

**SO WE
& OUR
CHILDREN
MAY LIVE**

Following Jesus in **Confronting the Climate Crisis**

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Foreword by Patty Krawec

EARTH IS NEARING THE TIPPING POINT FOR A HOT FUTURE


ALARM IN U.N. REPORT

**Calls for Drastic Action
Within This Decade
to Avert Disaster**

The New York Times

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In a new study, scientists found that the climate milestone could come about a decade sooner than anticipated, even if planet-warming emissions are gradually reduced.

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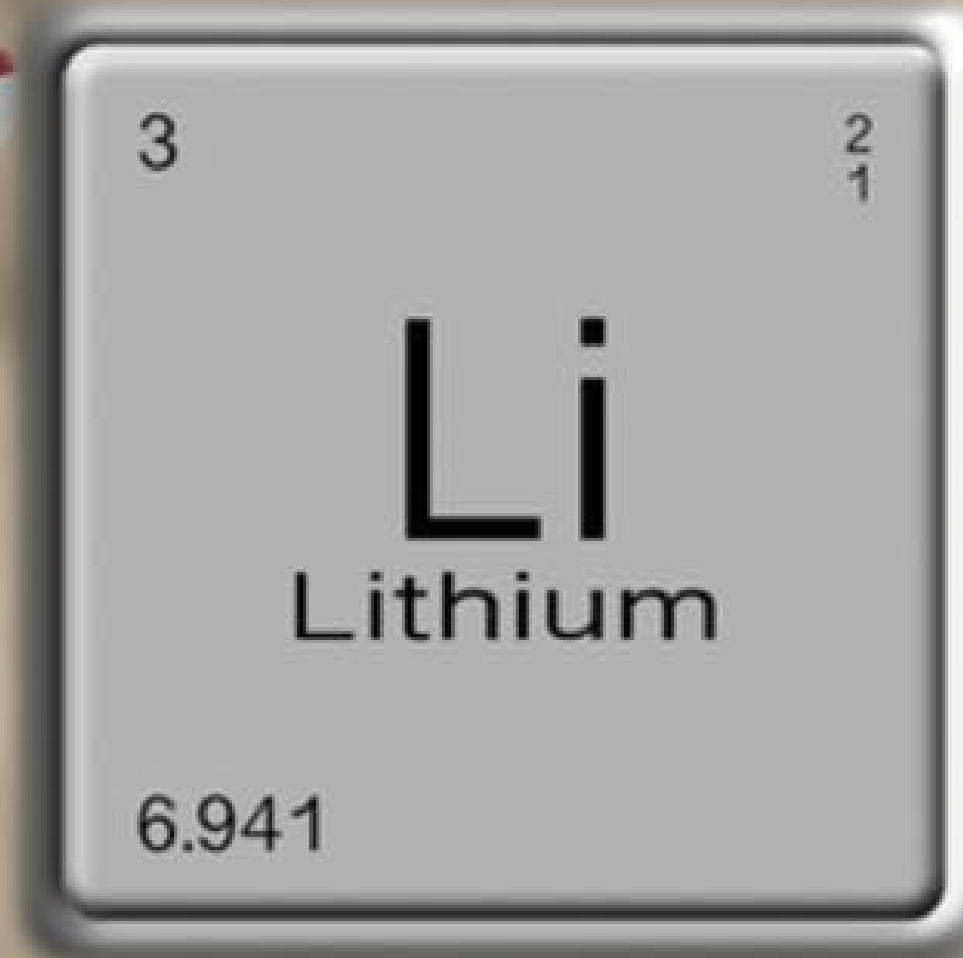
Green growth holds that technology and human ingenuity can allow us to continue growing our economy while simultaneously mitigating ecological crises.



Green Growth is

Not Just

(or Green)





Energy transition minerals and their intersection with land-connected peoples

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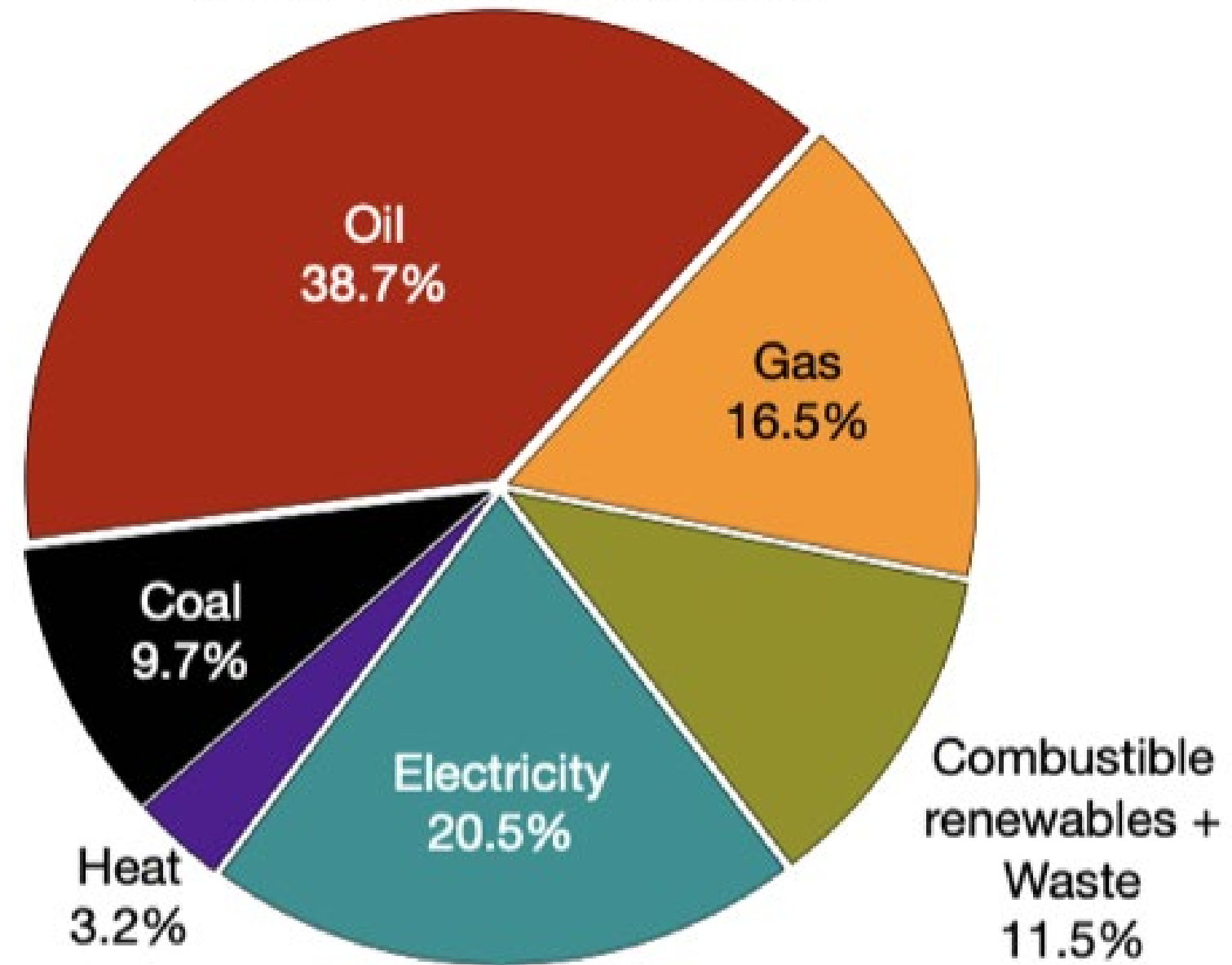
Rapidly transitioning the global energy system to renewables is considered necessary to combat climate change. Current estimates suggest that at least 30 energy transition minerals and metals (ETMs) form the material base for the energy transition. The inventory of ETMs indicates a high level of intersectionality with territories less impacted by the historic forces of industrialization. To identify the current global footprint, 5,097 ETM projects were geo-located against indicators for indigeneity, human modification of land, food production, water risk, conflict, as well as capacity measures for project permitting, consultation and consent. Study results differentiate ETMs to improve visibility over linkages between technology, resources and sustainability objectives. **Our analysis reveals that more than half of the ETM resource base is located on or near the lands of Indigenous and peasant peoples, two groups whose rights to consultation and free prior informed consent are embedded in United Nations declarations.**



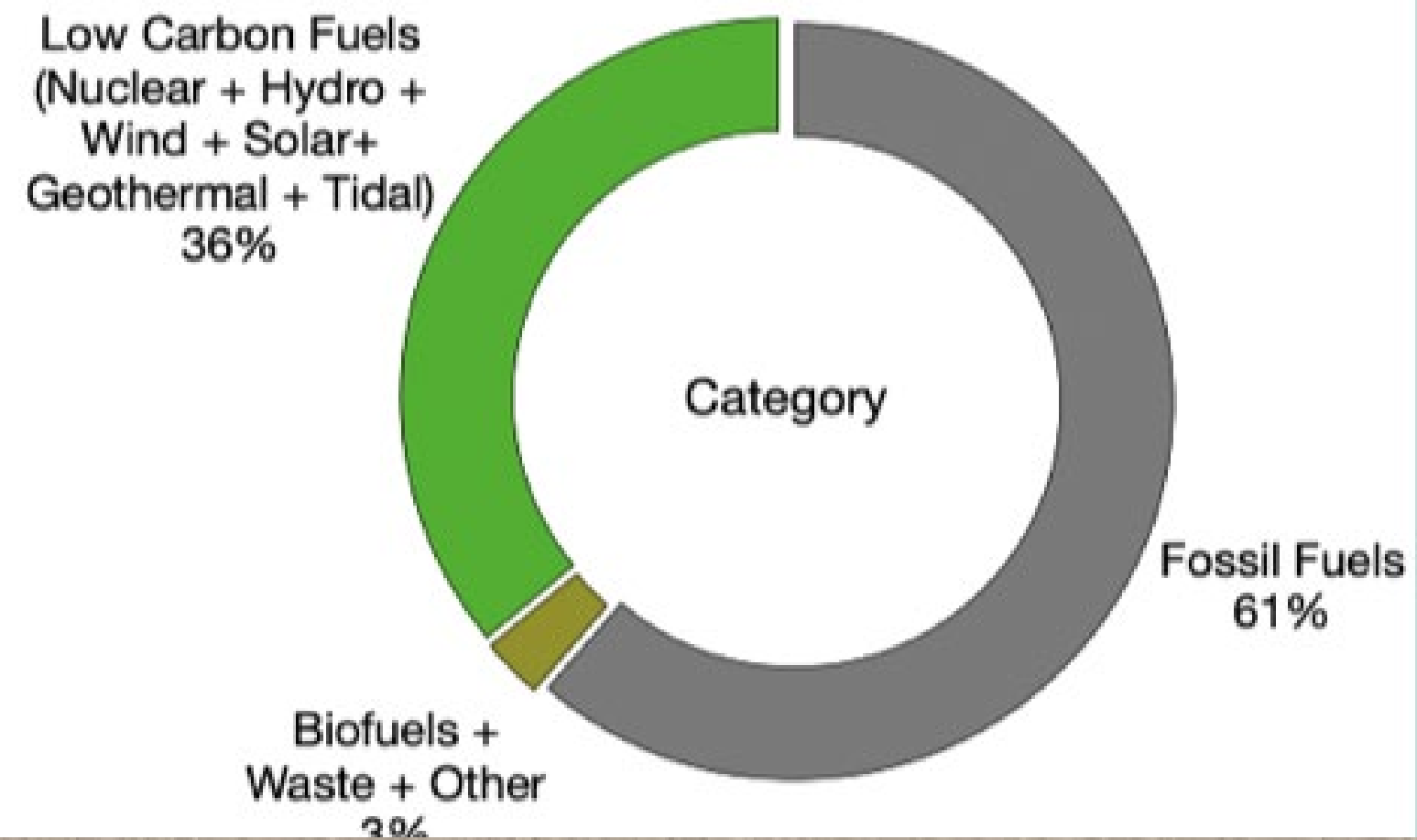
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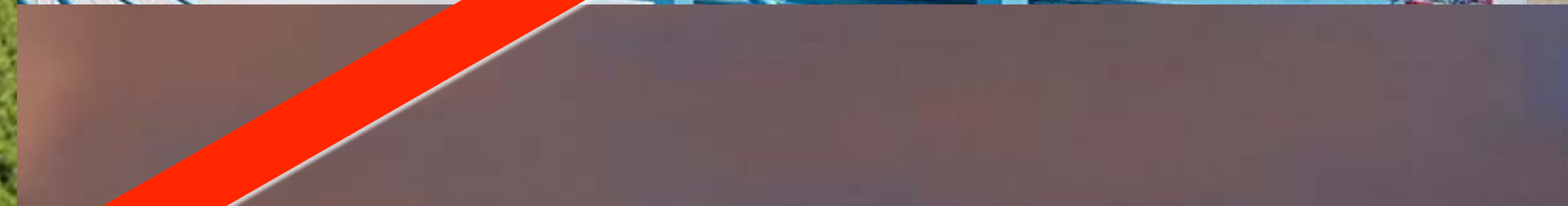
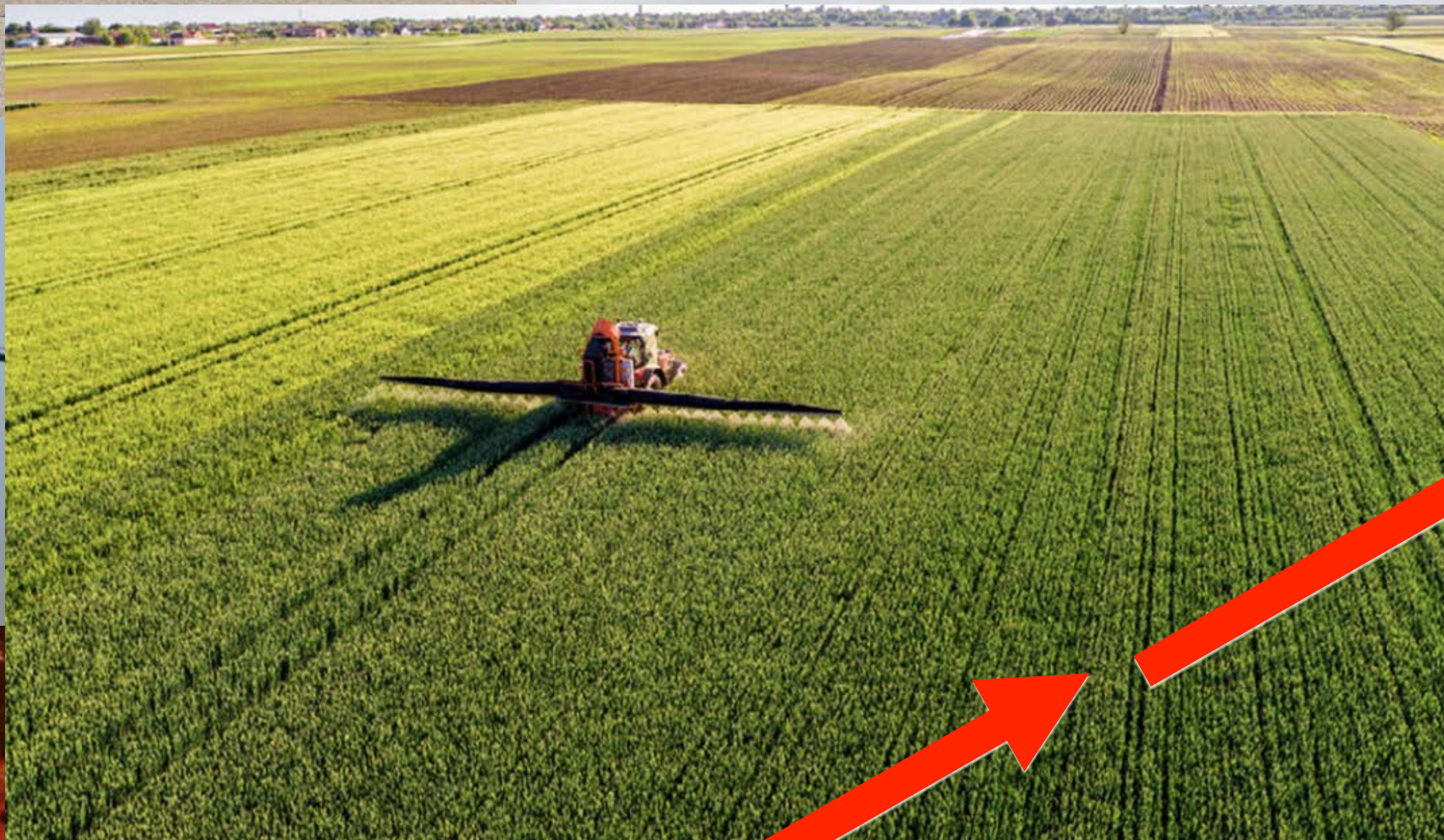
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Electricity Generation





*Green Growth
is Limited*

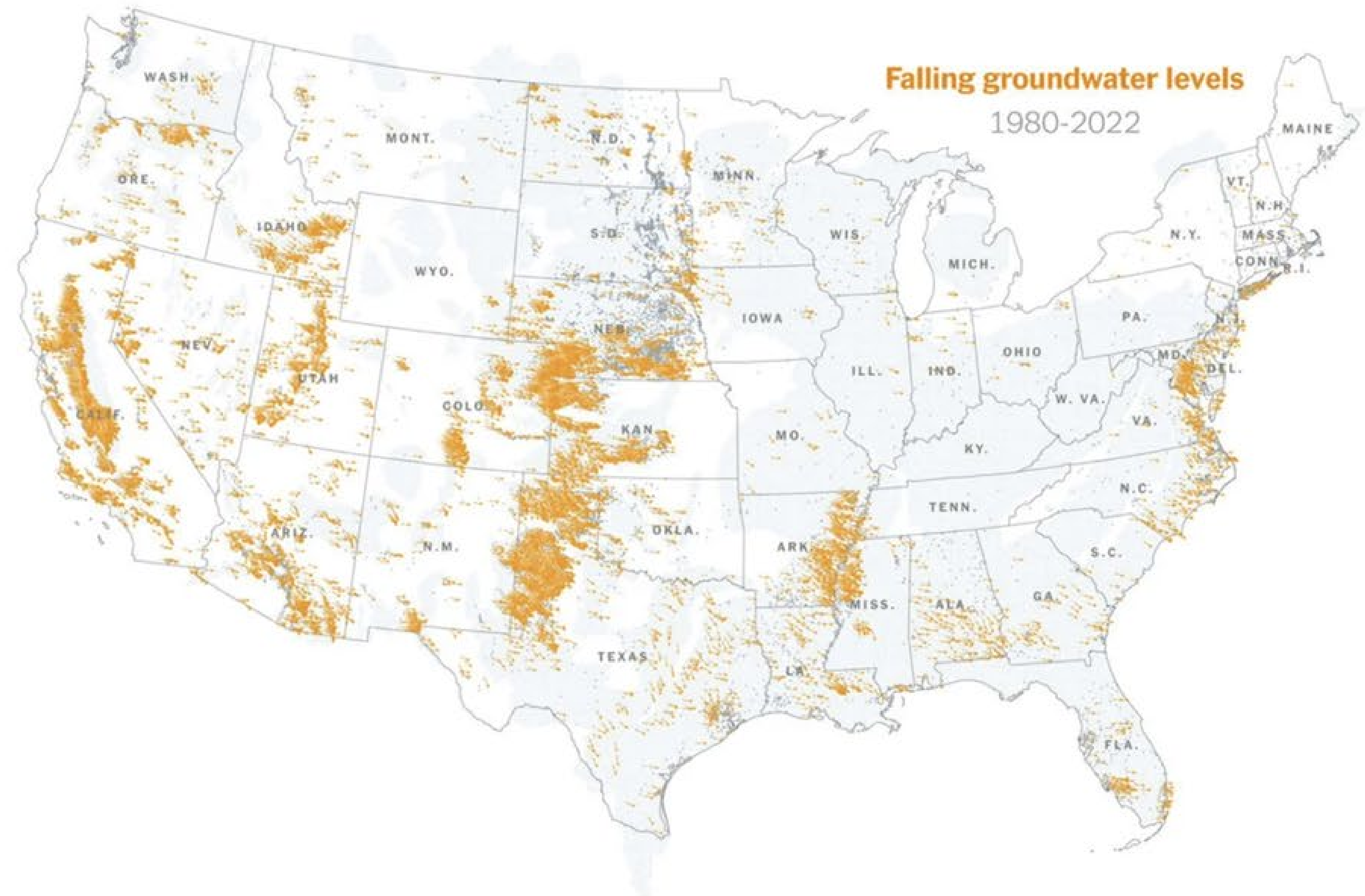
Uncharted Waters

A series on the causes and consequences of disappearing water.

America Is Using Up Its Groundwater Like There's No Tomorrow

Unchecked overuse is draining and damaging aquifers nationwide, a data investigation by the New York Times revealed, threatening millions of people and America's status as a food superpower.

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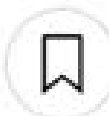




PFAS: The 'Forever Chemicals' You Couldn't Escape if You Tried

Virtually indestructible, these artificial compounds are used in fast-food packaging and countless household items, but they have been found as far away as virgin forests.

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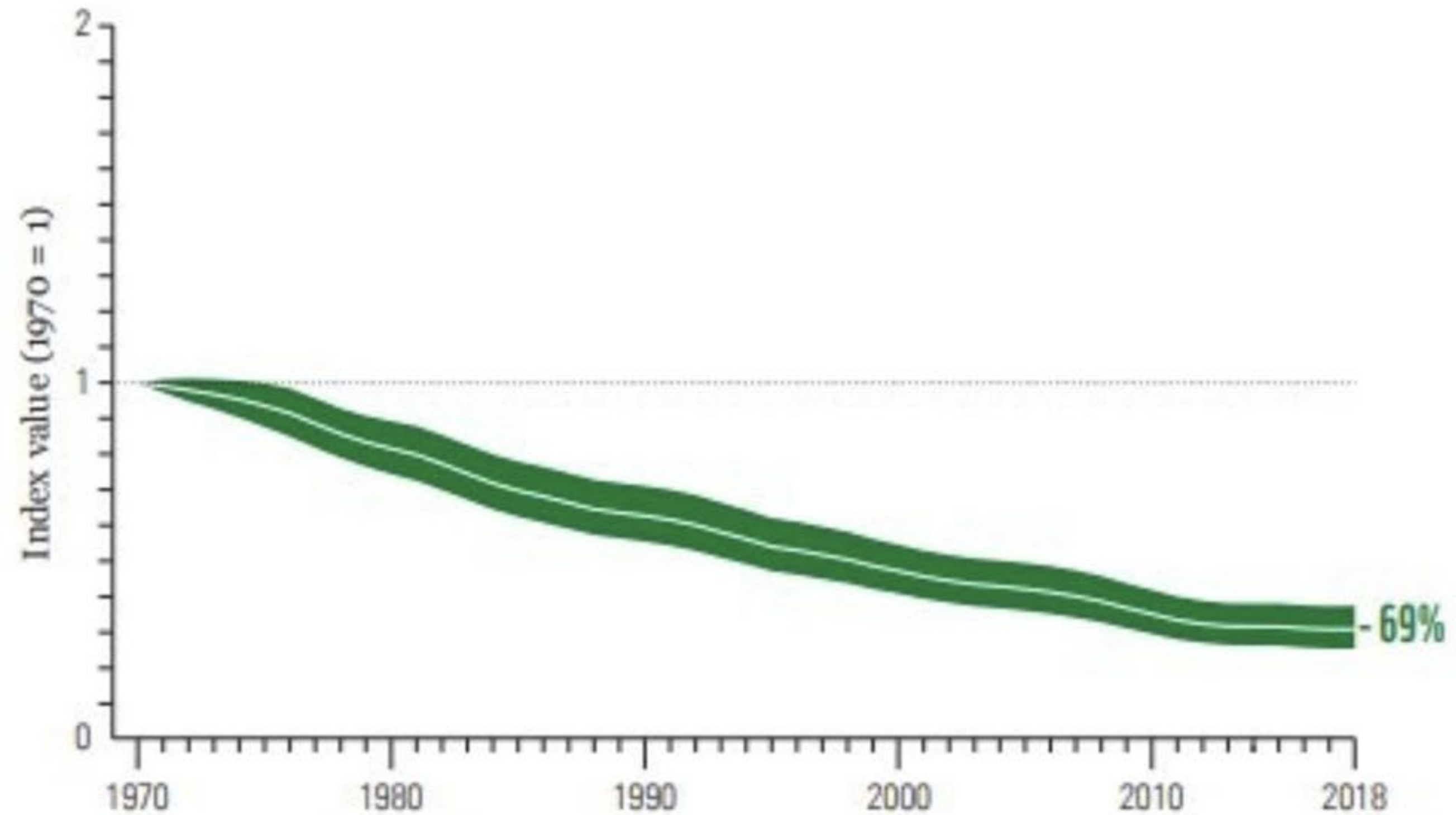


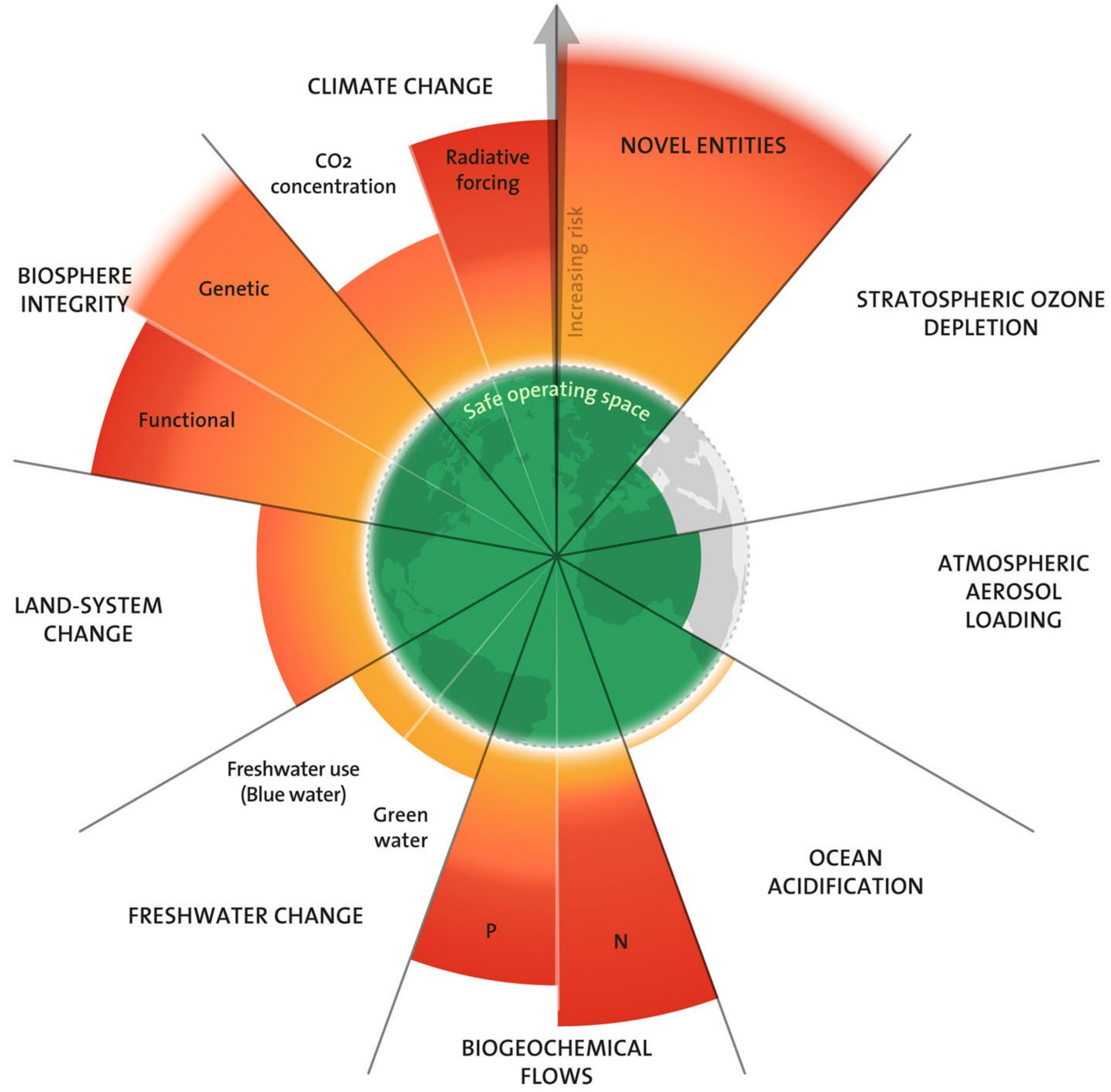
1. A two-thirds drop in abundance

Figure 3: The global Living Planet Index (1970 to 2018)
The average change in relative abundance of 31,821 populations, representing 5,230 species monitored across the globe, was a decline of 69%. The white line shows the index values and the shaded areas represent the statistical certainty surrounding the trend (95% statistical certainty, range 63% to 75%).
Source: WWF/ZSL (2022)¹⁸⁴.

Key

- Global Living Planet Index
- Confidence limits





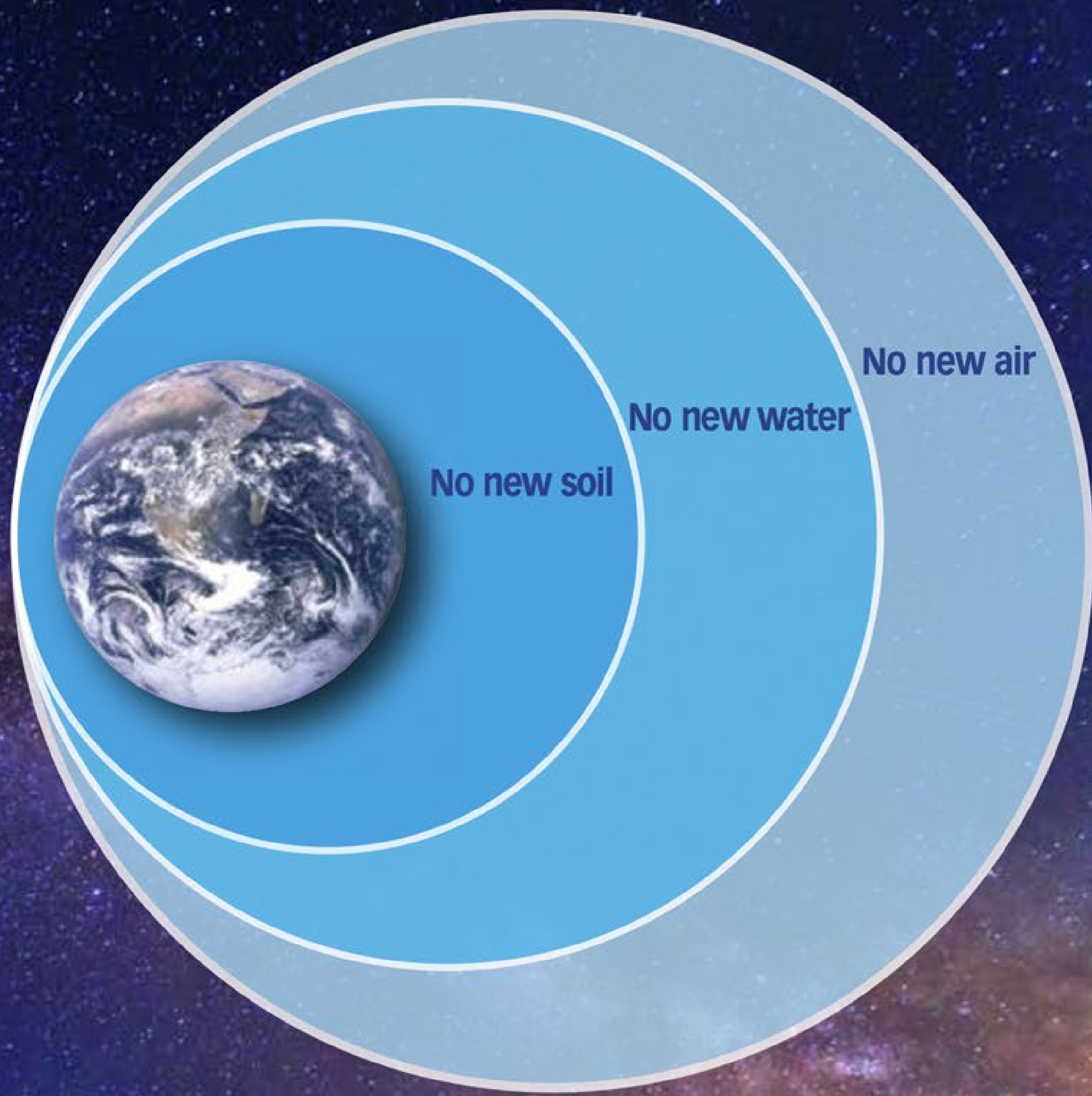
- *How is ecological overshoot a different frame from climate change alone?*
- *How does the green transition as it has been described by the prevailing narrative address ecological overshoot?*

Reality vs. reality

What I have learned
from Elders:
**We live in a
closed system
of mutual
dependence.**



**What one does
impacts every other.**



What I have learned
from the Dominant
culture:

**Progress is
linear in time
and evidenced by
accumulation.**

**In this view of reality, the earth is a set of raw
resources to extraction in service to progress.**

Success is the accumulation of:

- wealth
- power
- security



Extraction is rooted in the concept of dominion, or domination, and is justified in the concept of perpetual growth.

Extraction threatens every system of life on the earth through the pollution of air, water, and soil.



Technological solutions alone will not heal creation, end climate change or dismantle oppressive systems.

Many “Renewable Energy” Industries continue to follow extractive logic.

Accumulation and perpetual growth are still the desired outcomes.



We must have the courage to imagine together a way of living consistent with Reality, a way of being that is more than the way we live now. I would like to ask you to join us in acknowledging Reality as it is. While we may believe in our twenty-first-century, post-industrial context that reality depends on perpetual growth in a market economy, the creation that we depend on holds a different Reality. This Reality dictates that we are mutually dependent in a finite world. When we discuss this Reality, we capitalize the word, acknowledging that actual Reality is not a matter of opinion. We must imagine together how we can live in this Reality.

- Sarah Augustine, "So We and Our Children May Live," pg. 22.



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Indigenous Speaker Series

Our society now faces the stark consequences of ecological overshoot, including climate change. Many of us wish to resist systems of power proactively, but we most often participate in performative actions rather than engaging in systems change. Many of us do not know how to approach systems change.

As faith communities, we are under-utilizing Indigenous vision and experience. Indigenous peoples have successfully lived sustainably within their ecosystems because they built systems designed to do this.

In this lecture series, we asked Indigenous thought-leaders to reflect with us about what might comprise ecologically successful systems.

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- *What do we tell our children/youth about appropriate norms for economics?*
- *What do we teach our children is Reality?*