

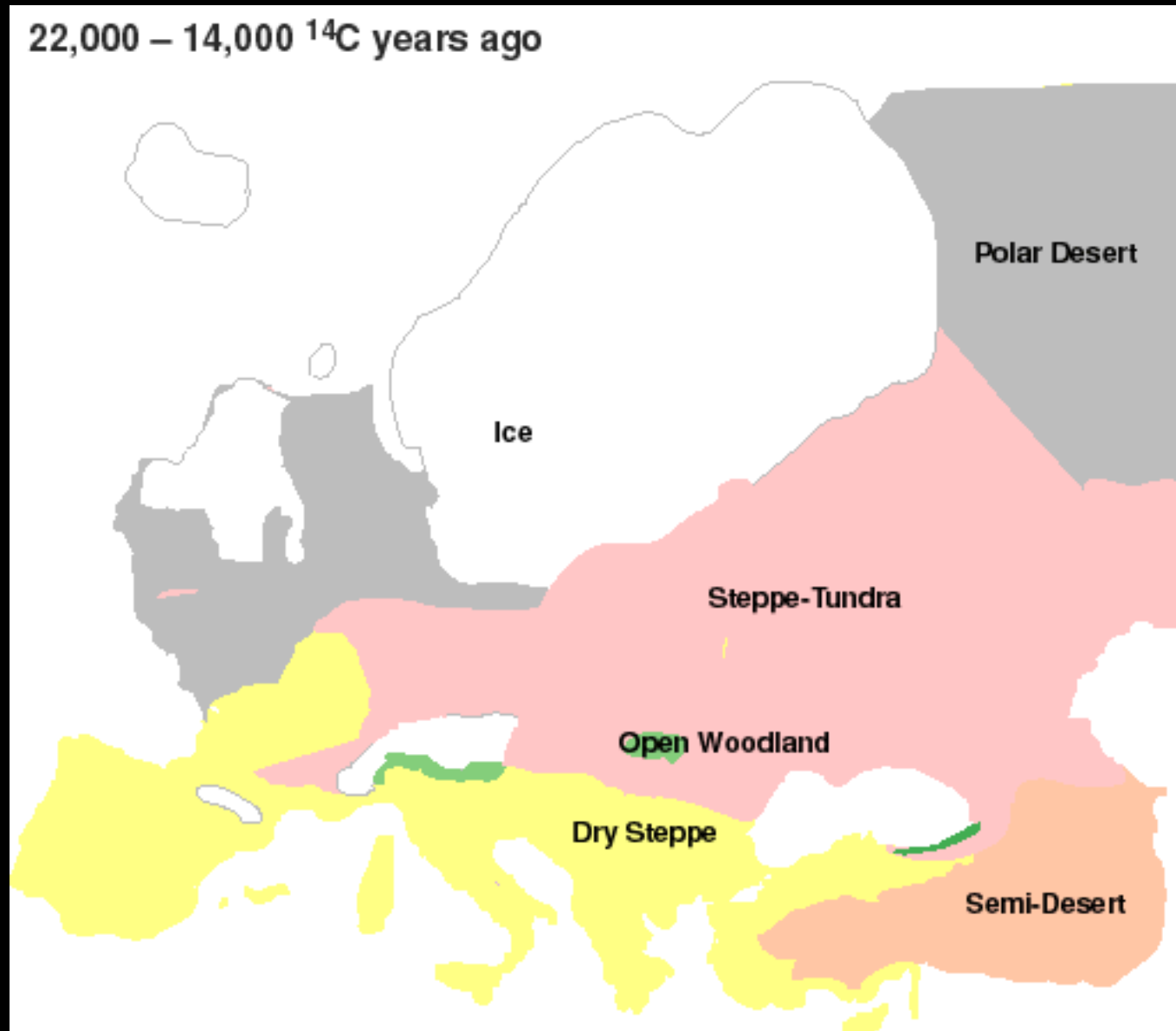
case study  
**Slovakia**  
small country – big opportunities

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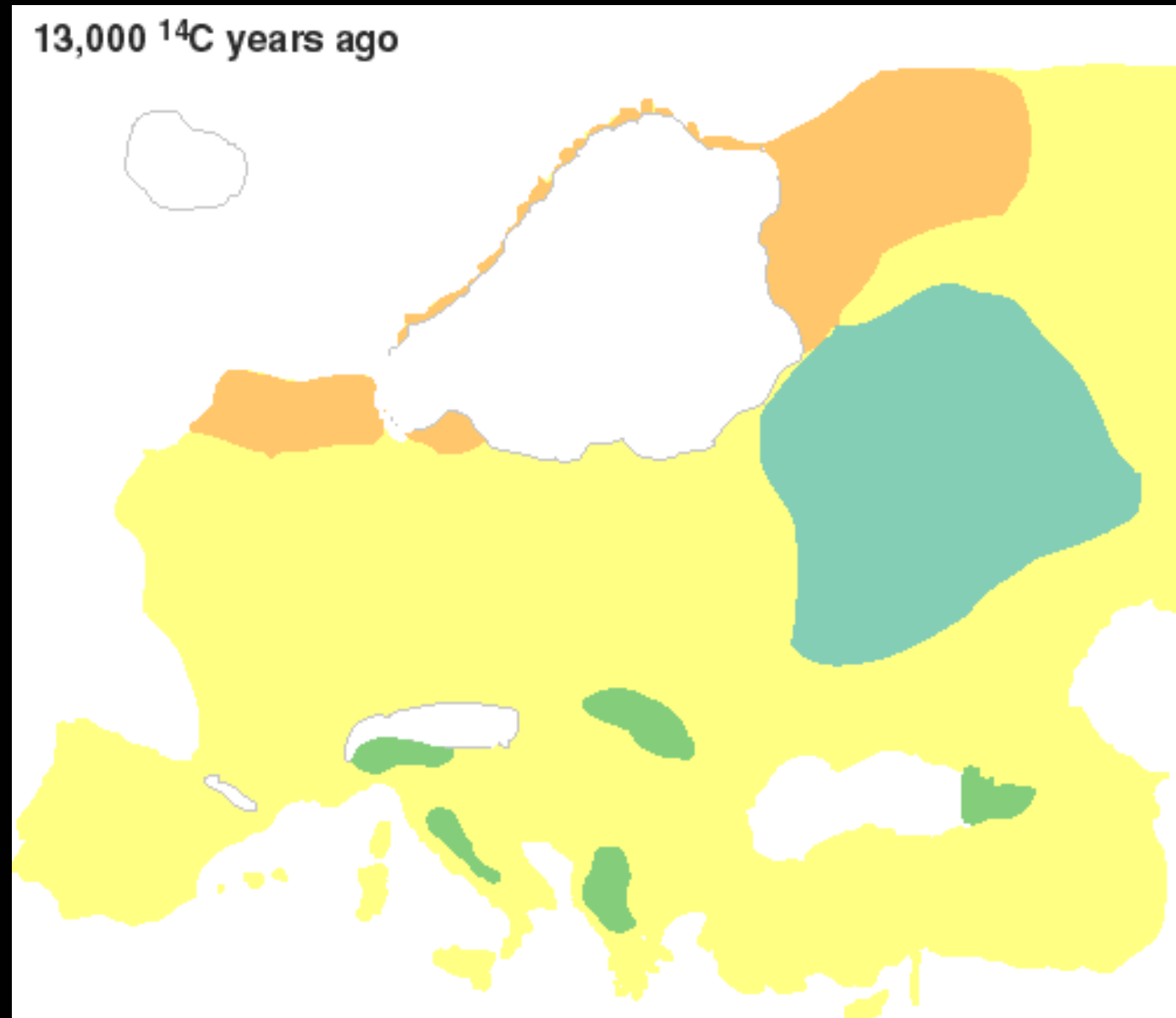
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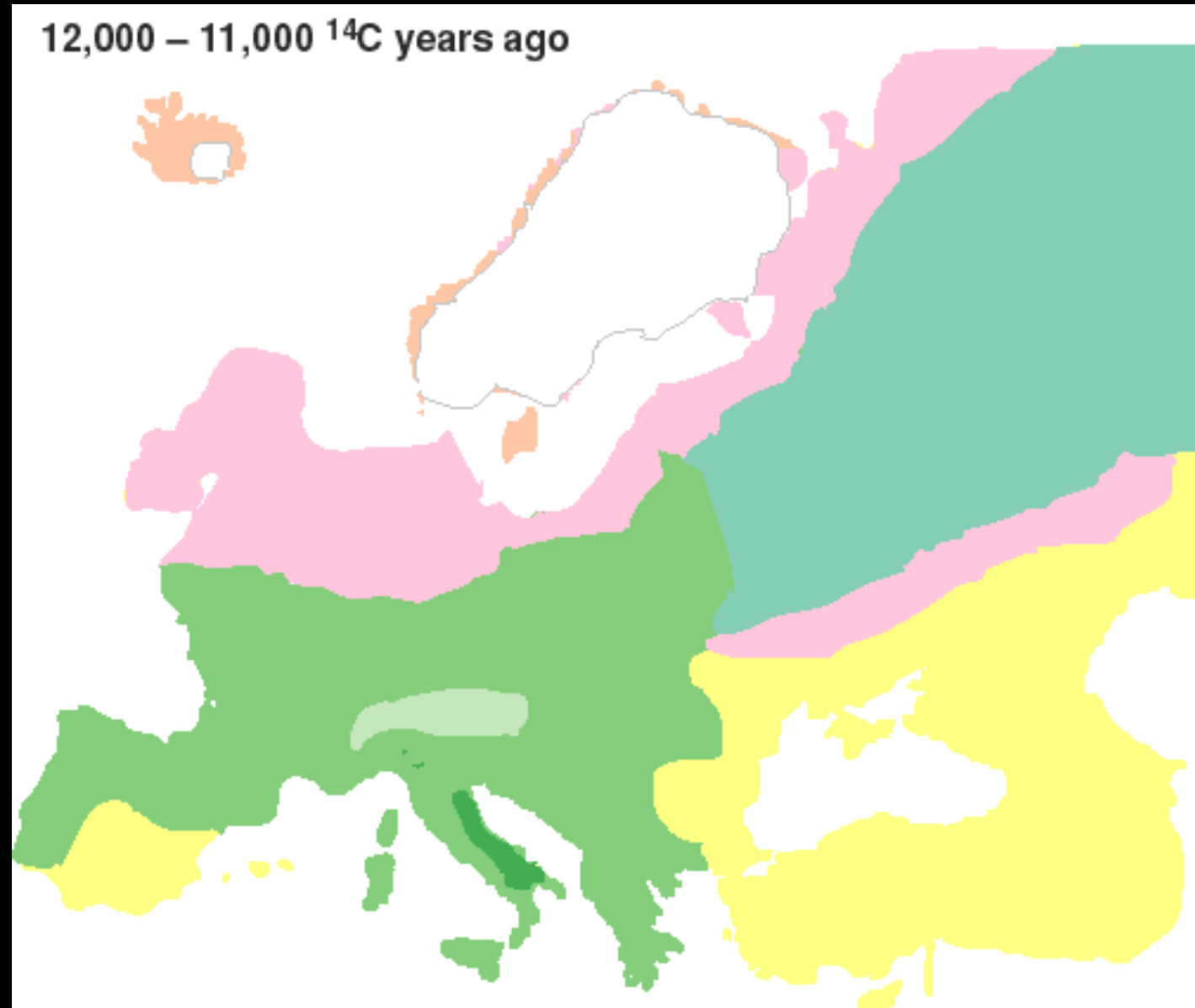
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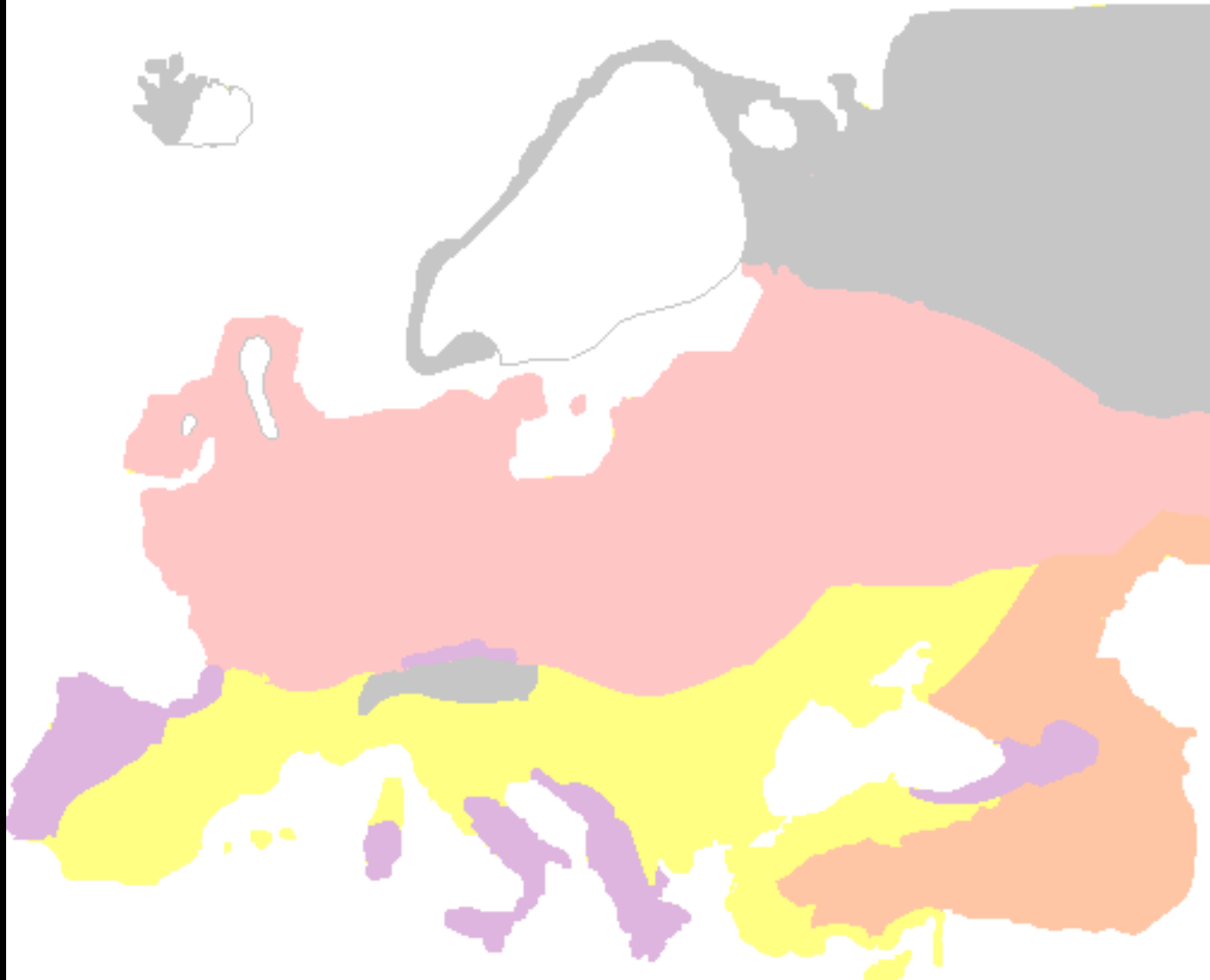
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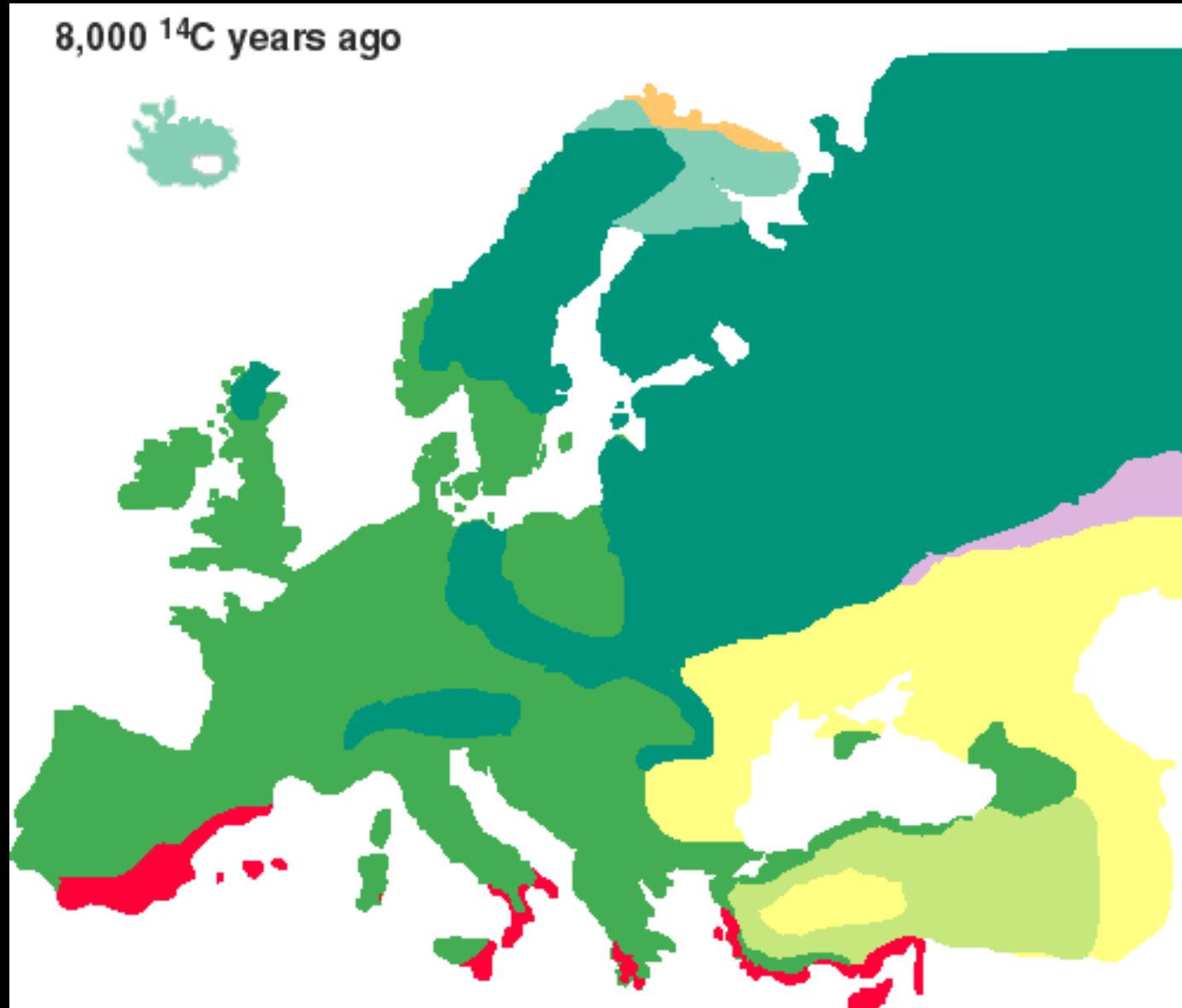
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11,000 – 10,000 <sup>14</sup>C years ago



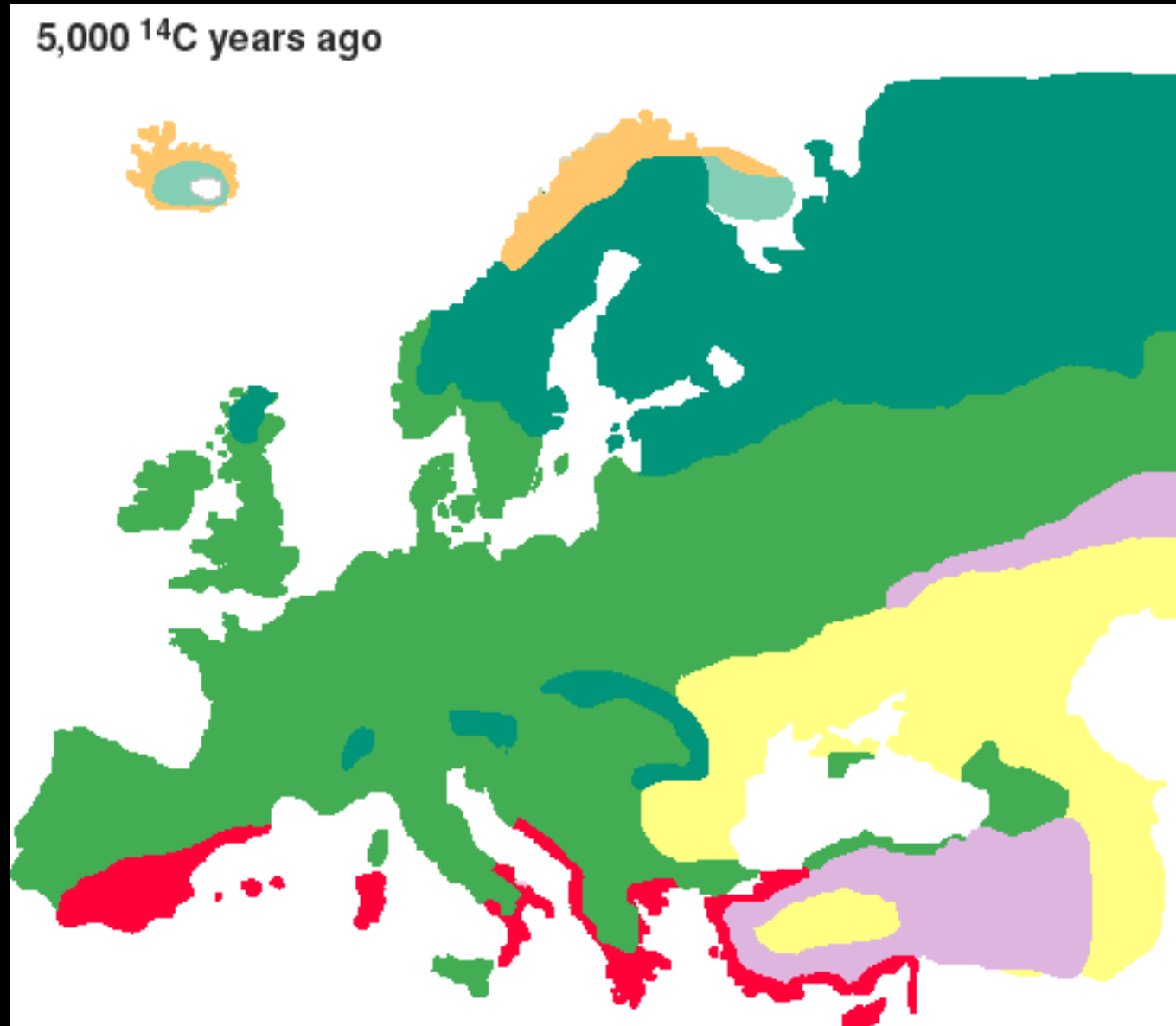
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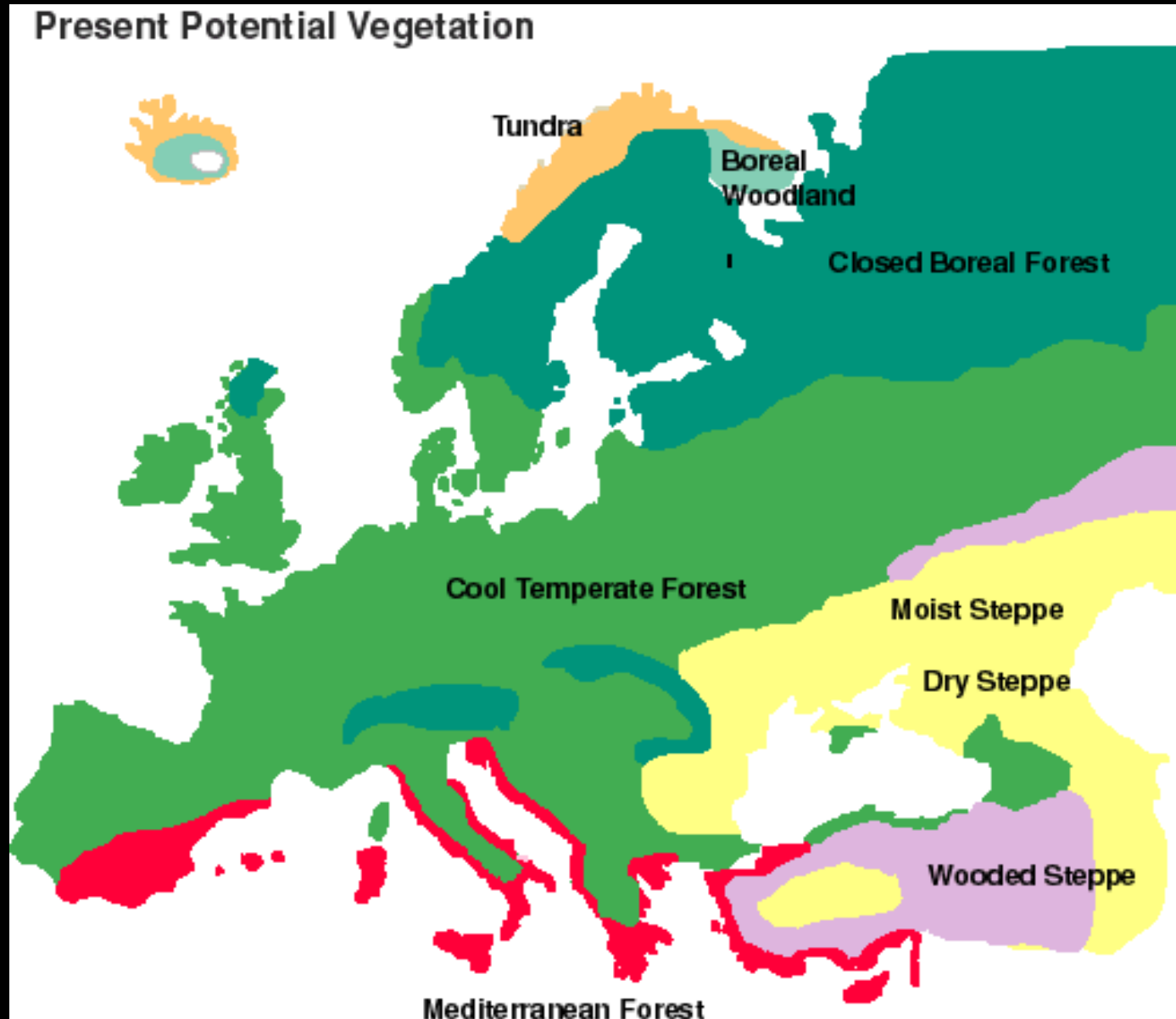
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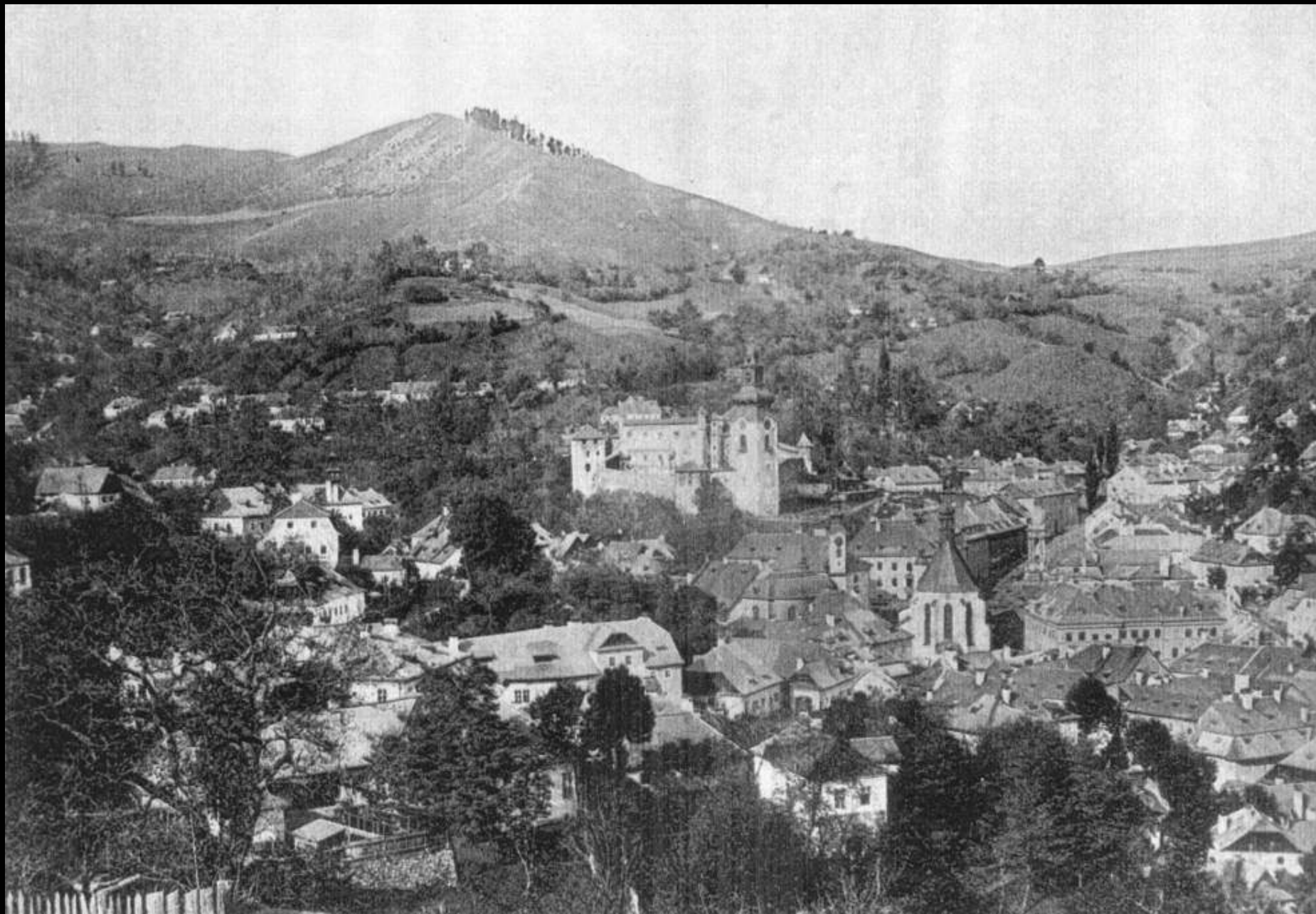
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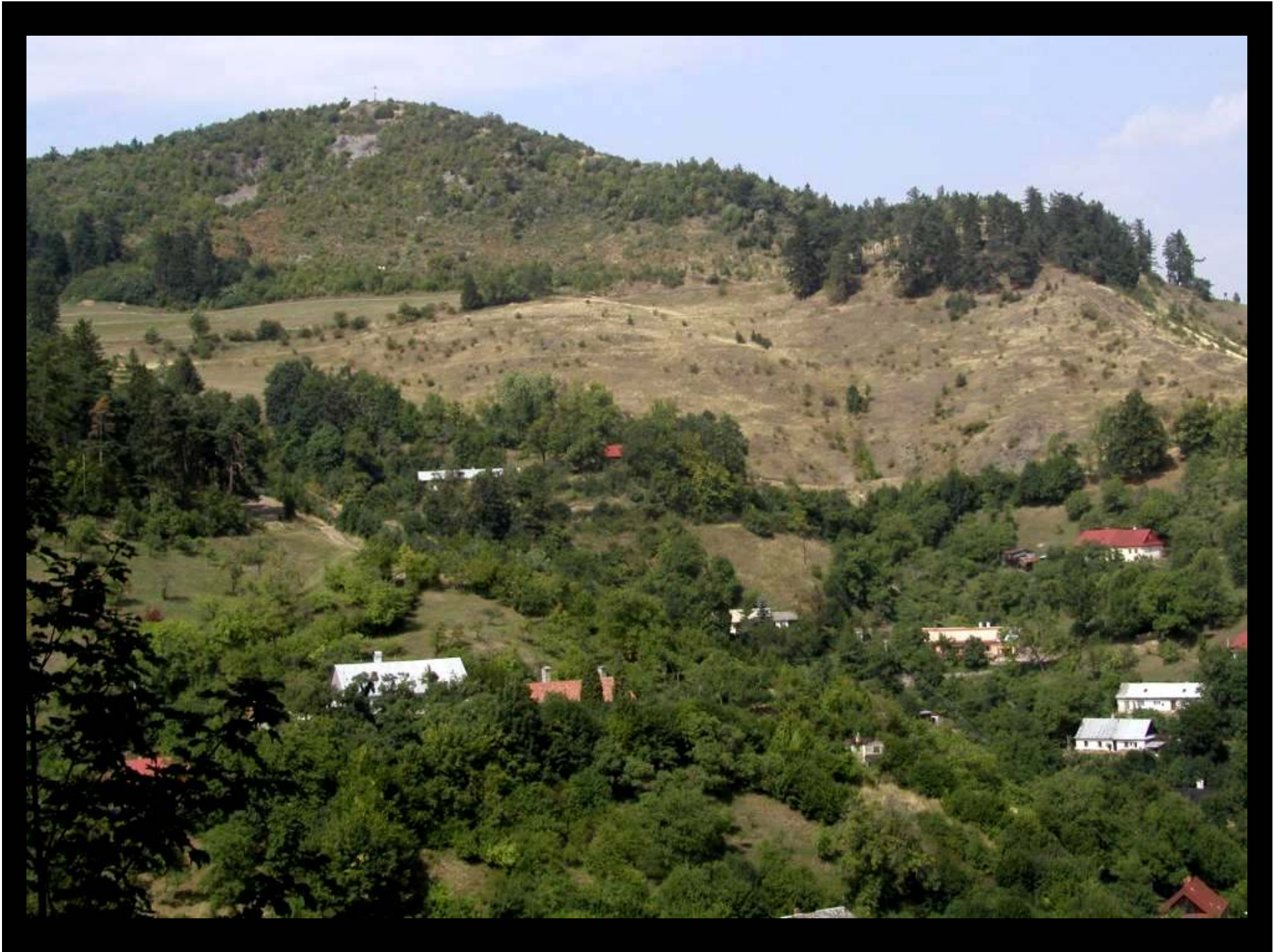
- Political – ..... - edge of Roma empire (barbarians, kelts) – coming Slavs (5ct.) -  
Sam empire (623-658) – Nitra principality - Great Moravia (833 – 928) – Hungary –  
Austria/Hungary Monarchy – Czechoslovakia (1918 - 1939) – Slovak state (1939 –  
1945)- Czechoslovakia (1945/1948/1968/1989/1993) – Slovakia (1993, 2004-EU) –  
in general relative long time on periphery of the society, political and cultural  
development with very pure experience with freedom













## Forestry and Nature conservation history

### - forestry

- exploitation of forests for mining purposes and deficit of wood
- before was only adopted some regulations in usage of forests
- some regions still remain without pressure
- many loggings of the oldgrowth forests in Slovakia was realize after the last 60 years



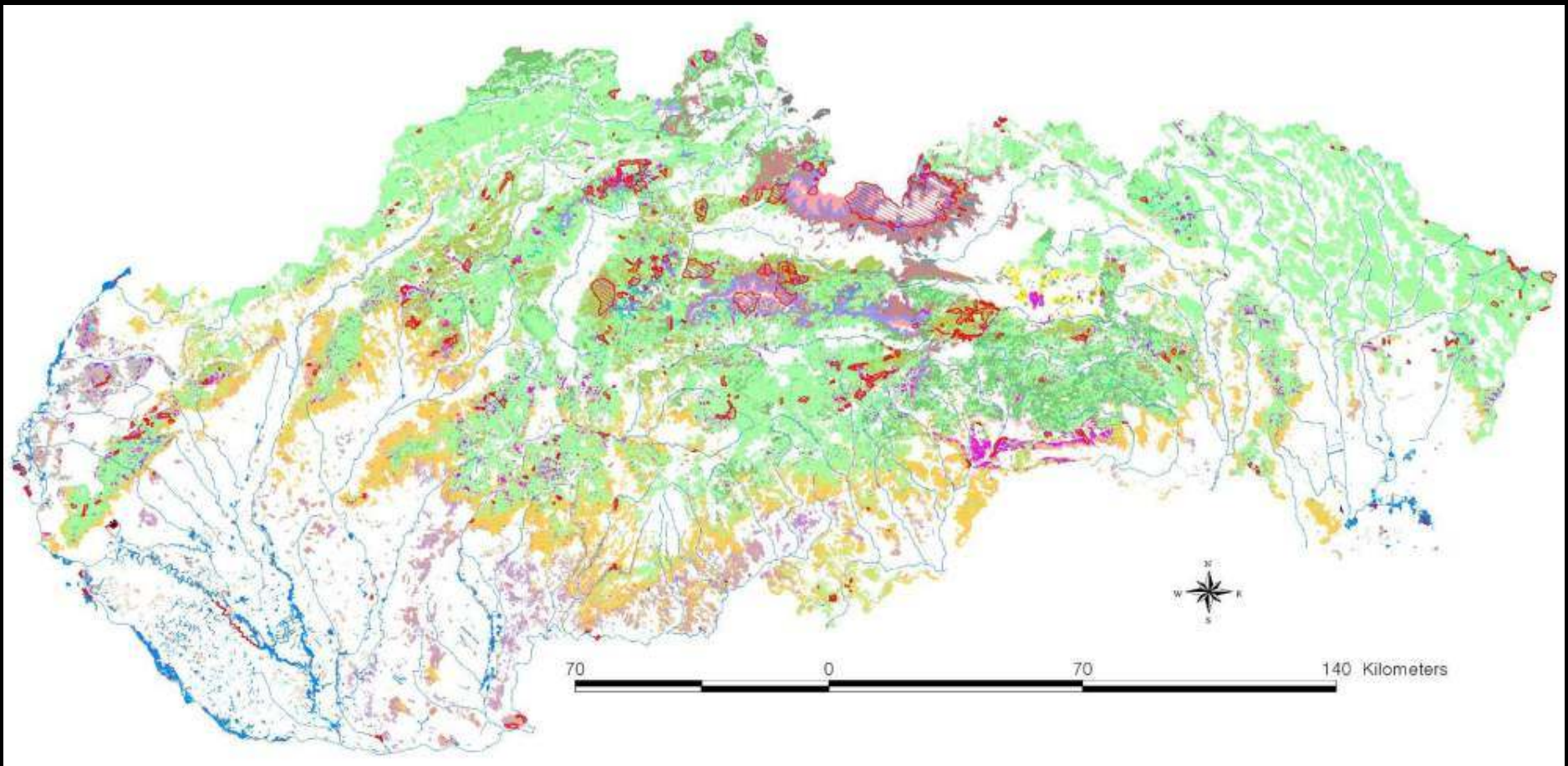
- nature protection
  - first protected sites are established in the end of 19 ct.
  - systematic approach
  - reserves and protected sites established without respectation of private property
  - paper protected sites
  - implementation problem of protected sites or networks of protected sites
  - the administration of nature protection



# PRESENT SITUATION

History caused to many features in present nature conservation

1. representativeness - network of strict protection nature reserves are not representative



## 2. time

near to all reserves was establish during the short period on forestry vision in forests in relative same age and development



### 3. extent

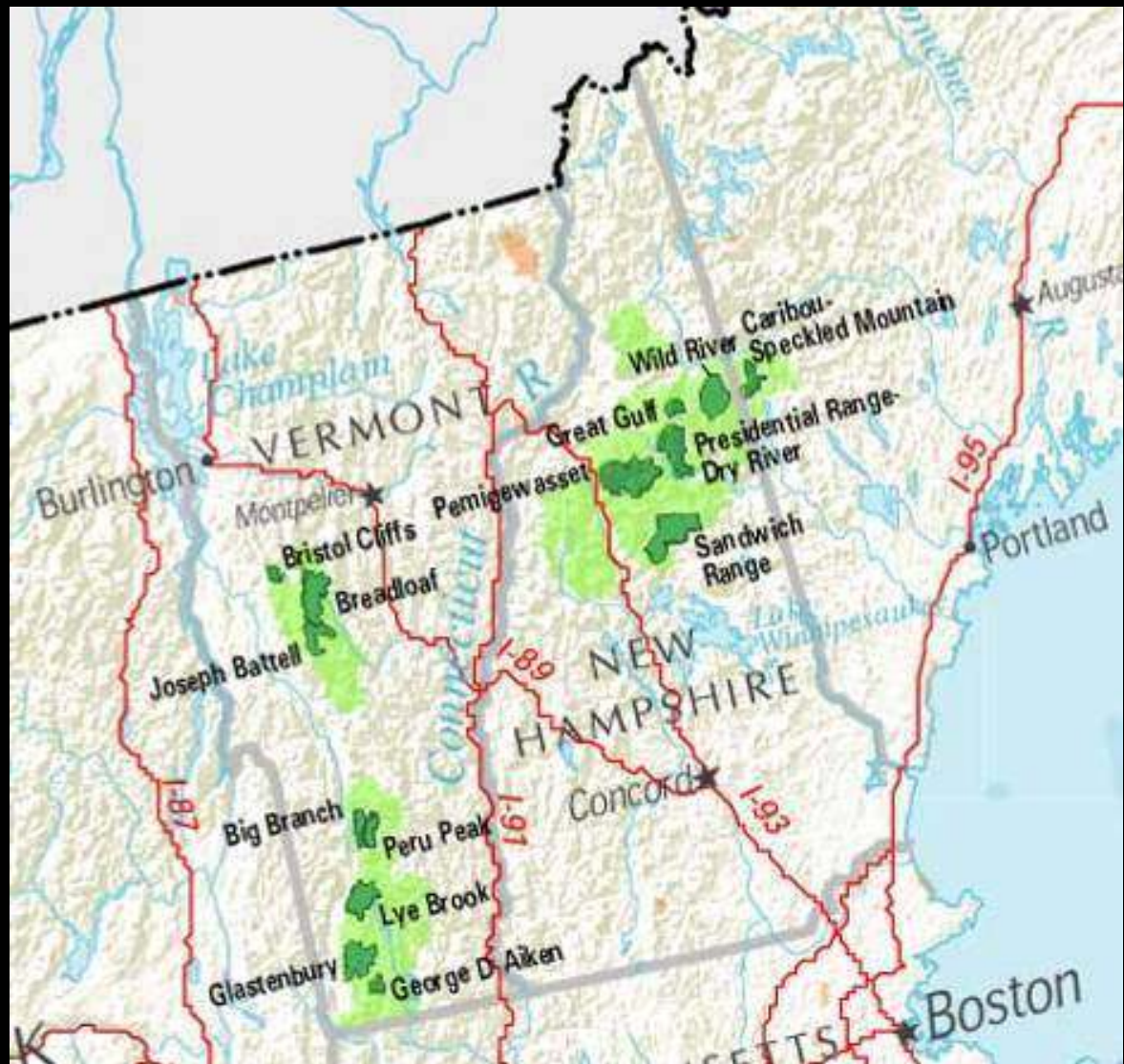
near to all reserves are established on very small areas, which are not suitable for long term development

#### Slovakia

- 49 035 km<sup>2</sup>
- cca 20000 km<sup>2</sup> forests
- cca 400 reserves with strict protection
- cover cca 900 km<sup>2</sup> of country < 2%

#### Vermont and New Hampshire

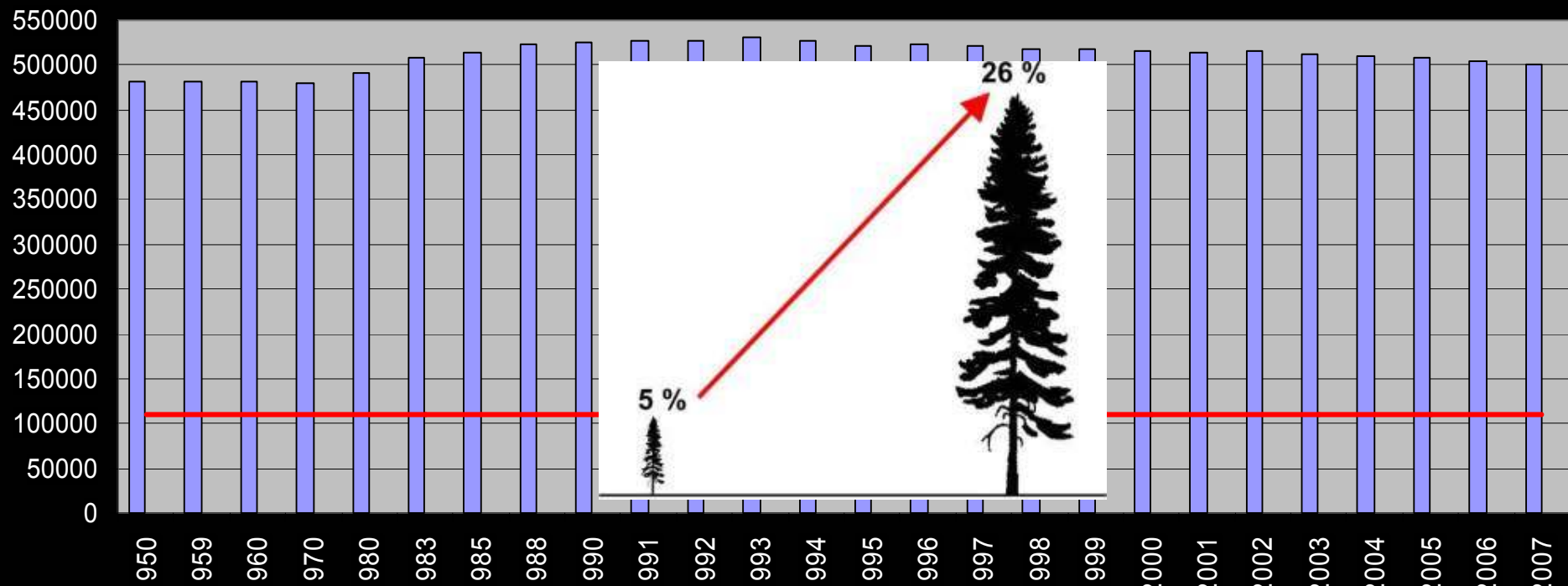
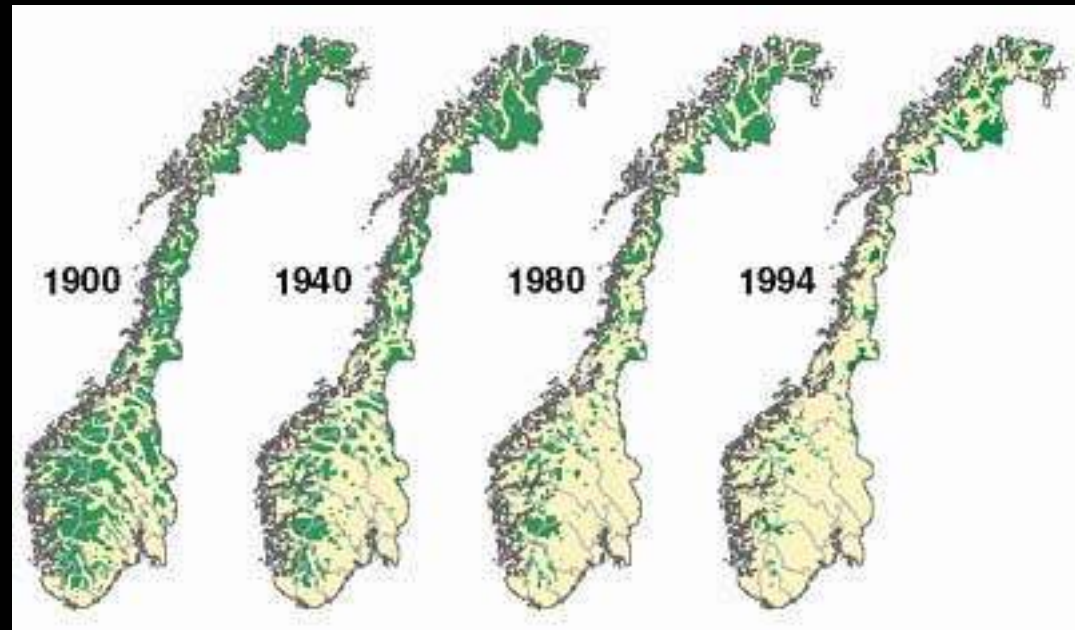
- 47 200 km<sup>2</sup>
- cca 25000 km<sup>2</sup> forests
- 13 wilderness areas (prevailing ecosystems are forests)
- wilderness cover cca 965 km<sup>2</sup> of countries > 2%



#### 4. consistency / lack of consistency

- protection/mangement
- in relations to ownership
- visions/objectives
- trends

Damage natural values – have to help nature - argue with lack of natural values – another damage – up to totally destroyed

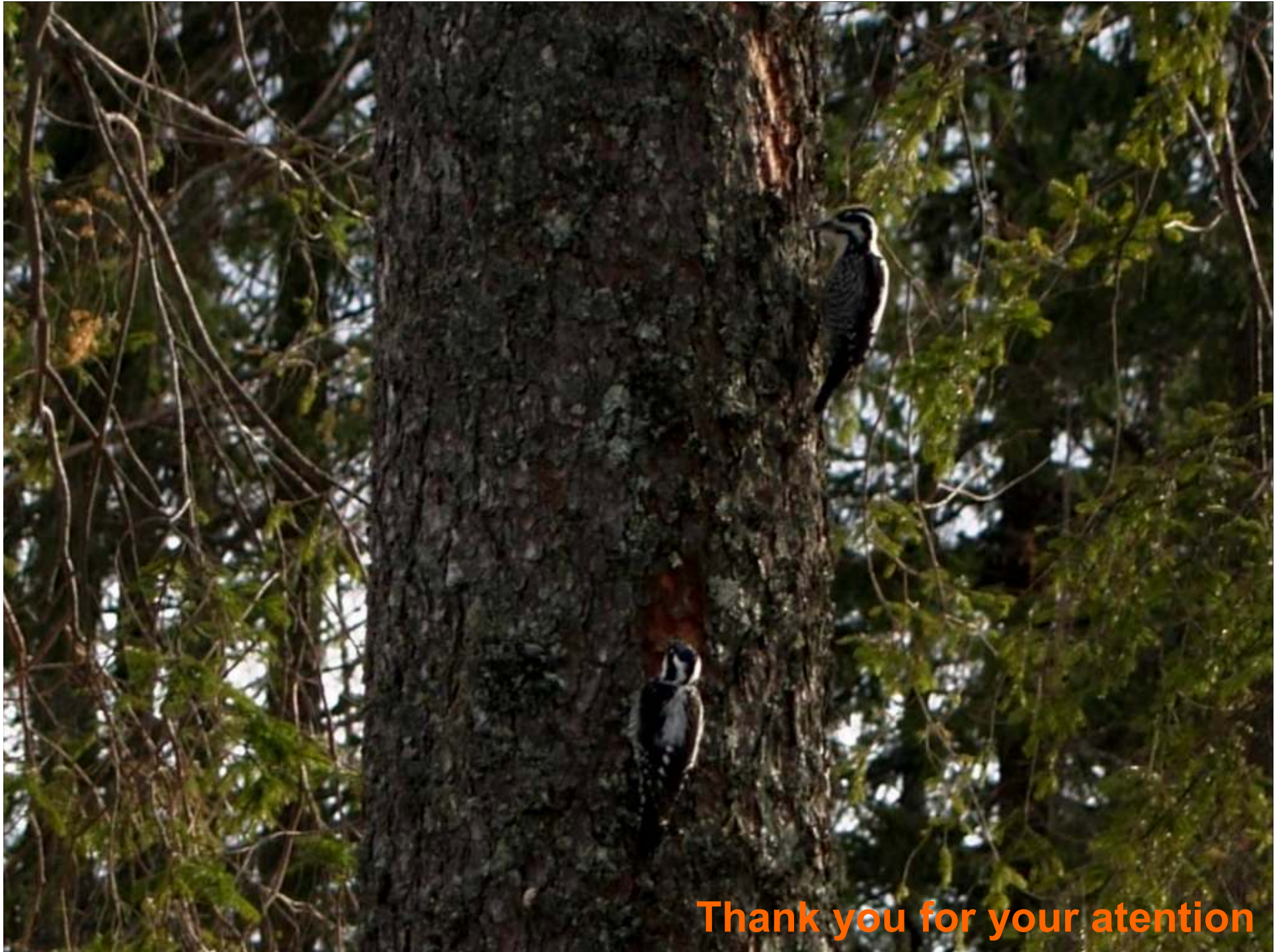




5. tools (in case when we have consistency)

- administration (on foresters, responsibility for nature divided)
- compensations (difficult system, no systematic, no adequate)
- knowledge (lack of capacities and lack of support)

**Why here in this country, in this situation we are discussing about wilderness and megacorridors of wilderness and what is important from this case study ?**



**Thank you for your attention**