

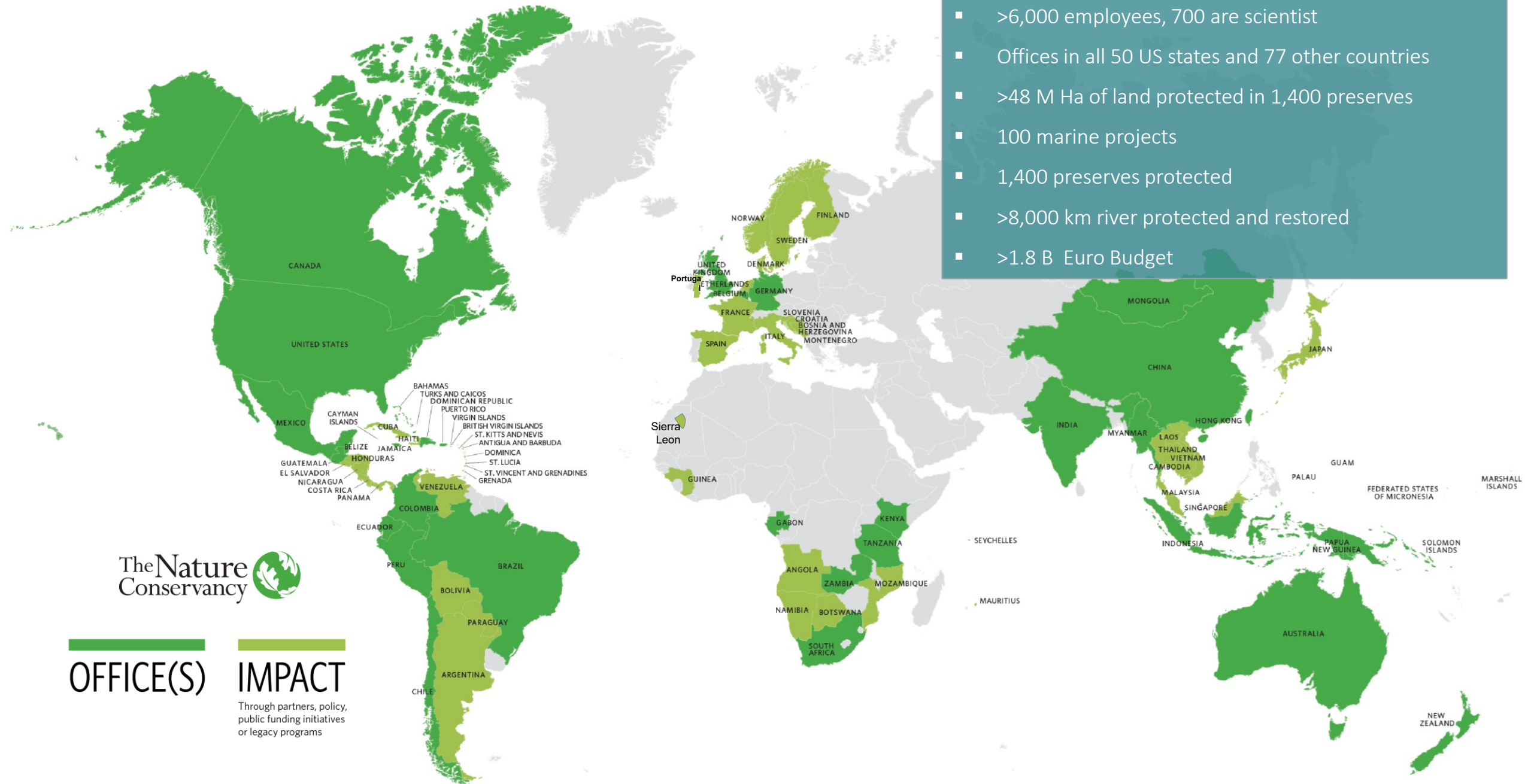
A photograph of a forest stream with a large, moss-covered log bridge. The water is clear and flows over rocks, creating white foam. The surrounding forest is dense with tall trees and a forest floor covered in fallen leaves and moss.

River Basin & Barrier Planning & Tools

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- >1 M supporting members/foundations
- >6,000 employees, 700 are scientist
- Offices in all 50 US states and 77 other countries
- >48 M Ha of land protected in 1,400 preserves
- 100 marine projects
- 1,400 preserves protected
- >8,000 km river protected and restored
- >1.8 B Euro Budget



OFFICE(S)

IMPACT

Through partners, policy, public funding initiatives or legacy programs

Multi-faceted Solutions

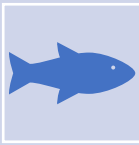
To Restore & Protect Rivers



Barriers & habitat data



Policies/rules for repair
and new crossing



Analysis tools to focus work



Outreach/Education

Engineers, managers, advocates



Funding Mechanisms



Implement/Monitor



Welcome, Joshua Royte

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- Resilience
- Additional layers
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Current case study
Europe

Spatial units
Catchments

Prioritization scale

Explore **Prioritize** Filter Analyze

Prioritize layers using weighted overlay analysis. All...

Selected Pillar:

Restore

sm md lg xl

Restore Weighted Average

Weighted average of all 5 groups in pillar

Biodiversity

Biodiversity Weighted Average

Weighted average of all metrics in group

Min: 0 Max: 5

- > Rarity Weighted Richness Index (0/2)
- > Freshwater Species (3/4)
- > Fish Species (3/4)
- > Terrestrial Species (0/4)
- > Bird Species (0/2)
- > Habitat (1/3)

Current State

Current State Weighted Average

Weighted average of all metrics in group

> Climate Baseline (0/5)

- > Water Quality (4/5)

Legend

Restore Weighted Average

Weighted average of all layers in 'restore' pillar

weighted index

0 1 2 3 4 5

very low low medium high very high

Relative importance

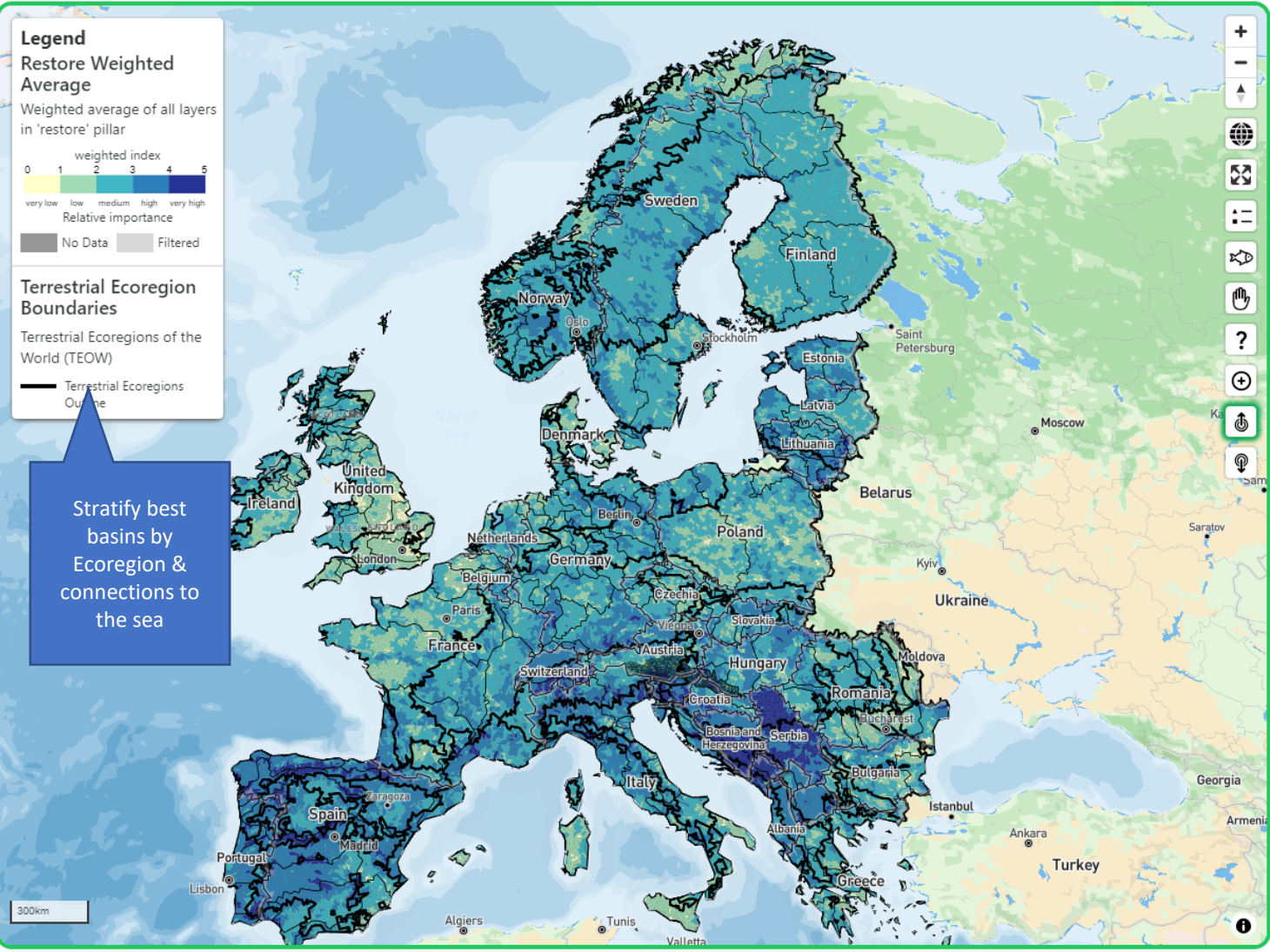
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Terrestrial Ecoregion Boundaries

Terrestrial Ecoregions of the World (TEOW)

Terrestrial Ecoregions Outline

Stratify best basins by Ecoregion & connections to the sea



Biodiversity Weighted Average ☆☆☆🔇📄
Weighted average of all metrics in group
Min: 0 Max: 5

▼ **Rarity Weighted Richness Index (0/2)**

Freshwater Species Rarity Weighted Richness Index ☆☆☆🔇📄

Terrestrial Species Rarity Weighted Richness Index ☆☆☆🔇📄

▼ **Freshwater Species (3/4)**

Freshwater Species Diversity - All ☆☆☆🔇📄

Freshwater Species Diversity - Threatened ☆☆☆🔇📄

Freshwater Species Diversity - Endemic ☆☆☆🔇📄

Freshwater Species Diversity - Decreasing Trend ☆☆☆🔇📄

▼ **Fish Species (3/4)**

Fish Species Diversity - All ☆☆☆🔇📄

Fish Species Diversity - Threatened ☆☆☆🔇📄

Fish Species Diversity - ☆☆☆🔇📄

Fish Species Diversity - Decreasing Trend ☆☆☆🔇📄

> **Terrestrial Species (0/4)**

> **Bird Species (0/2)**

▼ **Habitat (1/3)**

Freshwater Habitat Diversity ☆☆☆🔇📄

Freshwater Key Biodiversity Areas ☆☆☆🔇📄

Invasive Alien Species - Freshwater ☆☆☆🔇📄

Article 17, IUCN, etc.

▼ **Current State**

Current State Weighted Average ☆☆☆🔇📄
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> **Climate Baseline (0/5)**

▼ **Water Quality (4/5)**

Nitrogen Stream Concentration ☆☆☆🔇📄

Phosphorus Stream Concentration ☆☆☆🔇📄

Groundwater with Poor Chemical Status due to Agriculture ☆☆☆🔇📄

Erosion in Croplands ☆☆☆🔇📄

Average Probability of Failing Good Ecological Status ☆☆☆🔇📄

▼ **Development Pressure (1/6)**

Water Exploitation Index ☆☆☆🔇📄

Groundwater Depletion ☆☆☆🔇📄

Human Modification Index ☆☆☆🔇📄

Population Density ☆☆☆🔇📄

Gross Domestic Product ☆☆☆🔇📄

> **Connectivity (0/3)**

▼ **Land Use / Cover (1/10)**

Agricultural Area ☆☆☆🔇📄

Forest and Semi-Natural Areas ☆☆☆🔇📄

Wetland ☆☆☆🔇📄

Water Bodies ☆☆☆🔇📄

Artificial Surfaces ☆☆☆🔇📄

Extended Wetland Area Including Water ☆☆☆🔇📄



Recharge Zone Habitats ☆☆☆🔇📄

Riparian Zones Observable ☆☆☆🔇📄



Riparian Zones Potential ☆☆☆🔇📄

Protected Areas (local) ☆☆☆🔇📄



Future Threats

Future Threats ☆ ★ ★ ★  
Weighted Average
Weighted average of all metrics in group

Climate Risks (0/4)

Aridity Potential ☆ ★ ★ ★  
(Future Relative Change)

Projected Increase in Drought Frequency ☆ ★ ★ ★  



Local Stream Water Temperature (Future Absolute Change) ☆ ★ ★ ★  



Flood Recurrence ☆ ★ ★ ★  



> Threats to Water Quality (0/3)

> Development Threats (0/2)

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Nitrogen Stream Concentration (Future Relative Change) ☆ ★ ★ ★  

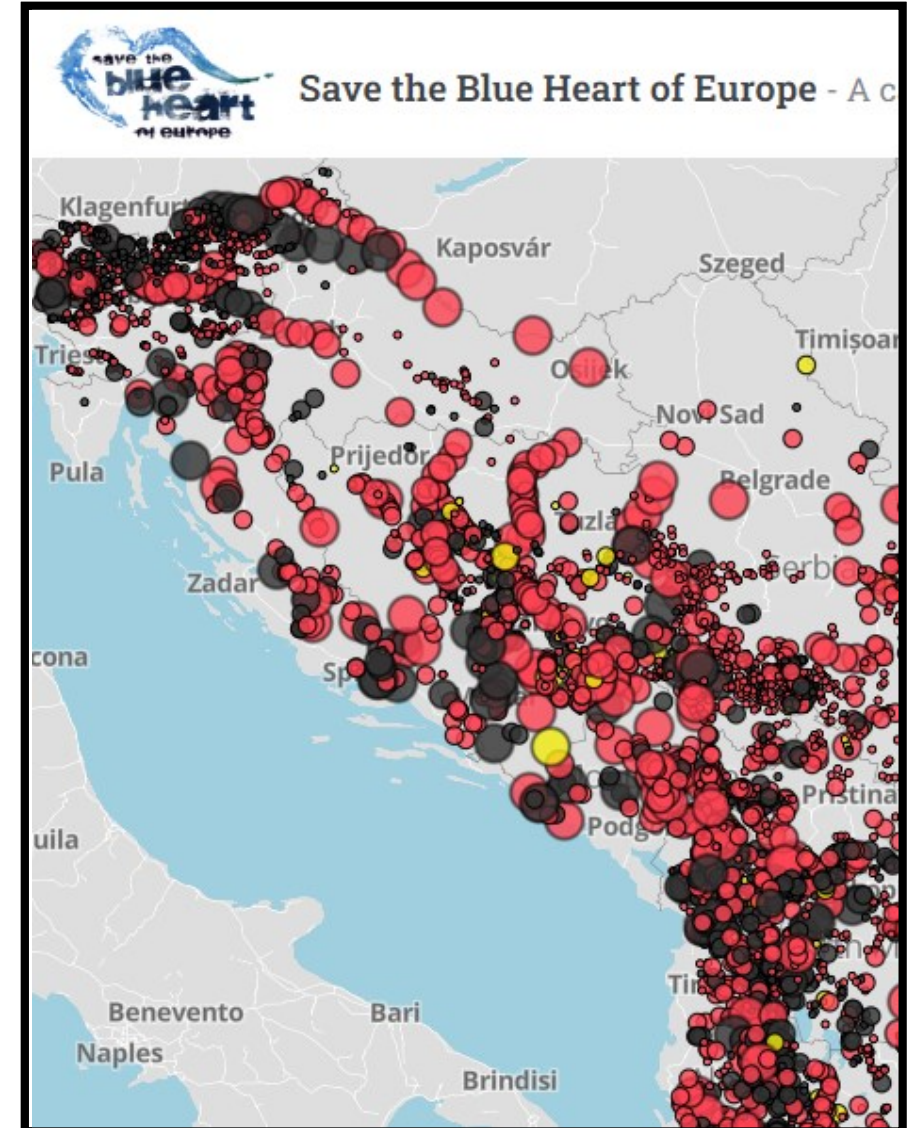
Phosphorus Stream Concentration (Future Relative Change) ☆ ★ ★ ★  

Erosion in Cropland (Future Relative Change) ☆ ★ ★ ★  

Development Threats (0/2)

Development Potential Index ☆ ★ ★ ★  

Planned Hydropower ☆ ★ ★ ★  





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 - AMBER Barrier Density** 🌿 ⓘ
Min: 0 Max: 0.5 🔄
 - Current Hydropower 🌿 ⓘ
Min: 0 Max: 697 🔄
 - Degree of Flow Alteration 🌿 ⓘ
Min: 0 Max: 1000 🔄
 - > Land Use / Cover (1/10)
 - Future Threats**
 - > Development Pressure (1/6)
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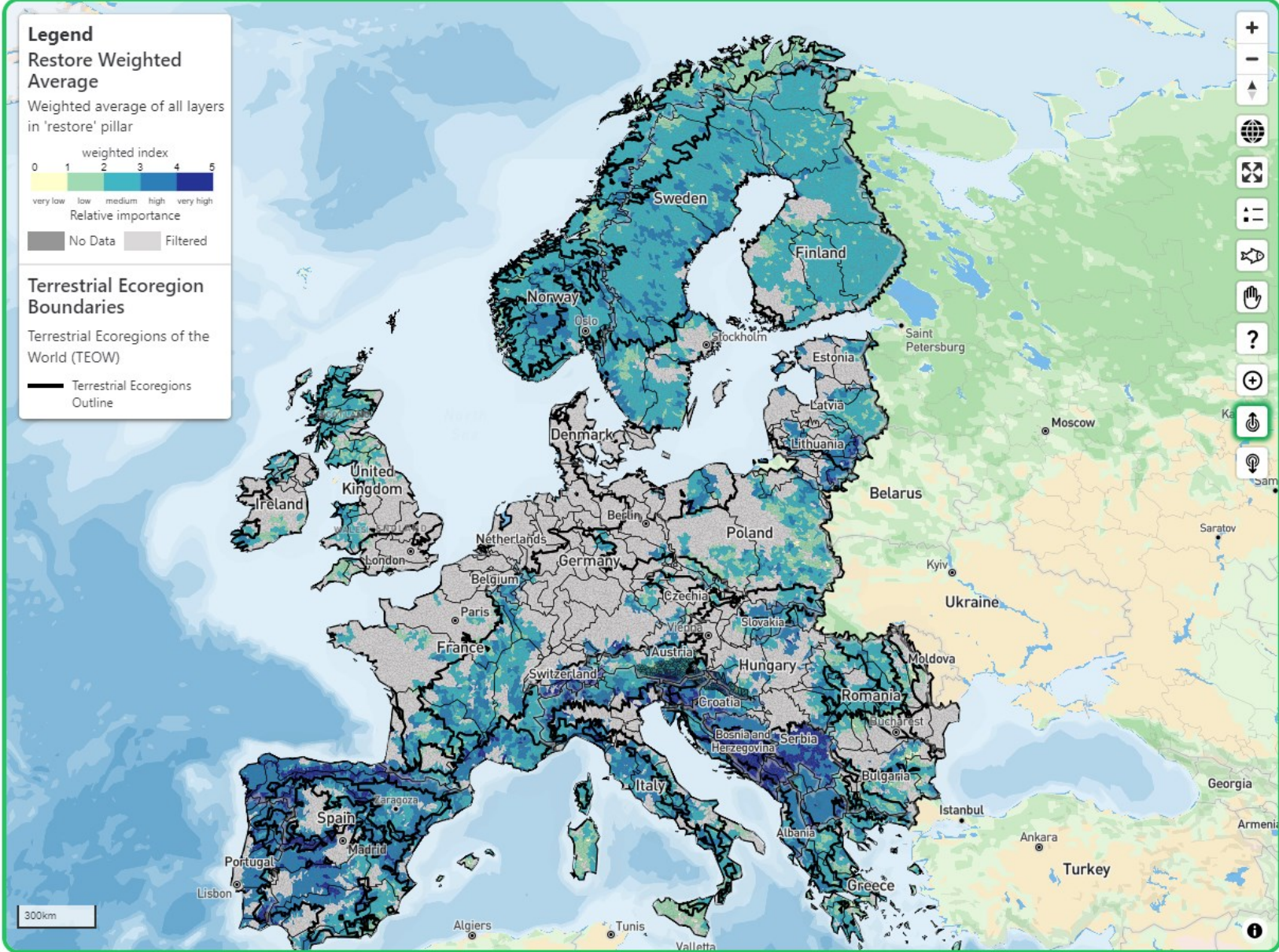
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Map navigation controls: +, -, up, down, globe, zoom in, zoom out, home, search, help, refresh, print, full screen, close.

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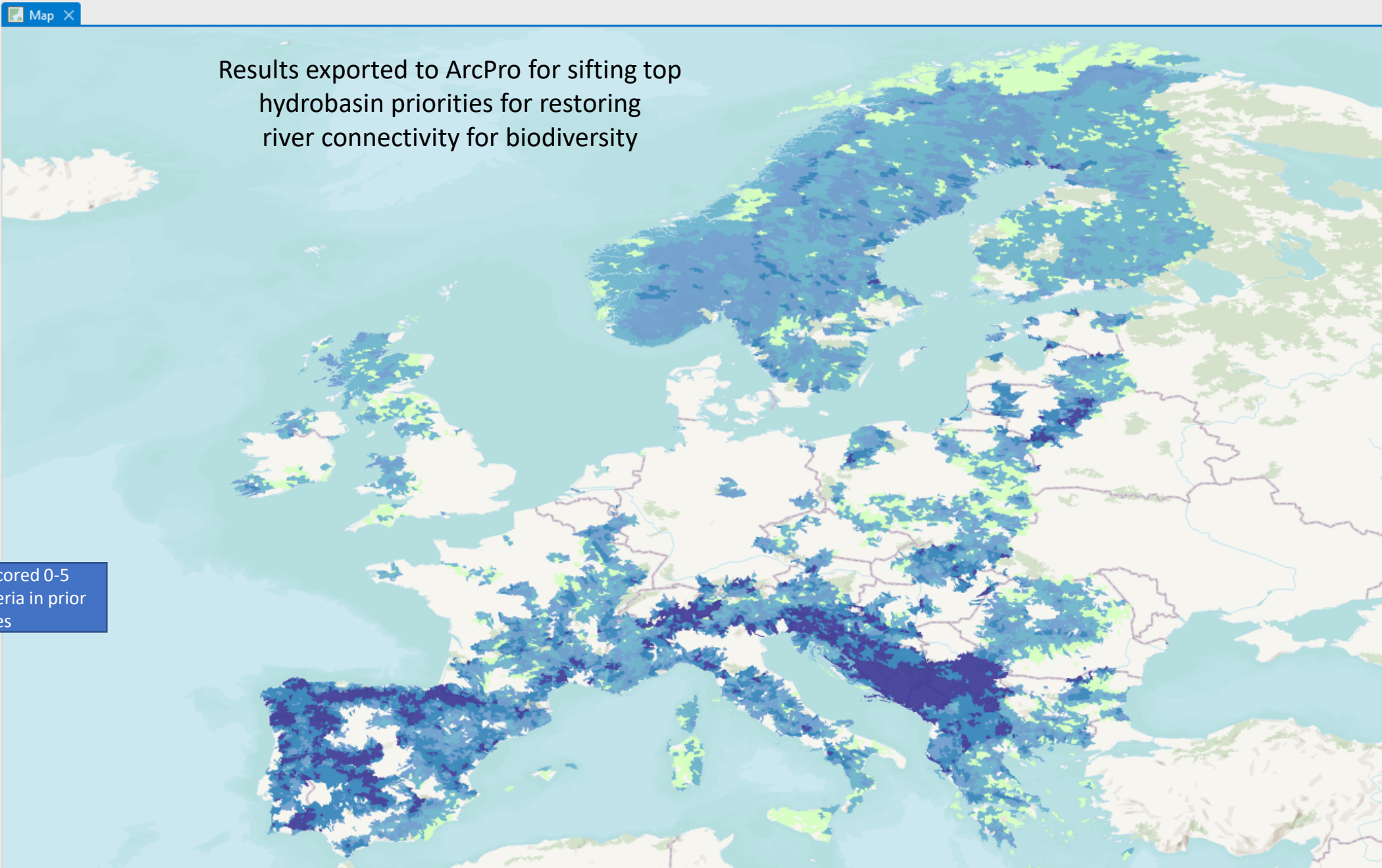


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All basins scored 0-5 based on criteria in prior slides

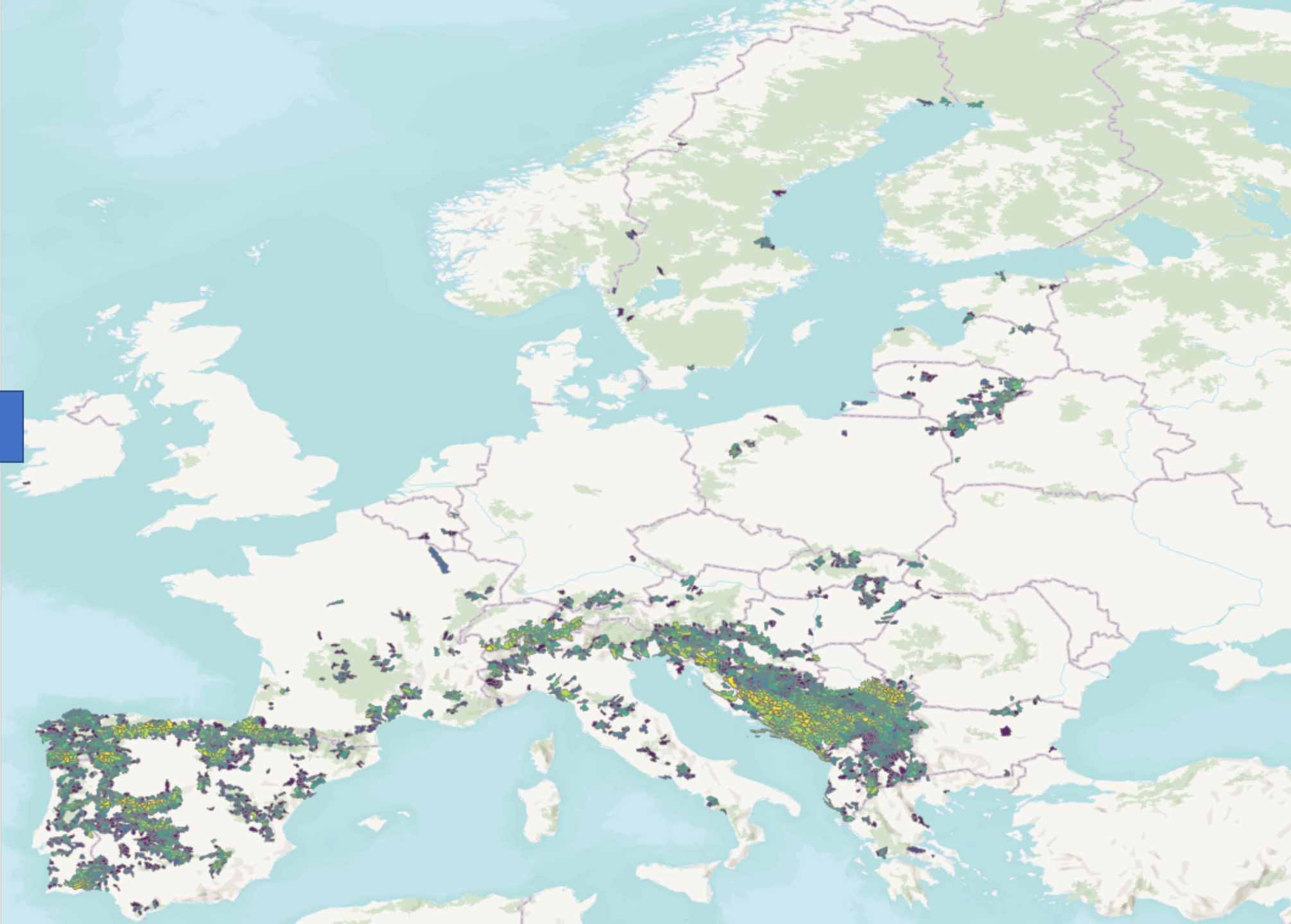




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Top 10% of scores
3,446 subbasins





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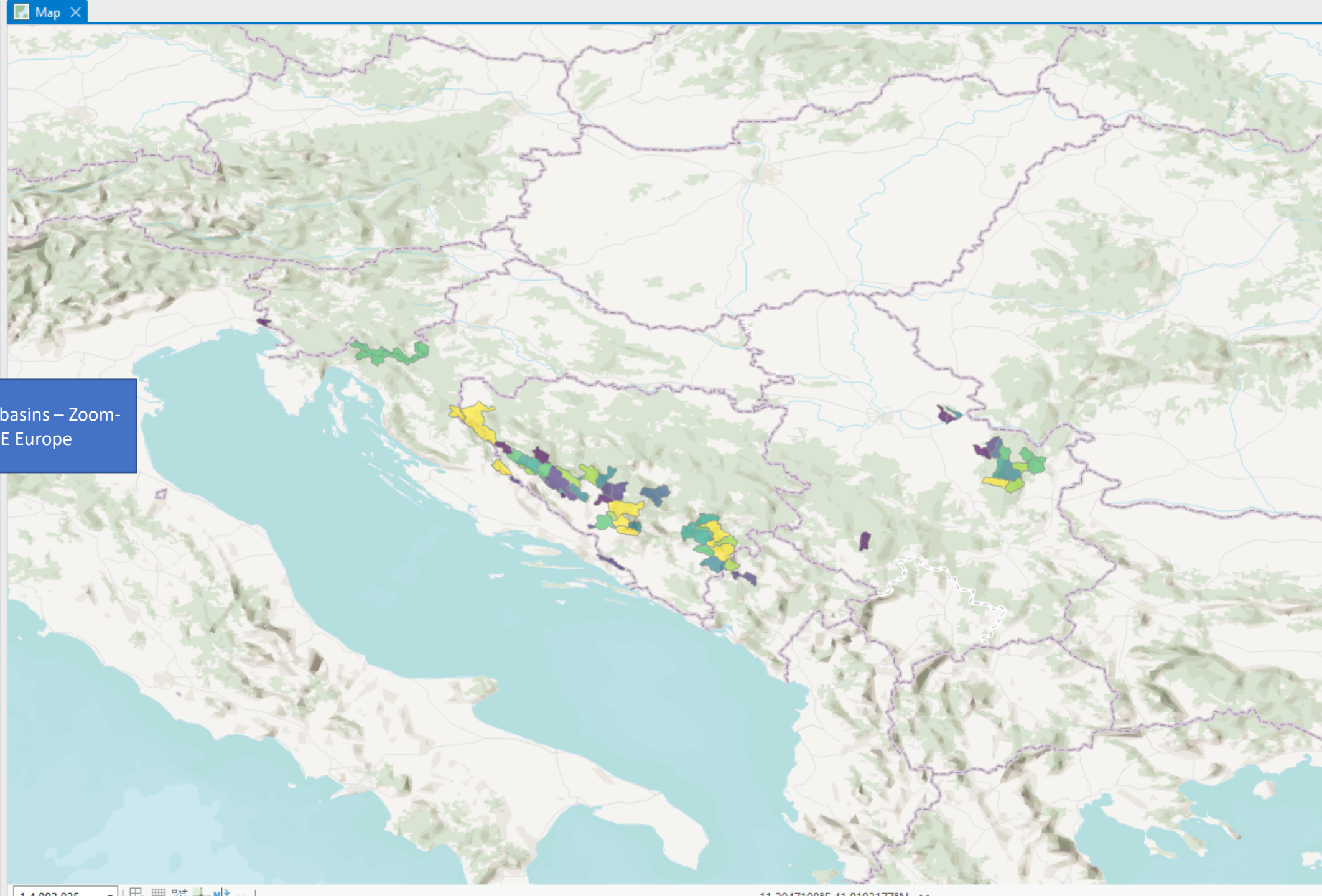
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Top 100 subbasins – Zoom-in to SE Europe

Thank you

- Global ecoregions & prioritization strategies for each
- Combine terrestrial & aquatic prioritization
- Opportunity can come from prioritized sets of basins
- Combine with Freshwater protection & restoration