

# Global utveckling inom Planetens Gränser

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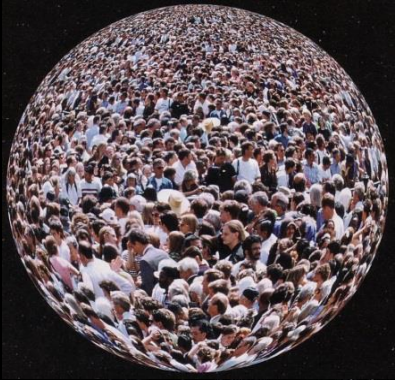


# The Anthropocene: Are Humans Now Overwhelming the Great Forces of Nature?



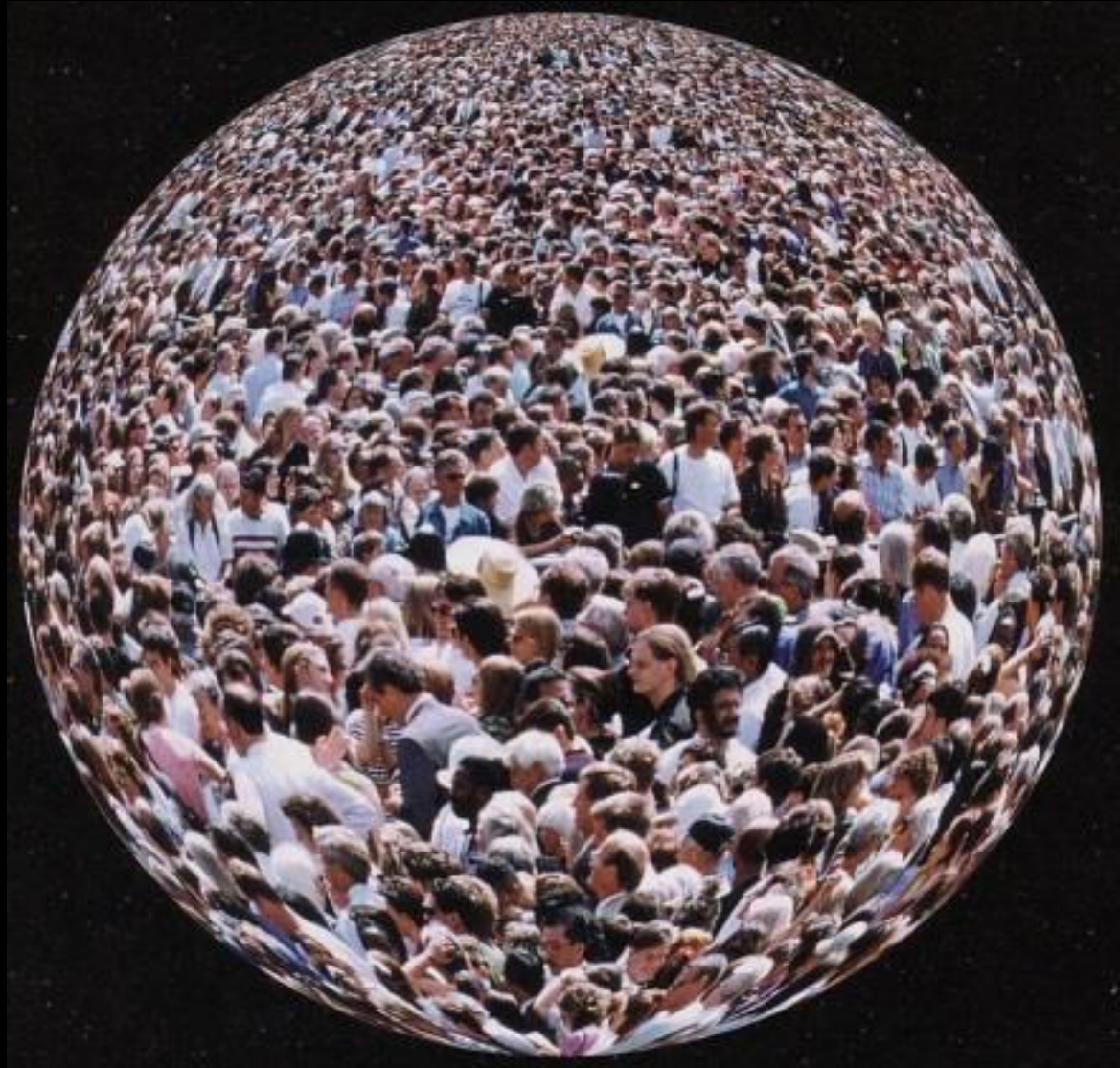


From a small world on a large planet ...





To a large world on a small planet ...



Might the Earth System move to a new state?

This would pose a severe challenge to contemporary civilization. Possibly a collapse?

IPCC Projections  
2100 AD

Global Temperature (°C)

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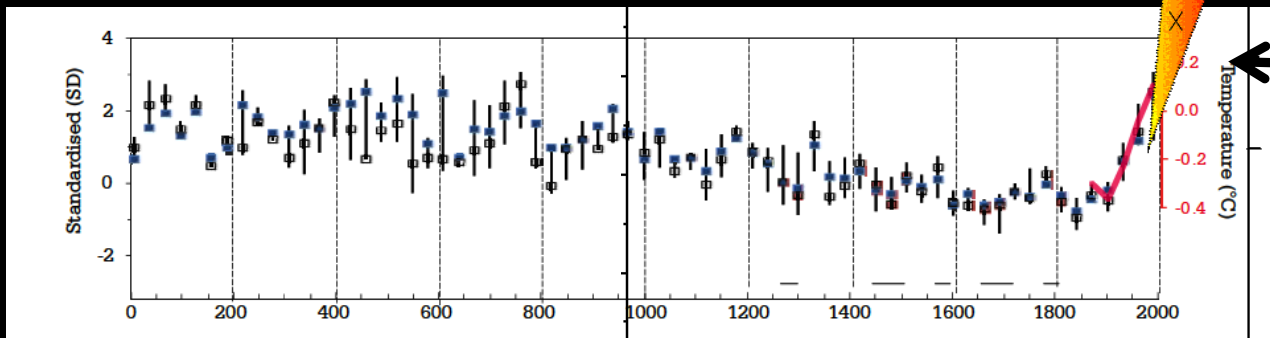
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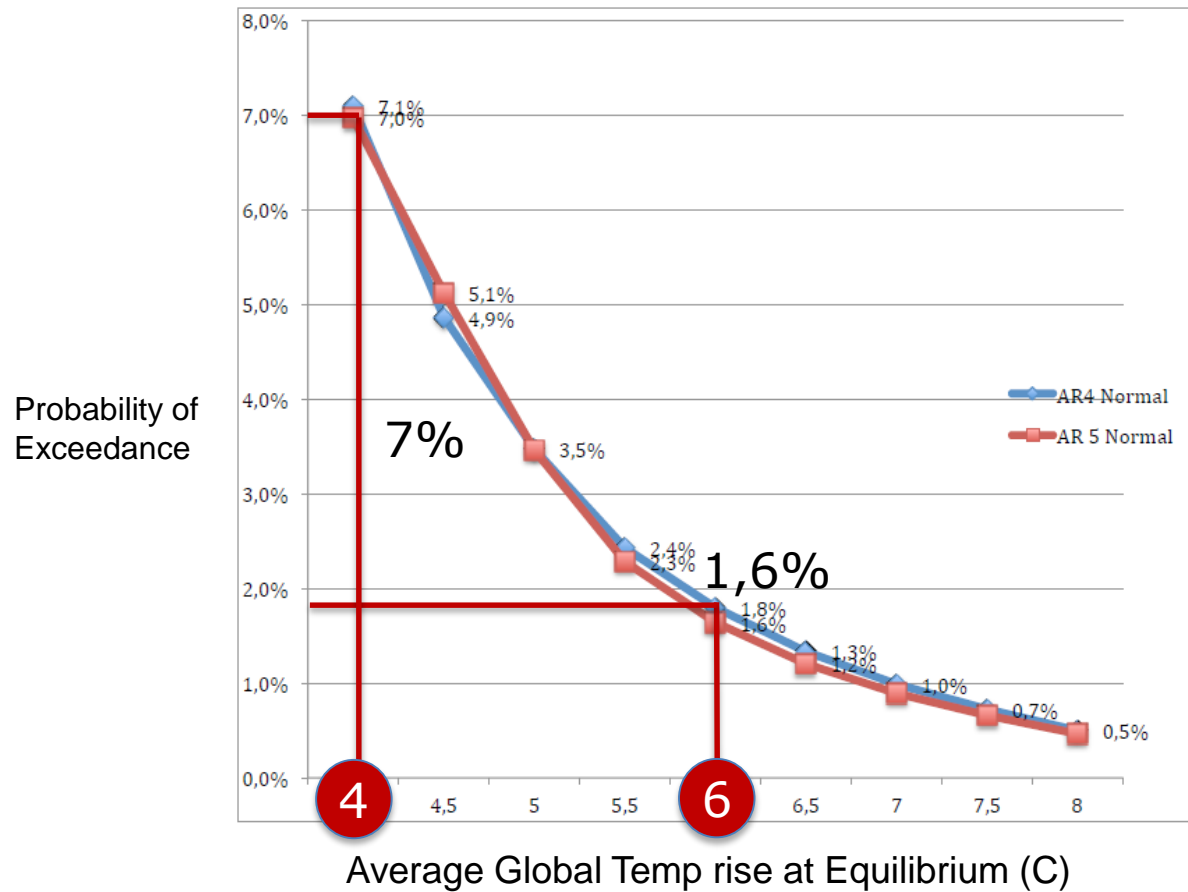
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# Risks related to agreed global goal of 450 ppm



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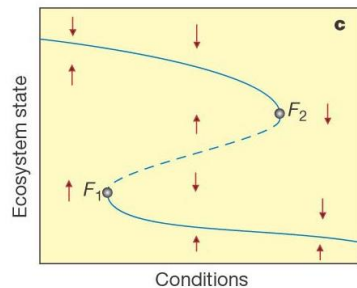
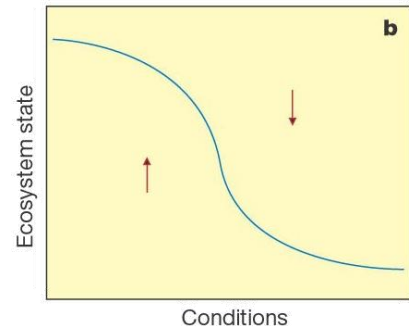
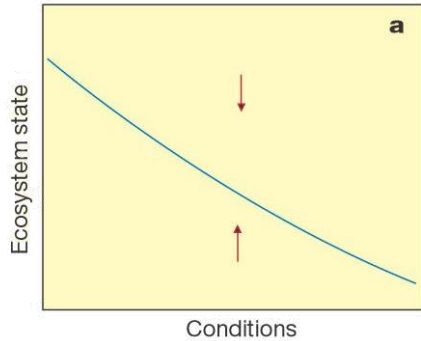


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RISK AND OPPORTUNITY  
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# Critical transitions or regime shifts

Regime shifts are substantial, persistent, reorganizations in ecosystem structure and processes



Parkland  
Savanna



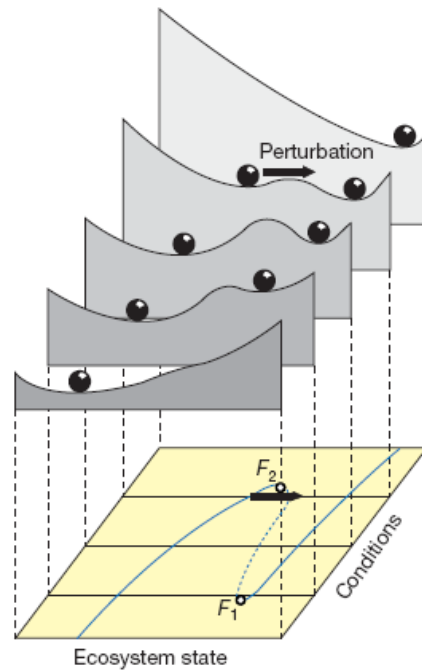
Bush steppe



Diverse Coral  
dominated



Algae  
Dominated Reef



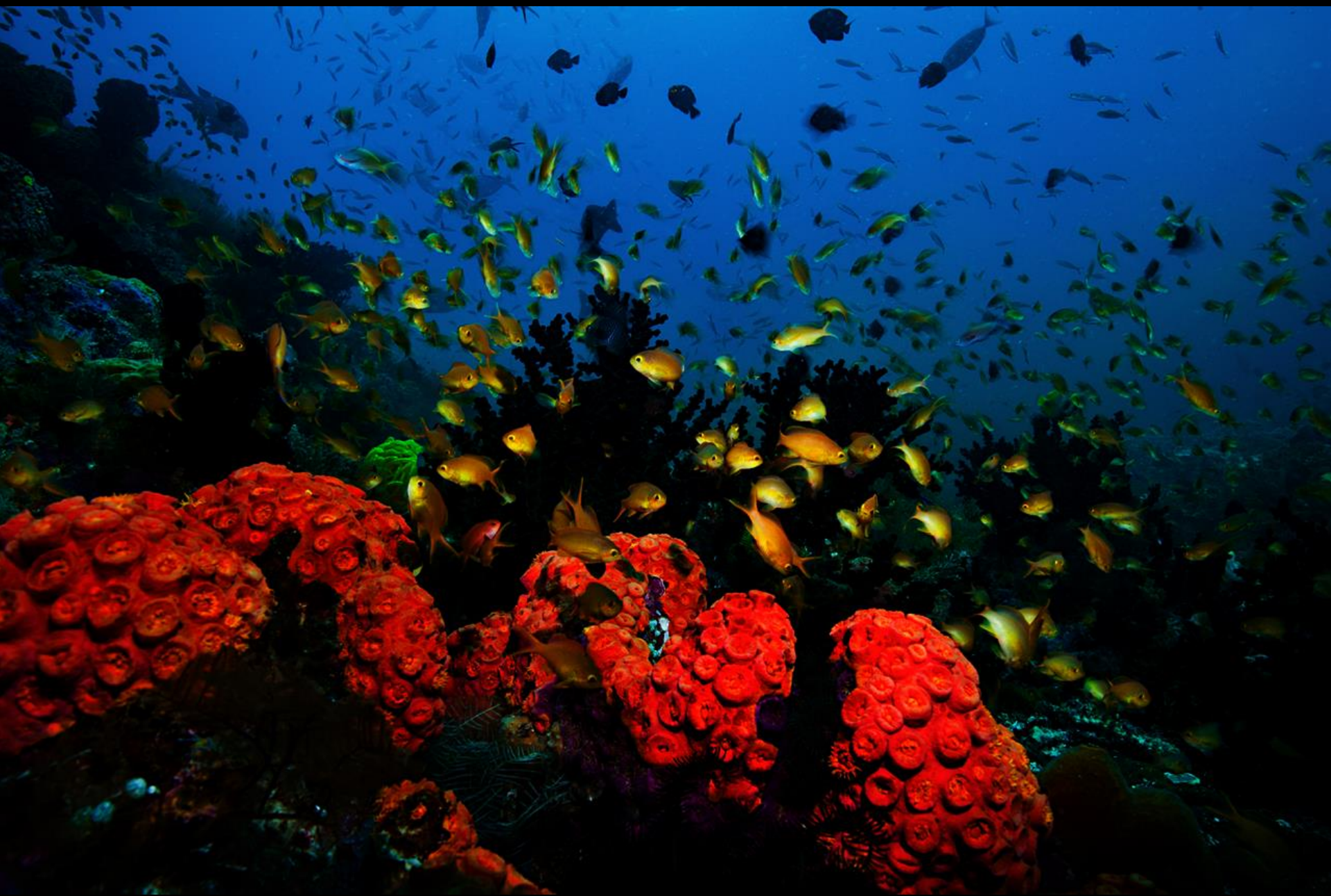


















Melt of Greenland ice shelf

Arctic sea-ice loss

Boreal forest dieback

Permafrost and tundra loss?

Atlantic deep water formation

Boreal forest dieback

Climate change –induced ozone hole?

Indian monsoon chaotic multistability

Dieback of Amazon rainforest

Sahara greening

Change in ENSO amplitude of frequency

West African monsoon shift

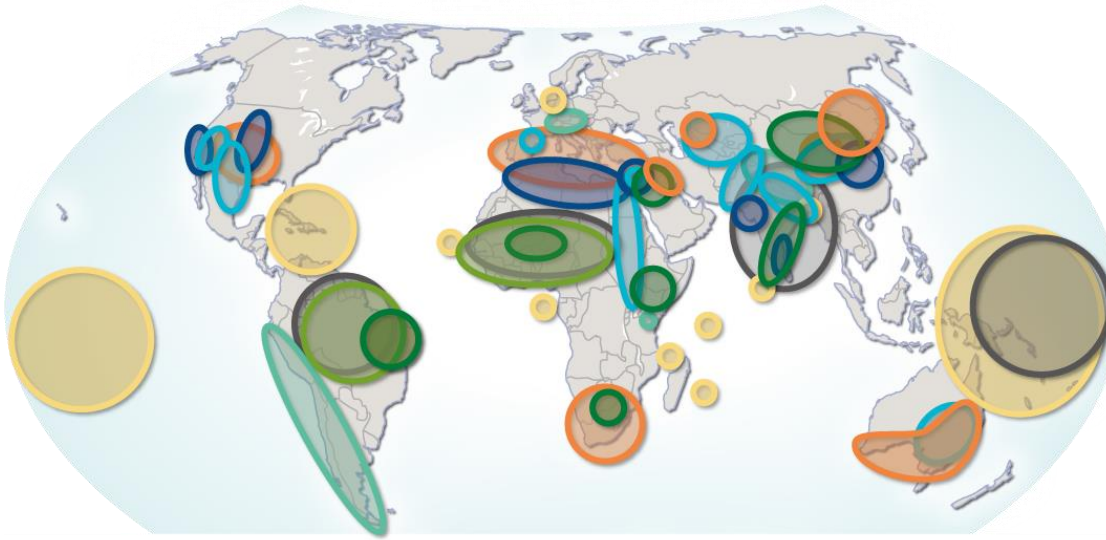
Instability of West Antarctic ice shelf

Changes in Antarctic bottom water formation?

# Global Tipping Elements

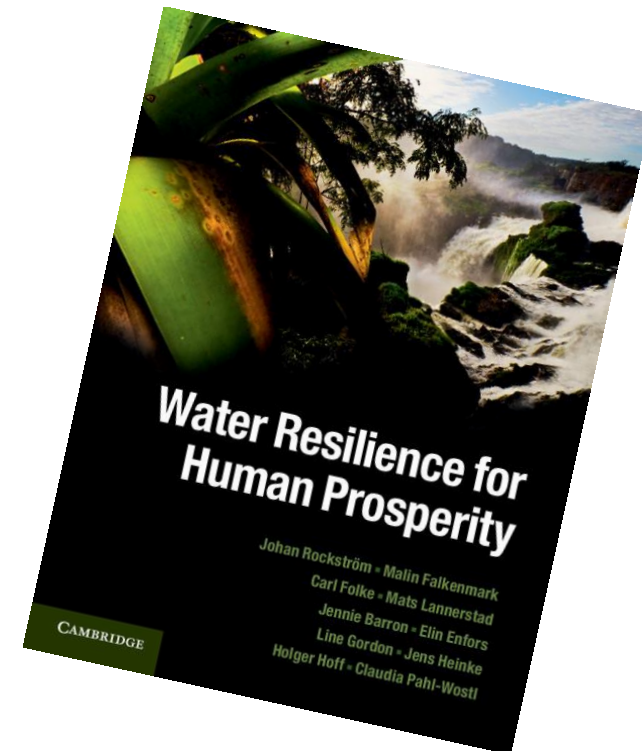


# Water related Tipping Elements in the Earth system



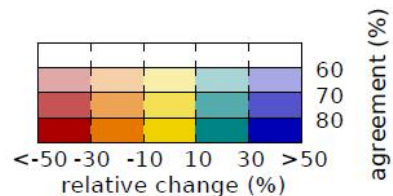
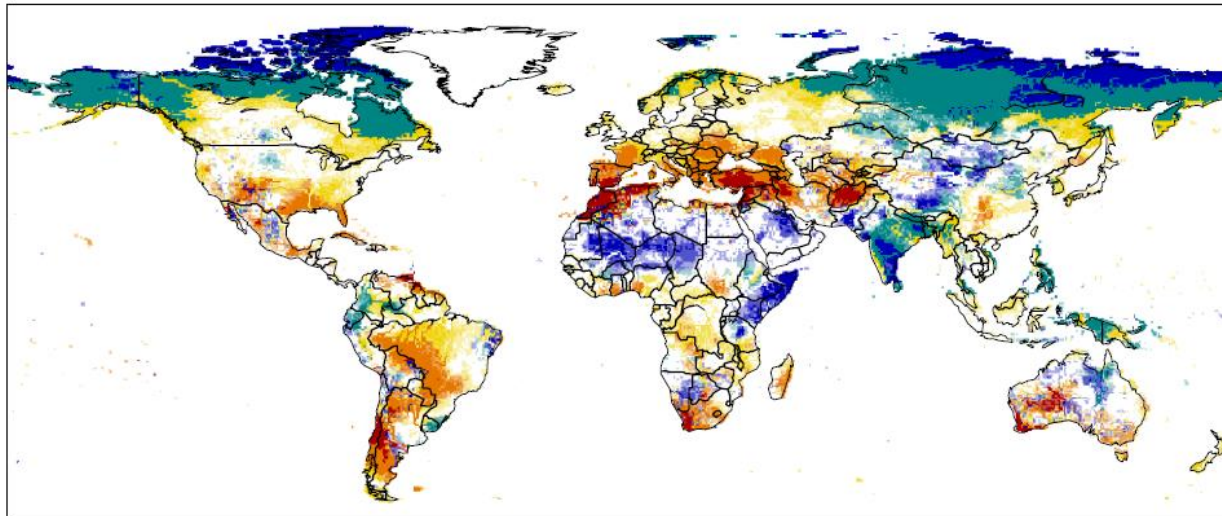
## Water related possible tipping points

- Deforestation moisture feedback
- Land mismanagement (e.g. soil loss, land degradation)
- Salinisation
- Glacier melt
- Groundwater collapse
- River basin closure/river depletion
- Regional processes
- Sea level rise and salt water intrusion
- Drastic rainfall regime change



# Multi-model assessment of water scarcity under climate change

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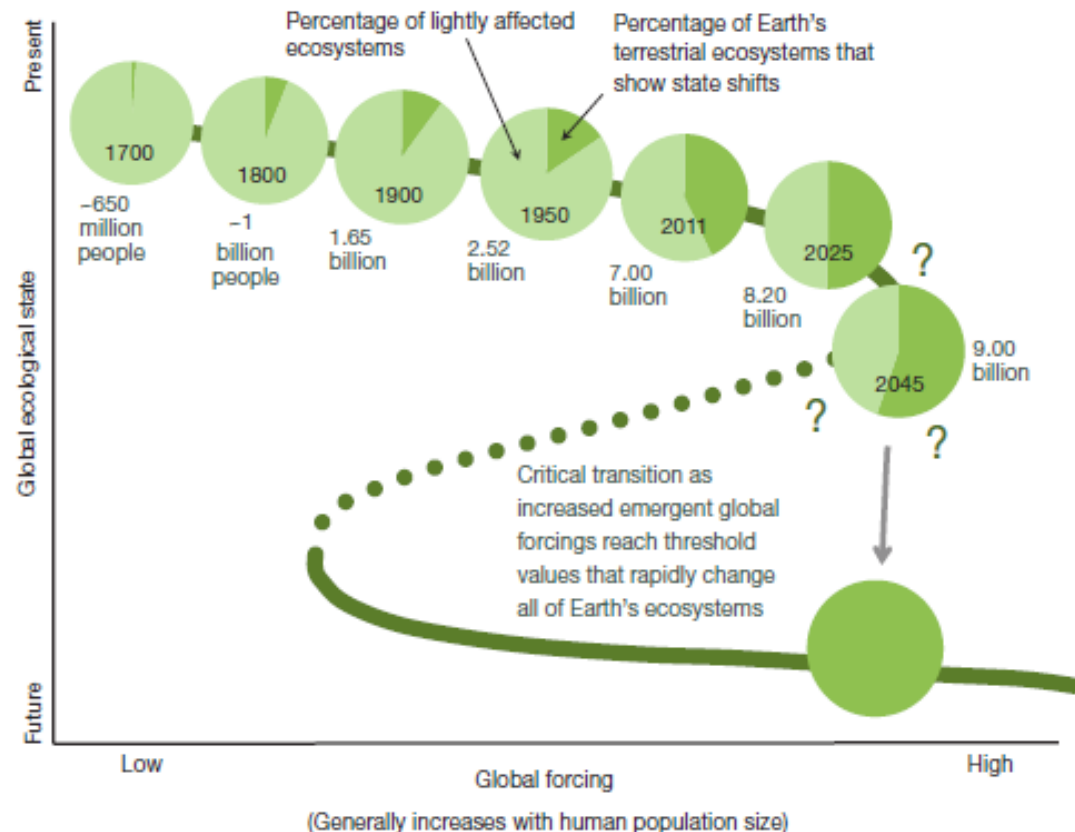


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## Approaching a state shift in Earth's biosphere

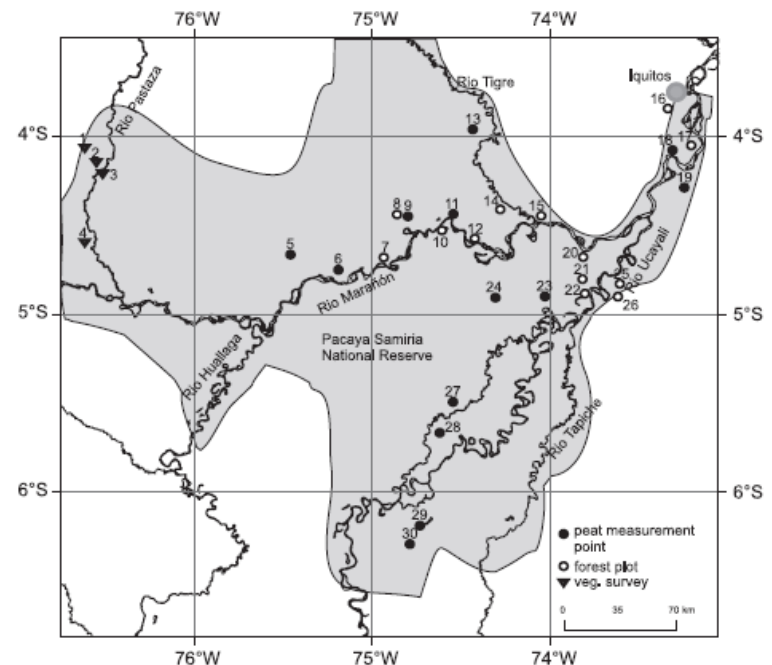
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# The distribution and amount of carbon in the largest peatland complex in Amazonia

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Environ. Res. Lett. 9 (2014) 124017





A close-up photograph of two bison facing each other in a snowy field. The bison have thick, dark brown fur and are standing on snow. The background is a bright, overexposed sky. A black horizontal band across the middle of the image contains the text "Two giants colliding".

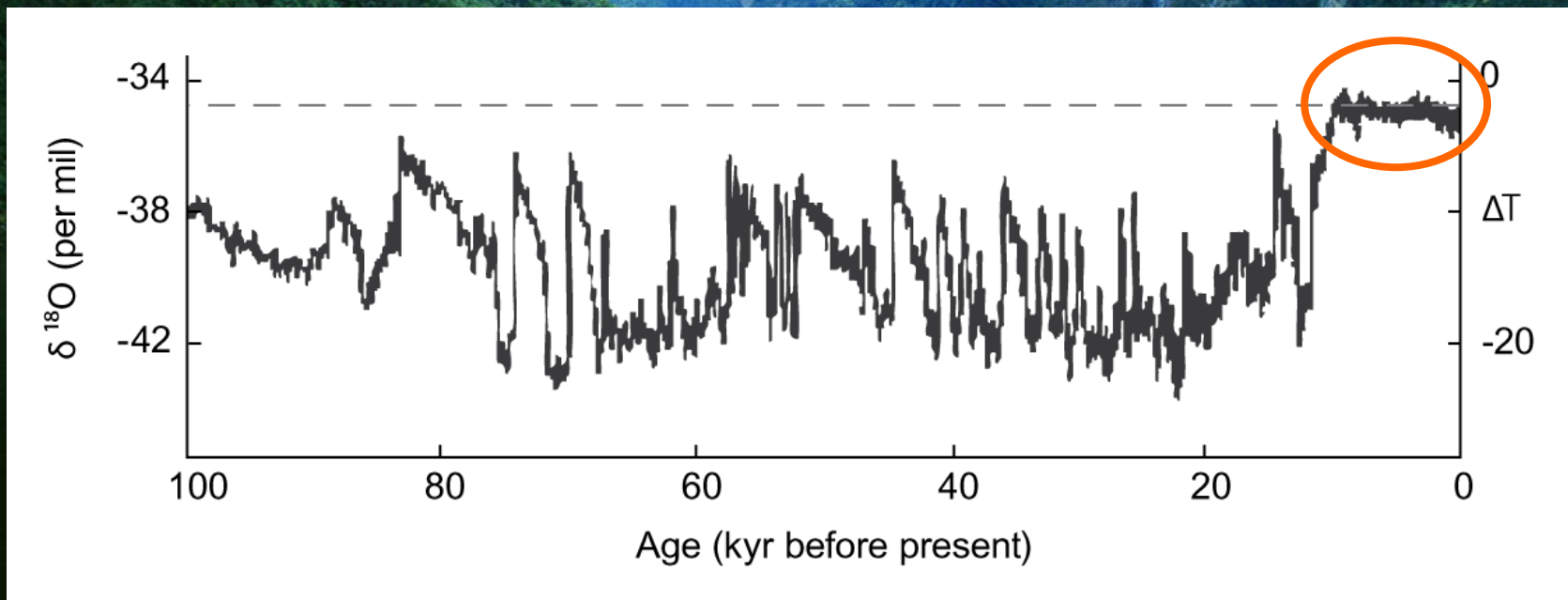
Two giants colliding

Are we leaving Edens  
Garden?



# The Holocene - Humankinds 10 000 years of grace

Stockholm Resilience Centre and Rockström and others, Ecology and Society 2009:14

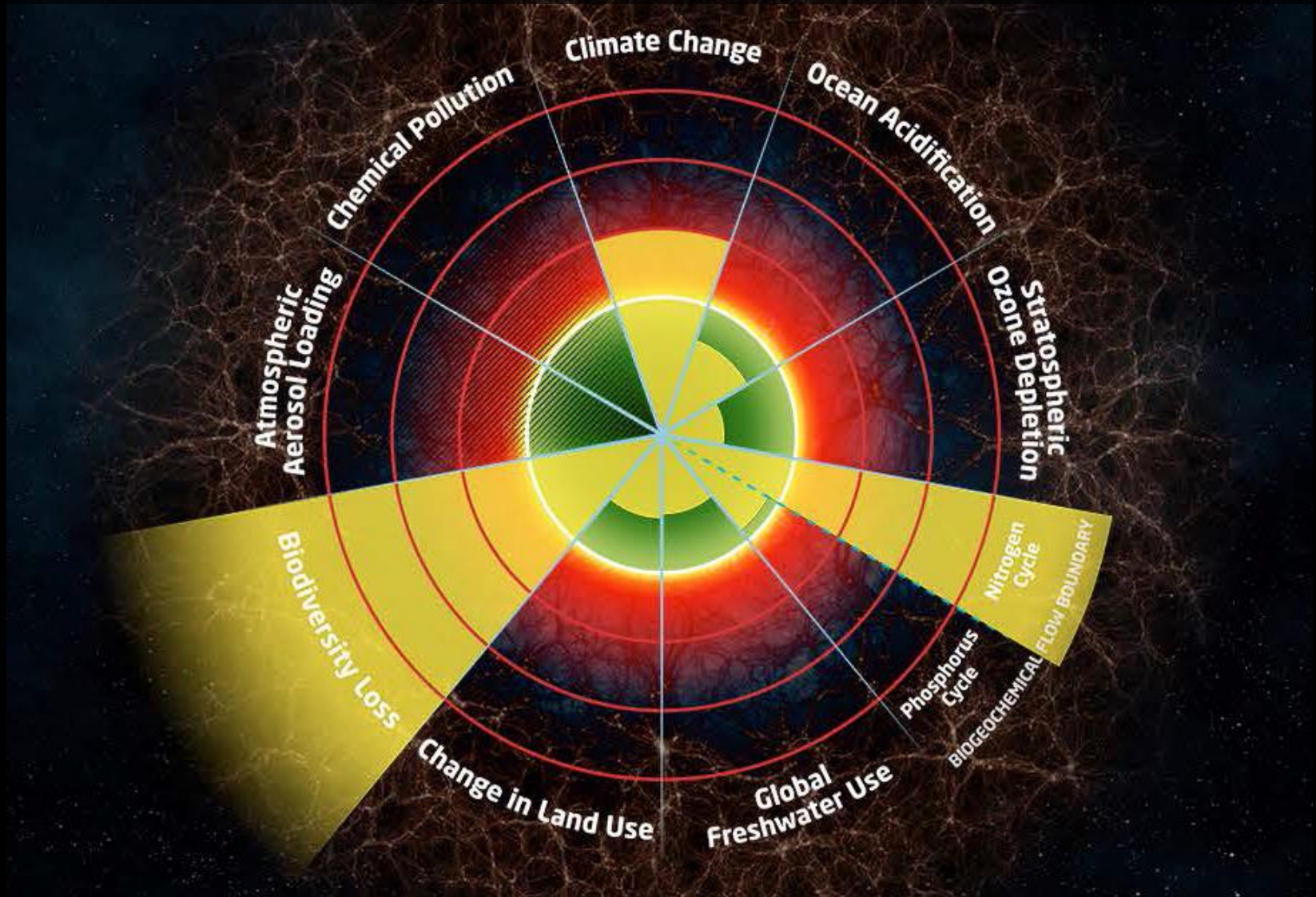


Human Prosperity within  
Safe Operating Space of  
Planetary Boundaries



# PB 1.0 - The planetary **safe operating space**

Rockström, J., Steffen W., Noone, K., et al. Nature, 2009



# Defining Planetary Boundaries 1.0

## CLIMATE CHANGE

CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere <350 ppm and/or a maximum change of +1 W m<sup>-2</sup> in radiative forcing.

## OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Average surface seawater saturation state with respect to aragonite ≥ 80% of pre-Industrial levels.

## STRATOSPHERIC OZONE

<5% reduction in O<sub>3</sub> concentration from preIndustrial level of 290 Dobson Units.

## BIOGEO-CHEMICAL

**Nitrogen (N) cycle:** Limits Industrial and agricultural fixation of N<sub>2</sub> to 35 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>.  
**Phosphorus (P) cycle:** Annual P Inflow to oceans not to exceed 10 times the natural background weathering of P.

## GLOBAL FRESH-WATER USE

<4,000 km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> of consumptive use of runoff resources.

## LAND SYSTEM CHANGE

<15% of the Ice-free land surface under cropland.

## RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Annual rate of <10 extinctions per million species.

## CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Not yet quantified

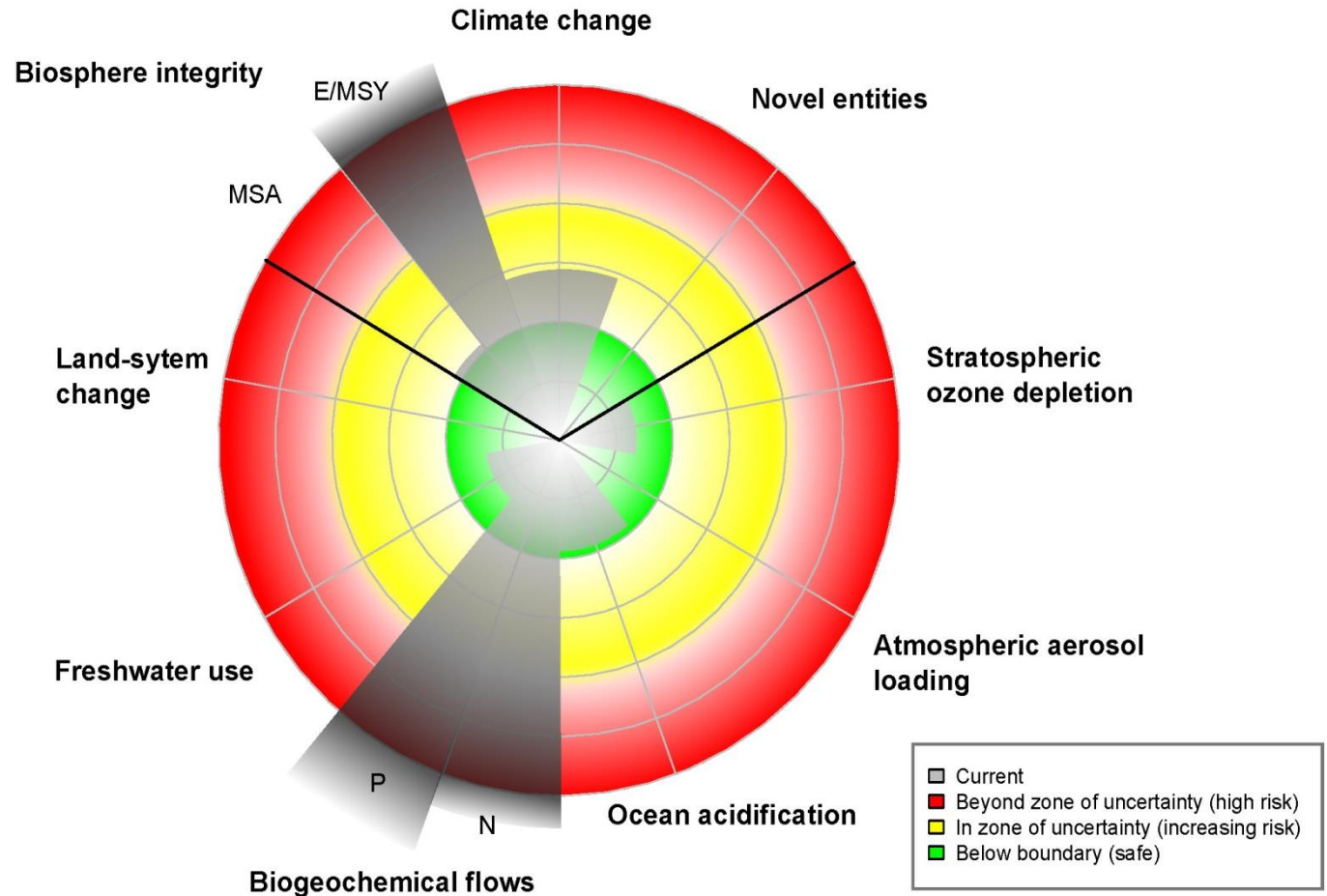
## ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOL LOADING

Not yet quantified



# Planetary Boundaries 2.0

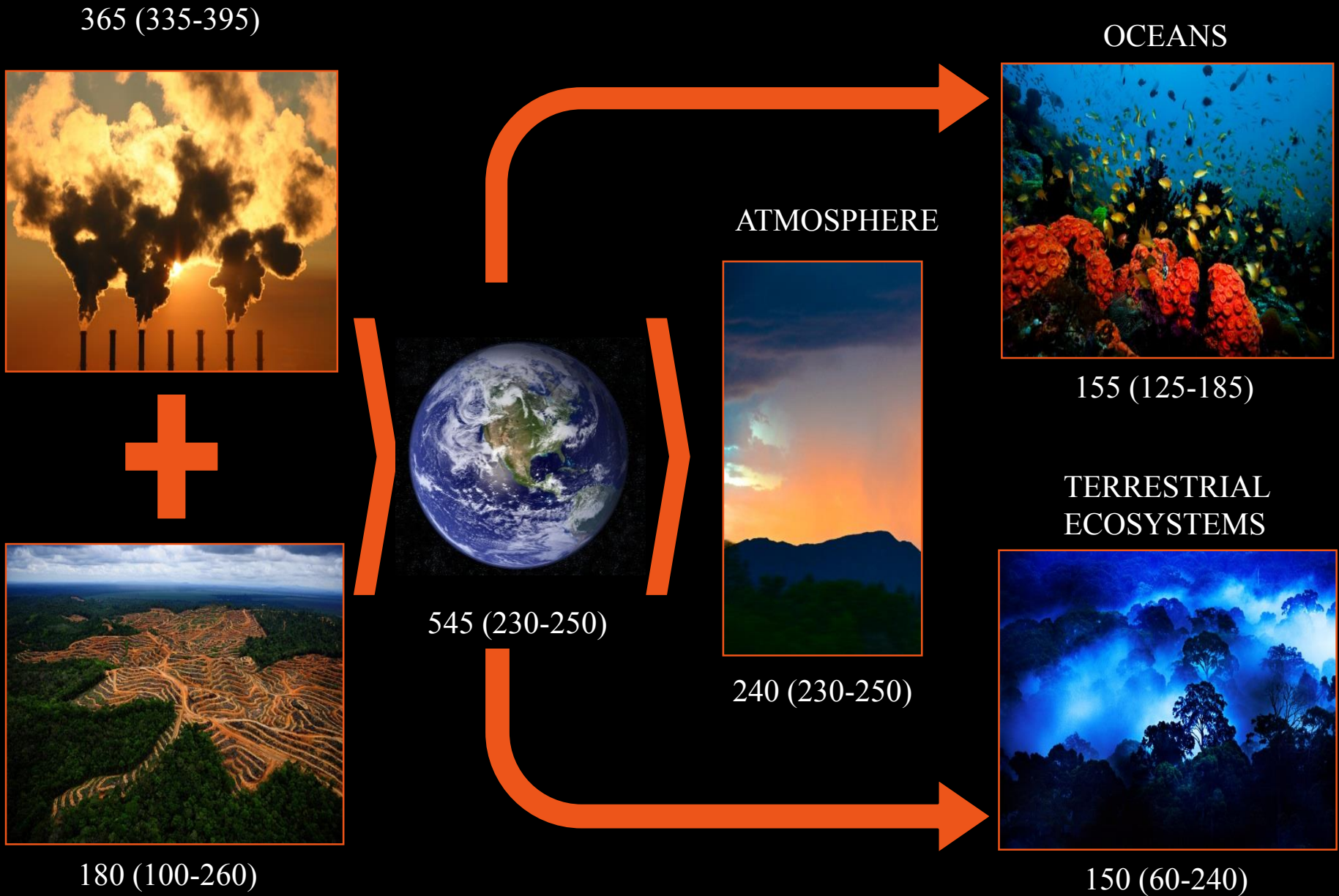
A work in  
progress



Why biosphere  
stewardship builds human  
prosperity



# Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions & Distribution (GtC)



# Functions and status of earth's biomes that regulate planetary resilience

Photos: World Wildlife Fund, breakingenergy.com, saguidetours.com, Sierra Club Pennsylvania, Projectaware.com, Duncan Greene/Wired UK.



The polar regions regulate global temperature, regional climate systems and ocean circulation. **Melting faster than anticipated.**



The World's rainforests act as carbon sinks, provide moisture feedback, are banks for genetic diversity and generate oxygen. **In rapid decline but the rate has declined somewhat.**



The ocean's marine systems act as a heat conveyor, carbon sink, a bank for genetic diversity and generates oxygen. **In rapid decline**



The world's temperate organic systems (such as permafrost) act as carbon & methane sinks and generate oxygen. **Faster than anticipated thawing of permafrost & methane release**



Temperate forests act as carbon sinks, regulate rainfall patterns & generate oxygen. **Relatively stable but concern over rate of deforestation in Russia and severe warming impacts on disease.**



Tropical savannah systems play a role in moisture feedback, regional rainfall patterns and act as carbon sinks. **They remain relatively stable.**



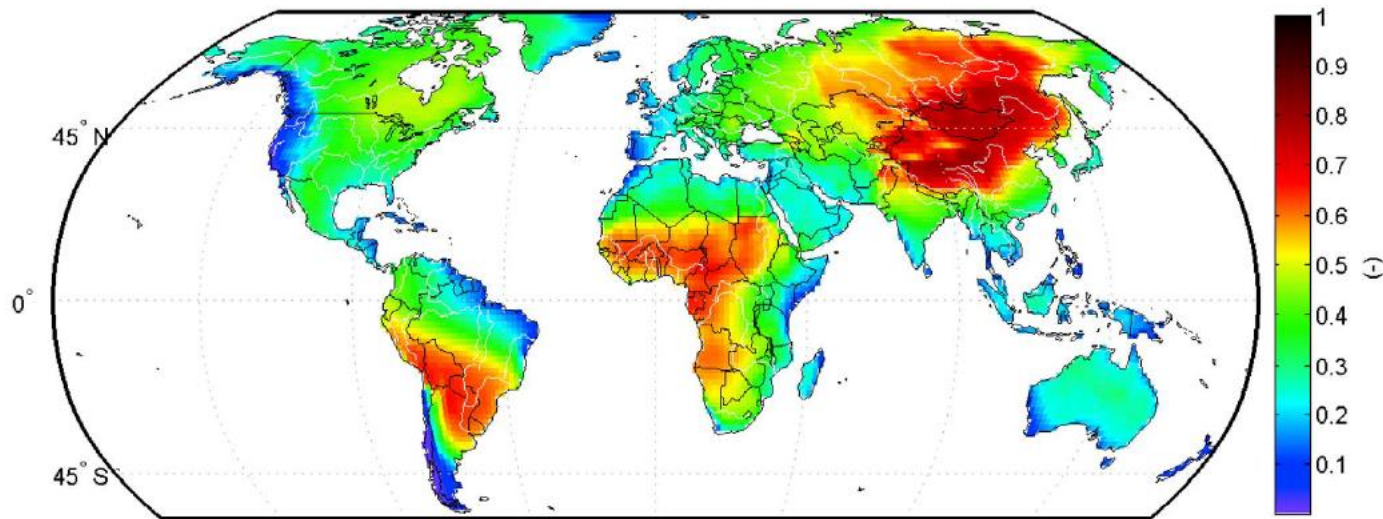
# Rainfall dependent on moisture feedback from functioning forest landscapes

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VAN DER ENT ET AL.: ORIGIN AND FATE OF ATMOSPHERIC MOISTURE

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Continental precipitation recycling ratio  $\rho_c$



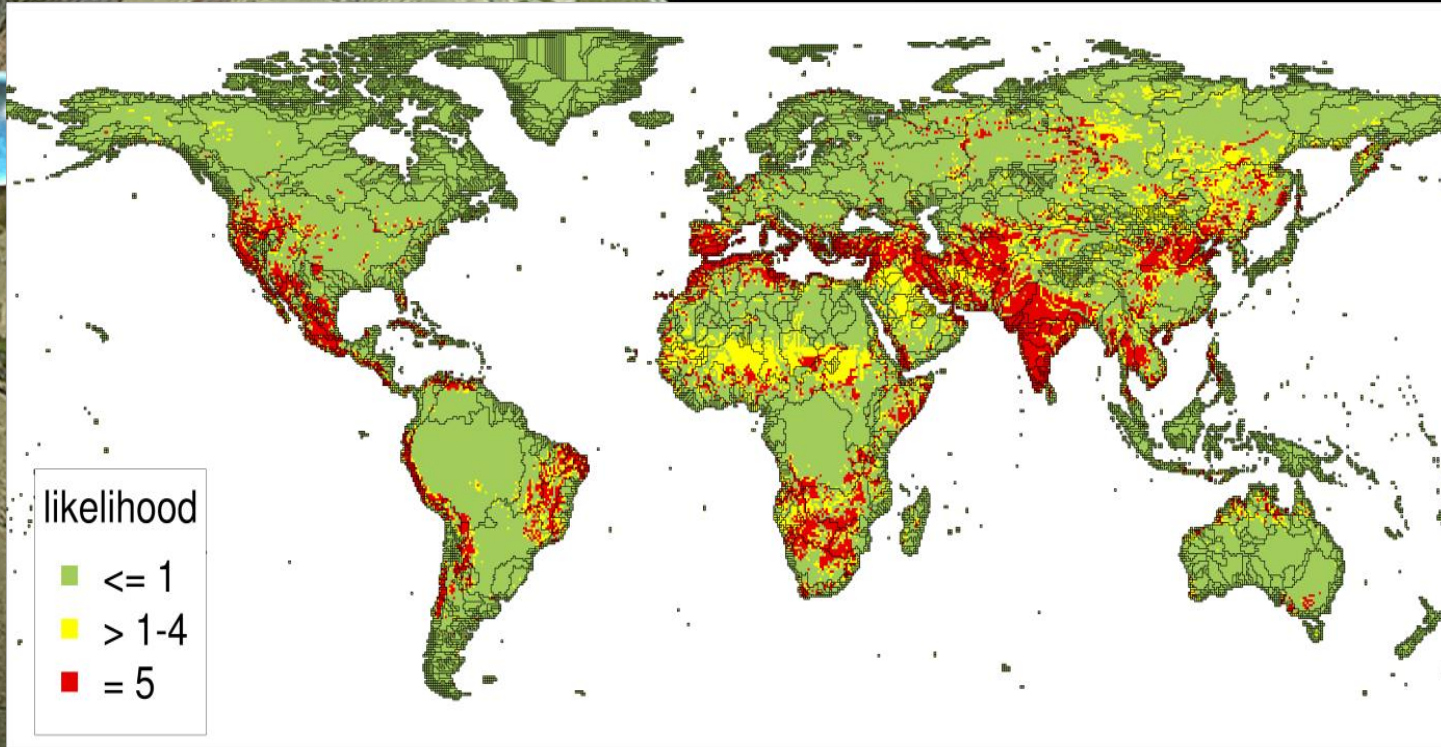
**Figure 3.** Average continental precipitation recycling ratio  $\rho_c$  (1999–2008).

# Downscaling and Operationalising



# Freshwater use boundary – work in progress

Kummu, Ward, de Moel, Varis, Environmental Research Letters 2010



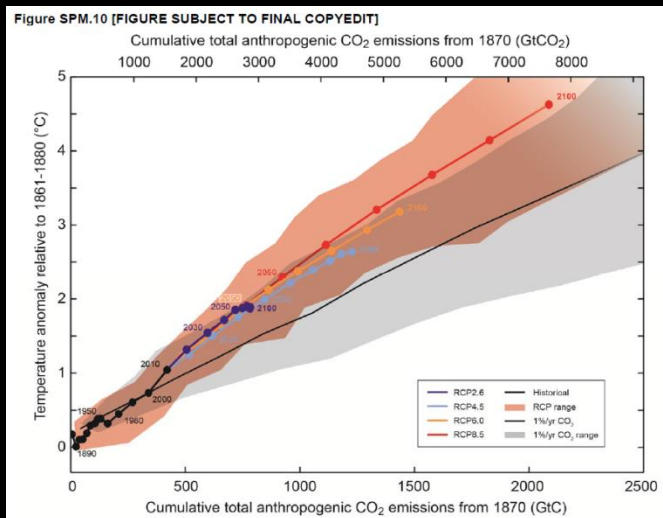
Pastor et al., 2013; Gerten et al., 2014)

# Planetary Stewardship: Transitions to Global Sustainability



# World Development within "Absolute" global budgets

1. Global Land budget
2. Global Water budget
3. Global N and P budgets
4. Zero loss biodiversity



IPCC AR5 WGI 2013

2 °C > 66% → 1000 GtC

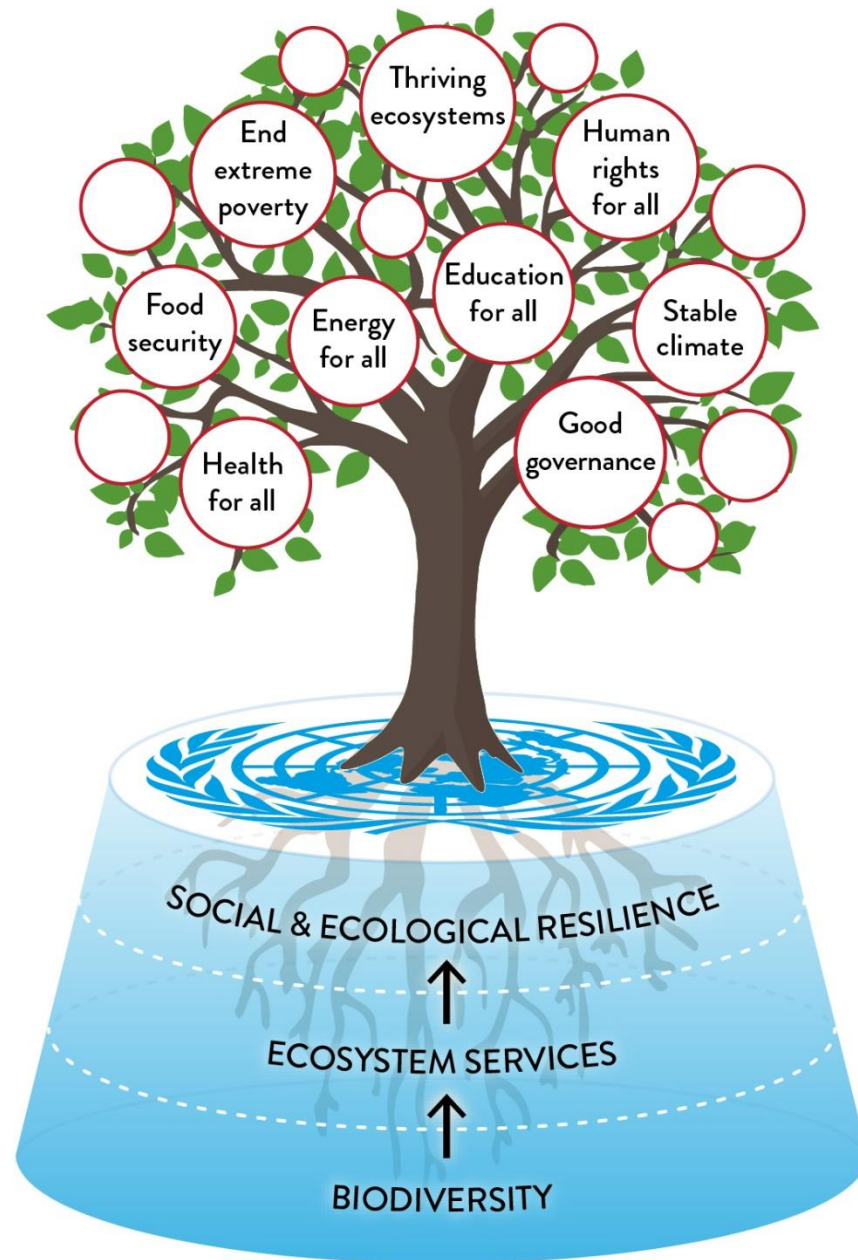
Non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcing (RCP2.6) → 800 GtC

Used 531 GtC 2011

Gives 269 GtC left

→ 1000 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>

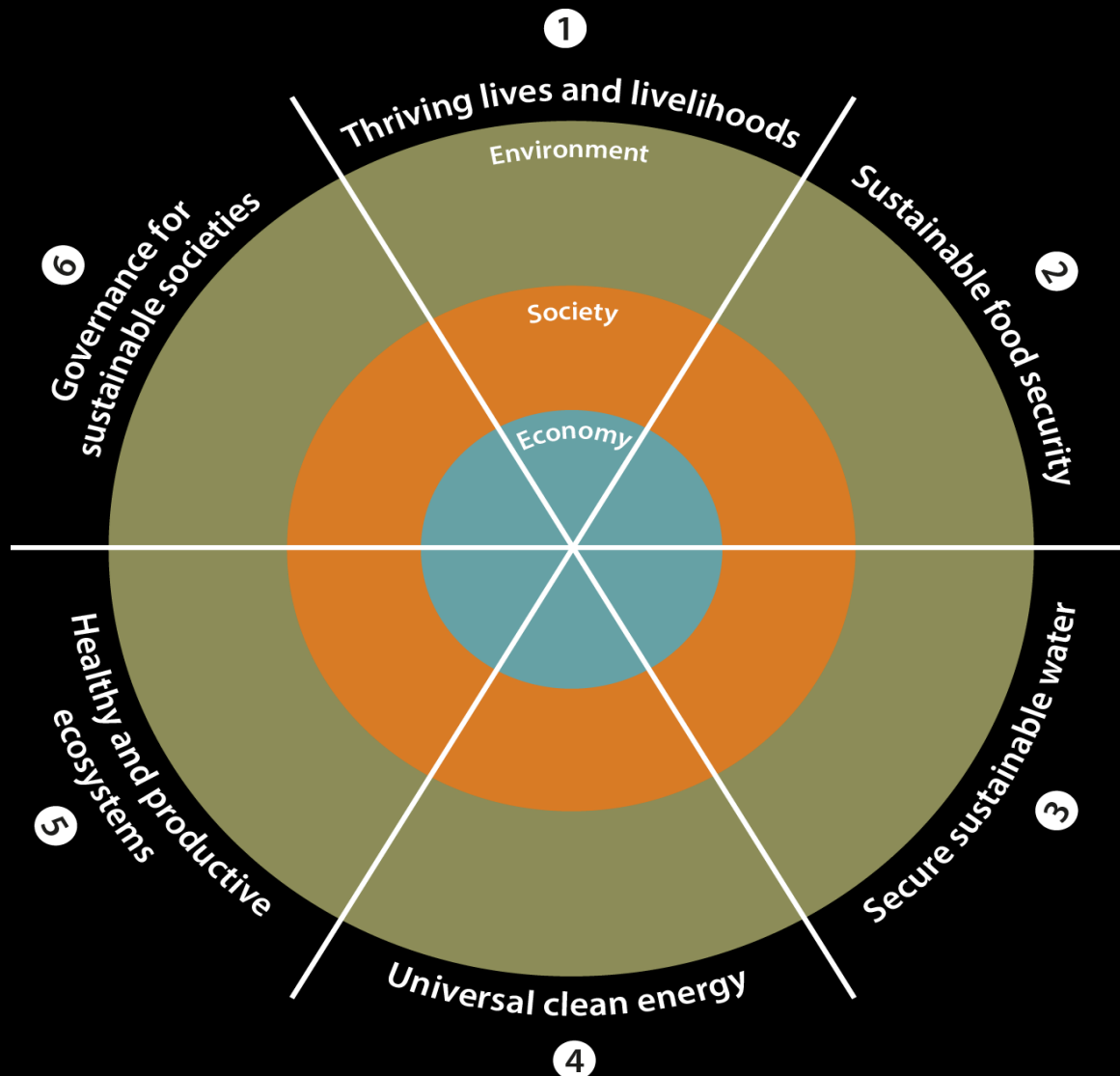
40 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> /yr...





# A new direction: People and Planet

## Setting the agenda on Sustainable Development Goals



# Growth Without Limits

## Limits to Growth

# Growth within Limits

