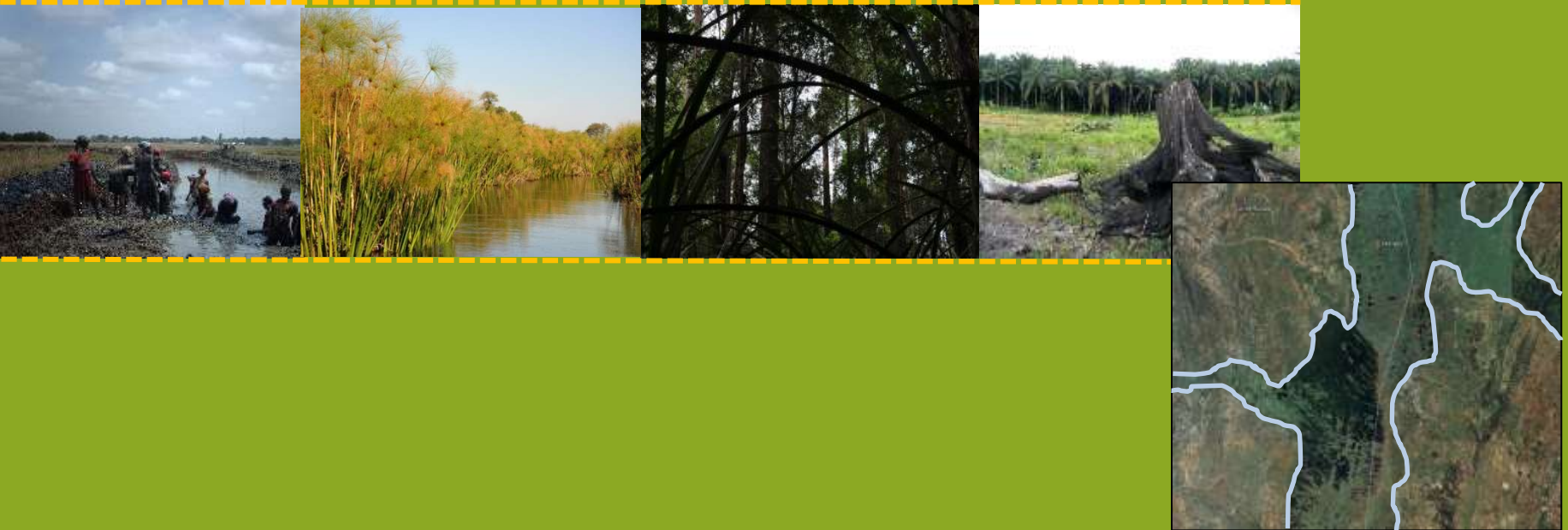


Distribution and degradation status of tropical peatland types



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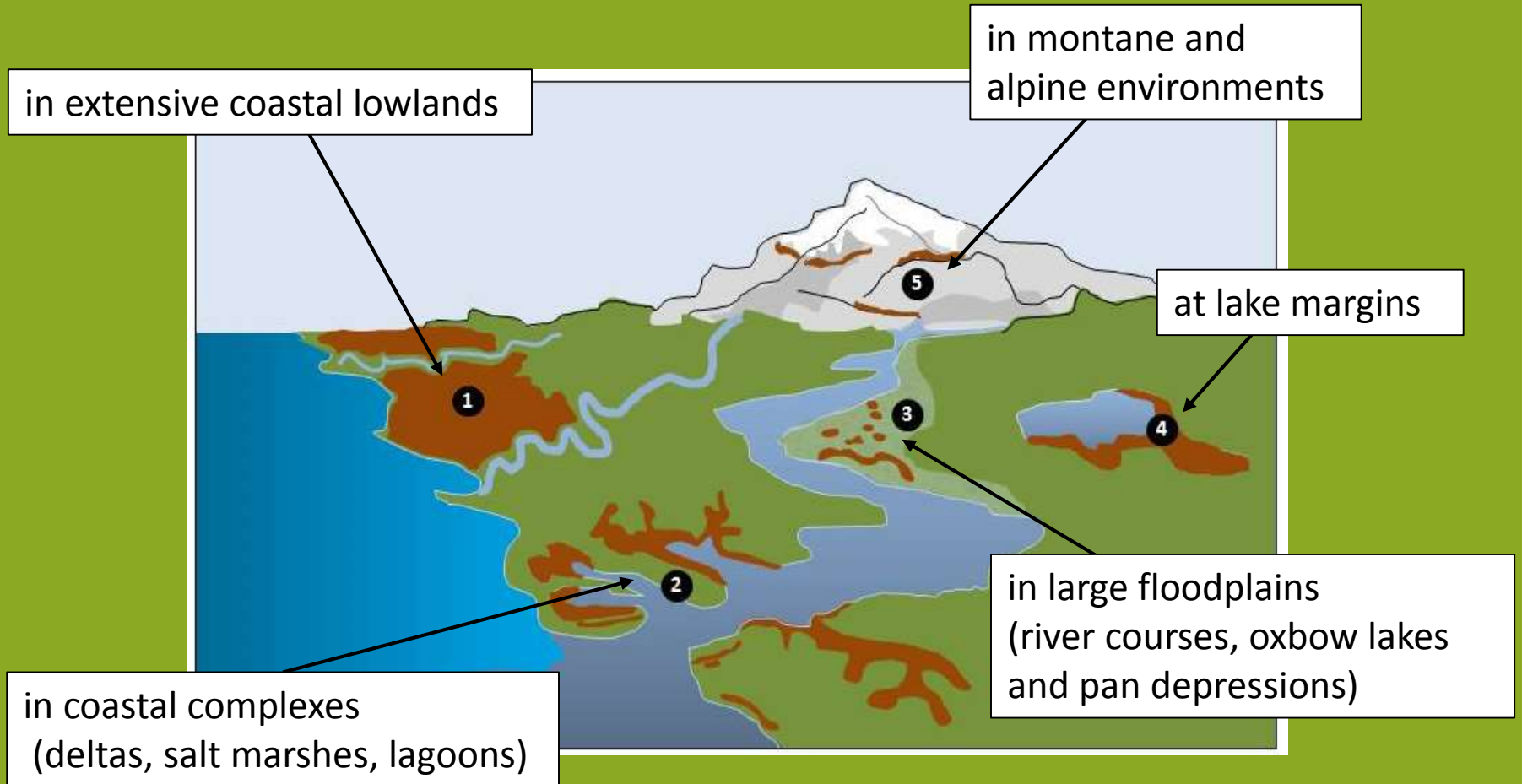
Staring (1856): “In the tropics peat formation is impossible, because the plants decompose too rapidly”

Früh & Schröter (1904): entire book chapter “On the absence of typical peatlands in subtropical and tropical climates”



...and now, we recognize the wide spread occurrence and diversity of tropical peatlands (and their use).

Where can we expect tropical peatlands?



Tropical peatlands



**Comprehensive and high resolution geospatial data
on peatlands is urgently needed...,**

**... and developing a hotspot map of peat
distribution might be a feasible first step!**