

# Central American Deforestation



# Rainforest Facts

- In Central America the Rainforest stretches from Mexico to Panama
  - Central American Islands are primarily Rainforest as well
- The Rainforest is home to thousands of species of plants, animals, and insects



# Tropical Rainforests Worldwide



# Threats to Rainforests

- Deforestation has led to the rapid decline of the Rain Forest
  - About 60% of Central America was covered in 1950, by 1980 that had fallen to about 40%
- Loss of habitat impacts not only local species, but also migratory animals

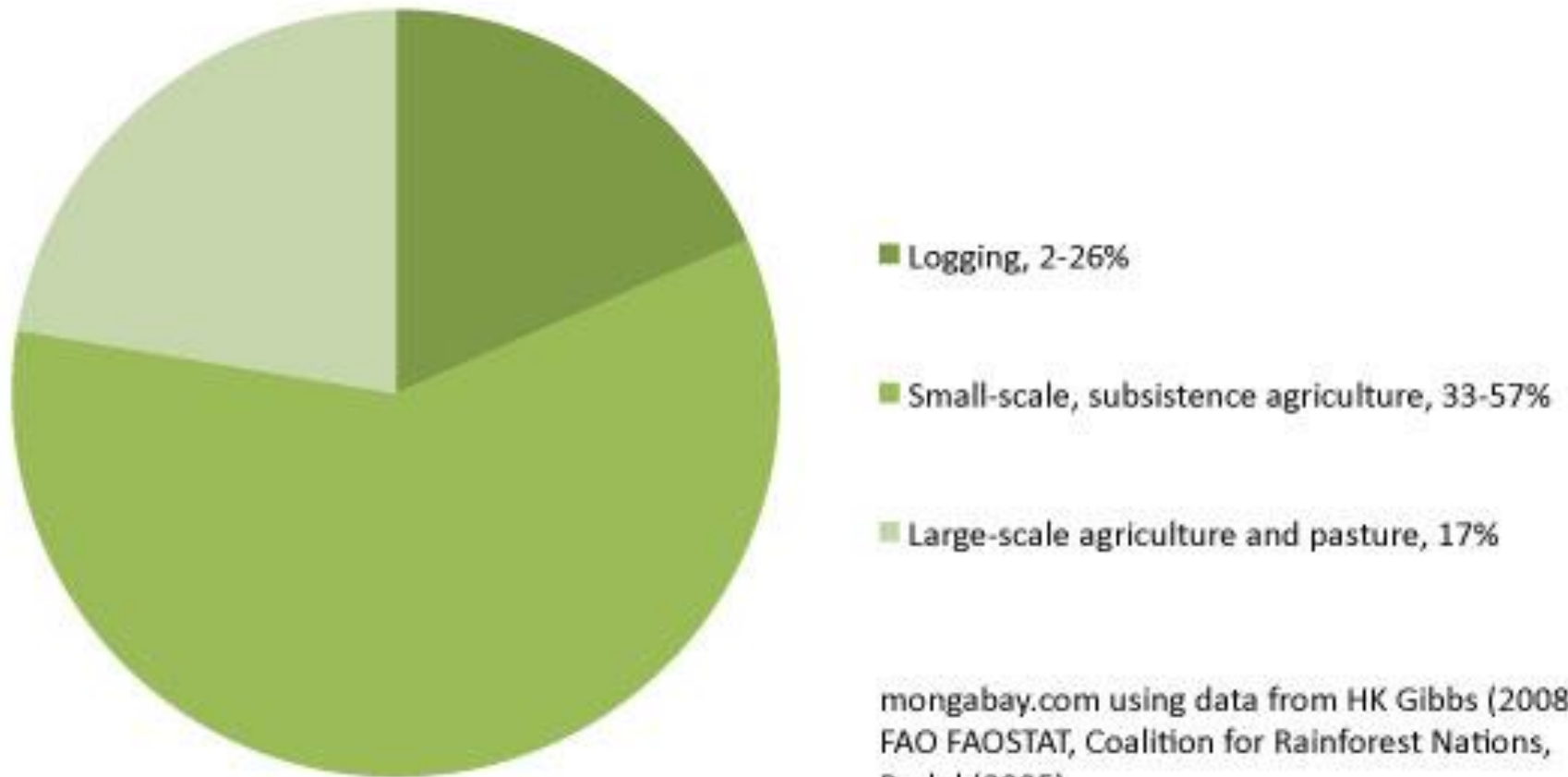


# Mapping Deforestation



# Causes of Deforestation

**Drivers of Deforestation in Central America, 1990-2000**



mongabay.com using data from HK Gibbs (2008),  
FAO FAOSTAT, Coalition for Rainforest Nations,  
Rudel (2005)



# Deforestation in Central America

