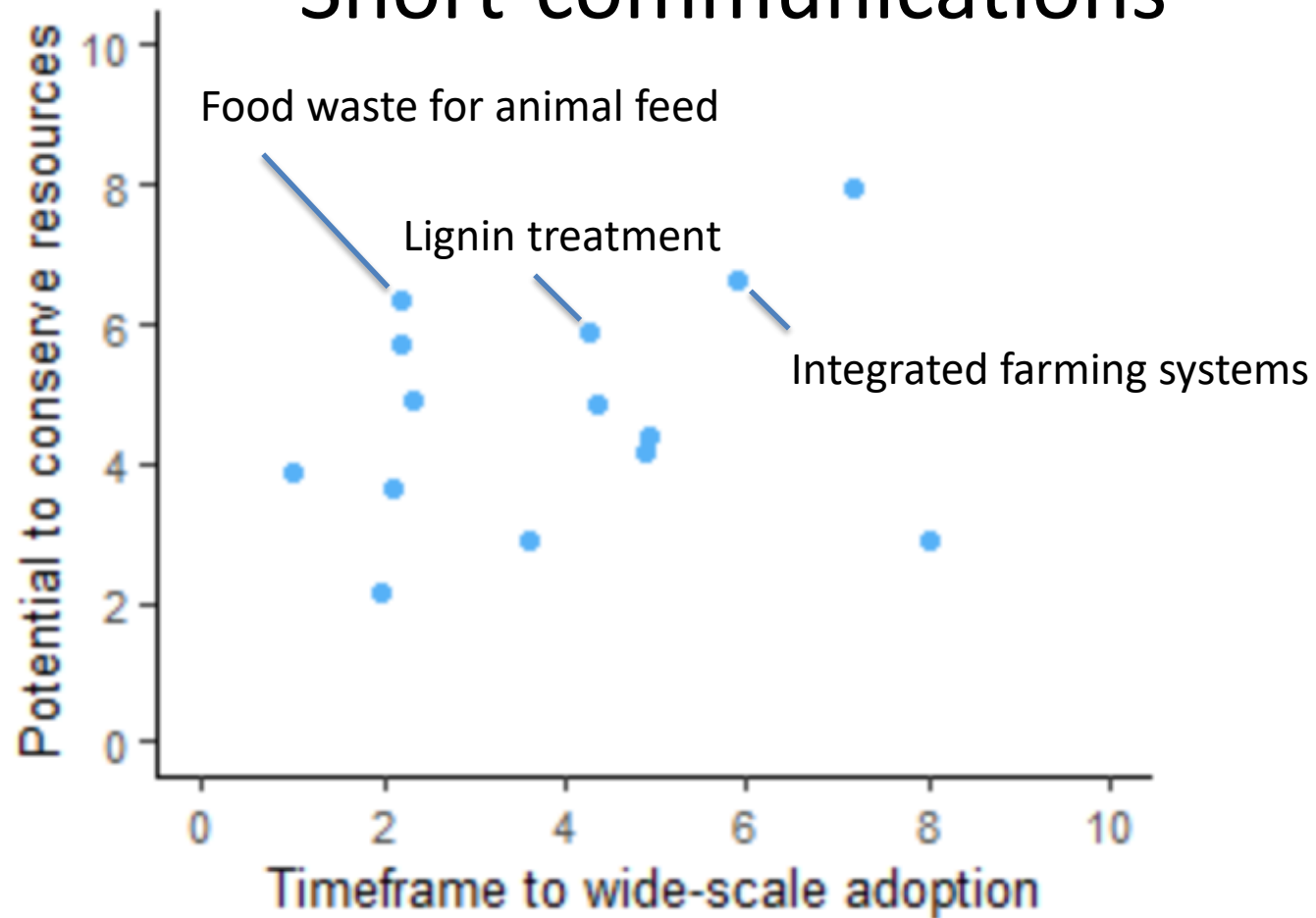
Interventions for improved circularity



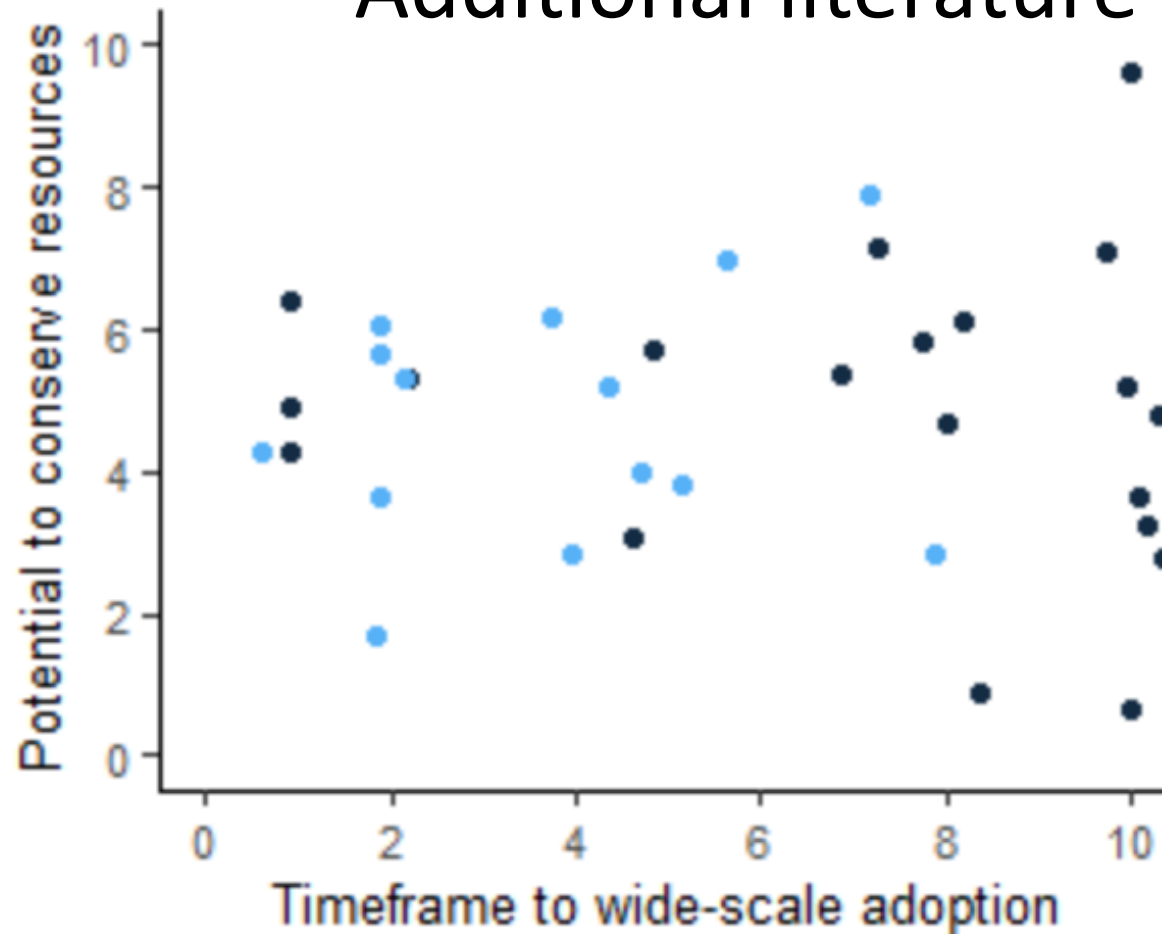
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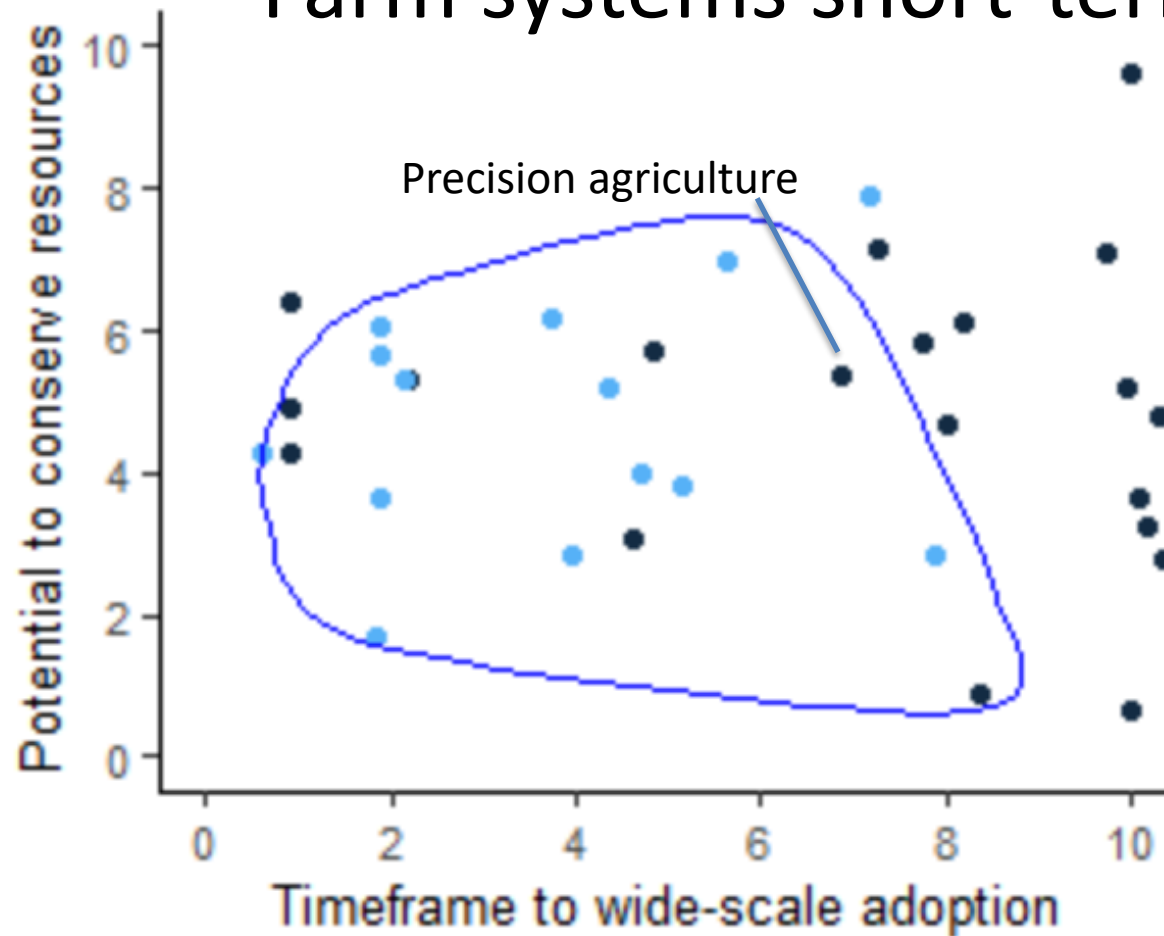
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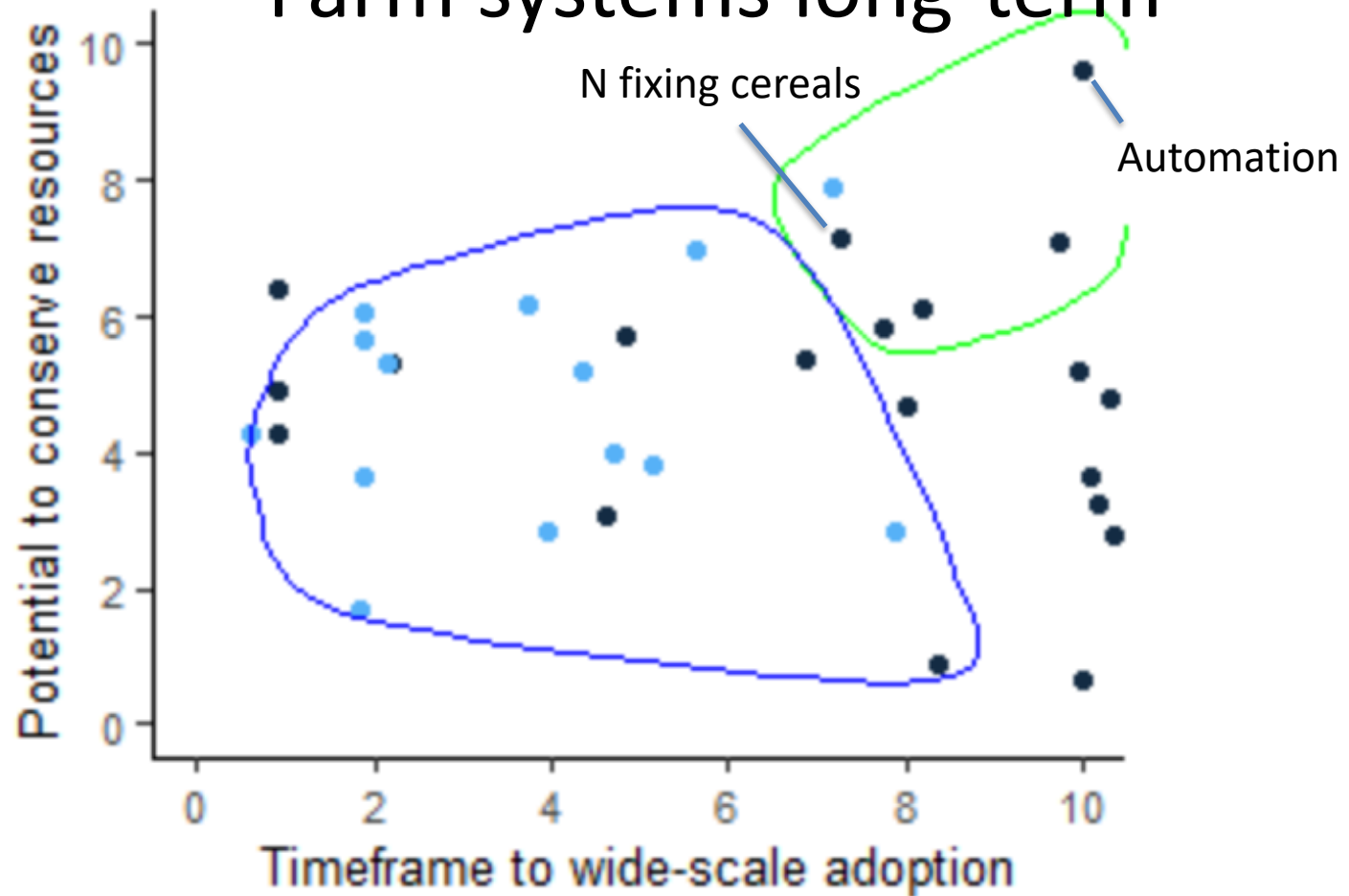
Potential of interventions: Additional literature



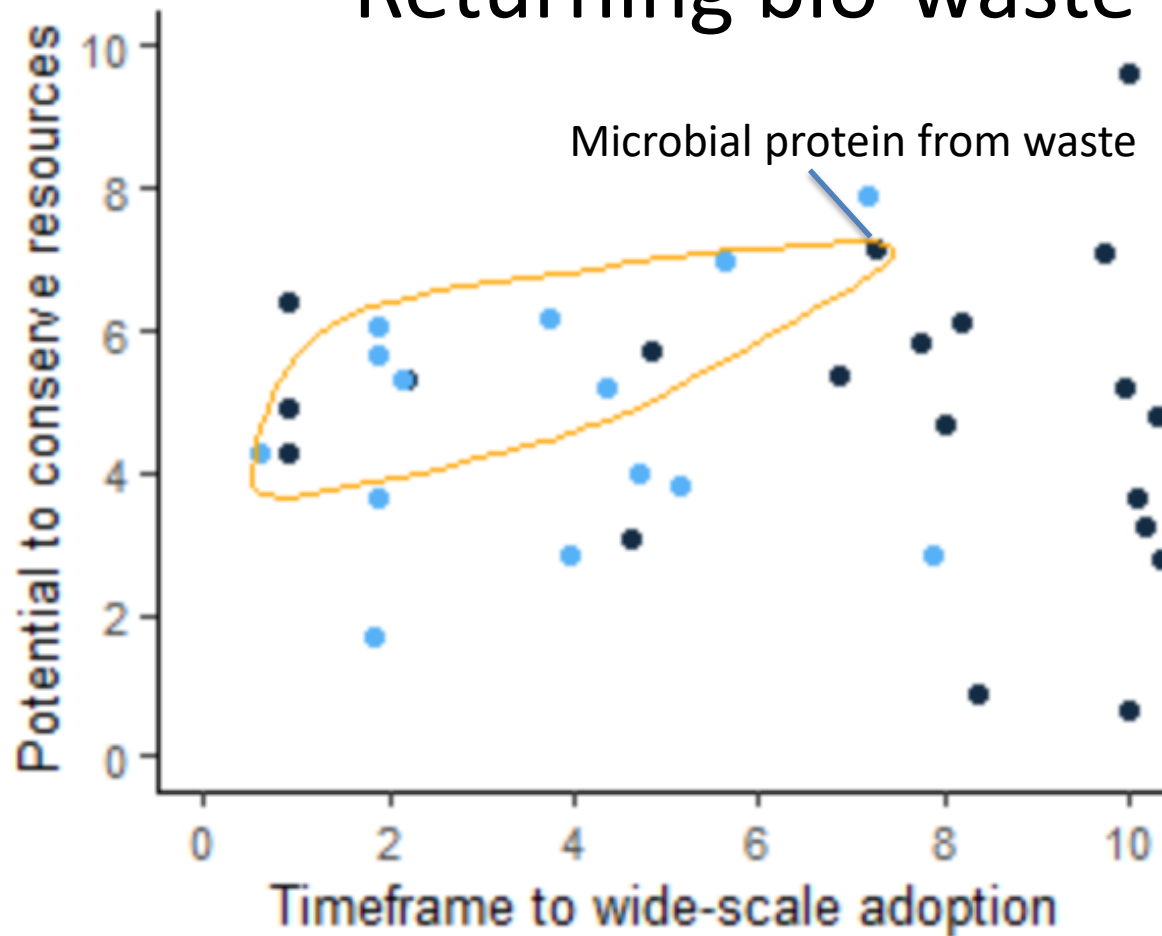
Potential of interventions: Farm systems short-term



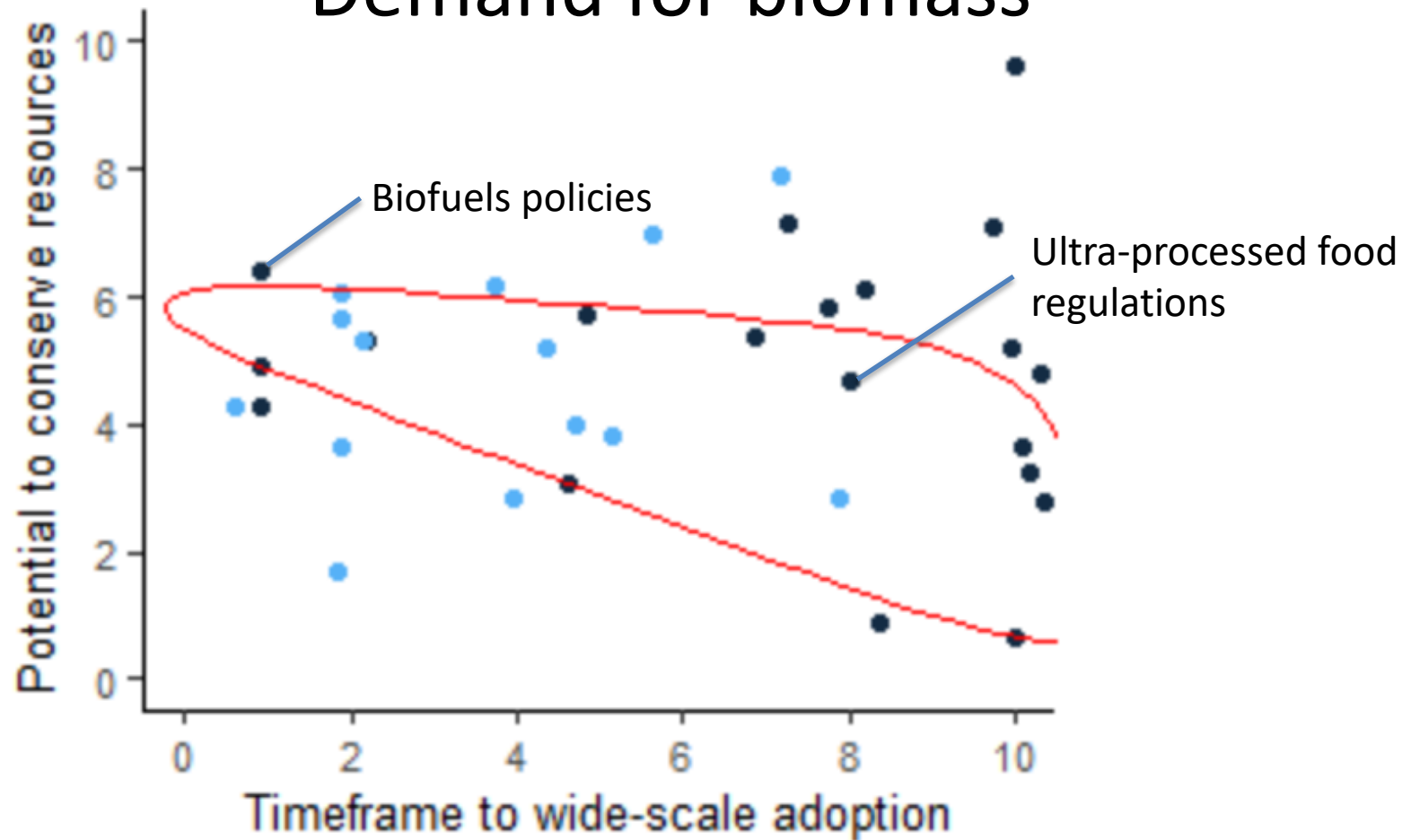
Potential of interventions: Farm systems long-term



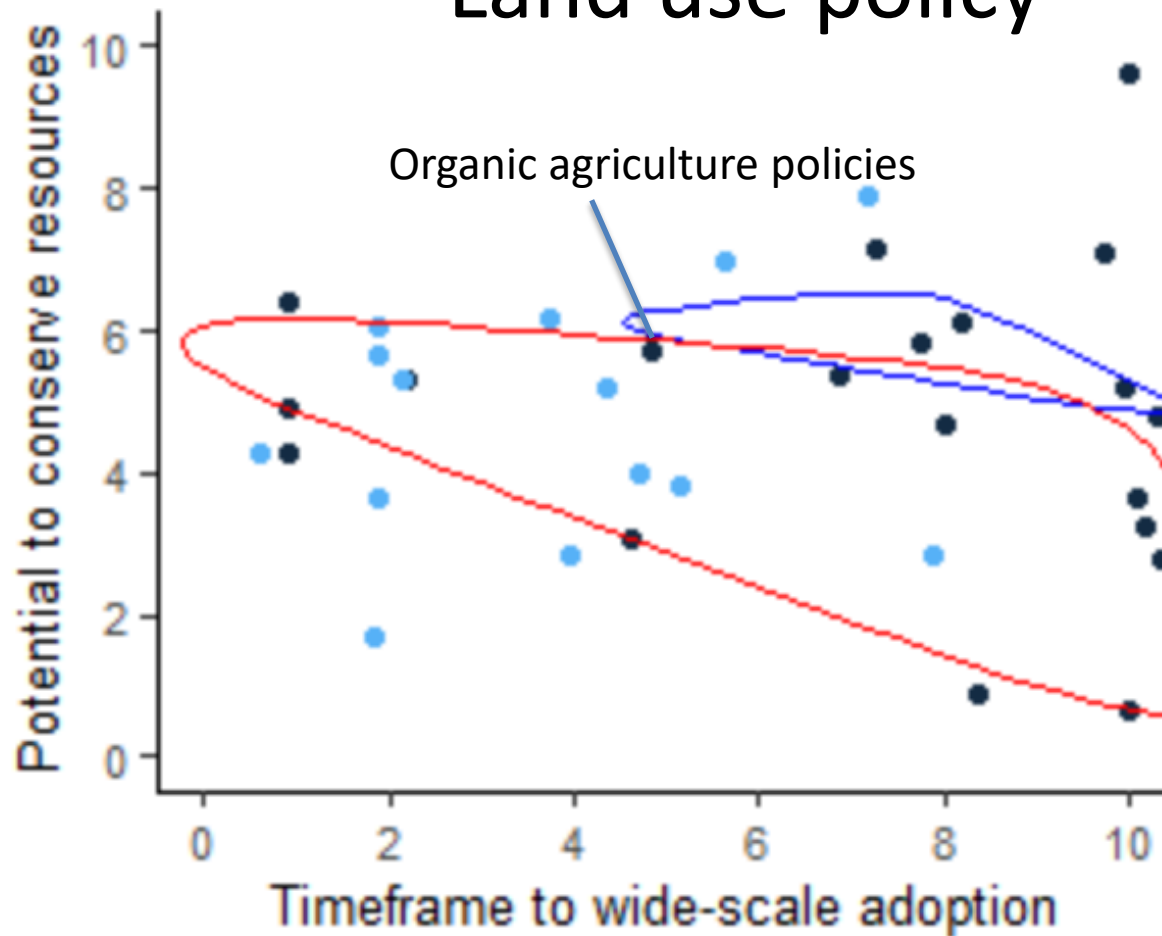
Potential of interventions: Returning bio-waste



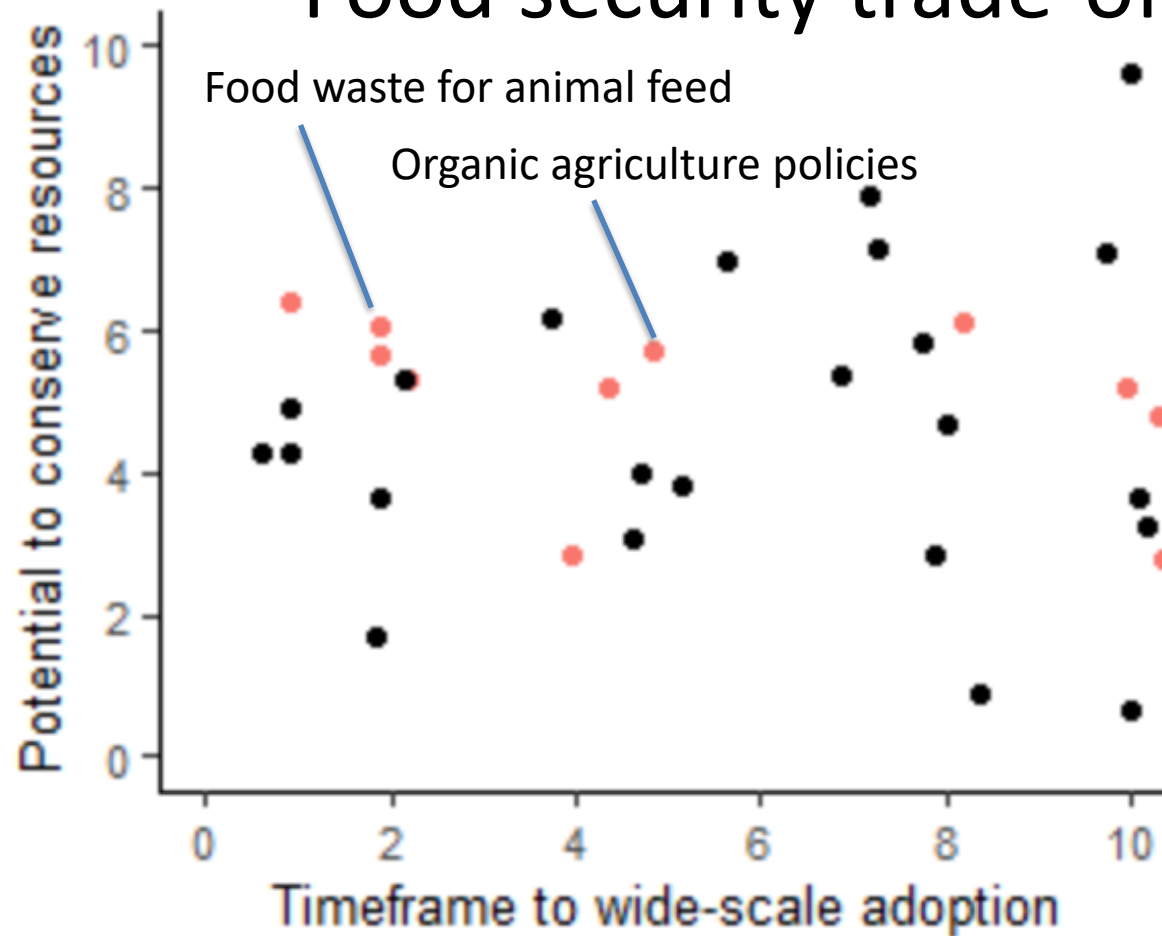
Potential of interventions: Demand for biomass



Potential of interventions: Land use policy

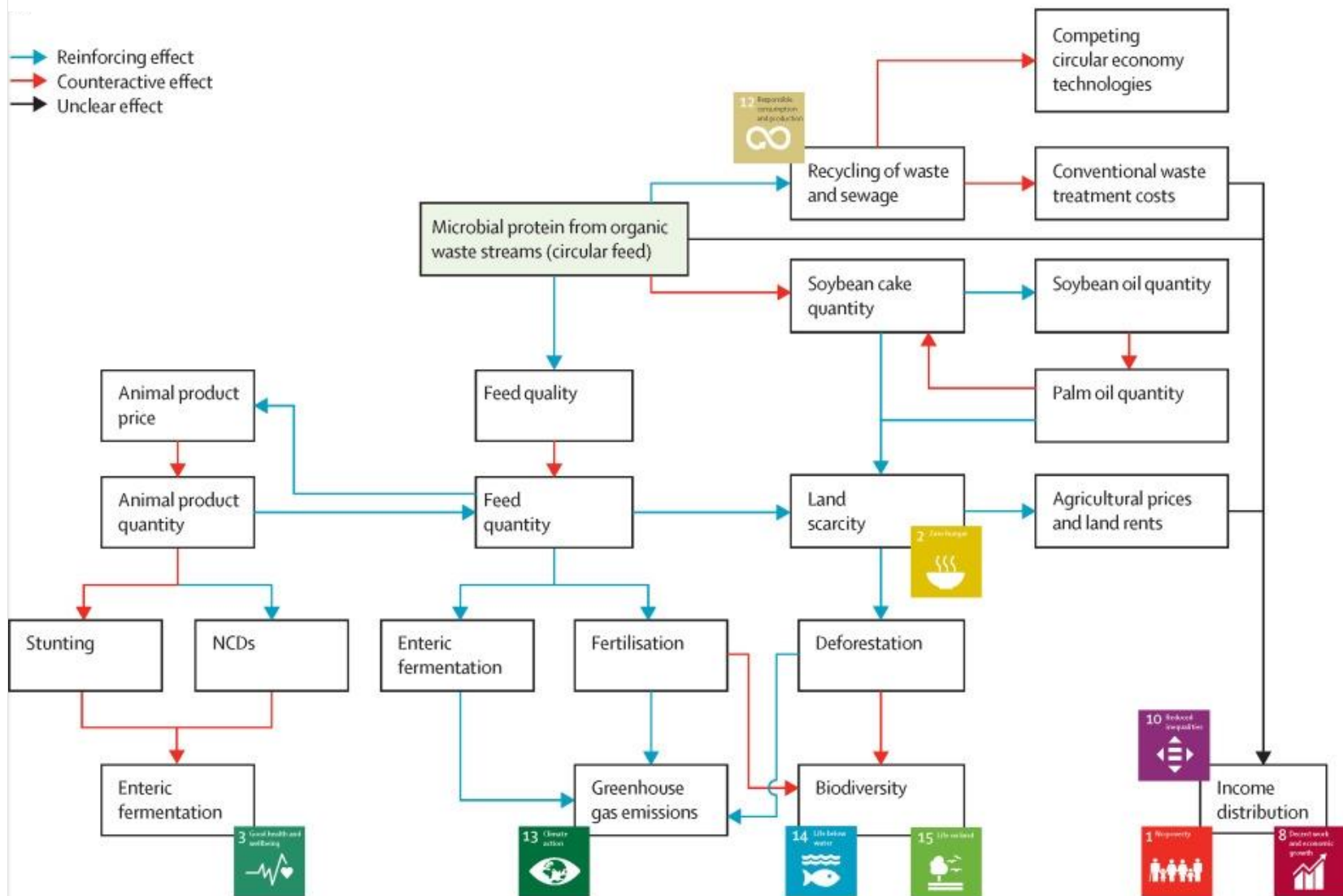


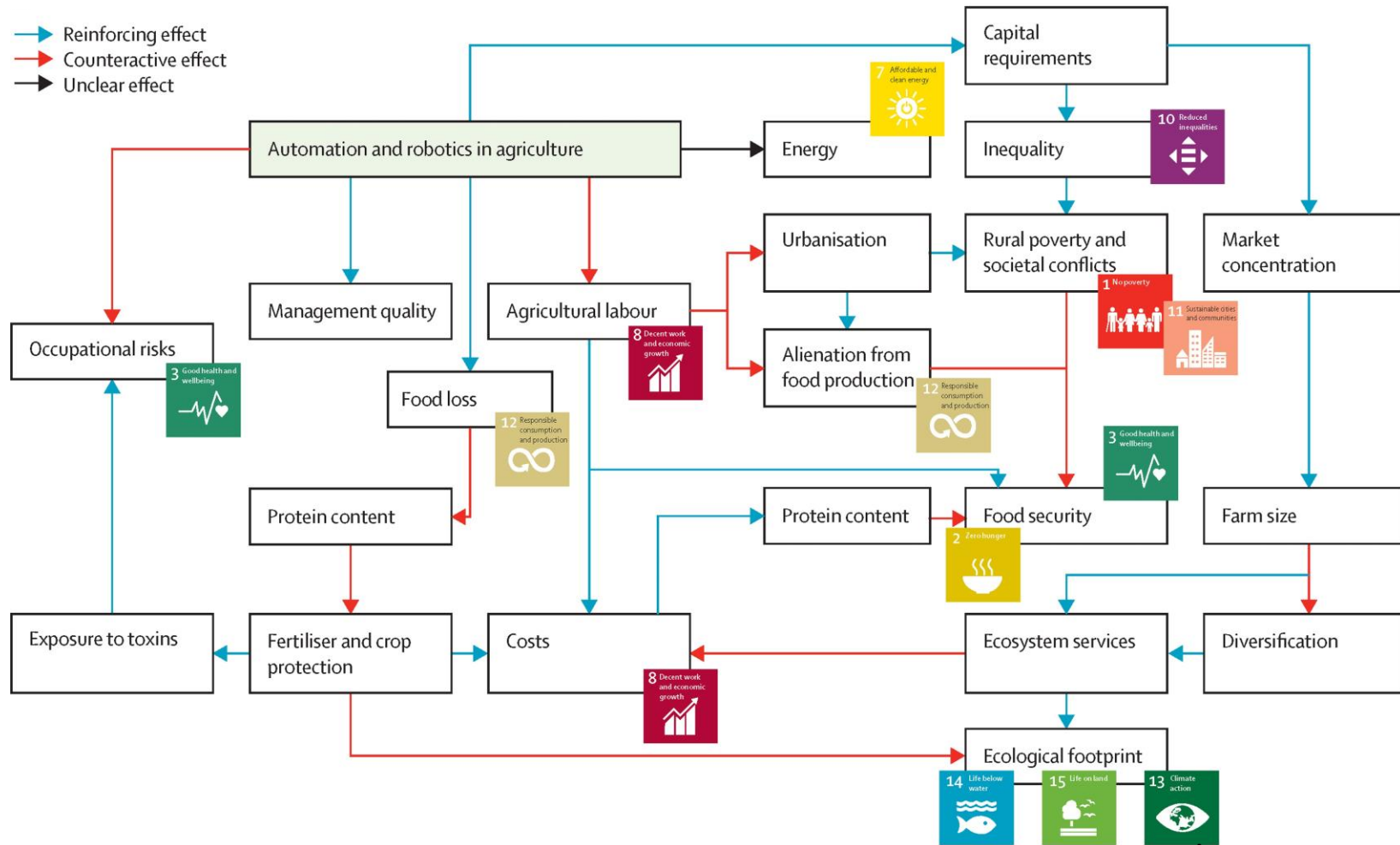
Potential of interventions: Food security trade-off

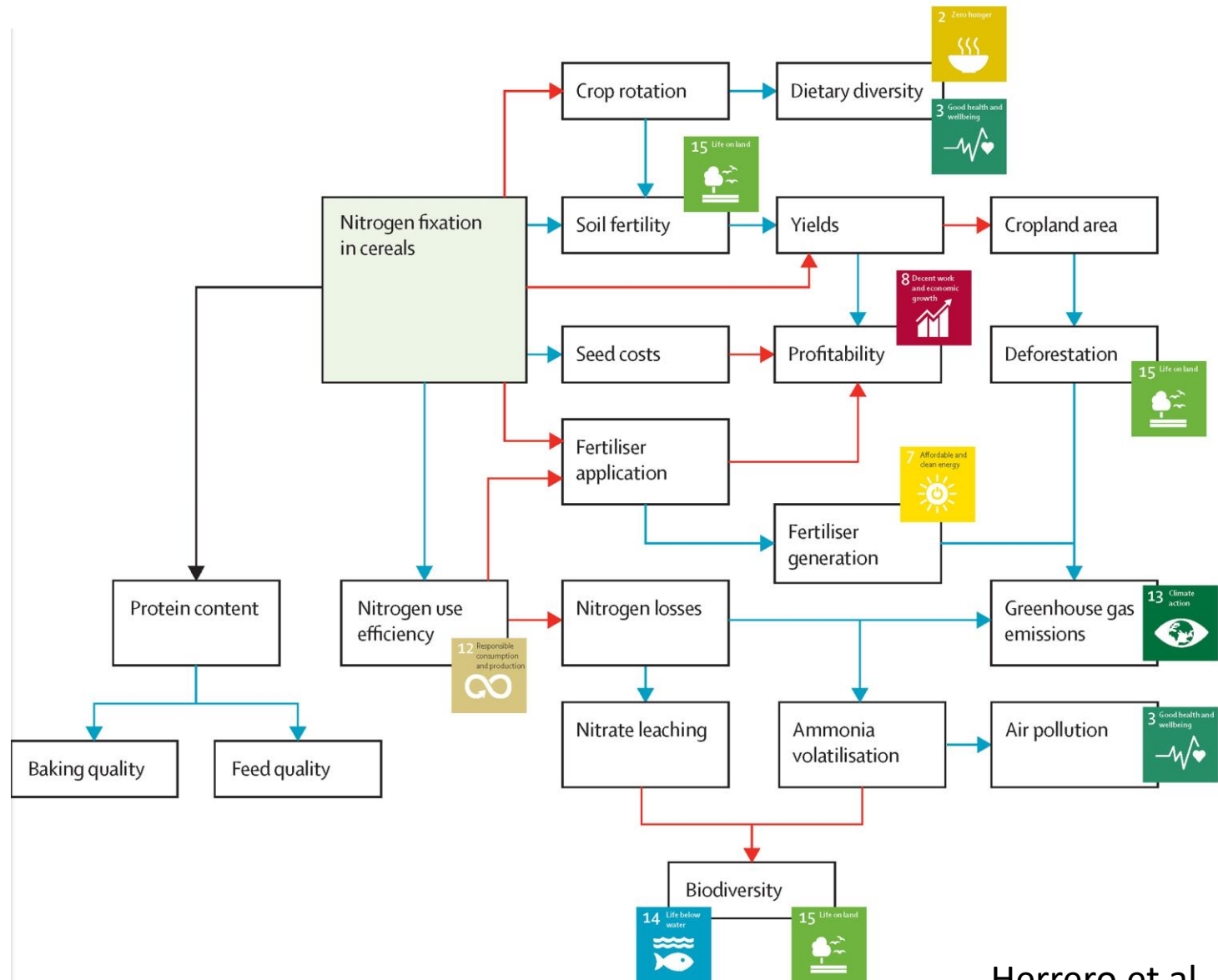


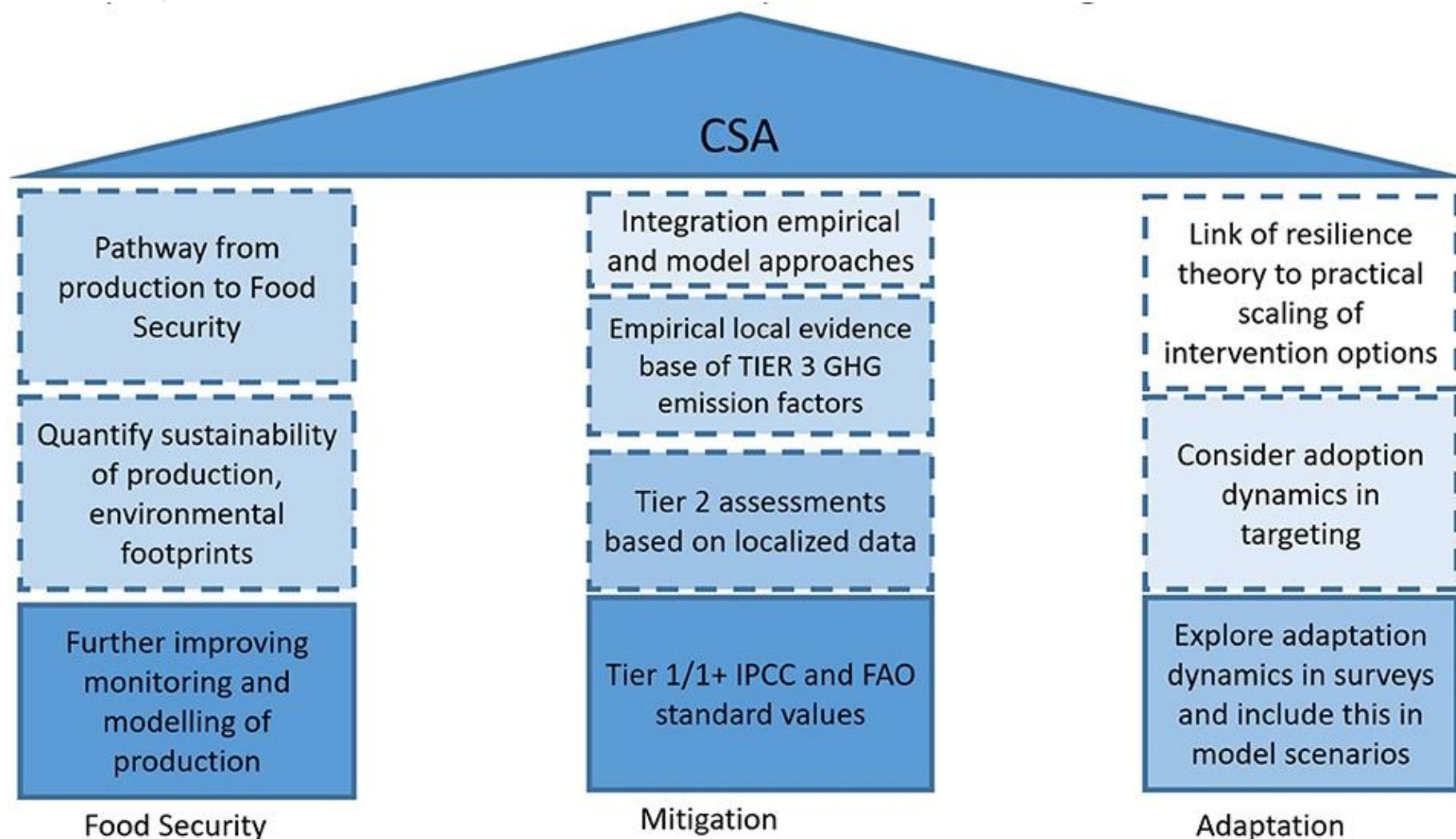


Pre-empting and monitoring trade-offs







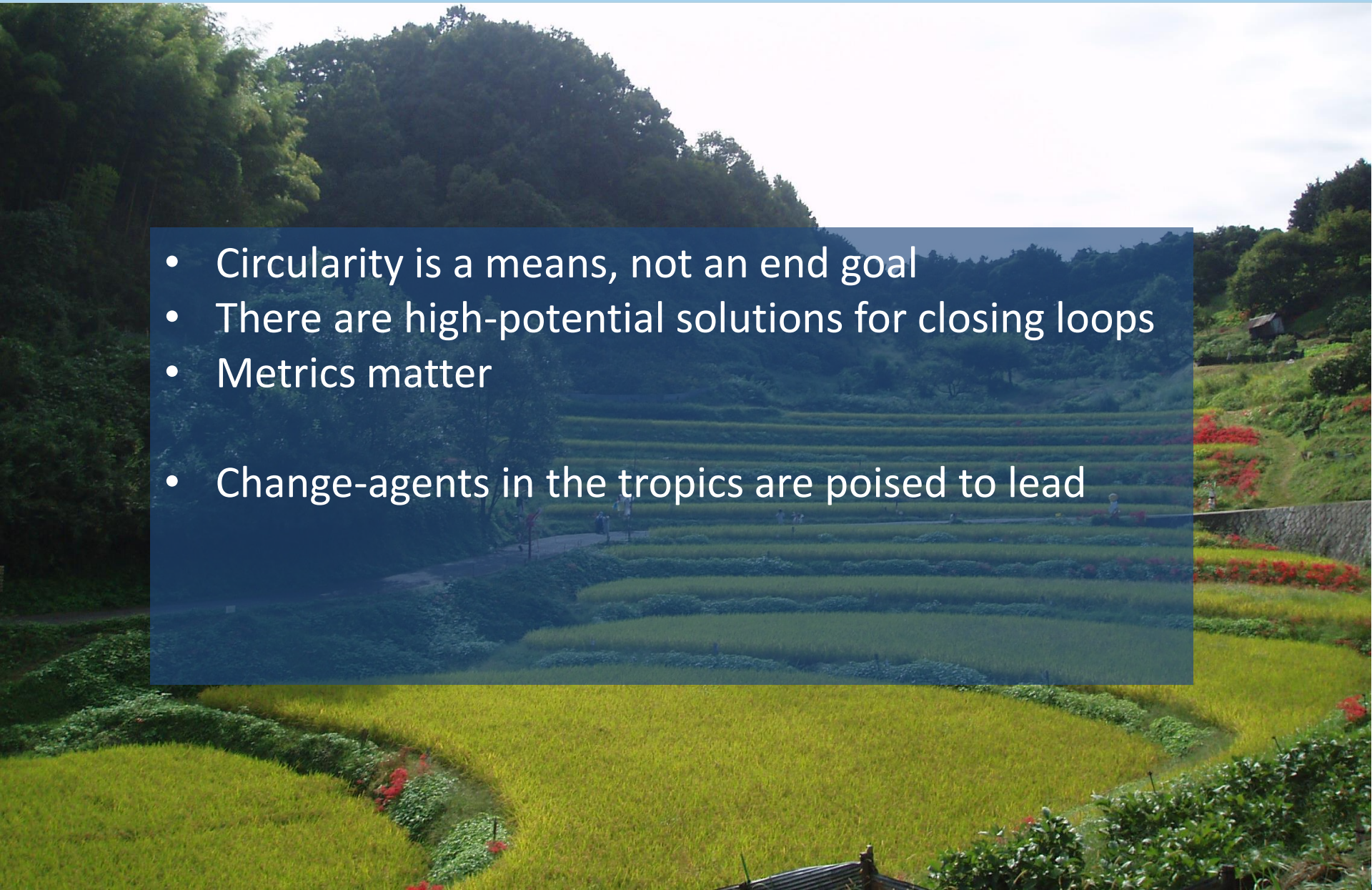




Key messages



- Circularity is a means, not an end goal
- There are high-potential solutions for closing loops
- Metrics matter
- Change-agents in the tropics are poised to lead





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