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BIG DATA FOR THE SEEA EA

Report on using open access, big data for
mapping cultural services

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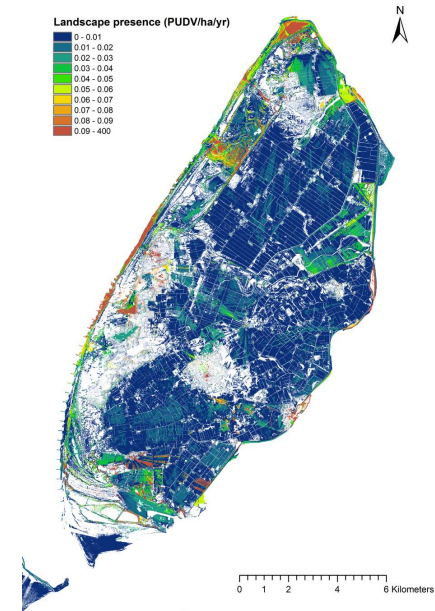
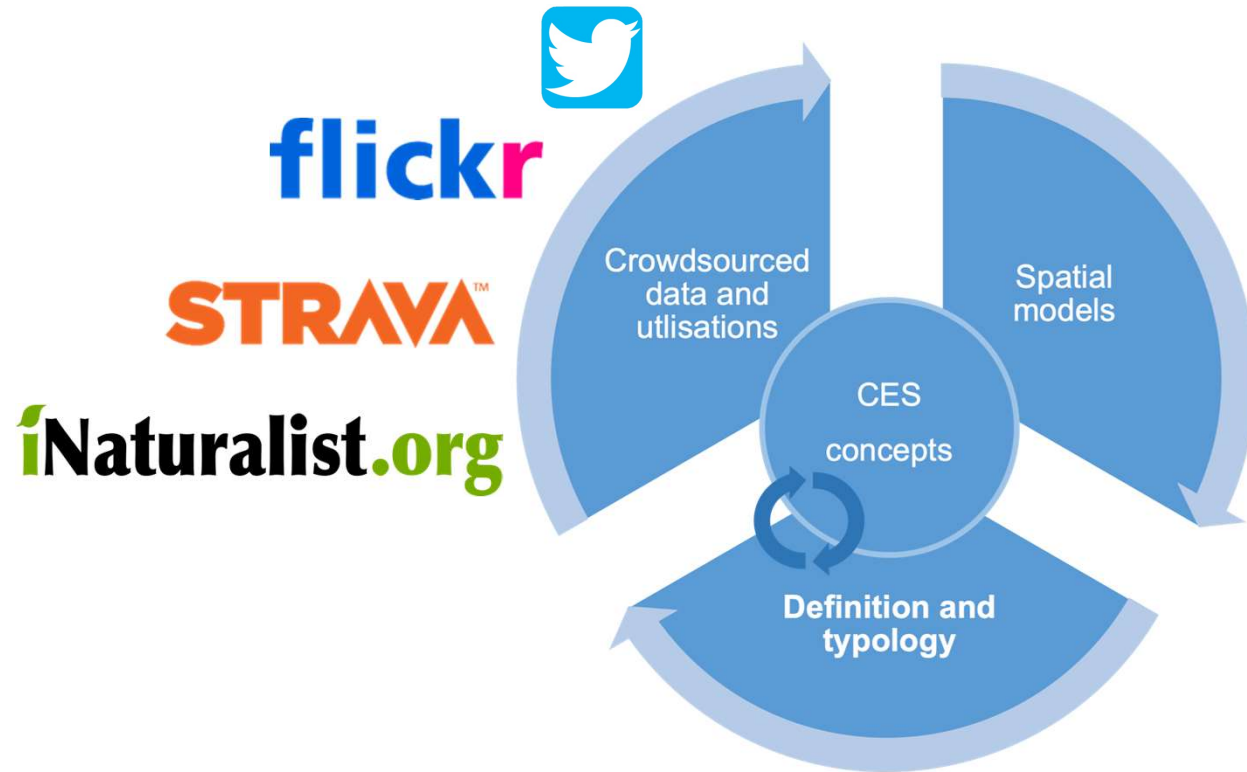
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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. How can CES be defined and spatially modelled in the context of big data for NCA purposes?
2. Can big data and AI capture the aesthetic services generated by ecosystems in line with SEEA requirements?
3. What is the potential of big data and AI in capturing the CES generated by biodiversity?

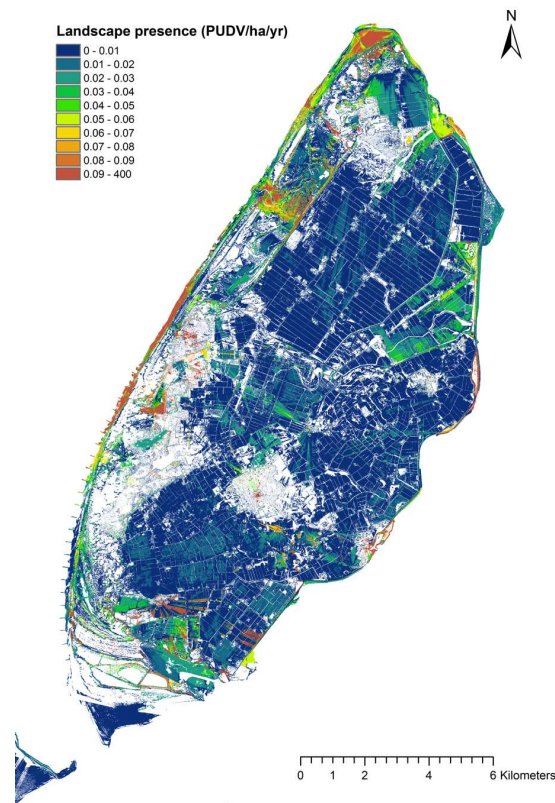


Defining and spatially modelling CES

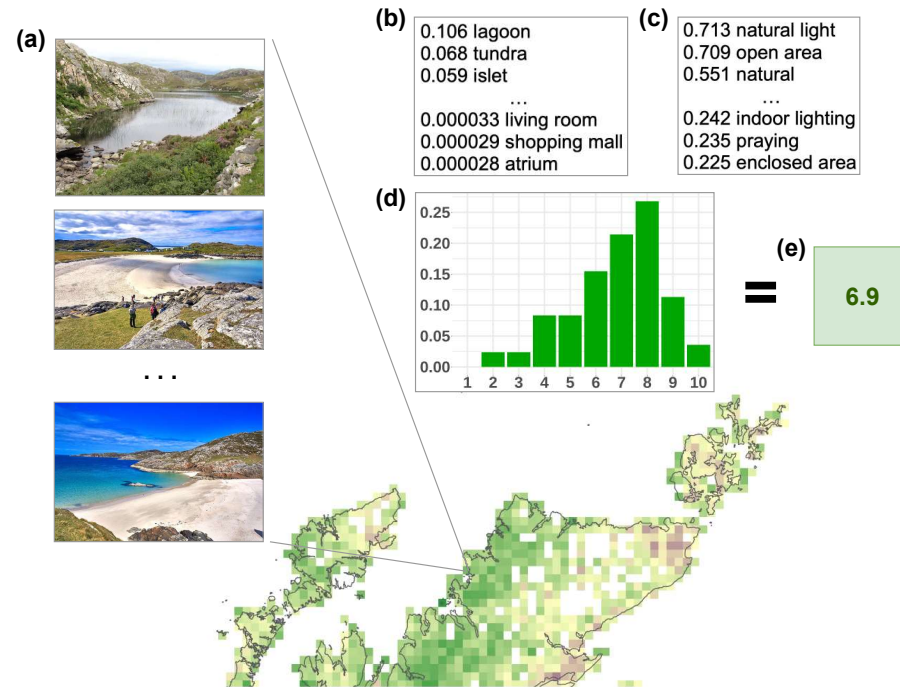


information-flows generated by ecosystems that contribute to cultural experiences

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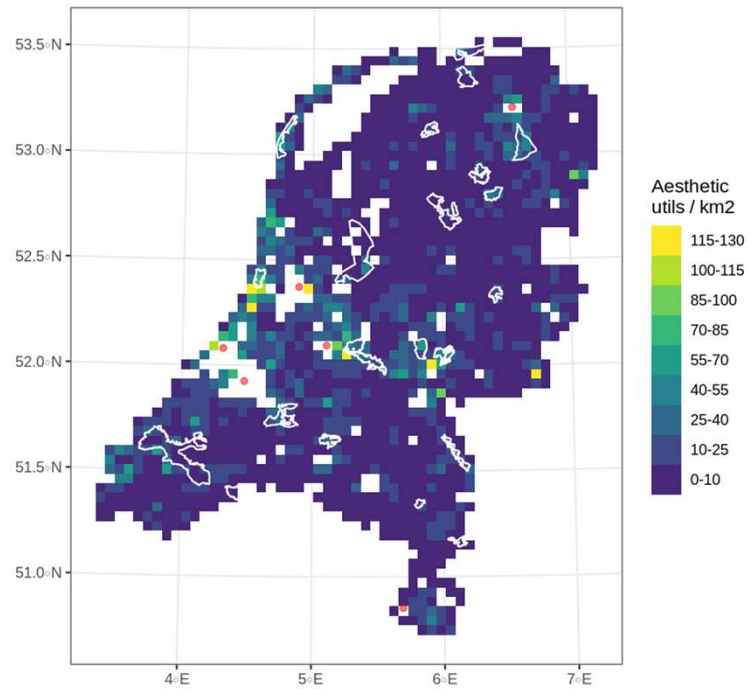


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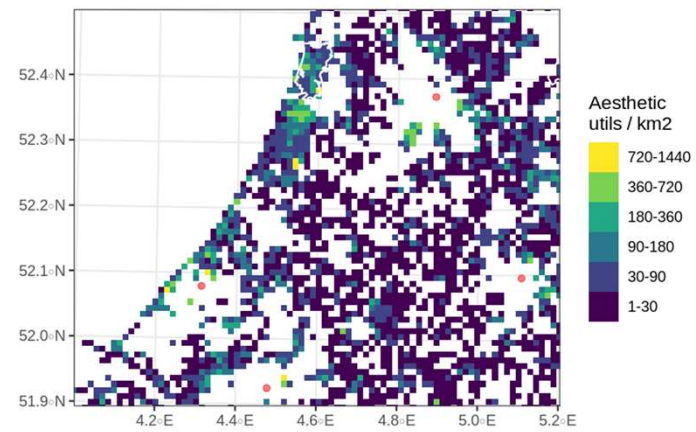


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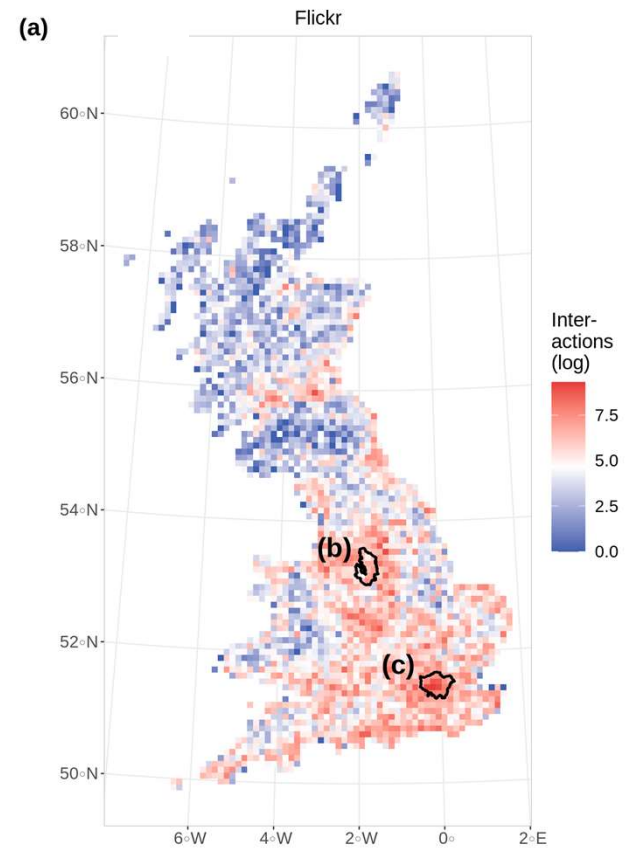
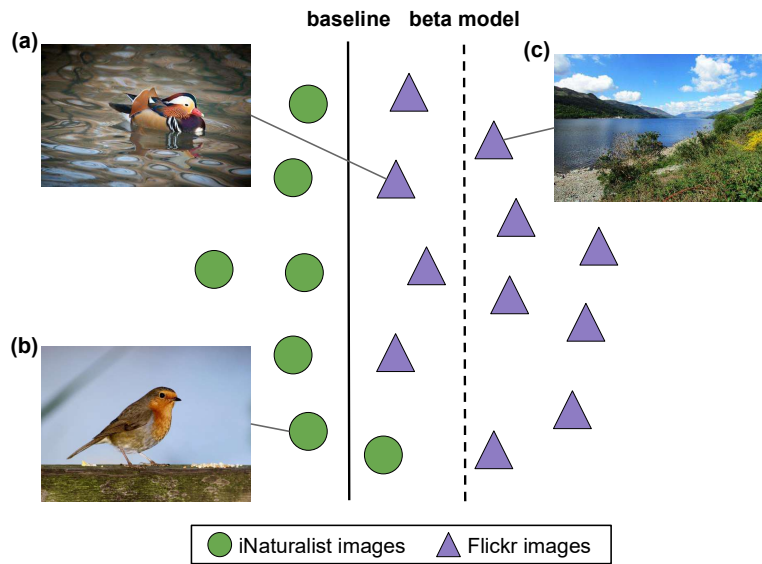
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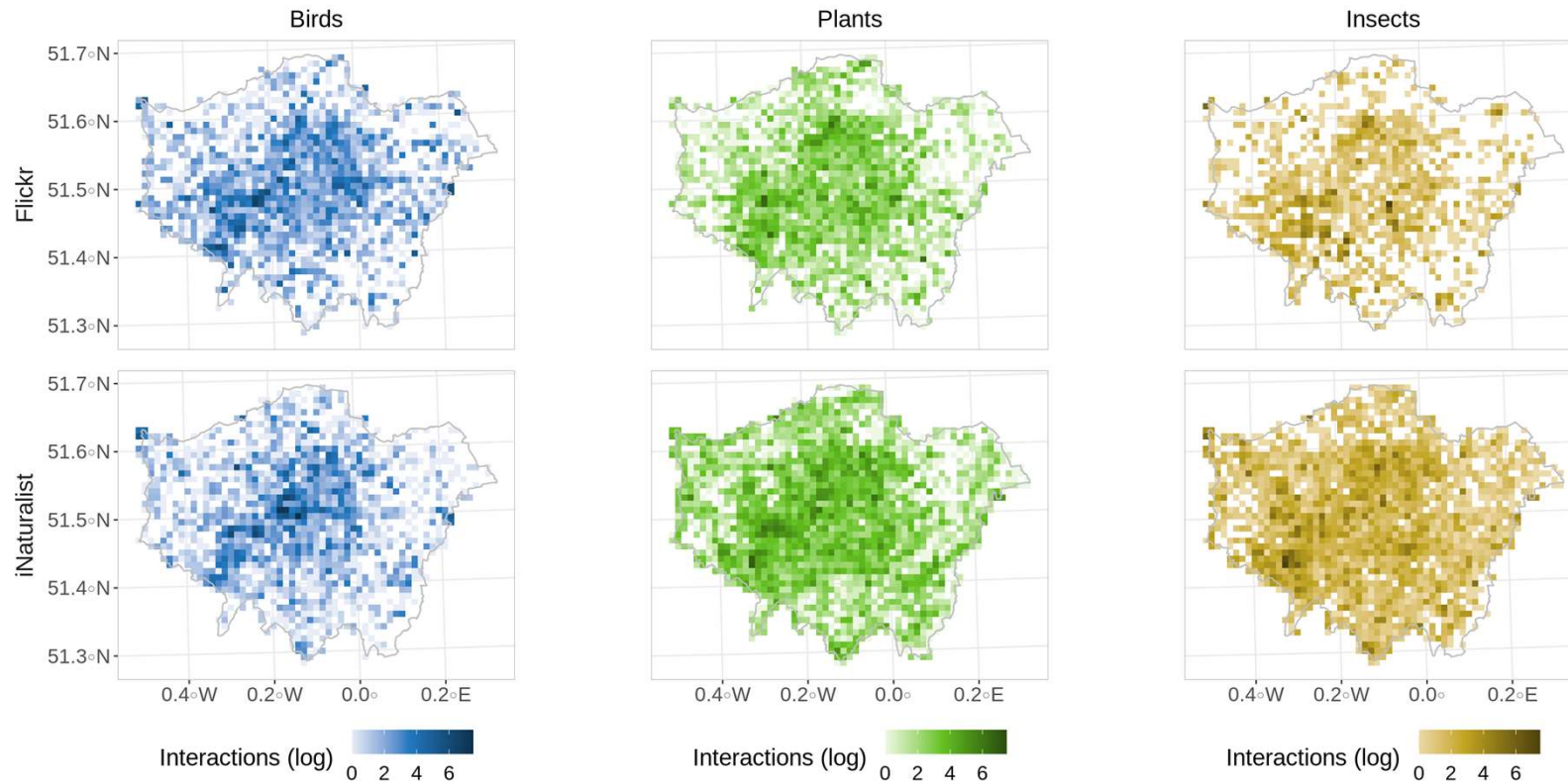
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Big data and AI for measuring biodiversity CES



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CONCLUSIONS / NEXT STEPS

- Comprehensive, high-resolution, and scalable statistics for the SEEA can be achieved with the use of big data (especially versus survey methods)
- Requires expertise and relies on availability of data
- Demographic biases key challenge
- On-going work to apply the aesthetic ecosystem service model at European-level (starting with Spain)
- Questionnaire conducted in Spain to verify AI model predictions

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