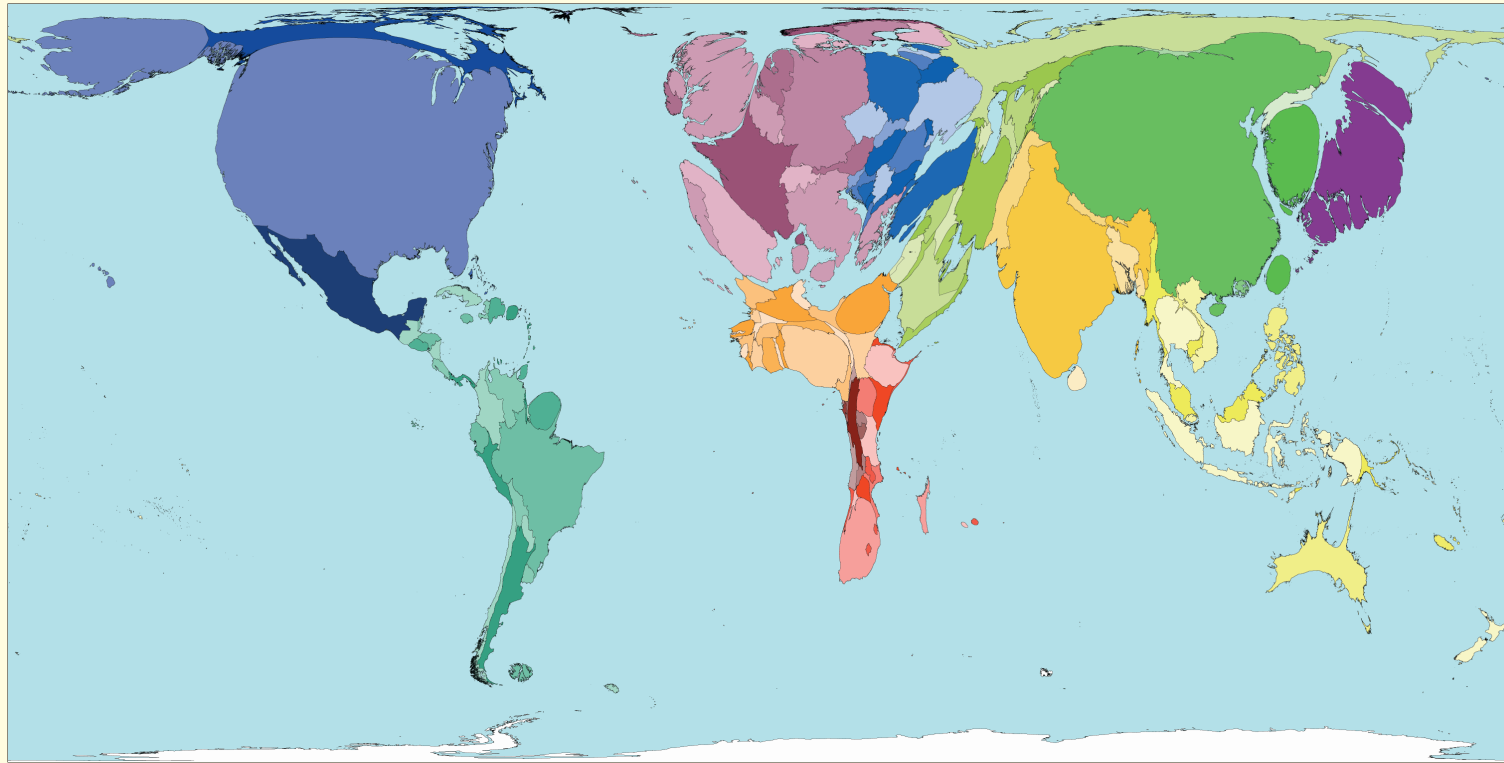


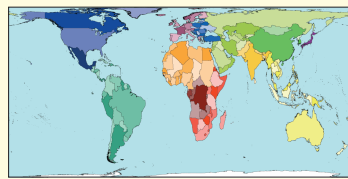
Ecological Footprint



The ecological footprint is a measure of the area needed to support a population's lifestyle. This includes the consumption of food, fuel, wood, and fibres. Pollution, such as carbon dioxide emissions, is also counted as part of the footprint.

The United States, China and India have the largest ecological footprints. Without knowing population size we cannot understand what this means about individuals' ecological demands. Large populations live in China and India. In both territories resource use is below the world average. The per person footprint in the United States is almost five times the world average, and almost ten times what would be sustainable.

Territory size shows the proportion of the worldwide ecological footprint which is made there.



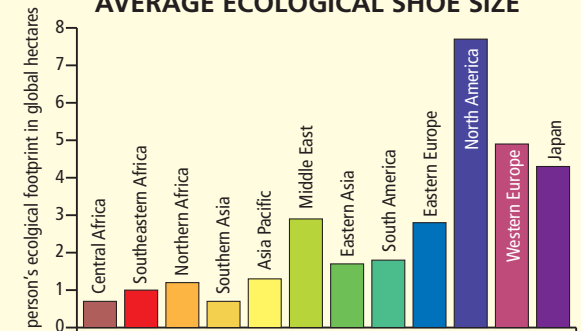
Land area

LARGEST AND SMALLEST ECOLOGICAL SHOE SIZES

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	United Arab Emirates	10.6	191	Nepal	0.61
2	United States	9.7	192	Democratic Republic of Congo	0.58
3	Greenland	7.7	193	Zambia	0.58
3	Bahamas	7.7	194	Congo	0.58
5	Canada	7.5	195	Malawi	0.57
6	Kuwait	7.4	196	Haiti	0.57
7	Australia	7.0	197	Cambodia	0.55
8	Finland	6.8	198	Bangladesh	0.47
9	Estonia	6.1	199	Somalia	0.23
10	New Zealand	6.1	200	Afghanistan	0.11

ecological footprint in global hectares per person, 2002*

AVERAGE ECOLOGICAL SHOE SIZE



Technical notes

- Data are from the WWF (Worldwide Fund for Nature) International and Institute of Zoology.
- Ecological footprint is measured in global hectares. One global hectare is an area that has the world average biological productivity of one hectare.
- See website for further information.

“People consume resources and ecological services from all over the world, so their footprint is the sum of these areas, wherever they may be on the planet.”

The Living Planet Report, 2006