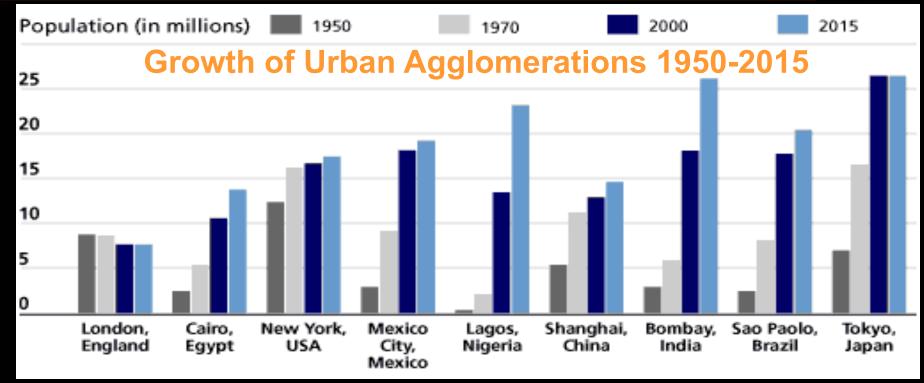
Sprawl and the Environment

World Population Growth 1750-2150





• About 3 billion people, or 50 per cent of the global population, already live in urban areas; over the next 25 years, more than 2 billion people are predicted to be added

Source: UN- HABITAT Report 2005; United Nations, World Urbanization Prospects, The 1999 Revision

URBAN FACTS



- Roughly 3% of the earth's land surface is occupied by urban areas, with the highest concentrations occurring along the coasts and waterways
- Of the 10 world's most populous urban agglomerations, 6 are in Asia; global population is around 6.4 billion and growing at 70 million/year, mostly in low income countries
- In 2000, about 47 % of the world's population lived in urban areas
- By 2030, 60 % of the world population is expected to be urban
- In Mexico City, for every increase in ozone of 10 parts per billion, a 0.6% increase of acute mortality and 1% increase in premature mortality can occur
- In Santiago, 4 000 people die prematurely every year from causes related to air pollution

Sources: UNEP, WRI, Population Reference Bureau, 2006; UN/ESA, 2005



Urban sprawl and its impact on Banjul Gambia





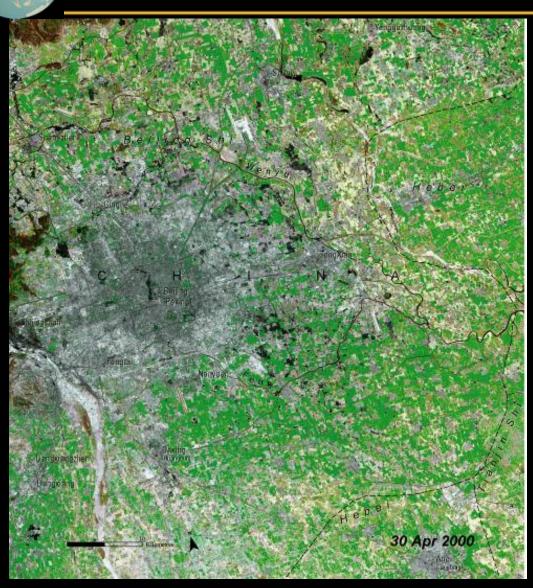
• 1973: Urban growth and expansion of cropland has led to decline in woodland

• 1999: The Abuko Nature Reserve is an isolated patch of green in the 1999 image









Beijing, the capital city of China, has experienced explosive growth since economic reforms in 1979

• 1978: Beijing in 1978

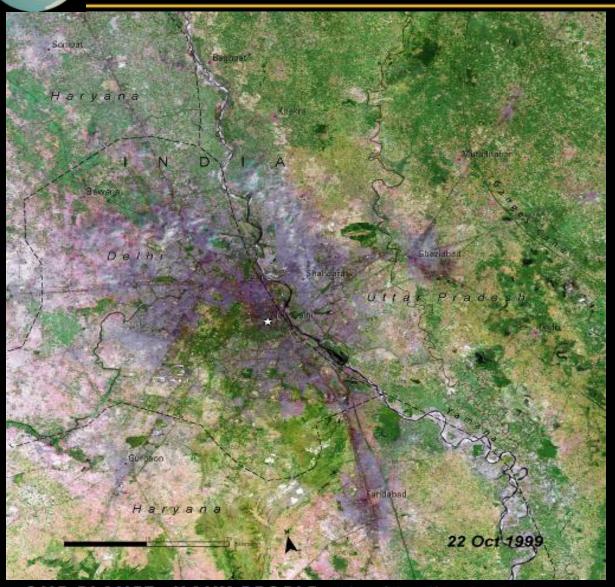
• 2000: Extent of urban expansion is clearly visible





Growing Delhi and its suburbs India





1977-1999: The population of Delhi was at 4.4 million in 1975 and grew to 12.4 million in 2000





Phenomenal growth in Dhaka Bangladesh





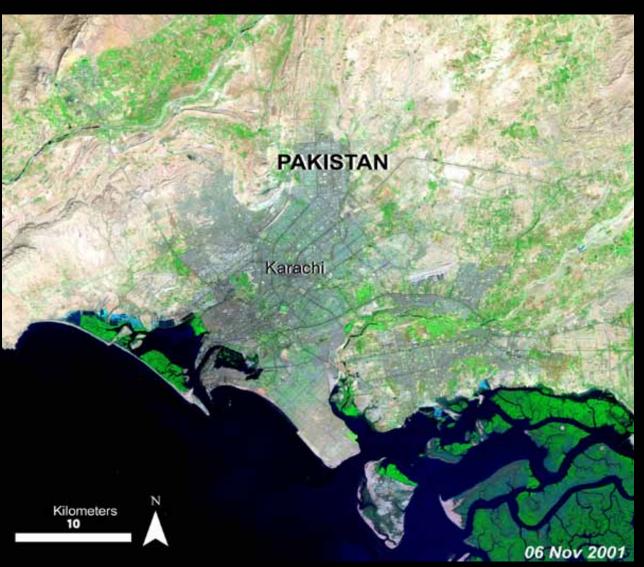
1977-2000: the capital of Bangladesh has grown from a city of 2.5 million more than 10 million





Rapid urban growth in Karachi Pakistan





• 1975: Karachi before the urban sprawl

• 2001: Note the change in aerial extent



Sydney – the country's largest city Australia





1975-2002: Over the last several decades, Sydney has been expanding westward toward the Blue Mountains





Growing London city United Kingdom



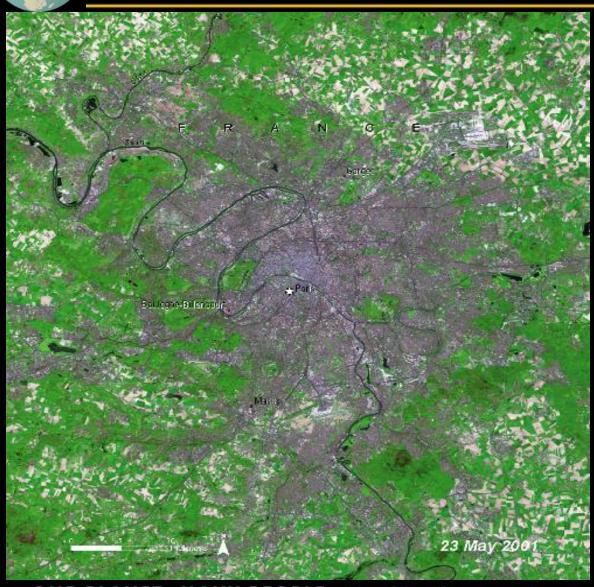


- Over 7 million residents
- Population projected to approach 8 million by 2021









1976-2001: Images show expansion of city into the surrounding rural areas





Unplanned urban developments in Brasilia Brazil





•1973-2001: Unplanned urban development resulted in a collection of urban "satellites" around the city





Fastest growing megalopolis in the world - Mexico City, Mexico





- 1973 -Urban growth is concentrated in the center of the city
- 2000 -Now expands dramatically into surrounding rural areas



Growth of a mega city





Denser Vancouver, Canada





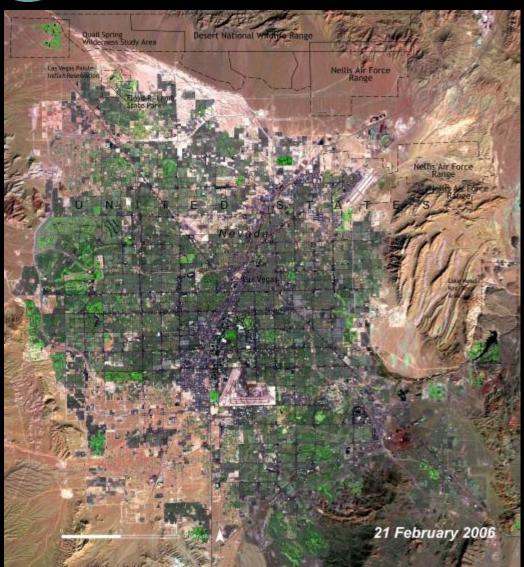
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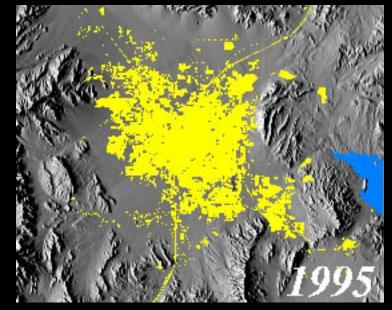


Las Vegas – Fastest growing metropolitan area in the United States





- 1973: A small settlement
- 2000-2006:The landscape is now dramatically modified



Images courtesy USGS





Expanding Las Vegas, United States









Drought in the Western United States



2000

Lake Mead

2004
Photo View
18 meters

Hoover Dam and Lake Mead





Golf courses springing up around Lake Mead United States





New Golf Courses since 2001

Expansion of Golf Courses around Lake Mead



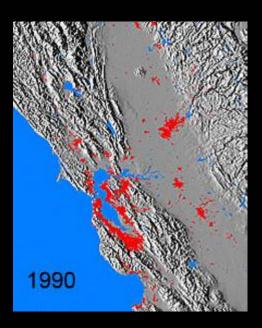


Growth of San Francisco United States





1970-2000: Population grew from 4.6 million to 7.2 million in the Bay Area

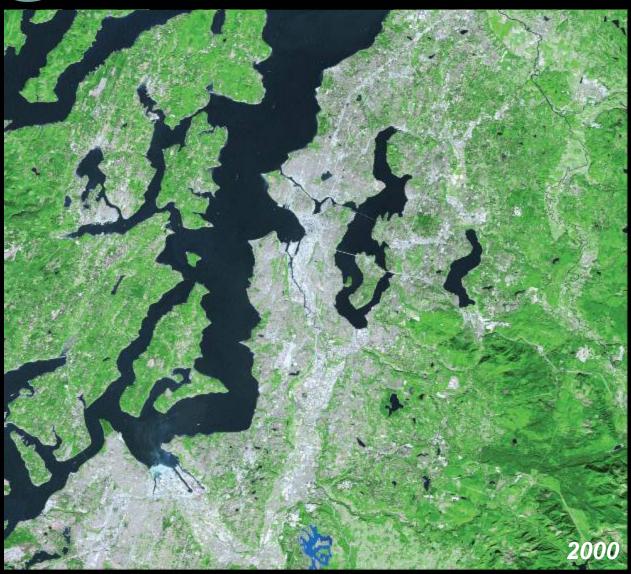






Sprawling in Seattle, United States





•1972-2000: Seattle has sprawled since 1980s, with the current metropolitan population estimated at 3.8 million





Urban Forest in Washington D.C. United States





Satellite images showing the dramatic loss of trees in the District





Fort McMurray, Canada





1974-2004: Massive oil extraction from oil sands have remarkably changed the land area of Fort McMurray in Alberta

