



Environment and Migration: Overview of linkages in North Africa, current research projects and preliminary results

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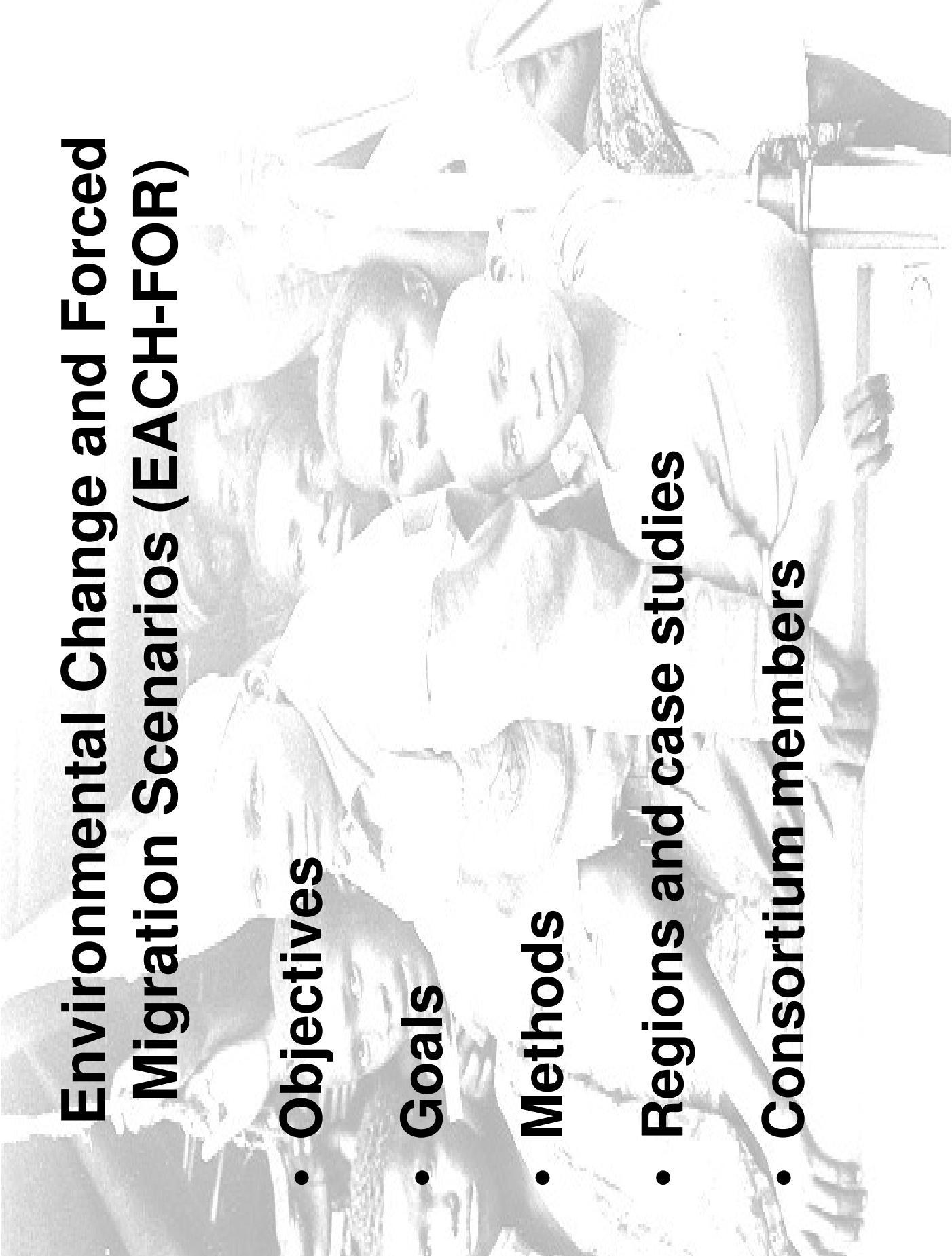
Environmental migration

- Evidence?

- very hard to draw a clear relationship.
- Other factors interfering

- Debate about environmental migration.

- Sensitivity of the issue



Environmental Change and Forced Migration Scenarios (EACH-FOR)

- Objectives
- Goals
- Methods
- Regions and case studies
- Consortium members

- *Expert group meeting (Spring 2008)*
- *Summer Academy (Summer 2008)*
- International Conference on
Environment, Forced Migration and
Social Vulnerability - *EFGMSV (Autumn
2008)*

Sub-package Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region

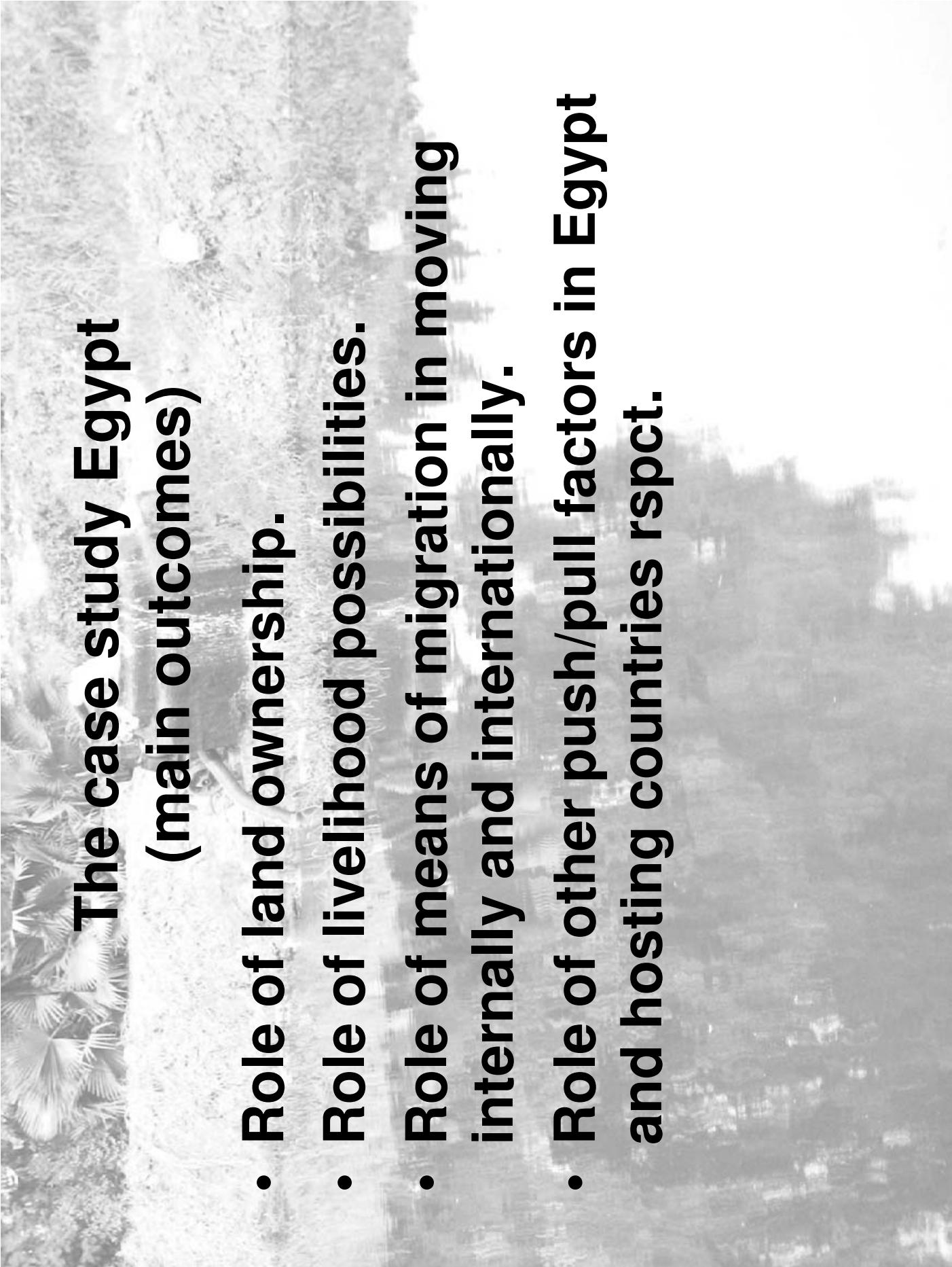
- Countries (Egypt - Morocco - Turkey)
- Desertification and water shortage (common factors)
- Northern Africa: arid region
- Egypt: Water shortage and soil degradation
- Morocco: a drought in one out of every 3 years over the past century. Agricultural losses in 1992, 1995 and 1997.
- Turkey: Human induced soil degradation

Sub-package Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region (cont.)

- Two main regions of destination for labour migrants from MENA countries: Europe and Arab Gulf Countries.
- Poor data on internal migration or local displacement.
- Egypt: Rather temporary migration (both types are encouraged by government)
- Morocco: Migration backs to the colonial era (1912 - 1956), mainly to France
- Turkey: 1960s migration to WE, 2002, 3.6 million emigrants, 3.1 million in Europe.

The case study Egypt

- Agro-ecological zones in Egypt:
**Nile Valley, Nile Delta, Newly Reclaimed
Desert Lands, North Coastal Zone, Inland
Sinai and the Eastern Desert, and Western
Desert.**
- Regions covered in the field:
**Nile Valley, Nile Delta, Nely Reclaimed
Desert Lands, Cairo slums.**
- Internal rather than international
environment induced migration



The case study Egypt (main outcomes)

- Role of land ownership.
- Role of livelihood possibilities.
- Role of means of migration in moving internally and internationally.
- Role of other push/pull factors in Egypt and hosting countries respct.



Thank you for your kind attention

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