

The potential of international Landcare in agriculture extension

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Who's heard of Landcare?

What about Landcare
internationally?



Landcare
internationally
– where is it?

 NATIONAL PROGRAM

 REGIONAL ACTIVITY

 LOCALISED EXAMPLES

500 million small farms
worldwide, provide up
to 80 per cent of food
consumed in a large part
of the developing world

(United Nations)

(<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/hunger/>)

...bolstering local action to
accelerate implementation p.5

...strengthening the resilience and
adaptive capacity of small-scale
and family farmers p.7

Landcare's contribution to the SDGs



Robins L (2017)
“What might Australia’s
Landcare contribute to
achieving the SDGs;
A local self-reliance
approach to global
sustainability”, ANU

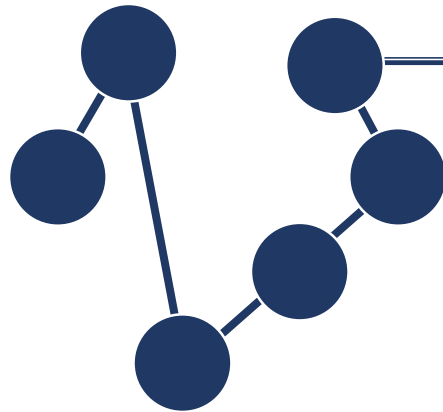
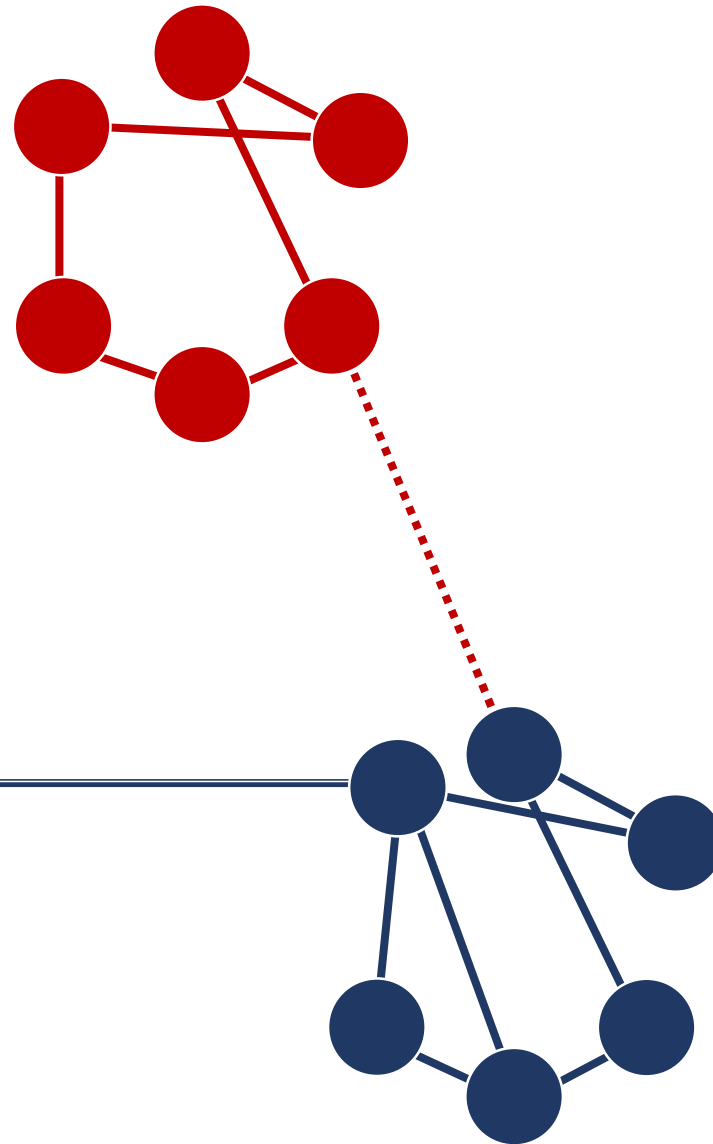
What does this look like at the
grassroots?



Linking Social Capital

across vertical gradients

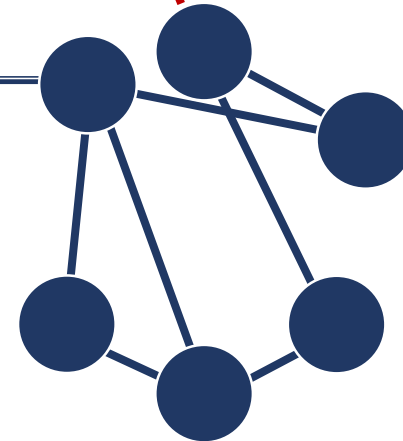
People or entities with power or resources, such as government representatives, nongovernmental organisations or authority figures



Bonding Social Capital

within networks

Connections to people like you, such as family, relatives or kinship

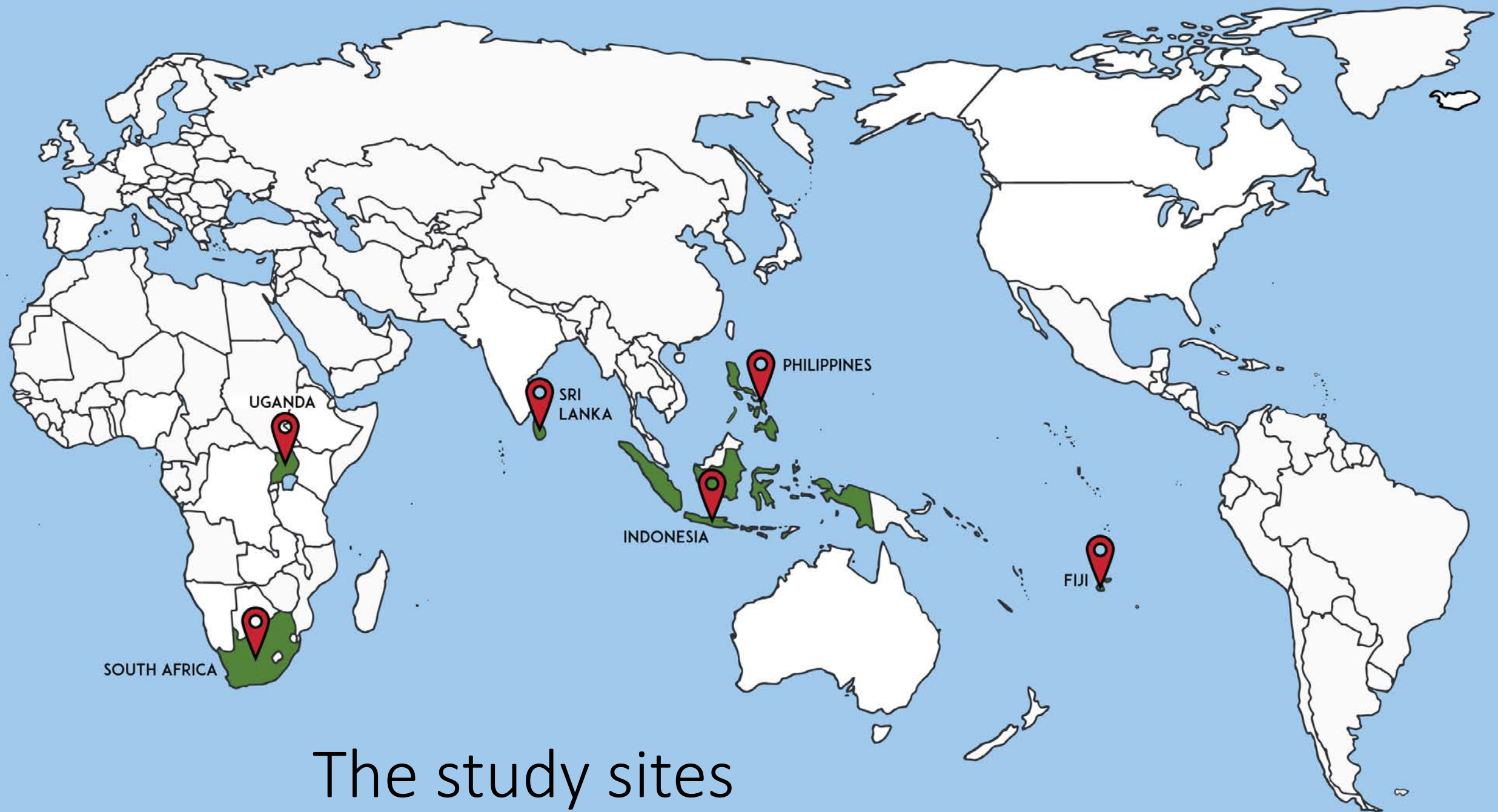


Bridging Social Capital

between networks

Connections to people who are not like you in some demographic sense

Aldrich D (2012)
“Building Resilience: Social
Capital in Post-Disaster
Recovery”



The study sites

What are we looking for?

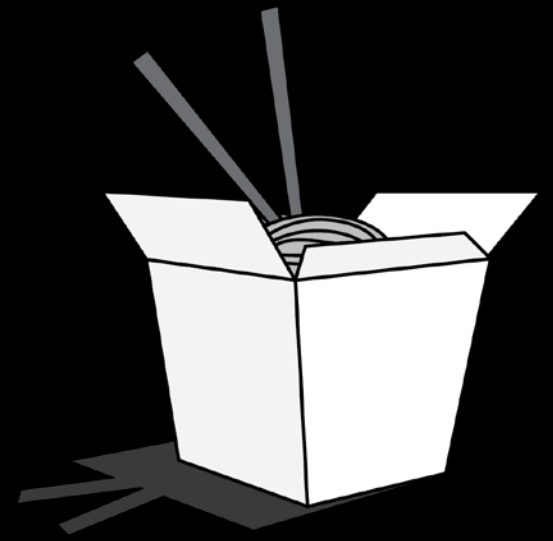
1. What are the preconditions for Landcare to flourish and to be replicated?
2. How does Landcare contribute to community development, in comparison to other extension approaches?

Defining the Landcare approach

- **Ethic** – a philosophy, influencing the way people live and work in the landscape while caring for the land (soil, water and biota).
- **Movement** – local community action founded on stewardship and volunteerism, putting the philosophy into practice.
- **Model** – a range of knowledge generation, sharing and support mechanisms influencing broad-scale community participation in sustainable resource management

Love, C. (2010) Evolution of Landcare in Australia: In the context of Australian Government natural resource management policy and programs

Takeaway findings?



1. Preconditions

- the need, the want and the will

2. Contribution to agricultural outcomes

- Highly comparable with other programs
- Equality in the partnership
- People centred – asset based community development approach

Questions?

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