



# The role of Forests in the Circular Economy

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**6** CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



**1** NO  
POVERTY



**2** ZERO  
HUNGER



**16** PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



**7** AFFORDABLE AND  
CLEAN ENERGY



**15** LIFE  
ON LAND



**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**12** RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



**13** CLIMATE  
ACTION



# From a linear economy ...

Raw materials

Production

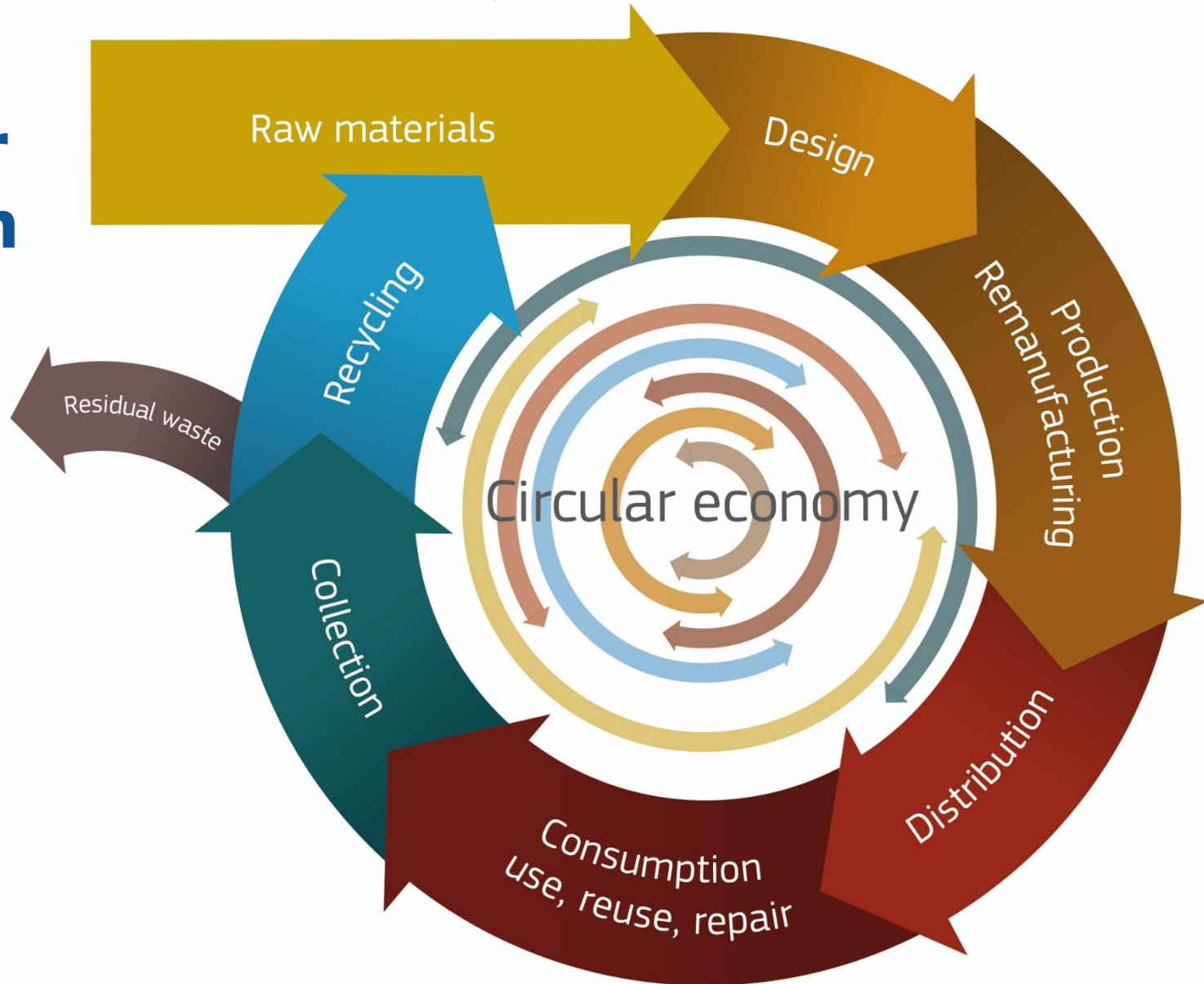
Distribution

Consumption

Waste

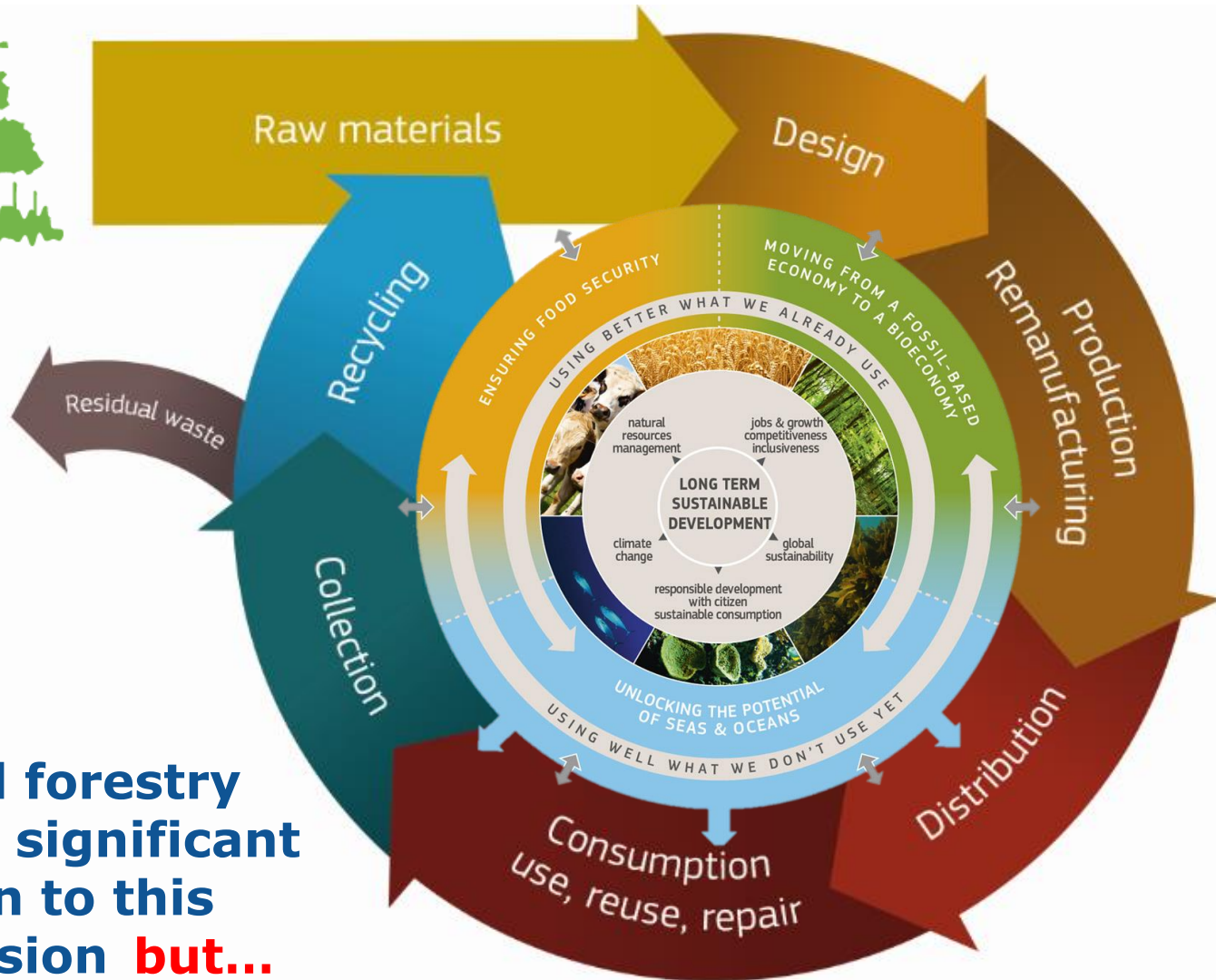


# ... to a circular economy





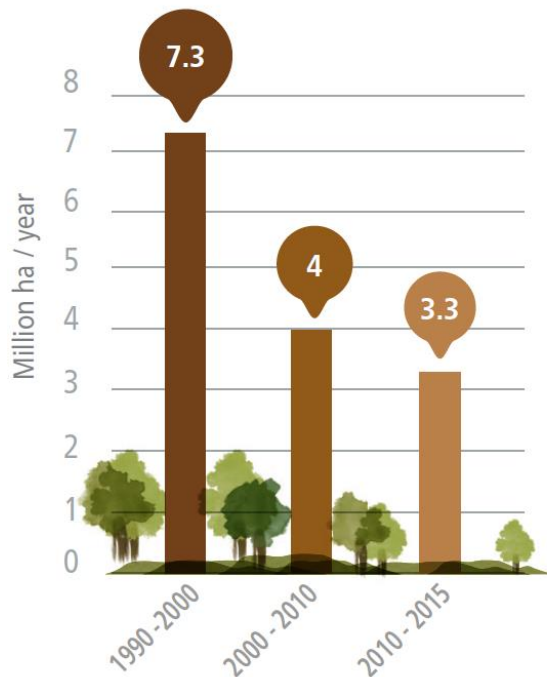
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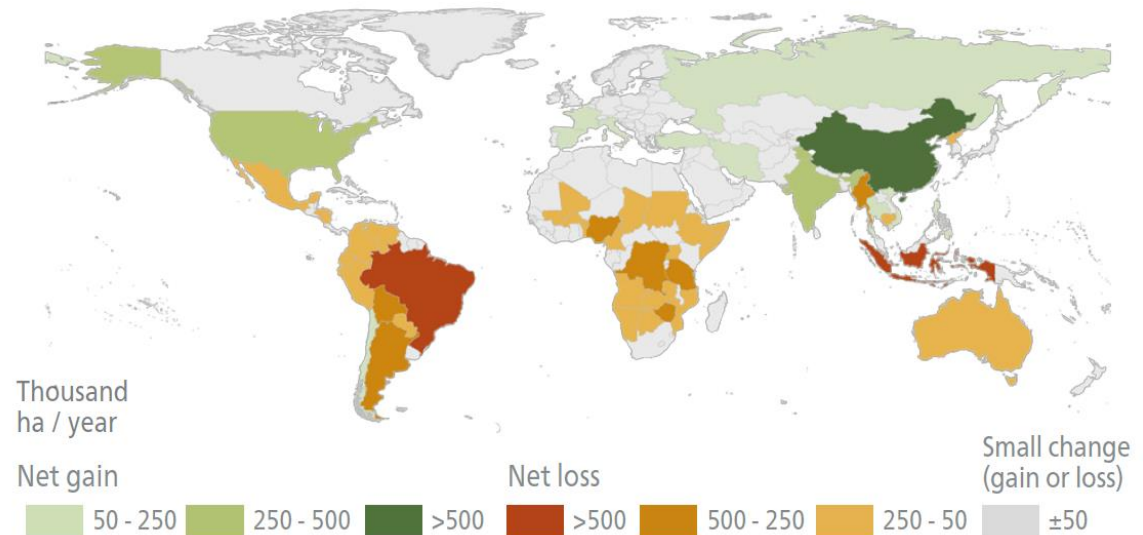
**Forests and forestry can make a significant contribution to this ambition vision but...**

# ...tackling deforestation and forest degradation and promoting SFM are a prerequisite

World's forest annual net loss



Forest area annual net change 1990 - 2015



↑ **Net forest increases** have been mostly in the temperate and boreal zones.

↓ **The largest forest loss** has occurred in the tropics, particularly in Africa and South America.

*Source: FAO FRA2015*

# Unlocking the potential of sustainable value chains for forest products – some key issues

- Stronger governance to ensure SFM and increase forest cover;
- Tackling corruption and illegalities and strengthening tenure;
- Creating an enabling environment for investments;
- Put in place public policies which enhance markets for legal and sustainable wood;
- Increase innovation and improve resource efficiency along the supply chain;
- Increased awareness and marketing for sustainable wood;
- Investment in science, research and technological innovation.