

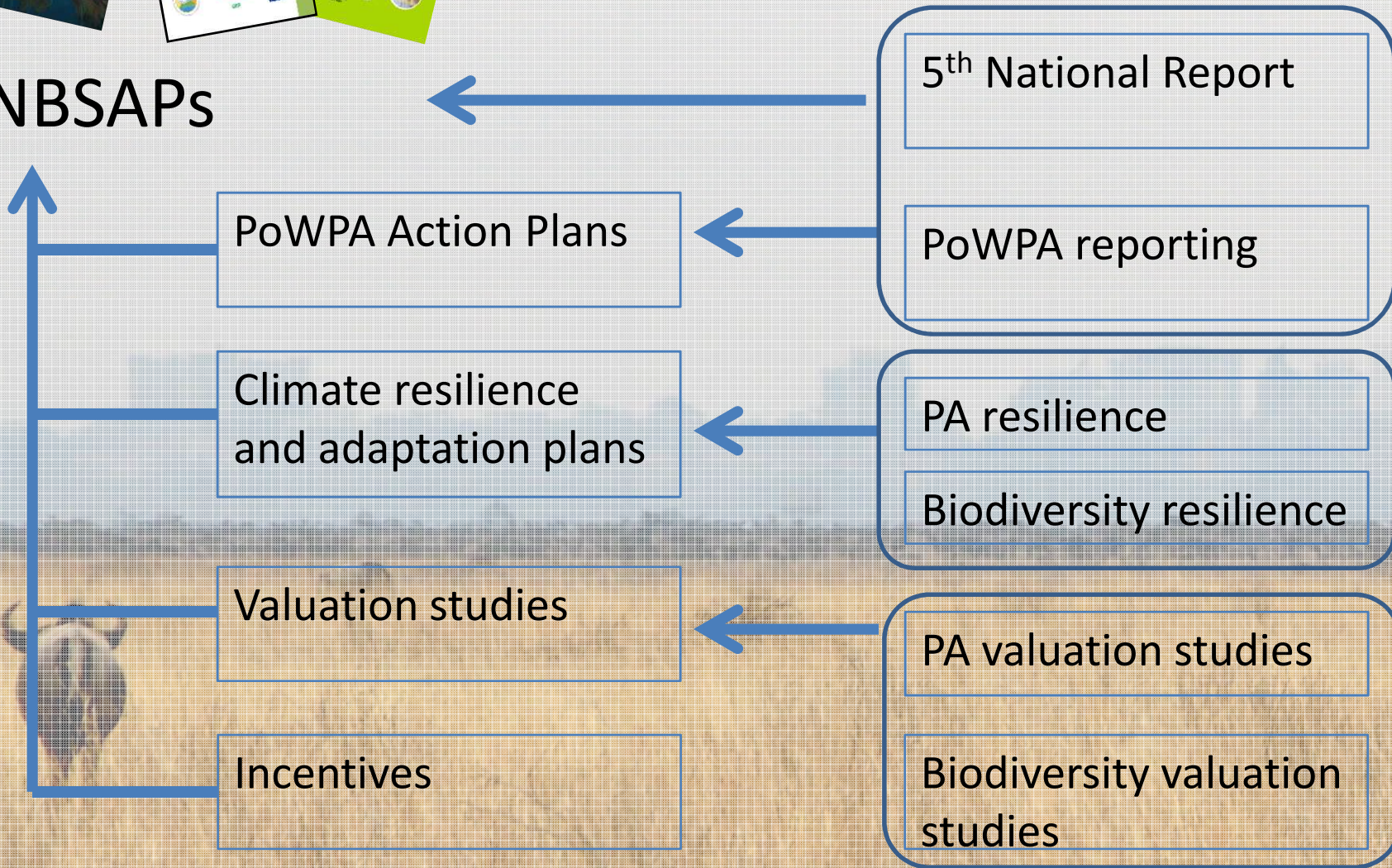


CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE THROUGH  
PROTECTED AREA INTEGRATION AND MAINSTREAMING  
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# NBSAPs





Protected areas in isolation will not be enough to sustain biodiversity....

...or to sustain human communities into the future...

...especially under increasing climate change impacts.....



The primary mechanism for enabling climate change adaptation and resilience....

...is a well-designed protected area network that is fully integrated into landscapes, seascapes and sectors.



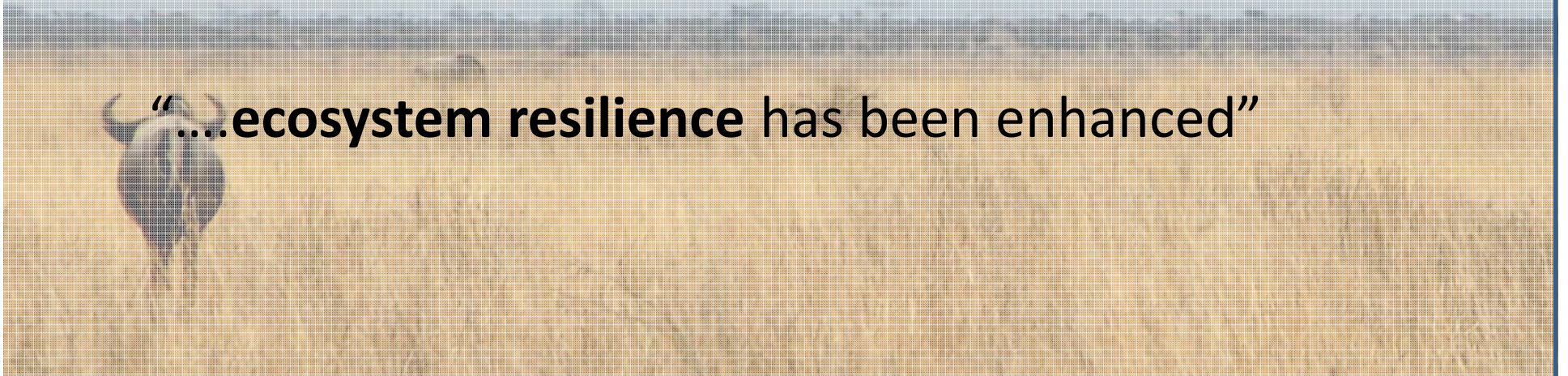


## Aichi Targets #2,11, & 15

“...biodiversity values have been **integrated** into national and local development...”

“...at least 17% of terrestrial and inland water, and 10% of coastal and marine areas...are **well connected systems** of protected areas and...**integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.**”

“...**ecosystem resilience** has been enhanced”





## CoP-10 (X/31)

“Achieve target 1.2 of the PoWPA by 2015, through concerted efforts to **integrate protected areas into wider landscapes and seascapes and sectors....**in order to address climate change impacts and increase **resilience to climate change**”



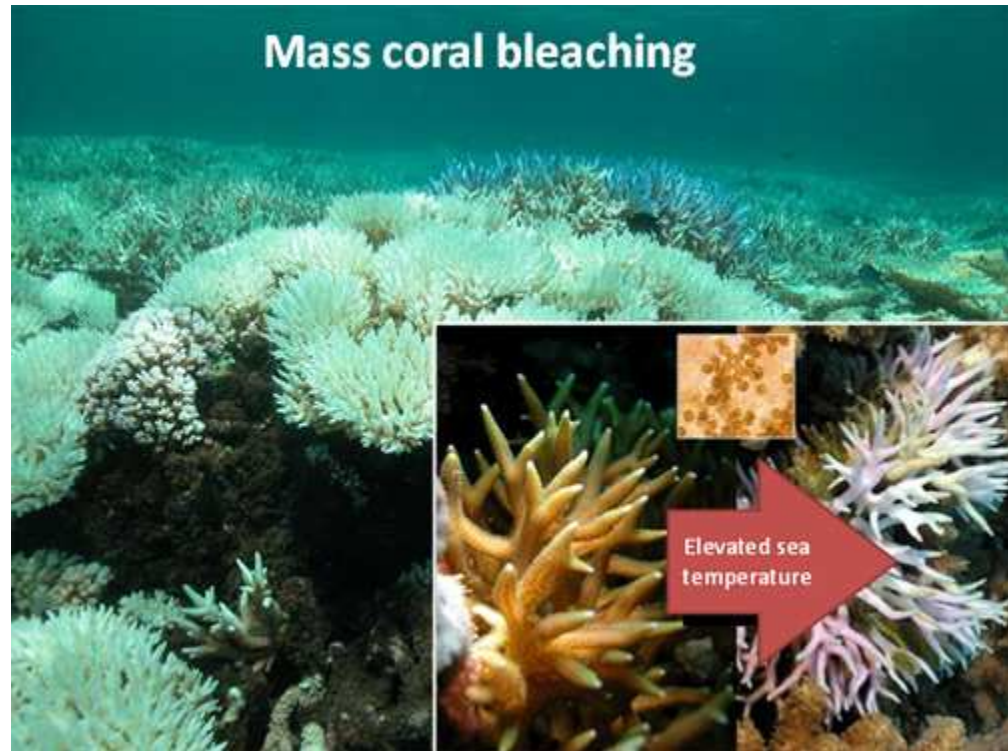


# Evolution in protected area thinking

	<b>CLASSIC MODEL</b> 1800s – 1970s	<b>MODERN MODEL</b> 1970s – late 2000s	<b>EMERGING MODEL</b> Late 2000s - now
<b>Objective</b>	“Set aside” from production	Multiple objectives	Maintain life-support systems
<b>Management</b>	Maintain recreation for visitors	Maintain biodiversity for visitors, with local people in mind	Maintain services, regulate climate for local, national and global benefit
<b>Actors</b>	Central governments	Central governments with communities	Many partners, many interests
<b>Value</b>	National tourism treasures	Valuable for biodiversity	Economic, social, and ecologically global value
<b>Relationship w/ surrounding area</b>	Isolated islands	Part of an ecological network	An integral part of national economies, sectors & landscapes

# Coping: Key Concepts

- **Regime shift**
- Tipping point
- Resilience
- Adaptation
- Mitigation

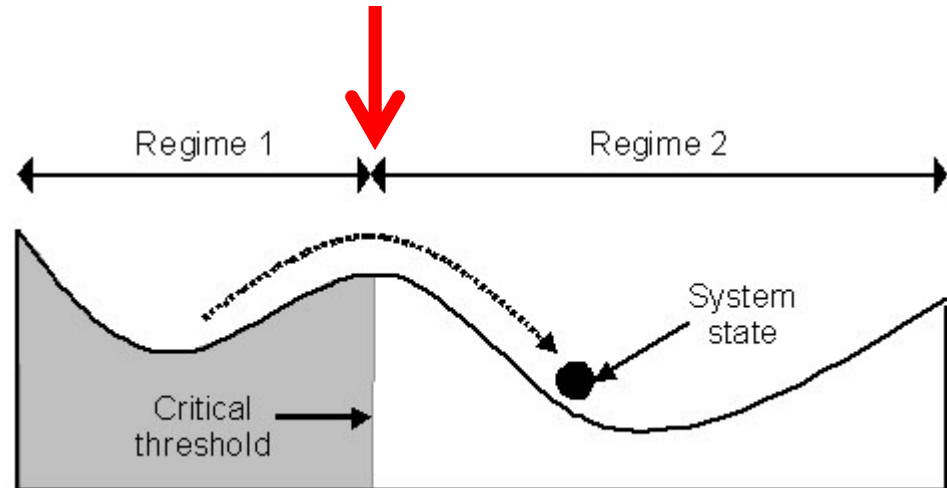


[www.regimeshifts.org](http://www.regimeshifts.org)



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**Definition:** The point at which a driver causes a significant regime shift that is considered unalterable, or recoverable on only very long timescales

**Drivers:** Overfishing, disease, invasive species, climate-related events



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## Definition

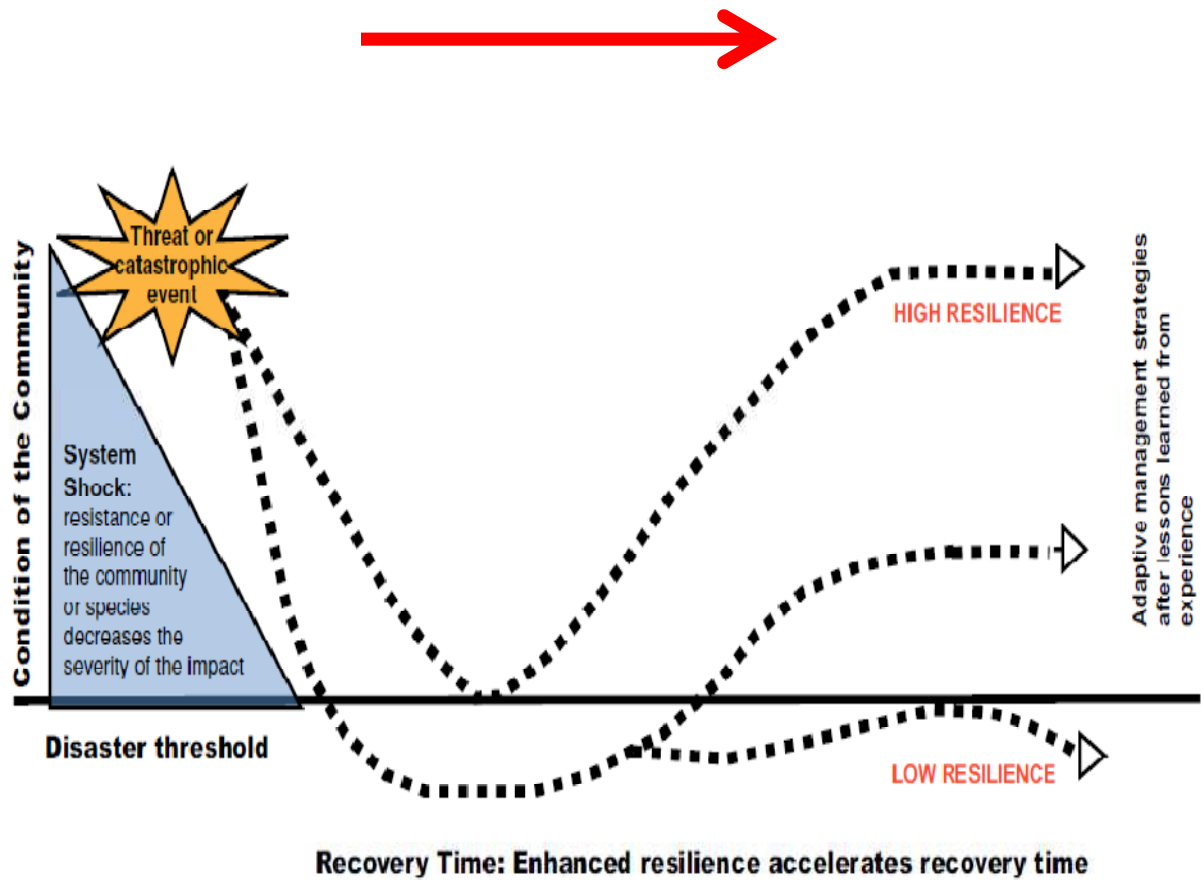
“....the ability of an ecosystem to maintain key functions and processes in the face of stresses, or pressures, by resisting change”

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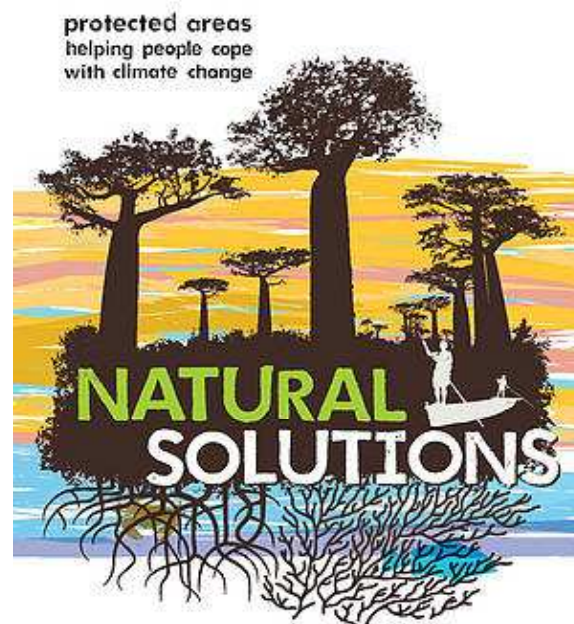


- **Nature's** ability to adapt to climate impacts (increasingly caused by human actions); and....



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➤ **Human's ability to adapt to climate impacts (often through nature's buffering and provisioning services)**

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...reducing the scope and magnitude of climate change and its impacts...

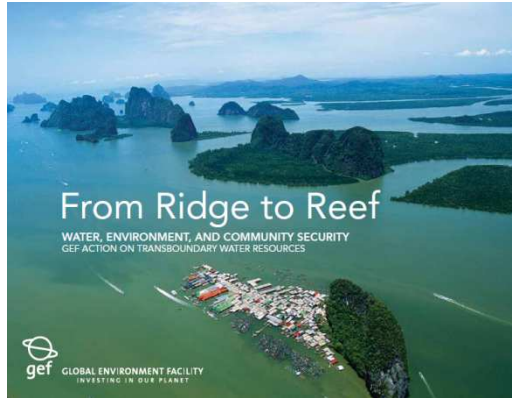


# CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH PA INTEGRATION AND MAINSTREAMING

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2. Sectoral integration



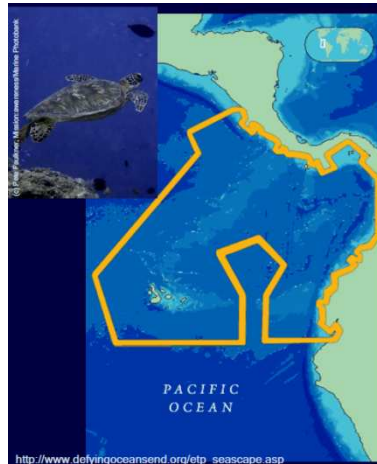
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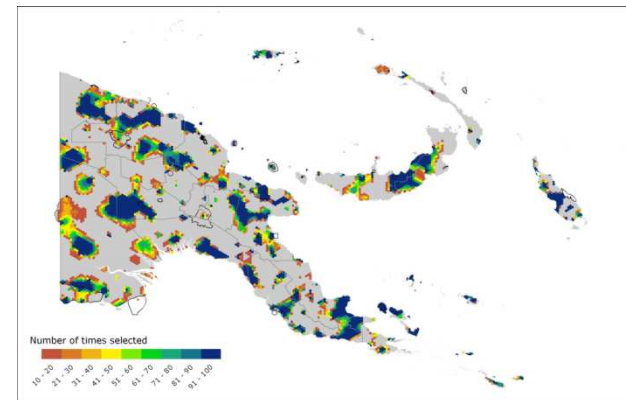
Ecosystem Approach



Transboundary areas



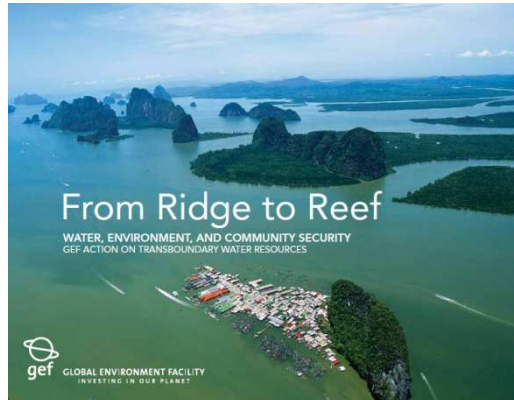
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# Strengthening climate adaptation by taking a “Ecosystem Approach”:



## Ridge to Reef



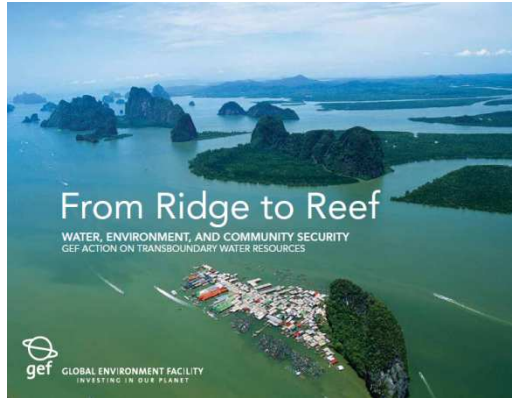
Example of a Ridge to Reef Approach

# Discussion Questions

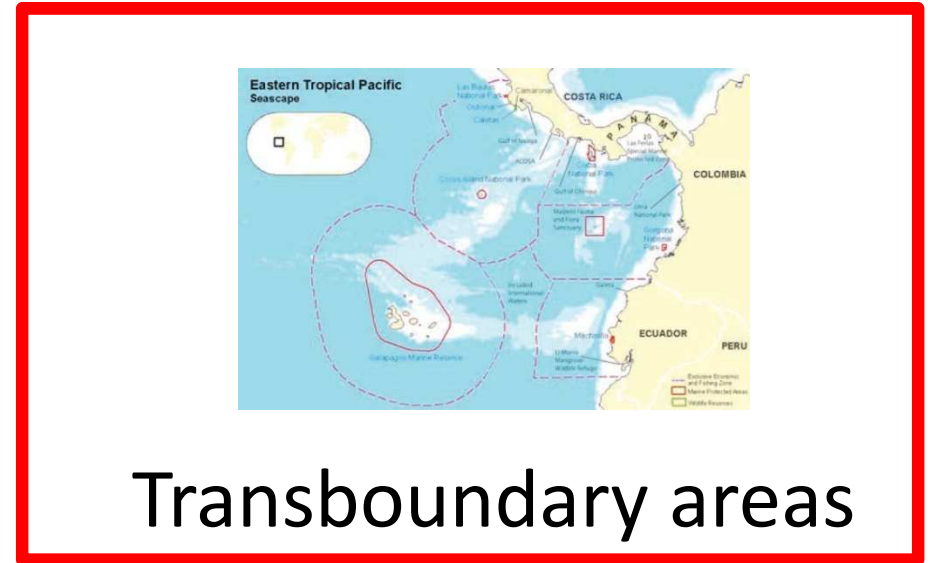
- Is your country adopting a “Total Landscape” approach? Explain
- What aspects of a “Total Landscape” approach might be especially helpful in strengthening climate resilience?



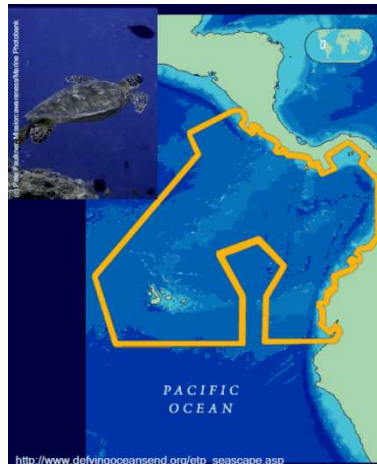
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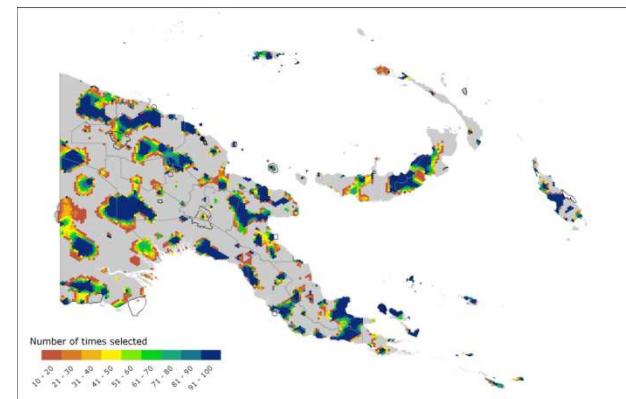
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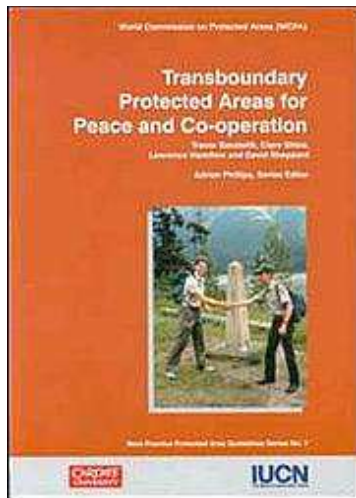


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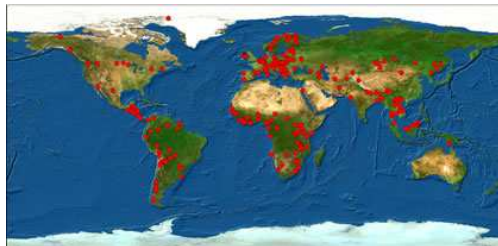


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# Transboundary MPAs and transboundary resource management



**Transboundary protected area:** Area of land or sea that borders two states where both parties are dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity through legal or other effective means



**Transboundary resource management:** Any collaboration across boundaries that increases the effectiveness of achieving conservation goals



# The role of transboundary protected areas in strengthening resilience

- Allows species to **shift their distribution ranges**
- Allows for **natural processes** to occur at large scales
- Increases **resilience to extreme events** and disturbance
- Increases **species population viability**
- Reduces **synergistic threats**
- Increases **reproductive success**
- Increases the likelihood of protecting areas of **climate refugia**
- Expands the **diversity of the population gene pool**

# Strategies that improved climate resilience



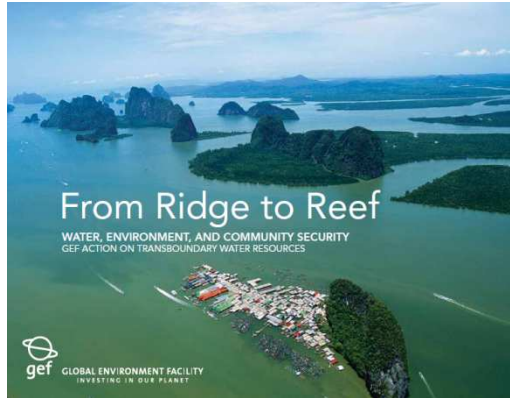
- Conducted region-wide **climate vulnerability assessments**
- Documented and shared data on **species migration, range and habitat shifts**
- Identified pockets of **resistance** and **climate refugia** (e.g., to coral bleaching) and **large intact areas** at a transboundary scale
- Developed plans to address **transboundary-scale threats**
- **Restored habitat** that was regionally critical
- Developed transboundary **agreements on fisheries**



# Discussion Questions

- What opportunities are there for you to increase transboundary collaboration and transboundary protected areas?
- How important are these areas in your context for strengthening climate resilience and promoting climate adaptation?

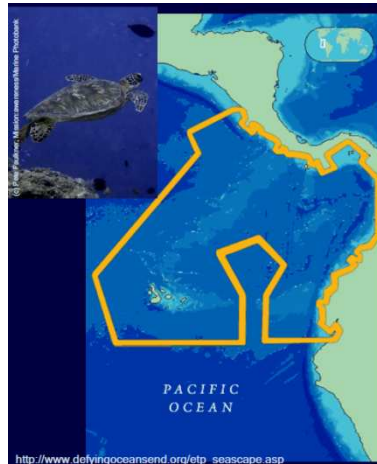
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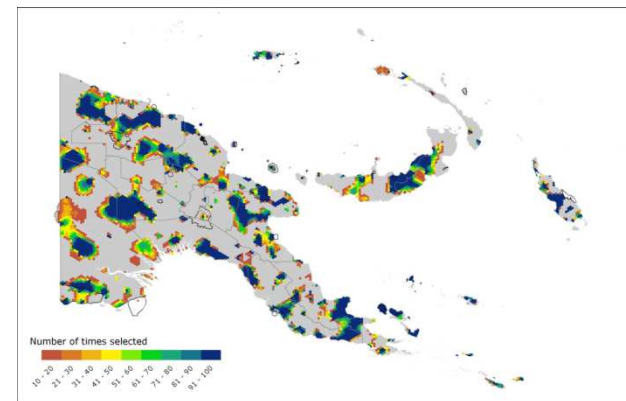
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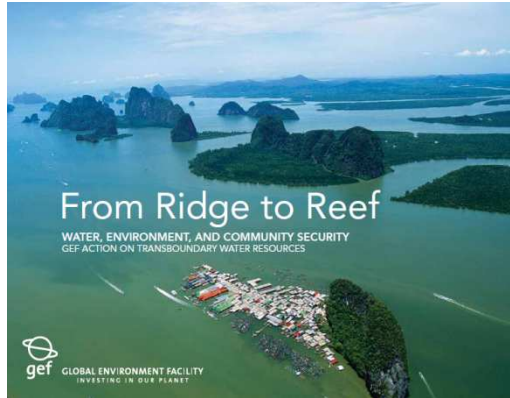
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# Discussion Questions

- How well is your protected area network designed for climate resilience?
- How well does your protected area network buffer human communities from the impacts of climate change?



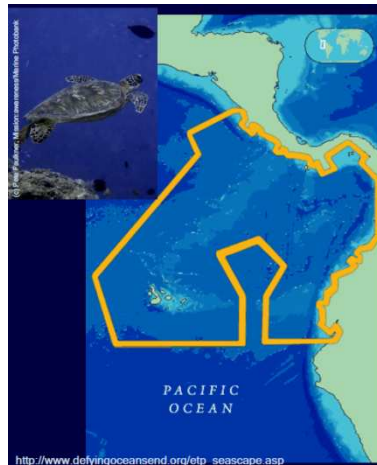
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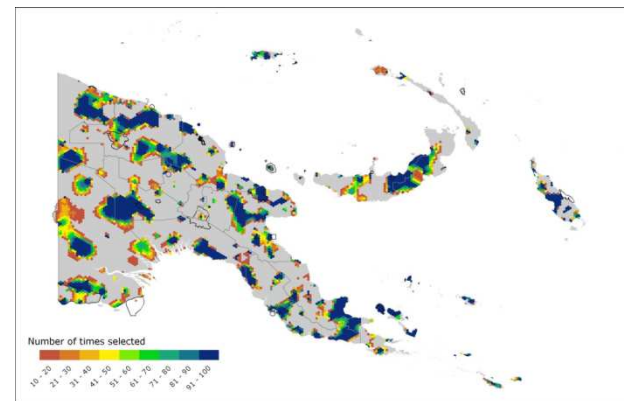
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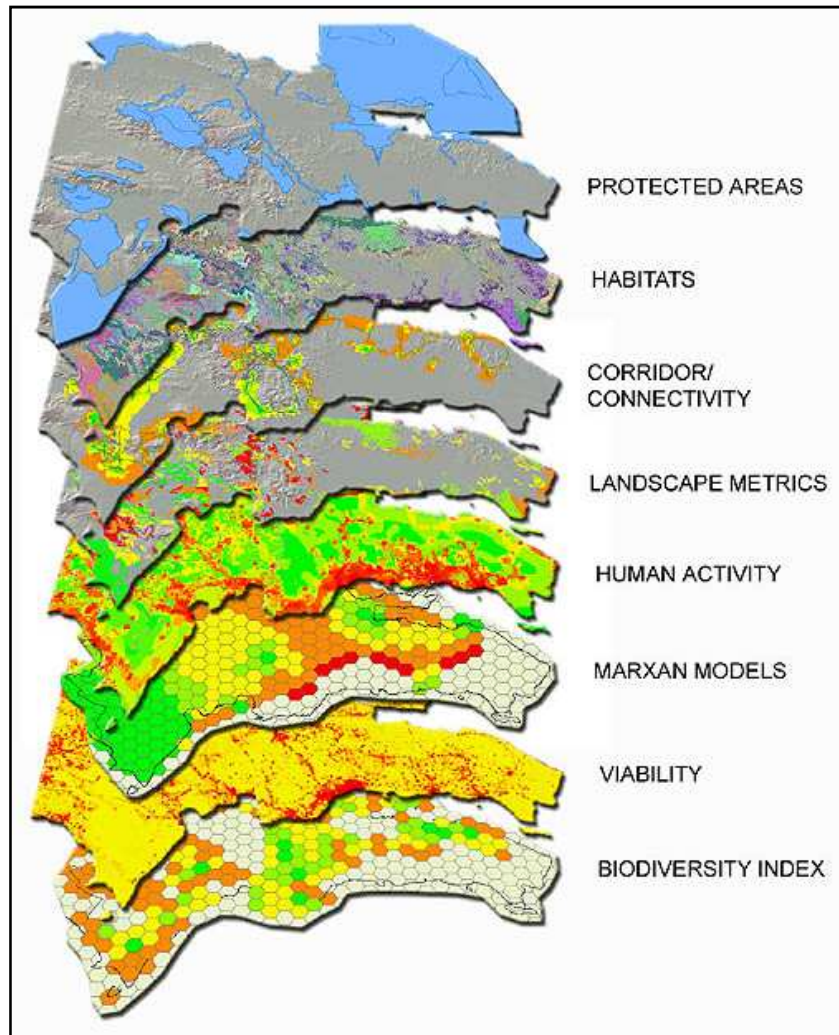


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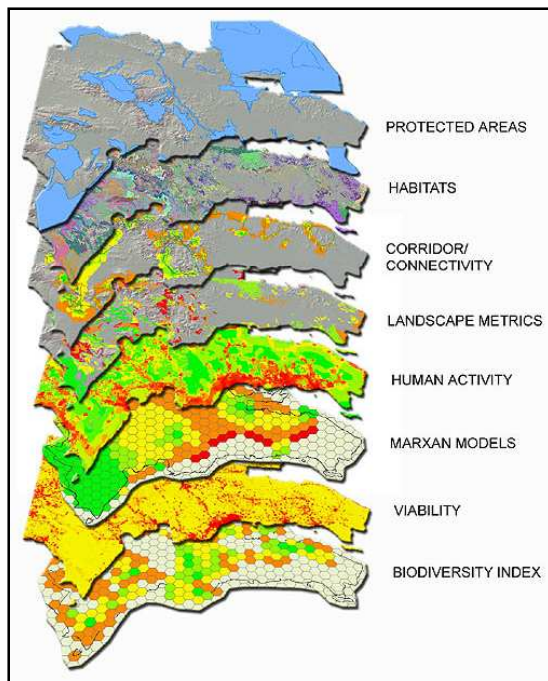
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## GAP ASSESSMENT:

A comparison between the status of **biodiversity** and the status of **protection** within a country

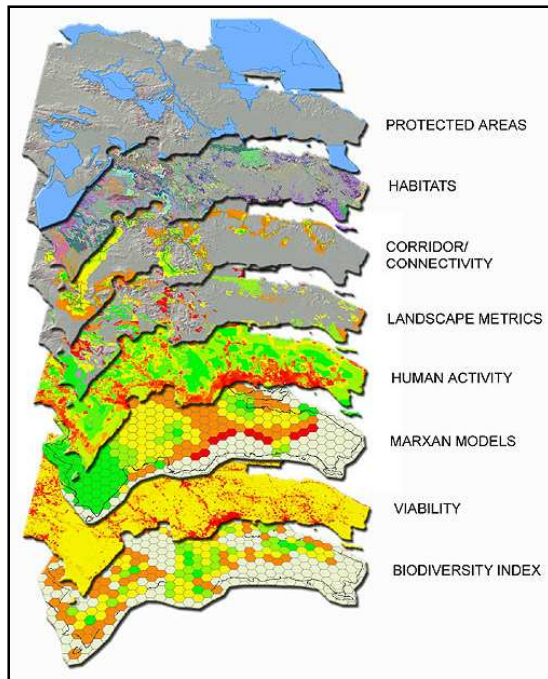
# Incorporating resilience principles into gap assessments:



- Focus on **underlying features** (e.g., ecosystem level features)
- Include species and ecosystems most **vulnerable** to climate change
- Include species and ecosystems most **resistant** to climate change
- Include goals to **diversify the distribution of protection**

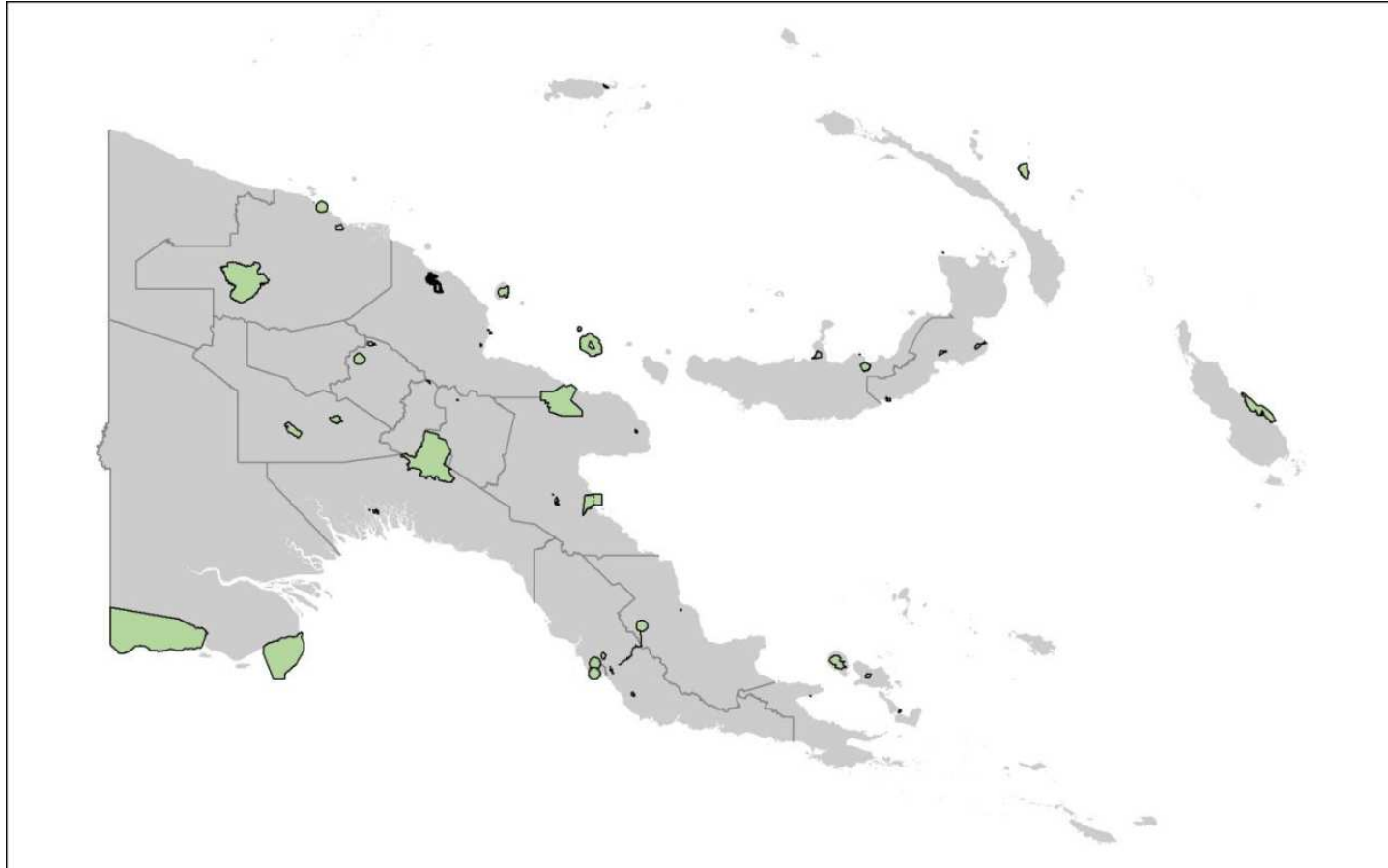


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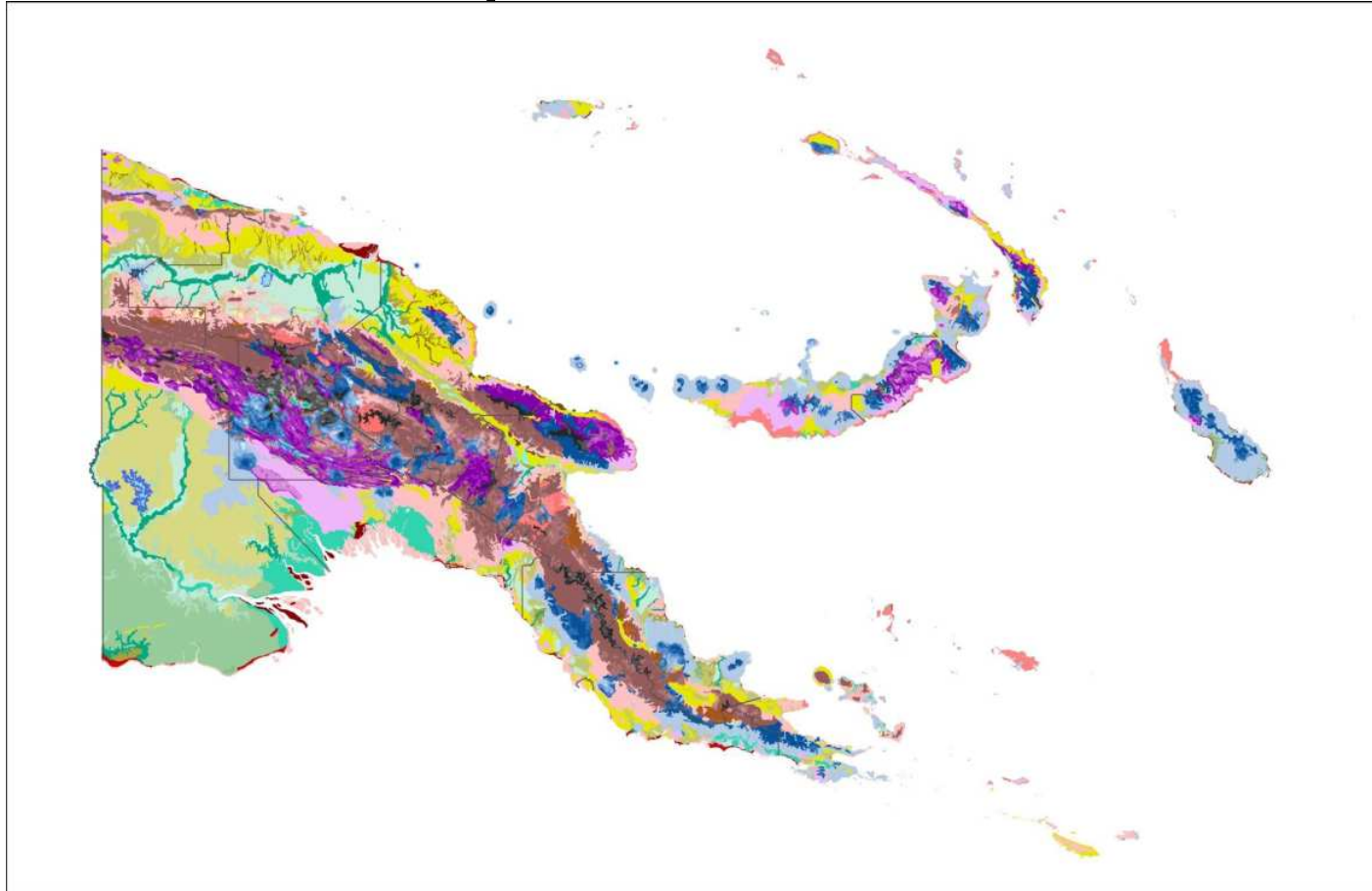
- Include **connectivity** under climate scenarios in gap assessment
- Incorporate threats that drive **climate-related regime shifts**, as well as climate-related thresholds and **tipping points**
- Incorporate predictive **climate modeling** into gap assessment

# Climate-Ready Ecological Gap Assessment in Papua New Guinea



Existing protected areas

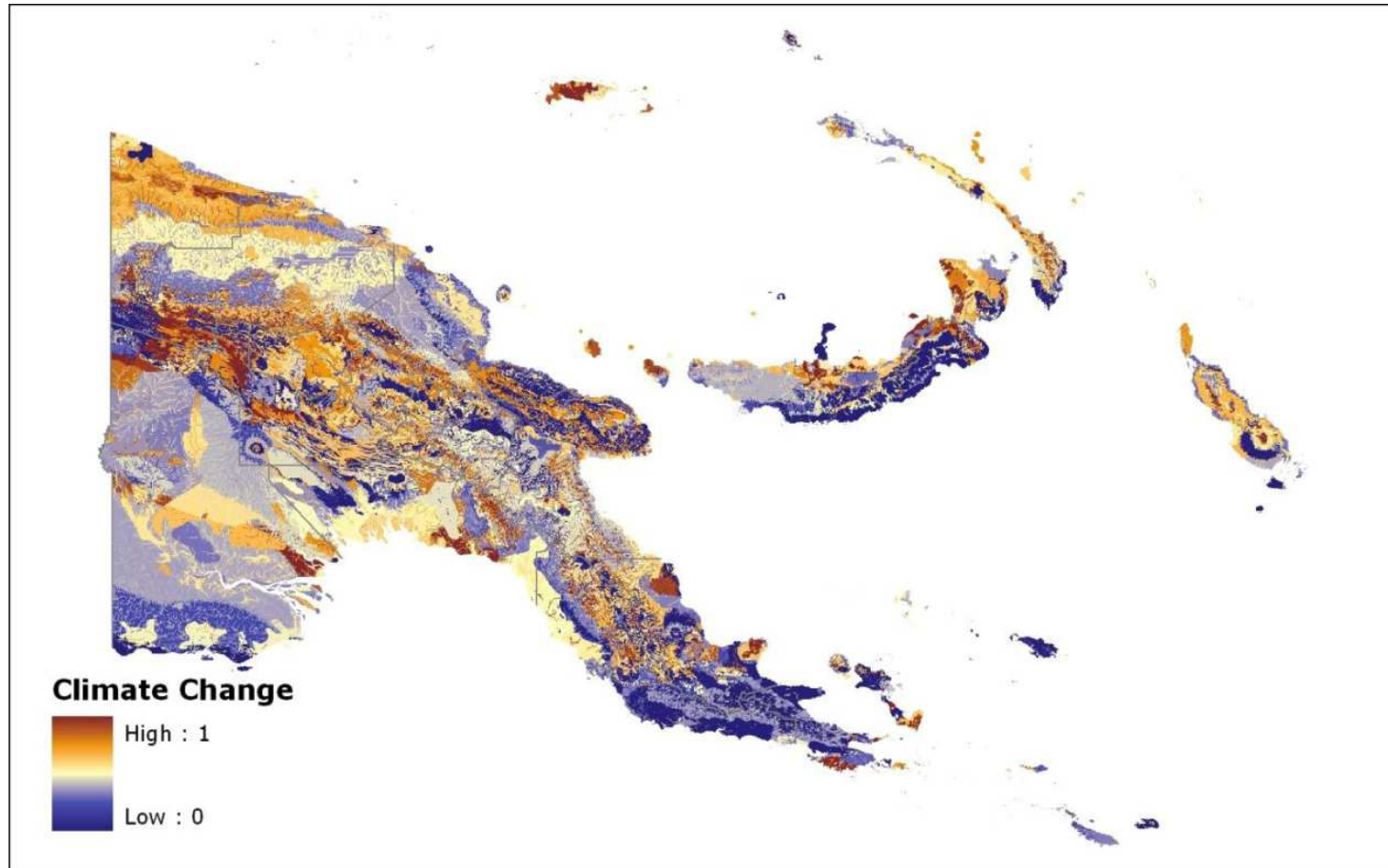
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Land systems

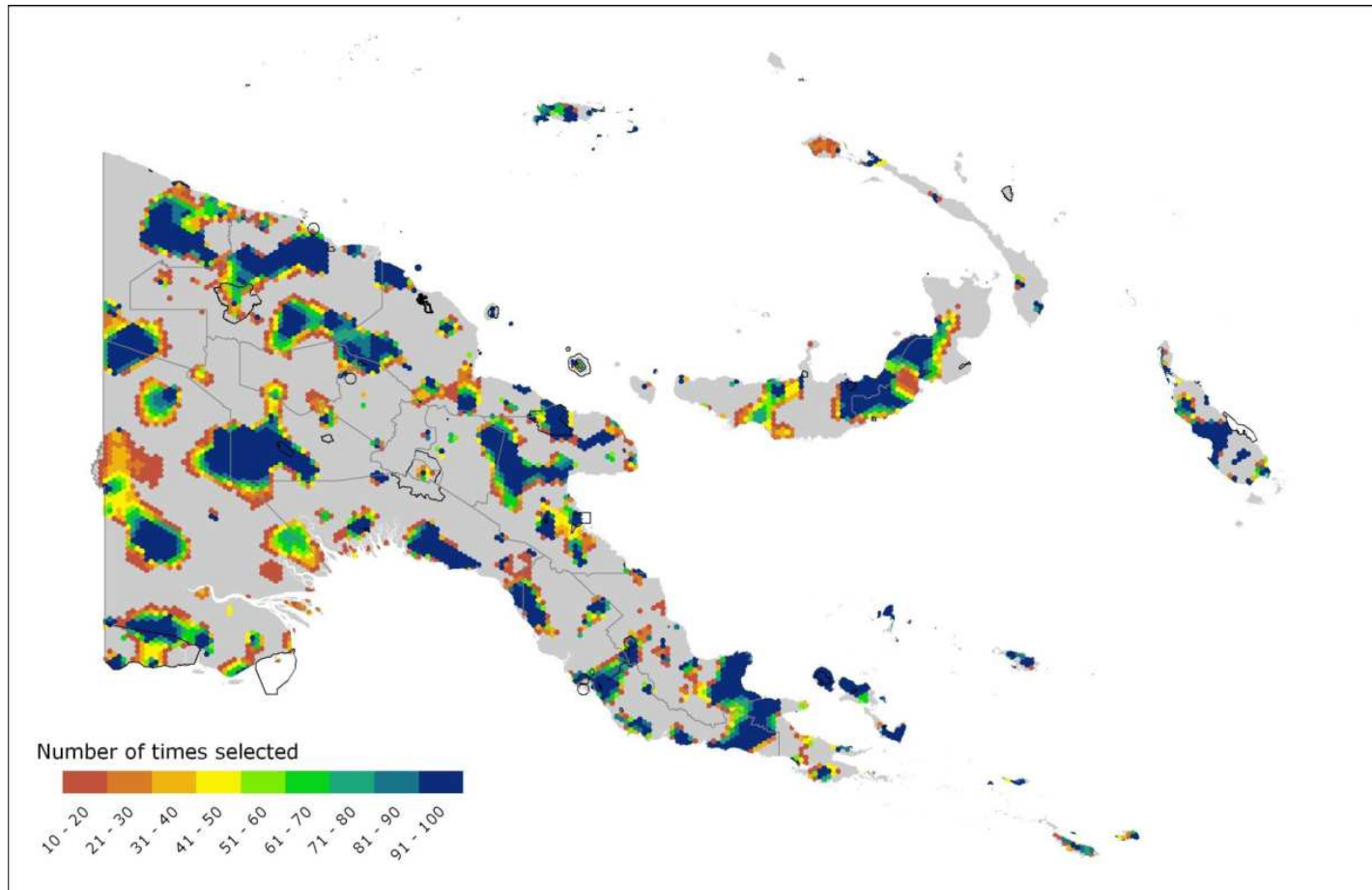


# Climate-Ready Ecological Gap Assessment in Papua New Guinea



Climate impacts

# Climate-Ready Ecological Gap Assessment in Papua New Guinea



Resulting analysis of climate-ready gap assessment

# Discussion Questions

- How well does your country's gap assessment incorporate issues related to climate resilience and adaptation?
- What practical steps could you take to incorporate climate resilience and adaptation into your terrestrial gap assessments?



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# Climate Change Adaptation through PA Sectoral Integration and Mainstreaming



Sectoral mainstreaming



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# SECTORAL INTEGRATION

Ensuring that related sectors minimize impacts on biodiversity within protected areas....





...which involves many key sectors....



Land use planning

Agriculture

Waste management

Transportation

Grazing

Invasive species policies

Energy

Forestry

Legal environment

Tourism

Agroforestry

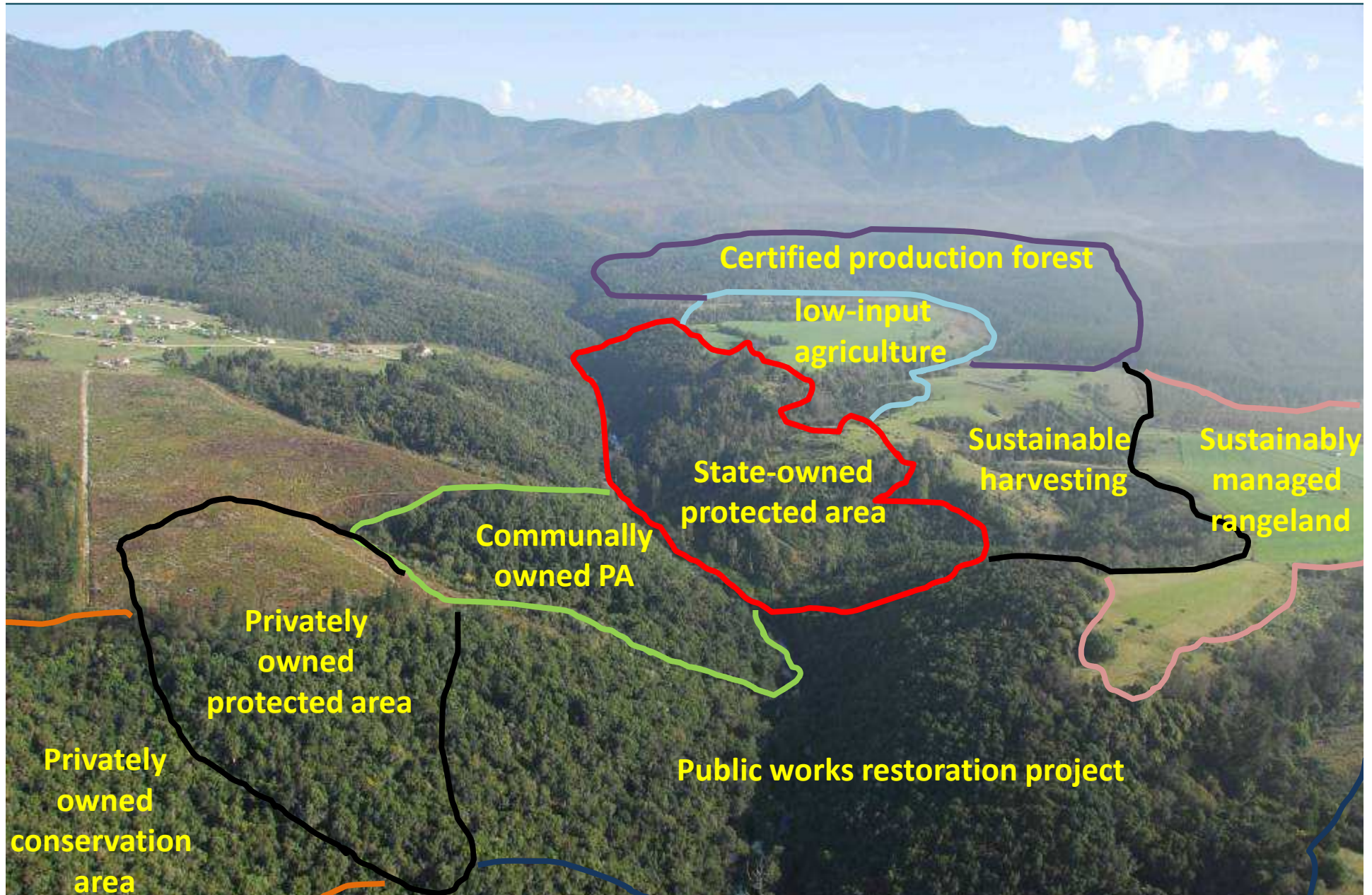
Water management

Wildlife policies

Fisheries

National security

...to create a climate-resilient landscape





# SECTORAL MAINSTREAMING

DEFINED AS:

The internalization of biodiversity conservation goals into economic and development policies and programs, so that they become an integral part of the functioning of these sectors.

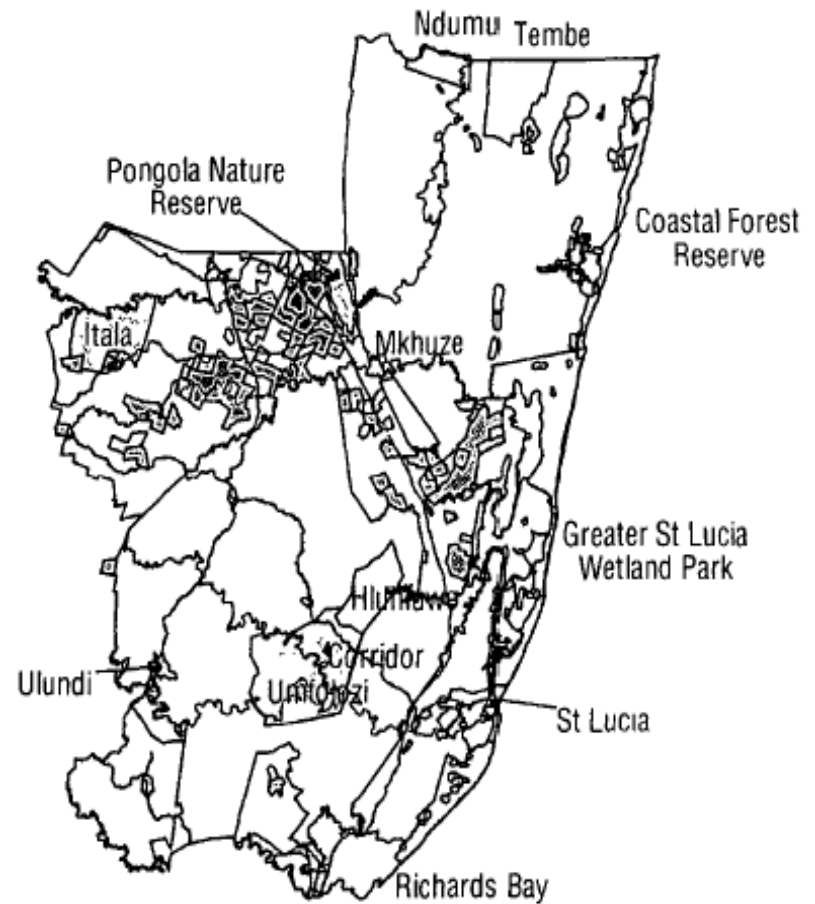
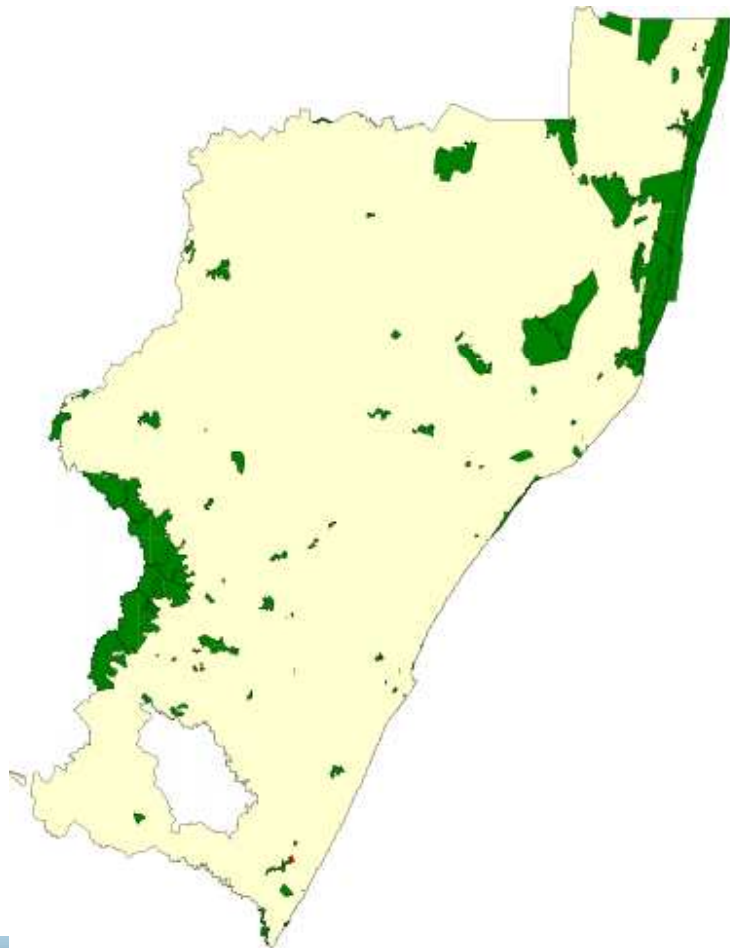




# Mainstreaming biodiversity in South Africa



# The importance of game reserves in KZN





**MAJOR OPPORTUNITY:**  
**Landscape linkages** between  
formal protected areas **and**  
**private game ranches**



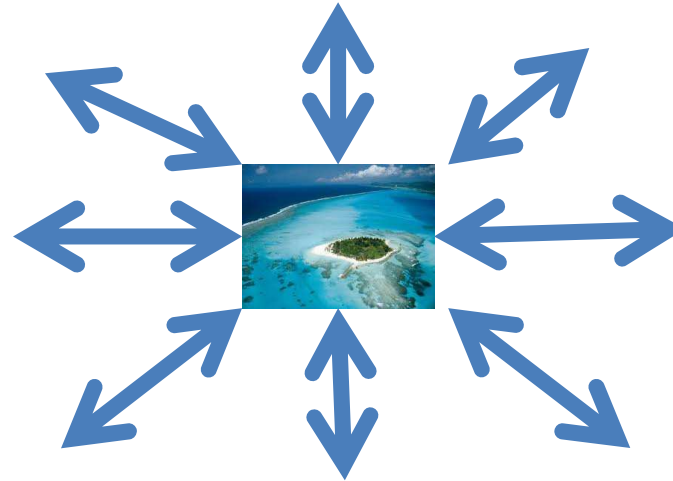
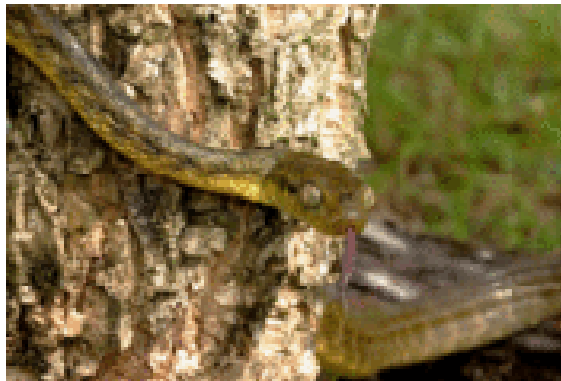
# Example of mainstreaming in S. Africa

- The focus was on developing a game ranchers' association
- KZN helped create a legal framework to support private ownership of land and wildlife
- They provided technical support to ranchers
- They provided financial incentives for private game ranches
- Ranchers used sales from ranches to help fund protected areas
- KZN helped to remove physical barriers between reserves





# Multiple Opportunities for Mainstreaming



# Examples of Sectoral Mainstreaming Strategies



- Incorporate mechanisms for payment for ecosystem services (e.g., water) into economy
- Develop biodiversity offset policies for the energy sector
- Develop land use policies that protect coastal areas important for fisheries and storm buffers
- Develop invasive species strategies that account for the role of PAs

# Discussion Questions

- What are the sectors that have the greatest impact on protected areas?
- What examples of sectoral mainstreaming and integration can you think of in your country?
- What are some of the challenges and opportunities for sectoral mainstreaming and integration?



# Climate Change Adaptation through PA Sectoral Integration and Mainstreaming



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# Integrate climate-related issues into PA and biodiversity valuation studies



- Incorporate **food security**
- Incorporate **water security**
- Incorporate **energy**
- Incorporate **carbon storage**
- Incorporate **human health and wellbeing**
- Incorporate **national security** issues and disaster readiness plans

# Some examples of the value of PAs for climate resilience



- **Cambodia:** mangrove protected areas provide fuel wood and fishing that supports up to 60% of household incomes
- **Canada:** Approximately 4.43 gigatonnes of carbon are sequestered in Canada's national parks
- **Brazil:** The expected costs of new Amazonian protected areas are offset by expected benefits in reduced disease incidence

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- **Armenia:** The Erebuni State Reserve, 89 ha, is known for its diversity of wild wheat, including *Triticum urartu*, *T. boeoticum*, *T. araraticum* and *Aegilops* spp.
- **Indonesia:** Protected mangrove areas contribute US\$ 600 per household annually in erosion control.
- **Venezuela:** The fresh water needs of 19 million people (or 83%) of Venezuela's urban population comes from 18 national parks

# Discussion Questions

- How well do protected area and biodiversity valuation studies incorporate climate issues in your country?
- What are some practical steps for including climate issues in protected area valuation studies?



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# Integrate protected areas into NAPAs



- Percentage of all 434 actions that are ecosystem-based: <25%
- Percentage of strategies that reference protected areas: <8%
- Percentage of total budget for protected area actions: <4%

## Range of NAPA actions:

- Health
- Early warnings
- Food security
- Infrastructure
- Insurance
- Tourism
- Energy
- Ecosystem-based management

# Integrate protected areas into NAPAs



- **Kiribati:** coastal zone management (13%)
- **Solomon Islands**  
Coastal protection (18%)
- **Tuvalu:** Resilience of marine areas (35%)

## Types of EBA NAPA actions:

- Establish new forest reserves
- Create buffer zones and corridors
- Restore and protect critical fisheries habitat
- Eradicate invasive species likely to exacerbate climate impacts
- Expand existing protected areas

# Discussion Questions

- How well do your climate adaptation plans (including NAPAS and other plans) include protected areas and ecosystem-based approaches?
- How does your country intend to use its GEF V allocation for climate change?
- What are some practical steps you could take to include protected areas in climate adaptation plans?



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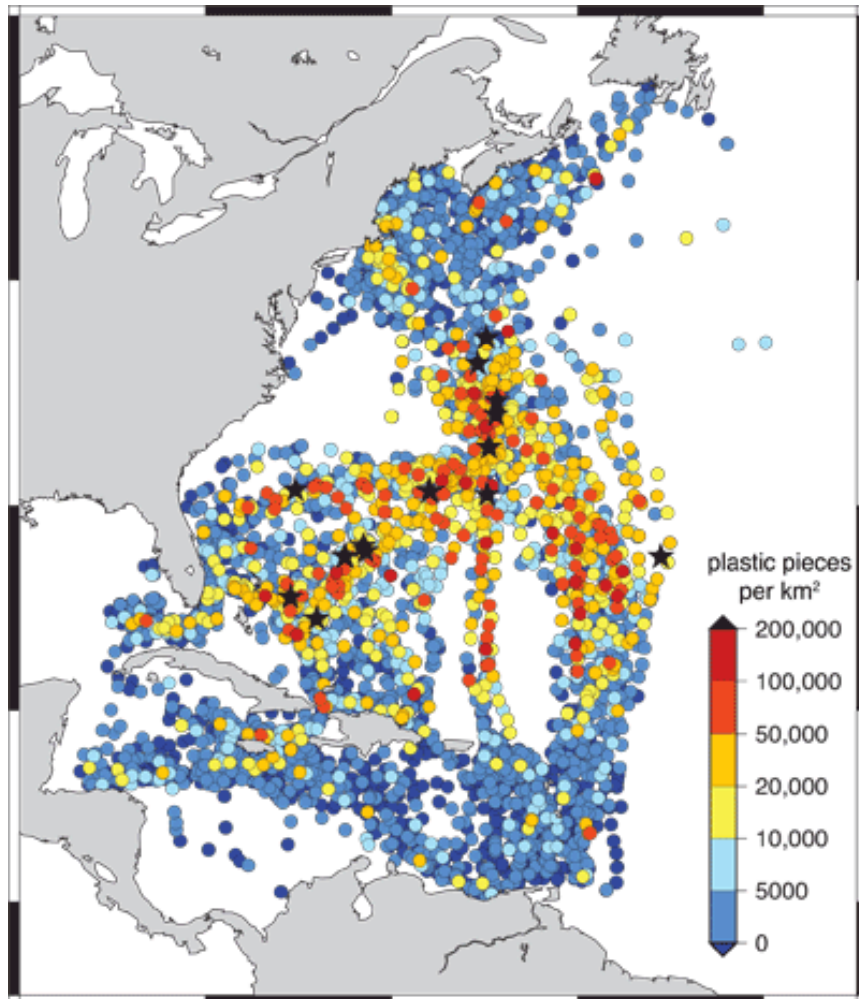
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# Incorporate climate into PA and biodiversity threat assessments



- Include an assessment of **ecosystem services that are vulnerable** to climate impacts
- Include climate-related **range and distribution shifts** in threat assessments
- Incorporate **climate-related thresholds and tipping points**
- Incorporate climate-related issues into **environmental impact assessments (EIAs)** and **strategic environmental assessments (SEAs)**

# Assess threat synergies that will be exacerbated by climate change



- Acidification
- Eutrophication
- Land cover alteration
- Fire
- Invasive species
- Coral bleaching
- Overfishing
- Illegal logging
- Pollution

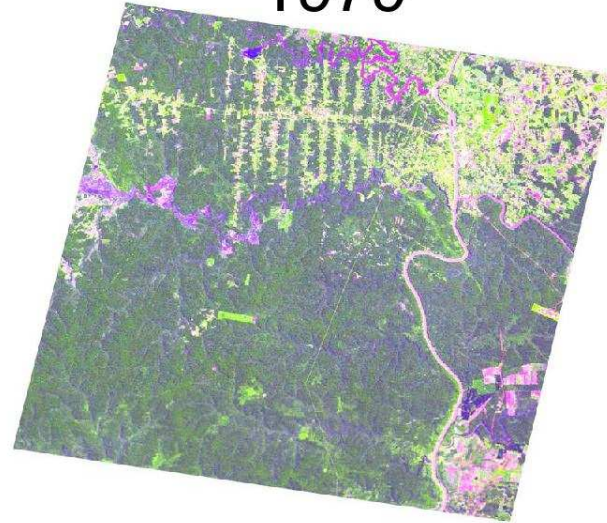
# Discussion Questions

- To what extent are climate issues included in your national biodiversity and protected area threat assessments?
- What are some practical steps you could take to incorporate climate issues into national threat assessments?



# CONSEQUENCES OF NOT INTEGRATING PROTECTED AREAS

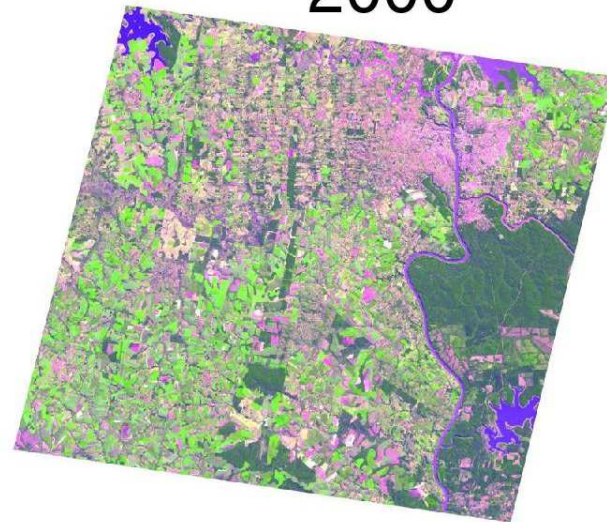
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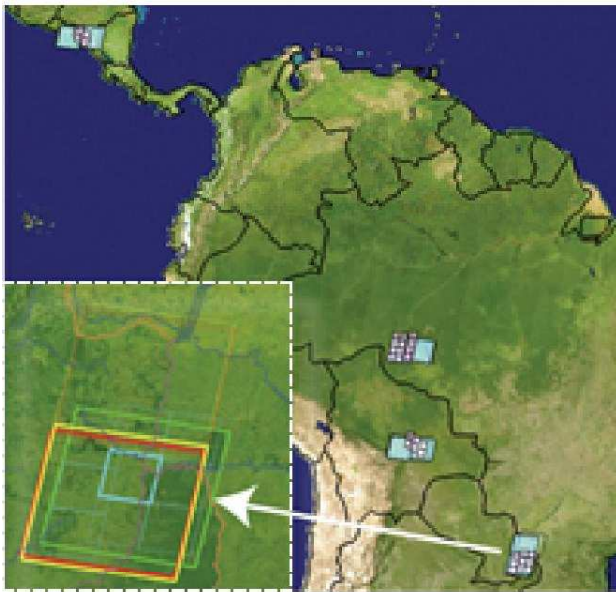
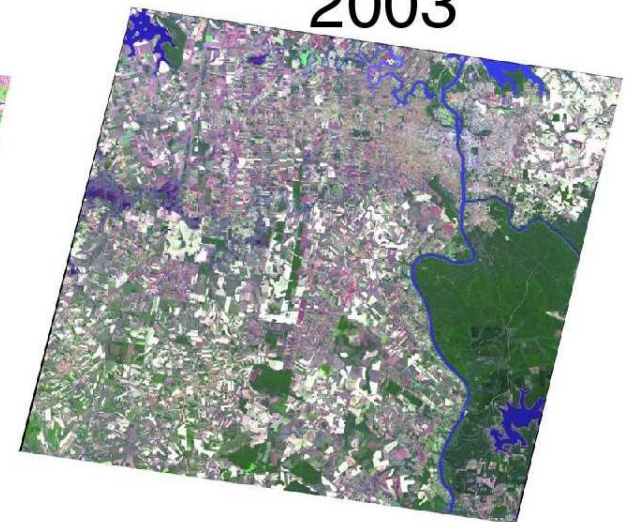
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**PAs as a sinking investment**

**HIGH** degree of societal investment

**PAs as a high-return, efficient investment**

**LOW** integration and mainstreaming

**HIGH** integration and mainstreaming

**PAs as a luxury investment**

**LOW** degree of societal investment

**PAs as a lost opportunity investment**

