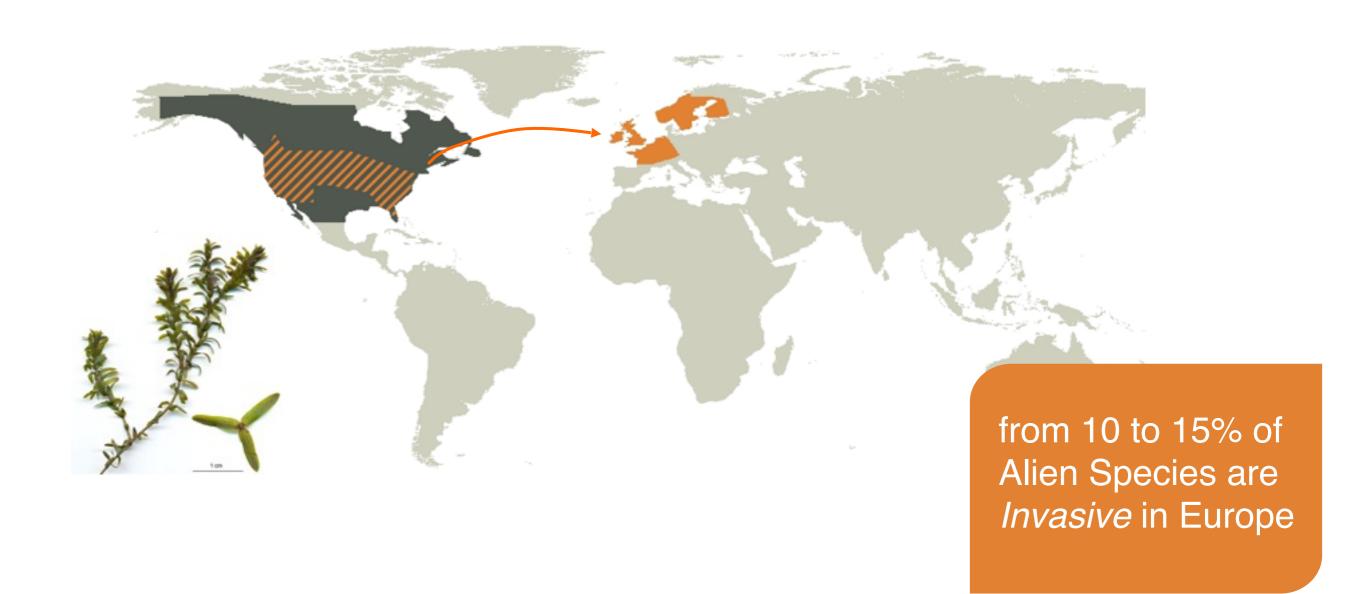


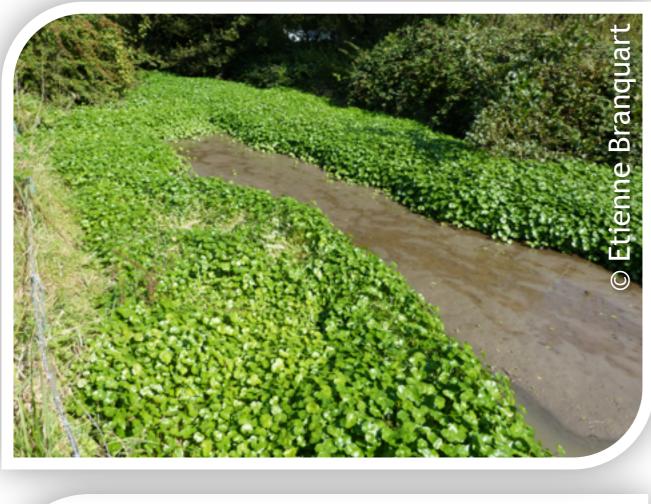
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#### Invasive alien species in a nutshell ...

- Species introduced out of natural distribution range
- Threatening biodiversity and ecosystem services











# When policy needs science ...

 CDB Aichi Target 9: By 2020, IAS and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment



- EU Regulation on IAS
- National measures



# IAS Regulation 1143/2014

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#### REGULATION (EU) No 1143/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 22 October 2014

on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species

## Where we are in Belgium ...

Valuable <u>decision support tools</u> to inform invasive alien species (IAS) policy

- → Information Systems
- → Early warning initiatives
- → Risk assessment protocols

#### Information system: <u>ias.biodiversity.be</u>





#### 👸 Species List

Display: All groups

Welcome to Harmonia, an information system dedicated to alien species threatening native biodiversity in Belgium and in neighbour areas.

The species list presented hereafter can be sorted or filtered through different criteria including taxonomy, habitat, introduction date or hazard categories (black and watch lists). It gives access to detailed ecological information and references which have been used for assessing the environmental impact of the different species (see also the <a href="ISEIA protocol">ISEIA protocol</a>). Find more information about definitions, list categories, copyright and citation from <a href="here">here</a>.

Note that the species list is far to be complete and is updated on a regular basis. Today, only vascular plants and vertebrates have been subjected to risk assessment.

select >>

All categories

Harmonia includes 101 species (43 on the black list, 38 on the watch list and 14 on the alert list).

All habitats \$

Scientific Name	Common Name EN 💠	Taxonomic Group	Habitat	Since	Range	Category
Acer negundo	Box-elder, Ash-leaved maple	Vascular plants	terrestrial	1955	restricted	B2
Acer rufinerve	Red veined maple	Vascular plants	terrestrial	1990	isolated	B1
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of heaven	Vascular plants	terrestrial	1952	restricted	A2
Aix galericulata	Mandarin duck	Birds	freshwater	1953	widespread	
Akebia guinata	Five-leaf	Vascular plants	terrestrial			B0

### Early warning initiatives: www.observations.be www.waarnemingen.be



#### Waarnemingen.be

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Invoeren

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Homepage Invasieve exoten

- Waarnemingen
- Melding instellen

Door toedoen van de mens komen steeds meer exotische soorten in onze omgeving terecht. De meeste van deze soorten vormen geen problemen, of kunnen hier niet overleven. Maar naar schatting 1 op 1000 exotische soorten worden na vestiging 'invasief'.

Deze invasieve exoten verdrukken inheemse dieren en planten, veroorzaken gezondheidsproblemen en verstoppen onze waterlopen. Hoe langer ze ongestoord uitbreiden, hoe moeilijker en duurder om ze te bestrijden. Een snelle opsporing is dus nodig om te kunnen ingrijpen.

Vrijwilligers kunnen tegelijk op veel plaatsen uitkijken naar deze probleemsoorten. Daarom lieten het Vlaamse, Waalse en Brusselse gewest door Natuurpunt en Natagora een systeem uitwerken om meldingen van invasieve exoten snel tot bij terreinbeheerders en bevoegde overheden te krijgen. Doel is om op basis van de lessen uit dit project het hele proces van observatie en melding tot ingrijpen en opvolgen te stroomlijnen. Je kan hier meldingen van exoten invoeren, raadplegen of je inschrijven op het meldsysteem. We onderscheiden drie types invasieve exoten:

- Alarmlijst: soorten die nog niet of slechts op een paar plaatsen gevestigd zijn.
- Opkomende soorten: soorten die bij ons of in het buitenland in volle uitbreiding zijn
- Gevestigde soorten: soorten die al een ruime verspreiding kennen in ons land, maar nog steeds uitbreiden.

Deze lijsten bevatten niet alle probleemsoorten. Momenteel wordt slechts voor sommige soorten een beheer gevoerd. Voor meer informatie over het huidige beleid en beheer van invasieve exoten kan u terecht bij: Vlaanderen, Brussel, Wallonië

Selecteer Lijst Alle Soortgroep Alle Bevestig

#### Alarm lijst:

Huiskraai Corvus splendens



Herkenning

Nog niet waargenomen

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Toon verspreidingskaart

Zie ook: 000

Rosse Stekelstaart Oxyura jamaicensis



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Zie ook: @

#### Heilige Ibis Threskiornis aethiopicus



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Therkenning Toon verspreidingskaart

Zie ook: 000

#### Amerikaanse Voseekhoorn Sciurus niger



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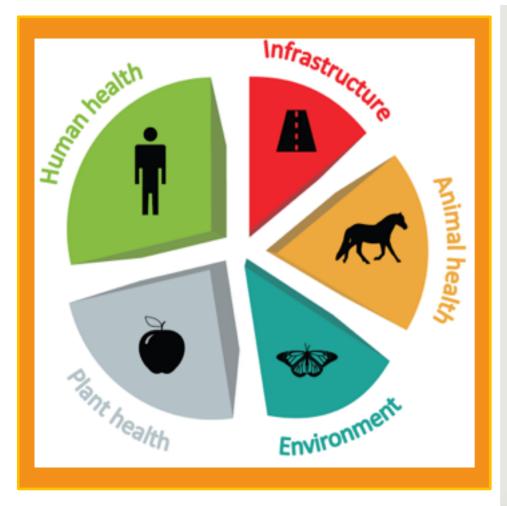


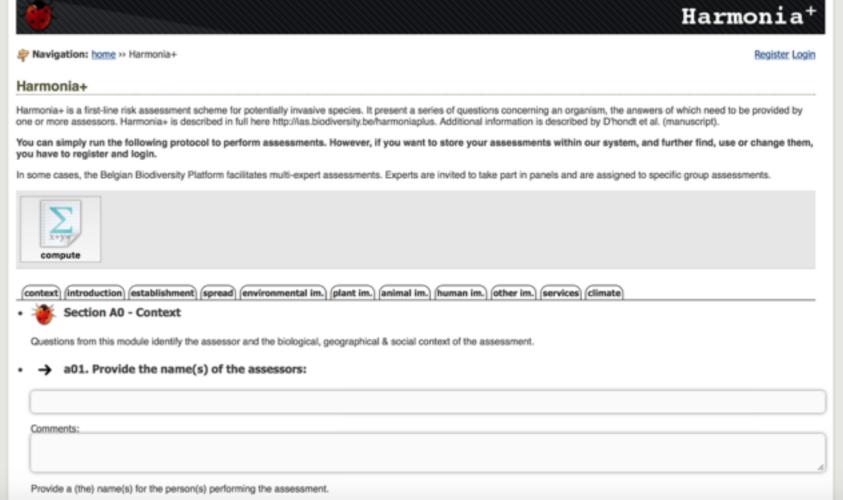
#### Risk assessment protocols

#### ORIGINAL PAPER

# Harmonia<sup>+</sup> and Pandora<sup>+</sup>: risk screening tools for potentially invasive plants, animals and their pathogens

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### What do we need .... <u>Timely</u> evidence



#### Automated workflow

Transparency Standardization Reusability Sustainability

#### What do we need ....

### Timely evidence



#### <u>Automated</u> workflow

Transparency
Standardization
Reusability
Sustainability



#### The 17 partners ...







































### The people ....





2017-2020



from diverse data sources





#### Tracking Invasive Alien Species (TrIAS): Building a data-driven framework to inform policy

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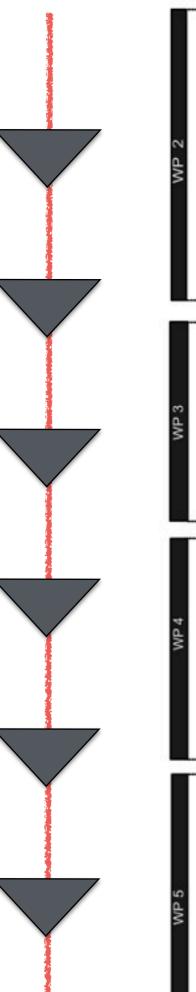
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# Data driven procedures for risk evaluation

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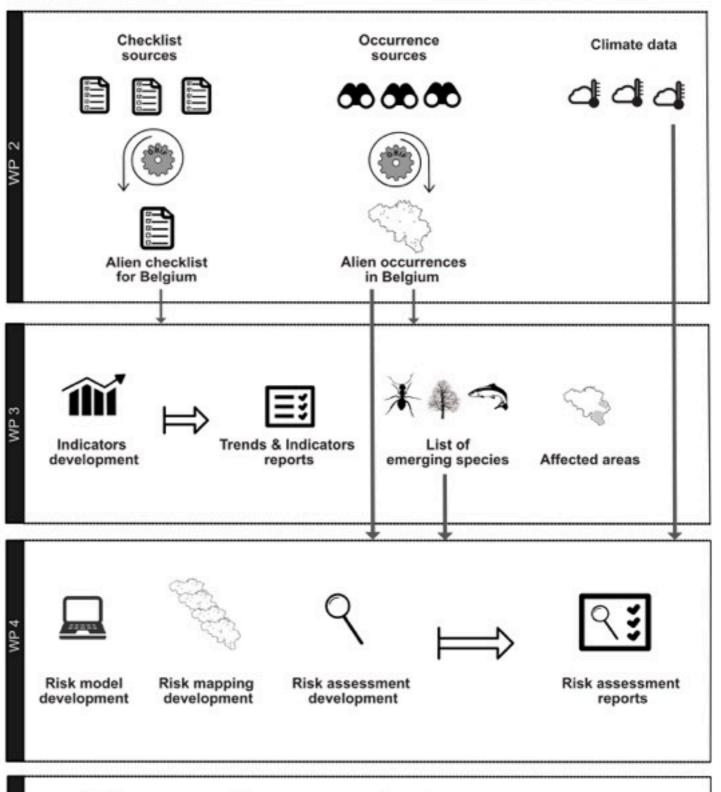
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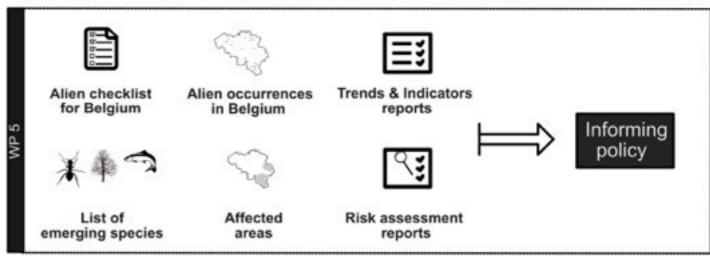
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TrIAS

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Automated data mobilization framework

from diverse data sources

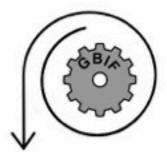


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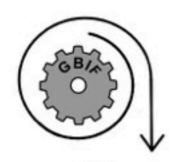






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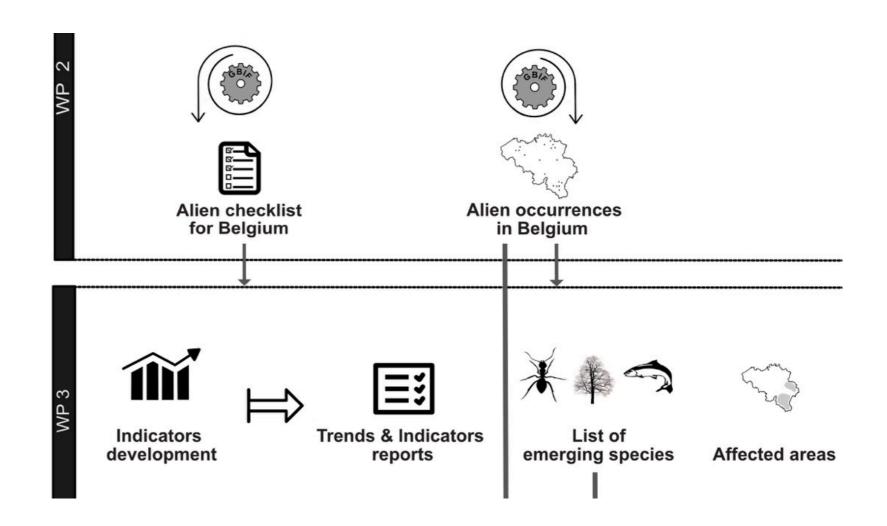
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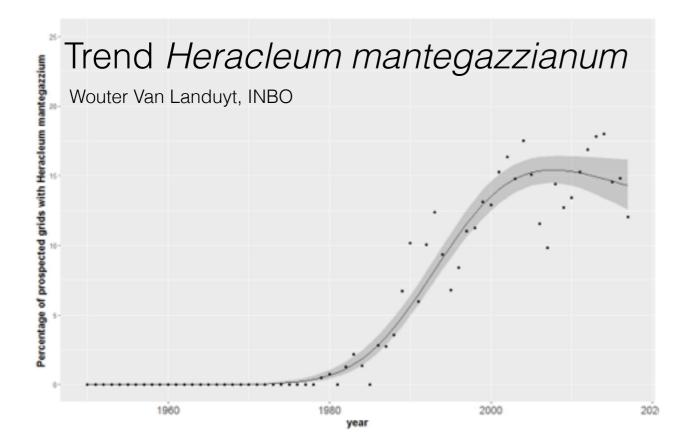
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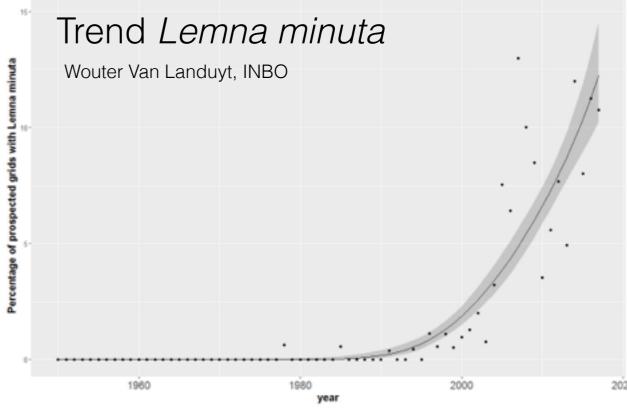


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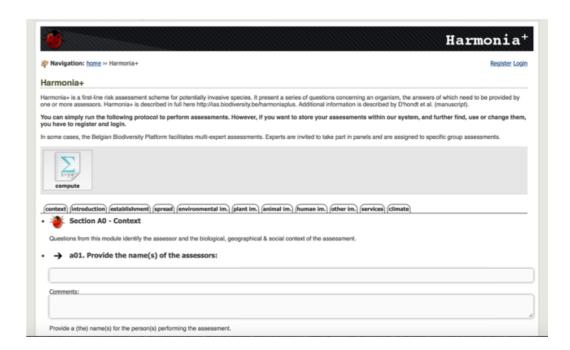






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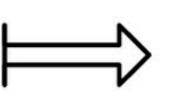
Risk evaluation: characterization of the risk associated with the <u>introduction</u>, the <u>establishment</u> and <u>spread</u> of an alien species, and their <u>consequences</u>.

#### + climate change!











Risk model development

Risk mapping development Risk assessment development

Risk assessment reports



# Timely inform IAS policy

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Alien checklist for Belgium



Alien occurrences in Belgium



Trends & Indicators reports



List of emerging species



Affected areas



Risk assessment reports





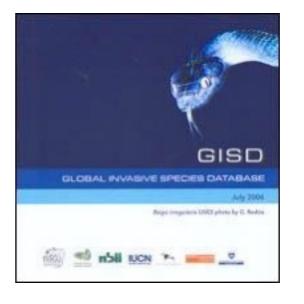








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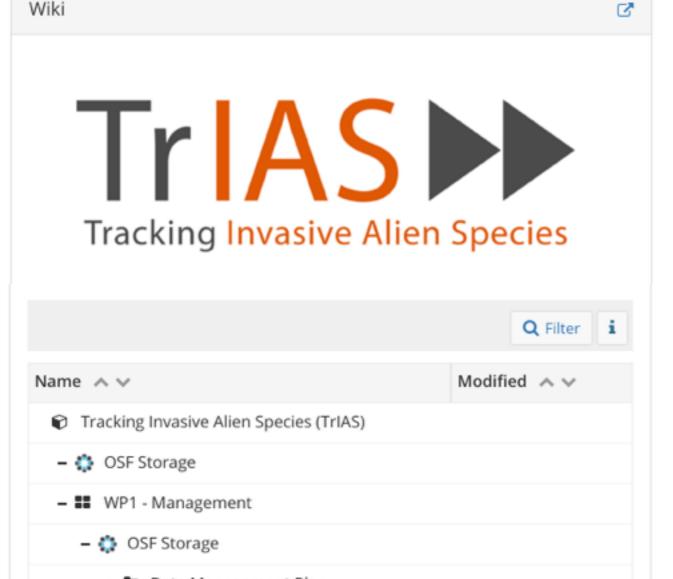
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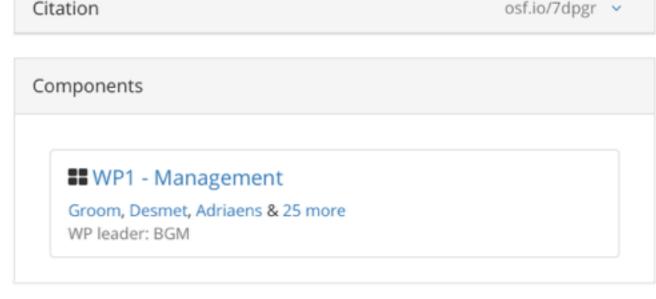
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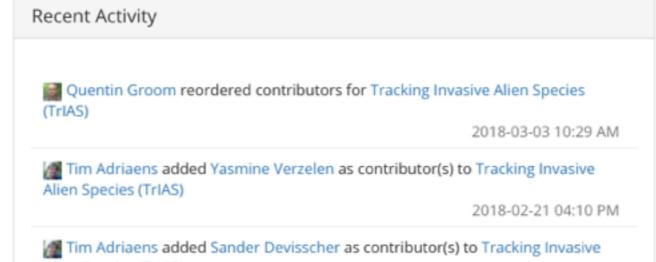
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#### Our vision ....



We need **evidence** to inform policy on invasive species

- The evidence is based on timely data
- The evidence is based on timely analyses of invasions
- The evidence is based on timely risk evaluation
- The evidence has to be communicated to policy



We need a **semi-automated workflow** to obtain evidence

- The workflow is built to feed evidence from distributed data sources
- The workflow is semi-automated to speed up the process
- The workflow is repeatable to update evidence



We need this workflow to be open for transparency and reusability

- The methodology of the workflow is open for transparency
- The data are open and standardized
- The software is open so it can be used by anyone
- The publications are open so they are accessible to anyone
- By having these components open, it ensures their sustainability





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