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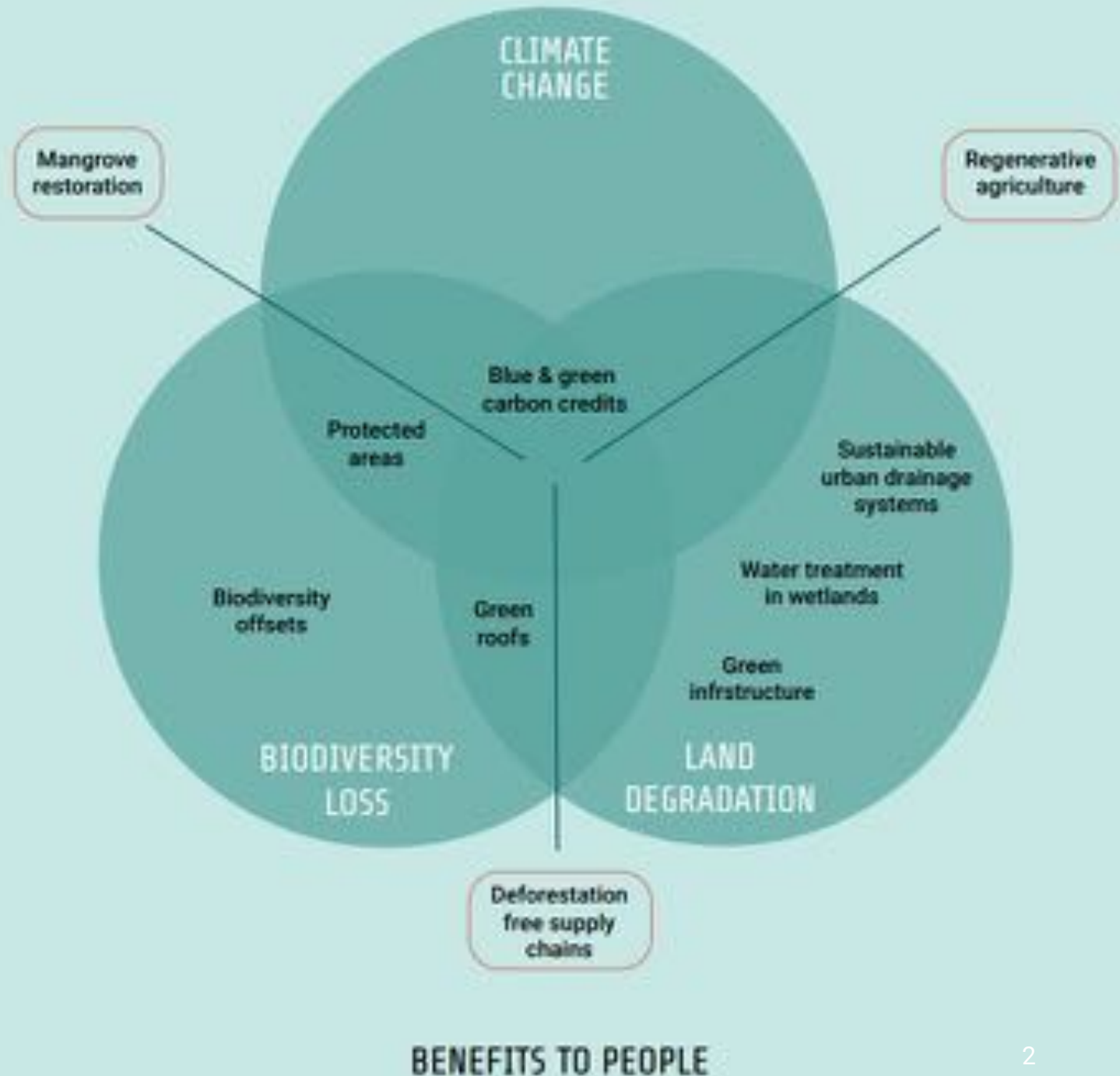
# State of Finance for Nature



The Big Nature Turnaround -  
Repurposing **\$7 trillion** to  
combat nature loss

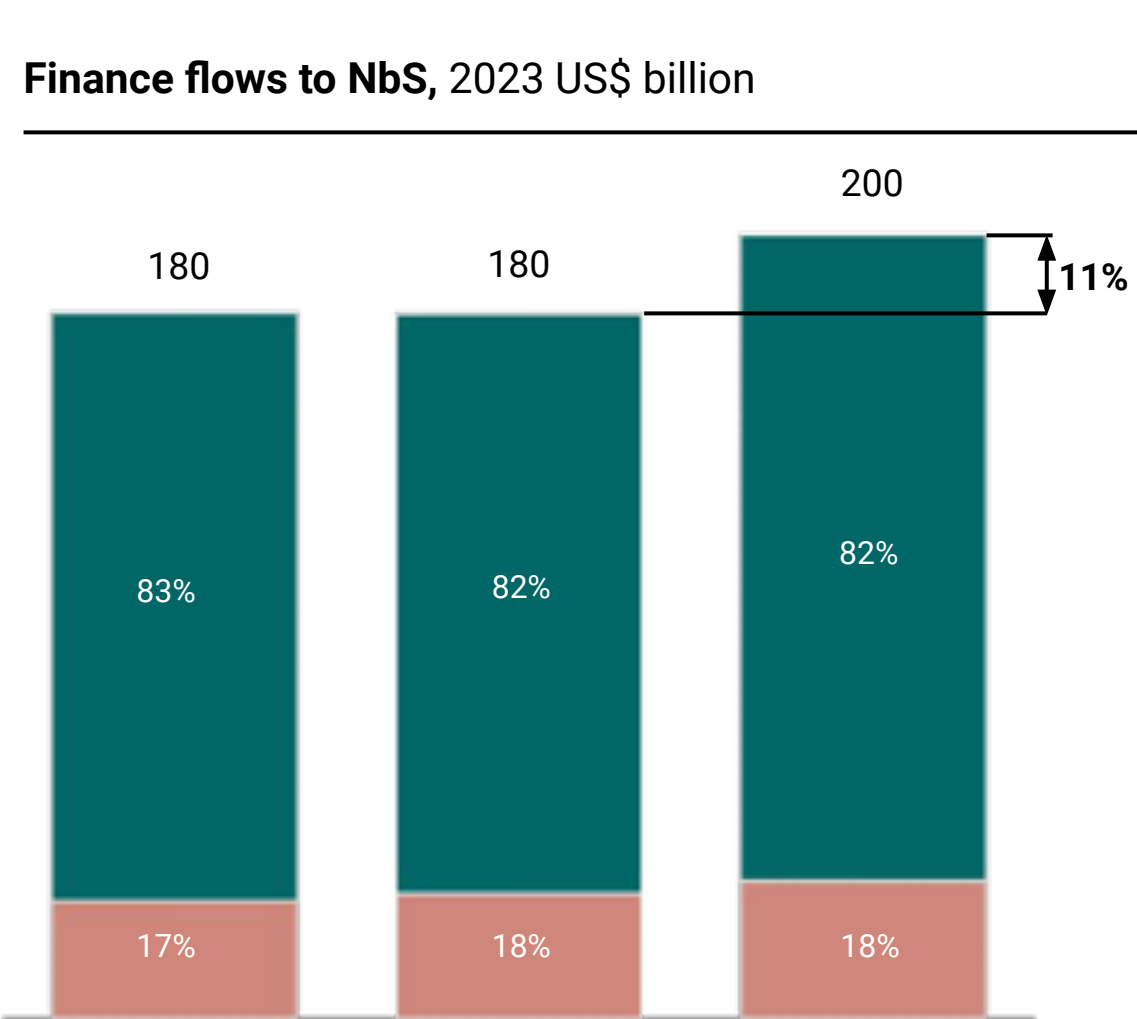
## Nature investment - Tackling climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation

**Nature-based solutions:**  
“actions to *protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems.....*”



# How much finance flows to NbS ?

Finance flows to NbS, 2023 US\$ billion



Public financial flows  
Private financial flows

Public finance for NbS increased by **US\$17 billion (+11%)** through increased investments into sustainable agriculture, forestry and fishing

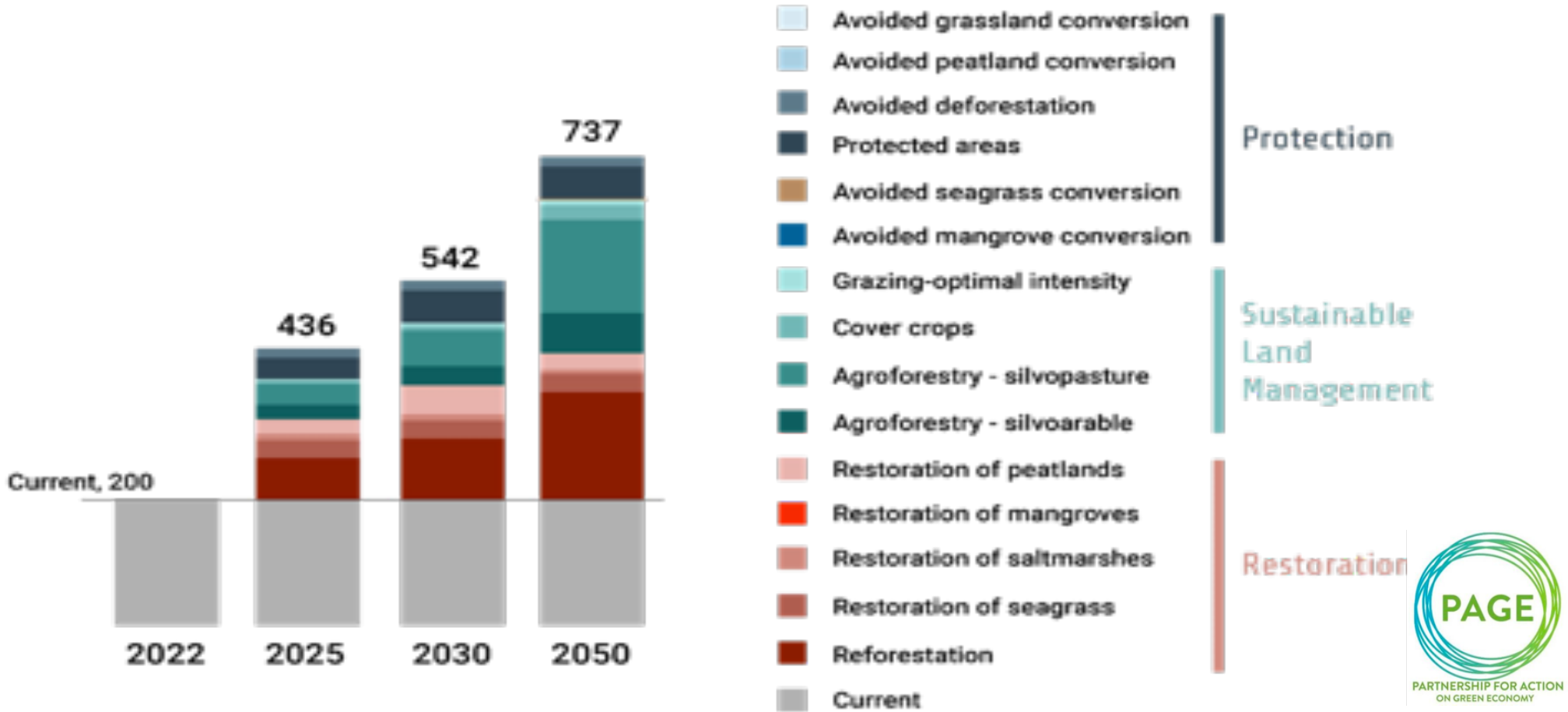
Private financial flows increased by **US\$3 billion (+10%)** driven by growth in biodiversity offsets markets, sustainable supply chains and impact investment

Note: SFN 2023 (2022) reflects best available numbers as of publication of the 2023 report. SFN 2021 and 2022 numbers include all coverage extensions included in this iteration.



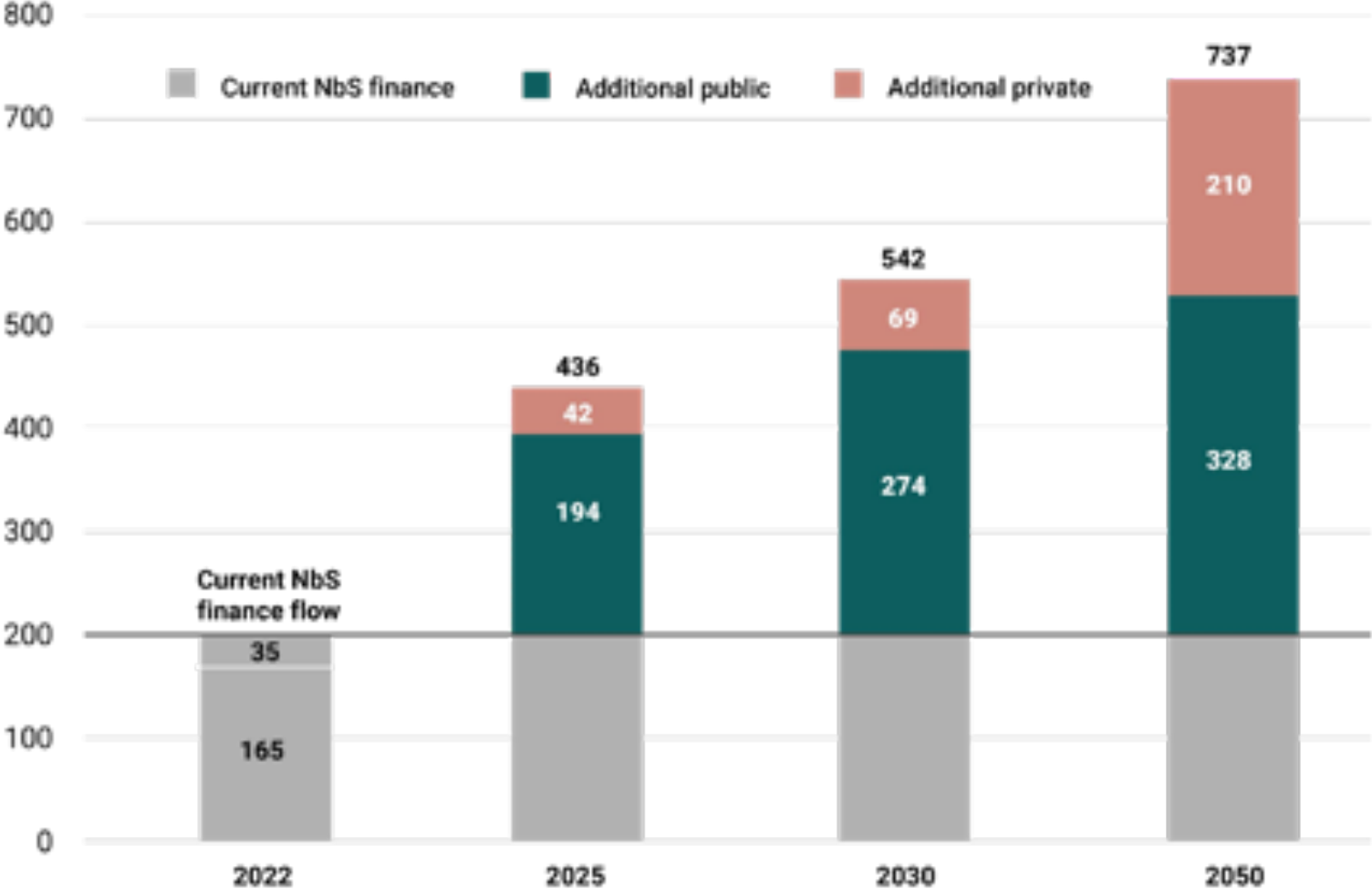
# How much NbS investment is needed to achieve Rio-aligned scenario?

Additional annual finance need, Rio-aligned, 2023 US\$ billions



# Who will finance the required investment in nature-based solutions?

Additional NbS finance needed from public and private sources, Rio-aligned, \$ billion (2023 US\$)



# Unintended Consequences: How Financial Support is Damaging Nature

**US\$2 tn**

Public nature negative  
finance flows



**US\$7 tn**

**public + private** nature  
negative finance flows in  
2022

**US\$5 tn**

Private nature negative  
finance flows

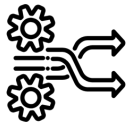
This misalignment needs to be tackled and represents an enormous opportunity for both private and public investment



# Recommendations for action



# Greening Finance: Transforming Business Practices and Government Policies to Eliminate Nature-Negative Impacts



Transforming business as usual with assessment and disclosure frameworks



Realign and repurpose harmful subsidies to become climate, degradation and nature positive (socially just)



Provide an enabling policy environment for private action to tackle nature-negative finance flows



# Financing green: scaling public funding and private investment into nature-based solutions



Investing in sustainable supply chains, prioritizing conservation and regenerative practices in agriculture, forestry and fisheries



Increase ODA and NbS share of ODA and increase domestic expenditure on NbS, particularly on NbS providing public goods



Incentives and regulation to scale private investment in NbS



# Thank you

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