

Appendix for *Rewiring food webs through trophic rewilding*

Supporting information

Changes to the PHYLACINE database

In the PHYLACINE 1.2 database, the two extinct species *Sinomegaceros ordosianus* and *Dusicyon australis* had inaccurate body mass information. We thus modified their body mass before modelling and analyses. Specifically, body mass of *S. ordosianus* was set equal to the mass of *S. yabei* and body mass of *D. australis* to *D. avus*. Moreover, the cow (*Bos primigenius*) and the dromedary (*Camelus dromedarius*), two species considered to be extinct as wild populations by the IUCN ¹, were included in the analyses as extant species. This was because *B. primigenius* and *C. dromedarius* are often considered to be sufficiently similar to their ancestral forms ² (Sandom et al. 2020).

Supplementary Table 1: Average proportions from the reconstructed food webs of the number of species per trophic level. Proportions show the relative number of species under current and rewilding scenarios respect to the no-extinction scenario for large protected areas $\geq 5000 \text{ km}^2$ with IUCN management category I-II and for areas $\geq 5000 \text{ km}^2$ randomly distributed in each biogeographic realm.

Trophic level	Current / no-extinction	Rewilding / no-extinction
Protected areas		
Megacarnivores ($\geq 100 \text{ kg}$)	0.29	0.53
Megaherbivores ($\geq 1,000 \text{ kg}$)	0.17	0.31
Large carnivores (21.5–99 kg)	0.71	0.80
Large herbivores (45–999 kg)	0.44	0.61
Small carnivores ($< 21.5 \text{ kg}$)	0.94	0.98
Small herbivores ($< 45 \text{ kg}$)	0.97	0.98
Random areas		
Megacarnivores ($\geq 100 \text{ kg}$)	0.15	0.51
Megaherbivores ($\geq 1,000 \text{ kg}$)	0.08	0.31
Large carnivores (21.5–99 kg)	0.51	0.92
Large herbivores (45–999 kg)	0.33	0.60
Small carnivores ($< 21.5 \text{ kg}$)	0.92	0.98
Small herbivores ($< 45 \text{ kg}$)	0.96	0.98

Supplementary Table 2: Average proportions from the reconstructed food webs of the number of interactions among trophic levels. Proportions show the relative number of predator-prey interactions under current and rewilding scenarios respect to the no-extinction scenario for large protected areas $\geq 5000 \text{ km}^2$ with IUCN management category I-II and for areas $\geq 5000 \text{ km}^2$ randomly distributed in each biogeographic realm.

Predator	Prey	Current / present-natural	Rewilding / present-natural
Protected areas			
Megacarnivores	Large carnivores	0.31	0.61
	Large herbivores	0.17	0.33
	Small carnivores	0.29	0.60
	Small herbivores	0.28	0.55
Large carnivores	Large herbivores	0.42	0.50
	Small carnivores	0.69	0.88
	Small herbivores	0.78	0.89
Small carnivores	Small herbivores	0.95	0.99
Random areas			
Megacarnivores	Large carnivores	0.12	0.62
	Large herbivores	0.08	0.38
	Small carnivores	0.17	0.60
	Small herbivores	0.16	0.58
Large carnivores	Large herbivores	0.29	0.55
	Small carnivores	0.46	0.92
	Small herbivores	0.57	0.92
Small carnivores	Small herbivores	0.89	0.98

Supplementary Table 3: List of the extinct species that were replaced by functional analogues under the rewilding scenario for the focal biogeographic realm.

Extinct species	Functional analogues	Biogeographic realm
<i>Agalmaceros blicki</i>	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Antidorcas australis</i>	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Antidorcas bondi</i>	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Arctodus simus</i>	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Nearctic
<i>Arctodus simus</i>	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Neotropic
<i>Arctotherium wingei</i>	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Aztlanolagus agilis</i>	<i>Lepus californicus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Aztlanolagus agilis</i>	<i>Lepus californicus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Aztlanolagus agilis</i>	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Bettongia anhydra</i>	<i>Bettongia lesueur</i>	Australasia
<i>Bettongia pusilla</i>	<i>Bettongia lesueur</i>	Australasia
<i>Bettongia pusilla</i>	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	Australasia
<i>Bootherium bombifrons</i>	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Brachyprotoma obtusata</i>	<i>Conepatus leuconotus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Bubalus palaeokerabau</i>	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Caipora bambuorum</i>	<i>Brachyteles arachnoides</i>	Neotropic
<i>Camelops hesternus</i>	<i>Camelus ferus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Camelops hesternus</i>	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	Neotropic
<i>Canis dirus</i>	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Canis dirus</i>	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Neotropic
<i>CapriniGen spA</i>	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Catagonus stenocephalus</i>	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	Neotropic
<i>Cervalces scotti</i>	<i>Alces alces</i>	Nearctic
<i>Conilurus albipes</i>	<i>Conilurus penicillatus</i>	Australasia

<i>Conilurus capricornensis</i>	<i>Conilurus penicillatus</i>	Australasia
<i>Cryptonanus ignitus</i>	<i>Thylamys venustus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Cuvieronius hyodon</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Cuvieronius hyodon</i>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Neotropic
<i>Damaliscus hypsodon</i>	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Damaliscus niro</i>	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Dasypus bellus</i>	<i>Dasypus kappleri</i>	Nearctic
<i>Dasypus bellus</i>	<i>Dasypus kappleri</i>	Neotropic
<i>Dusicyon avus</i>	<i>Lycalopex griseus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Elasmotherium sibiricum</i>	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	Palearctic
<i>Elephas iolensis</i>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Elephas iolensis</i>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Palearctic
<i>Elephas namadicus</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Elephas namadicus</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Palearctic
<i>Elephas naumanii</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Elephas naumanii</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Palearctic
<i>Equus francisci</i>	<i>Equus ferus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Equus francisci</i>	<i>Equus ferus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Equus hydruntinus</i>	<i>Equus ferus</i>	Palearctic
<i>Equus ovodovi</i>	<i>Equus ferus</i>	Palearctic
<i>Euceratherium collinum</i>	<i>Bison bison</i>	Nearctic
<i>Euceratherium collinum</i>	<i>Bison bison</i>	Neotropic
<i>Gazella atlantica</i>	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	Palearctic
<i>Gazella bilkis</i>	<i>Capricornis crispus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Gazella bilkis</i>	<i>Naemorhedus caudatus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Gazella bilkis</i>	<i>Procapra gutturosa</i>	Afrotropic
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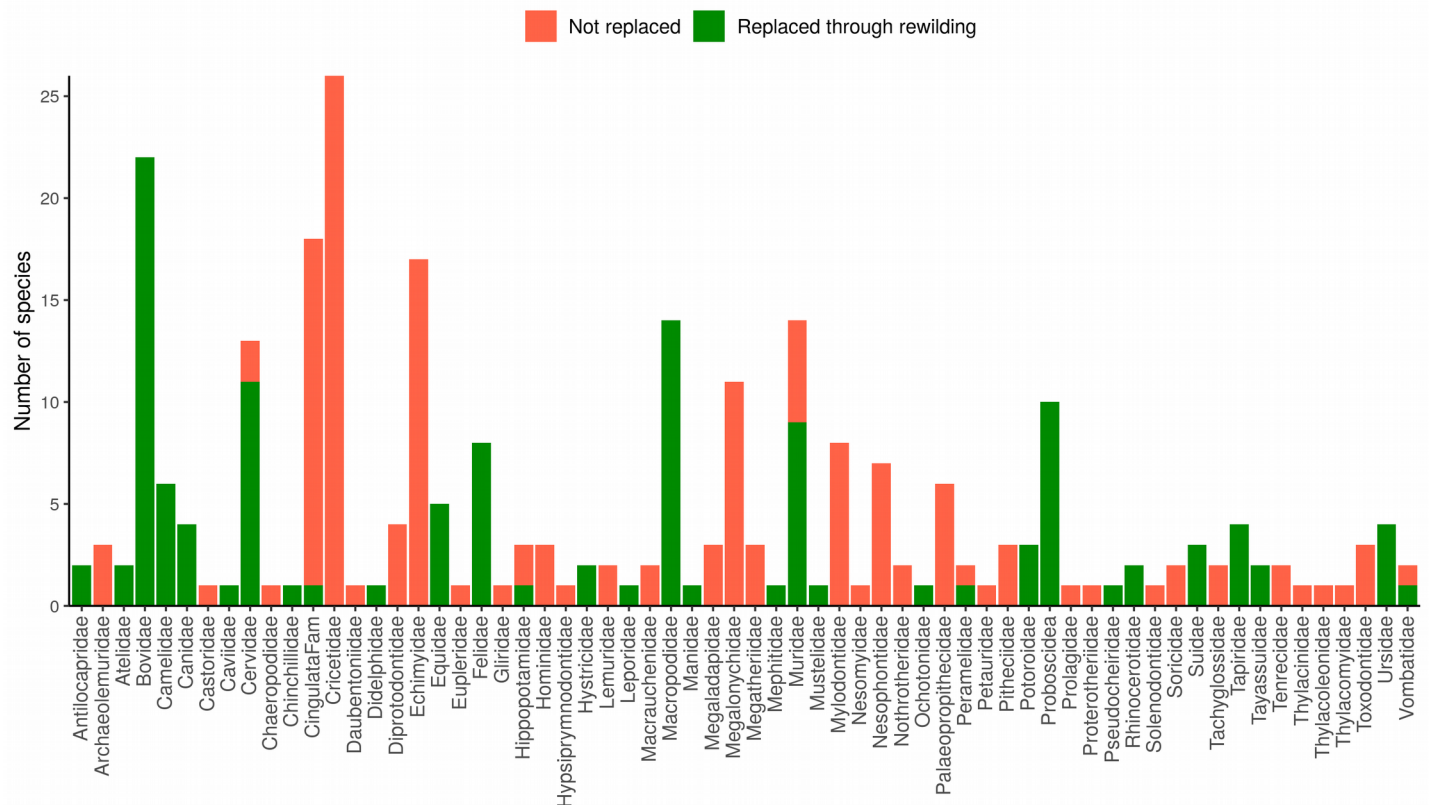
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<i>Gazella saudiya</i>	<i>Gazella gazella</i>	Palearctic
<i>Gazella tingitana</i>	<i>Gazella cuvieri</i>	Palearctic
<i>Haploidoceros mediterraneus</i>	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Palearctic
<i>Hemiauchenia macrocephala</i>	<i>Lama guanicoe</i>	Nearctic
<i>Hemiauchenia macrocephala</i>	<i>Lama guanicoe</i>	Neotropic
<i>Hemiauchenia paradoxa</i>	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	Neotropic
<i>Hemitragus cedrensis</i>	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>	Palearctic
<i>Hexaprotodon sivalensis</i>	<i>Choeropsis liberiensis</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Hippidion devillei</i>	<i>Equus ferus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Hippidion principale</i>	<i>Equus quagga</i>	Neotropic
<i>Hippotragus leucophaeus</i>	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Hippotragus leucophaeus</i>	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Homotherium latidens</i>	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	Palearctic
<i>Homotherium serum</i>	<i>Panthera onca</i>	Nearctic
<i>Homotherium serum</i>	<i>Panthera onca</i>	Neotropic
<i>Hystrix kiangsenensis</i>	<i>Hystrix brachyura</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Hystrix kiangsenensis</i>	<i>Hystrix brachyura</i>	Palearctic
<i>Hystrix refossa</i>	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Indomalaya
<i>Hystrix refossa</i>	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Palearctic
<i>Kolpochoerus majus</i>	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Lagorchestes asomatus</i>	<i>Lagorchestes hirsutus</i>	Australasia
<i>Lagostomus crassus</i>	<i>Lagostomus maximus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Leopardus amnicola</i>	<i>Catopuma badia</i>	Nearctic
<i>Leopardus amnicola</i>	<i>Leopardus wiedii</i>	Neotropic

<i>Macropus greyi</i>	<i>Thylogale billardieri</i>	Australasia
<i>Mammut americanum</i>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Nearctic
<i>Mammut americanum</i>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Neotropic
<i>Mammuthus columbi</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Mammuthus columbi</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Mammuthus primigenius</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Indomalaya
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<i>Megaloceros giganteus</i>	<i>Alces alces</i>	Paelearctic
<i>Megalotragus priscus</i>	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Megalovis guangxiensis</i>	<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>	Indomalaya
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<i>Metasthenurus newtonae</i>	<i>Macropus rufus</i>	Australasia
<i>Metridiochoerus compactus</i>	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	Afrotropic
<i>Miracinonyx trumani</i>	<i>Puma concolor</i>	Nearctic
<i>Morenelaphus brachyceros</i>	<i>Ozotoceros bezoarticus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Muknalia minima</i>	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	Nearctic
<i>Muknalia minima</i>	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	Neotropic
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<i>Procoptodon gilli</i>	<i>Macropus rufus</i>	Australasia
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<i>Sinomegaceros ordosianus</i>	<i>Alces alces</i>	Palearctic
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<i>Stegodon orientalis</i>	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Indomalaya

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<i>Sthenurus andersoni</i>	<i>Macropus rufus</i>	Australasia
<i>Stockoceros conklingi</i>	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	Nearctic
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<i>Tremarctos floridanus</i>	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Nearctic
<i>Tremarctos floridanus</i>	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Neotropic
<i>Troposodon minor</i>	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	Australasia
<i>Ursus spelaeus</i>	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Palearctic
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<i>Wallabia kitcheneri</i>	<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>	Australasia

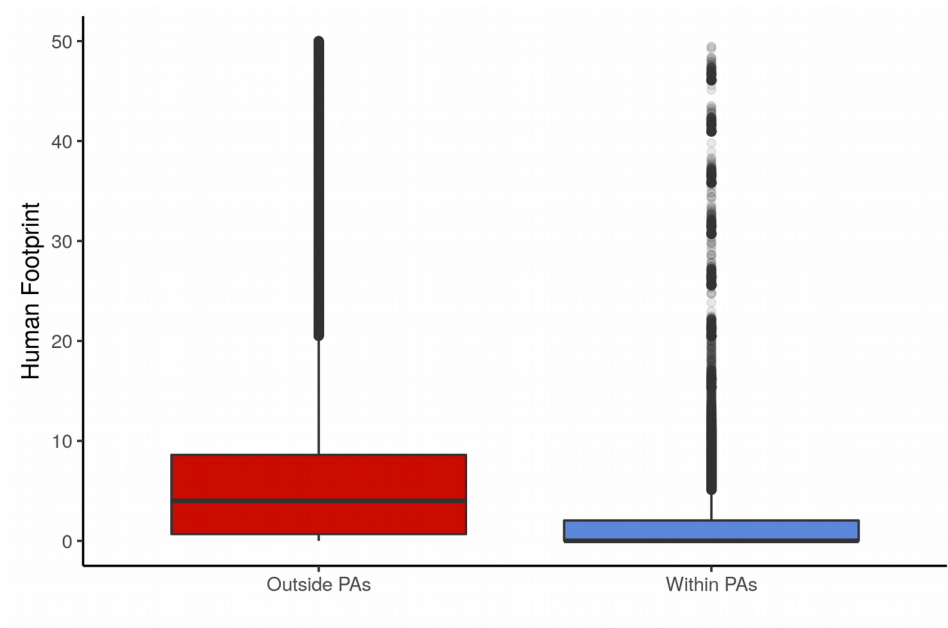


Supplementary Figure 1: Number of extinct species that could not be replaced (red) and that could be replaced through rewilding (green). Species were replaced by functional analogue extant species that were phylogenetically closely-related with similar body size. Functional analogues were selected from extinct species' Families except for Proboscidean, which were grouped together in the Proboscidea order.

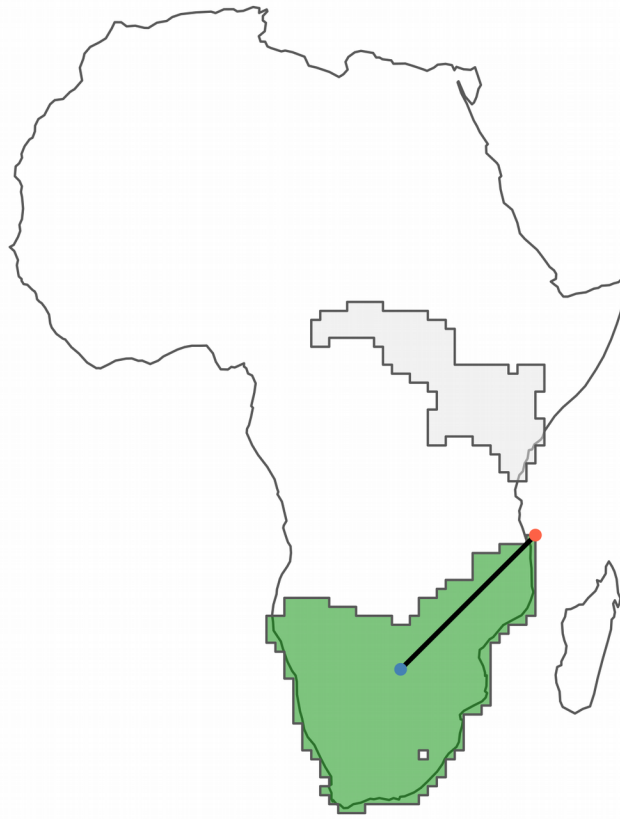
Human pressure in protected areas

We examined the level of human pressure in large protected areas (PAs) $\geq 5,000 \text{ km}^2$ with strict IUCN management status I-II to investigate possible negative consequences of rewilding for human-wildlife coexistence. We downloaded the Human Footprint (HF) raster, representing the cumulative pressure of anthropogenic activities, such as urban areas and agricultural land, worldwide at 1 km^2 resolution³. We re-projected the HF layer to a 5 km^2 resolution using bilinear interpolation with a Behrmann equal-area projection, as this was used for all other analyses. We then extracted the values of HF within PAs $\geq 5,000 \text{ km}^2$ with strict IUCN management status I-II and compared them with cells not covered by PAs using the non-parametric Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

We found that HF was significantly lower within large PAs I-II than outside ($P < 0.05$). In particular, cells within PAs had an average HF = 1.66, whereas cells outside PAs had an average HF = 5.95. Moreover, half of the cells within PAs had HF = 0, i.e., they have very low anthropogenic disturbances, while only 23% of the cells outside PAs had HF = 0. These results show that human pressure is significantly lower within the PAs chosen for simulating the rewilding scenario (Supplementary Figure 5) and suggest human-wildlife coexistence can be more easily achievable within PAs $\geq 5000 \text{ km}^2$ I-II than in other regions globally.



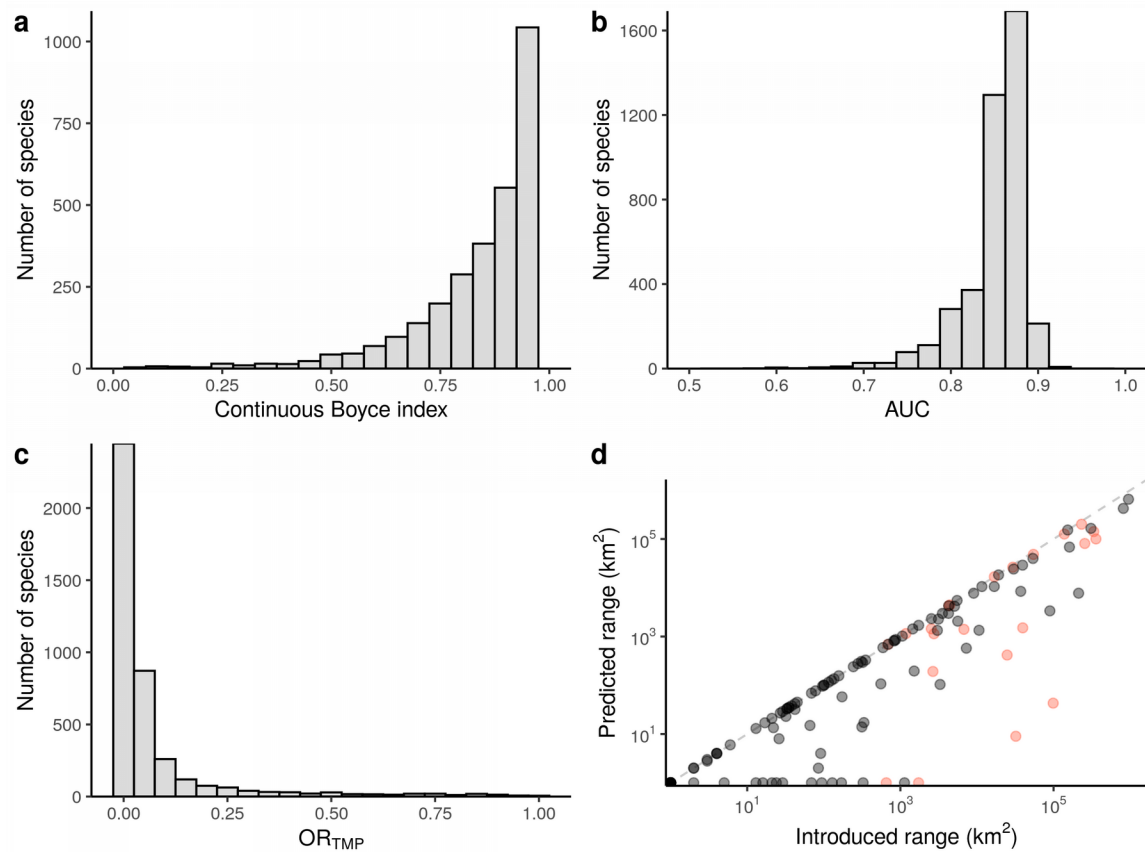
Supplementary Figure 2: Human Footprint (HF) outside and within protected areas (PAs). The boxplots show values of HF for cells outside and within large protected areas (PAs) $\geq 5,000 \text{ km}^2$ with strict IUCN management status I-II. HF was significantly ($P < 0.05$) within than outside PAs.



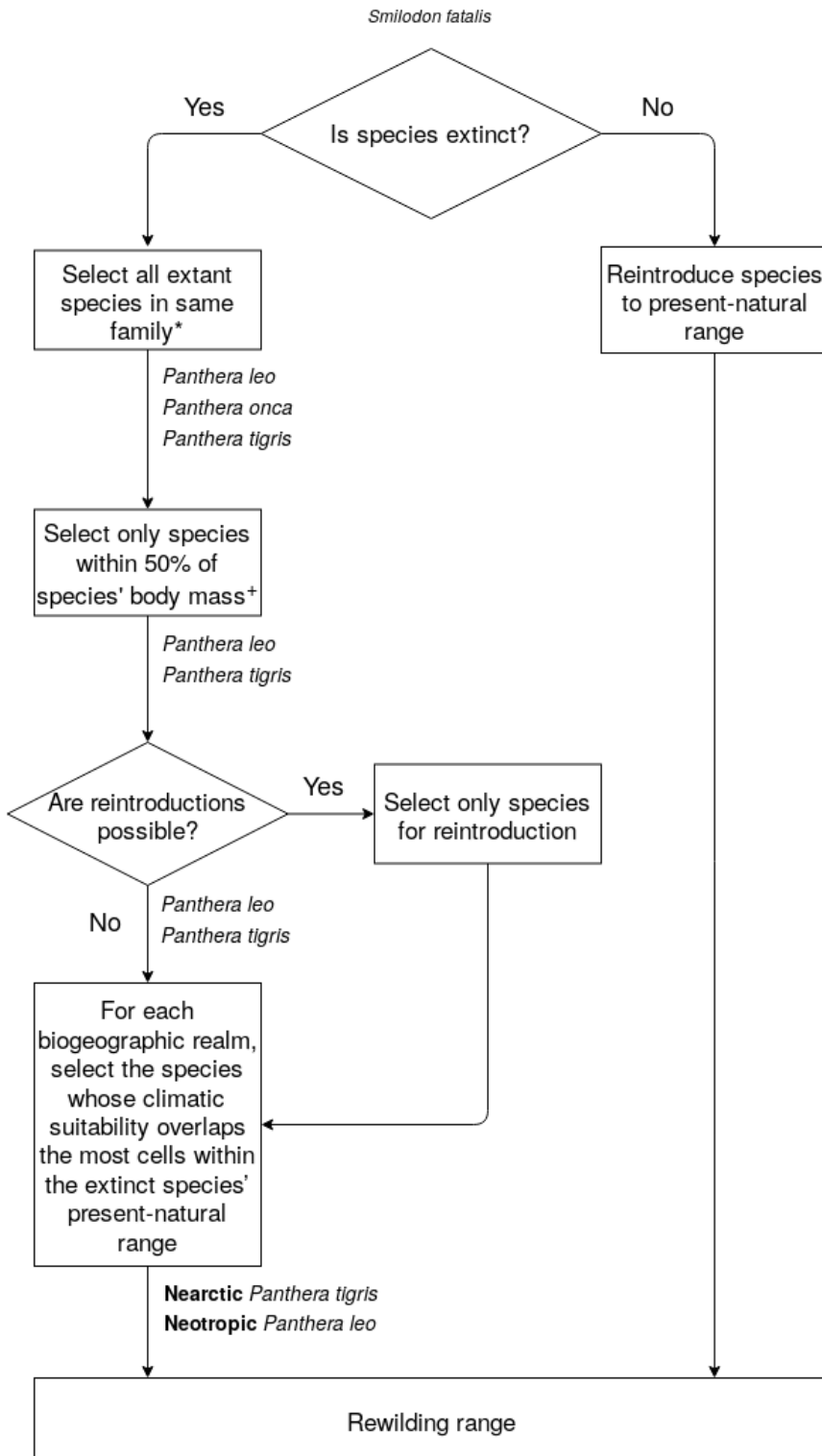
Supplementary Figure 3: Example of species-specific background buffer for maximum entropy (Maxent) models for the white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*). For each species, we calculated the background buffer as the maximum distance (black line) from the centroid (blue point) to the edge (red point) of the largest continuous range (shown in green). The smallest continuous range is also shown (light grey). Buffer size was then used to delimit the area accessible to the species through dispersal, i.e. the area used to generate background locations. Ranges were the combined current and present-natural ranges from the PHYLACINE database ⁴ (Faurby et al. 2018).

Supplementary Table 4: Summary of the evaluation statistics for the species distribution models. Continuous Boyce Index (CBI) indicates how much models discriminate against random expectation and the average Area Under the Curve (AUC) of the Receiver Operating Clot show indicates how well models differentiate between presences and pseudo-absences. Low omission rates based on the minimum training presence value (OR_{MTP}) indicate models were not overfit. Introduction ranges were from ^{1,5}.

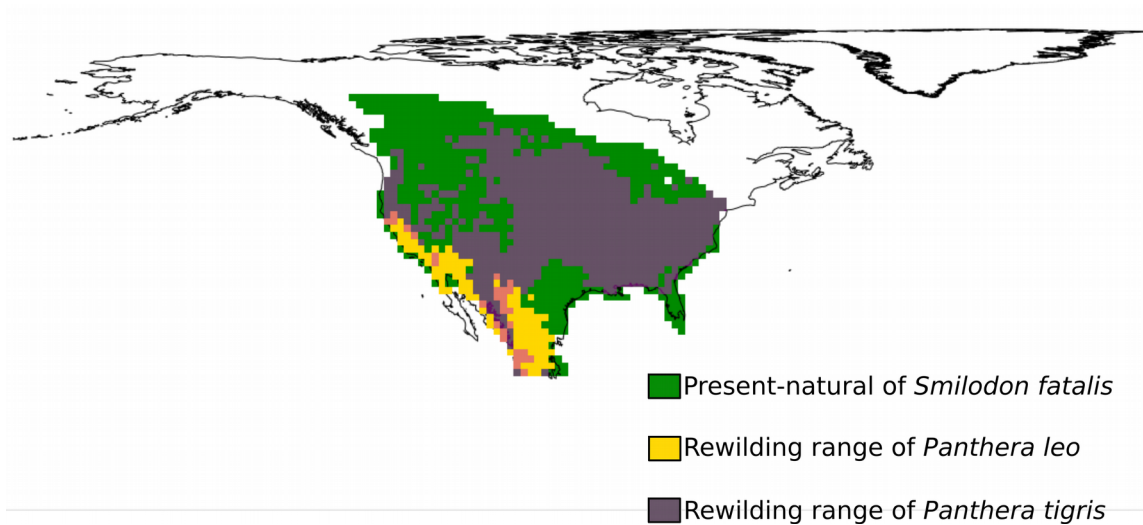
Evaluation statistic	Median	Median absolute deviation	Mean	Standard deviation
Continuous Boyce Index (CBI)	0.93	0.08	0.87	0.15
Area under the curve (AUC) of the receiver operating curve	0.86	0.01	0.85	0.04
Omission rate minimum training presence (OR_{MTP})	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.15
Proportion of known introduction ranges predicted*	0.84	0.23	0.62	0.41



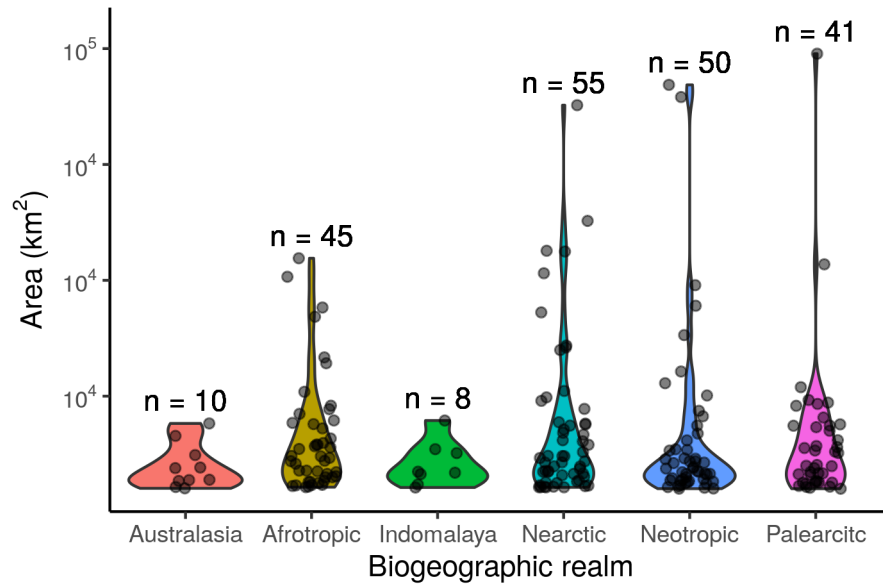
Supplementary Figure 4: Performance of maximum entropy (Maxent) species distribution models (SDMs). **a–c**, Histograms of the evaluation statistics for the Maxent SDMs. Predictive ability of SDMs is shown by both the Continuous Boyce Index (**a**) and by the Area Under the Curve (AUC) of the receiver operating curve (**b**). Model tendency to overfit is shown by the Omission Rate Minimum Training Presence (OR_{MTP}; **c**). **d**, Scatterplot showing predictions of known introduction ranges of mammals using Maxent SDMs. Species with fully predicted known introduction range are on the line with intercept = 0 and slope = 1 (dashed line). Introduced ranges were from ⁵ Lundgren et al. (2018; red circles) and ¹ the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (IUCN 2019; black circles).



Supplementary Figure 5:
Schematics showing selection of functional analogues to replace extinct species for the trophic rewilding scenario. An example is shown for the extinct species *Smilodon fatalis*. Functional analogues were selected from extant species that were phylogenetically closely-related and with similar body size to extinct species. Species were considered closely-related if they were from the same family, with the exception of Proboscidean species (* in figure), which were considered all closely-related within the Proboscidea order, as they share common morphological characteristic and similar functional roles ⁶. Functional analogues were considered to have similar body size to extinct species when they had body size between 50% – 150% body size of extinct species. Few exceptions (⁺ in figure) were made: megaherbivores ($\geq 1,000$ kg) Proboscideans were allowed to be replaced by any extant megaherbivore from this order; megacarnivores (≥ 100 kg) for the Felidae and Ursidae families were allowed to be replaced by any extant megacarnivore from their respective families. More details can be found in the main text.



Supplementary Figure 6: Example of a functional analogue rewilding range for the extinct species *Smilodon fatalis* in the Nearctic realm. The present-natural range of *S. Fatalis* (green shade) represent a counter-factual range for today's climate without anthropogenic pressure through time ⁴ (Faurby et al. 2018). The rewilding ranges of the functional analogues *Panthera leo* (yellow shade) and *Panthera tigris* (purple shade) were obtained assessing their climatic suitability through maximum entropy species distribution models and clipped to the present-natural of *S. fatalis*. In this example, *P. tigris* is selected as functional analogue for rewilding in the Nearctic due to the larger rewilding area within the present-natural of *S. fatalis* in this biogeographic realm.



Supplementary Figure 7: Size of protected areas (PAs) $\geq 5,000 \text{ km}^2$ in the six biogeographic realm. Violin plots show the distribution of the PAs size in each biogeographic realm and the points the individual PAs. Superscripts (n) indicate the number of PAs $\geq 5,000 \text{ km}^2$ in each realm displayed.

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