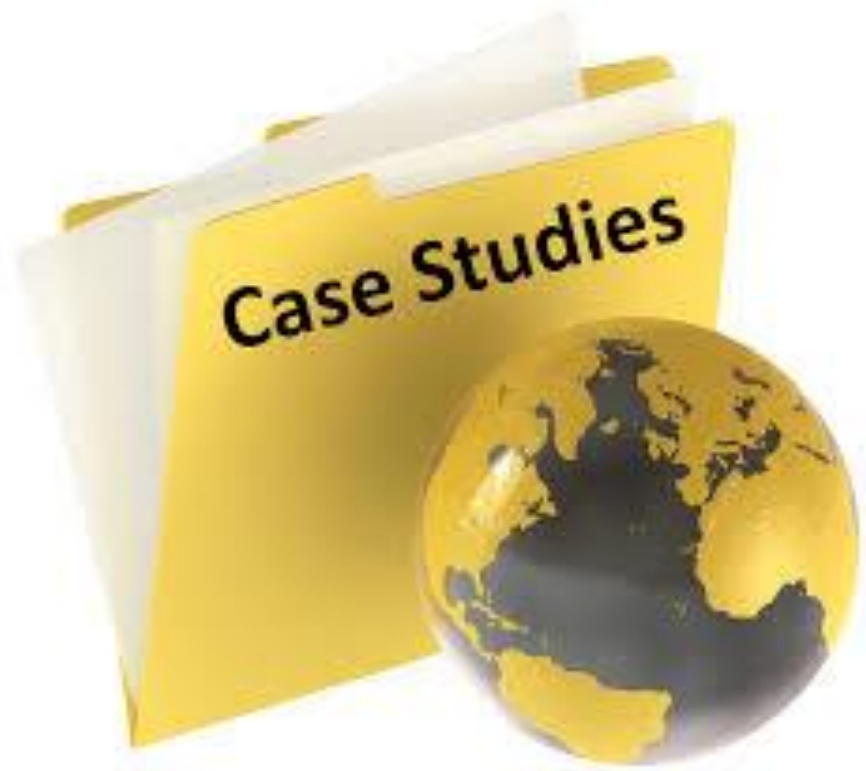


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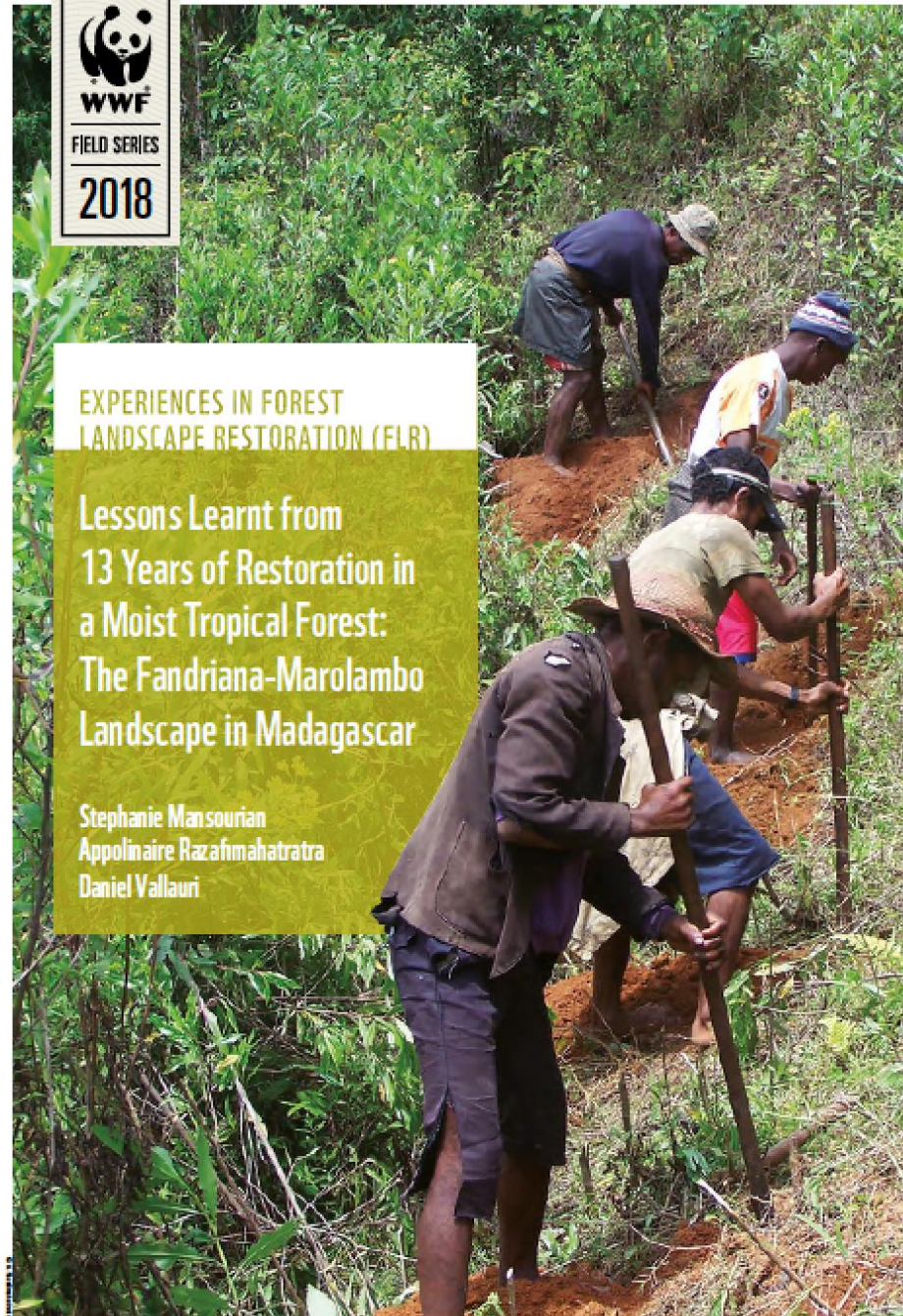
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# Success stories and robust case studies fulfill different purposes

## Case studies



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Certifying ecosystem services to restore forests and water supplies in Chile



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# Limitations of available case studies

- Confirmational bias favoring motivational “success” stories
- One off, lacking synthesis among studies
- Lack of rigor, incomplete information, no linkage to data
- Causes of failures are rarely discussed
- Insufficient base of evidence to build and mainstream FLR principles into policy and practice

# What a case study databank can do

- Provide an evidence base for FLR outcomes
- Illustrate the many variations of FLR interventions, pathways, and governance arrangements
- Guide future interventions for scaling out and scaling up
- Establish key linkages between local context, specific interventions and socio-environmental outcomes
- Serve as a foundation for a global FLR practitioner network

# How and what?

- Case studies will be systematically collected, catalogued, and used for synthesis studies
- Include information on interventions undertaken, how stakeholder groups were engaged and received benefits of implementation
- Describe how decisions were made, and how interventions led to social and environmental outcomes within the landscape
- Reflections on factors that led to success or failure
- Periodic updates and links to data collected
- Accessible online platform



# Benefits to all FLR stakeholders

- Enable reports and comparative analysis of factors that contribute to restoration successes and failures
- Identify knowledge and capacity gaps
- Provide critically important resources for practitioners, policy makers, and government agencies
- Inform and improve integrated socio-environmental restoration outcomes
- Create a culture of sharing information and experiences, both positive and negative
- Serve as the basis for an online Global FLR Atlas

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