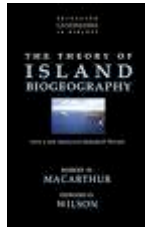
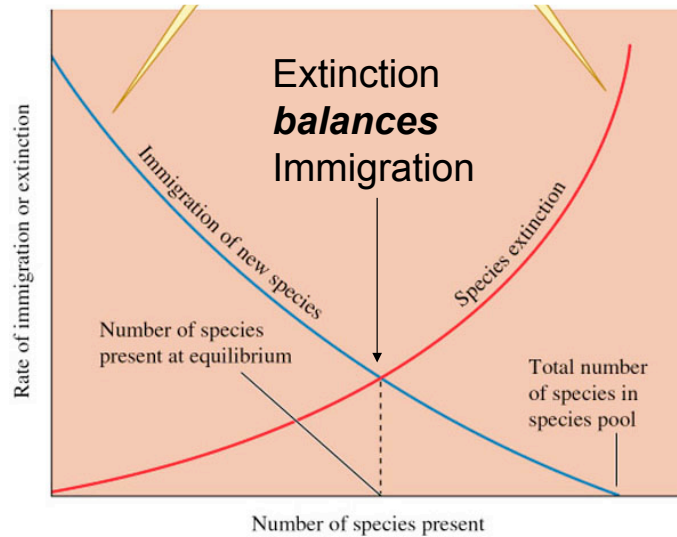


Robert MacArthur and Edward O. Wilson



The Theory of Island Biogeography

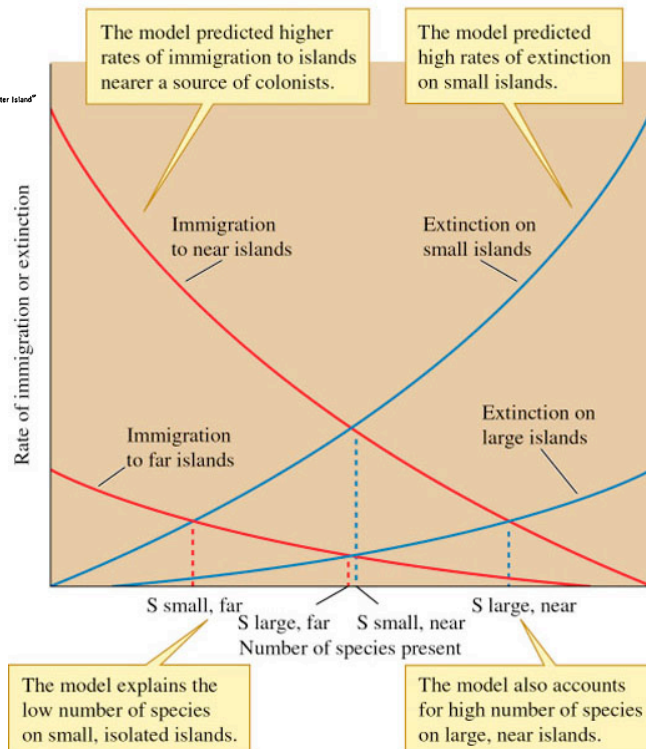


Assumptions:

Increasing isolation
decreases immigration
rate

Increasing size
decreases extinction
rate

The equilibrium model of island biogeography explained variation in number of species on islands by the influences of isolation and area on rates of immigration and extinction.

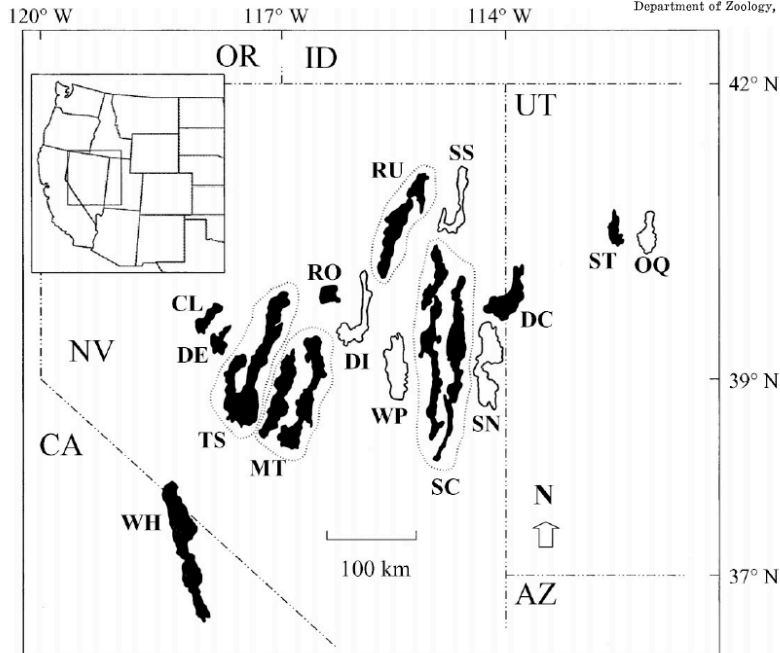


Mountaintops as Islands

MAMMALS ON MOUNTAINTOPS: NONEQUILIBRIUM
INSULAR BIOGEOGRAPHY

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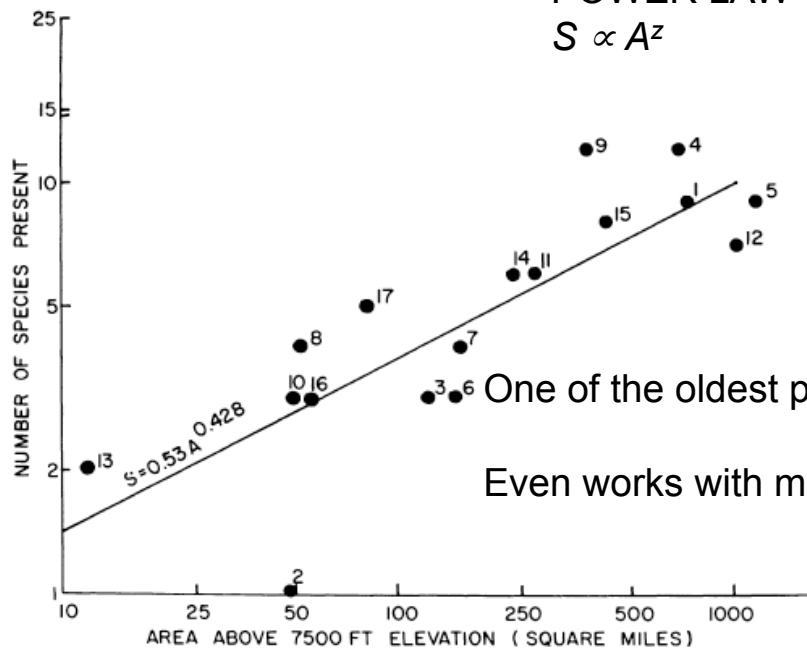


The Species-Area Relationship

Larger “Islands” contain more species

POWER LAW

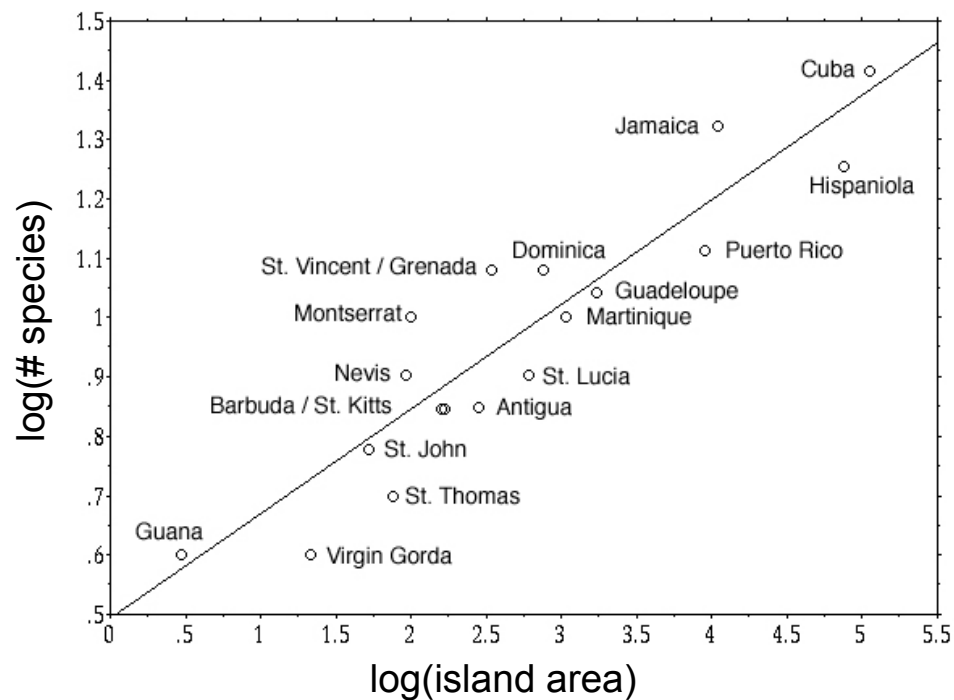
$$S \propto A^z$$



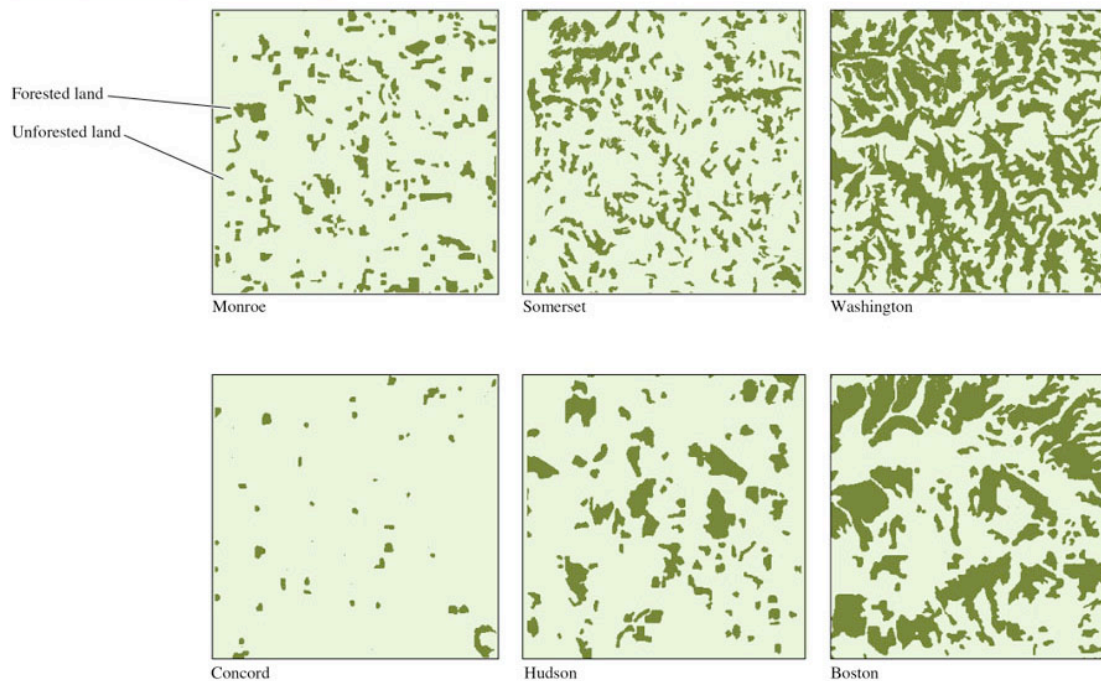
One of the oldest patterns in ecology

Even works with mountaintops

Works on real islands too! - Caribbean Bats

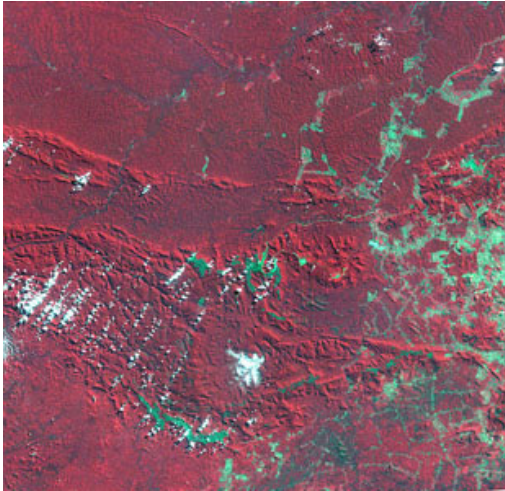


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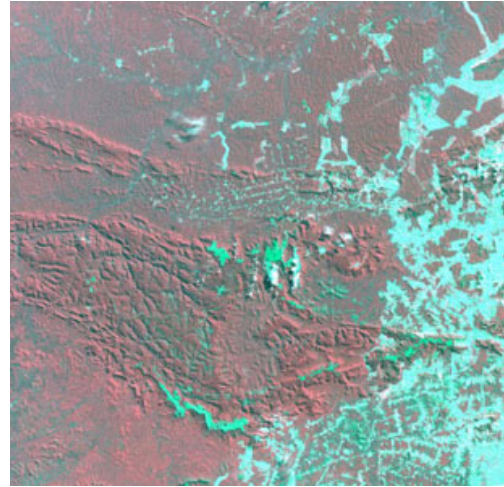


Forested landscapes in Ohio - Shrinking Islands?

Carajas, Brazil



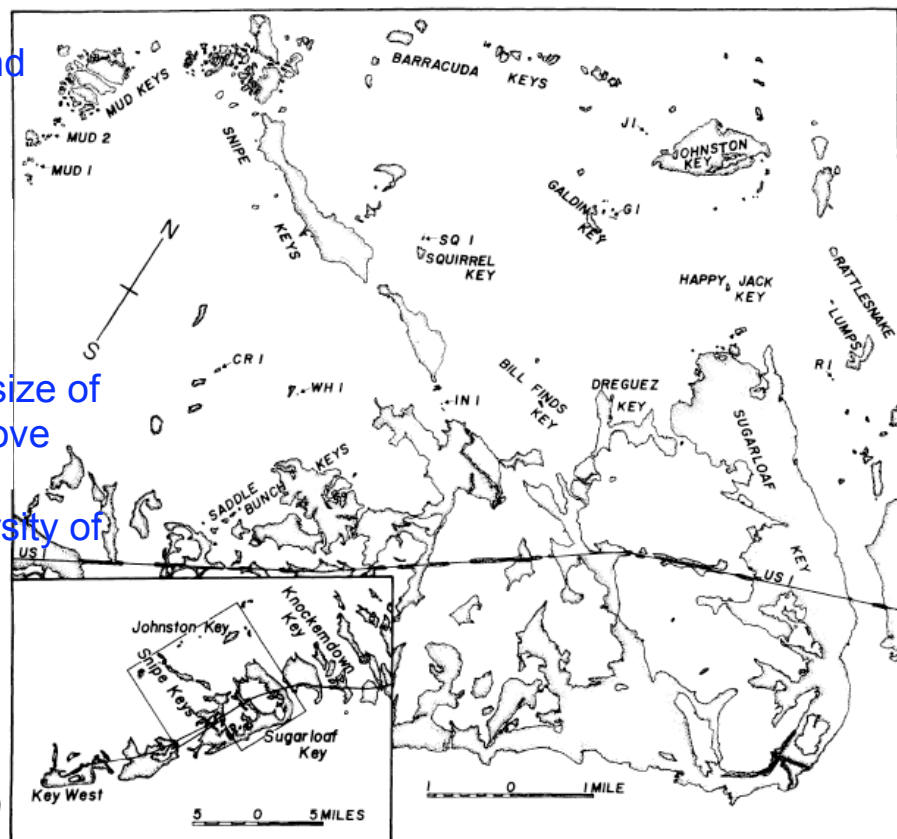
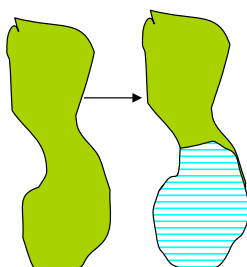
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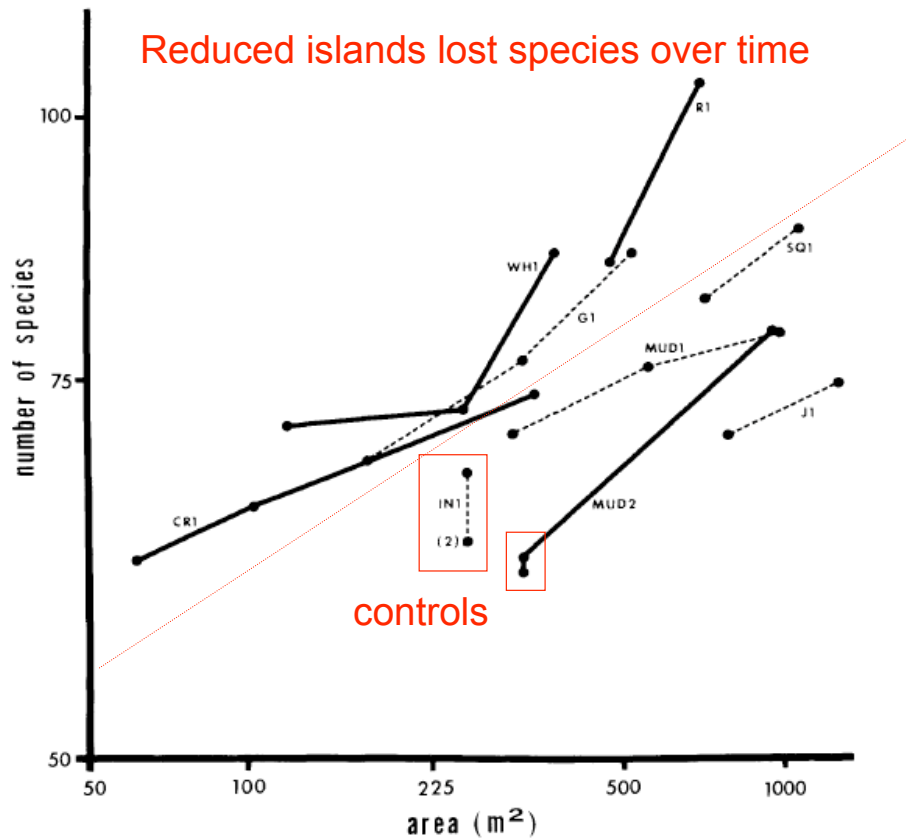
Simberloff and
Wilson
Florida Keys
1970s

Experiment:
Change the size of
small mangrove
islands
Monitor diversity of
arthropods



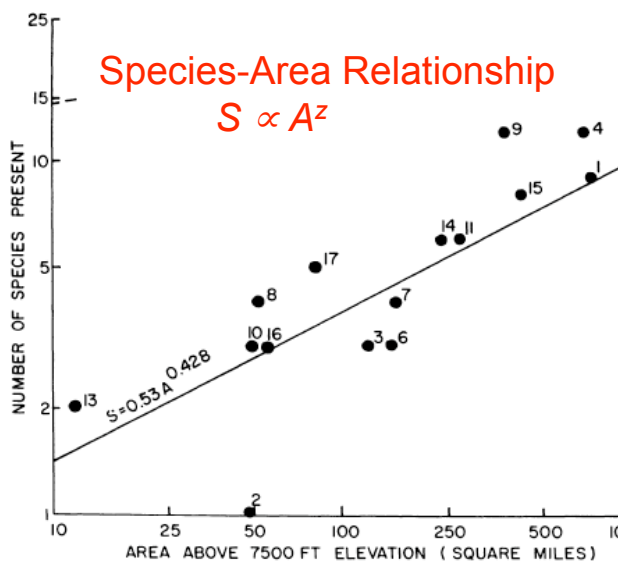


Reduced islands lost species over time



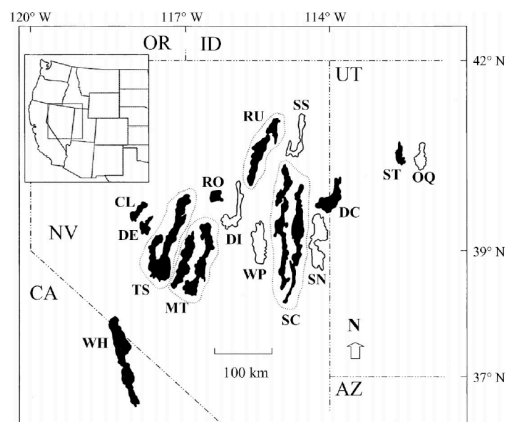
Back to the Mountains

How will the fauna respond to climate change?



Species-Area Relationship
 $S \propto A^z$

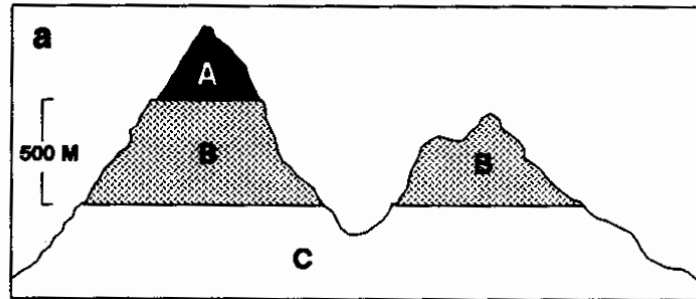
THEY ALREADY HAVE!
(since the Pleistocene)



Vegetation zones change with elevation due to climate

Cooler

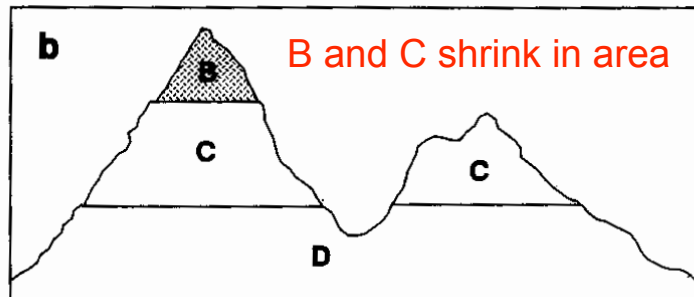
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- B - patchy
- C - connected



Warmer

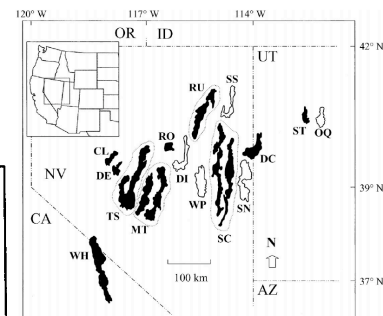
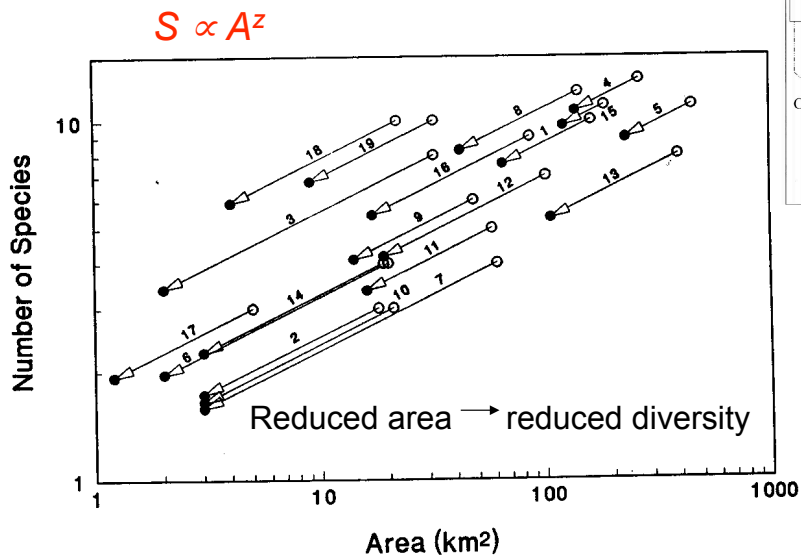
- B - rare
- C - patchy
- (new) D - connected

Where's A?

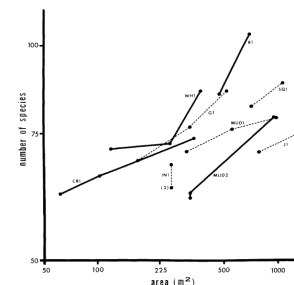


Predicting Responses to Climate Change

Hypothesis: Diversity of mountain islands will shift along Species-Area Relationship



(like the mangroves)



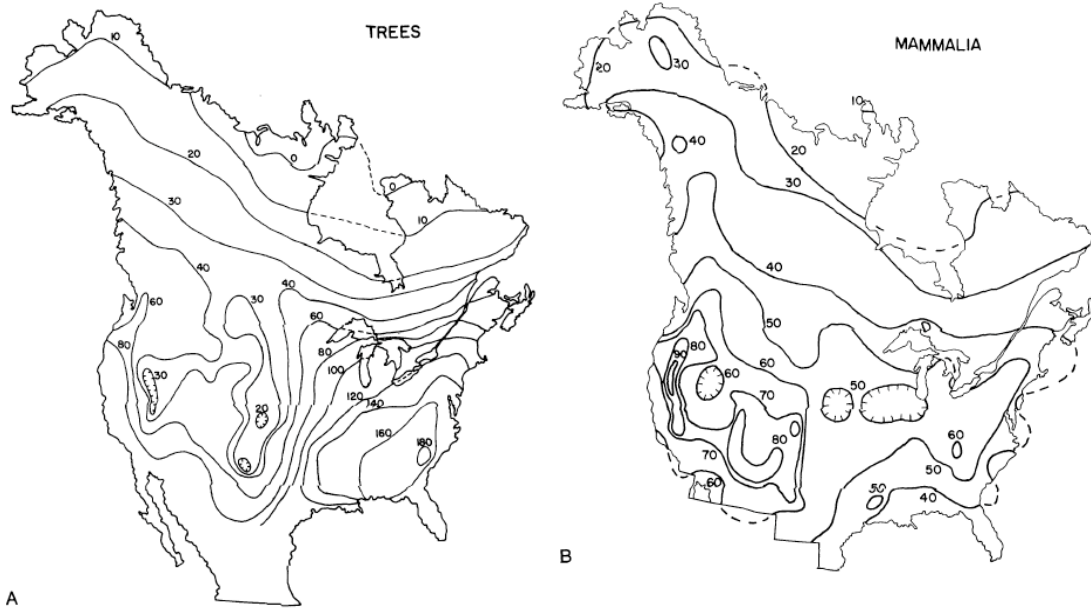
Diversity gradients and climate

ENERGY AND LARGE-SCALE PATTERNS OF ANIMAL- AND PLANT-SPECIES RICHNESS

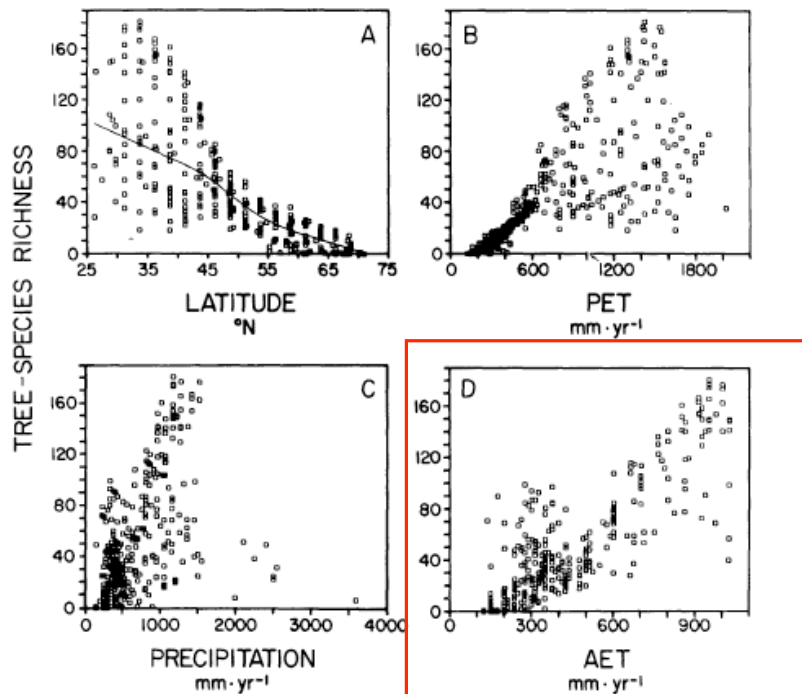
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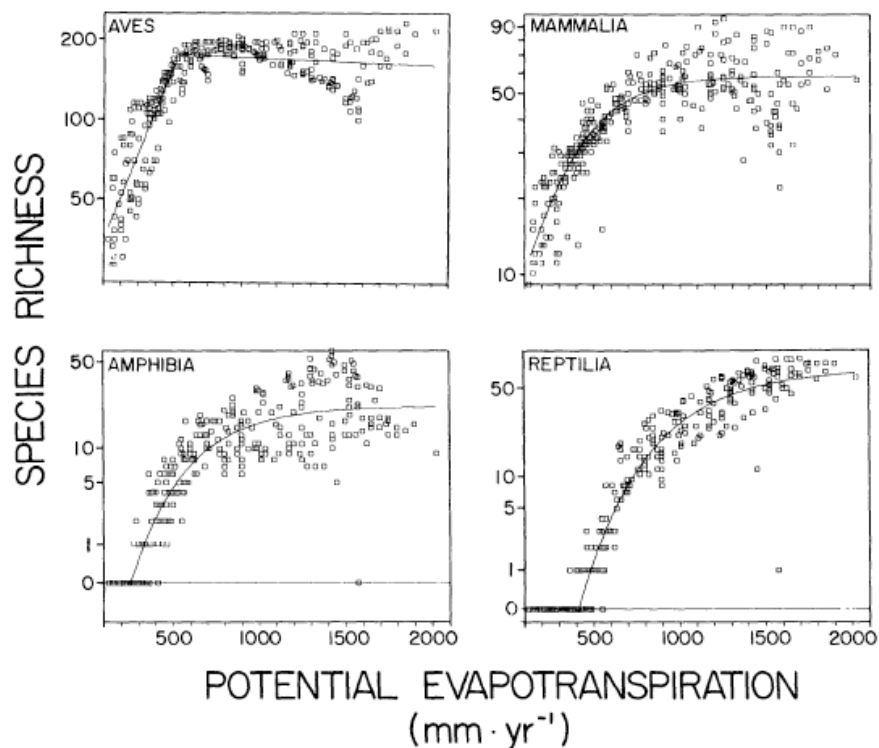
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The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital

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The services of ecological systems and the natural capital stocks that produce them are critical to the functioning of the Earth's life-support system. They contribute to human welfare, both directly and indirectly, and therefore represent part of the total economic value of the planet. We have estimated the current economic value of 17 ecosystem services for 16 biomes, based on published studies and a few original calculations. For the entire biosphere, the value (most of which is outside the market) is estimated to be in the range of US\$16–54 trillion (10¹²) per year, with an average of US\$33 trillion per year. Because of the nature of the uncertainties, this must be considered a minimum estimate. Global gross national product total is around US\$18 trillion per year.

Table 1 Ecosystem services and functions used in this study

Number	Ecosystem service*	Ecosystem functions	Examples
1	Gas regulation	Regulation of atmospheric chemical composition.	CO ₂ /O ₂ balance, O ₃ for UVB protection, and SO _x levels.
2	Climate regulation	Regulation of global temperature, precipitation, and other biologically mediated climatic processes at global or local levels.	Greenhouse gas regulation, DMS production affecting cloud formation.
3	Disturbance regulation	Capacitance, damping and integrity of ecosystem response to environmental fluctuations.	Storm protection, flood control, drought recovery and other aspects of habitat response to environmental variability mainly controlled by vegetation structure.
4	Water regulation	Regulation of hydrological flows.	Provisioning of water for agricultural (such as irrigation) or industrial (such as milling) processes or transportation.
5	Water supply	Storage and retention of water.	Provisioning of water by watersheds, reservoirs and aquifers.
6	Erosion control and sediment retention	Retention of soil within an ecosystem.	Prevention of loss of soil by wind, runoff, or other removal processes, storage of silt in lakes and wetlands.
7	Soil formation	Soil formation processes.	Weathering of rock and the accumulation of organic material.
8	Nutrient cycling	Storage, internal cycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients.	Nitrogen fixation, N, P and other elemental or nutrient cycles.
9	Waste treatment	Recovery of mobile nutrients and removal or breakdown of excess or xenic nutrients and compounds.	Waste treatment, pollution control, detoxification.
10	Pollination	Movement of floral gametes.	Provisioning of pollinators for the reproduction of plant populations.
11	Biological control	Trophic-dynamic regulations of populations.	Keystone predator control of prey species, reduction of herbivory by top predators.
12	Refugia	Habitat for resident and transient populations.	Nurseries, habitat for migratory species, regional habitats for locally harvested species, or overwintering grounds.
13	Food production	That portion of gross primary production extractable as food.	Production of fish, game, crops, nuts, fruits by hunting, gathering, subsistence farming or fishing.
14	Raw materials	That portion of gross primary production extractable as raw materials.	The production of lumber, fuel or fodder.
15	Genetic resources	Sources of unique biological materials and products.	Medicine, products for materials science, genes for resistance to plant pathogens and crop pests, ornamental species (pets and horticultural varieties of plants).
16	Recreation	Providing opportunities for recreational activities.	Eco-tourism, sport fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities.
17	Cultural	Providing opportunities for non-commercial uses.	Aesthetic, artistic, educational, spiritual, and/or scientific values of ecosystems.

* We include ecosystem 'goods' along with ecosystem services.

\$x10⁹ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹

1,341

684

1,779

1,115

1,692

576

53

17,075

2,277

117

417

124

1,386

721

79

815

3,015

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Estimated value of ecosystem services is of the **same magnitude as GLOBAL gross national product.**

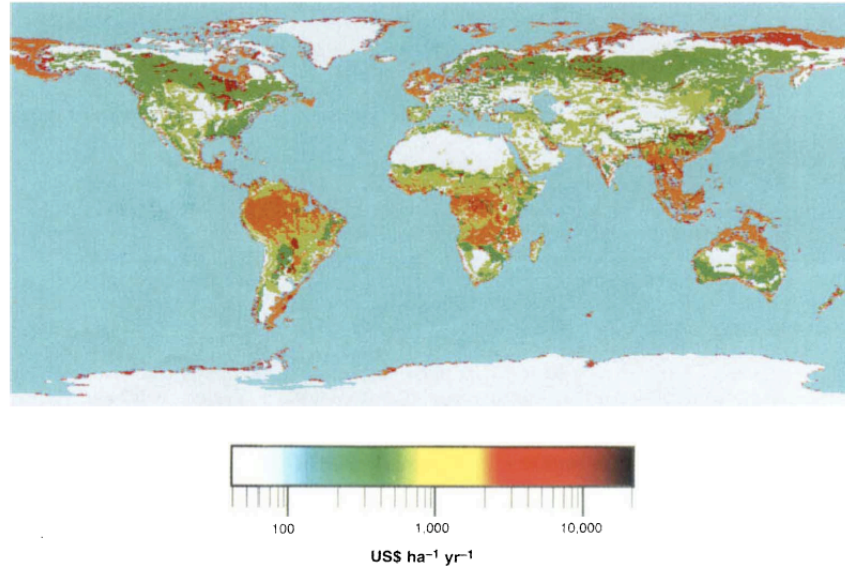
This was 1997...

Cost of the recent financial crisis was ~\$5 trillion

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Figure 2 Global map of the value of ecosystem services. See Supplementary Information and Table 2 for details.

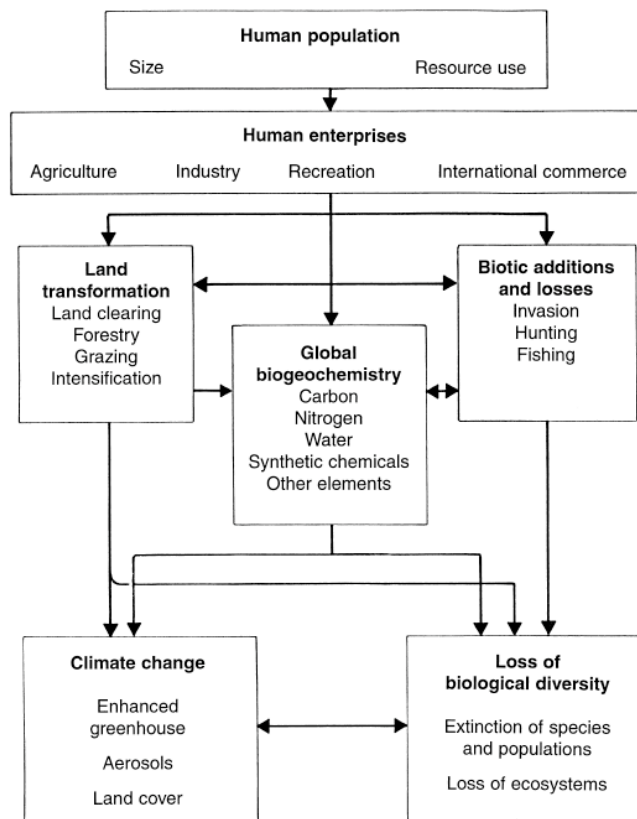


Human Domination of Earth's Ecosystems

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Human alteration of Earth is substantial and growing. Between one-third and one-half of the land surface has been transformed by human action; the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has increased by nearly 30 percent since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution; more atmospheric nitrogen is fixed by humanity than by all natural terrestrial sources combined; more than half of all accessible surface fresh water is put to use by humanity; and about one-quarter of the bird species on Earth have been driven to extinction. By these and other standards, it is clear that we live on a human-dominated planet.

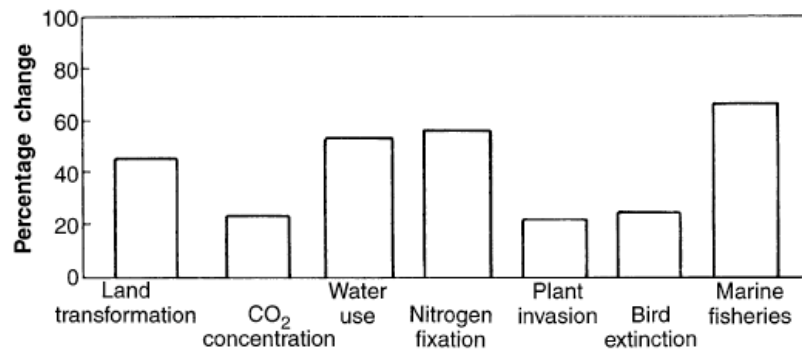
Fig. 1. A conceptual model illustrating humanity's direct and indirect effects on the Earth system [modified from (56)].



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Fig. 2. Human dominance or alteration of several major components of the Earth system, expressed as (from left to right) percentage of the land surface transformed (5); percentage of the current atmospheric CO₂ concentration that results from human action (17); percentage of accessible surface fresh water used (20); percentage of terrestrial N fixation that is human-caused (28); percentage of plant species in Canada that humanity has introduced from elsewhere (48); percentage of bird species on Earth that have become extinct in the past two millennia, almost all of them as a consequence of human activity (42); and percentage of major marine fisheries that are fully exploited, overexploited, or depleted (14).



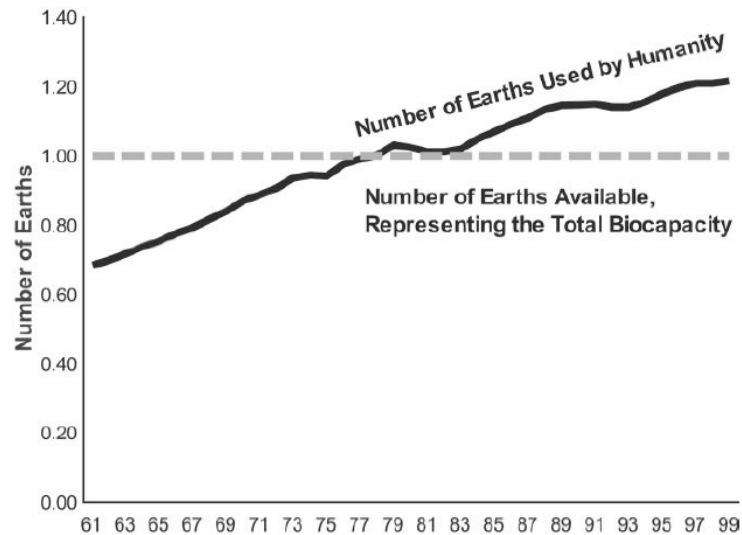


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The ONE - EARTH problem...

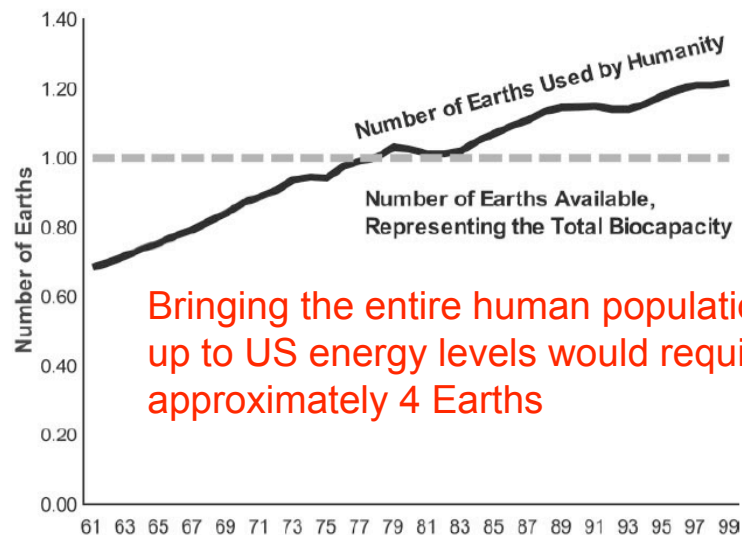


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Is it the dawning of a new epoch?

Anthropocene? (since 1784)

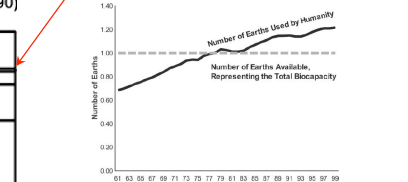
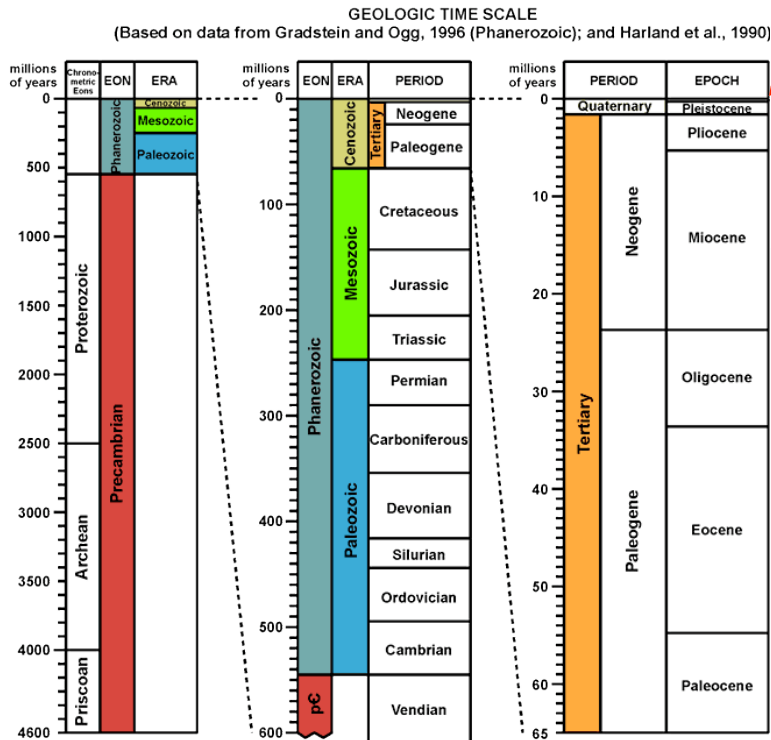


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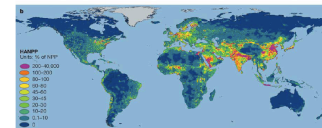


Figure 1 Spatial distribution of the annual CO₂ increase as a percentage of the 1959 level. As measured by a WPPM scale, WPPM is a percentage of the 1959 level. The color scale is in units of carbon.

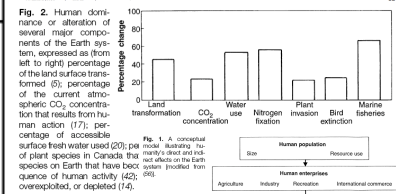


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Fig. 3. A conceptual diagram illustrating the flow of human activity (42), overexploited, or depleted (14).

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Where do we go from here?