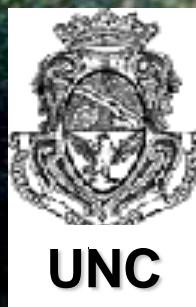


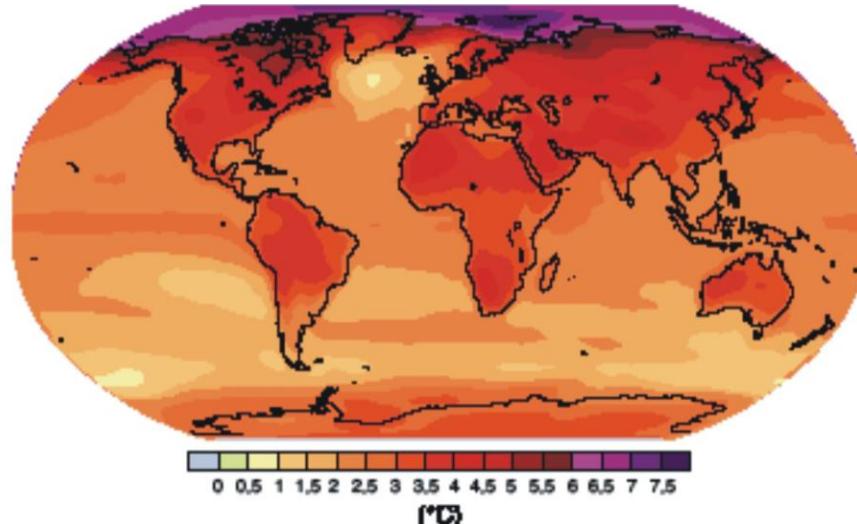
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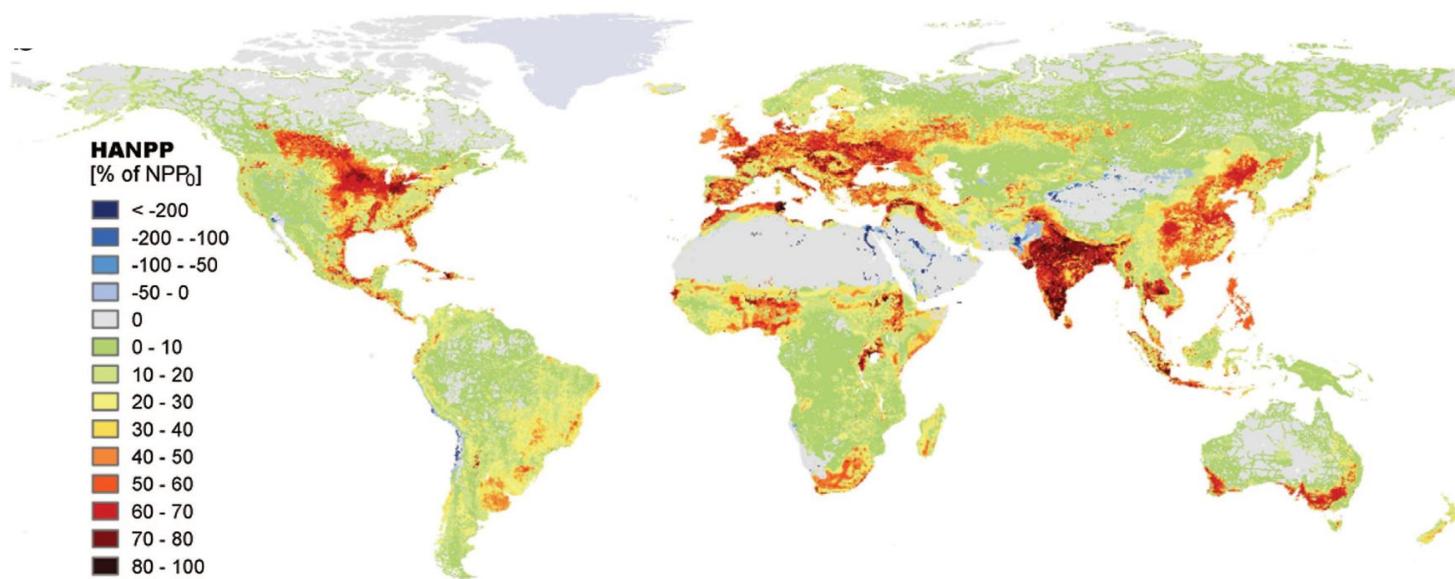
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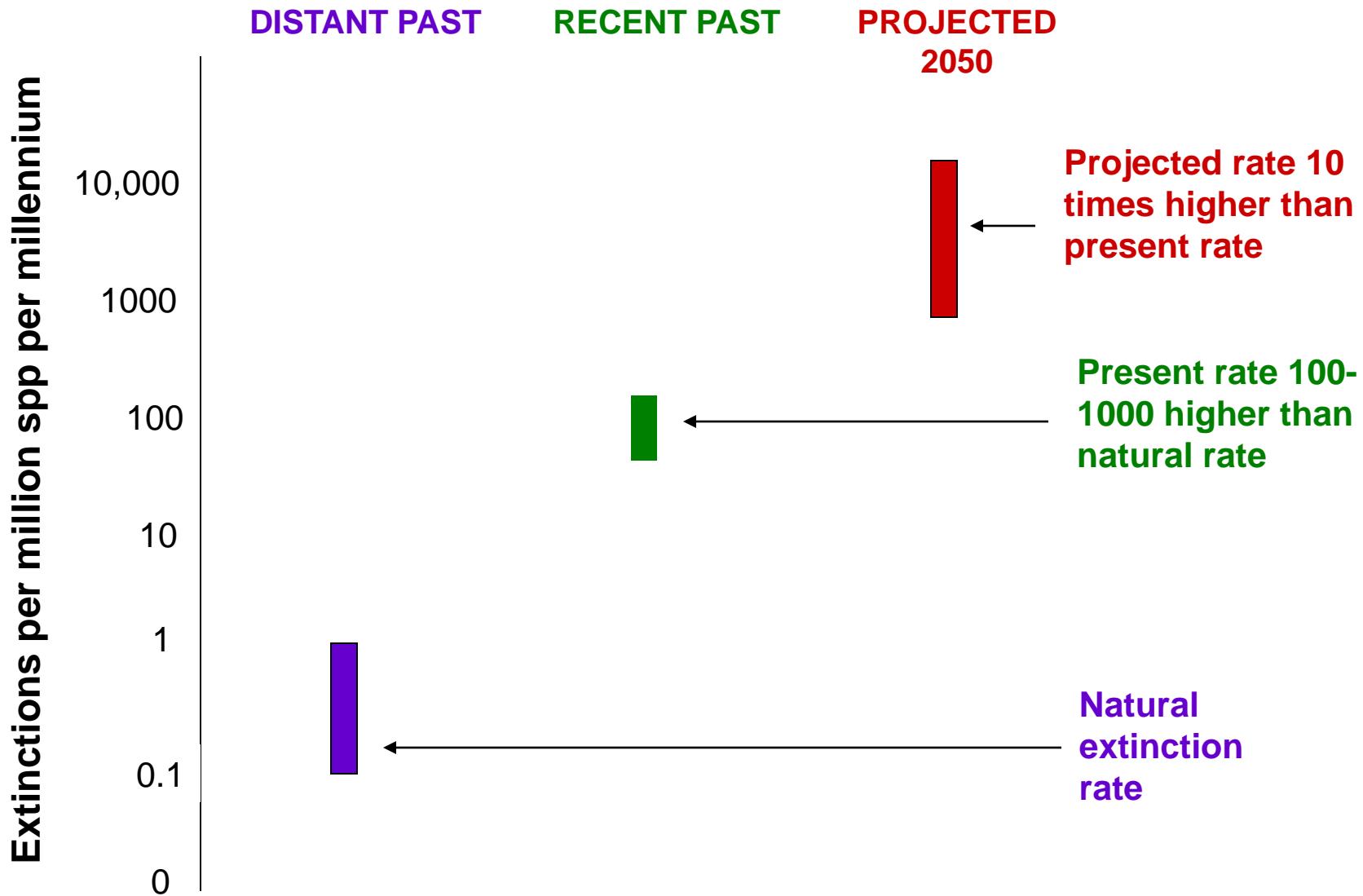
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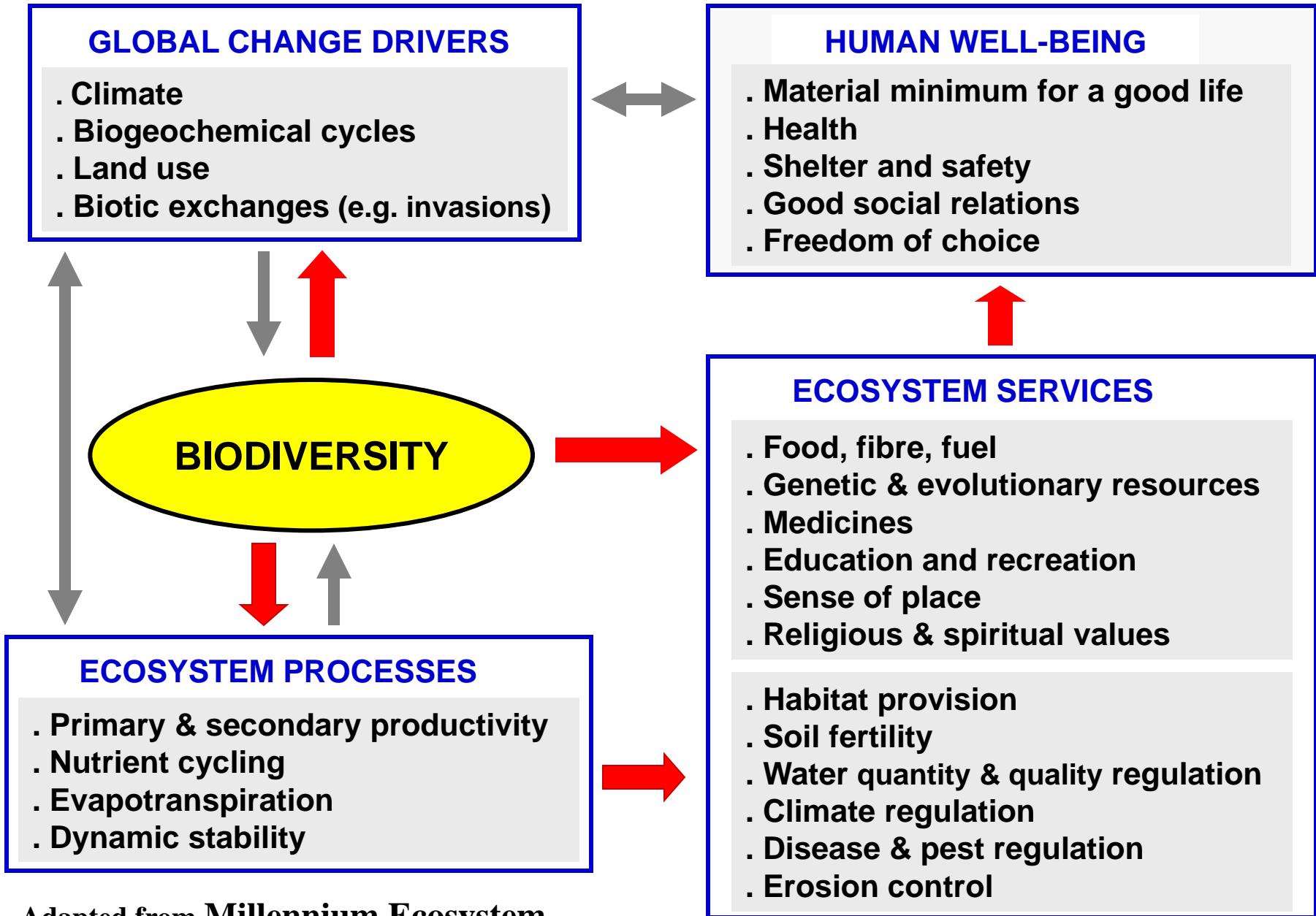


Human appropriation of net primary productivity c. yr 2000
(Haberl et al. 2007, PNAS)

REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIES ON THE PLANET

Mace et al. (MA 2005)



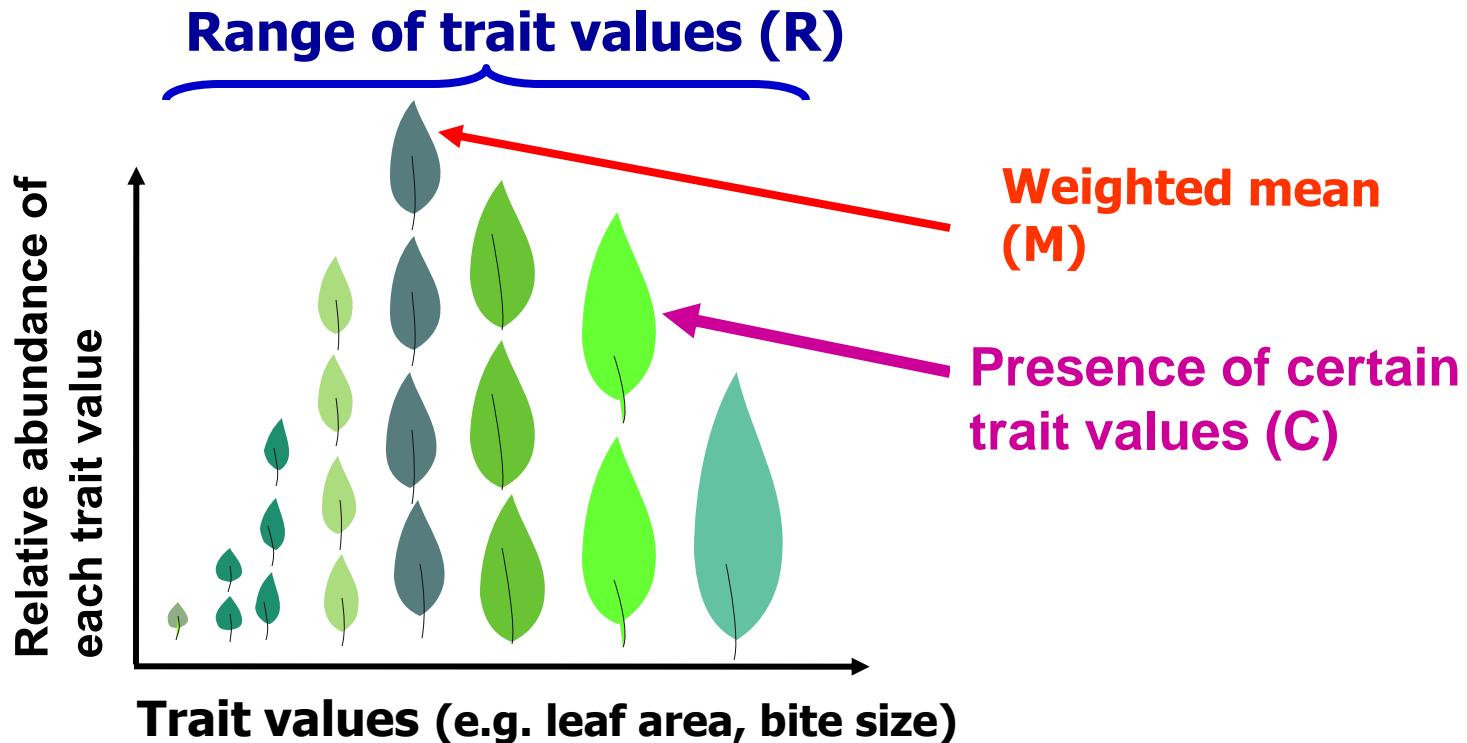


Adapted from Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005)

FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

The value, range and relative abundance of the functional traits of the organisms present in a given ecosystem.

(Tilman 1999 *Ecology*; Díaz & Cabido 2001 *TREE*; Díaz et al. 2007 *PNAS*)



Ecosystem processes f (EF, R, M, C)

Ecosystem services that depend mainly on the traits of the locally most abundant species

Carbon sequestration
Soil protection



Climate regulation
Protection against natural hazards

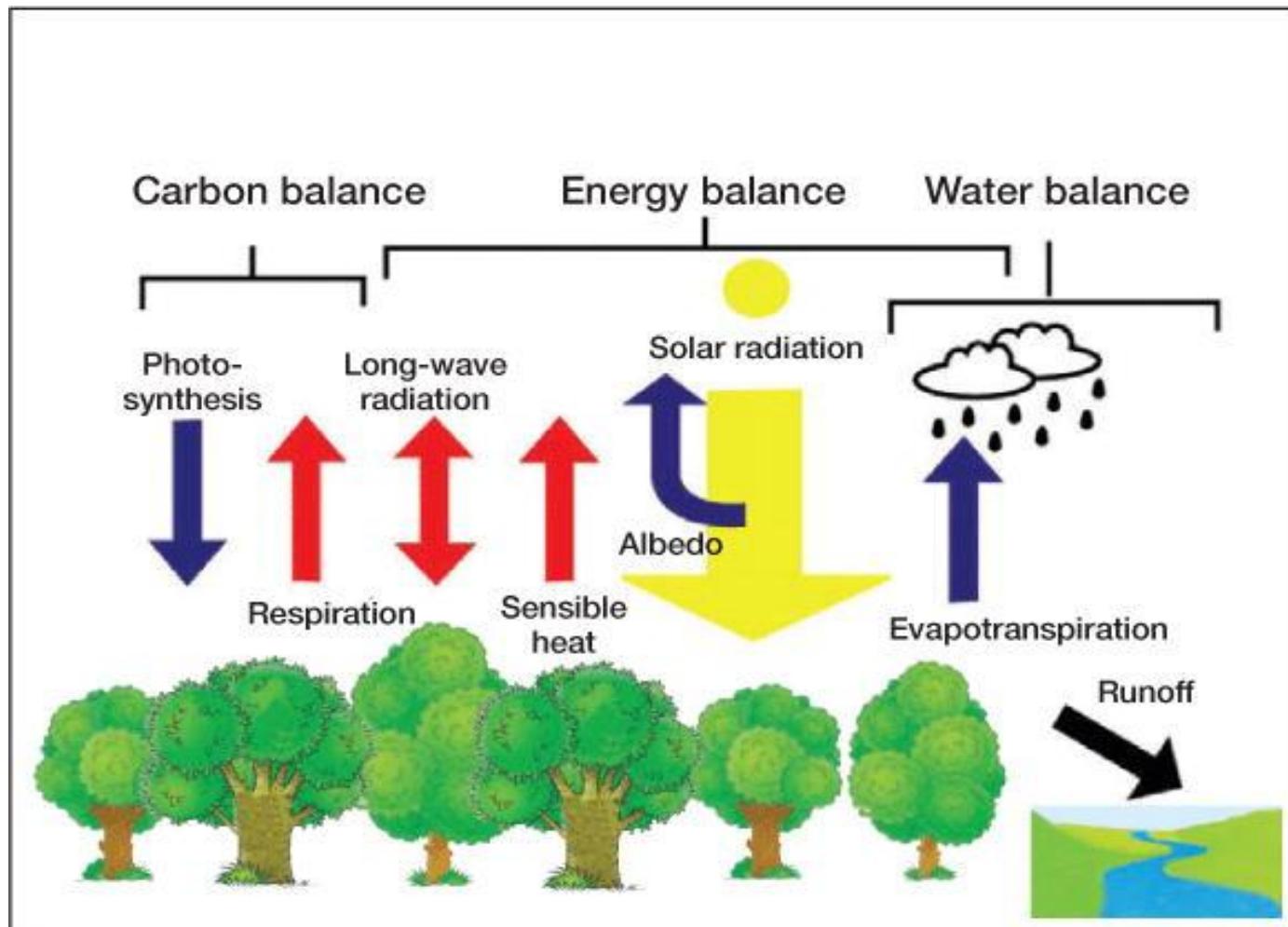
Regulation of water
quality and quantity



Forage provision



Feedbacks between vegetation and climate



Chapin et al. 2008 *FREE*

	Leaf physiology & morphology	Canopy size & architecture	Wood mechanical & chemical properties	Root depth & architecture
C storage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Albedo & sensible heat	✓	✓		
Balance between evapotranspiration, infiltration & runoff	✓	✓		✓
Vulnerability (pest outbreaks, fire, storms...)	✓ (P,F)	✓ (F,S)	✓ (F,S)	✓ (S)

Chapin et al. 2008 *FREE*

Gough et al. 2008 *Biosci.*

Luyssaert et al. 2008 *Nature*

De Deyn et al. 2008 *Ecol. Lett.*

Díaz et al. 2009

Ecosystem services that depend mainly on the presence of organisms with a wide RANGE (variety) of functional traits.

Food security in subsistence agriculture



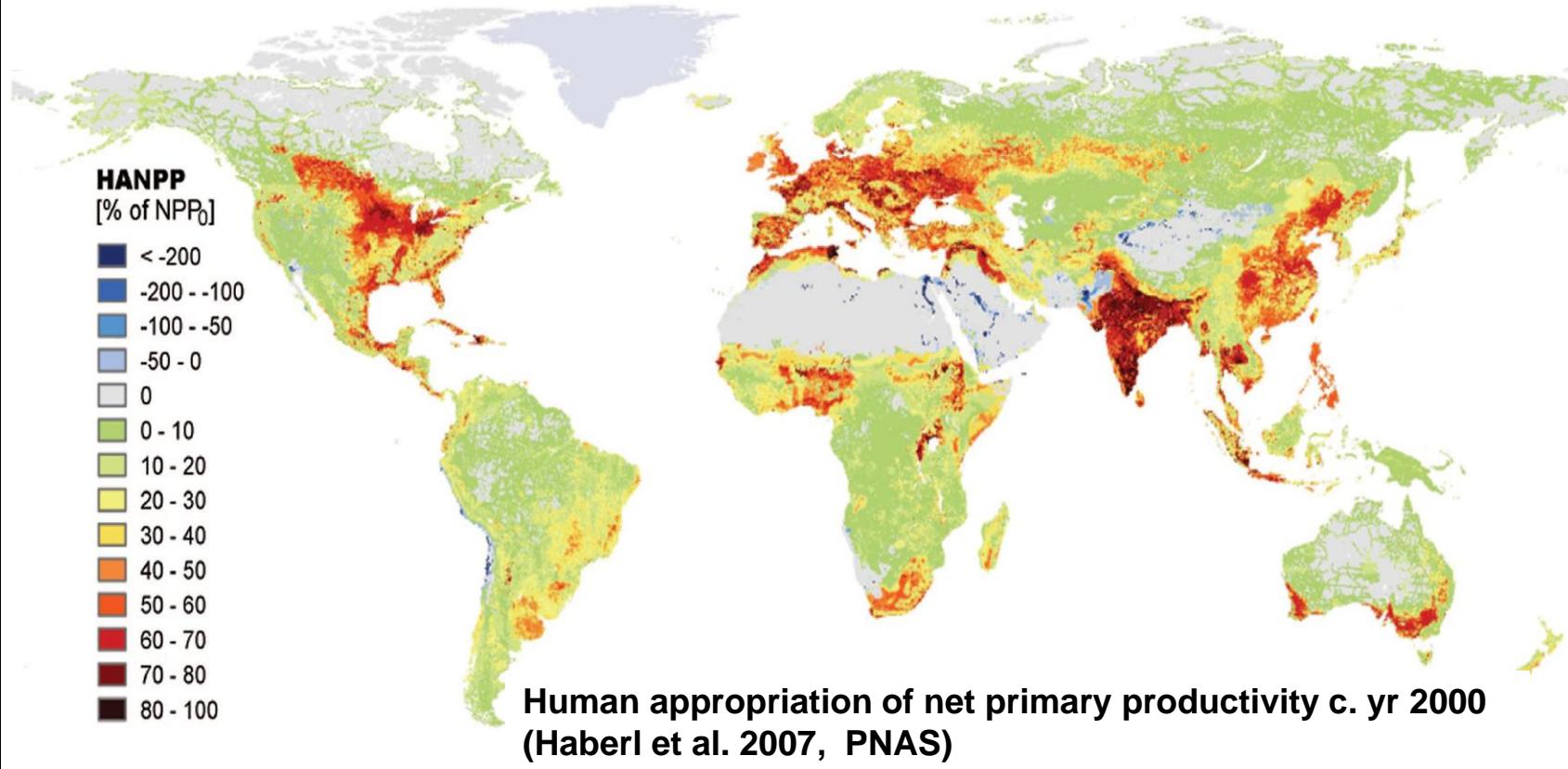
Aesthetic enjoyment

Ecosystem services depend on the presence of certain species



Cultural ecosystem services:
Sense of place and identity
Aesthetic enjoyment
Religious and spiritual
Ecotourism

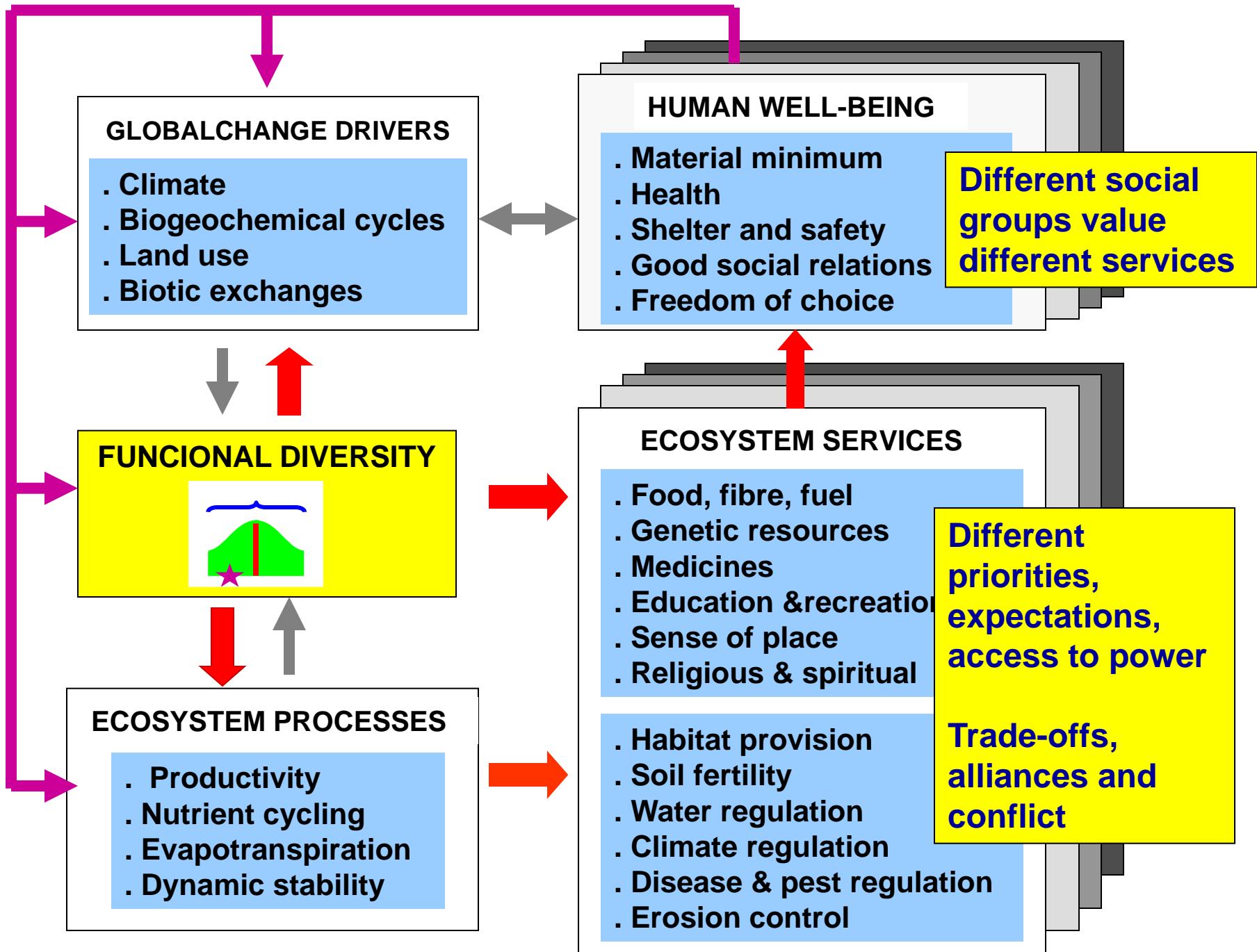




The provision of many ecosystem services is scale-dependent.

The minimum ecosystem size required for sustained provision varies widely among different services.







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CONCLUSIONS

► Biodiversity change not just collateral damage.

► Biodiversity change is an integral part of global change, affecting ecosystem services and human well-being.

► Social heterogeneity actively shapes diversity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

➤ **Biodiversity is ecologically and socially multidimensional and thus deserves a multidimensional approach:**

Interdisciplinary, multiscale, multisectorial

- **PRIMARY RESEARCH**
- **ASSESSMENT**
- **MONITORING and PROTECTION**