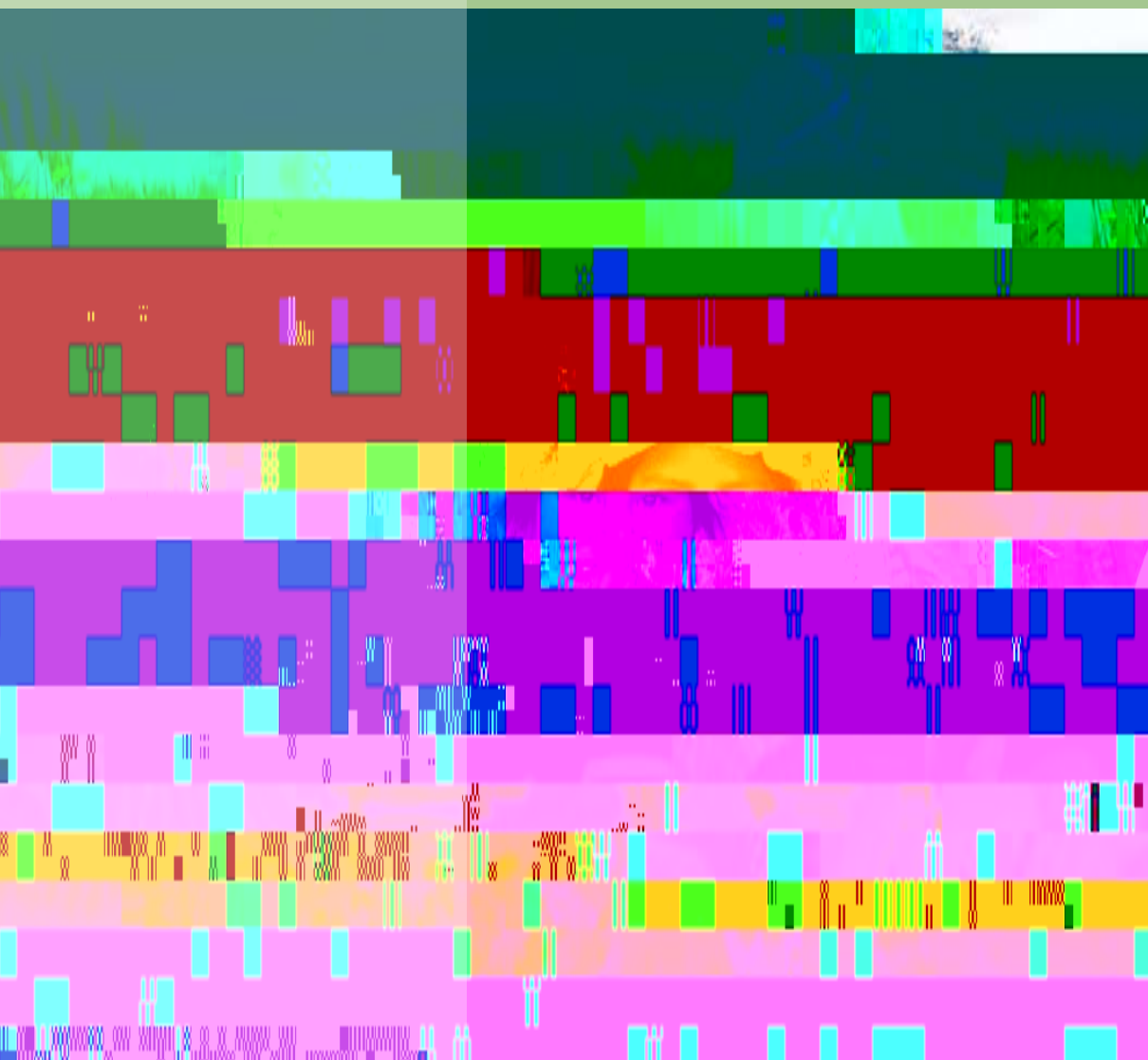

Poverty, malnutrition and environmental degradation are pervasive problems, especially in the developing world, where many poor people live in rural areas and ain e

Focus Area 1

Demonstrating

Managing agricultural biodiversity for

We see: Accumulated evidence for the many benefits of agricultural biodiversity informs policies and practical activities that together improve the productivity, resilience and resistance of farming systems, thereby improving the lives of poor farmers, especially in marginal areas.



Agricultural biodiversity is always associated with a body of local knowledge about how to use and manage it. The two aspects of this asset—the diversity itself and the accompanying ability to make use of it—are being lost or used sub-optimally because they are not properly understood, valued or managed. Poor people themselves may not make best use of agricultural biodiversity, perhaps because knowledge about ab288b

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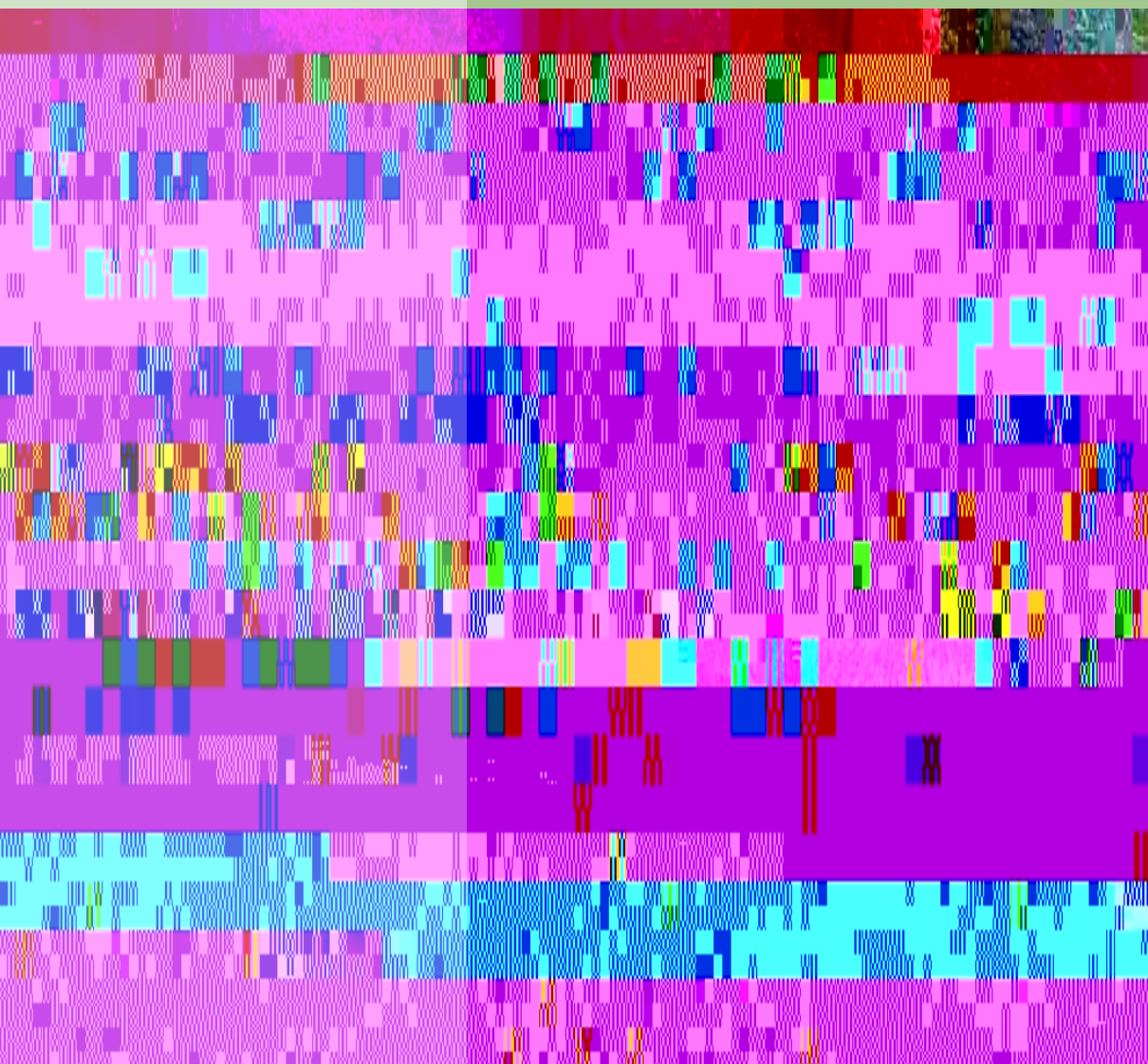
There is a continuous spectrum between the utterly wild and the thoroughly domesticated, and while domesticated crops receive the lion's share of attention, people also make use of thousands of wild species for subsistence and for income. Chief among those that people use directly are forest species that supply timber and non-timber products. The wild relatives

Focus Area 6

Monitoring

Status, trends and valuation of agricultural biodiversity

We see: Bioversity makes available information on the status and trends of within-species diversity of economically important plants and promotes strategies and actions that will sustain this diversity and, better yet, reduce its loss.



Agricultural biodiversity continues to be lost around the world, and yet the extent of the changes and their causes are not fully understood. A key problem is that while the conventional benefits of biodiversity have been measured and recognized, especially in terms of the value of ecosystems.

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