

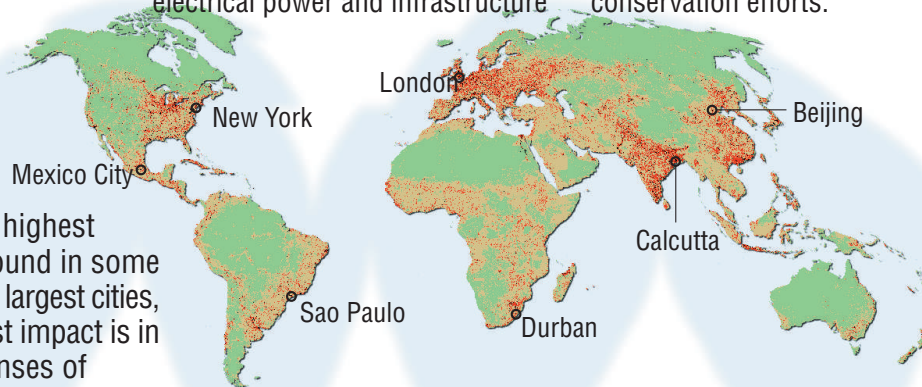


Mapping human Impact

A new study shows humans influence 83 percent of the Earth's land surface. Scientists looked at population density, land use, transportation networks, electrical power and infrastructure

to gauge human impact around the world. The study's researchers hope their work will help us understand our influence on the planet and better organize conservation efforts.

The areas of highest impact are found in some of the world's largest cities, while the least impact is in remote expanses of tundra, desert and jungle.



On the Net: The Human Footprint, <http://wcs.org/humanfootprint>