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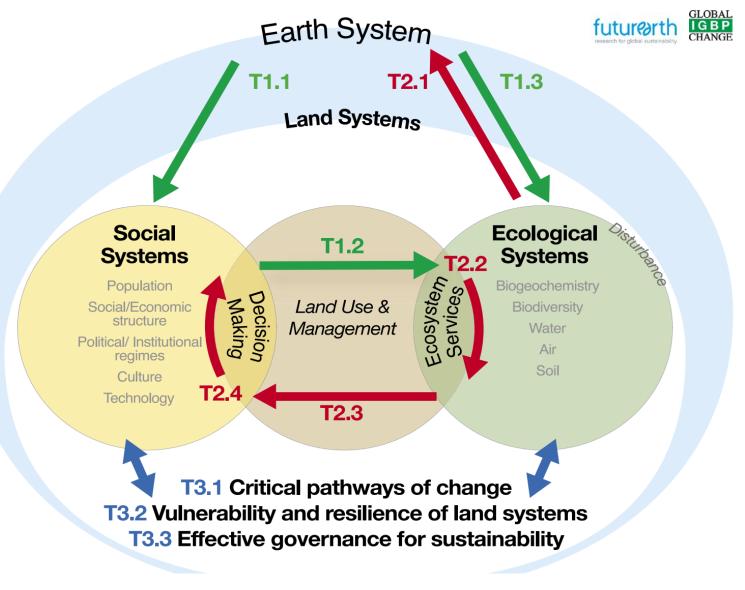
Open Science Meetings (Next in Beijing, October 2016)



# **Land** systems

Nexus of Society & Ecology

**GLP Analytic Structure** 





T1. Dynamics of land systems



T2. Consequences of land system change



T3. Integrating analysis and modelling for land sustainability

Beyond human impacts

## Land Systems Social-Ecological Systems

Why does land change? What are the consequences?

Observing | Understanding | Modelling | Collaborating

Land Use & Land Cover | Management | Decisions

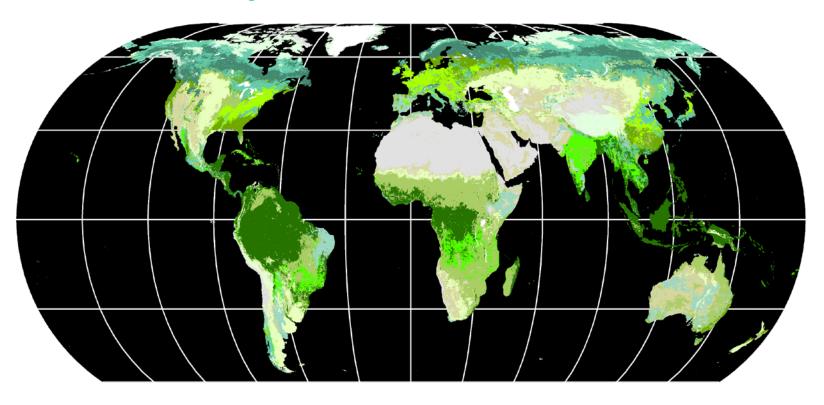
Structure | Function | Stakeholders | Governance

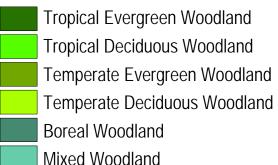
Multifunctional Landscapes | Institutions | Markets | Telecoupling



#### Ecosystems = f(C)C = Climate

## The Wild Biosphere



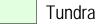






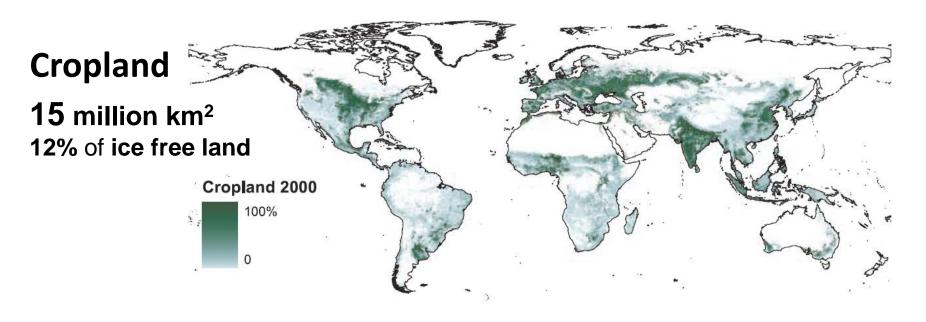


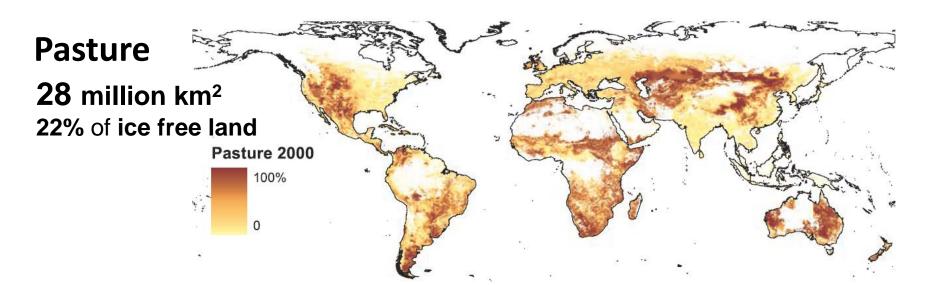




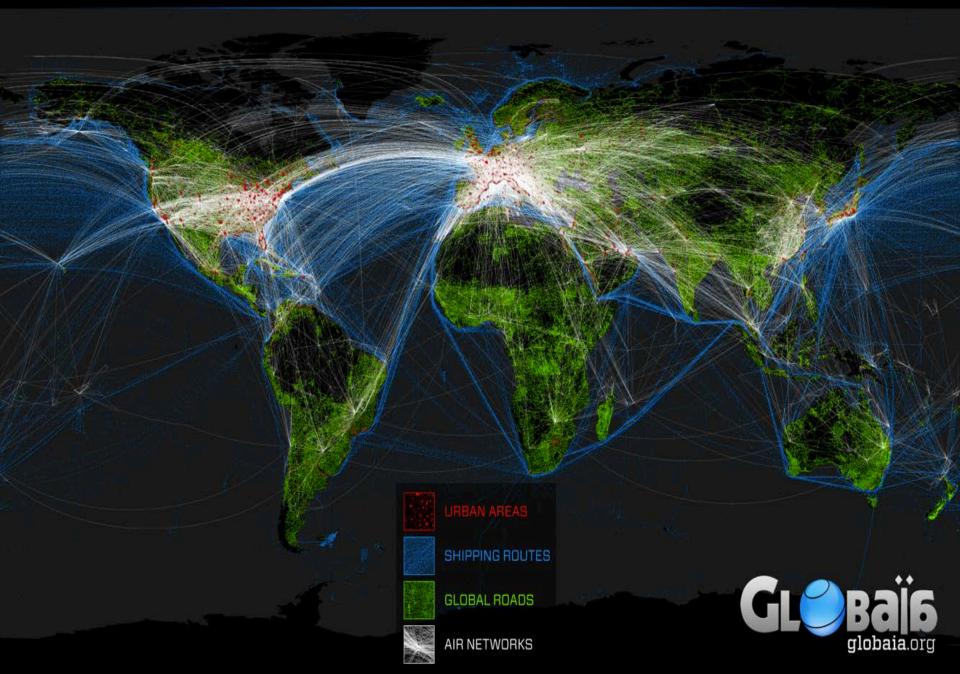


#### Cropland and Pasture 2000

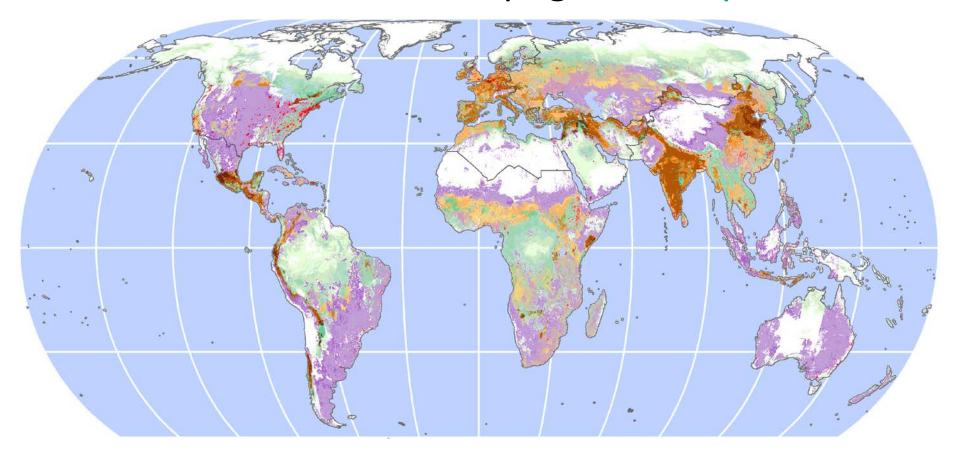


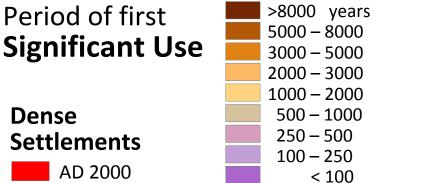


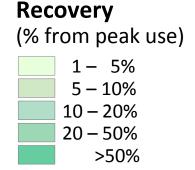
## THE ANTHROPOGENIC PLANET



## **USED PLANET:** The Anthropogenic Biosphere







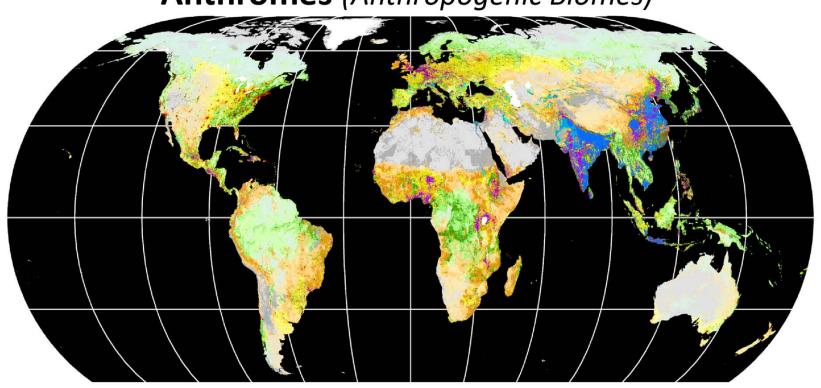
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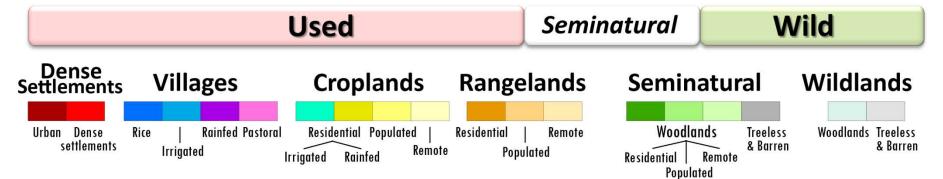
## The Human Biosphere

Ecosystems = f(P,T)

P= Population DensityT= Land Use

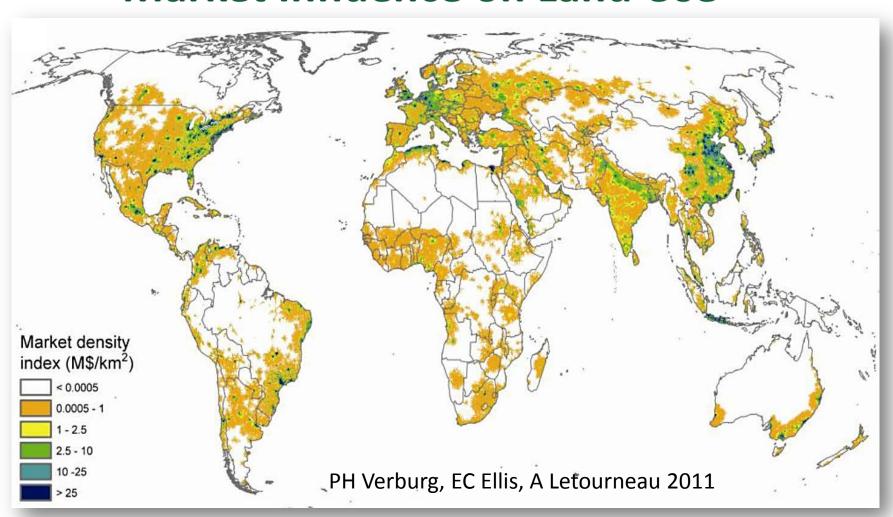
**Anthromes** (Anthropogenic Biomes)

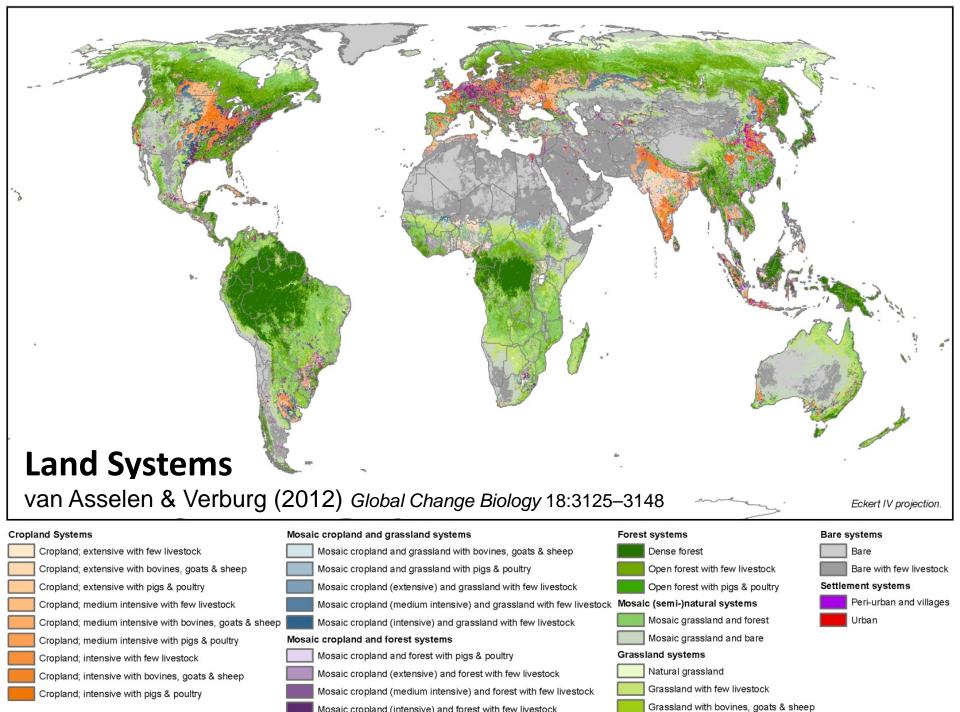




### Are we observing the global changes that matter?

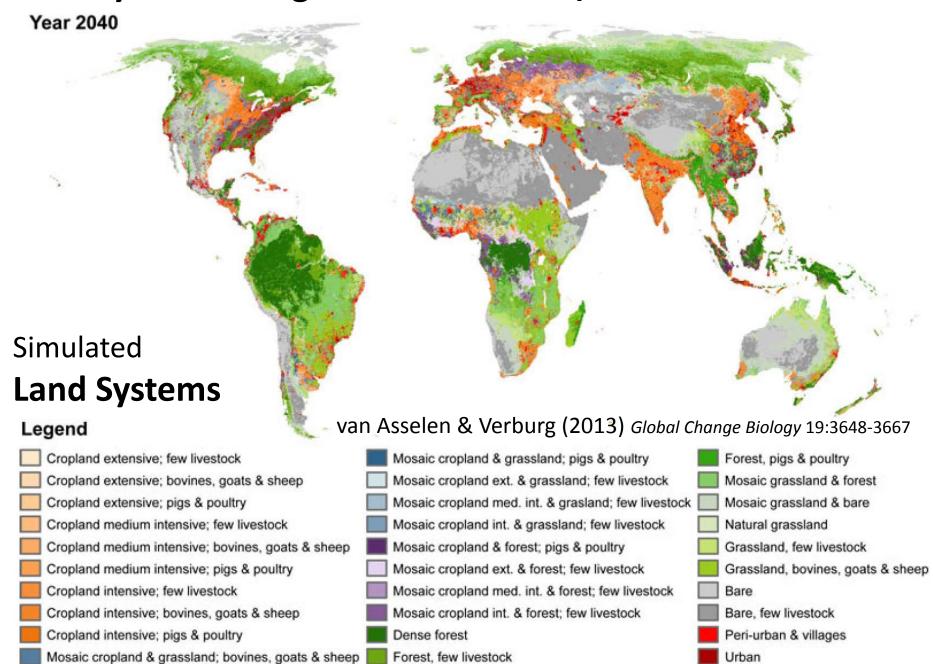
## **Market Influence on Land Use**





Mosaic cropland (intensive) and forest with few livestock

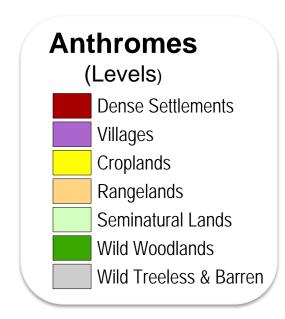
#### Land System Change: Intensification / Extensification



## **Bias in Ecological Field Research Sites**

#### **Ecological Research Sites** Top 10 Ecology Journals: 2004 – 2009

- 2/3 in "protected areas"
- **❖** Temperate Zone Bias, Wealthy Nation Bias
- **❖** Just 1/6 in agricultural & settled lands





Martin, Blossey & Ellis. 2012. Mapping where ecologists work: biases in the global distribution of terrestrial ecological observations. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* 10:195–201





## Online Tools for Gobal Synthesis of Local Knowledge

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