

# The science centre of 2026 will be ...



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What is the single  
greatest problem we face  
in the coming decades?

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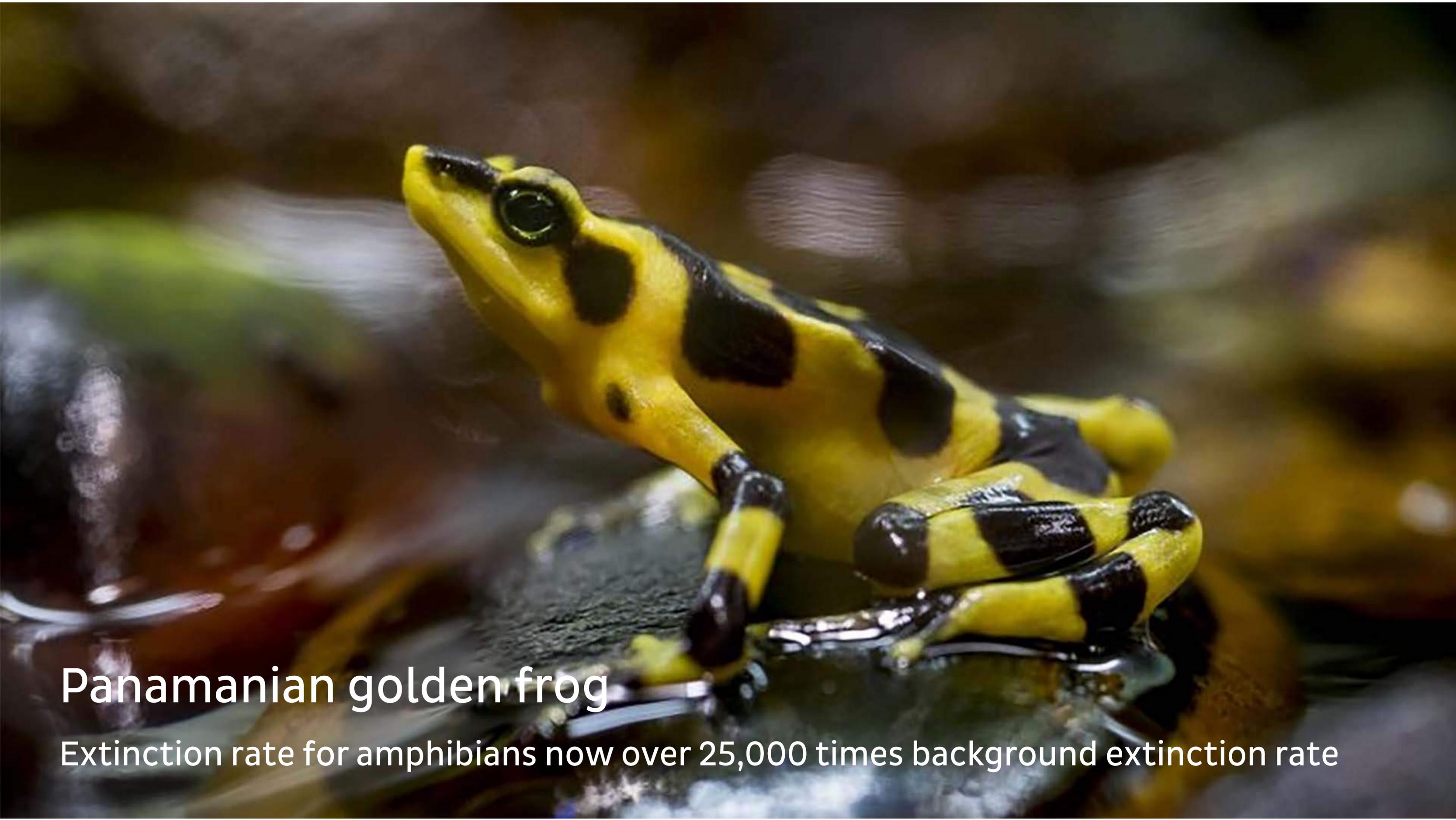
Antibiotic resistance?

Air pollution?

Artificial Intelligence taking  
our jobs?

No!

There is an even bigger  
problem



Panamanian golden frog

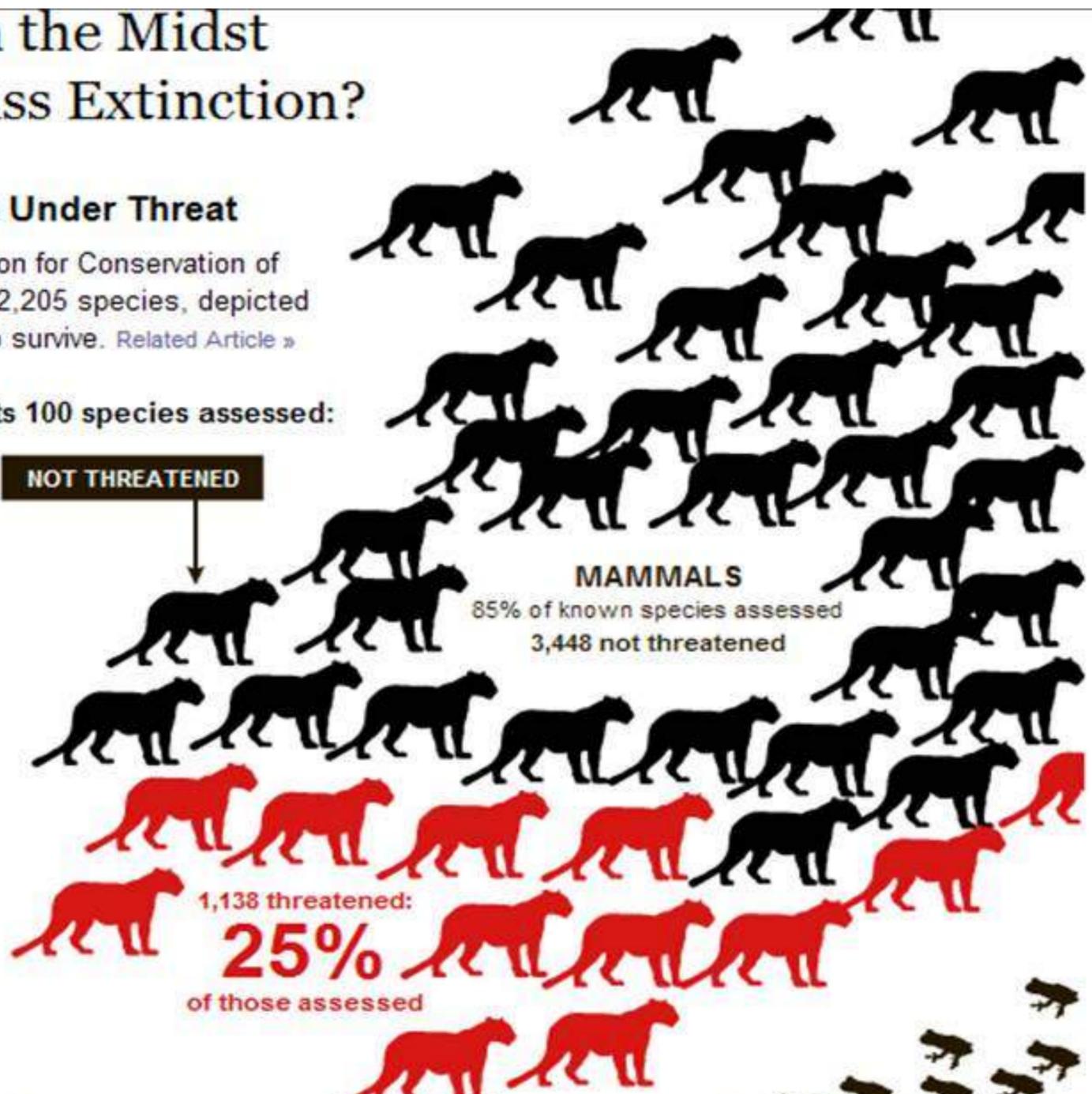
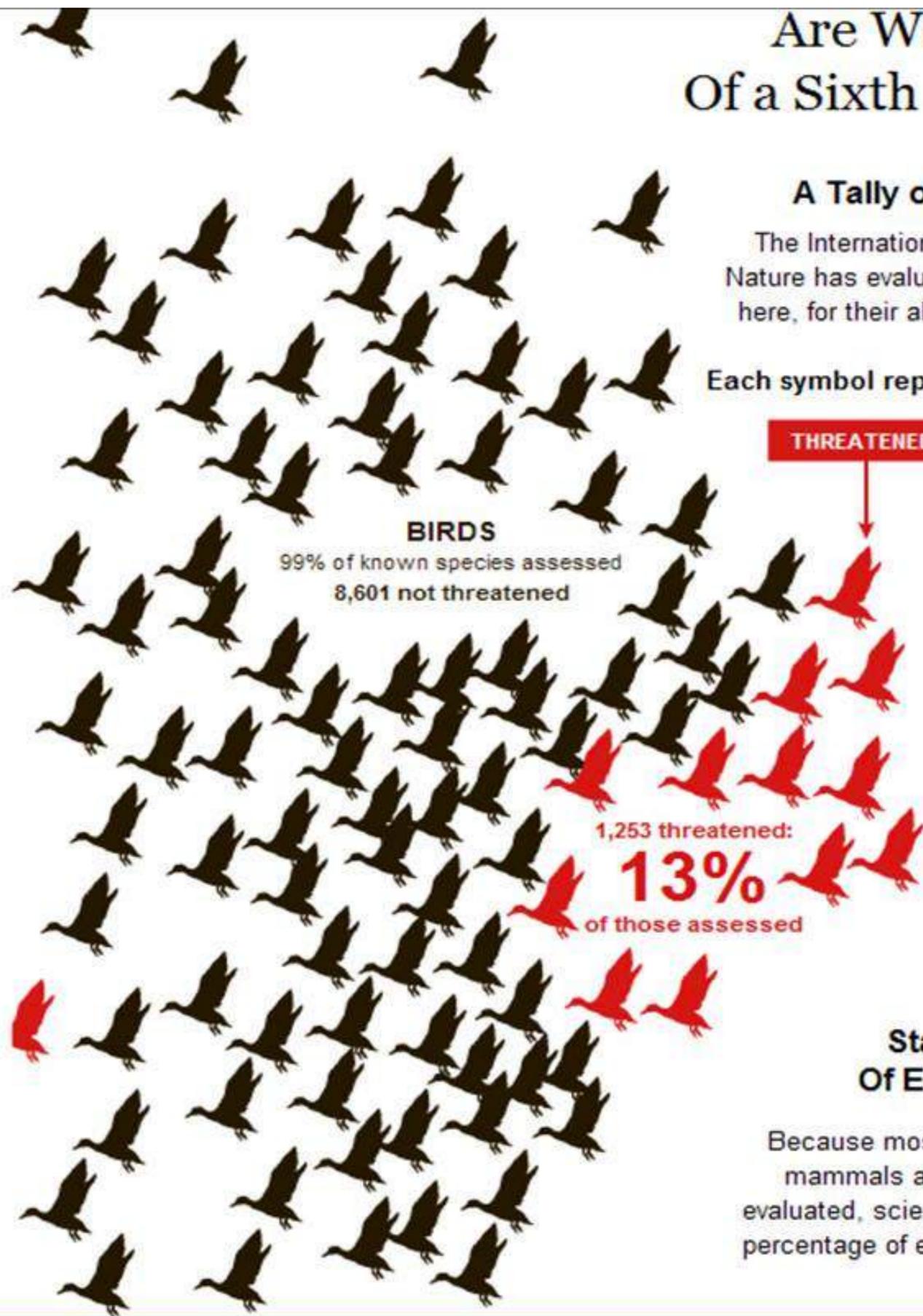
Extinction rate for amphibians now over 25,000 times background extinction rate

# Are We in the Midst Of a Sixth Mass Extinction?

## A Tally of Life Under Threat

The International Union for Conservation of Nature has evaluated 52,205 species, depicted here, for their ability to survive. [Related Article »](#)

Each symbol represents 100 species assessed:



## Stark Indicators Of Extinction Risks

Because most known species of birds, mammals and amphibians have been evaluated, scientists are confident about the percentage of each group that is threatened.



## Insects

# Warning of 'ecological Armageddon' after dramatic plunge in insect numbers

Three-quarters of flying insects in nature reserves across Germany have vanished in 25 years, with serious implications for all life on Earth, scientists say



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Flying insects caught in a malaise trap, used by entomologists to collect samples. Photograph: Courtesy of Entomologischer Verein Krefeld

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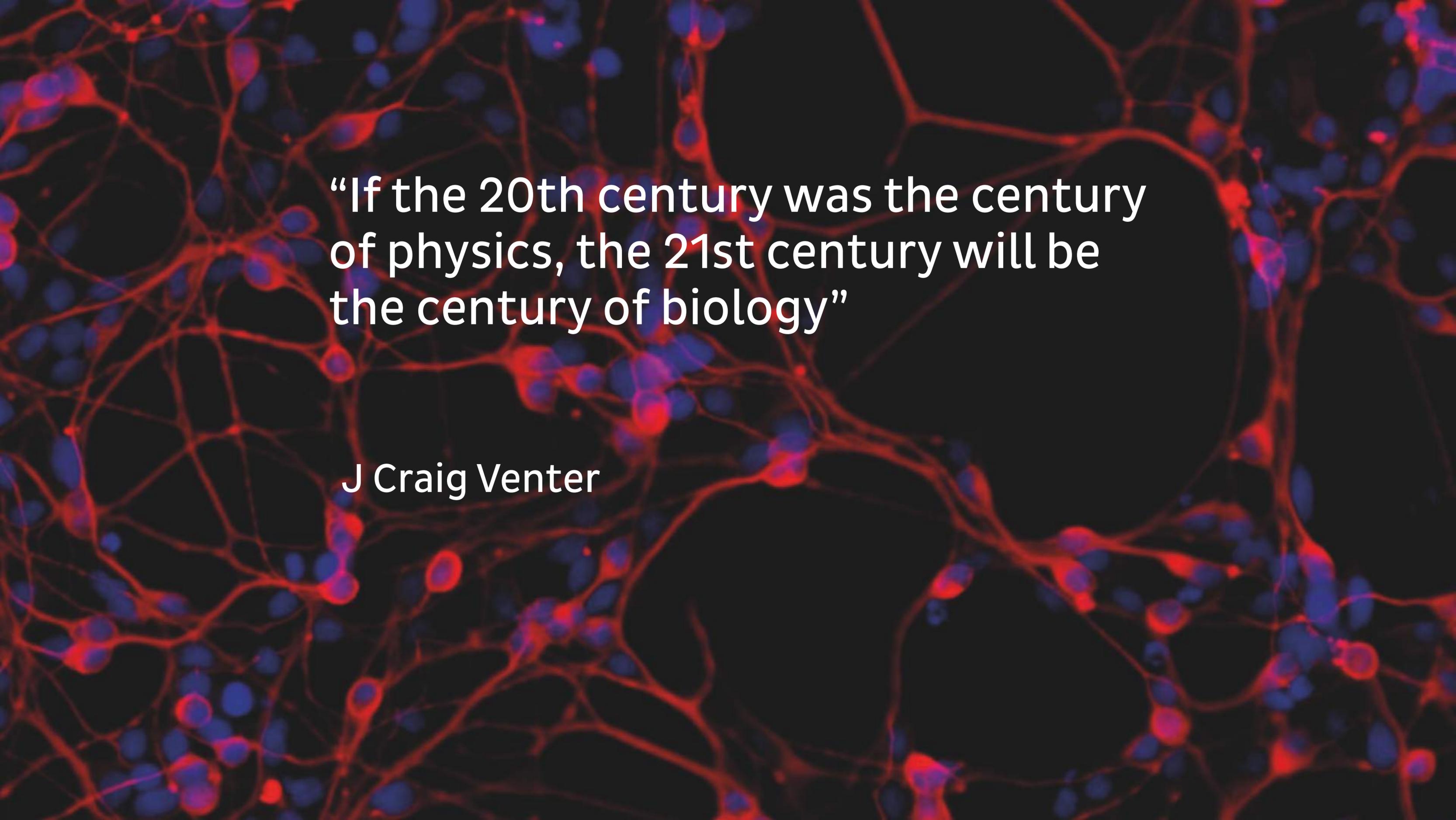
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Kirk Johnson, Director, Smithsonian American Museum of Natural History

A person's silhouette is visible on the right side of the image, looking towards a large aquarium tank. Inside the tank, several jellyfish with glowing, translucent bodies and long, thin tentacles are swimming in a deep blue environment. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the jellyfish against the dark background.

# KEY CHALLENGE FOR NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENCE CENTRES:

To reconfigure the relationship between **humans** and the other species with whom we share the planet

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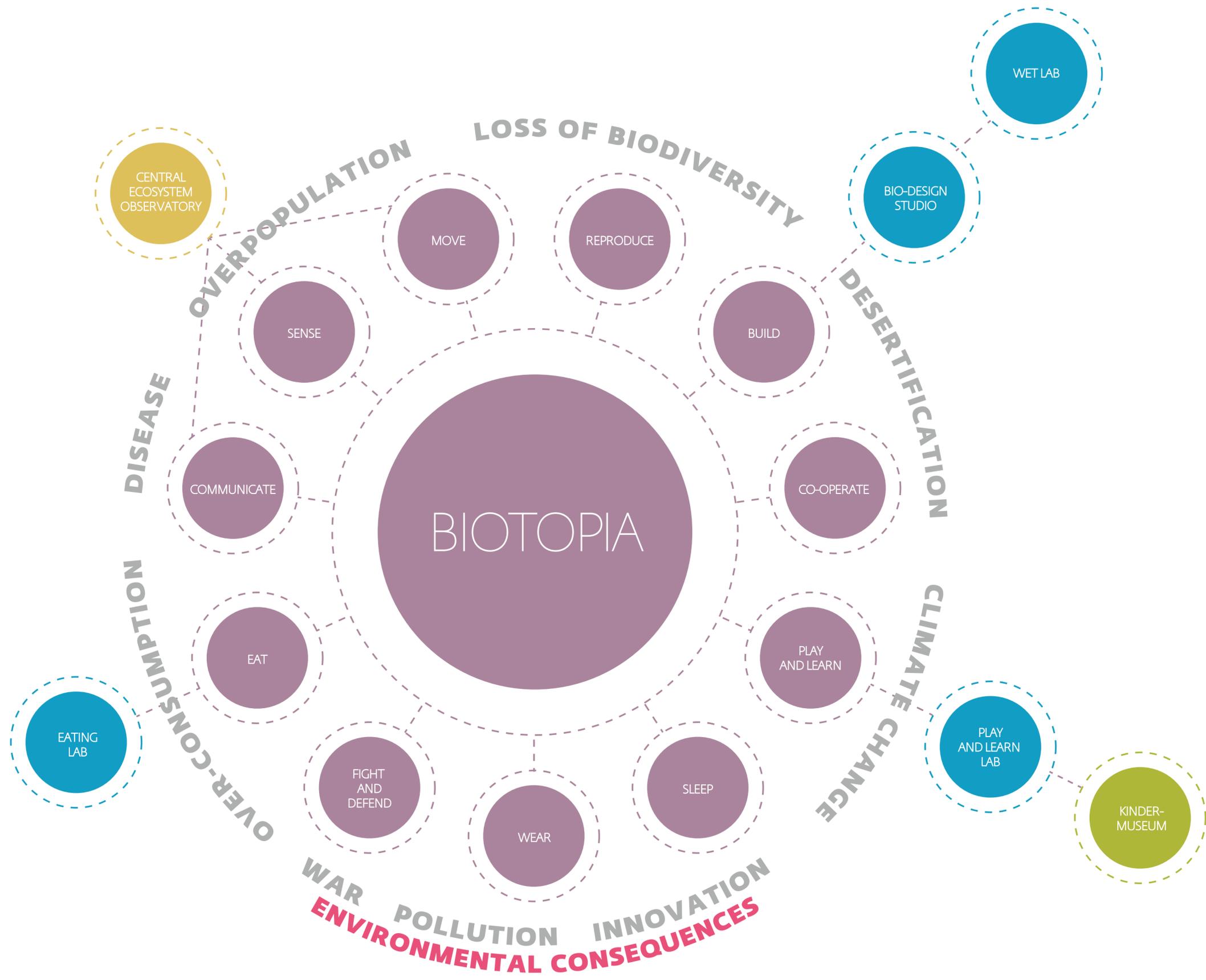
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and ... **tasty!**



# Thank You!

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