

# **NDVI and Elevation: A Study of Chiapas, Mexico**



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# Context and Question

- Chiapas is a Mexican state that is known for its coffee production
- NDVI: Normalized difference vegetation index
- Coffee Leaf Rust is a primary risk
- Higher elevation may be less risky
- Do NDVI values change in regards to elevation?



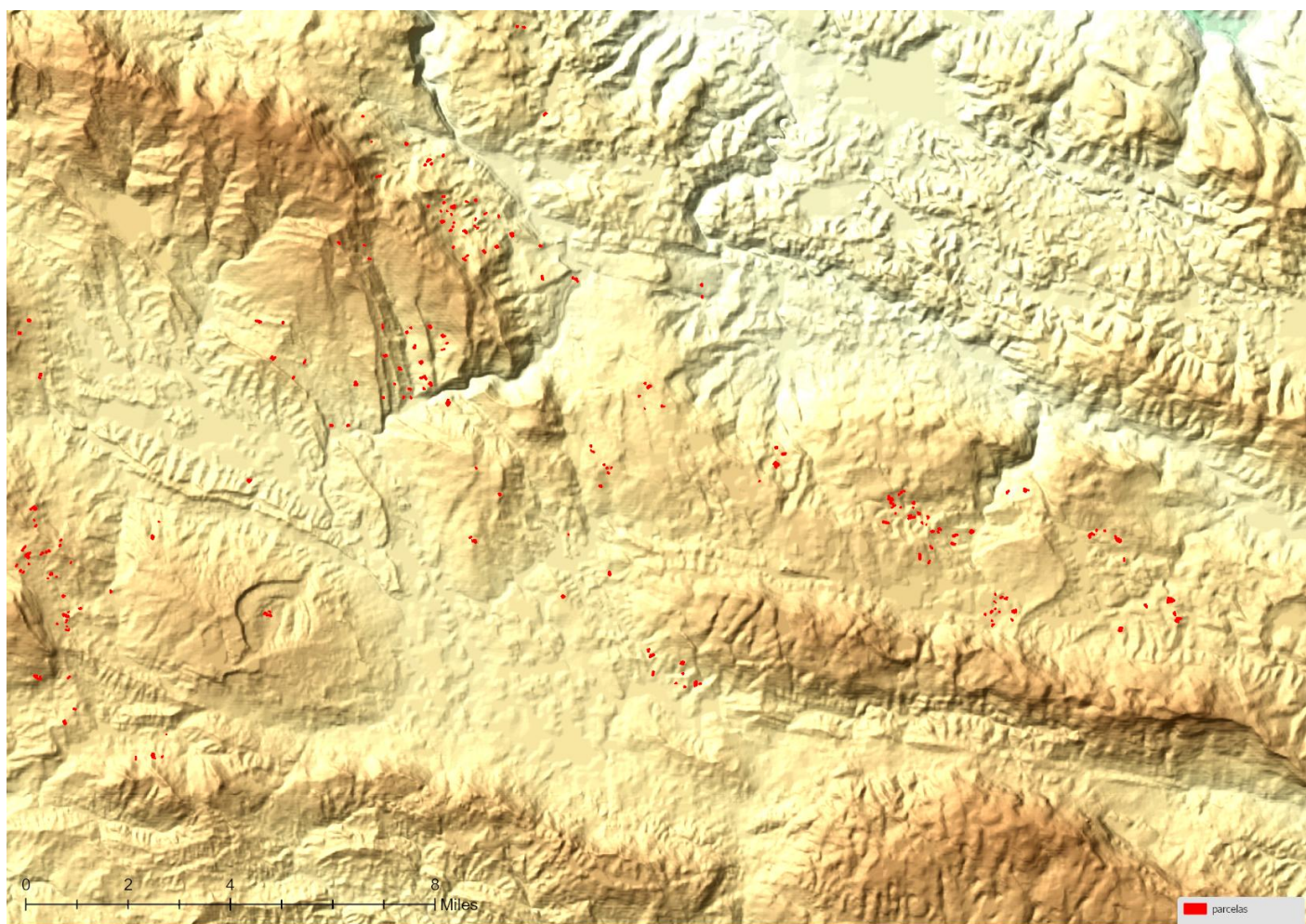
# Setting and Data

- Dataset is of Chiapas, Mexico coffee farms
- 352 Parcels of coffee farms in the region
- NDVI data: Landsat 8 images from 2013-2018
- Elevation data: SRTM V3 30m
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# Study Map

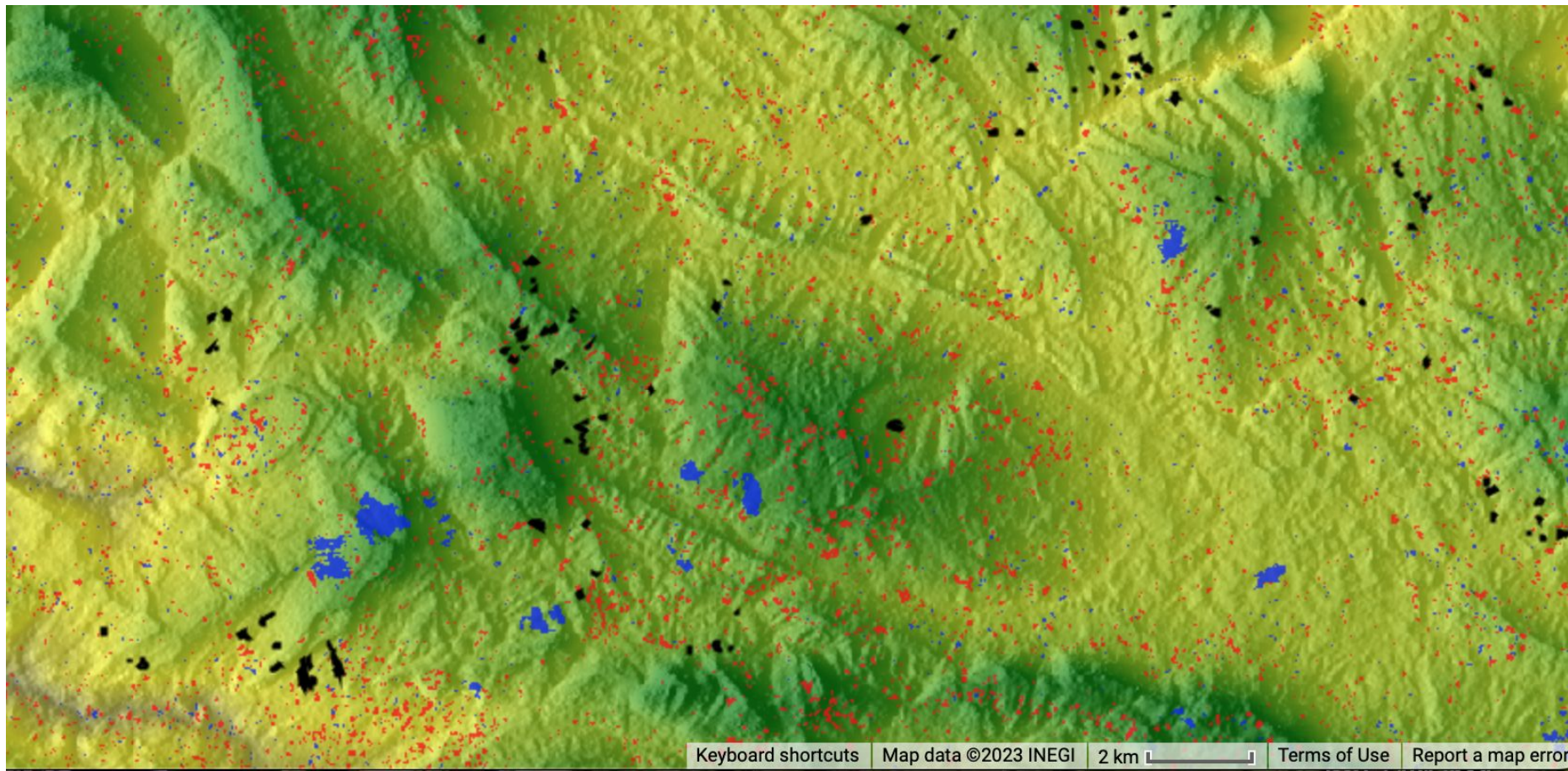


Tzeltal Coffee Farm Parcels

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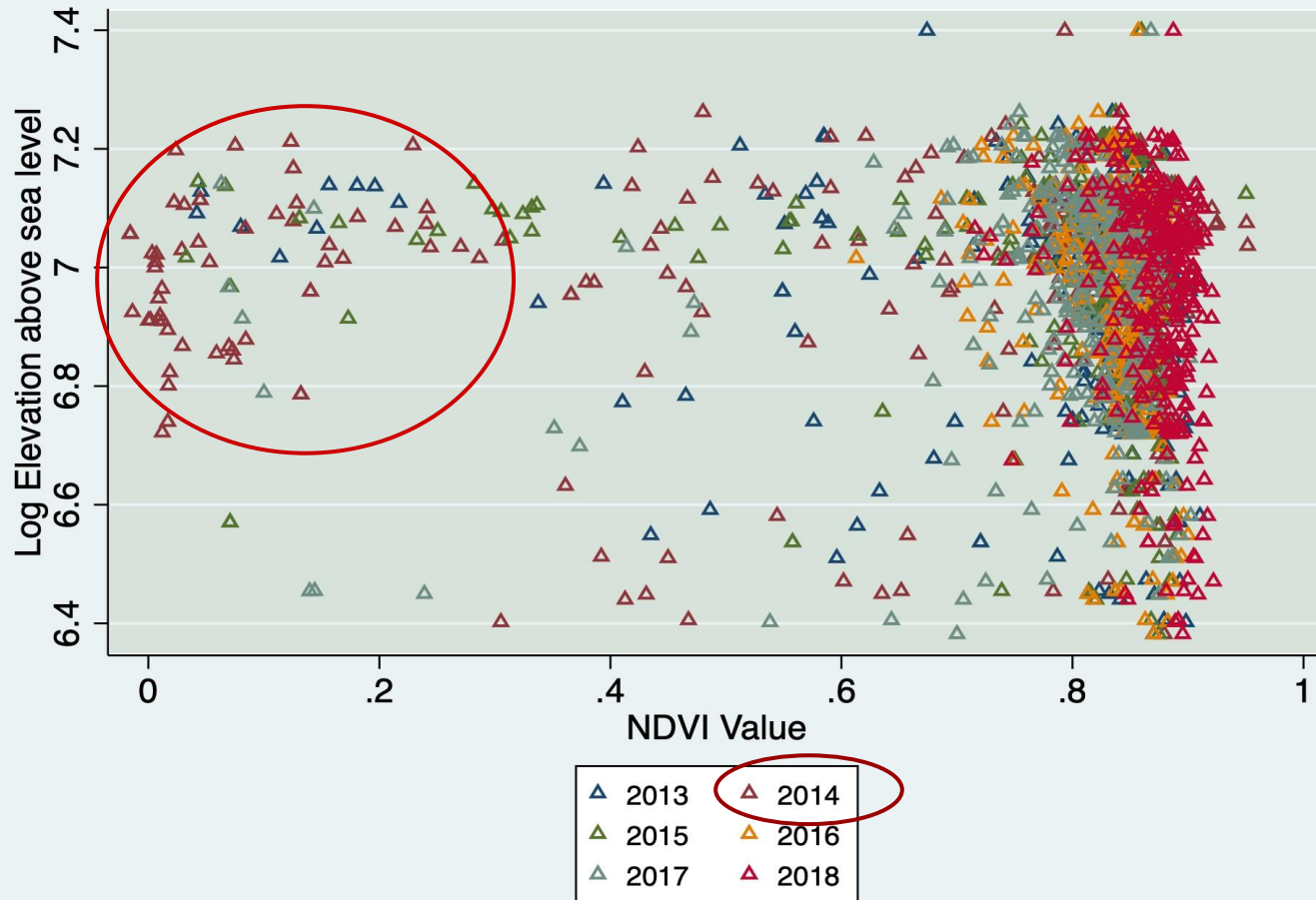
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# Mean Values by Year

|                | mean     | sd       |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| NDVI 2013 mean | .7981071 | .1390736 |
| NDVI 2014 mean | .6861645 | .2931724 |
| NDVI 2015 mean | .7904902 | .1655538 |
| NDVI 2016 mean | .8303274 | .0385375 |
| NDVI 2017 mean | .7977389 | .1256157 |
| NDVI 2018 mean | .8714618 | .0328375 |
| <i>N</i>       | 352      |          |

# Economic Interpretation



# Regression

**Table 1. NDVI Change from 2013 to 2014**

| VARIABLES     | NDVI Change        |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Log Elevation | 0.0607<br>(0.0975) |
| Constant      | -0.534<br>(0.679)  |
| Observations  | 351                |
| R-squared     | 0.001              |

Standard errors in parentheses  
\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1