

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense green forest. In the foreground, a rocky escarpment with orange-brown soil and exposed rock faces runs across the frame. The forest extends to the horizon under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Forest Carbon

Lessons from

CORE Benefits



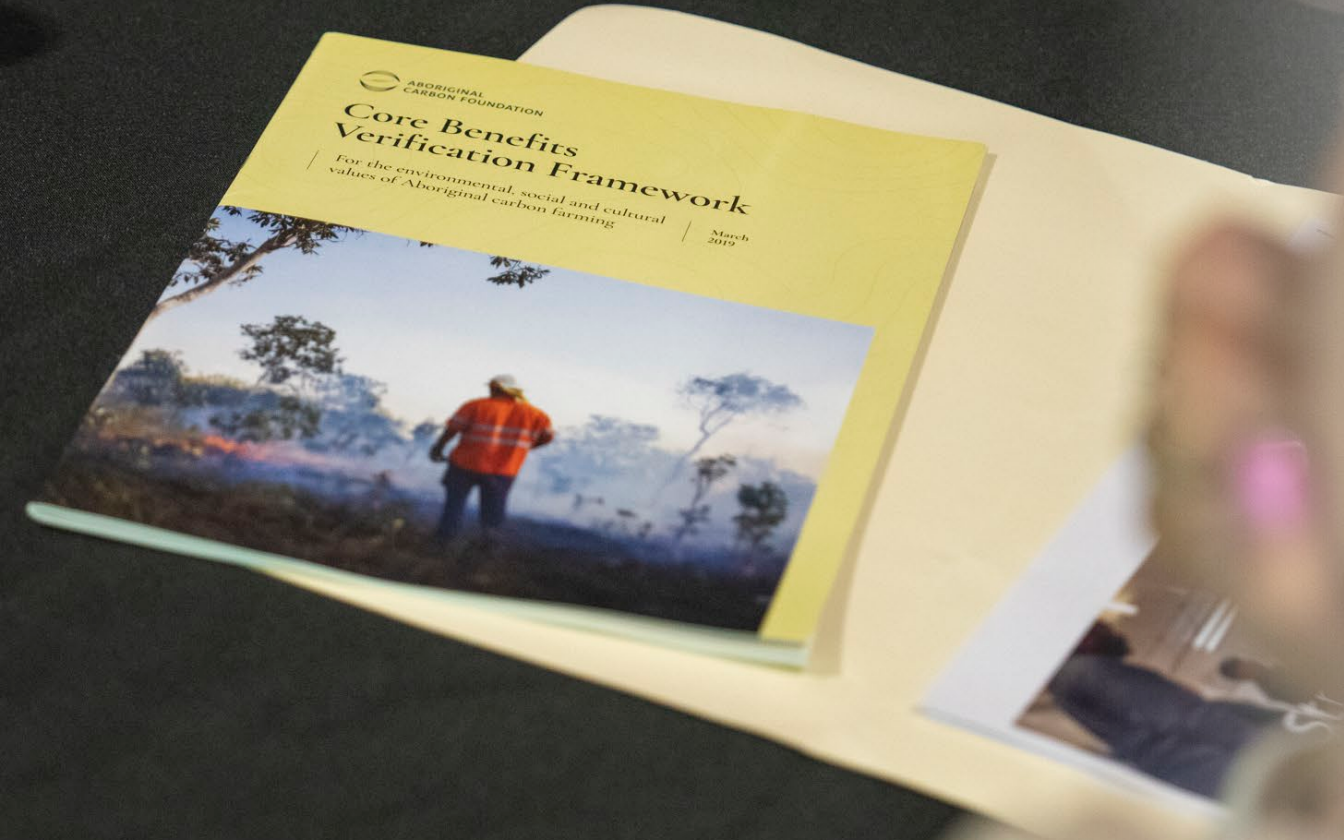
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What are core-benefits?

- Co benefits – commodity centered
- Core-benefits – people centered
- Social
- Cultural
- Environmental
- Economic



Why are they important?

- Indigenous to Indigenous verification
- Third party
- Ownership
- Strengths-based approach
- Capacity building
- Value-add to environmental commodities



What does this mean?

- Self-determined community development
- Communities able to prioritise their needs
- Measure and build capacity through a strengths-based lens
- Indigenous economic development is communal

Secondary & Tertiary core-benefits

- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Health
- Complimentary business development
- Generational wealth creation

High integrity

- ACCUs with verified Indigenous core-benefits held by the market to have high integrity
 - Facilitating Traditional Owners to access and work on their Country shows integrity
 - Customer confidence – higher price
 - Satisfy ESG and RAP targets
- Enable AbCF to price set
- More revenue returned to Communities for development



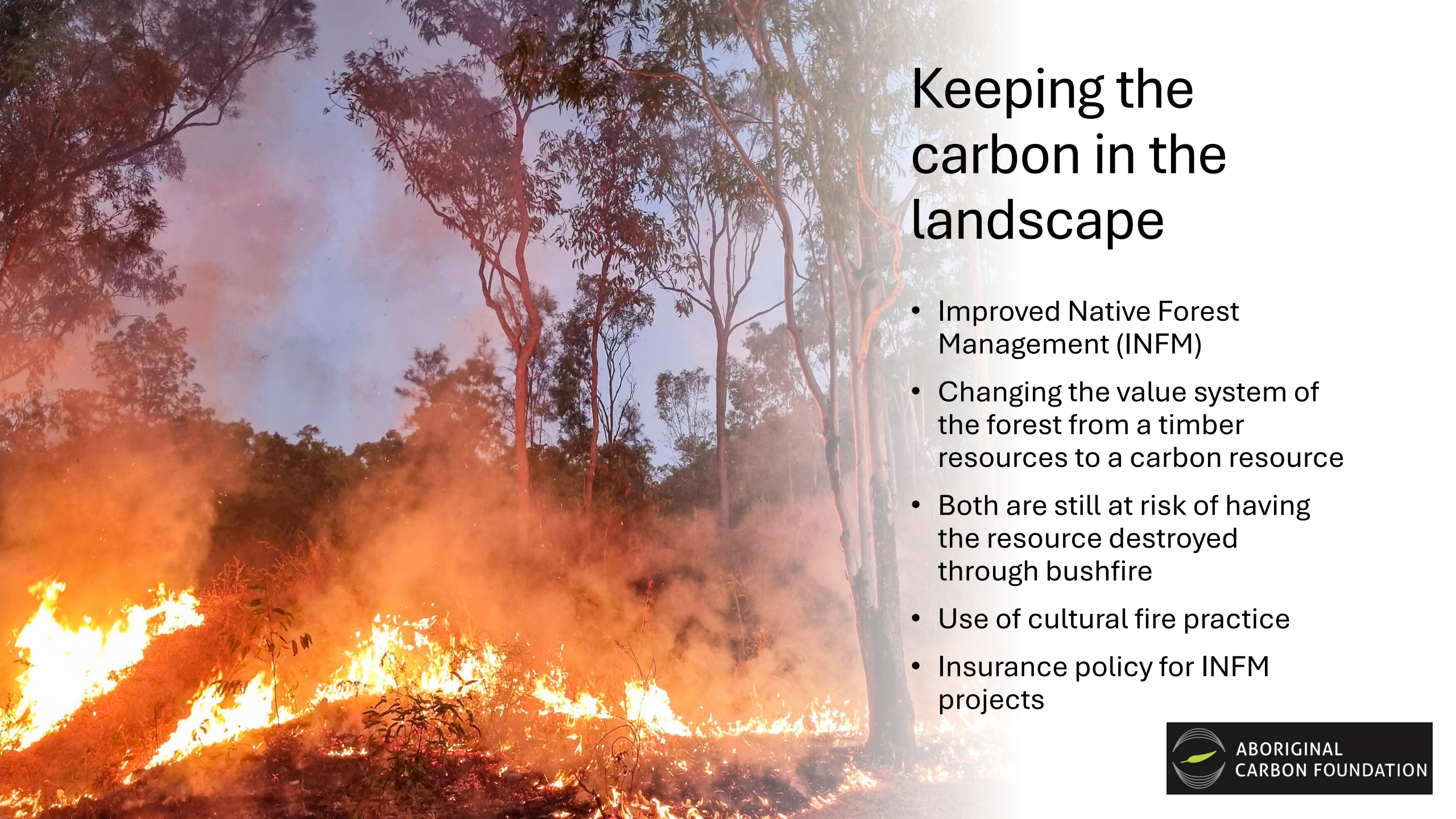
Indigenous Leadership

- Centering the needs of Country
- Understanding our place in nature
- Holistic view of ecosystems and landscapes
- Drawing on the 65,000yrs + of observation and knowledge
- Resource management across jurisdiction/tenures

Innovation

- Augmenting Indigenous Ecological Knowledge (IEK) with technology
- Interpreting data through an IEK lens
- Using IEK to restore landscapes and ecosystems and biodiversity





Keeping the carbon in the landscape

- Improved Native Forest Management (INFM)
- Changing the value system of the forest from a timber resource to a carbon resource
- Both are still at risk of having the resource destroyed through bushfire
- Use of cultural fire practice
- Insurance policy for INFM projects

Rejuvenation of Culture

- Getting Traditional Owners back on Country
- Provide the vehicle for the jigsaw pieces to come back together
- Culture and knowledge is contained in language – needs further reconfiguration
- Social impacts



Restoration of Country

- Frequent bushfires have changed ecosystems
- "Lock the gate" conservation doesn't work
- Indigenous knowledge and land management practice have the depth of data about what Country should look like
- Totem systems provide a holistic lens for restoration of Country

What does this mean for all of us?

- Biodiversity restored, increased and protected
- Bushfire mitigation
- Revitalised culture – access to Indigenous Ecological Knowledge
- Progress towards Closing the Gap targets; UNSDGs
- Cost savings to government
- Flourishing regions