



*Enabling urban green
infrastructure
potentials*

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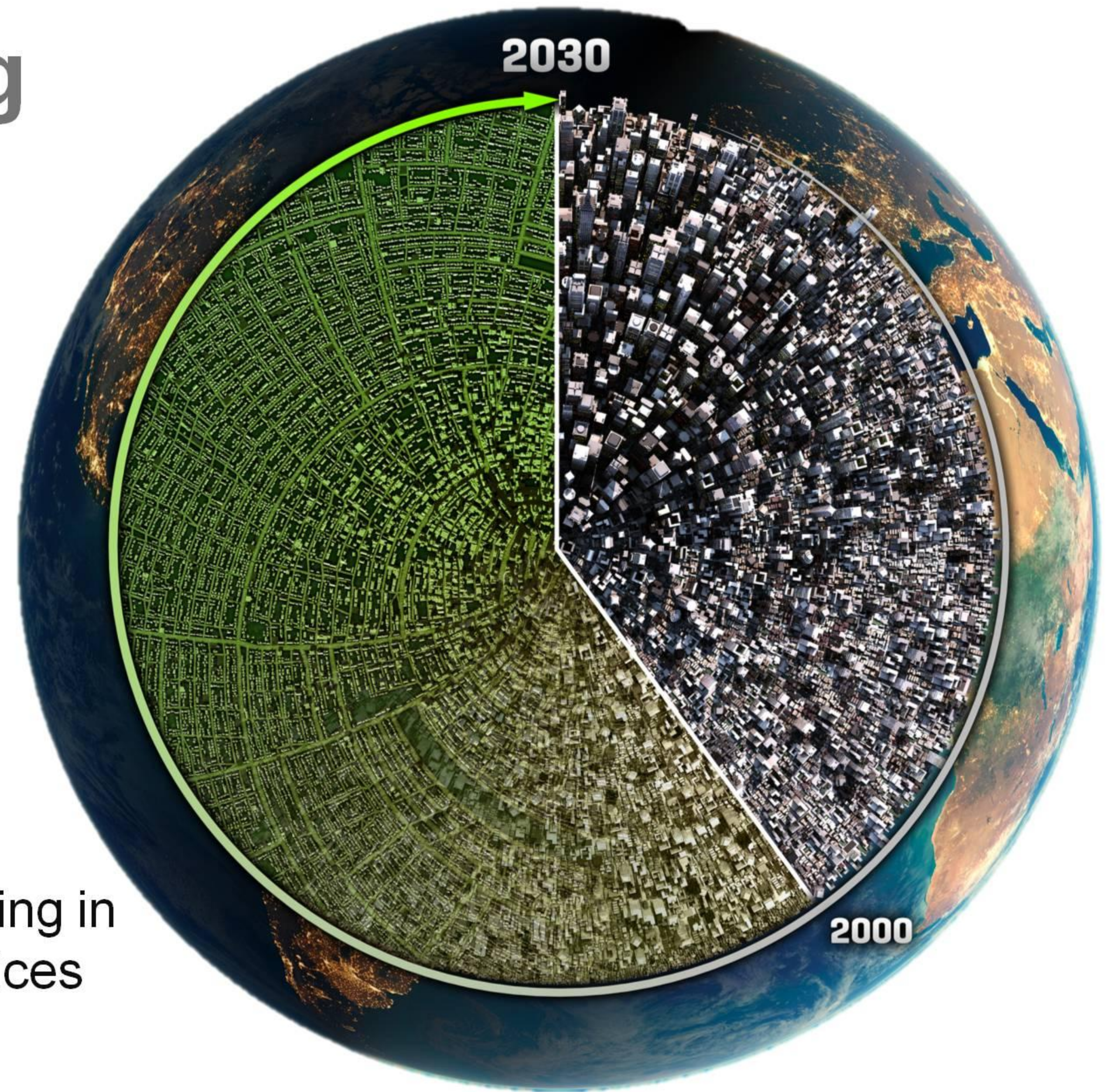
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Living on an urbanizing planet

- Three billion additional urban citizens are expected by 2050
- “Make cities and human settlements more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”
UN-Sustainable Development Goal 11
-  **ENABLE** aims to improve human wellbeing in cities enhancing the flow of ecosystem services (focusing on equity and resilience)



New York

New York is a city located on the Eastern seaboard of the United States at the mouth of the Hudson River and home to 8.5 million people with 26 million living in the greater metropolitan region. Green infrastructure has become a central part of sustainability and climate resilience planning, especially since 2010 when the Green Infrastructure Plan was launched to help support storm water absorption and reduce unwanted combined sewage overflow. More recently, since the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, NY has made further investments in GBI as nature-based solutions for building climate resilience.

Role of GBI for climate adaptation; resilience of urban ecosystems; unequal access to ecosystem services

Oslo

Oslo is a city of 630 000 inhabitants and currently one of Europe's fastest growing capital cities. Policies such as Oslo's municipal plan to 2030, the Marka Act and a newly developed Strategy for Green Roofs outline plans for urban densification and development, and introduce measures to tackle a number of social and environmental challenges facing the city. Mapping, indicator and assessment tools for ecosystem services are needed to support the effective implementation of these policies.

Accounting for ecosystem services of city trees; understanding ecosystem services in urban densification; enabling decision-support tools for urban planning

Stockholm

Stockholm is a rapidly growing city (1.5 million inhabitants) facing a number of challenges related to housing shortages, social segregation, and mounting pressure on natural spaces. At the regional level, land-use planning is decentralised and there are limited incentives for the 26 municipalities that make up Stockholm county to coordinate and cooperate. This poses a major challenge to the effective use of GBI and the capacity to handle complex sustainability issues such as water safety and climate change.

Urban densification; pressure on natural spaces; equitable and continued access to GBI

Barcelona

The Barcelona Metropolitan Area is home to approximately 3 million inhabitants, making it one of the most densely populated areas in Europe. It is characterised by a compact and densely populated urban core and increasing urban sprawl into the hinterlands. Key challenges include enhancing availability of GBI and increasing equal access to ecosystem services, taking into account diverse societal demands across municipalities, scales and administrative sectors.

Lacking availability of GBI; unequal access to ecosystem services; urban sprawl

Halle

Halle, a small-medium sized town (240,000 inhabitants) located in eastern Germany, has experienced a period of urban renewal and population growth in recent years. This spike in urban development has resulted in a number of challenges such as the sealing of once open green spaces, increased air pollution and urban heat islands, a growing number of health problems (e.g. asthma, obesity) and the marginalisation of low-income communities.

Air pollution; heat islands; health problems; social marginalization

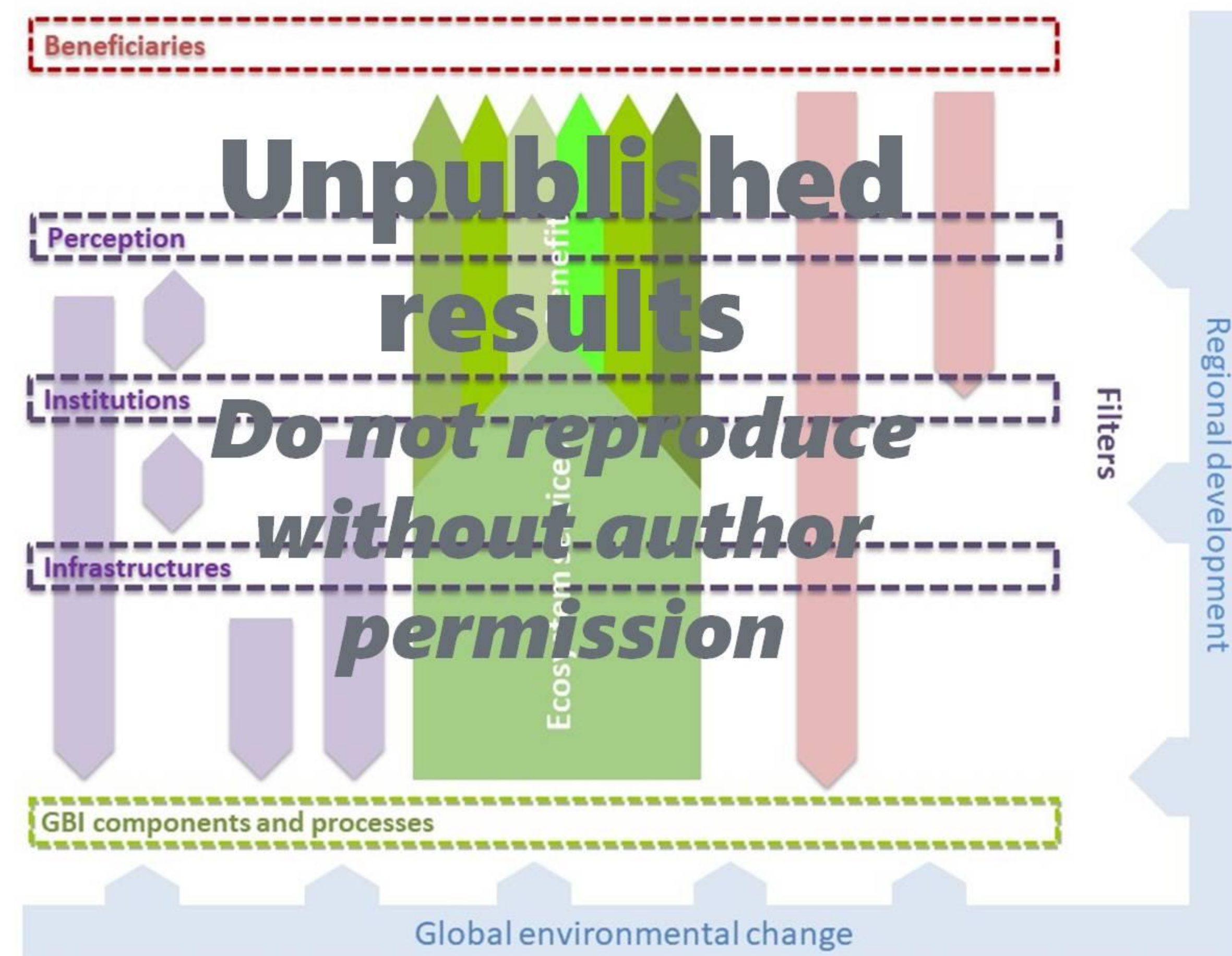
Łódź

Łódź is the third largest city in Poland (700,000 inhabitants). It is a shrinking city facing several unresolved environmental and socio-economic problems. Key challenges include bringing visibility to the services provided by the city's ecosystem (e.g. its 'invisible rivers'), establishing a foundation for implementing a Green Network based on a public-private partnership, enhancing natural capital, social equity, and including GBI in the city's revitalisation plans.

Environmental justice; limited of ecosystem services; integrated GBI in urban revitalisation plans

Enabling urban green

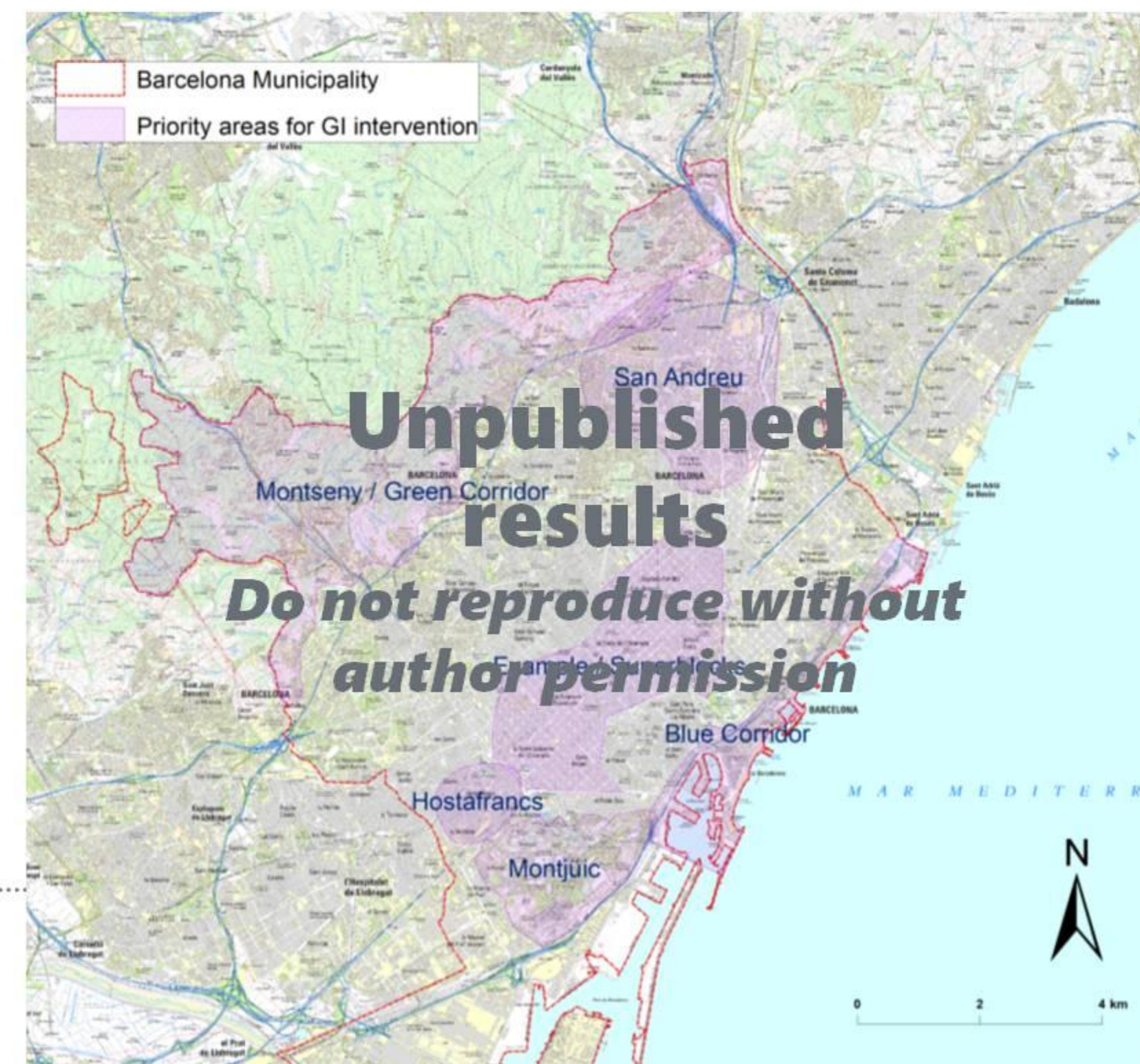
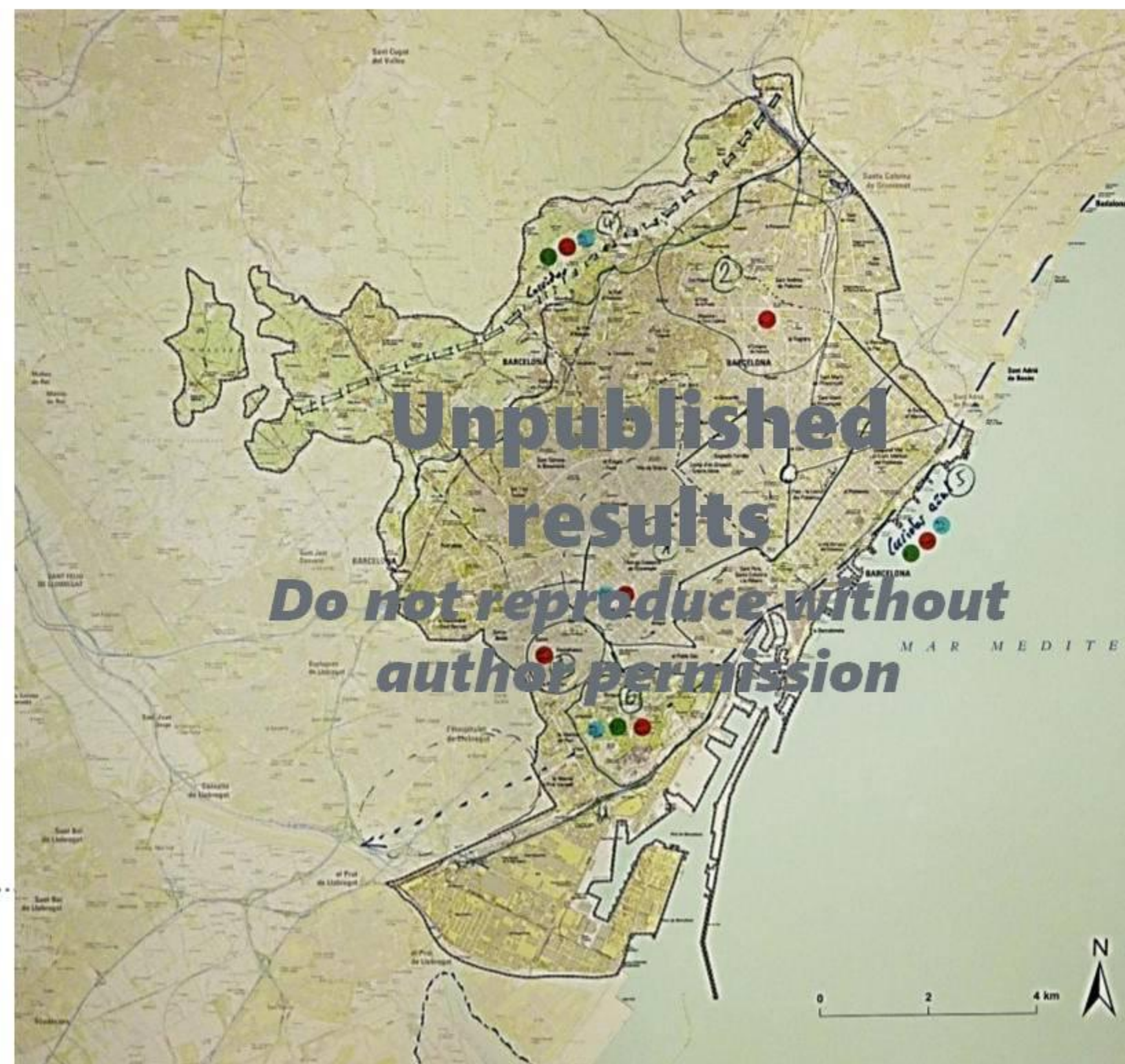
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Participatory research

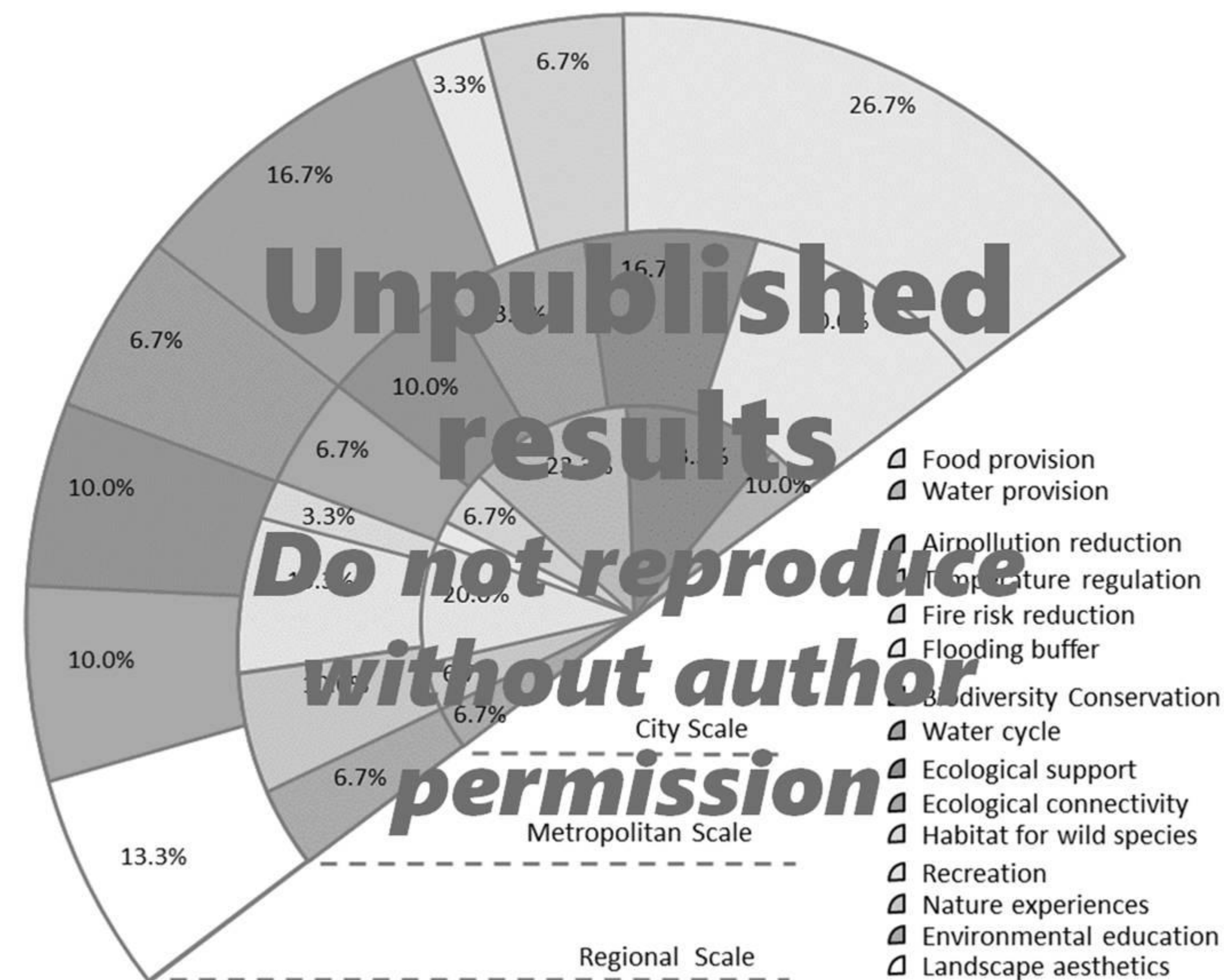


Participatory definition of research questions



*Determining priority areas for **green infrastructure** research*

Participatory resilience assessment



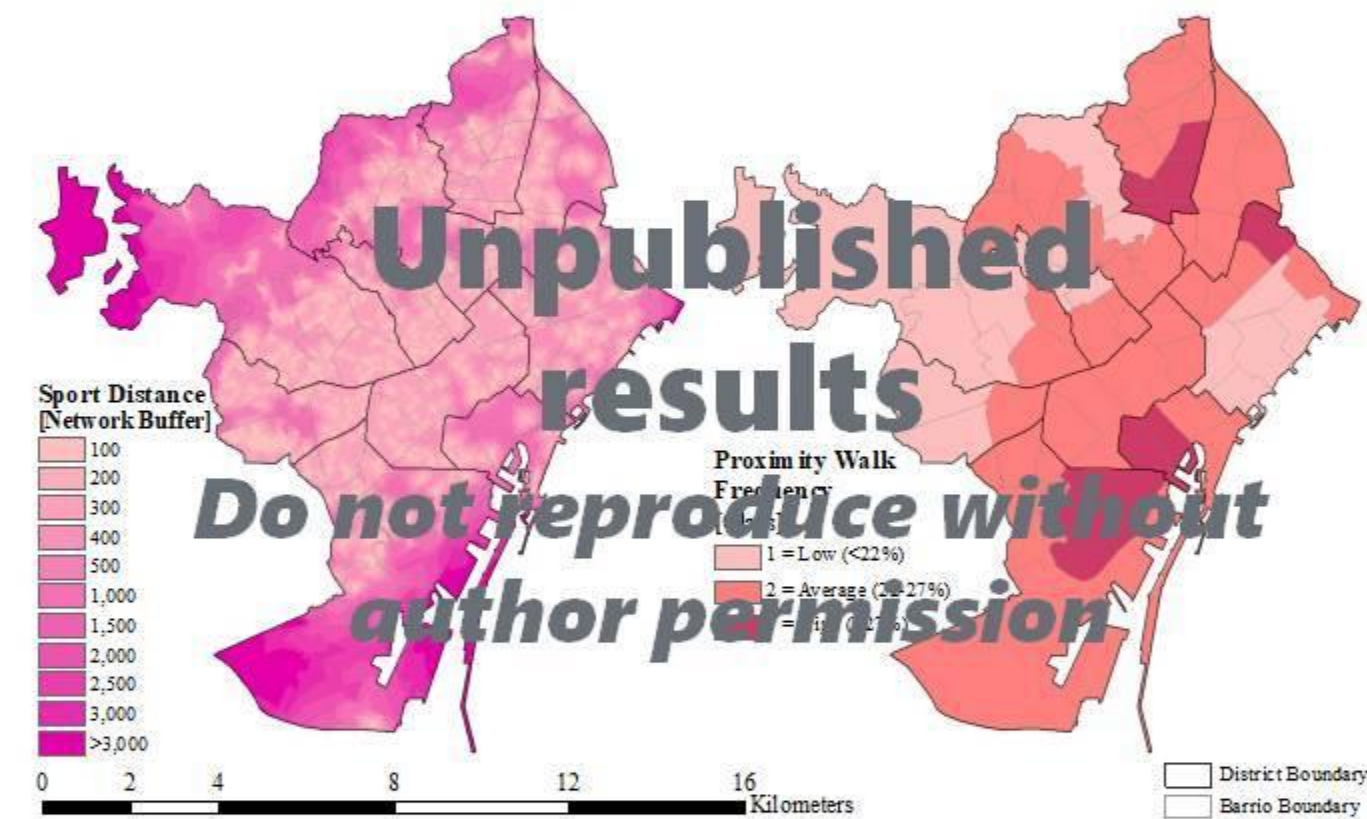
*Determining shifting demands
for **ecosystem services***



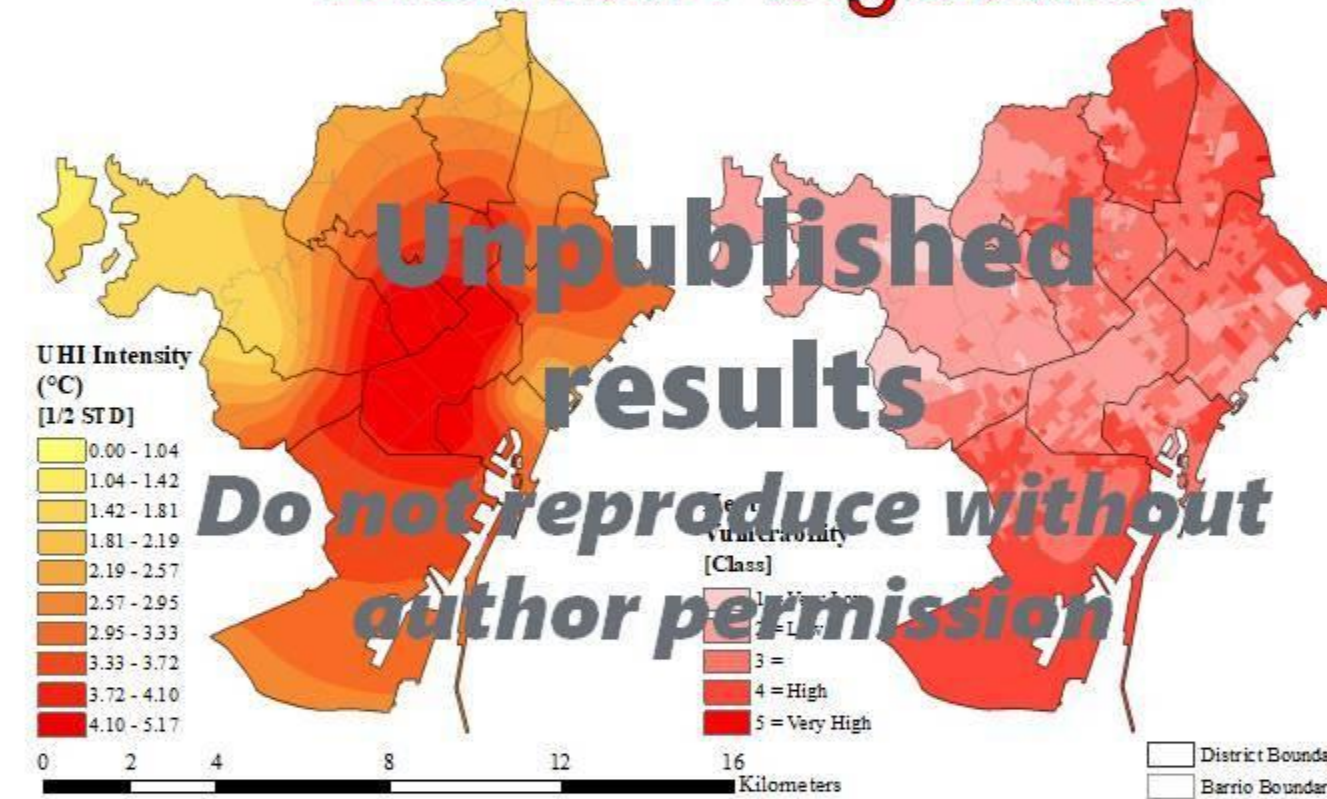
Knowledge integration

Determining spatial **ecosystem service** deficiencies

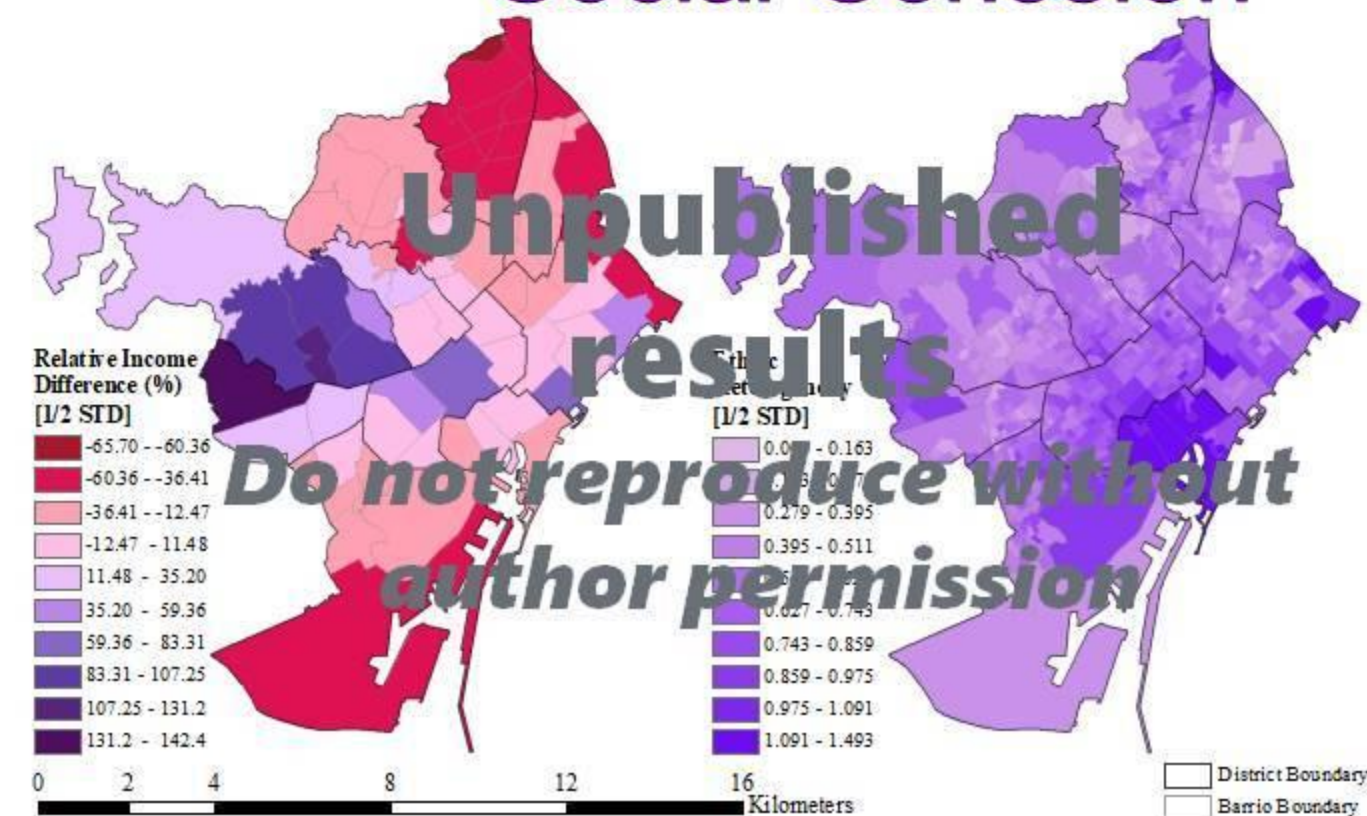
Recreation



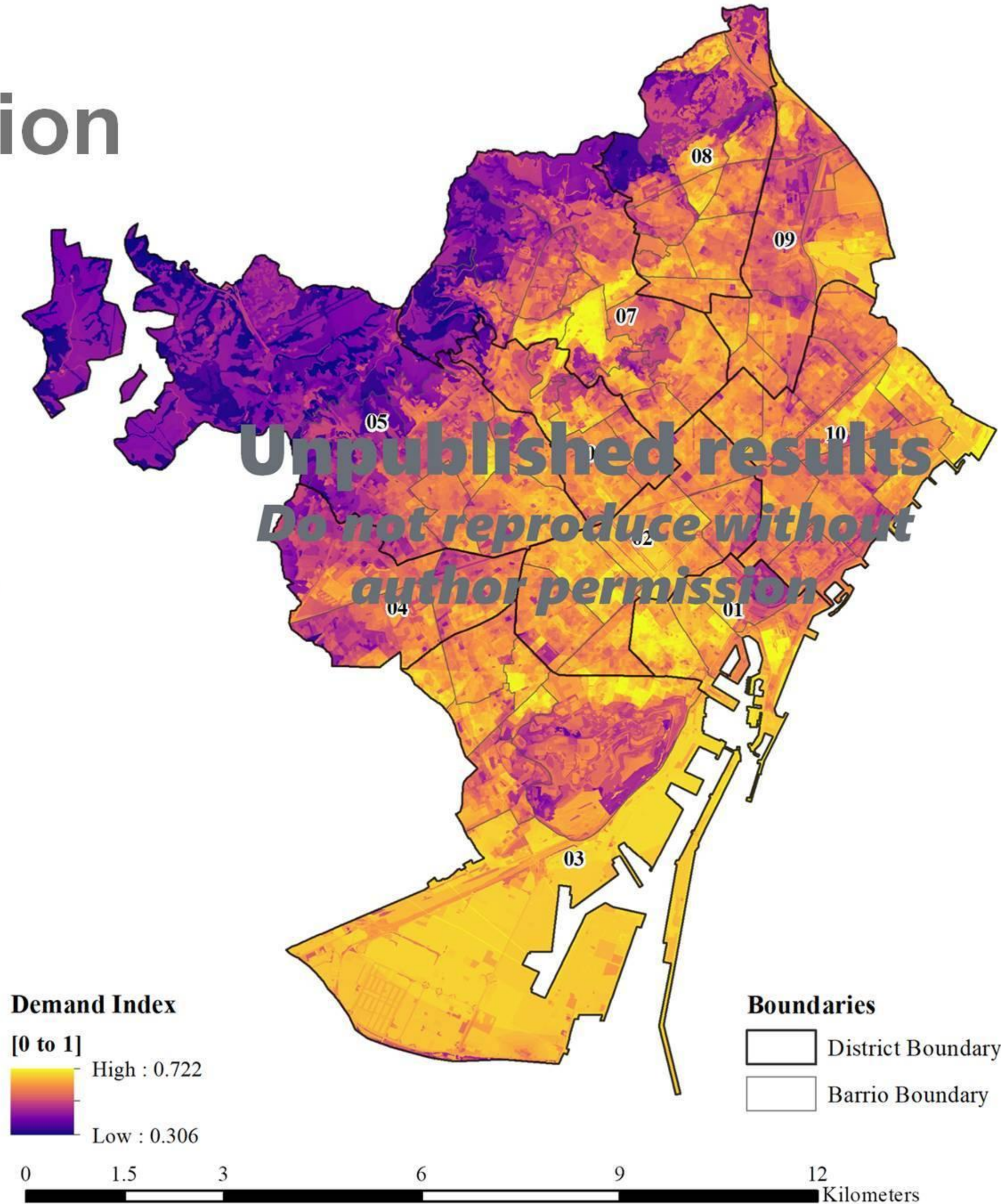
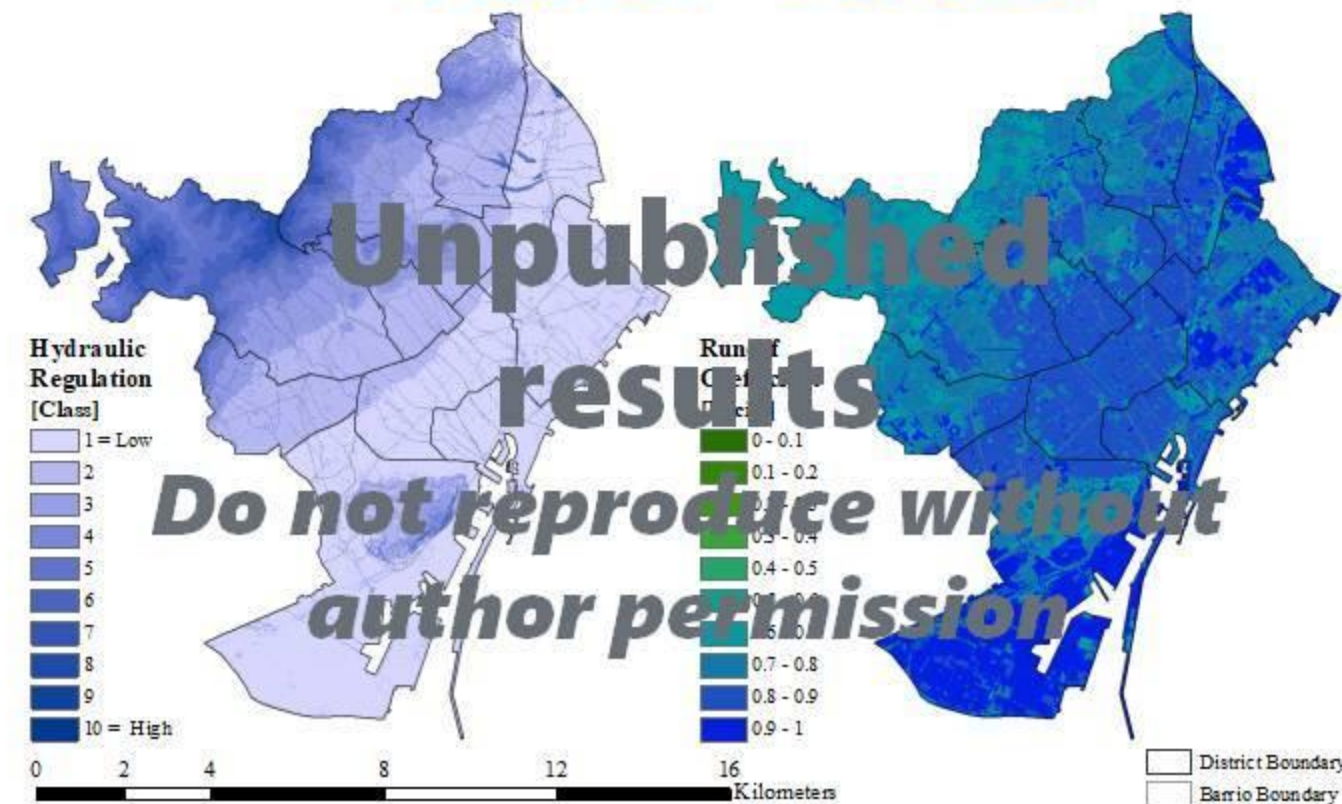
Thermal Regulation



Social Cohesion

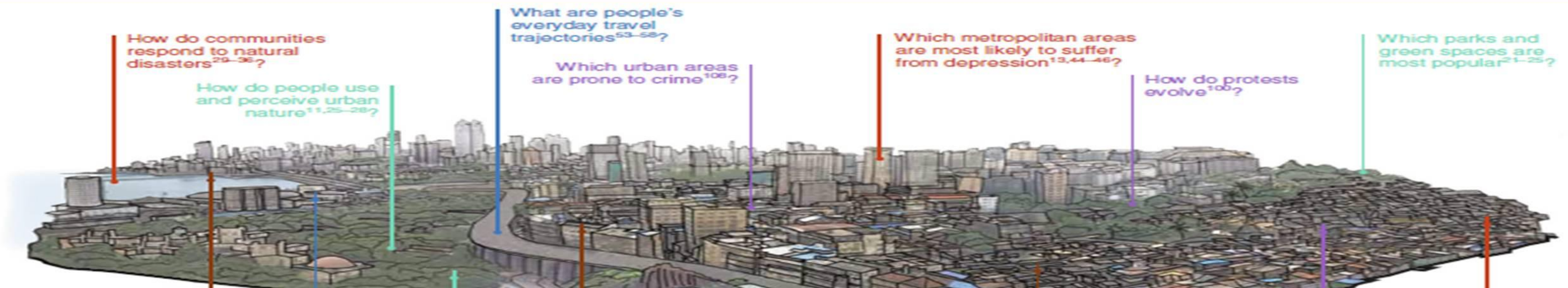


Runoff Control



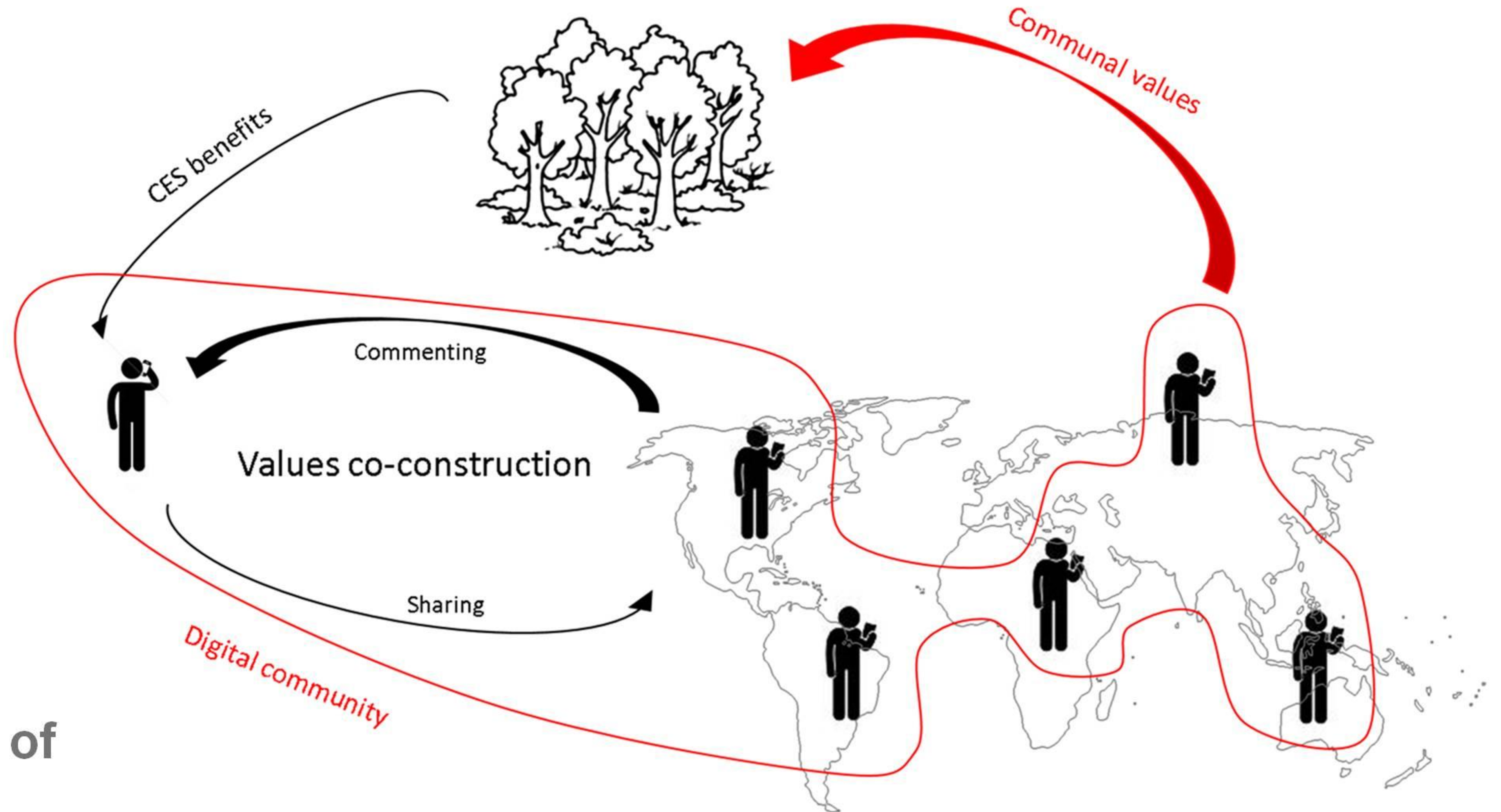
Social Media Analysis

Figure: Llieva & McPhearson (2018)

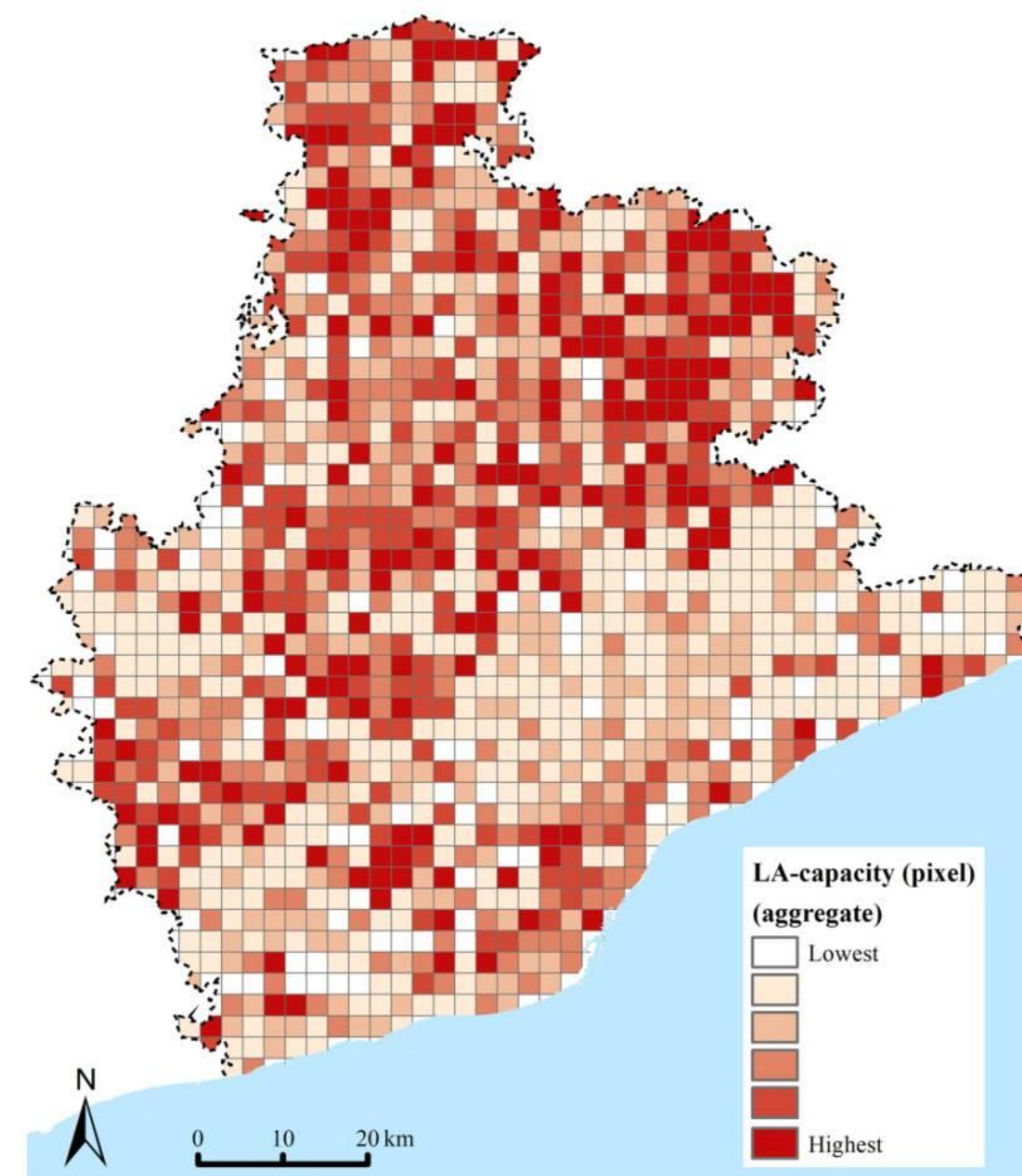
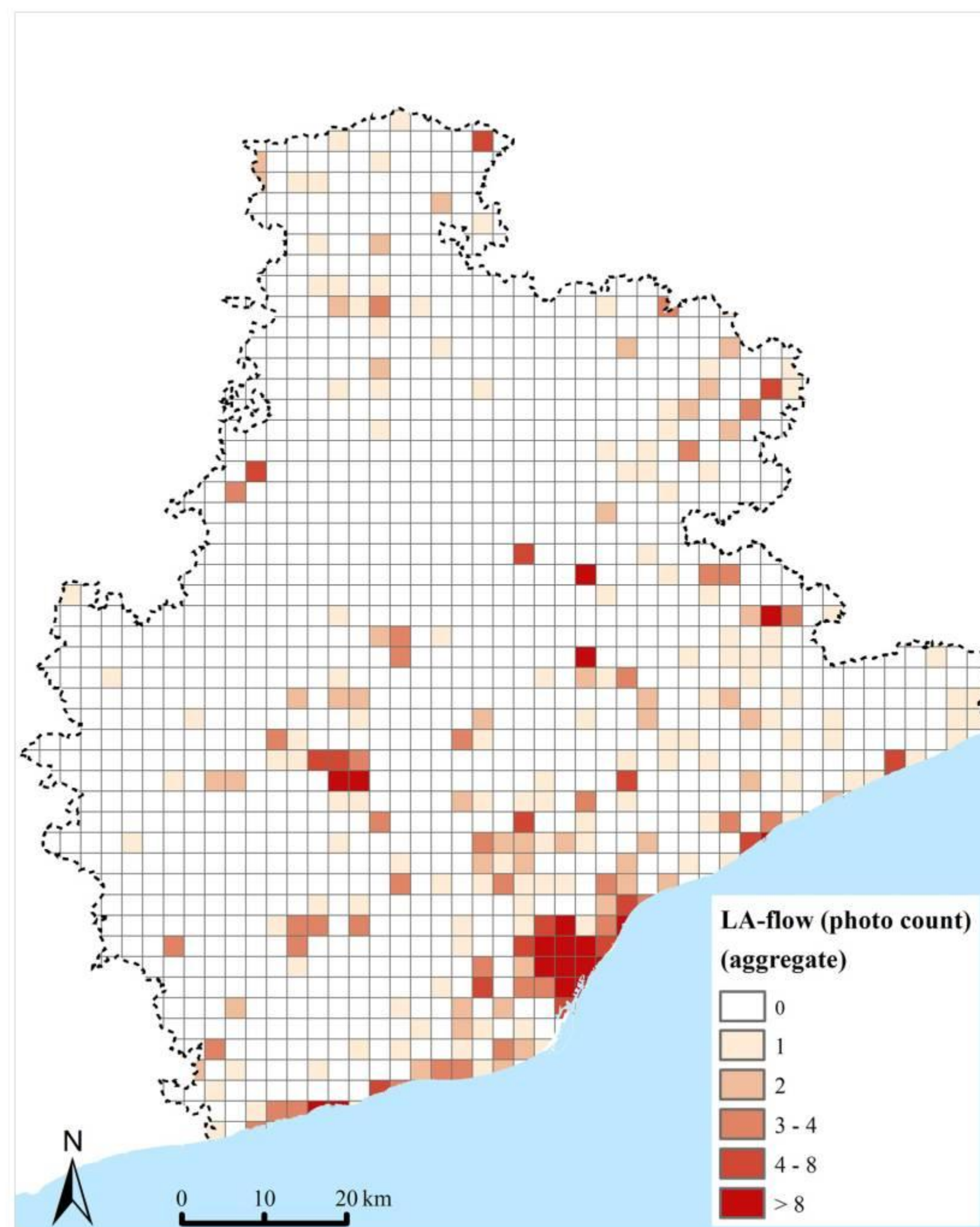
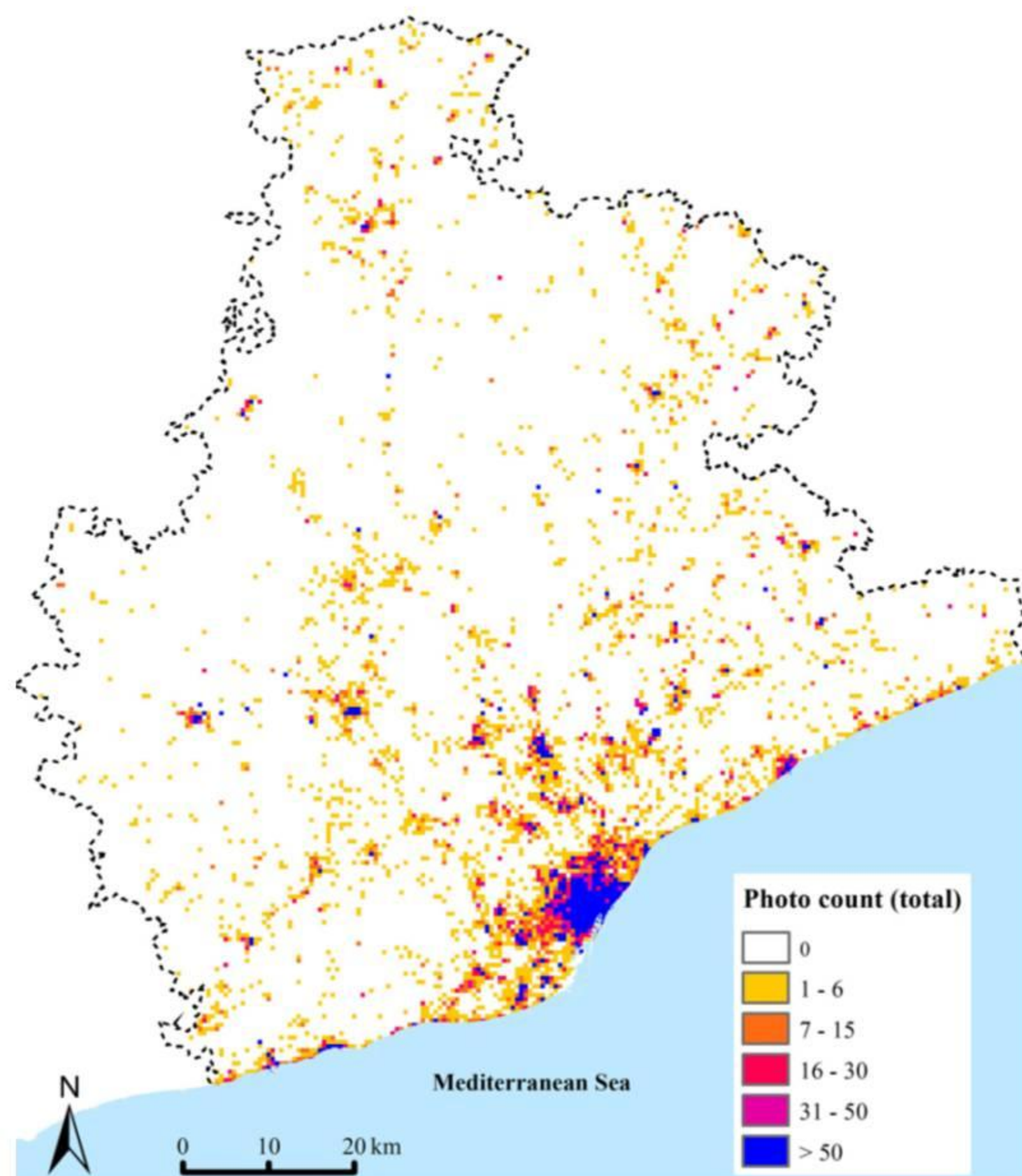


Understanding cultural ecosystem services

Digital
co-construction of
values

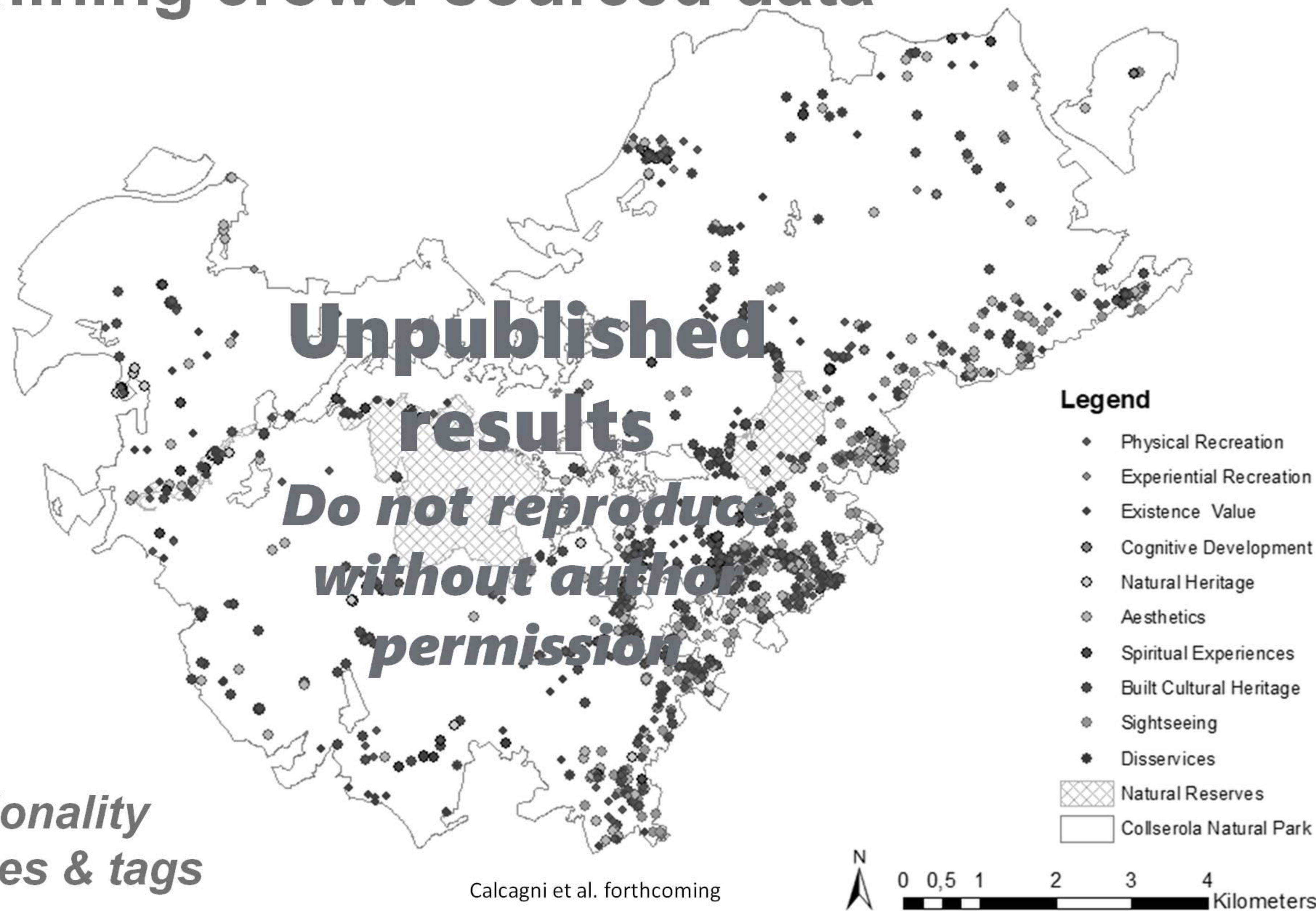
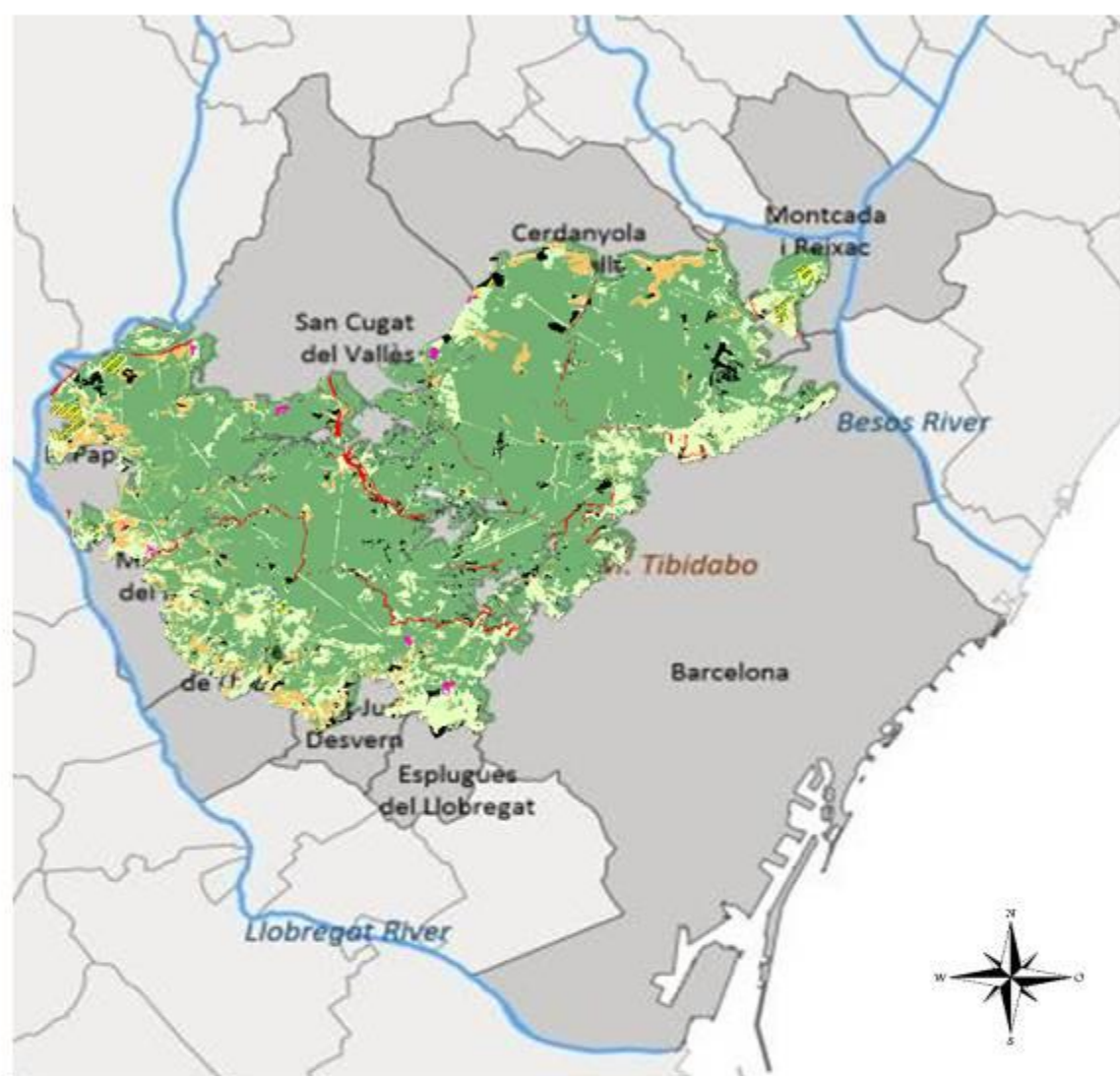


Assessing crowd-sourced data



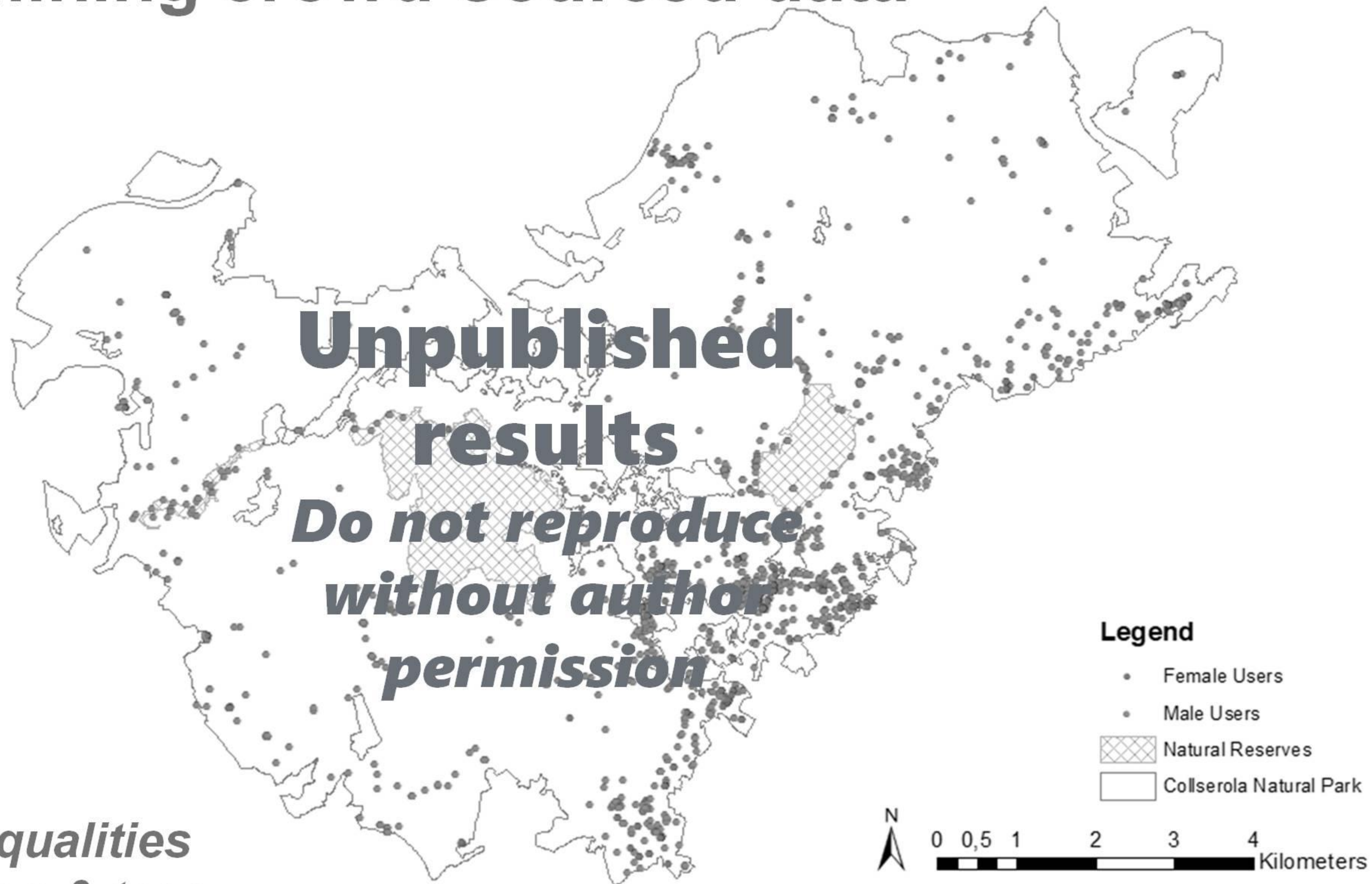
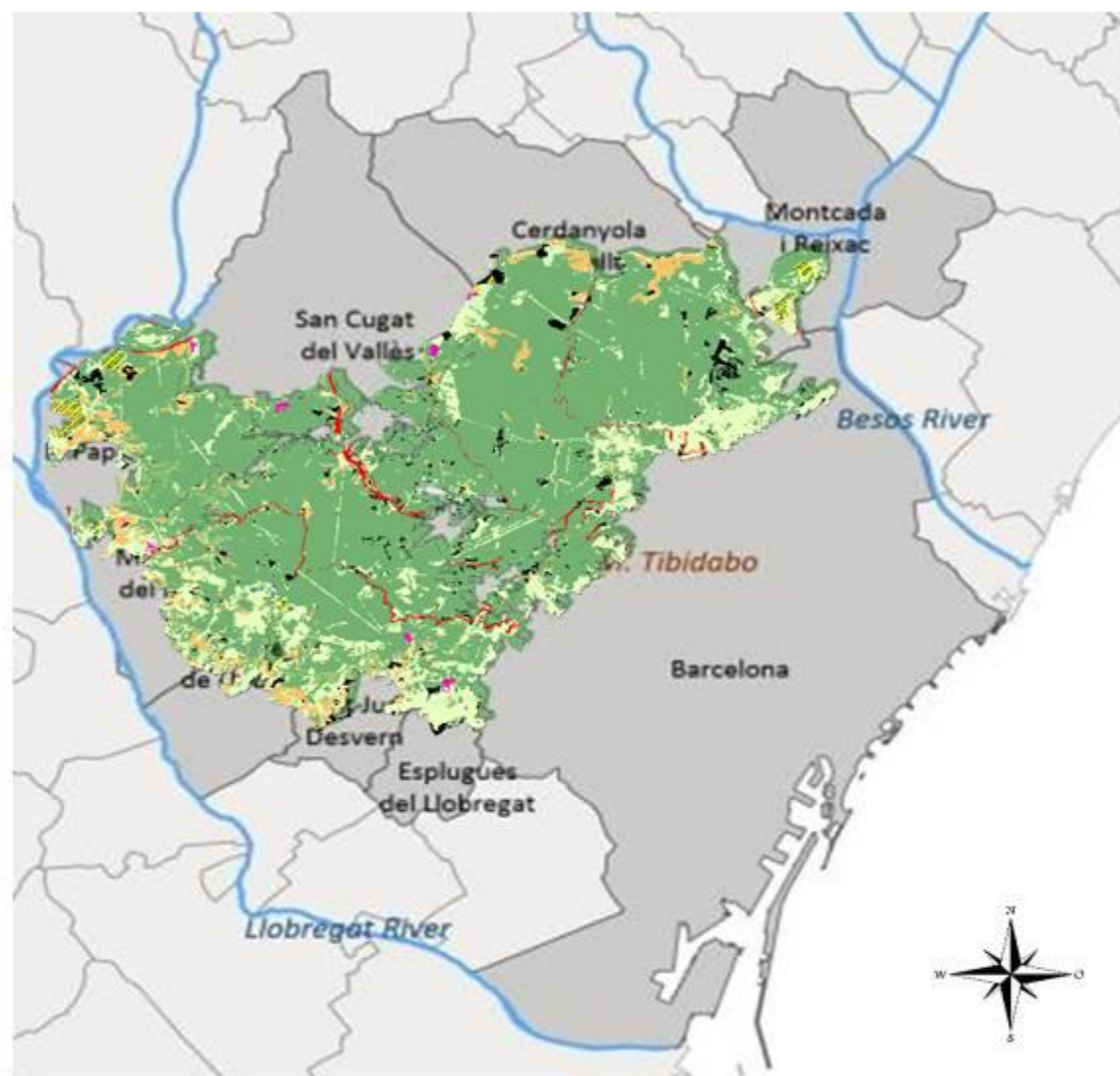
*Examining landscape aesthetics
based on Flickr pictures*

Examining crowd-sourced data



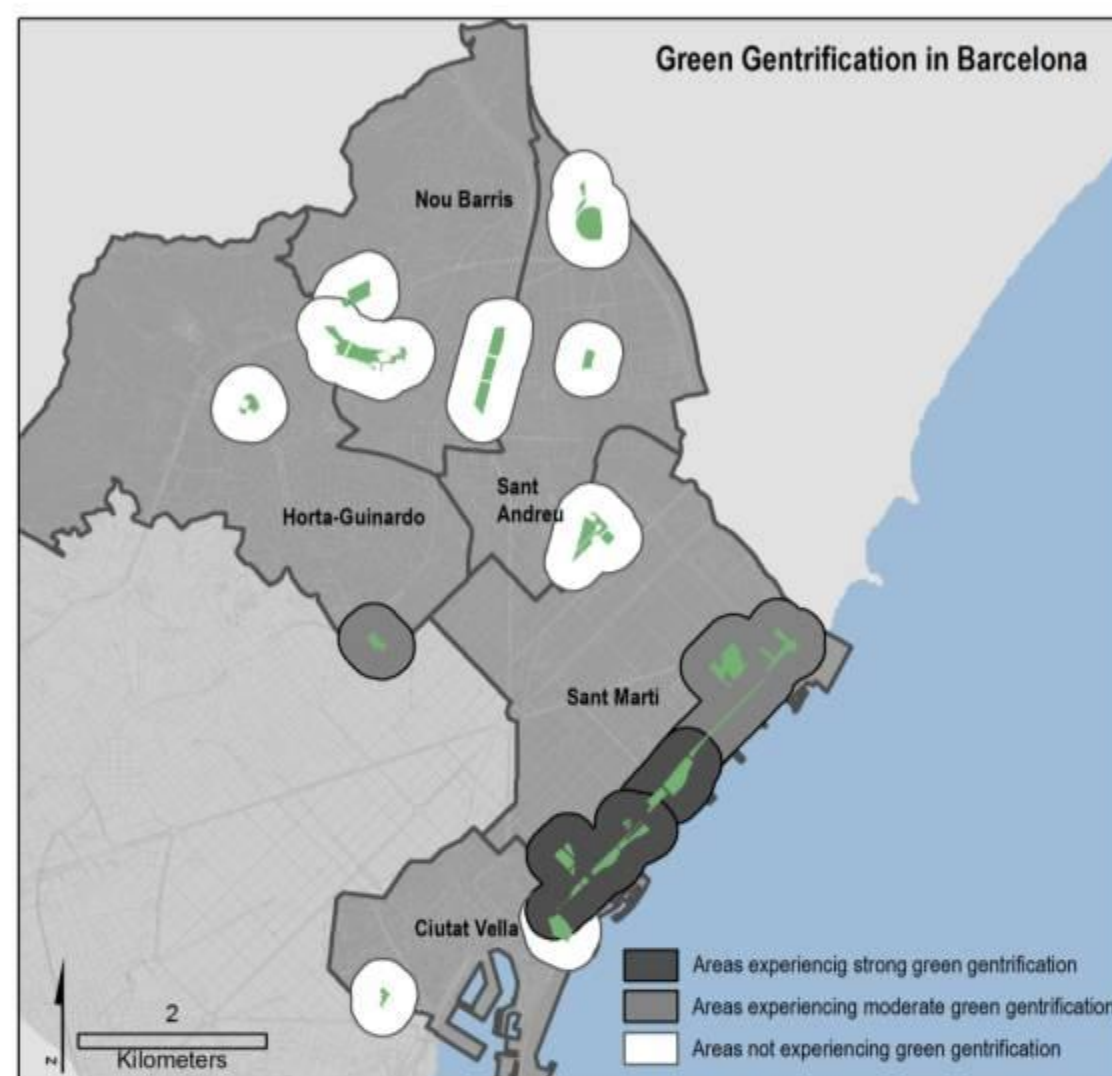
*Examining multifunctionality
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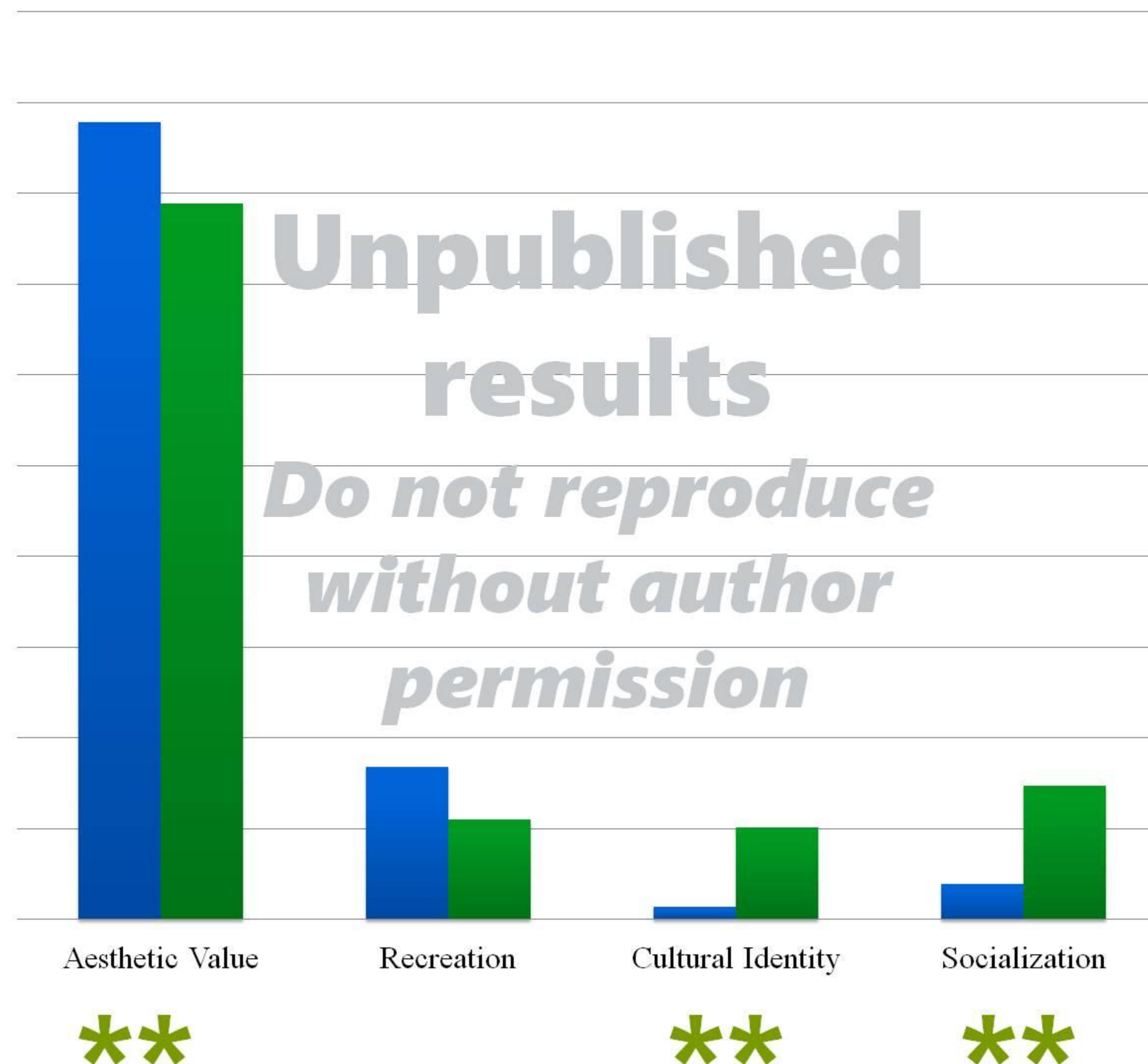
Examining gender inequalities based on Flickr pictures & tags

Examining crowd-sourced data



Green gentrification in Barcelona
Anguelovski et al. (2016)

Understanding ‘green gentrification’



■ Photos taken in parks associated with Green Gentrification

■ Photos taken in parks not associated with Green Gentrification



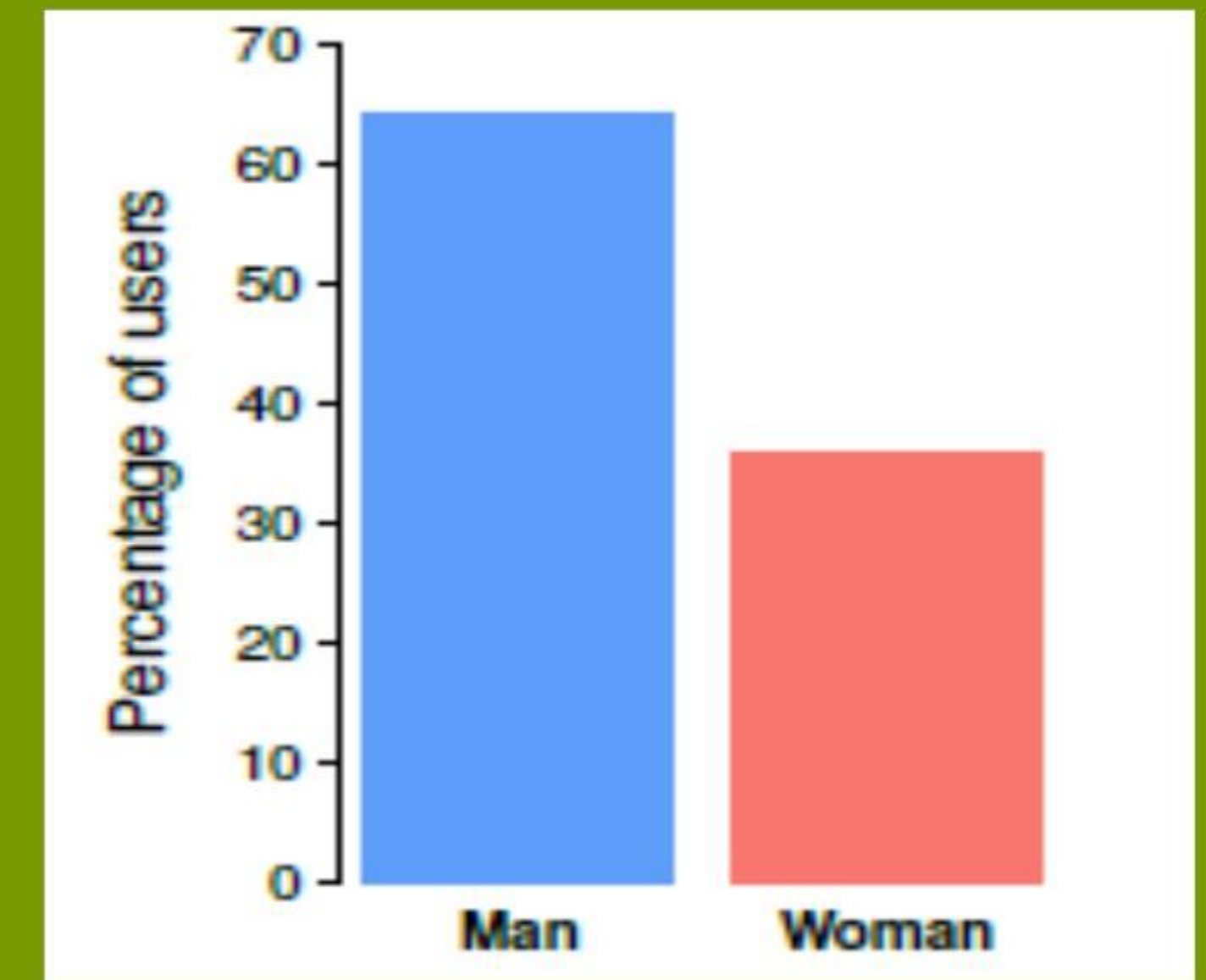
Non-intrusive data collection



Data rich in (unknown) biases



Ethically more complicated than CS approaches based on volunteer-collected data (violates several CS principles)



Lenormand et al., 2018



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