



Cities, Ecosystems and Biodiversity

**Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving
the 2010 Target**

Curitiba, 26-28 March 2007

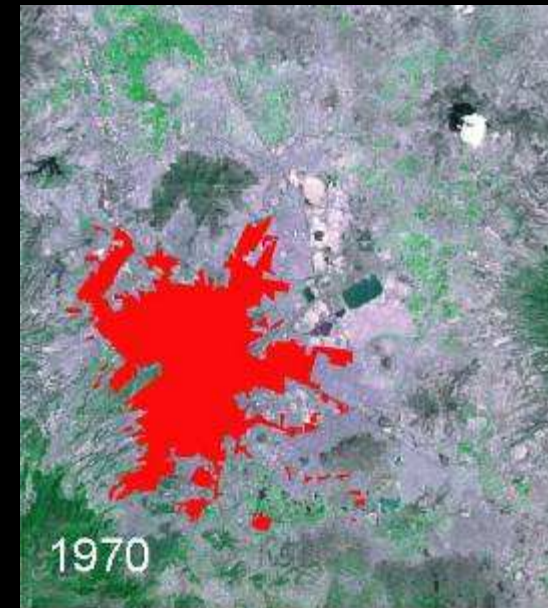




Fastest growing megalopolis in the world - Mexico City, Mexico



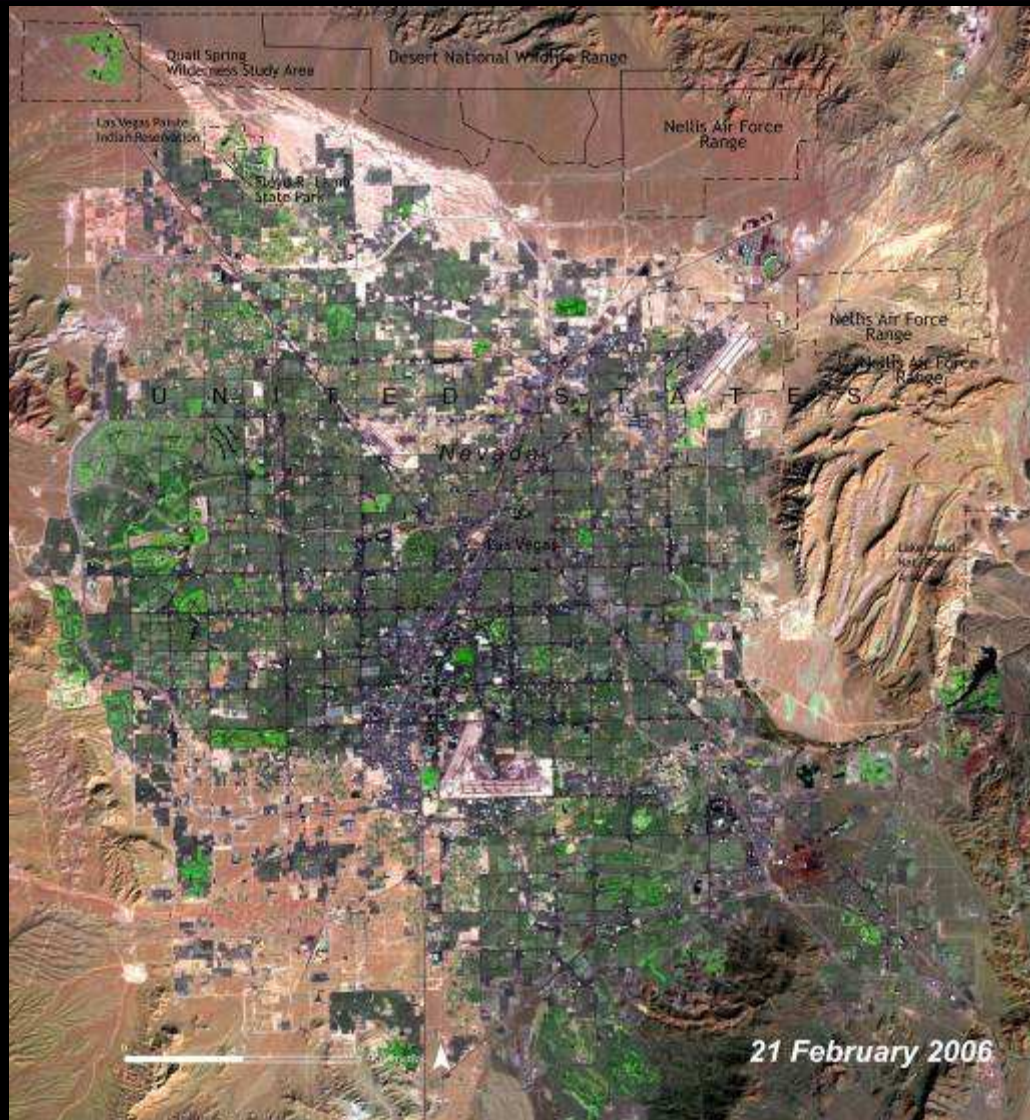
- 1973 -Urban growth is concentrated in the center of the city
- 2000 -Now expands dramatically into surrounding rural areas



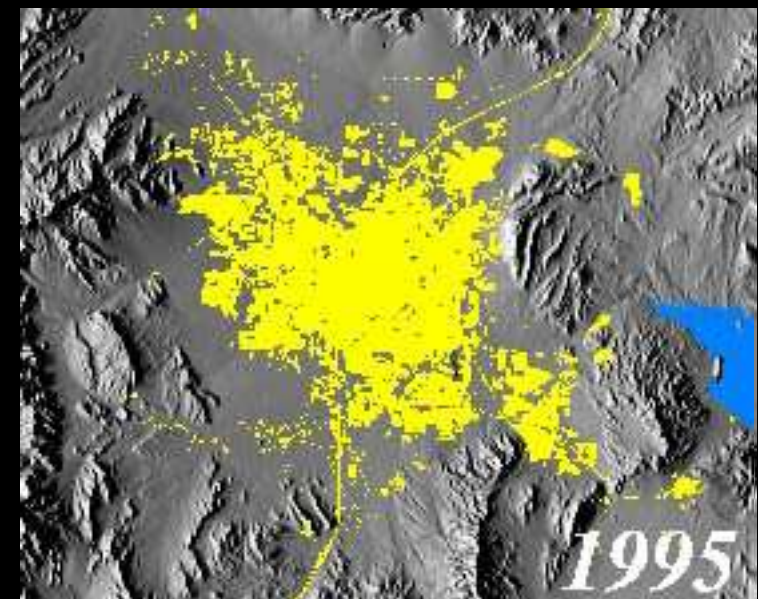
Growth
of a
mega city



Las Vegas – Fastest growing metropolitan area in the United States



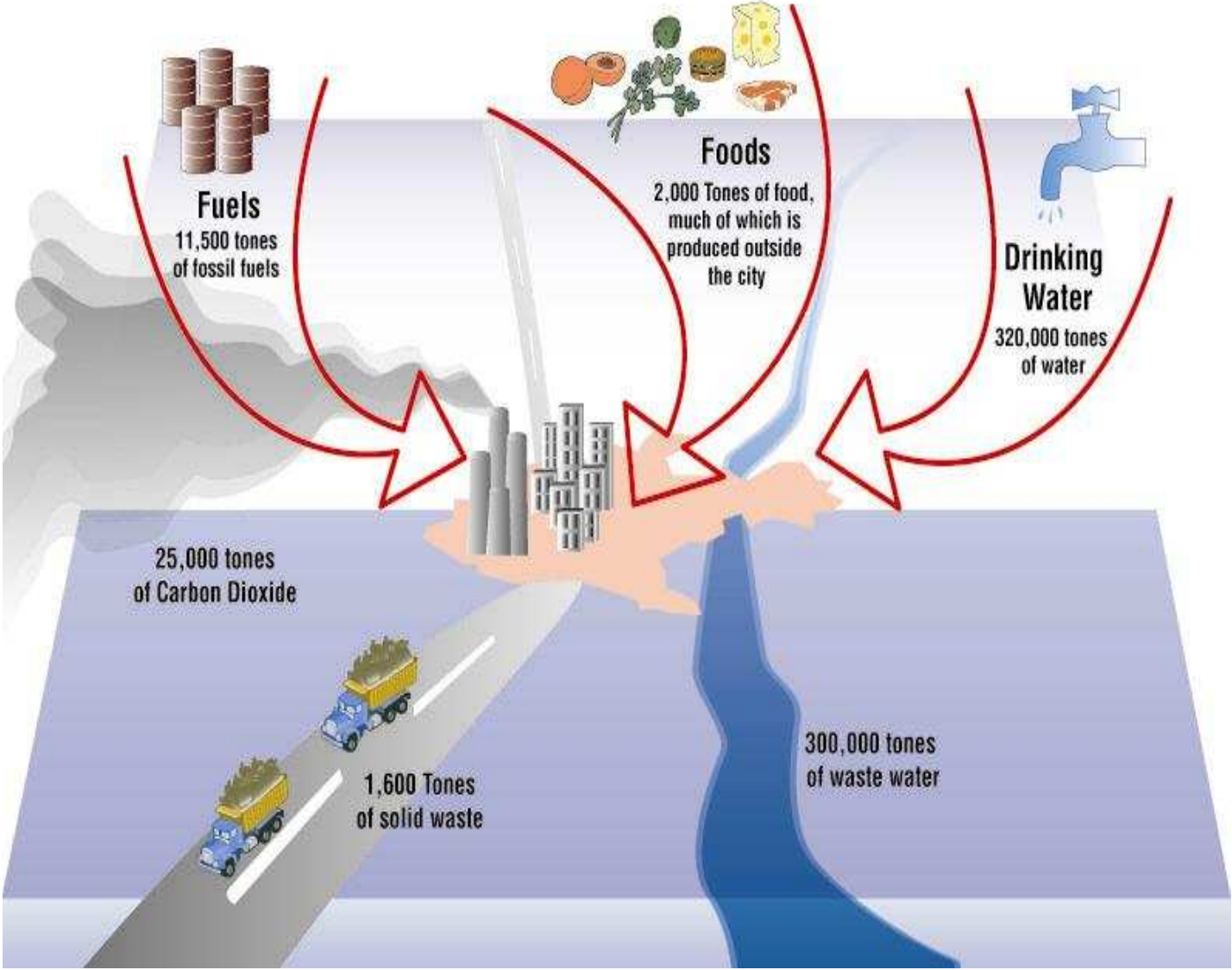
- 1973: A small settlement
- 2000-2006: The landscape is now dramatically modified



Images courtesy USGS



Ecosystems and Cities



Figures based on a fictitious European city of 1 million inhabitants.
Sources: WRI (2002): Living Planet Report, UNEP (2003): GEO

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Accra, Ghana

Photos courtesy of Ghana Environment Protection Agency





Urban Forest in Washington D.C. United States



Satellite
images
showing the
dramatic
loss of trees
in the
District

Ecosystems and Cities – Coastal Ecosystems



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Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Urban Poverty and Ecosystems



Ecosystems and Cities – Urban Parks

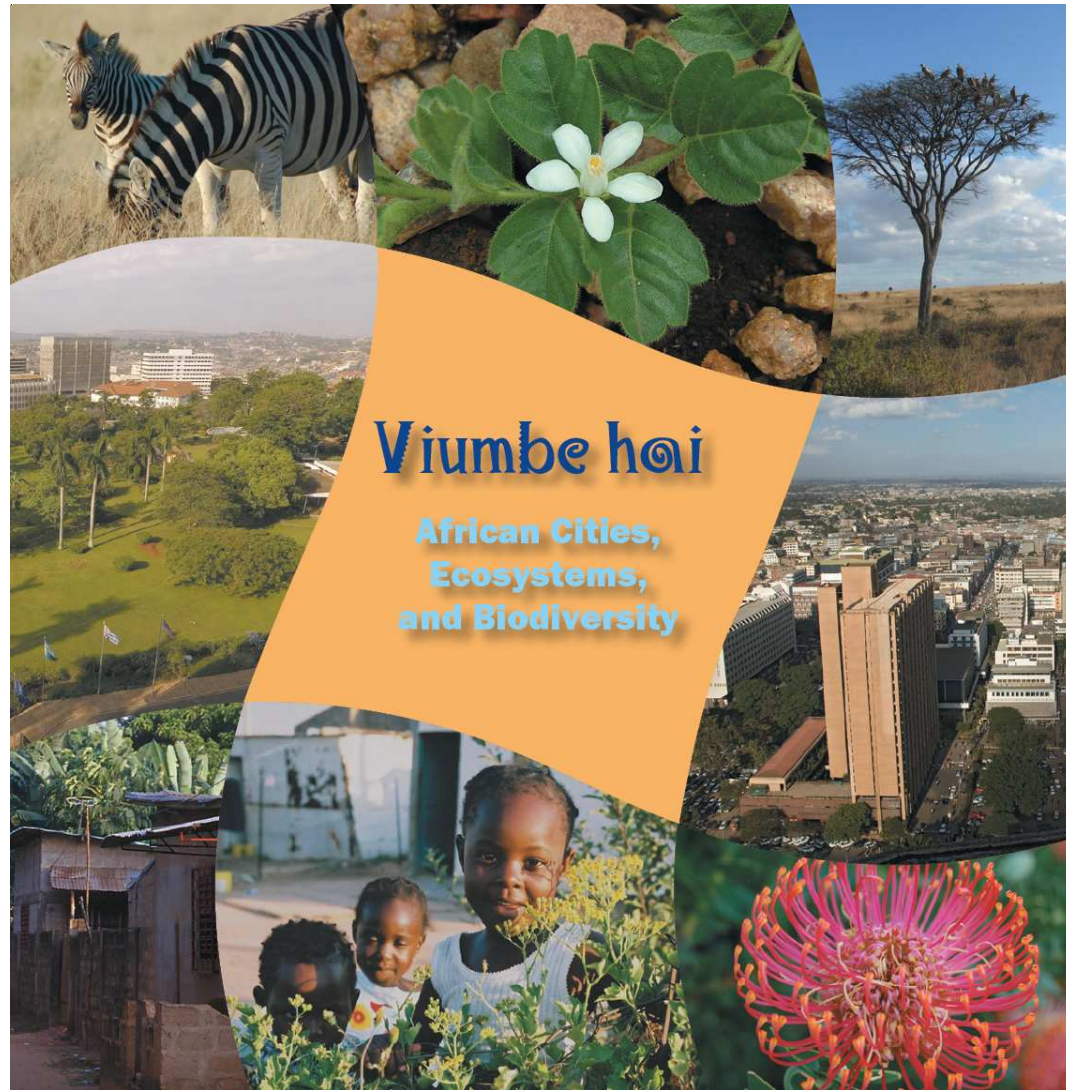


Cape Town, South Africa

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