

COCOA AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS IN CONGO BASIN AND COTE D'IVOIRE

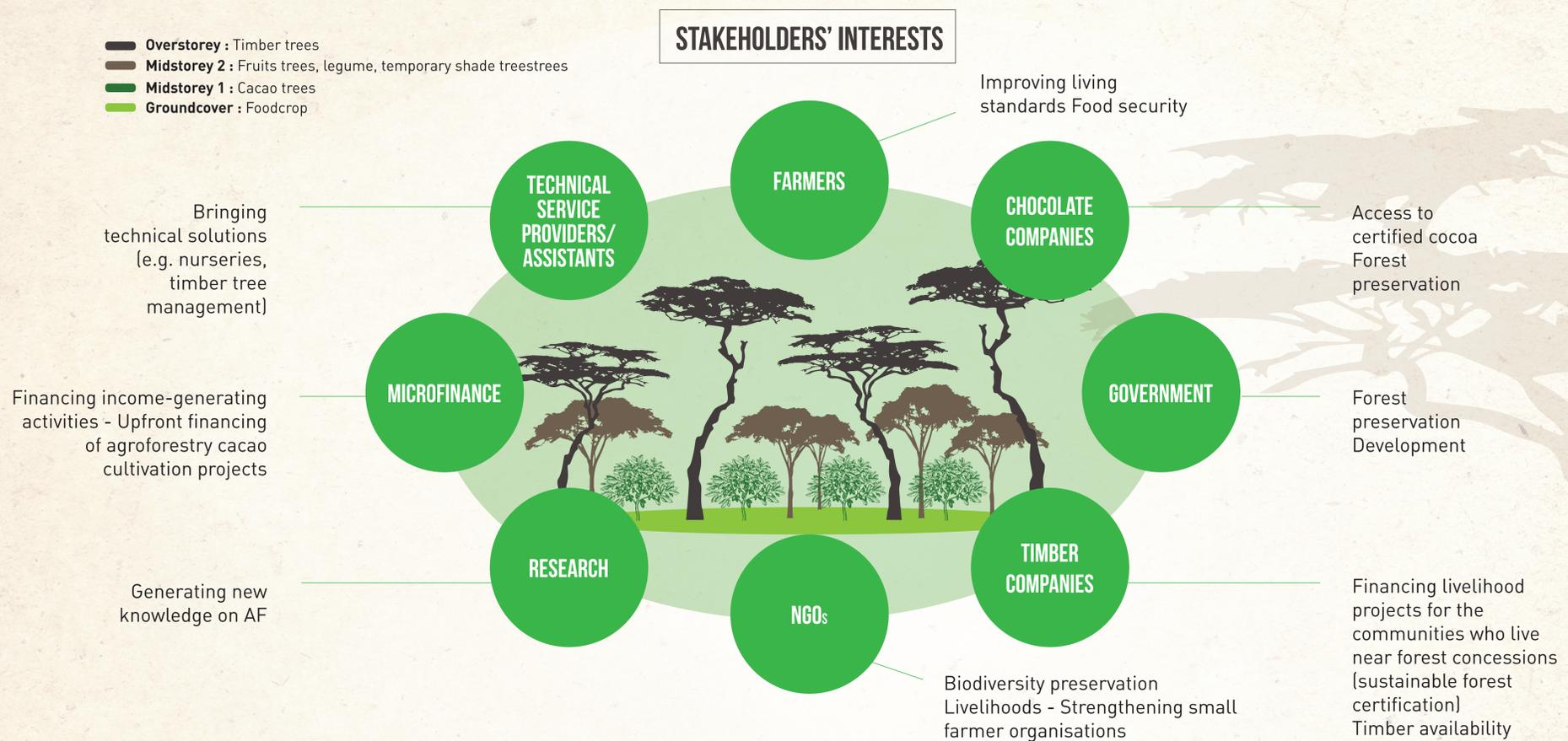


THE ROLE OF TIMBER TREES



FROM A DIVERSITY OF INITIAL LANDSCAPES:

ONE GLOBAL APPROACH TO ACHIEVE A CACAO-TIMBER TREE ASSOCIATION MODEL



KEY LEARNINGS

- The agroforestry model depends on production goals
- A strong synergy between farmers, NGOs and donors is essential to successful initiatives
- Funding is key to start off the initial stages of a project as the inability to pay for initial costs may prevent excellent investments from being made. A virtuous cycle is then triggered: aid > certification > livelihood improvement > savings > reinvestment > scaling up

PROSPECTS

- Large-scale dissemination of knowledge of agroforestry systems to other Fair Trade certified cooperatives
- Enhancing the value of timber trees grown in agroforestry systems with the new 'Trees outside forest' PEFC standard
- Development of financial mechanisms
- The legal framework needs to be adapted



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