

How does nature support health?
Ask your "accountant"!

THE POTENTIAL OF ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTING TO SUPPORT DECISION-MAKING FOR DISEASE CONTROL

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Ecosystem or Natural Capital Accounting (NCA):

- ✓ a standardized framework to assess the **value of nature**
- ✓ quantifies ecosystems by

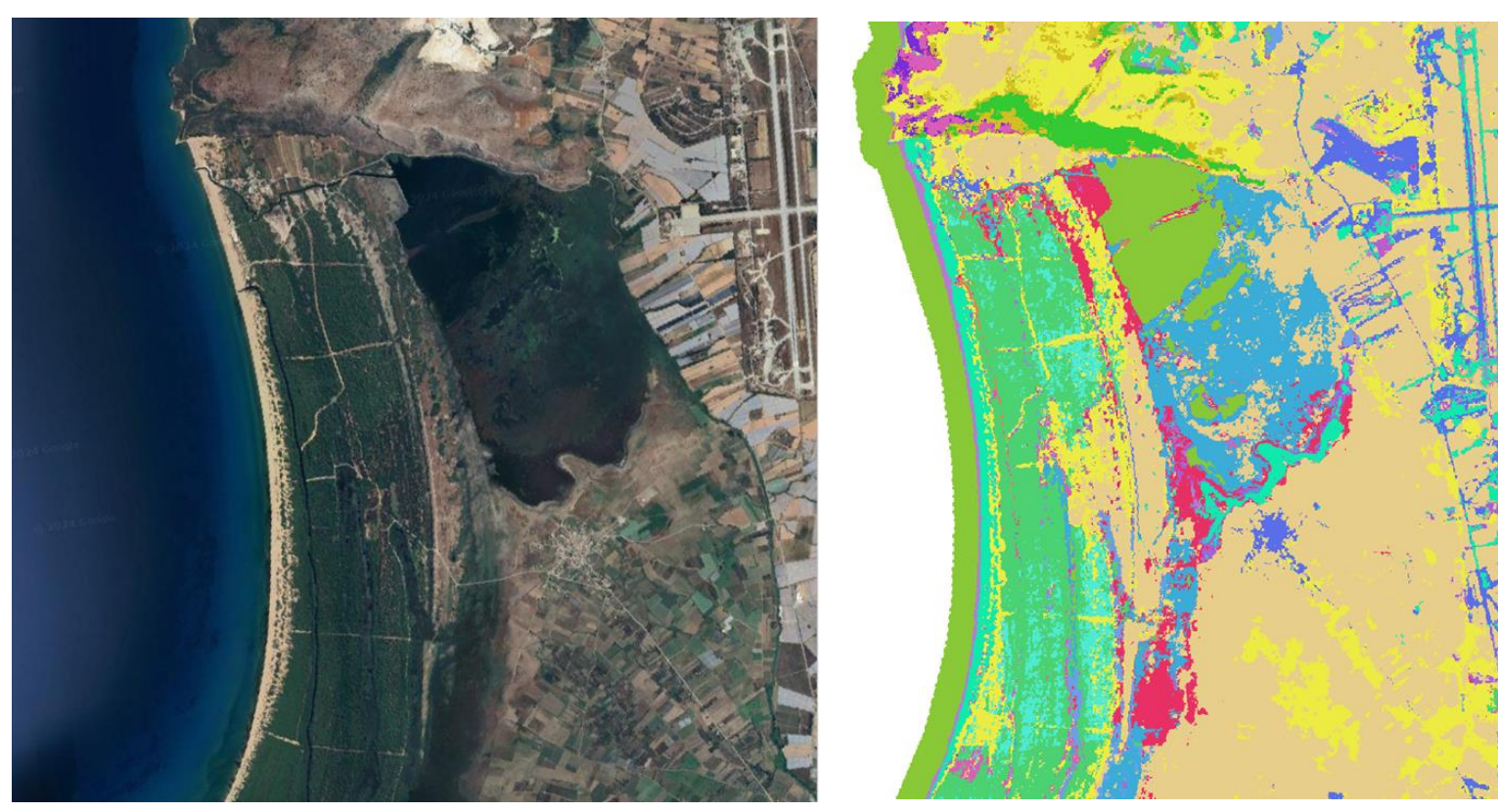
1. Presence → **2. Condition** → **3. Services to humans** → **4. Economic value of services**

- ✓ enables informed decision-making towards a more sustainable future

Where are the ecosystems?

Habitat mapping ▲ **Extent accounting**

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WEED toolbox

Projects: **EUROPABON**

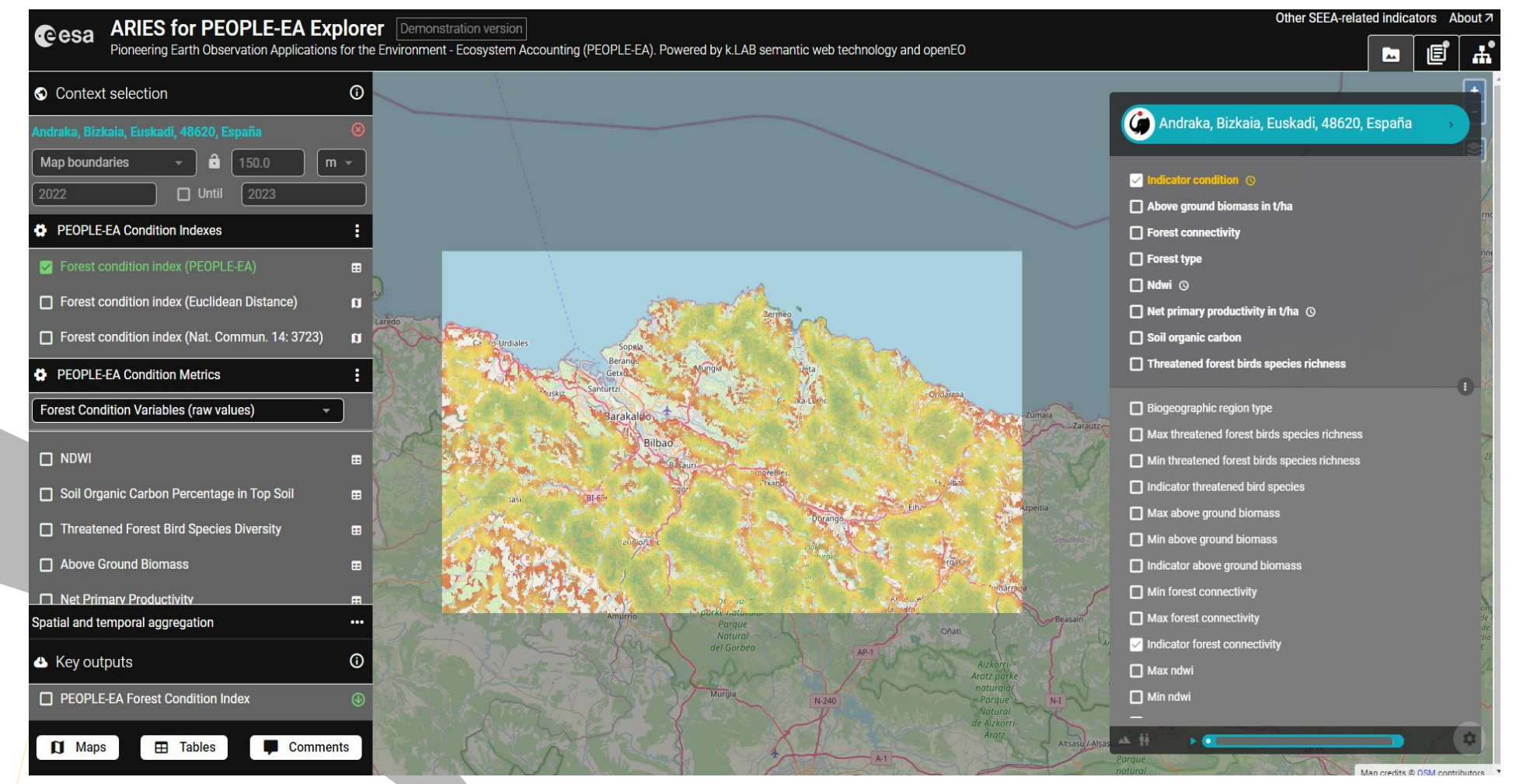
Policy:



What is the state of the ecosystems?

Ecosystem quality ▲ **Condition accounting**

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Aries4People tool

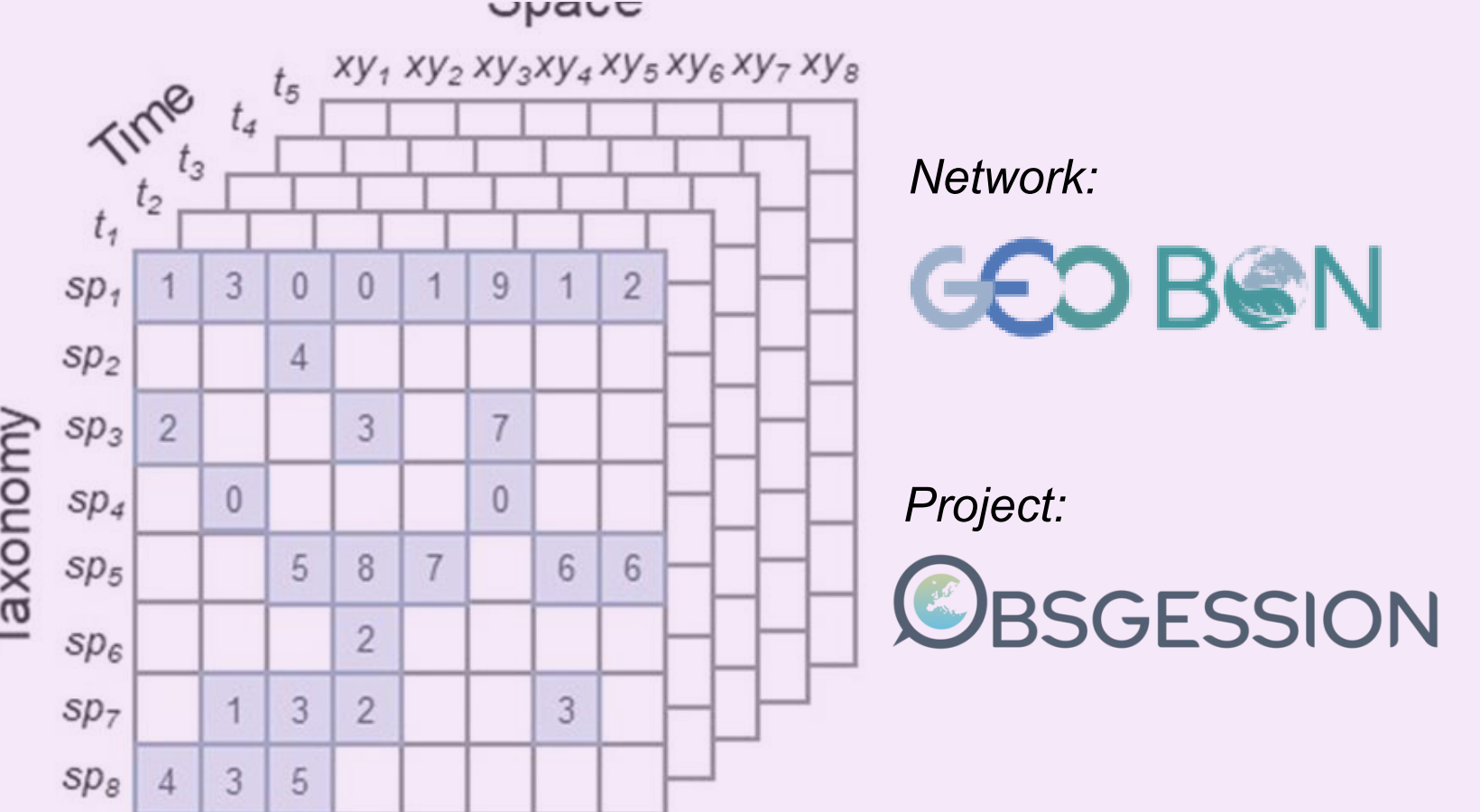
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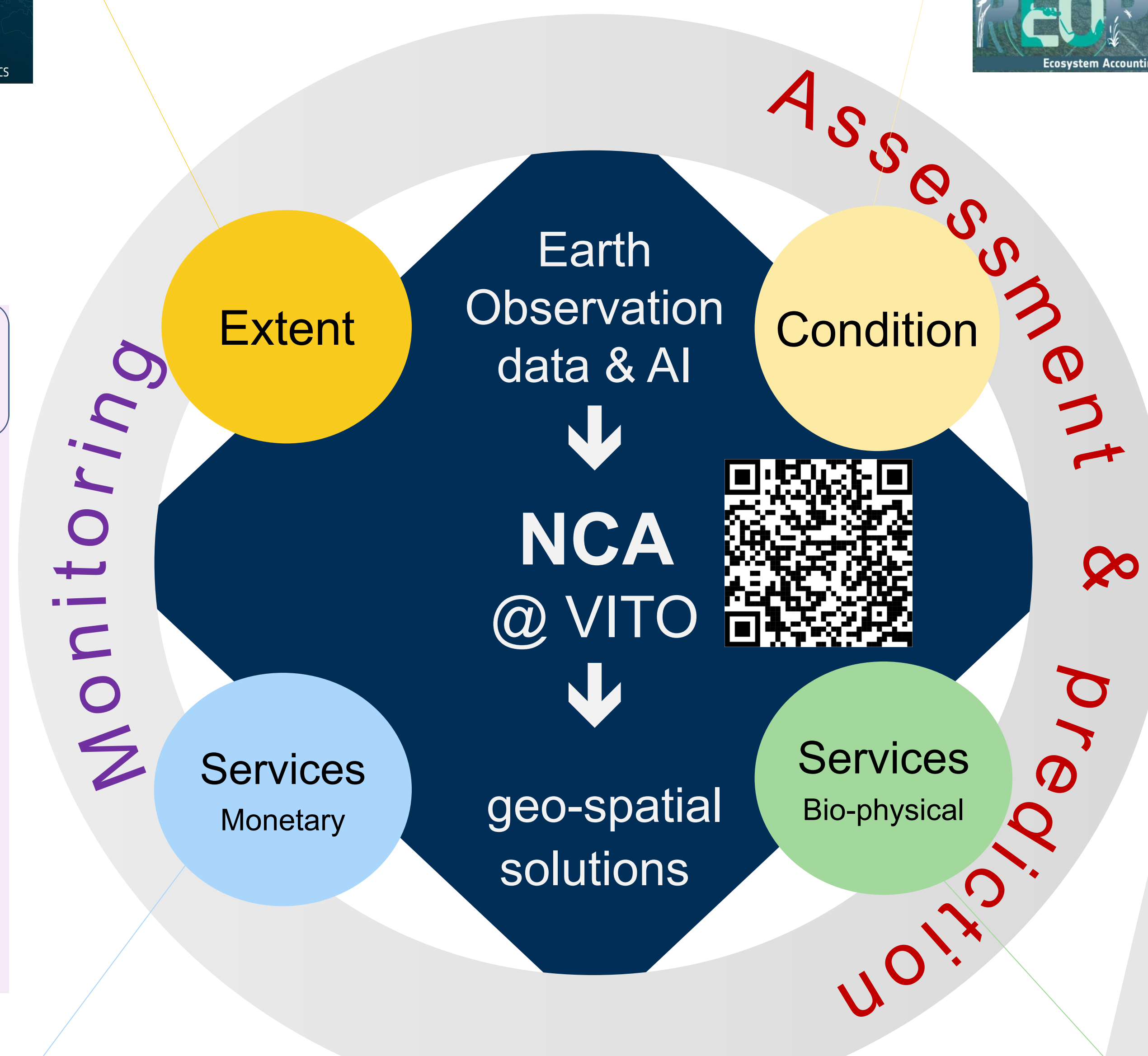
How are ecosystems changing?

Monitoring (of biodiversity)

Detection-Attribution Modelling (DAM)



Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV) cubes

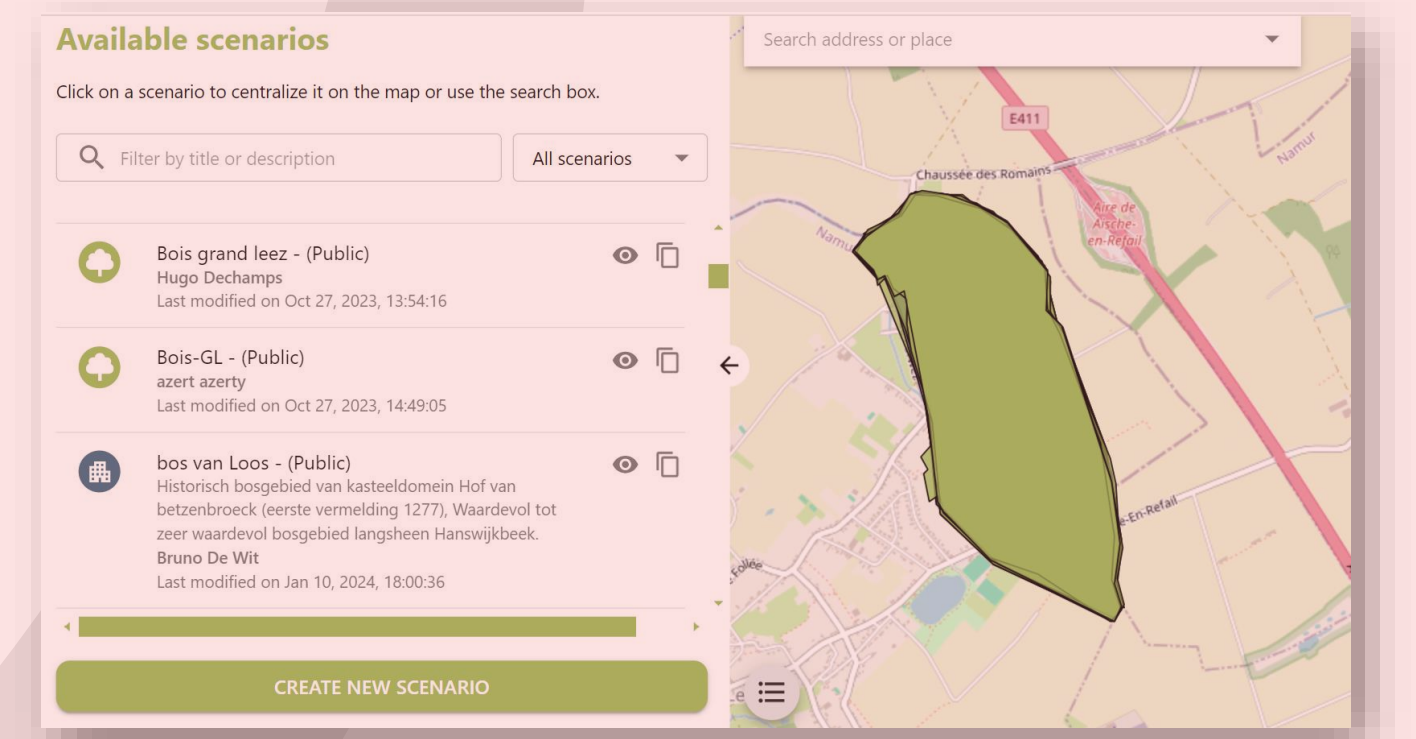


How will the future look like?

Assessment and prediction

Scenario analysis:

- Rural vs. Urban
- Green space ↑ vs. ↓



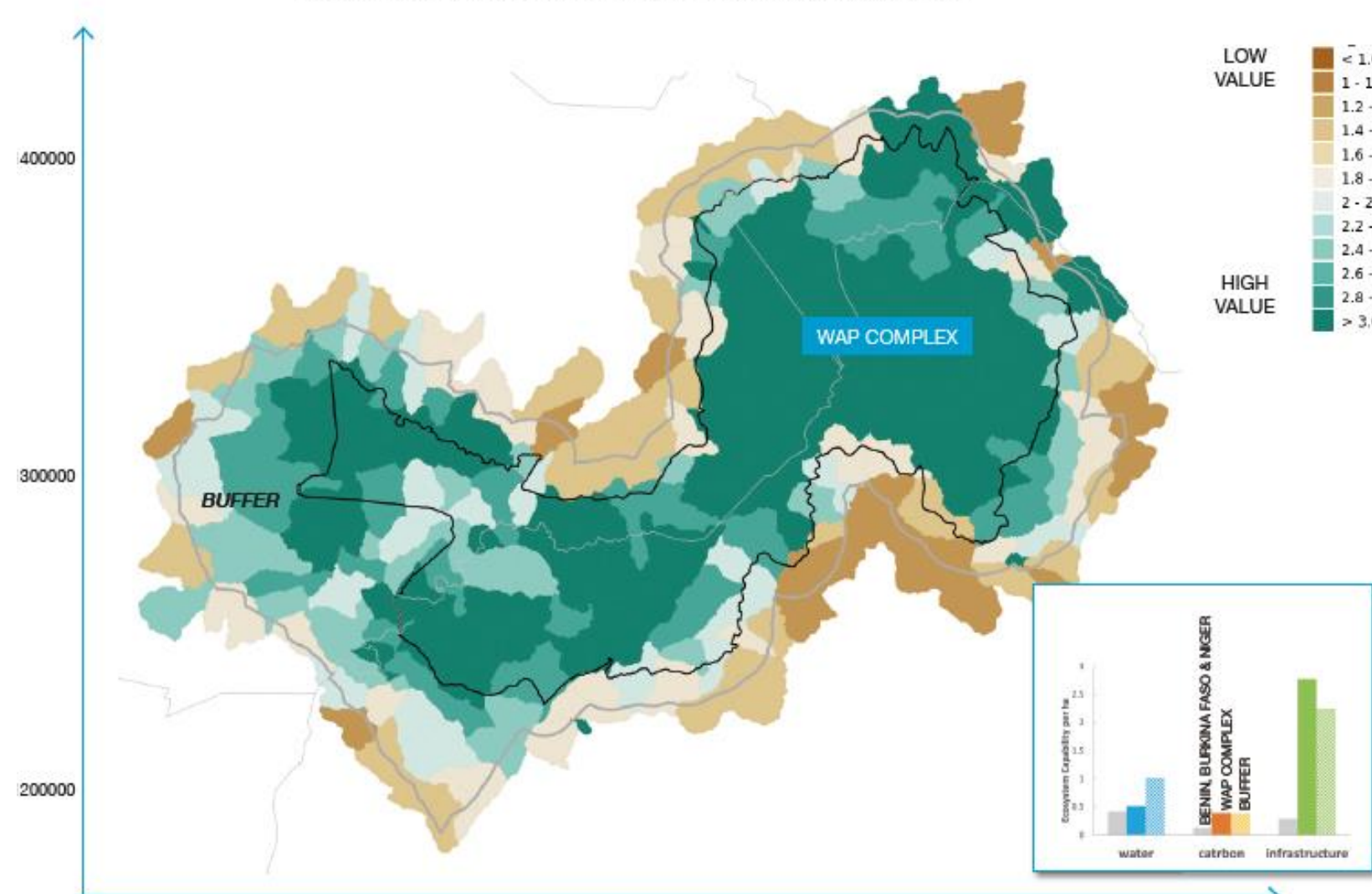
Nature Value Explorer tool

4 What value deliver the ecosystems to the economy and humans? 3

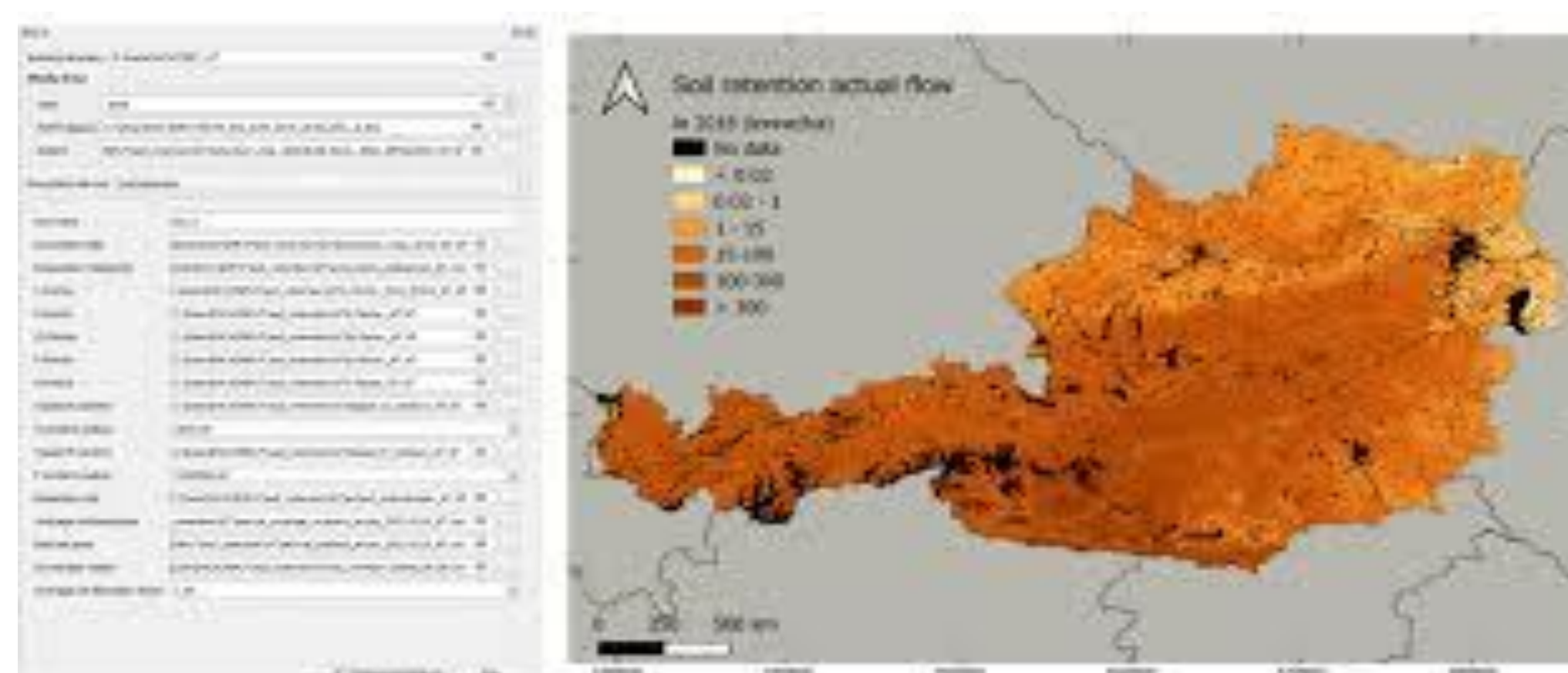
Ecosystem services & biodiversity

Ecological Unit value (ECU)

ECOSYSTEM VALUE PER HA (2020), expressed in ECU



QGIS SYS4ENCA tool



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QGIS INCA tool

Current services

- Flood control
- Soil retention
- Crop provision
- Crop pollination
- Timber provision
- Water purification
- Local/Urban Climate
- Global Climate (Carbon)
- Nature-based recreation

With your input ↓

Future services

- Infectious disease control

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