

Indigenous populations and Amazon forest reduction between 2000 and 2020

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This project aims to delve into the causes behind the significant reduction experienced by the Amazon forest over the last two decades and shed light on the critical role of indigenous populations in protecting this vital ecosystem.

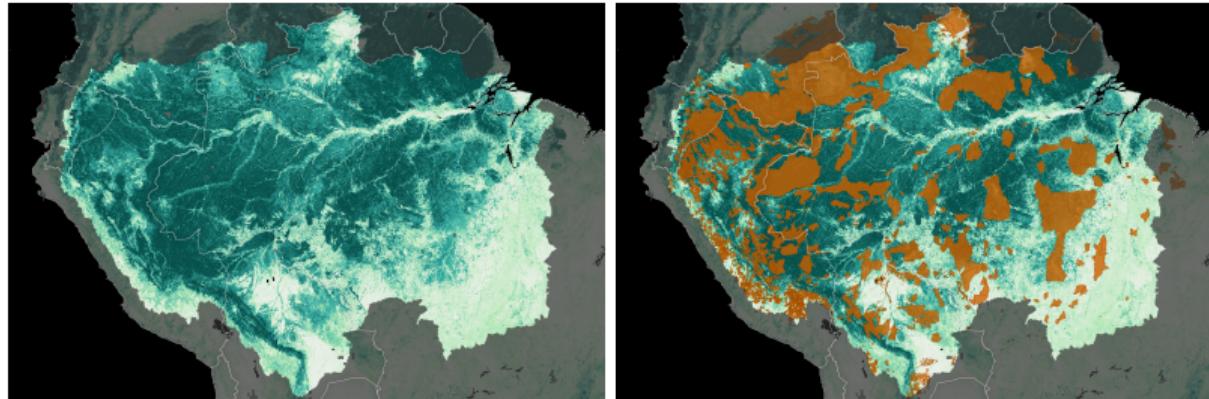


Figure: Aboveground Biomass Density (Mg/ha); Indigenous territories.

Source: Indigenous Communities Protect the Amazon (NASA Earth Observatory).

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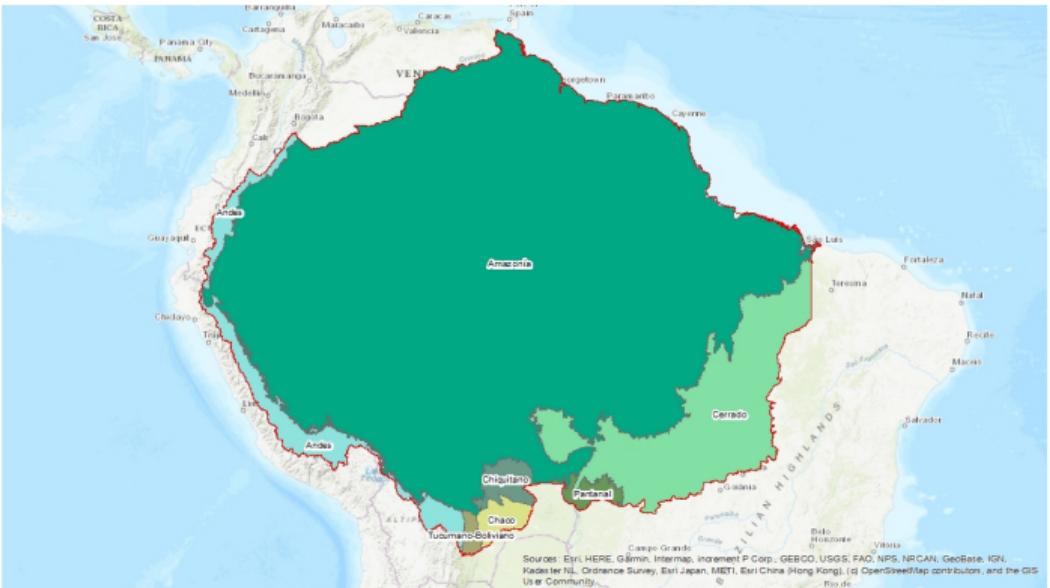


Figure: Different biomes present in the considered Amazon domain. Source: RAISG - Biomes.

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1. Therefore, some spatial and statistical analysis were carried out:

- ▶ Analyses of the distribution of indigenous territories,
- ▶ As well as of the protected natural areas of the Amazon,
- ▶ In parallel with the deforestation map relative to the period 2000-2020.

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2. Subsequently, based on the temporal frequency distribution of deforestation events, the analysis focused on one of the most deforested parts of the Amazon: the state of **Rondônia in western Brazil**, paying attention to **Vegetation Cover indices** (June 2015 - June 2020).



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The main tools used for this project were:

- ▶ R Studio
- ▶ GitHub
- ▶ RAISG data. The **Amazon Network of Georeferenced Socio-Environmental Information** is a consortium of civil society organizations from the Amazon countries, supported by international partners, concerned with the socio-environmental sustainability of Amazonia.
- ▶ Copernicus Broswer
- ▶ LaTeX Software

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The functions used within this project were based on **R packages** such as:

- ▶ raster
- ▶ terra
- ▶ maps
- ▶ sf
- ▶ dplyr
- ▶ devtools
- ▶ imageRy

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- ▶ Analysis of the **temporal frequency distribution** of deforestation events over the whole domain (`hist(def_no_na)`).

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- ▶ Classification of vegetation cover change through the function `im.classify()`.

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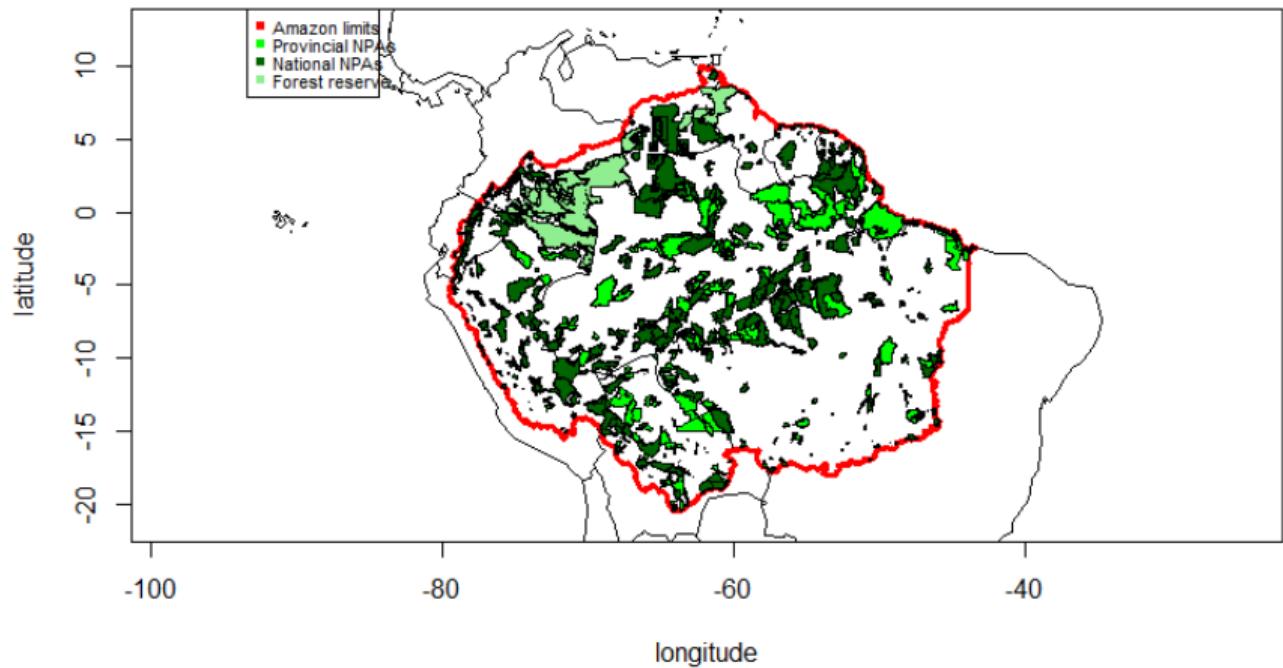
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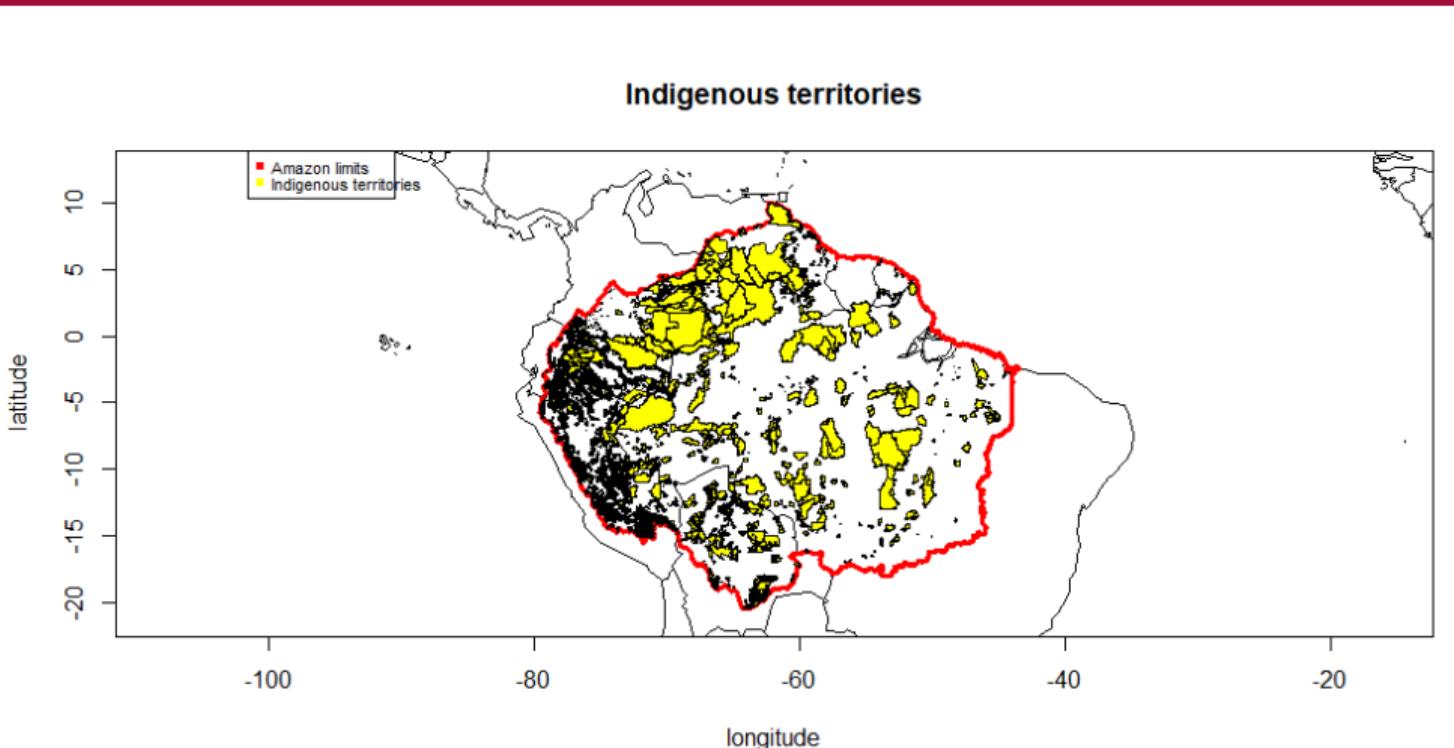


Figure: Territories indigenous

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	country	NPAs	rel_NPAs	area_NPAs	rel_areaNPA	ind_territories	rel_ind	area_ind	rel_areaind
1	Bolivia	843	0.61667886	26575547	0.097755302	154	0.02190923	19634142.1	0.080320526
2	Brasil	364	0.26627652	133398744	0.490692992	391	0.05562669	116122361.3	0.475040318
3	Colombia	87	0.06364301	46166127	0.169817153	242	0.03442879	27828565.0	0.113842762
4	Ecuador	44	0.03218727	4484226	0.016494745	640	0.09105136	7488978.0	0.030636360
5	Guyana	0	0.00000000	1040147	0.003826068	112	0.01593399	3178434.1	0.013002529
6	Guyane Française	0	0.00000000	5169946	0.019017092	22	0.00312989	715428.4	0.002926717
7	Perú	29	0.02121434	21080154	0.077541089	5395	0.76753450	36201178.4	0.148093951
8	Venezuela	0	0.00000000	31337995	0.115273457	73	0.01038555	33278293.0	0.136136837
9	Suriname	0	0.00000000	2604970	0.009582102	0	0.00000000	0.0	0.000000000
10	Total	1367	1.00000000	271857855	1.000000000	7029	1.00000000	244447380.3	1.000000000

Figure: Frequency distribution

The Natural Protected Areas constitute together the 32.1% of the Amazon biome.
On the other hand, Indigenous populations occupy 28.9% of total area.

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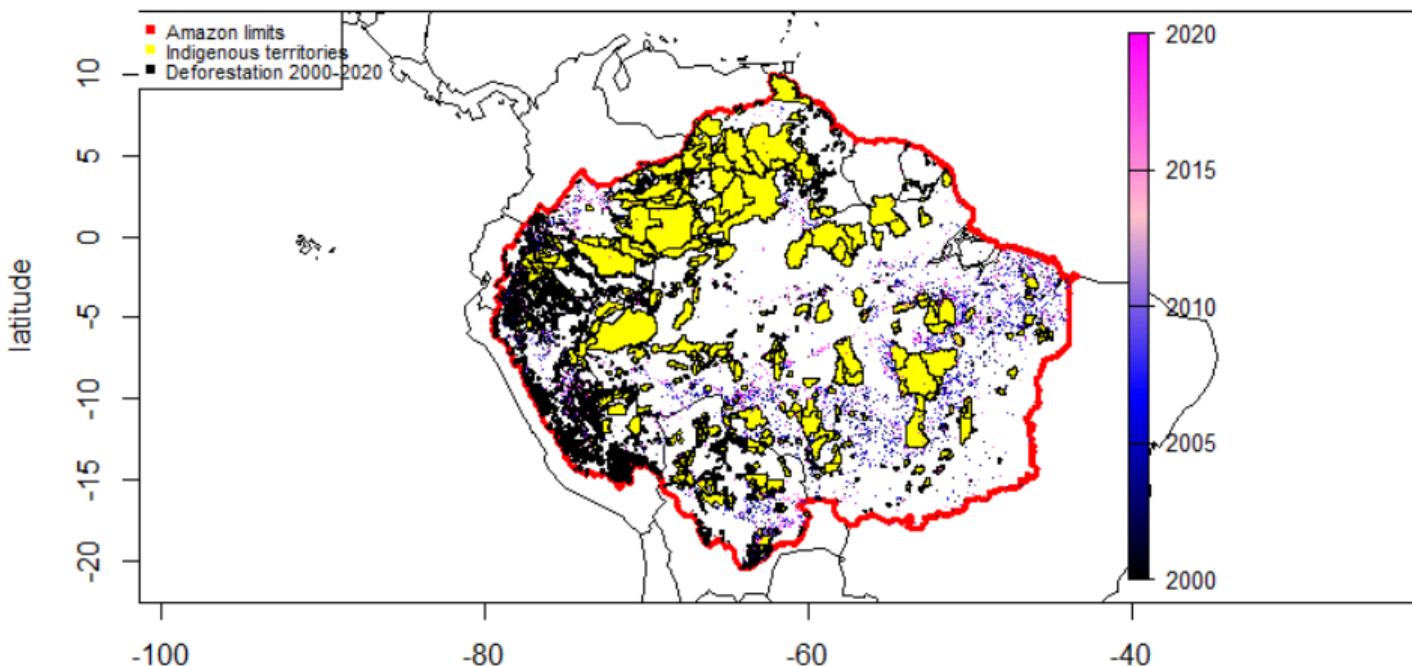
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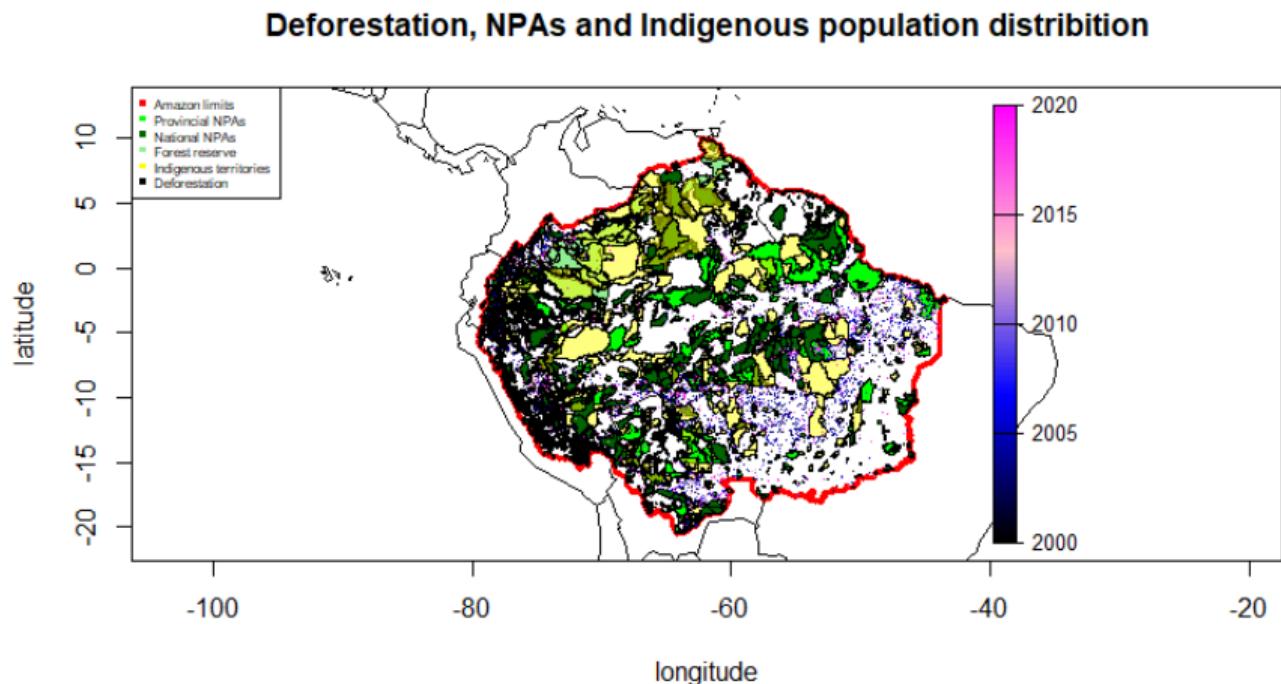


Figure: Deforestation, NPAs, and indigenous territories

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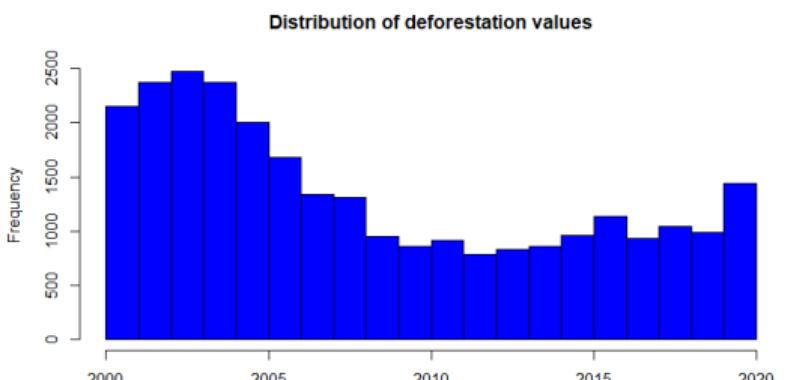
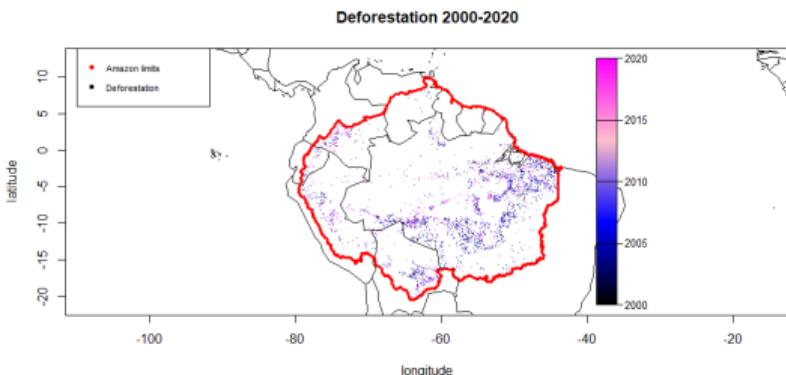
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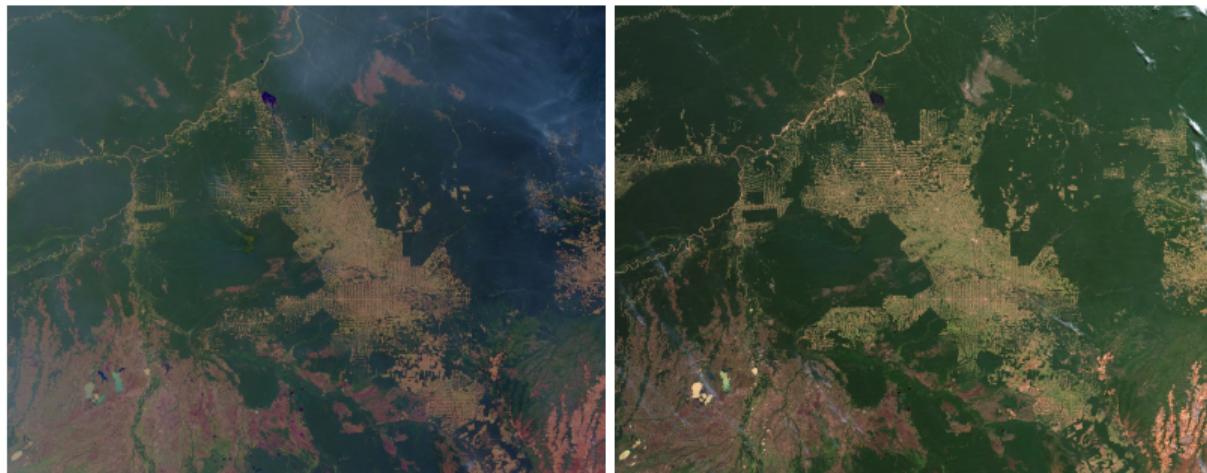
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Rondonia deforestation 2000-2012

This is a comparison between satellite images of the same site in Rondonia in 2000 and 2012, coming from NASA Earth Observatory. It is one of the most deforested area of the entire Amazonia.



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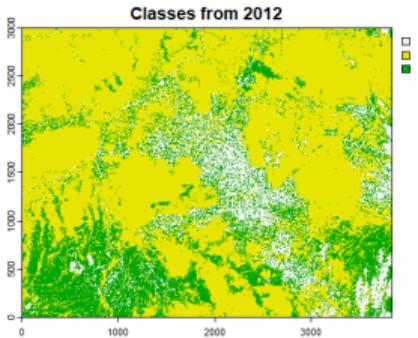
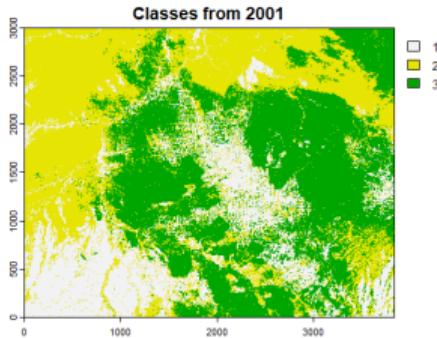
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Classification of vegetation

The classification in clusters allow to define three classes of vegetation cover for the Amazon forest, such as:

1. **absent** forest
2. forest **threatened** by human activities
3. the forest is **present**



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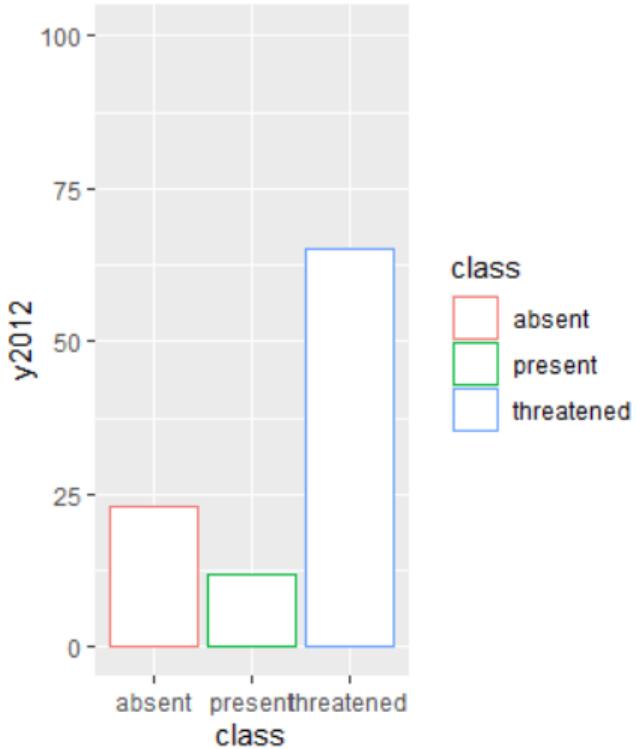
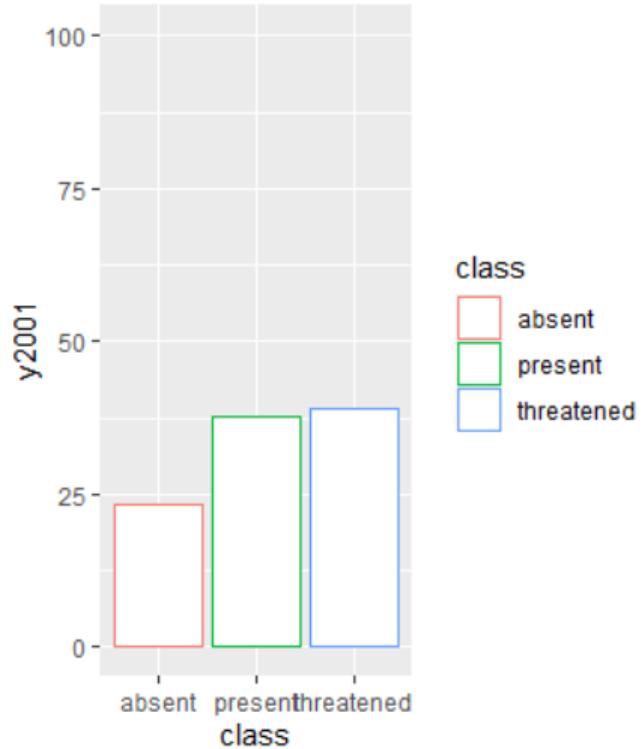
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