

A hand holding a small globe in a field of tall grass under bright sunlight. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass with bright sunlight filtering through, creating a bokeh effect. The hand is positioned in the lower-left foreground, holding a small, transparent globe that shows the continents of Africa and South America. The overall mood is hopeful and environmental.

Simpson Foundation – Malawi

Nature for Socio-Economic Development in Rural Malawi



About Us

Simpson Foundation is a locally registered Non-Governmental Organisation compelled to bring transformation and bring poor small holder farmers together to fight poverty. It was incorporated in 2013

Our Vision

To enhance resilient and adaptive communities

Our Mission

Create an environment that will enable communities to be resilient, adaptive to climate change shocks through the provision of knowledge and expertise.

Our Objectives



1. Demonstrate research and development of modern techniques of sustainable agriculture, with the application of all forms of the best practices in climate smart agriculture to increase social, economic and environmental impacts
2. Strengthen collaboration and strategic partnerships with various institutions of research on the application of best practices to prevent negative climate change impacts
3. Support sustainable agriculture and nature platforms that will empower smallholder farmers to be more resilient to attain food security and conservation of nature.



Our Focus Areas

1. Sustainable Agriculture
2. Health and Well-being
3. Equity and Justice
4. Environmental and Natural Resources Management



Milestones

1. Increased crop productivity in smallholder farmers
2. Evidence based research programs in Smart Climate Agriculture
3. Linking smallholder farmers to structured markets
4. Advocating for Nature based solution through value addition in natural fruits



Observations

Malawi's soils, water, forests and other natural resources are being harvested and degraded at rates exceeding their ability to regenerate and replenish

Observations



The natural resource assets are being liquidated rather than being re-invested to meet immediate and future livelihood.

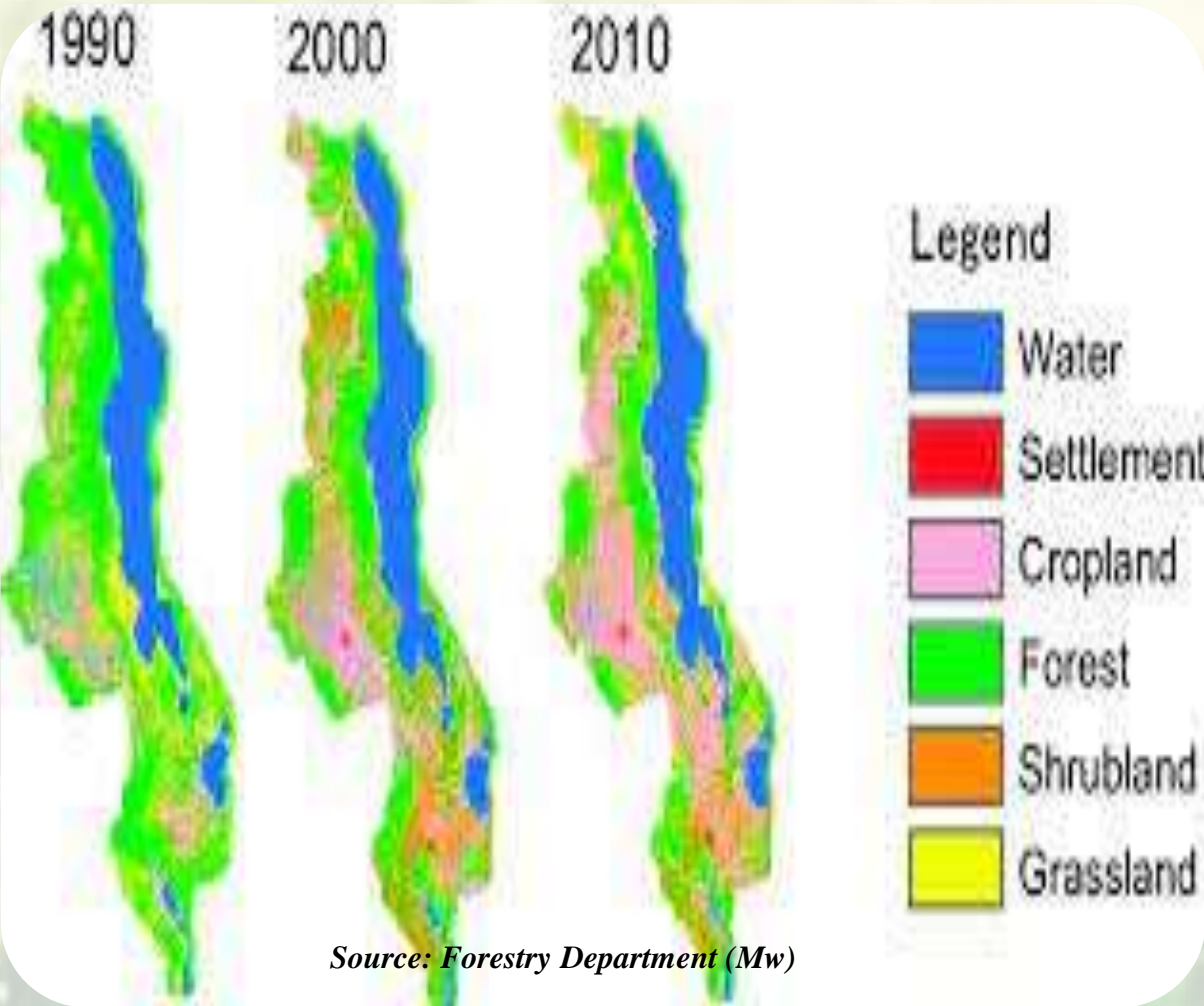


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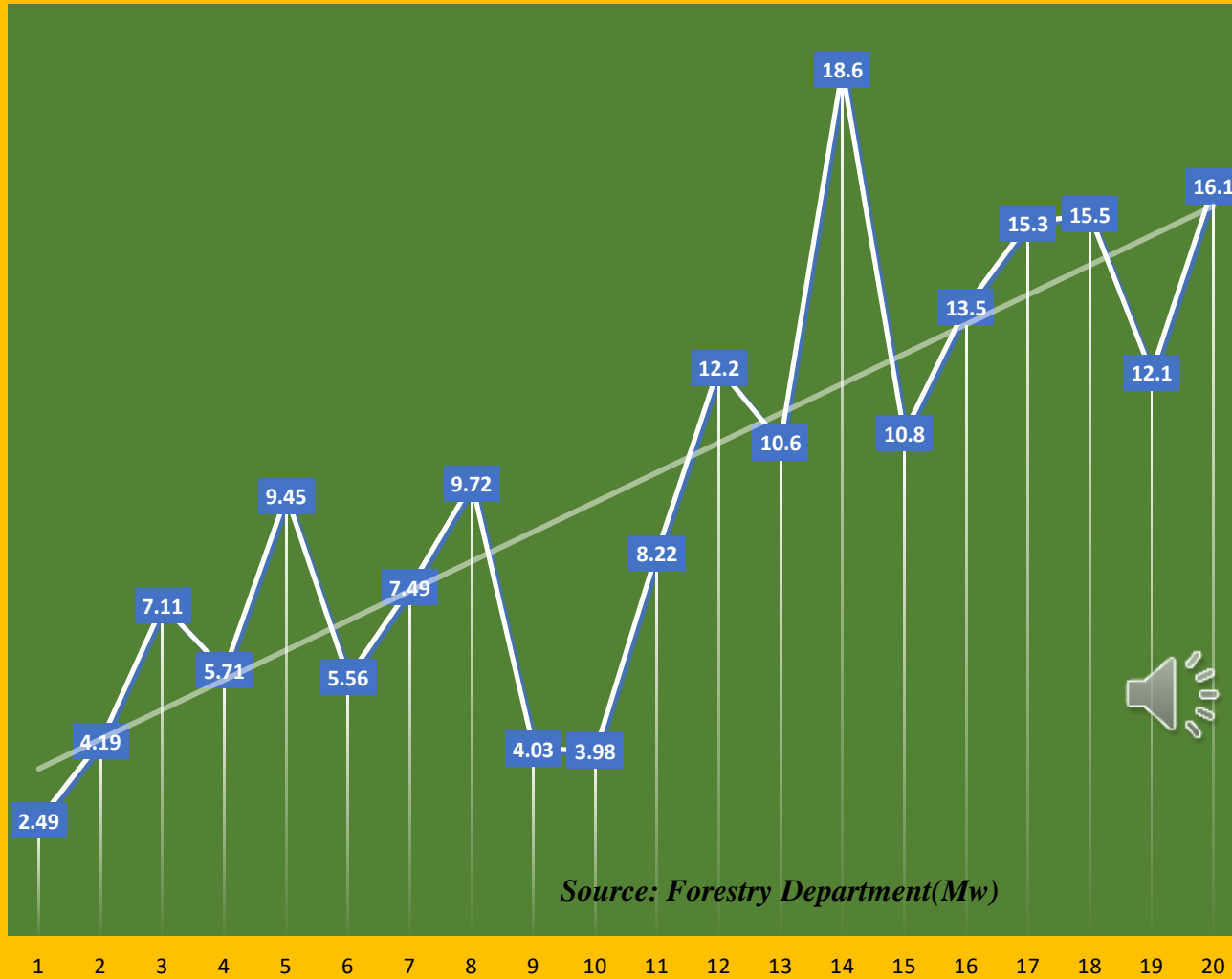
The results are run-off of fields, siltation and floods into the crop fields. With this kind of situations livelihoods of rural communities are being compromised resulting into abject poverty which they cannot easily come out.

Observations

- ✓ In 2010 Malawi had 1.39mha of natural forest extending over 12% of its land area. In 2010 its had lost 14.1 kha of natural forest equivalent to 3.58 MT of carbon dioxide. By 2020 Malawi had lost 193kha of tree cover equivalent to 13% decrease in tree cover since 2000 and translating to 52.3MT of carbon dioxide emissions
- ✓ This means that the future generations will not be able to fend for themselves in terms of forest nutrients



NATURAL FOREST DEPRECIATION 2001 TO 2020 - MALAWI



Source: Forestry Department(Mw)

Observations

Reading through an article in the local daily shows that the electricity generation company lost K10bn(US\$13m) in 2020 in removing silt at it's generation plant.(Nation News Paper, 24th February 2020). This siltation is caused by the run-off of the soils in the upper land due to charcoal harvesting by the local communities.

Forest Restoration Strategy Key Stakeholders



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Farmers



Rural Communities



Traditional Authorities



Civil Society Organisations



Government



Private Sector



Development Partners

Policy Strategic Areas



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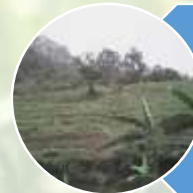
Agriculture Technologies



**Community
Forests/Woodlots**



Forest Management



**Soil & Water
Conservation**



**River & Stream Bank
Restoration**

Implementation Strategy



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Governance



Movement Building



**Equitable Benefit
Distribution**



**Policy
Coordination**

Way Forward

- ✓ We believe that as a non-state actor in sustainable development we have a duty to mitigate this trend.
- ✓ Our concept is envisage promotion of community based natural resources management as an Eco-business, and integrated communities into the nature enterprise value chain.

- ✓ Based on our focus area Four (4) we intend to reduce environmental degradation by empowering communities to take action within their locality.
- ✓ We believe in empowering rural communities to take their future into their hands.



Way Forward

Because of this deforestation, natural high nutrient fruits like Tamarind among others are fast being harvested for various products and it will soon vanish on the earth surface.

Way Forward



The objective of this presentation is to create a socio-enterprise that will have a dual effect:

- ✓ Protect and preserve the natural forest within the rural communities
- ✓ Diversification of income to the rural communities through production of fruit juice

Strategic Approach



Awareness
generation



Capacity
building



Enterprise
Generation



Project Impact

60% increase in awareness
about conserving nature
and nature based solutions

50% increase in nature
based businesses

20% increase in diversified
income in the target impact
area



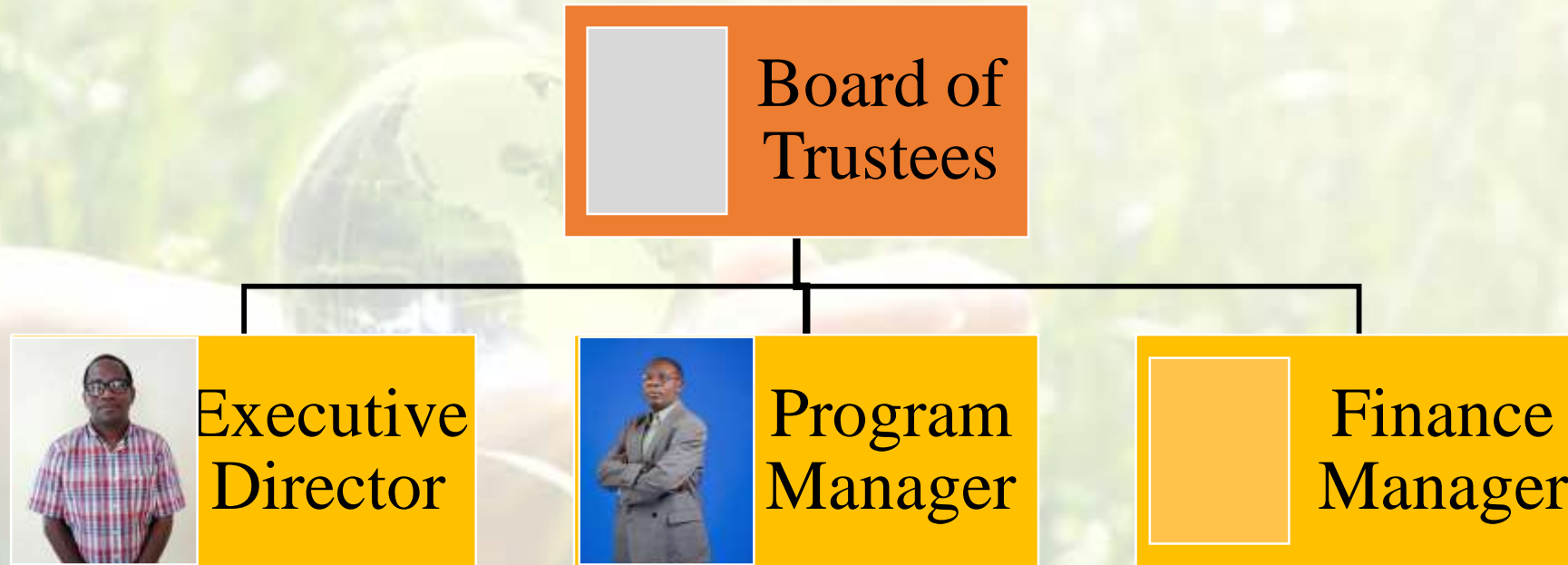
Product Portfolio

- ✓ Natural fruits: fruit pulp, wines, fruit powder to cover the lean periods
- ✓ Other ecosystems products such as mushrooms, honey, even natural herbs

Organisational Capacity

- ✓ Simpson Foundation Malawi is run by the Board of Trustees who are the initial founders of the foundation. The Secretariat is headed by the Executive Director who oversees the day to day operations. He has vast experience in rural development, conservation agriculture and leadership. He is supported by the Programs Manager who has a vast experience in project management and finance. The Finance Department is also headed by a person who has worked in the field of finances for close to 20 years.
- ✓ The belief of Simpson Foundation is to maintain a very lean staff at the Secretariat so that all the resources are channeled towards the core activities of the various programs.
- ✓ We need partners to implement this project

Our Team



*You have passion of saving mother earth
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Remember

*“The EARTH can survive without MAN but
MAN cannot survive without the EARTH”*



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