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Resource Competition, Degradation and Recovery in Urbanizing Landscapes

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Abstract

Urbanisation is the pre-eminent global phenomenon of our time. Already today, urban areas account for 75 % of the world’s natural resource consumption, while producing over 50 % of the globe’s waste on just 2—3 % of the earth’s land surface. There is a growing international focus on fair resource allocation and governance between sectors. With resource flows being more and more determined by urban demands, peri-urban areas are becoming hot spots for farming system intensification in view of urban demands but also resource degradation, competition and depletion. The SDGs support rural-urban linkages and closed loop processes to address these challenges.

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