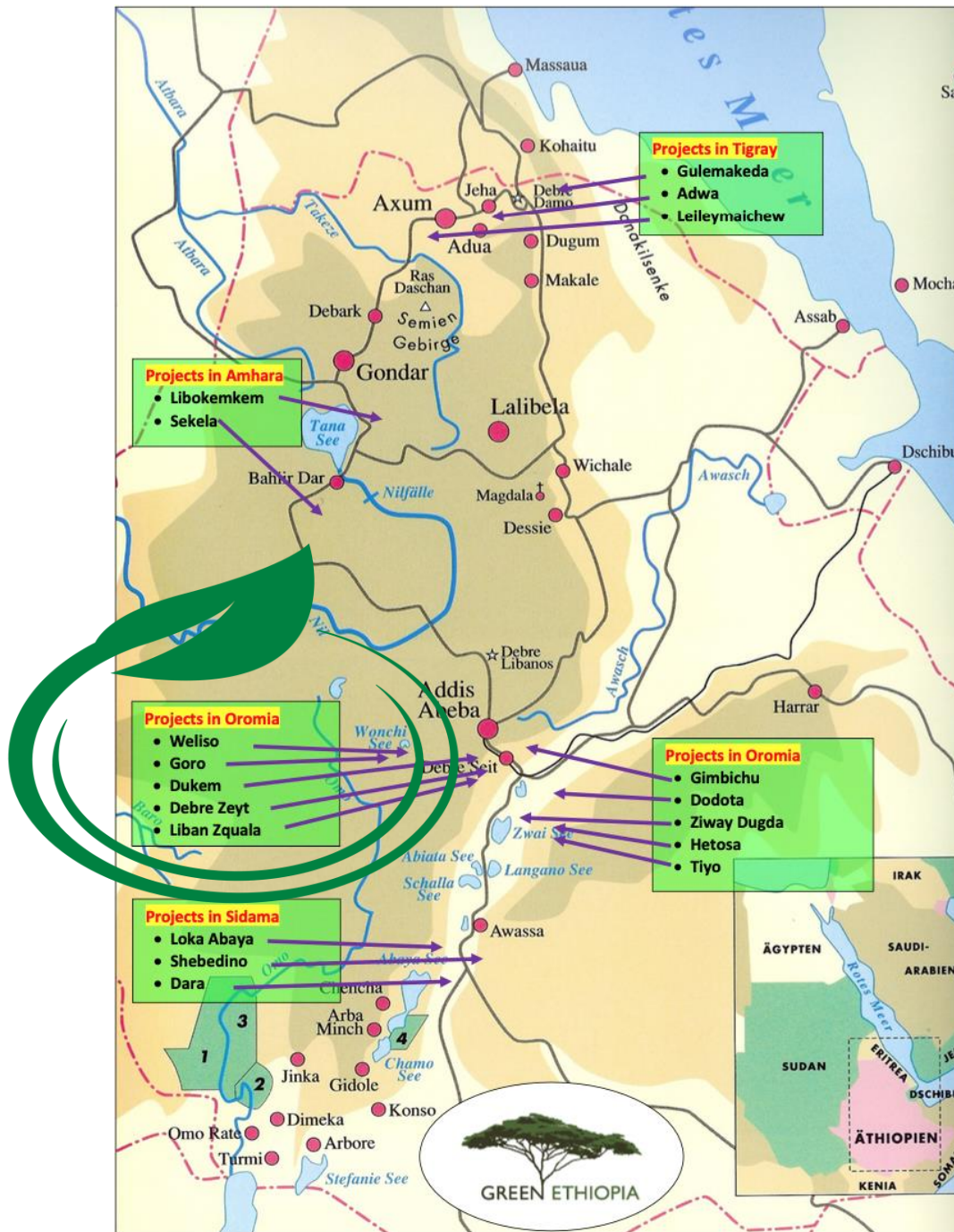


# Visit November 2023



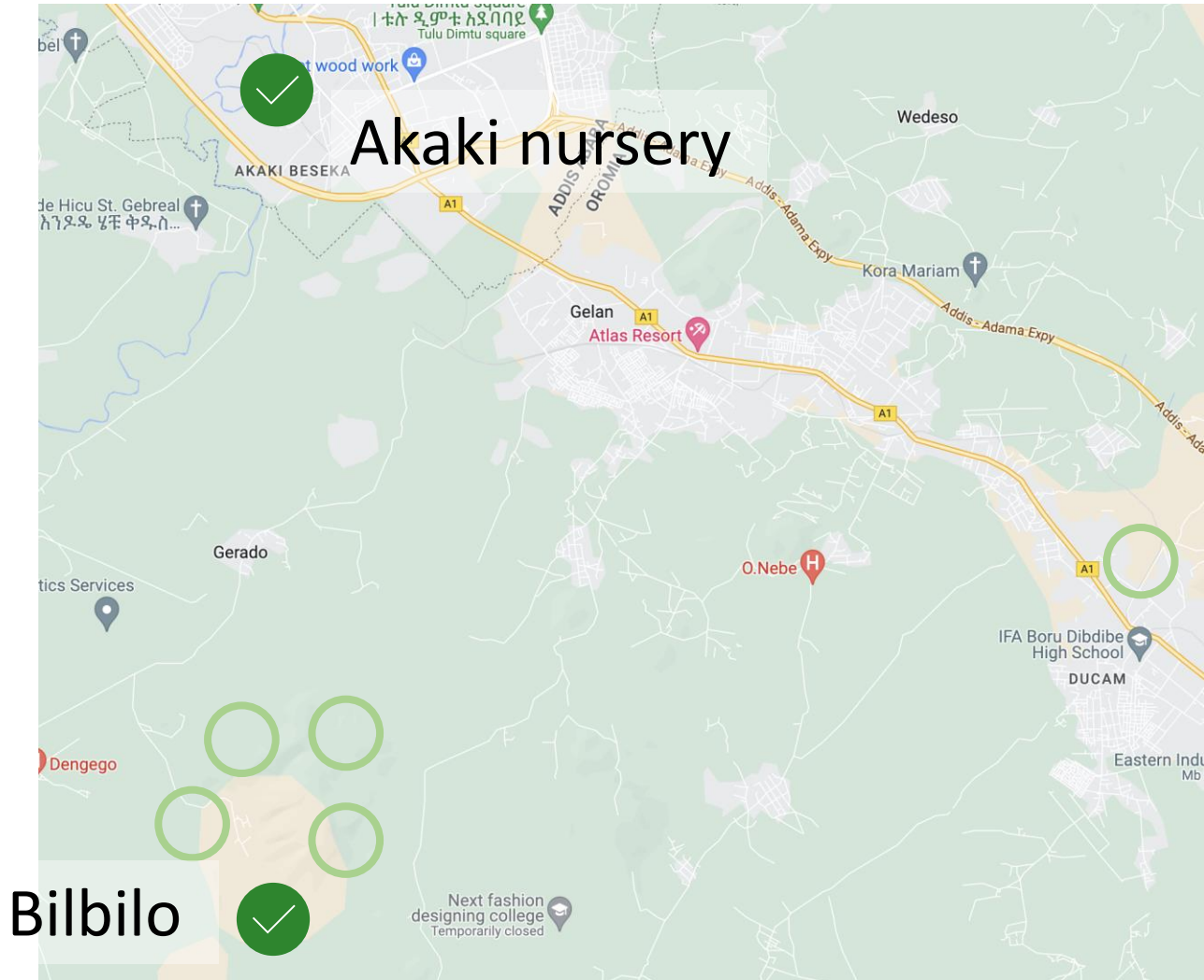
Documentation of afforestation and results





# Dukem, Oromia

## Showcase for successful afforestation







Result from forests: clean water near the village, throughout the year





Result from forests: increased production on the fields below the mountain





It all starts in the tree nursery





The small seedlings are then planted to the mountains ...



The image shows a lush, green landscape. In the foreground, there are dense, tall green plants, possibly reeds or grasses, with some brown, dried-up leaves. In the background, a hill covered in similar green vegetation rises against a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene suggests a natural, uncultivated area.

... and after a few years they grow to a  
wonderful forest!





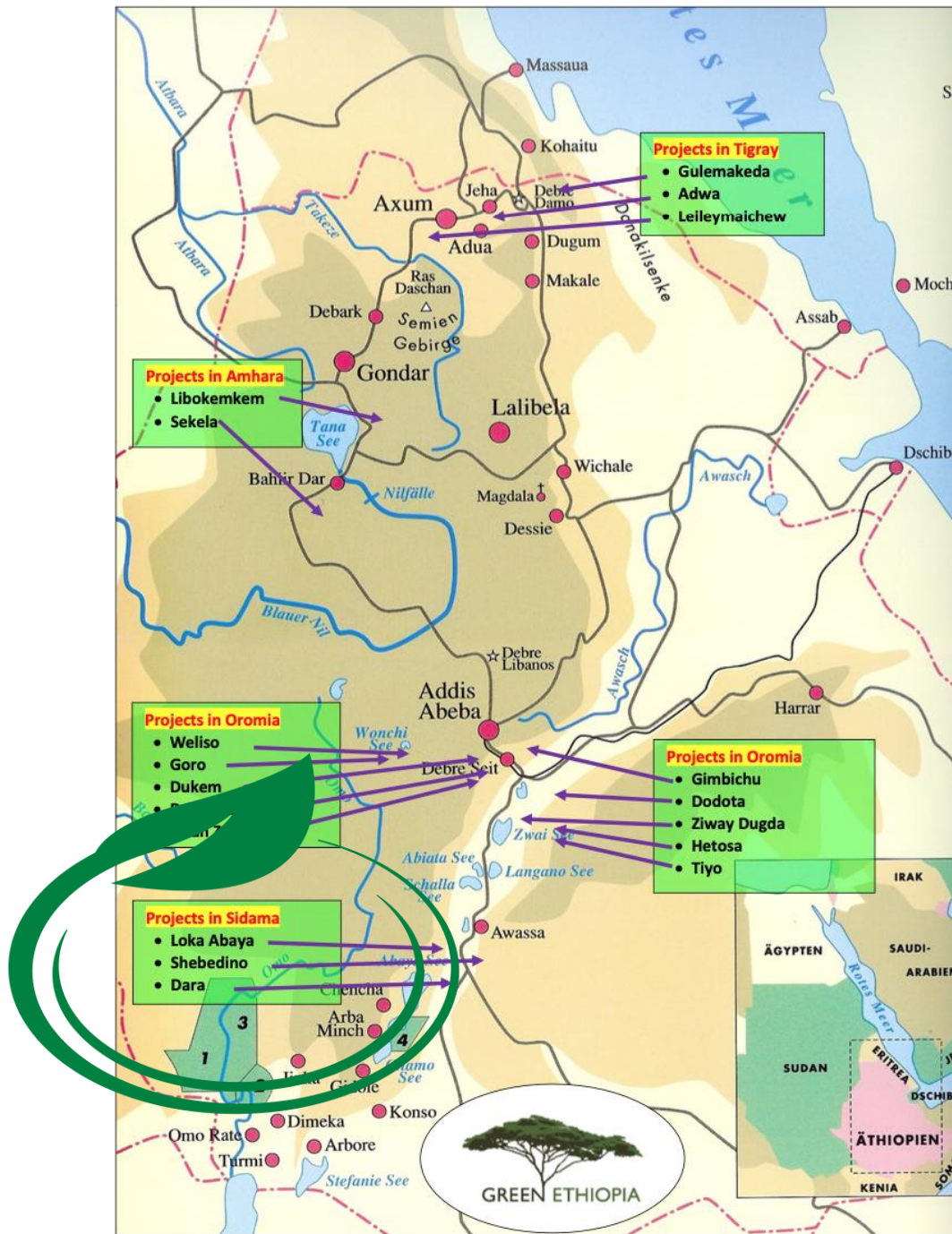
Below the forest, new springs develop ...



A landscape photograph showing a valley with grassland and a large tree. The foreground is filled with tall, green grass. In the middle ground, a herd of animals, possibly cows, is grazing. A large, leafy tree stands on the right side of the frame. The background features rolling hills with sparse vegetation under a cloudy sky.

... and this former gully has changed into  
grassland for animals.







# Dara, Sidamo

## Video documentation training







Interview with 2 presidents of women associations





Preparation of collected seed ...





... and carefully placing the seeds into pots.





Zoom-in to the activities at the nursery






Distribution of fruit tree seedlings





Explanation how trees change the area



A group of four people are in a dry, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation. One person is crouching down, possibly collecting a sample, while the others stand nearby, some holding equipment like a camera or a bag. The ground is rocky and uneven. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Documentation of activities for soil  
accumulation and moisture collection





Cutting grass in the forest instead of free grazing





‘Milling’ flour from Insete for ‘Kocho bread’





Coffee harvesting





Feeding animals at home with grass from the forest instead of free grazing





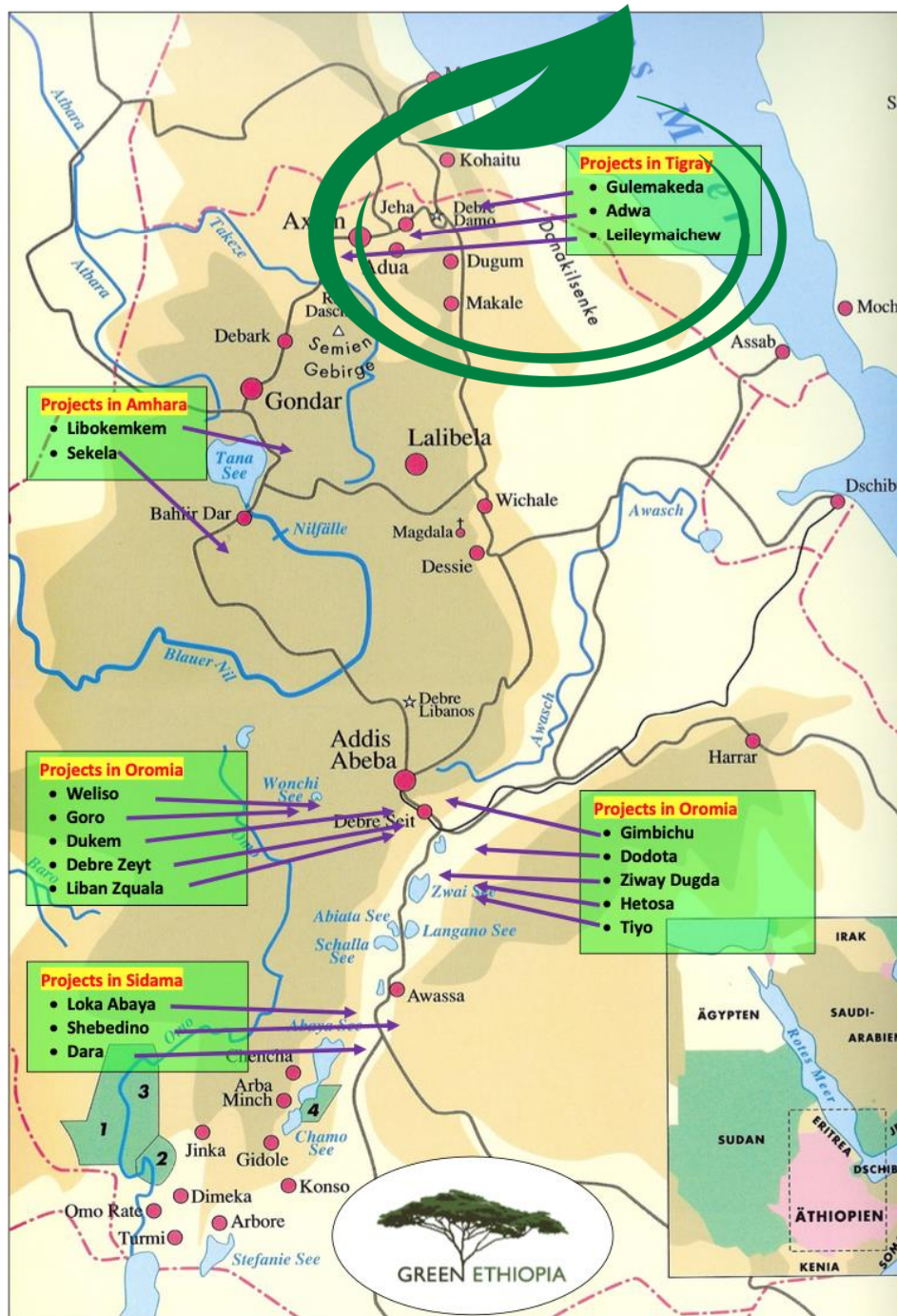
Spring development below the forest





After dinner: video editing and translation







# Gulemakeda, Tigray





A man wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a blue cap, and a yellow wristband stands in a lush green forest. He is pointing his right arm towards a distant valley. The landscape is filled with dense green vegetation, including various shrubs and trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a sky with scattered clouds. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Mr. Bahlbi points to the next forest to grow  
in Rigba Medebay





Indigenous trees producing new seeds: for natural regeneration and to be collected

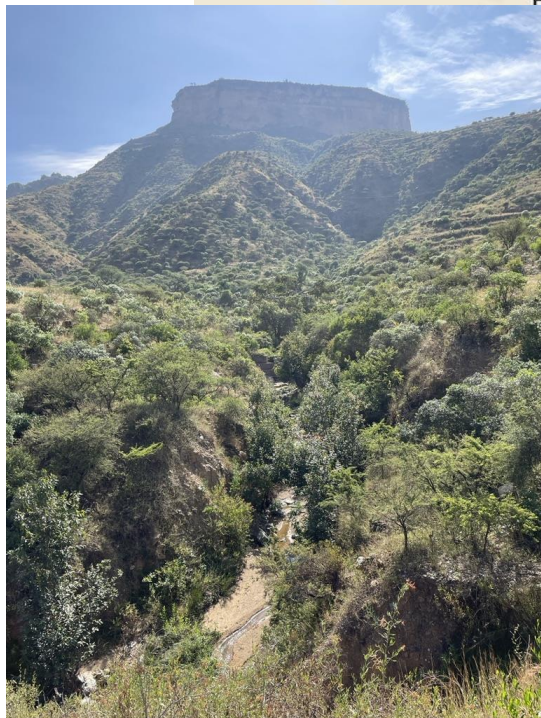
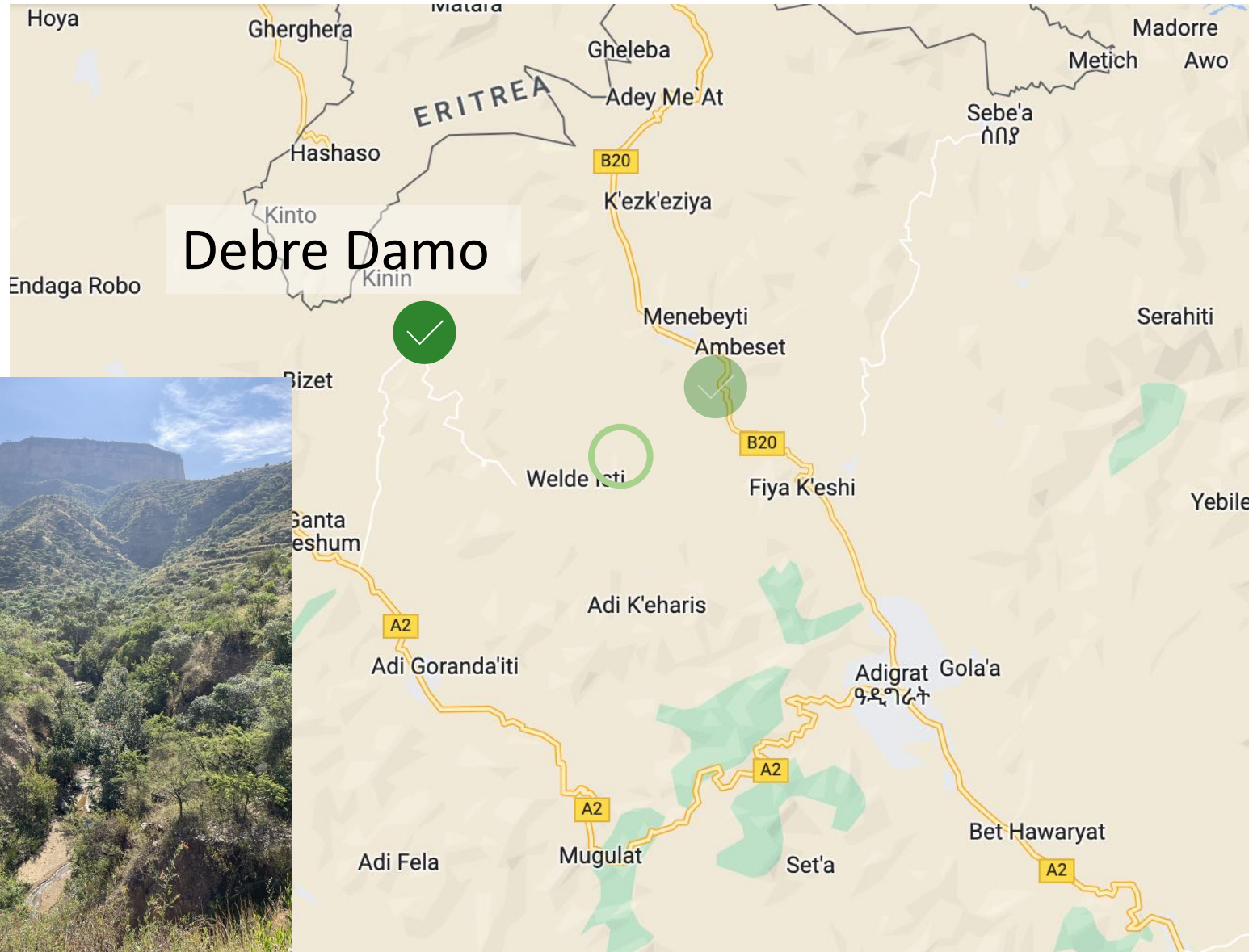




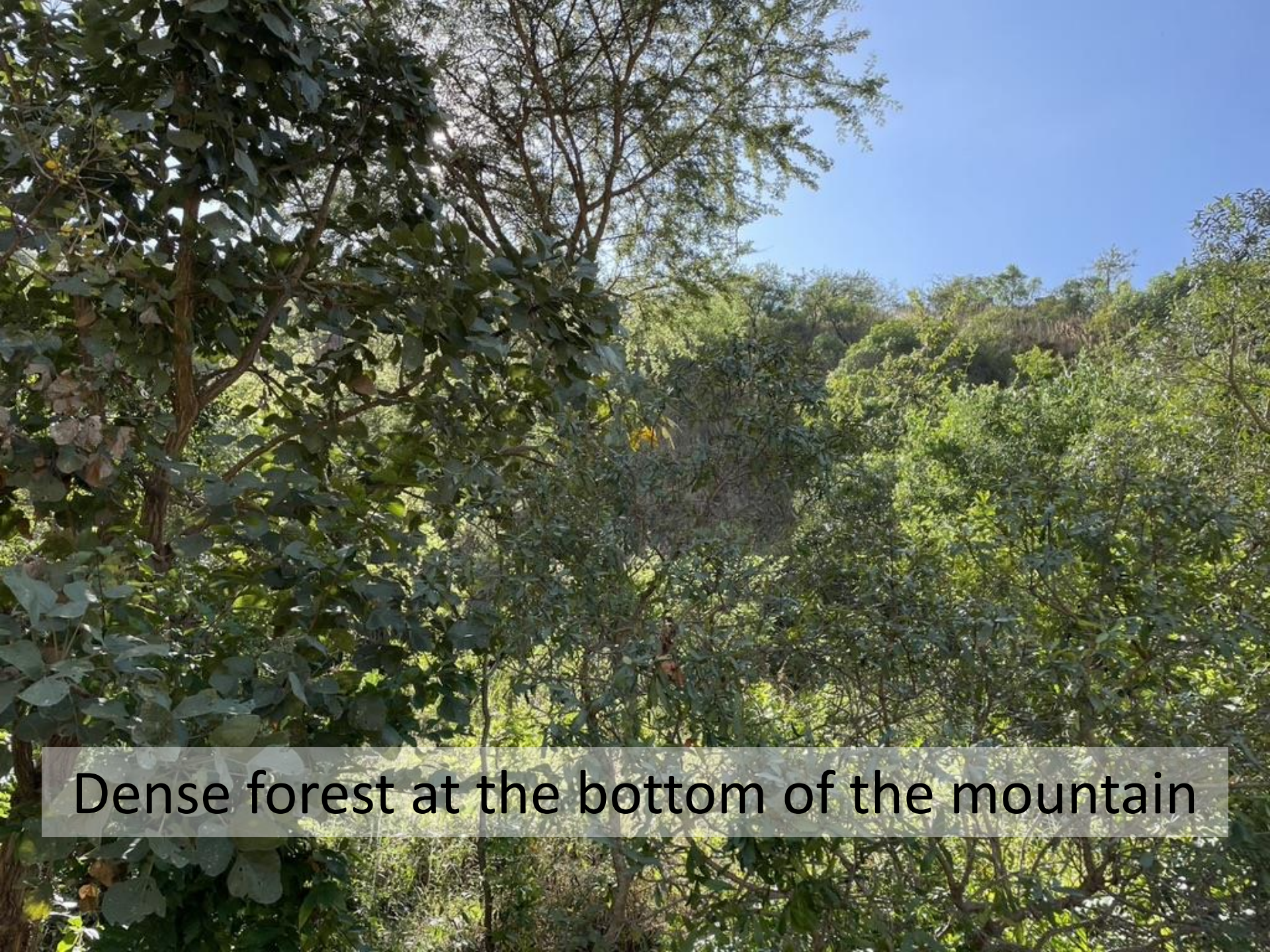
Flowering for medical use and for bees  
producing honey



# Gulemakeda, Tigray







Dense forest at the bottom of the mountain





Area for next plantation in July 2024

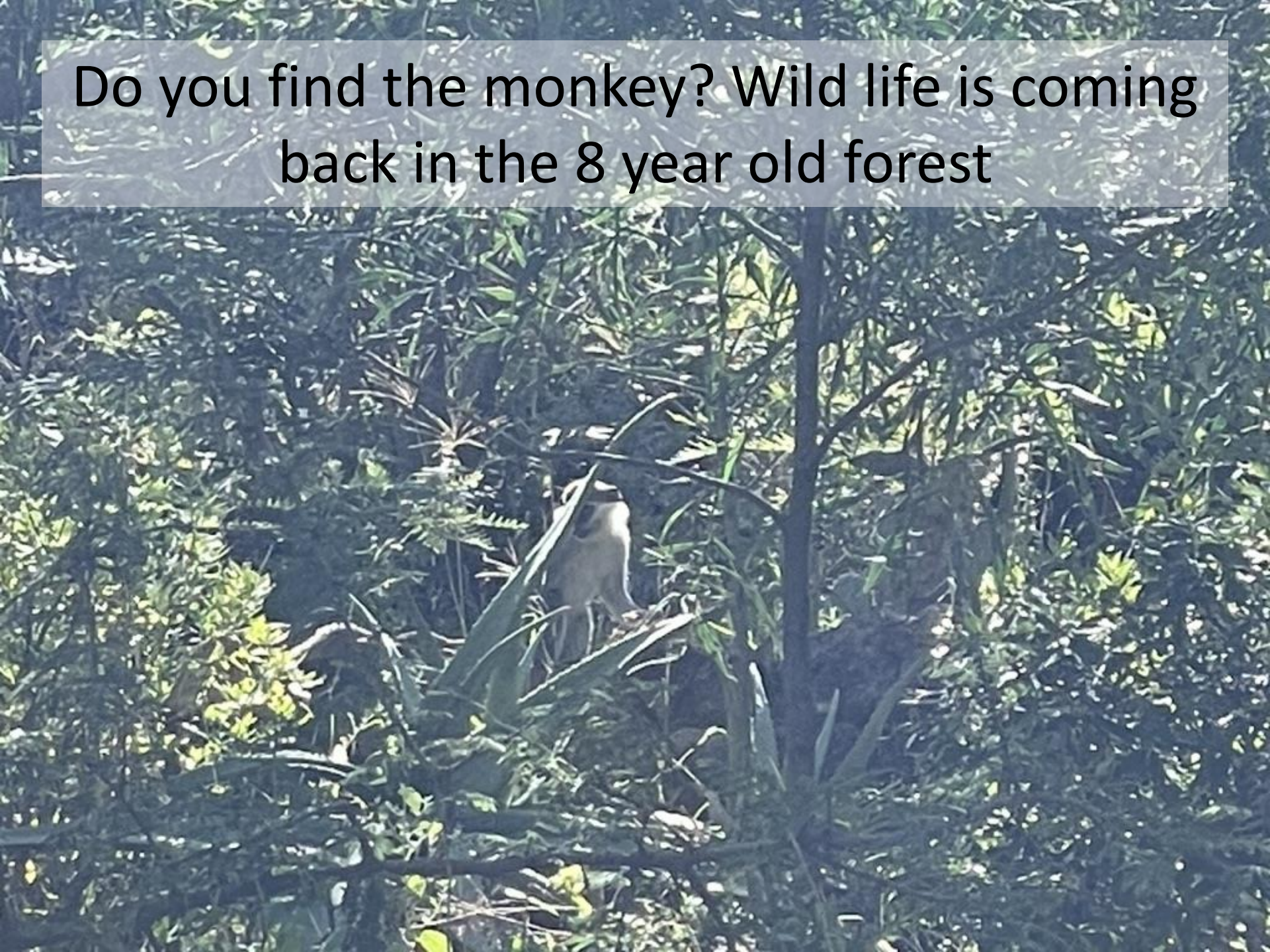




8-year-old forest around the mountain top



Do you find the monkey? Wild life is coming back in the 8 year old forest



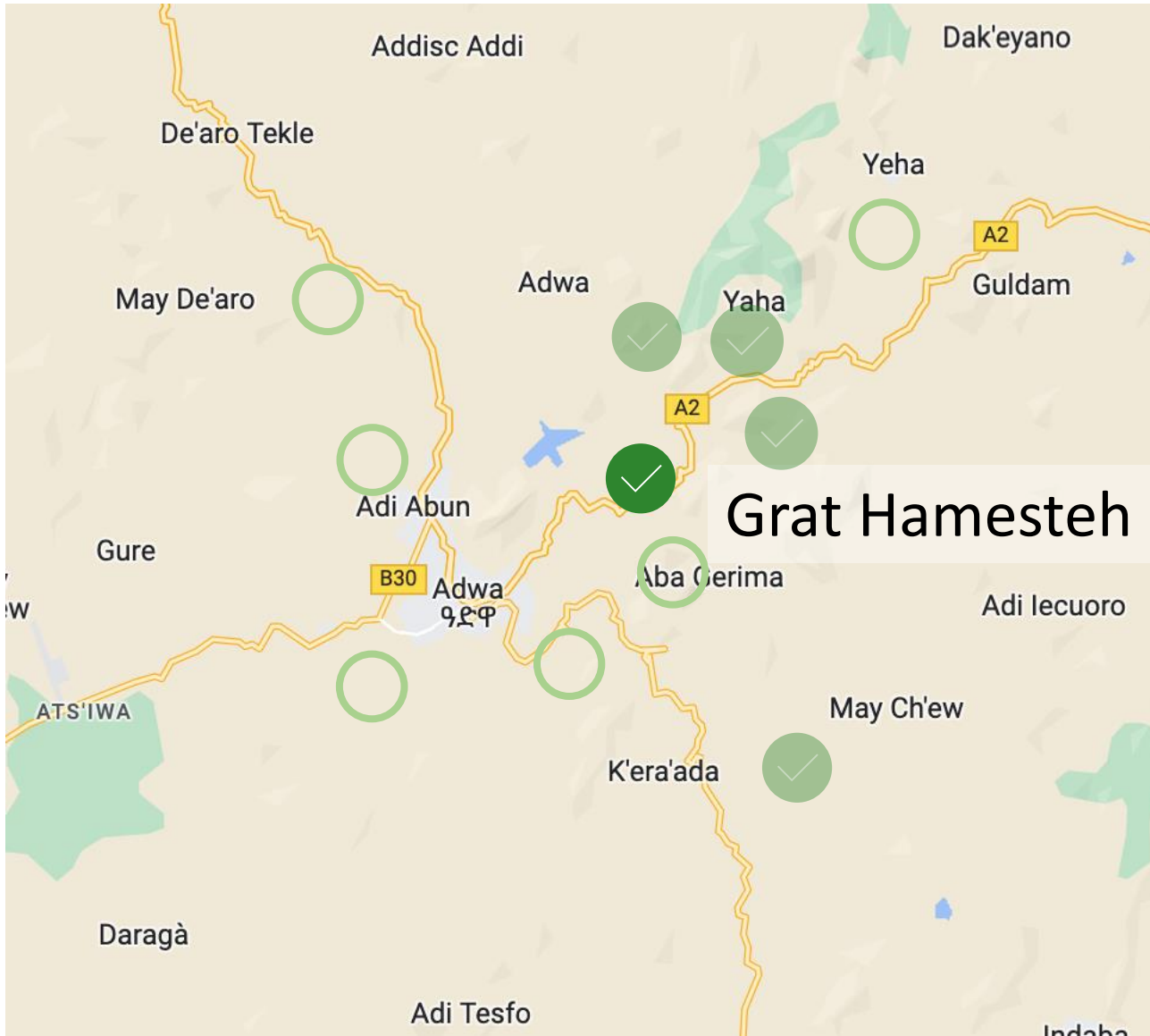


The team that made it possible!





# Adwa, Tigray







Trees allow wheat production on land which was bare 7 years ago.

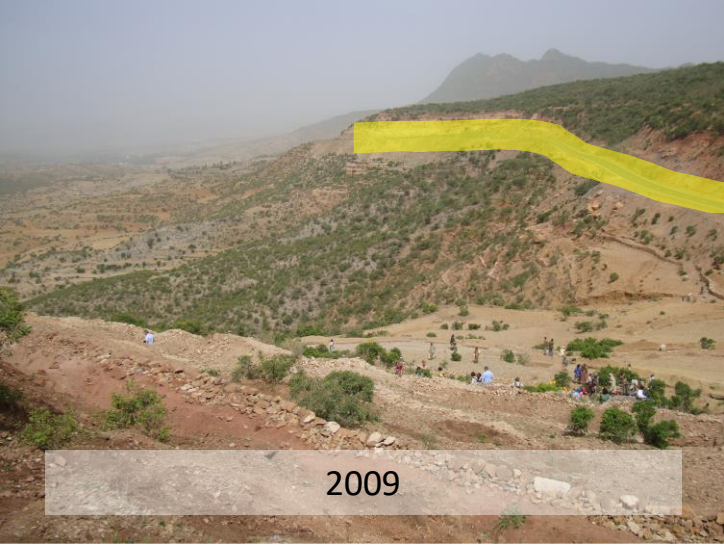




2023

The start was 2011 with instructions, today  
the land feeds people and animals

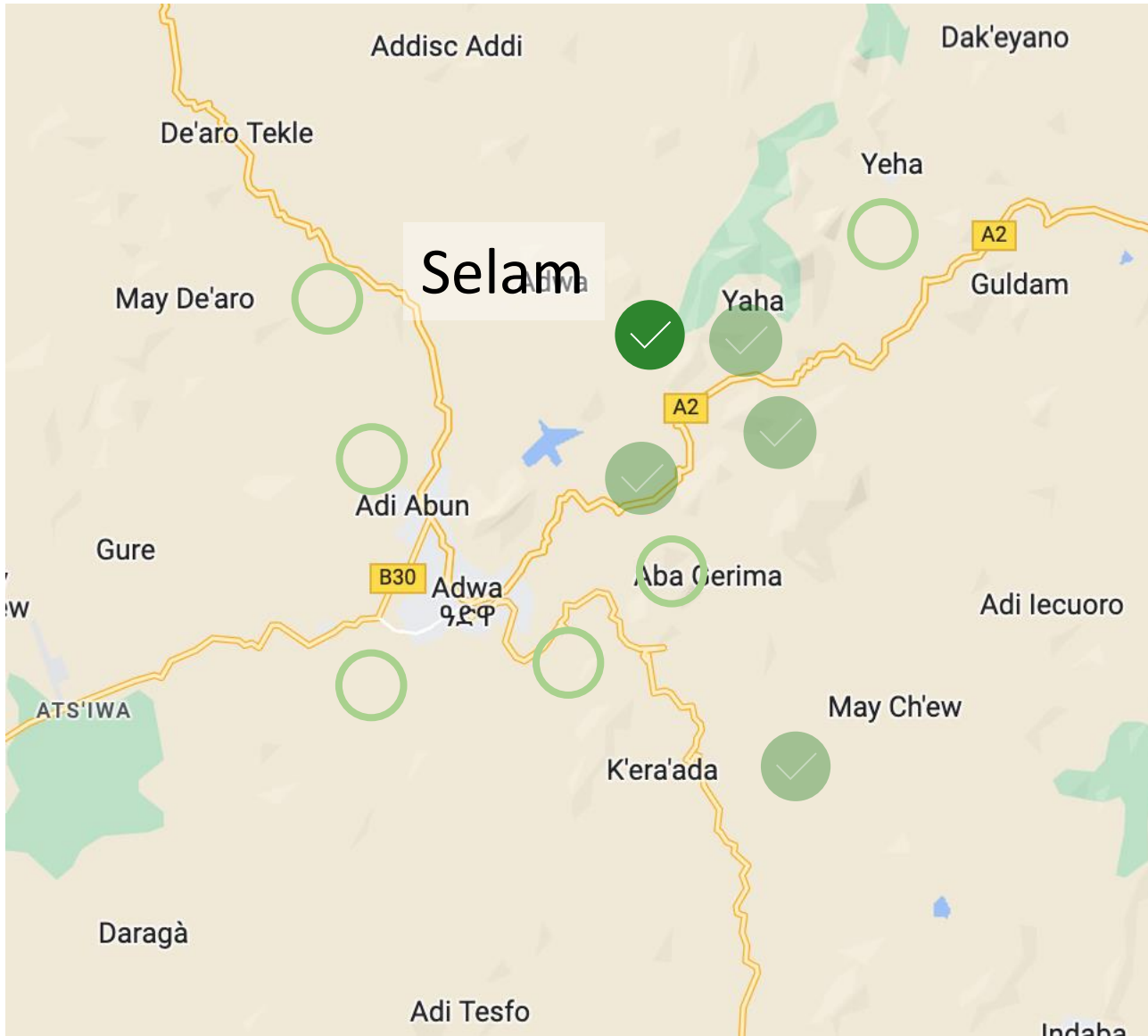




Grat Hamesteh hill fully covered with forest.



# Adwa, Tigray







Hard work in 2013 to prepare the perfect ground for seedlings to grow





And the trees liked it, they did grow well!  
**Congratulations, outstanding results!**





In 2013 the valley showcased all farming activities in rural Ethiopia.



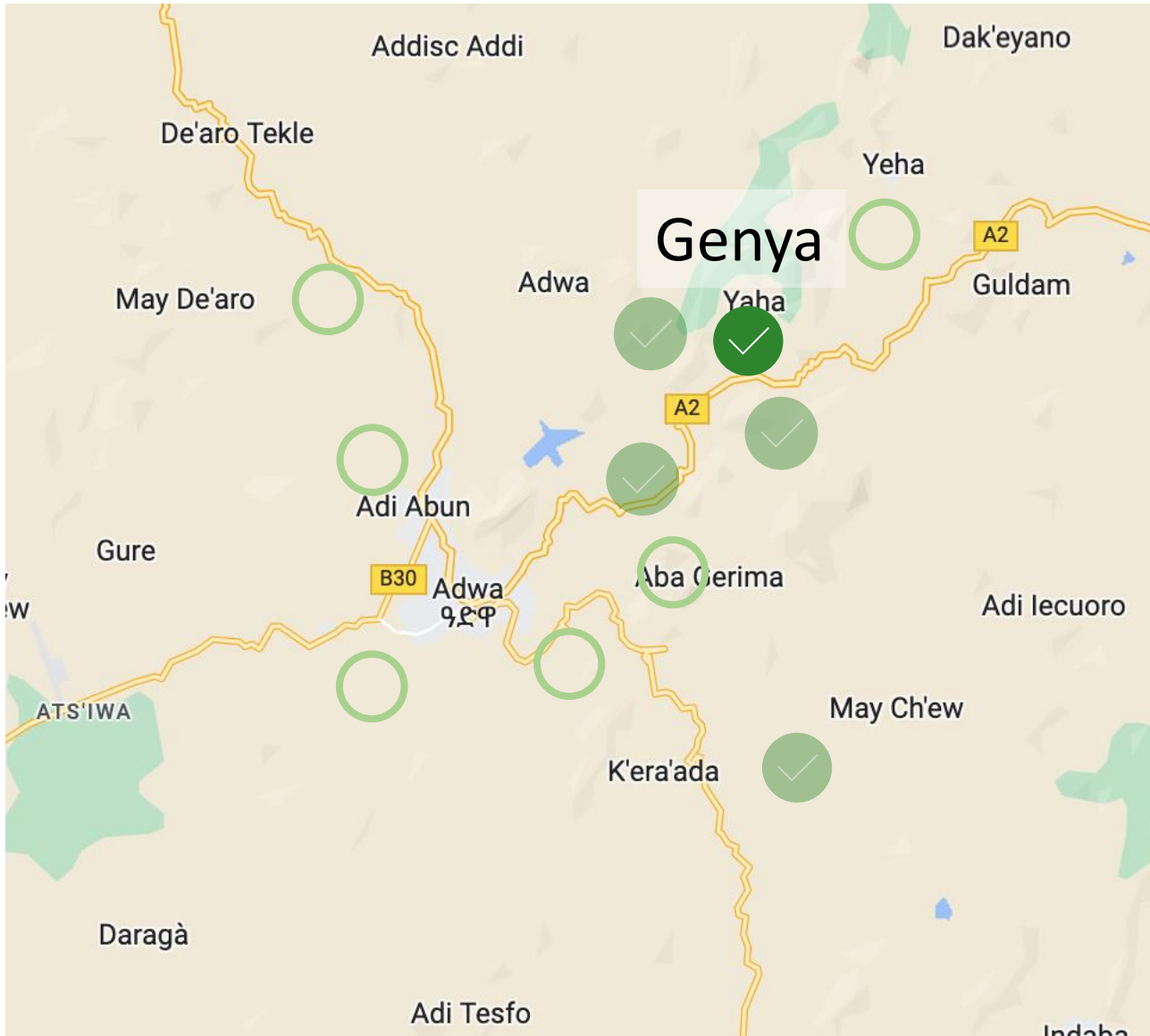


2013

Today it shows how forests change lives!



# Adwa, Tigray







Farmer with exceptional harvest in 2023  
because of forest and stop of run-off ...





2015: start afforestation



... here he himself planted 500 trees!



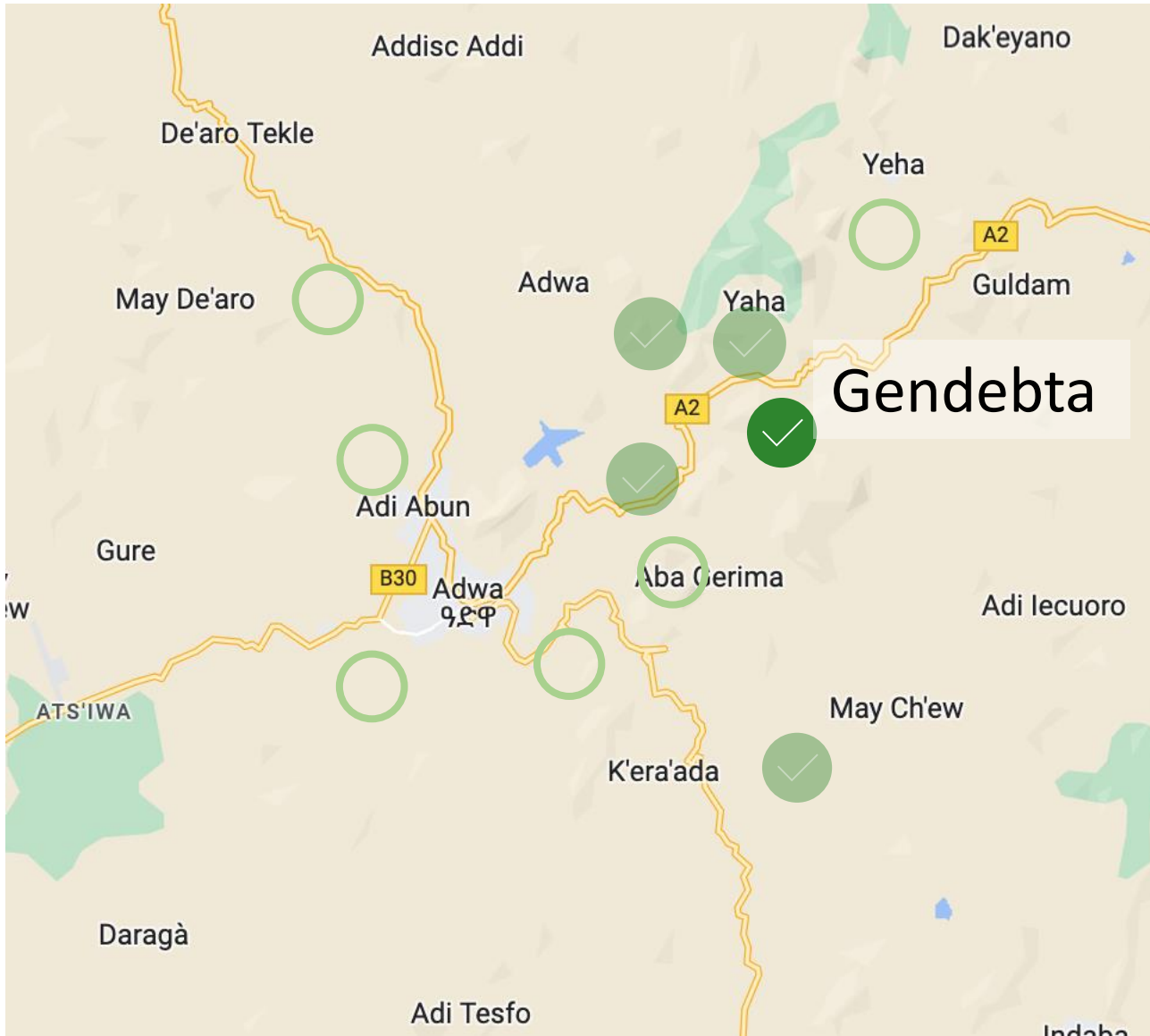
... and the destructive Gully is reclaimed and now productive, with a small creek.



2017: start gully rehabilitation



# Adwa, Tigray







Fully recovered mountain range





Below: new spring developed





Farmers have prepared seedbed (here: pepper) for second production by irrigation after rain-fed crop production

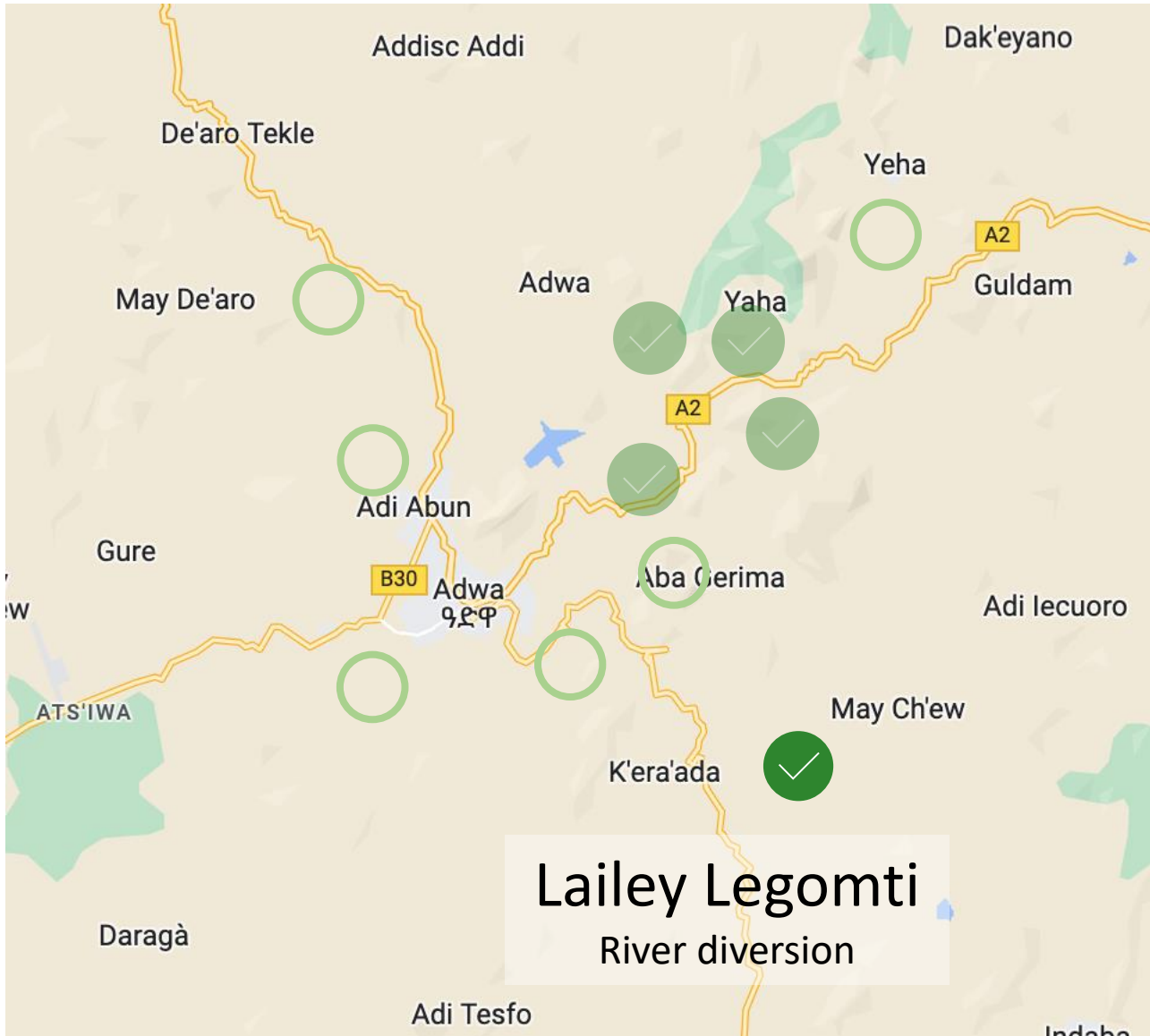




Discussion with the farmers: during the war, all material for irrigation was looted



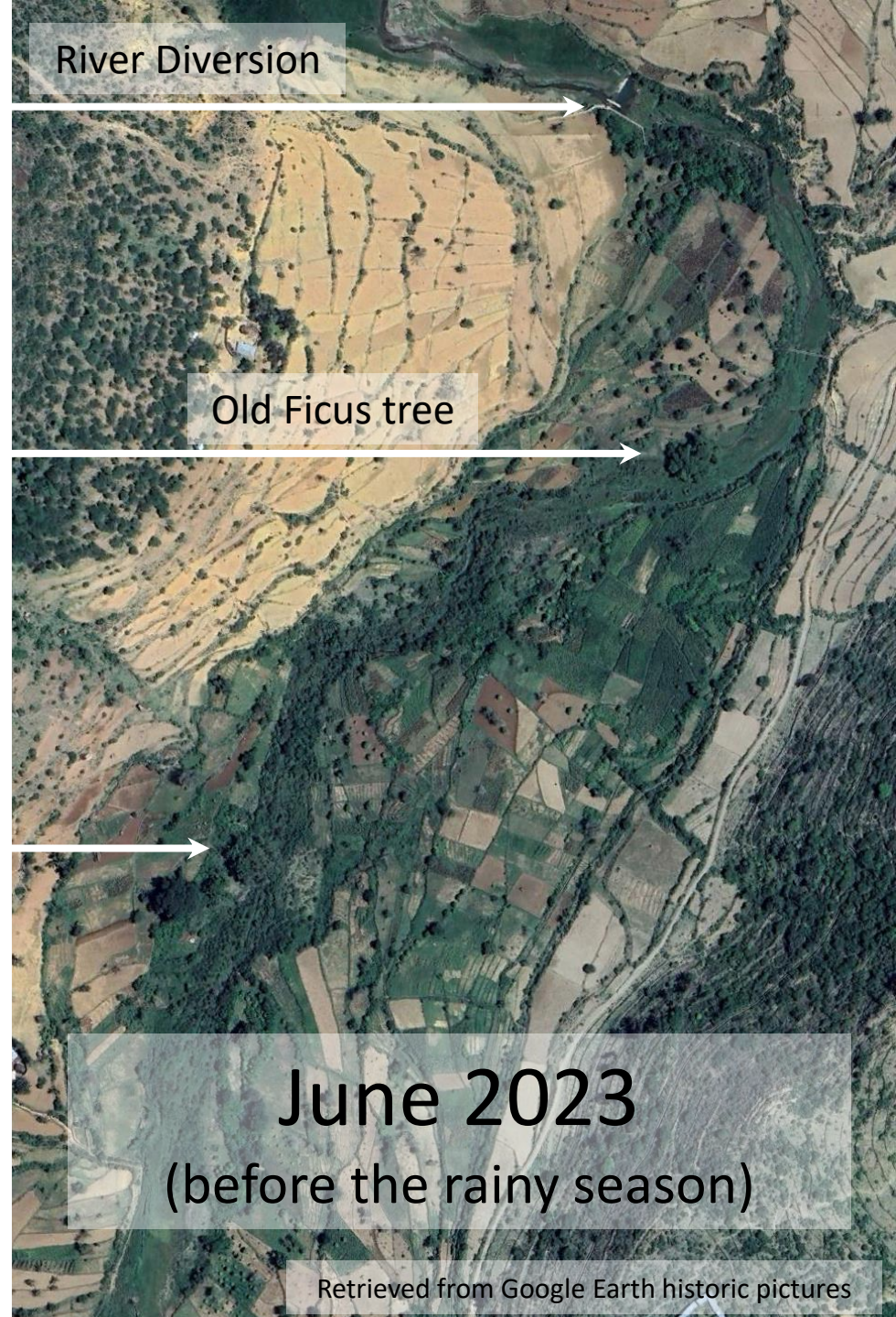
# Adwa, Tigray







January 2014  
(after the rainy season)



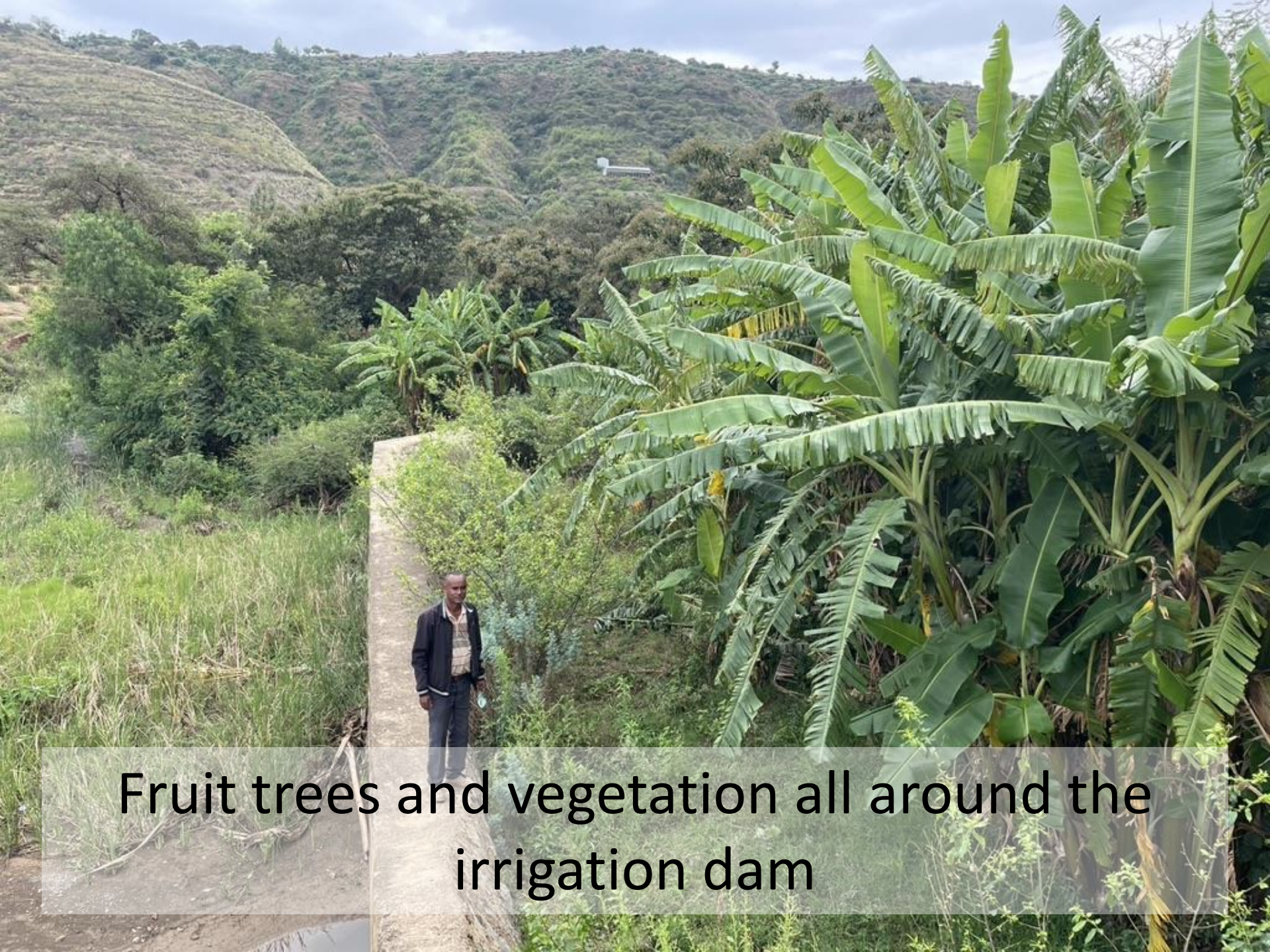
River Diversion

Old Ficus tree

June 2023  
(before the rainy season)

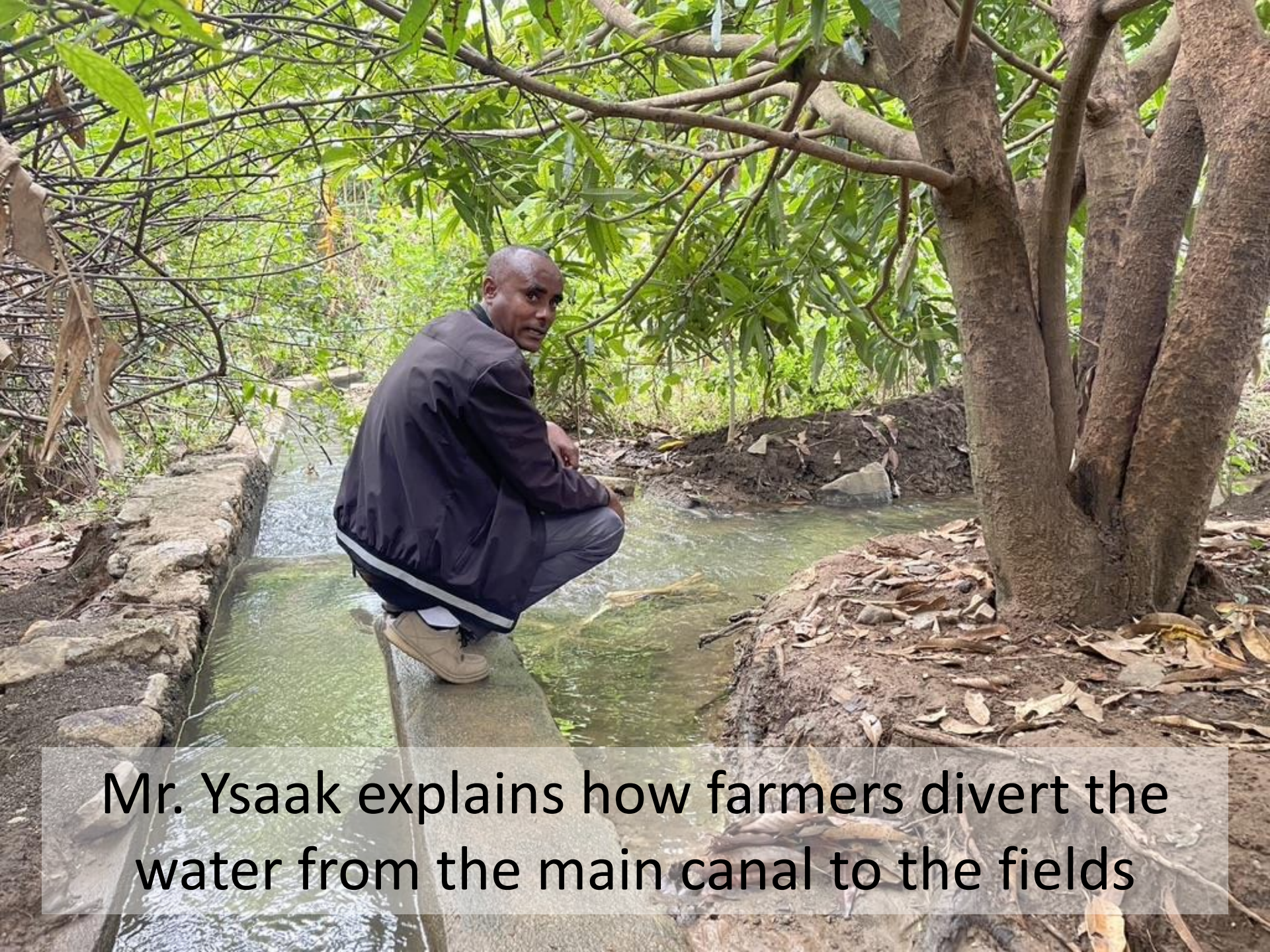
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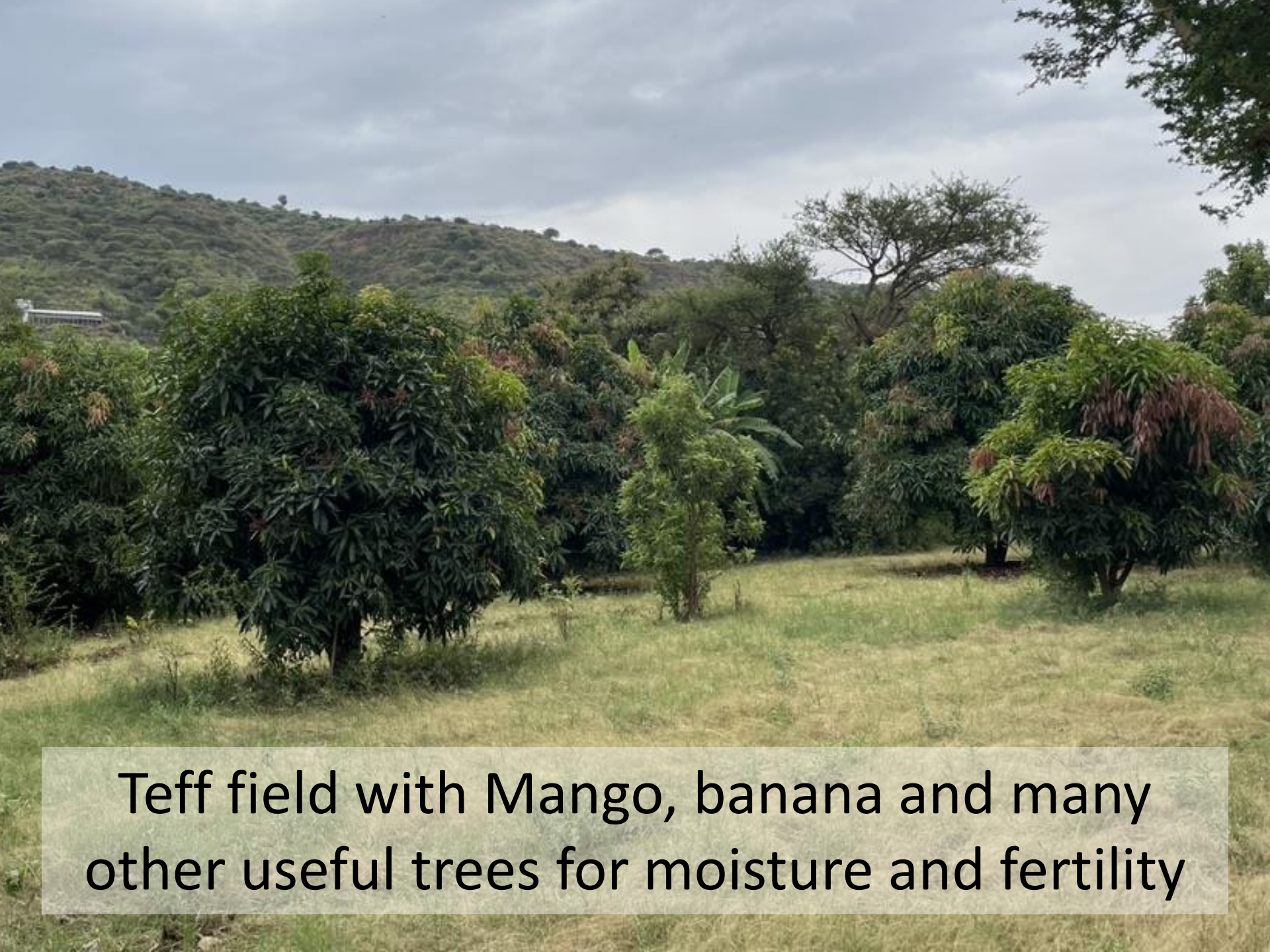
Fruit trees and vegetation all around the  
irrigation dam





Mr. Ysaak explains how farmers divert the water from the main canal to the fields





Teff field with Mango, banana and many other useful trees for moisture and fertility






Wheat field with Papaya, Mango, Banana,  
Guava, and Banana





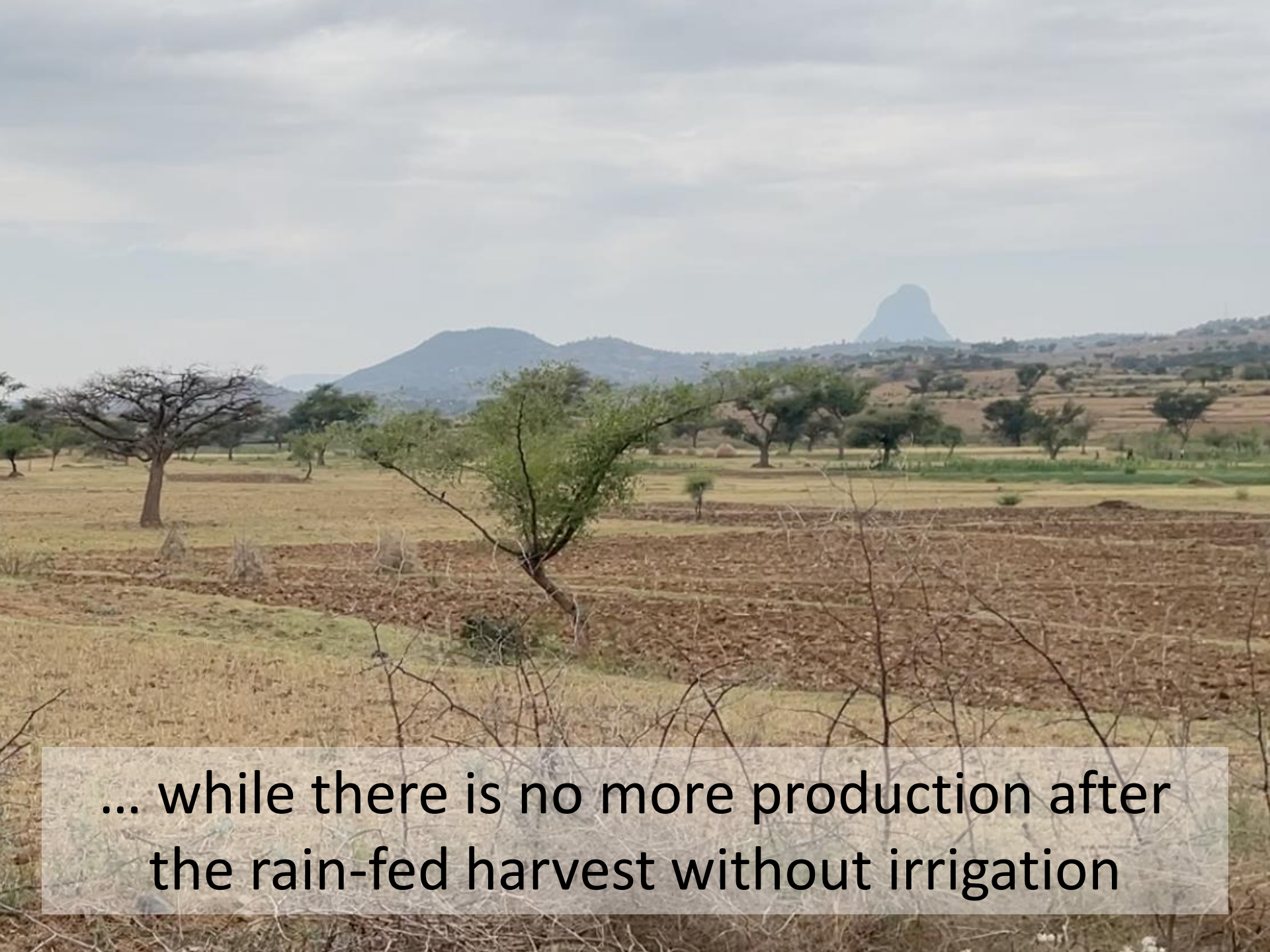
It starts with forests covering the mountains



A landscape photograph showing a path through a lush, green area with trees and bushes under a cloudy sky. The path is a narrow, light-colored trail that leads from the foreground into the distance, flanked by dense vegetation. On the left, there are tall, dark green trees with feathery foliage. On the right, there are more varied plants, including some with reddish-brown flowers. In the background, a hill or mountain is visible, covered in similar greenery. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast day.

... they turn wide areas into agricultural powerhouses with food for thousands ...

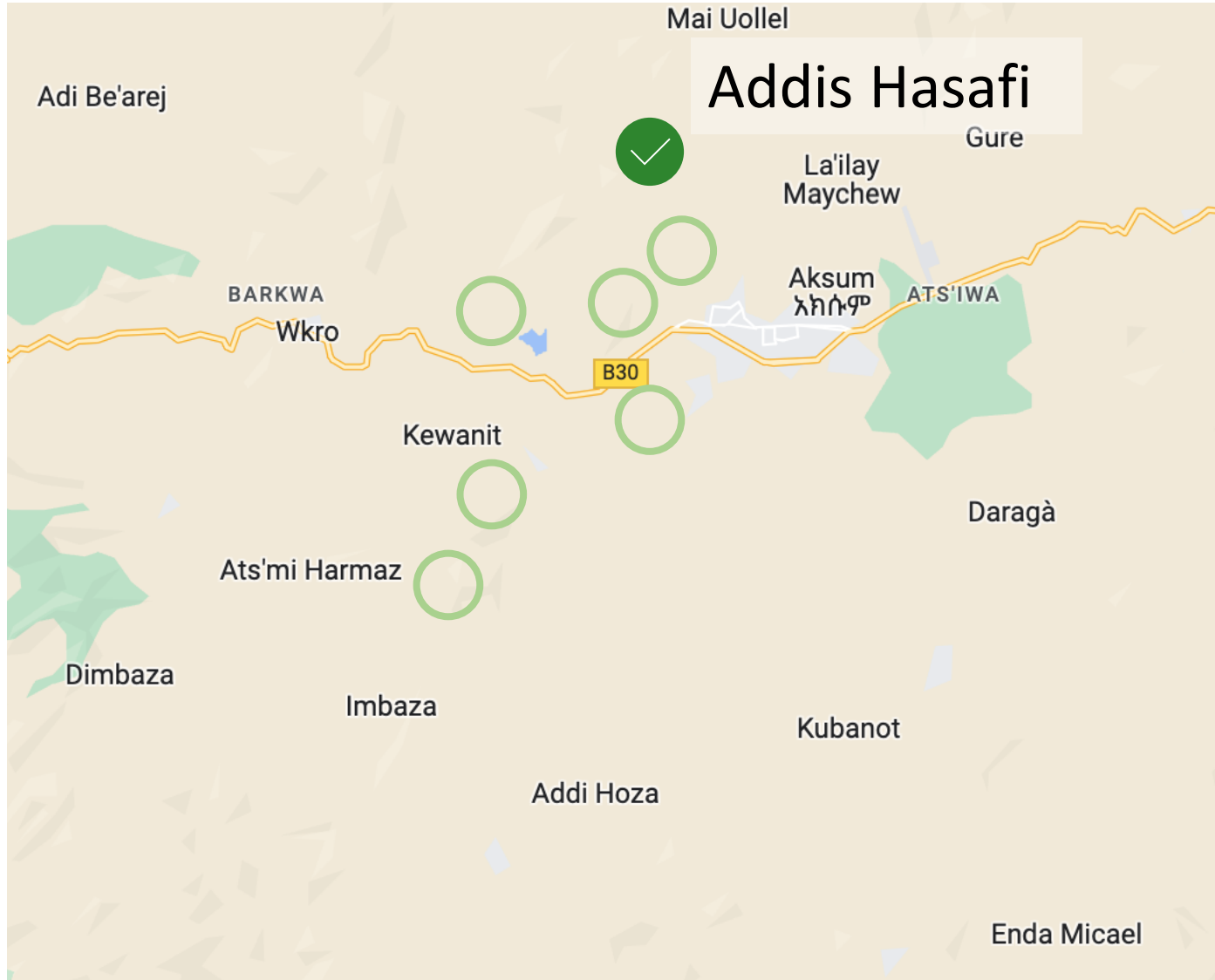




... while there is no more production after the rain-fed harvest without irrigation



# Laileymaichow, Tigray







Valley for plantation 2024: river almost dry by November, stones indicate high erosion

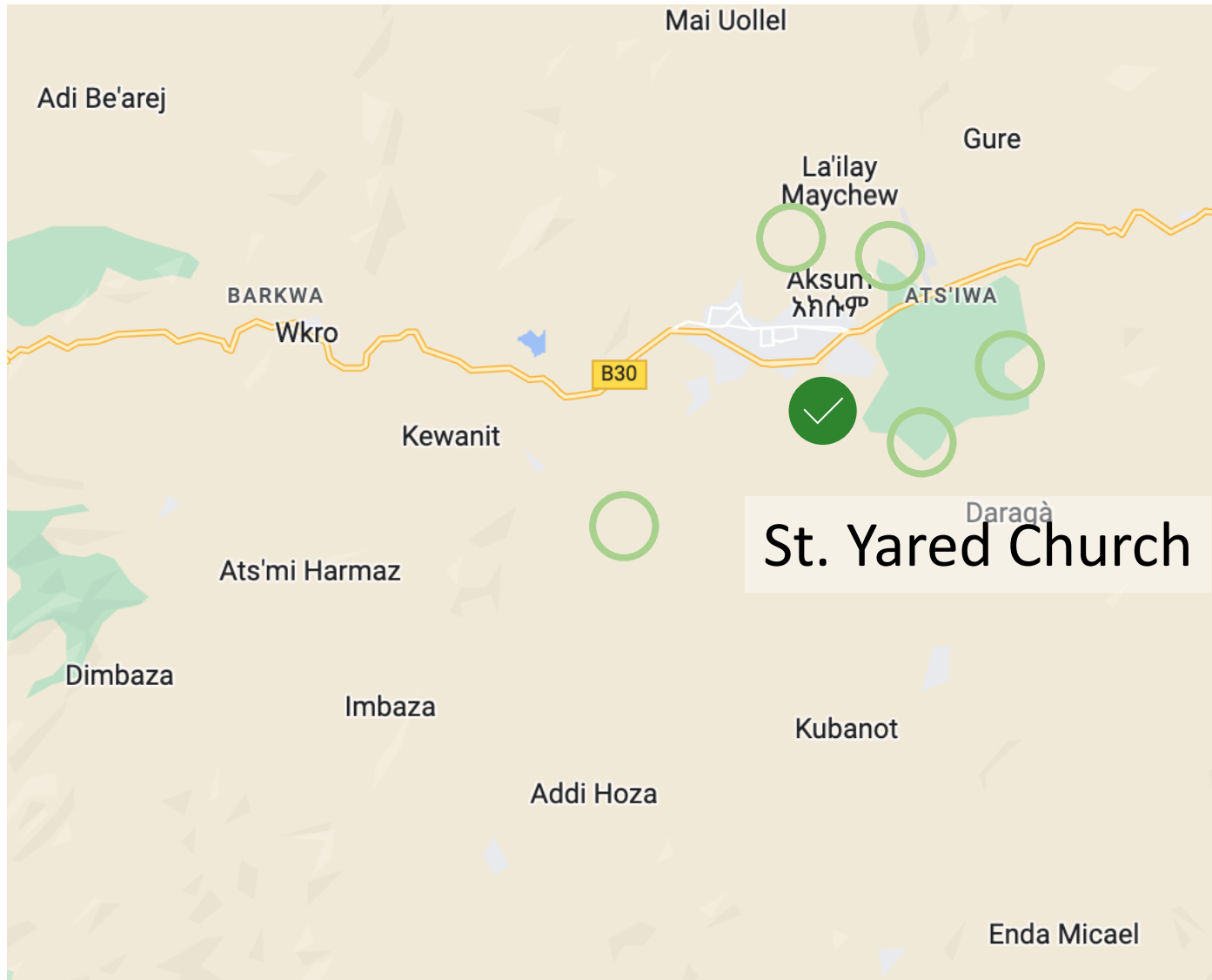




Erosion on the mountains on both sides



# Plant for Life, Tigray







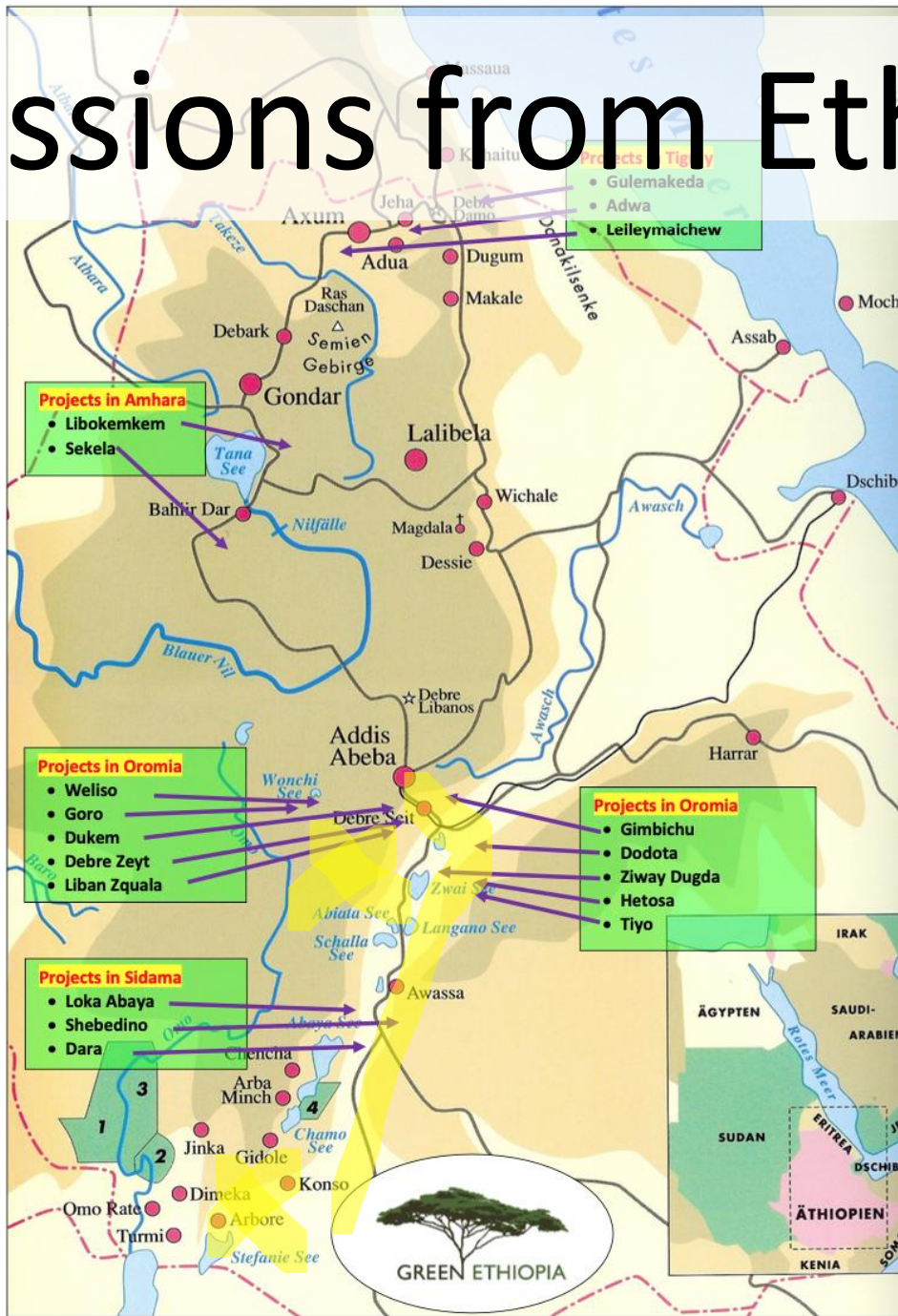
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# Investments from Ethiopia





A woman with long brown hair, wearing sunglasses, a dark grey t-shirt, black pants, and blue sneakers, is sitting on a large rock on a dirt trail. She is smiling at the camera. The trail is surrounded by dense green vegetation, including bushes and trees. A large, leafy tree branch hangs over the trail from the top left. In the background, a steep, rocky hillside rises, covered in green shrubs. The sky is blue with some white clouds. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Long walks on steep mountains  
(rest under a Ficus tree near a new spring)



Nice people (and always many people)





Exceptional coffee!







Breath-taking views  
(sometimes even dangerous)





Visited places never been before



Fresh, tasty food  
... somewhat spicy







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