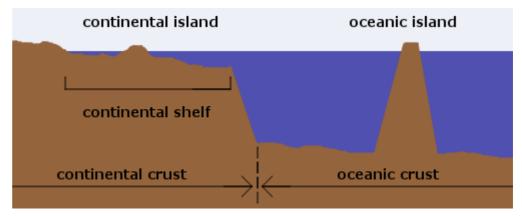






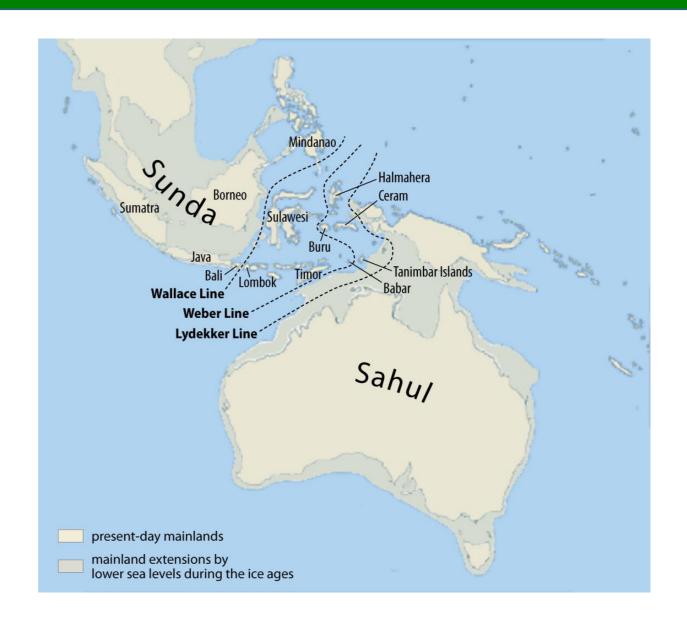
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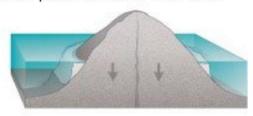


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#### **Atoll Formation**



1. An underwater volcano pierces the surface of the ocean.



2. A coral reef forms around the volcanic island.



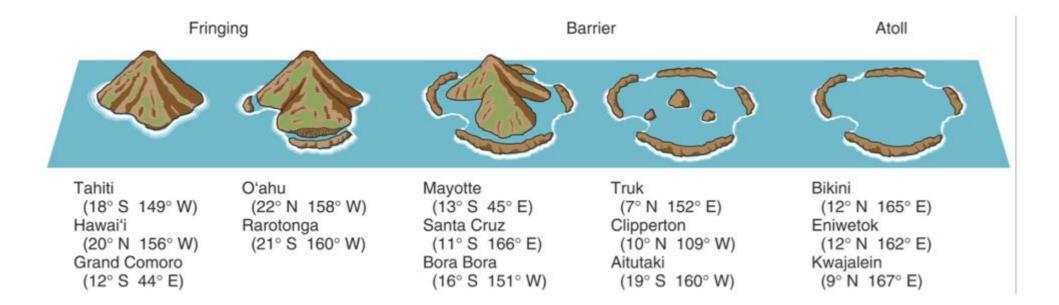
3. Fringing reef surrounds the subsiding (sinking) island.



4. Barrier reef protects a lagoon as the island completely sinks.



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Patterns associated to islands

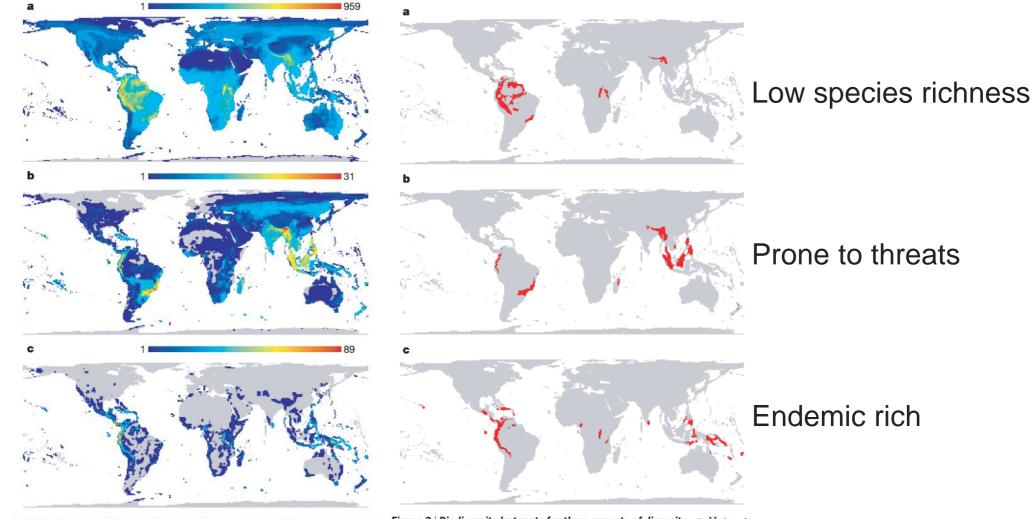


Figure 1 | Geographical distribution of three aspects of diversity. a, Total species richness. b, Threatened species richness. c, Endemic species richness. The bars above the maps show the corresponding colour scale, which is linear in terms of numbers of species.

Figure 2 | Biodiversity hotspots for three aspects of diversity. a, Hotspots of species richness. b, Hotspots of threatened species. c, Hotspots of endemic species. For each measure of diversity, hotspots are defined as the richest 2.5% of grid cells. Hotspots are shown in red.

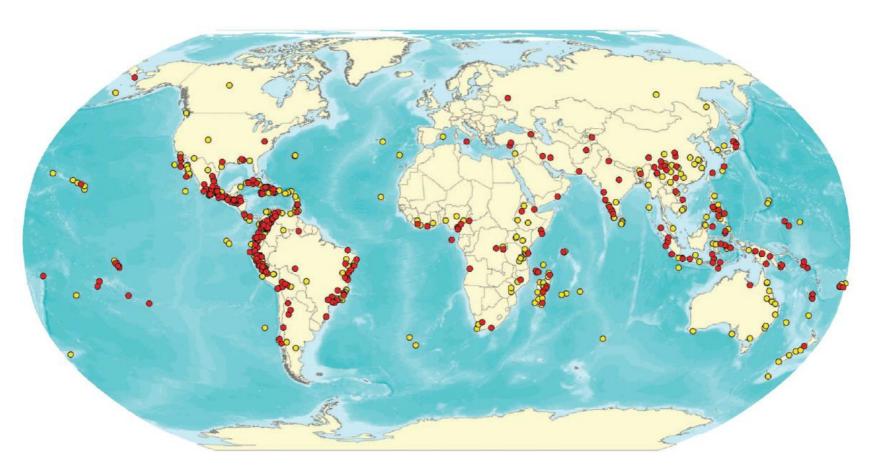


Fig. 1. Map of 595 sites of imminent species extinction. Yellow sites are either fully or partially contained within declared protected areas (n = 203 and 87, respectively), and red sites are completely unprotected or have unknown protection status (n = 257 and 48, respectively; see *Methods*). In areas of overlap, unprotected (red) sites are mapped above protected (yellow) sites to highlight the more urgent conservation priorities.

#### Prone to threats

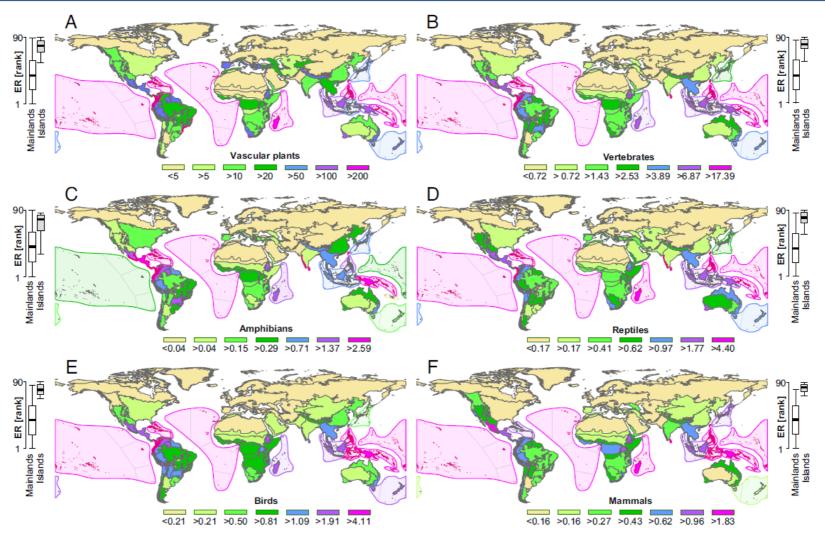
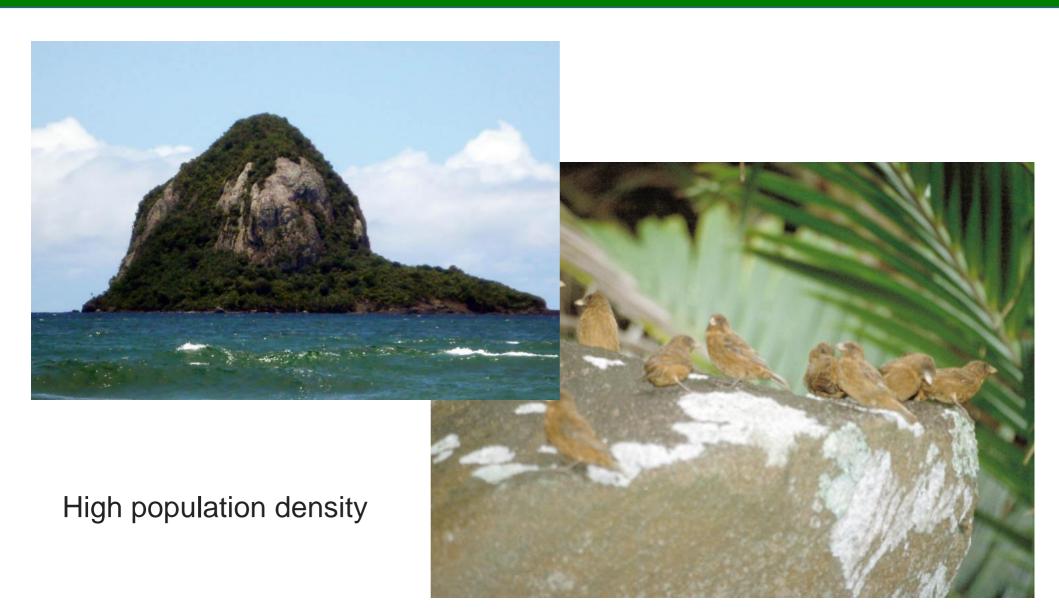
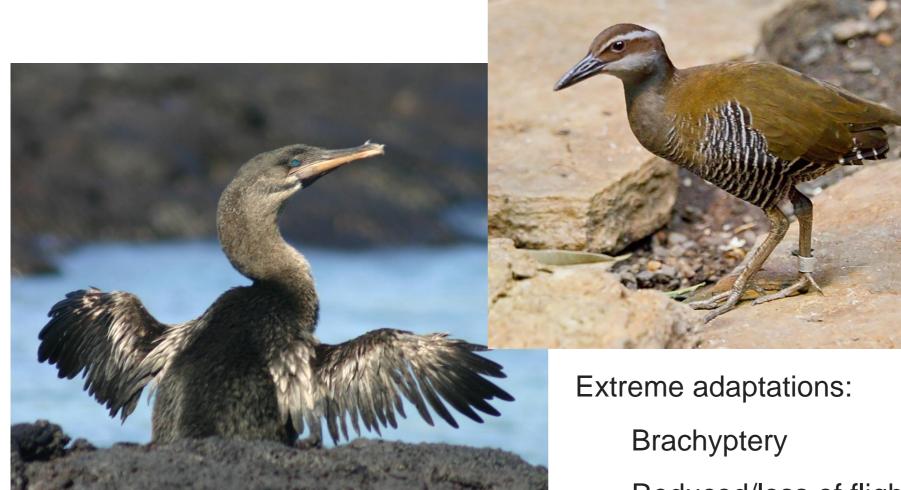


Fig. 1. Global patterns of endemism richness (ER; range equivalents per 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>) for (A) vascular plants, (B) terrestrial vertebrates, (C) amphibians, (D) reptiles, (E) birds, and (F) mammals across 90 biogeographic regions. Map legends were classified using quantiles, i.e., each color class contains a comparable number of regions. Box-and-whisker plots illustrate rank-based differences in endemism richness between mainland (n = 76; white boxes) and island regions (n = 14; gray boxes). Boxes mark second and third quartiles; whiskers mark the range of the data.









Reduced/loss of flight ability





Intraspecific
variability
(Sexual dimorphism)



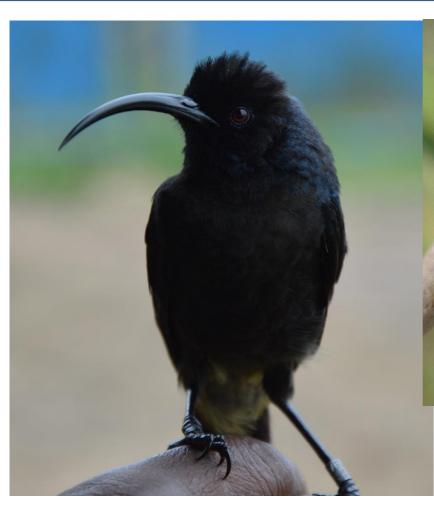


Gigantism

Nanism









Gigantism / Nanism

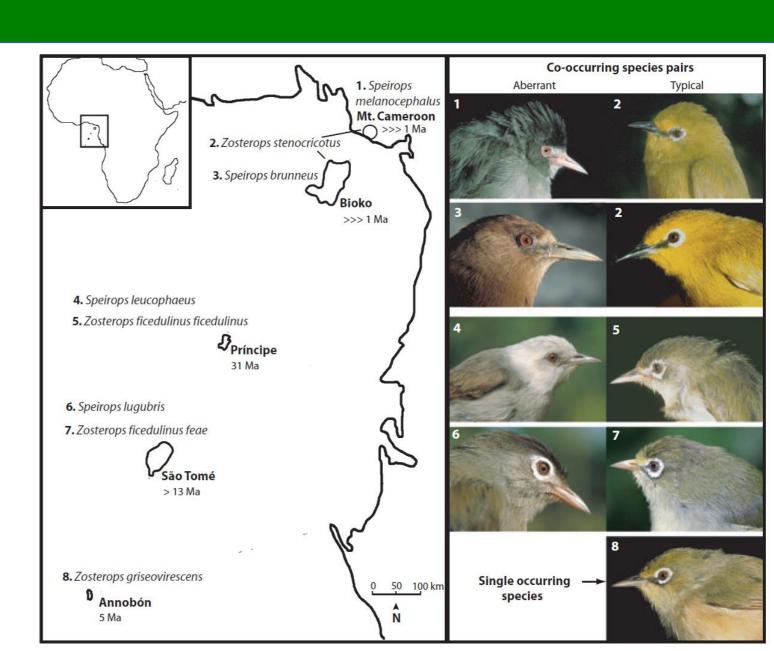
Loss of sexual ornaments

Ecological displacement

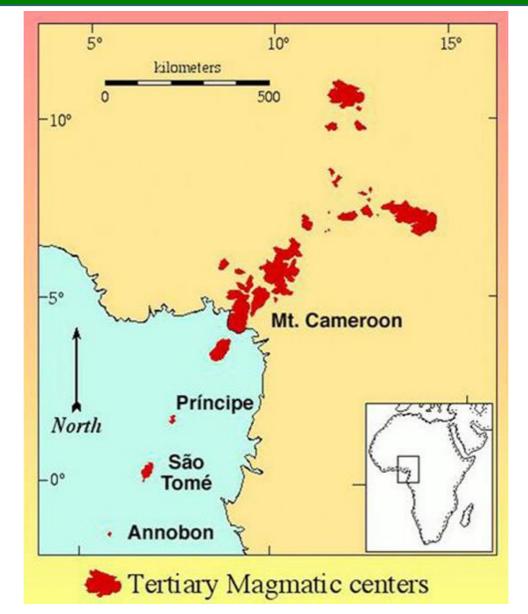
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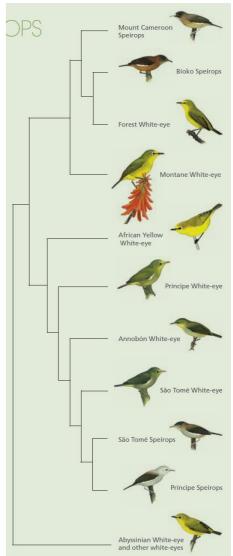
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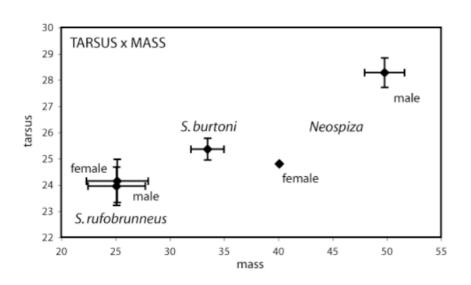
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#### Reduced fecundity

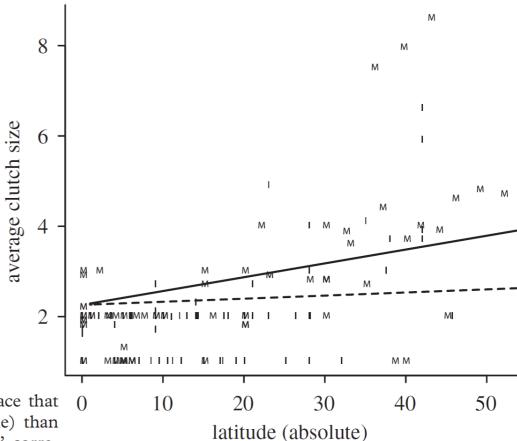
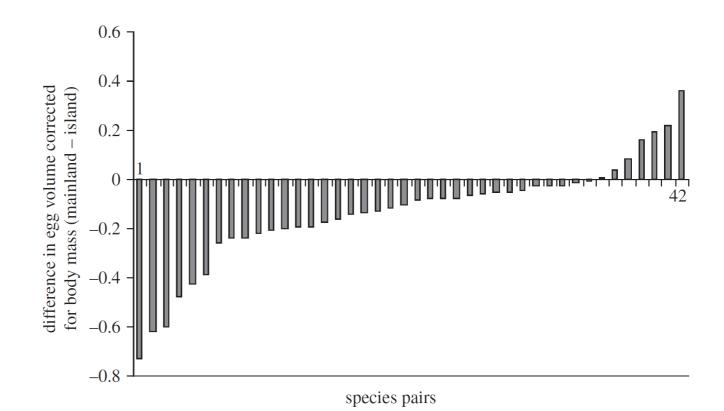


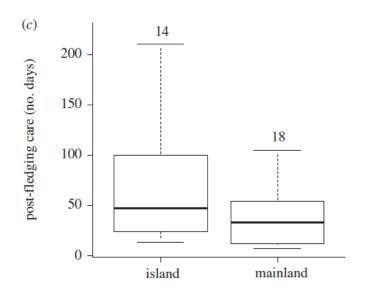
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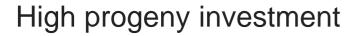


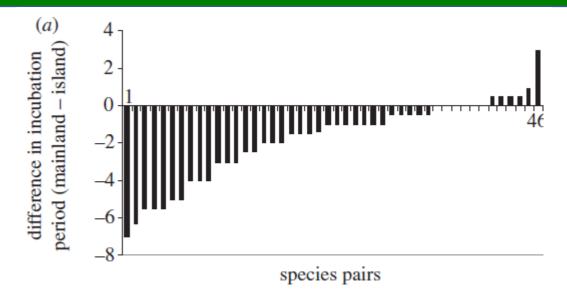
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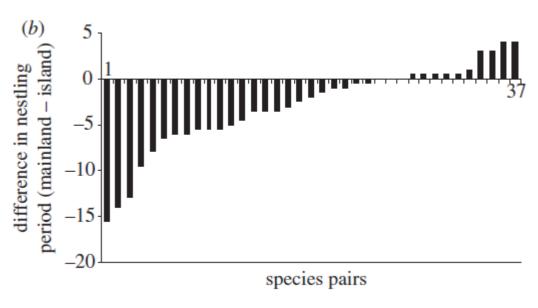
High progeny investment













Wider ecological niches

Simpler trophic networks

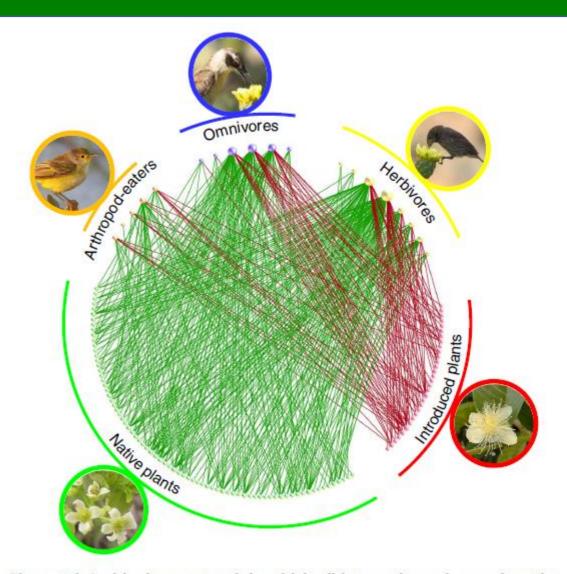


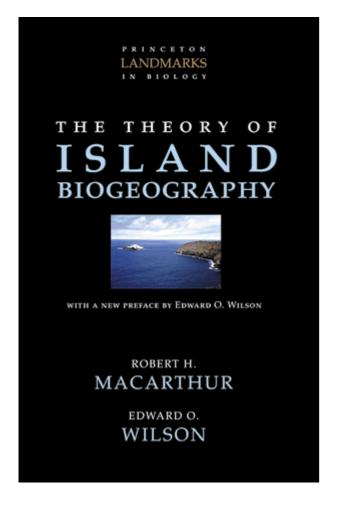
Figure 1 | Archipelago network in which all interactions observed on the 12 largest Galápagos islands were pooled. This network consisted of 19

#### Island syndromes:

- Reduced species richness
- Endemic-rich
- High population densities
- K-strategies
- Gigantism and nanism
- Reduced mobility (apterism)
- Reduced aggressiveness
- Predator naivity
- Reduced sexual ornaments
- Simplified ecological interactions
- Wider ecological niches
- ...



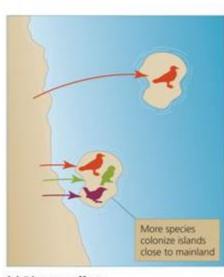
#### Theory of Island Biogeography







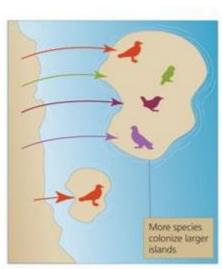
• Distance effect: the farther an island is from the continent, the fewer species find and colonize it



(a) Distance effect



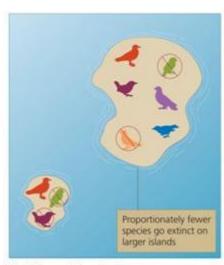
 Larger islands have higher immigration rates – they are fatter targets



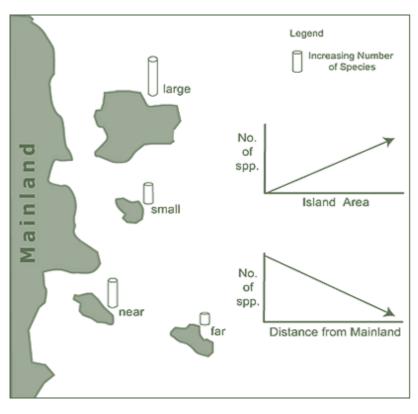
(b) Target size



 Larger islands have lower extinction rates – more space allows for larger populations

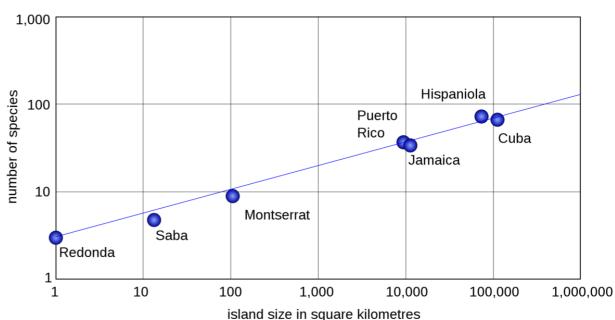


(c) Differential extinction



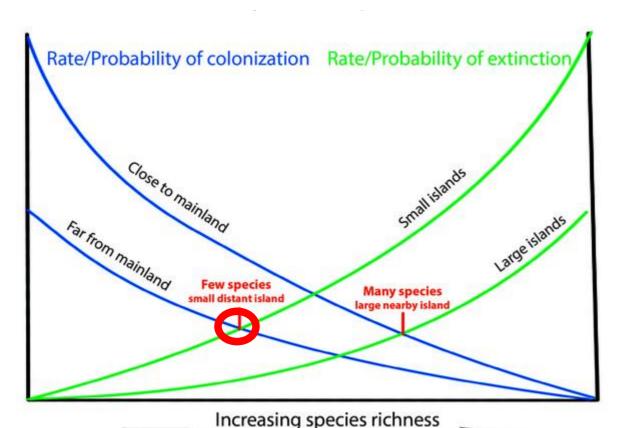
#### Species richness:

- Increases with island area
- Decreases with distance to source





#### Dynamic balance



Tiny species richness

High proportion of endemics

Reduced turnover

Brachyptery and other extreme adaptations

Colonized by island specialists

#### Fatu Hiva (Marquesas, French Polynesia)



85 km<sup>2</sup>

5.000 km to Mexico



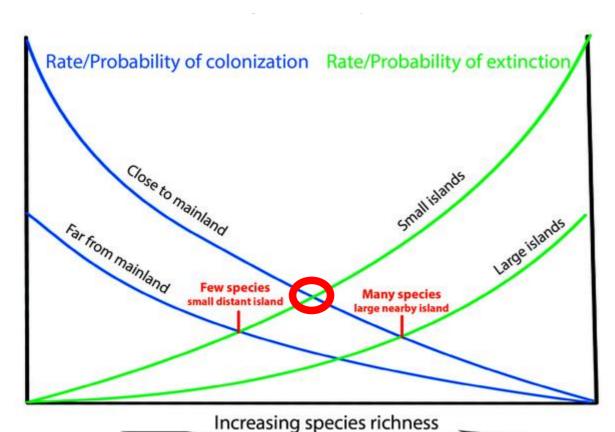
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#### Dynamic balance



Reduced species richness

Few endemics

High turnover

Attenuated island syndrome

Colonized by multiple groups



#### Curação (the Netherlands, Caribbean)



444 km<sup>2</sup> 65 km to Venezuela



#### Curação (the Netherlands, Caribbean)



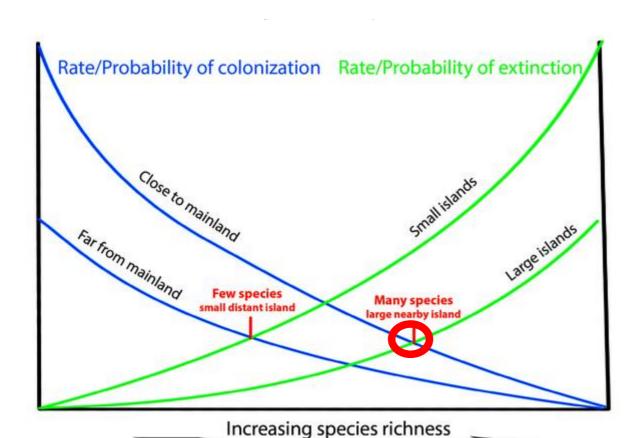


63 terrestrial bird species

No endemic



#### Dynamic balance



High species richness

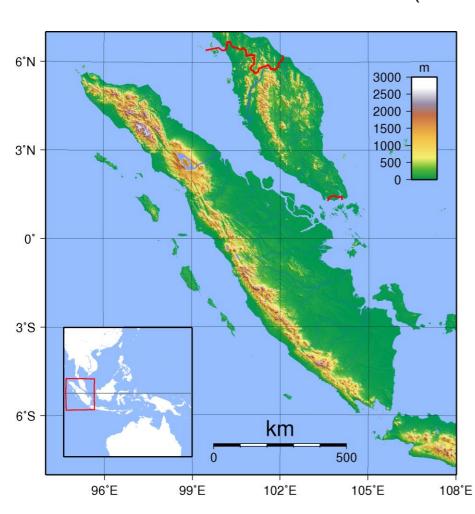
Small proportion of endemics

Intermediate turnover

Attenuated island syndrome

Colonized by many taxa

#### Sumatra (Indonesia, Southeast Asia)

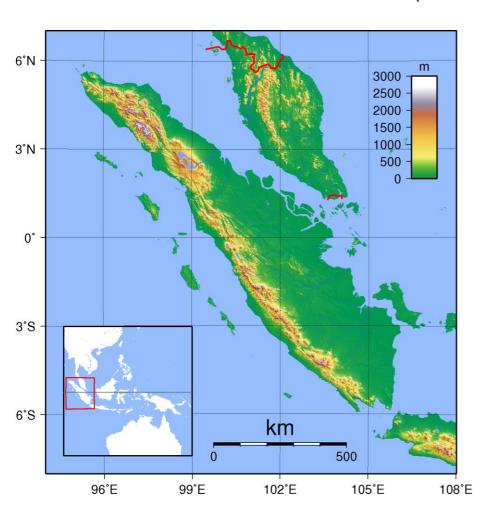


473 481 km<sup>2</sup>

c. 80 km to continental Malaysia



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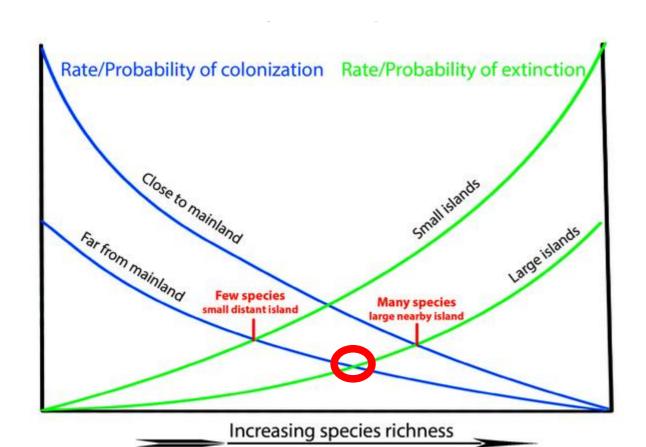
> 550 terrestrial birds29 endemics







#### Dynamic balance



Intermediate species richness

Many endemics (old)

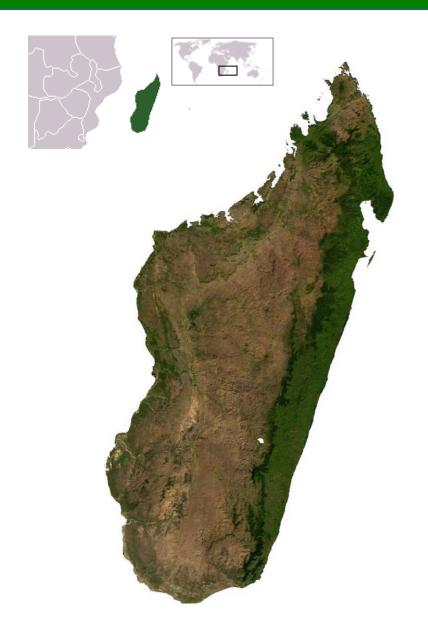
Tiny turnover

Adaptive radiation

Intermediate island syndrome

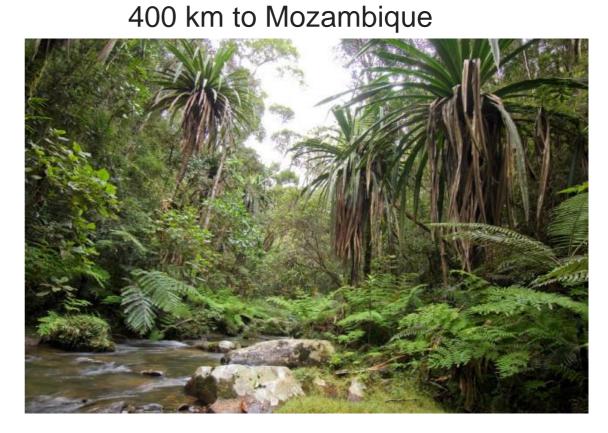
Colonized by specialized taxa

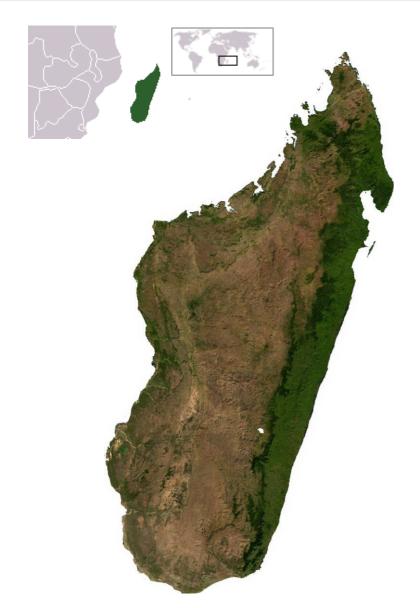




Madagascar

587 713 km<sup>2</sup>





#### Madagascar



c. 250 terrestrial bird species

105 endemics



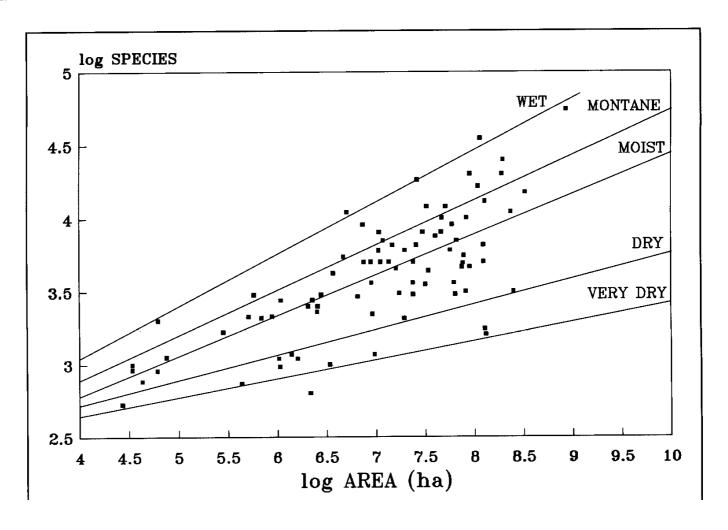


#### Other factors affecting island biodiversity

- Topography
- Island age
- Geology
- Climate
- Oceanic currents
- Winds
- Human presence
- Latitude
- Effective isolation (stepping stones / archipelagos)
- ....

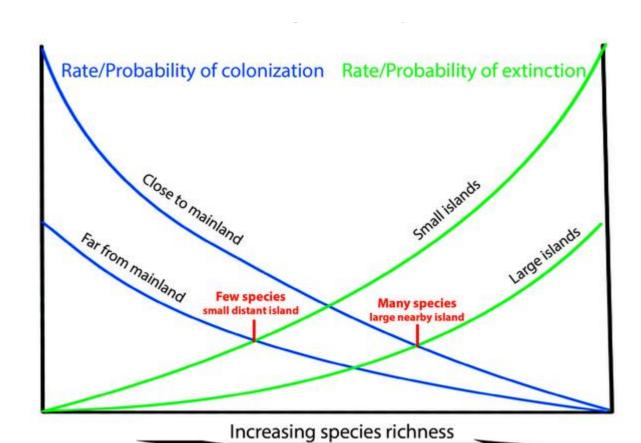


Figure 9
Species/area relationships, plant species - 86 countries



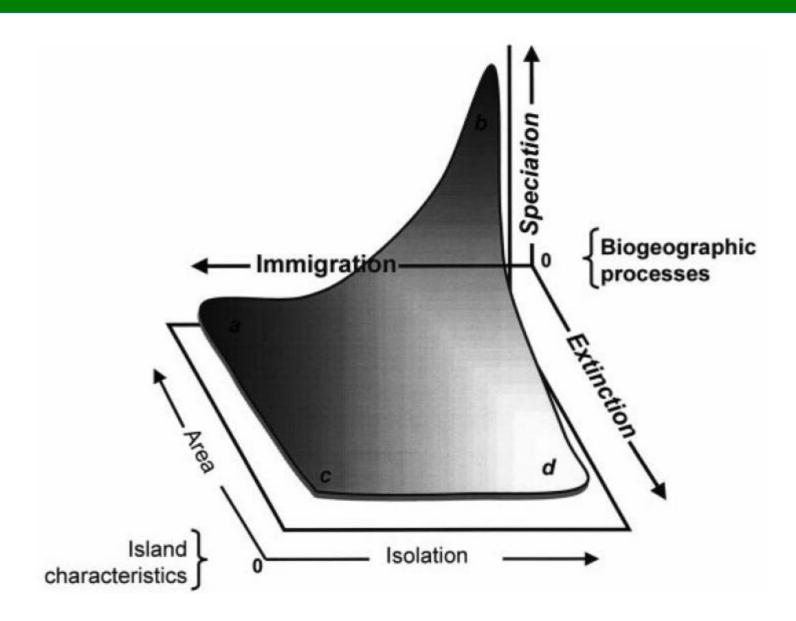


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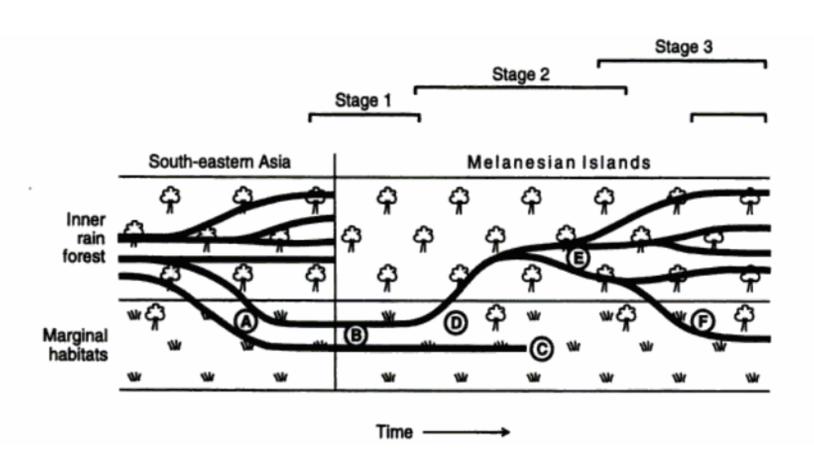
Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful.

(George E. P. Box)





#### Taxa cycling





#### Taxa cycling

(a) Characteristics of distribution of birds in the four stages of the taxon cycle

Stage of cycle	Distribution among islands	Differentiation between island populations
I	Expanding or widespread	Island populations similar to each other
II	Widespread over many neighbouring islands	Widespread differentiation of populations on different islands
III	Range fragmented due to extinction	Widespread differentiation
IV	Endemic to one island	N/A

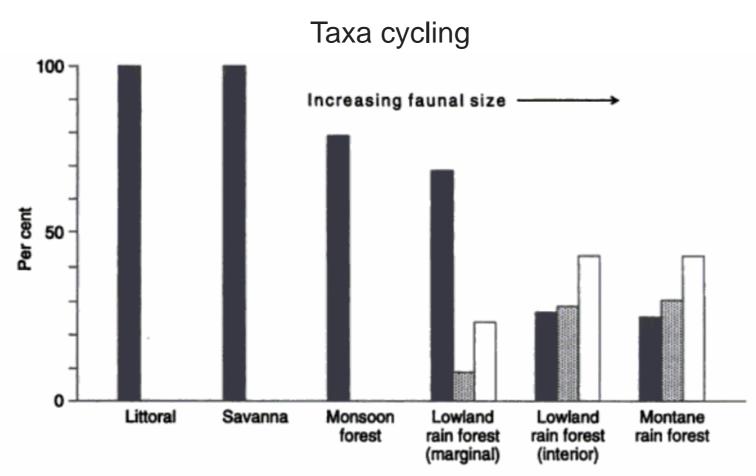


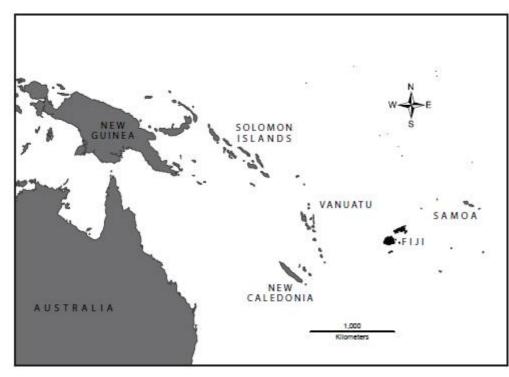
Fig. 6.1. Proportions of ponerine ant species in different habitats, as a function of their geographical distribution.

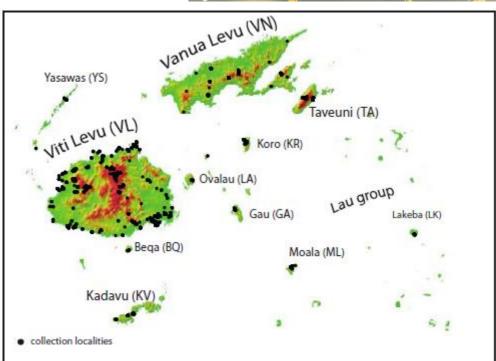
The marginal habitats, to the left, contain both smaller absolute numbers of species and higher percentages of widespread species. Dark columns, species widespread in Melanesia; stippled columns, species restricted to single archipelagos in Melanesia but belonging to groups centred in Asia or Australia; blank columns, species restricted to single archipelagos and belonging to Melanesia-centred species groups. (Redrawn from Wilson 1959.)



#### Taxa cycling



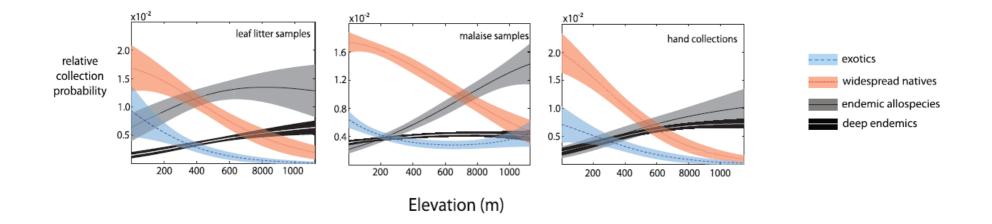


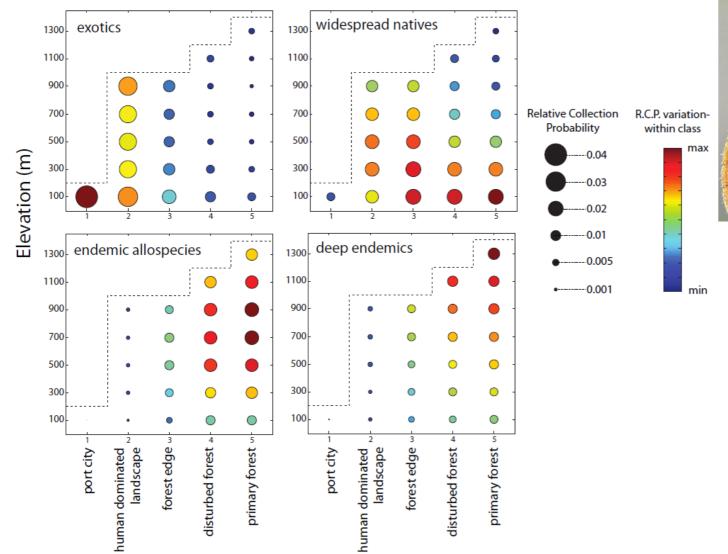




#### Taxa cycling









Disturbance gradient

### Wider ecological niche Population density compensation

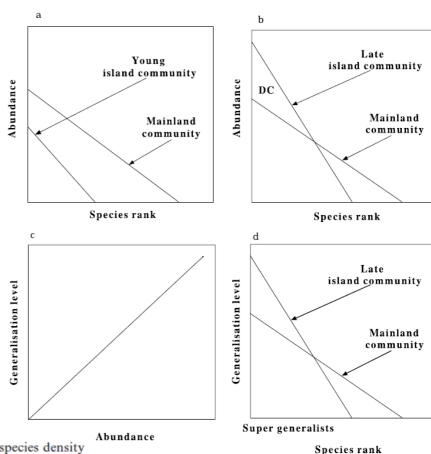
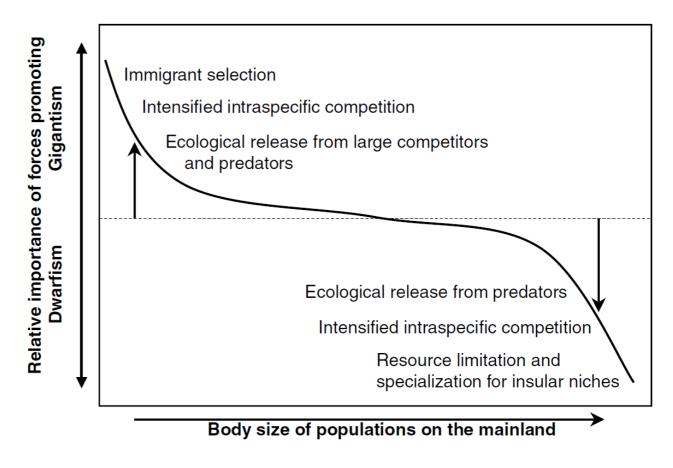


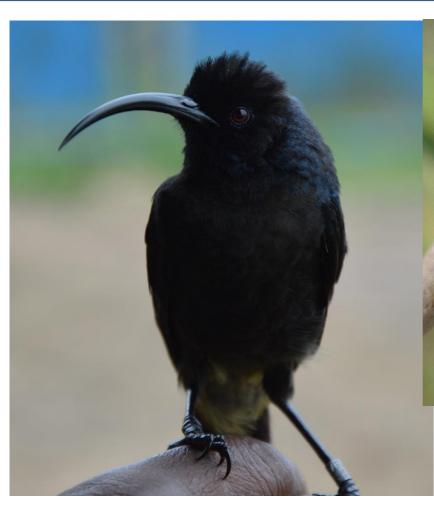
Fig. 1 Sequence of events leading to super generalization. (a) Island communities have a lower species density than an the adjacent mainland and island population density is initially also lower. (b) Low species density leads to low interspecific competition and, in some taxonomic and trophic groups, to density compensation (DC, e.g. Case, 1982). We have complete DC when the areas of the two triangles become equal in size. (c) Generalization level and abundance are expected to be positively correlated in pollination networks (J.M. Olesen, unpublished data; and this study). (d) Because of (b) and (c), a rank-generalization diagram mirrors a rank-abundance diagram, as seen in (b). Species being super generalists will thus to some extent also be density-compensating species.

#### Foster's rule



**Figure 9** The island rule is an emergent pattern resulting from a combination of selective pressures whose importance and influence on insular populations change in a predictable manner along a gradient from relatively small to relatively large species.



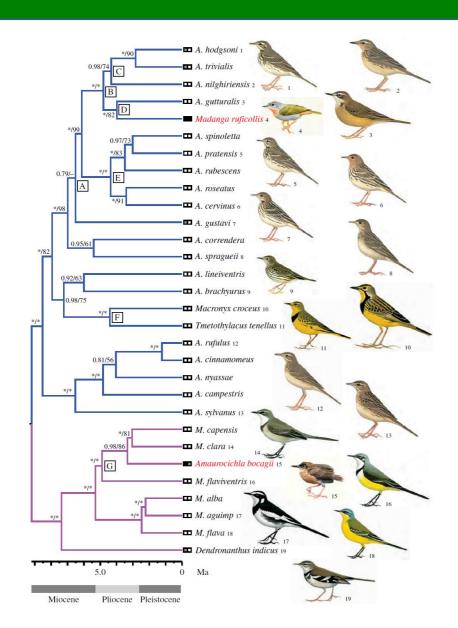




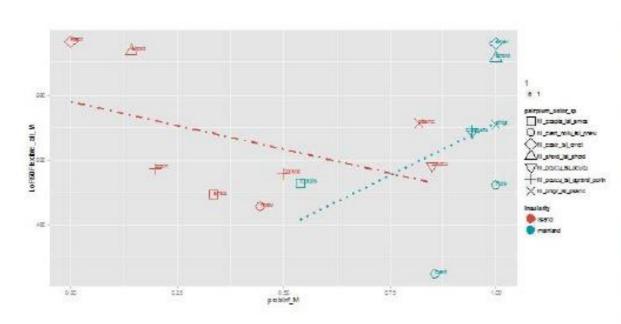
Gigantism / Nanism

Reduced sexual ornaments

Ecological displacement



Nanism
Reduced sexual ornaments
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More colourful species have higher parasite levels on the mainland, but positive relationship does not hold on the islands

Ploceus princeps, Principe il

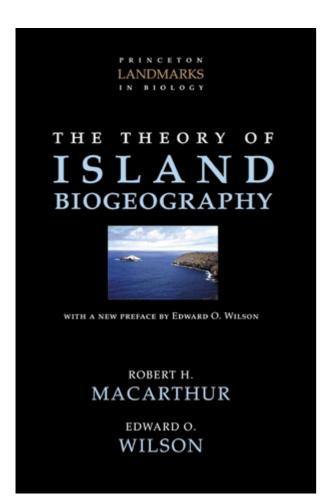


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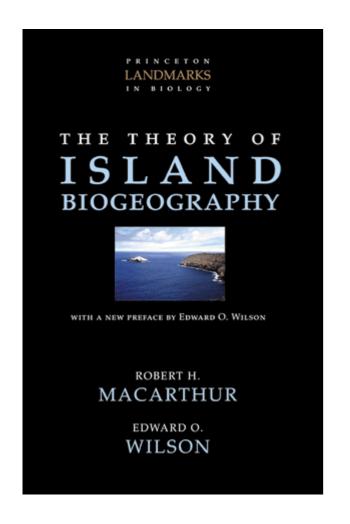
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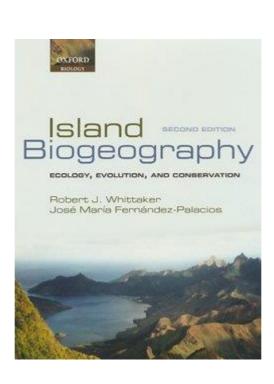


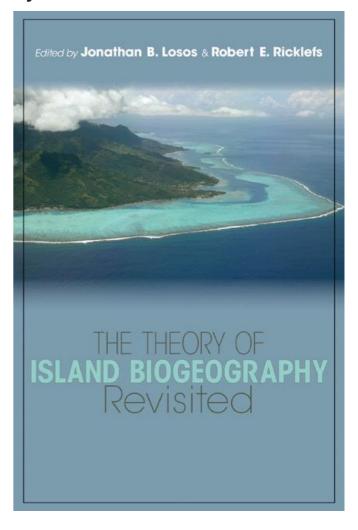


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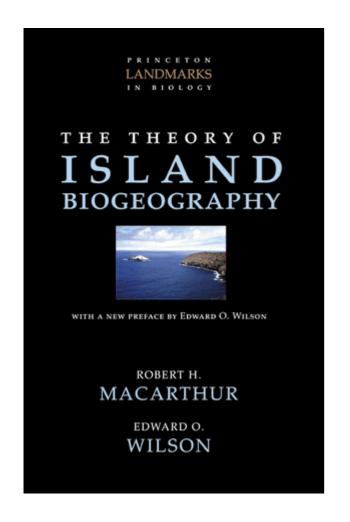


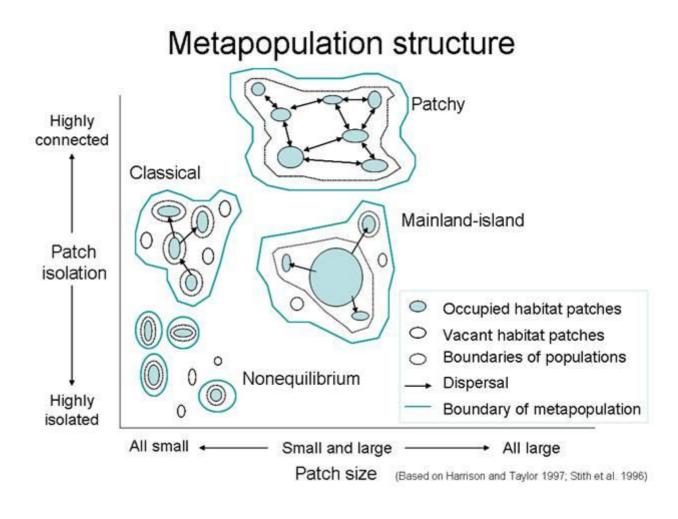




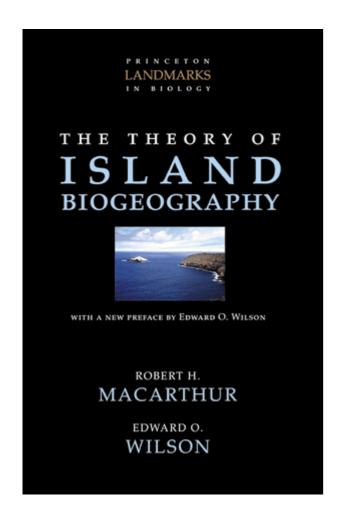


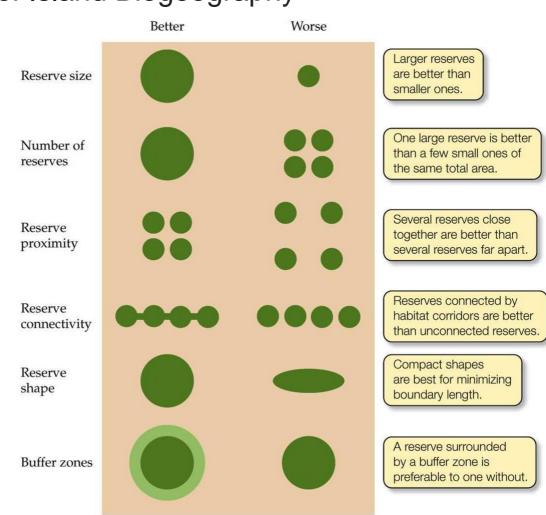




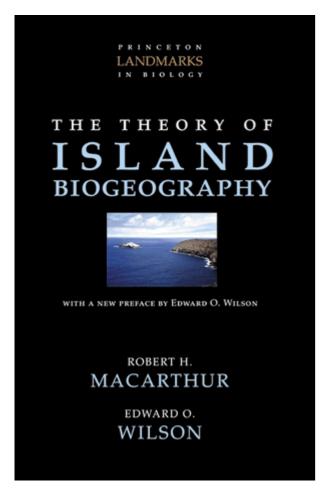


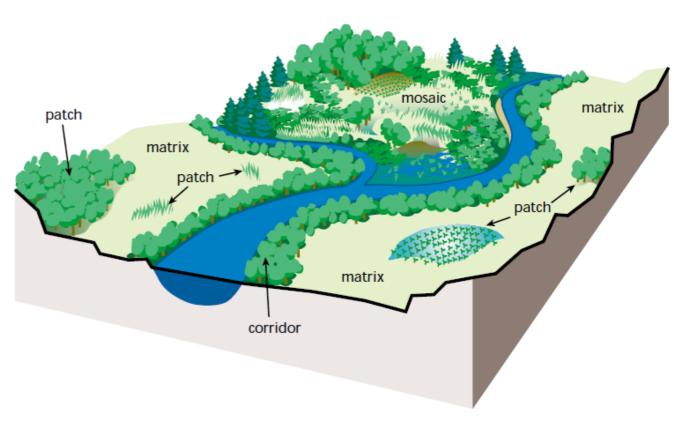


















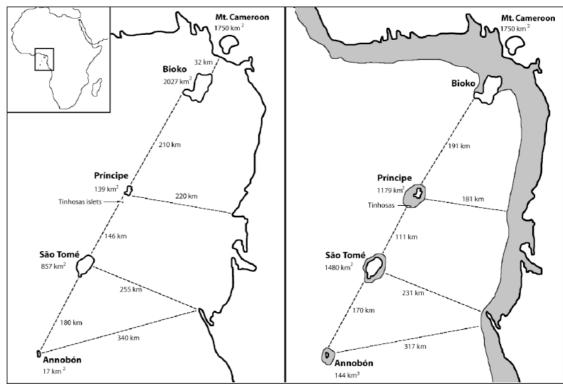
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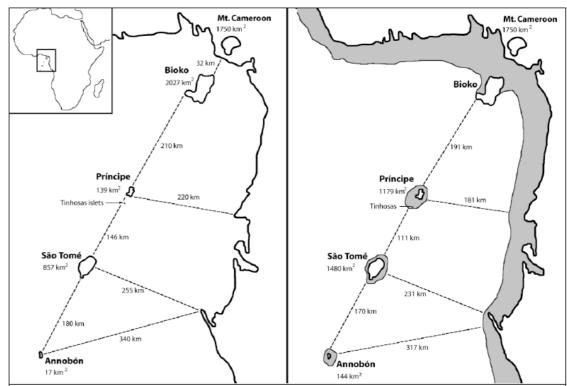
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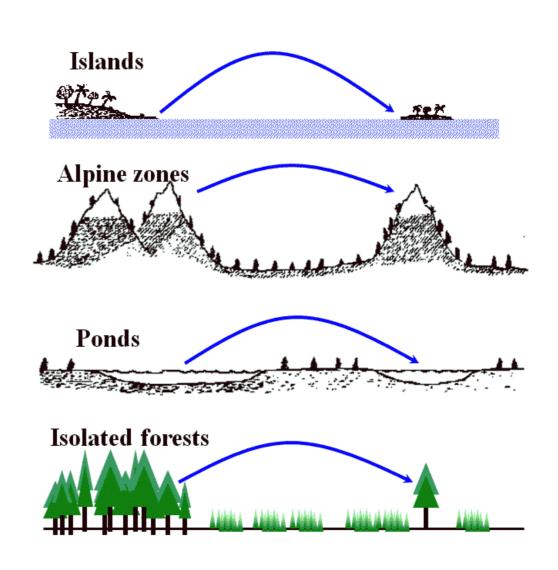
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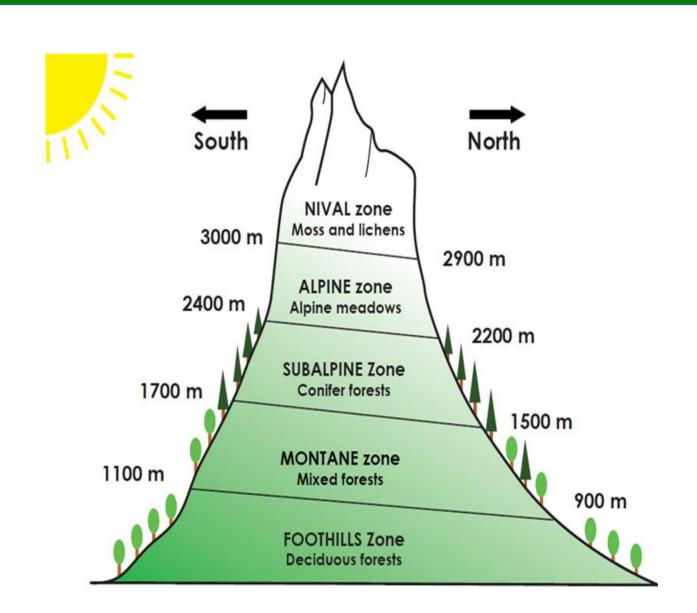
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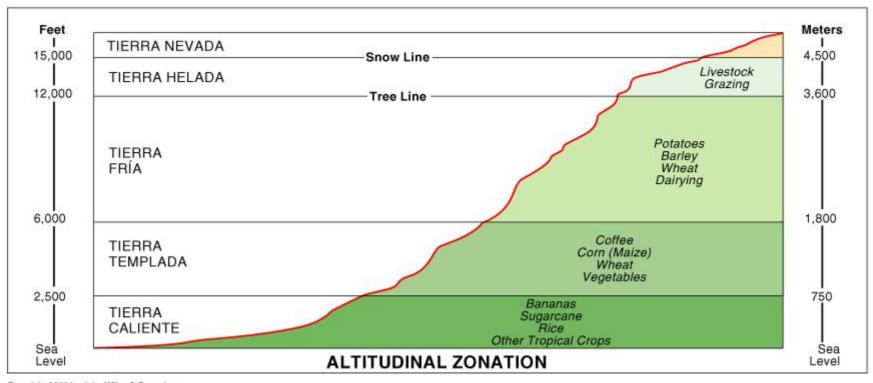
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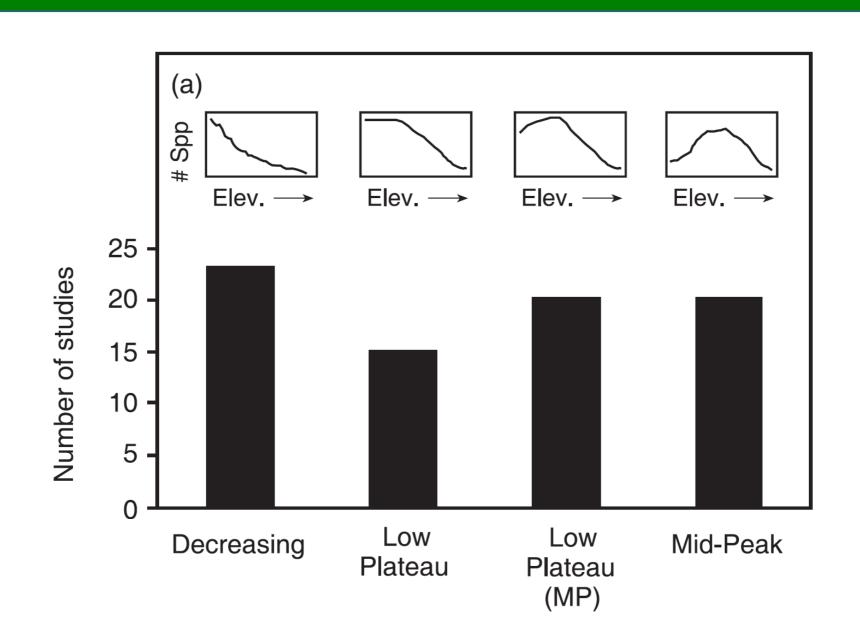




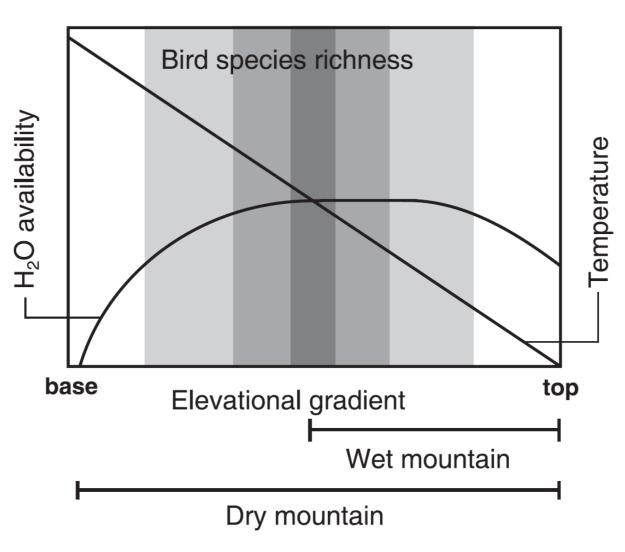


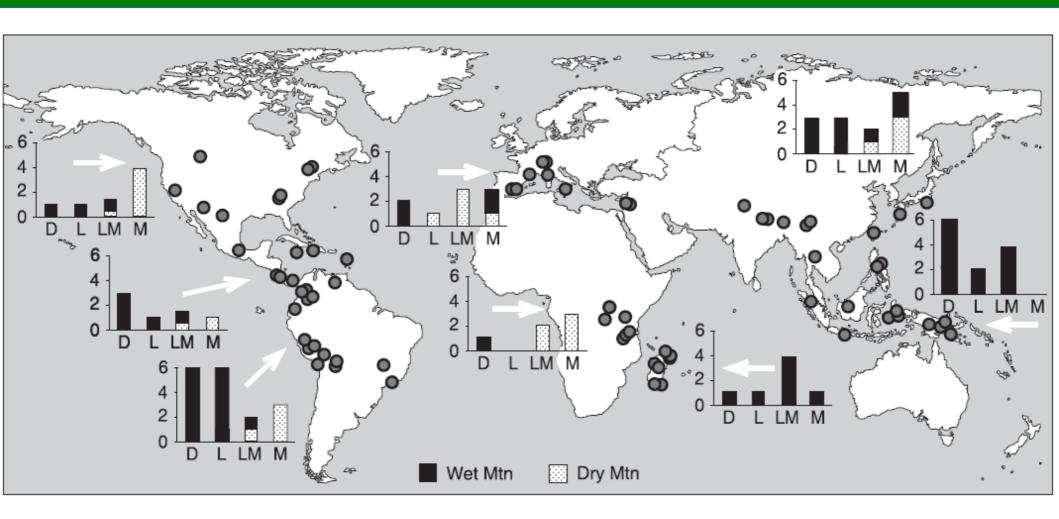


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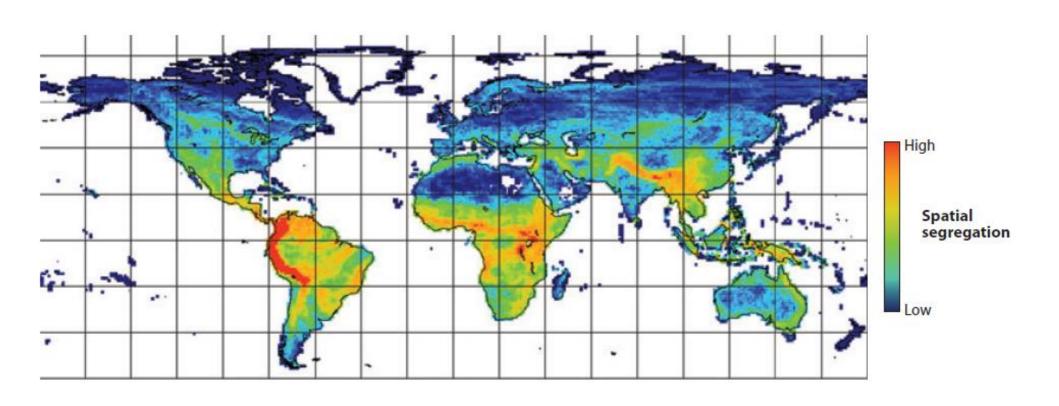


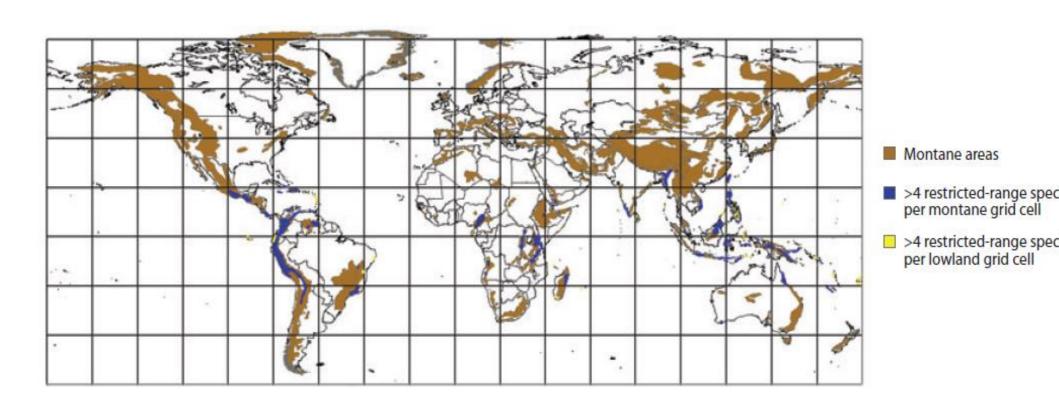


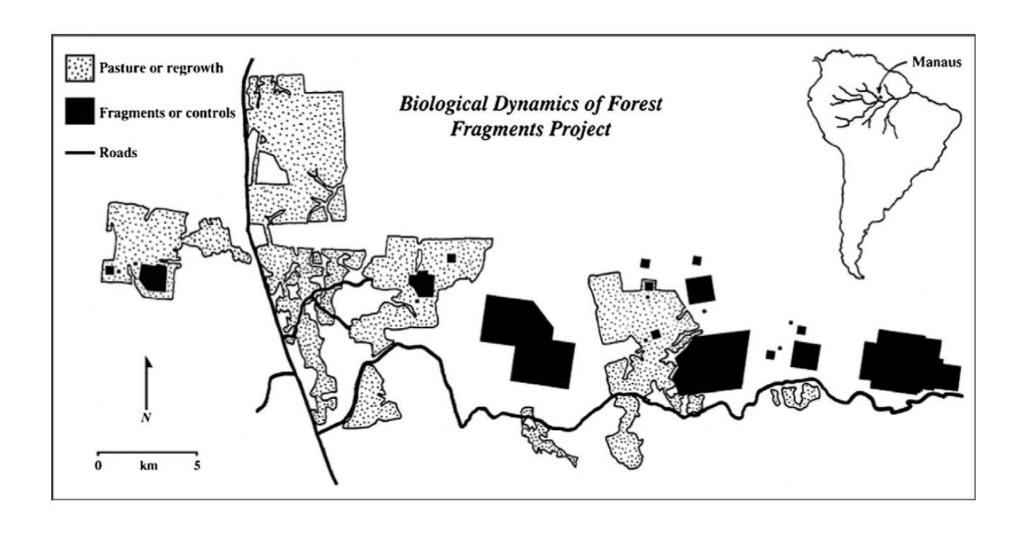
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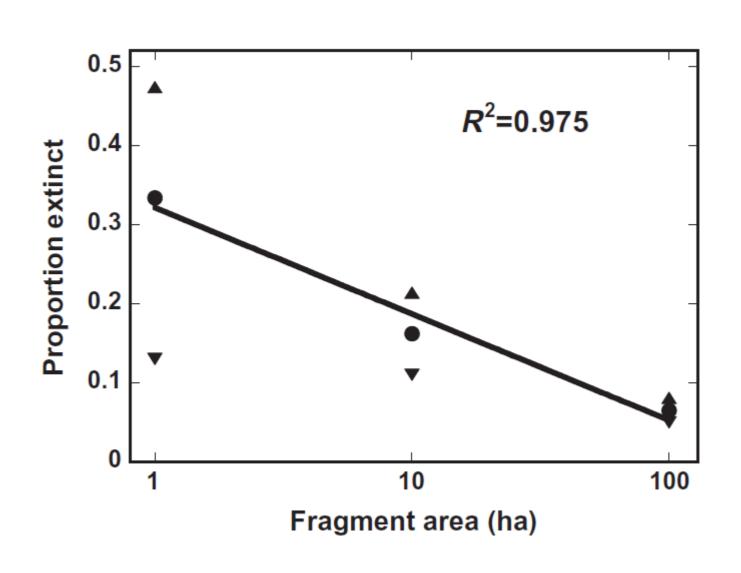
Low Plateau Low Plateau (MP)

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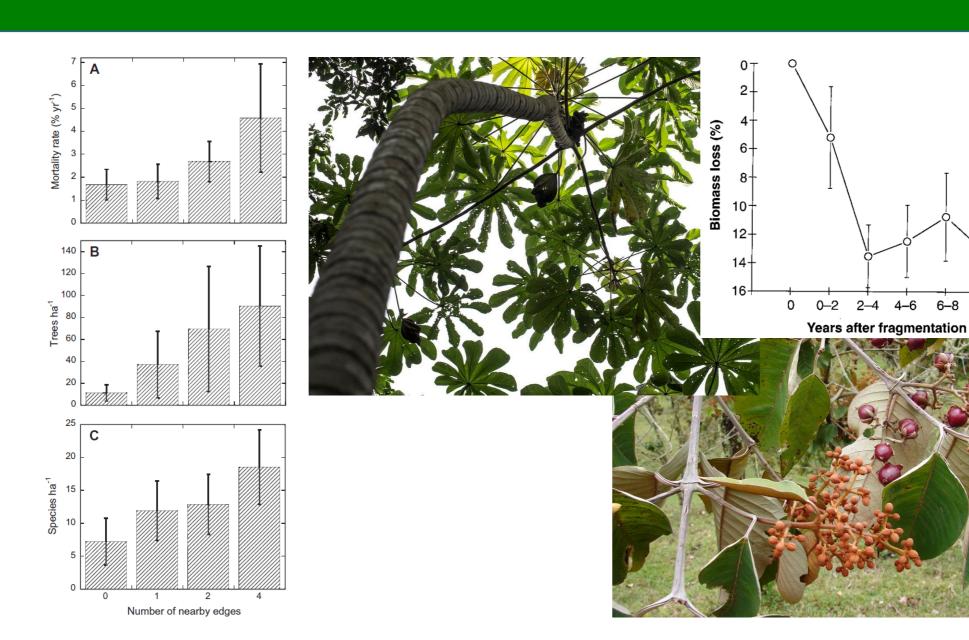


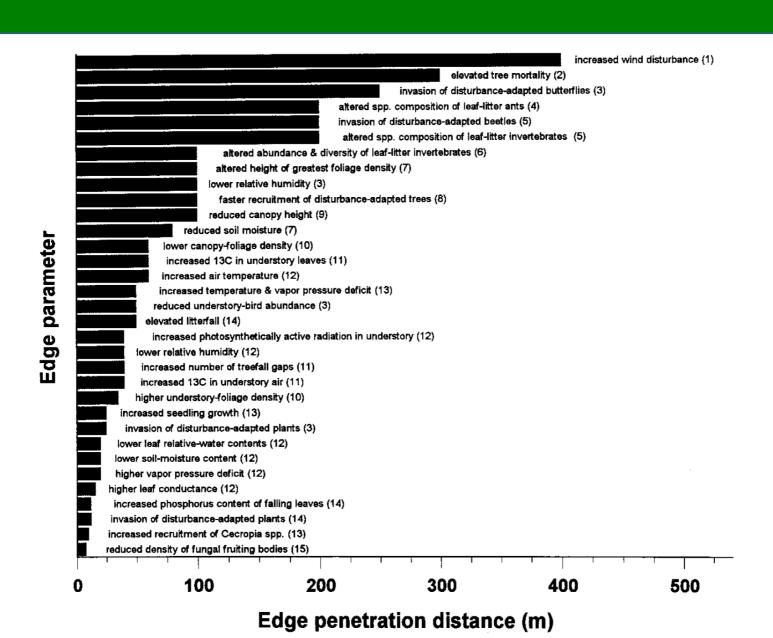


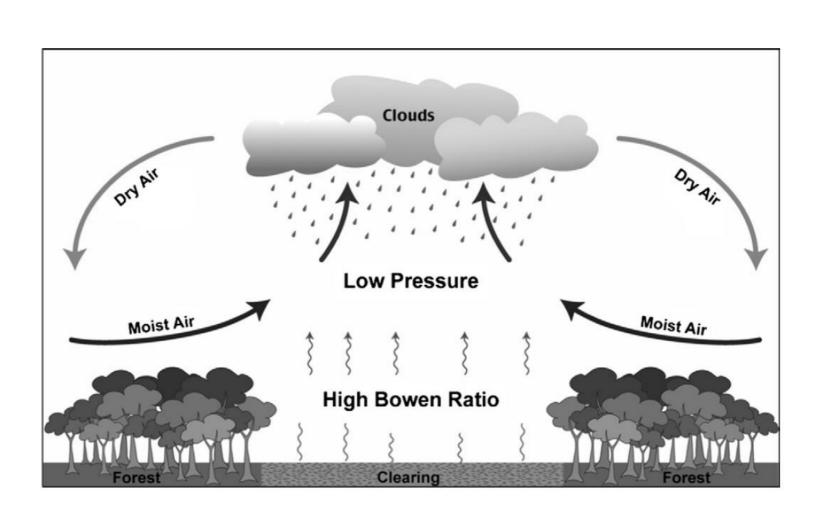


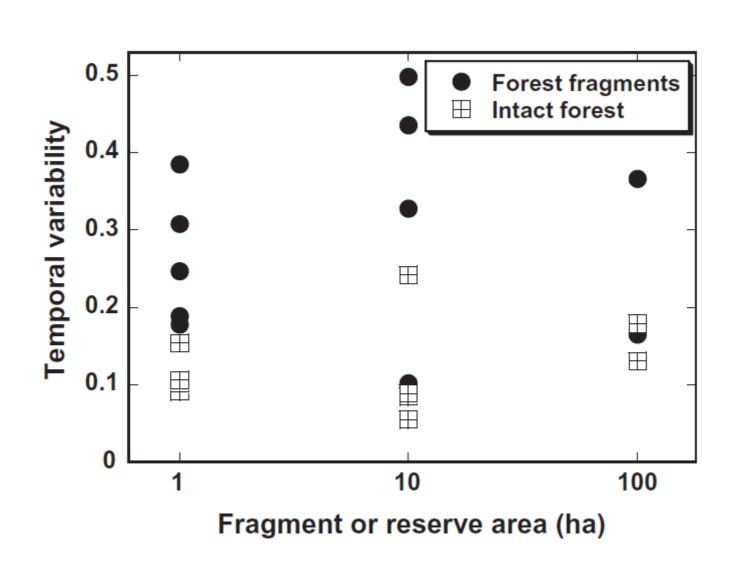


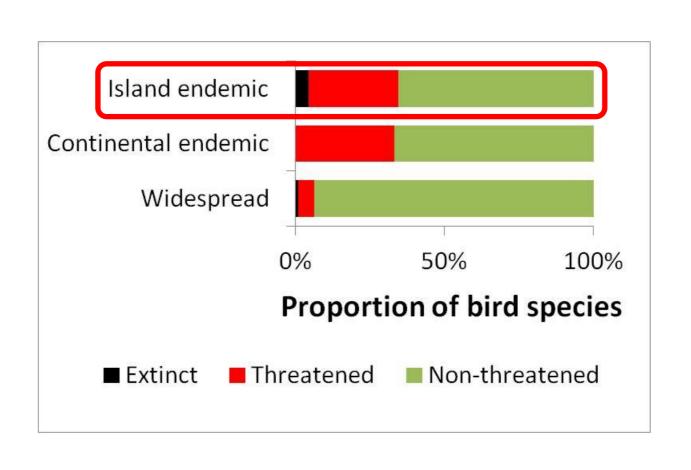
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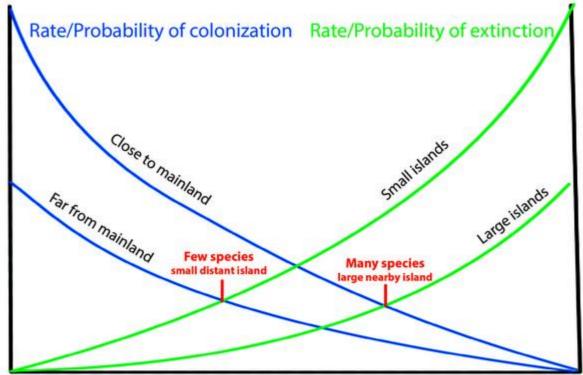












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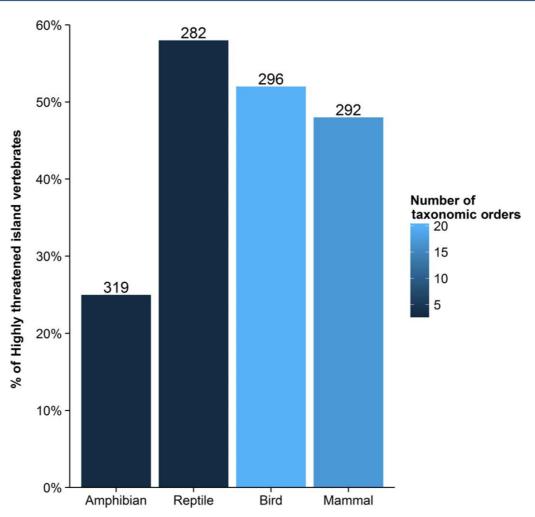
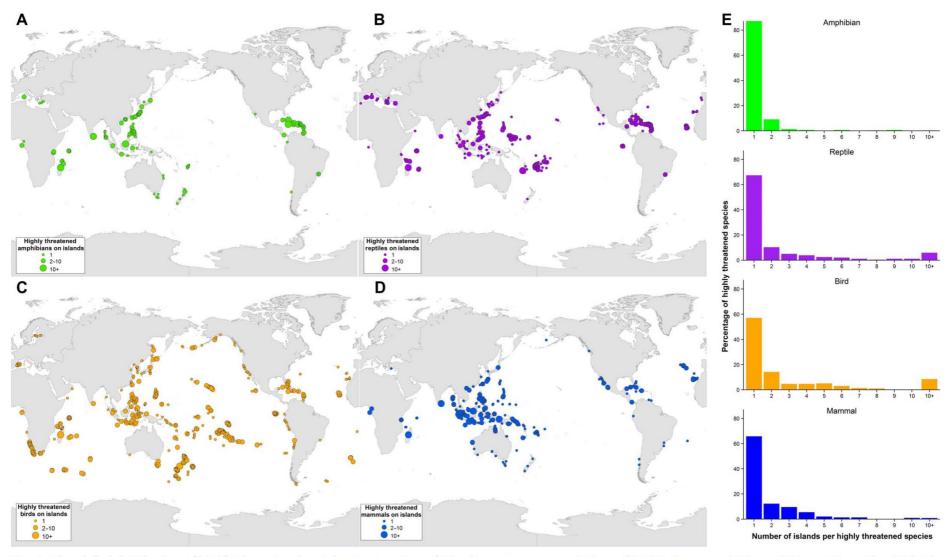


Fig. 1. Percentage of highly threatened vertebrates breeding on islands by vertebrate class. Numbers above the bar give the total number of highly threatened species that breed on islands. Color shading indicates the number of taxonomic orders within each island vertebrate class.



**Fig. 4. The global distribution of highly threatened vertebrates.** Location of islands supporting populations of highly threatened (**A**) amphibians, (**B**) reptiles, (**C**) birds, (**D**) mammals, and the number of islands with breeding populations per highly threatened species (**E**).

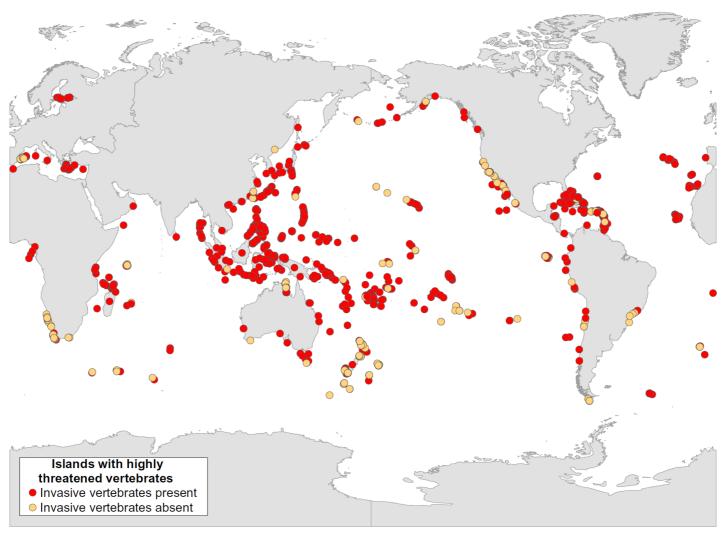


Fig. 5. The 1030 islands with highly threatened native vertebrates and information on the presence or absence of invasive vertebrates. Of these, 779 (76%) had at least one invasive vertebrate species present. Mammals were the most common invader on these islands (753 islands; 97% of islands with highly threatened vertebrates).



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