

# Impacts of climate change policies on air pollution

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## Integration between air pollution, climate, and biodiversity

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- Climate effects on biodiversity
- Climate effects on Critical Loads
- Synergies and tradeoffs
- Non-technical measures LULC

## Biodiversity pressures and threats

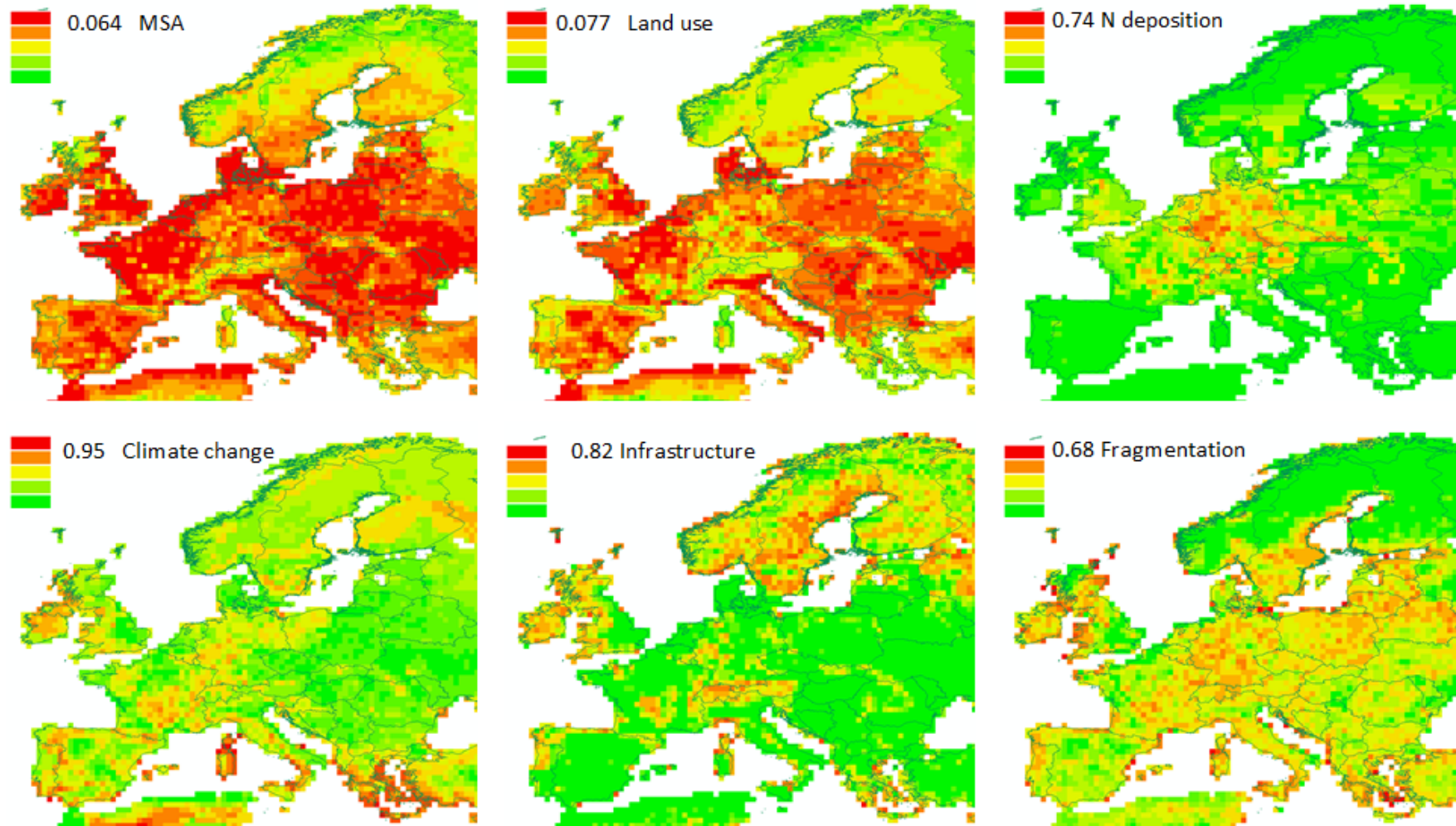
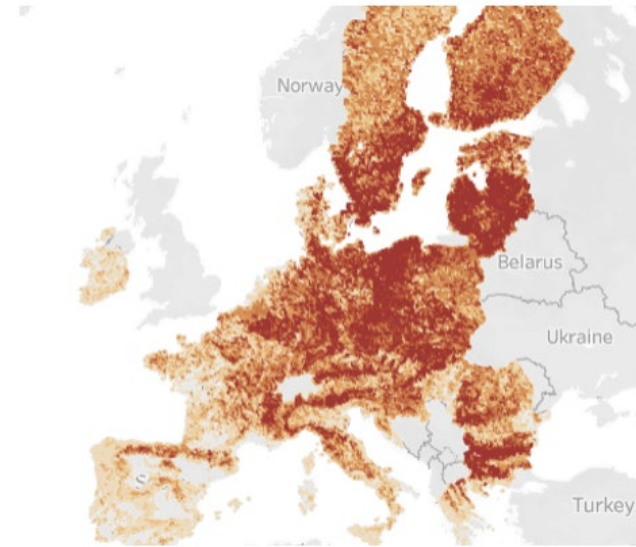


Figure xx. MSA calculated with GLOBI03 for 2000, both total (upper left) and for land use, N deposition, climate change, infrastructure and fragmentation individually.

Natural grasslands



Forests



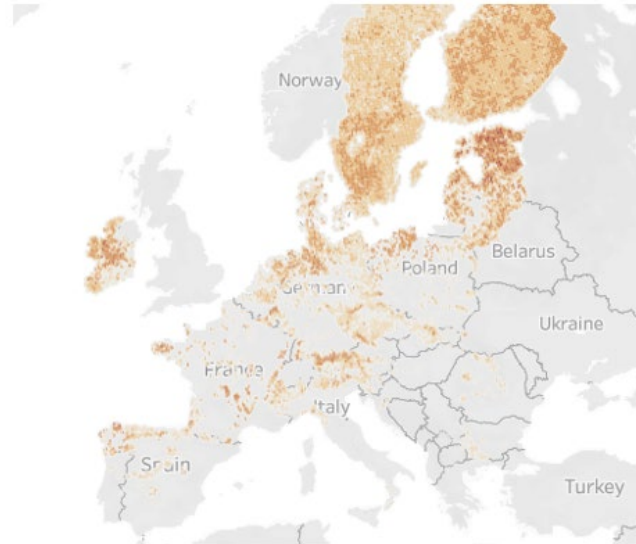
Temperate mountainous coniferous forest



Inland dunes

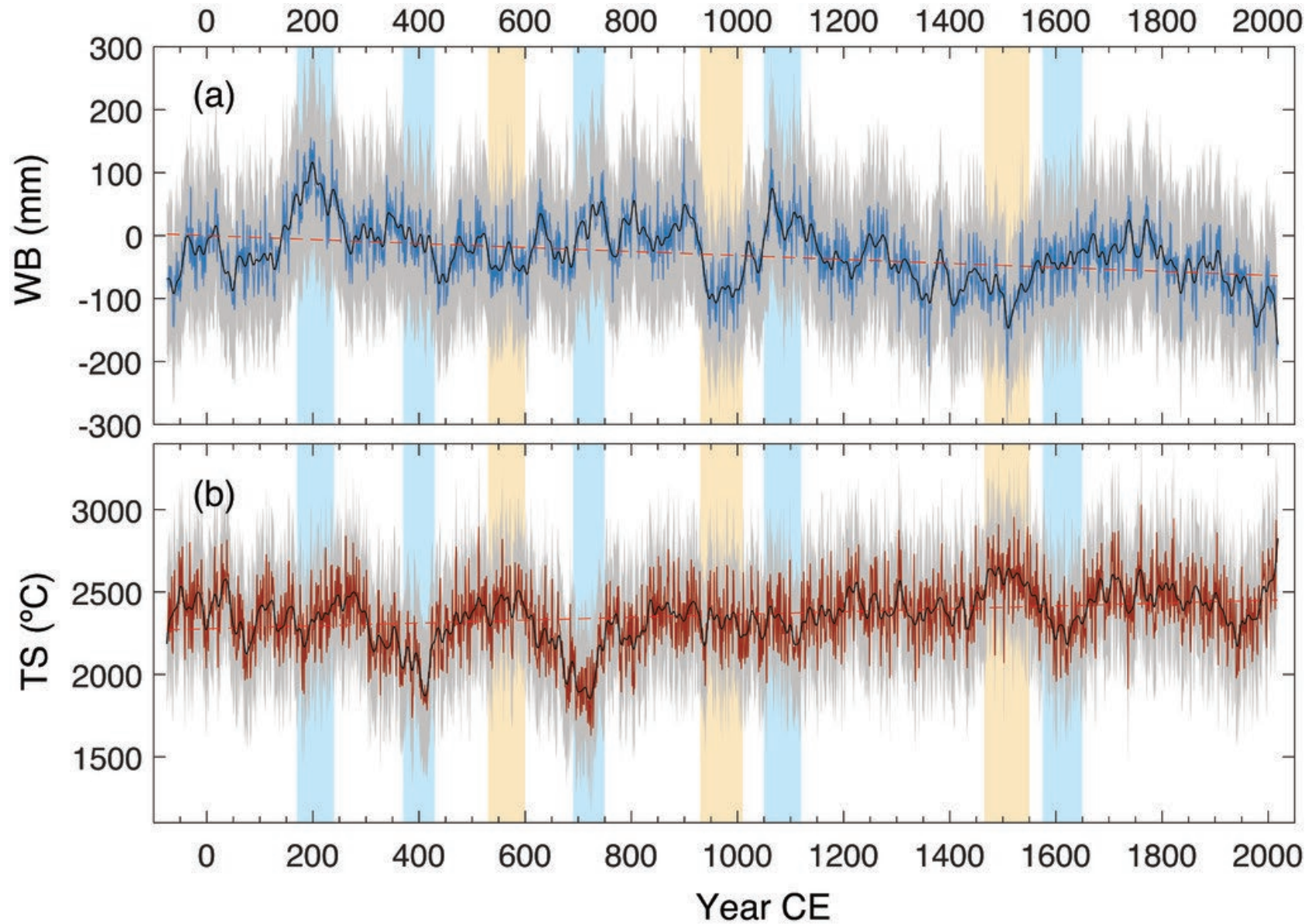


Acid sphagnum bogs



Examples of distribution areas  
For EUNIS level 2 types





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Central European Agroclimate over the  
Past 2000 Years. *J. Climate*, 36, 4429–  
4441, <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-22-0831.1>

## Environment and climate

Effects of Nr include:

Nitrogen leaching in soil and groundwater.

Eutrophication and acidification of terrestrial ecosystems.

Eutrophication of marine ecosystems.

Global warming (N<sub>2</sub>O emissions and other effects of nitrogen).

Effects of nitrogen on human health (particulate matter and tropospheric ozone formation).

Nr have a direct impact on the carbon cycle and can have global scale effects on atmospheric fluxes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>).

methane affects both environment and climate

Particles and cloud formation

## Synergies and tradeoffs

- o Measures which reduce both ammonia and methane emissions

Examples include the coverage of slurry stores, extracting biogas from slurries, and/or acidification of the slurry.

Each of these will reduce emissions of both gases.

Acidification of slurry lowers ammonia emissions by retaining ammonia as ammonium in the slurry, while also inhibiting the activity of the methanogenic bacteria.

The production of biogas from slurries reduce methane and ammonia emissions, so long as low-emission land-spreading techniques are used.

## Synergies and tradeoffs

o Measures which reduce one pollutant but have no effect on the other

Measures aimed at reducing ammonia emissions from nitrogen fertiliser applications or manure applications to land are not expected to affect methane as these are not significant sources of methane emission.

Natural crusting of slurry storage reduces ammonia emissions, but will only have a small benefit in reducing methane emission.

Lowering protein diets for ruminants may decrease N excretion, but, if overall dry matter and fibre intake is similar, there will be little effect on enteric methane emissions.

Novel feed additives may selectively reduce methane emissions.



# Reporting

## Methane



## Ammonia



## Cooperation with UNFCCC

