

# Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

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- Biodiversity change and loss
- Linking biodiversity to ecosystem services
- Trade-offs and synergies between ecosystem services

# Defining biodiversity

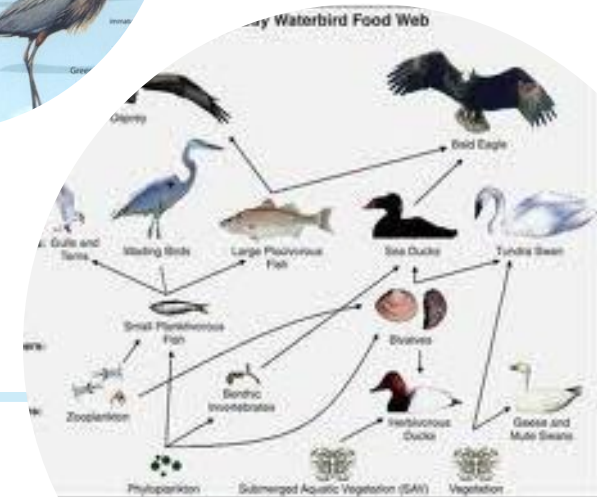
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*Populations*  
*Species*



The variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems (CDB, 1992; Article 2).



*Communities*  
*Ecosystems*



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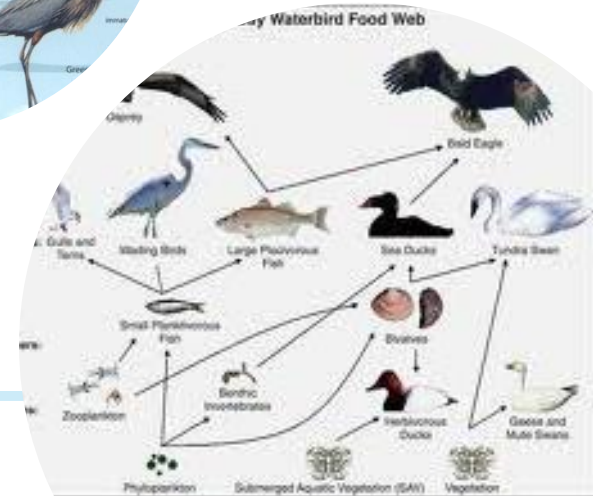


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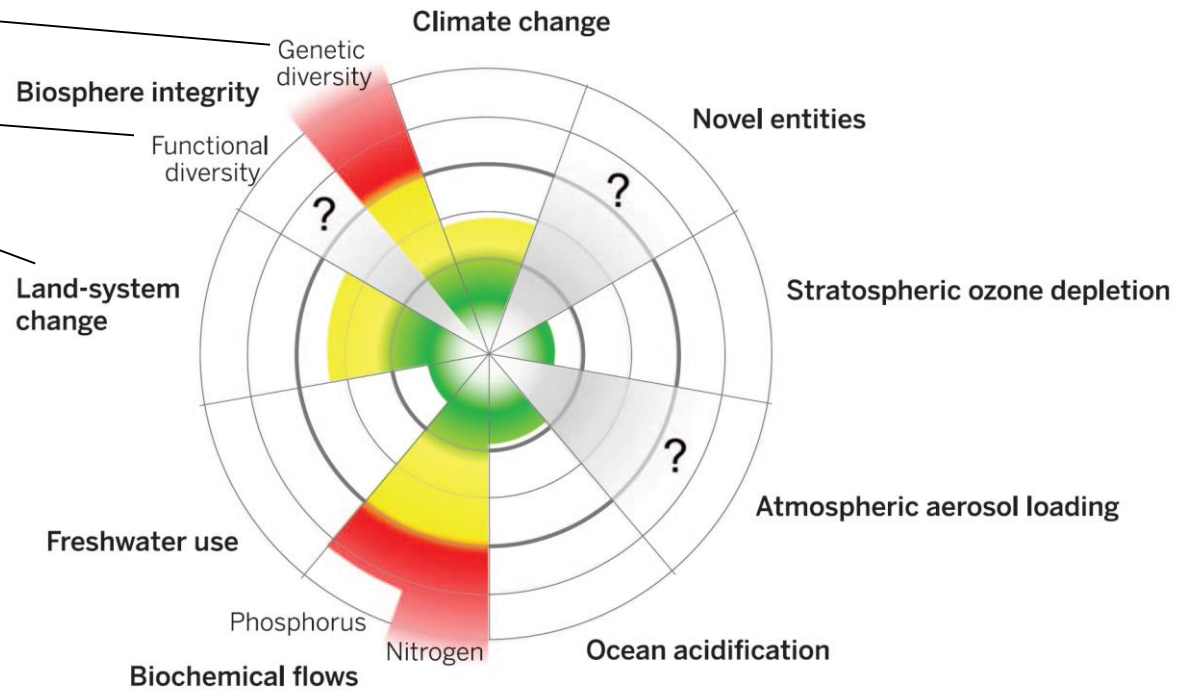
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Steffen et al. 2015  
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# Biodiversity change dimensions



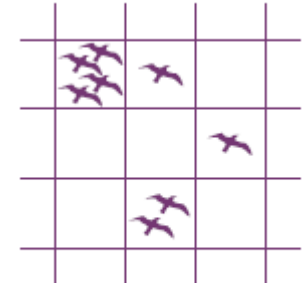
EXTINCTION RISK



ABUNDANCE



COMPOSITION



DISTRIBUTION

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## Levels of organization:

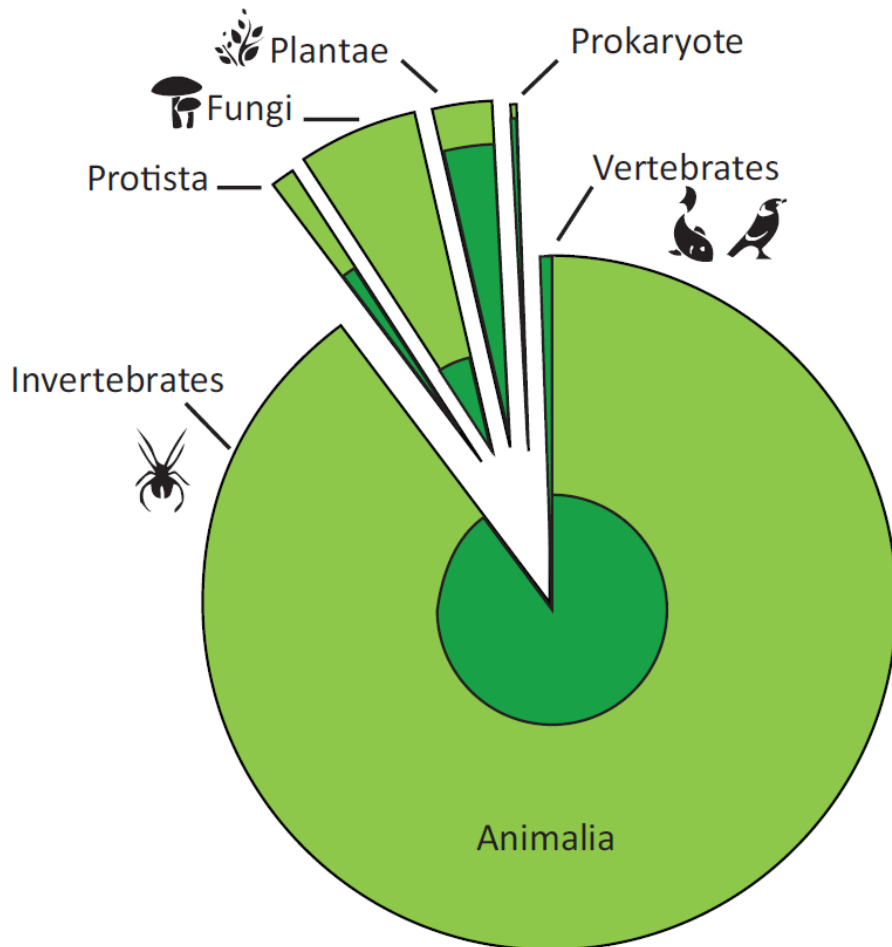
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# How many species exist on Earth?



- 7.4 a 10 million estimated species
- 1.7 million described species
- Some groups are barely known

Vertebrates 52.000 (95% described)

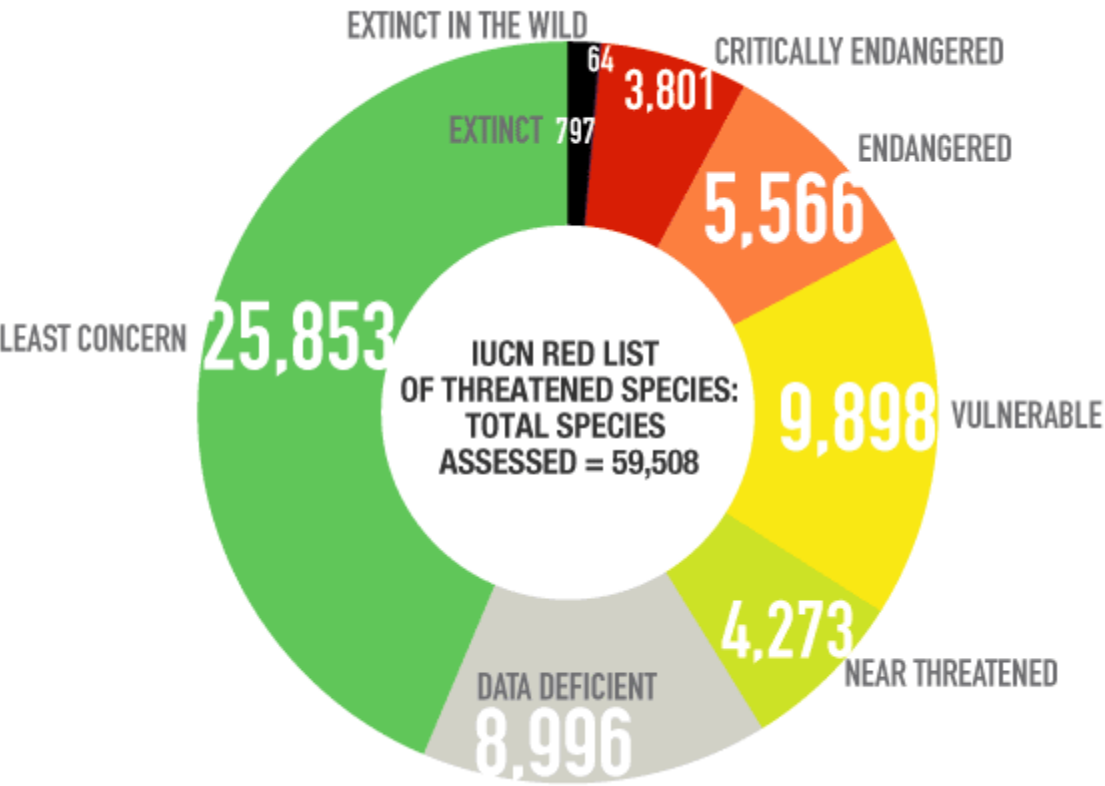
Plants 270.000 (84%)

Insects 950.000 (12%)

Fungi 72.000 (5%)

Bacteria 4.000 (0.4%)

# Extinction risk – Threatened Species

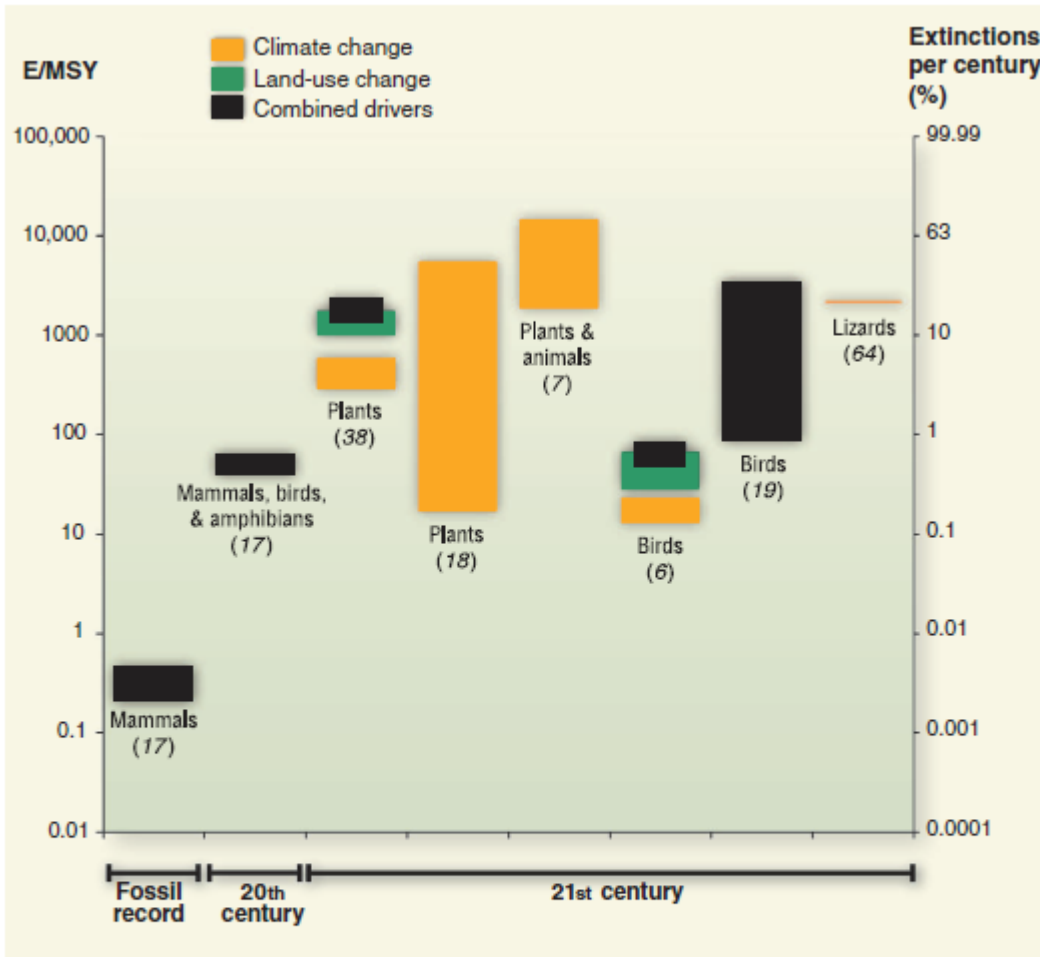


Red List Conservation Status (IUCN 2014)





# Background and modern extinction rates



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Fossil record:

0.1 – 1.8 E/MSY ( $\approx 1$  E/MSY)

E/MSY:

Extinctions per million species years

1E/MSY – background extinction rate

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1 species extinct

in a group of 1000 sp. in 1000 y

in a group of 10000 sp. in 100 y

# Background and modern extinction rates

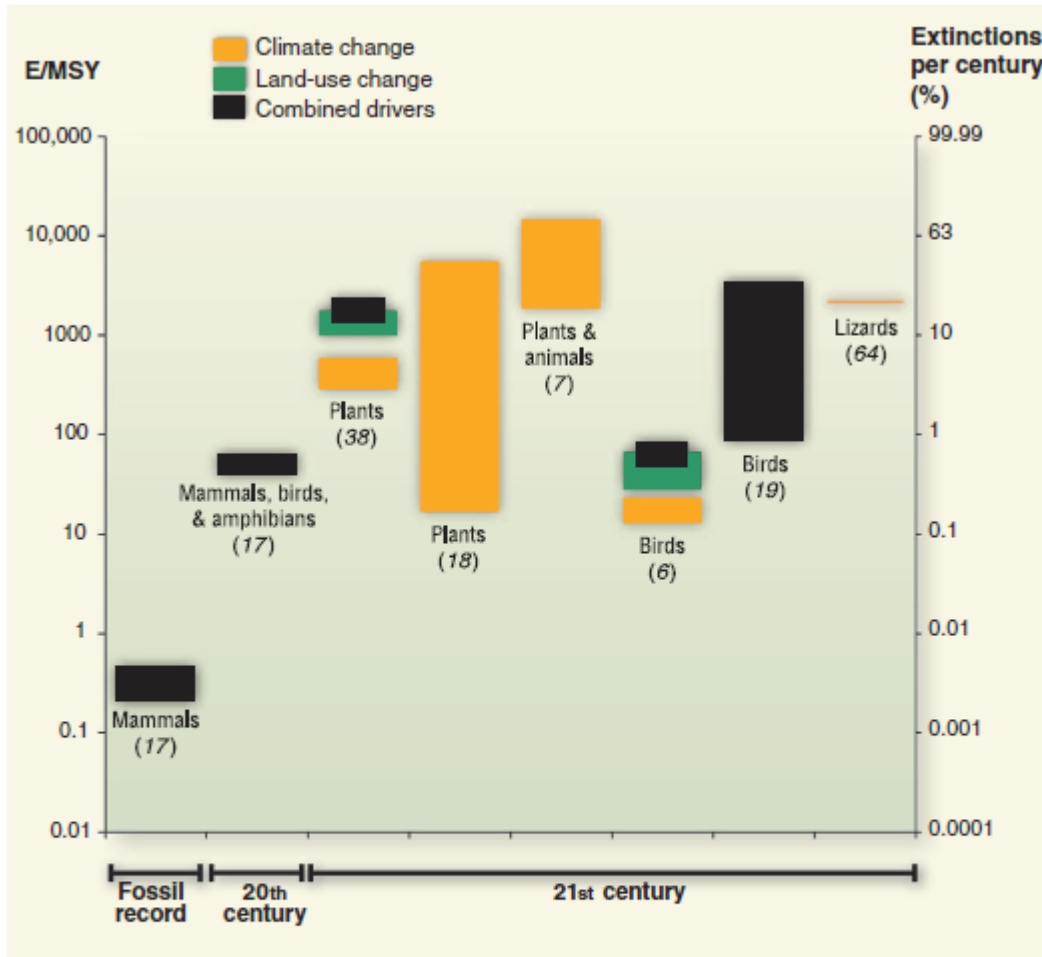


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Recent extinctions:

- 13 birds extinct, 1900 - 2014, 1230 evaluated species  
Extinction rate = 132 E/MSY
- 132 vertebrates extinct (w/o fishes) 1900 - 2014, 26 766 evaluated species  
Extinction rate = 49 E/MSY



49 E/MSY  $\ll$  1.8 E/MSY

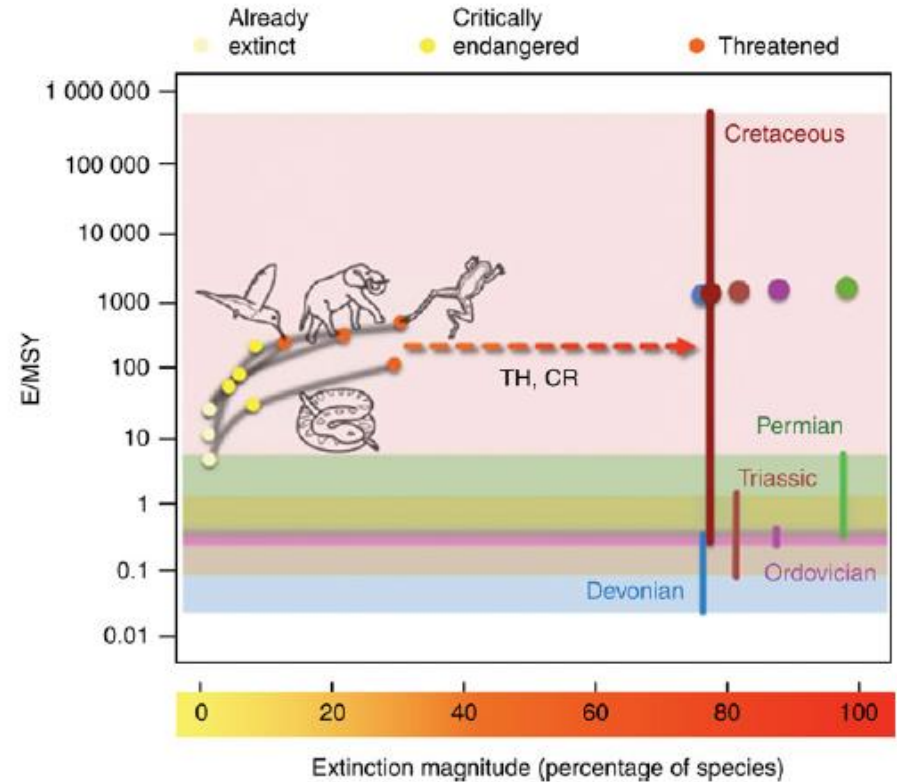
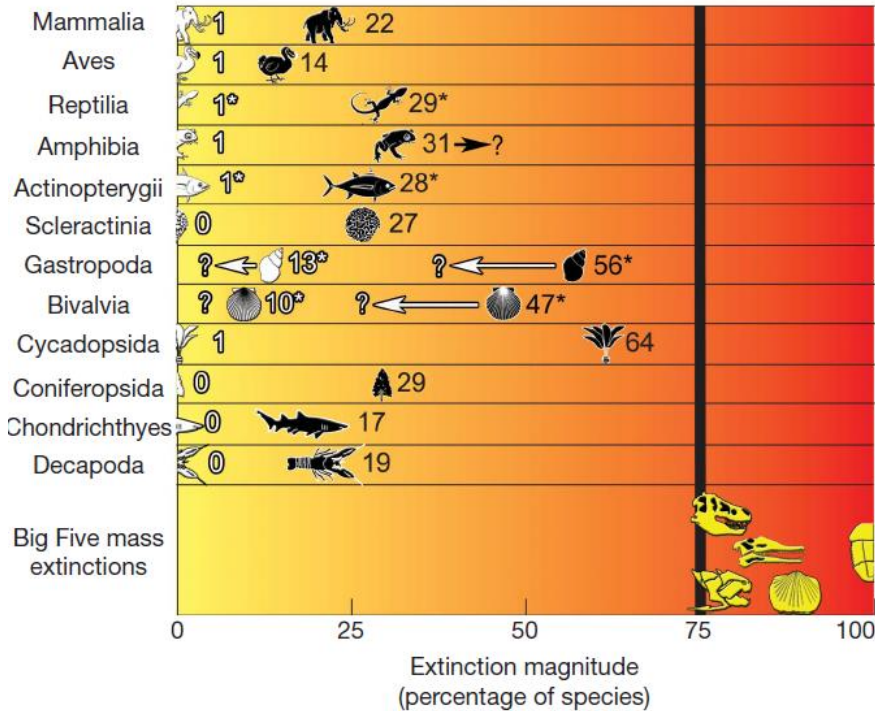
At a rate of 1.8 E/MSY, it would take 2000 years instead of 100 for these 132 species to get extinct!

# Current extinction rates: sixth mass extinction?



## Extinctions (%) in the past 500 years

White icons indicate % species 'extinct' and 'extinct in the wild'  
 Black icons also include currently 'threatened' species

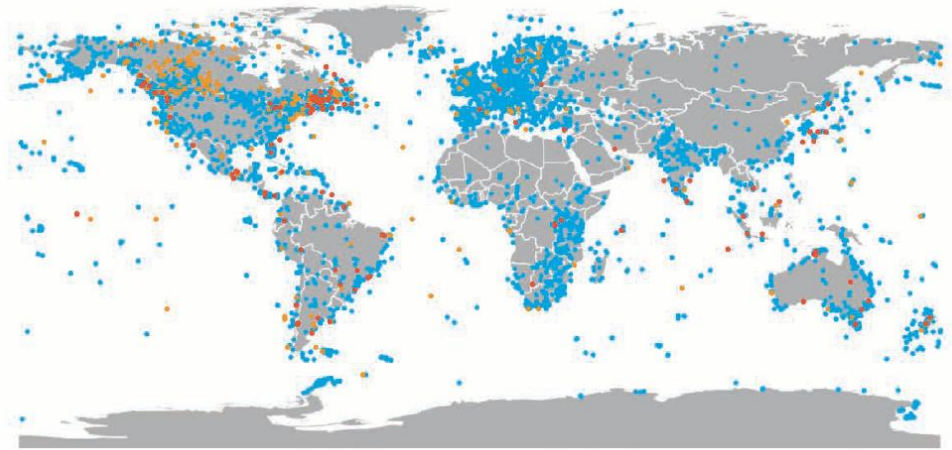


How much time to reach the a magnitude of 75% of species loss?

Extinction rate assuming the loss of threatened species in the next 100 y: 2 to 5 centuries

Extinction rate assuming the loss of critically endangered species (100y): 1 to 2 millenia

# Changes in species populations size



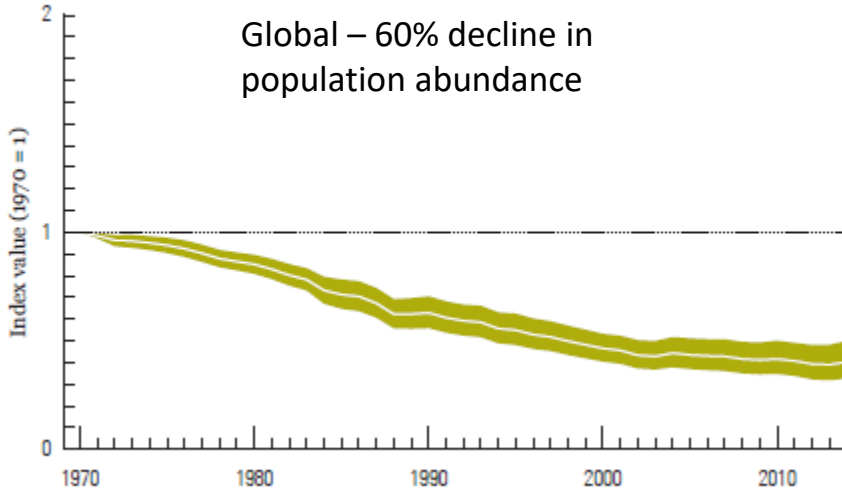
## Living Planet Index:

- Monitors the abundance of species populations
- Data from > 16.000 populations, 4000 species
- One of the best established indicators of the state of global biodiversity

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WWF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufiiFGdAl5E>

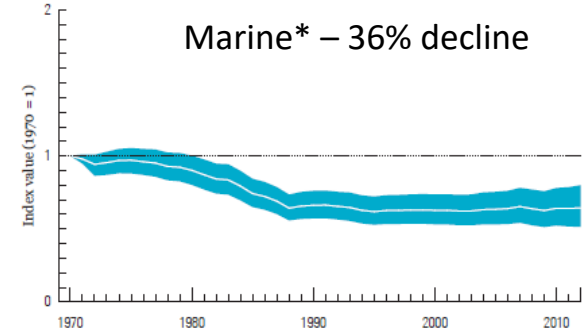
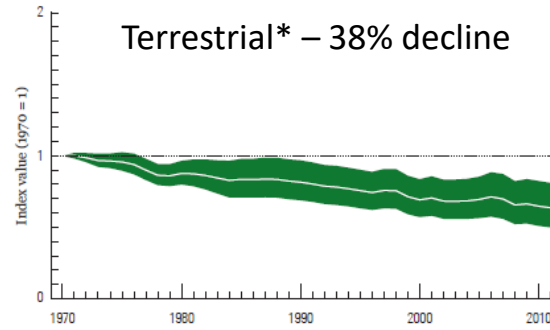
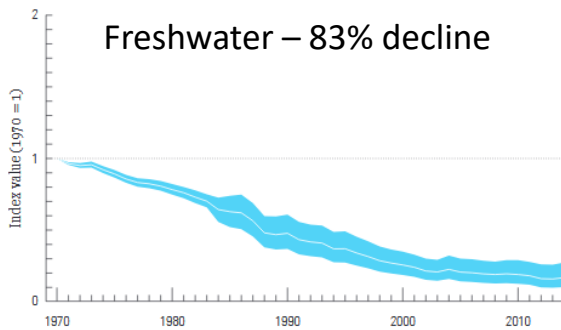
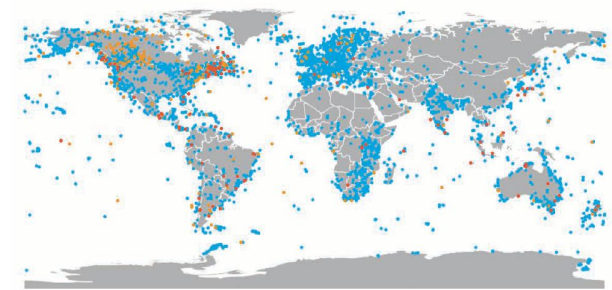
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**Figure 7: The Global Living Planet Index, 1970 to 2014**  
Average abundance of 16,704 populations representing 4,005 species monitored across the globe declined by 60%. The white line shows the index values and the shaded areas represent the statistical certainty surrounding the trend (range: -50% to -67%)<sup>34</sup>.

Key

Global Living Planet Index



Living Planet Report 2018 / \*2016

## Sea horses at Ria Formosa, Algarve

De 2015 até hoje, o impacte brutal causado pela pesca ilegal desencadeia um declínio abrupto das populações. De acordo com Jorge Palma, censos mais recentes revelaram que a ria alojava cerca de cem mil indivíduos. Parece um número razoável, mas são os últimos resistentes de uma população que, em 2001, era composta por cerca de dois milhões de indivíduos. “Nessa altura, durante um mergulho na ria, era possível encontrar vinte cavalos-marinhos; agora, se encontrarmos 3 ou 4, será um dia proveitoso”, refere o biólogo.

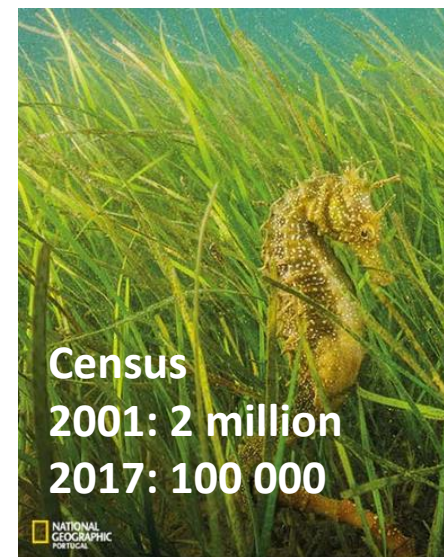
Nem a rápida integração da espécie na Lista Vermelha da União Internacional para a Conservação da Natureza, em 2016, tem travado o declínio.

Ao longo dos últimos anos, a pressão humana sobre este ecossistema tem sido brutal e o habitat essencial destes seres vivos, constituído maioritariamente por pradarias de ervas marinhas, está a desaparecer a um ritmo alucinante. A pesca ilegal através de arrasto de vara (destinada ao caboz, choco e linguado) e o fundeamento excessivo de embarcações agravam o cenário. Estudos recentes demonstraram que a poluição sonora tem igualmente efeitos prejudiciais sobre estas espécies.

No Sudeste Asiático, um cavalo-marinho seco (a forma em que é comercializado) chega a valer mais do que vários quilogramas de peixe. Em 2016, foram apreendidos em Espanha cerca de dois mil cavalos-marinhos, pesando em conjunto sete quilogramas.

Provenientes da ria Formosa, estes animais destinavam-se ao mercado chinês e iriam render aos traficantes, segundo as estimativas das autoridades, cerca de dez mil euros.

<https://nationalgeographic.sapo.pt/natureza/actualidade/1684-cavalos-marinhos-na-ria-formosa>



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### Cavalos-marinhos vão ter dois refúgios na Ria Formosa

27.10.2019 às 22h30

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## Mutilated dolphins wash up on French coast in record numbers

Activists say 1,100 dolphins found since January - but real figure may be 10 times higher



▲ A dead dolphin lies on a beach near Lacrau, south-west France. Photograph: Nicolas Tucat/AFP/Getty Images

A record number of dolphins have washed up on France's Atlantic coast in the last three months, many with devastating injuries.

Environmental campaigners say 1,100 mutilated dolphins have been found since January, but the real figure could be 10 times higher as many bodies sink without trace. Activists warn the marine slaughter could threaten the extinction of the European dolphin population in the region.

The cause of the deaths is not known but it is thought fishing trawlers catching sea bass off the Atlantic coast may be responsible. Autopsies suggest the dolphins sustain catastrophic injuries attempting to escape nets or when trawler crew attempt to cut them free after they are caught.

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## Como milhares de aves estão a morrer no Alentejo

24.02.2019 às 11:45



Pássaros são sugados por máquinas durante a apanha noturna de azeitona. Quase cem mil podem estar em risco. Em Espanha já morreram mais de 2,5 milhões de aves



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25-10-2019 | agroportal.pt

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[Fonte: Vida Rural ] A Associação de Olivicultores do Sul (Olivum) recomendou a suspensão voluntária da colheita mecanizada noturna de azeitona a todos os seus associados. Em comunicado, a associação diz que "tem-se mostrado sempre disponível para colaborar com as entidades públicas e privadas de forma a evitar a perturbação dos ecossistemas associados ao olival, bem como para sensibilizar os seus associados para as melhores práticas ambientais de colheita da azeitona".

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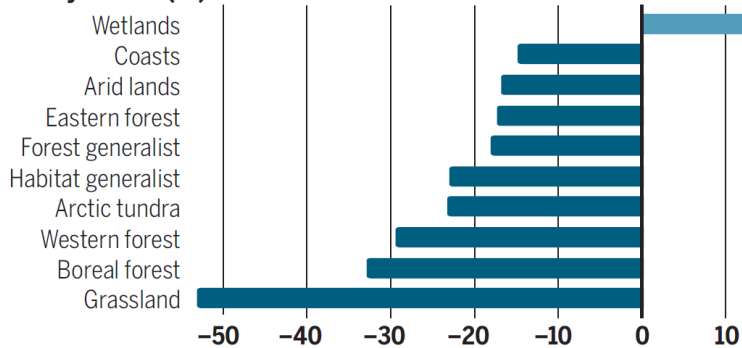
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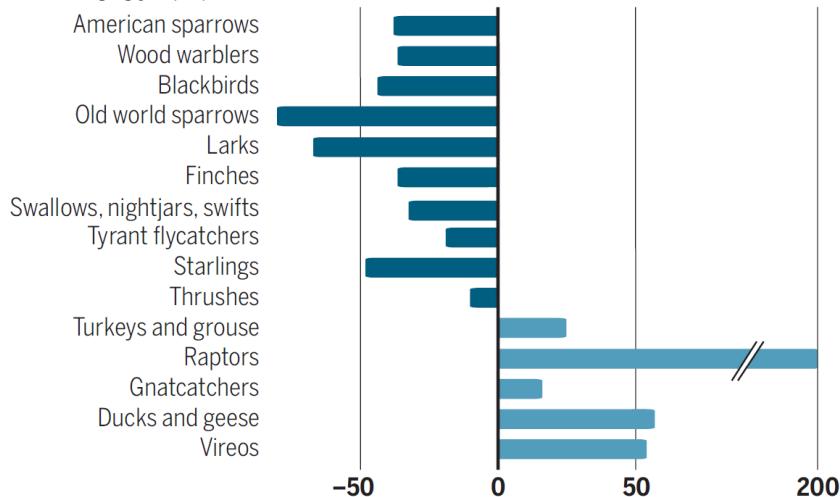
## Tallying the losses

Annual surveys show that since 1970, North American birds have dwindled in all habitats except wetlands (top). Whereas most groups have declined (bottom), ducks and geese have flourished, as have raptors since the 1972 ban on DDT.

### Bird decline by habitat (%)



### Decline by type (%)

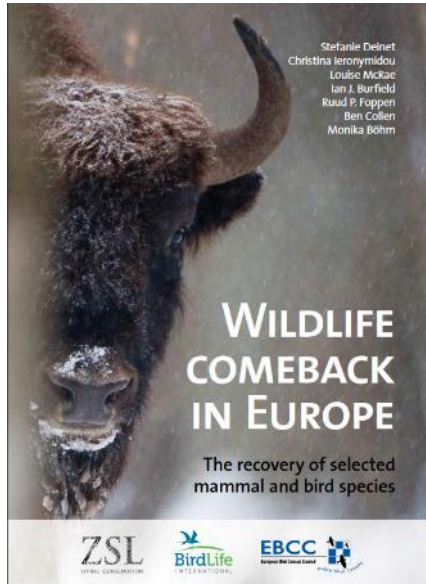


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*Some of the causes may be subtle. (...) pesticides made migrating sparrows lose weight and delay their migration, which hurts their chances of surviving and reproducing. Climate change, habitat loss, shifts in food webs, and even cats may all be adding to the problem, and not just for birds.*

*The recovery of eagles and other raptors after the U.S. ban on the insecticide DDT in 1972 shows that when the cause of a decline is removed, "the birds come back like gangbusters."*

# Changes in population size - population recovery

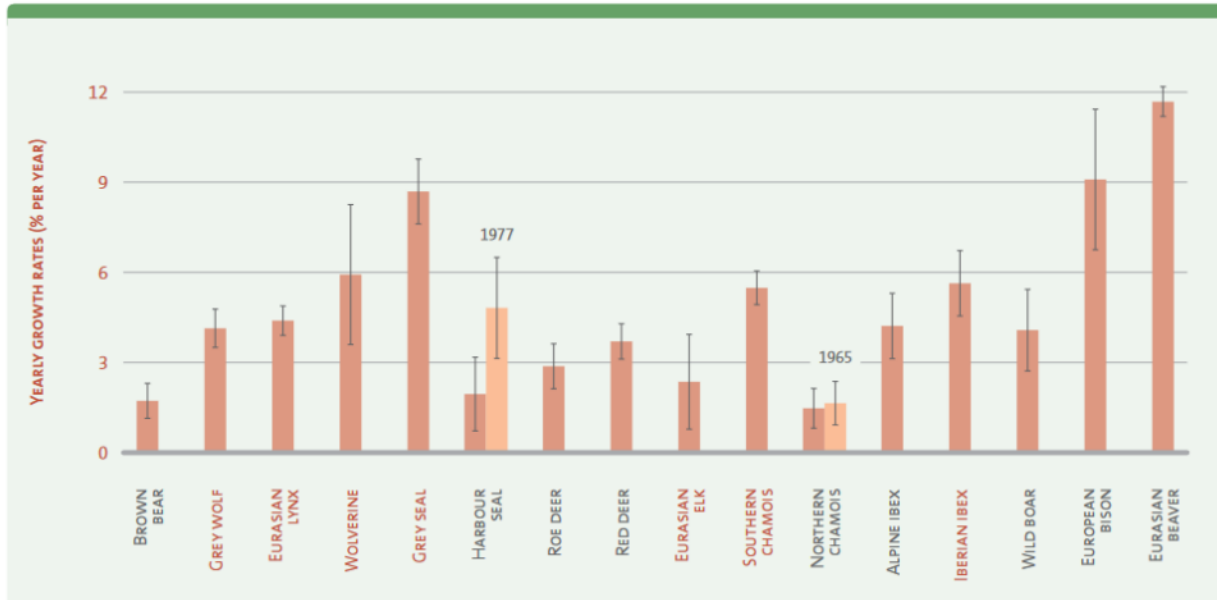


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|------|--|---|
| 1    | Species management – Conservation breeding, reintroductions and translocations | First reintroduction in 1952 in the Białowieża forest, leading to successful reproduction in 1957 [3]. Changes in population size are recorded in detail in the annually updated European Bison Pedigree Book (EBPB) [3]. |

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| 1    | Species management – Reintroductions and translocations | Translocations played a role both in the recovery of range and numbers initially, particularly during the 1980s and 1990s, with the exception of Maestrazgo, where ibex were established in 1966 [17].<br><br>Reintroductions have taken place into a number of sites in Spain and northern Portugal [24].   |
| 2    | Legislation   | The Iberian ibex is protected under the Bern Convention (Appendix III) [22] and the EU Habitats and Species Directive (Annex V) [23].<br><br>Several parks and refuges have been set up for the protection of the species, e.g. the Sierra de Gredos National Refuge in 1905 [10, 18] to preserve the remaining individuals of <i>C. p. victoriae</i> [7]. |
| 3    | Land/water protection & management – Land use change    | New habitat becoming available as a result of rural abandonment has had positive effects on distribution and abundance [7].  |
| 4    | Species management – Reduction of threats               | Recovery from past mange outbreaks was attributed not only to game management translocations but also decreased hunting pressure [33].   |

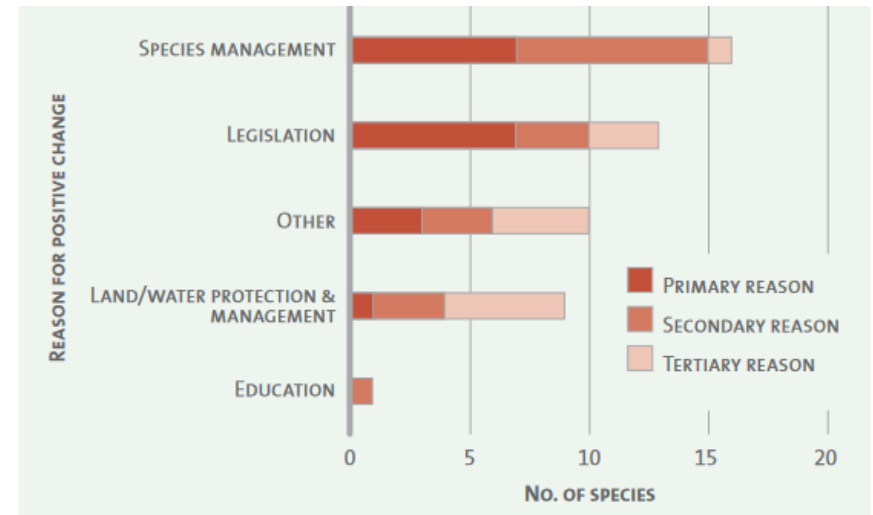


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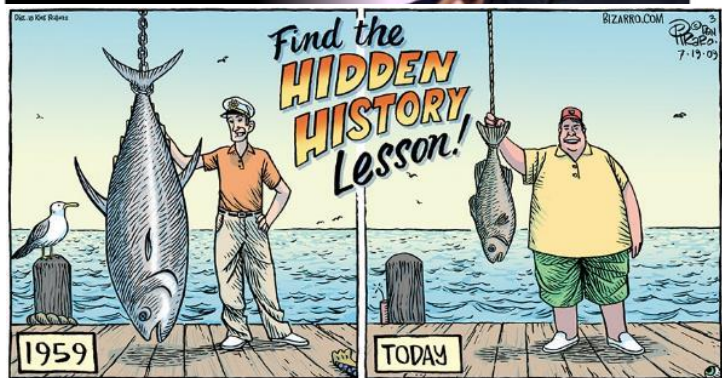
Average annual growth rates for mammal species which show resurgence in Europe. Annual growth rates were for the period of 1961 to 2005 in most cases

Reasons for resurgence for the 18 mammal species in this study.

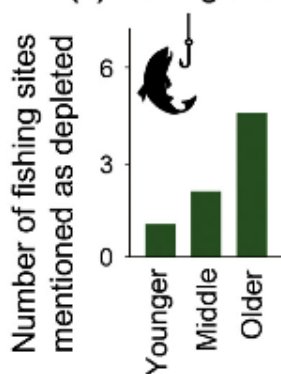


# Temporal change – Shifting baseline

Daniel Pauly's Ted Talk: "The Oceans Shifting Baseline." Check it out: [bit.ly/1U6f0n](https://bit.ly/1U6f0n) #Oceans

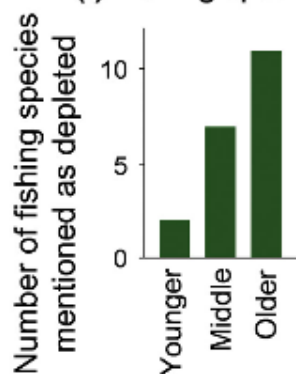


(e) Fishing sites



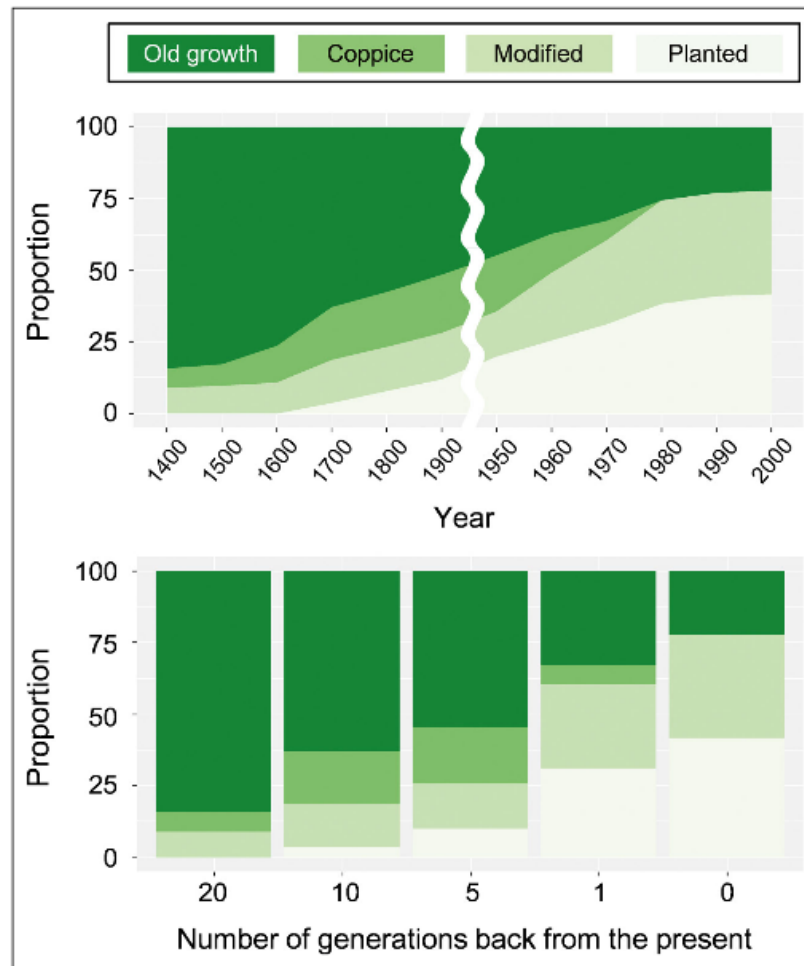
Age category

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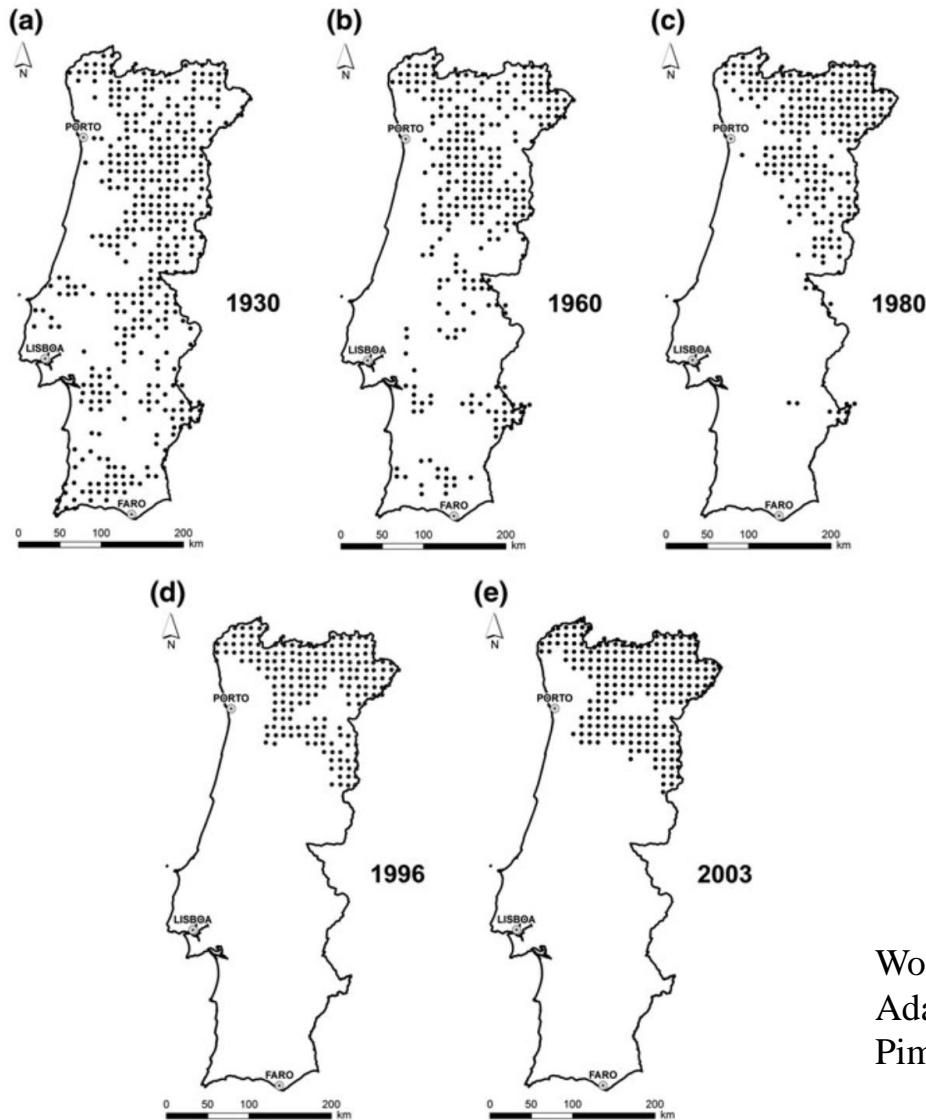


Age category

Six hundred years of change in the forest environment of Japan



# Temporal change – Shifting baseline



Wolf distribution in Portugal over the last century. Adapted from Petrucci-Fonseca (1990) and Pimenta et al. (2005)

# Temporal change – Shifting baseline

Italian Alps, Cortina d' Ampezo

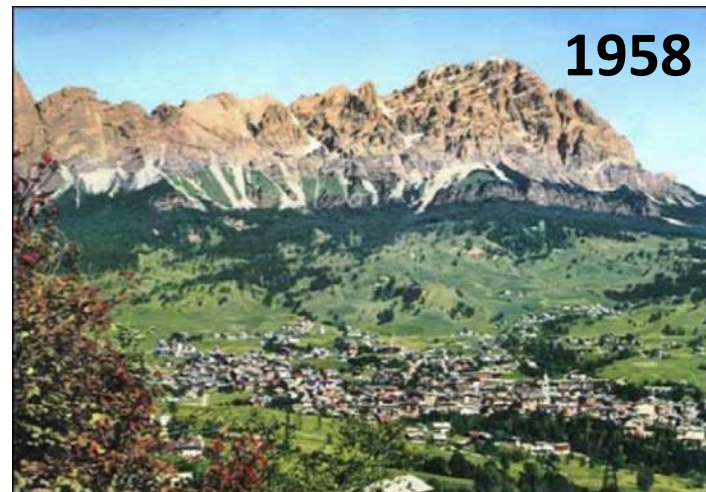


Table 2. In six European nations, approximate years of transition from shrinking to expanding forest areas, the minimum areas at transition, and the forest areas in 2005 (5–7)

|                 | Approximate year of transition | Forest extent at time of transition, % of national area | Forest extent, 2005, % of national area |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Denmark         | 1810s                          | 4   | 11                                      |
| France          | 1830s                          | 14  | 28                                      |
| Portugal        | Pre-1870s                      | 7   | 40                                      |
| Switzerland     | 1860s                          | 18  | 30                                      |
| Scotland        | 1920s                          | 5   | 17                                      |
| European Russia | 1930s                          | 28  | 39                                      |

# Linking biodiversity change to ecosystem services



Species x: Change in abundance → Local extinction → Global extinction  
Species y: Change in abundance → Local extinction  
Species z: Change in abundance  
Species w: Change in abundance → Local invasion/ introduction  
(...)  
Species n (...)

Change in species relative abundance or distribution (presence)



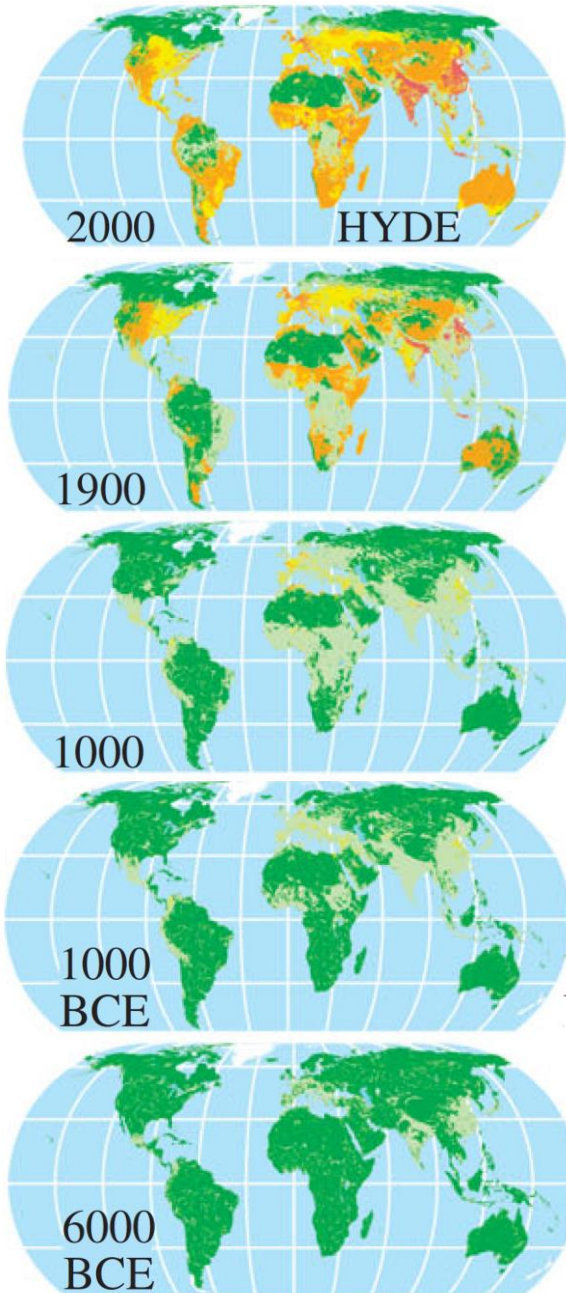
Change in community composition and structure



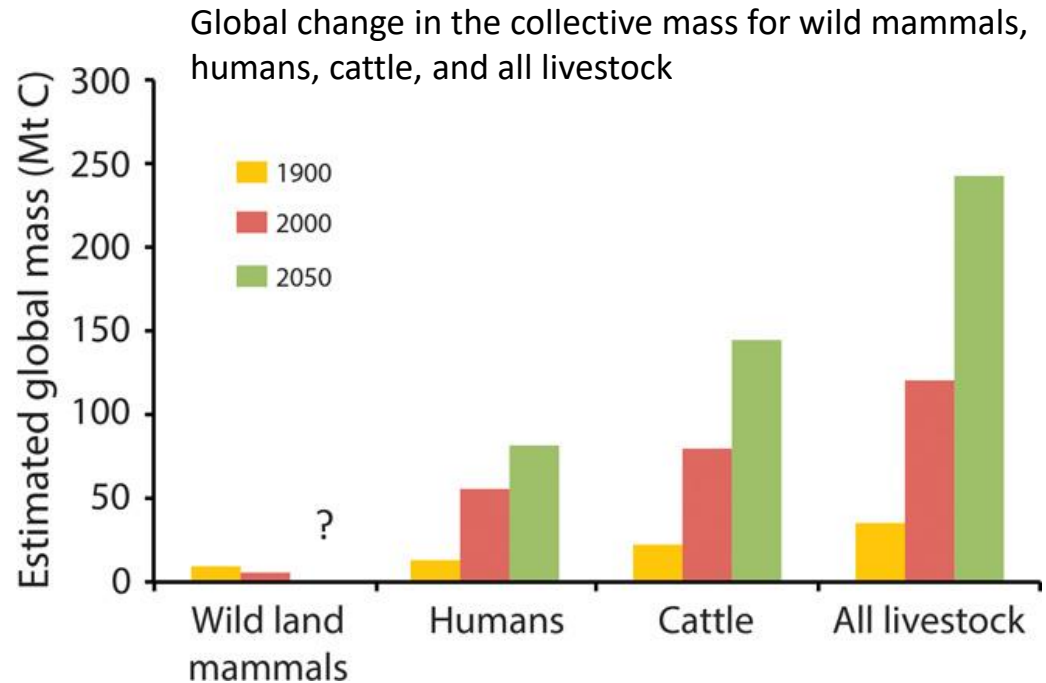
Effects on ecosystem functioning -> ecosystem services



# Human-modified ecosystems

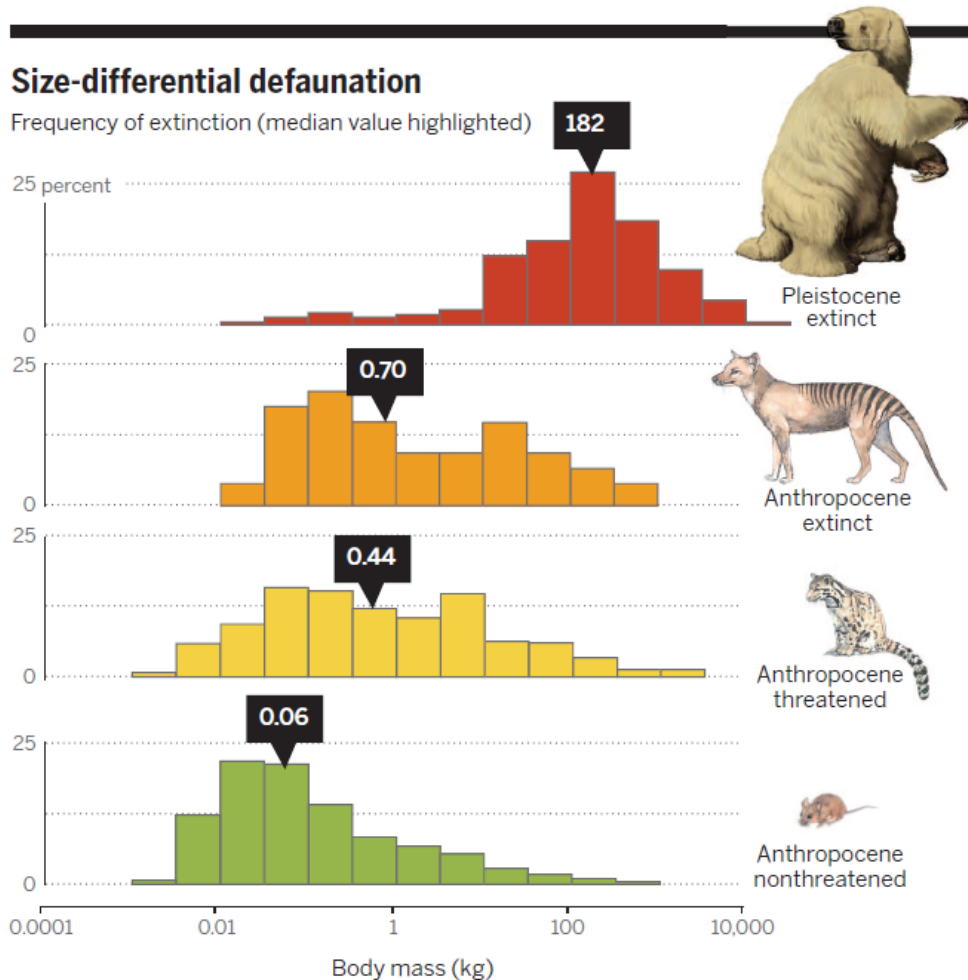


- densely settled
- croplands
- rangelands
- seminatural
- wildlands





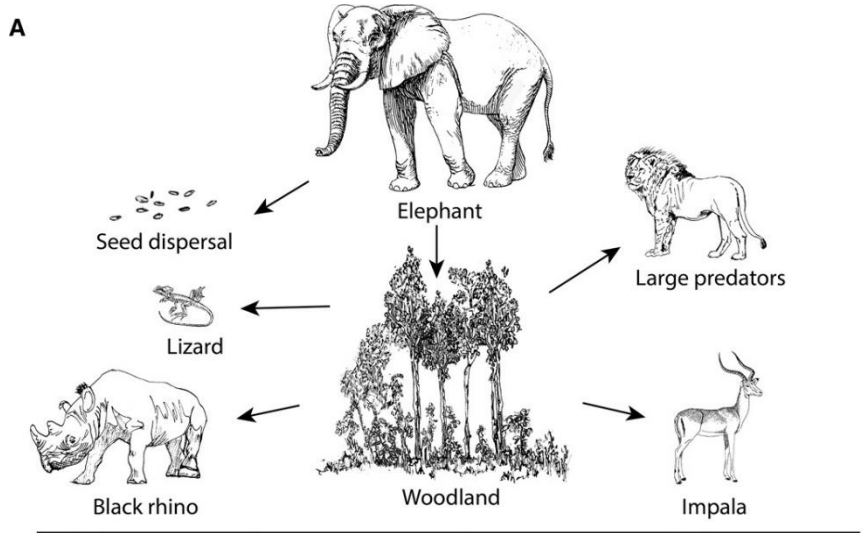
# Large species are among the most threatened



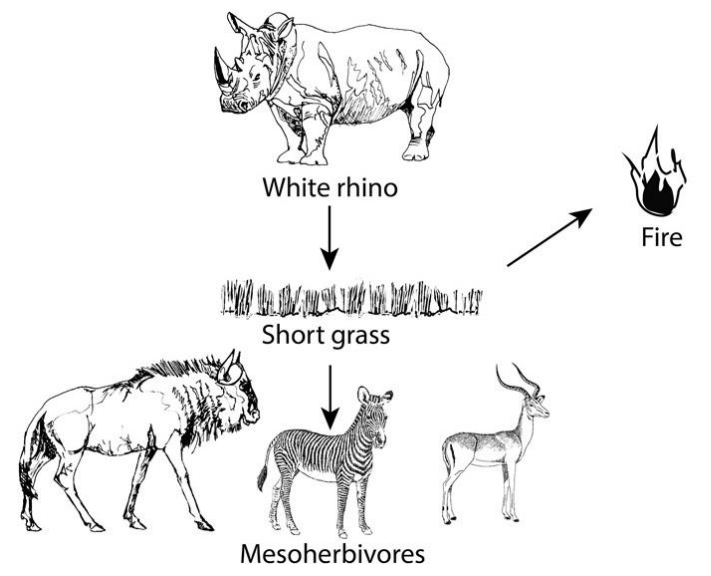
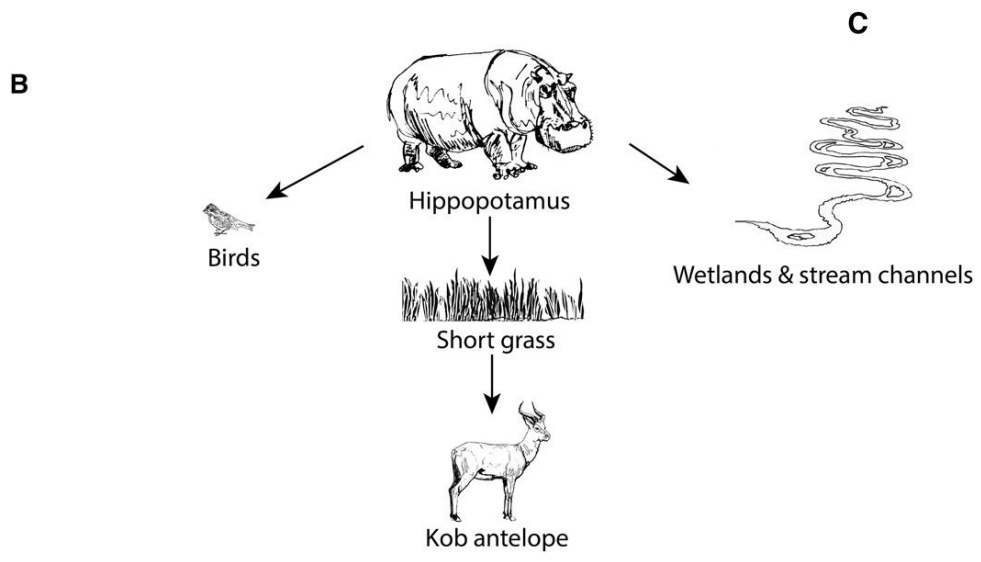
60% of the largest terrestrial herbivores and 61% of largest carnivores are listed as threatened; 77% of large carnivores undergoing population declines

**Fig. 3. Extinction and endangerment vary with body size.** Comparing data on body size of all animals that are known to have gone extinct in Pleistocene or are recently extinct (<5000 years B.P.) shows selective impact on animals with larger body sizes (median values denoted with black arrow). Differences in body masses between distributions of currently threatened and nonthreatened species suggest ongoing patterns of size-differential defaunation (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test,  $K = 1.3$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ) (19).

# Large herbivores as ecosystem engineers



Conceptual diagrams showing the effects of elephants, hippopotamus, and rhinoceros on ecosystems.



# Large herbivores as ecosystem engineers



<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/11/25/world/bison-saving-prairie-intl-c2e/index.html>

## Why bringing back bison could help restore America's lost prairie

by Mark Tutton, CNN

🕒 Updated 0958 GMT (1758 HKT) November 26, 2019



Bison at Nachusa Grasslands, an area of restored prairie in Illinois.

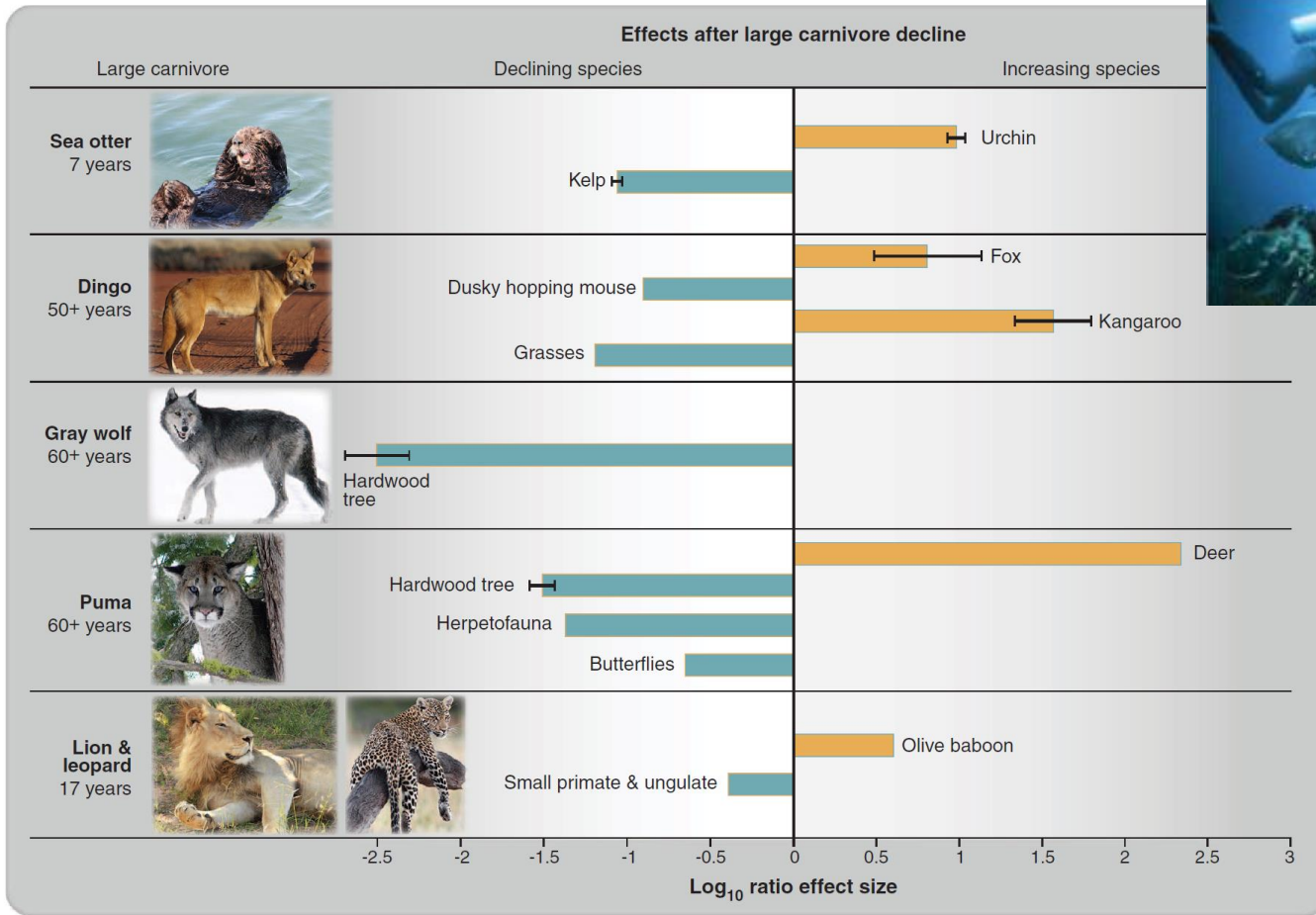


Maronesa cattle at Serra do Alvão

Cattle at Quinta da França (Covilhã) forest test site  
- Using cattle to regulate forest biomass



# Large carnivores also affect ecosystems

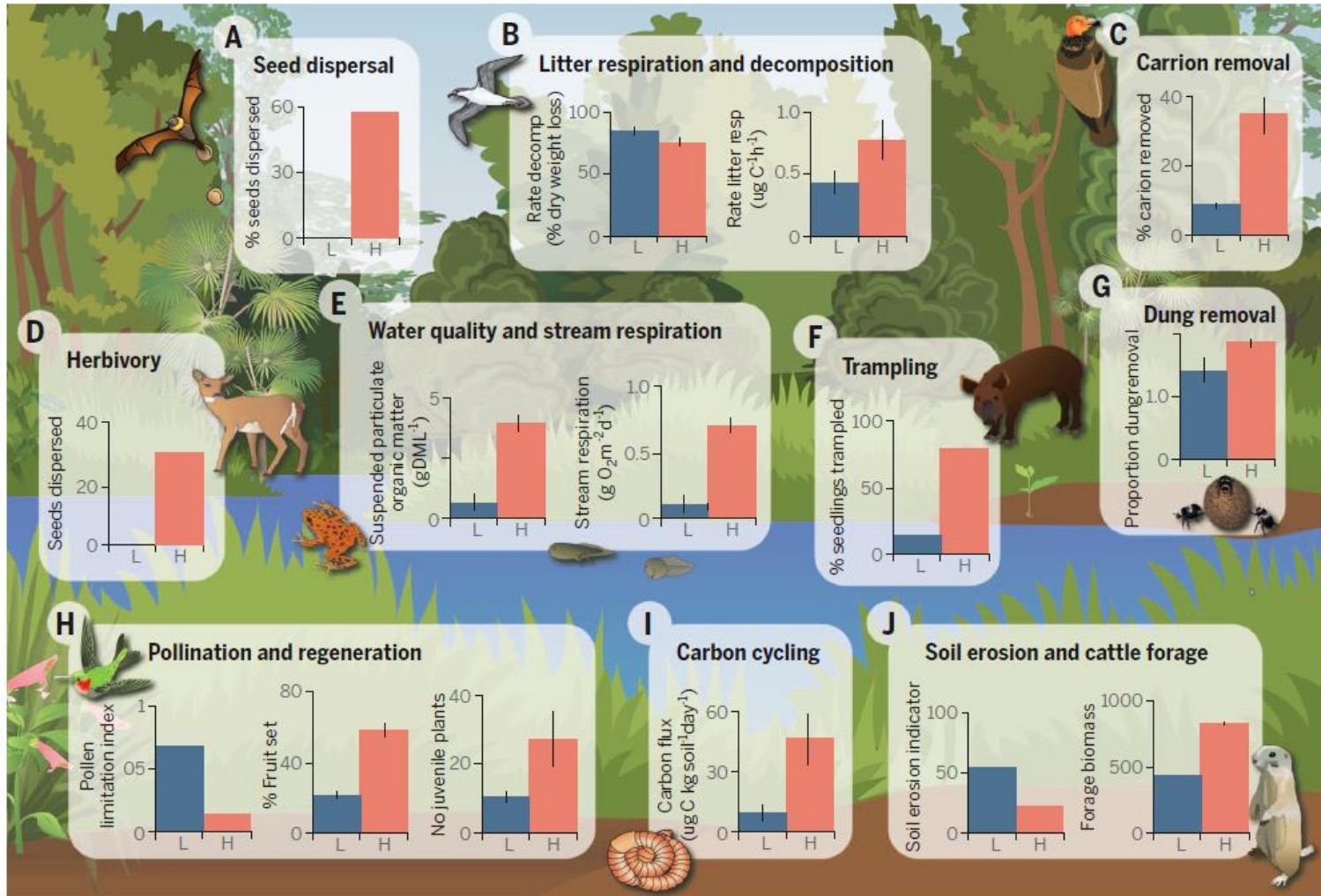


The restoration of sea otter populations can allow kelp ecosystems to flourish at levels that can, in the N. American range, lead to a 4.4- to 8.7-teragram increase in stored carbon valued at \$205million to \$408million (in U.S. dollars) on the European Carbon Exchange

**Fig. 2. Examples of effect sizes, shown as log<sub>10</sub> ratios, after the removal of large-carnivore species.** Sea otters (29, 92), dingoes-foxes and dingoes-kangaroo (21, 93), dingoes-mice (*Notonmys fuscus*) (93), dingoes-grasses (20), gray wolves-hardwood trees (94, 95), pumas-hardwood trees (38, 39), pumas-deer-herpetofauna-butterflies (38), and lions and leopards (18). The number of years refers to the time since large-carnivore extirpation. The log<sub>10</sub> ratios were calculated by dividing the values of each response variable without predator by those with predator and then taking the log<sub>10</sub> of

that ratio. Positive log ratios<sub>10</sub> indicate a positive effect, and negative log<sub>10</sub> ratios indicate a negative effect of removing large carnivores. For studies using time-series data, we used the final sampling date in our analysis. The orange bars indicate direct effects and the blue bars indicate indirect effects. Error bars represent standard errors and were only available in some cases. [Photo credits: sea otter (N. Smith), dingo (A. McNab), gray wolf (Yellowstone National Park), puma (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife), lion (K. Abley), leopard (A. Dey)]

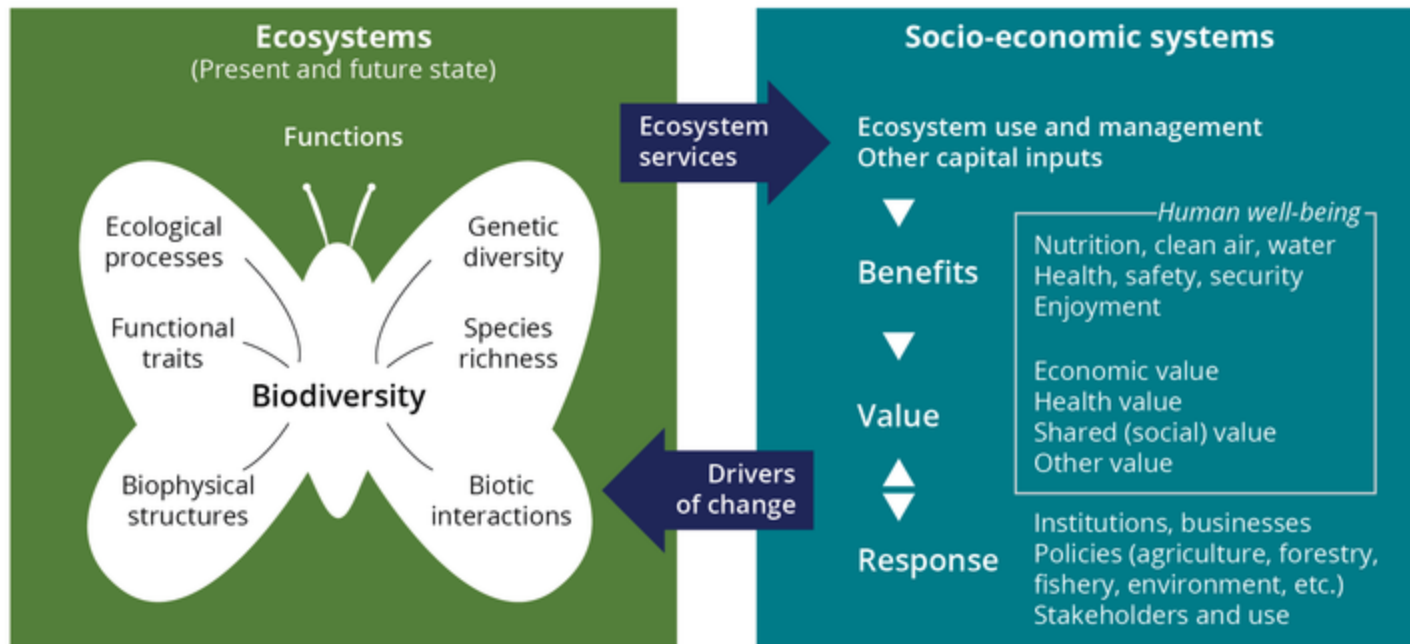
# Smaller species also matter...



**Fig. 5. Consequences of defaunation on ecosystem functioning and services.** Changes in animal abundance from low (blue, L) to high (red, H) within a region have been shown to affect a wide range of ecological processes and services (19), including (A) seed dispersal (flying foxes), (B) litter respiration and decomposition (seabirds), (C) carrion removal (vultures), (D) herbivory (large mammals), (E) water quality and stream restoration (amphibians), (F) trampling of seedlings (mammals), (G) dung removal (dung beetles), (H) pollination and plant recruitment (birds), (I) carbon cycling (nematodes), and (J) soil erosion and cattle fodder (prairie dogs).

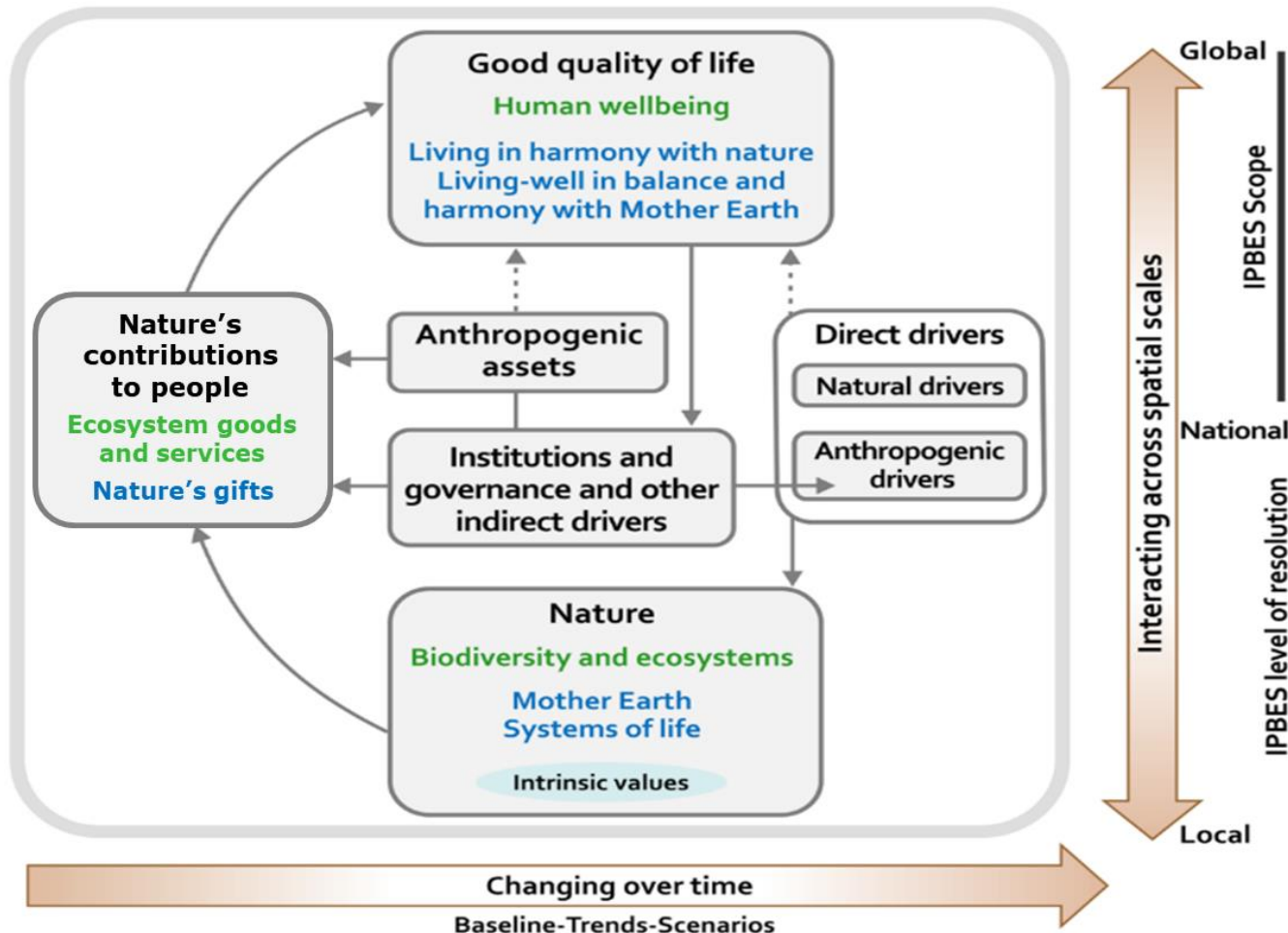
# Ecosystem services

...the benefits that people obtain from ecosystems - Millennium Ecosystem Assessment 2005



# Ecosystem services – IPBES Conceptual Framework

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (*IPBES*)



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# Main drivers of biodiversity change

## HABITAT LOSS AND DEGRADATION



This refers to the modification of the environment where a species lives, by complete removal, fragmentation or reduction in quality of key habitat. Common causes are unsustainable agriculture, logging, transportation, residential or commercial development, energy production and mining. For freshwater habitats, fragmentation of rivers and streams and abstraction of water are common threats.

## SPECIES OVEREXPLOITATION



There are both direct and indirect forms of overexploitation. Direct overexploitation refers to unsustainable hunting and poaching or harvesting, whether for subsistence or for trade. Indirect overexploitation occurs when non-target species are killed unintentionally, for example as bycatch in fisheries.

## POLLUTION



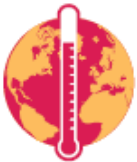
Pollution can directly affect a species by making the environment unsuitable for its survival (this is what happens, for example, in the case of an oil spill). It can also affect a species indirectly, by affecting food availability or reproductive performance, thus reducing population numbers over time.

## INVASIVE SPECIES AND DISEASE



Invasive species can compete with native species for space, food and other resources, can turn out to be a predator for native species, or spread diseases that were not previously present in the environment. Humans also transport new diseases from one area of the globe to another.

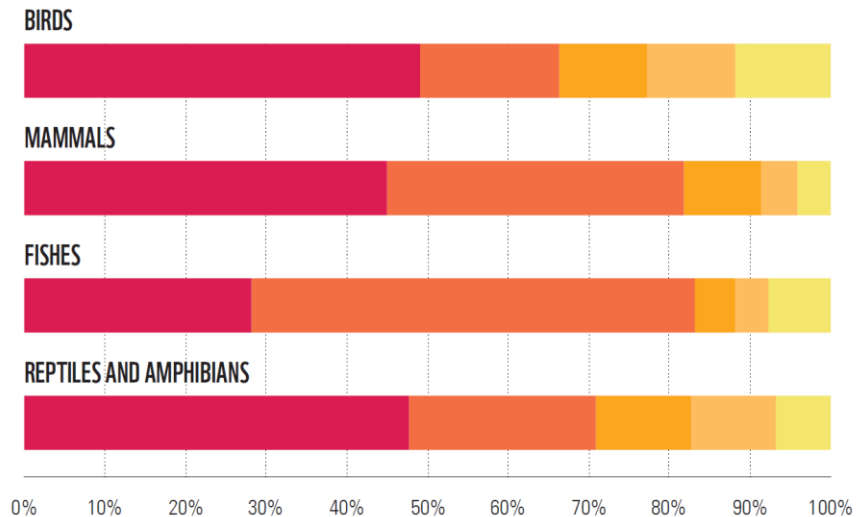
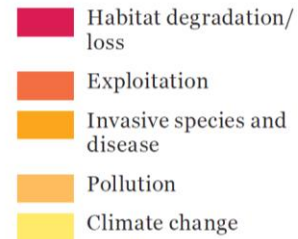
## CLIMATE CHANGE



As temperatures change, some species will need to adapt by shifting their range to track suitable climate. The effects of climate change on species are often indirect. Changes in temperature can confound the signals that trigger seasonal events such as migration and reproduction, causing these events to happen at the wrong time (for example misaligning reproduction and the period of greater food availability in a specific habitat).

**Figure 15: Relative frequency of major threats by taxonomic group**

Threat data is available for 3,789 populations in the global LPI database. Each of these populations could be associated with up to three different threats. There were 6,053 threats recorded in all<sup>98</sup>.





# Ecosystem services – Provisioning services

*Material and energetic outputs from ecosystems that contribute to human well-being*

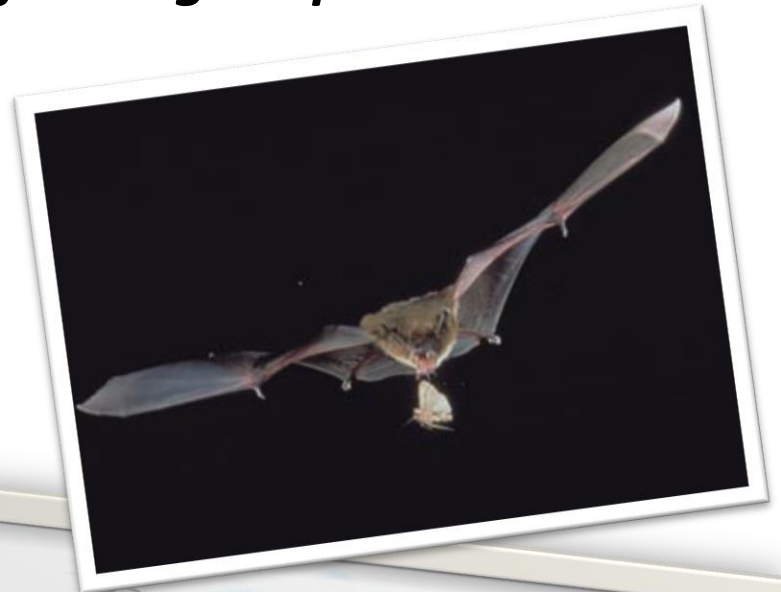
- Food
- Water
- Fibres
- Organic fertilizers
- Wood fuel
- Medicinal resources
- Ornamental resources
- ...



# Ecosystem services – Regulating services

## *Benefits associated to the regulation of ecological processes*

- Water/air purification
- Climate regulation
- Water flow regulation
- Pest and disease control
- Soil fertility and structure
- Erosion control
- Coastal protection
- Pollination, seed dispersal
- Habitat for wildlife
- ...



# Ecosystem services – Cultural services

*Non-material benefits that affect physical and mental states*

- Recreation areas
- Areas of great natural beauty
- Charismatic species
- Sense of well-being, sense of place
- Information and knowledge
- Spiritual and cultural values
- Inspiration for technology and design ...



# Biodiversity underpins ecosystem services

Biodiversity has an essential role in the structure and functioning of ecosystems

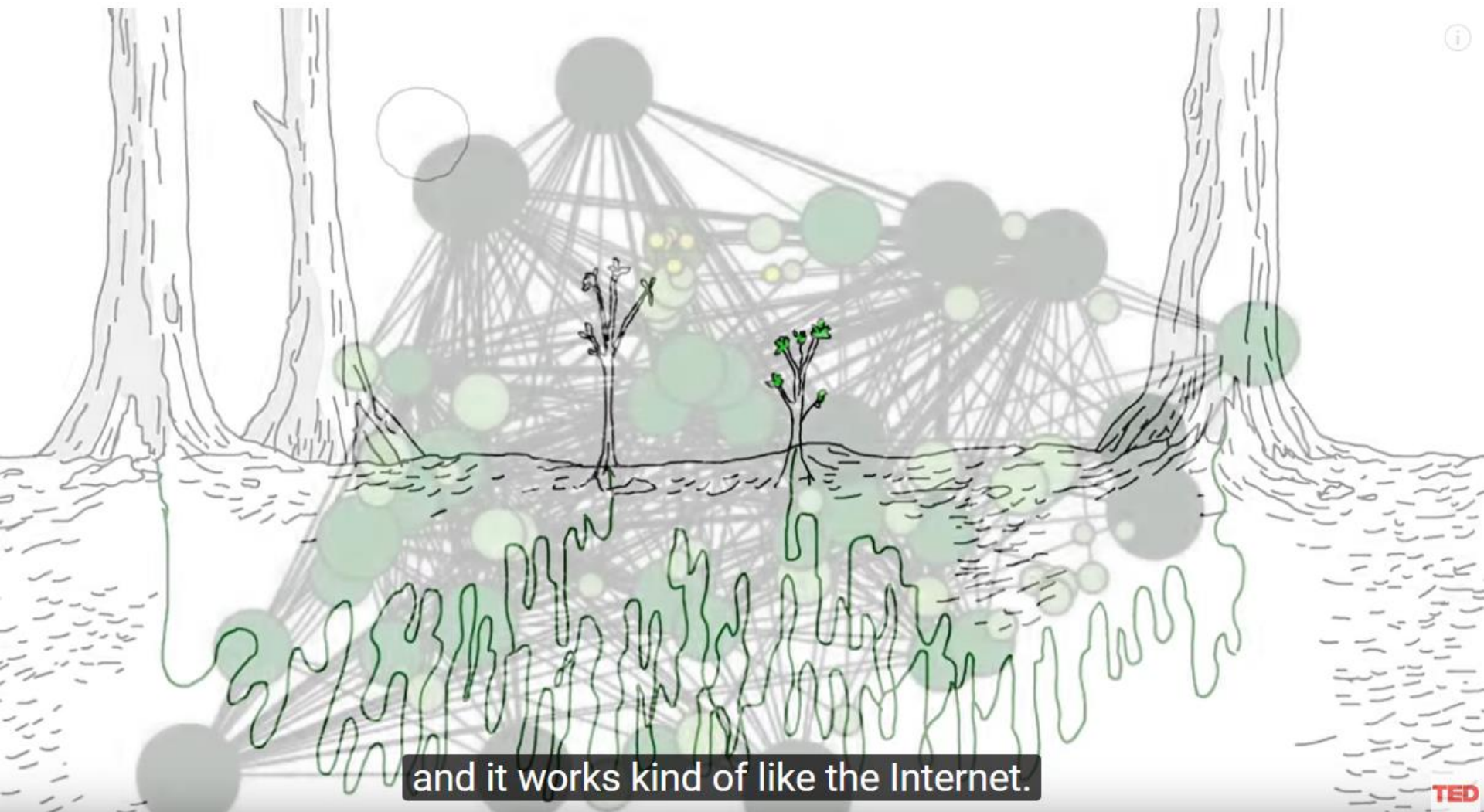


# Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services



Suzanne Simard: How trees talk to each other

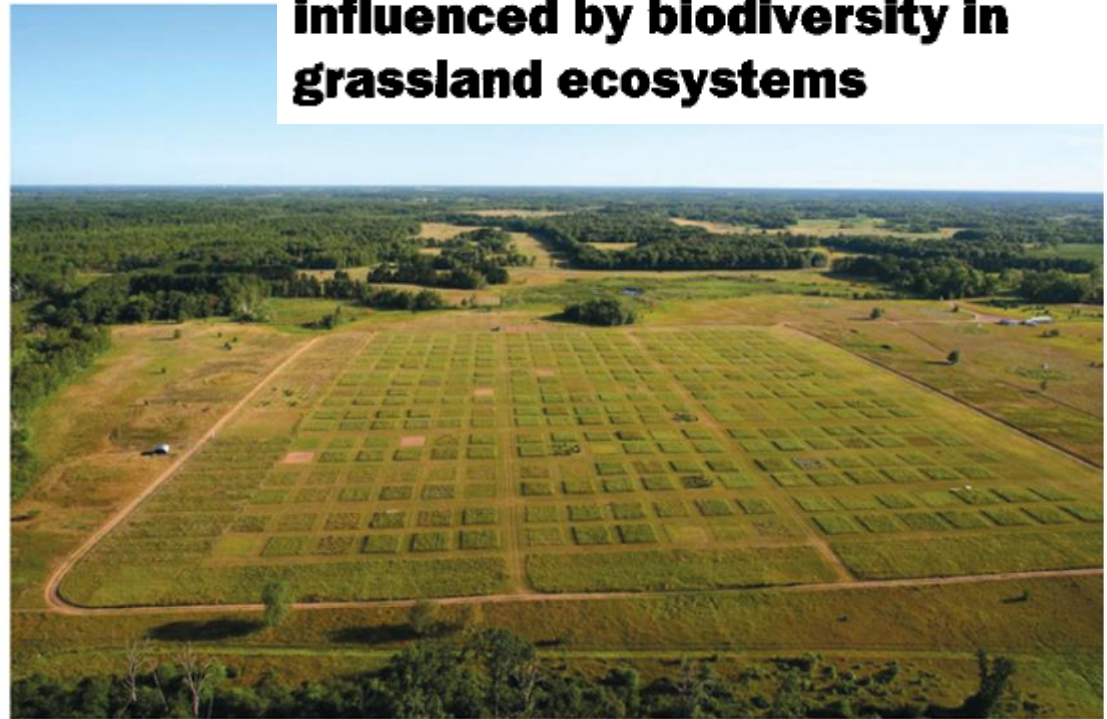
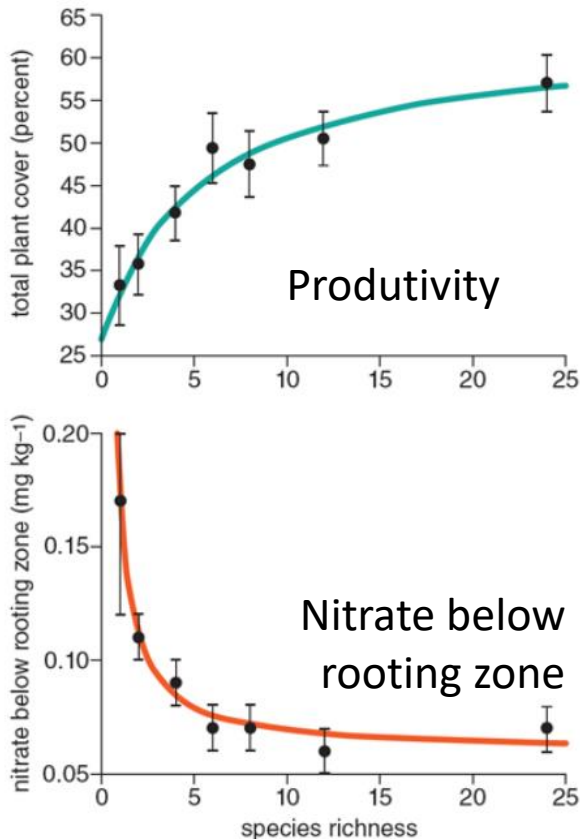
# Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services



Suzanne Simard: How trees talk to each other

# Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning

## Productivity and sustainability influenced by biodiversity in grassland ecosystems



Experiments such as this one in the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve in Minnesota show that biodiversity (in this case, species richness) increases ecosystem functions, such as preventing nutrient loss and storing carbon.

Graphs from Tilman et al. 1996; photograph courtesy of David Tilman.

# Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning

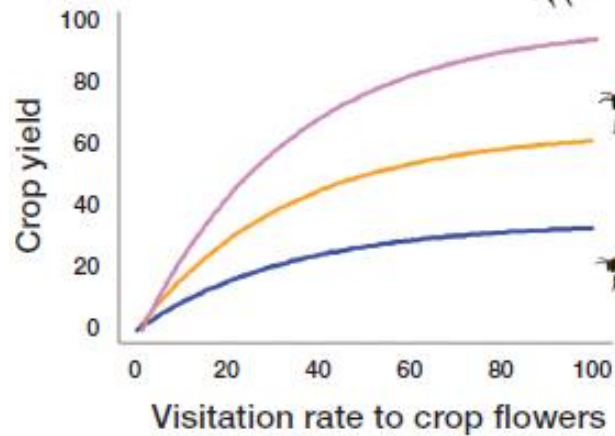
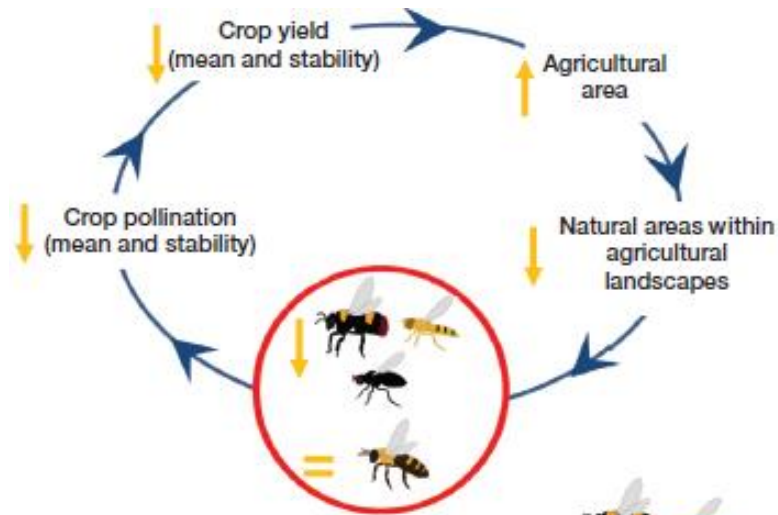


## Sown biodiverse pastures

- Higher productivity
- Increase in soil organic matter
- Soil carbon sequestration
- Enhanced regulation of soil fertility
- Enhanced water regulation (erosion and drought)



# Biodiversity & EF – wild plants, wild insects, crop yield

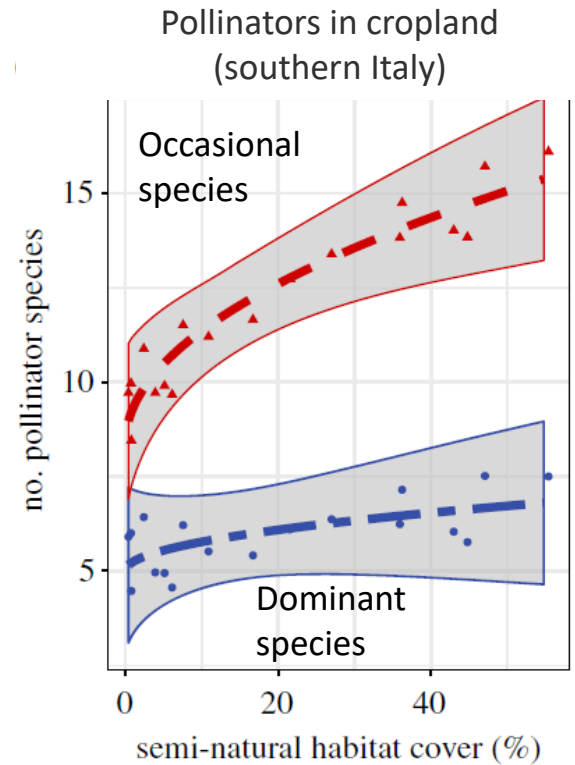


Wild pollinators, high diversity

Wild pollinators, low diversity

Only honey bees

Increasing the abundance of only honey bees does not compensate for the pollination losses of fewer wild insects



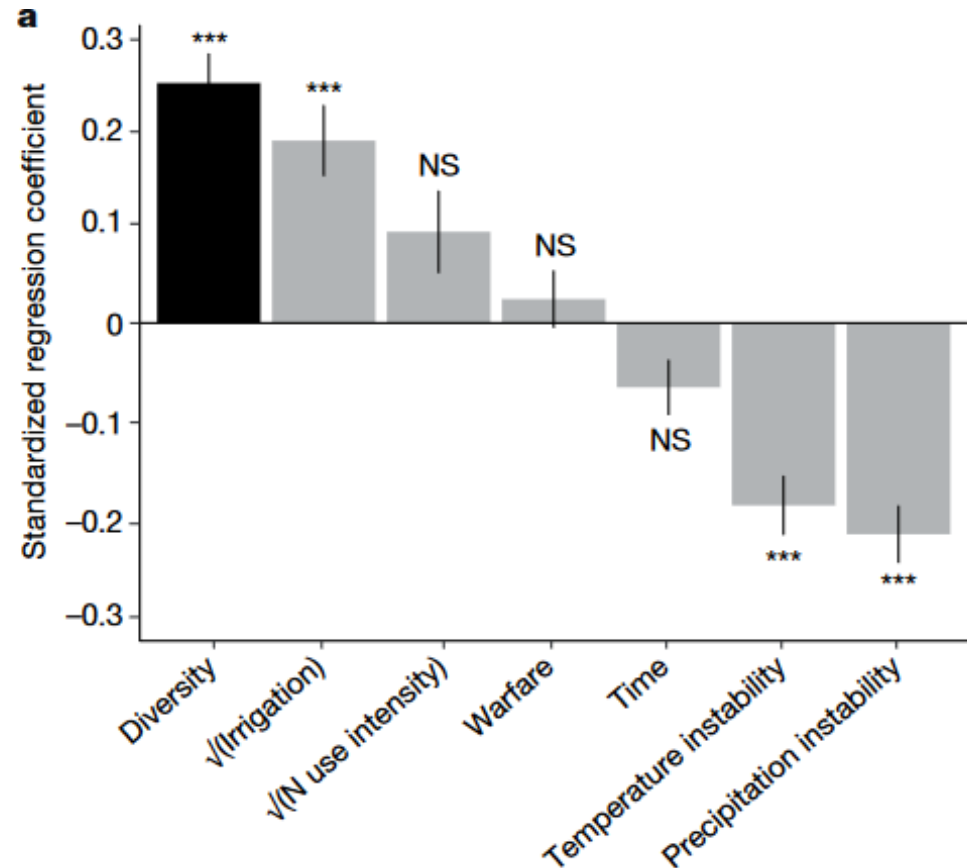
# Crop diversity and stability of food production

## National food production stabilized by crop diversity

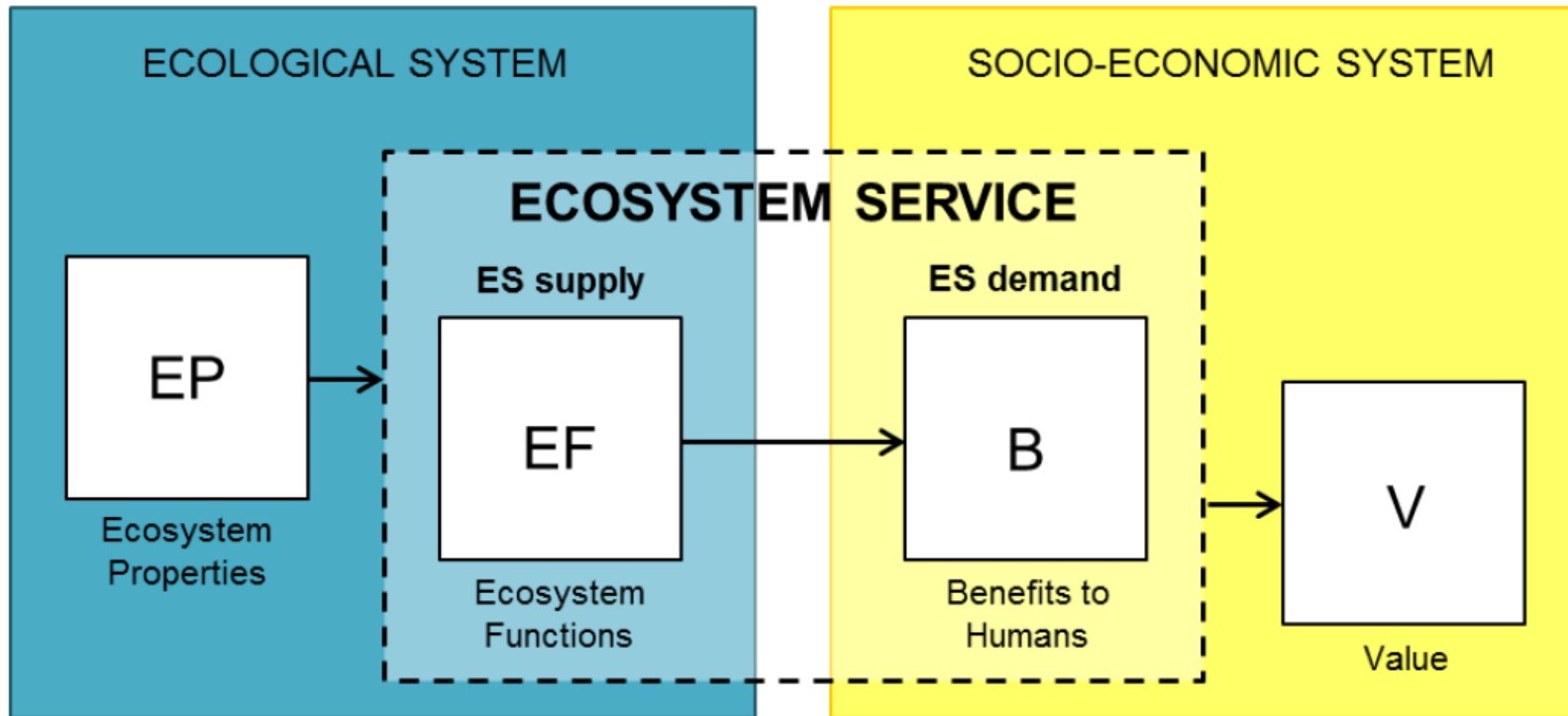
Delphine Renard<sup>1,2\*</sup> & David Tilman<sup>1,3</sup>

Global analysis: data from 176 crop types, 91 countries, 1961-2010

Factors associated to temporal stability of national food production



# The ecosystem services cascade framework



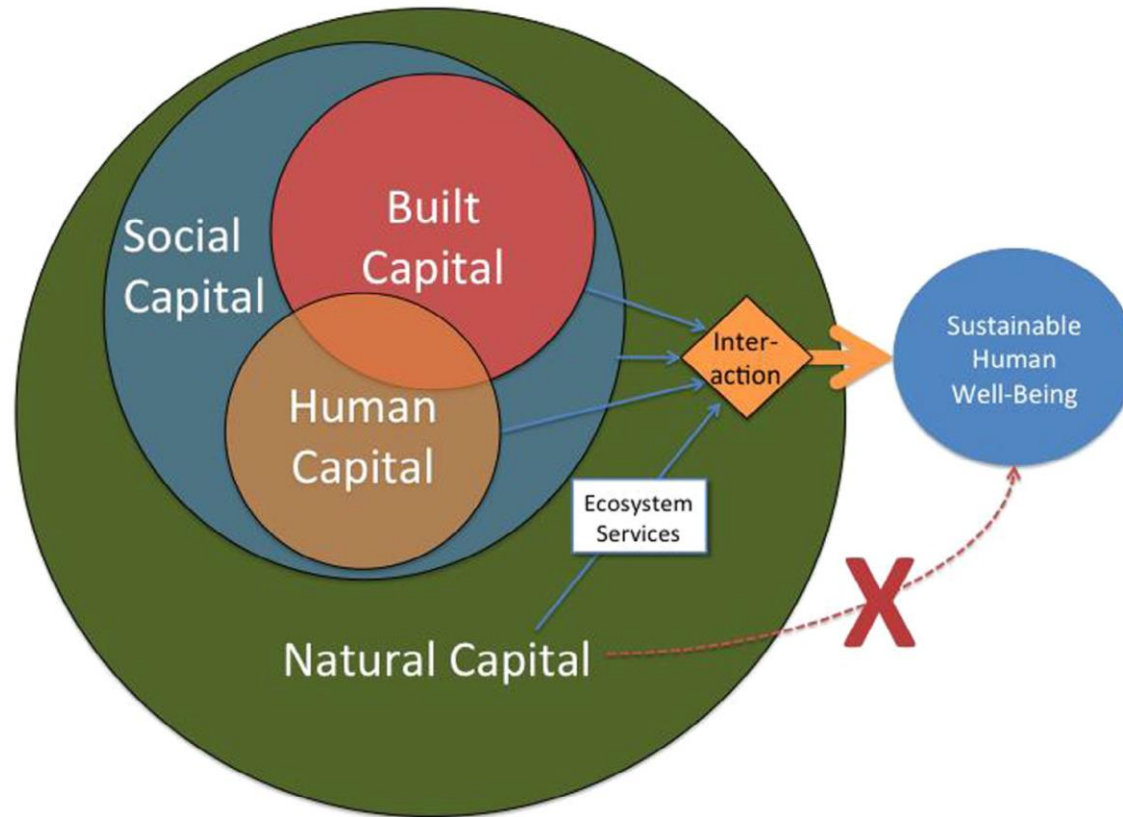
# Ecosystem functions and services

**Ecosystem functions:** output from ecosystem functioning, exist regardless of human demand, define the **capacity or the potential to deliver** ecosystem services.

**Ecosystem services:** derived from ecosystem functions and represent the **realized flow** of services for which there is demand (functions that benefit people)



# Ecosystem services flow to people uses other capital inputs



**Fig. 1.** The interaction between built, social, human and natural capital affects human wellbeing (Costanza et al., 2014b) (built capital and human capital (the economy) are embedded in society, which is embedded in the rest of nature. Ecosystem services are the relative contribution of natural capital to human wellbeing, they do not flow directly. It is therefore essential to adopt a broad, transdisciplinary perspective in order to address ecosystem services).

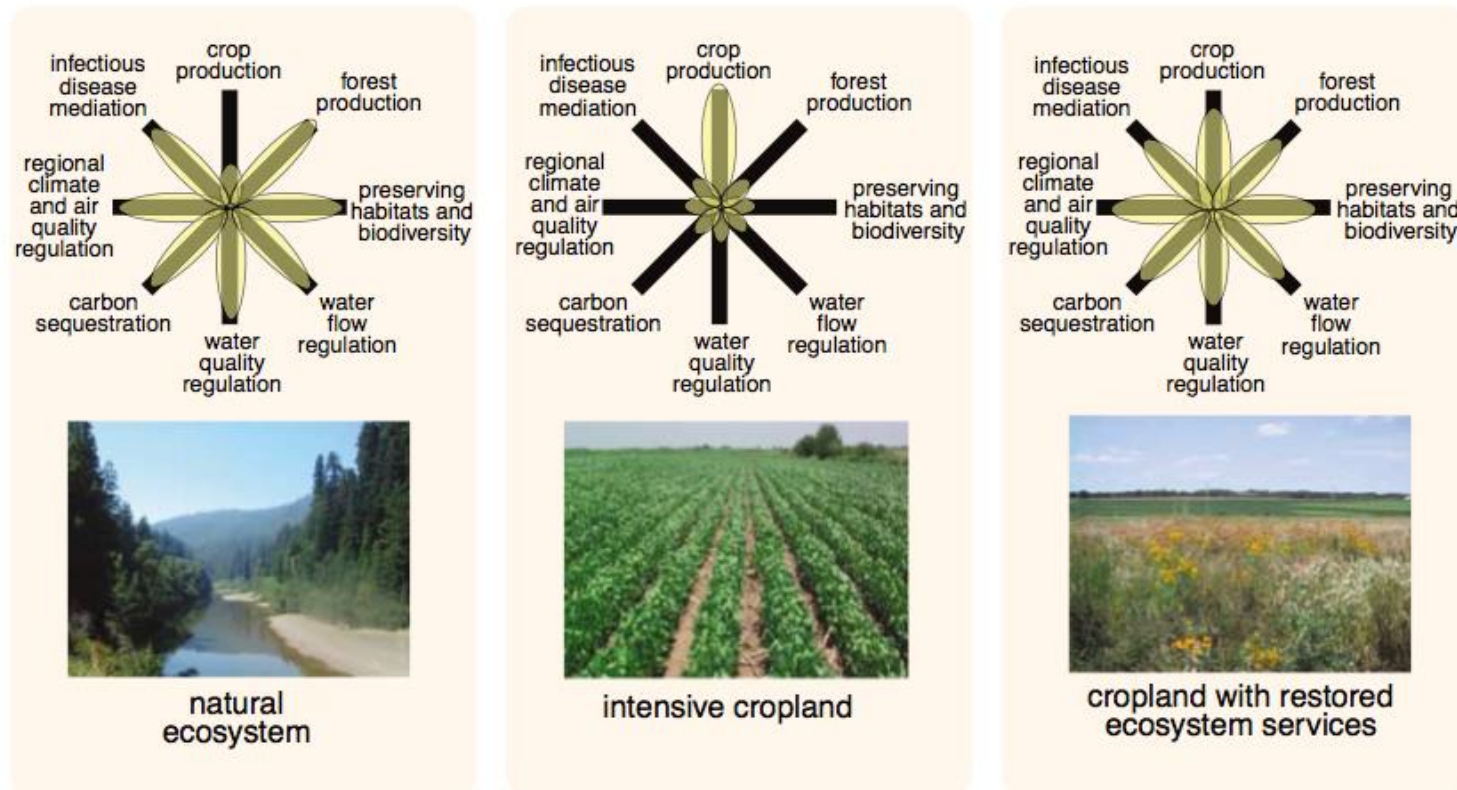
# Trade-offs and synergies

**TradeOff:** When the improvement of one ecosystem service results in negative effects on other services, the net benefits are often smaller than initially believed..

**Synergy :** Actions to conserve or enhance a particular component of an ecosystem or its services can also produce positive synergies which benefit other services or other stakeholders

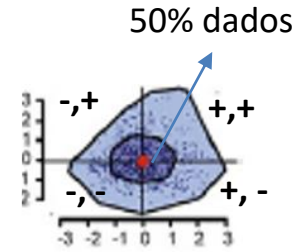
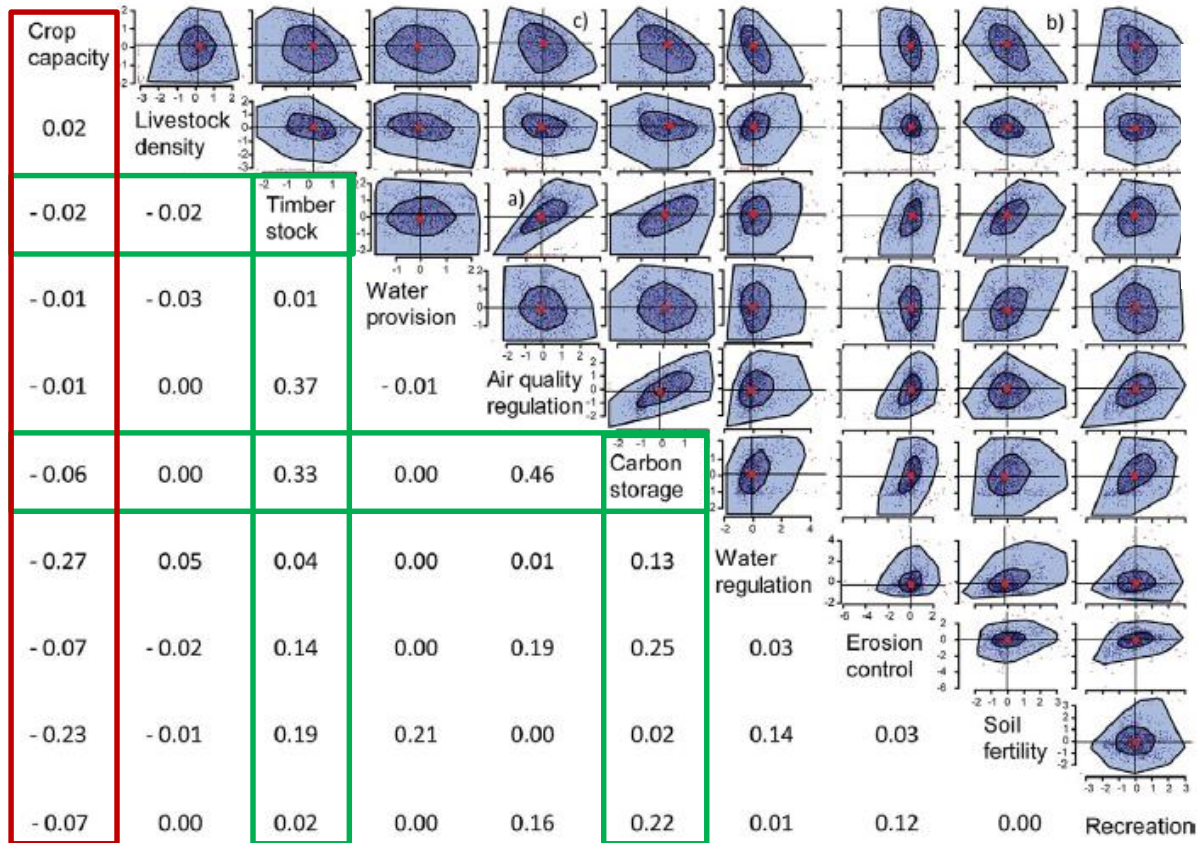


# Trade-offs and synergies



**Fig. 3.** Conceptual framework for comparing land use and trade-offs of ecosystem services. The provisioning of multiple ecosystem services under different land-use regimes can be illustrated with these simple “flower” diagrams, in which the condition of each ecosystem service is indicated along each axis. (In this qualitative illustration, the axes are not labeled or normalized with common units.) For purposes of illustration, we compare three hypothetical landscapes: a natural ecosystem (left), an intensively managed cropland (middle), and a cropland with restored ecosystem services (right). The natural ecosystems are able to support many ecosystem services at high levels, but not food production. The intensively managed cropland, however, is able to produce food in abundance (at least in the short run), at the cost of diminishing other ecosystem services. However, a middle ground—a cropland that is explicitly managed to maintain other ecosystem services—may be able to support a broader portfolio of ecosystem services.

# Spatial trade-offs and synergies - Europe



- Spatial analysis – NUTS 3
- Shape of plot also informs on relationship
- Biodiversity not analysed

|                |          |   |          |   |   |          |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|----------|---|----------|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|
| Synergies (n)  | 1        | 2 | <u>7</u> | 2 | 5 | <u>7</u> | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Trade-offs (n) | <u>8</u> | 4 | 2        | 2 | 1 | 1        | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
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# Temporal trade-offs and synergies - Europe

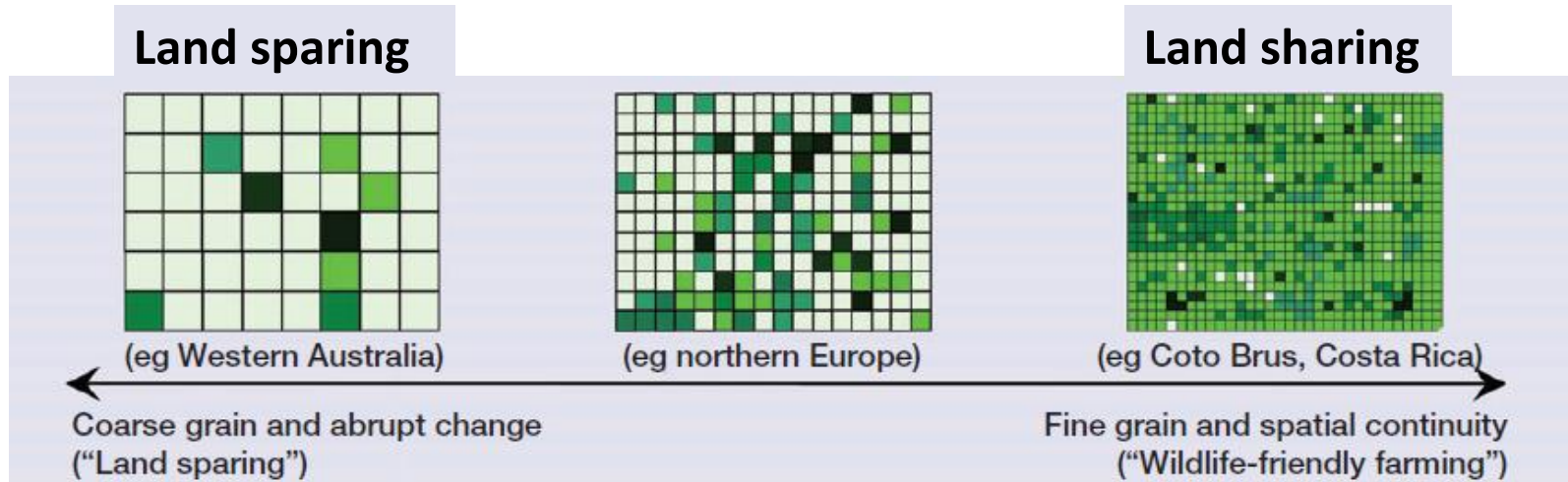
IPBES Regional Assessment for Europe and Central Asia

Temporal analysis  
1960 - 2016

|  |  | WE | CE | EE | CA | ECA |
|--|--|----|----|----|----|-----|
| REGULATING                                     | REGULATING NATURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE          |    |    |    |    |     |
|  | Habitat maintenance                                  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | □  | ↘   |
|  | Pollination  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | □  | ↘   |
|  | Regulation of air quality                            | ↕  | ↗  | ↗  | ↕  | ↗   |
|  | Regulation of climate                                | ↗  | ↕  | ↗  | ↕  | ↕   |
|  | Regulation of ocean acidification                    | □  | □  | □  | □  | ↕   |
|  | Regulation of freshwater quantity                    | ↘  | ↕  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘   |
|  | Regulation of freshwater quality                     | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | □  | ↘   |
|  | Formation and protection of soils                    | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘   |
|  | Regulation of coastal and fluvial floods             | ↕  | ↘  | ↘  | ↕  | ↘   |
| Regulation of organisms (removal of carcasses) | ↗  | ↕  | ↗  | ↗  | ↗  |     |
| MATERIAL                                       | MATERIAL NATURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE            |    |    |    |    |     |
|  | Food   | ↗  | ↗  | ↗  | ↗  | ↗   |
|  | Biomass-based fuels                                  | ↗  | →  | →  | □  | ↗   |
|  | Materials (wood and cotton)                          | →  | →  | →  | →  | →   |
| NON - MATERIAL                                 | NON - MATERIAL NATURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE      |    |    |    |    |     |
|  | Learning derived from indigenous and local knowledge | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘  | ↘   |
|  | Physical and psychological experiences               | ↕  | ↘  | ↘  | □  | ↕   |
|  | Supporting identities                                | □  | □  | □  | □  | ↕   |



# Managing trade-offs – Biodiversity and Farming



**Land sparing:** Production and biodiversity conservation spatially segregated; maximizing yield to allow other land to be set aside for conservation

**Land sharing:** Production and biodiversity conservation spatially integrated; agricultural landscapes used less-intensively, biodiversity friendly farming



*“Rather than seeing wildlife friendly farming [land sharing] and land sparing as mutually exclusive options for land management, it should be recognized that both offer different, and sometimes complementary, advantages” (Fischer et al. 2008)*

# Managing trade-offs – Biodiversity and Farming

**Sustainable intensification:** aims to enhance resource use and productivity while reducing environmental impacts – linked to *land sparing*

**Ecological intensification:** aims to enhance or maintain current productivity by enhancing ecosystem services (i.e., intensification in the use of the natural functionalities that ecosystems offer) – linked to *land sharing*

Related concepts, both aim at reducing impacts, use innovation/technology and external inputs, but the implementation often targets different dimensions of sustainable production, and different spatial scales

**Strawberry production in Central Coast, California.** On the left, a homogeneous landscape of strawberry monoculture, including organic fields, supports fewer wild species than a diversified, organic farm (right) in the same region, which includes a small field of strawberry, surrounded by orchards, hedgerows, diverse vegetable crops, and natural habitats. The monoculture landscape creates barriers to wildlife dispersal, whereas the diversified landscape is more permeable.



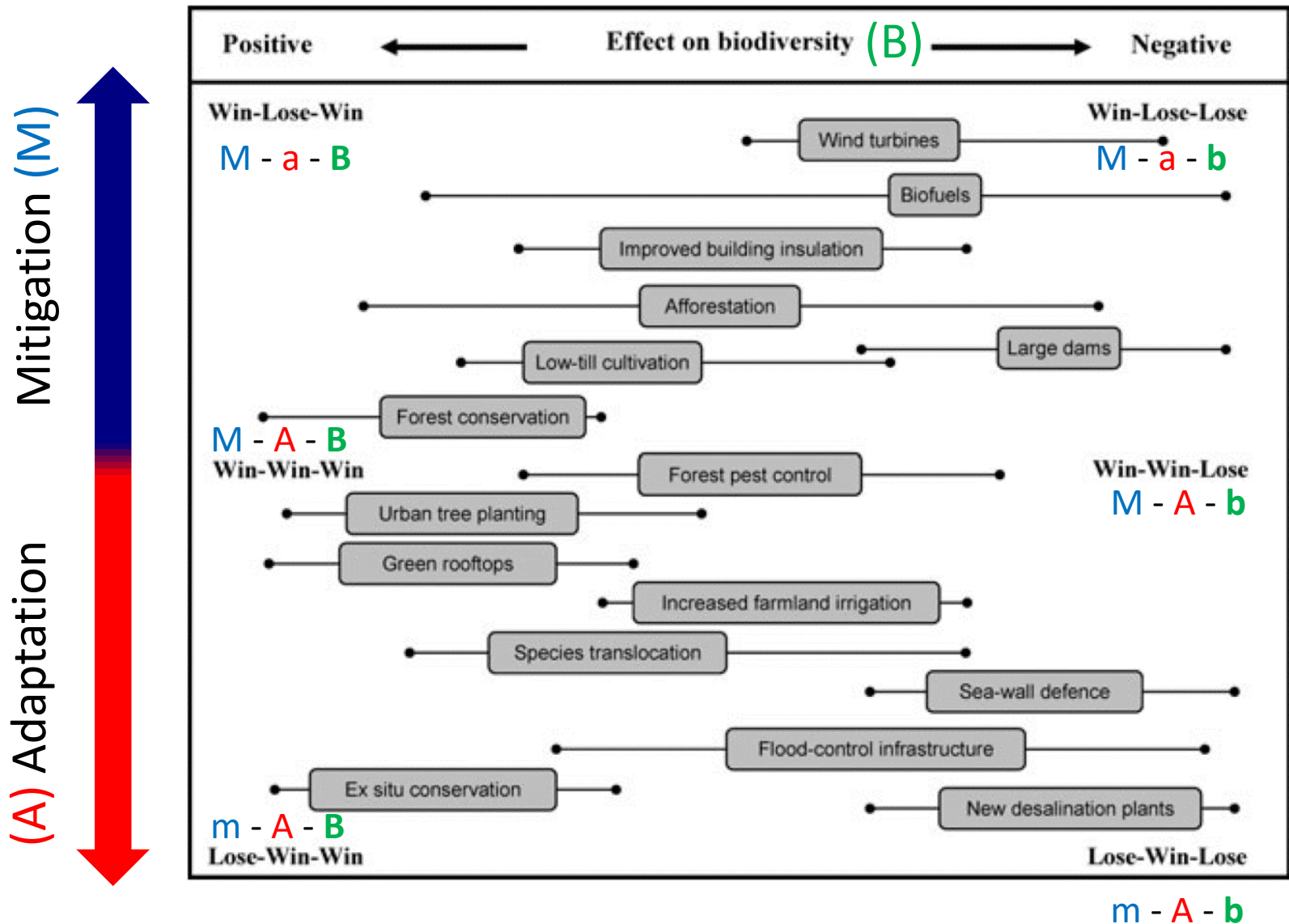
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# Managing trade-offs – Biodiversity and Climate action



# Managing trade-offs – Biodiversity and Climate action

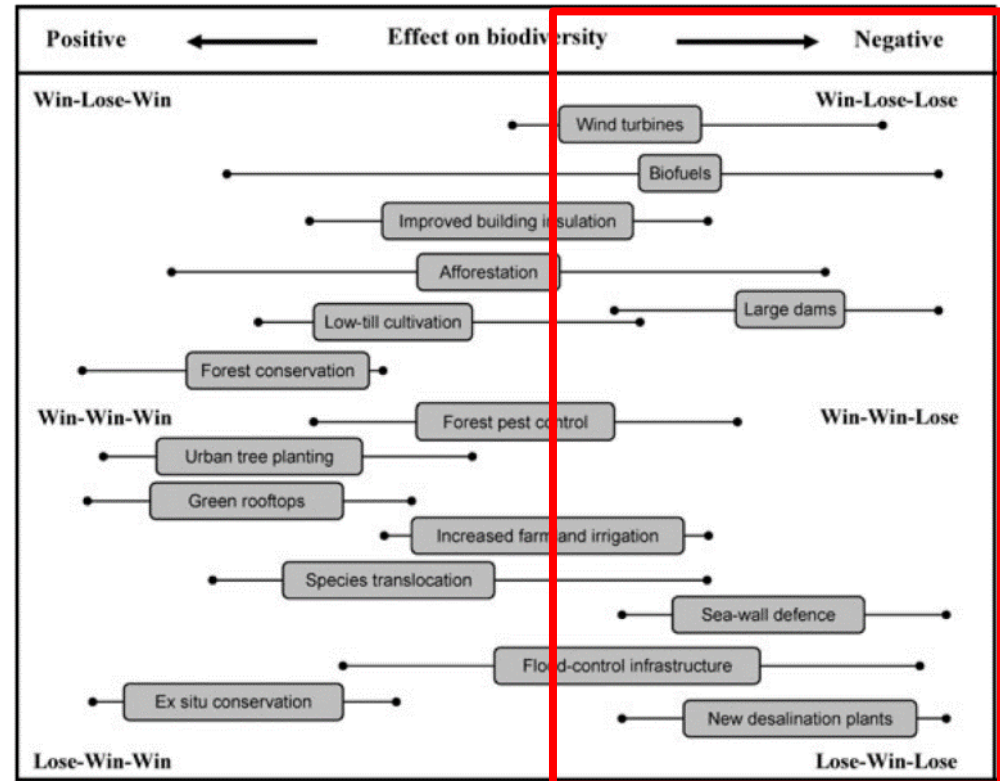
## Mitigation:

Wind turbines (0/-)  
Large dams (-)  
Biofuels (+/-)

## Adaptation

Infrastructures for adaptation

Negative effects on biodiversity



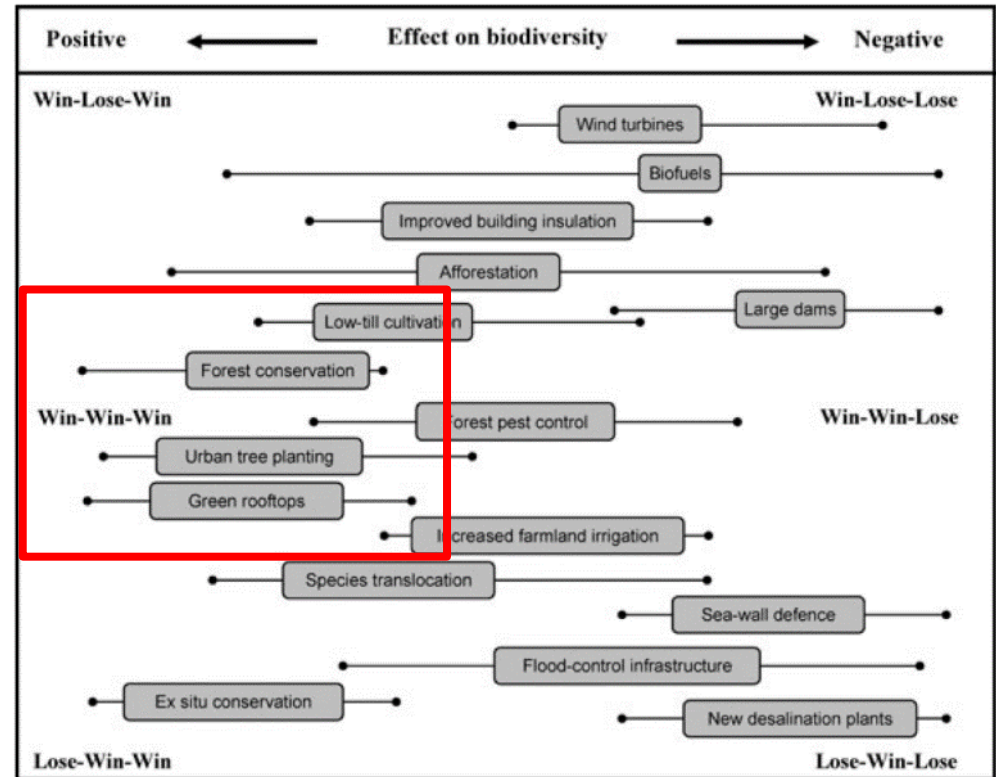
# Managing trade-offs – Biodiversity and Climate action

## Nature based solutions

(“triple win”)

- Soil protection (+/0)
- Forest conservation (+)
- Urban green areas (+/0)
- Green rooftops (+)

NBS involve working with and enhancing nature to help address societal challenges (e.g. climate change, food and water security or natural disasters)



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