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What is LandMark?

- A consortium of local, regional, and international organisations that have a mission to support Indigenous and local community land rights globally, established in 2014.
- First online interactive platform showcasing territories. Enhanced version launched in 2024 with greater data coverage and improved access.

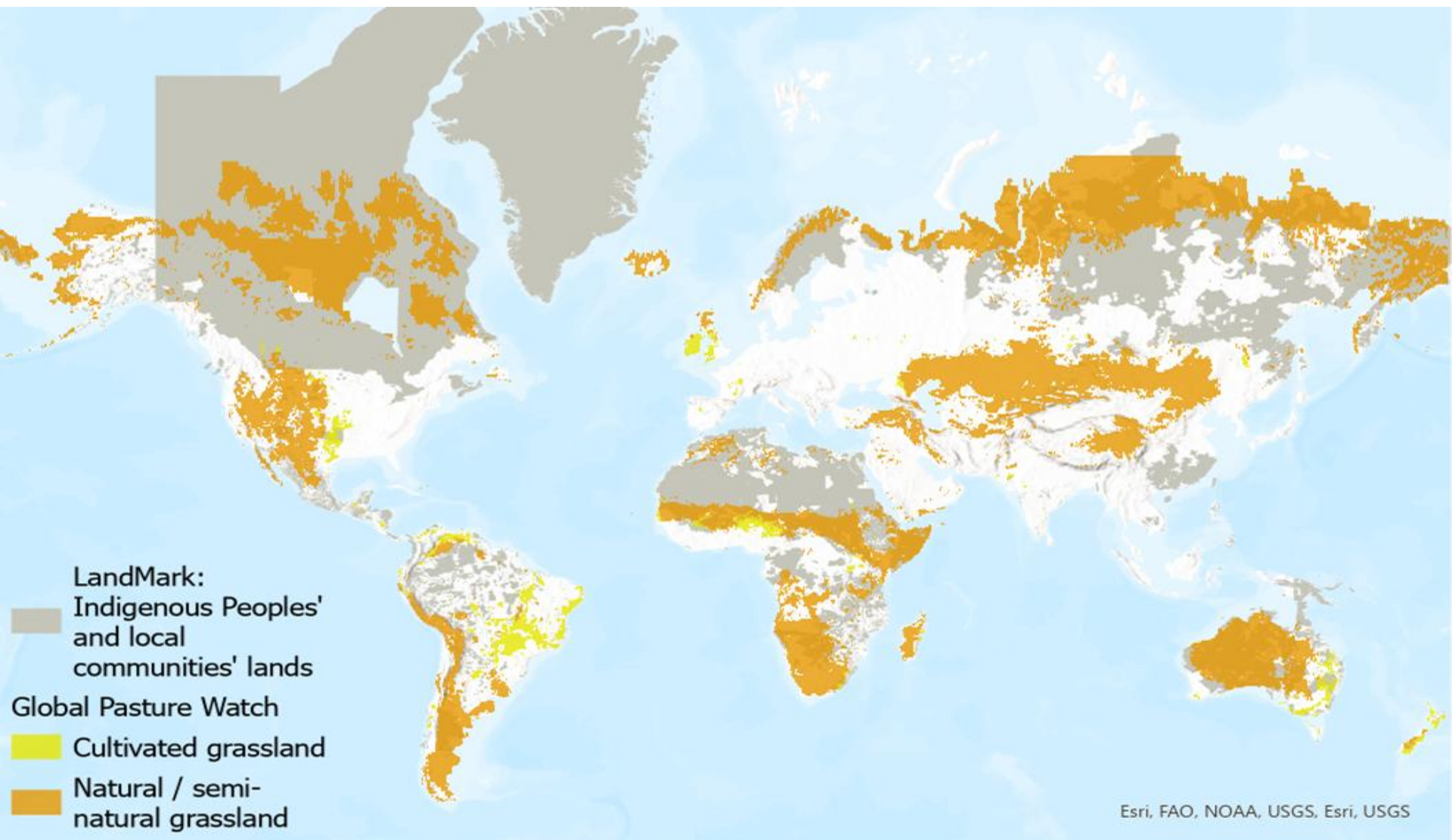


Sinjajevina, Montenegro. Photo credit: Wake Up Flims

LandMark data layers

- Community level maps: IP&LC lands, natural resource rights etc.
- National level maps: Percentage of country held by IP&LC, acknowledged and not acknowledged etc.
- Biodiversity and climate: Key Biodiversity Areas, Tree biomass carbon density etc.
- Land use: Protected areas, mining concessions etc.
- Land cover and change: Tree cover loss/gain, land cover etc.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities hold a significant portion of the world's natural and semi-natural grasslands



Overall Overview

Global coverage ⓘ

As of today, LandMark has mapped **34.7%** of the world's land and natural resources as held or used by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, out of an estimated **50% or more** that experts project is actually held or used. Help us close the map gap by contributing data to LandMark.

ⓘ Note that the absence of data does not indicate the absence of Indigenous or Community land.

Indicative Areas of Indigenous and Community Land Rights

[View data source & details](#) ⓘ

Indigenous Peoples' Lands and Territories

- Acknowledged by government
- Not acknowledged by government

Local Community Lands

- Acknowledged by government
- Not acknowledged by government

Community-level maps

National-level maps

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Indicative areas of Indigenous and Community land rights

Indicative areas

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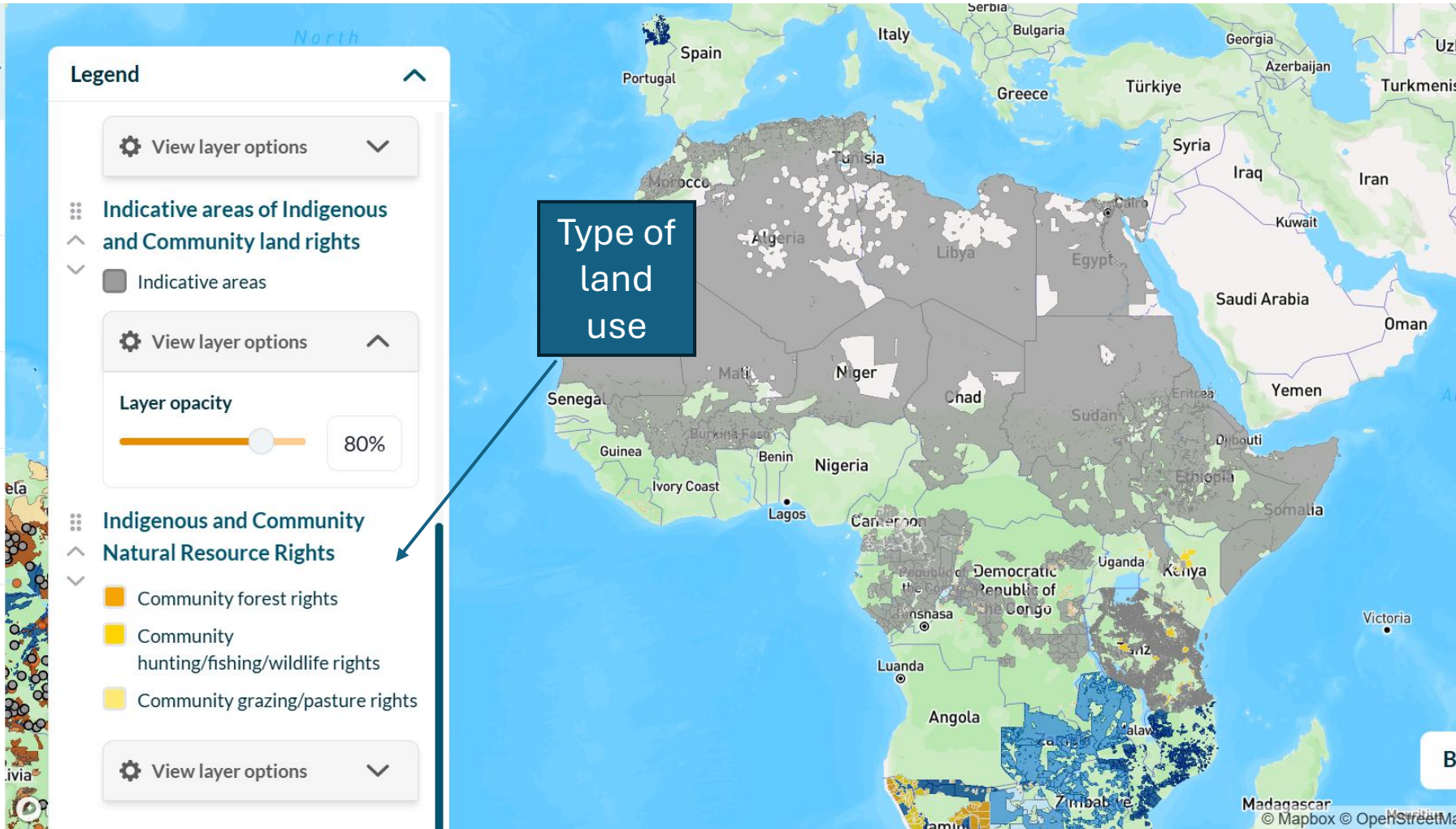
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Indigenous and Community Natural Resource Rights

- Community forest rights
- Community hunting/fishing/wildlife rights
- Community grazing/pasture rights

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Type of land use



Overlaying data: key biodiversity areas

Community-level maps

National-level maps

Biodiversity and Climate
Visualize data layers on biodiversity and climate change.

Click the toggles to add data layers to the map. Active data will show in the Legend with explanations of how the data is visualized.

Biodiversity Intactness

Impacts of forest change on local biodiversity intactness.

[View data source & details](#)

Key Biodiversity Areas

Areas that are contributing significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity.

[View data source & details](#)

Forest Greenhouse Gas Net Flux

Net change in forest ecosystem carbon, calculated as the difference between forest greenhouse gas emissions and removals.

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- Local Community Lands
 - Acknowledged by government
 - Documented
 - Not documented
 - Not acknowledged by government
 - Held or used under customary tenure
 - Held or used with formal land claim submitted
- Key Biodiversity Areas
 - Key Biodiversity Areas

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Analysis: tree cover loss

Community-level maps

National-level maps

Biodiversity and Climate

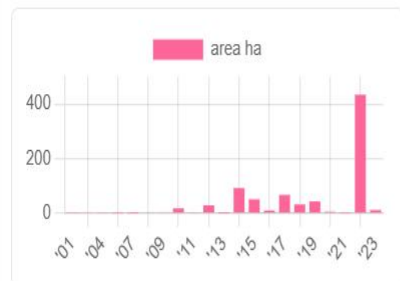
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Tree cover loss

From 2001 to 2023, Montes Baixos De Candeda E Domiz in Spain lost 0.816kha of tree cover, equivalent to 90.22% decrease in tree cover since 2000.



i The methods behind this data have changed over time. Be cautious comparing old and new data, especially before/after 2015.

2000 tree cover extent | >30% tree canopy | these estimates do not take tree cover gain into account.

Source: [Global Forest Watch](#)

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Tree Cover Loss

Tree cover loss

Tree cover loss is not always deforestation. View data source & details for more information.

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Local Community Lands

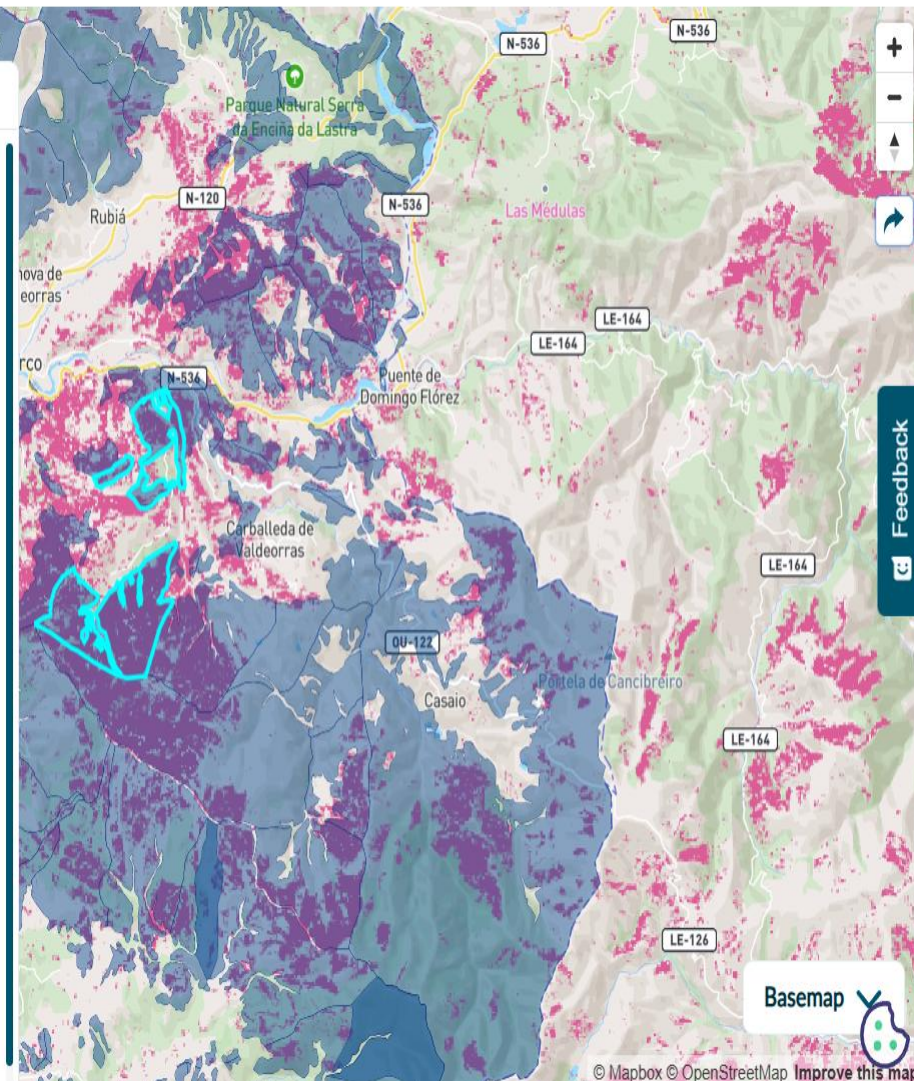
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Land Use Data Layers

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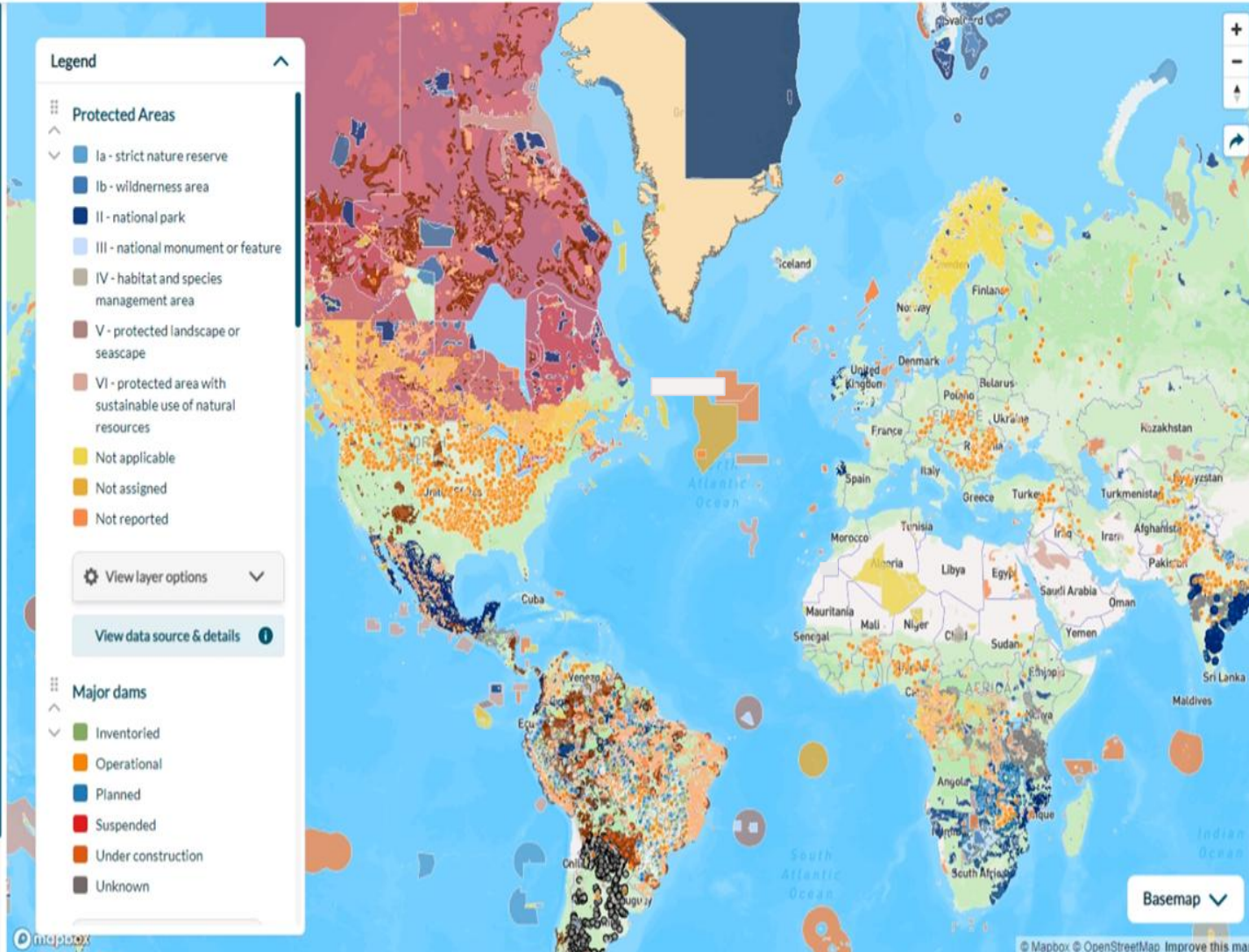
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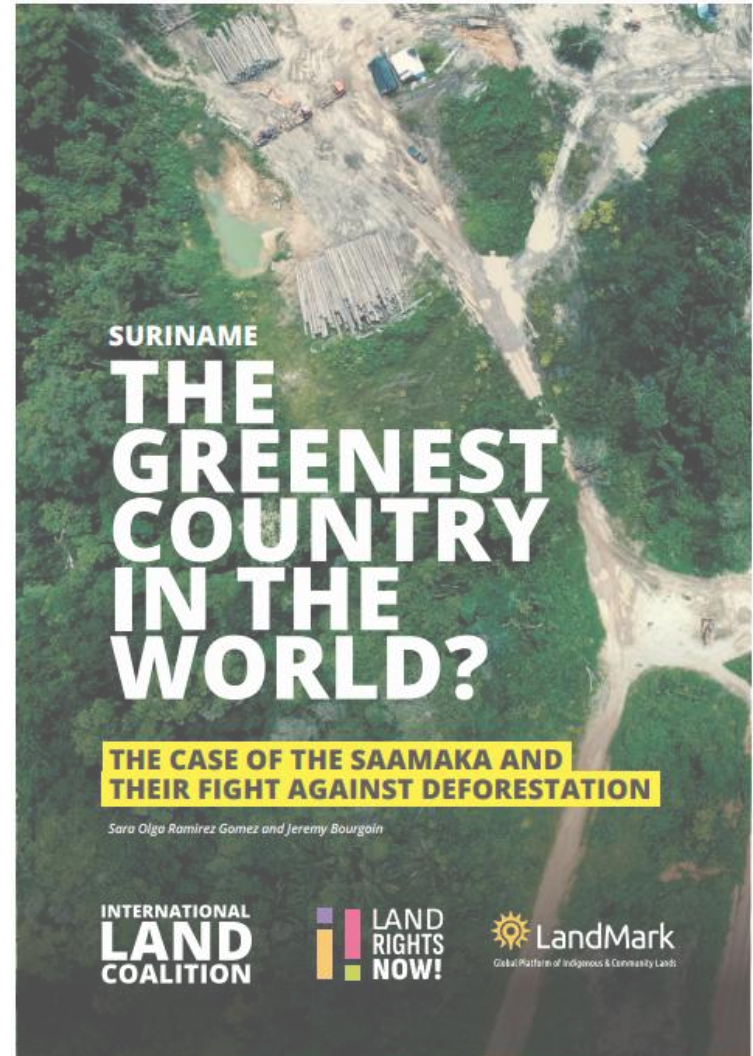
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LandMark's trajectory: beyond just maps

From data repository
to greater focus on:

- Knowledge products and analyses
- Support for advocacy and visibility
- Community of practice



LandMark trajectory: governance and decentralisation

- Steering committee: 13 organisations, 3 of which global (ILC and WRI co-hosting LandMark's secretariat).
- Decentralisation process: global secretariat with a global coordinator, but also regional communities of practice.

Whats next:

- Greater expansion into the Arab Region and inclusion of rangelands
- Factoring in tenure systems of mobile communities
- Additional data layers (soil carbon, grasslands)
- Governance: Regionalisation for better representation and wider covered area

Questions for the short-term future

- Is LandMark fit-for-purpose for representing local Communities, pastoralists and Rangelanf and scaling up their advocacy efforts?
- Is there momentum and capacity to build an Arabic community of practice?
- What is the main takeout of having such a visual tool for the region?

THANK YOU!

For more information visit:

LandMark.org/maps

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