

Term first used by Raymond F. Dasmann in 1970s

Biodiversity: the variation of life forms within a given ecosystem, biome or the entire Earth

= "Nature"

Today defined as the "totality of genes, species and ecosystems":

A multilevel concept of:

- genetic diversity
- species diversity
- ecosystem diversity

1988 Proceedings of 1986 (US) National Forum on Biological Diversity organized by NRC



April 2002 CBD Biodiversity Target, endorsed by WSSD in 2002:



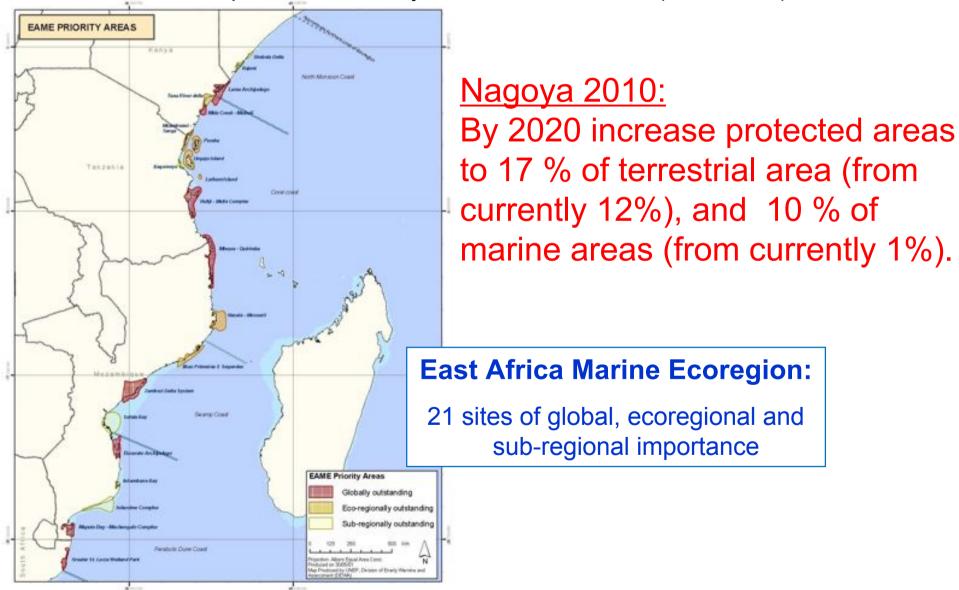
"To achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at a global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth"

How to measure it?

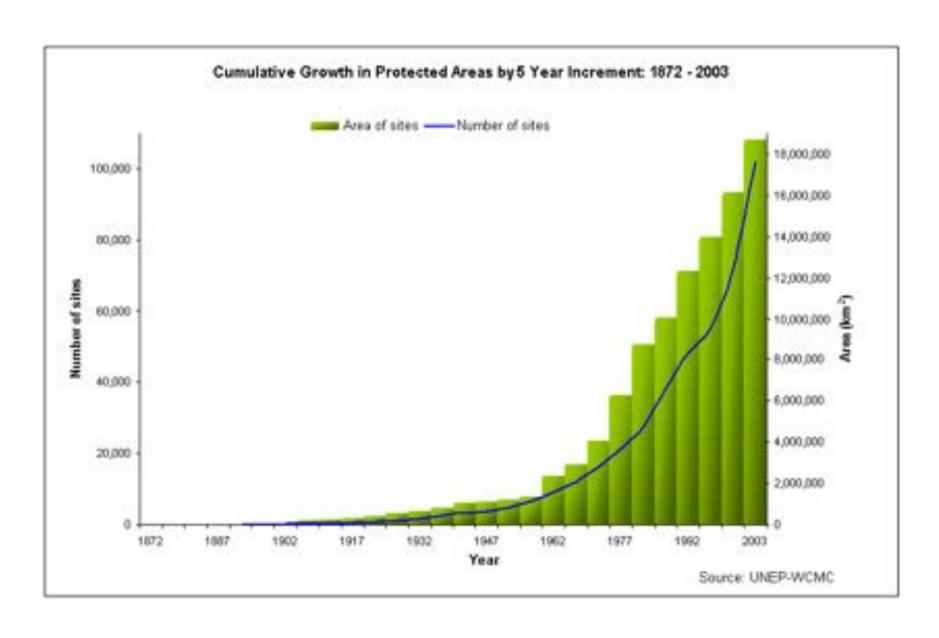
Peter Drucker: "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it"



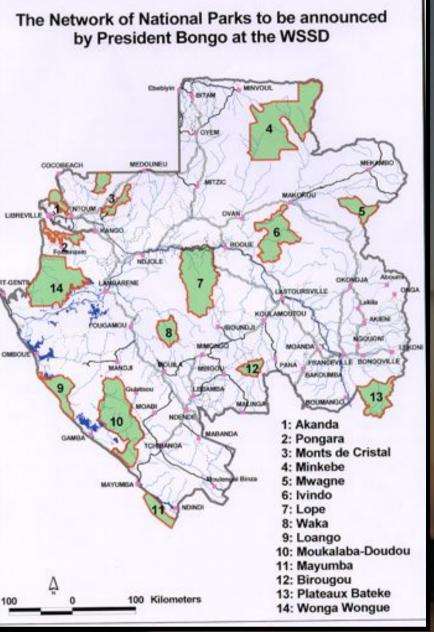
Protected areas target as "Substitute": "By 2010 terrestrially and 2012 in the marine area, a global network of comprehensive, representative and effectively managed national and regional protected area system is established" (CBD 2004).

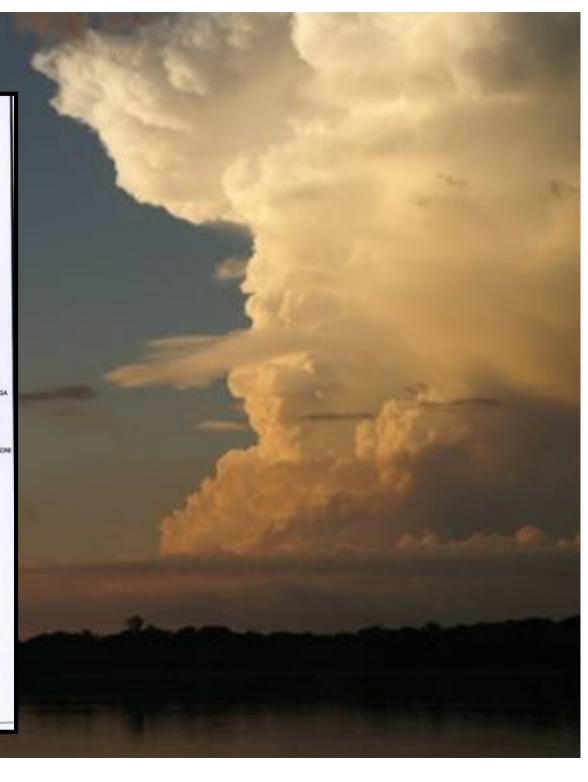


Increase in protected areas since 1872

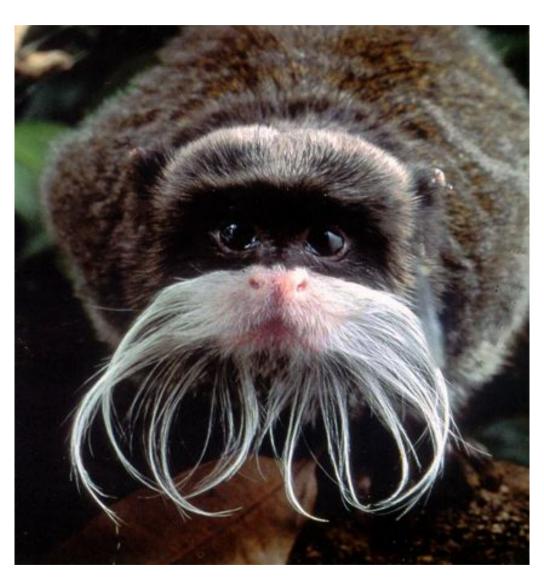


Gabon 2002





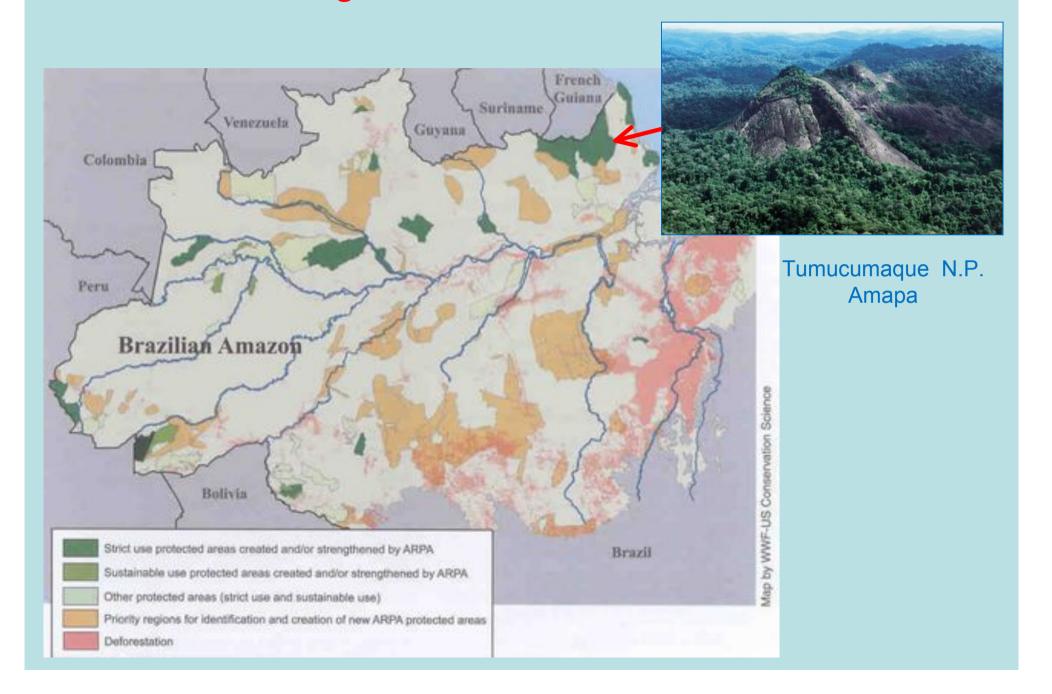
Amazon Region Protected Areas (ARPA) 10-Year Objectives (A Partnership between GoBrazil, WB, GEF und WWF)

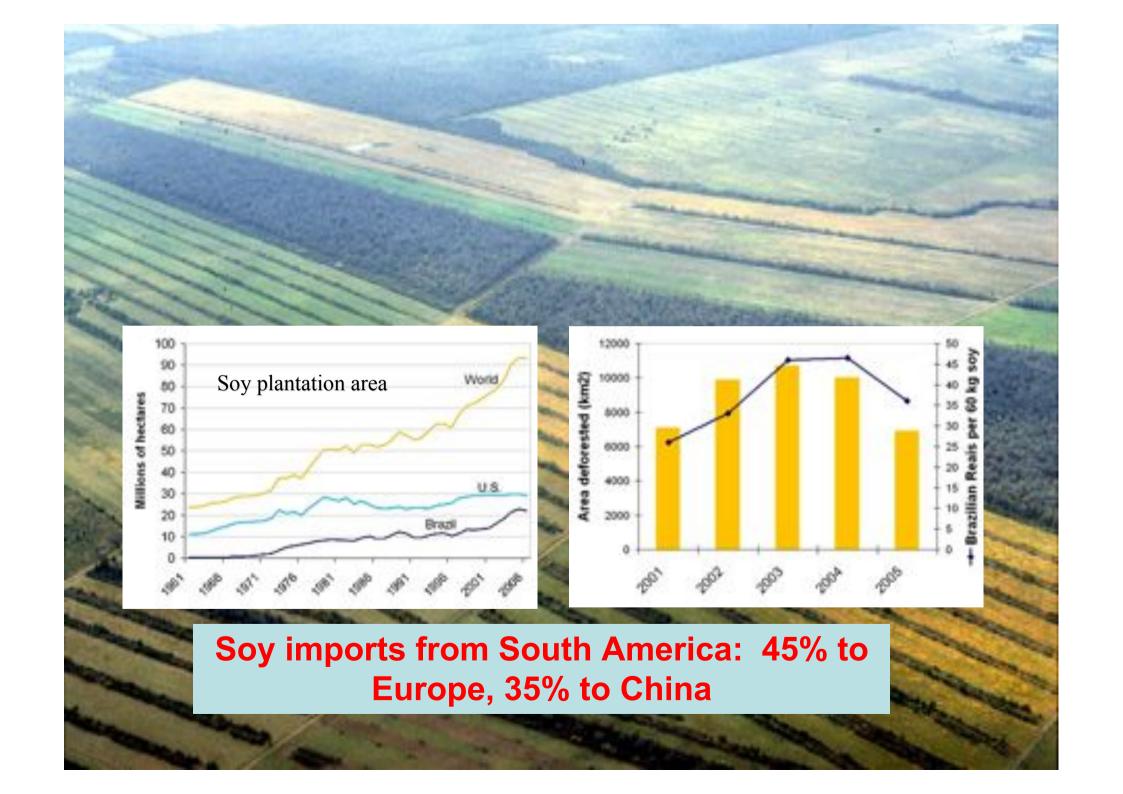


- Creation of 28m ha of new protected areas
- Creation of 9m ha of new sustainable use reserves
- Implementation of new and existing parks (12m ha)
- Establishment of a Trust Fund

Cost: USD 400m

Amazon Region Protected Areas – ARPA







Red data books (2009): Of 47'677 assessed species

36 % threatened by extinction: (incl. all 3 categories « critically endangered », endangered », vulnerable»)

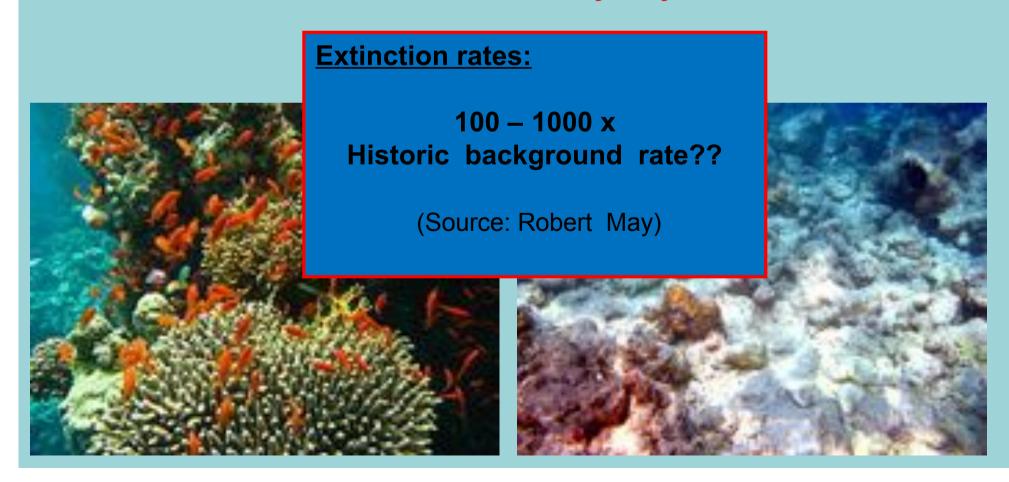
- 12% of birds
- 22 % of mammals
- 28 % of reptiles
- 31 % of amphibians
- 37 % of freshwater fishes
- 27 % reef- building corals
- 11 amphibian extinctions since 1980
- plus 120 amphibians possibly extinct





Biodiversity Loss – what baseline are we talking about ? 10, 15 oder 50+ million species?

Currently > 1. 8 million are named and described BUT this includes synonymes!!

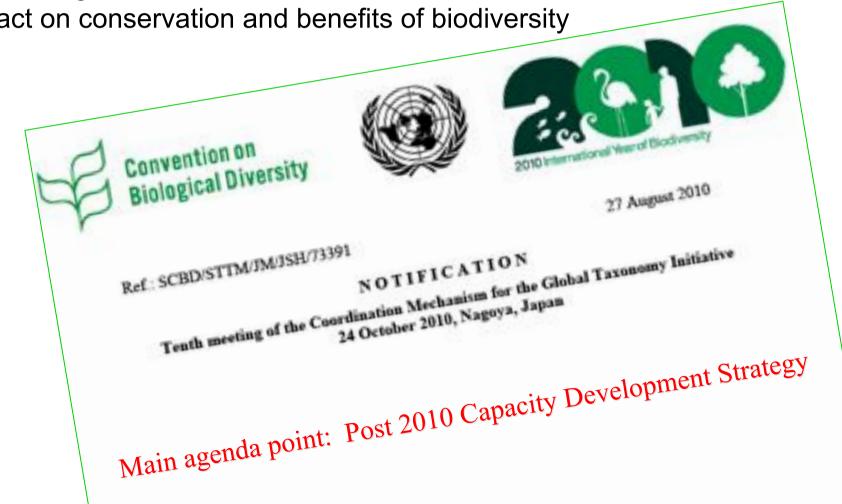


Global Taxonomy Initiative - GTI

To remove or reduce:

- knowledge gaps in taxonomic system
- the shortage of trained taxonomists and curators

impact on conservation and benefits of biodiversity



Census of Marine Life - CoML

<u>10 – year Program completed October 4, 2010:</u>

2700 scientists from 80 countries 30 million observations on 540 expeditions 650 million USD cost

- About 200'000 named marine species identified 1200 "new" species
- 12 % fishes, 19 % crustacea, 17% mollusca
- Another 5000 found, yet to be described
 - Current estimate at least 1 million higher life forms plus upto 1 billion micro-organisms



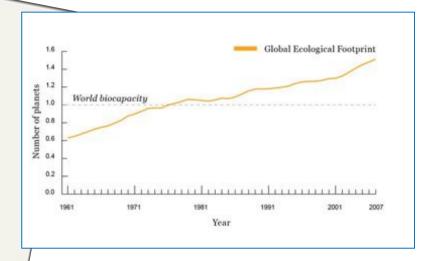


Living Planet Report 2010

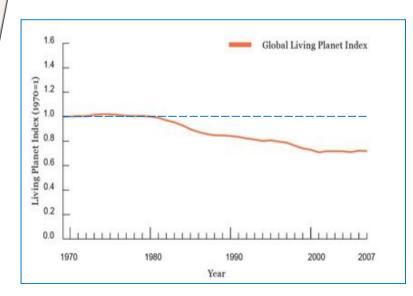
Biodiversity, biocapacity and development

Living Planet Report 2010 launched
13 October 2010

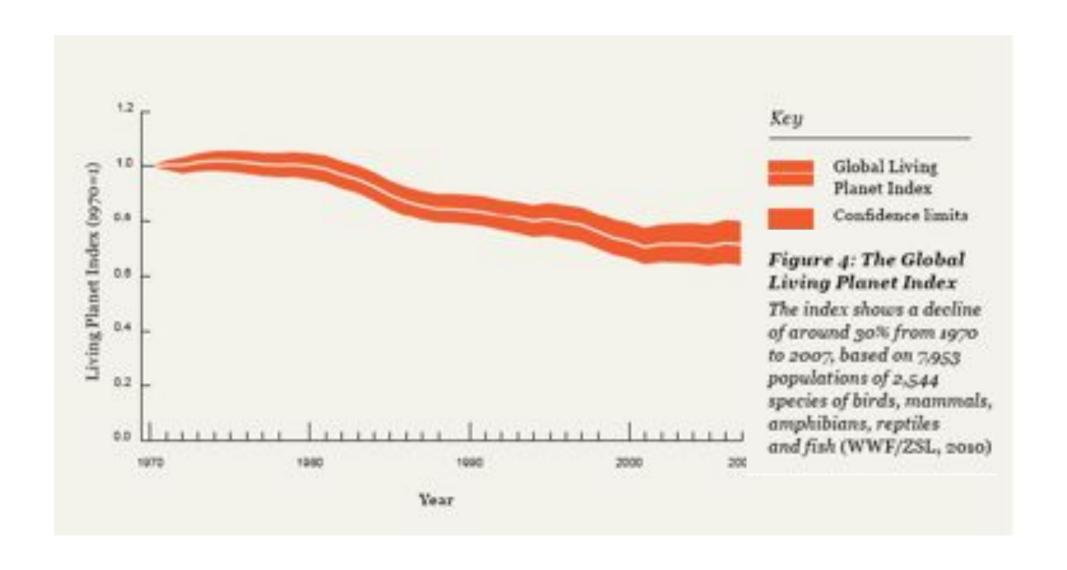
Global Ecological Footprint: 100 % increase since 1966



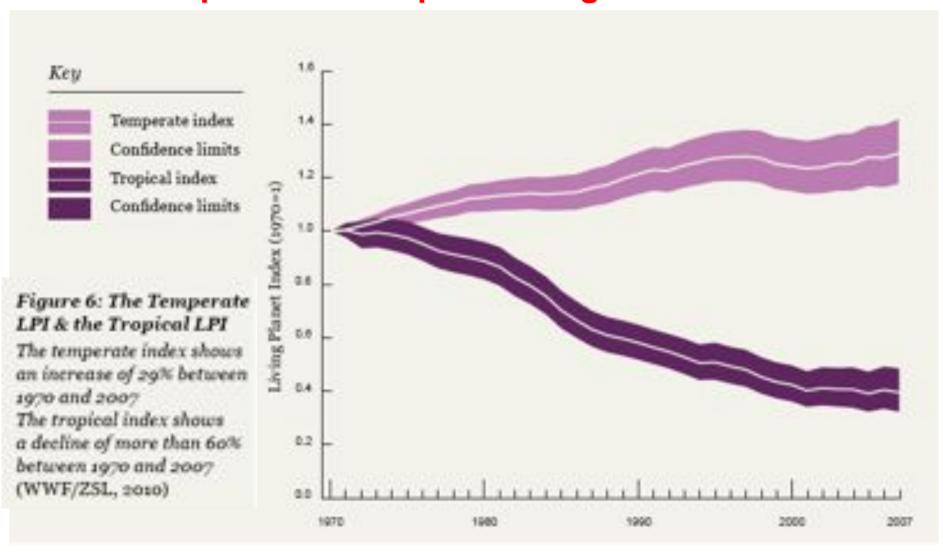
Global Living Planet Index: 30 % decline since 1970

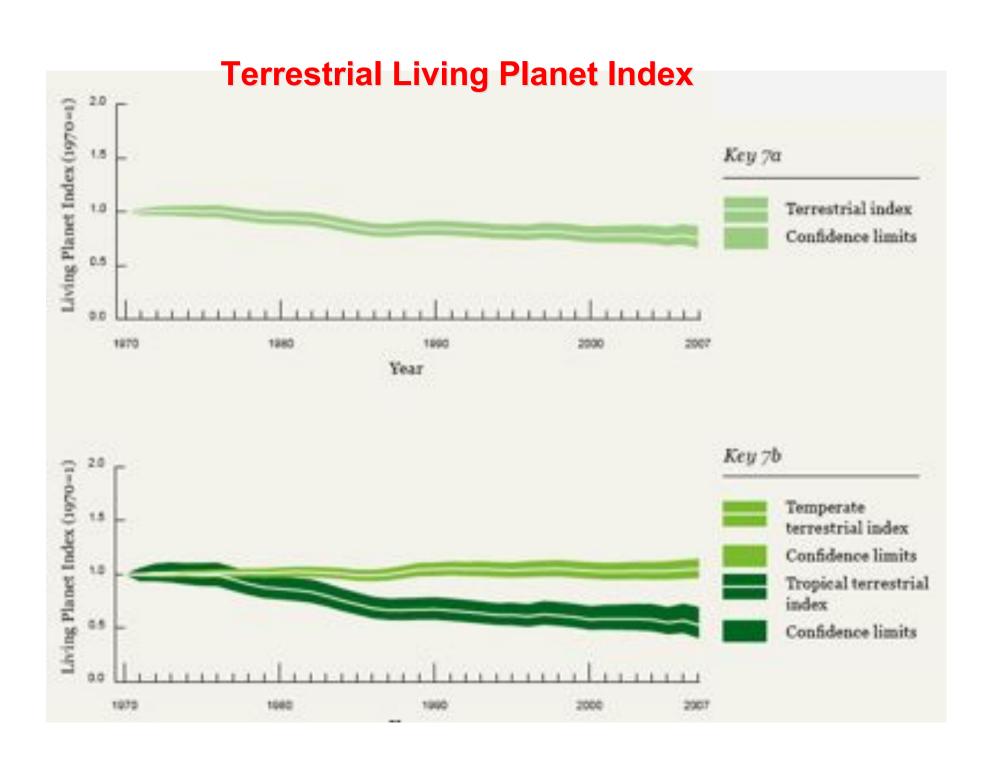


Global Living Planet Index – LPI based on 7953 populations of 2544 vertebrate species

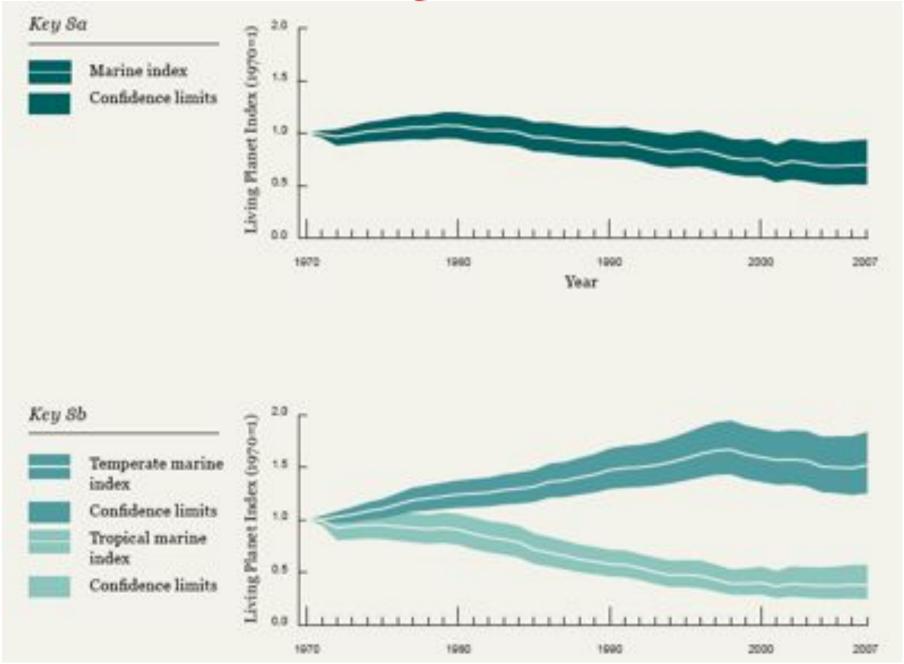


Temperate vs. Tropical Living Planet Index



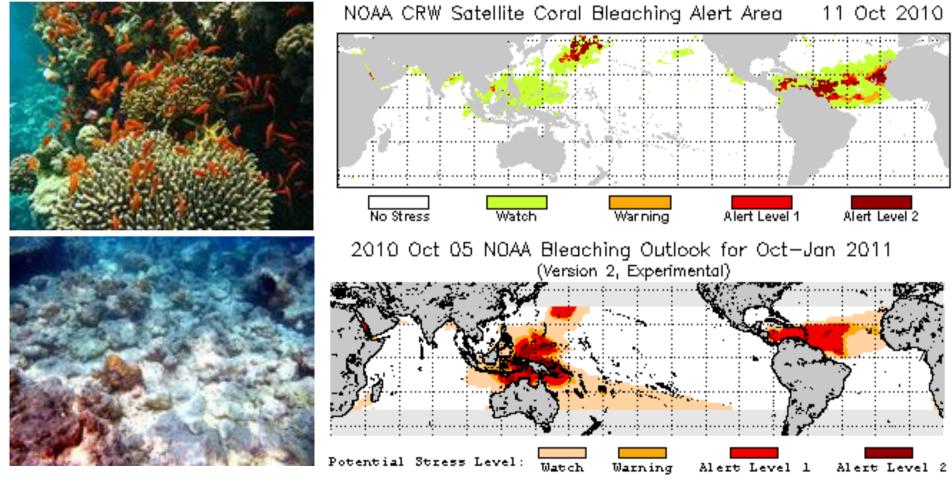


Marine Living Planet Index



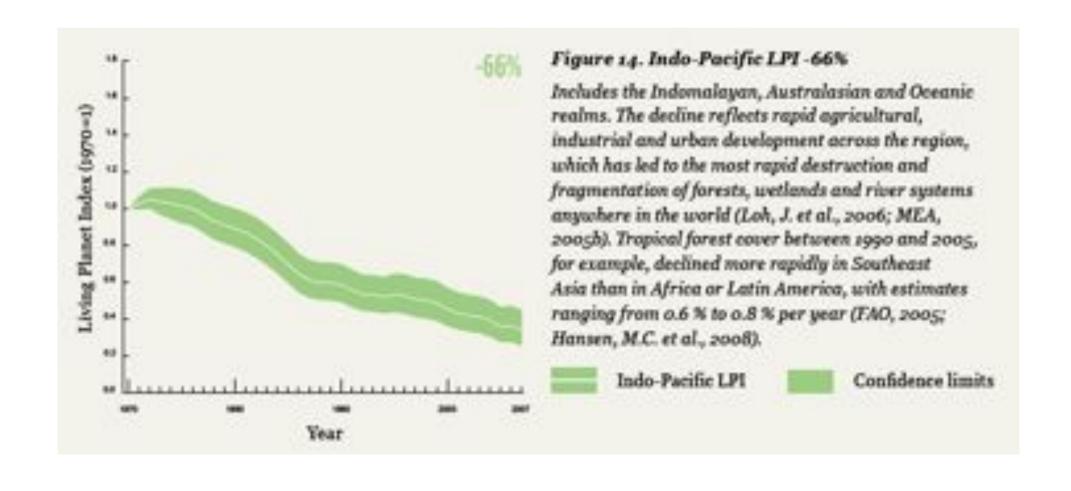


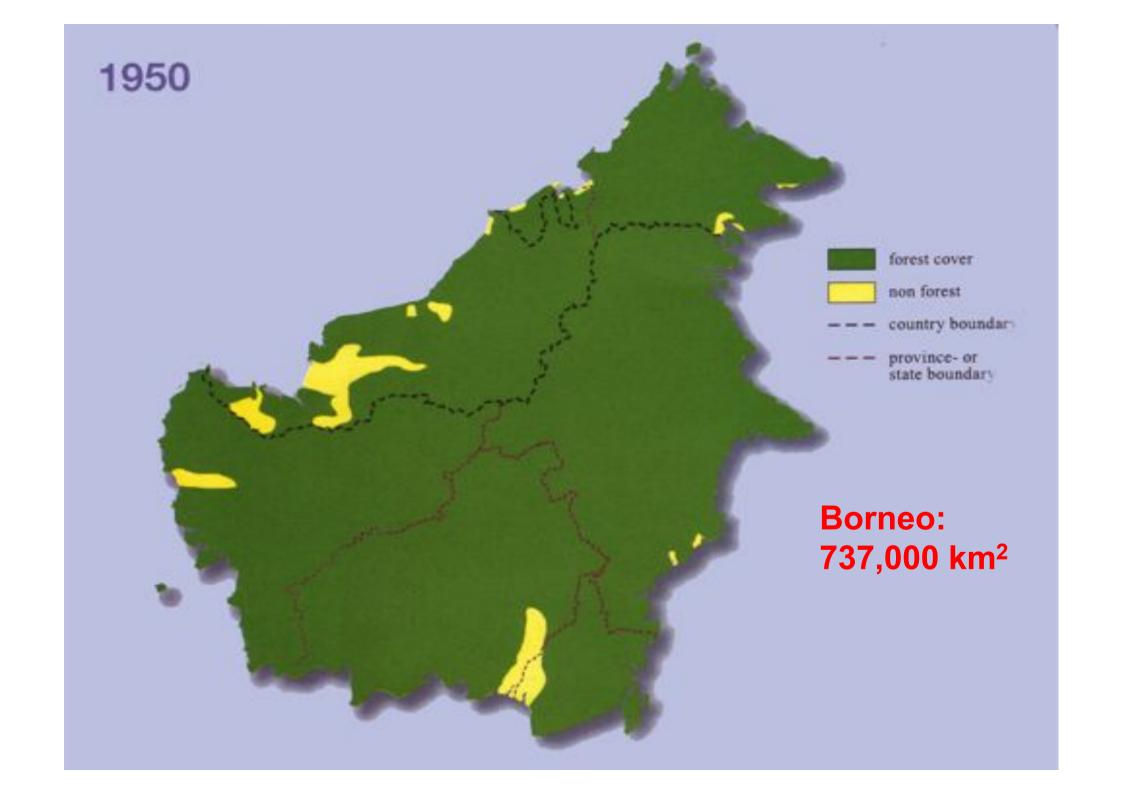
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coral Reef Conservation Program



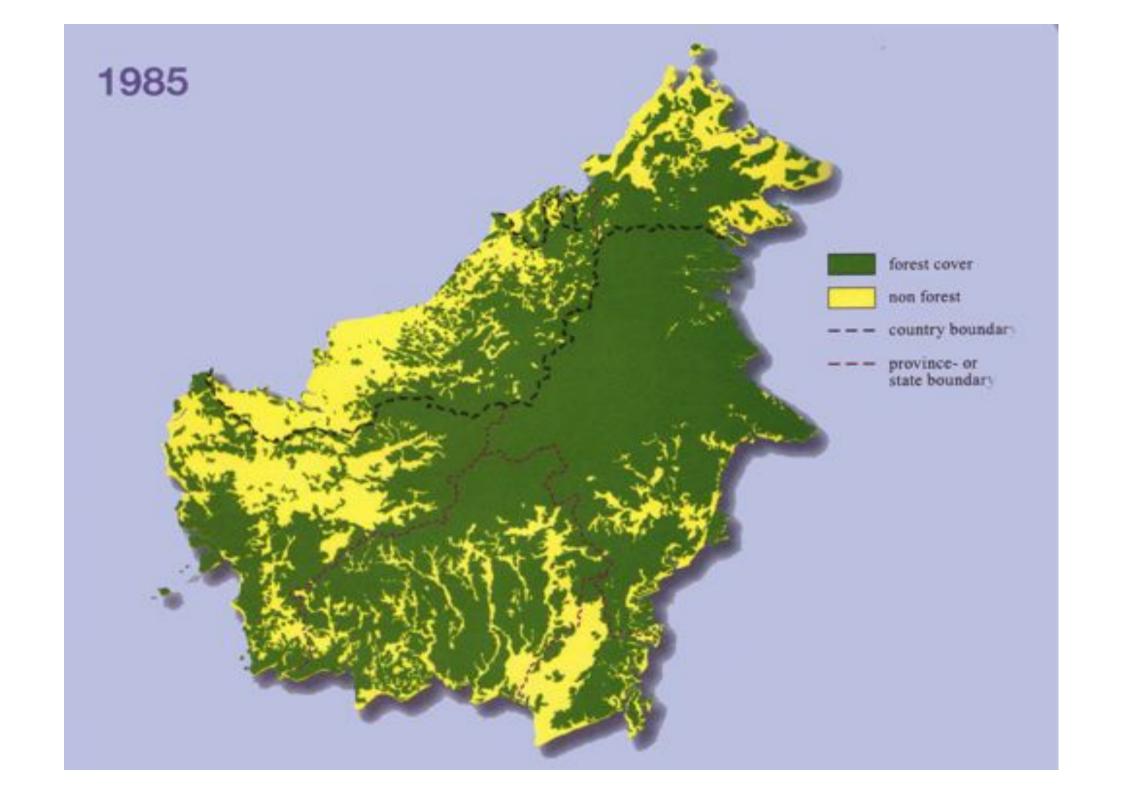
Indo-Pacific LPI is symptomatic of causes for global biodiversity loss due to:

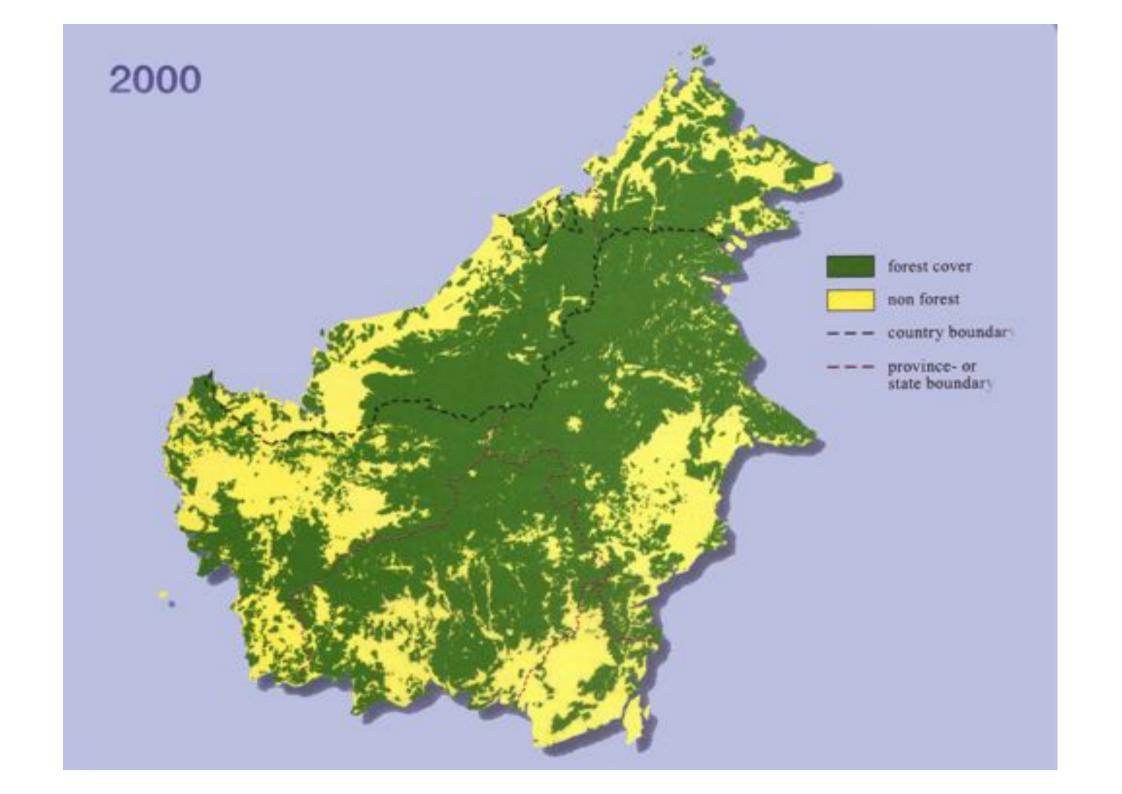
Rapid agricultural, industrial and urban development

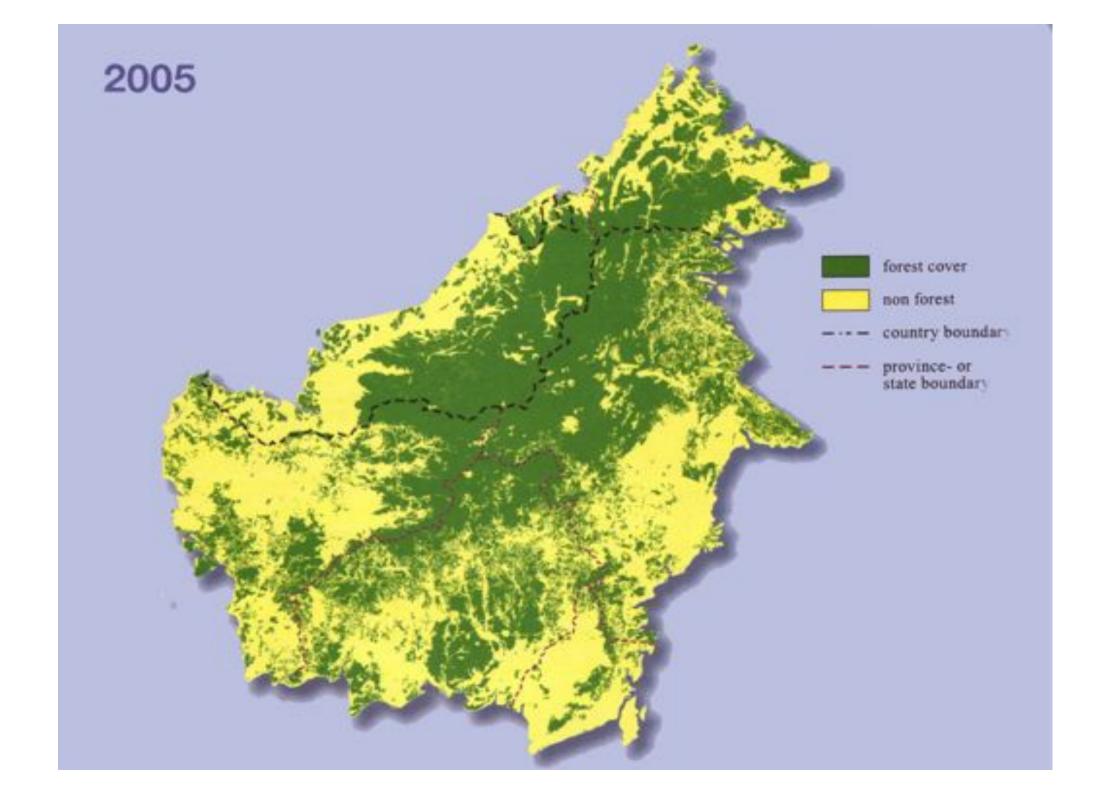






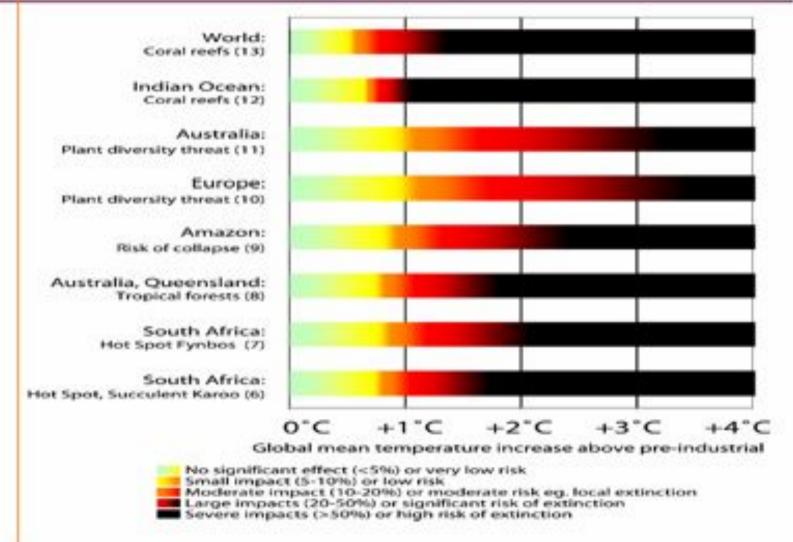


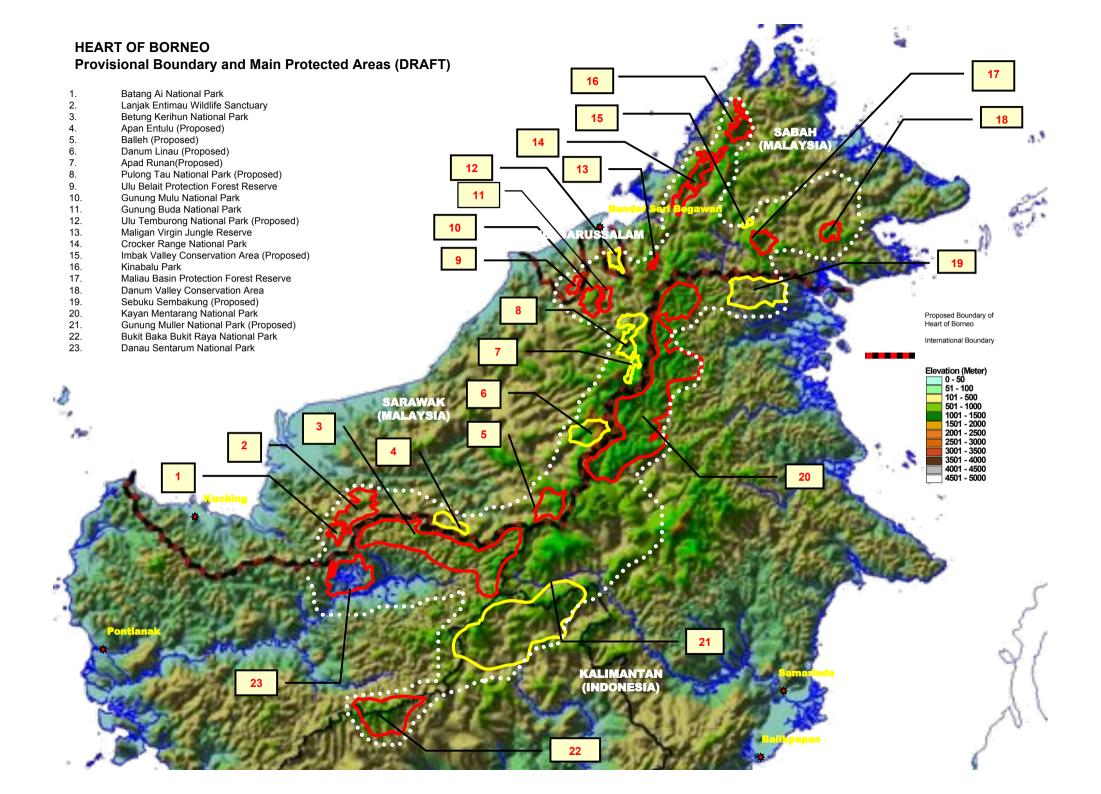






Ecosystems I

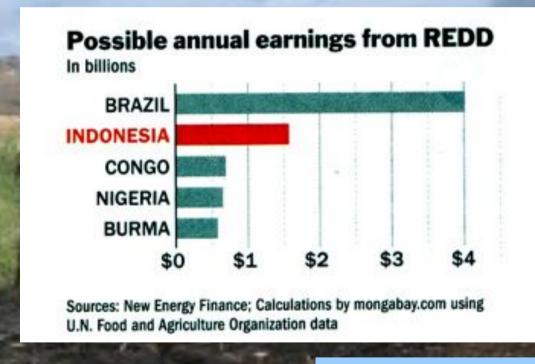




CO₂ Emission Reduction through avoided Deforestation

(Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (in developing countries - REDD)

A programme to create incentive structures to combat deforestation (not an alternative to sustainable forest management)



Global trade in emissions 2009: US\$ 122 billion



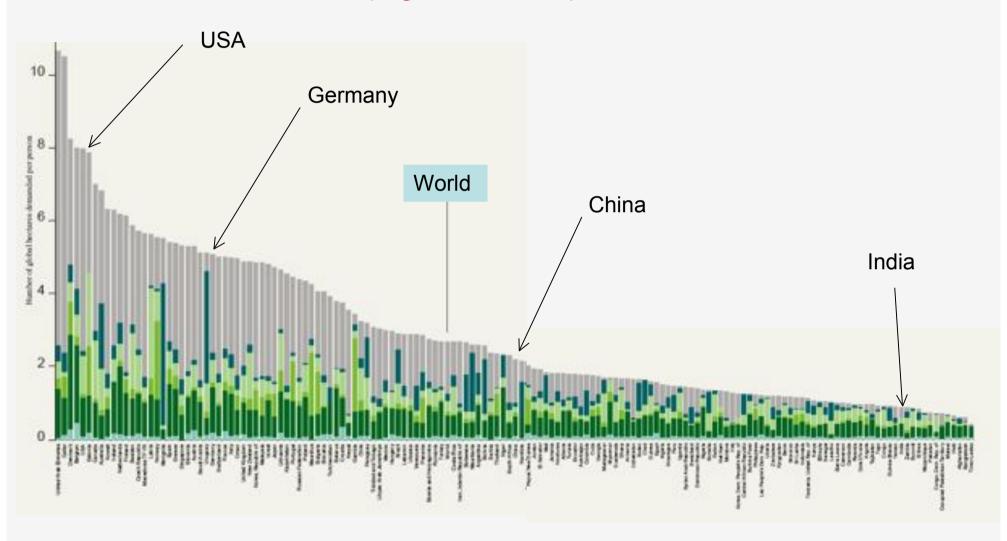


China: Until 2020 a city the size of Stockholm (1.2 m inhabitans) ...every month!

50 % of the world's new buildings will be constructed in China

Ecological Footprint per capita 2007

(in global hectares)





We are missing the CBD targets, and will globally continue to lose biodiversity – unless we address ..

The underlying (political-economic) root causes of biodiversity loss:

- Externalisation of environmental costs, market failure (e.g. soy)
- Lack of monitoring, full cost accounting and reliable economic indicators (short term gain vs. long-term sustainability)
- Lack of recognition and validation of ecosystem services (PES)
 - Need for de-carbonization of the economy
 - Failure of poverty reduction strategies

Thus, we are confronted with systems failure, despite recognized need (e.g. fisheries, climate change)

Global Ecological Footprint and Gross World Product

