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# Nature Based Solutions

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## Global carbon stocks (Gt)

40,450  
Oceans

450 - 600  
Plants

823  
Atmosphere

1,500 - 2,400  
All Soil  
0-1m

IPCC Fifth Assessment Report 2014

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# Different types of NBS

NBS comprise all activities related to the protection, or re-development, of natural ecosystems – such as forests, grasslands, wetlands and blue carbon – to lower concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.



## WETLANDS

- Coastal restoration and protection
- Peat restoration and protection



## FORESTS

- Avoiding deforestation
- Reforesting degraded forest
- Improving forest management
- Afforestation
- Reforestation



## AGRICULTURE & GRASSLANDS

- Biochar for soil amendment
- Restoring trees in croplands
- Improve nutrient management
- Improve rice cultivation
- Sustainable grazing
- Avoided grassland conversion



## BLUE CARBON

- Algae & Plankton
- Sediments of mangroves, salt marshes and seagrasses

Based on data from Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

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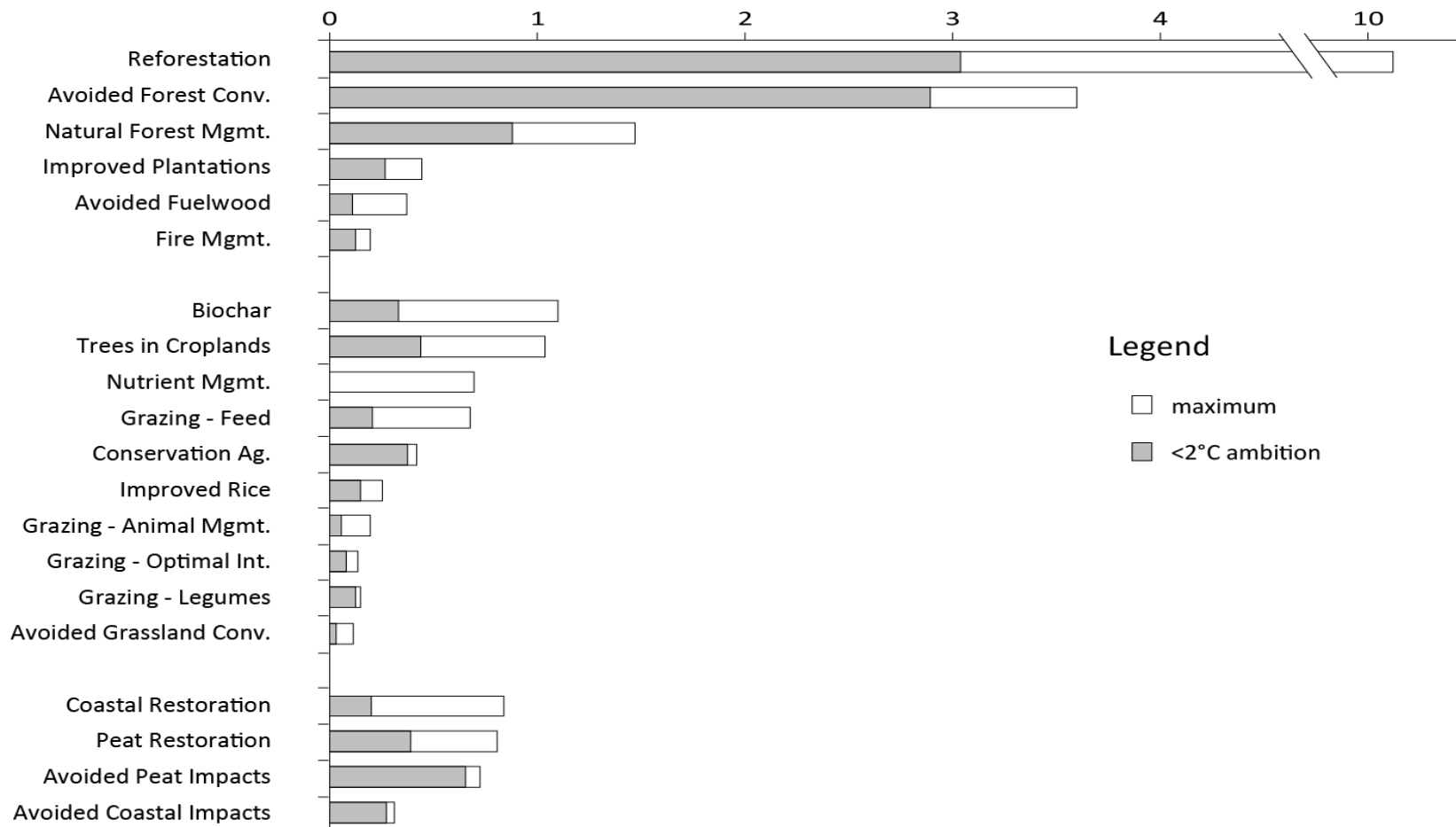
FORESTS



AGRICULTURAL LANDS  
& GRASSLANDS



WETLANDS



### Legend

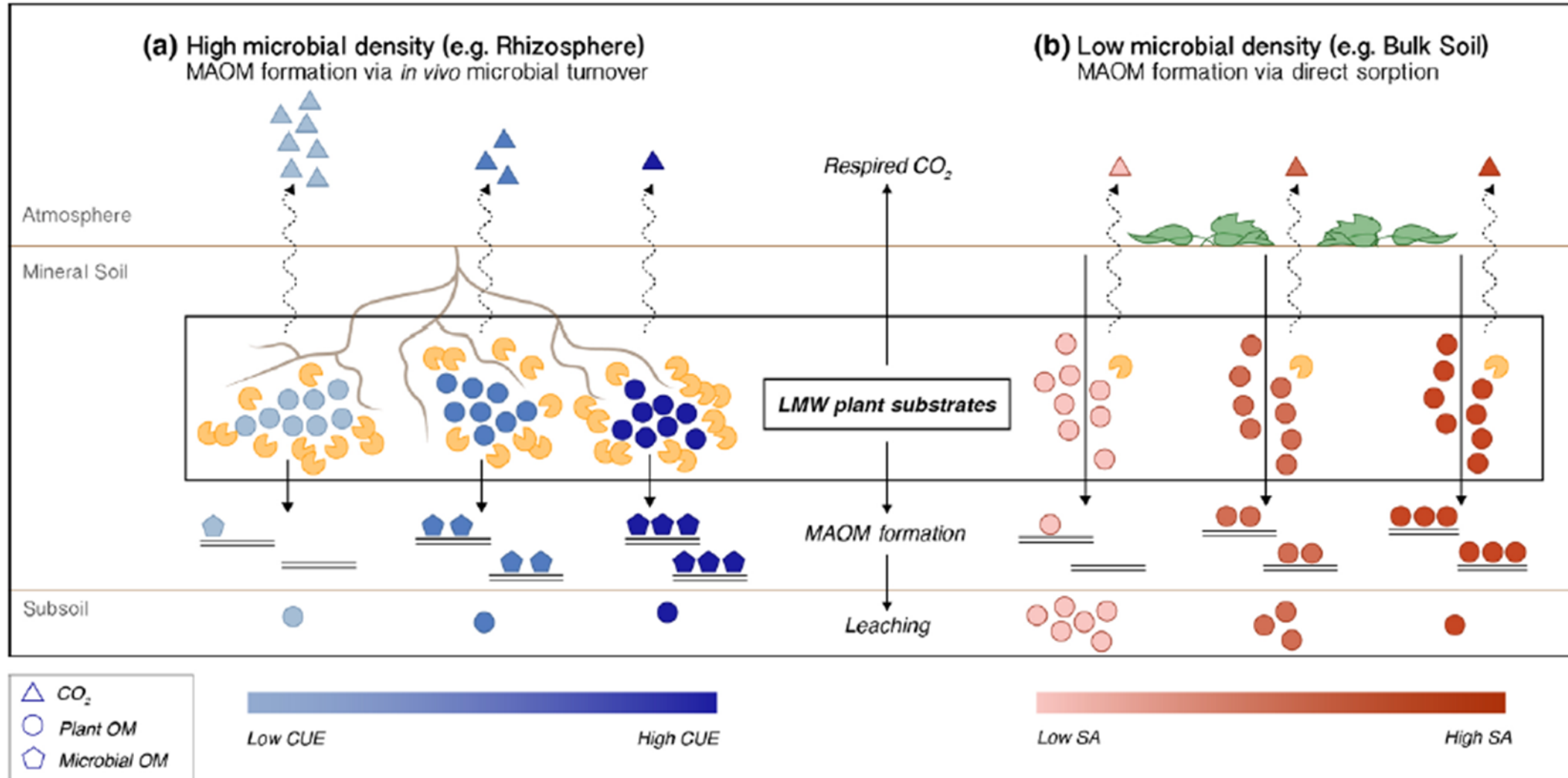
- maximum
- <2°C ambition

Source: Griscom et al. (PNAS 2017)

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# Microbes drive C storage in soil



Source: Sokol et al. (Global Change Biology 2018)



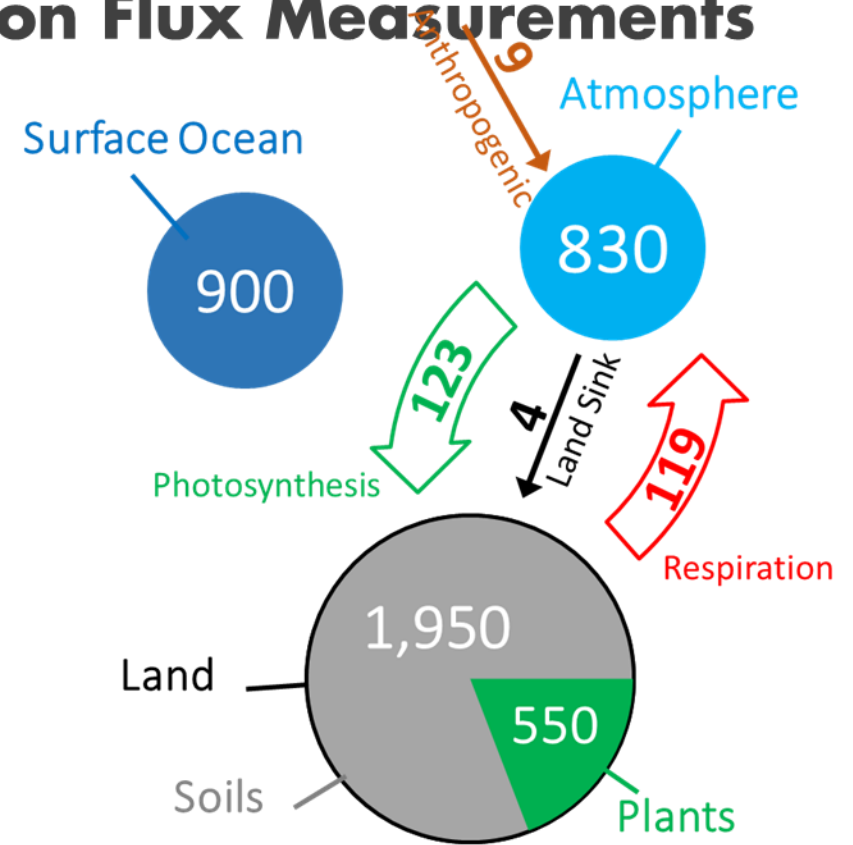
# The Need for Accurate and affordable Carbon Flux Measurements

## Facts of today:

1. Land sink is globally significant: ~ 48 % of anthropogenic emissions.
2. The mean flux is small:  $4 \text{ PgC yr}^{-1}$  globally  $\approx 27 \text{ gC m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
3. Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) must accurately resolve small fluxes.
4. Current MRV methodologies are a large cost of every NBS activity

## NBS challenge:

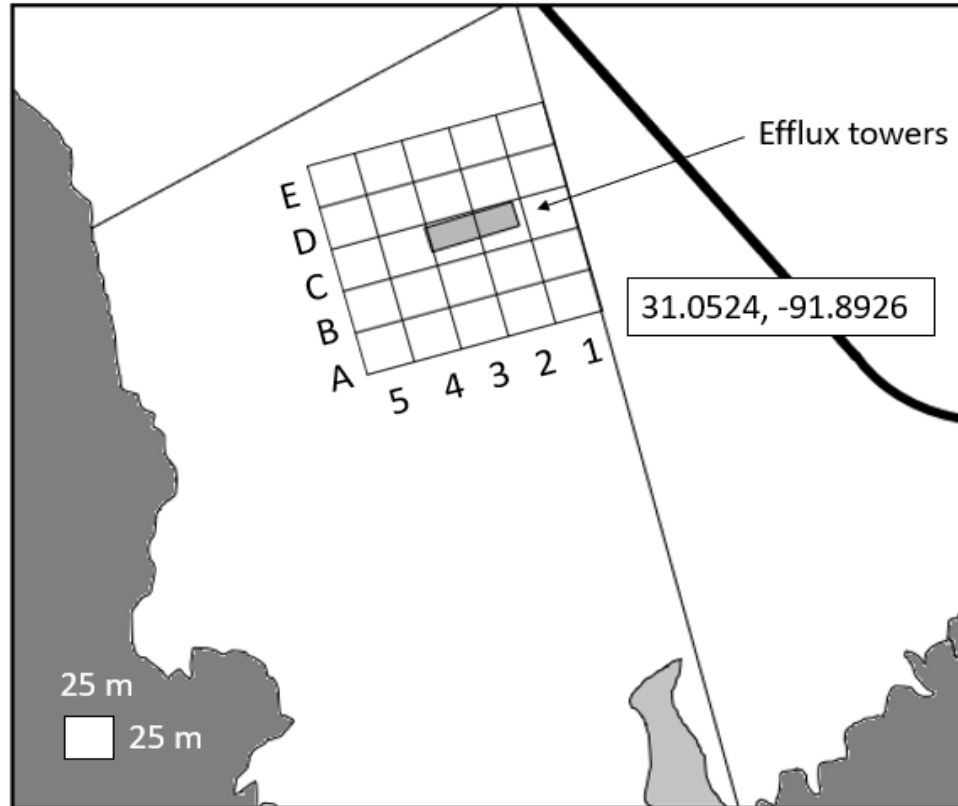
1. Create affordable and auditable quantification of net  $\text{CO}_2$  flux to support and verify NBS activities.
2. Reducing MRV costs to expand NBS mitigation options.



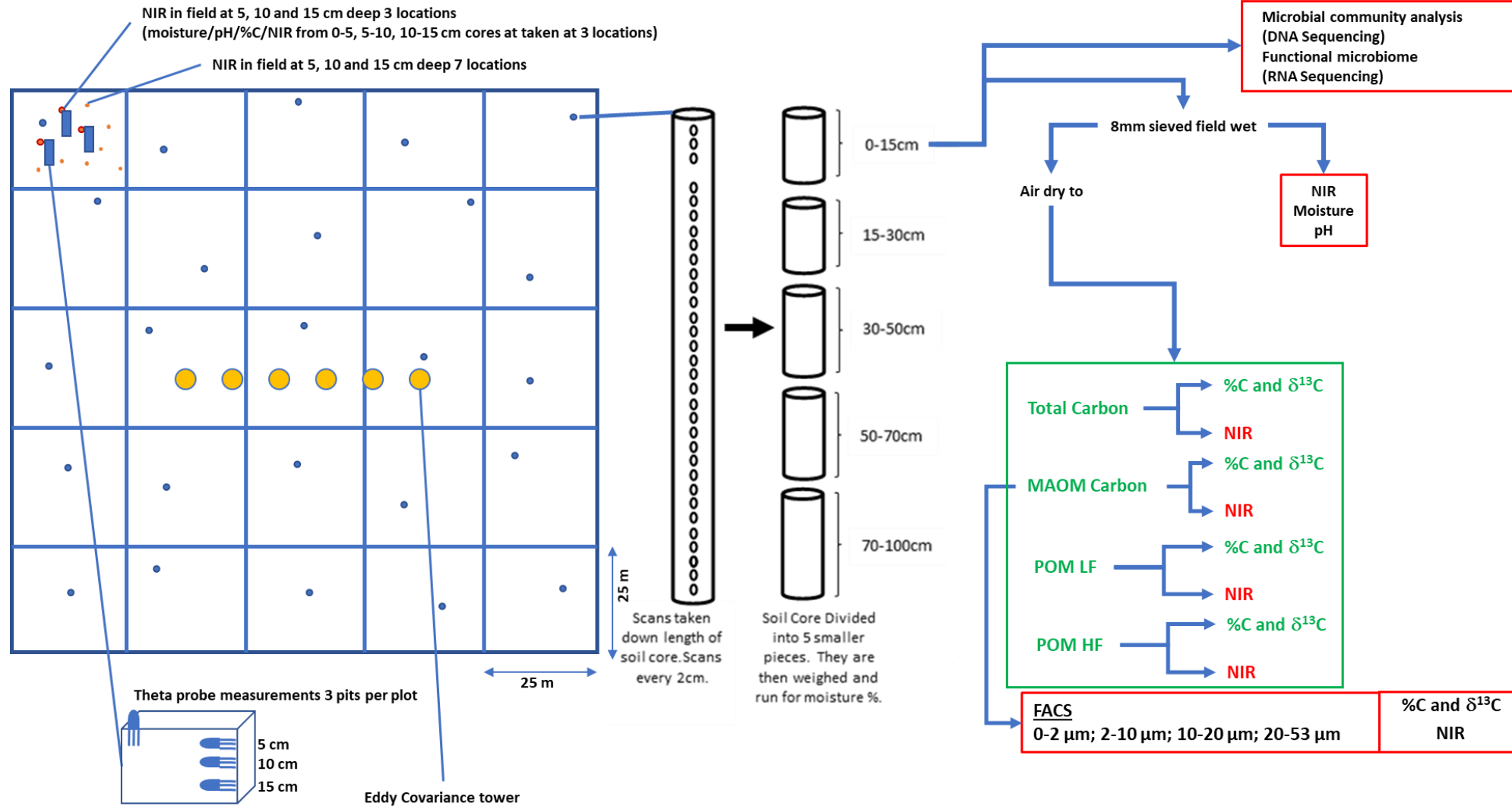
Based on IPCC AR5 Global Carbon Pools and Fluxes

UNITS: Pools: PgC Fluxes: PgC yr<sup>-1</sup>

# Field site



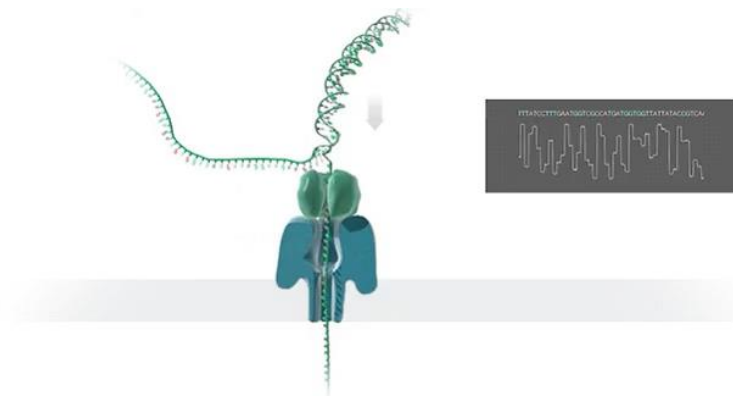
# Sampling for carbon



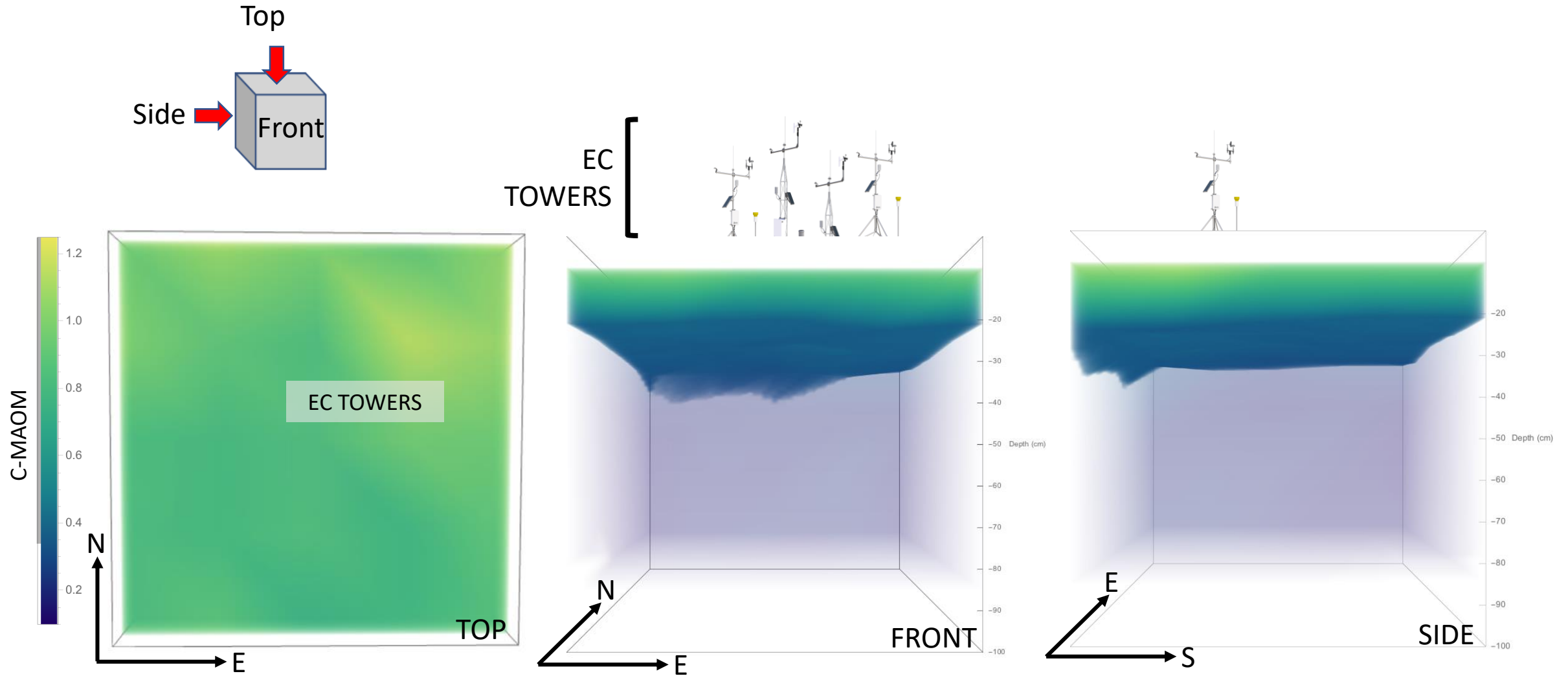


# DNA Sequencing

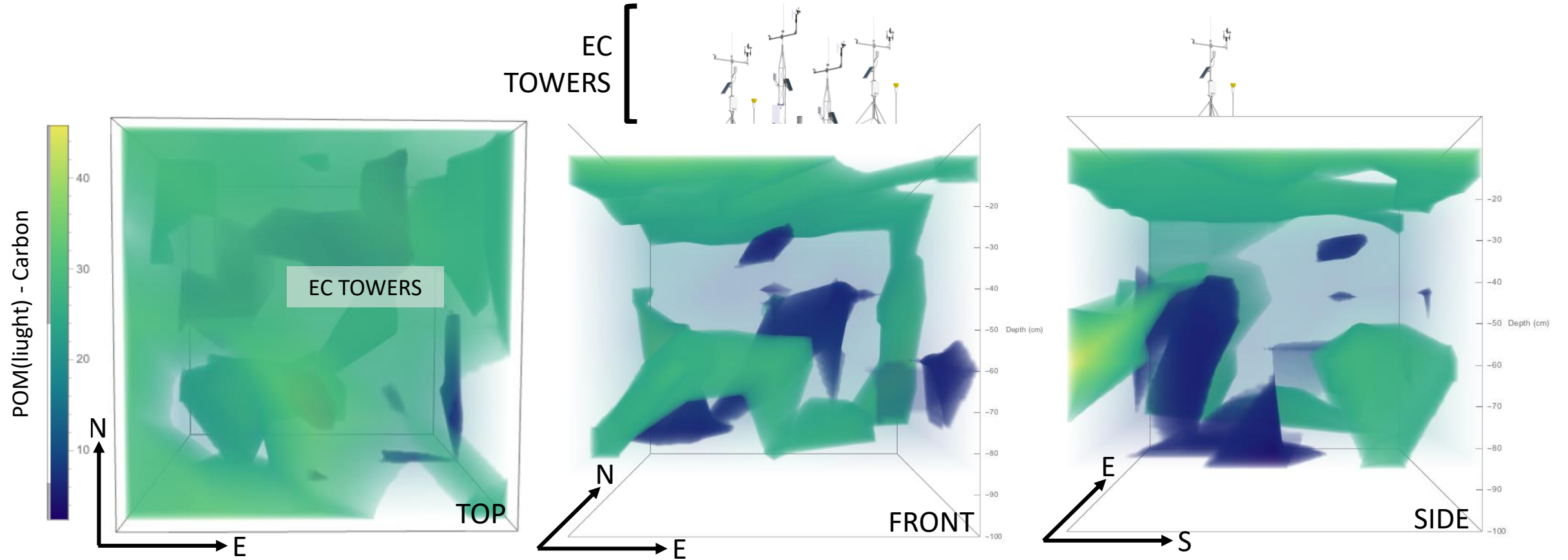
- Purified DNA was prepared from sequencing using the Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) ligation preparation kit (SQK-LSK109)
- Prepared DNA was sequenced using the ONT MinION device and flowcell (R9.4a). Resulting DNA sequence reads were basecalled using a MinIT and guppy basecaller.
- The advantage of using the ONT MinION is the ability to sequence long DNA fragments, enabling greater accuracy in taxonomically classifying the microbiome.



# MAOM carbon



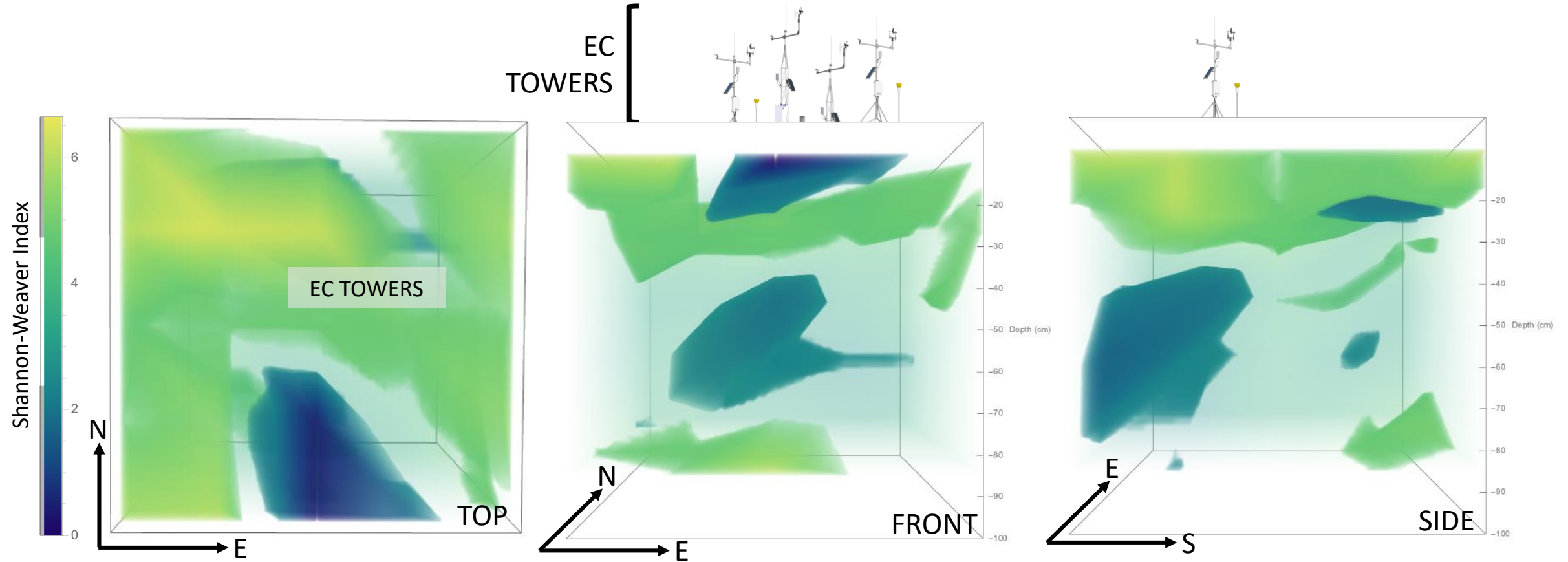
# POM carbon



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# Alpha biodiversity



# Correlations between taxa and soil chemistry

Taxa - Family	r value	Acidobacteriaceae	Bryobacteriaceae	Solibacteriaceae	Pyrinomonadaceae	Holophagaceae	Therm
C_MAOM	1	-0.382489632	-0.032203615	-0.348404145	0.012937625	-0.036765039	
Verrucomicrobiaceae	0.335230336	-0.116302516	0.021404272	-0.159061258	0.138050689	-0.015605714	
Gallionellaceae	0.297997208	-0.110921582	-0.021202959	-0.096689213	-0.017095328	0.017447487	
Arthrodarmataceae	0.291536495	-0.196057452	-0.012247067	-0.192400181	0.045102557	-0.01449195	
Ilumatobacteraceae	0.271126133	-0.122234624	-0.016004617	-0.120949027	-0.004160413	-0.008847634	
Parachlamydiaceae	0.268680786	-0.138422492	0.006314389	-0.131102044	0.07739238	0.08536704	
Aerococcaceae	0.262717652	-0.098129422	0.003513034	-0.096609164	0.013685779	-0.007069418	
Gigasporaceae	0.258667176	-0.125812777	-0.023512976	-0.124113459	0.05871221	-0.009152277	
Vicinamibacteraceae	0.255873216	-0.150684262	0.012650636	-0.146909923	0.14147104	-0.011640237	
Tolypothrichaceae	0.251860196	-0.093282587	-0.01140155	-0.090519502	-0.001233811	-0.006798161	
Cytophagaceae	0.242231084	-0.084196886	-0.023396358	-0.06795507	0.002050523	-0.010535703	
Fulvivirgaceae	0.240045094	-0.103243741	-0.002548504	-0.101983717	-0.025222639	-0.007512106	
Moraxellaceae	0.232261333	-0.083700575	0.003035765	-0.082790277	-0.020511544	-0.006108991	
Syntrophaceae	0.229421123	-0.093708483	0.003771426	-0.142868329	-0.00883157	-0.013665068	
Lindgomycetaceae	0.229229355	-0.101242575	-0.009605321	-0.101213643	0.062482611	-0.007305513	
Gordoniaceae	0.228494227	-0.121306081	-0.01318444	-0.120816455	0.062868791	-0.008696237	
Teratosphaeriaceae	0.219703548	-0.134777823	0.013014443	-0.133045141	0.062626092	-0.009762387	
Cellulomonadaceae	0.219229182	-0.090309444	-0.001467719	-0.088377487	0.019297622	-0.006444107	
Rhizopodaceae	0.219058656	-0.075289244	-0.016992834	-0.072792247	-0.01824863	-0.005435023	
Clostridiaceae	0.21641673	-0.138130126	0.014196955	-0.132794928	0.00289963	-0.011120305	
Rhodobiaceae	0.215508045	-0.096648517	0.017060229	-0.095529246	0.033864218	-0.007389628	
Didymosphaeriaceae	0.2138872	-0.08037042	0.002860078	-0.079633349	-0.019324491	-0.005755449	
Mycosphaerellaceae	0.204185112	-0.102226757	0.003630357	-0.10023566	0.033478746	-0.007305513	
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Kineosporiaceae	0.200490573	-0.07825264	-0.005897778	-0.078305608	0.006588724	-0.005585098	
Siphoviridae	0.199578838	-0.06959223	-0.005897778	-0.070071498	0.006588724	-0.005585098	
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Chlorobiaceae	0.194928827	-0.089763759	-0.010807748	-0.088502966	0.019297622	-0.006444107	
Mortierellaceae	0.194156776	-0.080647334	-0.017994659	-0.079423219	0.026375319	-0.005755449	
Pseudotermonadaceae	0.192705773	-0.098582934	0.012051659	-0.097871	0.013685779	-0.007069418	
Leptospiraceae	0.18860556	-0.127262423	0.010278934	-0.126025045	0.015934859	0.167501864	
Sandaracinaceae	0.18855217	-0.089306057	-0.001048851	-0.086335462	0.009665016	-0.007360194	
Thermodesulfobacteriaceae	0.182647361	-0.079096613	-0.017994659	-0.079143045	0.11777494	-0.005755449	
Brucellaceae	0.17875496	-0.123194362	0.001482217	-0.121849582	0.072478769	-0.008847634	
Spirulinaceae	0.17746932	-0.057057417	-0.012687529	-0.056838639	0.050818151	-0.004058006	
Methanobacteriaceae	0.177255841	-0.090706306	-0.020147777	-0.089318579	0.060231972	-0.006444107	
Neisseriaceae	0.176737373	-0.093314339	-0.021037728	-0.091485738	0.007937887	-0.006728751	
Lythraceae	0.175959491	-0.067490919	0.020508018	-0.06761324	0.035982136	-0.004977178	
Alsbacteraceae	0.174972601	-0.064954501	-0.006166796	-0.064495876	-0.015748067	-0.004690276	

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Novel cultivated endophytic  
*Verrucomicrobia* reveal deep-  
rooting traits of bacteria to  
associate with plants

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-0.005747126	-0.016485416	-0.005747126
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# Thriving through the energy transition, there is no single solution

To help you reduce your carbon footprint Shell offers solutions to avoid, reduce and compensate your emissions.

RETAIL		LUBRICANTS		AVIATION		BITUMEN		SULPHUR		CHEMICALS		COMMERCIAL FUELS		LNG		PIPELINE GAS	
<b>AVOID EMISSIONS</b>				<b>REDUCE EMISSIONS</b>				<b>COMPENSATE EMISSIONS</b>									
ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS*				BIOFUELS & BIOCOMPONENTS				CARBON NEUTRAL PRODUCTS <sup>1</sup>									
HYDROGEN*				LOWER EMISSION FUELS				FUEL EFFICIENCY									
ELECTRIC-PUMP JET REFUELLER*				LOW TEMPERATURE PRODUCTS				0W LUBRICANTS									
RENEWABLES				LNG CARGO				CIRCULAR ECONOMY									

\*When sourced from renewables

<sup>1</sup> The terms "Carbon Neutral", "Carbon Offset" or "Carbon off-set compensation" are applied in a non-technical way to indicate that Shell has engaged in a transaction to ensure that an amount of carbon dioxide equivalent to that associated with the production, delivery and usage of the fuel has been removed from the atmosphere through a nature-based process or emissions saved through avoided deforestation

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# How do nature-based solutions work?

## Stabilise global warming to below 2°C



- Nature-based solutions are projects which protect or redevelop natural ecosystems, such as forests, grasslands and wetlands.
- Such nature projects can lead to the creation, marketing, trading and sale of carbon credits.
- A carbon credit represents the avoidance or removal of 1 tonne of carbon dioxide.

## How much CO<sub>2</sub> is stored in wood?



A tree converts an average of 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> into 1.1 cubic meters of wood. This means one cubic metre of wood contains 0.9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

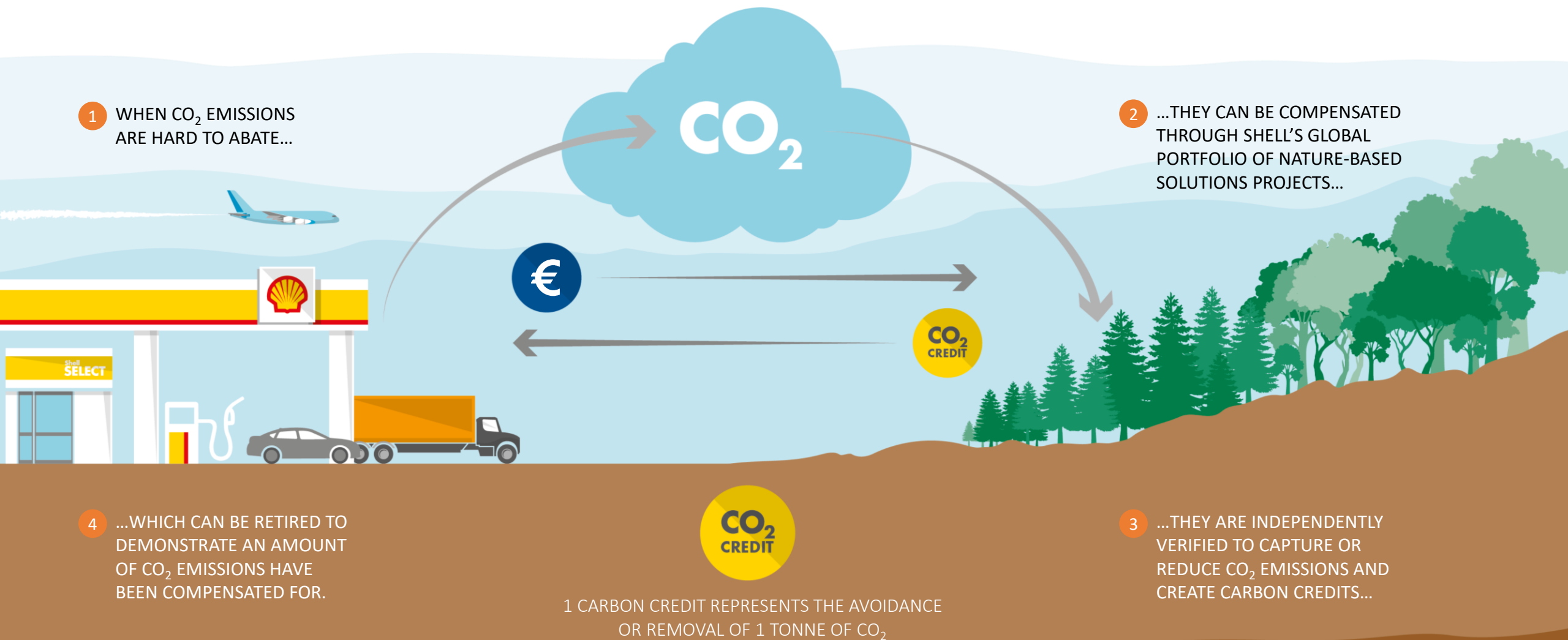
## How fast do trees mature?

Trees in a forest have slow early growth, followed by a spike in growth and later growth decreases slowly. Peak growth is around 15 years for poplars and 90-100 years for oaks.





# Compensate your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# The fundamental criteria for the integrity of our nature-based carbon credits

## **PERMANENCE**

If forests are cut down or destroyed, the offsets that were generated by that forest would be compromised.

## **NO LEAKAGE**

If there would be increases in emissions caused by a project outside of its boundaries this is accounted for.

## **ADDITIONALITY**

Emissions reductions and removals are additional to what would have happened in the absence of the project (baseline).



## Our projects are assessed using approved greenhouse gas accounting methodologies

### **BASELINE**

A baseline is established defining what would have happened in the absence of the project.

### **REAL**

All emissions reductions and removals can be proven to have genuinely taken place.

### **MEASURABLE**

All emissions are quantifiable, using recognised measurement tools and methodology.

### **UNIQUE**

No more than one carbon credit can be associated with a single emission reduction of one tonne CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED**

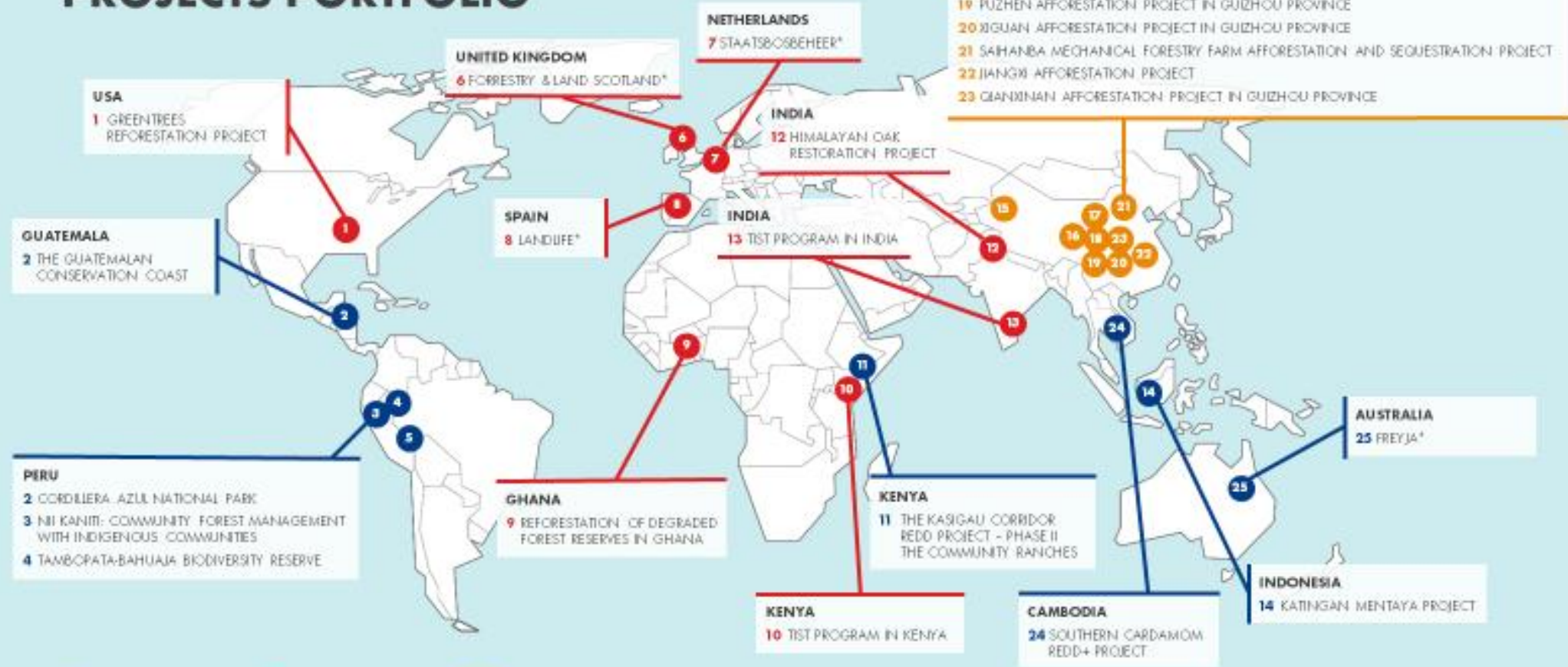
All projects are verified by an independent, accredited third-party auditor.

### **EX-POST CREDITING**

Credits are only issued after the emissions reduction or removal has been verified.



# SHELL'S GLOBAL NATURE-BASED PROJECTS PORTFOLIO



CONSERVATION



REFORESTATION



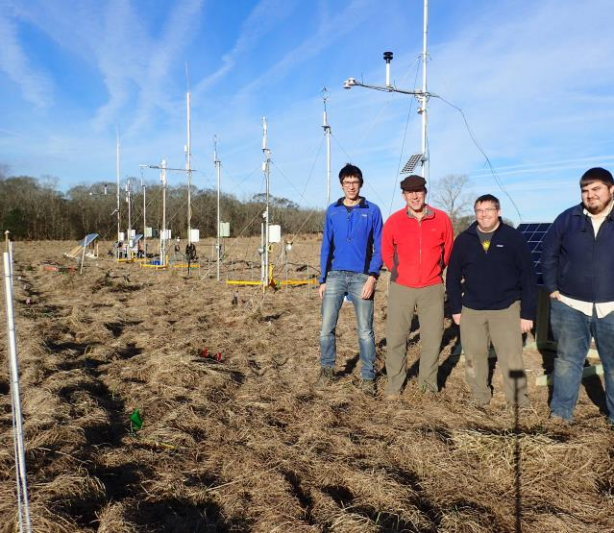
AFFORESTATION

\*These projects are not yielding carbon credits currently.

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