

MEASURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF INDUSTRIES - FOOTPRINT TARGET TOOL FOCUS ON ASSESSING HABITAT DEGRADATION AND STRUCTURAL CONNECTIVITY

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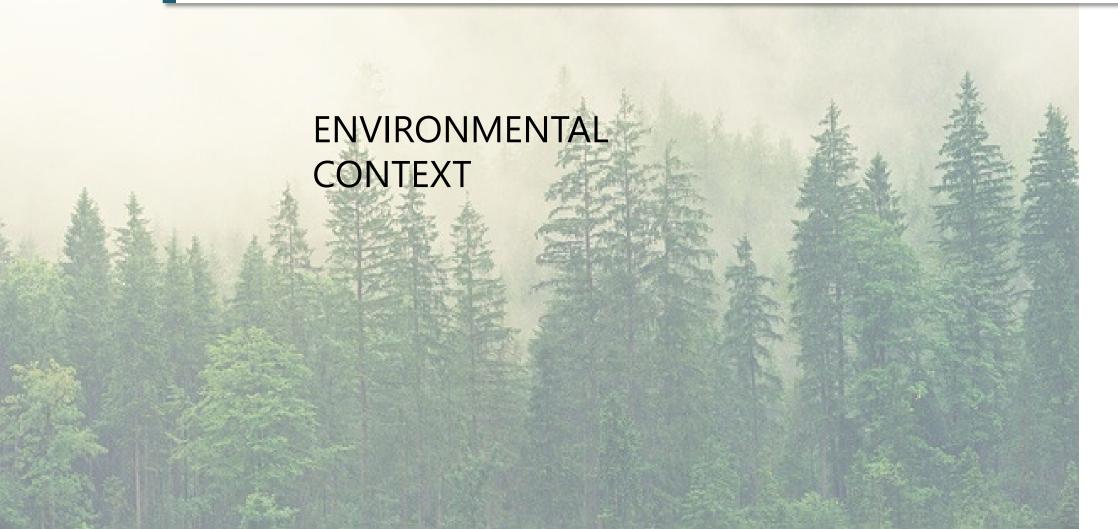
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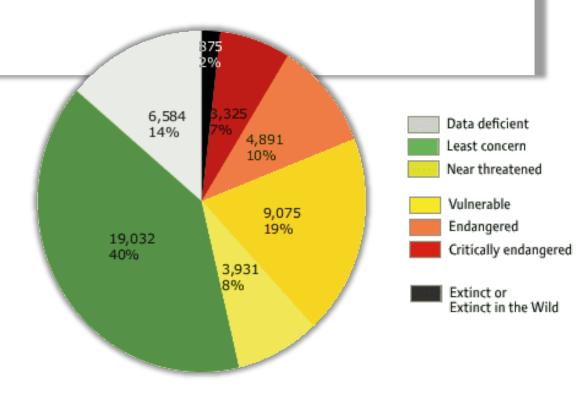
Since the 1970s there has been an exponential decline in biodiversity, with an ever-increasing number of species threatened with extinction.

Historically, there have been 5 mass extinction events with an average extinction of 75% of species.

MASS

EXTINCTIONS

BIODIVERISTY EXTINCTION



https://ecomerge.blogspot.com/2011/07/massive-extinctions-from-human-activity.html
https://www.iucnredlist.org/en

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES





For some years now, biodiversity has been the new guest of national and international regulations.

BIODIVERSITY IN POLICY

COP15 Montreal (2022)

Environmental labelling for products

Corporate
Sustainability
Reporting Directive
(CSRD)



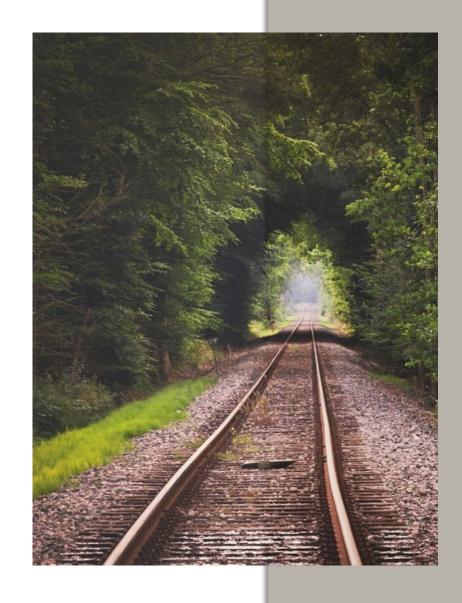
23 measures adopted to preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services with fixed quantified targets. Law to be released in Q4 2023 in France for textile and food with biodiversity indicators, end of 2024 for Europe. More than 15 indicators planned.

Mandatory non-financial reporting for listed companies and big companies (more than 250 employees). Biodiversity section required.

BIODIVERSITY IN COMPANIES

Biodiversity is therefore a challenge for companies. Indeed:

- **55% of global GDP** depends on the proper functioning of biodiversity: increasing pressure on sustainability of different sectors due to reduced yields, scarcity of resources ...
- Long and complex evaluation process of traditional lifecycle assessment
- Current databases do not consider the country/region of manufacture/production.
- Lack of a global vision and difficulties to prioritize actions leading to certain inertia in deployment throughout the company.
- 76% of consumer confidence in companies based on their ethics and environment consideration







CONCEPT

is an environmental impact assessment method based on the IPBES framerk.

THE REASONS WHY:

- ✓ A complete and comprehensive picture of the impact of humans on the planet
- ✓ An opportunity to make pragmatic and leading to action assessment
- ✓ A way to identify more easily the levers of action and solutions

THE 5 CAUSES OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS:



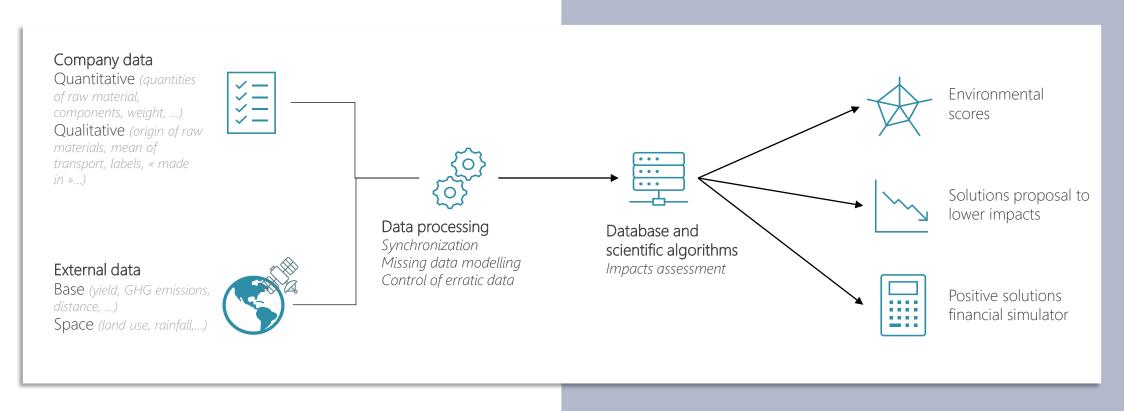






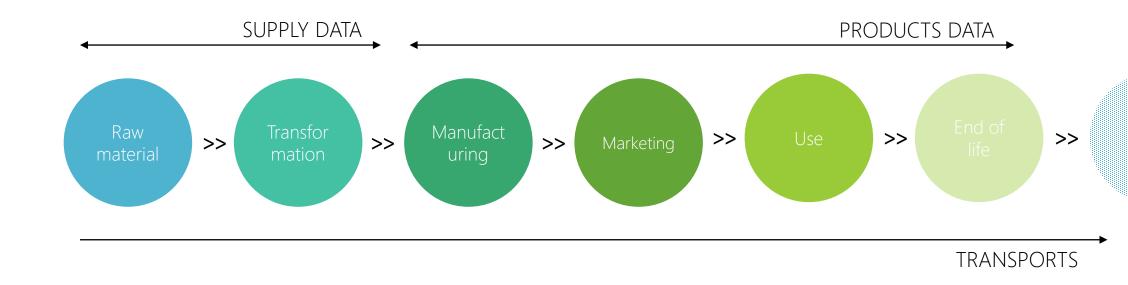


A SaaS software that combines companies' data with external environmental data, including space data



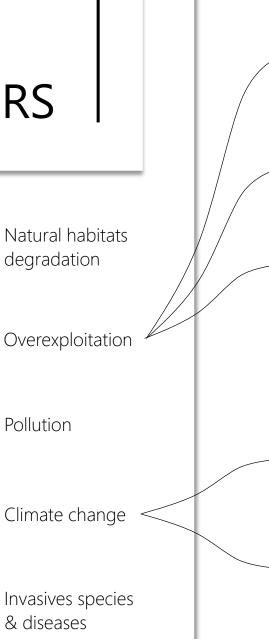
Evaluation of one 40th indicator over the whole lifecycle assessment

METHOD



OUR INDICATORS

MAI



Indirect extinction



Grey water



Water for irrigations, washing and manufacturing



Water stress





Water use

Nonrenewable

resources



Carbon sequestration & fire risk



all along the process



degradation

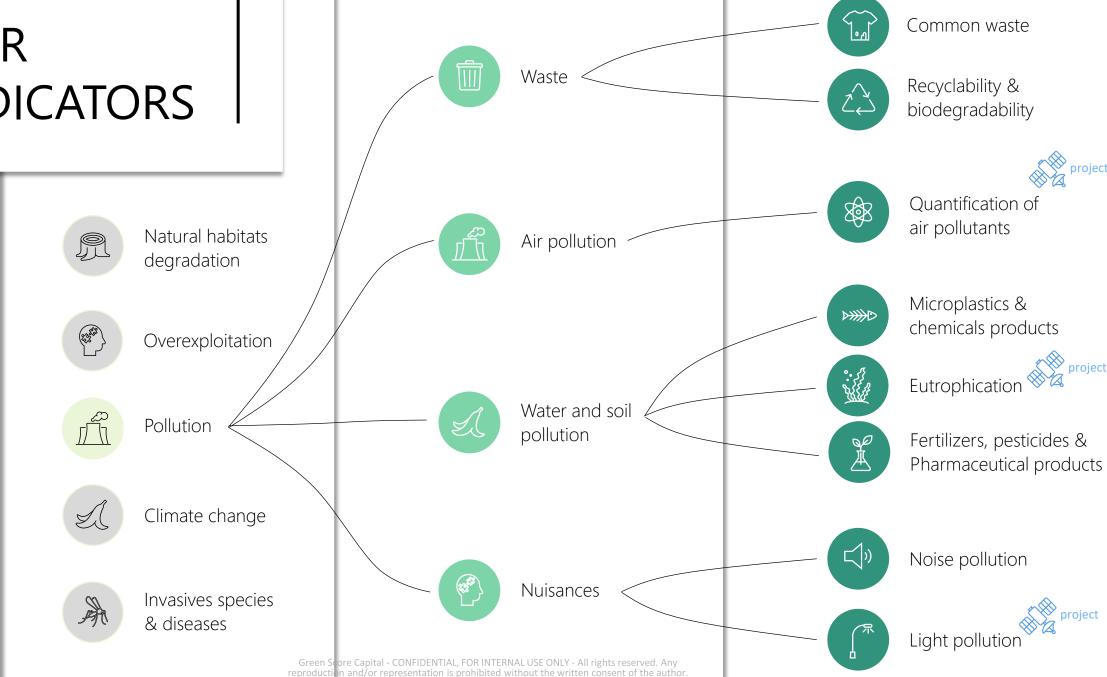
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GHG Emissions

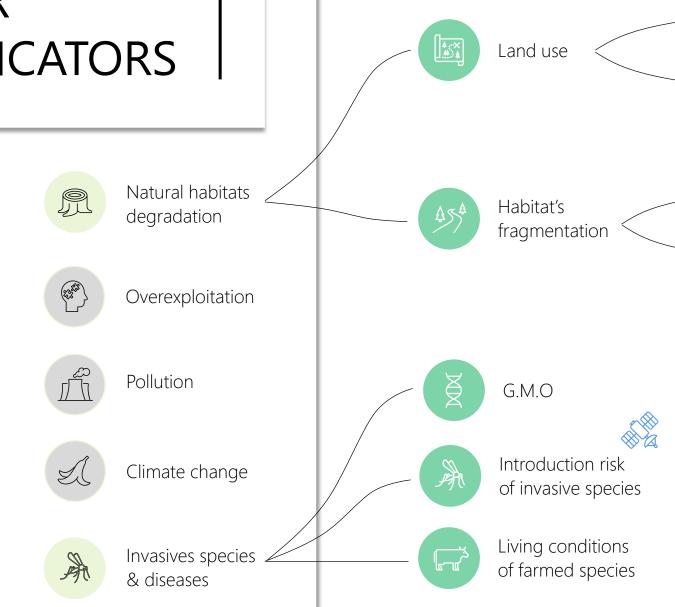
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OUR INDICATORS



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Agricultural occupation



Habitats' fragility

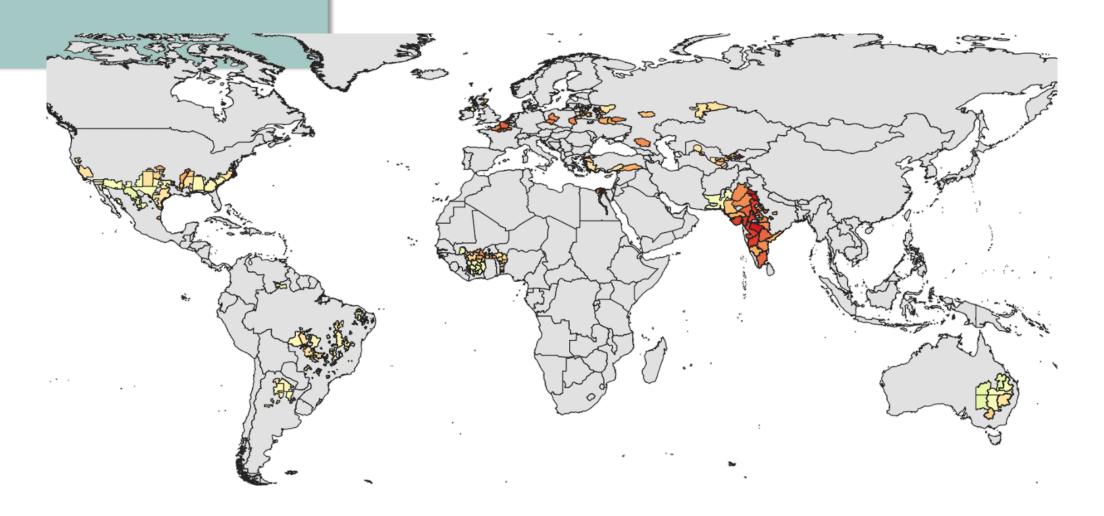


Habitats' connectivity

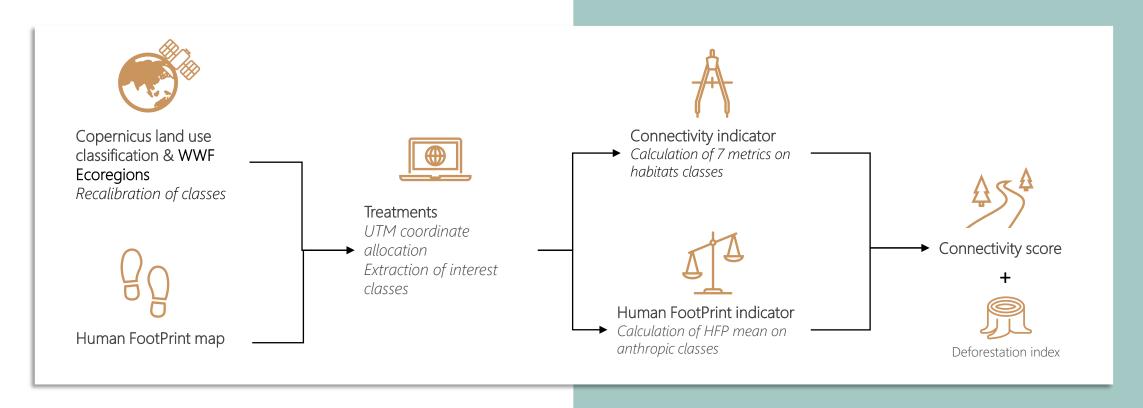
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STUDY AREA

Our objective is to assess the impact of **raw material production** (cotton and flax) on the structural connectivity of habitats.



Assessing the impact of humans on the connectivity of natural systems using satellite data

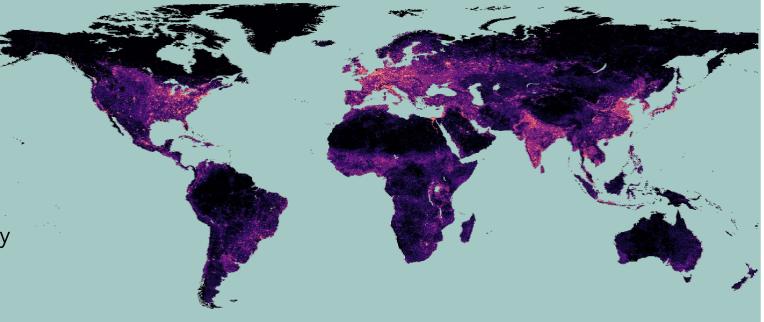


INDICATORS: Human FootPrint

UNBL Map of the human footprint on biodiversity

- Qualitative score out of 50
- 1 km spatial resolution
- Temporal resolution: 2013

=> Take into account the threat of the intensity of ecological barriers to biodiversity mobility between patches and biomes.



https://map.unbiodiversitylab.org/earth?basemap=grayscale&coordinates=24.5034027,18.8405286,2&layers=human-footprint-2000-2013_100_

INDICATORS : Structural connectivity

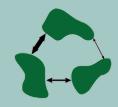
Assessing the structural connectivity quality of within habitat patches:

- Number of patch
- Total edge length of the class
- Degree of aggregation of the class
- Area ratio of patchs in a class
- Probability of habitat diversity



Assess the quality of species mobility via connectivity <u>between</u> patches:

- Spatial contiguity of patch
- Average distance to the nearest neighbour of each patch
- + Percentage of landscape occupied by the natural classes



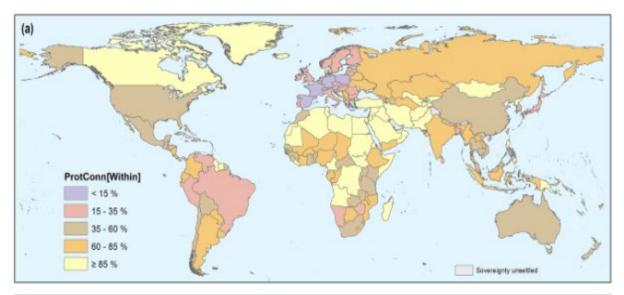
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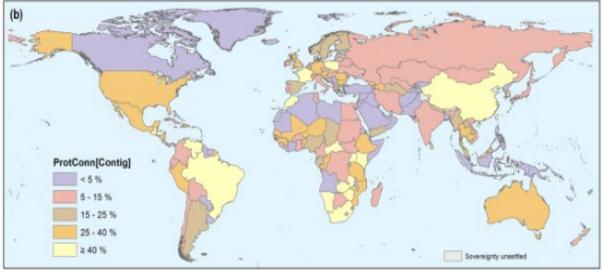
To build our equation we based ourselves on the structure of an existing model: **ProtConn**

This is a **protected area connectivity** indicator that assesses the two dimensions of structural connectivity (inter- and intra-parcel) as well as country boundaries.

Why not use this data?

- > Only considers protected areas
- > Is not contextualized
- > Does not consider anthropogenic threat

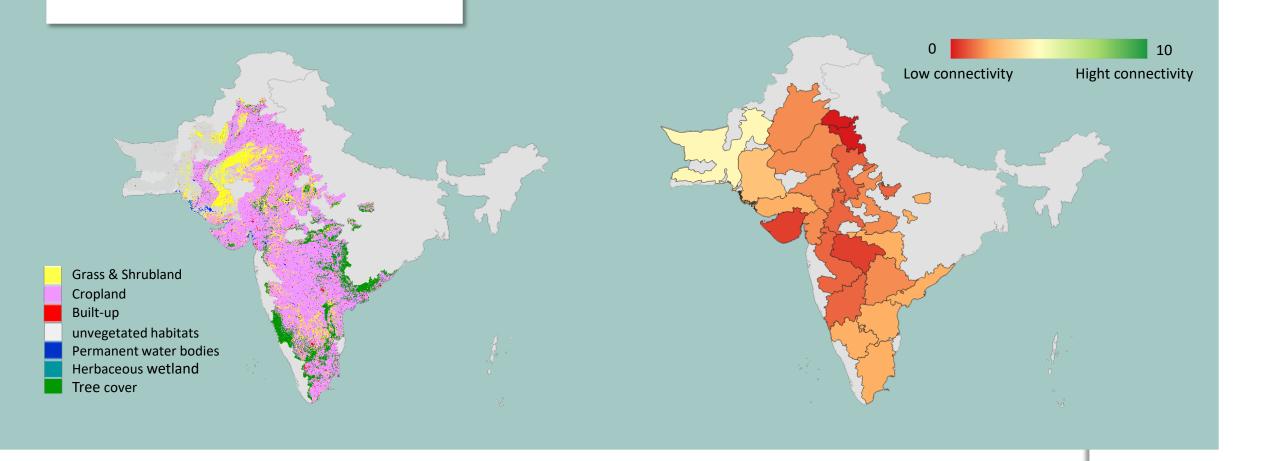


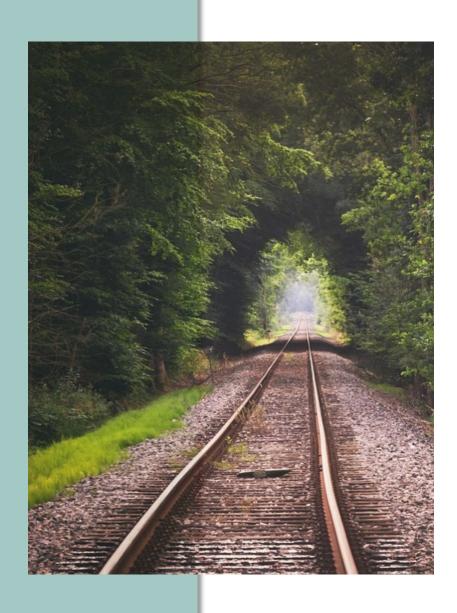


RESULTS

Sample: regions in India and Pakistan

Cotton





PRESPECTIVES

Evolution of the method

As we developed our method, we encountered some technical and computer obstacles. The size of our study areas is too large for the performance offered by the landscapemetrics.

- Further **study the variance** of each indicator to assess the reliability of our results.
- Recalculate connectivity at the **province level**, for better consistency with land use.
- Ideally: set up a validation study in the field.

