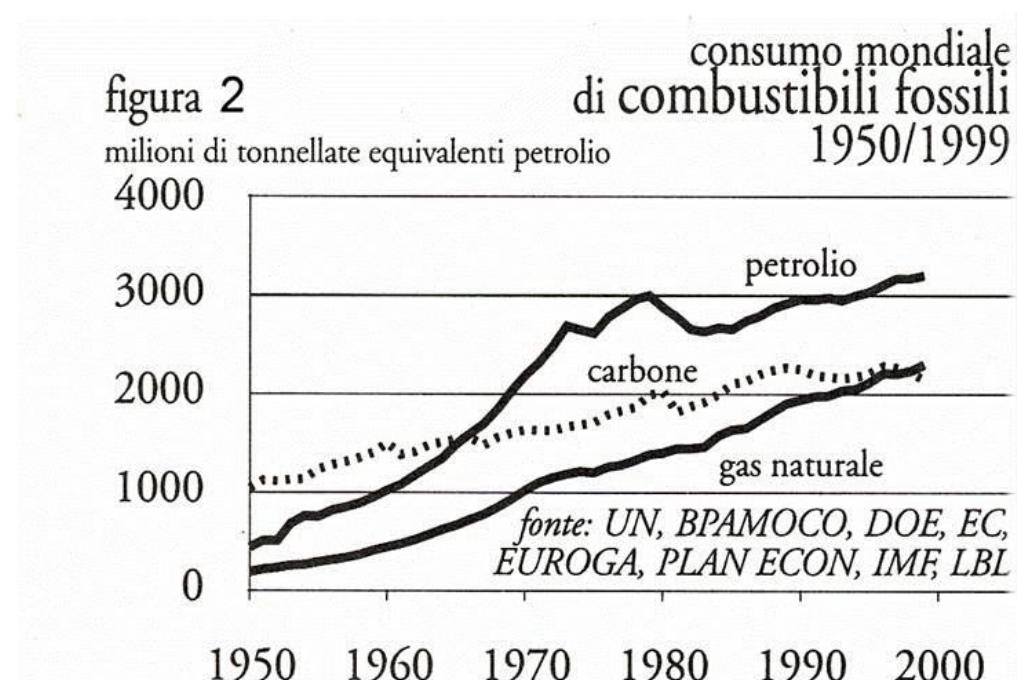


# ... Materia

Nicholas Georgescu Roegen (1906-1994)

"Matter matters too"



Tratto da Seth Dunn "Mutano i consumi dei combustibili fossili"  
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## Crescita della produzione mondiale di materiali, 1960-95

materiali <sup>1</sup>	produzione 1995 <sup>1</sup> (milioni di tonnellate)	aumento rispetto ai primi anni Sessanta <sup>2</sup> (fattore di aumento)
minerali <sup>3</sup>	7.641	2,5 volte
metalli	1.196	2,1 volte
legno <sup>3</sup>	724	2,3 volte
mat. sintetici <sup>4</sup>	252	5,6 volte
totale materiali	9.813	2,4 volte

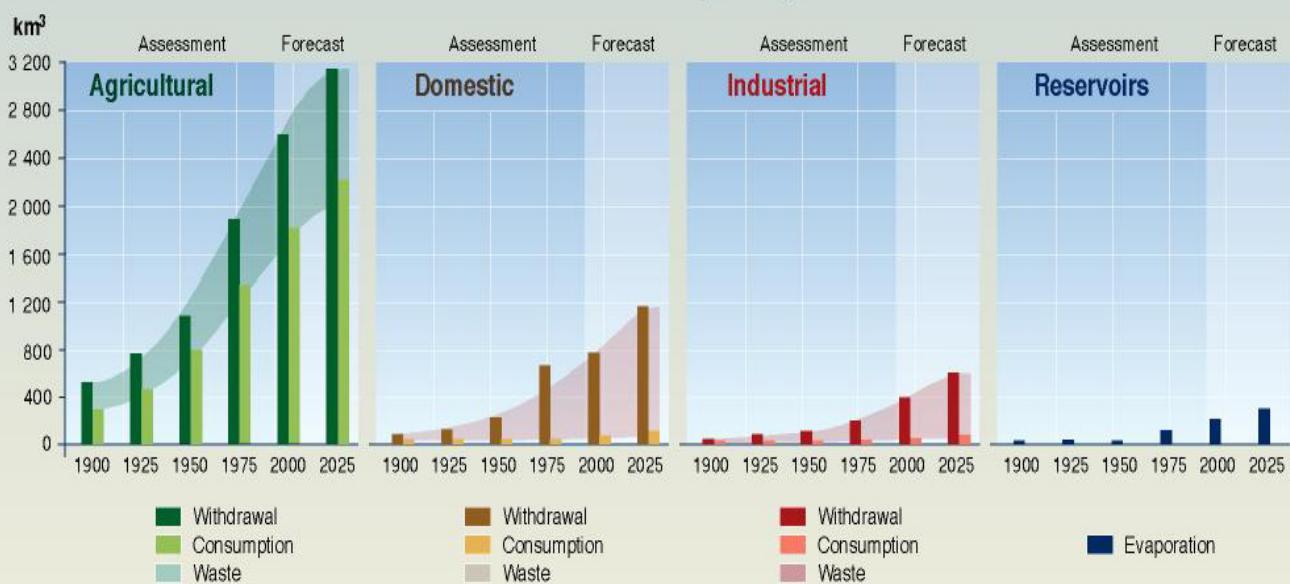
1. Solo produzione commercializzata (non indica flussi nascosti).

2. I dati sui minerali e totale materiali sono riferiti nel confronto al 1963; i dati sul legno al 1961.

3. Escluso l'uso combustibile.

4. Basati su combustibili fossili.

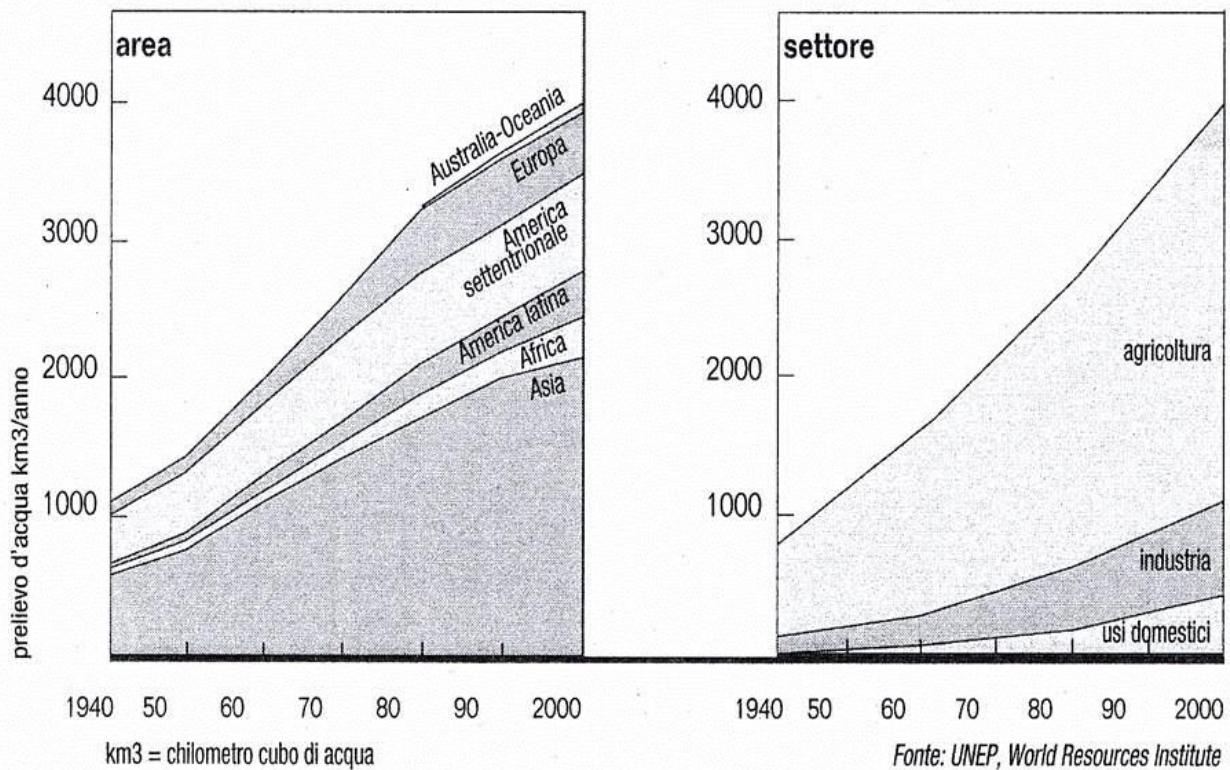
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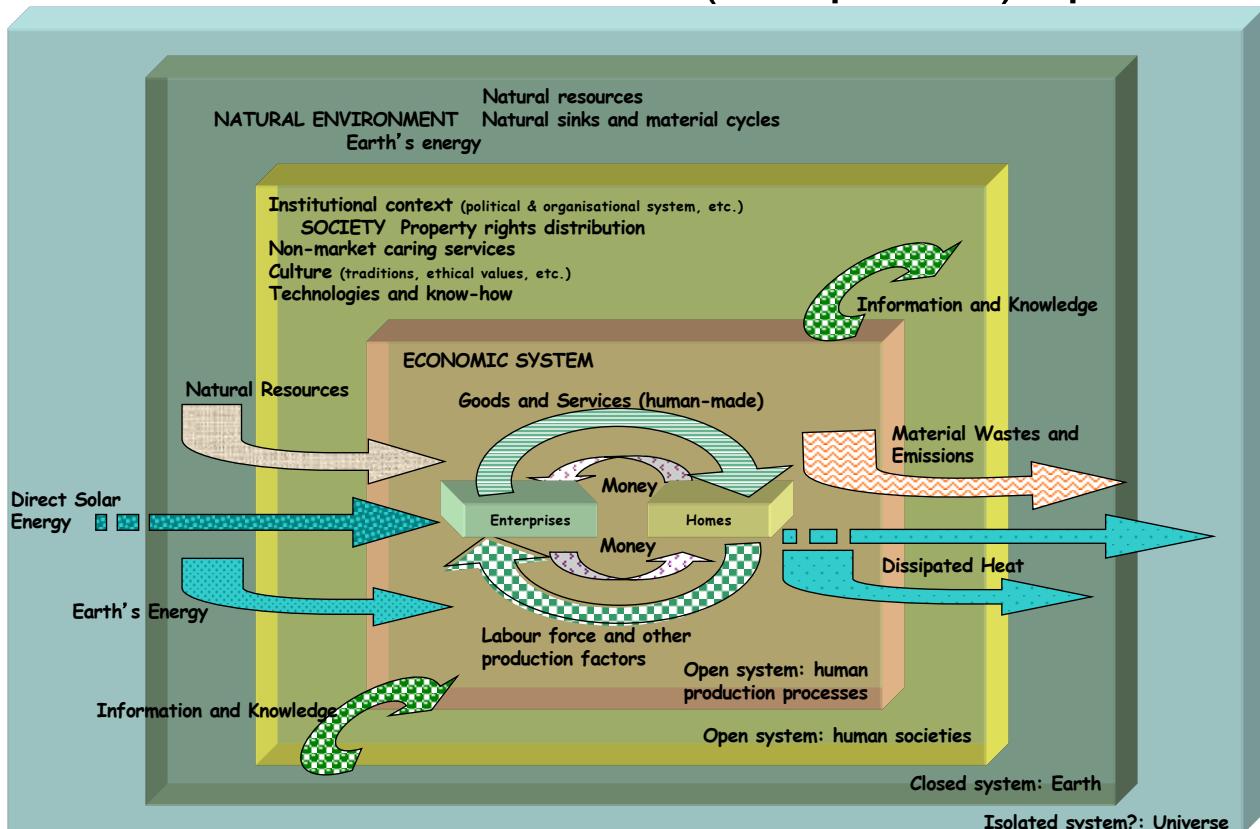
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## Material Flow Accounting and Analysis

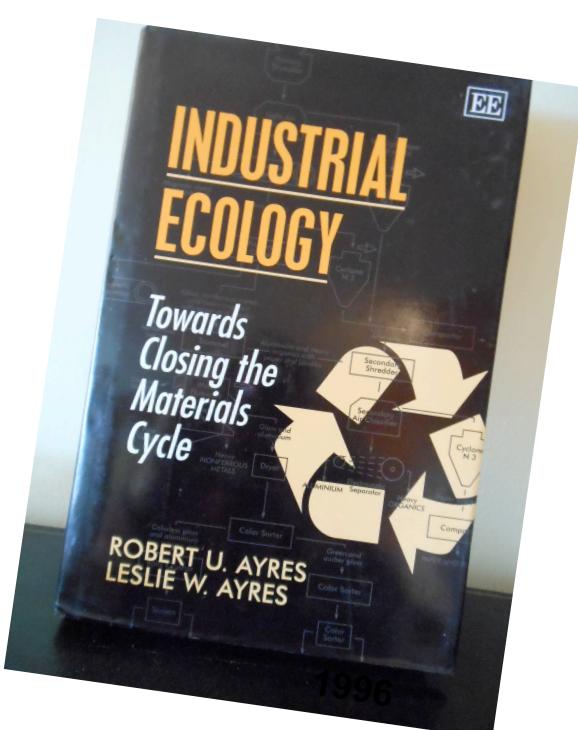
# L'economia: un sistema (complesso) aperto



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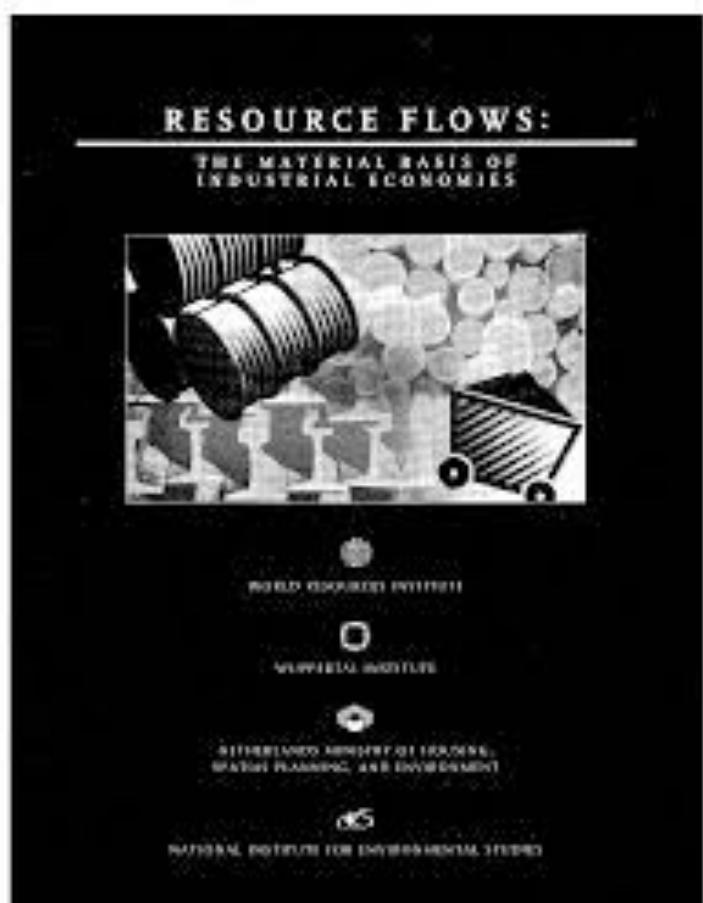
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WRI 2000, p 1

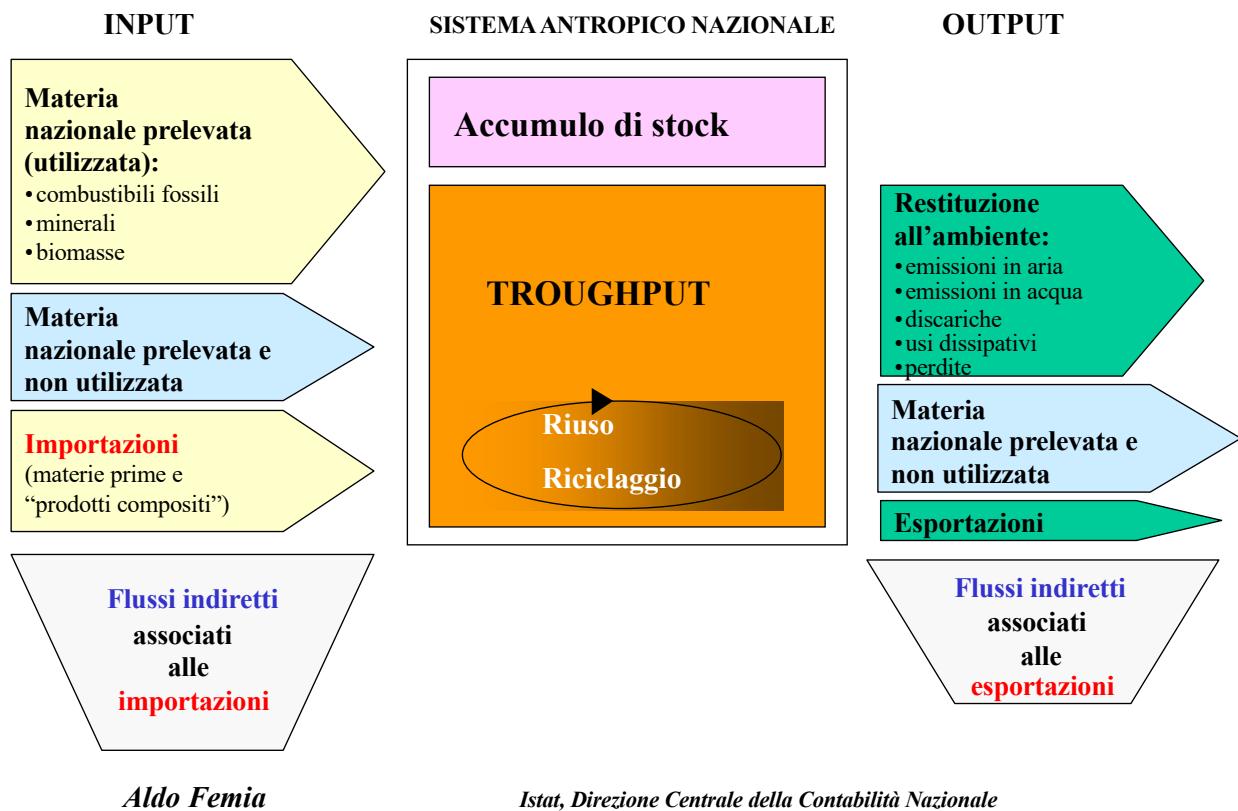
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# Bilanciamento di input e output



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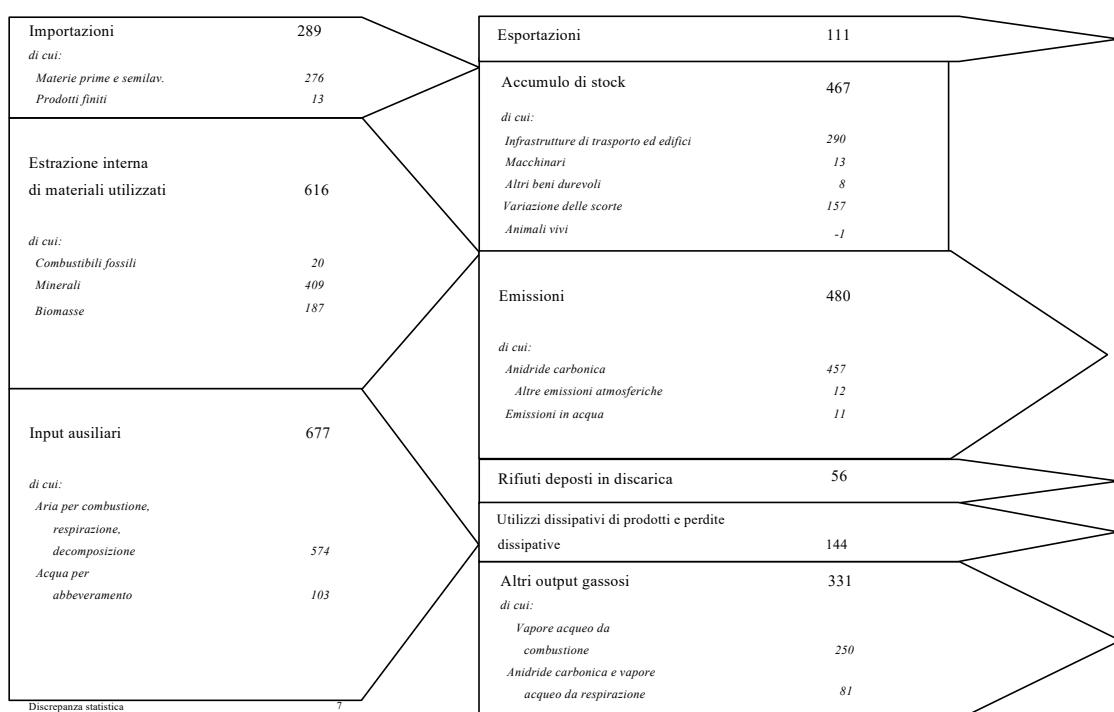
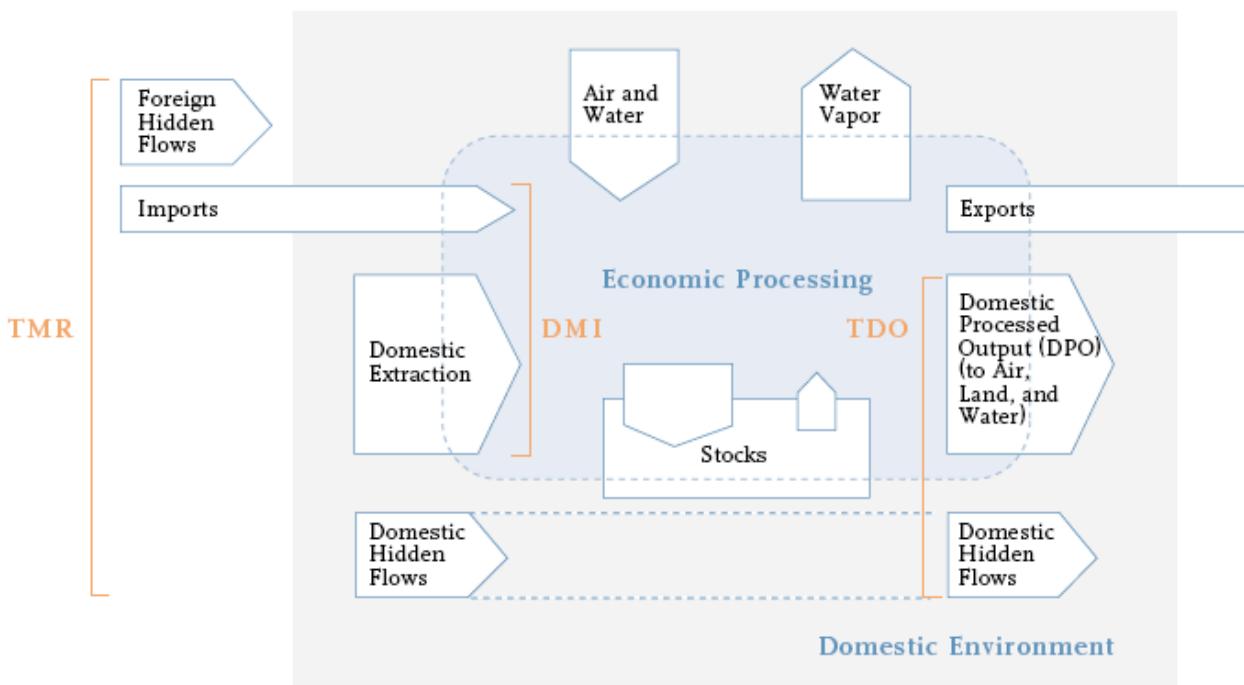


FIGURE 1 THE MATERIAL CYCLE



## SOME USEFUL DEFINITIONS

### Direct Material Input (DMI):

Flow of natural resource commodities that enter the industrial economy for further processing.

Included in this category are

grains used by a food processor, petroleum sent to a refinery, metals used by a manufacturer, and logs taken to a mill

### Total Material Requirement (TMR):

This is the sum of the total material input and the **hidden or indirect material flows**, including deliberate landscape alterations.

It is the total material requirement for a national economy, including all, domestic and imported natural resources.

The TMR gives the best overall estimate for the potential environmental impact associated with natural resource extraction and use.

# **SOME USEFUL DEFINITIONS**

**Hidden material flow:** This is the portion of the total material requirement that never enters the economy.

It is the natural resource use that occurs when providing those commodities that do enter the economy.

The hidden material flow comprises two components, **ancillary flows** and **excavated or disturbed flows**.

## **1. Ancillary material flow (auxiliary)**

This is the material that must be removed from the natural environment, along with the desired material to obtain the desired material.

Some examples are the portion of an ore that is processed and discarded to concentrate the ore and the plant and forest biomass that is removed from the land along with the logs and grain,

# **SOME USEFUL DEFINITIONS**

## **2. Excavated and/or disturbed material flow.**

This is material moved or disturbed to obtain a natural resource, or to create and maintain infrastructure.

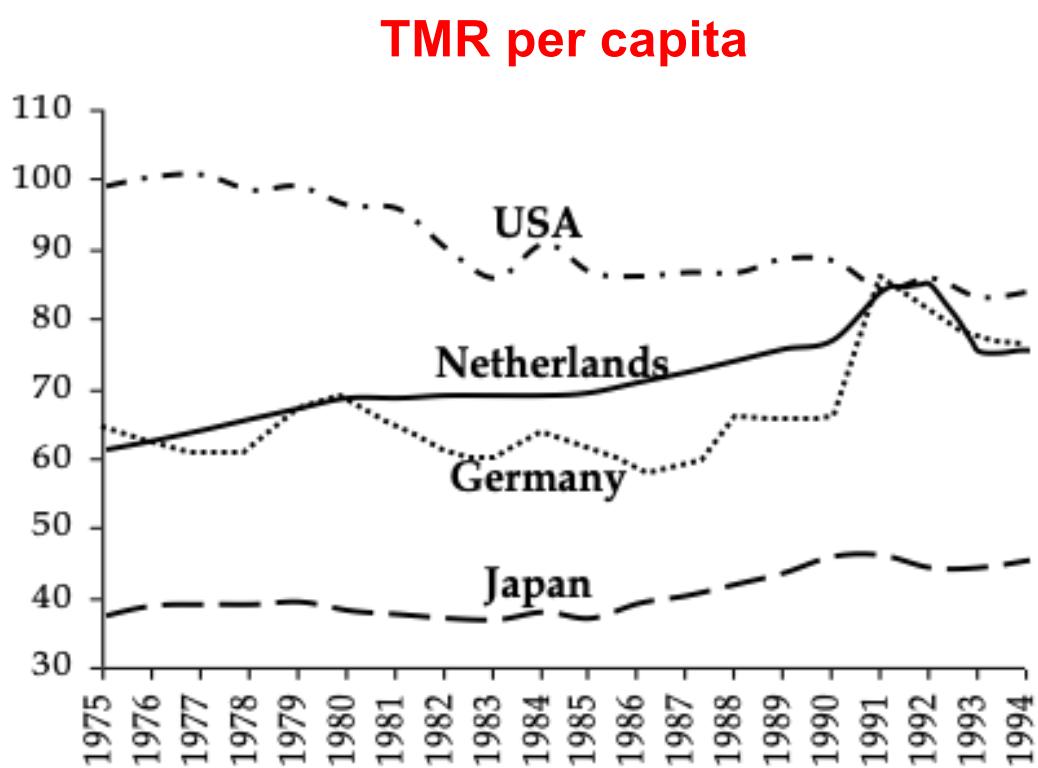
Included in this category is the overburden that must be removed to permit access to an ore body, the soil erosion from agriculture, and the material moved in the construction of infrastructure (e.g. highway or a building,) or in the dredging of harbors and canals

For simplicity, both ancillary and excavated or disturbed material have been combined into the single category of hidden material, even though they can have markedly different environmental impacts.

## SOME USEFUL DEFINITIONS

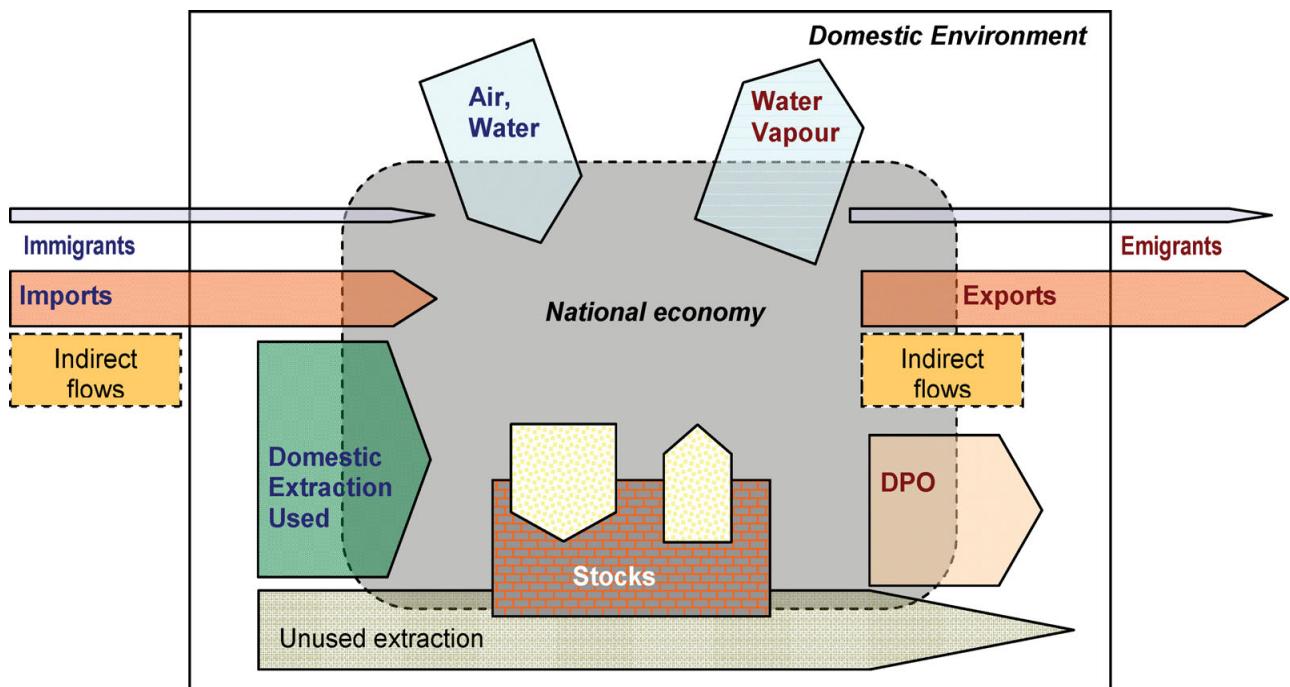
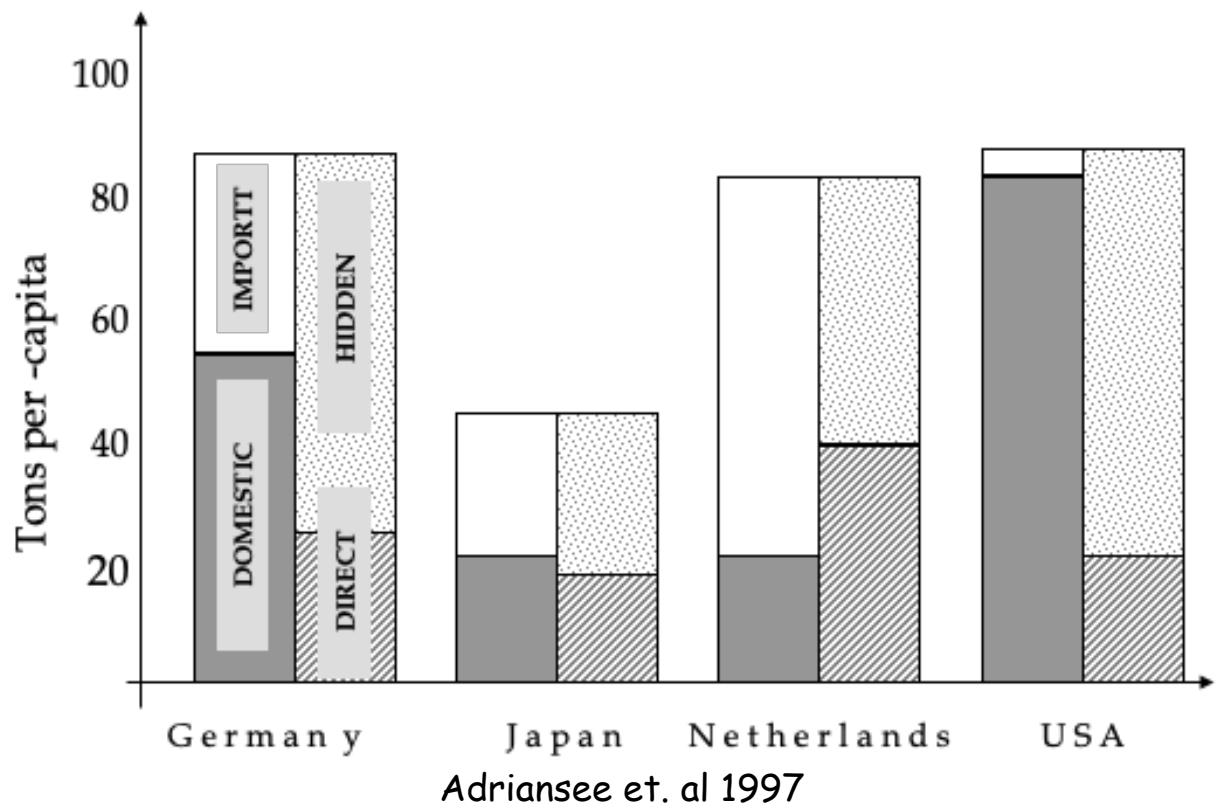
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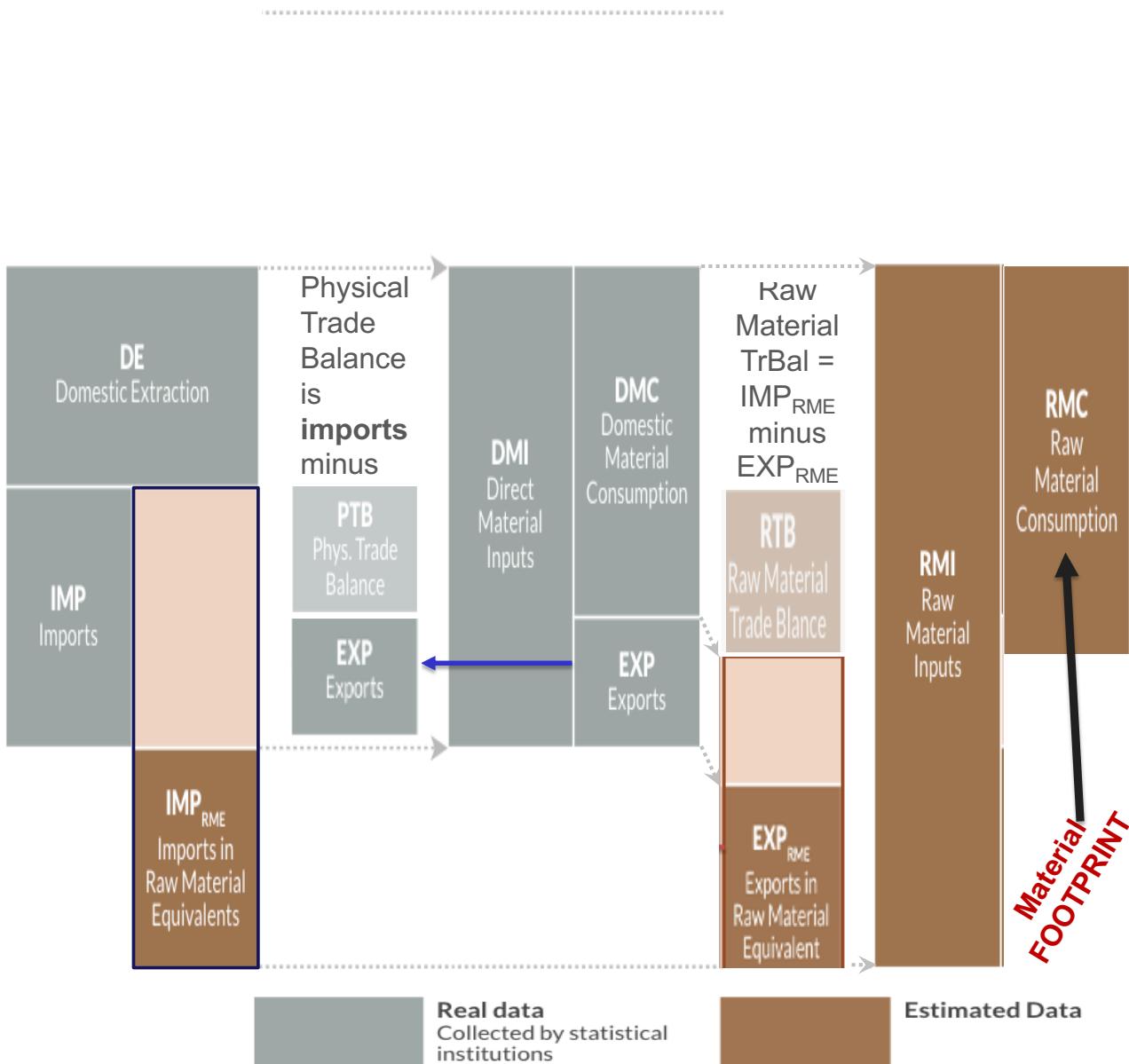
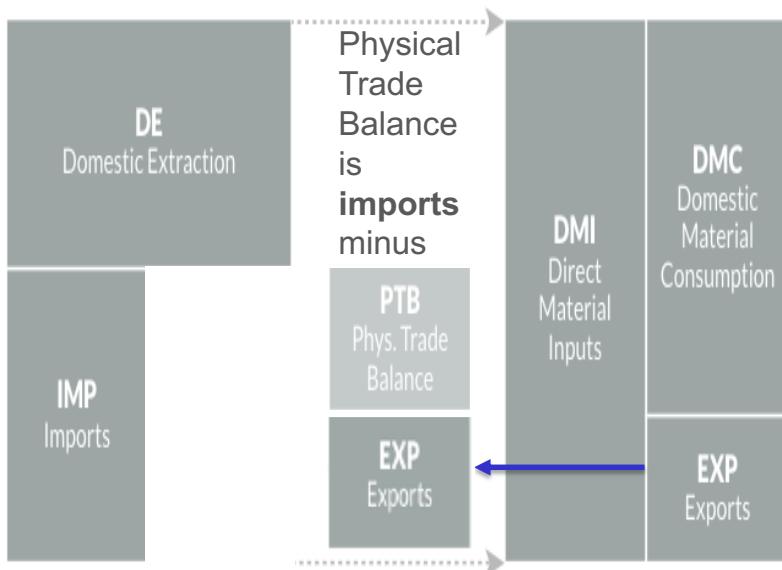
- fossil fuels,
- metals and industrial minerals,
- construction materials,
- renewable natural resources,
- infrastructure creation and maintenance, and
- soil erosion.



Adriansee et. al 1997

## TMR COMPOSITION in 1991





Domestic Material Consumption := Domestic Extraction + IMP - EXP

$$DMC = DE + IMP - EXP$$

$$DMC + EXP = DE + IMP$$

$$DE + IMP := DMI$$

$$DomExtr + Imports = DirectMatInput$$

The Raw Material Input (RMI) equals the sum of Domestic Extraction (DE) plus Imports in Raw Material Equivalents (IMP-RME).

RMI represents total final use of products in a country expressed in Raw Material Equivalents. It illustrates the amount of materials required along all supply chains as input to the production system in order to meet a country's consumption, investment, and export demand, both from domestic and foreign origins.

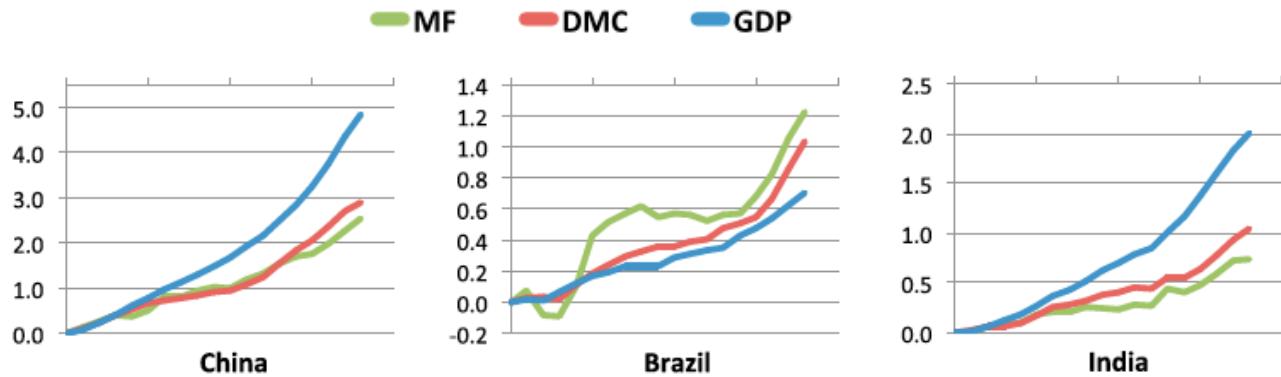
Raw Material Consumption (RMC) illustrates the domestic final use of products in terms of Raw Material Equivalents. RMC thus captures the amount of domestic and foreign extraction of materials needed along all supply chains to produce the final products consumed in a country.

RMC equals the sum of Domestic Extraction (DE) plus Imports in Raw Material Equivalents (IMP-RME) minus exports in Raw Material Equivalents (EXP-RME), i.e. trade balance in RME.

The Raw Material Trade Balance (RTB) measures the physical trade surplus or physical trade deficit of a country, including domestic and foreign extraction of materials needed along all supply chains to produce the imports and exports. RTB equals imports in Raw Material Equivalents (IMP-RME) minus exports in Raw Material Equivalents (EXP-RME).

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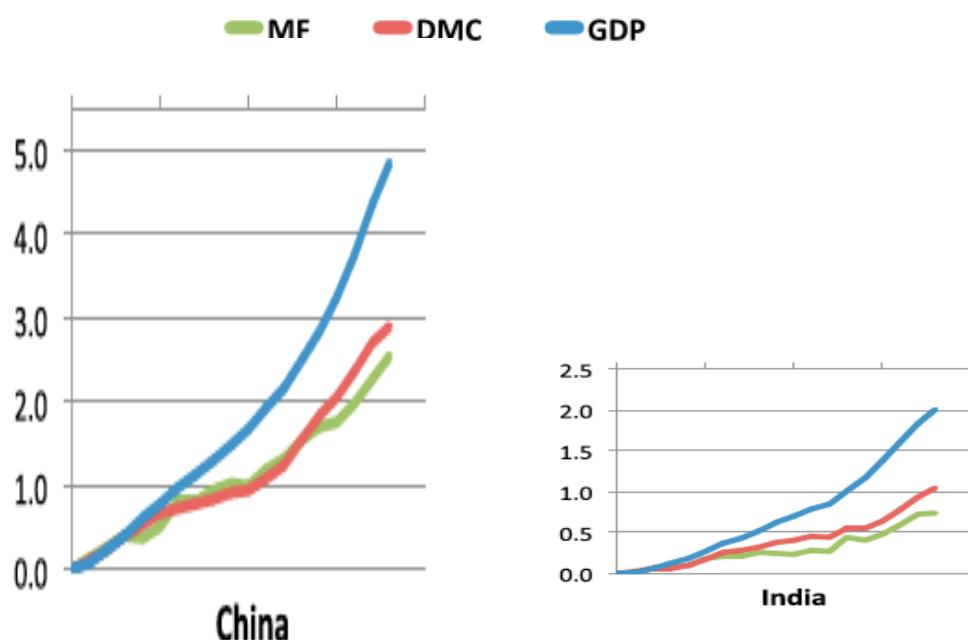


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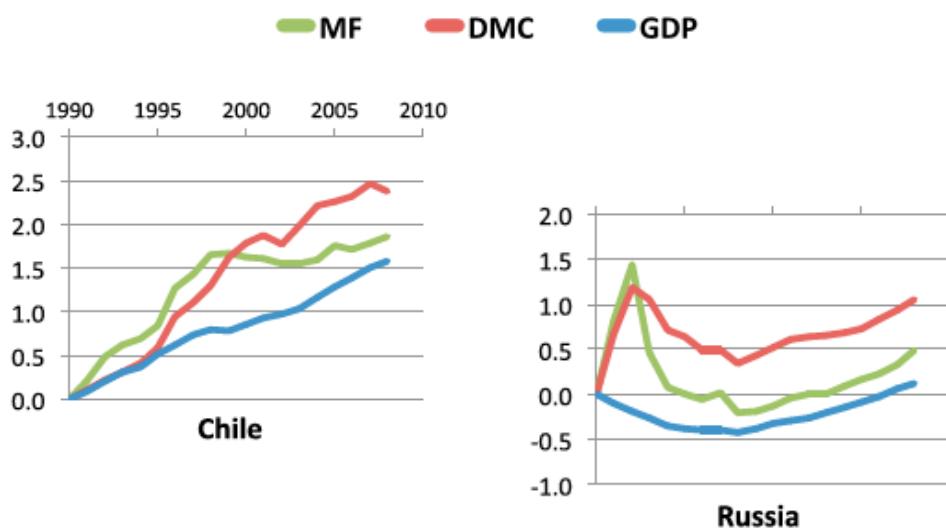


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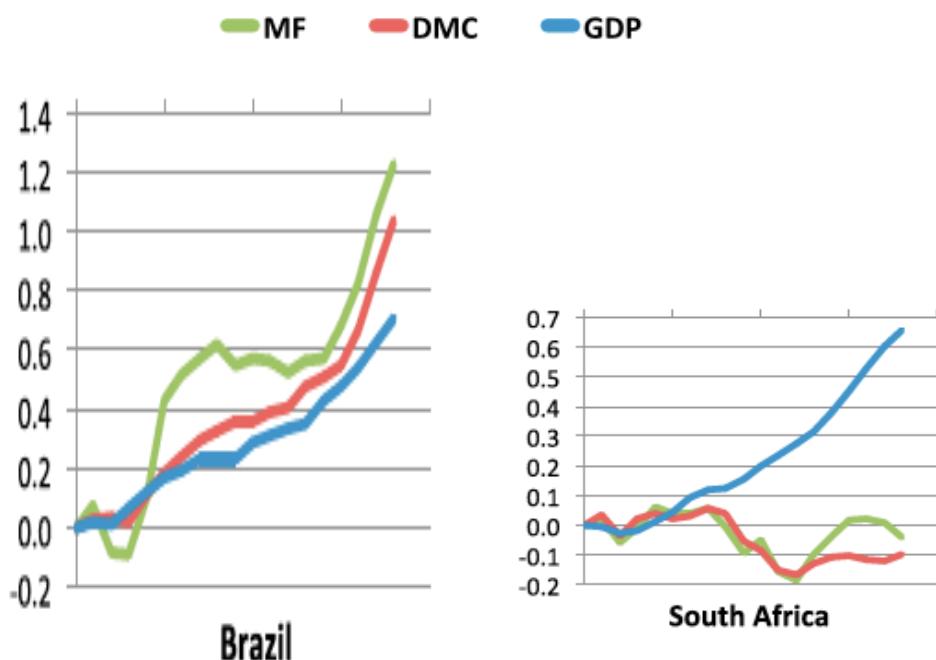
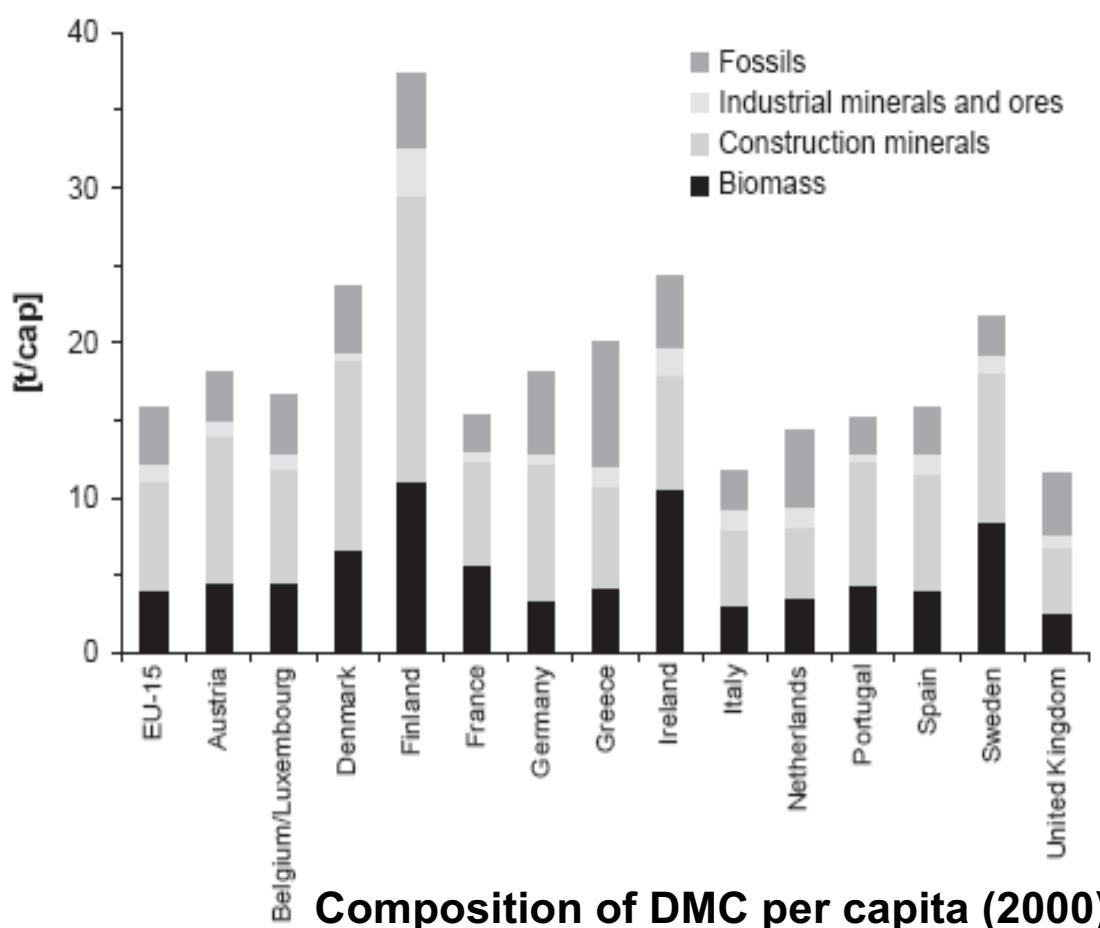
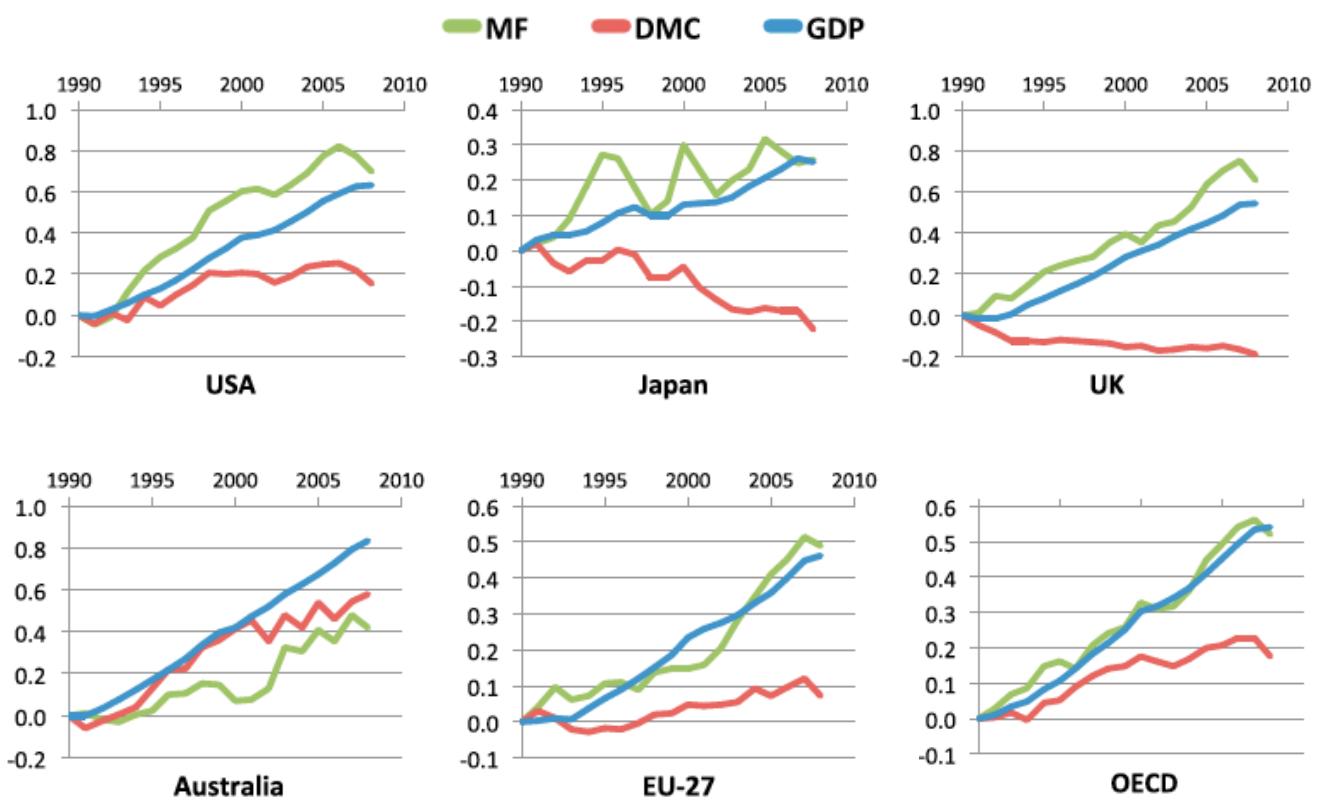
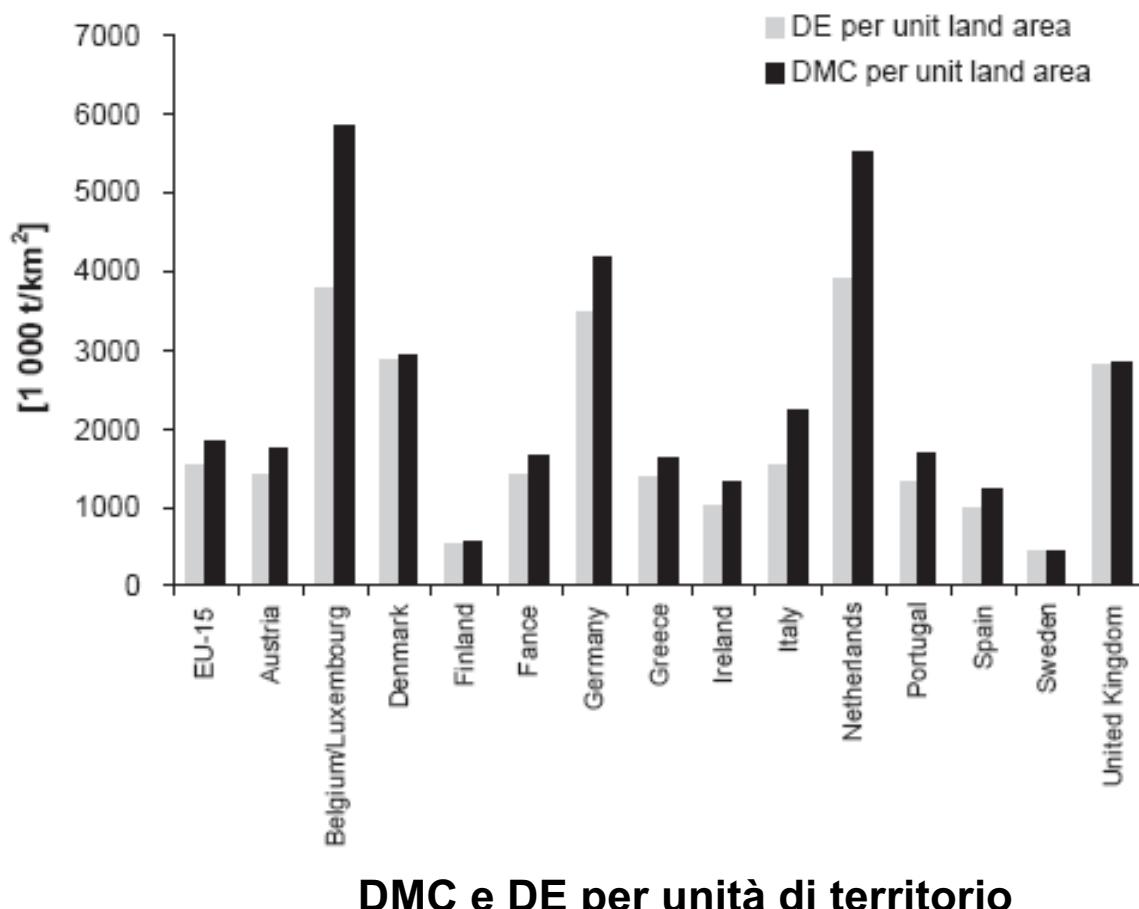
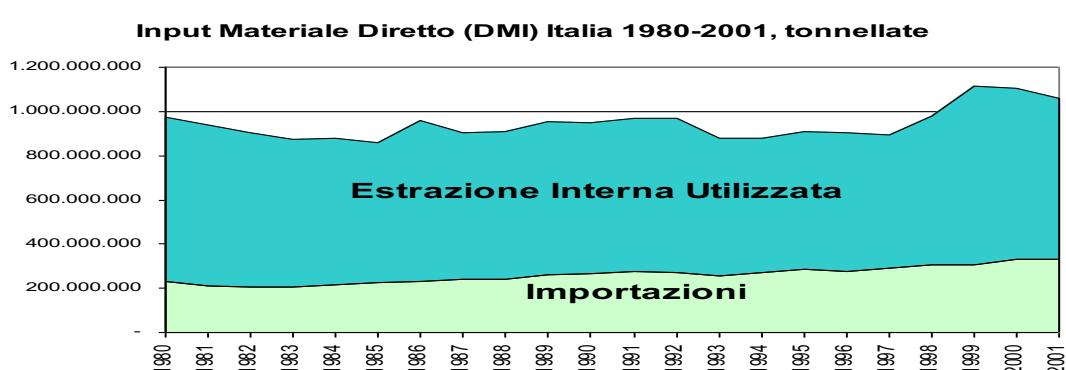


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**DMC e DE per unità di territorio**



**Fabbisogno Materiale Totale (TMR), Italia 1980-2001, tonnellate**

