



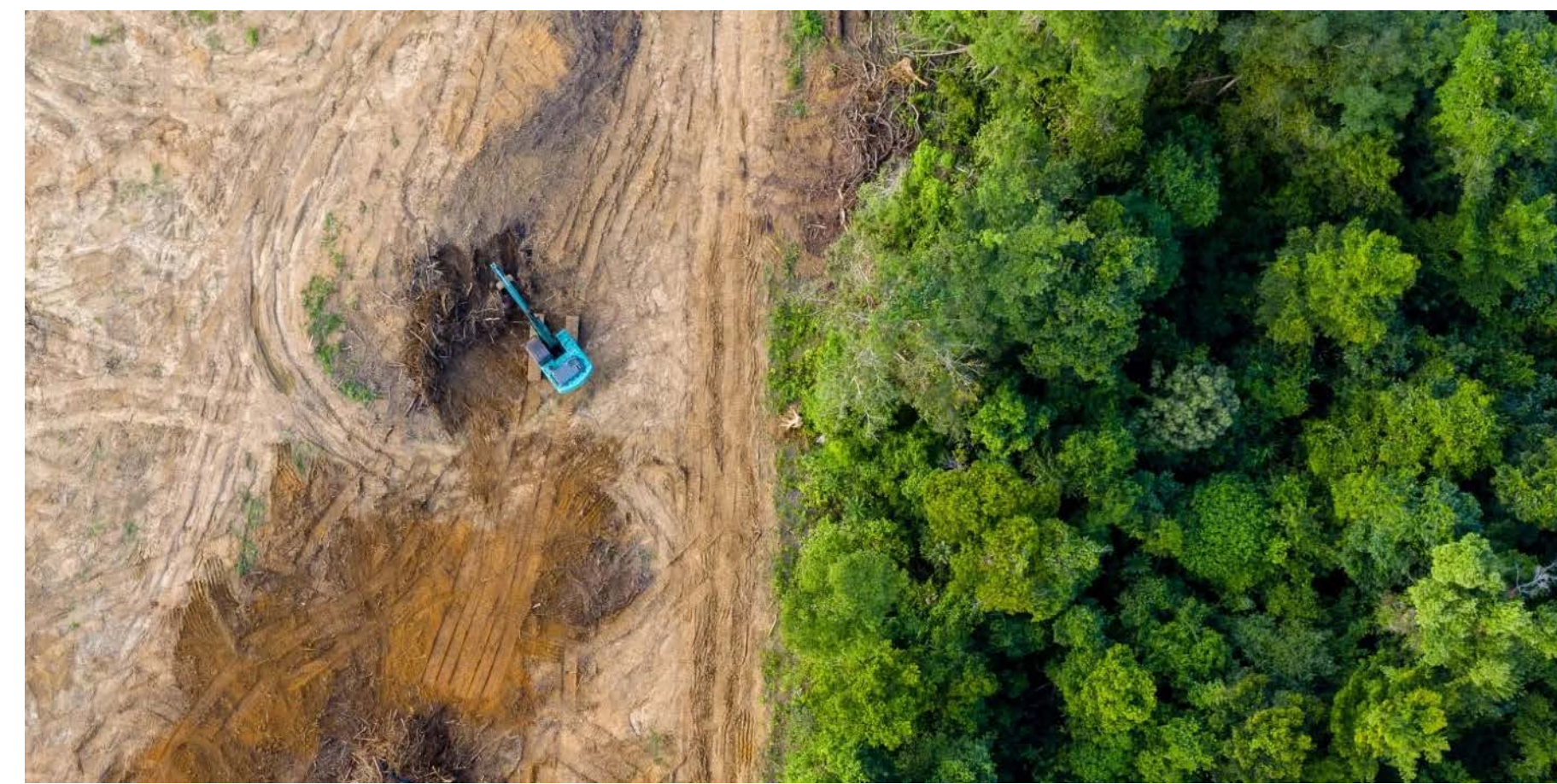
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227 million hectares are reported to have been acquired since 2001, an area of land the size of North-Western Europe.

Source: Land Matrix Partnership



Global Land Rush



'Land grab' on hurricane-hit Barbuda could leave the island almost entirely owned by banks



Private property dominant, but not universal

Up to

2.5 billion

people, including 370 million Indigenous People, depend on land and natural resources that are held, used or managed collectively.

They protect more than

50%

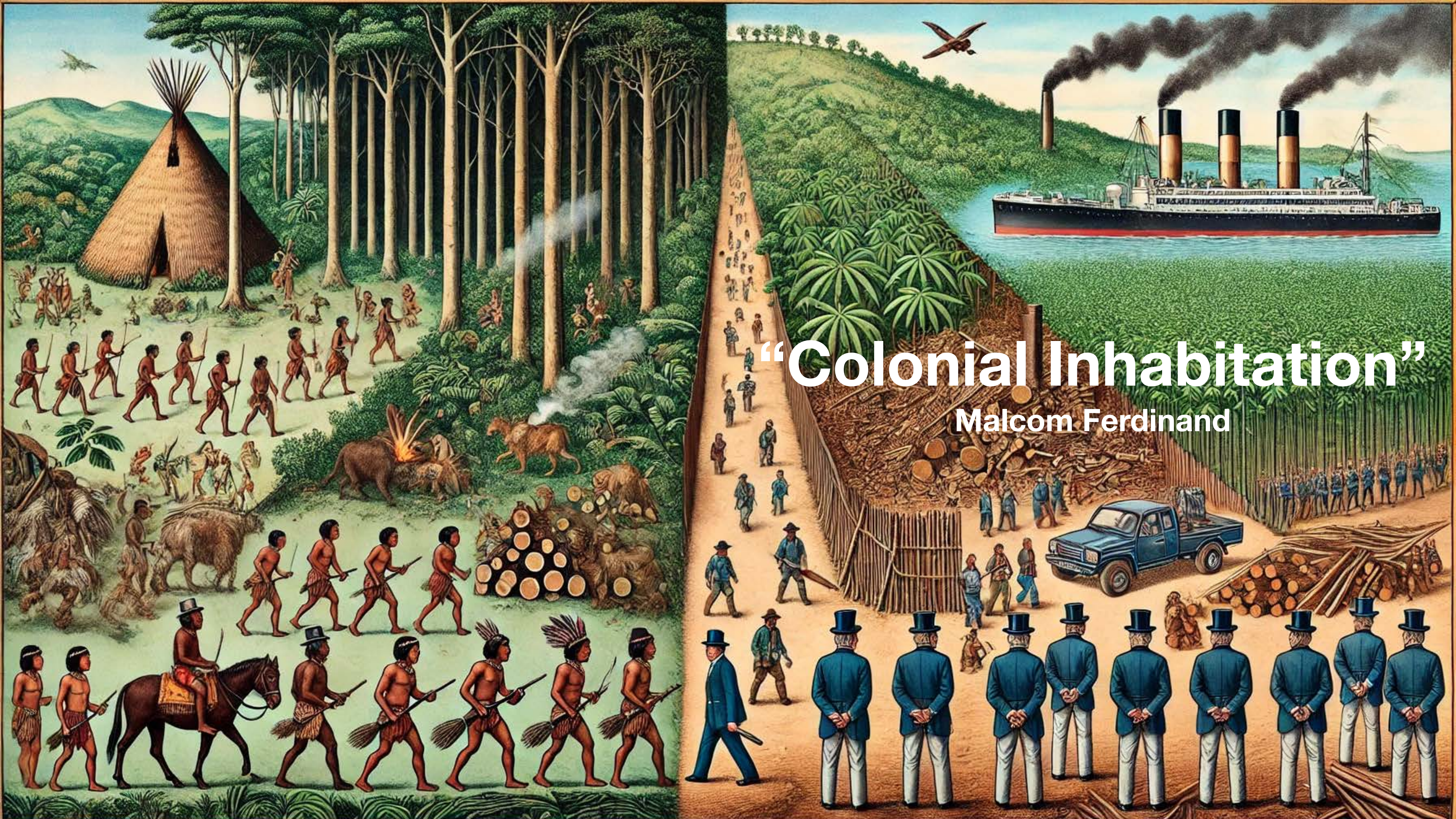
of world's land surface, but have formally recognized ownership over just 10%*

**Who Owns the World's Land? RRI, 2015*

This leaves

1/3

of the world's population vulnerable to dispossession by more powerful actors.



“Colonial Inhabitation”

Malcom Ferdinand



**¡La tierra
no se vende,
se ama
y se defiende!**

“Insurgent” Participatory Action Research (PAR)

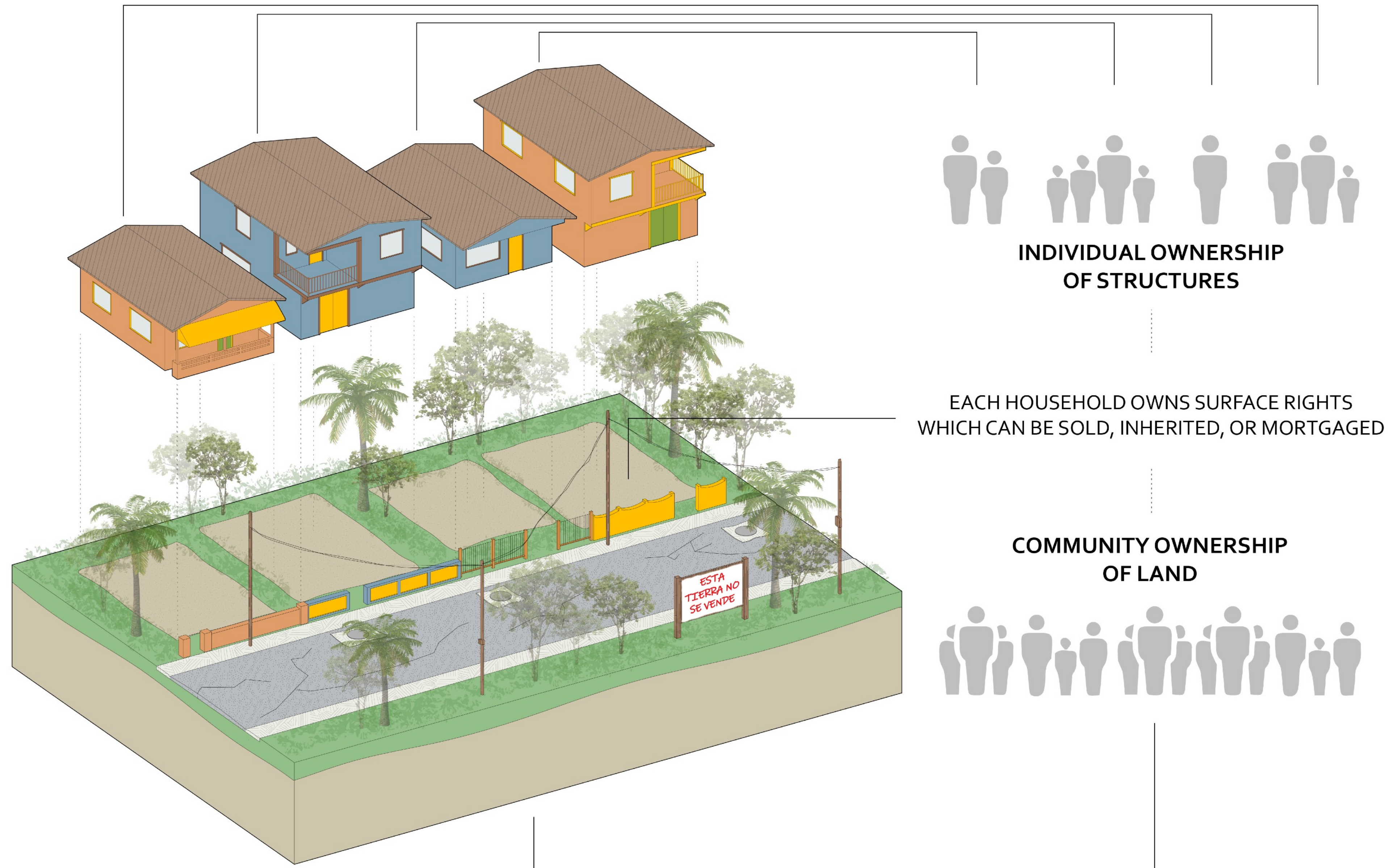
Gaudry, 2011





CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, PUERTO RICO





An aerial photograph showing a vast, densely packed informal housing area in Puerto Rico. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous small, multi-story buildings, many with corrugated metal roofs, built closely together. Some buildings show signs of wear and makeshift construction. A few trees are scattered throughout the area. In the background, a more developed urban area with taller, modern buildings is visible under a clear sky. A white text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Puerto Rico governor says to people in informal housing "It's time to go"



BARBUDA

PART II: THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN BARBUDA

3. Barbuda land is owned in common by Barbudans

(1) All land in Barbuda shall be owned in common by the people of Barbuda.

(2) Subject to sections 4 and 20, the title to all land in Barbuda shall vest in the Crown on behalf of the people of Barbuda.

4. Land held for public purposes

(1) All land used for public purposes at the date that this Act comes into force shall continue to be used as the Council sees fit in accordance with this section.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Council may either use land referred to in subsection (1) for the benefit of the people of Barbuda or permit the Government or another statutory body to use it on the terms agreed upon in order that public services can be maintained and provided.

5. No sale or prescription

(1) No land in Barbuda shall be sold.

(2) No person shall acquire the ownership of any land by prescription or otherwise.







Communal land tenure as climate action

- Community organization for disaster preparation, mutual aid and recovery, through:
 - Collective responses to vulnerabilization policies
 - Legal avenues to defend community rights
 - Preservation of natural environments
- Radically different imaginary of land: land not as profit, but as necessary for survival



RIP George Jeffrey



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BARBUDA SILENT NO MORE
/ SAVE BARBUDA

This presentation is based on the tireless struggles of thousands of residents of the Caño Martín Peña and their allies, and the people of Barbuda. The ideas that are presented here are generated by them, and they deserve the credit.

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