

# Fire interactions with climate, deforestation and forest fragmentation in Colombia

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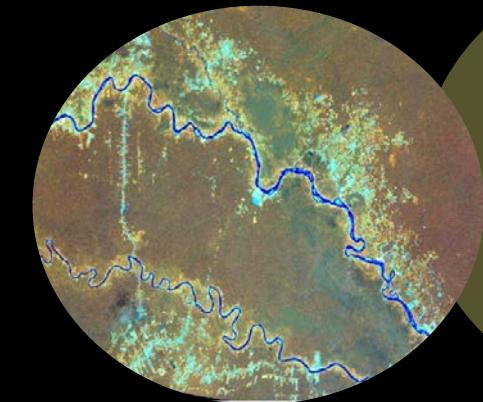
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# Deforestation Fragmentation and Fire dynamics

# First deforestation.. Need to know...



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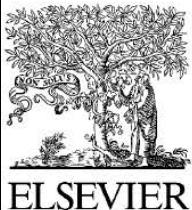
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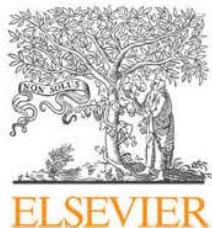
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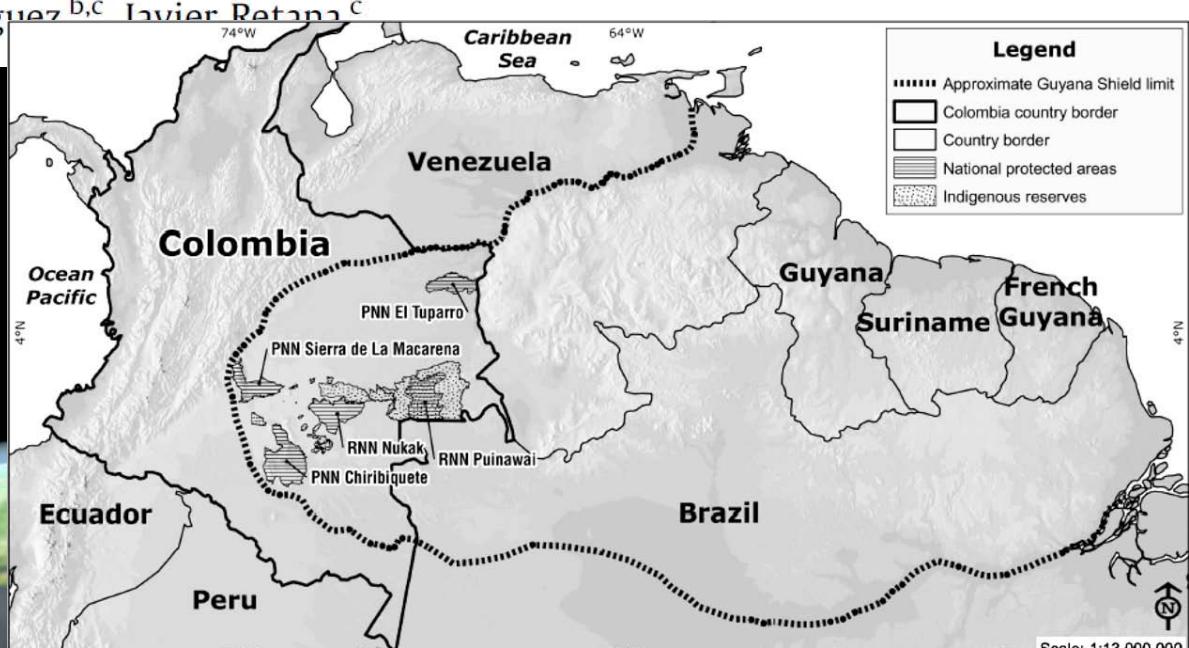
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# Are conservation strategies effective in avoiding the deforestation of the Colombian Guyana Shield?

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Understanding deforestation in montane and lowland forests of the Colombian Andes**

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## **National and regional determinants of tropical deforestation in Colombia**

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# Scenarios

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## Land use and land cover change in the Colombian Andes: dynamics and future scenarios

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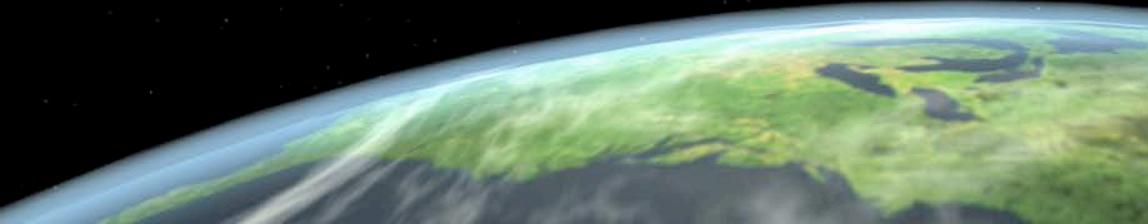
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Land use and land cover changes (LUCC) are recognized as one of the most relevant drivers of biodiversity loss in ecosystems. Through the analysis of satellite images, this article quantifies the LUCC that occurred between 1985 and 2008 in the Colombian Andes. Four submodels of changes were analyzed: deforestation, crop intensification, conversion to pastures and abandonment. We associated these changes with demo-

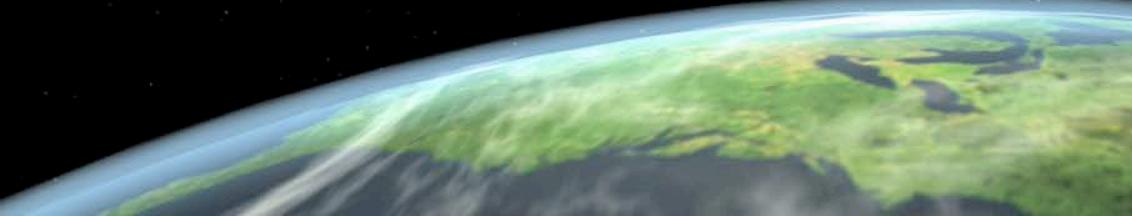
# Fire in the tropics

- 1/3 terrestrial surface
- 40% of forest
- 35-40% of the world's population
- Last decades in the tropical zone:
  - larger fires, million ha burnt
  - \$\$\$

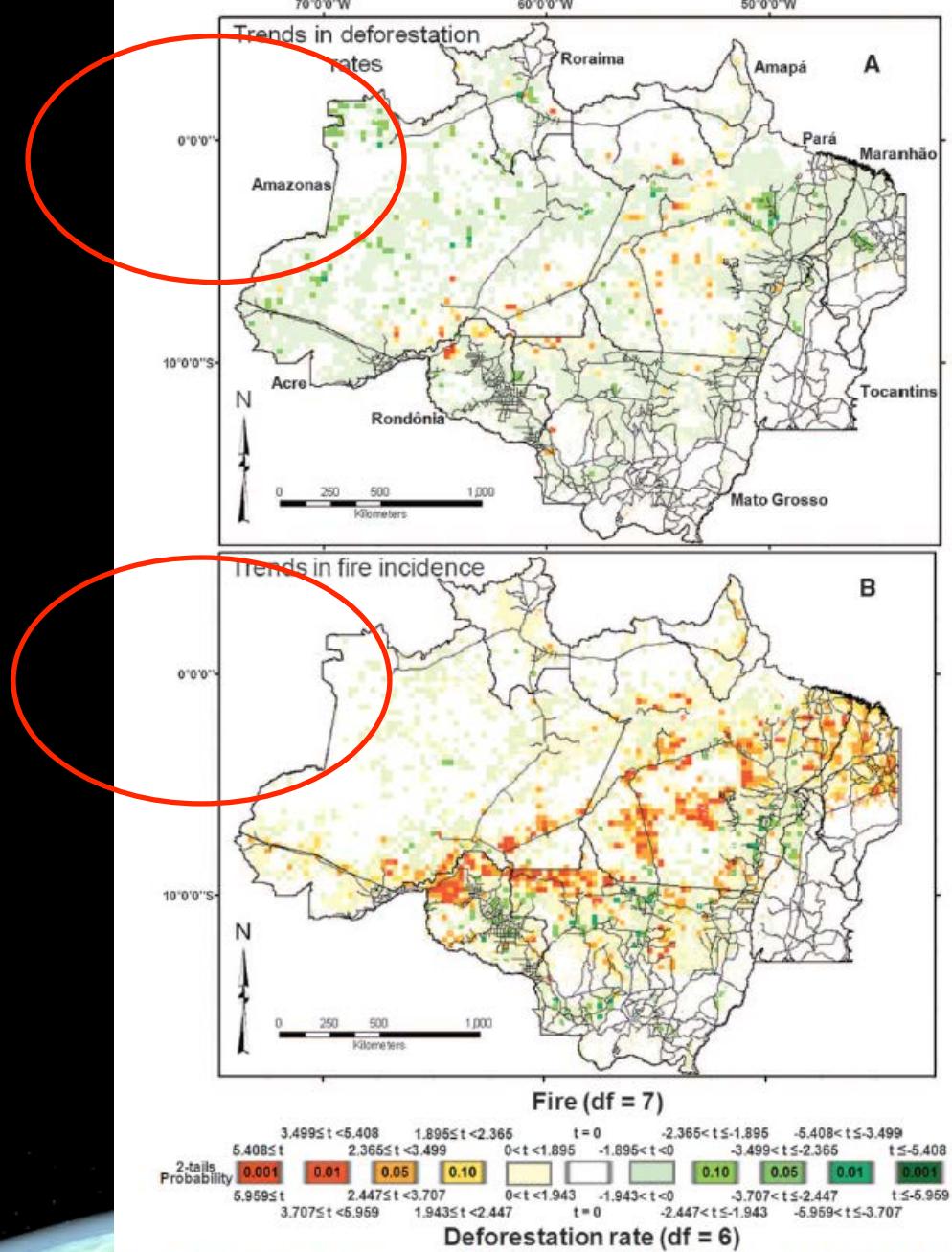


# impacts

- Effects at the ecosystem level
  - Changes in composition and structure
  - Biodiversity (fauna)
  - Ecos Services (biomass, C storage, regulation, etc)
- Emissions
  - 7.5-70 Mg C/ha per year



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**Fig. 1.** Maps showing the significance of the trend regression slopes based on the two-tailed Student's *t*-distribution for changes in (A) deforestation rates and (B) fire incidence over the time periods analyzed. From yellow to red, slopes are positive, which indicates an increase in deforestation rates or fire incidence. From light to dark green, slopes are negative, which indicates a reduction in deforestation rates or fire incidence. Different colors indicate the level of significance of the regression trend.

Aragao et al 2010

# Climate-Fire-Deforestation Amazonia

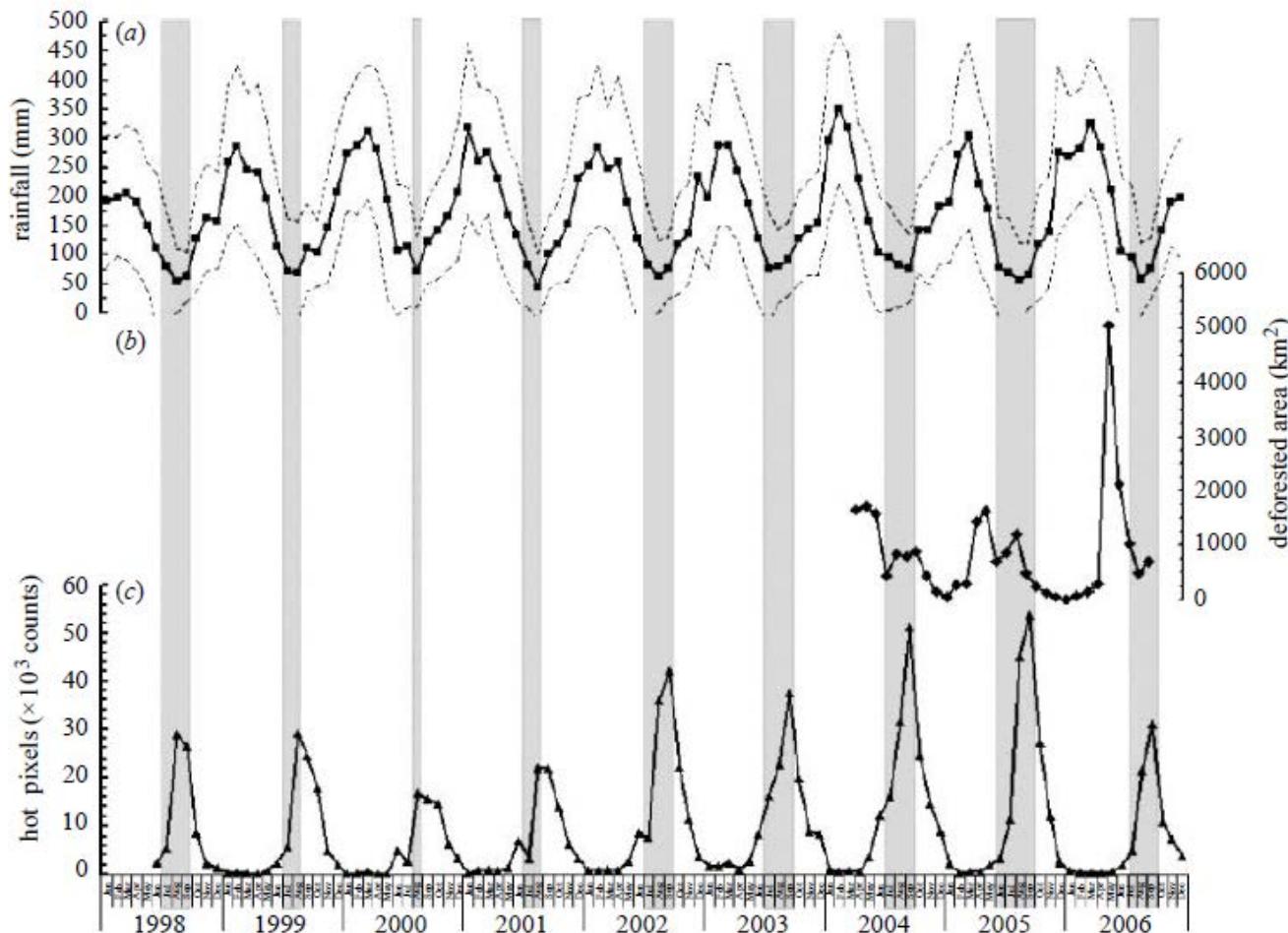


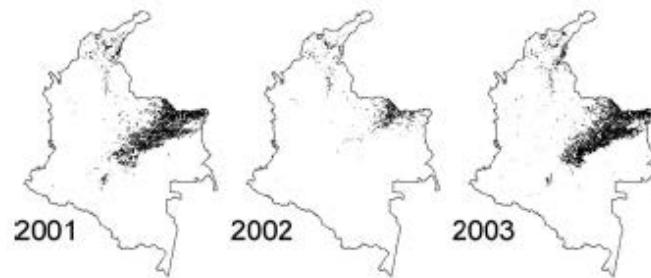
Figure 1. Monthly time series of (a) mean rainfall (mm) derived from the TRMM dataset (January 1998–December 2006), (b) cumulative deforested area (km<sup>2</sup>) from the INPE-DETER dataset (April 2004–September 2006) and (c) cumulative number of hot pixel detections from NOAA-12 dataset (May 1998–December 2006) within the limits of the Brazilian Legal Amazonia. Dashed lines in (a) correspond to the s.d. of the mean monthly rainfall ( $n = 6705$  pixels). Grey bars indicate the dry season length for each year (months with rainfall below 100 mm month<sup>-1</sup>).

Aragao et al 2007

# Quantifying fire In Colombia

395,644 ha  
±377,000 ha

BURNED AREA



HOTSPOTS

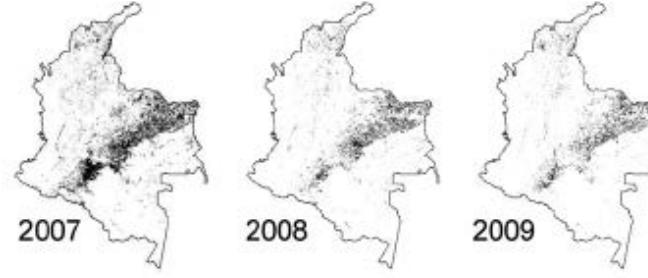
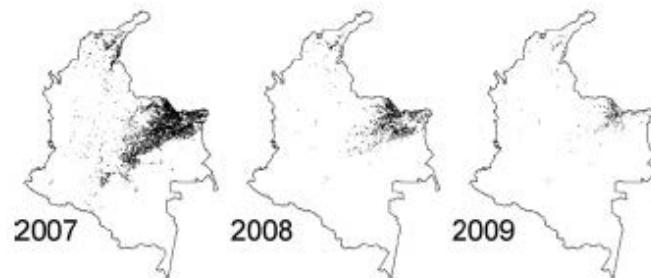
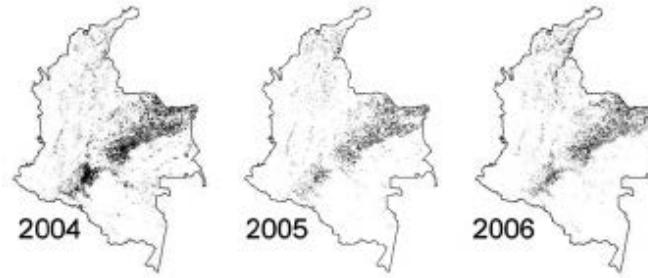
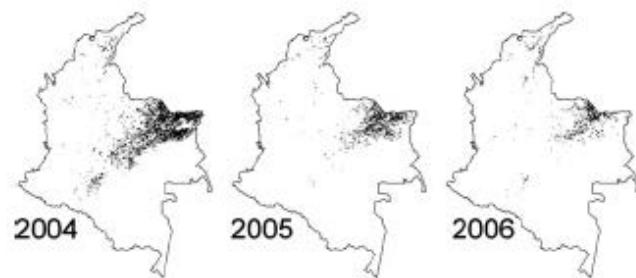
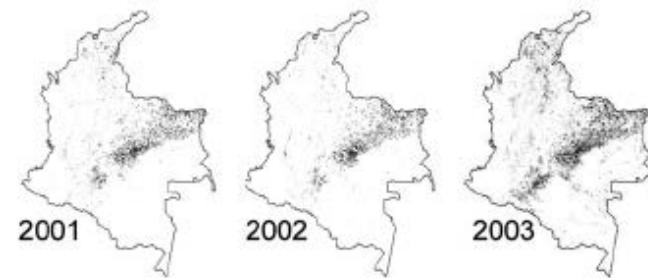


Fig. 4. Maps of Colombia showing the spatial distribution of (a) burned area and (b) hotspots. Burned areas and hotspots are shown in black.



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Characterising fire spatial pattern interactions with climate and vegetation in Colombia

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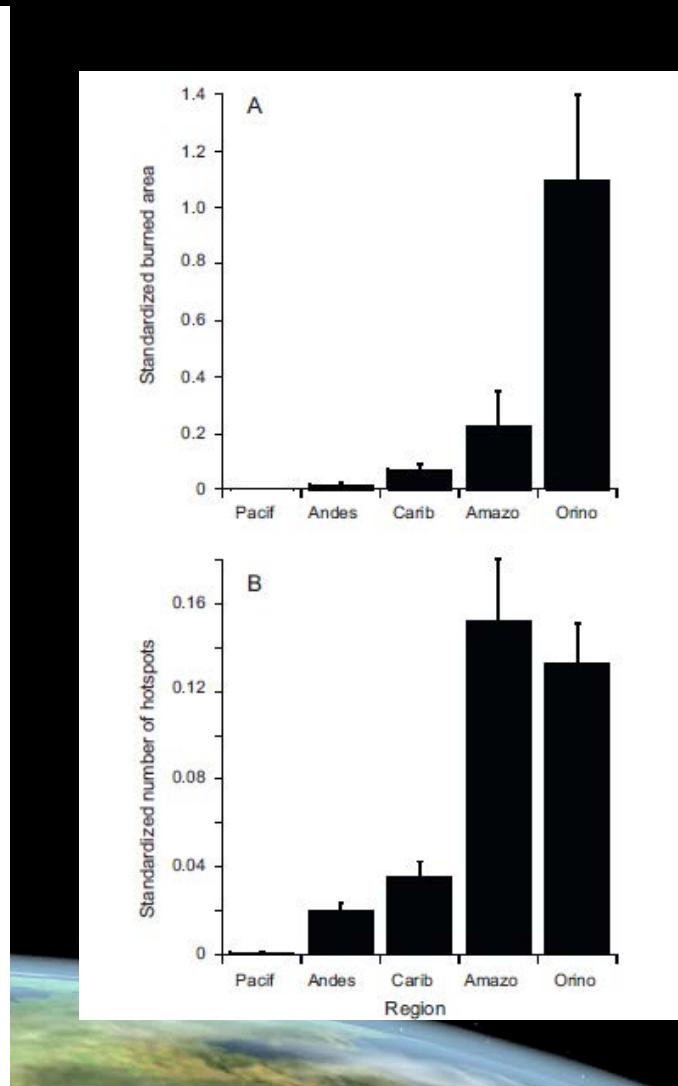
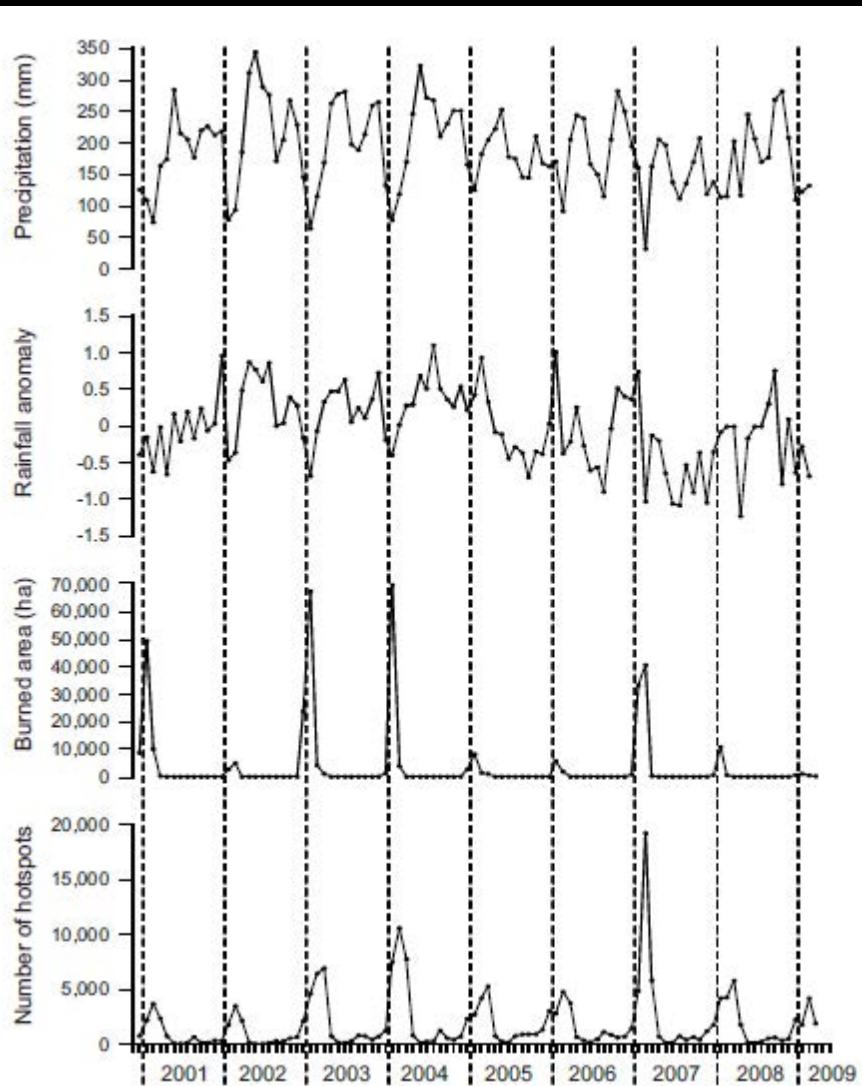


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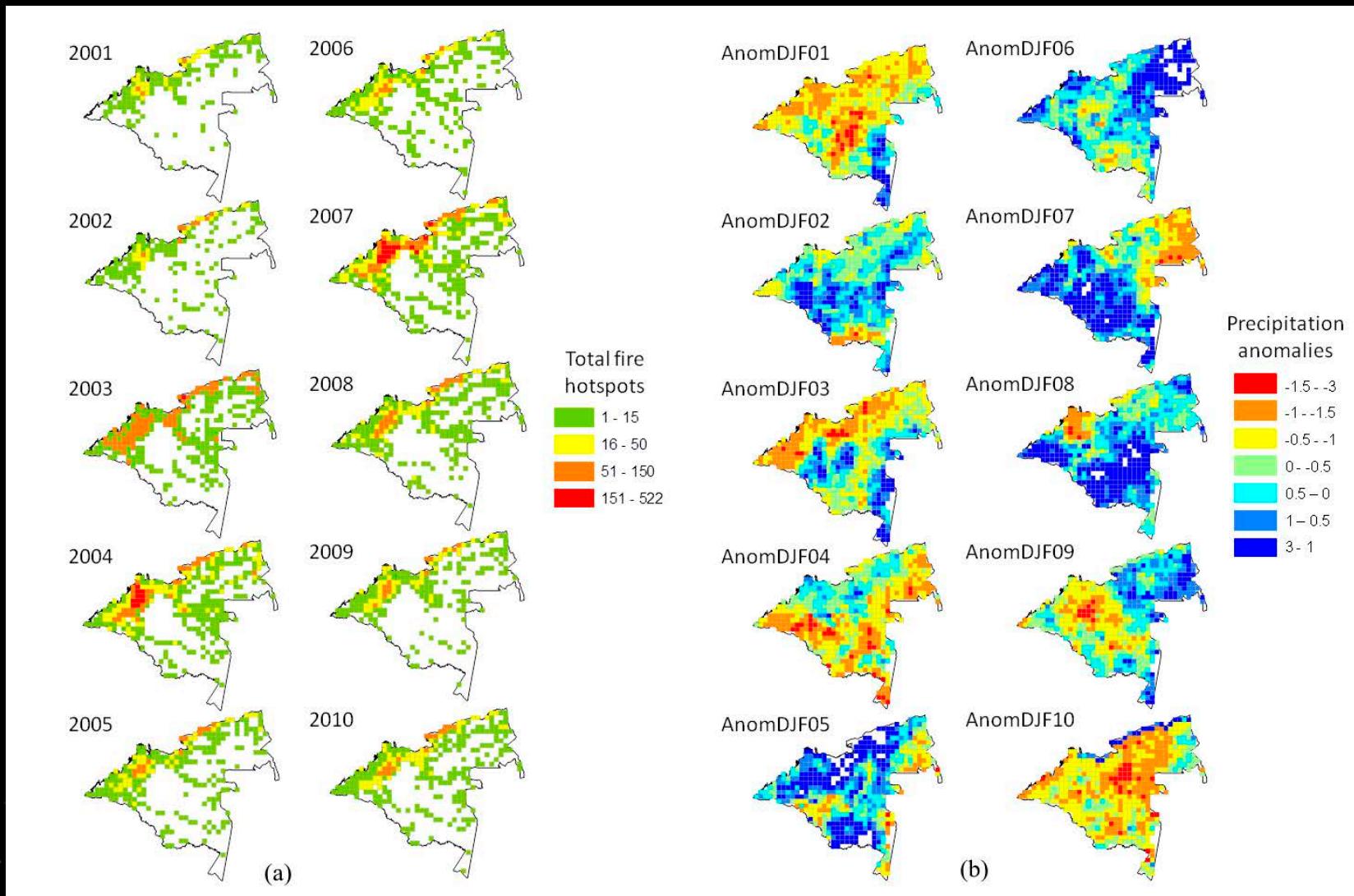
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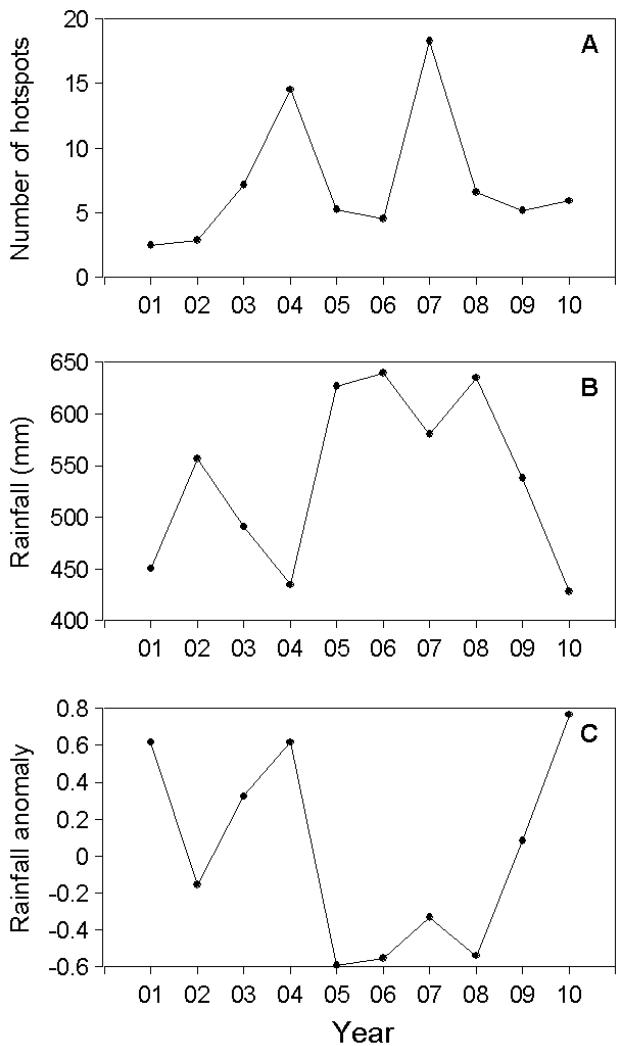
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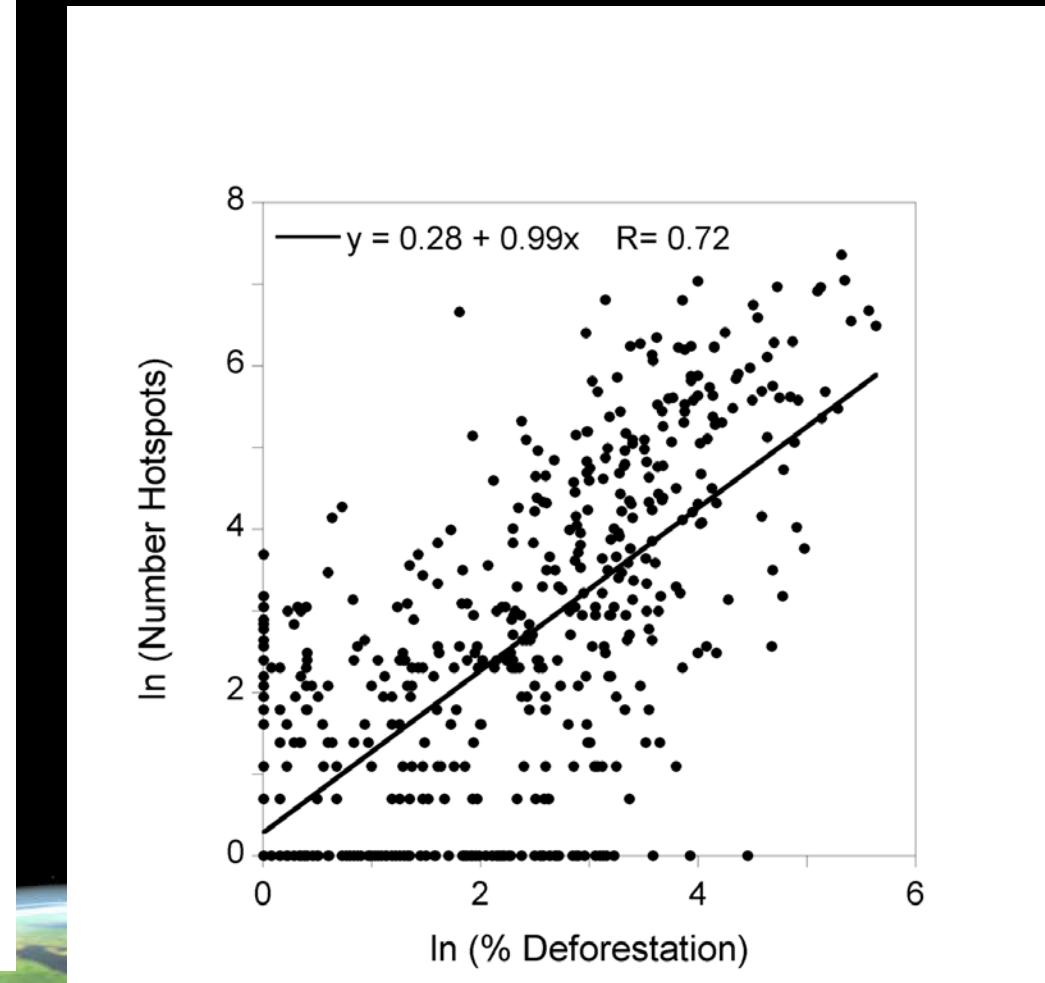
# Amazonia en Colombia...



# Def and fire



High correlation with anthropogenic activities  
% pastures ( $\text{Rho} = 0.76, p < 0.001, N = 580$ ),  
Population ( $\text{Rho} = 0.25, p < 0.001, N = 580$ )  
% crops ( $\text{Rho} = 0.17, p < 0.001, N = 580$ ).



# Fragmentation

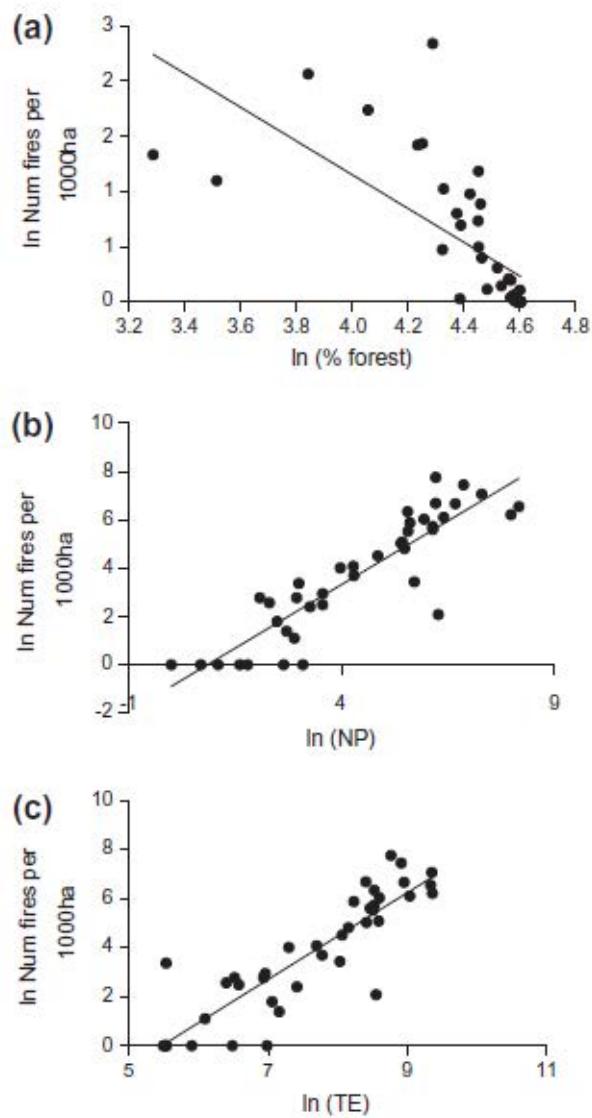


Fig. 2. Relationship between the number of fires between 2005 and 2011 and forest fragmentation variables (% forest, Number of patches or NP, Total Edge or NW Amazonia. N = 40 quadrats.

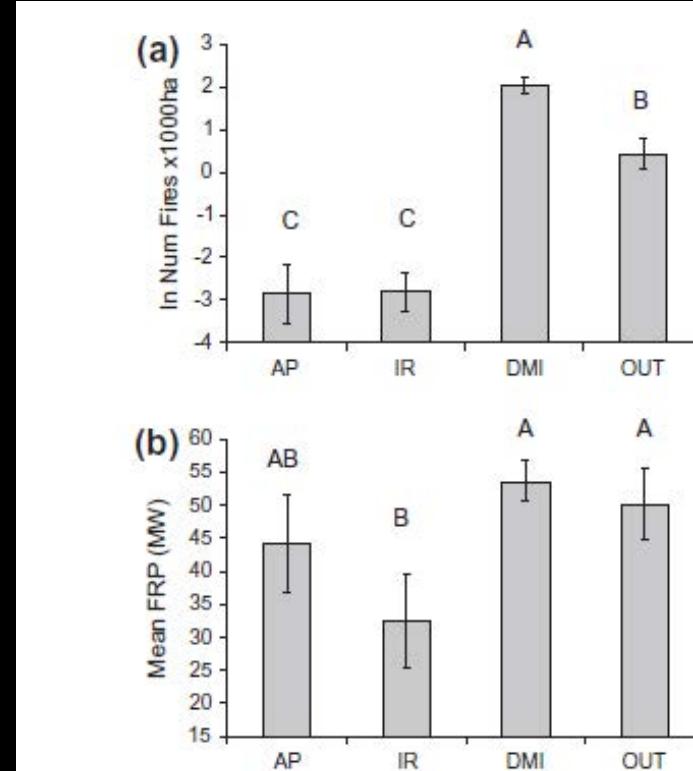


Fig. 4. Mean ( $\pm$ SE) values of (a) the number of fires, and (b) Fire Radiative Power  
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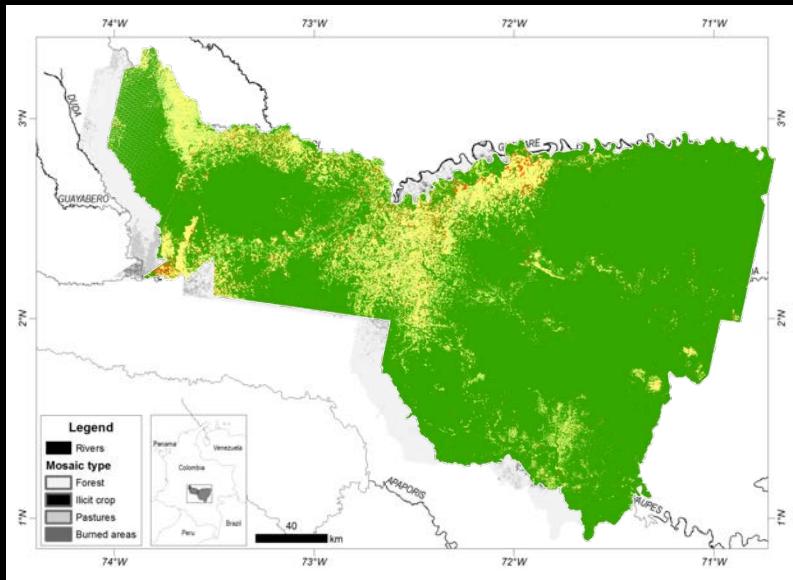
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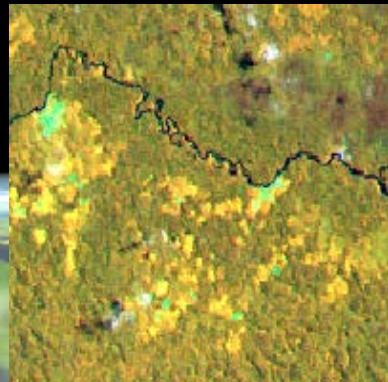
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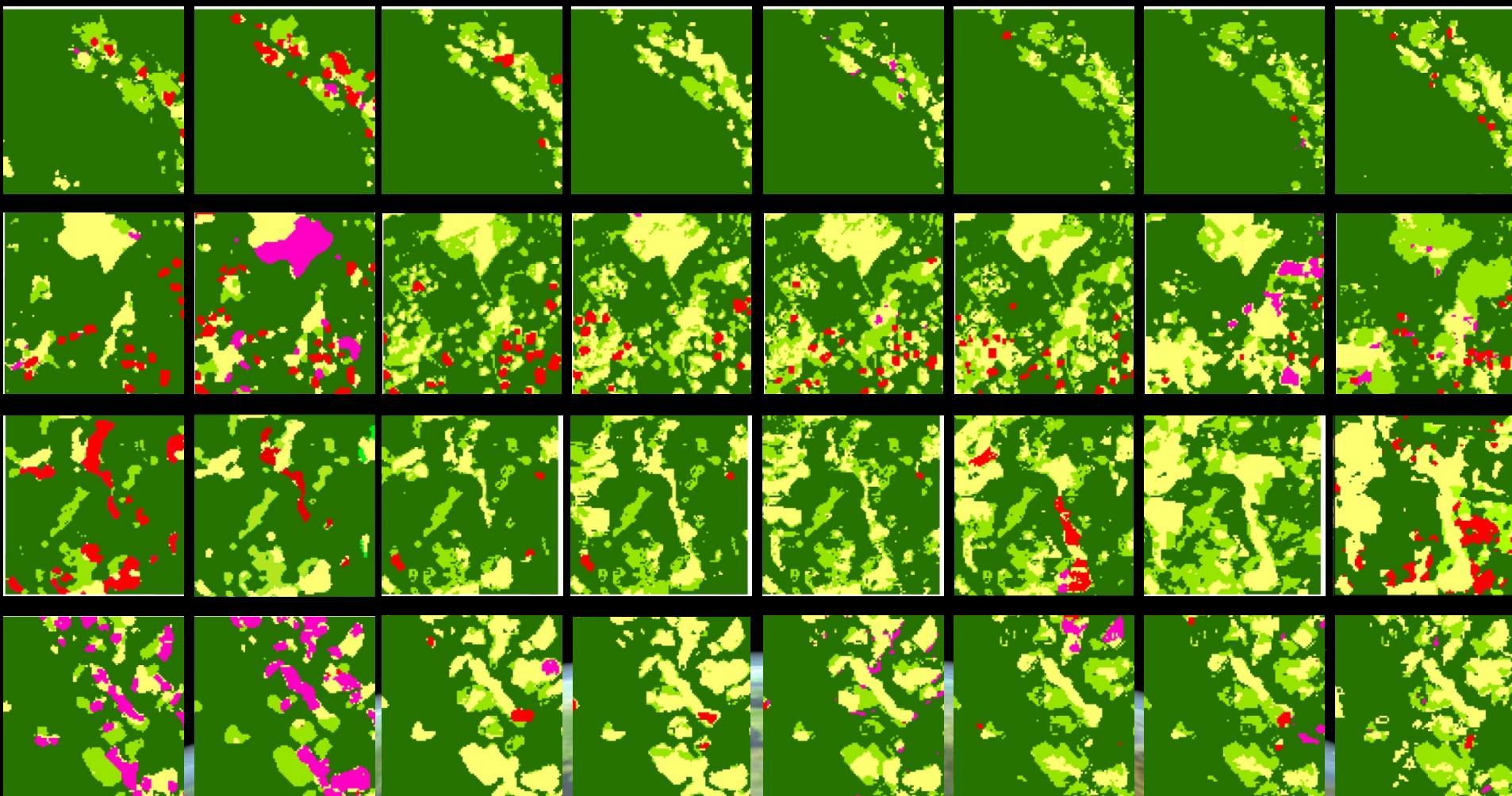
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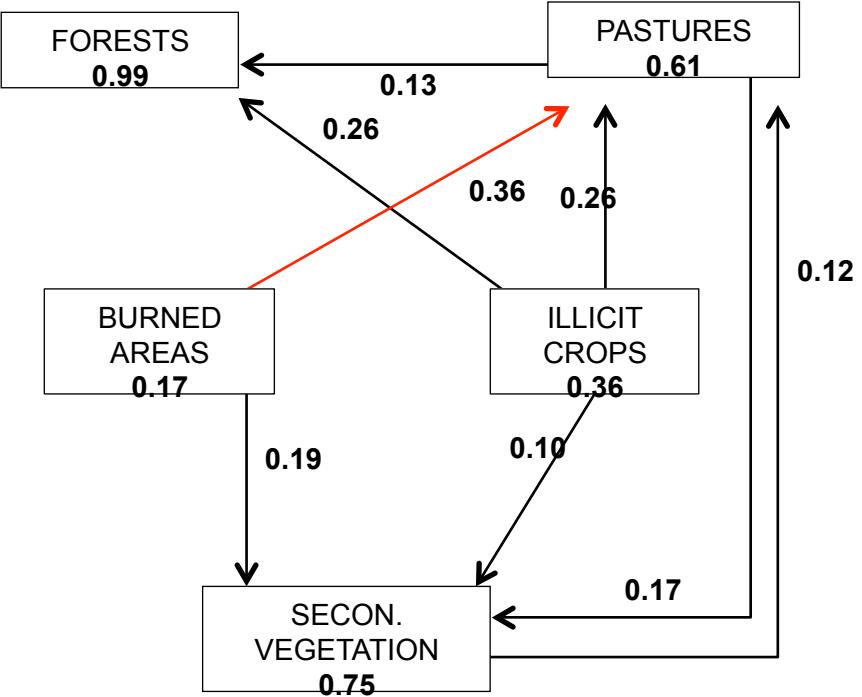
analyse forest dynamics in north-western Amazonia by studying the interactions between deforestation, the use of fire and the establishment of both illicit crops and pastures for grazing



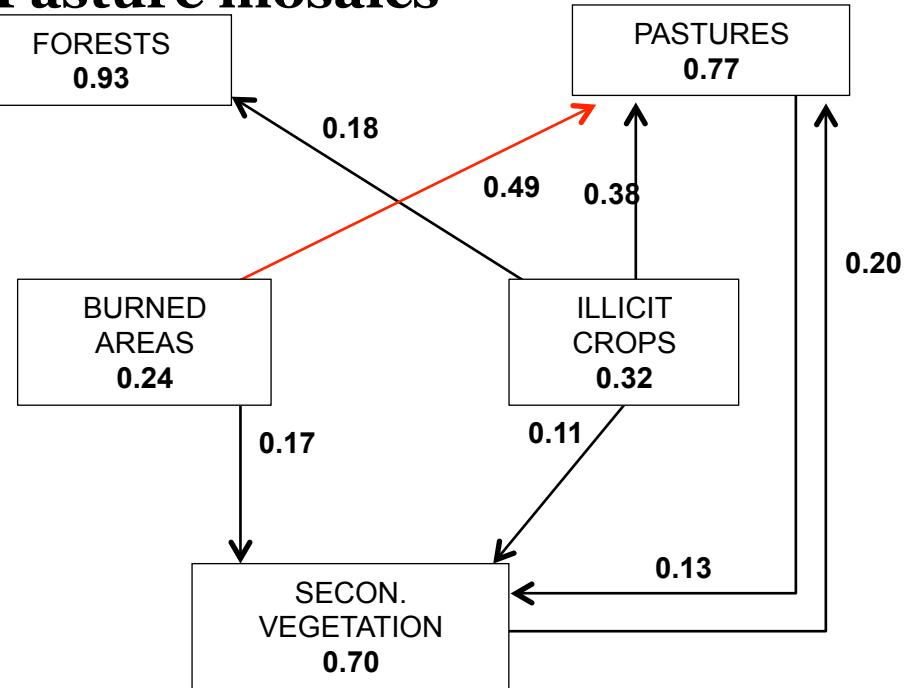
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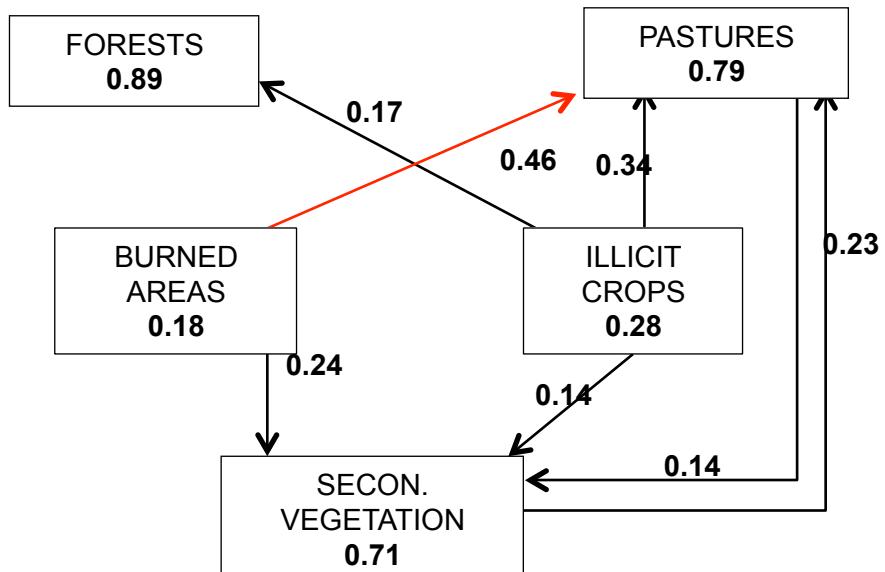
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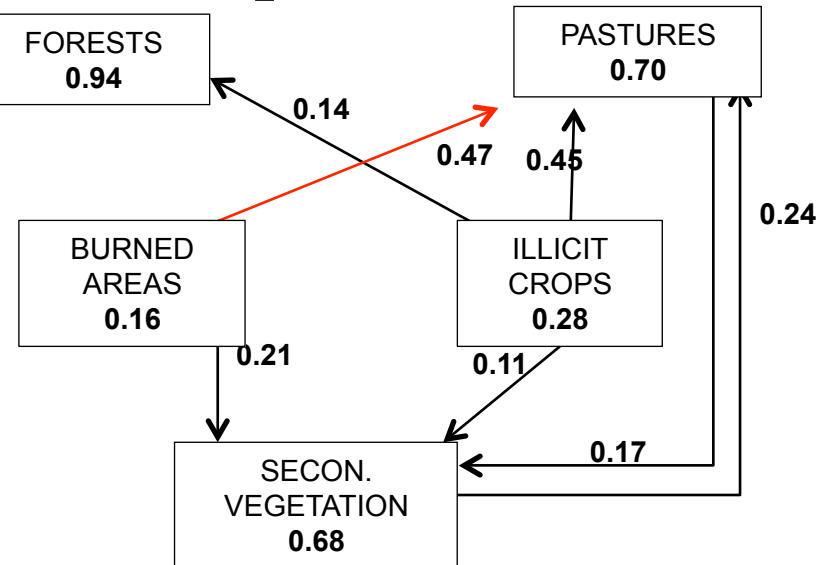
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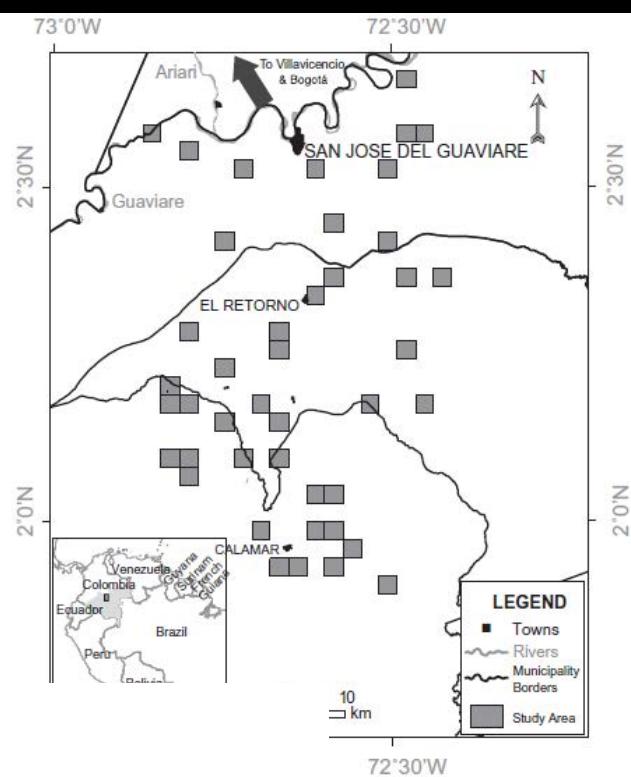
## C. Fire



## D. Illicit crops mosaics



# Add complexity.. Land acquisition...

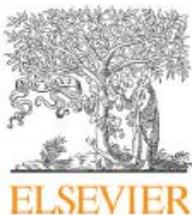


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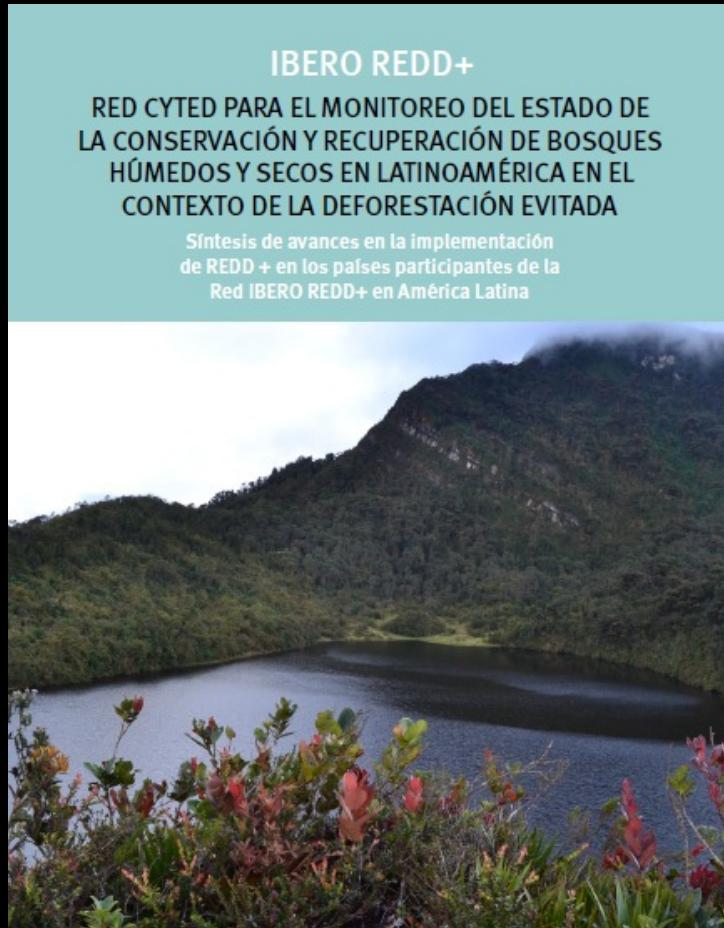
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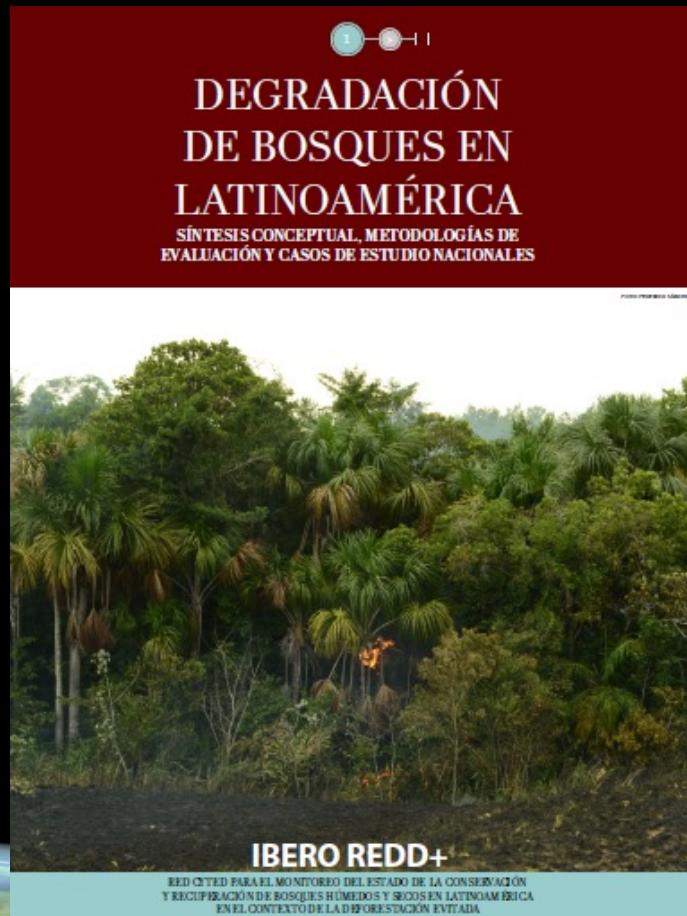
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