# Minding the Biodiversity Monitoring Gap

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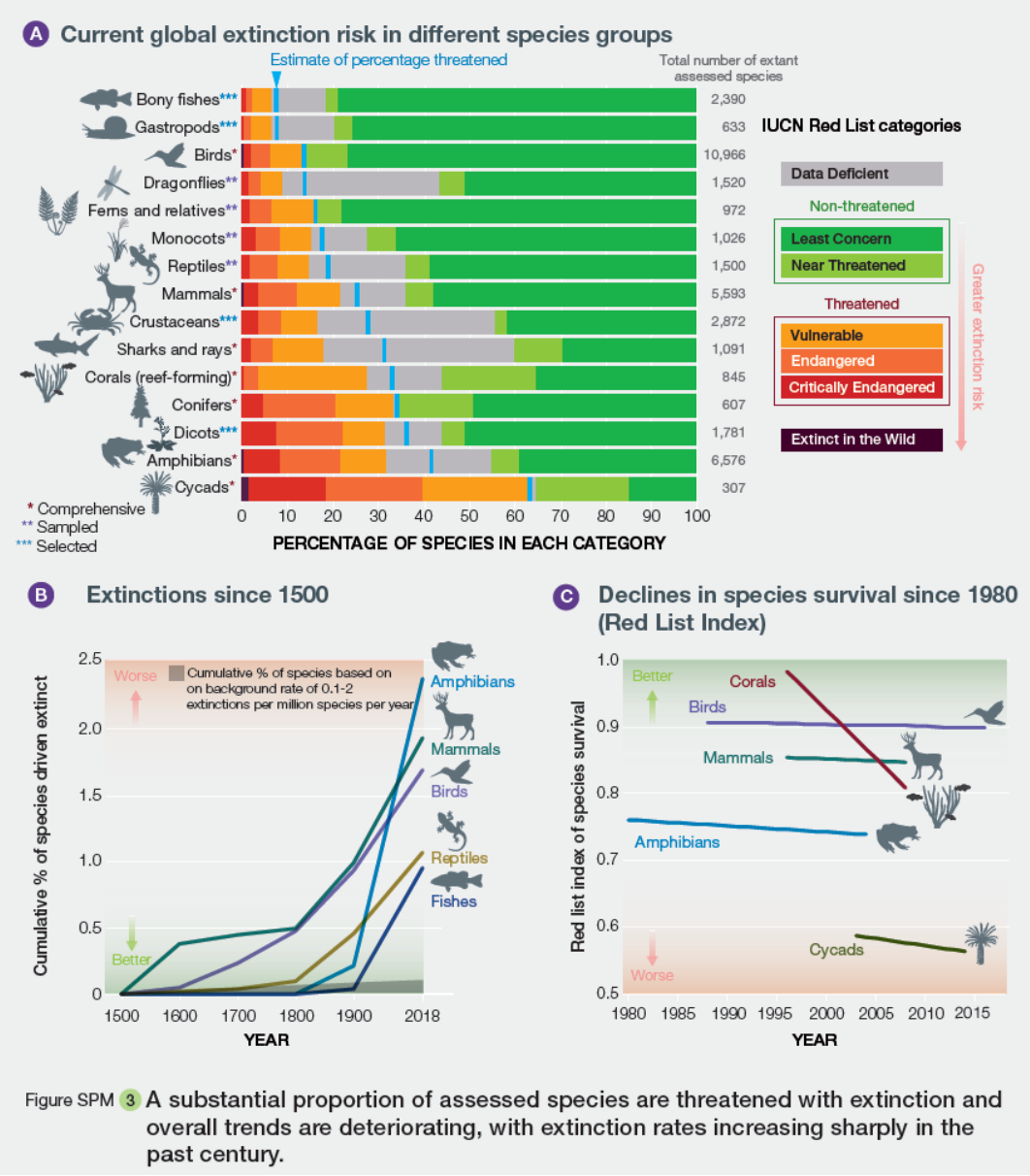
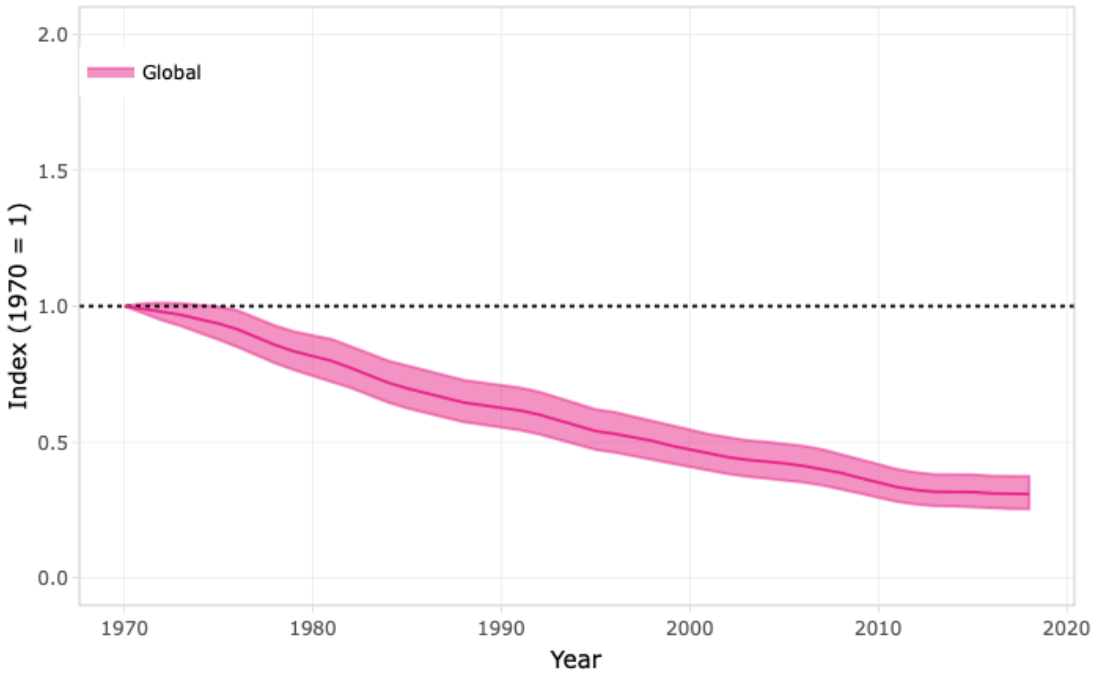



Figure SPM 3 A substantial proportion of assessed species are threatened with extinction and overall trends are deteriorating, with extinction rates increasing sharply in the past century.

SPM Figure 3 Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (2019)

# Bad News

# Good News




Living Planet Index at https://www.livingplanetindex.org/latest_results

# Parallelism

## Climate Global Mechanisms

**Policy: UNFCCC**

**Assessment: IPCC**

**Observations: GCOS→ECVs**

## Biodiversity Global Mechanisms

**Policy: CBD (also Ramsar, CMS CITES)**

**Assessment: IPBE**

**Observations: GEO BON→EBVs**

## Climate Domestic Mechanisms

**Policy: EO 14008**

**Assessment: NCA**

**Observations: USGCRP**

## Biodiversity Domestic Mechanisms

**Policy: EO 14008**

**Assessment: NNA**

**Observations: Marine BON**

# We Have a Framework

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# Overarching Gap: Monitoring

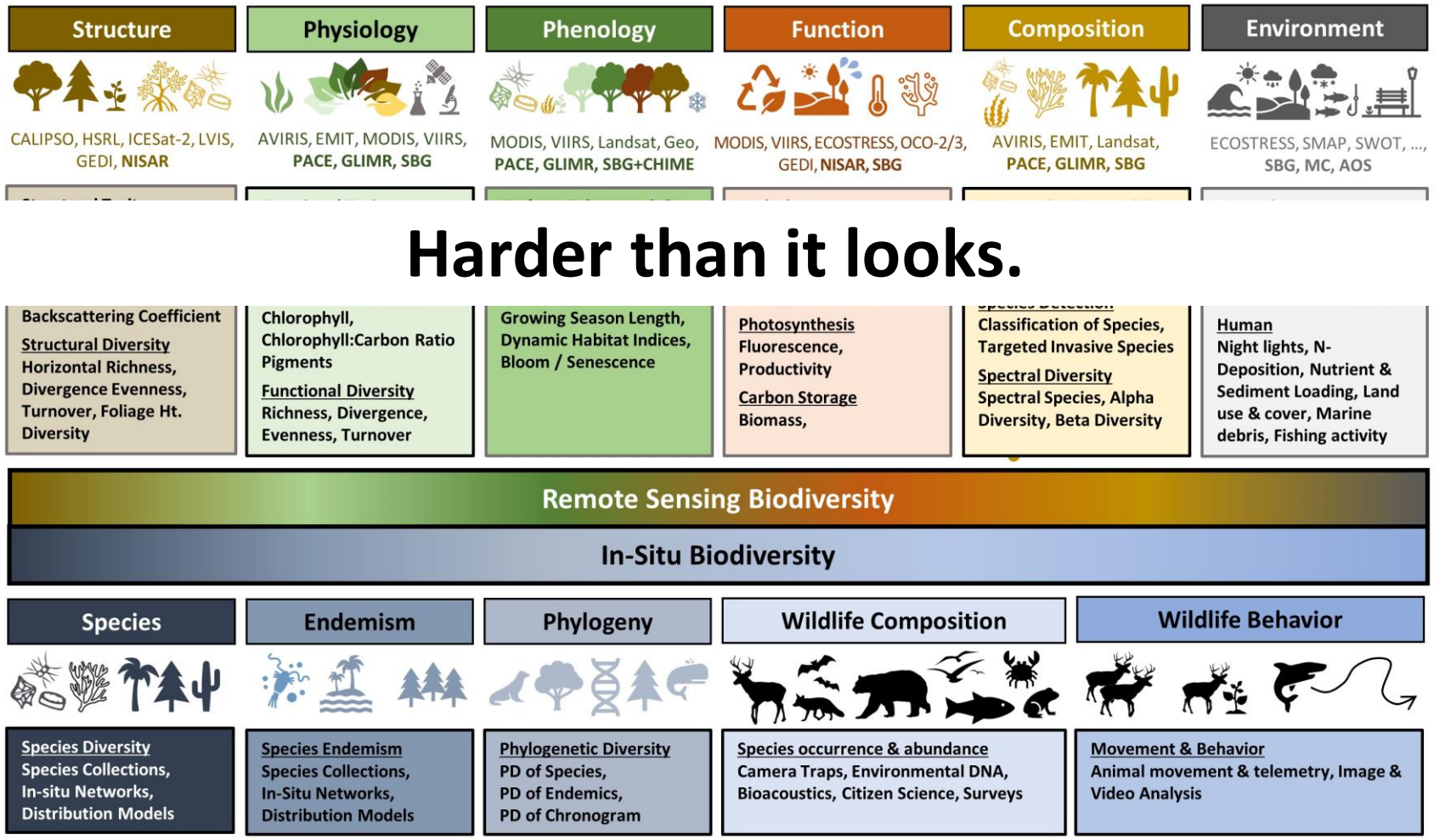


Figure courtesy JPL/F. Schneider, M. Gierach, R. Pavlick

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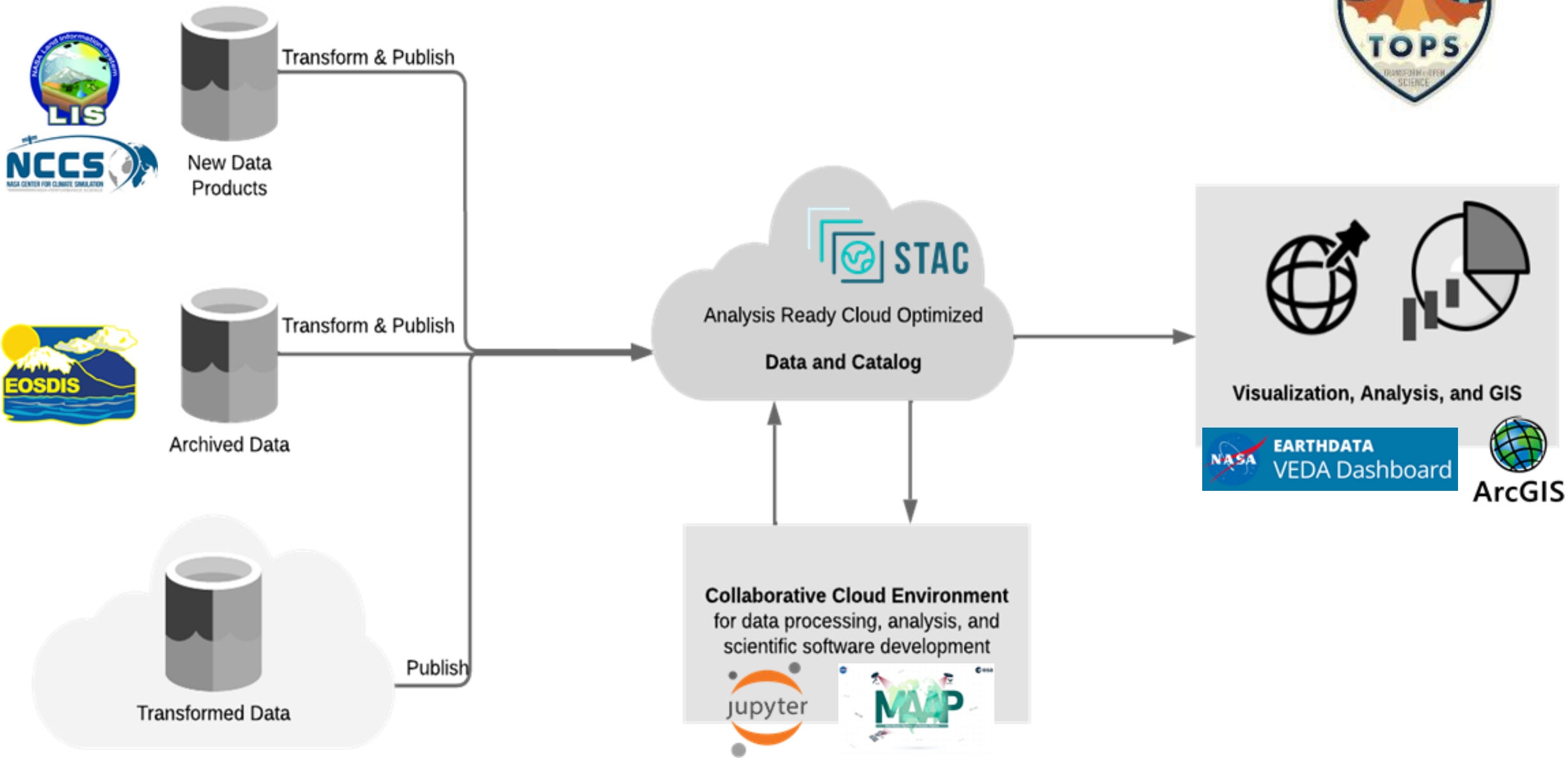

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