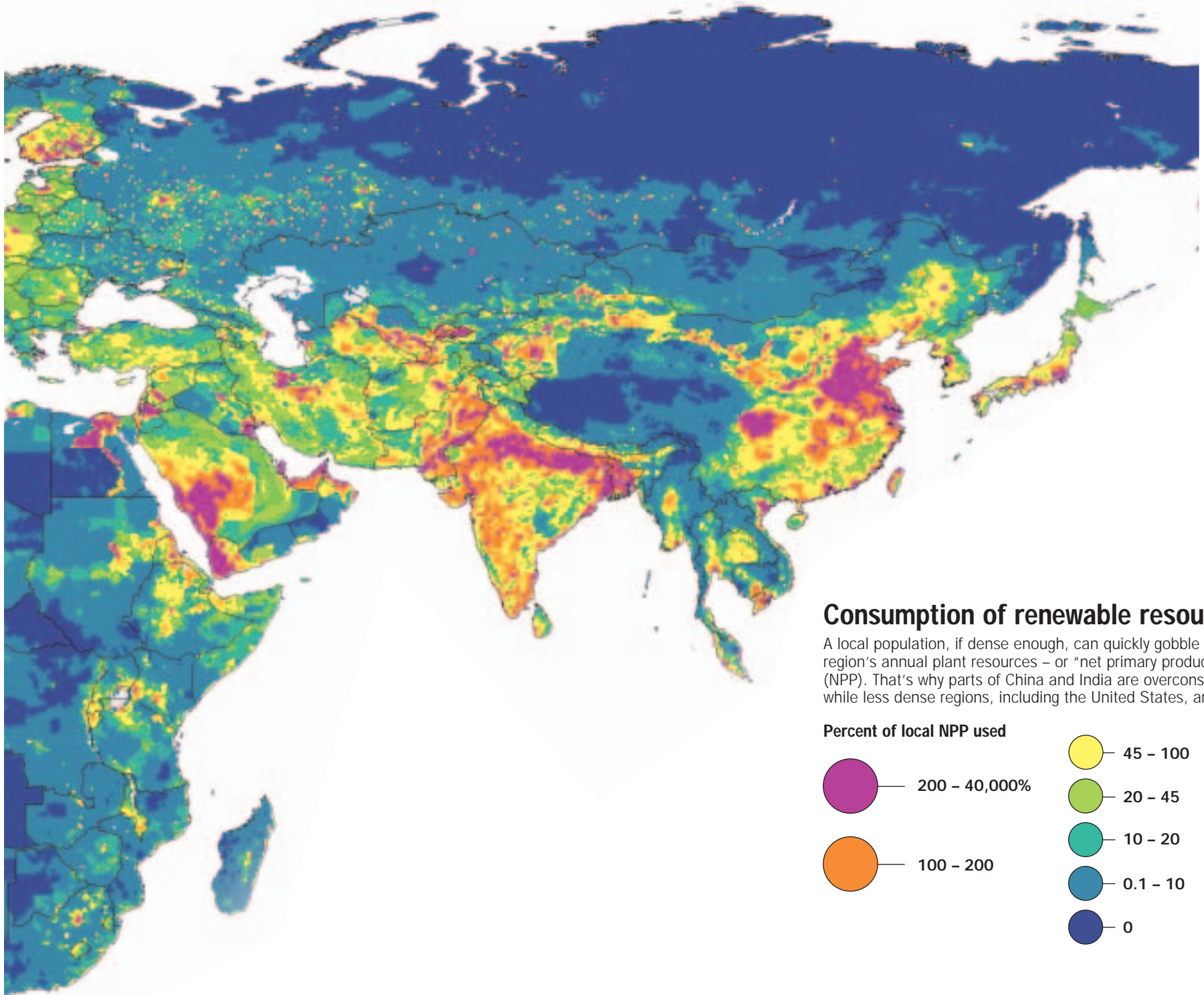


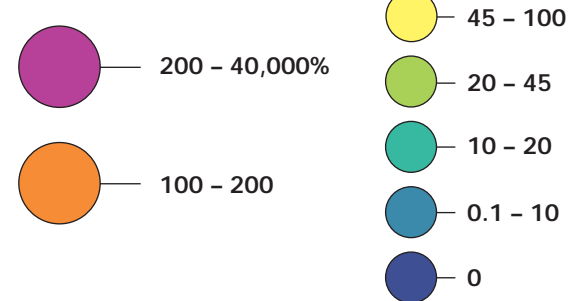
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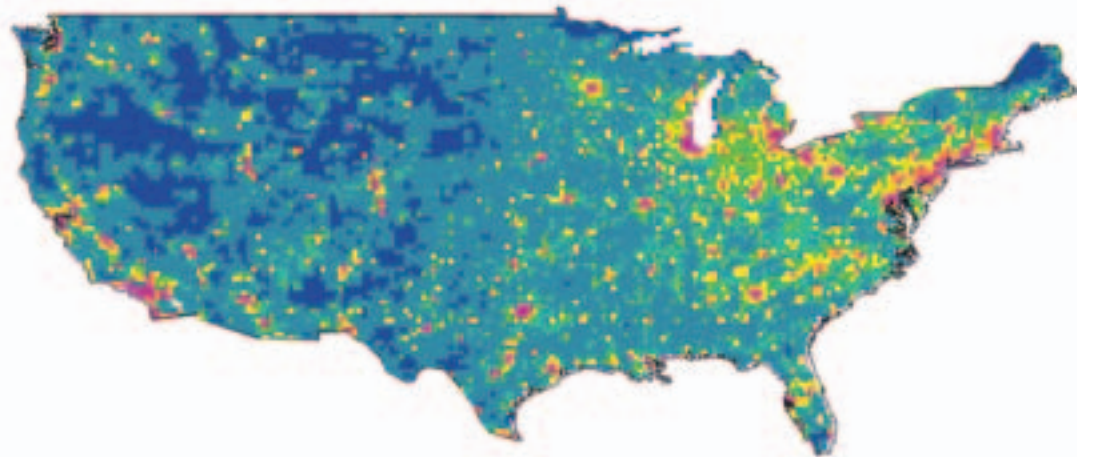
Consumption of renewable resources

A local population, if dense enough, can quickly gobble up a region's annual plant resources – or "net primary production" (NPP). That's why parts of China and India are overconsuming while less dense regions, including the United States, are not.

Percent of local NPP used



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// The road the planet is heading down with all these new consumers will be enormously and gloriously unsustainable."
 – Norman Myers, professor of environmental science