Fundamentals of digital and ecological transitions

Climate change and applied
Zoology: understanding humaninduced effects on wildlife
Lesson 6

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Institution of PAs

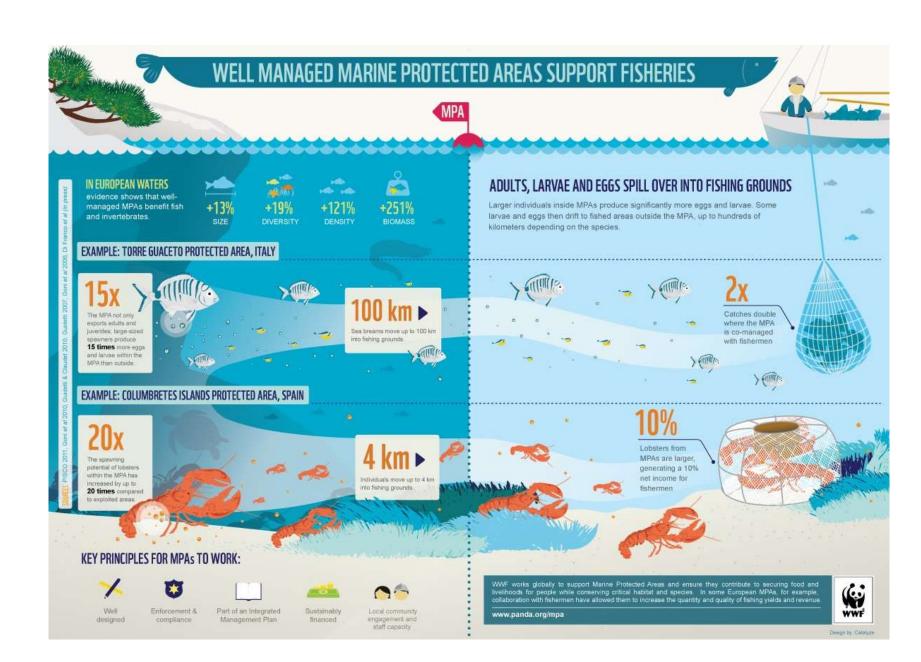
- Recognized as efficient tools for protecting ecosystems, Protected Areas (PAs) are areas that are delimited and managed with the aim of conserving biodiversity. Creating a balance between biodiversity conservation and sustainable human activities, PAs restore the resources needed for the economic and social development of neighbouring populations.
- In some PAs, the establishment of highly protected areas with no fishing/hunting activity, accelerates the restoration of ecosystems and fishery/wildlife resources.

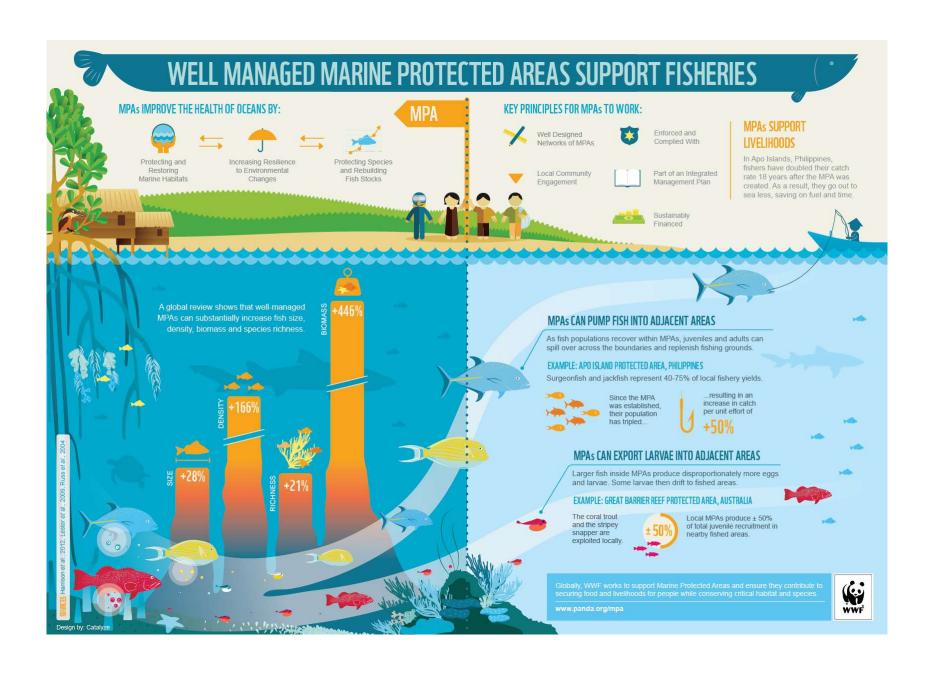
Protected areas (PAs)

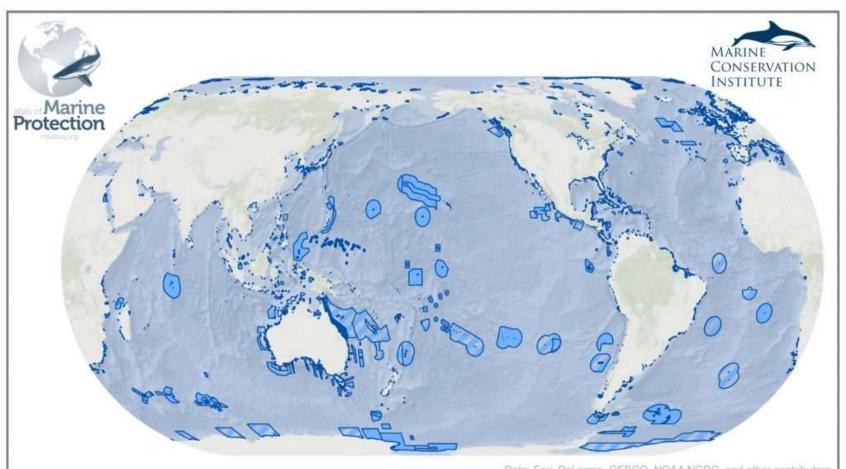
- 15% of the Earth's land surface;
- Categorized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Different type of PAs











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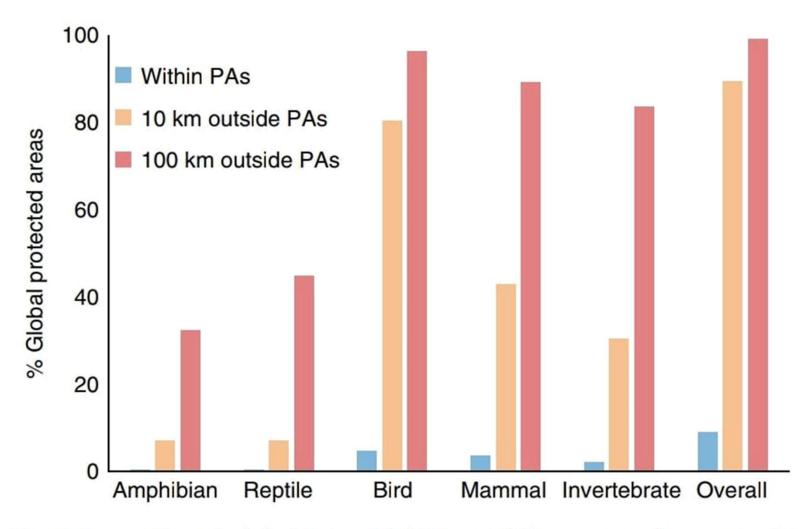


Fig. 2 Proportion of global terrestrial PAs and the surrounding areas (10 and 100 km distance to PA boundaries) colonized by different taxonomic groups. We designated PAs as invaded when at least one animal species



 We are used to thinking of our modern cities as grey masses of asphalt, concrete, skyscrapers: in many ways, this is not such a far-from-real stereotype. This, of course, does not mean that it is not possible to bring some healthy greenery into urban environments.



URBANIZATION!!

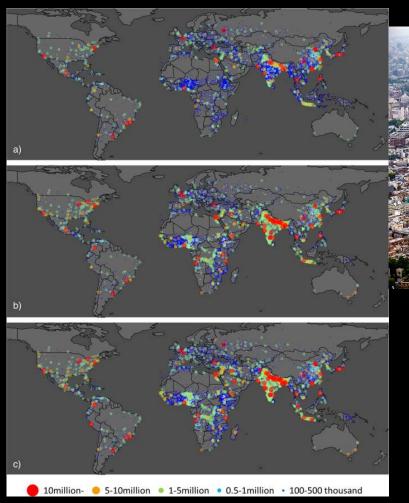


Urbanisation is the process of development and organisation that leads a built-up area to take on the typical characteristics of a city.



- Creation of urbanisation works transport networks, sewerage networks.
- Surrounding area affected by city expansion.- Pollution, chaos and stress.
- Societal behaviour and customs.

Future population projection in urban agglomerations worldwide and throughout the 21st century





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a Data for 2010. **b**, **c** Projections for 2100 under scenarios SSP1, 2, respectively.

Urban climate



Climate change & pollution

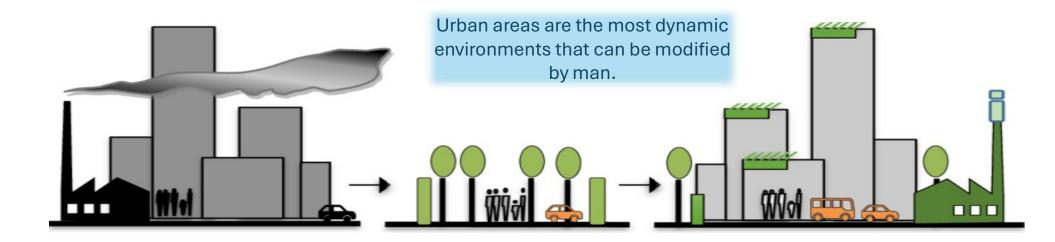
Characteristics of cities that generate climate effects:

- -building materials with high thermal capacity



Urban vegetation elements

-distribution of buildings, streets and green areas green ext-/intensification -fast loss/removal of water from the surface of streets



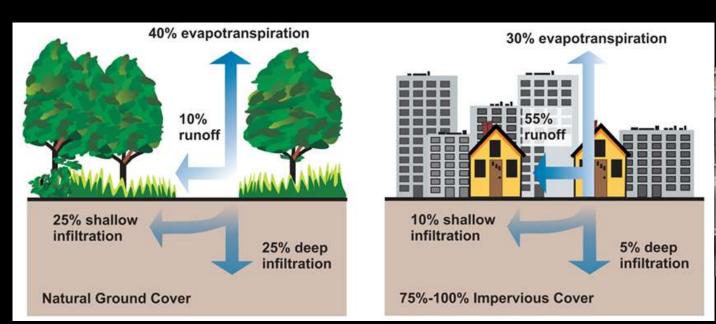
In città, gli <mark>alberi</mark> fanno la differenza





Run off







Nature Based Solution

Desanding the road surface (in car parks, for



Vertical farm

In Berlin, vegetables are grown in the (disused) airport.



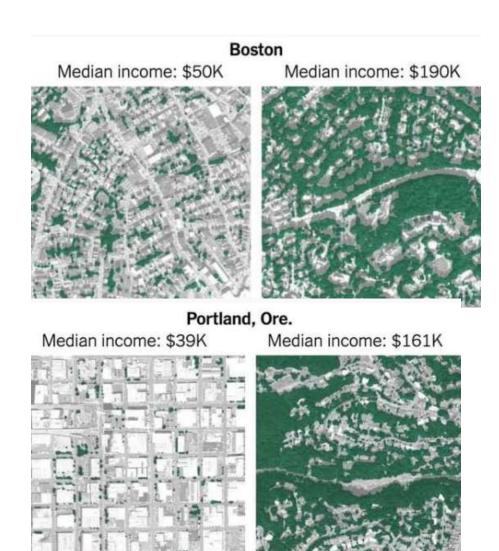














What we can do?





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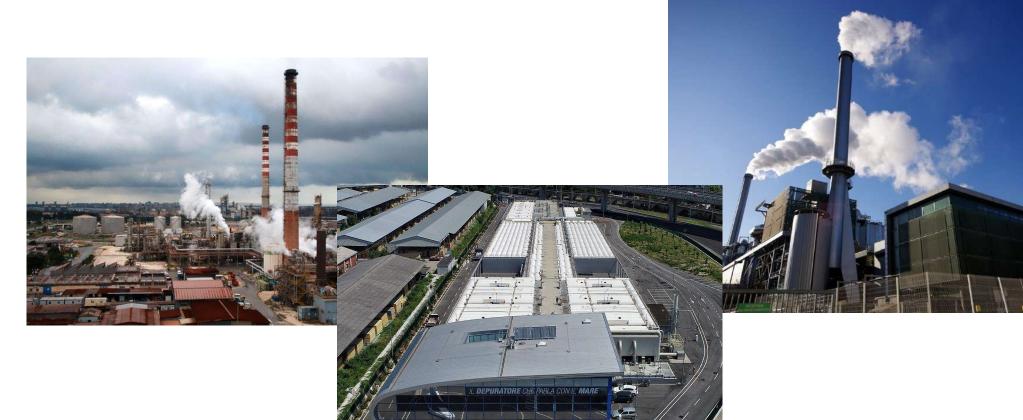


People: I never see butterflies or lightning bugs in my yard

Their yard:



Industrial area



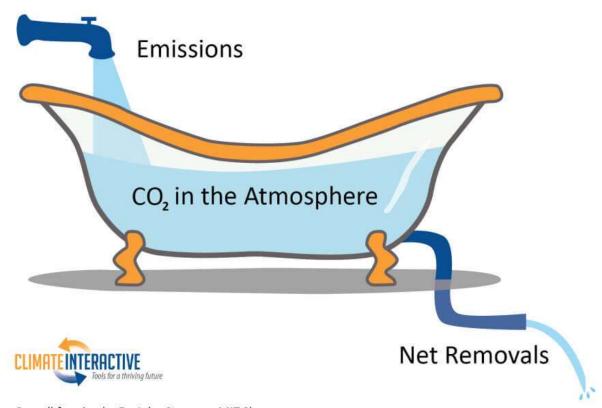
Green and Sustainability in Industrial Areas





2,7 MWh of heat and 0,8 MWh of electricity







Overall framing by Dr. John Sterman, MIT Sloan

