

Loss of morphologically unique avian frugivores diminishes seed dispersal function and natural restoration potential pan-tropically

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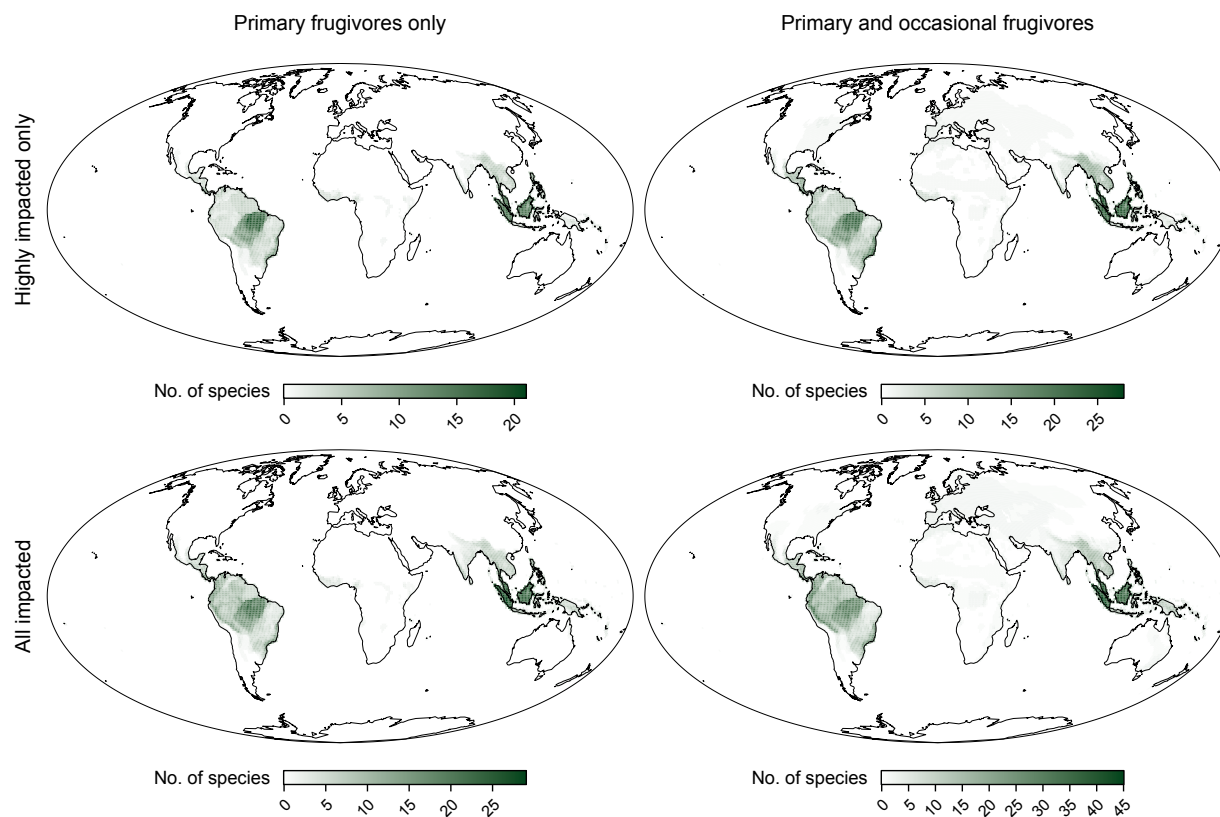
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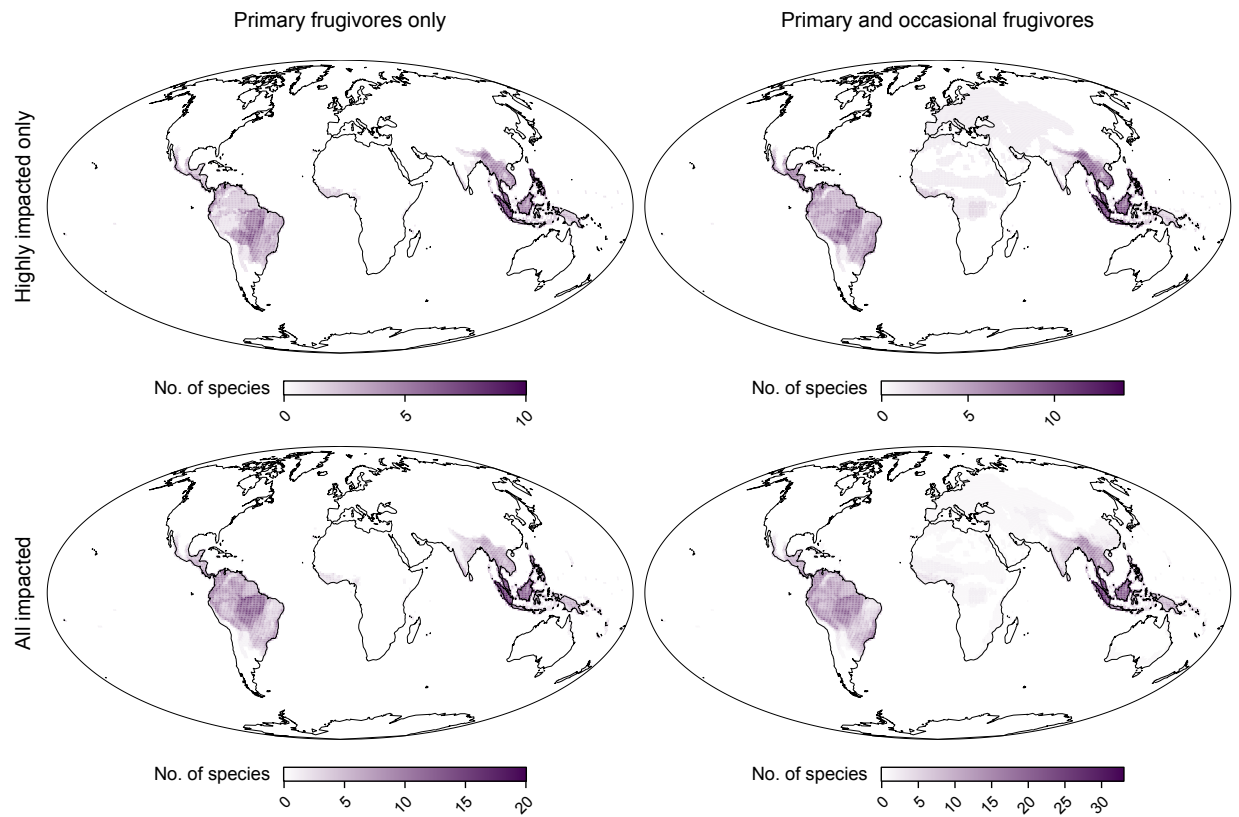
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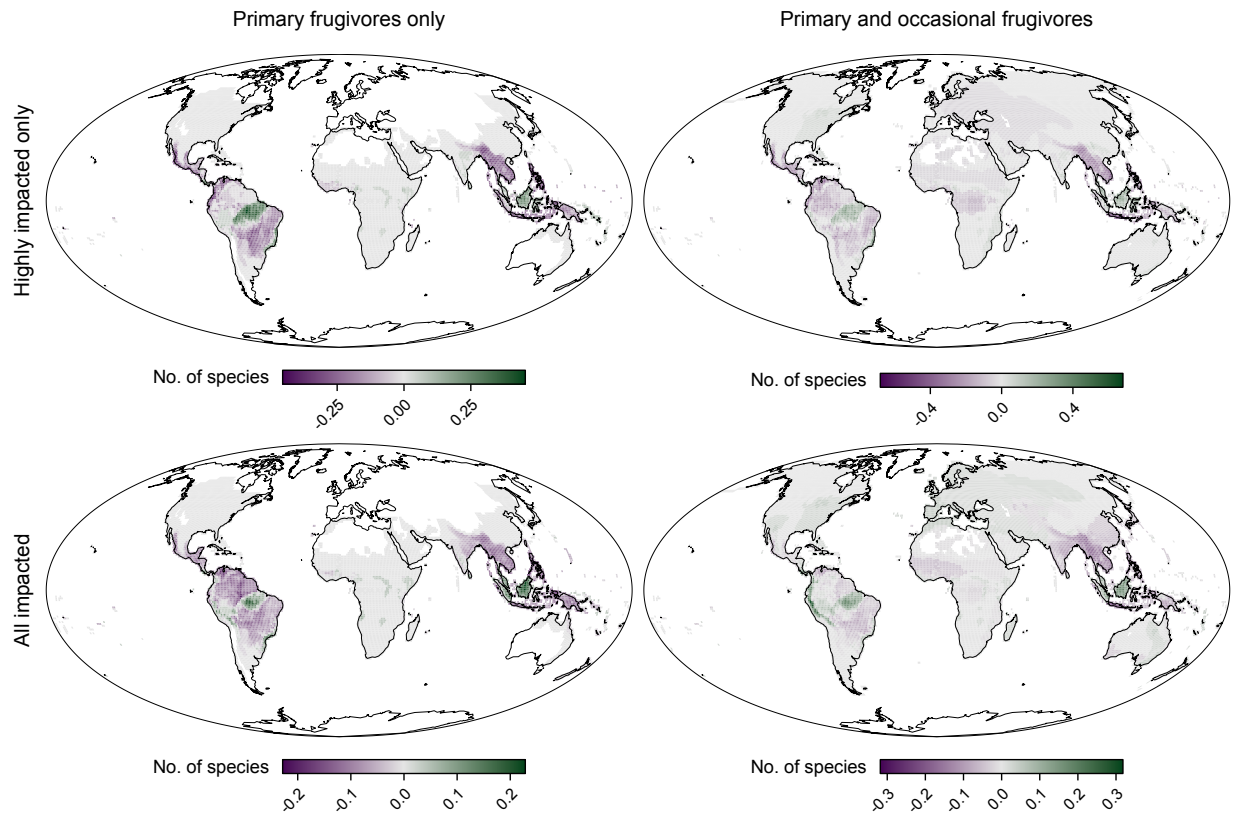


Supplementary Figure 1 | Distribution of frugivorous birds impacted by habitat loss and degradation (HL). Species richness maps were generated by overlaying the extant, native and full (resident and seasonal) geographic ranges of species (see Methods). Frugivores were categorised as either primary ($\geq 60\%$ fruit in diet; $n = 1,188$ species) or occasional ($30\text{--}60\%$ fruit in diet; $n = 1,275$ species). IUCN threat scores were used to define species as either impacted (any threat score, or where the threat score was unknown) or as highly impacted species (threat scores ≥ 6). Map in Mollweide projection, 100×100 km grid cells. White areas do not have any species meeting the frugivory criteria.

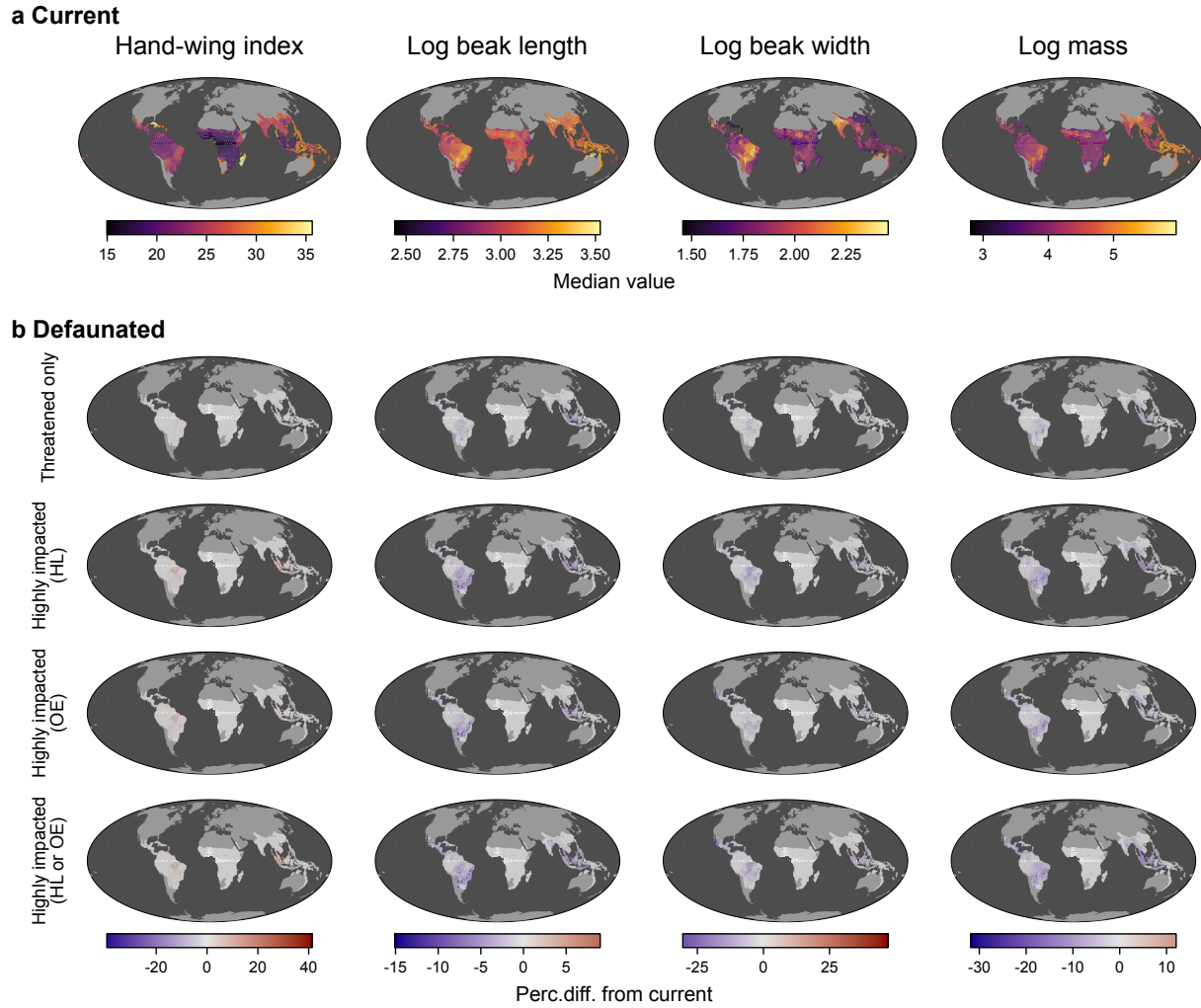


Supplementary Figure 2 | Distribution of frugivorous birds impacted by overexploitation (OE).

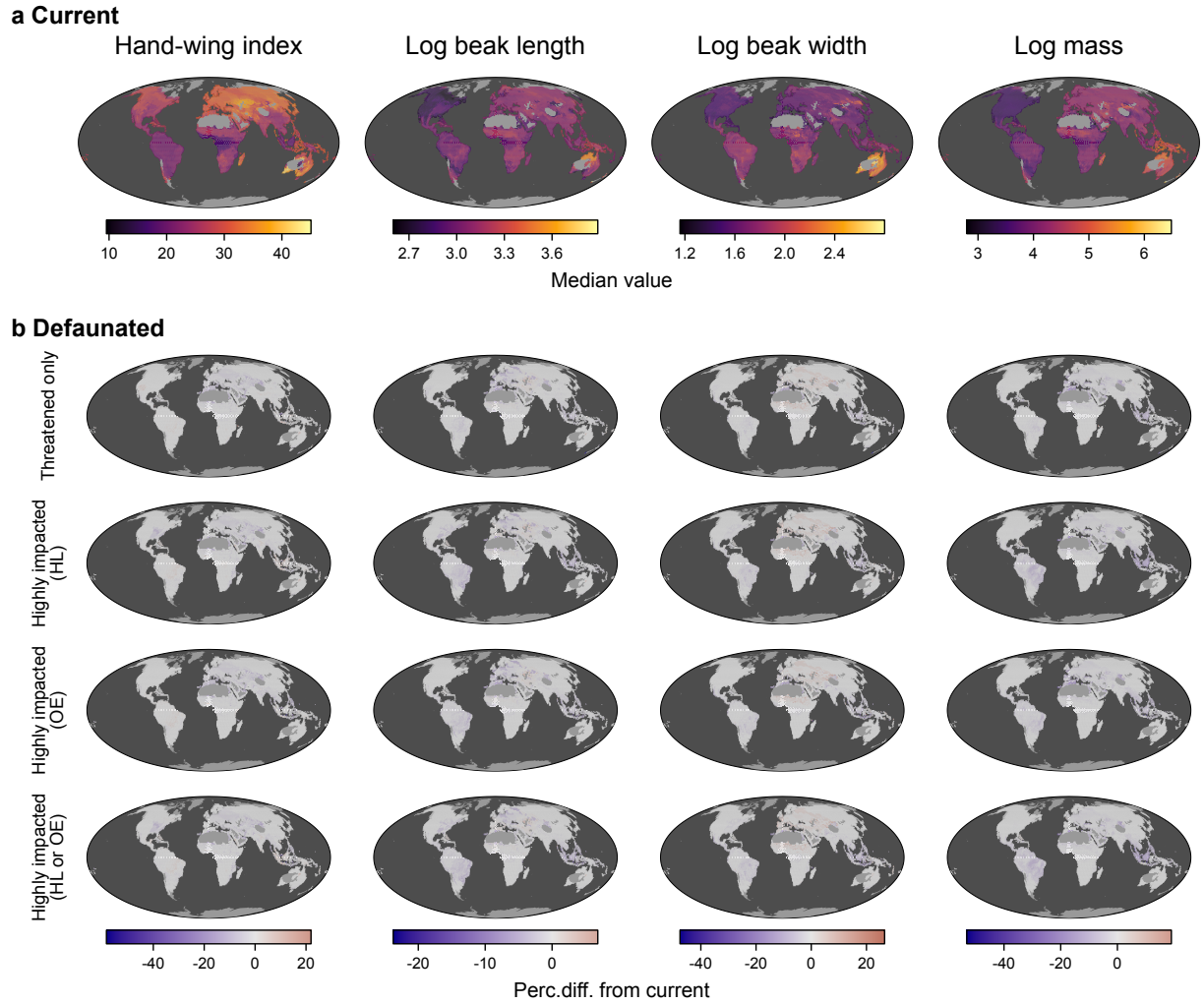
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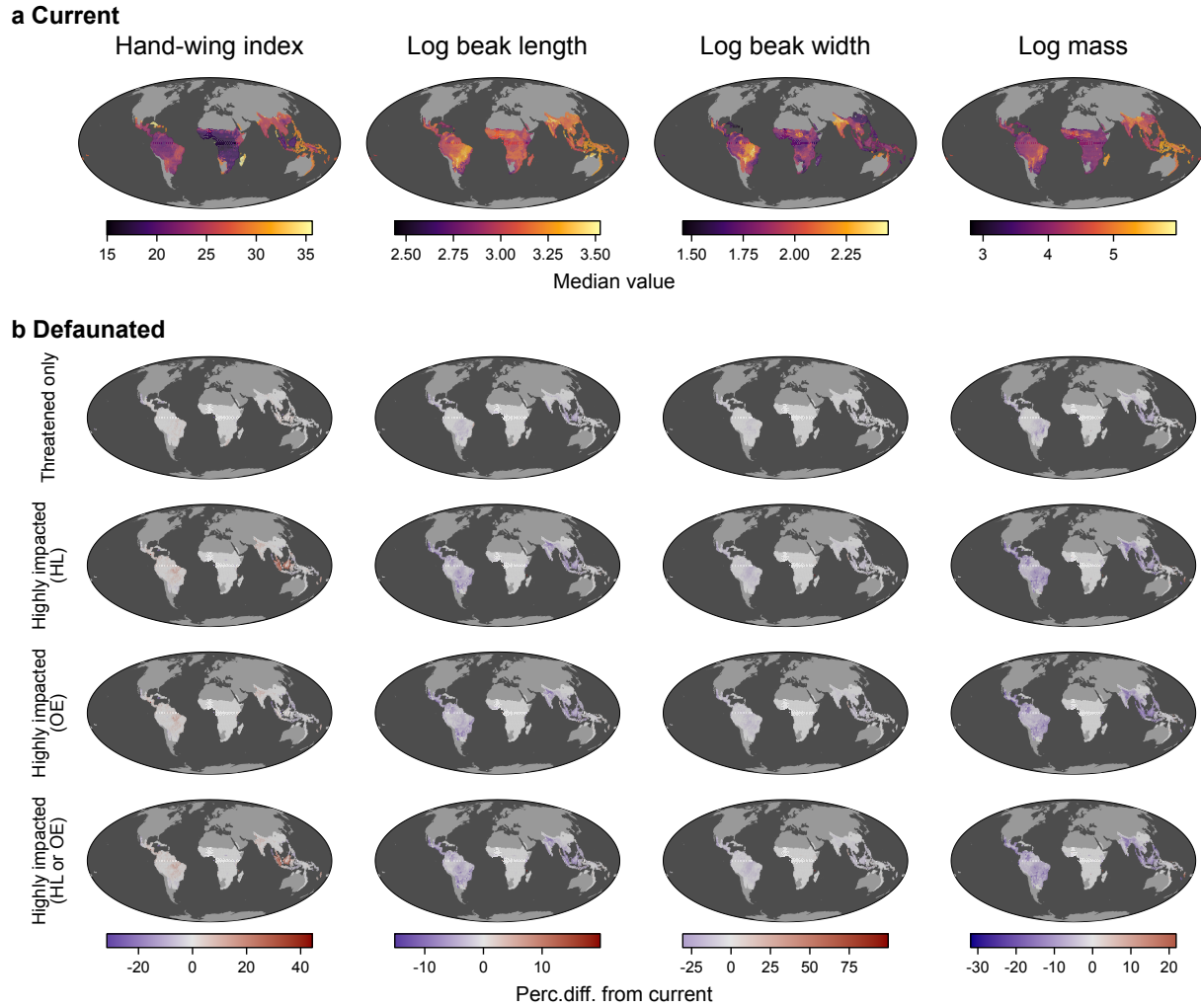
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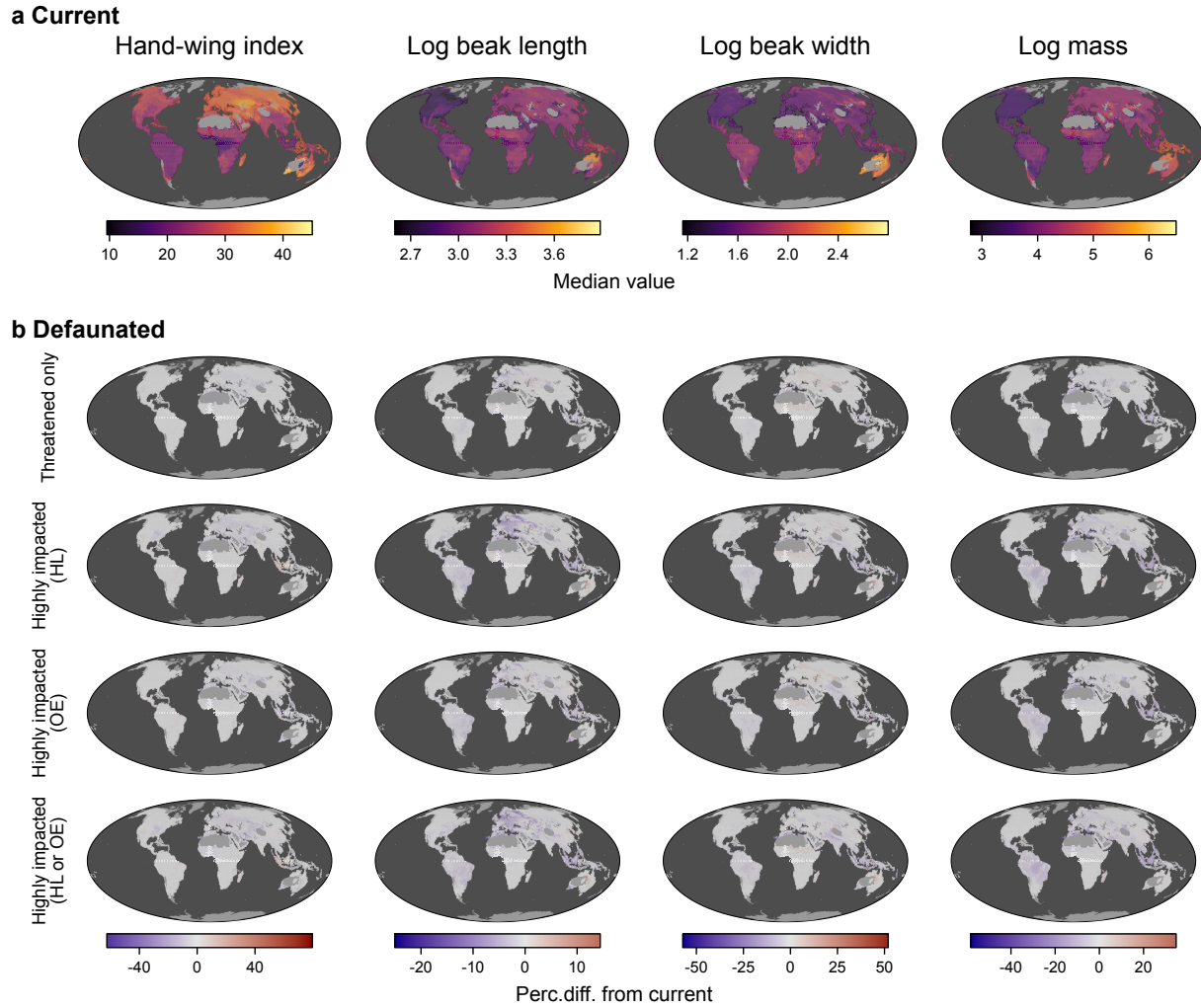
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Supplementary Figure 5 | Trait change in primary and occasional frugivore assemblages after defaunation of threatened species and species highly impacted by habitat loss or overexploitation. a) Median trait value of primary and occasional frugivore (diet consists of $\geq 30\%$ fruit, $n = 2,463$ species) assemblages under current conditions. b) Percentage change in median trait value after removal of species considered threatened by IUCN (threatened only), and species considered highly impacted (threat score ≥ 6) by habitat loss (HL), overexploitation (OE) or either (HL or OE).

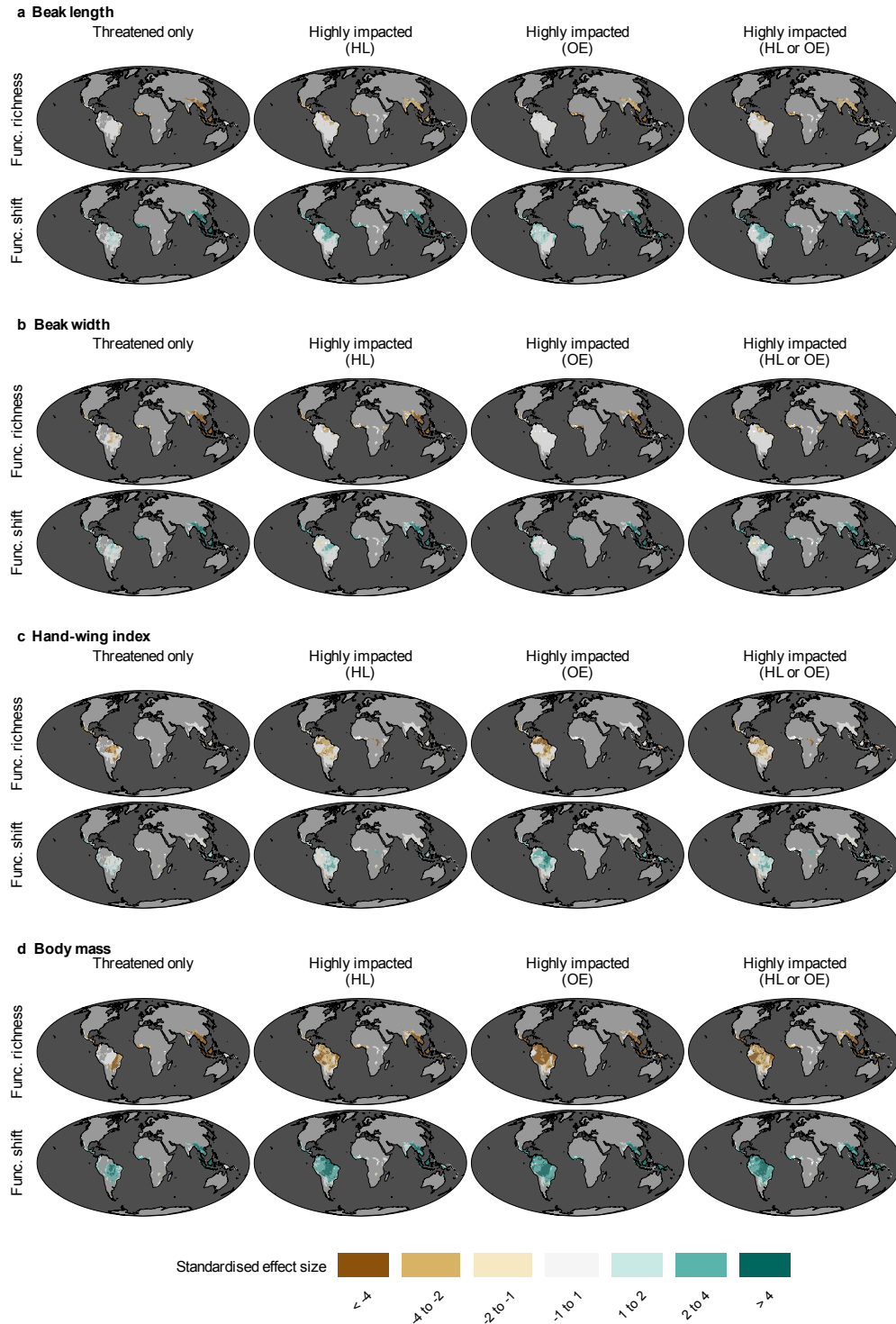


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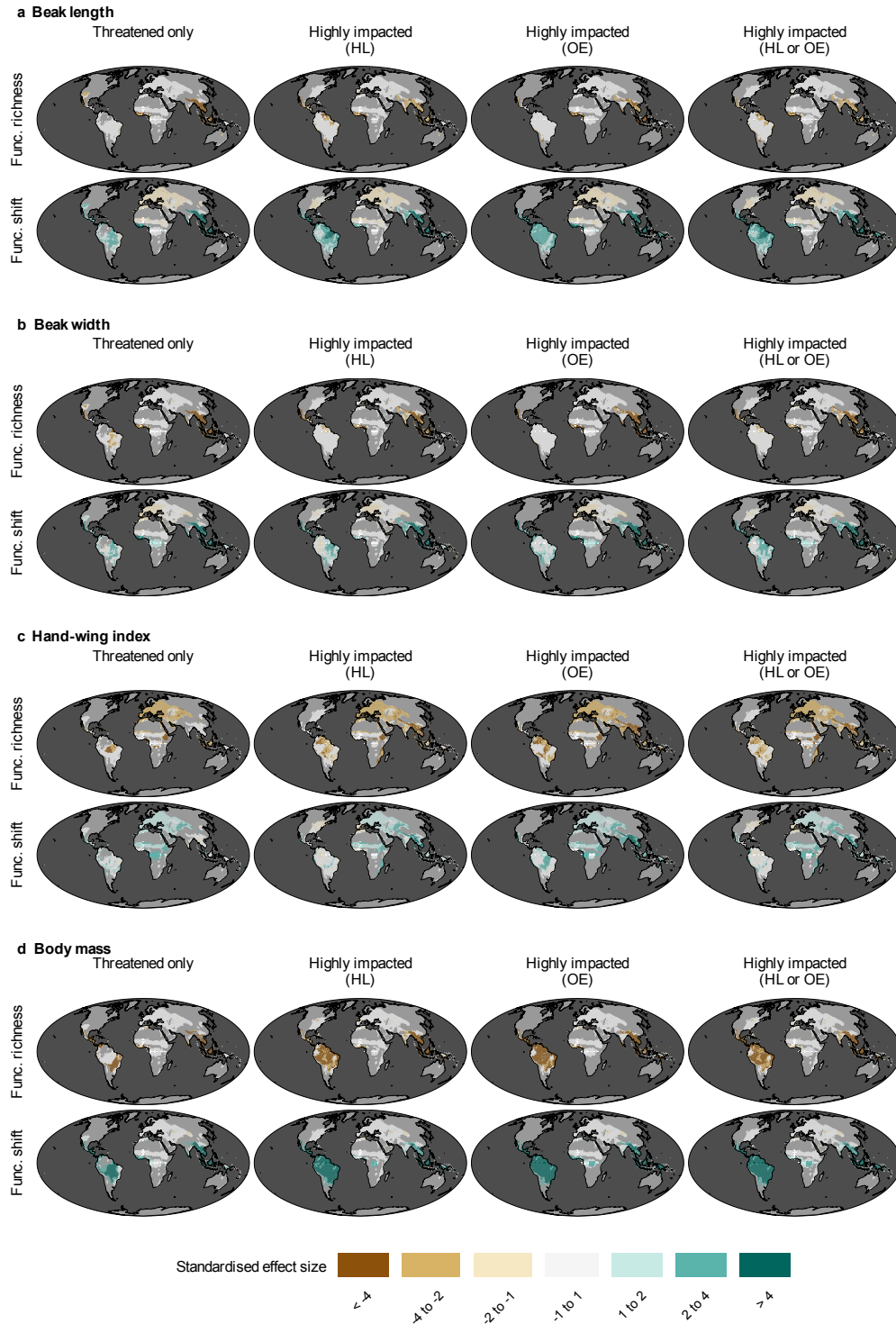


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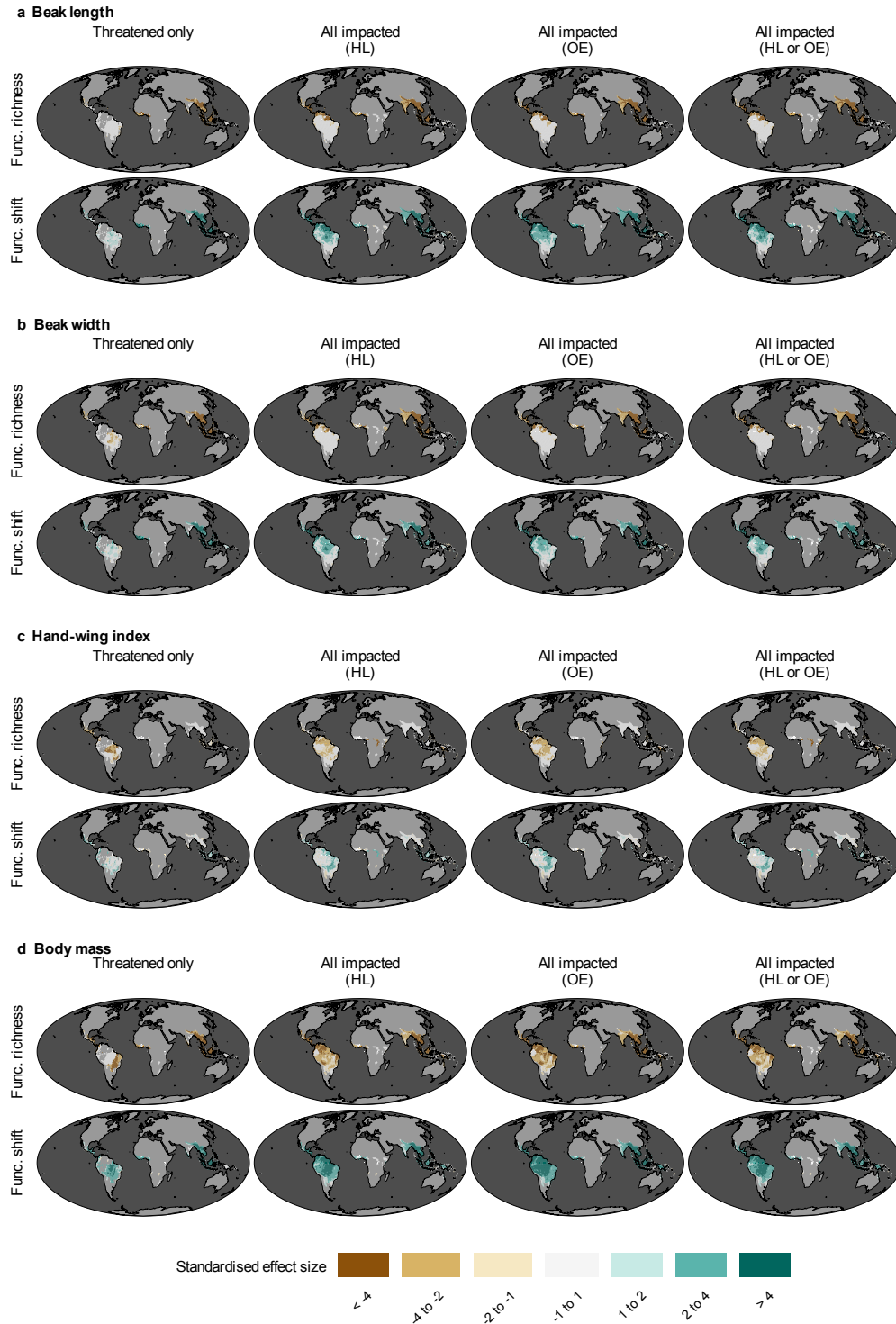
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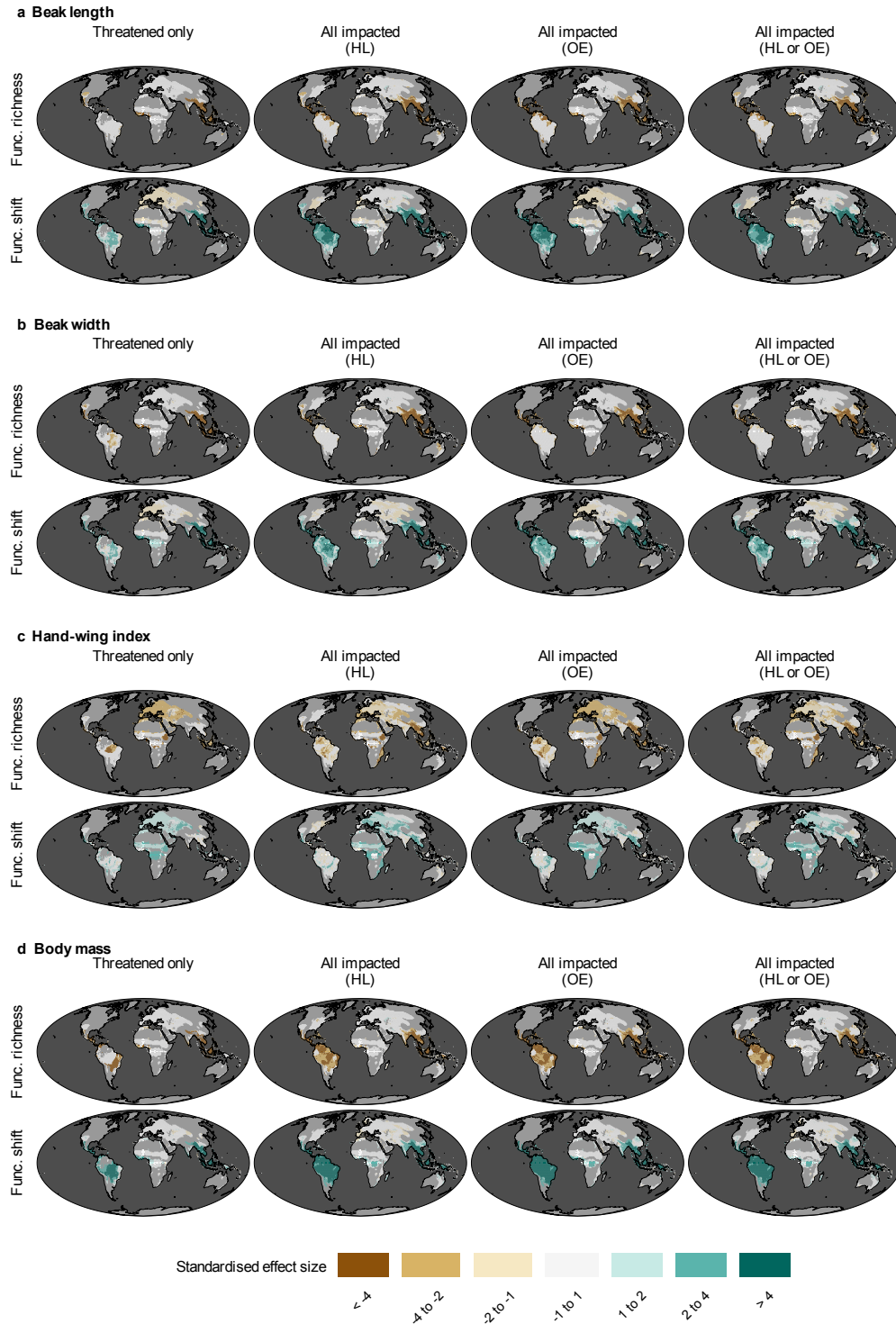
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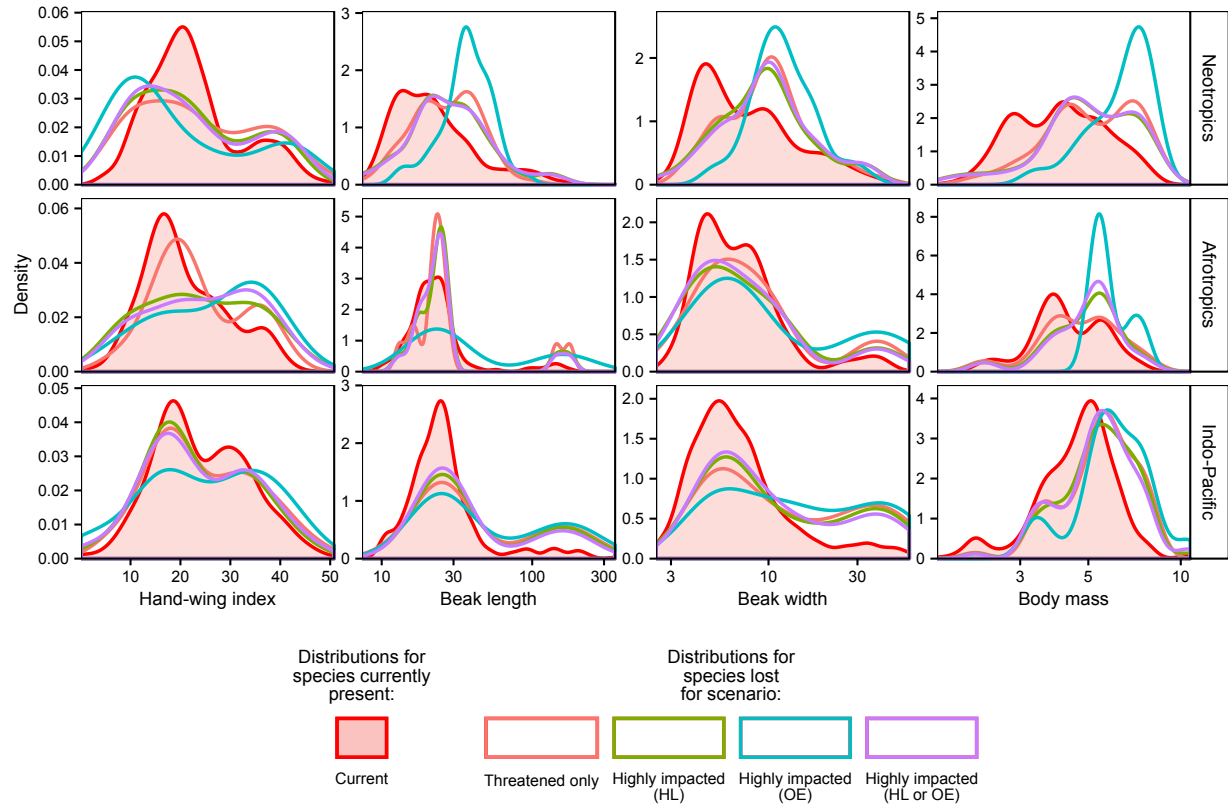
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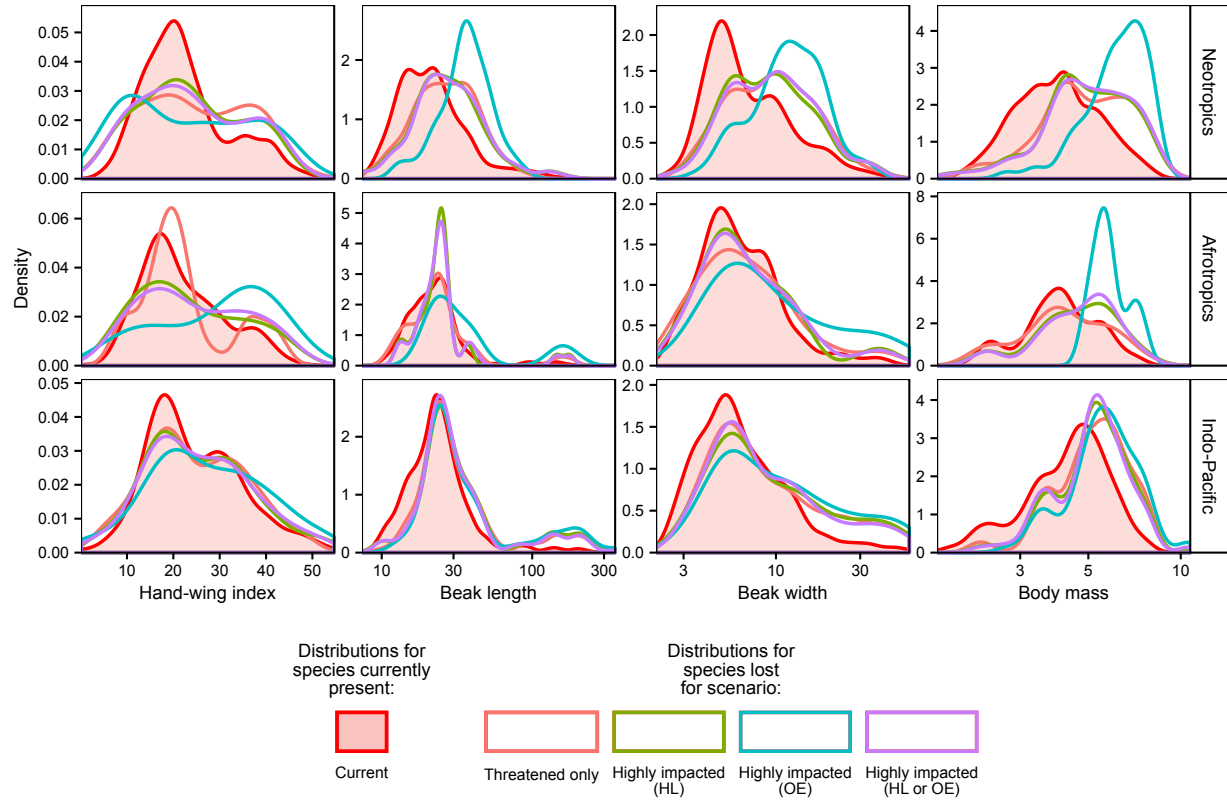
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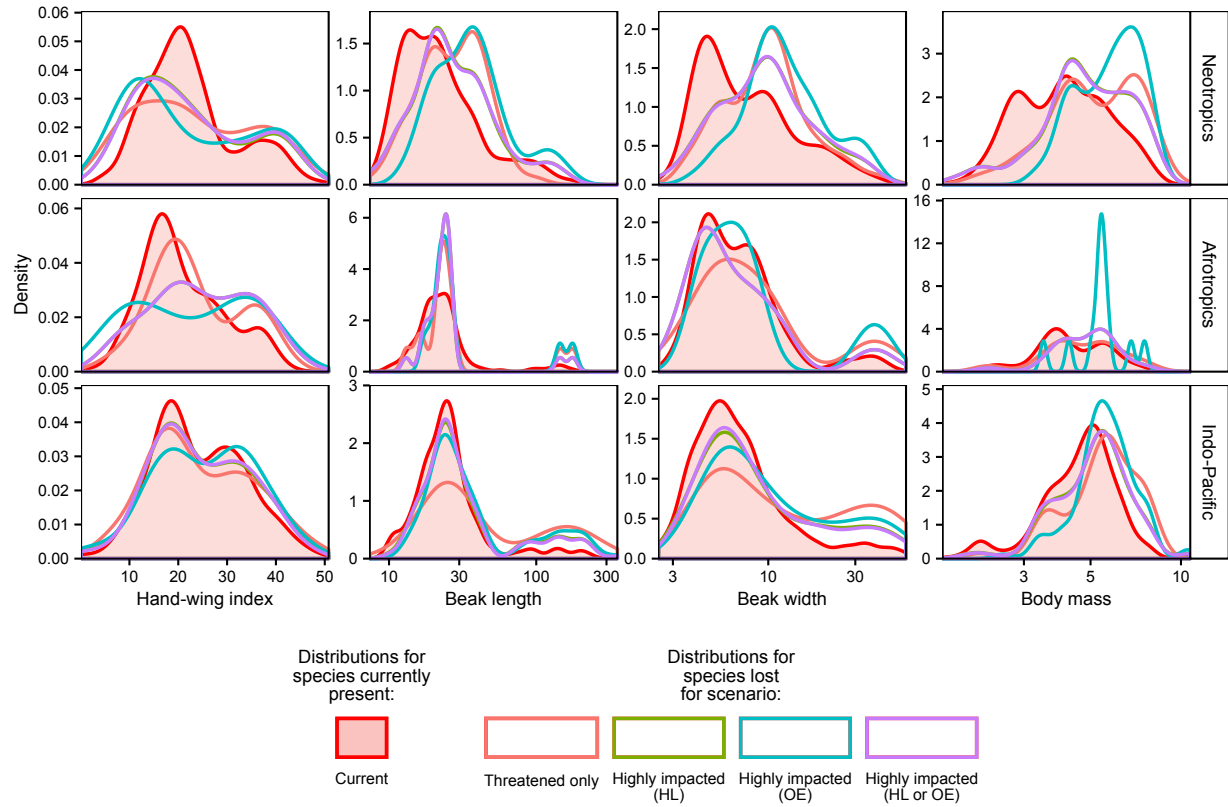
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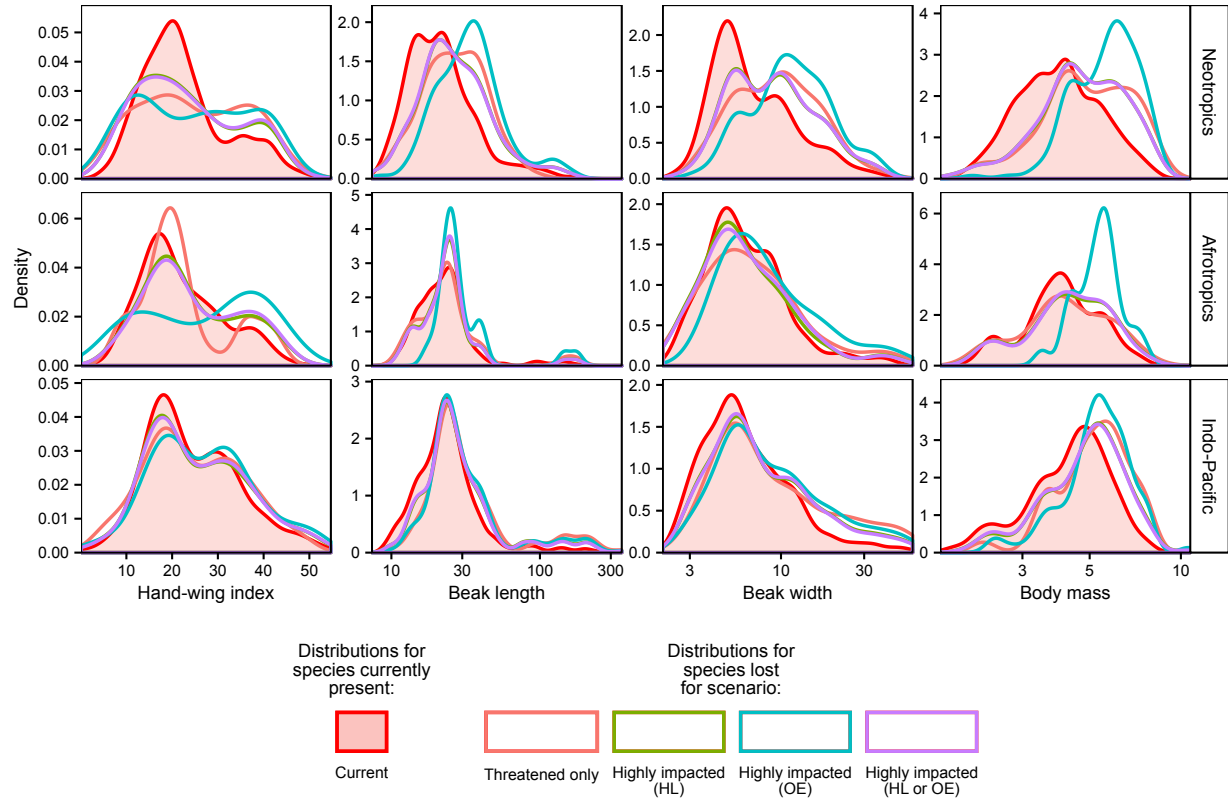
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Supplementary Figure 14 | Trait distributions of threatened and all impacted primary frugivores. Red polygons are the trait distributions for primary frugivores species (diet consists of $\geq 60\%$ fruit, $n = 1,188$ species) present within each region. Coloured lines represent the trait distributions of species that would be removed in eligible grid cells under “Threatened only”, “HL”, “OE” and “HL or OE” scenarios (see Methods; Extended Data Fig. 5b)



Supplementary Figure 15 | Trait distributions of threatened and all impacted primary and occasional frugivores. Red polygons are the trait distributions for primary and occasional frugivore species (diet consists of $\geq 30\%$ fruit, $n = 2,463$ species) currently present within the region. Coloured lines represent the trait distributions of species that would be removed in eligible grid cells under “Threatened only”, “HL”, “OE” and “HL or OE” scenarios (see Methods; Extended Data Fig. 5c)

20 Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1 | Principal component (PC) loadings for avian frugivore morphological traits.

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
Hand Wing Index	-0.13	-0.97	0.05	0.19
Log Body Mass	-0.56	0.03	0.72	-0.41
Log Beak Width	-0.57	-0.05	-0.69	-0.44
Log Beak Length	-0.59	0.23	-0.03	0.78
Proportion of variance explained	0.63	0.25	0.08	0.03

Supplementary Table 2 | Defaunation impacts on the functional diversity of primary frugivore assemblages (diet \geq 60% fruit) and potential impacts on natural restoration potential. Magnitude of functional change is based on the ‘Threatened only’ defaunation scenario. n = total number of eligible grid cells in each tropical realm or globally (see Methods)

	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 5649$)	Low	Low	0.506	0.496
	Low	Medium	0.133	0.129
	Low	High	0.157	0.156
	Medium	Low	0.041	0.048
	Medium	Medium	0.048	0.038
	Medium	High	0.053	0.036
	High	Low	0.016	0.019
	High	Medium	0.025	0.040
	High	High	0.021	0.038
Neotropics ($n = 1611$)	Low	Low	0.385	0.369
	Low	Medium	0.156	0.168
	Low	High	0.190	0.213
	Medium	Low	0.065	0.106
	Medium	Medium	0.055	0.061
	Medium	High	0.083	0.082
	High	Low	0.025	0.000
	High	Medium	0.018	0.001
	High	High	0.022	0.001
Afrotropics ($n = 1841$)	Low	Low	0.786	0.781
	Low	Medium	0.118	0.107
	Low	High	0.067	0.049
	Medium	Low	0.008	0.014
	Medium	Medium	0.003	0.008
	Medium	High	0.004	0.010
	High	Low	0.010	0.010
	High	Medium	0.003	0.009
	High	High	0.001	0.012
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1336$)	Low	Low	0.397	0.388
	Low	Medium	0.111	0.091
	Low	High	0.073	0.066
	Medium	Low	0.065	0.037
	Medium	Medium	0.105	0.060
	Medium	High	0.098	0.030
	High	Low	0.020	0.058
	High	Medium	0.073	0.138
	High	High	0.057	0.132

Supplementary Table 3 | Defaunation impacts on the functional diversity of primary and occasional frugivore assemblages (diet \geq 30% fruit) and potential impacts on natural restoration potential. Magnitude of functional change is based on the ‘Threatened only’ defaunation scenario. n = total number of eligible grid cells in each tropical realm or globally (see Methods).

	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 13055$)	Low	Low	0.614	0.616
	Low	Medium	0.130	0.123
	Low	High	0.139	0.127
	Medium	Low	0.029	0.028
	Medium	Medium	0.026	0.025
	Medium	High	0.010	0.013
	High	Low	0.013	0.027
	High	Medium	0.017	0.010
	High	High	0.022	0.020
Neotropics ($n = 1717$)	Low	Low	0.425	0.368
	Low	Medium	0.154	0.162
	Low	High	0.052	0.024
	Medium	Low	0.047	0.186
	Medium	Medium	0.086	0.041
	Medium	High	0.031	0.027
	High	Low	0.056	0.092
	High	Medium	0.044	0.066
	High	High	0.105	0.034
Afrotropics ($n = 2184$)	Low	Low	0.079	0.099
	Low	Medium	0.037	0.034
	Low	High	0.009	0.013
	Medium	Low	0.006	0.003
	Medium	Medium	0.007	0.009
	Medium	High	0.006	0.004
	High	Low	0.037	0.042
	High	Medium	0.035	0.034
	High	High	0.049	0.058
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1552$)	Low	Low	0.465	0.396
	Low	Medium	0.094	0.055
	Low	High	0.094	0.082
	Medium	Low	0.045	0.047
	Medium	Medium	0.034	0.041
	Medium	High	0.035	0.012
	High	Low	0.021	0.042
	High	Medium	0.095	0.056
	High	High	0.101	0.156

Supplementary Table 4 | Table S4 | Defaunation impacts on the functional diversity of primary frugivore assemblages (diet \geq 60% fruit) and potential impacts on natural restoration potential. Magnitude of functional change is based on the ‘HL or OE’ defaunation scenario whereby any species with threat score \geq 6 in either category is considered highly impacted. n = total number of eligible grid cells in each tropical realm or globally (see Methods).

	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 5647$)	Low	Low	0.481	0.439
	Low	Medium	0.139	0.109
	Low	High	0.169	0.127
	Medium	Low	0.069	0.100
	Medium	Medium	0.060	0.106
	Medium	High	0.055	0.058
	High	Low	0.012	0.023
	High	Medium	0.008	0.023
	High	High	0.007	0.049
Neotropics ($n = 1611$)	Low	Low	0.341	0.274
	Low	Medium	0.184	0.177
	Low	High	0.107	0.217
	Medium	Low	0.032	0.093
	Medium	Medium	0.058	0.142
	Medium	High	0.026	0.071
	High	Low	0.013	0.040
	High	Medium	0.015	0.045
	High	High	0.007	0.041
Afrotropics ($n = 1840$)	Low	Low	0.427	0.358
	Low	Medium	0.108	0.110
	Low	High	0.066	0.095
	Medium	Low	0.020	0.068
	Medium	Medium	0.013	0.032
	Medium	High	0.009	0.017
	High	Low	0.007	0.012
	High	Medium	0.004	0.010
	High	High	0.002	0.010
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1335$)	Low	Low	0.353	0.307
	Low	Medium	0.202	0.118
	Low	High	0.172	0.076
	Medium	Low	0.119	0.096
	Medium	Medium	0.139	0.056
	Medium	High	0.012	0.061
	High	Low	0.015	0.131

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	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 13053$)	Low	Low	0.603	0.573
	Low	Medium	0.126	0.109
	Low	High	0.132	0.106
	Medium	Low	0.044	0.053
	Medium	Medium	0.022	0.057
	Medium	High	0.024	0.047
	High	Low	0.022	0.047
	High	Medium	0.014	0.028
	High	High	0.012	0.021
Neotropics ($n = 1717$)	Low	Low	0.573	0.505
	Low	Medium	0.160	0.109
	Low	High	0.405	0.096
	Medium	Low	0.094	0.044
	Medium	Medium	0.051	0.075
	Medium	High	0.054	0.084
	High	Low	0.009	0.047
	High	Medium	0.028	0.028
	High	High	0.014	0.052
Afrotropics ($n = 2184$)	Low	Low	0.774	0.736
	Low	Medium	0.040	0.043
	Low	High	0.047	0.027
	Medium	Low	0.014	0.014
	Medium	Medium	0.005	0.010
	Medium	High	0.009	0.016
	High	Low	0.016	0.014
	High	Medium	0.019	0.015
	High	High	0.015	0.024
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1548$)	Low	Low	0.416	0.350
	Low	Medium	0.078	0.097
	Low	High	0.278	0.082
	Medium	Low	0.105	0.066
	Medium	Medium	0.085	0.048
	Medium	High	0.048	0.049
	High	Low	0.018	0.192
	High	Medium	0.017	0.028
	High	High	0.092	0.088

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	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 5626$)	Low	Low	0.483	0.412
	Low	Medium	0.136	0.099
	Low	High	0.149	0.111
	Medium	Low	0.063	0.100
	Medium	Medium	0.054	0.053
	Medium	High	0.059	0.053
	High	Low	0.015	0.049
	High	Medium	0.017	0.055
	High	High	0.024	0.068
Neotropics ($n = 1611$)	Low	Low	0.327	0.122
	Low	Medium	0.166	0.076
	Low	High	0.176	0.094
	Medium	Low	0.111	0.222
	Medium	Medium	0.049	0.073
	Medium	High	0.096	0.082
	High	Low	0.037	0.130
	High	Medium	0.015	0.081
	High	High	0.024	0.120
Afrotropics ($n = 1839$)	Low	Low	0.778	0.788
	Low	Medium	0.108	0.111
	Low	High	0.065	0.057
	Medium	Low	0.021	0.016
	Medium	Medium	0.013	0.013
	Medium	High	0.005	0.014
	High	Low	0.005	0.000
	High	Medium	0.004	0.001
	High	High	0.001	0.000
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1315$)	Low	Low	0.382	0.332
	Low	Medium	0.126	0.079
	Low	High	0.060	0.026
	Medium	Low	0.089	0.106
	Medium	Medium	0.135	0.106
	Medium	High	0.118	0.078
	High	Low	0.005	0.038
	High	Medium	0.031	0.107
	High	High	0.054	0.129

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	Functional change	Restoration potential	Functional richness Prop. of cells	Functional shift Prop. of cells
Global ($n = 13035$)	Low	Low	0.593	0.559
	Low	Medium	0.119	0.105
	Low	High	0.124	0.104
	Medium	Low	0.054	0.049
	Medium	Medium	0.030	0.023
	Medium	High	0.027	0.020
	High	Low	0.013	0.053
	High	Medium	0.018	0.039
	High	High	0.023	0.049
Neotropics ($n = 1717$)	Low	Low	0.366	0.076
	Low	Medium	0.142	0.023
	Low	High	0.156	0.019
	Medium	Low	0.122	0.141
	Medium	Medium	0.062	0.058
	Medium	High	0.087	0.058
	High	Low	0.016	0.287
	High	Medium	0.015	0.137
	High	High	0.035	0.200
Afrotropics ($n = 2184$)	Low	Low	0.755	0.797
	Low	Medium	0.075	0.085
	Low	High	0.042	0.042
	Medium	Low	0.054	0.038
	Medium	Medium	0.015	0.019
	Medium	High	0.004	0.015
	High	Low	0.026	0.001
	High	Medium	0.015	0.000
	High	High	0.015	0.003
Indo-Pacific ($n = 1536$)	Low	Low	0.413	0.361
	Low	Medium	0.080	0.076
	Low	High	0.016	0.020
	Medium	Low	0.102	0.087
	Medium	Medium	0.094	0.042
	Medium	High	0.079	0.025
	High	Low	0.031	0.100
	High	Medium	0.080	0.136
	High	High	0.103	0.154