

War and the Environment

The Approach of the
Institute for
Environmental Security





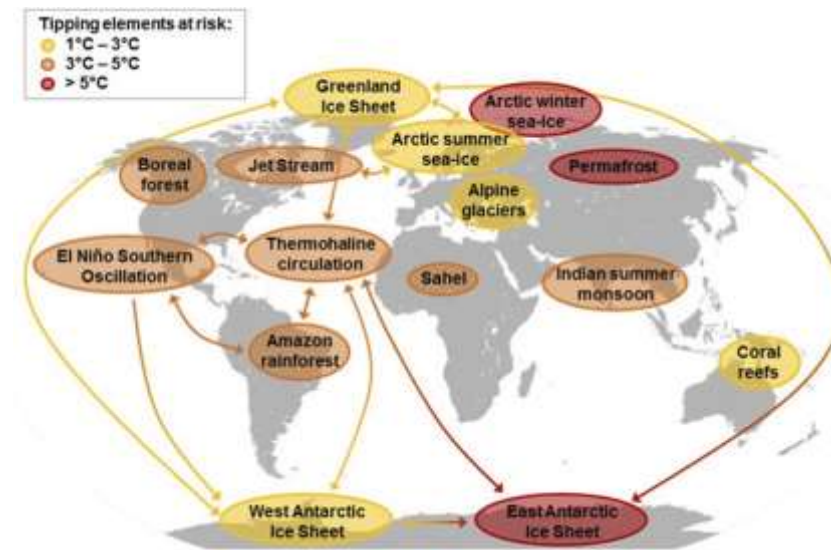
Our Approach

Viewing the world through an ecological lens.



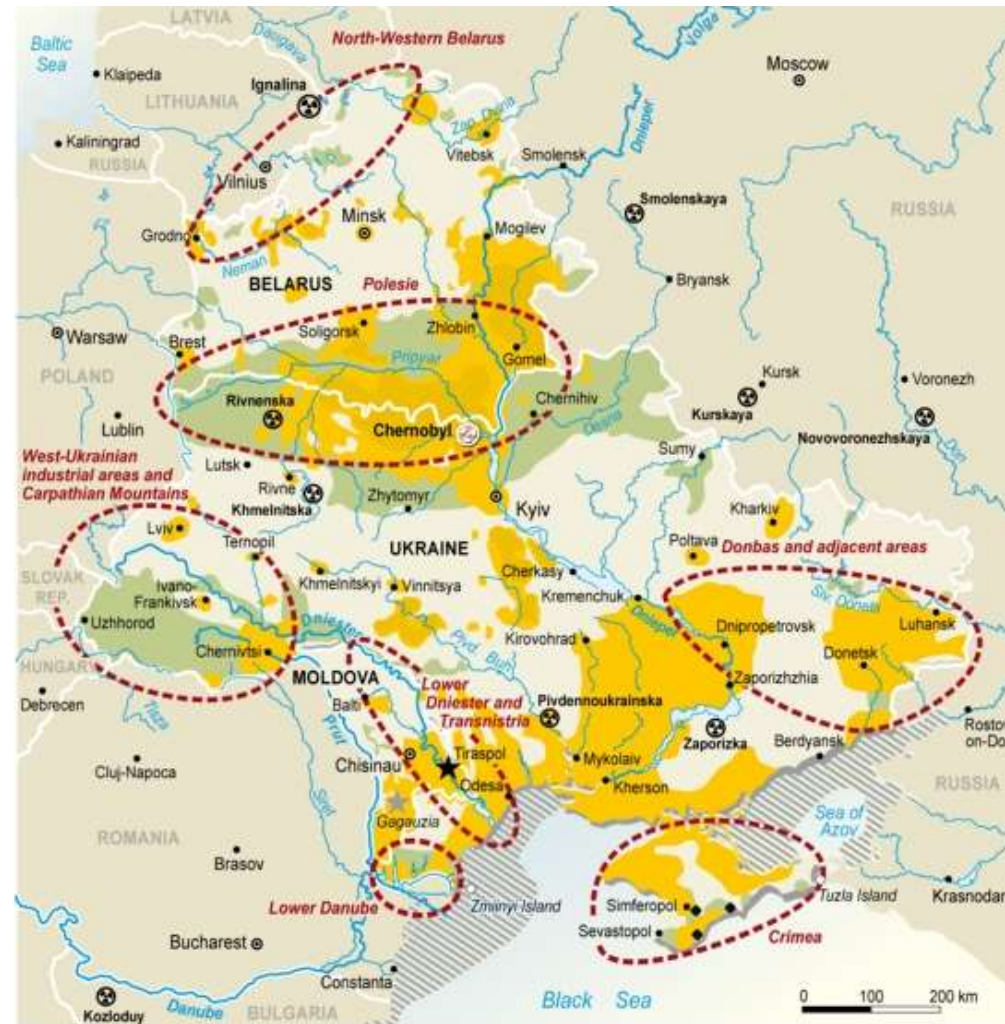
Our Approach

**Identifying zero-sum hot spots,
which in many cases contribute to violent conflict.**



Impact of Russian aggression on Ukraine

Environment and security priority areas in Eastern Europe

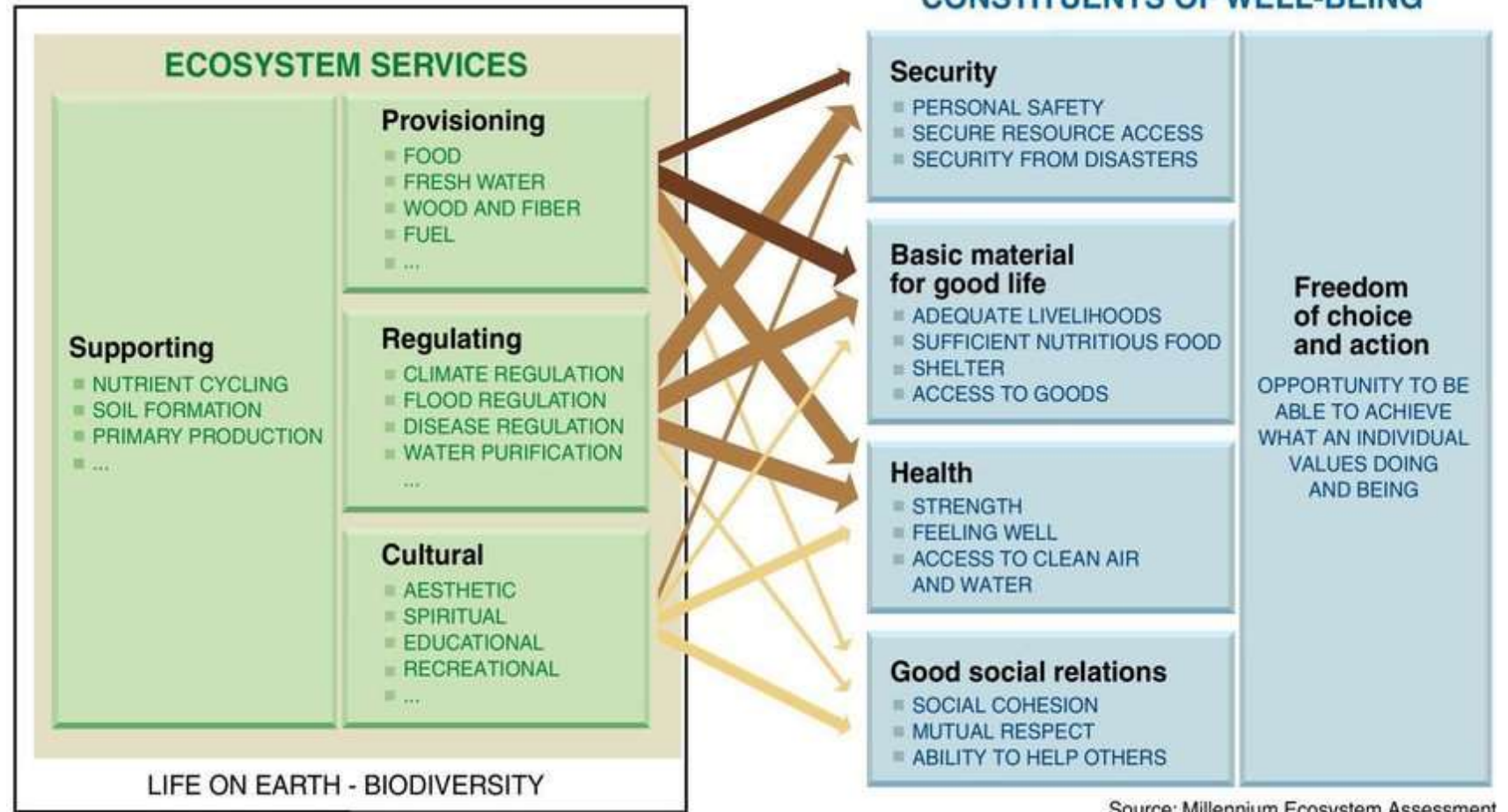


Map by UNEP/GRID-Arendal, May 2007.

- Areas under environmental stress ¹
- Areas contaminated by the Chernobyl explosion ²
- Strongly polluted coastal areas
- Important nature: near-border protected areas and transboundary regions of high ecological importance ³
- Nuclear power plants (operating / closed)
- Past / current (frozen) conflicts
- Land and territorial disputes
 - Inter-state disputes in the process of international or bilateral resolution
 - Inter-ethnic disputes
- Environment and security priority areas

Source: *Environment and Security | Transforming risks into cooperation (Environment and Security Initiative, 2007)*

Ecosystem Services and Human Wellbeing



Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

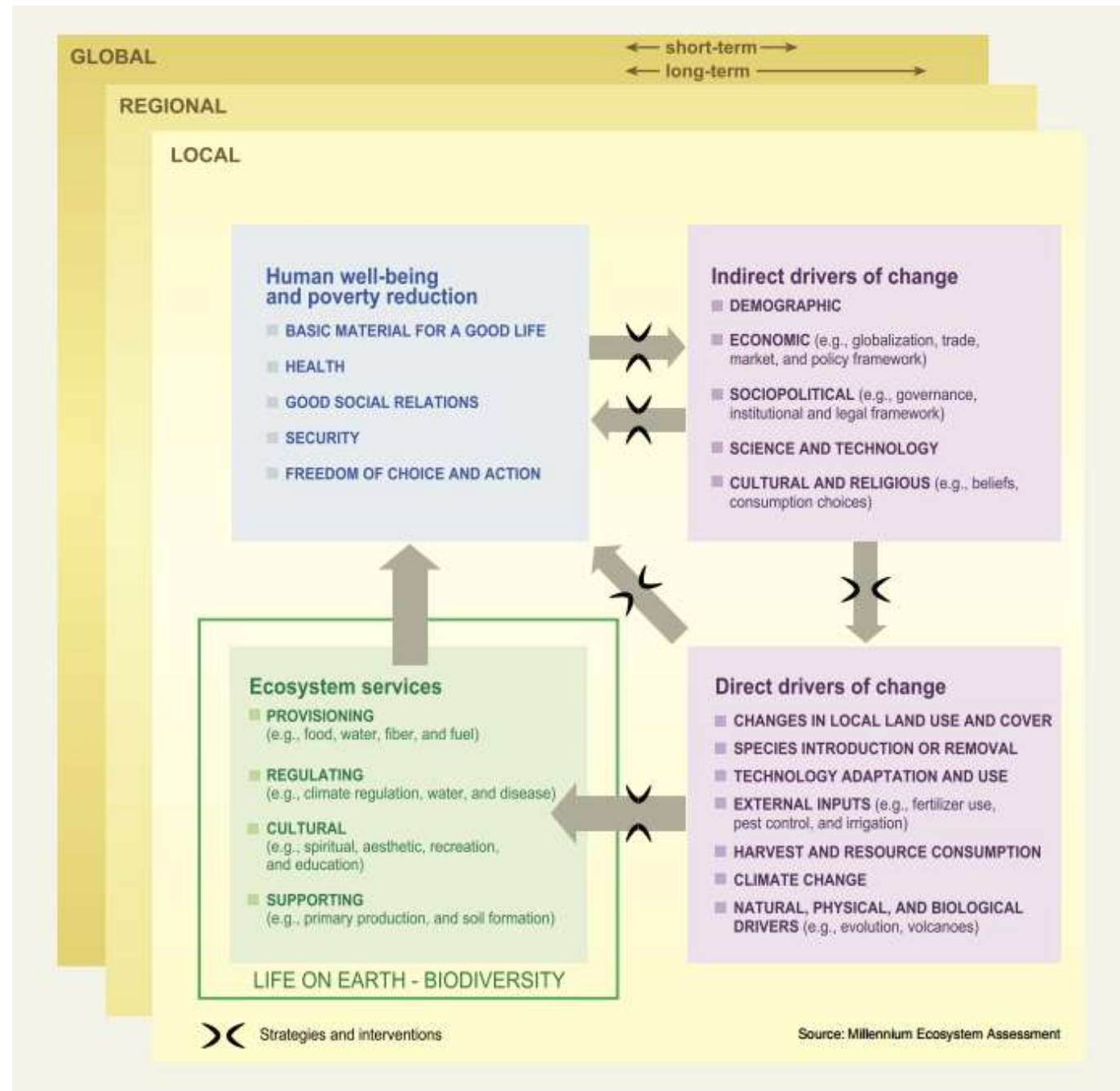
ARROW'S COLOR
Potential for mediation by socioeconomic factors

- Low
- Medium
- High

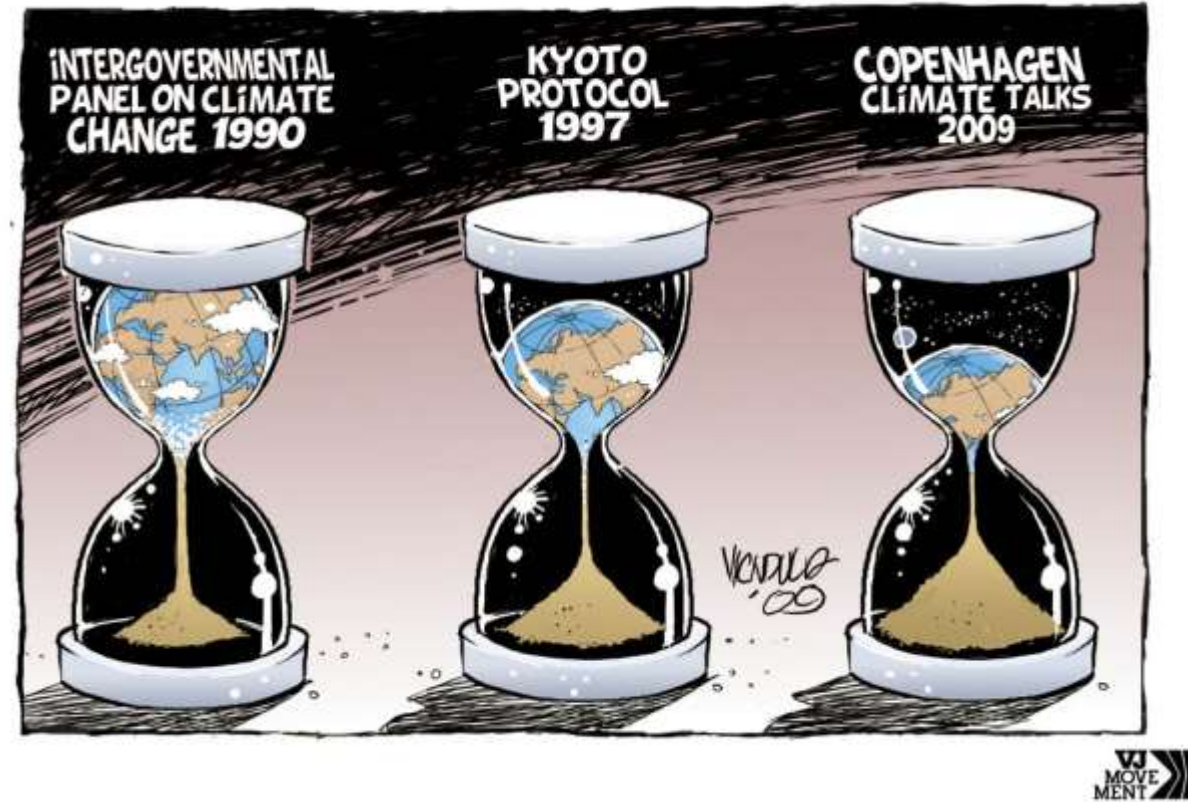
ARROW'S WIDTH
Intensity of linkages between ecosystem services and human well-being

- Weak
- Medium
- Strong

Ecosystem Services and Human Wellbeing



The power of law vs. The law of power



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