



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

Looking back, looking forward

Madrid, November 2019

George Jaksch, Chair 2018-2019, GPBB





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Looking Back: November 2017 in Paris

“Biodiversity Crisis?”



IPBES report 2019



# The State of Biodiversity

“We are eroding the very foundations  
of our economies, livelihoods,  
food security, health and  
quality of life worldwide.”

Robert Watson, Chair, IPBES

# Loss of Biodiversity

## %

**Birds** North America: **25%** 1970-1918

## Insects

Global: 2.5% por año: **20%** in 10 años.

Germany: **75%** flying insects, protected areas, in 25 años

Puerto Rico: **98%** terrestrial, **80%** arboreal, en 35 años.

Mexico: **80%** dry forest 1970- 2018, WWF.

**Vertebrates** Global: **60%** 1970-2018

# IPBES Report 2019



## **Biodiversity Loss: Causes**

- changes in land and sea use
- direct exploitation of organisms
- climate change
- pollution
- invasion of alien species







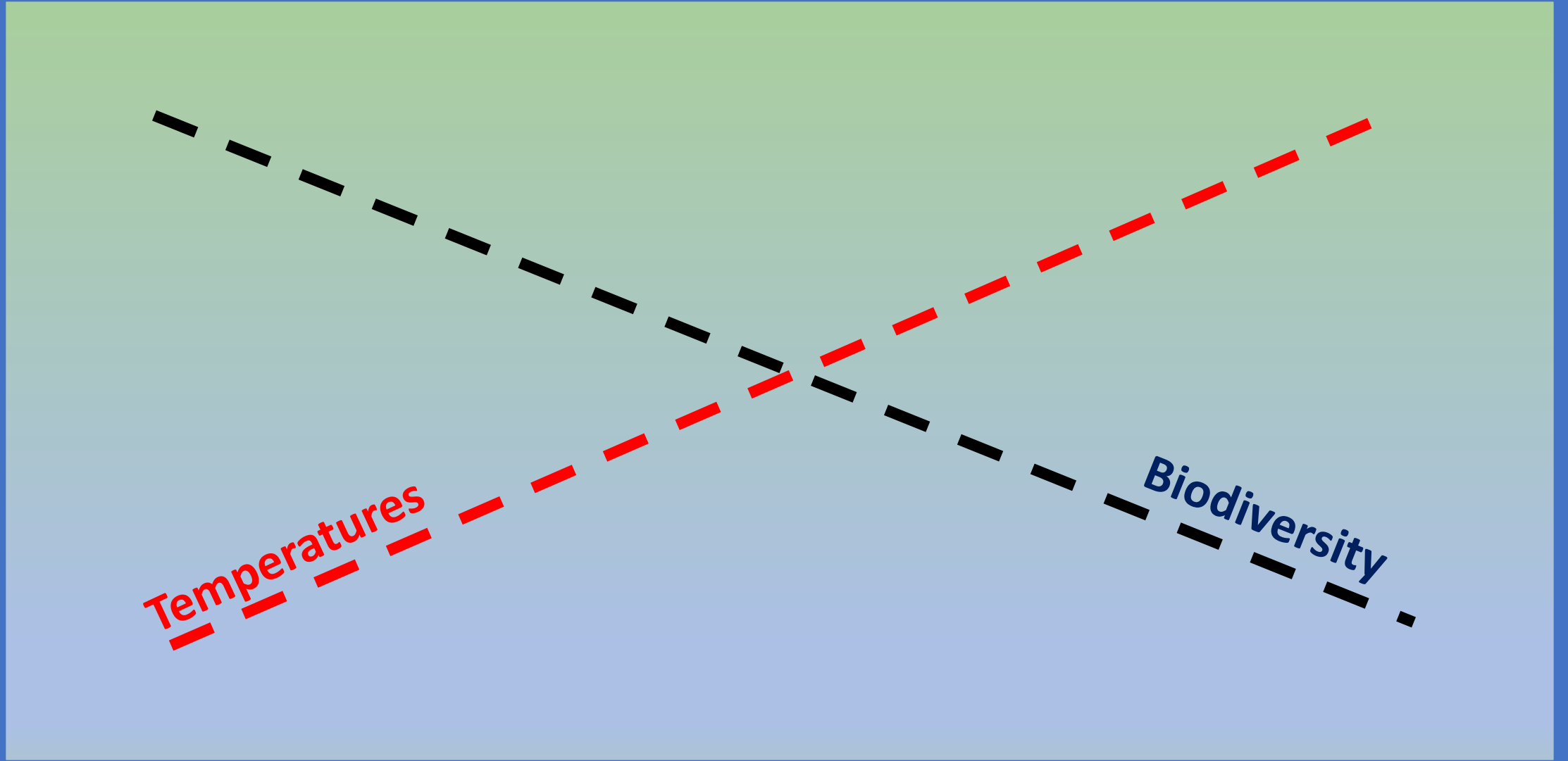
# Global Assessment 2019

## Biodiversity Loss: Solutions

### “Transformative Change”

- incentives and capacity-building
- cross-sectoral cooperation
- pre-emptive action
- decision-making in the context of resilience and uncertainty
- environmental law and implementation

# The Dilemma of our Times

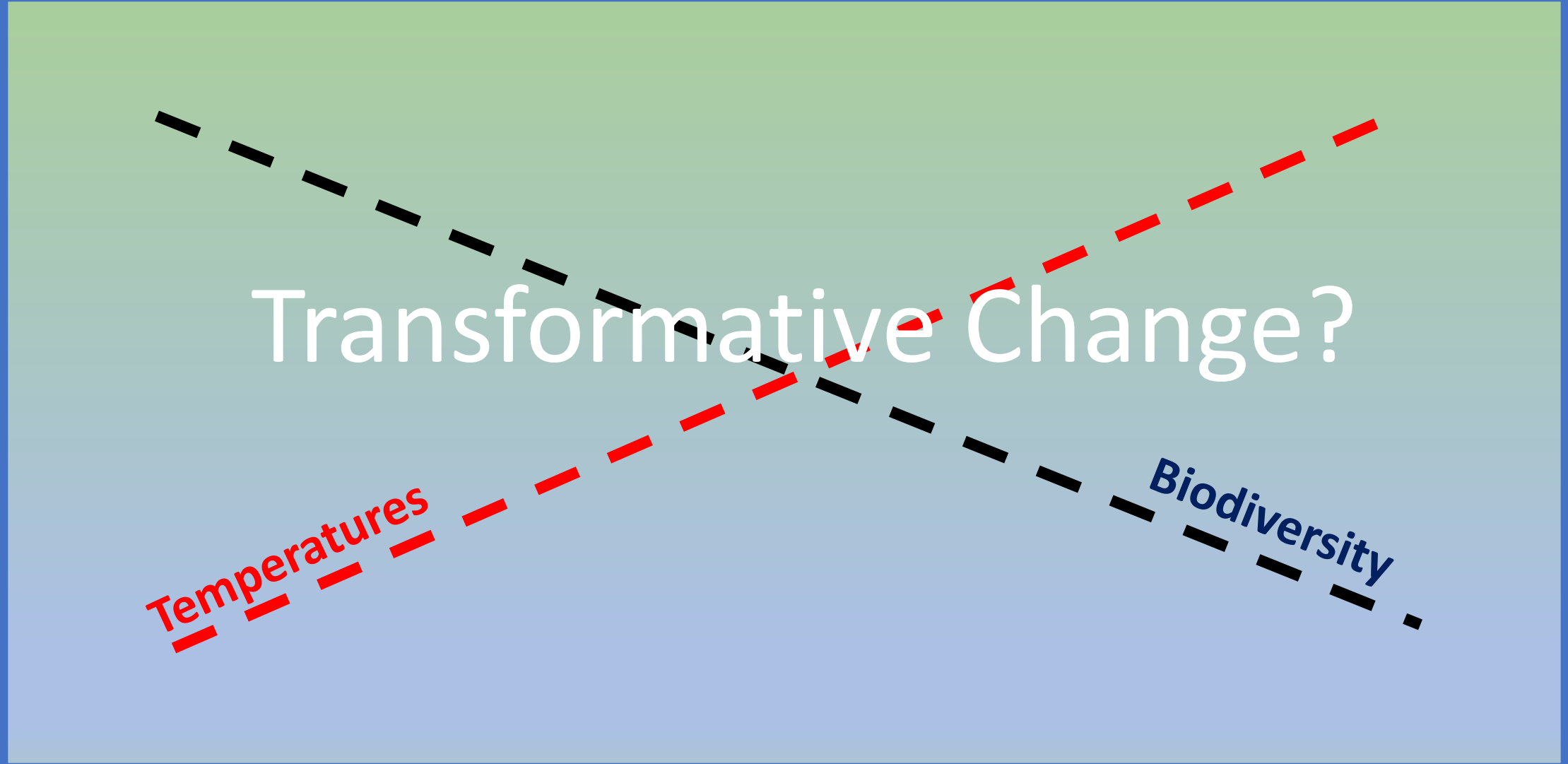


Present

Future



# The Dilemma of our Times



Transformative Change?

**Temperatures**

**Biodiversity**

Present

Future

# GPBB at COP14 in Egypt

## Leader's Breakfast



## *Why so little business participación?*

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of business reasons
- Short term vision
- Lack of incentives and support

# GPBB at COP14 in Egypt

## Annual meeting

Activity		Leadership			
		GP member	CBD	EC	Working Group
A	More member countries - Colombia - Pakistan - Ireland	-X- Mesoamerica Sri Lanka EU			
B	Communication - Web Clearing House - Newsletter, etc.		-X-		?
C	Unified Voice			-X-	
C	Post 2020	South Africa (Joel)			
D	Engaging with Advisers (new)			-X-	?



# GPBB at COP14 in Egypt

## Side Event

- Very well attended, with help from GPBB members
- Collaborative effort, with India and Sri Lanka

## Post-2020 Concept document

- Joel Houdet's contribution

# GPBB Membership



## **Gains:**

Colombia (for Kunming presentation)?

Malaysia?

Ireland?

## **Regional events:**

EU (2018)

Mesoamerica (2020)?



# Unfinished Business

- Knowledge exchange?
- Impact? Mainstreaming?
- Contact, meetings, collaboration?



# GPBB Challenges



Collaboration, Alliances. Stop fragmentation!

Learn from Climate Change

Transformative change!



