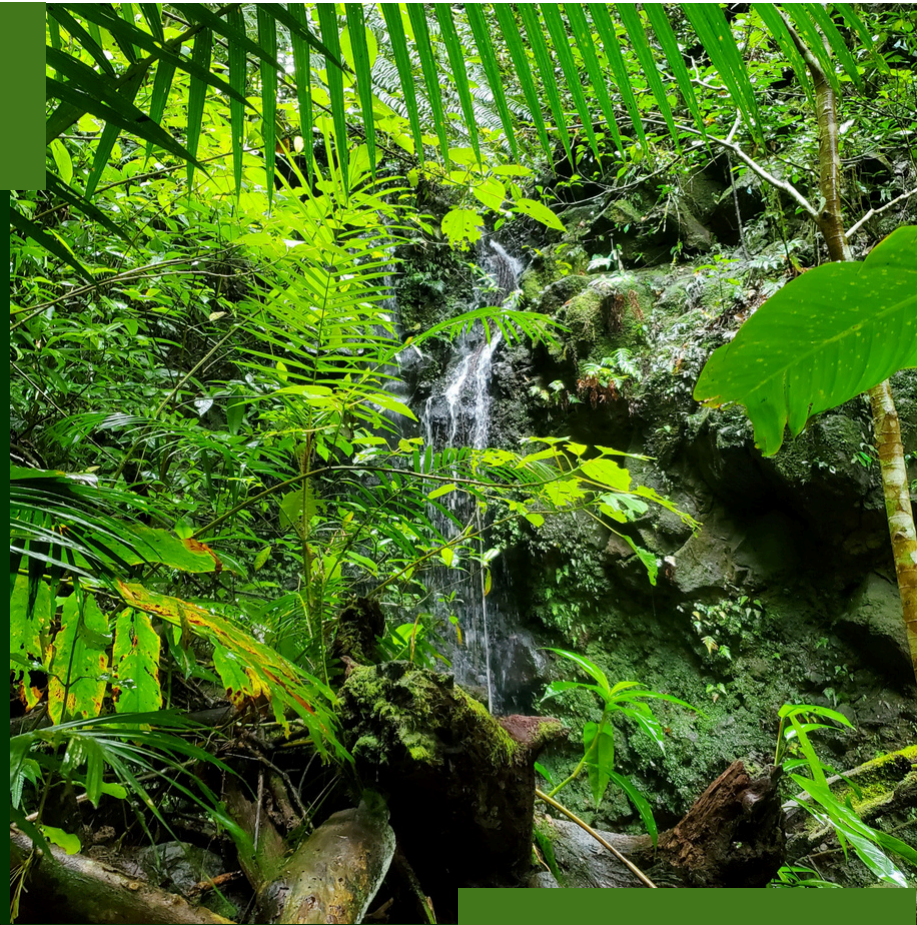**Classifying natural ecosystems and assessing their degradation in the context of limiting imported deforestation:**

An international workshop

On October 23rd 2024 from 3 pm to 6 pm (CET)

Place: Bichat meeting room, 42 Scheffer street, 75016 Paris, France

Hybrid format : Face-to-face or remotely

You can fill in the registration form to register your participation by <u>clicking here</u>.

We are looking forward to your attendance.

Context:

The European Deforestation-free Regulation which came into force in June 2023, aims to prohibit the placing on the European market or export from it of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation since 31 December 2020. This regulation requires knowledge for its implementation. The possible revision of this regulation after two years leads us to reflect on topics such as the definition of forests or forest degradation.

In this context, the "Forest and Societies" research unit from the CIRAD Environment and Society department has been coordinating a project on the "Development of a method to classify tropical forests by considering their ecological diversity and degradation – Case study in Brazil". This project is funded by the Agence Française de Développement in the framework of the CST-Forêt.

The aim of this project is therefore to refine the characterisation of forests by linking their definition to an ecological classification of forests that would make it possible to distinguish undisturbed or little disturbed tree forests from highly degraded forests. The research focuses on a case study covering a wide range of tropical wet and dry forests: Brazil.

The Project consortium has the great pleasure to invite you to a workshop presenting the results of this project .

Planned program:

1) Introduction - FAO

2) Reminder of the European Deforestation-free Regulation - DG ENV (tbc)

3) Presentation of the project results - CIRAD

4) Presentation of the WRI's work on tropical forests - WRI

5) Presentation on the distinction between savannahs and forests - University of Liverpool

6) General debate