

BPs & worldwide emergence of AgroEcology

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Best Practices in the context of AgroEcology rising worldwide

1. Introducing myself
2. AgriProFocus Ethiopia
3. Why Agroecology? Because industrial practices failed
4. AgroEcology, a systems approach!
5. AgroEcology an umbrella of diverse practices
6. AgroEcology for/ by smallholder farmers, 70%
7. How to support and accelerate the transition?

1. About me

Studied in Wageningen University.

- Conclusion: “You cannot design a landscape, it is being formed”

From 1977 - 1991 in different African countries.

- Conclusion: participative development is the only way.

1992 - 2005 coordinating research in Wageningen UR

- Conclusion: too little participative and transition management research

2005- 2010 coordinating Netw. farmers'innovations.

- Conclusion: there are so many good examples, we must share Best Practices!

2011-now: book Transition to Agroecology, why and how

2. AgriProFocus - what we do

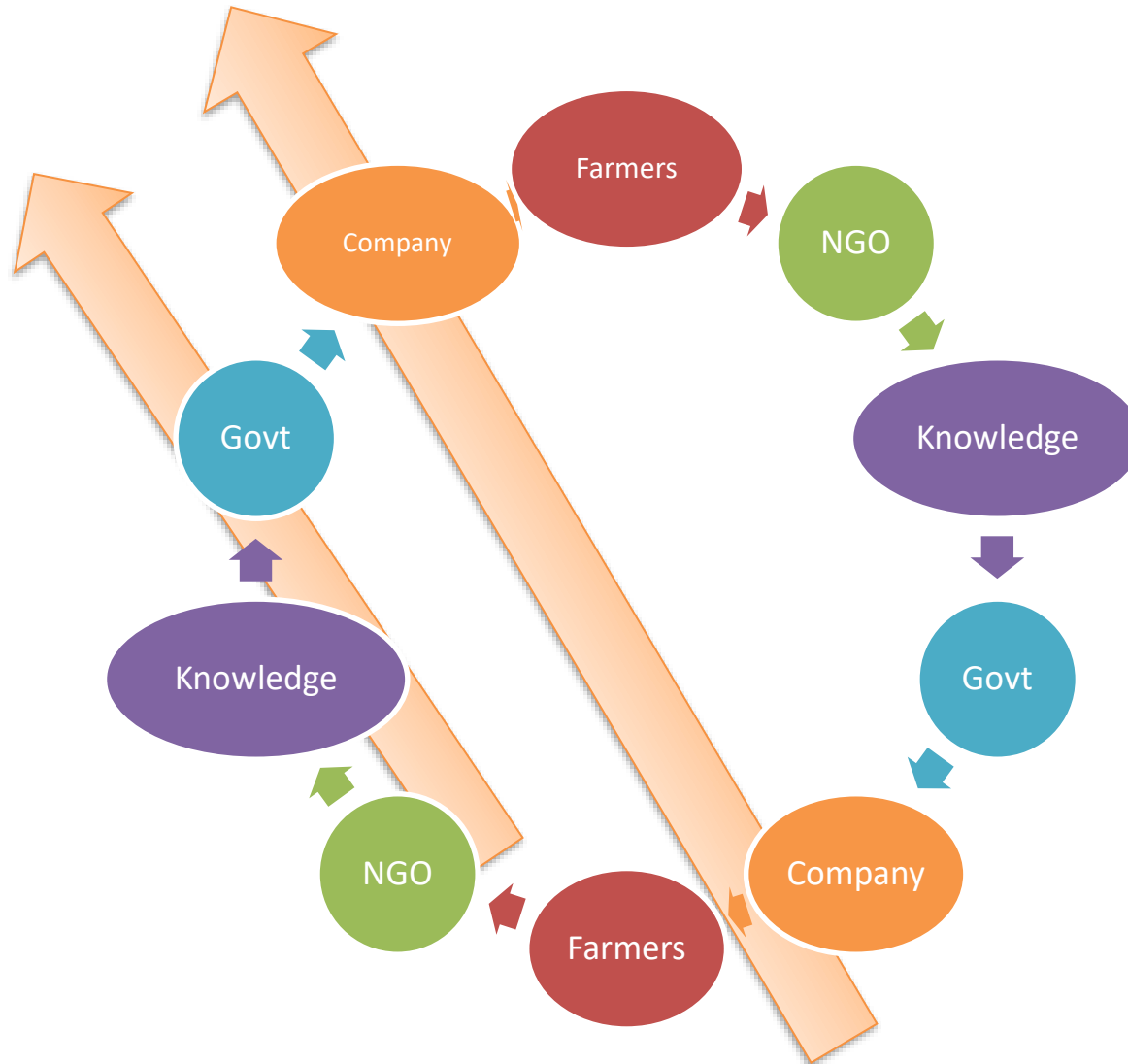
But first: what do I take home from yesterday/ today?

- Sharing is half of the job!
- Giving!

Presently working for AgriProfocus, as facilitator Linking & Learning.

- <http://agriprofocus.com/ethiopia>
- <http://agriprofocus.com/soil-health-management>
- [http://agriprofocus.com/innovation-community-nutrition sensitive agriculture](http://agriprofocus.com/innovation-community-nutrition-sensitive-agriculture)
- <http://agriprofocus.com/ethiopia-agroecology-platform>

A CoP or Platform



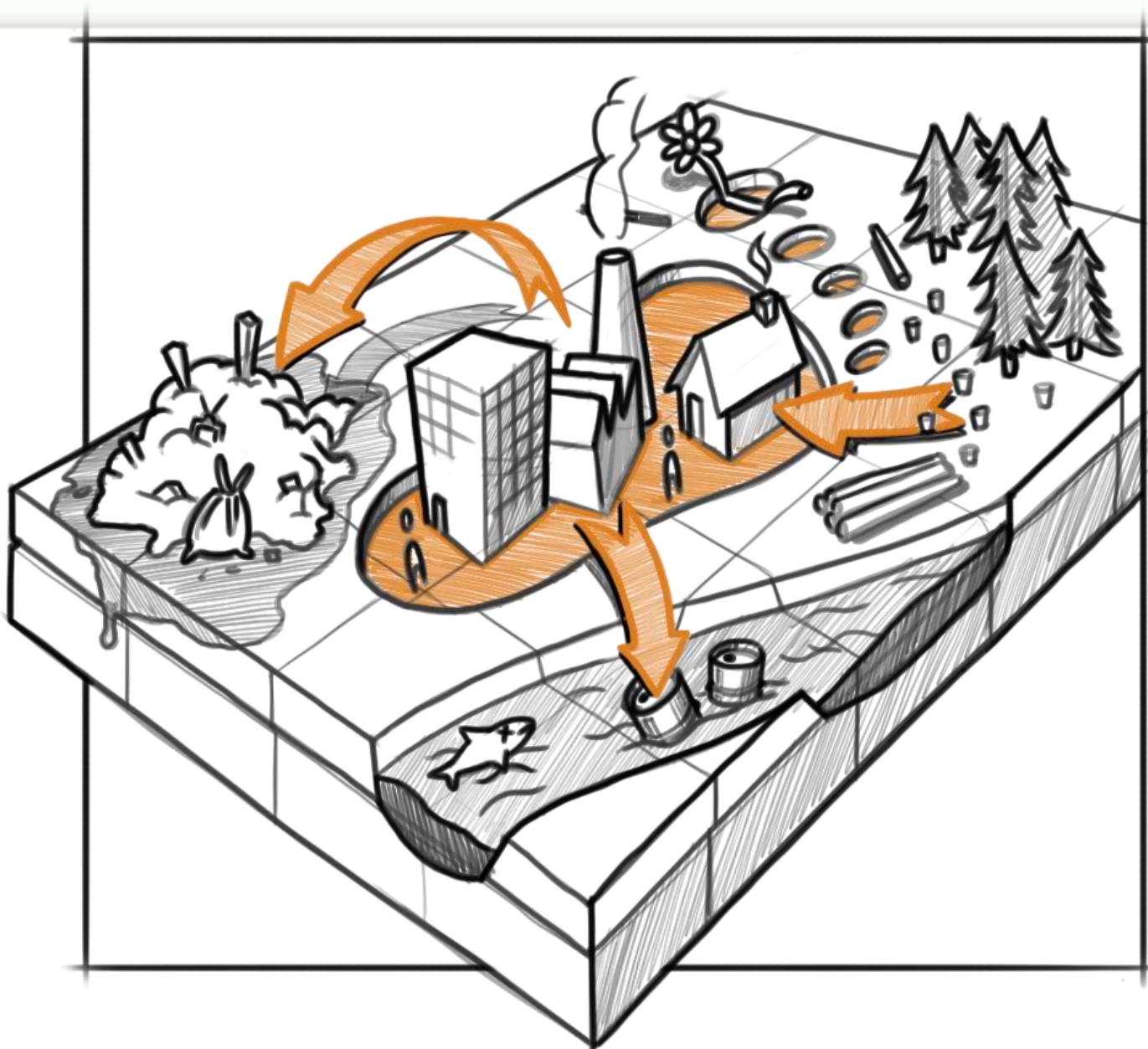


AE zones
map of
Ethiopia,
mapping
projects for
Evidence

3. Why AgroEcology?

- 100 year development of **industrial agriculture** has not given us the results we hoped for – erosion, loss of biodiversity, serious decrease of bees, pollution, malnutrition, waste, poverty
- Climate Change - need for change in production methods
- Lessons learnt from organic agriculture and LEIA; IFOAM, Farming Matters
- Upcoming movements of farmer-based organisations; Altieri since 70s, AFSA, International Forum for Agroecology etc.

Ecological footprint



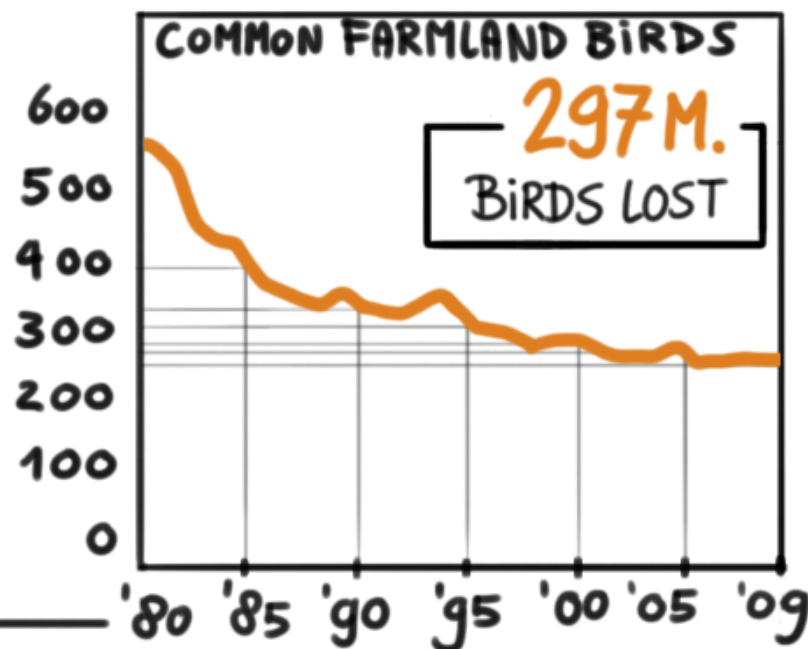
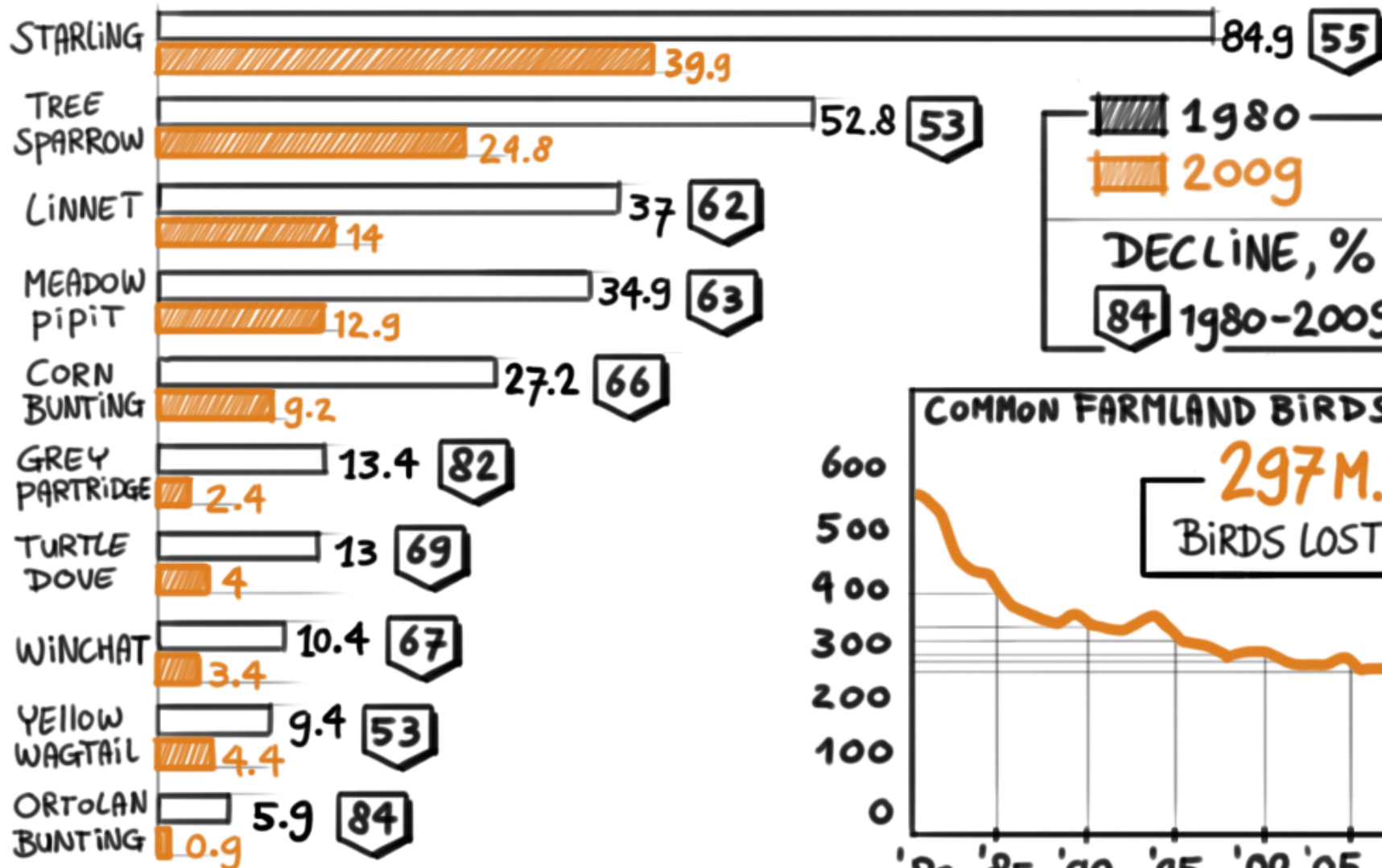


Ecological footprint

<i>Continent</i>	<i>ha</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>(ha)</i>
North America	9,4	United Arab Emirates	11,9
European Union	4,8	United States	9,6
Europa (outside EU)	3,8	Belgium and Luxembourg	5,6
World	2,2	Netherlands	4,4
Middle East and Central Asia	2,2	Hungary	3,5
Latin America and Caribbean	2,0	Turkey	2,1
Asia (around the Pacific)	1,3	Brazil	2,1
Africa	1,1	Algeria	1,6
		China	1,6
Available bio-capacity	1,8	India	0,8

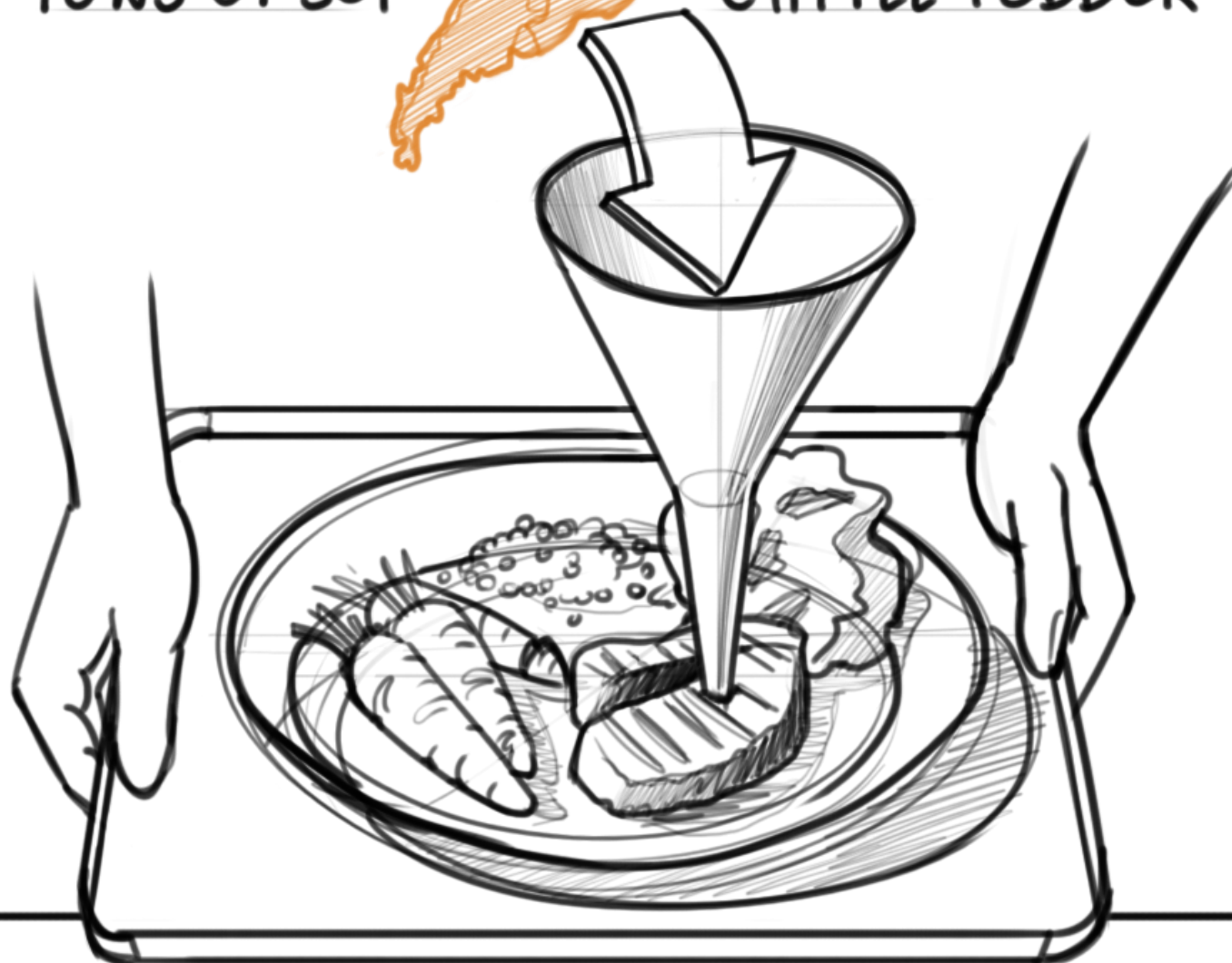
FALLING POPULATIONS

BIRDS, IN MILLIONS



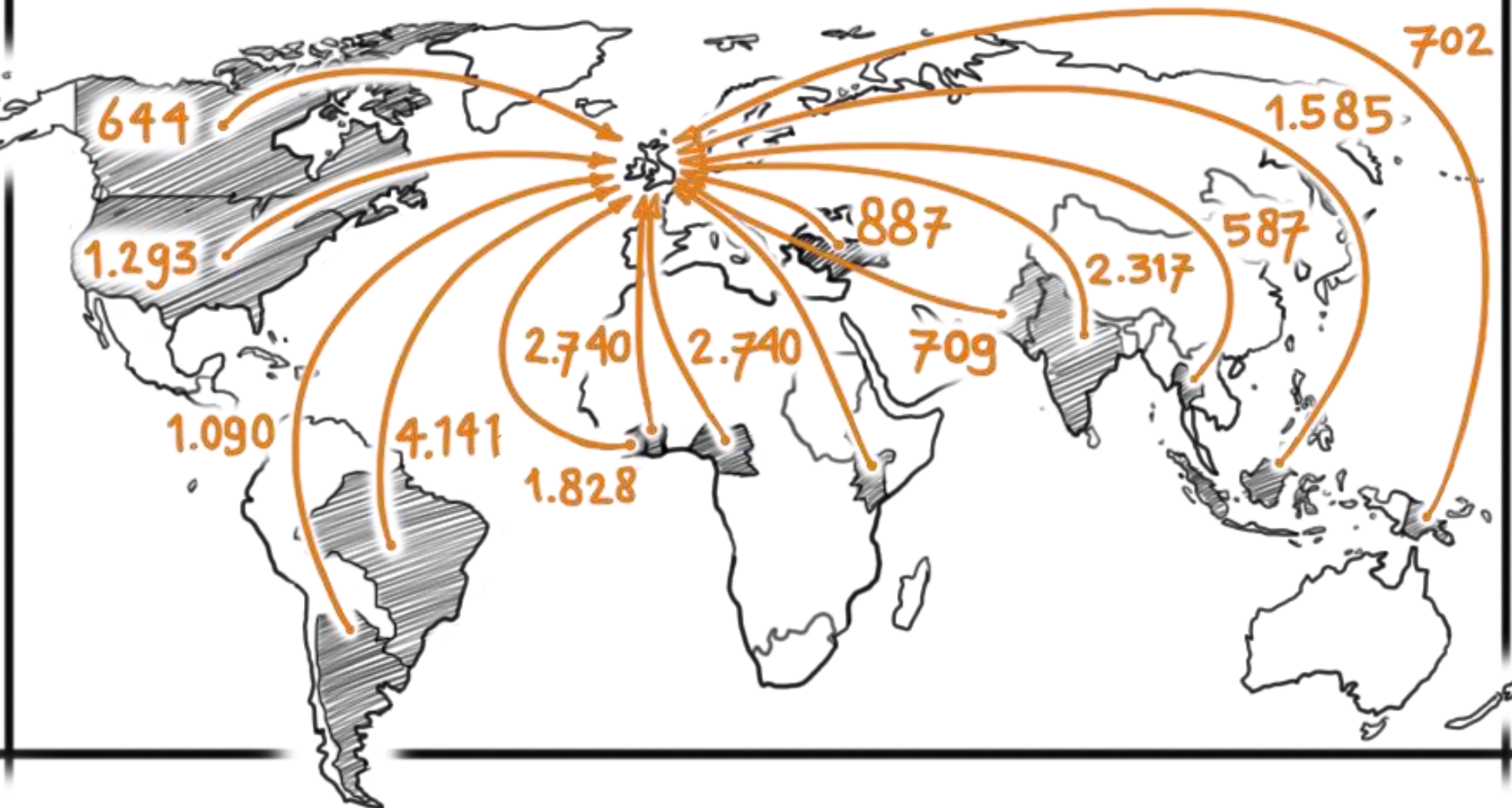
9,3 Million
TONS OF SOY

FOR EUROPEAN
CATTLE FODDER





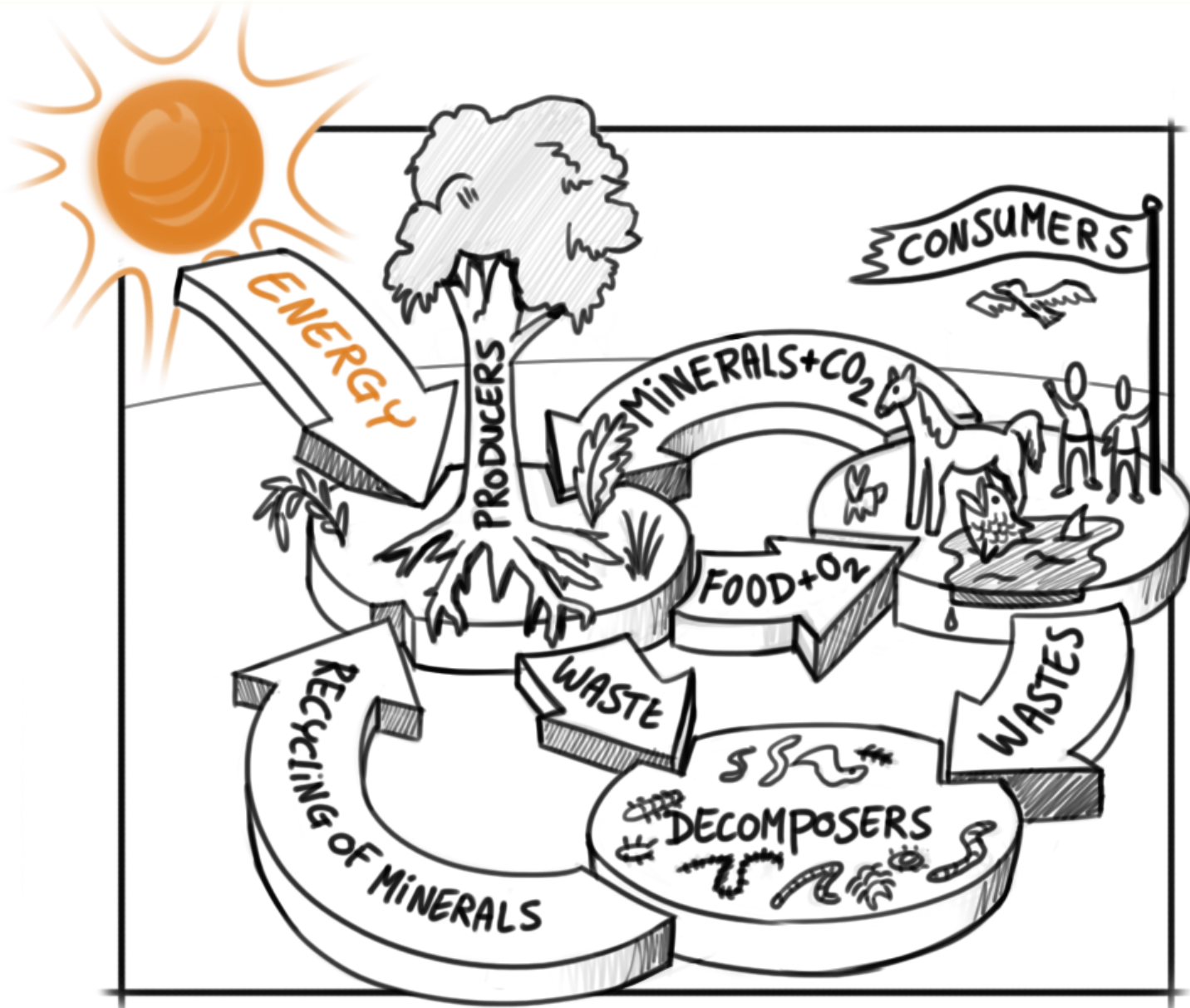
waterfootprint



4. Agroecology as a systems approach

- A complex system is interactive, resilient; like a human body; windows looking into a room, elephant
- Soil health management is the base – prevent erosion, build nutrients, water management
- Ways of understanding and dealing with Nature: Ruler, Steward/ Custodian, Partner or Part-of?

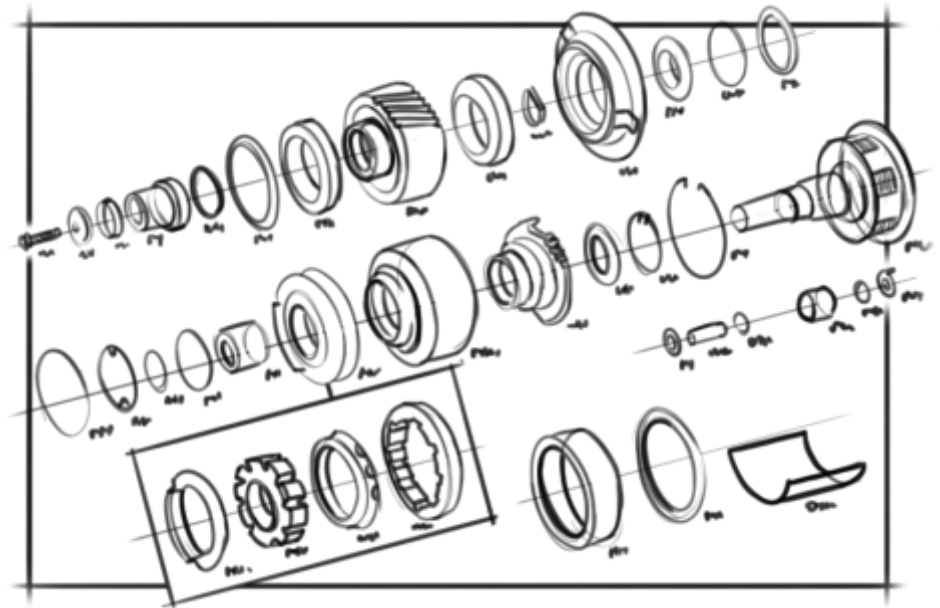
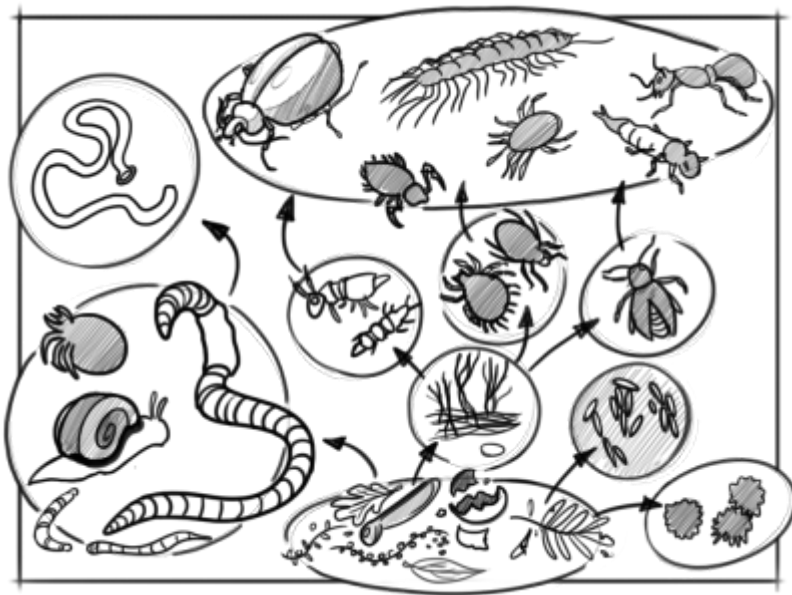
4. AgroEco = a systems approach



The Soil Food Web



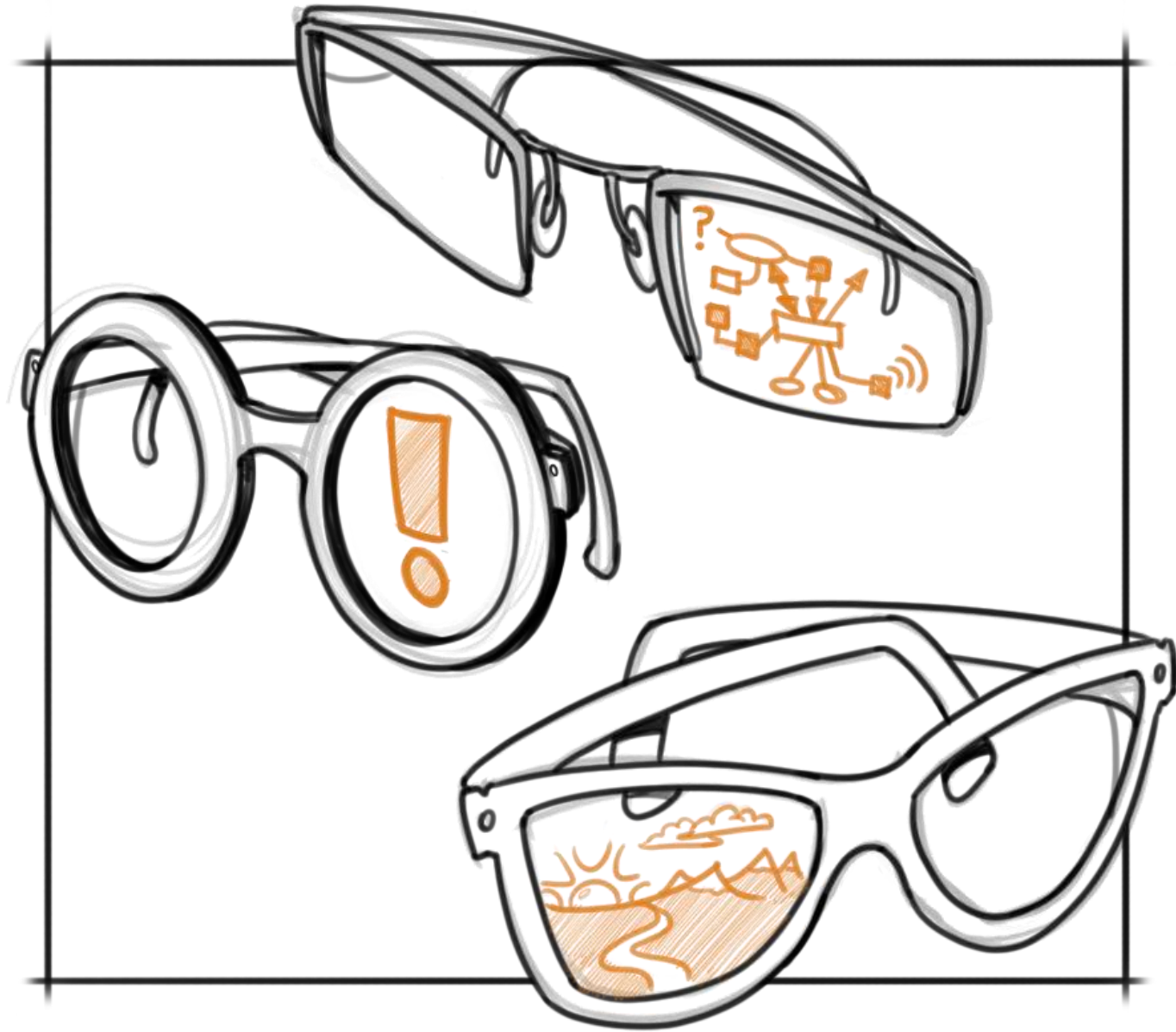
The soil as a well functioning machine



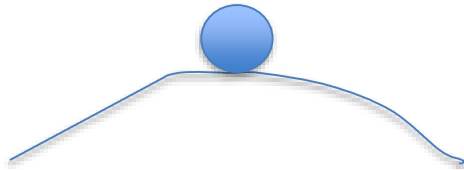
Dealing with Nature

- Top down interventions, egotistical
- Benign ruler- for the benefit of the future, we *allow* economic interventions, for sustainability.
- Steward/custodian
- Partner of nature- equal, respect, interactions, give and take, work with the qualities of what is available; organic agroculture, agroecology
- Humans are part of nature – so they adjust to the system, find climate smart solutions, organic, special ploughs

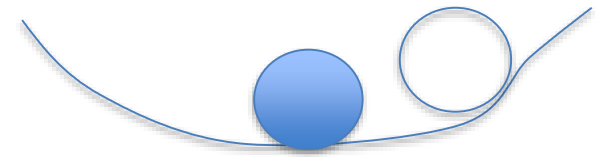
Ways of understanding



From Control to Adaptation



Focus on problem
Erase variation
Monitor& control
Fragile balance

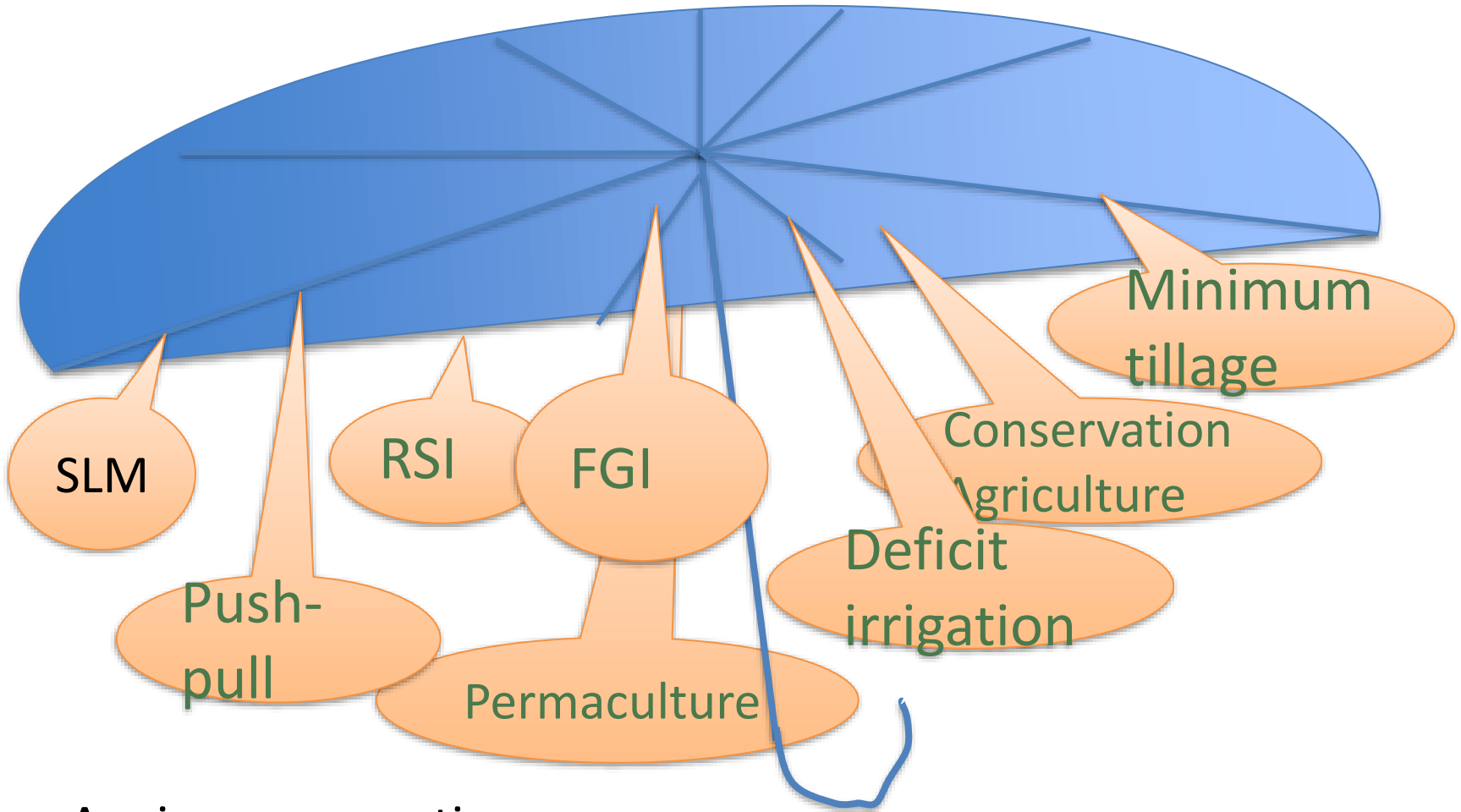


Focus on system
Utilize variation
Self regulation
dynamic balance



The many faces of
resilience

5. Agroecology as an umbrella



A science, a practice, a
movement,

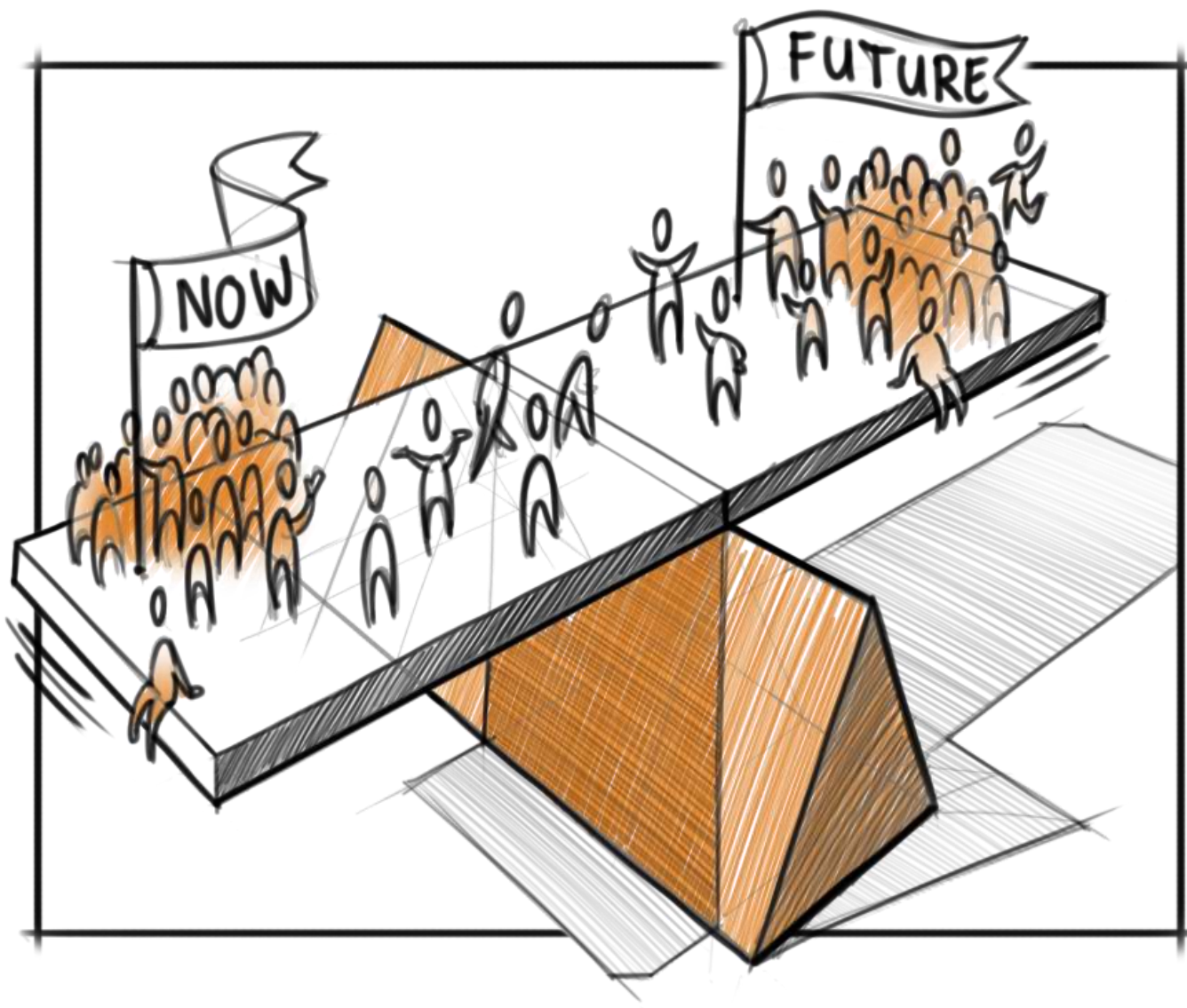
6. AgroEcology by smallholder farmers

- Small scale food producers provide together 70 % of the food consumed by humanity
- Integrated landscape approach for biodiversity, watermanagement and food production
- Different Agro-ecological zones
- Social systems: Farmer to farmer learning, local peer-established labelling, consumer supported agriculture
- IAASTD(2008), UN (2011), Nafeez Ahmed (2014) Paradigm shift: smh farmers can double their production; with agroecology they can feed the world
- Climate Change - need for change in production methods

7. How to support transition to AE

- To the Tipping Point
- Extension Agents
- Access to resources for women
- 4 Es
- Learning, enhance transition process
- Support and enhance movements!

To the Tipping Point, 15 % is enough



INVESTMENT

15

Investment in agricultural extension services yields **80% annual rates of return** and can help farmers to **double** their crop yields.



80%

ANNUAL RATES
OF RETURN




2x

CROP YIELD
INCREASE

Given equal access to resources as men, women would achieve the same yield levels, boosting total agricultural output in developing countries by



$2^{1/2}$ - 4%

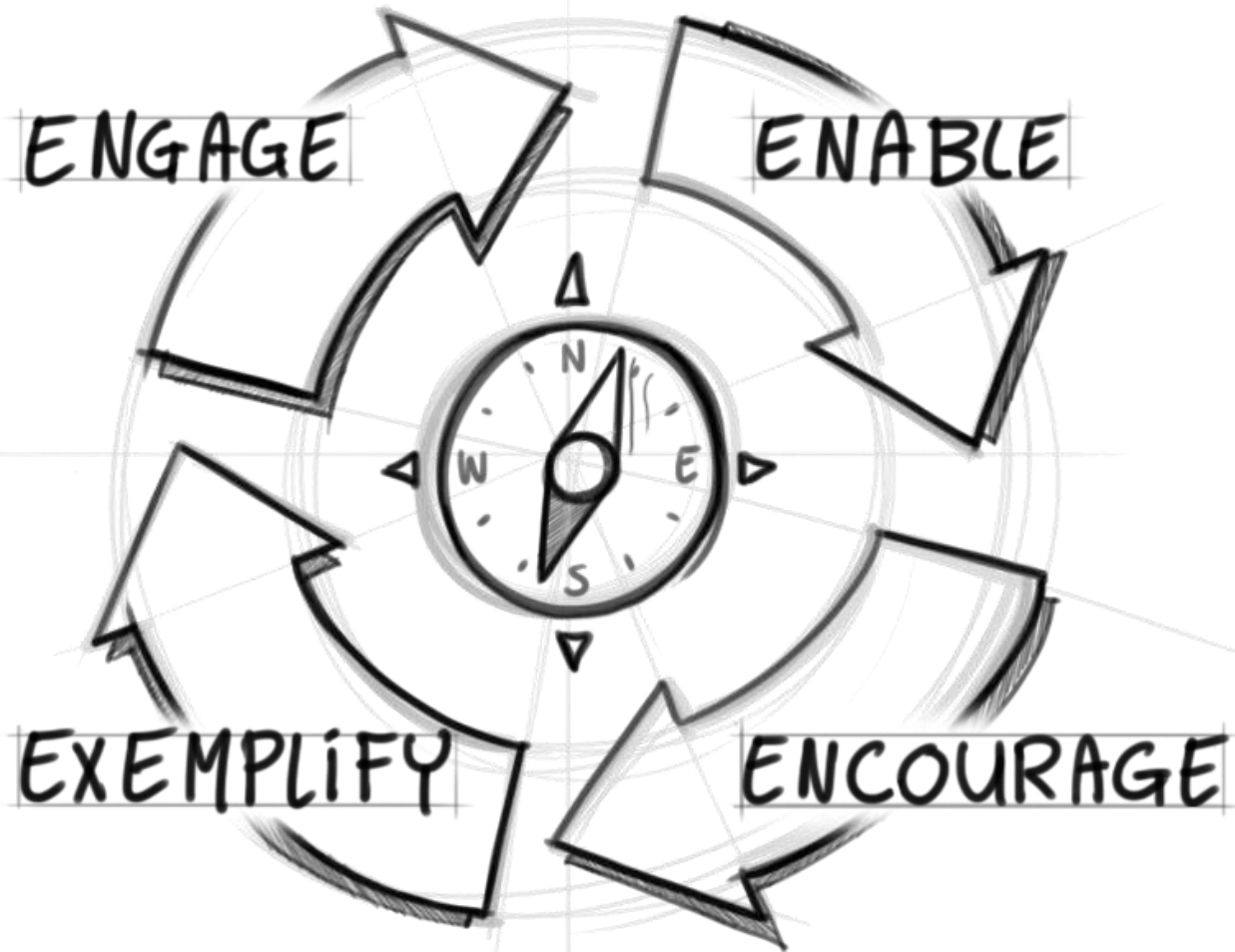


This additional yield
could reduce the number
of undernourished people
in the world by

100-150m

OR 12-17%

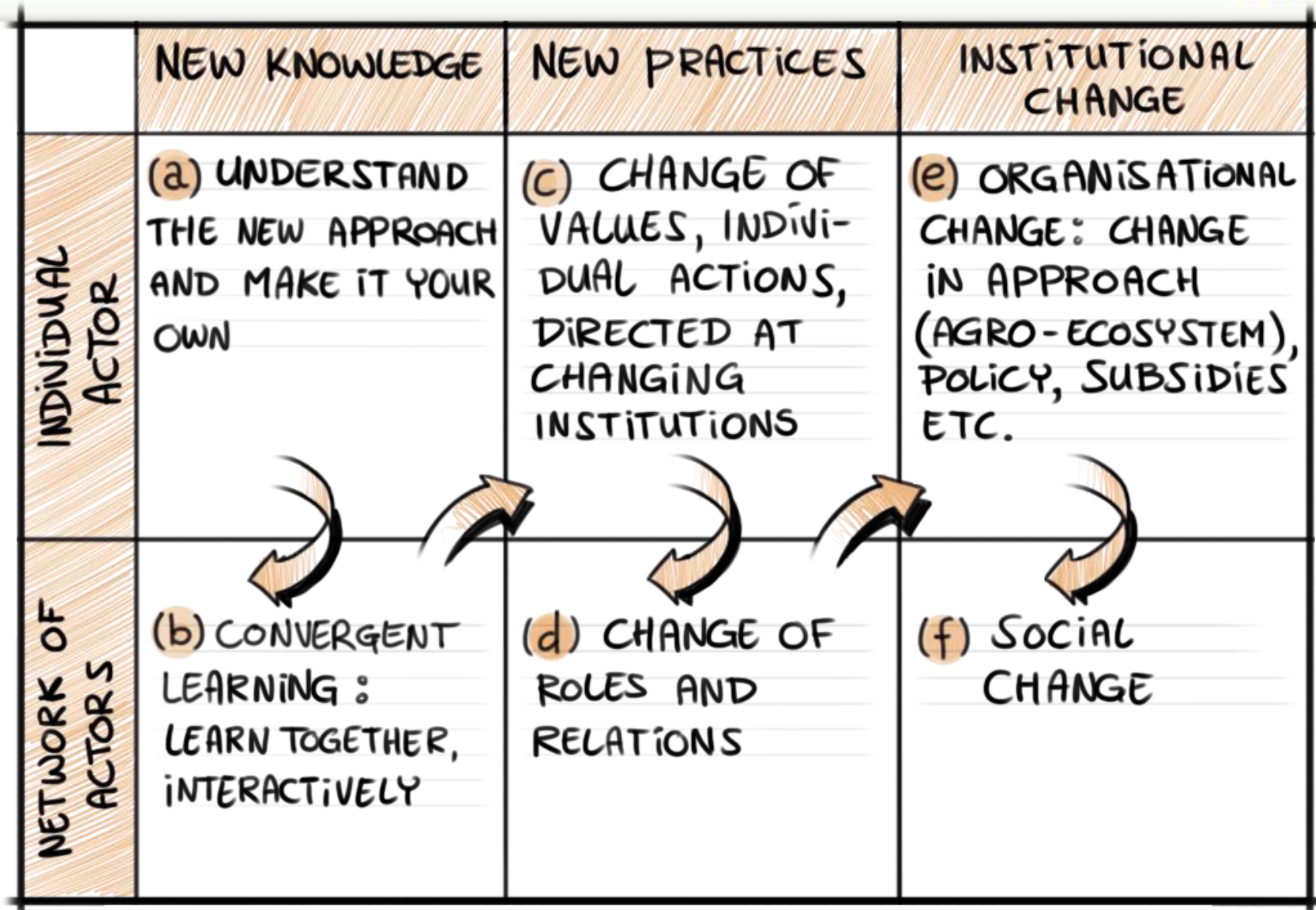
The 4 Es



The Ecologic Organic Agriculture Initiative EOAI (under Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme CAADP)

- Mission: promote ecologically sound strategies and practices among stakeholders in production, processing, marketing & policy making,
- to safeguard environment, livelihoods, alleviate poverty and guarantee food security
- Overall goals: mainstream Ecological Organic Agriculture into national production systems by 2025

The transition process





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all transitioning organisations

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1. Transition to
Agro Ecology,
the story
2. Twenty five
examples of
groundbreaking
frontrunners,

Thank you

- QUESTIONS?