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Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature

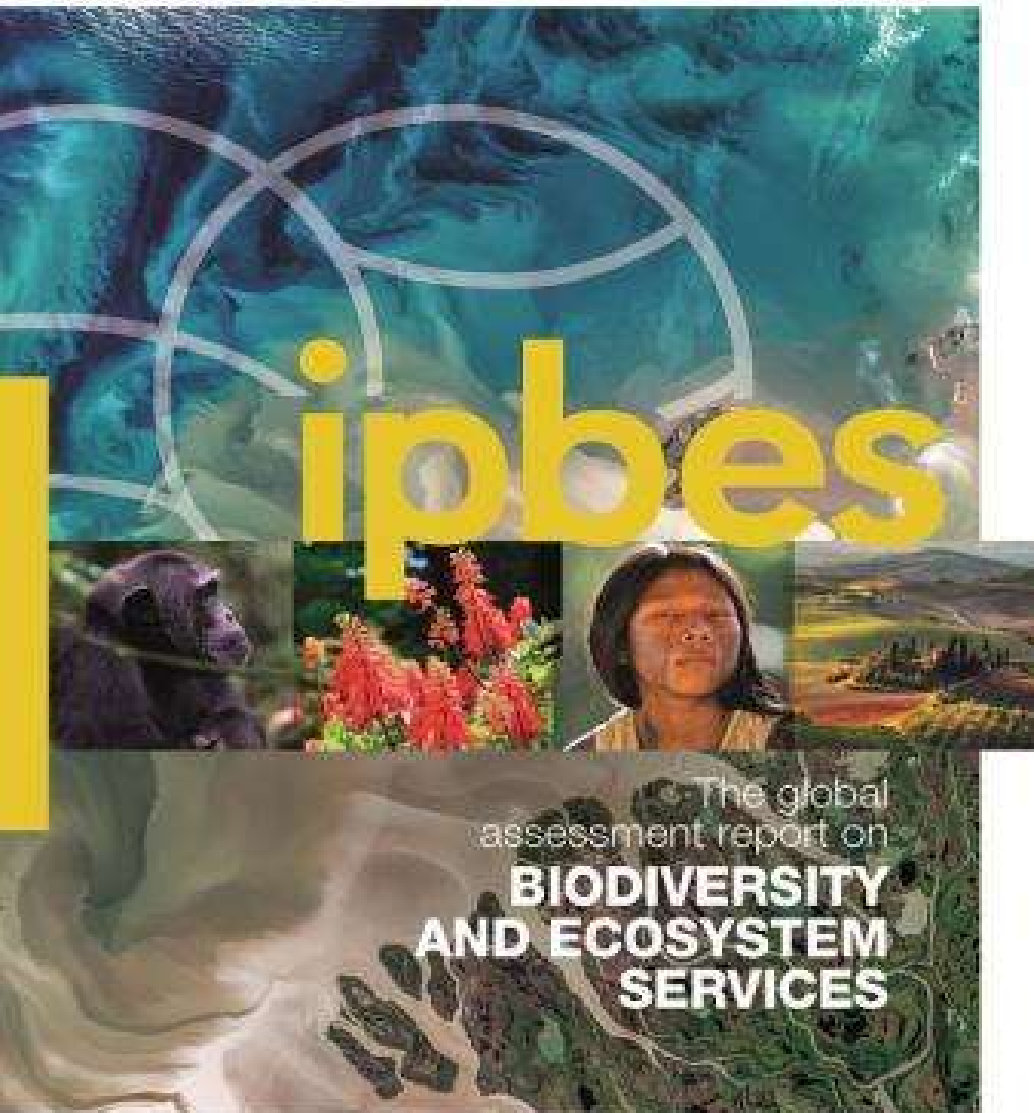
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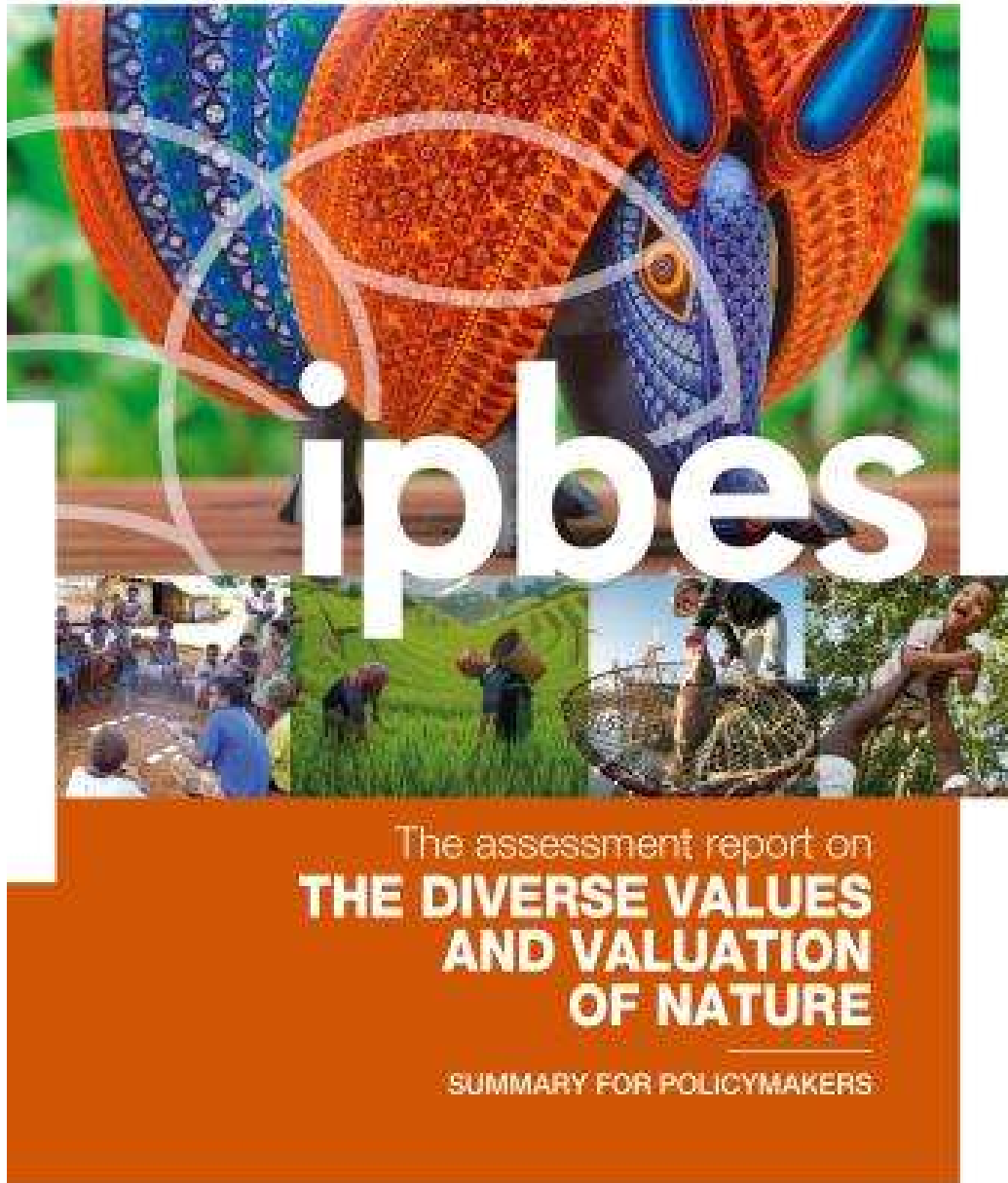
#ValuesAssessment



Global Assessment report



- Our wellbeing depends on nature's contributions to people (NCP)
- NCP are deteriorating



- 2018-2022
- > 50,000 documents reviewed
- > 7,000 comments received (3 external reviews)
- 300 experts from the world across many disciplines



A better understanding of nature's multiple values and benefits is essential for proper decisions affecting the use and conservation of our natural resources. This report offers a wide range of options, perspectives and approaches to help integrate nature's diverse values into policy (QU Dongyu Director-General, UN-FAO).

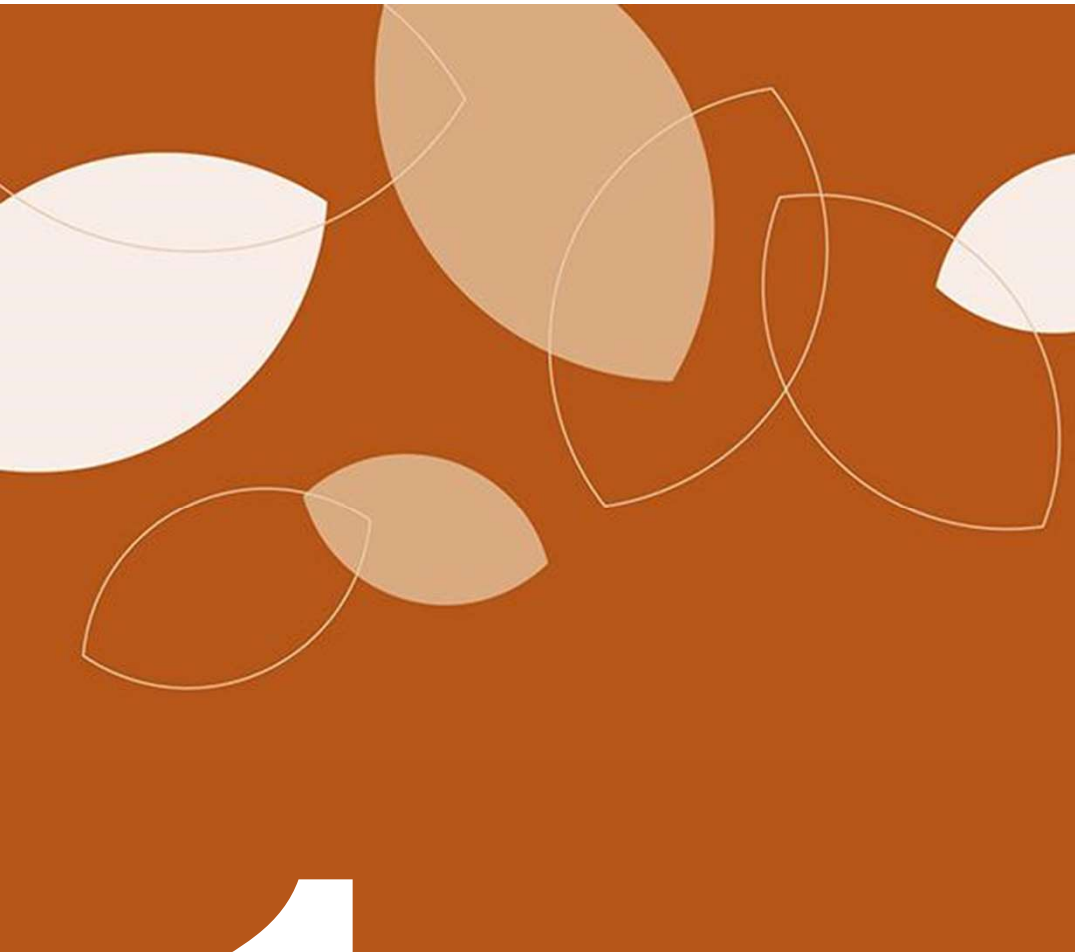
Implementing the goals and targets in this global biodiversity framework, absolutely is underpinned by knowledge of the different types of values of nature as demonstrated in the IPBES Values Assessment (Elizabeth Maruma Mrema Executive Secretary, CBD).

This report makes it clear that we must place science-based valuation of nature at the heart of economic decision making (Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Executive Director, UNEP).



The way nature is valued is one of the main drivers of the global biodiversity crisis but it is also an opportunity to address it.

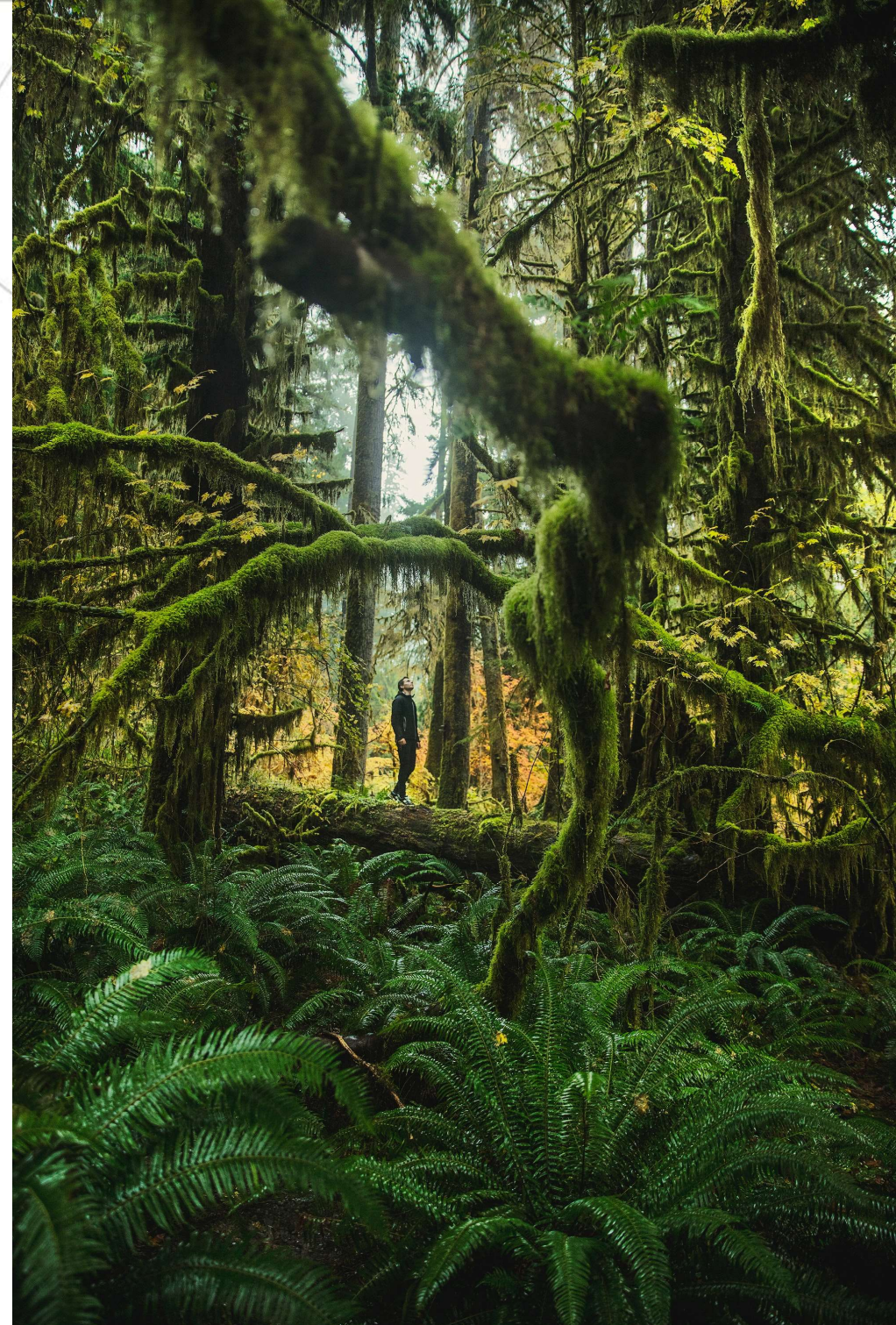




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- How do people value nature?

Over millennia, around the world, people have developed many ways of understanding and connecting with nature, leading to a large diversity of values of/about nature and its contributions to people.

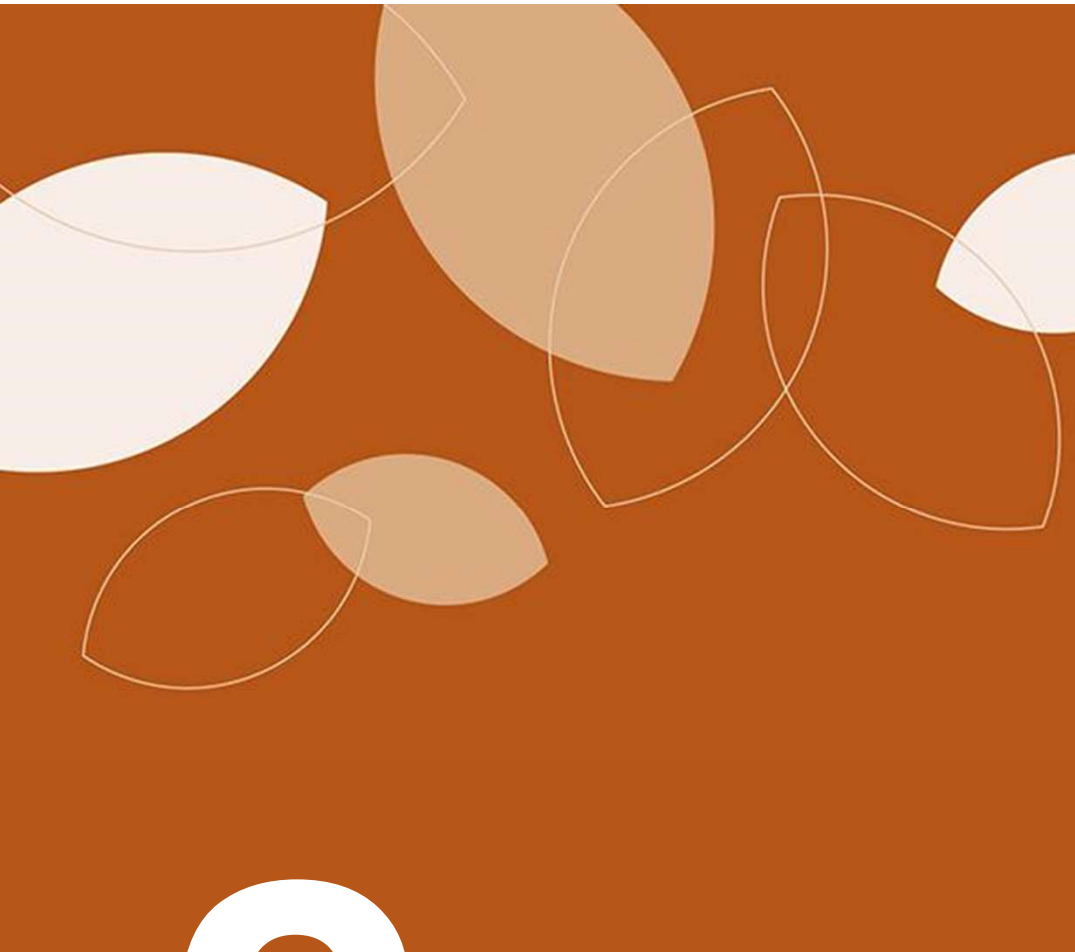


Economic and political decisions have predominantly prioritised market-based instrumental values of nature.



Ignoring, excluding or marginalizing local values often leads to socio-environmental conflicts which undermine the effectiveness of environmental policies.





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How to make the values of nature visible?





There is no shortage of approaches developed by scientists to estimate many of the different values of nature.

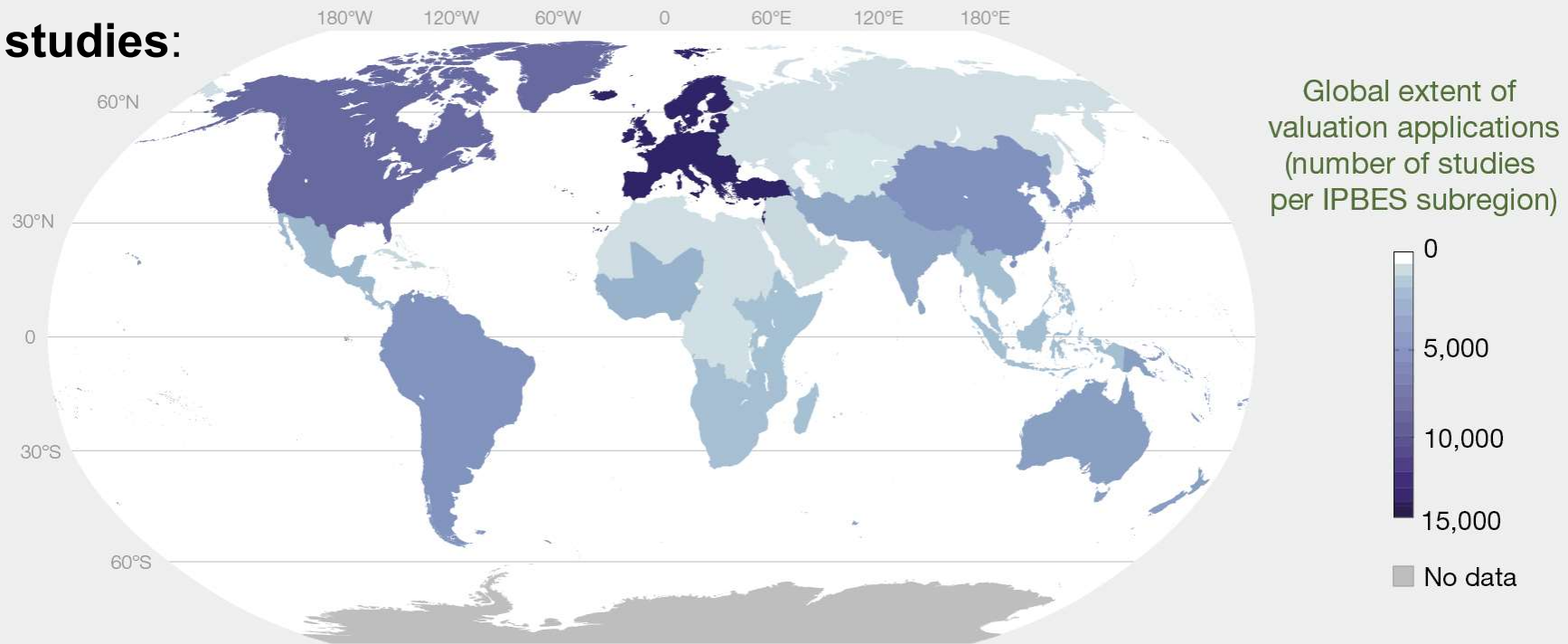
Uptake of valuation into decisions remains limited.

Less than 5% of published valuation studies report uptake of valuation into policy decisions.

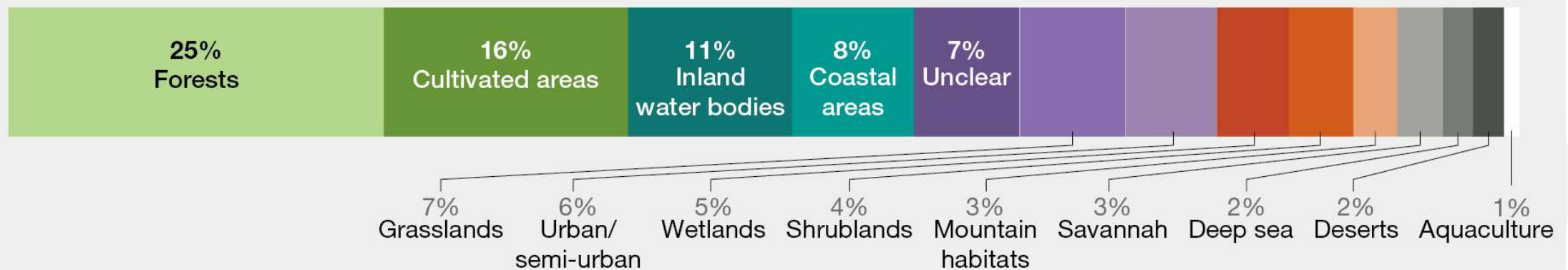


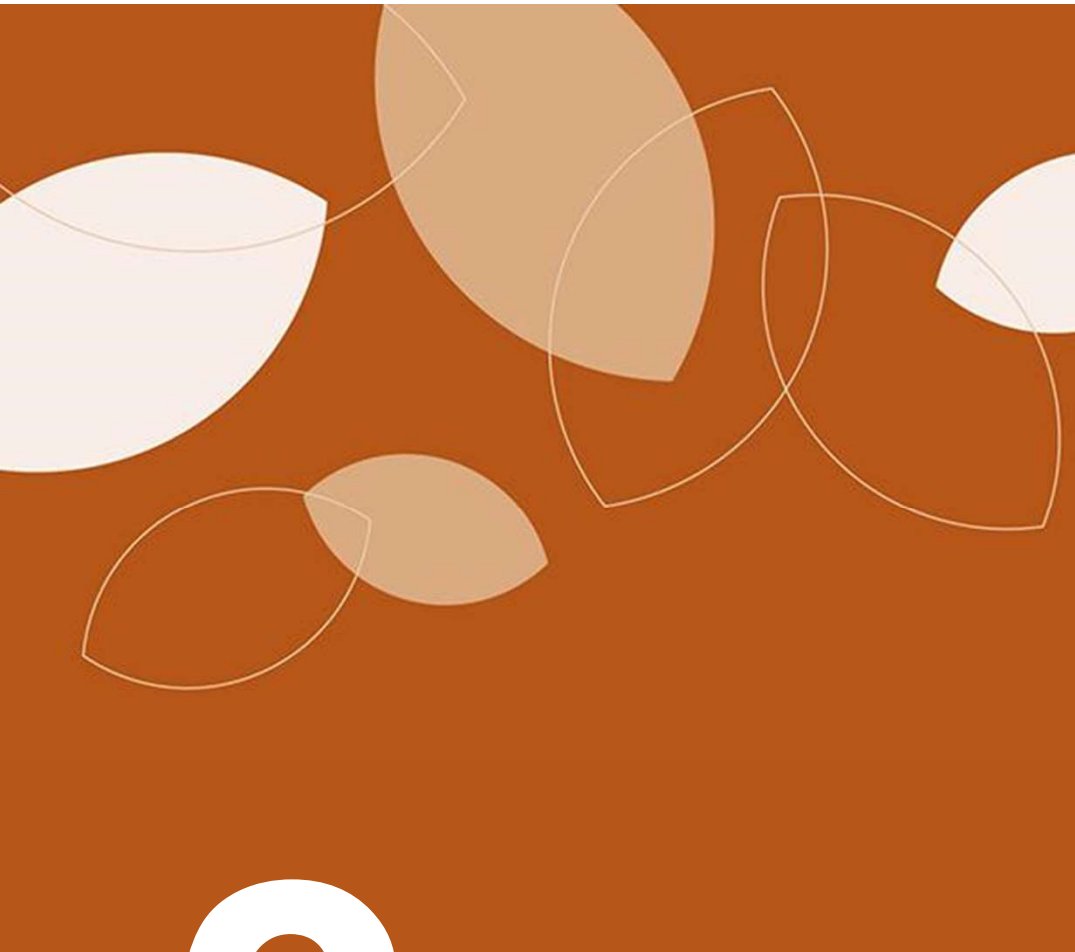
A Global distribution of valuation studies

48k georeferenced studies:



C Habitats in which valuation was applied



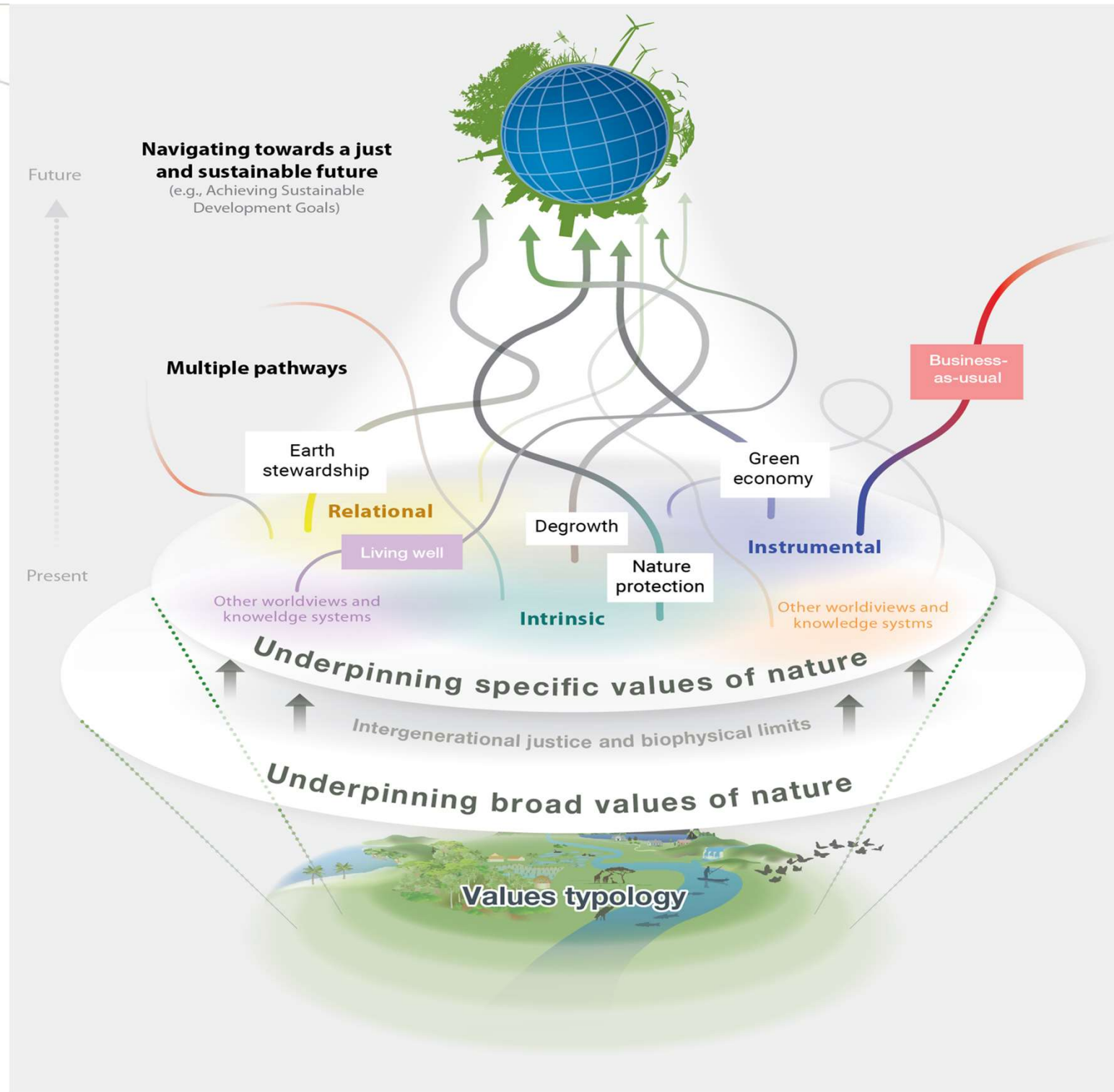


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■ How to align development paradigms with the values of nature?

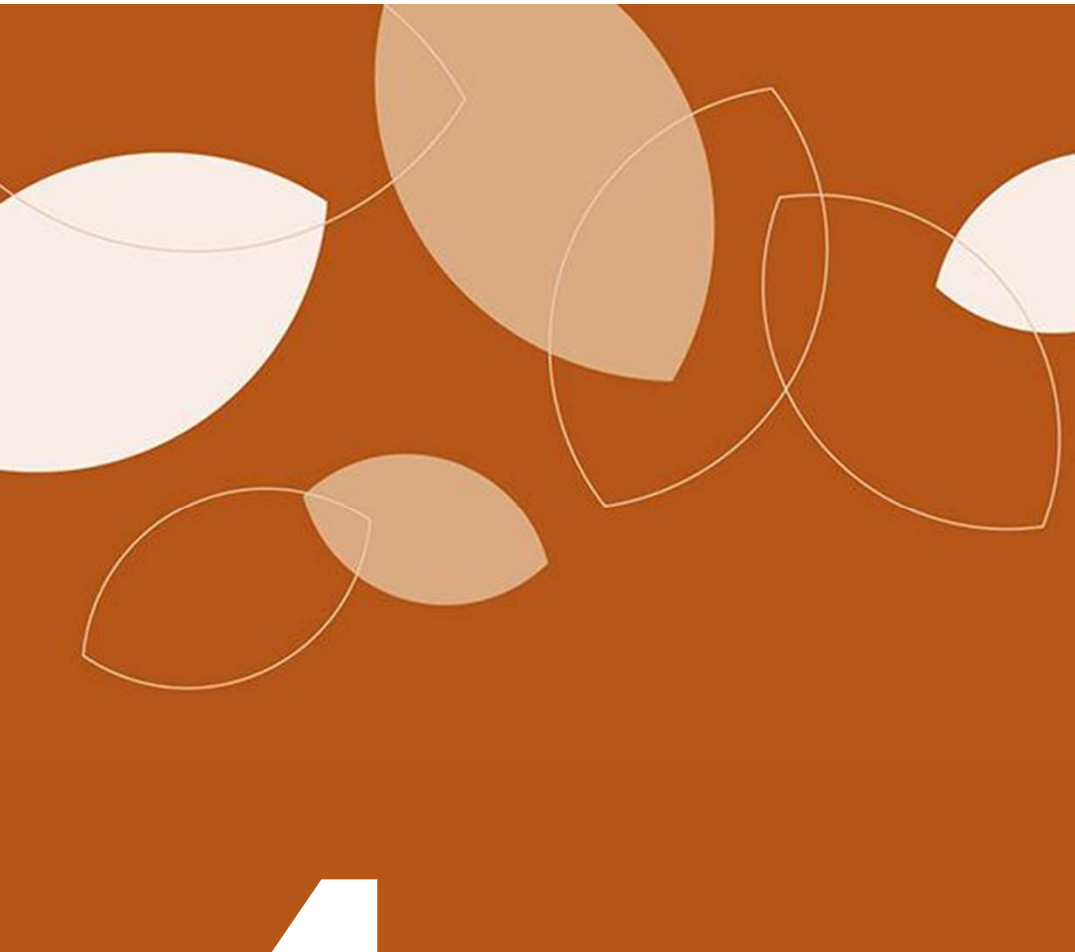


Transformative changes needed for sustainable development relies on shifting away from values that over-emphasize short term material gains.



Mobilising sustainability-aligned values involves empowering civil society and changing societal structures including norms and rules about our relationship to nature.



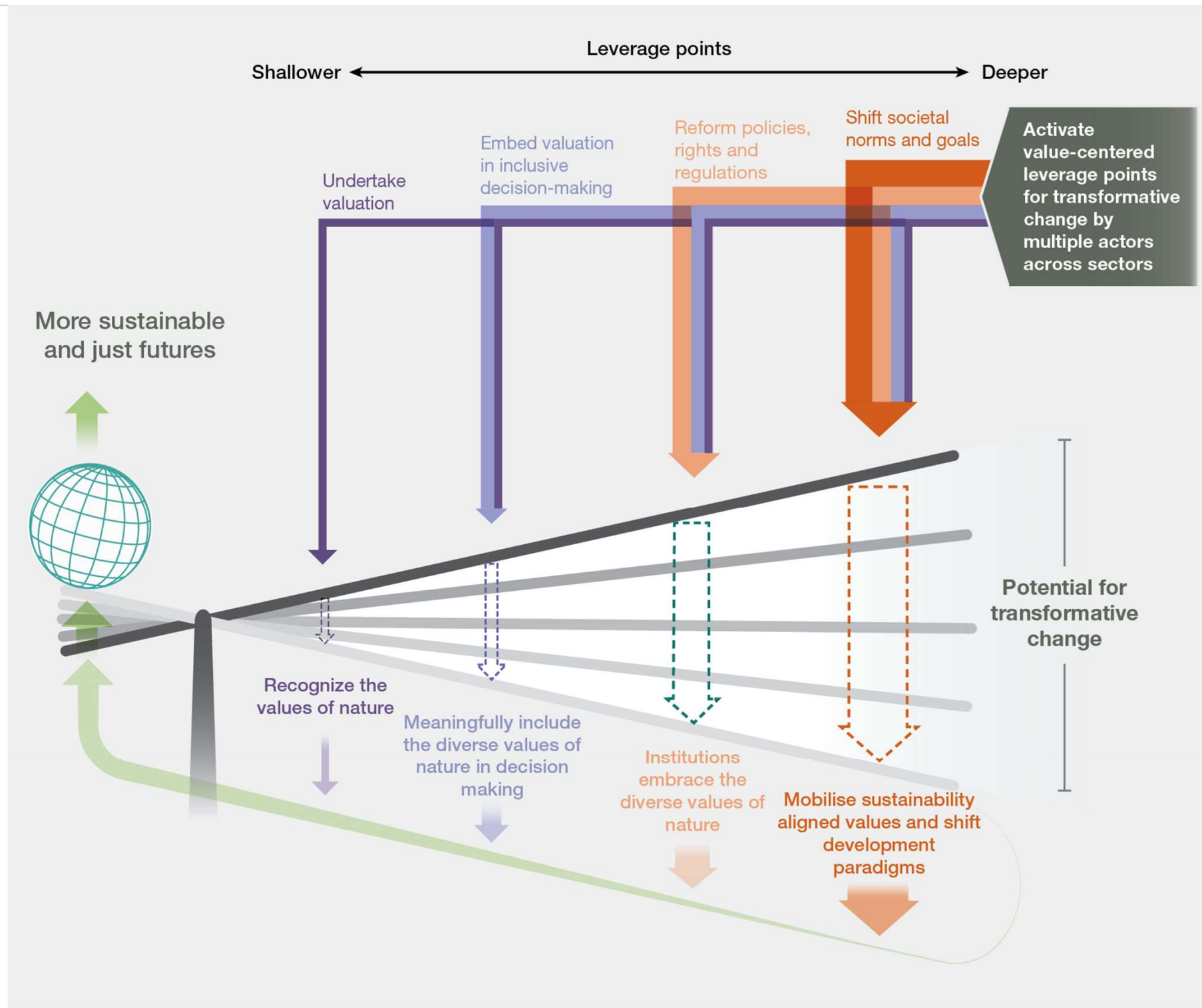


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How embedding nature's values in decisions can help address the nature crisis?



Four key *leverage points* can help catalyze transformation towards sustainable and just futures.



Scientists, policymakers and other societal actors can collaborate in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and implementing the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by ensuring due consideration of the diverse values of nature.

| Values-centered action points | STAKEHOLDERS | | | | | | |
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| | Inter-governmental organizations  | National and subnational governments  | Non-governmental organizations  | Academia  | Citizen groups/IPLCs  | Private sector  | Media  |
| Embed diverse values into decisions | Promote the incorporation of diverse values into national biodiversity strategies | Implement policies that articulate diverse values | Develop values-centred safeguards | Address knowledge gaps | Mobilise sustainability-aligned values | Implement standards for values-based corporate responsibility | Communicate on the diversity of values of nature |
| Foster policy coherence across sectors based on sustainability-aligned values | Align policy with value diversity | Establish coordination mechanisms among sectors around shared values | Foster initiatives to make visible diverse values | Advance inter and trans-disciplinary research on values | Advocate for recognition and respect for diverse values | Engage in cross sectoral dialogue to build shared values | Highlight stories of successful values alignment |
| Ensure representation of stakeholders' values | Develop standards for inclusive participation in decisions | Encourage participatory policy design | Support valuation uptake in policy decisions | Assess representation in valuation and outcomes | Promote respect for marginalised worldviews and values | Adopt practices of inclusive participation | Promote public debates on the diverse values of nature |
| Enable capacities to embed diverse values into decisions | Address barriers (e.g. understanding of trade-offs) to develop capacities of stakeholders | Enable mechanisms for policy uptake of plural valuation | Support capacity development activities based on nature's values | Build research programmes to strengthen the transformative potential of values-centred leverage points | Network to foster peer to peer learning | Support capacity development on values-based corporate sustainability standards | Train communication experts (including local communicators) on the role of nature's values |
| Strengthen co-learning among stakeholders to develop shared values | Promote projects that entail cross sectoral planning by highlighting best practices | Encourage collaborative learning across scales and sectors | Document good co-learning practices across actor groups | Promote research on values incorporating different knowledge systems | Support awareness raising among peers | Promote co-learning with affected stakeholders | Communicate on how shared values are built |
| Enhance resource mobilisation for plural valuation and policy uptake | Foster international commitments to undertake plural valuation and uptake | Allocate resources for capacity building to support uptake of valuation | Ensure project funding is targeted to addressing key gaps | Channel resources for plural valuation research | Support crowdfunding to enable wider participation in decision making | Allow for plural valuation and its uptake | Highlight gaps in resource availability |

5 take home messages

1. Nature is backbone and **foundation of our wellbeing** and economies
2. Values are diverse and **money cannot measure all** such values.
3. Nature's values must be taken into account in **all economic and political decision making** in a coherent way
4. Nature conservation and ecosystem restoration is an **investment, not a cost.**
5. Local values and national level values may not always match, so **negotiation processes** are key in all decision makings about nature.



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Thank you!

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Merci!