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# **Estimating the Variability of Greenhouse Gas Footprints of Crude Palm Oil production in Indonesia**



# Sources of Variability



Forest edge  
carbon  
degradation

Peat soil  
preparation and  
cultivation

Above and  
belowground  
carbon change  
from direct land  
use change

Sources of  
variability  
of GHG  
footprints<sup>1,2</sup>

Cultivation,  
transport and  
mill  
processing

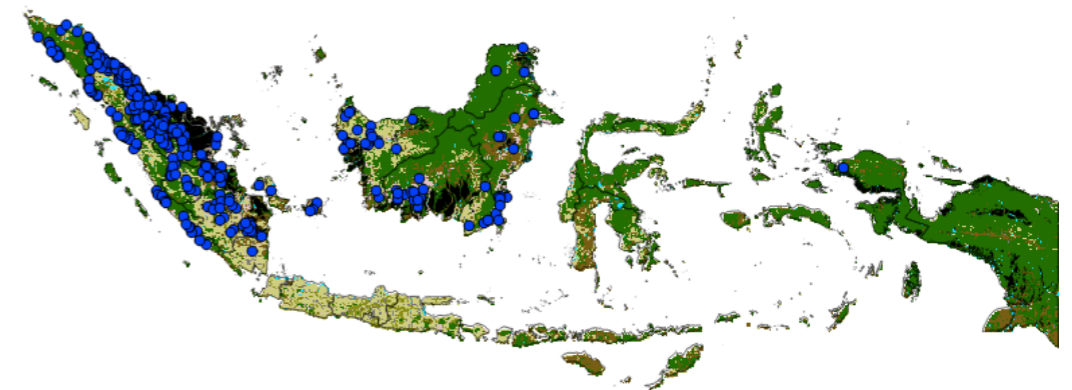




# Goal

To quantify the spatial variability of greenhouse gas (GHG) footprints of current palm oil production (year 2015) in Indonesia, expressed as  $t\ CO_2\text{-eq}\ t^{-1}$  crude palm oil (CPO) for each palm oil mill.

Geographical scope	Per mill
Production area	~10.1Mha
Scenarios for analysis	1) Province 2) Country 3) Island





# Methods

## Spatially explicit

- Land cover map (MoF)<sup>3</sup>
- Peat map (GFW)<sup>4</sup>
- Mill distribution (GFW)<sup>5</sup>
- Yield map (Earthstat)<sup>6</sup>



## 1. Carbon stock change and edge effects

- Baccini biomass map for non-forest classes<sup>7</sup>

Forest carbon edge effect model<sup>8</sup>

- Allocating carbon loss beyond plantation area
- 25 years amortization period
- IPCC root: shoot ratios<sup>9</sup>

## 2. Peat fire and drainage

- Estimated from IPCC emission factors<sup>10</sup>

## 3. Cultivation, transport and mill processing

- Default technologies from Agri-footprint<sup>11</sup>
- No methane capture

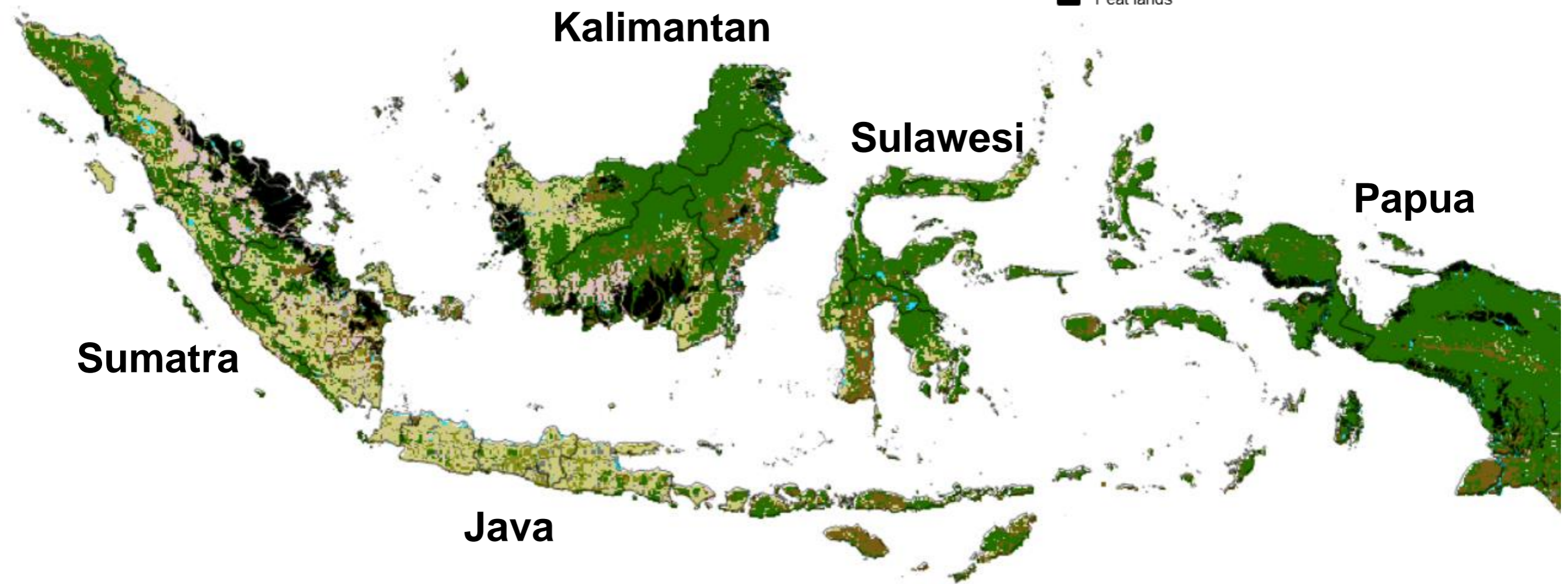
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# Estimated mill GHG footprints – current CPO production



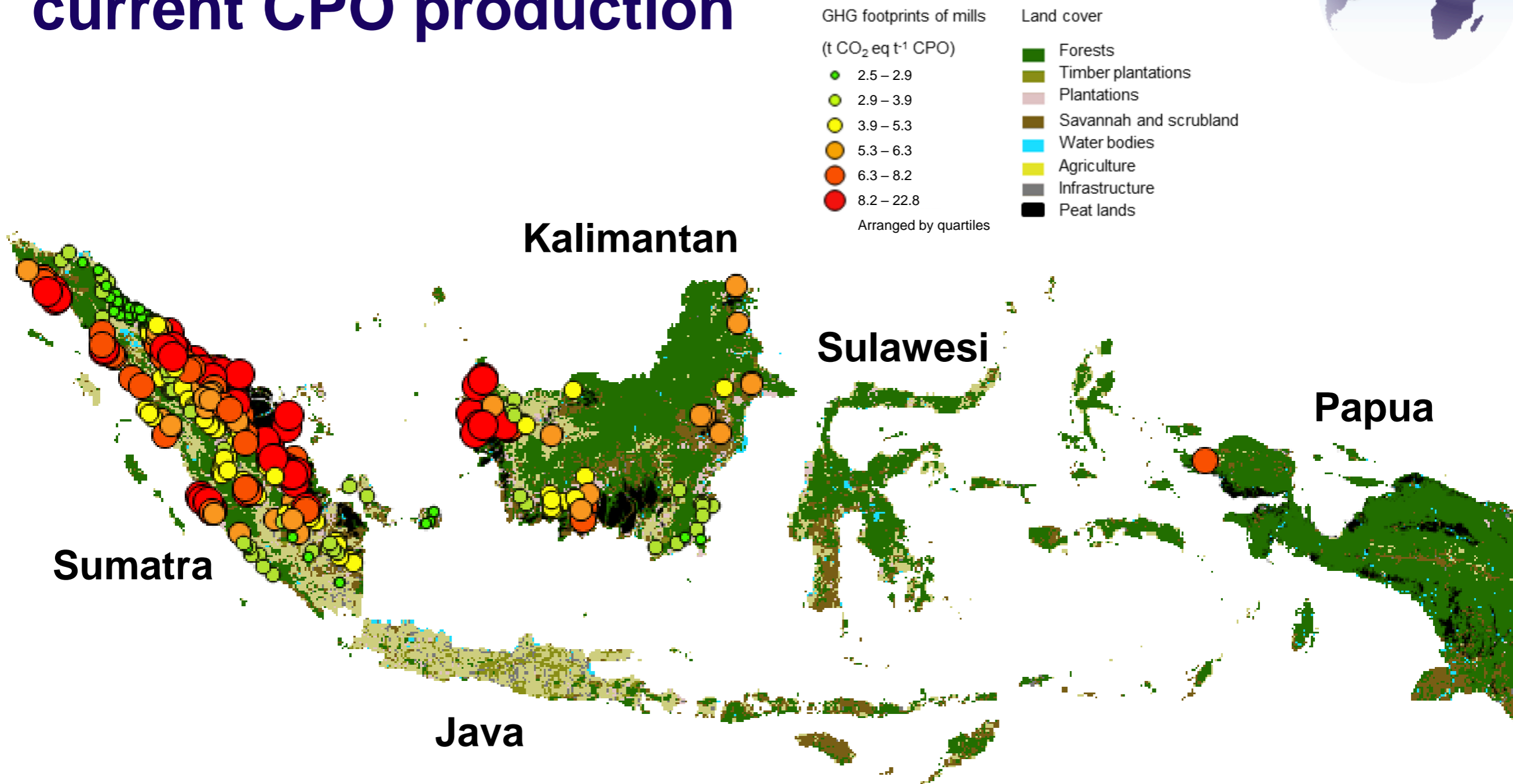
Land cover

- Forests
- Timber plantations
- Plantations
- Savannah and scrubland
- Water bodies
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure
- Peat lands

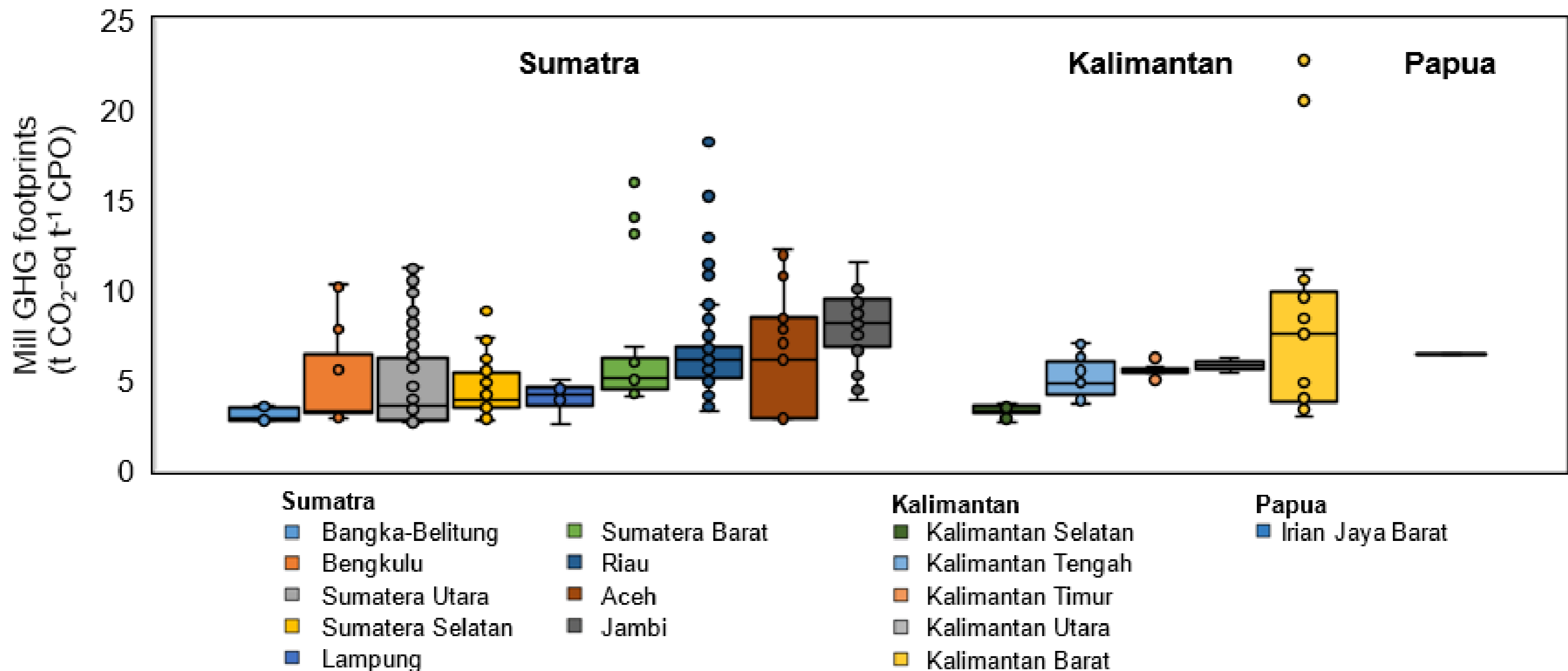


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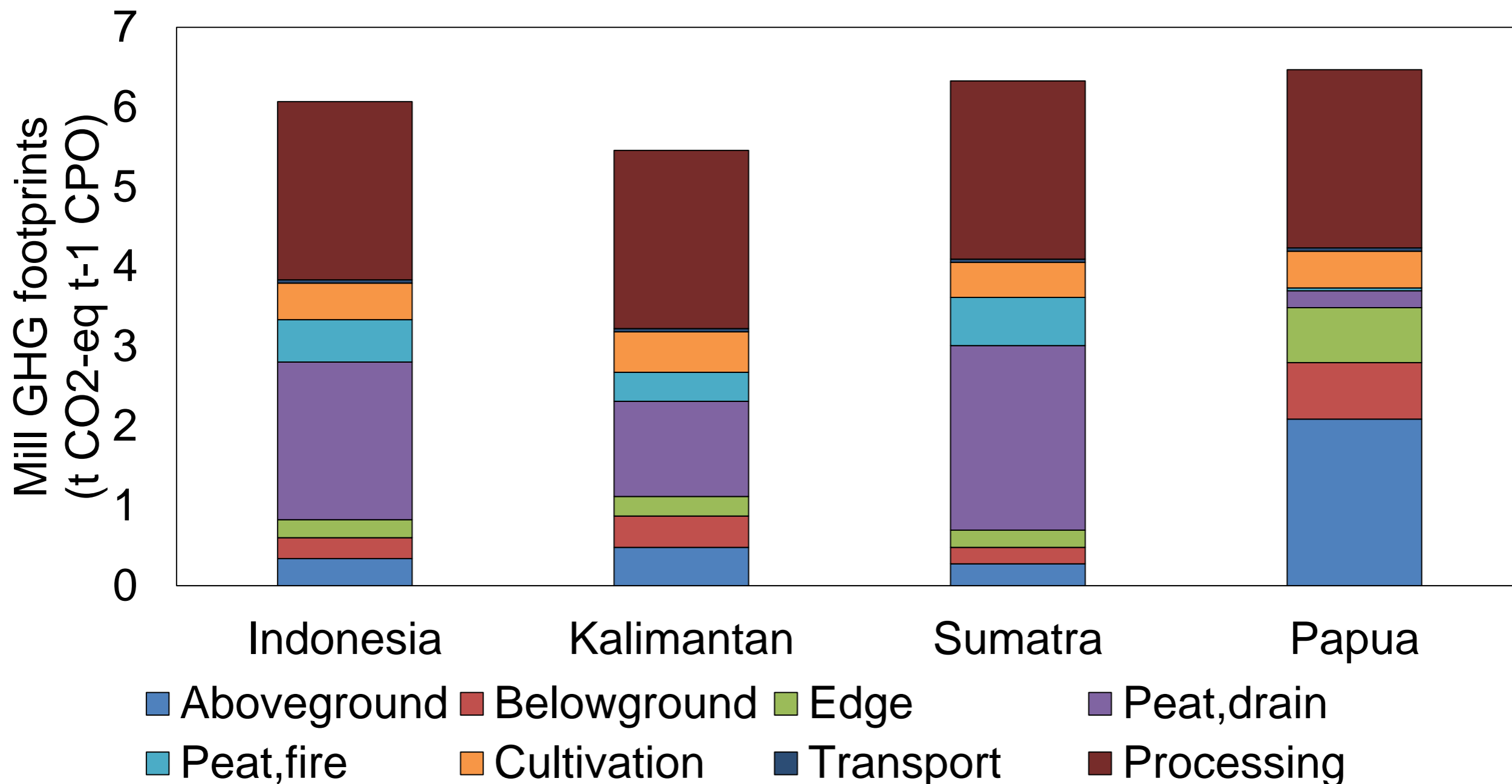


# Variability of estimated mill GHG footprints – by province





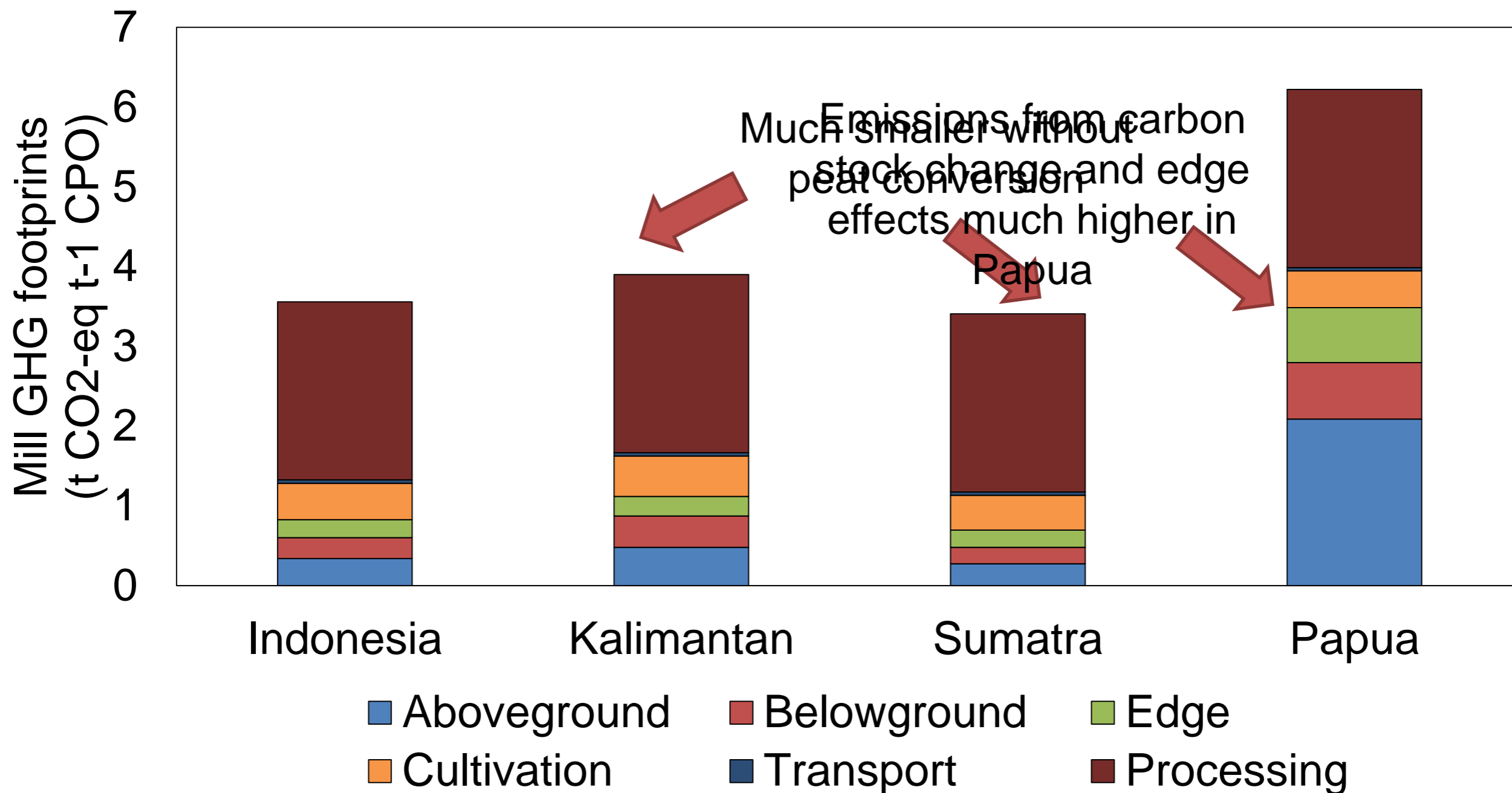
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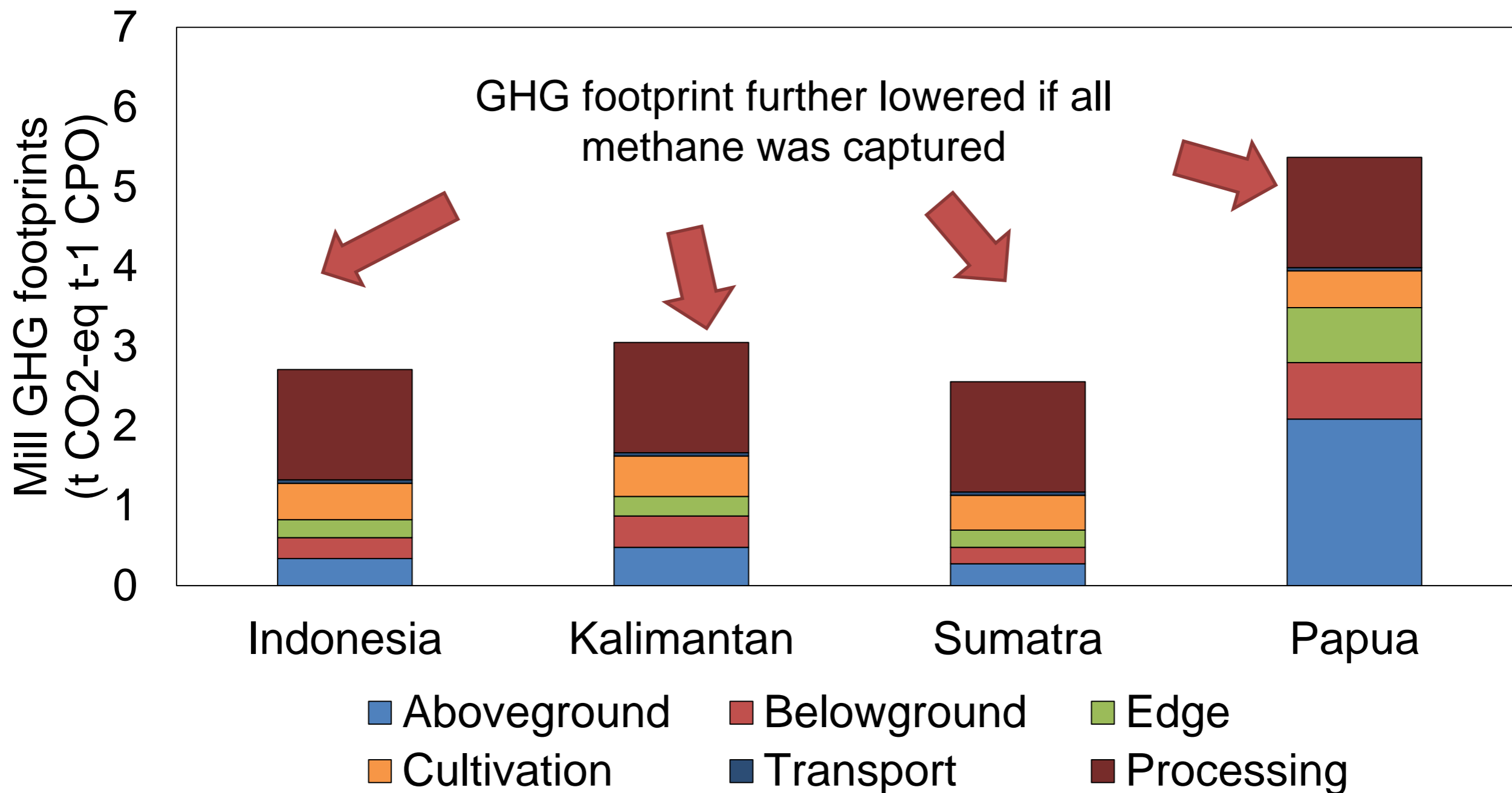


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## Take home messages

- GHG footprints of CPO production are characterized by high variability: from 2.5 t CO<sub>2</sub> eq t<sup>-1</sup> CPO in Lampung to 22.8 t CO<sub>2</sub> eq t<sup>-1</sup> CPO in Kalimantan Barat.
- Highlights importance of peat soils and historical land use change
- Opportunities for improvement: methane capture, peat management
- Need mill level data (RSPO)
- Sourcing location matters!



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