



Reducing Deforestation in Commodity Supply Chains

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Tropical deforestation remains a serious problem

- 2005-2014: 10 million hectares *per year*



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- Environmental impacts
 - Biodiversity loss
 - Climate change
 - Soil erosion
 - Loss of hydrological services

Leading driver: commercial agriculture

- 71% of tropical deforestation due to commercial agriculture (2000-2014)
- The 'big four'



Soy



Wood products



Palm oil



Cattle

The big four are everywhere!

PostEverything

Almost everything you buy, from cereal to mascara, is killing the rain forest

So I tried to give it all up. It was almost impossible.

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Reading List



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Policy options: local regulation is challenging

- Lack of political will
- Weak institutions
- Monitoring and enforcement costly



Policy options: demand-side strategies

- Eco-certification
- Corporate commitments
- Public-private partnerships
- Moratoria
- Public-sector interventions
- Consumer activism

RFF Research: Policy impacts

- FSC forest certification
 - Mexico
 - Guatemala
- Coffee certification
 - Costa Rica
 - Colombia
- Titling indigenous communities
 - Peru
 - Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador

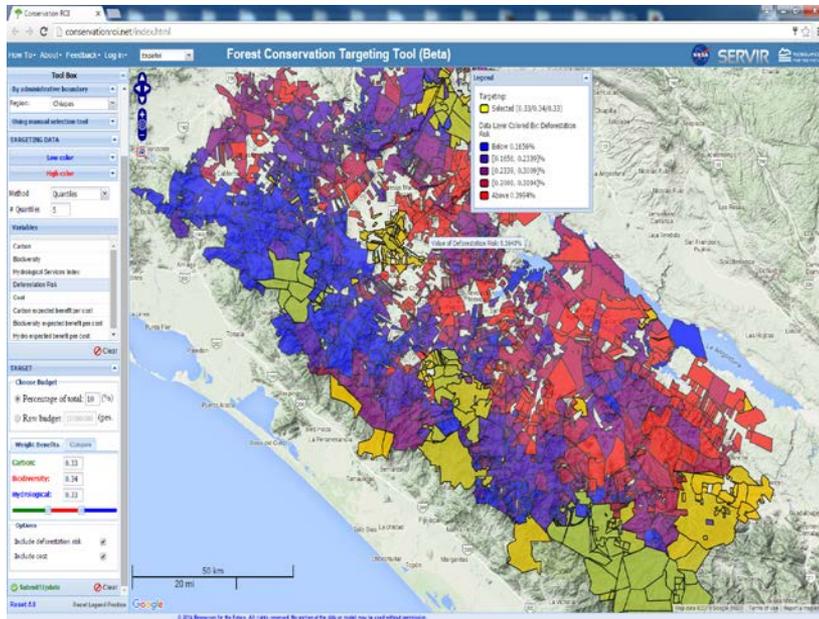


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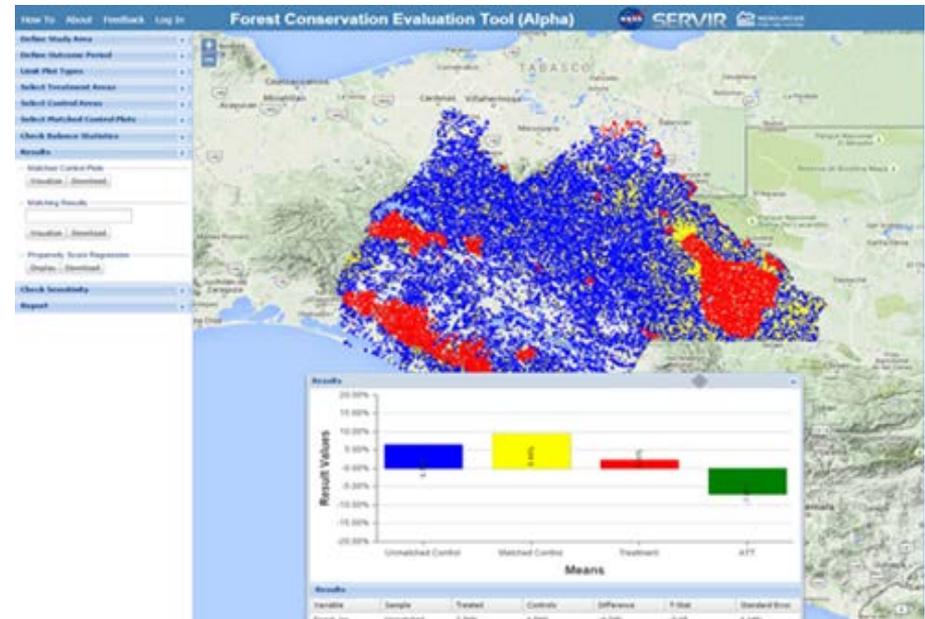
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RFF's web-tools for forest conservation policy

Forest Conservation Targeting Tool



Forest Conservation Evaluation Tool



Public launch: Summer 2016



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