

ROOTED IN DIVERSITY: WOMEN CHANGING AND SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE (AND FORESTRY)

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"Science is often caricatured as a purely empirical and objective pursuit. But in reality, a scientist's interpretation of the world is influenced by the data she collects, which are influenced by the experiments she designs, which are influenced by the questions she thinks to ask, which are influenced by her identity, her values, her predecessors, and her imagination."

Ed Yong





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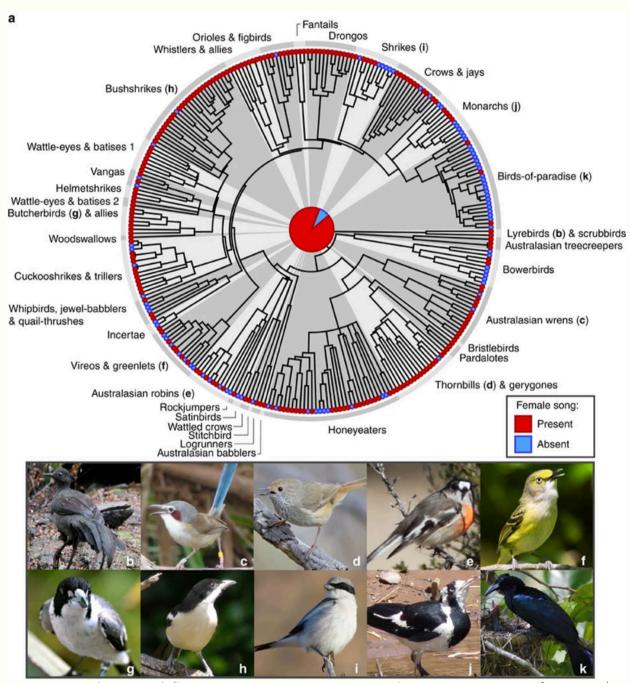


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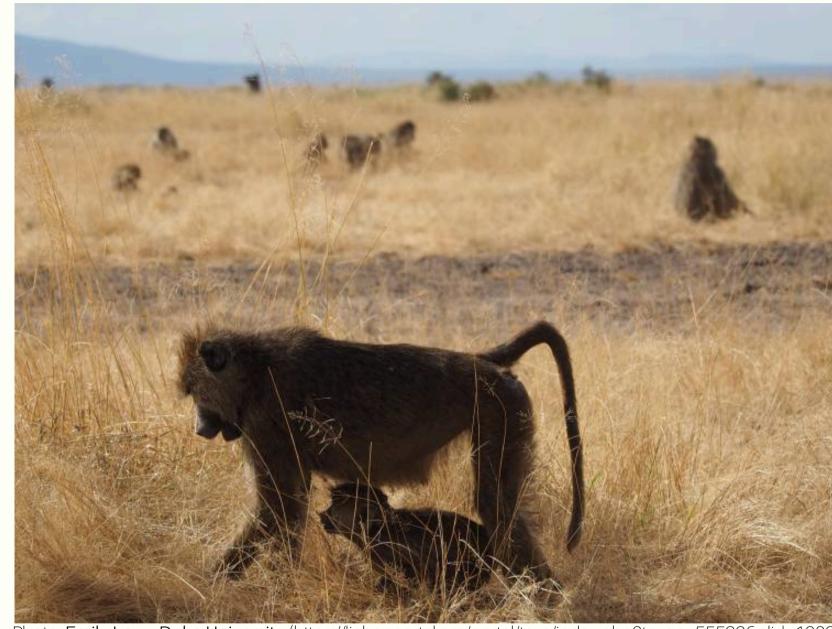


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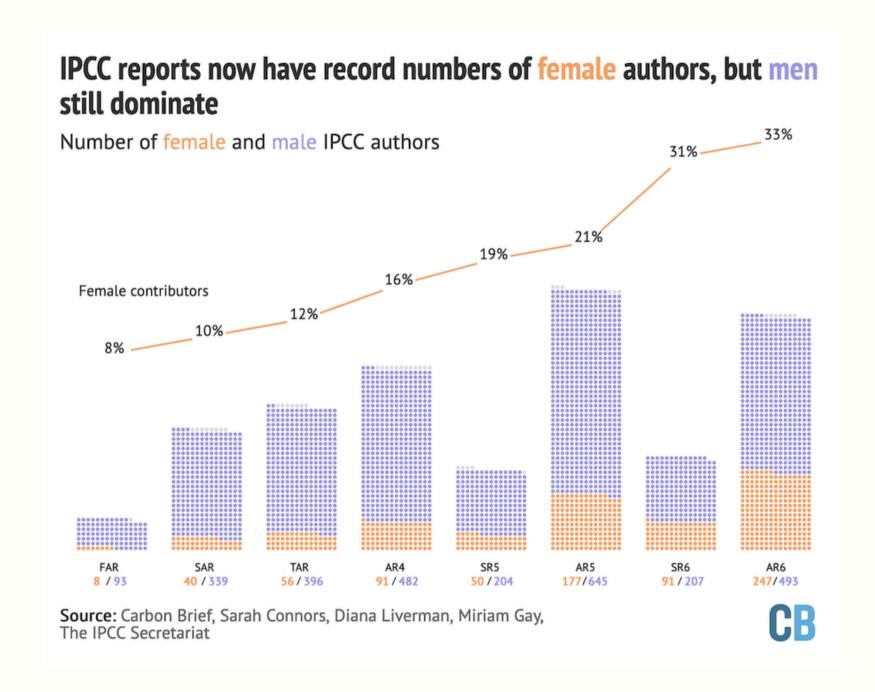


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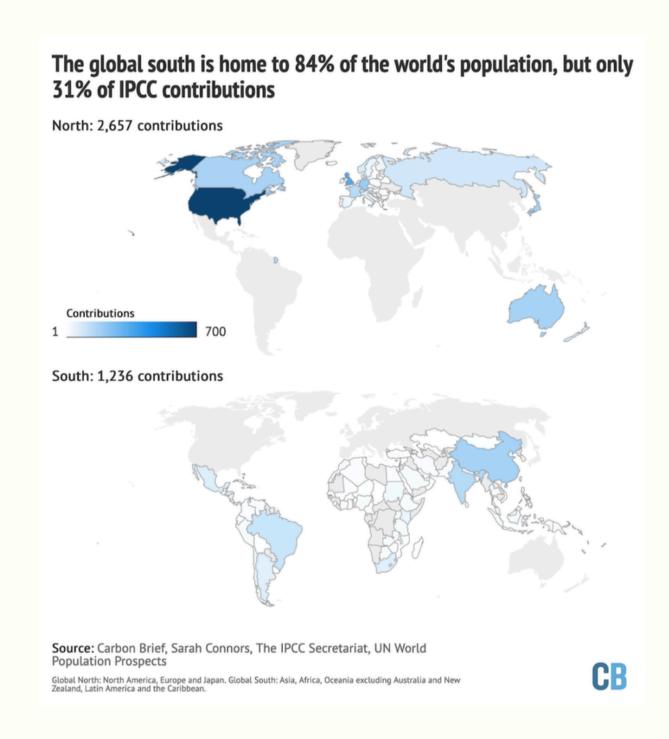














Science and forestry are better shaped thanks to the imagination, values, identity and unique experiences and perspectives of women and underrepresented minorities.







Additional reading:

Forces of Nature: The women Who Changed Science, Anna Resser and Leila McNeill The Unsung Heroine of Lichenology, Sabrina Imbler All We Can Save, Reciprocity, Janine Benyus

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