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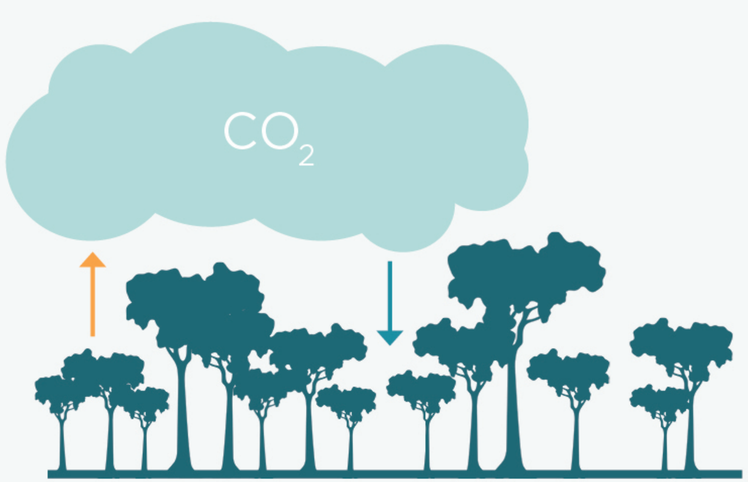
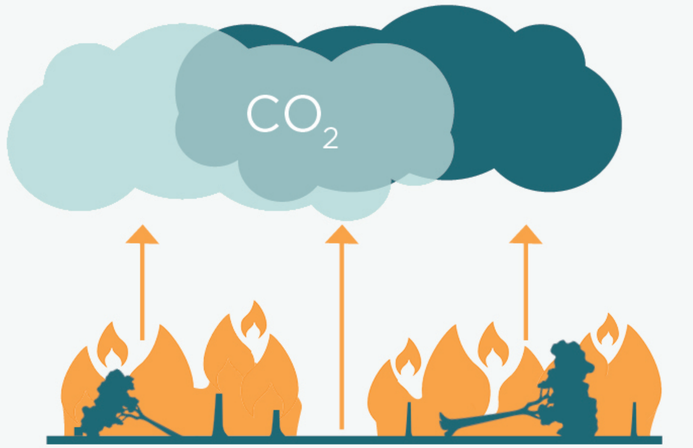
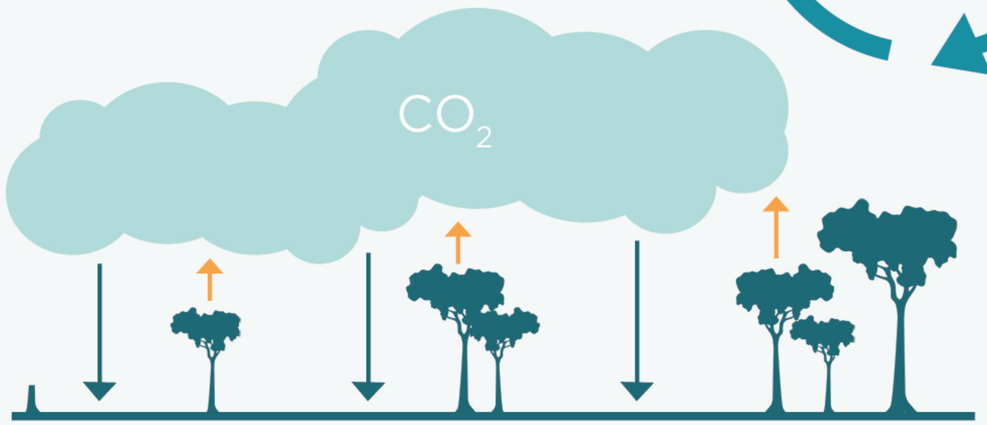


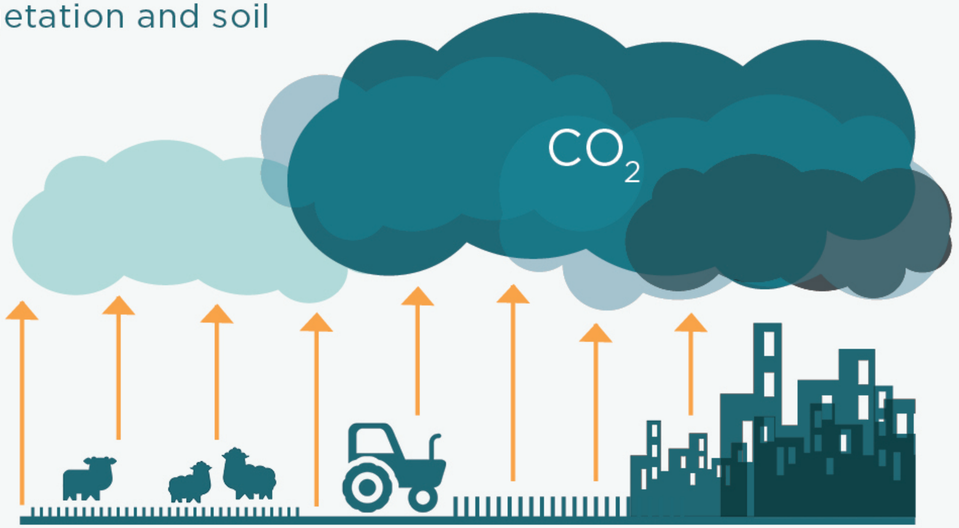
INTACT FOREST ECOSYSTEMS
capture carbon in vegetation and soil



CLEARING AND BURNING FORESTS
releases carbon that had been stored in vegetation and soil



REGROWING FORESTS
capture and accumulate carbon slowly over decades



CONVERSION
to pasture, agriculture, and urban areas produces ongoing emissions

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