

Managing Land and the Prevention of Violent Conflict

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Outline

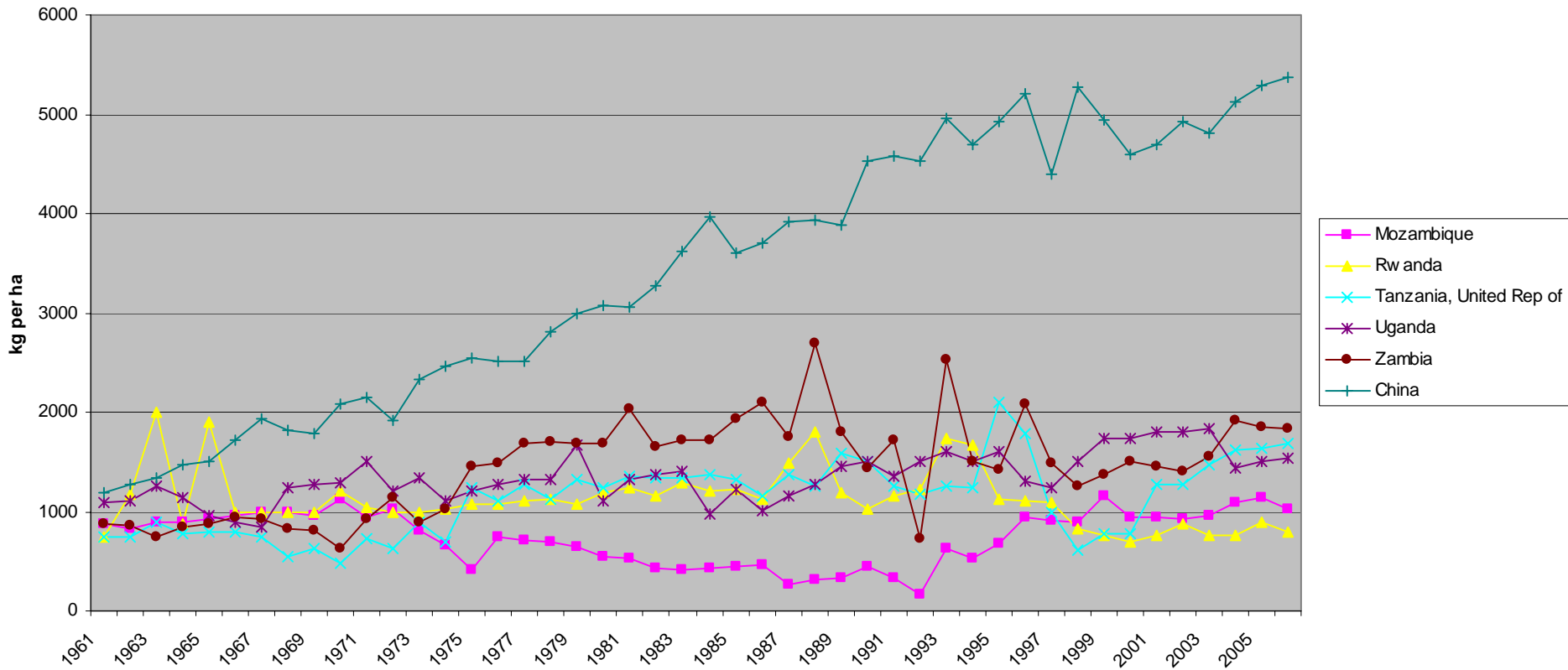
- Conflict often constitutive of the state and transformation of people's relation to the land central to development
- Bringing Agriculture and Production "Back In"
- When does land play a part in violent conflict?

Table 1: Changing Structure of Employment (percent)

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Colombia						
Agricultural population*	52.7	45.7	41.1	27.1	20.8	15.8
Non-agricultural population	47.3	54.3	58.9	72.9	79.2	84.2
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active**	52.1	45.1	40.5	26.6	20.4	15.5
Philippines						
Agricultural population	63.5	57.7	52.2	45.6	39.4	33.5
Non-agricultural population	36.5	42.3	47.8	54.4	60.6	66.5
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	63.6	57.9	52.4	45.8	39.5	33.6
Tanzania						
Agricultural population	91.6	88.7	84.0	82.5	78.2	73.0
Non-agricultural population	8.4	11.3	16.0	17.5	21.8	27.0
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	92.6	90.1	85.8	84.4	80.4	75.7
Zambia						
Agricultural population	84.6	79.0	75.9	74.4	69.2	63.2
Non-agricultural population	15.4	21.0	24.1	25.6	30.8	36.8
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	84.6	79.0	75.9	74.4	69.2	63.2
DRC						
Agricultural population	79.3	75.5	71.6	67.8	63.2	58.3
Non-agricultural population	20.7	24.5	28.4	32.2	36.8	41.7
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	79.3	75.4	71.6	67.8	63.2	58.3
Afghanistan						
Agricultural population	80.0	76.1	72.5	70.3	67.0	63.6
Non-agricultural population	20.0	23.9	27.5	29.7	33.0	36.4
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	80.0	76.1	72.5	70.3	67.0	63.6
Rwanda						
Agricultural population	94.7	93.6	92.8	91.8	90.6	88.9
Non-agricultural population	5.3	6.4	7.2	8.2	9.4	11.1
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	94.7	93.6	92.7	91.8	90.6	89.0
Uganda						
Agricultural population	92.2	89.3	86.3	83.6	79.0	73.4
Non-agricultural population	7.8	10.7	13.7	16.4	21.0	26.6
Agriculture as % of Total Economically active	92.7	89.9	87.1	84.5	80.1	74.7

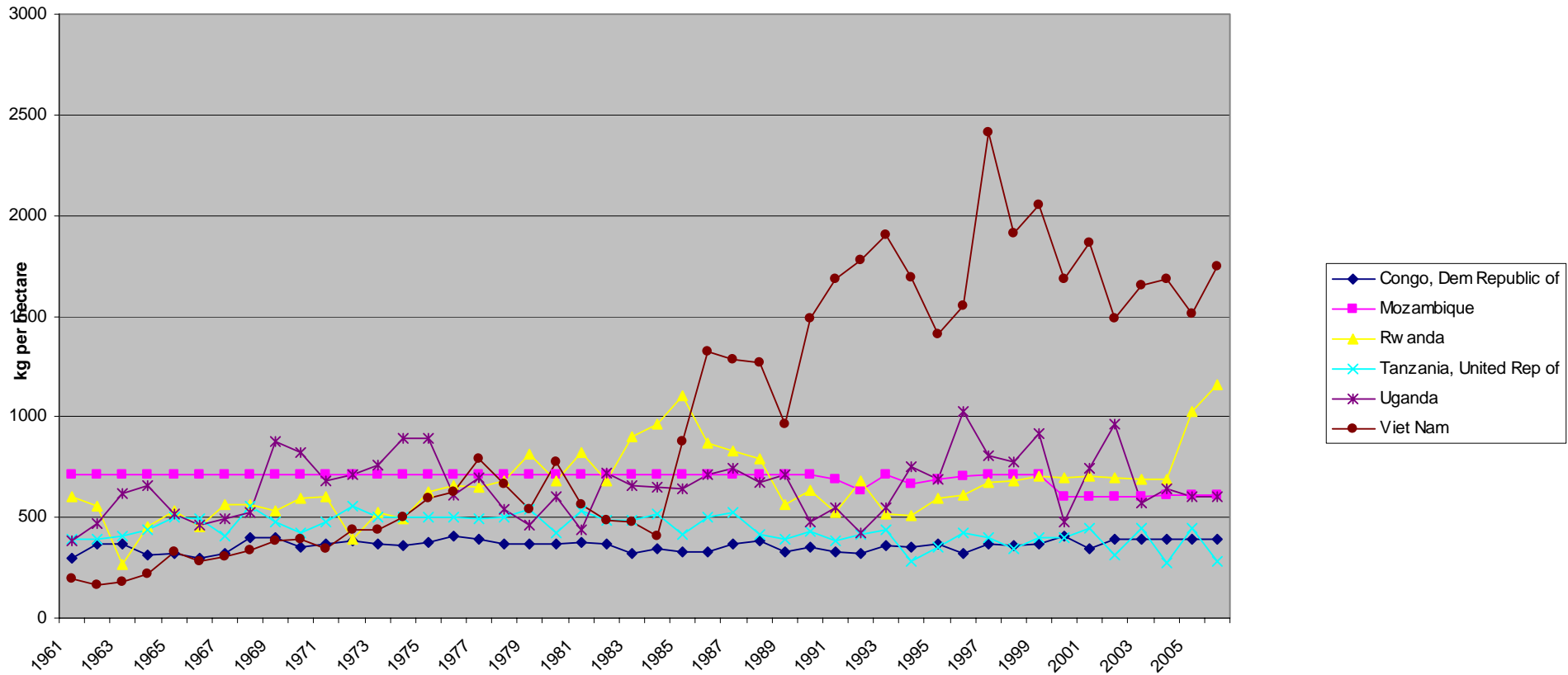
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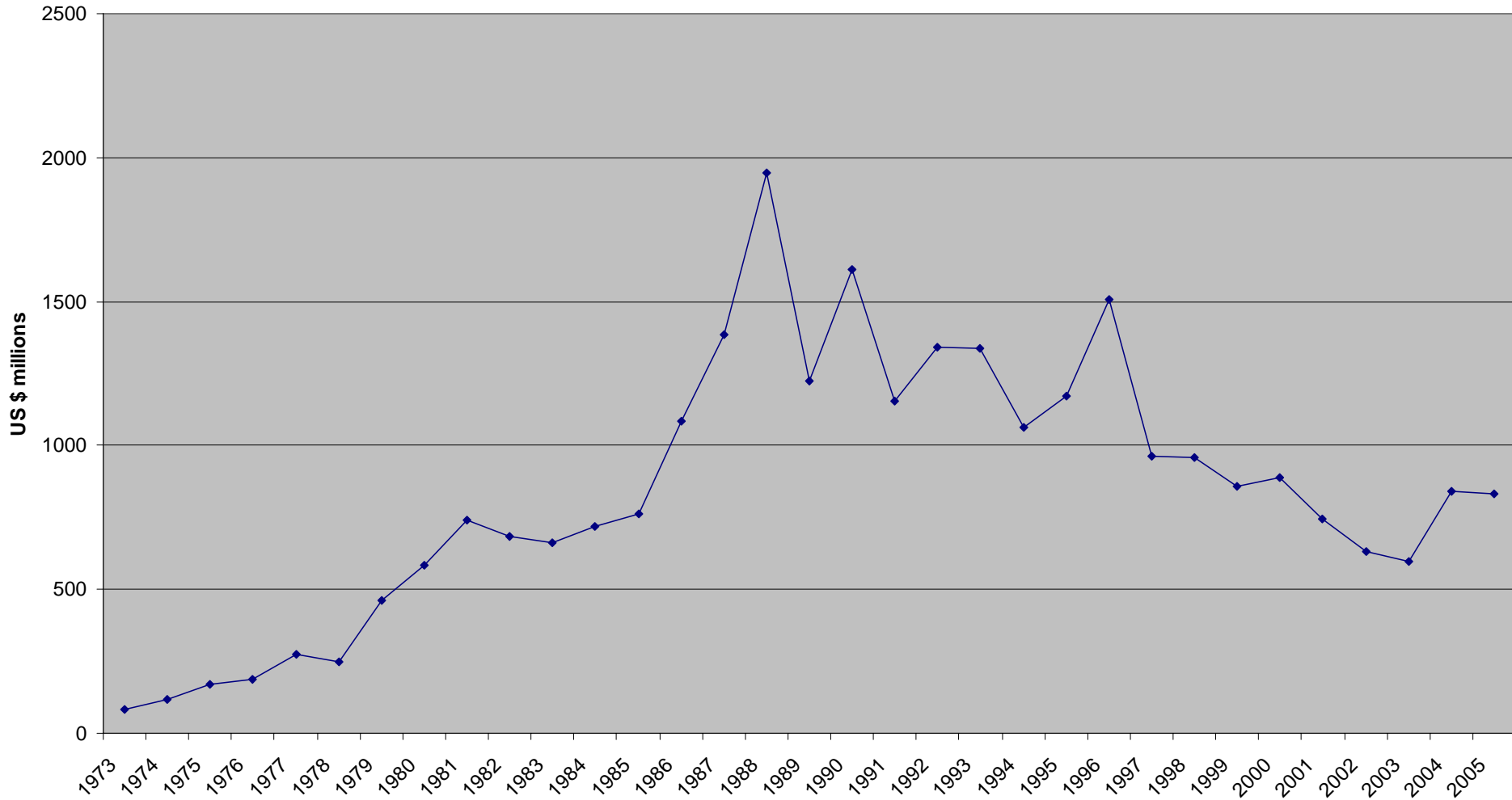
Low productivity of commercial crop land

Coffee Productivity 1961-2006



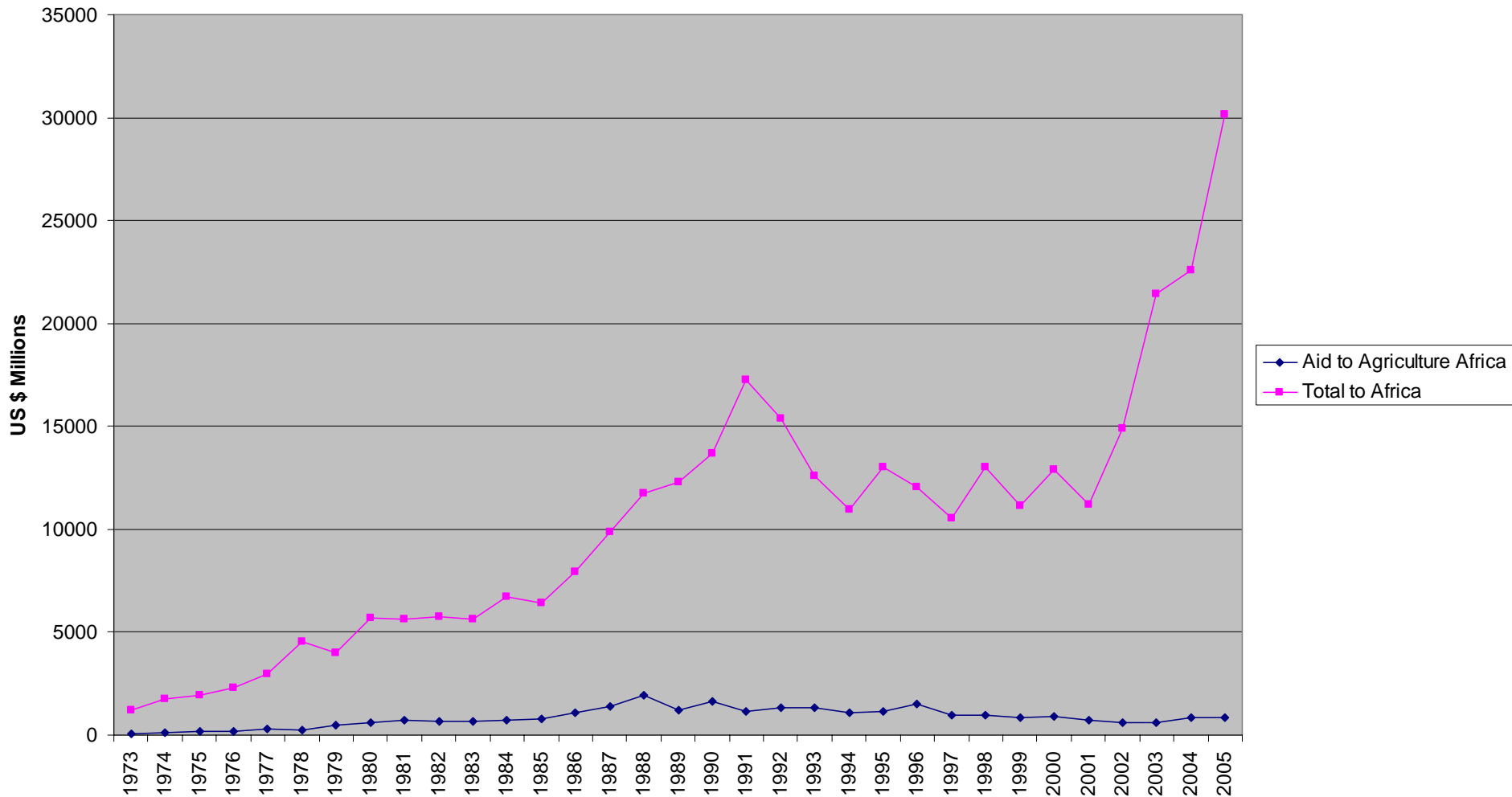
Bilateral Aid to African Agriculture

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Overall Bilateral Aid to Africa

Bilateral Aid to Africa 1973-2005



When does land play a part in violent conflict

- Low productivity, high population density and access to land through ethnicity
 - Rwanda: horizontal inequalities and agrarian class politics
 - Congo/Zaire: struggles over land and citizenship; external shocks (IDPs and refugees)
- When land beyond the reach of the state becomes the source of violent conflict

When does land play a part in violent conflict

- When land beyond the reach of the state becomes the source of violent conflict
 - Colombia and the Philippines
 - * organised political force enters the territory
 - * land becomes a source of resource generation
 - * conflicts over the border

Conclusion

- Majority of people living in “fragile states” making their living from low productivity agriculture
- What happens in agriculture and in relation to access to land forms the setting in which conflicts brew
- Low productivity, high population density and exclusionary institutions mean any big shock can spark violent conflict