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REDD+ and biodiversity monitoring

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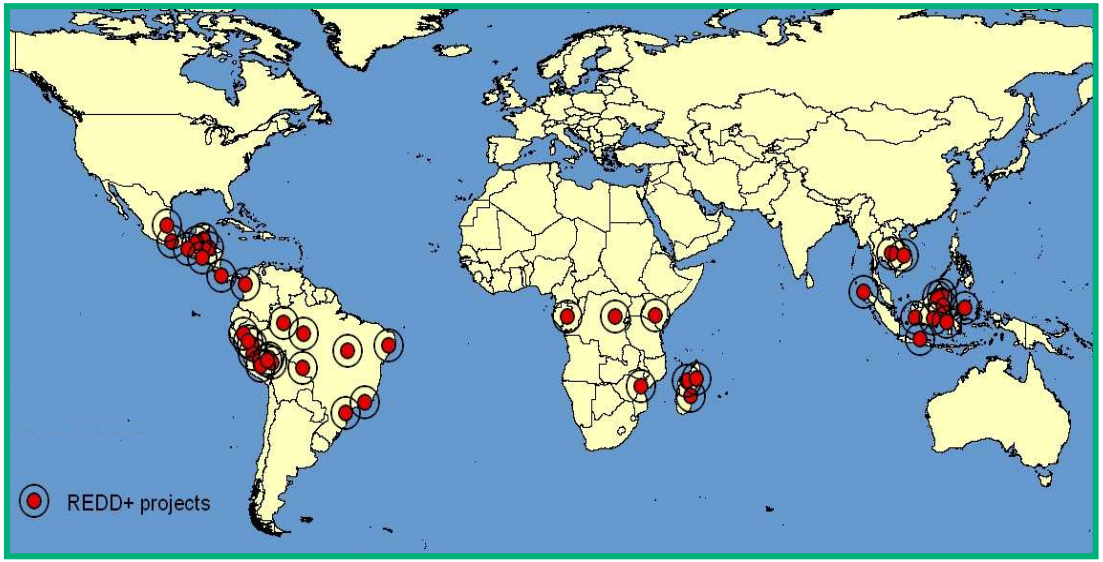
1. Introduction: Evolving landscape of REDD+ projects

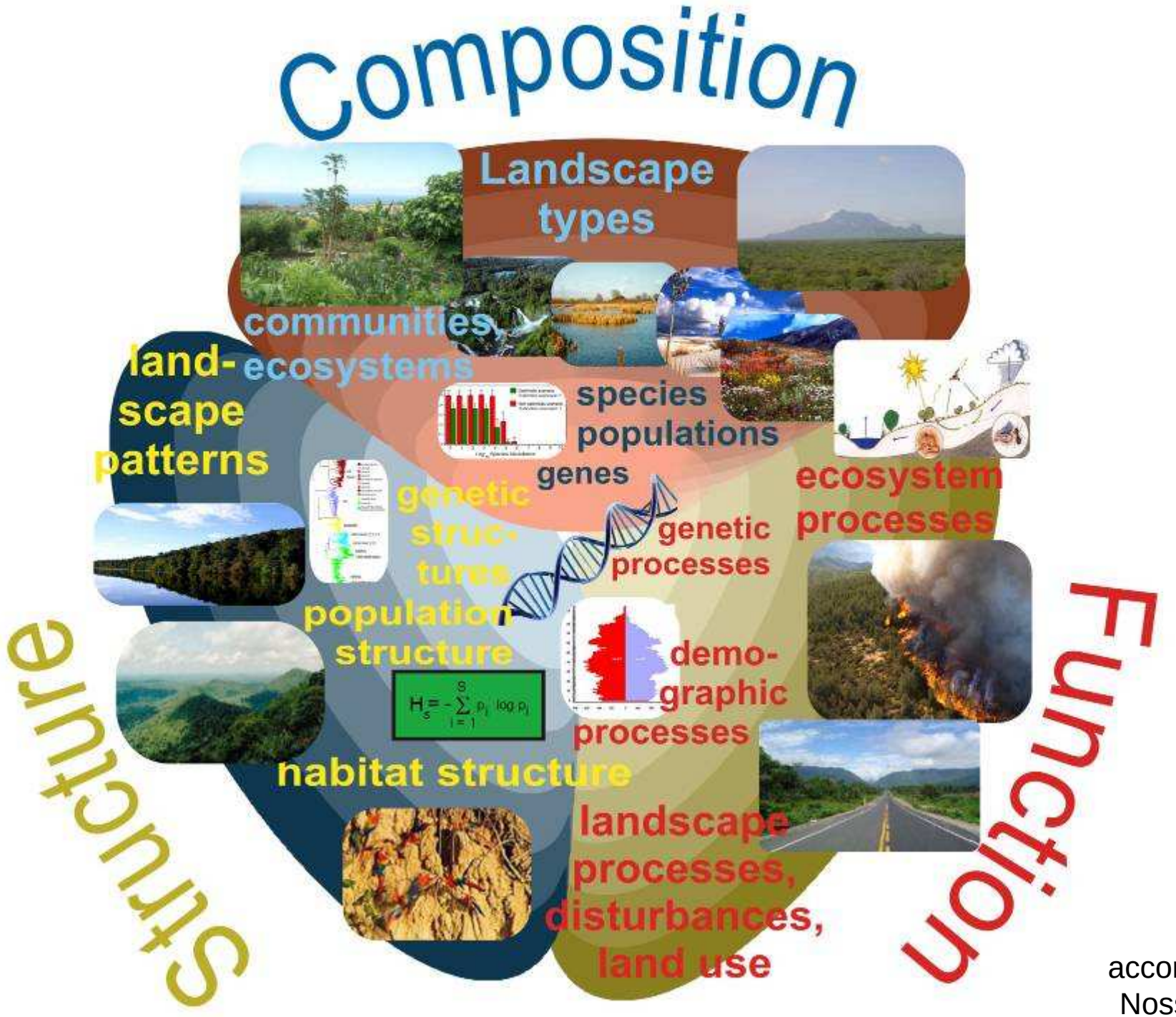
- **An increasing number of REDD+ demonstration activities, or REDD+ pilot projects, is currently developing.**
- **Priority on carbon sequestration, different objectives for biodiversity.**
- **How can the impact of the projects on bio-diversity be assessed?**
  - **Forest conservation**
  - **Enhancement of carbon stocks**



2. Approaches to biodiversity monitoring

- **Why do we need to monitor?**
  - **Data for management decisions, assessment of activities**
  - **In REDD+: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV) of the impacts on carbon stock**
- **Considerations of biodiversity monitoring in REDD+**
  - **International institutions, conventions and programmes**
    - **UN-REDD, FCPF**
  - **Carbon Standards**
    - **CCB Standard, VCS, Plan Vivo**
  - **Criteria to identify biodiversity**
    - **High Conservation Values**
    - **IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™**

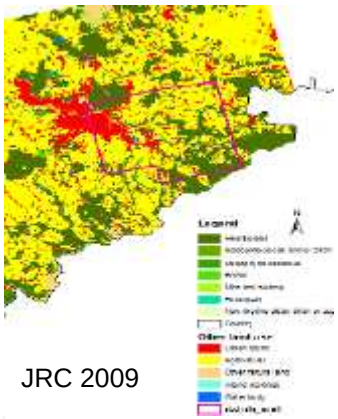
Threatened species of the day:



according to
Noss, 1990

2. Methodological approaches for biodiversity monitoring

- **Ground based**
  - **Expert-based methods**
    - **Elaborate monitoring schemes, e.g., transect methods, plot methods**
  - **Participatory methods**
    - **Simplified monitoring schemes, e.g., field diary, focus group discussions**
- **Remote sensing**
  - **Indirect methods**
    - **Forest structure, fragmentation**
  - **Direct methods**
    - **Species identification**



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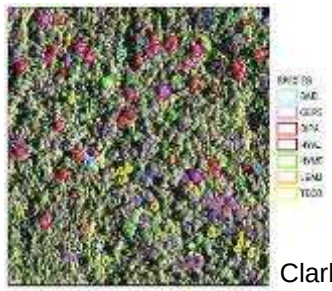


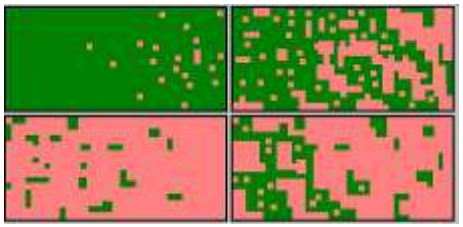
Clark *et al.* 2005

2. Can REDD+ support biodiversity monitoring?

- **Enhanced use of remote sensing**
- **Further testing of participatory methods**
- **Can cooperation be enhanced between stakeholders?**
  - **Combination of existing expertise.**
- **Is it useful establish a MRV system for biodiversity similar to MRV of carbon?**

2. Setting priorities in biodiversity monitoring in REDD+

- **Common indicators**
  - **Flagship or keystone species**
  - **Forest structure and fragmentation**



- **Which other aspects of biodiversity are important?**
  - **Ecosystem services (water supply, flood control, pollination, seed dispersal, soil erosion protection)**

3. Role of protected areas in REDD+

- **Are forest protected areas useful in identifying priority areas for REDD+?**
- **How can existing forest protection areas profit from REDD+?**
  - **Connectivity of protected areas?**
  - **What “services” are they supposed to deliver?**
  - **What about low-carbon protected areas?**

Open questions for working group 2

- **Which criteria and methods for the monitoring of forest biodiversity do exist? How can they be used in REDD+ projects?**
- **How could systems for biodiversity monitoring in REDD+ be designed?**
- **Which role do forest protected areas play in maximising synergies between carbon and biodiversity objectives?**