

EQUITY IN ECO-SERVICES FOR IMPROVED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

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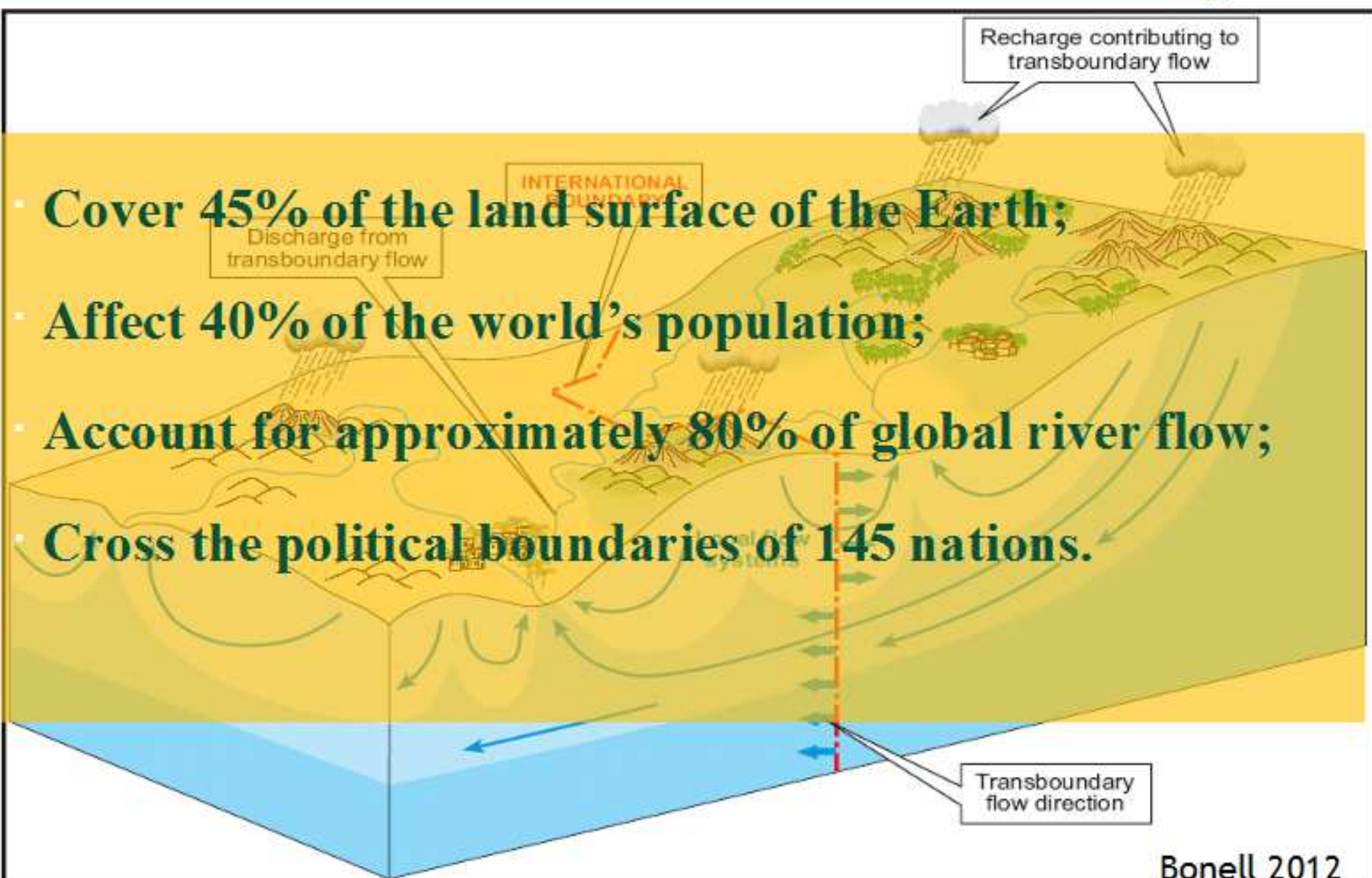
Ecoservices and Water Value

Key Questions

- How do we assign **value** to water?
- What **value** does an ecosystem or ecoservice have?
- What **value** does biodiversity and Threatened Ecological Communities have?
- Where does the **future value** of water fit into government policy, economy, social framework?
- What is **water security** and how do we achieve it in a catchment, a river basin, a region or across borders?



Transboundary Waters-Cooperation or Co

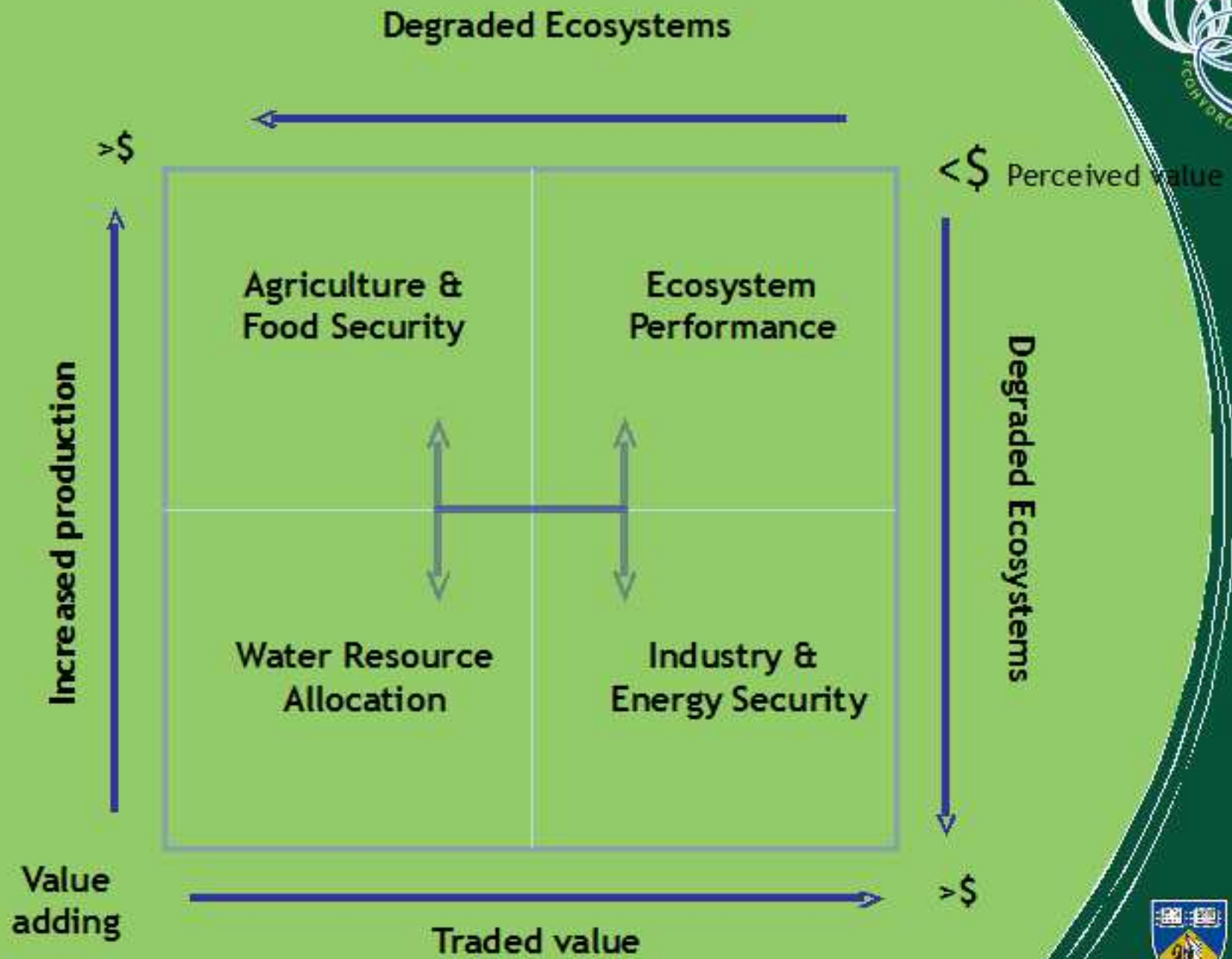




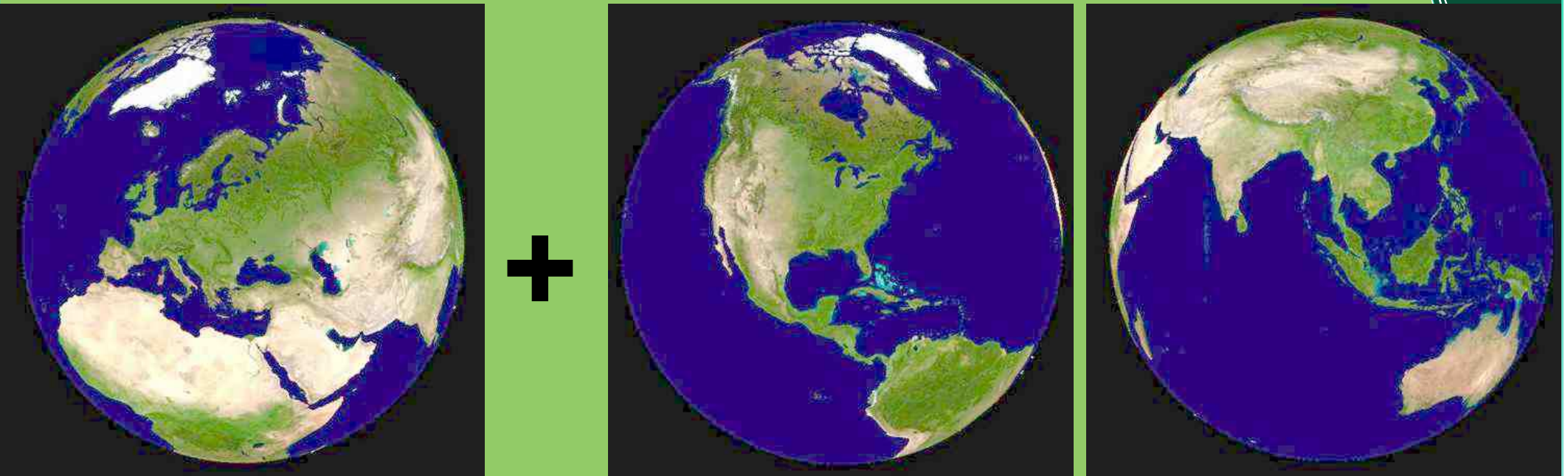
Water limited environments

- Limits
- Adaptation
- Resilience

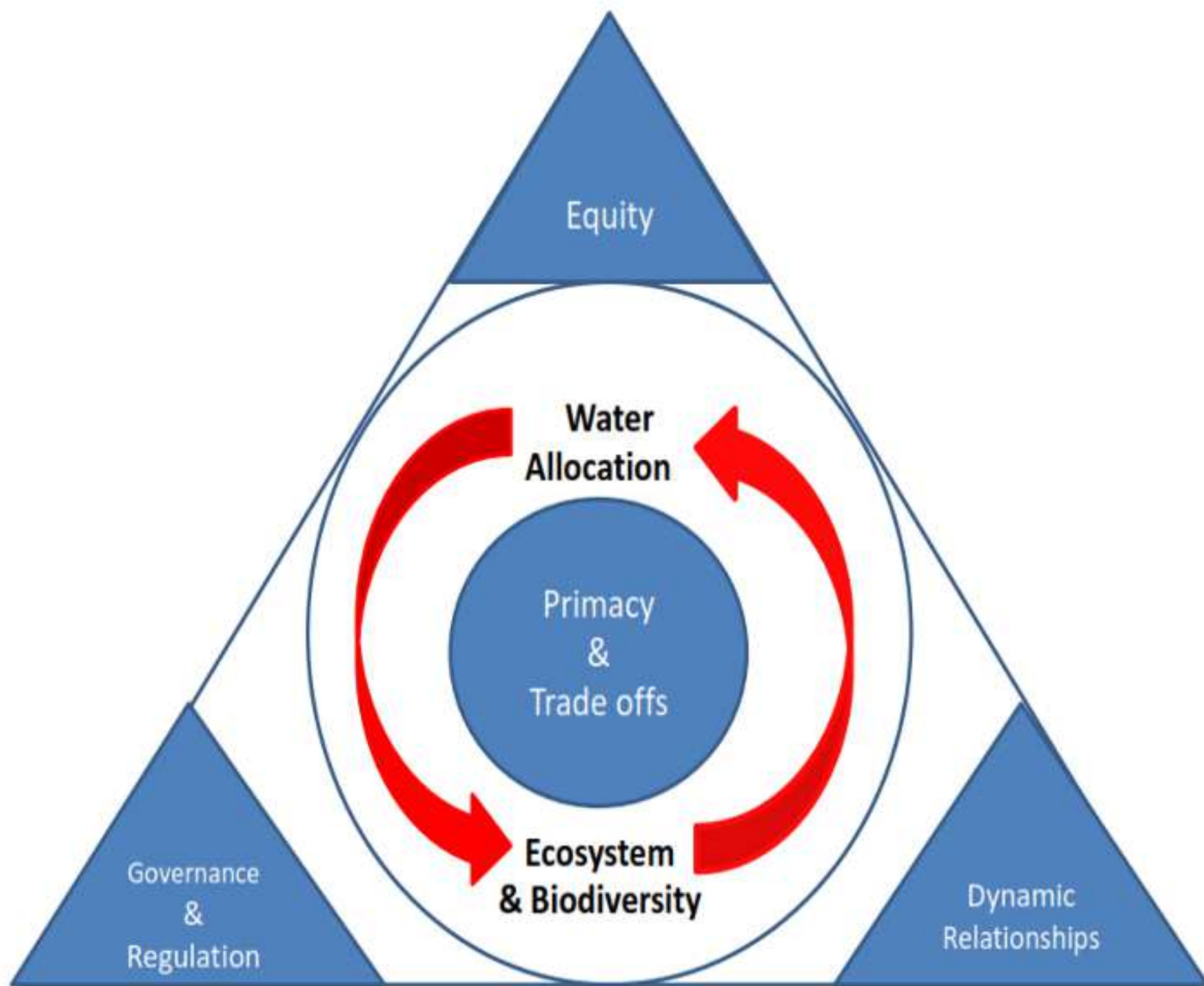
- Transdisciplinary
- Multifunctional
- Eco-services



Can We Sustain Our Life Style ?



We need two more planets if business as usual



Equity

Water
Allocation

Primacy
&
Trade offs

Ecosystem
& Biodiversity

Governance
&
Regulation

Dynamic
Relationships

Opportunities & Options :

- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) ?

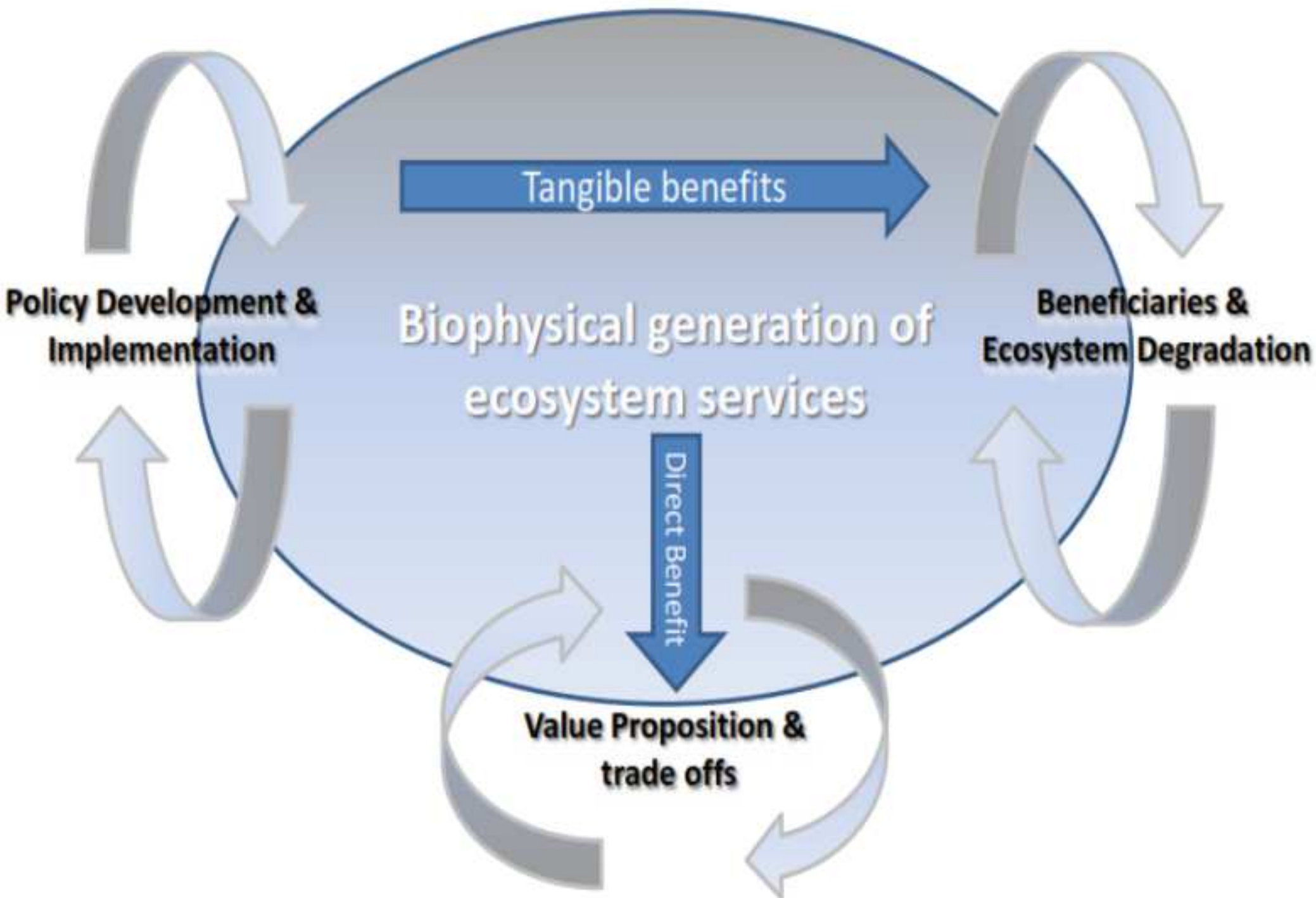
- Can CSR be used as an implementation tool and instrument of changes to corporate thinking and business models?
- Corporations have to address public perception of social good?
- Required to include full cost accounting in business planning- are there practical limits?
- Governance options under government licencing conditions and operations at home & in foreign countries
- Variation in business models from growth to sustainability rather than sustainable growth due to Natural Capital limits



Opportunities & Options :- CSR?

- Requires global challenge and approach to regulation, compensation, licencing or operations
- Opportunities for global communication through distributed intelligent grids (i.e. internet & social networks)
- Valuation system for eco-services that is consistent with monetary, social, cultural, ethical and spiritual norms
- How do we calculate an exchange rate or trade off?
- Does monetisation exposes us to lost future values?
- How does it account for cumulative impacts of business operations?
- Primacy- Human values vs ecosystems values-prioritisation difficulties- one cant survive without the other?





Ecoservices & Natural Capital Assets



- Evidenced-based system for NCA management and policies
- Targeted management strategies linked to water and land capability
- Potential impacts assessed prior to investment, with rehabilitation cost included in business planning
- Effective assessment of NCA value, operational degradation and compensation & their incorporation into business models
- Integrated science platform & framework to encourage data integration, consistency and decision making
- Open and collaborative approach between, communities agencies, governments and countries



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