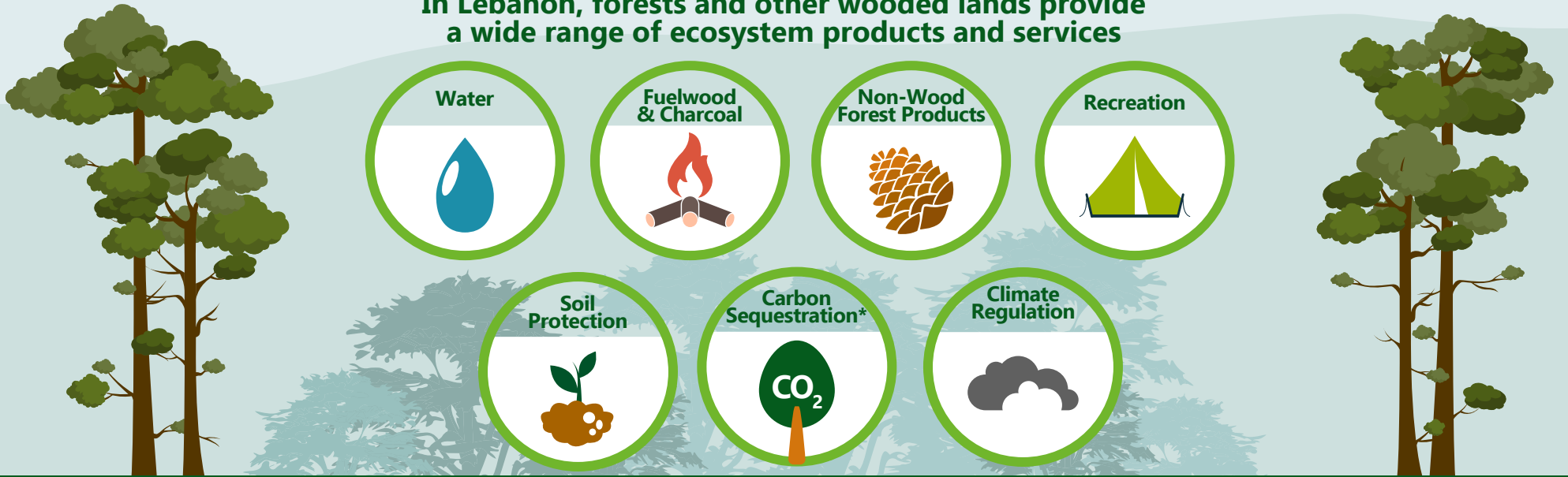


A Closer Look at Forests in Lebanon

Around **13%** of the total surface area of Lebanon is occupied by **forests**

Around **12%** of the total surface area of Lebanon is occupied by **other wooded lands**

In Lebanon, forests and other wooded lands provide a wide range of ecosystem products and services



Urban and peri-urban forests

Reduce air pollutants and urban heat island effect

Help save energy and water



Reduce the intensity of floods

Improve the landscape

FAO studies have shown that

Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs)

directly generate between **USD 70 million** to **USD 80 million** of sales per year

generate income for **10 000 to 15 000** rural households between 42 000 and 63 000 people

Lebanon produces around



In 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) initiated with the support of FAO Lebanon the process of developing the National Afforestation/Reforestation Program (NARP), also known as the "40 Million Trees Program".

The program aims at planting **40 million** forest trees in public lands within the next **20 years**

FAO is contributing to this Program by planting more than **500 000 seedlings** on an area up to **1000 ha** and managing around **1000 ha** of existing forests, with local NGOs and partners

Current challenges of the forestry sector in Lebanon

