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A Landscape-scale Biodiversity Impacts Analysis of Côte d'Ivoire's Cocoa Cultivation Along Export Supply Chains

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1 Motivation



- Largest cocoa cultivation country
- Deforestation drives biodiversity loss
- Global biodiversity hotspots
- Tele-connected biodiversity footprint

2 Research Questions

RQ1: How can high-resolution earth observations be transformed into highresolution land use maps?

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RQ2: How can biodiversity impacts be modeled at the landscape scale, and the biodiversity impacts for cocoa cultivation be quantified?

RQ3: How can biodiversity impacts be linked to supply chains to track the teleconnected footprint?

3 Methods





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Coarse impact assessment model

Earth observations are not integrated

Missing spatial details of the export

Sub-national exports supply chains



4 Results & Conclusion



R1: Landscape-scale method (BIM) offers improved spatial detail compared to existing method (PDF), facilitating the identification of biodiversity hotspots.



R3: The disparity in biodiversity impacts between global (BIM) and local perspectives (BIM_%): cocoa cultivation in departments like Guiglo can account for up to 43% of impact share, while other departments are more important from a global impact perspective.









Landscape-scale biodiversity modeling

Biodiversity impact of cocoa cultivation along export supply chains

5 Contribution to Sustainable Food Systems

SDG 15: To protect land biodiversity, the first step is to understand the impacts caused by human activities.

SDG 12: A comprehensive understanding of biodiversity footprint promotes informed decision-making for sustainable agricultural production and consumption.

SDG 10: Shared biodiversity loss responsibility of production and consumption sides reflects environmental inequity and promotes further actions.







R4: The land-use-related biodiversity impacts of agroforestry cocoa cultivation are not consistently lower than full-sun cocoa due to different spatial distribution.



