

LBA Synthesis Group: Fire and Drought

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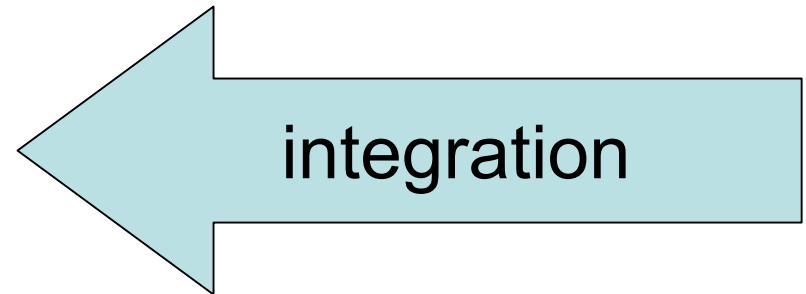
LBA – its contribution to understand droughts and fire in Amazonia

- Great capacity to detect fire and map burns from space.
- Improvements in modeling parameters for estimating NPP.
- Links between human health and smoke.
- Huge amount climate data.
- Growing understanding of the hydrological cycle in the Amazon.

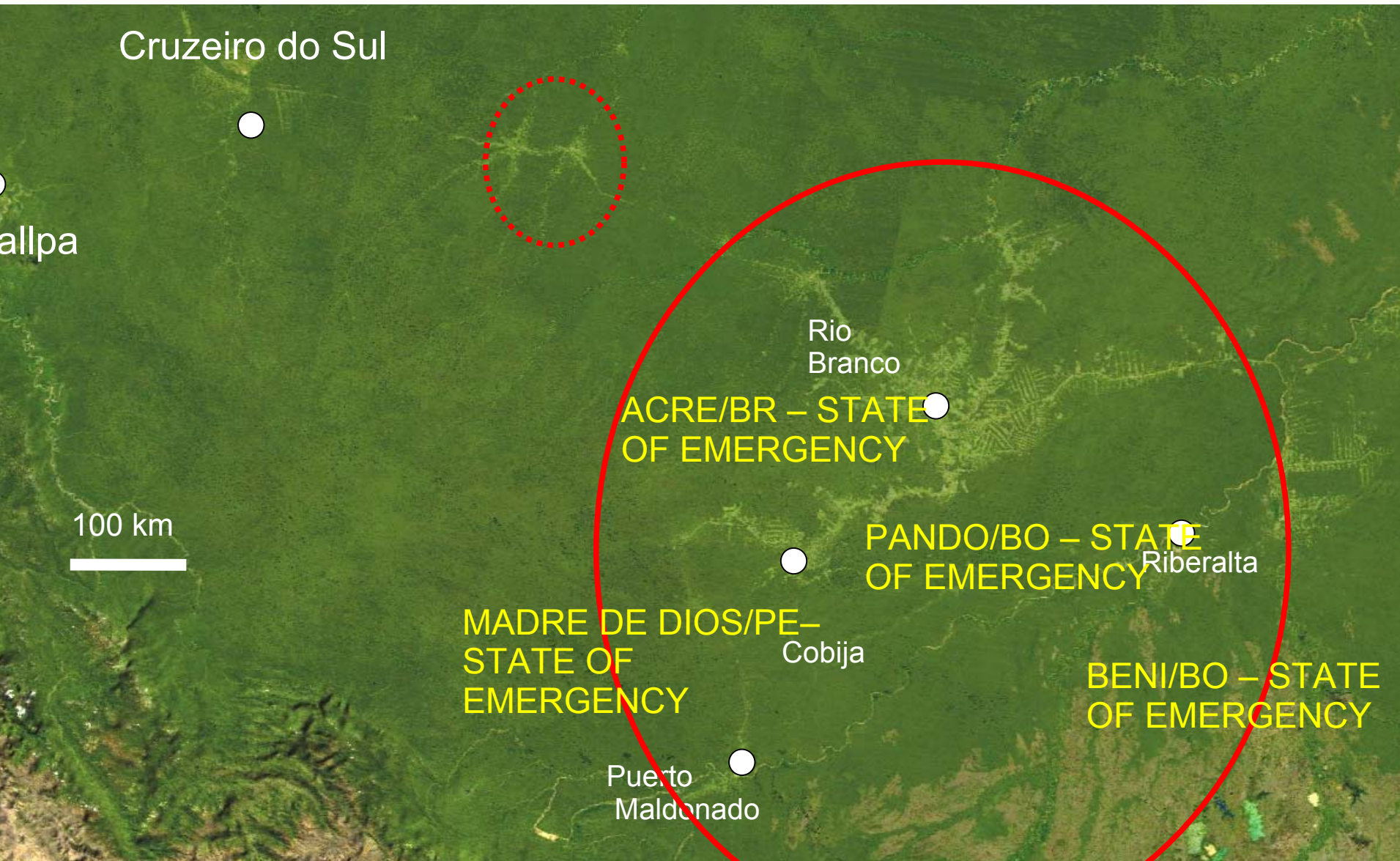
Synthesis of knowledge about droughts and fires in Amazonia: the implications for the 2005 drought and fire impacts on Acre

Components:

- Burned area quantification
- “Big” fire detection
- Biomass accumulation (modeling)
- Human health (smoke related)
- Human dimensions
- Smoke (aerosols)
- Hydrology
- Climate data



Extensive Burning of Forests and Open Areas in Southwestern Amazon of Brazil, Bolivia and Peru August – October 2005. Declarations of State of Emergency



Acre:

- Does Acre foreshadow what will happen in the rest of the Amazon in the next couple of years?

2-day workshop in the beginning of 2006

Participants:

- Leaders of the research components
- Local Scientific Community - dissemination

Product (not defined yet) by the end of 2006:

A single paper: what happened in Acre