Human disturbances erode the diversity of species resilience strategies

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Human activities are drastically reshaping Earth's ecosystems. Across the tree of life, species become threatened and ultimately go extinct when they are unable to cope with these changes. Hence, understanding the resilience of natural populations is necessary to understand and predict species' capacity to cope with increasing human pressures. Here, we use high-resolution demographic information for 921 populations of wild plants and animals to assess how they respond to increasing levels of human pressure. We show that fewer successful resilience strategies, allowing population to persist in disturb environments, exist in human-influenced habitats compared to pristine habitats. In contrast, pristine habitats host species with higher resistance and faster recovery than more altered environments. Importantly, the examined macroecologial patterns of demographic resilience are kingdom- and mobility-specific: natural populations of plants recover faster and have a propensity to grow faster after a disturbance (*i.e.*, compensation) in urban areas than in pristine habitats, while these tendencies do not appear in animals. Likewise, populations of animals with limited mobility are less able to resist or compensate for disturbances in human altered environments than highly mobile populations. Our results suggest that human activities have eroded the diversity of natural populations' resilience strategies. This finding implies that species will be less tolerant to disturbance in the future, as continuing biodiversity loss and increasing human impacts will ultimately shrink the spectrum of resilience strategies of organisms.

The exponential growth that has characterised human populations since the industrial revolution has fundamentally modified Earth's life support systems[1,2].

Examples of such human impacts include rapid increases in agricultural areas, now

accounting for 37% of the land surface[3], or the growth of human-made objects

(buildings, infrastructure, products, etc.), which now exceeds the cumulative mass of

all living organisms worldwide[4]. Recent estimates suggest that 59% of the Earth's

terrestrial surface is negatively impacted by human land use[5], leading to rapid

decreases in species' ranges[6]. For example, by 2100 the distribution of black spruce

(*Abies nigra*) in France is projected to shrink by 80%[7], and the habitat of the Snow

leopard (*Panthera unica*) in the Himalayas to decline by 30%[8]. More broadly, land-use

change is responsible for the loss of 5-16% of vertebrate species compared to pristine

habitats[9], and has contributed to a 60% increase in vascular plant extinctions between

1900 and 2015[10]. Ultimately, these fast and large-scale changes in biodiversity affect

the dynamics of Earth's ecological systems[11] and their services[12]. In fact, the

homogenisation of the environment, caused by land-use modification, may result in

the loss of functional diversity[13].

The impacts of human land use on the viability of natural populations can be

directly quantified by assessing changes in the demography of species. Changes in a

natural population's vital rates (survival, development, reproduction) shape its ability

to persist in a given location, ultimately determining a species' overall spatial

distribution[14]. As such, demographic approaches are powerful tools to examine

population responses to human disturbances[15]. Indeed, extensive evidence exists that

disturbances shape species' life-history strategies (*i.e.*, schedules of vital rates along

a species' life cycle[16]), and that these strategies in turn determine the viability of

natural populations[17]. Furthermore, in recent decades, life-history theory has

developed frameworks to quantify and classify species' responses to disturbances

using organismal traits[18,19]. Traits such as generation time or age at maturity impact

population performance[19]. However, identifying the life-history strategies that enable

species to resist and recover from disturbances has become a promising research

focus in better understanding the resilience of natural populations to human impacts[20].

Some studies highlight the key role of life-history traits, such as the mean reproductive

output or generation time, in determining the demographic resilience of species[20].

However, it still remains unclear how do human activities alter life history strategies

and its consequences for the demographic resilience of species.

Here, we examine how the resilience of 921 natural populations of 279 plants,

1 alga, 45 animals, and 1 fungal species worldwide correlates with human activities.

To do so, we build a spatially and phylogenetically explicit model parameterised with

life-history traits and transient (*i.e.,* short-term) dynamics metrics that describe how

populations inherently respond to disturbances[21] (hereby *demographic resilience*).

This demographic information was obtained from the open-access COMPADRE[22] and

COMADRE[23] databases, coupled with high-resolution human impact information from

the Human Footprint database[24]. We hypothesise that: (H1) species' populations

located near urban areas have a greater ability to resist, recover, and even increase

in size directly after the disturbance (*i.e.,* compensate) compared to populations in

more pristine habitats. These three aspects: resistance, speed of recovery, and

compensation being the key defining characteristics of demographic resilience[20]. This

greater demographic resilience would have evolved via life history trait changes to

allow these populations to persist in heavily disturbed, human habitats[25]; (H2) the

degree to which human impacts have shaped a species' demographic resilience

depends on each species' capacity for dispersal. Specifically, we expect the impact of

human activities on demographic resilience to be stronger in animals with limited

mobility and all plants since human disturbances are inescapable to its established

individuals; and (H3) human pressures constrain the repertoire of life-history strategies

that confer high demographic resilience to fewer viable combinations. Indeed, in

general, human activities homogenise habitats (*e.g.*, via urban development and

agricultural monocultures[26]), and hence these activities might lead to a convergence

in demographic responses to disturbances.

The resilience hypervolume: human activities constrain the spectrum of

resilience strategies

To assess the main human impacts on terrestrial habitats to species' life-history

traits and their demographic resilience, we reduced the dimensionality of the eight

human activities quantified by the Human Footprint[24] index using a Principal

Component Analysis (PCA). We retained two dominant axes of variation of human

activities following the Kaiser criterion[27] (*i.e.*, associated eigenvalues >1, Table S5),

corresponding to human presence and agricultural land use. These two axes together

explain >52% of the variance in human activities (Fig. 1). The first axis (PC1), which

absorbs 35.86% of this variance, describes human presence, separating areas

according to human population density, degree of built environment, and light

pollution. The second axis (PC2) absorbs 16.63% of the variance and describes land

use, separating extensive pastures from intensive agricultural croplands.

When considered together, the demographic resilience of the examined 921

natural populations is strongly shaped by human presence and agricultural land use.

To estimate species' demographic resilience, we used a framework we recently

developed[21] based on well-established metrics of transient (*i.e.,* short-term)

dynamics[28]. For any species, this framework quantifies a population's ability to resist,

recover, or even increase in size when affected by a disturbance (compensation) (See

Extended Methods). Next, we examined how resistance, recovery, and compensation

change along the axes of human pressure to test whether species located near highly

disturbed habitats are more resistant, recover faster or compensate more (H1). Along

the human presence axis (PC1), populations that are closer to human settlements are

significantly more resistant (linear model: $t\text{-}test_{df=913}$ = 2.098, P = 0.036, Fig. 4a), while

their compensation and speed of recovery are independent of PC1 (compensation:

t_{913} = -1.342, P = 0.180; recovery: t_{913} = 1.597, P = 0.111) (Fig. 4; Table S6). With

regards to agricultural land use, species located closer to intensive agricultural areas

have higher compensation than those in pristine or extensive areas (t_{913} = 2.767, P =

0.006, Table S6), but their resistance and speed of recovery are on average

independent of land use (PC2).

The impacts of human activities on demographic resilience differ considerably

between plants and animals. On average, animal populations close to human

presence tend to be more resistant than plant populations (t_{107} = 2.357, P < 0.010;

phylogenetically and spatially corrected models: P_{MCMC} = 0.032; Fig. 2a; Table S7;

Table S11), but exhibit lower resistance in intense agricultural areas (t_{107} = -3.872, P

< 0.001 ; Fig. 2b; Table S7), while their speed of recovery is not affected by human

presence (t_{107} = -0.526, P = 0.600) nor agricultural land use   (t_{107} = 0.917 and P =

0.343; Fig 2.c&d, Table S7). The compensatory potential of animals is also unaffected

by human presence (t_{107} = 0.064, P = 0.949; Fig. 2e) and agricultural land use (t_{107} =

-0.952, P = 0.343; Fig. 2f, Table S7). In contrast, while the resistance of plant

populations is insensitive to human presence (t_{788} = 1.508, P > 0.050; Fig. 2a) and

agricultural land use (t_{788} = -0.889, P > 0.050, Fig. 2b ; Table S7), their recovery post

disturbance is faster (t_{788} = 2.976, P < 0.010 ; Fig. 2c), and has lower compensatory

potential closer to human presence (t_{788} = -2.07, P = 0.039, P_{MCMC} < 0.010; Fig. 2e).

However, plants' compensation and speed of recovery are not affected by agricultural

land use (Fig. 2f).

The repertoire of resilience strategies defined by the three components of

demographic resilience –resistance, compensation, and speed of recovery–

drastically decreases in more densely human populated areas (Fig. 3a). Indeed, the

variance in resilience strategies decreases in areas with more prominent human

activities. To test whether this trend is statistically supported, we compared and

contrasted different null models using convex hulls[29] (Fig. 3b). This approach assumes

different potential distributions regarding how resistance, speed of recovery, and

compensation co-vary with human presence axis (PC1 in Fig. 1). The observed

repertoire of resilience strategies is significantly different from that expected under a

normal, gamma, or uniform distribution that corresponds to a hypothetic world where

species with high and low values of demographic resilience would exist in all kinds of

areas, including areas with a high human pressure (Fig. 3b; See also

https://colab.research.google.com/github/merrienthomas/HFP_appendix/blob/main/di

splay_fig.ipynb for an interactive shiny app representation of the 4-D space). Indeed,

the volume occupied by the resistance, speed of recovery, and compensation of our

921 natural populations as a function of their proximity to human settlements under a

uniform distribution is five-fold larger than the volume occupied by our data (Monte

Carlo test $P = 0.001$), 0.75-fold smaller under a gamma distribution ($P = 0.001$), but

similar under a normal distribution ($P = 0.348$). However, despite having a similar

volume, the volume that would emerge from a set of normal distributions does not fully

overlap with our observed data (overlap is 77%). The distribution of the three

components of demographic resilience along agricultural land use behaves similarly

to the distribution along human presence with a thinning (decreased volume) of

resilience diversity in areas with intensive agricultural practices. One exception is that

both the normal and gamma distributed models have volumes equivalent to the

volume of the observed data (both P > 0.050), but the percentage of overlap is close

to   87%   for   both   of   them

(https://colab.research.google.com/github/merrienthomas/HFP_appendix/blob/main/

display_fig.ipynb). Concerning the normal and gamma models, they fail to represent

the diversity of strategies in pristine habitats while they overestimate diversity in highly

anthropized habitats. Although the gamma model better captures the shape of the

observed data, it overestimates the overall volume of its convex hull. This finding

suggests that our estimates of demographic resilience are not a random

representation of all possible strategies, and the resilience repertoire of the examined

921 natural populations has been eroded by human activities.

<u>Mobility to escape from human disturbances</u>

The ability of species to move long-distances is an important factor in

determining their demographic resilience in our study. To test (H2) whether species

with the ability to flee from a disturbance may require lower levels of demographic

resilience compared to those with limited mobility, we re-examined the data set with

our spatially and phylogenetically explicit models (results provided in terms of P_{MCMC},

as these methods use a Bayesian framework). We also used classic linear regression

(classical P-values), this time comparing animal species with long-distance moving

ability (>100 km; e.g. *Bonasa umbellus*, ruffed grouse; *Falco naumanni*, lesser kestrel)

vs. those without it (<100 km; *Emydura macquarii*, Macquarie turtle; *Sceloporus*

*arenicolus*dune sagebrush lizard). Both short-mobility/sessile and long-mobility

species are or tend to be more resistant when they are closer to human presence (t_{34}

= 2.510, P = 0.017; t_{71} = 1.954, P = 0.055; respectively; Table S7, Fig 4a). However,

as expected, the increase in resistance is more pronounced for less mobile species

than for more mobile ones (Fig. 4a). Along the axis of agricultural land use, both groups

show a sharp decrease in resistance in intense agricultural lands (t_{34} = -4.964, P <

0.001 for low mobility/sessile; t_{71} = -2.362, P = 0.021 for high mobility; Table S7, Fig4b).

Although fewer mobile species are more resistant than high mobility species to

changes in agricultural land use (P_{MCMC} = 0.04, Table S11). The speed of recovery

and compensation of low mobility/sessile species tends to change in response to the

axes of human activity (Fig. 4c,d,e&f). Specifically, in these species, the speed of

recovery shows a tendency to increase with agricultural land use intensity (t_{34} = 1.916,

P = 0.064; Table S7, Fig. 4d), and their potential for compensation tends to increase

closer to human presence (t_{34} = 1.971, P = 0.057; Table S7, Fig. 4e) while

compensation decreases closer to agricultural areas (t_{34} = -2.374, P = 0.023; Table

S7, Fig. 4f). Finally, as hypothesised, the speed of recovery and compensation in high

mobility species is not affected by either axis of human pressure (Fig. 4c,d,e&f).

Impacts of Human pressure on life-history traits

To test (H3) whether human pressures correlate with changes in underlying life-

history traits that are known to control the three components of demographic

resilience[20,30] (See Methods and Supplementary Materials), we used spatially and

phylogenetically explicit MCMC generalized linear mixed regression models. The

generation time of species with high mobility is significantly longer in populations close

to human presence and high-intensity agricultural land (P_{MCMC} < 0.050; Table S11),

while it remains unaffected in less mobile species (Table S6 & S7). This shows that

longer generation times can be favoured in highly disturbed habitats when species

have the possibility to move across long distances. However, for less mobile animal

species, age at maturity (and consequently generation time) decreases significantly

when their populations are located close to human presence and intensive agriculture

($P_{MCMC} < 0.050$). Reaching maturity at a younger age would allow individuals to better

deal with habitat disturbances by producing offspring earlier. Plant populations closer

to human-transformed habitats tend to have higher rates of individual-level shrinkage

than those in pristine habitats (Table 1a), implying that shrinkage might be a strategy

to better cope with habitats disturbed by humans.

Discussion

Our examination of the demographic resilience of plants and animal populations

worldwide suggests an erosion in the diversity of resilience strategies in environments

heavily disturbed by humans. Here, using high-resolution demographic data from 921

natural populations from 334 animal and plant species, we find that (1) urban areas

host a limited diversity of demographically resilient strategies, with fewer populations

with high levels of resistance or fast-recovering abilities located near human activities

compared to populations in pristine habitats; (2) plant species are recovering faster

but experiencing a lower compensation close to urban areas than in pristine

environment, while for animals, these two aspects of resilience are not affected by

human pressure; (3) the demographic resilience of species with limited mobility is

more strongly affected by human presence than that of highly mobile species; and (4)

the erosion of demographic resilience caused by human pressure is likely linked to

their underlying life-history strategies: individuals of populations located closer to
human settlements tend to decrease in size more frequently (*i.e.*, shrink) and live faster
(*i.e.*, reproduce earlier) than those in pristine habitats.

Our study clearly shows that human pressure affects the ability of natural
populations to cope with disturbances. Land-use change is a strong predictor of
species' evolution[31], geographic range[32], as well as extinction rates in mammals[33] and
plants[34]. Added to this growing body of literature evaluating novel dynamics in the
Anthropocene, we find that human activities can also be a strong predictor of resilience
strategies. Indeed, the correlates of human activities with different dimensions of
population resilience —resistance, recovery, and compensation— show different
directionality between plants and animals, and even between animals depending on
their degree of mobility. However, our analyses confirm that human pressure,
especially human presence, and agricultural land use, have already had a significant
impact on species' capacity to respond to disturbances. Ultimately, our analyses
support recent evidence for the human-induced biotic homogenisation of natural
systems[13], here including resilience strategies. Our findings illustrate the pervasive
impacts of human pressure on biodiversity, which spans multiple levels of biological
organisation, from the demographic decline of individual populations to the loss of
resilience strategies across different kingdoms[13,26]. Thus, some populations are able
to cope with human changes and even to adapt, while for others, the speed of these
changes can outpace their rate of adaptation[35]. This is intuitive as adaptation usually
requires several generations and repetitive events of natural selection to occur[36]. For
instance, evidence of phenotypic adaptation to urban environments has nevertheless
already been shown in birds[15,37]. Our results also support recent findings that species
closer to human activities are more generalist than those in remote areas[38]. These

impacts at macroecological scale showcase the long-term consequences of the

Anthropocene for species ability to cope with disturbances.

Species with the most extreme values of demographic resilience in our study,

surprisingly, do not thrive in urban environments, where one expects high levels of

disturbance. One explanation for this pattern is that highly resilient species might not

have been present in areas where humans settled. Indeed, humans have mostly

settled around high primary productivity and relatively stable climate areas[39]. By

offering stable environmental conditions, these locations might not have favoured

adaptations to disturbances[40,41]. In fact, resilience to environmental disturbances is

costly in environments where this resilience is not frequently needed[42]. Thus,

maintaining some resistance aspect comes at the expense of other functions, leading

to a reduced competitive ability in stable environments[43]. In this study, we focused on

the impact of human activities and infrastructure via the Human Footprint[44]. While this

includes some of the most important sources of human impact on biodiversity, such

as land-use change and high population density, it does not include other pressures.

Future research should consider other potential disturbance sources, such as

harvesting, the presence of invasive species, pathogens, and climatic change.

The impacts of human pressure on the life-history traits of our examined

populations are mostly negligible. Still, we find a higher ability to shrink in plants and

longer generation times for long-mobility animals located closer to human activities.

These results strengthen our hypothesis that species' demographic properties mitigate

the impact of human activities. Indeed, shrinkage increases the chances of survival

either through a reduction in respiratory demands[45] and/or because it allows the

population to persist in disturbed and unsuitable environments while waiting for better

conditions to reinitiate growth[46]. A shorter time to maturity can also allow the

production of more phenotypes better adapted to changing environments[47]. Moreover,

even though we found no clear evidence that human activities impact reproductive

rates, such effects have been demonstrated in other studies[48,49]. This emphasises the

need for joint macroecological research, such as ours, with long-term monitoring, and

experiment-based studies, to better capture all the aspects of the ecology and

evolution of life. Joint macroecological studies would also be better able to mitigate

the biases that often exist in large-scale studies or databases. Effectively, in our case,

despite the value of the data contained in COMPADRE and COMADRE databases,

geographic and taxonomic biases remain[50]. For instance, our data are not fully

taxonomically representative; 279 species of plants represent close to 0.080% of all

plants and 45 species of animals <0.003% within that kingdom, moreover these

species are not equally distributed across the tree of life (Table S4). Additionally, we

did not incorporate species' population density or climate change effects within our

models, even though recent studies have shown important effects of the human

footprint on mammal population density[51] and of demographic responses in both

plants and animals to climate change[52,53].

Our work highlights the importance of studying short-term metrics of

performance in ecological systems. The recently developed resilience framework,

founded on short-term (*i.e.*, transient) demographic metrics[21,54], allows us to explore

immediate responses of species populations to disturbances. Surprisingly, these

metrics are not yet commonly used in population ecology[21,55]. Despite this oversight,

they remain a powerful instrument to inform conservation programs and species risk

assessments. We also demonstrate that resilience strategies are becoming less and

less diverse as human pressure increases, which is an overlooked form of biodiversity

loss i.e. the loss of "adaptive potential". This loss presents a risk to the survival of

species less able to cope with the diversity of disturbances predicted in the near

future[56].

Materials and Methods

Demographic data provenance and selection

To obtain high-resolution population-structured data on species demography, we used

the COMPADRE Plant Matrix Database v.5.0.0[22] and the COMADRE Animal Matrix

Database v.3.0.0[23]. These databases contain 9,121 matrix population models (MPMs)

of 760 plant species (Table S2), and 2,277 MPMs of 446 animal species, respectively

(Table S1). MPMs are discrete time structured population models in which the vital

rates (e.g., survival, reproduction) are explicitly examined by classifying individuals

into discrete stages[57]. We then calculated transient dynamics metrics that relate to key

demographic resilience quantities[21], vital rates[57], and life-history traits[58]. These

calculations used the mean MPM under unmanipulated conditions for a given

population to summarise the dynamics of each of our 921 populations across their

examined period (See Supplementary Material for more details about the demographic

metrics estimated).

To assure the validity of our demographic data to for our comparative analyses

we impose a series of selection criteria on the total of 11,398 MPMs in versions used

of COMPADRE and COMADRE. We first removed species whose MPMs contain at

least one stage-specific vital rate value of NA, as we needed information across the

full lifecycle. Next, we retained only terrestrial populations with full geographic

representation in the HFP database[24]. We also discarded MPMs whose dominant

eigenvalue population growth rate (λ) $\geq$ 3, as those implied unrealistic growth

potentials. To further ensure fair comparisons across species in their natural

conditions, we also removed MPMs from populations that were subject to

manipulations (*e.g.*, prescribed burning regimes). Finally, we only kept MPMs that are

ergodic (whose asymptotic dynamics are independent of the initial population

structure), primitive (MPMs consisting of non-negative elements), and irreducible (all

life cycle stages are either directly, or indirectly connected to one another) [59,60] using

the R package popdemo[61]. This set of criteria resulted in 796 MPM from 279 plant

species,109 MPMs from 45 animal species, 10 MPM of one algal species and 6 MPM

of one fungal species.

To test H3, we derived a set of life-history traits from the selected MPMs.

However, as life-history traits are known to be partly correlated[58,62,63], we checked for

colinearity using Pearson correlation tests (with a threshold of 0.6) with the cor()

function in R version 4.0.1[64].

Resilience framework

To understand how human presence shapes the resilience strategies of

species, we examined the volume occupied by our populations in a 4D space

describing resistance, speed of recovery, compensation, and human pressure.

Resistance, speed of recovery, and compensation were calculated as the inverse of

the first step attenuation ($\underline{\rho_1} = minCS(\widehat{\mathbf{A}})$), the log of the damping ratio ($\rho = \lambda_1 \, / \, \|\lambda_2\|$)

and   the   log   of   the   maximum   amplification

($\bar{\rho}_{max} = \max_{t>0}\left(\|\widehat{\mathbf{A}}^t\|_1\right)$. Where $\hat{A}$ is the normalised *A* population matrix, which involves

scaling each element of *A* by λ_1, *minCS* is the minimum column sum of a matrix, λ_1 is

the dominant eigenvalue, λ_2 is the subdominant eigenvalue. To test the distribution of

these metrics we used the method described in Diaz et al.[65]. Briefly, this approach

consists of quantifying convex hulls based on the empirical distribution of the

resistance, recovery time, and compensation of our populations, compared to different

null model where these traits are (1) uniformly distributed between the maximum and

the minimum values of the observations, (2) normally distributed with the mean and

the variance of the normal distribution being equal to the mean and the variance of

the observations respectively, and (3) gamma distributed along the axis of human

presence. To model the gamma distribution, we used the following parameters:

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k = \dfrac{\bar{x}^2}{S^2} \\[2ex]
\theta = \dfrac{S^2}{\bar{x}}
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with k being the shape and θ the scale of the gamma distribution, $\underline{x}$ the mean of the

observed data and S^2 the variance of the observed data.

Human pressure data

To quantify human pressure, we used the Human Footprint (HFP)[24], which has been

shown to correlate strongly with species extinction risk[66,67]. The HFP is composed of

eight layers that cover all terrestrial surfaces of the globe, excluding Antarctic land

areas, at a 1km² resolution. The HFP allows us to determine at a high spatial resolution

not only the overall effects of humans on the demographic resilience and life-history

traits of natural populations, but also their underlying putative causes (e.g., density of

built infrastructure, proximity to railways). The HFP assigns a score of 50 based on

multiple human activities on the environment at each pixel (where a pixel is 1km² x

1km²). These eight layers of activity include human population density, roads,

navigable waterways, railways, night-time lights, built environment—which is the

density of buildings and paved land estimated through satellite images, pasture lands,

and croplands (Fig. 1). Two sets of maps are available in the HFP, for 1993 and 2009.

These two years allow for a more comprehensive fit between the demographic data

used here (below) and the human pressure at the time of the record. Specifically, for

each demographic record, we selected the HFP record that was closest to the year

when the demographic data were collected.

We used multivariate analyses to assign a human-pressure score to each of

the natural populations we assessed—this approach allowed us to account for

heterogeneity in the human activities and their different potential effects. We first

performed a principal component analysis (PCA) on all eight HFP layers. To do so, we

rescaled the HFP map at a 10 km^2 × 10 km^2 resolution, sub-sampling just one pixel in

each grid cell. Next, we extracted 60,000 random data points from the 10 km^2 map

and used that subset of data to run the PCA analysis. Because the HFP data were

linked to the 1993 or the 2009 HFP version, we compared the PCA outputs coming

only from the 1993 map, from the 2009 map, or from a mix of both. Finally, we finally

decided to use the subset of 60,000 random but unique points distributed around the

map and the two HFP dates.

Phylogenetic information gathering

To quantify and explicitly consider the effect of potential phylogenetic co-

variation in traits in our analyses, we constructed two phylogenetic trees resolved

down to the population level, one for plants (see Supplementary Material), and another

one for animals (see Supplementary Material). We used Timetree[68] to create an

animal phylogeny to accommodate our 109 populations from 45 examined animal

species, and the package V.phylomaker[69] to create a plant phylogeny to

accommodate our 796 populations from 279 examined plant species. As some

sources in COMADRE and COMPADRE contain multiple populations per species, we

created our phylogenies at the population level instead of the species level. To do so,

each population from the same species was separated by a small distance ($\varepsilon=$

0.0000001 normalized units), thus assuming that populations within the same species

are closely related. As the order of the population divergences within our phylogenetic

analyses might have an impact on the measure of the phylogenetic signal and on the

phylogenetic correction within our future analyses, we ran a sensitivity analysis of

some phylogenetic signals using different trees with a random order of the populations

within the tree. These sensitivity analyses showed no effect (See Supplementary

Material).

Demographic traits regression

We developed two models of regression to study the interaction between

human activities and species' demographic resilience components. For both models,

human activities were described according to the two dominant axes of variation in

human activities estimated through the PCA. In both models, we controlled for trait

variation due to the size of individuals (*i.e.*, adult body mass for animals, maximum

height for plants), spatial autocorrelation, the phylogenetic or evolutionary history

autocorrelation, and the complexity of the life-history that was estimated via the

dimensions of the relevant MPM. Importantly here, it has been shown that life-history

traits scale with size in animals, especially in mammals[70,71]. Similarly, it has been

shown that spatially close populations are more likely to be similar to distant

populations than expected by chance[72,73].

Our first model to test the effects of human pressure on demographic traits was

based on the study of the residuals after removing the confounding effects: animal

size/plant height, spatial autocorrelations, phylogenetic relationships. We did this to

account for autocorrelations due to location and ancestry[72,74]. We incorporated a

correction for body mass and plant height (later called size) in our study when linearity

was assessed in the relationship between the trait and the size. Next, we assessed

the effect of spatial autocorrelation on our models by calculating the Moran's index

associated with the different traits or with the residuals of the regression of the trait

and size when a size effect was detected. If spatial autocorrelation was found, we

incorporated a correction for the location in the model[75]. To do so, we used the tensor

function of generalized additive models (gam) with longitude and latitude[76,77] using R-

package mgcv version 1.8-28 (*Equation 1*). Finally, we ran a Markov Chain Monte

Carlo generalized linear mixed model (MCMCglmm) of the residuals of the traits

corrected (or not) for size and spatial autocorrelation on the HFP PCA main

dimensions and that considered the phylogeny of the populations (*Equation 2*).

Phylogenetic corrections for plant and animal populations were undertaken depending

on the value of Pagels' λ[78] (Pagels' λ significantly different of 0).

$Y = \alpha_1 + \beta_1.size + s(Longitude, Latitude) + \varepsilon_1, \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2) \quad (Eq.1)$

$Res((Eq.1)) = \alpha_2 + \beta_2.PC1 + \alpha_1 + \beta_3.PC2 + \varepsilon_2, \quad \varepsilon_2 \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2 V + \sigma_2^2 * I) \ (Eq.2)$

Where Y is the trait of interest, PC1 and PC2 are the two first axis of the HFP PCA, Res(Eq.1)

are the residuals of the gam models in equation 1, V is the covariance matrix derived from

the phylogeny and $\sigma_2^2 * I$ gives the non-phylogenetic residual variance.

Our second series of models to validate the new model developed aimed to

disentangle spatial and phylogenetic corrections. As working on residuals can be

controversial because one might neglect important pieces of information[79,80]—namely

that model estimates based on residuals can provide biased estimates and this

approach also increases the significance of variables that are more sensitive to this

method—we ran models with the same original data but without using residuals. We

included size as an explanatory factor when it was relevant (Fisher's exact test) and

ran a Markov Chain Monte Carlo generalized linear mixed model (MCMCglmm) to

account for evolutionary history and a Generalized Additive Models (gam) model with

longitude and latitude to account for spatial distribution.

All the analyses were performed in R version 4.0.1[64].

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Graphs and illustration (5 max)

Figure 1

 Figure 1. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) plot of terrestrial habitats worldwide,

 derived from the Human Footprint[33]. The PCA shows the two dominant axes of

 variation: PC1 corresponds to variation on human presence, and it is positively

 correlated with (1) human population density, (2) roads, (3) navigable waterways, (4)

 railways, and (5) light pollutions, (6) built environment, and it explains 35.86% of

 variation. PC2 differentiates locations according to land use, and it represents a trade-

off between (7) extensive pastures, and (8) intense croplands, and it explains 16.63%

of variation. Each dot corresponds to a terrestrial unit of 10 km^2 and is colour-coded

according to its distance to a human-built environment, here defined as human

produced areas that provide the setting for human activity (delimited using satellite

imagery)[33]. Dots with a black circle correspond to our examined 921 natural

populations.

Figure 2

Figure 2. The three components of demographic resilience –resistance, recovery, and

compensation– are affected by human pressure in different ways for plants than for

animals. Correlation of three key demographic resilience components of our studied

921 natural populations along the continua of human presence (a, c, e) and agricultural

land use (b, d, f) (See Figure 1). The shown linear fits describe the general correlations

(orange: animals; green: plants), while the grey area represents the 95% confidence

intervals. A selected number of species are represented by silhouettes, from left to

right: (a) *Trillium persistens* (persistent trillium), *Emydura macquarii* (Macquarie turtle),

Cornus florida (flowering dogwood), *Falco naumanni* (lesser kestrel), *Alliaria petiolata*

(garlic mustard); (b) *Echinacea angustifolia* (narrow-leaved purple coneflower)*, Falco*

naumanni, Emydura macquarii, Trillium persistens, Dracocephalum austriacum

(Austrian dragon's head)*, Cebus capucinus* (Colombian white-face capuchin); (c)

Bonasa umbellus (ruffed grouse), *Arenaria serpyllifolia* (thyme-leaf sandwort), *Falco*

naumanni, Alliaria petiolata; (d) *Echinacea angustifolia, Falco naumanni, Bonasa*

umbellus, Arenaria serpyllifolia, Dracocephalum austriacum, Cebus capucinus; (e)

Podocnemis expansa (Arrau turtle), *Pseudomitrocereus fulviceps, Falco naumanni* ;

(f) *Echinacea angustifolia, Podocnemis expansa, Dracocephalum austriacum, Cebus*

capucinus.

Figure 3

Figure 3. Human presence tightened the repertoire of resilience strategies. a) Plot of the 3D framework composed of human presence, recovery time, and resistance (compensation is not displayed here for visual convenience). b) Comparisons of the volume of achieved strategies in the space defined by compensation – resistance – recovery time – human presence under the hypothesis of a normal distribution of the resistance and speed of recovery, a uniform distribution of the three same traits and

692   the observed distributions in our populations (for graphical reason only 3D framework

693   without compensation are displayed).

Figure 4

Figure 4. low mobility/sessile species' resilience is more strongly affected by human

pressure. Correlation of three key demographic resilience components (resistance,

speed of recovery, and compensation) of our studied 107 natural populations along

the continua of human presence (a, c, e) and agricultural land use (b, d, f) (See Figure

1). The shown linear fit describes the general correlations (brown: high mobility [>100

km]; yellow: low mobility/sessile), with the grey area representing 95% confidence

intervals. A selected number of species are represented by silhouettes, from left to

right: (a) *Sceloporus arenicolus* (dune sagebrush lizard)*, Emydura macquarii, Falco

naumanni*; (b) *Emydura macquarii, Acinonyx jubatus* (cheetah)*, Cebus capucinus*; (c)

707   *Podocnemis expansa, Bonasa umbellus*, *Falco naumanni*; (d) *Falco naumanni,*

708   *Bonasa umbellus, Cebus capucinus*; (e) *Podocnemis expansa, Falco naumanni* f)

709   *Falco naumanni, Podocnemis expansa, Cebus capucinus.*

Table 1. The effects of human pressure are restricted to only a few demographic processes and life-history traits. Summary of the results of the trait analysis for plants (light blue) and animals (light red) using the residual method (i.e., the spatially and phylogenetically explicit method) described in Methods. The human presence axis and agricultural land use axis refer to the two main dimensions of human activities from the Human Footprint database[33], as detailed in Figure 1. Result are given in these two columns according to the following format: the effect size (P_{MCMC}-values). The columns "size correction" and "spatial correction" indicate whether we corrected for adult body size and spatial autocorrelation in the model (✓ and ✗ symbols respectively stands for when corrections are included and not included) (See Materials and Methods for further details on model choice). Note that none of the examined animal populations include shrinkage or clonal reproduction (thus "-"). P_{MCMC}-values parentheses with underline: $P_{MCMC}<0$.

Residual method for phylogenetically and spatially corrected model for plants and animals				
Trait	Human presence axis	Agricultural land use	Size correction	Spatial correction
a) Vital rates				
Survival	0.003 (<0.05)	-0.001 (>0.05)	✗	✓
	-0.010 (>0.05)	-0.029 (>0.05)	✓	✗

Growth	-0.001 (>0.05)	0.002 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.004 (>0.05)	0.009 (>0.05)	✓	✓
Shrinkage	0.013 (>0.05)	0.006 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	-	-	-	-
Sexual reproduction	-0.038 (>0.05)	0.044 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	-0.015 (>0.05)	-0.001 (>0.05)	✓	✗
Clonal reproduction	-0.008 (>0.05)	-0.017 (>0.05)	✗	✓
	-	-	-	-
Shrinkage of pre-reproductive stages	0.012 (<0.05)	0.014 (>0.05)	✗	✓
	-	-	-	-
Survival of reproductive stages	0.001 (>0.05)	0.002 (>0.05)	✗	✓
	0.005 (>0.05)	-0.007 (>0.05)	✓	✓
Growth of reproductive stages	0.006 (>0.05)	0.011 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.004 (>0.05)	-0.027 (>0.05)	✓	✓
b) Life-history traits				
R_0: Net reproductive rate	0.034 (>0.05)	0.042 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.057 (>0.05)	0.126 (>0.05)	✗	✗

S: Degree of iteroparity	-0.036 (>0.05)	-0.047 (>0.05)	✗	✓
	-0.001 (>0.05)	0.008 (>0.05)	✓	✗
T: Generation time	-0.001 (>0.05)	-0.011 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.283 (<0.10)	0.509 (>0.05)	✓	✗
L_α: Age at maturity	-0.023 (>0.05)	-0.009 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.013 (>0.05)	-0.016 (>0.05)	✓	✓
H: Rate of actuarial senescence	0.004 (>0.05)	0.009 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	-0.012 (>0.05)	-0.008 (>0.05)	✓	✗
p_{Rep} : Probability of achieving reproduction before dying	0.005 (>0.05)	-0.002 (>0.05)	✓	✓
	0.002 (>0.05)	0.022 (>0.05)	✗	✓

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