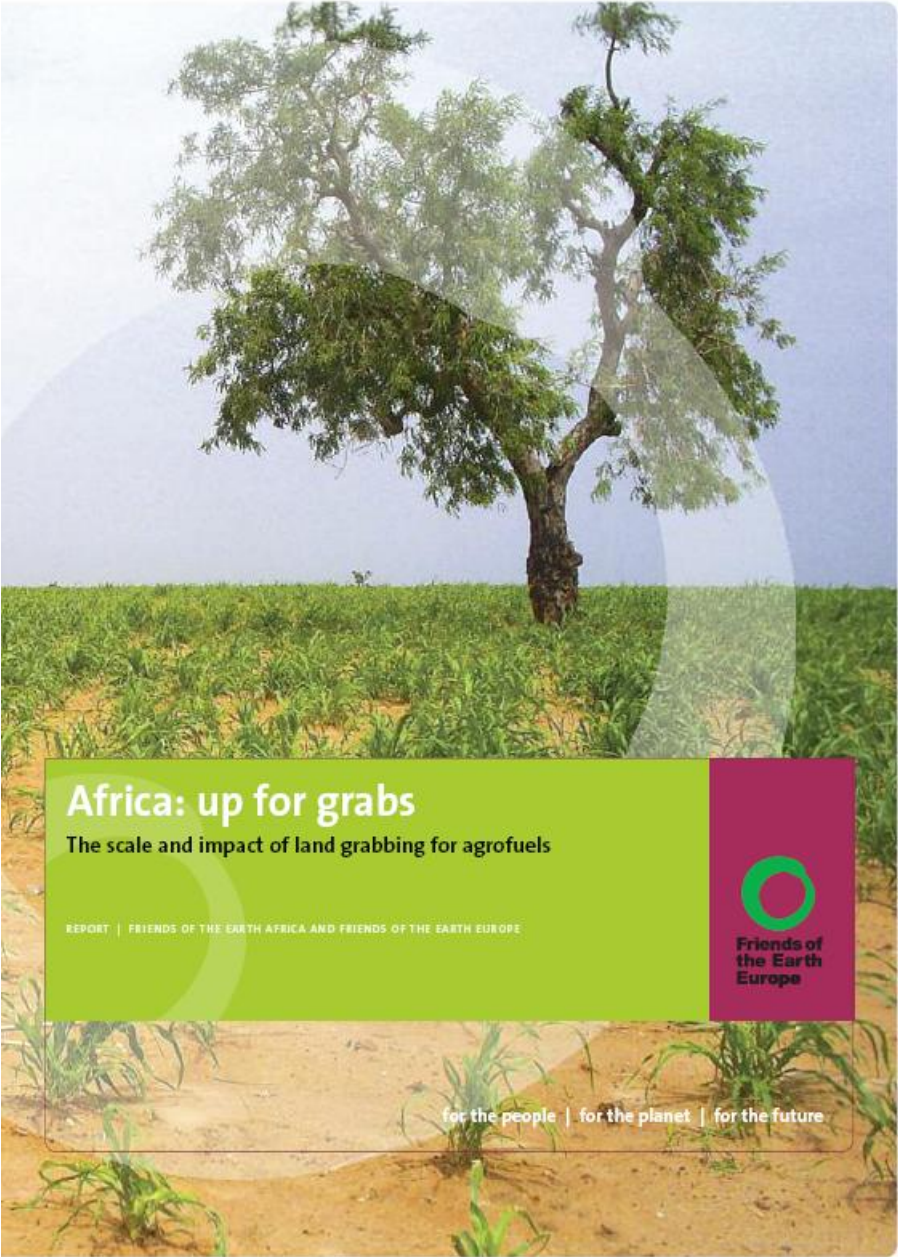


Biofuels and land grabbing

- UN: UK third largest land grabber after China and Saudi Arabia with over a million hectares acquired, primarily in Africa.
- Majority of UK acquisitions for biofuels
- Global Land coalition: 44 percent of all global land deals in 2009 for biofuels



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Africa: up for grabs

The scale and impact of land grabbing for agrofuels

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5 million hectares in 11 African countries = size of Denmark – are being acquired by foreign companies to produce biofuels.

The practice – known as land grabbing – is increasing and is dominated by European and Chinese companies.

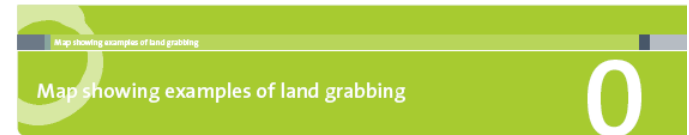
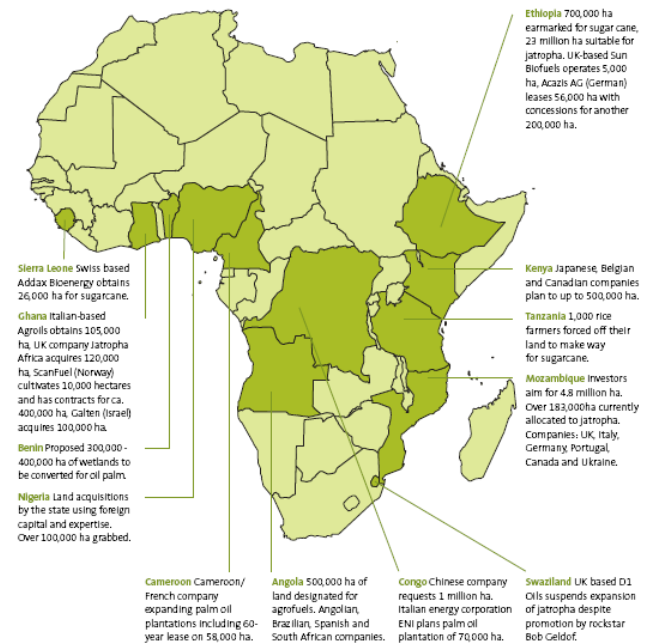


Figure 1. Reported cases of land grabbing and agrofuel developments across Africa





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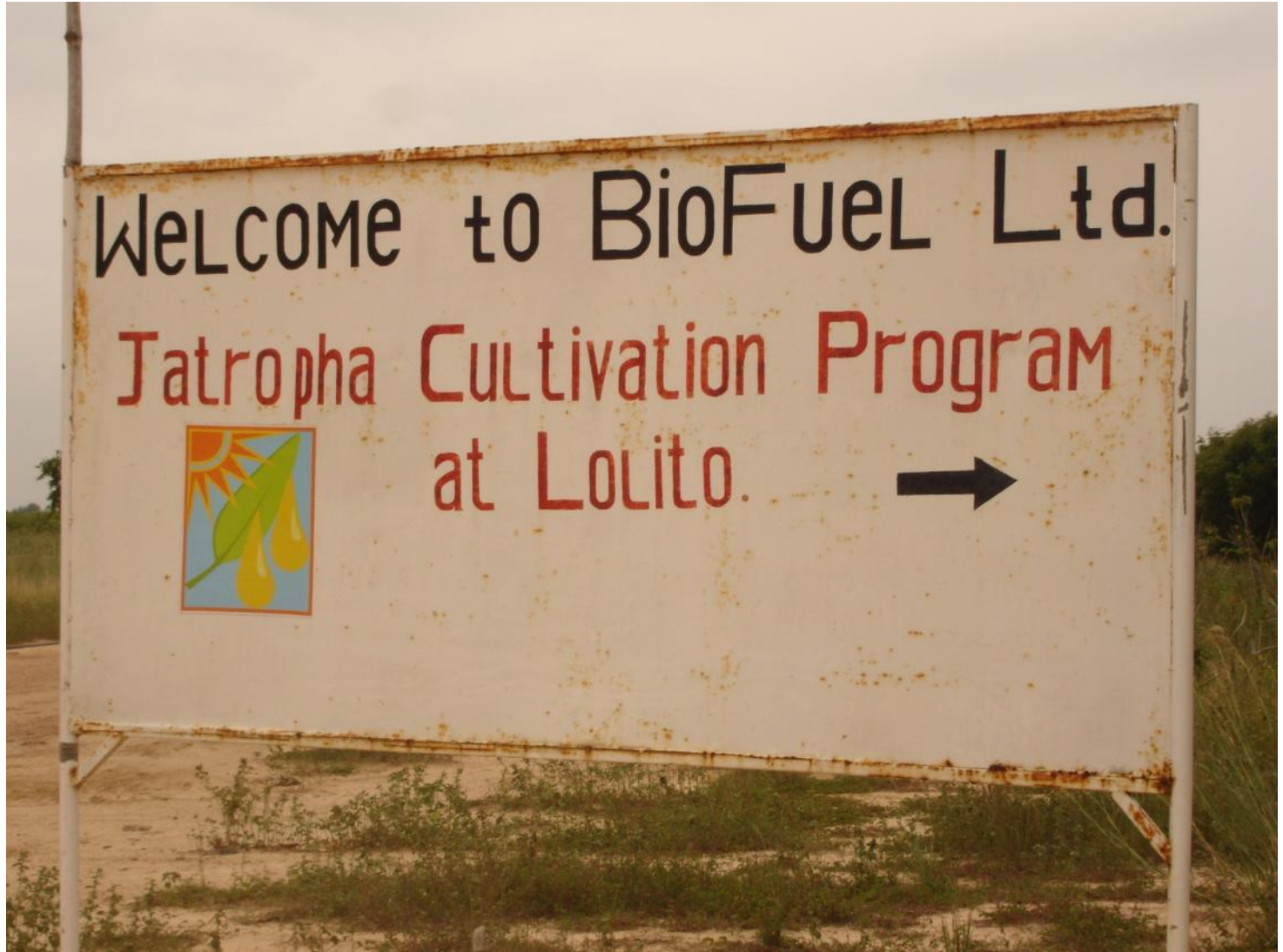


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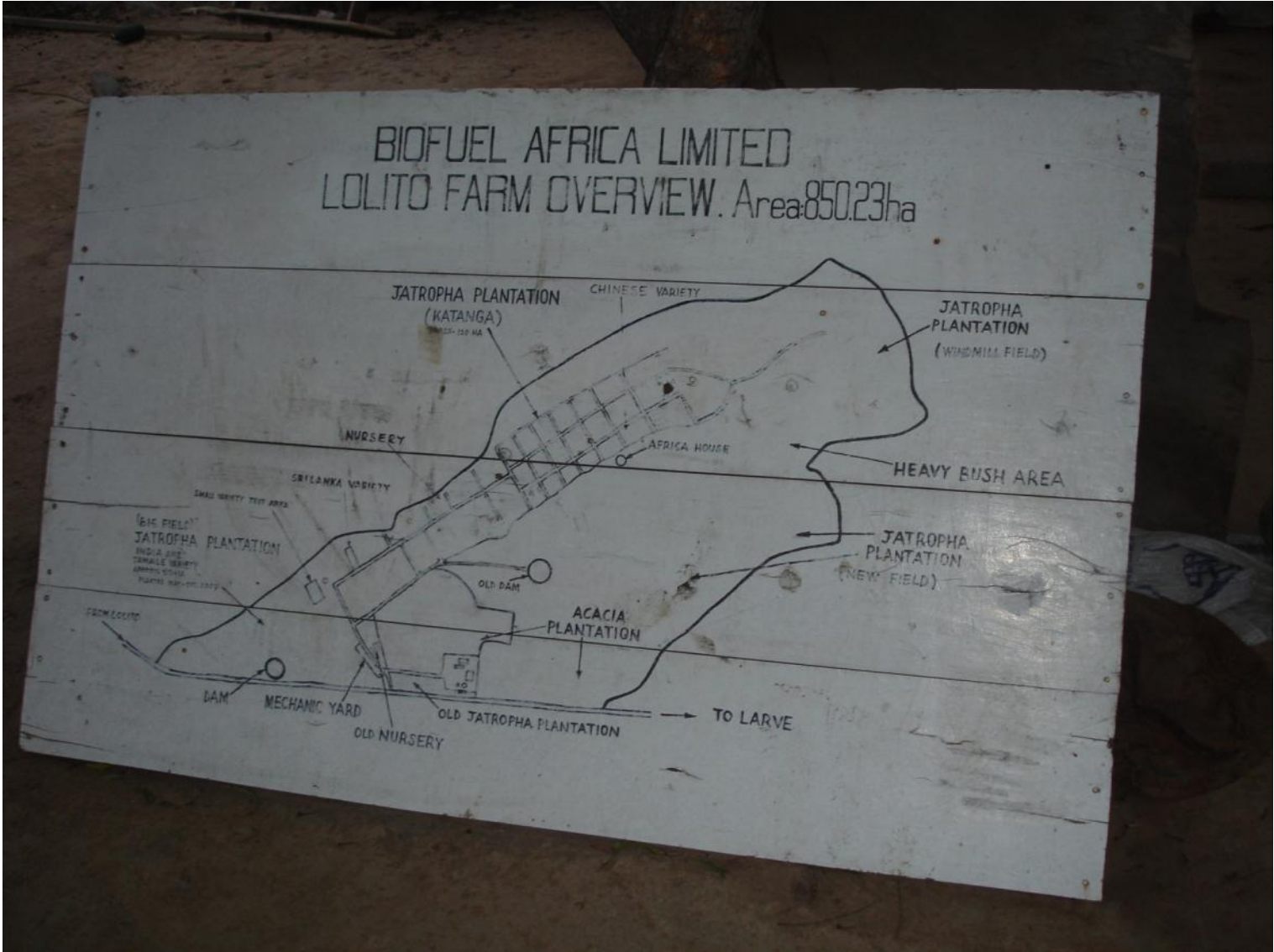


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Friends of the Earth Europe's demands:

- Scrap the 10% biofuel target (opportunity in 2014 review)
- No ROCs for biofuels and imported biomass
- EU to start measuring and curbing its use of land, water, materials around the world
- Recognition of community land rights, tight controls on foreign investment and prioritisation of food sovereignty



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What are we doing?

- Campaigning in the UK and EU to scrap biofuel targets in transport
- In October 2011 pilot project on community empowerment in Ghana.
Based on successful project in Indonesia.