

The Sicirec Approach to Sustainable Plantation Forestry



Goals and Method

Making profit by protecting nature



1. The Sicirec Formula

**Financing profitable productive areas
in exchange for
permanent protection of interwoven ecological zones**

Why ?

- Population explosion
- Ubiquitous colonisation
- Cash is king
- Unstoppable economic forces
- Difficult to prevent larger virgin areas from being exploited

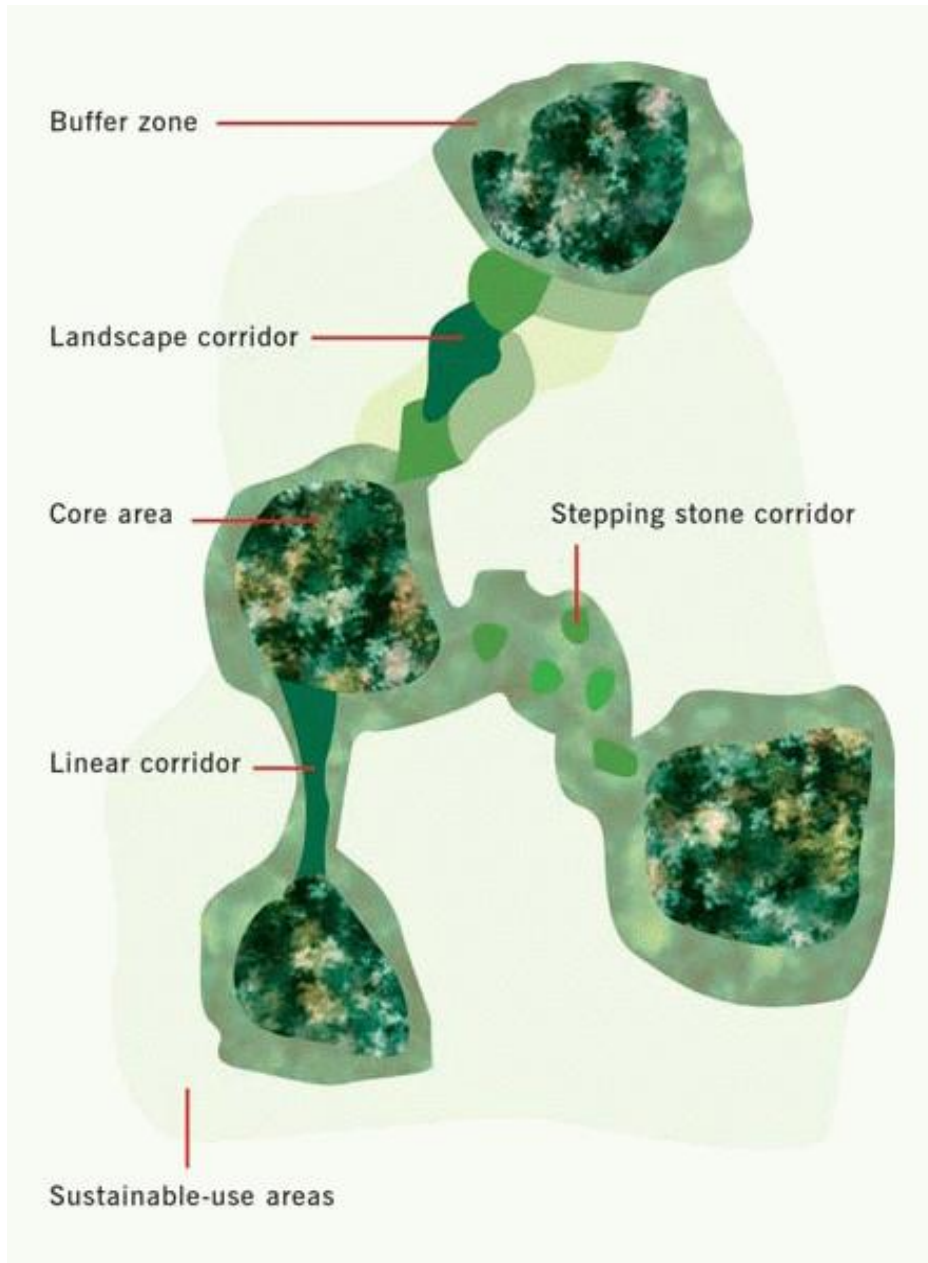
How ?

- Clear spatial distinction between protected ecological zones and productive areas
- Finance profitable projects in productive areas
- Create legal permanency of preservation of coherent ecological network structures

Result:

- Spatial integration of productive and protected areas
- Creating opportunities for investors to make a profit from the preservation of nature by means of conditional funding

2. Restoring, sparing and protecting ecological network structures



- Ecological zones and corridors with a target of 100% climax vegetation
- No focus on multiple land use
- Ecological structures on every level:
 - stepping stones
 - ecological connections
 - regional and national ecological corridors

3. Securing permanency of ecological network structures

- Method of financing is structural and lasting
- Anchored in land use planning
- Permanent legal protection for ecological infrastructure
- Involvement of
 - Local people
 - Local authorities
 - (regional) Government
- Education
- Ecological awakening on all levels



4. Attractiveness of the Sicirec formula

For the environment

- Long term legal protection of ecological network structures
- Realisation of ecological corridor thinking on all levels of organisation
- Private financing method for (permanent) nature conservation
- Polluter co-invests through CO_2 credits
- Formula is applicable anywhere, not just with plantation forestry

For smallholders

- Access to cheap financing
- Structural improvement of income
- Support and protection from local cooperatives
- Advice and training in forestry and agriculture
- Lasting land ownership

For investors

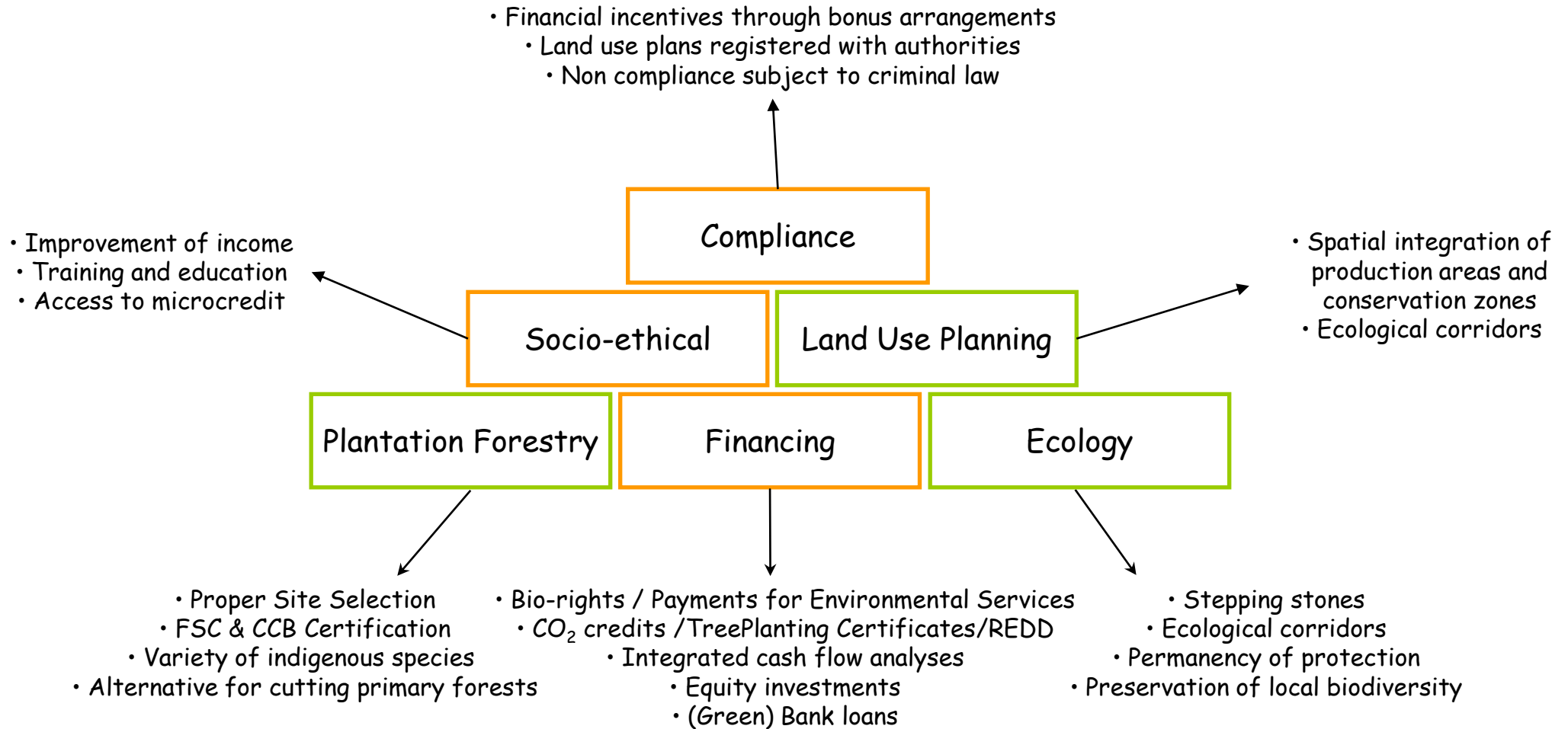
- Unique combination of nature conservation and profitability
- Ecological added value guaranteed
- Economy of scale in management and sales
- Leverage through:
 - labour & land use invested by smallholders
 - sales of CO_2 credits, other environmental services and green loans
- Full transparency and control on all levels

For the organisation

- The organisers / guardians of the Sicirec Formula are entitled to 20% of the net revenues.

This guarantees long term parallel interests between equity investors and the organisers

5. Project Building Blocks



Sicirec projects integrate
Commercial Plantation Forestry, Conservation and Livelihood Improvement.