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Are We in the Midst Of a Sixth Mass Extinction?

A Tally of Life Under Threat

The International Union for Conservation of Nature has evaluated 52,205 species, depicted here, for their ability to survive. [Related Article »](#)

Each symbol represents 100 species assessed:

THREATENED

NOT THREATENED

BIRDS

99% of known species assessed
8,601 not threatened

1,253 threatened:

13%

of those assessed

MAMMALS

85% of known species assessed
3,448 not threatened

1,138 threatened:

25%

of those assessed

Stark Indicators Of Extinction Risks

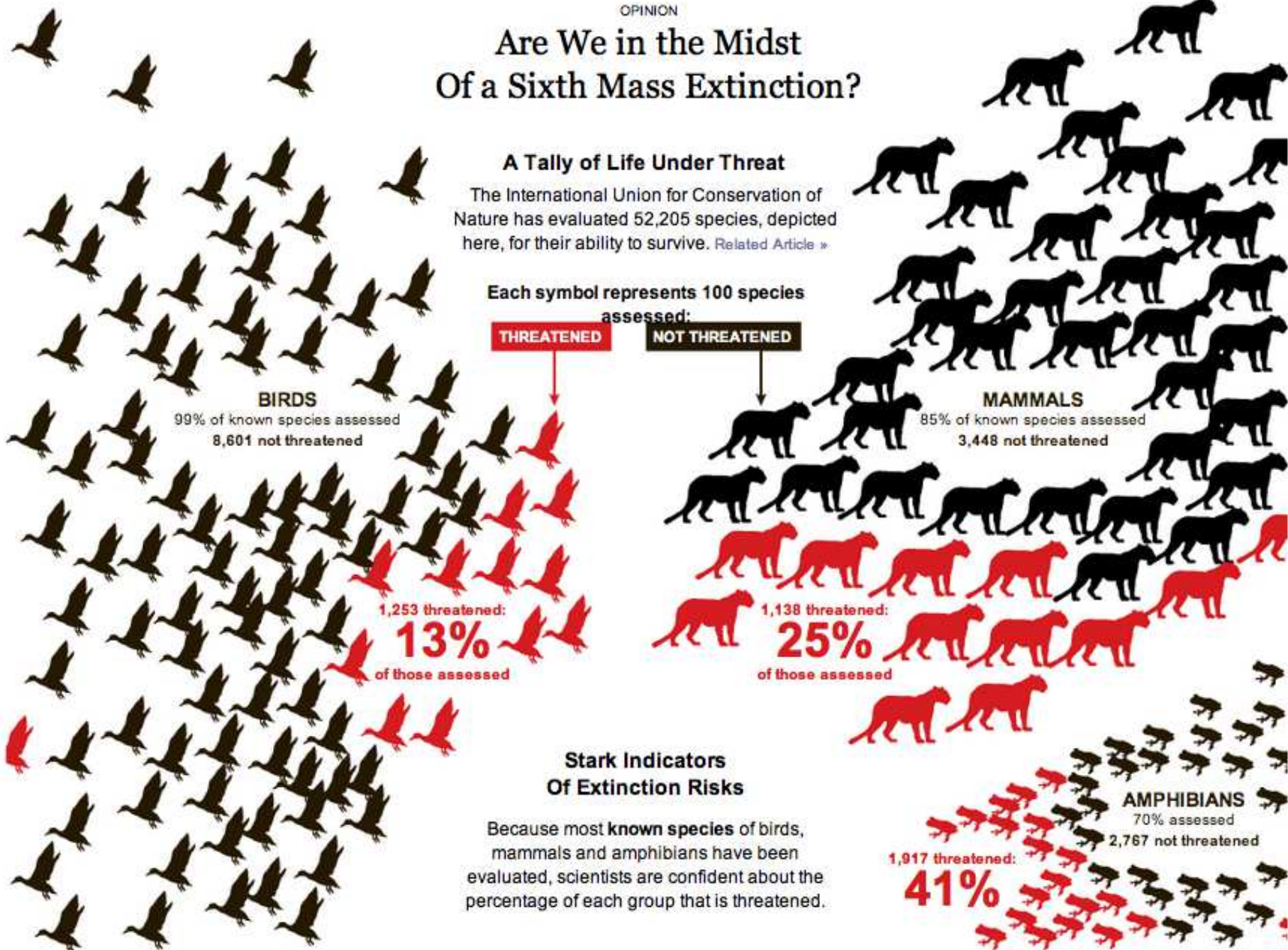
Because most **known species** of birds, mammals and amphibians have been evaluated, scientists are confident about the percentage of each group that is threatened.

AMPHIBIANS

70% assessed
2,767 not threatened

1,917 threatened:

41%



Other Threatened Life: The Tip of a Vast Unknown

Only fractions of **known species** in these nine groups have been evaluated. Because assessments have focused on species likely to be in danger, the proportion of each group that is threatened may be overstated.

Meanwhile, the number of **unknown species** may be in the millions, or tens of millions — many times that of what has been discovered.

ARACHNIDS
0.02%
of known
species
assessed

5 not threatened; 19 threatened

REPTILES
29%
of known
species
assessed

772
threatened

1,961
not threatened

INSECTS
0.3%

741
threatened

2,122
not threatened

OTHER
0.6%

CRUSTACEANS
3%

277

596

NONFLOWERING
PLANTS
3%

629

716

FLOWERING
PLANTS
5%

8,527

3,445

MOLLUSKS
5%

1,673

FISHES
23%

2,028

5,346

1,946

Chart figures exclude 9,709 species evaluated but found to be too poorly known to assign to a threat category.

Already Gone

Species known to be extinct, or extinct in the wild, since 1500:

Mollusks



327

Birds



136

Flowering
plants



110

Mammals



79

Fishes



68

Insects



60

Amphibians



39

Reptiles



22

Crustaceans



12

Nonflowering
plants



10

Others

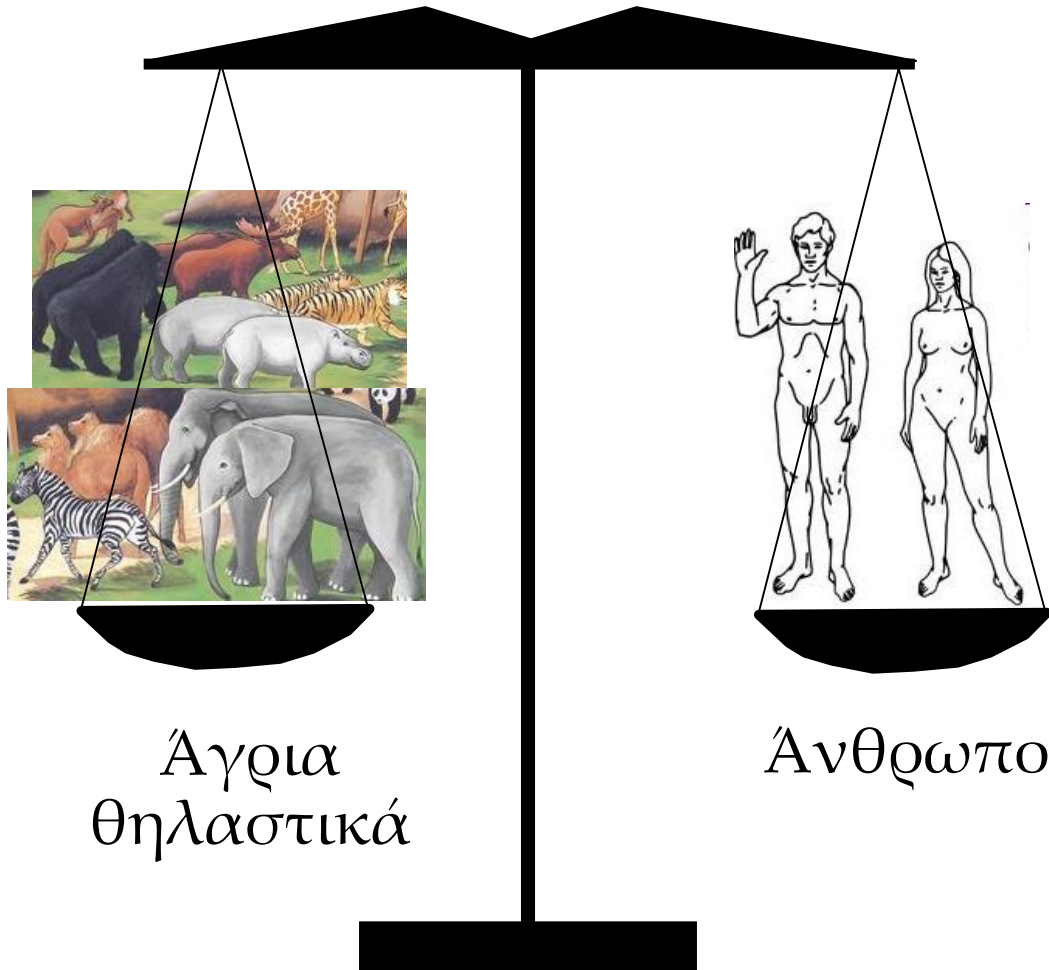


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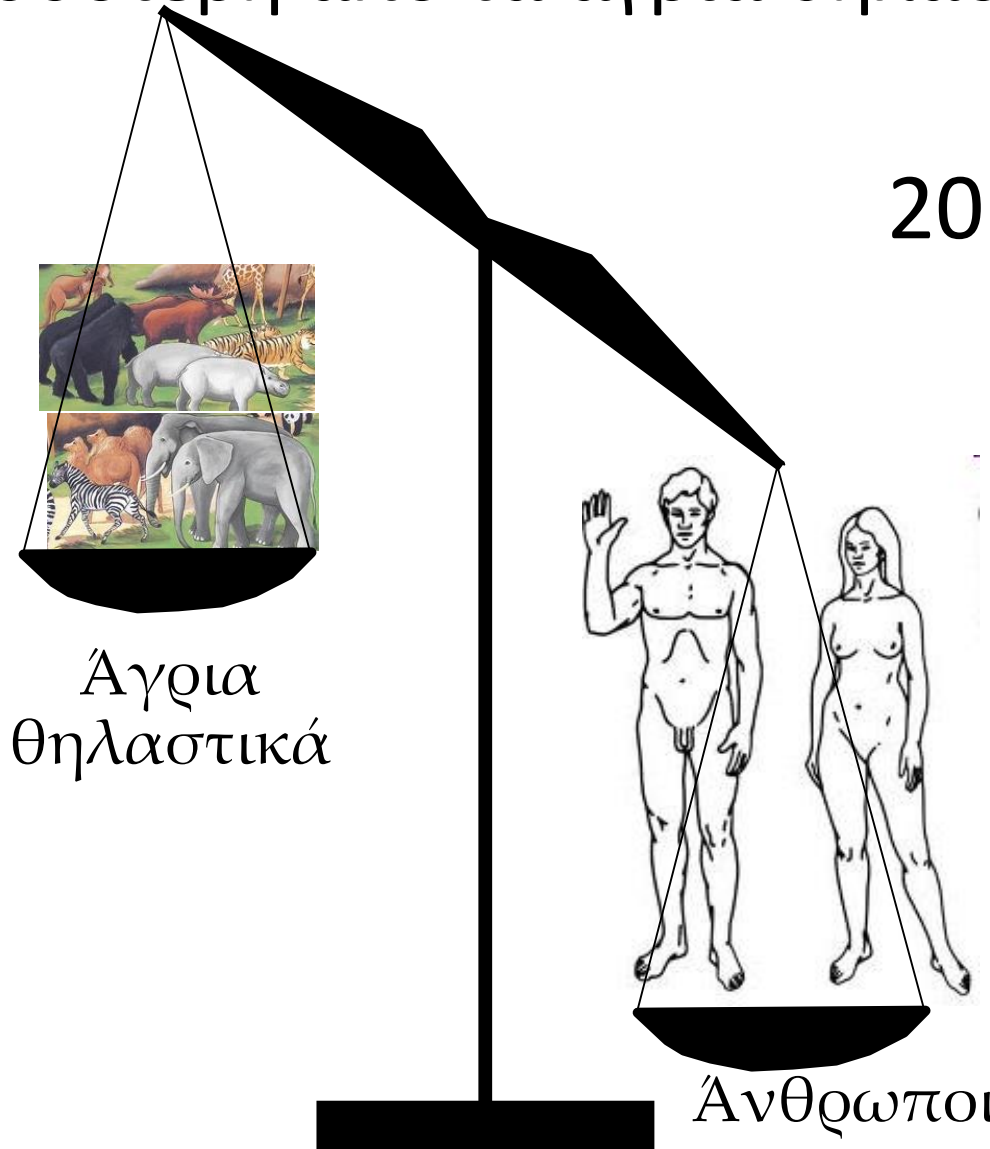
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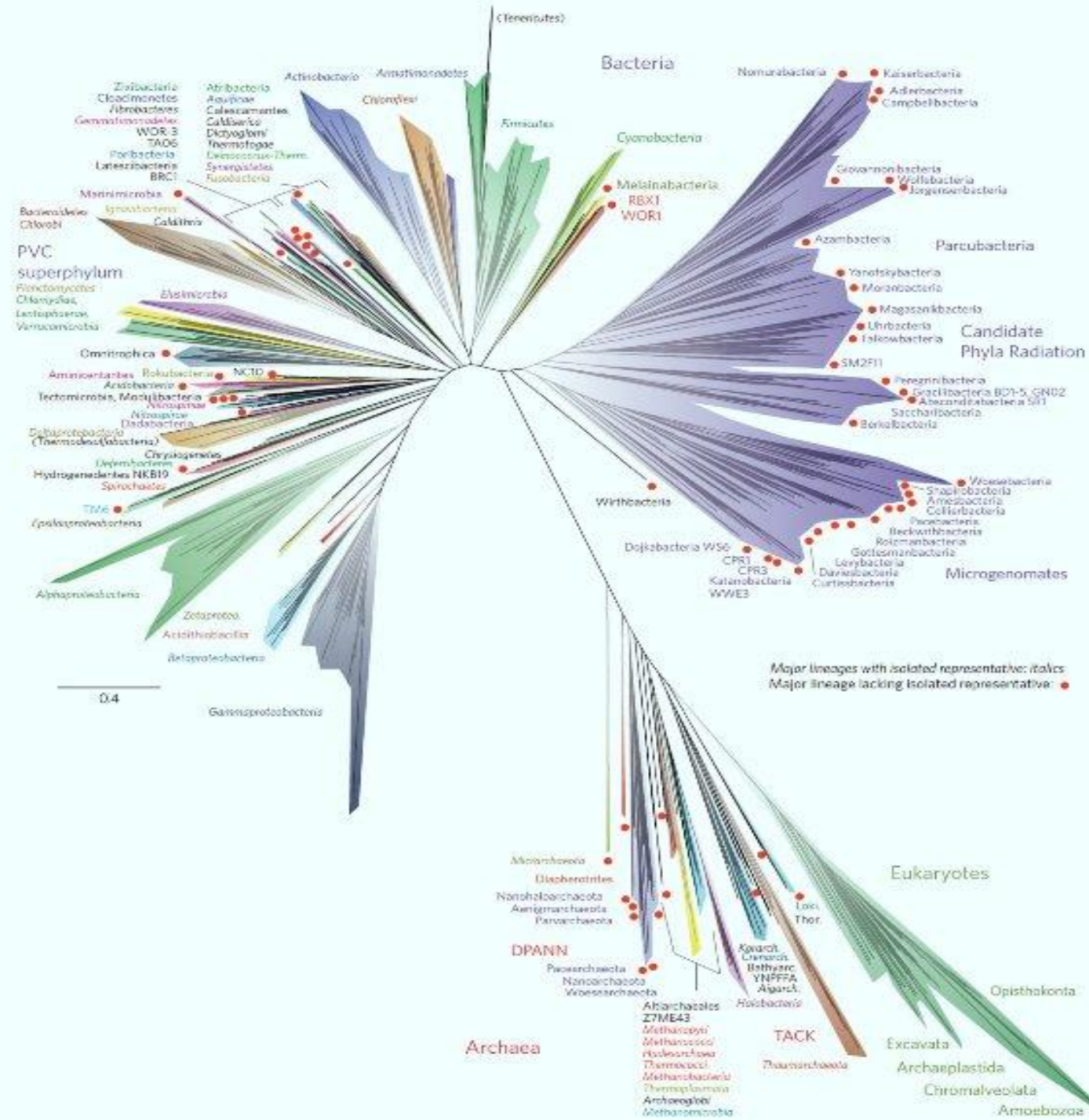
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Η βιομάζα των ανθρώπων **τρεις** φορές
περισσότερη από τα άγρια θηλαστικά





The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital

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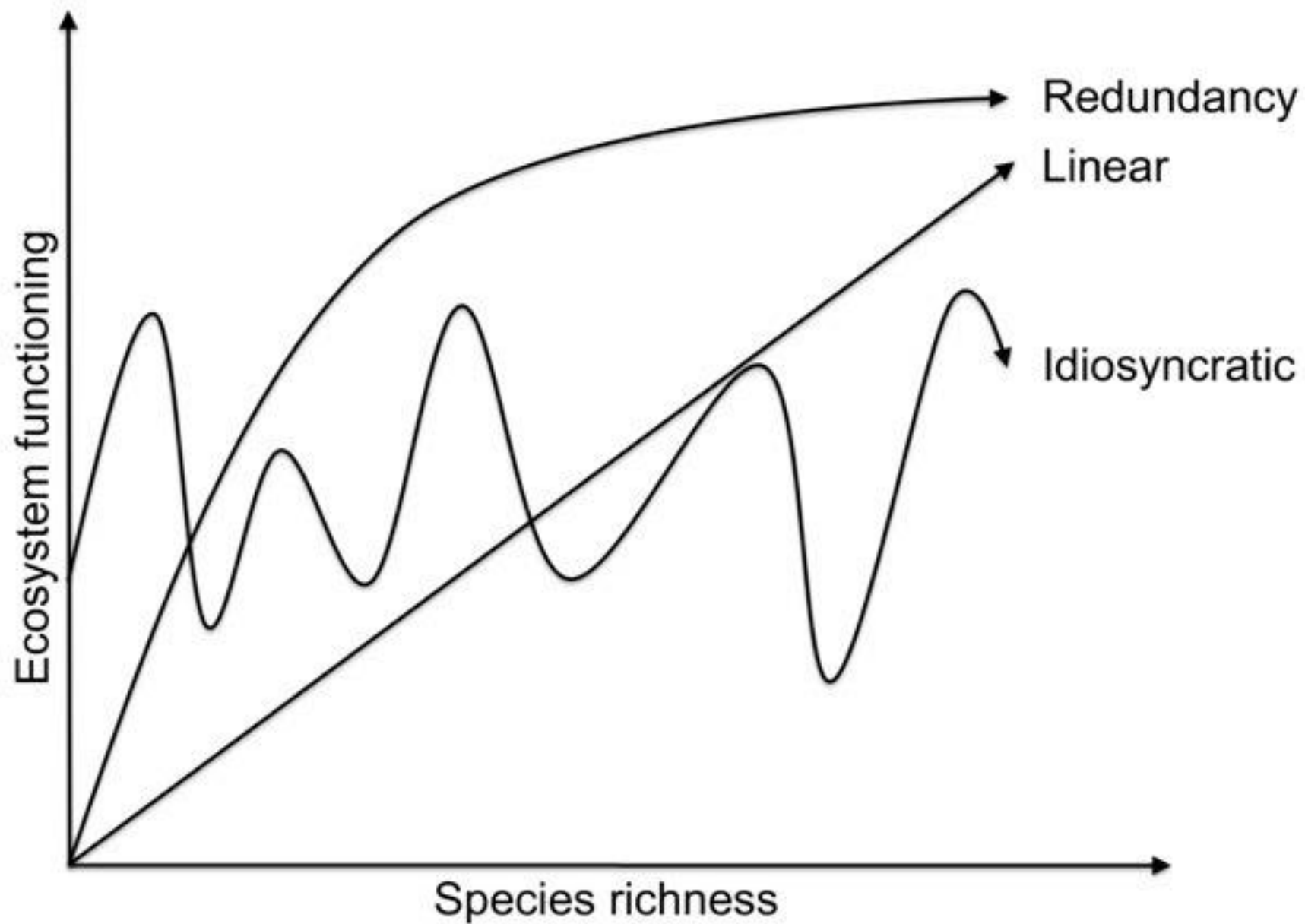
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The services of ecological systems and the natural capital stocks that produce them are critical to the functioning of the Earth's life-support system. They contribute to human welfare, both directly and indirectly, and therefore represent part of the total economic value of the planet. We have estimated the current economic value of 17 ecosystem services for 16 biomes, based on published studies and a few original calculations. For the entire biosphere, the value (most of which is outside the market) is estimated to be in the range of US\$16–54 trillion (10^{12}) per year, with an average of US\$33 trillion per year. Because of the nature of the uncertainties, this must be considered a minimum estimate. Global gross national product total is around US\$18 trillion per year.

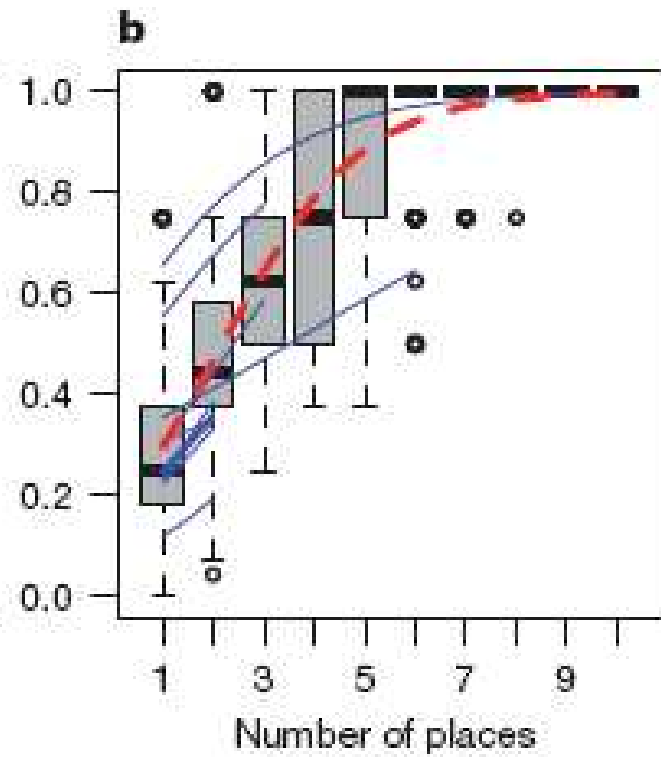
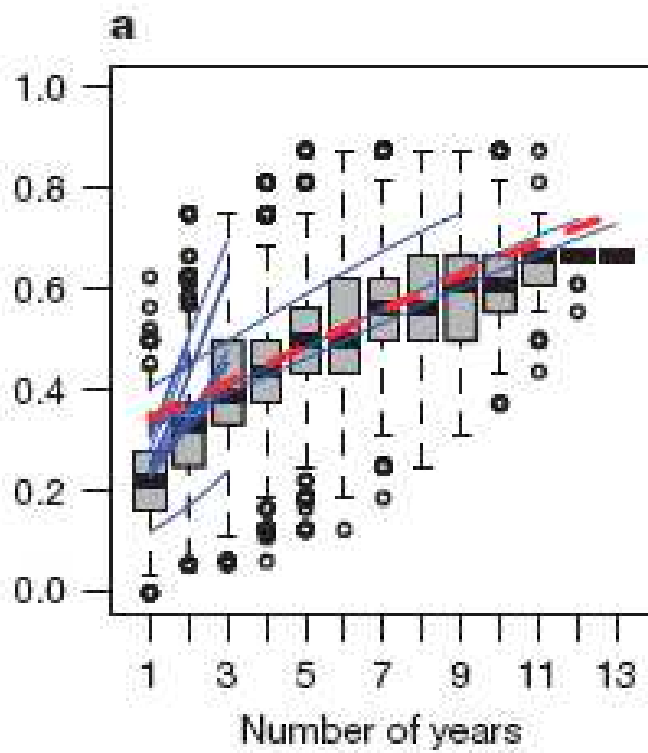






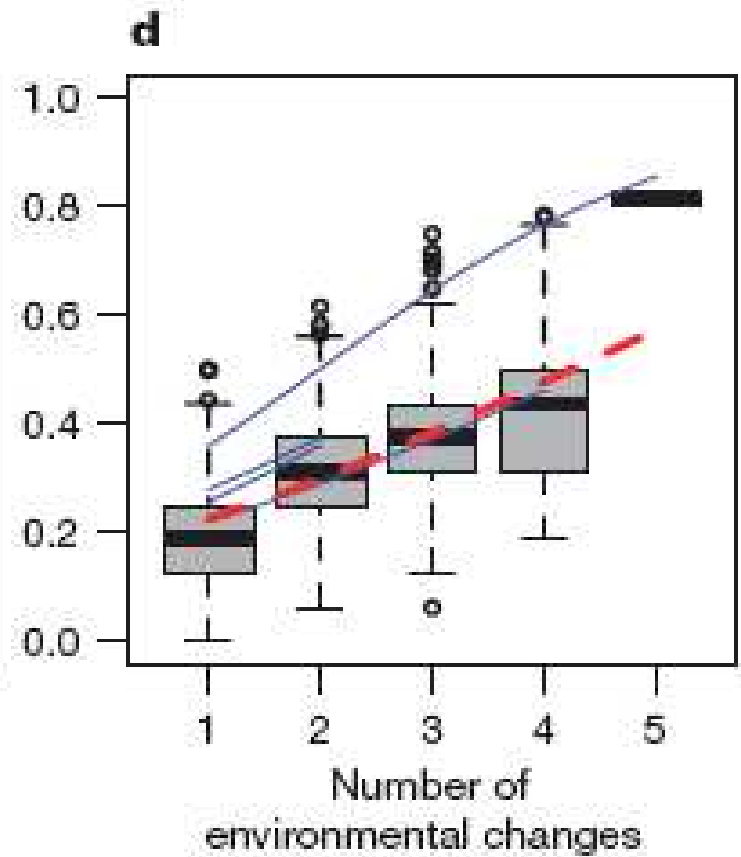
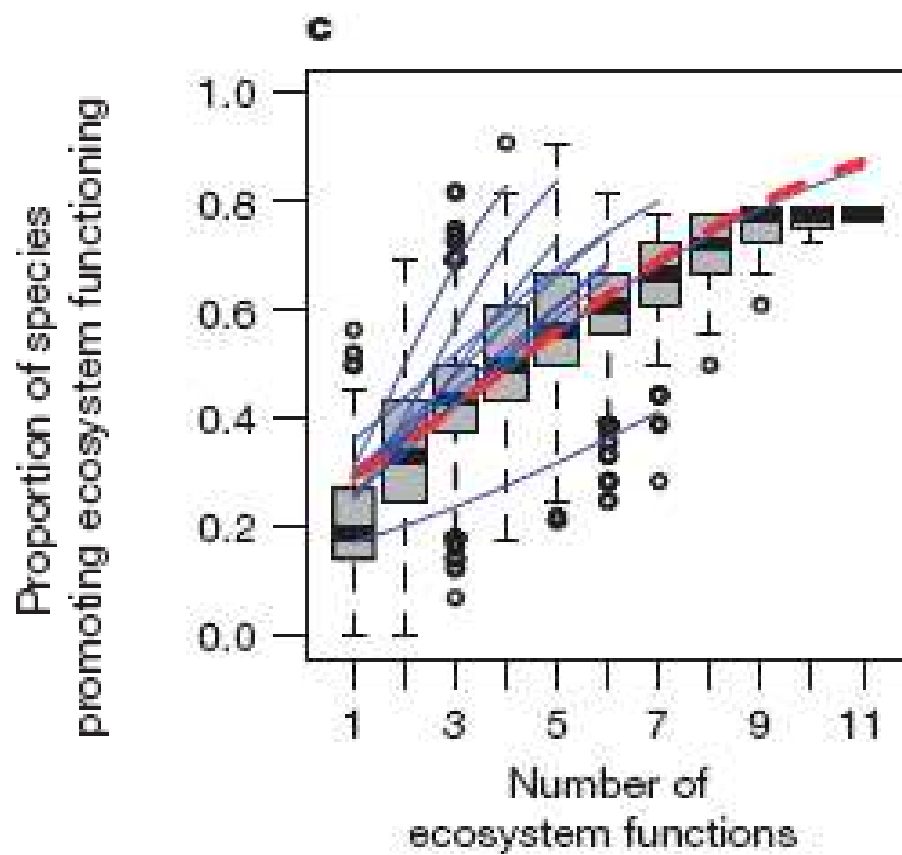


Proportion of species
promoting ecosystem functioning













- 70% των νέων φαρμάκων (την τελευταία 25/ετία) προέρχονται από φυτά
- <1% από τα είδη τροπικών φυτών έχουν εξεταστεί για φαρμακευτικές χρήσεις (ως το 2000)

