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on open source geodata**

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# 1 Introduction

## 2 Literature review

### 2.1 RSPO

### 2.2 Deforestation

### 2.3 Infrastructure

### 2.4 State of the art analysis

### 2.5 Oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*)

Table 2.1: mycaption

Car	MPG	Cylinders
Mazda RX4	21	6
Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6
Datsun 710	22.8	4
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6

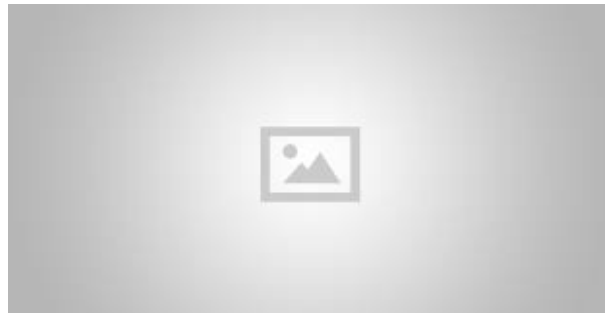


Figure 2.1: Example Picture 2

(Chapman et al., 2020; Descals et al., 2021).

### 3 Method

For further analysis, a value of >50% tree cover was considered as forest (Hansen et al., 2013).

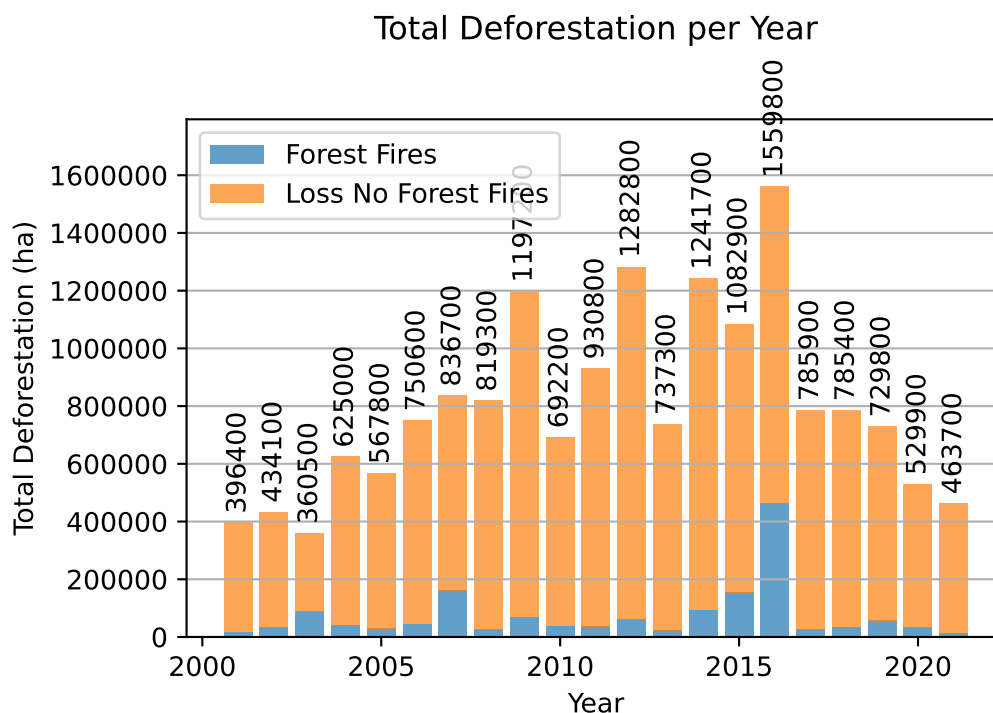


Figure 3.1: mycaption

Table 3.1: Demonstration of pipe table syntax 1

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Table 3.2: mycaption

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1 High-resolution global map of smallholder and industrial closed-canopy oil palm plantations
2 A map of the extent and year of detection of oil palm plantations in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand
3 Global forest watch
4 GRIP
5 GRIP
6 Global Roads Open Access Data Set (gROADS)
7 Farming the planet: 2. Geographic distribution of crop areas, yields, physiological types, and net primary
8 Global Spatially-Disaggregated Crop Production Statistics Data for 2010 Version 2.0

Title
9 GAEZ+_2015 Crop Harvest Area

## 3.1 Data Collection

### 3.1.1 Data Source

The data used in this analysis was obtained from the `mtcars.csv` file. This file contains data on various car models, including their miles per gallon (mpg), number of cylinders, horsepower, and other characteristics. (see Table 3.3)

Table 3.3: mycaption

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Table 3.4: mycaption

Car	MPG	Cylinders
Car1	20	Hansen et al., 2013
Car2	25	6
Car3	30	4
Car4	22	8

see Annex I



## **4 Results**

### **4.0.0.1 Questions**

#### **4.0.0.2 General Forest loss**

1. How much forest area was lost yearly and in total?
2. How much forest area was lost due to forest fires yearly and in total?
3. How much new build up areas was created on forest loss areas (2020 compared to 2000)?
4. How much new build up areas was created on forest-fire loss areas (2020 compared to 2000)?
5. How much forest gain (area) occurred on forest fire areas (2001 - 2012)?
6. How much forest was lost in protected areas yearly? → carry out all of them with primary forests as well

#### **4.0.0.3 Oil Palm related**

1. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred yearly on forest fire areas?
2. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred yearly on non-forest deforested areas?
3. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred yearly on deforested areas?
4. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred in protected areas?
5. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred on non-forest area? (compared to year 2000 forest cover)
6. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred on previous cropland (and other way around)?
7. How much forest area was gained on previous oil palm plantation area yearly (2000 - 2012)?
8. How much area was used for other crops prior to oil palm plantation, and which?
9. How much area was used for oil palm plantation prior to other crops, and which?

#### **4.0.0.4 Build up areas**

1. How much new build up area occurred in forest covered area (2020 compared to 2000)?
2. How much new build up area occurred in non-forest covered area (2020 compared to 2000)?
3. How much new build up area occurred in forest fire area (2020 compared to 2000)?
4. How much new oil palm plantation area occurred within 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 km of newly build up areas?
5. How much forest area was lost to forest fires within 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 km of newly build up areas?
6. How much forest area was lost to non-forest fires deforested areas within 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 km of newly build up areas?
7. How much forest area was lost to cropland areas within 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 km of newly build up areas?

#### 4.0.0.5 RSPO

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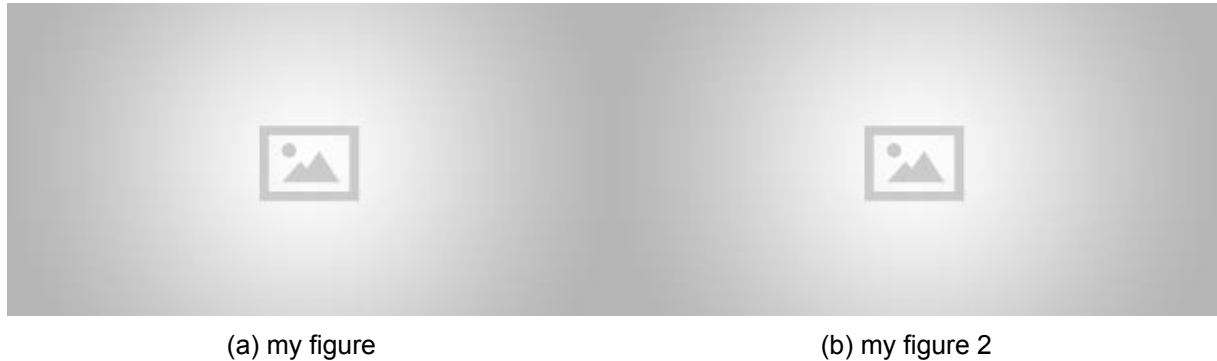


Figure 4.1: Multiple pictures!

For more information, refer to the literature review (Chapman et al., 2020; Descals et al., 2021).

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## **5 Discussion**

However, the data showing forest gain in the span of 2001 - 2012 is inaccurate. Analysis showed that 32% of the alleged forest gain represents newly established palm oil plantations. Thus, all new palm oil cultivation areas established between 2001 and 2012 have been removed from the forest gain dataset.

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