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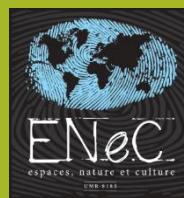
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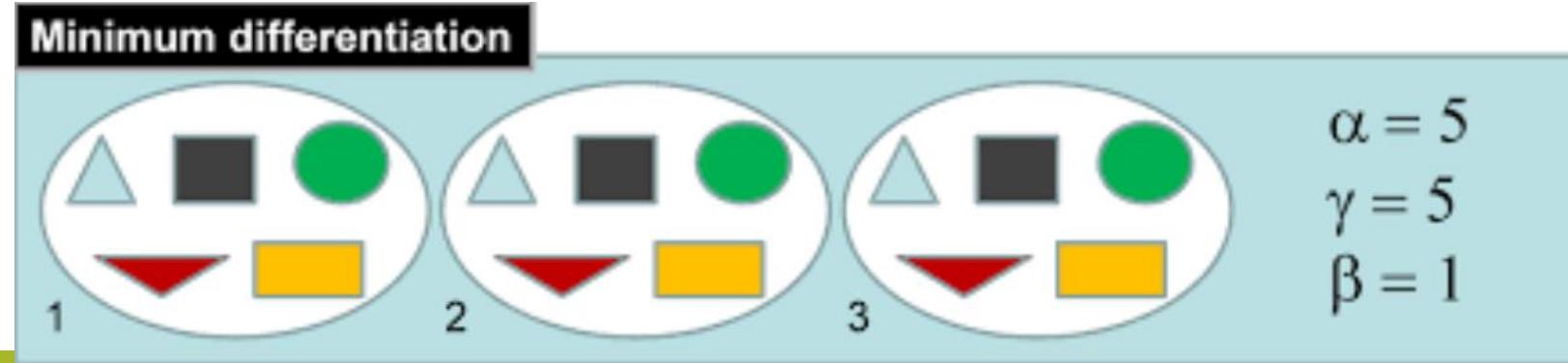
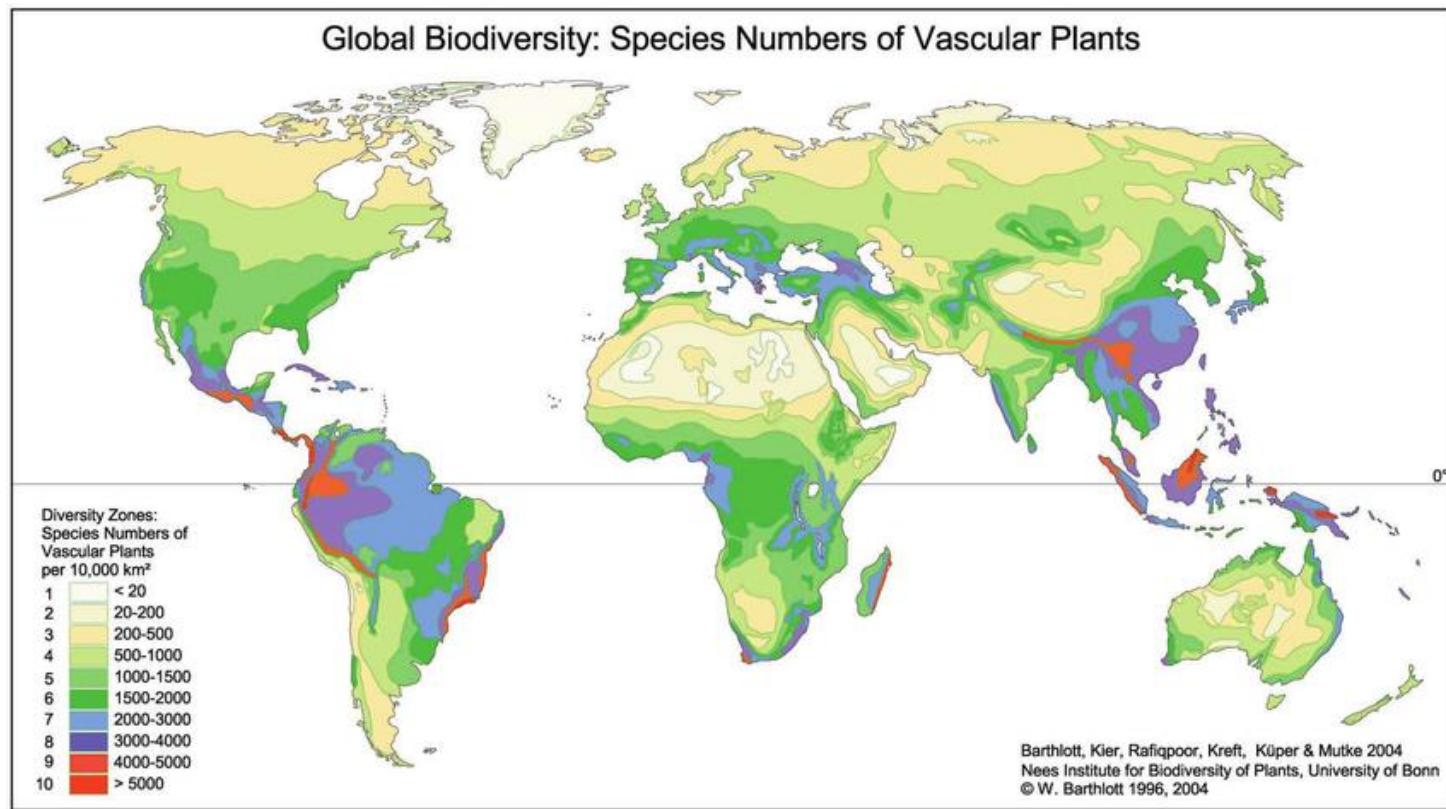
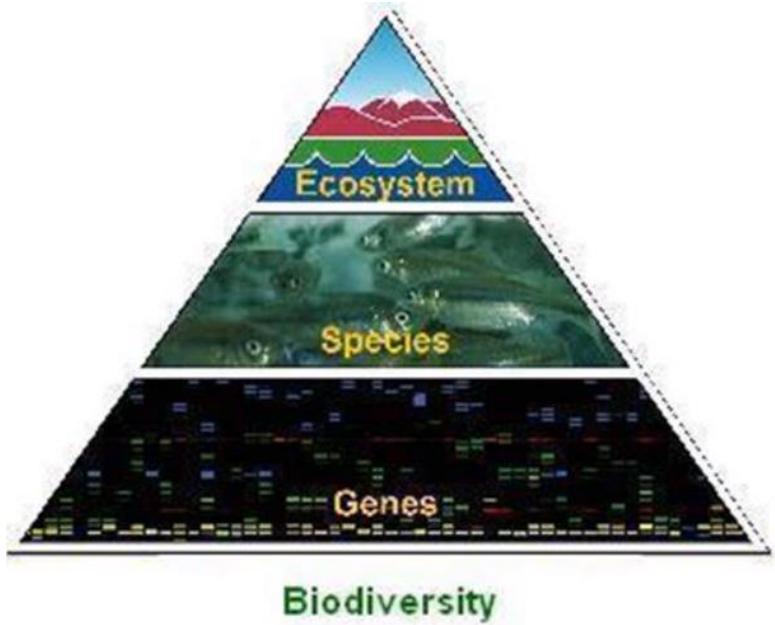
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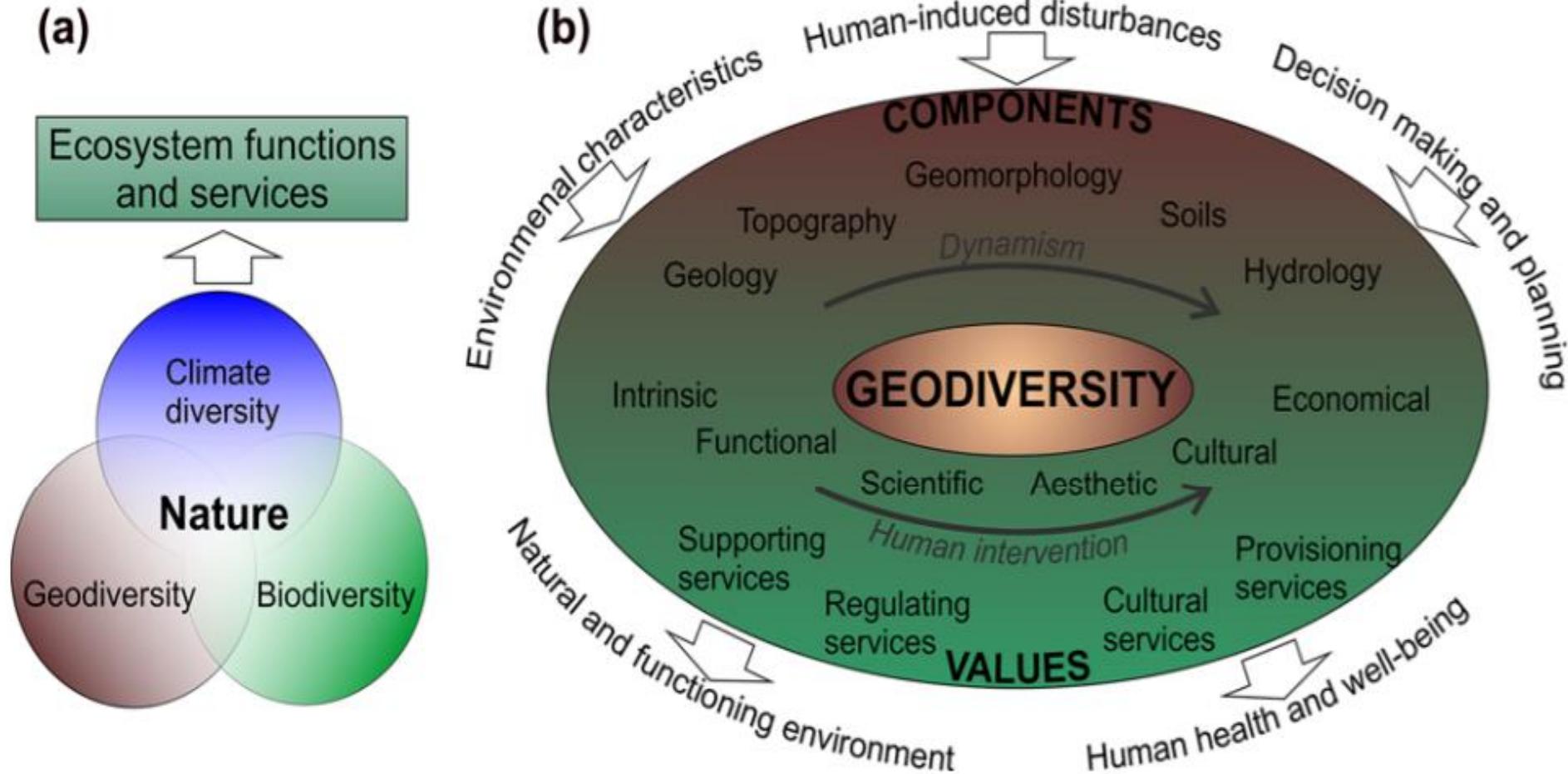
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Biodiversity

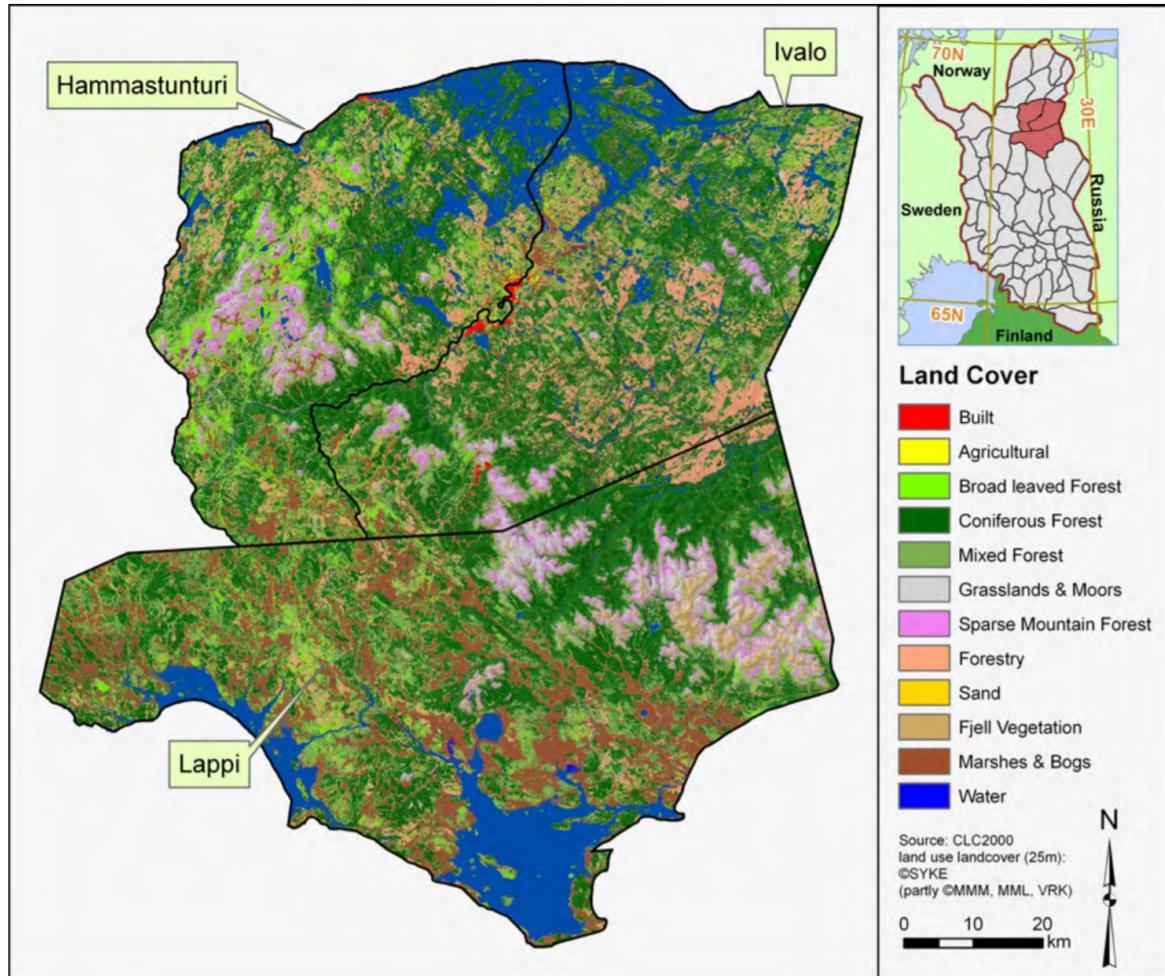


Geodiversity



Hjort, J., Gordon, J. E., Gray, M., & Hunter Jr, M. L. (2015). Why geodiversity matters in valuing nature's stage. *Conservation Biology*, 29(3), 630-639.

(Pastoral) landscapes and ecosystemic services



| | Artificial surfaces | Agricultural areas | Broad-leaved forest | Coniferous forest | Mixed forest | Grasslands and moors | Sparse mountain forests |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Provisioning | | | | | | | |
| Reindeer | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Game | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Berries, mushrooms | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fodder | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Medicines | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wood | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Water | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Energy | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Genetic resources | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Habitat value | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Regulating | | | | | | | |
| Local and regional climate | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Carbon sequestration | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Pollination | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Flood prevention | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Erosion prevention | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Nutrient sequestration | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Habitat value | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| Cultural | | | | | | | |
| Local and Sami cultures | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Esthetic landscape | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Intrinsic value of nature and BD | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Recreation | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Habitat value | 0.3 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Supporting | | | | | | | |
| Photosynthesis | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Nutrient cycling | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Soil formation | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Habitat value | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 |

- Indigenous/local communities : « populations at disproportionately higher risk of adverse consequences with global warming of +1,5°C »; In particular those dependant on agricultural or coastal livelihoods (high confidence). (IPCC, SR15 SPM, 2018)
 - « Indigenous, local and traditional knowledge systems and practices, including indigenous peoples' holistic view of community and environment, are a major resource for adapting to climate change, but these have not been used consistently in existing adaptation efforts » (IPCC, AR 5, 2014)
- ⇒ Inclusion of local / indigenous knowledges in global change issues (loss of biodiversity and climate change)
- ⇒ Not only « important » but ESSENTIAL

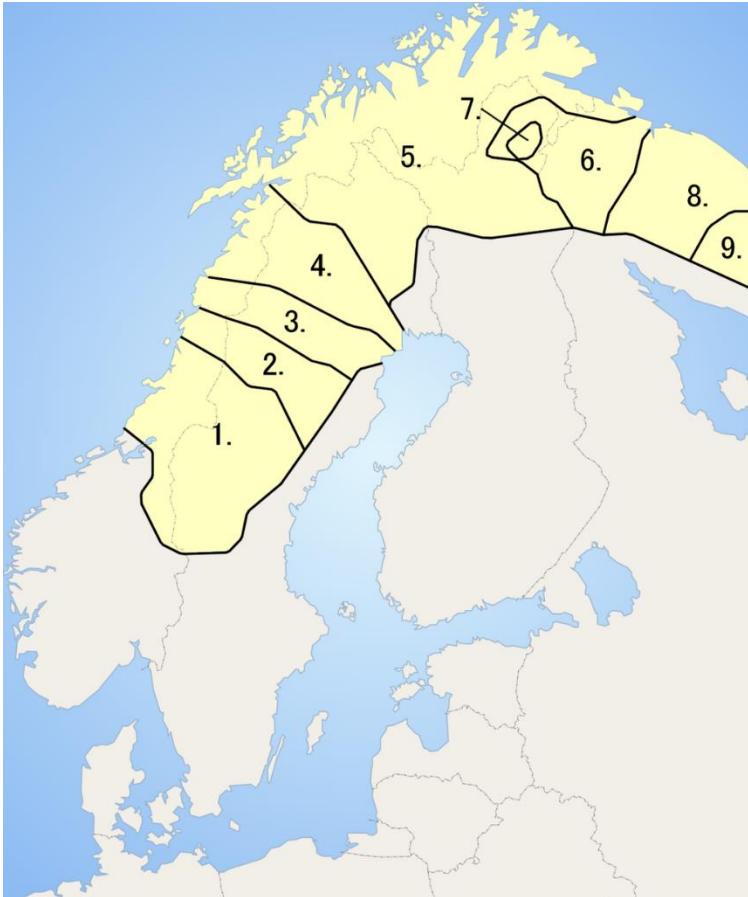
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Northern saami

- Sitnu

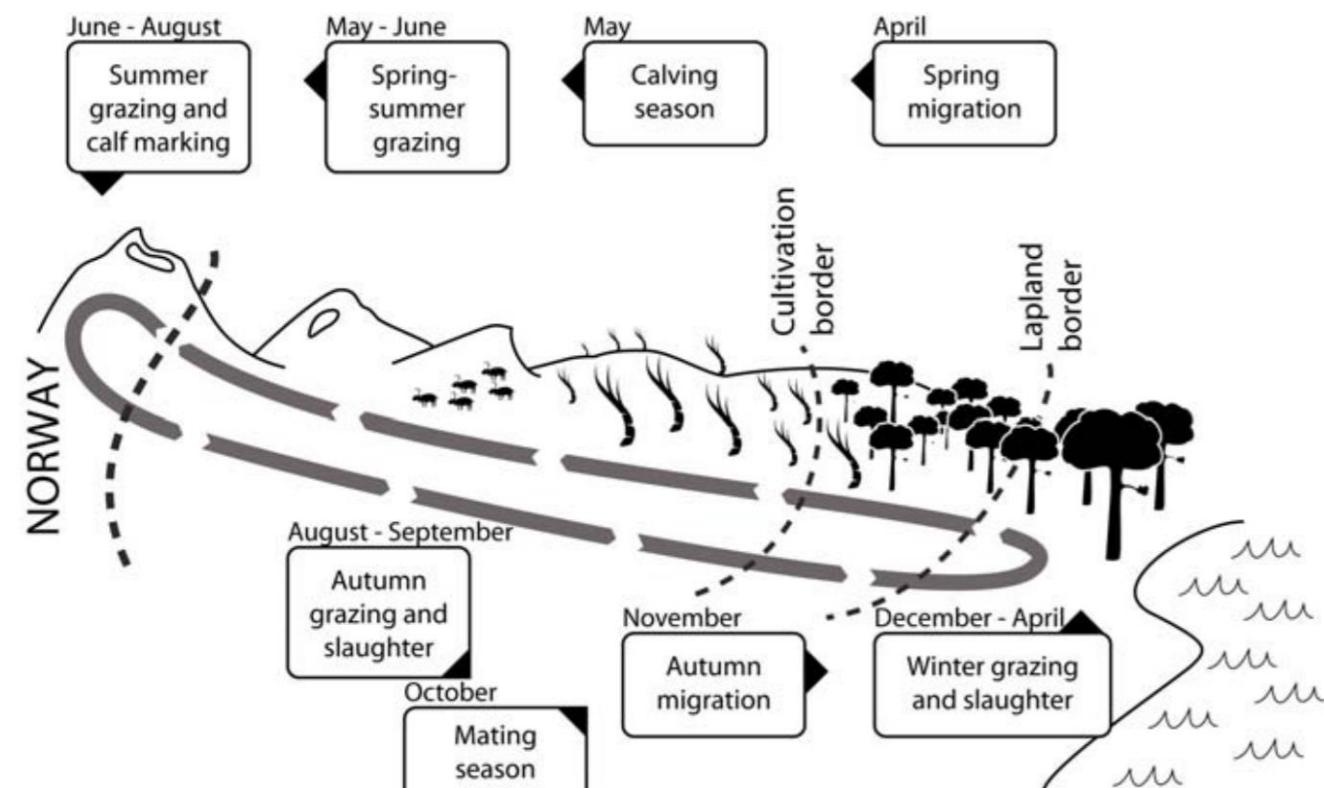


- Ràssi

- Jeagil

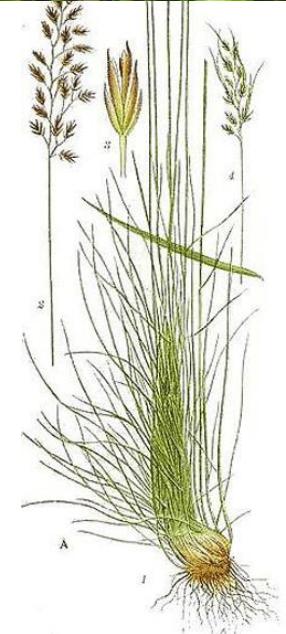
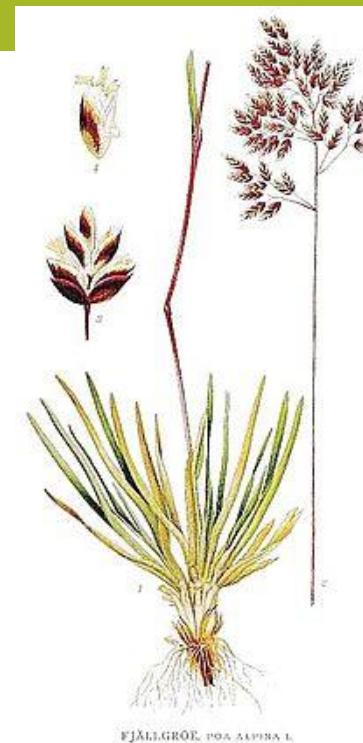
- Lahppu

- Gatna



Sitnu :

- Literaly « short grass »
- *Poa alpina; Equisetum fluviatile; Festuca ovina; Deschampsia alpina*
- Mainly summer plants, describing alluvial flood plains in Fennoscandia mountains (from wet plain to dry sides/slopes)
- Dominates grasslands but perennial plants stay eatable for reindeer in winter



Inga, B. (2008). *Traditional ecological knowledge among reindeer herders in northern Sweden.*
<http://kaino.kotus.fi/alg/index.php?kkieli=en&t=etusivu>



Rássi :

- Literaly « Tundra flowers »

“The name used for grass and sedges, and also for forbs’

- Graminoids plants, dicotyledons; mainly Apiaceae family?



Angelica archangelica L.

- Mainly hygrophilous plants, describing ground cover plants in :

- Wooded tundras (*Betula pubescens* sp forests)

- Hydric altitudinal grasslands



Jeagil :

- Literaly « lichen »
- Terricolous lichens communities (dozen of species/subspecies)
- Mainly consumed during winter
- Wide distribution along taïga – toundra ecosystems



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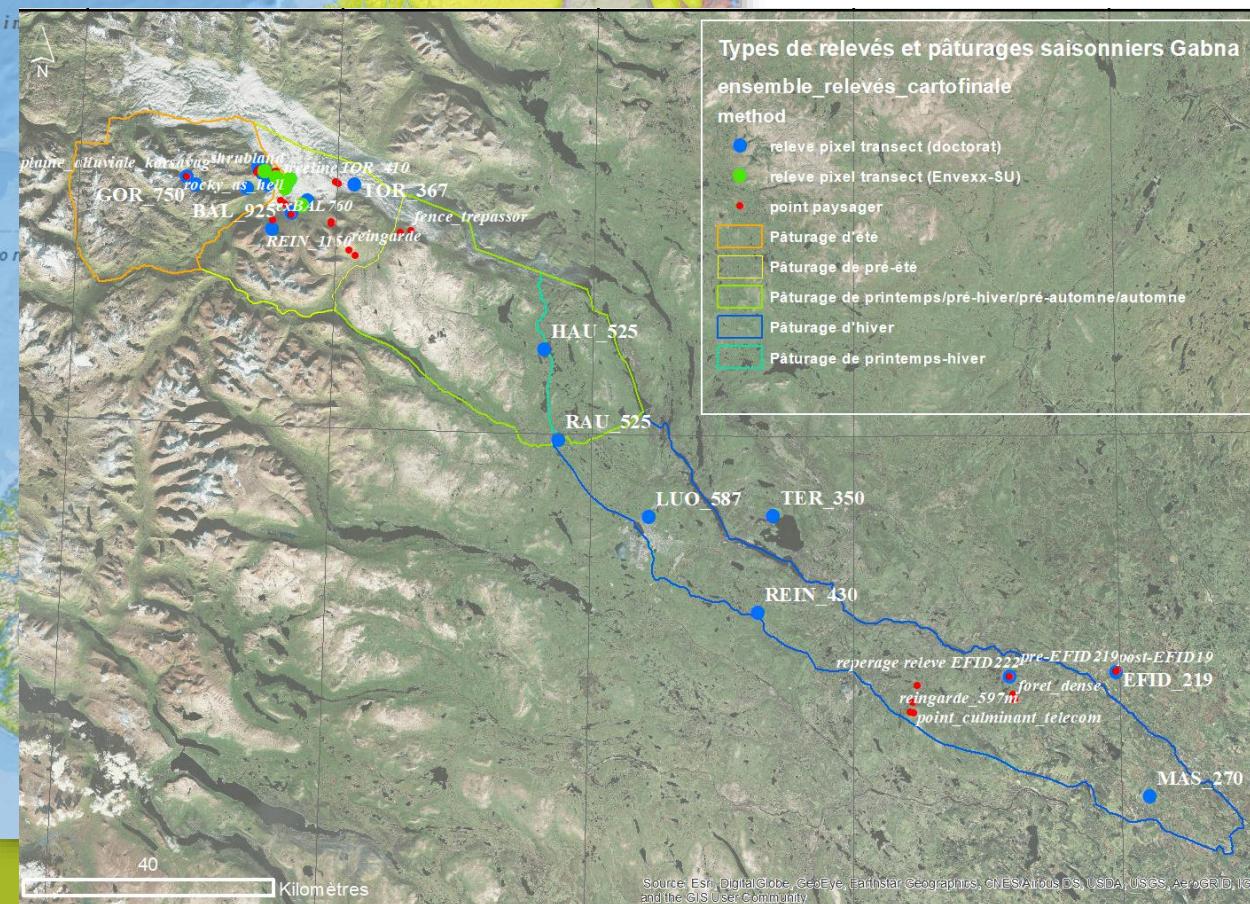
Lahppu :

- Literaly : « thick thread »
- Epiphytic/arboreal lichens (Usni, Bryoria...)
- Mainly found on spruce and pine trees => Boreal distribution
- Highly sensible to pollution and loss of habitats (intensive forestry)

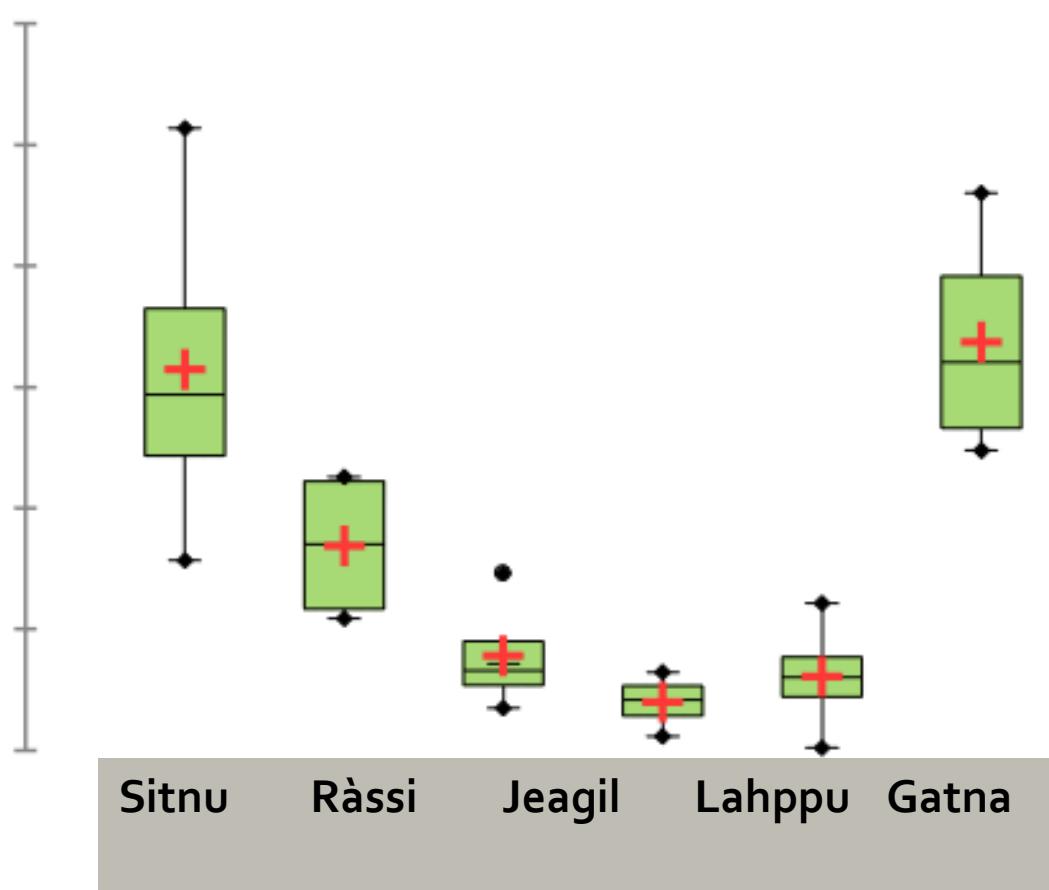


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Kilomètres



- Example: pine forest composition



- Diversity of life = diversity of way to describe life
- Linguistic categories
 - scientific categories (empirical)
 - ⇒ Taxonomy of vegetal formations...
 - ⇒ applied to a space (specie coverage; community; vegetal formation; vegetal landscape; biome...)
- Plants important for semi-domesticated reindeer : not species, but functional groups
- Ecosystem services might be adapted according to linguistic contexts