



Current and planned EU actions on deforestation and forest degradation

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- ❖ **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - SDG target 15.2 (halting deforestation by 2020)**
- ❖ **"Trade for all" strategy - Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy (2015)**
- ❖ **Amsterdam Declaration (2015)**
- ❖ **New York Declaration (2014)**
- ❖ **EU Forest Strategy (2013) and EP Resolution of 28.04.15**
- ❖ **7th EU Environment Action Programme (2013)**
- ❖ **Communication (2008) by the Commission**



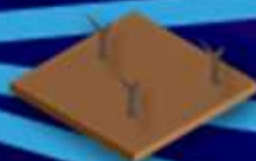
- Report published on 2nd July 2013
- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/impact_deforestation.htm

What is deforestation

degradation



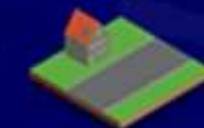
Mining, illegal logging,
unsustainable forest
management, shifting
cultivation, etc.



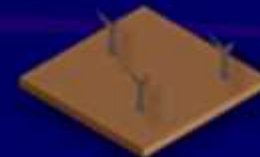
Agricultural
crops
(timber minor)



Pastures/
livestock



Infrastructure
development



natural hazards

DEFORESTATION

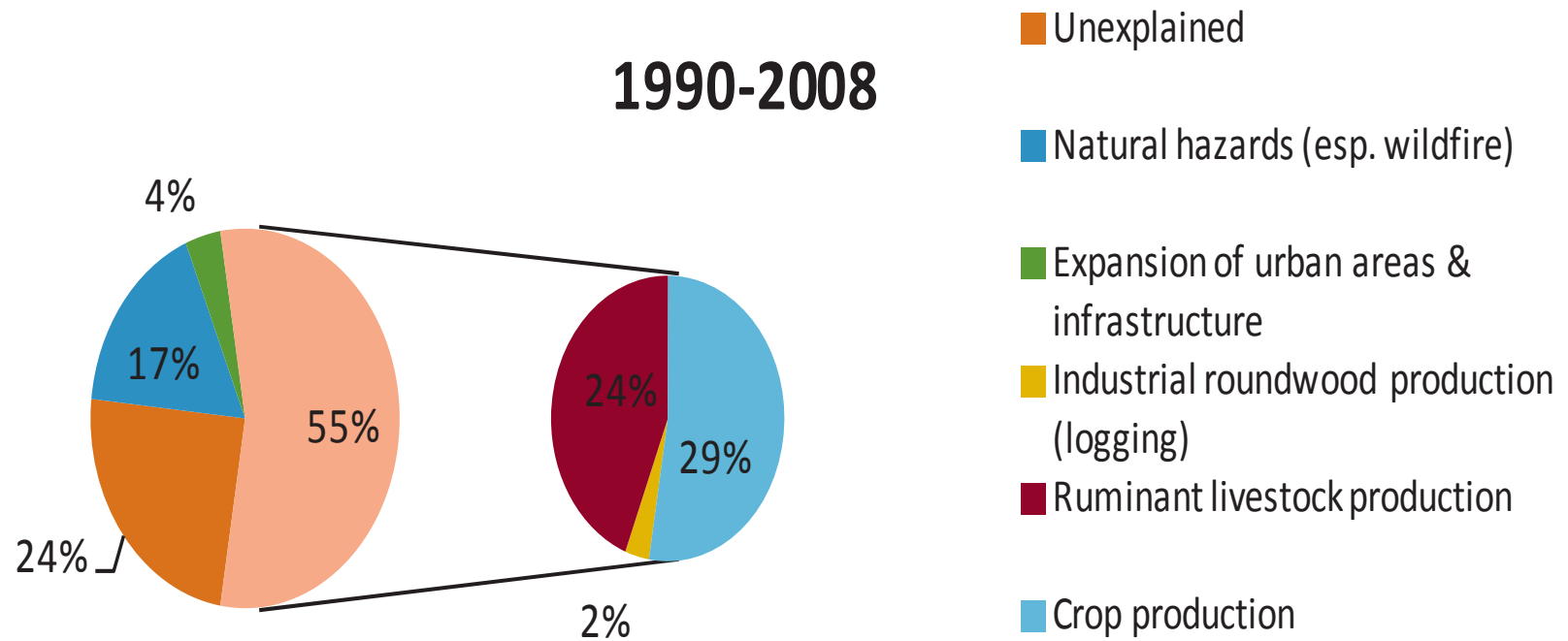
due to internal country
consumption/land use
and to **external demand**
(**exports**)

Drivers of



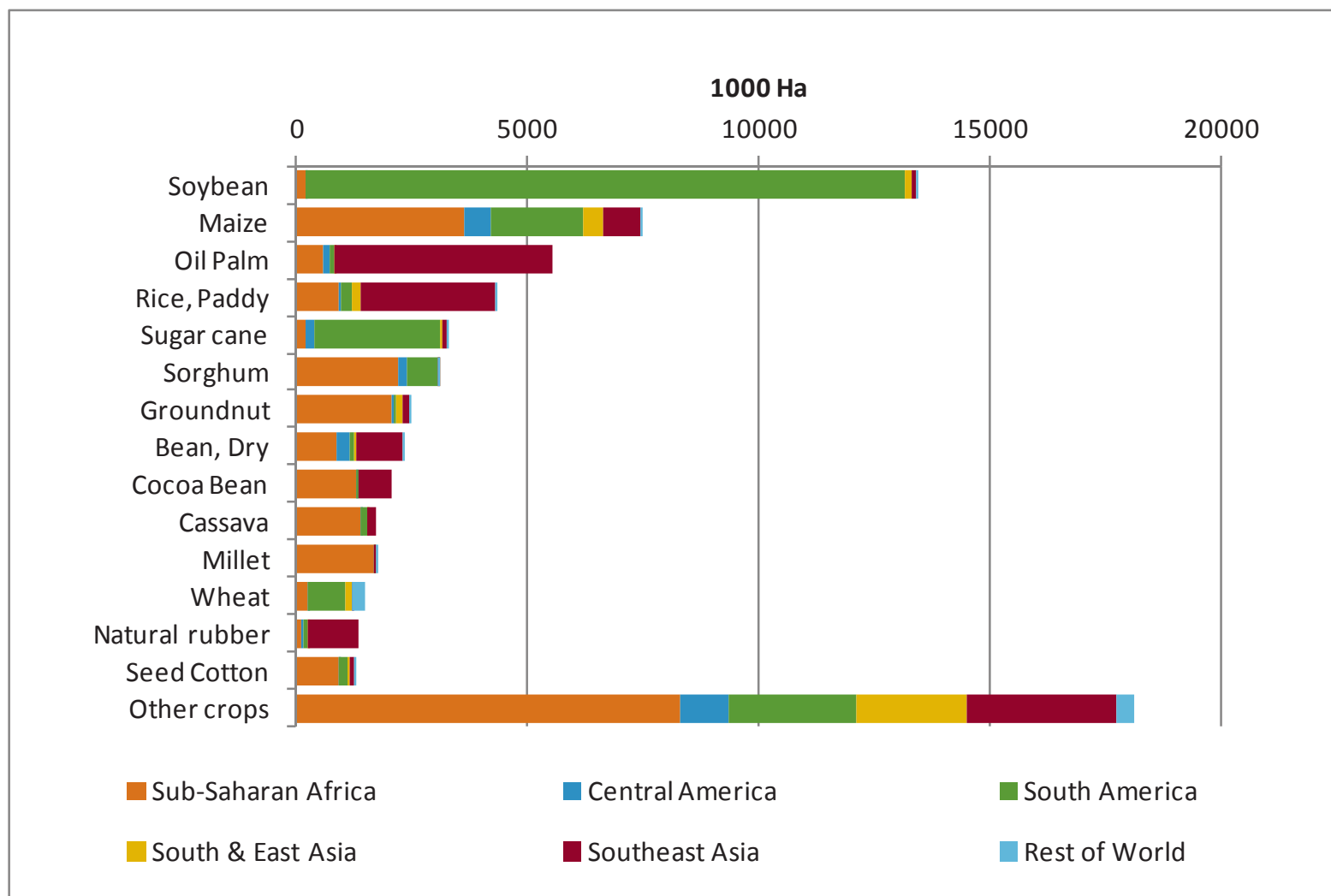
deforestation

1990-2008



Deforestation and crops

(1990-2008)





Deforestation and trade (1990-2008)

- ❖ Substantial part of the embodied deforestation **remains in the country or (world) region of production: crops (two thirds), livestock (92%) and wood products (two thirds)**
- ❖ EU27 imported 36% of all deforestation embodied in crop and livestock products traded internationally (equivalent to 9Mha of deforested land).
- ❖ The second ranked region was Eastern Asia (includes China and Japan), with 4.5 Mha. North America imported 1.9 Mha.



- ❖ Now ongoing: a **feasibility study on a possible AP on deforestation**, implemented by a consortium of consultancy firms
- ❖ Three deliverables, available end of 2016:
 - ✓ 1) a **mapping** of existing EU policy, legislation and initiative that can address, directly or indirectly, the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation within and outside EU borders.
 - ✓ 2) to identify and assess the **policy options** that can address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation at global scale.
 - ✓ 3) Stakeholders online **survey**

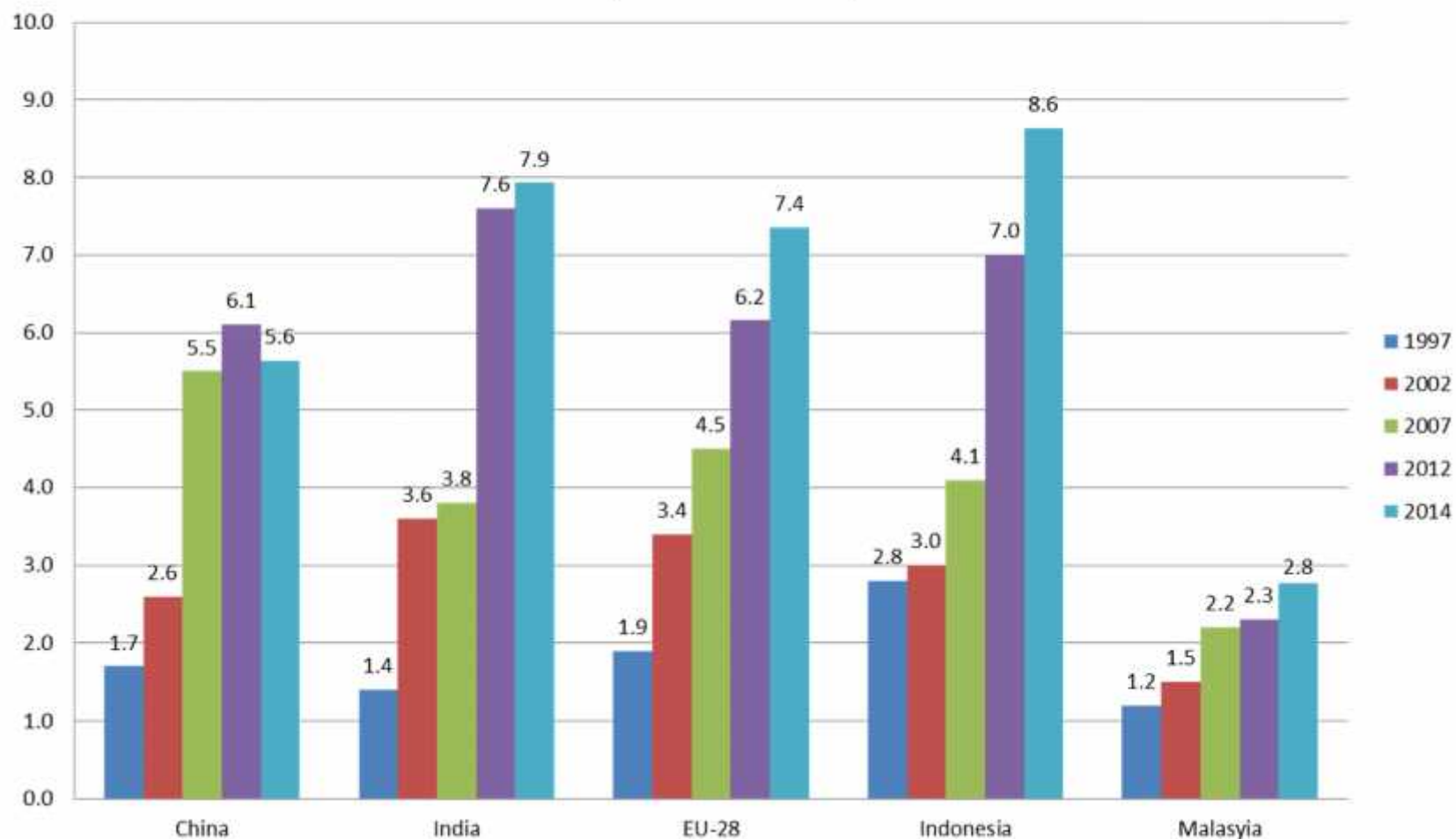


The EU is among the key palm oil consumers



Palm oil consumption 1997-2014

(source: World Oil)



Several initiatives on palm oil



- ❖ The Dutch Presidency in December 2015 organised a conference on 'EU Global Supply Chains', where the **Amsterdam Declaration** on sustainable palm oil (supported by NL, DK, DE, FR and SE) was presented.
- ❖ In December 2015 the Commission (DG ENV) organised a **technical workshop on 'Palm oil environmental sustainability standards'** with the participation of experts and NGOs from Europe, Indonesia and Malaysia.
- ❖ The Commission (DG ENV) is considering a **study** on the environmental impact of palm oil consumption and on existing sustainability standards.
- ❖ The EU's Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) is supporting Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) in addressing **forest and peat fires**.
- ❖ The EU Delegation to ASEAN will shortly launch the **Sustainable Use of Peatlands and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN** (SUPA) Project, worth about €25m (€4m from Germany).





THANK YOU

