# Integration between air pollution, climate, and biodiversity

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Methods to assess N and CC as pressures to biodiversity And ecosystems as carbon sink 0.95 Climate change



2010 2020 2030 2040 2050

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#### Biodiversity pressures and threats



Figure xx. MSA calculated with GLOBIO3 for 2000, both total (upper left) and for land use, N deposition, climate change, infrastructure and fragmentation individually.

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#### Map 3.2 Dominant landscape types in Europe based on Corine Land Cover (CLC) 2000

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Conservation status of habitat types by main habitat group



Conservation status trends of habitat types by main habitat group



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# (a) GLOBIO model structure



## (b) Calculation of MSA



FIGURE 2 Pressure-impact relationships quantifying mean species abundance (MSA) for plants (green) and warm-blooded vertebrates (red) in relation to (a) climate change (based on global mean temperature increase), (b) atmospheric nitrogen deposition, (c) land use, (d) habitat fragmentation (based on patch size), (e) disturbance by roads (based on distance to roads) and (f) hunting (based on distance to hunters' access points). Dashed lines and error bars represent the 95% confidence interval. Points represent the individual MSA values with the size reflecting their weight in the model fitting, calculated as the square root of the number of species included in the underlying sample. Landuse classes include cropland (Cr), pasture (Pa), plantations (PI), secondary vegetation (Se) and urban (Ur), with M, minimal use and I, intense use. [Correction added on 31 December 2019 after first online publication: figure 2C has been updated in this current version.]





Distance (km)

5

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0.5

0.05



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**Fig. 11.9** Simulated carbon sequestration by deciduous forests (average for the Netherlands; *left*) and the plant diversity index for grassland (average for the Netherlands; *right*) as a result of N deposition in 2020. (Wamelink et al. 2009a)

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Scenario Name	Description
Land Cover (LC) change scenarios, ASSET 2.0	
LC_+Ara	Further arable expansion
LC_+Ara_Aff	Arable expansion coupled with afforestation
LC_Aff	Afforestation on its own
LC_+Gra_Aff	Semi-natural grassland restoration coupled with afforestation
LC_+Gra	Semi-natural grassland restoration on its own
Arable Management (MNG) scenarios, ASSET 2.0	
MNG_Ara_Cereal+	Switching to cereal-dominated cropping patterns
MNG_Ara_Diversify	Diverse cropping patterns with longer rotations
MNG_Ara_Extensify	Extensive cropping patterns with grass leys and fallow years
MNG_Ara_Extensify+	Extensive cropping plus organic fertilisers and no tillage
Climate (RCP) scenarios, UKCP18	
RCP2.6	GMST anomaly of ~1.6 °C in 2081–2100 (Coupled Model
	Intercomparison Project 5 (CMIP5) ensemble mean)
RCP4.5	GMST anomaly of ~2.4 °C in 2081–2100 (CMIP5 ensemble mean)
RCP6.0	GMST anomaly of ~2.8 °C in 2081–2100 (CMIP5 ensemble mean)
RCP8.5	GMST anomaly of $\sim$ 4.3 °C in 2081–2100 (CMIP5 ensemble mean)
Atmospheric N deposition (NDep) scenarios, relative to recent trend [63]	
NDep_Medium	Linear extrapolation of current decline trend out to 2100
NDep_High	Current decline trend until 2030, constant level afterwards
NDep_Low	Current decline trend until 2030, double the rate of decline afterwards



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Fig. 3. ForSAFE-VEG is composed of different internal modules, which together simulate a closed forest ecosystem.

## **Conclusions and recommendations**

- Both Nitrogen and climate change are and will remain to be major pressures for biodiversity in existing, restored and new nature
- It will vary geographical and for different nature types which is most important and how best to mitigate effects at different scales
- Models exist, both empirical, mechanistic and different combinations with different advantages and disadvantages, but need further development and more targeted data collections.
- Some of these models can also handle nutrient and carbon balances.
- Often models are not equally good in handling carbon and nutrients, and projects and research groups have focused on different isues. More cooperation is needed.
- A main focus point for the future should be further development of biodiversity indicators for local scale and to be used on European or Northamerican scale.
- If distribution areas for nature types shift following climate change, this should be reflected in the way air pollution effects are assessed for scenarios reaching into the future.