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30 Abstract

31 A key challenge of landscape planning and management is coping with multiple ecosystem service (ES) potentials and needs in complex social-ecological systems such as urban regions. 32 However, few studies have analyzed both the supply and demand sides of ES bundles, i.e., 33 sets of associated ES that repeatedly appear together across time or space, from an integrated 34 perspective. This paper advances a framework to identify, map and assess ES bundles from a 35 supply-demand approach to inform landscape planning and management. The framework is 36 applied to the Barcelona metropolitan region, Spain, covering five ES and using eleven spatial 37 indicators. Each indicator was quantified and mapped at the municipal level (n = 164)38 39 combining different proxy- and process-based models. Our results show significant 40 associations among ES, both at the supply and demand sides. Further, we identified five distinct ES supply-demand bundle types and characterized them based on their specific ES 41 relationships and their main underlying social-ecological conditions. From our findings, we 42 call for combining land sharing strategies in urban and agricultural areas to increase landscape 43 multifunctionality and, concurrently, assure the conservation of large periurban forest areas 44 that are critical for delivering a wide range of local ES highly demanded by the urban 45 population. 46

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Keywords: Barcelona metropolitan region; ecosystem service mismatch; green infrastructure;
spatial analysis; urban-rural gradient.

50 **1. Introduction**

51 A key challenge of landscape planning and management is coping with multiple ecosystem 52 service (ES) potentials and needs in complex social-ecological systems. The last decade has seen increasing attempts to assess the relationships among different ES through the concept of 53 'ES bundles' (e.g., Chan et al., 2006; Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010; Maes et al., 2012; 54 Martín-López et al., 2012; García-Nieto et al., 2013; Renard et al, 2015). An ES bundle has 55 been defined as "set of associated ES that repeatedly appear together across time or space" 56 (Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010:5242; see also **Box 1**). A key advantage of the ES bundle 57 58 approach is that it allows to assess potential synergies and trade-offs by analyzing how 59 different ES in a given area are positively or negatively associated (Bennett et al., 2009; Box ~ 60 1). 61 Assessment of ES bundles has been mostly applied to the supply side of ES (in terms of the 62 ecosystem's potential to deliver ES or its actual flow sensu Villamagna et al., 2013; see Box 63

1) using a spatially explicit approach (e.g., Chan et al., 2006; Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010; 64 Maes et al., 2012; Derkzen et al., 2015; Hamann et al., 2015; Queiroz et al., 2015) and, less 65 frequently, also considering a temporal scale (e.g., Haase et al., 2012; Renard et al, 2015). In 66 contrast, studies assessing ES bundles from a demand perspective (i.e., considering the 67 amount of ES required or desired by society sensu Villamagna et al., 2013; see Box 1) have 68 generally focused on determining different socio-cultural values (e.g., Martín-López et al., 69 2012; Iniesta-Arandia et al., 2014), but very few have produced spatially explicit information. 70 71 The reason behind this disparity probably relates to the lack of a clear methodological framework for quantifying and mapping ES demand (Wolff et al., 2015) in contrast to ES 72

rsupply (Egoh et al., 2012; Crossman et al., 2013; Malinga et al., 2015).

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Even fewer studies have analyzed both the supply and demand sides of ES bundles from an integrated perspective (but see García-Nieto et al., 2013; Castro et al., 2014). Yet, such approach could have important advantages for sustainable landscape planning and management in complex social-ecological systems. These include: (1) enhanced capacity to address green infrastructure planning (GI), i.e., the identification of existing crucial ecosystems for ES delivery (Maes et al., 2015); (2) prioritization of key areas for establishing

81 GI projects due to expected mismatches between supply and demand of ES from a bundle

82 perspective (García-Nieto et al., 2013); and (3) better understanding of potential trade-offs

- 83 and synergies between ES considering both ecosystem's processes and societal needs (Castro
- et al., 2014).
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- Considering both the supply and the demand sides of ES bundles can be particularly relevant 86 87 in urban regions given their high levels of population density and pressure on available land. Assessing ES bundles in these areas can shed light on potential mismatches, trade-offs and 88 synergies possibly driven by urban development processes. Even if urban areas benefit from 89 the appropriation of vast ES providing areas beyond their boundaries (Rees, 1992; Folke et 90 al., 1997), the local supply of ES can contribute to cope with a variety of 'demands', 91 including protection from climate extremes (e.g., moderation of heatwaves and floods), 92 improvement of environmental quality (e.g., air pollution abatement) and healthier life styles 93 (e.g., opportunities for recreation and relaxation) (Bolund and Hunhammar, 1999; Gómez-94 Baggethun et al., 2013; Haase et al., 2014). 95
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The aim of this paper is to advance a framework to identify, map and assess ES bundles from 97 a supply-demand perspective in order to support landscape planning, management, and 98 decision-making in urban regions. Our framework builds on previous methodological 99 100 approaches (Mouchet et al., 2014) and consists of five main steps: (1) selection, quantification and mapping of suitable ES indicators (both at the supply and demand sides); (2) assessment 101 102 of spatial ES associations at both sides; (3) identification of relevant ES supply-demand bundle types: (4) analysis of ES spatial patterns along the urban-rural gradient and along a 103 104 gradient of management or planning strategies; and (5) understanding of the spatial characteristics of ES bundles and their relevance for landscape planning and management. We 105 used the Barcelona metropolitan region, Spain, as case study area, considering a set of five ES 106 and eleven indicators (six at the supply side and five at the demand side). 107 108 109

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112	Box 1 . Definition of the main concepts discussed in this paper.
113	ES bundle is a set of associated ES that are supplied by or demanded from a given ecosystem
114	or area and usually appear together repeatedly in time and/or space (modified from Raudsepp-
115	Hearne et al., 2010).
116	ES supply represents the capacity or potential of ecosystem's properties and functions to
117	provide a specific bundle of ES within a given time period (modified from Villamagna et al.,
118	2013). In this paper, we consider that ES supply, ES delivery and ES provision are
119	synonymous terms, but these are different to ES flow, defined as the ES actually received,
120	used or experienced by people (Villamagna et al., 2013).
121	ES demand is the amount of an ES required or desire by society (Villamagna et al., 2013).
122	Therefore, the demand of a given ES may exceed its flow (and eventually its supply).
123	Synergies and trade-offs are situations that arise when the use of one ES directly decreases
124	(trade-off) or increases (synergy) the benefits provided by another. This may be due to
125	simultaneous response to the same driver or due to true interactions among ES (Turkelboom
126	et al., 2016).
127	ES mismatches are defined as the differences in quality or quantity occurring between the
128	supply and demand of ES (Geijzendorffer et al., 2015).
129	Green infrastructure (GI) is a boundary concept with various conceptual meanings (Wright,
130	2011), but here we follow the EU GI strategy definition: "a strategically planned network of
131	natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to
132	deliver a wide range of ES" (EC, 2013).
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134 2. Material and methods

135 **2.1.** Case study area

Our research was conducted in the Barcelona metropolitan region (BMR), north-east of Spain 136 (Fig. 1A). The BMR (3,244 km²) is the most populous urban region on the Mediterranean 137 coast with 5.03 million inhabitants (Statistical Institute of Catalonia, year 2015) distributed 138 among 164 municipalities. Its urban core is constituted by the municipality of Barcelona (1.61 139 million inhabitants; 101 km²) and several adjacent middle-size cities characterized by very 140 high population densities (Fig. 1B). The rest of the BMR is mostly structured in lower density 141 142 towns, including several sprawling urban areas, except for seven dense sub-centers (municipalities between 50,000 and 200,000 inhabitants). Therefore, the BMR can be 143 described as a polinuclear urban region, conceived as a hybrid between the compact and the 144 dispersed urban models (Catalán et al., 2008). 145 146 Distribution of land uses and covers in the BMR is shaped by its physical geography. Two 147

systems of mountain ranges (Catalan Coastal Range and Catalan Pre-Coastal Range) run 148 parallel to the Mediterranean Sea coast, mostly covered by Mediterranean forests of Pine and 149 Holm Oak trees, shrubland and grassland. Prominent examples of these ecosystems with high 150 value for ES supply include protected areas such as the Montseny massif (Pre-Coastal Range) 151 which has the highest peaks in the BMR (> 1700 m), or the Collserola massif (Coastal Range) 152 which is virtually enclosed by urban land (Fig. 1C). In contrast, coastal and inland plains are 153 mostly covered by urban and agricultural land. For instance, the Llobregat river delta is 154 heavily sealed by urban land and transport infrastructure (e.g., the Barcelona airport), but it 155 still preserves valuable agricultural and wetland areas. The Penedès area (west of the BMR) is 156 an important wine-growing region. 157

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159 The BMR is one of the regional planning areas of the 'General Territorial Plan of Catalonia'

160 (PTGC, 1995), the uppermost strategic landscape planning instrument in the region of

161 Catalonia. The 'Territorial Metropolitan Plan of Barcelona' (PTMB) was developed following

162 PTGC's guidelines and approved in 2010 by the Government of Catalonia (PTMB, 2010).

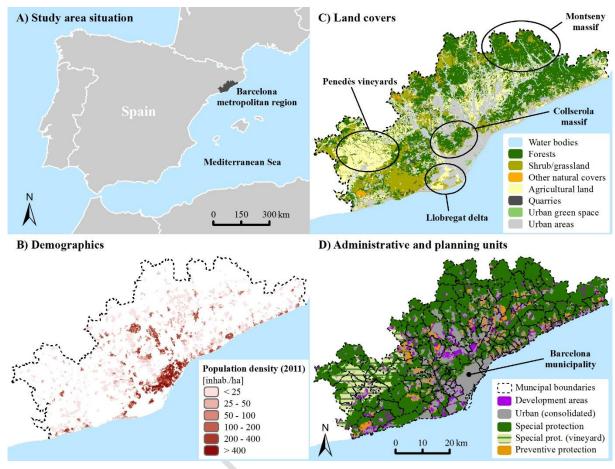
163 The PTMB establishes two main planning categories (called "systems") for land use

regulation in the BMR: open areas and urban land (Fig. 1D). The open areas planning system

(2405 km², 74.1% of the BMR) regulates the land protected from urbanization and includes 165 three planning units: (1) Special protection areas (2032 km²), which consist of land that is 166 highly protected for its ecological and agricultural values, including Natura 2000 sites and 167 other protected areas; (2) Special protection of vinevards (230 km²), consisting of highly 168 protected land for its landscape and agricultural values for the wine sector; and (3) Preventive 169 protection areas (143 km²), for urban-rural transitional areas where urban development is 170 restricted, except in certain circumstances. The urban planning system (840 km², 25.9% of the 171 BMR) regulates consolidated built-up land (635 km²) and defines strategies for urban 172 expansion by the delimitation of development areas (205 km^2) that can be subsequently 173 refined by municipalities through so-called local urban master plans. 174 175 We contend that the BMR, as a complex social-ecological system, is a suited testing area for 176 the purpose of this research. The manifest heterogeneous spatial distributions of relevant ES 177 providing areas (Mediterranean forests, agroecosystems, etc.) and potential beneficiaries 178 along the urban-rural gradient can provide relevant insights for the integration of a GI 179

180 perspective into future landscape planning and management instruments.

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Fig. 1. Land cover, demographics and administrative maps of the case study area (Barcelona metropolitan region). Own elaboration based on various spatial datasets provided by the Catalan Government, the Catalan Cartographic and Geological Institute (ICGC) and the Spanish Statistical Office (INE).

188 2.2. Selection, quantification and mapping of ecosystem service indicators

189 Five ES were assessed at the study area: (1) food provision; (2) global climate regulation; (3)

- air purification; (4) erosion control; and (5) outdoor recreation (the terminology is based on
- 191 the classification of urban ES by Gómez-Baggethun et al., 2013). The selection of these ES
- 192 was based on three main criteria: (1) their relevance to the BMR, mainly in terms of expected
- demand; (2) consideration of a representative ES sample covering at least one ES from the
- three main ES categories of the CICES¹ classification (i.e., provisioning, regulating and
- 195 maintenance, cultural services); and (3) the availability of data for both ES supply and

 $^{^1}$ CICES (Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services) latest version is available from: http://cices.eu/

demand sides. We consider that this selection satisfies the research goals and provides a
sufficient ground for the discussion of possible relevant policy and planning implications.

For each ES, an indicator (based on direct or proxy data) was defined, measured and mapped, 199 both at the supply and demand sides. In the case of food provision, two indicators of supply 200 were used: crop and livestock production. Hence a total of eleven indicators were included in 201 the analysis. Some indicators build on previous research studies in the case study area (e.g., 202 Baró et al., 2016). Appendix A (Supplementary material) describes in detail the 203 quantification and mapping methods (and provides the corresponding references) used for 204 each ES indicator. Table 1 provides an overview of the ES indicators, key references, and a 205 brief description of main data sources. Each indicator was quantified using the most recent 206 available datasets (typically from years 2011 to 2013). All the required geoprocessing 207 operations were carried out using ArcGIS v.10 (ESRI) or GRASS GIS v. 7.0 (GRASS 208 209 Development Team).

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As stated above, ES supply indicators refer here to the ecosystems' capacity to deliver ES, not 211 the actual flow of ES (Villamagna et al., 2013; see also Box 1). The reason for using this 212 213 approach is that we are interested in the long-term perspective and hence in measuring the potential of the study area in terms of ES provision regardless of whether this is actually used 214 215 or experienced in the present. For example, the supply indicator for air purification (NO₂ dry deposition velocity) indicates the capacity of ecosystems to filter air pollution, but not the 216 217 actual pollutant removal. In the case of provisioning indicators (both crop and livestock production), it could be assumed that most part of the production is consumed, yet food loss 218 219 and food waste represents an important problem worldwide (FAO, 2011). Similarly, all carbon sequestration ecosystems' capacity constitutes a flow because global carbon emissions 220 are clearly exceeding actual sequestration rates (Schröter et al., 2014). In the case of erosion 221 control, a biophysical indicator could not be calculated due to data limitations, so we applied 222 223 an ES expert-based matrix model using land covers as spatial data following Burkhard et al. (2012; 2014). The dimensionless index for outdoor recreation is based on a composite model 224 225 (Paracchini et al., 2014; Zulian et al., 2014) that estimates the capacity of ecosystems to provide recreation opportunities based on their degree of naturalness, nature protection, and 226

presence of water (see Baró et al., 2016 and Appendix A in Supplementary material for
further details).

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Despite there is a varying understanding of the concept of ES demand (see Wolff et al., 2015), 230 ES demand refers here to "the amount or level of ES required or desired by society" 231 (Villamagna et al., 2013:116; see also Box 1). Following previous studies (e.g., Kroll et al., 232 233 2012), demand for food provision was mapped using human population density as proxy indicator. We did not combine population density with average consumption rates because the 234 focus of the research is not on self-sufficiency or balance analysis but on the assessment of 235 the ES spatial patterns from a bundle approach. Demand indicators for regulating ES indicate 236 the magnitude of pressures or inputs needing regulation (air pollution levels for air 237 purification, carbon emissions for climate regulation and soil loss potential for erosion 238 control). This risk reduction approach is commonly applied in the ES literature (Wolff et al., 239 2015) and assumes that demand is oriented toward a reduction of the indicator values 240 (Burkhard et al., 2014). A particular case is again climate regulation because the demand for 241 242 this ES is global and hence could be distributed equally over the world surface (Syrbe and Walz, 2012). Yet, carbon emissions are commonly used as a proxy at lower scales (e.g., Baró 243 244 et al., 2015; Zhao and Sander, 2015) as a way to indicate local contributions to the need for this regulating ES. Finally, demand for experience-based cultural ES such as outdoor 245 246 recreation can be estimated through the number of people wanting to experience the ES and their feasibility to do so in terms of accessibility to recreational sites (Paracchini et al., 2014; 247 248 Ala-Hulkko et al., 2016). Following this rationale, here we mapped outdoor recreation demand based on the availability of recreational sites (i.e., areas identified as having a 249 250 relevant recreation capacity) close to people's home and population density assuming that all inhabitants in the BMR have similar desires in terms of everyday life outdoor recreational 251 opportunities (see Baró et al., 2016 and Appendix A in Supplementary material for details). 252 253

Table 1. Overview of the ES indicators, quantification units, main data sources and key references used in the
 BMR case study. Full references for data sources are provided in Appendix A (Supplementary material).

ES	Indicator / proxy	Quantification unit	Main data sources and key references		
	Crop production (supply)	kg edible crop production ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	Agriculture yield statistical data (year 2013) Kroll et al. (2012)		
Food provision (provisioning)	Livestock production (supply)	Livestock units km ⁻² year ⁻¹	Agriculture census data (year 2009) Raudsepp-Hearne et al. (2010)		
	Population density (demand)	Inhabitants ha ⁻¹	Population census tracts dataset (year 2011) Burkhard et al. (2014)		
Global climate	Carbon sequestration (supply)	kg C ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	National forest inventories data (years 1990 and 2001) Pino (2007)		
regulation (regulating)	Carbon emissions (demand)	kg C ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	Municipal Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) (year 2012) Zhao and Sander (2015)		
Air	NO ₂ dry deposition velocity (supply)	mm s ⁻¹ ha ⁻¹	Regional land cover dataset (year 2012); Average wind speed data (Regional environment database) Baró et al. (2016)		
purification (regulating)	NO ₂ concentration levels (demand)	µg NO ₂ m ⁻³ (annual mean)	Air quality data from BMR monitoring stations (year 2013) Baró et al. (2016)		
Erosion	Erosion control capacity (supply)	Dimensionless index (0-5)	Expert-based data and regional land covers dataset (year 2012) Burkhard et al. (2012)		
control (regulating)	Soil loss potential (demand)	Dimensionless index (0-3)	Soil loss potential dataset (SITxell - Geographic Information System for the Network of Open Areas in the province of Barcelona) Guerra et al. (2014)		
Outdoor recreation	Recreational potential (supply)	Dimensionless index (0-1)	Various regional spatial datasets on habitat naturalness, protected natural areas and water features (various sources) Baró et al. (2016)		
(cultural)	Recreational demand (demand)	Dimensionless index (0-5)	Population census tracts dataset (year 2011) Baró et al. (2016)		

260 2.3. Analysis of spatial patterns and associations between ecosystem services

Individual ES indicators were mapped to visualize and compare their spatial patterns across 261 262 the case study area. Although the spatial resolution of some data sources was relatively high (e.g., the regional land cover dataset was developed at a scale of 1:50,000), we used 263 municipalities (n = 164) as the main spatial unit of analysis due to several reasons: (1) urban 264 policies related to ES and GI in the BMR are usually implemented at the municipal level (e.g., 265 266 Barcelona City Council, 2013); (2) the municipality is the smallest unit at which livestock census or carbon emissions data are available in the BMR; and (3) statistical computing 267 limitations when dealing with data matrices derived from high resolution rasters. Therefore, 268 ES indicators were quantified for each municipality calculating average values in case the 269 270 original spatial unit was smaller and normalized by area to enable comparison across municipalities of different size. Further, ES indicators were standardized where necessary in a 271 272 0-1 range using minimum and maximum values, so that correlation or cluster analyses could be performed (Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010; Mouchet et al., 2014). 273 274 As a preliminary step, spatial autocorrelation analysis was carried out for each ES indicator 275 using Global Moran's I with Rook contiguity in ArcGIS v 10 (ESRI). We considered the

using Global Moran's I with Rook contiguity in ArcGIS v 10 (ESRI). We considered the
spatial pattern to be significantly clustered if the obtained z-score (standard deviation) was
higher than 1.96 (95% confidence level).

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The analysis of ES associations and bundles types was carried out following Mouchet et al.
(2014) and using R statistical software (R Core Team, 2015) and ArcGIS v10 (ESRI). First,
associations between pairs of ES were detected using Pearson parametric correlation test both
at the supply (fifteen pairs) and demand (ten pairs) sides.

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Overlap analysis was also applied in order to spatially visualize the municipalities with the highest or lowest supply and demand aggregate values, as well as supply – demand spatial congruency. Aggregated ES supply and demand values were calculated using a simple unweighted summation of the standardized indicators' values at the municipality level. In addition, we mapped the "richness" in ES to indicate the spatial diversity of ES in the case study area. To do so, we accounted for the number of ES supplied and demanded in a

- substantial degree in each municipality. A substantial supply or demand was assumed if theindicator value was equal or higher than the average of the BMR.
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In a second stage, we defined different ES supply-demand bundle types using cluster analysis. 294 295 We classified municipalities into clusters based on similar combinations of both ES supply and demand values (i.e., ES supply-demand bundle types) using K-means clustering algorithm 296 297 which minimizes within-group variability. The appropriate number of clusters was determined by analyzing the meaningfulness of different clustering outputs with the support 298 of dendrograms and scree plots. The final ES supply-demand bundle types were visualized 299 using star plots (showing average indicator values per cluster) and mapped using ArcGIS to 300 show their spatial patterns in the BMR. 301

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303 A principal component analysis (PCA) was also applied to analyze the relationships between

the ES supply and demand indicators and the various land planning strategies (i.e., the

305 planning classes defined in the PTMB). Land planning strategies were included in the PCA as

- the area percentage of each class per municipality.
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Finally, the assessment of ES spatial patterns was complemented by analyzing the urban-rural 308 gradients. Following previous contribution to this research area (Kroll et al., 2012; Larondelle 309 310 and Haase, 2013), we computed urban-rural gradients of the ES supply and demand indicators considered in the analysis. A 50-km concentric buffer with 1-km intervals was created around 311 312 the city center of Barcelona (Catalunya square), covering almost all the BMR area. For each concentric ring, the average ES value was calculated omitting null values. In order to improve 313 visualization of the gradients, the analysis was not performed at the municipal level but at the 314 pixel level (using the ES data resampled at a spatial resolution of 100m) and it was based on a 315 reclassification of the ES values in five classes (0-4) using quintiles. 316

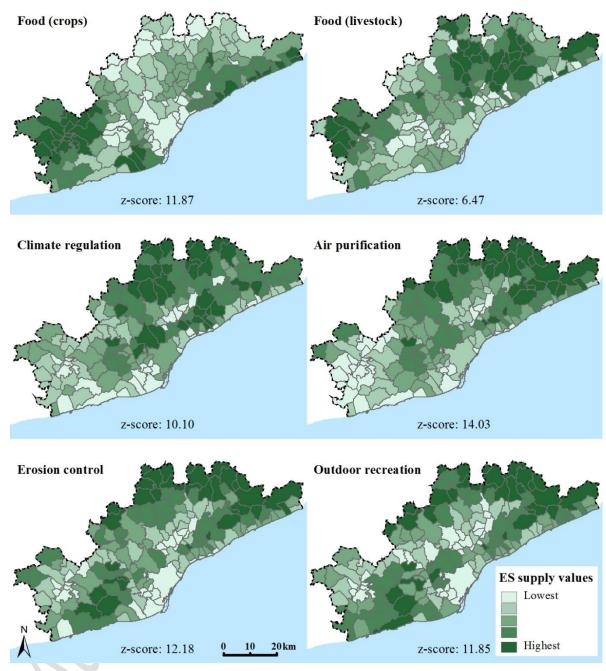
318 **3. Results**

319 **3.1.** Ecosystem service supply: spatial patterns and associations

Spatial autocorrelation results show that all ES supply indicators were spatially clustered on 320 the case study area. The obtained z-scores (Fig. 2) indicate that there is less than 1% 321 likelihood that the individual spatial patterns could be the result of random chance. 322 Geographic distributions of the six ES supply indicators (Fig. 2) revealed clear similarities 323 and dissimilarities among them. On the one hand, potential supply of regulating ES and 324 outdoor recreation was highest in the mountainous landscapes located at the north and north-325 326 east of the BMR, mostly covered by Mediterranean forests. On the other hand, the two food production indicators followed very distinct patterns. In the case of crop production, highest 327 values were mostly found in the flat areas of the wine-making county of Penedès (at the west 328 side of the BMR) and in other agricultural areas located along the coast (especially in the 329 330 Llobregat river delta). Livestock production was mostly clumped in low-density population municipalities located at the hinterland plains, especially at the north and west of the BMR. 331 332 The correlation results between pairs of ES supply indicators are shown in Table 2. All pairs 333 were significantly correlated, except those including livestock production. Associations 334 among regulating ES and outdoor recreation were highly positively correlated (Pearson 335 coefficient > 0.5). Crop production was moderately negatively correlated with all regulating 336 services (Pearson coefficient < -0.3 and > -0.5) and weakly negatively correlated with outdoor 337

- 338 recreation (Pearson coefficient > -0.3).
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Overlap analysis confirmed that the most relevant and multifunctional municipalities in terms of ES provision are located at the north and north-east of the BMR (**Fig. 3**), including the municipalities with a high share of forest habitats and containing small settlements. In contrast, highly urbanized municipalities (e.g., in the urban core) and those mostly covered by agricultural land showed the lowest aggregated values for ES supply and none or few ES provided in a relevant amount (value \geq mean) (see **Fig. 3**).



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Fig. 2. Spatial patterns of the six ES supply indicators shown at the municipality level. Indicator values are classified in quintiles. All ES indicators are significantly clustered in space (z-score > 1.96).

Table 2. Significant correlations (Pearson parametric test) between pairs of ES supply indicators (*P < 0.001; **P < 0.0001).

	Food (crops)	Food (livestock)	Climate regulation	Air purification	Erosion Outdoor control recreation
Food (crops)	1				
Food (livestock)	0.01	1			
Climate regulation	-0.36**	0.01	1		
Air purification	-0.38**	0.04	0.75**	1	
Erosion control	-0.41**	0.01	0.68**	0.86**	
Outdoor recreation	-0.28*	-0.09	0.65**	0.79**	0.86**

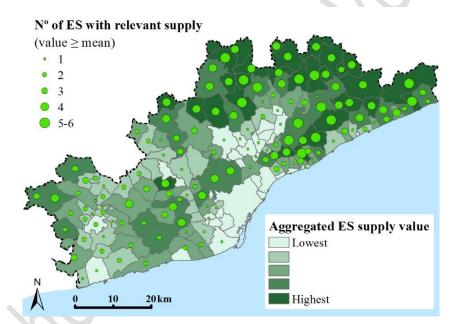


Fig. 3. Aggregated ES supply value and richness in ES, i.e., number of ES with relevant supply (value ≥ mean)
 shown at the municipality level. Aggregated ES supply values are classified in quintiles.

361 **3.2.** Ecosystem service demand: spatial patterns and associations

All indicators of ES demand also showed a significant clustered spatial pattern on the BMR at 362 363 the individual level (z-score > 1.96; Fig. 4). Furthermore, all indicators except erosion control displayed a similar spatial distribution characterized by highest values at the urban core 364 (Barcelona and adjacent cities) and a clearly decreasing gradient towards the outskirts of the 365 BMR (except for some municipalities, especially along the coastline). In contrast, demand for 366 367 erosion control corresponded as expected mostly with the hilly areas located at the center and north-east of the BMR (Fig. 4). 368 369 All the ten possible pairwise associations between ES demand indicators were found to be 370 371 significantly correlated (Table 3). Associations among food production, climate regulation, air purification and outdoor recreation were highly positively correlated (Pearson coefficient 372 373 > 0.5). Erosion control was moderately negatively correlated with food production, climate regulation and outdoor recreation (Pearson coefficient < -0.3 and > -0.5) and weakly 374 negatively correlated with air purification (Pearson coefficient > -0.3). 375 376

As expected, overlap analysis showed that the aggregated ES demand values were highest in the urban core of the BMR (**Fig. 5**). Additionally, this area presented the highest diversity of demands: generally four or five ES were demanded in a relevant degree (indicator value \geq mean). Lowest aggregated ES demand values were found mainly at the north and west of the BMR where municipalities are characterized by low population densities and a high share of agricultural or forest land covers.

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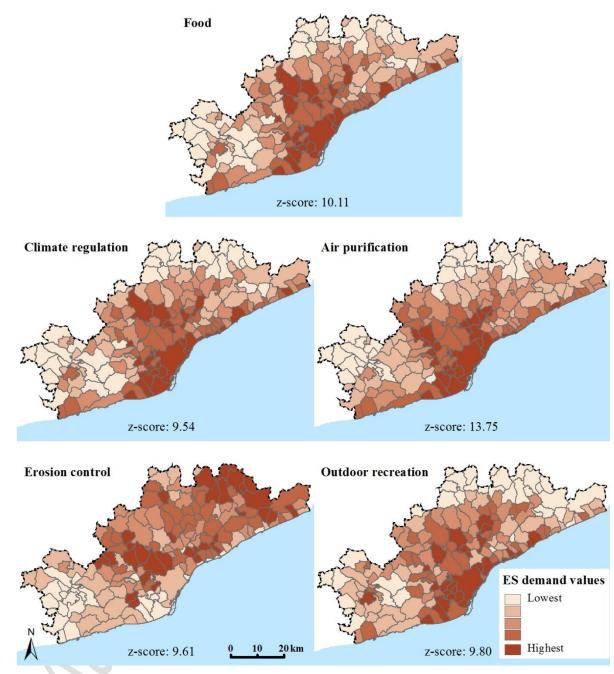


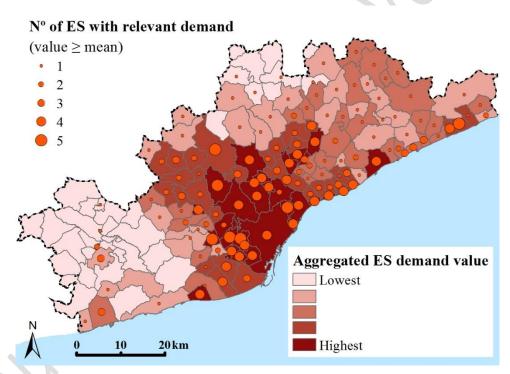
Fig. 4. Spatial patterns of the five ES demand indicators shown at the municipality level. Indicator values are classified in quintiles. All ES indicators are significantly clustered in space (z-score > 1.96).

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Table 3. Significant correlations (Pearson parametric test) between pairs of ES demand indicators (*P < 0.001; **P < 0.0001).

	Food (population)	Climate regulation	Air purification	Erosion control	Outdoor recreation
Food (population)	1				
Climate regulation	0.92**	1			
Air purification	0.71**	0.67**	1		
Erosion control	-0.33**	-0.37**	-0.26*		1
Outdoor recreation	0.90**	0.86**	0.67**	-0.33*	** 1

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Fig. 5. Aggregated ES demand value and richness in ES, i.e., the number of ES indicators with relevant demand
 (value ≥ mean) shown at the municipality level. Aggregated ES demand values are classified in quintiles.

400 **3.3.** Ecosystem service bundles and urban-rural gradients

Cluster analysis considering both the supply and demand indicators of ES allowed to group
the 164 municipalities of the BMR into five clusters, hence revealing five distinct ES supplydemand bundle types (**Table 4; Fig. 6**). Spatial autocorrelation analysis determined that these
five bundle types were also clustered on the BMR area (z-score = 2.28).

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406 The five bundle types were named and characterized based on the specific supply-demand relationships and the main land uses taking place in each group. Cluster 1 was named "Urban 407 408 core" because it comprises the municipality of Barcelona and several adjacent or nearby cities (n = 7). It is characterized by dense urbanization and very high population densities. This 409 410 bundle type showed the lowest ES supply mean values and the highest ES demand values for all indicators except the demand for erosion control, revealing an overall ES mismatch from a 411 bundle supply and demand perspective. Cluster 2 (n = 23), named "Suburban nodes", includes 412 those municipalities with a very relevant amount of population and urbanized land, mostly 413 located near the urban core or representing urban sub-centers in the BMR (Catalán et al., 414 2008). It displayed slightly higher ES supply mean values than the urban core and moderate 415 ES demand values (from 0.21 to 0.27), except for air purification which was substantially 416 higher (0.64). Cluster 3, named "Periurban green", is by far the largest bundle type by number 417 of municipalities (n = 69). It comprises mostly municipalities with a relevant share of urban 418 land, but also substantial amounts of forest and/or shrubland and, in some cases, also 419 agricultural land. ES supply-demand relationships are characterized by low supply levels of 420 421 food provision and climate regulation (yet higher than in the previous clusters), moderate to high supply values of air purification, erosion control and outdoor recreation (from 0.28 to 422 423 0.50), and a clear disparity of demands: food production, climate regulation and outdoor recreation are barely demanded while air purification and erosion control are demanded in 424 425 moderate rates (0.36 and 0.44 respectively). Cluster 4 (n = 29), named "Cropland", groups those municipalities where land use is primarily agricultural (crops), basically located in the 426 427 wine-making county of Penedès (west side of the BMR) and in other farming areas, mainly placed along the coast such as in the Llobregat River delta. All ES indicators, both at the 428 429 supply and demand sides, showed low to moderate values (in the range 0.04 - 0.29), except for crop production (0.53). Finally, Cluster 5 (n = 36) was called "Forestland" because it 430

- 431 comprises inland municipalities mostly covered by woodland, where urban settlements are
- 432 generally small and agriculture is absent or minor. This ES bundle type showed by far the
- 433 highest supply values for regulating services and outdoor recreation and the lowest ES
- 434 demand values for all indicators except for erosion control which was highest (0.56).
- 435 Interestingly, this bundle mirrors the "urban core" cluster in the opposite direction regarding
- the relationship between supply and demand, except for food supply values.
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		Clusters				
ES		Urban core $(n = 7)$	Suburban nodes (n = 23)	Periurban green (n = 69)	Cropland (<i>n</i> = 29)	Forestland (<i>n</i> = 36)
	Supply (crops)	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.53	0.05
Food	Supply (livestock)	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.09	0.09
	Demand	0.72	0.21	0.04	0.05	0.02
Climate	Supply	0.03	0.05	0.18	0.04	0.43
regulation	Demand	0.77	0.27	0.06	0.10	0.02
Air purification	Supply	0.09	0.11	0.28	0.09	0.70
	Demand	0.81	0.64	0.36	0.25	0.20
Erosion control	Supply	0.10	0.14	0.50	0.22	0.8
	Demand	0.14	0.22	0.44	0.14	0.50
Outdoor recreation	Supply	0.14	0.25	0.40	0.29	0.6
	Demand	0.76	0.25	0.10	0.11	0.0

Table 4. Standardized mean values for each ES indicator (both supply and demand) within each cluster or ES supply-demand bundle type. The number of municipalities per cluster is indicated with *n*.

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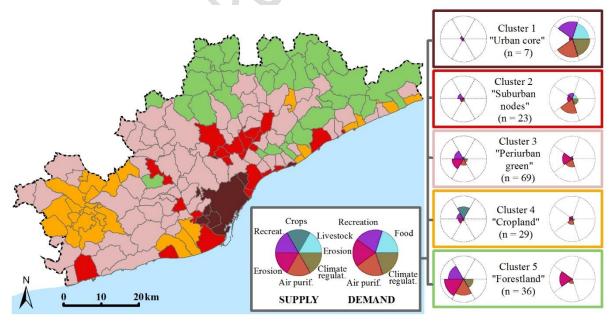
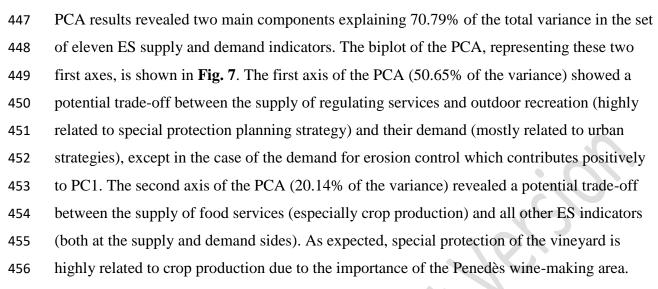
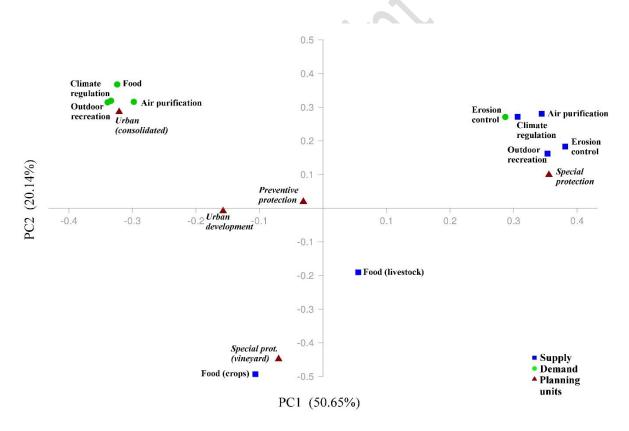




Fig. 6. Spatial distribution of ES supply-demand bundle types and standardized mean ES indicator values found
within each cluster (represented in star plots). Outline colors of the cluster boxes link to the map classes, hence
representing the map legend. The number of municipalities per cluster is indicated with *n*.

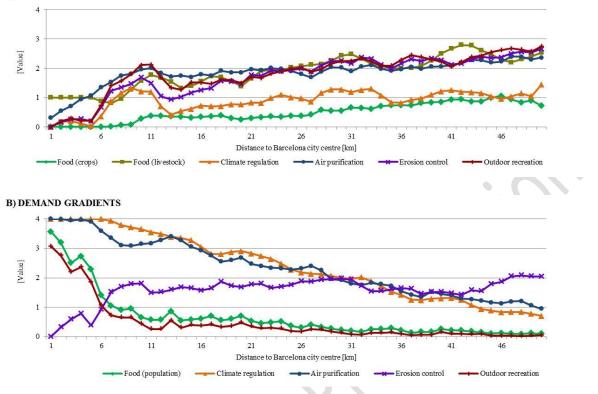




459 Fig. 7. Biplot of the principal component analysis (PCA) for the ES supply and demand indicators and their relationship with land planning strategies (PTMB).

The spatial urban-rural gradients of the ES indicators for the BMR illustrate graphically the 463 spatial patterns shown in the maps and described above. The gradients for ES supply showed 464 a similar mounting common trend in all indicators as distance to the urban core increases 465 (Fig. 8A). In all cases (except crop production), gradients revealed a substantial increase after 466 km 5-6 followed by a slight decrease after km 10-11 only lasting 3-4 km before regaining the 467 growing trend. This pattern can be explained by the periurban areas surrounding the urban 468 469 core, mainly covered by forests (e.g., Collserola mountain range), shrubland or grassland, which precede the urban and agricultural land located in the inland plains. Demand gradients 470 also showed a common similar pattern for all indicators, except erosion control (Fig. 8B). 471 Demand values for these indicators were highest in the urban core followed by a decreasing 472 trend as distance increases. Outdoor recreation and food production demand gradients 473 performed a sharp decline in the first 10 km whereas air purification and climate regulation 474 decreased more gradually because are less dependent to population density. Erosion control 475 demand gradient revealed a similar pattern as for supply, but following a steady trend after 476 km 11 rather than a growing one. 477

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- 481 Fig. 8. Urban-rural gradients (50km) of the ES supply and demand indicators for the BMR. Each point represents
- the average reclassified value (0-4 range) in the concentric ring at the respective distance from the Barcelona city
 center. Null values are not considered.
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486 **4. Discussion**

487 **4.1. Understanding ecosystem service bundles along the urban–rural gradient**

Our results show that land cover and the underlying social-ecological conditions decisively 488 shape supply and demand patterns of ES in the BMR. Interestingly, the resulting ES supply-489 demand bundle types can be interpreted from a "land sharing" versus "land sparing" approach 490 (Lin and Fuller, 2013). Municipalities under the "Urban core", "Cropland" and "Forestland" 491 clusters follow largely a sparing landscape model based on one predominant land cover 492 whereas the municipalities grouped into the "Suburban nodes" and "Periurban green" clusters 493 494 could be classified as land sharing-based spatial configurations consisting of a mix of land covers. 495

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These patterns are the result of complex historical processes. Mediterranean landscapes such 497 498 as the BMR have been subject to increasing pressures over the last decades, leading to homogenization dynamics in terms of land use (Brandt and Vejre, 2003; Gómez-Baggethun et 499 500 al. 2011). Since the 1950s, the BMR has experienced an accelerated urban development, driven by industrialization and associated migration from rural areas (within the BMR and 501 502 beyond) to cities, especially to the urban core (Catalán et al., 2008). As a result, a gradual abandonment of traditional agrosilvopastoral practices took place, especially in mountainous 503 areas, together with consequent forest densification and afforestation of open land (Otero et 504 al., 2013). Only the most productive, easily-irrigable and accessible land parcels (mostly 505 located in the lowlands) preserved their agricultural use (Marull et al., 2010). 506

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Currently, "Cropland" municipalities are characterized by a landscape homogeneity which 508 basically provides food products and are relatively poor in terms of capacity to deliver other 509 ES. On the other hand, the landscape homogeneity of "Forestland" municipalities has a high 510 potential to sequester carbon, remove air pollution, control erosion and provide recreation 511 opportunities based on our analysis. Other assessments of ES supply bundles have showed 512 513 similar results (e.g., Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010; Maes et al., 2012) indicating a clear positive association (i.e., synergy) between all the analyzed regulating ES and outdoor 514 515 recreation and a significant negative association (i.e., trade-off) between crop production and these ES. At the same time, both "Cropland" and "Forestland" municipalities are sparsely 516

urbanized and populated, which explains the low values they present for ES demand. An 517 exception is erosion control demand, which (unlike the other ES) is not related to urban 518 intensity factors but to geomorphologic aspects such as topographic slope. Consequently, 519 "Forestland" municipalities, mostly located in hilly landscapes, have substantially higher 520 demand values than "Cropland" municipalities which are basically situated in plains. As 521 expected, our results also show that the widespread and dense urbanization characterizing 522 "Urban core" municipalities reflect the highest potential mismatches between ES supply and 523 demand when both are analyzed from a bundle perspective (again with the exception of 524 erosion control). This is consistent with previous studies focused at the city level (Baró et al., 525 526 2014; 2015). \bigcirc

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"Suburban nodes" and especially "Periurban green" municipalities are characterized by higher 528 landscape heterogeneity and mix of land uses. As a result, ES bundles show a balanced 529 situation between supply and demand mean normalized values, with some relevant exceptions 530 such as air purification (especially in the "Suburban nodes" bundle), stressing the fact that air 531 532 pollution problems are not only confined to highly urbanized land. However, it should be noted that a quantitative ES (mis)match or budget analysis as performed in other studies (e.g., 533 Burkhard et al., 2012; 2014; Kroll et al., 2012) is not possible here because supply and 534 demand indicators are not directly comparable. The only exception is climate regulation 535 where both indicators have the same unit (kg C ha⁻¹ year⁻¹). Ratios showed that the carbon 536 emissions considered are higher than carbon offsets provided by the local vegetation in all 537 538 municipalities but five (all included in the "Forestland" cluster"). From the analysis of ES bundles, it is also worth pointing out that livestock production is not particularly prominent in 539 540 any cluster. Unlike crop production, livestock farming does not necessarily require extensive land parcels (especially for pork or poultry); hence it probably holds a higher spatial 541 compatibility with other land uses. However, results also indicate a likely trade-off with dense 542 urbanization, probably because: (1) urban communities usually are unwilling to live close to 543 industrial animal production sites (Raudsepp-Hearne et al., 2010); and (2) regional land use 544 regulation directly establishes minimum distances between these farming sites and urban 545 areas (which depend on the type of animal and other factors). 546 547

549 4.2. Insights for landscape planning and management

The spatial relationship between ES supply and demand is a key issue for landscape planning 550 551 and management (Syrbe and Walz, 2012). Previous studies (Costanza, 2008; Fisher et al., 2009; Burkhard et al., 2014) have classified ES according to their spatial characteristics 552 suggesting several differentiated categories. Below, we analyze the spatial characteristics of 553 the selected ES and discuss its implications for landscape planning and management in the 554 555 BMR and similar urban regions in the light of the obtained results. Crop and livestock productions are classified as "decoupled" ES because, as most provisioning ES, they can be 556 557 transported from the place of production to the place of consumption over long distances, involving in many cases complex supply chains (Burkhard et al., 2014). This characteristic 558 559 allows metropolitan regions such as the BMR to let their food supply rely largely on food imports, at the same time that it allows that a substantial part of its food production is 560 561 exported elsewhere (e.g., wine products from Penedès are exported worldwide). However, preserving farming areas in urban regions can also play an important role in terms of food 562 security and resilience which should be considered in strategic landscape planning (Barthel 563 and Isendahl, 2013; Camps-Calvet et al., 2016). Additionally, Mediterranean agricultural 564 landscapes hold important cultural values such as aesthetic appreciation, sense of place and 565 local ecological knowledge (Gómez-Baggethun et al., 2010), that are not included in this 566 567 assessment. These aspects are often recognized in landscape planning and also reflected in consumer preferences for local food (Feldmann and Hamm, 2015). In the BMR, the Penedès 568 vineyards and other agricultural areas are explicitly protected in regional planning instruments 569 570 such as the PTMB (2010). Climate regulation was classified by Costanza (2008) as a "global non-proximal" ES because the benefits derived from carbon sequestration and storage by 571 572 ecosystems are realized globally. Cities and urban regions, including the BMR, are generally far from having a net zero carbon footprint (see Escobedo et al., 2010; Liu and Li, 2012; Baró 573 574 et al., 2015) and many of them have set substantial CO₂ emissions reduction targets over the coming years (see for example the Covenant of Mayors initiative in Europe²). With regard to 575 576 land use planning and decision-making, BMR's budget for climate regulation does not 577 necessarily require achieving carbon neutrality, but regional and local policies could foster 578 carbon reduction and offsetting actions both inside and beyond metropolitan boundaries (see

² See http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/index_en.html

Seitzinger et al., 2012) so global climate regulation goals can be met in the long-term 579 (currently municipal Sustainable Energy Action Plans define measures only at the local level). 580 Air purification can be considered a "local proximal" or "omnidirectional" ES because 581 benefits are realized in the ES providing area or its surrounding landscape without directional 582 bias (Fisher et al., 2009). In terms of spatial planning, that means that urban green space and 583 periurban green areas are key providing areas where the ES is actually delivered due to higher 584 585 air pollution levels (Baró et al., 2016). Even if the reduction of air pollution emissions should be the first priority in urban policy, GI planning in the BMR can contribute to improve air 586 quality if a land sharing approach is considered in urban development (Stott et al., 2015) and, 587 concurrently, large periurban green areas such as the Collserola massif remain protected from 588 urbanization (Depietri et al., 2016). The Barcelona Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Plan 589 2020 (Barcelona City Council, 2013) is an interesting initiative towards a land sharing model 590 in the urban core because it fosters the expansion of GI in all sorts of available land, including 591 rooftops, inner courtyards, vacant plots, etc. Erosion control corresponds to an "in situ" ES 592 because the benefit (soil retention) is realized in the same location of provision (Burkhard et 593 594 al., 2014), but can also be considered "directional" (Costanza, 2008) because it can prevent erosion-related events such as landslides which benefit downhill areas. In this paper, we have 595 596 basically analyzed the former condition due to indicator characteristics, showing an apparent synergetic relationship between supply and demand spatial patterns. This can be explained 597 because the areas with higher risk of erosion due to geomorphologic factors (e.g., steepness in 598 mountain ranges) are mostly covered by ecosystems with a high potential to control this 599 600 process (e.g., forests) whereas land covers with low capacity (e.g., agro-ecosystems) are usually located in topographically less vulnerable areas. Regional urban planning regulation 601 602 in the BMR currently favors this situation forbidding urban developments in areas where slope is higher than 20%. Finally, outdoor recreation is classified as "in situ" or "user 603 movement related" ES (Costanza, 2008) because, as most part of cultural ES, users need to 604 actively reach providing areas in order to experience the related benefits. Therefore, 605 accessibility is a key aspect for the assessment of outdoor recreation supply-demand 606 607 relationships (Paracchini et al., 2014). Some studies have observed that beyond a threshold of 608 300-400 meter distance from home, the (everyday) recreational use of urban green space decreases substantially (Schipperijn et al., 2010). Furthermore, size of the providing area is 609 also relevant because some outdoor activities (e.g., walking the dog, playing some sports, 610

relaxation) can be realized in relatively small recreational patches (e.g., pocket parks), but

others such as running or cycling require much larger areas. Therefore, in terms of spatial

613 planning, this ES would require a combination of land sparing and land sharing models, as

already considered by the English standard ANGSt (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard,

615 Natural England, 2010) or by other regional decision-support instruments (Van Herzele and

616 Wiedemann, 2003). In the BMR, an effective harmonization of regional planning instruments

such as the PTMB (2010) with municipal GI plans (e.g., Barcelona City Council, 2013) is

618 required in order to achieve this arrangement of urban and periurban green spaces.

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620 **4.3. Limitations and caveats**

The framework presented in this research could be potentially applied elsewhere since all data 621 used is likely available in other urban regions. We consider that our assessment of ES bundles 622 623 and its spatial outputs are sufficiently credible and salient for landscape and management purposes since all the indicators and proxies used here (both at the supply and demand sides) 624 have been successfully applied in other policy-driven ES assessments (e.g., Burkhard et al., 625 2014; Guerra et al., 2014; Zhao and Sander, 2015; Baró et al., 2016; see also Table 1). Still, 626 our methodological approach is challenged by a number of limitations and sources of 627 uncertainty (see also Appendix A in Supplementary material). 628

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One of the main limitations is that ES demand mapping relies on proxies (e.g., population 630 density, air quality and distance to green areas) to indicate the expected amount of ES 631 632 required by the urban population. Therefore, there is potential for error if the assumed causal variables are not in fact good spatial predictors (Eigenbrod et al., 2010). Validation or 633 634 improvement of ES demand models could be achieved through complementary stakeholderbased approaches such as questionnaires, surveys or participatory mapping techniques (see 635 Brown and Fagerholm, 2015). However, these methods are likely very cost and time intensive 636 637 for urban regions such as the BMR due to its population size (Wolff et al., 2015).

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A refinement of the ES indicators would also potentially allow to perform direct congruence

analyses between supply and demand leading to additional policy and planning implications

641 (Mouchet et al., 2014). Under its current approach, however, this research can be solely

- 642 interpreted as the assessment of spatial patterns and associations between ES indicators from643 a supply- demand bundle perspective.
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645 **5. Conclusions**

To our knowledge, this study presents the first assessment of ES bundles that integrates both 646 the supply and demand sides in an urban-rural gradient. Our results show that urban and 647 agricultural intensity is likely associated to lower potential and richness in terms of ES 648 supply. Conversely, forest landscapes are characterized by a high multifunctionality, 649 650 especially in regard to regulating ES, but most of these ES are barely demanded in these areas. Urbanization is also a clear driver at the demand side, as higher population densities 651 652 and urban-related pressures (e.g., air pollution) inevitably entail increased needs for provisioning, regulating and cultural ES, generally leading to expected larger local 653 654 mismatches between ES supply and demand. From an aggregated urban-rural gradient approach, the case study analyzed here shows inverse spatial patterns of ES supply and 655 demand for all the considered ES, except for erosion control. This was already observed in 656 other urban regions considering specific ES groups (e.g., Kroll et al., 2012), but not from a 657 more holistic perspective. 658

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With regard to landscape planning and management, a key aspect is taking into account the 660 spatial scale relationships between ES supply and demand. The urban population needs 661 nearby ecosystems in order to benefit from air purification or outdoor recreation services and, 662 663 even if food or climate regulation can be provided from distant ecosystems, metropolitan regions such as the BMR have important motivations (e.g., food security, nature experience, 664 665 climate adaptation and mitigation targets, etc.) to reduce their overall ES footprint. Based on these considerations, we argue that a promising approach could consist of combining land 666 667 sharing strategies in urban and agricultural land in order to increase their multifunctionality and resilience (e.g., stricter GI ratios in urban development plans and fostering the provision 668 669 of cultural ES in agricultural landscapes), and concurrently, assure the conservation of large patches of multifunctional periurban natural areas (such as the Collserola massif in the BMR). 670 671 These periurban areas are vital for the fulfillment of certain ES bundle demands of the urban population, but they are generally more vulnerable to urbanization processes. 672

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869 Appendix A. Supplementary material

870 Description of ecosystem service mapping methods and data sources

871 *Food* (crops)

Crop production (supply indicator) in the BMR was estimated and mapped using two publicly 872 available data sources: (1) 2013 agricultural yield statistical data (Catalan Ministry of 873 874 Agriculture, 2013); and (2) a regional land cover dataset (Catalan Ministry of Territory and Sustainability, 2012). In order to clearly distinguish between crops for human food 875 consumption and crops for other uses (fodder, materials, etc.), we received expert support 876 from a regional farmers' union (Unió de Pagesos). Since the crop classes considered in the 877 statistical data are more detailed than in the land cover map, we applied a table of 878 correspondence between both categorizations following a previous study carried out by the 879 farmer's union (Unió de Pagesos, 2013). For example, the statistical crop classes 'irrigated 880 cereals', 'irrigated leguminous' and 'irrigated potatoes' were grouped into the agricultural 881 land cover class 'irrigated herbaceous crops'. An average agricultural yield per agricultural 882 land cover class (in kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹) was estimated and mapped considering the different 883 corresponding statistical crop yields weighted by their relative areas (Unió de Pagesos, 2013). 884 885

886 Food (livestock)

Livestock production (supply indicator) data were taken from the 2009 Spanish Agricultural 887 Census (INE, 2009). Unlike crop production, the share of total livestock production directly 888 allocated to human food consumption is very difficult to estimate; hence we used total 889 livestock units (LSU) as a proxy indicator. Eurostat³ defines the livestock unit as "a reference 890 unit which facilitates the aggregation of livestock from various species and age as per 891 convention, via the use of specific coefficients established initially on the basis of the 892 nutritional or feed requirement of each type of animal". The species considered in the case 893 study area were bovine animals, sheep and goats, equidae, pigs, poultry and rabbits (breeding 894 895 females). We mapped livestock units directly at the municipality level (normalized by area) because it is the smallest unit at which livestock census data were available. The number of 896

³ See http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Glossary:Livestock_unit_(LSU)

- 897 livestock units produced per farm and its localization, as used in other studies (e.g., van898 Oudenhoven et al., 2012), were not available.
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900 Food (population density)

901 Food provision demand was mapped using population density as a proxy indicator. A

902 population density grid was generated based on an spatial intersect between a census tract

dataset (INE, 2011) and residential land classes extracted from a high resolution land cover

map (LCMC, 2009) assuming equal population distribution within residential land for eachcensus tract.

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907 Global climate regulation

The annual rate of carbon sequestration as supply indicator of global climate regulation was 908 909 estimated based on above-ground tree biomass maps for the province of Barcelona from Pino (2007). The author used empirical data from two Spanish forest inventories (IFN2 and IFN3) 910 and applied a land use regression (LUR) model considering various spatial predictors such as 911 land cover, elevation and various climate variables. Carbon sequestration was estimated and 912 mapped from tree biomass net growth between the two inventories considering a biomass-913 carbon ratio of 0.5 which approximates the proportional mass of carbon in the tree species of 914 the case study (Gracia et al., 2000-2004). 915

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Demand for climate regulation was based on annual carbon emissions estimated for each
BMR municipality. Estimates were collected from municipal Sustainable Energy Action
Plans (SEAPs) corresponding to the year 2012 by the Barcelona Regional Council⁴
accounting for emissions from sectors such as housing, transportation, services or waste
management. Unfortunately, SEAPs' data did not include emissions from some relevant
sectors such as industry or agriculture; therefore total values provide a first order estimate of
the magnitude of carbon emissions at the municipal level.

⁴ See http://www.diba.cat/en/web/mediambient/pactealcaldes

926 Air purification

Methods and data sources for mapping the supply (NO₂ dry deposition velocity) and demand 927 928 (NO₂ concentration levels) indicators of air purification in the BMR are fully described in Baró et al. (2016), hence here only a brief overview is provided. The supply indicator was 929 estimated following the approach proposed by Pistocchi et al. (2010), which estimates 930 deposition velocity (Vd) as a linear function of wind speed at 10 m height (w) and land cover 931 932 type. 933 $V_d = \alpha_i + \beta_i \cdot w$ 934 (1)935 936 Where α and β are, respectively, the intercept and slope coefficients corresponding to each broad land cover type *j*, namely forest, bare soil, water or any combination thereof. 937 938 Concentration of NO₂ (demand) was estimated using a LUR model, a computation approach 939 widely used for assessing air pollution at different scales (e.g., Beelen et al. 2013). The LUR 940 model was built using NO₂ concentration measurements (year 2013) from the operational 941 monitoring stations located in the BMR (n = 40) as dependent variable, and a set of spatial 942 predictor parameters (i.e., independent variables) related to land cover type, geomorphology, 943 944 climate, and population, that were considered to be the most relevant for distribution of NO_2 concentrations. 945 946 947 **Erosion control** A biophysical indicator could not be calculated for the supply of erosion control due to data 948 availability limitations, so we applied an expert-based matrix model (Burkhard et al., 2012) 949 using the regional land cover dataset as spatial data (Catalan Ministry of Territory and 950 Sustainability, 2012). We applied a table of correspondences between the CORINE land cover 951 types used in Burkhard et al. (2012) and the regional land cover types. 952 953 Following Burkhard et al. (2014) and Guerra et al. (2014), demand for erosion control was 954

mapped using a soil loss potential index map developed by the Department of Geology of the

Autonomous University of Barcelona for the Geographic Information System for the Network

of Open Areas in the province of Barcelona (SITxell⁵). The index is based on soil erodibility
and topographic factors, but it does not include climate factors such as rainfall runoff. It
defines four levels of soil loss potential, from 0 (negligible soil loss potential) to 3 (very high
soil potential).

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962 **Outdoor recreation**

Methods and data sources for mapping the supply (recreational potential index) and demand 963 (recreational demand index) indicators of outdoor recreation in the BMR are fully described 964 in Baró et al. (2016), hence here only a brief overview is provided. The model used here for 965 assessing outdoor recreation focuses on nature-based recreational activities in the everyday 966 967 life (Paracchini et al., 2014; Zulian et al., 2014). The rationale for assessing recreation capacity in this model can be summarized as follows: (1) the lesser human influence on 968 969 landscapes, the higher value in terms of nature-based recreational potential; (2) protected natural areas and features (e.g., remarkable trees) are considered indicators of high 970 recreational capacity; and (3) water bodies exert a specific attraction on the surrounding areas 971 (Paracchini et al., 2014). Recreation capacity is hence mapped on the basis of the assessment 972 of three components: degree of naturalness, nature protection, and presence of water. Each 973 component was composed of one to four internal factors considered relevant in the case study 974 of the BMR and for which spatial input data was available (see Baró et al., 2016). A score or 975 weight (in the 0–1 range) was assigned to every factor standing for their relative importance 976 or impact in terms of recreation potential. The final selection of factors and definition of 977 978 scores was based on a consultation process (via focus group) with four experts working in environmental planning and territorial analysis for the Barcelona Regional Council. The final 979 980 dimensionless value of recreation capacity was normalized in the 0-1 range. 981

Demand for outdoor recreation was mapped based on the availability of recreational sites (i.e.,
recreation capacity equal or higher than 0.4) close to people's homes and population density.
A spatial cross-tabulation was carried out between a reclassified raster of Euclidian distances
to recreation sites and the population density grid, assuming that all inhabitants in the case

⁵See http://www.sitxell.eu/en/mapa_geologia.asp

- study area have similar desires in terms of (everyday life) outdoor recreational opportunities,
- 987 but their level of fulfillment depends on proximity to recreation sites (see cross-tabulation
- 988 matrix in Baró et al., 2016). The resulting raster indicates ES demand in residential land
- following a 0 (i.e., no relevant demand) to 5 (i.e., very high demand) value range.
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