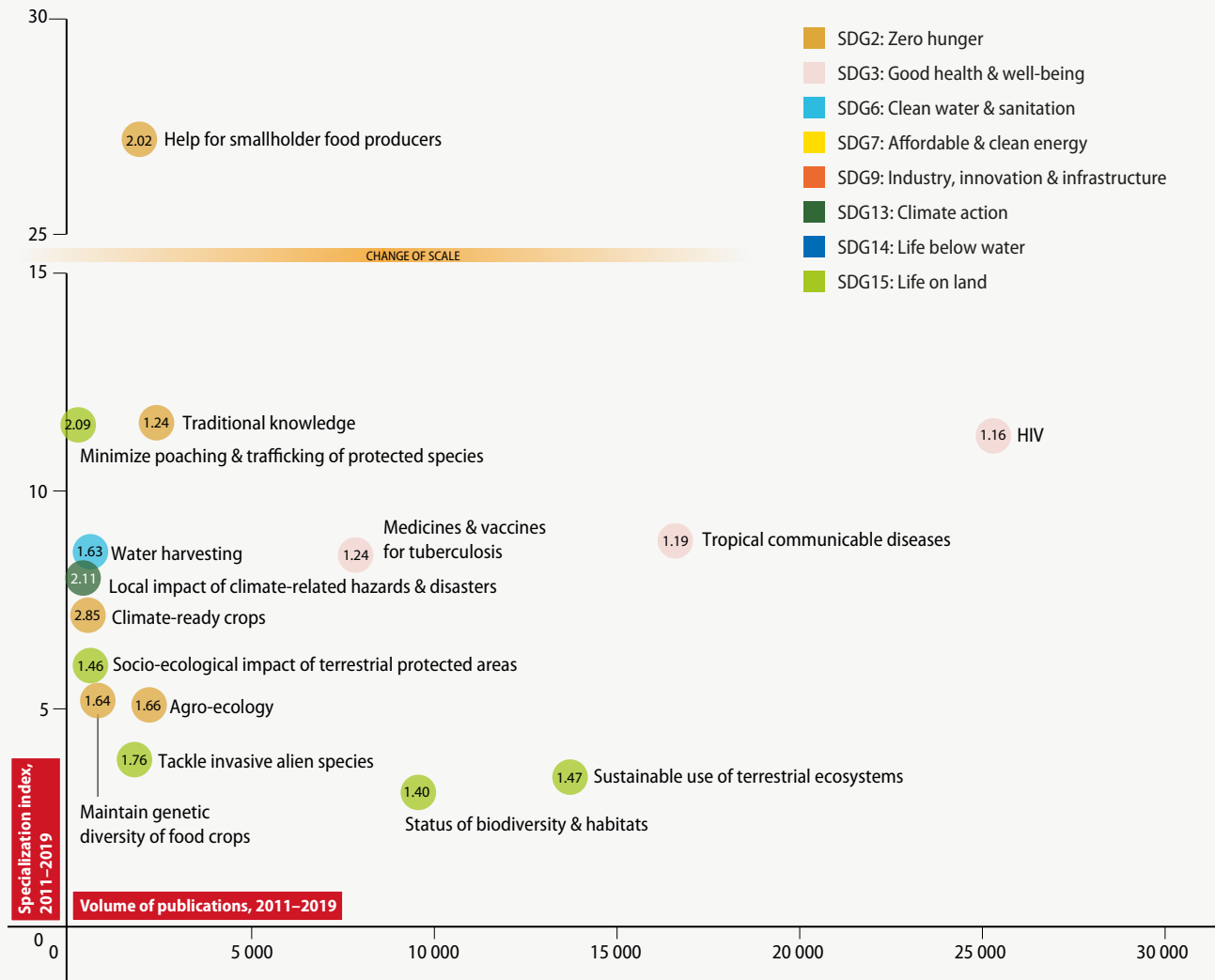




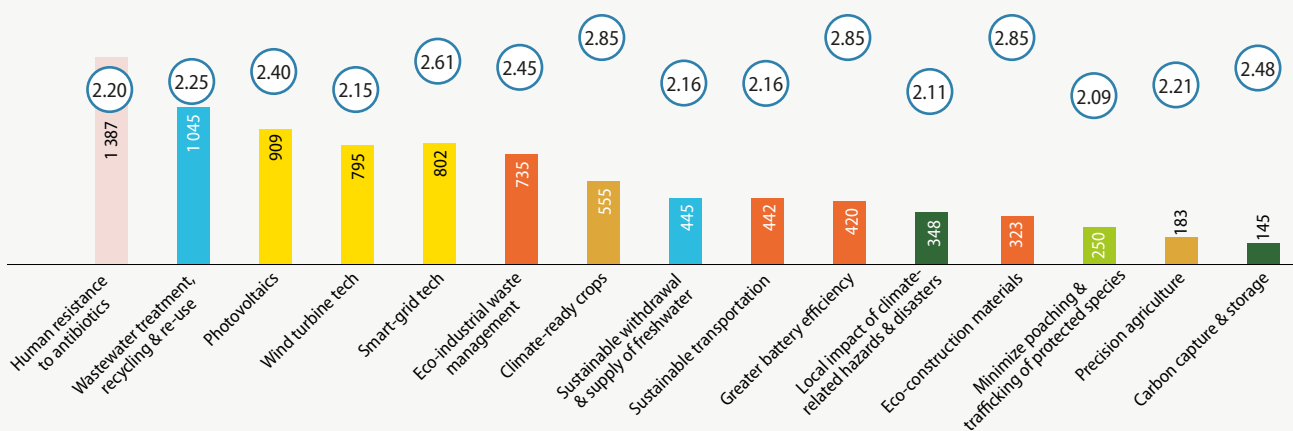
**Figure 19.6 Trends in scientific publishing on SDG-related topics in sub-Saharan Africa**  
For topics with more than 100 publications over the period under study

**Top fifteen topics in sub-Saharan Africa by specialization, 2011–2019**

Values in the circles represent the growth rate



**Top fifteen topics in sub-Saharan Africa by growth rate, in order by volume, 2012–2019**



Note: The growth rate is calculated as the number of publications from 2016–2019 divided by the number of publications from 2012–2015. The specialization index reflects the intensity of focus on a research topic relative to the global average share of publications (set at 1.00). The following topics (in order by volume) were excluded because sub-Saharan African authors produced fewer than 100 publications during the period under study: radioactive waste management; new technologies to protect from climate-related hazards; sustainably manage marine tourism; local disaster risk reduction strategies; eco-alternatives to plastics; ecosystem-based approaches in protected areas on land; ecosystem-based approaches in marine environments; transboundary water resource management; floating plastic debris in the ocean; national and urban greenhouse gas emissions; extent of water-related ecosystems; nuclear fusion; and ocean acidification. See chapter 2 for details.

Source: Scopus (including Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences); data treatment by Science-Metrix