

Economic impacts

- Most financial benefits go to corporations
- Heavily subsidised by other taxpayers
- Very low local employment levels
- Contract labour system adds to poverty
- Alternative land uses are blocked
- Fire risk threat to neighbour's properties
- Increased damage to road infrastructure
- Cost of water and alien plants to society

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Plantation impacts on the economy

- create an additional burden for taxpayers
- undermine self-sustaining rural economies
- increase unemployment where people are displaced
- burden other economic sectors with extra costs
- drain resources of cities where displaced people settle
- contribute to crime due to contract labour system
- cause an increase in health costs for the State

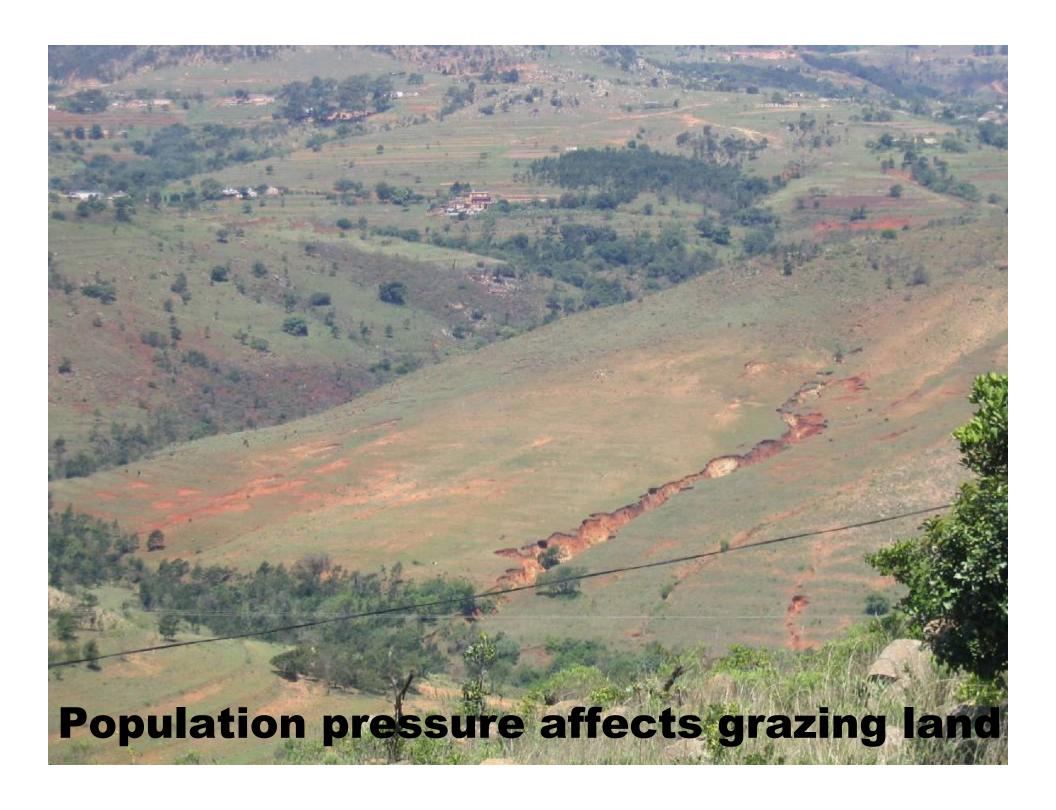
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The connection between Plantations and Polluting Industry

- They are part of a single economic process
- Their combined impacts need to be considered
- People are negatively affected by both activities
- Both are responsible for environmental pollution
- Both are subsidised by society and the state
- Both are harmful to human health and welfare
- In combination are effectively a colonial force

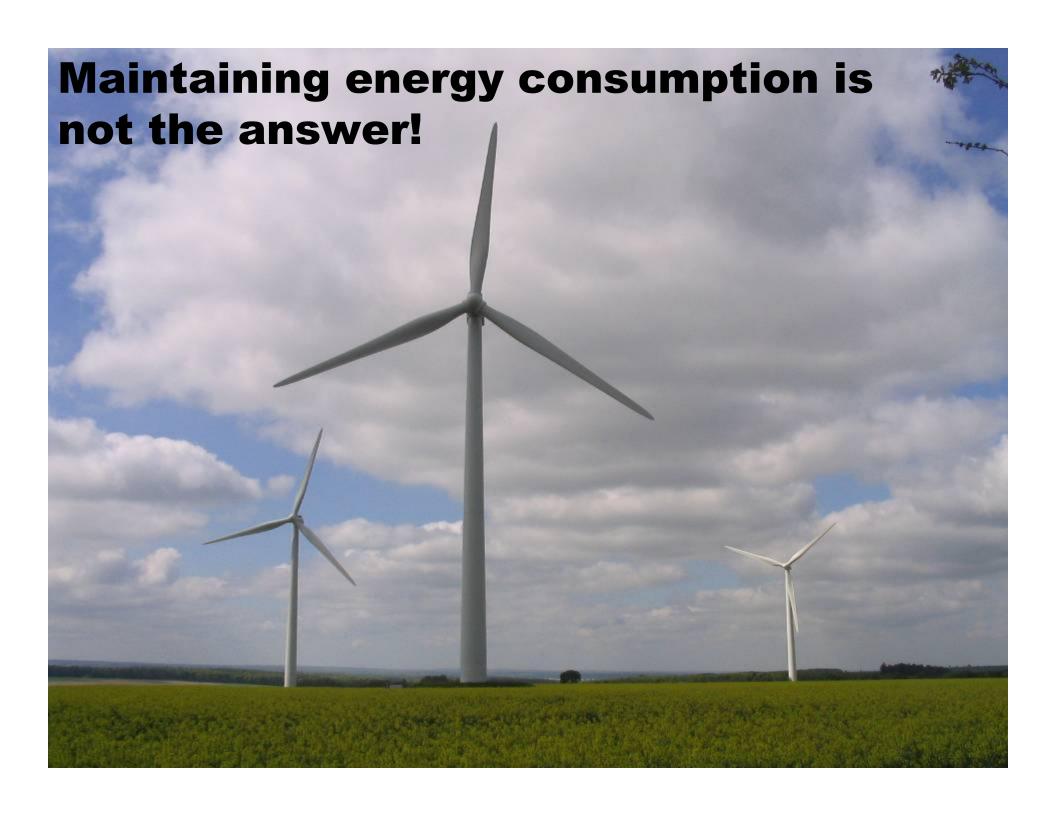


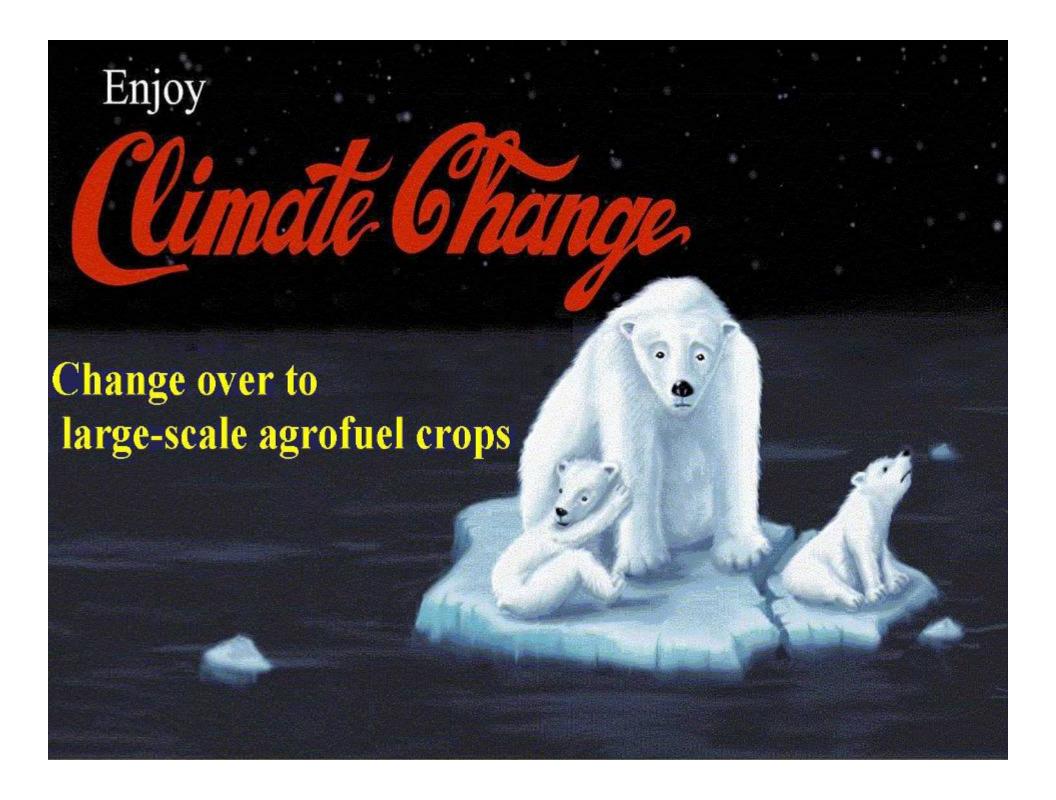












Conclusion

Agrofuel plantations will have a severe negative impact on the environment, affecting soil and water resources, biodiversity and people.

Climate change is unlikely to respond to the use of agrofuels unless greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels are dramatically reduced.



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