

“Landscape is text” : reading the landscape



Reading a Landscape



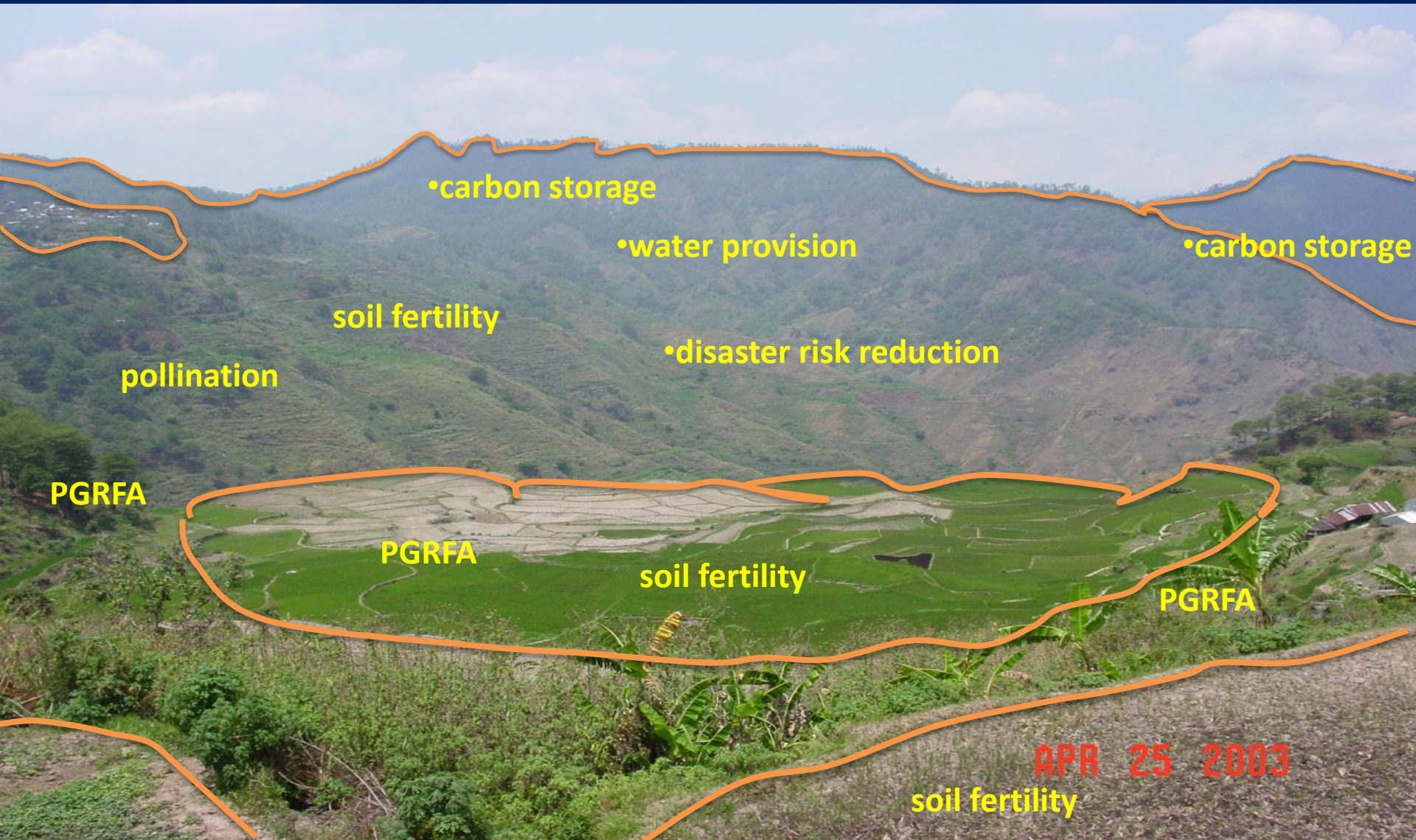
Landscape elements or assets

- **Visible elements:** e.g. habitat, water, roads, fields
- Not just visible elements but ***drivers and conditioners of landscape change and dynamics***
 - Culture, food security, markets, tenure systems,

Four categories

- **Ecological, geographic**
 - ecosystem services: provisioning, regulating, cultural, etc. water, PGRFA (crop wild relatives),
- **Production**
 - how people make use of the natural assets of the landscape; *production systems* involving land, soil fertility, water, pollinators, PGRFA – paddy rice, milpa

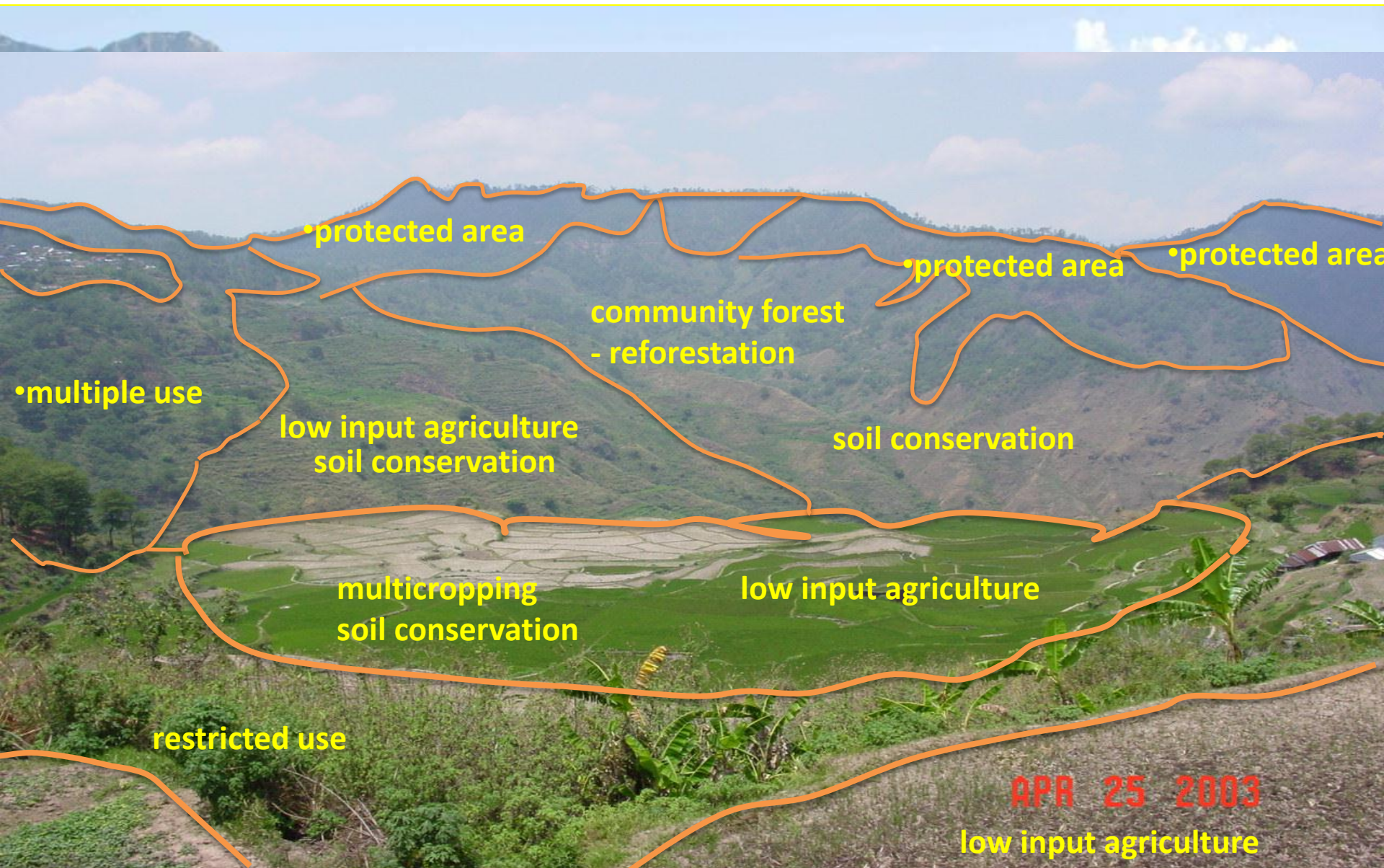
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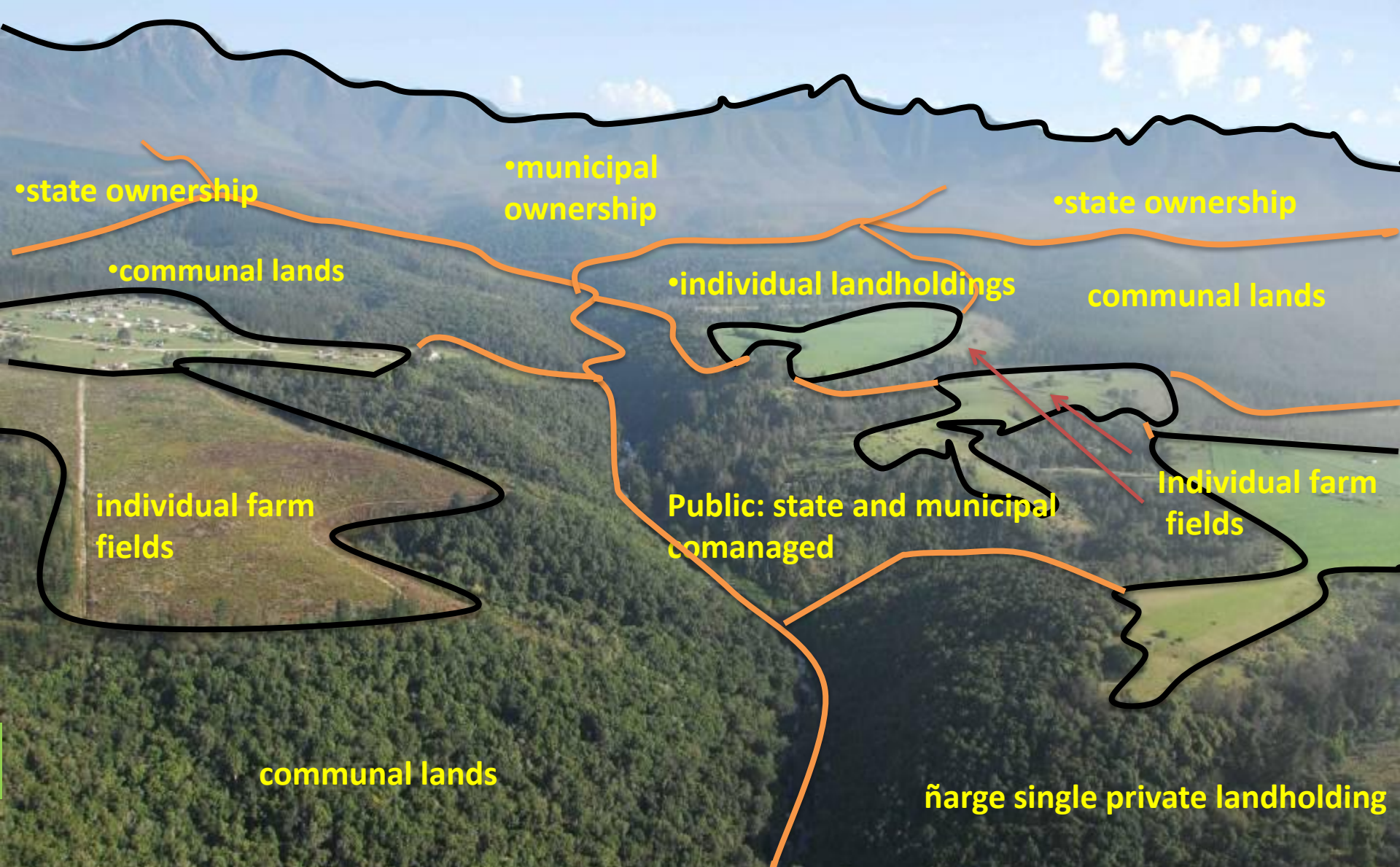
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- **Livelihoods**
 - how people and communities earn income or achieve security or resiliency – how they transform what they produce into \$\$, security, etc.
- **Socio-cultural**
 - markets, traditional knowledge systems, governance, technical assistance, credit and finance, etc.

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