Population increase one of the main drivers of LUC – Fan and Ding 2016

Drivers and causes of forest loss sometimes inferred rather than explicitly modelled – Gao & Lui 2012, Lele et al 2008, Li et al 2011, Onojeghuo & Blackburn 2011,

Often land use change is modelled using only geospatial metrics rather than social or economic predictors – Lele et al 2008, Li et al 2011

Some studies appear not to account for time or repeat measurements – Gong et al 2013

This implies that improving the quality of governance will lower the deforestation level of natural forests in the tropics – Bhattarai & Hammig 2004