

From individual movement to landscape and population connectivity

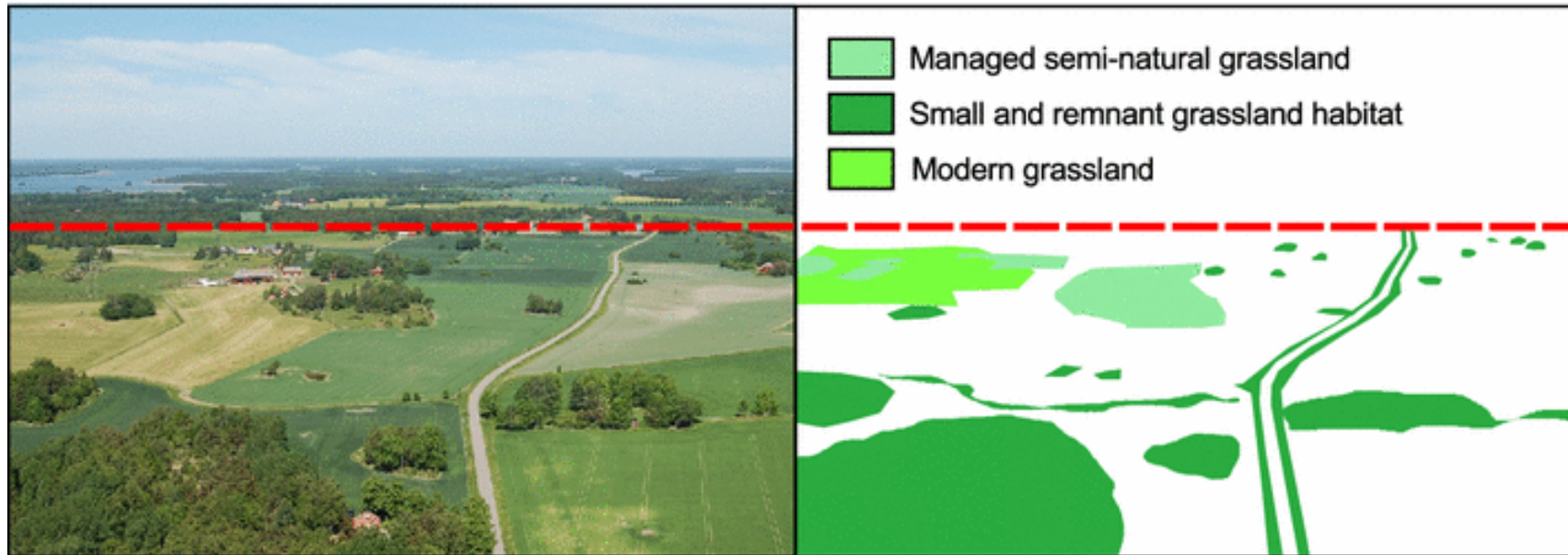
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Landscape connectivity

- Structural connectivity
- Functional connectivity



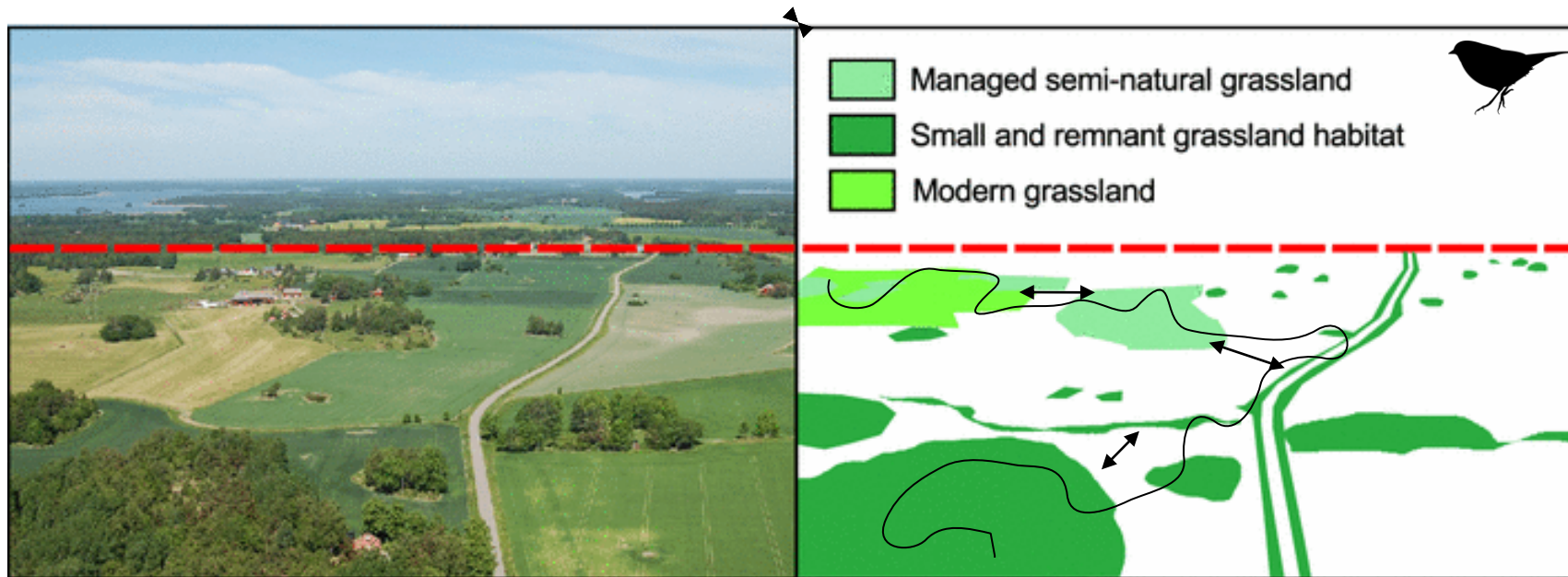
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Population
dynamics



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Movement ecology meets road ecology:

Landscape connectivity in face of an expanding road network



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Golden Lion Tamarins

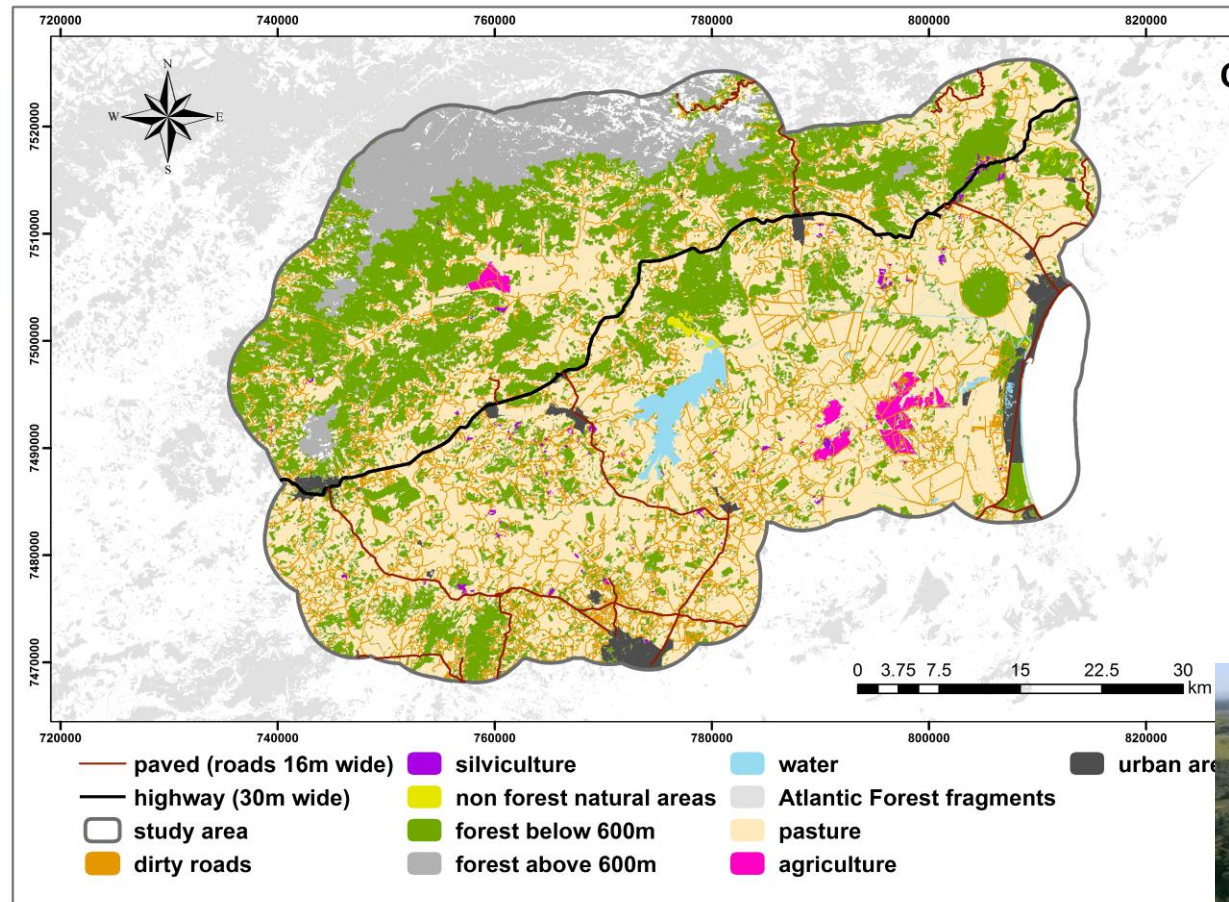
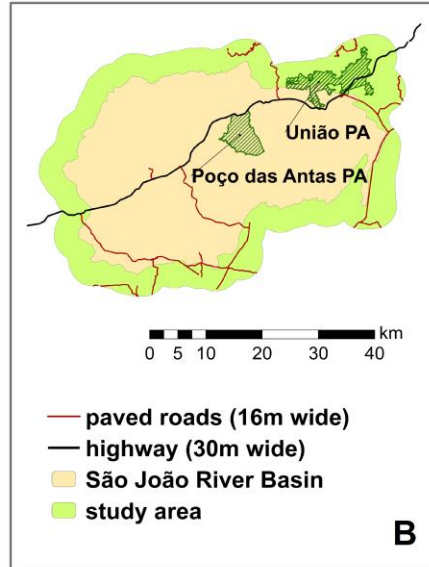
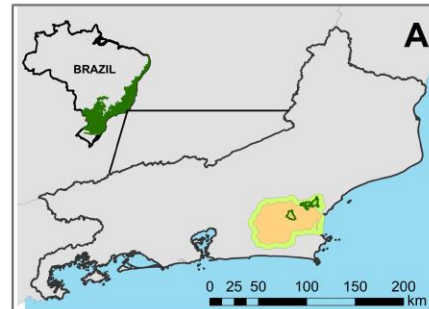
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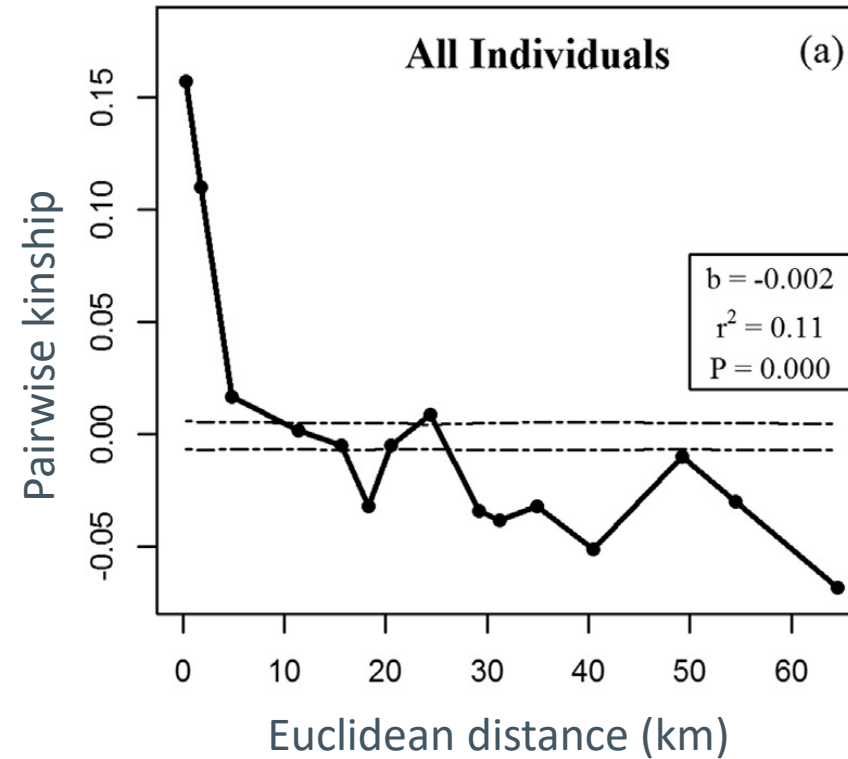
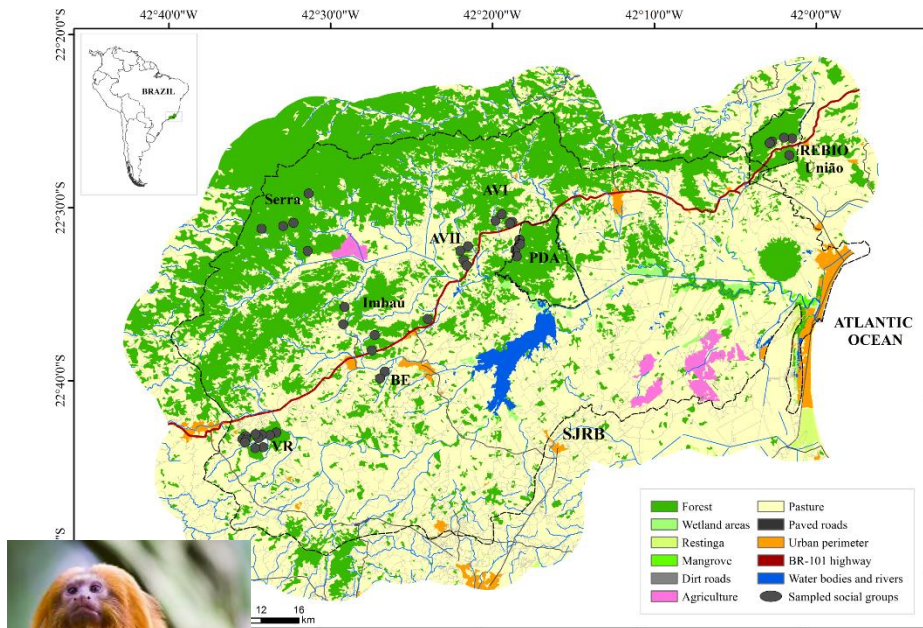


- Callitrichidae
- Monogamic and cohesive groups
- Arboreal
- Forest dependance
- Endangered
- 30 years of continuous research

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Moraes et al. 2018
Landscape genetics of GLT

LScorridors

multiple ecological functional corridors



LScorridors v. 1-0

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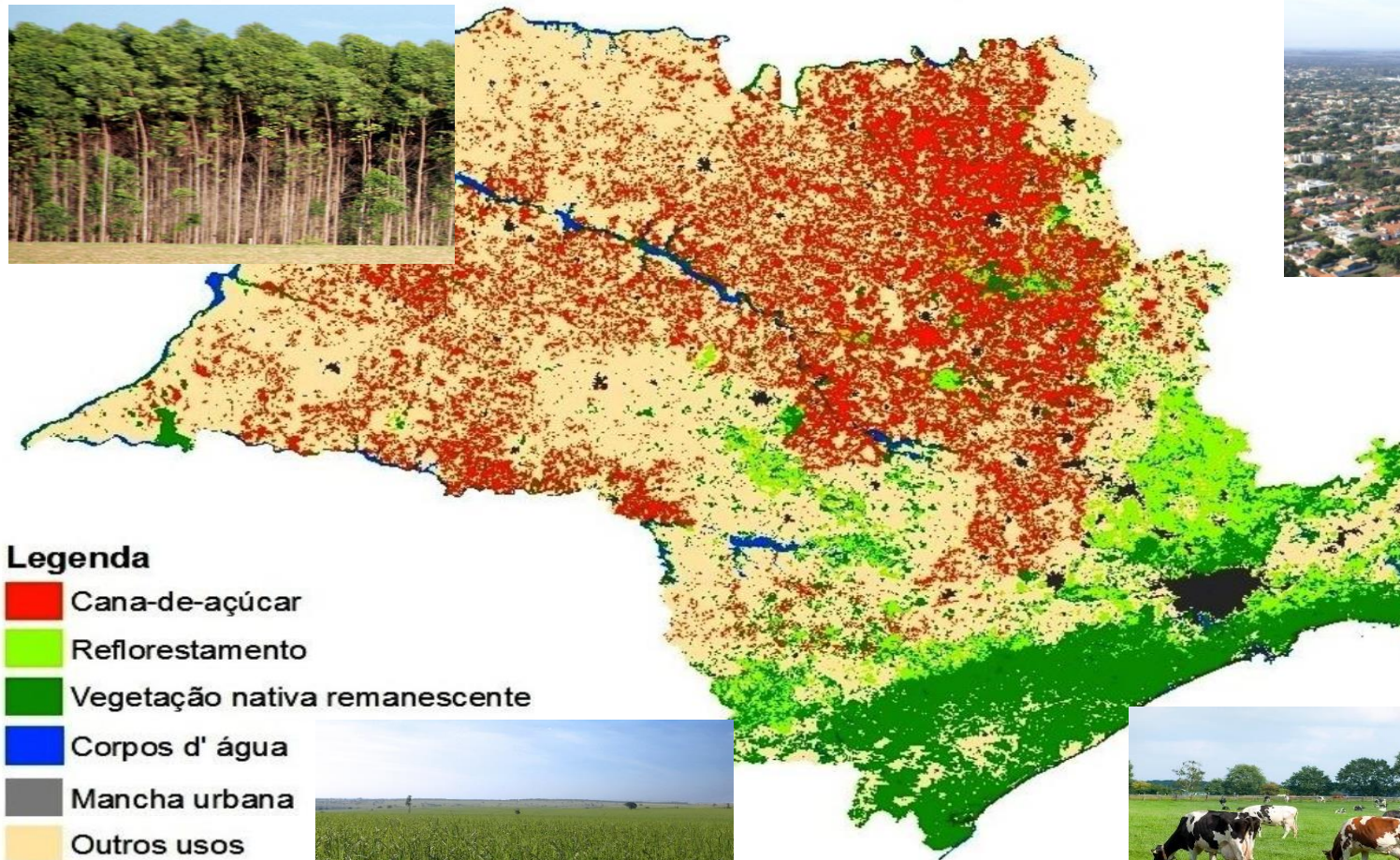
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MLmin: MLavg: MLmax: → Methods of simulation

LEEC

Ribeiro et al. 2017

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

Legenda

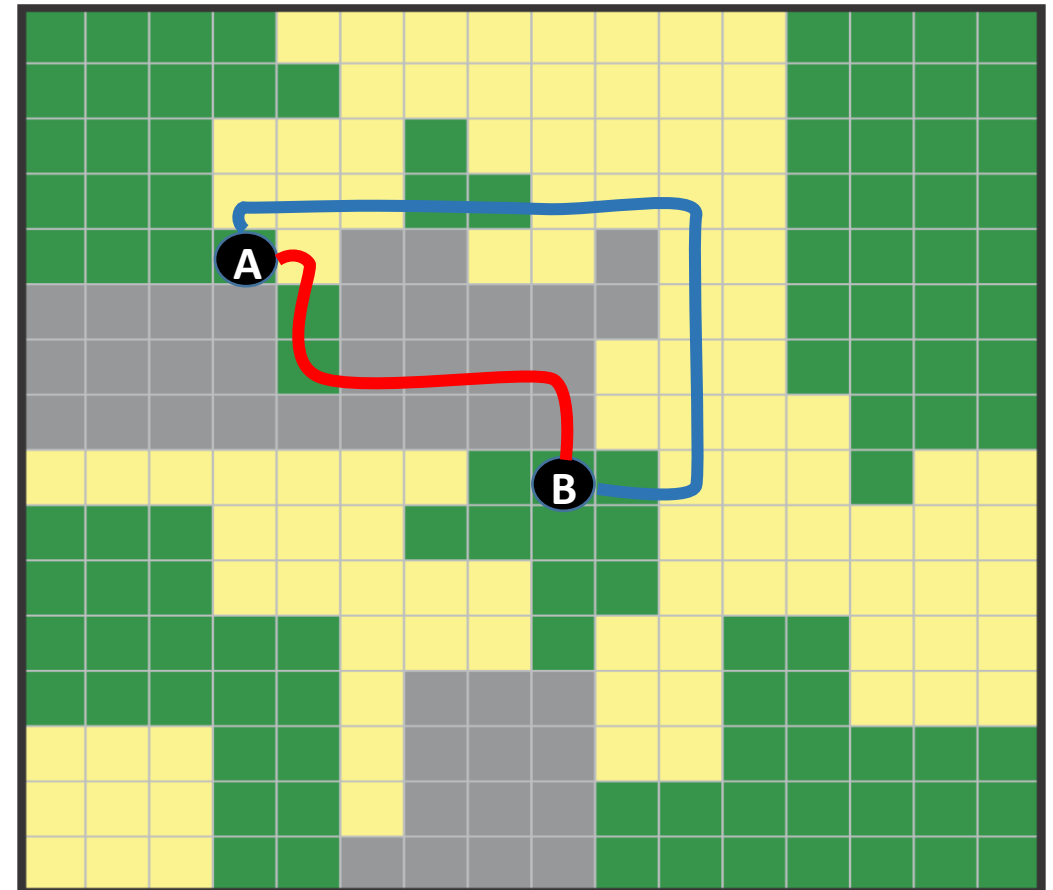
- Cana-de-açúcar
- Reflorestamento
- Vegetação nativa remanescente
- Corpos d' água
- Mancha urbana
- Outros usos



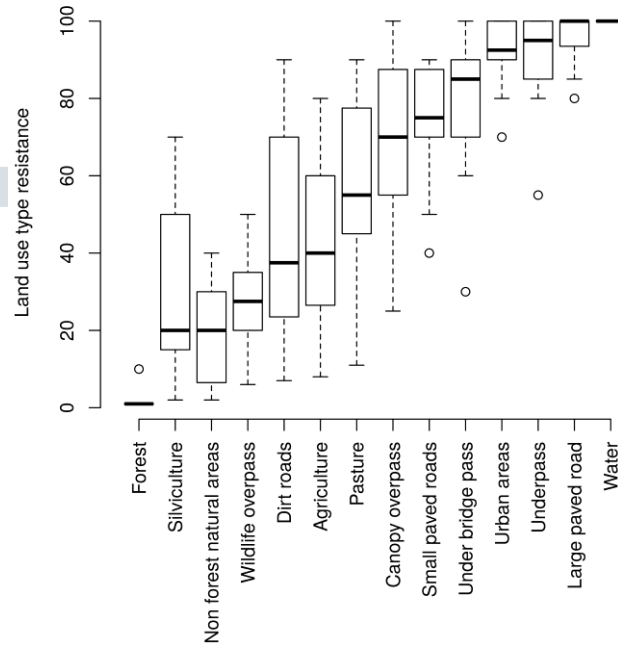
Resistance map + **least-cost algorithm**

What is the ***shorter and less expensive route*** for a individual to goes from the patch A to B (Source-Target or ST)?

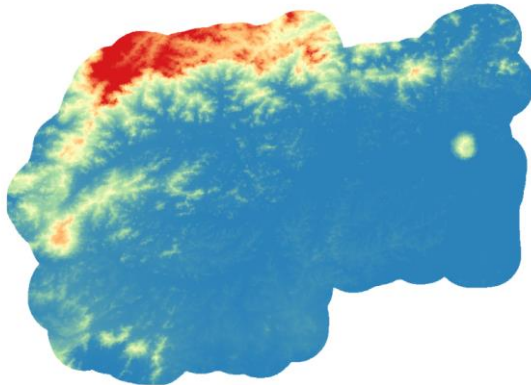
	Land use	Resistance
	Forest	1
	Agriculture	30
	Urban area	100



Expert knowledge



Elevation +



Movement meets roads



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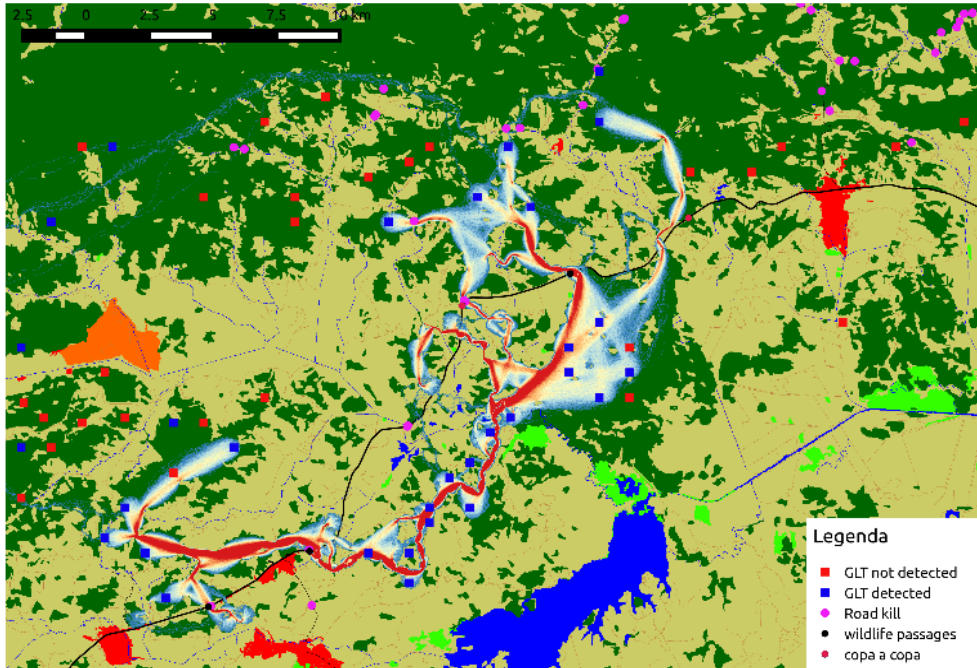
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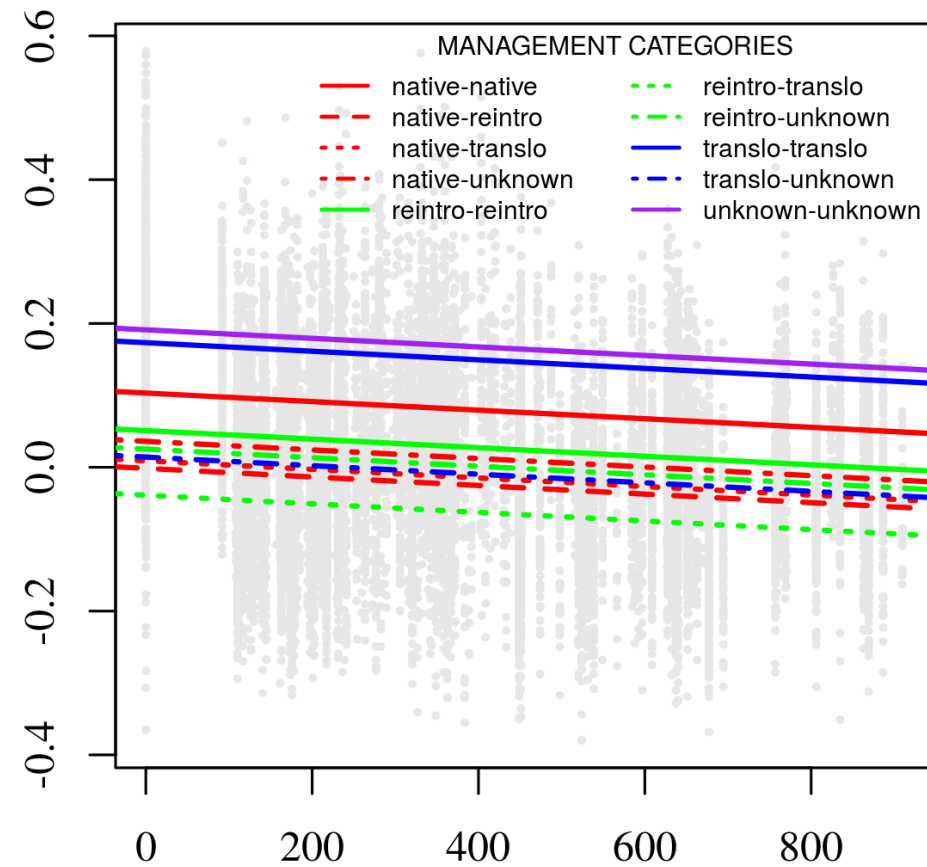
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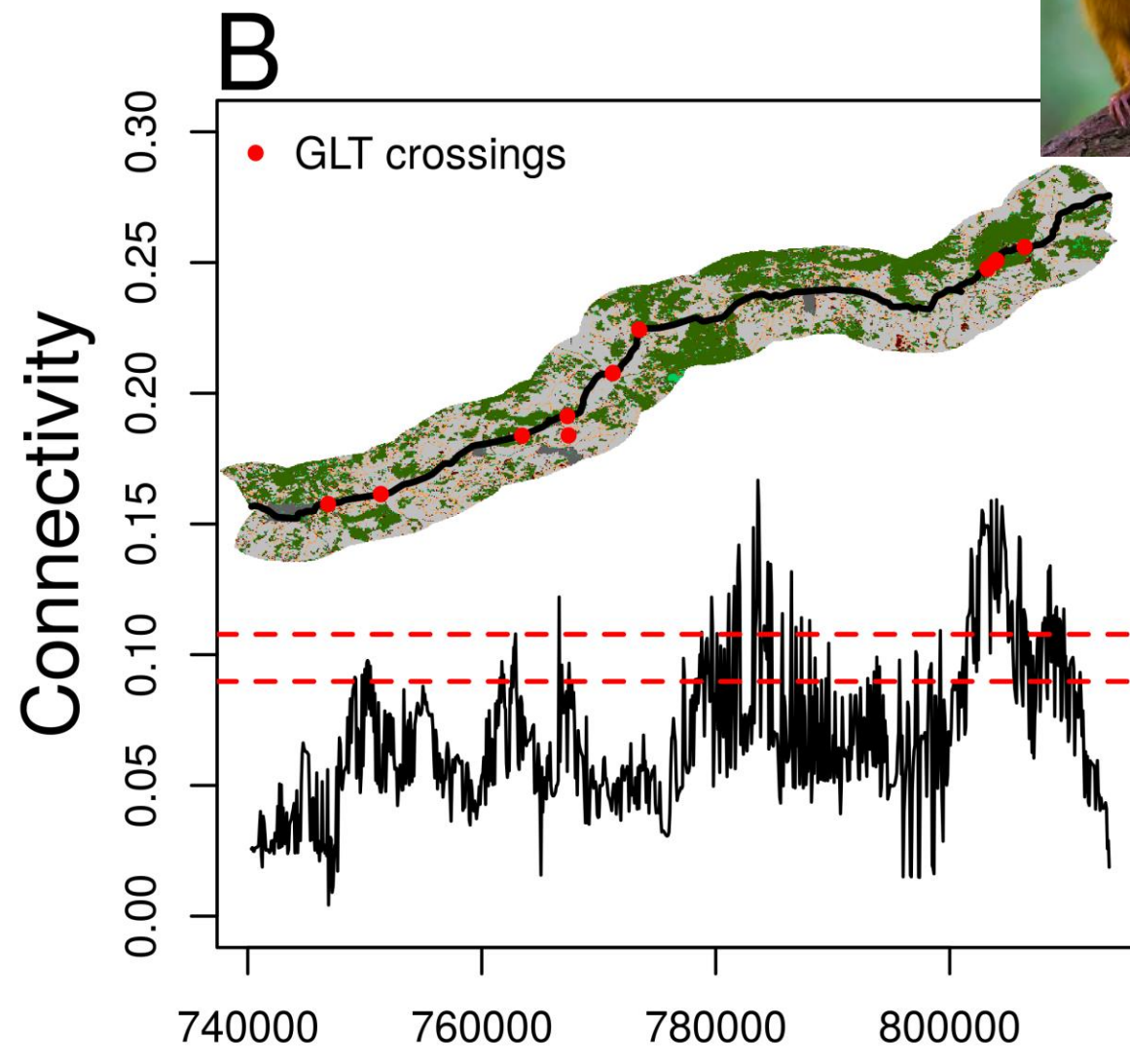
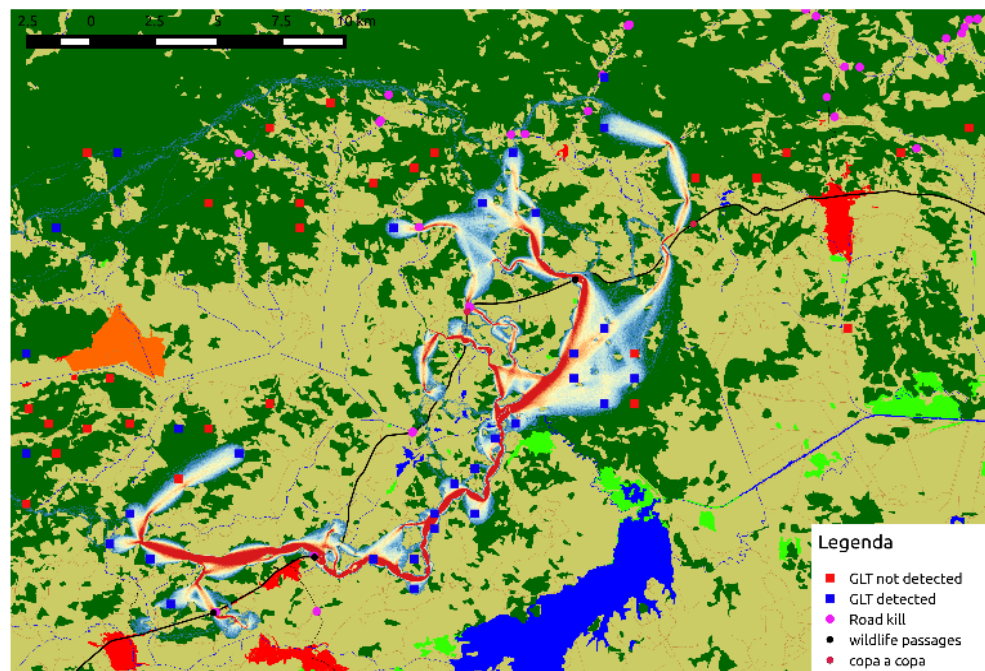
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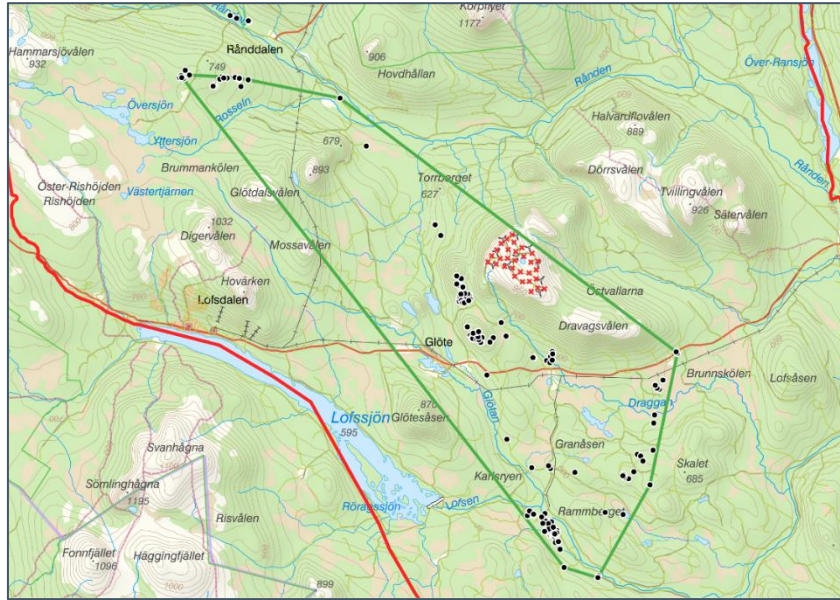
Pairwise Kinship



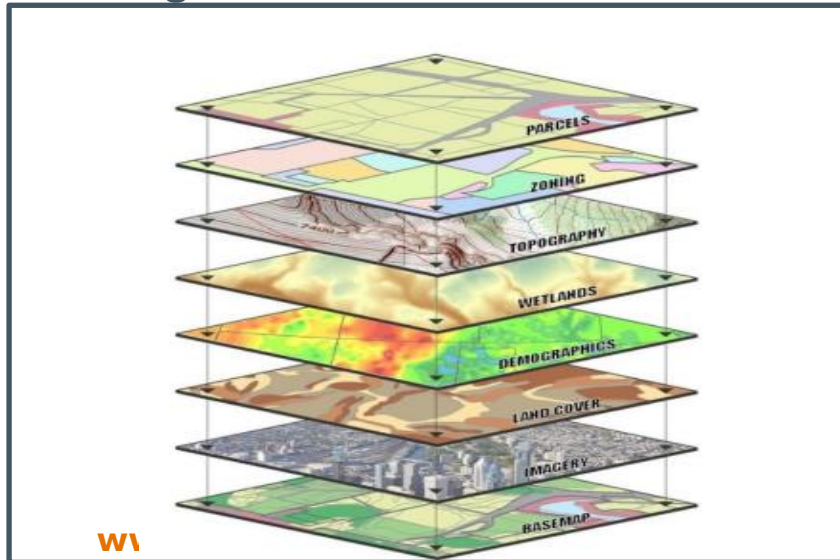
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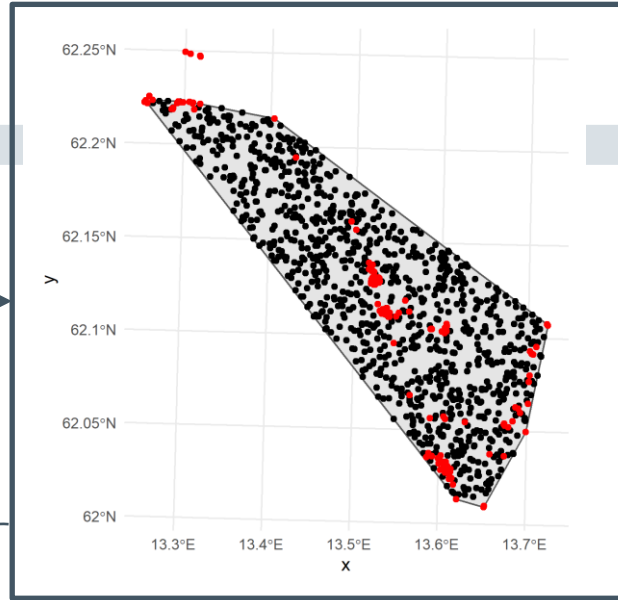
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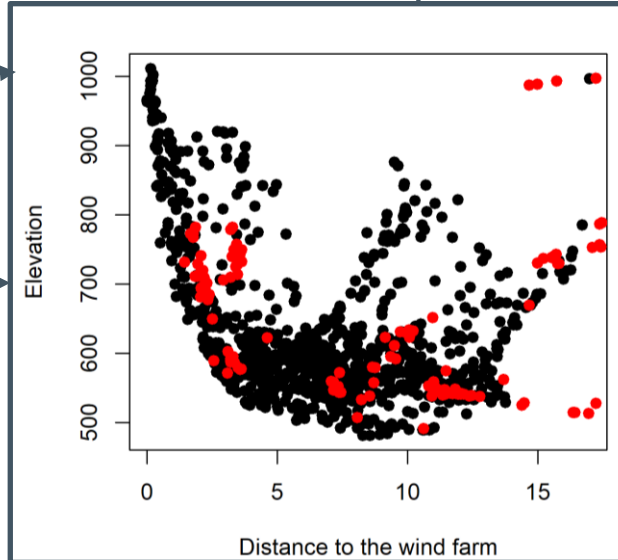
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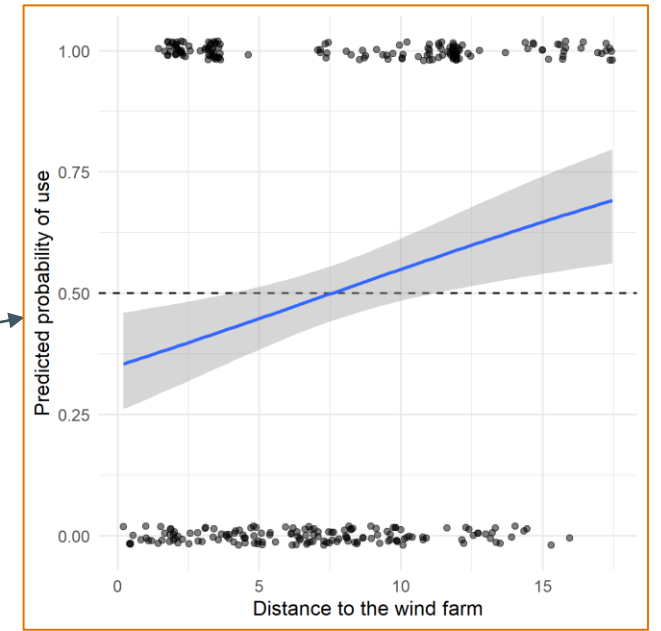
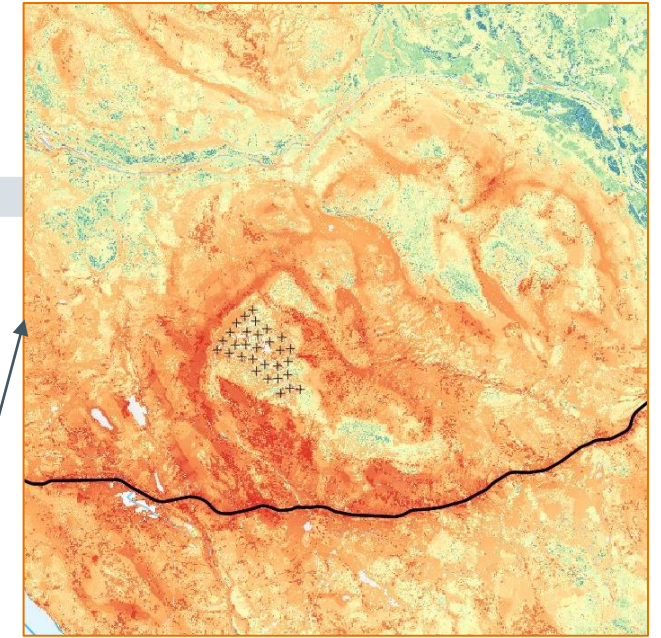
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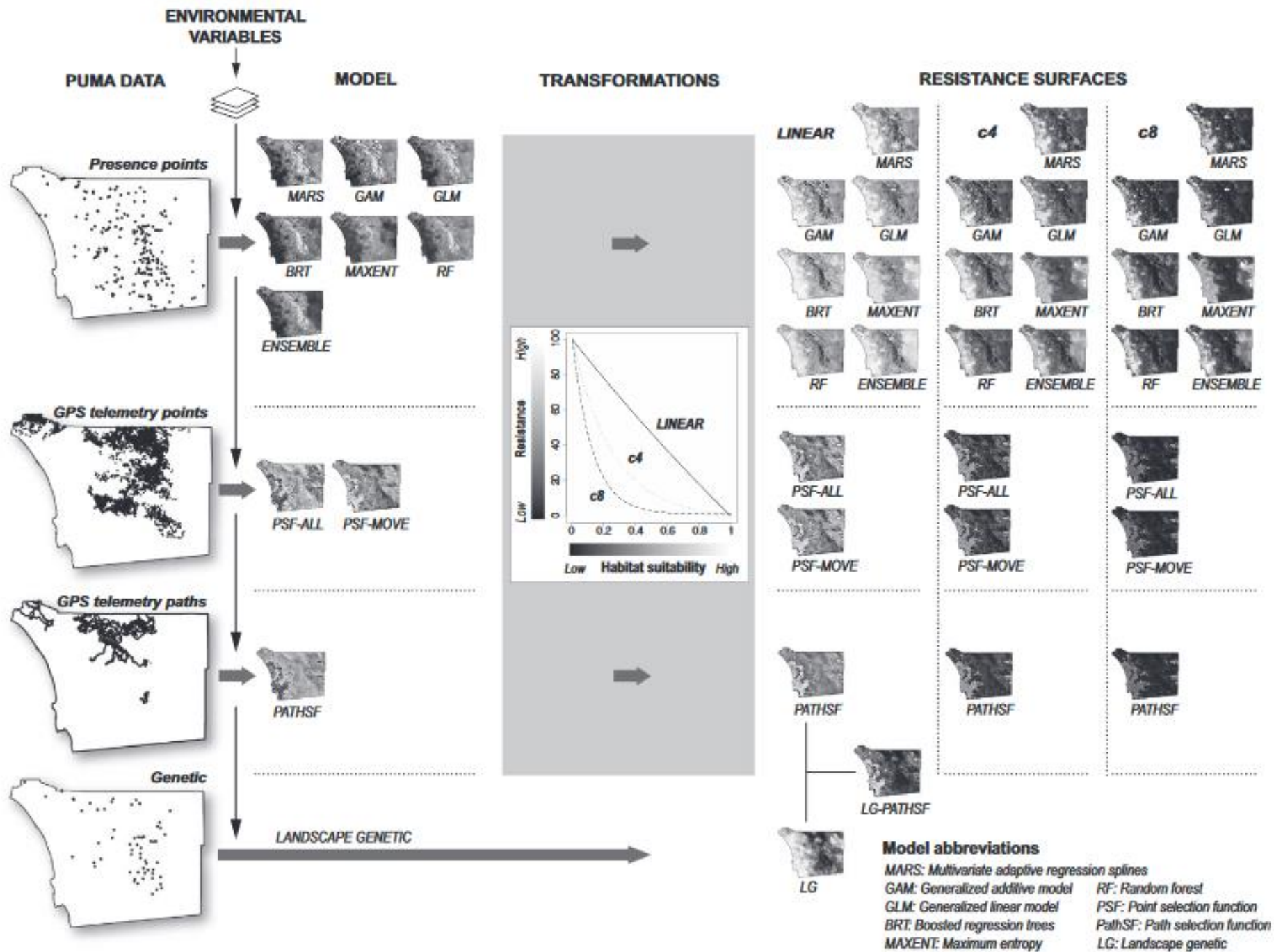


d. Environmental space



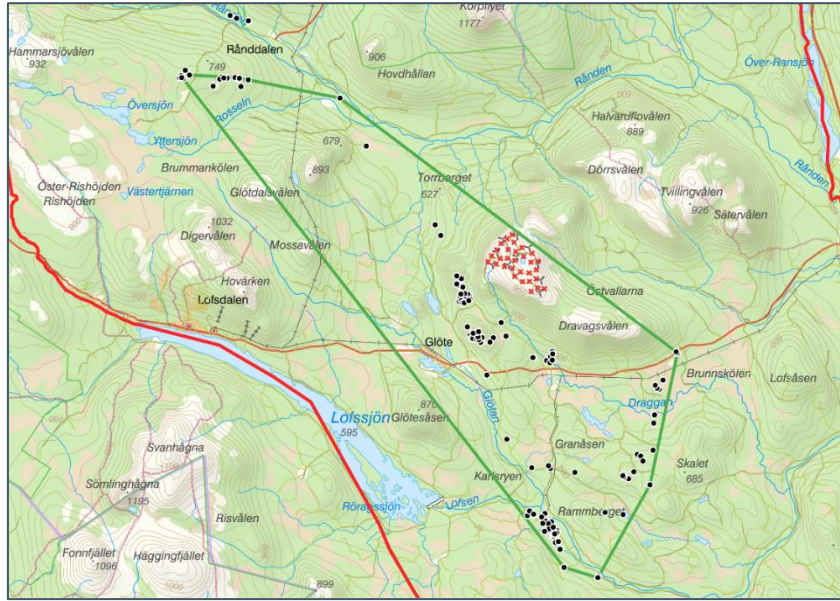
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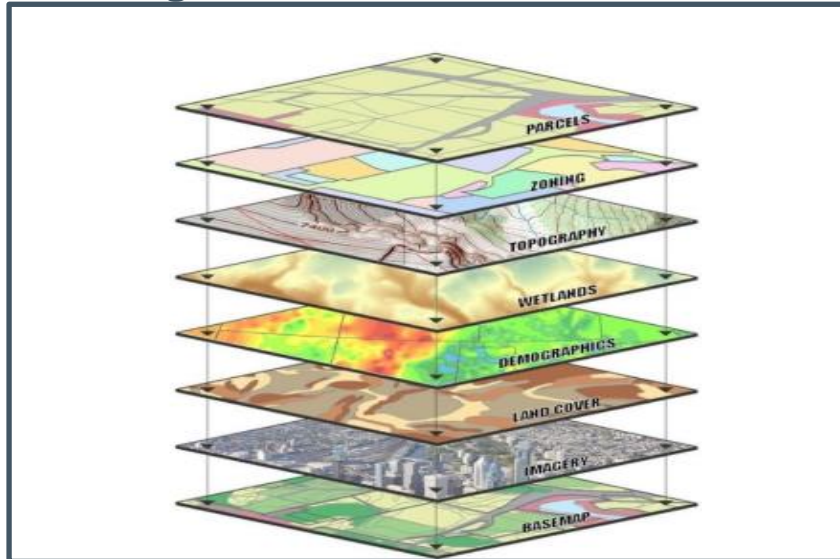


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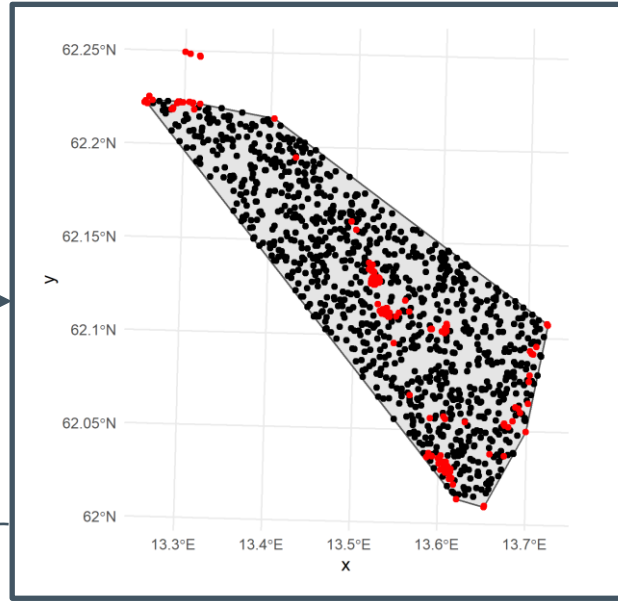
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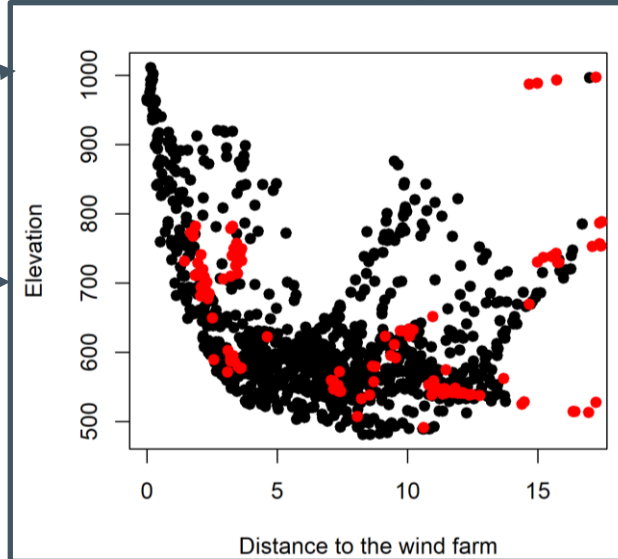
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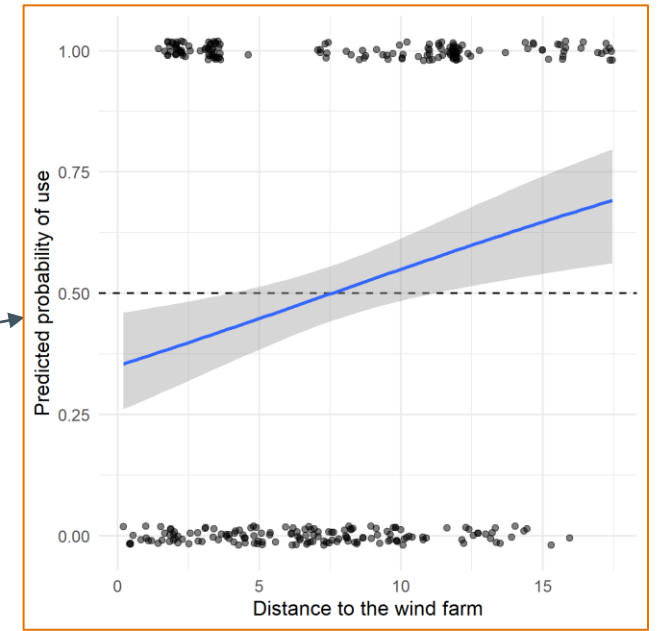
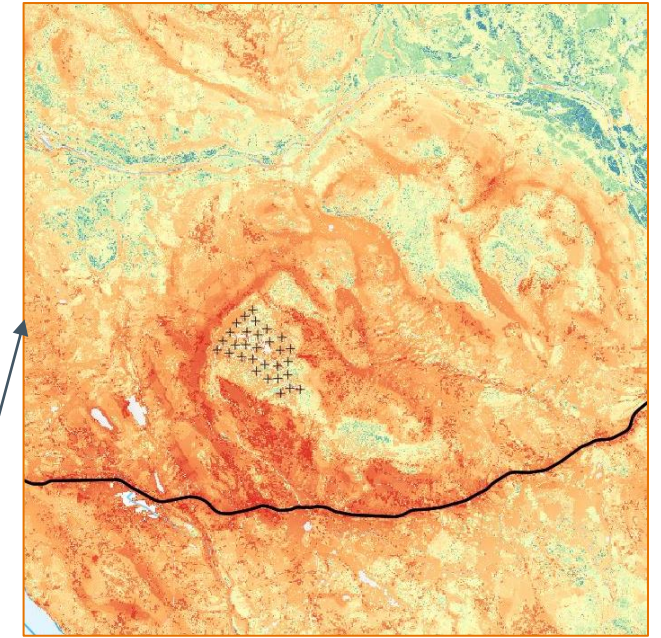
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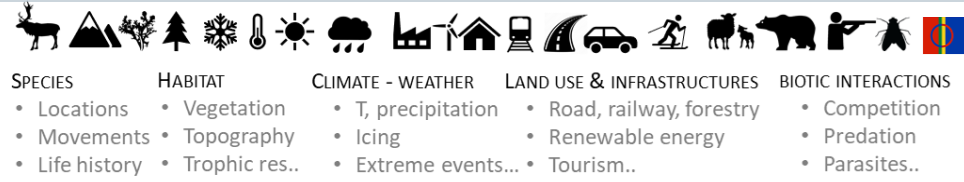


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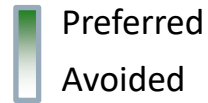


HABITAT FUNCTIONALITY: BEYOND HABITAT SUITABILITY

DATA



HABITAT QUALITY



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PIXEL FOCUS
(ENVIRONMENTAL SPACE)

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SPECIES

- Locations
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HABITAT

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CLIMATE - WEATHER

- T, precipitation
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LAND USE & INFRASTRUCTURES

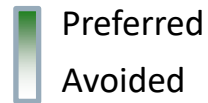
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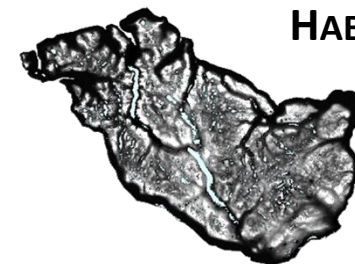
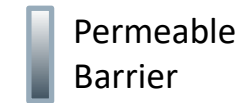
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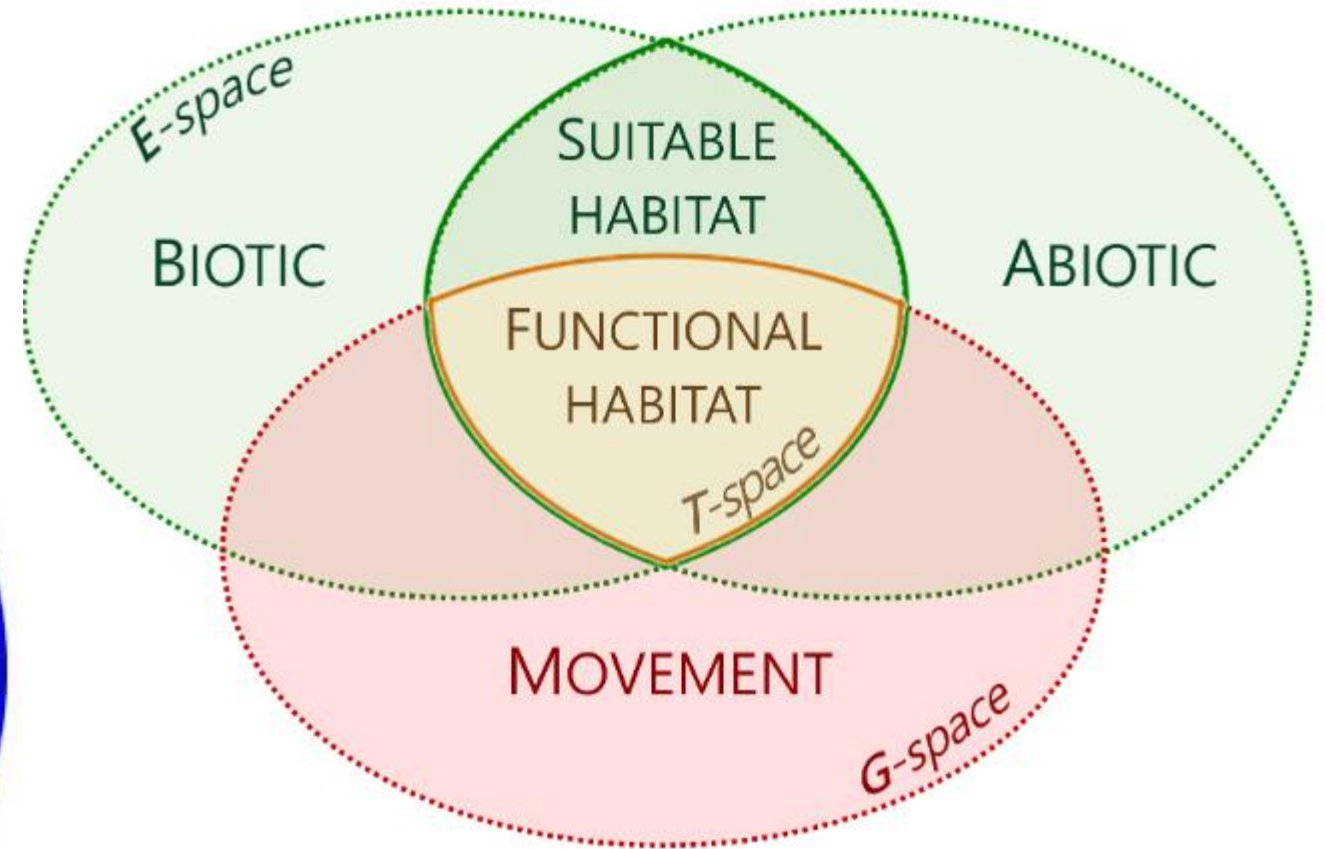
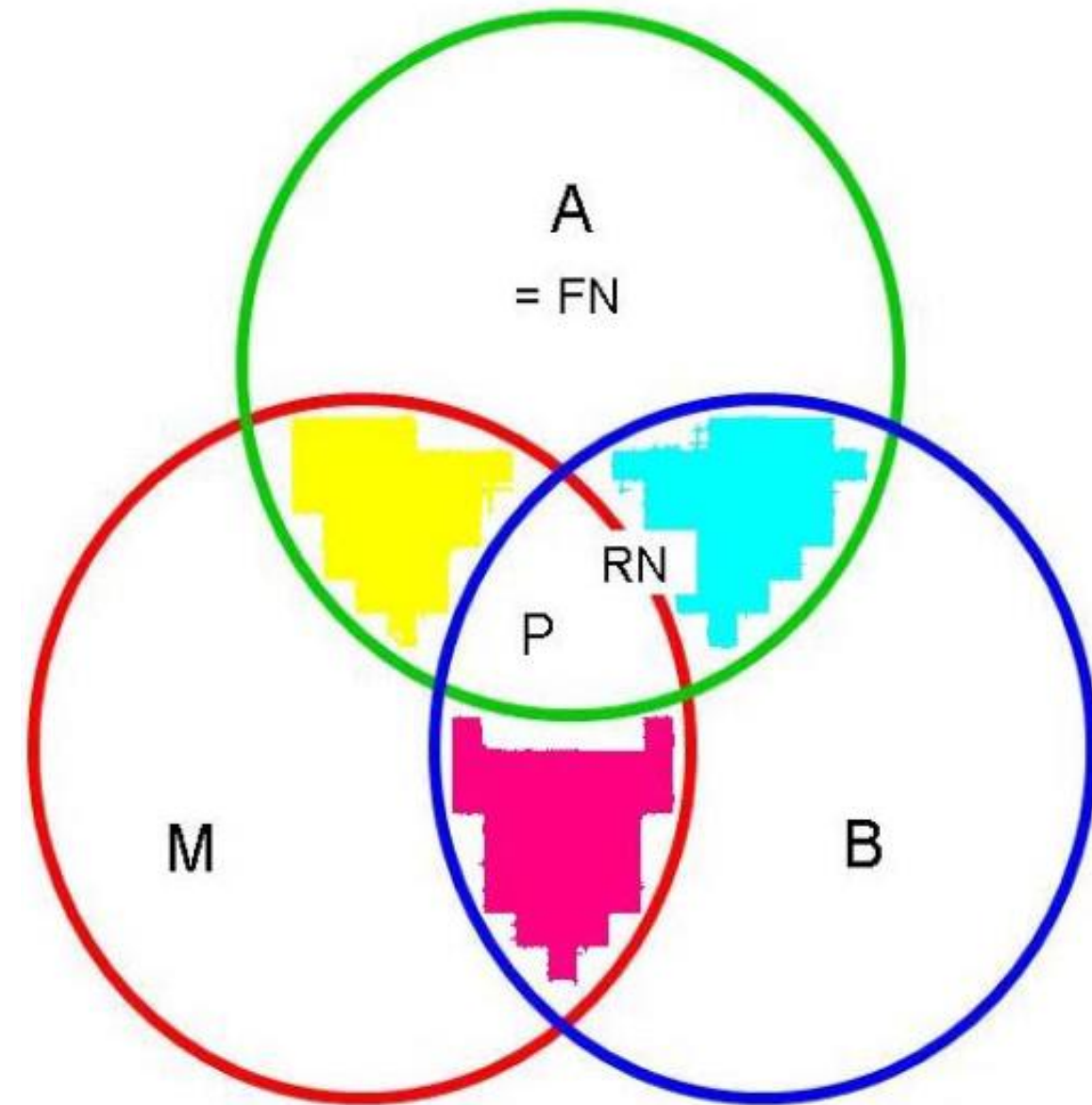


HABITAT PERMEABILITY



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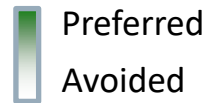
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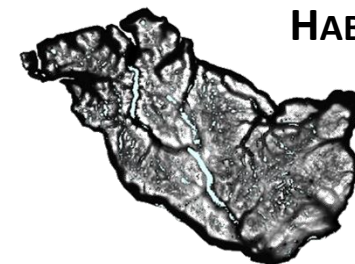
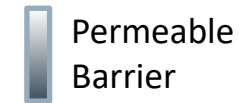
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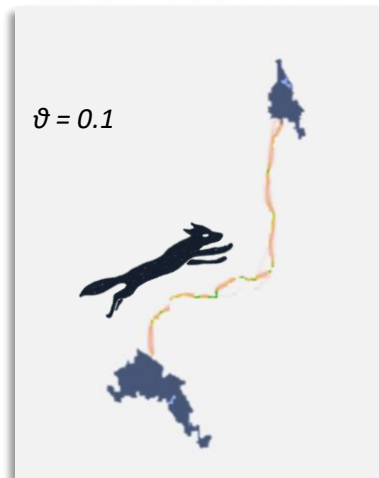
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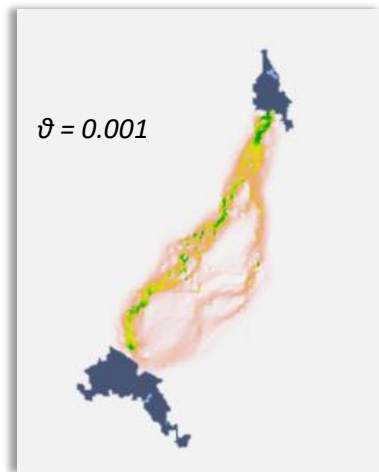
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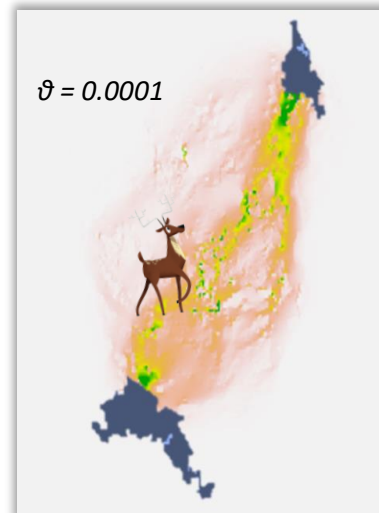
LEAST- COST PATH



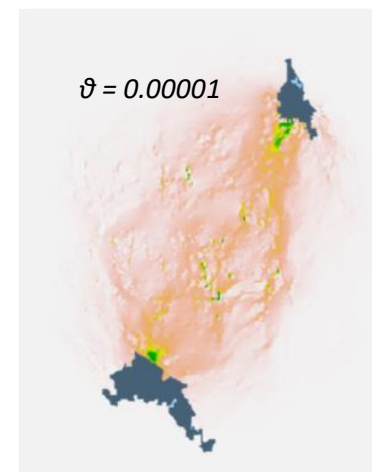
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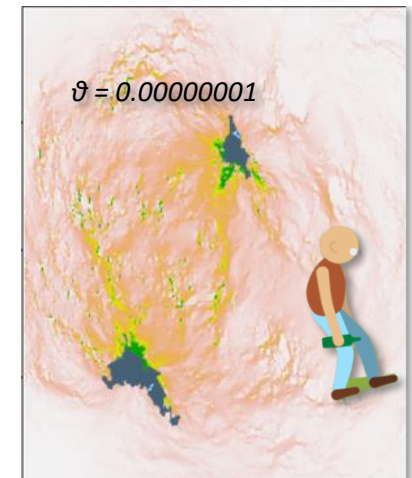


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RANDOM WALK

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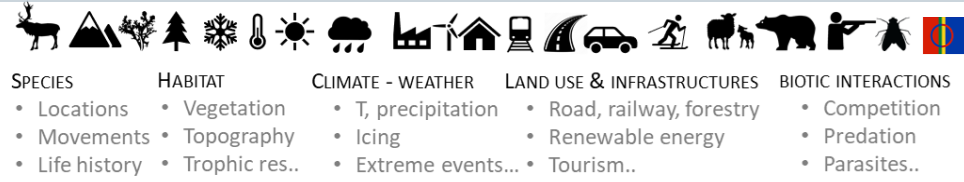


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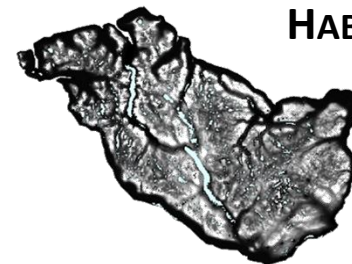
HABITAT QUALITY

Preferred
Avoided



HABITAT PERMEABILITY

Permeable
Barrier

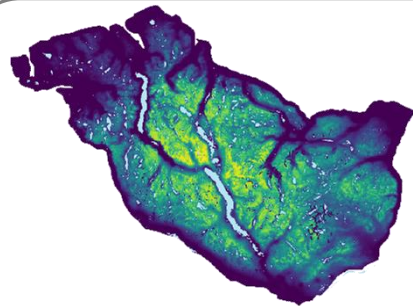


ConScape



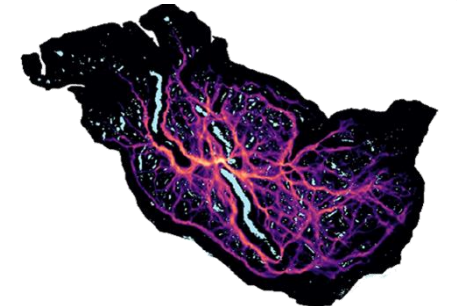
HABITAT FUNCTIONALITY

High (preferred and well connected)
Low (low quality &/or inaccessible)



MOVEMENT FLOW

High (movement hub, "traffic-jam")
Low



AID SUSTAINABLE LAND PLANNING:

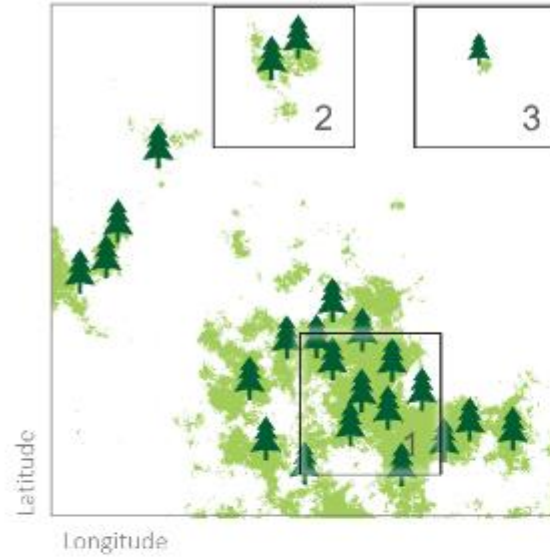
- *Scenario analyses:* quantify impact of changes in the landscape/climate
- Identify priority areas for conservation (zonation)

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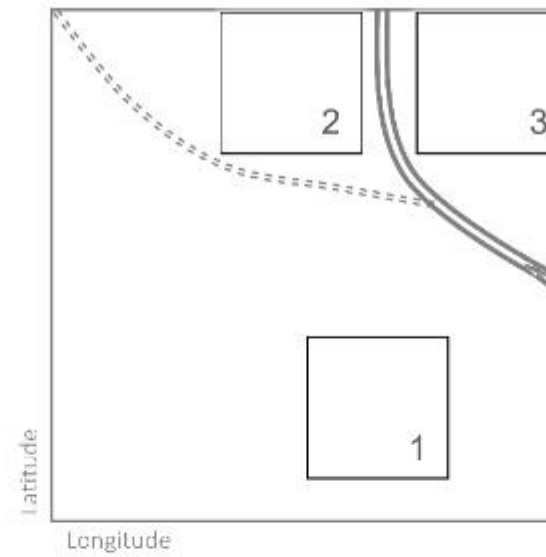
LANDSCAPE FOCUS
(GEOGRAPHIC SPACE)

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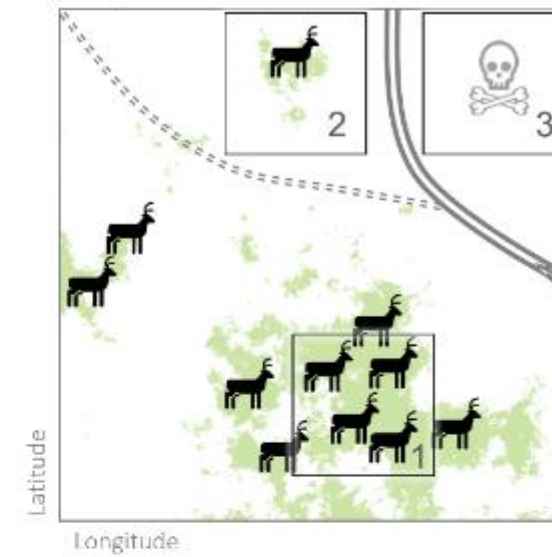
A Land cover (G-space)



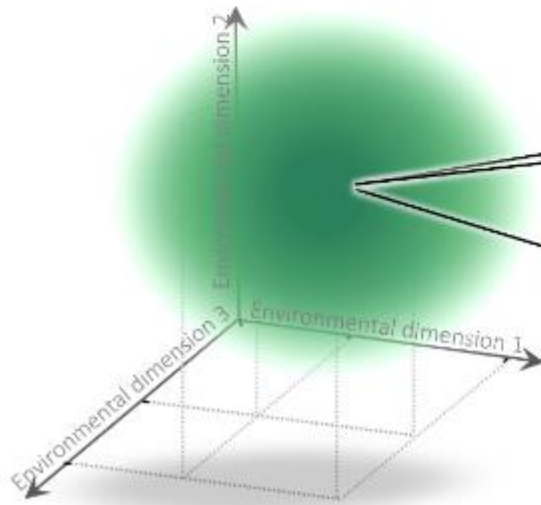
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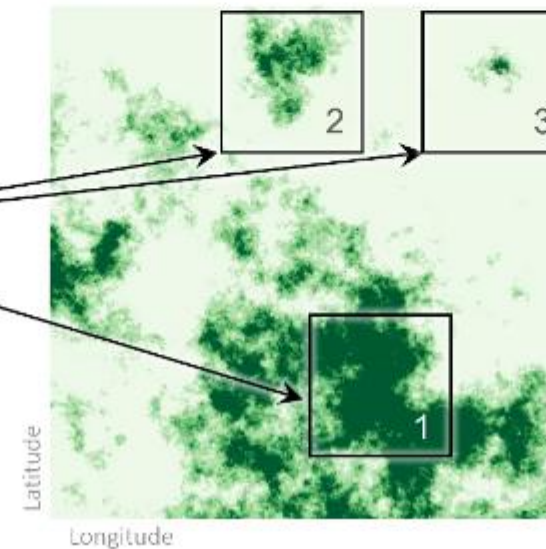
C Population distribution



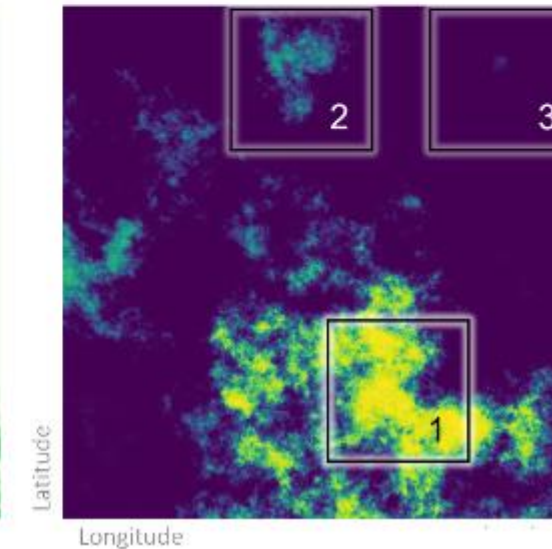
D Niche (E-space)



E Suitable habitat

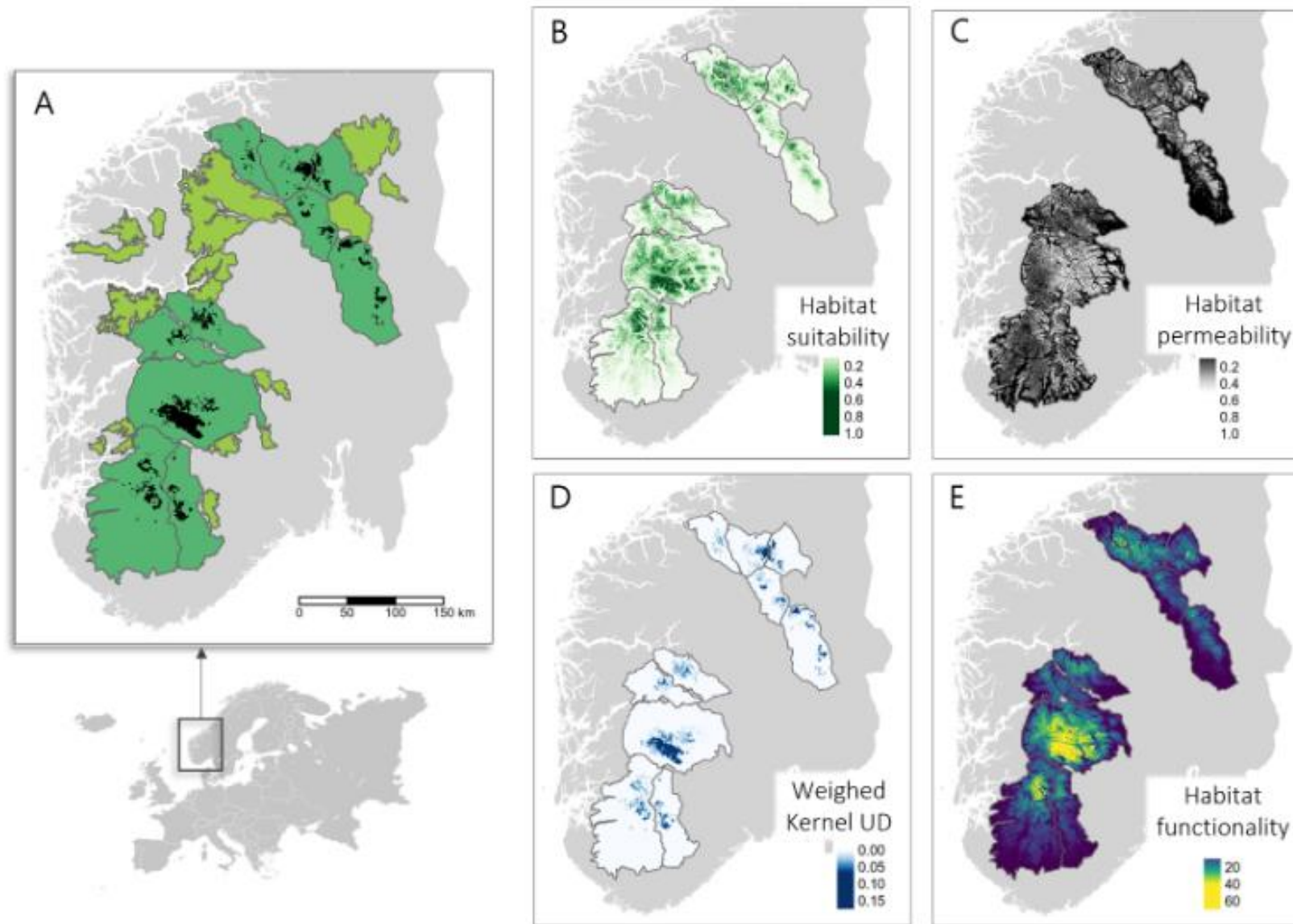


F Functional habitat



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Connectivity modeling tools

- R:
 - ▶ [leastcostpath](#) package
 - ▶ `amt: redistribution_kernel()` and `simulate_path()`
- GRASS GIS/Python: [LSCorridors](#)
- Julia:
 - ▶ [Circuitscape](#)
 - ▶ [ConScape](#)

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