FIGURE 3: THE REAL DRIVERS OF DEFORESTATION

- **Insecure Community Tenure**: Forest communities without legally secure tenure are vulnerable to land loss to powerful outsiders.
- **Flawed Concession Models**: Top-down land allocation/rationing frameworks lack transparency and violate customary collective lands.
- **Corruption and Weak Tenure Governance**: Land administration is plagued by bribery, money laundering, and corruption.
- **Absent or Defective FPIC Protocols**: State laws either do not require FPIC over untitled customary lands or protections are weak/omitted.
- **Weak or Absent Law Enforcement**: Laws and progressive (national and international) court rulings protecting forests and upholding the human rights of communities are not applied.
- **Growing Global and Domestic Demand for Conflict Commodities (Meat, Biofuels, Minerals, etc.)**: Changing diets and urbanization are driving up demand for goods with a heavy land/forest footprint.
- **Low Transparency and Weak Regulation in Global Supply Chains**: Limited information blocks accountability and is a barrier to change.
- **Flawed Industry and Business Self-Regulation**: Poor standards, weak due diligence, and secrecy in global financial flows.
- **Defective Judicial and Non-Judicial Redress Mechanisms**: Obstacles in obtaining redress allow forest destroyers and rights violators to go unpunished.
- **Global Illegal Economy and Organised Crime**: Illegal logging and mining, money laundering, drug trafficking (cocaine, marijuana), human trafficking, contraband smuggling.
- **Contradictory Global and National Policies**: Perverse incentives and weak inter-sectoral coordination undermine national forest and climate pledges and targets.

**Infrastructure**
- Roads, railways, dams, ports, airports, airstrips, oil and gas installations, pipelines, powerlines
- **Existing**: e.g., Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Liberia, Cameroon, DRC, Indonesia and Malaysia. **Emerging threat**: Guyana

**Cultivation of Illicit Crops**
- Often precedes establishment of pasture or plantations
- **Existing**: e.g., Peru, Paraguay, Colombia

**Pulp and Paper Production**
- **Existing**: e.g., Indonesia, Malaysia

**Industrial Agribusiness and Commercial Farming**
- Forest clearance for pasture, monoculture plantations, and cropland
- **Existing**: e.g., Indonesia, Malaysia, Liberia, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay
- **Emerging threat**: DRC, Cameroon, Guyana

**Industrial Logging/Illegal Timber Harvesting**
- Logs, conversion timber, and by-products such as charcoal
- Clearcutting, selective felling, and opening logging roads, ports, depots
- **Existing**: e.g., Indonesia, Malaysia, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Guyana, Liberia, Cameroon, DRC

**Mining and Extractives**
- Minerals, metals, diamonds, hydrocarbons
- **Existing**: e.g., Peru, Guyana, Colombia, DRC, Cameroon, Liberia

**Urban Expansion**
- Towns, suburbs, slums, infrastructure links
- **Existing**: e.g., Colombia, Peru, DRC, Indonesia, Malaysia, Liberia
- **Emerging threat**: Guyana