

## 2/ the ecological footprint at a global scale

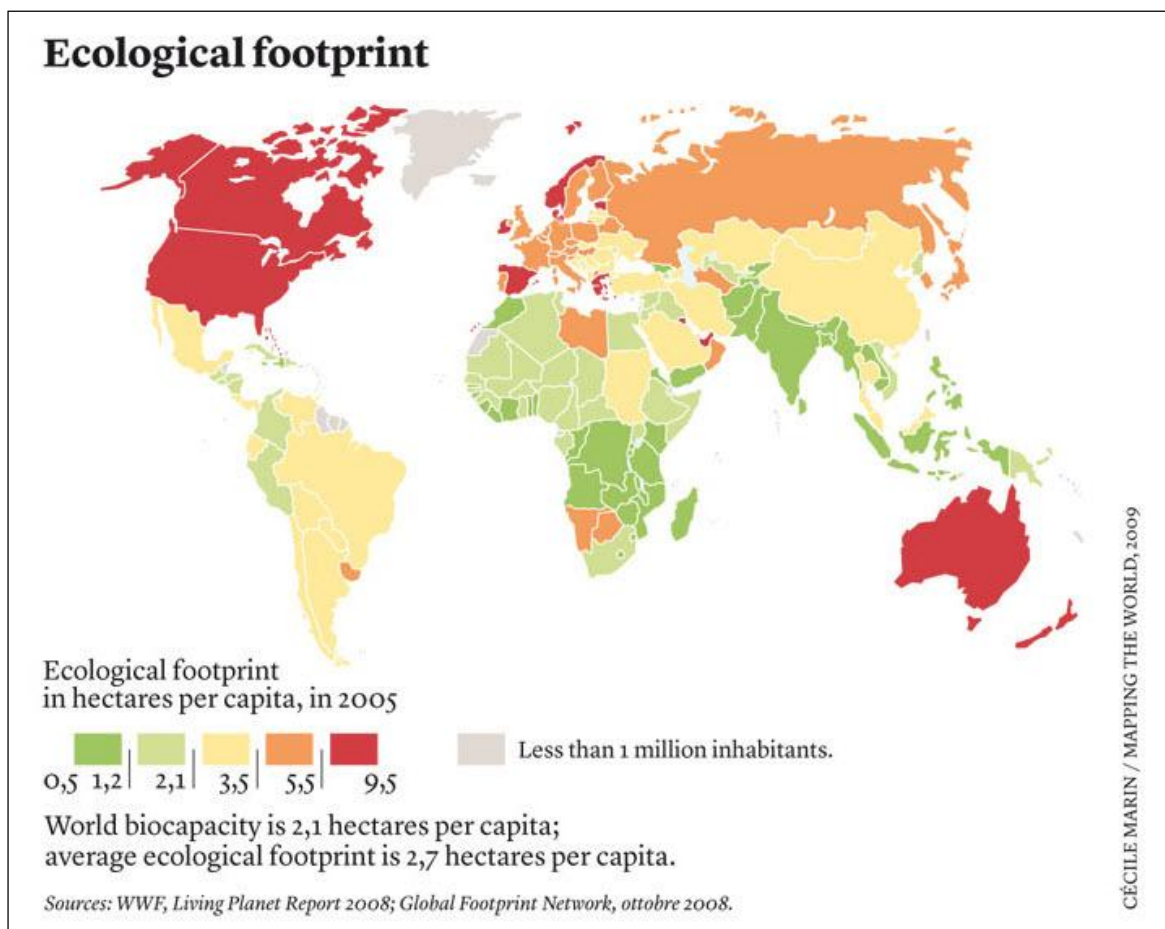
### Questions

1/ Compare the two maps (doc. 1 and 2) and demonstrate that the ecological footprint of developed countries is higher than the developing ones.

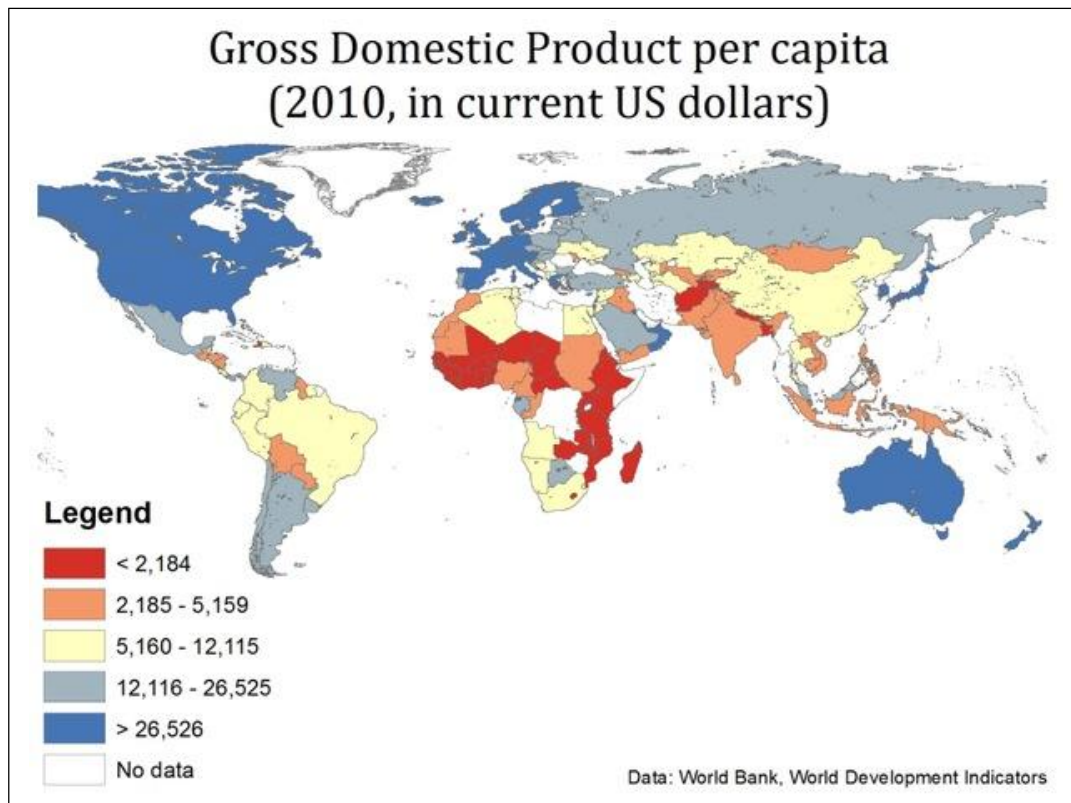
2/ According to the document 3, what are the two limits of the ecological footprint ?

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### Document 1



## Document 2



## Document 3

### Limitations of Ecological footprint

The Ecological Footprint is not a precise measure of ecological sustainability. While it is perhaps the best estimate to date, it is important to recognize its limitations. In general, the Footprint underestimates the impact of human activities on the biosphere. Any applications of the Footprint methodology must keep this perspective in mind.

[...] Another limitation is that the approach allows only general types of bioproductive areas to be identified (e.g. cropland, forests, etc). Specific ecosystems within these areas are not addressed. These limitations do not invalidate the Footprint, but do underline the importance of interpreting any specific application with these limitations in mind.

Source : Sustainable scale project website