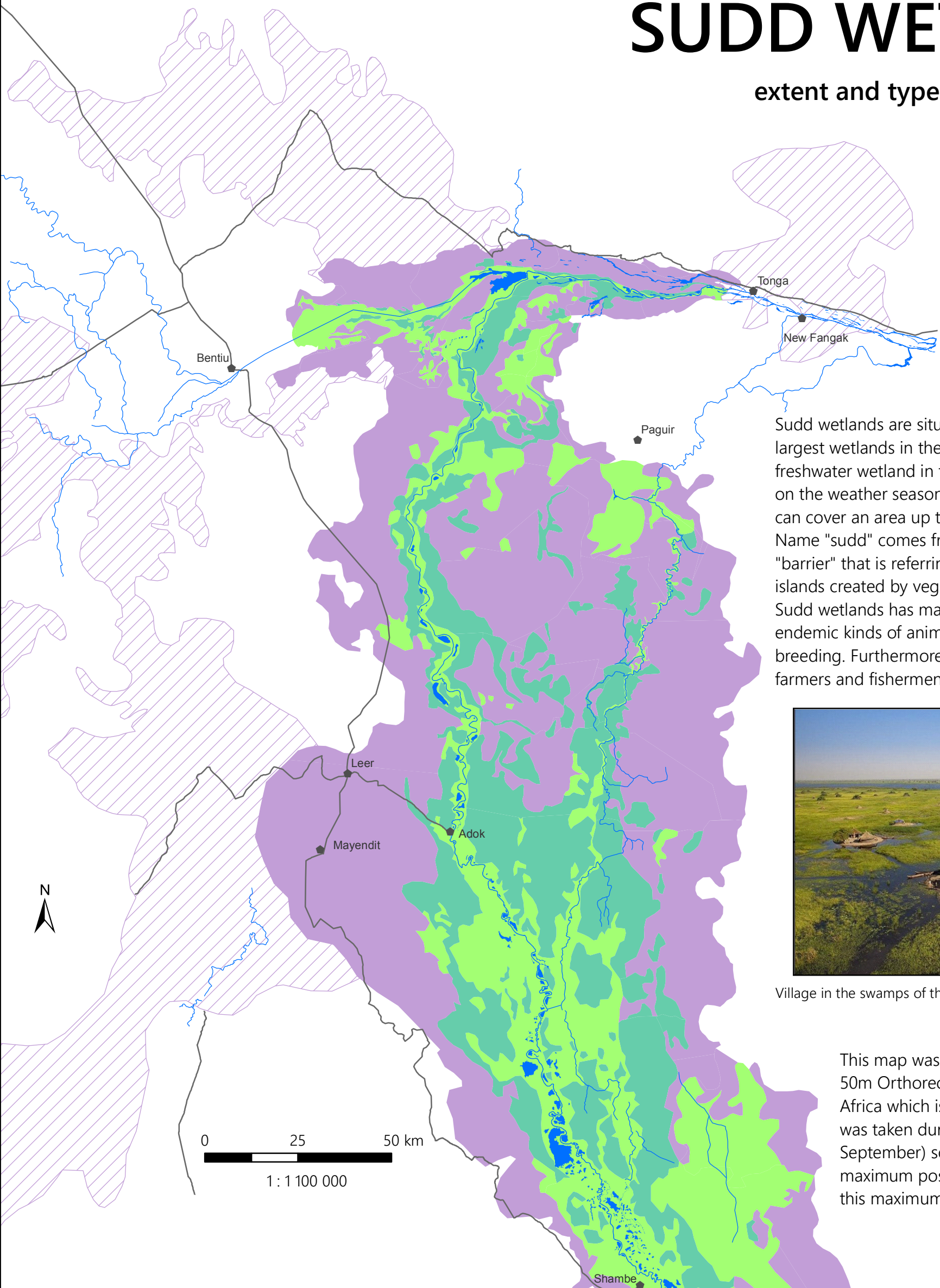


SUDD WETLANDS

extent and types landcover



Sudd wetlands are situated in South Sudan and it is the largest wetlands in the world and moreover it is the largest freshwater wetland in the Nile basin. Its extent depends on the weather season and during the raining season it can cover an area up to 57 000 km². Name "sudd" comes from the Arabic word "sadd", or "barrier" that is referring to large floating vegetatio islands created by vegetation with floating roots. Sudd wetlands has many biological values: it is has many endemic kinds of animals and lot of birds come here for breeding. Furthermore, this area is inhabited by the farmers and fishermen with a typical way of life.



Village in the swamps of the White Nile near Bor, Jonglei, South Sudan

This map was mainly created from the PALSAR 50m Orthorectified Mosaic Product for Central Africa which is a radar imaginary. This imaginary was taken during the raining season (May - September) so it was possible to define the maximum possible extent of this swamp. However this maximum extent could change every year.

Swamp extent

- permanent swamp
- semi-permanent swamp
- raining season
- maximum extent (10-30 days)

- town or city
- waterways
- primary road
- water

Distribution and types of vegetation in Sudd wetlands

