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Global estimates of market and non-market values derived from nighttime satellite imagery, land cover, and ecosystem service valuation

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Abstract

We estimated global marketed and non-marketed economic value from two classified satellite images with global coverage at 1 km² resolution. GDP (a measure of marketed economic output) is correlated with the amount of light energy (LE) emitted by that nation as measured by nighttime satellite images. LE emitted is more spatially explicit than whole country GDP, may (for some nations or regions) be a more accurate indicator of economic activity than GDP itself, can be directly observed, and can be easily updated on an annual basis. As far as we know, this is the first global map of estimated economic activity produced at this high spatial resolution (1 km²). Ecosystem services product (ESP) is an important type of non-marketed value. ESP at 1 km² resolution was estimated using the IGBP land-cover dataset and unit ecosystem service values estimated by Costanza et al. [Valuing Ecosystem Services with Efficiency, Fairness and Sustainability as Goals. *Nature's Services*, Island Press, Washington DC, pp. 49–70]. The sum of these two (GDP + ESP) = SEP is a measure of the subtotal ecological–economic product (marketed plus a significant portion of the non-marketed). The ratio: $(ESP/SEP) \times 100 = \%ESP$ is a measure of proportion of the SEP from ecosystem services. Both SEP and %ESP were calculated and mapped for each 1 km² pixel on the earth's surface, and aggregated by country. Results show the detailed spatial patterns of GDP, ESP, and SEP (also available at: <http://www.du.edu/~psutton/esiindexisee/EcolEconESI.htm>). Globally, while GDP is concentrated in the northern industrialized countries, ESP is concentrated in tropical regions and in wetlands and other coastal systems. %ESP ranges from 1% for Belgium and Luxembourg to 3% for the Netherlands, 18% for India, 22% for the United States, 49% for Costa Rica, 57% for Chile, 73% for Brazil, and 92% for Russia. While GDP per capita has the usual northern industrialized countries at the top of the list, SEP per capita shows a quite different picture, with a mixture of countries with either high GDP/capita, high ESP/capita, or a combination near the top of the list. Finally, we compare our results with two other indices: (1) The 2001 *Environmental Sustainability Index* (ESI) derived as an

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initiative of the Global Leaders of Tomorrow Environment Task Force, World Economic Forum, and (2) *Ecological Footprints of Nations: How much Nature do they use? How much Nature do they have?* developed by Mathis Wackernagel and others. While both of these indices purport to measure sustainability, the ESI is actually mainly a measure of economic activity (and is correlated with GDP), while the Eco-Footprint index is a measure of environmental impact. The related eco-deficit (national ecological capacity minus national footprint) correlates well with %ESP. © 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Economic activity is fundamentally a spatial phenomenon. Both traditional marketed economic activities (like manufacturing, sales, and final consumption) and ‘non-marketed’ ecosystem services occur at specific spatial locations and are associated with specific natural, agricultural, or urban ecosystems. A necessary step toward better understanding these activities and services is to map their spatial patterns. That is what we have tried to do in this paper, at both the global and national level.

Various measures of ‘economic activity’ and environmental quality are also important as ‘indicators’ for policy decisions. Key questions here revolve around exactly what the indicators measure. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the most popular indicator of economic performance. But GDP measures only marketed economic *activity* or gross income (Costanza et al., 2001). It was never intended as a measure of economic welfare, and it functions very poorly as a welfare measure. Yet it is inappropriately used as a national welfare measure in far too many circumstances.

What are the problems with GDP as a welfare measure? First, lumping all activity or income together does not separate desirable, welfare enhancing activity from undesirable welfare reducing activity. For example, an oil spill increases GDP because someone has to clean it up, but it obviously detracts from welfare. From the perspective of GDP, more crime, more sickness, more war, more pollution, more fires, storms, and pestilence are all good things, since they can increase marketed activity in the economy. Second, GDP leaves out many things that currently *do* enhance welfare but are outside the market.

The unpaid work of mothers caring for their own children at home doesn’t show up in GDP, but if they decide to work outside the home to pay for child care, GDP suddenly increases. The non-marketed services of nature in providing clean air and water, food and natural resources do not show up in GDP, but if those services are damaged and we have to pay to fix or replace them, then GDP suddenly increases. Third, GDP takes no account of the distribution of income among individuals. But it is well known that an additional \$1 worth of income produces more *welfare* if one is poor rather than rich (Daly and Cobb, 1989).

In this paper we look at the spatial patterns of conventional GDP and also at the value of non-marketed ecosystem services that are not currently included in GDP (de Groot et al., 2002; Costanza et al., 1997a,b). We do not address the other important shortcomings of GDP (including distribution, unpaid domestic labor, pollution, etc.)—leaving those for future work. In this paper we focus on the subtotal of economic value represented by the sum of conventional marketed economic goods and services (as measured by GDP) and non-marketed ecosystem goods and services. A list of these ecosystem services and their approximate dollar values for a range of ecosystems are given in Costanza et al. (1997a,b). A more detailed description of these services and their links to ecosystem functions is given in de Groot et al. (2002).

Other indicators at the global and national level are also proliferating. In particular, there are many new proposed indicators of ‘sustainability’. We contend that none of these proposed indicators of sustainability actually measure sustainability. They are generally indicators of economic

and/or environmental quality or stress in the present, and the link is tenuous at best as to whether or not these indices say anything at all about the sustainability of these patterns over time.

For example, the ‘Ecological Footprint’ (EF) and the ‘2001 Environmental Sustainability Index’ (ESI) are two distinct, independent attempts specifically aimed at assessing sustainability (Wackernagel et al., 1997; Samuel-Johnson and Esty, 2001). The EF is a composite index involving many variables, which focus on the nature and productivity of land resources, variability of human consumption patterns, and the energy accounting of each nation’s international trade. The land variables focus on areal extent, biological productivity, and waste absorption capacity. The consumption variables characterize and account for the differing ecological impact of human consumption throughout the nations of the world. Finally, the ecological footprint index tries to capture the separation of production and consumption by looking at the import and export goods of each nation to see who is actually consuming the energy associated with manufacturing, agriculture, etc. (Chisolm, 1990). Wackernagel’s index calculated the following measures for 52 nations of the world: Total Ecological Footprint (a measure of impact), Available Ecological Capacity, and Ecological Deficit (ED, the difference between the two) (Wackernagel and Rees, 1996).

The EF is clearly a measure of environmental impact, not sustainability. The ED is usually interpreted as a measure of sustainability—the higher the ED the lower the sustainability. But while the ED clearly shows whether ecosystem services are being imported across country boundaries, it says nothing (necessarily) about the sustainability of that pattern of imports, or about the capacity of ecosystems to sustain these flows (Folke et al., 1996).

The 2001 ESI was developed as an initiative of the Global Leaders of Tomorrow Environment Task Force of the World Economic Forum. The Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy (YCELP) and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) contributed to the development of this index. The ESI

attempts to develop a ‘transparent, interactive process that draws on rigorous statistical, environmental, and analytic expertise to quantify environmental sustainability’. According to the main report of the ESI document, the key results are: (1) Environmental Sustainability can be measured. (2) The Index creates benchmarks of environmental conditions that can influence decision-making. (3) Serious ‘data gaps’ for many nations of the world should be filled. (4) Economic conditions affect, but do not determine, environmental conditions; and, policy regarding these conditions are separate choices. The ESI is derived by averaging five key ‘core’ components (parenthetical key: *Component [# of Indicators]*: Environmental Systems [5], Reducing Stresses [5], Reducing Human Vulnerability [2], Social and Institutional Capacity [7], and Global Stewardship [3]). The ‘Indicator’ variables that constitute the five key components are themselves derived from 67 specifically measurable and nationally aggregate variables. Examples of a few of the 67 fundamental variables are: ‘urban SO₂ concentration’, ‘total fertility rate’, ‘scientific and technical articles per million of population’, and ‘number of memberships in environmental inter-governmental organizations’. One of the variables used in the ESI that measured anthropogenic impact on the land was in fact derived from a composite nighttime satellite image and a similar global land cover dataset (Elvidge et al., 1995). How these 67 variables should be weighted is a complex question, which the ESI report reasonably avoids. The ‘weighting’ question is undoubtedly an element of the ‘interactive’ nature of developing indices for which there will be a consensus. One notable result of the arithmetic involved in generating the ESI is the fact that the aggregate national numbers correlate strongly with nationally aggregate measures of GDP/Capita (more on this later).

The point is that there is a strong need for defensible, measurable indicators of economic performance and environmental quality and these indicators do not yet exist. We propose to remedy this deficit in this paper. We also compare our results with the two existing indicators mentioned above (ED and ESI), noting that neither of them is actually measuring sustainability. Sustainability

is much more difficult to assess and requires (at minimum) a dynamic modeling approach to even begin to frame the appropriate questions (c.f. Boumans et al., 2002). It also requires a shift in thinking from a view of nature as stable and in equilibrium to one of complex and adaptive social–ecological systems (Costanza et al., 1993).

2. Data and methods

The indices described in this paper use two datasets to measure the ‘Market’ and ‘Non-Market’ economy of nations. The proxy measure of ‘Market’ economy is the amount of LE emitted from each nation as measured by a nighttime satellite image of the world. Nighttime imagery has been shown to be a strong proxy measure of GDP in earlier studies (Elvidge et al., 1997). The proxy measure of ‘Non-Market’ economy is a measure of the total value of the ecosystem services of the lands and waters of each nation as measured by a global land-cover dataset (Belward, 1996) and the corresponding ecosystem service value of the different ecosystem types (Costanza et al., 1997a,b). Some advantages of this particular measure are that it can be updated in time with subsequent satellite measurements, has widespread global coverage, can be calculated at a 1 km² spatial resolution, and is intuitively clear and comprehensible.

The indices are referred to from here as: (GDP 1995) (which is compared across countries using purchasing power parity rather than official currency exchange rates), ecosystem service product (ESP), subtotal ecological–economic product (SEP = ESP + GDP), SEP/capita (= SEP/country population), and percent ecosystem service product (%ESP = 100 × (ESP/SEP)). We use the term ‘Subtotal’ to indicate that the sum of these two components does not add up to the total ecological–economic product, but represents a significant subtotal of that value. These indices are calculated for each square kilometer of land surface and aggregated for each nation of the world.

2.1. Measuring ‘market’ and ‘non-market’ economies using satellite imagery

The nighttime satellite image is a global dataset derived from mosaicing hundreds of orbits of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program’s Operational Linescan System (DMSP OLS). This image has been screened for clouds and ephemeral lights such as lightning, forest fires, gas flares, and lantern fishing (Elvidge et al., 1998). Studies of this imagery have shown it to correspond with the extent of urban land cover, population density, energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and other socio-economic parameters (Elvidge et al., 1997; Imhoff et al., 1997; Sutton et al., 1997; Doll et al., 2000). The image is radiance calibrated so an integration of the values of the pixels over the land of a nation is a measure of total LE. This global image of radiance calibrated nighttime lights is used to create a 1 km² resolution image of marketed economic activity globally. At the nationally aggregate level the correlation between the Ln(LE) and Ln(GDP) is $R^2 = 0.74$. We did not feel that the strength of this correlation was significantly strong to use the GDP estimated from the LE when constructing the fine resolution map of economic activity. Consequently this was accomplished by creating nationally specific ratios of GDP and LE for each nation of the world and applying these relationships to the global nighttime satellite image to get an image of \$GDP per year km². One means of assessing the validity of this method of spatial disaggregation of economic activity is to look at the 1995 Gross State Product (GSP) of the conterminous US states and regressing GSP with the measured LE from each state. The following relationship proved to be quite strong:

$$\text{Ln(Gross State Product)} = \alpha + \beta 1 \times \text{Ln(LE)}$$

This produced an α of approximately -4.25 , a $\beta 1$ of 1.05, with an $R^2 = 0.86$ (Fig. 1). Future work to improve the models to estimate economic activity across countries from the nighttime imagery might improve this relationship. The fine spatial resolution image of economic activity was derived from 1995 and 1996 orbits of the DMSP platform (Fig. 2).

The dataset used to measure ‘Non-Market’ economy was a global land-cover dataset developed by the United States Geological Survey and available on the web (<http://edcdaac.usgs.gov/glcc/glcc.html>). The International Geosphere Biosphere Program (IGBP) participated in developing a version of this dataset with seventeen land-cover classes representing the major biomes of the world. These classes were matched to the corresponding ecosystem service values calculated by Costanza et al. (1997a,b) to estimate the total annual value of each nation’s ecosystem services (Table 1). In this case ‘Non-Market’ economy represents the economic value of ecosystem services rather than the ‘informal’ part of the economy of human commerce. Fig. 3 shows the resulting map at 1 km² of ESP for the terrestrial component of ecosystem services.

Marine ecosystems have been estimated to account for about two thirds of the value of the earth’s ecosystem services (Costanza et al., 1997a,b). Incorporating these values into this analysis would have most reasonably been accomplished using a dataset of the Exclusive Economic Zone boundaries of the world’s nations (Solutions, 2000). Unfortunately, data cost issues precluded the inclusion of this dataset into this

analysis. In order to get a reasonable sense of the proportion of each nation’s economic activity provided by ecosystem services, a simplifying calculation was performed to include marine resources. The total value of a nation’s ecosystem services is the sum of its terrestrial and marine services. The value of each nation’s marine services was approximated by attributing to each nation a fraction of the world’s marine resources based on that country’s fraction of the world’s land area. This approximation admittedly underestimates the ecosystem services available to small island nations and overestimates the ecosystem services available to large land-locked nations. We hope to improve this situation in the next iteration as better data become available.

In addition, the total value of terrestrial ecosystem services when calculated with the 1 km² resolution IGBP land cover dataset did not agree exactly with the figures published by Costanza et al. (1997a,b). This is undoubtedly influenced by questions associated with how the total value of ecosystem services are influenced by the spatial scale of measurement of land cover (cf. Konarska et al., 2002). For example, wetlands are very high-valued ecosystems, but they are also fairly small in size and their total global area is badly underestimated at 1 km² resolution. A ‘scaling’ correction was applied to this measurement in order to make the numbers correspond more closely with the previous figures. A factor of 1.5 and 2.0 were applied to the areal extent of water and wetlands, respectively. The scale factors of 1.5 and 2.0 used for the areal extent of water and wetlands made their numbers comparable to those in the figures published by Costanza et al. (1997a,b). This increased the total value of global terrestrial ecosystem services from \$9.3 to \$12.8 trillion. These scale factors result in the \$12.8 trillion terrestrial value being comparable to the 1997 total terrestrial value of \$12.3 trillion.

Figs. 5–8 are nationally aggregated maps of ESP (including the marine component and the scale adjustment mentioned above), SEP, SEP/capita, and %ESP, respectively. Table 2 is a summary table listing all data at the country level. All the figures and datasets associated with this analy-

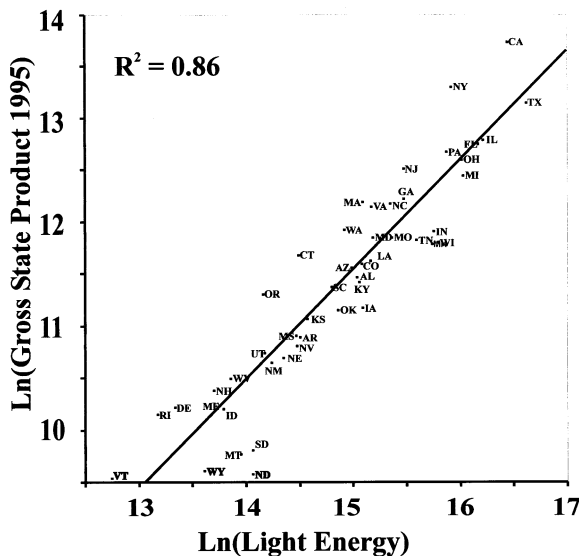


Fig. 1. Ln(GSP ‘actual’) vs. Ln(GSP ‘predicted’) for conterminous US.

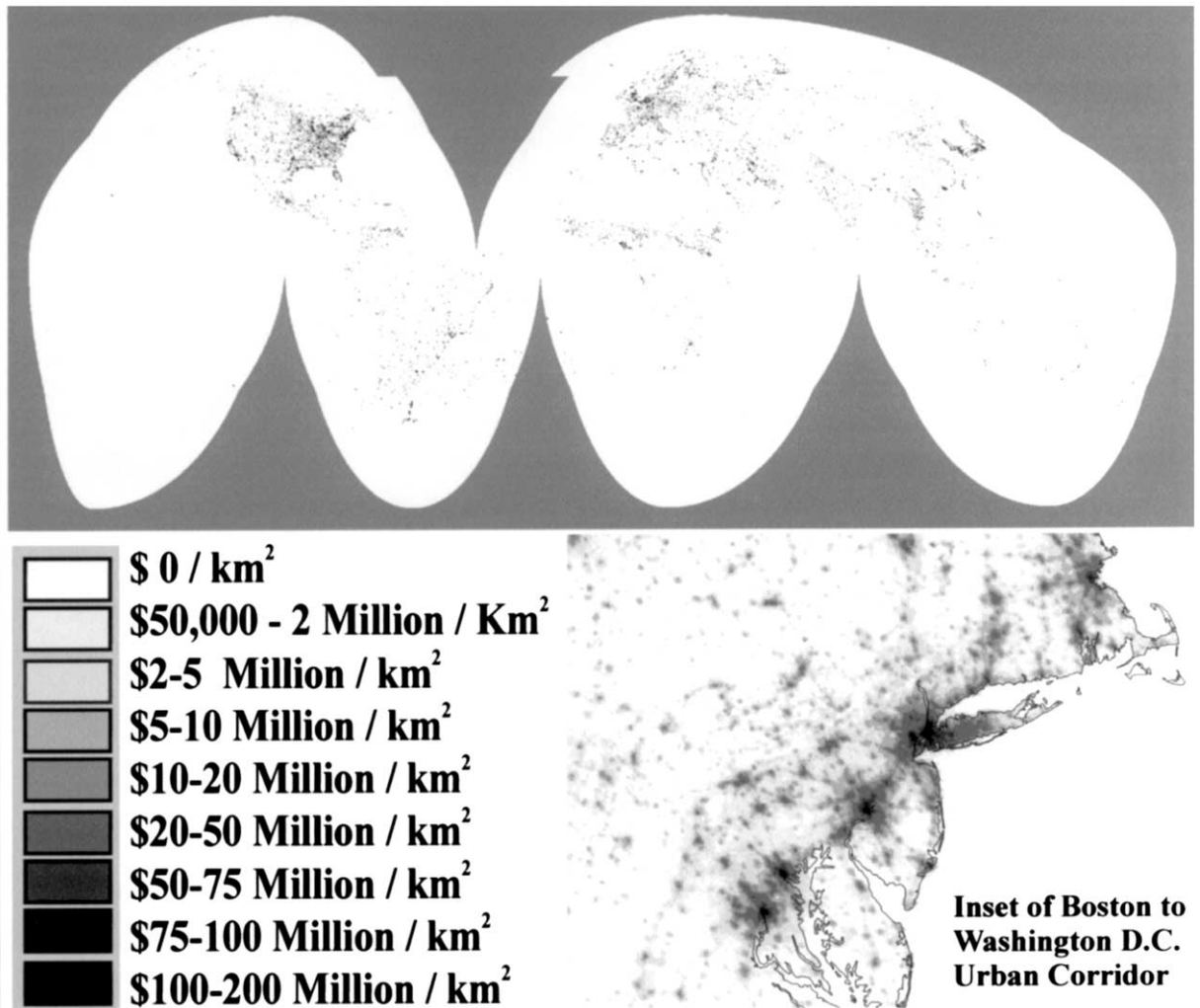


Fig. 2. 'Market' economy (GDP) as measured by Night Image Proxy at 1 km² (w/ inset Boston-DC).

sis can be examined and/or downloaded from the web at the following website: <http://www.du.edu/~psutton/esiindexisee/EcolEconESI.htm>.

Generation of global land-cover maps is not as easy as generation of global night-light products. However, a strong correlation between the total value of ecosystem services and primary productivity has been documented by Costanza et al. (1998) Consequently, global maps of net primary productivity (Field et al., 1998) might be used instead of land-cover data and might be easier to update on a more frequent basis than land use. This may be a more appropriate proxy for the

value of ecosystem services. We leave this for future work.

3. Results

Figs. 2–8 represent a new and more comprehensive picture of marketed and non-marketed economic value at a global scale. The 1 km² resolution of the basic data sets and Figs. 2–4 allow for an unprecedented view of how these values are spatially distributed around the planet.

Fig. 2 is the highest spatial resolution estimate of marketed economic activity (GDP) we know of to date. The concentration of GDP in the US, the EU, and Japan is obvious from inspection of Fig. 2. The detailed inset in Fig. 2 shows a typical pattern of urban and suburban development where this activity is concentrated.

Fig. 3 is a much more spatially detailed version of the map of ecosystem service values that appeared in Costanza et al. (1997a,b), sans the marine component. The concentration of these values in tropical areas and wetlands is apparent, along with the broad distribution of services from forests and grasslands.

Fig. 4 represents the first attempt to map the subtotal of GDP plus ESP (= SEP). This interesting composite shows the hot spots arising from both GDP (US, EU, Japan) and ESP (tropics, wetlands, etc.) and is a closer approximation to the total value of goods and services produced annually that support the human economy.

Figs. 5–8 are the same data nationally aggregated. All the data from which these maps were derived, plus additional related data, are shown in Table 2.

Fig. 5 is ESP at the national scale, including an estimate of the marine component and adjusted for scaling problems (see above). The size of the

country obviously has a big influence on the results viewed in this way. All the countries with large land areas (US, Canada, Russia, China, Brazil, Australia) show up with high ESP's.

Fig. 6 shows SEP at the national scale, again emphasizing the large countries, but also adding the small countries with large GDP's (Japan, EU countries) to the upper ranks. Table 7 shows SEP/capita, which pinpoints a few countries with relatively high SEP's and relatively low populations (Canada, Greenland, Suriname, Gabon) as topping the list, while countries with moderate SEP's and very high populations (China, India) are at the bottom. What does this say about the 'real' income of people when both marketed and non-marketed services are included?

Fig. 8 shows %ESP at the national scale. Russia, Canada, and much of Africa and South America top this list (see also Table 2). The nations with the highest %ESP were: Equatorial Guinea (99%), Guyana (98%), Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire) (98%), Central African Republic (97%), Mongolia (97%), and numerous small island nations and protectorates. The nations with the lowest %ESP scores were: Hong Kong (0%), Belgium (1%), Singapore (1%), and Luxembourg (1%). What does this say about conventional ideas concerning 'development'?

Table 1
IGBP to nature biome \$ conversion table

IGBP class	Nature paper interpretation	Value (\$/ha)	IGBPcode
Evergreen needleleaf forest	Temperate forest	302	1
Evergreen broadleaf forest	Tropical forest	2007	2
Deciduous needleleaf forest	Temperate forest	302	3
Deciduous broadleaf forest	Temperate forest	302	4
Mixed forest	25% tropical, 75% temperate	728.25	5
Closed shrub lands	Grass/range lands	232	6
Open shrub lands	Grass/range lands	232	7
Woody savannas	50% temperate forest, 50% grass/range lands	267	8
Savannas	Grass/range lands	232	9
Grasslands	Grass/range lands	232	10
Permanent wetlands	50% tidal marsh/mangrove, 50% swamp/flood plain	14785	11
Croplands	Cropland	92	12
Urban	Urban	N/A	13
Cropland natural vegetation mosaic	50% cropland, 50% grassland/range land	162	14
Snow and ice	Ice/rock	N/A	15
Barren or sparsely vegetated	Desert	N/A	16
Water bodies	Lakes/rivers	8498	17

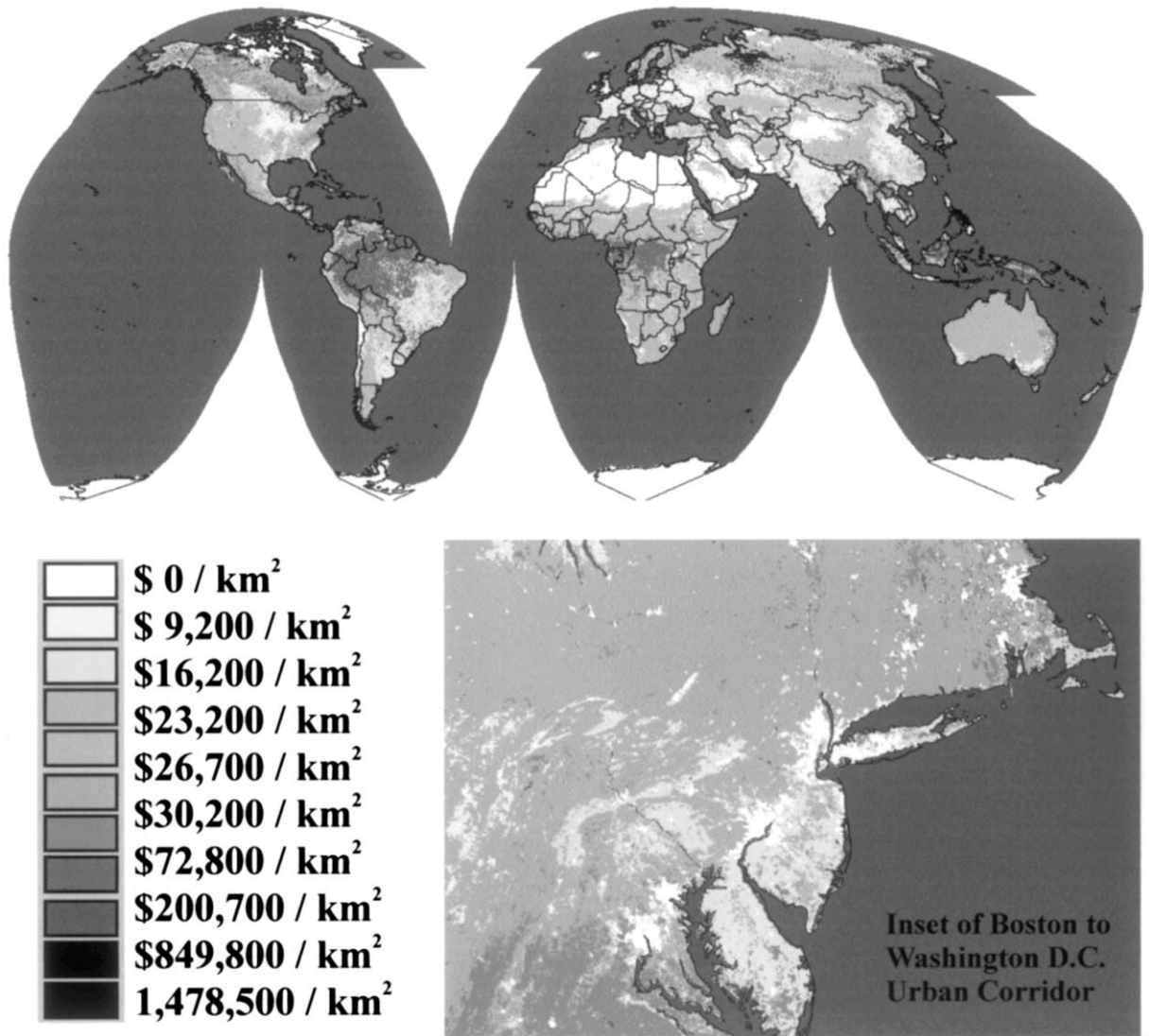


Fig. 3. 'Non-Market' or Ecosystem Service Product (ESP) at 1 km² resolution (w/ inset Boston, DC).

3.1. Comparing the %ESP index to the ESI and ED

A correlation matrix of various parameters was created for the 49 nations that had a ESI and an ED figure from Wackernagel (Table 3). The %ESP index correlated negatively with both population density (-0.25) and GDP/Capita (-0.16). In contrast, the ESI correlated very strongly with GDP/Capita (0.73). The Ecological

Footprint data of Wackernagel and others was posted on the web for 1993 and 1997 calculations. The 1997 data for the 52 nations reported was used here. The ESI was produced as a pilot measure in 2000 and as a more substantial measure in 2001 (Samuel-Johnson, 2000). We used the 2001 data for 122 nations. In addition, the ESI published within its report a measure of Ecological Deficit measured along the lines of Wackernagel's Ecological Footprint methods for 118 nations. The

Table 2 (Continued)

Country	File	Production (1000 T1995)	PPP of GDP (1995)	PPP per capita (1995)	Total Light Energy from OLS	PPP (Billions) by Direct Proxy	ESP (Billions)	ESP (Billions) Total	ESP (Billions)	Rank ESP (Billions)	Rank Sum of ESP	Rank %ESP	Rank %ESP	SEF/Cases	Rank SEF/Cases	Rank %SEF/Cases	Rank %SEF/Cases	Rank %SEF/Cases	GDP per Enclav. Use
San Marino	SA	148	0.5	20000	4688	0	0.001	0.002	0.002	238	161	224	0.2	2002	86	96	2.6		
Sao Tome and Principe	TP	148	0.5	20000	4688	0	0.001	0.002	0.002	238	161	224	0.2	2002	86	96	2.6		
Saudi Arabia	SA	18494	186.3	9711	6592797	377	19.679	33.289	5.895	68	242	183	44	22	81	12423	118	1.1	
Senegal	SG	9792	14.5	1855	328459	39	19.897	33.652	5.895	68	242	183	44	22	81	12423	118	1.1	
Sierra Leone	SL	78	0.3	618	20973	0	0.231	0.382	0.623	185	1023	133	61	134	1316	115	2.9		
Singapore	SN	4478	4.4	694	184925	19	14.855	28.862	5.2	92	33.362	210	61	184	7534	157	2.9		
Slovakia	SO	1993	65.1	18933	265139	24	0.145	0.246	0.391	196	66.481	96	1	6	1909	93	1.8		
Slovenia	SI	3894	27.6	11361	21143	20	0.148	0.246	0.391	196	66.481	96	1	6	1909	93	1.8		
Solomon Islands	SO	396	1	2525	264	0	0.188	0.246	0.391	196	66.481	96	1	6	1909	93	1.8		
Somalia	SO	10217	3.8	352	8618	2	18.087	27.222	43.388	73	48.989	111	92	202	4589	190	3.9		
South Africa	SA	12485	21.5	5063	2781339	161	39.886	67.287	107.265	41	372.855	212	32	101	7888	155	1		
South Korea	KS	45850	590.7	12883	4208561	227	7.449	13.178	20.928	102	61.628	18	3	24	13340	114	3.6		
Spain	SP	39330	565	14396	8988846	339	18.423	31.328	48.751	70	61.451	17	9	45	15631	105	3.6		
Sri Lanka	SL	18945	85.6	3515	555350	19	8.718	13.845	21.133	113	79.445	96	17	66	4256	182	5.1		
St. Helena	SH	7	0.14	51900	4834	1	0.114	0.183	0.302	202	2.478	168	12	56	58016	38	7.8		
St. Kitts and Nevis	SK	146	0.6	4110	4533	1	0.07	0.119	0.198	212	0.798	219	24	88	5400	178	7.8		
St. Lucia	SL	146	0.6	4110	4533	1	0.07	0.119	0.198	212	0.798	219	24	88	5400	178	7.8		
St. Pierre and Miquelon	SB	7	0.77	110000	1572	0	0.09	0.153	0.243	208	1.013	214	24	88	144653	14	1.1		
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	VC	119	2.80	23900	1825	0	2.71	4.23	6.945	199	3.078	171	12	58	2885	94	1.1		
Sudan	SD	2499	24.2	8672	265772	37	13.263	22.433	35.696	48	82.829	60	96	219	21423	7	1.1		
Sweden	SV	2	0	0	0	0	6.841	11.156	17.72	107	17.72	153	100	229	7363157	1	1.1		
Switzerland	WZ	1032	12.07	11700	14485	2	0.833	1.417	2.25	163	14.325	158	16	64	13881	112	3		
Sweden	SW	854	17.73	23225	548525	91	8.874	15.232	24.106	122	98.135	57	52	44	25771	86	2.4		
Switzerland	SV	14851	31.2	6100	125750	85	4.41	7.689	11.909	118	193.109	79	12	55	6996	192	2.4		
Syria	SY	21535	200.5	13490	1243245	85	2.095	3.513	5.579	145	298.079	35	2	15	13749	113	0.5		
Taiwan	TW	9688	6.4	1099	118731	13	5.439	9.248	14.687	112	2.087	148	70	154	3572	200	0.5		
Tajikistan	TJ	6058	418.7	6635	266754	268	35.833	60.463	92.295	48	512.825	23	19	70	8538	145	2.2		
Tanzania	TM	78	8.21	180000	7502	1	0.156	0.265	0.421	195	6.879	177	5	33	113542	22	2.2		
Togo	TO	4738	4.1	896	137322	14	2.85	4.336	6.886	142	10.986	187	63	139	2300	216	6.9		
Tonga	TN	86	1.81	15300	160	0	0.112	0.191	0.302	202	0.915	211	15	55	14432	110	0.7		
Turkey	TS	6528	37.4	3878	428185	30	3.239	5.588	8.747	133	45.845	113	19	73	4918	198	2.4		
Turkey	TU	63974	345.7	5429	2027892	126	46.153	81.804	130.867	34	475.867	24	27	90	7472	158	1.8		
Turkmenistan	TK	4572	11.5	2515	444221	37	12.594	21.417	34.011	65	45.511	114	75	161	8854	137	1.8		
Turks and Caicos Islands	TK	29695	16.5	615	1433950	85	57.821	97.888	155.698	25	172.468	51	80	182	8387	148	21.8		
Ukraine	UP	50719	174.6	3443	3952707	175	25.762	43.81	69.572	59	244.172	43	28	91	4814	197	0.4		
United Arab Emirates	TC	2308	70.1	30273	1451871	96	1.103	1.878	2.979	155	73.079	92	4	30	31663	57	3.6		
United Kingdom	UK	59900	1398.4	19391	1874270	301	48.983	82.895	134.848	31	458.939	20	10	81	54962	53	3.6		
United States	US	32293	24.4	7321	386183	341	9.448	15.887	25.245	68	48.845	109	51	123	15403	106	4.3		
Uruguay	UZ	24972	2311	123096	117625	84	43.867	74.256	117.625	35	172.625	50	68	150	7292	190	0.6		
Vanuatu	NH	178	2.11	12900	22881	3	3.893	6.111	9.794	128	11.816	184	62	175	67338	33	2.9		
Venezuela	VE	25378	19.5	1281	144598	89	12.969	22.935	37.072	63	158.268	54	59	109	2113	220	7.5		
Vietnam	VN	13	1.63	125000	30685	4	0.278	0.473	0.751	182	2.376	197	32	99	182733	11	1.1		
Virgin Islands	VO	0	0	0	0	0	0.015	0.026	0.041	227	0.041	294	100	235	54253	54	1.4		
Wallis and Futuna	WF	14	0.28	20000	0	0	0.078	0.13	0.207	210	0.638	418	42	113	32423	113	1.1		
Western Sahara	WE	224	2.5	11000	15843	2	2.174	4.118	7.482	138	28.638	109	75	163	43856	49	5.1		
Western Samoa	WS	183	0.4	2186	863	0	0.288	0.498	0.771	181	1.171	208	95	144	6398	187	1.8		
Yemen	YM	15714	37.1	2439	251622	23	7.627	11.95	18.978	106	58.079	105	34	102	3895	197	1.8		
Zambia	ZG	4640	16.5	845	188194	45	38.967	64.349	104.861	42	113.861	78	82	203	12176	123	1.8		
Zimbabwe	ZI	11423	18.1	1585	122711	13	14.435	24.648	39.884	78	57.084	102	88	149	4897	185	1.4		

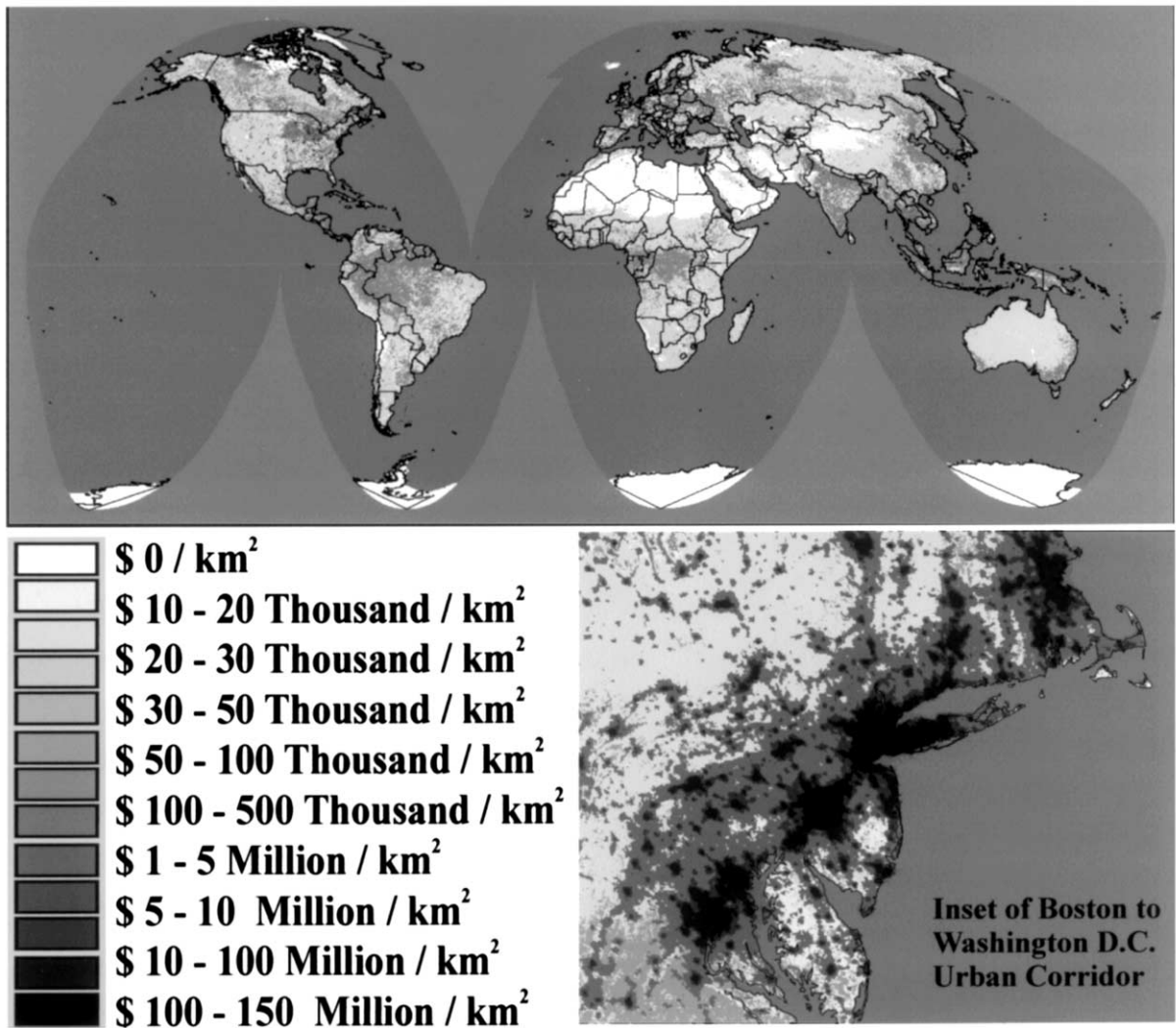


Fig. 4. Subtotal Ecological-Economic Product (SEP = GDP + ESP) at 1 km² resolution (w/ inset Boston, DC).

source cited for these 'Eco-Deficit' calculations was the *Living Planet Report* of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Gland, Switzerland. The 'Eco-Deficit' reported in the 2001 ESI report only correlated with the '97 Eco-Deficit of Wackernagel with an R^2 of 0.13. This may be due to differences in number of nations for which it was measured; nonetheless, it raises questions regarding which numbers to use. In general, the numbers used in this analysis were: (1) Empirically derived %ESP Index ($N = 210$); (2) Eco-Deficit numbers from Wackernagel et al. (1997) ($N = 52$),

and ESI numbers from World Economic Forum ($N = 122$).

Using the absolute scores for these various indices is problematic for statistical reasons. All correlations reported are based on the *ranks* of the figures reported. This means that the regressions are non-parametric in nature. This is appropriate in the sense that we are more likely to be successful at measuring *relative* rather than *absolute* quantities. Also, The ESI figures were converted to a standard normal distribution or 'normalized' after the final means of the five 'core'

sub-indices were calculated. Assumption of a normal distribution of ESIs for the nations of the world is probably not warranted. The non-parametric methods used here lack the po-

tential statistical power of using the absolute numbers reported; however, the results are more robust and less influenced by outliers in the data.

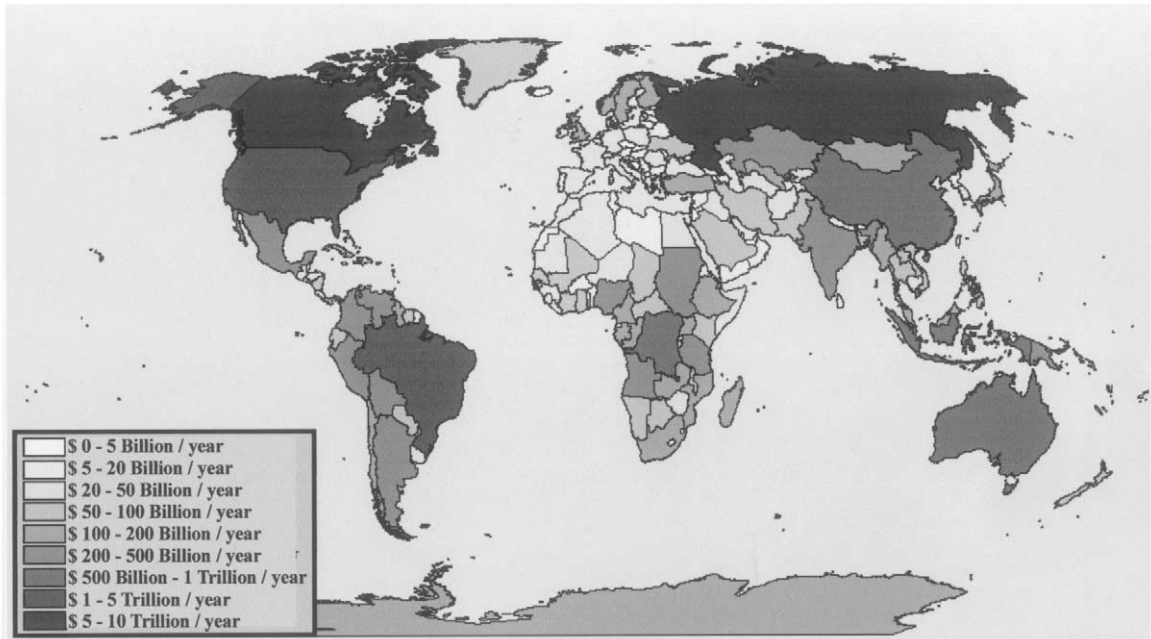


Fig. 5. Aggregated National Map (choropleth) of Ecosystem Service Product (ESP).

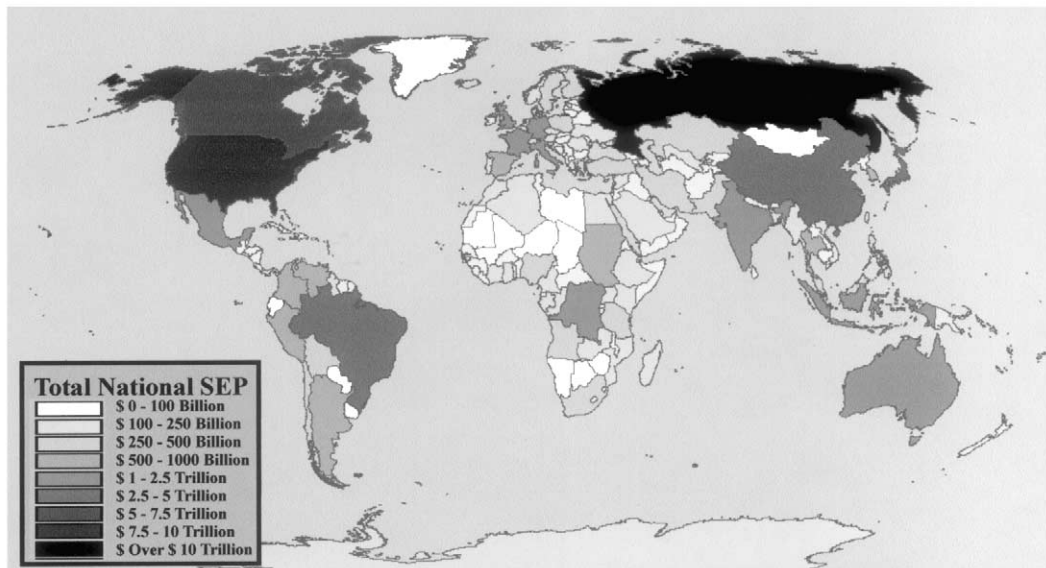


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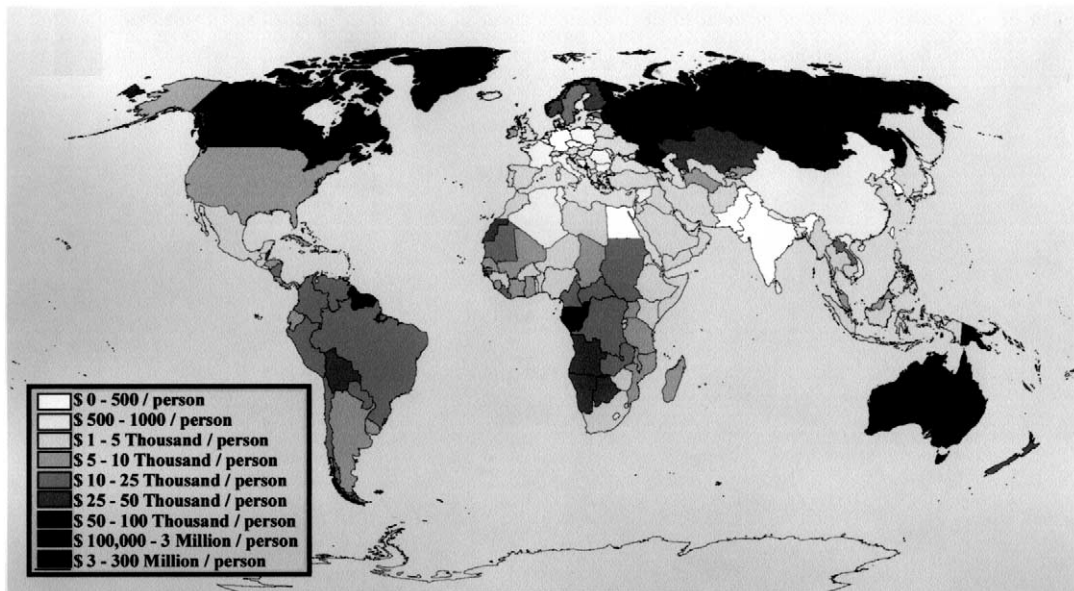


Fig. 7. Aggregated National Map (choropleth) of SEP/Capita.

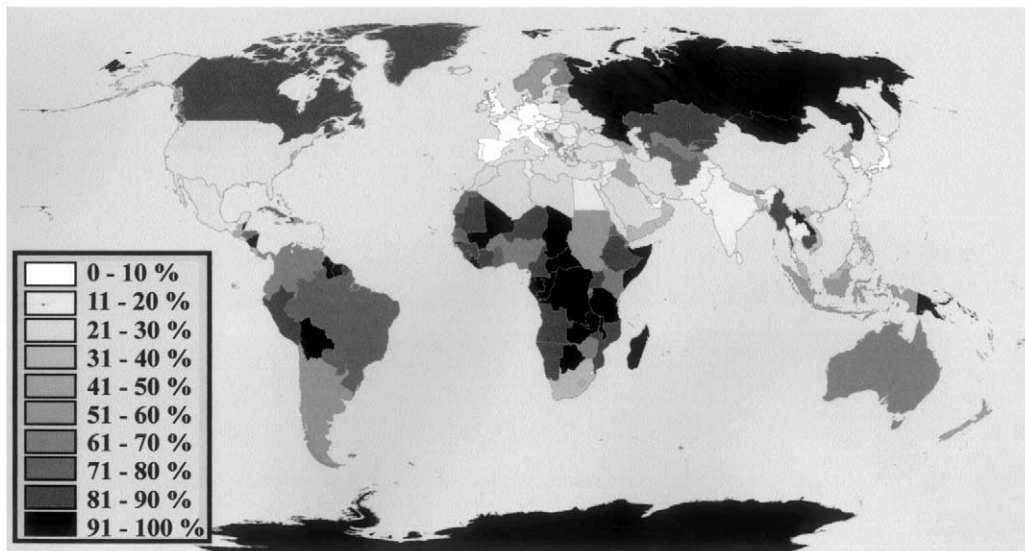


Fig. 8. Aggregated National Map (choropleth) of %ESP (= $100 \times (\text{ESP}/\text{SEP})$).

Table 3 is a correlation matrix of the three variables and their ranks in addition to several other relevant variables. The ranks were ordered so that higher ranks indicated ‘better’ numbers for all indices. These correlations will not agree exactly with all previously published correlations (particu-

larly those in the ESI report) because they have a different sample size. Some interesting things to note in this table are that population density correlates negatively with all the indices. GDP per capita on the other hand correlates positively with only the ESI but negatively with all other indices.

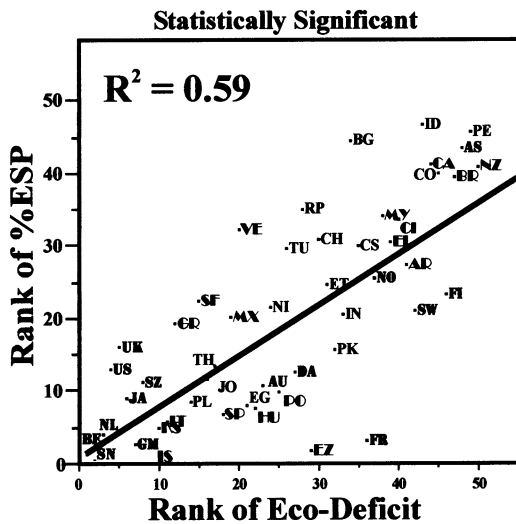
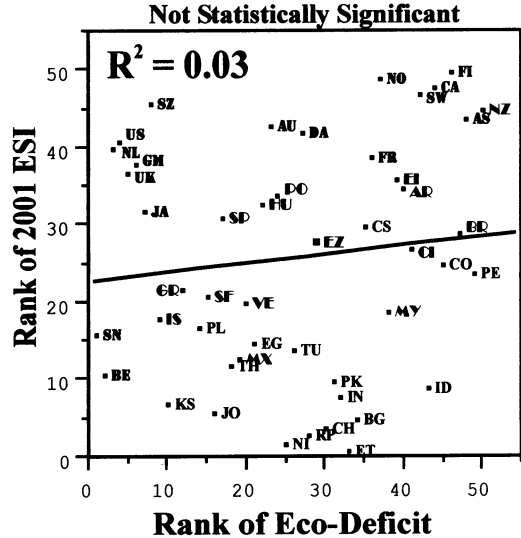
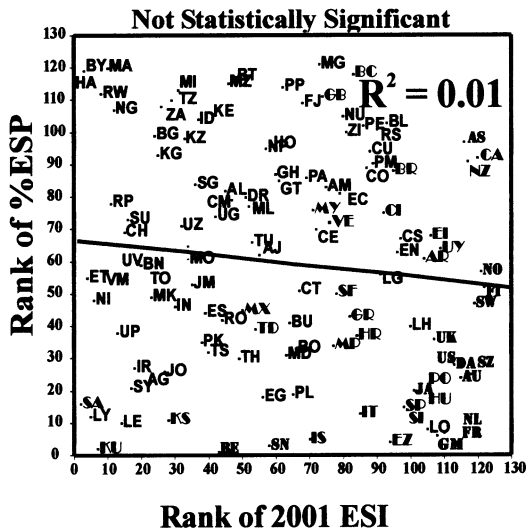
Table 3
Correlation matrix of variables discussed in paper

	PPP of GDP (1995)	PPP per Capita	ESP	ESP/Capita	PPP by Night Light Proxy	SEP	%ESP	Rank %ESP	SEP/Capita	Rank SEP/Capita	Rank eco-deficit (1997)	Rank eco-deficit (1997)	2001 ESI	Rank of 2001 ESI
PPP of GDP (1995)	1.00	0.27	0.21	-0.02	0.90	0.69	-0.15	-0.11	0.50	-0.42	-0.20	-0.25	0.05	0.06
PPP per Capita	0.27	1.00	0.01	0.19	0.30	0.15	-0.26	-0.33	-0.29	0.39	-0.12	-0.23	0.77	0.72
ESP	0.21	0.01	1.00	0.03	0.42	0.85	0.50	0.51	0.11	-0.26	0.05	0.05	0.14	0.14
ESP/Capita	-0.02	0.19	0.03	1.00	-0.04	0.01	0.18	0.16	-0.05	0.01	0.27	0.22	0.17	0.15
PPP by Night Light Proxy	0.90	0.30	0.42	-0.04	1.00	0.79	0.06	0.09	0.25	-0.36	-0.16	-0.21	0.15	0.15
SEP	0.69	0.15	0.85	0.01	0.79	1.00	0.29	0.32	0.35	-0.42	-0.07	-0.10	0.13	0.13
%ESP	-0.15	-0.26	0.50	0.18	0.06	0.29	1.00	0.98	-0.05	-0.08	0.62	0.67	0.10	0.05
Rank %ESP	-0.11	-0.33	0.51	0.16	0.09	0.32	0.98	1.00	-0.01	-0.13	0.61	0.68	0.07	0.01
SEP/Capita	0.50	-0.29	0.11	-0.05	0.25	0.35	-0.05	-0.01	1.00	-0.41	-0.02	0.05	-0.32	-0.38
Rank SEP/Capita	-0.42	0.39	-0.26	0.01	-0.36	-0.42	-0.08	-0.13	-0.41	1.00	0.12	0.07	0.44	0.41
Eco-deficit (1997)	-0.20	-0.12	0.05	0.27	-0.16	-0.07	0.62	0.61	-0.02	0.12	1.00	0.85	0.26	0.21
Rank eco-deficit (1997)	-0.25	-0.23	0.05	0.22	-0.21	-0.10	0.67	0.68	0.05	0.07	0.85	1.00	0.21	0.13
2001 ESI	0.05	0.77	0.14	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.07	-0.32	0.44	0.26	0.21	1.00	0.96
Rank of 2001 ESI	0.06	0.72	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.05	0.01	-0.38	0.41	0.21	0.13	0.96	1.00

Note: $N = 50$ for all correlations. Other relationships reported in paper may be based on higher N when available.

Fig. 9 summarizes the three critical comparisons buried in Table 3 as scatterplots in which the points represent all the nations for which numbers were available for pair-wise comparisons. The essence of this figure demonstrates that there is no statistically significant relationship between the %ESP and ESI, nor is there any significant relationship between ED and ESI. However, the correlation between the %ESP Index and ED is both positive and statistically significant. Higher GDP per capita countries tended to dominate the lower levels of both the ED and the %ESP Index. Aggregate national population density seems to be a significant contributor to this effect in that

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Key for labeling of Major Nations in Scatterplots

High GDP/Capita Countries	Fips Code	Medium GDP/Capita Countries	Fips Code	Low GDP/Capita Countries	Fips Code
GDP/Cap >\$20,000		\$20K-GDP/Cap >\$3K		GDP/Cap <\$3,000	
Australia	AS	Argentina	AR	Bangladesh	BG
Austria	AU	Brazil	BR	China	CH
Belgium	BE	Chile	CL	Colombia	CO
Canada	CA	Czech Republic	CZ	Costa Rica	CS
Denmark	DA	Greece	GR	Egypt	EG
Finland	FI	Hungary	HU	Ethiopia	ET
France	FR	Ireland	IE	India	IN
Germany	GM	Israel	IS	Indonesia	ID
Japan	JA	Malaysia	MY	Jordan	JO
Netherlands	NL	Mexico	MX	Nigeria	NI
Norway	NO	New Zealand	NZ	Pakistan	PK
Singapore	SN	Portugal	PO	Peru	PE
Sweden	SW	South Africa	SA	Philippines	RP
Switzerland	SZ	Spain	SD	Poland	PL
United Kingdom	UK	Venezuela	VE	South Korea	KS
United States	US			Thailand	TH
				Turkey	TU

Note #1: R^2 reported are derived from ranked or non-parametric regression
 Note #2: Higher ranks in all cases suggest higher sustainability

Fig. 9. Scatterplots of %ESP (Percent Ecosystem Services Product), ESI (2001 Environmental Sustainability Index), and Eco-Deficit (ED).

the only high GDP per capita nations with higher ranks according to the both the ED and the %ESP were Canada and Australia.

4. Discussion

The data and maps we have assembled allow for some interesting new pictures of the world to be constructed and for some interesting new questions to be posed. One can ask, for example, which countries have the highest percentage of support of human welfare arising from ecosystem services relative to marketed goods and services? Fig. 8 (%ESP) shows an interesting pattern as an answer to that question, with countries as disparate as Canada, Russia, Nicaragua, and Botswana ranking high, and most of Europe and Japan ranking low. Northern industrial countries (with the exception of Canada) have focused on built capital and have depleted their internal natural capital. Another question relates to the total 'wealth' of individuals, when wealth is considered as the sum of marketed (GDP/capita) and non-marketed (ESP/capita) contributions. Fig. 7 (and Table 2) shows that Canada, Greenland, Surinam, Gabon, and several small island countries like the Bahamas and the Netherlands Antilles rank highest. A second tier includes Scandinavia, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Bolivia, and Botswana. A third tier includes The US (ranked 53rd out of 227), most of Europe and parts of Africa and South America, while China, India and parts of Africa are ranked lowest. While this measure certainly leaves out many factors which contribute to real welfare (including distribution of wealth, political freedom, etc.), it does present a very different picture of wealth (and poverty) than the conventional GDP statistics.

The %ESP indicator presented in this paper is proposed in the spirit expressed by the developers of the Environmental Sustainability Index (i.e. *to be part of a transparent, interactive process that draws on rigorous statistical, environmental, and analytic expertise to quantify environmental sustainability*). This indicator is significantly distinct from other related measures primarily because of the high spatial resolution of the data from which

it was derived. Nonetheless, it remains a static measure of both marketed and non-marketed value. However, the high spatial resolution of this data does enable future research in both the spatial and temporal attributes of ecosystem service valuation. For example, many ecosystem services provide benefits at spatial scales ranging from the local to the global (e.g. carbon sequestration may be considered a global service whereas water purification may be considered a local service). The spatially explicit nature of this data allows for the use of spatial context in the valuation of ecosystem services (e.g. a wetland purifying the water for the citizens of a nearby urban area in a developed country may be valued much more than a wetland in Siberia). The nature of this data also allows for spatially explicit results in a dynamic modeling environment; for example, one could envision the rural population of a certain region being adversely affected by some economic force that changes their propensity to harvest a nearby forest for timber. The development of the spatially explicit economic and ecological data described here is an important step on the way to building dynamic models that can capture the behaviors of complex adaptive systems.

5. Conclusion

This paper presents a spatially explicit map (1 km² resolution) of marketed economic activity derived from nighttime satellite imagery and nationally aggregate measures of GDP (Fig. 2), non-marketed economic activity derived from ecosystem service valuation and a global land-cover dataset (ESP, Fig. 2), in addition to several nationally aggregated measures and other manipulations of these maps (Figs. 5–7). One particular measure derived from these datasets was percent of economy derived from ecosystem services (%ESP, Fig. 8). %ESP correlated significantly with the Eco-Deficit indicator of Wackernagel, and did not correlate at all with the 2001 Environmental Sustainability Index (Fig. 9). The spatially explicit measures of market and non-market activity provide a mechanism for incorporating spatial context into ecosystem service valuation and en-

hancing the nature of dynamic models that attempt to characterize changes over time to the value of ecosystem services. Certainly, much remains to be done in assessing the ‘real’ wealth of nations and the relative contribution of ecosystem services to that wealth. We have provided only a first step in the direction of making that picture more spatially explicit and more comprehensive. But that step has shown that the path is likely to be a fruitful one.

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