


Section 1.1: Accounting of ecosystems and ES (physical and biodiversity indicators)

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Indicators of Ecosystem Assets in the Experimental Ecosystem Accounting in Russia: Experience of the TEEB-Russia 2 Project

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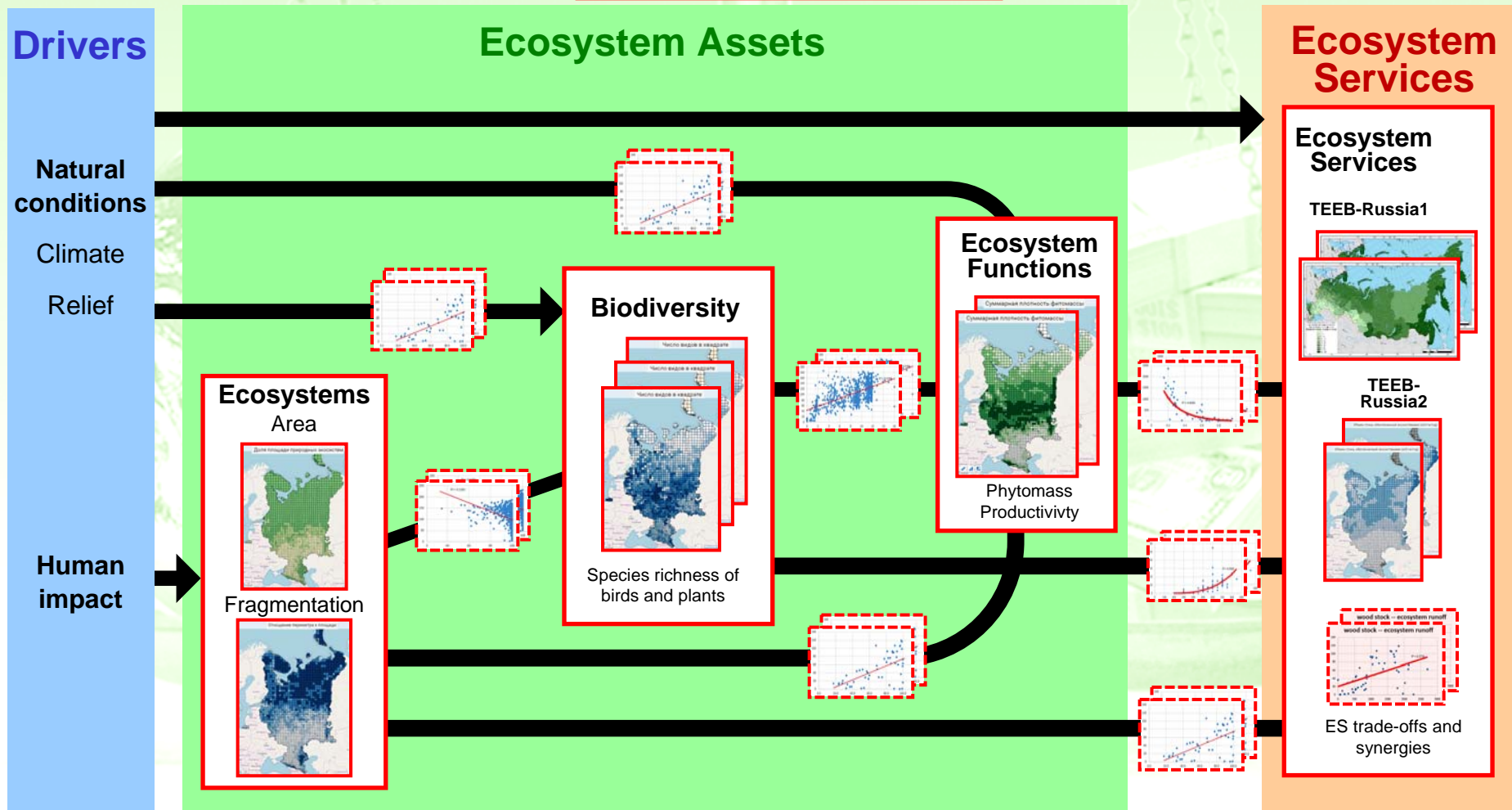
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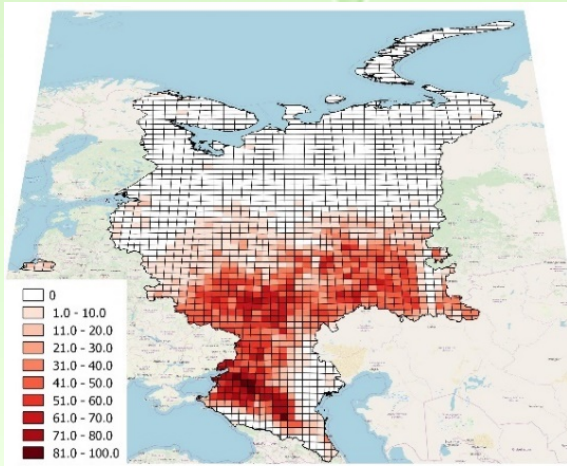
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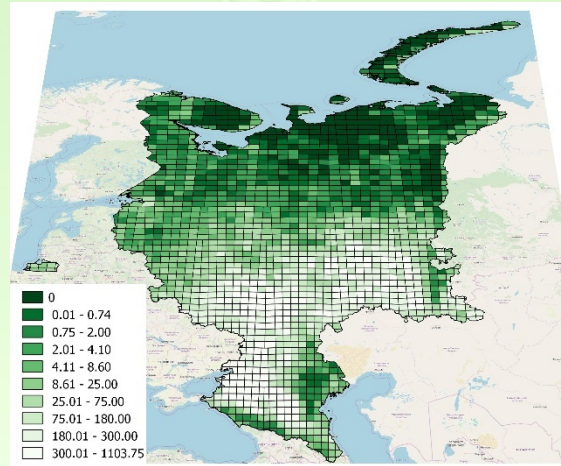
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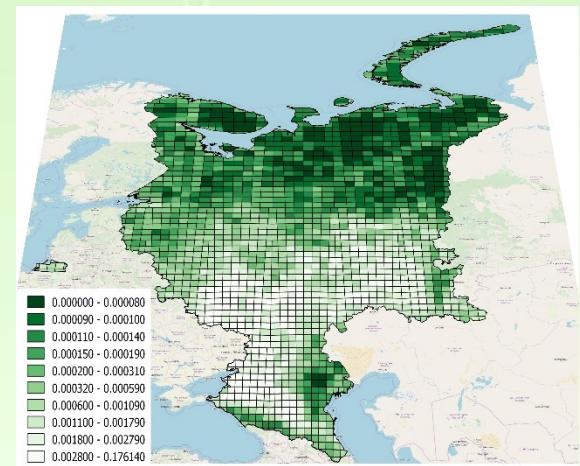
1. Area of ecosystems - Fragmentation



Proportion of area of transformed ecosystems (%)



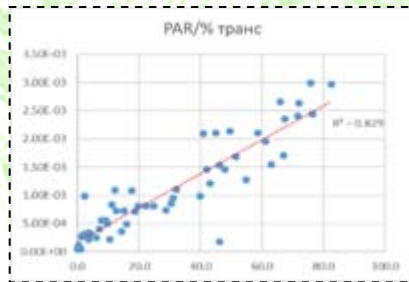
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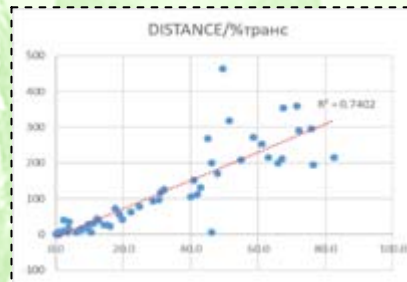
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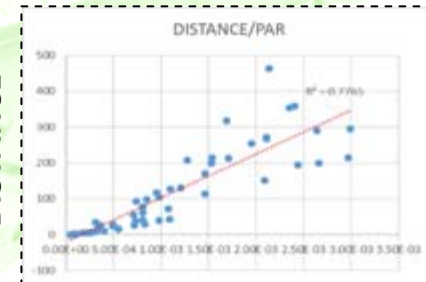
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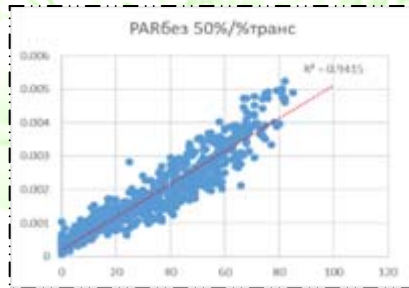


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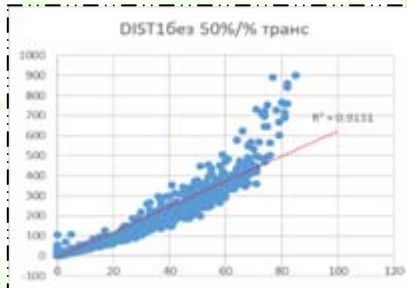


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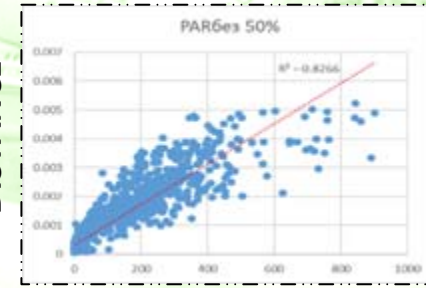
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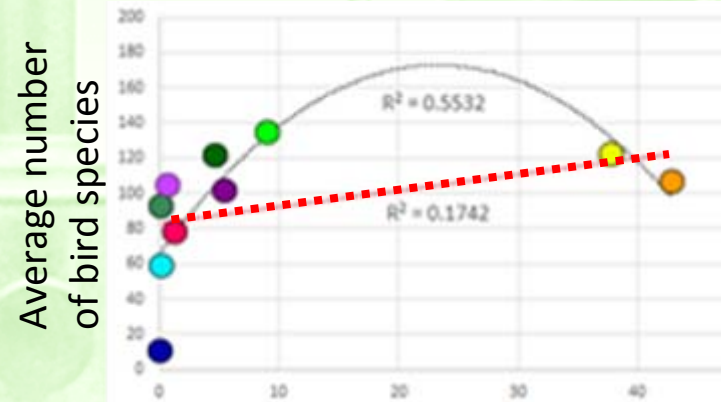
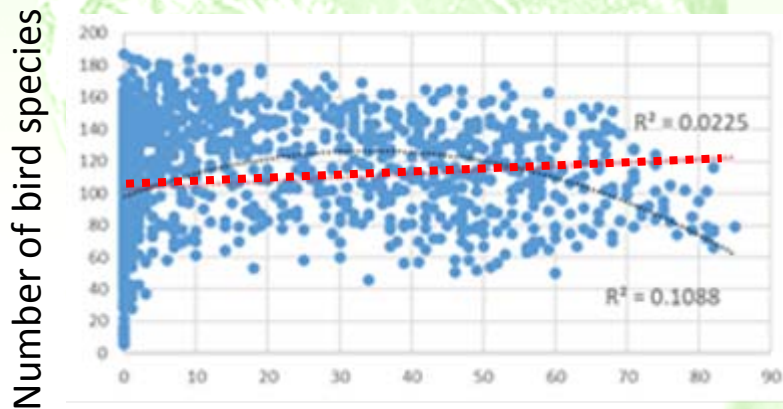
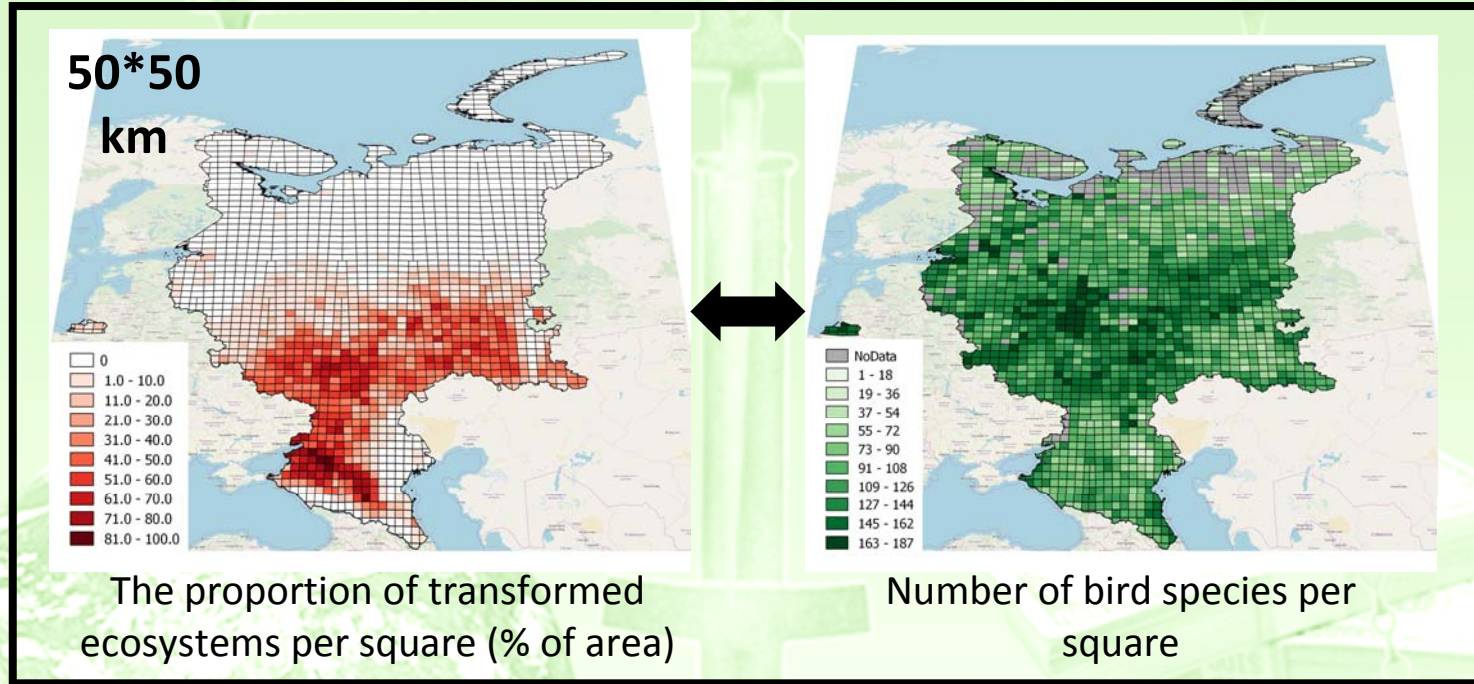


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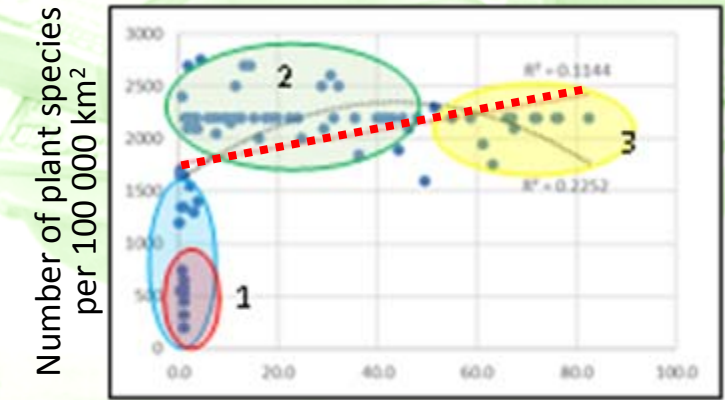
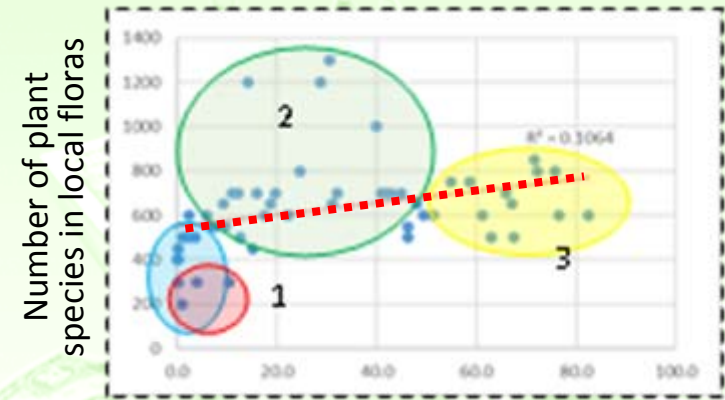
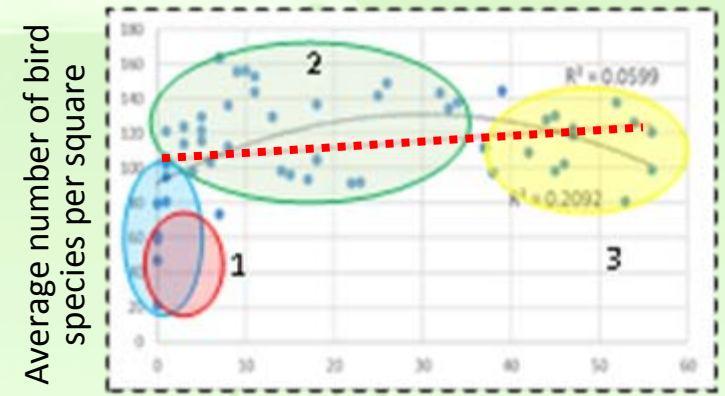
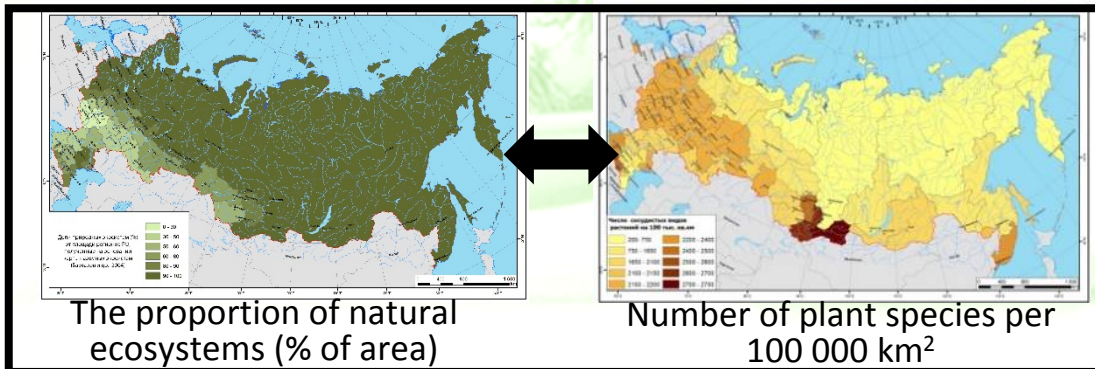
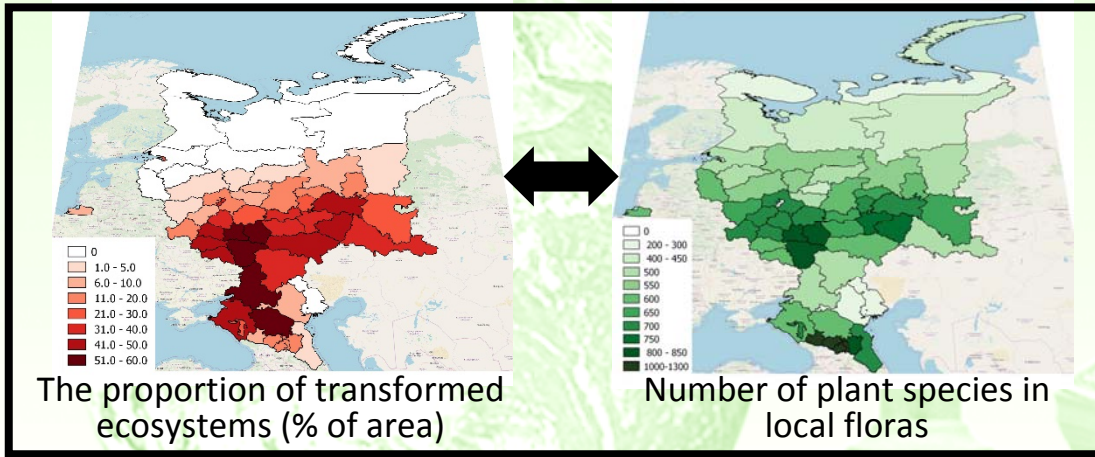
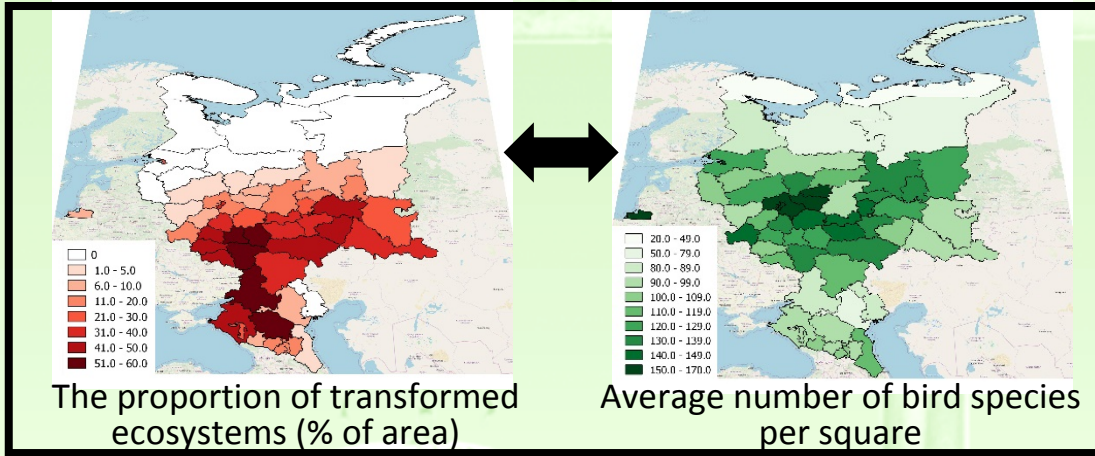
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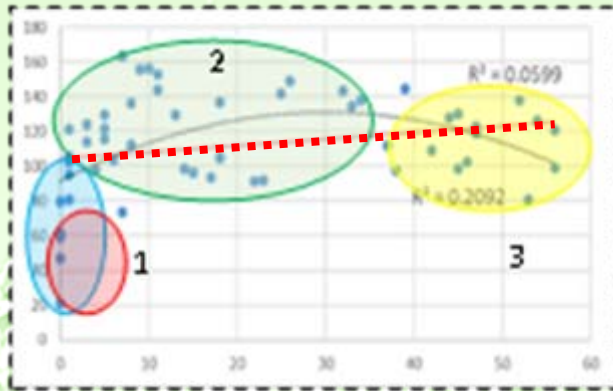
What does positive correlation mean for management:

Does transformation of ecosystems increase biodiversity?

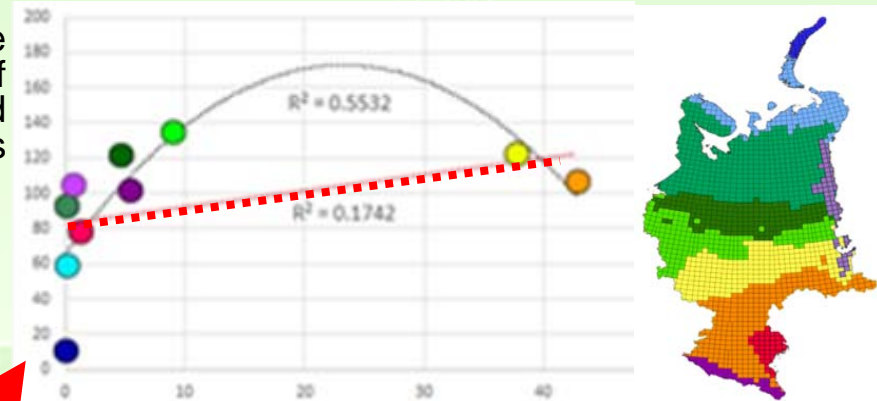
Should we increase ecosystem transformation to support biodiversity?

NO

Average number of bird species



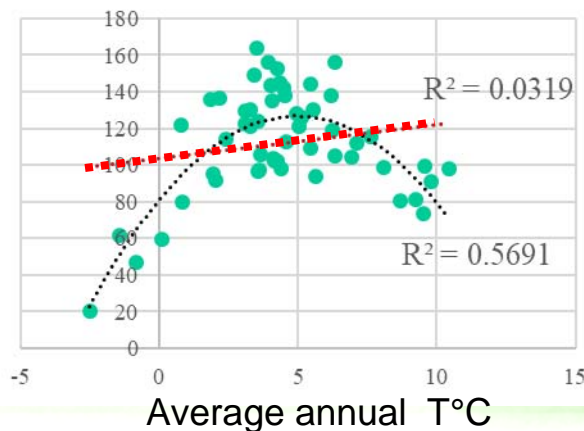
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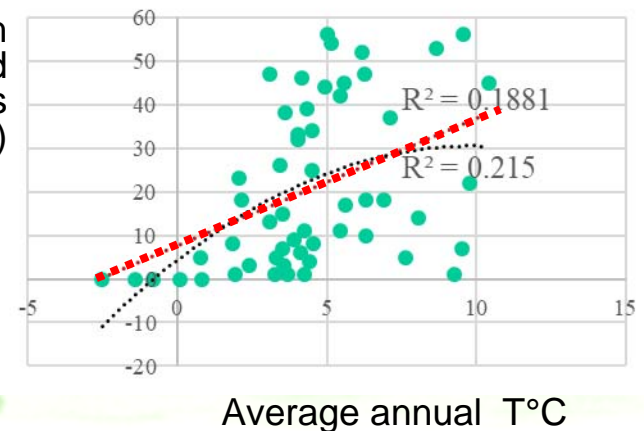
The proportion of transformed ecosystems (% of area)

The average proportion of transformed ecosystems in ecoregions (% of area)

Average number of bird species per square

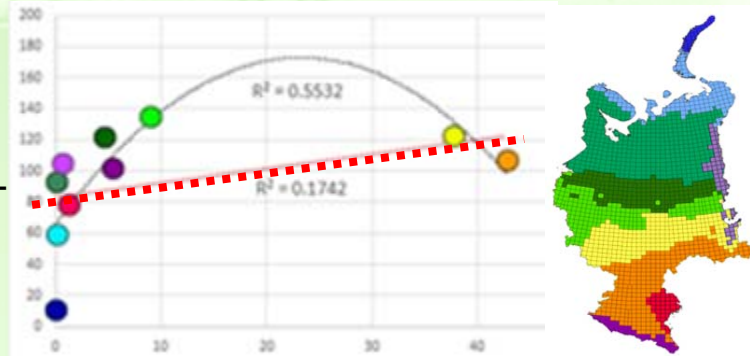


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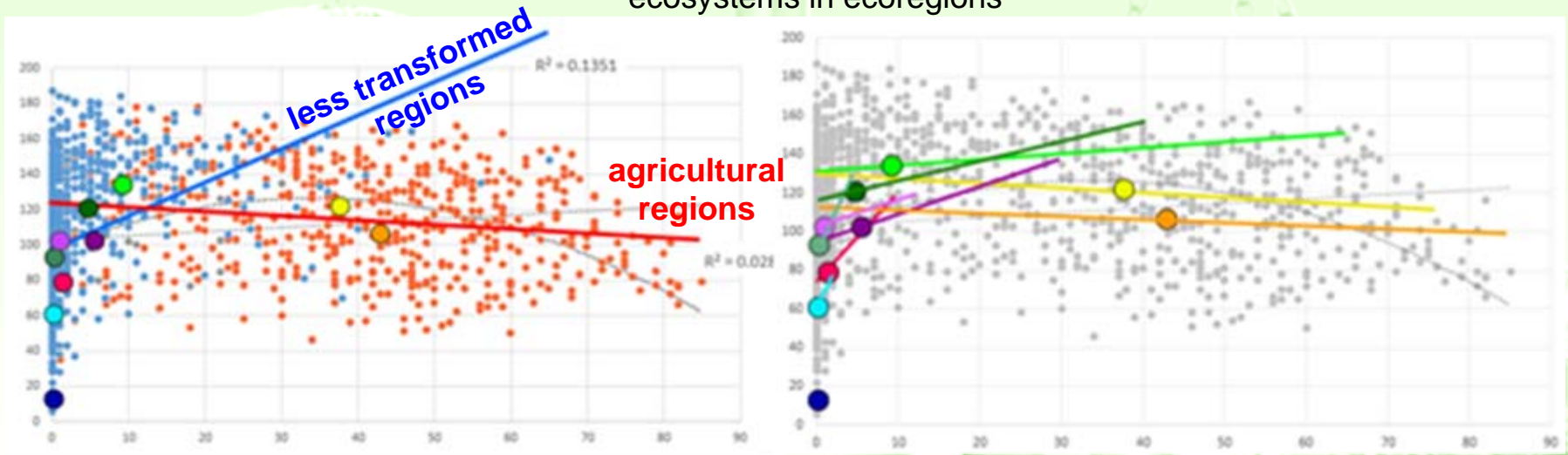
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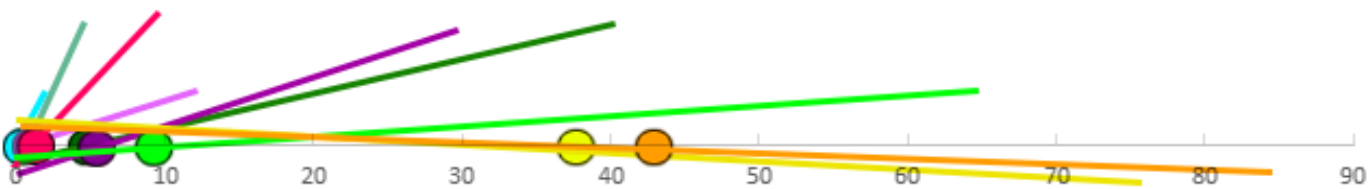


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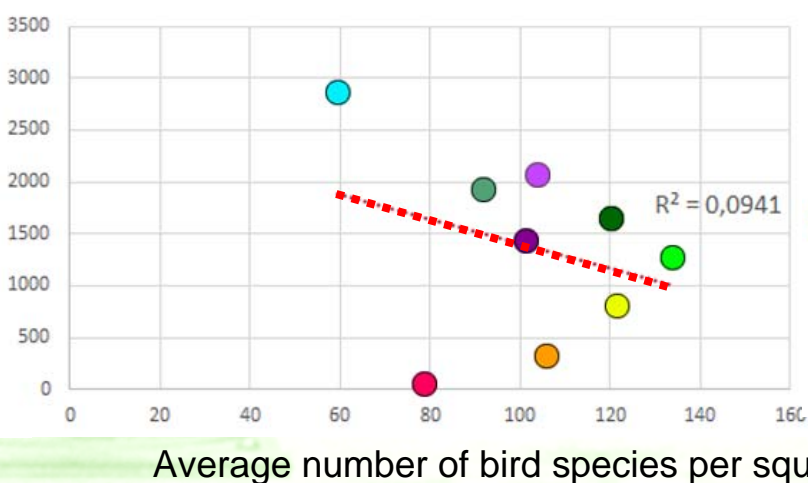
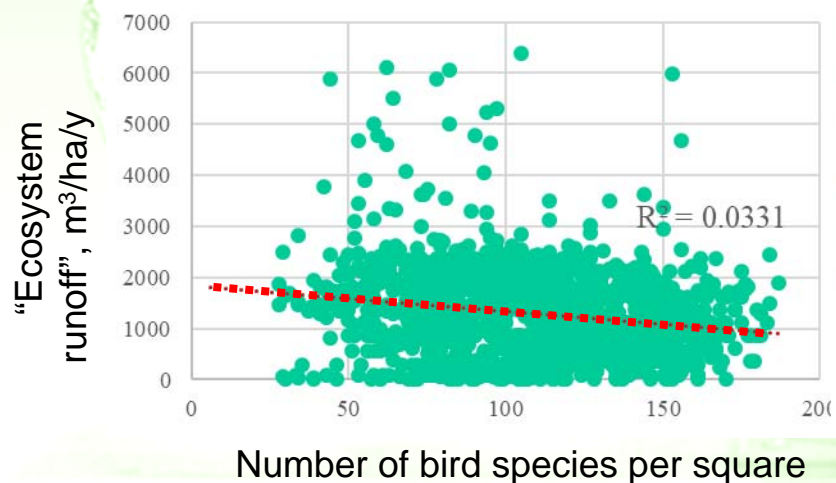
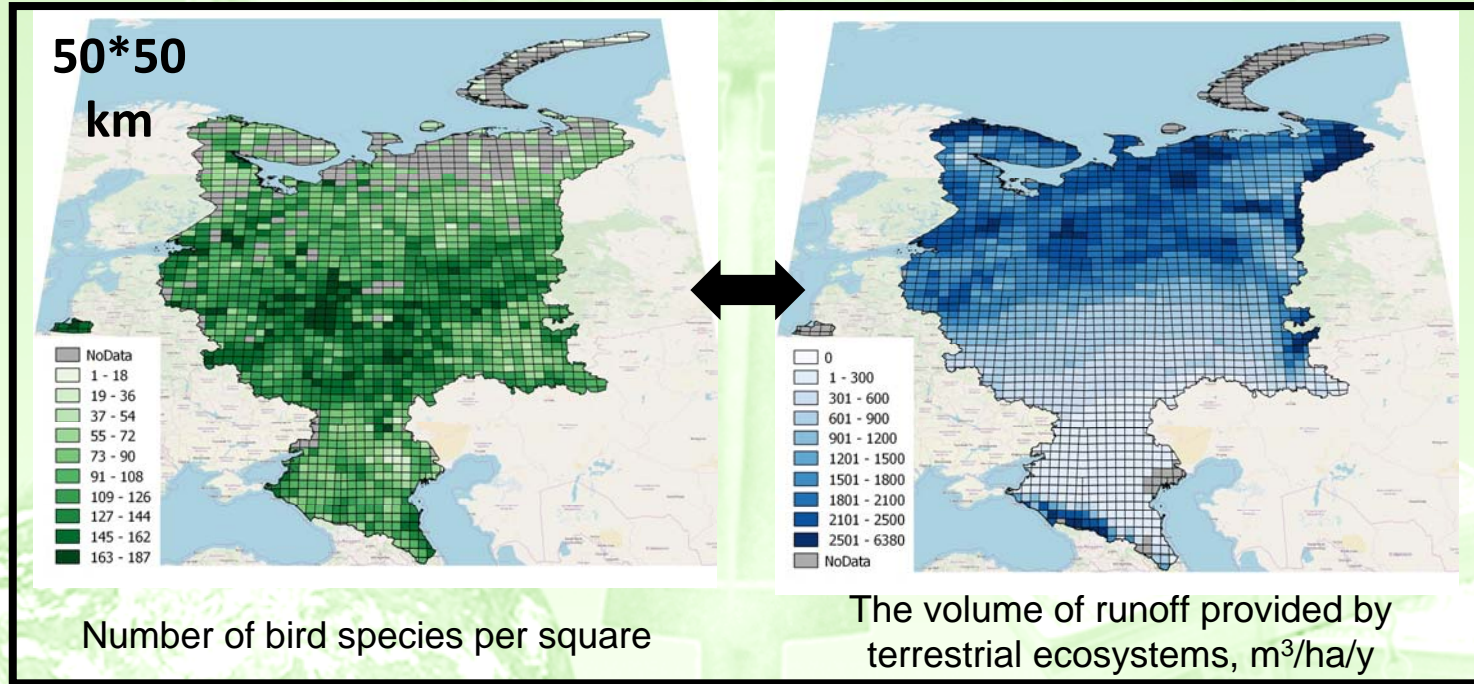


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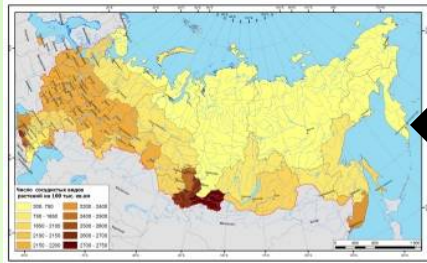


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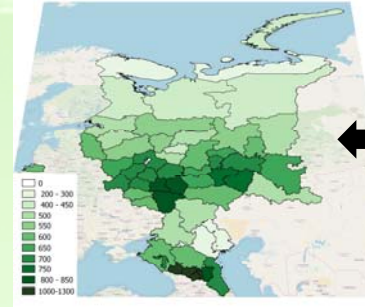
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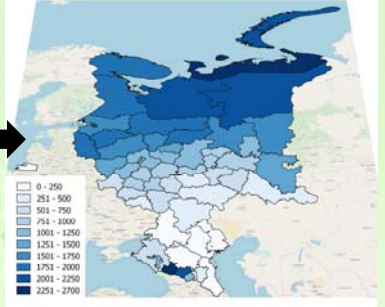
Mean number of plant species per 100,000 km²



“Ecosystem runoff” m³/ha/y

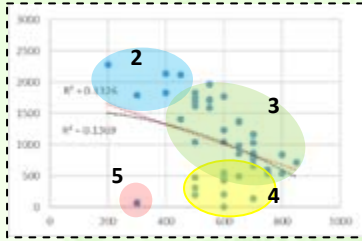
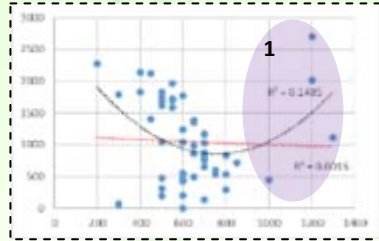
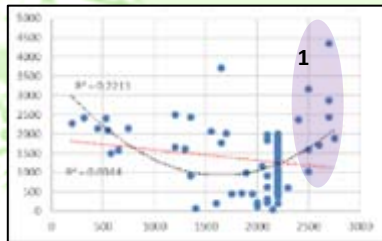


Species richness of local flora

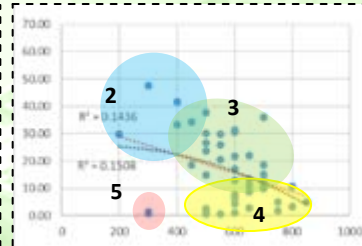
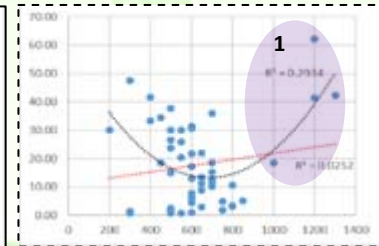
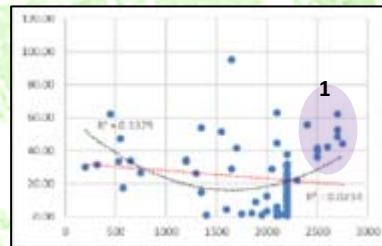


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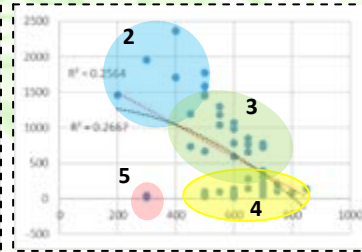
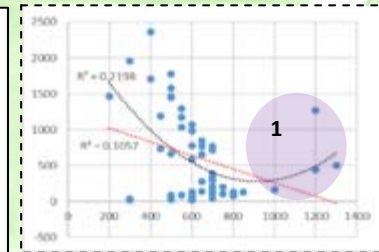
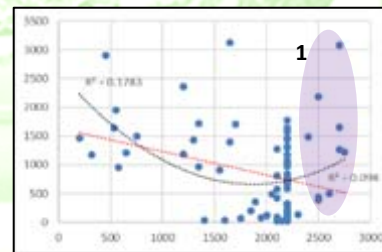
“Ecosystem runoff”, m³/ha/y



Wastewater purification by freshwater ecosystems, m³/ha/y



Ensuring the quality of runoff by terrestrial ecosystems, m³/ha/y



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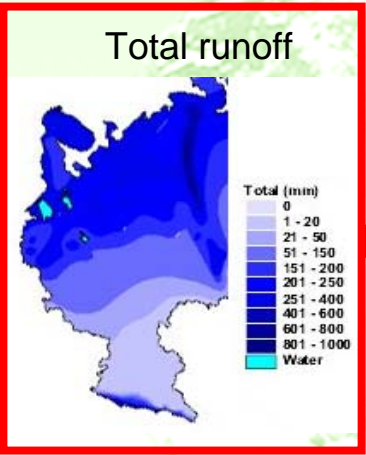
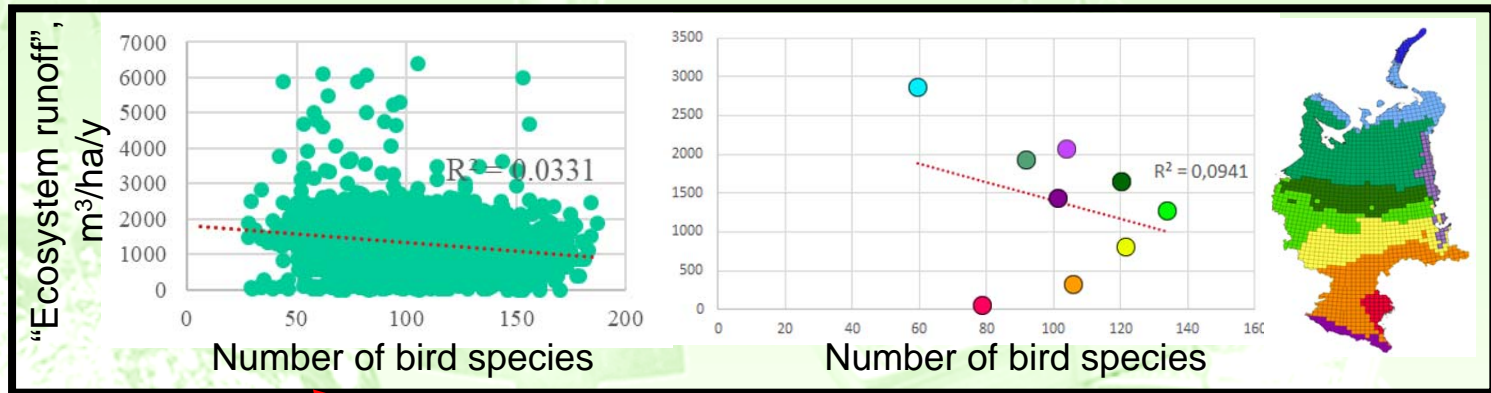
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What does negative correlation mean for management:

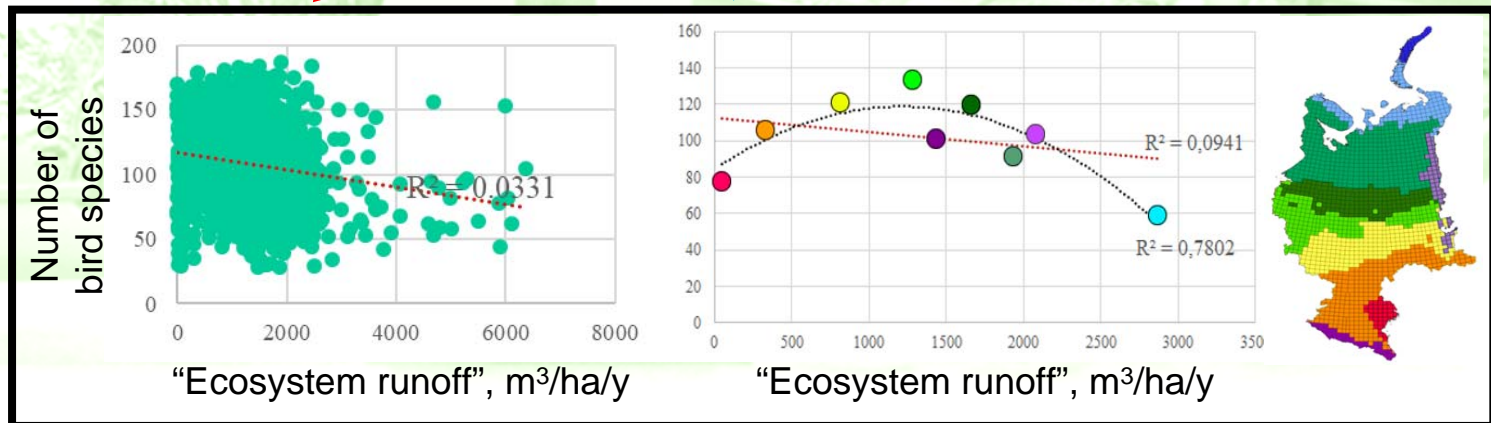
Does biodiversity decrease water regulating ES?

Should we decrease biodiversity to support water regulating ES?

NO

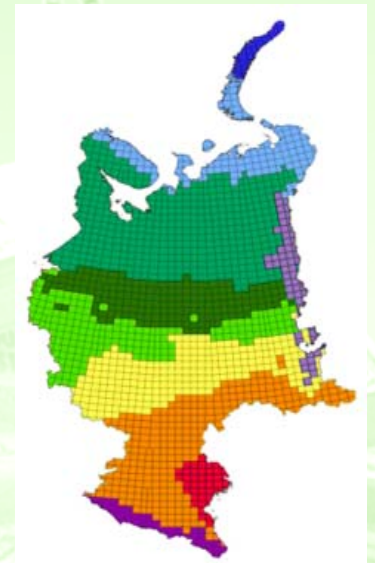
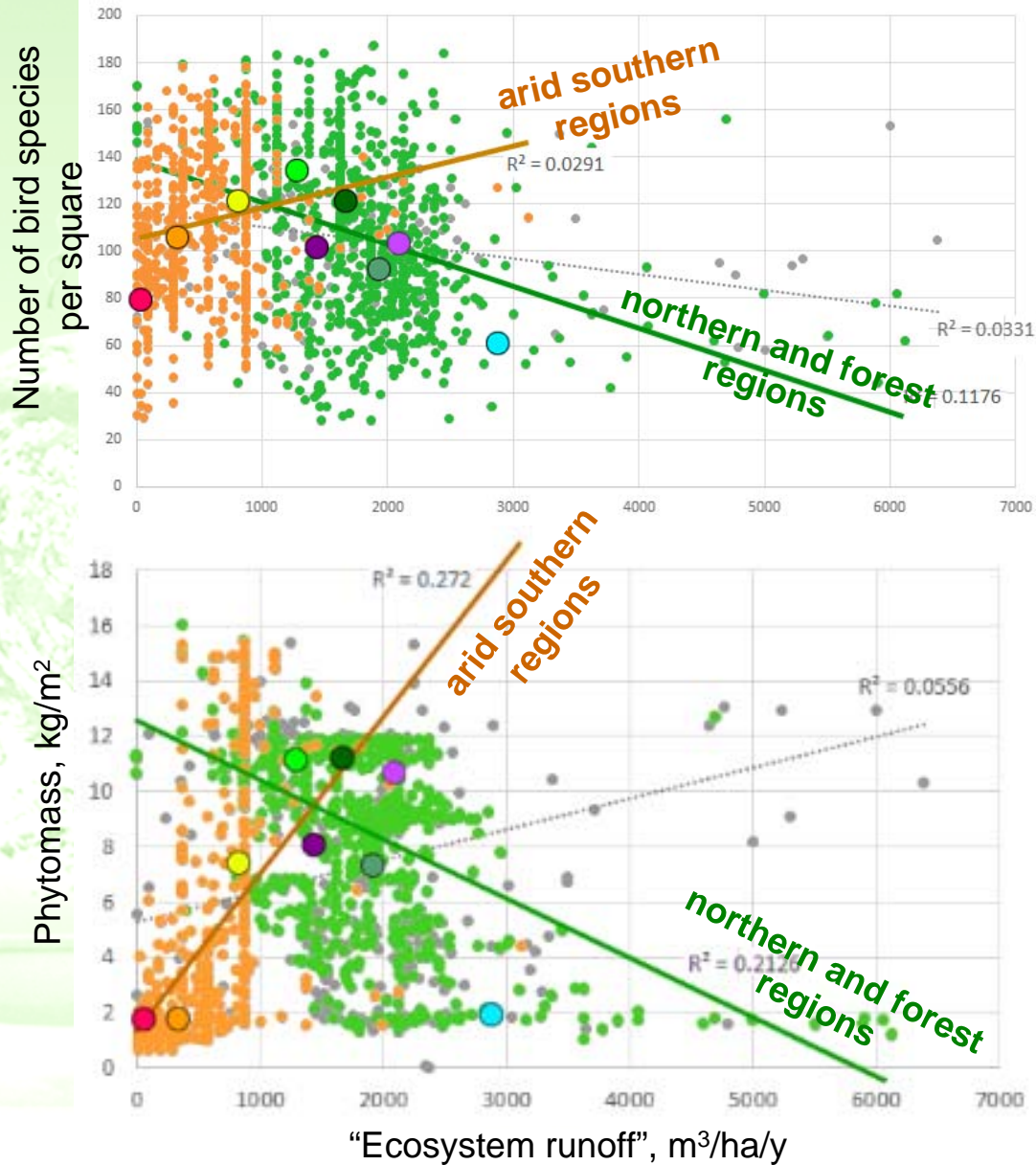


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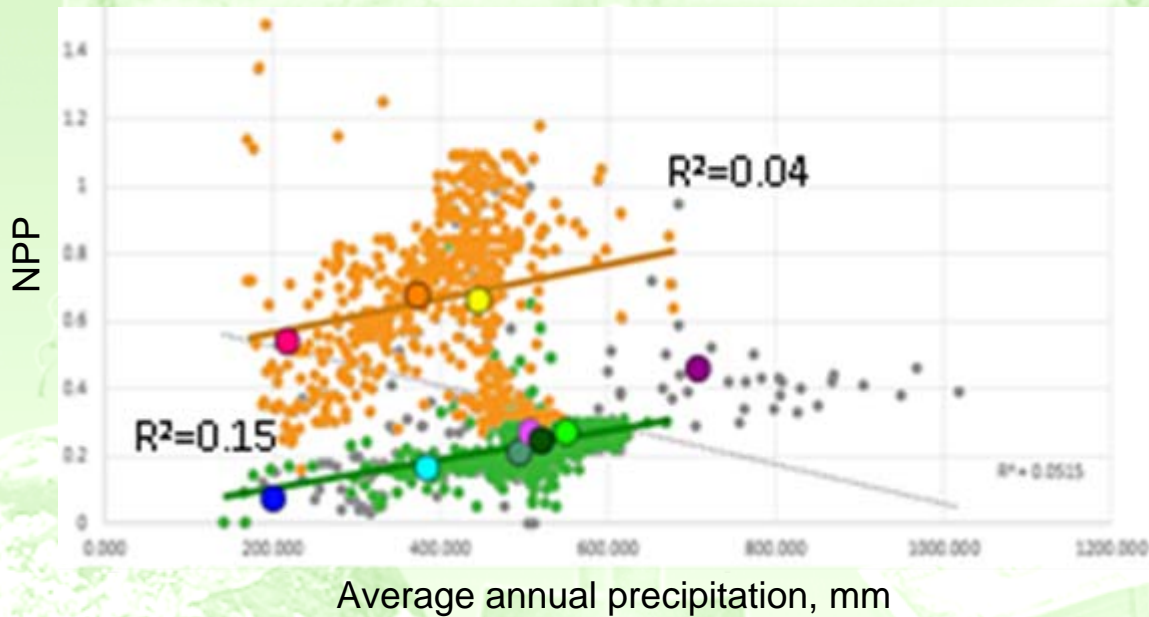


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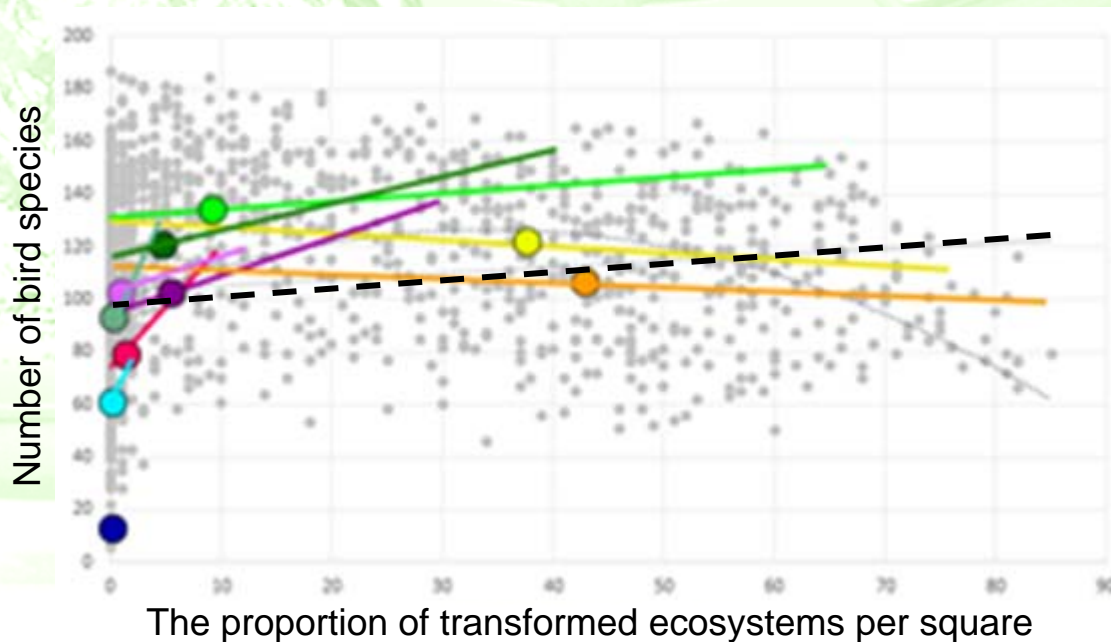
4. Ecosystem Functioning – ES (water-related)



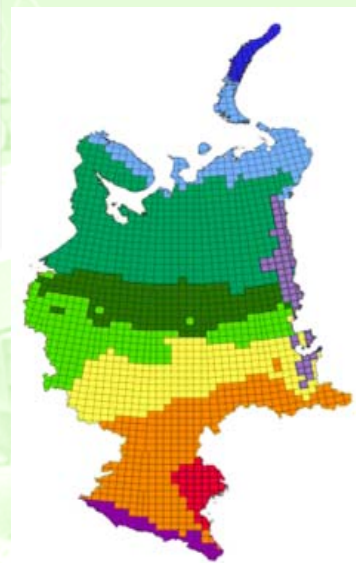
5. Different Scales



Average annual precipitation, mm



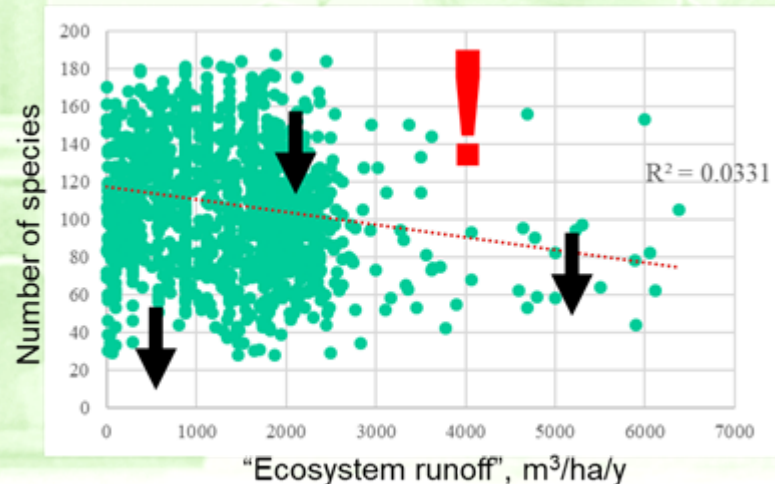
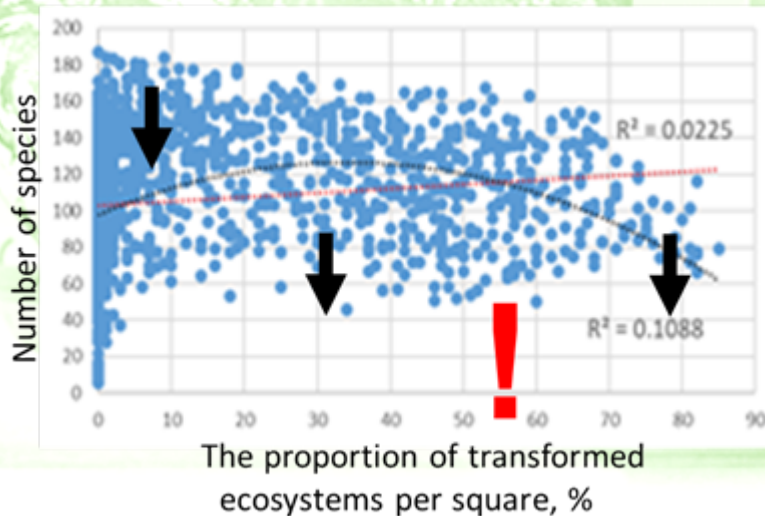
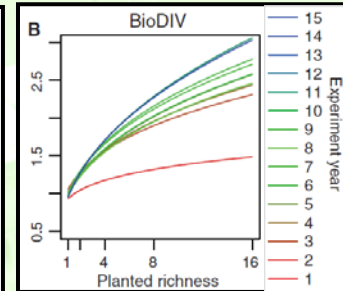
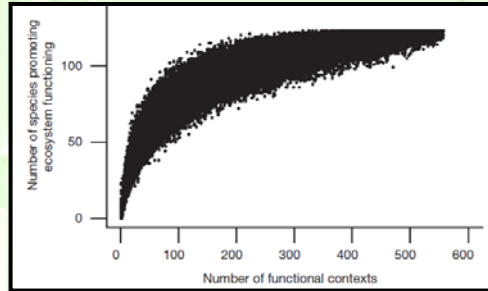
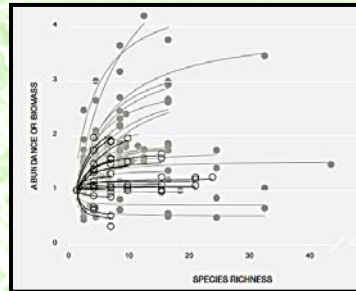
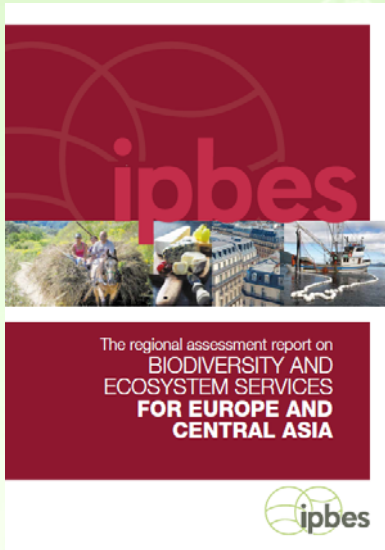
The proportion of transformed ecosystems per square



5. Biodiversity – a key indicator at the local/regional level

Causal relationships between biodiversity and EF work at the level of individual ecosystems, habitats and landscapes

Biodiversity indicators are highly important because local biodiversity reduction indicates degradation of ES in corresponding locations



Indicators of Ecosystem Assets in the EEA in Russia:

main findings of TEEB-Russia 2 project

EEA in Russia should be **regionally differentiated** and take into account differences both in natural conditions and the degree of anthropogenic transformation

Low biodiversity in poor and harsh northern or arid regions **is not less important** as high biodiversity in more productive “middle-zone” regions

Biodiversity indicators are highly important because negative dynamics of **local/regional** biodiversity reduction indicates degradation of EA and ES

Correlations identified at the national scale **cannot be a direct basis** for decision making, but they are important for the interpretation of indicators' values

Decisions developed **at one scale** (e.g. national) **cannot be automatically transferred to other scales** (e.g. local or regional)

There are different interrelations between indicators of EA and ES in different conditions and ecoregions: **northern -southern; mountain – flat; natural - agricultural; humid – arid, etc.**

Regional biodiversity levels which are typical for undisturbed ecosystems are adaptations for natural (climatic) conditions. They provide the best performance of ES in a given conditions.

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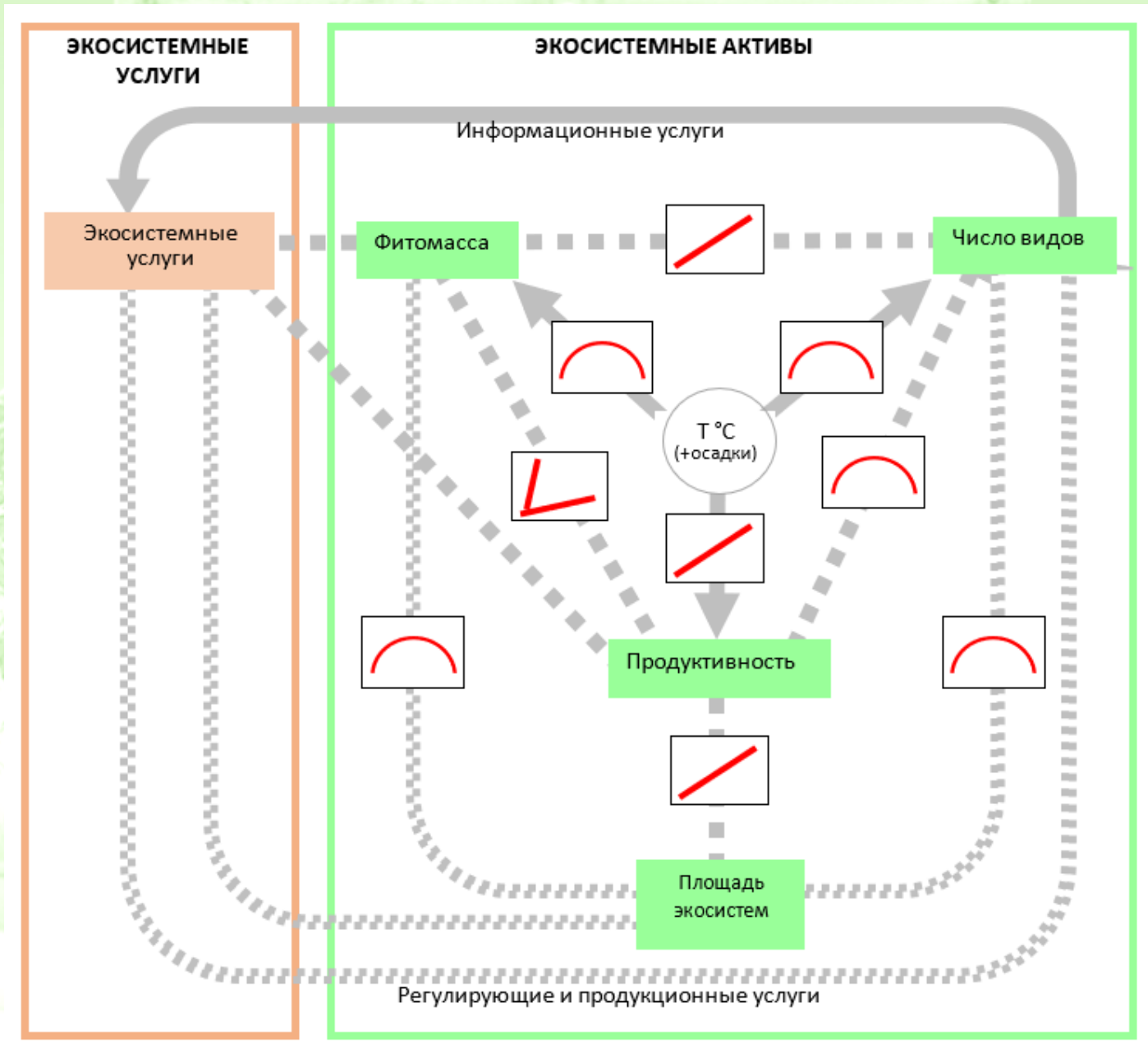
Positive/negative correlations between biodiversity and other indicators at the national/subnational scale are not causal relationships but are the result of their parallel changes in different natural conditions.

Interconnections between EA and ES indicators are different at different scales

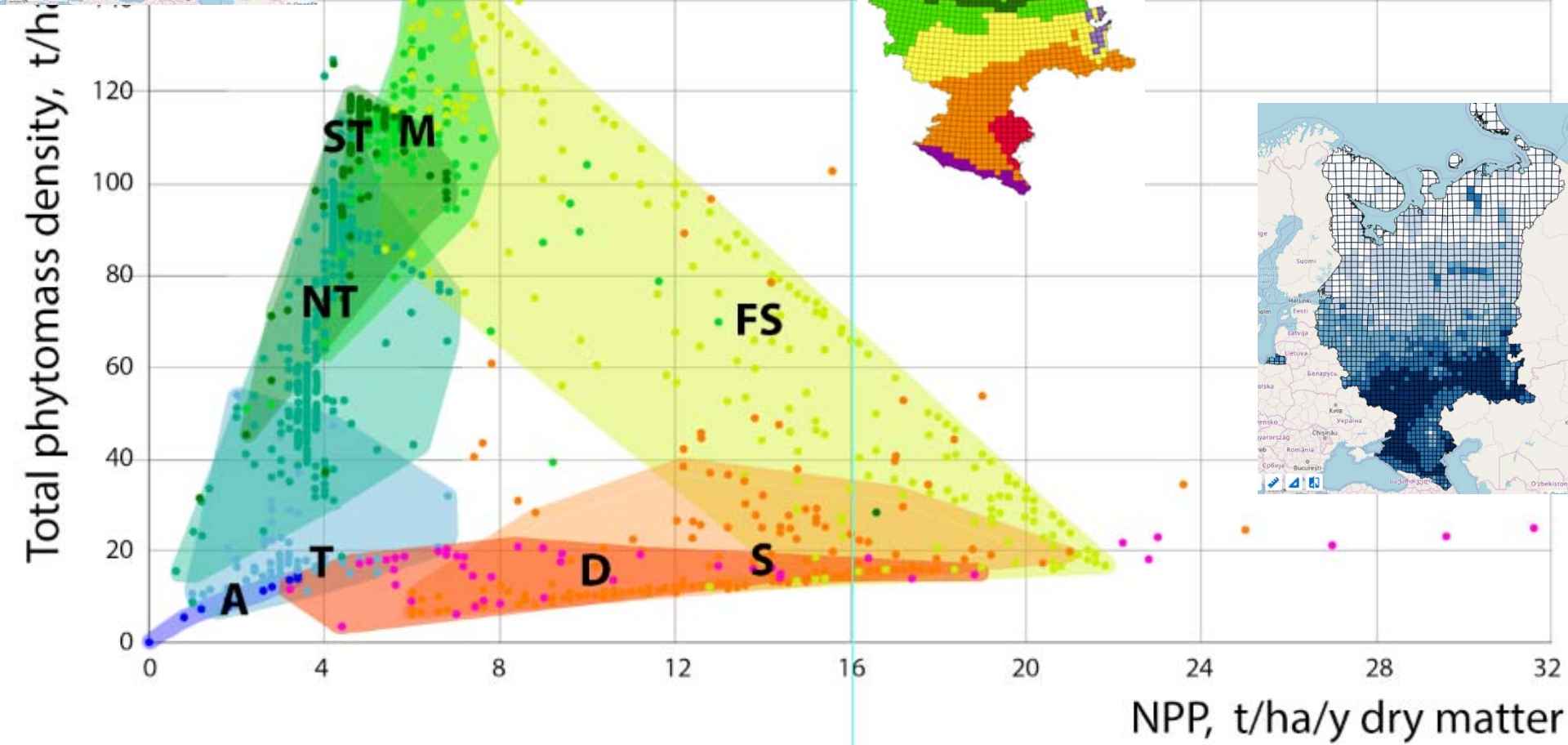
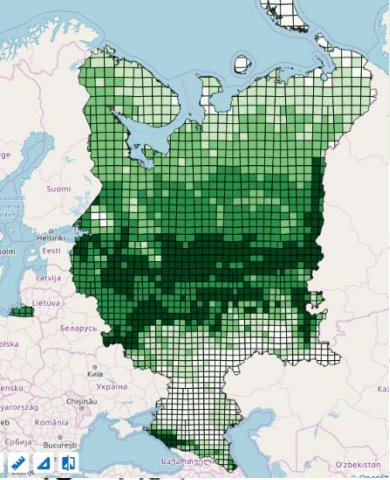
A balance scale is shown against a light green background. The left pan is lower and contains a realistic image of the Earth. The right pan is higher and contains several stacks of US dollar bills. The scale is tilted towards the left, indicating that the Earth is heavier than the money.

Thanks for your attention

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Phytomass - NPP



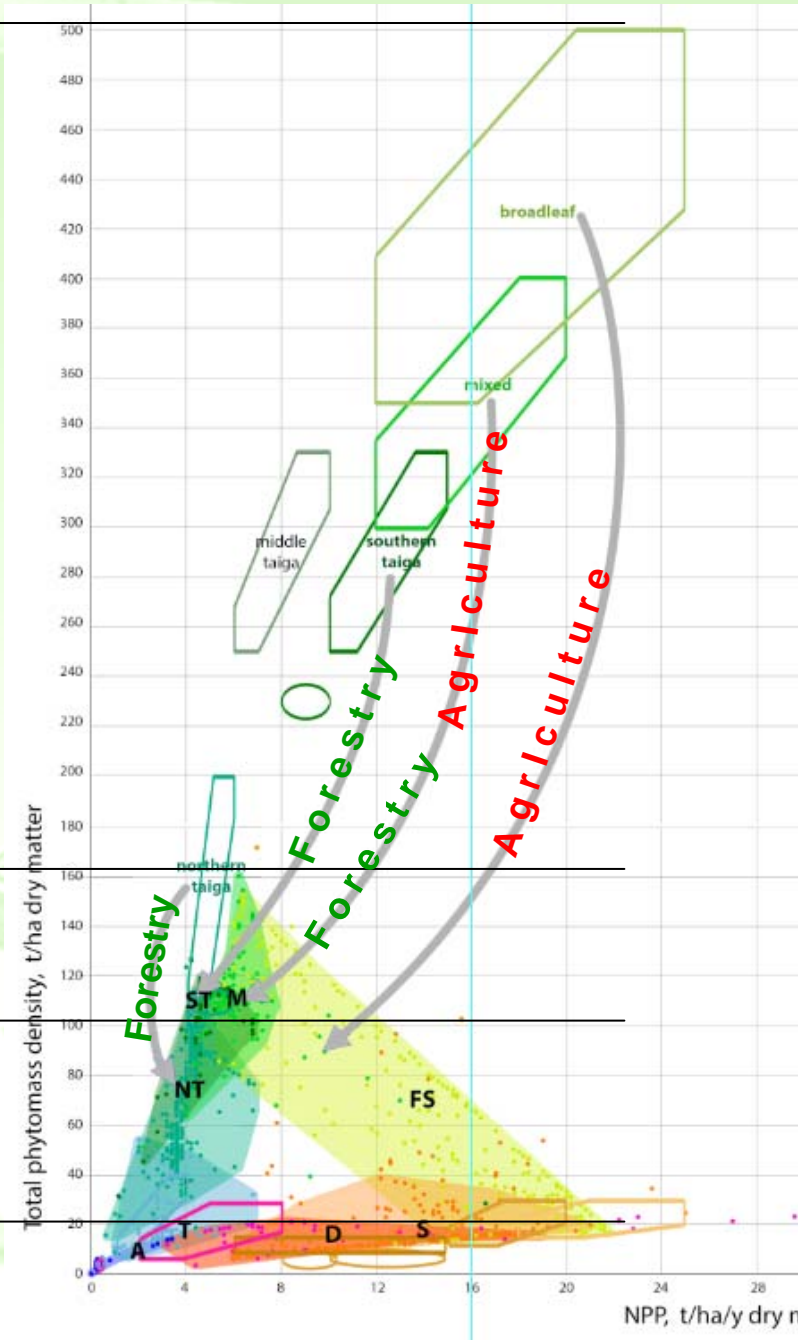
Phytomass - NPP

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because of
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and
agriculture (land use)



Real ecosystems

Climax forest ecosystems

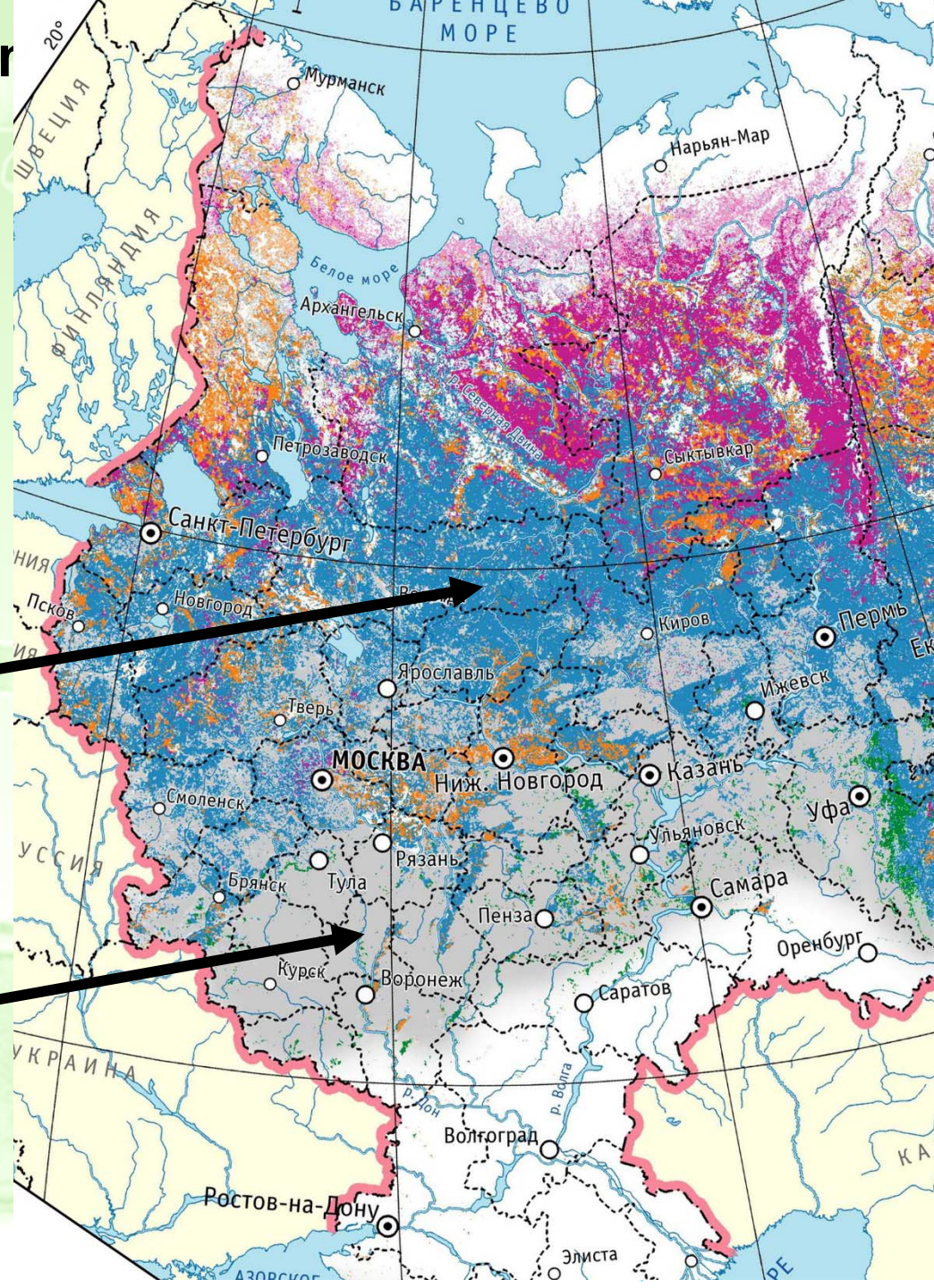


Phytom

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Blue: - secondary birch forests

Gray - agricultural fields at
the site of the former forests



Phytomass - NPP

Trade-offs:

ES of wood production – other ES

Agriculture (land use) – ES

Not all tradeoffs can be identified by currently correlations

