

Why are environmental defenders under attack?

Increasing consumption

Higher demand for natural resources

More land needed



WHAT ARE THE ENABLING FACTORS?



- Land rights aren't acknowledged
- Lack of transparency in decision making
- Impunity
- Remote areas

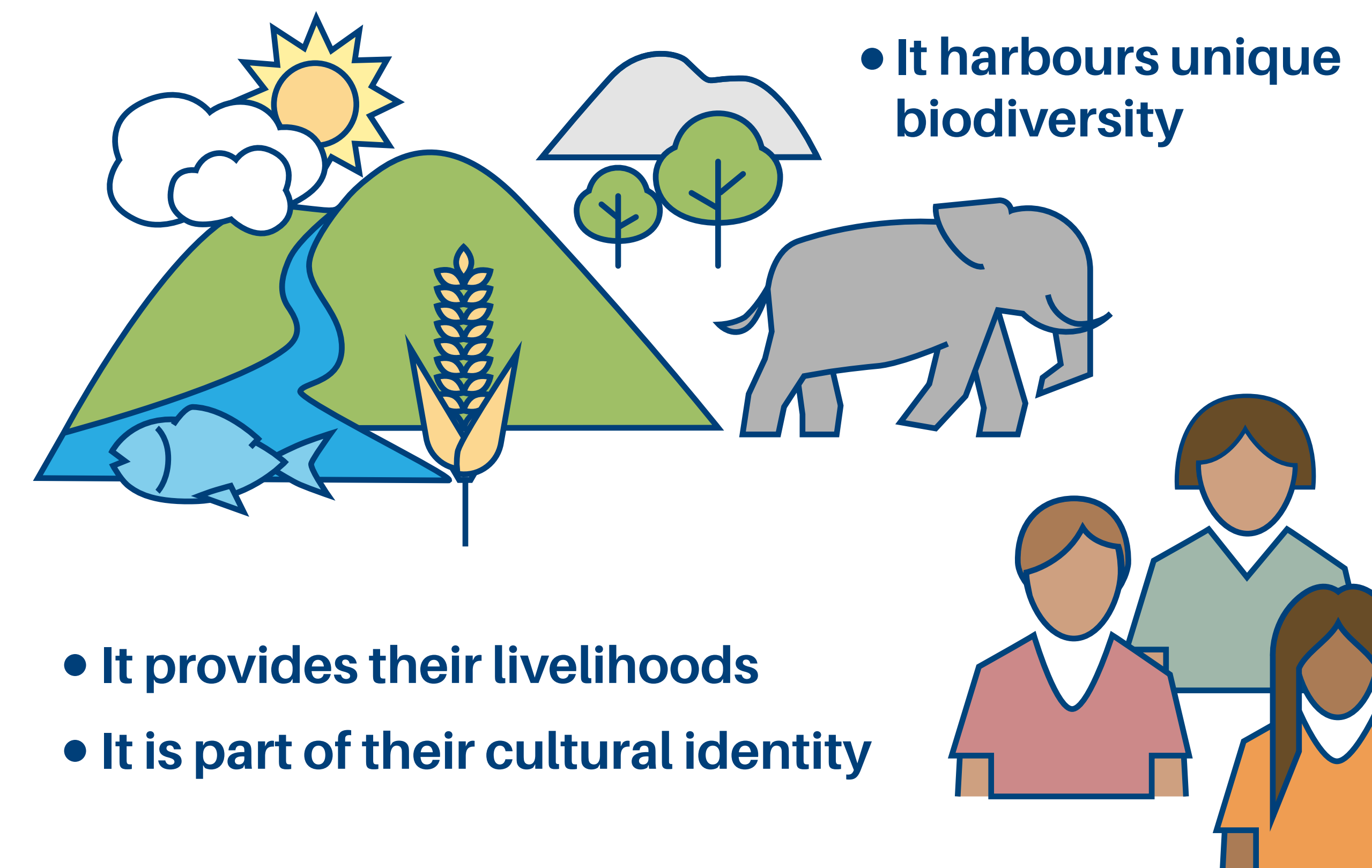
WHAT RISKS DO ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS FACE?



- Violence
- Arbitrary arrests
- Criminalisation
- Intimidations
- Killings

Source: Friends of the Earth International, 2014

WHY DO ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS PROTECT THEIR LAND?



- It harbours unique biodiversity
- It provides their livelihoods
- It is part of their cultural identity