



Urban metabolism

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Our knowledge-creation model



THE ECONOMY METABOLISM



A NEW KUZNETS CURVE ?



CONSEQUENCES: ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT



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ECOSYSTEM METAPHOR IN INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY

Systemic approach to understand and improve systems in a global perspective



Agenda 21: Chapter 4 – CHANGING CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

Action is needed to meet the following broad objectives:

- (a) To promote patterns of consumption and production that reduce environmental stress and will meet the basic needs of humanity
- (b) To develop a better understanding of the role of consumption and how to bring about more sustainable consumption patterns



URBAN METABOLISM FRAMEWORK

Urban Areas concentrate the largest part of Consumption Activities

Hinterland responsible for most of Resources Extraction, Production and Decomposition activities

Urban Metabolism deals mainly with the overall fluxes of energy and materials (water included) in and out of the urban region



THEORETHICAL APPROACH TO SCP IN URBAN AREAS



KEY CONCEPT: MATERIAL FLOW ANALYSIS

The main tool to analyze flows is MFA Starting point to describe the Urban Metabolism





















No. 5 Spin (Science)
 No. 6 Spin (Science)
 No. 7 Spin (Science)





LISBON MATERIAL MATRIX Extended MFA of AML



Urban Resource Flow Dynamics



System dynamics of metals in the urban environment



Energy and population densities related to critical

Urban Service Densities

INFORMATION - D.P.S.I.R FOR POLICY MAKING





Our approach: developing new interdisciplinary models