Towards a world summit on sustainable development 2012

# Environmental security - the other challenge for sustainable development

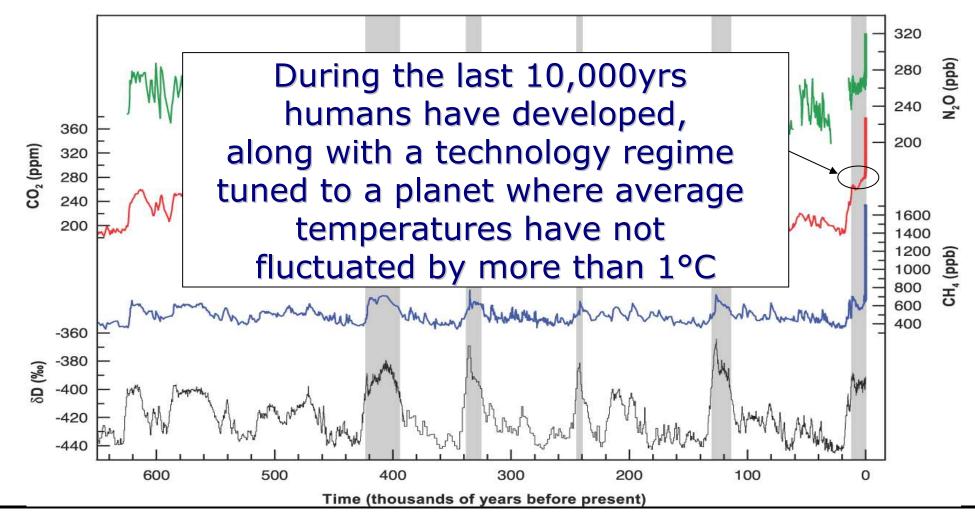
Prof. Jacqueline McGlade Executive Director European Environment Agency



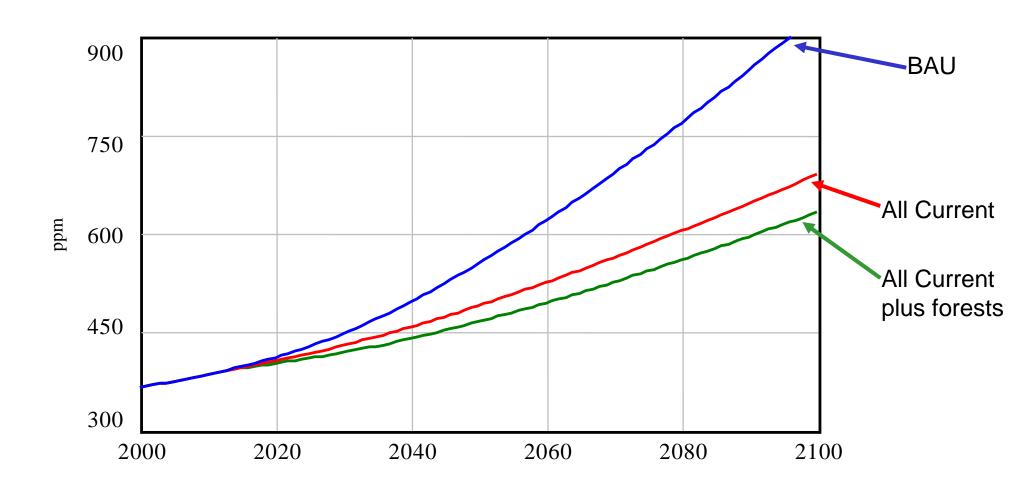


### CO<sub>2</sub> concentration over the past 650 000 years

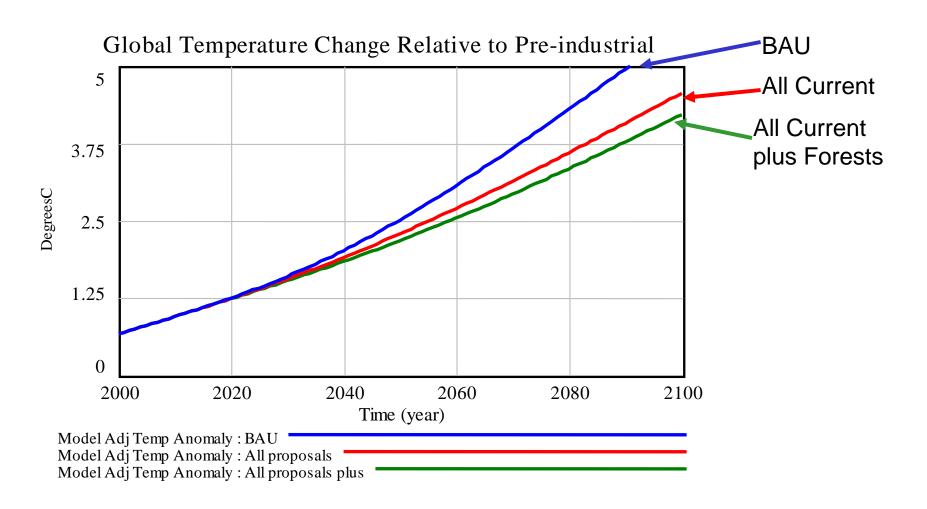
• Due to emissions from human activities the CO2 concentration is 387 ppm (2007), far exceeding the natural range over the last 650 000 years (180 – 300 ppm)



## CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere Would Continue to Increase



### Global Temperature Change

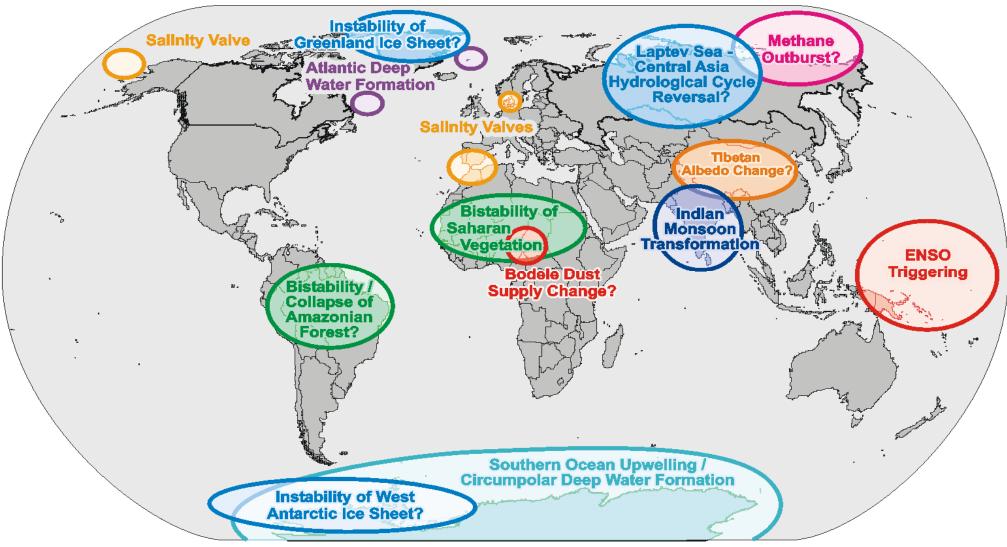




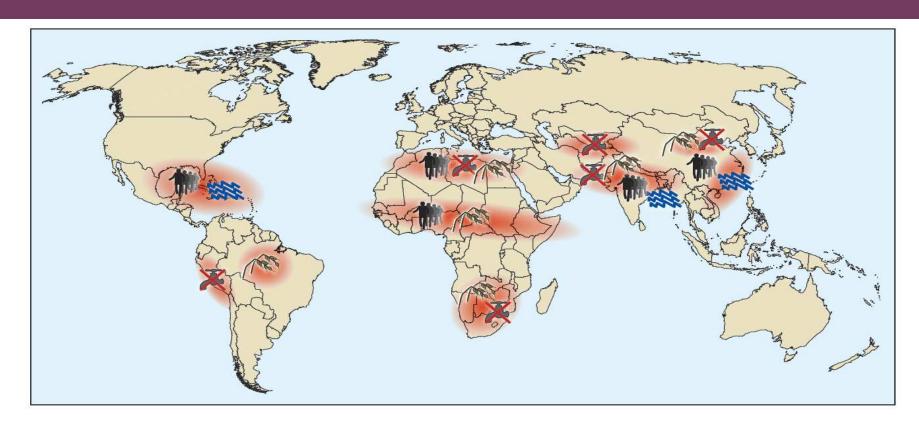
### Unbearable



#### **Tipping Points in the Earth System**



#### Security Risks & hot spots caused by climate change





Degradation of Freshwater Resources



Decrease of Food Production



**Hot Spot** 



Increase of Storm and Flood Catastrophes



Migration

### **Community leaders**

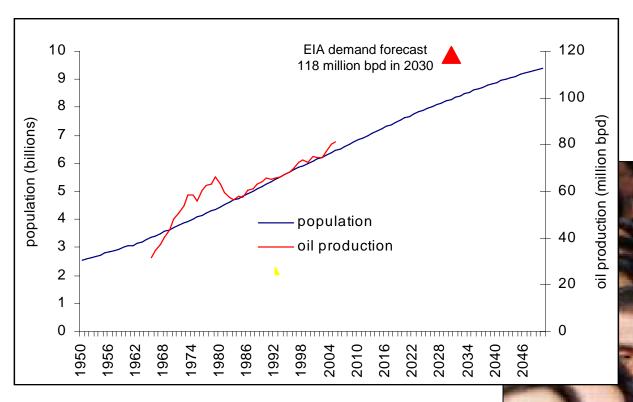


Nature has been evolving for thousands of years, humans have only been here for tens of thousands. In any competition between nature and humans, the fittest will ultimately win. And that of course will be nature!

Bhante Panyasara



### World population could grow by 1.8 billion by 2031



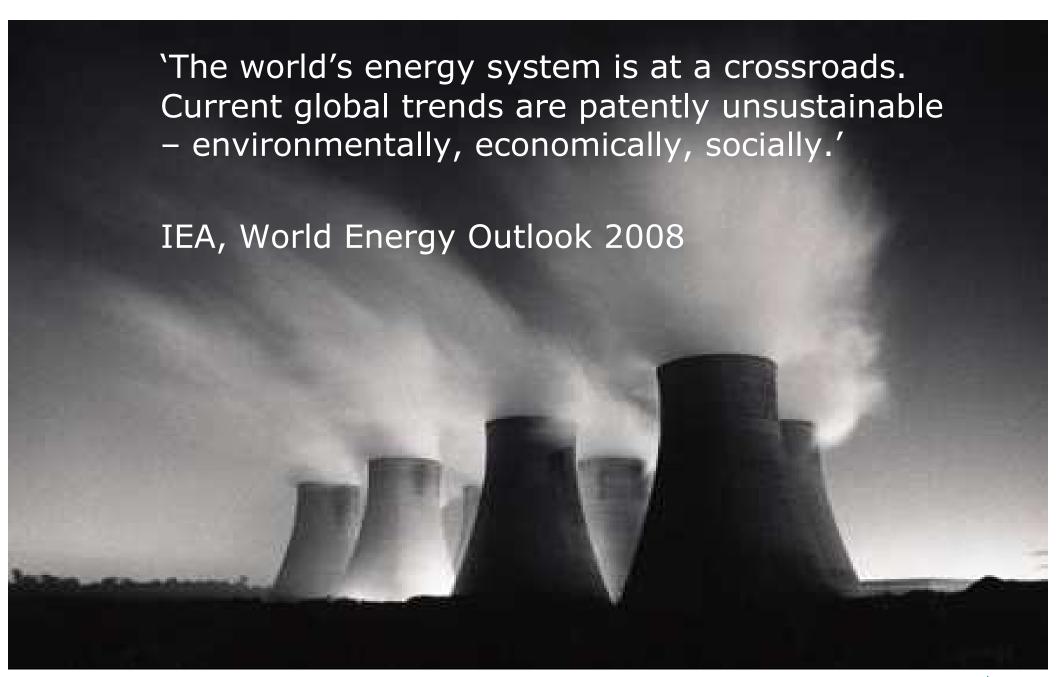
Consumption growth since '65:

- total energy 284%
- oil 268%
- gas 435%

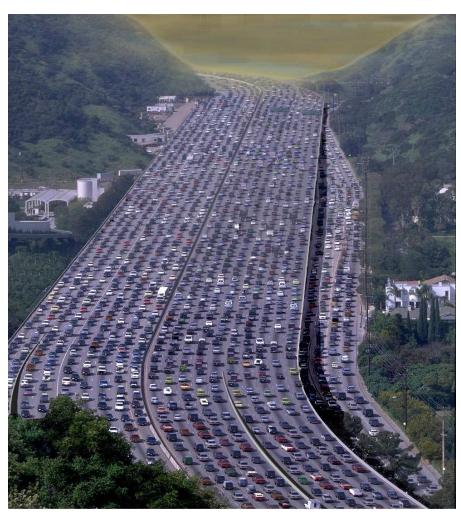
Energy demand growth:

- developed world +111%
- emerging economies +645%

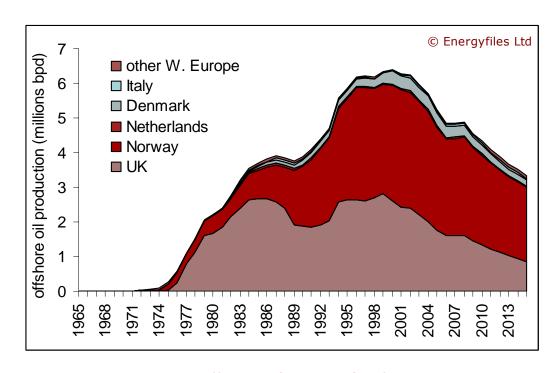




### Oil is the real problem - it is the fuel of transportation



picture courtesy Transfuture.net



**European offshore oil production forecast** 

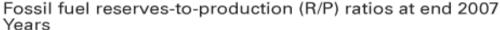
- Oil accounts for 32% of global energy consumption
- Demand is growing
- Non-Opec production is declining
- Major politically-induced constraints

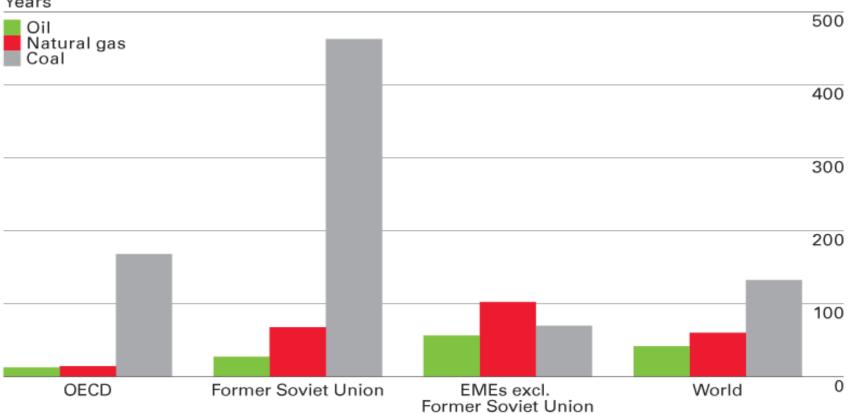


# Systemic change in the transport sector presents huge challenges and opportunities



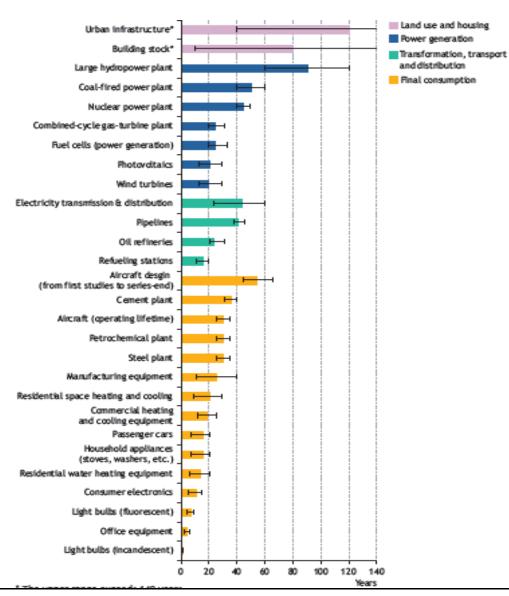
### Fossil fuel reserves-to-production (R/P) ratios





Coal remains the world's most abundant fossil fuel, with an R/P ratio of more than 130 years. In addition to being cost-competitive, coal has emerged as the world's fastest-growing fuel in part because reserves are located in key consuming countries.

### Life expectancy of capital assets

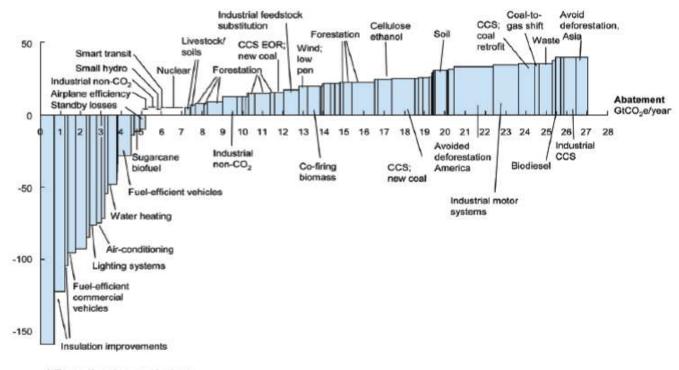


### Cost of emissions reductions

#### McKinsey Global Institute, 2008

#### THE COST CURVE PROVIDES A "MAP" OF ABATEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

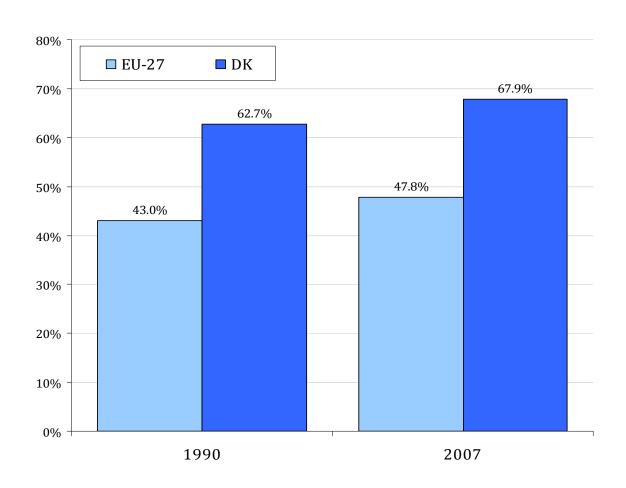
Cost of abatement, 2030, €/tCO₂e\*



\* Tons of carbon equivalents.Source: McKinsey and Vattenfall analysis

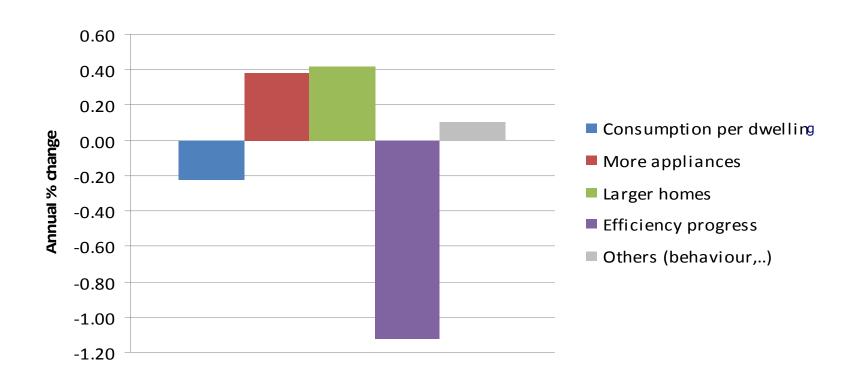


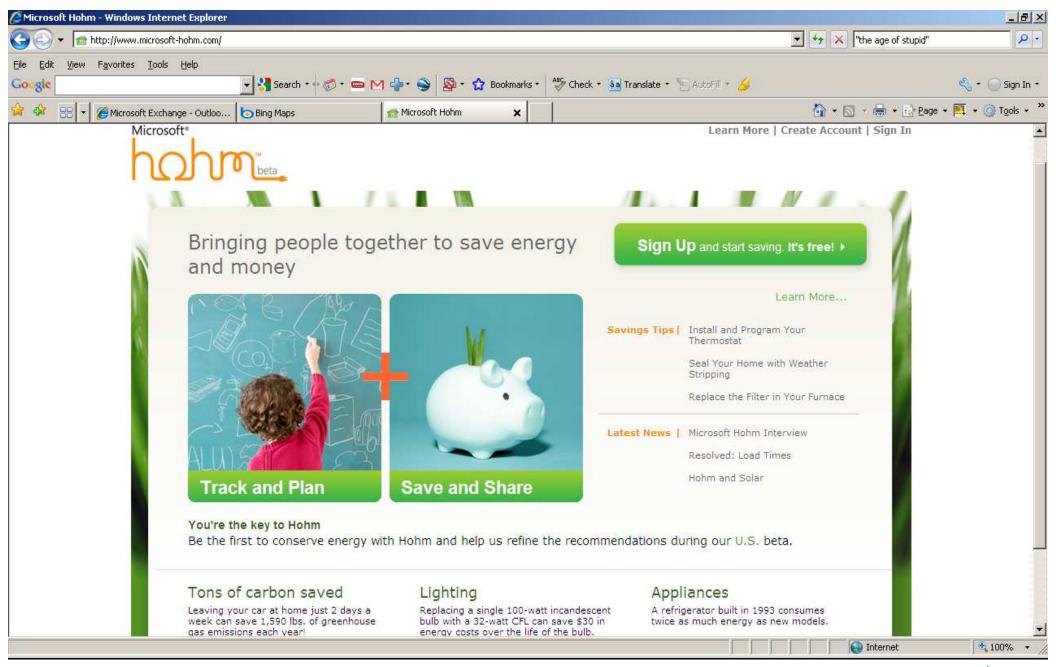
# Average transformation efficiency from public conventional thermal power stations and district heating plants

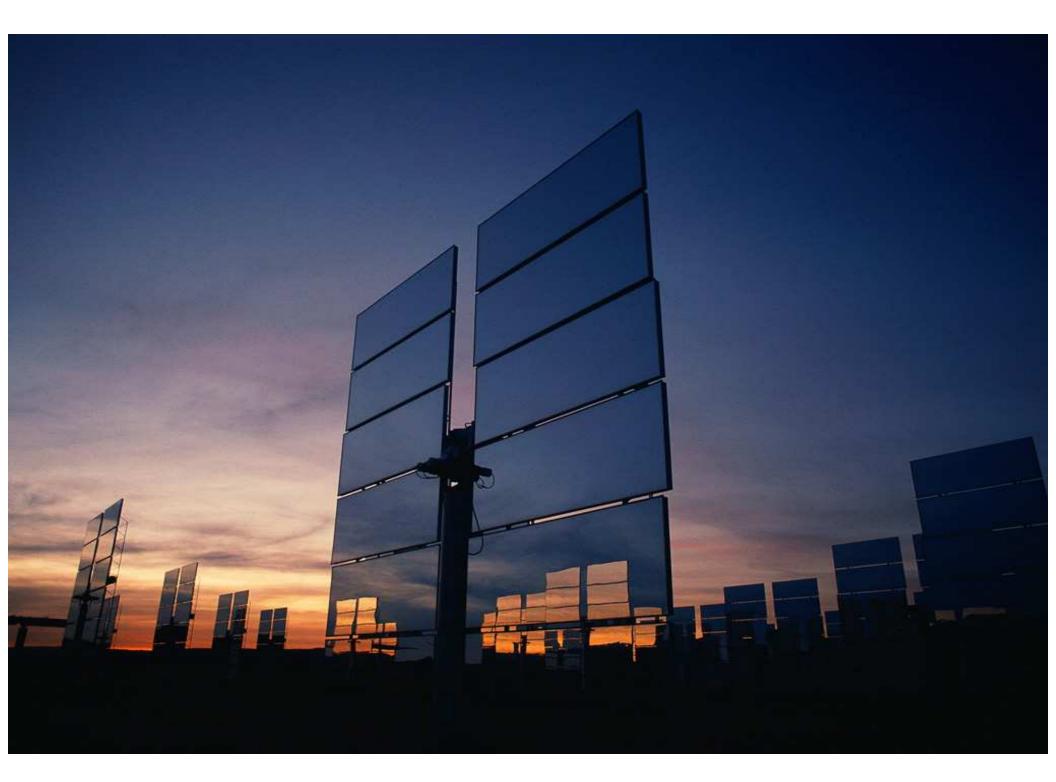




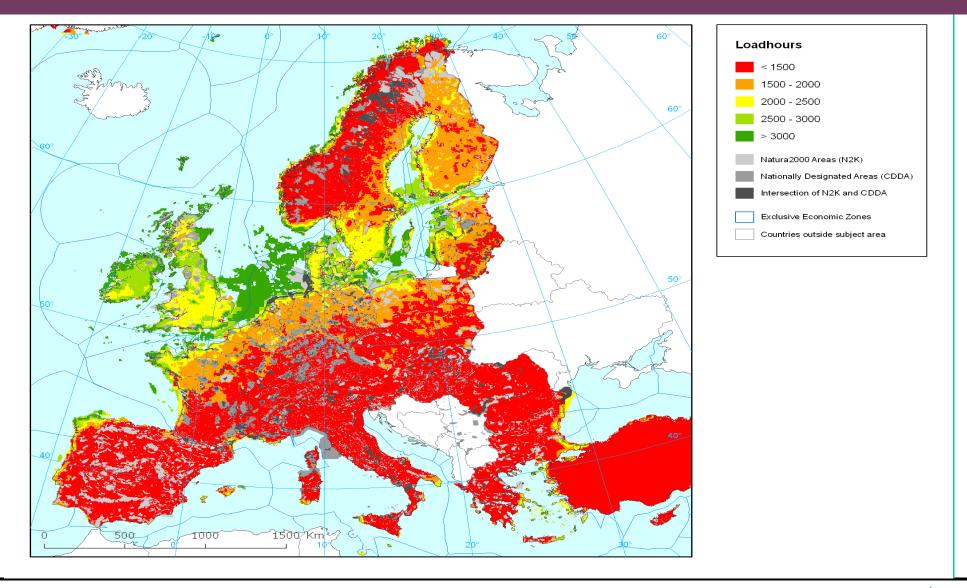
# Improved efficiency is offset by changing behaviour







### Wind potential in Europe - EEA





### Food insecurity

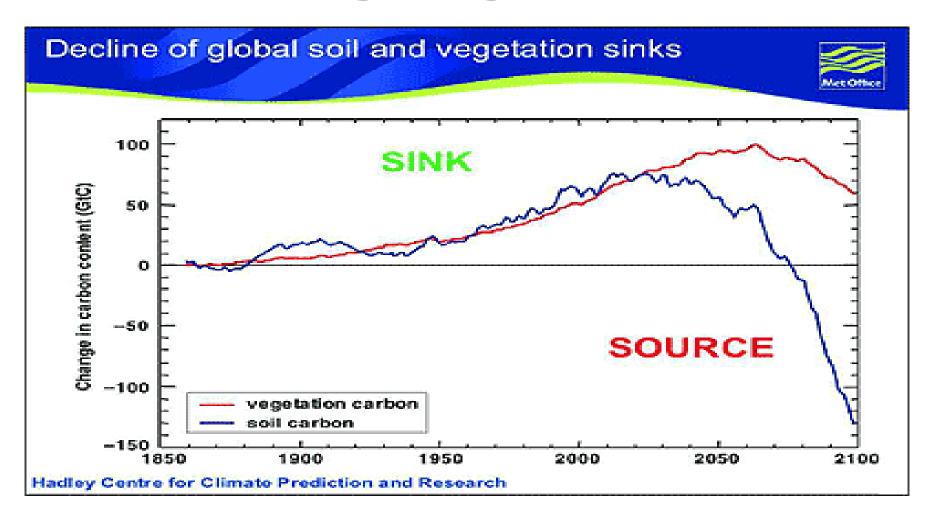
- >1 billion people go hungry each day, 200m in Africa;
- 30,000 people die each day due to hunger and malnutrition 50% are children;
- 1.4 billion people remain poor, with ultra poor in SSA;
- average farm sizes in India, Tanzania, China, Ethiopia are getting smaller;
- ≤12% more arable land available that is not presently forested or subject to erosion or desertification;
- area of land in farm production could be doubled but only by massive destruction of forests and loss of biodiversity and carbon sequestration capacity and high marginal costs of investment;
- technology and innovations are spreading but if blocked will see poverty, hunger perpetuated



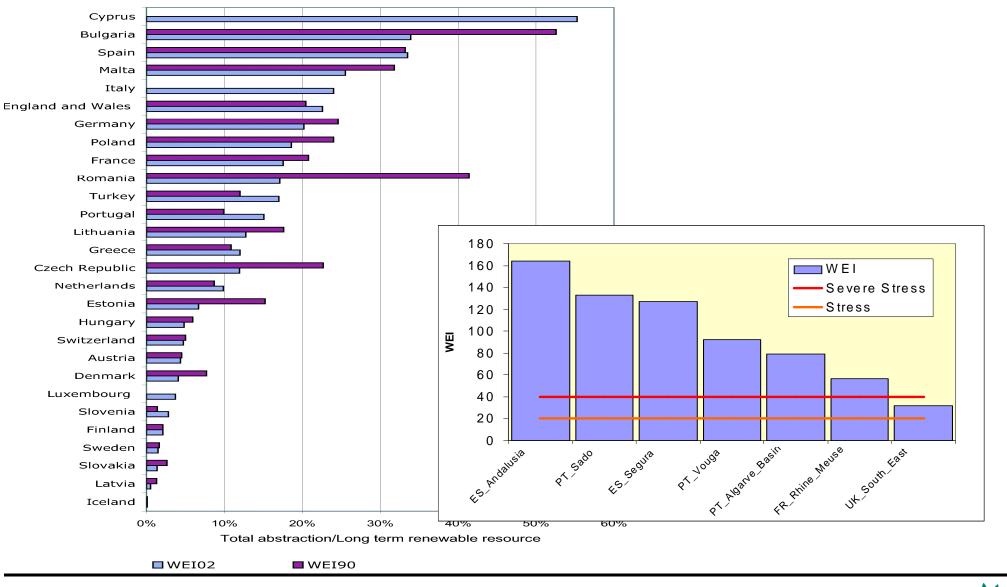
### Agriculture and greenhouse gas emissions

- Part of the problem globally: agriculture 13.5 %
   CO<sub>2</sub> equiv. cf transport 13.1 %, forestry 19%
- Part of the solution: biomass, carbon sequestration, soil management;
- Productivity may need to double over the next 40 years;
- Indicators for sustainability: productivity, land use, soil loss, irrigation water use, energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, total trends;

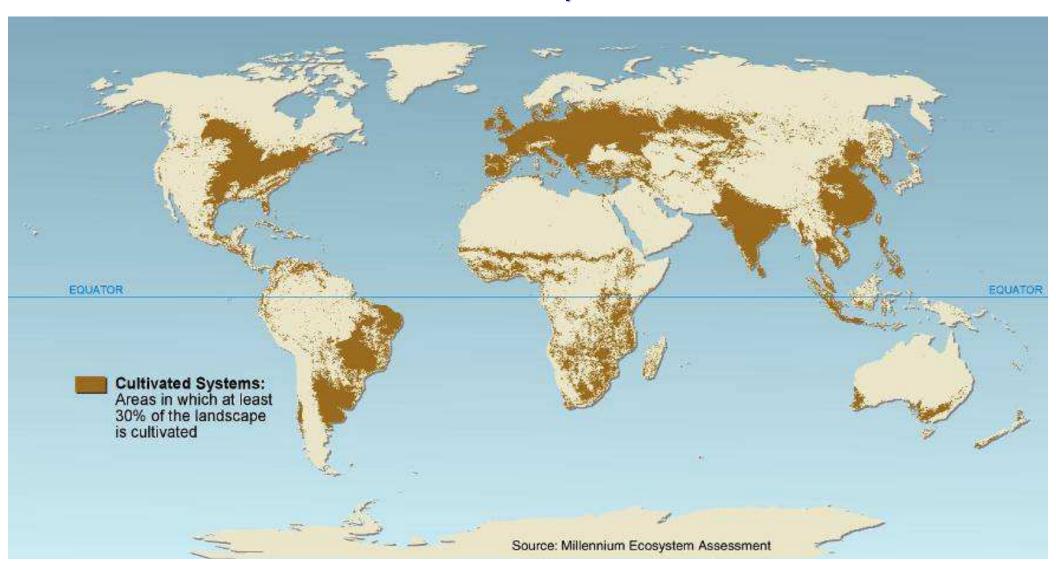
### Soils' climate regulating function

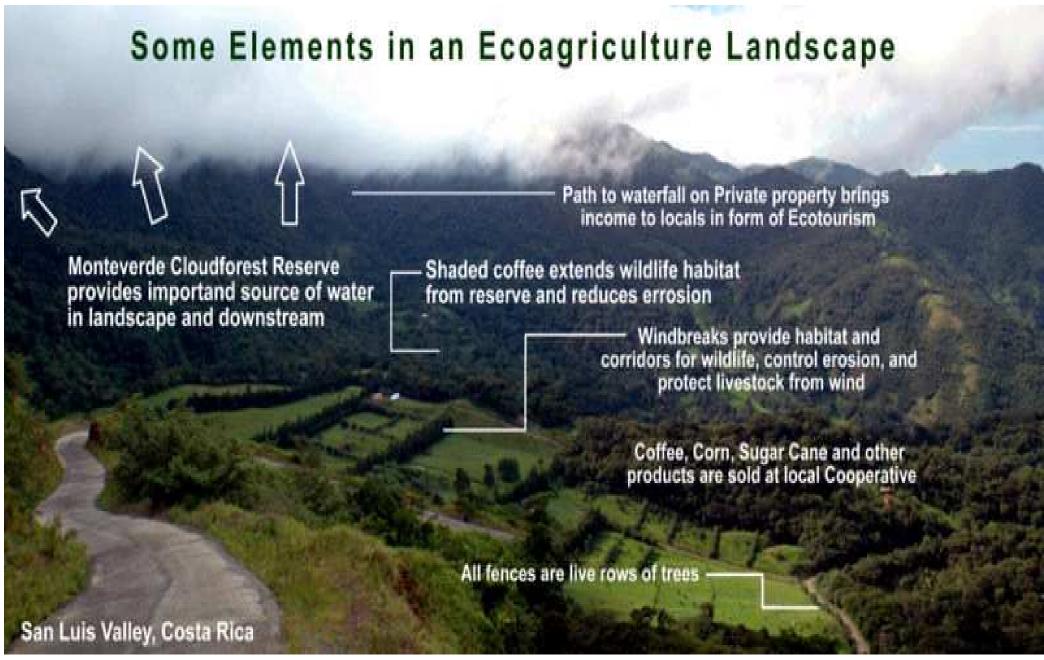


### Water Insecurity – Water Exploitation Index



### Areas of Cultivated systems





### **New forms of vertical farming**





### ...a fast cropping concept!





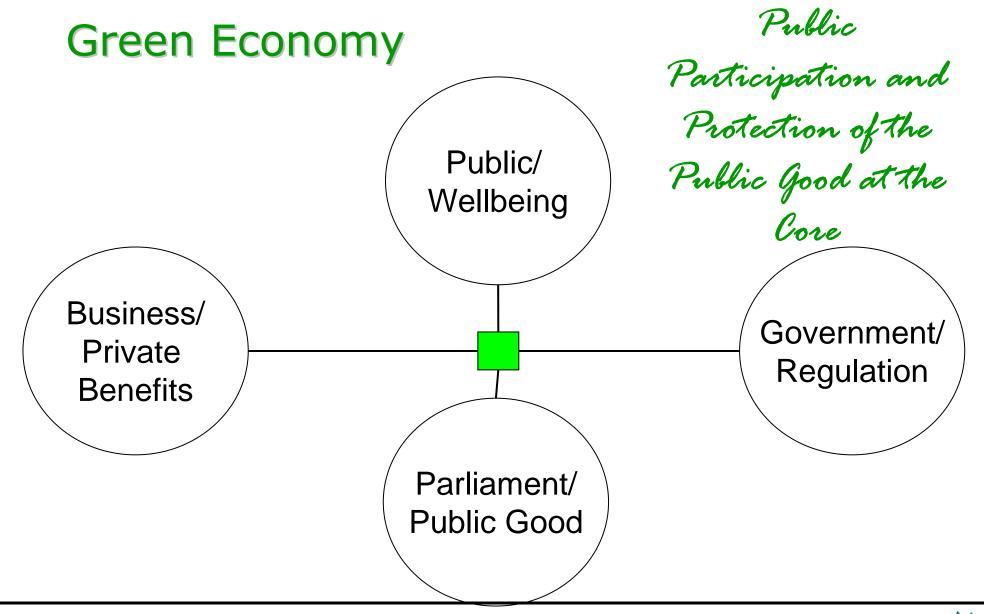


### Communities

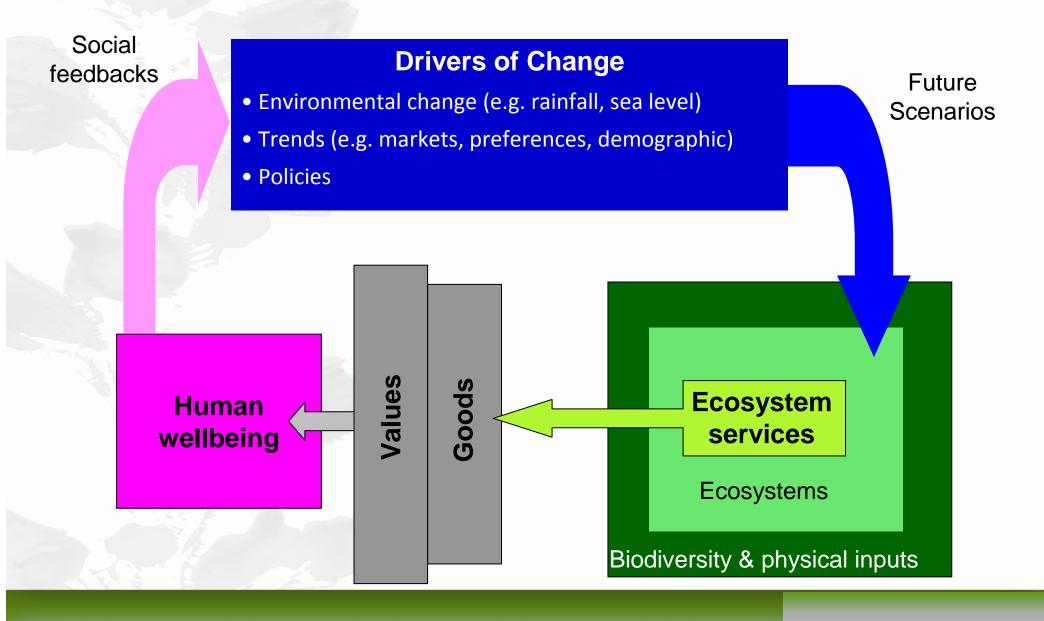


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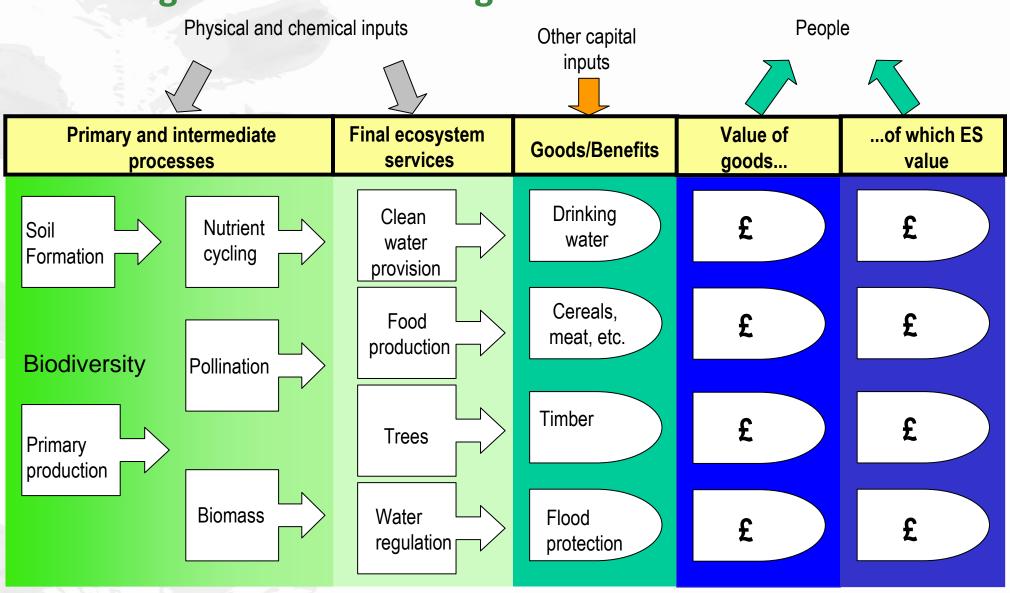




### Phase 1 – Evolving Conceptual Framework issues



### **Avoiding double accounting**



### **Ecosystem type, services and examples of goods**

	Ecosystem service type	Primary & Intermediate ecosystem services and processes	Final ecosystem services (example of goods)
	Provisioning		Crops, livestock, fisheries (food) Peat bog (energy, fertiliser) Water quantity (domestic and industrial water) Trees (energy, carbon sequestration) Purified water (drinking water) Wild species diversity (crop relatives, bio-prospecting)
	Cultural		Meaningful places (aesthetics, recreation, tourism, education) Wildlife (aesthetics, education, tourism, recreation)
(0.4)	Regulating	Climate regulation Pollination	Local climate ( <i>equable climate</i> ) Stabilising vegetation and habitats ( <i>erosion control</i> ) Water availability ( <i>flood prevention</i> ) Waste breakdown and accumulation ( <i>healthy environment</i> ) Natural enemies ( <i>disease control</i> ) Detoxification ( <i>clean air and water</i> )
	Supporting	Weathering Primary production Decomposition Soil formation Nutrient cycling Water cycling Ecological interactions	

### Measures of value of goods and ecosystem services

