



GUIDANCE ON GHG EMMISSIONS FROM LAND USE & LAND USE CHANGE

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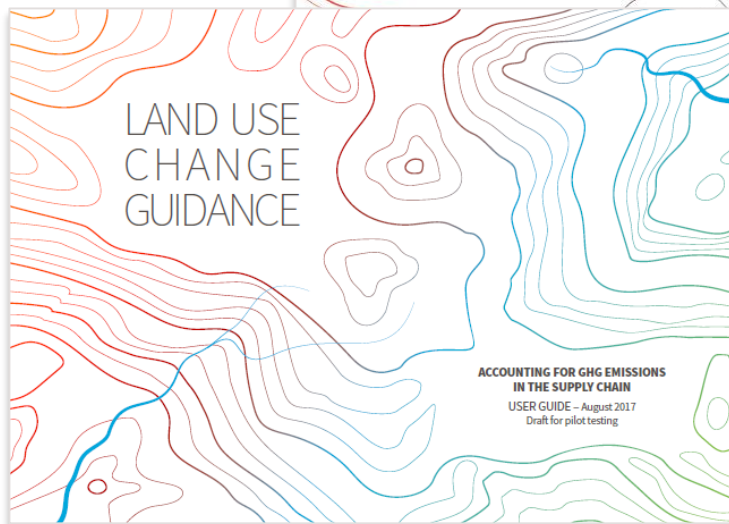
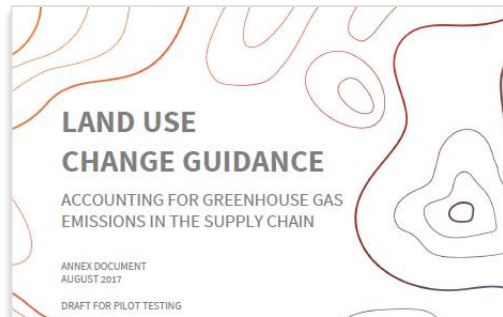
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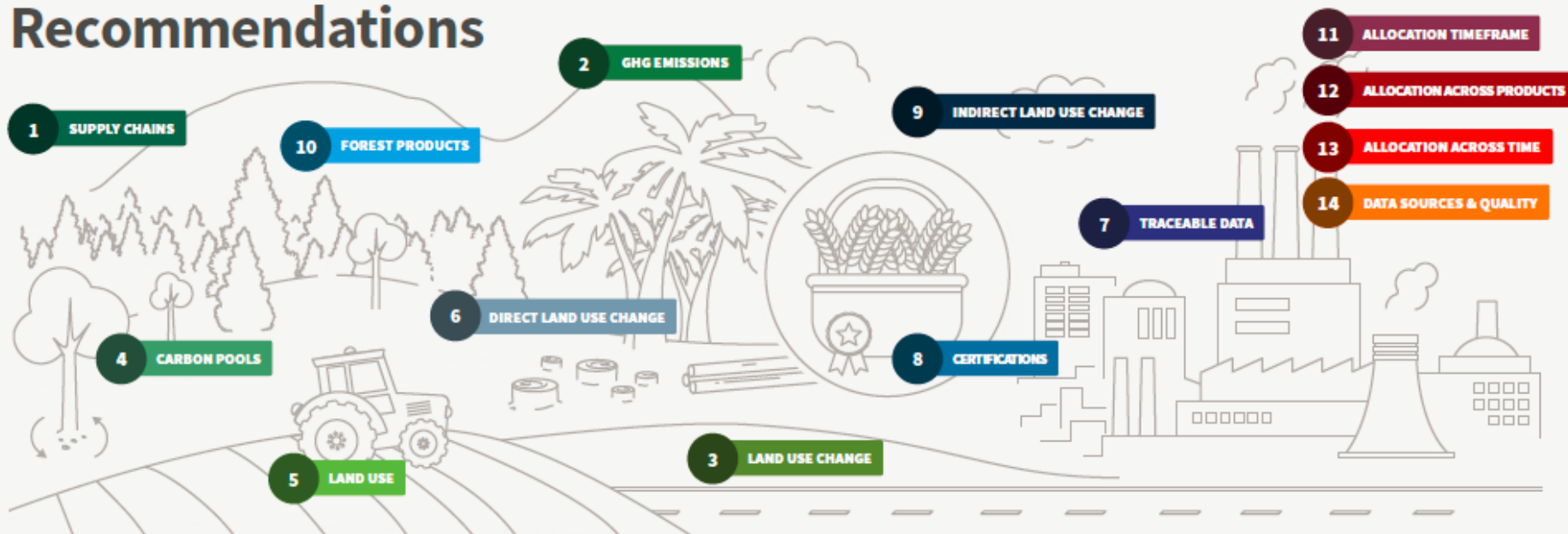
Private sector



NGOs and public sector



Recommendations



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10 FOREST PRODUCTS

When products or commodities stem from forest-derived biomass, removing biomass affects carbon stocks and should be considered if relevant. The carbon sequestration within bio-based products and commodities during use and end of life should also be accounted for when appropriate.

DISTRIBUTING IMPACTS

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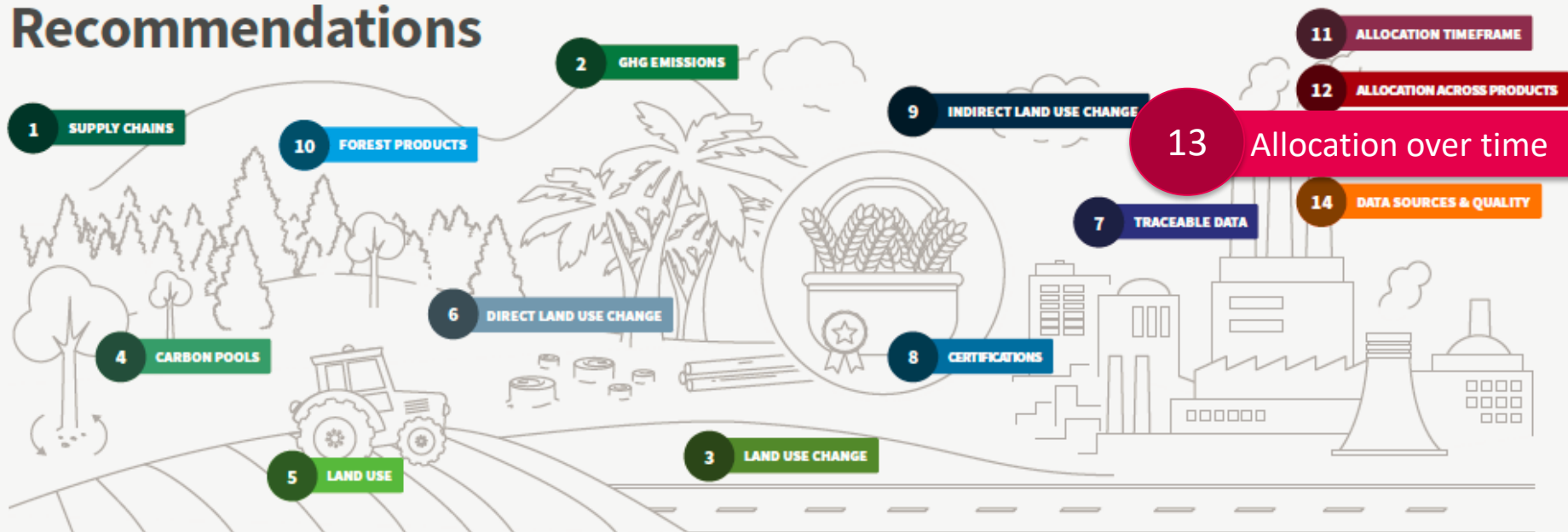
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Companies should apply a linear discounting method in allocating impact across time.

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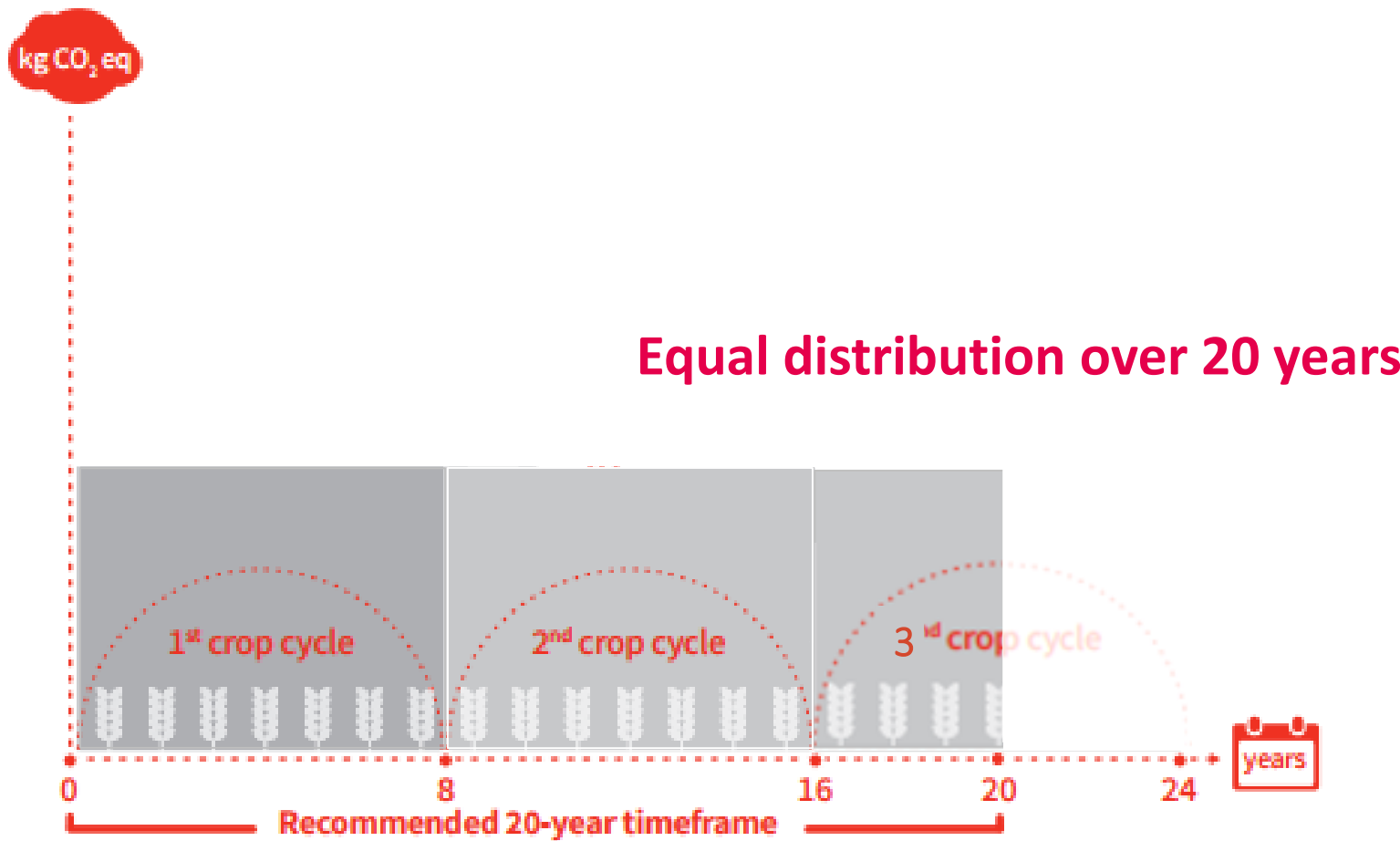
Allocation over time

LUC
emissions
t CO₂ /ha

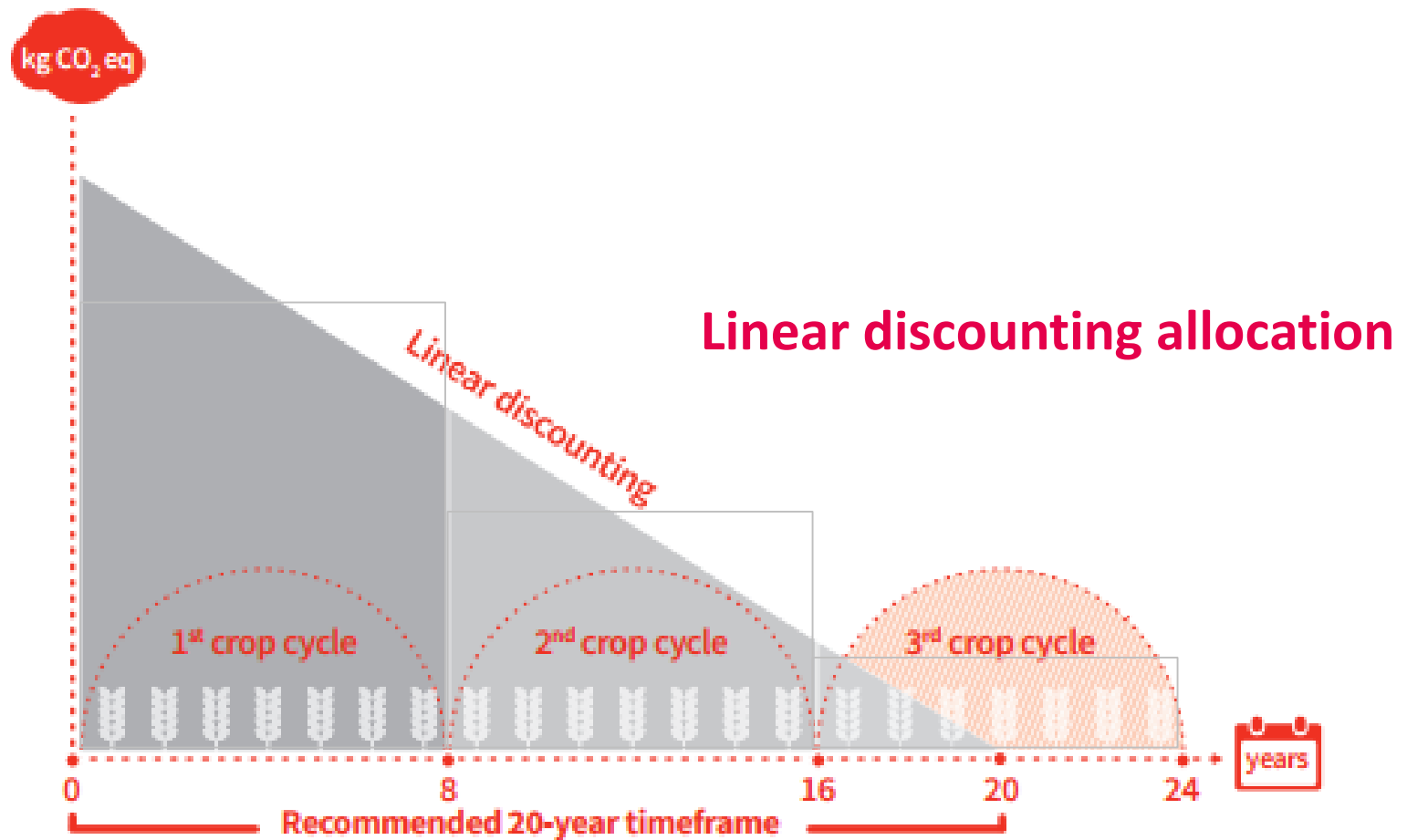
Over how many years?
How to distribute over time?

LUC
emissions
kg CO₂ / kg crop

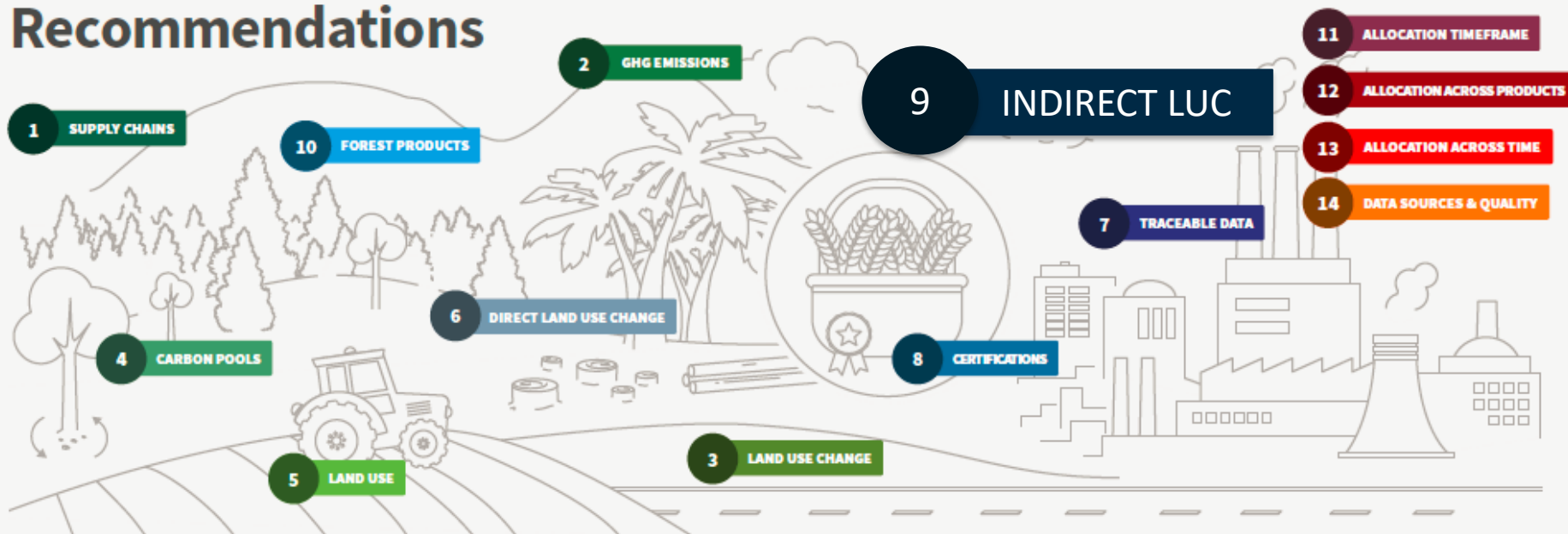
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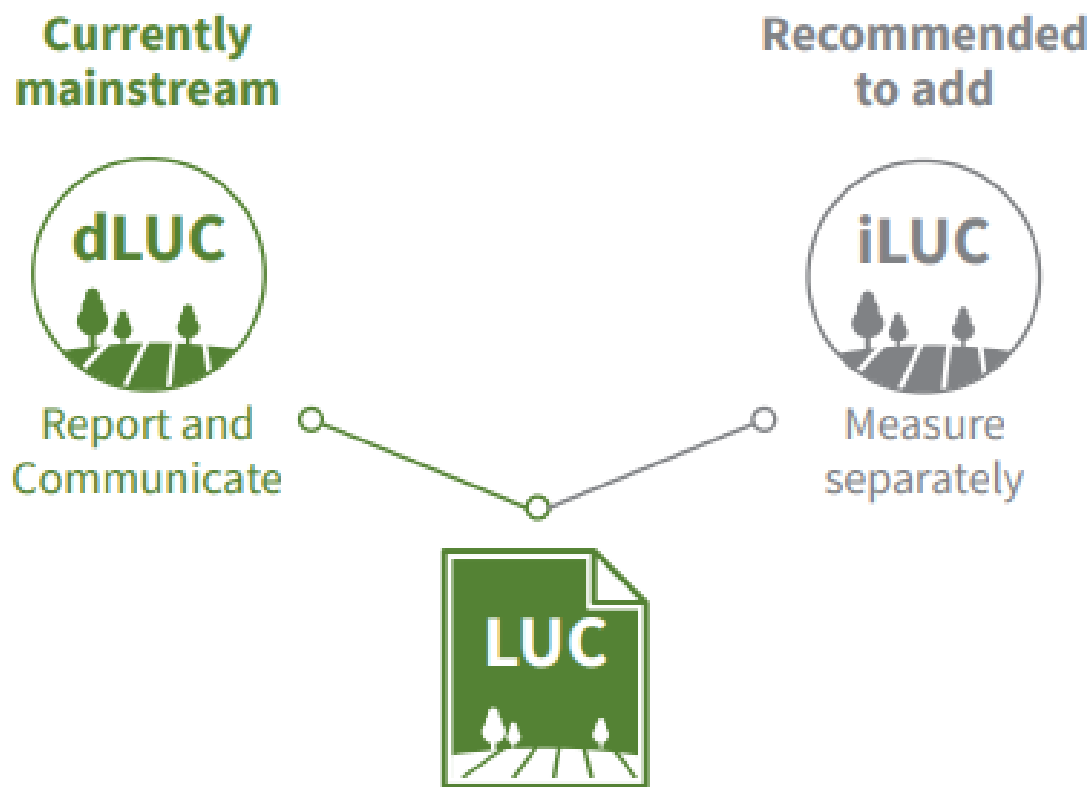
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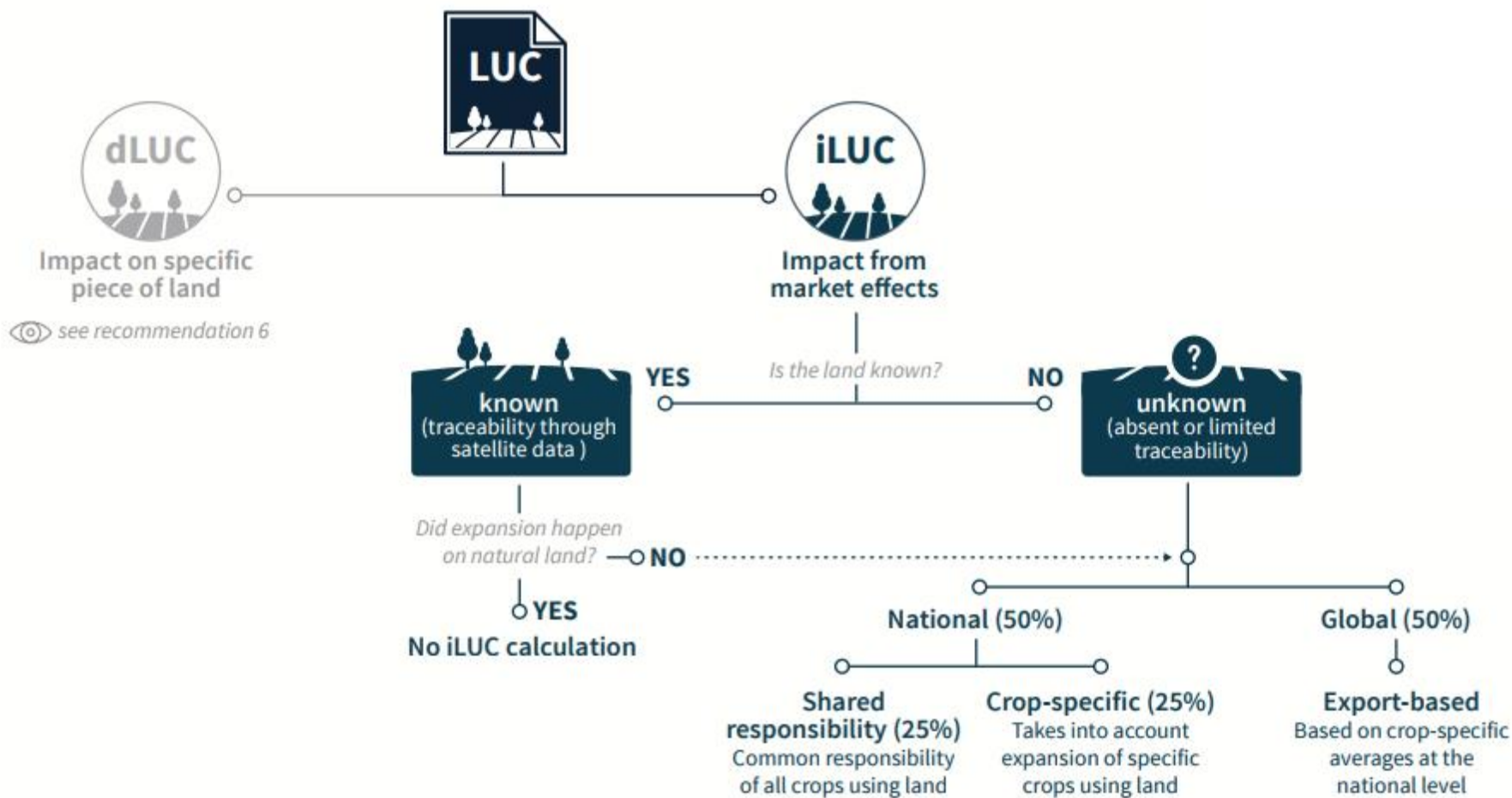
INDIRECT LAND USE CHANGE



Measure both dLUC and iLUC and keep them separate



iLUC could be allocated across regions and/or crops



Conclusion

- A step in building the consensus on Land Use Change GHG modeling
- Targeting significant methodological improvements to support a variety of uses
- Next step: pilot testing on products and commodities



THANK YOU!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NEXT STEPS AND REQUIRED INVESTMENT PLEASE CONTACT

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ACCOUNTING FOR GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

ANNEX DOCUMENT
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DRAFT FOR PILOT TESTING

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USER GUIDE – August 2017
Draft for pilot testing