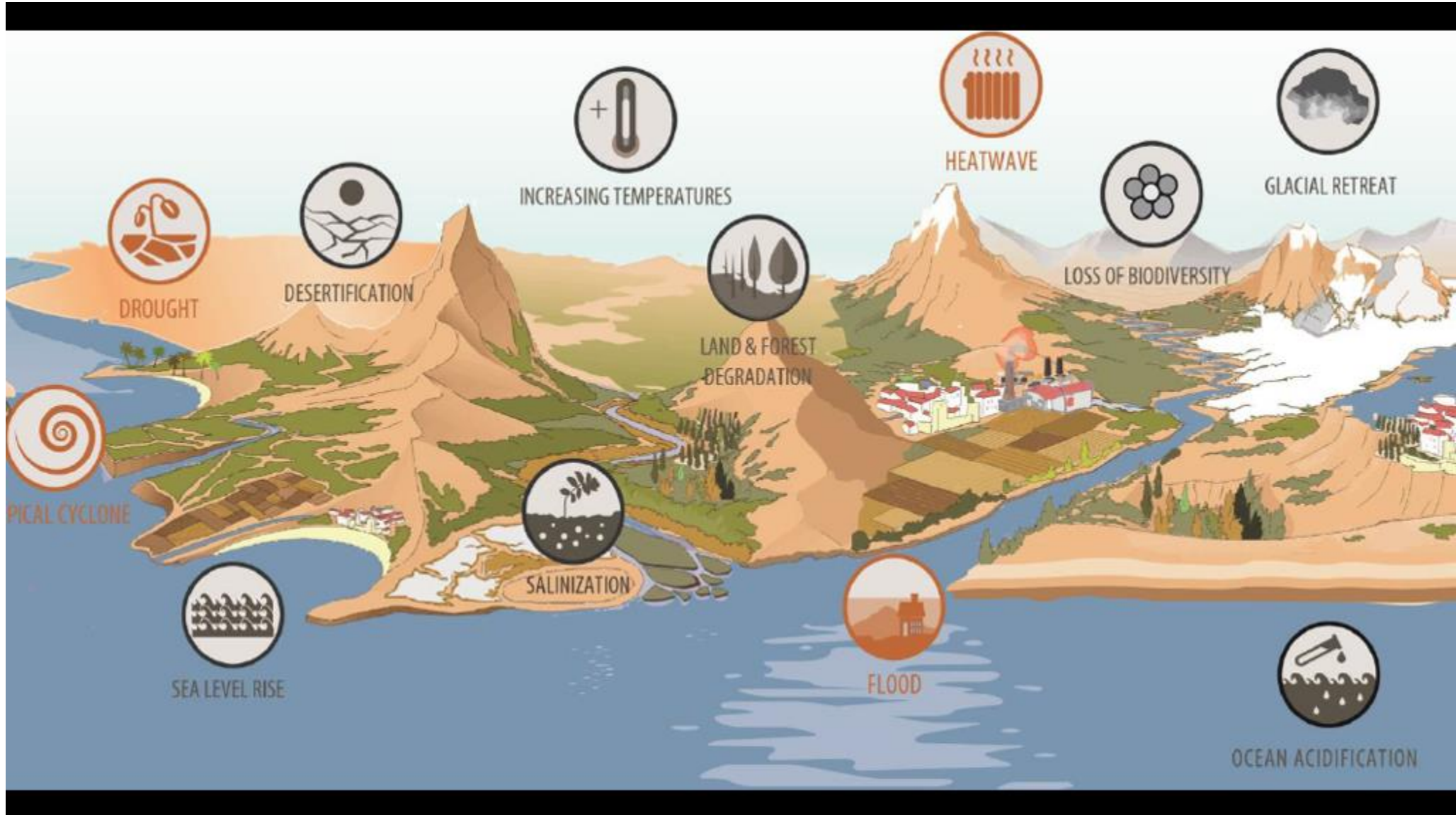




Integrated Planning Continuum – Urban-Rural Linkages

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Context – Cities within ecosystems within ecoregions

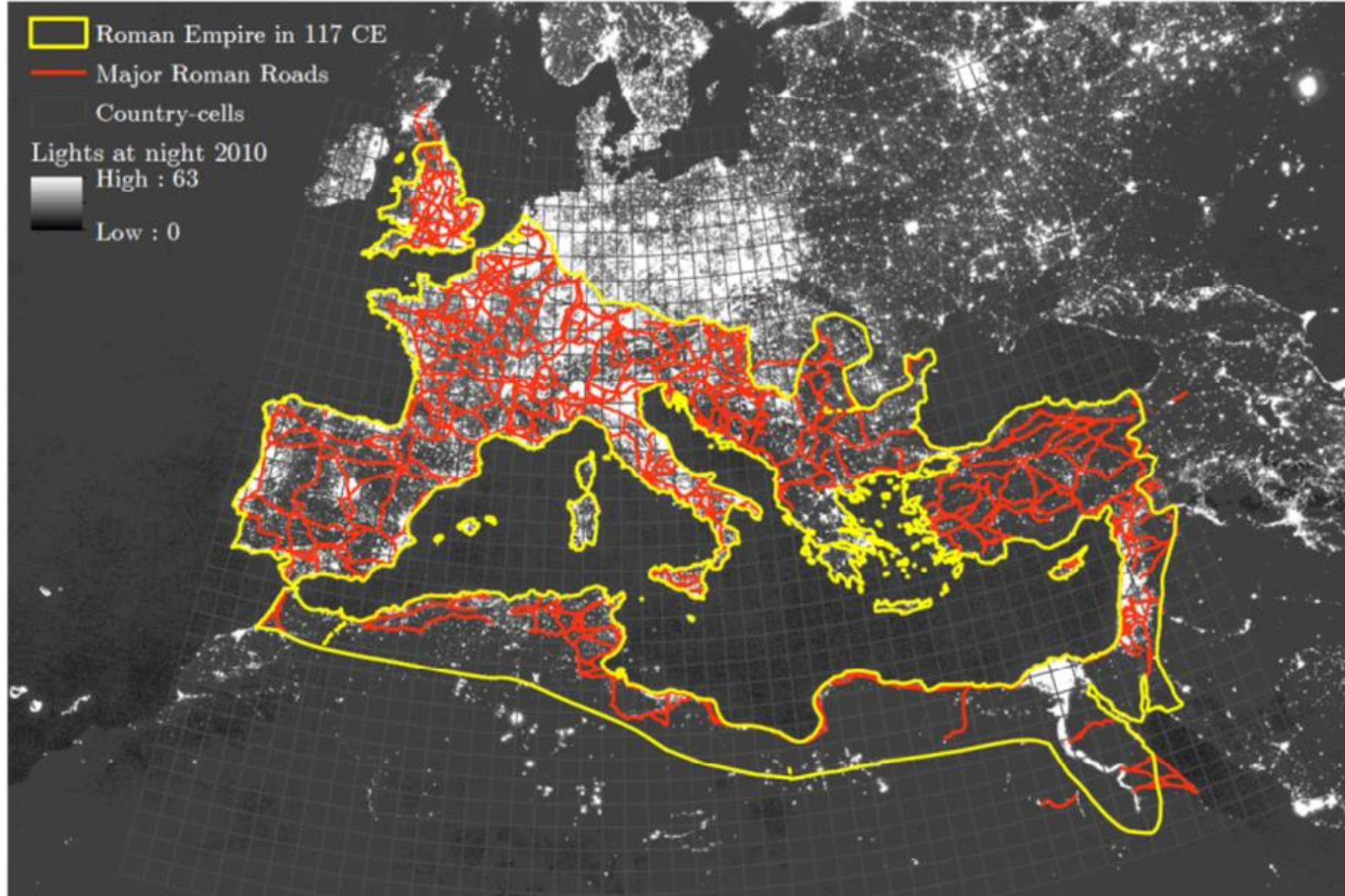


NATURE'S INFRASTRUCTURE

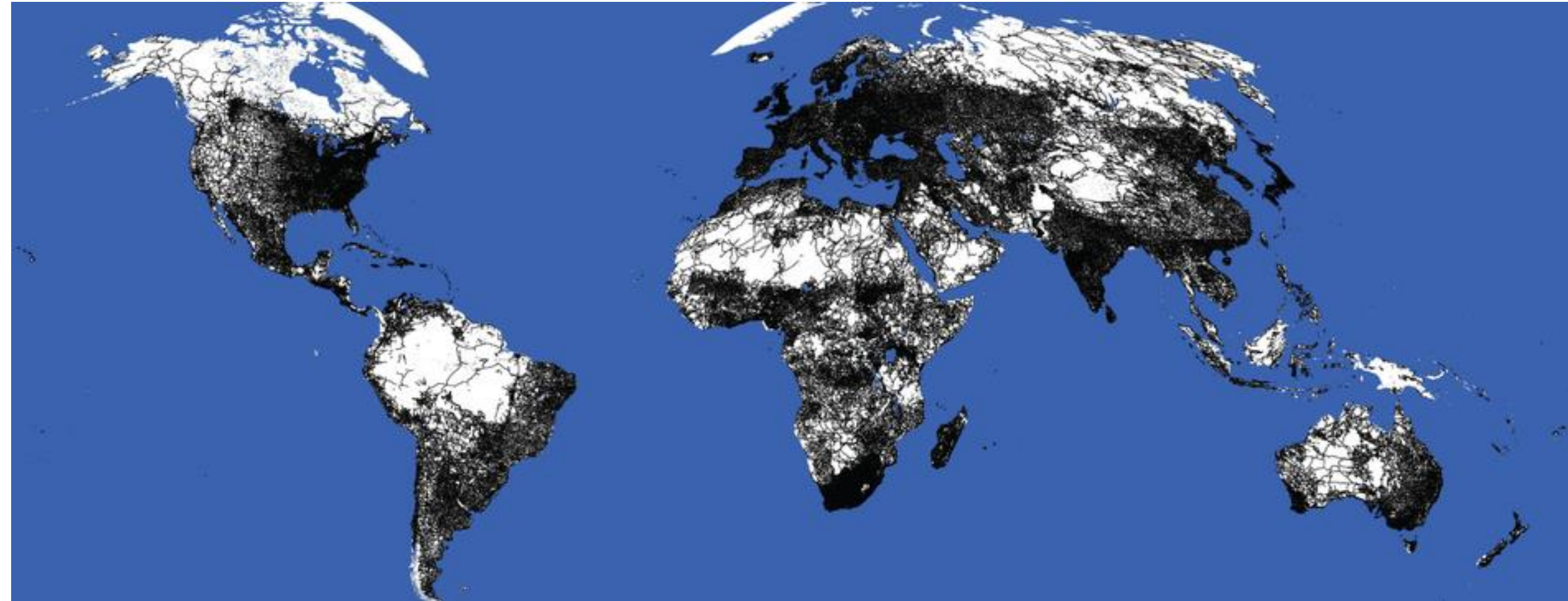
For millennia, forests, rivers, mangroves, grasslands and other ecosystems developed their own intricate engineering to keep the planet—and all life on it—functioning. People, plants and animals depend on the services that nature provides.



Influence: Infrastructure drives development – and can last forever



Road Network today



**Will it allow nature to continue flow, persist
– Between cities?**



Data Accessibility

Natural Capital
Assessments at
the national and
provincial level



Assessing Ecosystem Services:

Forests retaining sediment -- protecting planned bridges



