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### 1 Supporting information section 1: List of equations, symbols and indices

- 2 Acronyms in text
- 3 AoP Area of Protection
- 4 AoC Area of Concern
- 5 Damage<sub>AOP</sub> Impact category unit for corresponding AoP
- 6
- 7 CF Characterization factor
- 8 FF Fate factor
- 9 XF Exposure factor
- 10 ERF Exposure-response factor
- 11 SF Severity factor
- 12 CSI Competition scarcity index, that expresses the quantity of resource that is going to
- 13 deprive competing users (current or future) sharing the same resource per quantity of
- 14 resource used in a dissipative manner
- 15
- $16 \qquad \Delta_x \, \text{Difference in metric $x$ described in subscript}$
- 17  $t_1$  lower time limit for time integration of impacts;  $t_1 = 100$  yr for damage level long-term
- 18 indicators,  $t_1 = 0$  for all other indicators.
- 19  $t_2$  higher time limit for time integration of impacts;  $t_2 = 100$  yr for shorter term indicators,
- 20  $t_2=500$  yr for climate change, long-term indicators,  $t_2=\infty$  for other indicators
- 21

# 22 Indices - superscripts

- 23 s = elementary flow (or environmental intervention)
- 24 k = impact category (midpoint or damage level)
- 25 AOP = Area of Protection
- AOC = Area of Concern
- 27

# 28 Indices – subscripts

- i = emitting environmental compartment
- 30 j = receiving environmental compartment
- 31
  32 a = emitting region (or spatial unit) (native or aggregated at country, continental or global
- 33 level)
- 34 n= native emitting region (or spatial unit) for a considered impact category
- 35 b = receiving region (or spatial unit)
- 36
- 37 p = exposure pathway per unit of active substance
- 38 r = response due to a change in exposure of human population or ecosystems
- 39 u = user affected by the competition for the resource
- 40
- 41 midpoint = midpoint level
- 42 damage = damage level
- 43
- 44 **Abbreviations and Symbols** (units will usually depend on the considered impact category)

- $I^k$  Impact score at midpoint or damage levels for impact category k 1
- 2  $m_i^s$  Inventory elementary flow s emitted to or extracted from an emitting compartment i
- $CF_i^{sk}$  Characterization factor for elementary flow s, impact category k and emitting 3
- compartment i 4
- $I_a^k$  Impact score at midpoint or damage levels for impact category k and an emitting region a 5
- $\tilde{M}_{ia}^{s}$  Inventory elementary flow s emitted to or extracted from an emitting compartment i 6 7 and an emitting region a
- $CF_{ai}^{sk}$  Characterization factor for elementary flow s, impact category k and emitting 8
- 9 compartment i and an emitting region a
- 10
- $FF_{ji}^{sk}$  Fate factor for impact category k and for elementary flow s emitted into or extracted 11
- from emitting compartment i and transfer into receiving compartment j 12
- $XF_{pi}^{sk}$  Exposure factor for impact category k and for elementary flow s in the receiving 13
- compartment j through the exposure pathway p 14
- $ERF_{rp}^{sk}$  Exposure-response factor, for impact category k and elementary flow s, for the 15
- response r due to a change in exposure pathway p of human population or ecosystems 16
- $SF_r^{sk}$  Severity factor, for impact category k and elementary flow s, for a response r due to a 17
- change in exposure of human population or ecosystems 18
- CSI<sup>sk</sup><sub>ui</sub> Competition scarcity index factor for impact category k and elementary flow s, that 19
- 20 expresses the quantity of resource in compartment i that is going to deprive competing user
- 21 u (current or future) sharing the same resource per quantity of resource used in a
- 22 dissipative manner
- $XF_{pu}^{sk}$  Exposure factor, for impact category k and elementary flow s, for the user u affected by the competition for the resource through the exposure pathway p 23
- 24
- 25
- $CF_{ni}^{sk}$  Characterization factor for elementary flow s, impact category k and emitting 26 compartment i and an emitting native region n 27
- $FF_{ibni}^{sk}$  Fate factor for impact category k and for elementary flow s emitted into or extracted 28
- 29 from emitting compartment i and emitting native region n and transfer into receiving compartment j and receiving region b 30
- $XF_{pbi}^{sk}$  Exposure factor for impact category k and for elementary flow s in the receiving 31
- compartment j and receiving region b through the exposure pathway p 32
- $ERF_{rhn}^{sk}$  Exposure-response factor, for impact category k and elementary flow s, for the 33
- response r in receiving region b due to a change in exposure pathway p of human 34
- 35 population or ecosystems
- CSI<sup>sk</sup><sub>ubni</sub> Competition scarcity index factor for impact category k and elementary flow s, that 36
- expresses the quantity of resource in compartment i and in receiving region b that is going 37
- 38 to deprive competing user u (current or future) sharing the same resource per quantity of
- 39 resource used in a dissipative manner
- $XF_{pbu}^{sk}$  Exposure factor, for impact category k and elementary flow s, for the user u affected by the competition for the resource through the exposure pathway p in receiving region b 40
- 41 42
- $SPF_{ni}^{sk}$  Spatial proportionality factor used to aggregate  $CF_{ni}^{sk}$  into a coarser resolution a (for 43
- instance national, continental, or global). 44

1	$F_{ni}^{s}$ overall annual environmental intervention for elementary flow s within the native
2	spatial unit n for an emitting compartment i $E^{S}$ everall annual annual annual intervention for elementary flow a within the region a for
3 1	$F_{ai}$ over an annual environmental intervention for elementary now s within the region a for
4 5	An surface area of the native spatial unit n
5	$A_n$ surface area of the omitting spatial unit in
07	$A_a$ surface area intersecting of the native spatial unit n and the emitting spatial unit a
7 8	$A_{n\cap a}$ surface area intersecting of the native spatial unit in and the emitting spatial unit a
g	$S^{AOP}$ Aggregated impact score in AOP
10	$S^{AOC}$ Aggregated impact score in AOC
11	
12	NF <sup>AOP</sup> Normalization factors of IMPACT World+ for AOP
13	$I_{k}^{k}$ Impact score at damage levels for impact category k due to the total world
14	emissions and extractions for one year
15	N <sub>world non</sub> Total world population count
16	$S^{AOP}$ ,, Aggregated impact score in AOP due to all the total world emissions and
17	extractions for one year
18	
19	
20	1. The impact score at midpoint or damage level for an impact category
21	
22	$I^{k} = \sum_{s} \overrightarrow{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{m}^{s}}$ (Eq. SI1)
23	With:
24	• <i>Dim</i> ( <i>x</i> ) is the number of elements along the <i>x</i> axis
25	• $I^k$ a scalar
26	• $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}}$ a vector with $(Dim(i))$ dimension and elements defined as $CF_i^{sk}$
27	• $\overline{\mathbf{m}^{s}}$ a vector with $(Dim(i))$ dimension and elements defined as $m^{s}$
28	<ul> <li>The operator ":" is defined as the inner product (or dot product) between vector</li> </ul>
20	such as $V = \vec{T} \vec{H}$ is equivalent to $V = \sum T H$
29	such as $V = I \cdot O$ is equivalent to $V = \sum_i I_i O_i$ .
30	And elements given by:
32	$I^{k} = \sum \sum (CF^{sk} m^{s}) (Fa SI11)$
32	$I = \Sigma_S \Sigma_I O I_i  m_i (14.511.1)$
34	1.1. For regionalized impact calculation
35	
36	$\mathbf{I}^{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} \vec{1} \cdot \mathbf{C} \mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{s}\mathbf{k}} \circ \mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{s}}$ (Eq. SI1 regio)
37	With:
38	• $Dim(x)$ is the number of elements along the x axis
39	• $\mathbf{I}^k$ a vector with $(Dim(a))$ dimension and elements defined as $I_a^k$
40	• <b>CF</b> <sup>sk</sup> a matrix with $(Dim(a) \times Dim(i))$ dimensions and elements defined as $CF_{ai}^{sk}$
41	• $\mathbf{M}^{s}$ a matrix with $(Dim(i) \times Dim(a))$ dimensions and elements defined as $M_{ia}^{s}$
42	• $\vec{1}$ a vector with $Dim(i)$ dimension and all elements equal to 1
43	• The operator " $^{\circ}$ " is defined as the Hadamard product such as $V = T^{\circ}U$ with elements
44	given by $V_{ii} = T_{ii}U_{ii}$ .
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The operator " $\cdot$ " is defined as the inner product (or dot product) such as  $V = T \cdot U$ 1 elements given by  $V_{ik} = \sum_{i} T_{ii} U_{ik}$ . 2 3 4 And elements given by:  $I_a^k = \sum_s \sum_i CF_{ai}^{sk} M_{ia}^s$  (Eq. SI1\_regio.1) 5 6 7 8 2. Damage CF for an impact category and for an elementary flow 9 10 2.1. Damage CF for emission related impact category 11 12 2.1.1. For non-regionalized impact category 13  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}} = \overrightarrow{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}} \cdot \mathbf{ERF}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{XF}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{FF}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2) 14 15 16 With: 17 • *Dim*(*x*) is the number of elements along the *x* axis •  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(i)) dimension and elements defined as  $CF_i^{sk}$ 18 • **FF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(j) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $FF_{ji}^{sk}$ 19 • **XF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(p) \times Dim(j))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $XF_{pj}^{sk}$ 20 • **ERF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(r) \times Dim(p))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $ERF_{rp}^{sk}$ 21 •  $\overline{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(r)) dimension and elements defined as  $SF_r^{sk}$ 22 The operator " $\cdot$ " is defined as the inner product (or dot product) such as  $V = T \cdot U$ 23 • elements given by  $V_{ik} = \sum_{i} T_{ii} U_{ik}$ . 24 25 And elements given by: 26  $CF_i^{sk} = \sum_r SF_r^{sk} (\sum_n ERF_{rn}^{sk} (\sum_i XF_{ni}^{sk} FF_{ii}^{sk}))$  (Eq. SI2.1) 27 28 Which is equivalent to the following equation: 29  $CF_i^{sk} = \sum_r \sum_p \sum_i SF_r^{sk} ERF_r^{sk} XF_{pi}^{sk} FF_{ii}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2.2) 30 31 32 33 2.1.2. For regionalized impact category 34  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{F}^{sk} = \vec{\mathbf{1}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{S}} \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{E}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{F}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{X}\mathbf{F}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2\_regio) 35 36 37 With: 38 Dim(x) is the number of elements along the x axis • **CF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(a) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $CF_{ni}^{sk}$ 39 • **FF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(j) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(n) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions 40 and elements defined as  $FF_{ibni}^{sk}$ 41 • **XF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(p) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(j))$  dimensions and 42 elements defined as  $XF_{pbj}^{sk}$ 43

• **ERF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(r) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(p))$  dimensions and 1 elements defined as *ERF*<sup>sk</sup><sub>rbn</sub> 2 •  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(r)) dimension and elements defined as  $SF_r^{sk}$ 3 •  $\vec{1}$  a vector with Dim(b) dimension and all elements equal to 1 4 The operator "." is defined as the inner product (or dot product) between tensors, 5 • matrices and vectors such as  $V = T \cdot U$  elements given by  $V_{ijk} = \sum_l T_{ijl} U_{lk}$ . 6 7 And elements given by: 8  $CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_{b} \left( \sum_{r} SF_{r}^{sk} \left( \sum_{n} ERF_{rbn}^{sk} \left( \sum_{i} XF_{nbi}^{sk} FF_{ibni}^{sk} \right) \right) \right)$  (Eq. SI2\_regio.1) 9 10 11 Which is equivalent to the following equation:  $CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_{b} \sum_{r} \sum_{p} \sum_{i} SF_{r}^{sk} ERF_{rbp}^{sk} XF_{pbi}^{sk} FF_{ibni}^{sk}$ (Eq. SI2\_regio.2) 12 13 14 2.2. Damage CF for resource related impact category 15 16 2.2.1. For non-regionalized impact category 17  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}} = \overrightarrow{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}} \cdot \mathbf{ERF}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{XF}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{CSI}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2) 18 19 20 With: 21 • *Dim*(*x*) is the number of elements along the *x* axis •  $\overline{\mathbf{CF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(i)) dimension and elements defined as  $CF_i^{sk}$ 22 • **CSI**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(u) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $CSI_{ui}^{sk}$ 23 • **XF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(p) \times Dim(u))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $XF_{pu}^{sk}$ 24 • **ERF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix with  $(Dim(r) \times Dim(p))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $ERF_{rp}^{sk}$ 25 •  $\overline{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(r)) dimension and elements defined as  $SF_r^{sk}$ 26 The operator " $\cdot$ " is defined as the inner product (or dot product) such as  $V = T \cdot U$ 27 • 28 elements given by  $V_{ik} = \sum_{i} T_{ii} U_{ik}$ . 29 30 And elements given by:  $CF_{i}^{sk} = \sum_{r} SF_{r}^{sk} (\sum_{n} ERF_{rn}^{sk} (\sum_{n} XF_{nn}^{sk} CSI_{ni}^{sk}))$  (Eq. SI2.1) 31 32 33 Which is equivalent to the following equation:  $CF_i^{sk} = \sum_r \sum_p \sum_u SF_r^{sk} ERF_r^{sk} XF_{pu}^{sk} CSI_{ui}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2.2) 34 35 36 37 2.2.2. For regionalized impact category 38  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{F}^{sk} = \vec{\mathbf{1}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{S}} \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{E}\mathbf{R} \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{X} \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{sk} \cdot \mathbf{C} \vec{\mathbf{S}} \vec{\mathbf{I}}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2 regio) 39 40 41 With: 42 Dim(x) is the number of elements along the x axis  $\mathbf{CF}^{sk}$  a matrix with  $(Dim(n) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions and elements defined as  $CF_{ni}^{sk}$ 43

• **CSI**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(u) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(n) \times Dim(i))$  dimensions 1 and elements defined as  $CSI_{ubni}^{sk}$ 2 • **XF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(p) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(u))$  dimensions and 3 elements defined as  $XF_{pbu}^{sk}$ 4 **ERF**<sup>sk</sup> a matrix (or tensor) with  $(Dim(r) \times Dim(b) \times Dim(p))$  dimensions and 5 elements defined as  $ERF_{rbp}^{sk}$ 6 •  $\overline{\mathbf{SF}^{sk}}$  a vector with (Dim(r)) dimension and elements defined as  $SF_r^{sk}$ 7  $\vec{1}$  a vector with Dim(b) dimension and all elements equal to 1 8 The operator "." is defined as the inner product (or dot product) between tensors, 9 • matrices and vectors such as  $V = T \cdot U$  elements given by  $V_{iik} = \sum_{l} T_{iil} U_{lk}$ . 10 11 12 And elements given by:  $CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_{b} \left( \sum_{r} SF_{r}^{sk} \left( \sum_{n} ERF_{rbn}^{sk} \left( \sum_{u} XF_{nbu}^{sk} CSI_{ubni}^{sk} \right) \right) \right)$  (Eq. SI2\_regio.1) 13 14 Which is equivalent to the following equation: 15  $CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_{b} \sum_{r} \sum_{p} \sum_{u} SF_{r}^{sk} ERF_{rbp}^{sk} XF_{pbu}^{sk} CSI_{ubni}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI2\_regio.2) 16 17 18 19 3. Spatial aggregation of CF for spatially differentiated impact categories 20 21 The aggregated CF for a given region a, for an elementary flow s, for an impact category k 22 and for an emitting compartment I is given by: 23  $CF_{ai}^{sk} = \sum_{n} CF_{ni}^{sk} \times SPF_{ni}^{sk}$  (Eq. SI3) 24 25  $SPF_{ni}^{sk} = \frac{F_{ni}^{s} \times \frac{A_{n \cap a}}{A_{a}}}{\sum_{n} F_{ni}^{s} \times \frac{A_{n \cap a}}{A_{a}}} = \frac{F_{ni}^{s} \times \frac{A_{n \cap a}}{A_{a}}}{F_{ai}^{s}}$ (Eq. SI3.1) 26 27  $\frac{A_{n \cap a}}{A_a} = 1$  when the spatial unit n is totally included in the spatial unit a. 28 29 30 4. Midpoint level equations 31 Depending on the position of the midpoint indicator along the cause-effect chain, midpoint 32 level characterization factors for emission-related impact categories follow Equation SI4.1 33 (freshwater eutrophication, water scarcity), SI4.2 (Climate change shorter term, climate 34 change long term, terrestrial acidification, freshwater acidification, SI4.3 (marine 35 eutrophication, freshwater ecotoxicity, human toxicity cancer, human toxicity non cancer, 36 particulate matter formation, photochemical oxidant formation, ionising radiation HH, 37 ionising radiation EQ) or SI4.4 (ozone layer depletion, water stream use and management, 38 land transformation biodiversity, land occupation biodiversity) with  $SF_r^{sk}$ ,  $ERF_{rbp}^{sk}$ ,  $XF_{pbj}^{sk}$ ,  $FF_{jbni}^{sk}$  defined as in damage level equations:  $CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_b \sum_j FF_{jbni}^{sk}$  (Eq SI.4.1) 39 40

41 
$$CF_{ni}^{sh} = \sum_{b} (\sum_{j} XF_{pbj}^{sh} FF_{jbni}^{sh})$$
 (Eq SI.4.2)

42 
$$CF_{ni}^{sk} = \sum_{b} \left( \sum_{p} ERF_{rbp}^{sk} \left( \sum_{j} XF_{pbj}^{sk} FF_{jbni}^{sk} \right) \right)$$
 (Eq SI.4.3)

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$$CF_{nl}^{sk} = \sum_{b} (\sum_{r} SF_{r}^{sk} (\sum_{p} ERF_{rbp}^{sk} (\sum_{j} XF_{pbj}^{sk} FF_{jbnl}^{sk})))$$
 (Eq SI.4.4)  
2  
3 For both resource-related impact categories (mineral resources use, fossil energy use),  
4 midpoint level characterization factor follows Equation SI4.5 with  $XF_{pu}^{sk}$ ,  $CSI_{ul}^{sk}$  defined as in  
5 damage level equations:  
6  $CF_{i}^{sk} = \sum_{p} \sum_{u} XF_{pu}^{sk} CSI_{ul}^{sk}$  (Eq SI4.5)  
7  
5. Overall damage on the AoPs considering all the different impact categories at  
9 damage level  
10  
11  $S^{AOP} = \sum_{k \in AOP} I^{k}$  (Eq. SI5)  
12  
13  
6. Overall damage contributing to the same AoC  
15  
16  $S^{AOC} = \sum_{k \in AOC} I^{k}$  (Eq. SI6)  
17  
18 7. Normalization factors  
19  $NF^{AOP} = \frac{\sum_{k \in AOP} I_{world annual}^{k}}{N_{world pop}} = \frac{S_{world annual}^{AOP}}{N_{world pop}}$  (Eq. SI7)

#### 1 Supporting information section 2: impact categories description

#### 2 Climate change

A greenhouse gas emission first leads to an increase in atmospheric concentration, which then leads to positive radiative forcing. This positive radiative forcing may cause different climate effects such as an increase in temperature or precipitation changes. IMPACT World+ focuses on the temperature increase pathway, not considering the other types of climate effects due to a lack of data and knowledge. An increase in the Earth average temperature leads to potential impacts on humans and ecosystems through several pathways.

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The fate factor corresponds to the time-integrated mass of the greenhouse gas for a given mass emitted in the atmosphere. It is determined using the impulse response function proposed by Joos *et al.* (2013) and adopted by the IPCC (Myhre 2013). The exposure factor gives the time-integrated increase in temperature due to this time integrated mass in the atmosphere. This exposure factor can be decomposed in two sub-indicators: the timeintegrated radiative forcing due to the time-integrated mass in the atmosphere, and the time-integrated increase in temperature due to the time-integrated radiative forcing.

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19 The Global Warming Potential for a 100-year time horizon (GWP100) as adopted by the 20 IPCC (Myhre 2013) is used as a midpoint indicator for shorter-term climate change, 21 characterizing the cumulative radiative forcing per kg greenhouse gas emitted. The Global 22 Temperature Potential for a 100-year time horizon (GTP100), as also proposed in the latest 23 IPCC report (Myhre 2013), is our second midpoint indicator for long-term climate change 24 impacts and represents a change in global mean surface temperature at a chosen point in 25 time. It is therefore not a cumulative indicator, but it is consensually considered as an 26 appropriate proxy to represent climate change long-term impacts (Levasseur et al. 2016). 27 Those two indicators are needed because they express different impacts: GTP100 (climate 28 change long-term) are impacts related to long-term cumulative warming (e.g. sea level rise), 29 while GWP100 (climate change shorter-term) are impacts related to a rapid increase in 30 temperature to which humans and species must adapt very quickly.

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32 At the damage level, cumulative metrics need to be considered in LCIA to ensure additivity 33 of impacts (Frischknecht et al. 2016). Hence the GTP100 cannot be used. To model the 34 impact up to the damage, we therefore use the time-integrated temperature increase 35 calculated from absolute GTP (aGTP) equations, as proposed by the IPCC (Myhre 2013). In 36 compliance with what is proposed by the IPCC, the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> that is formed from the 37 oxidation of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO is considered, but not the oxidation products of other VOCs (see 38 supporting info, Section xxx for details). This time-integrated temperature increase is thus a 39 combination of fate and exposure factors of humans and ecosystems to climate change. 40 Human health effect factors are calculated based on the increase in risk of dving associated with a time-integrated temperature increase, as proposed by de Schryver et al. (2009), 41 building on a study from the World Health Organization (2003). It provides the relative risk 42 43 of dying from five different causes (cardiovascular diseases, malaria, diarrhoea, floods and malnutrition). This represents what is feasible today, and it is likely to represent only a 44 45 fraction of the actual DALYs caused by climate change – the majority of which will likely results from conflicts in an unstable world (Barnett and Adger 2007). This is thus a proxy of 46

the lower bond of human health damage from climate change. The severity corresponding 1 2 to each cause of risk (DALY/case) are taken from the Global Burden-of-Disease report 3 (Mathers et al. 2008) for cardiovascular diseases, malaria, diarrhoea and malnutrition, 4 while the International Disaster Database (2009) is used in combination with the Global 5 Burden-of-Disease data for unintentional injuries to estimate DALY/case for floods. For 6 ecosystem quality, as proposed by de Schryver et al. (2009), effect factors are calculated 7 from a study compiling a number of regional studies that aim at predicting the extinction of 8 species related to an increase in temperature (Thomas et al. 2004) considering a global 9 surface of semi-natural terrestrial areas of the world of 2.29.10<sup>13</sup> m<sup>2</sup>. Both damage level impact indicators on ecosystems and human health are temporally resolved: shorter-term 10 cumulative impacts are calculated for a time horizon within 100 years from the emission, 11 12 while long-term cumulative impacts are calculated between 100 years and 500 years.

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- 14 IMPACT World+ also considers additional interim impact pathways related to climate
- change affecting the "resources and ecosystem services" AoP, as described the supporting 15
- 16 information Section 4.
- 17

#### 18 **Marine acidification**

19 Carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere partly partitions into the oceans, and reacts 20 with the water to form carbonic acid. Some of these carbonic acid molecules dissociate to 21 give bicarbonate and hydronium ions, thus increasing the ocean's acidity (H+ ion 22 concentration). Other chemical reactions are also triggered (shift in the carbonate system 23 toward lower pH), which results in an actual net decrease in the amount of carbonate ions 24 available. In the oceans, this makes it more difficult for marine calcifying organisms, such as 25 coral and some plankton, to form biogenic calcium carbonate, and such existing structures 26 become vulnerable to dissolution.

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28 To ensure consistency with climate change modelling, a) the fate model for  $CO_2$  emissions is 29 the same as for climate change (Myhre 2013); b) CH<sub>4</sub> and CO are also classified within this 30 impact category to consider the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> that is formed from the oxidation of CH<sub>4</sub> and 31 CO; c) the model is temporally resolved, differentiating between impacts in the first 100 32 years and long-term impacts occurring between 100 and 500 years. The exposure factor 33 considers the decrease in ocean pH due to an increase in CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere (Azevedo et 34 al. 2015). The effect factor is based on a species sensitivity distribution (SSD) curve using 35 the  $HC50_{EC50}$  (i.e. the H<sup>+</sup> concentration affecting 50% of the population of 50% of the 36 considered species) due to pH modification on marine ecosystems (Azevedo et al. 2015). 37 The effect model uses a linearity assumption of the SSD curve between 0 and the  $HC50_{EC50}$ . 38 This is consistent with the way SSD curves are used in USEtox to generate effect factors for 39 ecotoxicity.

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#### 41 Mineral and fossil resources use

42 For mineral resources use impact, IMPACT World+ uses the material competition scarcity 43 index from de Bruille (2014) as a midpoint indicator. This factor represents the fraction of

- 44 material needed by future users that are not able to adapt to a full dissipation of the easily
- 45 available stock. It is expressed in terms of kg of deprived resource per kg of dissipated
- 46 resource.

For fossil energy use impact, IMPACT World+ uses the primary energy content (Frischknecht 2003) as a midpoint indicator considering that it is a reasonable proxy to assess the MJ deprived per MJ consumed, under the assumption that fossil resources are mainly functional for energy purposes. A functionality specific effect factor from Fatemi (2012) for fossil energy use and from De Bruille (2014) for mineral resources use is then applied, giving the adaptation price to fulfil the need of non-adapted users using a backup technology (\$/kg deprived) to obtain the interim damage level CF.

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10 These models are operational to assess mineral and fossil resources both at midpoint and 11 damage levels, but have only yet been applied at damage level to coal and petroleum for 12 fossil energy use and to aluminium, cadmium, cobalt, lithium, manganese, nickel and rare 13 earths for mineral resources, assuming todays' technology for backup. These damage level 14 CFs are therefore considered as interim.

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# 16 Acidification

When emitted to the atmosphere, acidifying substances will disperse, react with other substances in the atmosphere and travel potentially long distances before depositing on soil and/or water. These deposits may change the soil and water acidity levels. For every species, there is an optimum pH range, and a deviation from this optimum may be harmful for that specific specie. Consequently, a change in pH may decrease the species distribution in an ecosystem.

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24 The characterization factors presented by Roy et al. (Roy et al. 2014; Roy et al. 2012a; Roy 25 et al. 2012b) are used for terrestrial and freshwater acidification respectively, both at 26 midpoint and damage levels. The midpoint characterization factors express the change in pH in receiving environments (soil and freshwater, respectively) due to an emission of 27 28 nitrogen oxides  $(NO_x)$ , ammonia  $(NH_3)$  and sulphur dioxide  $(SO_2)$ . It combines fate 29 assessment addressing atmospheric source-deposition relationships using the GEOS Chem 30 model and soil sensitivity assessment for terrestrial acidification. An additional soil fate 31 assessment gives the transfer of H<sup>+</sup> to freshwater ecosystems for freshwater acidification. 32 Damages on ecosystem quality are expressed in terms of  $PDF \cdot m^2 \cdot yr$  per kg of substance 33 emitted and computed combining the midpoint CF with an effect factor (Roy et al. 2014). 34 For terrestrial acidification, the latter determines the change in vascular plant species per 35 change in the soil pH. For freshwater acidification, it measures the change of potentially 36 disappeared fraction of fish species per change in the water pH.

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# 38 Eutrophication

Eutrophication is the result of increased nutrient loading to a surface water body, driving growth of primary producers, changing species abundance and diversity, ultimately leading to decreased levels of oxygen that affect freshwater or coastal ecosystems. As the underlying (simplifying) assumption, phosphorous is considered the only limiting nutrient causing freshwater eutrophication, whereas nitrogen is modelled as the limiting nutrient for marine coastal zones.

For freshwater eutrophication, the work of Helmes *et al.* (2012) is used to determine the 1 2 fate factor of phosphorous in freshwater at a 0.5° x 0.5° resolution. This fate factor 3 expresses the increase in phosphorus mass per kg<sub>P</sub> discharged to freshwater and is used as 4 the midpoint CF for freshwater eutrophication. A stoichiometric ratio between substances 5 is used to generate CFs for other P containing substances (phosphate, phosphoric acid, phosphorus pentoxide) and an equivalency factor of  $0.022 \text{ kg PO}_{4^{3-}eq}/\text{kg was considered for}$ 6 COD and BOD as recommended in CML (Guinée et al. 2002). The damage factor is obtained 7 8 multiplying the midpoint CF by an effect factor of 11.4 PDF·m<sup>2</sup>·yr/kg PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>eq from Tirado-9 Seco (2005).

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For marine eutrophication, the coastal zone considered is the zone where the ocean depth 11 12 is less than 200 m, consistently with the (sub-)continental parameterisation of USEtox 13 (Kounina et al. 2014). The same atmospheric fate model as used by Roy et al. (2012b) for 14 acidification (GEOS Chem) is used to determine the source-to-deposition relationship of 15 Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) and (NO<sub>x</sub>) atmospheric emissions on coastal zones. For emissions to 16 freshwater, 70% of the N containing substances discharged is assumed to reach the coastal 17 zone as done in ReCiPe and EDIP (Goedkoop et al. 2013; Hauschild and Potting 2005; Hauschild and Wenzel 1998). This reflects the fact that elimination due to denitrification in 18 19 anaerobic zones in freshwater is treated as a constant with a generic removal of 30 % in the 20 CARMEN European model used in both LCIA methods. Hence, 70 % of the nitrogen input 21 transports to sea. An empirically-based EF of 12.5 PDF·m<sup>2</sup>·yr/kg<sub>deposited</sub> has been 22 determined based on the ratio between observed eutrophied areas in highly eutrophied 23 regions (Gulf of Mexico, Baltic sea, Chesapeake Bay) and nitrogen load.

Eutrophication in the Gulf of Mexico, Baltic Sea and Cheasapeake Bay are primarily caused by Nitrogen flux into the water system. To analyse this relationship and to get a correlation between the nutrient fluxes into the aquatic ecosystem in consideration and the extent of hypoxia, the metrics PDF m2 year/kg N is used (see results in table S3.1). The average value of 12.5 PDF m2 yr/ kgN is used as the marine eutrophication effect factor in IMPACT World+.

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Water Body	Analysis Years	Total Nitrogen/ Phosphorus (t/ year)	Average Hypoxia Area <i>(km²)</i>	Hypoxia Area/ kgN (PDF m2 year/ kg N)
Gulf of Mexico	1985-2010	1 419 760	13 810	9,7
Gulf of Mexico	2005-2010	1 368 200	17 300	12,6
Chesapeake Bay	1985-2011	91 330,45	1 183,20	13,0
Chesapeake Bay	1970-2011	94 823,95	1 105,40	11,7
Baltic Sea	1995-2009	3 729 000,00	48 000,00	12,9

31 *Table SI 5.1 : Hypoxic areas/kg nutrients for various affected water systems* 

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33 An update of the Marine eutrophication indicator is to be expected in the near future to

34 account for recent research developments done by Cosme (Cosme and Hauschild 2016).

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### 36 **Toxicity impacts**

37 Outdoor and indoor emissions of chemical substances may cause toxic effects to human

38 health and to ecosystems. Once emitted into air, freshwater or soil, the substances may

1 reach and affect freshwater, terrestrial and marine ecosystems. Humans may also be 2 exposed to these substances through different pathways (e.g. inhalation of air, ingestion of 3 food and water), which may cause multiple health outcomes and diseases in different 4 human and/or ecosystem populations.

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6 The UNEP/SETAC scientific consensus model USEtox for characterizing human toxicity and 7 ecosystem toxicity impacts (Hauschild et al. 2008; Rosenbaum et al. 2008), that accounts 8 for fate, exposure and effects of chemicals, is used and adapted to generate the IMPACT 9 World+ (eco)toxicity CFs. Version 2.0 of USEtox is used to determine the global default CFs, including continental versions based on the work of Kounina et al. (2014). Characterization 10 factors for human toxicity modeled with USEtox are expressed at the midpoint level in 11 12 comparative toxic units (CTU<sub>h</sub>) per unit mass of a chemical emitted, providing the estimated 13 increase in morbidity in the global human population per unit mass of a chemical emitted into a specific environmental compartment (disease cases per kg emitted) both for cancer 14 and non-cancer diseases. Since these two indicators should not be directly summed up 15 16 without severity assessment (Rosenbaum et al. 2011), damage level CFs are calculated using severity factors of 11.5 and 2.7 DALY (Huijbregts et al. 2005) per disease case for 17 18 cancer and non-cancer, respectively. Human toxicity CFs also include toxicity impacts from 19 indoor emissions - using the USEtox indoor CFs for household and industrial indoor 20 emissions - considering different archetypes for OECD countries and non OECD airtight and non airtight buildings (Hellweg et al. 2009; Rosenbaum et al. 2015; Wenger et al. 2012) and 21 22 pesticide residues ingestion from crops (Fantke et al. 2011; Fantke and Jolliet 2016; Fantke 23 et al. 2012) for both cancer and non-cancer effects.

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Of special interest is the case of metals, which have typically contributed significantly to toxic impacts. There is a need to account for the essentiality of zinc, since most of the world population is reported to be deficient in Zn. We therefore only applied the toxicity noncancer characterization factor of Zn to the small fraction of the population that may be exposed at potentially toxic levels – 2% according to expert judgement –(Nriagu 2014).

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31 For freshwater ecotoxicity, USEtox midpoint level CFs are expressed as comparative toxic 32 units (CTU<sub>e</sub>) per per unit mass of a chemical emitted, providing an estimation of the 33 potentially affected fraction (PAF) of the exposed ecosystem species integrated over time 34 and water volume per unit mass of a chemical emitted (PAF·m<sup>3</sup>·day/kg). A generic severity 35 factor of 0.5 is applied to convert PAF to PDF - the potentially disappeared fraction of 36 species – based on the assumption that 50% of the affected species will disappear from the 37 ecosystem after exposure (Jolliet et al. 2003a). An average surface water depth of 2.5 m is 38 used to yield a damage expressed in  $PDF \cdot m^2 \cdot day/kg$ . 39 We acknowledge that the continental resolution with population density archetypes used to 40 determine the fate in USEtox is meaningful for human toxicity, but not as relevant for 41 ecotoxicity, because the target organisms are not distributed in the same way. Moreover, 42 USEtox doesn't attempt to represent the spatial variability of (eco)toxicity. Further research is

43 needed to adequately model the spatial variability of this impact category in a manageable

44 way in an LCA context, knowing that thousands of substances have to be characterized for 45 each native spatial unit.

USEtox CFs are differentiated between shorter-term impacts taking place over the first 100
years and long-term impacts from 100 years to infinity,, of which the latter are only
substantial for very persistent substances, such as metals.

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5 Interim CFs are also proposed for marine and terrestrial ecotoxicity impacts and are 6 described in supporting information, Section 4.

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### 8 Particulate matter formation

9 Inhalation of fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), i.e. particles with diameter less than 2.5 μm, is 10 known to cause a number of health related issues and reduction in life expectancy, 11 including chronic and acute respiratory and cardiovascular morbidity, chronic and acute 12 mortality, lung cancer, diabetes, and adverse birth outcomes (Fantke et al. 2015). PM<sub>2.5</sub> is 13 composed of primary and secondary particles. The latter originates from the oxidation of 14 primary gases such as sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides into ammonium sulfates and 15 ammonium nitrates PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

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17 Characterization factors are modelled using epidemiologically derived factors from 18 Humbert et al. (2011) and Gronlund et al. (2015). PM<sub>10</sub> is considered in those publications 19 1.67 times less toxic than PM<sub>2.5</sub> and converted into PM2.5 equivalents via this factor. The 20 midpoint CFs account for fate, exposure, and effect. Intake fractions for primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> are defined as the fractions of the emission taken in (inhaled) by the overall population 21 22 (Bennett et al. 2002; Hodas et al. 2015) and are consistent with USEtox fate factors using 23 archetypes for remote, rural and urban outdoor environments. The intake fraction for 24 secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> is the inhaled mass of PM<sub>2.5</sub> attributable to (i.e. formed from) a specific precursor substance per mass emitted of this precursor. Midpoint CFs are expressed in 25 26 PM<sub>2.5-eq</sub> per kg, and correspond to the number of deaths per kilogram emitted normalised using PM<sub>2.5</sub> as a reference substance. Damage level CFs are calculated assuming 0.0083 27 28 DALY/kg PM<sub>2.5-eq</sub>, which corresponds to an average severity factor of 19 DALY per death for 29 cardiopulmonary disease and lung cancer.

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### 31 Water availability impact

IMPACT World+ uses the water scarcity AWARE model (Boulay et al. 2016) at the midpoint 32 33 level as a proxy midpoint for all the water scarcity impacts. It is not directly on the cause 34 effect chain leading to impacts on human health nor on the one leading to impacts on 35 ecosystems, as no common midpoint exists between both cause effect chains, but it 36 combines both users water needs (humans and ecosystems) to assess the water scarcity. 37 This index is based on the remaining water available per area after human and aquatic 38 ecosystem demand has been met, relative to the world average. It can be interpreted as the 39 hypothetical surface-time equivalent necessary to generate an unused volume of water in a 40 specific watershed, compared to the world average. AWARE is recommended by the 41 UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and the European Commission.

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The approach of Boulay *et al.* (2011) is used to model the water availability impacts on human health. It includes a CSI (expressed in m<sup>3</sup> deprived per m<sup>3</sup> dissipated), an XF, which characterizes exposure of competing users to deprivation and accounts for adaptation capacity and water functionality (i.e. only competing users unable to adapt will suffer human health impacts) and some function-specific EF. The latter are applied to obtain the
impacts on human health per m<sup>3</sup> deprived, focusing on the irrigation, domestic use and
fisheries functions that are directly affecting human health. The model allows to accounts
for the fact that consuming bad quality water affects less competing users (quality specific
interim CFs are available) but the recommended default CFs do not account for water
quality as LCA tools and databases are not mature enough to integrate water quality (see
supporting information, Section 4 for details).

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9 For damages on ecosystem quality, several methods are combined to model the cause-effect 10 chain for water scarcity impacts, as recommended by Kounina *et al.* (2013). The work of Hanafiah et al. (2011) is used to model impacts of freshwater consumption on freshwater 11 12 ecosystems and the model of van Zelm *et al.* (2011) is used to assess water scarcity impacts 13 on terrestrial ecosystems from groundwater. A CF of 0 is considered for deep groundwater. 14 Despite Kounina et al. (2013) suggestion to use it in combination with the other models assessing water scarcity impact on ecosystem quality, the model from Pfister et al. (2009) 15 16 has not been integrated in IMPACT World+. This was done in order to keep the overall 17 coherence of the method and to avoid double counting of the impact of groundwater consumption on terrestrial ecosystems (see supporting info, Section 4 for details). The 18 19 model from Verones *et al.* (2010) is used to assess the impact of thermally polluted water, with the assumption that the "Water, cooling, unspecified natural origin" currently found in 20 21 life cycle inventory databases with no further specification is released in a 3 m deep river 22 with a 4 °C temperature increase.

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IMPACT World+ also considers as interim indicators the impact of water availability on the
resources & ecosystem services AoP, and water stream use and management impacts on
ecosystem quality AoP, modelled using the Humbert & Maendly model (2009), both being
described in supporting information, Section 4 and not yet being peer reviewed.

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### 29 Land use

Human activities cause impacts to lands, which are either converted from natural state (land transformation) or occupied, i.e. maintained in a certain non-natural state (land occupation). Impacts on land have consequences in terms of terrestrial biodiversity but also in terms of fundamental ecosystem services for the human society such as biotic production, water regulation, freshwater recharge and filtration, climate regulation and erosion resistance.

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Potential impacts of land occupation and land transformation on ecosystem quality are
characterized using local empirical CFs at the biome level. Those CFs, from de Baan et al.
(2013) were preferred over the regional and global CFs from Chaudhary et al. (2015) –
despite the latter being preliminary recommended by the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative.

- 40 This choice was done to ensure coherence with the other impact categories on the physical
- 42 meaning of impact scores at the damage level. *Regional and global impacts as modelled by*
- 43 Chaudhary et al. (2015) are meaningful as they give important complementary information
- 44 on the (semi)-irreversible disappearance of species in a region or at the global scale. However,
- 45 they are not consistent with the other ecosystem quality impact indicators of IMPACT World+
- 46 (acidification, eutrophication, ecotoxicity, water scarcity, etc.) or any other existing LCIA

method, because their indicator has a different meaning. The regional PDF indicator from 1 2 *Chaudhary et al. (2015) quantifies the fraction of species disappeared forever from a region of* 3 the world, whereas the PDF.m2.vr indicators of the IMPACT World+ framework quantify the 4 temporary disappearance of species (PDF) over a given surface (m2) during a certain time 5 (yr). To our understanding, it is hardly possible to convert the regional PDF from Chaudhary et al. (2015) into PDF.m2.yr, because the former corresponds to a permanent disappearance and 6 7 would therefore lead to an infinite impact. Using the Curran (2010) regeneration time to 8 convert those PDFs in PDF.m2.yr – as proposed by Chaudhary et al. (2015) when calculating 9 land transformation impact – seems inconsistent as this regeneration time is supposed to 10 apply to an ecosystem and not to the irreversibly disappeared species. However, by doing so, the land use impact scores would be orders of magnitude lower than the local impacts of de 11 12 Baan et al. (2013) as only a very small fraction of the species affected by land occupation or 13 transformation will permanently disappear from the affected region. We therefore decided to 14 use the de Baan et al. (2013) model, which quantifies damage indicators in PDF.m2.yr that are consistent with the damage indicators used in IMPACT World+. Nevertheless, we acknowledge 15 16 the need to further develop regional CFs for the other impact categories in line with the 17 approach proposed by Chaudhary et al. (2015) as complementary information to the 18 assessment of local impacts as currently done in life cycle impact assessment.

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20 For the case of land occupation impacts on terrestrial biodiversity, there is no need to 21 consider fate and exposure since effects occur directly in the environmental compartment 22 where the environmental intervention is reported. The characterization factor therefore 23 directly relates the land occupation (in  $m^2 \cdot yr$ ) to the biodiversity loss (in PDF $\cdot m^2 \cdot yr$ ). 24 Midpoint indicators are thus determined by dividing damage values by the global average 25 CF for arable land, used as a reference, expressing these normalized damage values in m<sup>2</sup>.yr<sub>eq</sub> of arable land. Land transformation impacts are considered as long-term impacts 26 27 only, as they represent the remaining impacts once the occupation ends and the ecosystem 28 recovers which, in most cases, will occur in the far future. They were calculated using the 29 land occupation CFs and considering the recovery times from Curran (2010) as proposed 30 by Chaudhary et al. (2015).

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32 IMPACT World+ also considers, as interim indicators, the potential impact of land 33 occupation and land transformation on the resources and ecosystem services AoP (including the following ecological soil functions: erosion resistance, freshwater recharge, 34 35 physical and chemical filtration). Similarly, indirect land use impacts on human health due to the modification of freshwater recharge, or physical and chemical filtration are 36 37 considered interim and computed consistently with the model used to assess water 38 availability impacts on human health. Such indirect impacts from land transformation on 39 the ecosystem quality AoP are not considered in IMPACT World+ as this may lead to double 40 counting: the empirical CFs from de Baan et al. (2013) include all the impact pathways 41 affecting local ecosystems, including the modification of its access to water. All those 42 interim impact indicators are further described in supporting information, Section 4.

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#### 44 Photochemical oxidant formation, ionizing radiation, and ozone layer depletion

45 The ILCD handbook recommendations (European Commission 2011) were followed for

46 these three impact categories. Model calculations were updated to account for the most up-

- to-date World Meteorological Organization (WMO (World Meteorological Organization) 2014) values of ozone depletion potential. 2

#### **1** Supporting information section **3**: Interim impact categories

#### 2 Climate change impacts on resources & ecosystem services

3 As proposed by Cao et al (2015) for land use impacts on carbon sequestration potential of

4 soils, the social cost of carbon proposed by Ackerman and Stanton (2010) is used as an

5 estimation of the cost due to the loss of service due to climate change. This effect factor is

6 applied directly to the midpoint (and not to the temperature increase) as this value was

7 initially determined based on GWP100.

#### 8 Land use impacts on resources & ecosystem services

9 IMPACT World+ also consider as interim categories the impact of land transformation as 10 well as the potential impact of land occupation on the following soil ecological functions:

11 erosion prevention, groundwater recharge, physical and chemical filtration and are

- 12 described in section xxx of the supporting information. The fate factors (Saad et al. 2011)
- 13 describes the modification of biophysical indicators per quantity of land occupation (in m<sup>2</sup>-
- 14 yr). Biophysical indicators are further modelled with respect to the loss of ecosystem
- 15 services using the model of Cao et al. (2015). Damage oriented CFs express the social cost to
- 16 compensate (or adapt) to the loss of ecosystem service related to the change of soil
- 17 ecological function due to land use ( $s_{\text{Service lost}}/m^2$ -yr). These are calculated as the
- 18 multiplication of a dimensionless exposure factor defining the loss of service per change of
- 19 the biophysical indicator (Service<sub>lost</sub>/  $\Delta$  Biophys. Indicator i) and an effect factor (\$/service
- lost) that monetizes the value of a given ecosystem service. The exposure factor accounts
- for the fraction of service loss that is affecting the population and for the adaptation
- 22 capacity of the society.
- 23 Given the still exploratory state of these models, we consider the biophysical midpoints and
- 24 damage CFs as interim. Thus, only land occupation impacts on biodiversity are considered
- 25 in the recommended version of IMPACT World+.

#### 26 Water availability impacts

- 27 Water availability impacts on Human health CFs are provided for the different level of
- 28 water quality detailed in the table SI2 to complement the default water availability impact
- 29 on human health CFs which are not accounting for the water quality.
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	Excellent	Good	Average	Average- Tox	Average- Bio	Poor	Very poor	Unusable
S Surface G Groundwater	1	2a	2b	2c	2d	3	4	5
Coliforms	low	low	medium	low	high	high	high	Unucablo
Toxics	low	medium	medium	high	low	medium	high	Ullusable

### 31 *Table SI 4.1: Description of the water quality classes*

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33 Those CFs are to be used with care, acknowledging a lack of coherence between human

34 toxicity impacts modeled with USEtox and this water availability model, which may lead to

35 an overlap and a potential double counting.

36 Those water quality classes were originally developed to acknowledge the fact that a bad

37 quality water is not functional for as many users as a good quality water, hence using some

38 non conventional sources of water (such as for example treated wastewater) would have

39 less impact in term of users deprivation than using very high quality water.

However, this assumption lead to a bias in the operationalization of the model, as a water
 balance is made to account only for the quantity of water that is consumed by a process.

3 The quantity of water withdrawn and the quantity of water released are quantified and

- 4 characterized to obtain the net water availability impact. If the water is released with a
- 5 lower quality than the water originally withdrawn, the model mathematically considers
- 6 that some usages of the water are "lost" due to quality degradation, leading to water
- 7 availability impacts.
- 8 1) This is debatable due to the fate in surface water of the released emission which may
- 9 lead to acceptable level of contamination quickly after the release, hence not depriving any
- 10 competing users;
- 11 2) This is not consistent with the assumptions done in USEtox, both in term of toxic
- 12 contaminant fate when emitted to water and in term of human exposure to toxic emission
- 13 through drinking water. The water availability model considers that domestic users will be
- 14 deprived of good quality water and will turn toward other bad quality water sources or
- 15 adopt bad hygiene habits leading to diseases, ie will not consumed the degraded water,
- 16 whereas USEtox assumes that a fraction of the toxic emission to be consumed through
- 17 drinking water. Both assumptions are inconsistent.
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- 19 The model from Pfister et al. (2009) has not been integrated in IMPACT World+ in order to
- 20 keep the overall coherence and to avoid double counting the impact of groundwater
- 21 consumption on terrestrial ecosystems. This model assesses the impact of water
- 22 consumption (surface and groundwater) on plants, hence partly overlapping the impact
- 23 pathway covered by the van Zelm *et al.* (2011) model which is focusing on the plant water
- 24 deprivation due to water table lowering when pumping groundwater. We consider that van
- 25 Zelm *et al.* (2011) has a more robust fate model based on hydrogeology to determine the
- 26 fraction of water pumped which is going to deprive the plants from soil moisture. Pfister et
- al. (2009)considers this fraction as being 100%, which is very conservative . The other
- 28 impact pathway covered by Pfister et al. (2009) is the water deprivation of terrestrial
- 29 plants due to surface water consumption, which is not covered in IMPACT World+. Pfister
- et al. (2009) use again the very conservative assumption that 100% of the water pumped in
- 31 surface water will deprive terrestrial plants in the watershed.

### 32 Water availability impacts on resources & ecosystem services

- 33 The same CSI scarcity index is used at midpoint for water use impacts on resources and 34 ecosystem services. The exposure factor is complementary to the exposure factor 35 considered for human health impacts: only competing users able to adapt will have to pay 36 for this adaptation. The effect factor is the same as the one considered in land use impacts 37 for groundwater recharge and filtration (in both cases, the same "service" is lost for the 38 society and the adaptation costs to access to good quality water is the same)(Cao et al. 39 2015). At this stage, these unpublished characterization factors of water use impacts on 40 resources and ecosystem services are considered interim.
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### 42 Marine and terrestrial ecotoxicity

- 43 Interim CFs are also proposed for marine and terrestrial ecotoxicity based on the USEtox
- 44 fate factors for the coastal zone and for the natural soil environmental compartments. The
- 45 marine effect factors are considered equal as per freshwater ecotoxicity. As a side remark,
- 46 no differentiation is currently done currently in the freshwater ecotox EFs determination in

1 USEtox between marine and freshwater species as both are mixed in the aquatic ecotox 2 databases used to determine USEtox EFs, meaning that the assumption of similar ecosystem 3 sensitivity is already implicitly done. The terrestrial ecosystem EF are extrapolated from 4 the freshwater EF using the soil-water partition coefficient proposed by Hauschild and

5 Wenzel (1998), as already done in IMPACT 2002+ (Jolliet et al. 2003b).

#### 6 Photochemical oxidant formation

7 This category is related to the impacts of ozone and other reactive oxygen compounds 8 formed as secondary contaminants in the troposphere (the region in the atmosphere 9 closest to the surface) by the oxidation of the primary contaminants (Non Methane Volatile Organic Compounds, NMVOC, or carbon monoxide) in the presence of nitrogen oxides 10 11 (NOx) and under the influence of light. Ozone concentrations in the troposphere lead to 12 increased frequency and severity of respiratory diseases, such as asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases. IMPACT World+ uses the method used in ReCiPe 13 14 (Goedkoop et al. 2013) and recommended by the ILCD handbook (Margni et al. 2008) for 15 both mid-points and end-points.

#### 16 Ionizing radiation

17 The routine releases of radioactive material to the environment is responsible of both 18 human health and ecosystem effects. Human health characterization factors are taken from

19 Frischknecht et al. (Frischknecht et al. 2000) and characterization factors for ecosystems

20 are based on the approach of Garnier-Laplace et al. (Garnier-Laplace et al. 2008), which is

21 used consistently with the ecotoxicity assessment in USEtox as per the recommendations of

the ILCD Handbook (Margni et al. 2008).

#### 23 Ozone Layer depletion

24 Ozone depleting substances emitted by human activity destroy the ozone layer in the 25 stratosphere, which blocks UVB, by breaking ozone molecules into molecular oxygen 26 through heterogeneous catalysis. Exposure to UVB radiations increases the risk of skin 27 cancer and cataract. It may also cause premature aging and suppression of the immune 28 system. As recommended by the ILCD handbook, midpoint characterization factors are 29 based on the he ozone depletion potentials produced by the World and Global 30 Meteorological Organisation (WMO (World Meteorological Organization) 2014) using the infinite time perspective and human health severity factors developed by Struijs et al. 31 32 (Struijs et al. 2009). Model calculations were updated to account for the most up to date 33 WMO2014 values of ozone depletion potential.

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37 Supporting information section 4: Detailed IMPACT World+ framework



# 1 Supporting information section 5: Characterization factors database

2 3 4	The database joined as supporting information section 5 includes the characterization factors for all the recommended impact categories of IMPACT World+.
5 6 7	Alternatively, it can be found in the following dropbox file: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2sdgbqf08yn91bc/AAA-mnN7YxkQxfyFx2LYK0PCa?dl=0
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<ul> <li>For the regionalized impact categories, the characterization factors are available at four different resolution scales: at the native resolution scale and aggregated at the country, continent and global level. <i>Regionalized CFs are available for all 197 countries considered in the ISO 3166-2 norm (2013), which nomenclature is used to name the regionalized environmental intervention.</i> For the aggregated characterization factors, the uncertainty due to spatial variability within the geographical cell considered is also documented in the database with information on the minimum, the maximum, the 5<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> centiles, the mean and the weighted average using the probability of emission in each of the aggregated native resolution cells.</li> <li><i>The compartments considered in the recommended impact categories are the following:</i> <ul> <li><i>Air</i></li> <li><i>With sub-compartments based on population density archetypes (high/low) for toxic and ecotoxic impacts as well as particulate matter formation and ionizing radiation</i></li> <li><i>And an additional indoor sub-compartment for toxic impact</i></li> </ul> </li> <li><i>Soil</i> <ul> <li><i>With sub compartments groundwater, lake, river, ocean for water use impacts</i></li> <li><i>With sub compartment ocean for human toxicological, ecotoxicological, ionizing radiation impacts</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
31 32 33 34 35 36 37	<ul> <li>Raw material         <ul> <li>With sub compartment land for land use impacts</li> <li>With sub compartment water for water use impact</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **1** Supporting information section 6: Overall model coherence

#### 2 Modelling assumptions coherence.

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3 The same models are used to model similar environmental mechanisms for different impact4 categories:

- The same coherent framework was used across all the impact categories considering fate (or competition in the case of resources), exposure and effect
  Resources are all modelled using a functionality based approach, ie considering the
  - Resources are all modelled using a functionality based approach, ie considering the loss of resources functional value for the humans (and not any intrinsic value loss)
- Water scarcity/availability and land use impact categories are strongly inter-related and modelled coherently: when land use is influencing the quality or the quantity of groundwater (trough impacts on water recharge or water filtration), the water availability impacts are applied to complement the cause effect chain toward human health and resources & ecosystem services areas of protection.
- Climate change impacts and land use impacts on soil carbon sequestration are strongly inter-related and the loss of carbon sequestration potential is directly modelled under the climate change impact category.
- The method proposed by Cao et al to assess the impacts of land transformation on resources & ecosystem services area of protection has been coherently applied to other climate change contributing emission in the interim version of the methodology.
- The atmospheric fate of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and CH4, contributing to both climate change and marine acidification impact categories, is computed with the same model from the IPCC.
- For both climate change and marine acidification, the CO2 resulting from the quick oxidation of CO and CH4 was considered in the model.
- The effect model for marine acidification uses a linearity proxy assumption of the SSD curve of H+ concentration between 0 and the HC50<sub>EC50</sub>. This is consistent with the way SSD curves are used in USEtox to generate effect factors for ecotoxicity.
  - Cancer, non cancer, marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecotoxicity models use the same fate factors, from USEtox
  - The exposure and effect modelling assumptions across all those toxicity related impact categories are all coherent.
- The fate models for indoor exposure and pesticide residues that are integrated in
   the cancer and non-cancer impact categories are also coherent in term of fate,
   exposure and effect with the USEtox model.
- The atmospheric fate of NOx and ammonia contributing to terrestrial acidification, aquatic acidification and marine eutrophication was computed with the same model (GEOS-Chem).
- The warming effect of CO<sub>2</sub> that is formed from the oxidation of methane is now included in the GWP value of methane published in the IPCC report (Myhre 2013).
   For consistency purposes, we decided to add a GWP value for CO to account for the warming effect of CO<sub>2</sub> that is formed from its oxidation. Since the lifetime of CO is very short (a few months), we consider that a molecule of CO instantly becomes a molecule of CO<sub>2</sub>, leading to a GWP value equal to the ratio of their molar mass

1 (44/28 = 1.57) since 1 kg of CO will oxidize into 1.57 kg CO<sub>2</sub>. For consistency 2 purpose, the formed CO2 is also considered in marine acidification impact category. 3 *Remark : Should this be extended to other non-GHG substances containing carbon and* 4 nitrogen that could ultimately be degraded into  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$ , depending on the 5 aerobic or anaerobic conditions in which they are degraded? This is less straight 6 forward as on the one hand the degradation products depend on the degradation 7 conditions, and on the other hand, some chemicals can take years to achieve full 8 degradation, leading to delayed GHG emissions. The half-life of a chemical in a given 9 environmental compartment should be put into perspective with the 100 years time 10 frame of the mid-point characterization factors to keep consistency. In the case of methane and CO, oxidation is occurring quite rapidly. An attempt was made by 11 12 (Muñoz et al. 2013) to calculate the potential GHG emissions ( $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$ ) from 13 the degradation of a few organic chemicals, showing that it may not be negligible. However, the climate change effect of GHGs formed from the mineralization of organic 14 15 compounds was considered not mature enough to be integrated in the present version 16 of IMPACT World+ and should be studied further.

### 17 Temporal coherence

18 Temporal coherence is respected across impact categories:

- For all long term the impact categories, a "shorter term" time horizon has ben set coherently at 100 yrs after the emission occurs. This allows to express separately
- Long-term impacts are the remaining impacts after 100 yrs.
- Long-term impacts are integrated to the infinite when there is a full recovery.
- When some permanent remaining impacts occur, a 500 yrs time horizon has been chosen consistently across impact categories (this is the case for marine acidification and climate change) as an infinite time horizon would lead in that case to an almost infinite impact.
- Remark: to ensure temporal coherence between inventory and impact assessment,
   long-term emissions in the inventory (i.e. emitted in more than 100 yrs) should be
   considered to only have long-term impact.

### 30 Spatial coherence

- 31 Spatial coherence is also respected across impact categories:
- The same geographical parameterisation was used across all the regionalized impact categories. For example the coastal zone considered for impacts on marine ecosystems is the same for marine acidification, marine ecotoxicity and marine eutrophication and is defined as the zone where the depth of water is less than 200 meters.
- The same maps and projections are used to define countries and continents, the
   same geographical data (population density, etc) are used to model native
   resolution CFs and to aggregate them at the country / continental / global level.
- The same approach has been used across all the regionalized impact categories to generate CFs at the country / continent / global level based on the probability of emission (or resource consumption) in each of the native resolution scale geographical cell.

- For all the regionalized impact categories, when no CF is available for a specific region of the world, the global default CF is used and should be considered with the corresponding spatial variability.
  - The modelling assumptions used for respiratory inorganic are coherent with the USEtox modelling assumption in term of definition of the urban archetype (population density)

# 1 Supporting information section 7: Residence time in air influence on the intake fractions of a

# 2 substance



Figure SI 7.1: Indoor (OECD country average archetype), urban and rural intake fraction as a function of the fate factor (persistence) in rural continental air

#### 1 Supporting information section 8: Spatial variability of toxic impacts

2 Carcinogen characterization factors for an emission to soil and water, non-carcinogen 3 characterization factors for an emission to air, soil and water and freshwater 4 ecotoxicological characterization factors for an emission to soil, air and water are shown in 5 log<sub>10</sub> scale in Figures SI 8.1 to SI 8.8, differentiating min, max and generic values across 6 continents and archetymes for air emissions

- 6 continents and archetypes for air emissions.
- 7 Those figures have to be interpreted with care: the population density archetype is meaningful
- 8 to assess toxic impacts of airborne emissions, but are less relevant for emissions into water or
- 9 soil and in general for ecotoxicity impact category. It is likely that intercontinental spatial
- 10 variability presented here underestimates the spatial variability within each continent.















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