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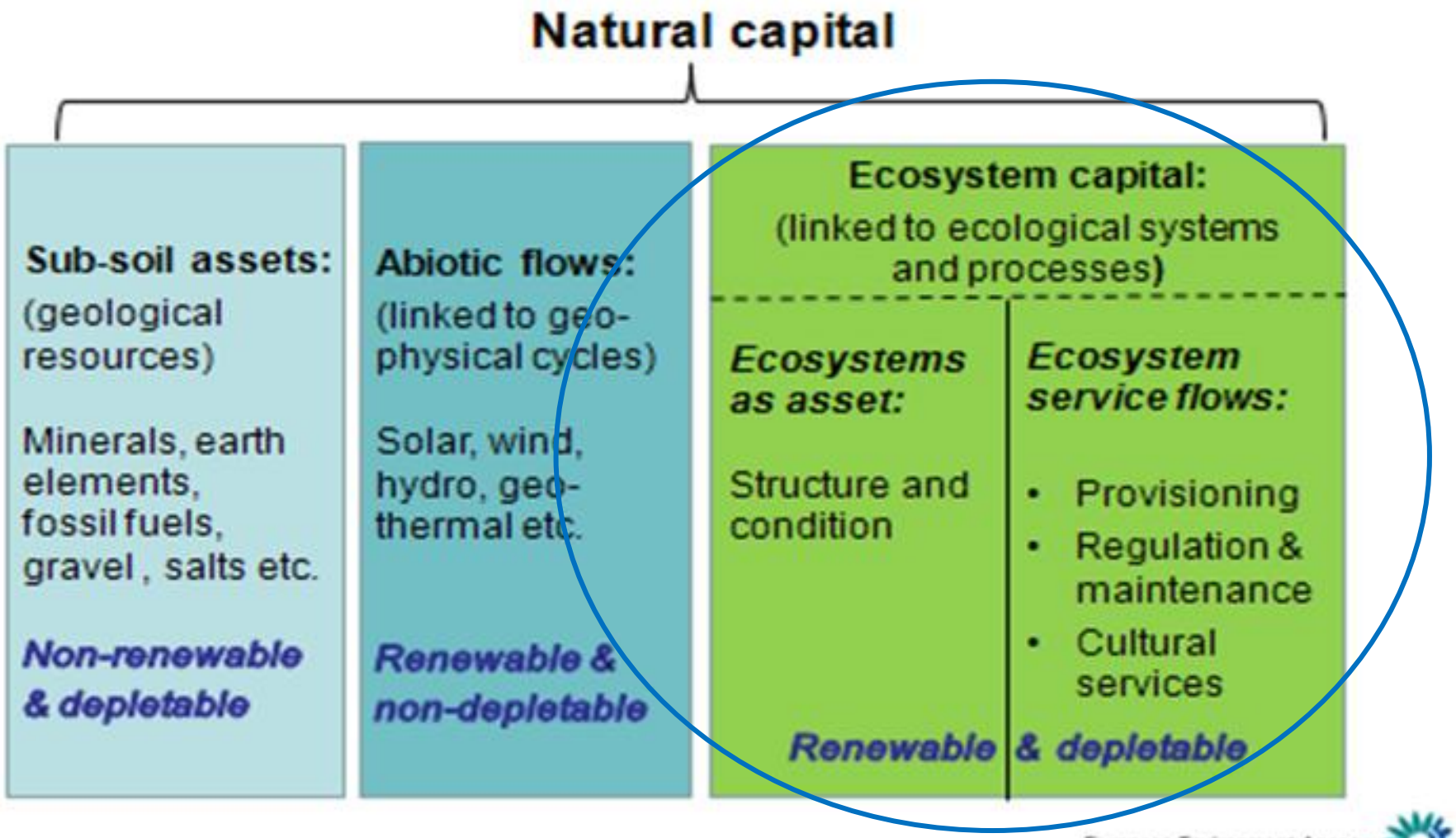
… 33 countries and …cultures (technical, administrative, political)

Need of a common approach to framing

Components of Natural Capital:



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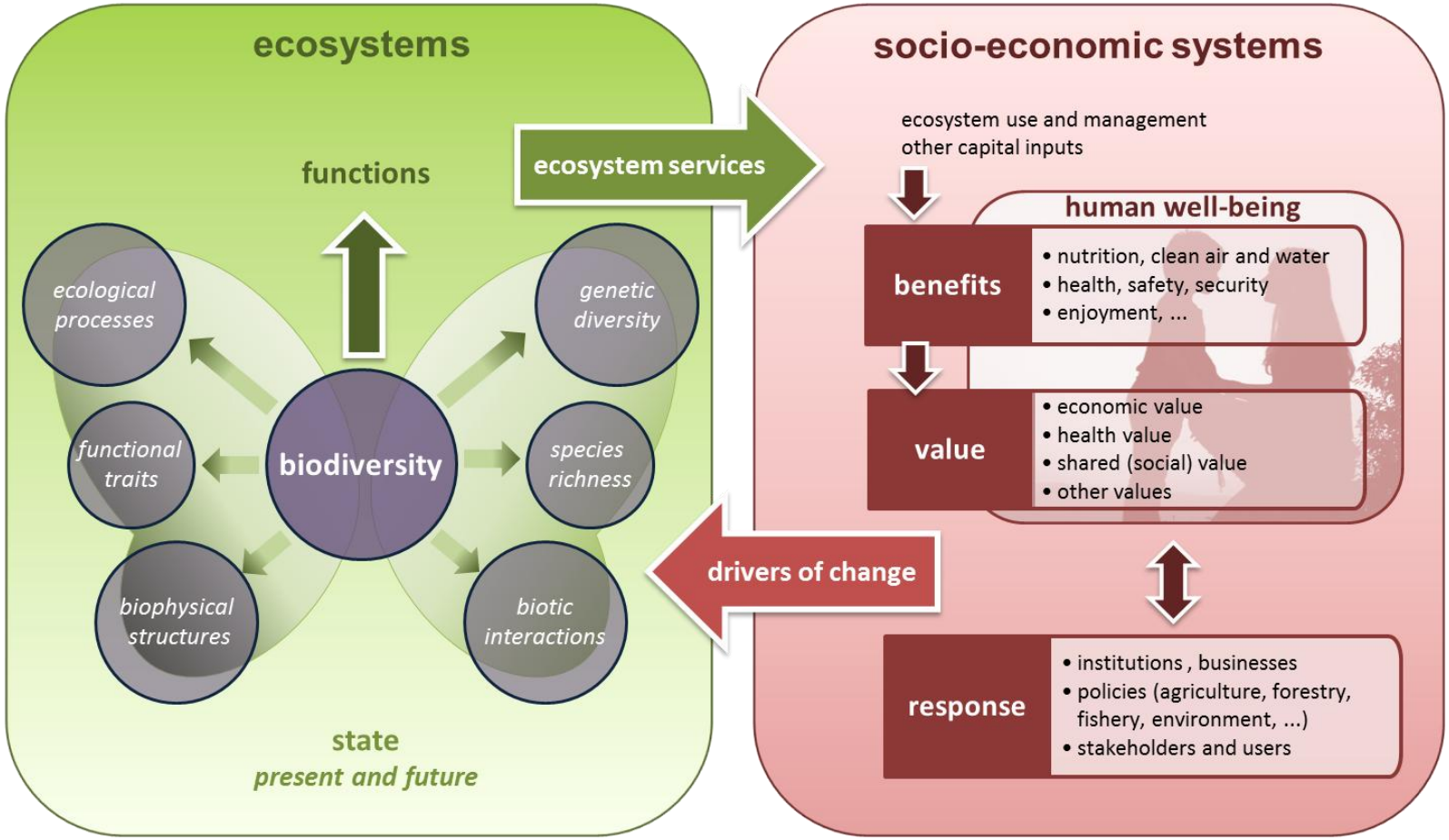
Overall conceptual framework



We divide the services into….

Ecosystem services

The benefits people get from ecosystems

Provisioning services

Crops, Livestock, Game, Fisheries, Water supply, Wild species diversity (genetic resources)

Regulating services

Climate, Hazards, Detoxification & Purification, Disease/pest control, Pollination

Cultural services

Aesthetic, Spiritual, Inspirational, Educational, Recreation, Tourism, Wild species diversity

Supporting services

Necessary for the delivery of other ecosystem services

Soil formation, Nutrient cycling, Water cycling, Primary production

Four steps of implementation

Until 2014/2015

I. Biophysical baseline mapping and assessment of the state of major ecosystems (EEA)

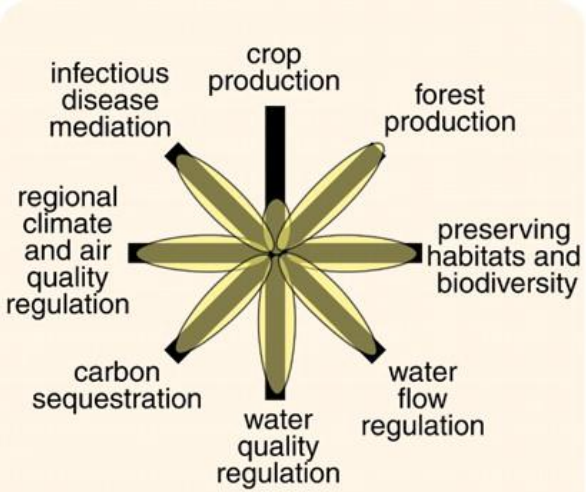
II. Biophysical baseline mapping and assessment of defined ecosystem services (JRC)

Until 2020

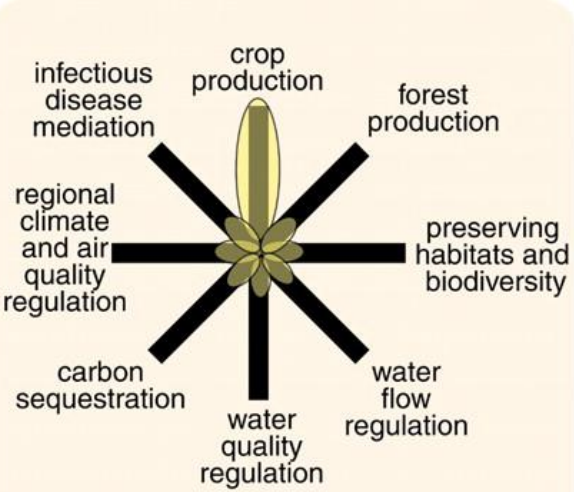
III. Alignment of ecosystem service assessments with scenarios of future changes;

IV. Valuation of ecosystem services for baseline and contrasting scenarios and integration into environmental and economic accounting.

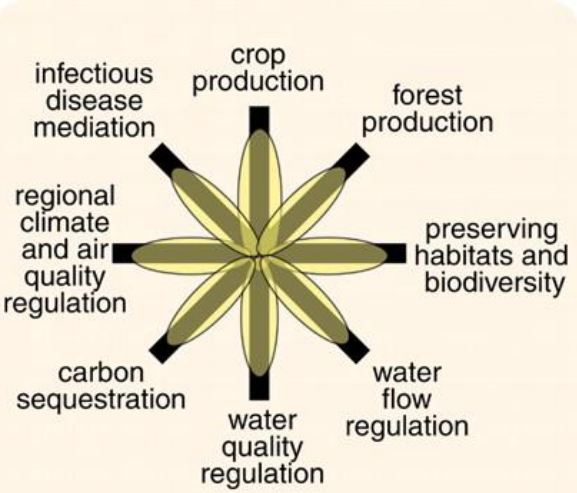
So, mostly a question of how we use the natural capital



natural ecosystem



intensive cropland



cropland with restored ecosystem services

Source: Foley et al., 2005 *Science Vol. 309*


Working with Nature more intelligently....

Green Infrastructure? It enhances Europe's natural capital

…it provides ecological, economic and social benefits through natural solutions – and is a key tool to sustainable spatial planning and development

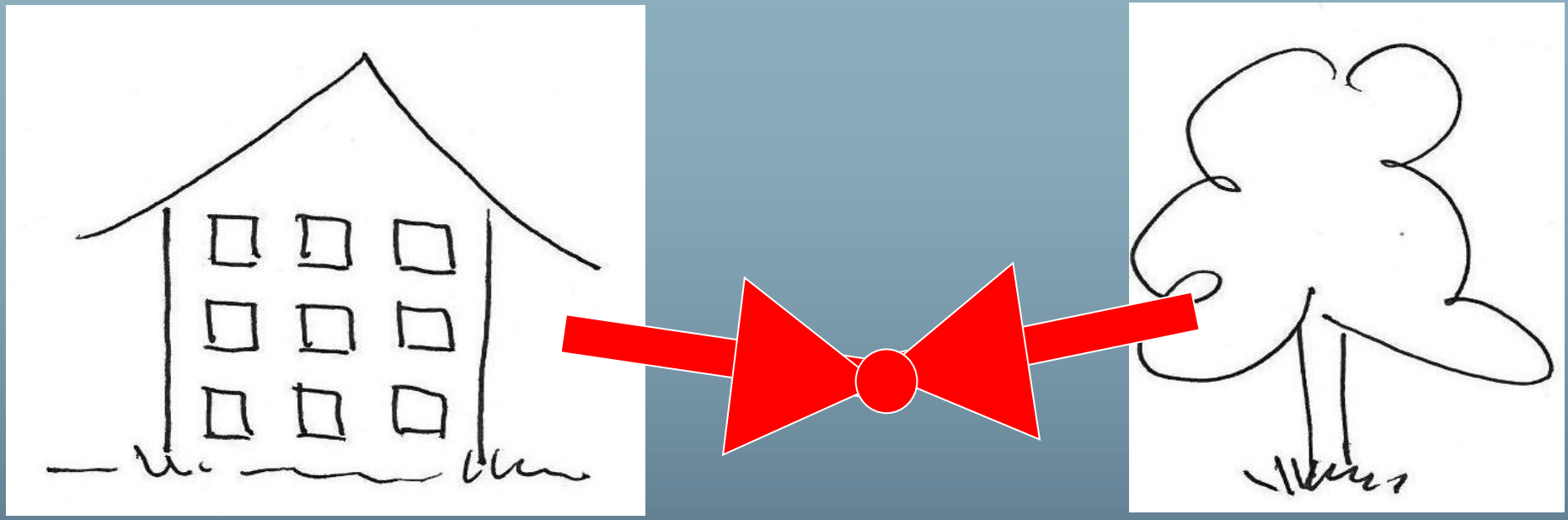
...or?

...room to rivers and waterways...

No one-size-fit-all!

The services provide benefits to people….

Urban & Nature



- Work more progressively with nature – especially in cities
- It is all about urban design and creating cities we would like to live in…
- Greening cities makes them more liveable and at the same time generate win-win solutions – a pleasant environment at lower costs
- It is about pushing forward the best solutions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Cool down… …air TREE concept!

Viva Madrid?

… real TREE in cities…

- Up to 10 C difference between peri-urban and central areas
- 100 m^2 of trees help reduce T by 1 C
- Green surfaces 10 C cooler than artificial ones

…but there is more…

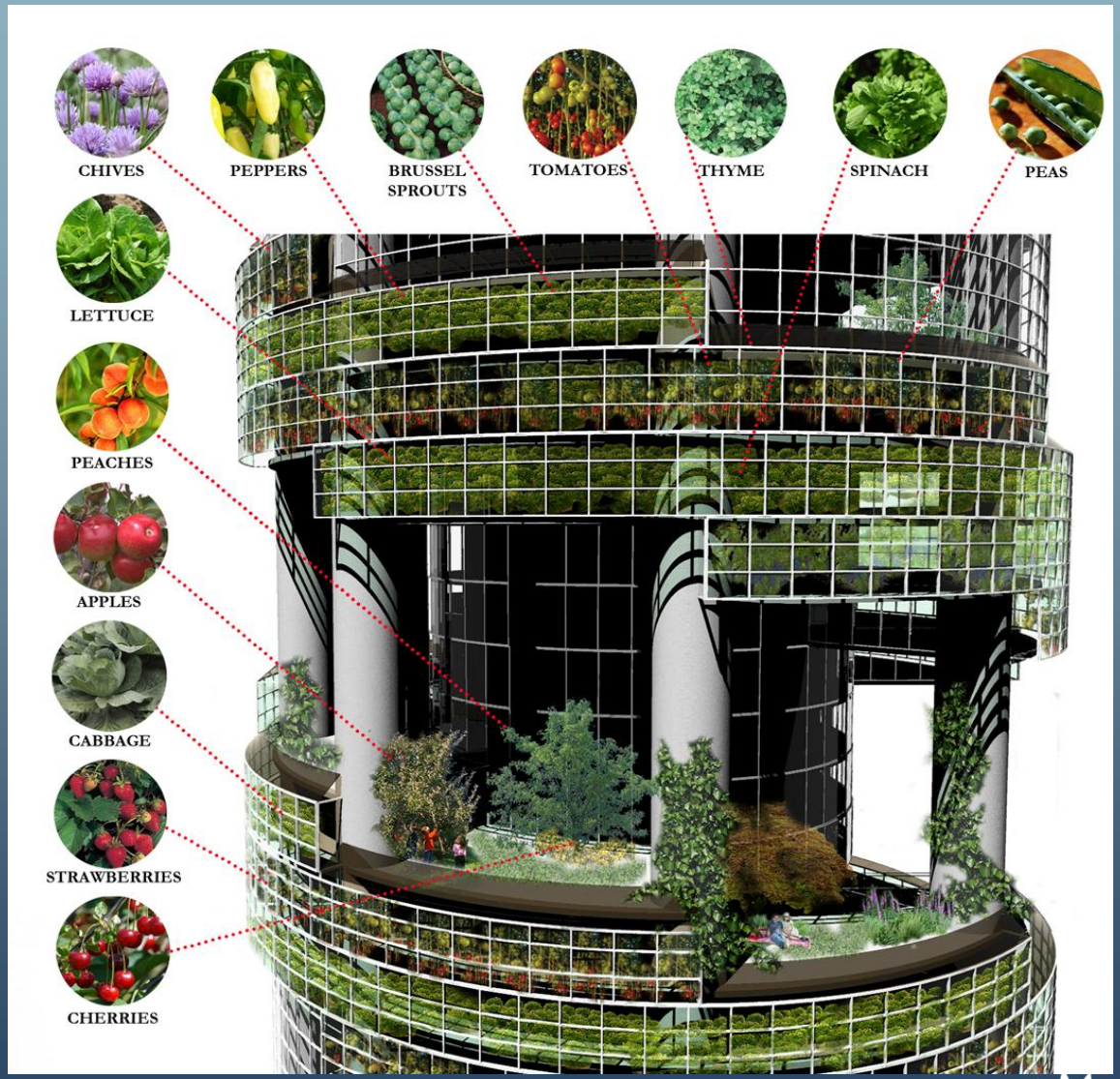
…multifunctional services/benefits of urban forest and green areas for health

- Increased physical activity and reduced obesity
- Reduced stress levels and improvements in mental health
- Reductions in noise levels – which can improve mental and physical health
- Lower levels of violence and crime – which can reduce the risk of many health outcomes
- Improvements in hospital recovery times
- Increased social interactions which can help to improve overall well-being.
- Saving cost in the health sector
- Milan vertical forest: 900 trees eq. 10,000 m2 forest

Source: Faculty of Public Health London 2010


Or food supply….

…some fast cropping concepts!



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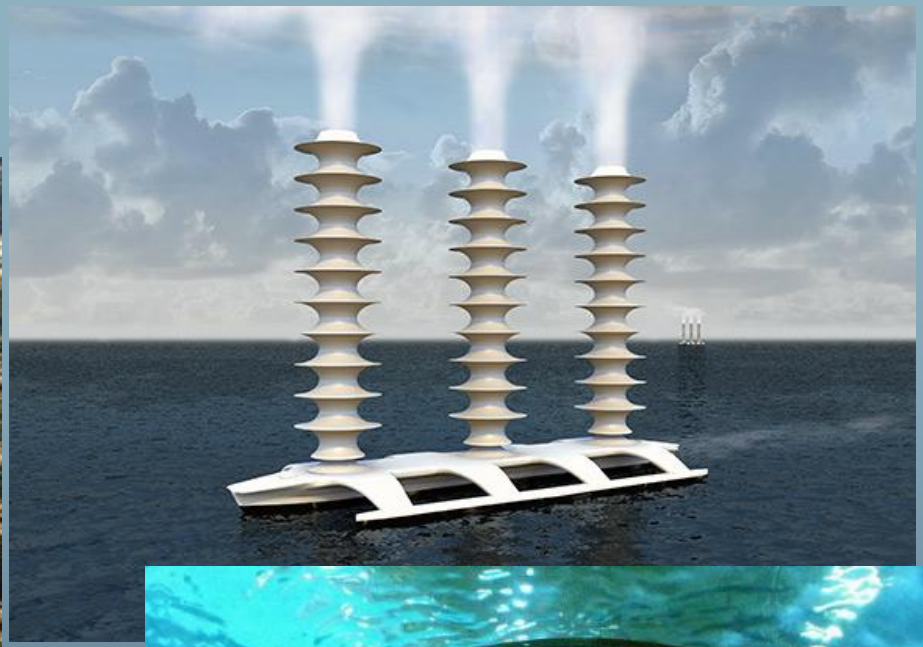
Conflicting growing demand for space – new dominant landscapes?

Coastal new design…

…or an opportunity?



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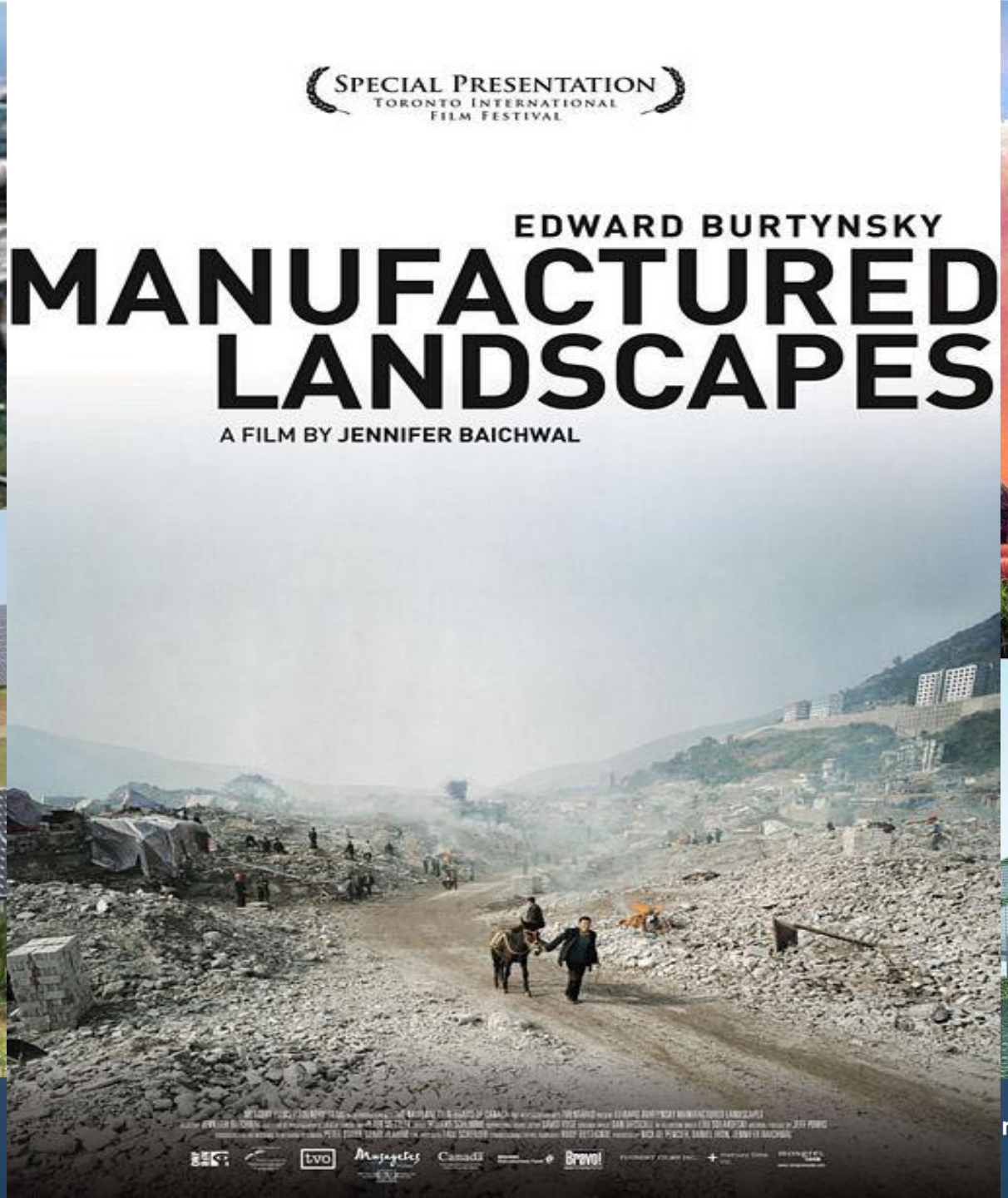
May be reinventing ancient cities?

Seuthopolis -300 BC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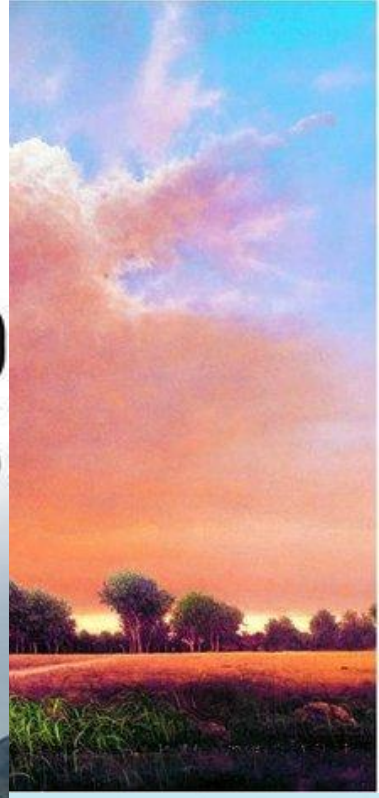

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Ecosystem resilience must be explicitly targeted

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How to get there: the capitals to look after

Natural capital

Social + cultural capital

Human capital

Building capital

How to get there: mobilising financial capital

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