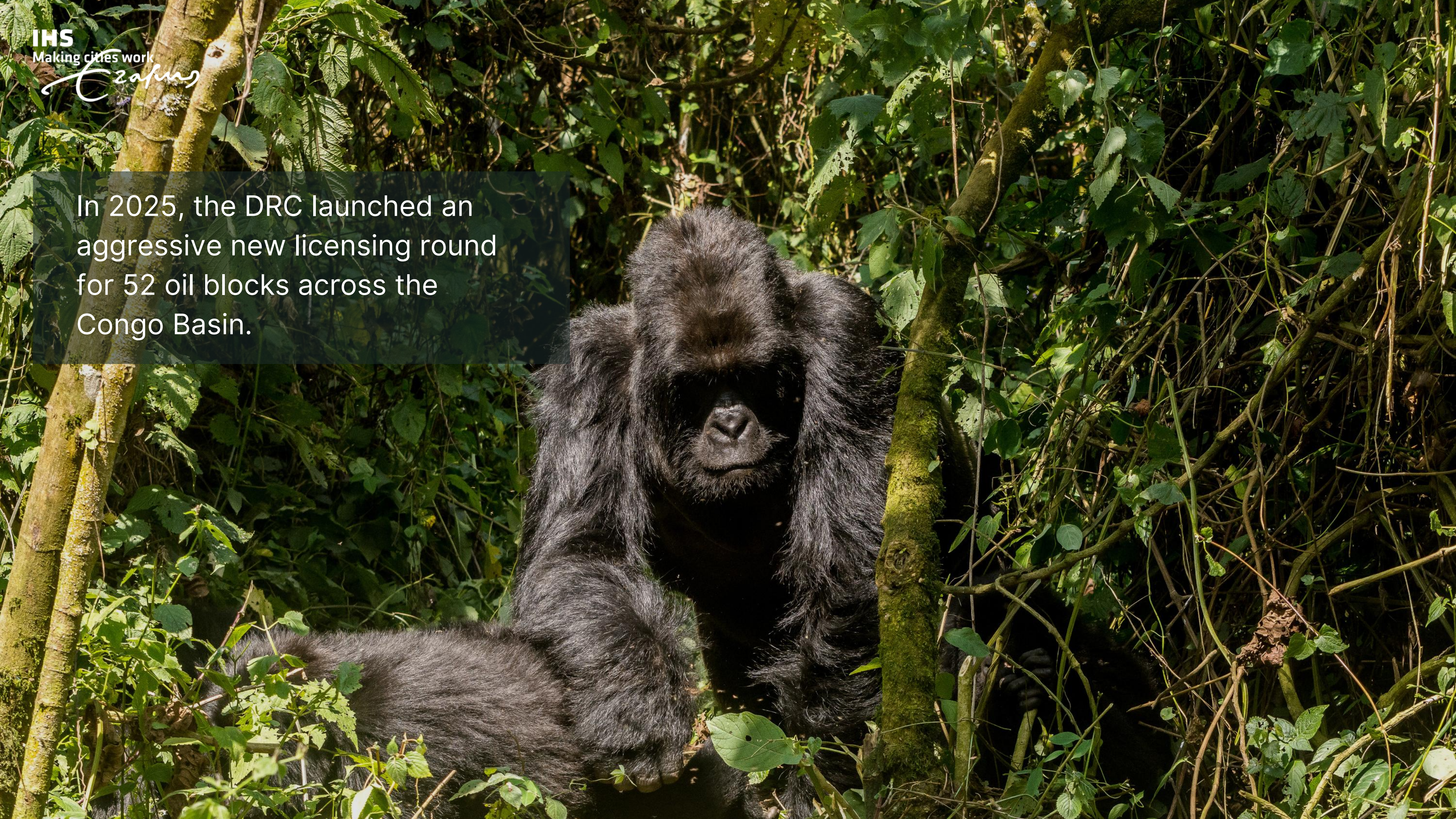


Rethinking Regeneration

Power, Knowledge, and Governance in Practice

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In 2025, the DRC launched an aggressive new licensing round for 52 oil blocks across the Congo Basin.



In Kabwe, 200,000 people live exposed to lead contamination, after a century of lead mining. A 2023 dismissal of the case is currently under appeal, seeking compensation and cleanup.

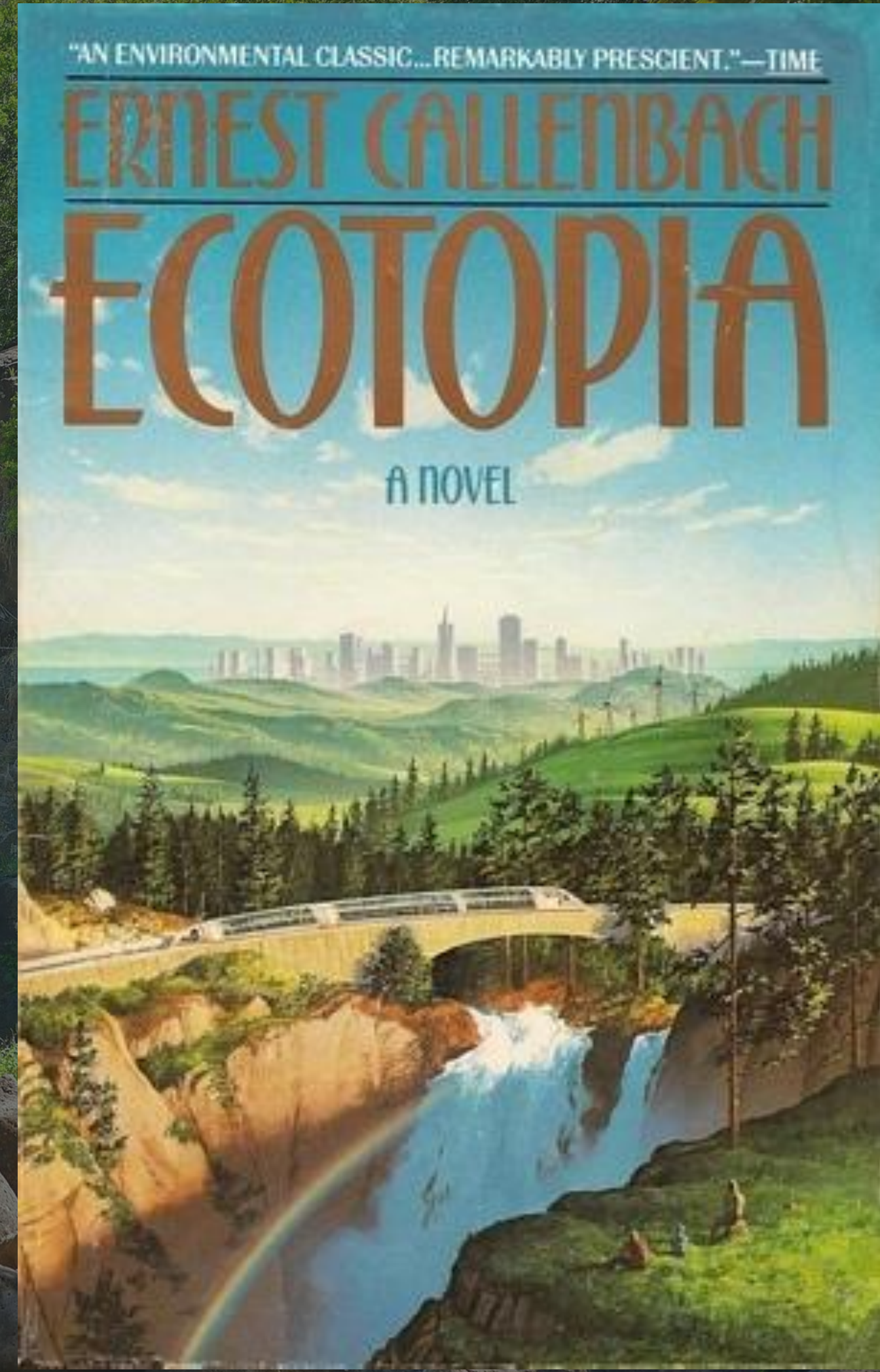




Governance in practice *can block regeneration*

- > **POWER SHAPES DECISIONS**
- > **FRAGMENTED SYSTEMS**

- > **LOCAL PRACTICES RECOGNISED,
BUT NOT APPLIED**
- > **RESOURCES DON'T REACH
COMMUNITIES**



Solutions are there

Dominant Narrative

versus

Reality

- HIGH-TECH
- SCALABLE
- PROFITABLE
- ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL

- CONTEXT-SPECIFIC
- COMMUNITY-LED
- EVOLVING
- ROOTED IN CULTURE



Ancient knowledge in Ladakh evolves into new solutions, turning ice into life where water is disappearing.



In Bugesera, Rwanda, community organisation transformed daily labour into a coordinated system for water, food, and energy.

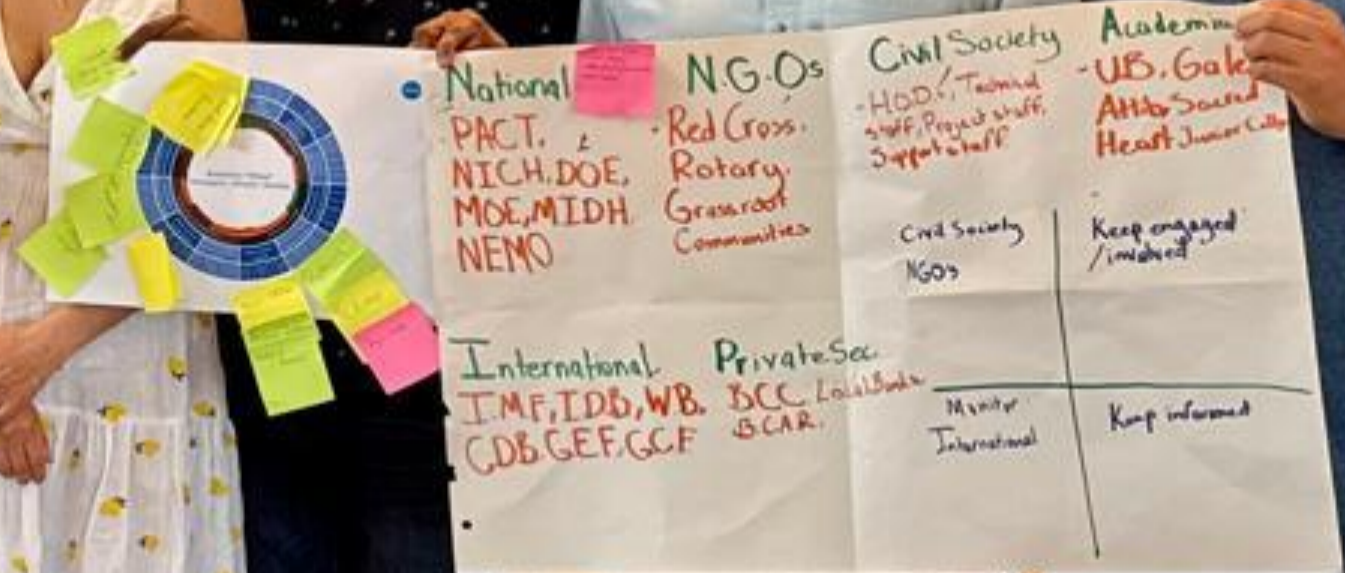


In Nairobi's informal settlements, river regeneration was co-designed with communities, planners, and institutions.





Regeneration depends on institutions working across sectors and levels, not in silos.



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