

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

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British Association for Sustainable Sport

What is BASIS?

The British Association for Sustainable Sport

- A membership organisation
- The sustainability hub for the sport* sector in the UK
 - (* includes sport, play, recreation and physical activity)
- Not-for-profit
- MOU with SAPCA to work on sustainability issues and projects

The British Association for Sustainable Sport

- Harness the power of sport to build a more sustainable future
- Integrate sustainability principles into all aspects of the sector
- Facilitate collaboration between all those interested in sustainability and sport
- Educate professionals, participants and fans on sustainability issues

The British Association for Sustainable Sport

- Training courses
 - Fundamentals of Sustainability for Sports Organisations
 - New courses being developed
- Assessment and Certification
- Conferences, Webinars, Member Forums
- Awards
- Case studies
- Support and advice to members

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Plus 70 Associate Members and >1500 Affiliates



**What is
sustainability and
what are the problems?**

Star Trekking...



- You are on a spaceship heading away from Earth to colonise another planet.
- The journey will take 30 years.
- You can receive energy from outside the spaceship from solar panels and similar technologies most, though not all, of the time.
- Otherwise what you take with you is all that you have to sustain you for the entire trip of course, you can not take everything that you will need with you.

○ How will you survive? ○ What essential things do you need?

○ What processes must you have in place? ○ How are these linked?



Philosophical foundation

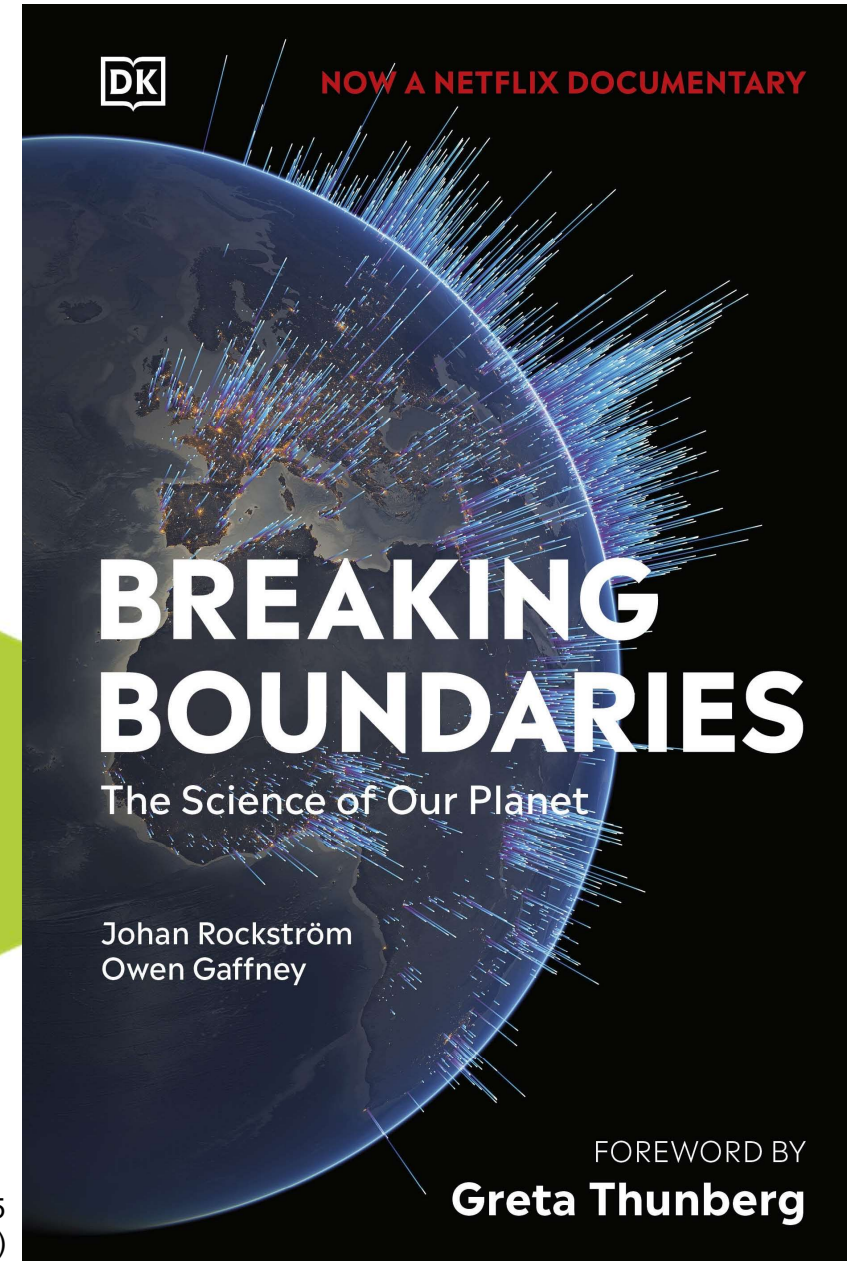
1. Sport, play, recreation and physical activity happens, and will continue to happen
2. It has a two-way relationship to the environment
 - It has impacts on the environment
 - It is impacted by the environment and environmental change
3. Sport, and sport events, provide positive social and economic benefits to individuals and to communities
4. We need to find a position where sport can be enjoyed while minimising its impacts on the environment and maximising its social and economic benefits
5. Sport can also act as a trusted ambassador for messages about sustainability

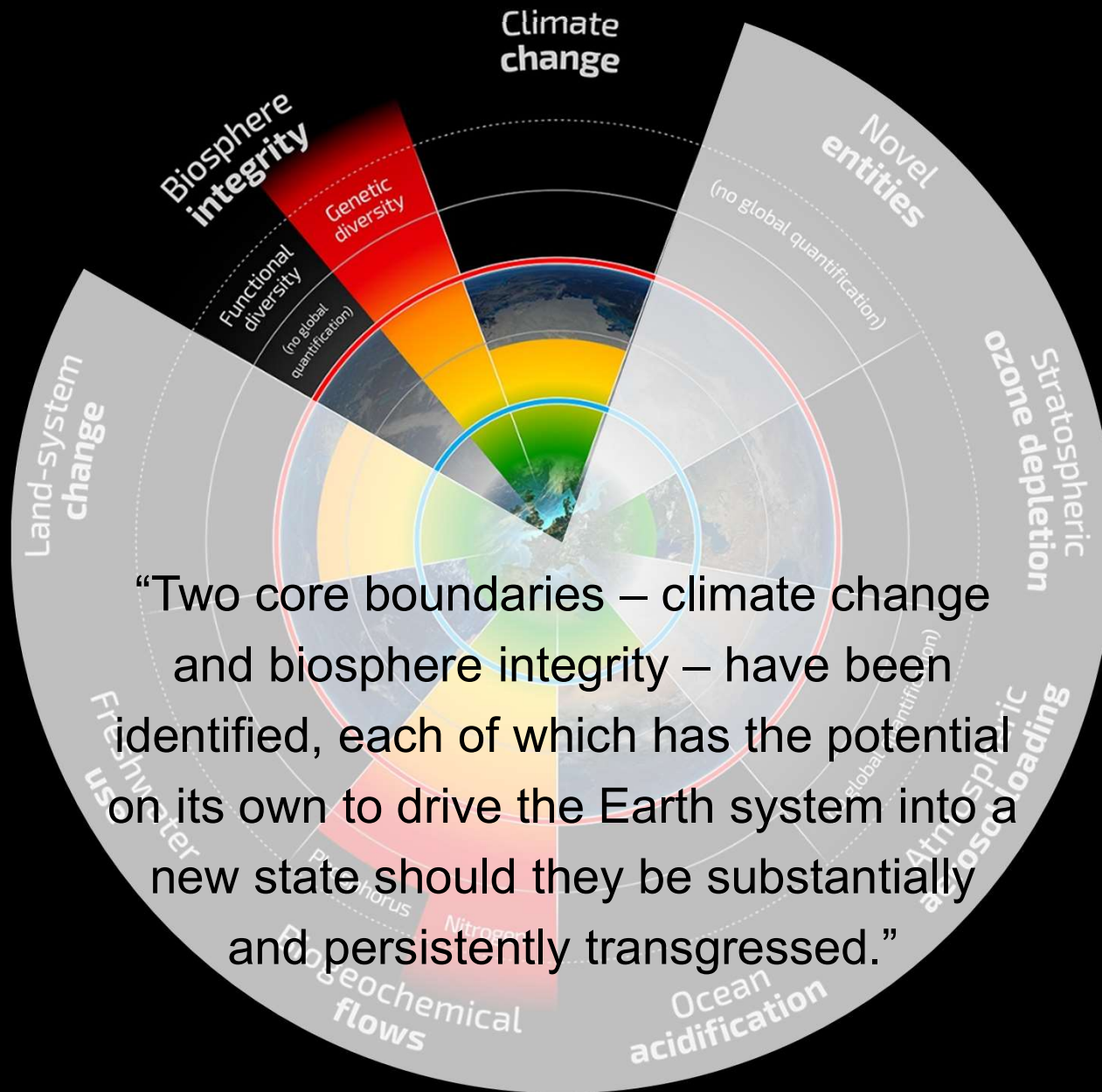


The Science Bit...

What are the key environmental sustainability issues?

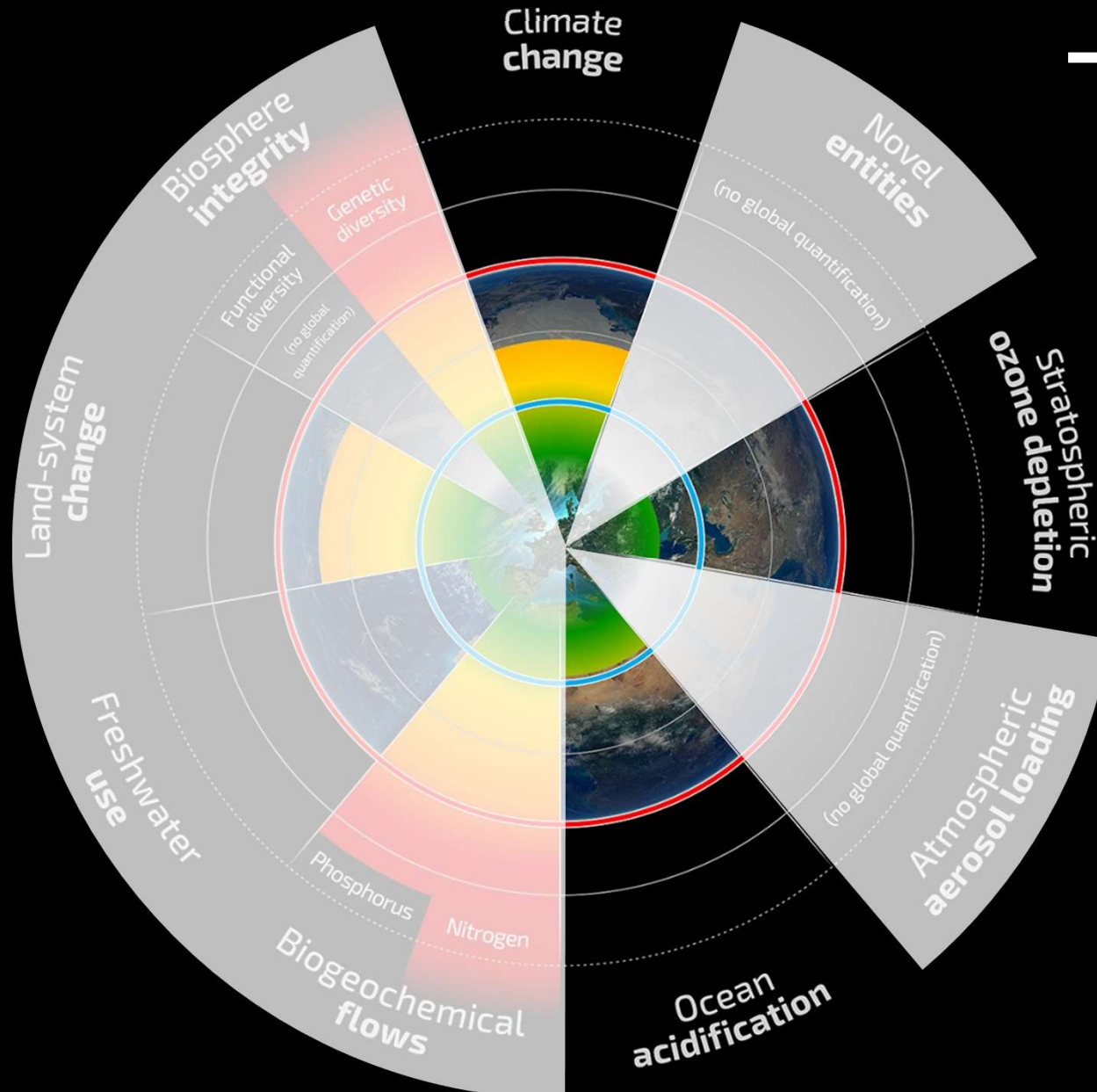
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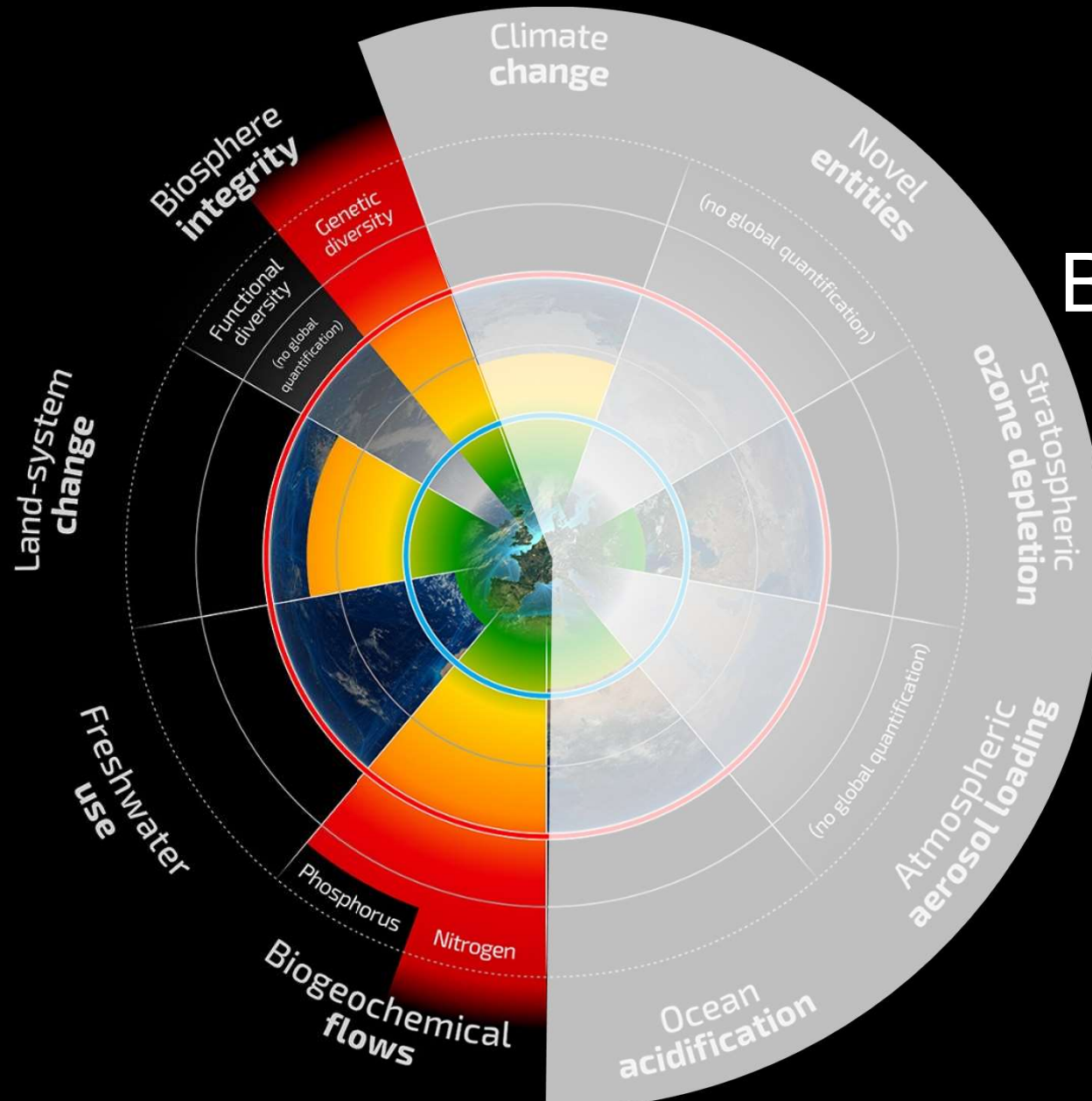


“Two core boundaries – climate change and biosphere integrity – have been identified, each of which has the potential on its own to drive the Earth system into a new state should they be substantially and persistently transgressed.”

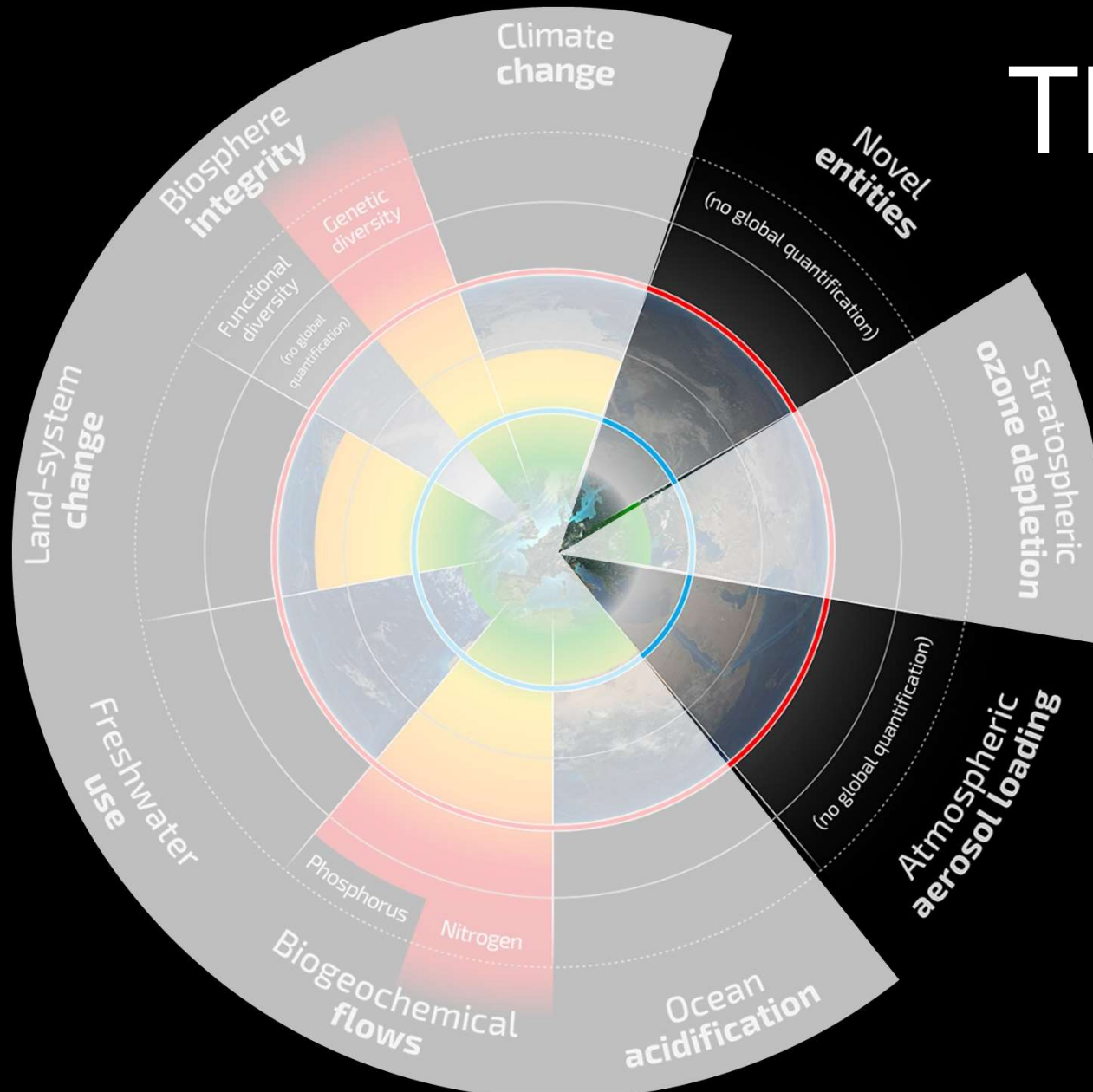
The Big Three

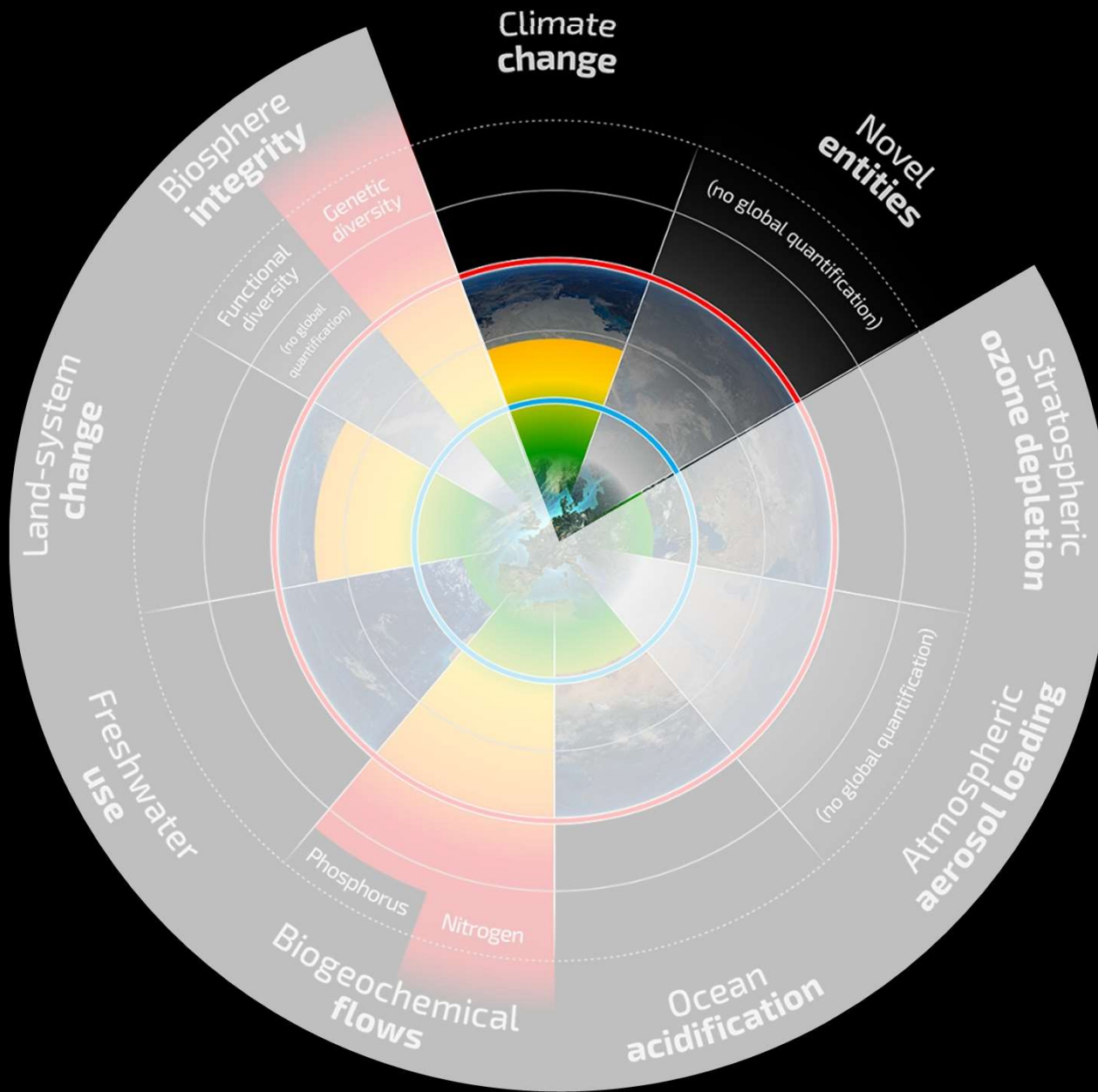


The Four Biosphere Boundaries



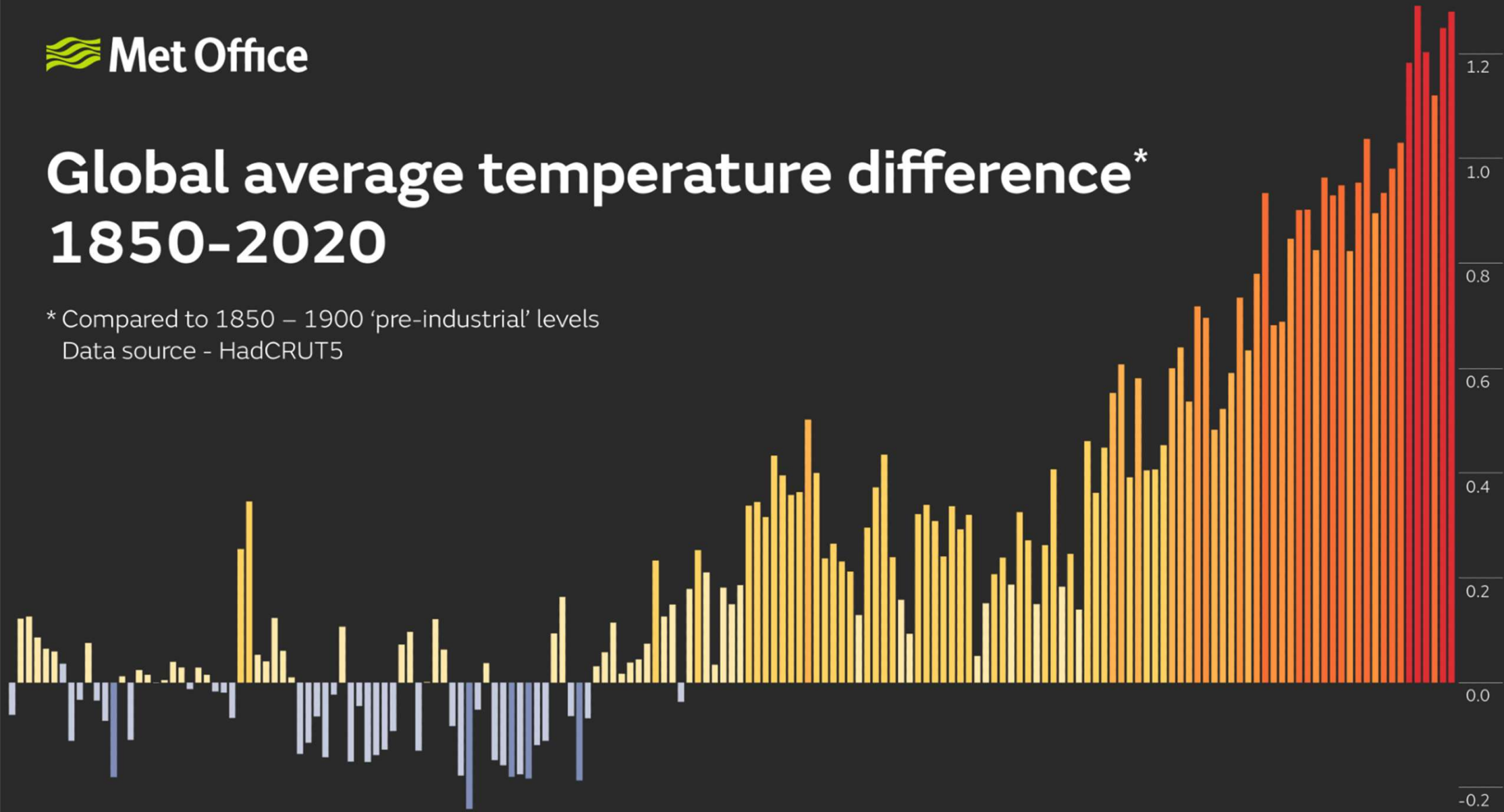
The Two Aliens





Global average temperature difference* 1850-2020

* Compared to 1850 – 1900 'pre-industrial' levels
Data source - HadCRUT5



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

Climate Change 2022

Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

Summary for Policymakers



WGII

Working Group II contribution to the
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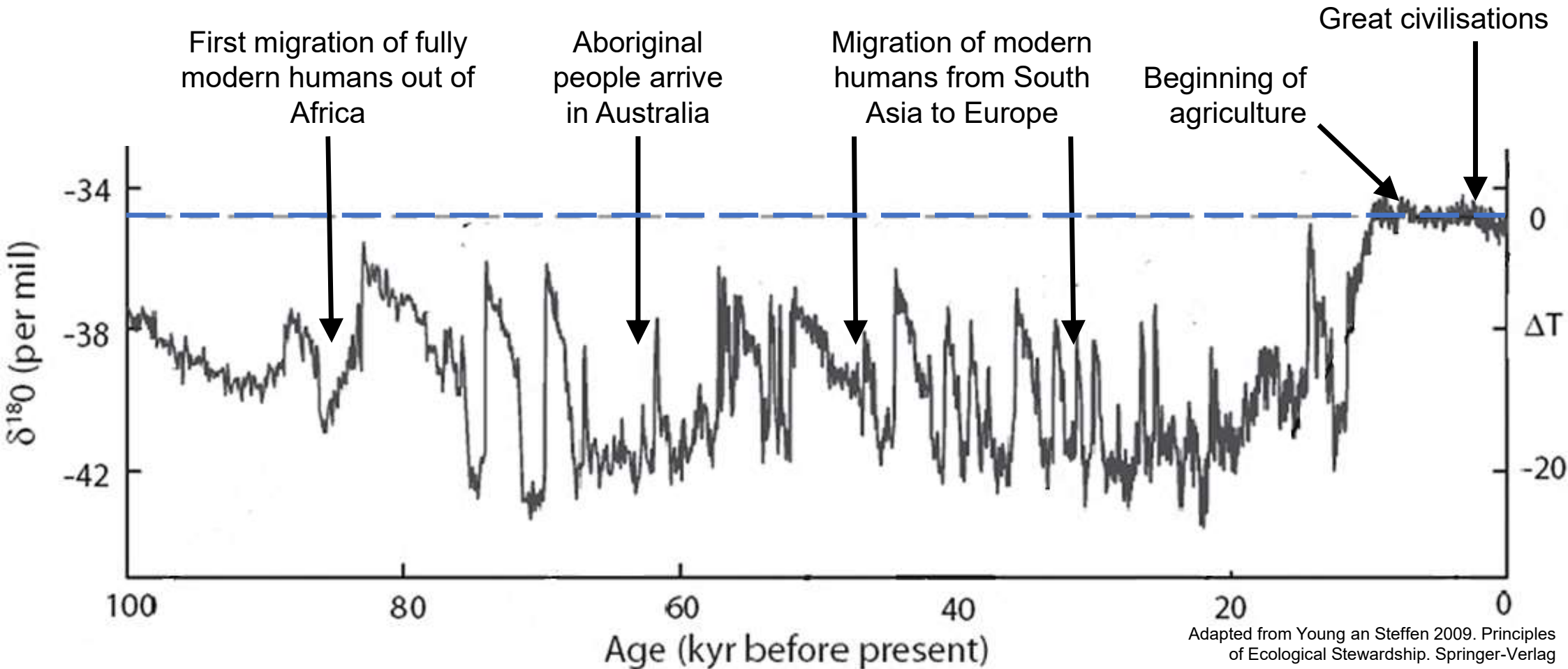


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Climate change – the key question



Adapted from Young and Steffen 2009. Principles of Ecological Stewardship. Springer-Verlag

Climate Change – Impacts in the UK

- The general pattern of change for the UK is warmer, wetter winters, hotter and drier summers, with high variability.
- This will cause:
 - Increases in average and extreme temperatures
 - Changes to rainfall, leading to flooding and drought
 - Increased coastal flooding and erosion, higher sea temperatures and ocean acidification
 - Increased frequency and intensity of wildfires
- We are falling behind on adapting to climate change.

June 2021

Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk

Advice to Government
For the UK's third Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA3)





**How is this relevant to
sport, play and
recreation and why
should we care?**

Climate Change - Impacts on Sport and Play

- Physical damage to buildings, facilities and other infrastructure from extreme weather ('rain bombs', flooding)
- Reduced longevity of facilities – particularly playing surfaces, equipment surface finishes, moving parts
- Water shortages, heat and 'unusual' weather causing changes to management regimes, especially for turf sports
- User safety (e.g. extreme heat and metal fixtures)

Climate Change - Impacts on Sport and Play

- Cancellation of events due to adverse weather
 - Financial costs
 - Fan and participant engagement
- Disruption to seasons and tournament schedules
- Reduced quality of individual and team performance
- Health implications for participants
- Duty of care to spectators





 **DANGER**
DUNE EDGE UNSAFE

 **KEEP AWAY**

Before Maria

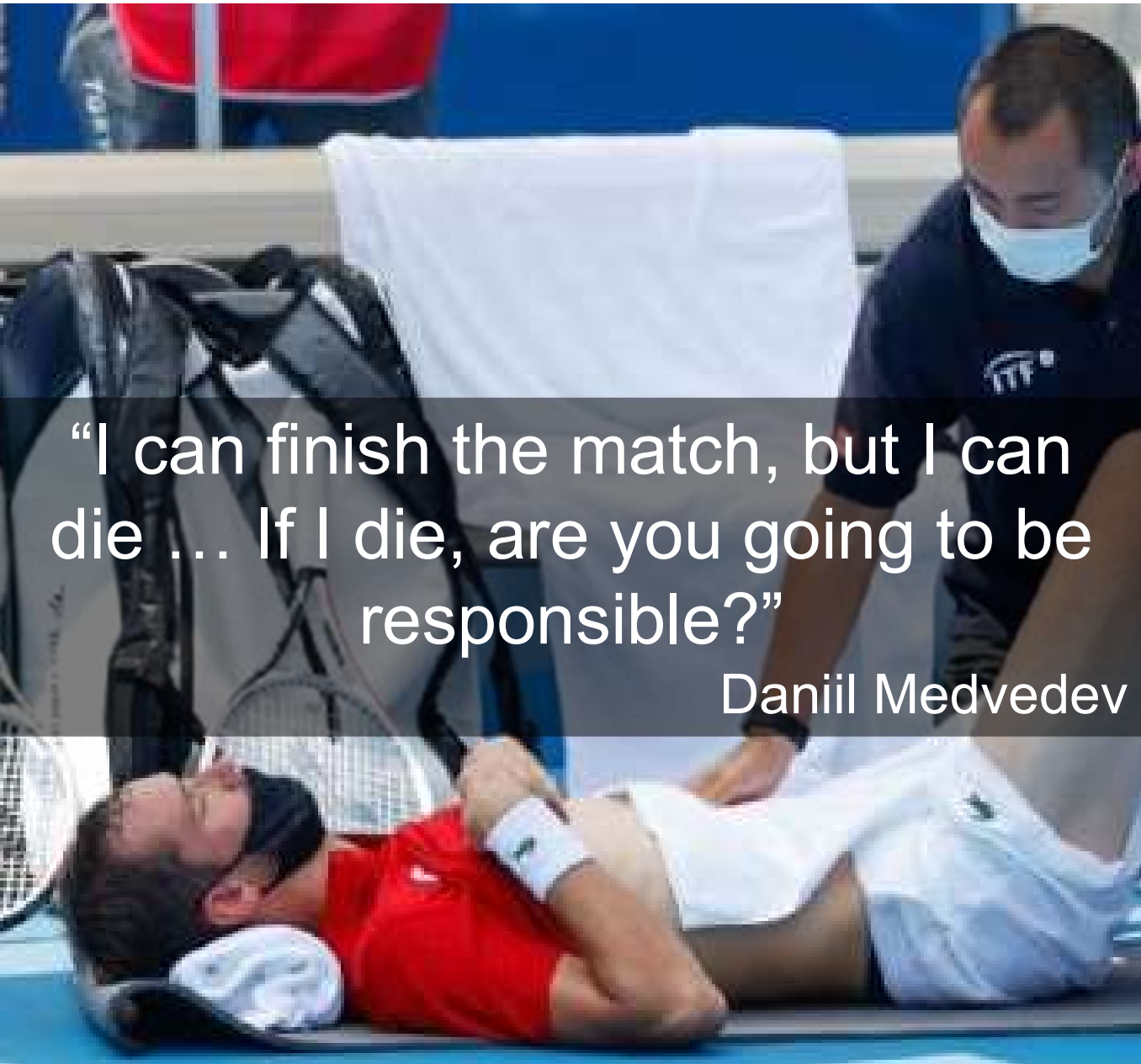


After Maria



Windsor Park - Dominica







A recent match at Wankhede Stadium in Maharashtra state, right, and trains carrying emergency water, left



BY VIKAS CHITRY FOR THE TELEGRAPH; WANKHEDE STADIUM: AP/WIDE WORLD

India's IPL in hot water over lush cricket pitches

As drought bites, court says maintaining green grounds is criminal wastage, and relocates matches

By Andrew Marszal in New Delhi

INDIA'S star-studded IPL cricket league has been accused of wasting millions of litres of water on maintaining pristine grounds and pitches despite the country facing its worst drought in decades.

The Indian Premier League got under way at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium last weekend on an emerald-green playing surface that more closely resembled an English village green than a state experiencing a crippling lack of rainfall.

The Lok Satta Movement, an NGO

ready running dry. It accused the glamorous league - where clubs backed by Bollywood stars pay cricketers from around the world millions of dollars to play for just two months - of placing commercial interests before the state's own residents.

"The IPL is just about a commercial establishment minting money while the city of Mumbai runs dry," said Arsheel Shah, a lawyer representing the Lok Satta Movement.

Yesterday, the court ruled that all matches scheduled to take place in the parched state after April 30 must be relocated elsewhere in the country.

But with 10 of India's 29 states already in the grip of severe drought, and monsoon rains still at least two months away, the situation is expected to deteriorate.

Indian cricket officials told the Bom-

gardens and for everything else," a lawyer argued.

The position received short shrift from the Mumbai judge, who described

more important than the people?" On Tuesday, cricket officials pledged to use treated sewage water to maintain the cricket pitches at Mumbai and

back-to-back failed monsoons for the past two years, in part due to El Niño weather conditions, meaning many reservoirs in central India have already

been laid on to ship in badly needed supplies to the city of Latur, in eastern Maharashtra, where officials took the drastic step of banning congregations

Australia fires: Dalila Jakupovic 'scared I would collapse' because of 'unhealthy' air quality

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Dalila Jakupovic says she was "really scared" as she retired from her Australian Open qualifying match because of the "unhealthy" air quality from ongoing bushfires in the country.

The Slovenian world number 180 had to be helped off court after she retired

Big Bash: Bushfires cause Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Thunder to be abandoned

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Smoke engulfed the Manuka Oval in Canberra

Australian Open qualifying matches cancelled after rain & air quality concerns

7 hours ago | Tennis

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Smoke haze over Melbourne was visible on Wednesday morning

Australian Open qualifying was cancelled for the day because of rain after earlier delays caused by the "very poor" air quality from ongoing bushfires in the country.

Play was delayed by three hours after the air quality was rated "unhealthy".







England win by 143 runs





**What are others
doing?**



