Scientific Consensus on

Maintaining Humanity's Life Support Systems in the 21st Century

Information for Policy Makers

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Earth is rapidly approaching a tipping point. Human impacts are causing alarming levels of harm to our planet. As scientists who study the interaction of people with the rest of the biosphere using a wide range of approaches, we agree that the evidence that humans are damaging their ecological life-support systems is overwhelming.

We further agree that, based on the best scientific information available, human quality of life will suffer substantial degradation by the year 2050 if we continue on our current path.

Science unequivocally demonstrates the human impacts of key concern:

- **Climate disruption** more, faster climate change than since humans first became a species
- **Extinctions** not since the dinosaurs went extinct have so many species and populations died out so fast, both on land and in the oceans.
- Wholesale loss of diverse ecosystems we have plowed, paved, or otherwise transformed more than 40% of Earth's ice-free land, and no place on land or in the sea is free of our direct or indirect influences.
- **Pollution** environmental contaminants in the air, water and land are at record levels and increasing, seriously harming people and wildlife in unforeseen ways.
- Human population growth and consumption patterns seven billion people alive today will likely grow to 9.5 billion by 2050, and the pressures of heavy material consumption among the middle class and wealthy may well intensify.

By the time today's children reach middle age, it is extremely likely that Earth's life-support

systems, critical for human prosperity and existence, will be irretrievably damaged by the magnitude, global extent, and combination of these human-caused environmental stressors, unless we take concrete, immediate actions to ensure a sustainable, high-quality future.

As members of the scientific community actively involved in assessing the biological and societal impacts of global change, we are sounding this alarm to the world. For humanity's continued health and prosperity, we all — individuals, businesses, political leaders, religious leaders, scientists, and people in every walk of life — must work hard to solve these five global problems, starting today:

1. Climate Disruption 2. Extinctions 3. Loss of Ecosystem Diversity 4. Pollution 5. Human Population Growth and Resource Consumption



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CLIMATE DISRUPTION

Reduce effects of climate disruption by decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and by implementing adaptation strategies to deal with the consequences of climate change already underway. Viable approaches include accelerating development and deployment of carbon-neutral energy technologies to replace fossil fuels; making buildings, transportation, manufacturing systems, and settlement patterns more energy-efficient; and conserving forests and regulating land conversion to maximize carbon sequestration. Adapting to the inevitable effects of climate change will be crucial for coastal areas threatened by sealevel rise; ensuring adequate water supplies to many major population centers; maintaining agricultural productivity; and for managing biodiversity and ecosystem reserves.

EXTINCTIONS

Slow the very high extinction rates that are leading to a global loss of biodiversity. Viable approaches include assigning economic valuation to the ways natural ecosystems contribute to human well-being and managing all ecosystems, both in human-dominated regions and in regions far from direct human influence, to sustain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services. It will be critical to develop cross-jurisdictional cooperation to recognize and mitigate the interactions of global pressures (for example, climate change, ocean acidification) and local pressures (land transformation, overfishing, poaching endangered species, etc.).

ECOSYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

Minimize transformation of Earth's remaining natural ecosystems into farms, suburbs, and other human constructs. Viable agricultural approaches include increasing efficiency in existing food-producing areas; improving food-distribution systems; and decreasing waste. Viable development approaches include enhancing urban landscapes to accommodate growth rather than encouraging suburban sprawl; siting infrastructure to minimize impacts on natural ecosystems; and investing in vital 'green infrastructure,' such as through restoring wetlands, oyster reefs, and forests to secure water quality, flood control, and boost access to recreational benefits.

POLLUTION

Curb the manufacture and release of toxic substances into the environment. Viable approaches include using current science about the molecular mechanisms of toxicity and applying the precautionary principle (verification of no harmful effects) to guide regulation of existing chemicals and design of new ones. We have the knowledge and ability to develop a new generation of materials that are inherently far safer than what is available today.

POPULATION GROWTH AND CONSUMPTION

Bring world population growth to an end as early as possible and begin a gradual decline. An achievable target is no more than 8.5 billion people by 2050 and a peak population size of no more than 9 billion, which through natural demographic processes can decrease to less than 7 billion by 2100. Viable approaches include ensuring that everyone has access to education, economic opportunities, and health care, including family planning services, with a special focus on women's rights.

Decrease per-capita resource use, particularly in developed countries. Viable approaches include improving efficiency in production, acquisition, trade, and use of goods and promoting environmentallyfriendly changes in consumer behavior.

Overall, we urge the use of the best science available to anticipate most-likely, worst-case, and best-case scenarios for 50 years into the future, in order to emplace policies that guide for environmental health over the long-term as well as adapting to immediate crises.

PURPOSE OF THIS CONSENSUS STATEMENT

Since about 1950, the world has been changing faster, and to a greater extent, than it has in the past 12,000 years. Balancing the positive changes against the negative ones will be the key challenge of the 21^{st} century.

Positive change has included the Green Revolution, which reduced world hunger (although 1 in 8 people still do not have enough to eat); new medical breakthroughs that have reduced infant and childhood mortality and allow people to live longer and more productive lives; access to myriad goods and services that increase wealth and comfort levels; and new technological breakthroughs, such as computers, cell phones, and the internet, that now connect billions of people throughout the world into a potential global brain.

In contrast, other changes, all interacting with each other, are leading humanity in dangerous directions: **climate disruption, extinction of biodiversity, wholesale loss of vast ecosystems, pollution, and ever-increasing numbers of people** competing for the planet's resources. Until now, these have often been viewed as "necessary evils" for progress, or collateral damage that, while unfortunate, would not ultimately stand in the way of serving the needs of people.

Several recent comprehensive reports by the scientific community, however, have now shown otherwise. Rather than simply being inconveniences, the accelerating trends of climate disruption, extinction, ecosystem loss, pollution, and human population growth in fact are threatening the life-support systems upon which we all depend for continuing the high quality of life that many people already enjoy and to which many others aspire.

The vast majority of scientists who study the interactions between people and the rest of the biosphere agree on a key conclusion: that the five interconnected dangerous trends listed above are having detrimental effects, and if continued, the already-apparent negative impacts on human quality of life will become much worse within a few decades. The multitude of sound scientific evidence to substantiate this has been summarized in many recent position papers and consensus statements (a few samples are listed on pp. 25-26), and documented in thousands of articles in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. However, the position papers and consensus statements typically focus only on a subset of the five key issues (for example, climate change, or biodiversity loss, or pollution), and access to the peer-reviewed literature is often difficult for non-scientists. As a result, policy makers faced with making critical decisions can find it cumbersome both to locate the pertinent information and to digest the thousands of pages through which it is distributed.

Here we provide a summary intended to:

Be useful to policy makers and others who need to understand the most serious environmentalhealth issues that affect both local constituencies and the entire planet.

Clearly voice the consensus of most scientists who study these issues that:

Climate disruption, extinction, ecosystem loss, pollution, and population growth are serious threats to humanity's well-being and societal stability; and

These five major threats do not operate independently of each other.

We also outline broad-brush actions that, from a scientific perspective, will be required to mitigate the threats. The intent is to provide information that will be necessary and useful if the desire of the general public, governments, and businesses is to maximize the chance that the world of our children and grandchildren will be at least as good as the one in which we live now.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: DANGEROUS TRENDS IN OUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

People have basic needs for food, water, health, and a place to live, and additionally have to produce energy and other products from natural resources to maintain standards of living that each culture considers adequate. Fulfilling all of these needs for all people is not possible in the absence of a healthy, well-functioning global ecosystem. The "global ecosystem" is basically the complex ways that all life forms on Earth — including us — interact with each other and with their physical environment (water, soil, air, and so on). The total of all those myriad interactions compose the planet's, and our, life support systems.

Humans have been an integral part of the global ecosystem since we first evolved; now we have become the dominant species in it. As such, we strongly influence how Earth's life support systems work, in both positive and negative ways. A key challenge in the coming decades is to ensure that the negative influences do not outweigh the positive ones, which would make the world a worse place to live. Robust scientific evidence confirms that five interconnected negative trends of major concern have emerged over the past several decades:

Disrupting the climate that we and other species depend upon.

Triggering a mass extinction of biodiversity.

Destroying diverse ecosystems in ways that damage our basic life support systems.

Polluting our land, water, and air with harmful contaminants that undermine basic biological processes, impose severe health costs, and undermine our ability to deal with other problems.

Increasing human population rapidly while relying on old patterns of production and consumption.

These five trends interact with and exacerbate each other, such that the total impact becomes worse than the simple sum of their parts.

Ensuring a future for our children and grandchildren that is at least as desirable as the life we live now will require accepting that we have already inadvertently pushed the global ecosystem in dangerous directions, and that we have the knowledge and power to steer it back on course — if we act now. Waiting longer will only make it harder, if not impossible, to be successful, and will inflict substantial, escalating costs in both monetary terms and human suffering.

The following pages summarize the causes of each of the five dangerous trends, why their continuation will harm humanity, how they interact to magnify undesirable impacts, and broad-brush solutions necessary to move the human race toward a sustainable, enjoyable future.

Definition of the five global crises summarized on the following pages will not be easy, but past experience demonstrates that problems of this huge scale are indeed solvable – if humanity is ready to rise to the challenge. Solutions will require the same things that worked successfully in dealing with past global crises: individual initiative, cooperation both within and across national boundaries, technological advances, and emplacing new infrastructure. Individual initiative has seldom been in short supply and continues to be a powerful human resource. Successful global-through-local cooperation resulted in ending World War II and rebuilding afterwards; banning use of nuclear weapons; dramatically increasing global food production with the Green Revolution and averting food crises through United Nations initiatives; greatly reducing the use of persistent toxic chemicals like DDT; reversing stratospheric ozone depletion (the "ozone hole"); and diminishing infectious diseases such as malaria and polio worldwide.

Likewise, past technological advances and the building of new infrastructure have been remarkable and commensurate in scale with what is needed to fix today's problems. For instance, in just seven years, responding to demands of World War II, the United States built its airplane fleet from about 3100 to 300,000 planes, and beginning in the 1950s, took less than 50 years to build 47,000 miles (75,639 km) of interstate highways — enough paved roads to encircle Earth almost twice. Over about the same time, 60% of the world's largest rivers were re-plumbed with dams. In about 30 years, the world went from typewriters and postage stamps to hand-held computers and the internet, now linking a third of the world's population. During the same time we leapfrogged from about 310 million dial-up, landline phones to 6 *billion* mobile phones networked by satellites and presently connecting an estimated 3.2 billion people.

In the context of such past successes, the current problems of climate disruption, extinction, ecosystem loss, pollution, and growing human population and consumption are not too big to solve in the coming 30 to 50 years. Indeed, the scientific, technological, and entrepreneurial pieces are in place, and encouraging initiatives and agreements have begun to emerge at international, national, state, and local levels. Moreover, today's global connectivity is unprecedented in the history of the world, offering the new opportunity for most of the human population to learn of global problems and to help coordinate solutions.

Three key lessons emerge from the examples given above. The first is that global-scale problems must be acknowledged before they can be solved. The second is that fixing them is imminently possible through 'win-win' interactions between local communities, where solutions are actually developed and always emplaced, and higher levels of government, which define priorities backed by clear incentives. The third very important lesson is that big problems cannot be fixed overnight. Given inherent lag times in changing climate, building infrastructure, changing societal norms, and slowing population growth, actions taken today will only begin to bear full fruit in a few decades. If, for example, we move most of the way towards a carbon-neutral energy system by 2035, climate still will not stabilize before 2100, and it will still be a different climate than we are used to now. But, if we delay action to 2035, not only will climate disruption continue to worsen, but efforts at mitigation and adaptation will cost dramatically more; climate would not stabilize until well after the year 2100, and when it did, it would be at an average climate state that is far more disruptive to society than would have been the case if we had acted earlier. Similar costs of delay accrue for the other problems as well; indeed, delaying action on those problems will lead to irretrievable losses of species, ecosystems, and human health and prosperity. Starting *today* to diffuse the global crises we now face is therefore crucial.

CLIMATE DISRUPTION

t is now clear that people are changing Earth's climate by adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere primarily through the burning of coal, oil (and its by-products like gasoline, diesel, etc.), and natural gas¹. The overall trend, still continuing, has been to raise the average temperature of the planet over the course of the last century, and especially the last 60 years. Raising average global temperature causes local changes in temperature, in amount and timing of rainfall and snowfall, in length and character of seasons, and in the frequency of extreme storms, floods, droughts, and wildfires^{1,2}. Sealevel rise is a particular concern in coastal areas¹⁻⁴. Such impacts directly influence the wellbeing of people through damaging their livelihoods, property, and health, and indirectly through increasing potentials for societal conflict. Recent examples include the flooding from superstorm Sandy on the east coast of the United States, record wildfires and drought throughout the western United States and Australia, heat waves and drought in Europe, and floods in Pakistan, all of which occurred in 2012 and 2013.



CAUSES FOR CONCERN

Even best-case emissions scenarios (the IPCC B1 scenario)¹ project that Earth will be hotter than the human species has ever seen by the year 2070, possibly sooner^{1,5}. Continuing current emission trends⁶ would, by the time today's children grow up and have grandchildren (the year 2100), likely^a cause average global temperature to rise between 4.3-11.5°F (2.4-6.4°C), with the best estimate being 7.2° F (4°C)¹. The last time average global temperature was 7.2° F hotter was some 14 million years ago. The last time it was 11.5° F hotter was about 38 million years ago⁷.

Impacts that would be detrimental to humanity by 2100, if not before, should greenhouse gas emissions continue at their present pace, include the following^{2,8-10}.

Longer and more intense heat waves. The 1-in-20 year hottest day is likely^a to become a 1-in-2 year event^b by the end of the 21st century in most regions². Such effects already are being observed — in 2013, temperatures in Australia rose so much that weather maps had to add two new colors to express the new hot extremes. Some models indicate that the current trajectory of warming, if continued to the year 2100, would cause some areas where people now live to be too hot for humans to survive¹¹.

The main greenhouse gases emitted by human activities are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (NO). Of these, CO₂ is particularly important because of its abundance. Humanproduced ozone-forming chemicals also are contributing to climate change.

^a The term "likely" in this context implies that there is a 66-100% chance of the effect occurring. Usage here follows definitions explained in IPCC publications. See reference 1 and 2.

^b For the IPCC A1B and A2 emissions scenarios, see reference 2.

More frequent damaging storms. The 1-in-20 year annual maximum daily precipitation amount is likely^a to become a 1-in-5 to 1-in-15 year event by the end of the 21st century in many regions^c. Cyclone wind speeds are likely^a to increase. Cities would experience the extent of damage caused by superstorm Sandy on a more frequent basis.

Major damage to coastal cities as sea level rises. The extent of sea-level rise will depend in part on how fast glaciers melt. Low-end projections¹ call for a rise in sea level of 0.6-1.9 feet (0.18 to 0.59 meter) by 2100; high-end projections suggest seas rising as high as 2.6-13.1 feet (0.8-4.0 meters)^{3,4,9}. Raising sea level to even the lower estimates would flood large parts of major cities worldwide and force the permanent resettlement of millions of people; about 100 million people now live less than 3.3 feet (1 meter) above mean sea level¹².

Water shortages in populous parts of the world. Cities and farmlands that rely on the seasonal accumulation of snow pack and slow spring melt, arid regions that apportion water from major rivers, and regions that depend on water from glacier melt all are at risk¹².

Local reduction of crop yields. New climate patterns will change which crops can be grown in which areas. Some regions are projected to experience overall declines: for instance, cereal crop production is expected to fall in areas that now have the highest population density and/or the most undernourished people, notably most of Africa and India¹². Key crop-growing areas, such as California, which provides half of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables for the United States, will experience uneven effects across crops, requiring farmers to adapt rapidly to changing what they plant^{13,14}.

Economic losses, social strife and political unrest. Damage to coastal areas, flooding of ports, water shortages, adverse weather and shifts in crop-growing areas, creation of new shipping lanes, and competition for newly accessible arctic resources all will complicate national and international relations, and cost billions of dollars^{9,10,14,15}. For instance, the New York Times reported^d that by the first months of 2013, United States taxpayers had already paid \$7 billion to subsidize farmers for crops that failed because of extreme drought, and that figure is anticipated to rise as high as \$16 billion.

Spread of infectious disease. As temperate regions warm, costly and debilitating mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria are expected to increase in both developed and developing nations¹⁶. Indeed, expansion of West Nile virus into the United States beginning in 1999 has already occurred, and bluetongue virus, a costly livestock disease carried by midges, has expanded northward into central and northern Europe in the past decade. Besides human suffering, the human-health costs caused by climate change are anticipated to be \$2-4 billion per year by 2030¹⁶.

Pest expansions that cause severe ecological and economic losses. For example, over the past two decades, millions of acres of western North American forests have been killed by pine beetles whose populations have exploded as a result of warmer winter temperatures – previously, extreme winter cold prevented abundant beetle survival¹⁷. The beetle kill reduces wood production and sales, and lowers property values in developed areas.

Major damage to unique ecosystems. Warming and acidification of ocean water is expected to destroy a large portion of the world's coral reefs, essentially the "rainforests of the sea", so-called because they host most of the oceans' biodiversity^{9,18}. On land, forests worldwide face drought-induced decline, both in dry and wet regions¹⁹. This is especially problematic in many tropical and subtropical forests²⁰, which are the cradles of most terrestrial biodiversity.

^c For the IPCC B1, A1B, and A2 emissions scenarios, see reference 2.

^d Ron Nixon, January 15, 2013, Record taxpayer cost is seen for crop insurance, New York Times.

Extinction of species. Currently at least 20-40% of assessed species – amounting to a minimum of 12,000-24,000 species – are possibly at increased risk of extinction if mean global temperature increases $2.7-4.5^{\circ}F$ ($1.5-2.5^{\circ}C$)^{1,12}. Current emissions trends are on track for a $7.2^{\circ}F$ ($4^{\circ}C$) rise in global mean temperature by 2100, which would put many more species at risk⁹. The situation with population extinctions is much worse, with much higher extinction rates in the basic unit of biodiversity that supplies ecosystem services²¹.

SOLUTIONS

Avoiding the worst impacts of human-caused climate change will require reducing emissions of greenhouse gases substantially^{6,9} and quickly²². For instance, in order to stabilize atmospheric concentrations of CO_2 at 450 parts per million by the year 2050, which would give a 50% chance of holding global temperature rise to 2°C, emissions would have to be decreased 5.1% per year for the next 38 years. This rate of reduction has not been achieved in any year in the past six decades, which puts the magnitude and urgency of the task in perspective⁶.

However, reducing emissions to requisite values over the next 50 years appears possible through coordinated innovation and deployment of new transportation and energy systems, which can be accomplished largely with existing technology²³⁻²⁶. This will require rapid scaling-up of carbon-neutral energy production (solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, hydrogen fuel-cells, nuclear, microbe-based biofuels) to replace energy production from fossil fuels. In the transitional decades when fossil fuels will continue to be in widespread use, increased efficiency in energy use (better gas mileage for cars and trucks, more energy-efficient buildings, etc.) will be necessary, as will phasing out coal-fired power plants in favor of lower-emissions facilities (natural gas). While fossil fuels remain in use during the transitional period, carbon capture and storage (CCS) from major emitters like cement and steel plants will probably be necessary. Scaling up carbon-neutral energy production fast enough will likely require legislation and government policies designed to stimulate the right kinds of innovations and realign the economic landscape for energy production^{24,27}.

Some effects of climate change already are underway (sea level rise, higher frequency of extreme weather, etc.). Plans to adapt to unavoidable climate changes will need to be developed and implemented for cities and public lands. Keeping agricultural areas productive will require changing the crops grown in some places, and ensuring seed stocks that are adapted to new climates. Ultimate monetary costs for climate mitigation and adaptation grow substantially each year action is postponed^{13,22}.

"The world needs another industrial revolution in which our sources of energy are affordable, accessible and sustainable. Energy efficiency and conservation, as well as decarbonizing our energy sources, are essential to this revolution."

S. Chu and A. Majumdar, 2012, ref. 24

EXTINCTIONS

Biological extinctions cannot be reversed and therefore are a particularly destructive kind of global change. Even the most conservative analyses indicate that human-caused extinction of other species is now proceeding at rates that are 3-80 times faster than the extinction rate that prevailed before people were abundant on Earth²⁸, and other estimates are much higher²⁹⁻³². If the current rate of extinction is not slowed for species and their constituent populations, then within as little as three centuries the world would see the loss of 75% of vertebrate species (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish), as well as loss of many species of other kinds of animals and plants²⁸. Earth has not seen that magnitude of extinction since an asteroid hit the planet 65 million years ago, killing the dinosaurs and many other species. Only five times in the 540 million years since complex life forms dominated Earth have mass extinctions occurred at the scale of what current extinction rates would produce; those mass extinctions killed an estimated 75%-96% of the species known to be living at the time.

Currently, sound scientific criteria document that at least 23,000 species are threatened with extinction, including 22% of mammal species, 14% of birds, 29% of evaluated reptiles, as many as 43% of amphibians, 29% of evaluated fish, 26% of evaluated invertebrate animals, and 23% of plants³³⁻³⁵. Populations—groups of interacting individuals that are the building blocks of species—are dying off at an even faster rate than species. The extinction of local populations, in fact, represents the strongest pulse of contemporary biological extinction. For example, since 1970 some 30% of all vertebrate populations have died out³⁶, and most species have experienced loss of connectivity between populations because of human-caused habitat fragmentation. Healthy species are composed of many, interconnected populations; rapid population loss, and loss of connectivity between populations, are thus early warning signs of eventual species extinction.

CAUSES FOR CONCERN

The world's plants, animals, fungi, and microbes are the working parts of Earth's life-support systems. Losing them imposes direct economic losses, lessens the effectiveness of nature to serve our needs ("ecosystem services," see next page), and carries significant emotional and moral costs.

Economic losses. At least 40% of the world's economy and 80% of the needs of the poor are derived from biological resources¹². In the United States, for example, commercial fisheries, some of which rely on species in which the majority of populations have already gone extinct, provide approximately one million jobs and \$32 billion in income annually³⁷. Internationally, ecotourism, driven largely by the opportunity to view currently threatened species like elephants, lions, and cheetahs, supplies 14% of Kenya's GDP (in 2013)³⁸ and 13% of Tanzania's (in 2001)³⁹, and in the Galapagos Islands, ecotourism contributed 68% of the 78% growth in GDP that took place from 1999-2005⁴⁰. Local economies in the United States also rely on revenues generated by ecotourism linked to wildlife resources: for example, in the year 2010 visitors to Yellowstone National Park, which attracts a substantial number of tourists lured by the prospect of seeing wolves and grizzly bears, generated \$334 million and created more than 4,800 jobs for the surrounding communities⁴¹. In 2009, visitors to Yosemite National Park created 4,597 jobs in the area, and generated \$408 million in sales revenues, \$130 million in labor income, and \$226 million in value added⁴².

Loss of basic services in many communities. Around the world, indigenous and rural communities depend on the populations of more than 25,000 species for food, medicine, and shelter⁴³.

Loss of ecosystem services. Extinctions irreversibly decrease biodiversity, which in turn directly costs society through loss of ecosystem services⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶. "Ecosystem services" (see the box) are attributes of ecological systems that serve people. Among the ecosystem services that support human life and endeavors are: moderating weather; regulating the water cycle, stabilizing water supplies; filtering drinking water; protecting agricultural soils and replenishing their nutrients; disposing of wastes; pollinating crops and wild plants; providing food from wild species (especially seafood); stabilizing fisheries; providing medicines and pharmaceuticals; controlling spread of pathogens; and helping to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere^{34,45}. In contrast to such directly quantifiable benefits promoted by high biodiversity, reducing biodiversity generally reduces the productivity of ecosystems, reduces their stability, and makes them prone to rapidly changing in ways that are clearly detrimental to humanity⁴⁵. For example, among other costs, the loss of tropical biodiversity from deforestation often changes local or regional climate, leading to more frequent floods and droughts and declining productivity of local agricultural systems. Tropical deforestation can also cause new diseases to emerge in humans, because people more often encounter and disrupt animal vectors of disease^{47,48}.

Intangible values. Continuing extinction at the present pace would considerably degrade quality of life for hundreds of millions of people who find emotional and aesthetic value in the presence of iconic species in natural habitats. In this context species are priceless, in the sense of being infinitely valuable. An apt metaphor is a Rembrandt or other unique work of art that evokes exceptional human feelings, and whose loss would be generally recognized as making humanity poorer.

The world's ecosystems are *Natural Capital* that provides vital benefits called *Ecosystem Services* necessary for:

Production of goods (crops, timber, seafood)

Life-support systems (provision and purification of water, buffering against storms, floods, and droughts)

Life-fulfilling amenities (beauty, opportunity for recreation, and the associated physical and mental health benefits)

Options (genetic diversity for future use in agriculture, energy, pharmaceuticals and other industries)

Modified from G. Daily et al., 2000, ref. 46

CHIEF DRIVERS OF EXTINCTION

The main drivers of human-caused extinction^{28,30-32,35,49} are:

Habitat destruction from ecosystem transformation. Such practices as unsustainable forestry and conversion of land to agriculture, suburban sprawl, and roads, all cause both habitat destruction and habitat fragmentation. In particular, logging and clearing of tropical rainforests for ranching or farming permanently destroys the habitats for vast numbers of species. Such areas are among the most important reservoirs of terrestrial biodiversity, harboring thousands of unique

species and plant and animal functional groups (ecological niches) found nowhere else⁴³. In the oceans, habitat destruction and fragmentation results from pollution, trawling, shipping traffic, and shipping noise (sonar, etc.).

Environmental contamination. Environmental contamination from human-made chemicals contributes to extinction pressures by destroying habitats (for instance, mine dumps, oil spills and agricultural runoff), by direct toxic effects of pollutants, and through subtle effects on animals' immune and reproductive systems.

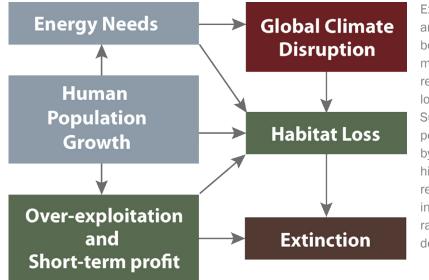
Climate change. Extinctions result when species cannot move fast enough to find climatic refuges as the climate becomes unsuitable where they now live; when climate changes such that it exceeds their physiological, developmental, or evolutionary tolerances; or when critical species interactions (the way one species depends on the next) are disrupted⁵⁰. On land, models predict that by the year 2100, between 12% and 39% of the planet will have developed climates that no living species has ever experienced, and conversely, the climate that many species currently live in will disappear from 10% to 48% of Earth's surface⁵¹. These changes will be most pronounced in areas that currently harbor most of the world's biodiversity. In the oceans, acidification, a by-product of climate change that disrupts growth and development of marine organisms, is of particular concern, because it prevents marine shelly animals such as clams and oysters from building their shell, and causes collapse of the physical reef infrastructure on which most marine species ultimately depend.

Intensive exploitation of wild species for profit. Some iconic species, such as elephants, rhinoceroses, and tigers are being hunted to extinction to sell their tusks, horns, or other body parts to be made into curios or for purported health products. For example, the demand for ivory from elephant tusks, primarily from Asian markets, has driven the price high enough that elephant poaching has now become a lucrative source of income for international crime rings and terrorist organizations. Other species are being over-utilized as marketable food—this is especially a problem for many ocean fisheries, such as those for Bluefin tuna and Atlantic cod. Demand is outstripping supply for such species—there are now seven times as many humans on the planet as there are wild salmon⁵⁴. In the same vein, the dramatic and rapid clearing of rainforests is motivated by immediate economic profit. In all of these cases, the one-time gain in profit (which benefits relatively few people) is a pittance compared to the loss of natural capital, which supplies important benefits locally and globally for the long term. In economic terms, it is analogous to spending down the principal of an investment rather than living off the interest.



If current rates of elephant poaching continue, there would be no more wild elephants* on Earth within 20-30 years. The bulk of the short-term profits go to organized crime and terrorist groups. In contrast, revenues from ecotourism are sustainable for the long run and contribute directly to local economies.

^{*} This assumes continuation of the annual rate of about 25,000 elephants killed in 2011, and a world population of between 420,000-650,000 African elephants⁵² plus about 50,000 Asian elephants⁵³.



Extinction rates are now too high because old models of natural resource use are no longer sustainable. Supplying 7 billion people (9.5 billion by 2050) with a high quality of life requires investing in nature's capital, rather than spending down its principal.

SOLUTIONS

Because species losses accrue from global pressures, and species and ecosystem distributions transcend political boundaries, solutions to the extinction crisis require coordination between local actions, national laws, and international agreements, as well as strict enforcement of policies^{35,55}. Such a multi-jurisdictional approach is essential to prevent illegal trafficking in wildlife products; enhance protection of species in public reserves; and develop effective policies to ensure sustainable fisheries³⁵. Management plans for individual species, as well as for public lands and marine protected areas, will need to include adaptation to climate change^{5,9,28,35,56}. Assessment of species risks will need to be accelerated³³, particularly for invertebrate species³⁴ and fish.

In addition, it will be necessary to address the root causes of climate change and unnecessary ecosystem transformation (see those sections of this consensus statement, pp. 4 and 11). An important part of the solution will be economic valuation of natural capital and ecosystem services, such that global, regional, and local economies account for the benefits of banking natural capital for the long run, rather than irretrievably depleting finite species resources for short-term economic gain^{44,57}. Workable examples already exist in China, where 120 million farmers are being paid to farm in ways that not only yield crops and timber but also stabilize steep slopes, control floods, and maintain biodiversity⁴⁴; in Costa Rica⁴⁶, where a national payment system for ecosystem services has helped to change deforestation rates from among the highest in the world to among the lowest; and in New York City, where maintaining natural landscapes for water filtration is more economical than building filtration plants⁵⁷.

"Many actions in support of biodiversity have had significant and measurable results in particular areas and amongst targeted species and ecosystems. This suggests that with adequate resources and political will, the tools exist for loss of biodiversity to be reduced at wider scales."

Global Biodiversity Outlook 3, ref. 35

ECOSYSTEM TRANSFORMATION



Almost half of Earth's ice-free land has already been changed completely by human activities. Nowhere on the land or in the sea is completely free of human influence.

s humans have become more abundant, we have transformed large parts of the Earth's surface from their pre-human "natural" state into entirely different landscapes and seascapes⁵⁸. Some of these transformations have been necessary to support basic human needs; others have been inadvertent and unanticipated.

As of 2012, somewhat more than 41% of Earth's ice-free lands (36% of total land surface) have been commandeered for farms, ranches, logging, cities, suburbs, roads, and other human constructs⁵⁹⁻⁶¹. This equates to an average of a little less than 2 acres of transformed land for each person on Earth. Conversion for agriculture accounts for most of the landscape change, with crops covering about 12% and pastureland about 26% of ice-free land (the percentages are about 10% and 22%, respectively, for the proportion of all Earth's land). Urban lands account for another 3%. On top of that are vast road networks that fragment habitats across some 50% of the entire land surface, dams that modify water flow in more than 60% of the world's large rivers and in many smaller ones⁶², and continuing deforestation that has been proceeding at the rate of about 30,000 square kilometers (=11,000 square miles) per year for the past 16 years⁶³. This per-year loss is roughly the equivalent of clear-cutting the entire country of Belgium or in the United States, the states of Massachusetts or Hawaii in one year.

Measuring the percentage of the oceans that have been transformed is much more challenging, but it is clear that pollution, trawling, and ship traffic and noise have caused major changes along most of the world's coastlines^{64,65}. For example, bottom trawling alone has been estimated to annually destroy an area of seabed equivalent to twice the area of the continental United States⁶⁶. Human debris, particularly plastics, also is ubiquitous in ocean waters, even far offshore^{67.}

The human footprint extends even outside of the ecosystems that have been transformed wholesale by people. Nearly every terrestrial ecosystem in the world now integrates at least a few species that ultimately were introduced by human activities⁶⁸⁻⁷⁰, sometimes with devastating losses in ecosystem services⁷¹, and invasive species now number in the hundreds in most major marine ports^{72,73} and in the thousands on most continents^{70,74,75}. All told, 83% of the entire land surface exhibits human impact defined as influenced by at least one of the following factors: human population density greater than 1 person per square kilometer (=1 person per 0.4 square miles, or 247 acres); agricultural activity; built-up areas or settlements; being within 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) of a road or coastline; or nighttime light bright enough to be detected by satellites^{76,77.} Adding in the effect of climate change, every place on Earth exhibits at least some human impact, even the most remote parts of the land and oceans⁷⁸.

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There are two conflicting concerns with respect to ecosystem transformation.

The need to minimize the human footprint to prevent extinction of other species and degradation of essential ecosystem services. Ecological "tipping points," where whole ecosystems change suddenly and unexpectedly to become less biodiverse and in many cases less productive⁷⁹, are known to be triggered by transforming threshold percentages of their areas. Many studies document that when 50% to 90% of patches within a landscape are disturbed, the remaining undisturbed patches undergo rapid, irreversible changes as well^{5,80-83}. Therefore, wholesale ecological transformation of more than half of Earth's ecosystems by direct human impacts is prone to trigger unanticipated, irreversible degradation even in ecosystems that are not directly utilized by humans. Such changes already are becoming evident in nitrogen deposition in remote arctic lakes⁸⁴, by dwindling populations of once-common species in some nature reserves⁸⁵, by millions of acres of beetle-killed forests¹⁷, and by invasive species such as zebra mussels^{70,71}.

"Cities, regions, or countries that are not able to provide a high quality of life on a low [Ecological] Footprint will be at a disadvantage in a resource-constrained future."

B. Ewing et al., 2010, ref. 77

The need to feed, house, and provide acceptably high standards of living for the seven billion people that are now on the planet plus 2.5 billion more that probably will be added over the next three decades^{86,87} means that the demands for land use will accelerate (see p. 16, the Population Growth section, for more details on this). Nearly 70% of the arable land that has not yet been converted to agricultural use is in tropical grasslands and forests, which include some of the world's most important biodiversity reservoirs and so far are among the lands least impacted by humans⁶⁶. Farming less arable lands would take even more acres per person than at present, because of lower productivity per acre⁸⁸.

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Because food production is the chief transformer of natural ecosystems, a key challenge will be feeding more people without significantly adding to the existing agricultural and fisheries footprint. Valuing natural capital (as explained earlier in the Extinctions section, p. 7) is a promising approach that can lead to significant gains in both biodiversity and crop yields; for instance, as has been shown by integrating coffee farms with natural landscapes in Costa Rica⁸⁹. Slowing and ultimately stopping the encroachment of agriculture into currently uncultivated areas (especially the few remaining tropical rainforests and savannahs) will probably require regulatory policies and incentives for conservation. Recent studies indicate that even without increasing the agricultural footprint, it is feasible to increase food production adequately in an environmentally sound way through^{60,90}: (a) improving yields in the world's currently less productive farmlands; (b) more efficiently using the water, energy, and fertilizer necessary to increase yields; (c) eating less meat; and (d) reducing food waste through better infrastructure, distribution, and more efficient consumption patterns-some 30% of the food currently produced is discarded or spoiled. Adapting crop strains to changing climate will also be required to maximize yields^{91,92}. In the oceans, solutions lie in enhanced fisheries management; sustainable aquaculture that focuses on species for which farming does not consume more protein than is produced; and reduction of pollution, especially along coasts^{93,94}.

It will be necessary to avoid losing more land to suburban sprawl through emphasizing development plans that provide higher-density housing and more efficient infrastructure in existing built-up areas, rather than carving new communities wholesale out of less disturbed surrounding lands.

Climate change will affect all places on the planet—those that are currently little impacted by humanity, as well as those now intensively used for agriculture or cities and towns—and the effects will be more pronounced with greater amounts of warming. Avoiding global ecosystem transformation will therefore also require keeping climate change to a minimum.

POLLUTION



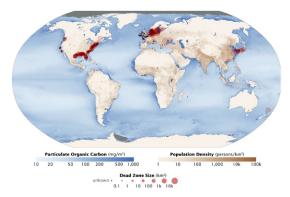
The brown haze of air pollution is pernicious in and around many cities, and causes some six million deaths each year. Pictured is the smog accumulating south of San Francisco, California, on a cool winter day.

here are few, if any places on Earth where human-produced environmental contaminants are not being deposited. Traces of pesticides and industrial pollutants are routinely found in samples of soil or tree bark from virtually any forest in the world, in the blubber of whales, in polar bear body tissues, in fish from most rivers and oceans, and in the umbilical cords of newborn babies^{66,95}. Smog in many cities is far above levels considered safe⁹⁶. In the worst cases – such as in Beijing during January 2013 – polluted air can be seen from space. Other air pollutants, such as greenhouse gases and ozone, are invisible but cause serious global-scale problems, notably climate disruption. Oil spills routinely contaminate oceans and coastlines, as well as inland waters and land areas. Nuclear waste, and especially radioactive contamination from accidents at nuclear plants, is a growing problem, as is the ubiquity of hormone-disrupting or cancer-causing chemicals such as bisphenol-A (commonly known as BPA)⁹⁷. Activities such as mining, manufacturing, and recycling of electronic equipment have not only concentrated dangerous pollutants locally, but also distributed them worldwide, notably harmful substances such as lead, chromium, mercury, and asbestos^{98,99}.

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Health impacts. The health costs of pollution are enormous. At least 125 million people are now at direct risk from toxic wastes produced by mining and manufacturing⁹⁸. As of 2010 air pollution caused up to 6 million premature deaths per year^{96,100}. Environmental exposures are thought to contribute to 19% of cancer incidence worldwide⁹⁸. Millions of people drink groundwater contaminated with cancer-causing arsenic or harmful microbes¹⁰¹. All total, as of 2010, the number of years lost due to illness, disability or early death (disability-adjusted life years, or DALYS) from environmental hazards is probably greater than those lost to malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/ AIDS combined¹⁰⁰. An emerging concern is the effect of hormone-simulating chemicals, such as endocrine disruptors, which may be affecting human growth, development, and health on a large scale. For instance, endocrine disruptors have been linked to earlier onset of puberty and obesity⁹⁷. The latter also leads to increased incidence of heart disease and type II diabetes¹⁰².

Dead zones. Excess nitrogen from farm fertilizers, sewage plants, livestock pens, and coal plants eventually ends up in waterways and makes its way to the oceans, where it stimulates prodigious algal growth. Decay of the dead algae then sucks all the oxygen out of the water^{66,95}. The result is a dead zone where marine life is greatly reduced. Most coasts of the world now exhibit elevated nitrogen flow, with large dead zones occurring near major population centers^{103,104}.



World distribution of dead zones in the ocean caused primarily by nitrogen pollution. Figure from NASA , ref.104.

Environmental devastation. Greenhouse gas pollutants—primarily human-produced carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrous oxide (NO), and methane (CH₄) — are the causes of one of the biggest environmental problems, climate disruption¹. Herbicides, pesticides, and various chemicals used in plastic production contaminate many waterways directly, and then are taken up by organisms and bioamplified through food chains. Virtually all human beings on Earth carry a burden of these persistent chemicals, many of which are endocrine disruptors. Pharmaceuticals meant for humans or livestock, and subsequently flushed into drains or otherwise finding their way into rivers and lakes, disrupt growth and development of amphibians and fish. Sewage and excess fertilizer contribute significantly to damaging more than half of the world's coral reefs, and in some ecoregions, up to 90% of reefs^{66,95}.

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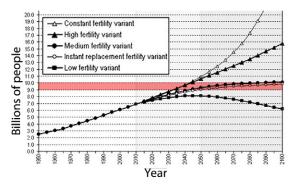
The pollution problem is not a new one. The sources of environmental contamination generally are well known, especially for the worst sources, such as lead-battery recycling, lead smelting, mining and ore processing, tannery operations, municipal and industrial dumpsites, product manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, petrochemical industry, electronic waste, agricultural pesticides and excess fertilizers, and greenhouse gases^{66,95,98}. Viable prevention and cleanup solutions are available for most pollutants, but are often not employed because of cost. Significant reductions in pollution from manufacturing can be found in better regulation and oversight of industries using and producing hazardous wastes; better industry practices in controlling hazardous wastes and substances; educating local communities and hazardous industries in adverse effects of pollutants; enhancement of technology for management and treatment of pollutants; and minimizing location of potentially hazardous industries near population centers. Reducing air pollution (including greenhouse gases) requires phasing out coal-fired power plants and high-emissions vehicles immediately, and over time replacing fossil-fuel sources of energy with clean energy. Minimizing agricultural pollution requires maximizing efficiency in application of fertilizers, pesticides, and antibiotics.

Even more promising than these traditional approaches is to use our current scientific understanding of the mechanisms of toxicity to guide synthetic chemistry toward a new generation of inherently safer materials. This is now imminently feasible, and it promises to reward entrepreneurs who adopt these green chemistry approaches in the market¹⁰⁵.

here are two aspects to the population problem. One is how many people are on Earth. The other is the wide disparity in the 'ecological footprint' among different countries and societal sectors, with a relatively small proportion of humanity inefficiently using and impacting an inordinately large proportion of ecological resources.

Today there are more than seven billion people on the planet. Demographic projections of population growth indicate that some 2.5 billion more people may be added to the world population by $2050^{86,87}$, when today's children will be reaching middle age (see the population growth chart below). How population actually changes in coming decades depends largely on what happens to fertility rates (the average number of children borne per woman in the population in her lifetime), as well as mortality rates. If the global average fertility rate stayed at its present level, there could be 27 billion people on Earth in the year 2100, but that is extremely unlikely. If fertility changed worldwide to "replacement rate" (in which parents just "replaced" themselves in the next generation — about 2.1 children per woman) and mortality rates were those typical of developed countries, then there would be 10.1 billion people in 2100. With a global average fertility rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ child above replacement rate, the population would reach 15.8 billion in 2100, and a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ child below replacement would lead to an early peak in population size and a decline to about 6.2 billion people by 2100.

There are very wide differences in fertility between countries today. At the low end, rates are just 1.2 or 1.3 in several developed countries, including Latvia, Portugal, South Korea, and Singapore. Some countries with slightly higher fertility rates now show declining rates, including Russia, Germany, and Japan. Virtually all developed countries and a number of developing countries, including China, Brazil, and Thailand, now have below-replacement fertility, and their populations are on track to stop growing within a few decades at most. By contrast, many very poor developing countries still have fertility rates as high as 6 or more children per family: e.g., Zambia, Somalia, Burundi, and Afghanistan, among others. It is the high fertility in these regions that may keep the world population growing for a century more unless population policies lower their fertility sooner rather than later.



If the fertility rate in all countries rapidly changes so each family on average has one daughter, population will crest by 2050, then stabilize around 10.1 billion. The red line marks a population of 9-10.1 billion. Chart from UNDESA, 2011, ref. 87.

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Each of the seven billion people now on Earth contributes at some level to climate disruption, extinctions, ecosystem transformation, and pollution. The actual contributions of course vary from region to region, country to country, and between rich and poor (see the graph on p. 17), with the general pattern being a much larger per capita footprint in highly industrialized, wealthier countries, and a lower per capita footprint in developing, poorer countries. Although each individual contribution to the global-change footprint can be tiny, when multiplied by billions, the effect becomes inordinately

large. Among the key ways population growth contributes to world problems are the following.

Climate disruption. On average each person on Earth produces about 4.9 tonnes of CO_2 per year, as of 2011^{106} ; thus, as population grows, greenhouse gases and consequent climate dispruption increase proportionately.

Extinctions. Direct causes of extinction (habitat destruction, overexploitation) can be expected to increase as billions more people occupy and use more and more of the planet⁶⁶. Further extinctions are likely to result from climate change. In addition, there are serious indirect impacts, notably the amount of net primary productivity, or NPP^e, that humans consume or co-opt. (NPP is a measure of the "natural energy" available to power the global ecosystem.) Humans now appropriate about 28% of all NPP (although estimates range from 23% to 40%)^{58,61,107-109}. There are limits to the amount of NPP that can be produced on Earth, so the more NPP that humans use, the less is available for other species. That means that as the human population grows, populations of other species inevitably go extinct (unless special conservation measures mitigate the losses) because of global energy constraints. Calculations that assume no change in human consumption patterns indicate that the amount of NPP required by 20 billion people—which would occur by the year 2085 if fertility rates stayed the same as they are now-would cause the extinction of most other species on Earth¹¹⁰. Clearly, a human population of that size is untenable.

Ecosystem Transformation. A little less than 2 acres of land has already been converted for each person on Earth^{5,58,60}. If that per capita rate of land conversion continued, adding 2.5 billion more people to the planet means that the majority of Earth's lands — a little over 50% — would have been changed into farms, pastures, cities, towns, and roads by 2050. Continuing to use land at the rate of 2 acres per person would mean that 85% of Earth's lands would have to be used — including inhospitable places like deserts, the Arctic, and the Antarctic — if the population hit 15 billion. Such unworkable scenarios underscore that population cannot grow substantially without reducing the human footprint.

Pollution. All of the most dangerous sources of pollution result from per capita demand for goods and services and, given current practices, will increase proportionately with the number of people on Earth. Additionally, there is the problem of treating and disposing of human waste (sewage and garbage), which multiplies roughly in proportion to numbers of people.

Singapore (18)	80.7
Saudi Arabia (6)	38.7
Canada (9)	24.0
Netherlands (21)	
USA (1)	22.0
Norway (52)	19.7
Australia (20)	17.0
South Korea (10)	16.7
Finland (54)	14.2
Japan (3)	12.8
Germany (8)	10.8
Spain (16)	10.7
France (12)	10.0
Venezuela (24)	9.8
U.K. (14)	9.3
Italy (15)	8.7
Iraq (25)	8.4
Russia (5)	8.1
Iran (13)	7.8
Chile (37)	6.9
Mexico (11)	6.8
Thailand (22)	5.4
Brazil (7)	4.8
South Africa (29)	4.4
Egypt (23)	3.6
Botswana (142)	2.7
China (2)	2.7
Indonesia (17)	1.9
India (4)	1.0
Kenya (87)	0.7
Bangladesh (73)	0.2
Nepal (131)	0.2
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Consumption varies dramatically among countries, as illustrated by this graph of average barrels of oil used per person per year in some of the top oil-consuming countries compared to other representative nations. Numbers in parentheses give world rank in oil consumption. Numbers at right are barrels used per person per year (data from CIA Fact Book, 2013, ref. 115). The challenge is bringing down per capita consumption rates in countries in which rates are now too high, while allowing for growth in developing countries that are now at low consumption rates. In the case of fossil fuels, scaling up of renewables and new technological innovations will be required to solve the problem.

^e NPP is defined as the net amount of solar energy converted to plant organic matter through photosynthesis.

An important consideration is that basic needs—a place to live, food, water, and adequate health care-are difficult to provide even for the seven billion people already alive today. Although international programs have been making significant gains in bringing these basic needs to more people and places, about 80% of the world's population still lives below poverty level (i.e., on less than \$10 per day; 1.4 billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day)¹¹¹; 2.6 billion people lack basic sanitation services (more than one-third of all the people on the planet)¹¹¹; 1.1 billion people have inadequate access to water¹¹¹; about 870 million people (1 out of every 8) lack enough food¹¹²; and 1 billion people lack access to basic health care systems¹¹³. Addition of 2.5 billion more people by 2050, and more after that, would make these already-challenging problems even more difficult to solve, particularly since the highest fertility rates currently are in the poorest countries. For example, despite an overall decrease in malnourished children from 1990 to 2011, the number of underfed children in Africa-where populations have grown substantially and most countries are relatively poor-rose from about 46 million to 56 million in those two decades¹¹⁴.



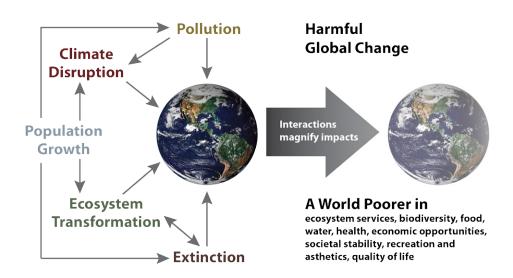
Access to basic needs like food, water, and health care is difficult or lacking for billions of people, even today.

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Two strategies will be required to avoid the worst impacts of population growth. The first involves recognizing that sustaining at least the quality of life that exists today while still adding some billions of people will require reducing the per capita human footprint—for example, developing and implementing carbon-neutral energy technologies, producing food and goods more efficiently, consuming less, and wasting less. This amounts to a dual challenge of reducing the per capita use of resources in economically developed countries, while still allowing growth in quality of life in developing countries. For example, the average U.S. citizen used about 22 barrels of oil per year in 2011, whereas the average person in China and India used only about 3 and 1 barrels, respectively (see the graph on p. 17)¹¹⁵. Evening out such disparities while still preserving quality of life will require a transformation of energy and resource-consumption regimes in both rich and poor nations, as well as major technological breakthroughs in some areas. Especially in the energy sector, policy changes will be needed to ensure that developing countries can "leap-frog" over outdated technologies, as occurred with the mobile phone industry. Overall, per capita consumption can be reduced by using state-of-the-art science for designing, developing, and commercializing the materials that are used by billions of people.

The second strategy involves ensuring that the lower population-growth projections are the ones that prevail^{44,116}. The medium-fertility variant worldwide (on average one daughter per family) would stabilize world population at about 10 billion; that would actually entail a large increase in fertility in all developed countries plus China and dozens of other developing countries. Therefore the 10-billion benchmark clearly can be improved upon. Today, about 40% of the population lives in countries where fertility is already near replacement, and another 42% lives in countries where the fertility rate is significantly lower. The "low" projection (see the graph on p. 16) is achievable and should be the goal. Ending world population growth at about 8 billion requires bringing down fertility rates in the 18% of the population⁸⁷ that live mostly in economically disadvantaged countries, where people still lack ready access to safe and effective means of contraception to those who want it, have been proven to reduce fertility rates substantially^{44,117}.

INTERACTIONS



The interactions between climate disruption, population growth and consumption, ecosystem transformation, pollution, and extinction greatly magnify the potential for undesirable global change.

While climate disruption, extinctions, ecosystem transformation, pollution, and population growth all are serious problems on their own, they interact with each other in ways that make their total effects much more than simply the sum of their parts. For example, pollution leads to local losses of biodiversity, which in turn leads to major ecological changes. Cutting down old-growth rainforests permanently transforms local climate by making it effectively drier, which in turn permanently changes the local ecosystem from forest to grassland. At the same time global climate disruption is magnified as a result of removing a major source of carbon sequestration. Scaling up, as global climate reaches critical thresholds of change, rapid disappearance of whole biomes, such as boreal forests¹¹⁸, may result. Some pressures are tied intimately to others: for instance, increasing human population size, and especially increasing per capita consumption, multiplies the impacts of all four of the other problems.

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Interaction effects markedly increase the chances that crossing critical thresholds will lead to irreversible change^{79,119}. That means that multiple global pressures can combine to cause undesirable changes to occur more unexpectedly, faster and more intensely than what would be predicted from considering each pressure separately¹²⁰⁻¹²⁴. Such unanticipated changes in essential resources – food, water, climate predictability, biodiversity – are likely to result in social strife.

The pressures of each dangerous trend on its own, combined with the multiplying effect of combining them, makes it highly plausible that disruptive societal changes would occur within decades if business as usual continues^{5,120,122}. Even taken individually, the current trajectories of climate change, extinctions, ecosystem transformation, pollution, and population growth are faster and greater than the planetary pressures that triggered so-called 'planetary state-changes' in the past⁵. Essentially, those were times when the Earth system hit a "tipping point," that is, suddenly switched to a new condition that precipitated abrupt, major, and permanent changes, including losses of species and shifts in ecological structure and ecosystem services that affected all places on the planet. The last time this happened was nearly 12,000 years ago, when the last glaciation ended. In general, "tipping points" are characteristic of how biological systems respond to continued pressures, and they are well documented at a variety of spatial and temporal scales^{79,125}.

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Minimizing the chances that unanticipated global changes will result from interaction effects requires flattening the trajectories of all five dangerous trends¹²⁶. An important part of the solution lies in relieving the global pressures that have the strongest interaction effects, namely population growth, per capita resource consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. These affect conditions in all parts of the planet, because the extent of ecosystem transformation, extinctions, and pollution inevitably multiply as population grows, as people consume more, and as climate changes, and climate disruption becomes more pronounced as more people use energy derived from fossil fuels.

While the science is clear that continuing the negative trends of climate disruption, extinction, ecosystem loss, pollution, population growth and growing per capita consumption are harmful to humanity, actually solving these problems will require recognition of their urgency by people and governments at all levels. The technological expertise is available to mitigate many of the harmful impacts, but ultimately, science and technology only provide the tools; it is up to society to decide whether or not they want to use them. Therefore, a crucial next step in diffusing these problems is societal recognition of their urgency and willingness to commit human ingenuity and resources towards implementing solutions⁸⁸. This will entail enhanced education about these issues at all levels, including schools, businesses, the media, and governments, and sustainable development goals that acknowledge that human well-being depends on planetary well-being¹²⁶.

The window of time for this global effort to begin is short, because the science also demonstrates that with each passing year of business as usual, the problems not only become worse, they become more expensive and difficult to solve, and our chances of avoiding the worst outcomes diminish. Put another way, starting now means we have a good chance of success; delaying even a decade may be too late.

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NAME: Derek Booth POSITION: Adjunct Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UC Santa Barbara Affiliate Professor, Earth and Space Sciences, Univ. of Washington Senior Editor, Quaternary Research INSTITUTION: UC Santa Barbara and University of Washington DATE: May 13, 2013

NAME: Enrique Bostelmann Torrealba
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 Filogenia, Departamento de Biología, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Chile, Santiago,
 Chile, and 2) Paleontology section, Museo
 nacional de Historia Natural, Montevideo,
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NAME: Yanis Bouchenak-Khelladi POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: Institute of Systematic Botany, University of Zurich DATE: Tuesday 30th of April 2013

NAME: Dr. Mark E. Braun POSITION: Professor of Social Sciences INSTITUTION: SUNY-Cobleskill DATE: May 2, 2013

NAME: David D. Breshears POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: The University of Arizona DATE: May 13, 2013

NAME: Michael Briguglio POSITION: Lecturer INSTITUTION: University of Malta DATE: April 27, 2013

NAME: Thomas Brooks POSITION: Head, Science & Knowledge INSTITUTION: International Union for Conservation of Nature DATE: 28 Apr 2013

NAME: James H. Brown POSITION: Professor, Department of Biology, INSTITUTION: University of New Mexico DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Yvonne Buckley POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: The University of Queensland DATE: 29/4/13

NAME: April Bullock POSITION: Professor of Liberal Studies INSTITUTION: Cal State Fullerton DATE: May 2,2013 NAME: Nils Bunnefeld POSITION: Lecturer INSTITUTION: University of Stirling, UK DATE: 16 May 2013

NAME: Santiago F. Burneo POSITION: Curator. Mammal Collection. Museo de Zoología. INSTITUTION: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Robyn J. Burnham POSITION: Associate Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology INSTITUTION: University of Michigan DATE: April 24, 2013

NAME: Bruno Alves Buzatto POSITION: Postdoctoral Research Associate INSTITUTION: University of Western Australia DATE: 25/4/2013

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NAME: Juan Rivero de Aguilar Cachafeiro POSITION: Biologist INSTITUTION: MNCN-CSIC DATE: 25.4.13

NAME: Lawrence B. Cahoon POSITION: Professor of Biology and Marine Biology INSTITUTION: UNC Wilmington DATE: 4/26/13

NAME: John Cairns POSITION: University Distinguished Professor of Environmental Biology Emeritus INSTITUTION: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Margaret Caldwell POSITION: Senior Lecturer & Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program INSTITUTION: Stanford Law School DATE: 5/19/13

NAME: José M. Capriles POSITION: Visiting Scholar, Center for Comparative Archaeology, Department of Anthropology INSTITUTION: University of Pittsburgh DATE: May 12th, 2013

NAME: Stephen R. Carpenter POSITION: Professor and Director INSTITUTION: Center for Limnology, University of Wisconsin-Madison DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Aurora M Castilla POSITION: Principal Investigator; Head Department of Biodiversity INSTITUTION: Qatar Environment & Energy Research Institute DATE: 13 May 2013

NAME: Juan Carlos Castilla POSITION: Profesor Titular INSTITUTION: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile DATE: 21 May 2013

NAME: GERARDO CEBALLOS POSITION: PROFESSOR. INSTITUTION: INSITUTO DE ECOLOGIA, UNAM DATE: APRIL 25, 2013 NAME: C. Page Chamberlain POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Dept. Environmental Earth System Science, Stanford University DATE: May 2, 2013

NAME: Laurie Hing Man Chan POSITION: Professor and Canada Research Chair in Toxicology and Environmental Health; Director, Center for Advanced Research in Environmental Genomics INSTITUTION: University of Ottawa DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Yvonne Chan POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: University of Hawaii DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: F. Stuart Chapin, III POSITION: Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of Alaska Fairbanks DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Chemin-Roberty Anne POSITION: Chargée de Coordination et Communication INSTITUTION: Institut Michel Serres, Ecole normale supérieure de Lyon DATE: 30/04/2013

NAME: Deliang Chen POSITION: August Röhss Chair INSTITUTION: Department of Earth Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden DATE: 28 April, 2013

NAME: Anne CHENUIL POSITION: Ph.D. Researcher INSTITUTION: UMR 7263 (CNRS) – IMBE, Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie Marine et continentale (IMBE) (Aix-Marseille Université) DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Norman L. Christensen POSITION: Research Professor and Founding Dean INSTITUTION: Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708 DATE: May 7, 2013

NAME: Patrick Christie POSITION: Professor, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs and Jackson School of International Studies INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: April 26th, 2013

NAME: James S Clark POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Duke University DATE: Apr 25 2013

NAME: William A. Clemens POSITION: Curator and Professor Emeritus, University of California Musuem of Paleontology and Department of Integrative Biology INSTITUTION: University of California Berkeley DATE: May 1, 2013

NAME: Phyllis D. Coley POSITION: Distinguished Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: University of Utah DATE: April 26, 2013

NAME: Scott L Collins POSITION: Regent's Professor INSTITUTION: University of New Mexico DATE: 4/25/2013 NAME: Patricia Ann Conrad POSITION: Professor, Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine INSTITUTION: University of California, Davis DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Caroline S. Conzelman, Ph.D. POSITION: Associate Director, Global Studies Academic Program; Program Director, Bolivia Global Seminar Instructor, Anthropology INSTITUTION: University of Colorado at Boulder DATE: 28 April 2013

NAME: Jorge Cortés POSITION: Researcher and Professor of Marine Sciences INSTITUTION: Universidad de Costa Rica DATE: 21 May 2013

NAME: Tim Coulson POSITION: Professor of Zoology INSTITUTION: University of Oxford DATE: 7 May 2013

NAME: Denis Couvet POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Muséum National Histoire Naturelle, Paris DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Pete Coxon POSITION: Professor of Geography INSTITUTION: Trinity College Dublin DATE: 20/05/2013

NAME: Craig Criddle POSITION: Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Senior Fellow, Woods institute INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: JORGE V. CRISCI POSITION: PROFESSOR OF BIOGEOGRAPHY INSTITUTION: UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PLATA, ARGENTINA DATE: MAY 19, 2013

NAME: Larry Crowder POSITION: Ed Ricketts Professor of Biology and Science Director for the Center for Ocean Solutions INSTITUTION: Stanford University Hopkins Marine Station DATE: May 16, 2013

NAME: Lisa M. Curran POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: CURY, PHILIPPE POSITION: Senior Scientist and Director of UM EME 212 INSTITUTION: IRD DATE: 10 May 2013

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NAME: Gretchen C. Daily POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology and Senior Fellow, Woods Institute, Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013 NAME: Edward Davis POSITION: Fossil Collections Manager INSTITUTION: University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History DATE: 04/25/2013

NAME: Frank W. Davis POSITION: Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management: INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Barbara DATE: May 6, 2013

NAME: Michael N Dawson POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: School of Natural Sciences, University of California, Merced DATE: 27 April 2013

NAME: Todd E. Dawson POSITION: University of California - Berkeley INSTITUTION: Departments of Integrative Biology -and- Environmental Science, Policy & Management DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Giulio De Leo POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology and Senior Fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University DATE: May 18 2013

NAME: Sebsebe Demissew, Prof.
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DATE: 17 May 2013

NAME: Jared Diamond POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of California Los Angeles DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Mario Díaz POSITION: Senior Researcher INSTITUTION: Dep. Biogeography and Global Change (BGC-MNCN), Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, CSIC, Spain DATE: 26-4-2013

NAME: Sandra Diaz POSITION: Full Professor and Senior Principal Investigator INSTITUTION: Instituto Multidisciplinario de Biologia Vegetal, CONICET

and Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina. DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Christopher R. Dickman POSITION: Professor in Terrestrial Ecology INSTITUTION: The University of Sydney, Australia DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: Rodolfo Dirzo, POSITION: Professor, Department of Biology and Director, Center for Latin American Studies INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Diane Dodd POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: University of North Carolina Wilmington DATE: 4/25/13 NAME: C. Josh Donlan MA PhD POSITION: Director, Advanced Conservation Strategies; Visiting Professor, Laboratoire Ecologie, Systématique & Evolution, Université Paris-Sud 11;Fellow, Cornell University INSTITUTION: Université Paris-Sud 11; Cornell University

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NAME: Michael J. Donoghue POSITION: Sterling Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology INSTITUTION: Yale University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Peter Doran POSITION: Distinguished Professor INSTITUTION: University of Illinois at Chicago DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Don Driscoll POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University DATE: 29/4/13

NAME: Robert Dudley POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: Ivo Duijnstee POSITION: Assistant Adjunct Professor INSTITUTION: Dep. of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley/University of California Museum of Paleontology / Dep. of Earth Sciences, Utrecht University DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: John P. Dumbacher POSITION: Associate Curator of Ornithology and Mammalogy

INSTITUTION: California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA DATE:13 May 2013

NAME: Robert B. Dunbar POSITION: W.M. Keck Professor of Earth Sciences INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 4/25/13

NAME: William E. Easterling POSITION: Dean, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences INSTITUTION: The Pennsylvania State University DATE:1 May 2013

NAME: Alasdair Edwards POSITION: Emeritus Professor of Coral Reef Ecology INSTITUTION: Newcastle University, UK DATE: 17/05/2013

NAME: Bob Edwards POSITION: Professor of Sociology INSTITUTION: East Carolina University DATE: April 26, 2013

NAME: Mary Edwards POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Southampton, Geography and Environment DATE: 7th May 2013

NAME: Emilie EGEA POSITION: Technician staff (PhD) INSTITUTION: Mediterranean Institute for Biodiversity and Ecology, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France DATE: April 30th 2013

NAME: Anne H. Ehrlich POSITION: Policy Coordinator and Senior Research Assistant INSTITUTION: Center for Conservation Biology, Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013

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NAME: Steven d. Emslie POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of North Carolina Wilmington DATE: 6 MAY 2013

NAME: Professor Matthew England POSITION: ARC Laureate Fellow Climate Change Research Centre (CCRC) and ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science INSTITUTION: The University of New South Wales DATE: 29 April 2013

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NAME: Jussi T. Eronen POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: Department of Geosciences and Geography, University of Helsinki DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Gilles ESCARGUEL POSITION: Associate-Professor INSTITUTION: Dpt. of Earth Sciences, University Lyon 1 (France) DATE: April, 30th, 2013

NAME: James A. Estes POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Juan A. Fargallo POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) DATE: 13-05-2013

NAME: Alejandro G. Farji-brener POSITION: Investigador, Profesor INSTITUTION: Conicet-Argentina, Centro Regional Universitario Bariloche, Universidad Nacional del Comahue, Argentina DATE: 20 DE MAYO 2013

NAME: Marcus W. Feldman, MS, PhD POSITION: Burnet C. and Mildred Finley Wohlford Professor of Biological Sciences; Director of the Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies and Stanford Health Policy Associate INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Scott Fendorf POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 5/19/2013

NAME: Pablo Ferreras POSITION: Senior Scientist Research, Spanish Research Council (CSIC) INSTITUTION: Spanish Game Research Institute (IREC), Ciudad Real, Spain DATE: May 7th, 2013

NAME: Seth Finnegan POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: UC Berkeley, Dept. of Integrative Biology DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: JON FJELDSÅ POSITION: PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF DENMARK, University of Copenhagen, Denmark DATE: 21. May 2013

NAME: Joern Fischer POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Leuphana University Lueneburg, Germany DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: Matthew Forrest POSITION: Post-doctoral researcher INSTITUTION: Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre, Frankfurt am Main, Germany DATE: 16th May 2013

NAME: Mikael Fortelius POSITION: Professor, Department of Geosciences and Geography INSTITUTION: Finnish Museum of Natural History and University of Helsinki DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Carolin Frank POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: UC Merced DATE: 4/26/13

NAME: Peter Frumhoff POSITION: Director of Science and Policy, Chief Scientist, Climate Campaign INSTITUTION: Union of Concerned Scientists DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Tadashi Fukami POSITION: Assistant Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 21, 2013

NAME: Dr Richard Fuller POSITION: Senior Lecturer INSTITUTION: University of Queensland DATE: 27th April 2013

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NAME: Eric Galbraith POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Earth and Planetary Science, McGill University DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Candace Galen POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Missouri DATE: April 26,2013

NAME: Amiran Gamkrelidze MD, PhD, Professor POSITION: Director General INSTITUTION: National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Tbilisi DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: Laura Gangoso POSITION: Post doc researcher INSTITUTION: Department of Wetland Ecology, Estación Biológica de Doñana, CSIC, Spain. DATE: 25/04/2013

NAME: Francisco Garcia-Gonzalez POSITION: Ramon y Cajal Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Donana Biological Station-Spanish Research Council, Seville, Spain DATE: 25th April 2013

NAME: Christopher Gardner, PhD POSITION: Associate Professor of Medicine (Research) INSTITUTION: Stanford Prevention Research Center, Stanford University DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Stephen Garnett POSITION: Professor of Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods INSTITUTION: Charles Darwin University DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Dan Gavin POSITION: Associate Professor, Department of Geography INSTITUTION: University of Oregon DATE: May 6, 2013

NAME: Leah Gerber POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Anne E. Giblin POSITION: Senior Scientist INSTITUTION: Marine Biological Laboratory DATE: 4/29/2013

NAME: Diego Gil POSITION: Senior Scientist INSTITUTION: MNCN (CSIC, Spain) DATE: 25-4-13

NAME: Michael Gillings POSITION: Professor of Molecular Evolution INSTITUTION: Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia DATE: 28/04/2013

NAME: Dr. Peter Gleick POSITION: Pacific Institute, President Member, US National Academy of Sciences INSTITUTION: Pacific Institute DATE: May 8, 2013

NAME: Deborah M. Gordon POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 5-16-13

NAME: Lisa J. Graumlich POSITION: Dean, College of the Environment Virginia and Prentice Bloedel Professor INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: April 26, 2012

NAME: ANDREW GREEN POSITION: RESEARCH PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: DOÑANA BIOLOGICAL STATION DATE: 30 APRIL 2013

NAME: Charles H. Greene POSITION: Professor, Department of Wrath & Atmospheric Sciences INSTITUTION: Cornell University DATE: 4/30/13

NAME: Harry W. Greene POSITION: Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology INSTITUTION: Cornell University DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Dr Merilyn J Grey POSITION: Honorary Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Department of Zoology, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Marianna Grossman POSITION: President and Executive Director INSTITUTION: Sustainable Silicon Valley DATE: MAY 3, 2013

NAME: Mats Gyllenberg POSITION: Professor, Head of Department INSTITUTION: Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Helsinki DATE: May 7, 2013

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NAME: Joan Stephens Hadly POSITION: Sr Vice President, Advancement INSTITUTION: Museum of Science Boston DATE: May 8, 2013

NAME: Yohannes Haile-Selassie POSITION: Curator INSTITUTION: Cleveland Museum of Natural History DATE: May 12, 2013

NAME: Sharon J. Hall POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Arizona State University DATE: May 18, 2013

NAME: Olivier Hamant POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: INRA, France DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Philip C. Hanawalt POSITION: Morris Herzstein Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 16, 2013

NAME: Catherine HÄNNI POSITION: CNRS Director INSTITUTION: CNRS/ENS Lyon DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: James Hansen POSITION: Director of Hansen Climate Science Program INSTITUTION: Columbia University Earth Institute DATE: 21 May 2013

NAME: Ilkka Hanski POSITION: Research professor INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: David D. Hart POSITION: Director, Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions INSTITUTION: University of Maine, Orono DATE: 4/30/2013

NAME: John Harte POSITION: Professor of Ecosystem Sciences INSTITUTION: UC Berkeley DATE: April 25, 2013

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NAME: PAUL HARVEY CBE FRS POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Zoology, University of Oxford, UK DATE: 7 May 2013

NAME: Angie Haslem POSITION: Research Fellow INSTITUTION: La Trobe University DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: AHMED HASSANALI POSITION: Professor of Chemistry (Chemical Ecology & Bioprospecting) INSTITUTION: Kenyata University, Nairobi, KENYA DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Alan Hastings POSITION: Distinguished Professor INSTITUTION:University of California, Davis DATE: May 17, 2013

NAME: MARK HAY POSITION: PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY INSTITUTION: GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DATE: 4/25/13

NAME: Harold Heatwole POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: North Carolina State University DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: H. Craig Heller POSITION: Professor of Biology and Human Biology INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May16, 2013

NAME: Jessica J. Hellmann POSITION: Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

INSTITUTION: University of Notre Dame DATE: May 15, 2013

NAME: Martin Hellman POSITION: Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 26 APRIL 2013

NAME: Hans R Herren POSITION: President INSTITUTION: Millennium Institute, Washington, DC and Biovision Foundation, Zurich DATE: May 10, 2013

NAME: Josiah Heyman POSITION: Professor of Anthropology and Chair, Sociology and Anthropology INSTITUTION: University of Texas at El Paso DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Thomas Hickler POSITION: Professor for Quantitative Biogeography INSTITUTION: Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre (BiK-F), Frankfurt/Main, Germany

DATE: 17.5.2013

NAME: Larry D. Hinzman POSITION: Director and Professor INSTITUTION: University of Alaska Fairbanks DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Mark Hixon POSITION: Hsiao Endowed Chair of Marine Biology INSTITUTION: University of Hawai'i at Manoa DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Leslea J. Hlusko POSITION: Associate Professor Integrative Biology INSTITUTION: University of California Berkeley DATE: 13 May 2013

NAME: Prof Richard J Hobbs POSITION: Australian Laureate Fellow School of Plant Biology INSTITUTION: The University of Western Australia DATE: 20 May 2013

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Okanagan, Kelowna, BC, Canada DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Hopi E. Hoekstra POSITION: Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology INSTITUTION: Harvard University DATE: April 25, 2013

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NAME: Andrew J. Hoffman POSITION: School of Natural Resources & Environment/Ross School of Business INSTITUTION: University of Michigan DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Karen D. Holl POSITION: Professor of Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: C.S.Holling POSITION: Emeritus Professor INSTITUTION: University of Florida DATE: May 20, 2003

NAME: Professor Joseph A M Holtum POSITION: Coordinator of Plant Sciences and Tropical Agriculture INSTITUTION: James Cook University DATE: Monday 20th May 2013

NAME: David Hooper POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA DATE: 5/19/13

NAME: Professor Stephen D. Hopper AC FLS FTSE POSITION: Professor of Biodiversity INSTITUTION: The University of Western Australia DATE: 26th April 2013

NAME: Joaquín Hortal POSITION: RyC Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC), Madrid, Spain DATE: 13 May 2013

NAME: Øystein Hov POSITION: Director of Research and Professor

INSTITUTION: Norwegian Meteorological Institute and University of Oslo DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Alex Hubbe POSITION: Postdoctoral Fellow INSTITUTION: Instituto de Biociências, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil DATE: 05/09/2013

NAME: Prof. Lesley Hughes POSITION: Dept of Biological Sciences INSTITUTION: Macquarie University NSW, Australia DATE: 28 April 2013

NAME: Jeffrey A. Hutchings POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology, Dalhousie University,CANADA, and Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, University of Oslo, NORWAY DATE: April 25, 2013

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NAME: David W. Inouye POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Maryland DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Nina G. Jablonski POSITION: Distinguished Professor of Anthropology INSTITUTION: The Pennsylvania State University DATE: May 4, 2013

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NAME: A. Hope Jahren POSITION: Professor of Geobiology INSTITUTION: University of Hawaii at Manoa DATE: April 29, 2013

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NAME: Daniel H. Janzen POSITION: Professor of Conservation Biology INSTITUTION: University of Pennsylvania DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Dr. Christopher B Jones POSITION: Faculty INSTITUTION: School of Public Policy and Administration, Walden University DATE: Apr 26, 2013

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NAME: Jeremy B. Jones POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: University of Alaska Fairbanks DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Patricia P. Jones, Ph.D. POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 17, 2013

NAME: William Jury POSITION: Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Soil Physics INSTITUTION: UC Riverside DATE: 4/25/2013

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NAME: Dr Jules Kajtar POSITION: Research Associate INSTITUTION: Climate Change Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Australia DATE: 29/04/13

NAME: Dibesh Karmacharya POSITION: International Director INSTITUTION: Center for Molecular Dynamics Nepal DATE: May 8, 2013

NAME: David Karoly POSITION: Professor of Climate Science INSTITUTION: University of Melbourne DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Daniel Karp POSITION: Postdoctoral Scholar INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley and The Nature Conservancy DATE: 4/25/2013

NAME: Shakkie Kativu POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Zimbabwe DATE: 17 May 2013

NAME: LILIANA KATINAS POSITION: PROFESSOR OF PLANT MORPHOLOGY INSTITUTION: UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PLATA, ARGENTINA DATE: MAY 19, 2013

NAME: Donald Kennedy POSITION: President Emeritus and Bing Professor of Environmental Science, Emeritus; Editor-in-Chief, Science, 2000 to 2008 INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 25, 2013 NAME: Julie Kennedy POSITION: Professor (Teaching), Environmental Earth System Science INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 21, 2013

NAME: Thomas Kiørboe POSITION: Professor, Centre Leader INSTITUTION: Centre for Ocean Life, National Institute of Aquatic Resources, Technical University of Denmark DATE: May 15, 2013

NAME: Patrick V. Kirch POSITION: Class of 1954 Professor of Anthropology and Integrative Biology INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: James Barrie Kirkpatrick POSITION: Distinguished Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: University of Tasmania DATE: 26/4/2013

NAME: Professor Roger Kitching AM POSITION: Chair of Ecology INSTITUTION: Griffith University, Brisbane DATE: 26.4.2010

NAME: Alan K. Knapp POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Colorado State University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Andrew H. Knoll POSITION: Fisher Professor of Natural History INSTITUTION: Harvard University DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: Matthew L. Knope POSITION: Post-doctoral research fellow INSTITUTION: Dept. of Geological and Environmental Sciences, Stanford University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Jacob Koella POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Neuchatel DATE: 4/30/2013

NAME: Jeffrey R Koseff POSITION: William A Campbell and Martha Campbell Professor of Engineering INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 16 2013

NAME: Dr Tineke Kraaij POSITION: Scientist: Fynbos Ecology INSTITUTION: South African National Parks DATE: 10 May 2013

NAME: Nathan Kraft POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology, University of Maryland College Park DATE: 5/7/2013

NAME: Holger Kreft POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, University of Gottingen DATE: May 17 2013

NAME: Claire Kremen POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 4/25/13 NAME: Andrew Krockenberger POSITION: Professor and Dean of Research INSTITUTION: James Cook University DATE: 20th May 2013

NAME: Markku Kulmala POSITION: Academy Professor INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki, Department of Physics DATE: 2.5. 2013

NAME:Juri Kurhinen POSITION: researcher, Helsinki University INSTITUTION: koordinator of the international project DATE:02.05.2013

NAME: Thomas A. Kursar POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Utah (Dept of Biology) DATE: 27 April, 2013

NAME: Eric Lambin POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University and Université catholique de Louvain DATE: May 18, 2013

NAME: Dr. Tomás Landete-Castillejos POSITION: Vice-director of IREC (Spain's national game institute); Vicepresident of FEDFA (European Federation of Deer Farmers Associations; www.fedfa.es); founder of sciencebased companies: European Meeting on Antlers and Deer International Scientific Training S.L. (www.emad.es); Venadogen (www.venadogen. com).

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NAME: John Largier POSITION: Professor of Oceanography INSTITUTION: University of California Davis DATE: 5 May 2013

NAME: William F. Laurance POSITION: Distinguished Research Professor & Australian Laureate INSTITUTION: James Cook University, Cairns, Queensland, Australia DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Beverly E. Law POSITION: Professor Global Change Biology & Terrestrial Systems Science INSTITUTION: Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society, Oregon State University DATE: May 10, 2013

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NAME: Dr Susan Lawler POSITION: Head of Department of Environmental Management and Ecology INSTITUTION: La Trobe Universtiy, Wodonga, Victoria, Australia DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Stephanie Lawson POSITION: Professor of Politics and International Relations INSTITUTION: Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW, Australia DATE: 1 May 2013

NAME: Yvon LE MAHO POSITION: Director of Research INSTITUTION: Institut Pluridisciplinaire Hubert Curien, CNRS and University of Strasbourg, France

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NAME: Raphael Leblois POSITION: researcher INSTITUTION: INRA (French National Institute for Agronomic Research), Lab "Center for Biology and Population Managment", CBGP, Montpellier, France DATE: 4th of May, 2013

NAME: Herwig Leirs POSITION: Professor, Evolutionary Ecology Group and Dean, Faculty of Sciences INSTITUTION: University of Antwerp, Belgium DATE: 17 may 2013

NAME: Yuri L. R. Leite POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo, Brazil DATE: 17 May 2013

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NAME: Estella B. Leopold POSITION: Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Simon Levin POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Princeton University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: William Z. Lidicker, Jr. POSITION: Professor of Integrative Biology Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: Kent Lightfoot POSITION: Professor, Department of Anthropology INSTITUTION: UC Berkeley DATE: May 8, 2013

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NAME: Ken Lindema POSITION: Professor, Sustainability Program Chair INSTITUTION: Florida Institute of Technology DATE: April 27, 2013

NAME: Richard L. Lindroth POSITION: Professor and Associate Dean for Research INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin-Madison DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Lee Hsiang Liow POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, Department of Biosciences, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Jere H. Lipps POSITION: Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Professor Adrian M Lister POSITION: Research Leader INSTITUTION: The Natural History Museum, London DATE: 13th May 2013

NAME: Jianguo (Jack) Liu POSITION: Rachel Carson Chair in Sustainability and Director INSTITUTION: Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability, Michigan State University DATE: 4/26/13

NAME: Dr John Llewelyn POSITION: Postdoctoral research fellow INSTITUTION: James Cook University, Australia DATE: 20/5/2013

NAME: Jorge Miguel Lobo POSITION: Research professor of the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC) INSTITUTION: Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC). C/ Jose Gutiérrez Abascal 2. Madrid DATE:13 May 2013

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NAME: Michael E. Loik POSITION: Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Adam Lomnicki POSITION: Professor Emeritus of Biology INSTITUTION: Institute of Environmental Scieces, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland DATE: 18th of May 2013

NAME: John Longino POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology, University of Utah DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Cindy V. Looy POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: UC Berkeley and UC Museum of Paleontology DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Celia López-González POSITION: Profesor Titular CIIDIR Unidad Durango INSTITUTION: Instituto Politécnico Nacional DATE: May 10 2013

NAME: Jonathan Losos POSITION: Professor and Curator INSTITUTION: Dept of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology and Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Thomas E. Lovejoy POSITION: University Professor INSTITUTION: George Mason University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Richard Loyn POSITION: Ecologist; Director, Eco Insights, and recently Principal Scientist, Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research (Victorian Government) INSTITUTION: Eco Insights (also research fellow at La Trobe Unviversity; honorary senior Fellow at University of Melbourne & Charles Sturt University) DATE: 8 May 2013

NAME: Stephen Luby POSITION: Professor or Medicine INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Gary Luck POSITION: Professor in Ecology and Interdisciplinary Science INSTITUTION: Charles Sturt University, Institute for Land, Water and Society DATE: 19th May 2013

NAME: Per Lundberg POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Dept. Biology, Lund University, Lund, Sweden DATE: 30 April, 2013

NAME: Ian D. Lunt POSITION: Associate Professor in Vegetation Ecology & Management INSTITUTION: Institute for Land, Water & Society, Charles Sturt University, Australia DATE: 20 May 2013

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NAME: Manuel Maass POSITION: Research Scientist INSTITUTION: Centro de Investigaciones en Ecosistemas (CIEco), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) DATE: April 27, 2013

NAME: Georgina Mace POSITION: Professor of Biodiversity and Ecosystems INSTITUTION: University College London DATE: 10 May 2013

NAME: James A. MacMahon POSITION: Dean, College of Science INSTITUTION: Utah State University DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Adjunct Prof Jonathan Majer POSITION: Recently retired as Professor of Invertebrate Conservation INSTITUTION: Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia DATE: 26/Apr/13

NAME: Stephanie A. Malin, Ph.D. POSITION: Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow with Center for Environmental Studies and Superfund Research Program INSTITUTION: Brown University DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Michael A. Mallin POSITION: Research Professor INSTITUTION: Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina Wilmington DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Michael E. Mann POSITION: Distinguished Professor of Meteorology; Director of Penn State Earth System Science Center INSTITUTION: Pennsylvania State University DATE: May 18, 2013 NAME: W. Andrew Marcus POSITION: Professor of Geography & Associate Dean, Social Sciences INSTITUTION: University of Oregon DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Dr Martine Maron POSITION: Senior Lecturer in Environmental Management INSTITUTION: The University of Queensland DATE: 10 May 2013

NAME: Pablo Marquet POSITION: Full Professor of Ecology INSTITUTION: Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Jason P. Marshal POSITION: Senior Lecturer of Ecology INSTITUTION: University of the Witwatersrand DATE: 9 May 2013

NAME: Richard A. Marston POSITION: University Distinguished Professor INSTITUTION: Kansas State University DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Airam Rodríguez Martín POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: Estación Biológica de Doñana CSIC DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Jean-Noël Martinez POSITION: Professor of Geology and Director of the Paleontological Institute at the National University of Piura INSTITUTION: National University of Piura - Peru DATE: 17th May 2013

NAME: Enrique Martínez-Meyer POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México DATE: May 10, 2013

NAME: Gil Masters POSITION: Professor (Emeritus) INSTITUTION: Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Stanford University DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Damon Matthews POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Concordia University, Montreal, Canada DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Erik Matthysen POSITION: Professor, Evolutionary Ecology Group INSTITUTION: University of Antwerp, Belgium DATE: 17 May 2013

NAME: Kevin McCann POSITION: Canadian Research Chair in Biodiversity INSTITUTION: University of Guelph DATE: May 13, 2013

NAME: Perry L. McCarty POSITION: Silas H. Palmer Professor Emeritus, Environmental Engineering INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Susan K. McConnell, Ph.D. POSITION: Susan B. Ford Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 16, 2013

NAME: Michael McGehee

POSITION: Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Dr. Peter B. McIntyre POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Galen A. McKinley POSITION: Associate Professor of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences; Faculty Affiliate, Center for Climatic Research, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin - Madison DATE: May 1, 2013

NAME: Sarah McMenamin POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Rodrigo A. Medellin POSITION: Senior Professor of Ecology INSTITUTION: National Autonomous University of Mexico DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Timothy D. Meehan POSITION: Associate Scientist INSTITUTION: Wisconsin Energy Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison DATE: 29 May 2013

NAME: Katrin Meissner POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: University of New South Wales DATE: 29.04.2013

NAME: Natalia Gañán Mejías POSITION: Postdoctoral researcher INSTITUTION: Unaffiliated DATE: 26/04/2013

NAME: David J. Meltzer POSITION: Henderson-Morrison Professor of Prehistory INSTITUTION: Southern Methodist University DATE: May 13, 2013

NAME: Sarah Keene Meltzoff POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami DATE: 28 April 2013

NAME: Santiago Merino POSITION: Professor of Research INSTITUTION: Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC-SPAIN) DATE: 25-04-2013

NAME: Laura A. Meyerson POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: University of Rhode Island DATE: May 2, 2013

NAME: Fiorenza Micheli POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University, Hopkins Marine Station DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Edward L. Miles POSITION: Professor Emeritus of Marine Studies and Public Affairs, School of Marine Studies and Environmental Affairs INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: May 3, 2013 NAME: Brian Miller, Ph.D. POSITION: Senior Scientist INSTITUTION: Wind River Ranch Foundation, PO Box 27, Watrous NM 87753 DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: L. Scott Mills POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences, University of Montana DATE: May 3, 2013

NAME: Professor Bruce Milthorpe POSITION: Dean of Science INSTITUTION: University of Technology Sydney DATE: 1 May 2013

NAME: David P. Mindell POSITION: Visiting Professor INSTITUTION: University of California, San Francisco DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Brent D. Mishler POSITION: Professor of Integrative Biology, Director of the University and Jepson Herbaria INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Cary J. Mock POSITION: Professor of Geography INSTITUTION: University of South Carolina, Columbia DATE: 5/13/2013

NAME: Atte Moilanen

POSITION: Professor, Conservation Decision Analysis INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki, Dept. Biosciences DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: David R. Montgomery POSITION: Professor (Geomorphology) INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: 5/7/13

NAME: Arne O. Mooers POSITION: Professor of Biodiversity INSTITUTION: SImon Fraser University, Canada DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Harold A. Mooney POSITION: Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, and Senior Fellow, Woods Institute INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: MORAND Serge POSITION: DR CNRS, Université de Montpellier 2 INSTITUTION: CNRS (Centre National de la Rercherche, France) DATE: 02/06/2013

NAME: Juan Moreno POSITION: Research Professor CSIC (Spanish Council for Scientific Research) INSTITUTION: Department of Evolutionary Ecology, National Museum of Natural Sciences (CSIC), Madrid, Spain DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Christopher Moy POSITION: Lecturer INSTITUTION: University of Otago, New Zealand DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Prof. Dr. Andreas Mulch POSITION: Vice Director Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre Frankfurt INSTITUTION: Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre Frankfurt DATE: 17.05.2013

NAME: Geoffrey Mwachala POSITION: Director of Collections and Research INSTITUTION: National Museums of Kenya DATE: 20 June 2013

NAME: John Peterson Myers POSITION: CEO and Chief Scientist INSTITUTION: Environmental Health Sciences, Charlottesville, Virginia DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Atle Mysterud POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Oslo, Norway DATE: 25. April 2013

NAME: Nalini Nadkarni POSITION: Full Professor, Dept of Biology, and Director, Center for Science and Mathematics Education INSTITUTION: University of Utah DATE: April 26, 2013

NAME: Shahid Naeem POSITION: Professor of Ecology INSTITUTION: Columbia University DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Tohru Nakashizuka POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University DATE: May 7, 2013.

NAME: Rosamond L. Naylor POSITION: Director, Program on Food Security and the Environment and Professor, Department of Environmental Earth System Science INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Ioan Negrutiu POSITION: Professor biology INSTITUTION: ENS Lyon, Michel Serres Institute DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Tarique Niazi POSITION: Associate Professor of Environmental Sociology INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire DATE: May 2, 2013

NAME: GRACIELA G. NICOLA POSITION: FULL PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: UNIVERSITY OF CASTILLA-LA MANCHA (UCLM), SPAIN DATE: 29/04/2013

NAME: Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch POSITION: University Professor and Zoo Director INSTITUTION: Goethe University and Frankfurt Zoo DATE: 17. May 2013

NAME: Rasmus Nielsen POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of California - Berkeley DATE: April 29 2013

NAME: Dale G. Nimmo POSITION: Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Deakin University, Australia DATE: 20-05-2012 NAME: DAVID NOGUÉS-BRAVO POSITION: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN DATE: 25-APRIL-2013

NAME: NORET Nausicaa POSITION: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES DATE: 30 04 2013

NAME: Christopher M. Nyamai POSITION: Senior Lecturer, Chair, Department of Geology INSTITUTION: University of Nairobi

DATE: 15th May 2013

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NAME: Karen Oberhauser POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Minnesota DATE: 4/29/2013

NAME: Timothy G. O'Connor POSITION: Observation Scientist (plus Honorary Professor, School of Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences) INSTITUTION: South African Environmental

Observation Network, PO Box 2600, Pretoria 0001, South Africa (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa) DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: John C. Ogden POSITION: Emeritus Professor INSTITUTION: University of South Florida (USF) DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: Onesmo K. ole-MoiYoi MD, DSc (hc), EBS (Kenya) POSITION: Chair Board of Management INSTITUTION: Kenya Agricultural Research Institute DATE: 14 May 2013

NAME: Gordon H. Orians POSITION: Professor Emeritus of Biology INSTITUTION: University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195 DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Dr. Jamie F Orr POSITION: Adjunct Faculty, Physics & Engineering, Foothill College & Faculty Researcher, NASA Ames Research Center INSTITUTION: Foothill College and NASA Ames Research Center DATE: May 15, 2013

NAME: John Orrock POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: Otso Ovaskainen POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki, Finland DATE: April 25th 2013

NAME: Norman Owen-Smith POSITION: Emeritus Research Professor INSTITUTION: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg DATE: May 9, 2013

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NAME: LUIS F. PACHECO POSITION: PROFESSOR AND RESEARCHER INSTITUTION: INSTITUTO DE ECOLOGÍA, UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN ANDRÉS, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA DATE: 24 APRIL, 2013

NAME: Kevin Padian POSITION: Professor and Curator INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 4/29/2013

NAME: Dianna K Padilla POSITION: Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolution INSTITUTION: Stony Brook University DATE: April 25 2013

NAME: Stephen Palumbi POSITION: Professor, Department of Biology and Director, Hopkins Marine Station INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: John M. Pandolfi POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, AUSTRALIA DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Mario Garcia Paris POSITION: Permanent Researcher (Investigador Científico) INSTITUTION: MNCN-CSIC (Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales-Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain)

DATE: 25/April/2013

NAME: James L. Patton, PhD POSITION: Curator and Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Daniel Pauly POSITION: Professor of Fisheries INSTITUTION: Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada DATE: April 10, 2013

NAME: Jonathan L. Payne POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Dept. of Geological & Environmental Sciences, Stanford University DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Richard G. Pearson POSITION: Emeritus Professor INSTITUTION: James Cook University, Australia DATE: May 20, 2013

NAME: Kabir G. Peay POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 4/25/2013

NAME: Pablo Pelaez-Campomanes POSITION: Senior researcher INSTITUTION: National Museum of Natural Sciences, CSIC, Spain DATE: 25/04/2013

NAME: Petri Pellikka POSITION: Professor of Geoinformatics INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki DATE: 15.5.2013

NAME: Dr Avril Pereira POSITION: Research Fellow INSTITUTION: The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health DATE: 20 May, 2013

NAME: Henrique Miguel Pereira POSITION: Invited Professor INSTITUTION: Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal DATE: 13 May 2013

NAME: Melissa Pespeni POSITION: National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Biology INSTITUTION: Indiana University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Owen Petchey POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Zurich DATE: 8th May 2013

NAME: Dmitri Petrov POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 5/20/13

NAME: Ben Phillips POSITION: Senior Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Centre for Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change, James Cook University DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Theunis Piersma POSITION: Professor of Global Flyway Ecology INSTITUTION: University of Groningen/Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: Stuart Pimm POSITION: Doris Duke Chair of Conservation INSTITUTION: Duke University DATE: 28th April 2013

NAME: Stephanie Pincetl, PhD POSITION: Adjunct Professor, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability INSTITUTION: UCLA DATE: April 26, 2013

NAME: Malin L. Pinsky POSITION: David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellow INSTITUTION: Princeton University DATE: April 24, 2013

NAME: Erica Plambeck POSITION: Professor of Operations, Information and Technology INSTITUTION: Stanford Graduate School of Business DATE: May 18 2013

NAME: P. David Polly POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Geological Sciences, Indiana University DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Warren P. Porter POSITION: Professor of Zoology and Professor of Environmental Toxicology INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin, Madison DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Hugh Possingham POSITION: Professor and Centre Director INSTITUTION: The University of Queensland DATE: 25 April 2013 NAME: Malcolm Potts POSITION: Professor, School of Public Health INSTITUTION: University of California-Berkeley DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Mary E. Power POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Univ. California, Berkeley DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Daniel Press POSITION: Olga T. Griswold Professor, Environmental Studies Department and Executive Director, Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Aili Pyhälä POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: Department of Biosciences, University of Helsinki DATE: 25th April 2013

NAME: Dr Graham H. Pyke POSITION: Distinguished Professor INSTITUTION: School of the Environment, University of Technology Sydney DATE: 26 April 2013

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NAME: Nancy N. Rabalais POSITION: Executive Director and Professor INSTITUTION: Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium DATE: 49 April 2013

NAME: Paul A Racey POSITION: Co-Chair, IUCN Bat Specialist Group INSTITUTION: Regius Professor of Natural History (Emeritus), University of Aberdeen. Honorary Visiting Professor, University of Exeter in Cornwall DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Carsten Rahbek POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Center for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

DATE: 15 May 2013

NAME: Paul B Rainey POSITION: Distinguished Professor INSTITUTION: New Zealand Institute for Advanced Study & Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Biology. DATE: 20.05.13

NAME: Uma Ramakrishnan POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: National Centre of Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India DATE: May 11, 2013

NAME: Giovani Ramón POSITION: Post-graduate student INSTITUTION: James Cook University DATE: 20/05/2013

NAME: Dr. Eduardo H. Rapoport POSITION: Professor Emeritus & Investigador Consejo Nacional Investigaciones Científicas INSTITUTION: Universidad Nacional del Comahue, Bariloche, Argentina DATE: MAY 20. 2013

NAME: Daniel J. Rasky POSITION: Senior Scientist INSTITUTION: Self DATE: 5/20/2013

NAME: Prof. Peter H. Raven POSITION: President Emeritus INSTITUTION: Missouri Botanical Garden DATE: May 9, 2013

NAME: RAVIGNÉ Virginie POSITION: RESEARCHER (permanent position) INSTITUTION: CIRAD DATE: 21/05/2013

NAME: Dr. John E. Rawlins POSITION: Curator of Invertebrate Zoology INSTITUTION: Carnegie Museum of Natural History DATE: 1 May 2013

NAME: Dr. Maureen E Raymo POSITION: Lamont Research Professor and Director Lamont-Doherty Core Repository INSTITUTION: Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University DATE: May 11, 2013

NAME: Harry F. Recher POSITION: Emeritus Professor INSTITUTION: Edith Cowan University, School of Natural Sciences, Joondalup, Western Australia, Australia DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Kent H. Redford POSITION: Principal INSTITUTION: Archipelago Consulting DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: William E. Rees, PhD, FRSC POSITION: Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of British Columbia DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Jonathan Rhodes POSITION: Senior Lecturer INSTITUTION: The University of Queensland DATE: 29th April 2013

NAME: Brett R. Riddle POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Nevada Las Vegas DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: William J. Ripple POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Oregon State University DATE: May 18, 2013

NAME: Euan G. Ritchie POSITION: Lecturer in ecology INSTITUTION: Deakin University, Australia DATE: 18/5/2013

NAME: Annapaola Rizzoli POSITION: DVM, PhD, Animal Ecology Research Group Leader INSTITUTION: Research and Innovation Centre, Department of Biodiveristy and Molecular

Ecology, Edmund Mach Foundation, San Michele all'Adige (TN), Italy DATE: 26/04/2013

NAME: Dr Lisa Roberts POSITION: Visiting Fellow, Environmental Science / Design INSTITUTION: University of Technology, Sydney DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: Heyward G. Robinson POSITION: Senior Scientist, Applied Optics Laboratory INSTITUTION: SRI International DATE: 8 May 2013

 NAME: John G. Robinson, Ph.D.
 POSITION: Executive Vice President, Conservation and Science
 INSTITUTION: Wildlife Conservation Society
 DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Johan Rockström POSITION: Professor, Water systems and Global Sustainability; Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre INSTITUTION: Stockholm University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez POSITION: Researcher INSTITUTION: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico DATE: April 27th, 2013

NAME: Klaus Rohde POSITION: Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of New England, Armidale, Australia DATE: 26.4.2013

NAME: Terry L. Root POSITION: Senior Fellow INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE:8 May 2013

NAME: Helen Rowe POSITION: Assistant Research Professor INSTITUTION: School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University DATE: 4-26-2013

NAME: Lasse Ruokolainen POSITION: Postdoctoral fellow INSTITUTION: University of Helsinki DATE: 26.4.2013

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NAME: Takashi Saitoh POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Field Science Center, Hokkaido University, Japan DATE: May 8, 2013

NAME: Osvaldo Sala POSITION: Julie A. Wrigley Professor of Life Sciences and Sustainability INSTITUTION: Arizona State University DATE: 4/25/2013

NAME: Peter F Sale POSITION: Assistant Director, Institute for Water, Environment and Health INSTITUTION: United Nations University DATE: April 25th 2013

NAME: Benjamin Santer POSITION: Atmospheric Scientist INSTITUTION: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory DATE: May 18, 2013

NAME: José Sarukhán POSITION: National Coordinator, and Professor Emeritus, UNAM. INSTITUTION: Mexican National Commission on Biodiversity (CONABIO) and Institute of Ecology, UNAM DATE: 19th May, 2013

NAME: Dov Sax POSITION: Associate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Director-Elect for the Center for Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: Brown University DATE: May 10, 2013

NAME: James Schaefer POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Trent University DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Christoph Scheidegger, Prof. Dr. POSITION: Senior Scientist and Chair Research Group Biodiversity INSTITUTION: Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research, WSL, Zürcherstr. 111, CH-8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland DATE: April 30, 2013

NAME: William H. Schlesinger POSITION: President INSTITUTION: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Jan Schnitzler POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre (BiK-F) & Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany DATE: May 17, 2013

NAME: Cagan H. Sekercioglu, Ph.D. POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: University of Utah Department of Biology DATE: May 11, 2013

NAME: Heikki Seppä POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Geosciences and Geography, University of Helsinki, Finland DATE: May 14, 2013

NAME: Fabrizio Sergio POSITION: Researcher (permanent post) INSTITUTION: Estacion Biologica de Donana -Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Seville, Spain DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: DAVID SERRANO POSITION: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: EBD-CSIC DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: ROSS D. SHACHTER POSITION: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: STANFORD UNIVERSITY DATE: MAY 20, 2013

NAME: Michael Shapira POSITION: Adjunct assistant professor INSTITUTION: Department of Integrative biology, UC Berkeley DATE: 4/29/13

NAME: Anne Sheppard POSITION: Research Assistant INSTITUTION: School of Life Sciences, University of Warwick, UK. DATE: 26th April 2013 NAME: Steven Sherwood POSITION: Professor, Director of the Climate Change Research Centre INSTITUTION: University of New South Wales DATE: 1 May 2013

NAME: Richard Shine POSITION: Professor in Biology INSTITUTION: University of Sydney DATE: 26 April 2013

NAME: Candida Shinn POSITION: post-doctoral researcher INSTITUTION: IMAR - Instituto do Mar DATE: 25.4.2013

NAME: Marisa Sicilia POSITION: Post-doctoral researcher INSTITUTION: Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha (Spain) DATE: 13th May 2013

NAME: Fernando Simal POSITION: Manager, Natural and Historic Resources Unit INSTITUTION: STINAPA Bonaire DATE: April 26th, 2013

NAME: Ellen L. Simms POSITION: Professor, Integrative Biology INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: Javier A. Simonetti POSITION: Professor, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Chile, Chile INSTITUTION: Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Chile DATE: May 20th, 2013

NAME: Jasper Slingsby POSITION: Biodiversity Scientist INSTITUTION: South African Environmental Observation Network DATE: 10 May 2013

NAME: Adam B. Smith POSITION: Postdoctoral Researcher INSTITUTION: Center for Conservation and Sustainable Development, Missouri Botanical Garden DATE: April 25th, 2013

NAME: Kirk R. Smith POSITION: Professor of Global Environmental Health INSTITUTION: University of California Berkeley DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Martyn T. Smith POSITION: Professor and Director, Berkeley Institute of the Environment INSTITUTION: School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley DATE: May 19, 2013

NAME: Dr. Allison A. Snow POSITION: Professor of Biology INSTITUTION: Ohio State University DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Janne Soininen POSITION: Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Geosciences and Geography, University of Helsinki DATE: 14.5.2013

NAME: Manuel Soler POSITION: Full Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Zoology, Granada University, Spain DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Michael Soule POSITION: Emeritus Professor, INSTITUTION: UCSC DATE: 4-25-13

NAME: Wayne P. Sousa POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Donald W. Spady MD, MSc. POSITION: Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Public Health INSTITUTION: Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, and School of Public Health, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada DATE: April 28, 2013

NAME: Chelsea Specht POSITION: Associate Professor and Curator INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: 29 April 2013

NAME: THOMAS WIER STAFFORD, JR POSITION: RESEARCH PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY, UNIVERSITY OF AARHUS, AARHUS, DENMARK DATE: MAY 9, 2013

NAME: Dr Martin J. Steinbauer POSITION: Senior Research Fellow/Entomologist INSTITUTION: Department of Zoology, La Trobe University, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Nils Chr. Stenseth POSITION: Professor and Chair, Center for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, and Chief Scientist, Norwegian Institute of Marine Research INSTITUTION: University of Oslo DATE: April 23, 2013

NAME: Jonathon Stillman POSITION: Associate Professor - and - Adjunct Assistant Professor INSTITUTION: San Francisco State University - and -University of California Berkeley DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Robert L. Street POSITION: Campbell Professor in the School of Engineering [Em] INSTITUTION: Stanford University DATE: 20 May 2013

NAME: Caroline A E Strömberg POSITION: Assistant Professor & Curator of Paleobotany INSTITUTION: University of Washington, Seattle DATE: 05/19/2013

NAME: Simon N. Stuart, PhD POSITION: Visiting Professor, Department of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Bath INSTITUTION: Chair, Species Survival Commission, International Union for Conservation of Nature; Senior Biodiversity Advisor, Conservation International; Senior Biodiversity Advisor, World Conservation Monitoring Centre DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Rashid Sumaila POSITION: Professor of Ocean and Fisheries Economics INSTITUTION: Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada DATE: April 10, 2013

NAME: William Sutherland POSITION: Miriam Rothschild Professor of Conservation Biology INSTITUTION: University of Cambridge DATE: 18 May 2013

NAME: Dr. David Suzuki, Emeritus POSITION: Professor, Sustainable Development Research Institute INSTITUTION: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Andrew Szasz POSITION: Professor of Environmental Studies INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: April 26, 2013

NAME: Alina M. Szmant POSITION: Professor of Marine Biology INSTITUTION: Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina Wilmington DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: Gary M. Tabor POSITION: Executive Director INSTITUTION: Center for Large Landscape Conservation DATE: 25 April, 2013

NAME: Celine Teplitsky POSITION: Research scientist INSTITUTION: CNRS & French Natural History Museum DATE: 29/04/2013

NAME: John Terborgh POSITION: Research Professor, Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences INSTITUTION: Duke University DATE: April 29, 2013

NAME: Alexey Tesakov POSITION: Head of Laboratory for Quaternary Stratigraphy INSTITUTION: Geological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia DATE: May 7, 2013

NAME: John N. Thompson POSITION: Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology INSTITUTION: University of California, Santa Cruz DATE: 30 April 2013

NAME: Hiroshi Tomimatsu POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: Department of Biology, Yamagata University, Japan DATE: May 10, 2013

NAME: Susumu Tomiya POSITION: Lecturer INSTITUTION: University of California, Berkeley DATE: May 1, 2013

NAME: Alan Townsend POSITION: Professor, Dept of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Fellow, Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research INSTITUTION: University of Colorado, Boulder DATE: April 25, 2013

NAME: ANNA TRAVESET POSITION: RESEARCH PROFESSOR INSTITUTION: SPANISH RESEARCH COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 26, 2013

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NAME: James W. Valentine POSITION: Professor of Integrative Biology, Emeritus

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NAME: Myriam VALERO POSITION: Researcher at the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) INSTITUTION: Station Biologique de Roscoff, France DATE: 1st May 2013

NAME: Fernando Valladares POSITION: Research Professor INSTITUTION: Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) DATE: April 24, 2013

NAME: Jan van der Made POSITION: Scientific researcher (Investigador científico) INSTITUTION: Consejo Superior de Investigaciónes Científicas (CSIC), Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (Madrid, Spain). DATE: 25-4-2013

NAME: Marcel van Tuinen POSITION: Associate Professor INSTITUTION: UNC at Wilmington DATE: 4/25/13

NAME: Jake Vander Zanden POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin-Madison DATE: 4/25/2013

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NAME: Kristiina Vogt POSITION: Professor and Director of FSB, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, College of the Environment INSTITUTION: University of Washington DATE: 6 May 2013 NAME: Henrik von Wehrden POSITION: Junior Professor INSTITUTION: Leuphana University, Gemany, Institute of Ecology/Faculty of Sustainability & Center for Methods DATE: 18.05.2013

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NAME: Mathis Wackernagel, Ph.D. POSITION: President, Global Footprint Network, and Visiting Professor INSTITUTION: Cornell University DATE: 28 April 2013

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NAME: Don Waller POSITION: John T. Curtis Professor of Botany and Chair, Department of Botany, Biological Aspects of Conservation Major, Wisconsin Ecology INSTITUTION: University of Wisconsin – Madison DATE: April 26, 2013

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NAME: J. Allen Williams, Jr. POSITION: Professor Emeritus INSTITUTION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln DATE: May 3, 2013

NAME: Susan L. Williams POSITION: Professor INSTITUTION: Dept. of Evolution & Ecology and Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California at Davis DATE: 25 April 2013

NAME: Gregory P. Wilson POSITION: Assistant Professor of Biology, Adjunct Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology INSTITUTION: University of Washington and Burke Museum DATE: May 13, 2013

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