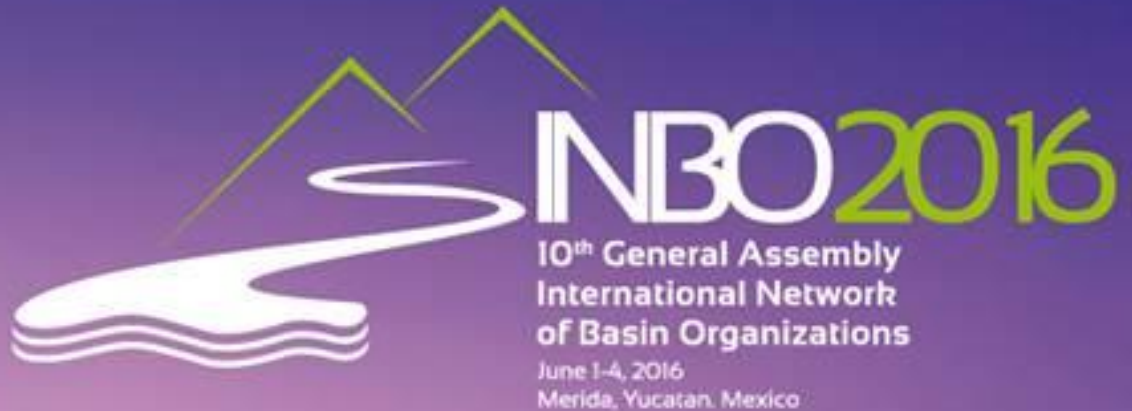


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The Mississippi River:

Largest Agricultural
Trade footprint

Largest Navigable system

Sustains most agriculturally
productive zone



The Mississippi River:

\$400 billion in Annual Revenue
1.3 million US Jobs

Top 3 economies are

- Manufacturing
- Tourism
- Agriculture

Largest USDA Critical
Conservation Area in US



The Mississippi River:

40% of all US agricultural output

60% of US grain output

Makes possible United States'
only trade surplus

Almost a half trillion dollars in
gross municipal product





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Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative:

68 Mayor-Lead Municipalities

2500 Miles of Waterway

10 States

1 River



Recent Climate Impacts:

Hurricane Katrina

Hurricane Isaac

100, 200, 500-Year Floods

50-year Drought



St. Paul, MN

St. Louis

Natchez, MS

Baton Rouge

New Orleans

Present-day shoreline



What is at stake

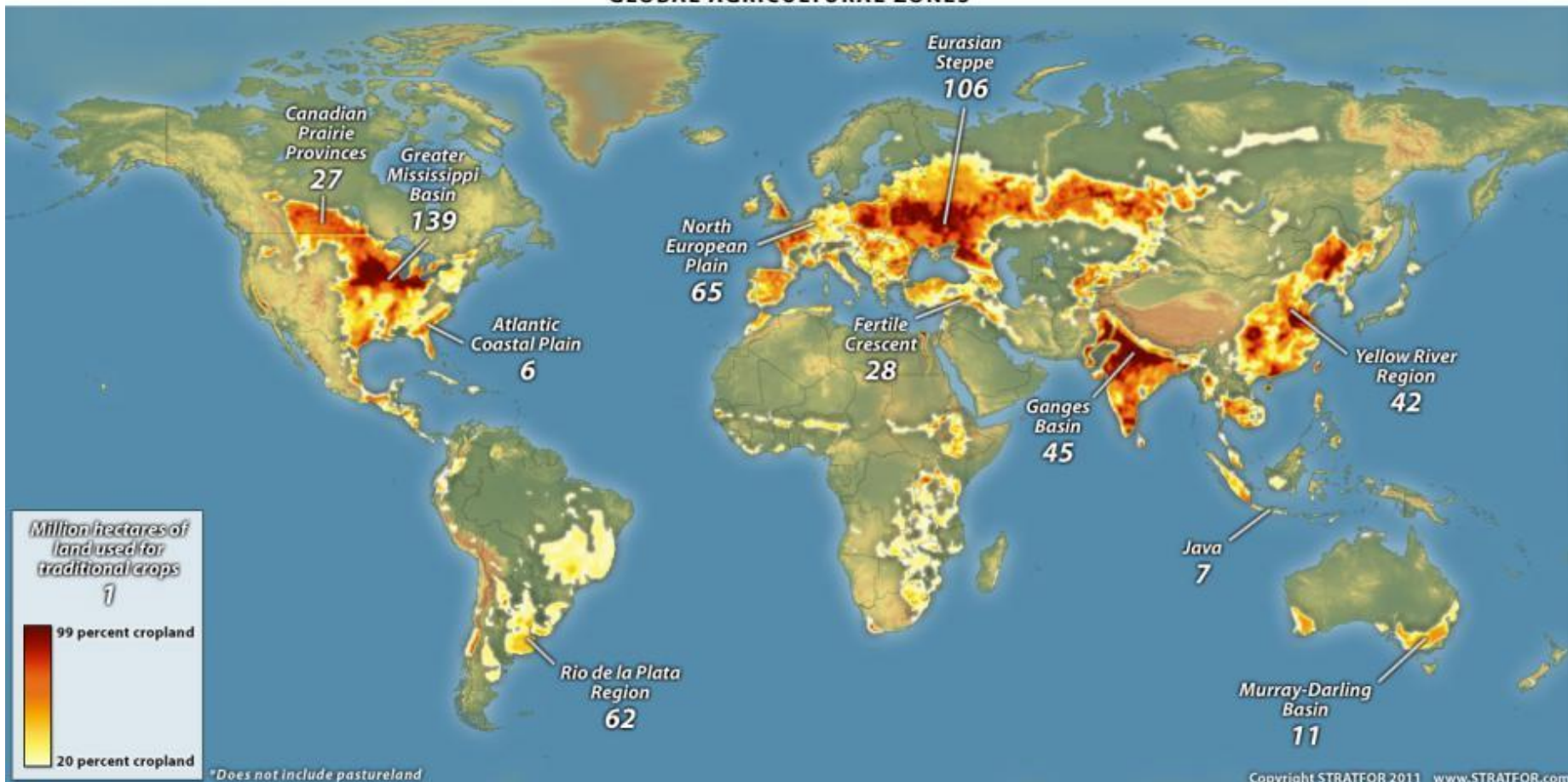
Over 35% of world's traditional cropland is in river basins

World's river basins are being impacted by climate change

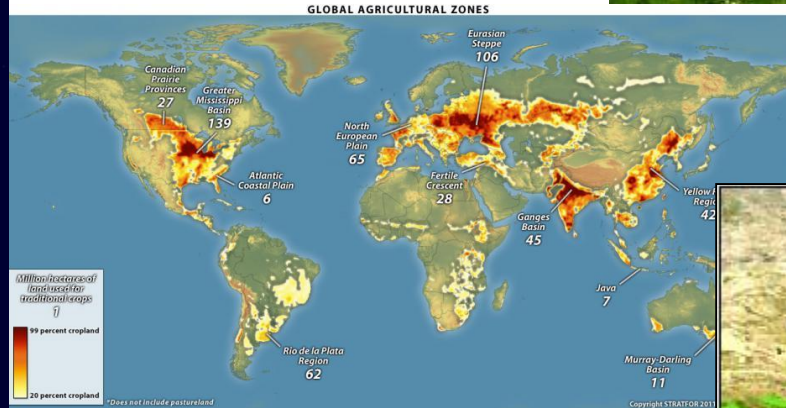
Healthy rivers equals a sustainable food supply

Healthy rivers equals access to fresh clean drinking water

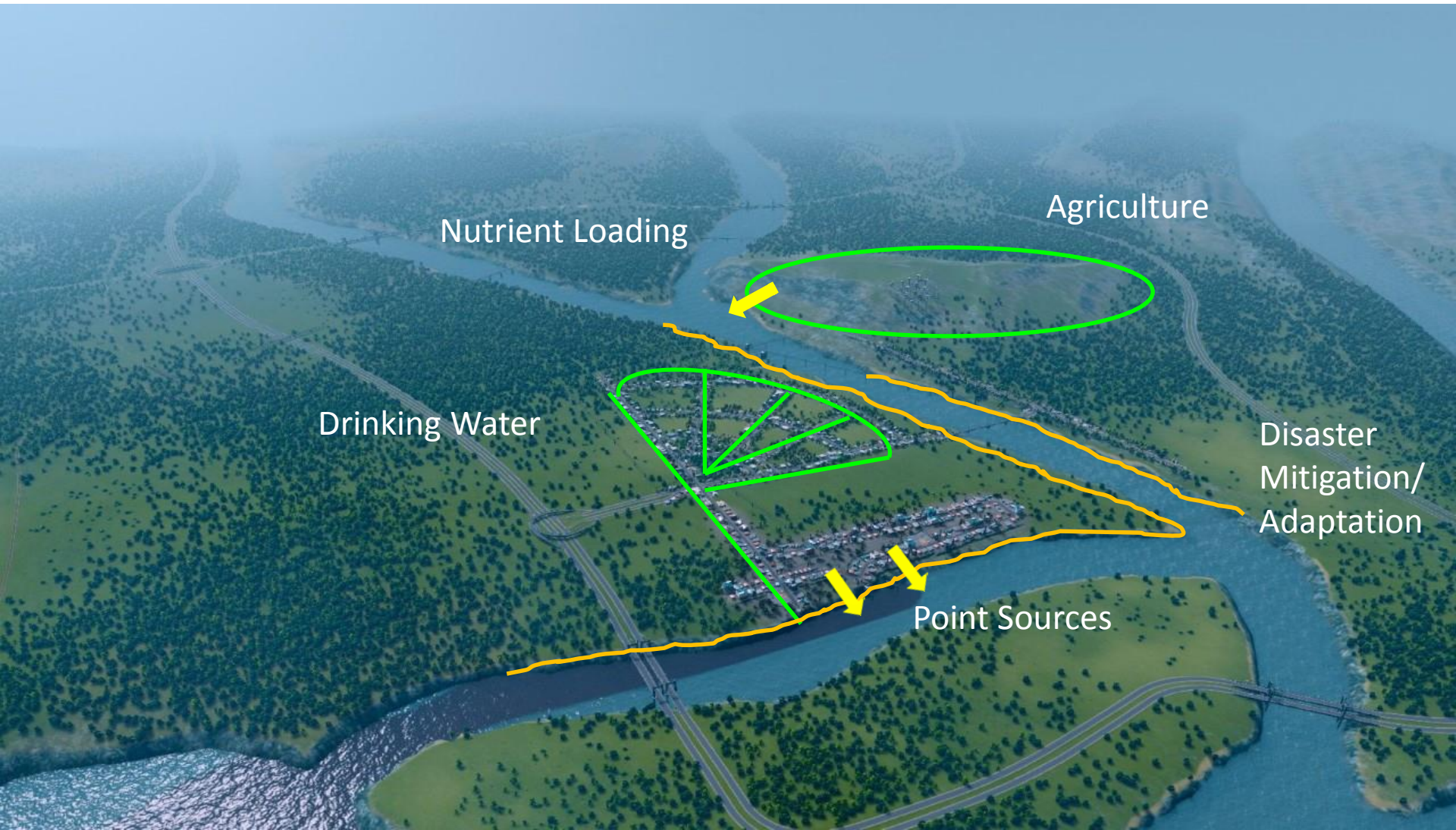
GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL ZONES



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Managing Water



What an International Agreement can achieve

**Paris Pact on water and
adaptation to climate change
in the basins of rivers, lakes, and aquifers**

**International River Basin Agreement to mitigate
climate risk by achieving food and water security**

