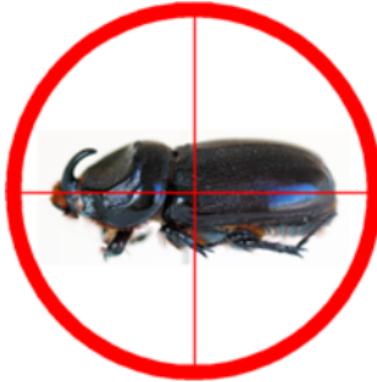


Update on the Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project



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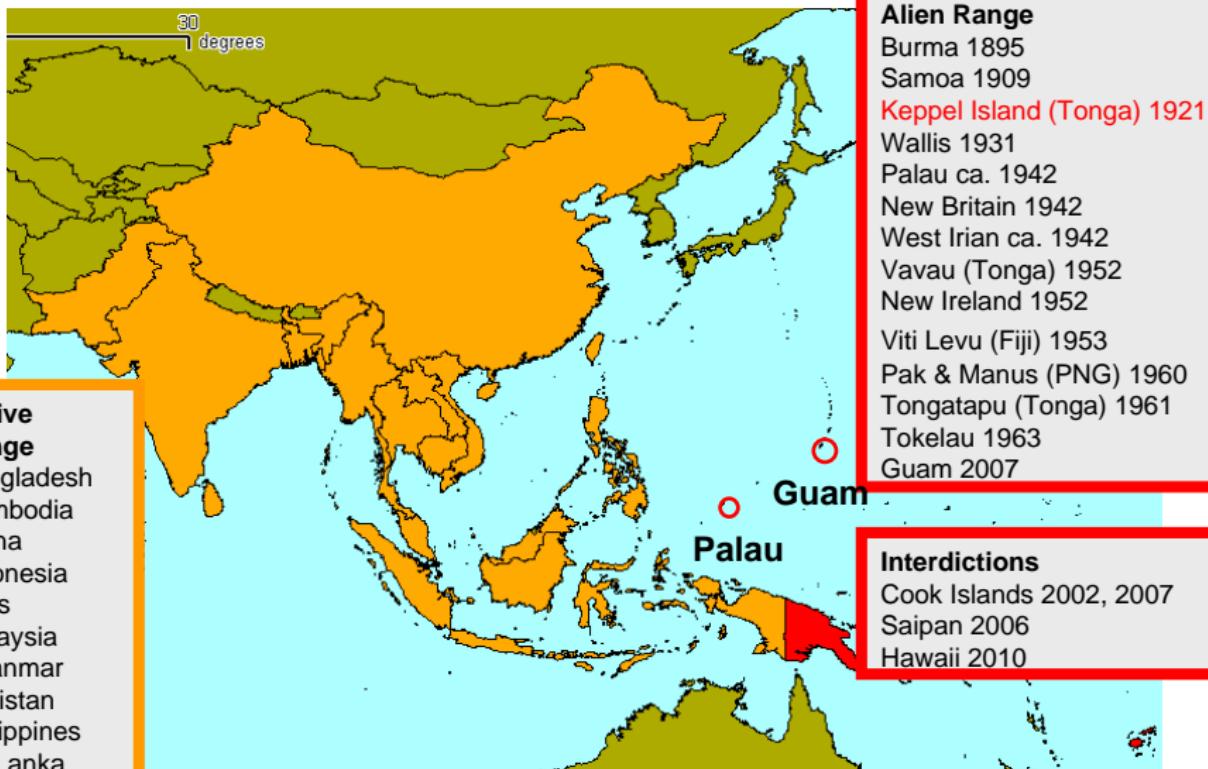
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First Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle
Collected on Guam
11-Sep-2007, Tumon Bay



Oryctes rhinoceros Distribution









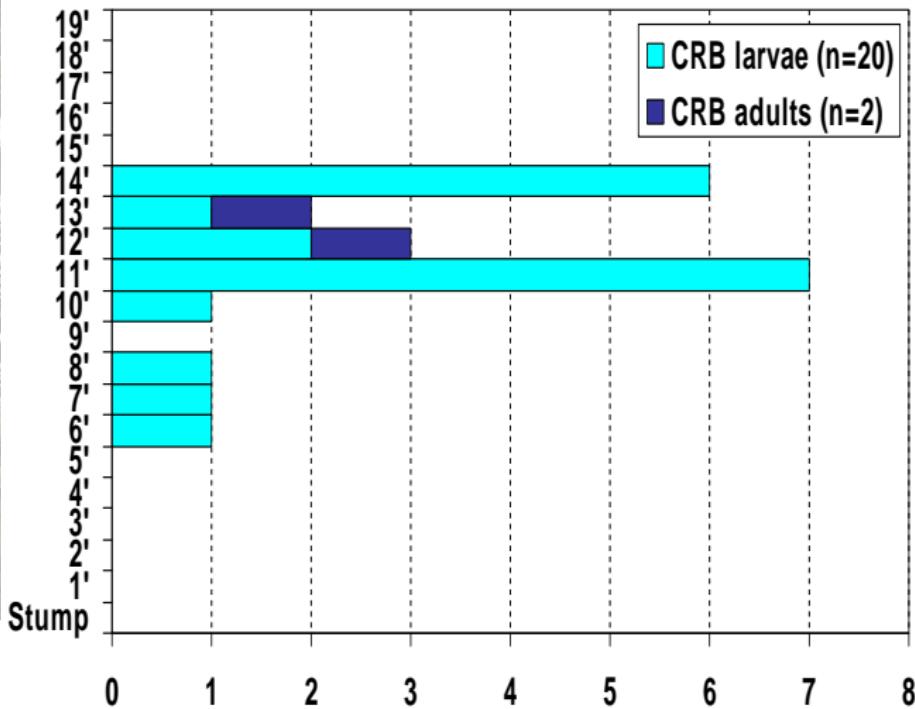








Vertical Distribution of CRB Larvae & Adults in Standing Dead Coconut Trankilidat, Guam; 25 Oct 2007



Novel CRB Behavior on Guam: Arboreal Development

CRB extracted from the crowns
of 121 felled coconut palms



Eggs	99
L1	40
L2	72
L3	210
Pupae	25
Adult males	34
Adult females	30
Total	510
Mean per tree	4.21

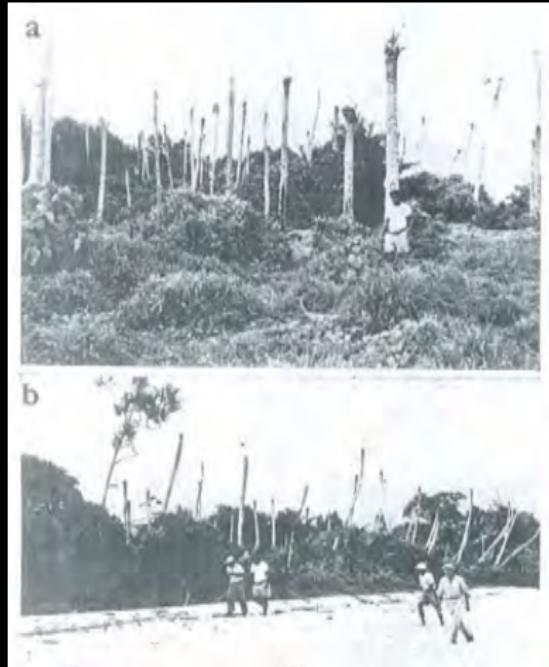


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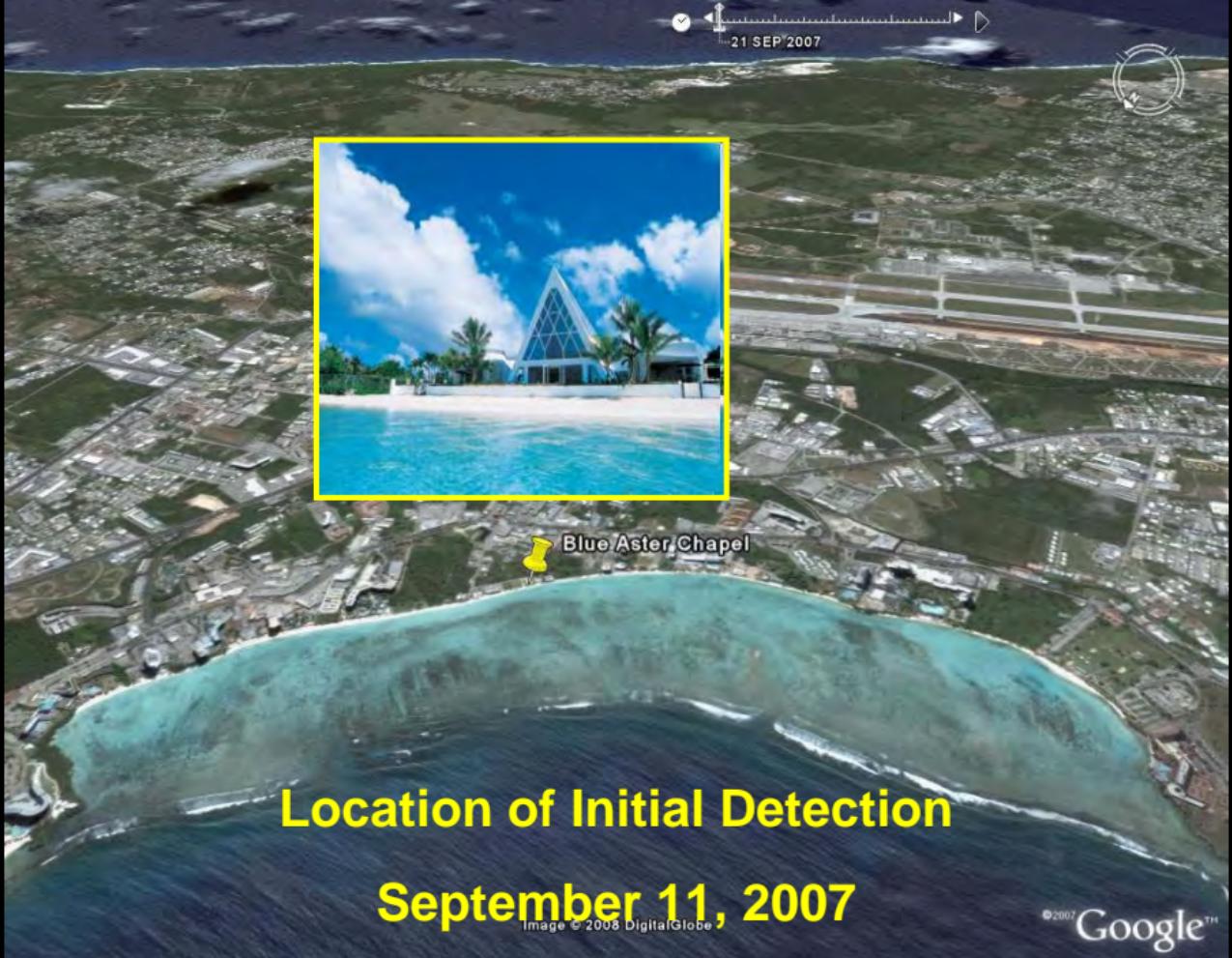
LARVAE FEED ON
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Coconut palms killed by *Oryctes rhinoceros*; Viti Levu Island, Fiji; 1973
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Coconut palms killed by *Oryctes rhinoceros*; Peleliu Island, Palau 1951
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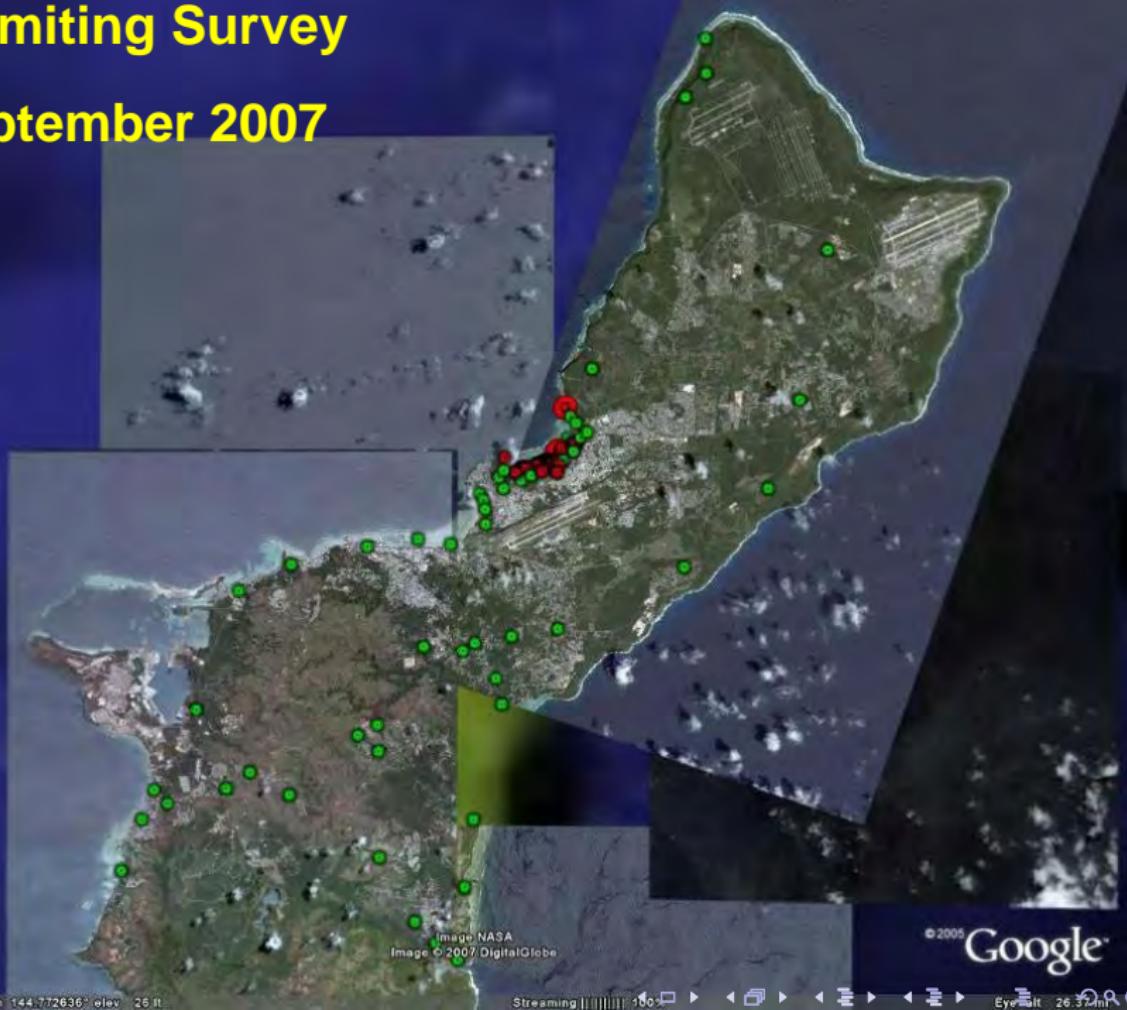
Location of Initial Detection

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Delimiting Survey

September 2007



Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Eradication Project

ORGANIZATION

Partners:

USDA-APHIS

Guam Dept. of Agriculture

University of Guam

Funding:

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US Forest Service

GovGuam



Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Eradication Project

TACTICS

Quarantine

Limit accidental transportation to uninfested parts of Guam.

Pheromone Traps

Capture adults and detect spread of the beetle population

Sanitation

Kill immatures and remove breeding sites

Detector Dogs

Efficient discovery of breeding sites.

Chemical Control

Injectable systemics for adults; spot treatments for breeding sites.

Biocontrol

Autodissemination of *Oryctes* virus



Initial Quarantine Area

September 2007



PHEROMONE TRAPS

- Mass trapping unsuccessful
- Traps useful for monitoring



Trap Data Entry Form

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Visualization of Trap Catch Data

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Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project



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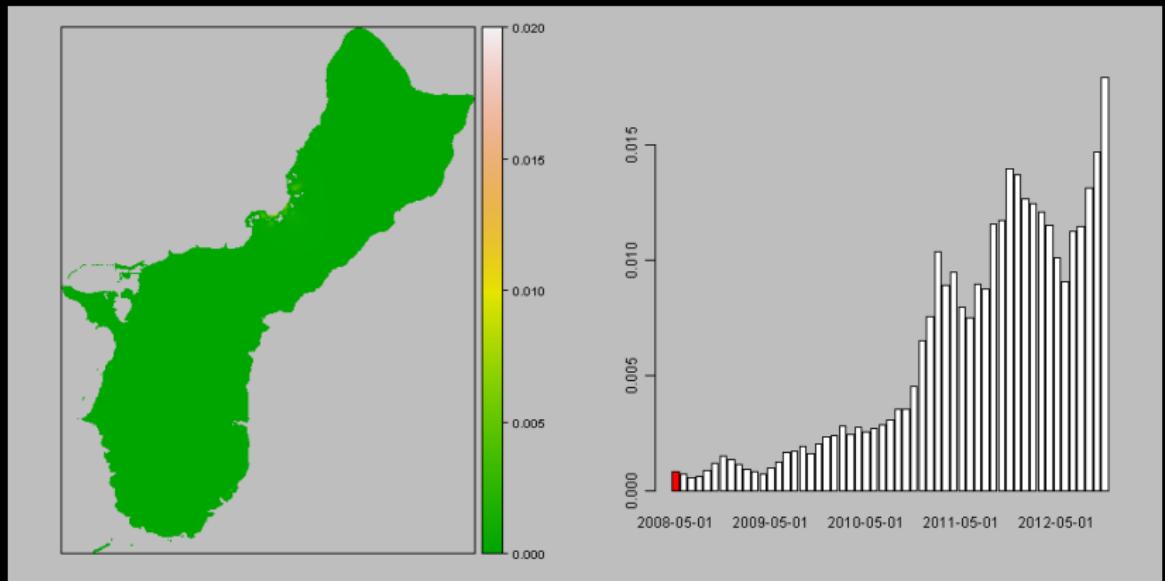
Introduction

- ▶ The following frames show spatial-temporal changes in numbers of CRB adults caught in pheromone traps.
- ▶ Note that trap catches on Guam are very low: the scale runs from 0 to only 0.02 beetles per trap day, a trap rate of only one beetle every 50 days.

Methods

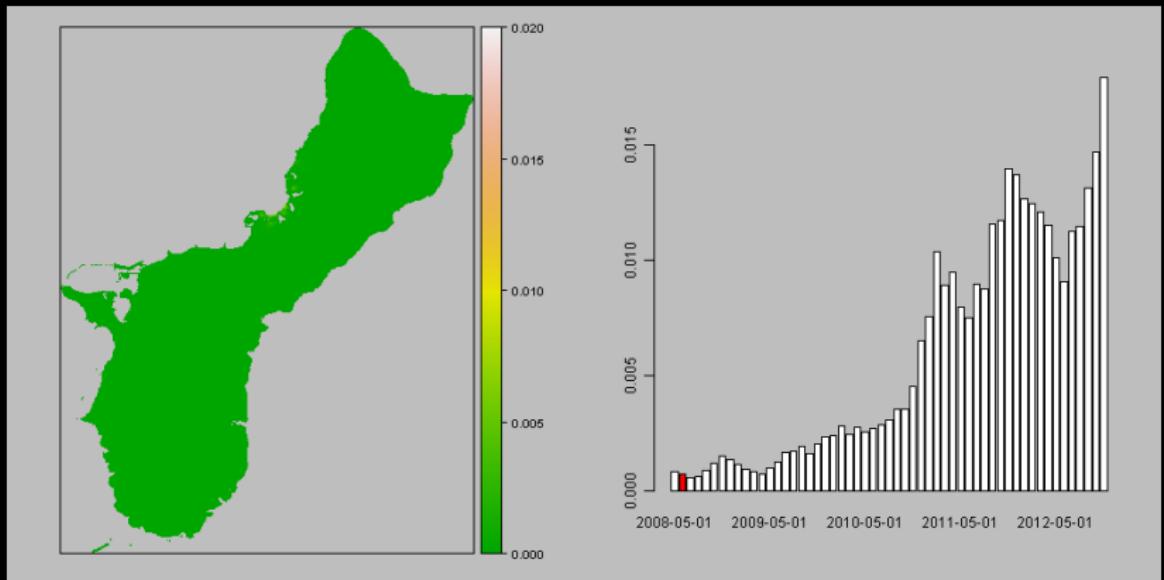
- ▶ Interpolated raster maps were made using an R script which:
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90 day trapping period ending on 01 May 2008



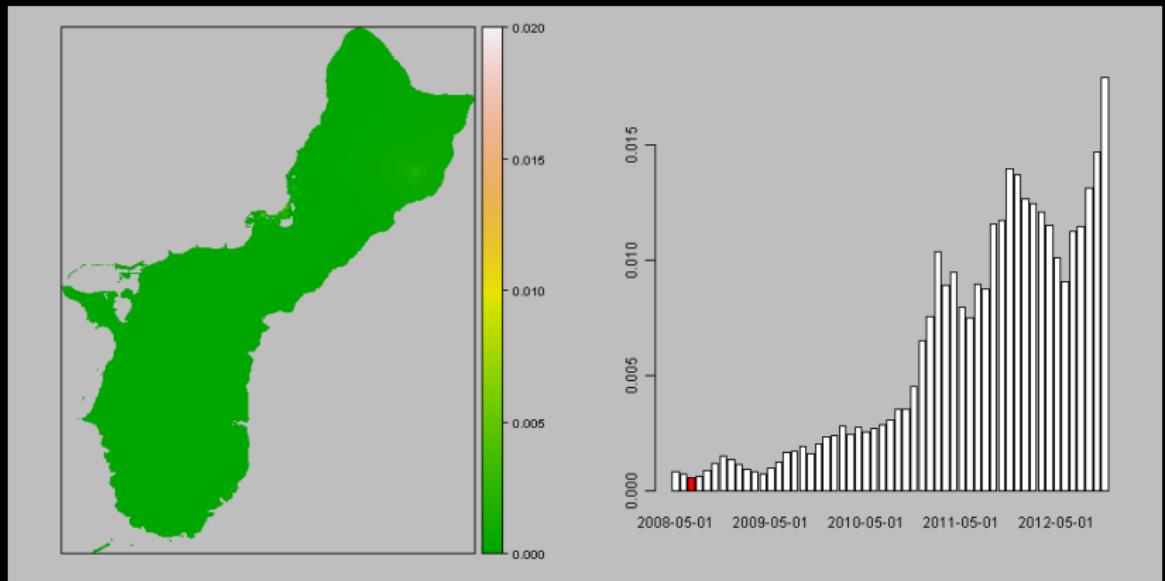
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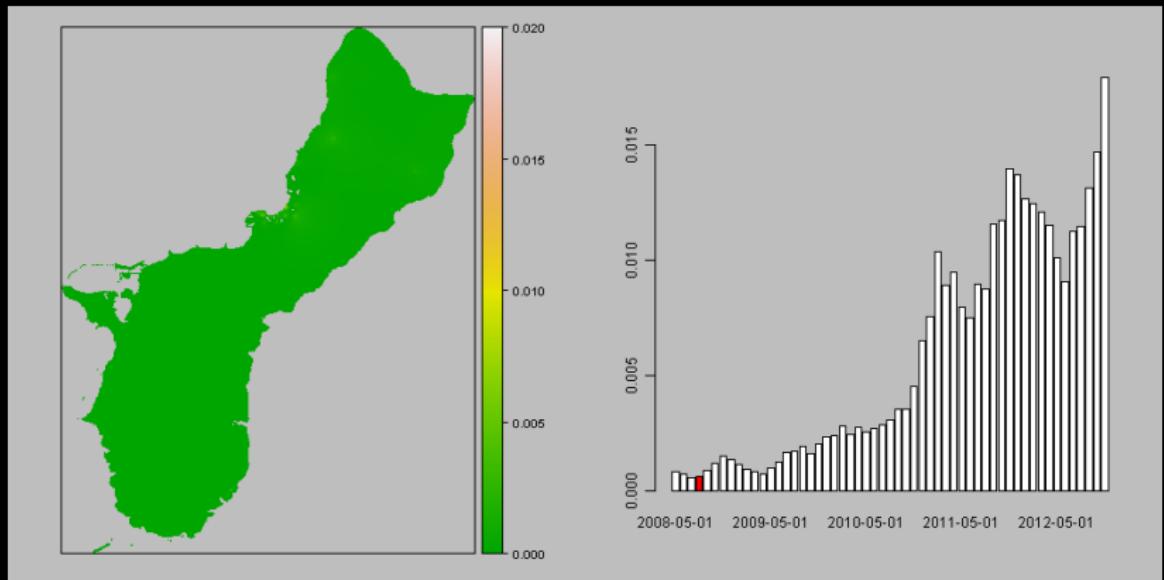
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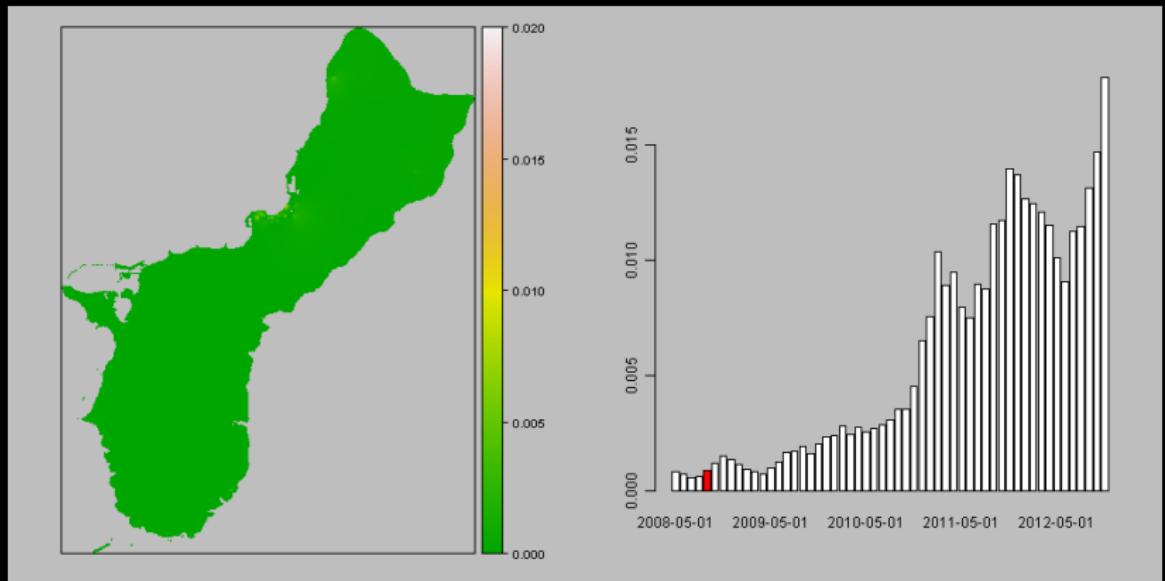
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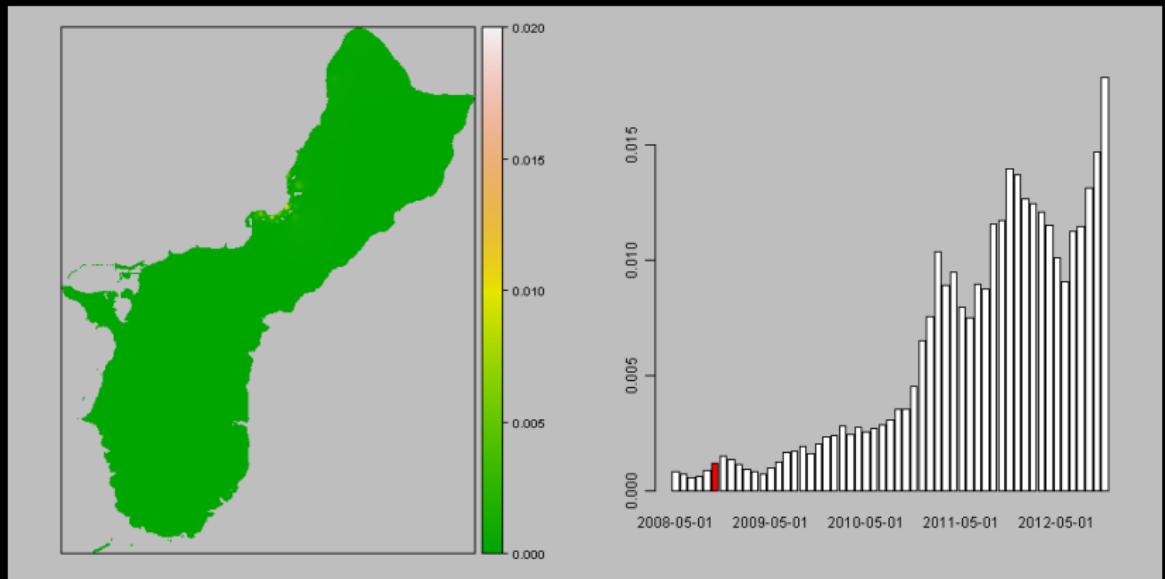
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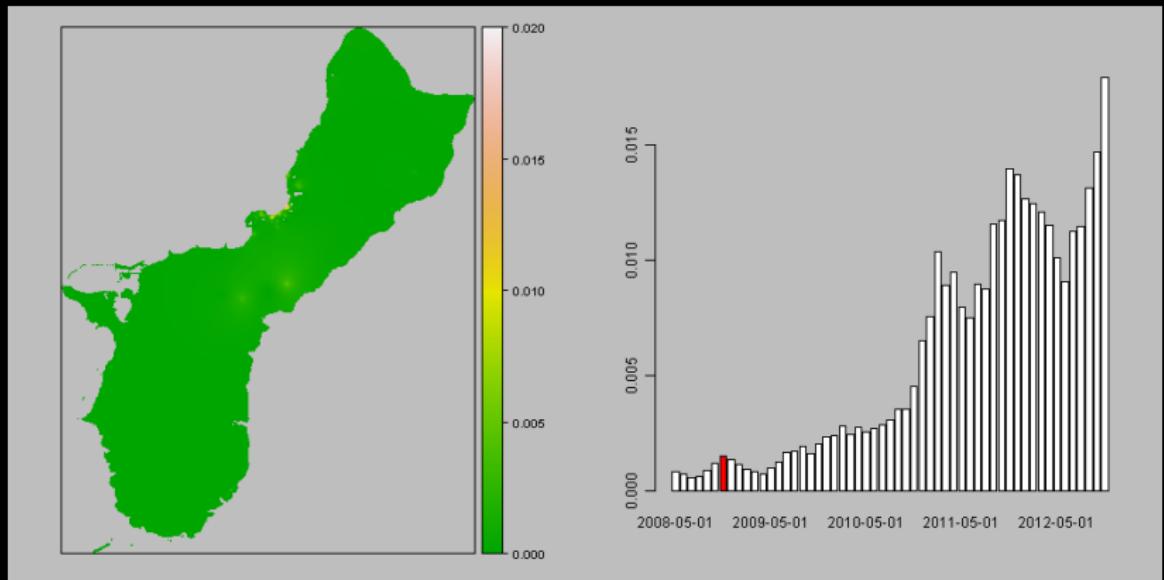
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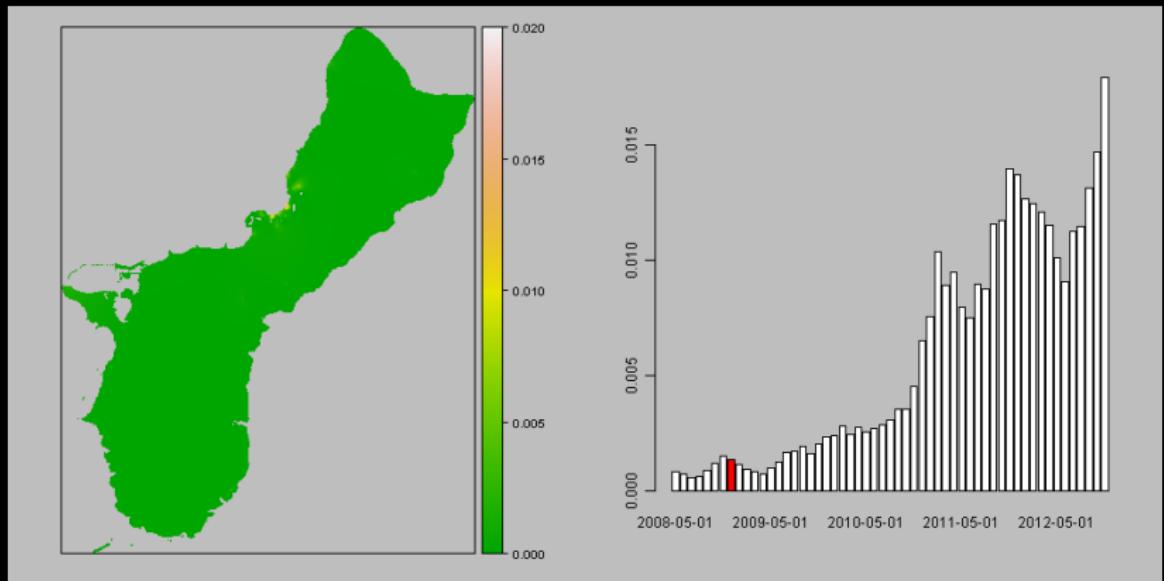
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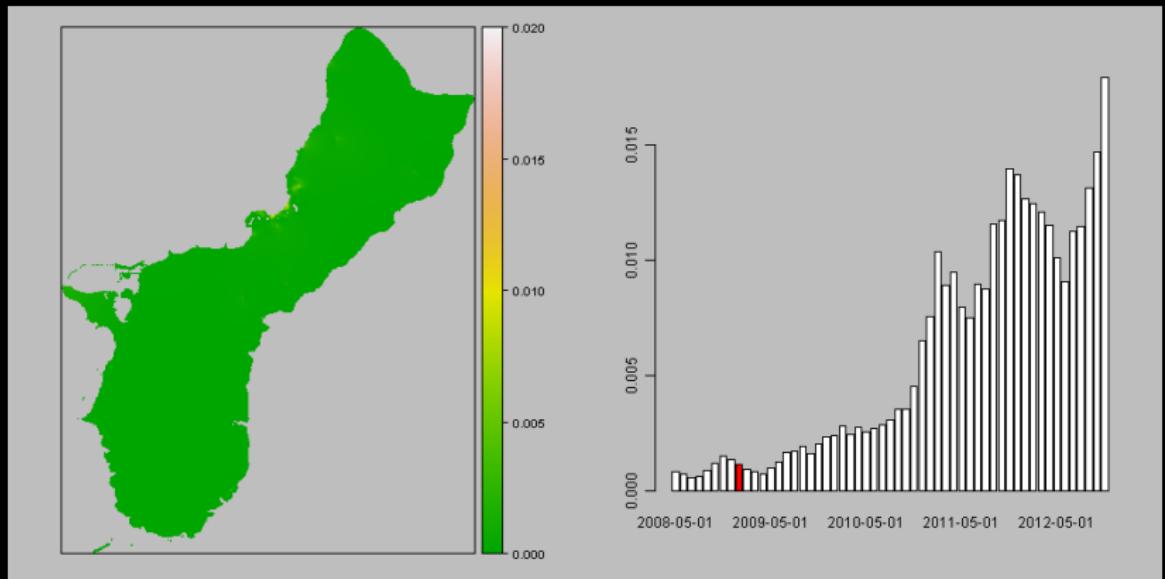
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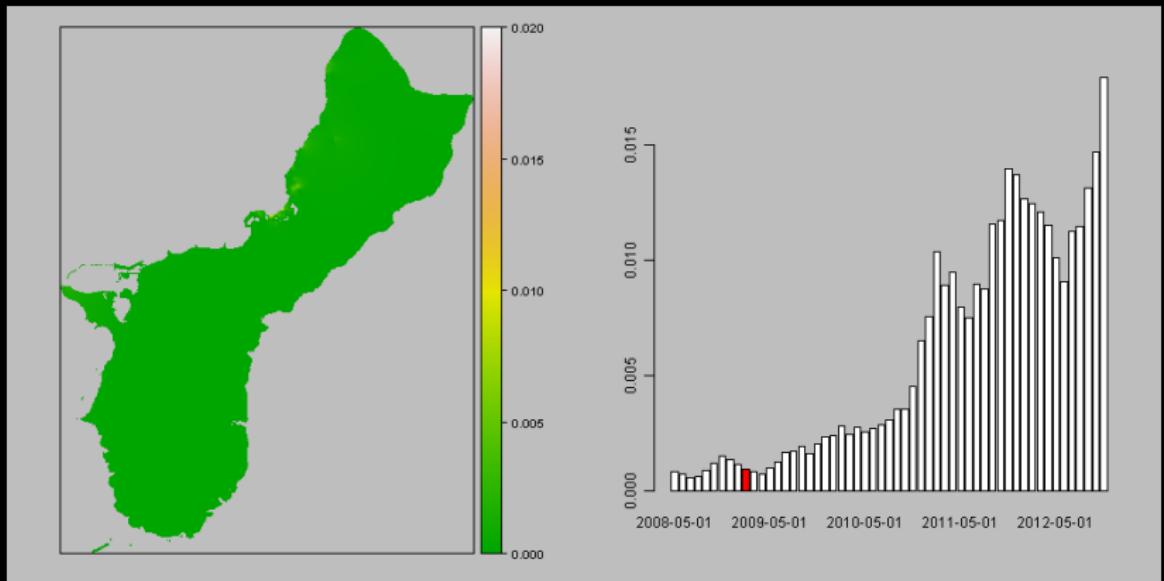
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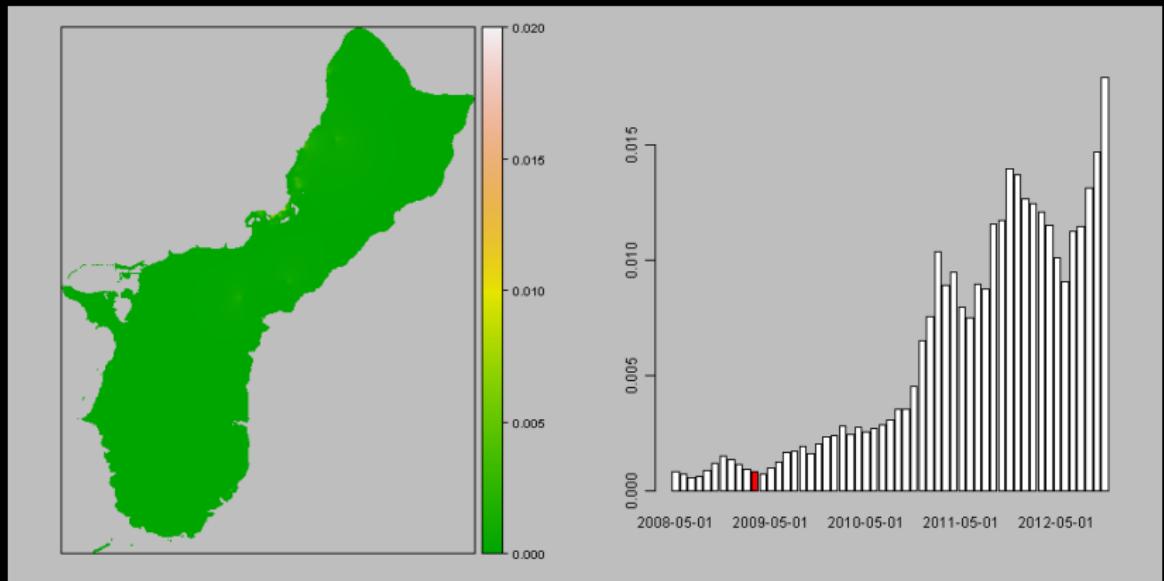
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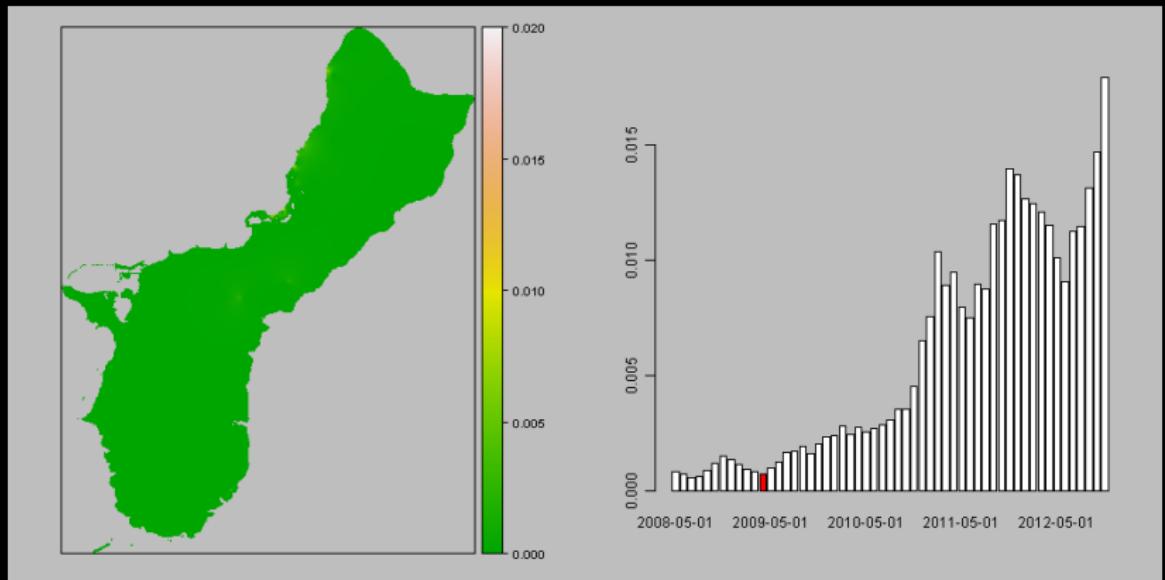
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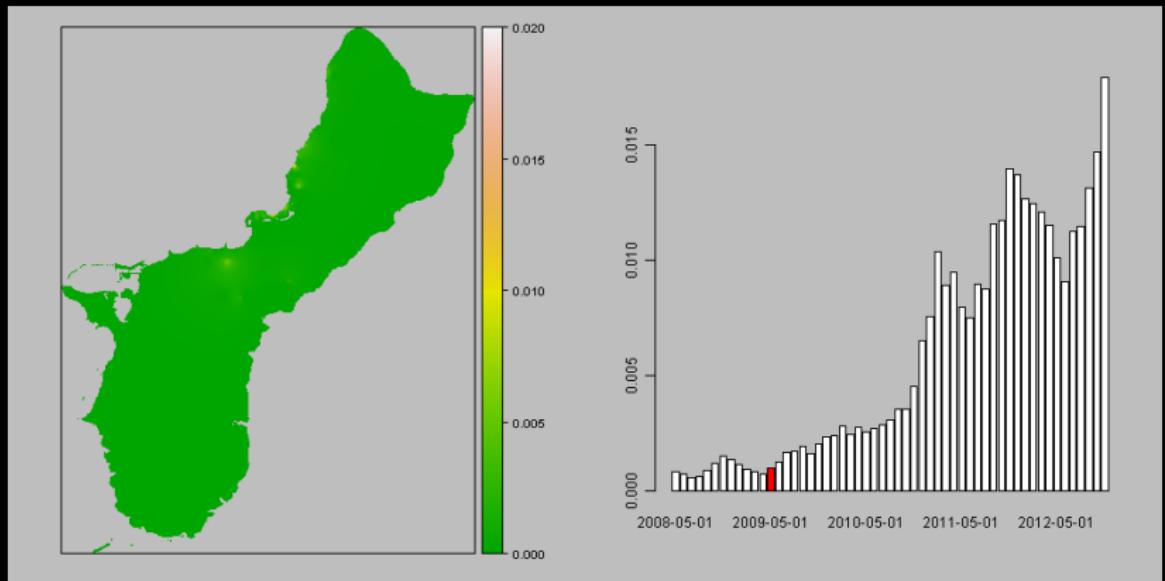
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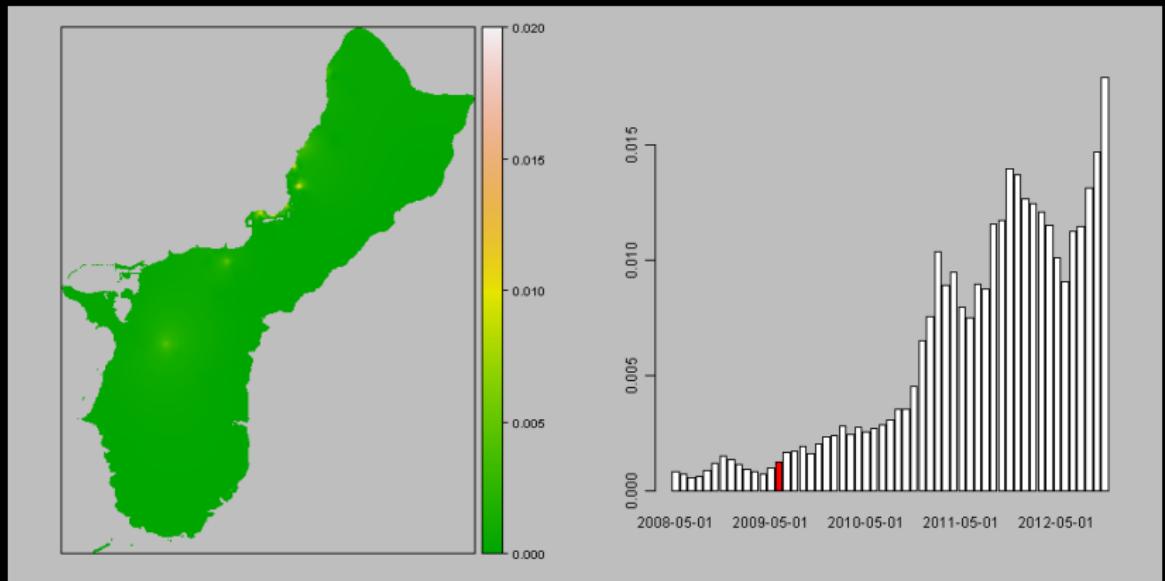
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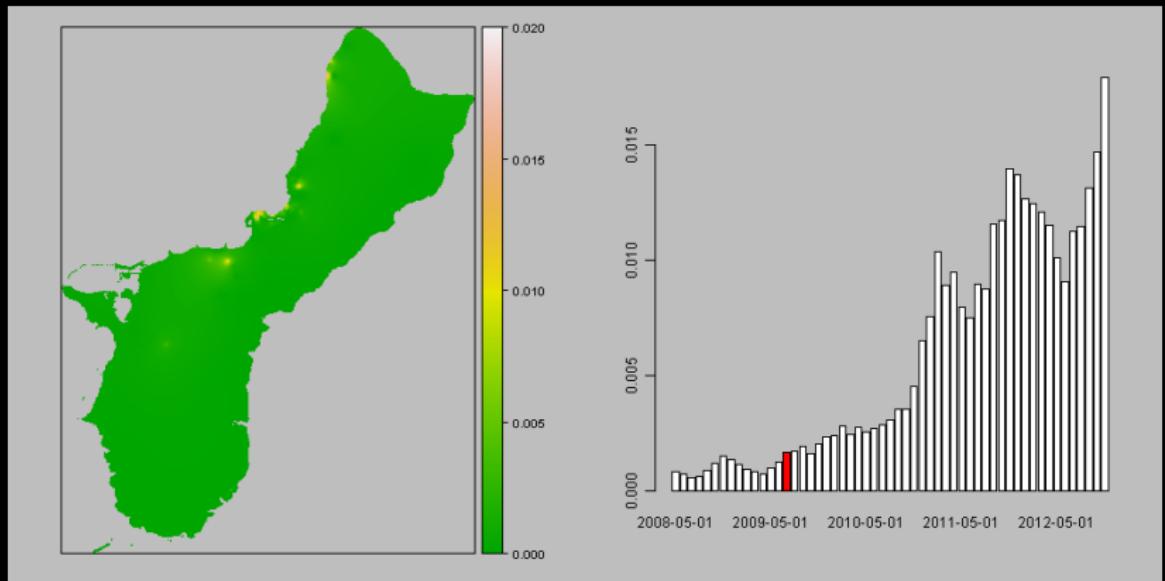
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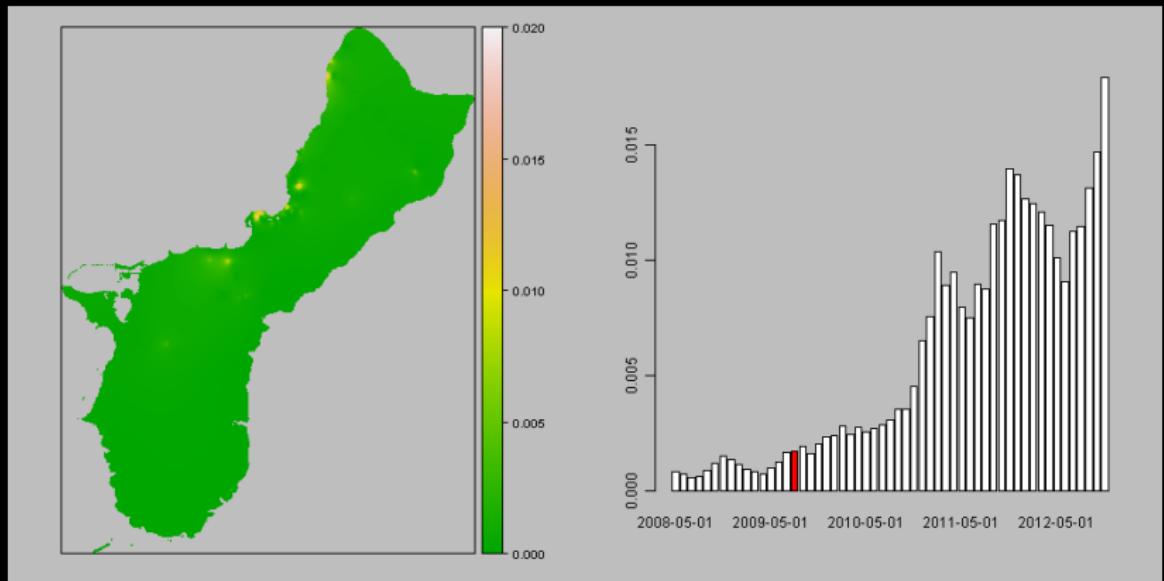
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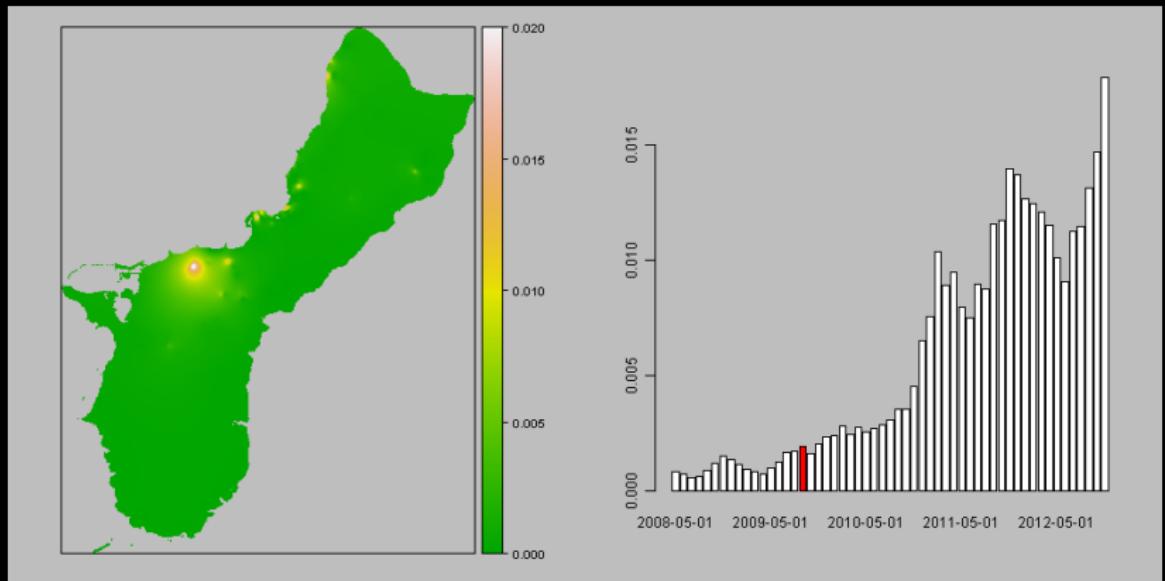
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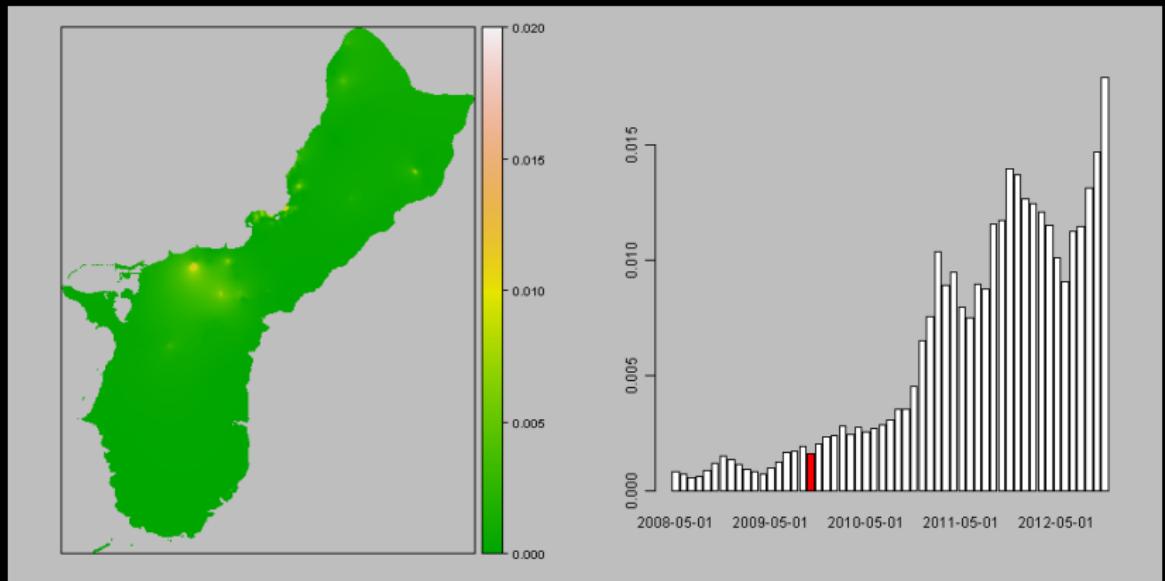
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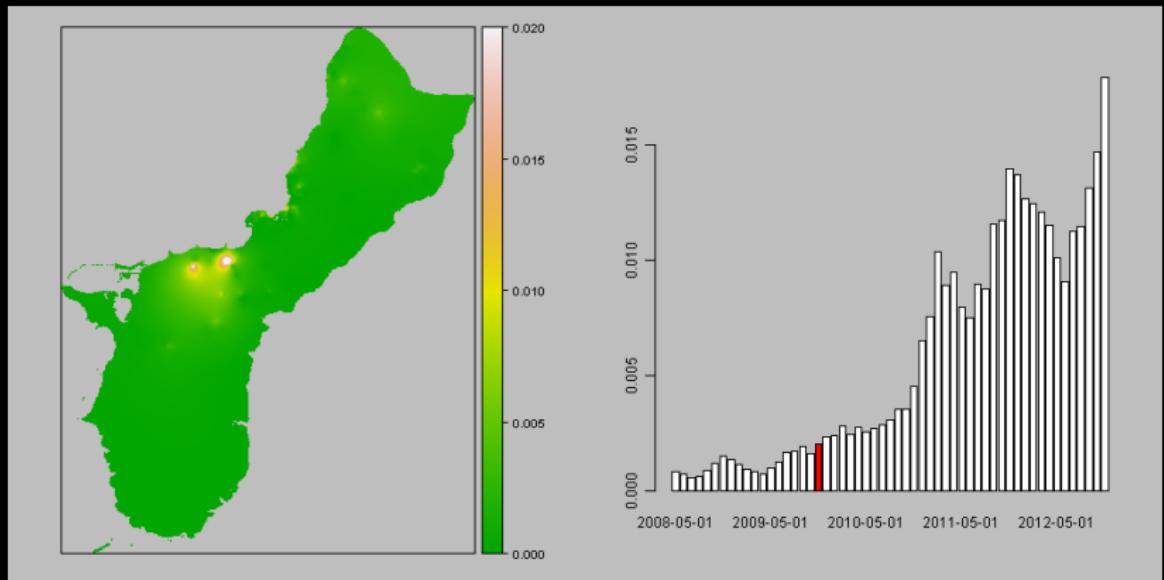
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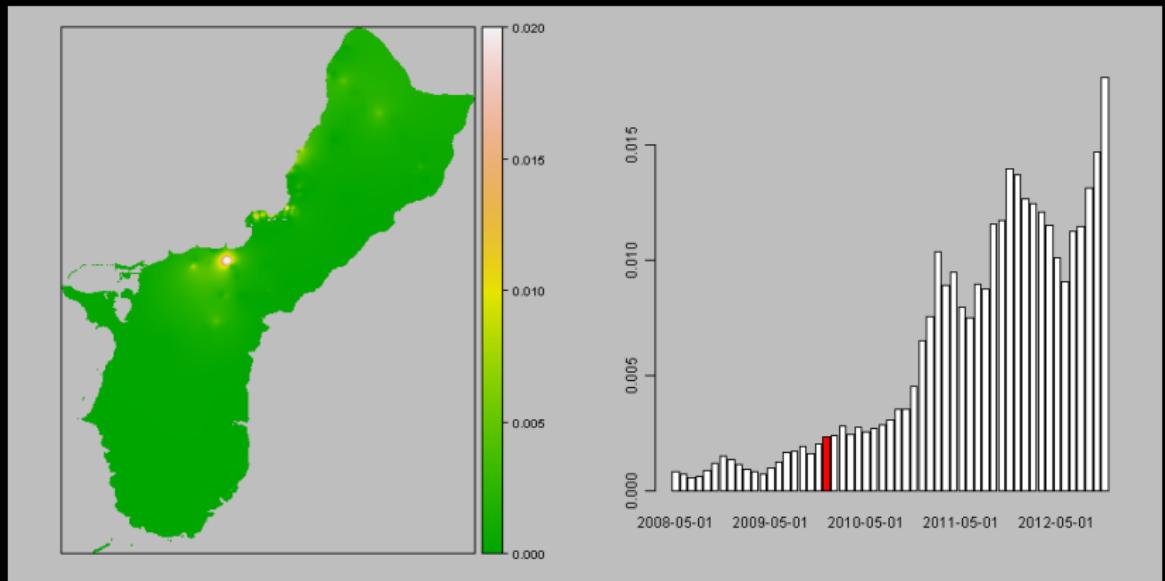
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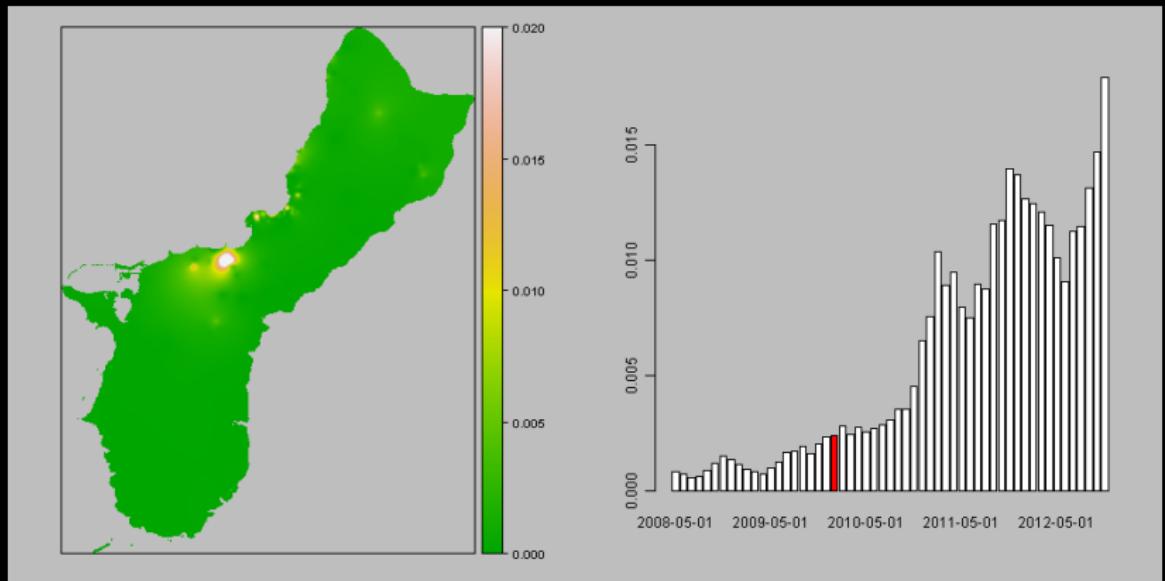
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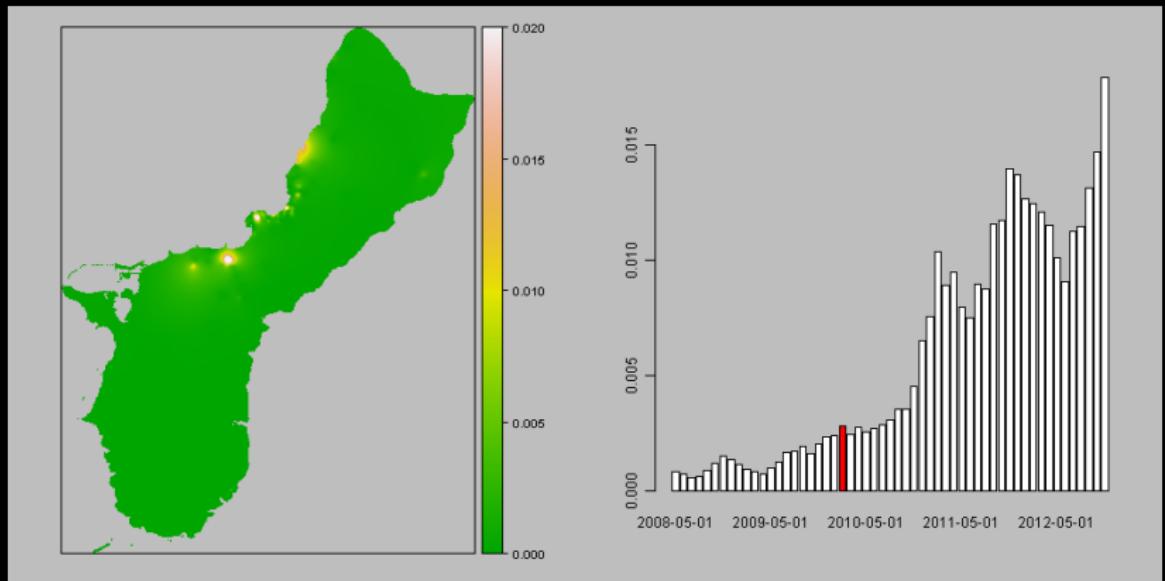
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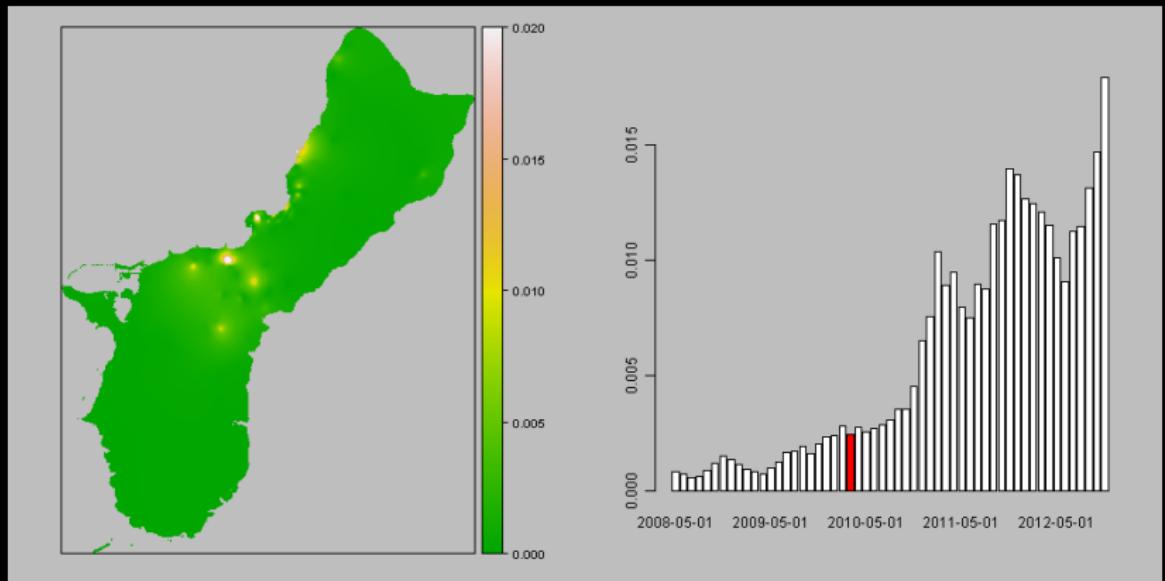
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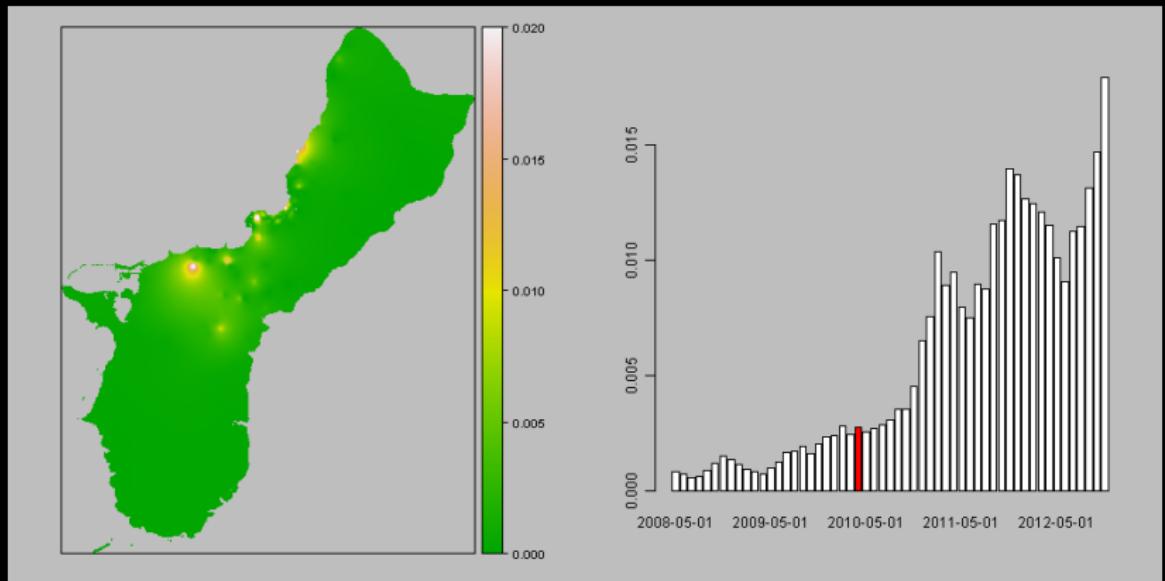
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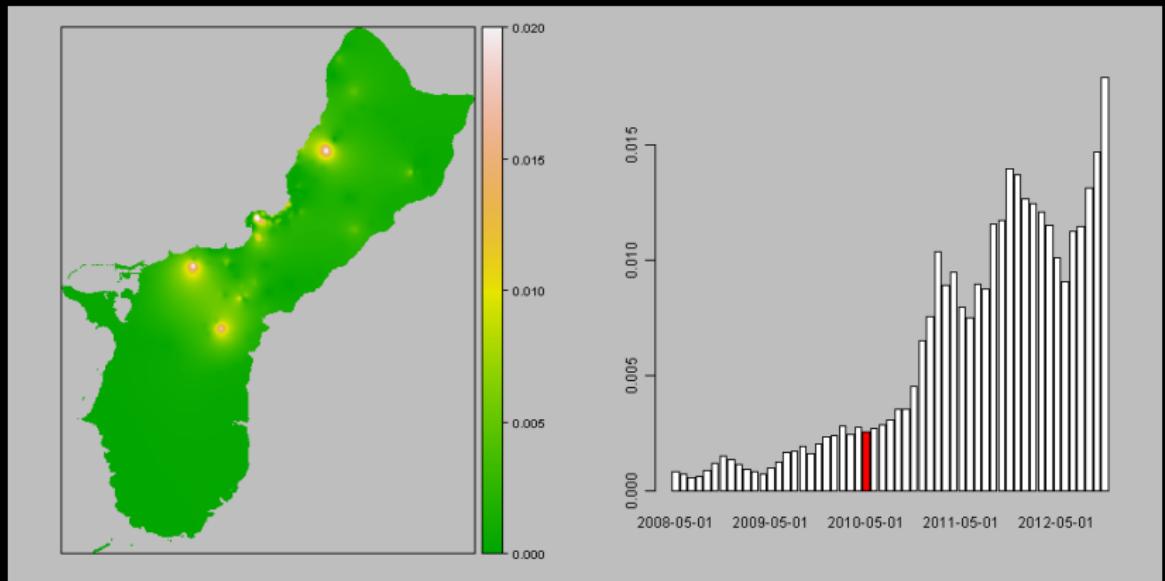
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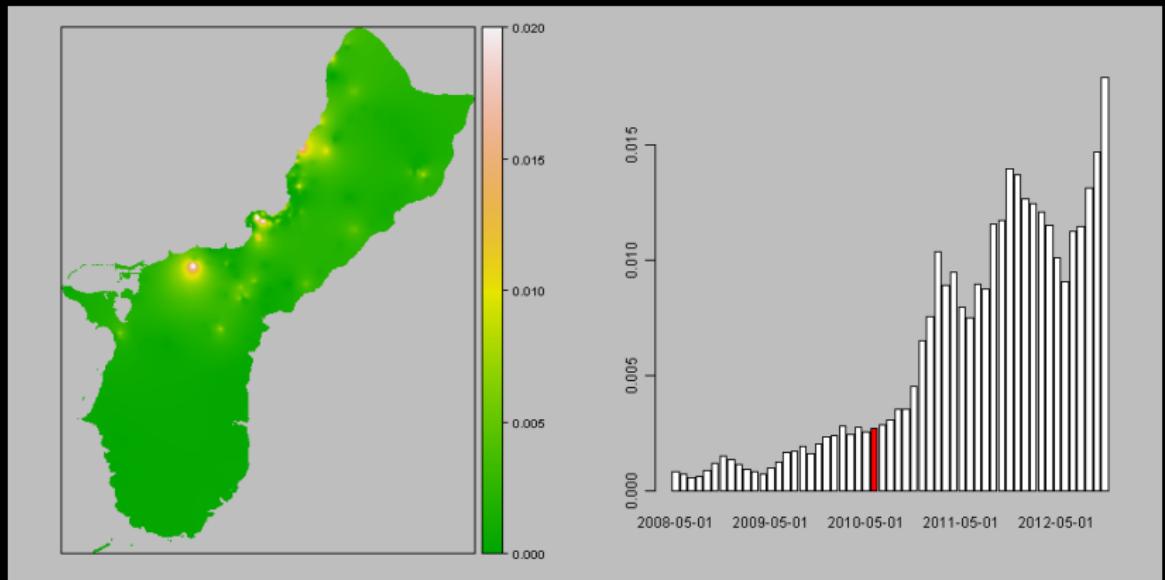
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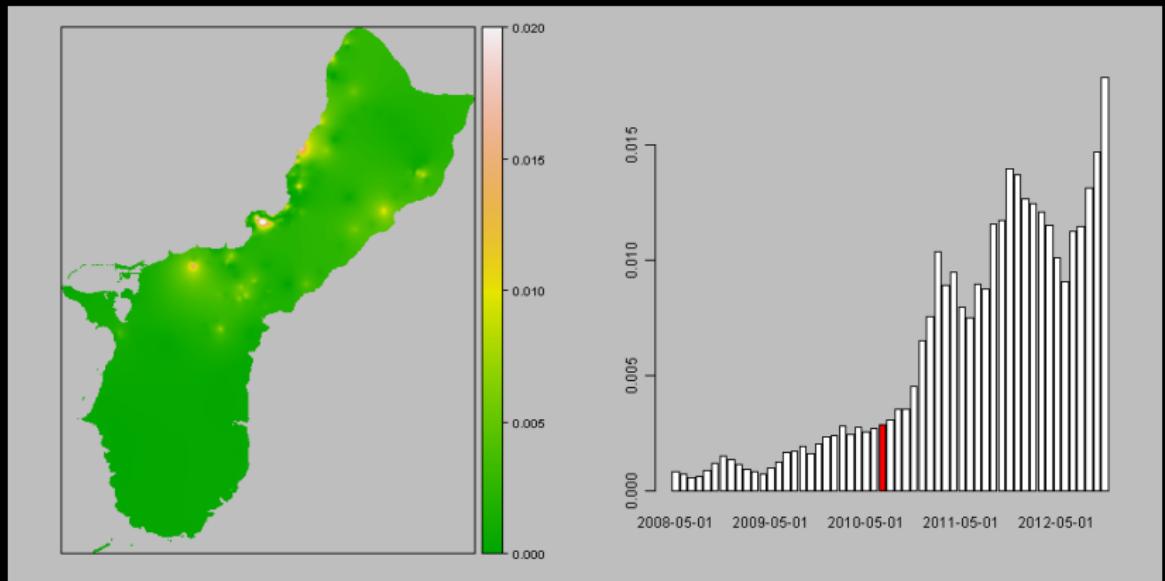
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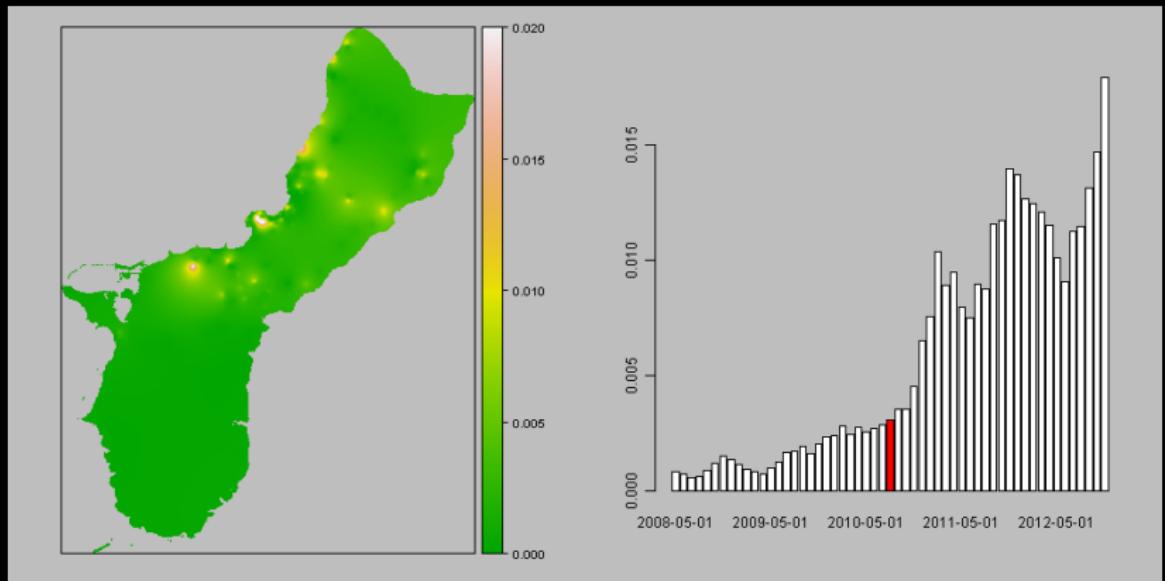
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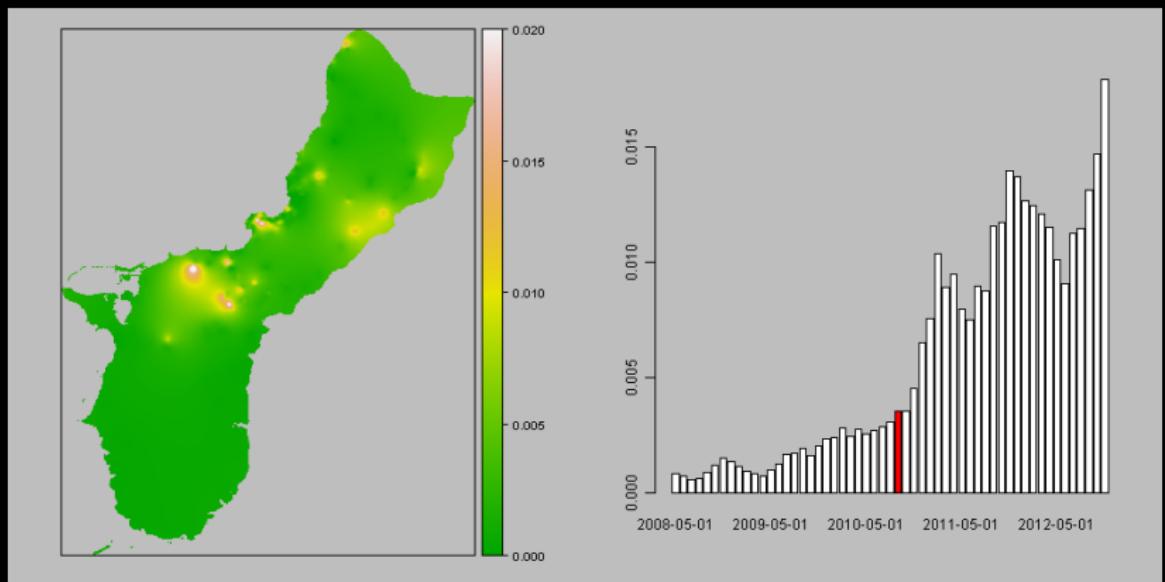
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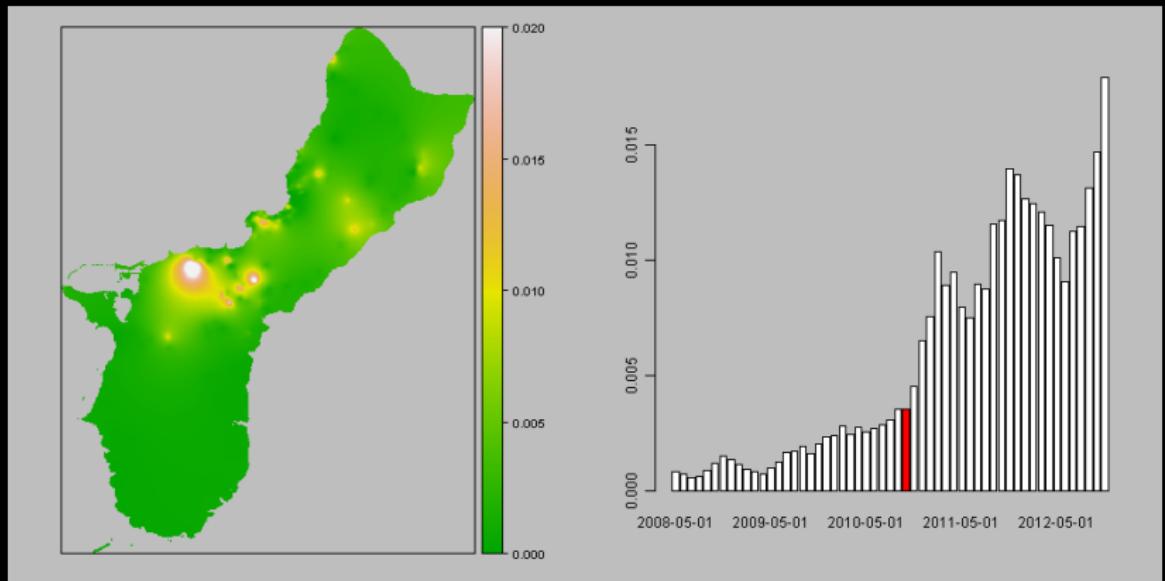
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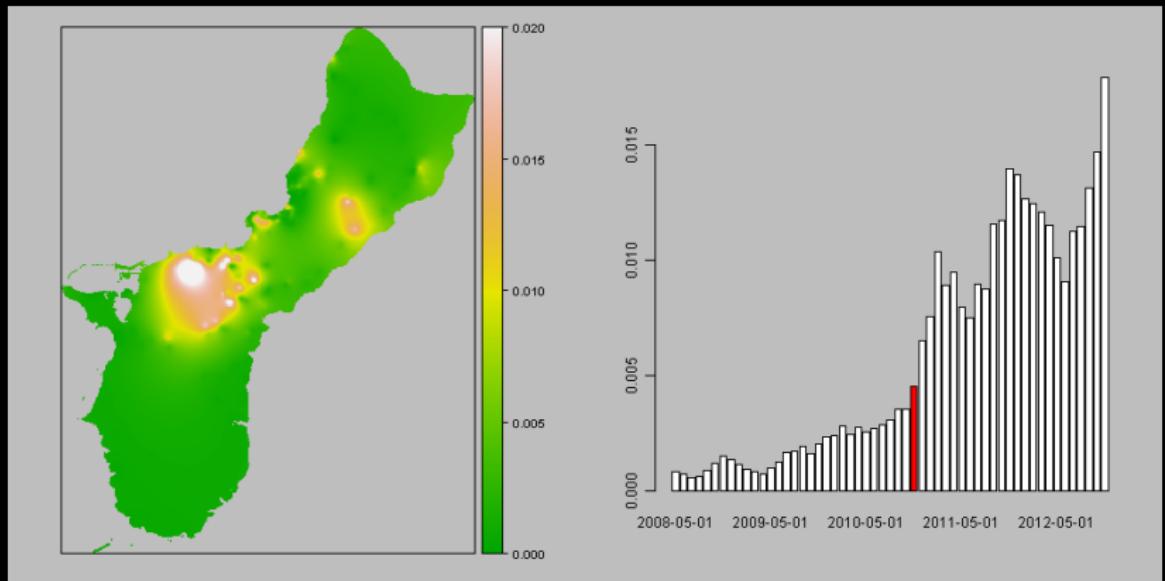
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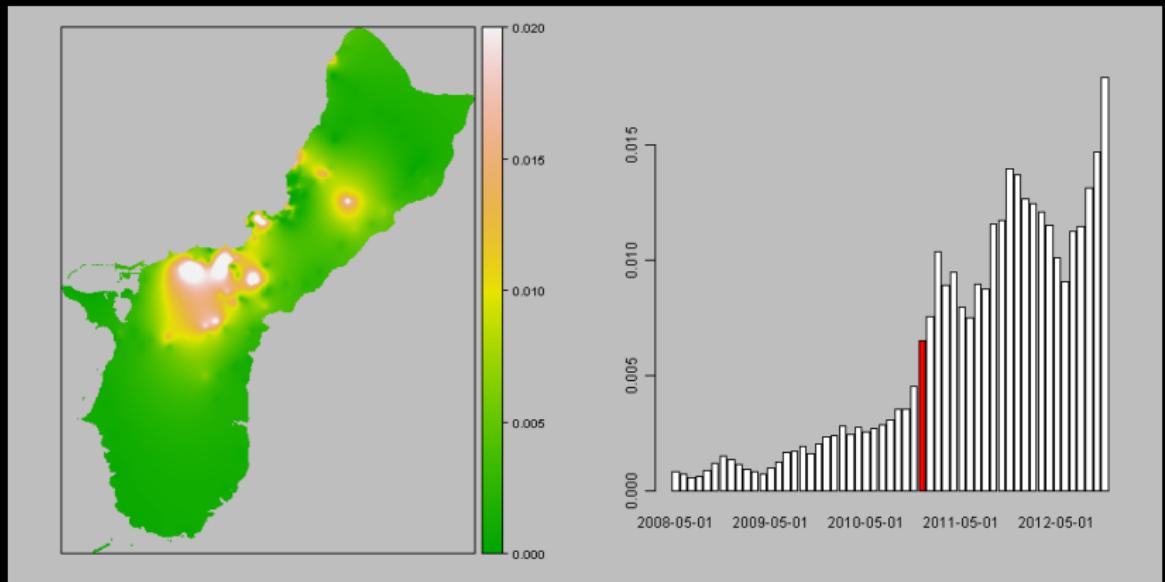
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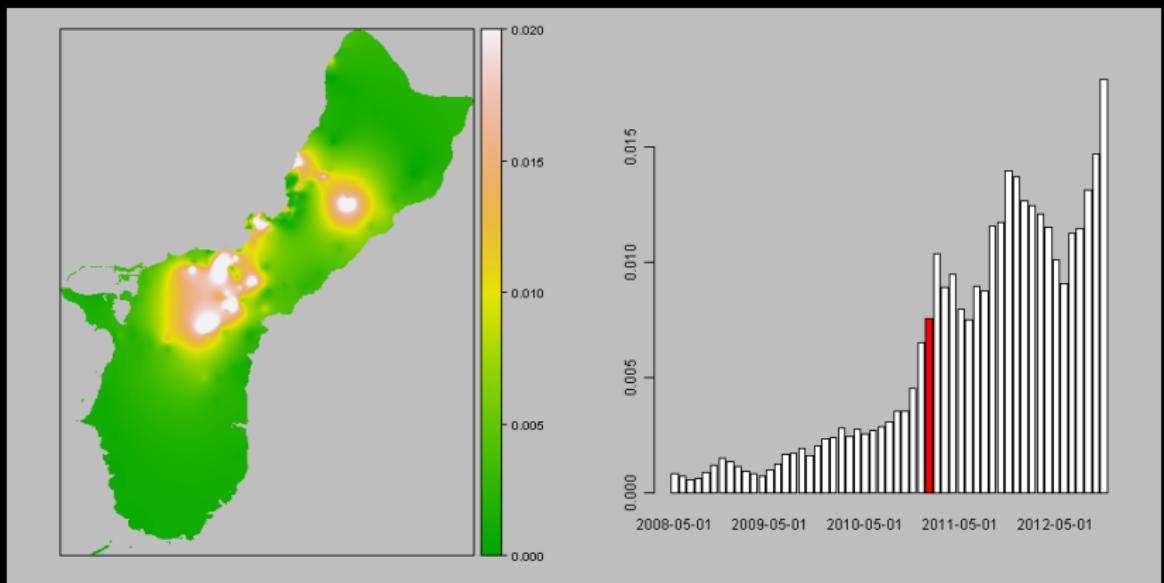
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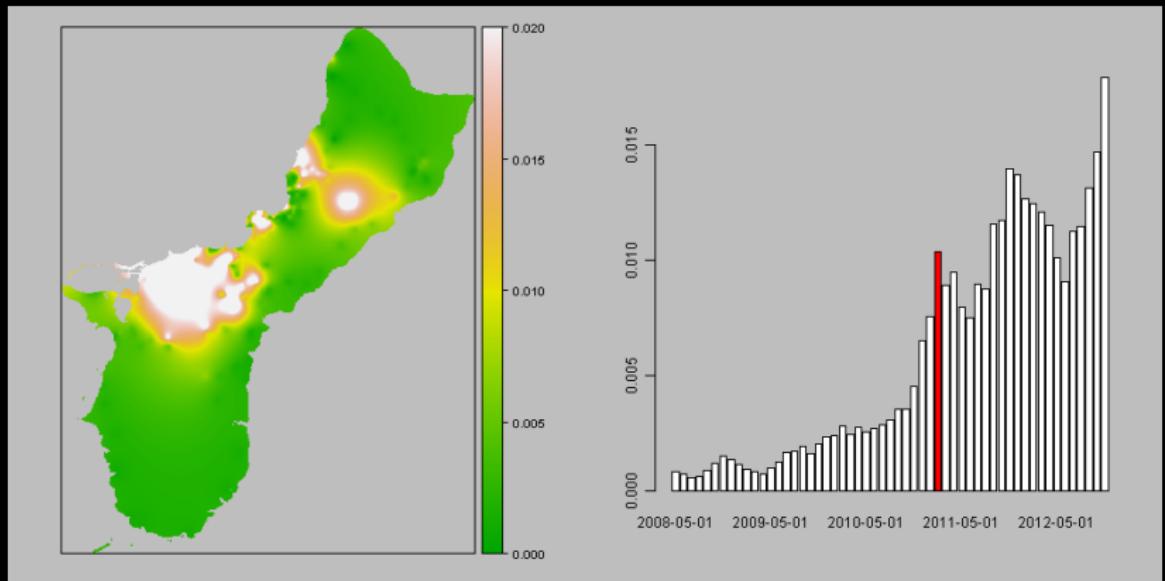
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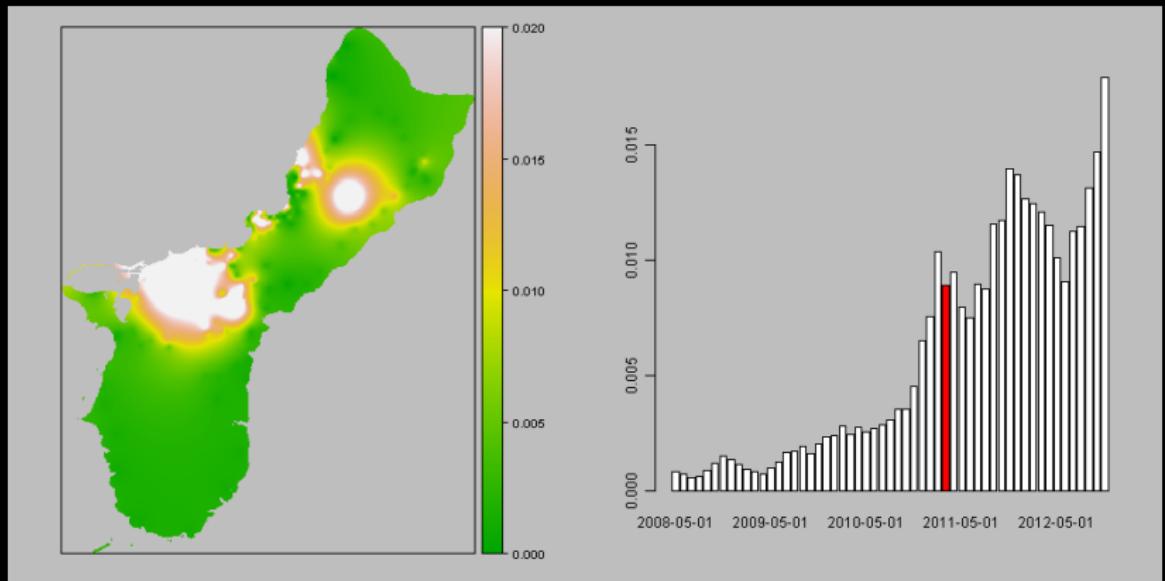
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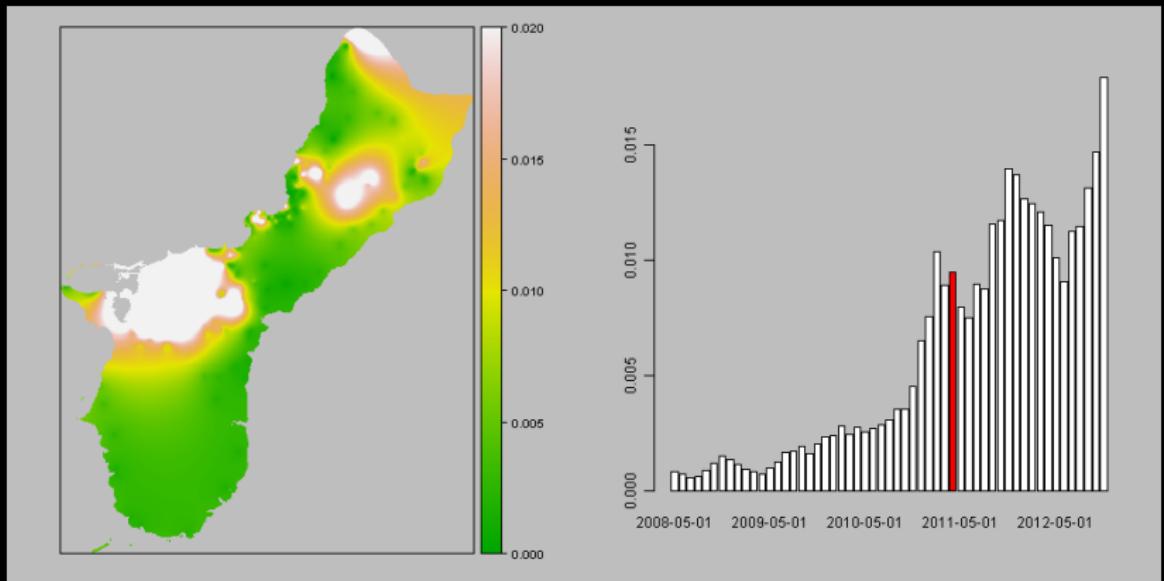
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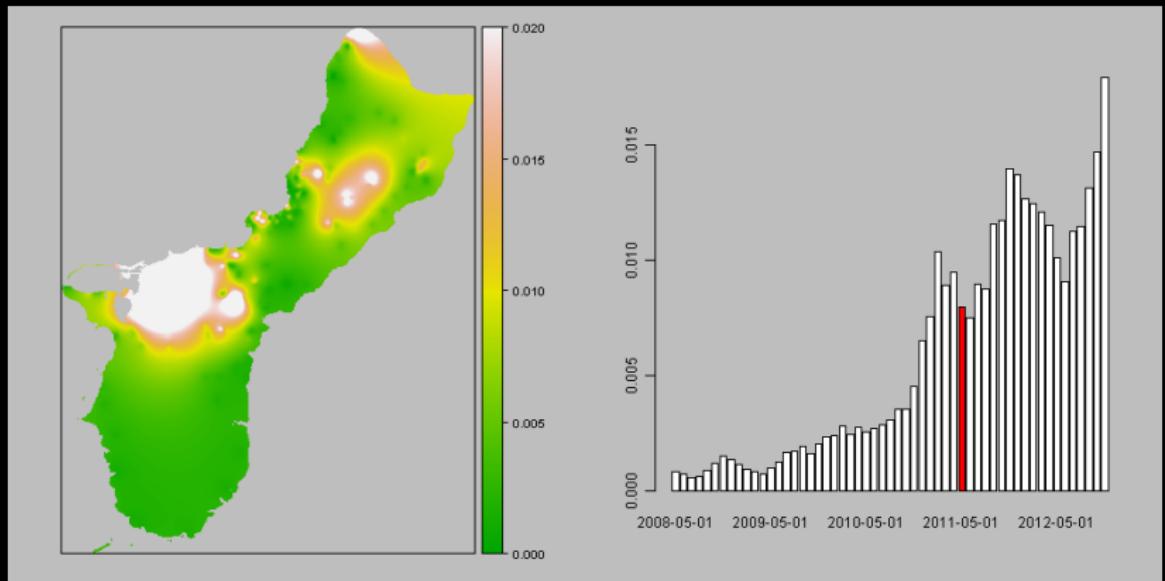
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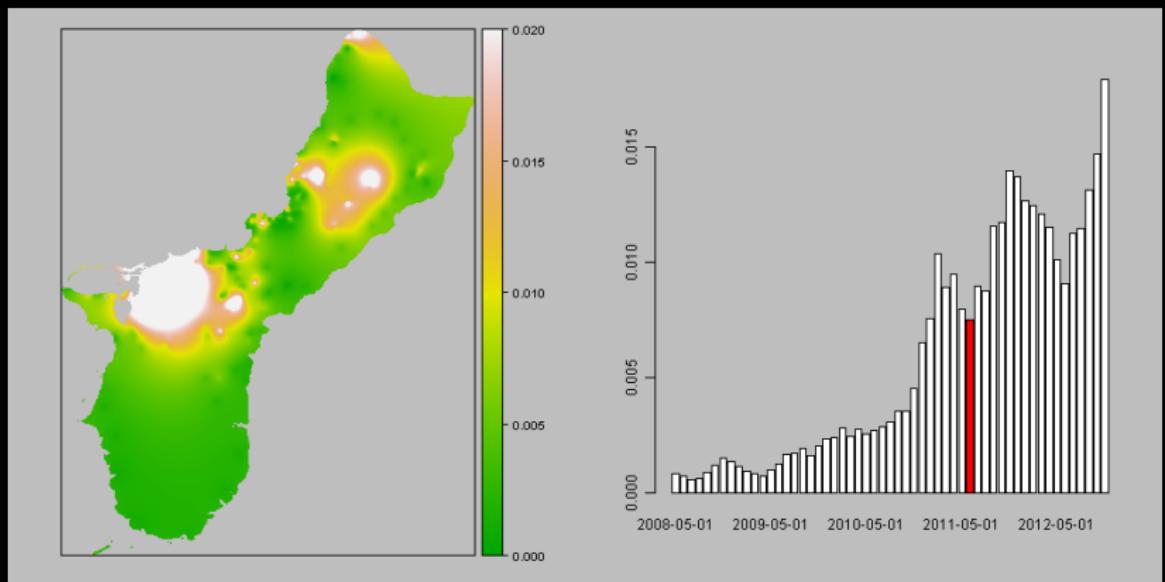
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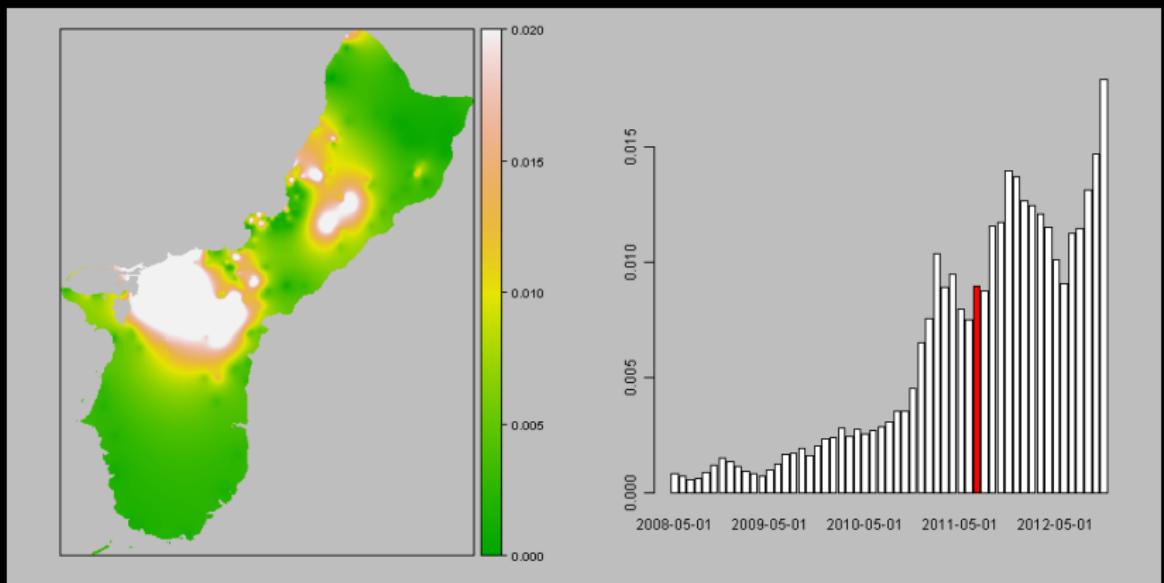
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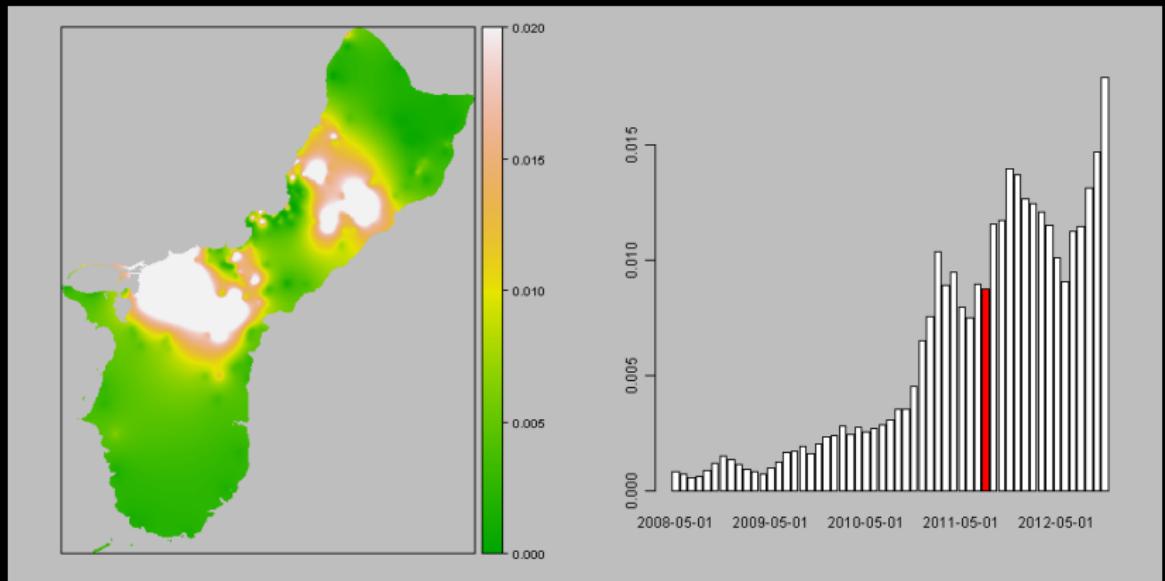
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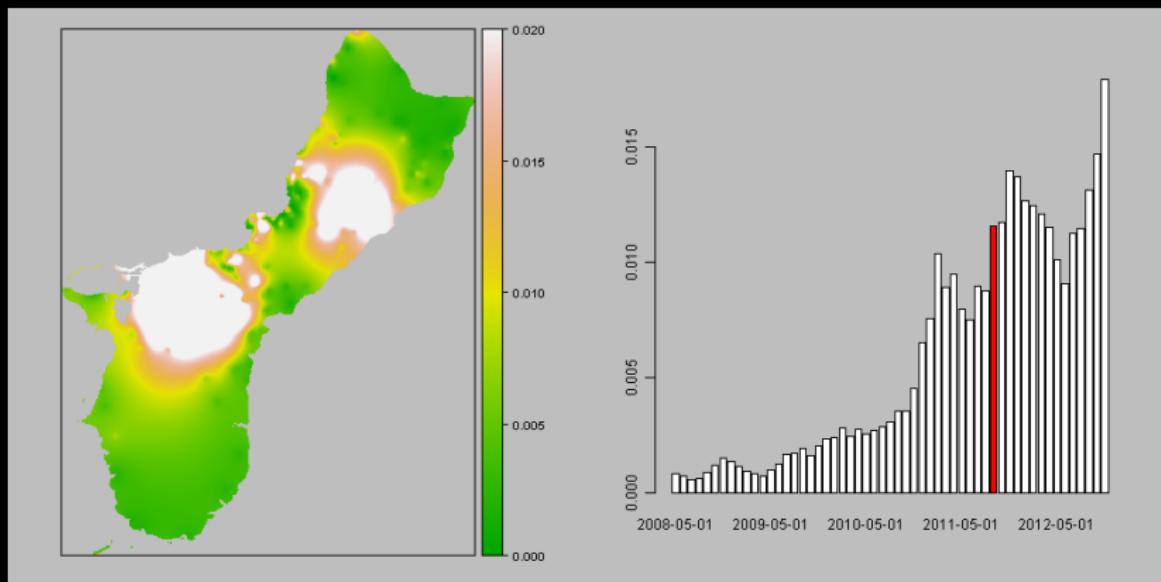
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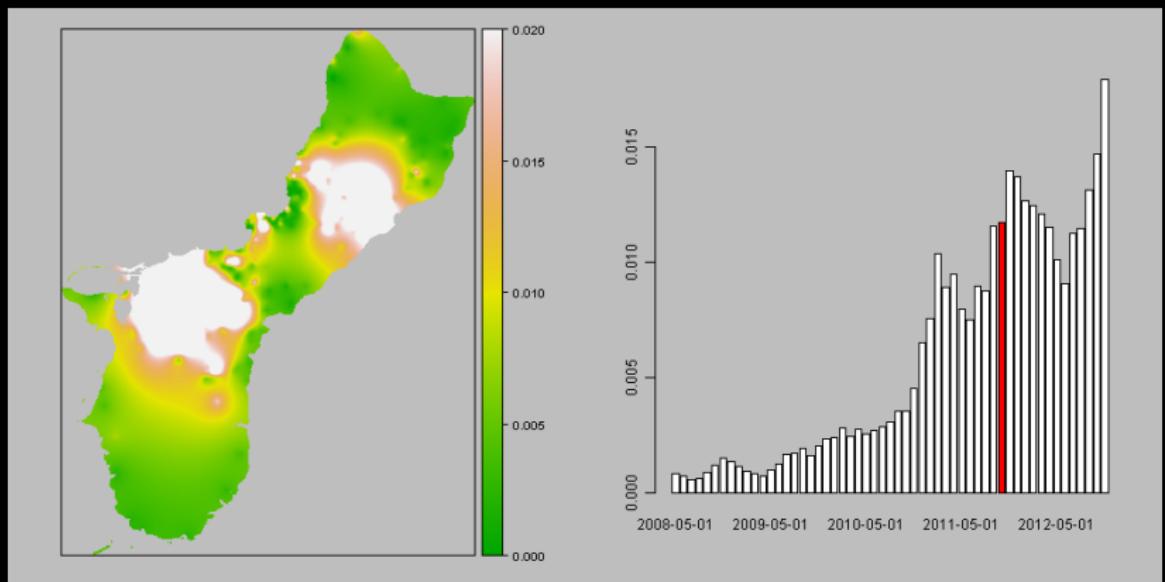
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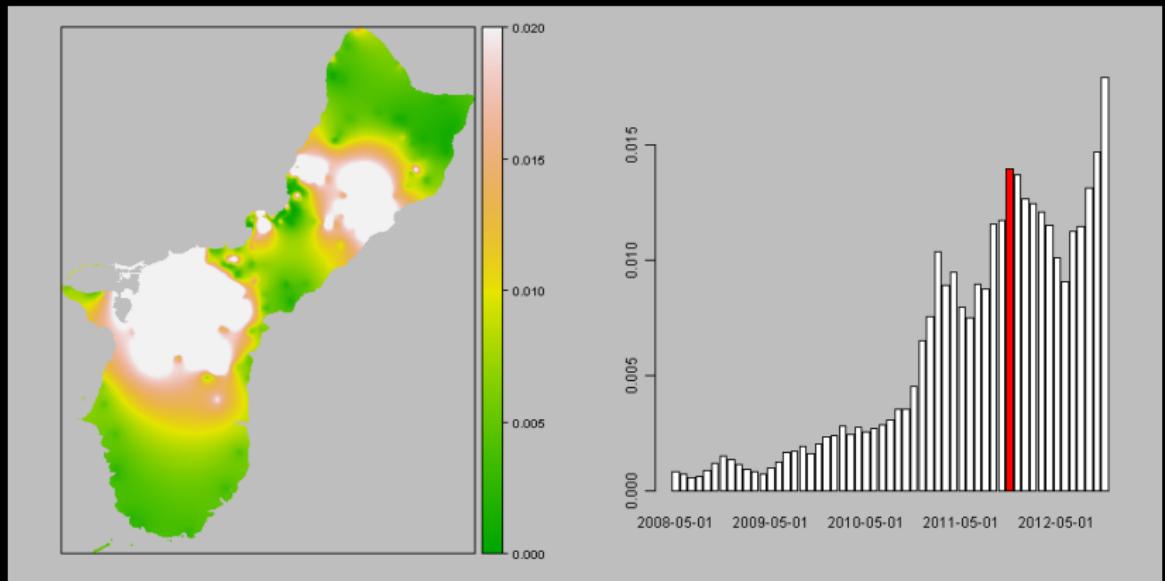
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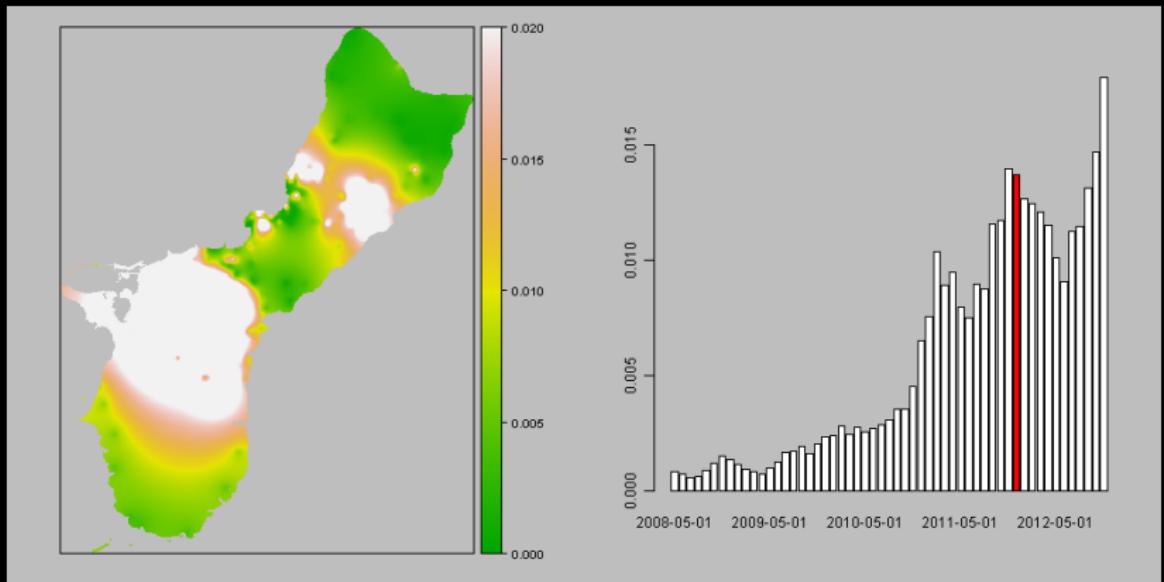
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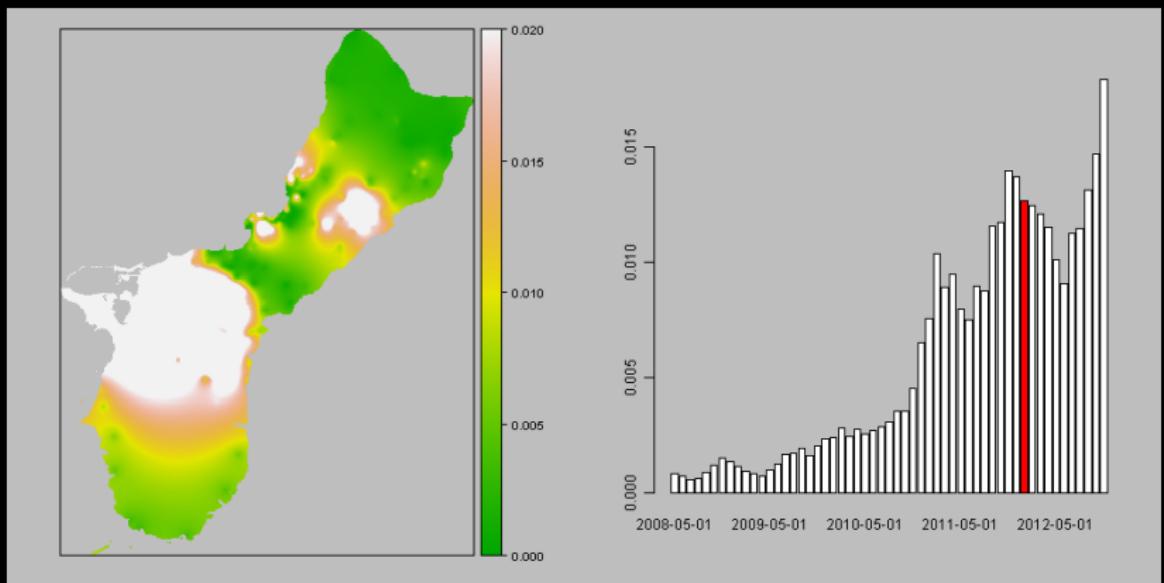


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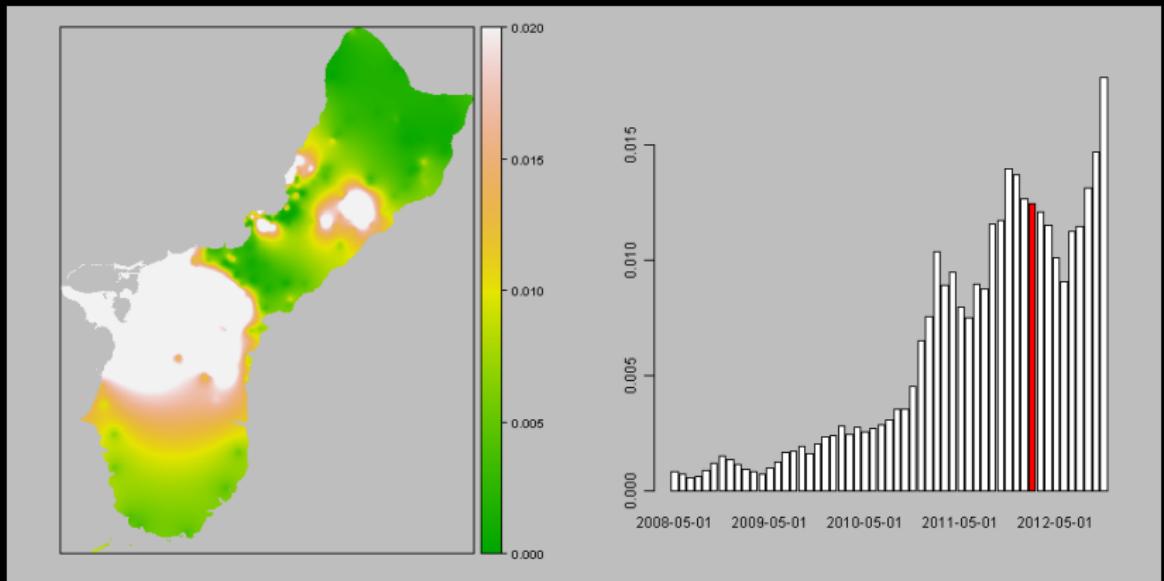


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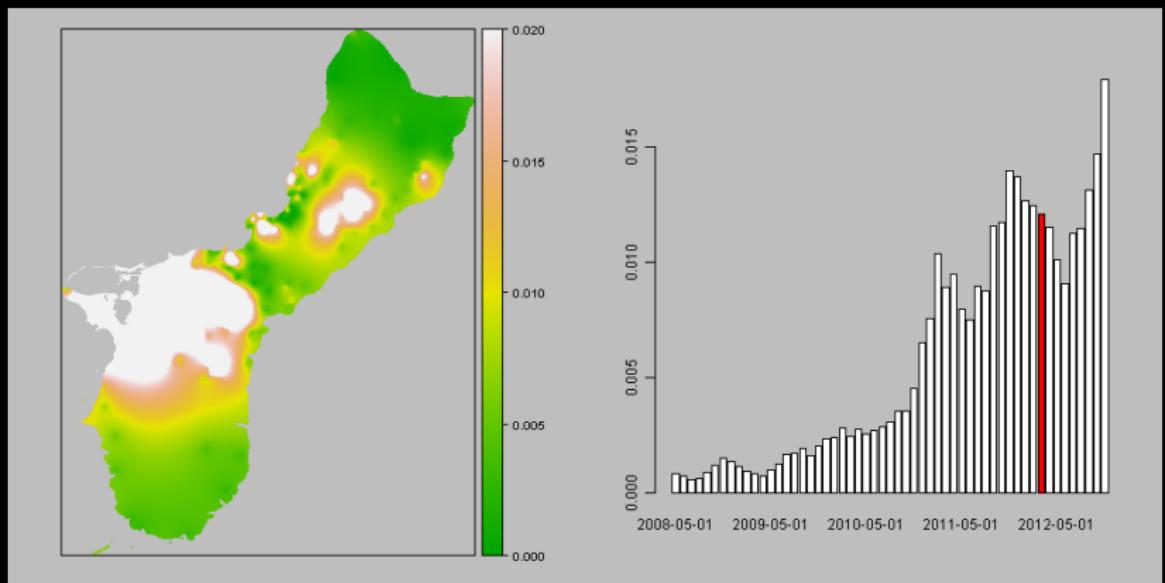
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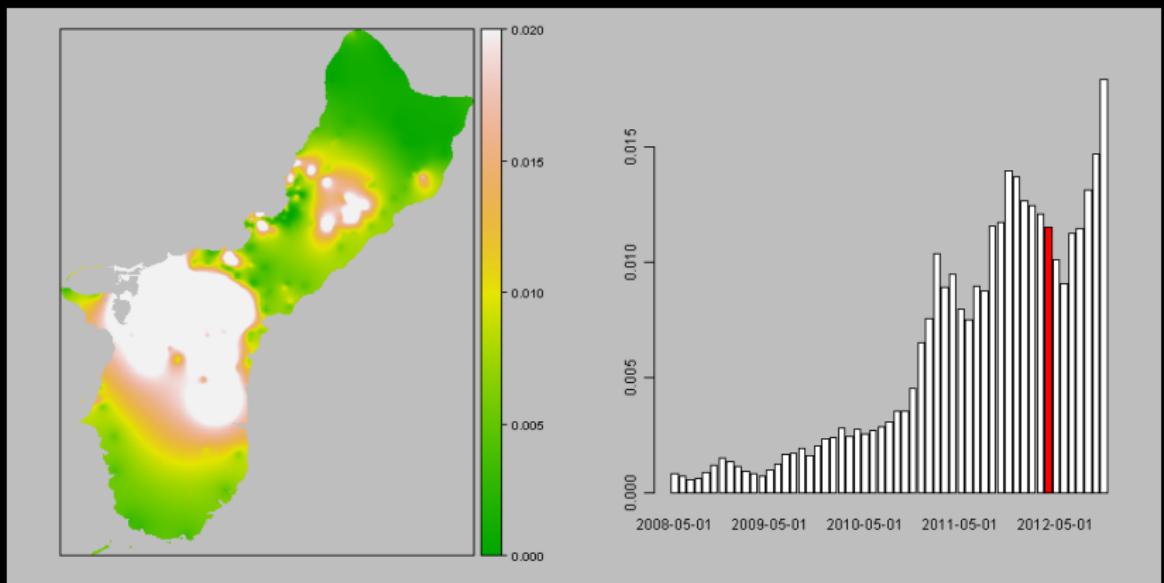
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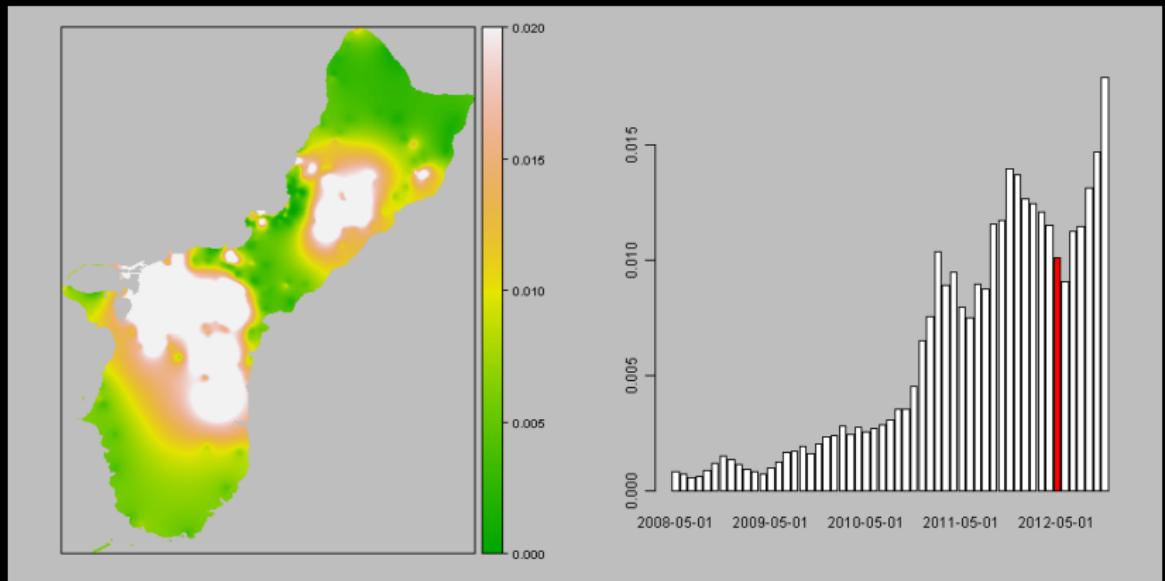
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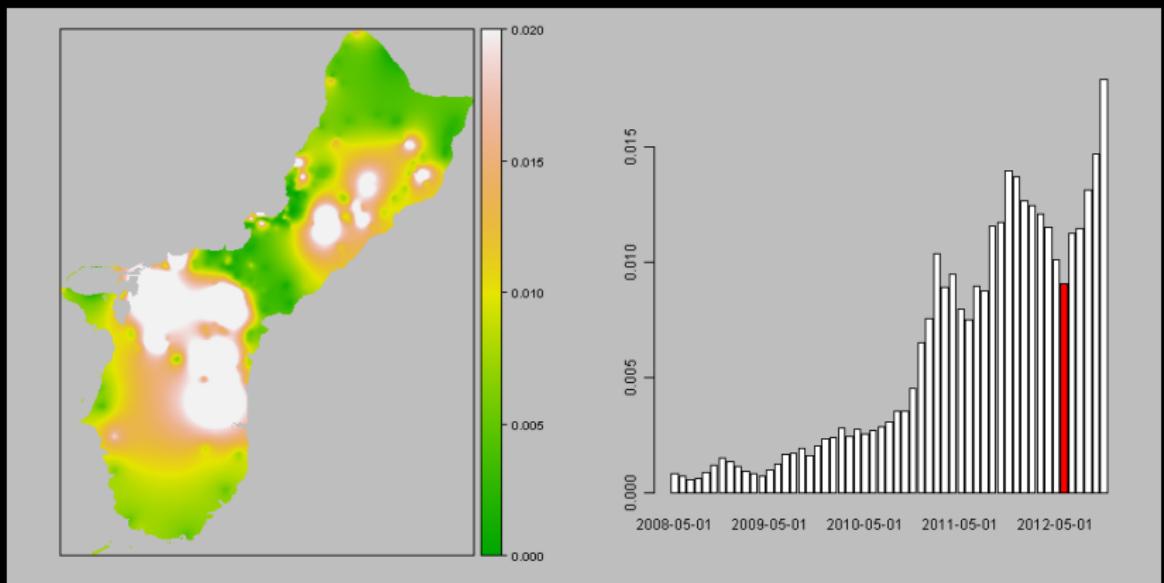
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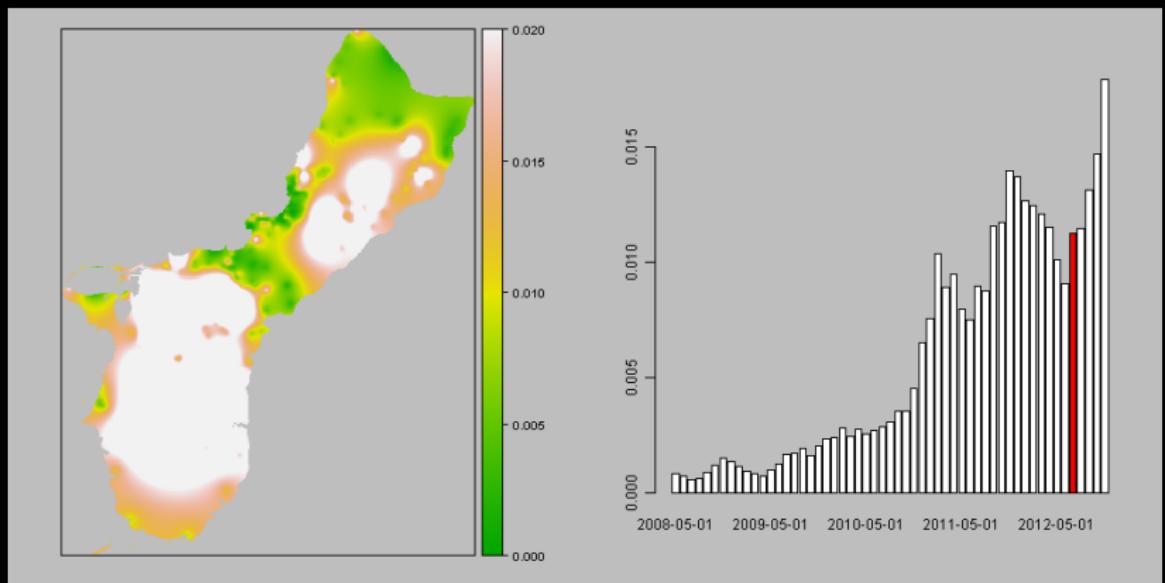
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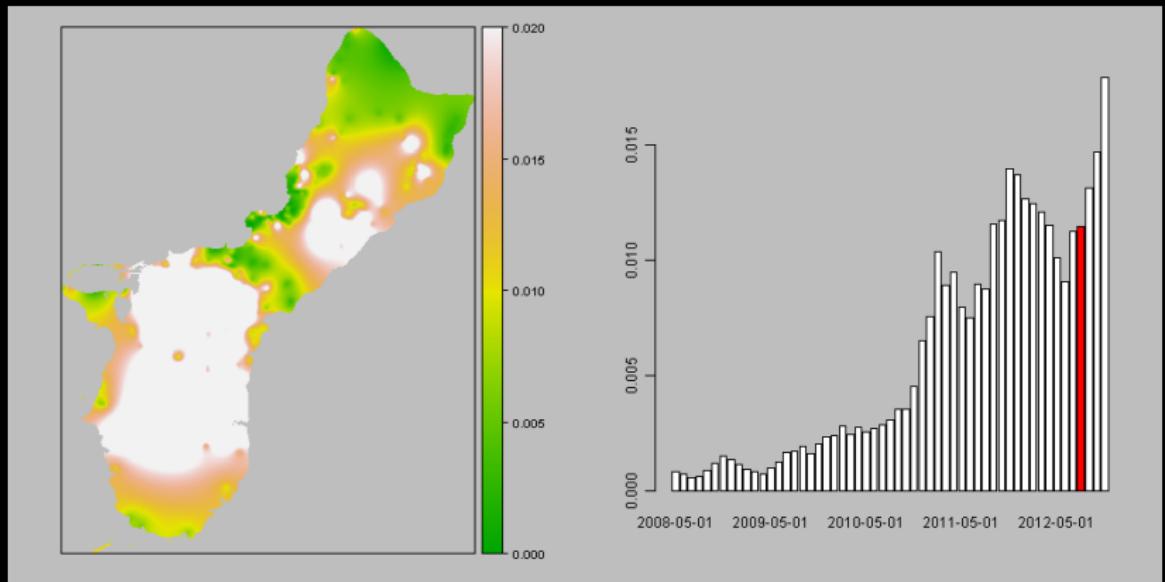
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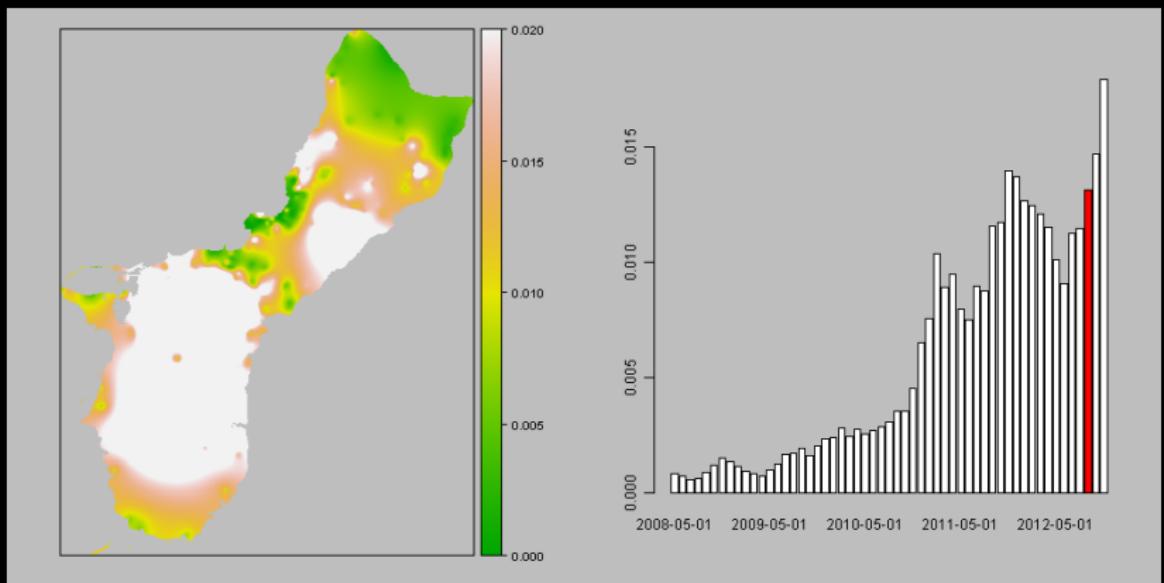
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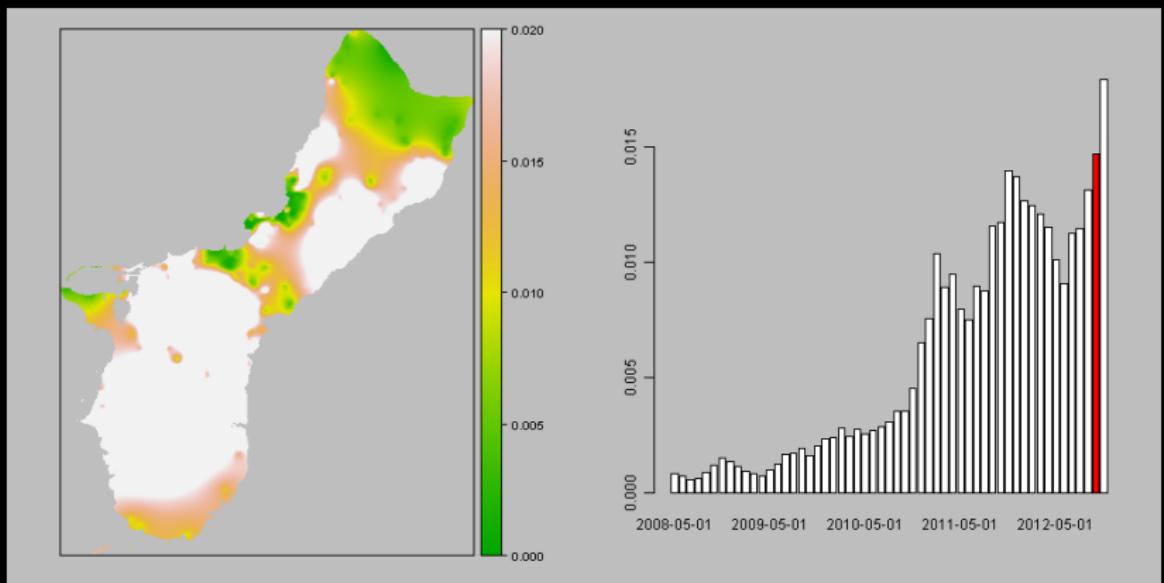
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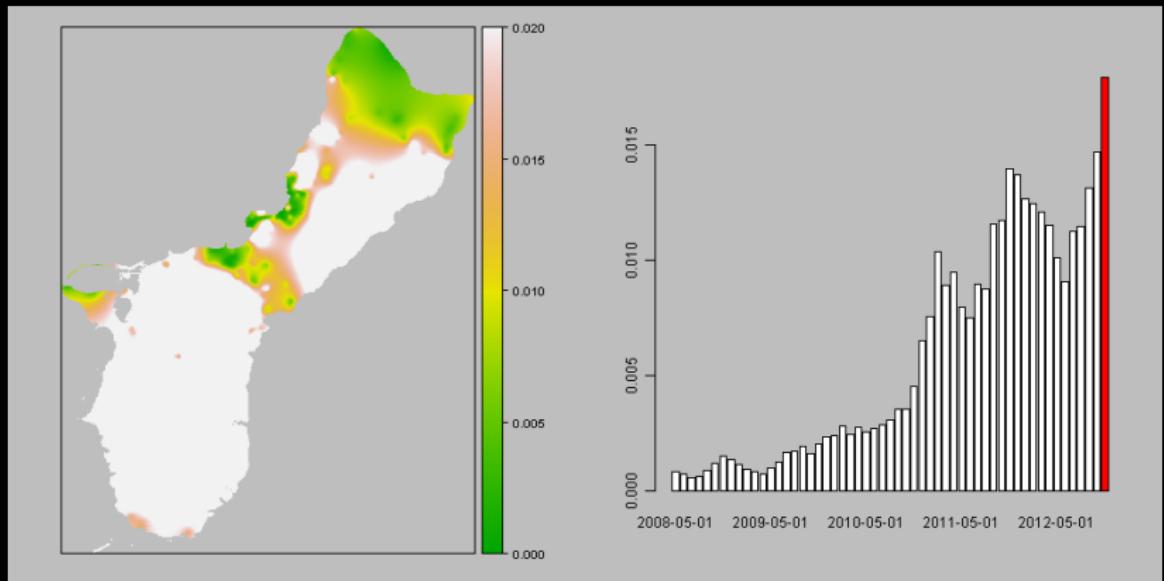
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Sanitation









**GRUBS – 296
PUPAE – 41
ADULTS - 15**



DANGER
**RESTRICTED
AREA**



2007/12/09



2007/12/11

DETECTOR DOGS



CHEMICAL CONTROL



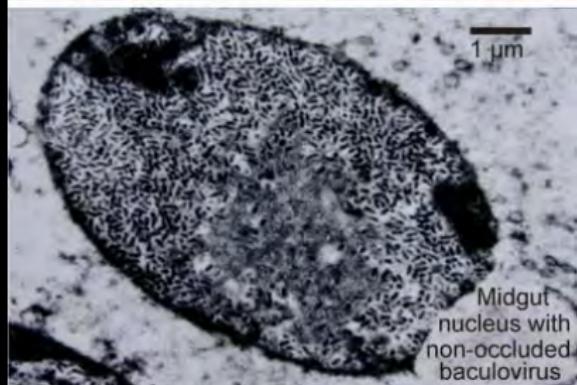
Insecticides Being Evaluated

- ▶ CYPERMETHRIN: quick knockdown of all stages; not persistent
- ▶ PYRIPROXIFEN (NYGARD®): insect growth regulator; prevents production of adults
- ▶ SPLAT RB® + CYPERMETHRIN: experimental attracticide; adults only

BIOCONTROL



Palm rhinoceros beetle



Midgut
nucleus with
non-occluded
baculovirus







Metarhizium for Biological Control

- ▶ a USDA import and release permit was obtained for *Metarhizium* which is being produced for biocontrol of CRB by the Philippines Coconut Authority
- ▶ 15 kg of spores were imported on September 10, 2011 and December 10, 2011
- ▶ following lab bioassays, field releases were started by incorporation into breeding sites and autodissemination by adult males
- ▶ *Metarhizium* appears to be working well: we are finding dead grubs with fungus even in areas where we did not apply spores

Biological Control of the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle







