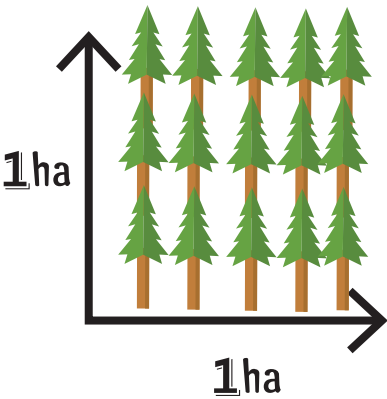


# GREEN DESERTS ?

The irony of this myth is if critics really understood deserts, they'd know that it is actually teeming with life, you just need to know where to look... the same is true for timber plantations.

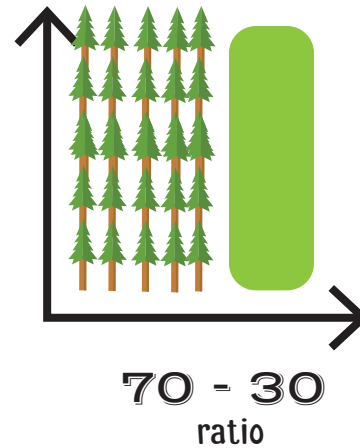
At the scale of a timber compartment, or stand, plantations are **MONOCULTURES**.



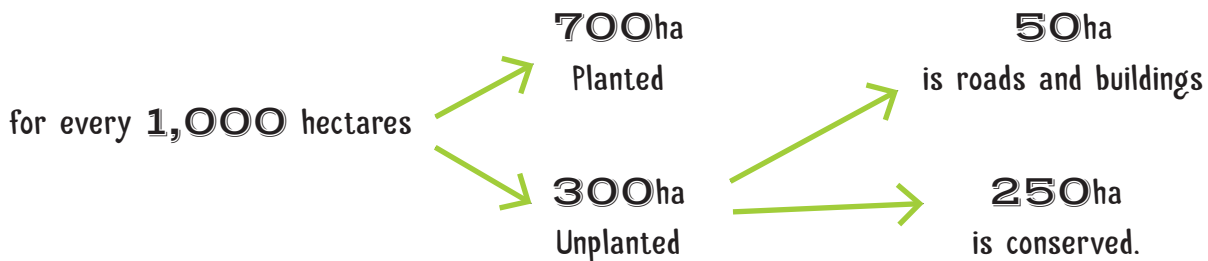
**BUT** →

At a **LANDSCAPE LEVEL** they actually contribute to **CONSERVING** biodiversity.

Stands may only have **ONE** species of tree, but there will be **HUNDREDS** of other plants and animals found within them.



Only **70%** of forestry land is planted



## WHAT'S CONSERVED?

Conserved grasslands are important for water catchment

&

Protected indigenous forests



Protected water courses and wetlands with a 20 m buffer zone

As a result, there is a network of wildlife corridors running through our plantations.

Aerial View



**CREATED, MANAGED AND PROTECTED**  
By timber plantation owners in South Africa