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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY

GERMANY, EU AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

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Environment, Resources, Energy, green
demands ...

really a NEW perception and challenge
?

NO !!

„The Limits to Growth“ (1972): Prediction of global development

Decline of

- fossil resources

.. causes „crash“ to

- population

- food

- industries

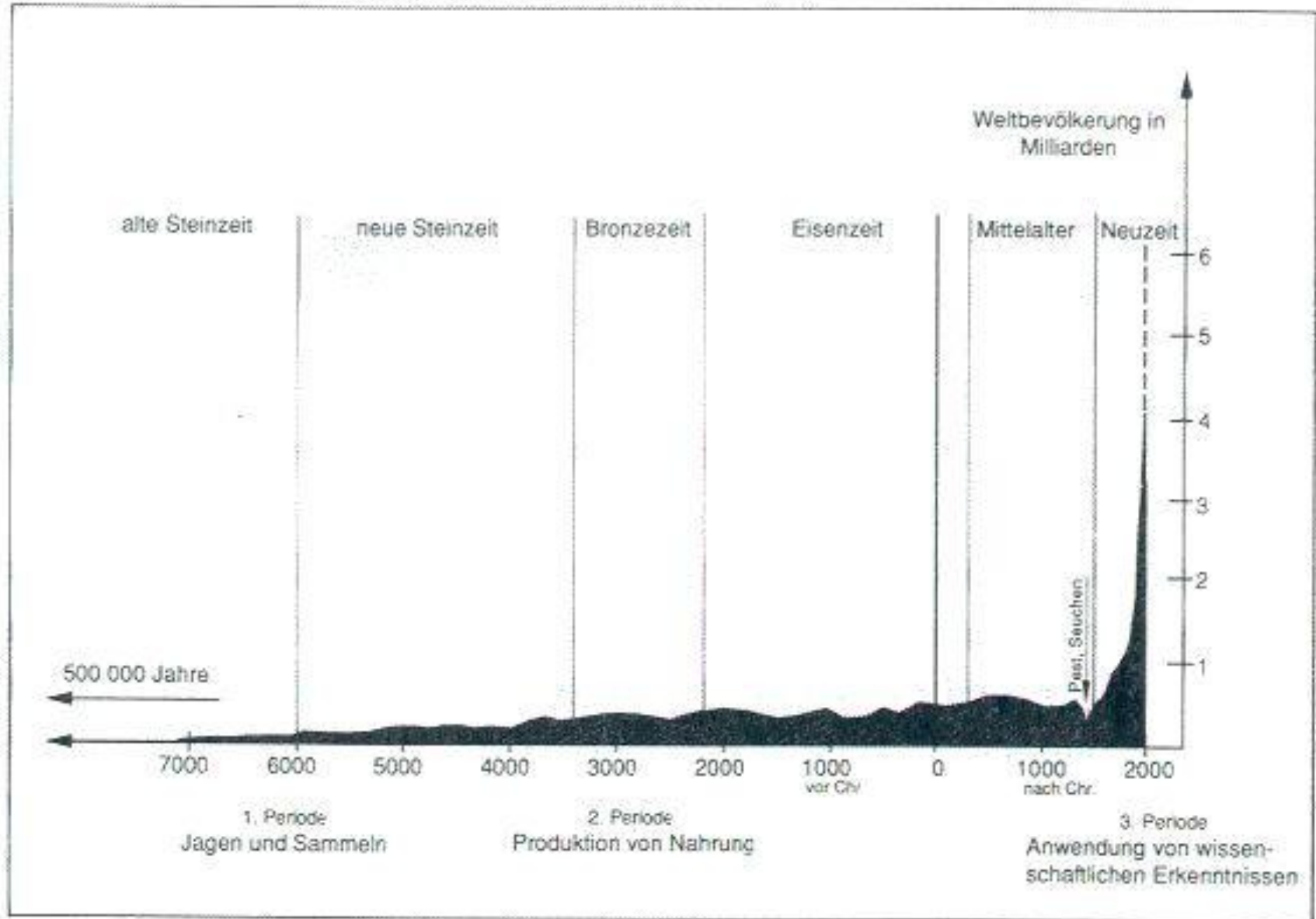
- environmental load



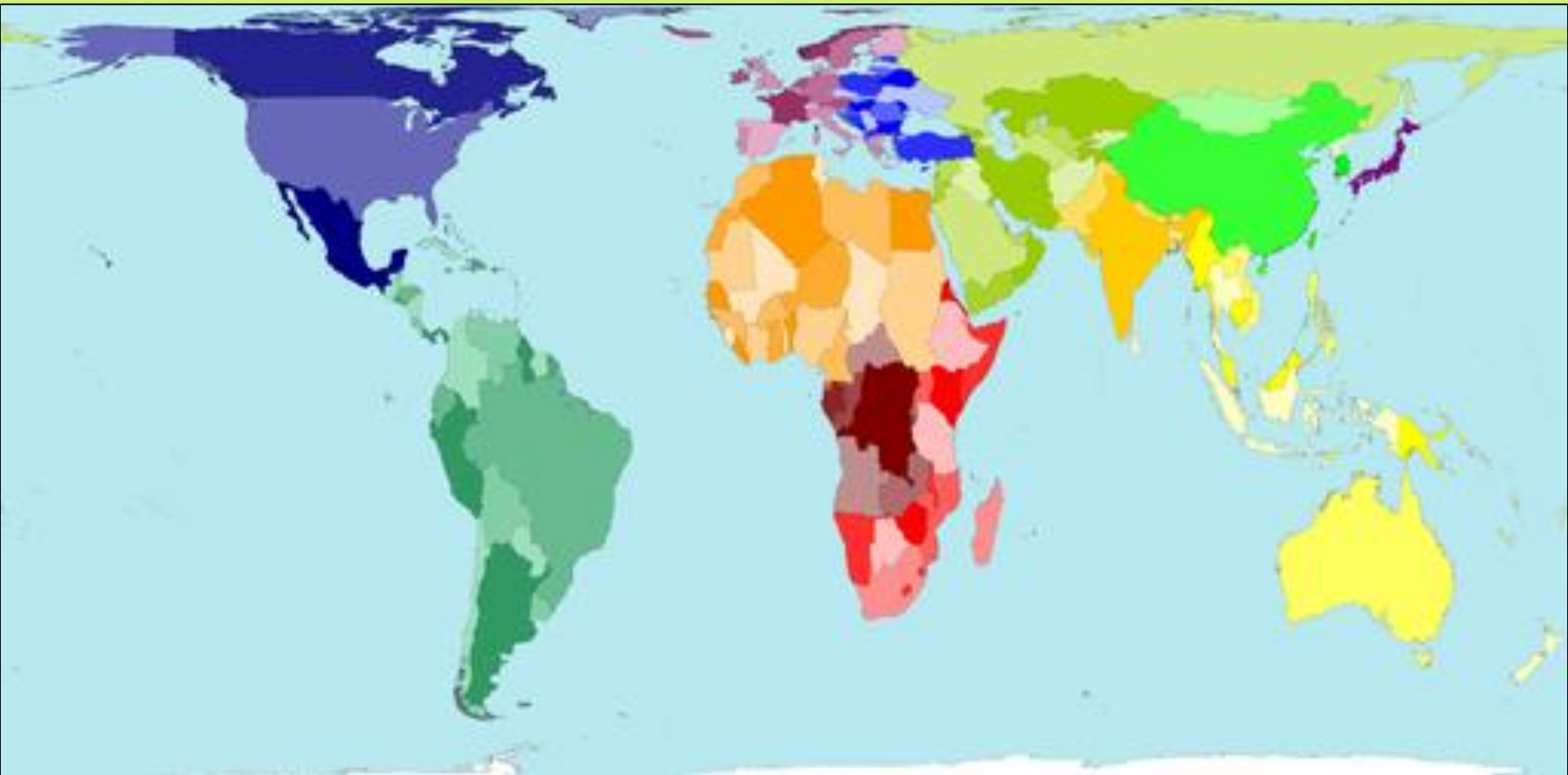
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Barney, G. O. et al. (Dep. of Foreign Affairs) (1980/1981): *Global 2000 - Bericht an den US Präsidenten*

Stressfactor:
global population explosion

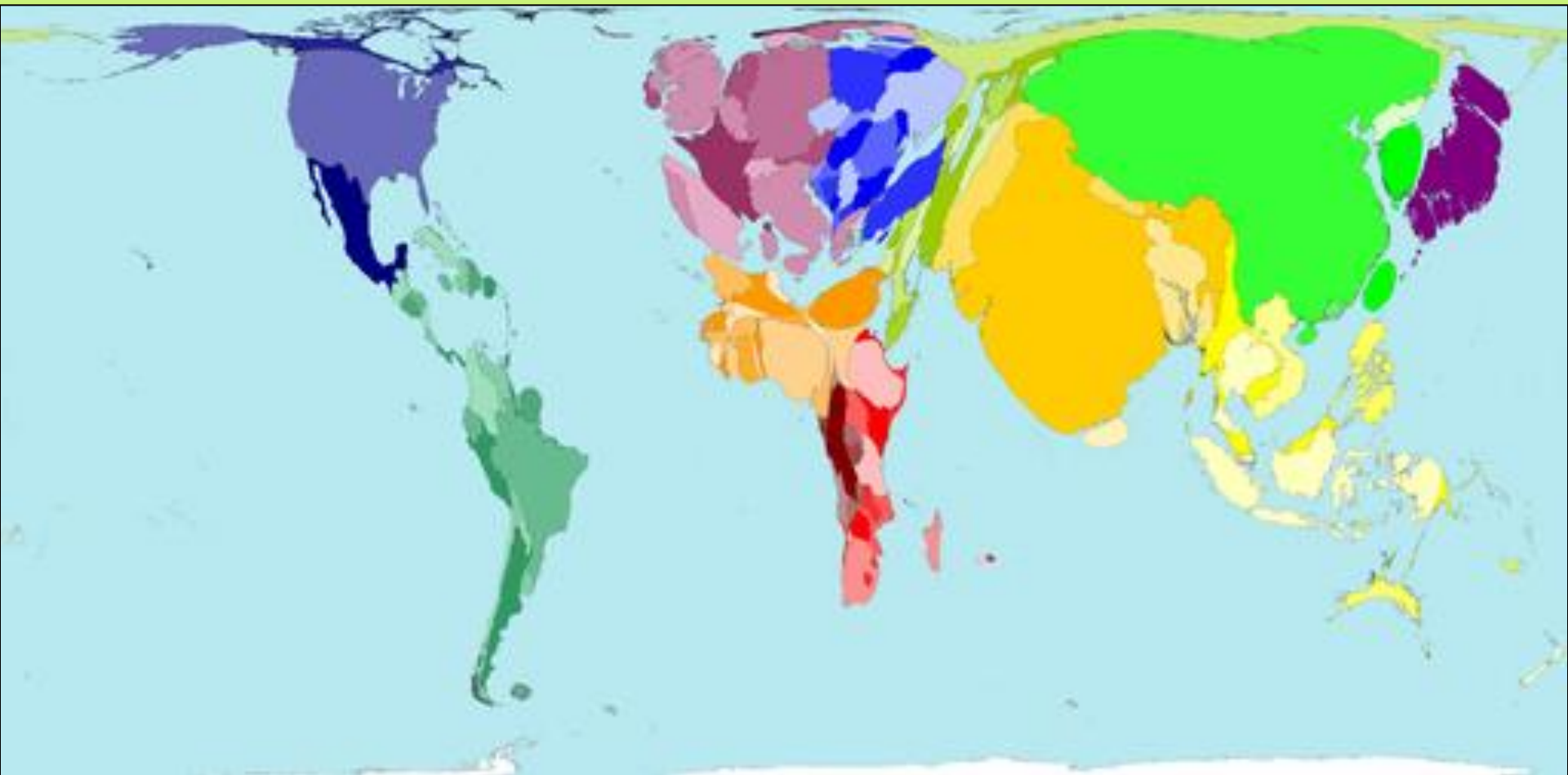
Warum sind die vom Menschen geschaffenen Systeme plötzlich so wichtig geworden?



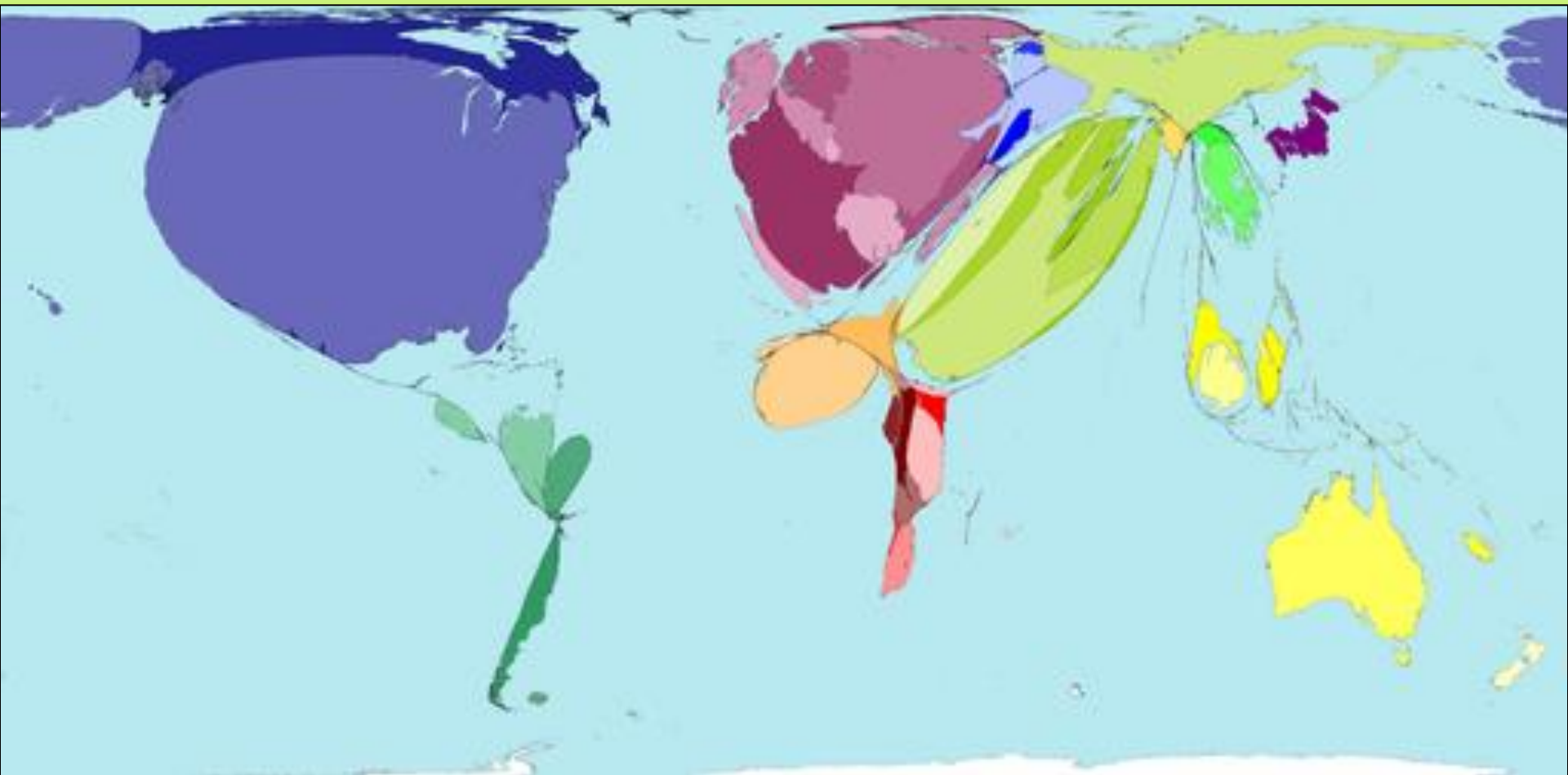




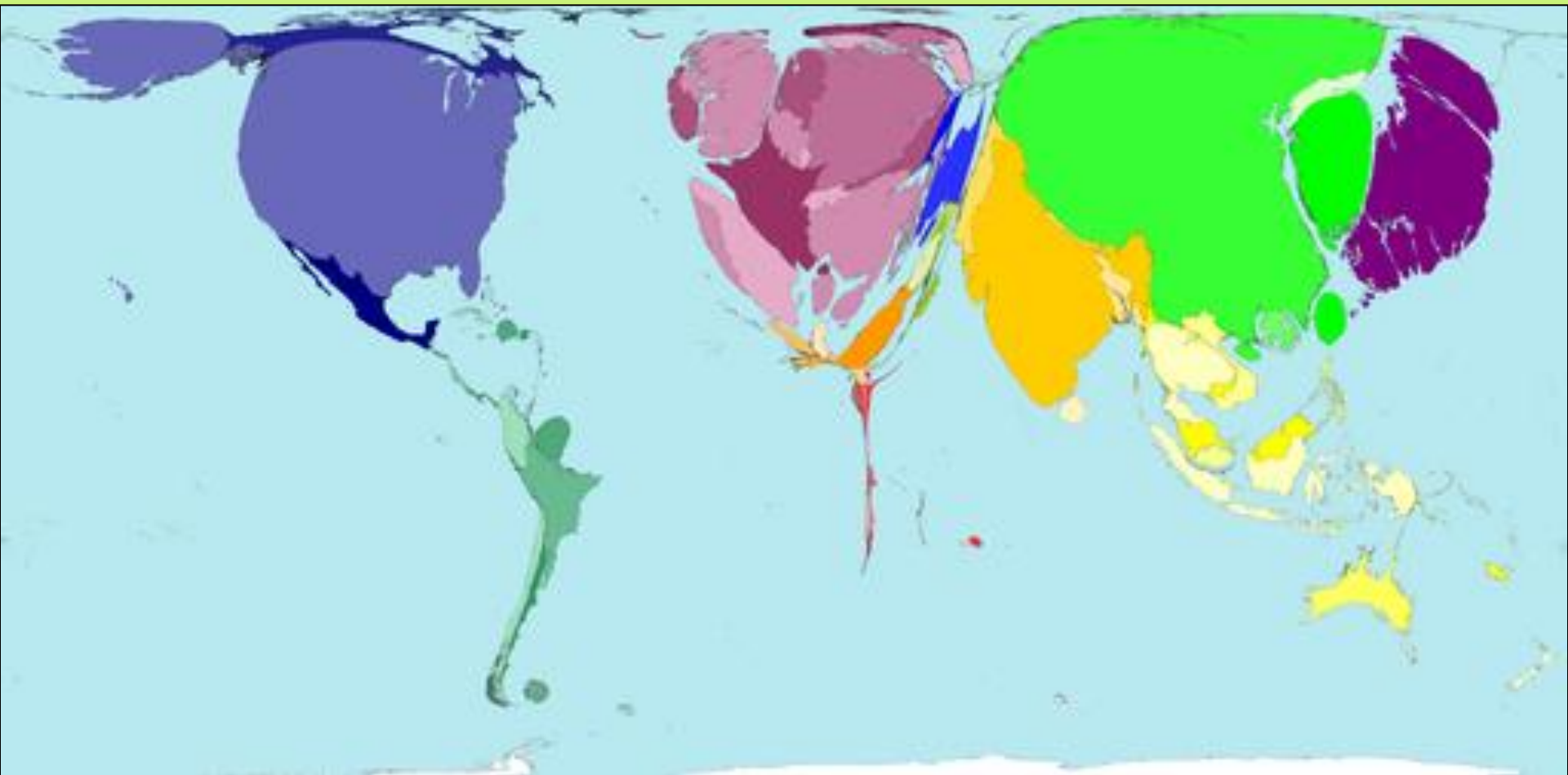
land area
(worldmapper.org)



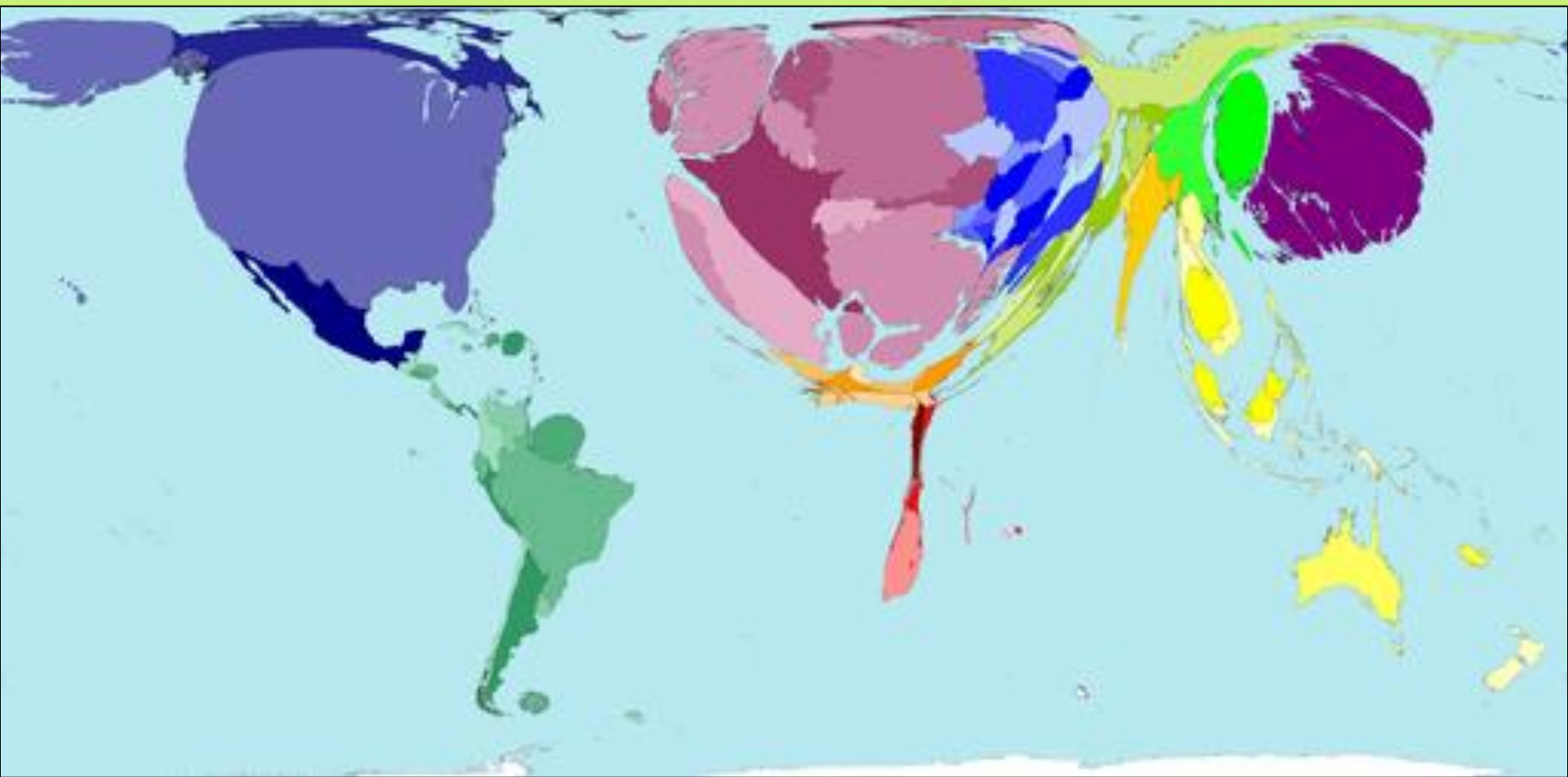
population 2000
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net immigration
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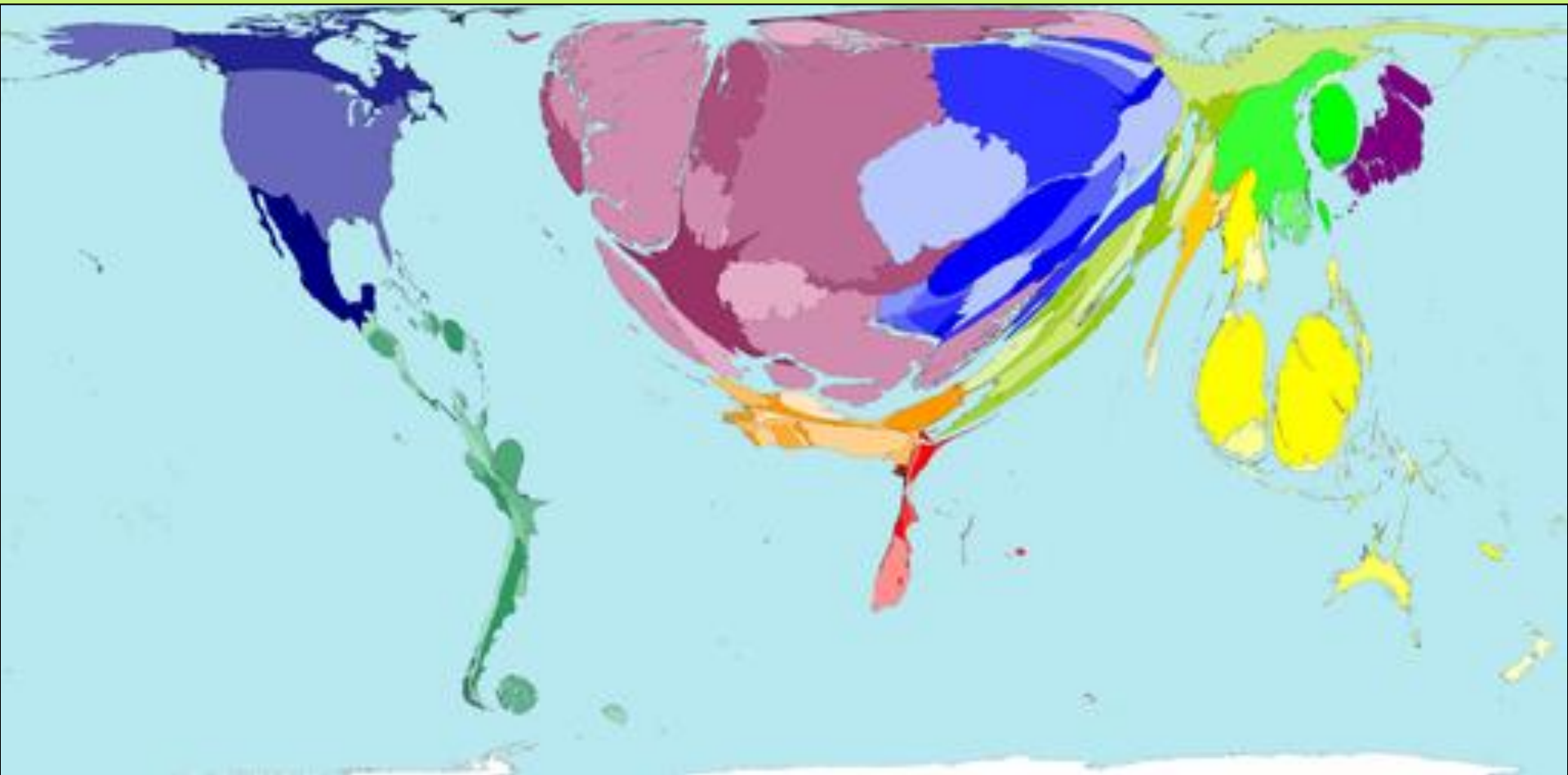


wealth growth 1975-2002
(worldmapper.org)



motorcars
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tourism origin
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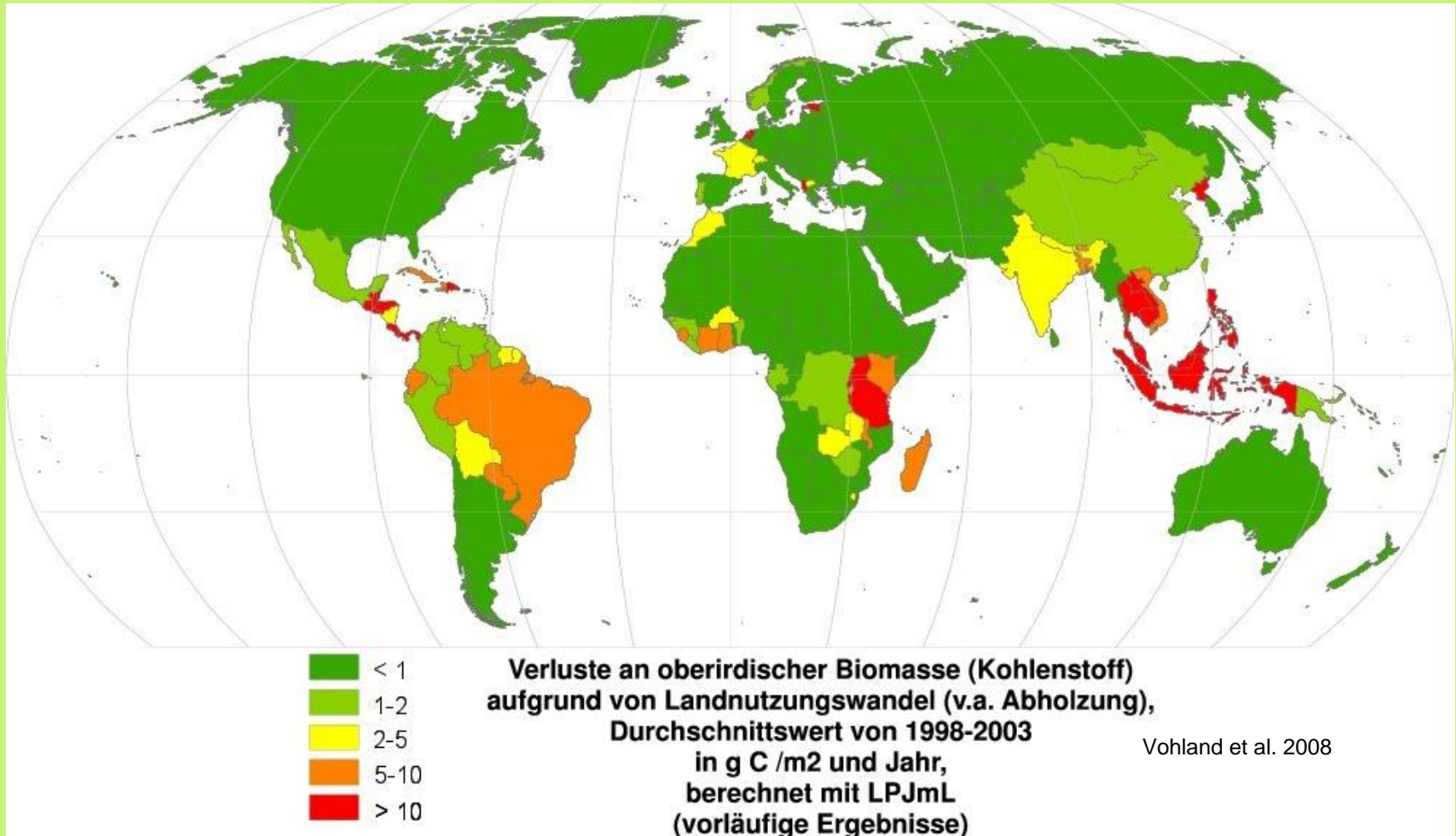
Task: forest loss (green lung)

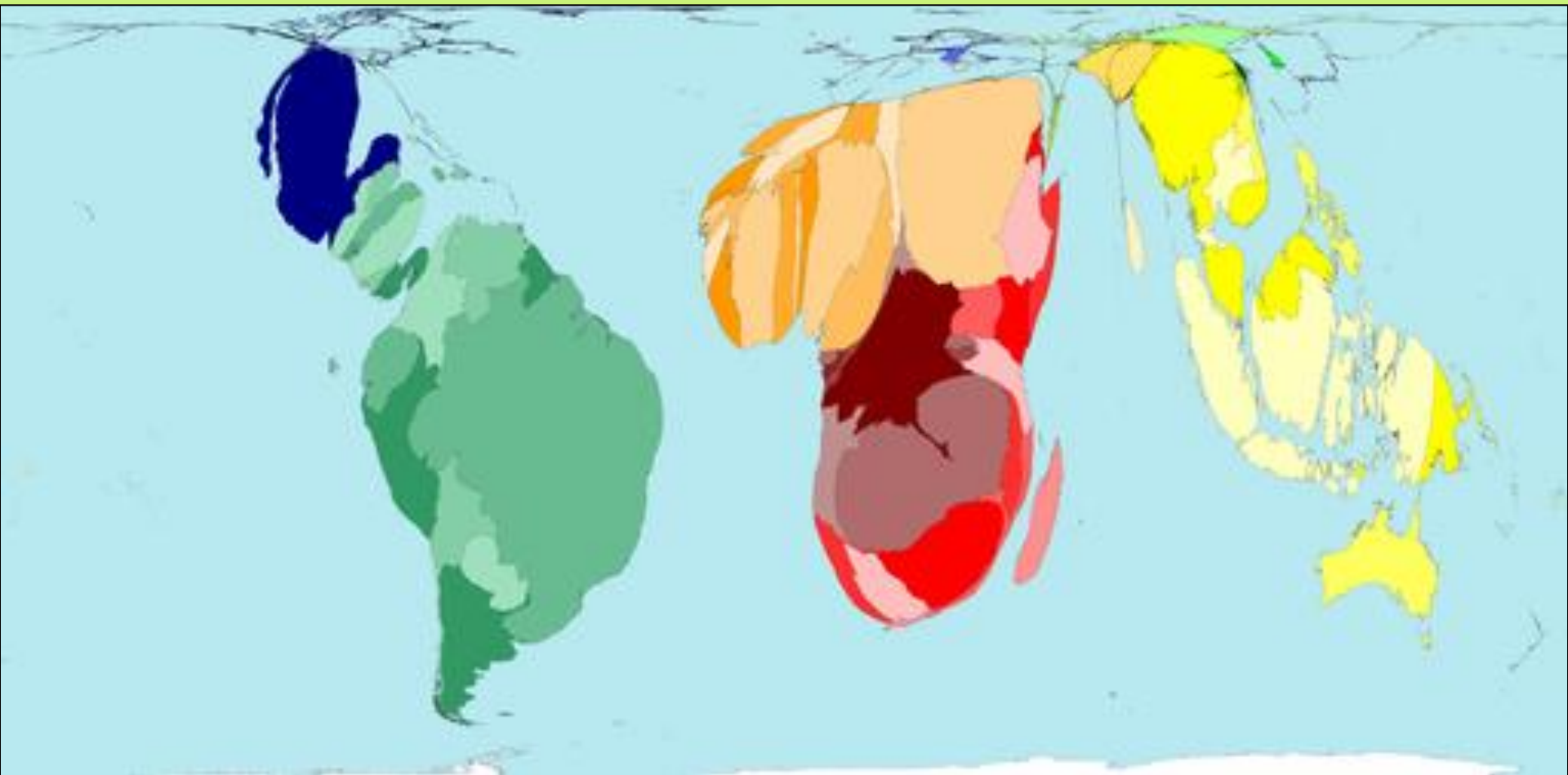


Global forest and biomass loss



Biomass-loss on surface by deforestation (average 1998-2003 in g C/m² and year)





forest loss
(worldmapper.org)

-> Environment is more than Climate & Energy

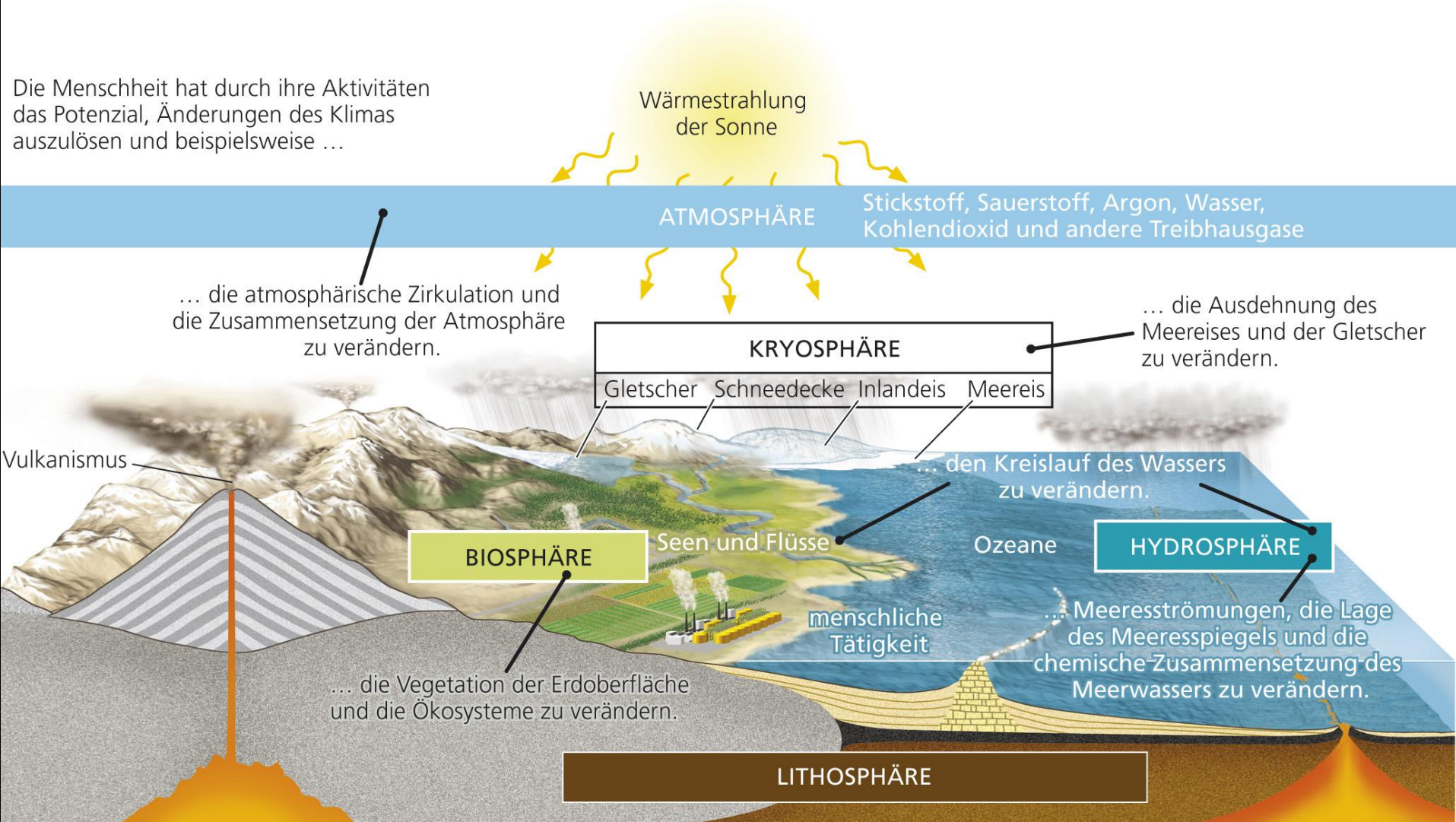
„Green matters,, =

-> Soil, Water, Air, Energy, Resources, Waste, Wastewater ...

-> Pedo-, Hydro-, Atmo-, Biosphere and their interaction

- **Contamination – remediation – prevention**
- **Wastematerial and -recycling economy**
- **Wastewater, Water supply**
- **Noise, Traffic**
- **Erosion, Mining, Brownfields**
- ...
- **Poisoning, allergies, psycosomatic problems, food ...**
- ...
- **Additional influences:**
demographic change, migration, structural change, megacities, rural exodus,
shrinking and breathing processes ...

Die Menschheit hat durch ihre Aktivitäten das Potenzial, Änderungen des Klimas auszulösen und beispielsweise ...



Aus: Grotzinger/Jordan/Press/Siever, *Allgemeine Geologie*, 5. Aufl.
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Environmental §§-framework in Germany



„problem-driven“ history: Industrial pollution + high population-density

- Water: WHG -> 1957
- Air: BImSchG -> 1974
- Soil: BBodSchG -> 1999
- Information: UIG -> 1994
- Waste Recycling: KrWAbfG -> 1996
- Noise: (in BImSchG) -> 2005

Environmental §§-framework in Germany



Main fields today:

- General Environment Protection
- Waste Economy
- Chemical products law
- Renewable Energy (Climate protection)
- Water protection
- Immission protection
- Nuclear technology security and radiation protection
- Nature protection and landscape care
- other ..

In total: 259 legal rules !!

- > 165 ordinances
- > 82 laws
- > 7 directives
- > 4 notifications
- > 1 implementing regulation

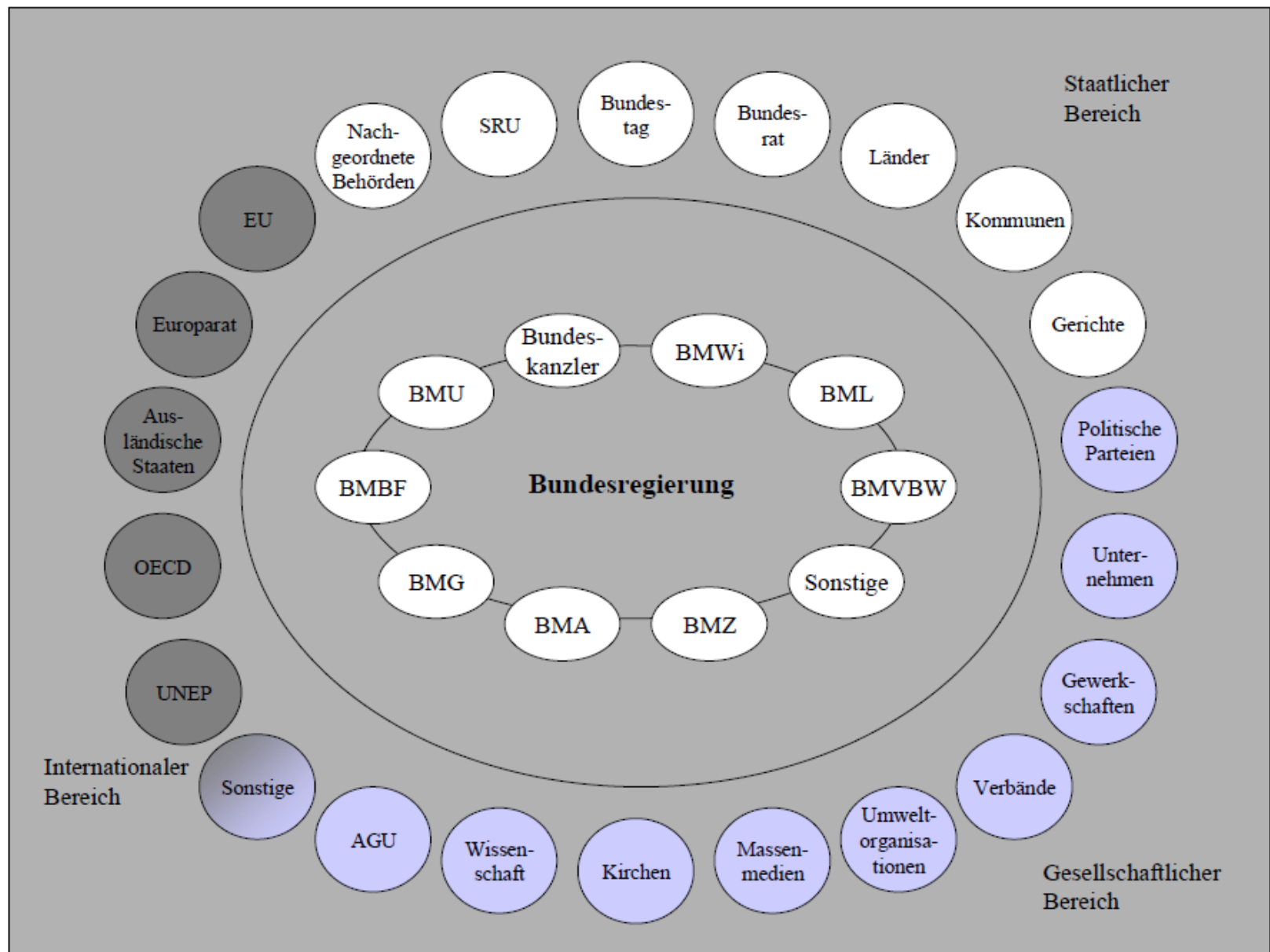


Abb. 3: Staatliche, gesellschaftliche und internationale Akteure der Umweltpolitik
(in Anlehnung an: HARTKOPF, G./BOHNE, E. (1983), S. 131)

In: Günther, E. & Krebs, M. (2000): Aufgaben- und Organisationsstrukturen der Umweltpolitik in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Environment policy EU



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT

1st Action plan (1974-75)

-> information, prevention, avoiding, preservation

2nd Action plan (1977-81)

-> mechanism, continuity, life areas, inland water, oceans,
noise, air pollution

3rd Action plan (1982-86)

-> natural resources

4th Action plan (1987-1992)

-> public eco-sensitivity, EU-norms and values

5th Action plan (1992-2000)

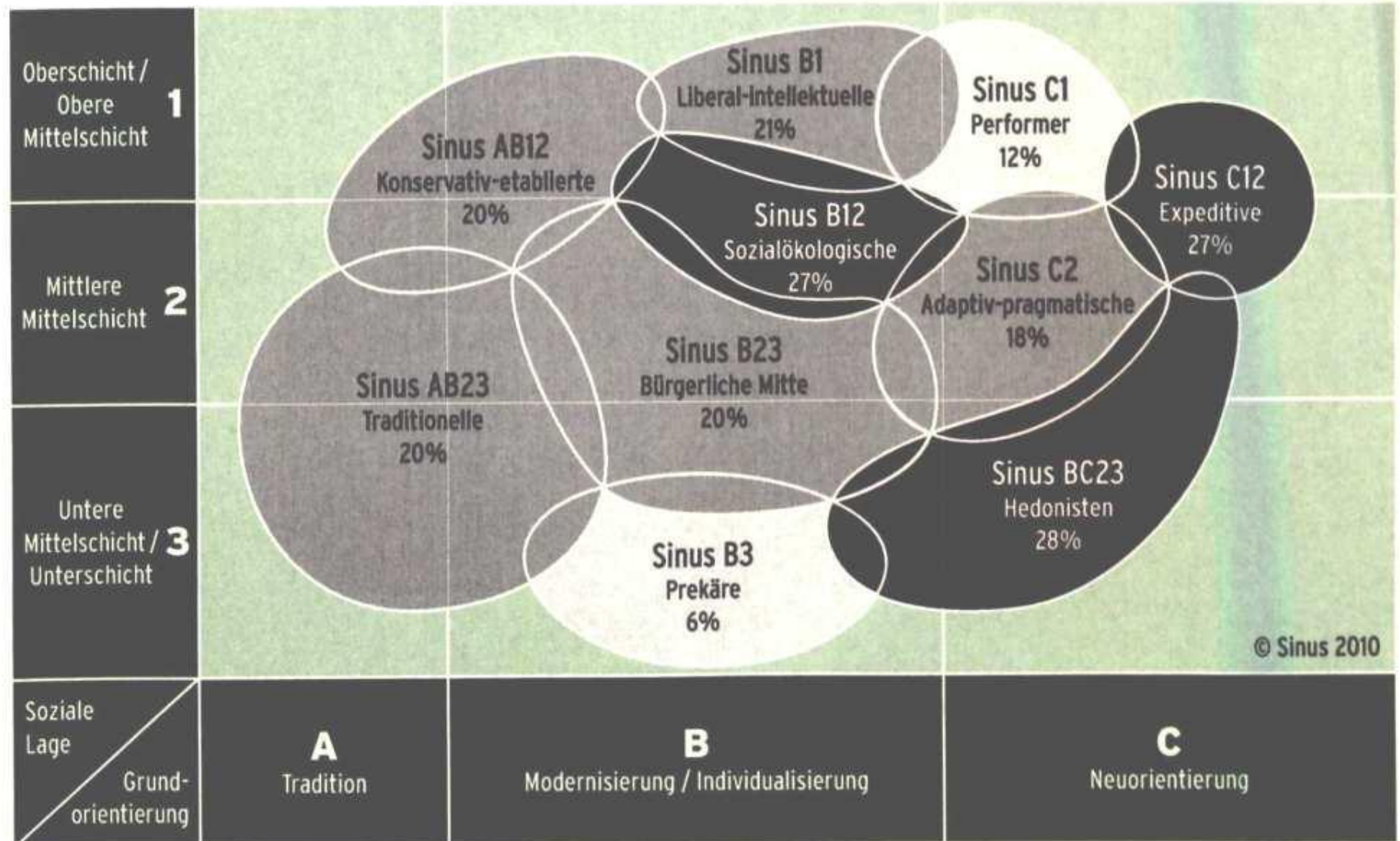
-> sustainable development

6th Action plan (2002-2012)

-> natural resources & waste, environment & health,
nature & biodiversity, climate change & carbon emission

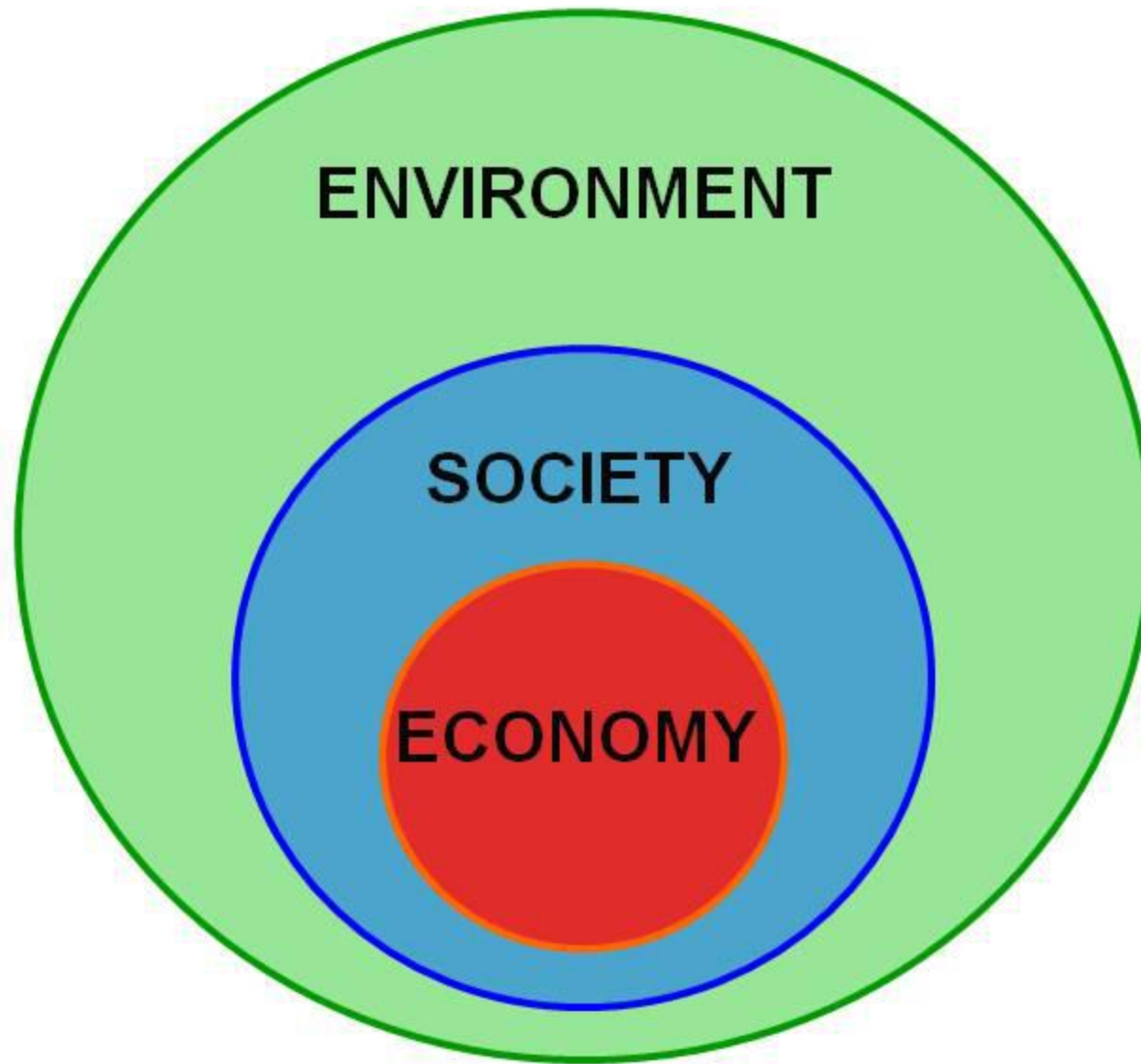
Abbildung 3: Priorität des Aufgabenfelds Umweltschutz (Bevölkerungsdurchschnitt: 20 %)

stark überdurchschnittlich
 überdurchschnittlich
 durchschnittlich
 unterdurchschnittlich
 stark unterdurchschnittlich



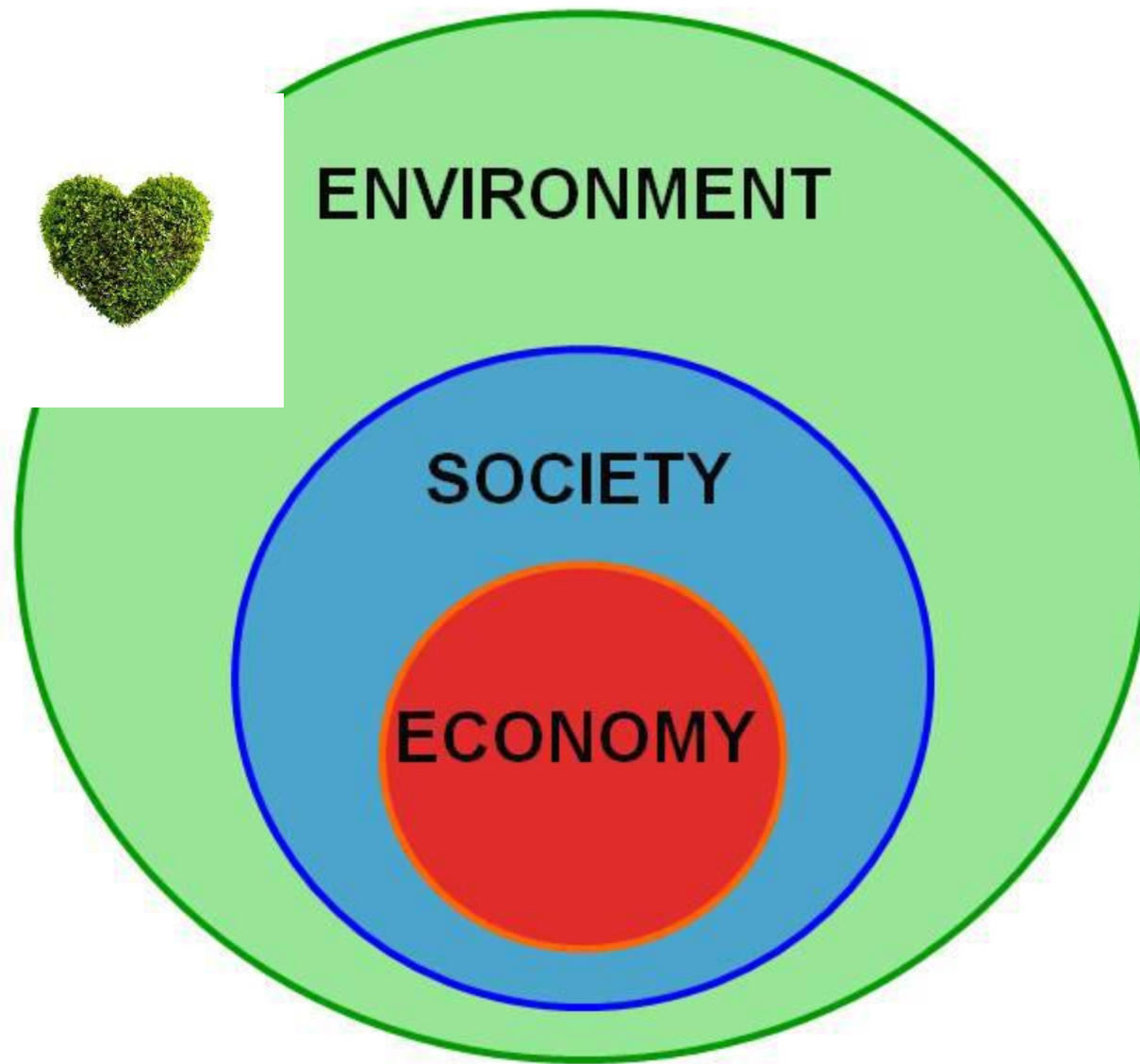
Frage: Was, glauben Sie, ist das wichtigste Problem, dem sich unser Land heute gegenübersteht? Umweltschutz (1. und 2. Nennung bei einer offenen Fragestellung)

3-Nested-Dependencies Model



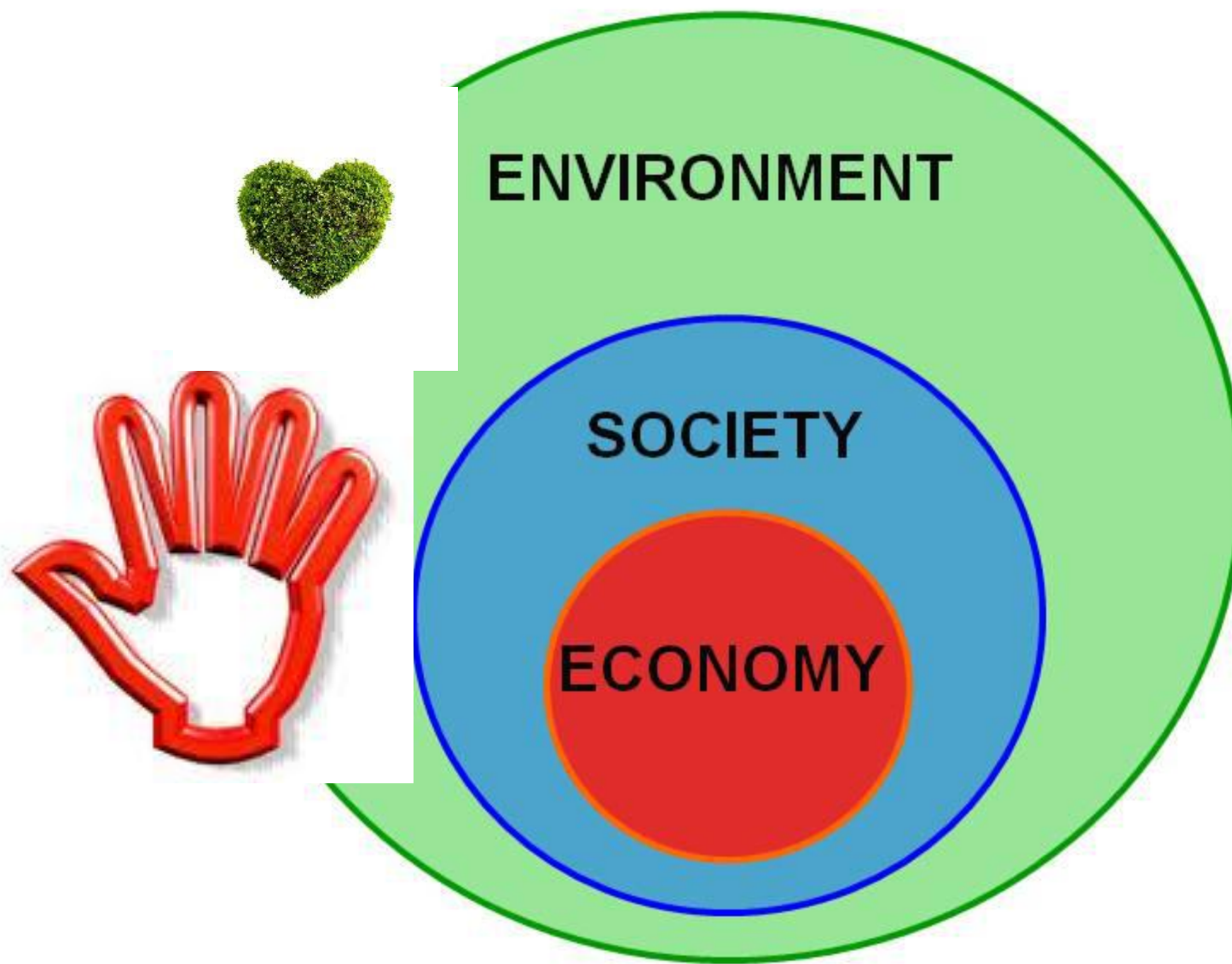
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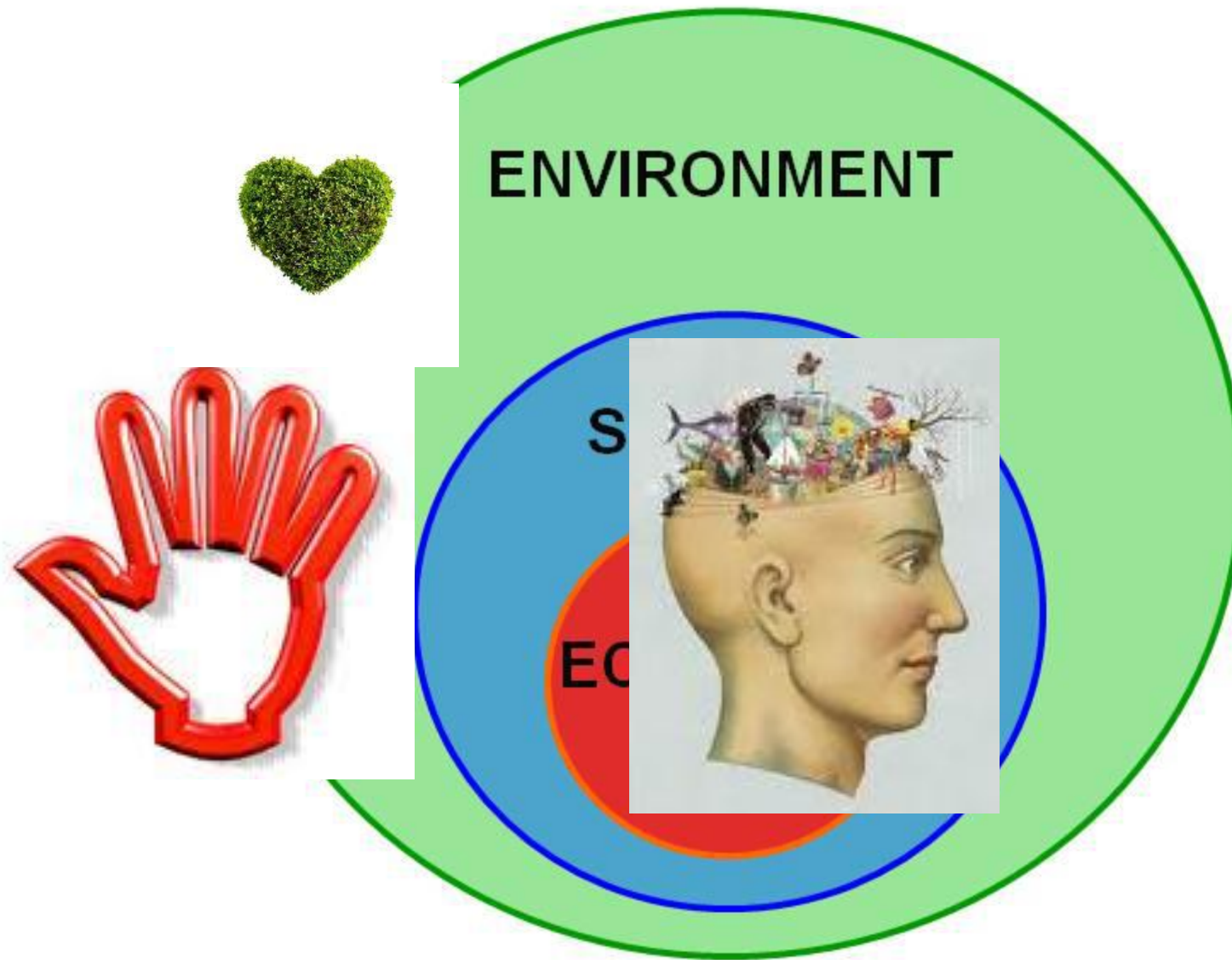
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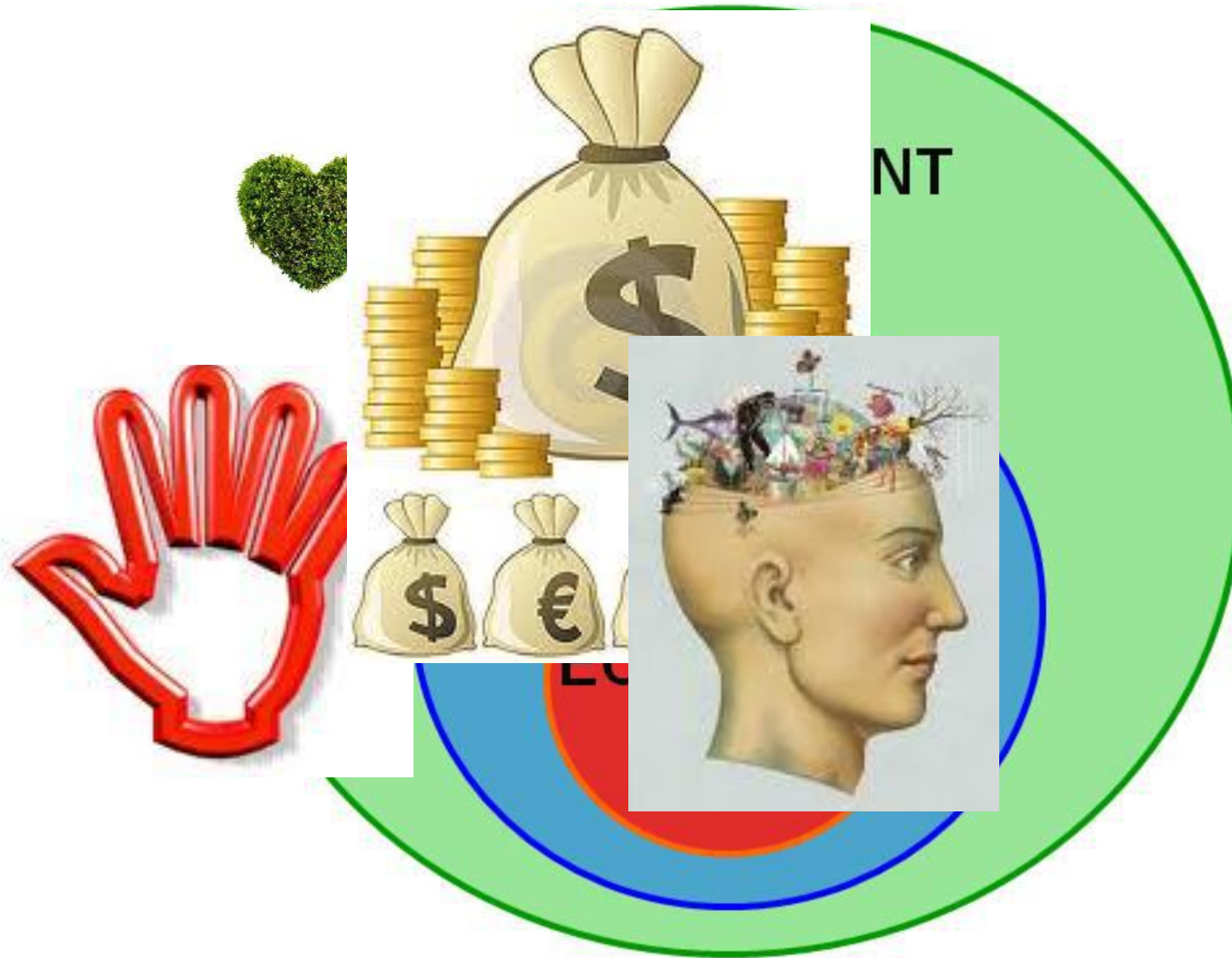
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Inform about the basics:

What is environment and how does it work ?

Why depends everything from everything ?

Change the cognition:

**Environment is not around us
→ we are part of it, cells of world's body**

Change the cognition:

**from environment protection to
→ Sustainability**

Correct the image: :

- > Environment policy is not the „bad guy“
and not the enemy of Economy**
 - > .. it prevents's damages**
- > it saves money (e.g. public health costs)**
- > it spends money (greentech market)**

Correct the image: :

Main Message:

**-> Environment policy is a matter of course
in every modern society:
Future, Chance, positive Thinking**

Environment protection and society in Germany:
public awareness, topics and politics

.. we all are environment !?

Environmental Policy concerns

- Problem structure
- Stakeholder (authorities & target groups)
- Strategies
- Systemic action conditions (political-institutional & social-economical & cultural)
- Situative action conditions
- Solutions & Success
- Quality & Stability

Good Environmental Policy

- is future and solution oriented (positive image, positive thinking)
- prevention-policy instead of repairing-policy (prevention of damages, problems, costs)
- profits from know how transfer (international best practise) -> thousands of existing laws and regulations
- integrates all stakeholder (participation)
- engages the people to share responsibility
- is transparent and well linked to media
- is also used for image promotion
- ... etc.

Some proposals for the programmatic and strategic political work

0. Party program with all their fundamental values
1. Profile-analysis of a specific political field (e.g. environment)
PRESSURE - DRIVER - BENEFIT & CHANCES ??
2. Solutions, tasks
WHAT, WHO, WHEN, (WHERE)
3. Diskussion and refining of 1. and 2. (working groups, interviews etc.)
4. Action plan
5. Sensibilisation, Information (public, media)
6. Networking (e.g. concerned regional administrations)



Thank you for listening !