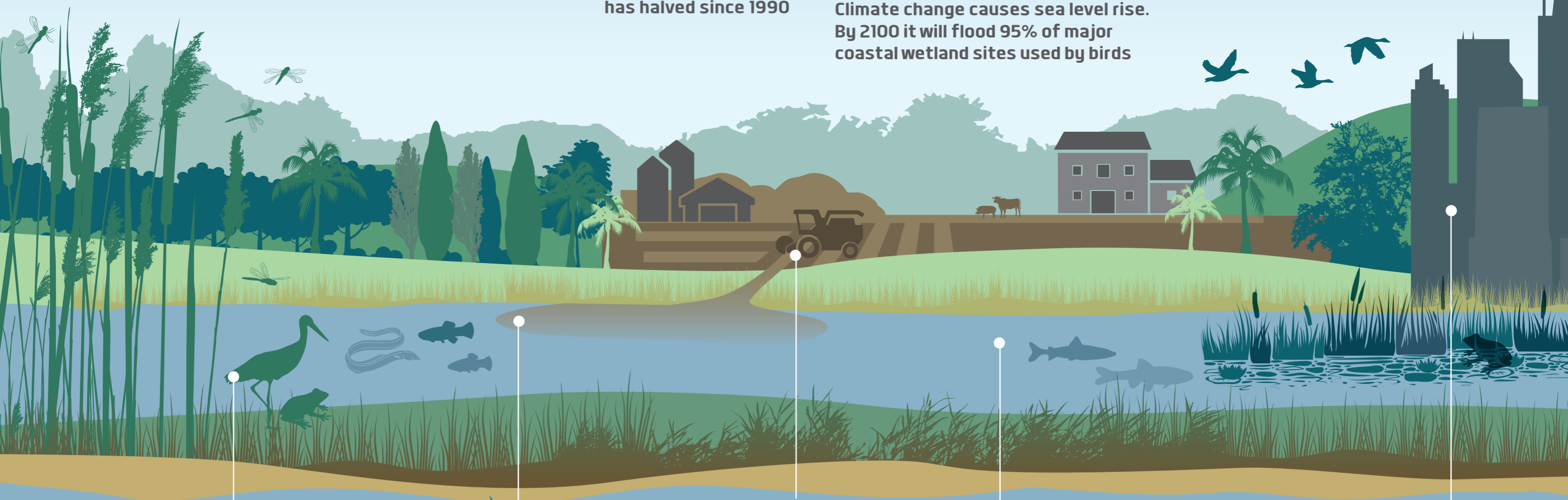
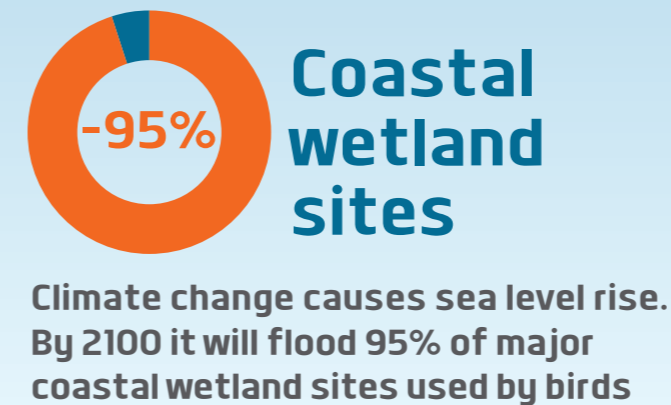
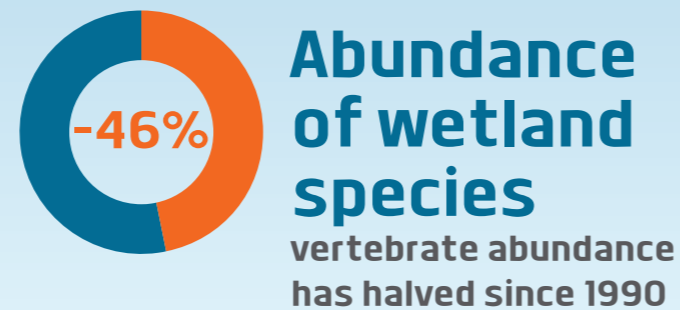
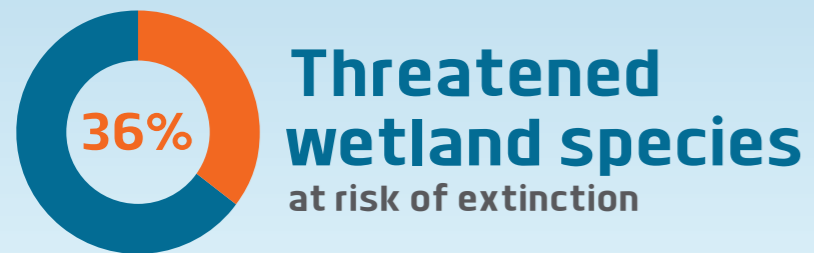


# Wetland biodiversity in crisis

Healthy wetlands play an essential role as a habitat for biodiversity and in adapting to climate change. Mediterranean wetlands are particularly important hosts for migratory birds. However, they are threatened by human pressures, thus reducing their capacity to preserve biodiversity.

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**Habitat fragmentation**  
makes adapting to climate change much harder for wetland animals like birds

**Pollution of natural wetland ecosystems from agricultural run-off**

**Conversion of wetlands to agricultural lands and fish farms**

**Diversion of water from wetlands to other purposes, causing ecosystem water shortages**

**Urbanisation building on wetlands, particularly on the coast**

Data source: Mediterranean Wetlands Outlook 2, Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory, Plan Bleu, EEA, University of Perpignan