

Climate Crisis and Agriculture

Impact on agriculture and role of agriculture in tackling the crisis

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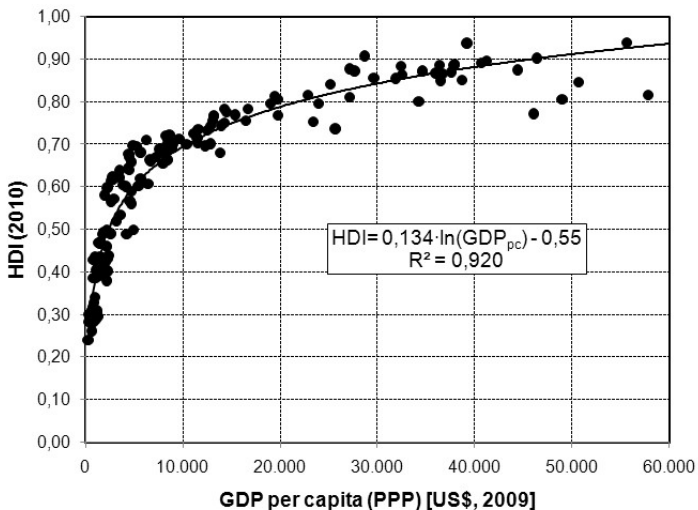
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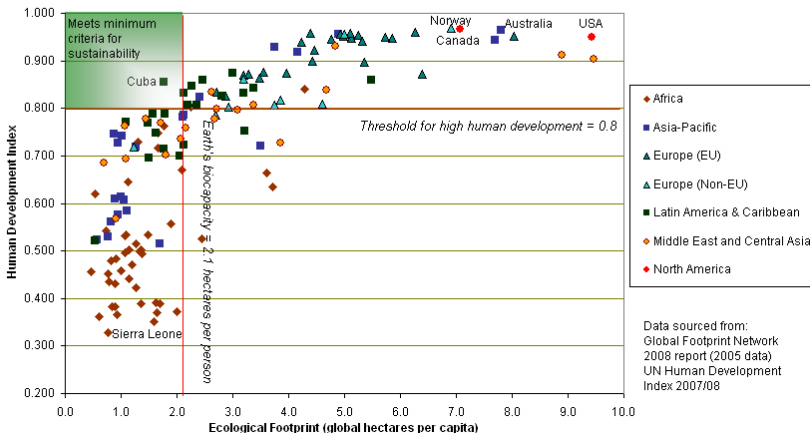
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Is pursuit of GDP growth really helping us?



HDI vs per capita Ecological Footprint

Human Welfare and Ecological Footprints compared



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