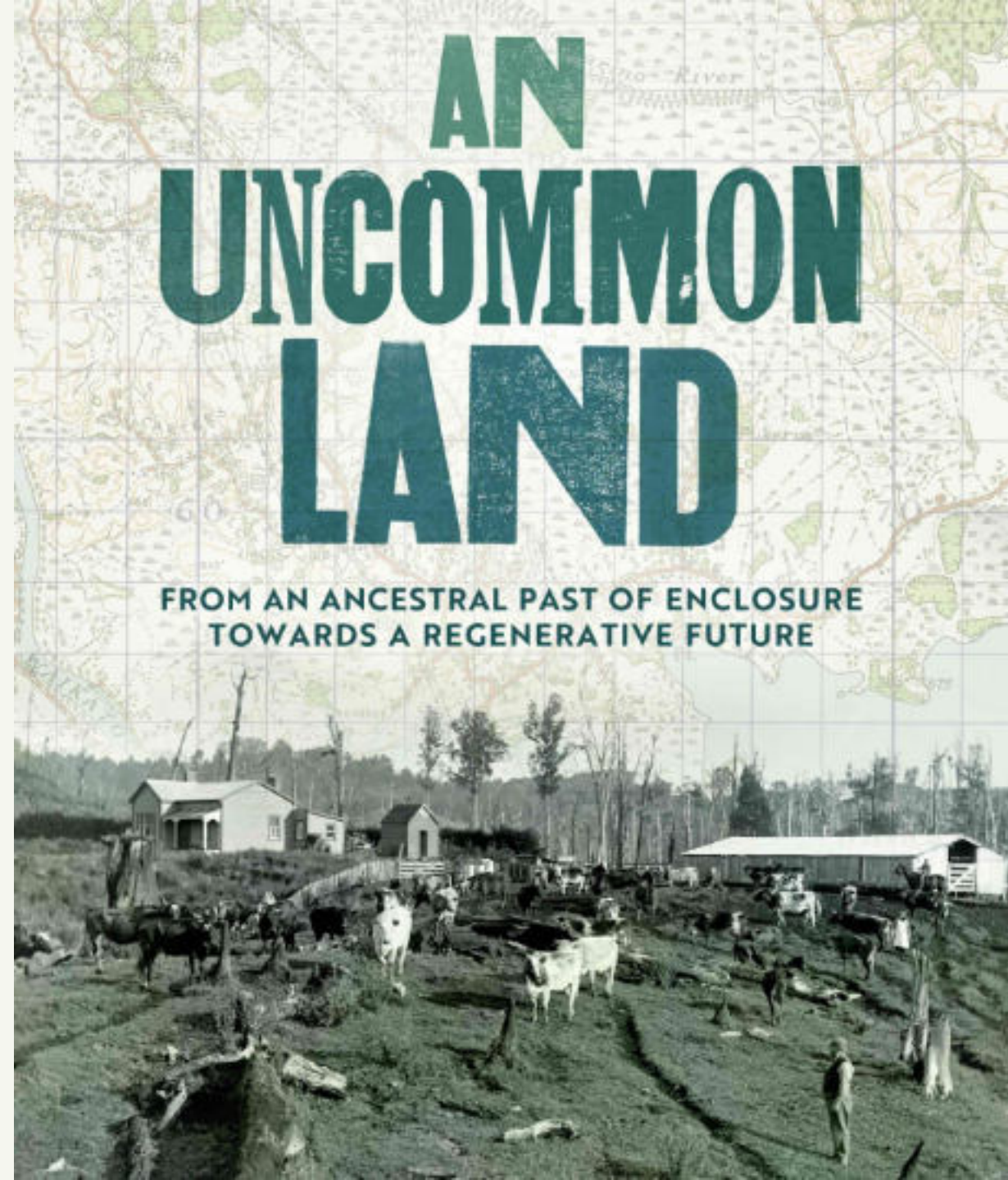


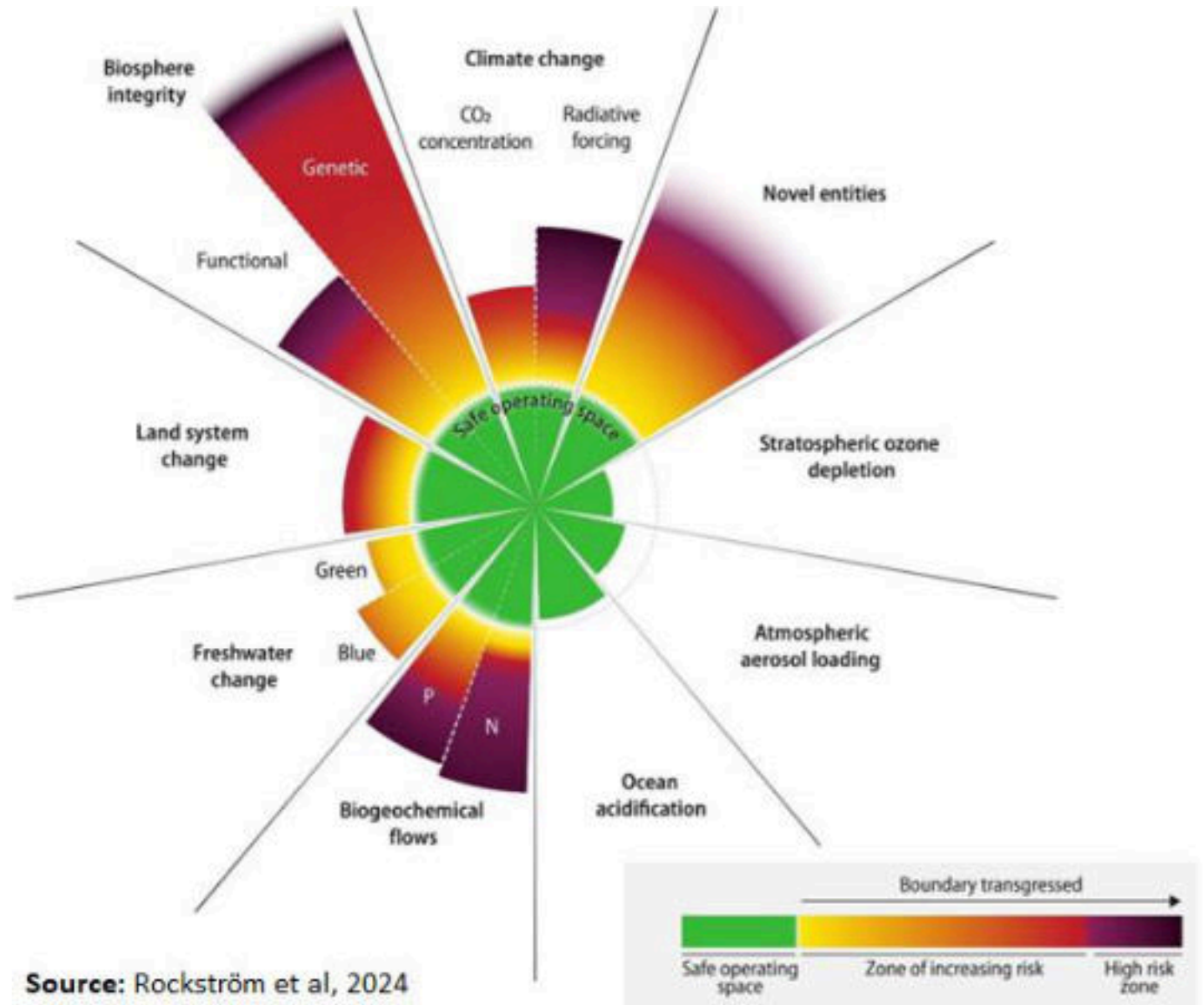
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**WISDOM OF OUR
ANCESTRAL PAST**

to create a **FAIRER,
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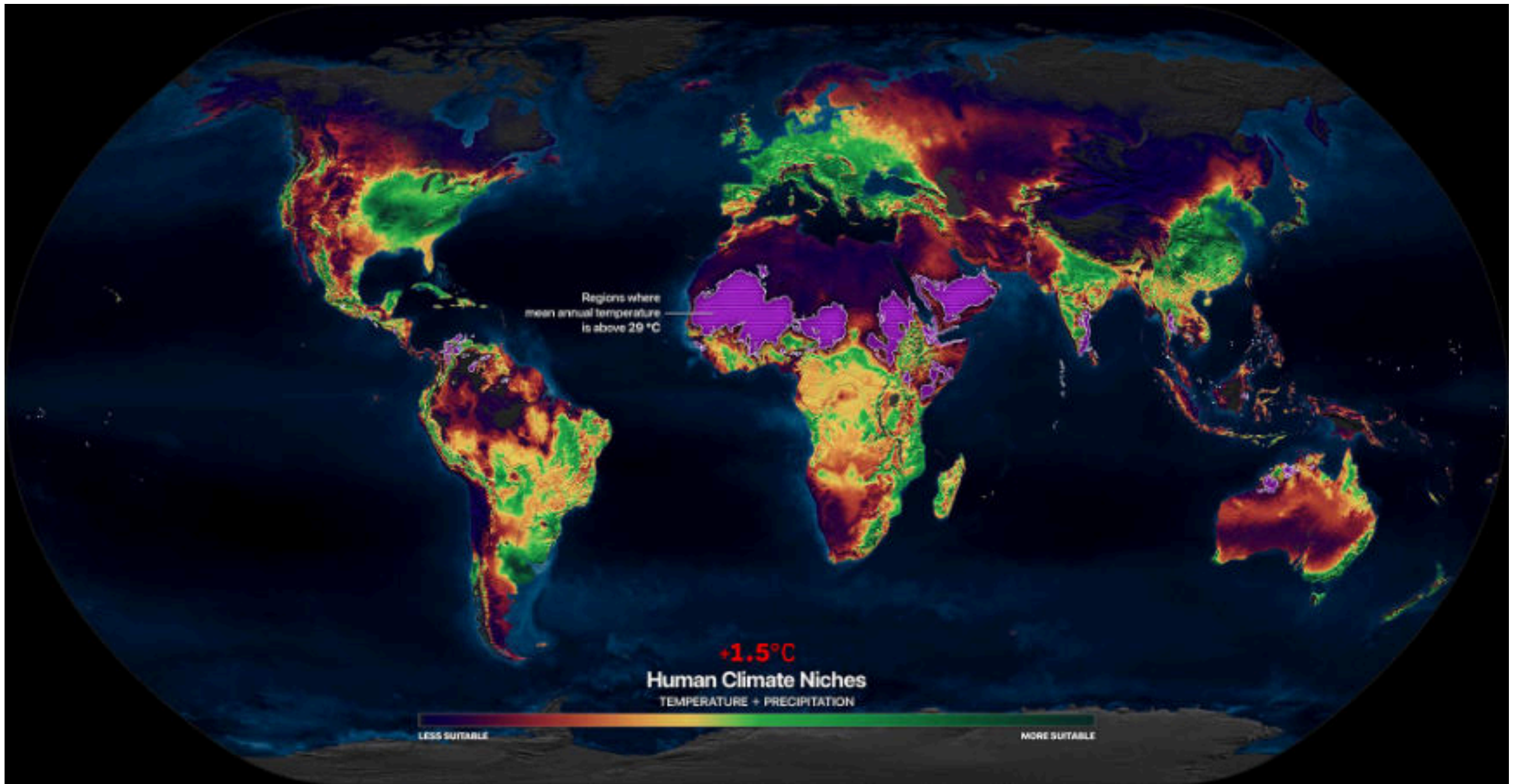
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The planetary predicament: It is a polycrisis



Source: Rockström et al, 2024



At warming of 2.7°C more than a quarter of the world's current population be exposed to dangerous temperatures of 29°C or more (in purple on the map). Lenton, Chi et. al./Globaia.



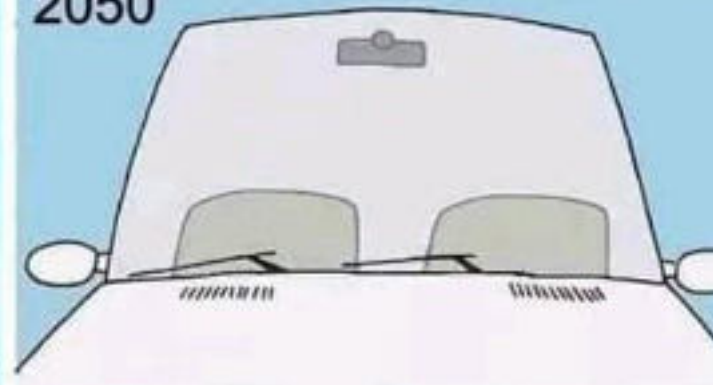
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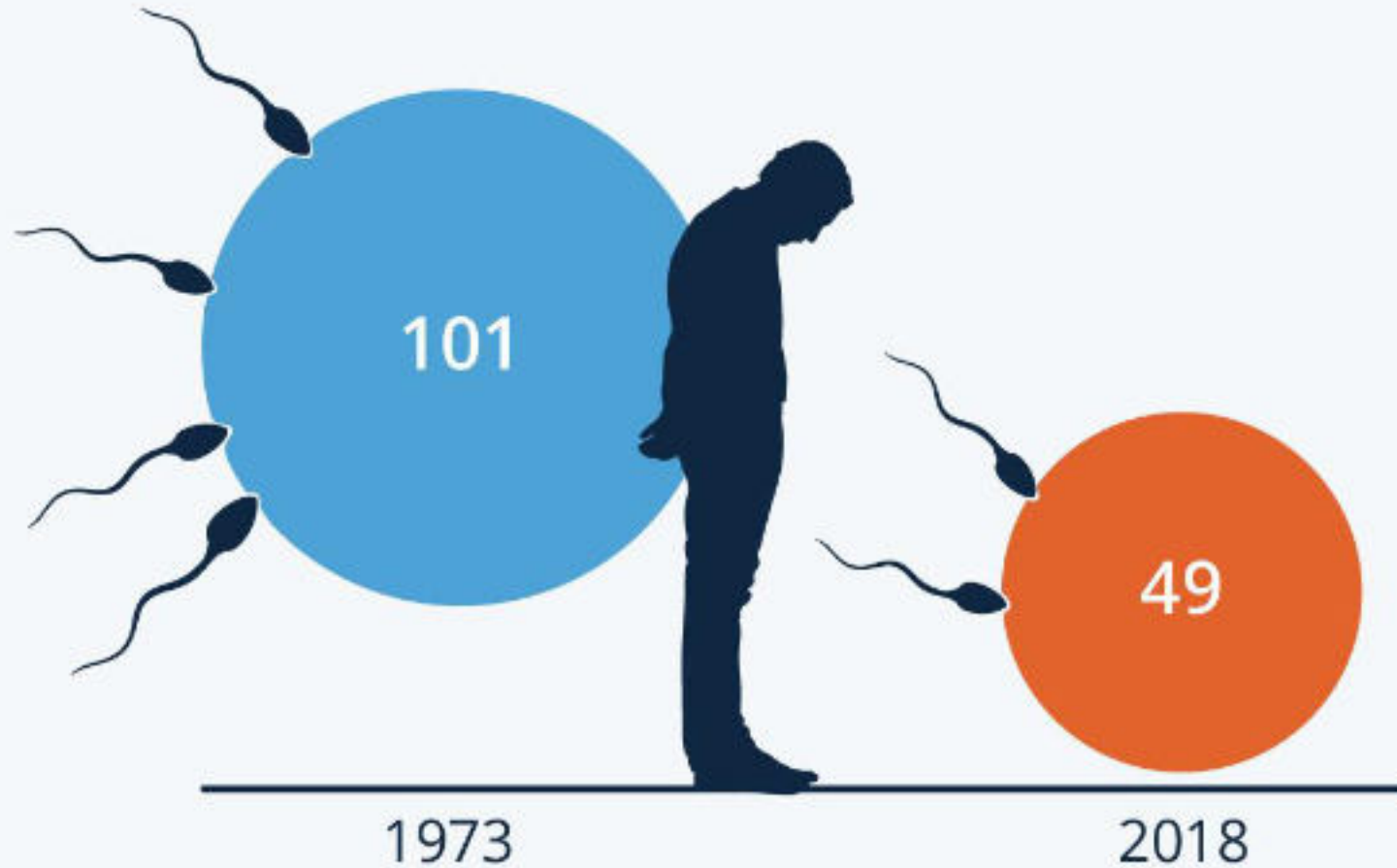


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Average sperm count of men worldwide in 1973 and 2018
(million sperm per milliliter of semen)



Source: Levine et al. Temporal trends in sperm count: a systematic review and meta-regression analysis. Human Reproduction Update (2022)



Hautbois Common,
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Chrome circa 1810

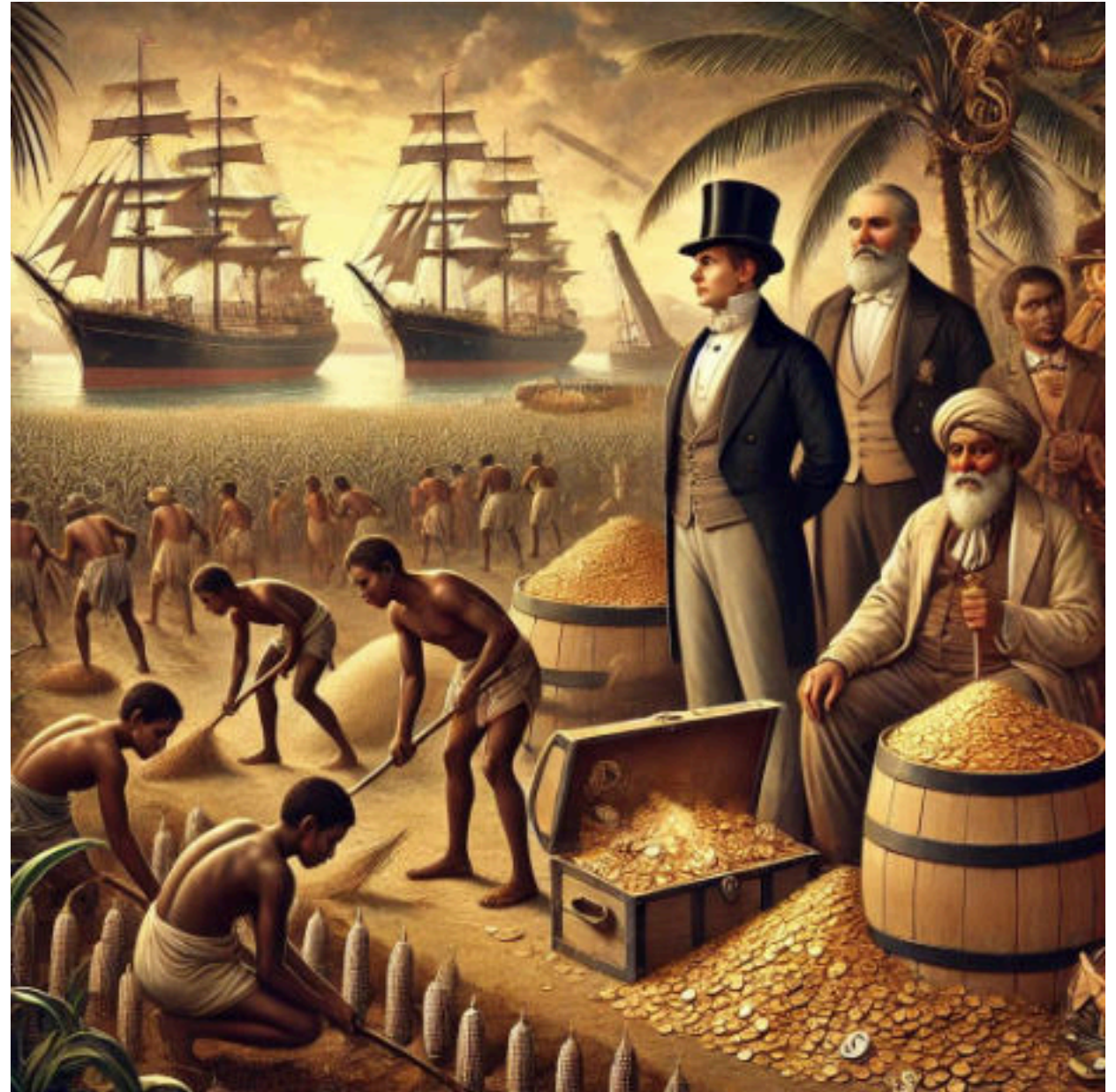


A more picturesque example
of enclosure in the British
Isles





‘Capitalism is an economic system founded on colonial looting’
- George Monbiot



**PRIVATE
PROPERTY**



A scene of 'improvement': A
farmhouse in Taranaki
surrounded by incinerated
forest

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Whangamarino Wetland, near where my ancestors settled in northern Waikato. This peatland survived the full onslaught of drainage, but is ecologically degraded and periodically suffers 'black water events', when its waters become toxic to life, leaving masses of fish and waterfowl dead. David Klee/Fish & Game New Zealand



Lars Hansen centre, Mary Ann far left, with children and farm workers, circa 1890



Farmers gather at Tuakau Creamery, Waikato 1910. The daily trip to the creamery became an opportunity to connect with neighbouring farms, sharing information and stories.

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A couple in their vegetable garden in Stratford, Taranaki, 1911. Alexander Turnbull Library



A cohousing community in Sebastopol, California

Photo by Schemata Workshop



Community garden in Mt Victoria, Wellington





Farmers are being funded to rewild and rewet peatlands in UK and Ireland

Greenacre Park, New York
Photo: Matthew Arielly, Felice Frankel



Waltham Forest in London
is known for its liveability



A pair of hands with light-colored nail polish is shown from a top-down perspective, gently cupping a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe is centered on the African continent, with the Americas visible on either side. The background is a dark, solid color, making the hands and the globe stand out. The overall mood is one of care and stewardship.

An Uncommon Land:

From an ancestral past of enclosure
towards a regenerative future.

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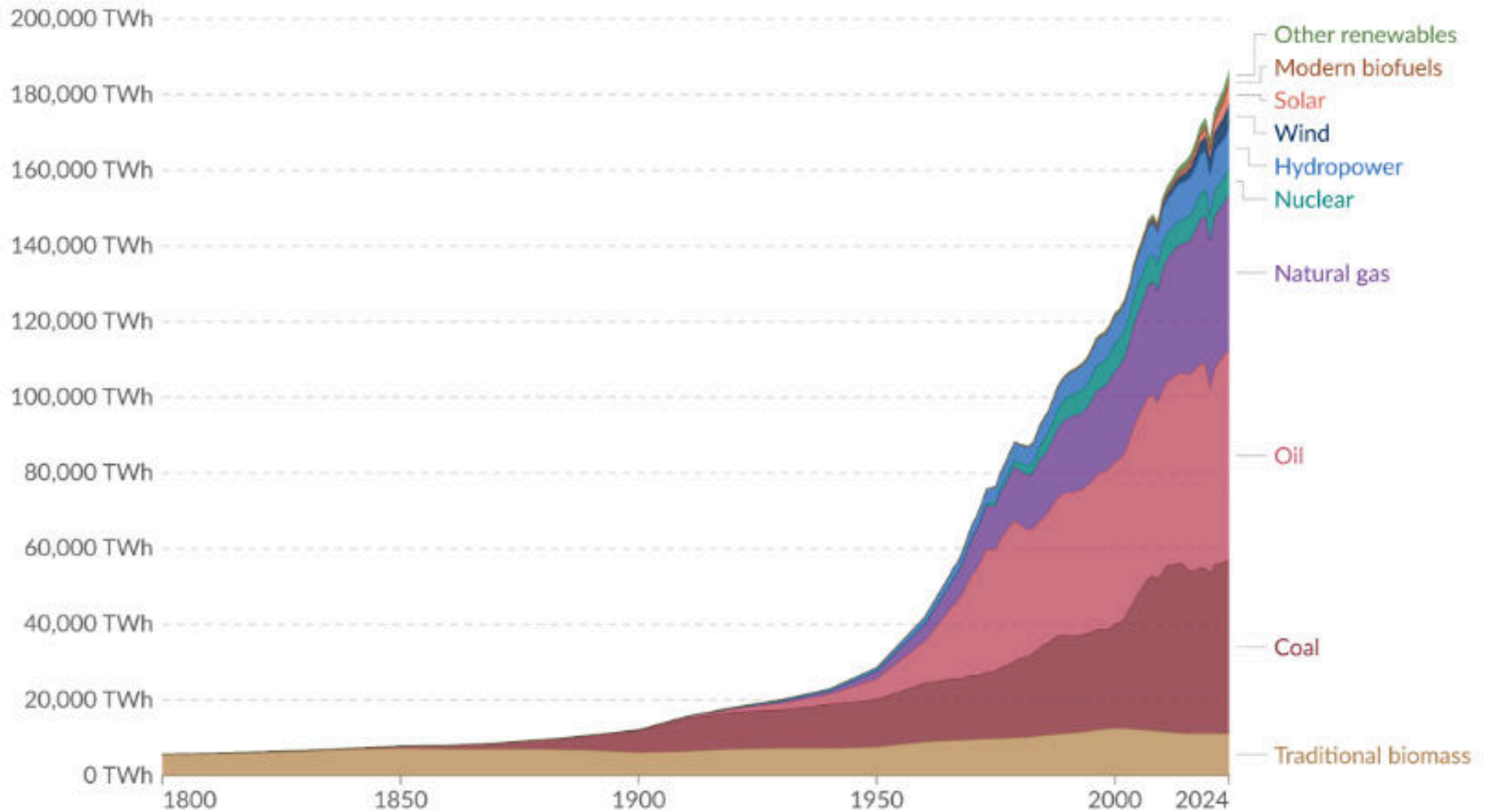


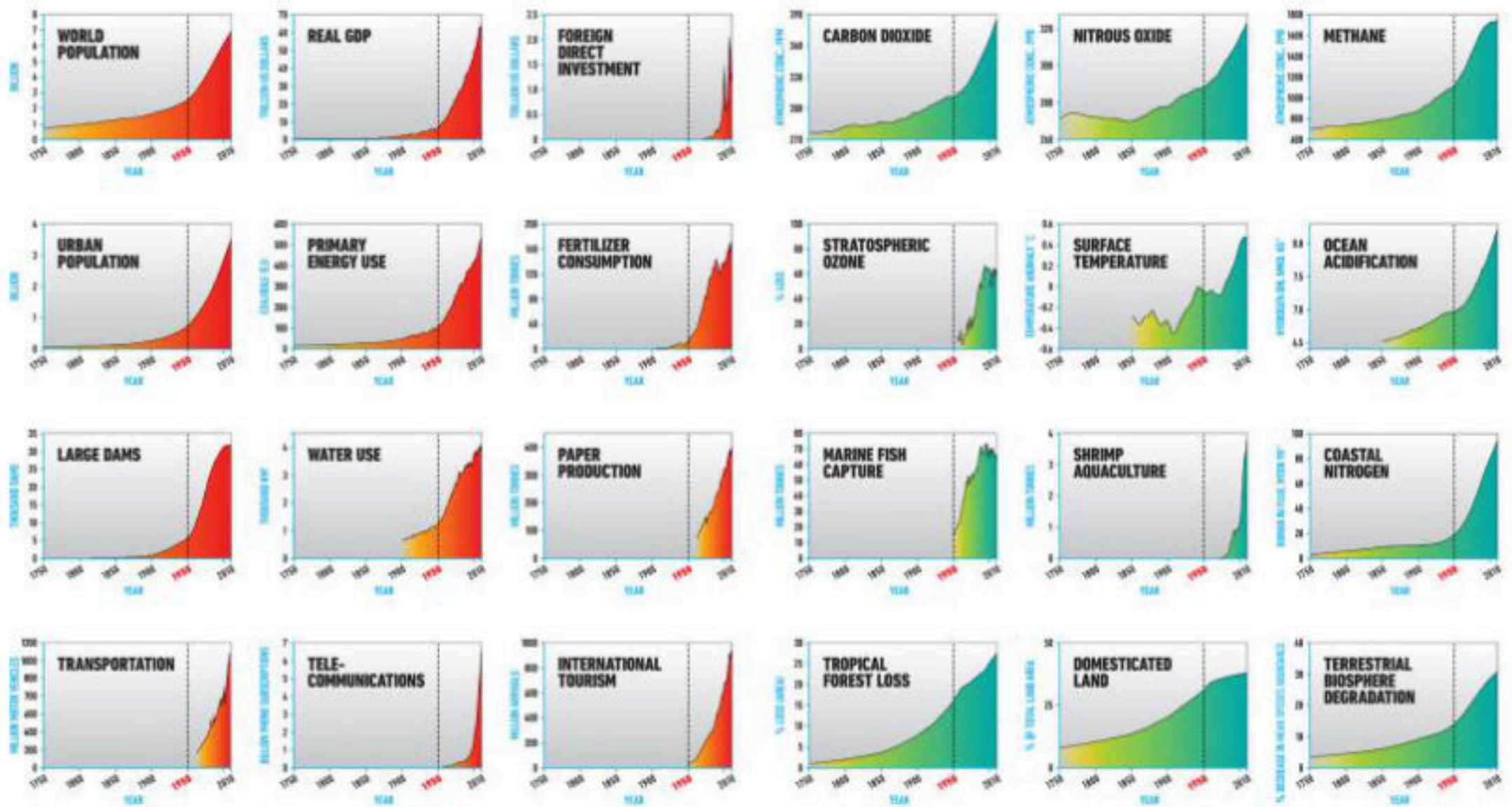
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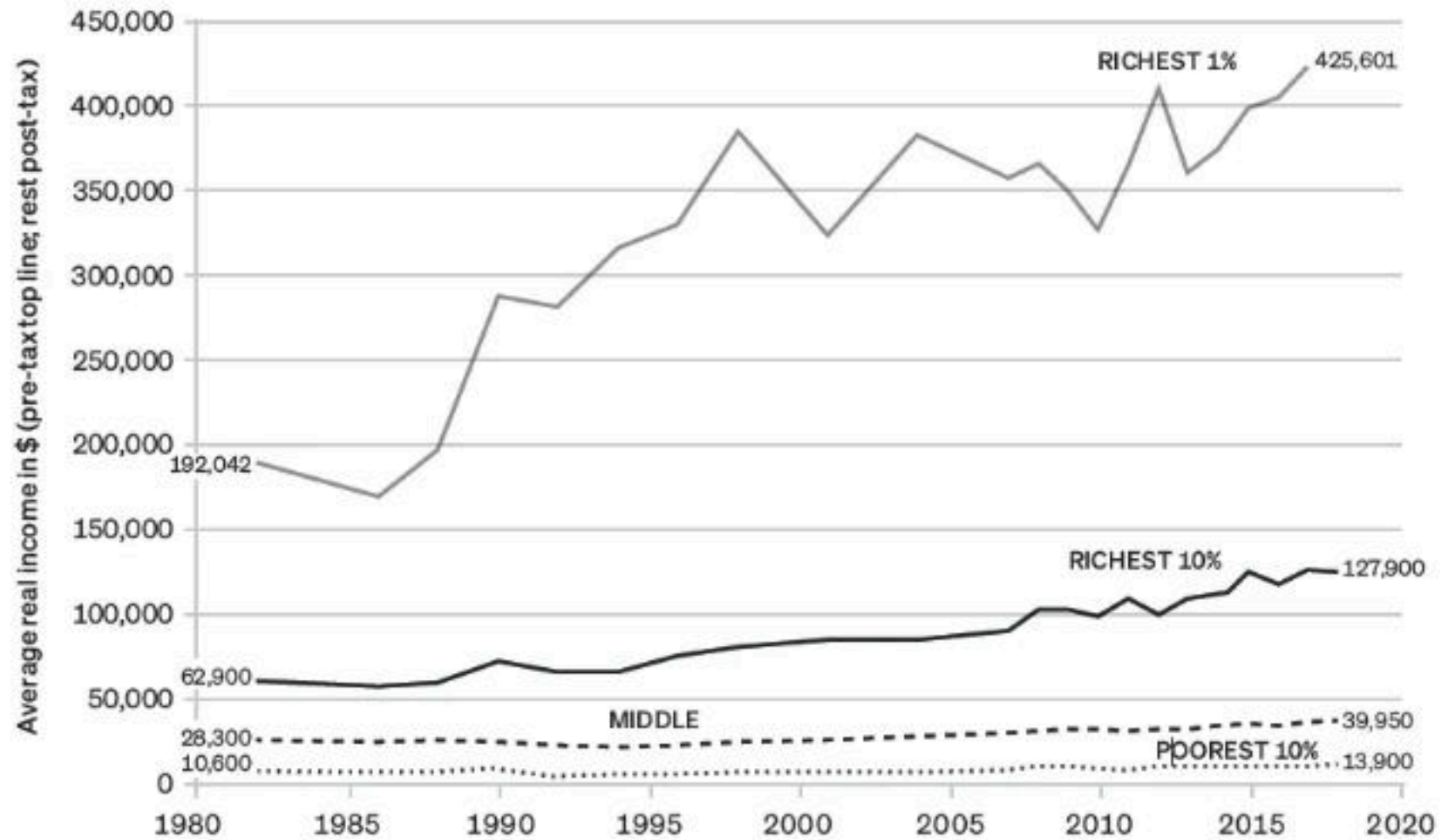


Global primary energy consumption by source

Primary energy¹ is based on the substitution method² and measured in terawatt-hours³.







Note: The figures for the poorest 10 per cent, middle and richest 10 per cent are the yearly disposable (post-tax) income of an average single-person household in that group. The figures for the richest 1 per cent are the annual pre-tax income of the average individual in that group, because post-tax figures are not available. Care therefore must be taken in comparing the four lines. All figures are in 2018 dollars.