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Land Degradation

... or water scarcity ...

... or declining fisheries ...

... or deforestation ...

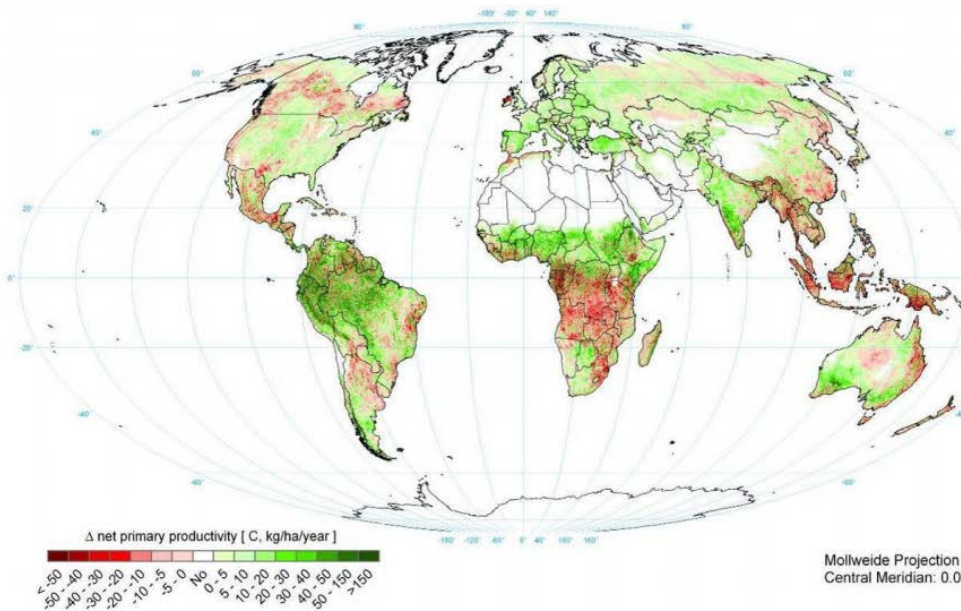
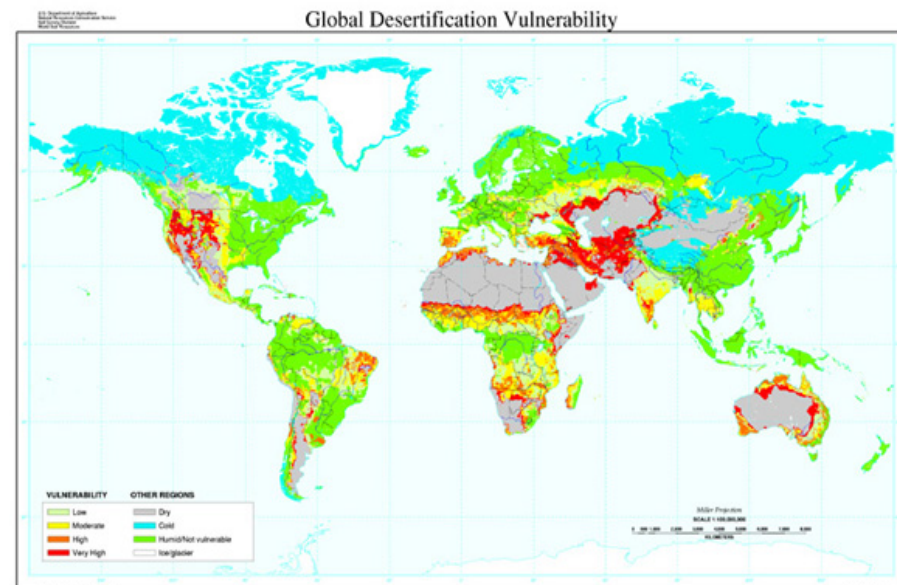


Figure 2. Global change in net primary productivity, 1981-2003

Source: Bai et al. Global assessment of land degradation and improvement. 1. Identification by remote sensing. Report 2008/01, ISRIC – World Soil Information, Wageningen



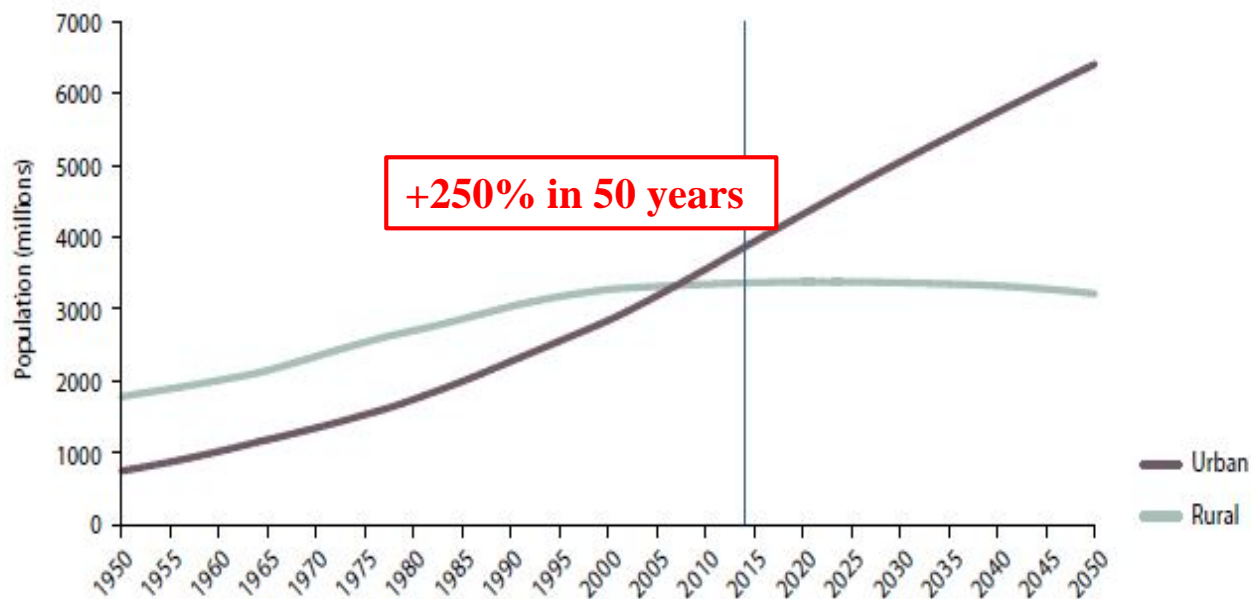
Source: Soil map and soil climate map, USDA-NRCS, Soil Science Division, World Soil Resources, Washington D.C.

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Urbanization Globally

Figure 2.
Urban and rural population of the world, 1950–2050

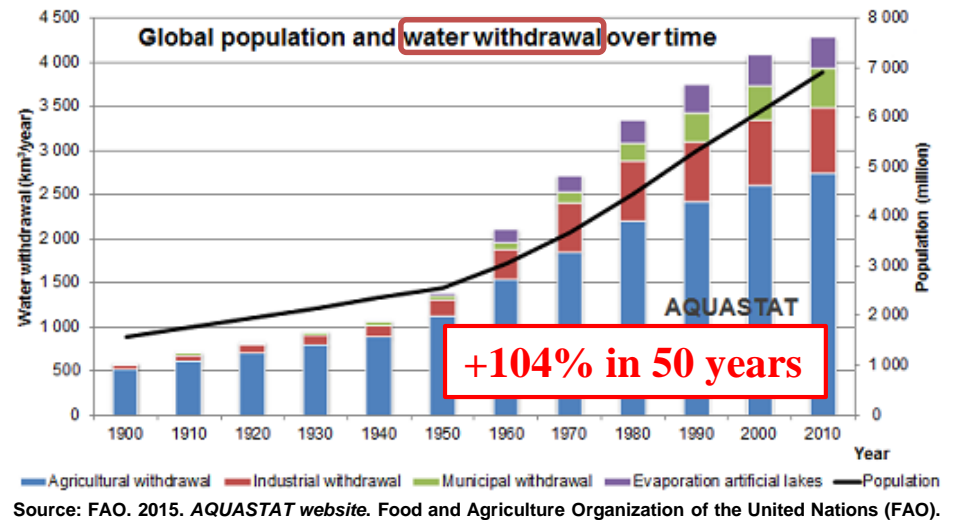
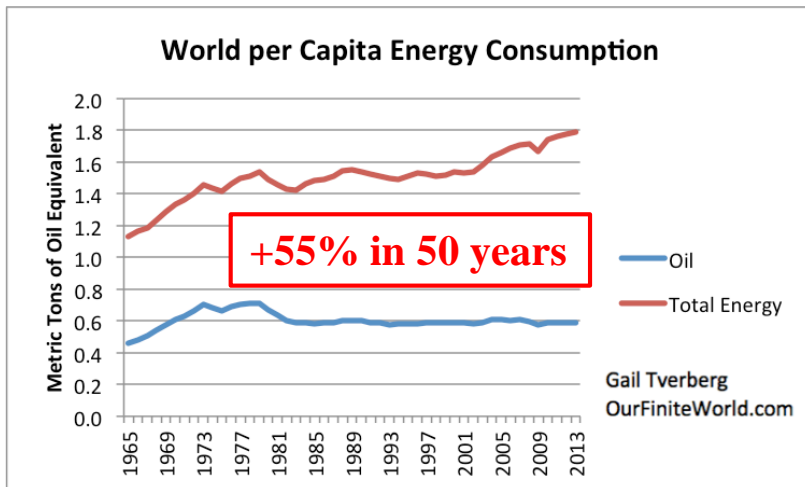
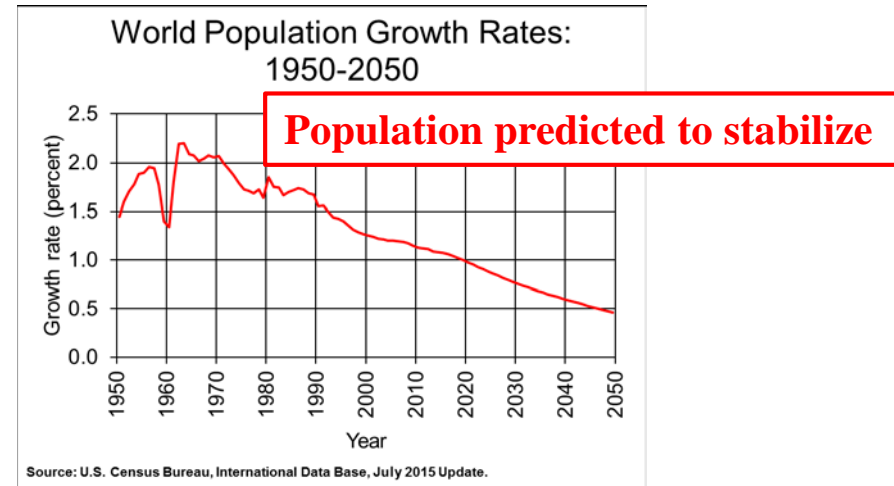
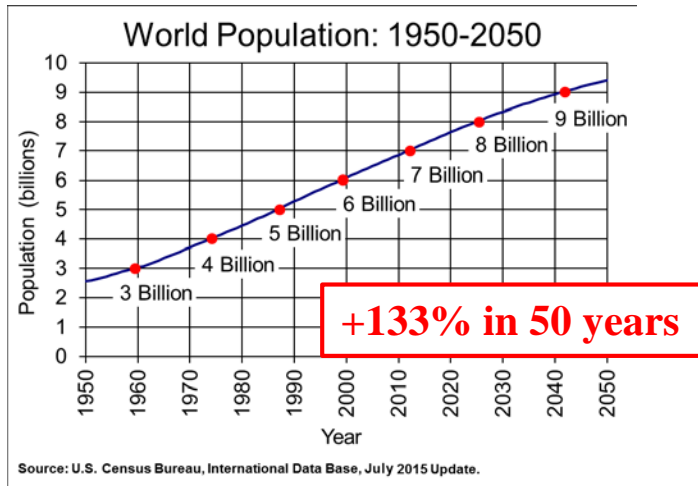
A majority of the world's population lives in urban areas



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2014). World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision, Highlights (ST/ESA/SER.A/352).

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Large and Growing Challenges



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