

# Philippians 2.1-11

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Sunday 30 July 2023



# Hello

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I always say the same thing.

I really want us all to get this.



# Possible new settings

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Playground

Ancient Rome

Zoo

Desert

Highchair

Berlin

Morocco

Underwater

Jungle

Outer space

» How would you prepare, in order to feel at home?



# Finding the major points of difference

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## Now

- Cold
- Gravity
- Tame wildlife
- 9am-5pm
- Individualistic ethic
- Jeans

## New

- Hot
- No gravity
- Dangerous wildlife
- 9pm-5am
- Collective ethic
- Togas



# Epistles as acclimatisation guide

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1. Ways to get ready for the world as it will be
2. Dealing with the feelings of 'in the meantime...'



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'If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be **exploited**, (*'grasped', 'taken advantage of'*)  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave, (*'servant'*)  
being born in human likeness.



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And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.'



# MAJOR point of difference

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## Now ('exploiting')

*There is not enough to go round.*

*I have to be the biggest and best (to survive!)*

*Therefore...*

## New ('serving')

*There is more than enough to go round.*

*The priority is the 'shalom' / flourishing of us all.*

*Therefore...*



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## Now ('exploiting')

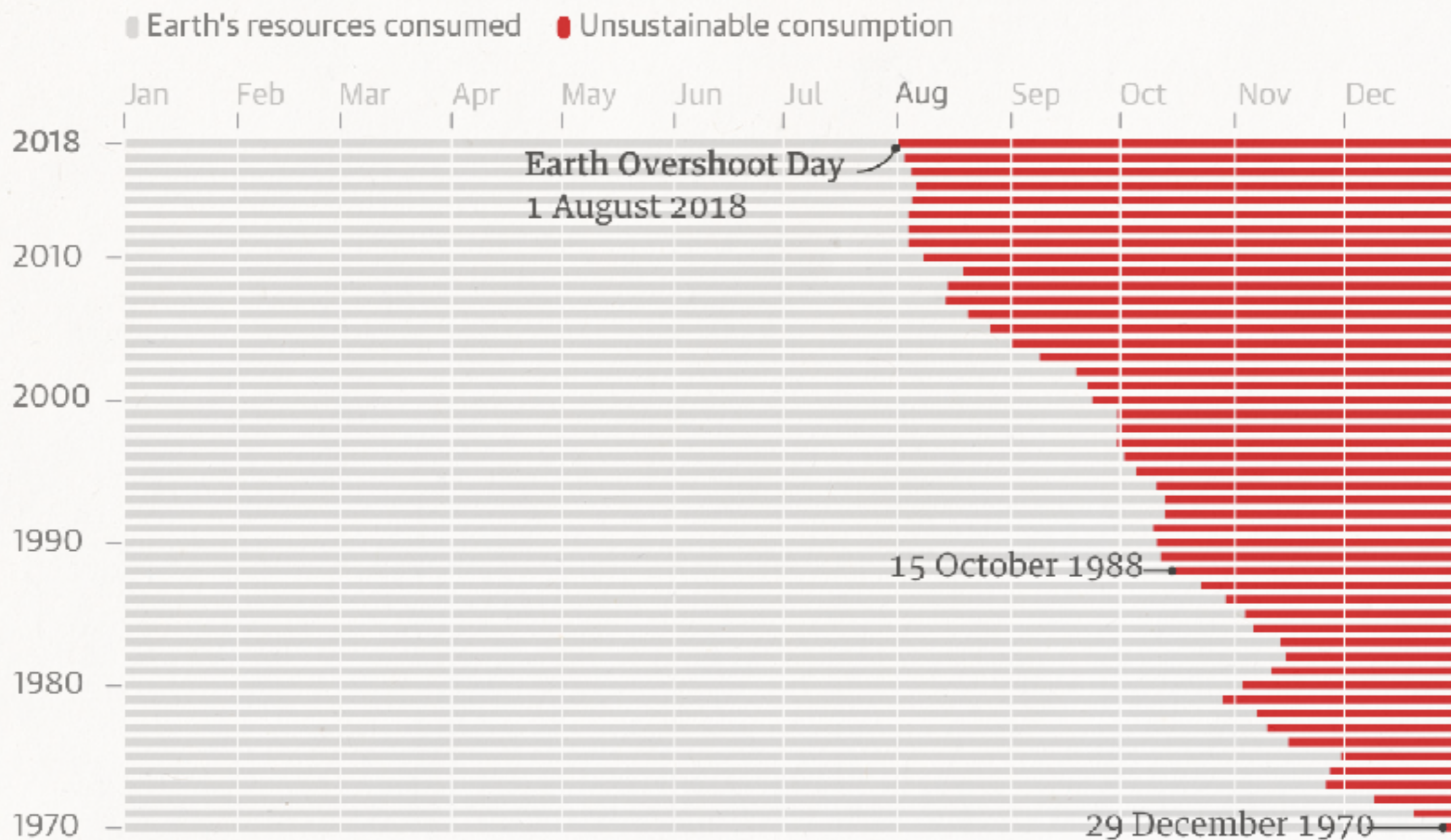
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- Leverage
- Power seeks (my) control
- Rivalry/enmity
- Conquest
- Empire-building
- Scarcity  
(death)

## New ('serving')

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- Service
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(resurrection)

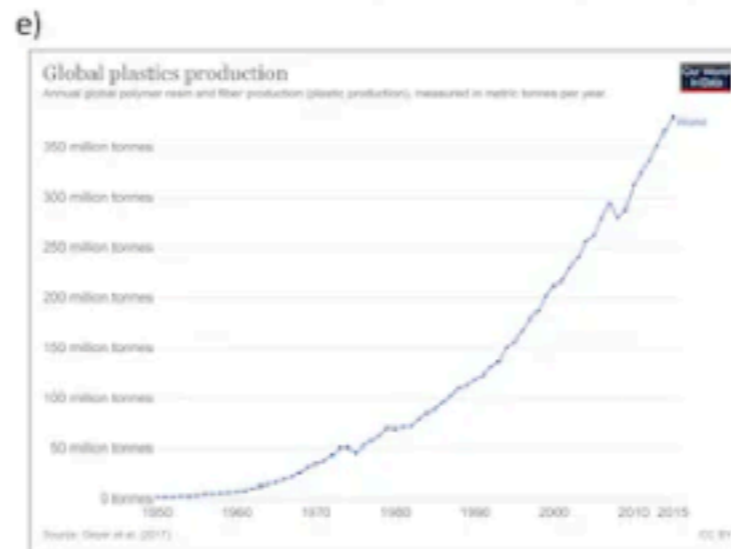
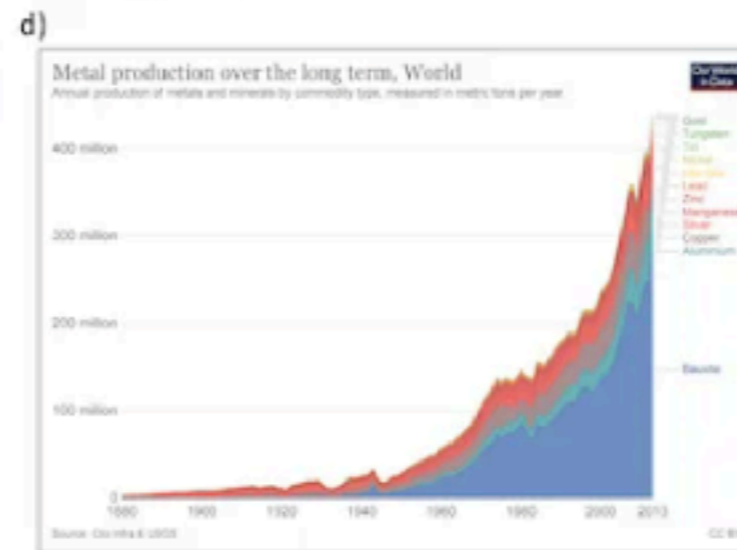
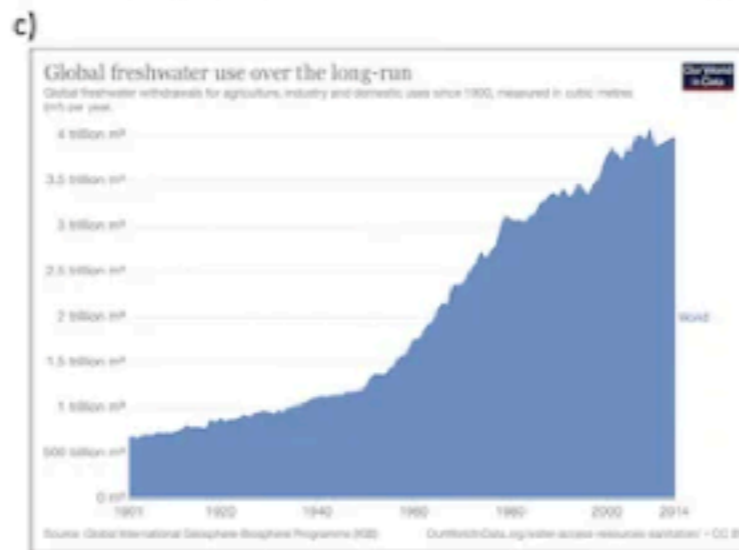
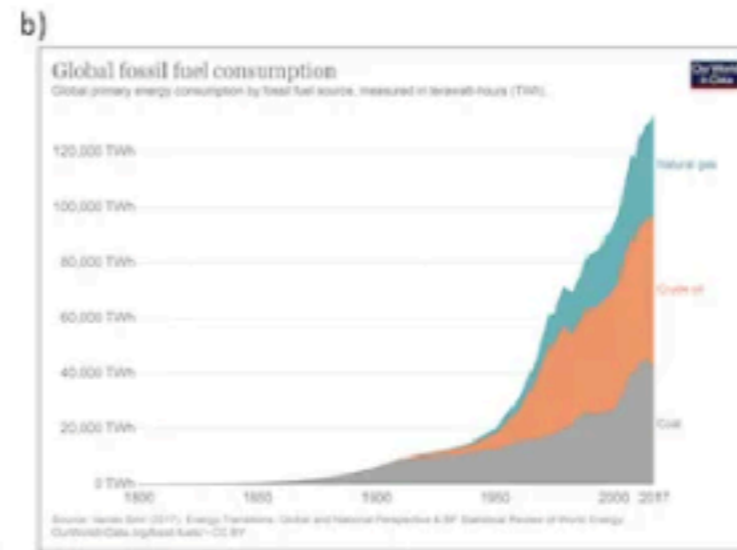
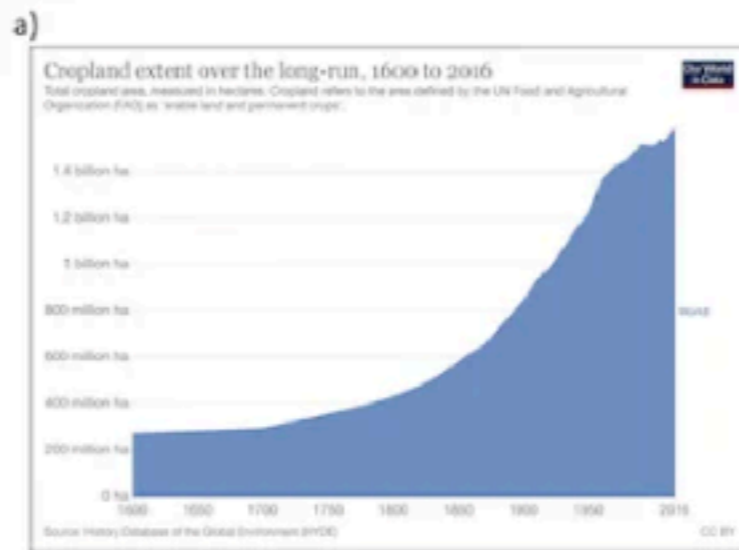


# Earth Overshoot Day falls on 1 August this year - marking the point at which consumption exceeds the capacity of nature to regenerate



Guardian graphic. Source: Overshootday.org





Industrial era exponential rise in the use of primary and derived physical resources: cropland (a), fossil fuels (b), freshwater (c), metals (d), plastic (e). Credit: [Our World in Data](https://ourworldindata.org/) (CC BY-SA 3.0 AU)





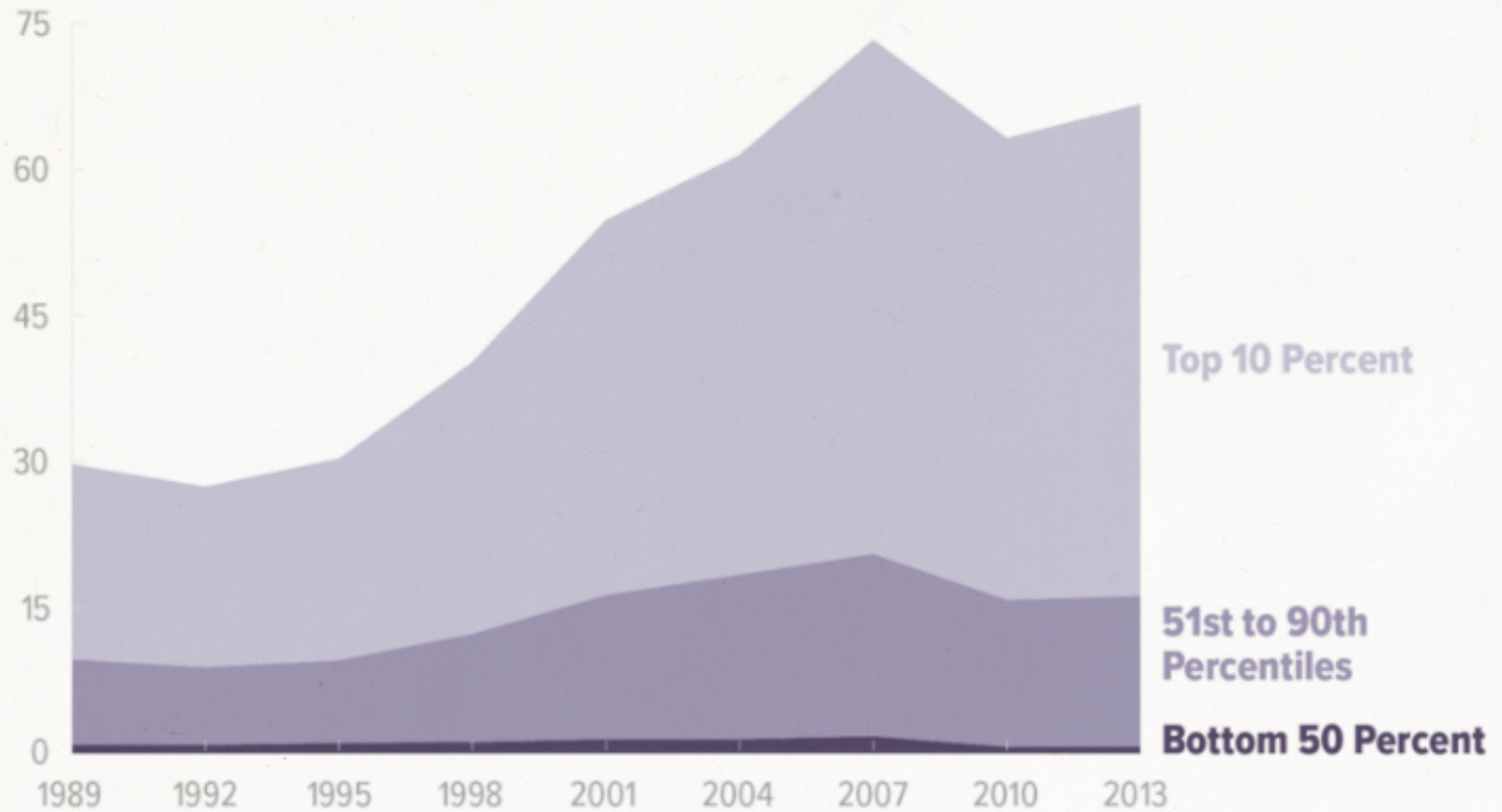






# Holdings of Family Wealth

Trillions of 2013 Dollars

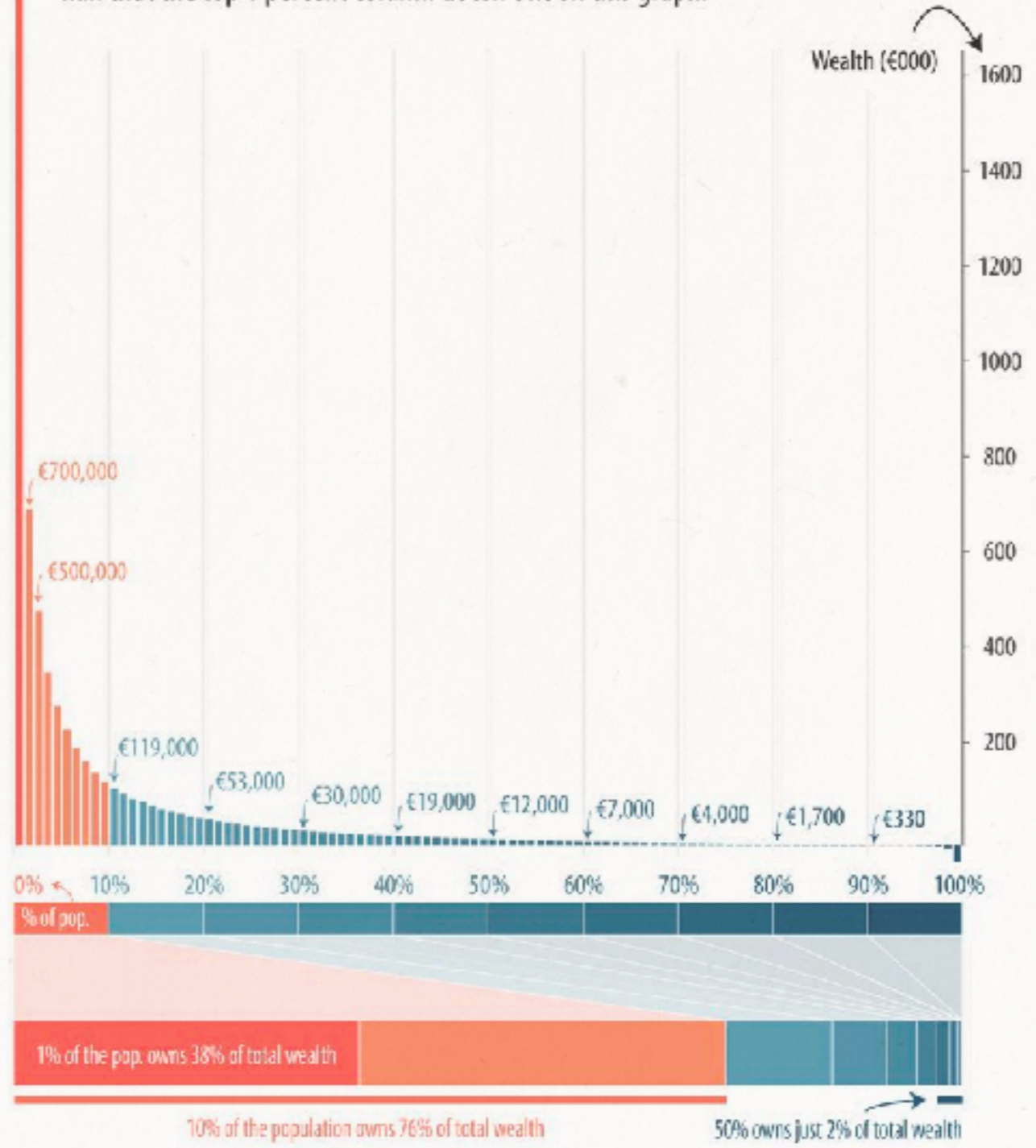




€2.7 million

### Off the charts

The richest 1 percent of the world's population is so much wealthier than the poorest half that the top 1 percent column doesn't fit on this graph.



Source: World Inequality Report 2022 by the World Inequality Lab.



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ONE HOUR, WEEK OF WEEK ON THE OTHER

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**They victim of a human catastrophe**

**DAILY EXPRESS**

**YOUTH, 17 CHARGED WITH RHYS MURDER**

Shannon's mother on trial with man accused of kidnap

**IMMIGRANTS BRING MORE CRIME**

QUEEN HELEN AHoy

**Daily Mail**

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**1.6 MILLION MIGRANTS FROM THE EU SETTLE IN BRITAIN**

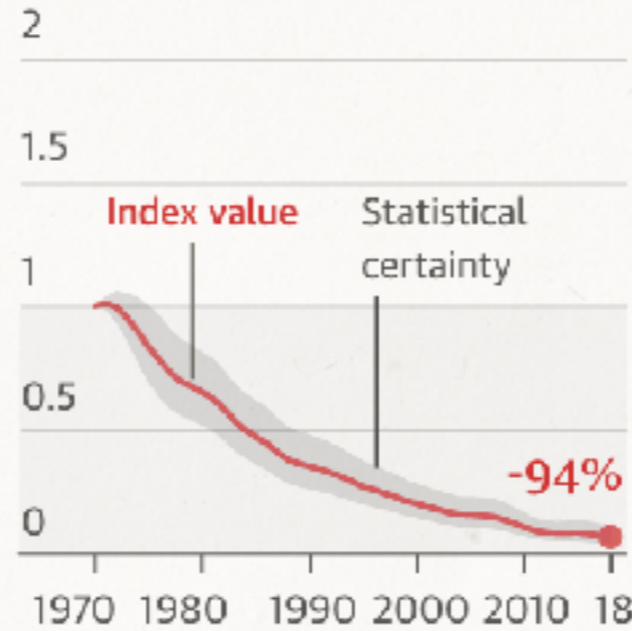
That's equal to populations of Manchester and Birmingham combined in just 2 years



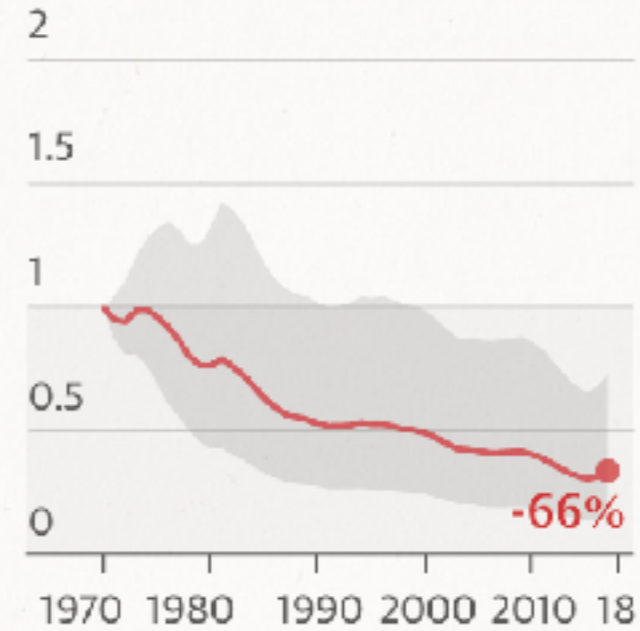
# Between 1970 and 2018 Latin America and the Caribbean had the steepest decline in biodiversity

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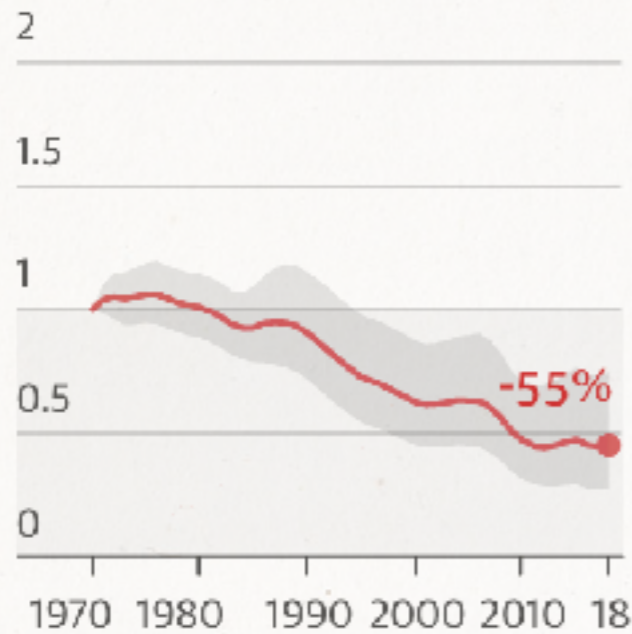
## Latin America and Caribbean



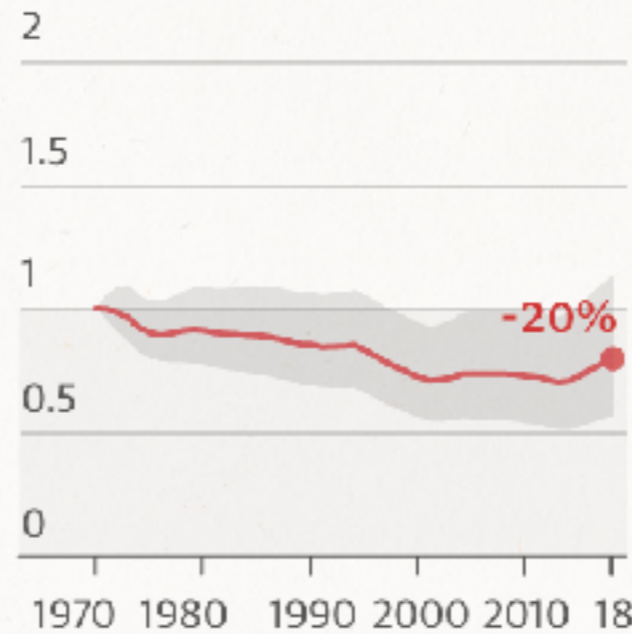
## Africa



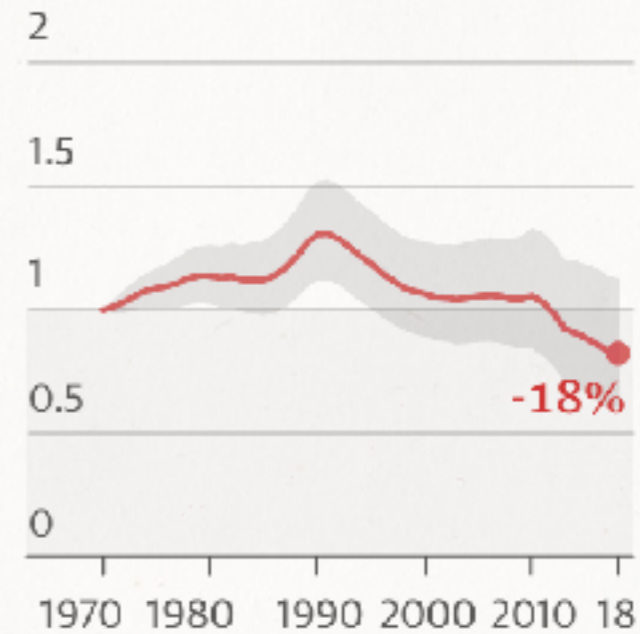
## Asia Pacific



## North America



## Europe and central Asia



Guardian graphic. Source: World Wildlife Fund and Zoological Society London



# Recognising where we are

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*This can and does play out at every level, from toilet rolls to international politics.*

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» Where do you see this happening?



# Training for where we will and want to be

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# Church as training ground

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» How can we support each other to practice this now and become ever more at home in this world?