



## **Three Global Conditions approach to the Post- 2020 Framework for the Convention on Biological Diversity**

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Convention on  
Biological Diversity

## **2050 VISION**

*"Living in Harmony with Nature" where "By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people."*



***Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history***  
***Around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction***  
***Human well-being at risk***

*May 6, 2019*

# Our Common Future Brundtland Report 1987

triple the world's protected area estate from 3 to 4% of Earth's surface "if it is to constitute a representative sample of Earth's ecosystems"





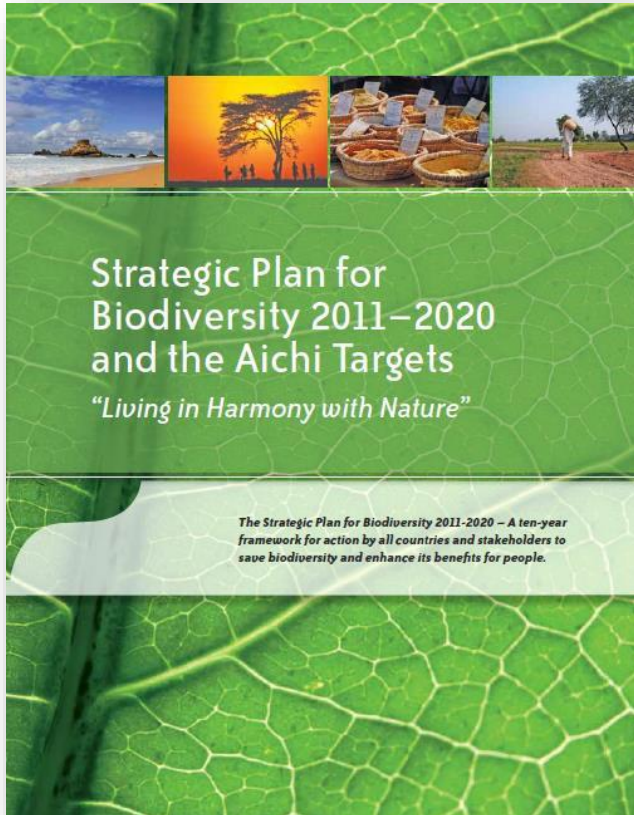


# UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Rio de Janeiro 3-14 June 1992



# 2010 Aichi Target 11



By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.



# Promise of Sydney



The Aichi targets were designed as interim targets to halt biodiversity loss and to be implemented by 2020. They are interim targets and do not represent what is actually required for humanity to live in sustainable harmony with nature.



## *Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force has two mandates:*

### a. ENGAGEMENT

to help build global momentum for the Promise of Sydney to scale up conservation, using protected areas as the key conservation tool, and

### a. TECHNICAL ADVICE

on what would be **meaningful spatial conservation targets** for achieving the CBD's basic purpose, which is the conservation of biological diversity and the halting of biodiversity loss.



# Vilm scoping meeting





# German BfN



# The Technical Advice Goal

a widely supported scientific consensus in time  
for it to mesh with the IUCN position to the  
CBD and to affect the outcome of the CBD COP  
in China in 2020.





# Technical Activities to get towards consensus

Scientific survey

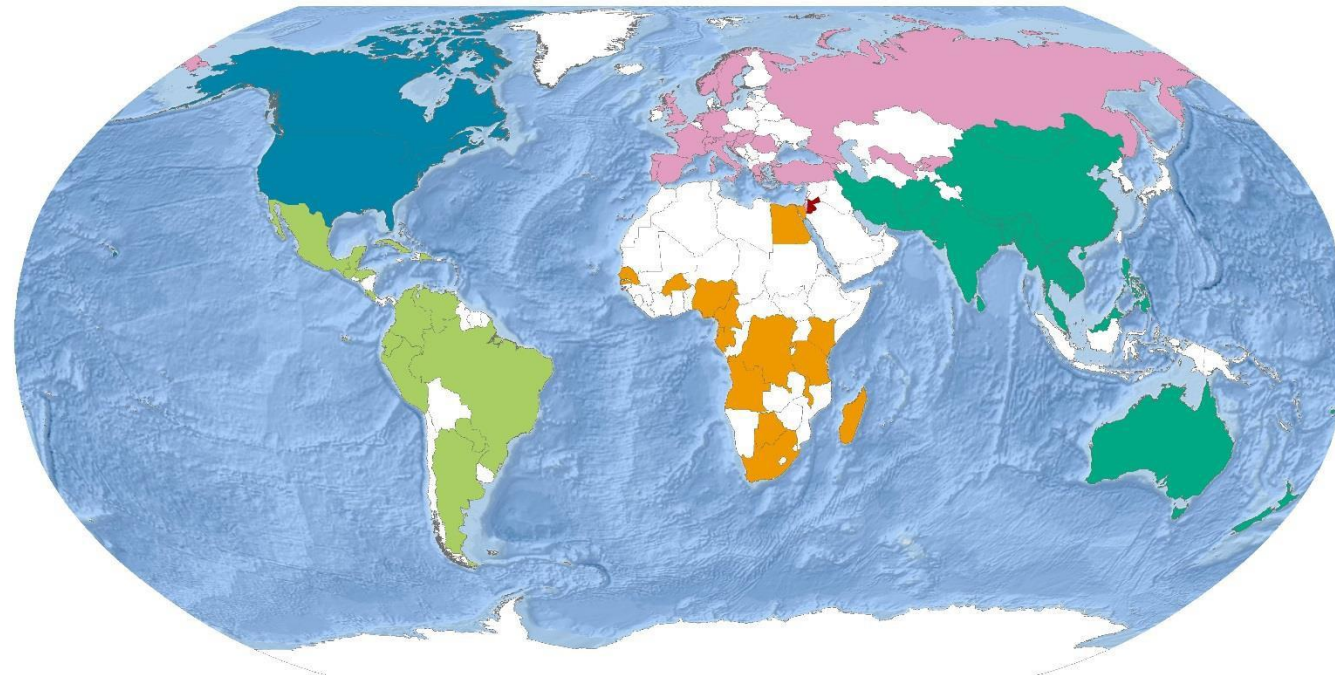
Literature review

Consultations



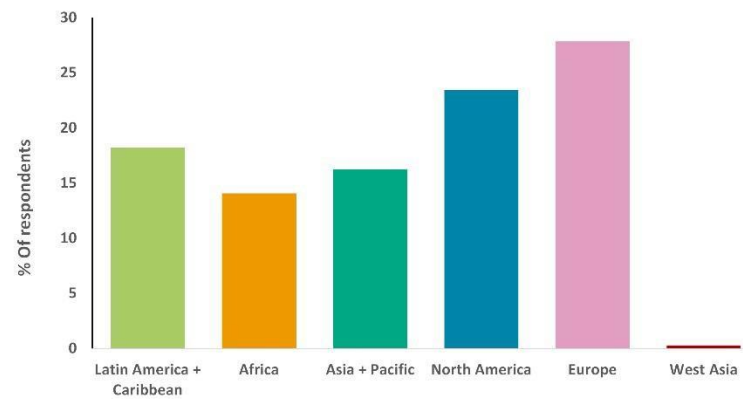
# Woodley et al 2019

## Global survey of scientists



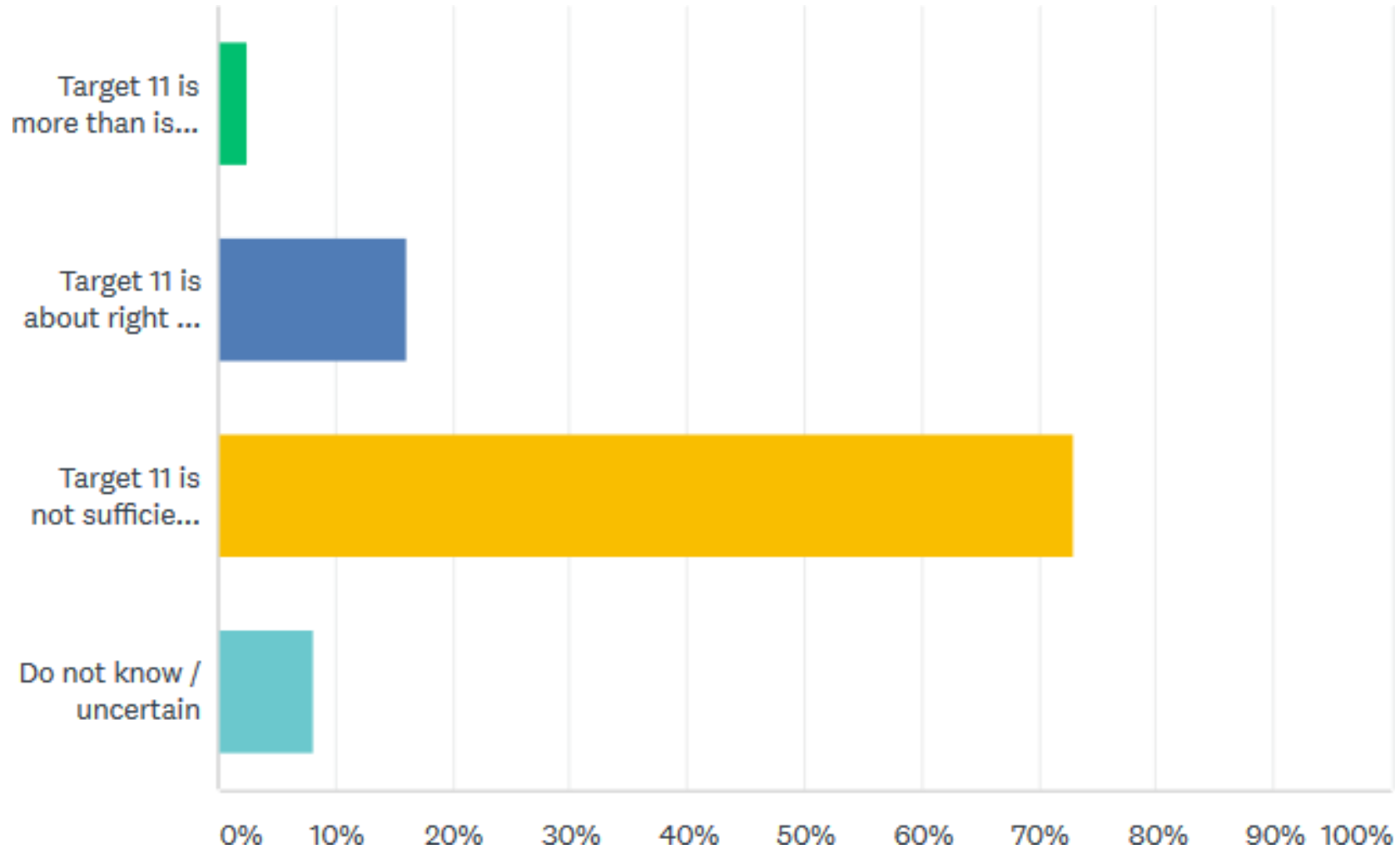
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Responses from  
363 scientists,  
from 81 countries





# What do you think of the level of effectiveness of the current Target 11?



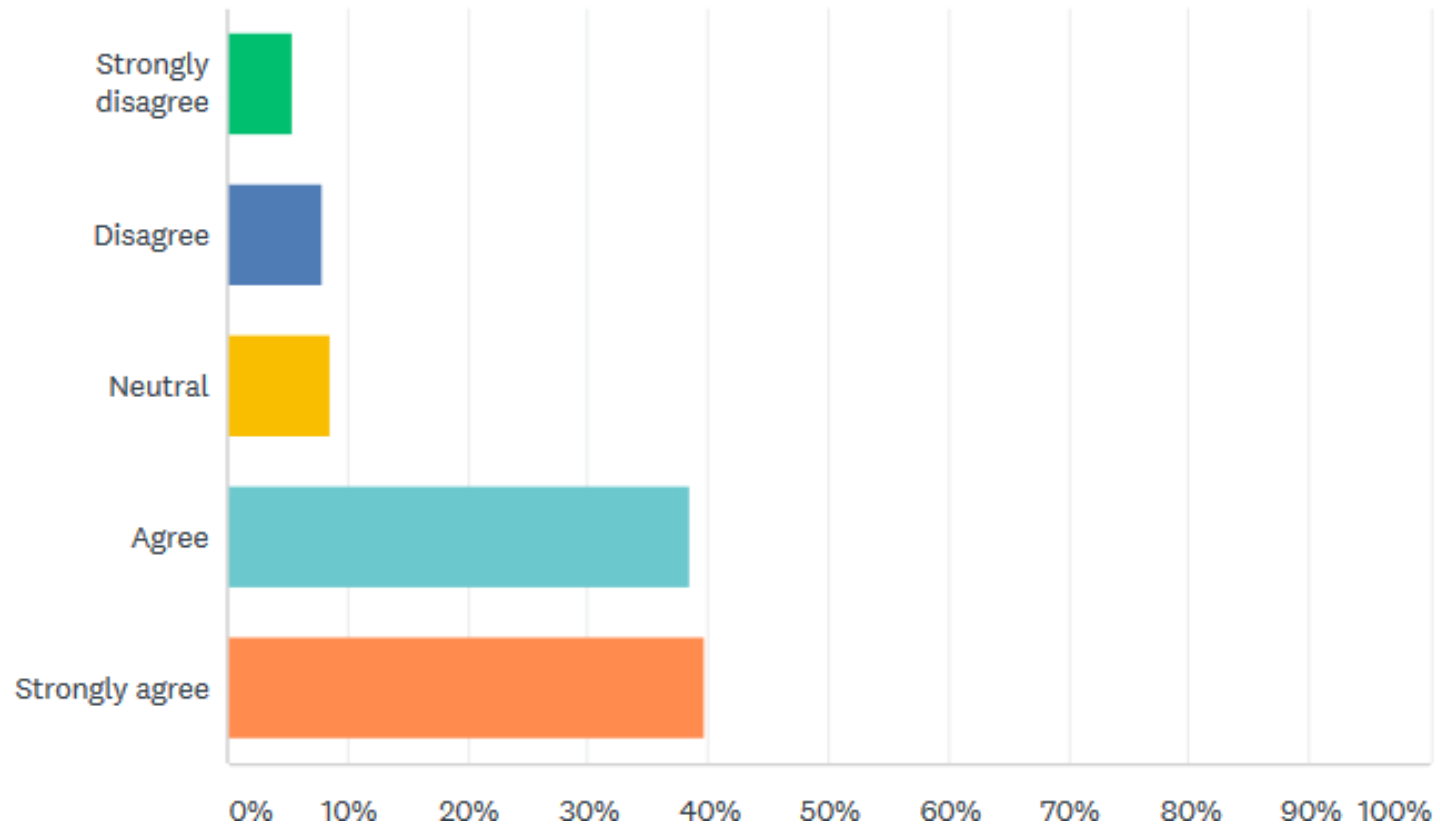
## What about large percentage area-based targets?

“In recent years, there have been calls from the conservation community to dramatically scale up area-based conservation. The Nature Needs Half movement calls for at least half the Earth to be protected in an interconnected way (Locke, 2013). A similar target is being proposed by the E.O. Wilson Foundation detailed in the book *‘Half-Earth: Our planet’s fight for life’* (Wilson, 2016). At the World Parks Congress in 2014, the Promise of Sydney called for full protection of 30 per cent of the oceans.

**“To what extent do you agree with large percentage area-based targets?”**

# To what extent do you agree with large area-based targets?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 58



**Note: 78% agree or strongly agree with large area-based targets for global conservation**



## Review of scientific literature on percentage targets Woodey et al 2019

“The key conclusion from this review is that calls for the global protection of a minimum of 30% and up to 70% of the land and sea on Earth are supported in the literature...The call for conserving 50% of the Earth is a mid-point of these values and is supported by a range of studies. More importantly there are no studies that argue we can maintain biodiversity with low percentage coverage targets.”



## ZERO Draft: Action Targets (spatial)

### 12 (a) Reducing threats to biodiversity

**1. Retain and restore freshwater, marine and terrestrial ecosystems**, increasing by at least [50%] the land and sea area under comprehensive spatial planning addressing land/sea use change, **achieving by 2030 a net increase in area, connectivity and integrity and retaining existing intact areas and wilderness.**

**2. Protect sites of particular importance for biodiversity** through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, by 2030 covering at least [60%] of such sites and **at least [30%] of land and sea areas** with at least [10%] under strict protection. ...

**6. Contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and disaster risk reduction through nature-based solutions** providing by 2030 [about 30%] [at least XXX MT CO<sub>2</sub>=] of the mitigation effort needed to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, complementing stringent emission reductions, and avoiding negative impacts on biodiversity and food security.

# What is A Zero Draft?

Frist attempt to assemble thoughts related to your topic.. A more or less unstructured piece of writing... [brtom.org](http://brtom.org)

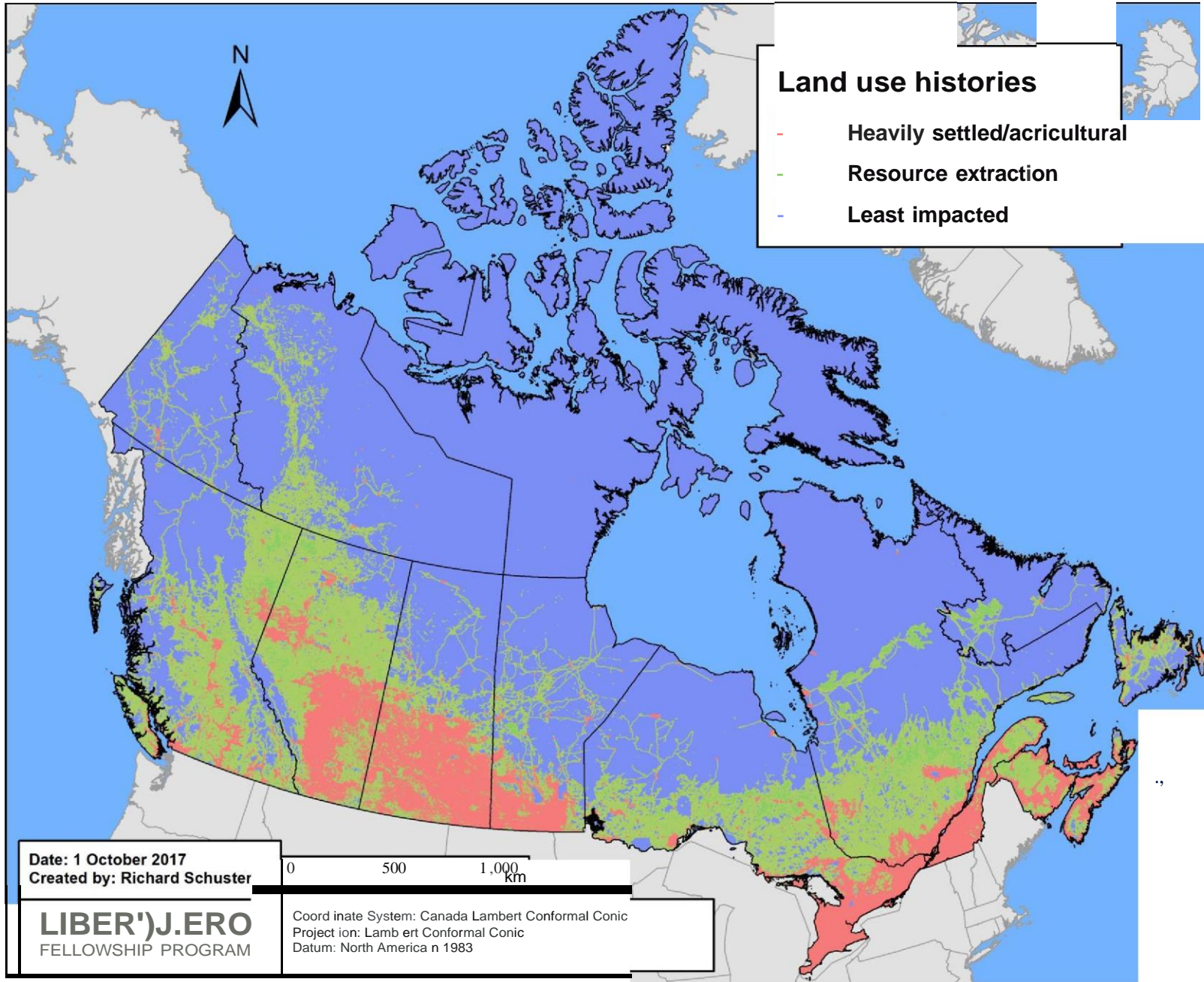


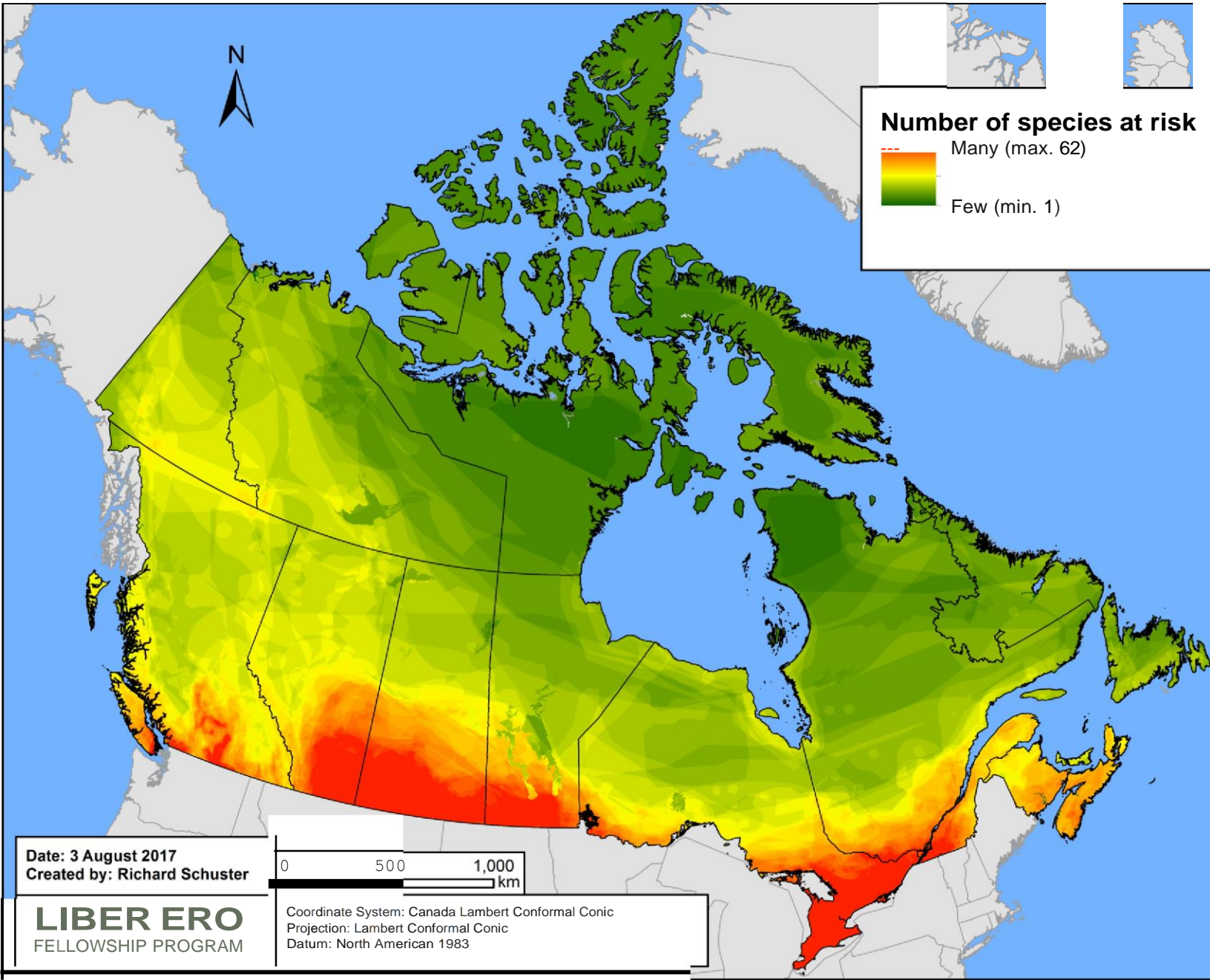


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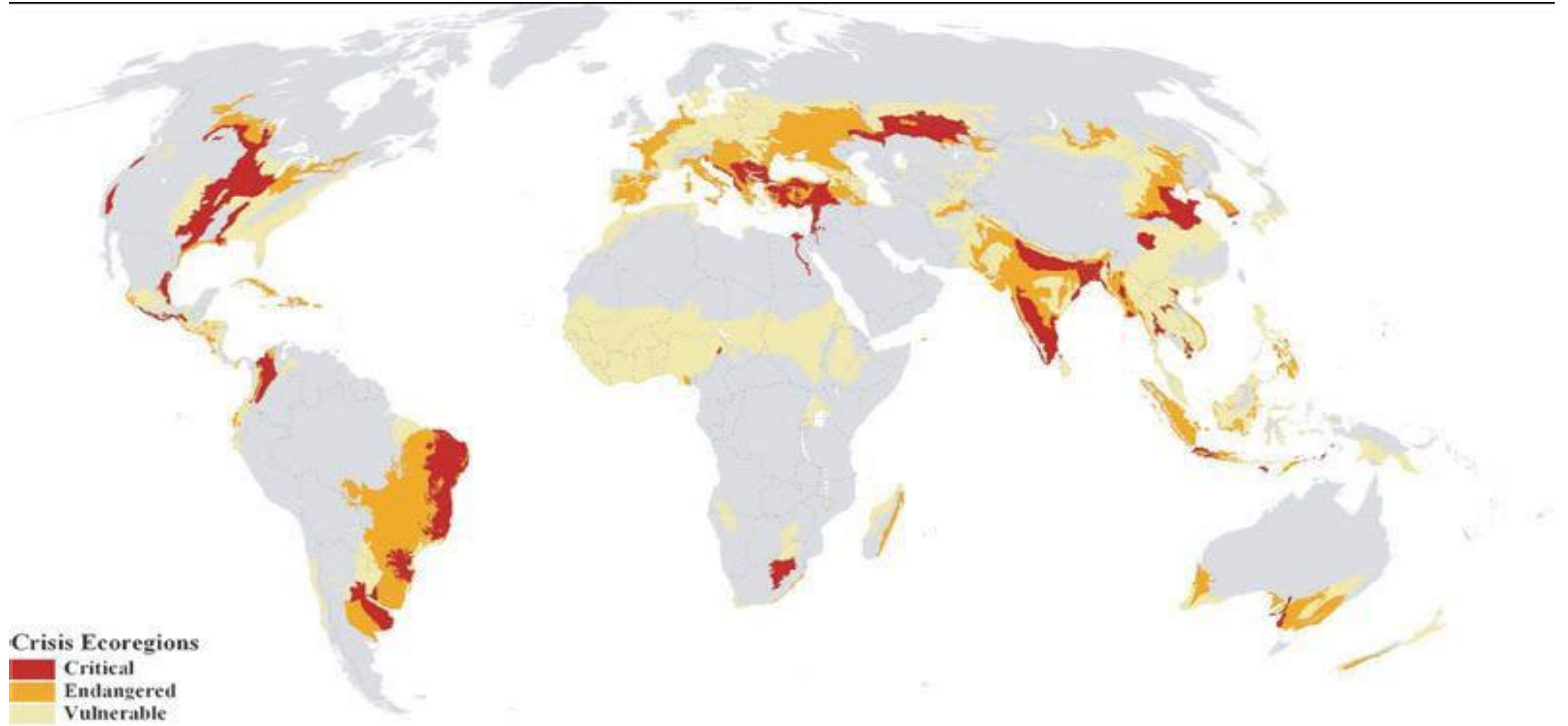
How can large area-based target such as 30% be practical given the highly variable conditions of the world?

*One size does not fit all*









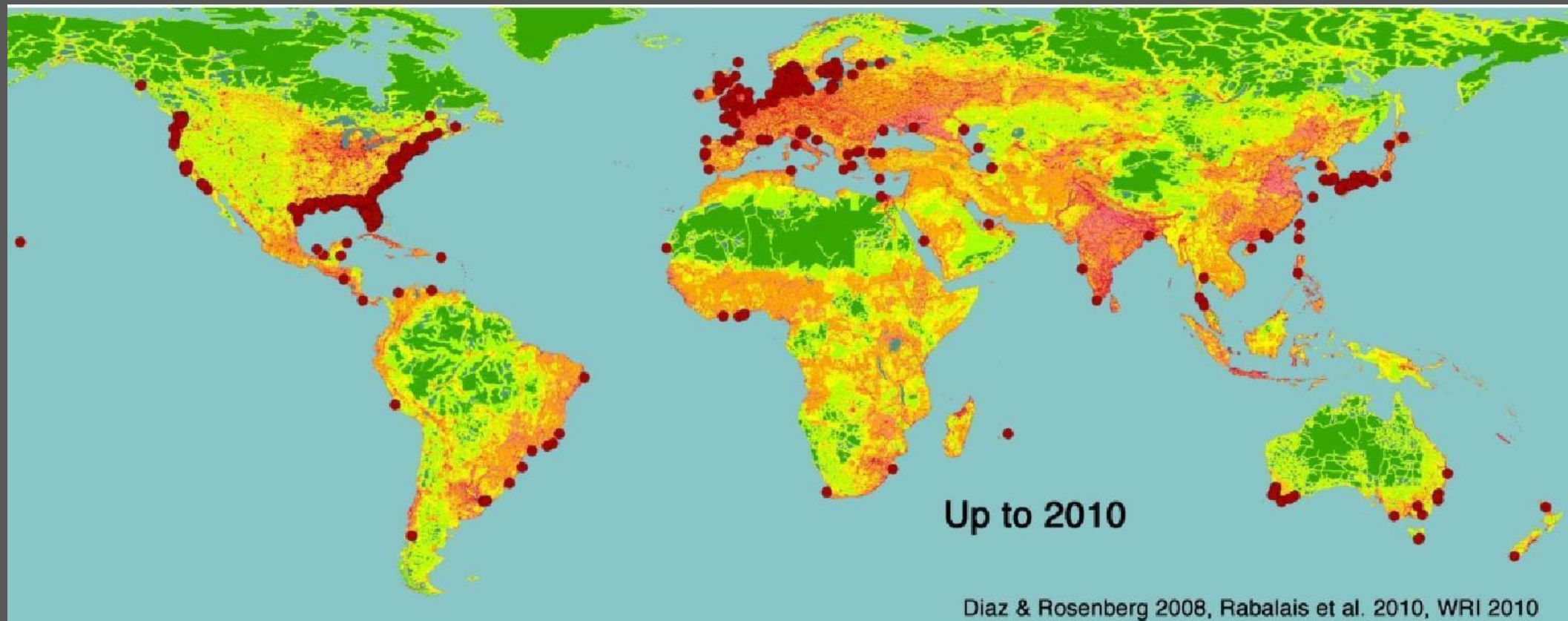
Correspond to intense agriculture and cities



# Land use in crisis ecoregions drives *state* (condition): dead zones in Ocean estuaries

worldwide coastal eutrophication fueled by riverine runoff of fertilizers and the burning of fossil fuels.

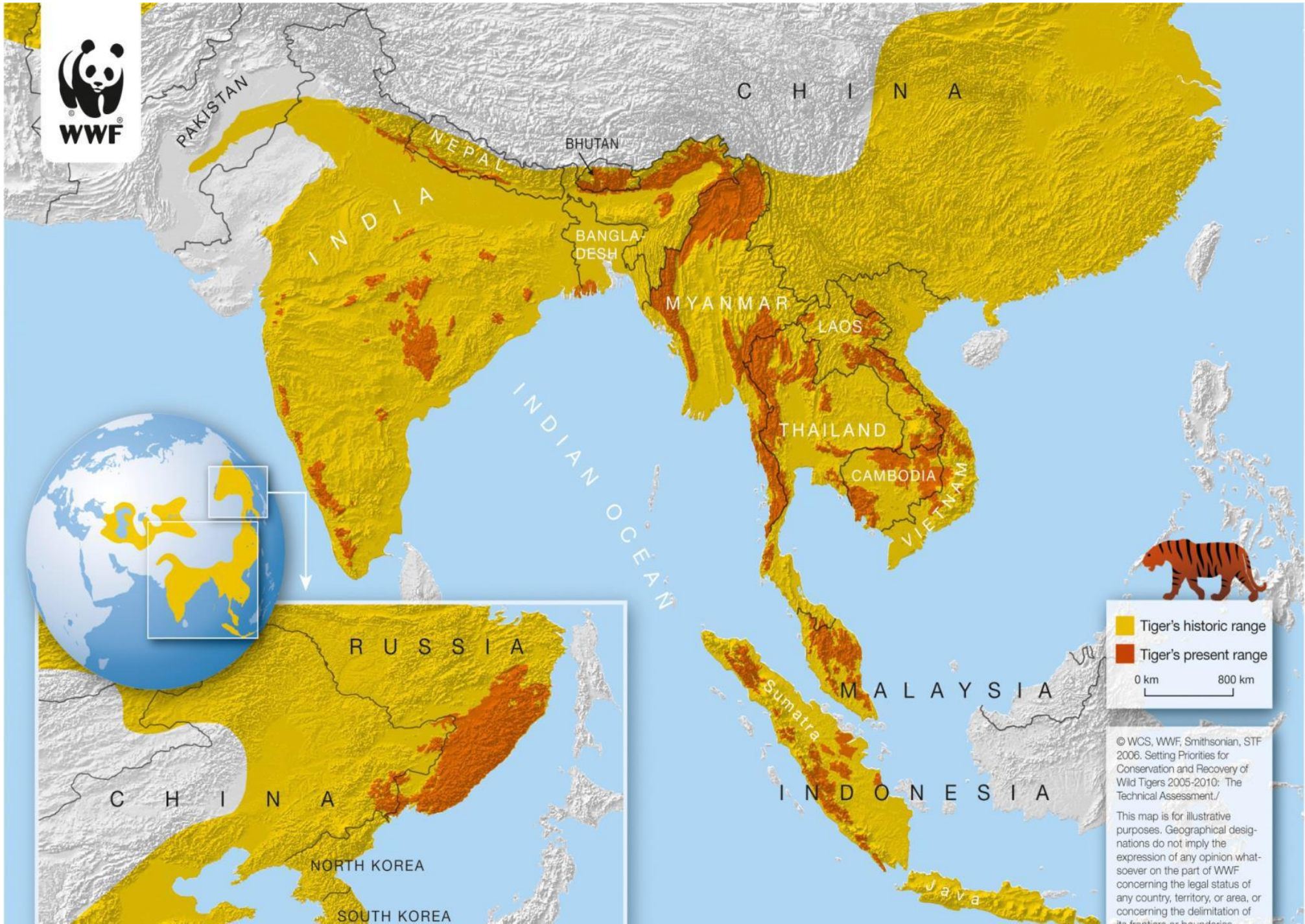
Diaz and Rosenberg 2008







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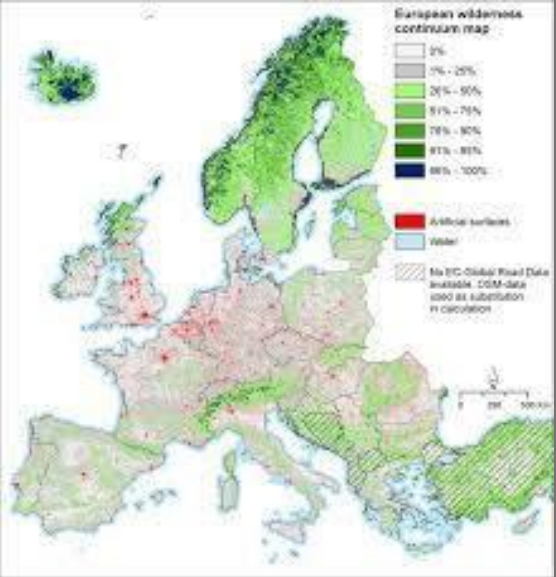
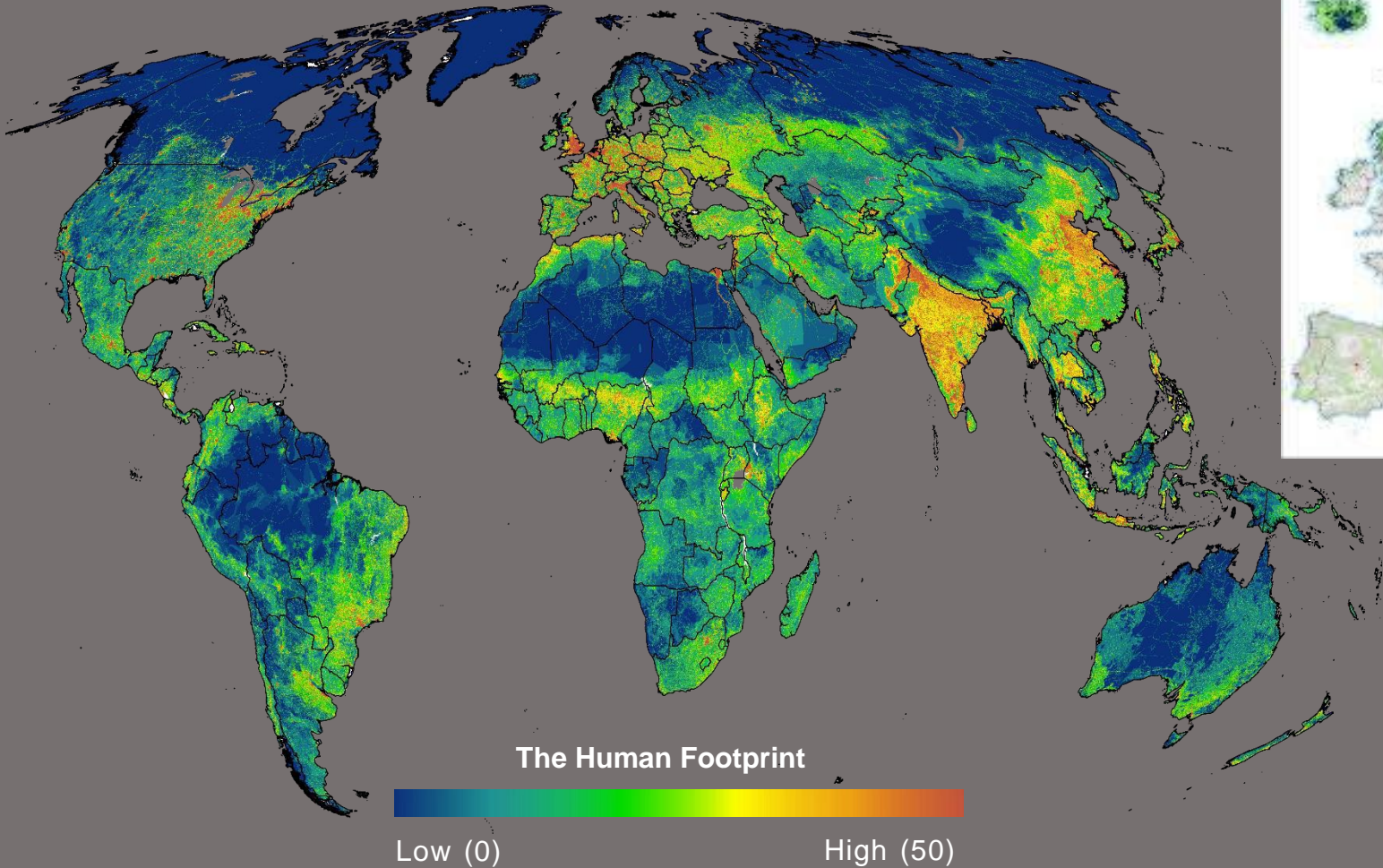




Fragmentation and ecological corridors



# Large wild areas remain all over the world



source Venter et al 2016



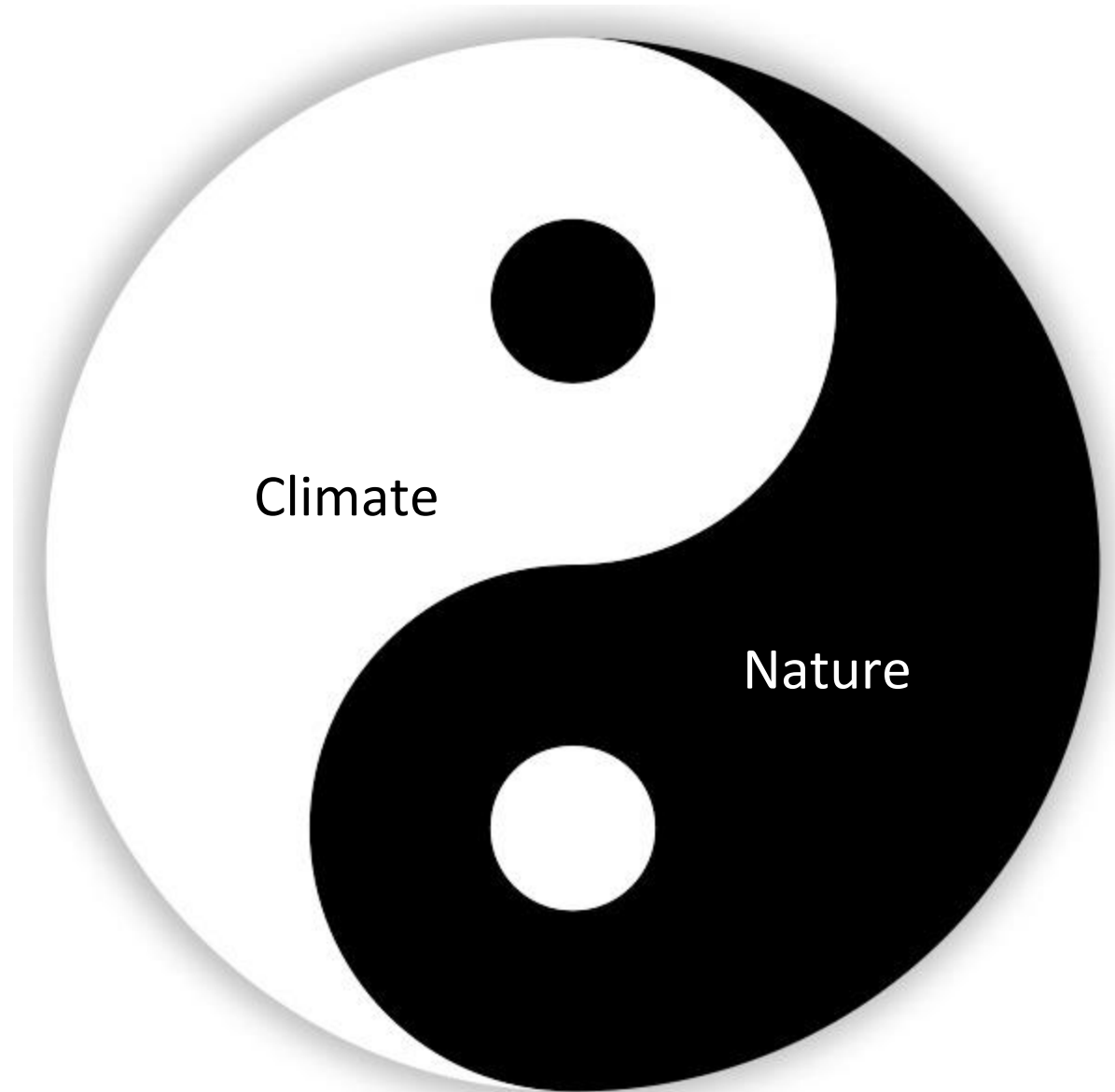


Globally important processes in large wild areas





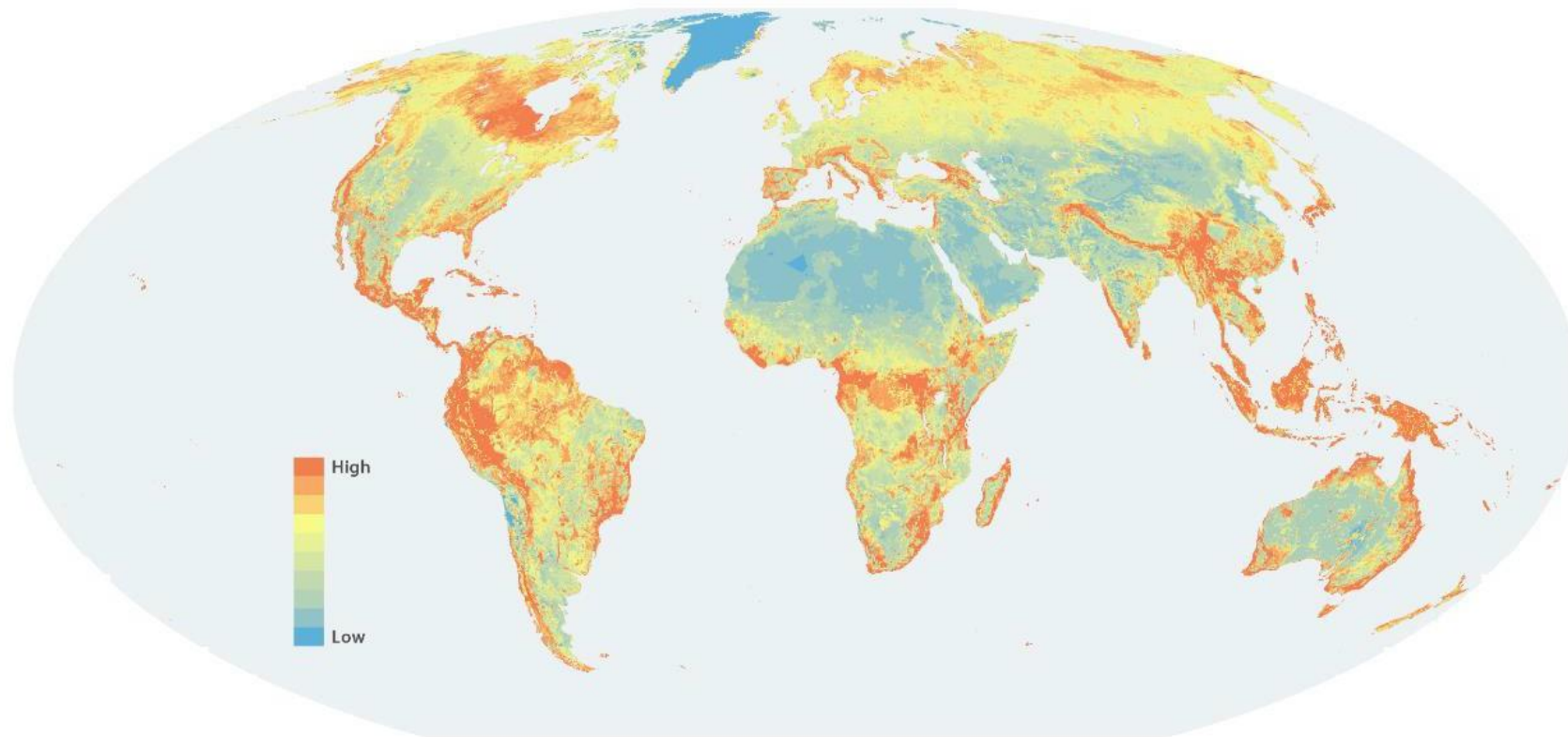




[Locke and Mackey 2009 The Nature of the Climate](#)

## Areas of global significance for biodiversity conservation and carbon storage

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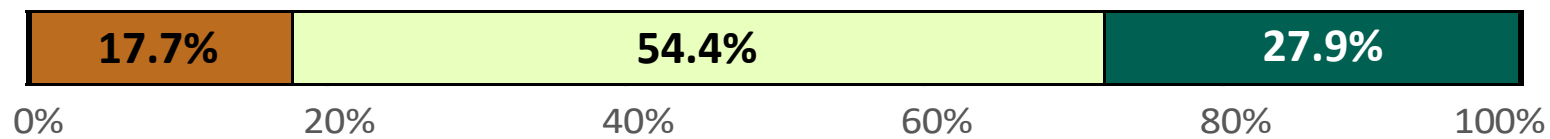
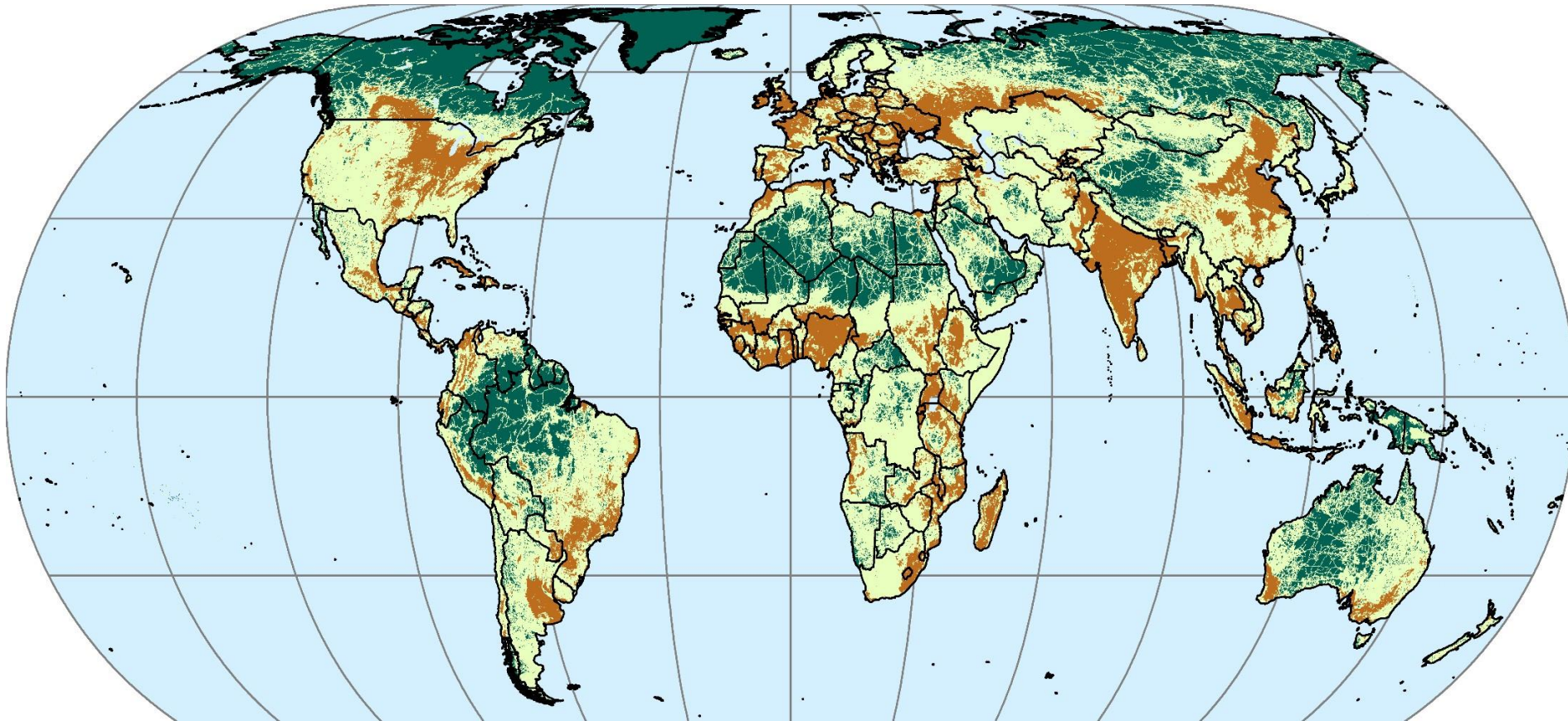




## Baseline

“IUCN emphasises that the **targets** should take into account the precise conditions and opportunities of each country (in line with the **Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use developed by the IUCN WCPA**) and be additive across countries to provide clarity on progress achieved at any given time with respect the achievement of the 2030 Mission. “

# Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use: a realistic baseline and framework for appropriate conservation actions and sustainable practises



**Table 1.**

The three global conditions, summary statistics (computations and sources in [Supplementary Methods](#)).

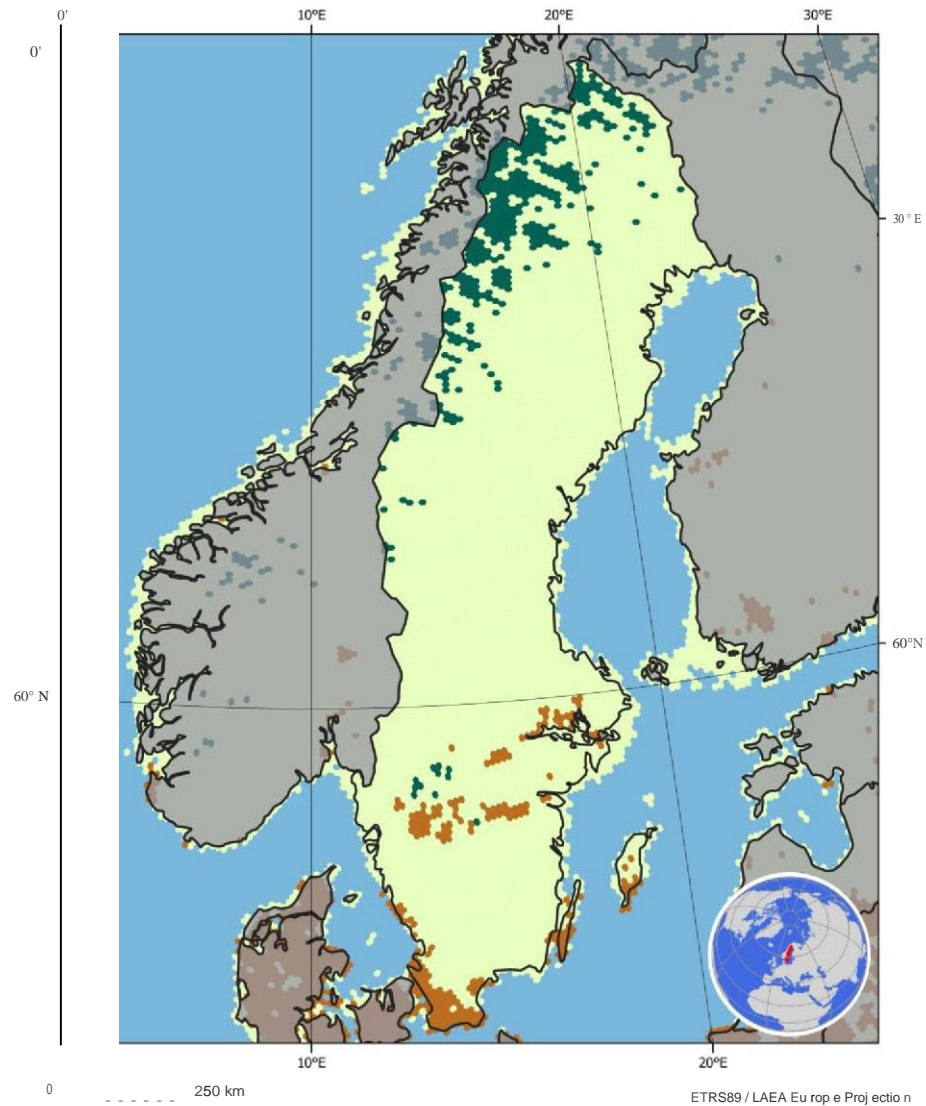
	<b>Cities and farms</b>	<b>Shared landscapes</b>	<b>Large wild areas</b>	<b>Whole world</b>
Distribution of land	17.7%	55.7%	26.5%	100.0%
Distribution of human population (2015)	75.2%	24.7%	0.1%	100.0%
Percent of area protected	5.8%	14.4%	24.4%	15.5%
Distribution of key biodiversity areas	10.5%	64.9%	24.6%	100.0%
Food calories produced by farming and ranching	72.0%	27.8%	0.3%	100.0%
Percent global area under indigenous management or tenure	7.8%	48.6%	43.6%	100.0%
Average number of vertebrate species per 100 km <sup>2</sup> area	228.9	193.3	102.3	175.0
Average number of threatened vertebrate species per 100 km <sup>2</sup> area	6.9	5.6	3.3	5.2
Median forest aboveground biomass carbon density, tonnes/ha	13.2	40.1	36.8	33.5
Median soil organic carbon density, tonnes/ha	45.8	42.7	53.0	45.8

All Three Conditions matter but in different ways: simultaneous action



# Three sets of common strategies for the Conditions

- 1. Cities and farms 18%:** Secure endangered species, protect all remaining primary intact fragments, maintain pollinators, increase ecological restoration. Mainstream sustainable practices such as reduced nitrogen use and good urban planning to retain good farmland. Provide access to nature for urban dwellers' health and well-being. **(low percentages possible)**.
- 2. Shared lands 56% :** Establish “ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas... integrated into the wider landscape” (from Aichi Target 11); restore and maintain ecological processes and viable populations of native species **(increase area protected to 25 to 75% of ecoregion)**. Practice Sustainable resource extraction practices outside but that are integrated with well managed and properly funded PA networks and sustainable tourism.
- 3. Large Wild Areas 26% :** Retain overall ecological intactness and associated global processes such as carbon storage and rainfall generation, fluvial flows and large migrations; prevent further fragmentation allowing only rare nodes of intense industrial development enveloped in a largely wild matrix. Remove and restore anomalies. Reverse defaunation, and control invasive species where needed. Secure Indigenous knowledge and livelihoods.



### Three Global Conditions

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- Shared Lands
- Large Wild Areas

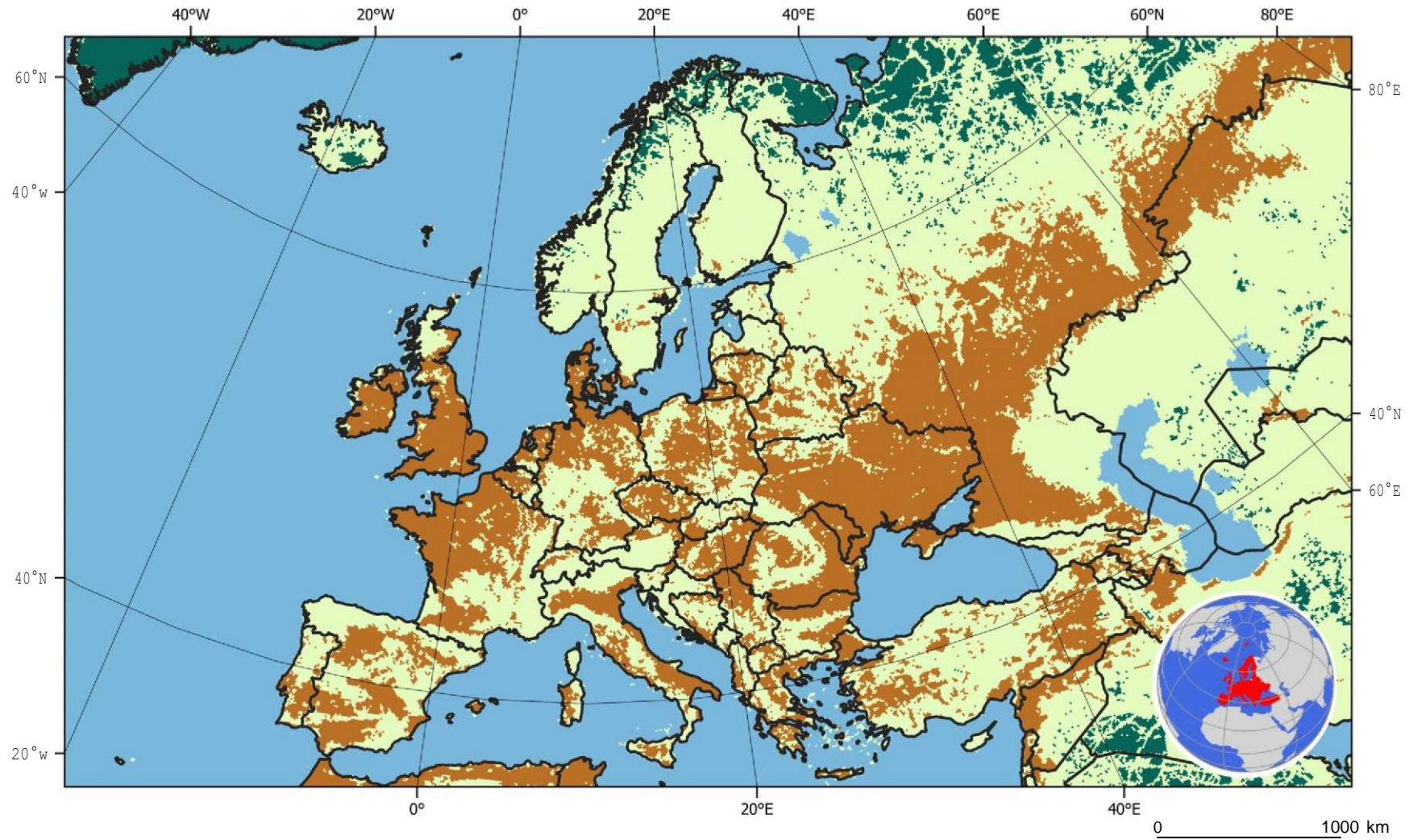


Mapped Land Area 444,328 km<sup>2</sup>

Locke *et al.* (2019) Three global conditions for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use: an implementation framework. *National Science Review* (in review). <http://naturerev.com/3conditions>



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# Rio Principle 7

States shall co-operate in a spirit of **global partnership to conserve, protect and restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystem**. In view of the different contributions to global environmental degradation, States have **common but differentiated responsibilities....**



# Three Conditions approach

- Rio Principle 7 common but differentiated responsibilities between developed and developing world
- reconciles prioritization debates
- uses existing NBSAP framework but adds global dimension
- protected areas targets vary by the Three Conditions
- sustainable production practises integrated

# Website and scientific publications

<https://naturebeyond2020.com/3conditions/>

<https://academic.oup.com/nsr/advance-article/doi/10.1093/nsr/nwz136/5567446?guestAccessKey=d59694c5-95b6-4bc4-93c4-d52a86c83013#supplementary-data>

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