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# Questions of ultimate urgency

biodiversity  
&  
ecosystem services

in socioeconomic scenarios

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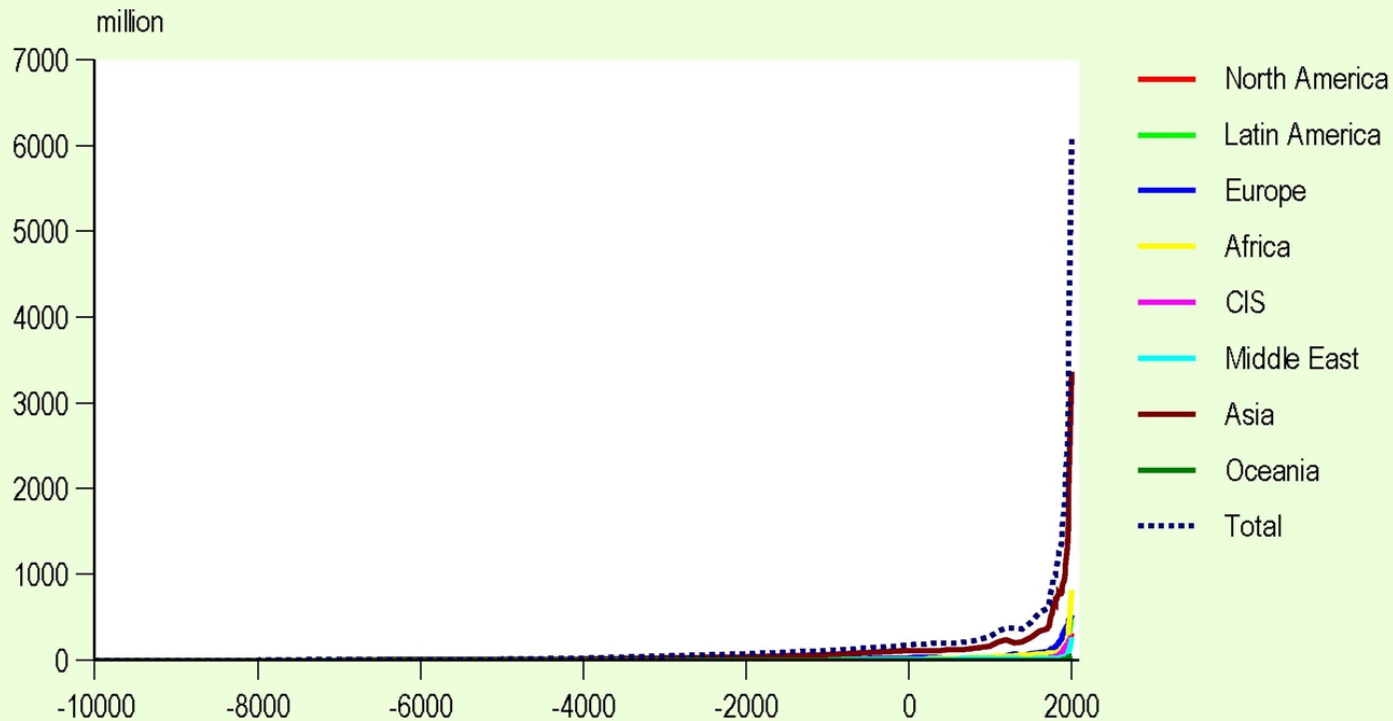


1. The big picture: 10,000 BC up to 2050
2. *Global change*
3. Approaching local & planetary limits?
4. Questions of ultimate urgency



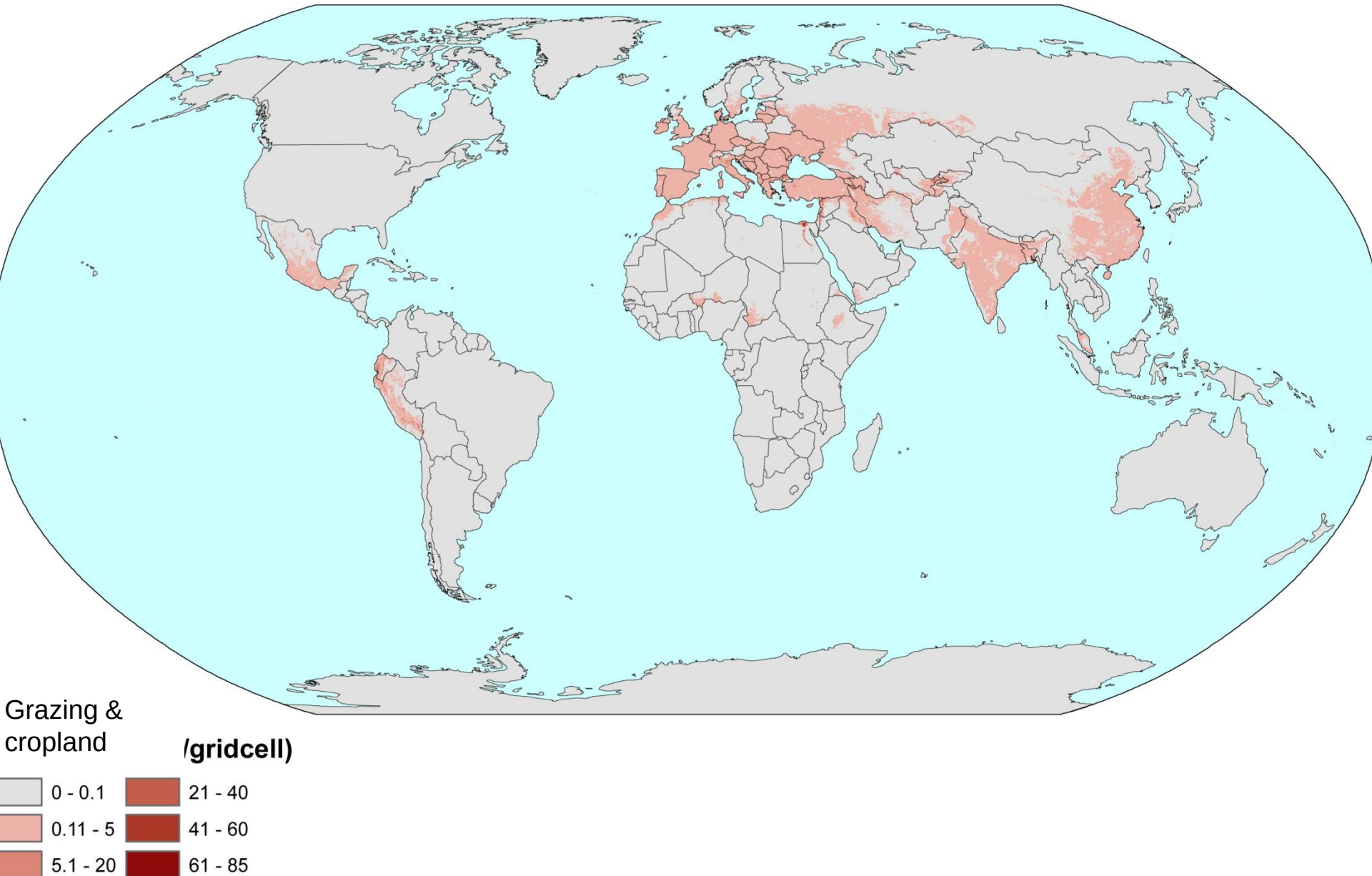
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## Historical population estimates over the Holocene (10,000 B.C - 2,000 A.D.)



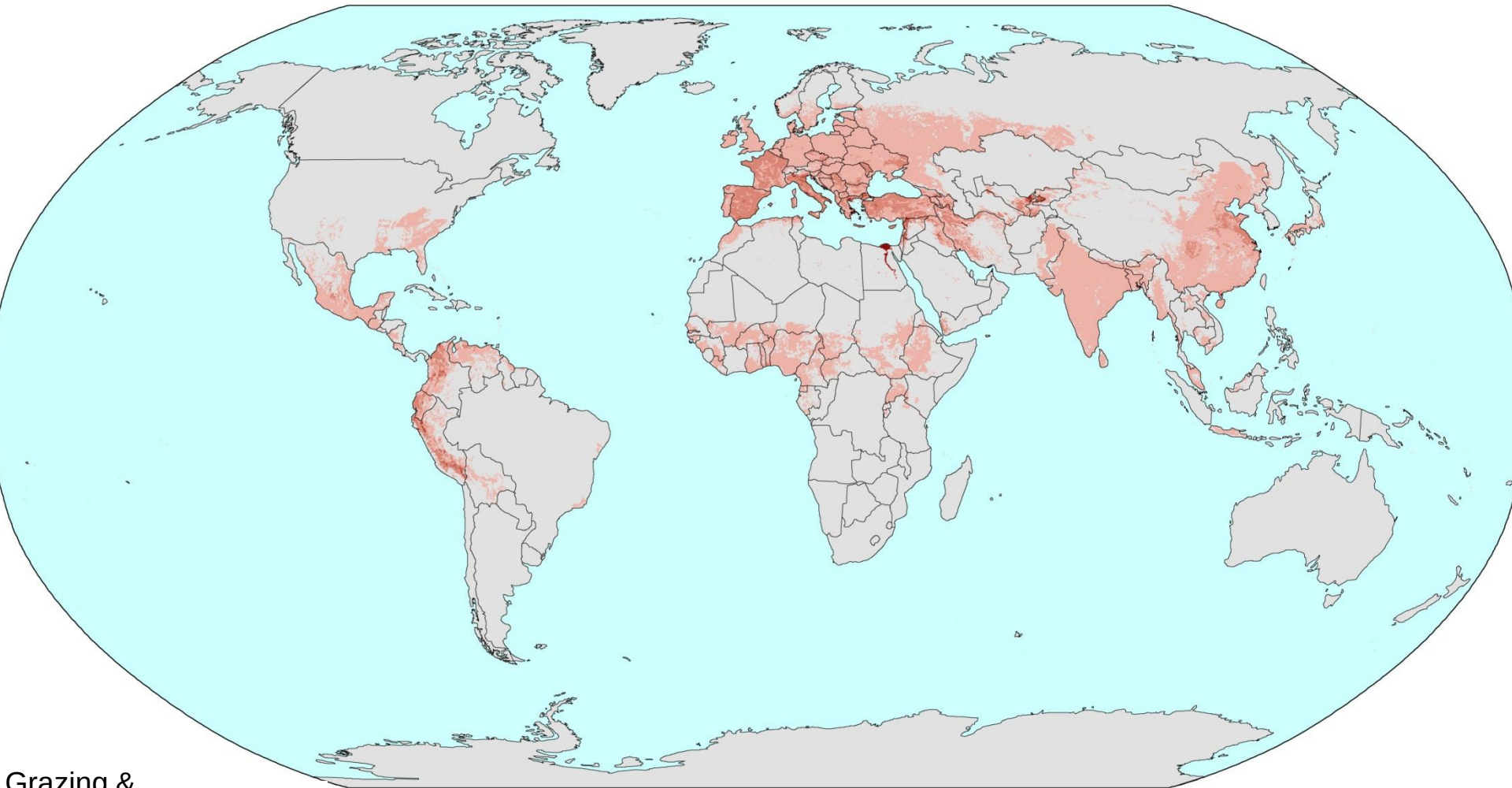
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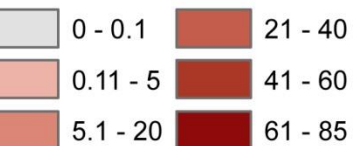




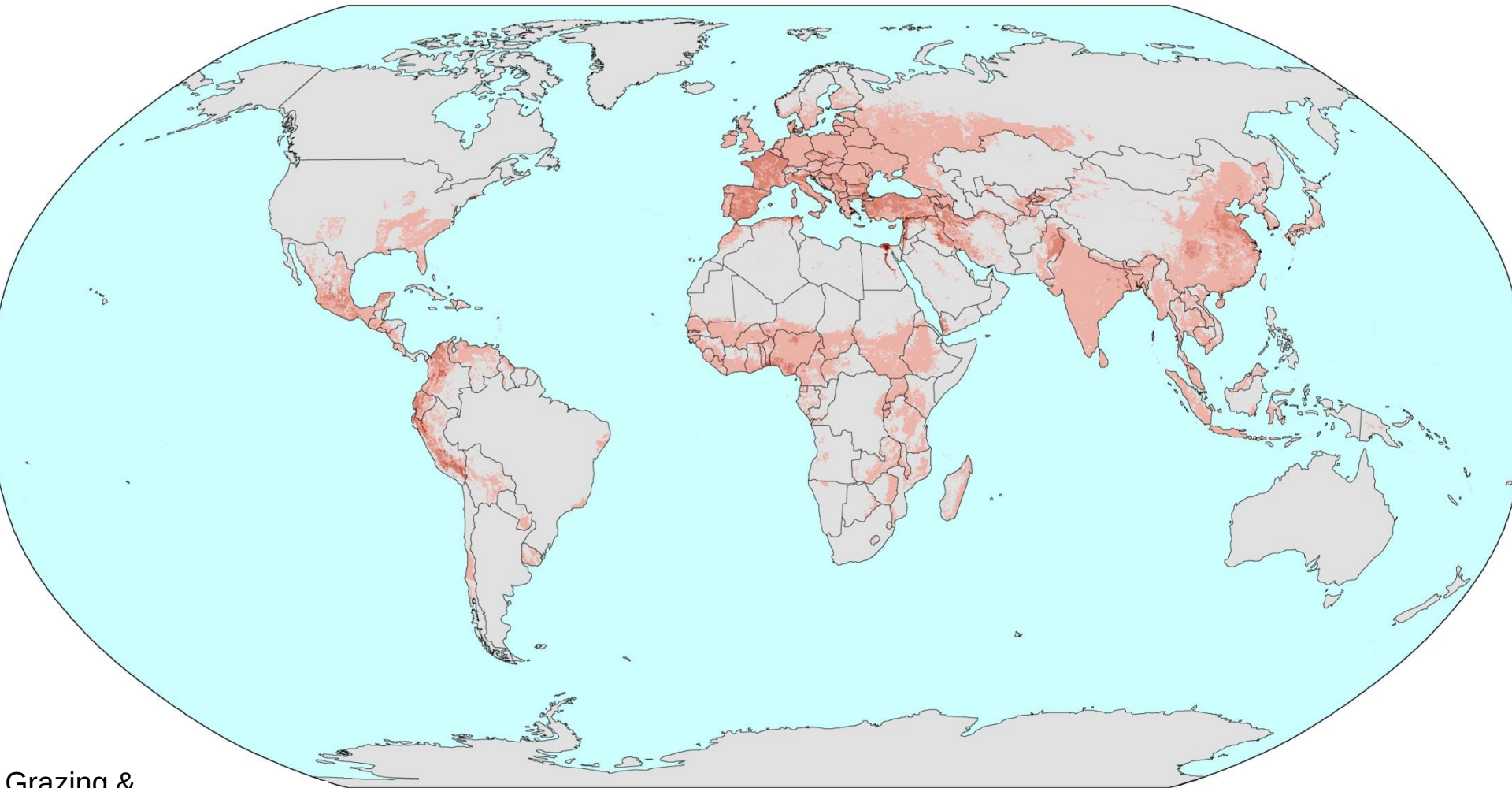
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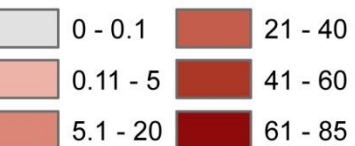
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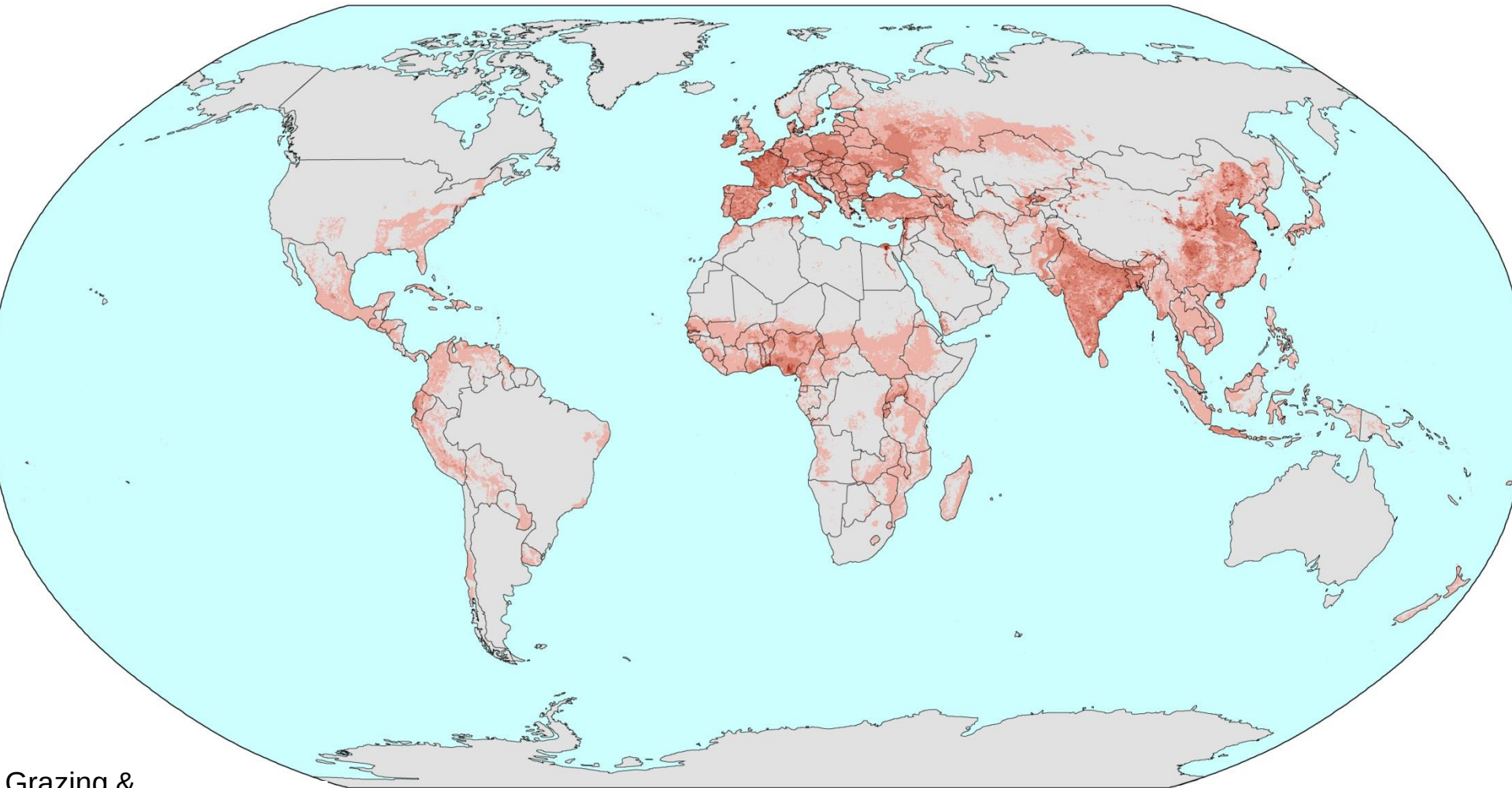
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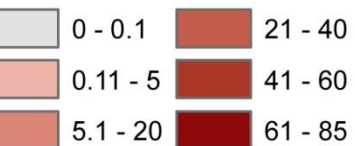
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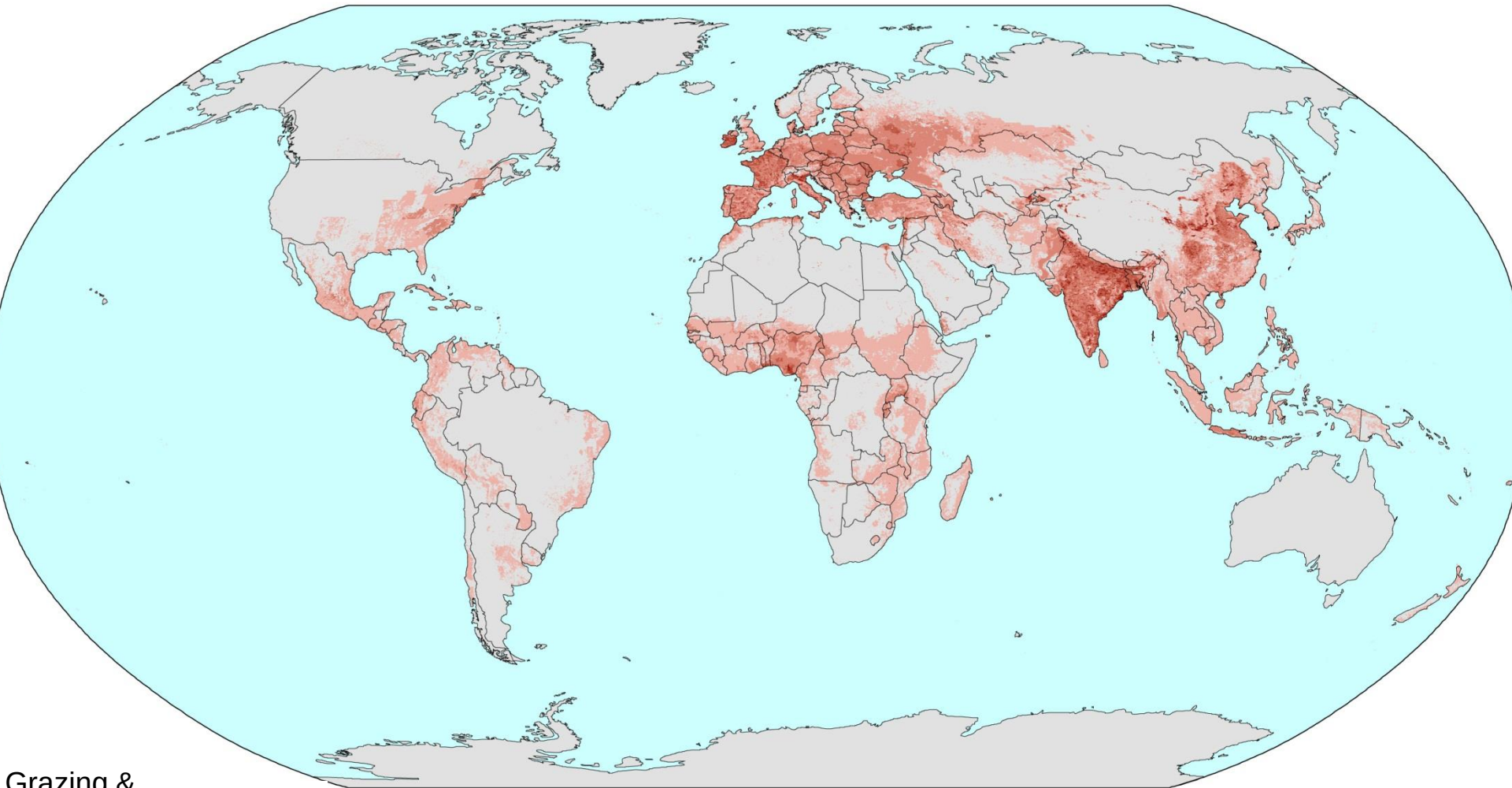


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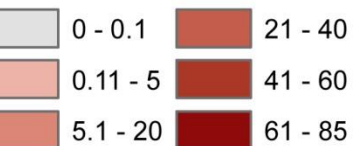




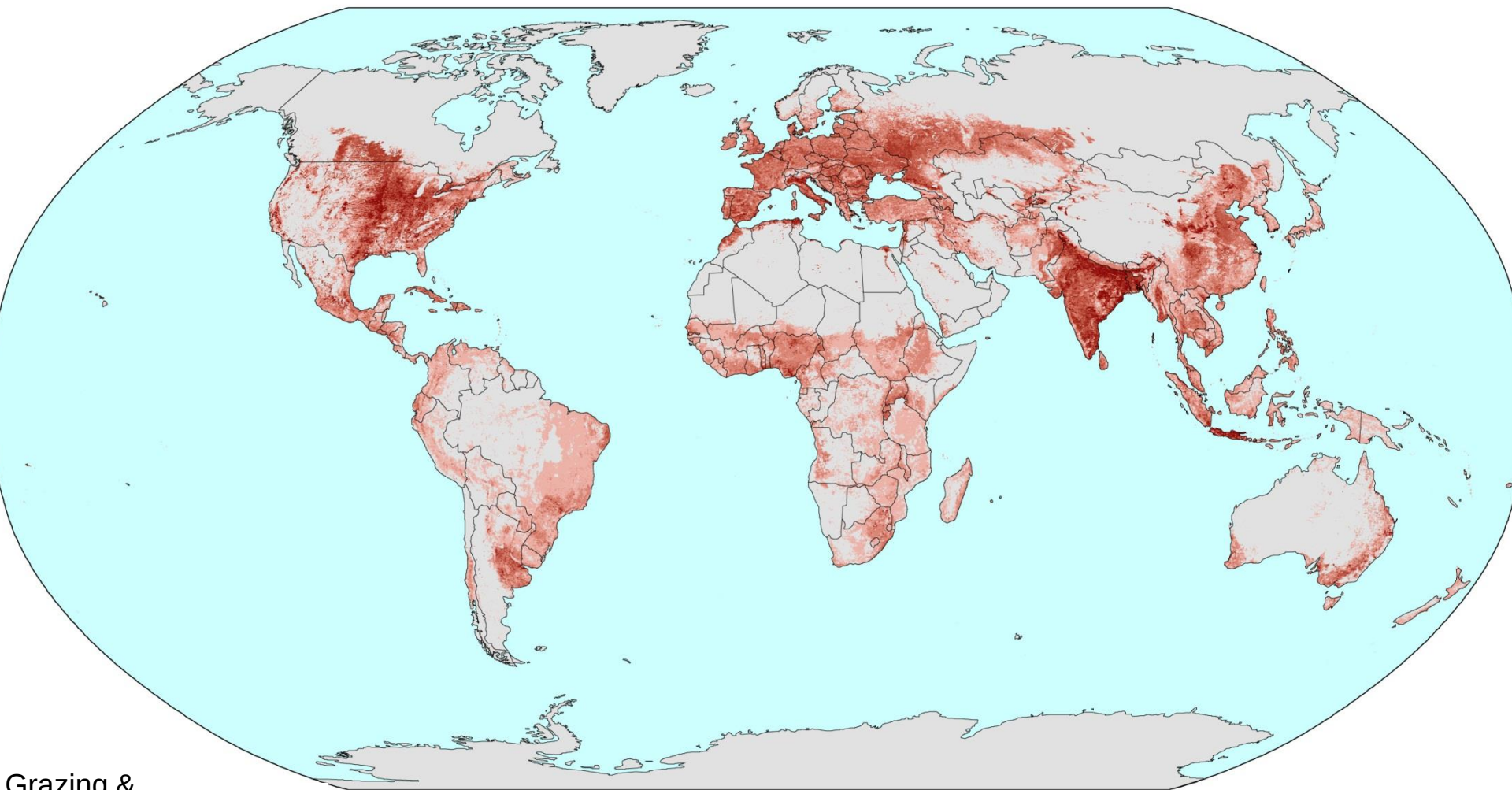
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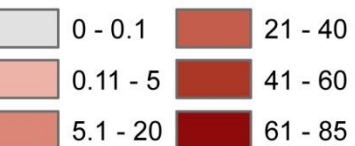
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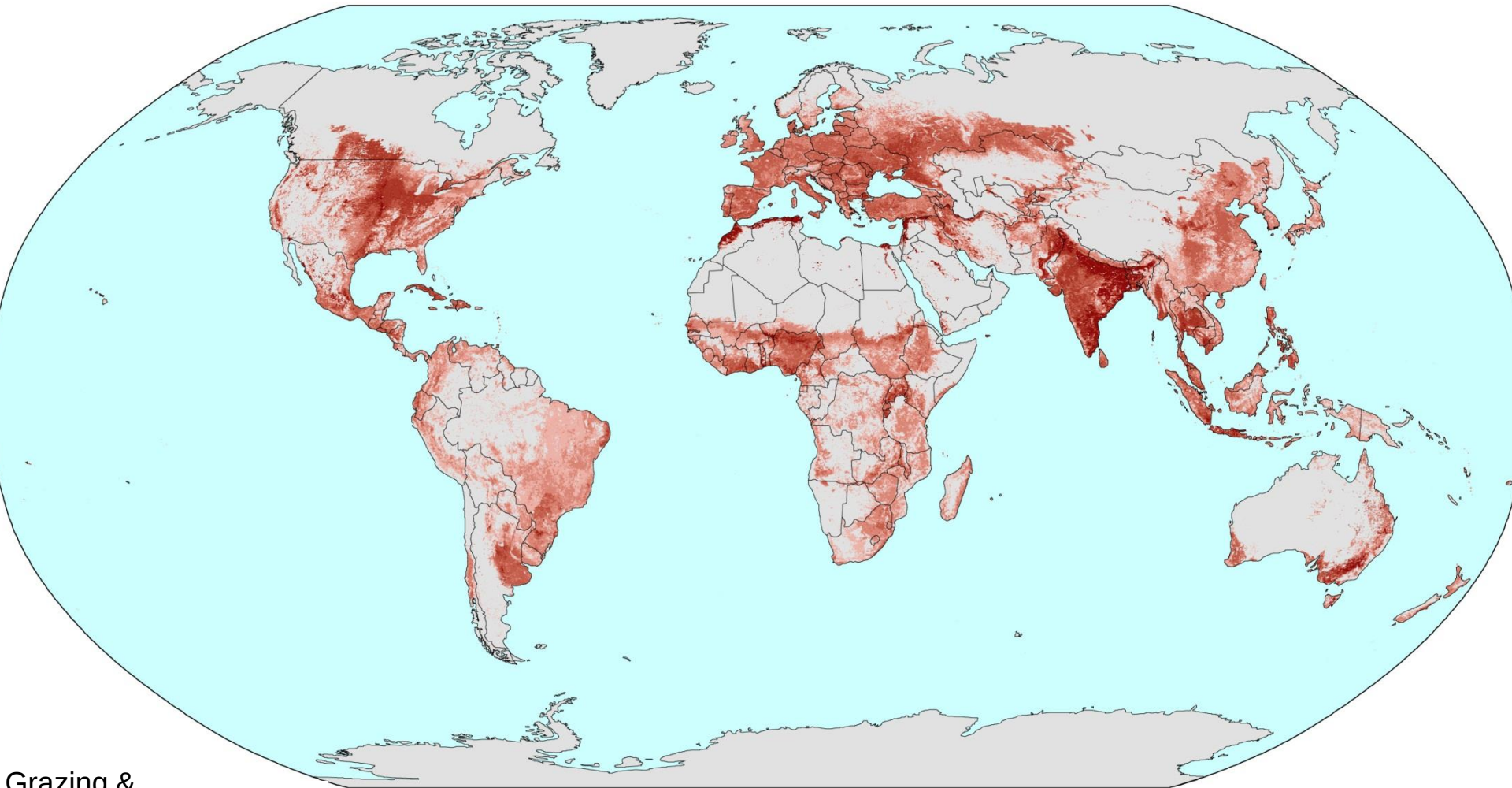
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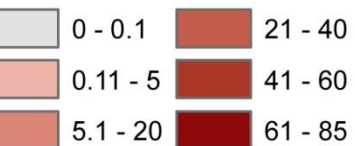
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2000 AD



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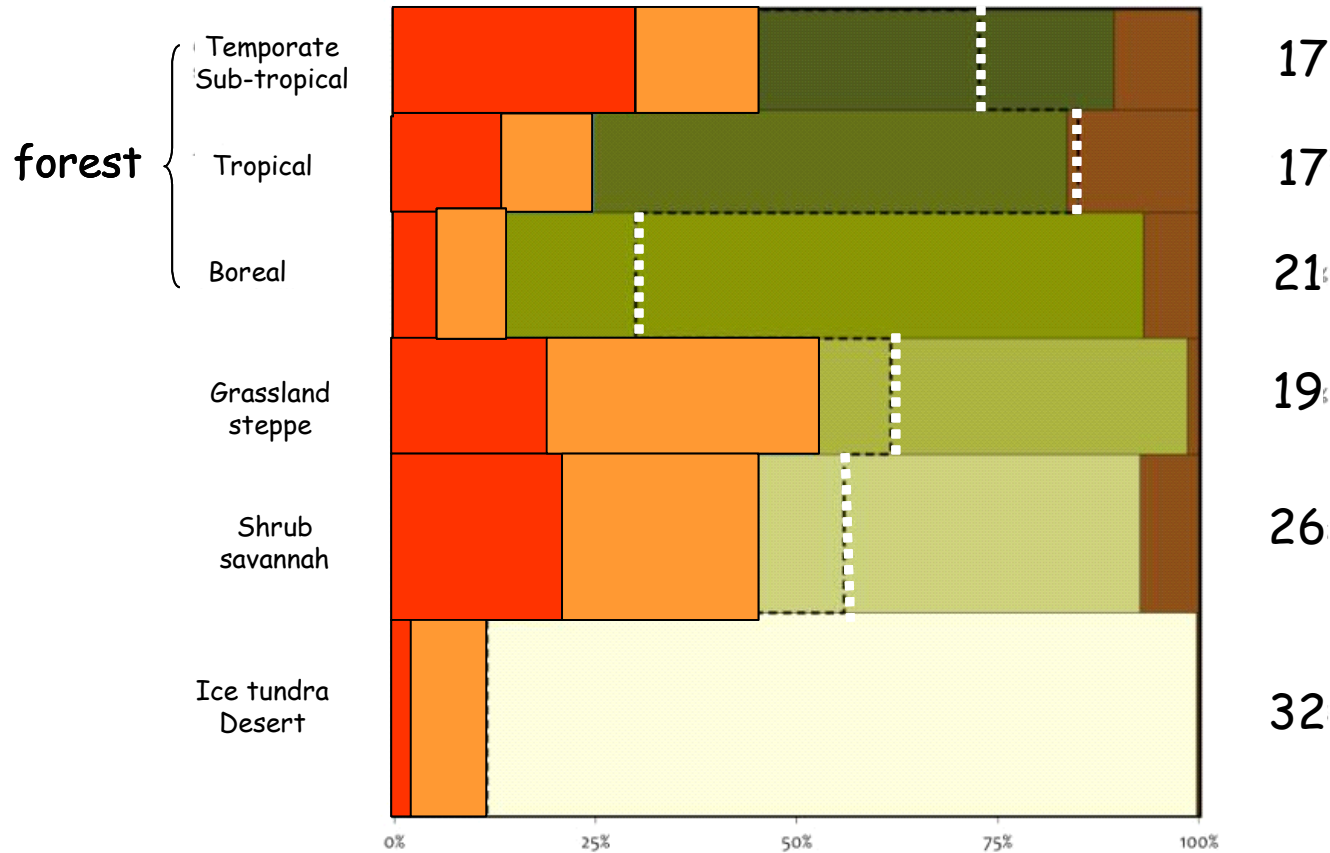


# Competing claims on land & assets

2010

## Land use per ecosystem type

Million km<sup>2</sup>



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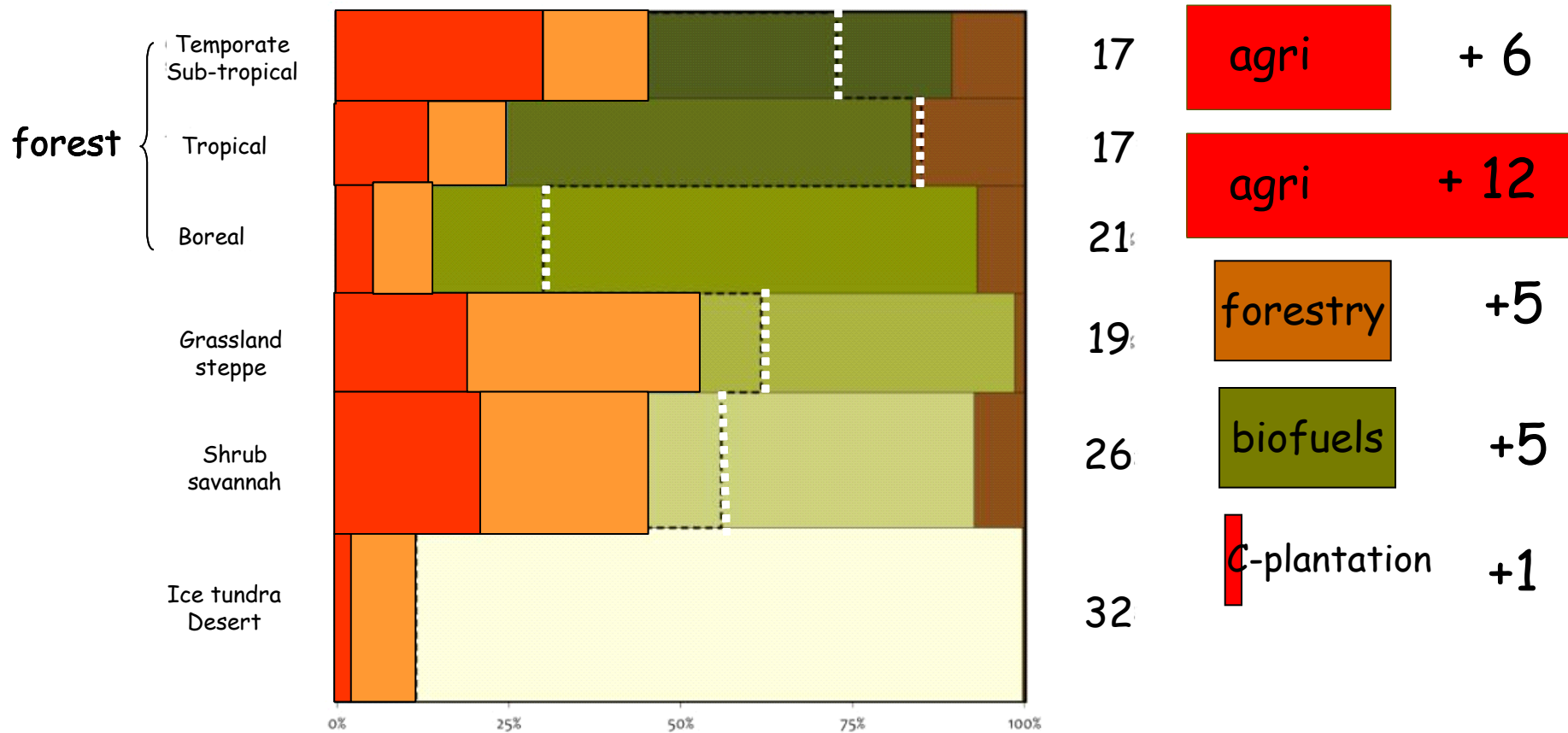
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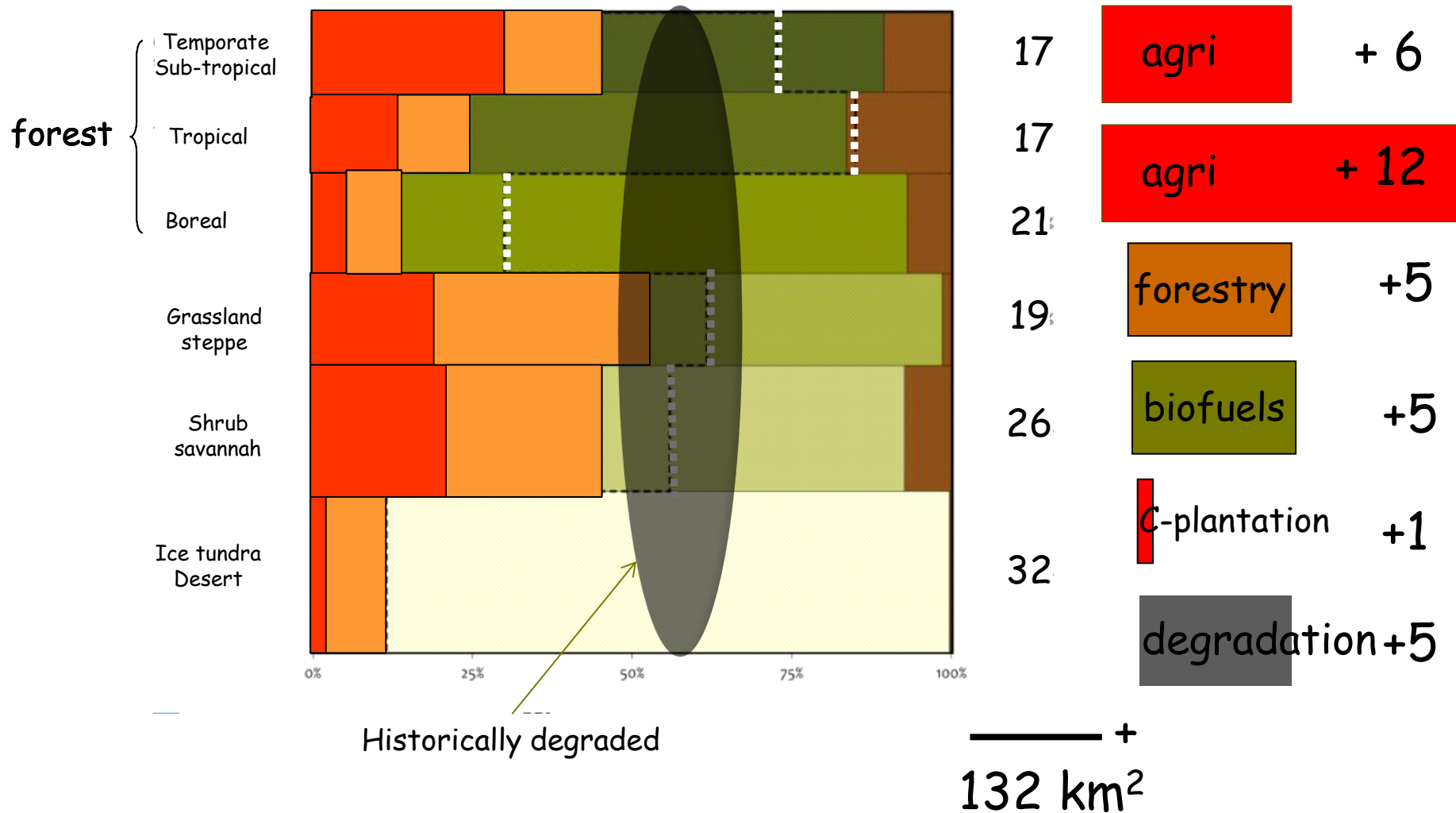
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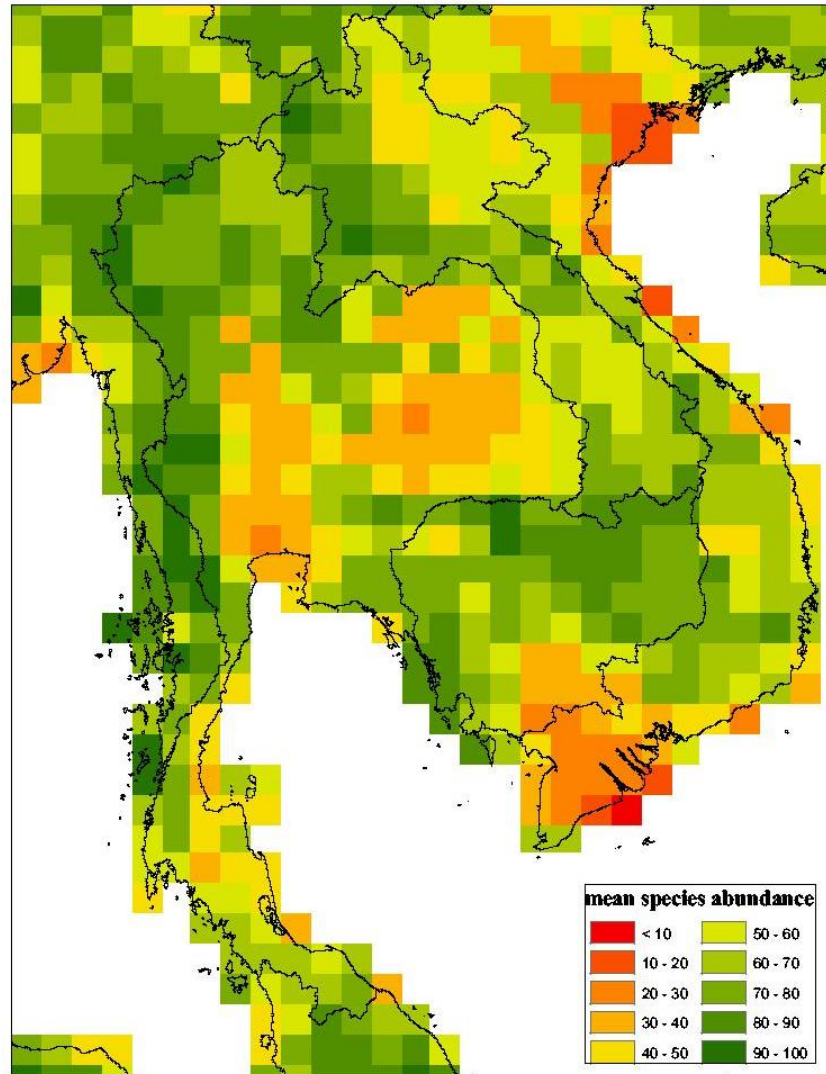
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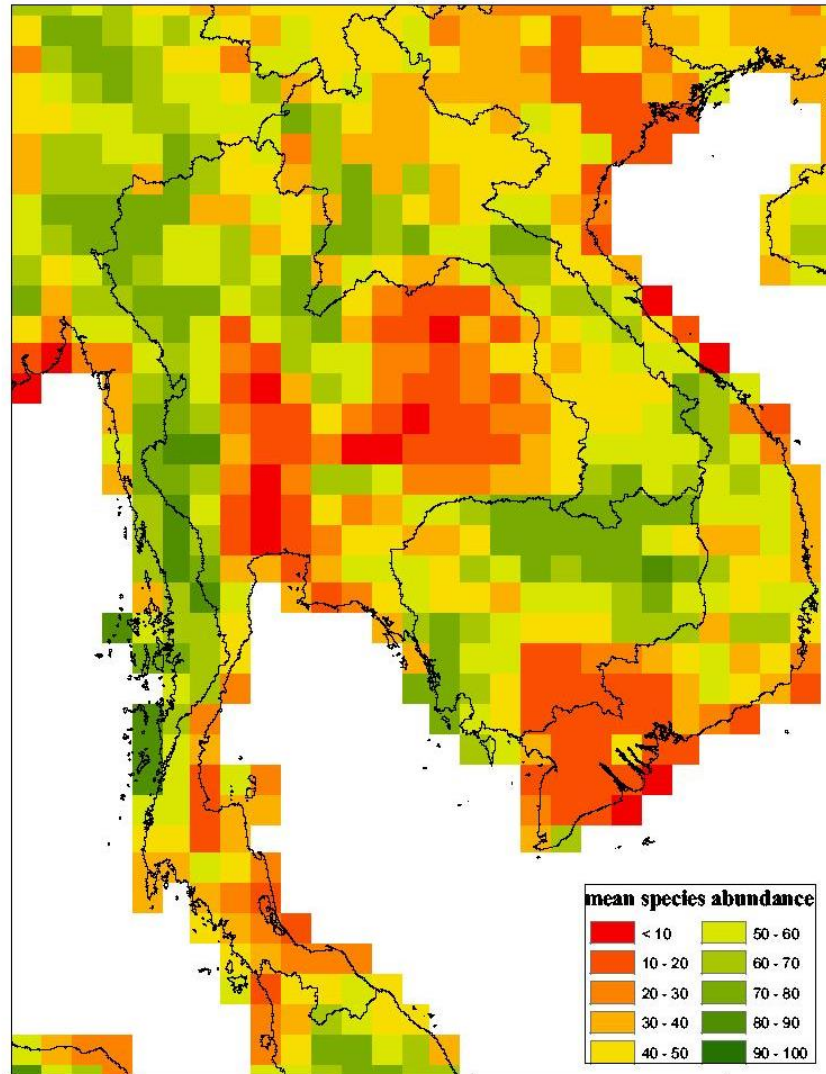
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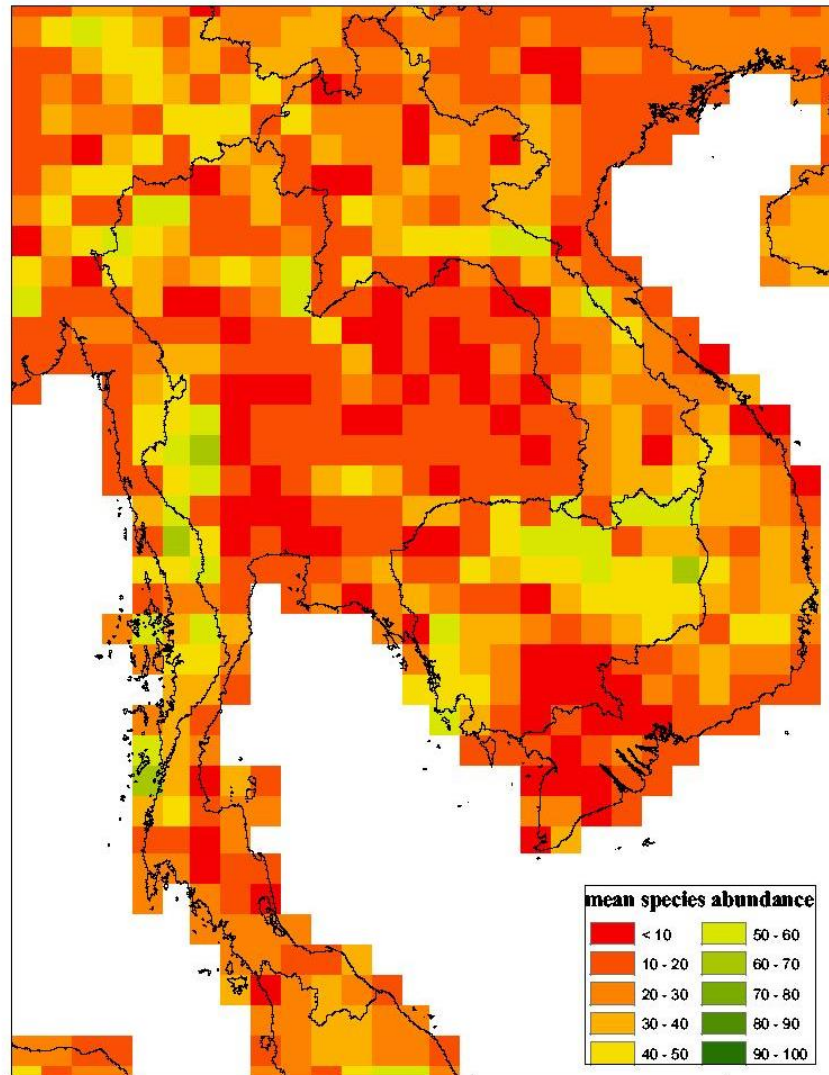
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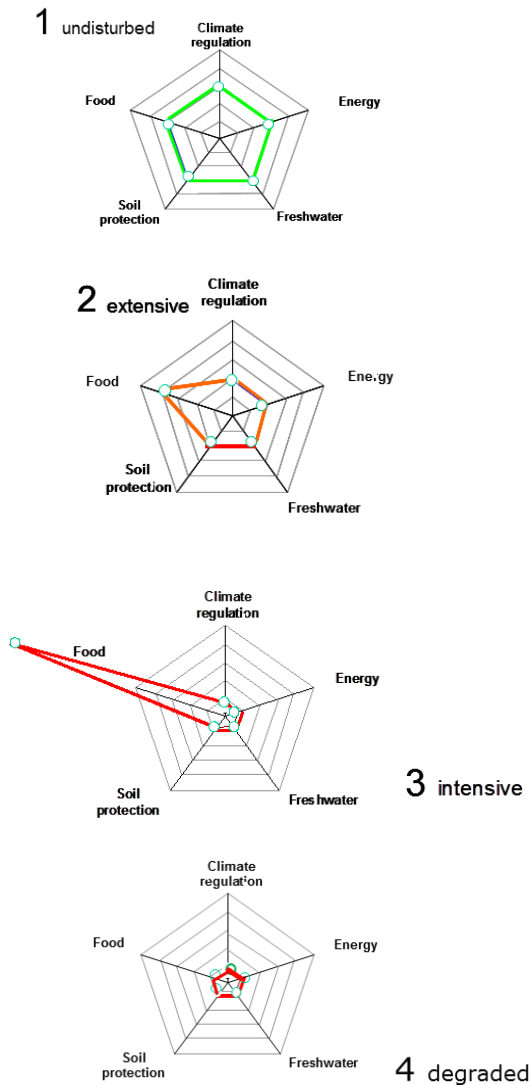
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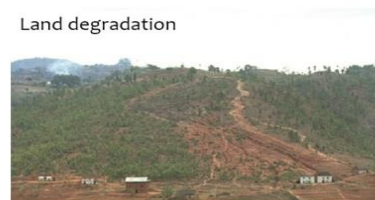
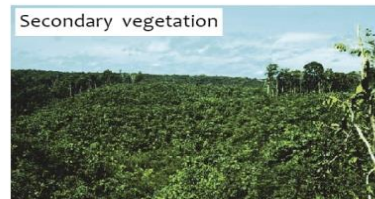


# Man transforms landscape since 8000 BP

## Why?



## Forest



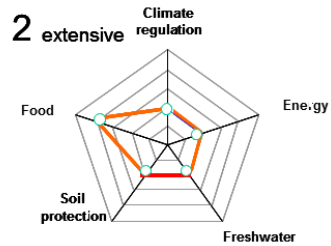
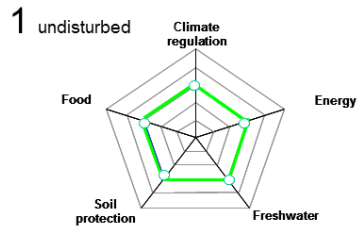
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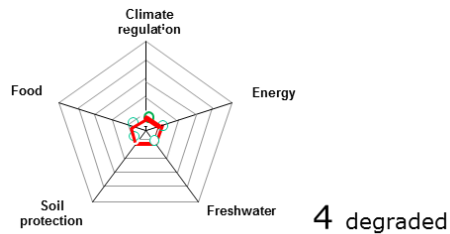
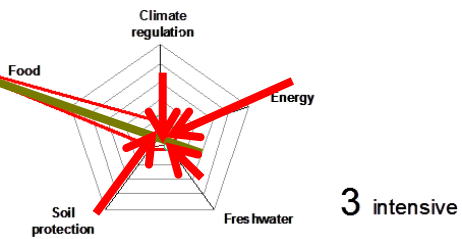
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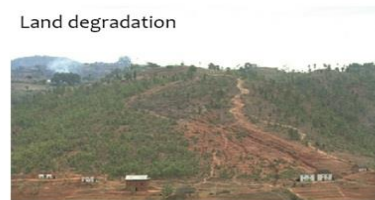
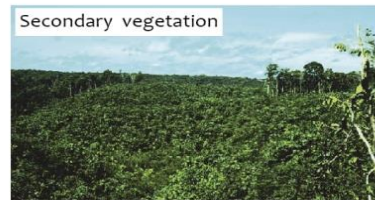
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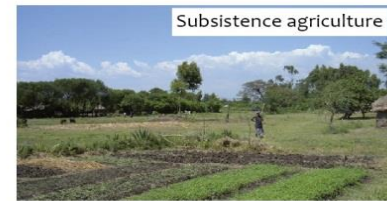
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## Forest



## Grassland



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# Degradation... or progress?

In general we:

de-vegetate

de-carbonate

de-hydrate

de-speciate

de-moderate

Function  
change

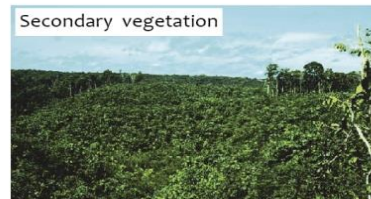
If badly managed:

de-plete

de-teriorate

Degraded?

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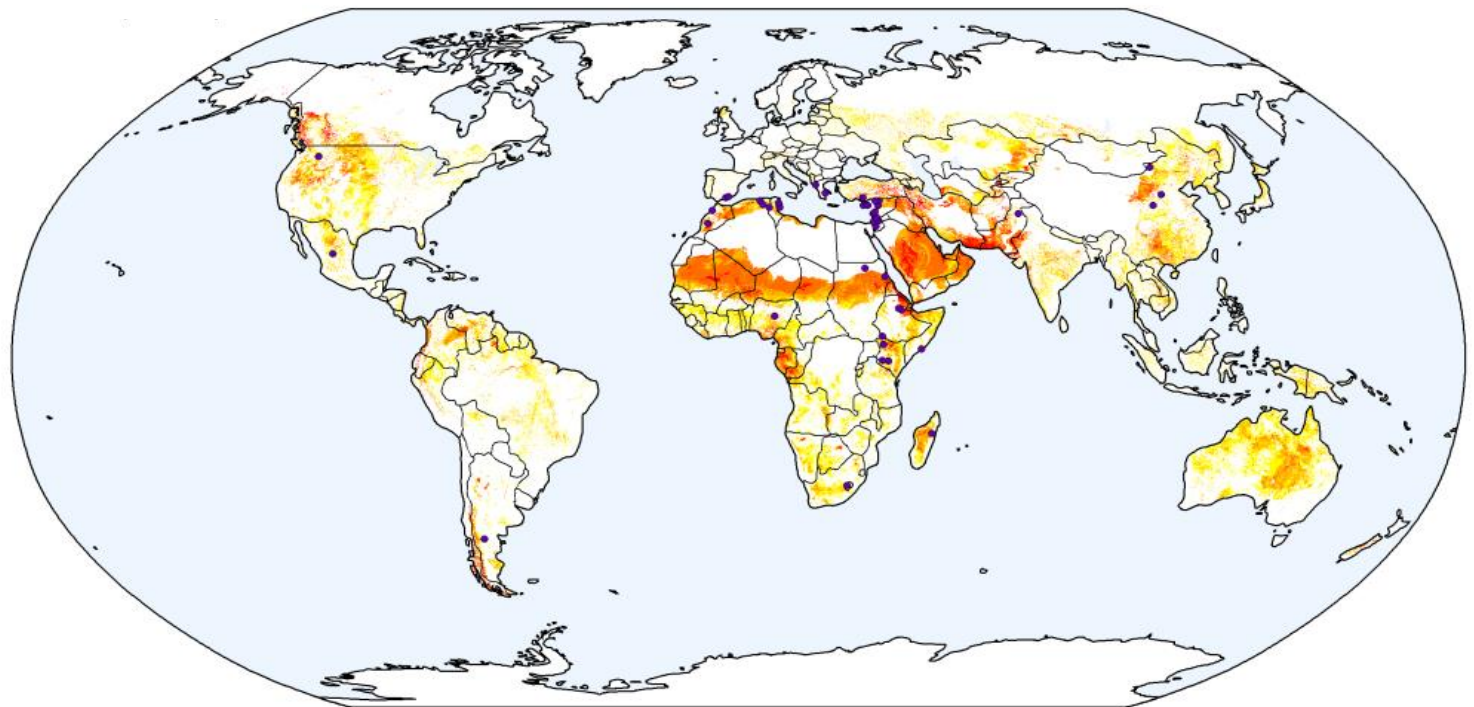


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## Greenness current/potential (ndvi)

### Masked Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) ratio



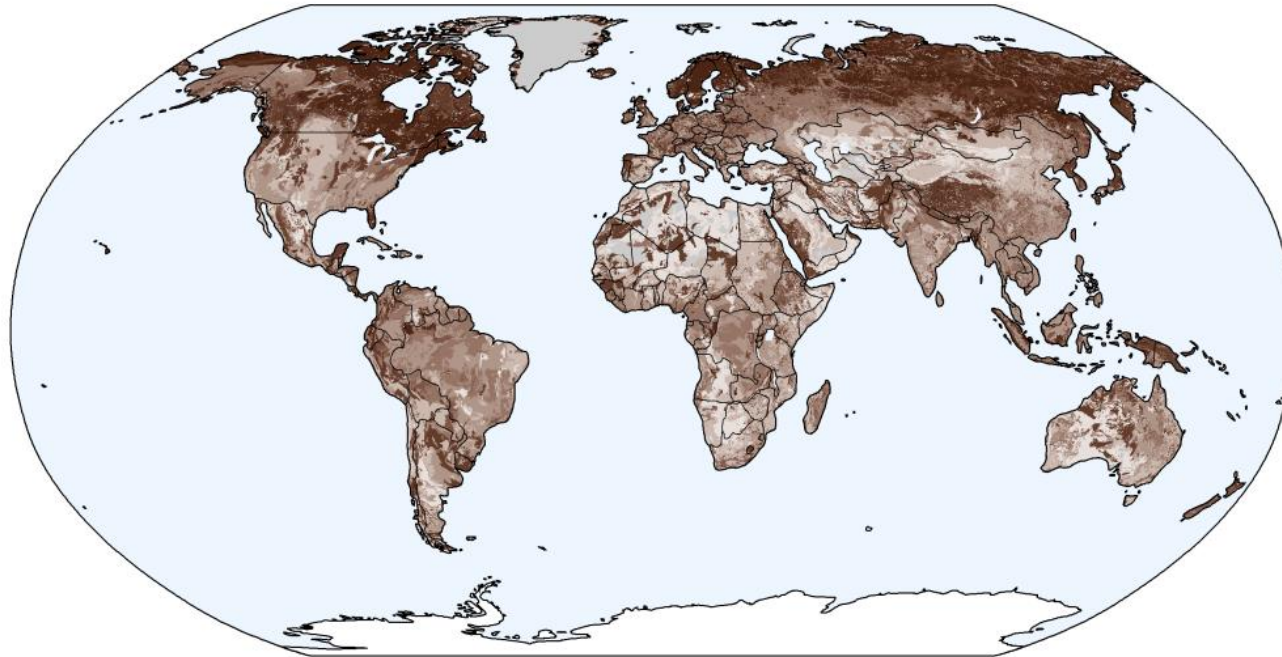
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## Soil organic Carbon

**Modelled potential soil organic matter**

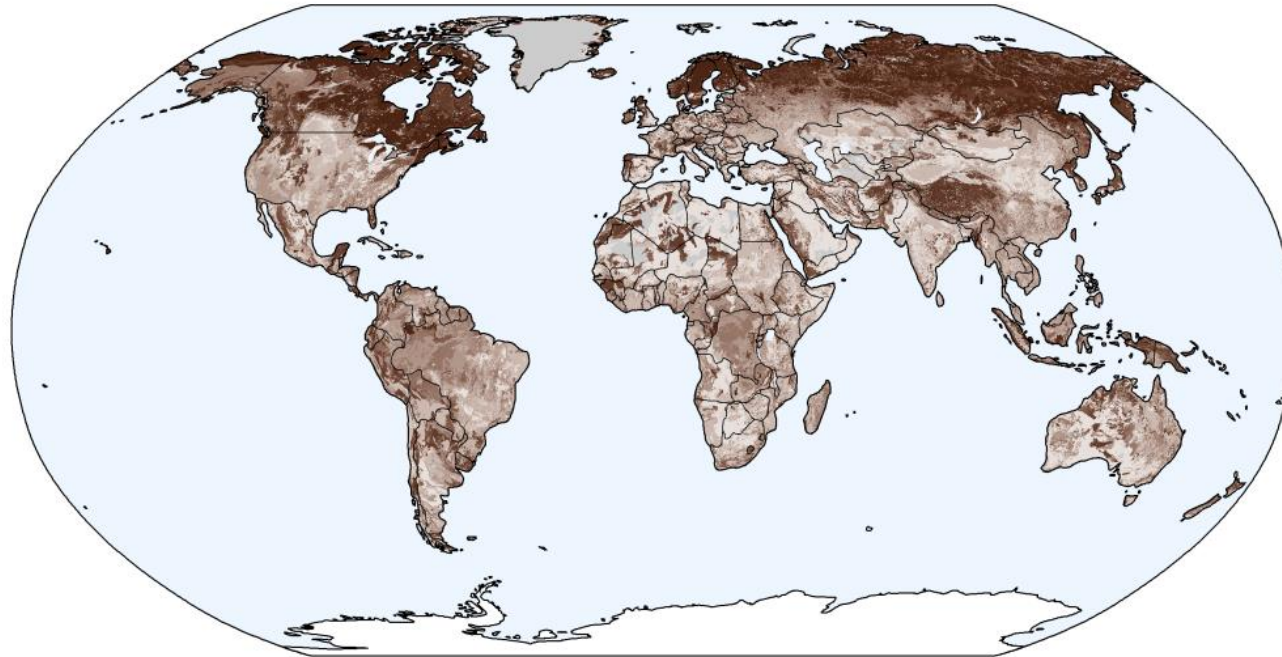


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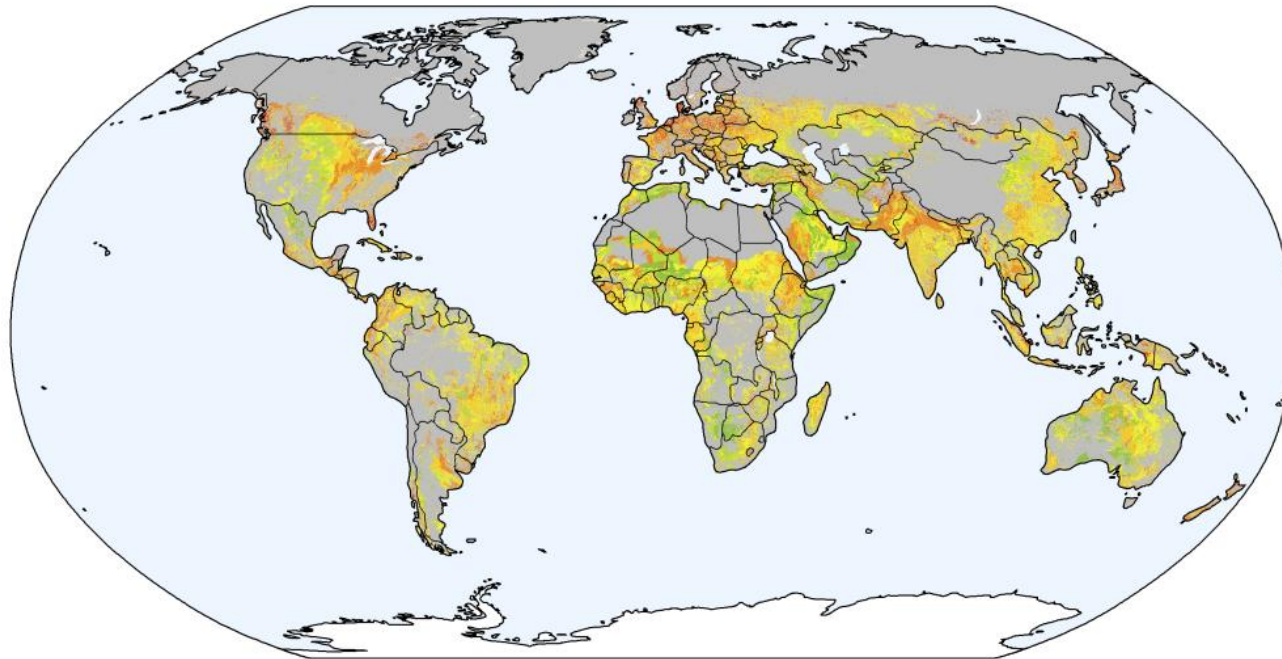


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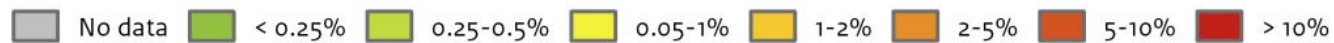


## Soil organic Carbon

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## Carbon sequestration & climate

### Biosphere C emissions:

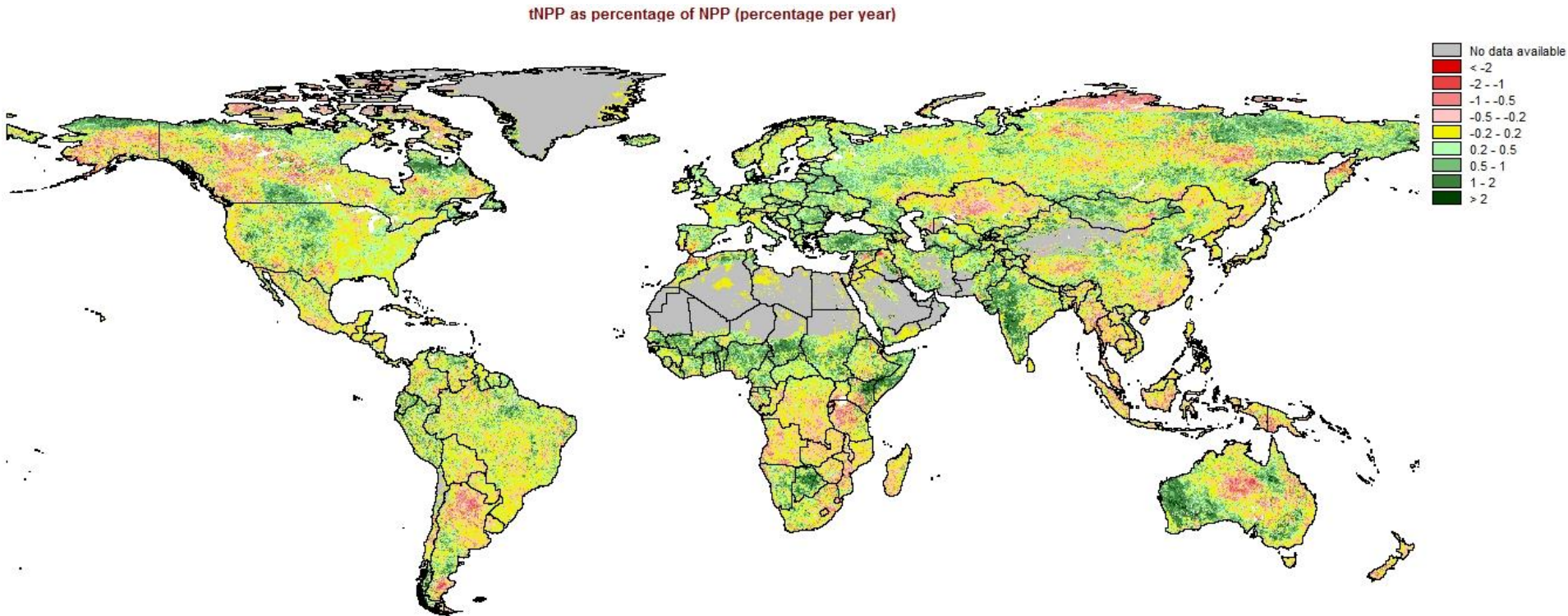
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| – Pre-1850 :        | 320 Gt C          |                                          |
| – <u>1850-1998:</u> | <u>136 Gt C</u>   | <u>+/- 55</u>                            |
| – Total             | : <b>456 Gt C</b> | (401-511) 4 Gt C = 1 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> |

**Fossil C emissions** 1850-1998 : **270 Gt C** +/- 30 (~68 ppm)

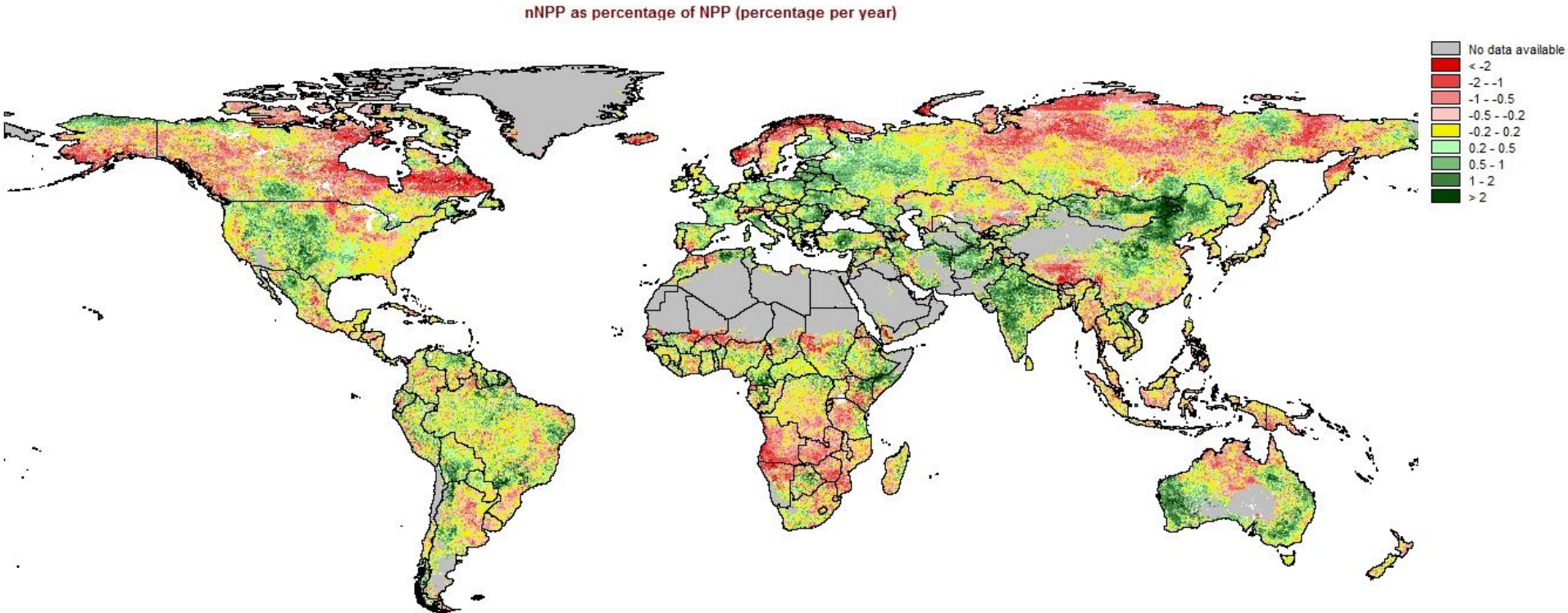
Source: Lal (2004, 2008)



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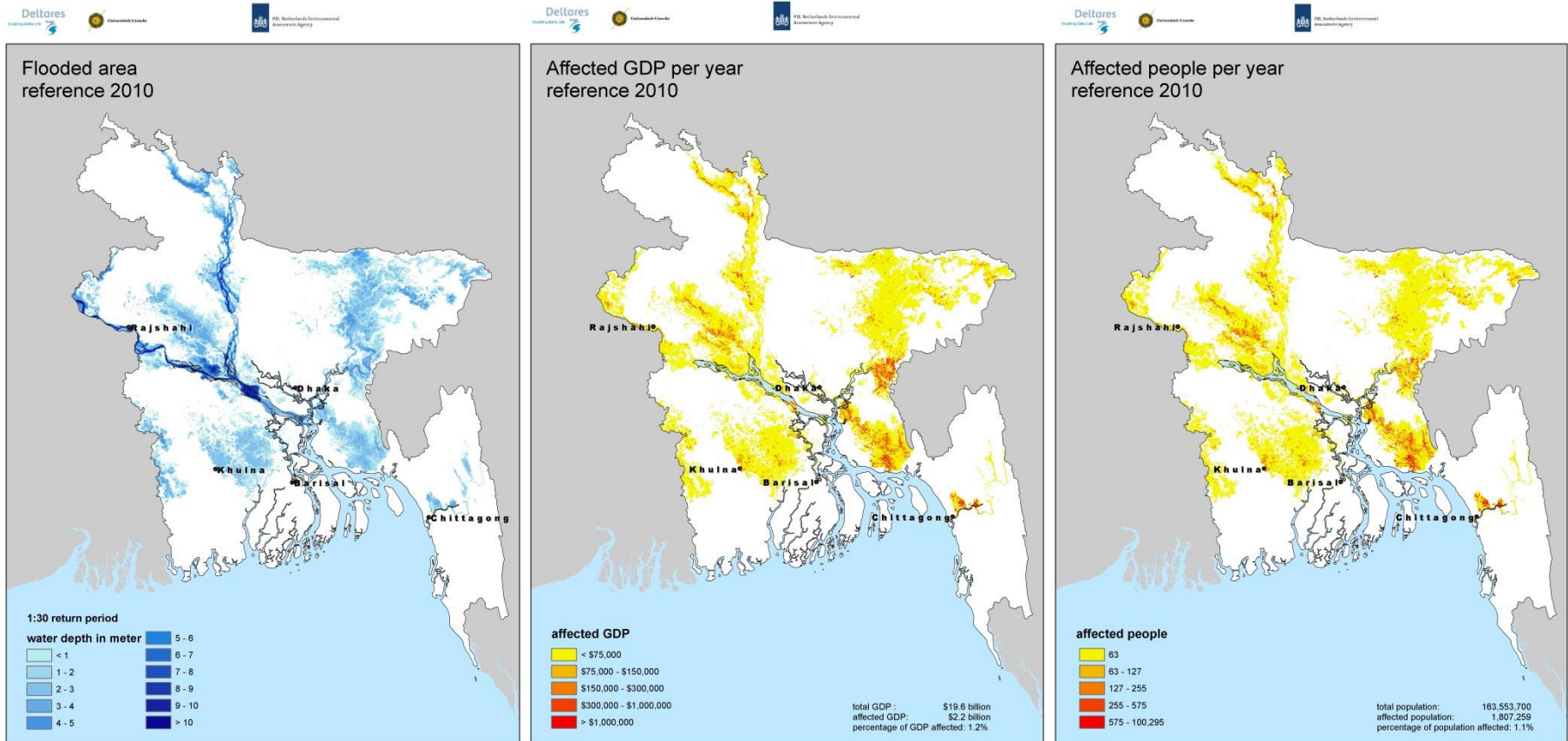


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## Floods



Once in 30-year flood

Affected GDP per year

Affected people per year

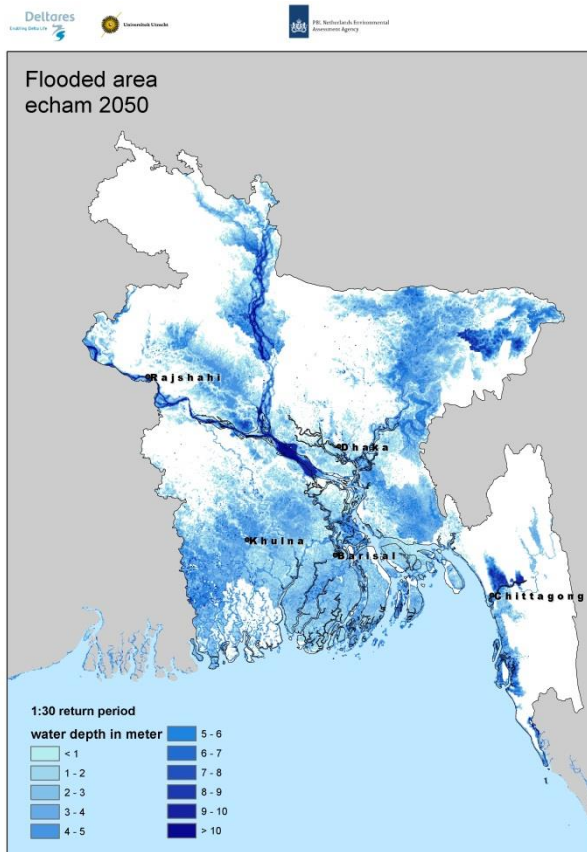


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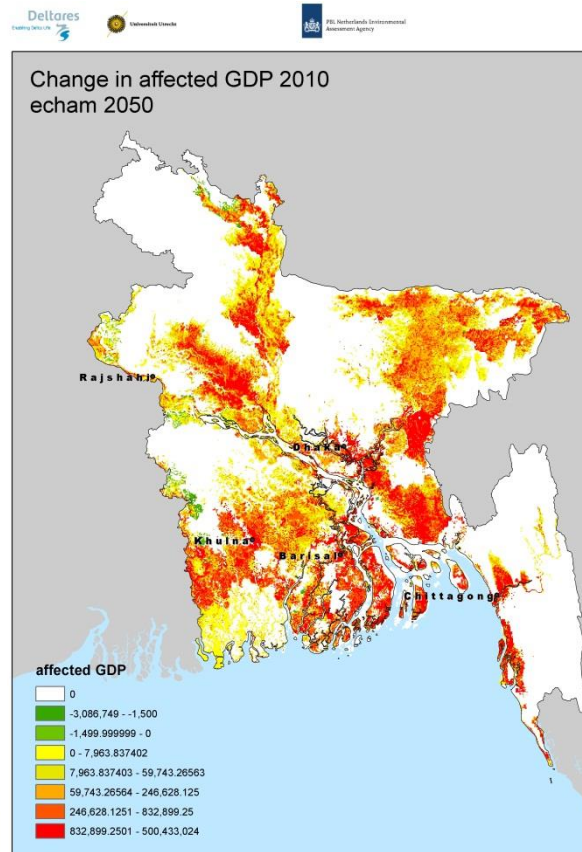


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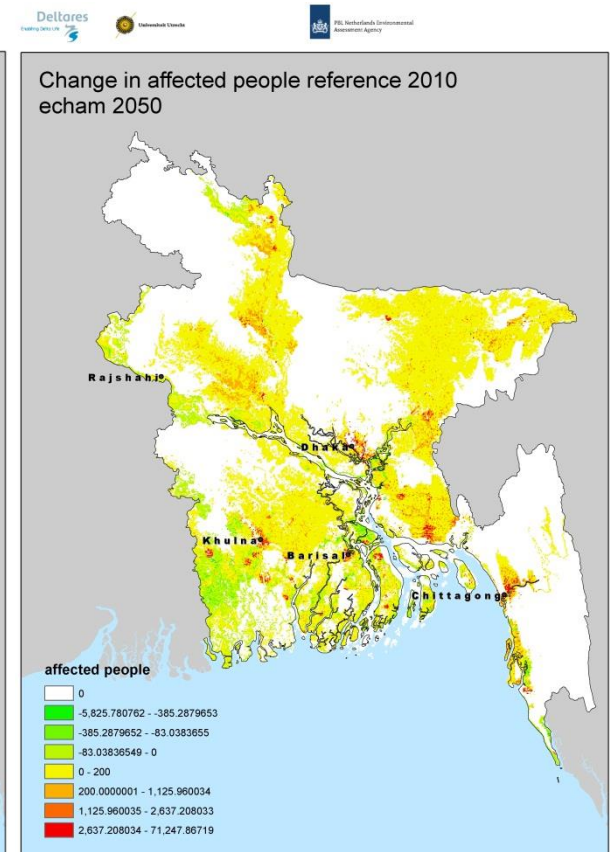
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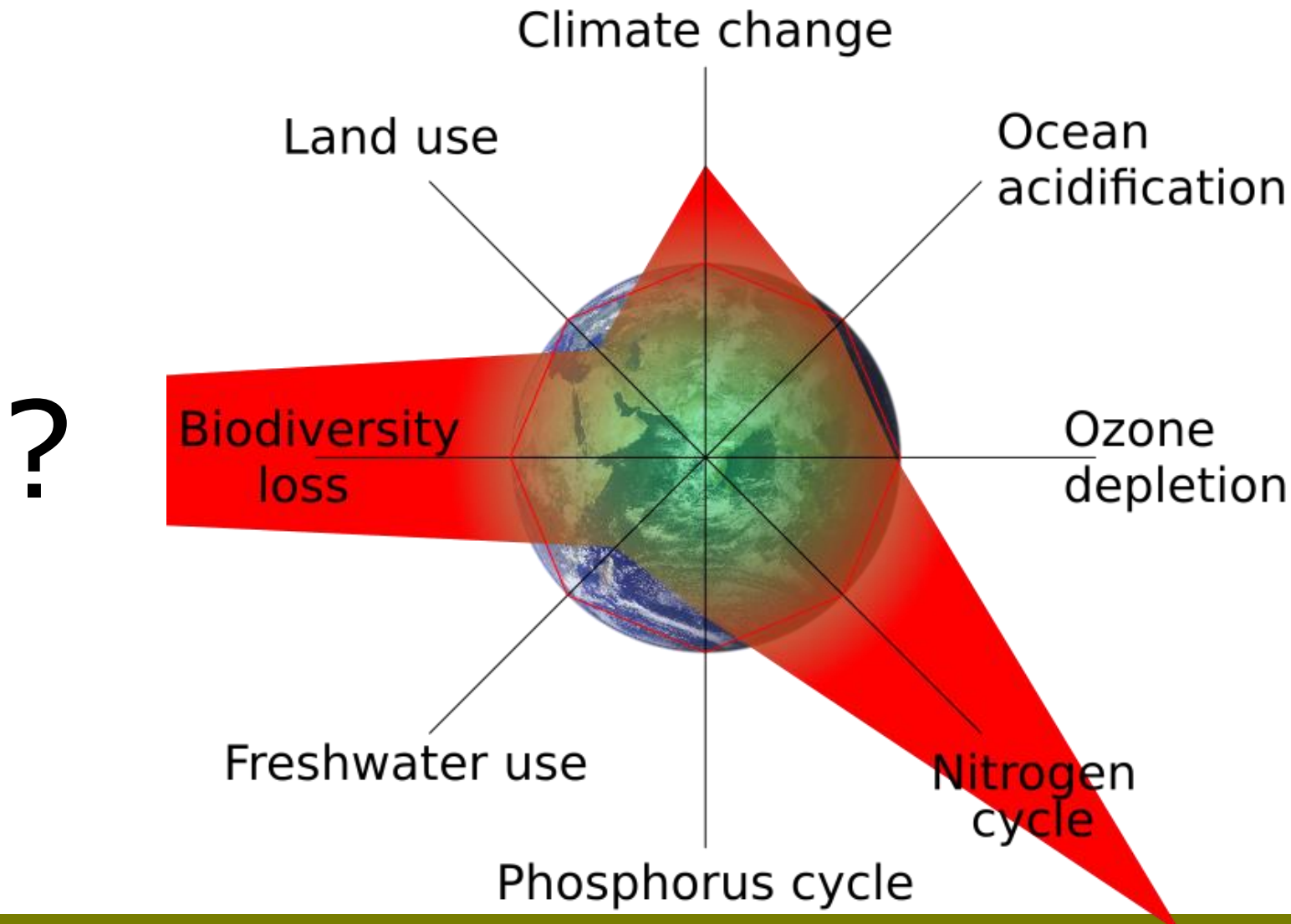
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# Planetary boundaries? to expected socioeconomic development



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## LEITAP – TIMER – IMAGE – GLOBIO - EcoOcean models

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- Population
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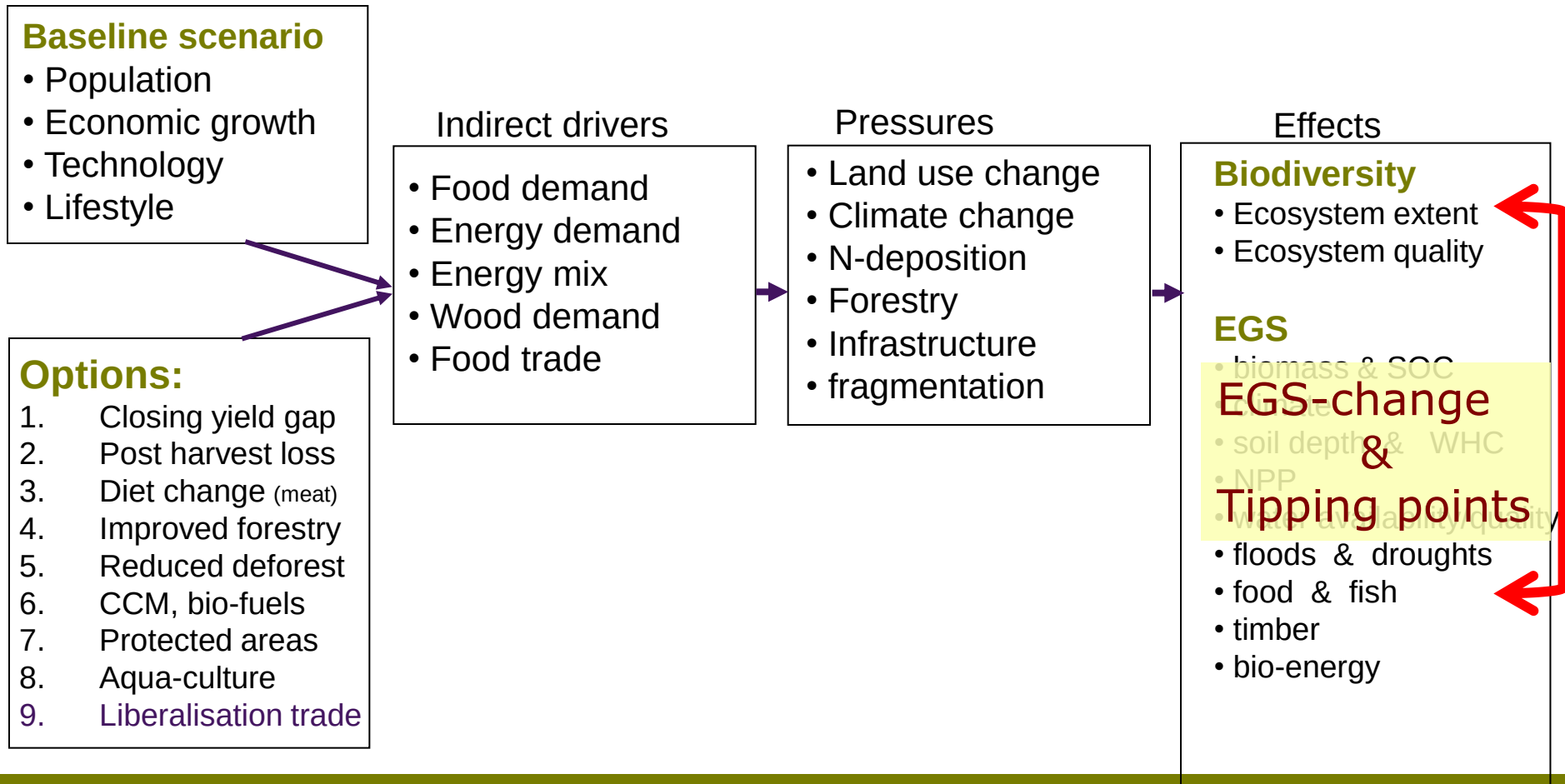
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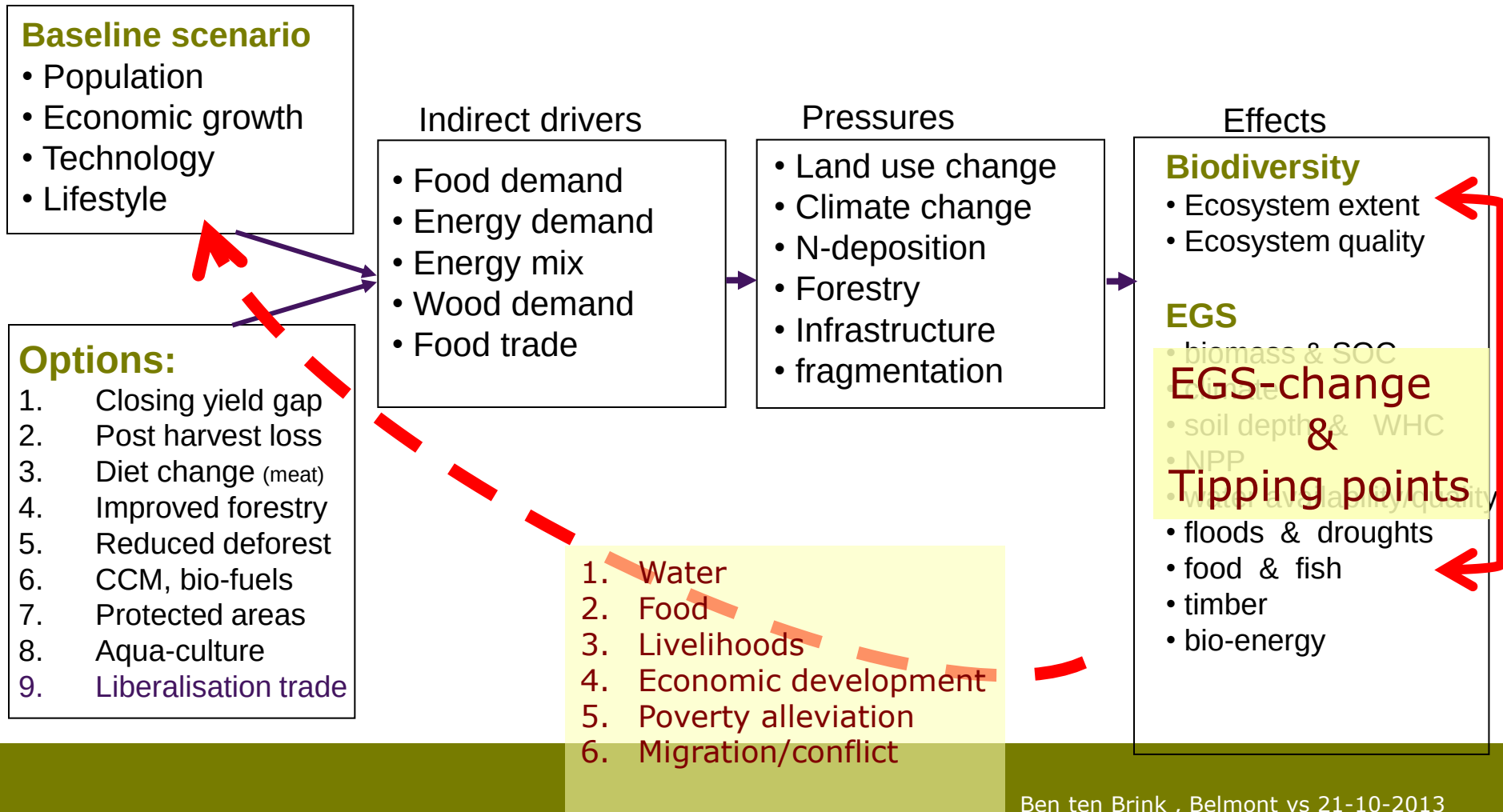


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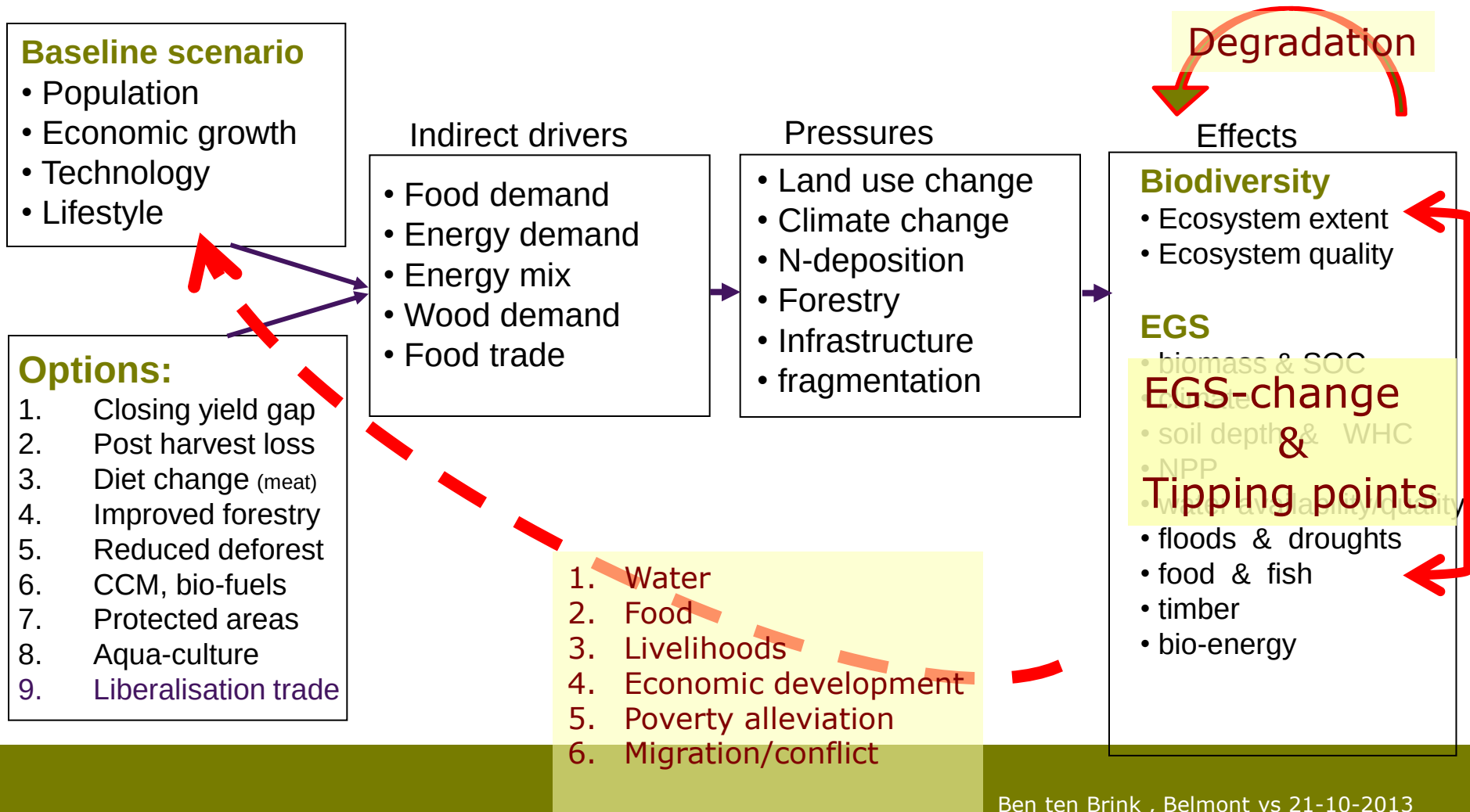


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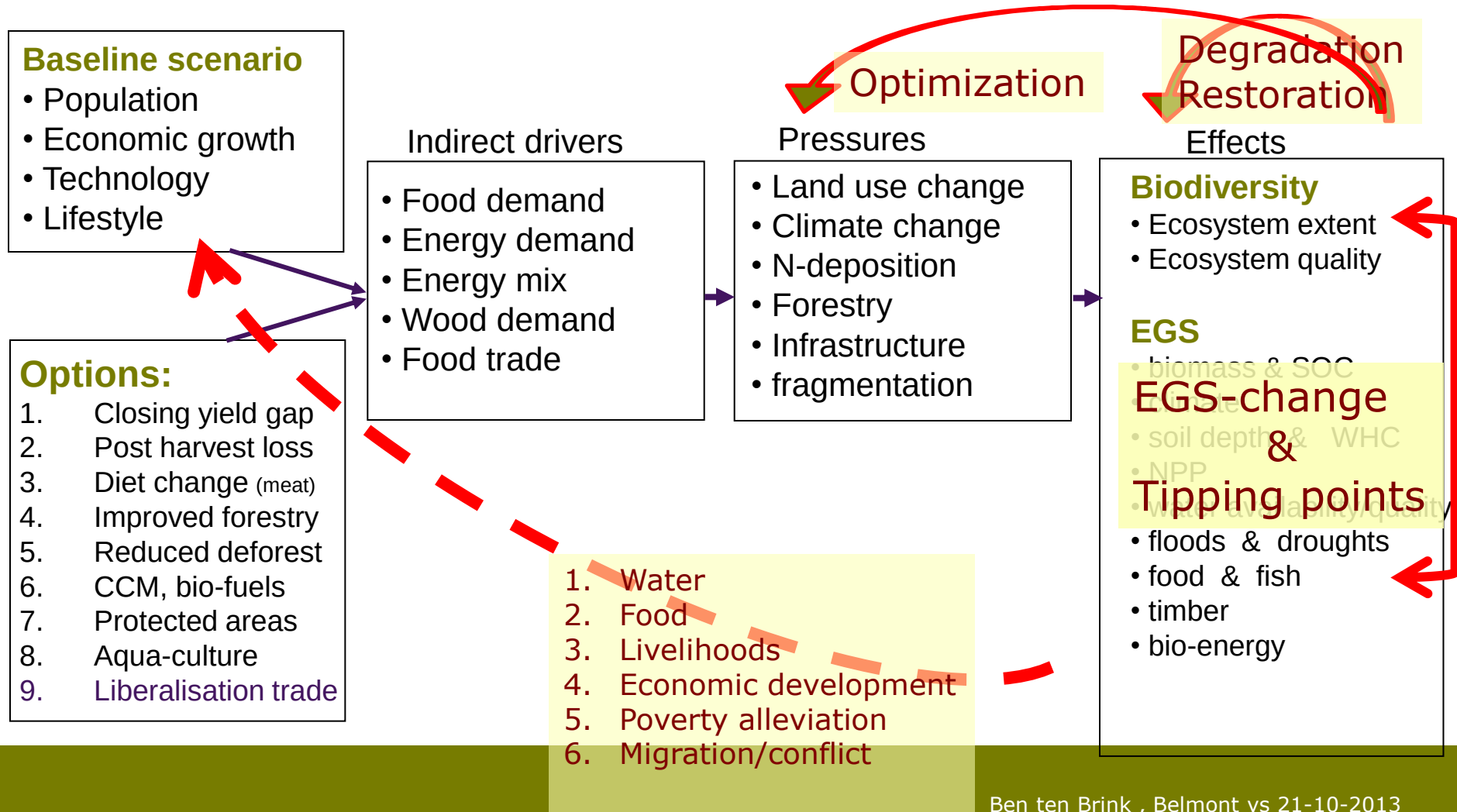


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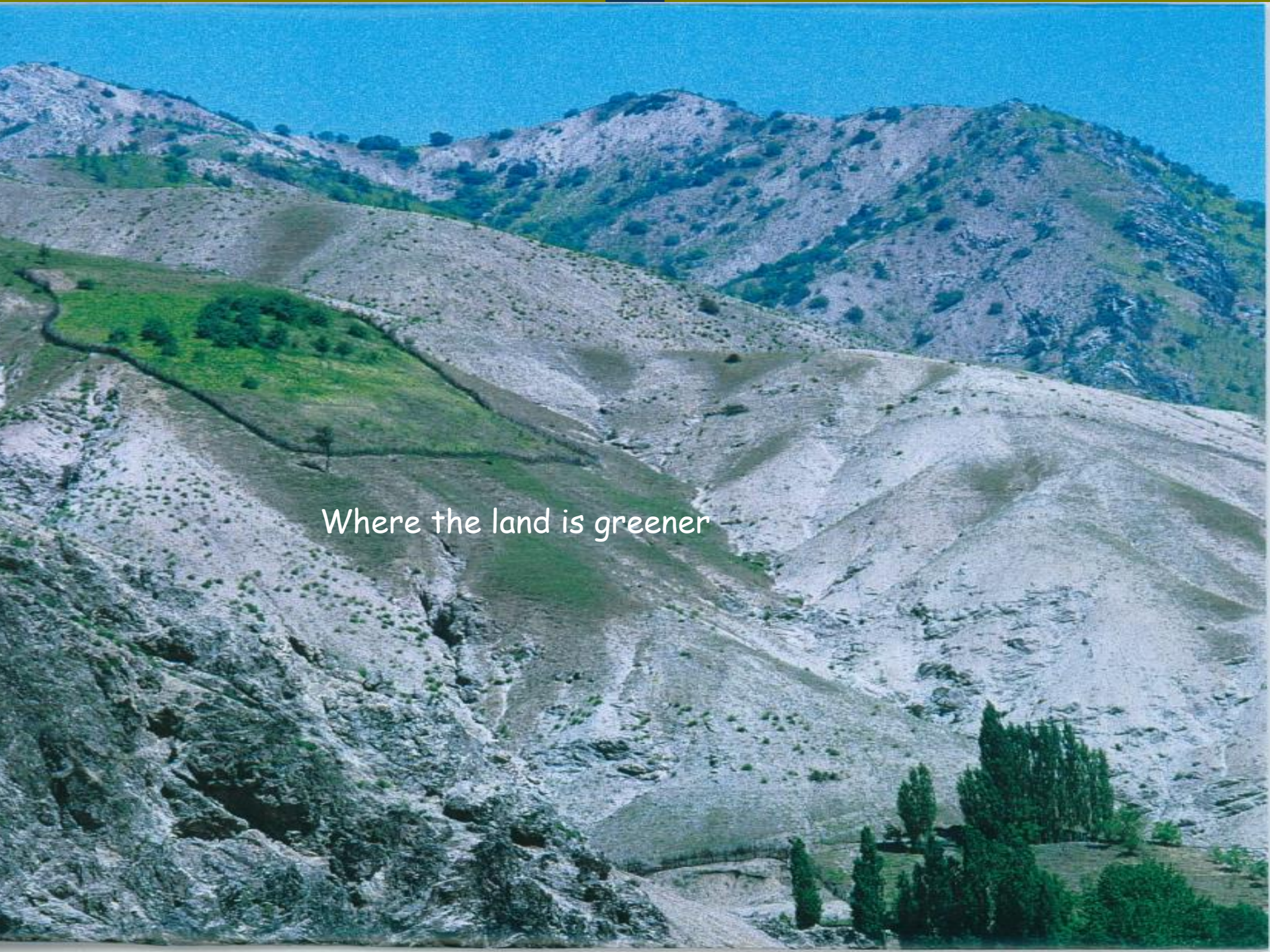
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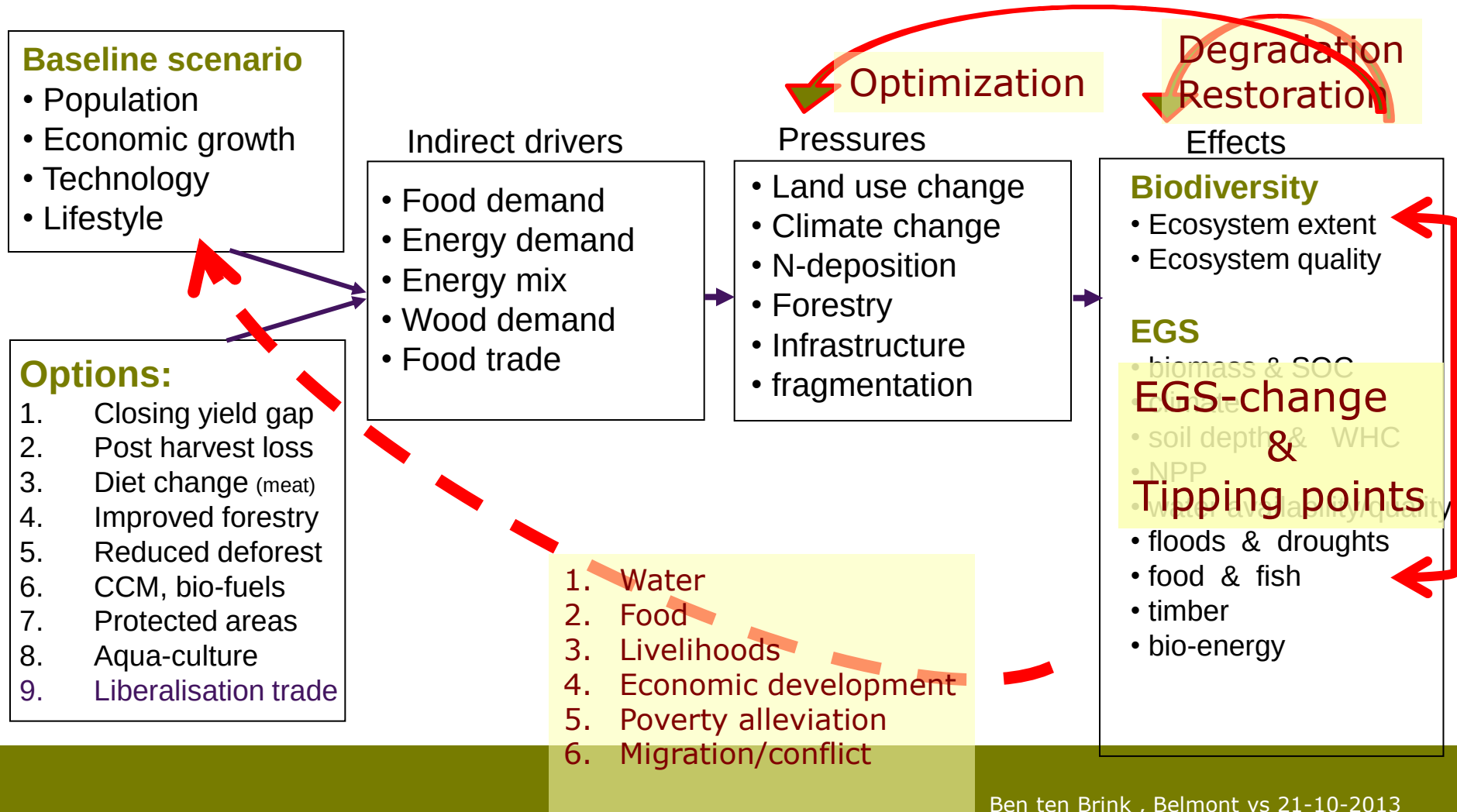


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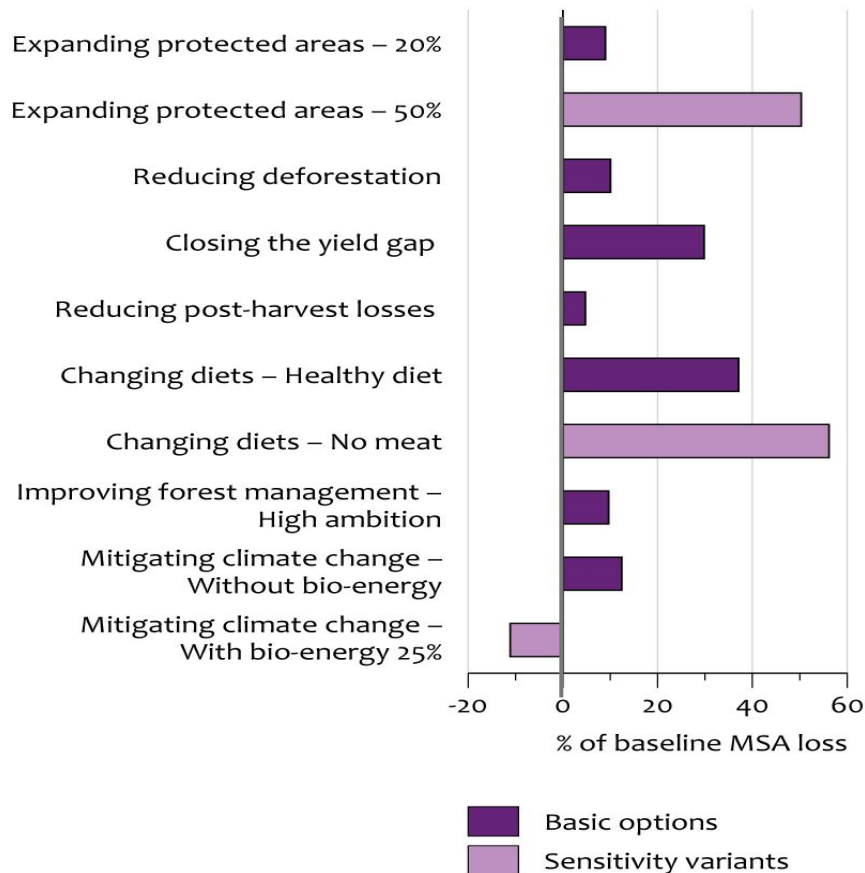
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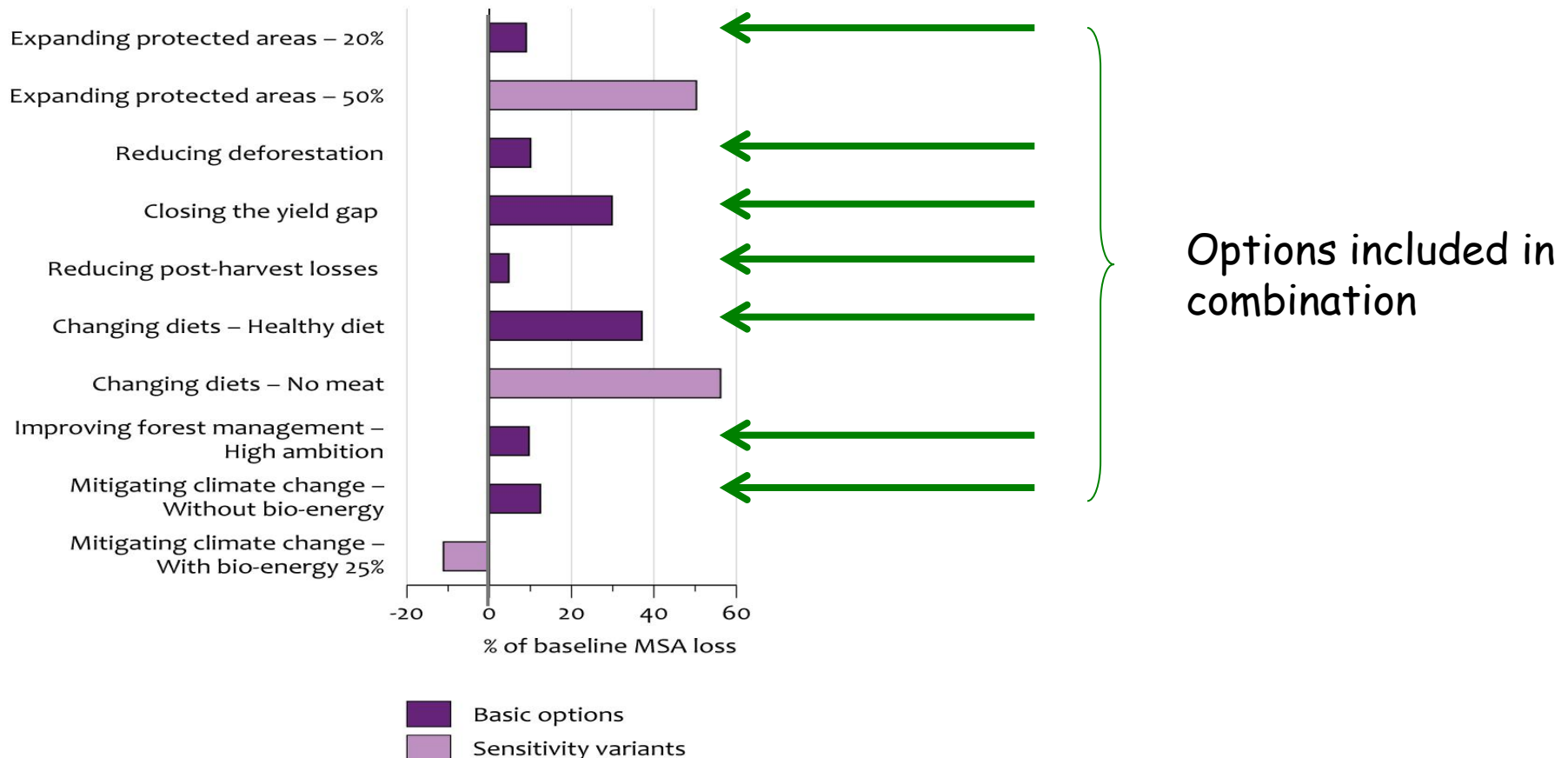
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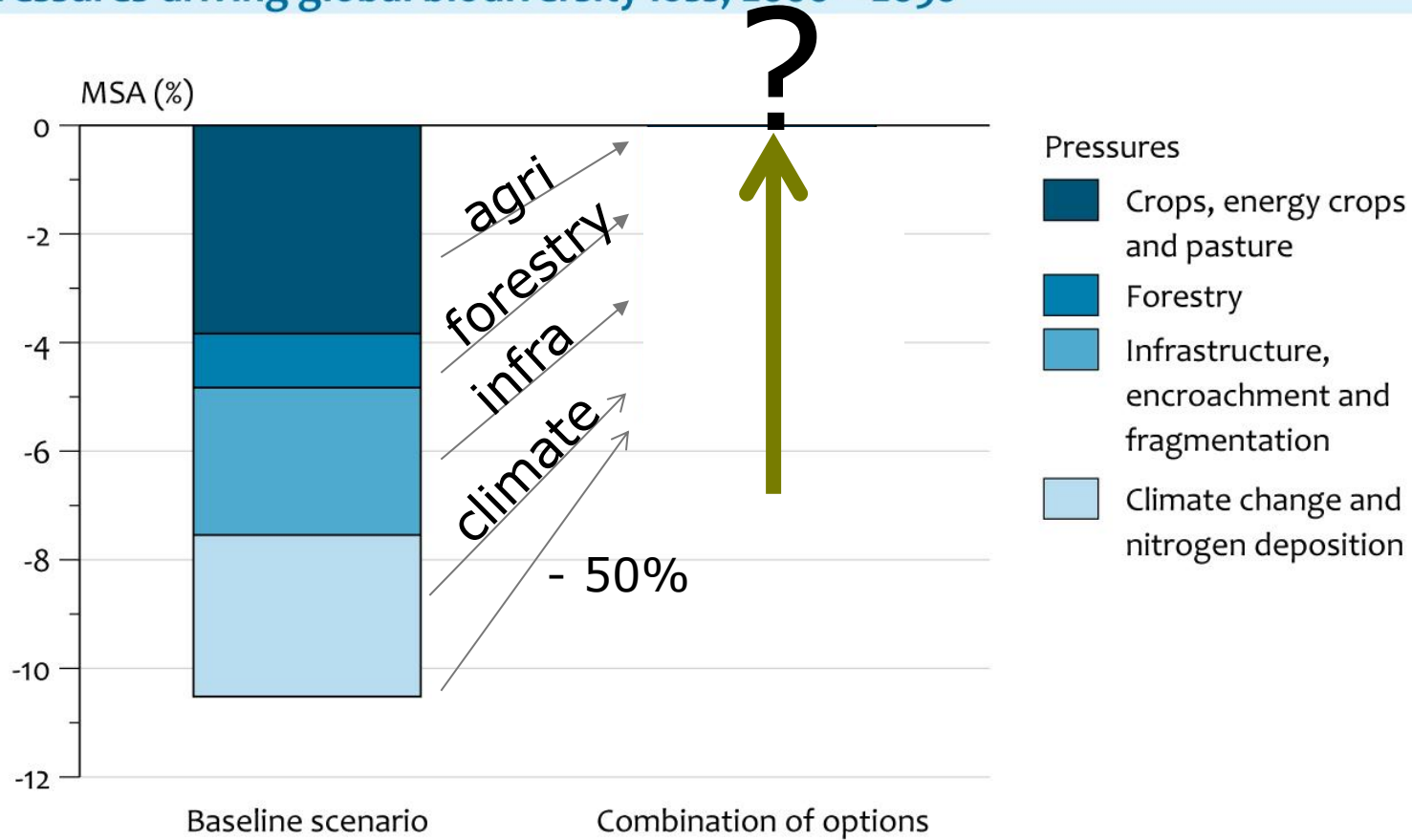
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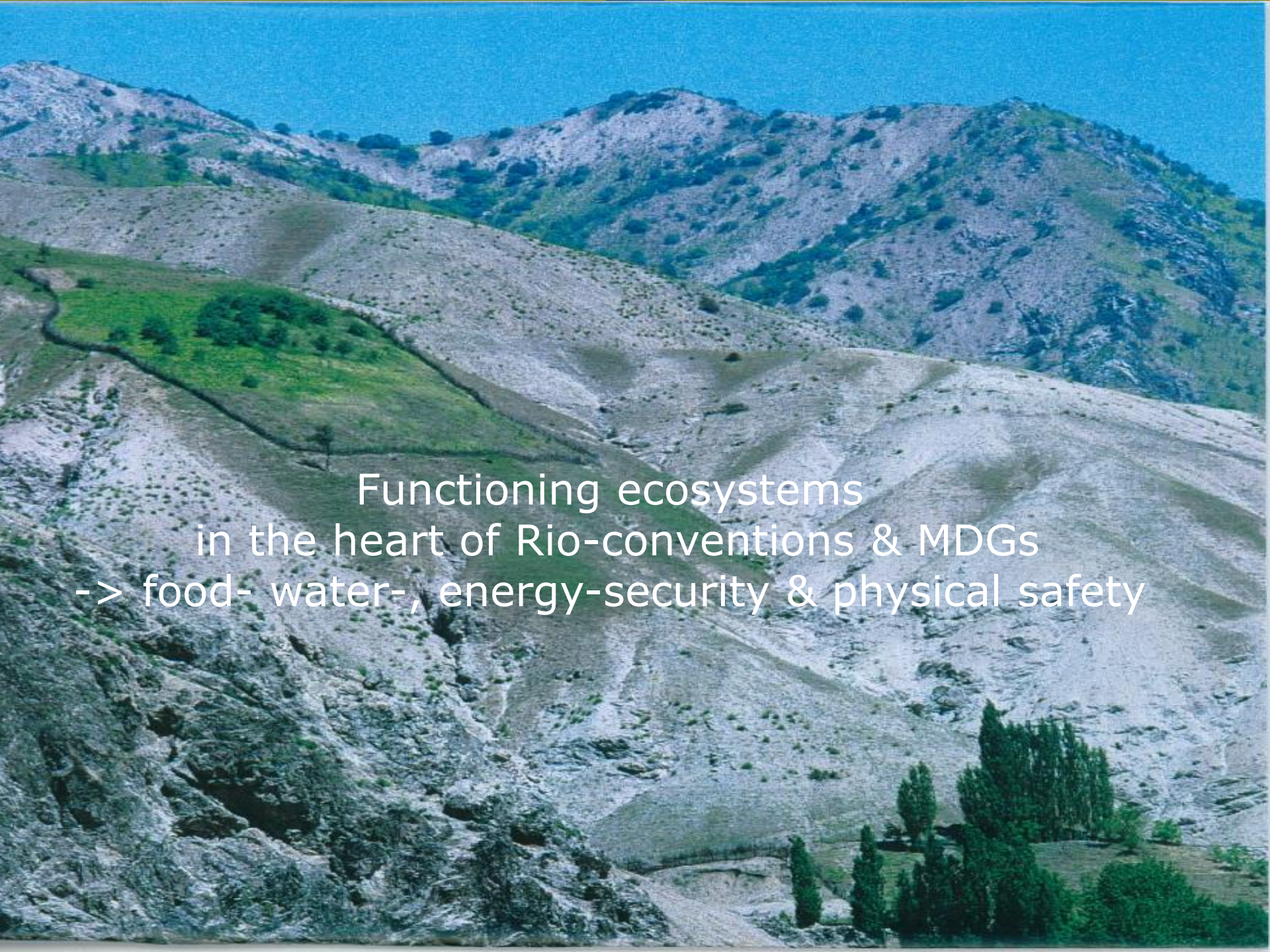


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## Pressures driving global biodiversity loss, 2000 – 2050







Functioning ecosystems  
in the heart of Rio-conventions & MDGs  
-> food- water-, energy-security & physical safety





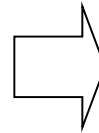
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# Consequences goods for services

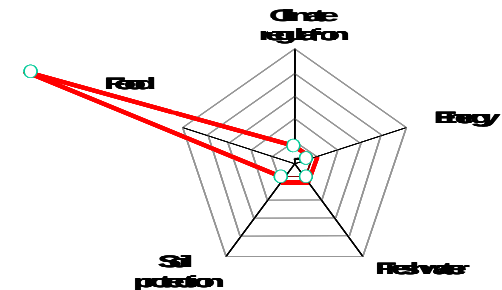
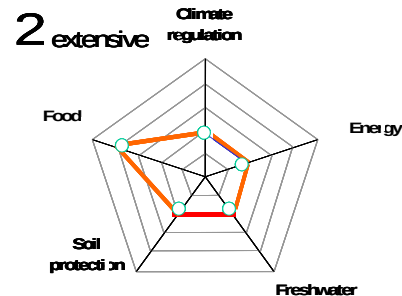
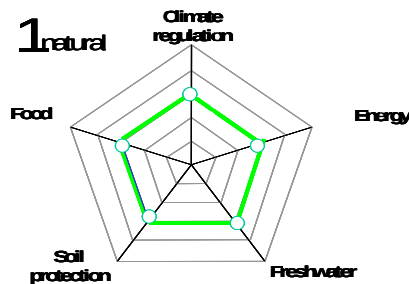


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Natural ecosystem



|                   |             |             |               |      |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------|
| crops             | Water basin |             | National Park |      |
|                   | Shrimp farm |             | golf          |      |
| timber plantation | cattle      | road        |               | city |
|                   |             | Energy crop |               |      |



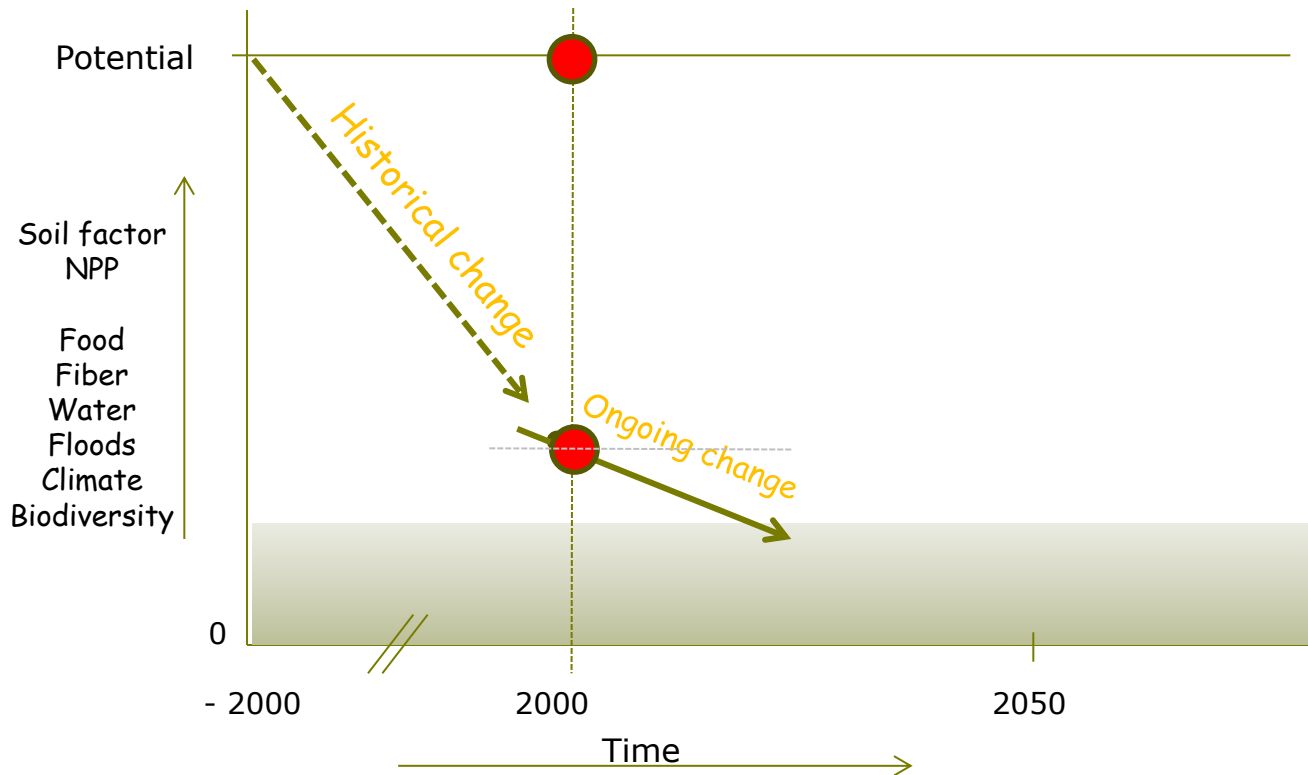
'We parcelate the world'  
Swap services for goods

# Making multiple maps

## function change



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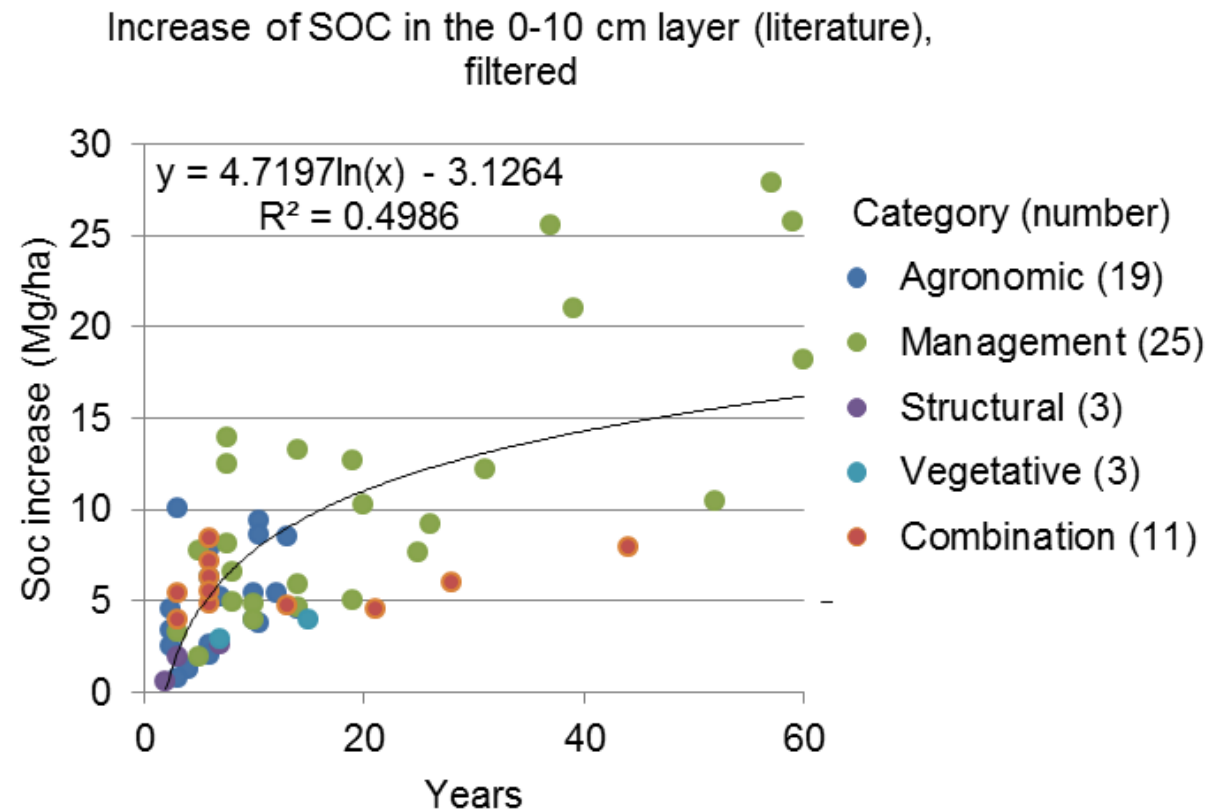


# Restoration scenarios

## SOC increase over time



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Legend:  
sequestration > 0.25 Mg/ha  
total dSOC > 7.5 Mg/ha

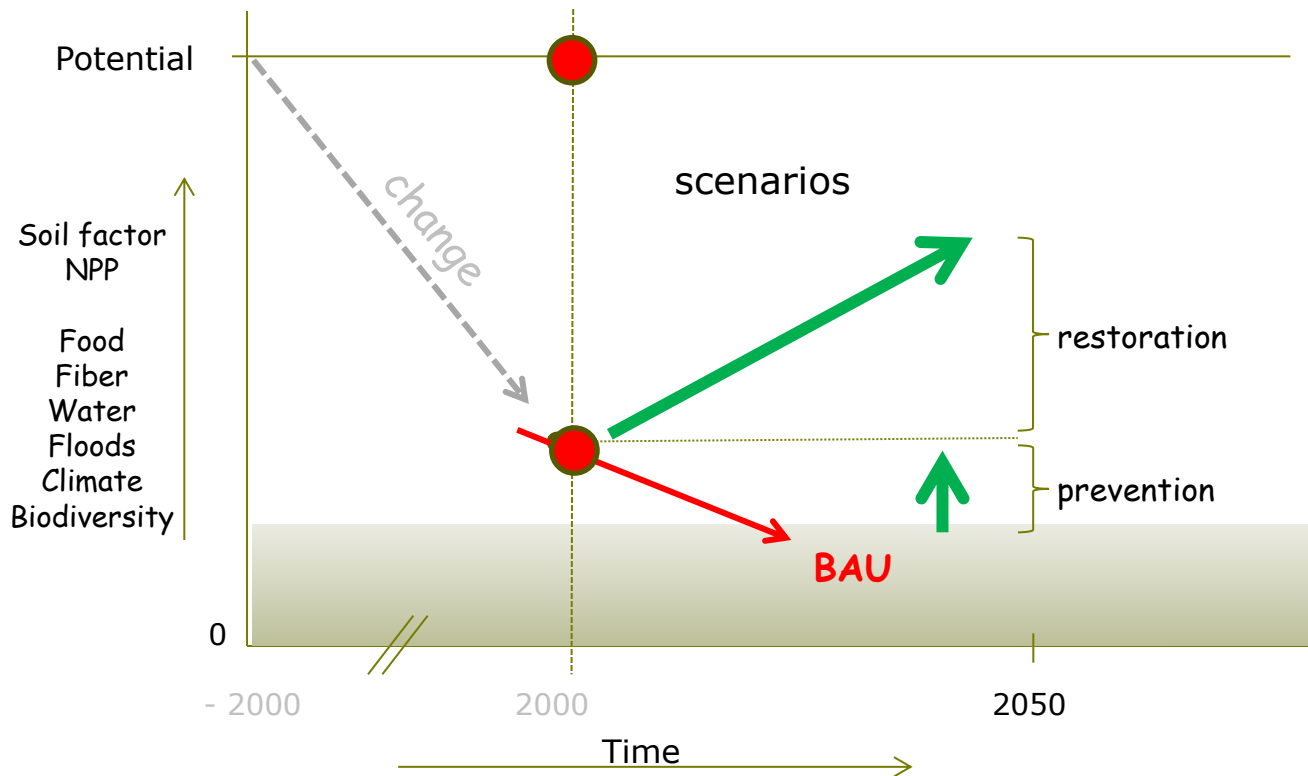
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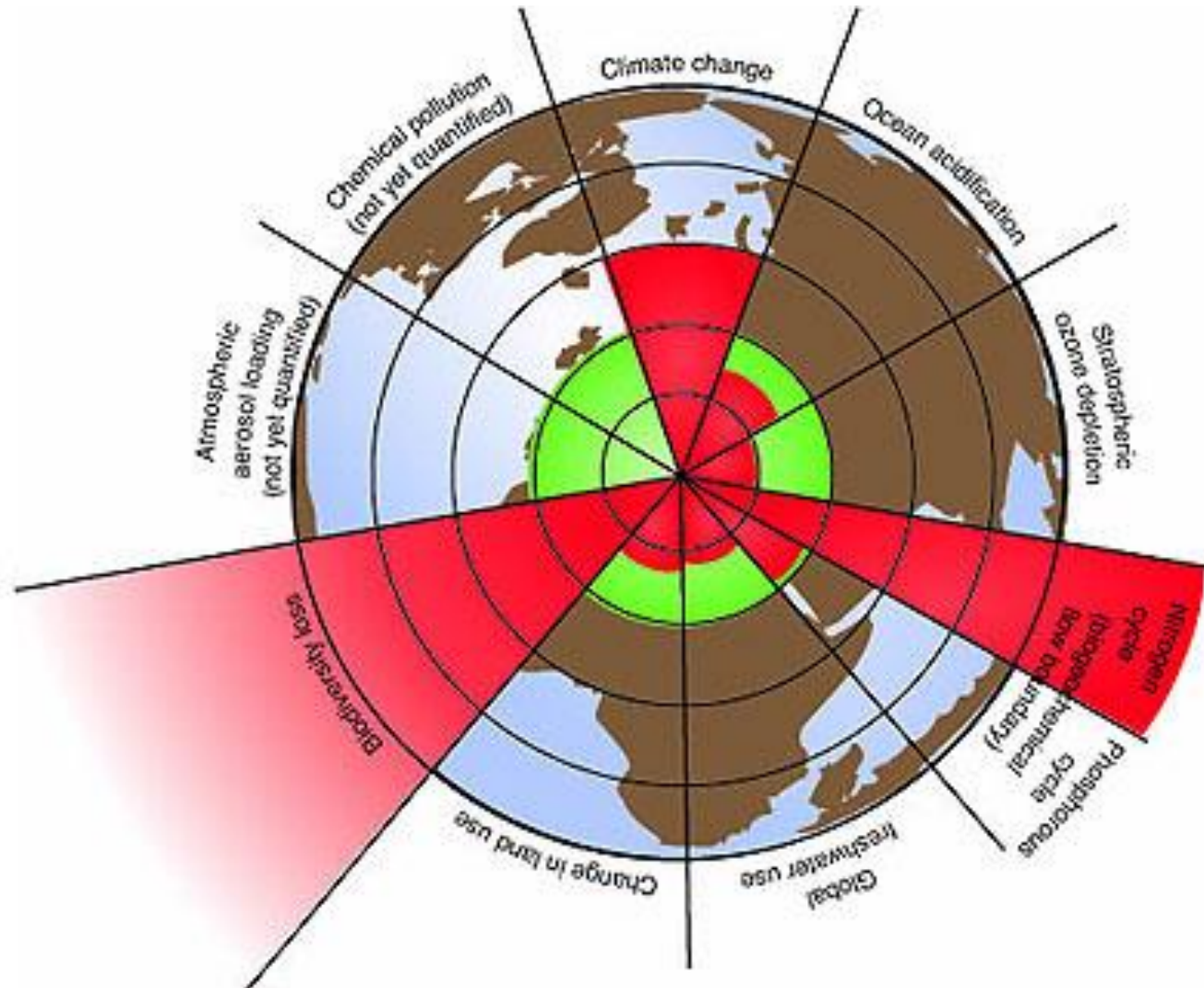


# Future scenarios



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# Key process

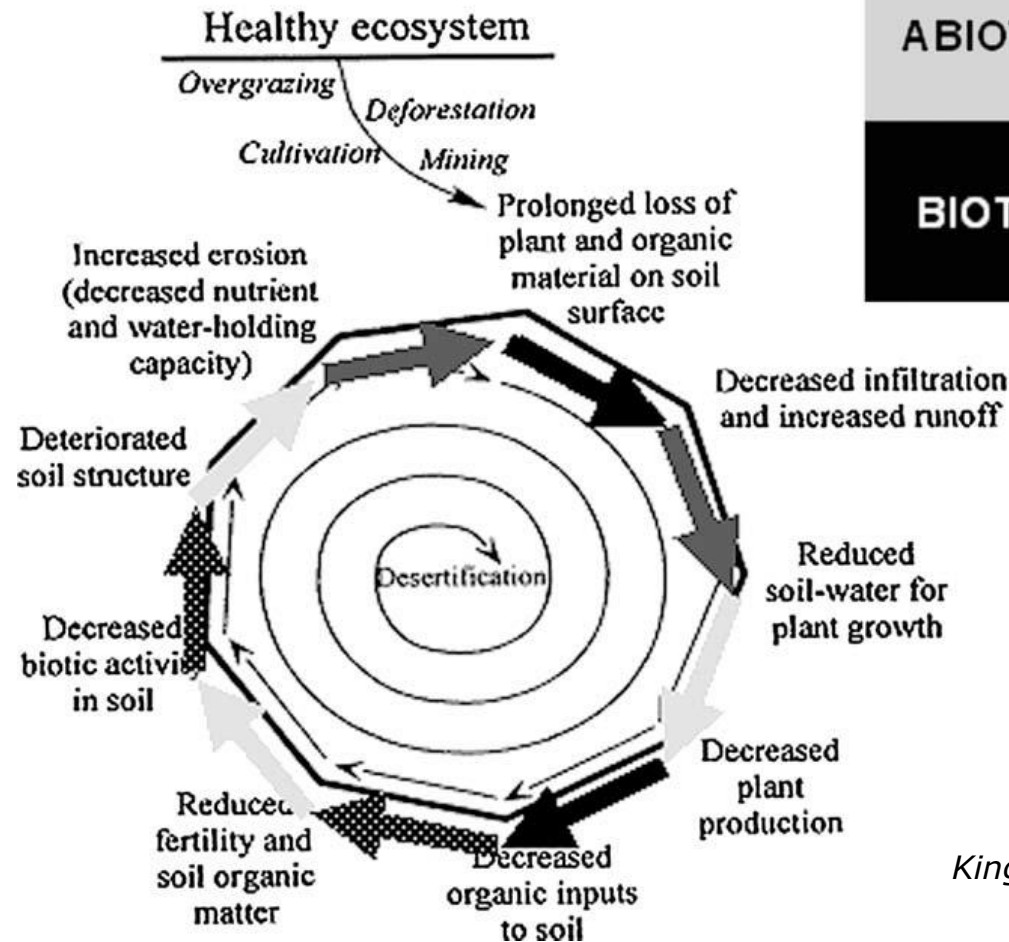


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De-vegetate  
De-carbonate  
De-hydrate  
De-speciate  
De-plete  
De-teriorate  
De-sertificate

-> Ecosystem engine stops

(b)

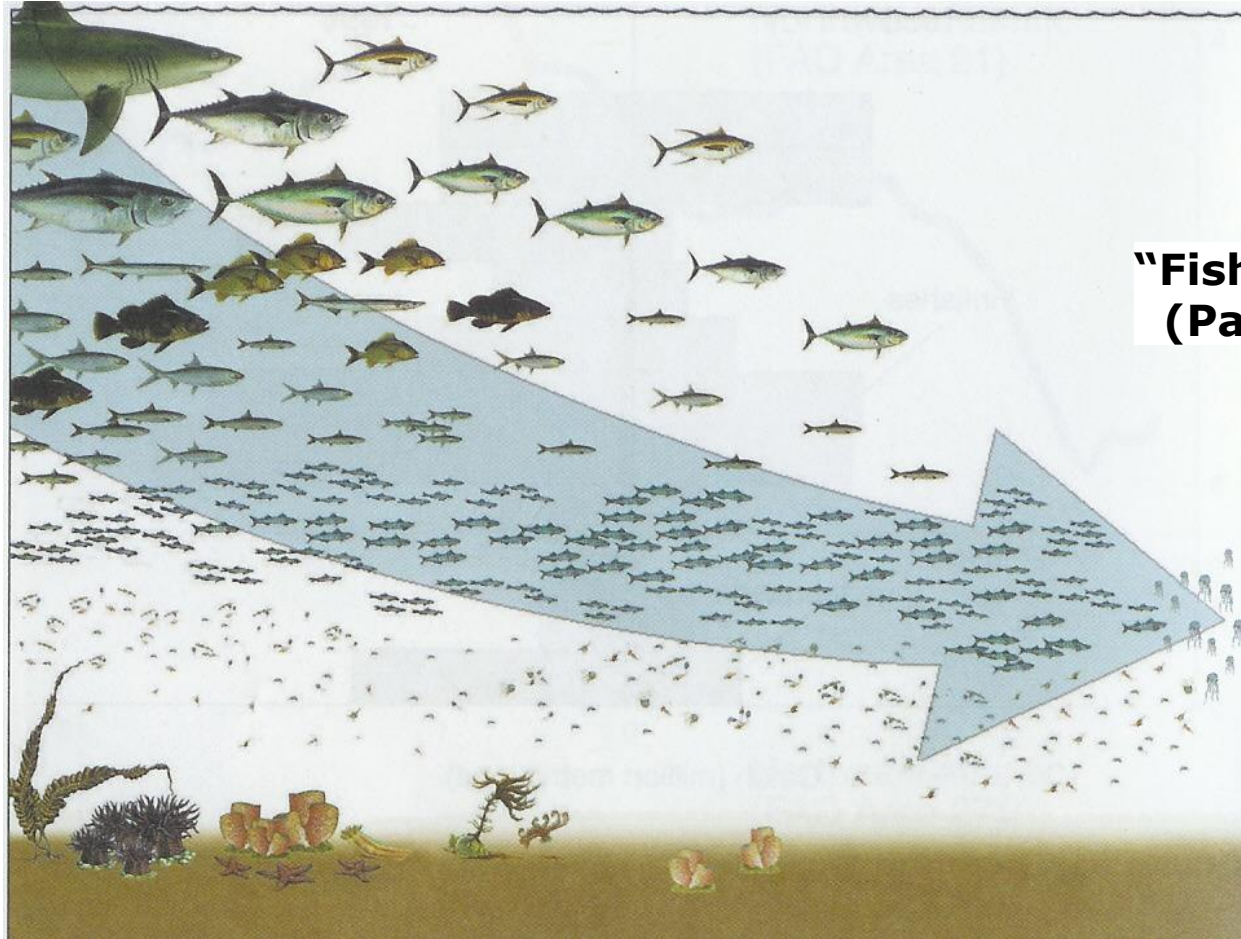


King and Hobbs 2006

# How do we measure biodiversity loss? → homogenisation



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**“Fishing down the foodweb  
(Pauly, 2001)”**

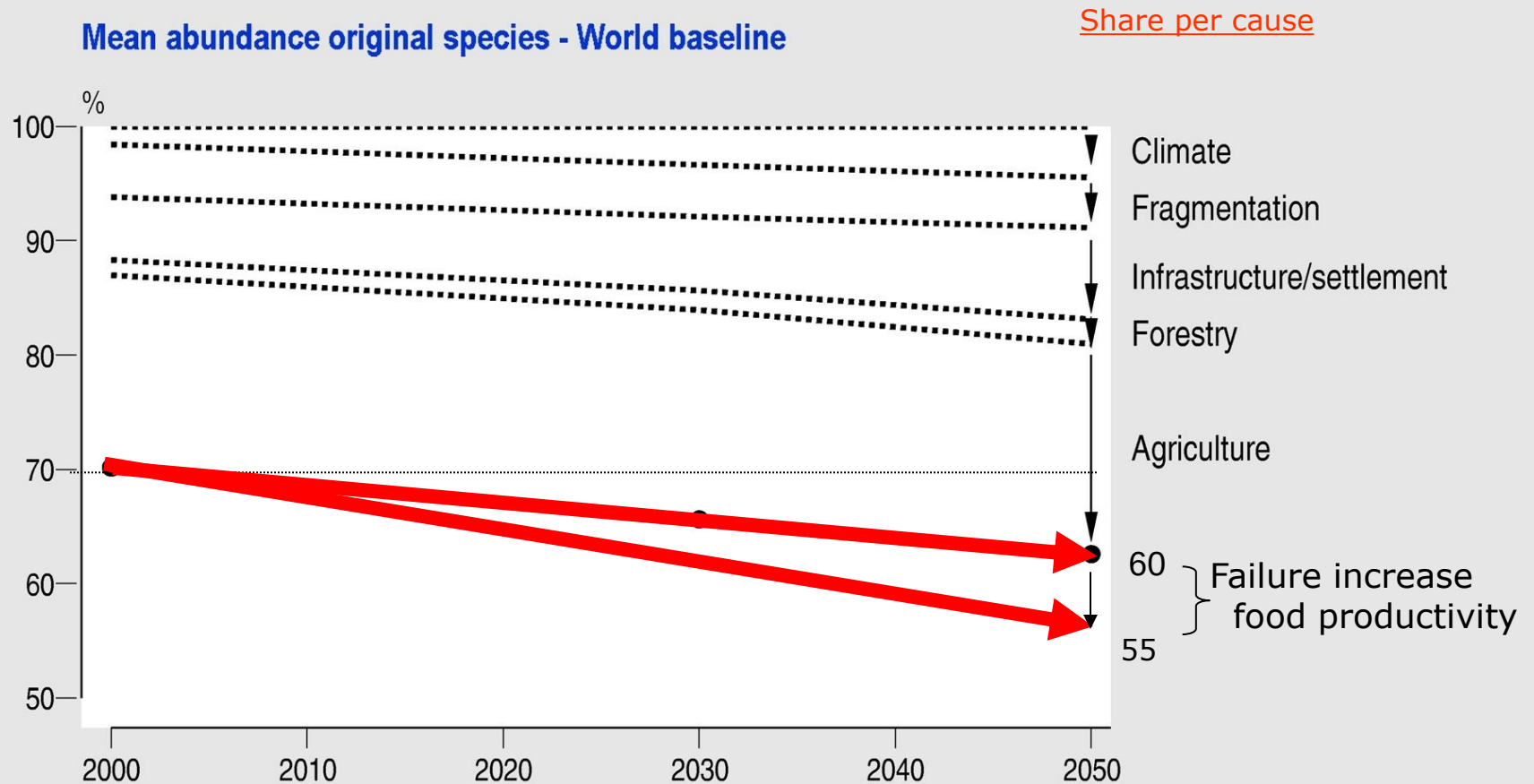
We also convert, plough, burn, log, hunt and pollute down



# Global biodiversity loss: 70% > 60% (MSA)



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Datum: 20-dec-2005



# Rethinking global biodiversity strategies

Sector-based options to reduce biodiversity loss

as a contribution to TEEB

**A cooperation between PBL, LEI and UBC**

Ben ten Brink    PBL, 20-10-2010

# Conclusions



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1. By 2050, global biodiversity further declines from 70%→60%
2. many sub-systems to **lower** levels
3. individual options reduce loss a little
4. a combination of options **halves** the loss, and
5. has **positive** effects on climate change, water quality, and food availability
6. **more** options are possible → further reduce





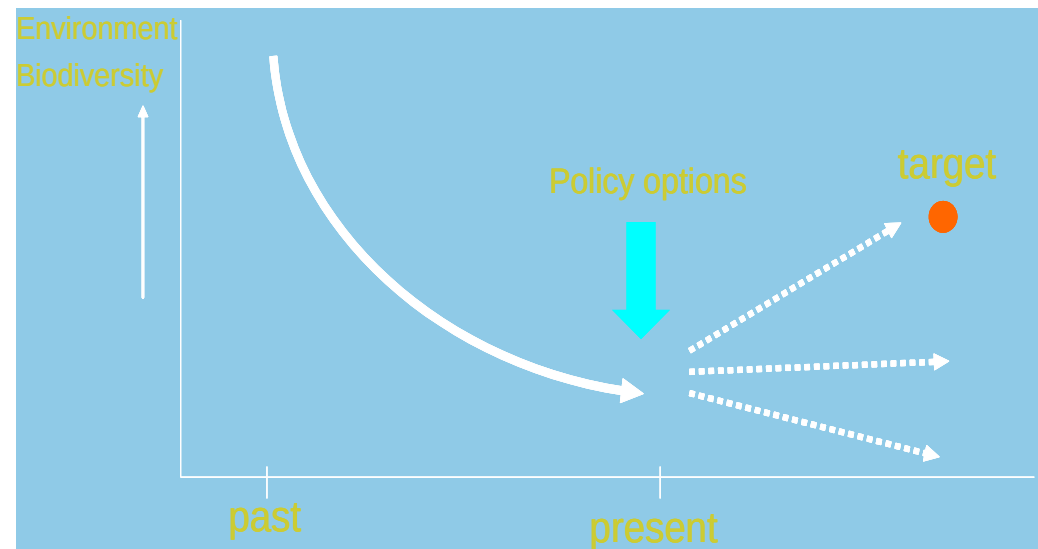
## Governmental institute Independent

Contribute to:

- IPCC
- MA
- GB02**
- GEO 1, 3,4**
- FAO outlook
- OECD outlook 2008**
- TEEB1

-**Contribution to TEEB -> Bio-physical effects Cost of Policy Action**

-...





## Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 concluded:

1. 2010-target not achieved at any level
2. loss proceeds at unchanged pace
3. risk at passing tipping points

### Recommends measures on:

- agricultural efficiency
- forestry
- climate mitigation
- fisheries
- consumption
- .....

How much?  
Do they halt loss?

# We assessed 8 options and 1 combination

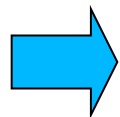


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## 8 single options:

1. Closing yield gap (efficiency)
2. Reducing post harvest loss (50%)
3. Diet change (less meat - no meat)
4. Climate mitigation & biofuels (max + 2°C)
5. Wood plantations + RIL
6. Reduced deforestation
7. Protected areas (20%-50% per biome)
8. Restoring marine stocks & aquaculture

Compared to no new policies  
scenario (BAU)

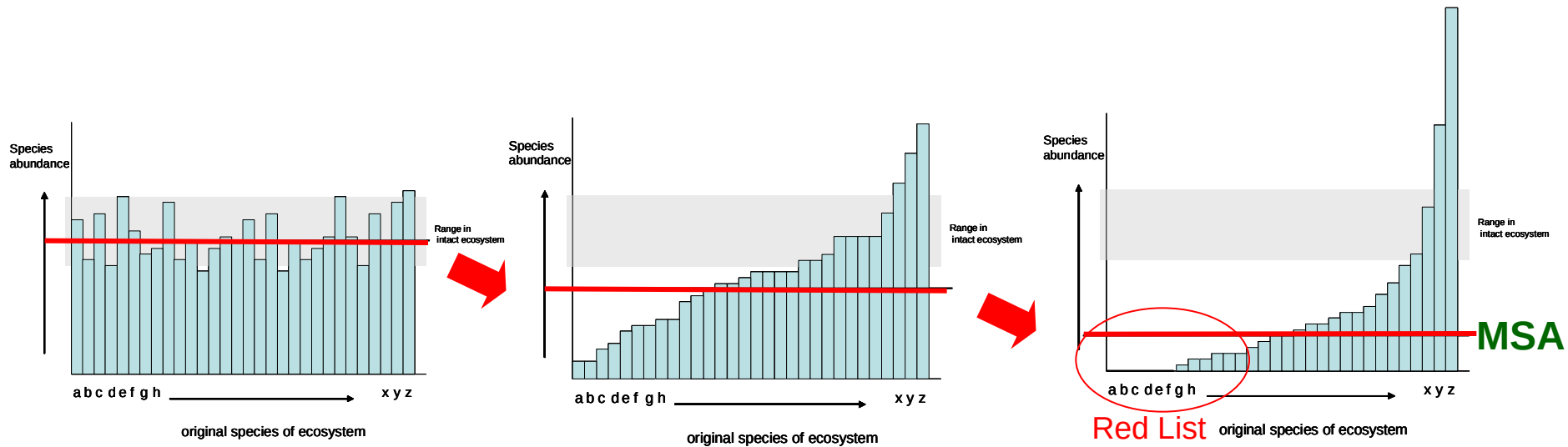


+ Option package (ambitious but feasible)

# Indicator: mean species abundance



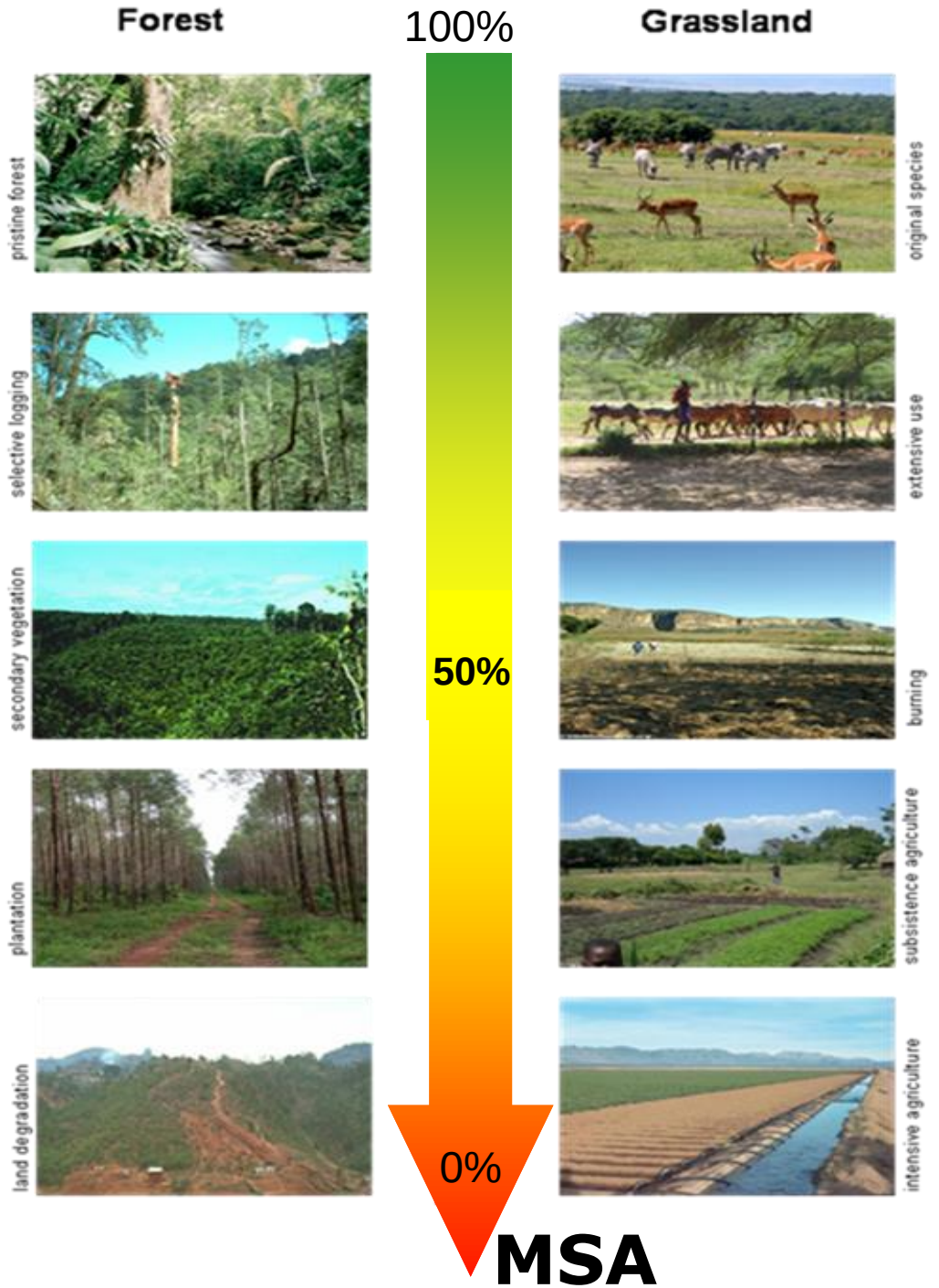
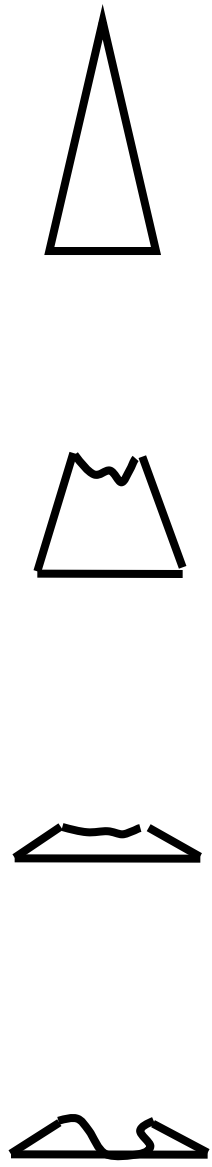
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Mean Species Abundance (MSA)

# MSA

## A landscape view



**MSA**



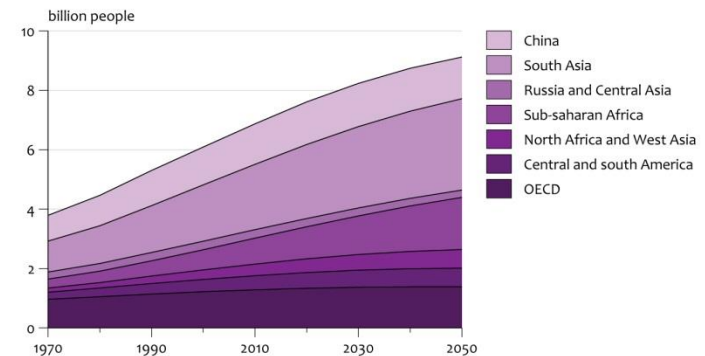
# Baseline scenario: no new policies

## Characteristics 2000-> 2050:

1.5 x global population  
1.6 x food productivity  
1.6 x fish demand  
1.4 x wood demand  
2.5 x global energy use  
3 x income per person

Kyoto implemented

Population increase to 2050



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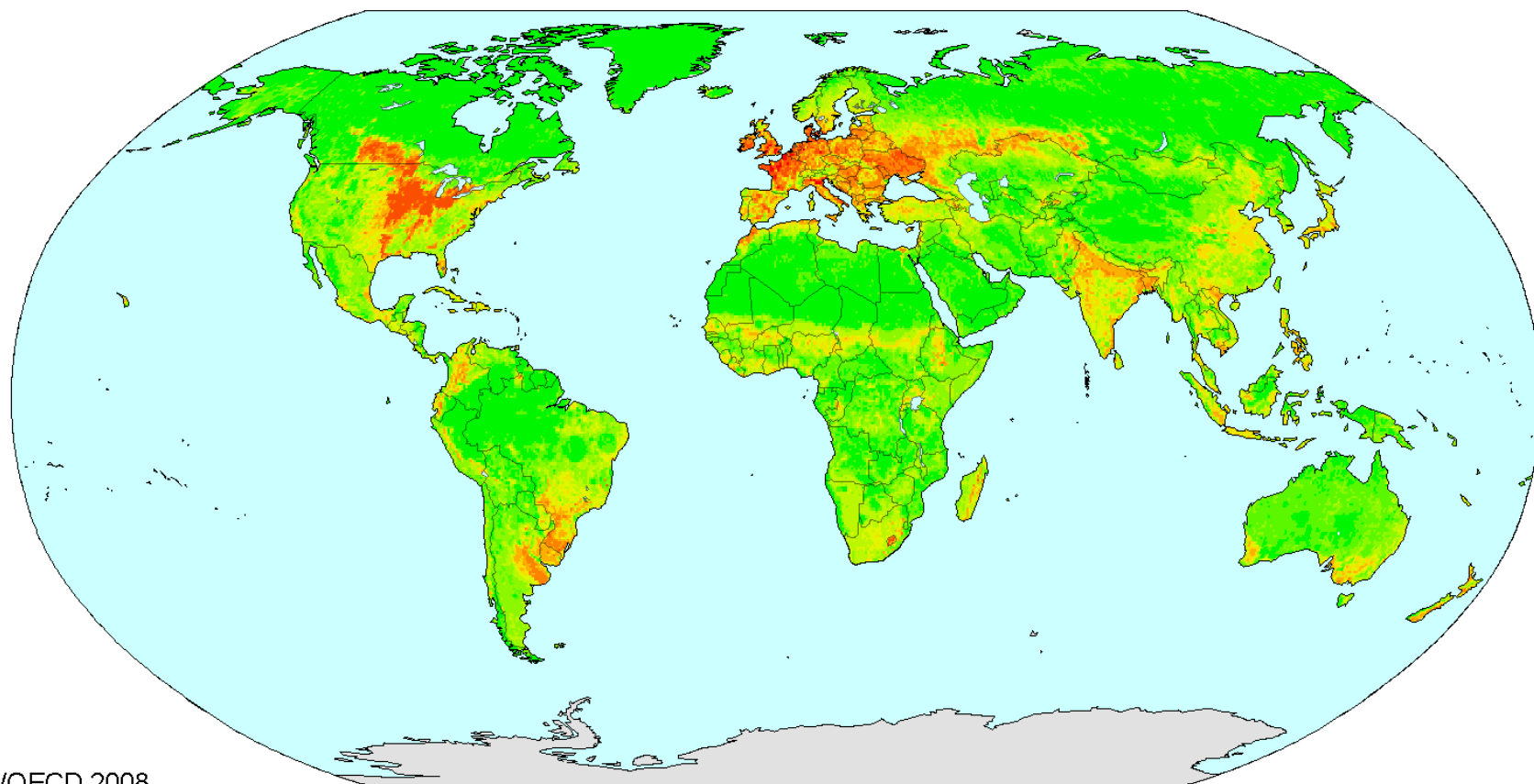
Sources: OECD, IEA, FAO,  
Cork et al,

# Baseline 1970



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## Biodiversity in 1970 (MSA)



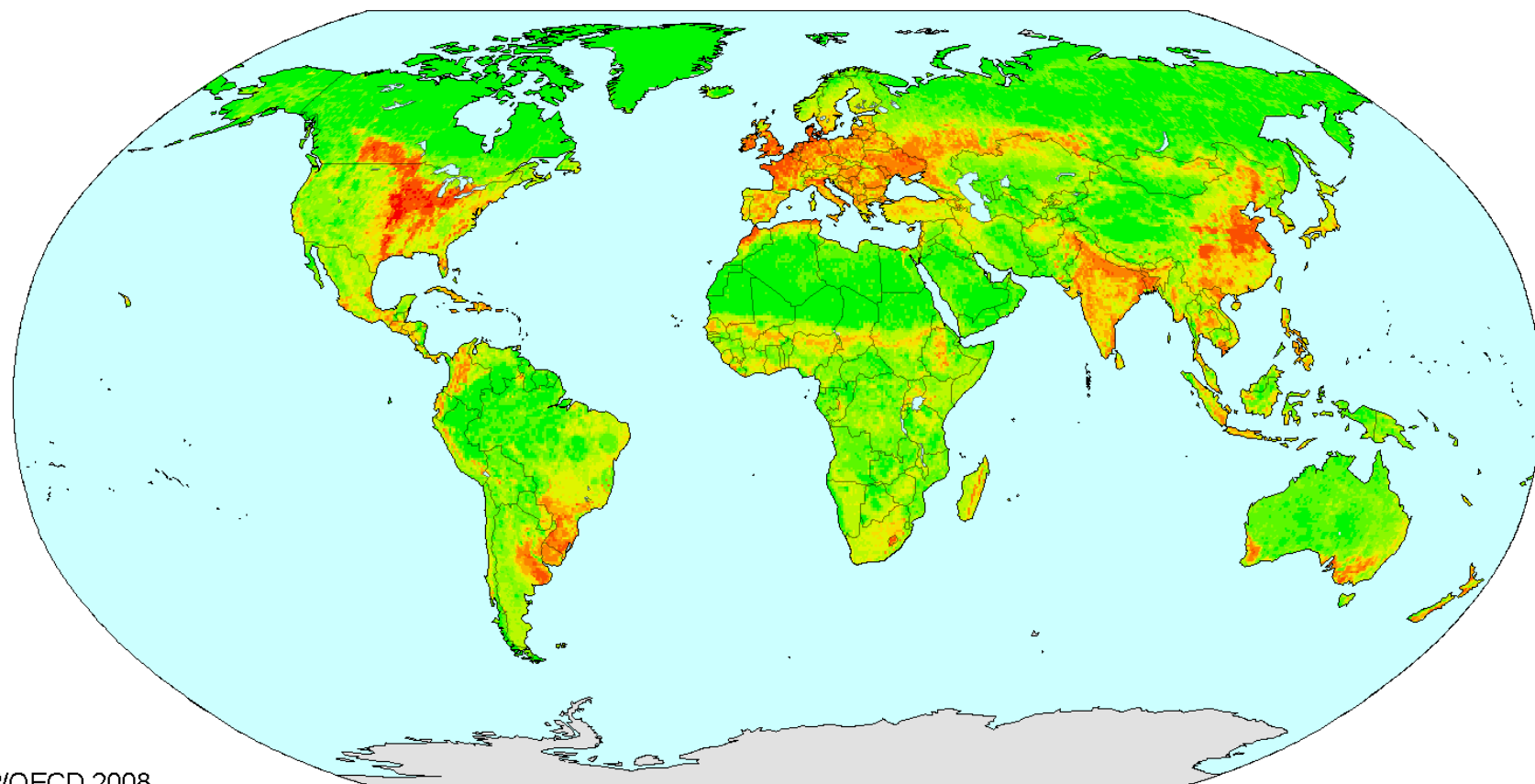
Source: MNP/OECD 2008

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## Biodiversity in 2000 (MSA)

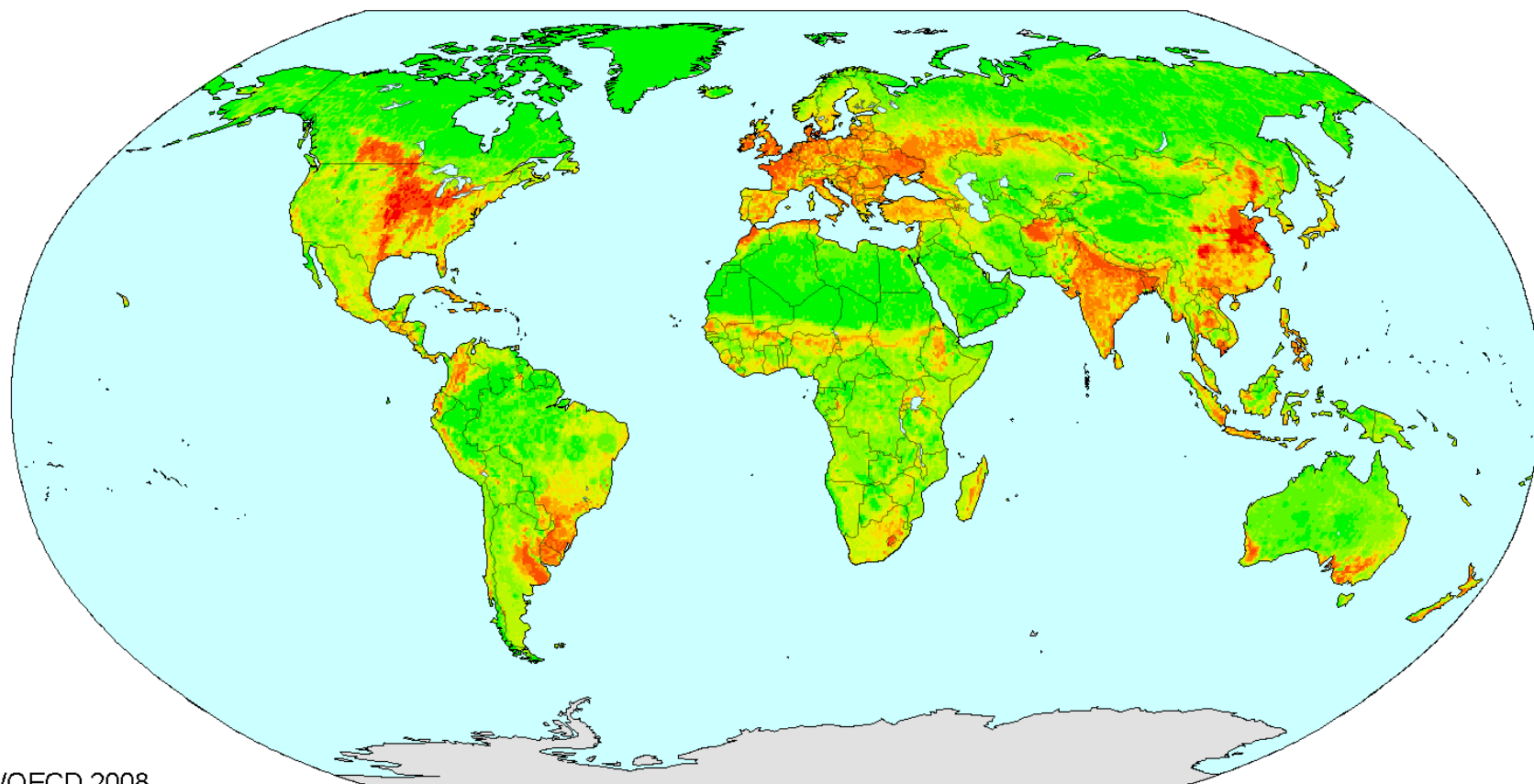


# Baseline 2010



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## Biodiversity in 2010 (MSA)



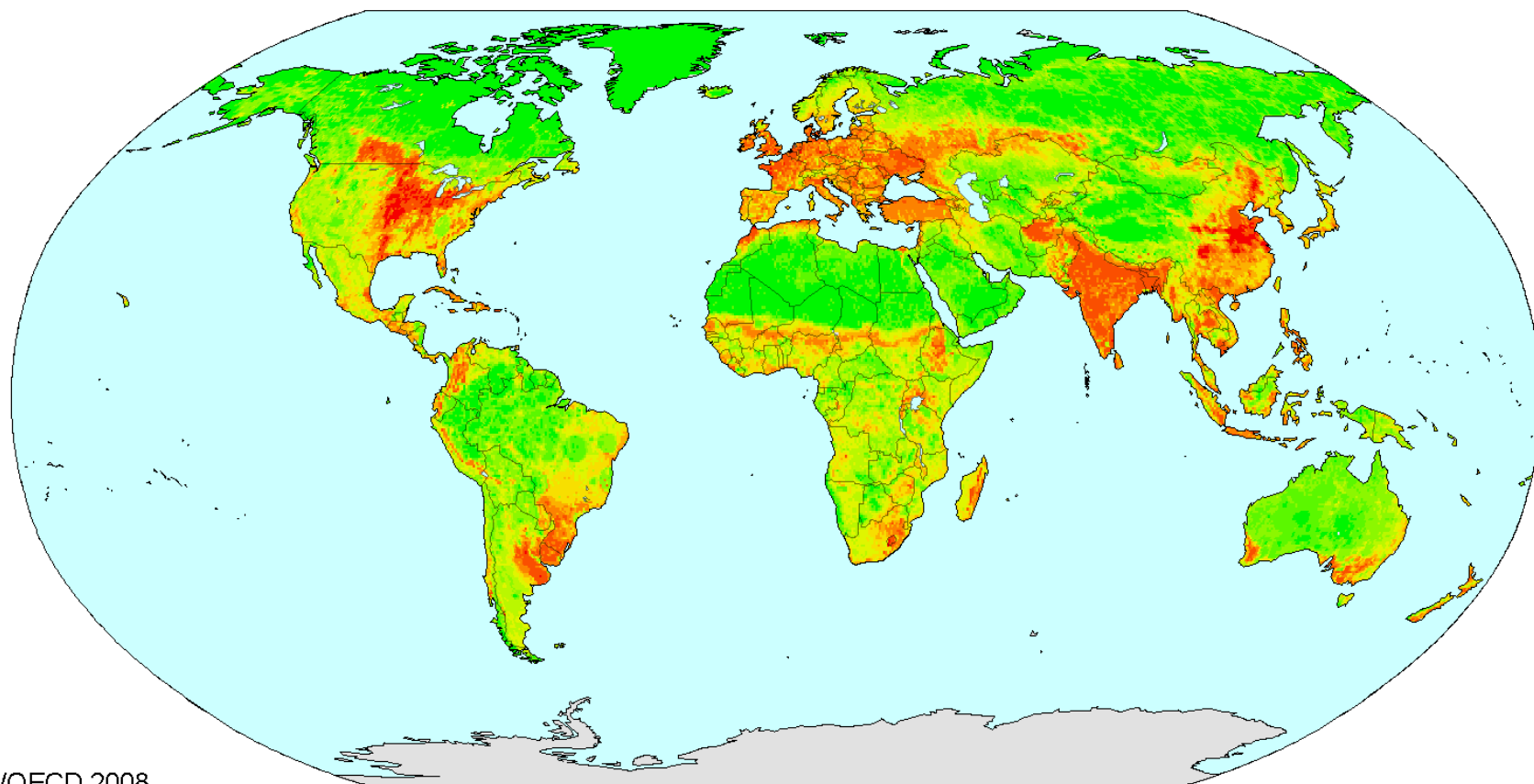


# Baseline 2030



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## Biodiversity in 2030 (MSA)

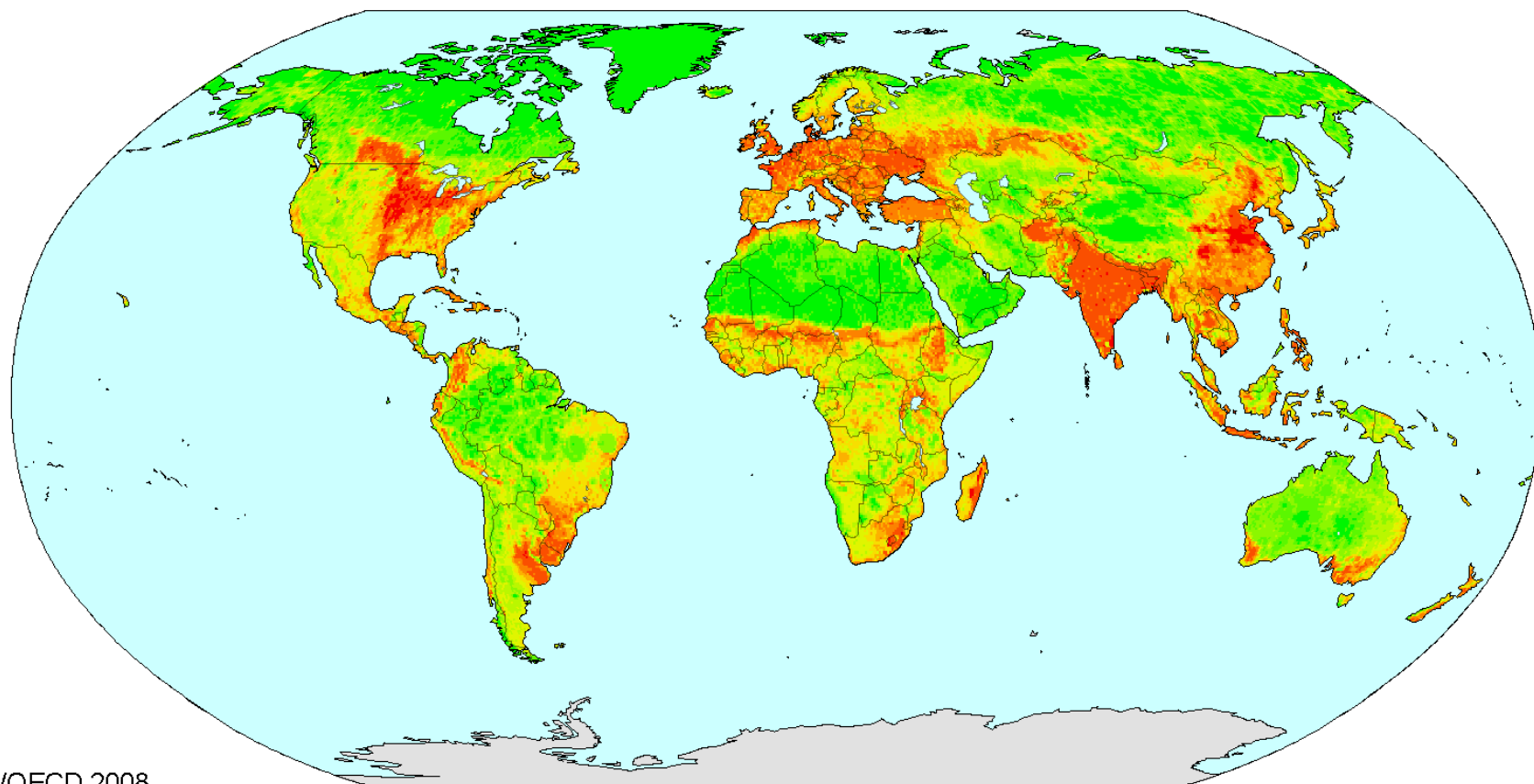


# Baseline 2050



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## Biodiversity in 2050 (MSA)

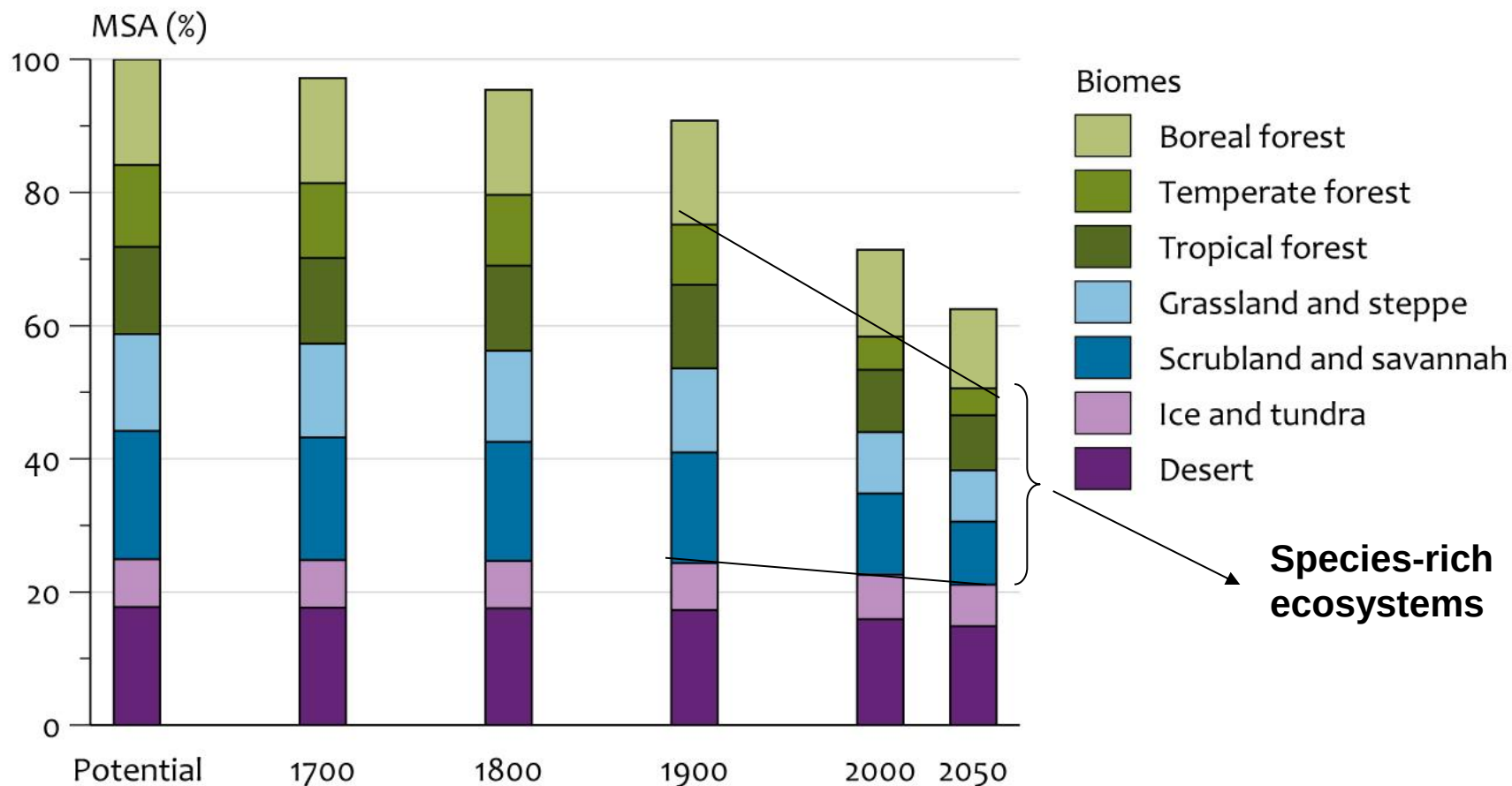


# Biodiversity loss continues (MSA)



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## Global MSA in baseline scenario





# Methods

***We will be synthesizing a wide variety of scenarios and models as the basis of our analysis. Some of these will be new analyses undertaken for the GBO4.***

***Types of models and scenarios used:***

- **Extrapolations from current trends – statistical**
- **Extrapolations from current trends – with hypotheses or probabilistic**
- **Socio-economic storylines - e.g. MA, GEO, IPCC storylines.**
- **Storylines + policy options - e.g., Rethinking scenarios**
- **Backcasting analyses: working backwards from sustainable endpoints - e.g., Rio+20 scenarios**

# 'Backcasting' as an innovative way to explore alternative pathways for reaching agreed upon objectives



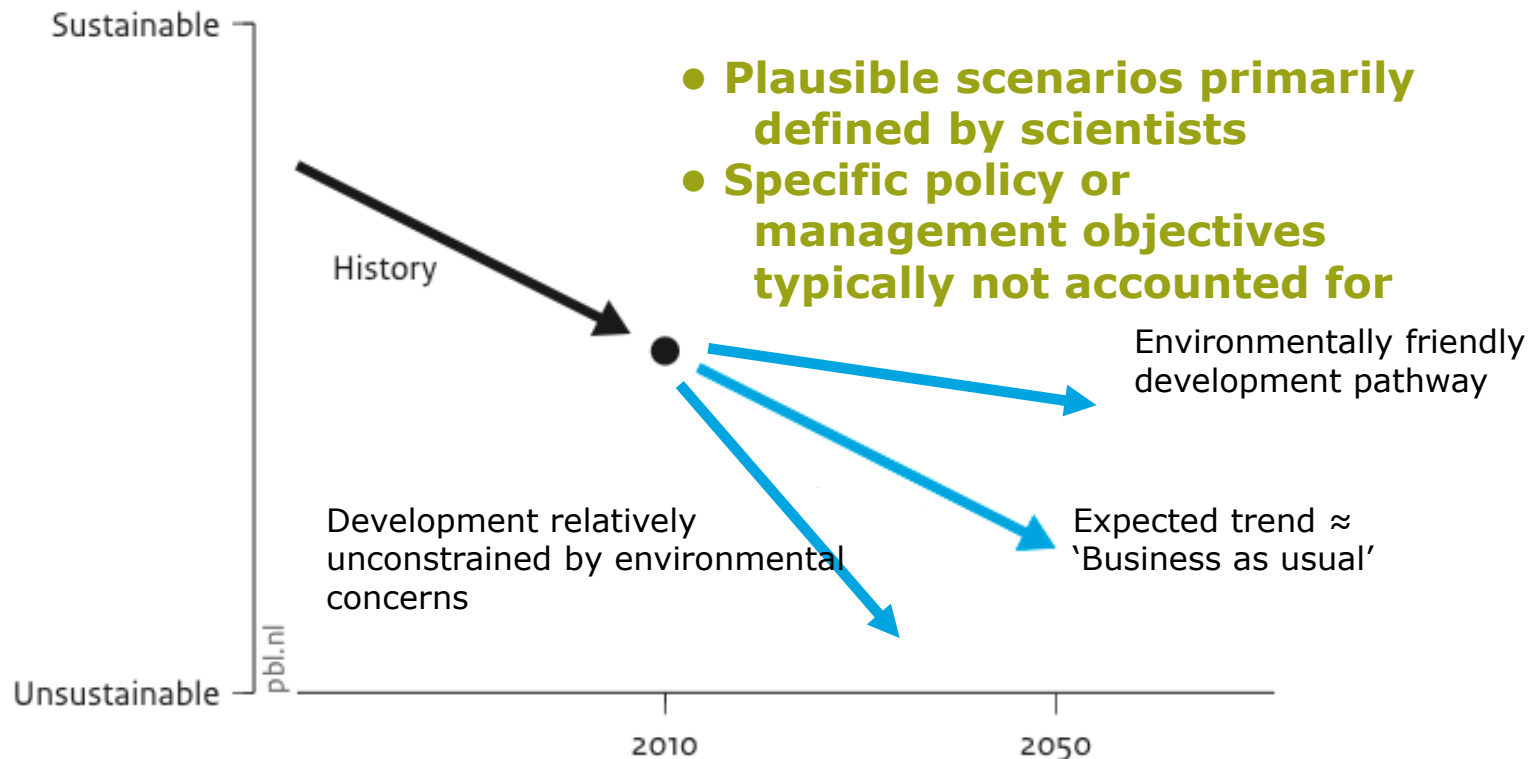
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The 'Storyline' approach to developing plausible socio-economic scenarios

**Roads from Rio+20**  
Pathways to achieve global  
sustainability goals by 2050





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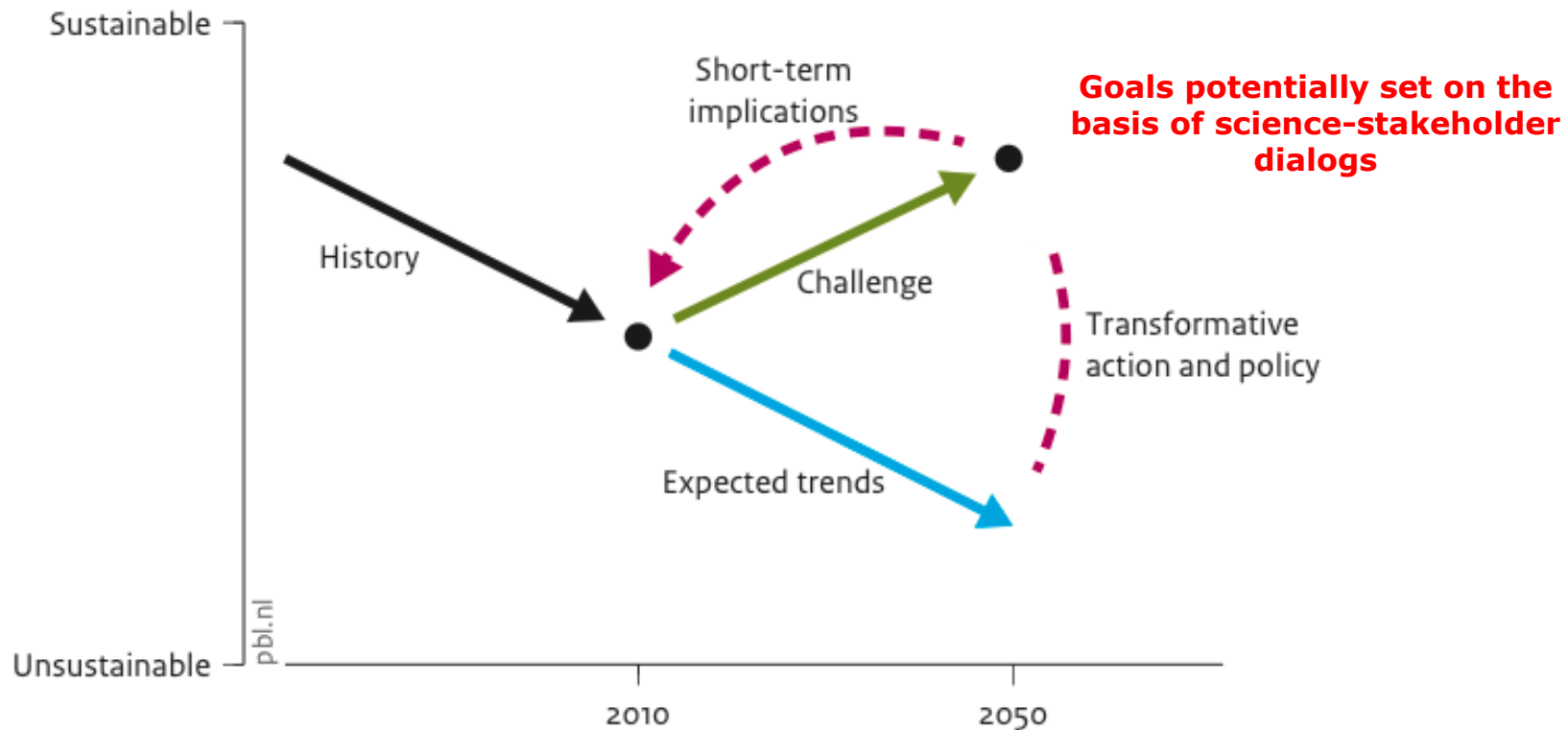
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**Backcasting analysis, working back from a sustainable end point to determine actions for today**

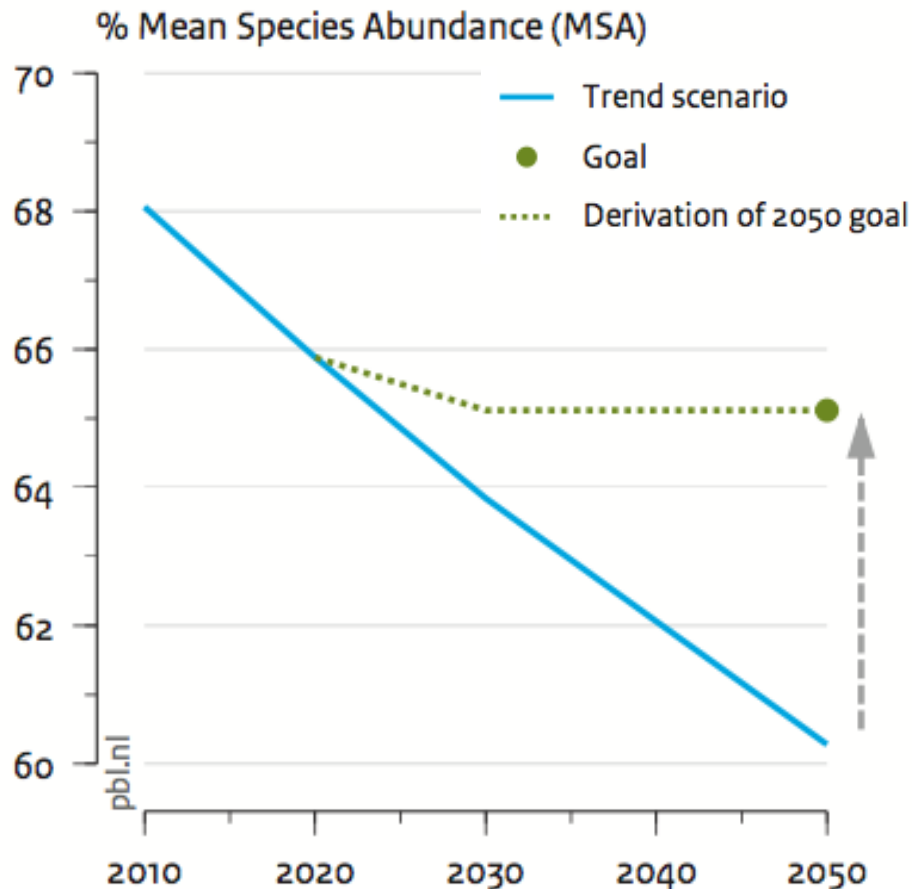
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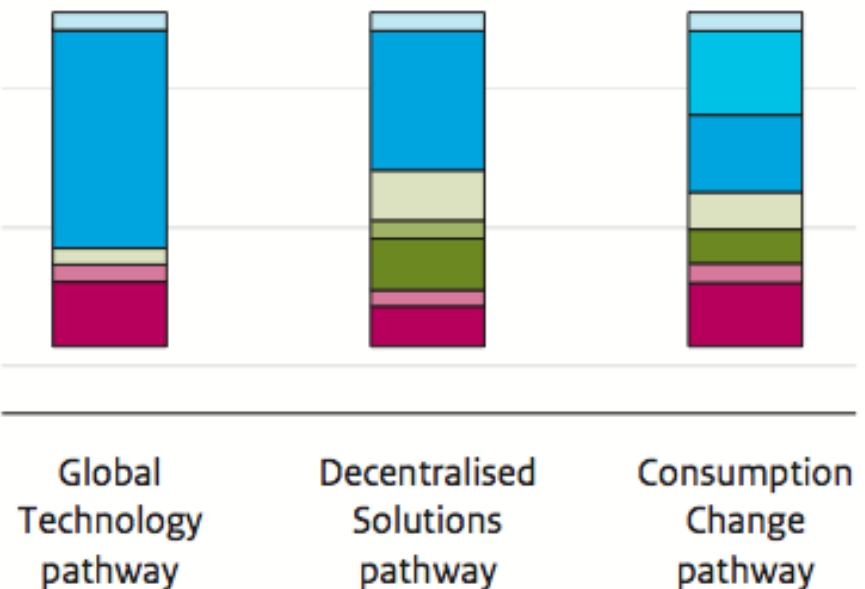


### Global biodiversity and options to prevent biodiversity loss

#### Global biodiversity



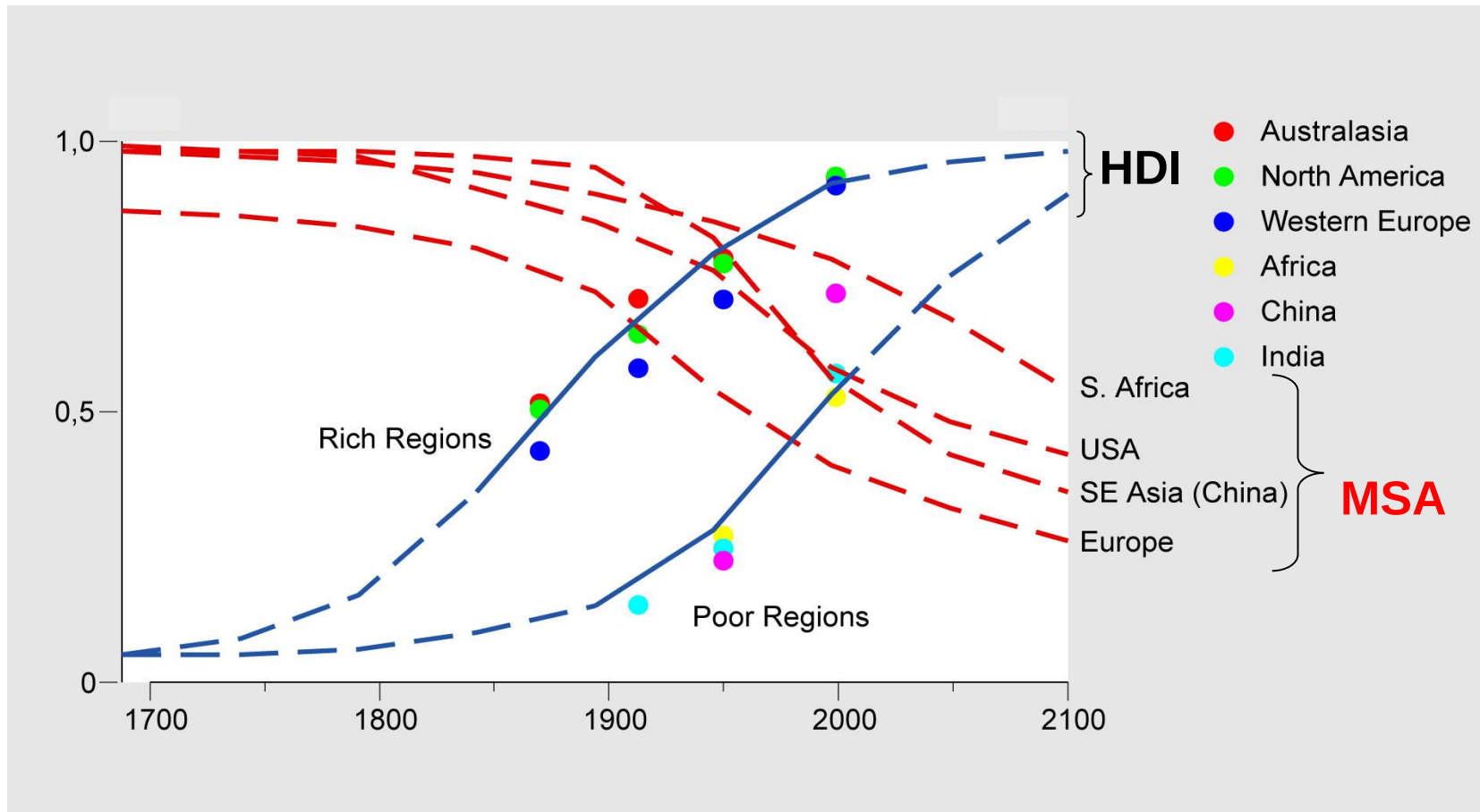
- Reduce nature fragmentation
- Reduce infrastructure expansion
- Reduce nitrogen emissions
- Mitigate climate change
- Restore abandoned agricultural lands
- Reduce consumption and waste
- Increase agricultural productivity
- Expand protected areas



# Development & biodiversity inversely related



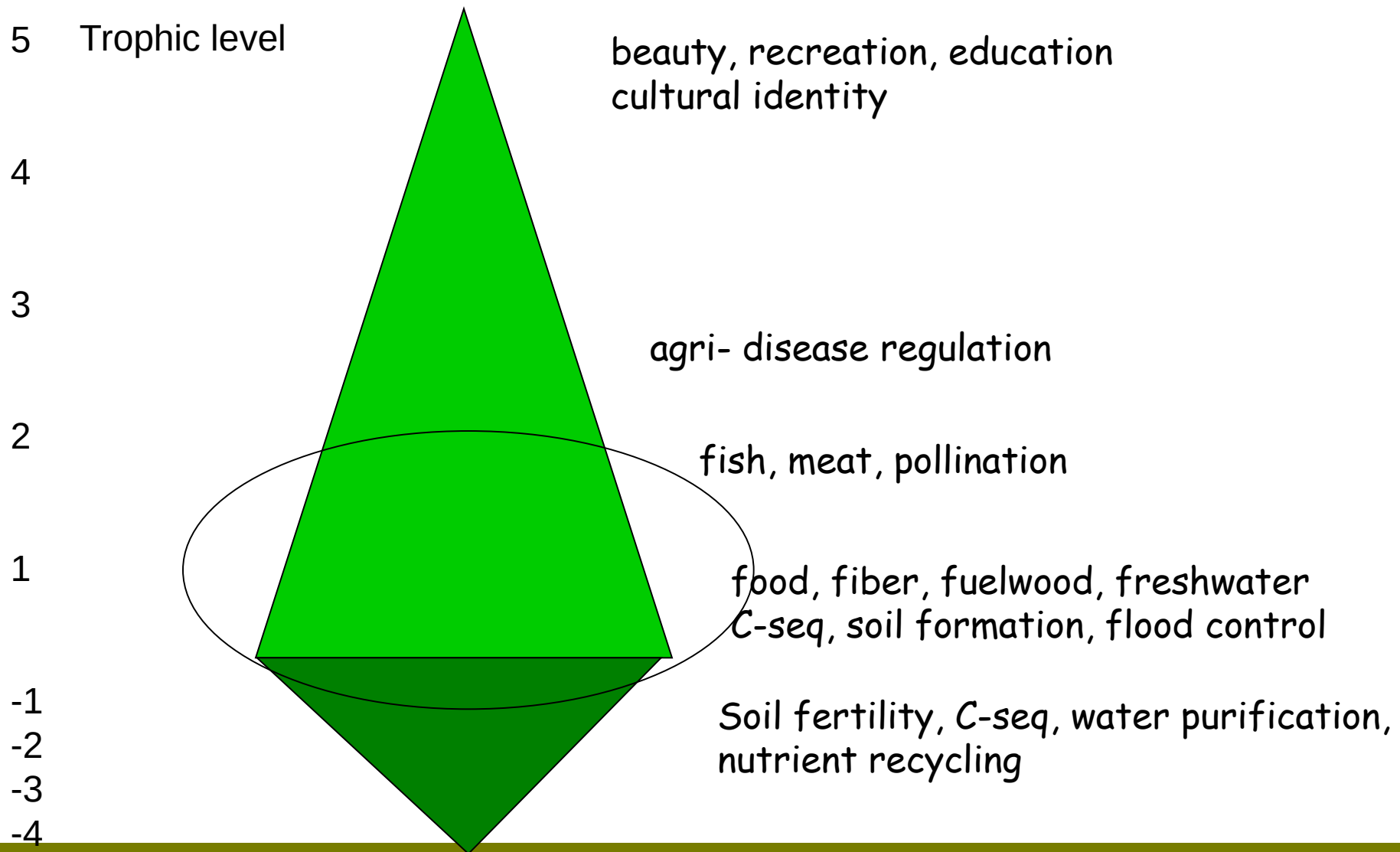
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### 3. Why is it important?



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# Avoid a lose-lose



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beauty, recreation, education  
cultural identity

agri- disease regulation

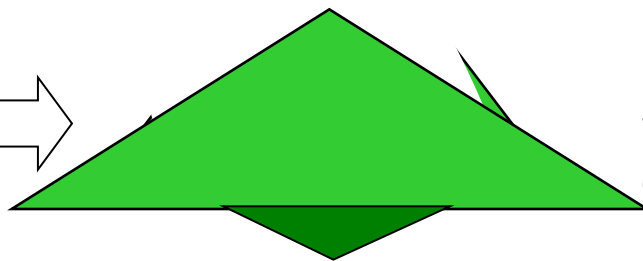
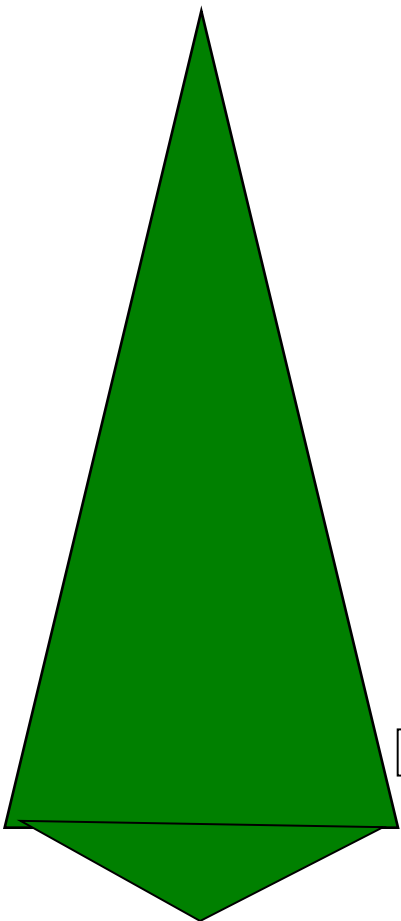
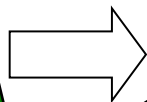
fish, meat, pollination

food, fiber, fuel, wood, freshwater  
C-seq, soil formation, flood control

Soil fertility, water purification,  
nutrient recycling

original

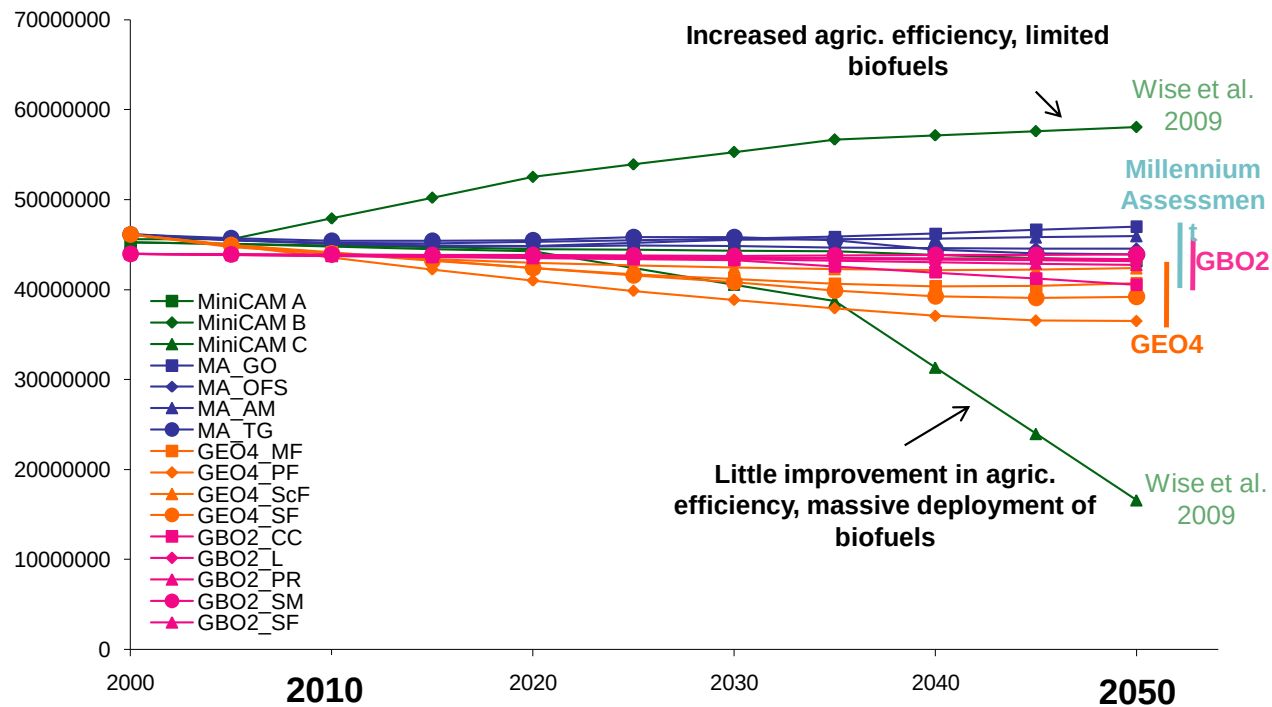
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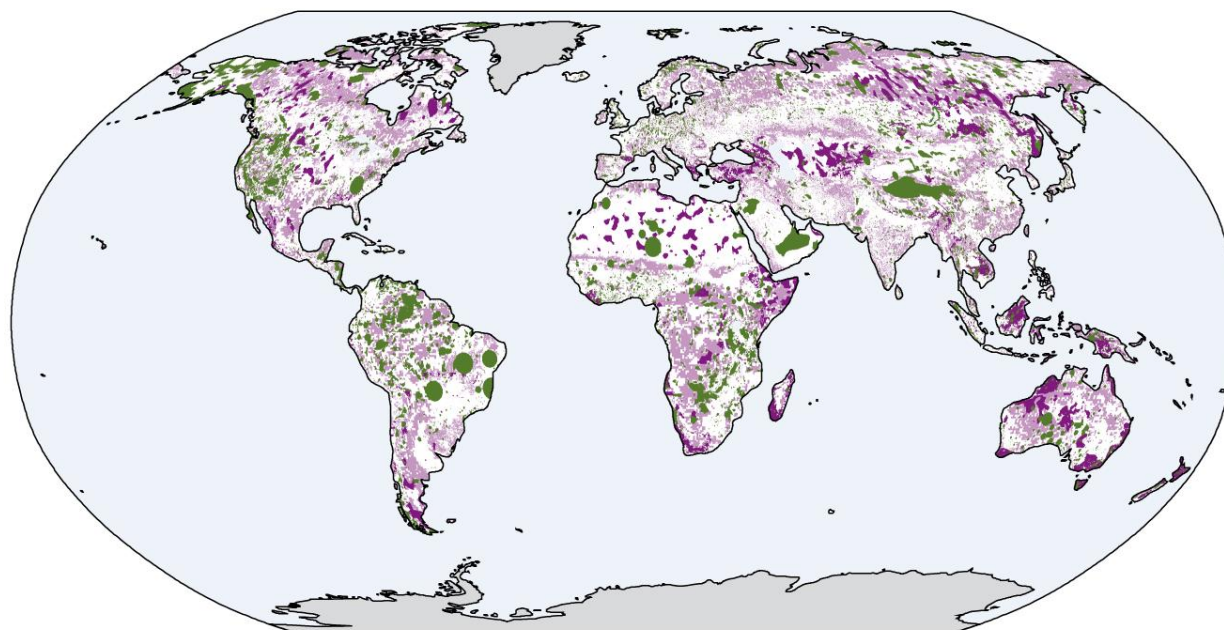


## HABITAT LOSS

Global Forest  
Area (km<sup>2</sup>)



## Protected areas for preserving biodiversity



 Situation 2000

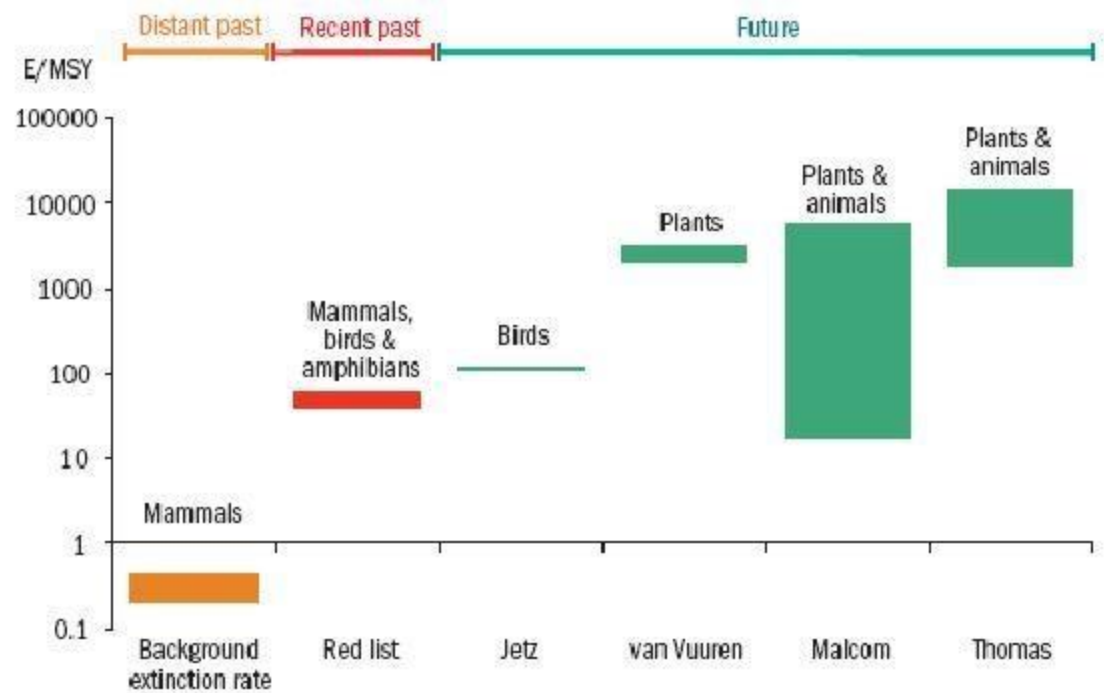
Expansion to protect key ecosystems

 20% of each key ecosystem

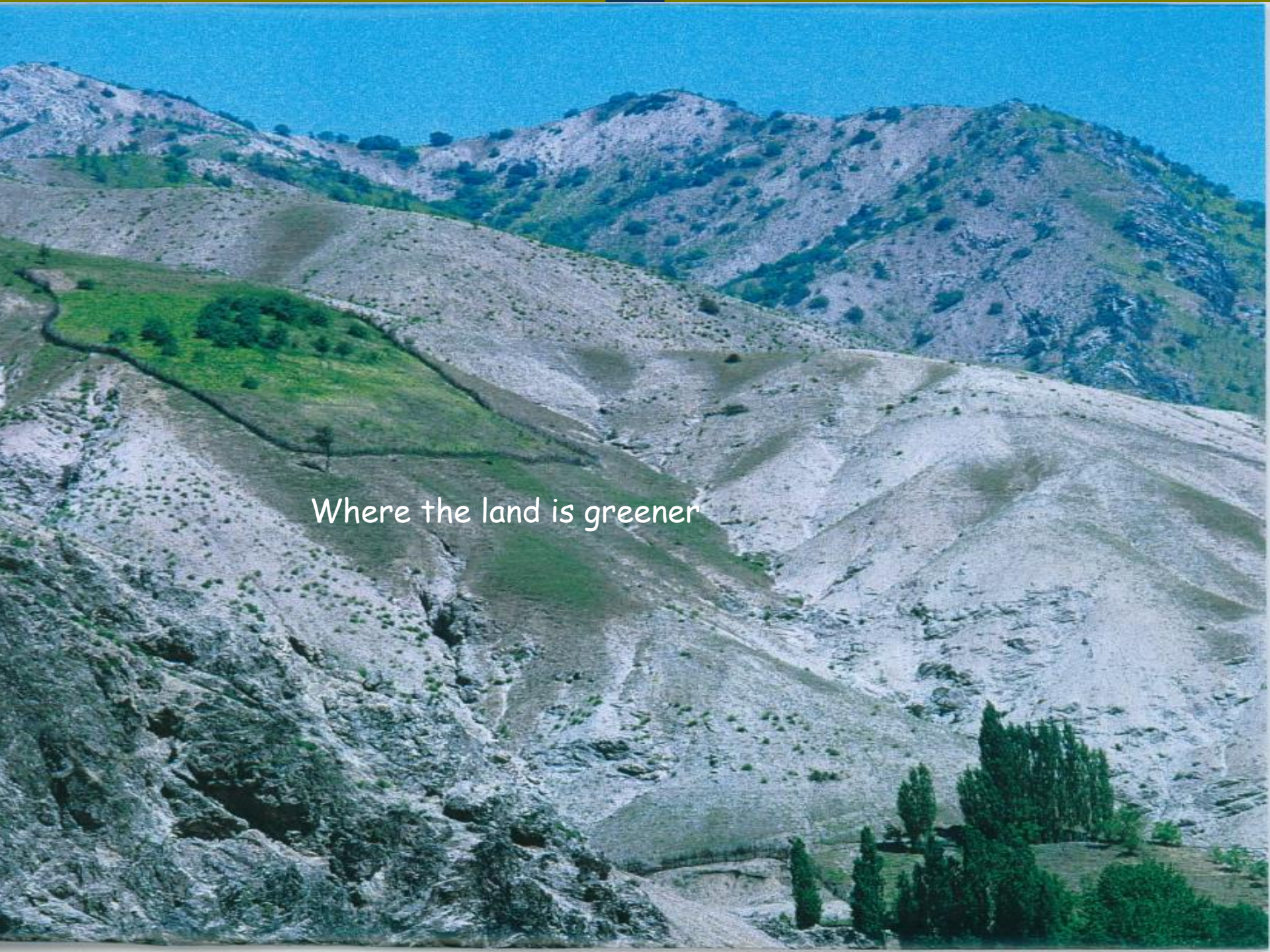
 50% of each key ecosystem

 Not included

## Species extinction

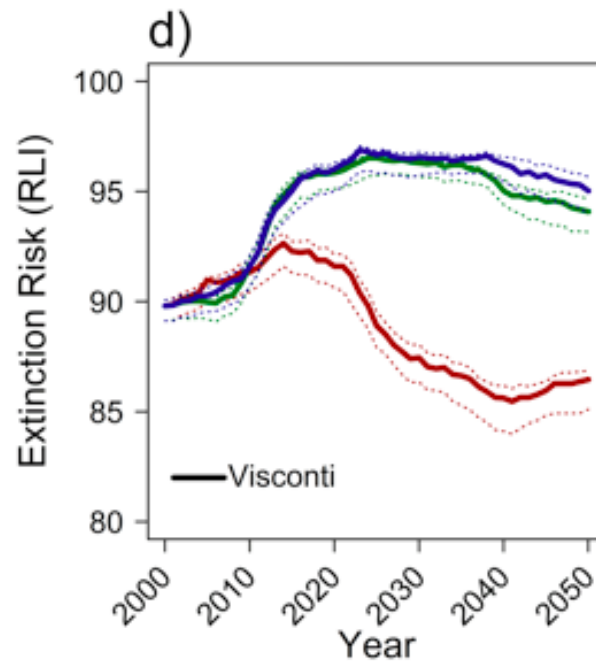
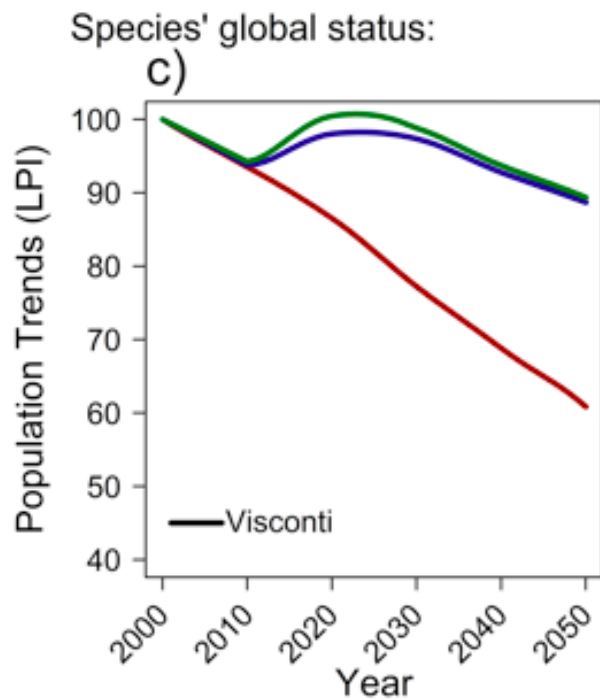
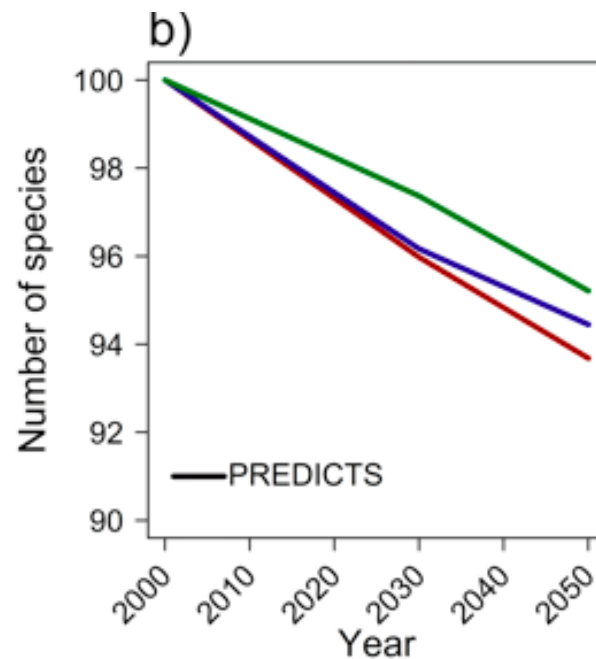
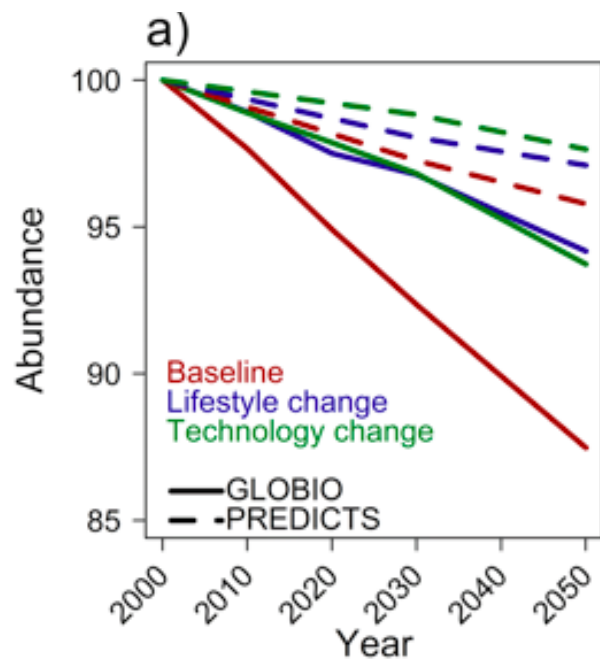






Where the land is greener





## Target 12 (and beyond)

Comparing multiple indices of impacts using the Rio+20 socio-economic scenarios

Note: PREDICTS results provisional!

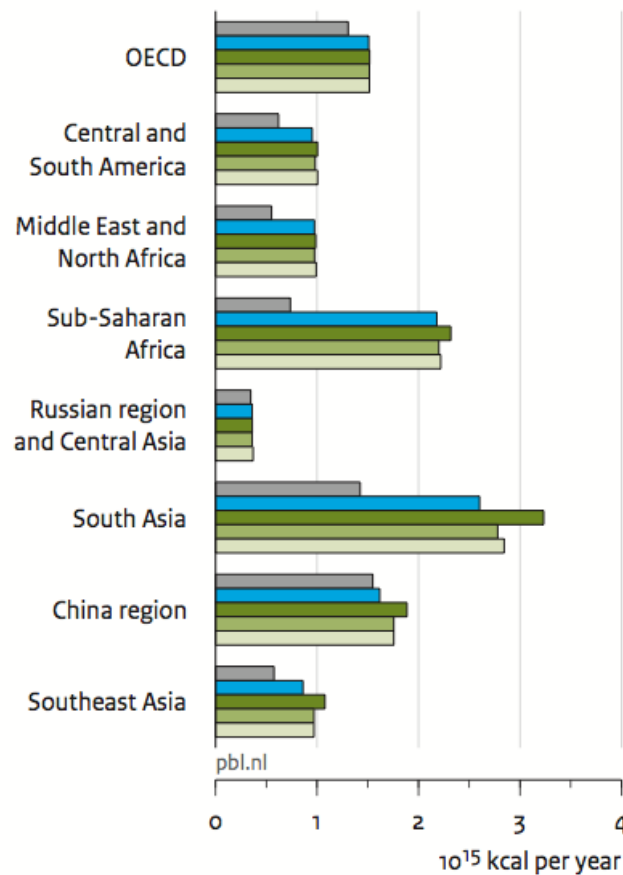


# Biodiversity protection, climate mitigation and improving human well-being



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## Global calorie consumption



2010

2050

Trend scenario

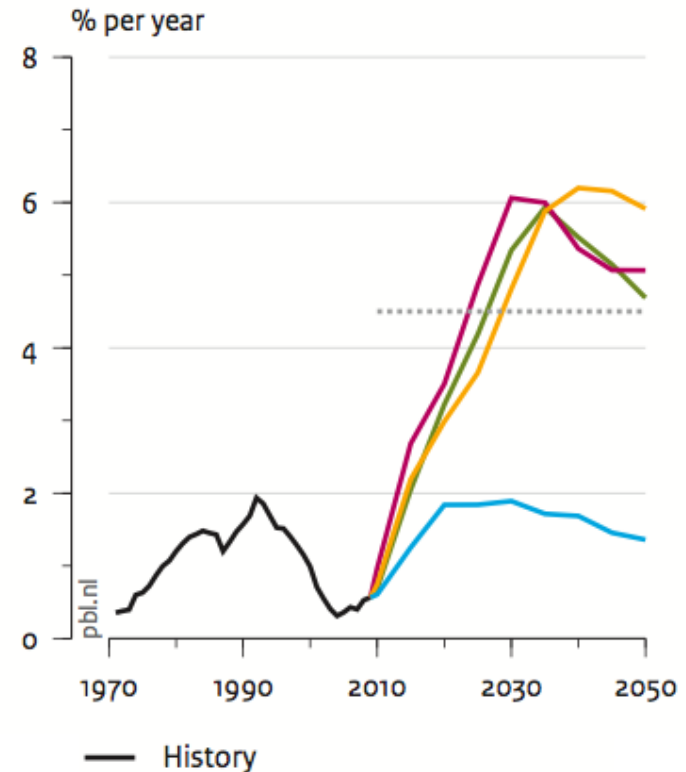
Global Technology pathway

Decentralised Solutions pathway

Consumption Change pathway

## Global decarbonisation rate

### Decarbonisation

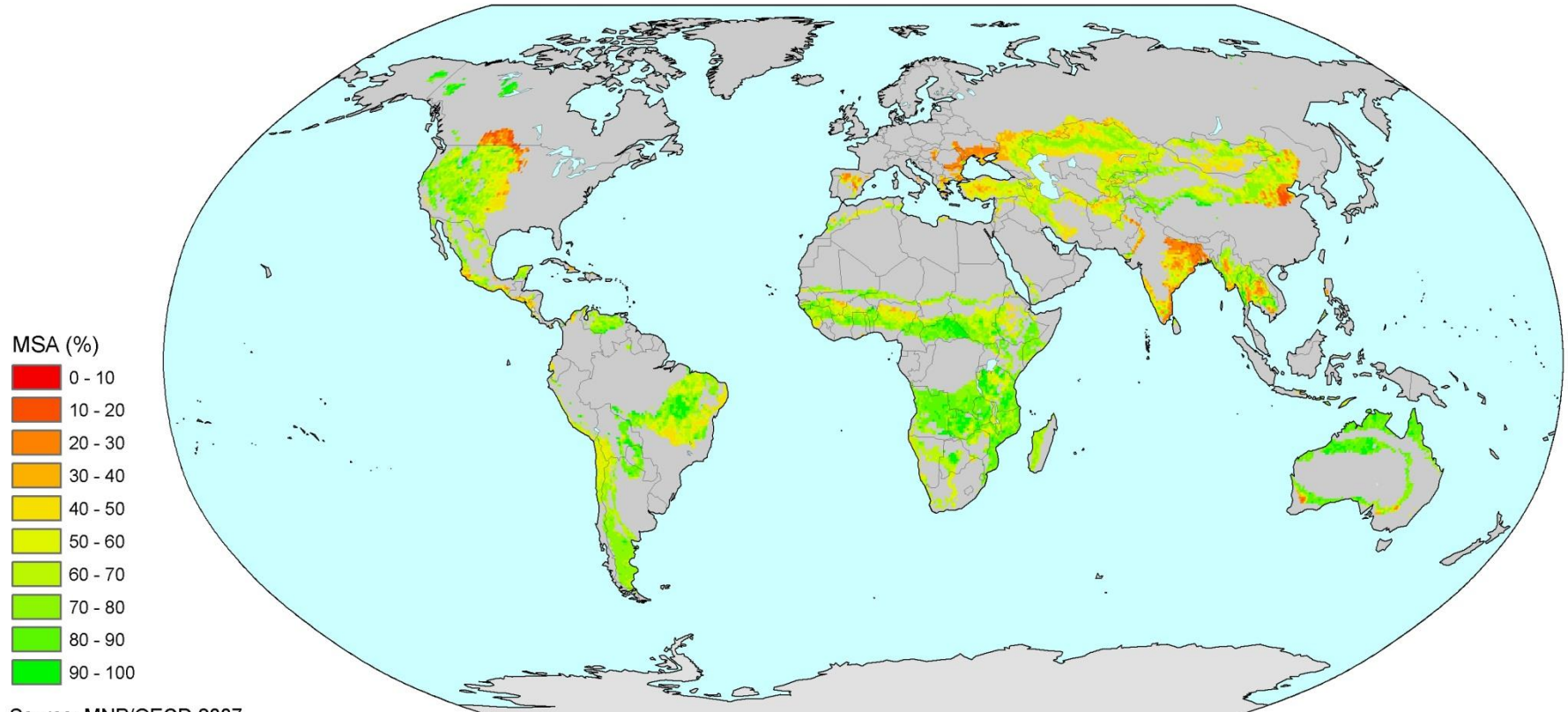


# Zooming in: Grasslands - 2000



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## Biodiversity of grasslands in 2000 (Mean Species Abundance)



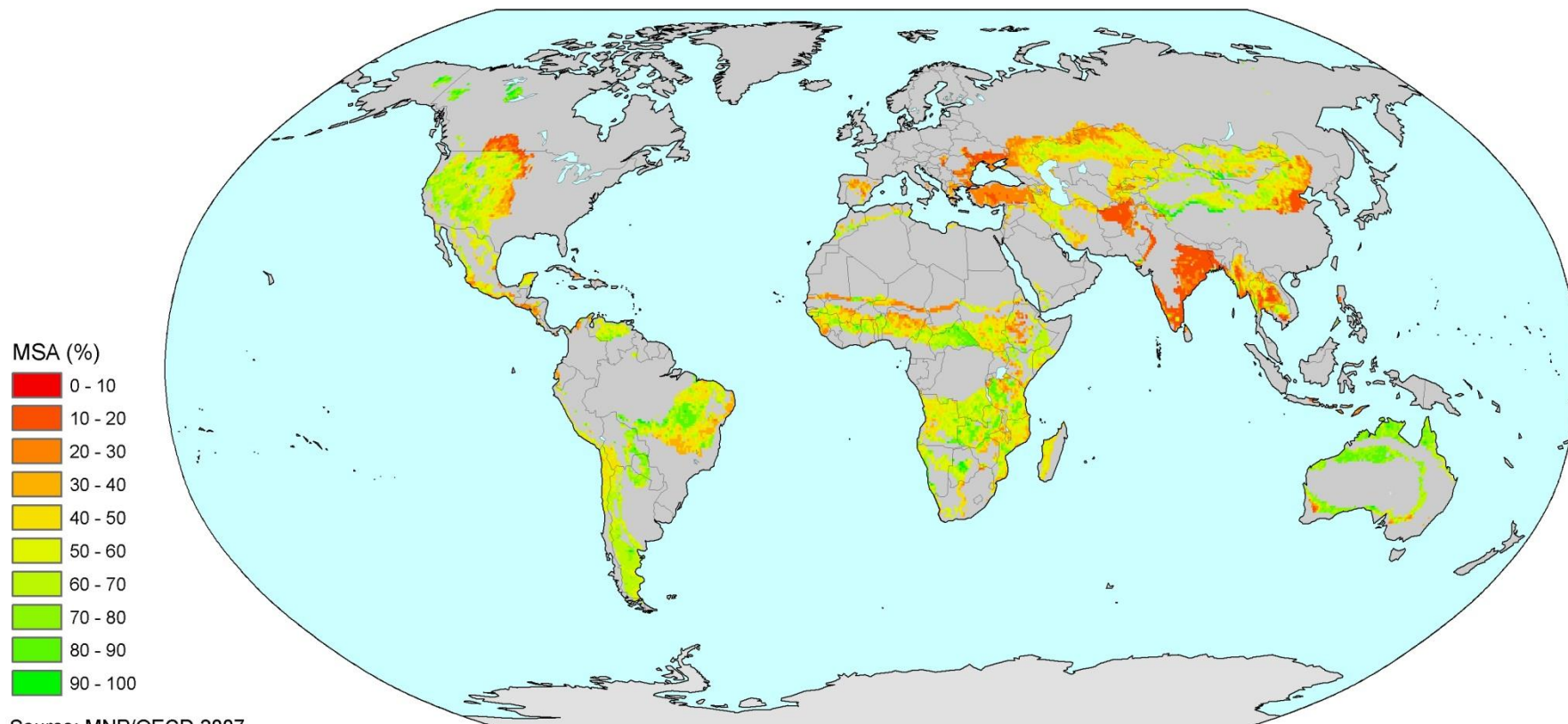
Zooming in:

# Grasslands baseline - 2050



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## Biodiversity of grasslands in 2050 (Mean Species Abundance)



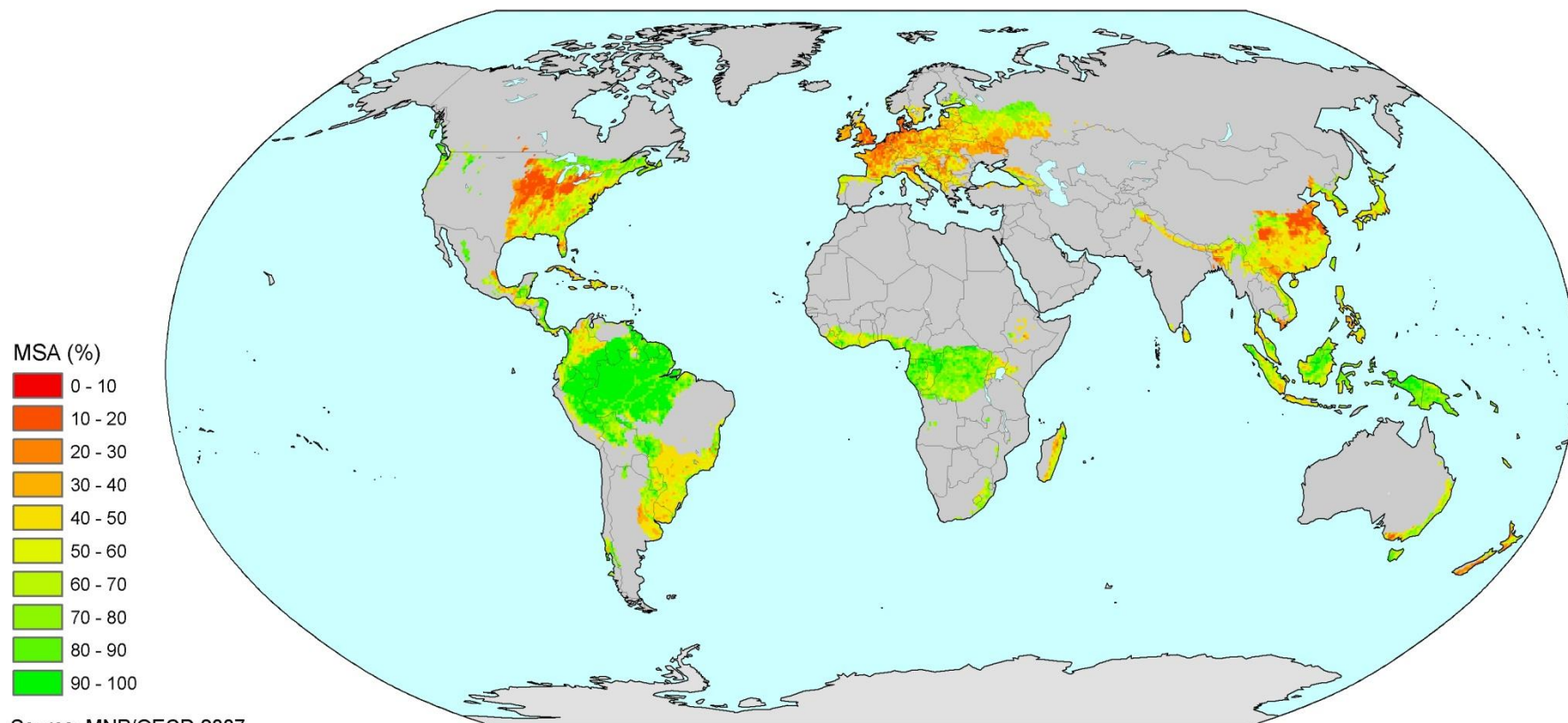
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# Temperate & tropical forests - 2000



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## Biodiversity of forests 2000 (Mean Species Abundance)





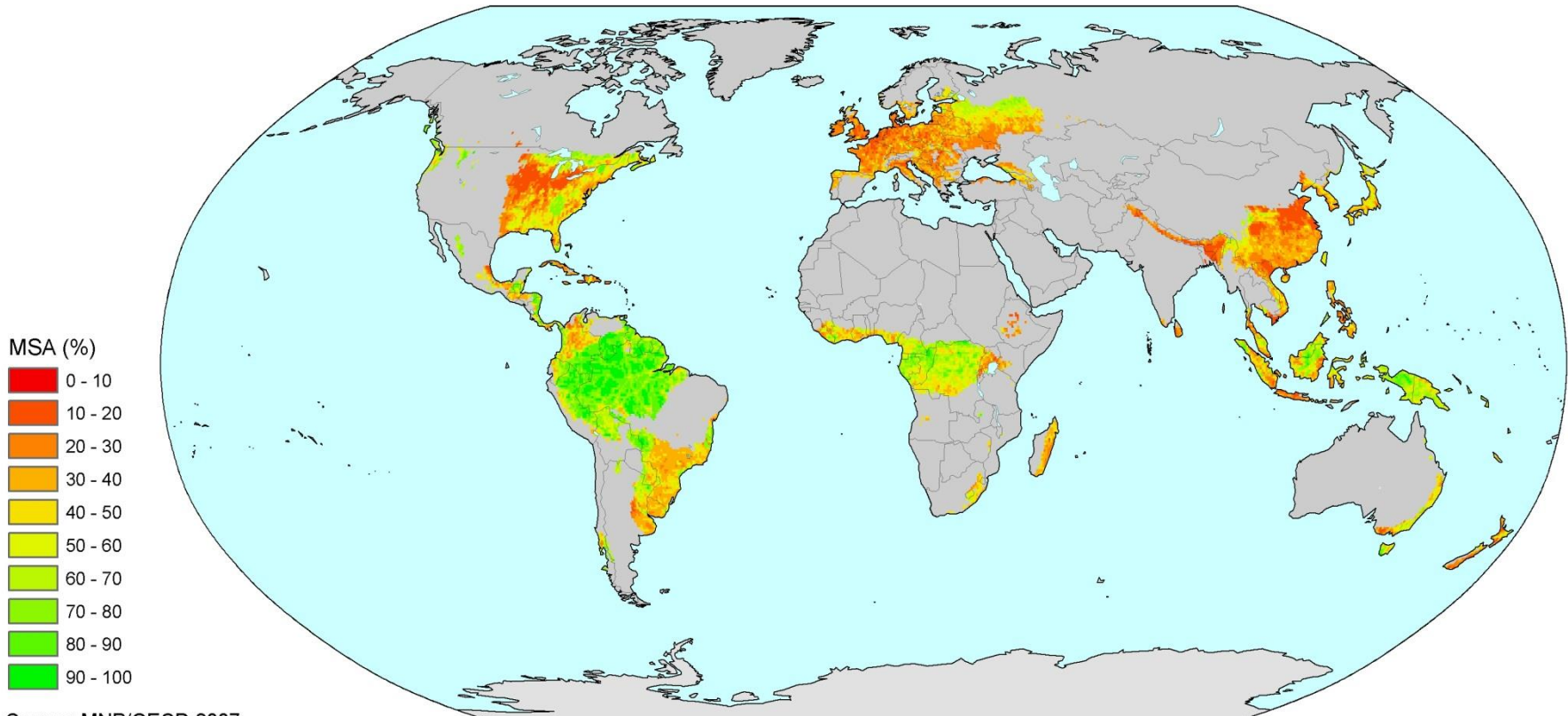
Zooming in:

# Temperate & tropical forests baseline - 2050



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**Biodiversity of forests 2050 (Mean Species Abundance)**





# Baseline: natural area & wilderness

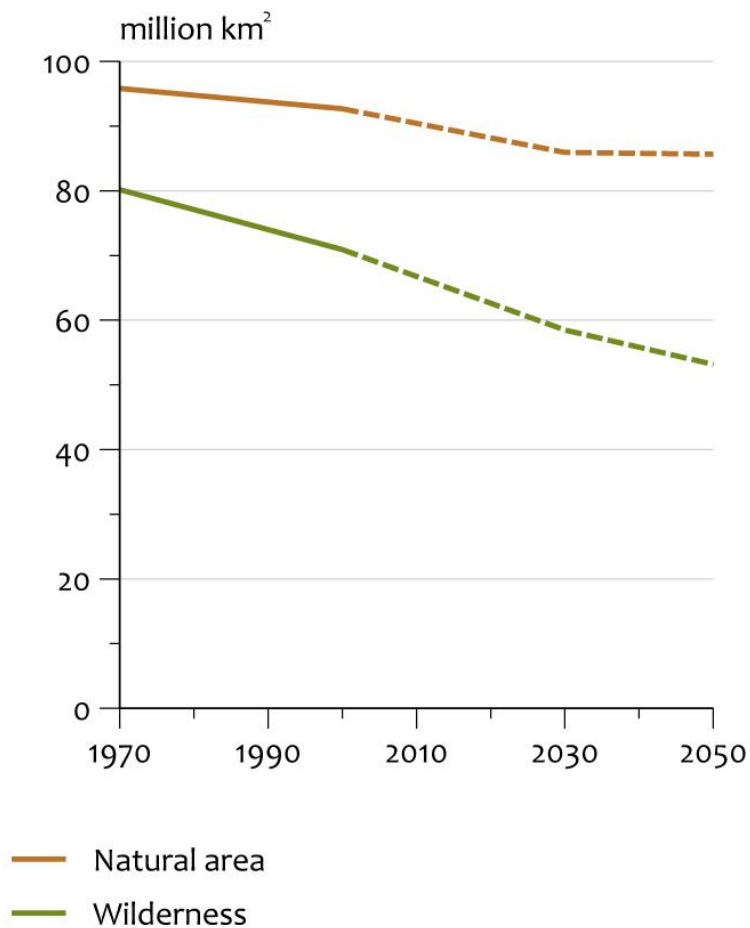


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## Global land use and natural area in baseline scenario

Natural area and wilderness

**(Earth total: 130 million km<sup>2</sup>)**



# 8 options



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1. Closing yield gap (production efficiency)
  2. Reducing food chain losses
  3. Diet: Less meat (healthy, none)
  4. Climate mitigation & biofuels (max + 2°C)
  5. Improving forest management (wood plantations + RIL)
  6. Reduced deforestation
  7. Expanding protected areas (20%-50% per biome)
  8. Restoring marine fish stocks & aquaculture
- + Option combination (ambitious but feasible)

Effects in Prevented Loss (PL)  
of baseline loss (10%)

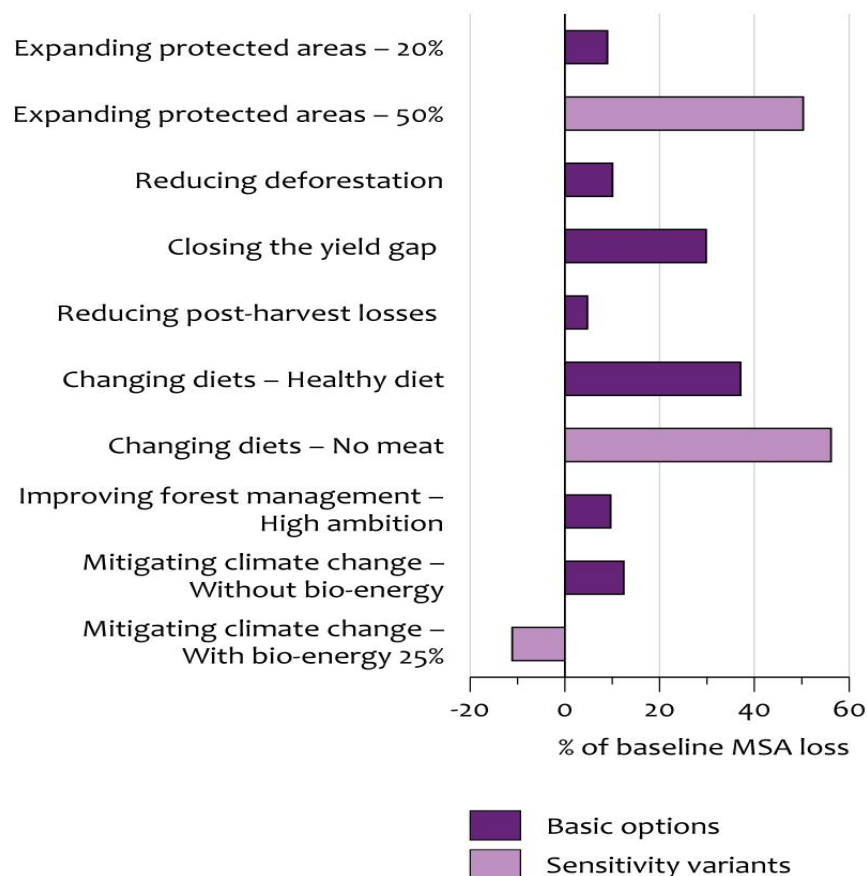
# Overview prevented loss per option (MSA, NA, wilderness)



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## Change in global biodiversity per option compared to baseline scenario

Prevented MSA loss, 2000 – 2050



Change in global biodiversity of options expanding protected areas and reducing deforestation by 2030

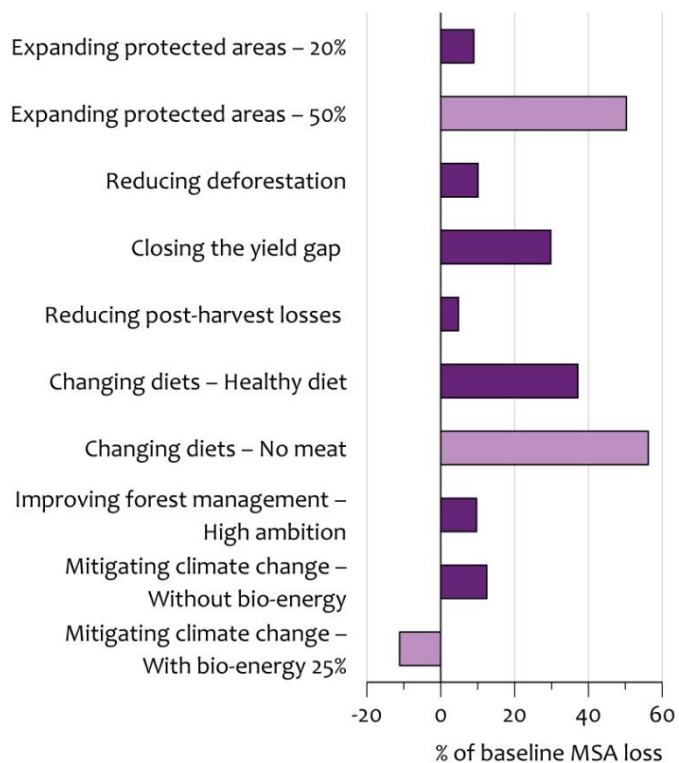
# Option combination



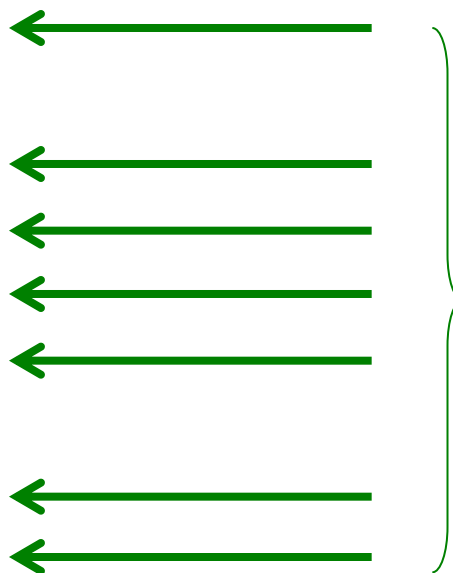
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## Change in global biodiversity per option compared to baseline scenario

Prevented MSA loss, 2000 – 2050



Basic options  
Sensitivity variants



Options included in  
combination

Change in global biodiversity of options expanding protected areas and reducing deforestation by 2030

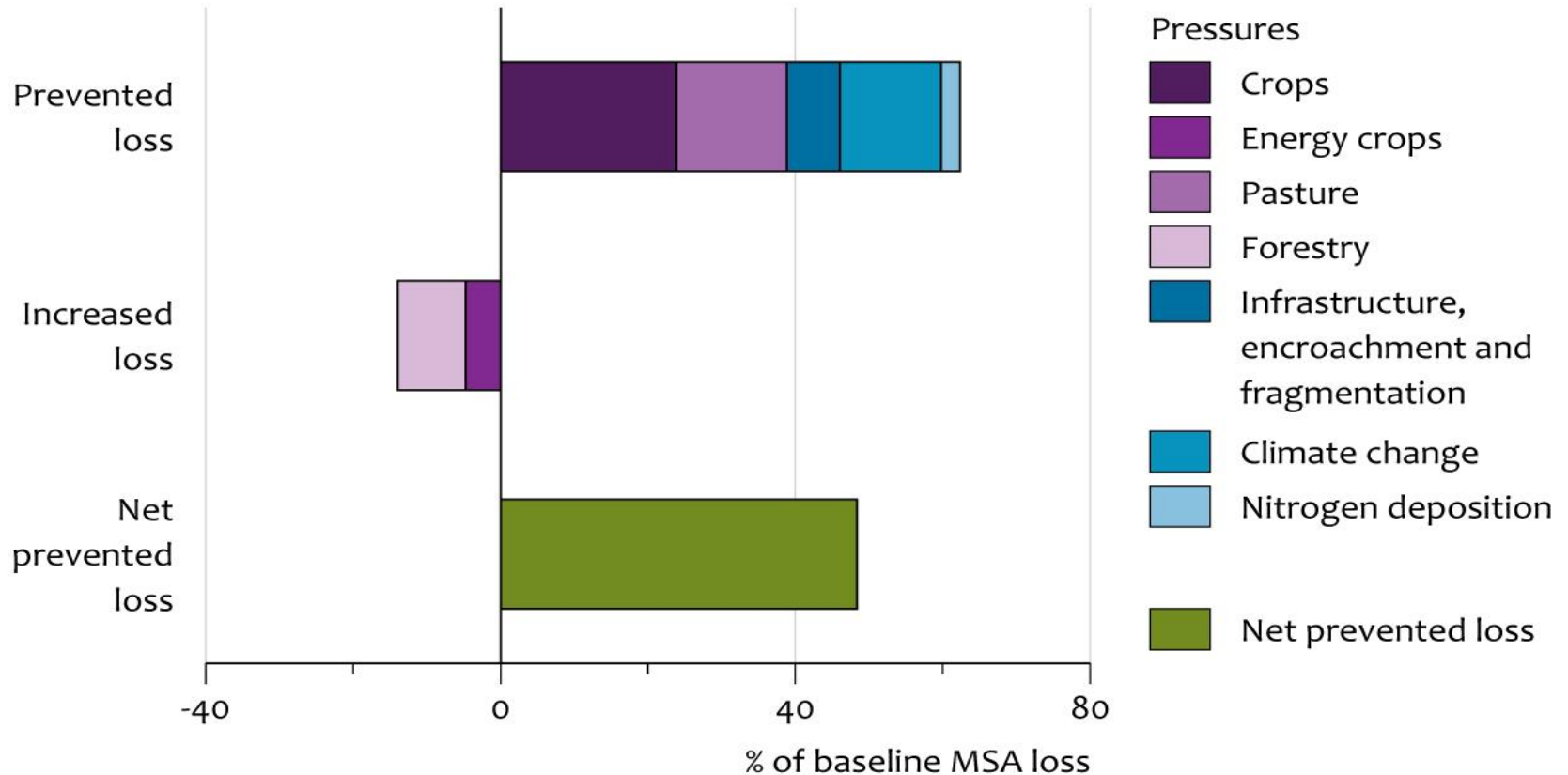
# Option combination: halving the loss (MSA)



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## Prevented global MSA loss compared to baseline scenario, 2000 – 2050

Combination of options





# Option combination: natural area and wilderness

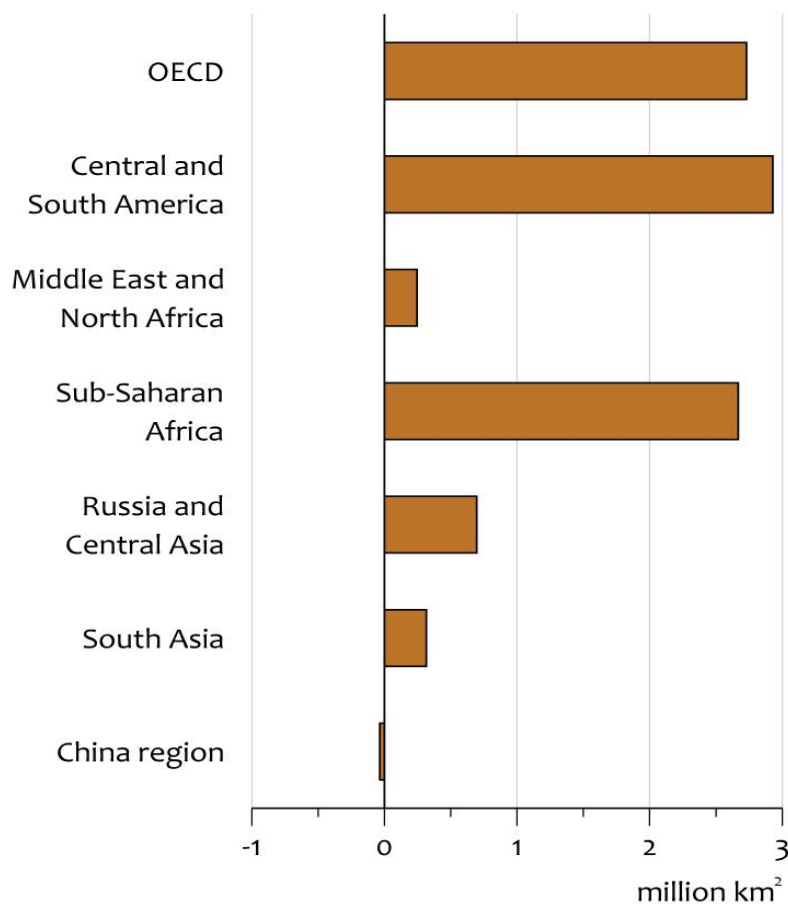


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## Change in natural area and wilderness compared to baseline scenario, 2050

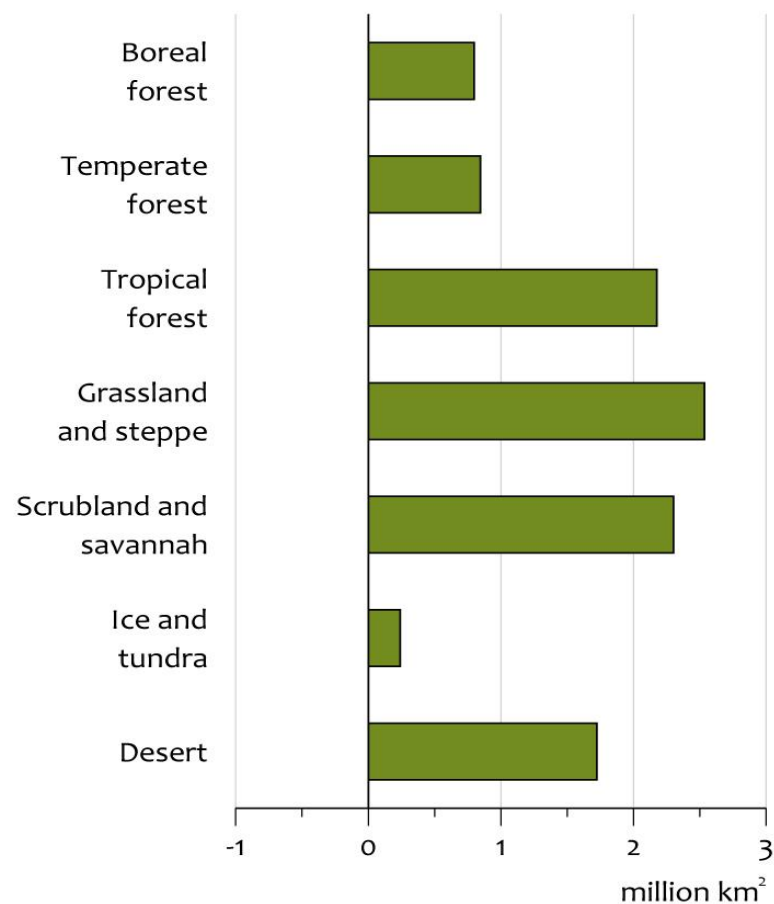
Combination of options;  
Natural area per region

**+ 10 mln km<sup>2</sup>**

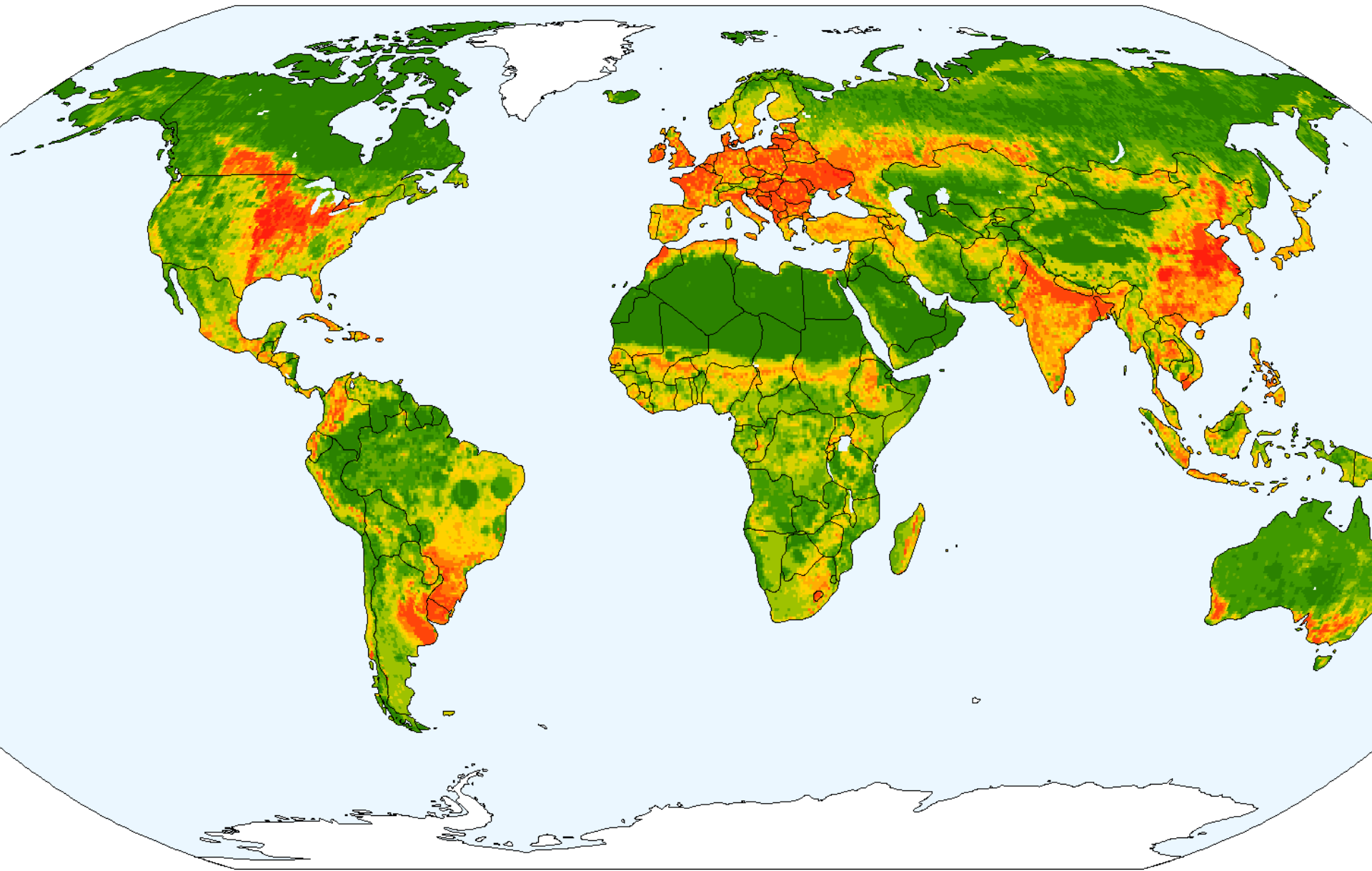


Combination of options;  
Wilderness per biome

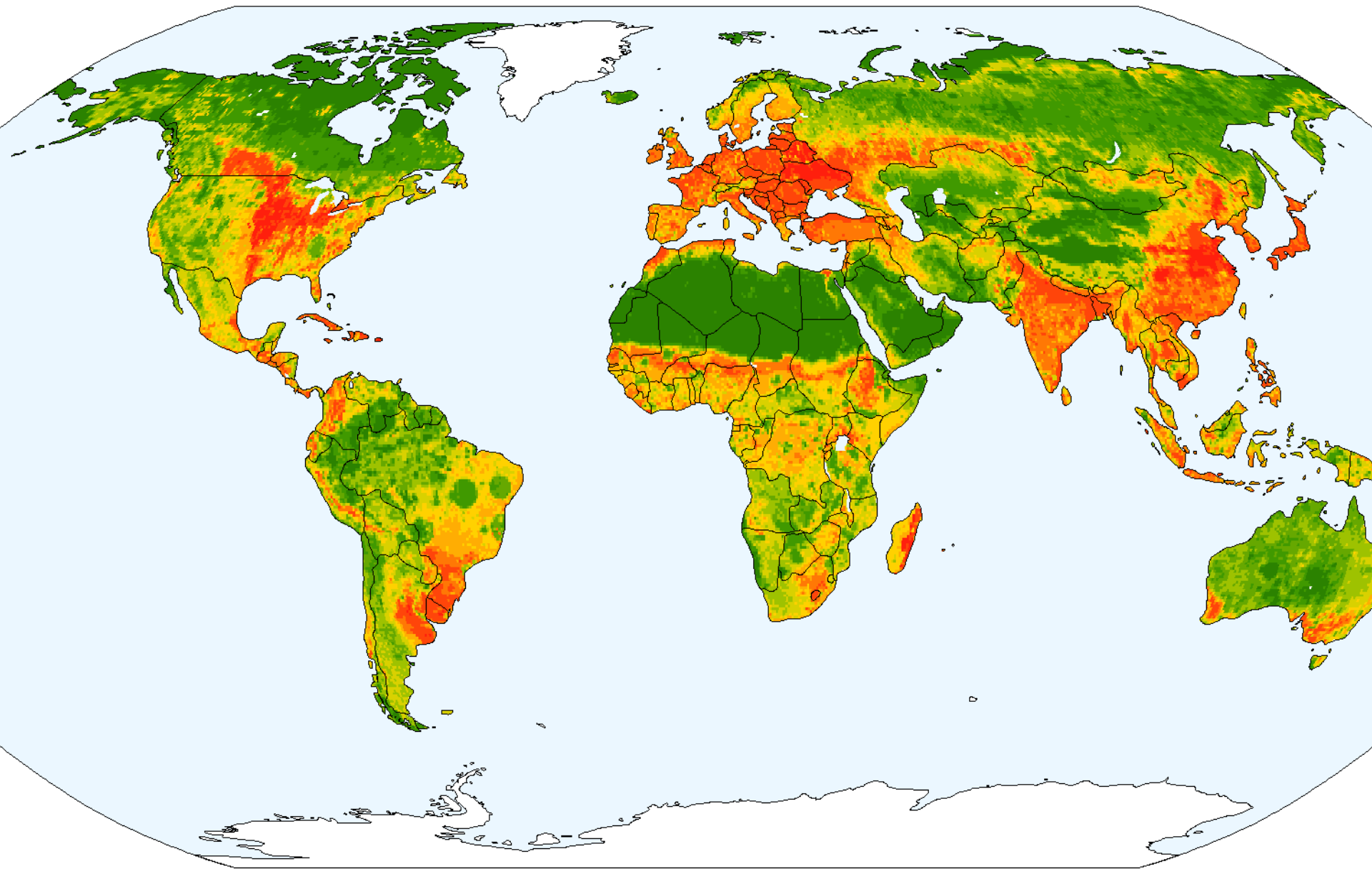
**+ 11 mln km<sup>2</sup>**



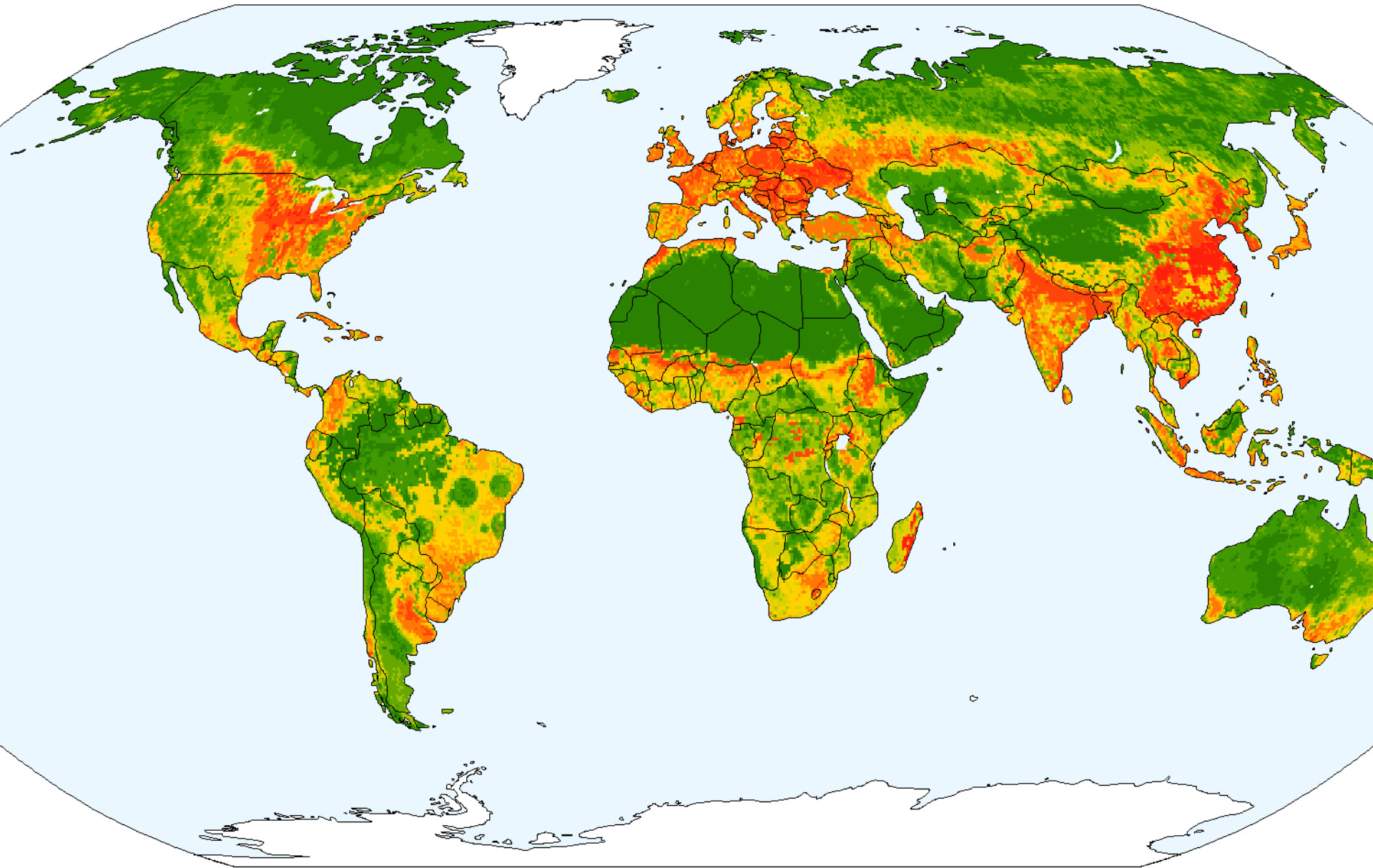
2010



2050 baseline

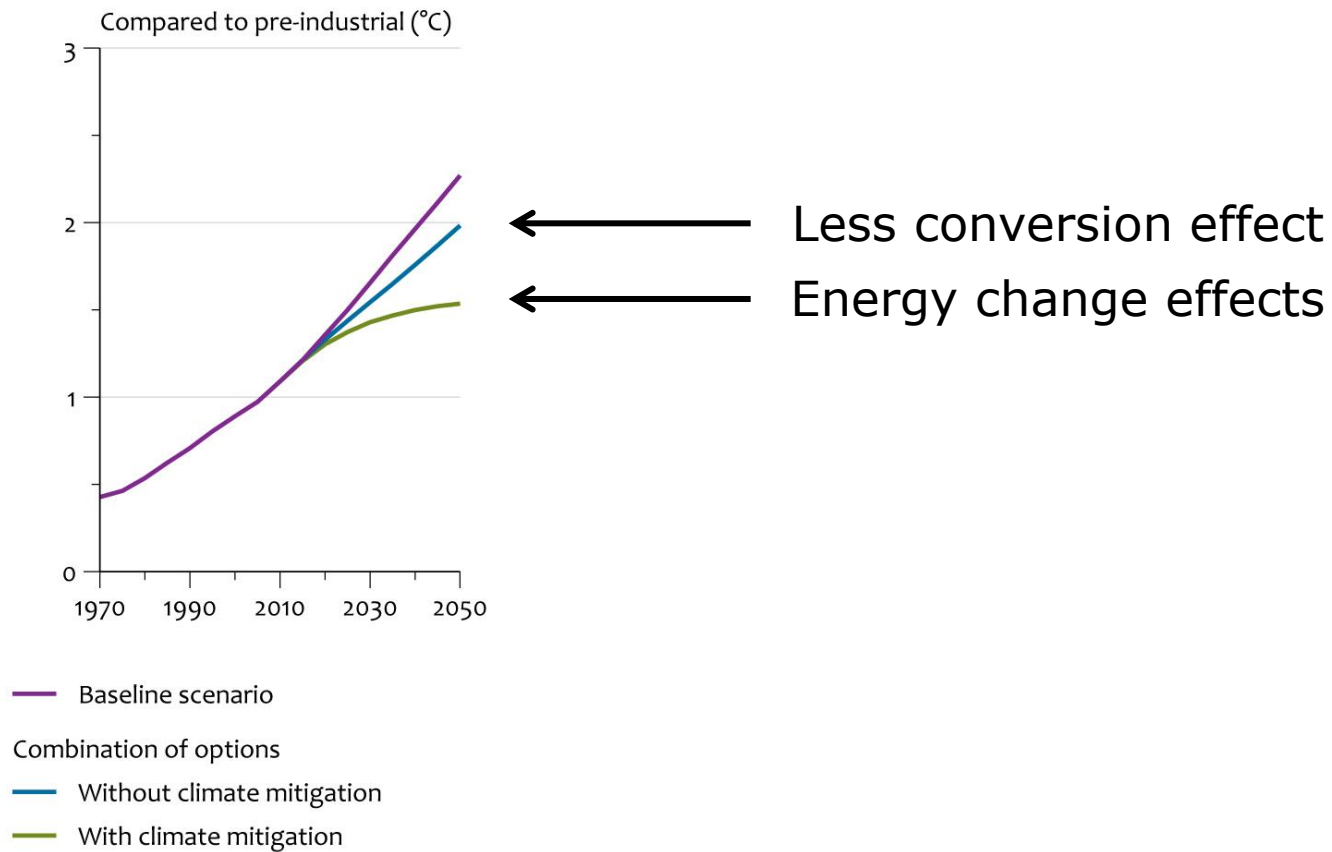


2050 option combination



## Global greenhouse gas emissions, concentration and temperature change

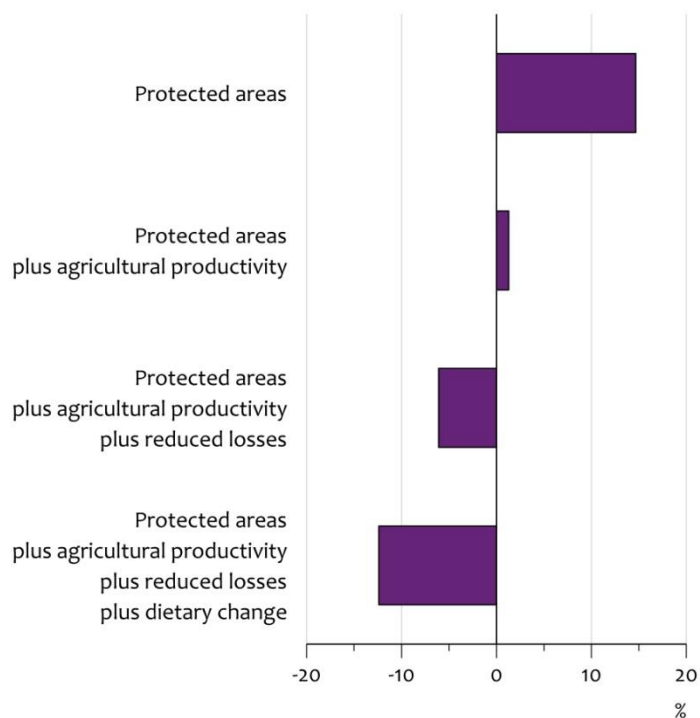
### Temperature change





## Change in land prices and food consumption compared to baseline scenario, 2030

Stepwise introduction of options;  
Global land prices



# Conclusions

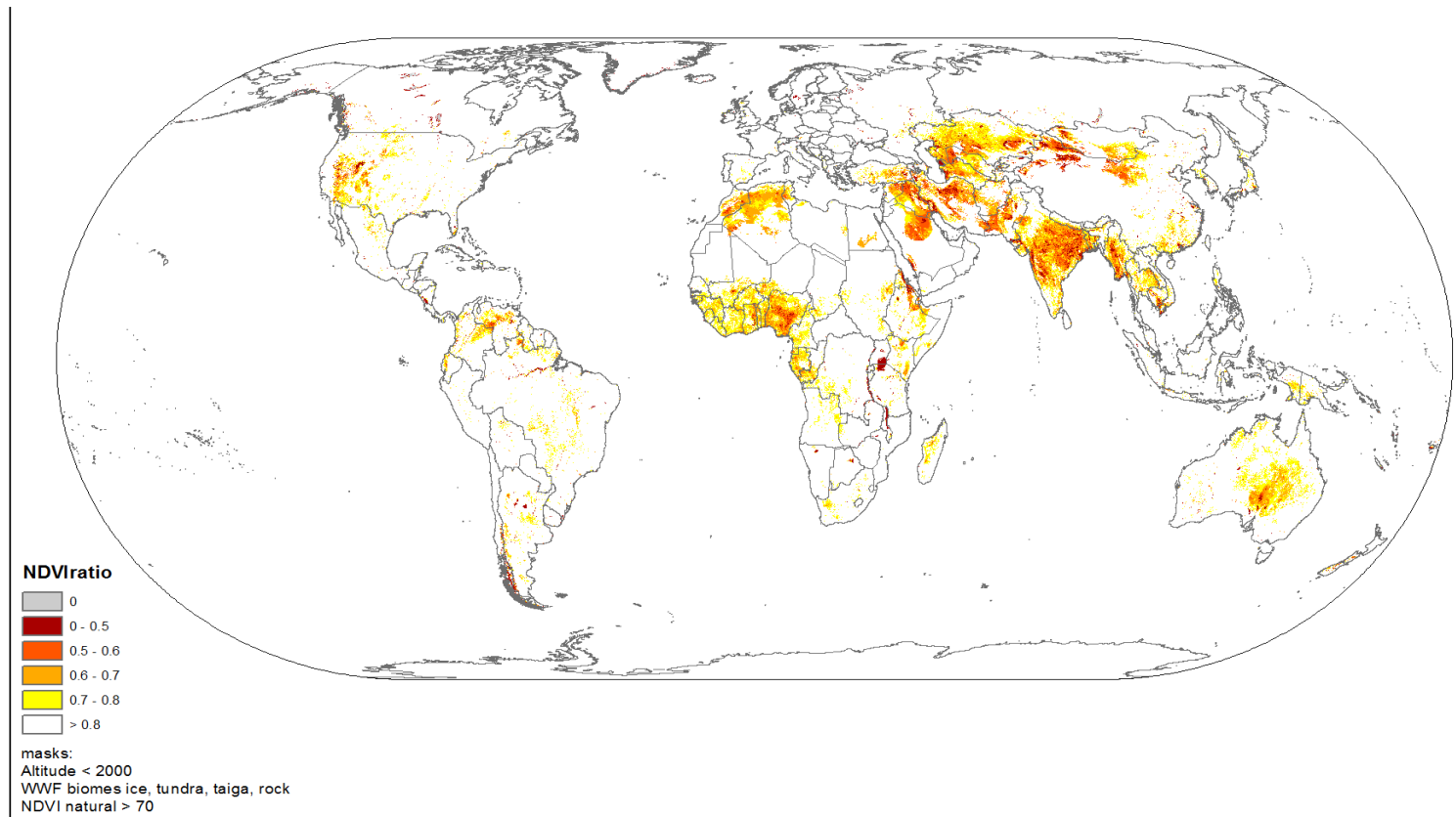


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1. Ambitious option package can half loss by 2050, but not halt
2. Autonomous socio-economic growth is huge:
  - PA alone not sufficient to significantly reduce loss
  - Integrated sector-based approach required
3. Productivity increase is key (if not..)
4. Combine land demanding with land relieving options (price effects)
  - (PA, plantations, bio fuels, REDD)  
diet)
  - (productivity, reduce food loss,
5. Align with climate change, MDGs, food & wood & energy policies

## Greenness change Current/Potential method B

### Masked Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) ratio



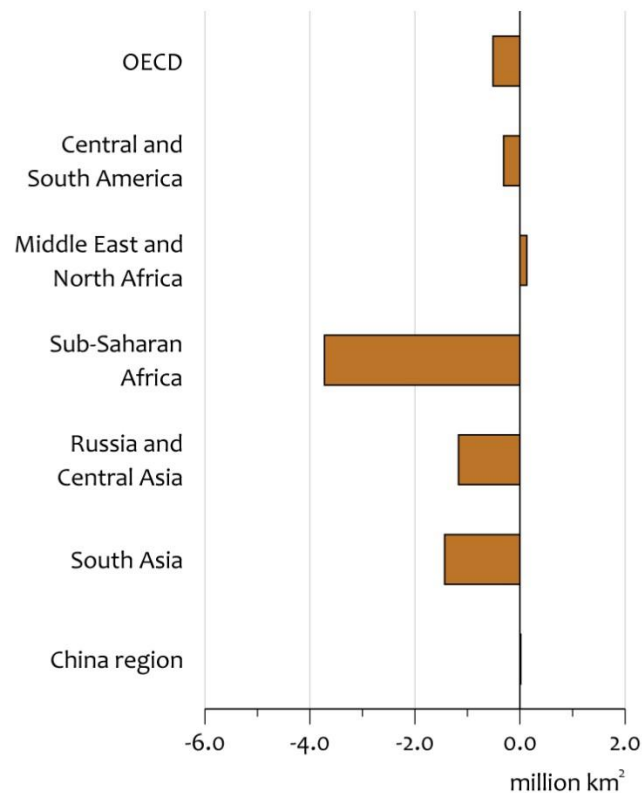
# Global biodiversity loss: natural area & wilderness



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## Change in natural area and wilderness in baseline scenario, 2000 – 2050

Natural area per region

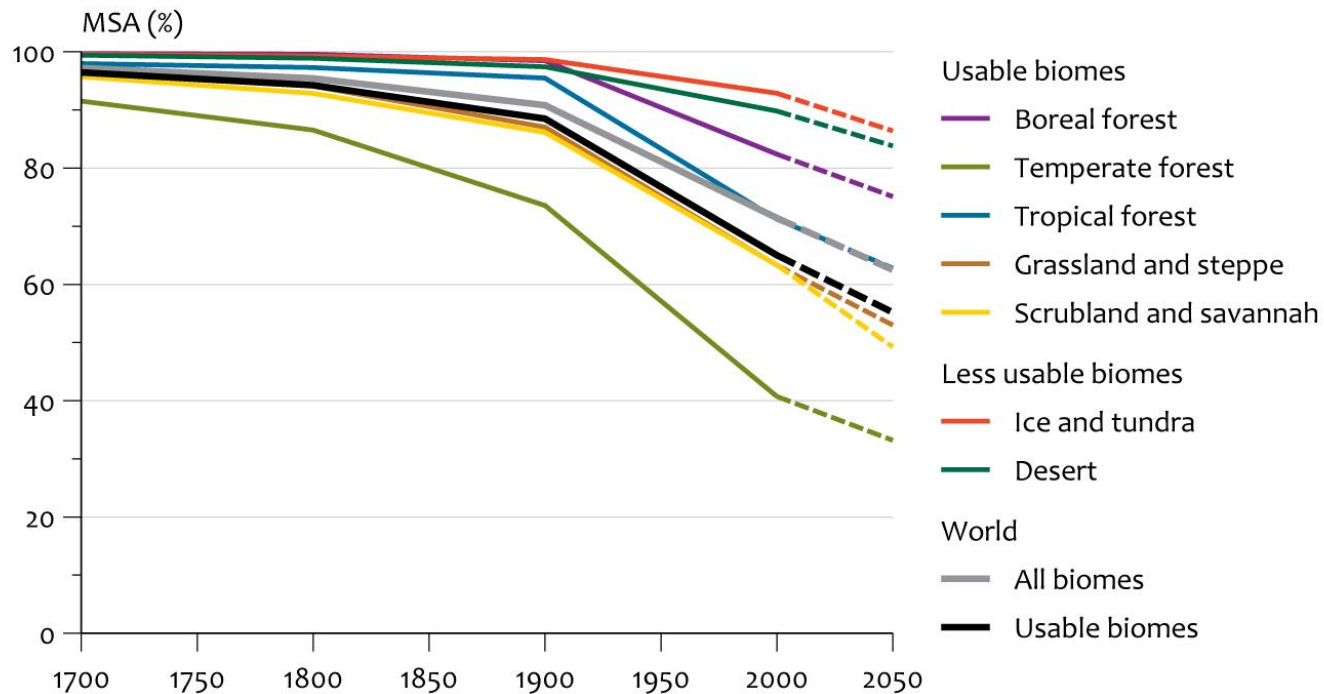


# Biodiversity loss: per biome



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## MSA per biome in baseline scenario



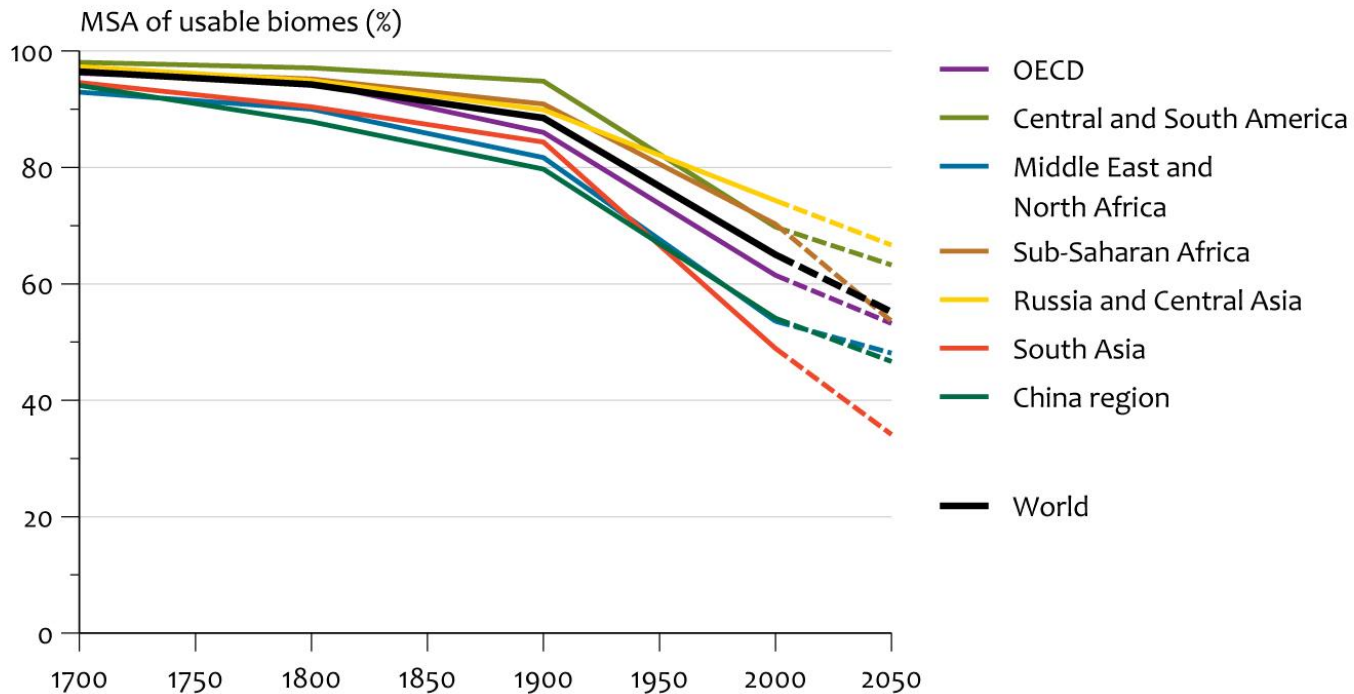


# Biodiversity loss: per region

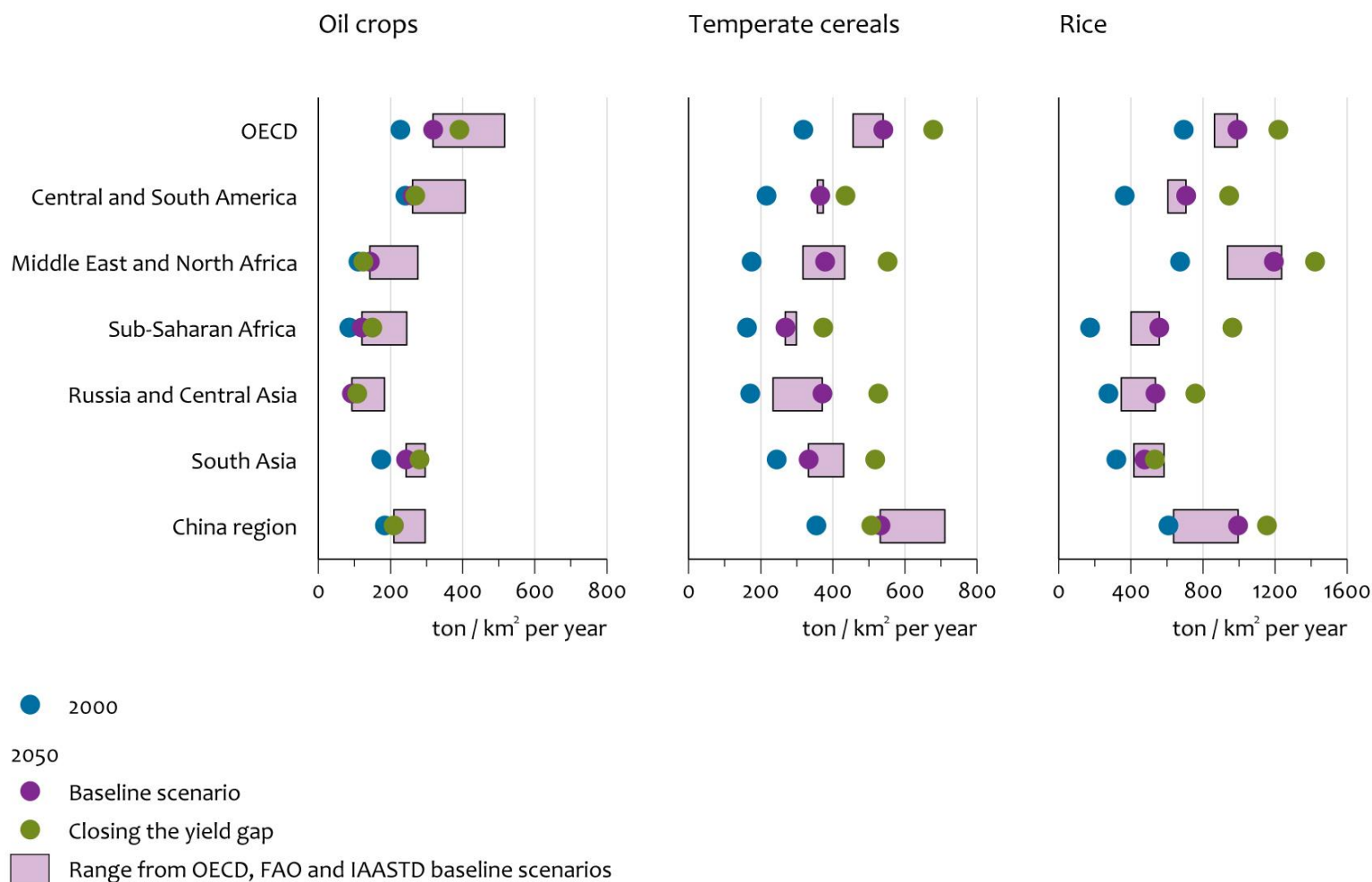


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## MSA of usable biomes per region in baseline scenario



## Regional yields

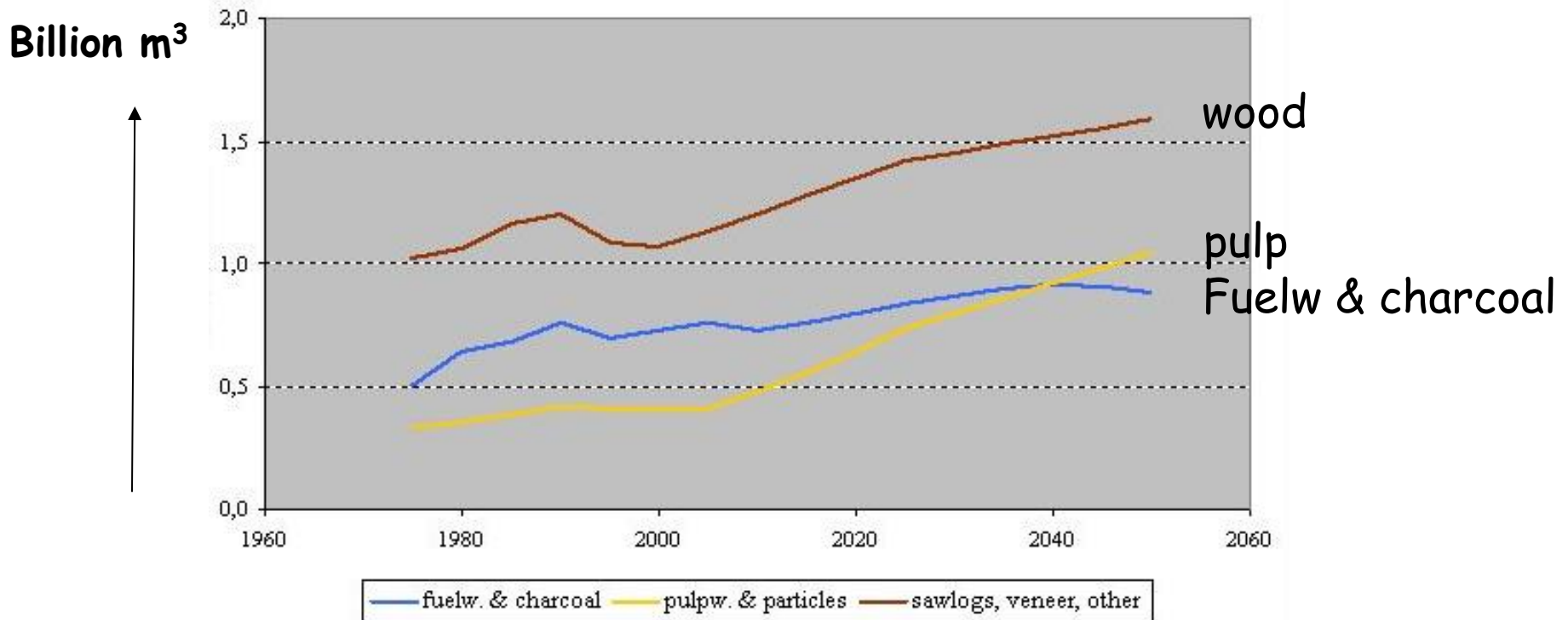


# Timber and pulp demand over time



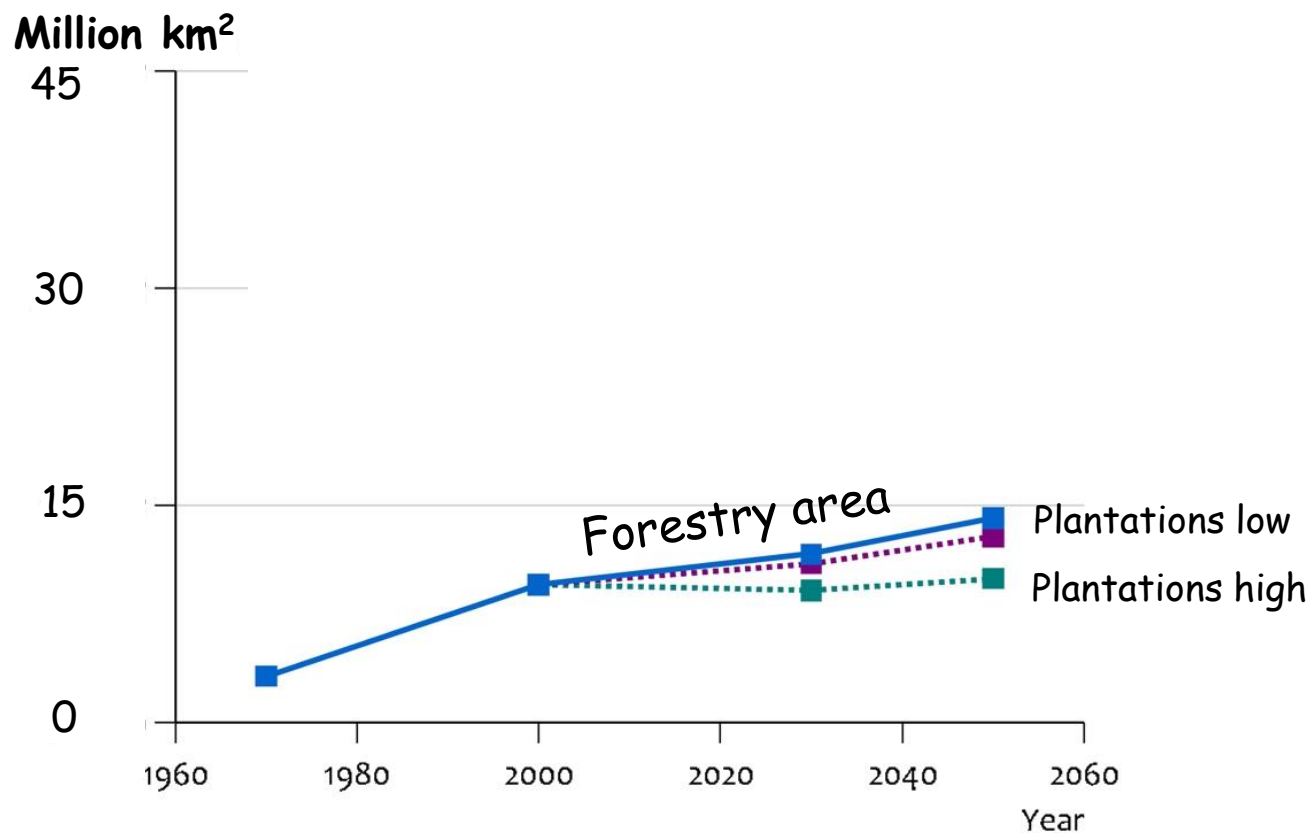
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- Global wood demand increase from 2.5 -> 3.5 billion m<sup>3</sup>/yr

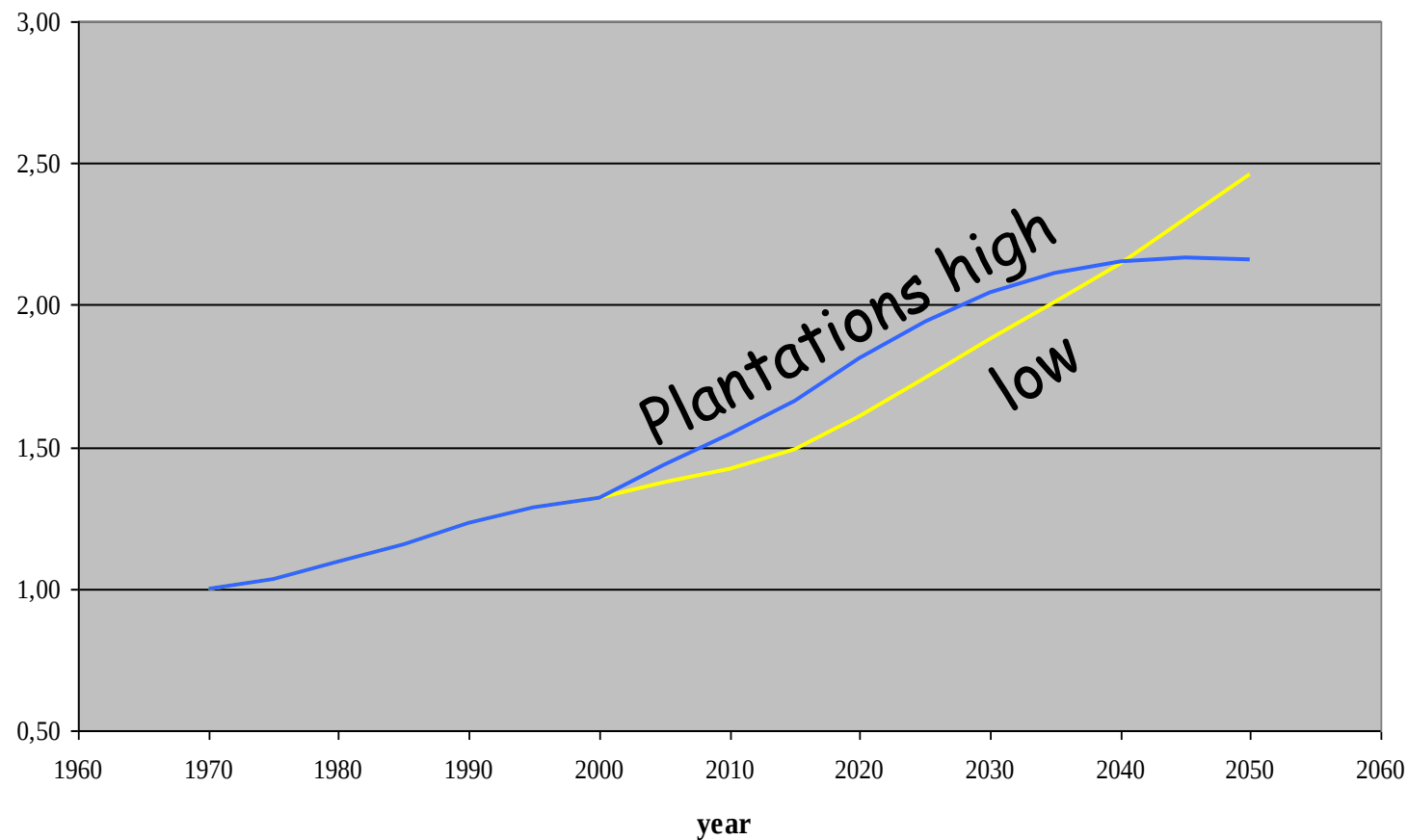


## Plantations produce 40% demand by 2050 + RIL

### Total Forests and Forestry (>90% cover)



## Biodiversity loss (msa)



— Biodiversity loss in Baseline

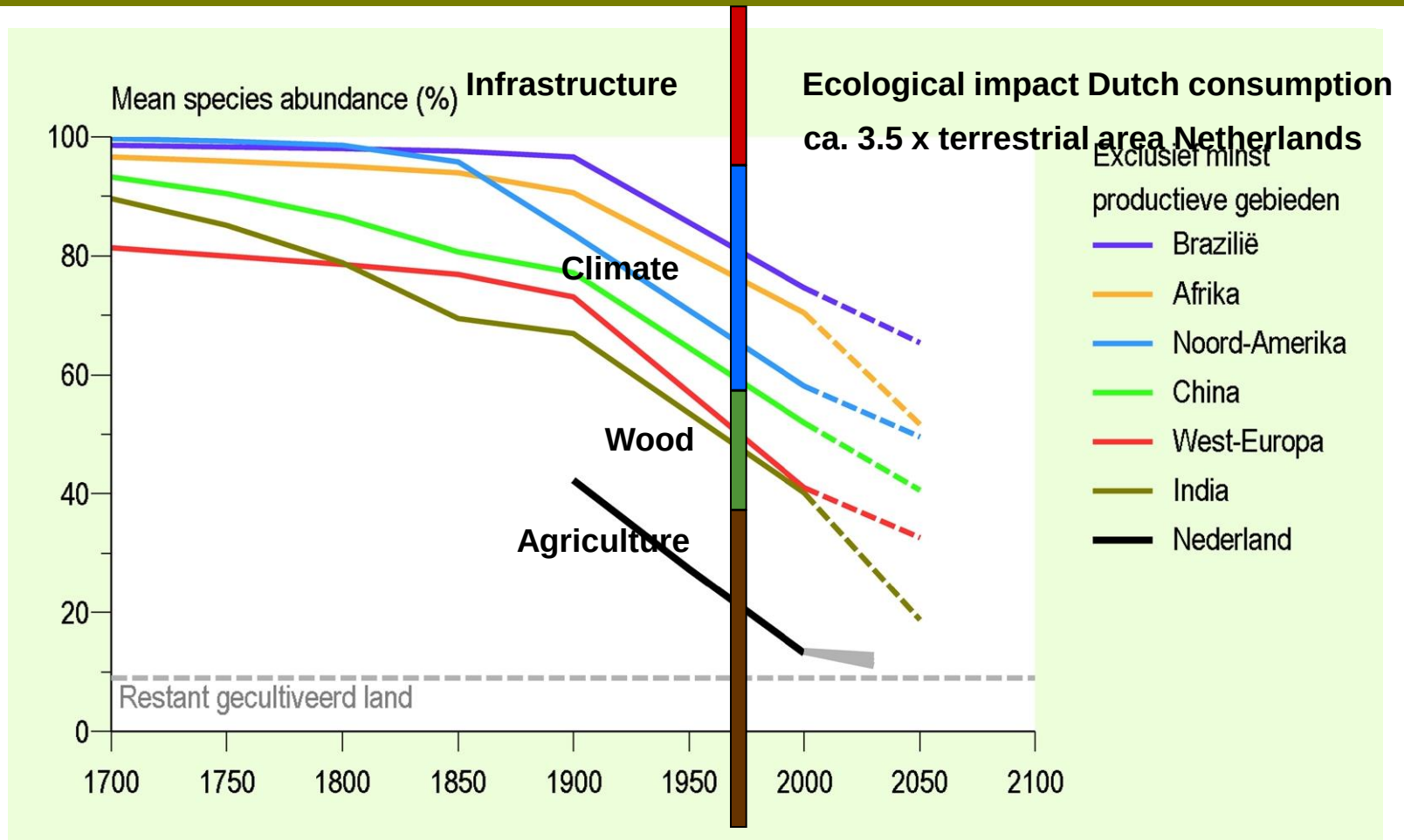
— Biodiversity loss in Forestry option



# Zooming in High biodiversity footprint



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# Conclusions



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1. Ambitious but feasible option package can half the rate of loss by 2050
2. But not halt the loss
3. Sector-based policies far more effective than PA alone
4. Directly effective: diet change, closing yield gap, PA, RIL and lowering catch
5. Long term effective: forest plantations
6. Biofuels & unguided trade liberalisation would lead to net loss
7. Options in multiple sectors behave in cumulative way
8. Options in one sector behave in a multiplicative way ( $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ )
9. Efficiency increase is key
10. Combine land demanding with land relieving options (price effects)
11. Climate policies beneficial, without biofuels
12. Align with climate change, MDGs, food & wood & energy policies



# Towards a smart option-package

1. Technical high ambitious potential
  2. Policy oriented package (survey)
- \*  
under development

### Combine:

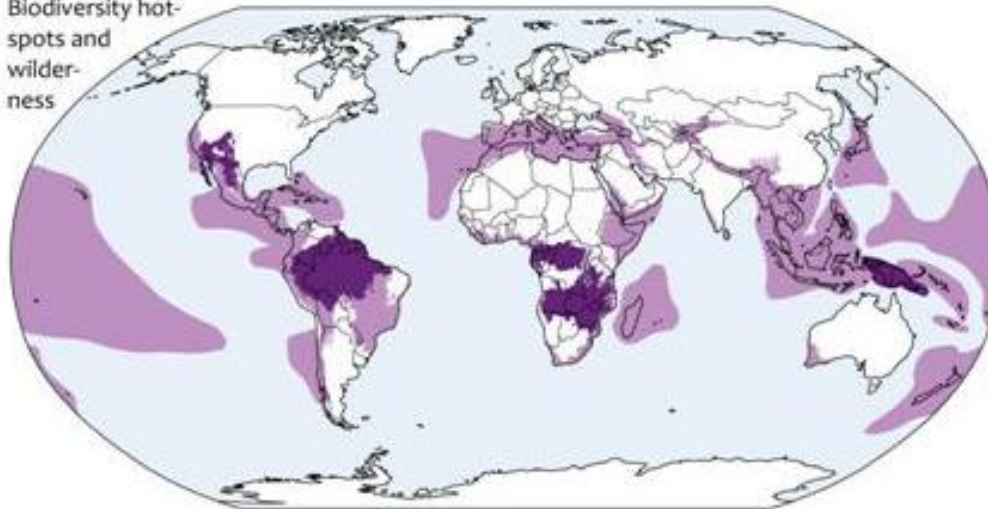
- Carbon-rich area protection (forest, grassland and peat)
- with biofuels on degraded grounds plus waste utilization
- with protection of EGS in brittle ecosystems (sub-humid and mineral soils)
- with effective protection of 25% per eco-region incl. biodiv hot spots
- with eco-efficient production increase in agriculture & forestry & aquaculture in current under performing production systems
- as a means to alleviate poverty
- With micro-finance, capacity building, law and law enforcement, technology transfer, better redistribution of food, .....
- strong efficiency increases in energy and water use
- temporary reduction of fisheries
- guided trade liberalization
- taxation on land conversion and meat
- Fair distribution of cost and benefits of global public goods (biodiv) by GDM
- Introduction of healthy diet consumption patterns
- .....

## REDD: limited match with hot spots



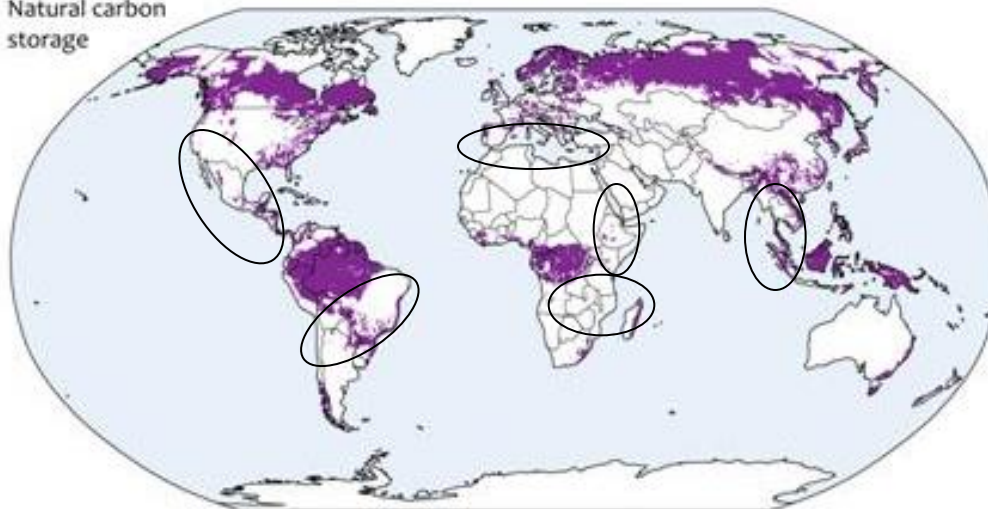
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Biodiversity hot-  
spots and wilder-  
ness



Hotspots  
Wilderness areas  
(According to  
Meyers et al 2000  
and Mittermeier  
et al, 2003)

Natural carbon  
storage



More than 200 ton  
carbon per hectare  
(IMAGE-model)



# Causes and what can we do about it?

## Competing claims



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Potential losses from growing demand of commodities

Growing habitat loss from:

- food, feed, forestry plantations, bio-fuel,
- Carbon plantation, built up area

Growing quality loss from

- climate change, eutrophication,
- exploiting fish and wood in natural ecosystems
- ongoing land degradation

## Baseline BAU future development

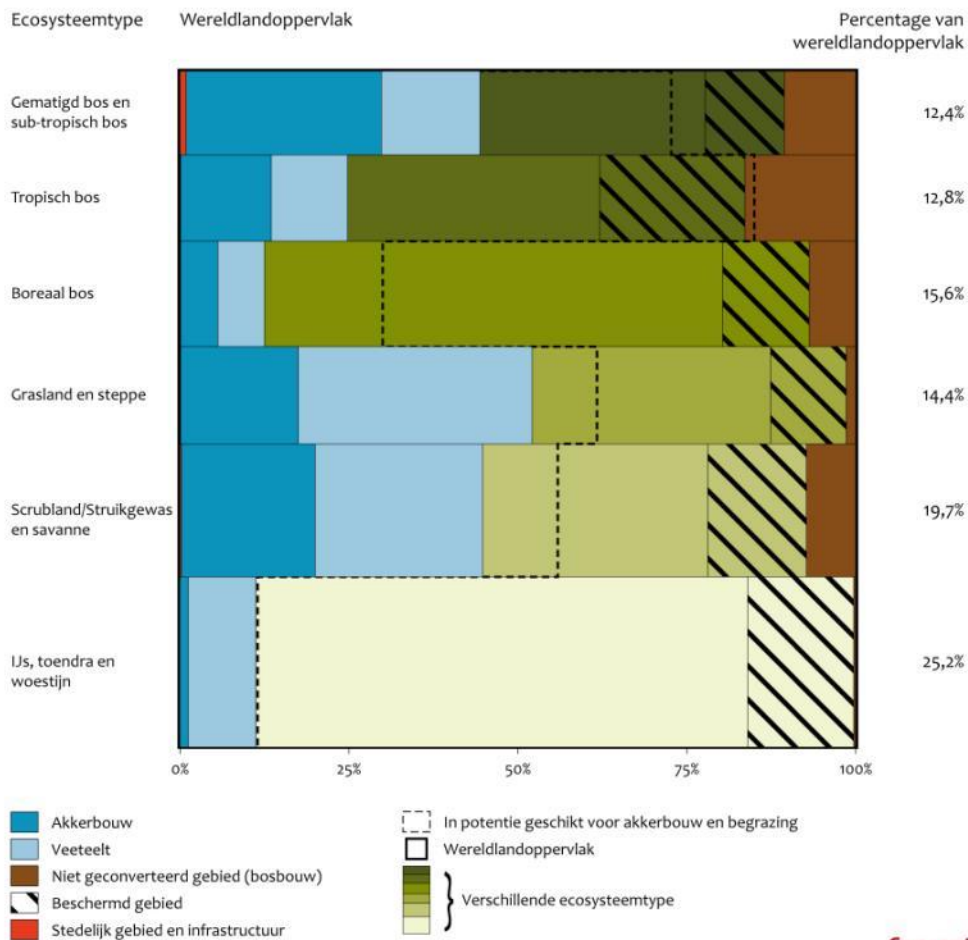
1. Food production efficiency
  1. higher increase than BAU scenario
  2. Failure to increase future yields as in BAU scenario
2. Reducing post-harvest loss
3. Diet change
  1. Reduction in meat consumption
  2. Increase in meat consumption
4. Timber production efficiency
  1. Efficiency increase through forest plantation
  2. No forest plantation
5. REDD protect high-carbon forest areas & reduced impact techniques
6. Climate objective in alternative 450 ppm scenarios
  1. by 2nd generation bio fuels
  2. by food crops
7. Expansion of protected areas incl. substitution effects outside PAs

## Additional:

1. Liberalization of trade in agricultural products
2. Aquaculture replacing partly marine capture fisheries (needs UBC)



### Wereldlandgebruik per ecosysteemtype, 2000

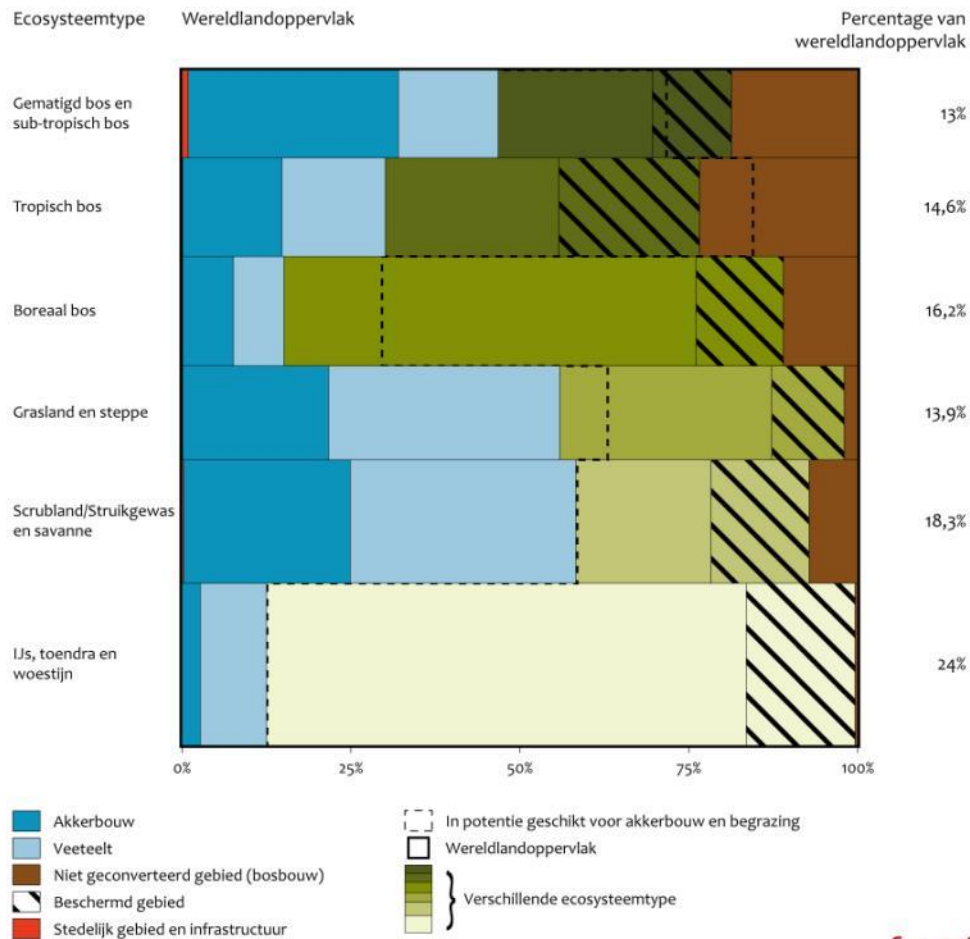


+ 10% protected area  
per biome

Concept



# Wereldlandgebruik per ecosysteemtype, 2050



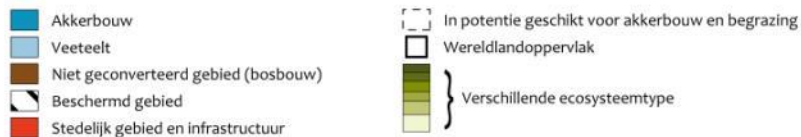
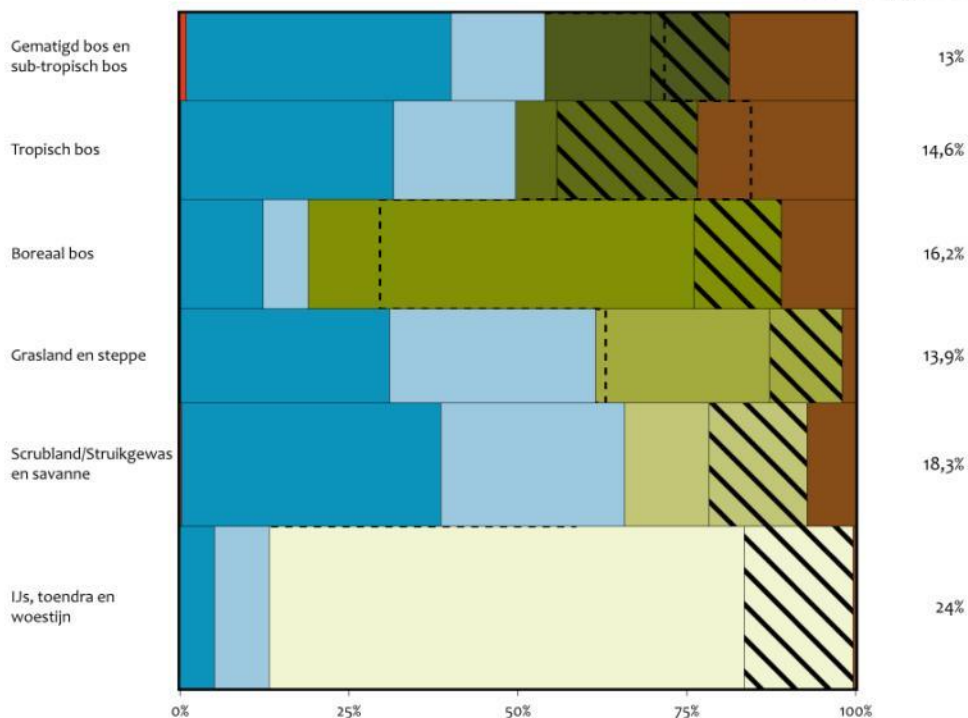
1.8 x  $\Delta$  production

Concept



# Wereldlandgebruik per ecosysteemtype, 2050

Ecosysteemtype Wereldlandoppervlak Percentage van wereldlandoppervlak



Concept

In million km<sup>2</sup>

Failure: additional agriculture

forestry

biofuel 5

C plantation

Degradation 4-8

Abandonment



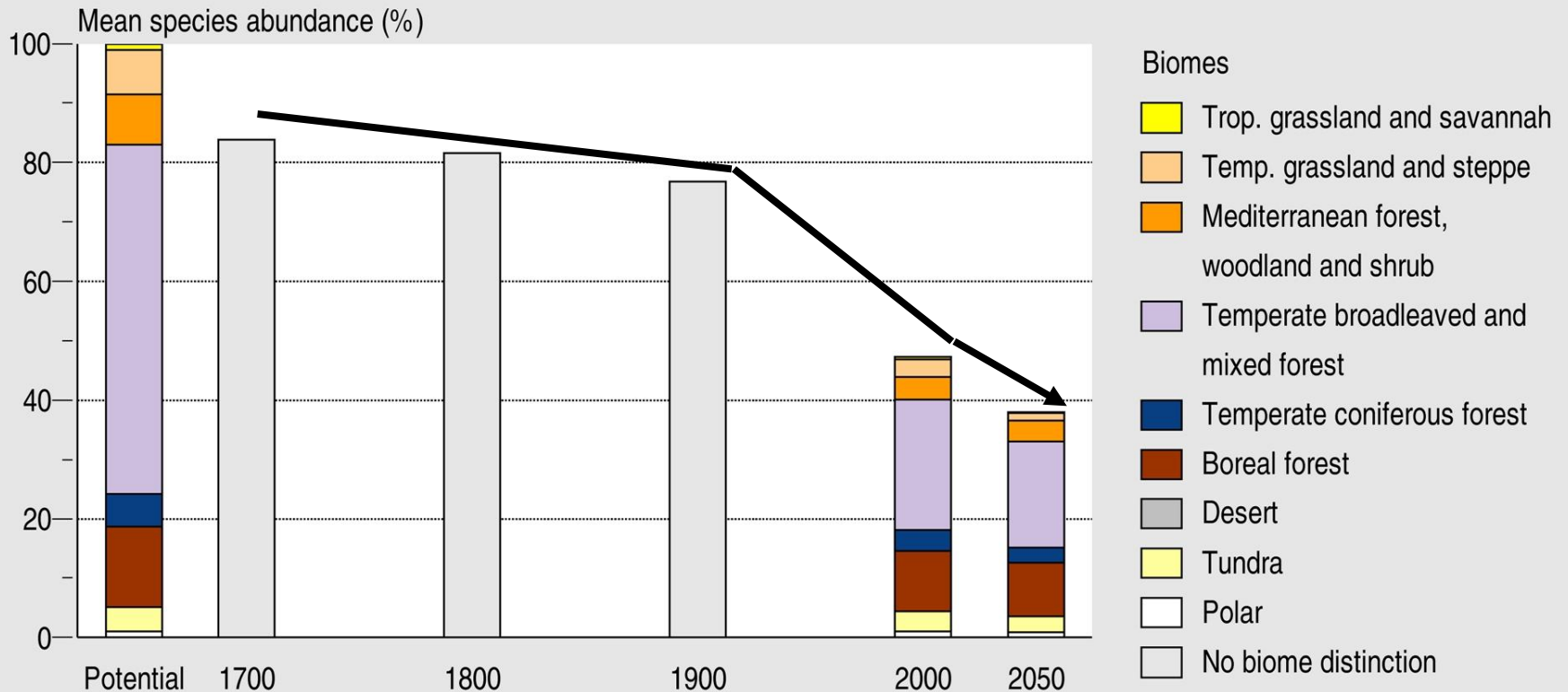
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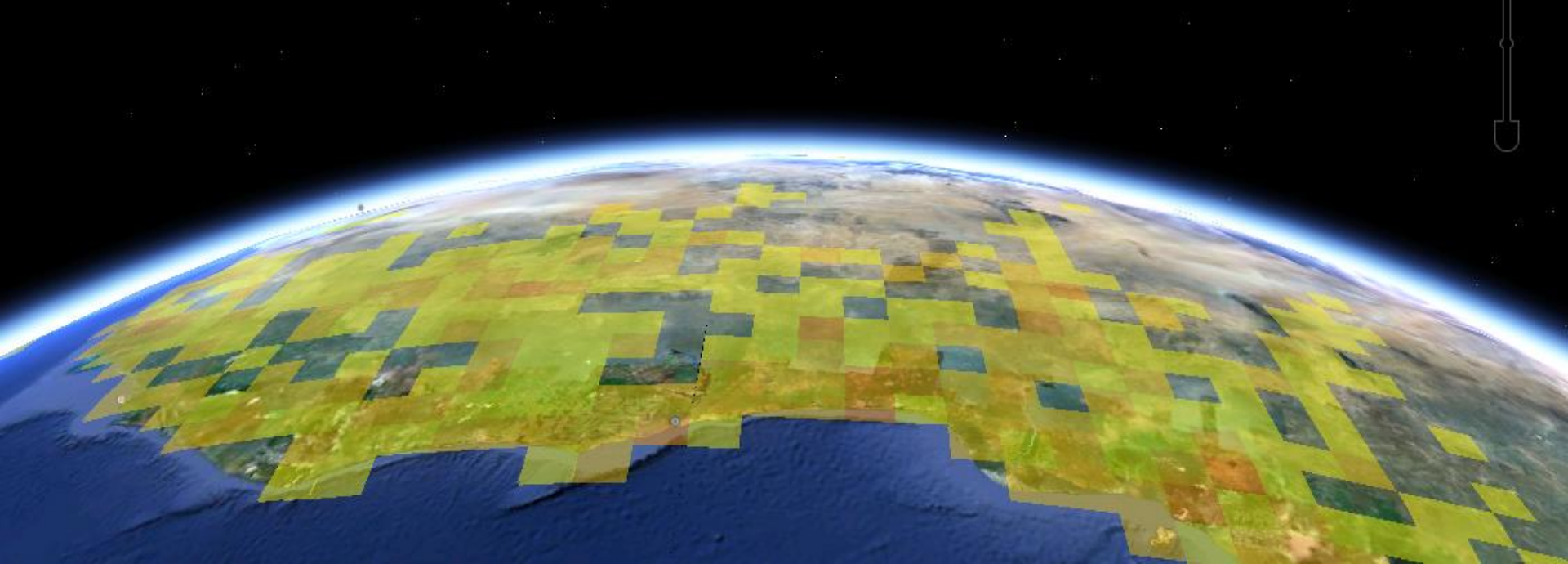


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## Historical development of biodiversity - Europe





# Using models of biodiversity as policy support tools to anticipate, avoid and manage impacts of global environmental change

Simon Ferrier, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences

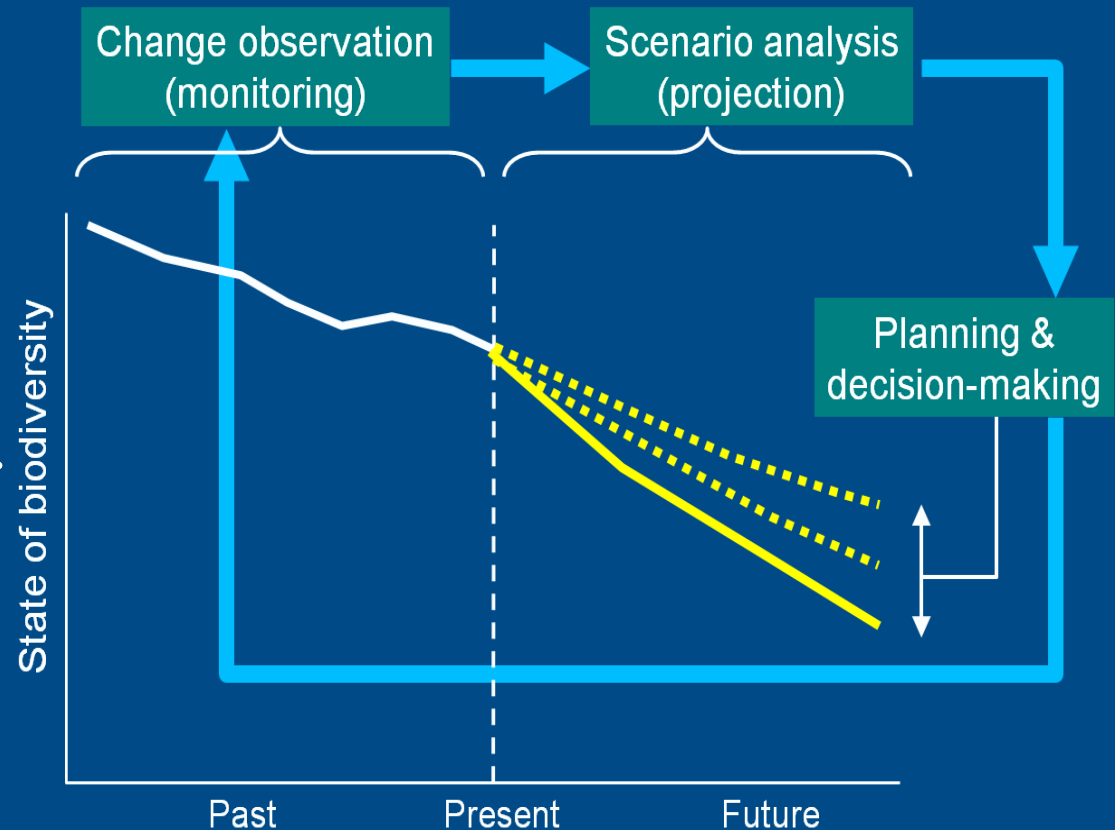
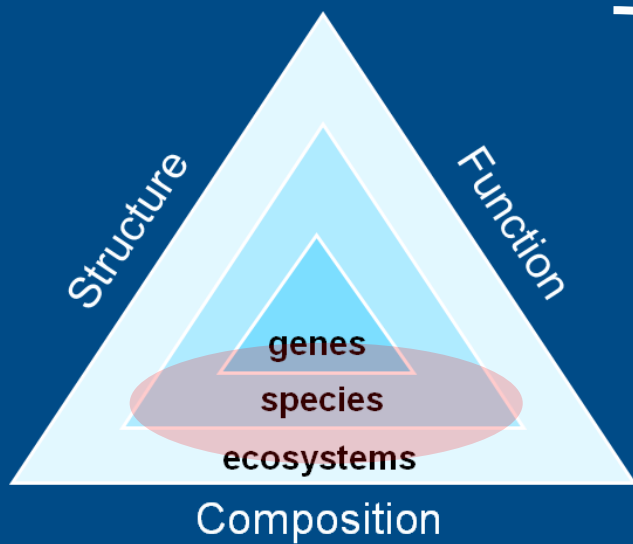
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21 October 2013

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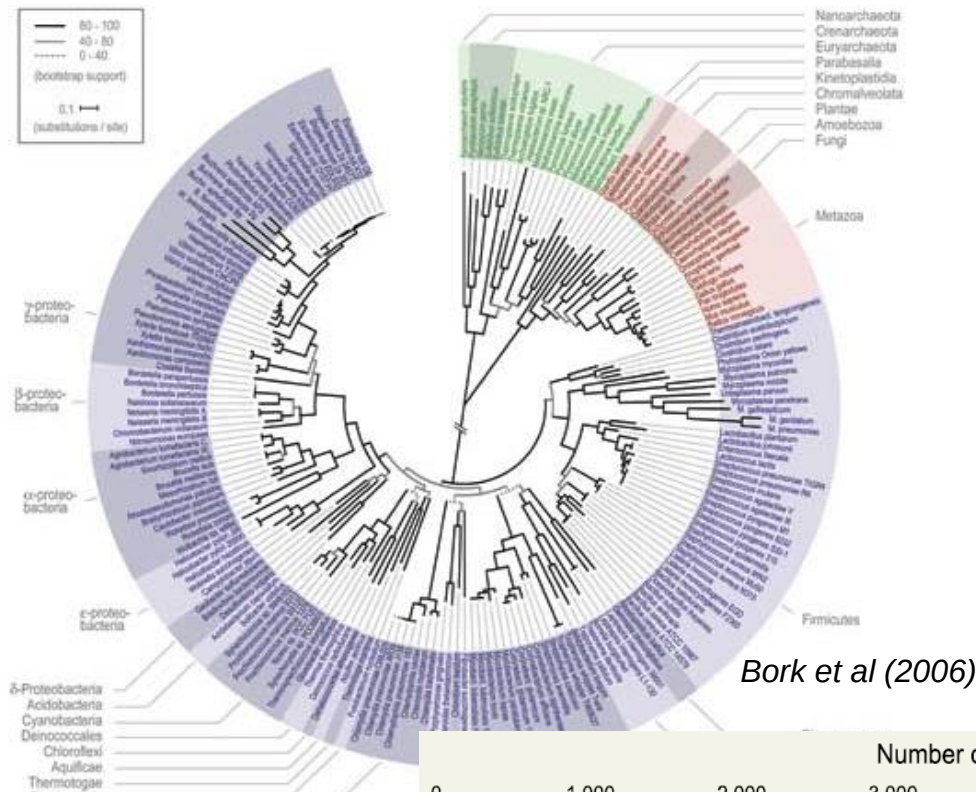
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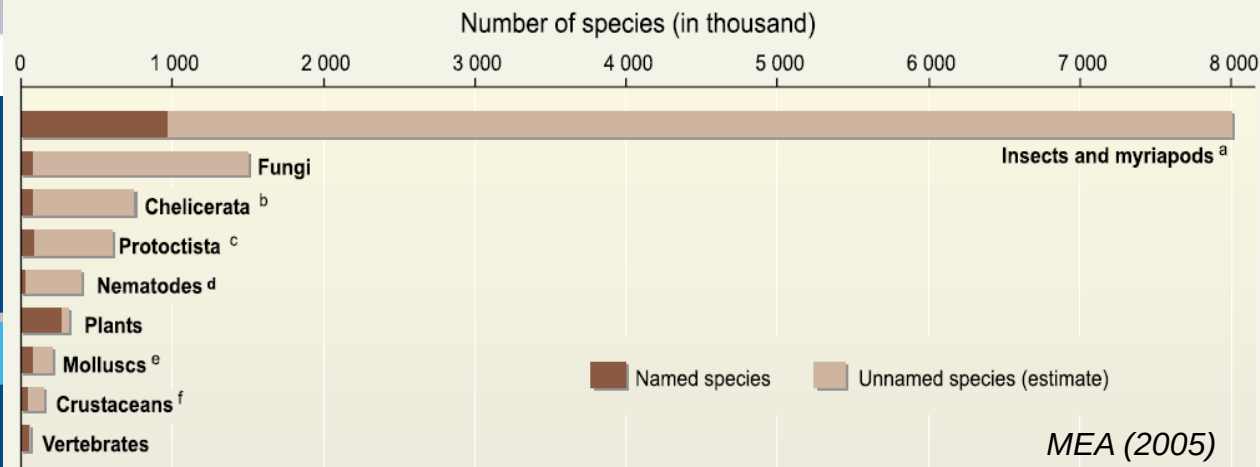
# Models inform multiple scales & modes of assessment addressing multiple dimensions & levels of biodiversity



# The challenge of the compositional dimension - biodiversity really is diverse, and poorly known



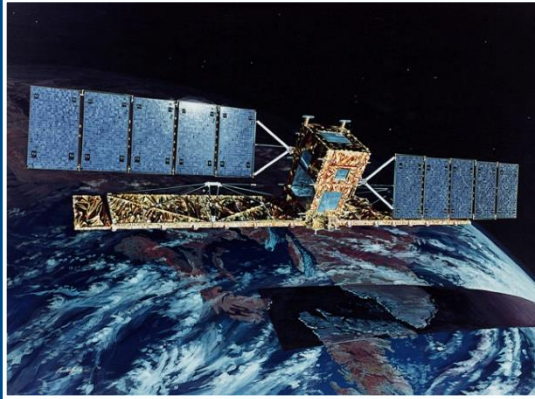
Bork et al (2006)



MEA (2005)



# Two major sources of information on the state of biodiversity, with complementary strengths



## Remote sensing

- complete spatial coverage
- reasonable detection of ecosystem structure & function, but not of biodiversity composition at species/gene level

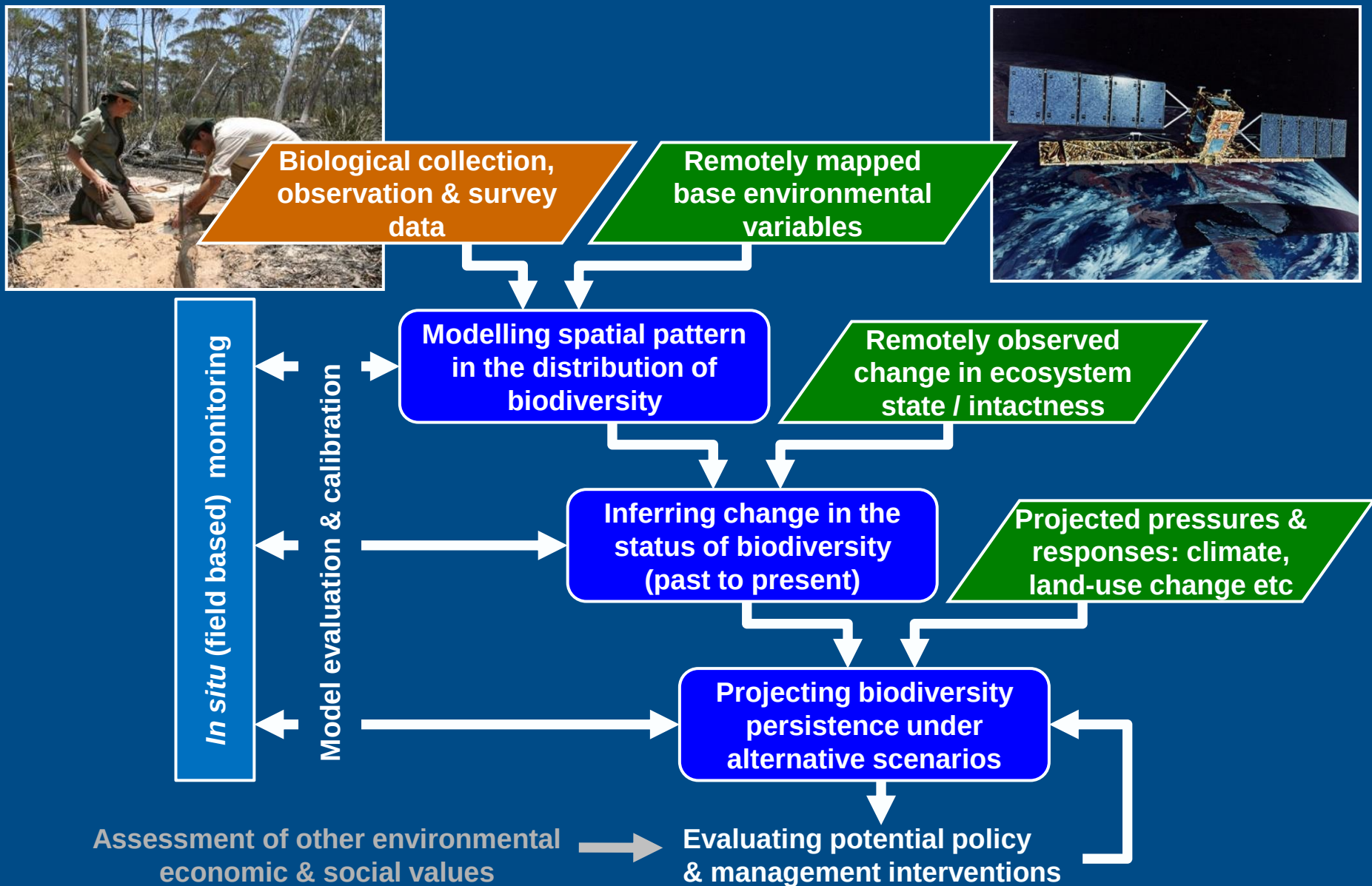


- direct detection of structure, function and composition
- but sparse, and uneven, spatial coverage

## *In situ* (field based) observation



# Therefore need integration through modelling, laying the foundation for change observation & projection

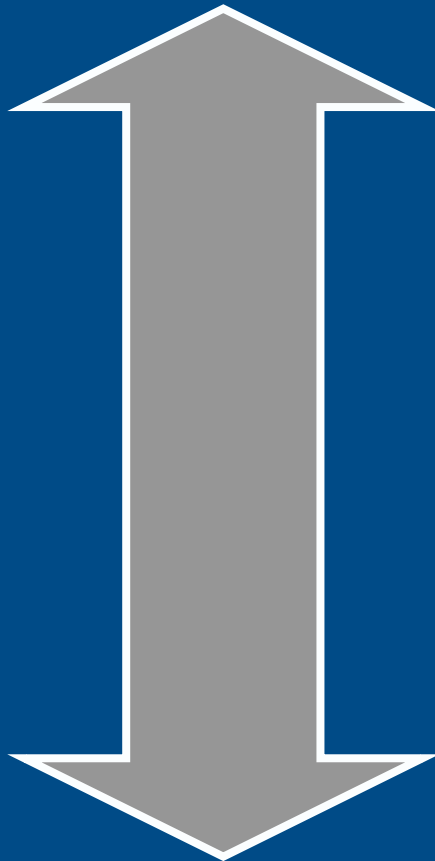


# Spectrum of distributional modelling strategies

Ferrier & Guisan (2006) *Journal of Applied Ecology*



- interested in individual species of particular concern
- reasonable number of records per species



Individual species distribution  
(niche) modelling

“Predict first, assemble later”  
techniques

Simultaneous multi-response  
modelling of multiple species

“Assemble first, predict later”  
techniques

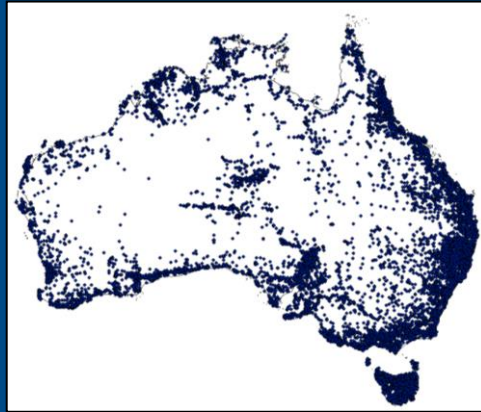
Macroecological modelling of collective  
biodiversity properties (richness,  
compositional turnover etc)



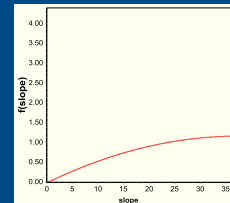
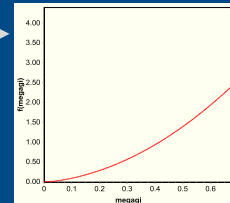
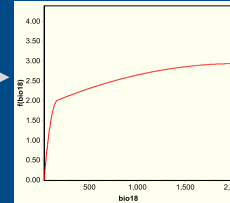
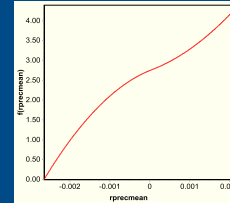
- interested in biodiversity as a whole
- huge number of species, each with few (or no) records

# - e.g. modelling spatial turnover in biodiversity composition using generalised dissimilarity modelling

77,000 records of 2,700 land-snail species

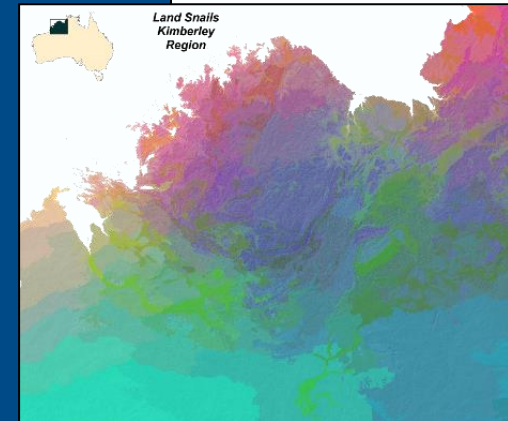
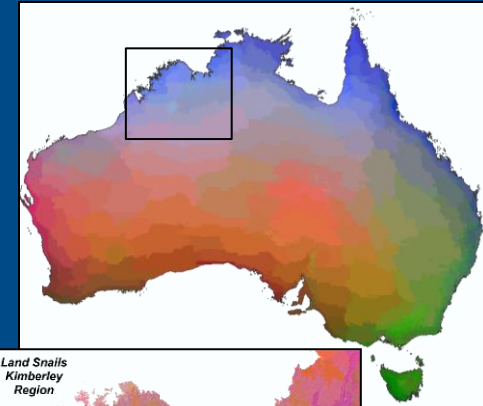


Generalised  
dissimilarity  
modelling (GDM)

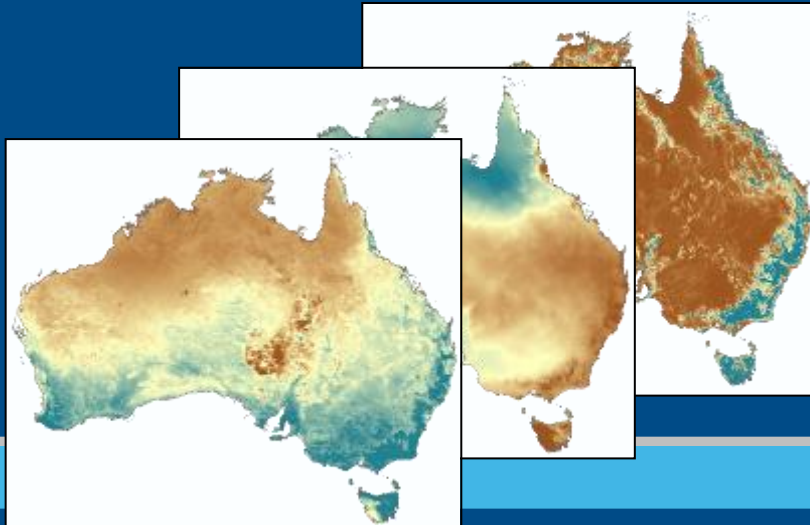


etc ...

Spatial pattern in  
compositional turnover

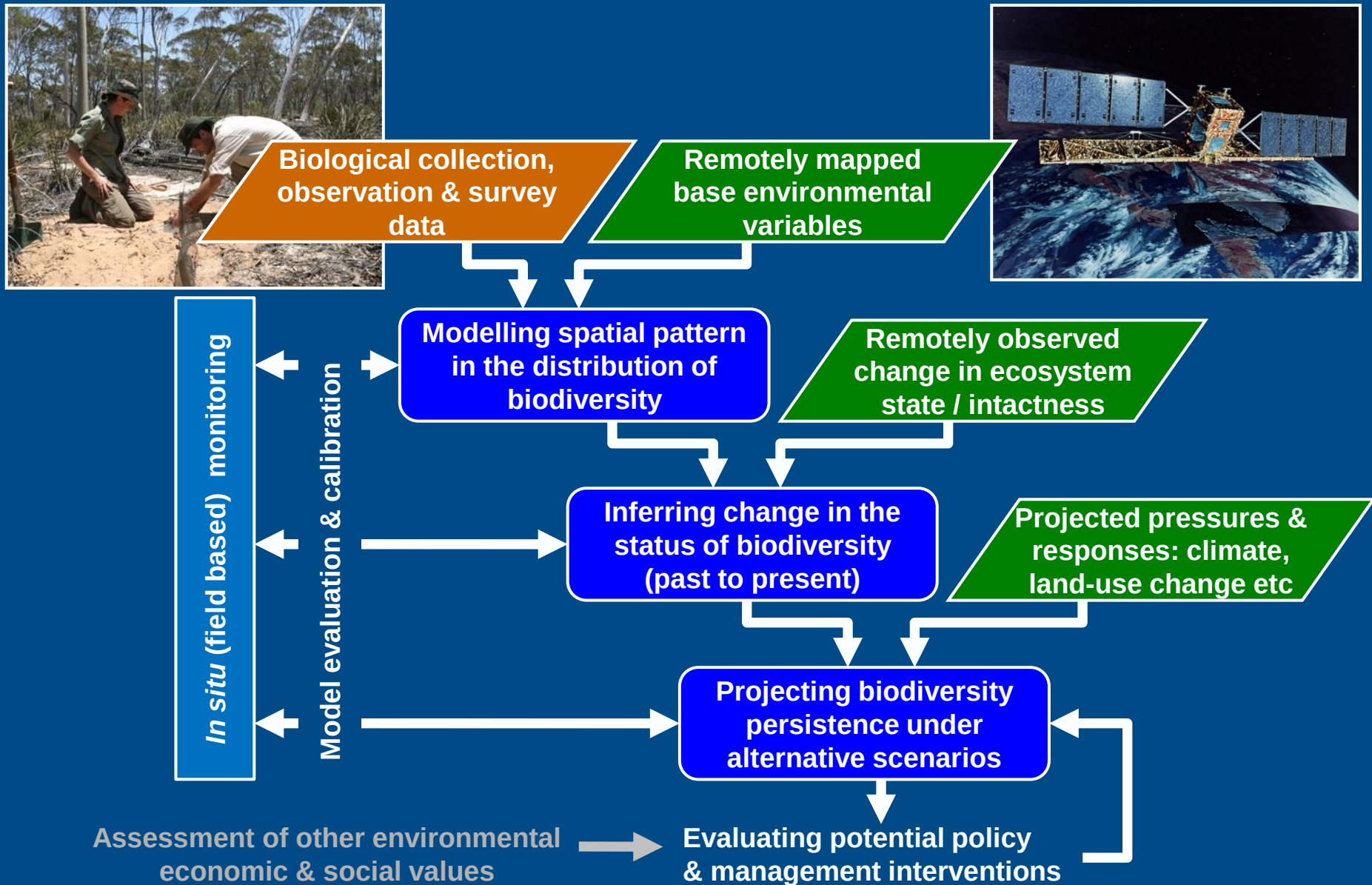


Remotely derived environmental variables:  
climate, terrain, soils, geographic isolation etc



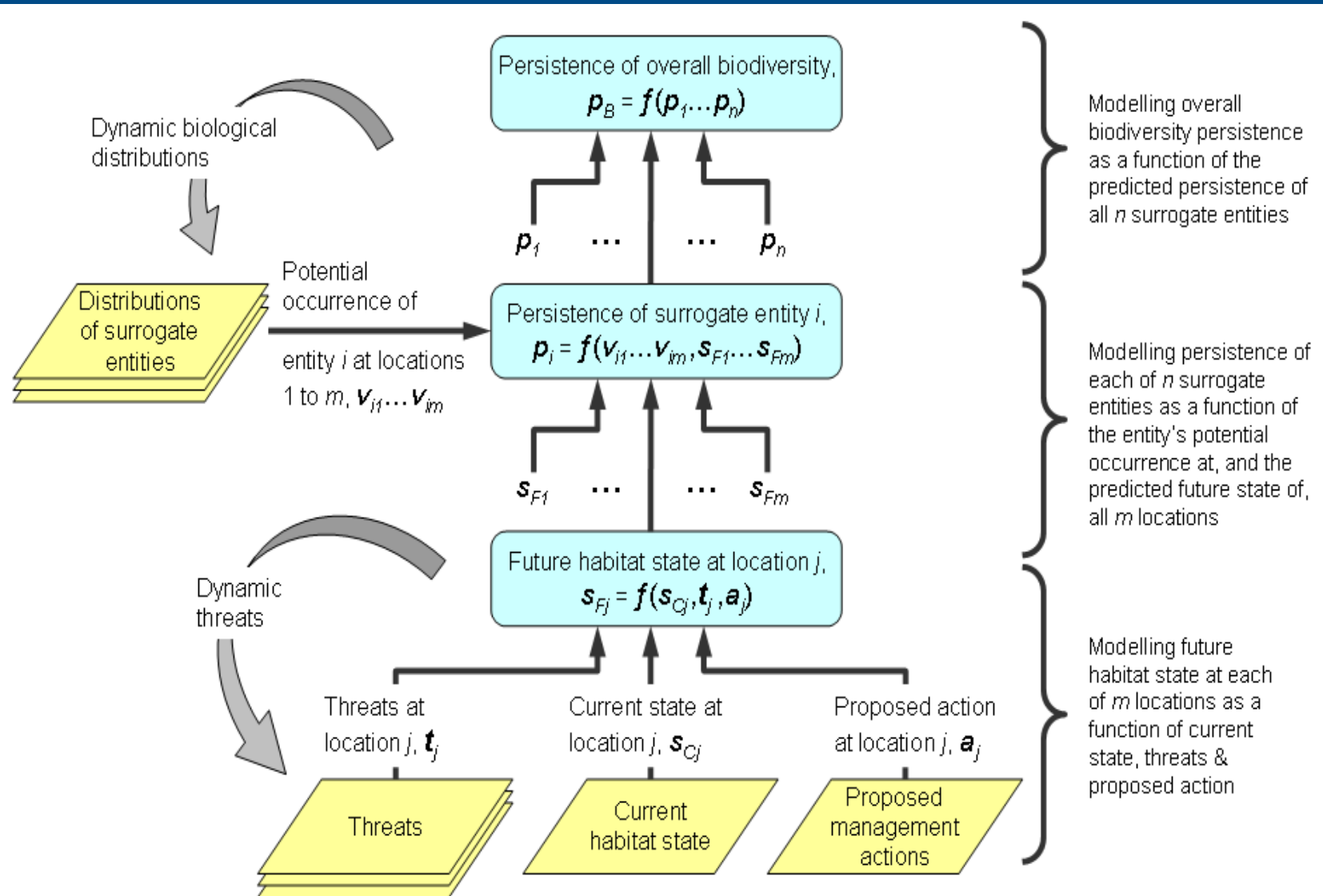
etc ...

# Adding the temporal dimension – projecting biodiversity persistence under alternative scenarios



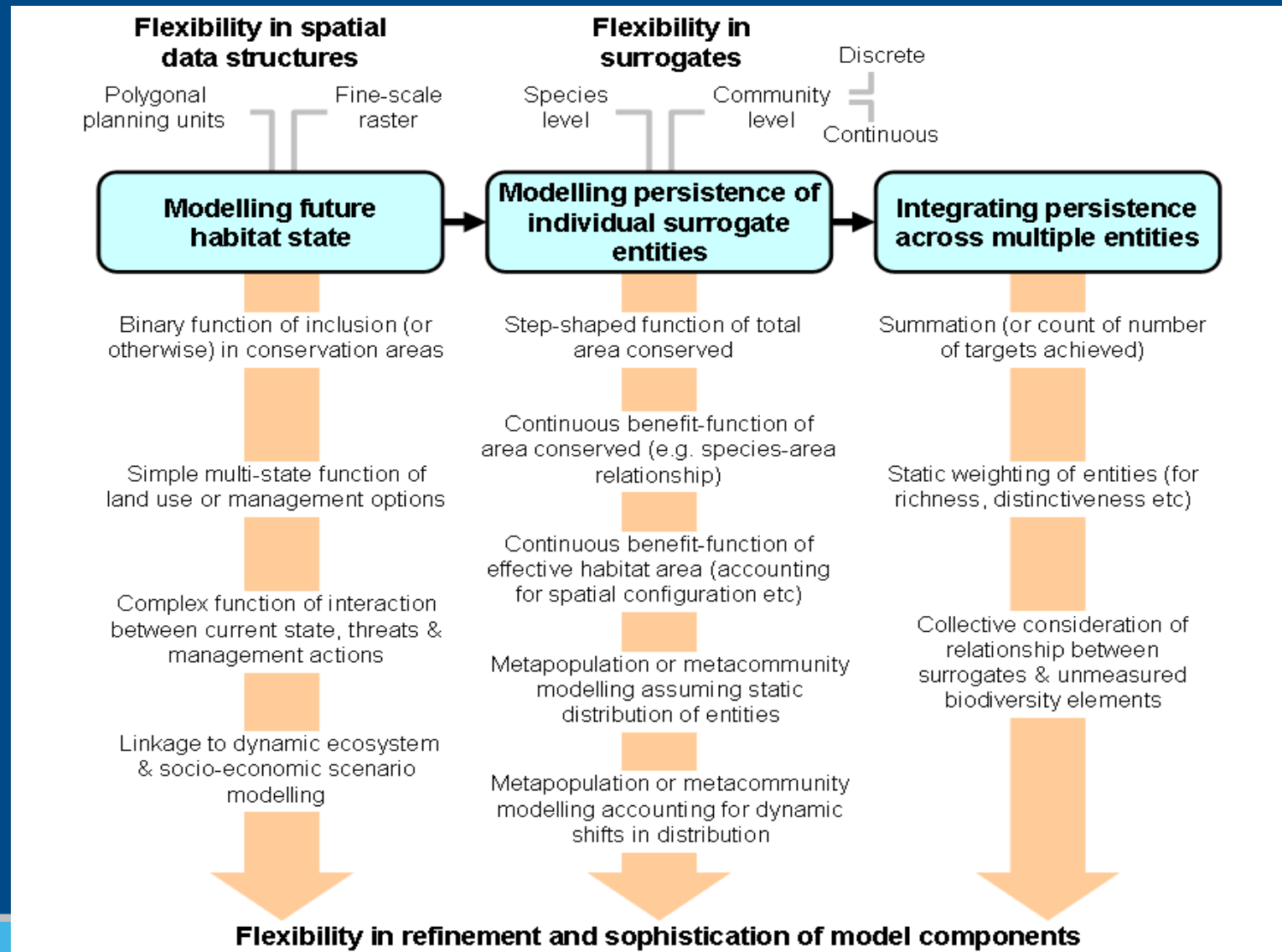


# A general framework for modelling persistence of compositional diversity – three broad components

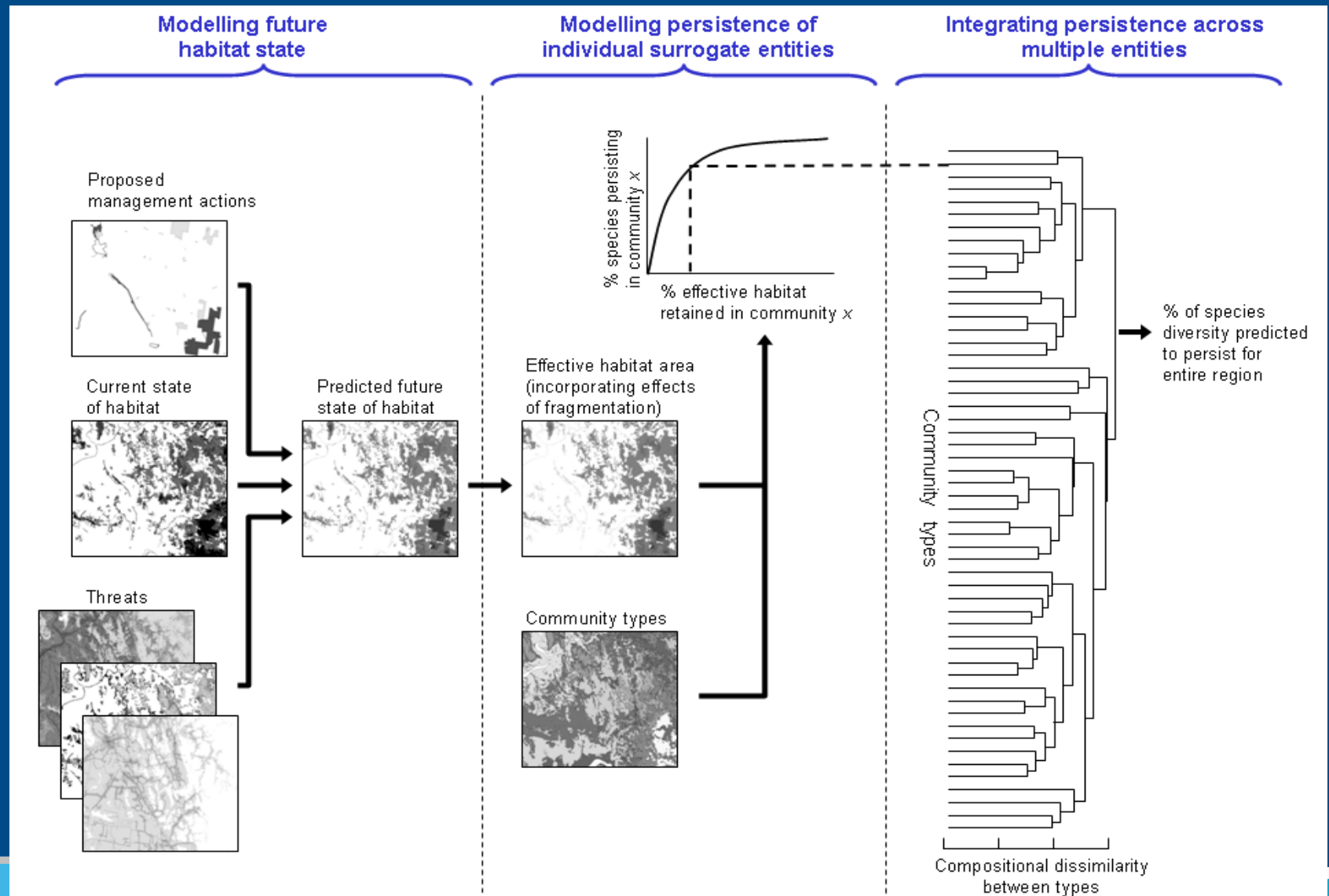




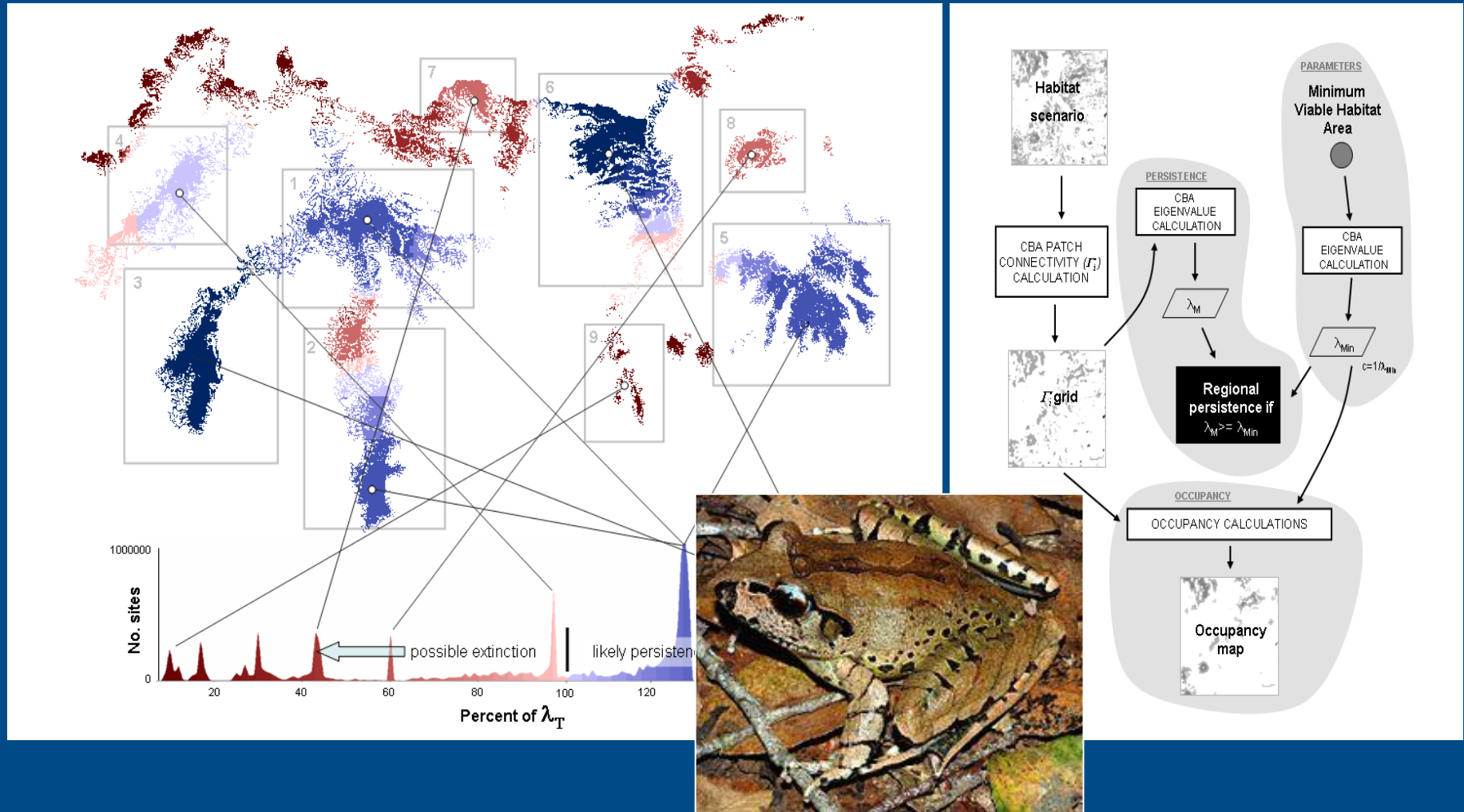
# Flexibility in implementing these components ...



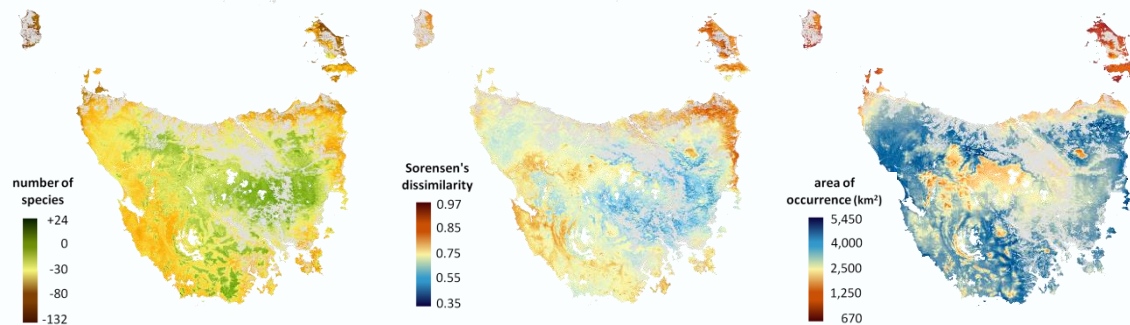
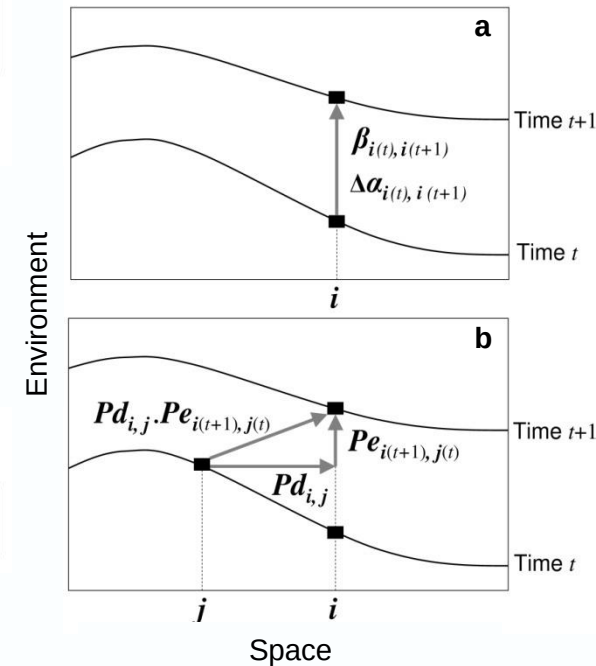
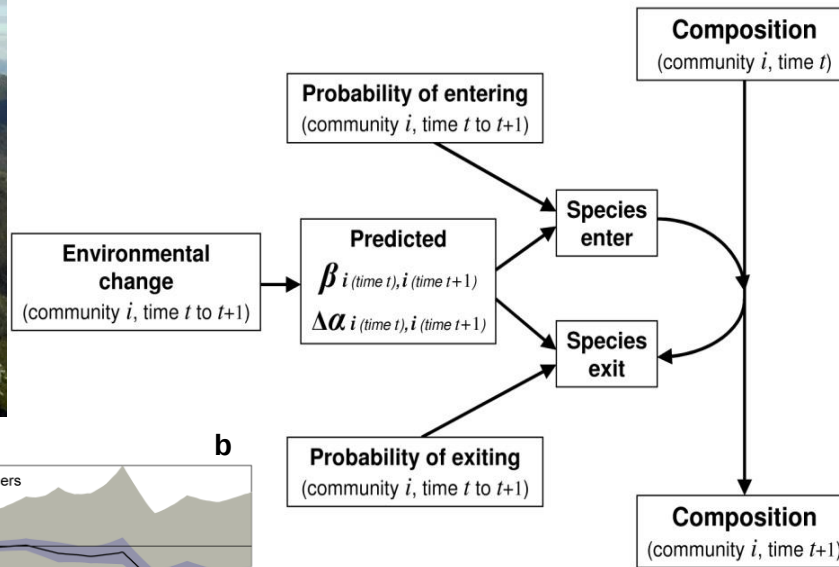
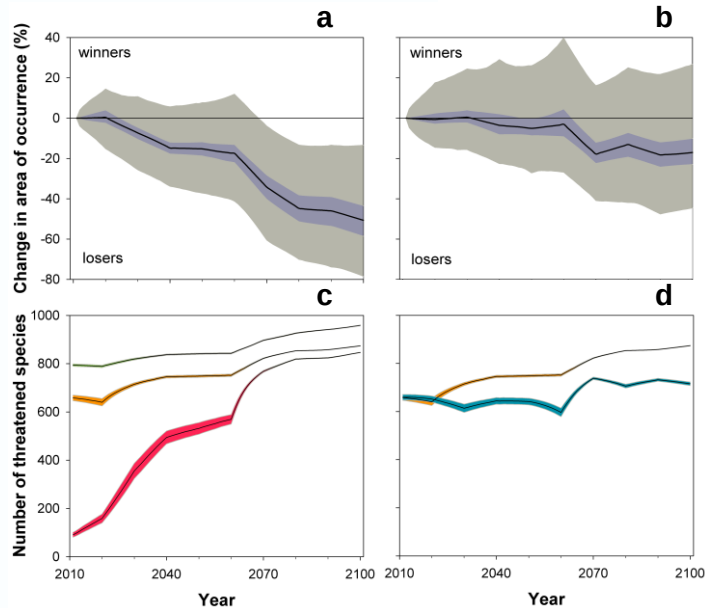
# ... from simple pattern-based approaches ...



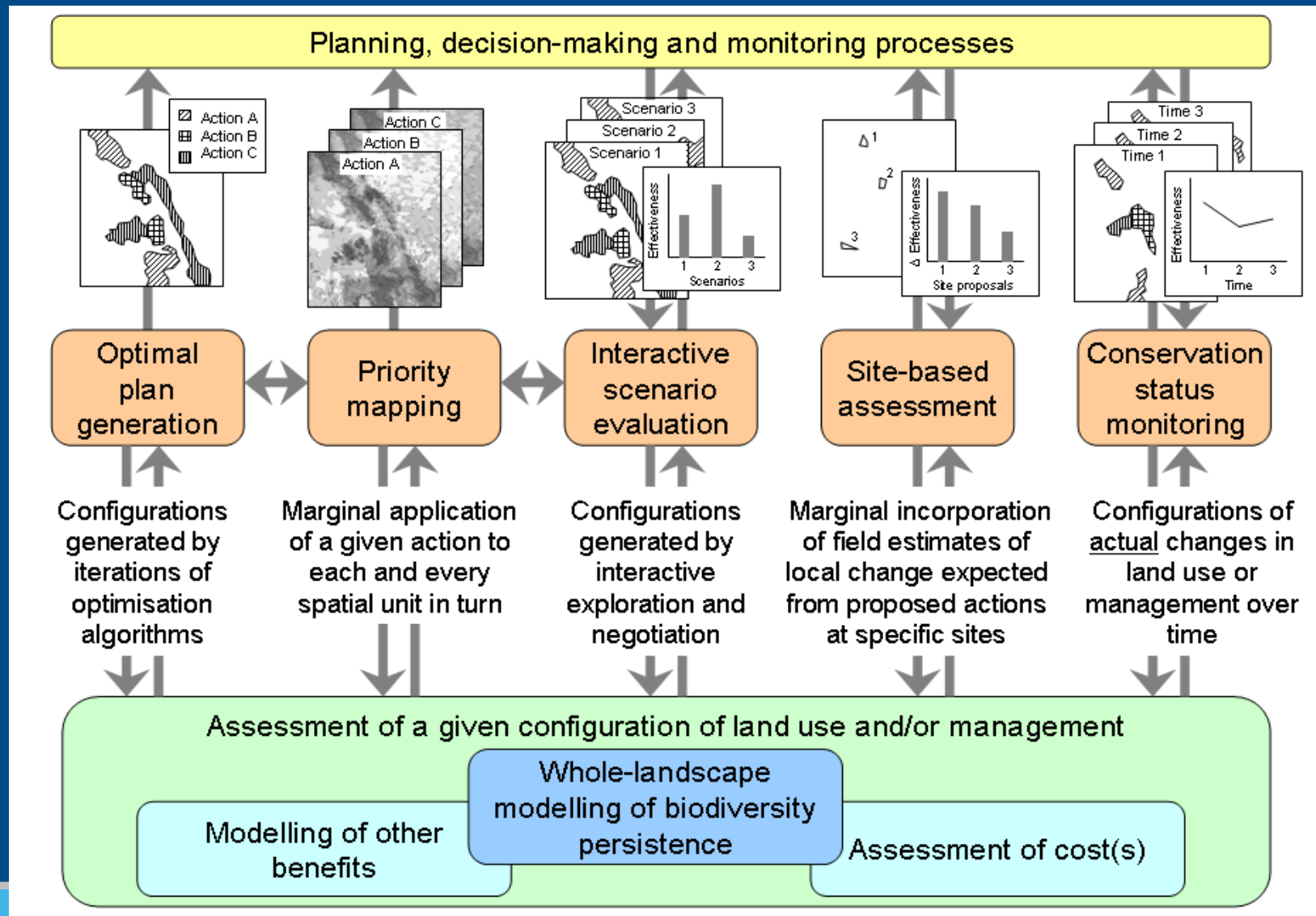
# ... to more complex process-based approaches, e.g. metapopulation-capacity modelling ...



# ... dynamic macroecological modelling of metacommunity persistence (accounting for climate change)

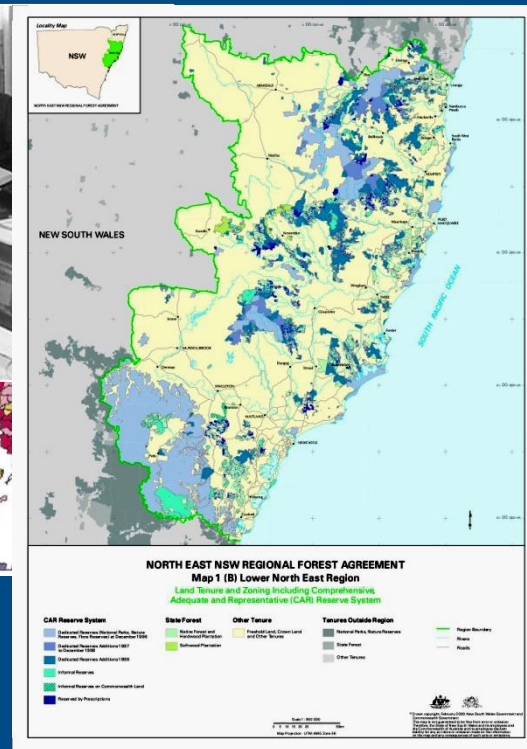
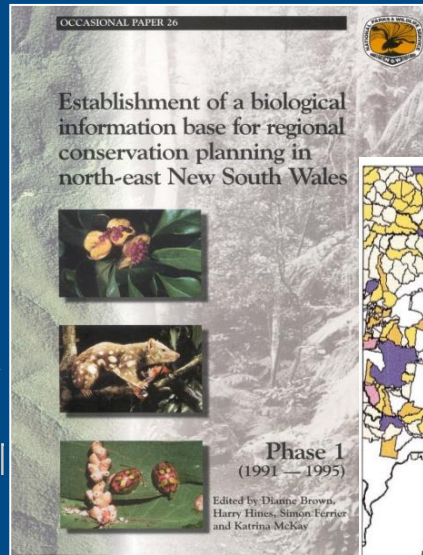


# A common foundation for multiple forms of higher-level assessment across multiple scales





# Landscape / regional scale applications – e.g. conservation planning in north-east NSW forests in the 1990s ...



Modelled species  
distributions &  
vegetation  
communities

Protection  
targets

Conservation  
prioritisation  
(irreplaceability  
analysis)

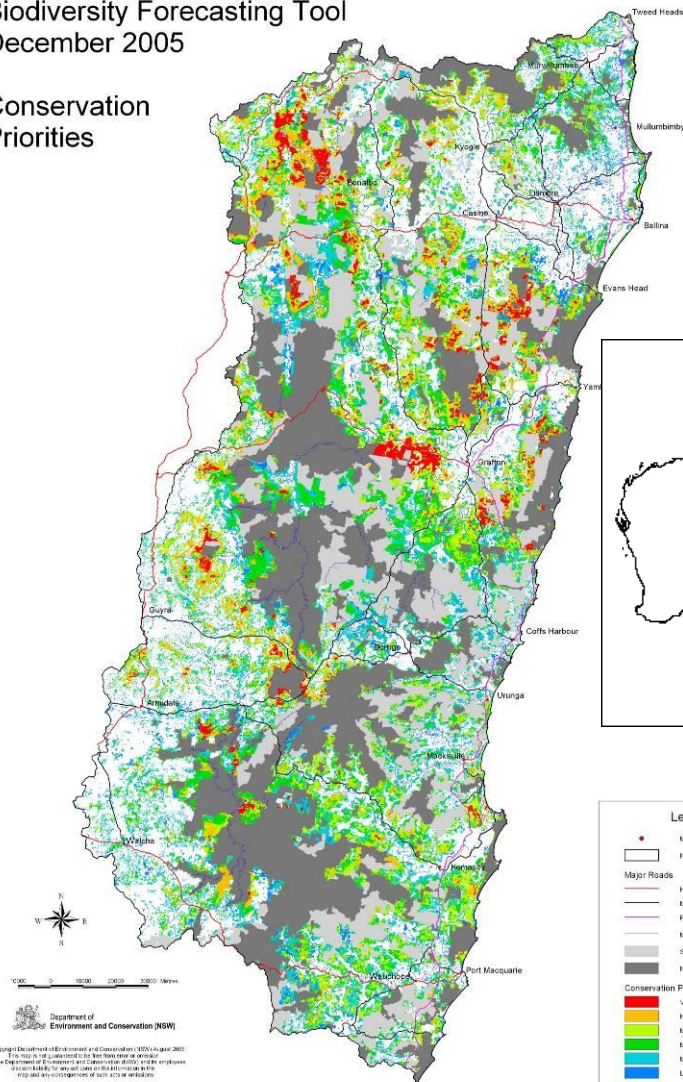
Timber resource  
assessment

Negotiation  
& selection of  
new reserves

# ... whole-landscape prioritisation of protective and restorative management actions ...

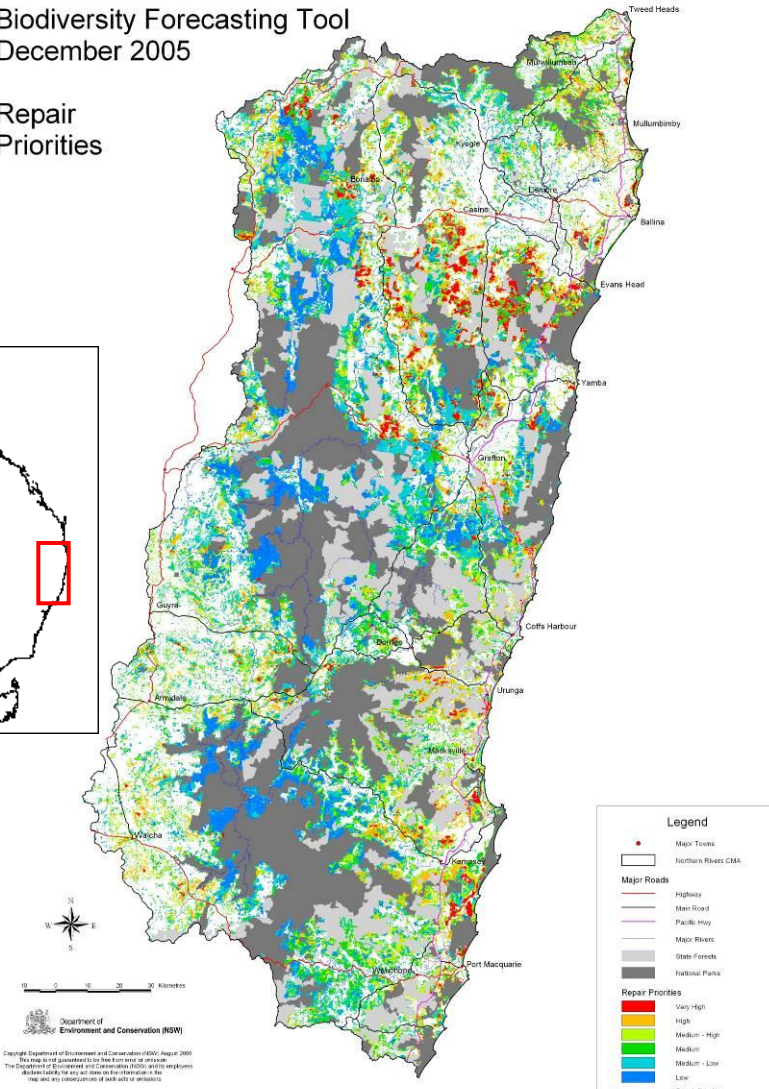
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Conservation  
Priorities



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Repair  
Priorities

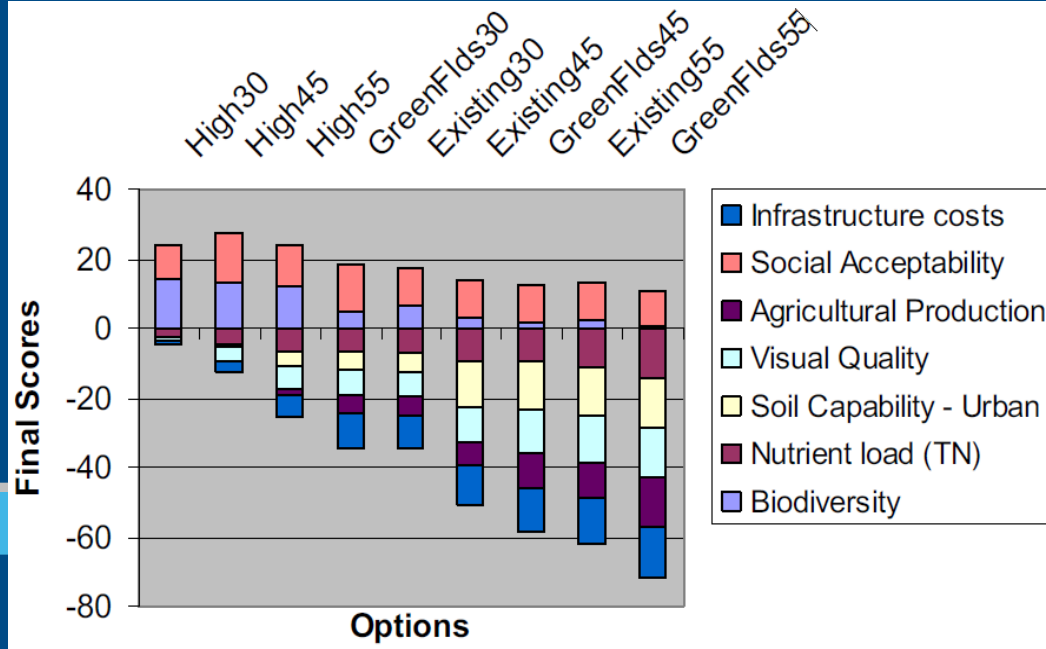




# ... multi-objective environmental / social / economic evaluation of alternative land-use scenarios ...



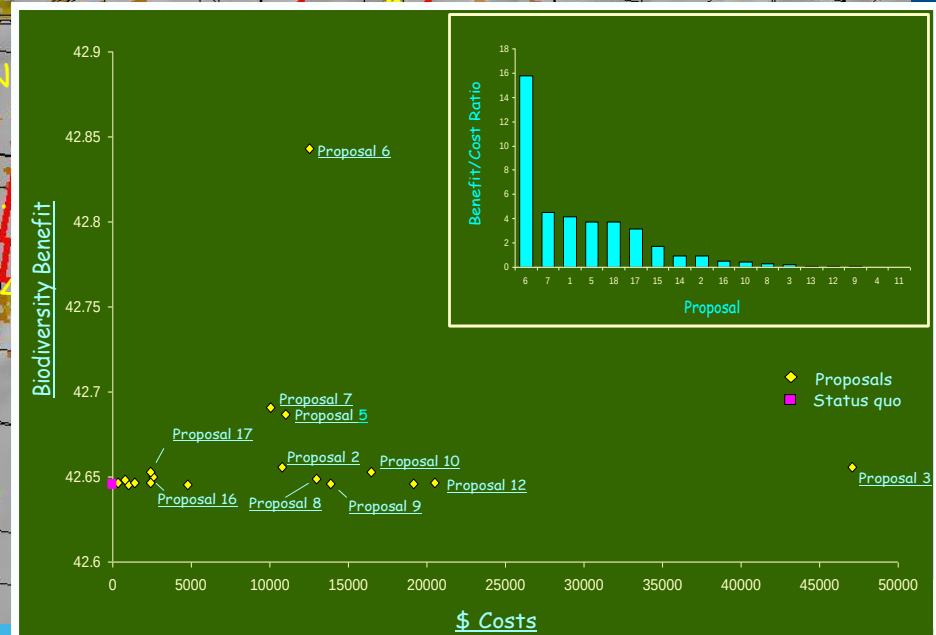
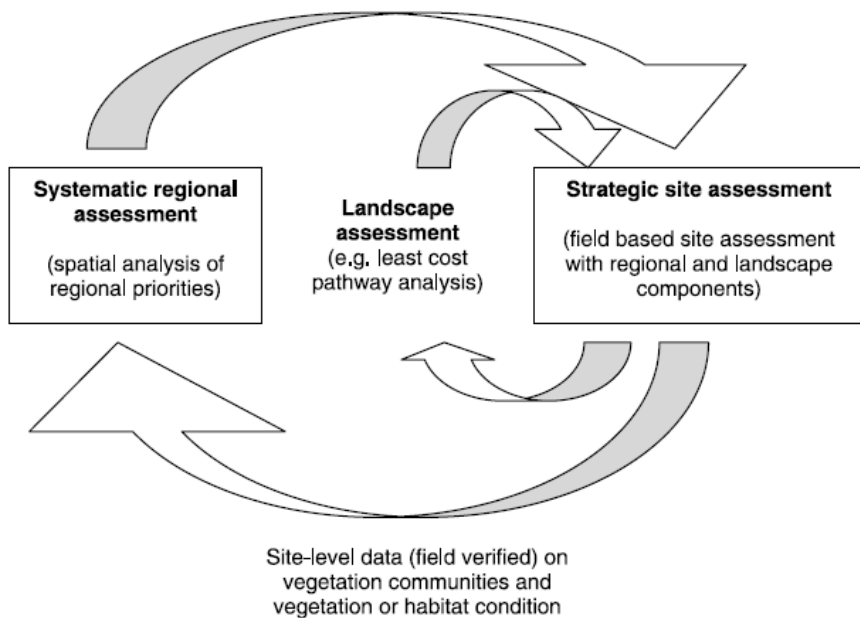
## Comprehensive Coastal Assessment Better Planning for Coastal NSW



# ... site-based assessment of environmental stewardship proposals within a whole-landscape context



Regional conservation priority of vegetation communities (and other spatial surrogates of biodiversity)





# National / continental scale applications – e.g. climate change impact & vulnerability assessment ...

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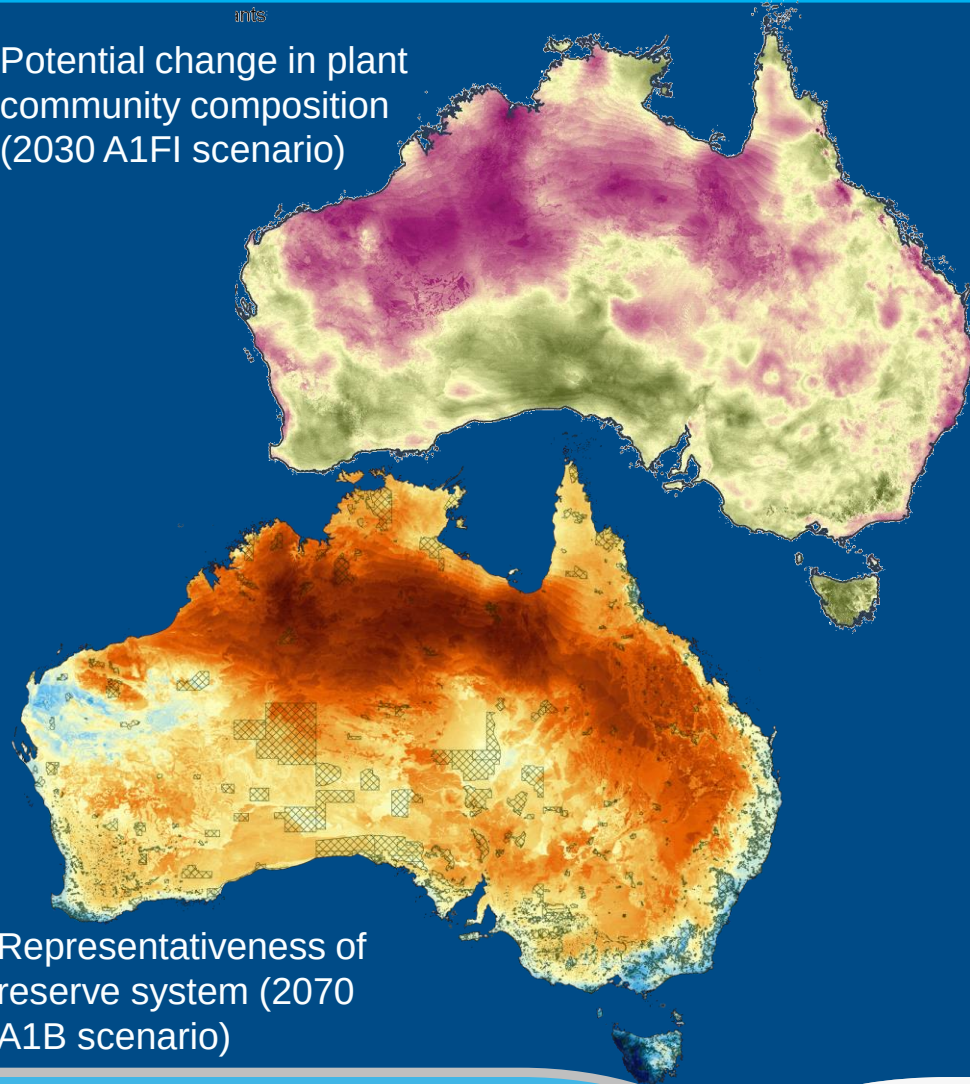


## The implications of climate change for biodiversity conservation and the National Reserve System: Final synthesis

Michael Dunlop, David W. Hilbert, Simon Ferrier, Alan House, Adam Liedloff, Suzanne M. Prober, Anita Smyth, Tara G. Martin, Tom Harwood, Kristen J. Williams, Cameron Fletcher, and Helen Murphy.

SEPTEMBER 2012

Potential change in plant community composition (2030 A1FI scenario)





# ... also informing policy & planning at state (provincial) scale ...

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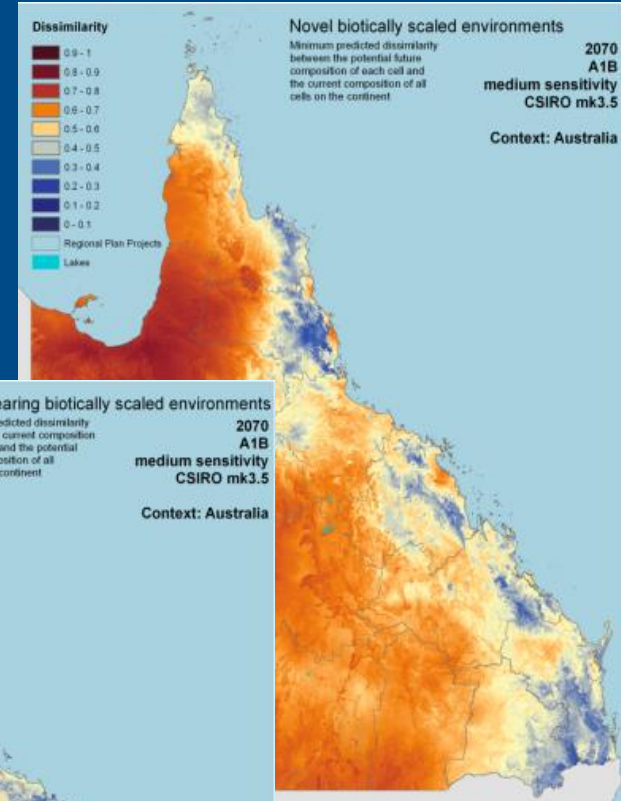
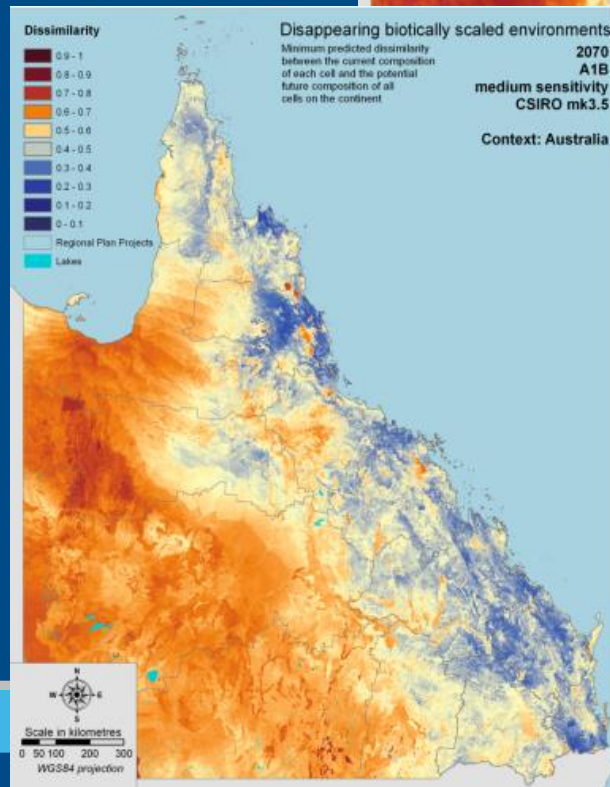
## Queensland's biodiversity under climate change:

impacts and adaptation – synthesis report

August 2012

A report prepared for the Queensland Government, Brisbane

Kristen J Williams, Michael Dunlop, Rodrigo H Bustamante, Helen T Murphy, Simon Ferrier, Russell M Wise, Adam Liedloff, Timothy D Skewes, Thomas D Harwood, Frederieke Kroon, Richard J Williams, Klaus Joehnk, Steven Crimp, Mark Stafford Smith, Craig James and Trevor Booth



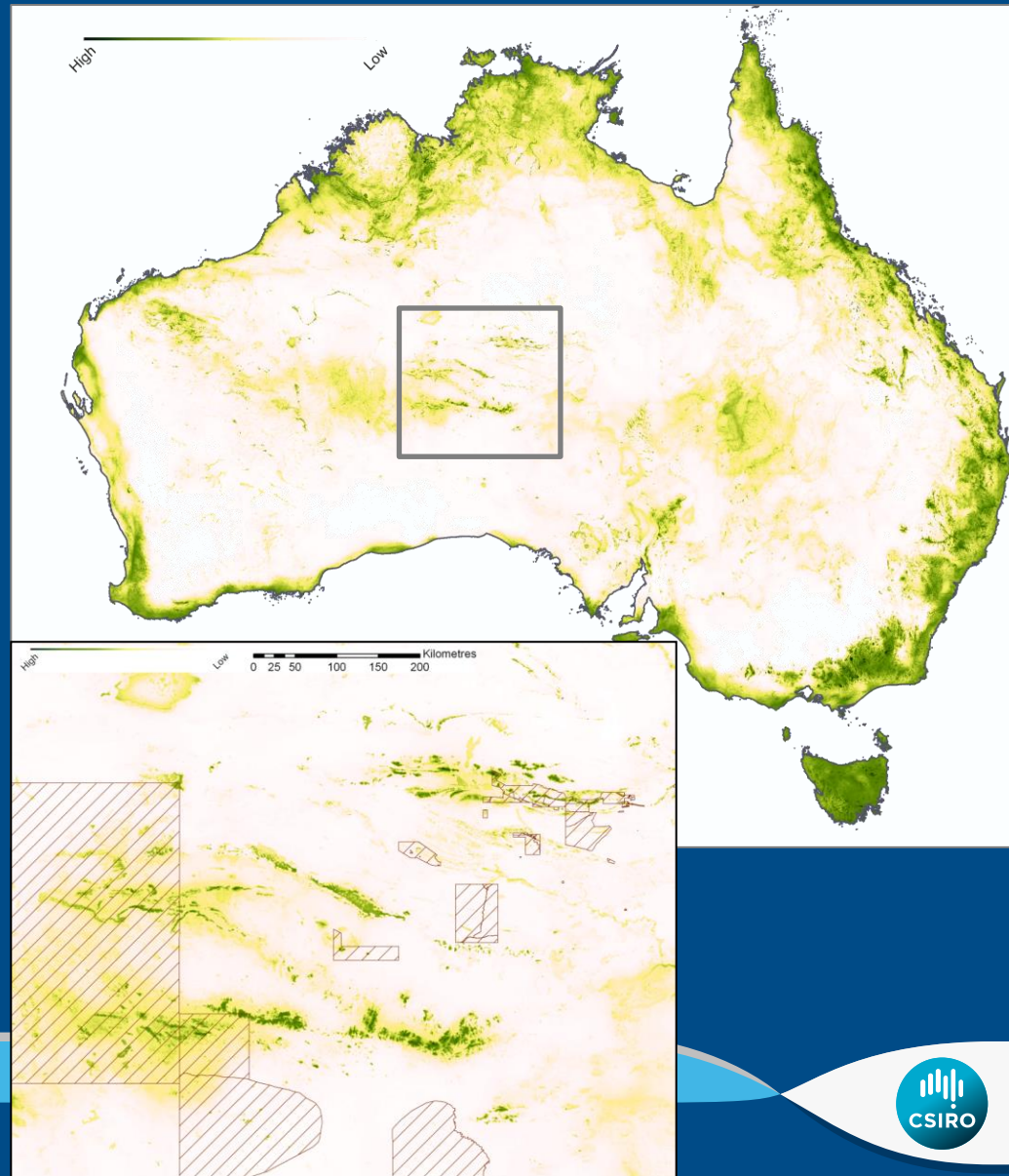
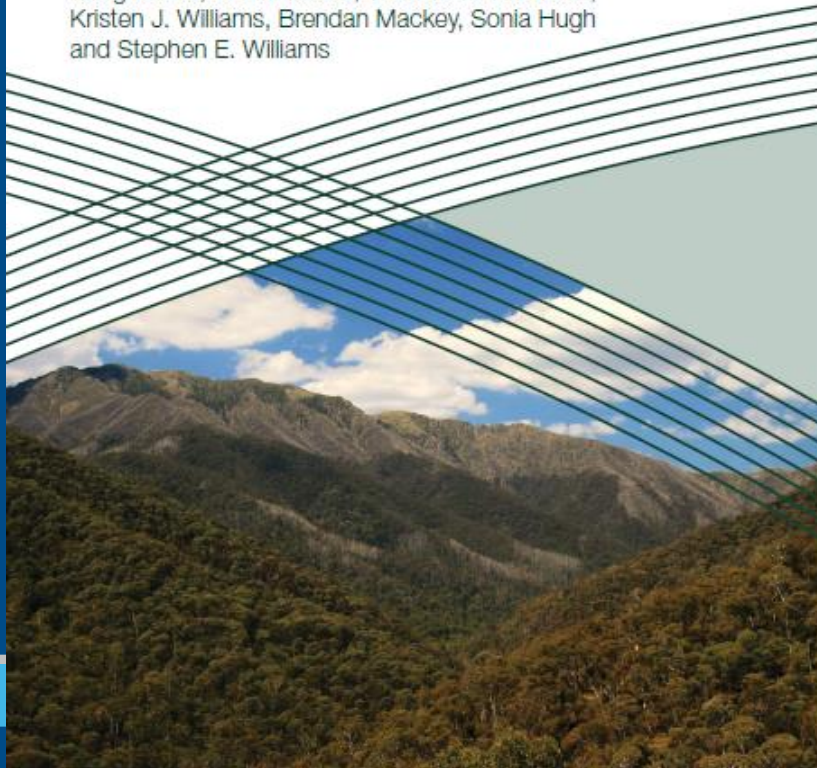


# ... and recently applied at much finer spatial resolution to identify potential climate refugia for biodiversity ...



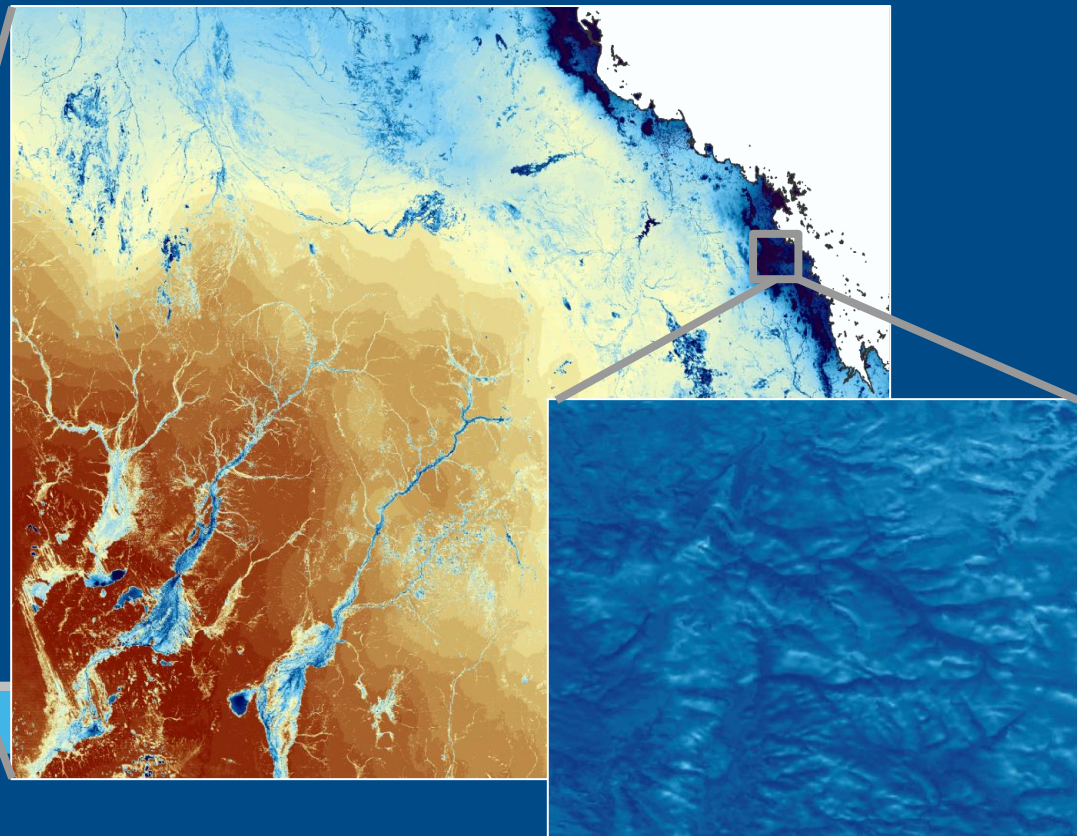
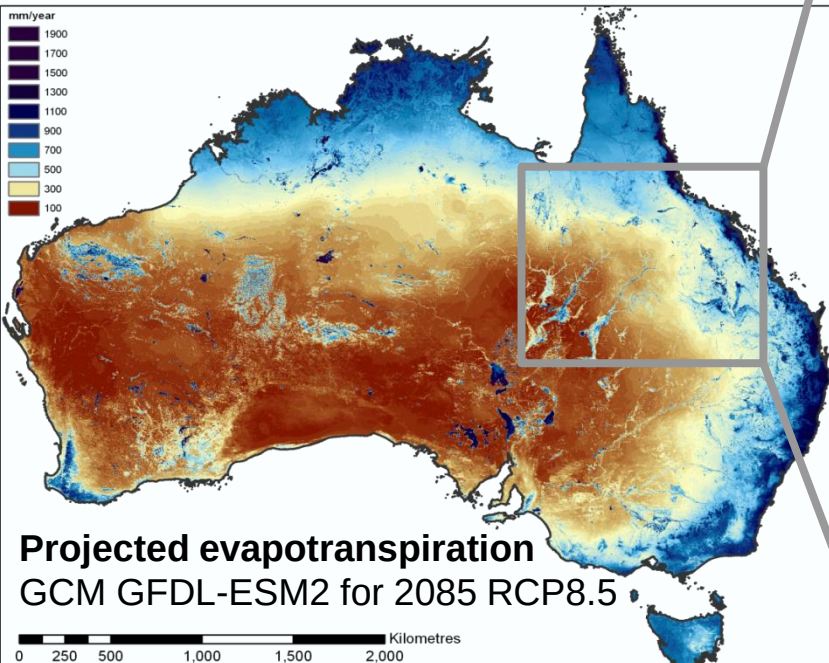
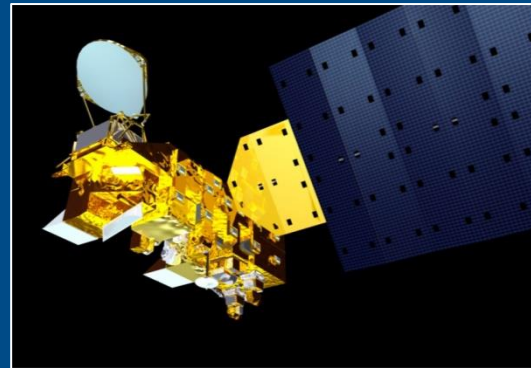
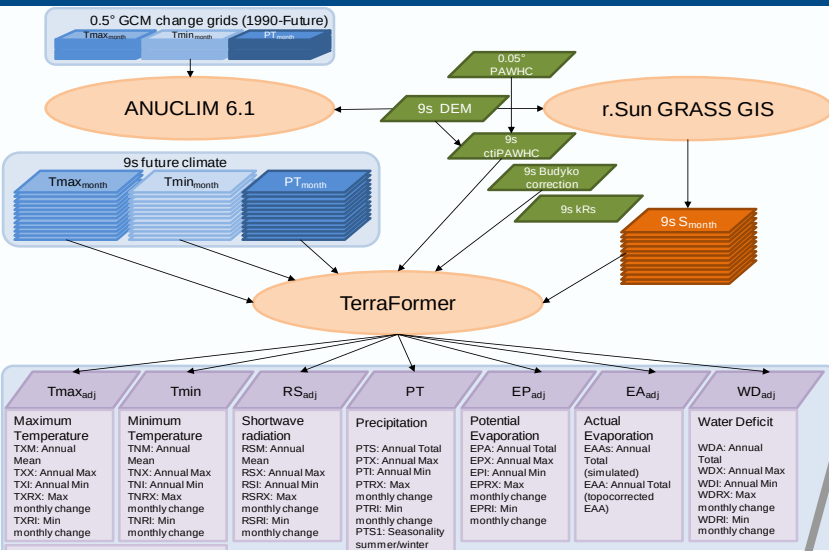
## Climate change refugia for terrestrial biodiversity Final Report

April E. Reside, Jeremy VanDerWal, Ben L. Phillips, Luke P. Shoo,  
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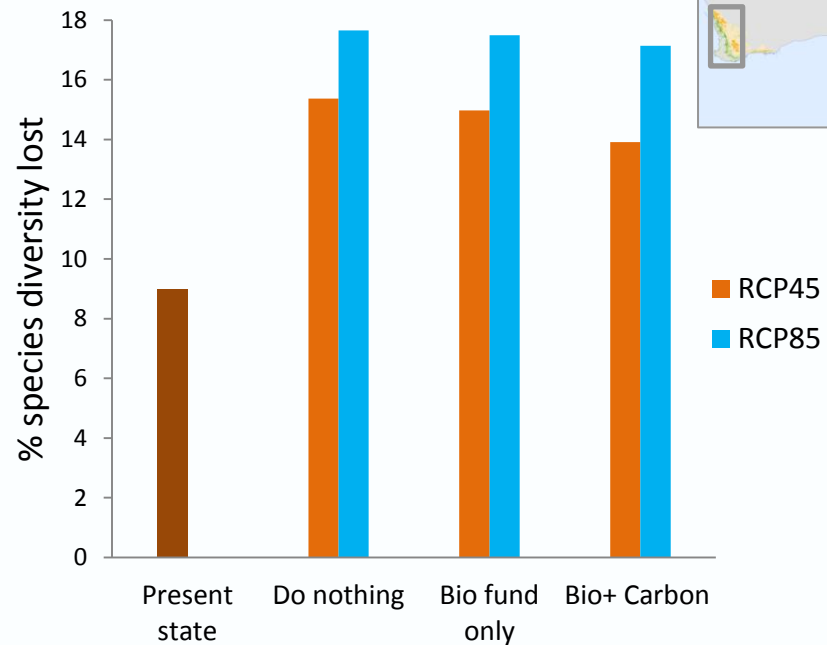
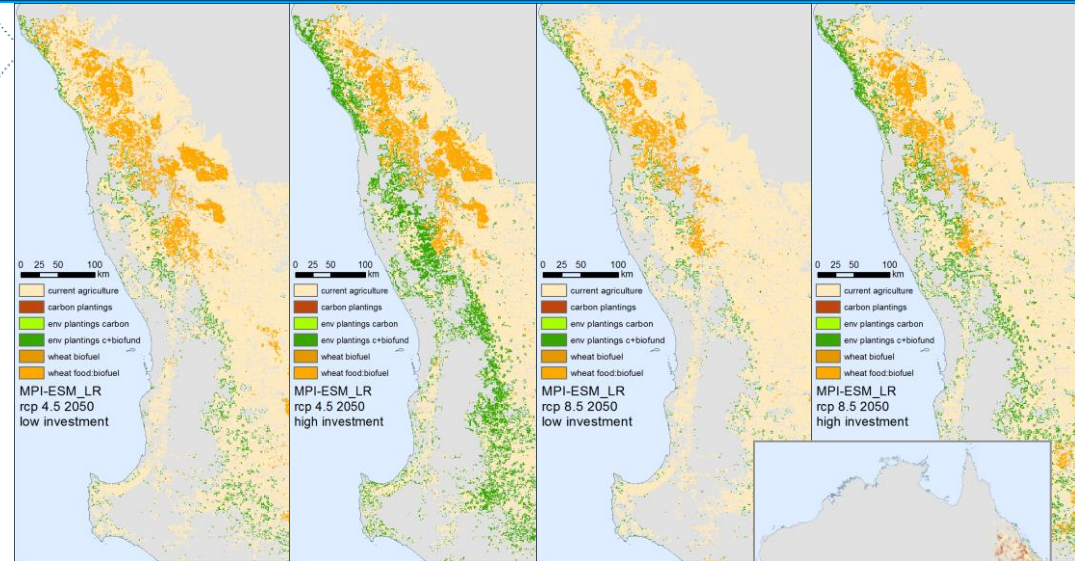
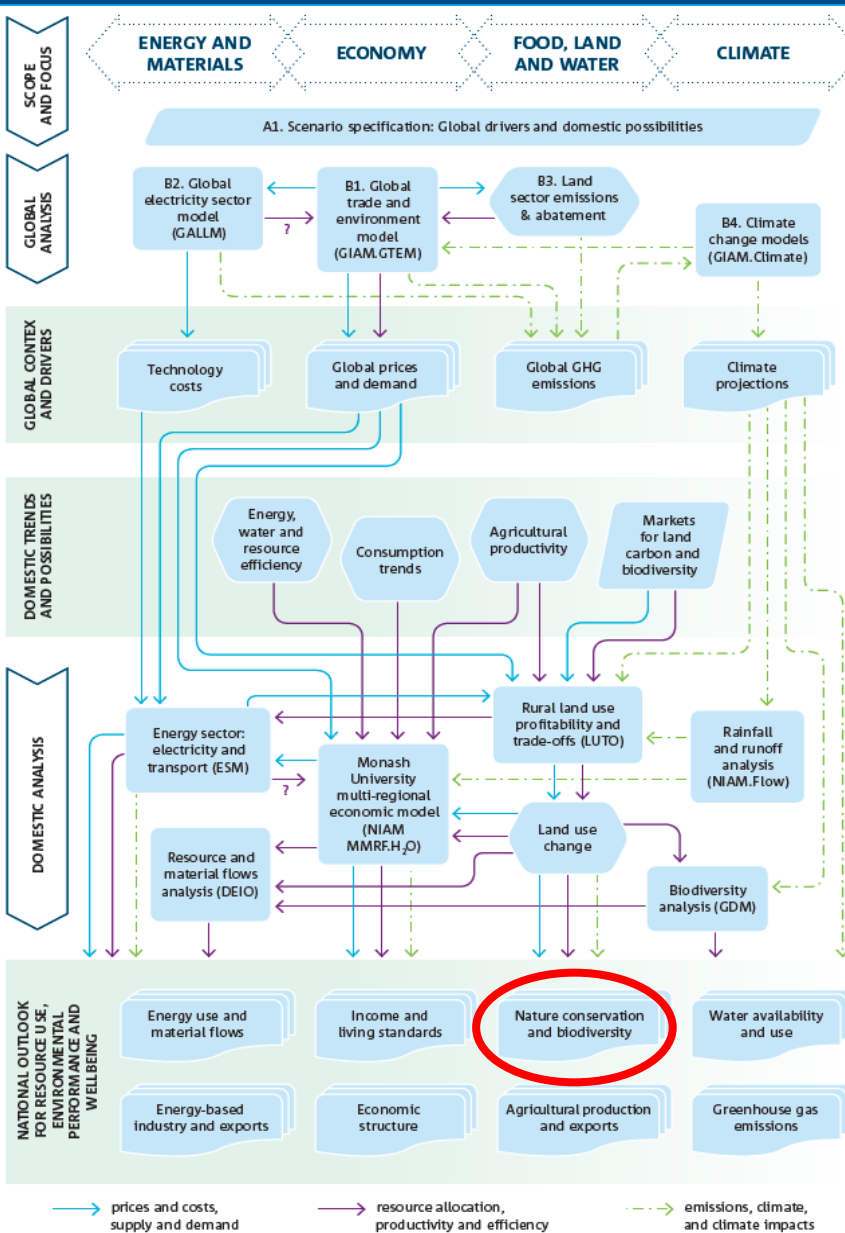




# ... employing a new generation of fine-scaled environmental variables & high-performance computing



# ... CSIRO Australian National Outlook project – integrated assessment of natural-resource use scenarios (land, water, energy, ecosystem services)



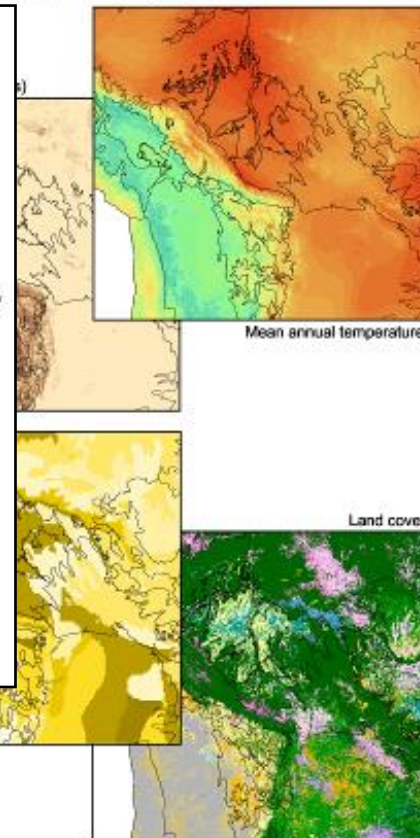
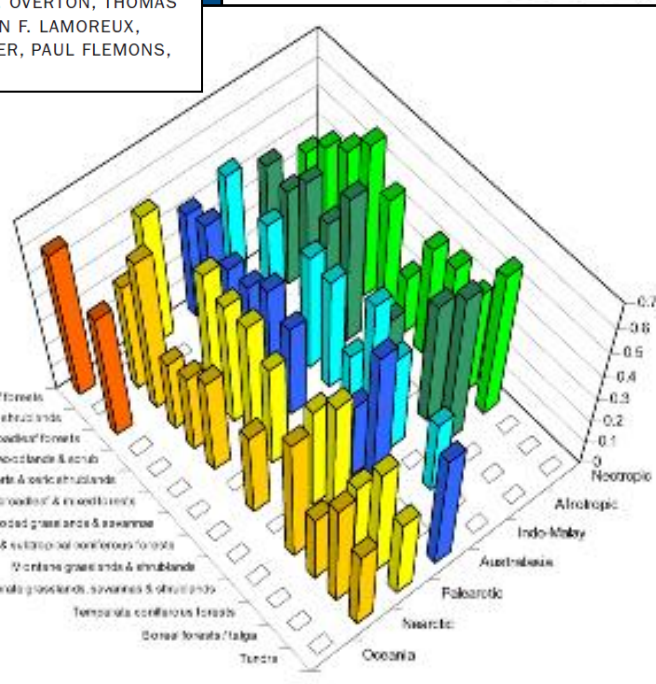
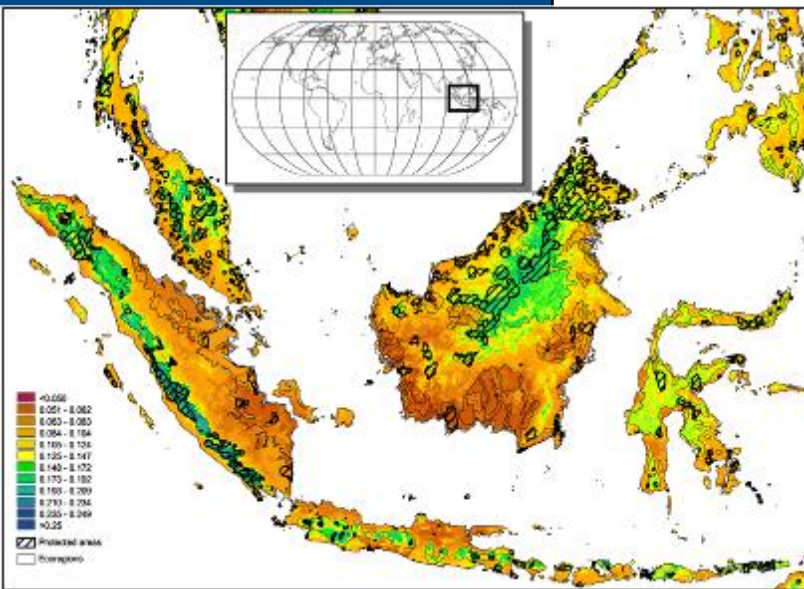
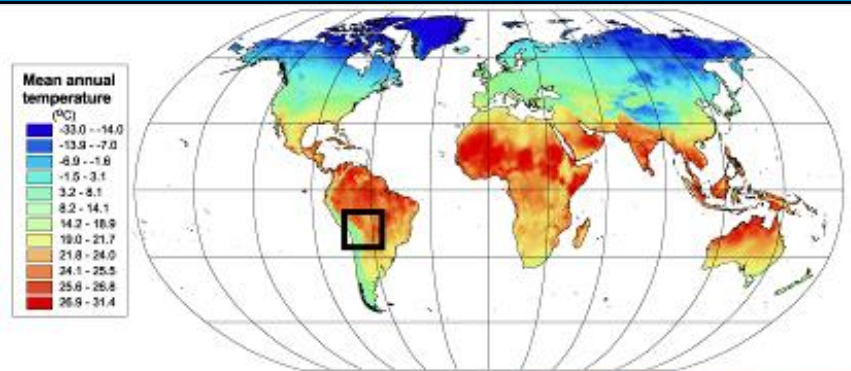


# Global scale applications – e.g. proof-of-concept assessment of protected areas for 5<sup>th</sup> World Parks Congress (2003) ...

Articles

## Mapping More of Terrestrial Biodiversity for Global Conservation Assessment

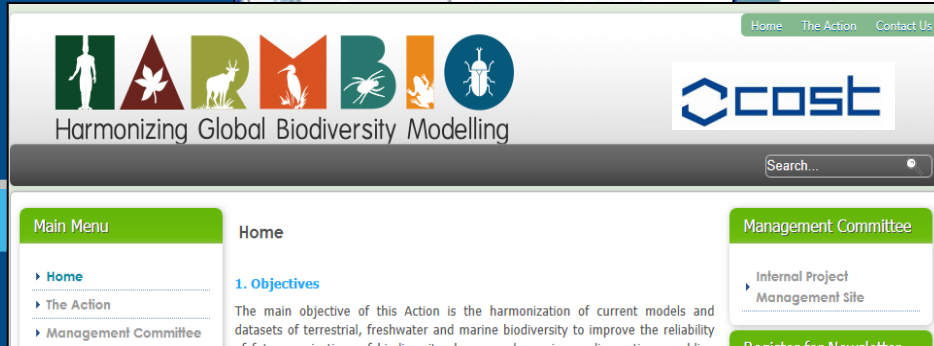
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Ferrier et al (2004) BioScience



# ... major new opportunities have opened up over past 10 years through various global initiatives & activities ...

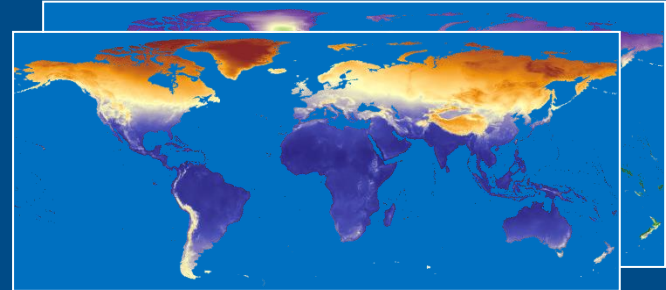


# A recent proof-of-concept example – based on modelling of all GBIF data for ferns (>1.3 million records for >10,000 species)

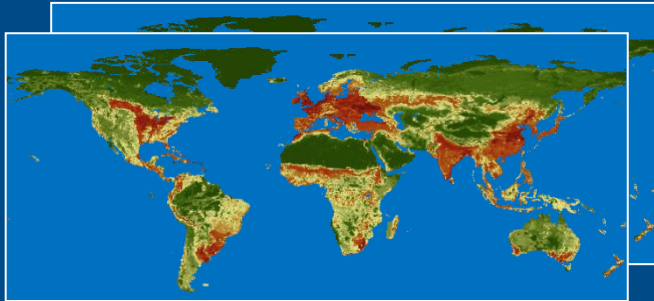
Fern species records (GBIF)



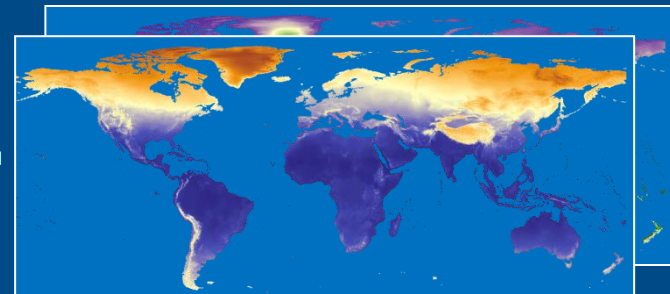
Base environment (WorldClim etc)



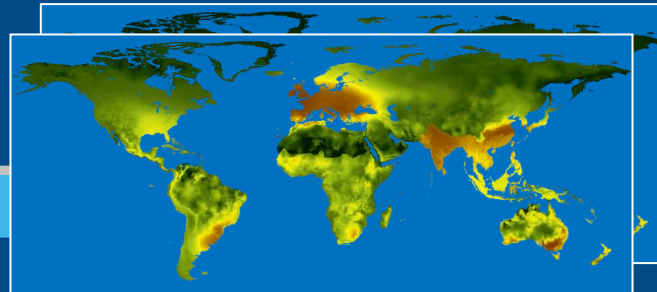
Land-use change (IMAGE etc)



Climate change (IPCC etc)

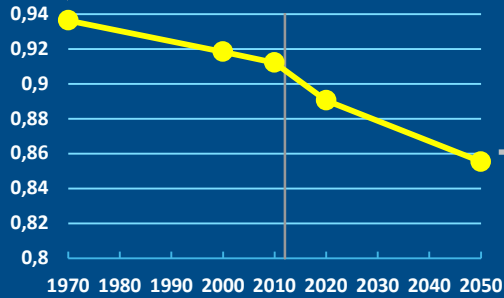


Modelled retention of compositional diversity



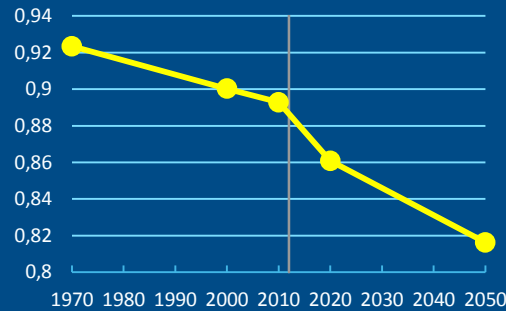
# Thereby able to report change in retention of compositional diversity at any required level of spatial aggregation

Whole planet



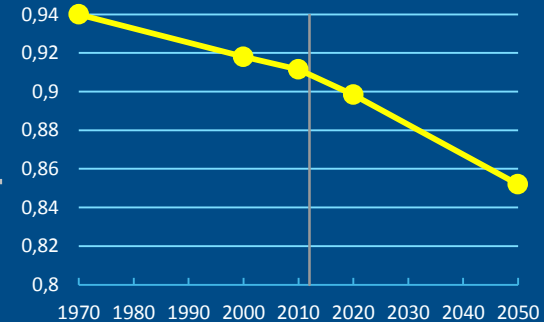
Realm (or continent)

*Neotropics*



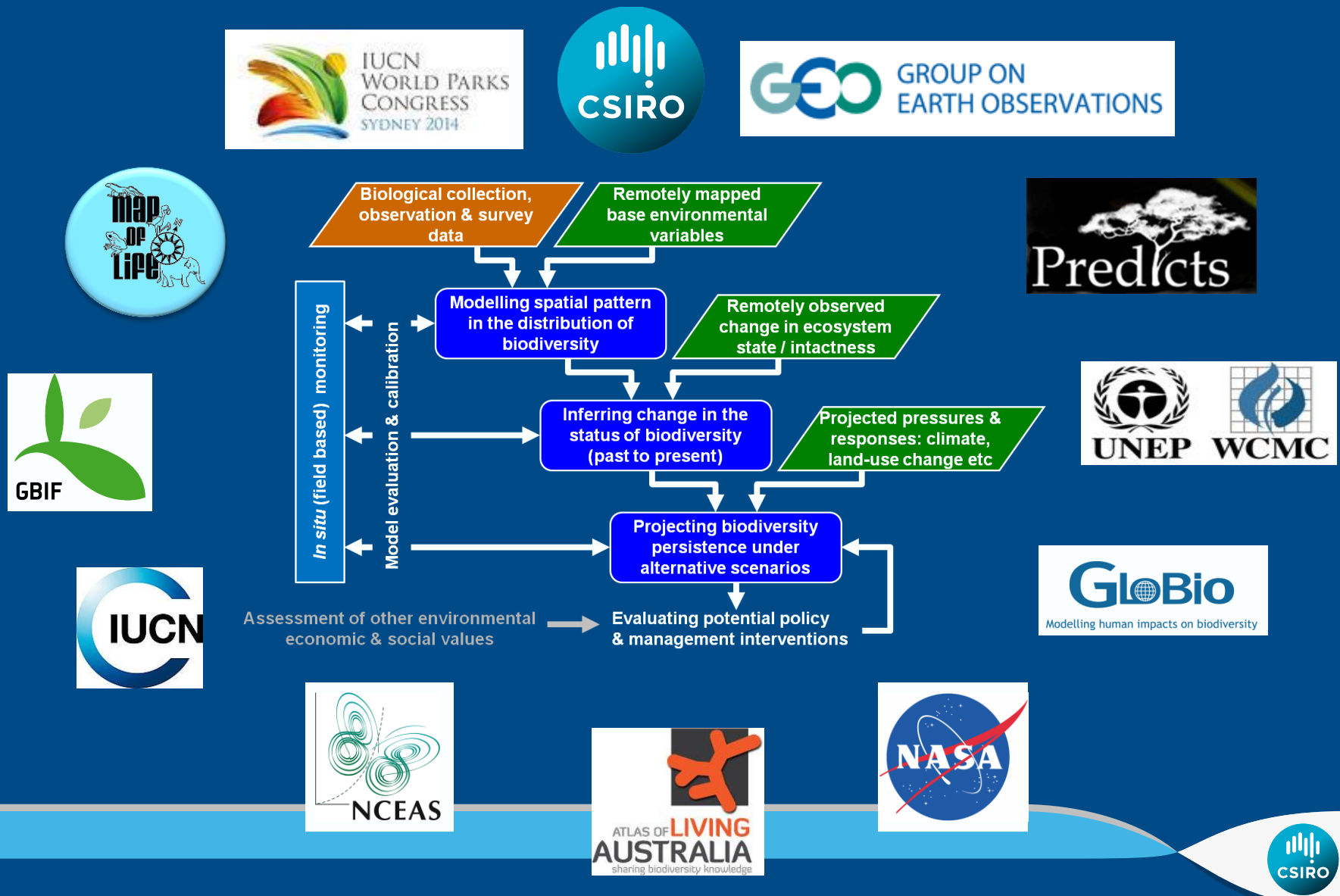
Ecoregion

*Maranhao Babaçu Forest*





# 6<sup>th</sup> World Parks Congress (Nov 2014) serving as a catalyst for first full implementation of this approach



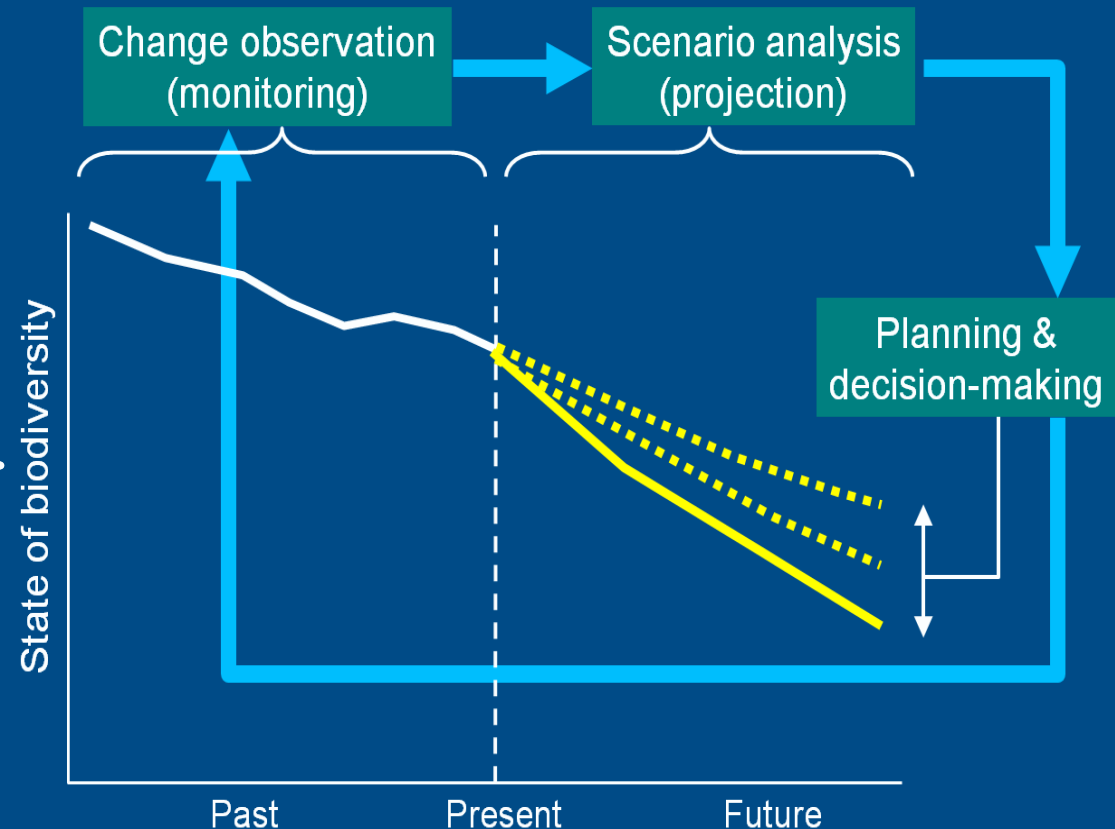
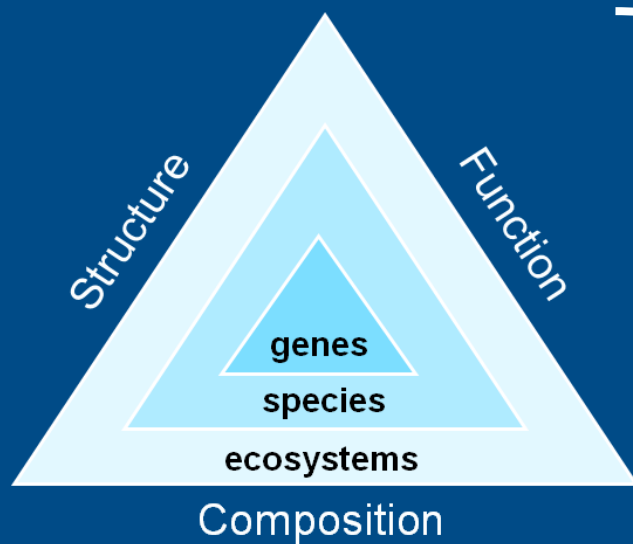
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- How adequately does the world's protected-area system represent current patterns of compositional diversity across a wide range of highly diverse biological groups?
- How is this level of representation expected to change given projected velocities of climate change?
- Which existing protected areas are most vulnerable to turnover and/or loss of compositional diversity under climate change?
- Where are the gaps in existing protected-area coverage that could be most critical to maximising overall whole-landscape retention of compositional diversity, in the face of ongoing climate and land-use change?



# The challenge ahead - integration & harmonisation across scales, biodiversity dimensions, & assessment modes



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## COMMENT

**COMMUNICATION** Sally Rockey reflects on two years of blogging at the NIDP 191



**ECOLOGY** Zoological travelogue tracks rare species worldwide p.200

**WOMEN** Calls to root out sexism in journals, conferences and experiments p.205

**BIOTRANSLATION** Rita Levi-Montalcini, nerve growth factor pioneer and science advocate p.208



A lioness surveys a flock of flamingos in South Africa.

## Time to model all life on Earth

To help transform our understanding of the biosphere, ecologists — like climate scientists — should simulate whole ecosystems, argue **Drew Purves** and colleagues.

No report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change would fail to mention global climate models. Yet the international bodies that are charged with addressing global challenges in conservation — including the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which holds its first plenary meeting next week in Bonn, Germany — cannot refer to analogous models of the world's ecosystems. Why? Because ecologists have not yet built them.

General circulation models, which simulate the physics and chemistry of Earth's land,

ocean and atmosphere, embody scientists' best understanding of how the climate system works and are crucial to making predictions and shaping policies. We think that analogous general ecosystem models (GEMs) could radically improve understanding of the biosphere and inform policy decisions about biodiversity and conservation. Currently, decisions in conservation are based on disparate correlational studies, such as those showing that the diversity of bird species tends to decline in deforested landscapes. GEMs could provide a way to base conservation policy on an understanding of how ecosystems actually work.

Such models could capture the broad-scale structure and function of any ecosystem in the world by simulating processes — including feeding, reproduction and death — that drive the distribution and abundance of organisms within that ecosystem. Ecologists could apply a GEM to African savannas, for instance, to model the total biomass of all the plants, the grazers that feed on the plants, the carnivores that feed on the grazers and so on. Over time, the flows of energy and nutrients could be mapped between them. All of the organisms would be grouped not by species, but according to a few key traits such as

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## Essential Biodiversity Variables

A global system of harmonized observations is needed to inform scientists and policy-makers.

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Reducing the rate of biodiversity loss and averting dangerous biodiversity change are international goals, reasserted by the Aichi Targets for 2020 by Parties to the United Nations (UN) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) after failure to meet the 2010 target (1, 2). However, there is no global, harmonized observation system for delivering regular, timely data on biodiversity change (3). With the first plenary meeting of the Intergovernmental Science-

Policy Platform on Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (4) are developing a set of Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) to monitor progress. Despite progress, there is insufficient regional biodiversity information, and a major obstacle is the lack of monitoring. Many could be integrated into a global observation network (5). Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) are defined as attributes (EBVs) that monitoring progress.

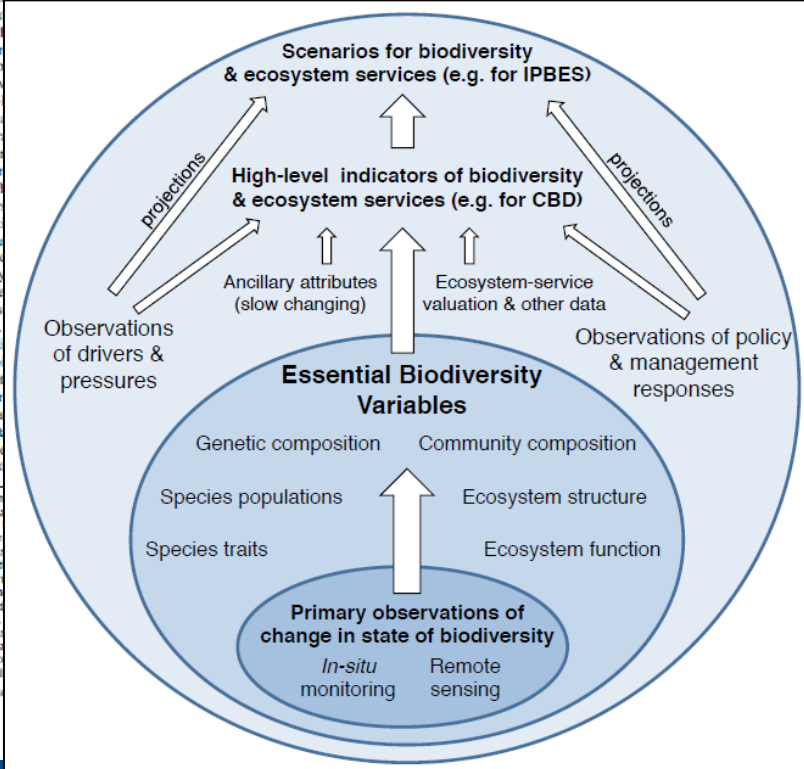
Change (UNFCCC) (8). EBVs, whose development by GEO BON has been endorsed by the CBD (Decision XI/3), are relevant to derivation of biodiversity indicators for the Aichi Targets (9). Although CBD biodiversity indicators are designed to convey messages to policy-makers from existing biodiversity data (1), EBVs aim to help observation communities harmonize monitoring, by identifying how variables should be sampled and measured.

Given the complexity of biodiversity, potentially fit this definition. We developed and tested a process, still ongoing, to identify the most essential (11). Dozens of biodiversity variables were screened to identify those that fulfill criteria on scalability, temporal sensitivity, feasibility, and relevance. These variables were scored for importance, checked for redundancy, and organized into six classes on the basis of commonalities, general enough for use across taxa and terrestrial, freshwater, and marine realms (see the table).

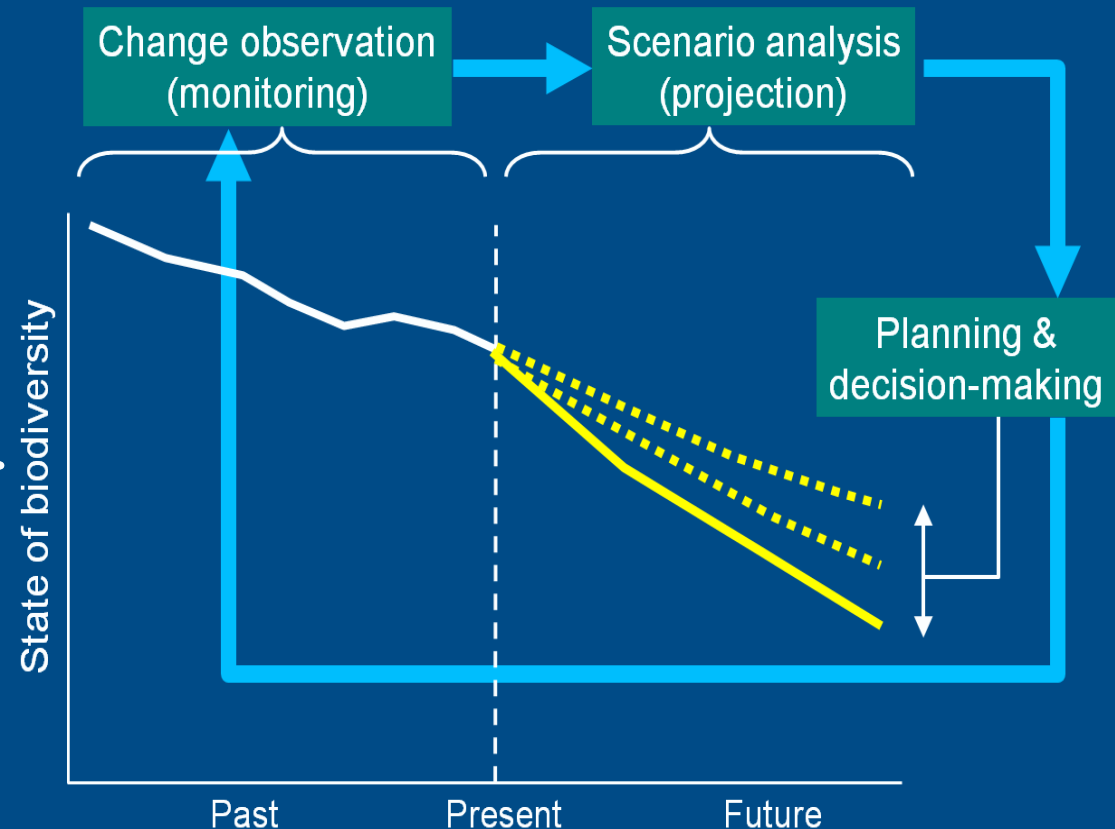
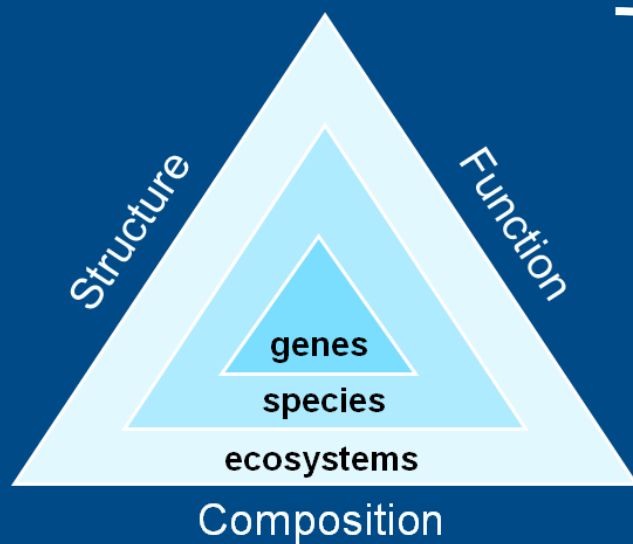
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# Thank you

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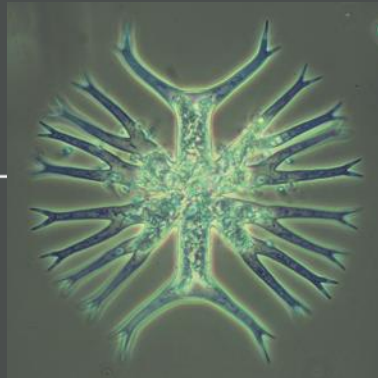
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# A contribution to IPBES: Improving our capacity to predict global changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services

Anne Larigauderie

Paris, 21-22 October 2013



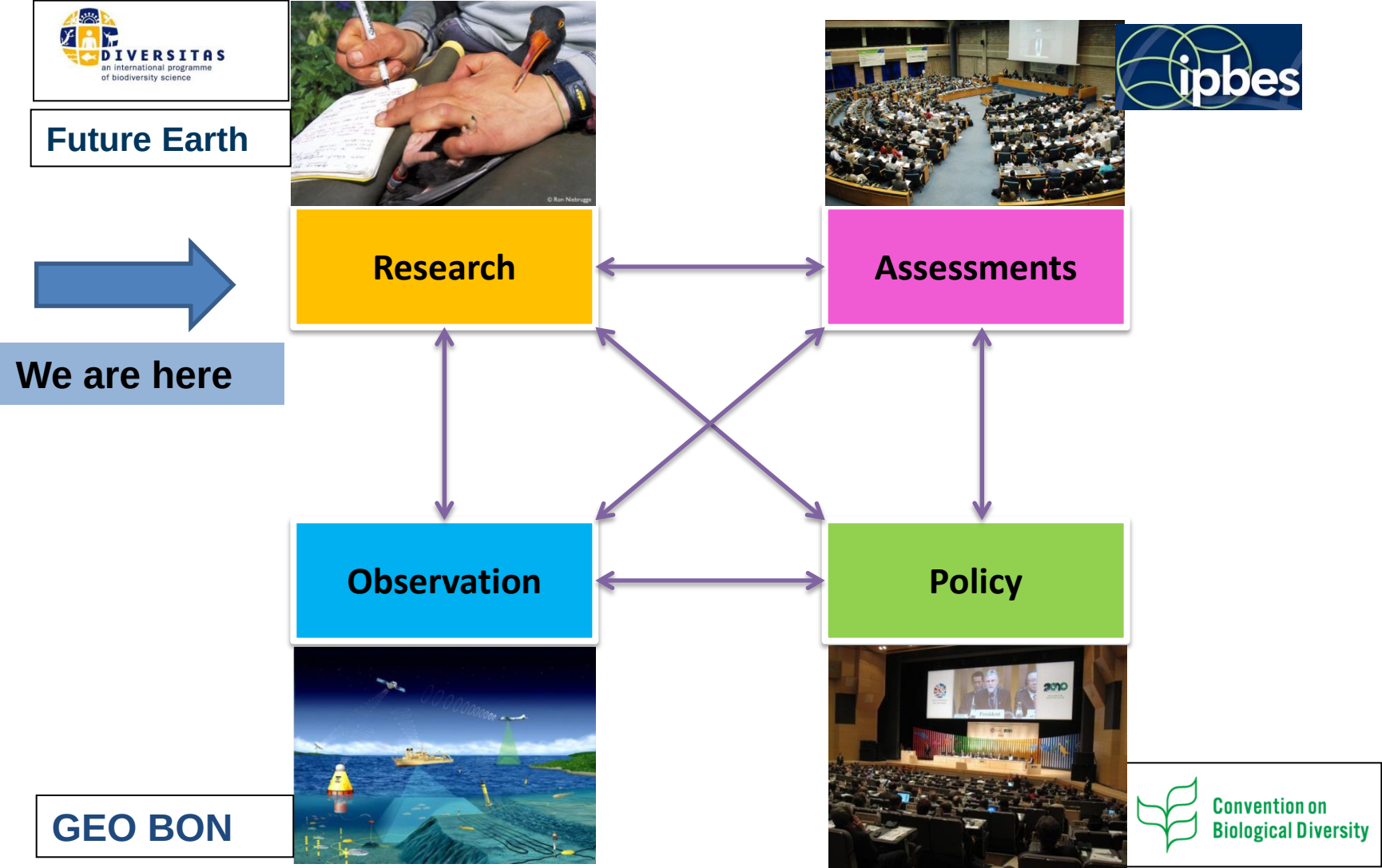


# Outline

- Overall context for the call
  - Policy context (IPBES, CBD)
  - Scientific context (Future Earth)
- Draft research questions



# Policy context: Biodiversity science-policy interface



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observer



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GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH



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# The mission of Future Earth

- To provide societies with the knowledge required to face the risks posed by global environmental change and
- To seize opportunities in the transition to global sustainability



# Examples of questions Future Earth will need to answer

- How and why is the global environment changing?
- What are likely future changes?
- What are the implications for human wellbeing and other species?
- What choices can be made to reduce harmful risks and vulnerabilities, enhance resilience & create prosperous and equitable futures?





# Need for a new approach

The challenges of global environmental change and sustainable development require a new approach which is:

- More integrated
- More international
- More collaborative
- Co-designed with users, funders
- More responsive to society's needs
- And which builds on the success of current international research programmes



# Proposed integrated research themes

- **Dynamic Planet**
  - Understanding how the system works & predicting how it will change
- **Global Development**
  - Addressing the most pressing needs of human development (food, water, health, energy); Short term
- **Transformation towards Sustainability**
  - Focusing on long term transformations needed to move to a sustainable future (Long term)

# Proposed cross cutting capabilities

- Observing systems
- Data systems
- Earth system models
  - Build the next generation of models that better capture the dynamics of human environment interactions, feedbacks and thresholds in the Earth system and that allow for predictions of risks and change on longer time and more detailed regional scales.
- Theory development

# A Collaborative Research Action

Proposed by:

- DFG (Germany)
- ANR (France)
- DIVERSITAS

Supported by:

- IHDP
- IGBP
- IPBES
- Convention on Biological Diversity



# Overall goal of proposed CRA

Stimulate international collaboration to improve our capacity to model changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services as a response to various socio-economic scenarios



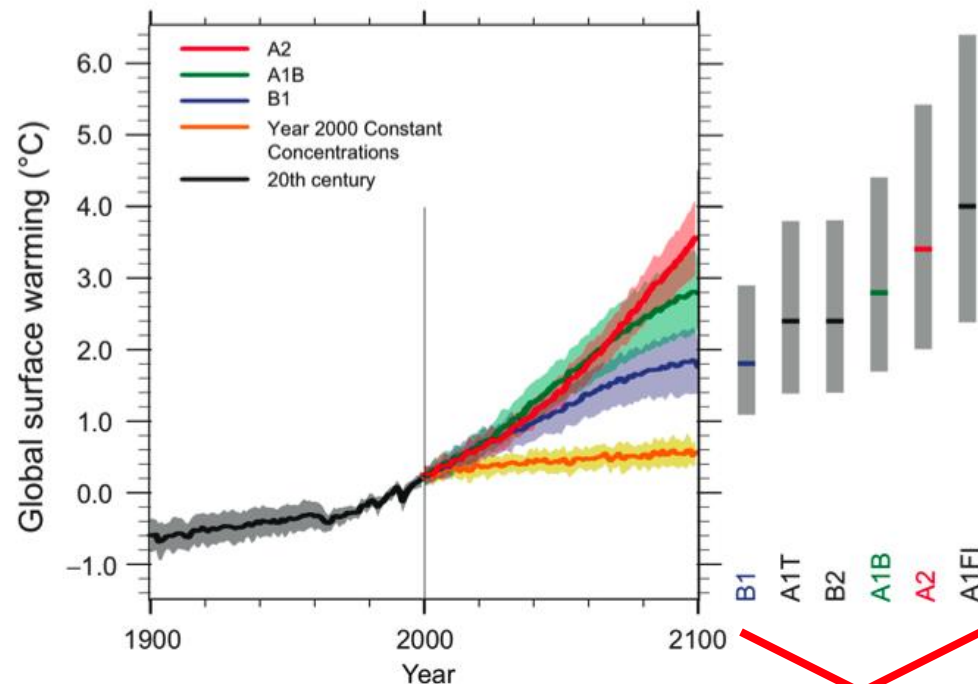


# Projecting future changes according to several socio-economic scenarios & climate models: the IPCC approach

Summary for Policymakers

IPCC WGI Fourth Assessment Report

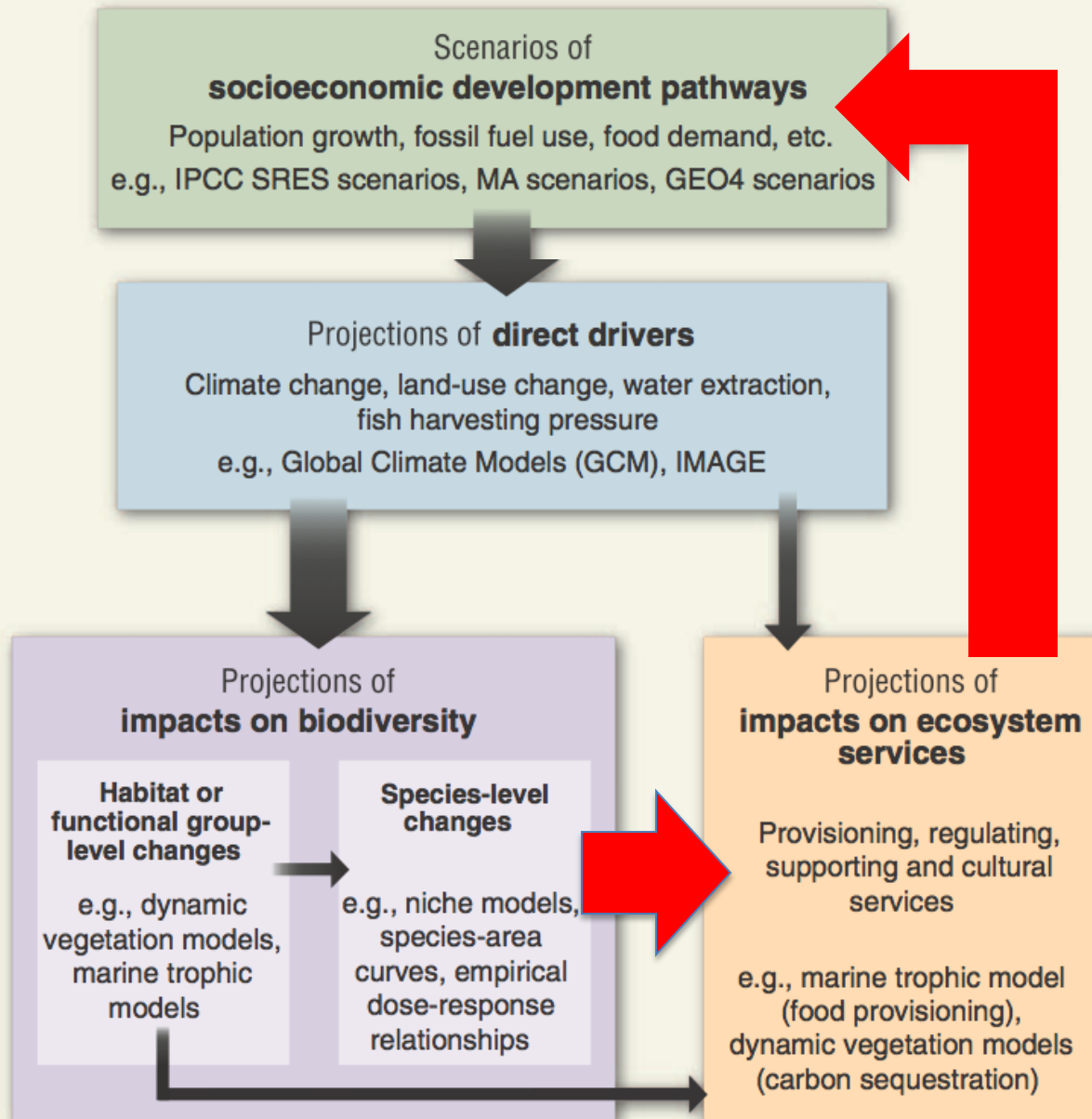
Multi-model Averages and Assessed Ranges for Surface Warming



Uncertainty due to range of climate models for IPCC

Uncertainty due to range social-economic development scenarios (SRES for IPCC, MA for MA)

# IPBES Terminology



— **‘Scenarios’**  
of socioeconomic  
development

— **‘Models’**  
of direct drivers

— **‘Models’**  
of biodiversity  
And ES

**‘Scenarios + Models’ (= Scenarios)**

# What needs to be done in terms of knowledge generation for IPBES? Intensify work on scenarios & models

- **Socioeconomic Scenarios**

- Create scenarios that explicitly take into account biodiversity
- Generate scenarios based on policy maker & stakeholder input
- Develop a framework for cross-scale consistency between regional & global scenarios

- **Models of biodiversity and ecosystem services**

- Define common metrics for models and data  
(parameterization, validation, policy relevance)
- Intercomparison of models to better understand models & quantify uncertainty
- Couple biodiversity and ecosystem services in models
- Link and harmonize regional and global analyses
- Account for a wide range of drivers
- *Include species interactions*

- **Scenarios + Models** - Develop models with **dynamic feedbacks** between scenarios, models of drivers, models of biodiversity & models of ecosystem services
- Evaluate tipping points in coupled human-environment systems

*Leadley et al. 2010, Pereira et al. 2010, Dawson et al. 2011, Bellard et al. 2012, EU COST Harmbio, Tokyo IPBES workshop 2011, etc.*

# Proposed objectives of CRA (initial proposal)

- Making socio-economic scenarios more relevant for decision making
- Improving confidence in and the usefulness of projections of biodiversity and ecosystem services and their impacts on human well-being
- Using scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services to help anticipate, avoid, and manage disruptive global environmental change
- Using scenarios and models to provide insights into the institutional, economic, and behavioral changes to enhance the capacity of social–ecological systems to adapt and support biodiversity and ecosystem services under global change

# Complementary objectives (pre-scoping)

- Incorporating community and ecosystem level interactions into models
- The need to link local, regional and global levels for ecological, economic and social models
- Being explicit about model uncertainties
- Increase understanding of feedbacks, tradeoffs and co-benefits
- Integrating marine and terrestrial biodiversity/ecosystem models
- Incorporating up-to-date observations and monitoring data into ecological, economic and social models



# To conclude

Models & scenarios of BES changes represent a strategic & timely topic for a Belmont CRA:

- There is a high demand: policy context
- There is a need for collaboration across disciplines, countries, etc.

# Thank you!

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# Contributing to IPBES

## Belmont Forum, 21 Oct 2013

Anne Larigauderie

# Outline

- What is IPBES?
- Draft programme of work of IPBES



# What is IPBES?



IPBES-1 (January 2013)

- Intergovernmental **P**latform on **B**iodiversity and **E**cosystem **S**ervices
- Inspired from IPCC: Provide policy relevant scientific knowledge to inform decision making
- Established in April 2012, Panama City
- 113 Members (Sept 2013)



# A long process

## Negotiation



**Nov. 2008 - Putrajaya, Malaysia**

**Oct. 2009 - Nairobi, Kenya**

**June 2010 - Busan, Republic of Korea**

## Modalities of operation and establishment



**Oct. 2011- Nairobi, Kenya**

**April 2012 - Panama City, Panama**

## Operation-alisation



**Jan. 2013 - First plenary meeting**

**Dec. 2013 - Second plenary meeting**

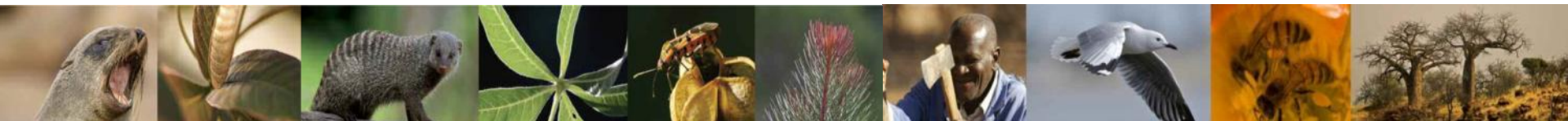
# Current status

- UNEP, UNESCO, UNDP & FAO
- Secretariat hosted by Germany (Bonn)
- Governance: Bureau (H Zakri); interim Science Panel (co-chairs: M Lonsdale, C Joly)
- Rules and Procedures for IPBES
- Initial work programme (submitted to IPBES-2)
  - Draft Conceptual Framework
  - Draft Work Programme for 2014-18
  - Draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (ICSU & IUCN)
- Initial Budget approved (3.1 Million for 2013)



# IPBES Draft Work Programme 2014-18

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen the **capacity and knowledge foundations** of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of the Platform
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across **sub-regional, regional** and **global levels**
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services with regard to **thematic** and **methodological issues**
- **Objective 4:** **Communicate** and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings



# Future Earth recognised as a partner of IPBES

**Objective 1** Strengthen the **capacity and knowledge foundations**

**1(d):** Catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge

IPBES will **catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge in dialogue with scientific organizations**, policymakers and funding organizations, while not directly undertaking new research.

The generation, access to and management of knowledge and data will be supported through a thematically widespread network of institutions and initiatives, including GEO, GBIF, **Future Earth** and other relevant initiatives.



# Scenarios & models recognised as a priority in the IPBES Draft Work Programme

## Objective 3 (Thematic and methodological assessments):

- (a) One fast-track thematic assessment on **pollination and food production** (*March 2015*);
- (b) One thematic assessment on **land degradation and restoration** and/or one thematic assessment on **invasive alien species** (*March 2016*);
- (c) **Policy support tools and methodologies for scenarios analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services** (*March 2017*) based on a fast-track assessment (*March 2015*) and a guide (*August 2015*);
- (d) Policy support tools and methodologies regarding **value, valuation and accounting** of biodiversity and ecosystem services (*March 2017*) based on a fast-track assessment (*March 2015*) and a guide (*August 2015*).



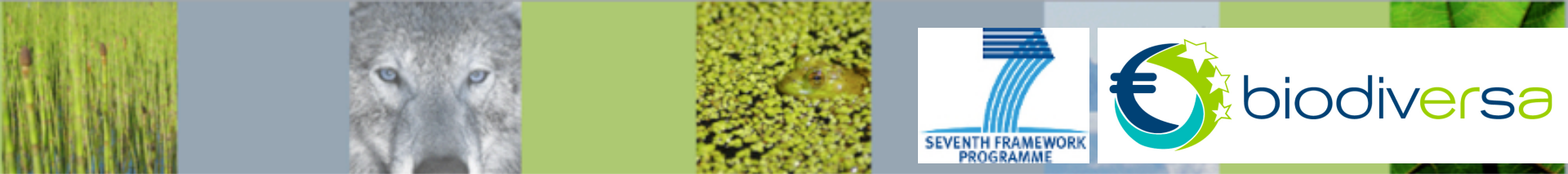
# In summary

The proposed Belmont CRA would generate highly policy relevant new knowledge for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES Objective 3).





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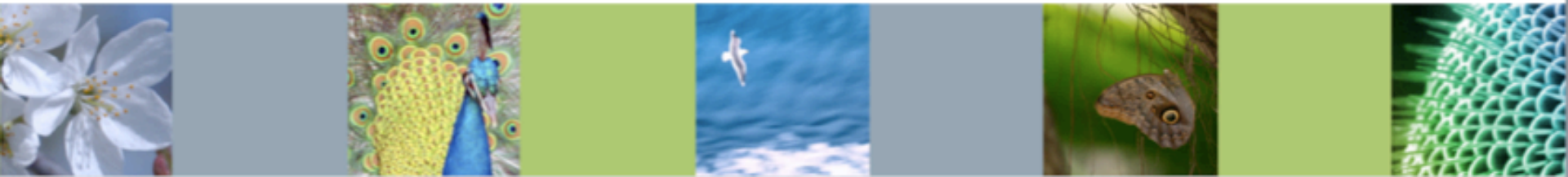
# Reinforcing research to develop scenarios of biodiversity, ecosystem services and the usage of natural resources

BiodivERsA's view

*Dr. Xavier Le Roux*  
*BiodivERsA Coordinator (FRB)*



*Belmont Forum workshop, 21-22 October 2013*



## Scientific and societal challenges:

Human societies and ecological systems interact and mutually determine each other's trajectories

In the 21st Century, economic development will have a major impact on biodiversity

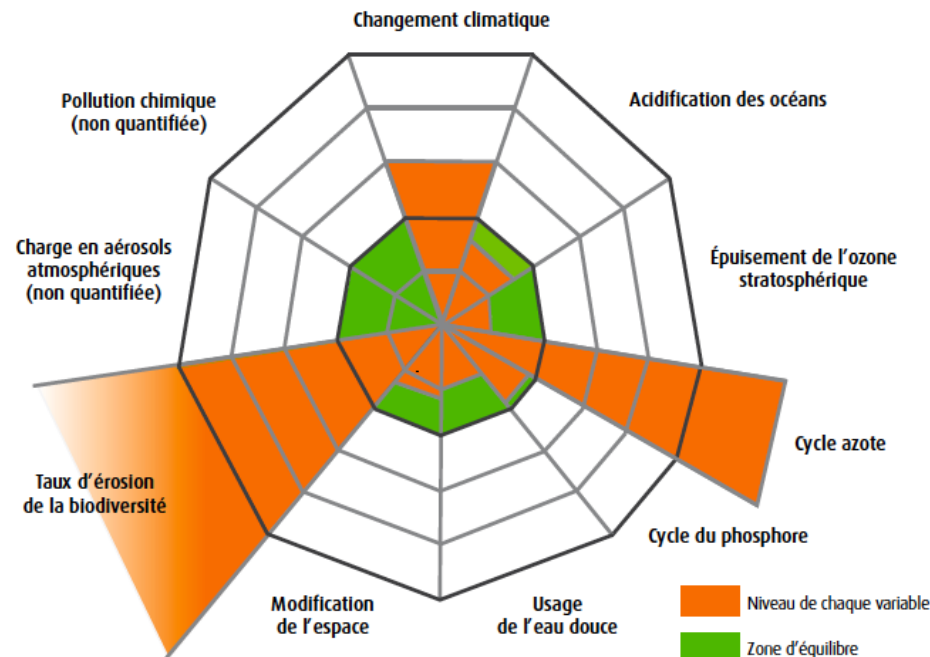
Much investment is needed to develop sustainable trajectories and to develop biodiversity-friendly economic activities

Human societies and ecological systems will have a mutual impact on each other's services

Current investment in biodiversity is insufficient

### DES LIMITES PLANÉTAIRES

largement dépassées pour la biodiversité



Scenarios of the changes in usages of ecosystems and natural resources, access to these resources, and fate of biodiversity are increasingly needed for:

- decision making
  - anticipating the consequences of decisions taken
  - evaluating the impacts of policies and management practices on biodiversity and ecosystem services
  - evaluating the impacts of governance mechanisms for biodiversity and services



Horizon: a few decades

Main gaps identified:

- explore a wider range of possible futures (beyond energy-oriented scenarios)
- integrate humans-environment feedbacks + roles of adaptation, migration, etc.
- better coupling scenarios of biodiversity and services
  - characterise uncertainties
  - reinforce the relevance of scenarios
- use and develop indicators that may be used by policy makers

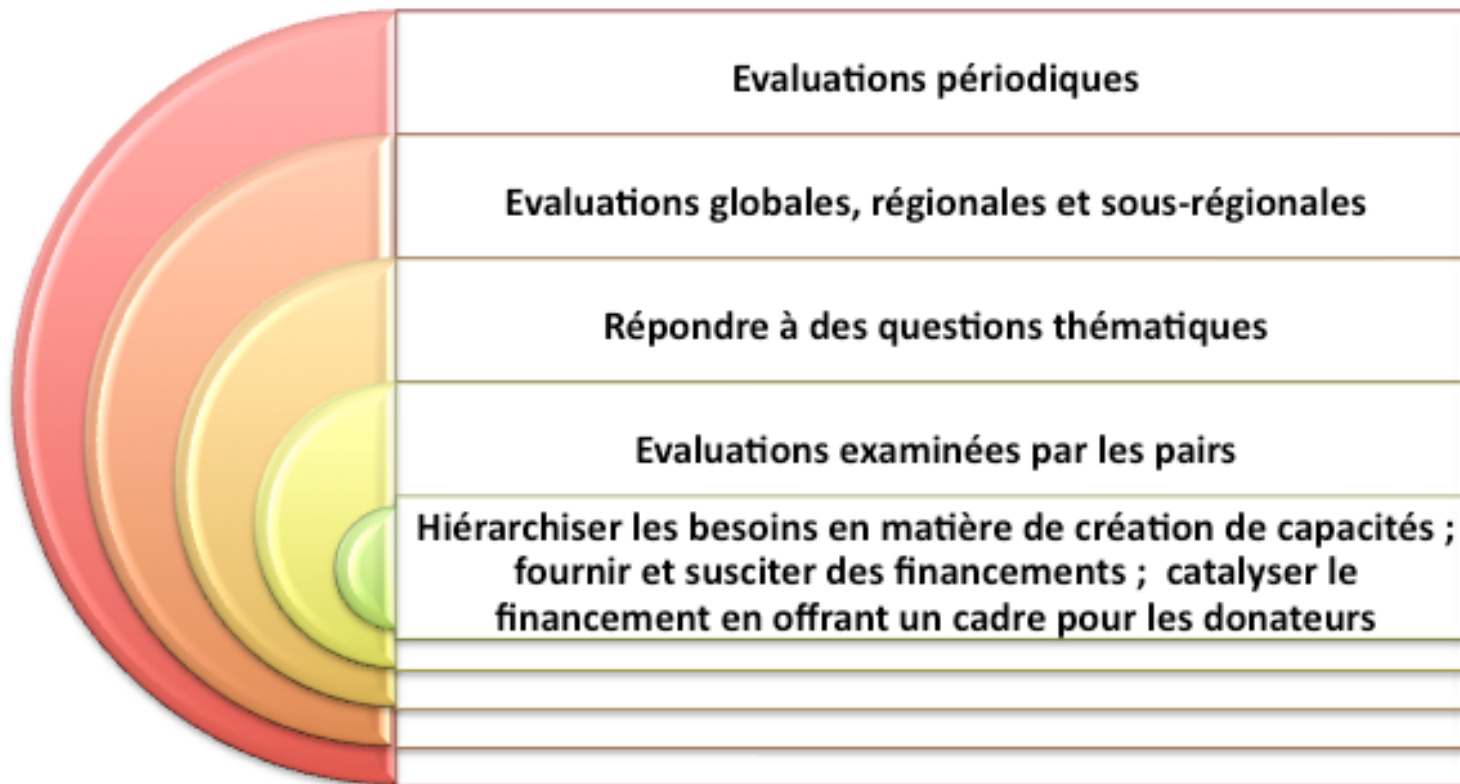


**Need of research programs mobilising a range of disciplines, in particular social sciences, to tackle these issues**



## Urgent to support this research topic:

*Creation of IPBES, with an increasing need of biodiversity scenarios:*



In particular:  
**Scenarios of  
biodiversity &  
services**



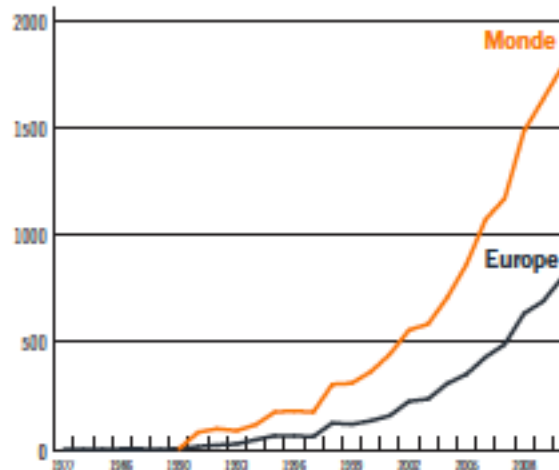
# An increasingly important research topic for the scientific community:

Increasing part of biodiversity research linked to scenarios:

Key articles and syntheses during the last decade:

FIGURE 1

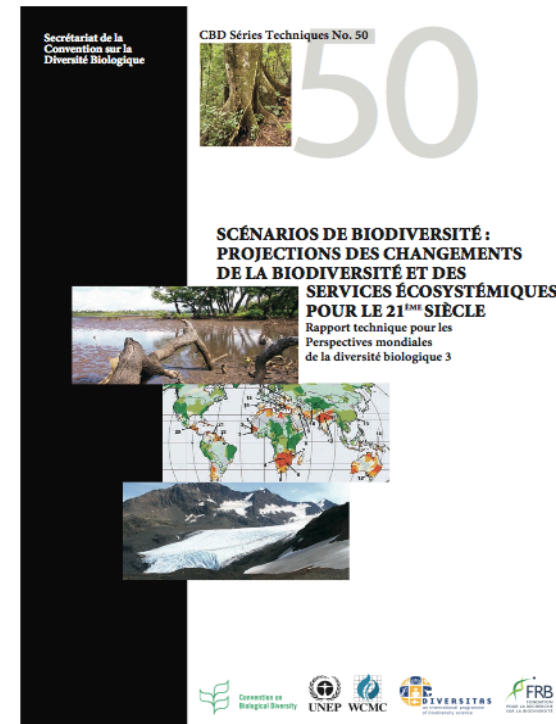
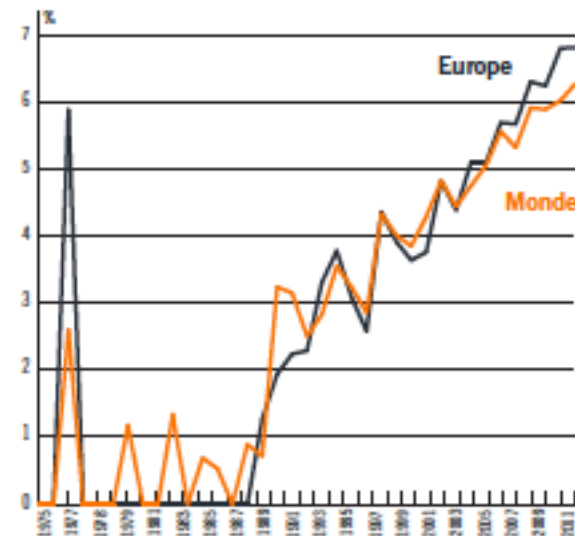
ÉVOLUTION TEMPORELLE DU NOMBRE DE PUBLICATIONS SUR LE THÈME DES SCÉNARIOS DE LA BIODIVERSITÉ (COMPARAISON MONDE/EUROPE<sup>1</sup>)



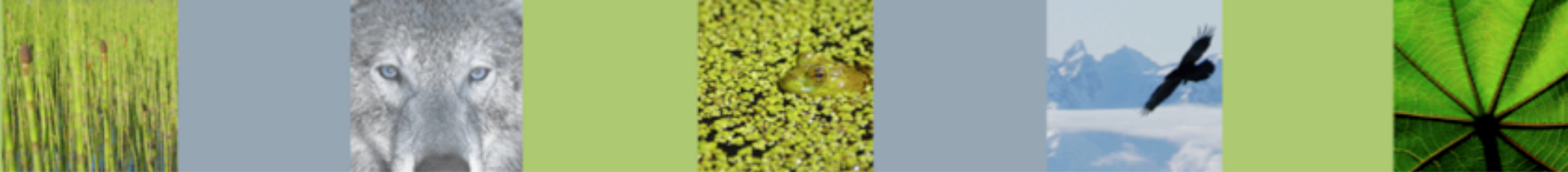
FRB report (2012)

FIGURE 2

ÉVOLUTION TEMPORELLE DE LA PART DU THÈME « SCÉNARIOS DE LA BIODIVERSITÉ » DANS L'ENSEMBLE DES PUBLICATIONS CONCERNANT LA BIODIVERSITÉ (comparaison Monde/Europe<sup>1</sup>)



GBO3 – Leadley et al. (2010)



## **A research topic that just begins to be strategically promoted by funders:**

At the national scale in France: the FRB flagship programme « Biodiversity Modelling and Scenarios »



Developing innovative research projects



Calls for proposals →  
ca. 12 projects funded  
(200 000 Euros each)

Strengthening links between national initiatives and actors



- construction of a national network
- project building workshop(s)
- etc.

Evaluating research potential and stakeholders' needs



- overview of scenario-building tools, types of scenarios developed
- Dialog with stakeholders

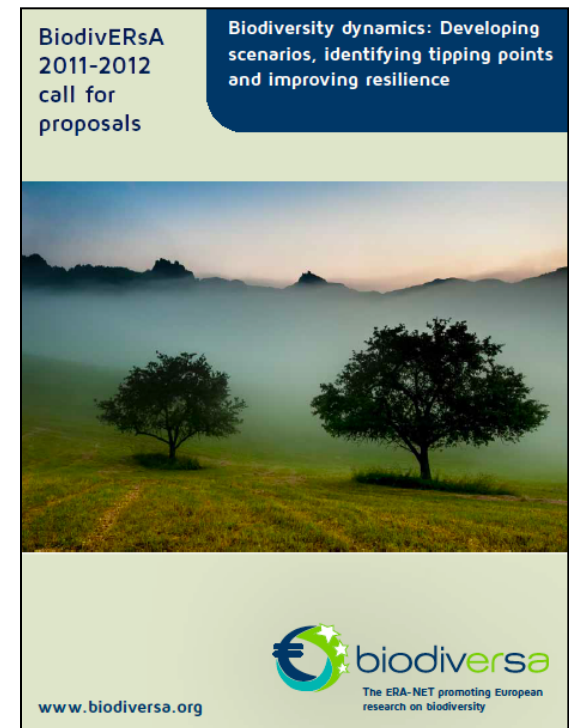
## A research topic that just begins to be strategically promoted by funders:

At the European scale by BiodivERsA:

A call launched in 2011-2012: *Biodiversity scenarios; identifying tipping points; improving resilience*  
(€8.8M ; 9 European countries)

Great success

But broad topic makes it harder to specifically support research on biodiversity scenarios





## MAIN RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- **Analyse & compare different plausible futures**
- **Evaluate dynamics & interactions of socio-ecosystems (1 to a few decades)**
- Explicit the issue of uncertainty
- Account for all biodiversity dimensions (genes → ecosystems ; including intra-species diversity)
- Do not forget North-South relations
- Terrestrial ecosystems, fresh water, coastal and marine

## MAIN RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- Develop and use scenarios to analyse the relationships between global change, biodiversity and ecosystem services:
- **Ultimately, guide management and policies...**
- **...as an emergency, support key fundamental issues** to be tackled for improving biodiversity scenarios

## MAIN RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- Use different socio-economic scenarios to test a range of management and policy options for mitigating or adapting to global change (account for main socio-economic activities!)
- Retroactions of ecosystems on human societies should be explored
- Priorities in terms of services or ecosystems to be protected?



**Better mobilisation of both natural and social sciences!**

**Stronger link with stakeholders!**



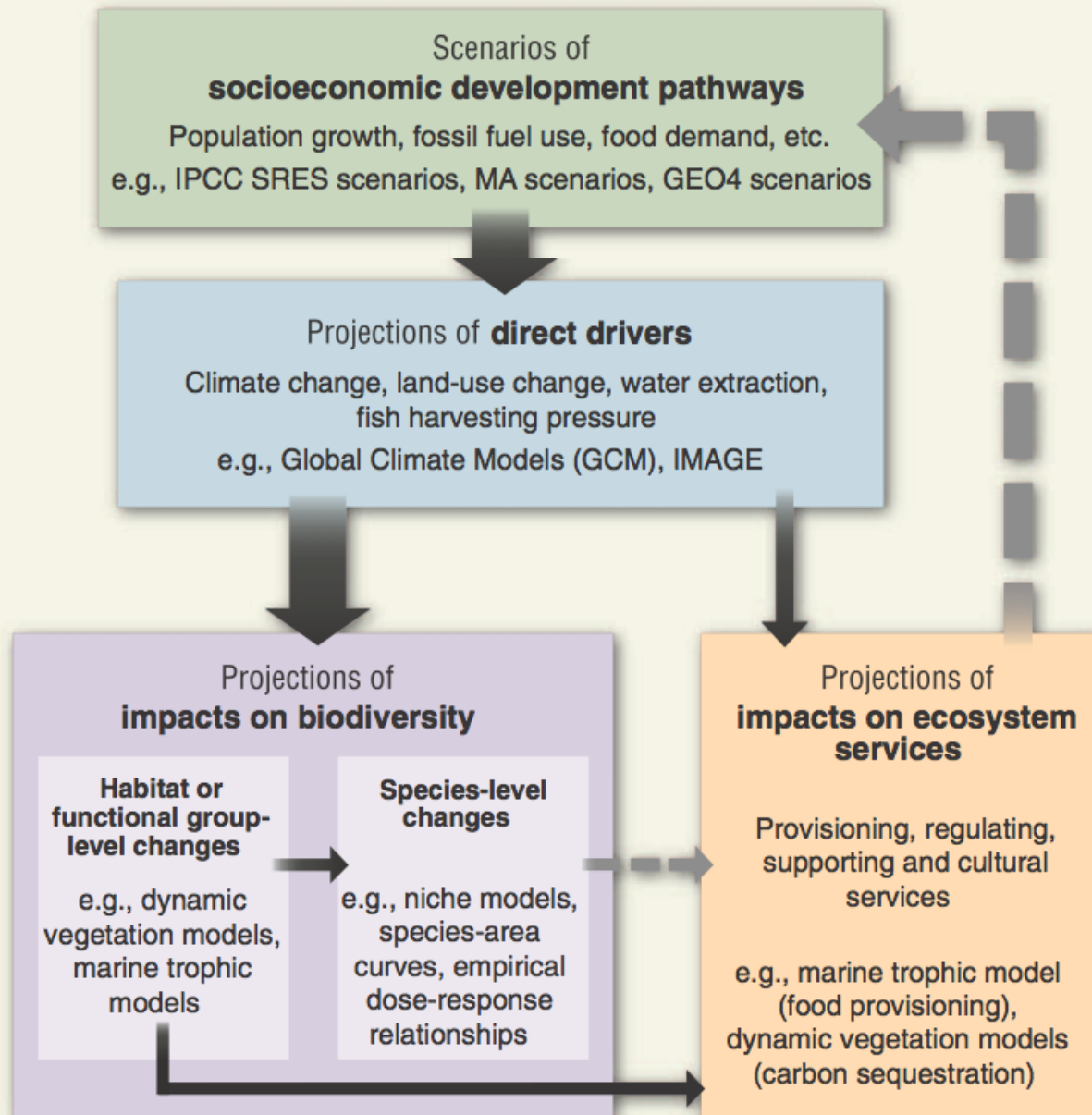
# Overview of socio-economic scenarios and models of their impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services

Paul Leadley  
Univ. Paris-Sud



Future Earth  
research for global sustainability





**Scenarios &  
Models of Global  
Change,  
Biodiversity and  
Ecosystem  
Services**

**Pereira, Leadley et al.  
2010. Science.**



# **Overview of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services**

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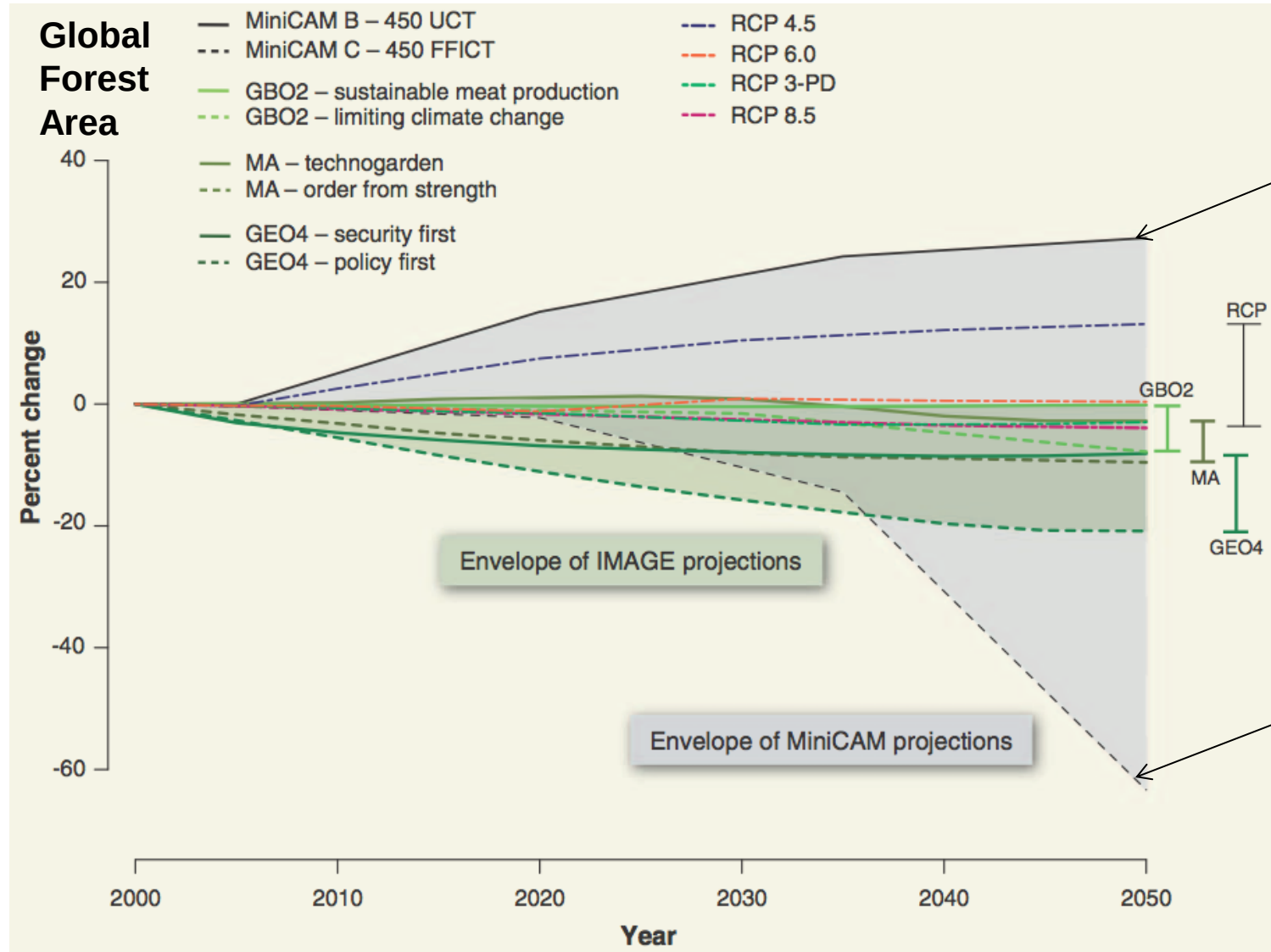
**Socio-economic scenarios:**

**Developing policy relevant scenarios  
and  
Harmonizing across spatial and  
temporal scales**

# Methods for looking into the future

- **Qualitative scenarios – e.g., based on case studies and national commitments**
- **Extrapolations from current trends – statistical**
- **Extrapolations from current trends – with hypotheses or probabilistic**
- **Socio-economic storylines - e.g. MA, GEO, IPCC storylines.**
- **Storylines + policy options - e.g., Rethinking scenarios**
- **Backcasting analyses: working backwards from sustainable endpoints - e.g., Rio+20 scenarios**

## Socioeconomic scenarios



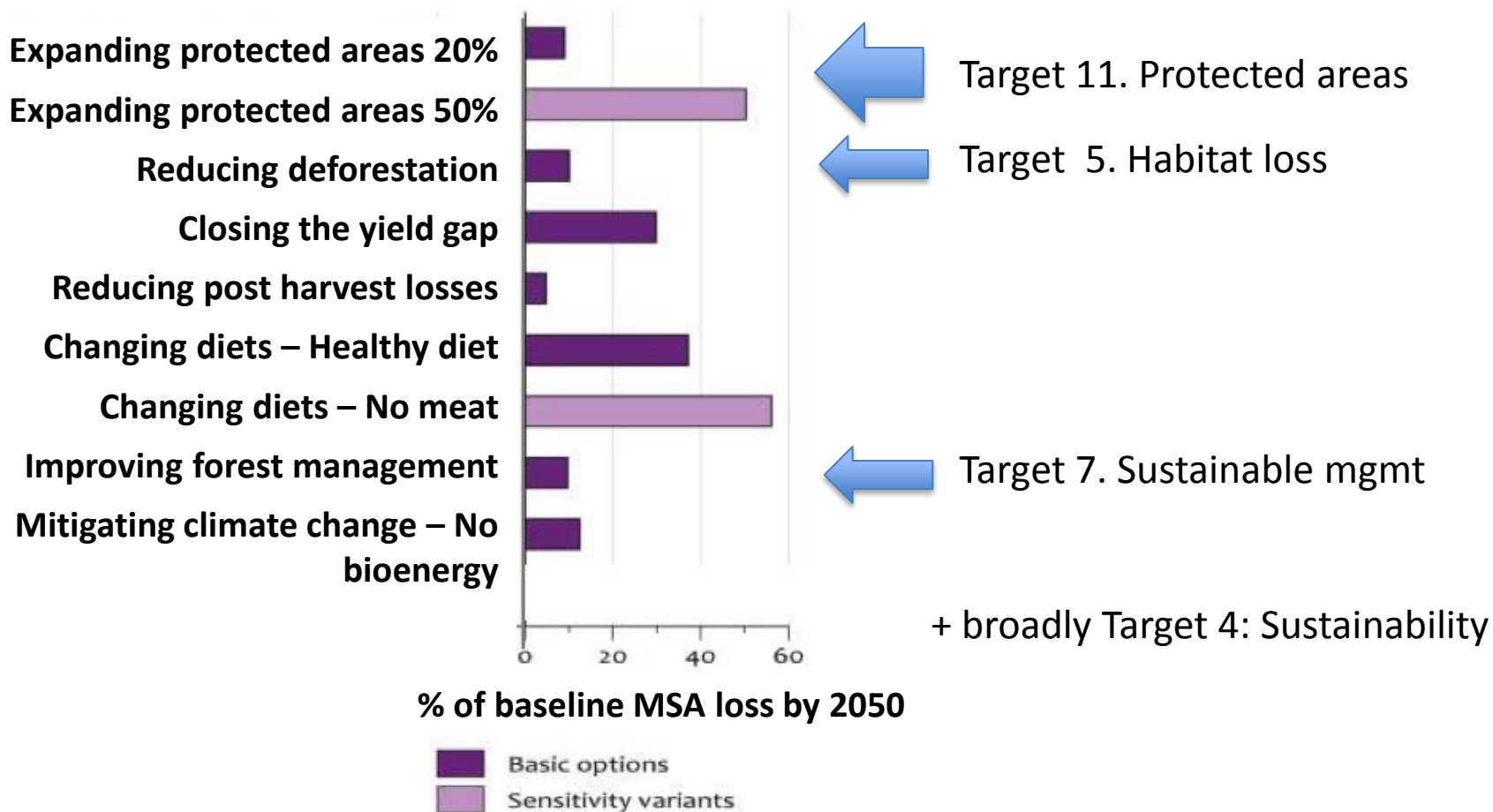
**Tax on all sources of C emissions:**  
Limited biofuels,  
Increased agric.  
efficiency,

**Tax only on fossil fuel C emissions:**  
Massive  
deployment of  
biofuels;  
Little improvement  
in agric. efficiency,

**Pereira, Leadley et al. 2010 Science**

# Testing impacts of changes in development pathways that are 'Aichi relevant'

## Prevented biodiversity loss (MSA)



From B. ten Brink

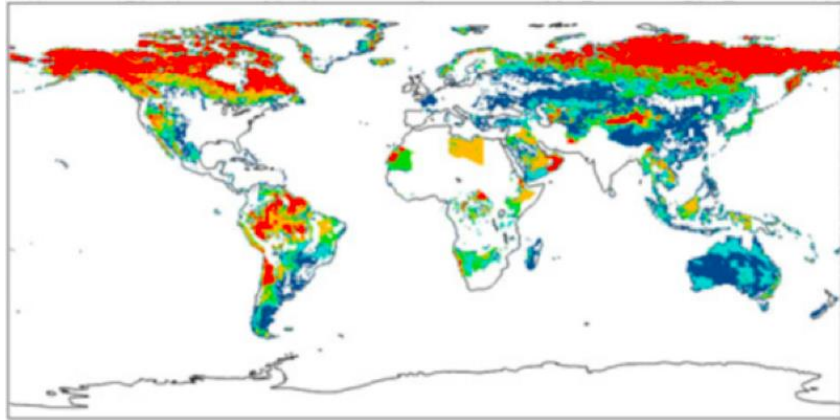


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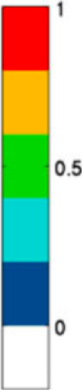
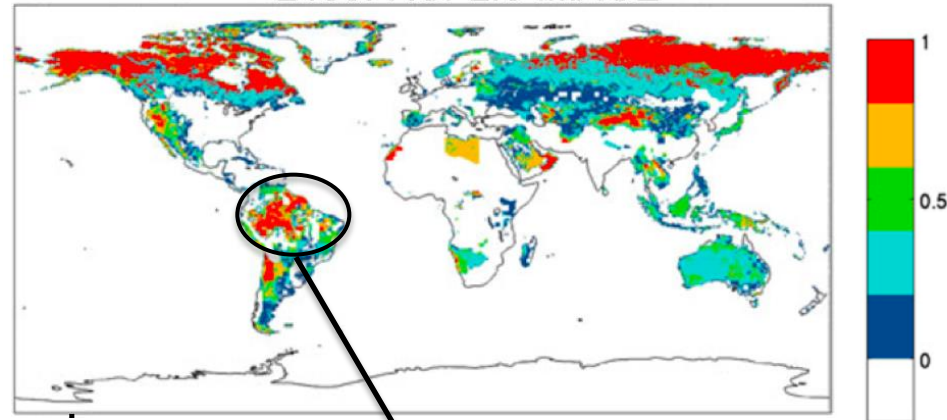


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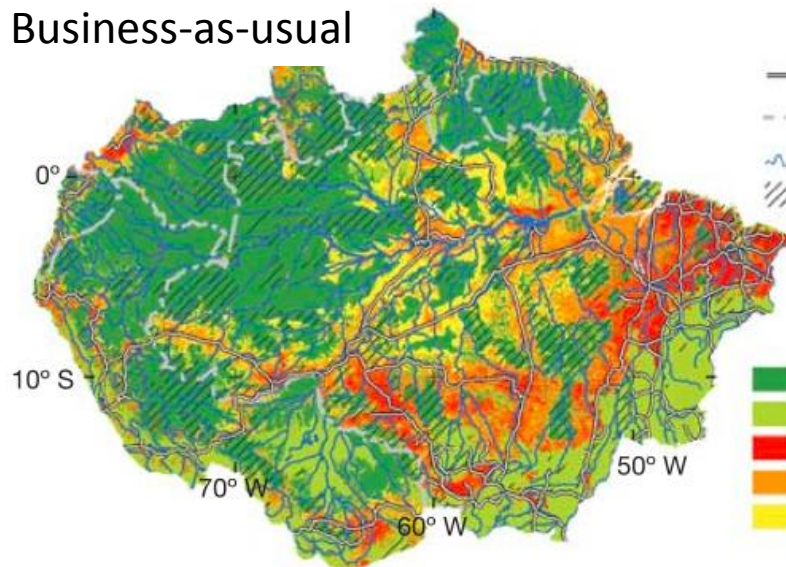
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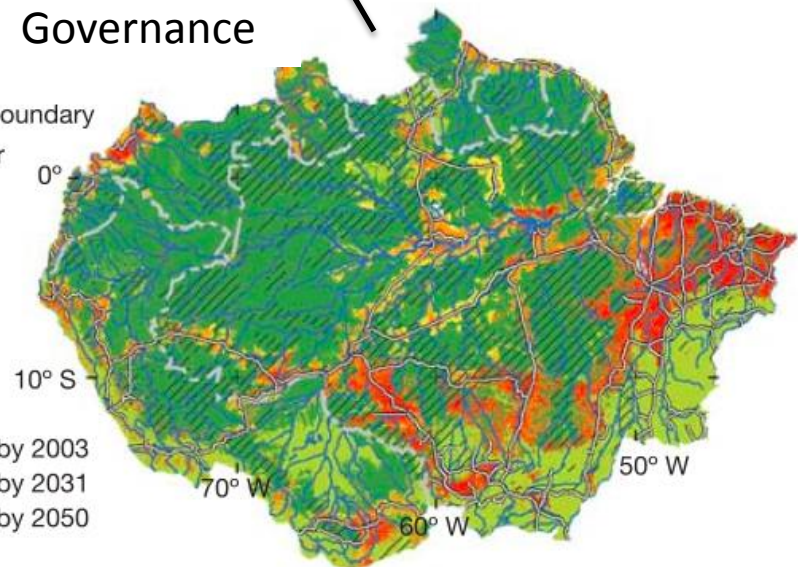
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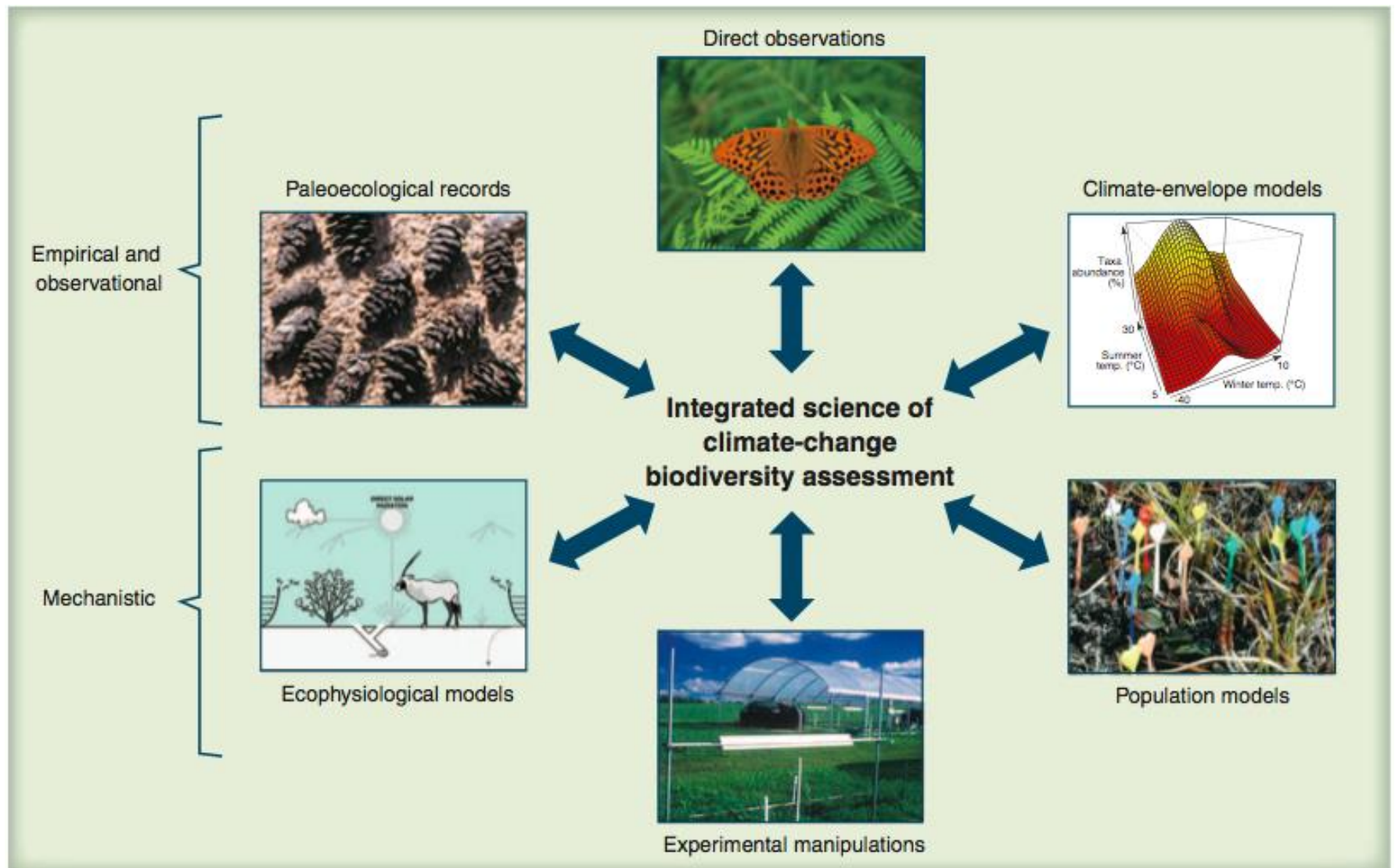
- Road
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- Forest
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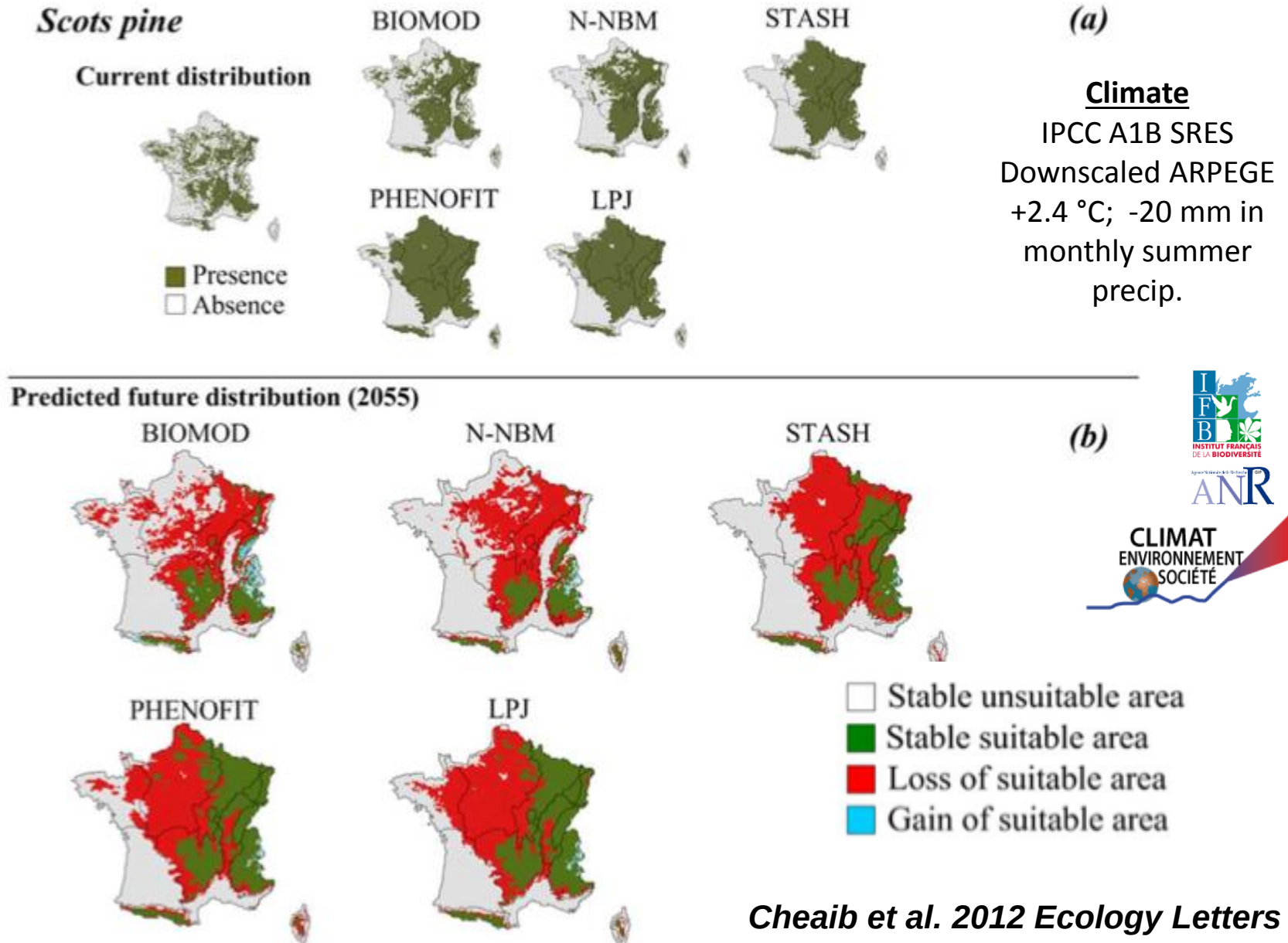
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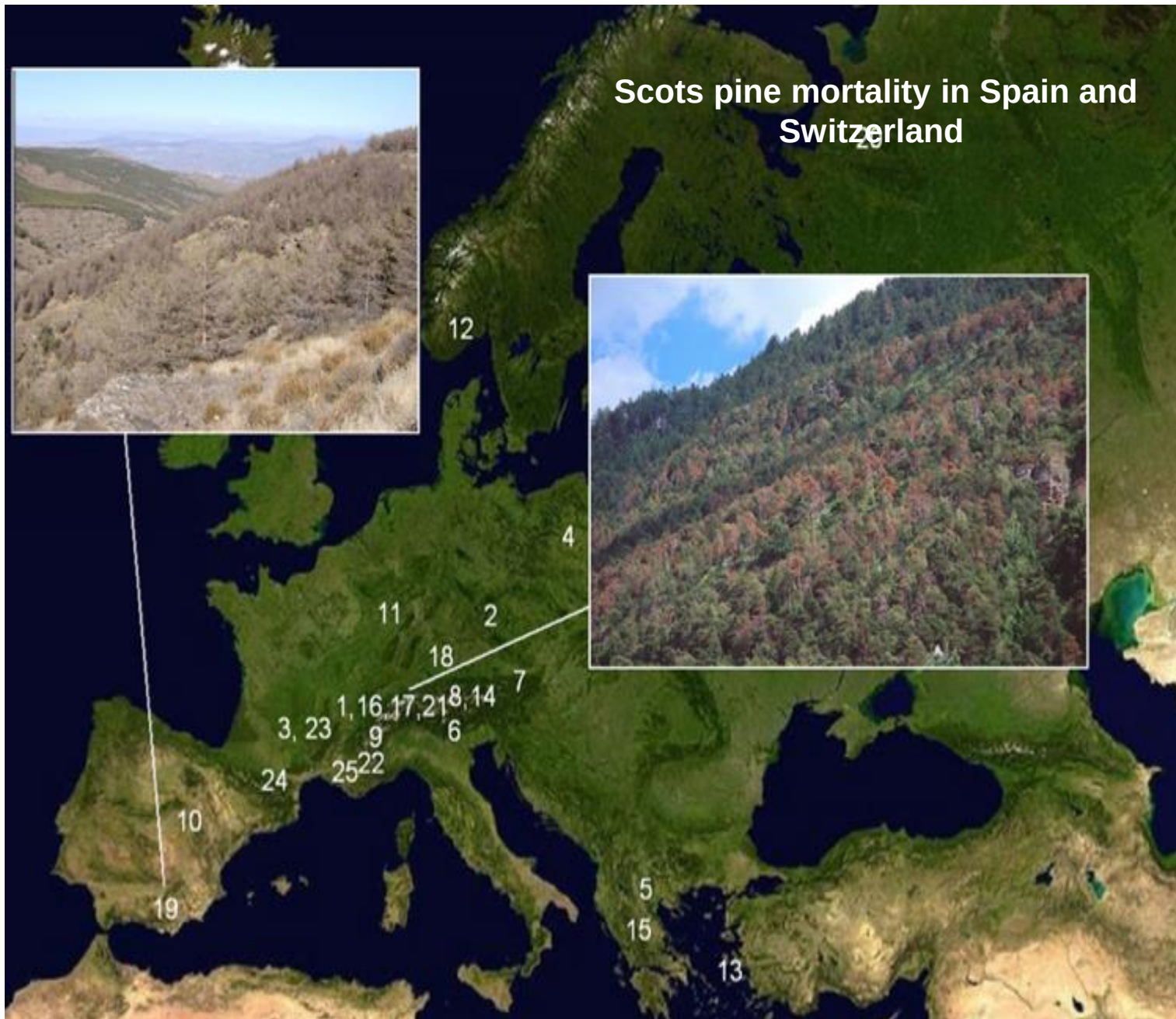




# Model intercomparison to help quantify uncertainty in climate change impacts on trees: Scots pine in 2055



**Evidence of  
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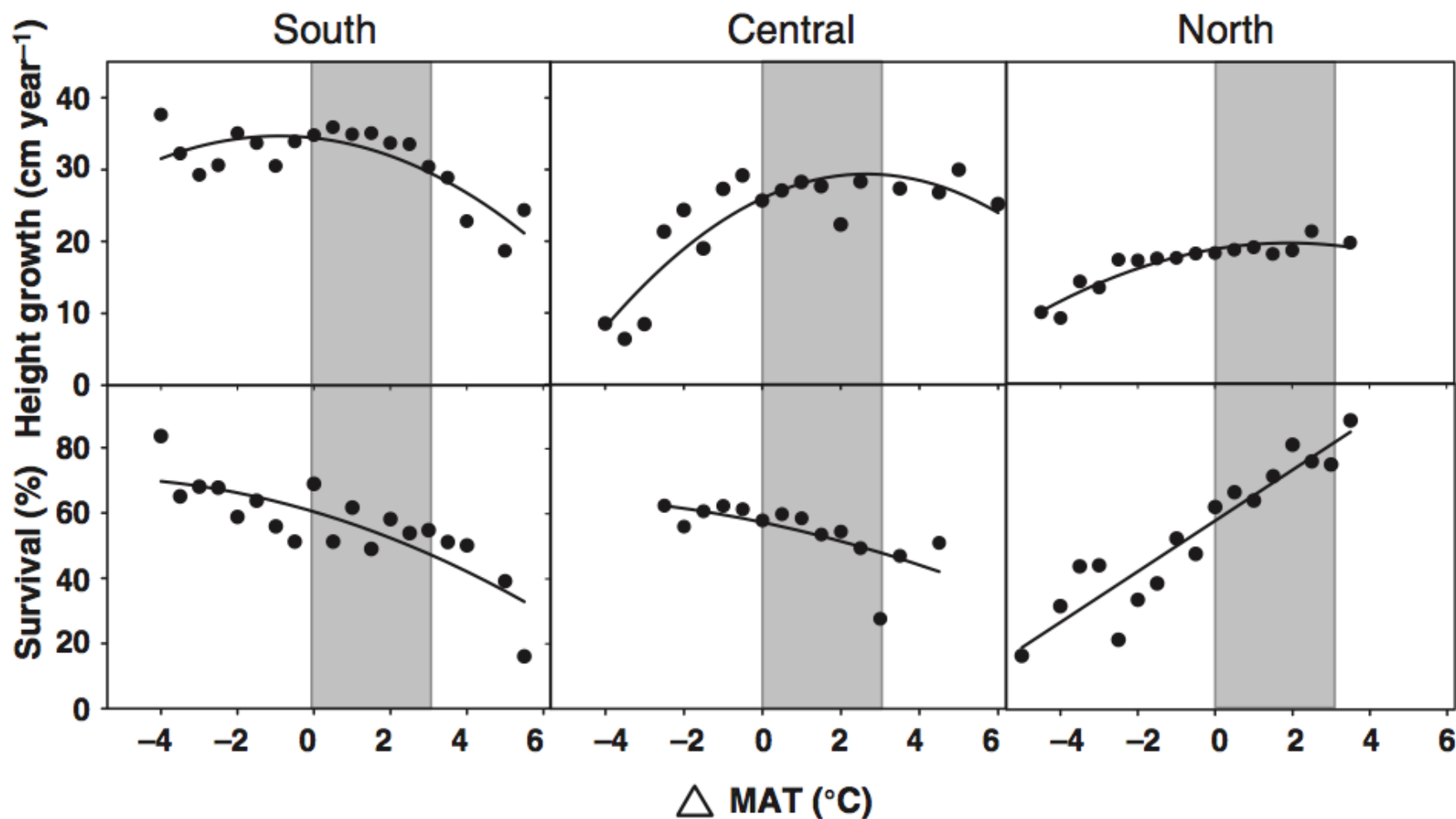


**Allen et al.  
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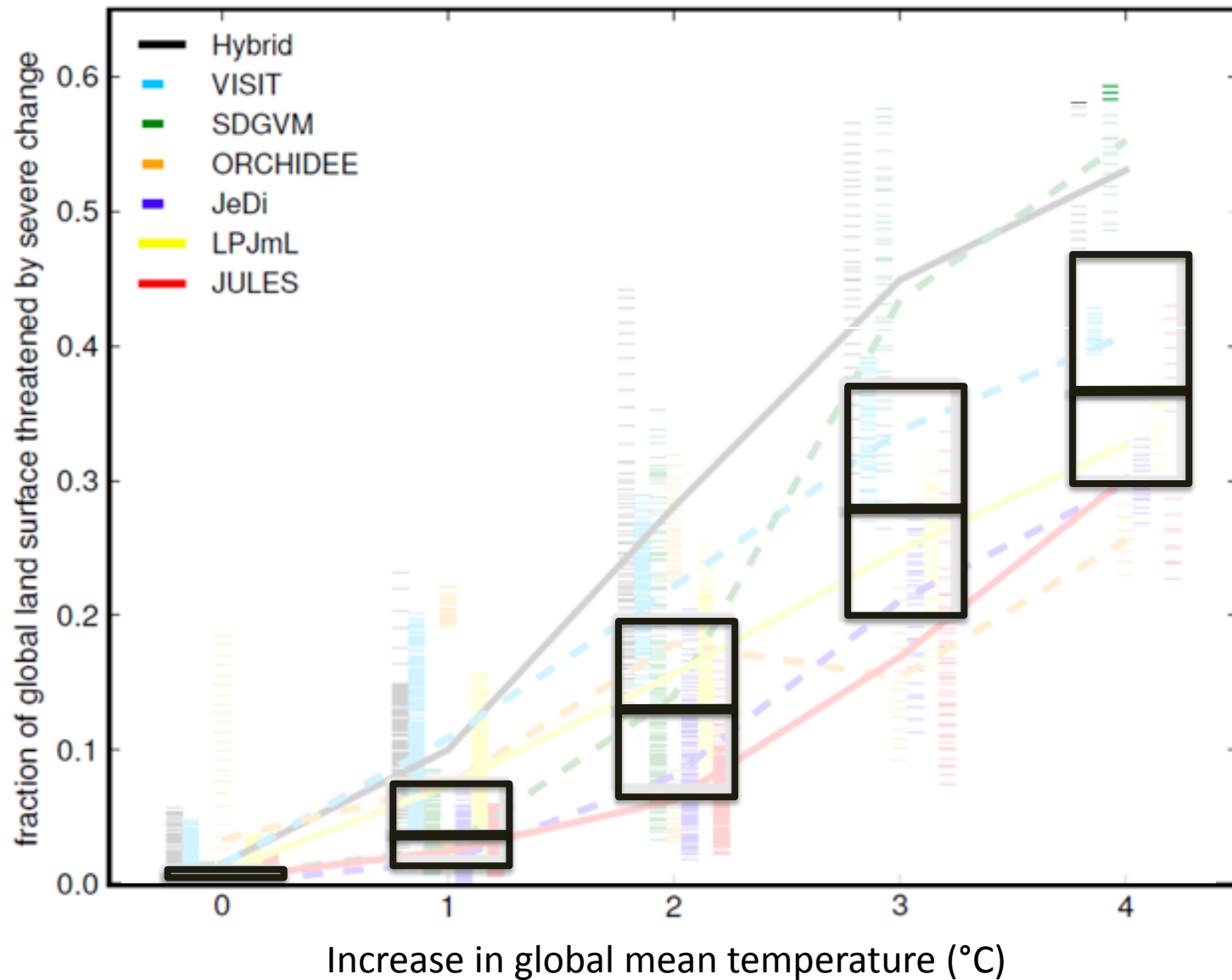


## LETTER

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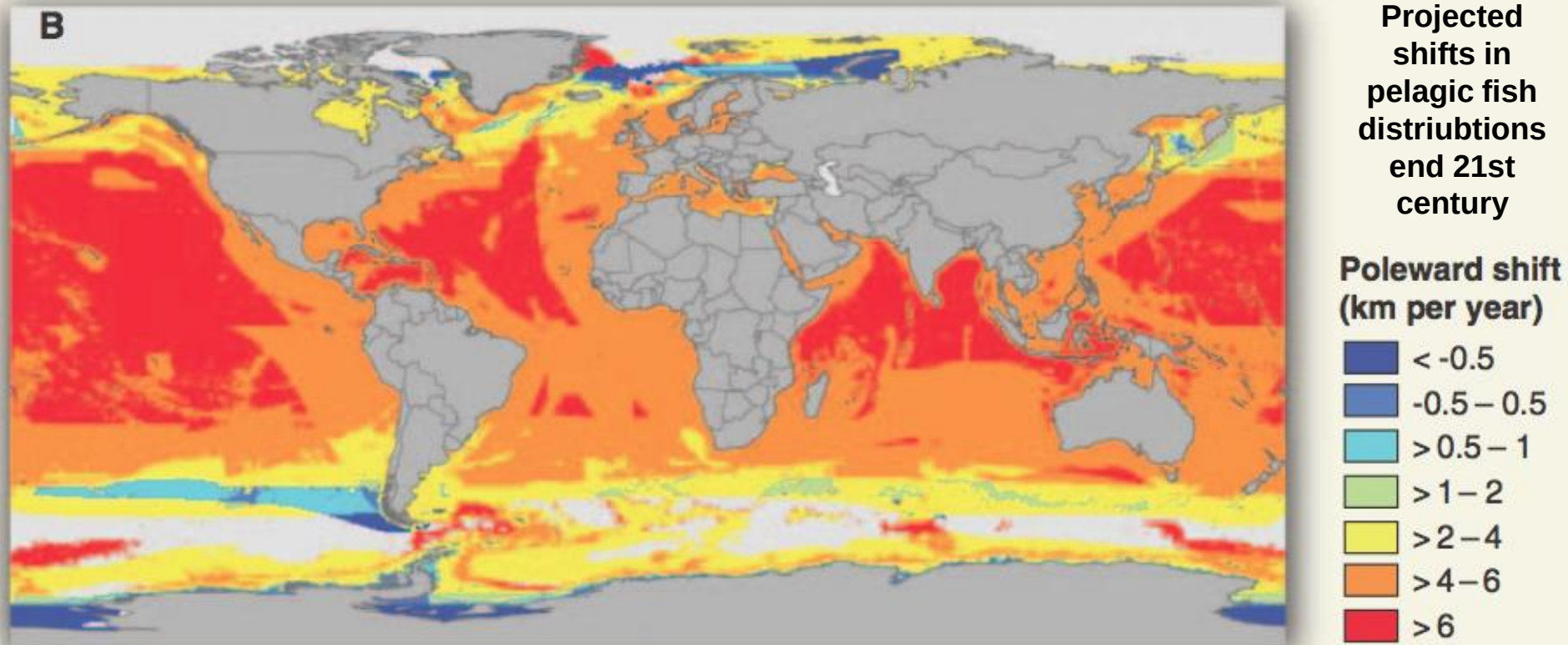
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## Biodiversity and ecosystem function at larger scales Using Dynamic Vegetation Models



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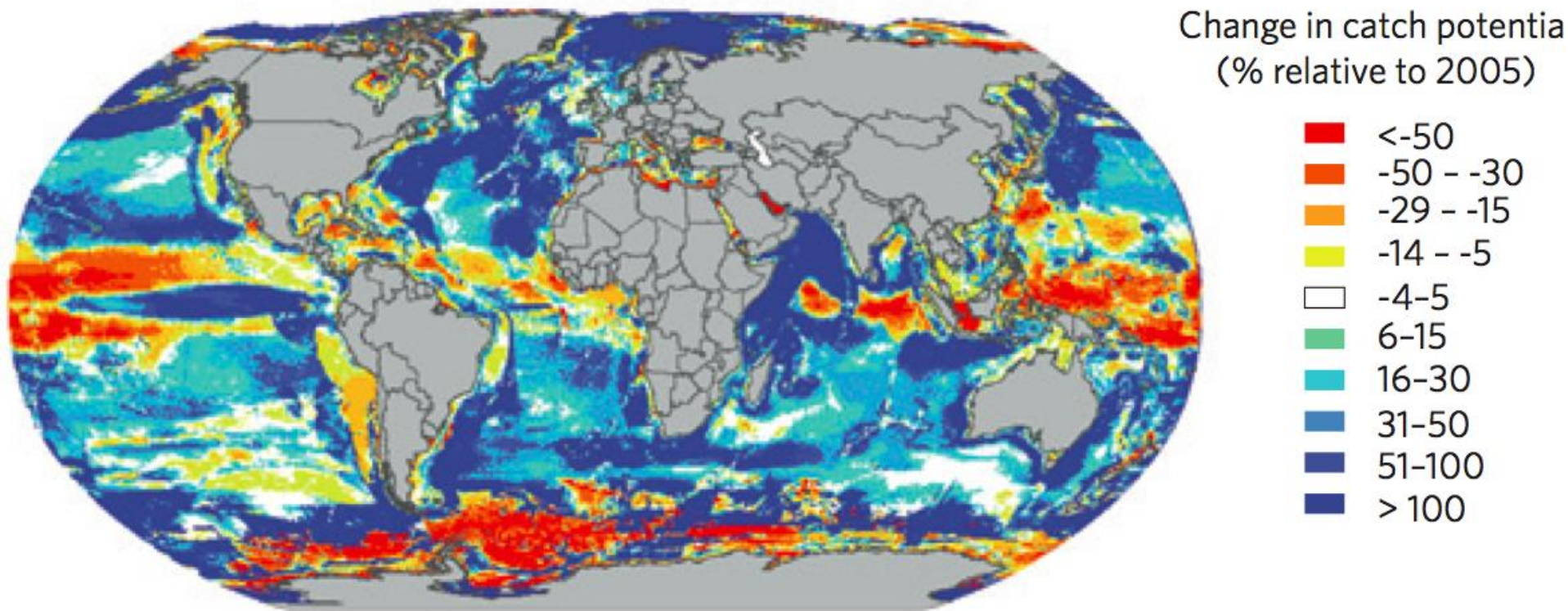
## PROJECTED SHIFTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIES, SPECIES GROUPS AND BIOMES



**Source:** *Pereira, Leadley et al. 2010 Science. Based on Cheung et al. 2009.* IPCC SRES A1B scenario.

# Climate change impacts on the biophysics and economics of world fisheries

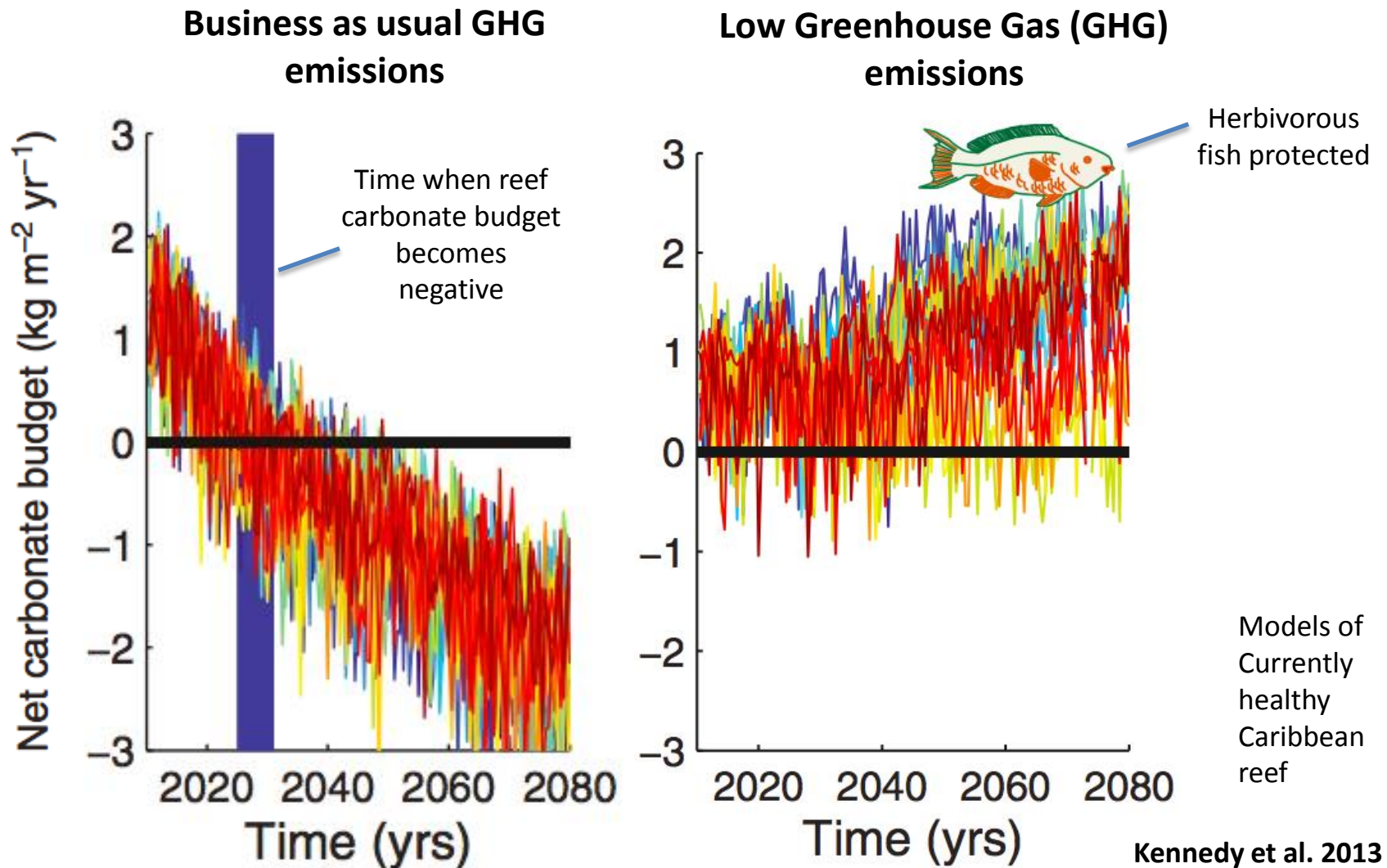
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## Target 10 - Actions to prevent tropical coral reef degradation

*Global action (climate mitigation) and  
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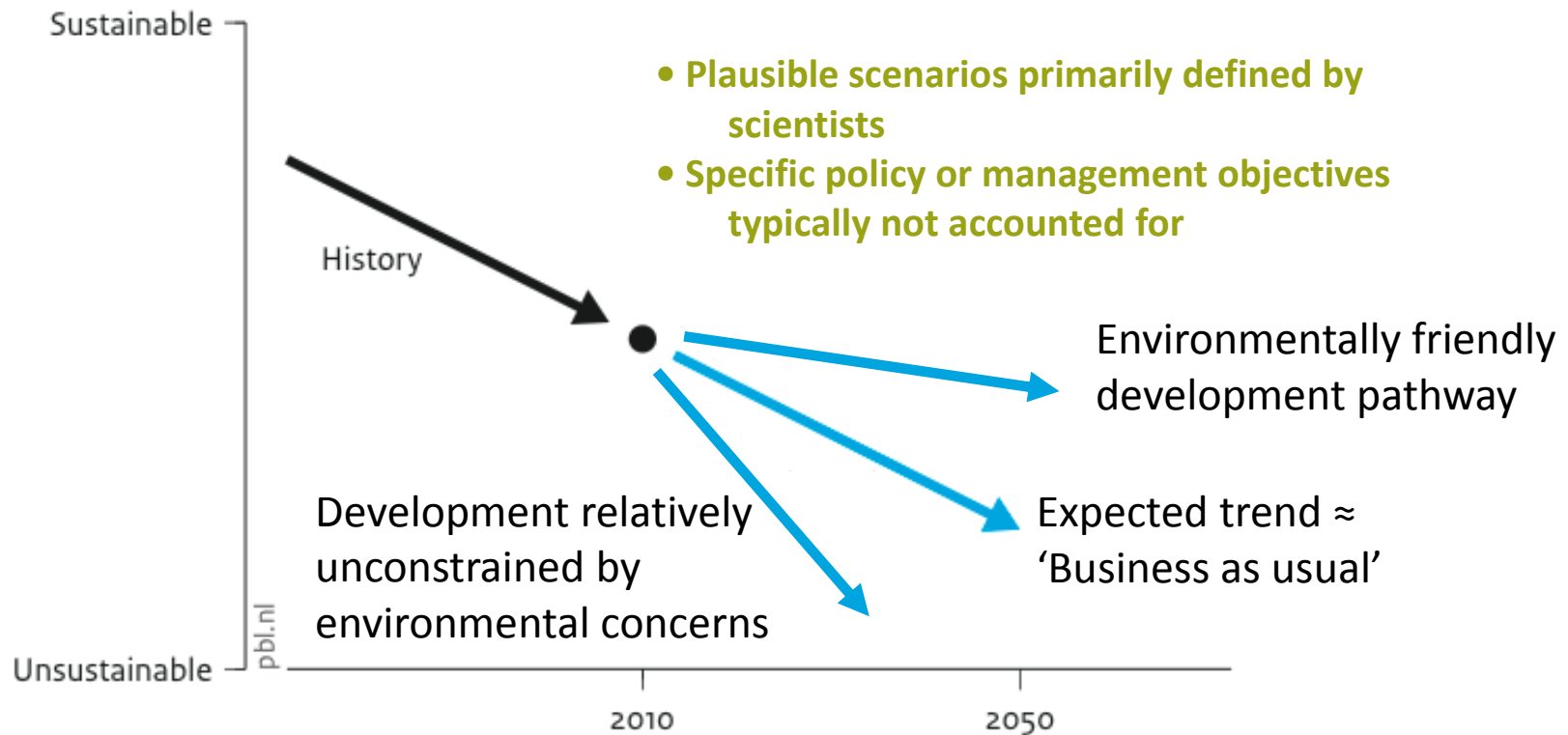
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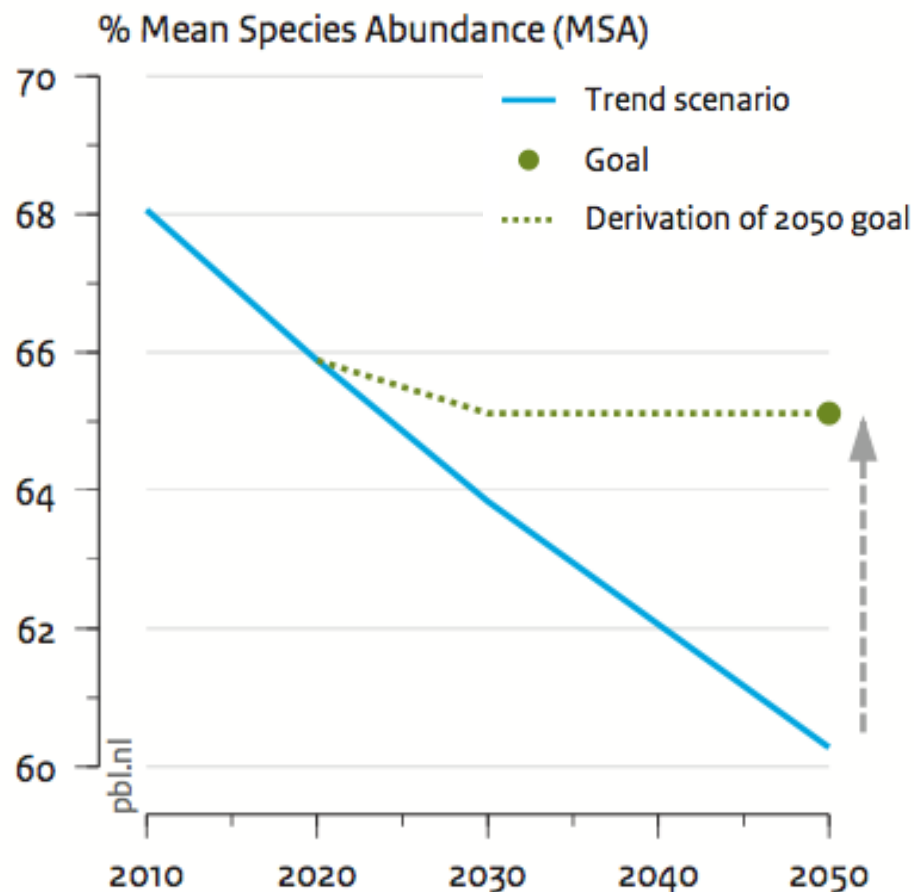
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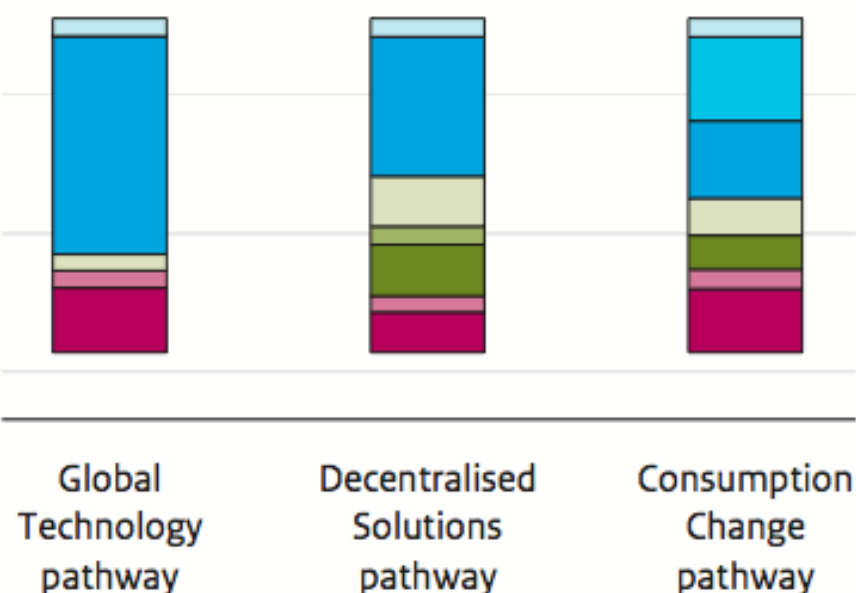


## Global biodiversity and options to prevent biodiversity loss

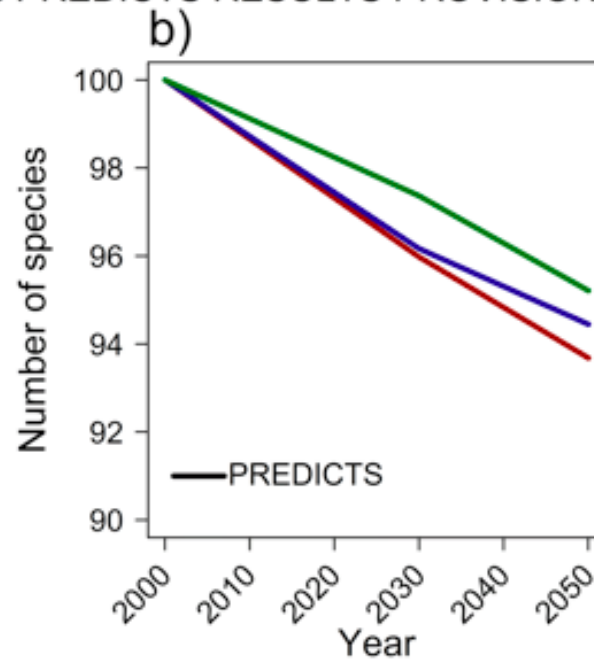
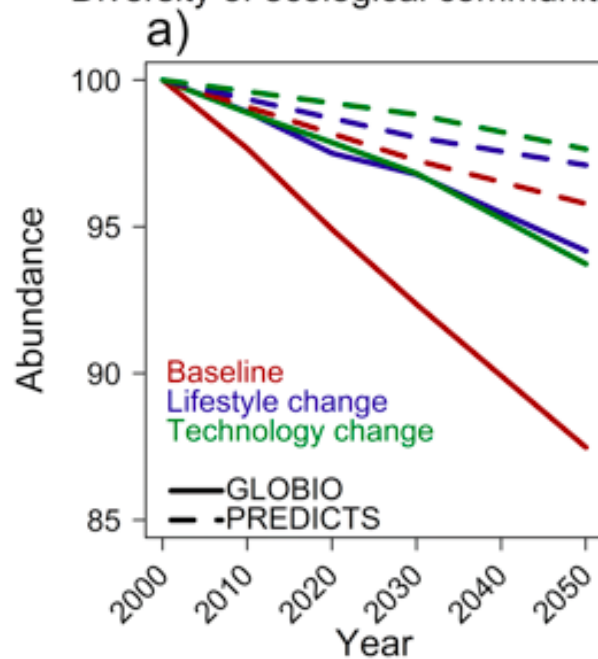
### Global biodiversity



- Reduce nature fragmentation
- Reduce infrastructure expansion
- Reduce nitrogen emissions
- Mitigate climate change
- Restore abandoned agricultural lands
- Reduce consumption and waste
- Increase agricultural productivity
- Expand protected areas

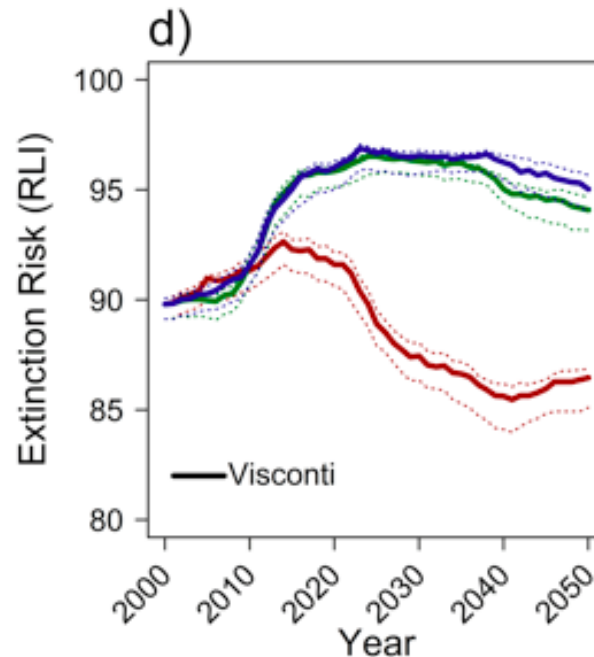
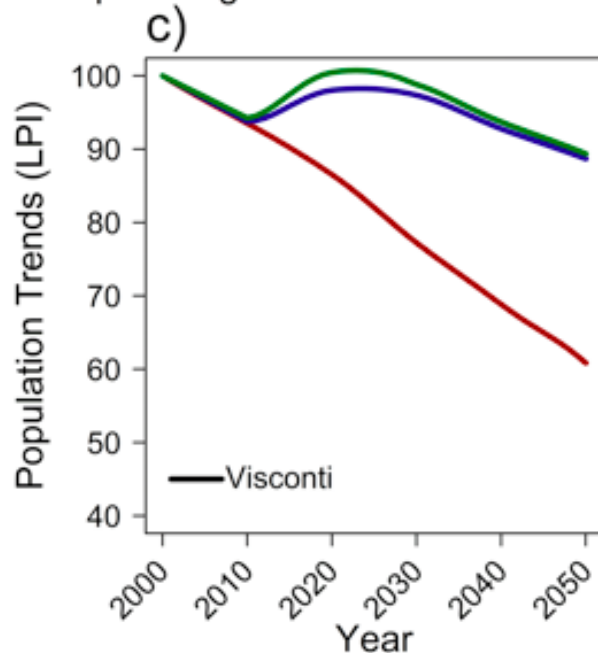


# Diversity of ecological communities PREDICTS RESULTS PROVISIONAL:



**Comparing multiple indices of impacts of global change on species conservation status using the Rio+20 socio-economic scenarios**

## Species' global status:



**Draft for the CBD Global Biodiversity Outlook**



# **Overview of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services**

- **Scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services are a rapidly expanding field of research.**
- **There are several international networks focusing on these issues, for example DIVERSITAS, EU-COST Action Harmbio, SESYNC themes (US Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center), etc.**
- **There is a great need for international research projects especially in developing integrated scenarios and models at regional to global scales. This includes research in support of national, regional and global assessments.**

# Modeling and governing feed-backs between ecological and economic dynamics

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# Environmental and Resource Economics; Ecological Economics

## Sustainability economics

- 1 Subject focus: relationships between humans and nature.
- 2 Orientation towards (uncertain) future.
- 3 Normative foundation of sustainability: justice in the relationships between
  - presently living humans (intragenerational justice)
  - future generations of humans (intergenerational justice)
  - non-human nature
- 4 Concern for efficiency: non-wastefulness



# Environmental- and Resource Economics; Ecological Economics

## General Approach

- 1 Descriptive model: Ecological and economic dynamics
- 2 Normative criteria to evaluate outcomes
- 3 Policy recommendations: Which institutions and instruments achieve the desired outcome?



Baumgärtner/Becker/Frank/Müller/Quaas (2008). Relating the Philosophy and Practice of Ecological Economics. The Role of Concepts, Models and Case Studies in Inter- and Transdisciplinary Sustainability Research. *Ecological Economics*, 67(3):384–393.

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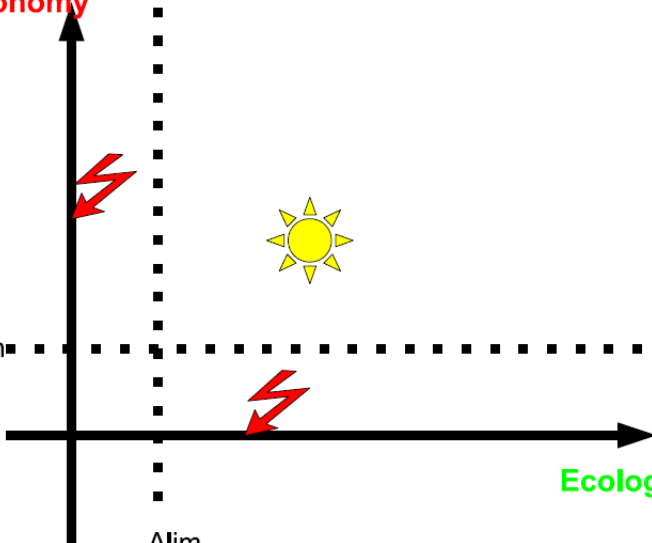
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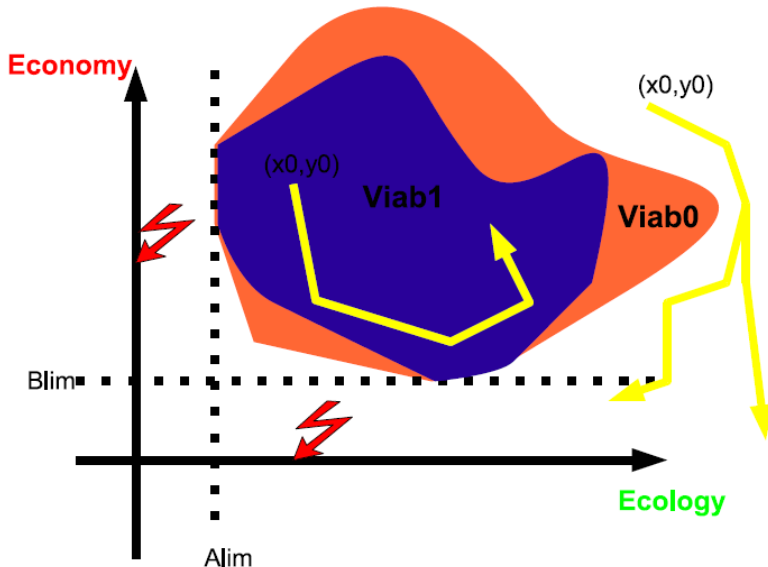
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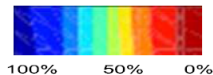
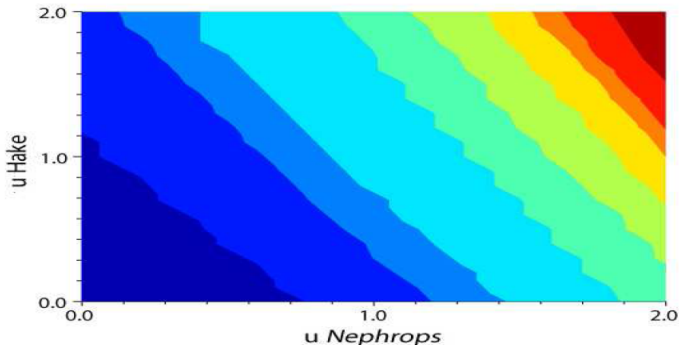
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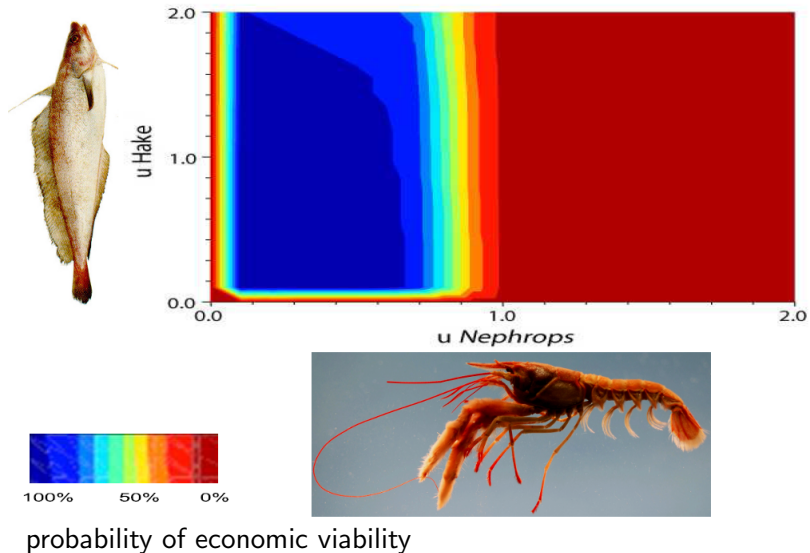
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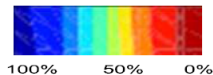
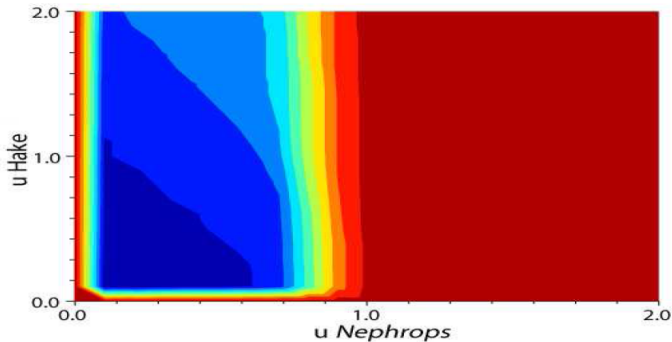
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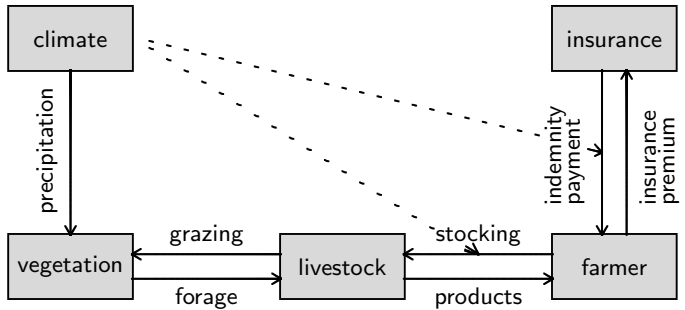
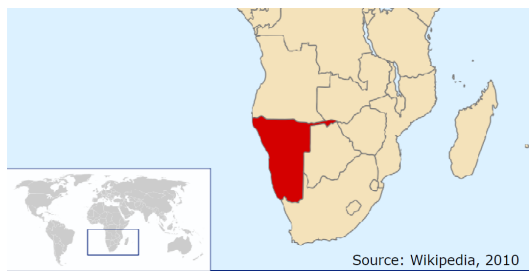
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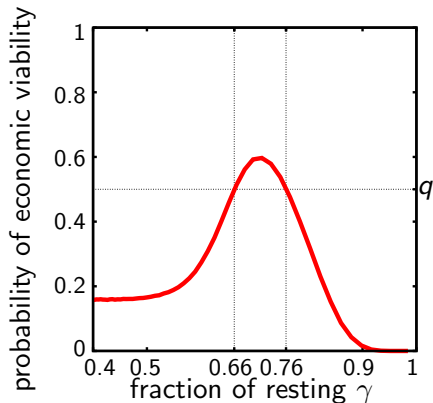
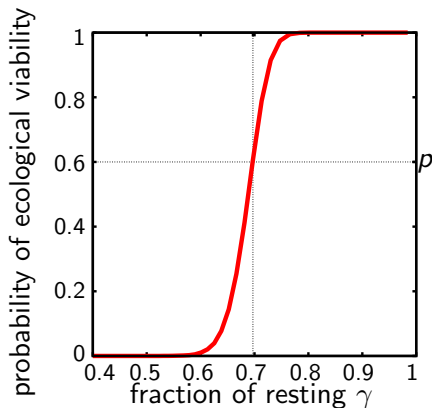
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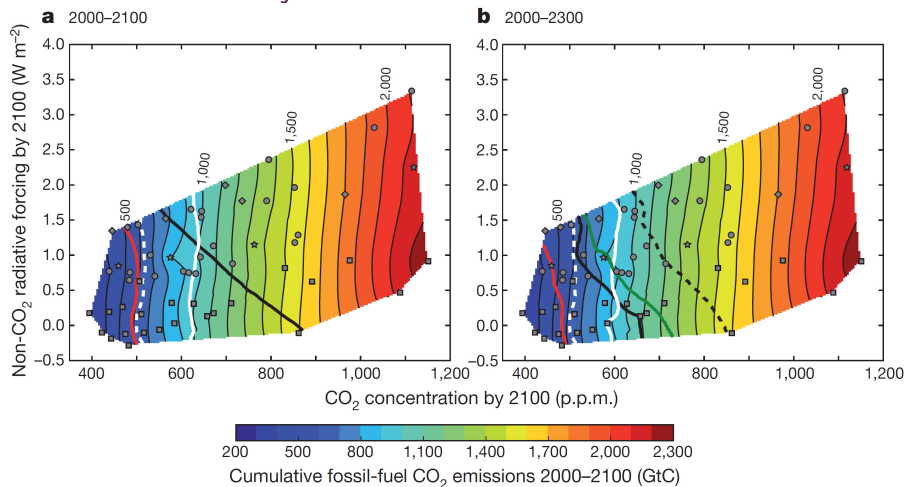
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# Stochastic Viability: Rangelands



# Stochastic Viability: Global Climate



Contour lines: 66% Chance of complying with viability constraints.

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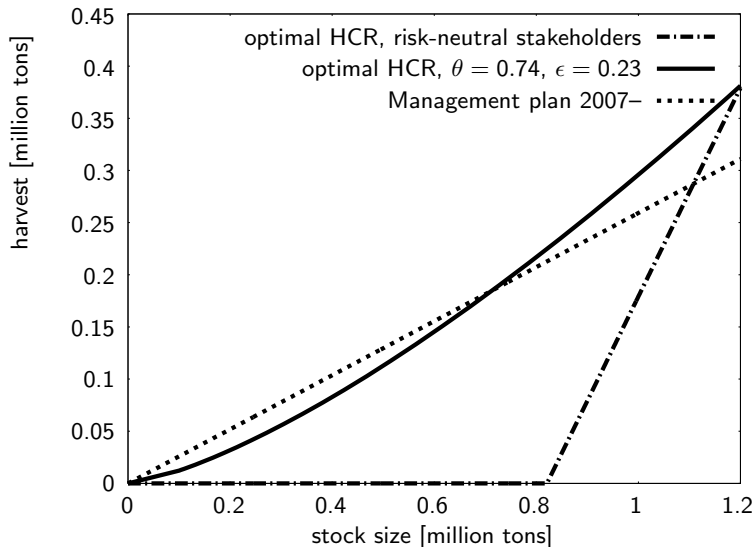
- $s_t$ : stock size;  $x_t$ : harvest
- $\delta < 1$ : discount factor
- method: stochastic dynamic programming
- solution: optimal feedback policy  
(in fisheries often termed harvest-control rule; HCR)

McGough/Plantinga/Costello (2009). Optimally Managing a Stochastic Renewable Resource under General Economic Conditions, *B.E. J Econ Analysis & Policy*, 9(1), 56.  
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Example: Eastern Baltic cod fishery



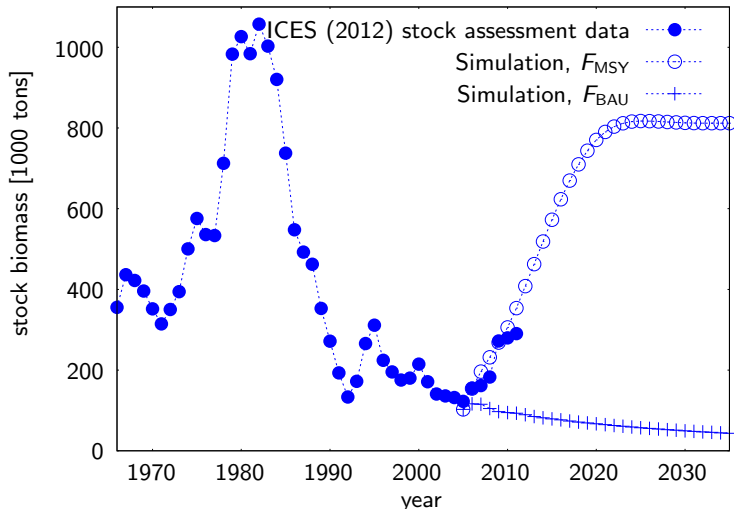
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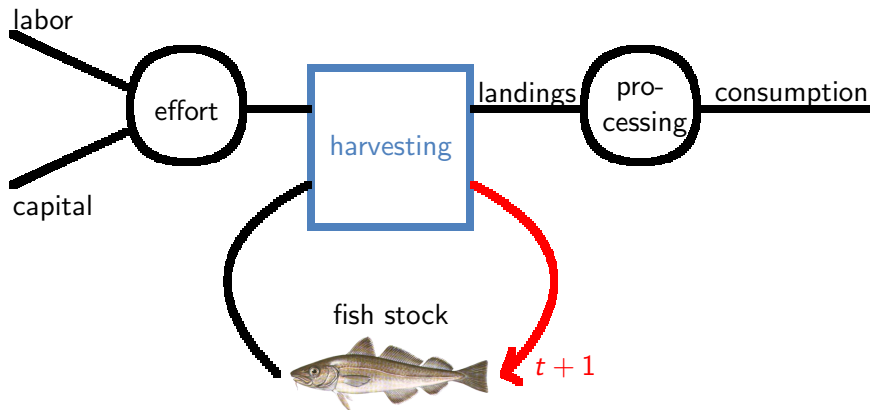
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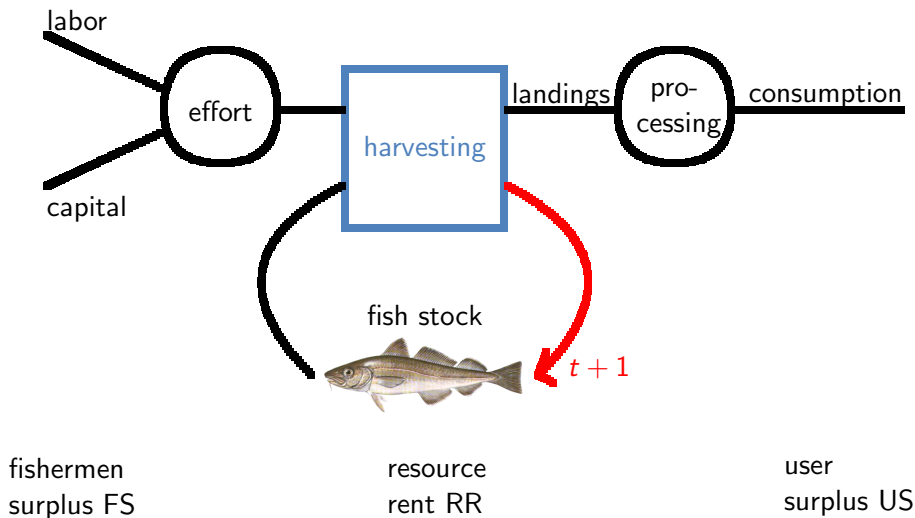
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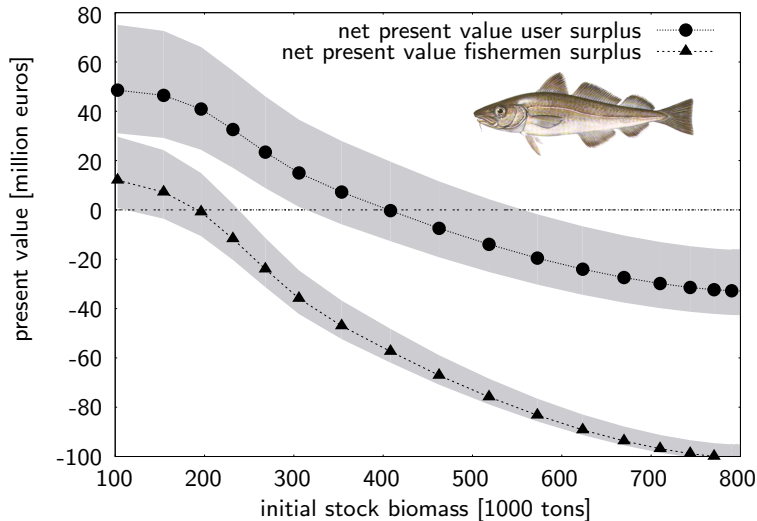


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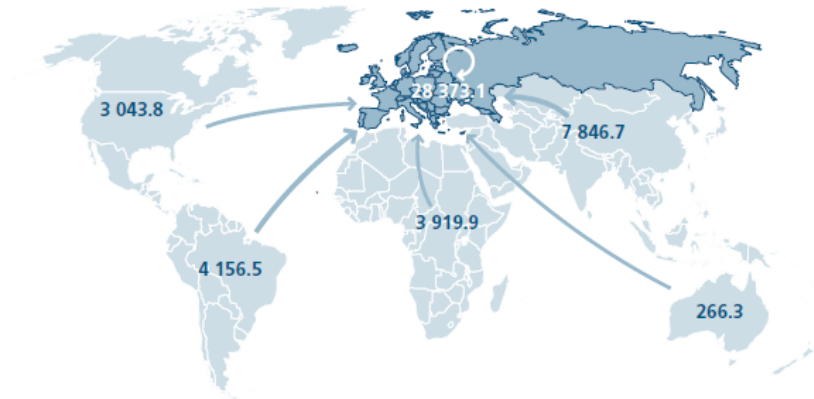
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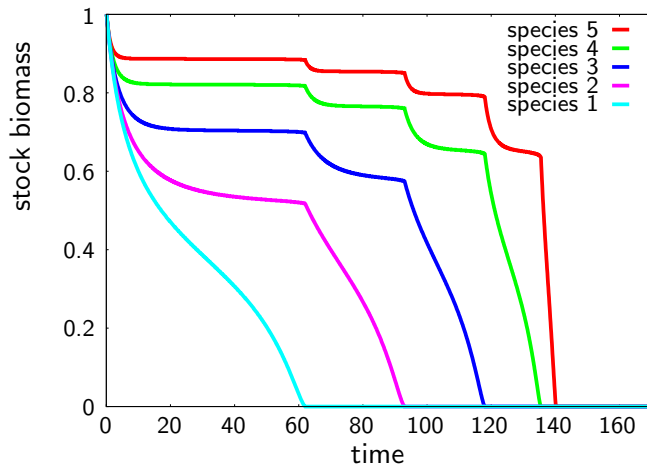
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## Europe



trade in fishery products, million US \$, FAO SOFIA 2012

## Demand-side interactions between fisheries

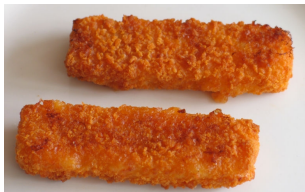


# TWO ASPECTS OF OVERFISHING

consumer value seafood diversity: 'love of variety'



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- collapse of fish stocks is economic problem on top of inefficiently low stocks and yields

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## 1 inefficiently low stocks and yields

- extensively studied
- fundamental principles well understood

e.g. Clark (1990)

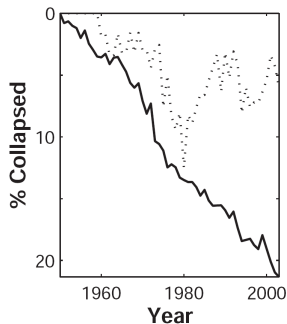
## 2 collapse of stocks at world-wide scale

- recognized more recently
- has become focus of scientific interest and public concern in the last years

Costello et al. (Science, 2008)

Heal and Schlenker (Nature, 2008)

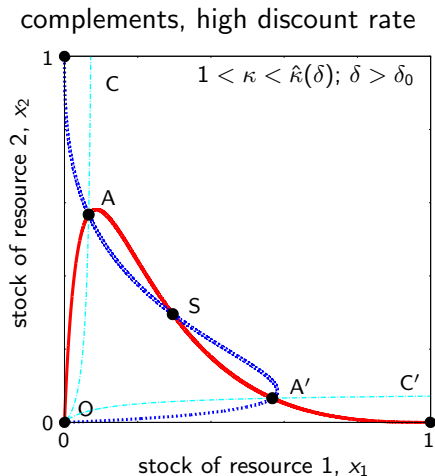
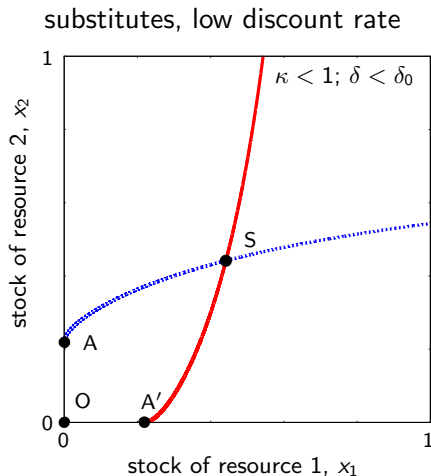
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# GROWTH OVERFISHING: EXAMPLE OF BALTIC COD



Baltic Sea, early 1980s

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Baltic Sea 2007

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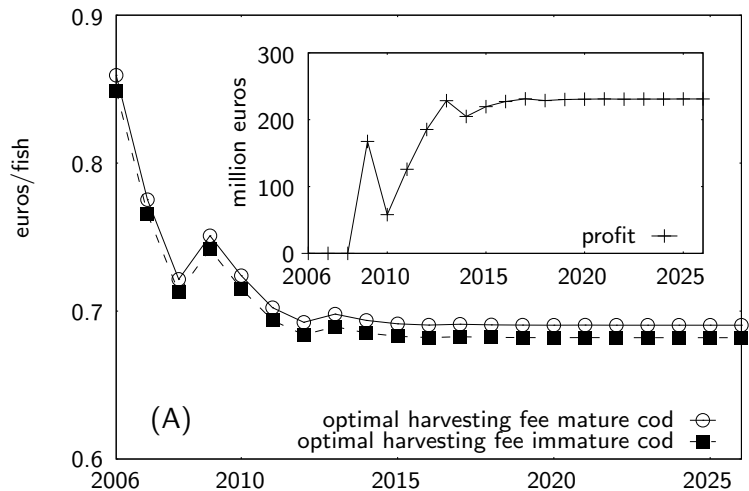
## Proposal for new design of regulation

- Total allowable catch (TAC) in number of individual fish
- System of tradable quotas (TQ) in numbers of individual fish and appropriate exchange rates

| Conventional biomass management                                               | New individual-based management                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAC in tons of biomass                                                        | TAC in number of individual fish                                                    |
| TQs in tons of biomass save fishing cost but have no positive effect on stock | TQs in numbers save fishing cost and set incentives that prevent growth overfishing |
| Gear restrictions are necessary to prevent growth overfishing                 | Fisherman decides on fishing gear                                                   |

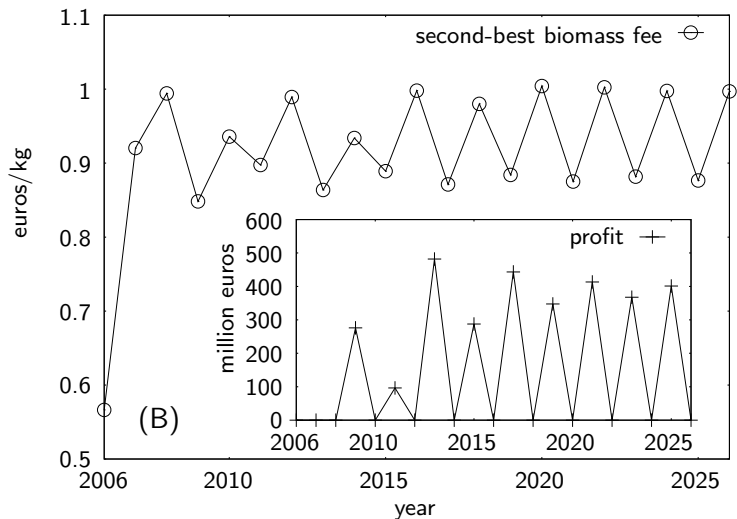
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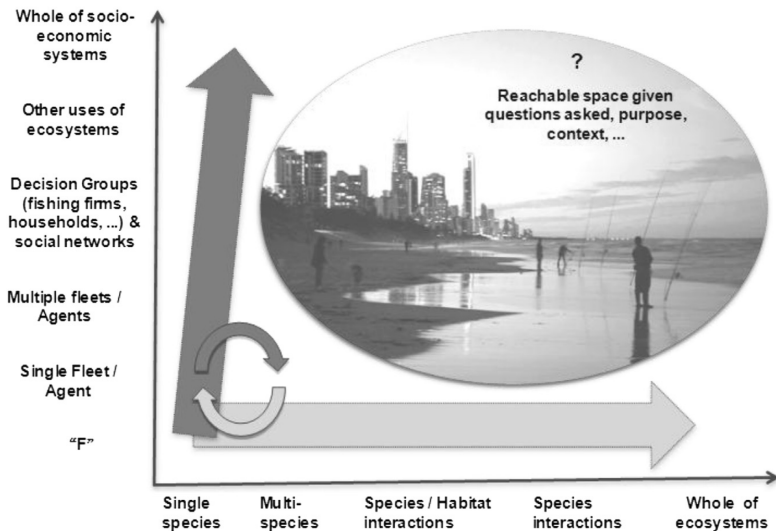
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# Ecological-economic models: Scale and Scope



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- World's **major and emerging funders** of global environmental change research, and international science councils
- Acting as Council of Principals for **IGFA**, a larger group of funding agencies

## Belmont Forum Membership

- Australia/CSIRO
- Austria/BMWF
- Brazil/FAPESP
- Canada/NSERC
- China/NSFC
- European Commission/DG R&I
- France/CNRS&ANR
- Germany/DFG&BMBF
- India/MoES
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- Norway/RCN
- South Africa/NRF
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- *International Council for Science (ICSU)*
- *International Social Sciences Council (ISSC)*



- Initiated in 2009, by NSF (US) and NERC (UK)
- **Belmont Challenge:**  
*to accelerate delivery of the environmental research needed  
to remove critical barriers to sustainability  
by aligning and mobilizing international resources*
- Convergence with other processes of collective thinking  
within the Global Environmental Change community

⇒ **S&T Alliance for Global Sustainability** with **Future Earth** as first major action

⇒ The BF's **International Opportunity Fund**



- A yearly call with 2/3 thematic **Collaborative Research Actions** (CRAs)
- Main goals:
  - **Address the Belmont Challenge priorities** - Deliver knowledge needed for action
  - **Support Future Earth** by promoting innovative types of research
  - **Lever IGFA/Belmont Forum member's existing investments** through international added value
  - **Bring together new partnerships** of natural, geo scientists, humanities and social scientists, and stakeholders
- A flexible tool
  - ***A la carte*** for a given CRA
  - Suitable for **various kinds of incentives**: networking, clustering, integration, capacity building...
  - **Open to any funder** (BF, IGFA or not) - Possibility of **joint call** with other international initiatives
  - **Everything is common** (scoping, call, selection, scientific follow-up) **but the money** (each partner funds its own eligible community)



## IOF 2012



- CRAs on **Freshwater Security** and **Coastal Vulnerability**, joint with **G8HORCs**, aligned with FP7 and NSERC
- **130 pre-proposals**, involving more than **1000 partners** from **~ 50 countries** (high number of partners from non-BF member countries, coming on board with their own funding)
- **53 full proposals**
- **13 funded projects; 2-3-year; ~ 1-2 M€ projects**



## IOF 2013



- **E-infrastructure and Data Management - Foresight**
- **Food Security and Land Use Change - Joint Belmont Forum**
  - FACCE JPI call (~ 10 M€) – 2 types of project (community building and research projects)

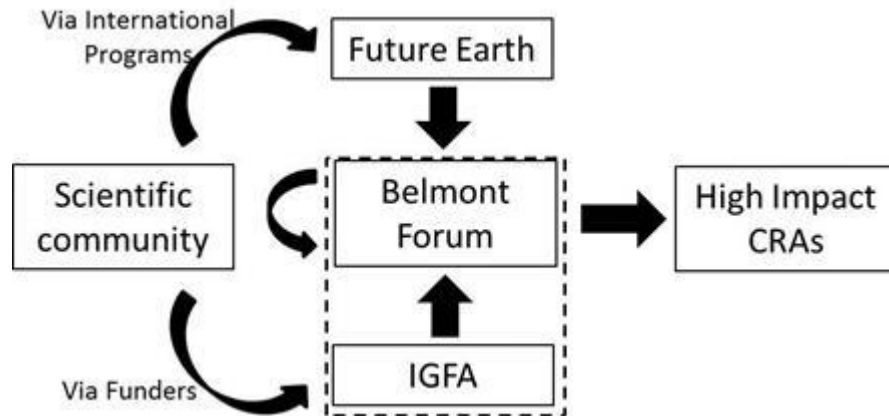


# 2014 CRA proposals under **scoping process**

- **Arctic** : Data Observing System and Sustainability Science
- **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**: Improving our capacity to predict global changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Climate Services** : Seasonal to Decadal Predictability of Regional Climate (incl. monsoons and polar areas)

# CRA lifecycle

## Schematic for emergence of new BF IOF/CRA



## Timeline

**Annual IGFA-BF meeting in December 2013:**

- **2014 CRAs:** Decision on launching calls
- **2015 CRAs:** Decision on launching scoping processes

**Call opening for selected 2014 CRAs : February 2014**

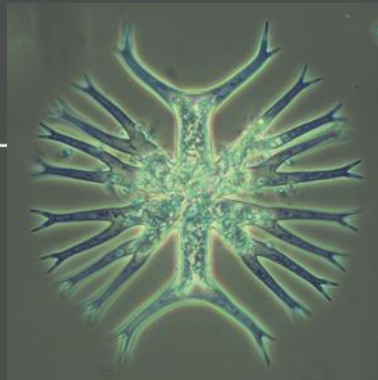
**Scoping Workshops for 2015 CRAs: April/May 2014**

**Thank you for your attention ...  
and for  
your contribution to this  
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# Scoping Workshop on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

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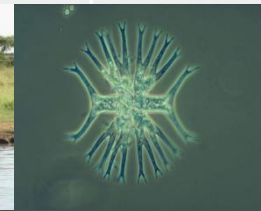


# Goals

- Develop models & scenarios to predict future interactions between socio-economic dynamics, global environmental change, biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Support of decision making processes



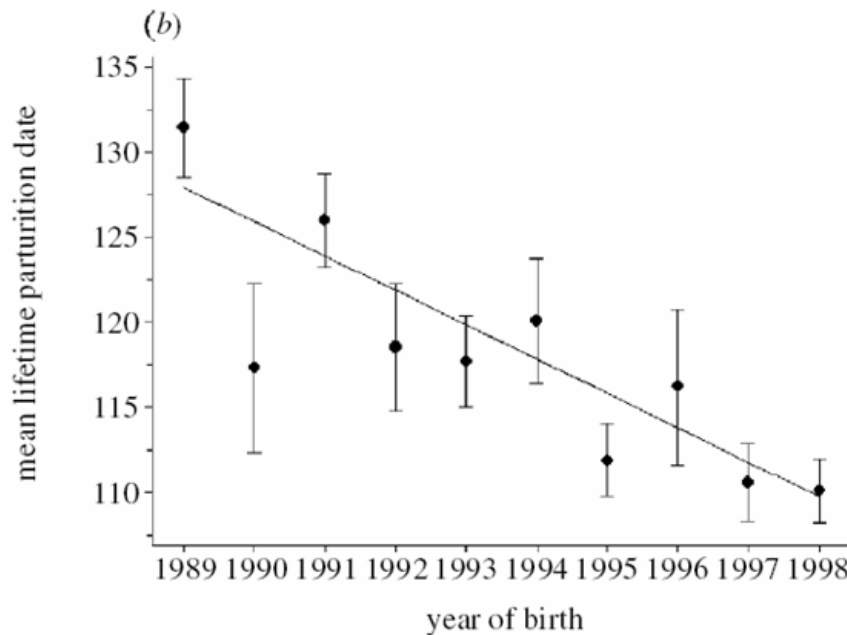
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# Eco-Evolutionary framework for biodiversity change

- Predict species range shifts in response to GEC by integrating
  - Species capacity to adapt (migration, plasticity)
  - Species interactions (e.g. mutualism, predation) & their evolution



**Yukon squirrel**

Bradshaw & Holzapfel, 2007, PNAS

# TRY

- To compile information about ecological traits of plant species at world scale

**Biodiversity**  
Species richness

**Earth system science**  
Few fixed model parameters



**Plant traits**



**Functional diversity**

- Redefinition of plant functional types
- Functional trait analysis
- **Development a new generation of vegetation models**

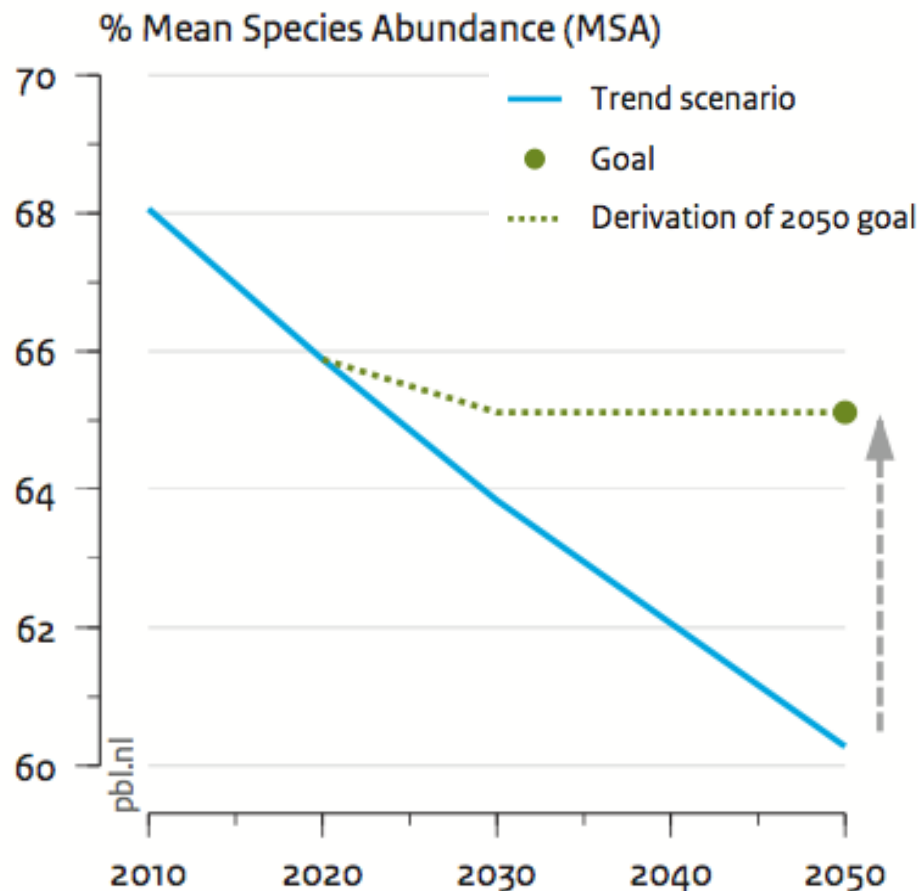
# Coupling socio-economical & ecological models

- Mandate from the Convention on Biological Diversity to develop the modelling and scenario chapter of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4
- Technical report on status, trends and futures of biodiversity
- New ways to explore alternative pathways for reaching agreed upon objectives (towards global sustainability)

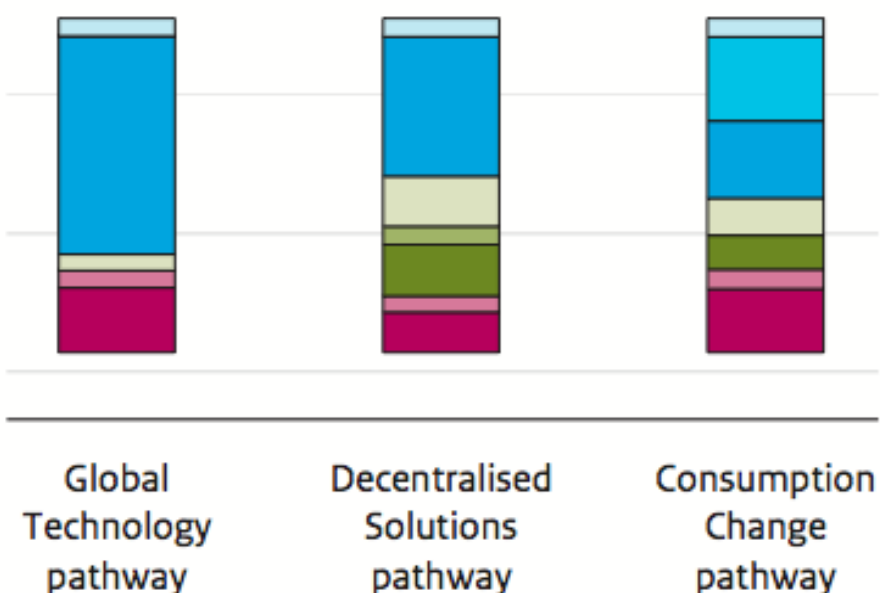


## Global biodiversity and options to prevent biodiversity loss

### Global biodiversity

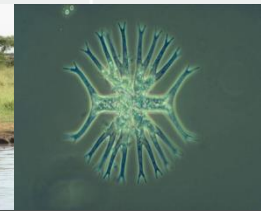


- Reduce nature fragmentation
- Reduce infrastructure expansion
- Reduce nitrogen emissions
- Mitigate climate change
- Restore abandoned agricultural lands
- Reduce consumption and waste
- Increase agricultural productivity
- Expand protected areas



# Key knowledge gaps

- 1) Inclusion of adaptative capacity
- 2) Better representativeness of biodiversity: inclusion of more functional diversity
- 3) Coupling socio-economical and ecological models
- 4) Better understanding and evaluating uncertainty: inter-model & inter-dataset comparison (Harmbio)







# Thank you !

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