



# A biodiverzitás védelem tájökológiai perspektívái

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## 1. Introduction: Planet under pressure



## 40 % of Earth's terrestrial surface covered by agriculture.



Foley et al. 2011. Nature; Hallmann et al. 2017 PLOS ONE

## 1. Introduction: Planet under pressure



## 3 % of Earth's terrestrial surface covered by urban areas.



Grimm et al. 2008 Science; Alberti et al. 2015 TREE; Johnson & Munshi-South 2017 Science

## 1. Introduction: Landscape structure



- Landscape composition refers to the variety and abundance of patch types without regard to their spatial character or arrangement.
- Landscape configuration, in contrast, refers to the spatial character and arrangement, position, or orientation of landscape elements. Bösztör puszta, Hungary



Turner et al. 2001. Springer; Leitão et al. 2006. Island Press



## 1. Introduction: Intensification vs. Fragmentation studies





#### PRIMARY RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Non-linearities in bird responses across urbanization gradients: A meta-analysis



### Converted environment

- Intensive farmland or urban areas
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### Habitat fragments

- Remaining (semi)natural fragments
- Local: habitat quality, fragment size
  - Landscape: configuration (isolation/connectivity)

Interaction of effects between and within scales

Sirami et al. 2019. PNAS; Martin et al. 2019. Ecol. Lett.

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Landscape composition, connectivity and fragment size drive effects of grassland fragmentation on insect communities

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Landscape configurational heterogeneity by small-scale agriculture, not crop diversity, maintains pollinators and plant reproduction in western Europe

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## 1. Introduction: The framework





#### Batáry et al. 2020. Biol. Futura



How does landscape complexity moderate the effects of agrienvironmental management?





Simple landscape: <20% semi-natural area



Complex landscape: >20% semi-natural area

Tscharntke et al. 2005 Ecol.Lett., see also Tscharnke et al. 2012 Biol.Rev.





## • Extensive literature search in ISI WoS (until July 2008):

- 1. agri-environment\* AND biodiversity
- 2. agri-environment\* AND species
- 3. organic AND farming AND biodiversity
- 4. organic AND farming AND species
- 5. organic AND agriculture AND biodiversity

- 6. organic AND agriculture AND species
- 7. agri\* AND management AND intensity AND biodiversity
- 8. agri\* AND management AND intensity AND species
- 9. integrated AND agriculture AND biodiversity
- 10. integrated AND agriculture AND species
- 1287 articles ---> 357 potential pdf ---> experiments selection based on strict criteria
- Data needed: mean, SD/SE/var/CI and sample size of species richness / abundance of taxa both in low and high intensity management (AEM and control) categories.
- Species richness dataset: 109 observations of 46 papers Abundance dataset: 114 observations of 45 papers



• Effect size: standardized mean difference (Hedges' d)

$$d = \frac{\left(\overline{X}^{\mathbb{F}} - \overline{X}^{\mathbb{C}}\right)}{S} \left(1 - \frac{3}{4\left(N^{\mathbb{C}} + N^{\mathbb{F}} - 2\right) - 1}\right)$$

- Effect size was positive, if species richness or abundance was higher in low (AEM) than in high intensity (control) fields.
- Put experiments in either 'simple' or 'complex' landscape categories (if it was not possible then excluded). Landscapes with high % of semi-natural areas were referred to as 'complex', landscapes with few of these areas as 'simple'.
- Both datasets (species richness and abundance) were divided into two main parts according to the investigated habitat: croplands vs. grasslands.



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 Landscape composition moderates the effectiveness of AEM in croplands.

Batáry et al. 2011. Proc.Roy.Soc.B; see also Marja et al. 2019. Ecol. Lett.

## 3. Bird study on Agri-Environment Schemes





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## Organic meadow

## **Conventional meadow**

Organic fertiliser (kgN/ha): ~25 No. pesticide application: 0 Mowing frequency: 1.5

## Organic wheat

Fertiliser (kgN/ha): ~120 No. pesticide application: ~0.3 Mowing frequency: 3

**Conventional wheat** 

Organic fertiliser (kgN/ha): ~50 No. pesticide application: 0 Yield (dT/ha): ~40 Fertiliser (kgN/ha): ~200 No. pesticide application: ~5 Yield (dT/ha): ~80

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Batáry et al. 2010 Biol.Conserv.; see also e.g. Batáry et al. 2012 Agric.Ecosyst.Environ.

## 4. Habitat fragmentation study





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Diplocolenus bohemani



Bromus erectus



 $CI_i = \sum exp(-\alpha d_{ij})A_j^{\beta}$ 

Hanski et al. 2000. Ecology

## 4. Habitat fragmentation study





Batáry et al. 2021 Oecologia; see also e.g. Rösch et al. 2013. J.Appl.Ecol.

## 5. FarmLand project





#### Composition heterogeneity (Crop Shannon Index)







Configuration heterogeneity (Crop Border length)

Fahrig et al. 2011. Ecol.Lett., http://farmland-biodiversity.org



## 5. FarmLand project





Annika Hass and Aliette Baillod PhD students

## 5. FarmLand project





plant reproduction in western Europe

Hass et al. 2018 Proc. Roy. Soc. B; see also e.g. Bosem Baillod et al. 2017 J. Appl. Ecol.

## 6. East-West project (EWP)



## Division of Germany to East and West (1945-90)



After >30 years of German reunification (1990-2021), still lot of differences (economy, social aspect, culture...

## 6. EWP: Collectivization in the East Block in the '50ies





## 6. EWP: Strong contrast in field and farm size



9 pairs of organic and conventional wheat fields in both regions = 36 wheat fields.



>70% longer field edges in the West than in the East.

<u>Field size</u> East: ~ 20 ha West: ~ 3 ha



## 6. EWP: Within-field study design for measuring biodiversity



Grass margin (GM)



## 6. EWP: Weed and arthropod species richness



Batáry et al. 2017. Nature Ecol. Evol.

## 6. EWP: Beta diversity, profit and yield





# Contribution of small-scale agriculture to biodiversity was more important than organic management.

Batáry et al. 2017. Nature Ecol. Evol.; see also e.g. Gallé et al. 2019 J. Appl. Ecol.

## 7. Urbanization meta-analysis on birds



This results indirectly suggests a homogenization of bird communities probably with increasing number of individuals of generalist species toward city centers.

Batáry et al. 2018. Global Change Biology

## 7. Urbanization meta-analysis on birds





Negative effects on bird richness tended to be more expressed in small cities (population < 500 000) with no significant difference between small and large cities.

Batáry et al. 2018. Global Change Biology



## 7. Urbanization meta-analysis on birds

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Species richness

Batáry et al. 2018. Global Change Biol.; see also Chamberlain et al. 2020 Global Ecol. Biogeogr.

## 8. Overall conclusion and recommendation

- **W**
- Landscape structure often determines the efficiency of management interventions and the biodiversity patterns found.
- Important to consider:
  - Relevant landscape parameter(s)
  - Composition or configuration
  - Correlations among landscape and local variables
  - Spatial scale
  - Temporal changes

## Combining land-sparing and land-sharing in European landscapes

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