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Two complementary global maps ("The Human Footprint" & "The Last of the Wild") were released by NASA at the following site:

* The Human Footprint (DAAC Study) http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Study/footprint/ In North America, the black-tailed prairie dog occupies as little as 5 percent of its former habitat. In Madagascar, more than 20 lemur species are threatened with extinction, and at least 15 species are already extinct. And on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, fewer than 50 mature mandrinette hibiscus plants remain in the wild.

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