

Landscape characterization of Italian small ruminant populations

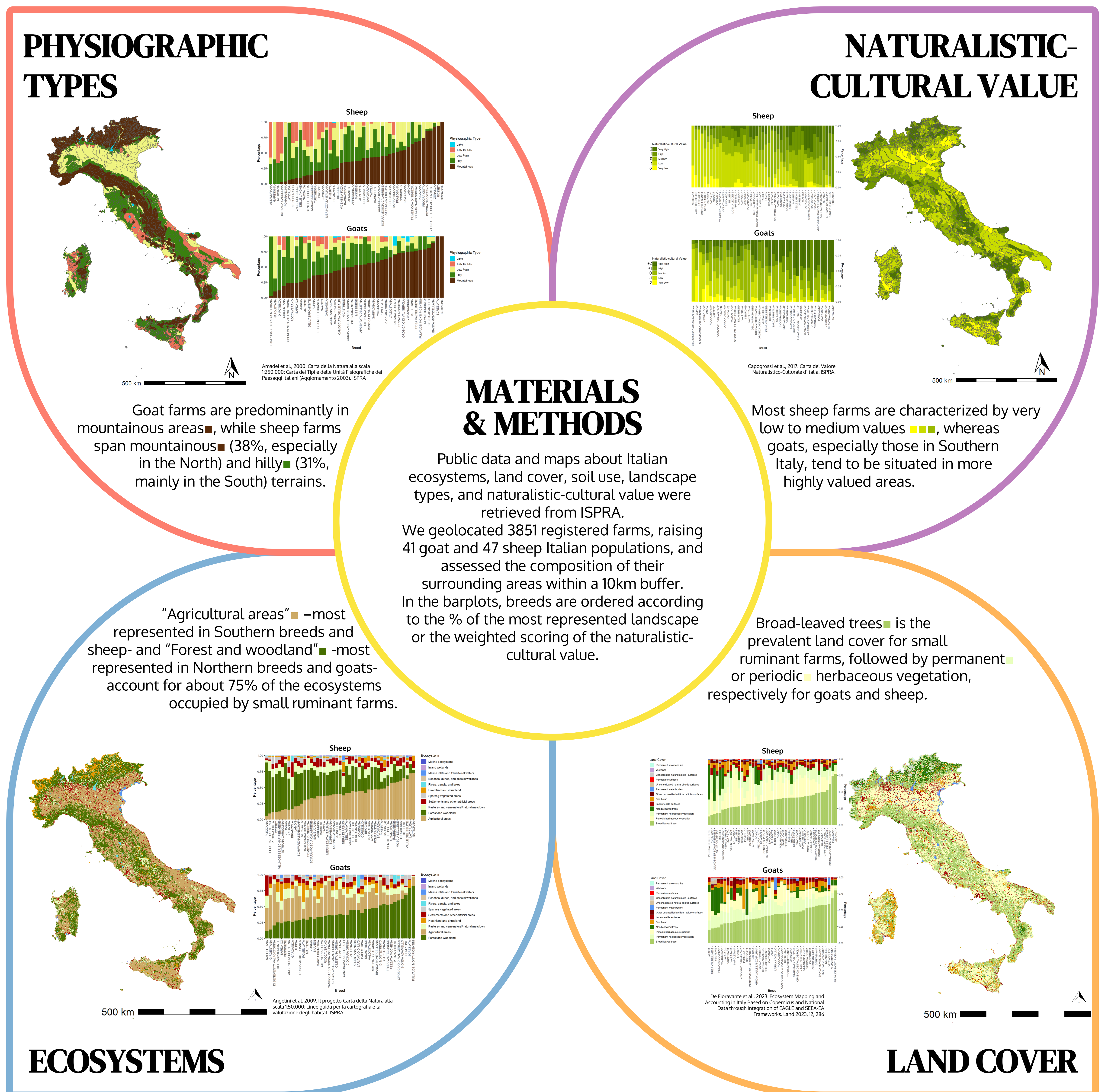
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Livestock farming is strongly interconnected with the surrounding environment, especially for small ruminants, which are often bred in extensive systems. Thus, characterizing the landscape of these farms offers insights into their ecological impact and conservation implications.



This study delineates the distribution of Italian small ruminant farms and the characteristics of the land they occupy, highlighting differences among species and breeds. These data might help to develop management strategies to valorize both Italian animal and environmental resources and facilitate the harmonious coexistence of livestock farming, ecosystem health, and biodiversity preservation.

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