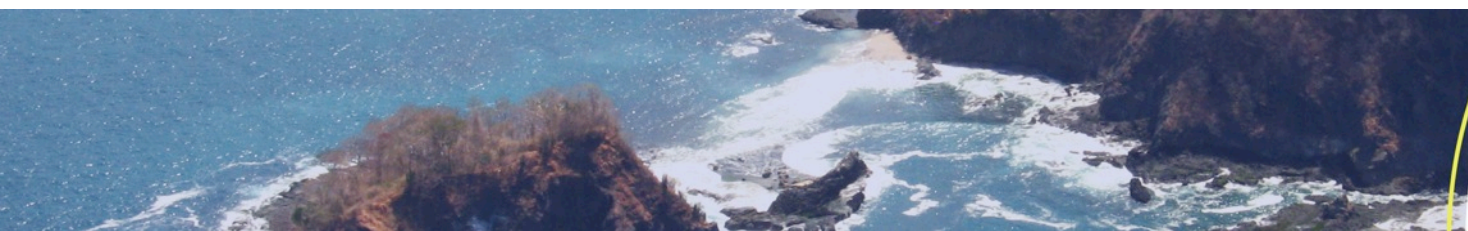


The Terraba-Sierpe Delta Complex



**43,000 Has
99% Pacific**



The Sierpe-Térraba Deltaic Complex





- Terraba-Largest Watershed in the Country (10% of country)
- Largest Mangrove Unit
- Feed by Two Watersheds
- Link Between Freshwater Swamps and Mangroves

Legend

- Major Towns
- Principal Rivers
- Rivers, Streams and Canals
- Major Roads






Grande de Térraba River - Sierpe River Basin

- ▭ Térraba - Sierpe Basin
- ▭ Wetland

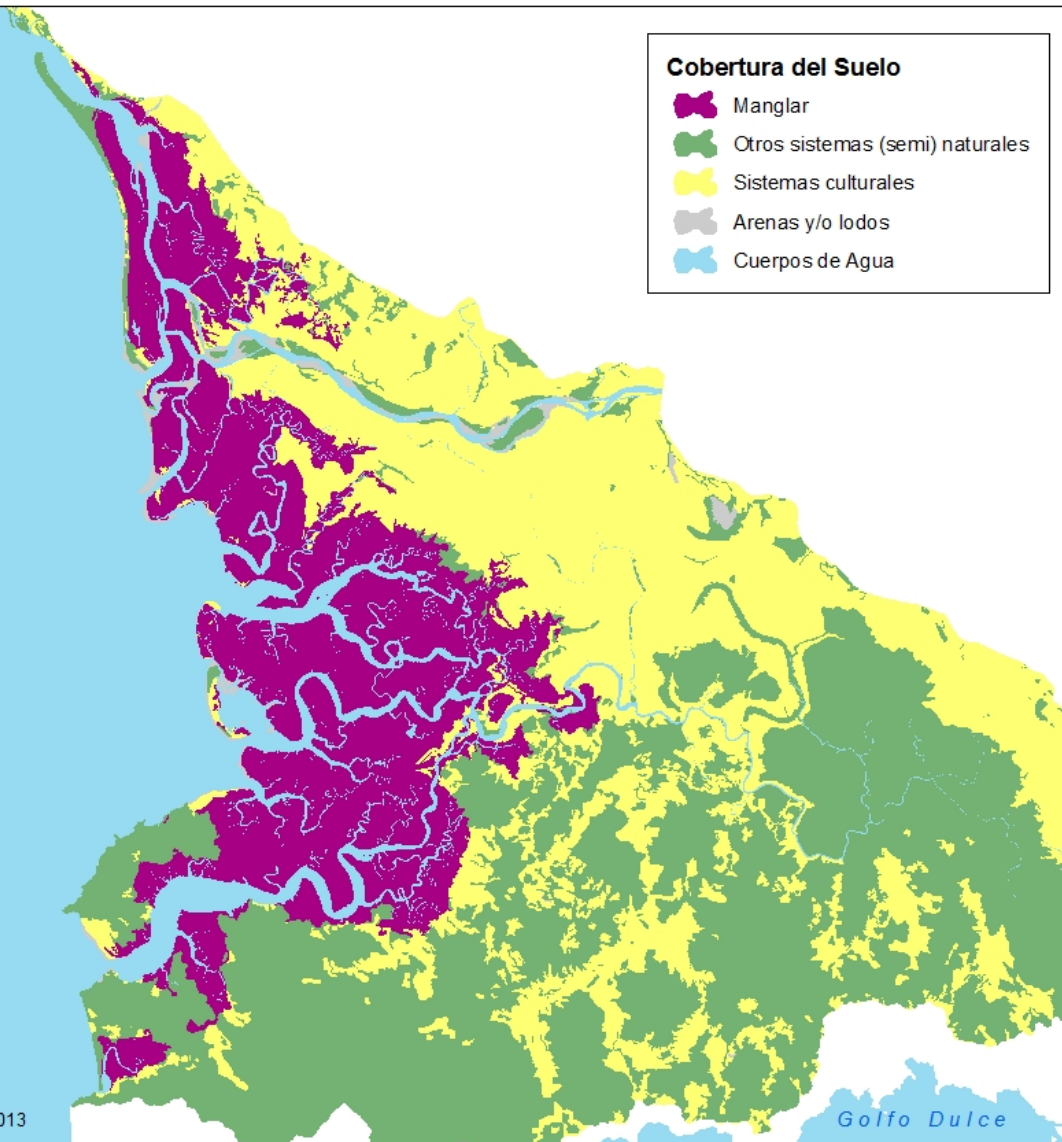


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Cobertura del Suelo

-  Manglar
-  Otros sistemas (semi) naturales
-  Sistemas culturales
-  Arenas y/o lodos
-  Cuerpos de Agua

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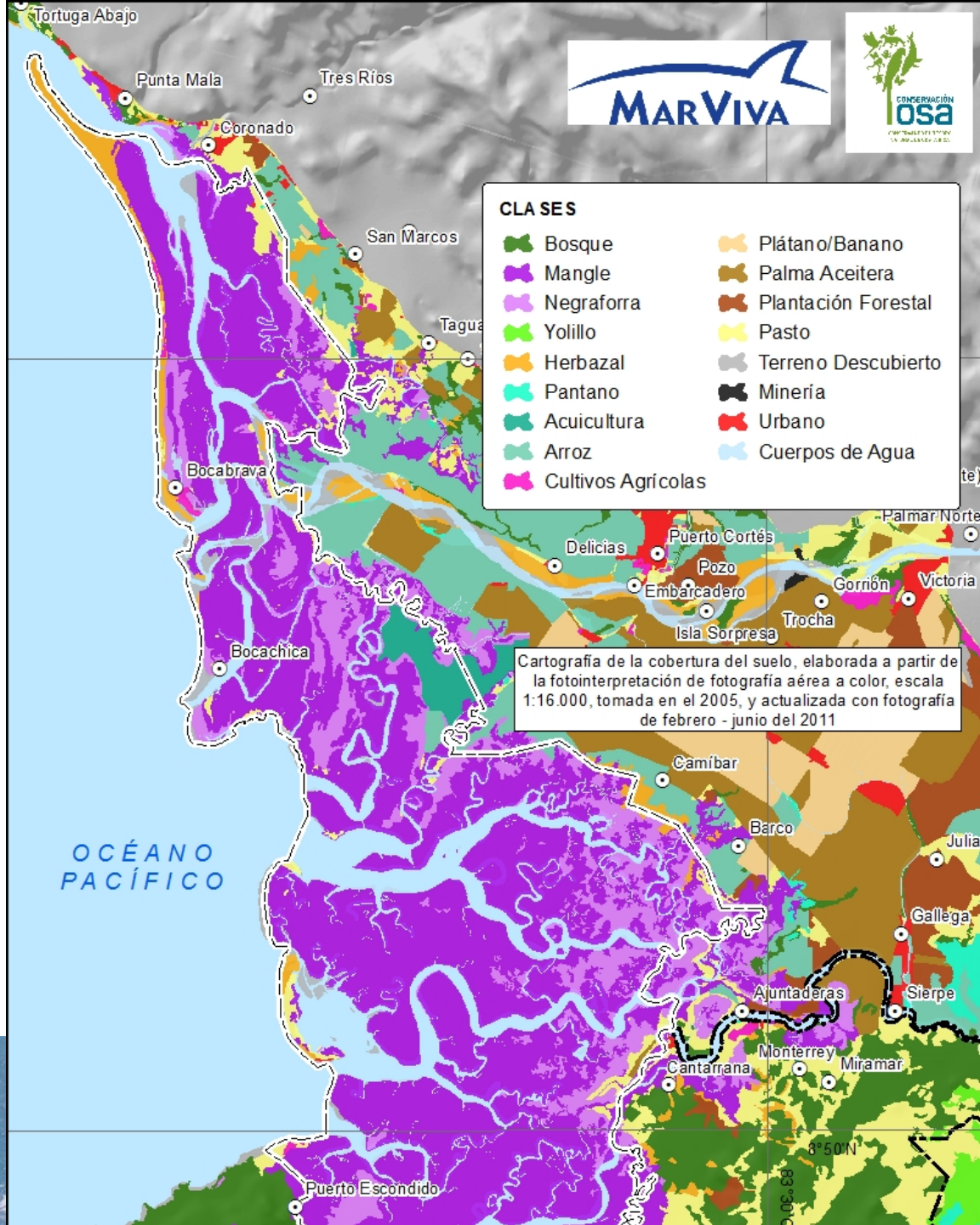


Golfo Dulce

Fuente: MarViva & Conservación Osa. 2013

**Wetlands
Coverage**

**Other
Coverages**



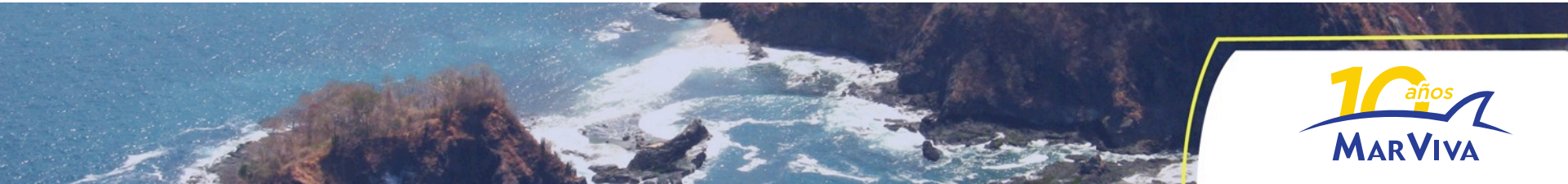
CLASES

Bosque	Plátano/Banano
Mangle	Palma Aceitera
Negraforra	Plantación Forestal
Yolillo	Pasto
Herbazal	Terreno Descubierta
Pantano	Minería
Acuicultura	Urbano
Arroz	Cuerpos de Agua
Cultivos Agrícolas	

Cartografía de la cobertura del suelo, elaborada a partir de la fotointerpretación de fotografía aérea a color, escala 1:16.000, tomada en el 2005, y actualizada con fotografía de febrero - junio del 2011

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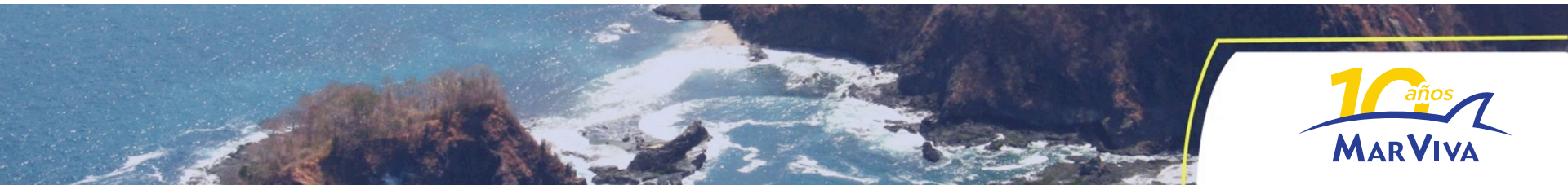
Relevance in the Local Economy



Main Trawling Grounds Offshore



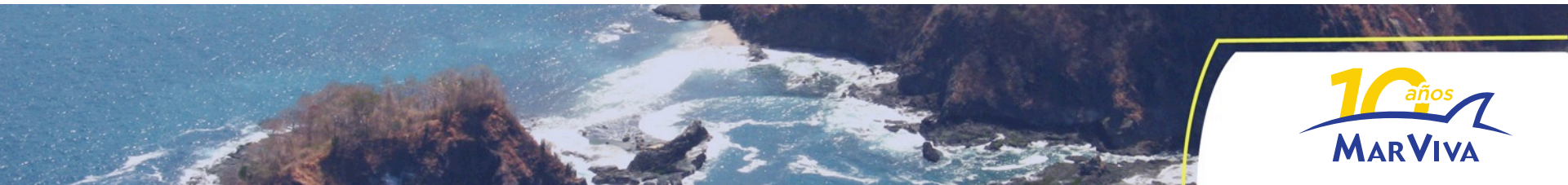
Main Breeding Ground for Hammerhead Shark



Pianguas

Anadara tuberculosa

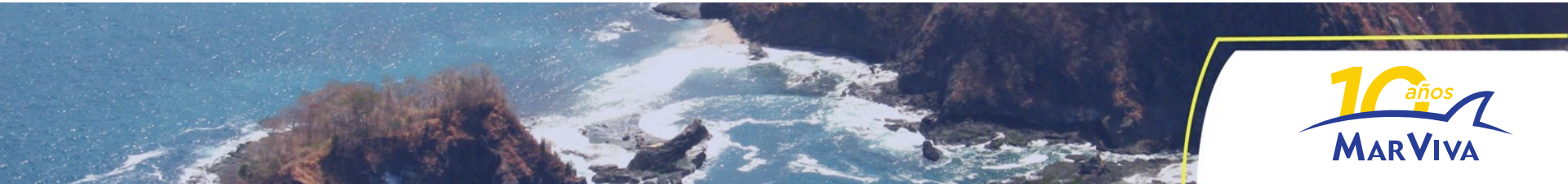
6 million/yr





Local Navegation Routes

Forest Composition & Characteristics

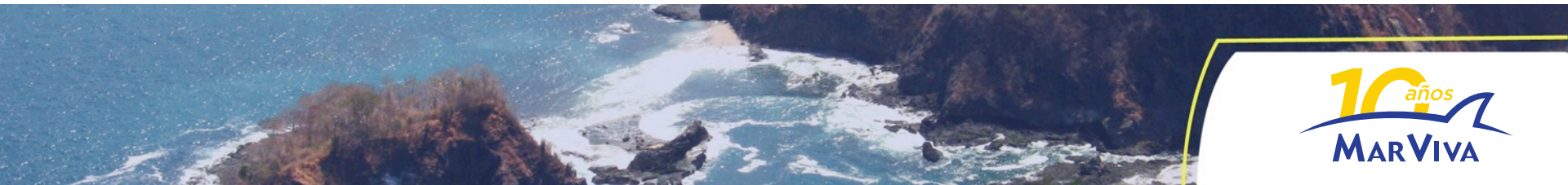




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Rhizophora mangle

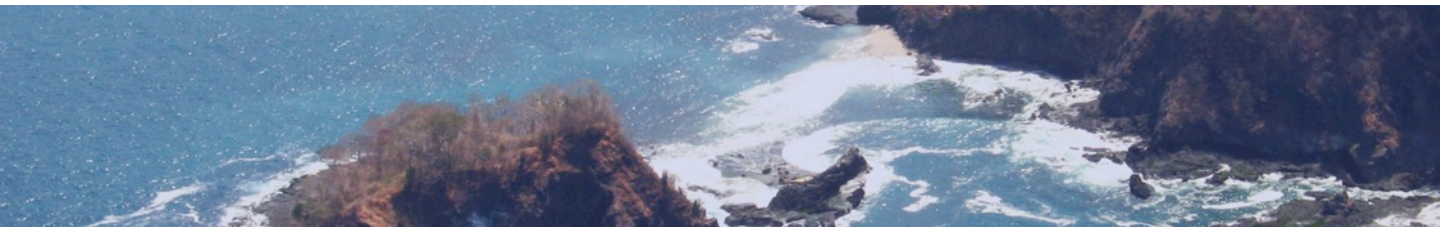
Rhizophora racemosa



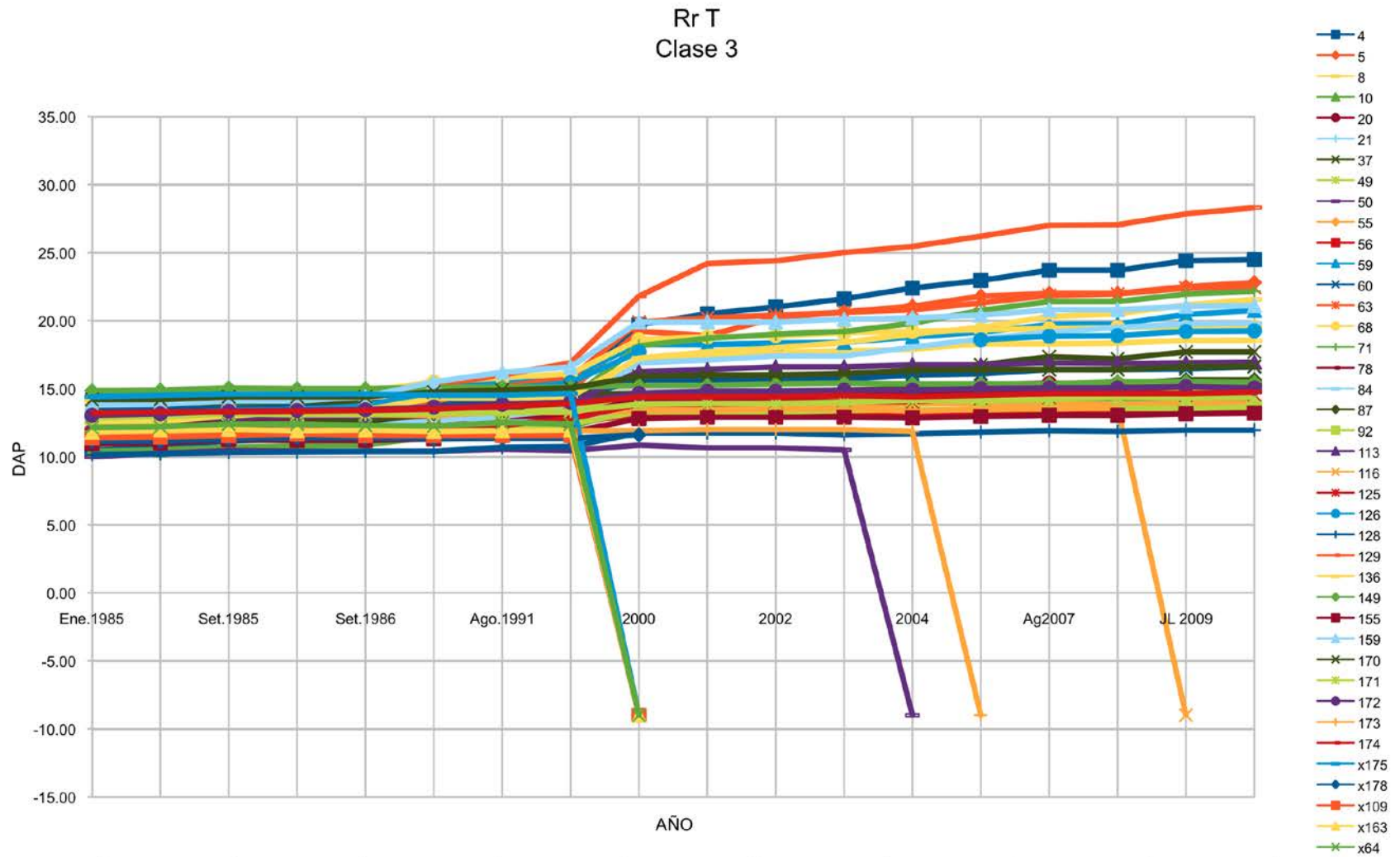
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	Volumen (m3/ha)	
Rhizophora	163	Garza-Terraba
	116	Encanto-Terraba
	256	Darién
	129	Tripa Pollo-Sierpe



Flooding Tolerance- Roots



Rhizophora- Growth Rates



Pelliciera rhizophorae

Piñuela, mangle piña

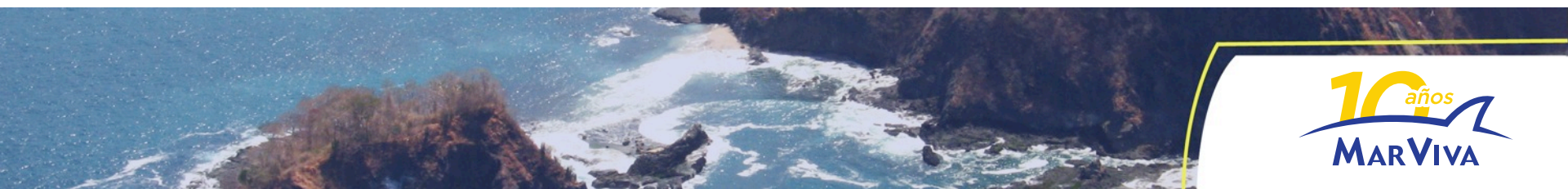
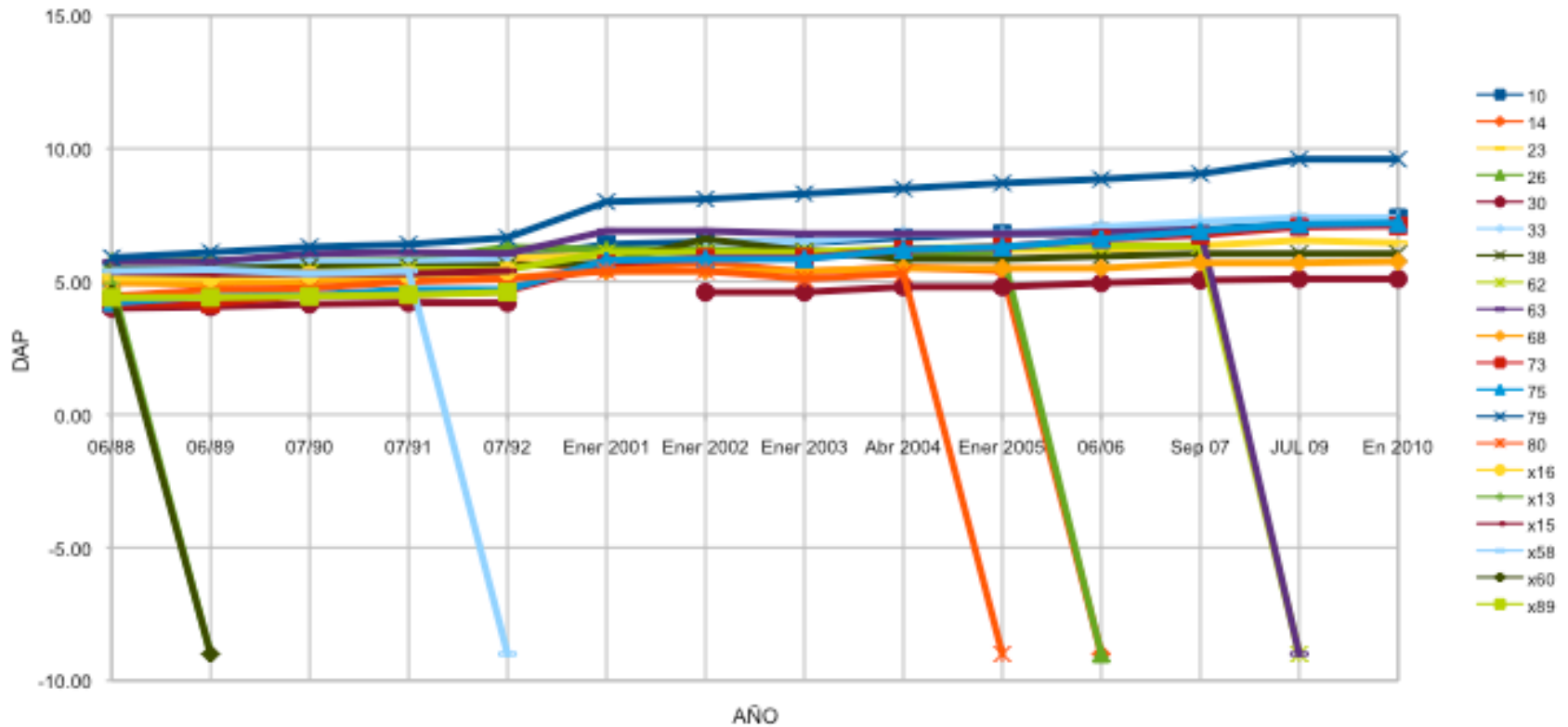


	Wet	
	Volumen (m3/ha)	
Pelliciera	117	Garza- Terraba
	306	Encanto-Terraba
	71	Tripa Pollo-Sierpe

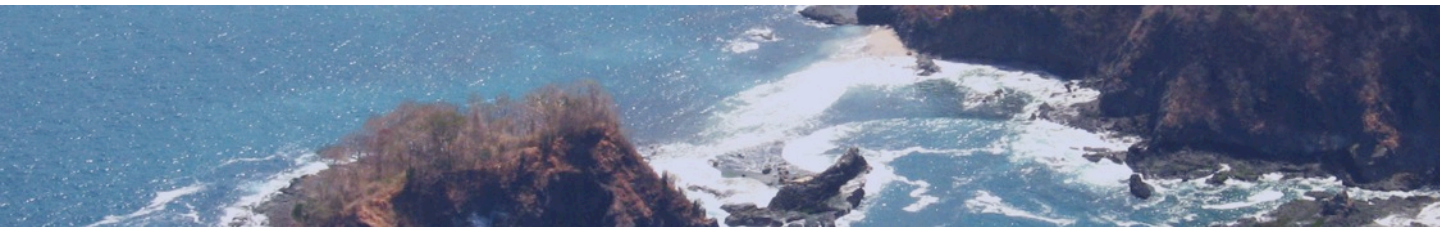
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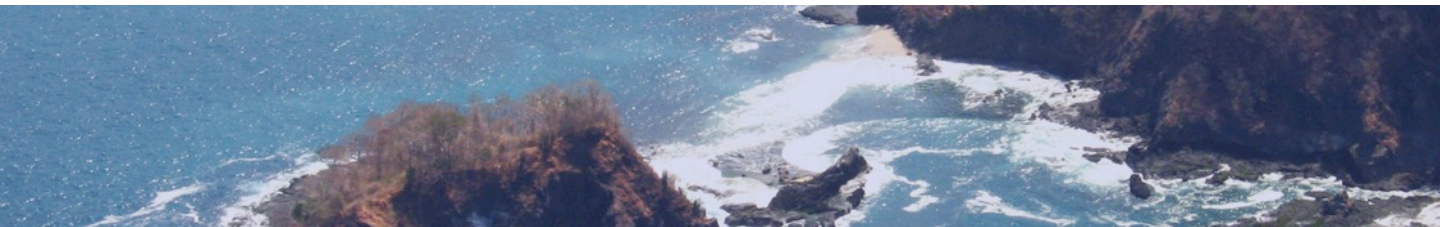
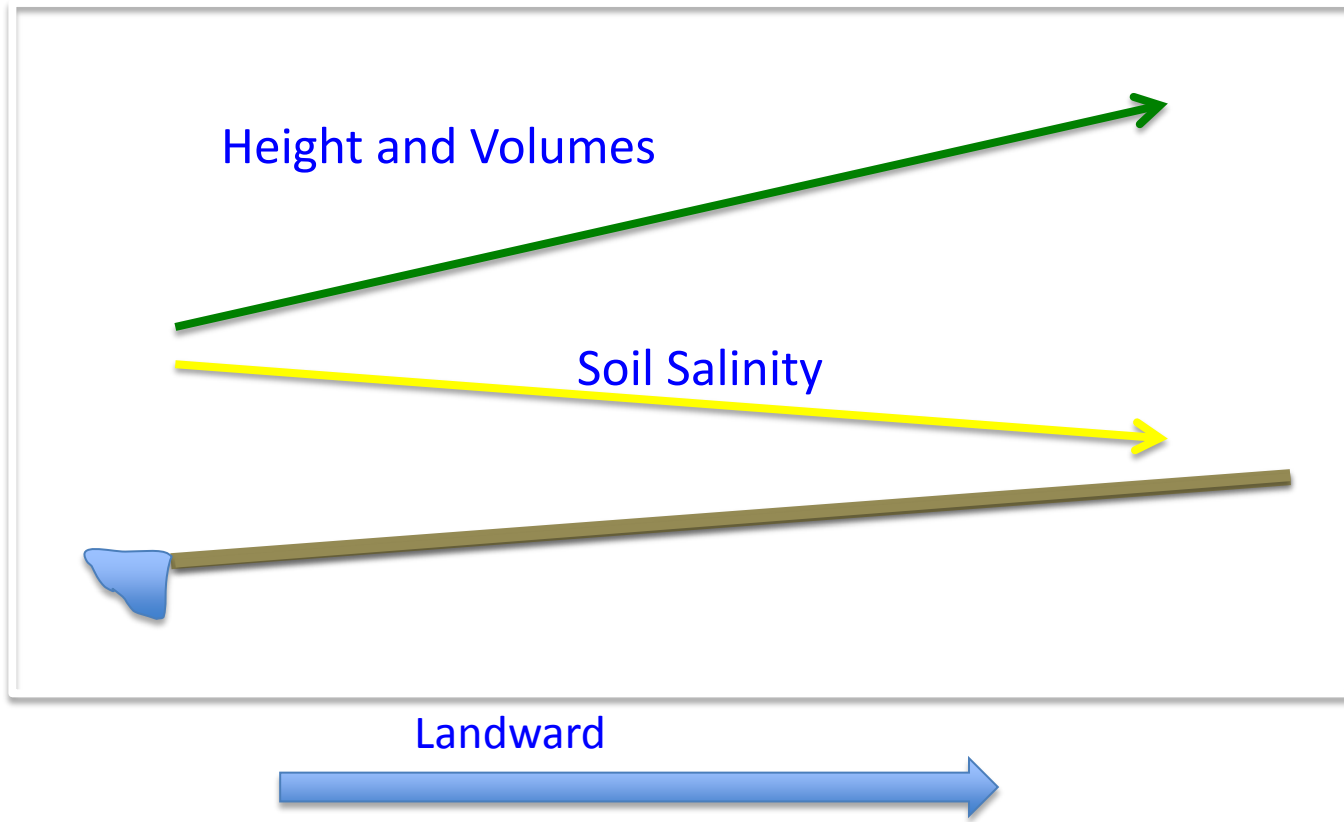
Pelliciera rhizophorae-Growth Rates

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Clase 2



Theoretical Transect



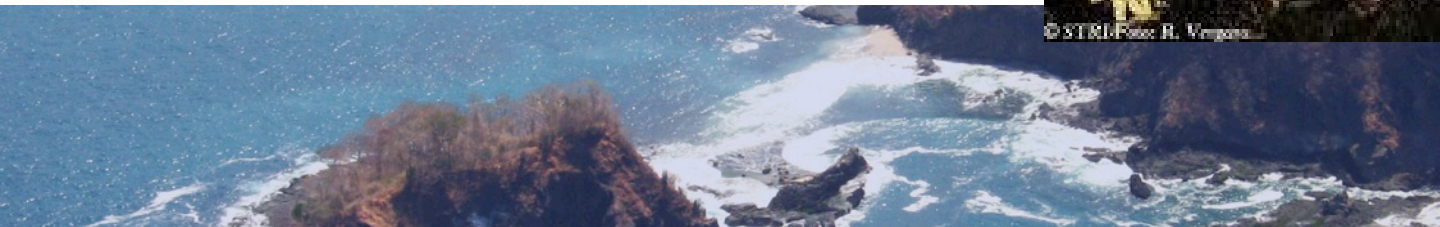


Growth Rate Gradient

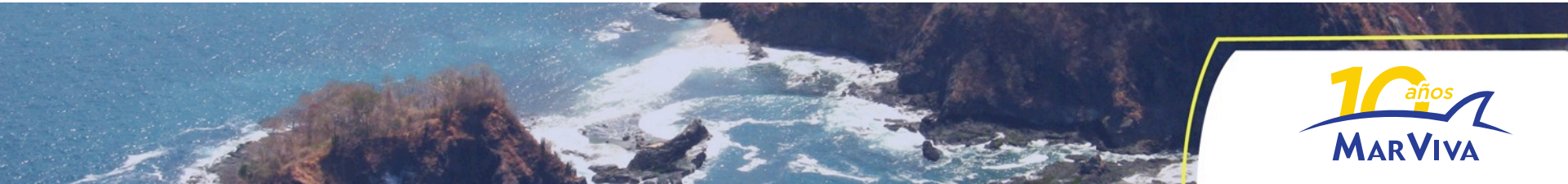


Negra Forra

Acrostichum aureum



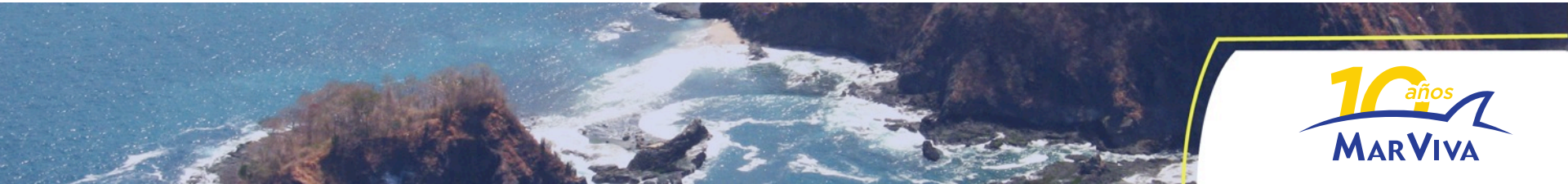
The Role of Sediments in the Dynamics of the Mangrove







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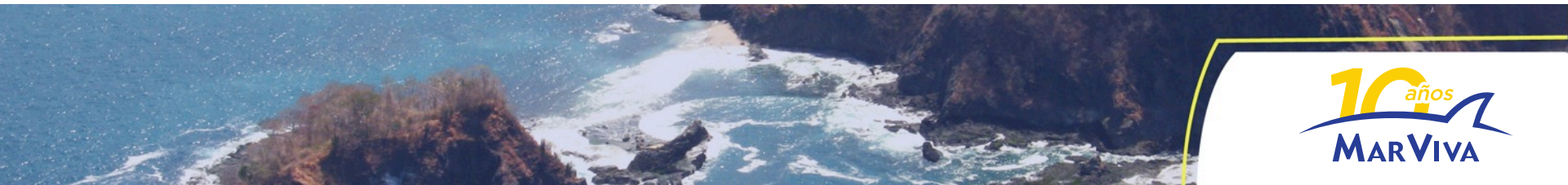
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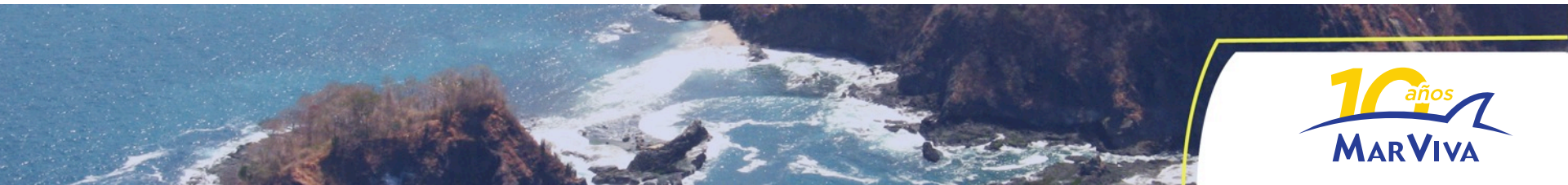
**Mangrove Soil at this Site
accumulates 76% of total
carbon in the system.
Trees accumulated 20%**

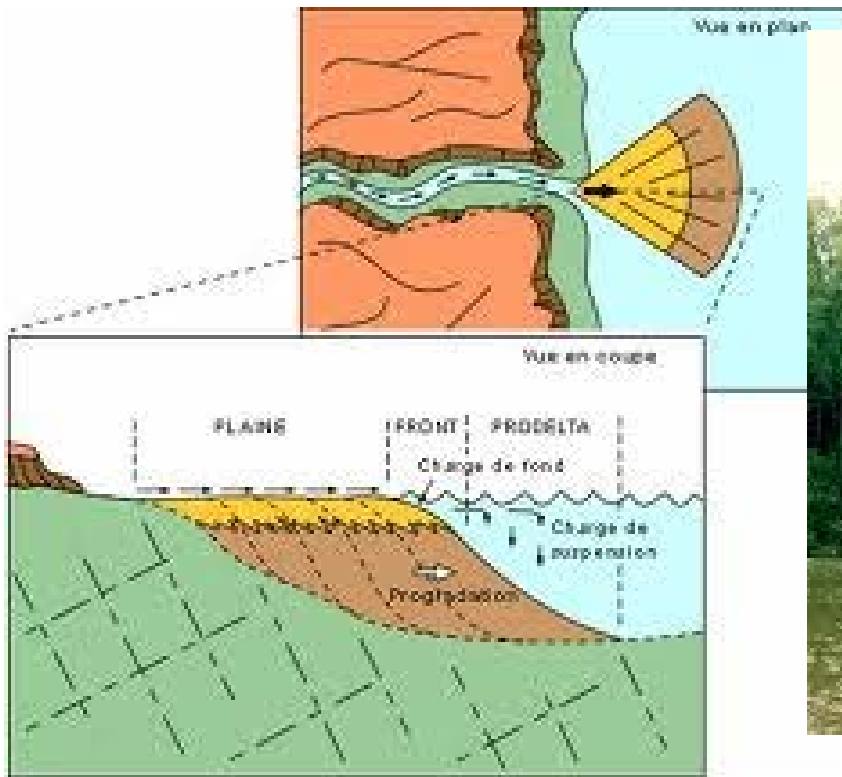
Trees: 73 y 75 MT/Ha

**Soil : 391-438 MT/ha
(down to 1 m depth)**

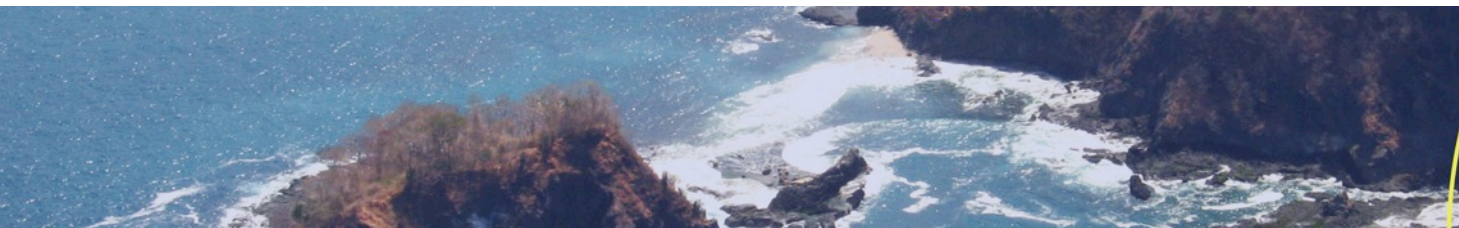


The Sea Front





Association with geo-morphological history:
 Old Sediments- Old Forests in the back,
 New Sediments-New Forests in the Front..

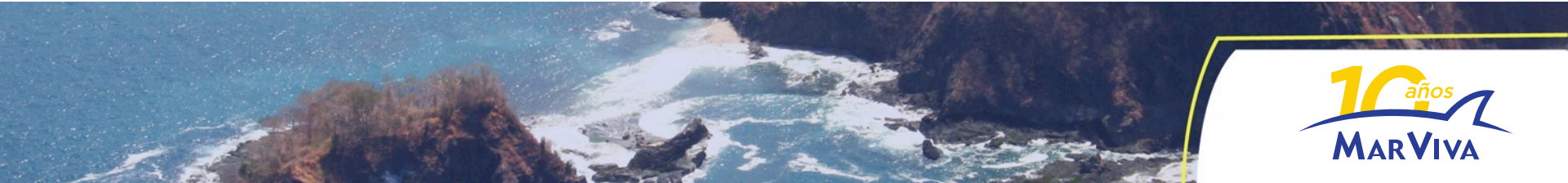






River borne sediments

Longshore Transport

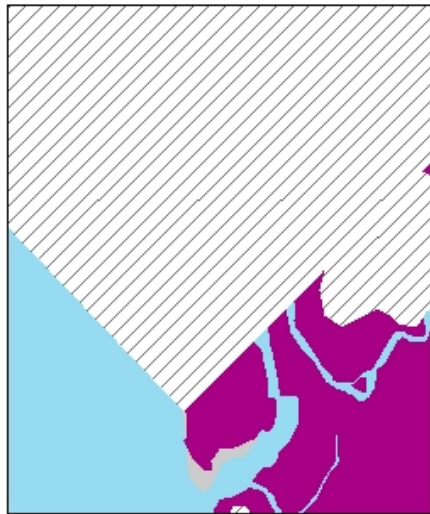




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DESEMBOCADURA PRINCIPAL DEL GRANDE DE TÉRRABA

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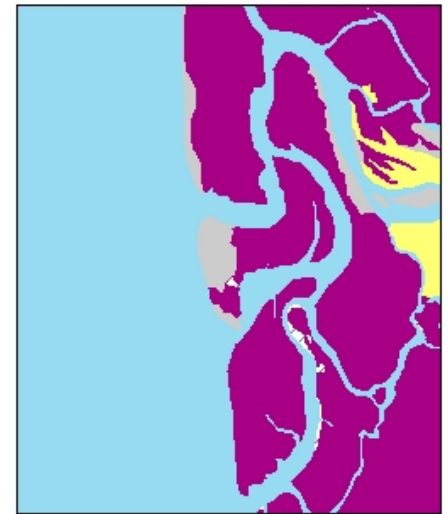
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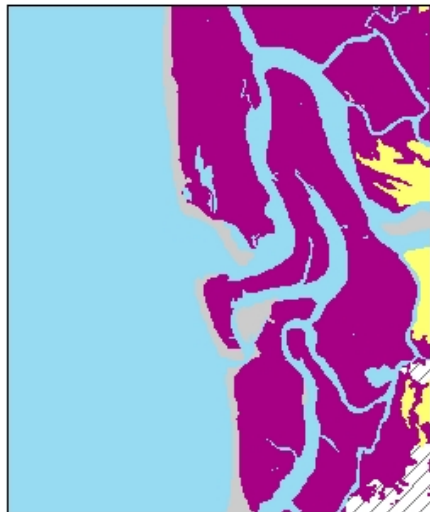
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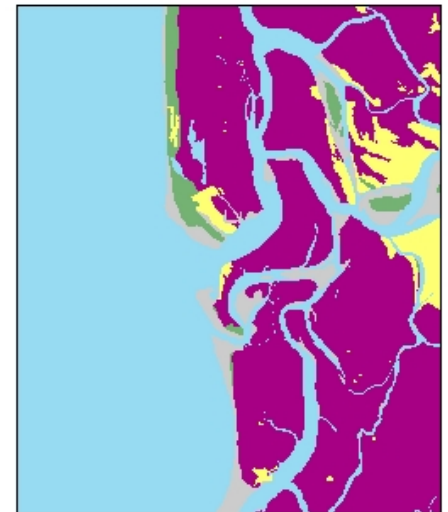
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BOCAS GUARUMAL Y ZACATE

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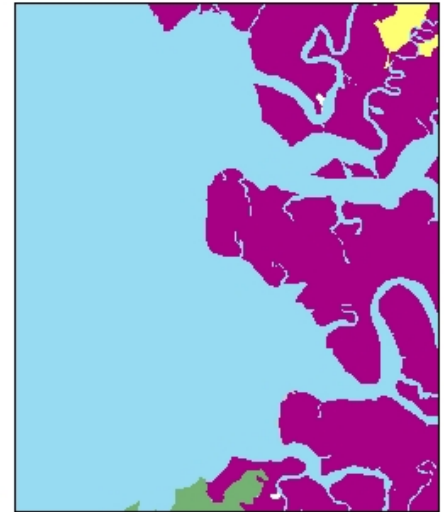
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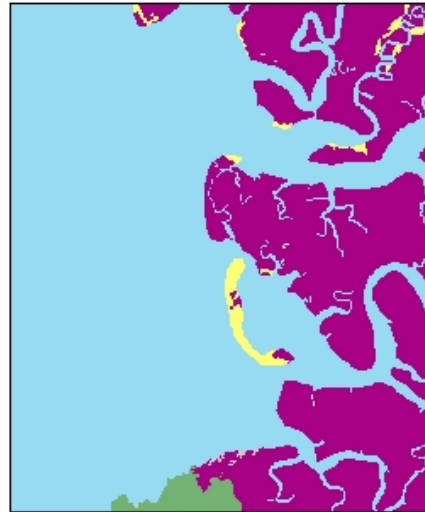
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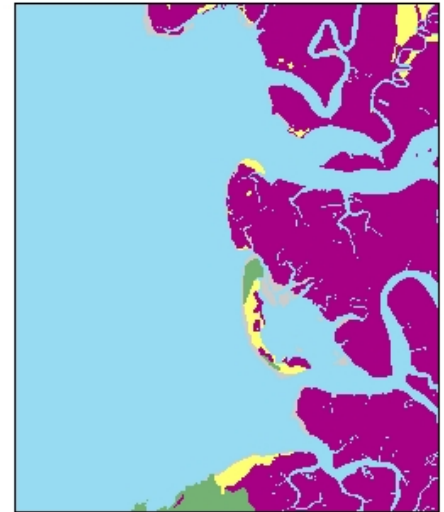
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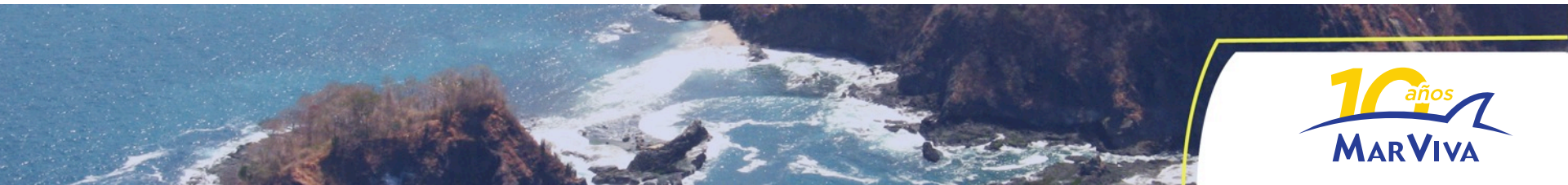


Progradation and Erosion

An aerial photograph of a river delta system. The upper portion of the image shows a dense, green forest covering a hillside. A river flows from the top right towards the center. Below the forest, there is a large, light-colored, sandy or silty area that has prograded into the river. This area is characterized by several distinct, roughly parallel ridges or terraces that have formed as the river's mouth shifted seaward over time. The river continues to flow through the lower part of the image, with some debris and smaller channels visible. The overall scene illustrates the dynamic processes of sediment deposition and erosion in a river delta.

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Threats and Changes in the System

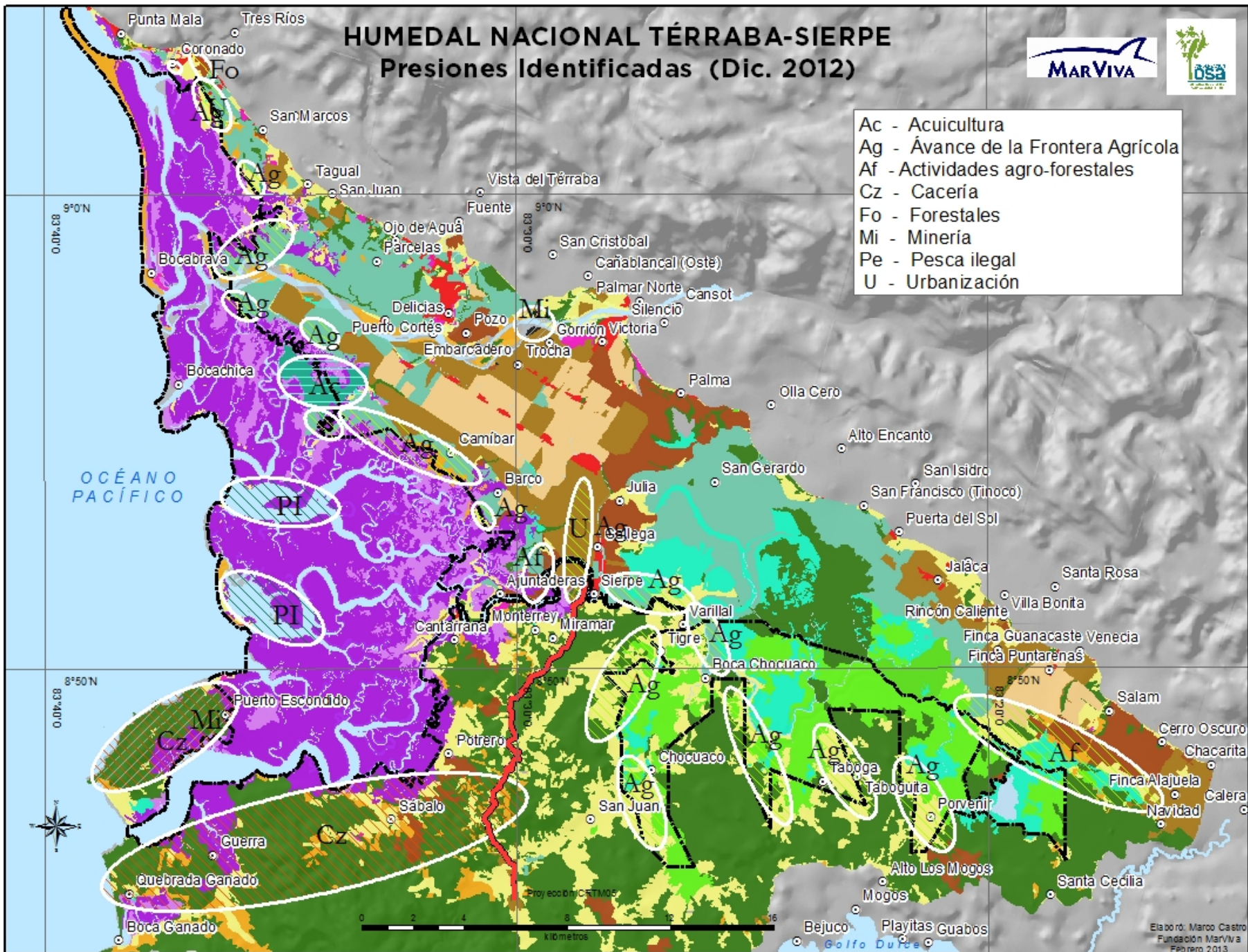


HUMEDAL NACIONAL TERRABA-SIERPE

Presiones Identificadas (Dic. 2012)



- Ac - Acuicultura
- Ag - Ávance de la Frontera Agrícola
- Af - Actividades agro-forestales
- Cz - Cacería
- Fo - Forestales
- Mi - Minería
- Pe - Pesca ilegal
- U - Urbanización

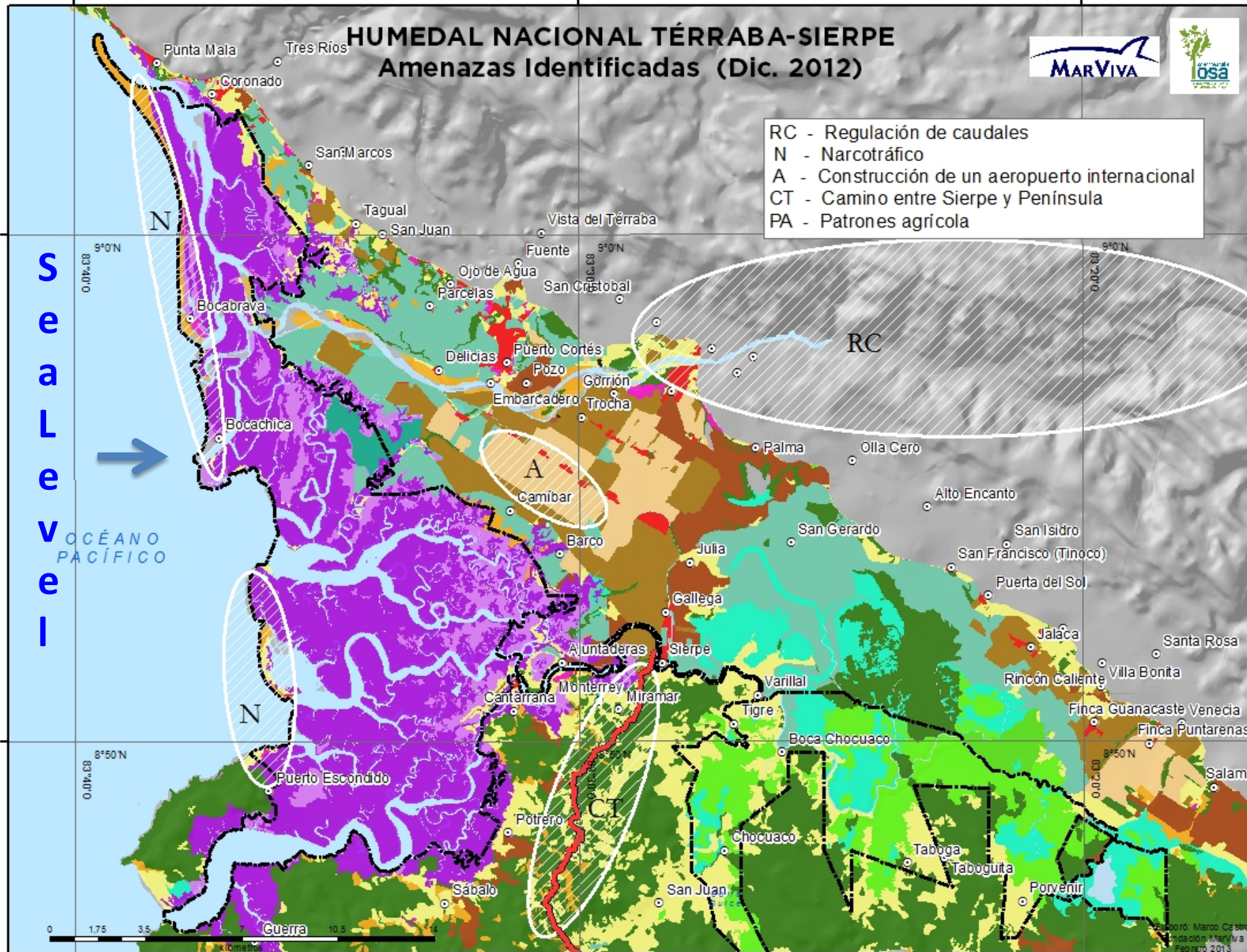


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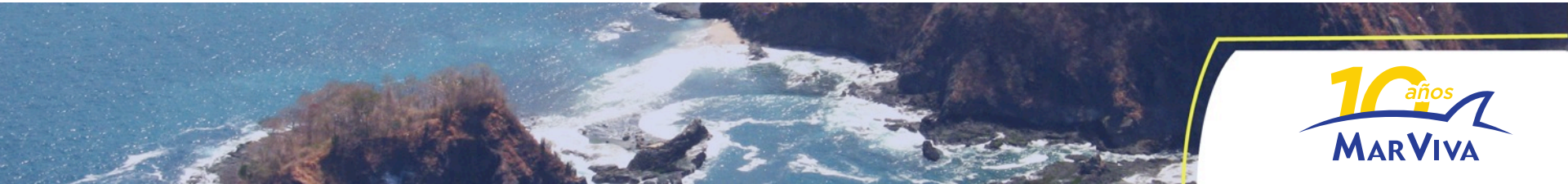
Amenazas Identificadas (Dic. 2012)



- RC - Regulación de caudales
- N - Narcotráfico
- A - Construcción de un aeropuerto internacional
- CT - Camino entre Sierpe y Península
- PA - Patrones agrícola



Reclamation



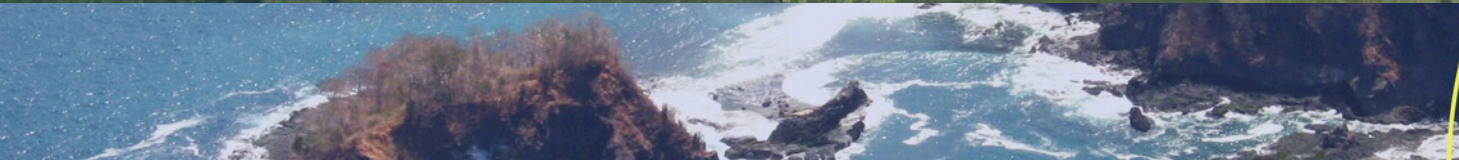


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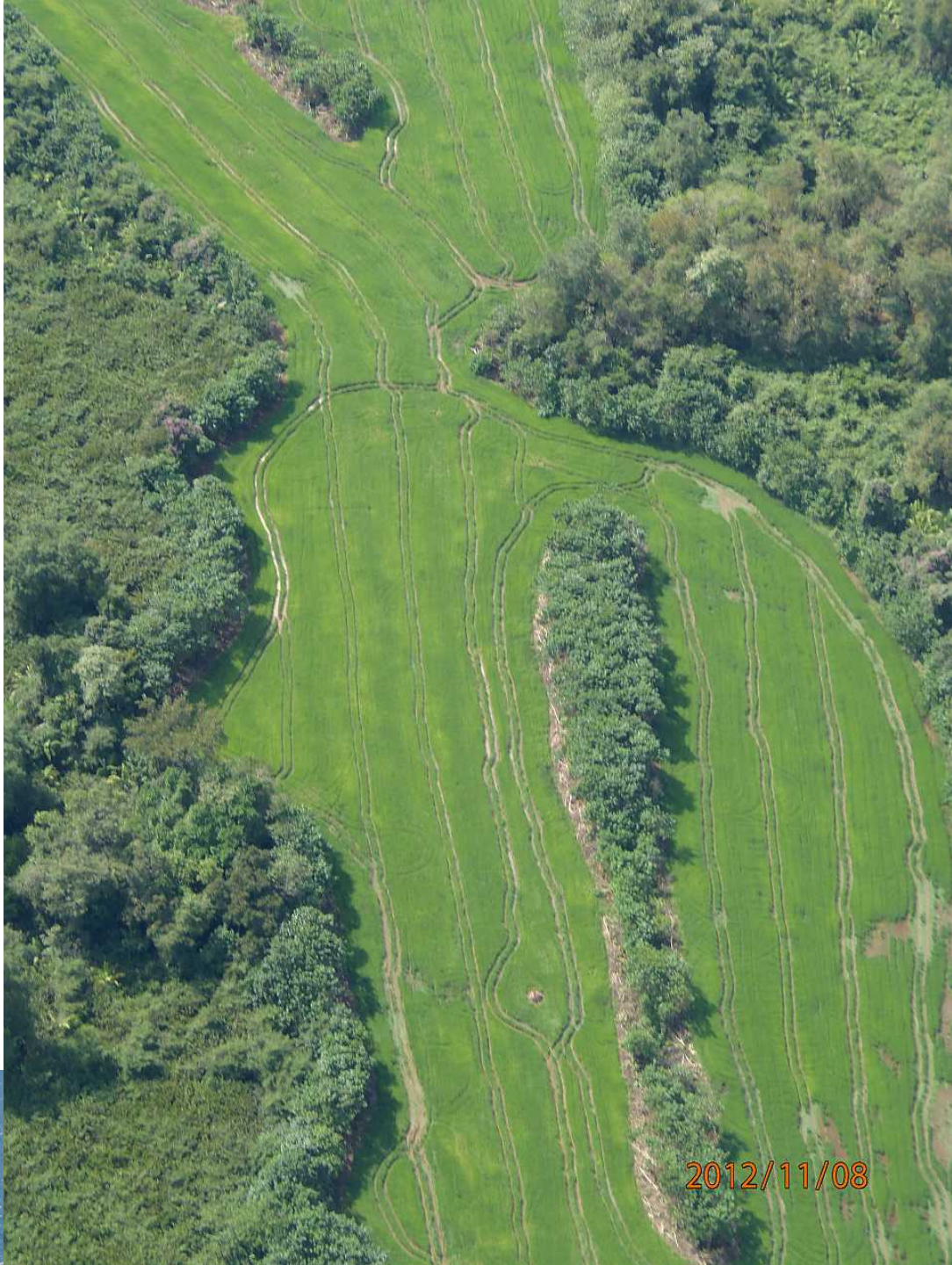




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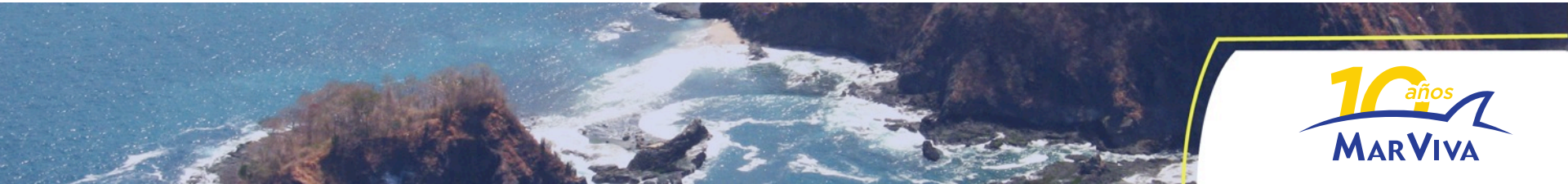


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Disruption of Sediment and Freshwater Inputs

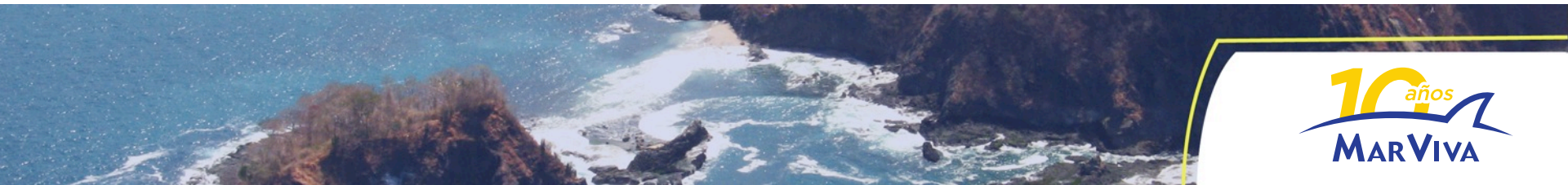




An area highly dependent on both

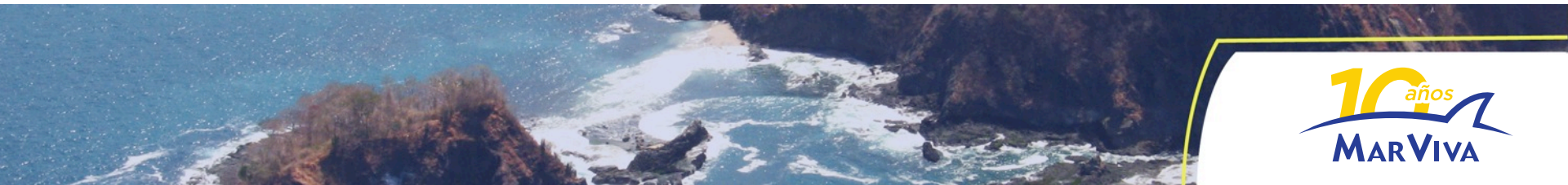
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An environmental flow is a flow in a river or into a wetland or coastal zone that maintains the ecosystem in a desired ecological condition, which maintain goods and services for people and supports biodiversity. This condition is decided by society and is a compromise between economic, social and ecological values of water for various uses.

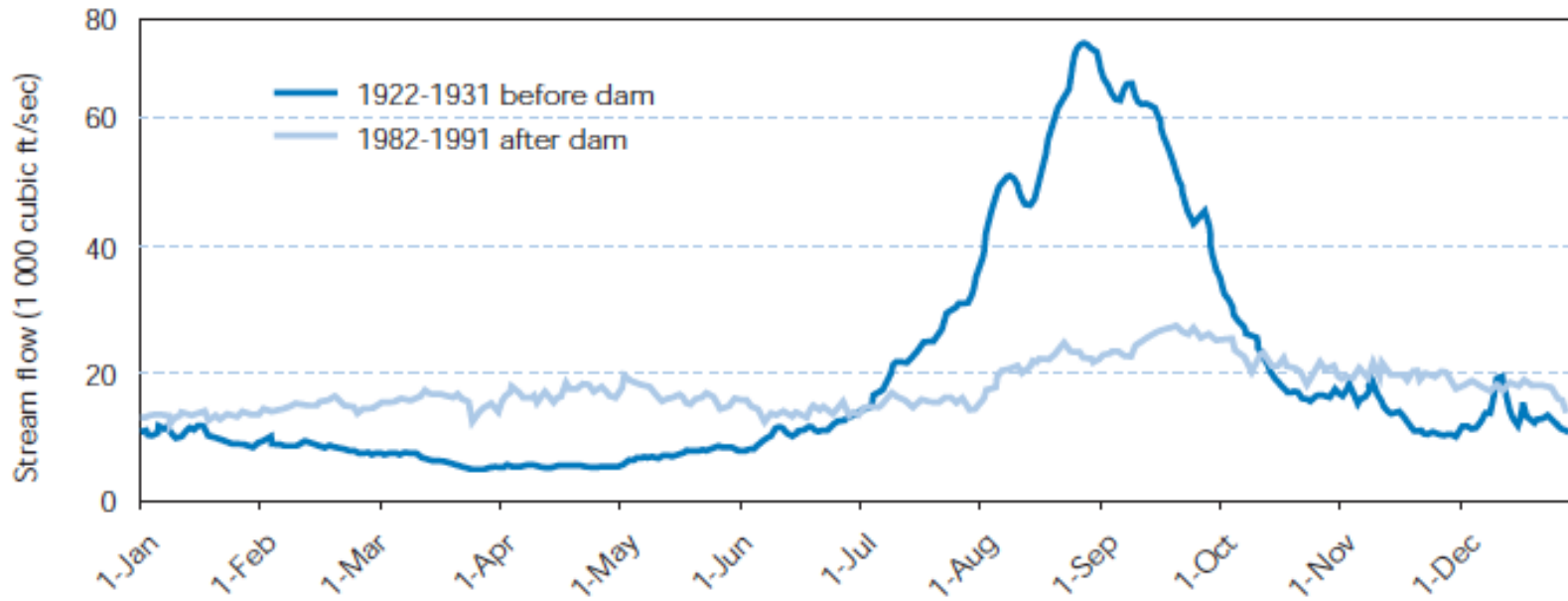


**-Have we decided
the desired ecological condition?**

**-Do we know what is the future
ecological condition?**

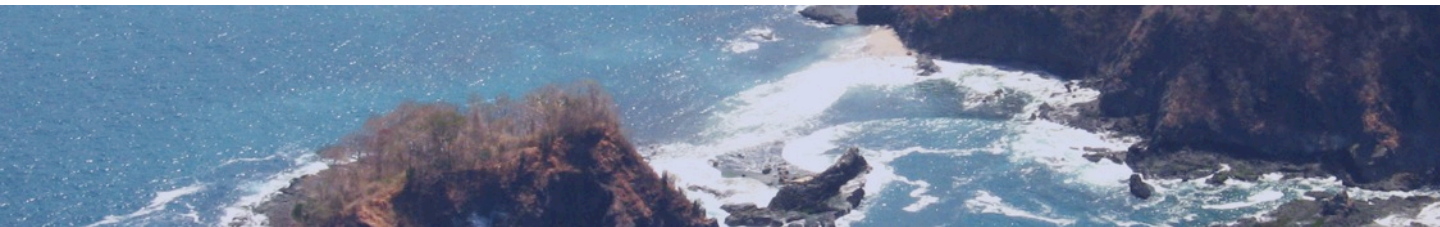
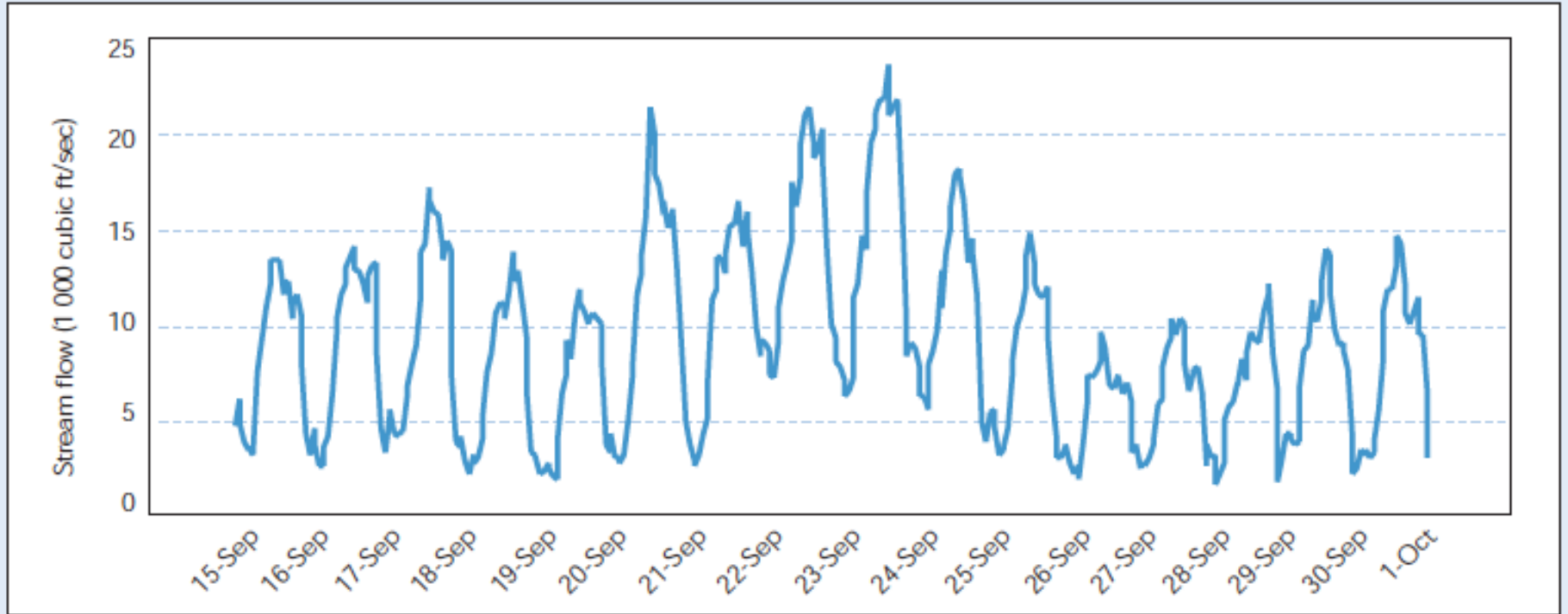


Modification of Annual Flow Regime



Source: Data from United States Geological Survey, 2000.

Peak Daily Flows Associated with Energy Demand

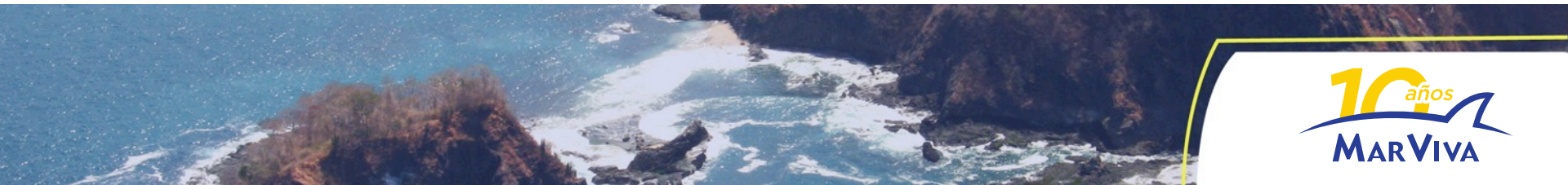


Anticipate and avoid impacts

Poor quality and uncertainty of predictions

Unknown mitigation measures

Determination of the Environmental Flow





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