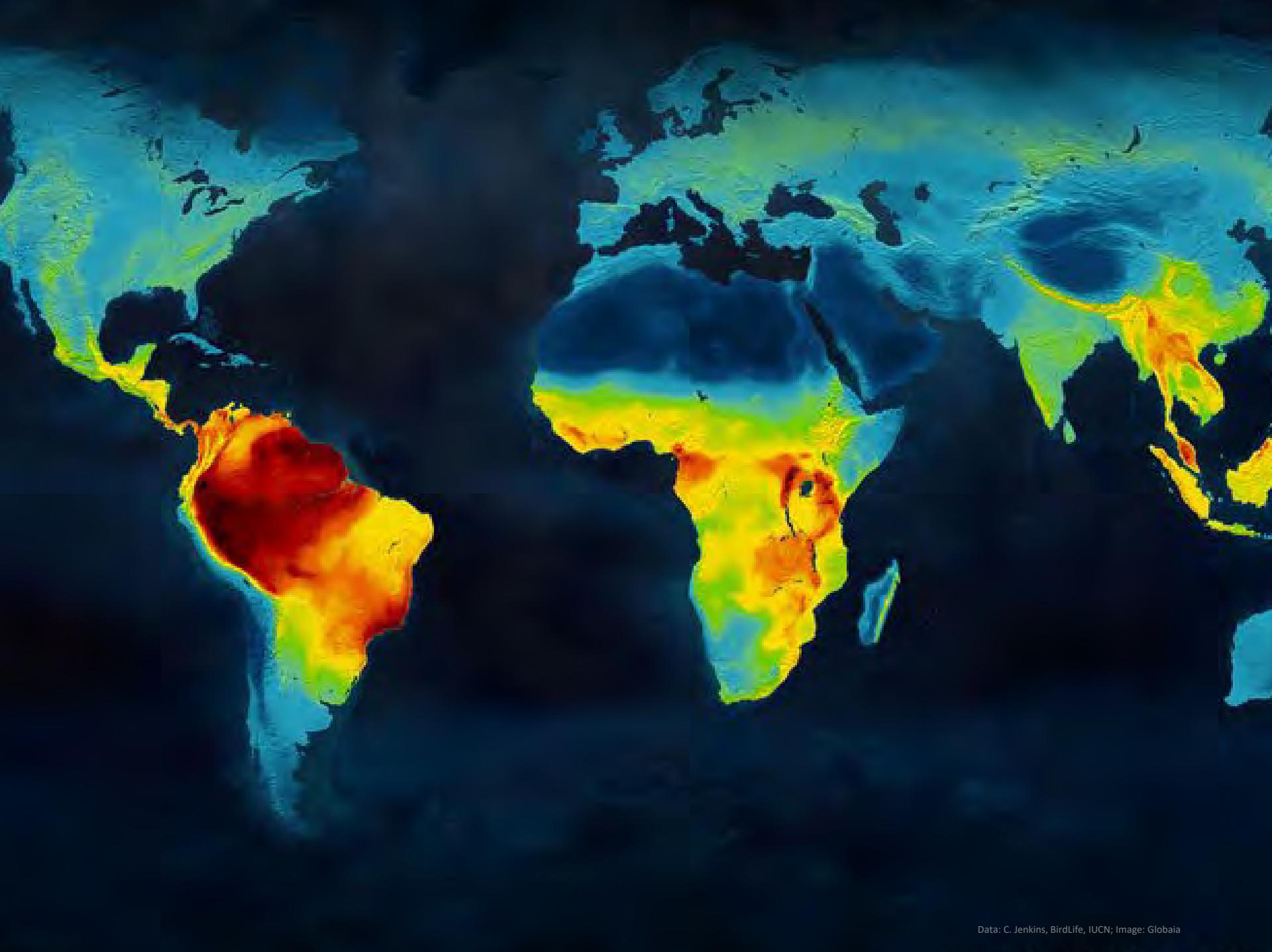


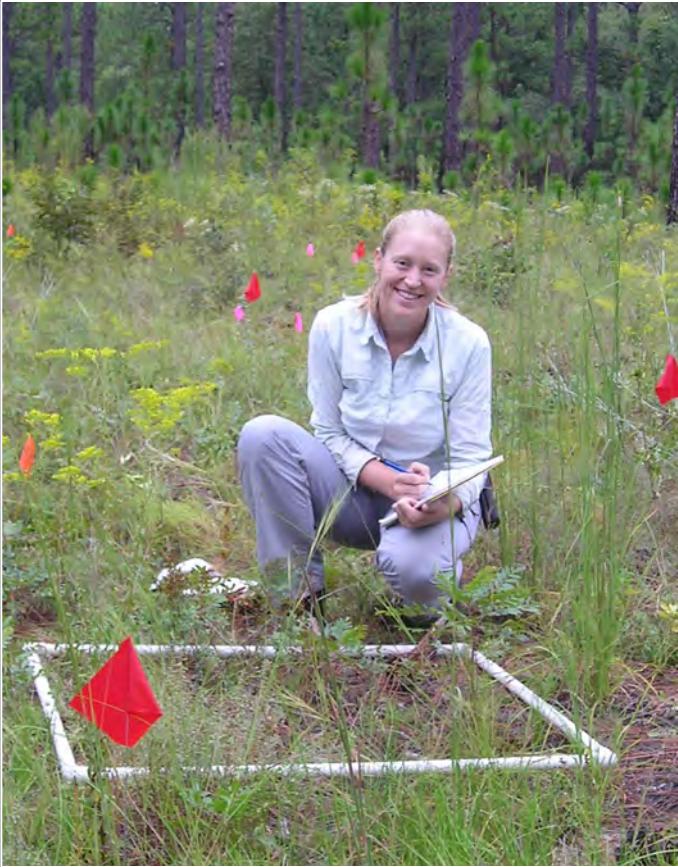
# Local and landscape influences on plant community dynamics in a changing world



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Landscape movement



Local environment

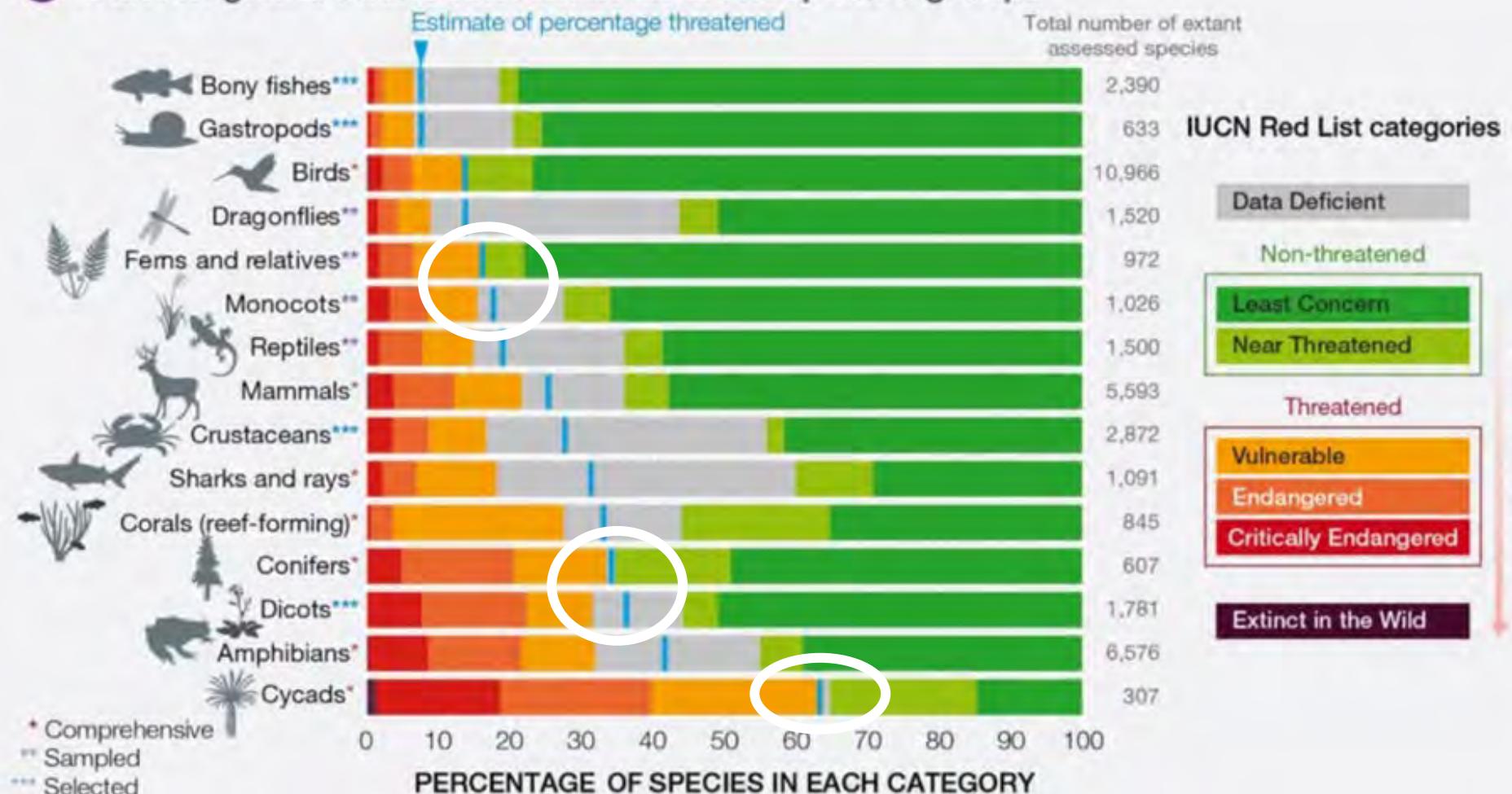


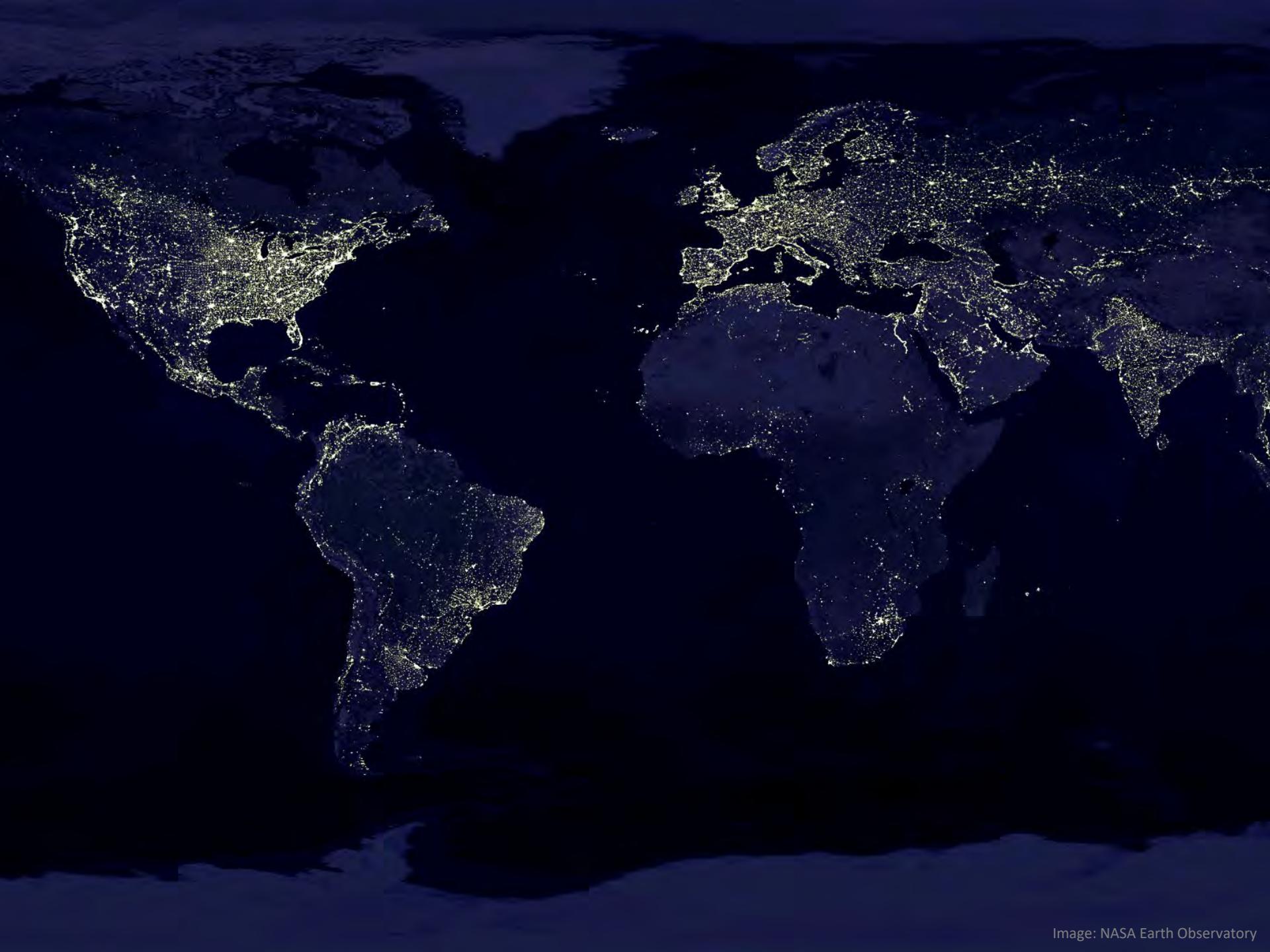
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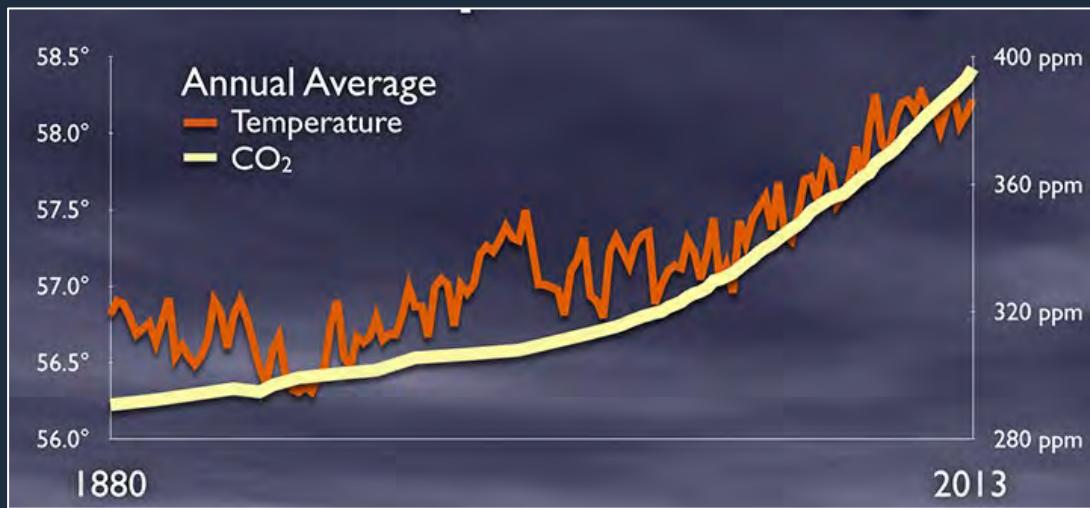


# Loss of biodiversity

## A Current global extinction risk in different species groups

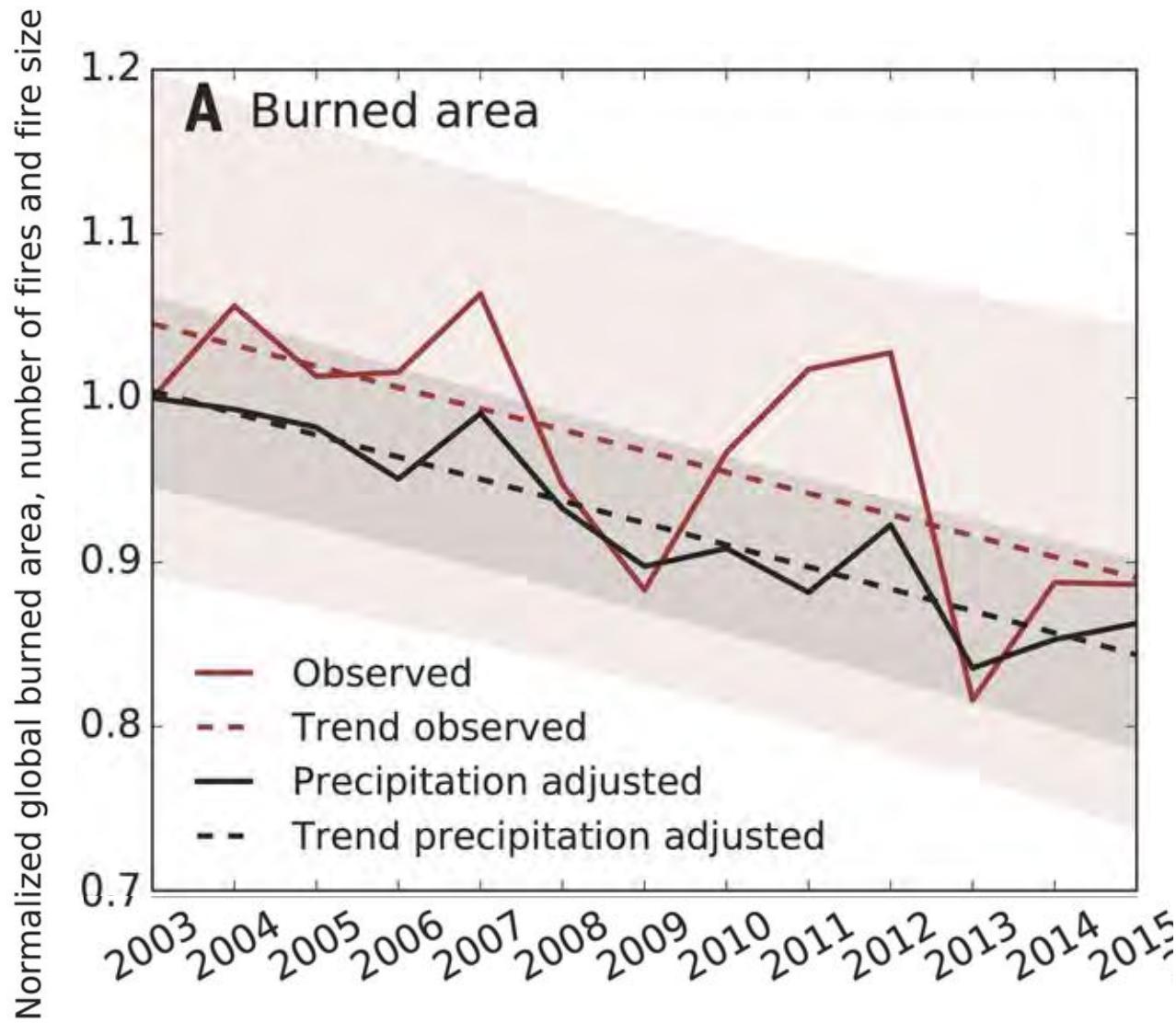






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# Decreased fire



## Global changes



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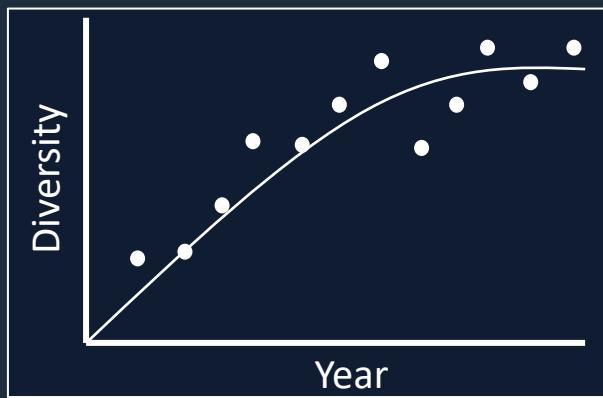
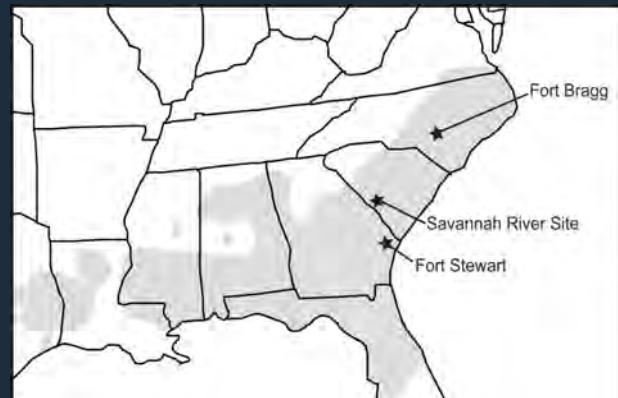
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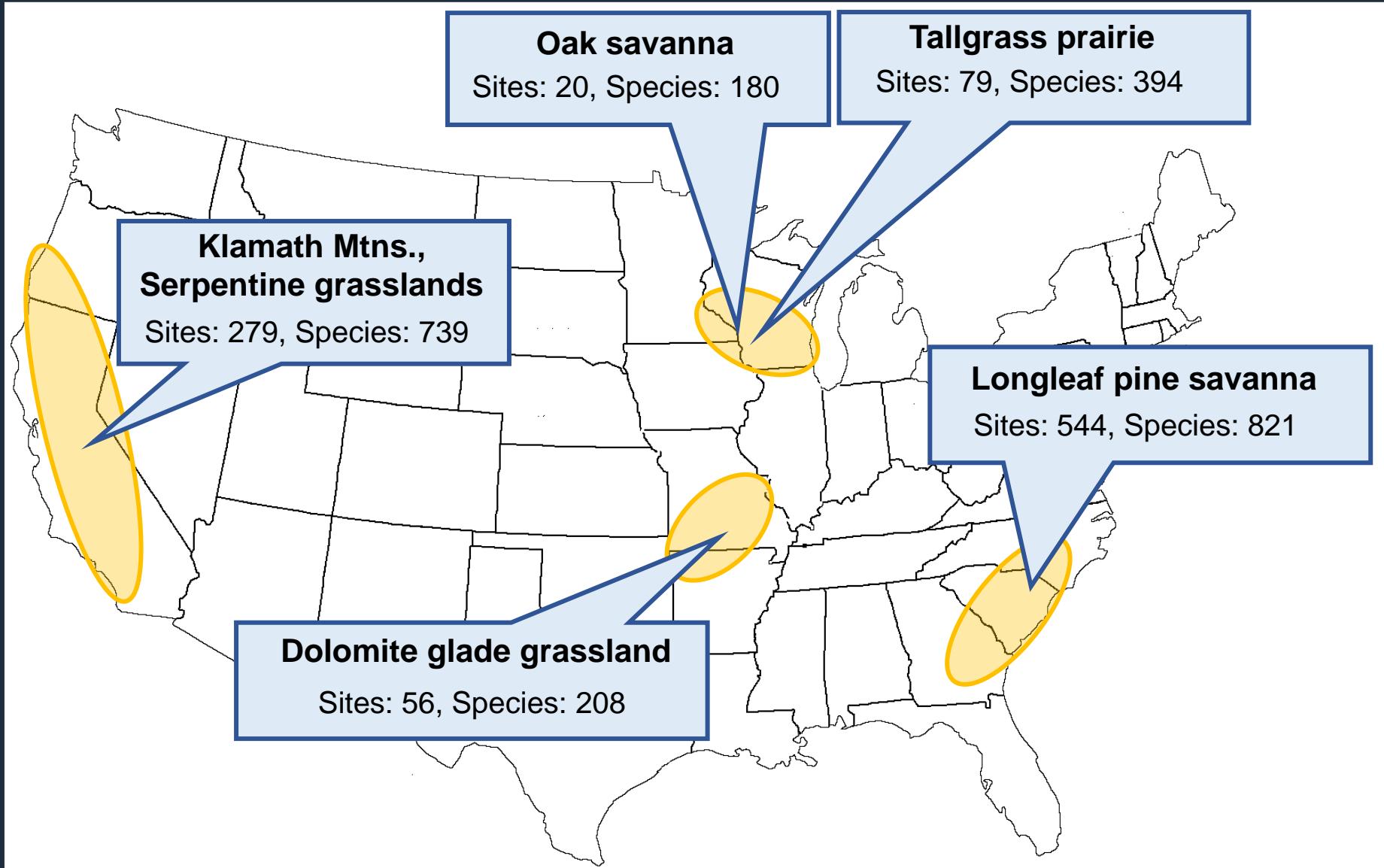
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# Study systems



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Prairie



Serpentine



Glade



Longleaf pine savanna



Oak savanna



Grassland



Savanna



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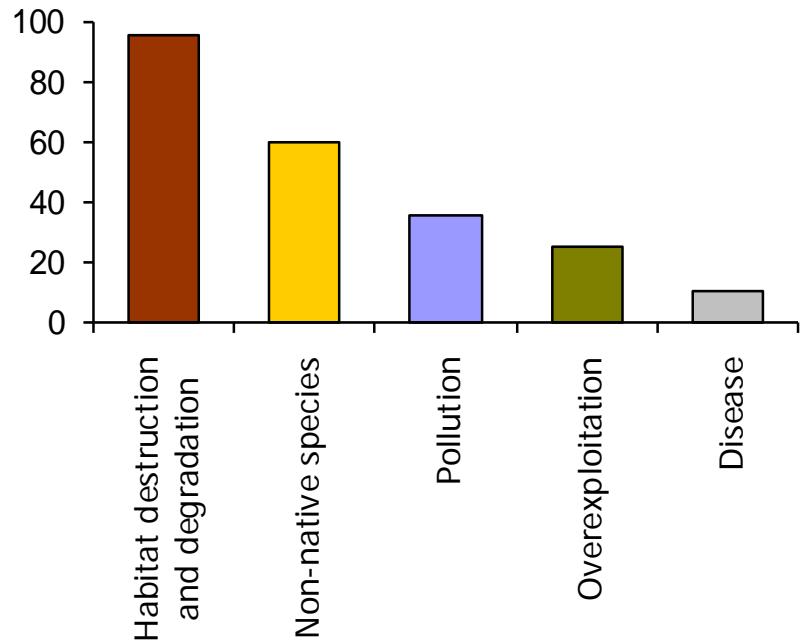
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# Habitat loss and fragmentation



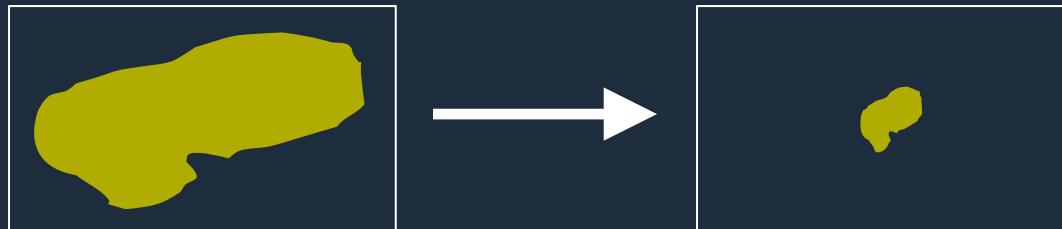
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**Factors Contributing to Species Endangerment  
(Wilcove et al. 1998)**



# Fragmented landscapes:

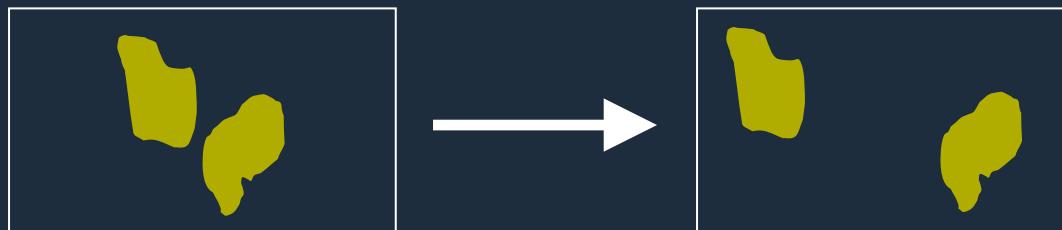
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2. Increased prevalence of edges

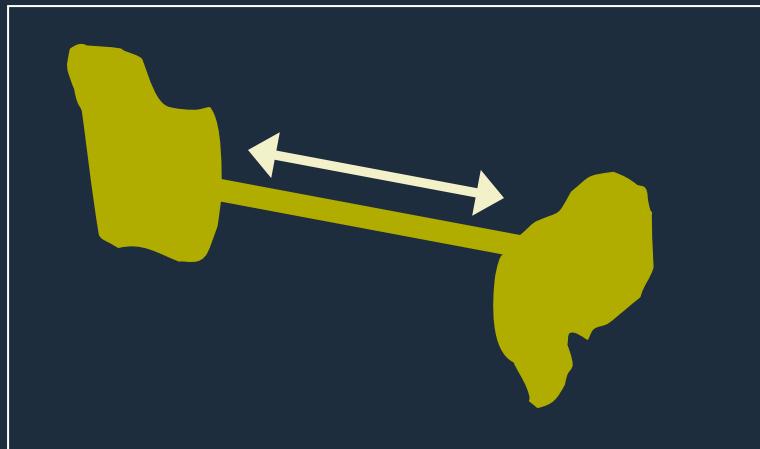


3. Increased isolation



# Landscape corridors

- Reduced between-patch isolation -



Hypothesized to increase:

- Movement
- Population sizes
- Genetic diversity
- Species diversity



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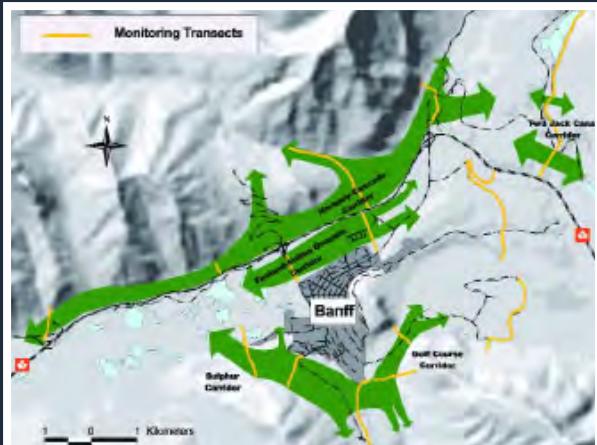


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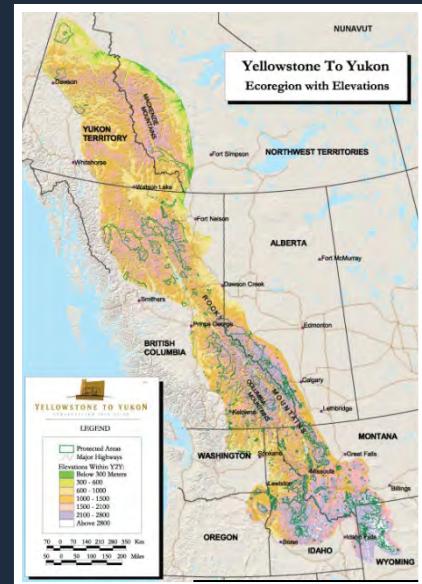


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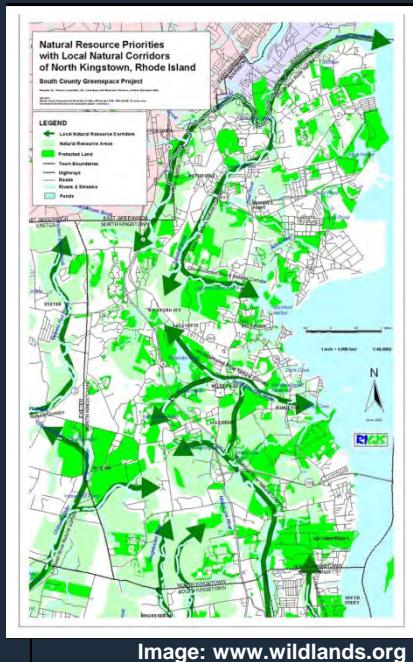


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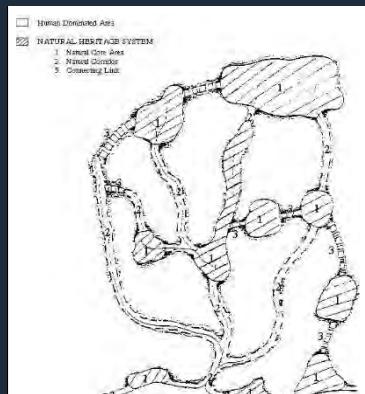


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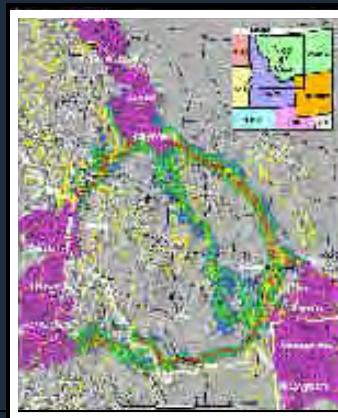


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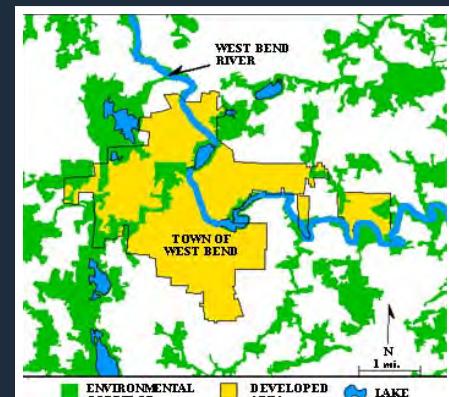


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