

# THE GUANICA BAY / RIO LOCO WATERSHED: LINKING HISTORICAL LAND USES WITH WATER AND SEDIMENT FLUXES AND HUMAN PERSPECTIVES OF THEIR IMPACTS TO COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS



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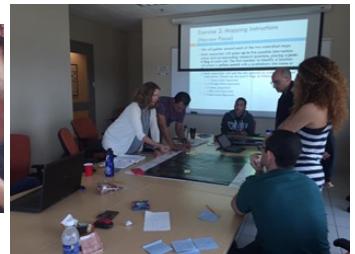
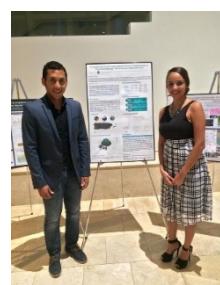


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## Human Impacts to Coastal Ecosystems in Puerto Rico (HICE-PR)



HICE-PR TEAM WORK





together everyone  
**TEAM**  
achieves more



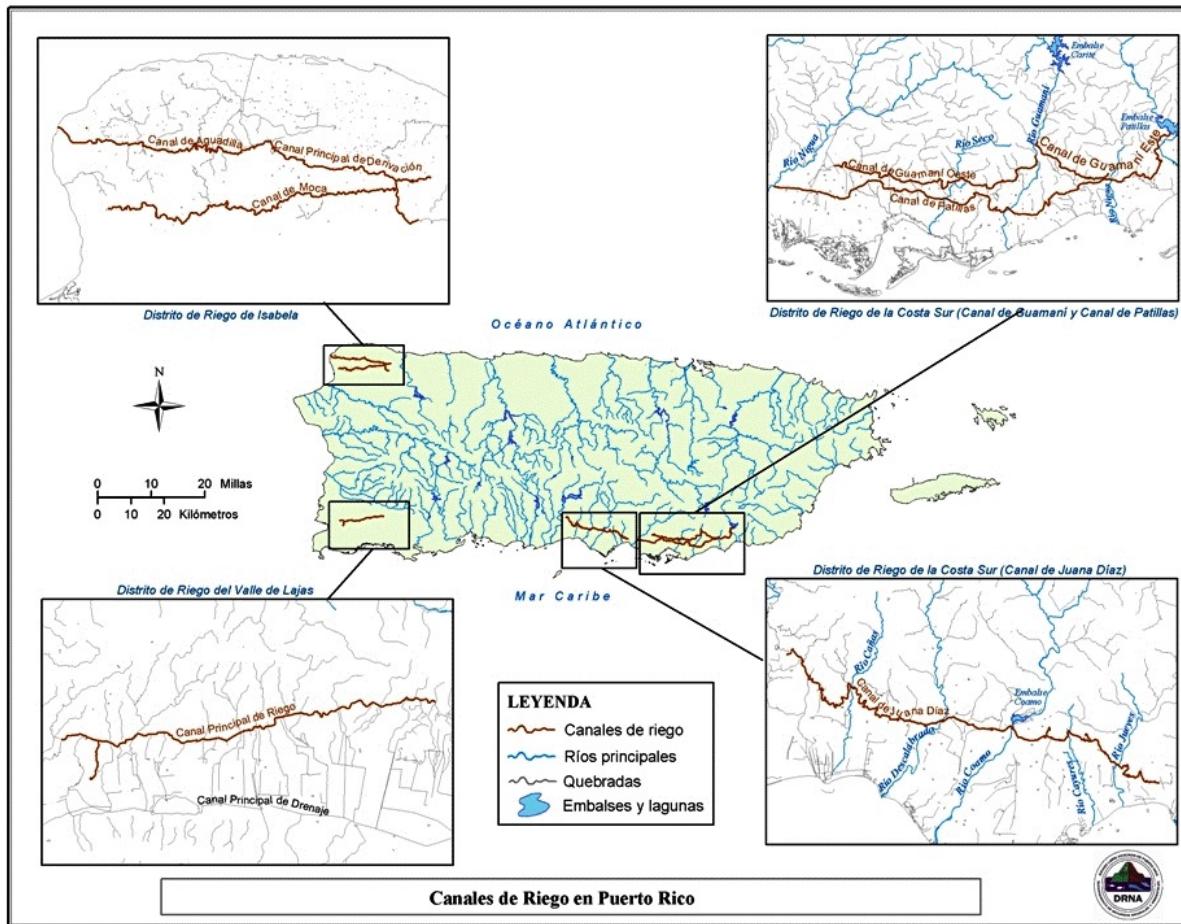
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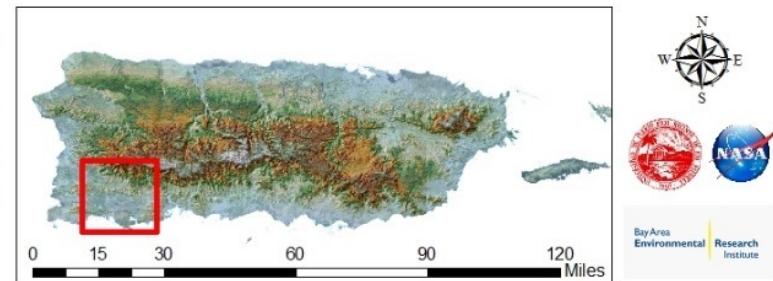
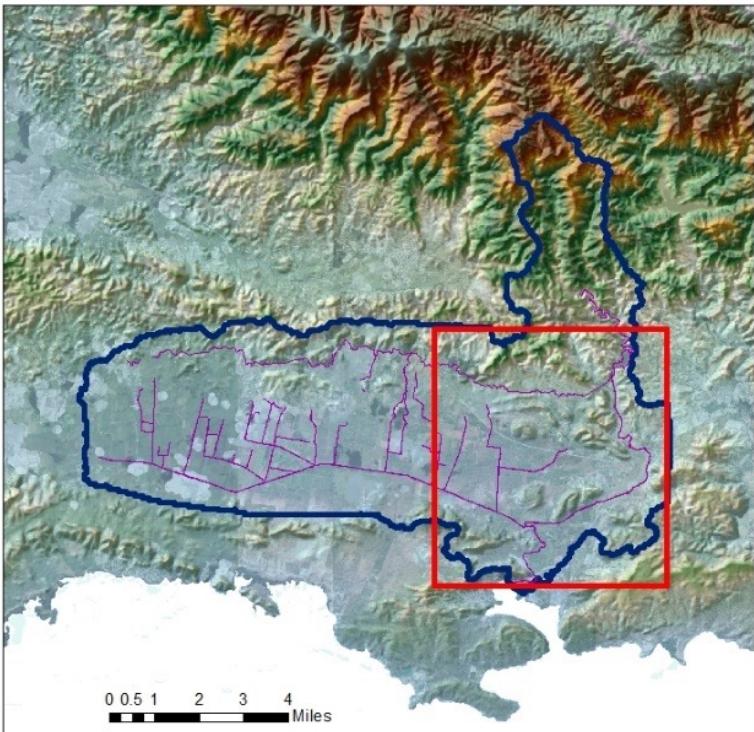


Ortiz-Zayas JR, JJ Terrasa-Soler, and J Villarubia-Cruz. 2001. Allocating water resources for public supply within a complex hydroelectric system: the case study of Yauco, Puerto Rico. WEFTEC Latin America



# Southwest Project / Lajas Valley Irrigation District





**Area: 24.7 mi<sup>2</sup>**  
**Population: 27,680**

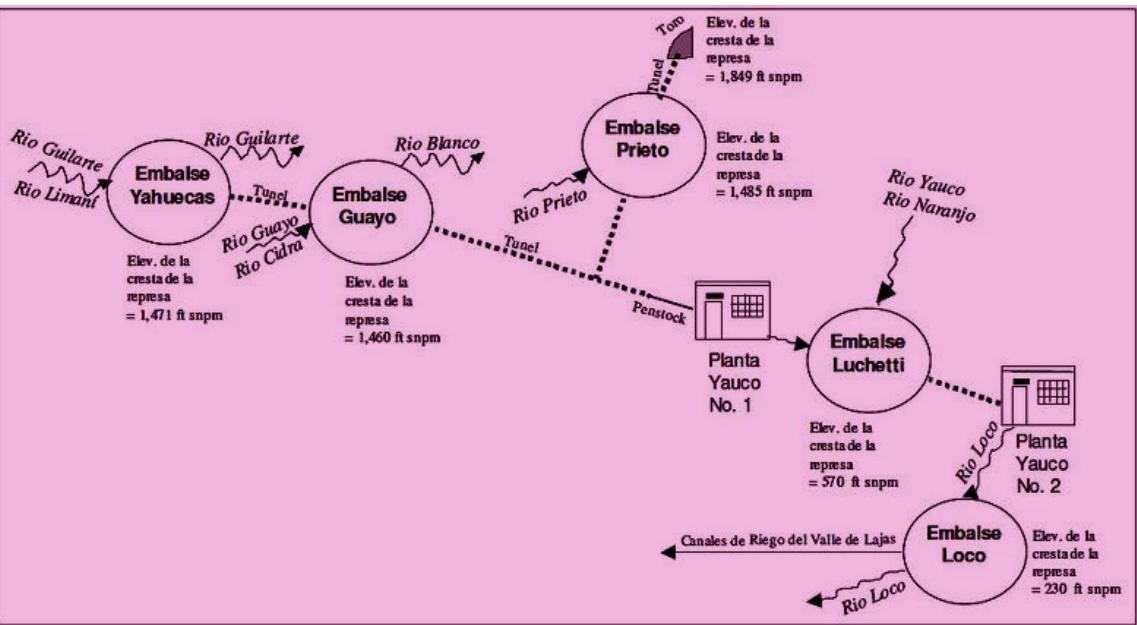


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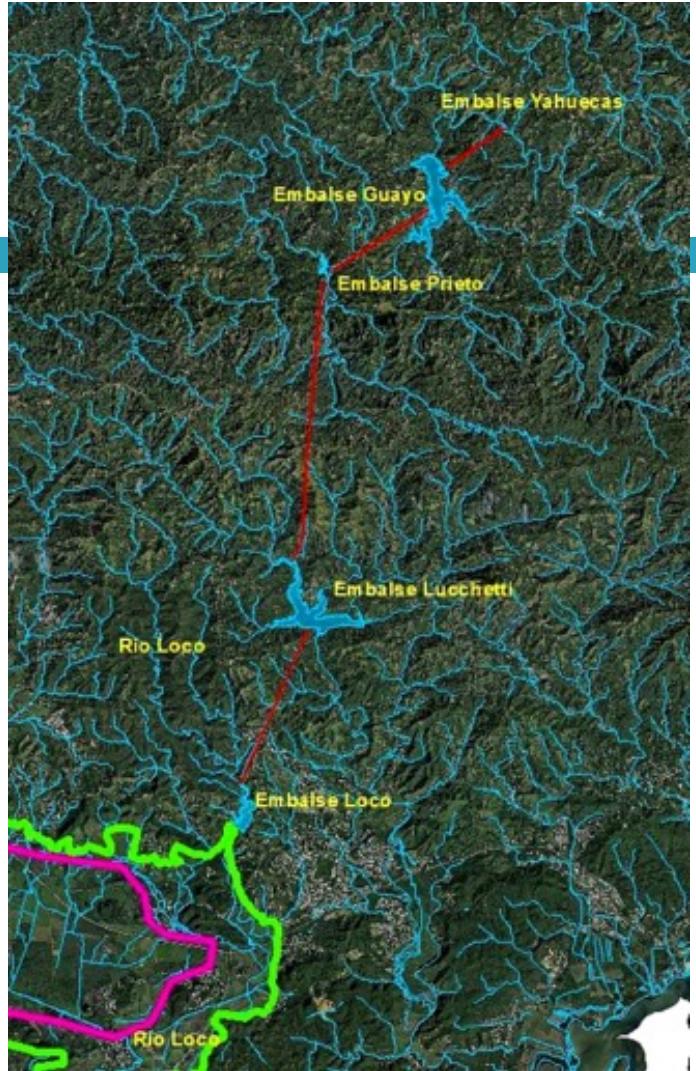


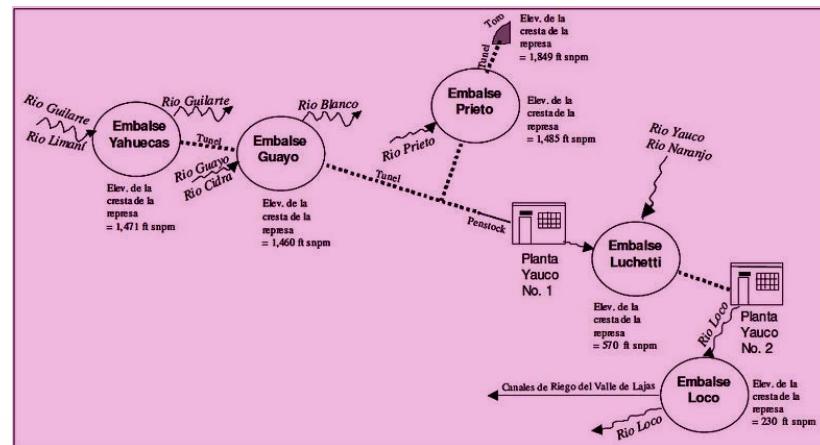
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# Southwest Project



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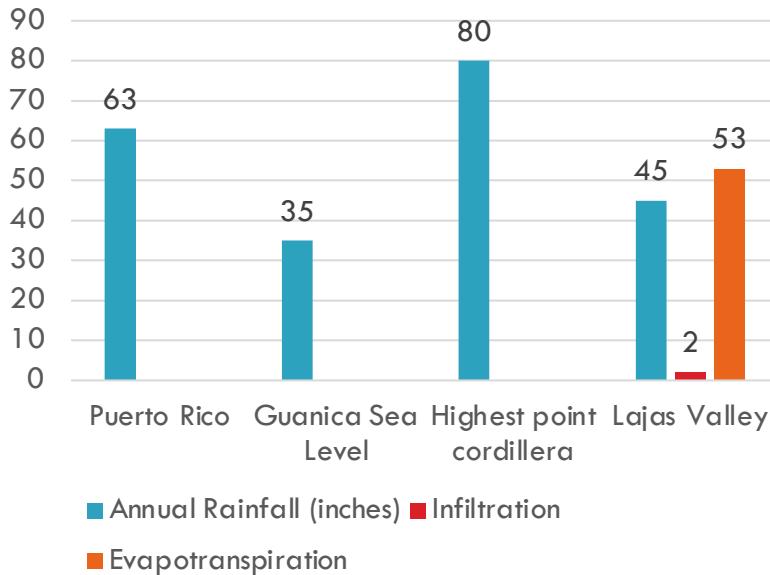
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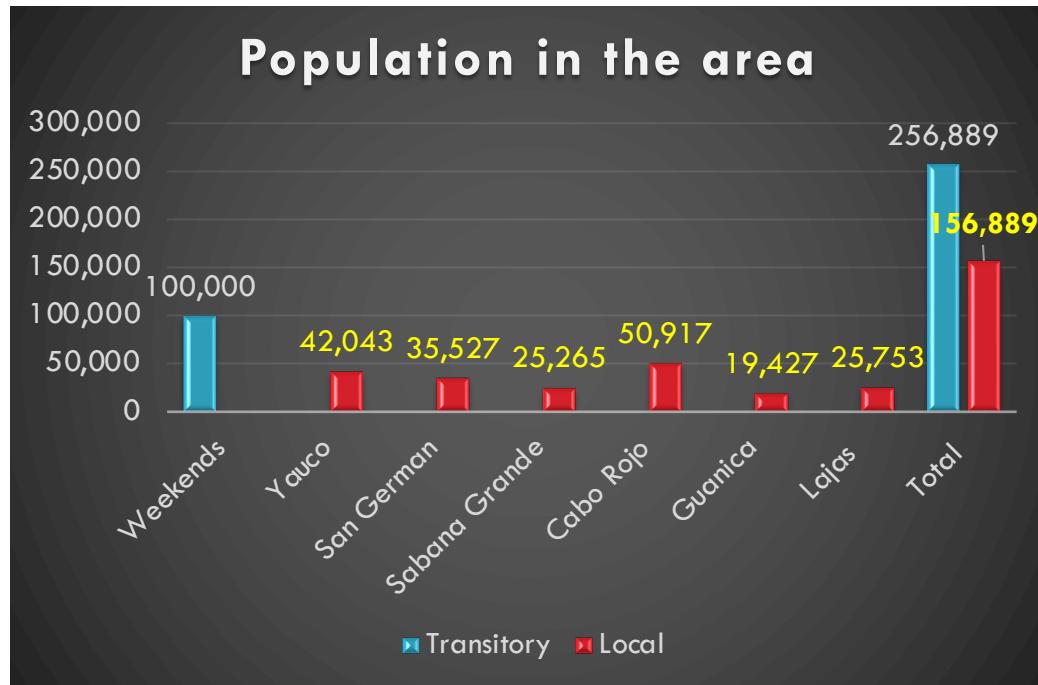
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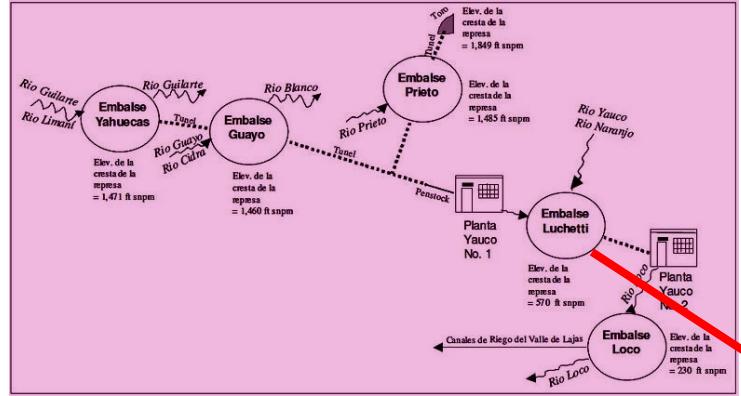
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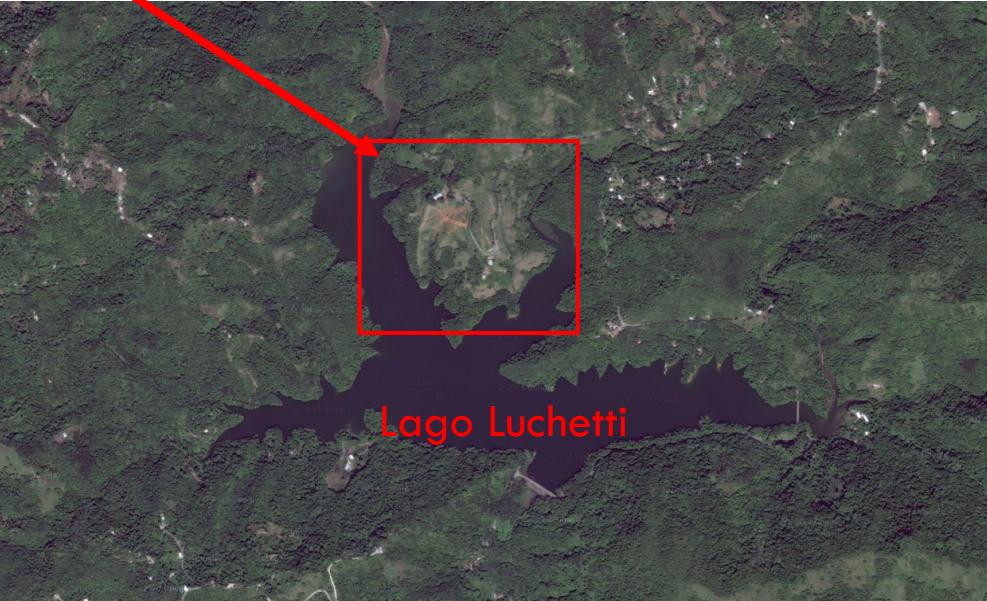
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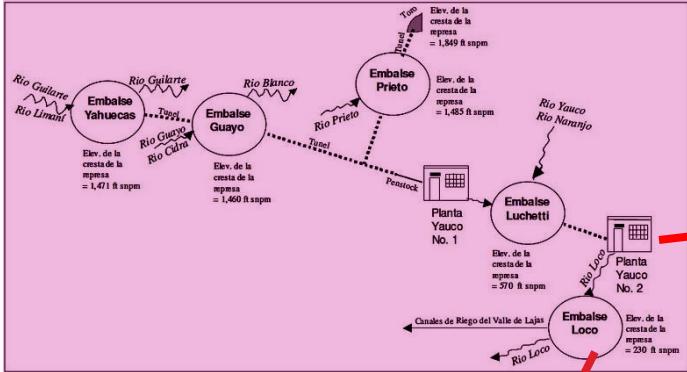






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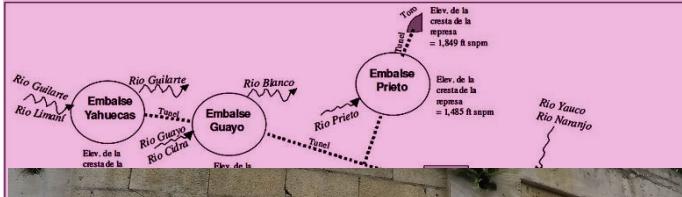




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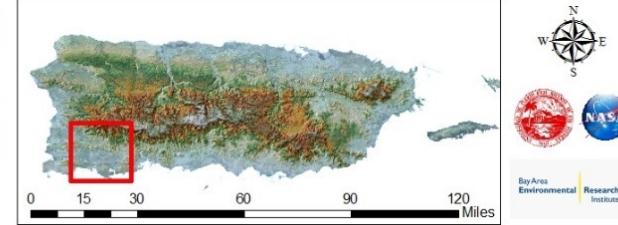
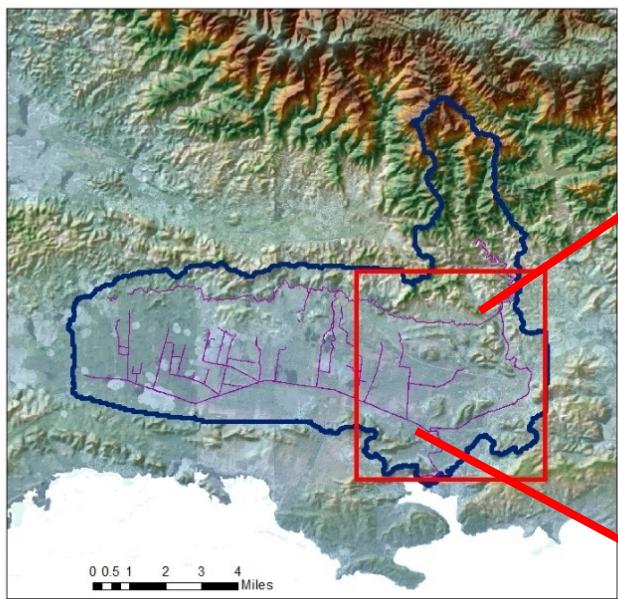


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Ridge

Guánica Bay

25 Agosto 2015



15 Septiembre 2015



Estacion B

10 Noviembre 2015



Estación B  
Salida Canal de  
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Bahía Guanica



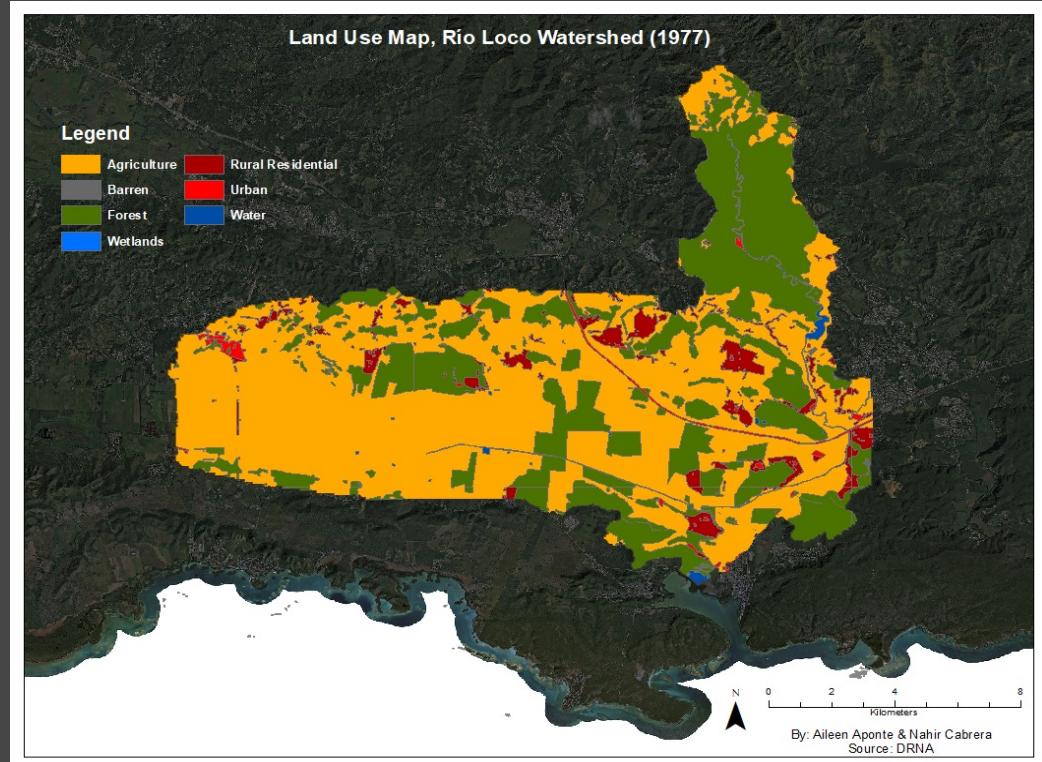


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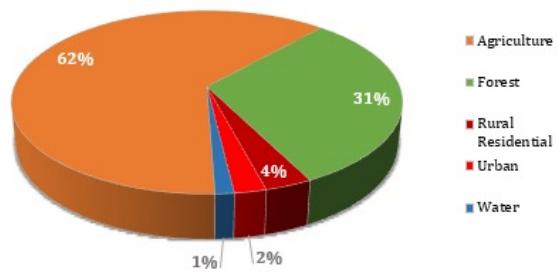


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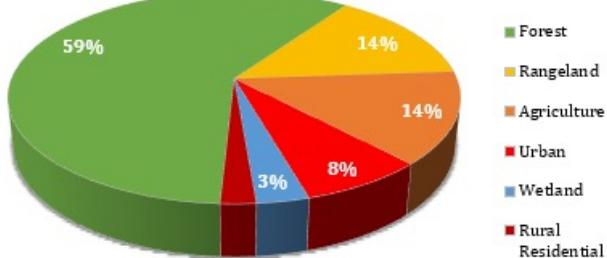


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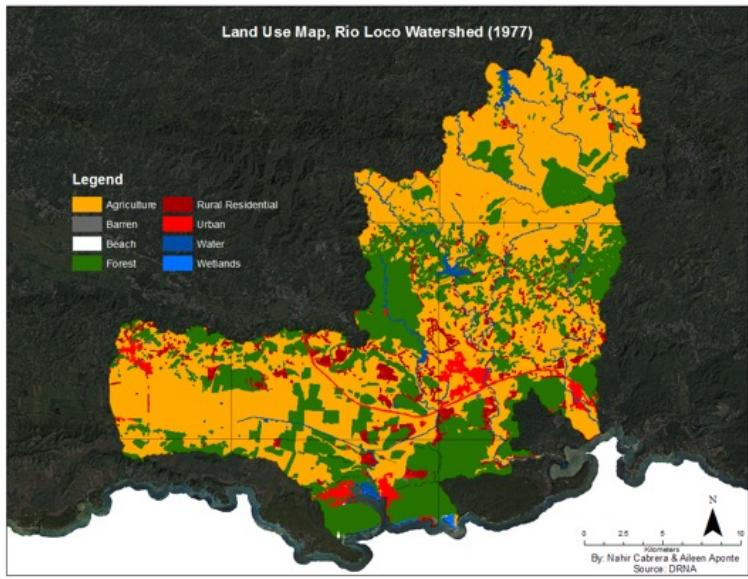
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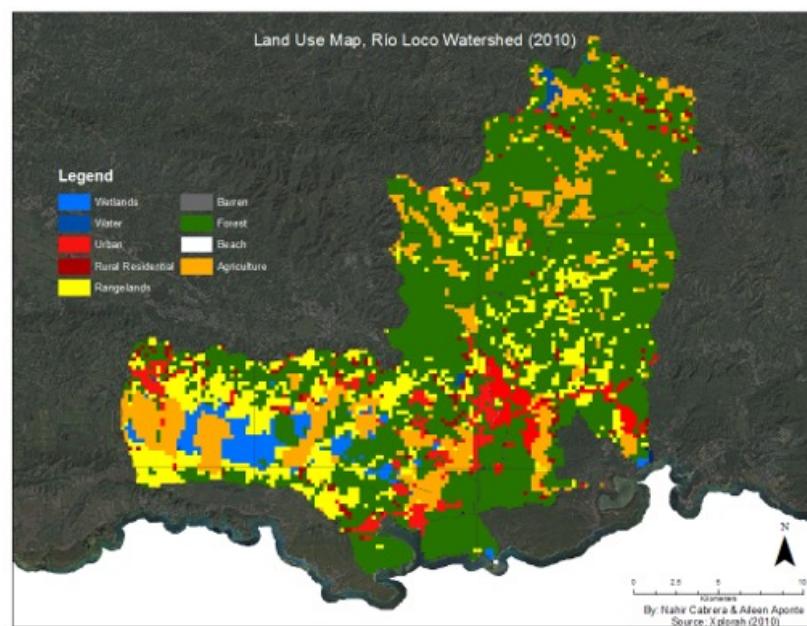


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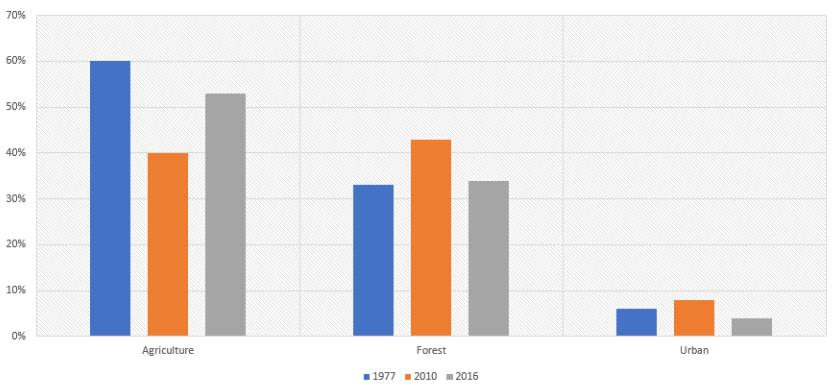
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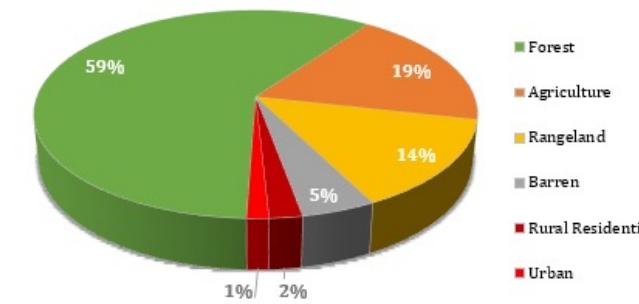


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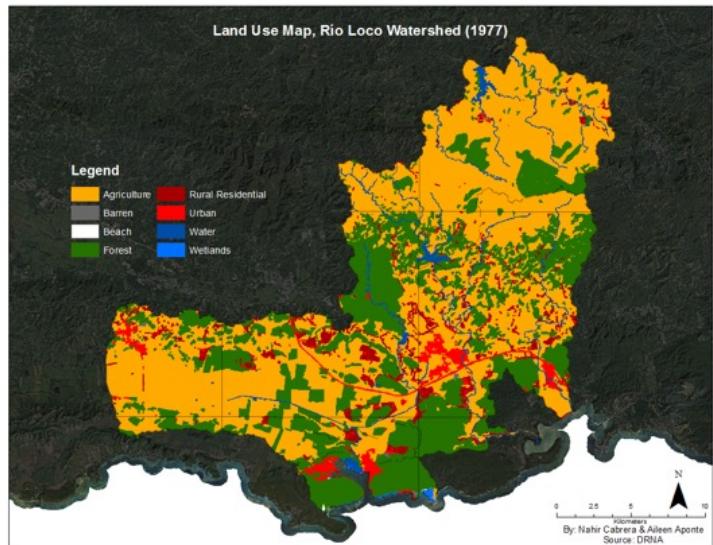
Land Use Change 1977 to 2016



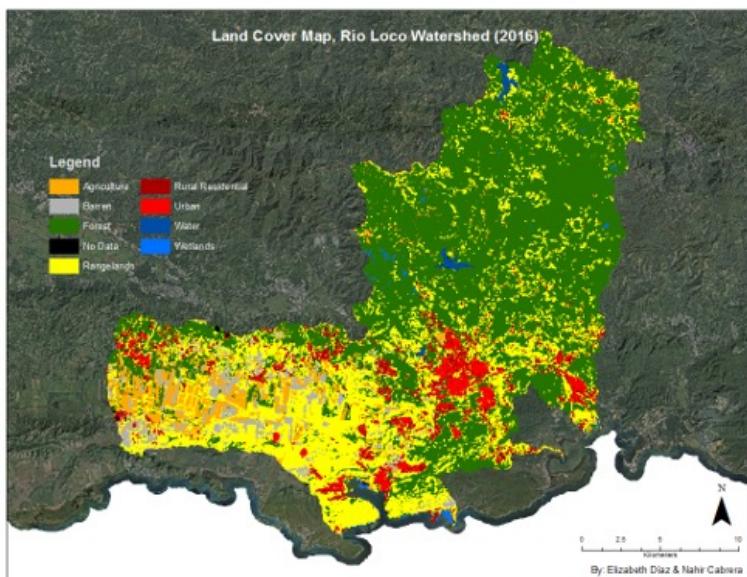
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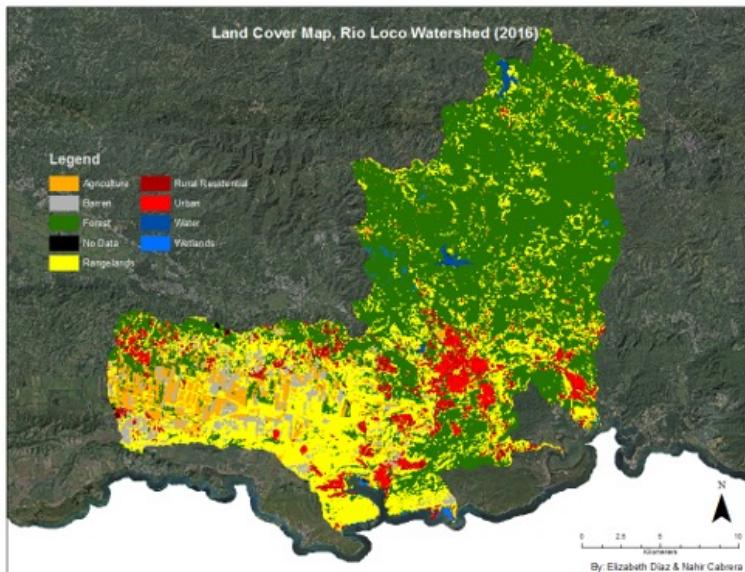
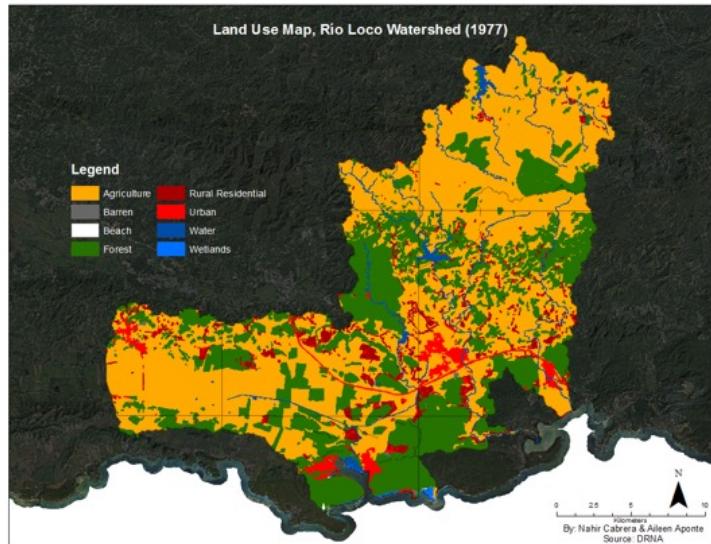
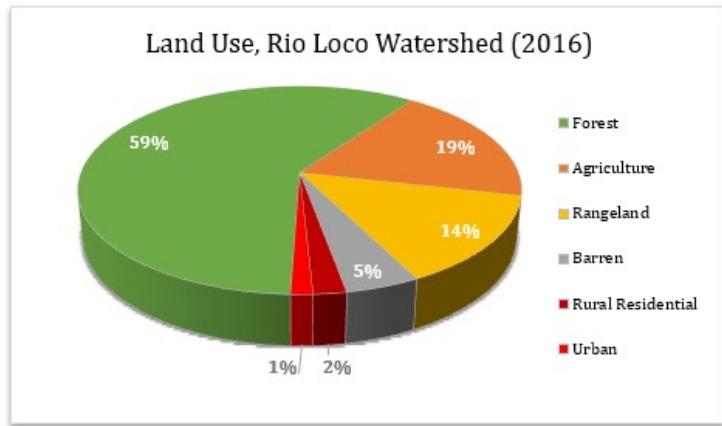
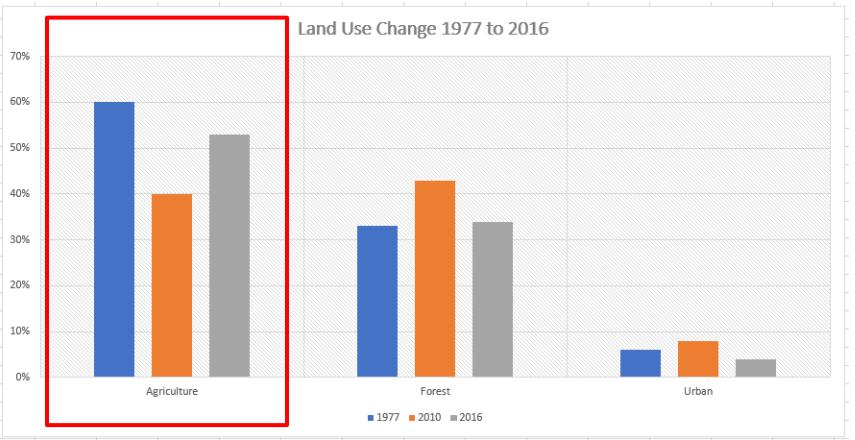


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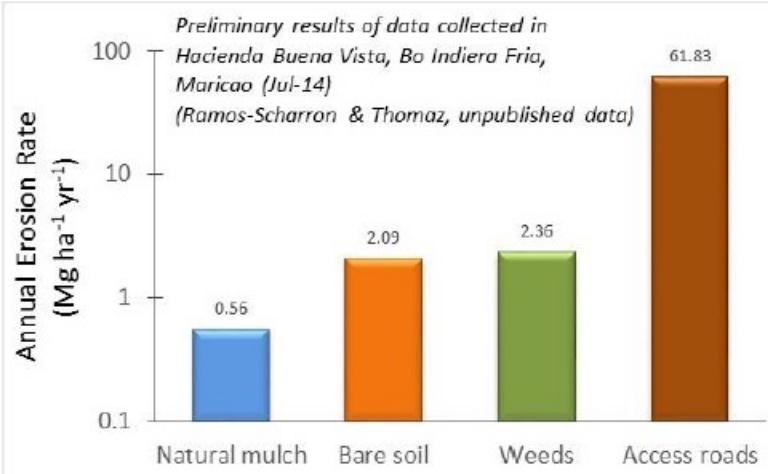


Land Cover Map, Rio Loco Watershed (2016)





Preliminary results of data collected in  
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(Ramos-Scharron & Thomaz, unpublished data)



## The Coffee Farm Landscape

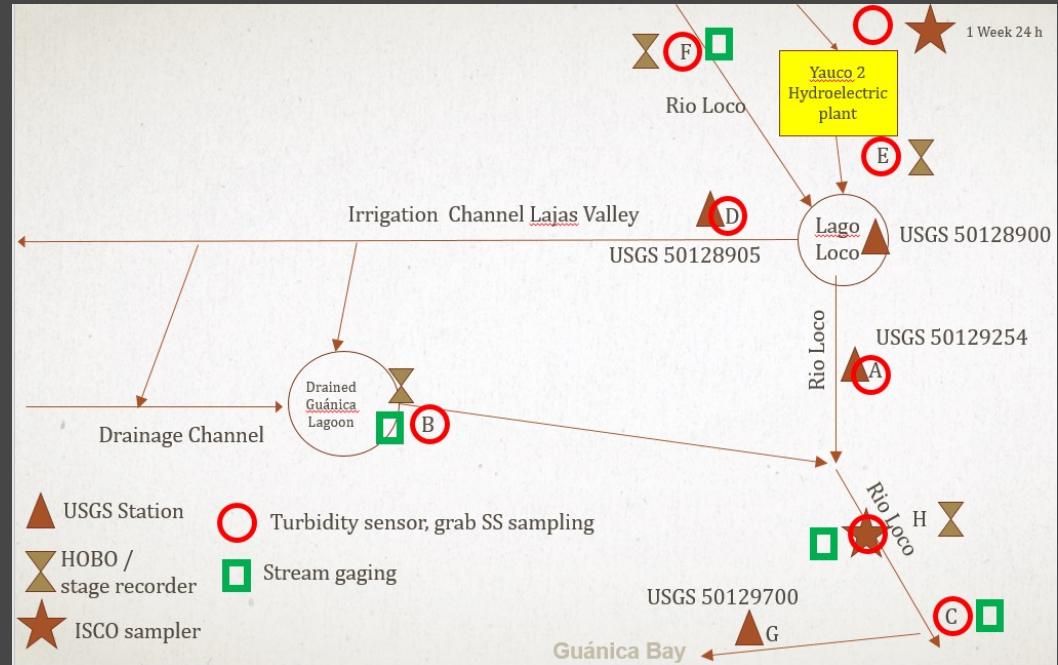




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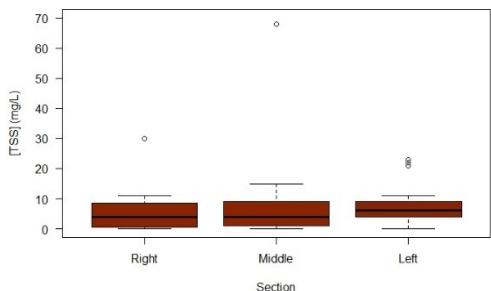


# STUDY RESULTS

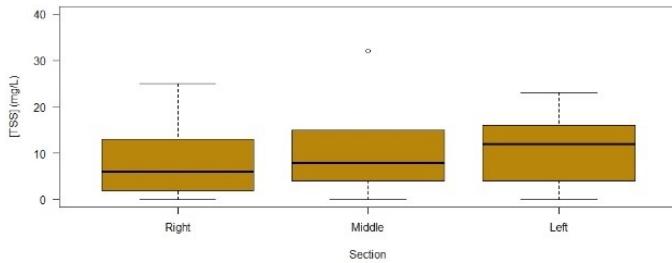


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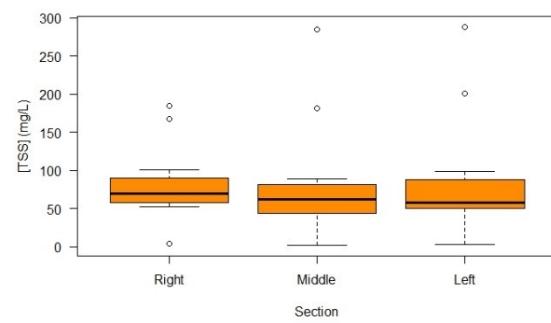
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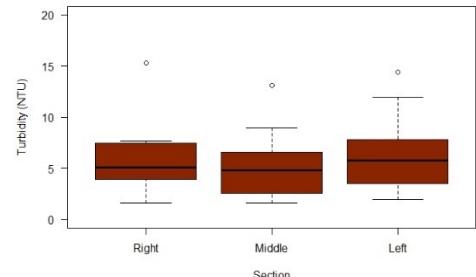
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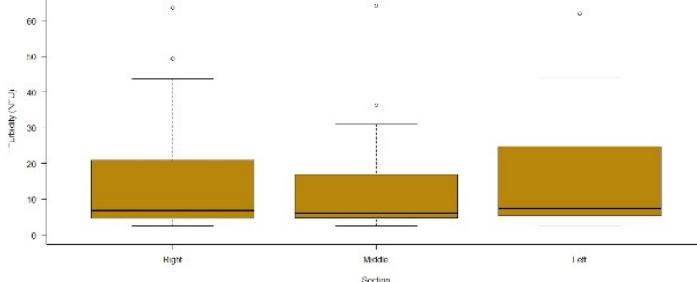
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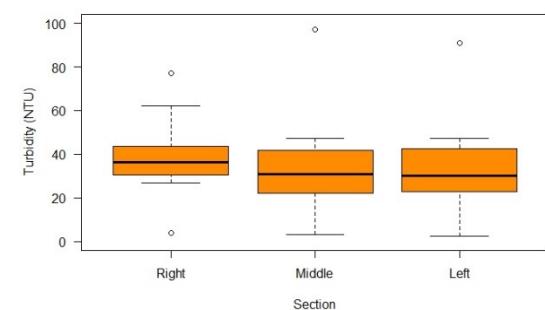
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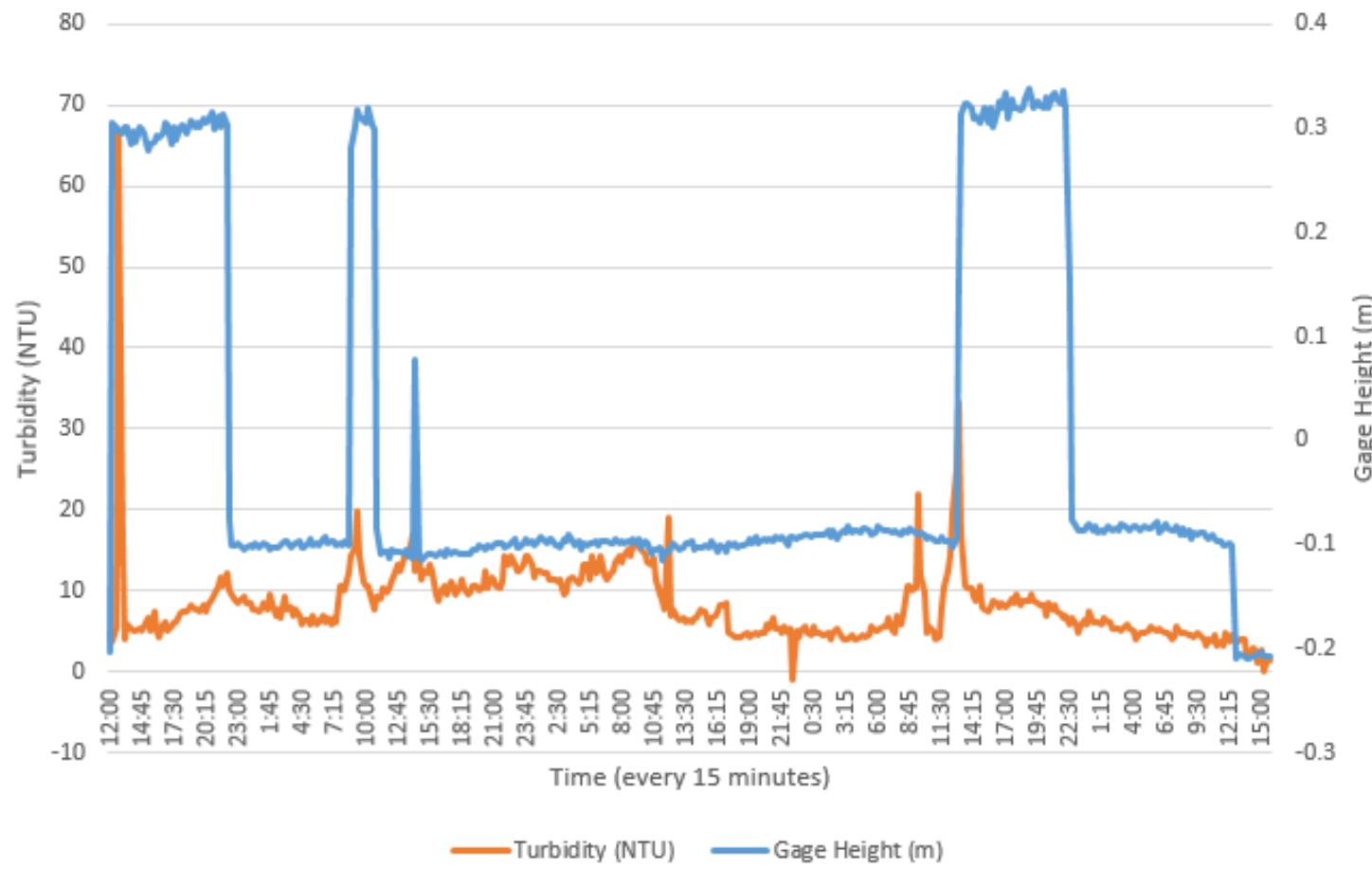
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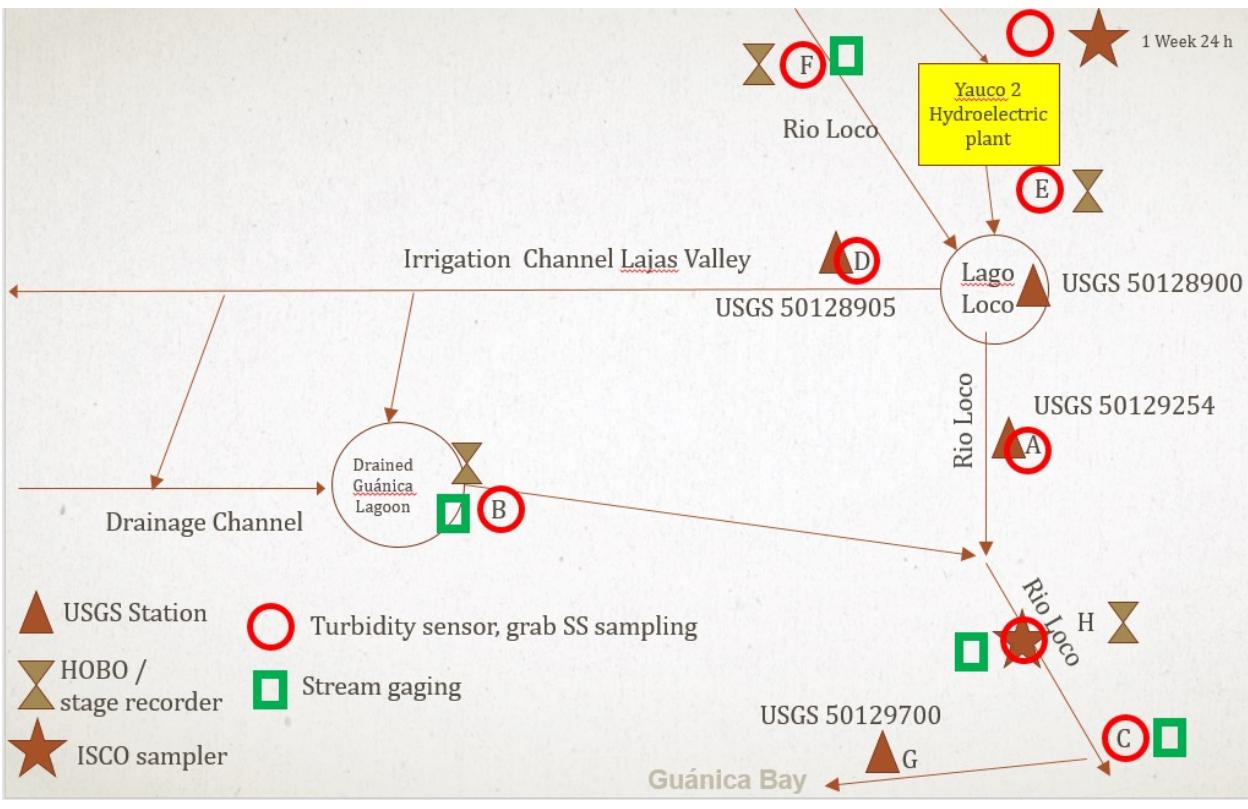


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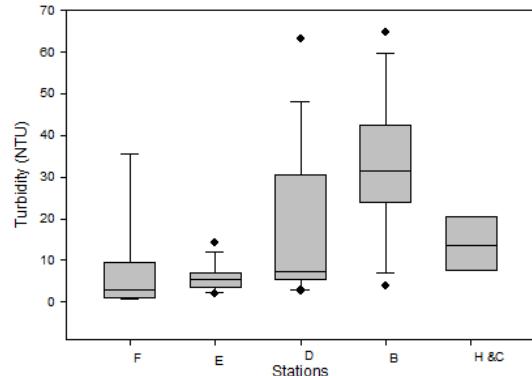


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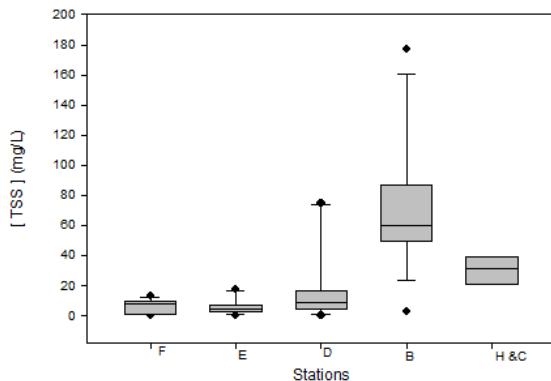




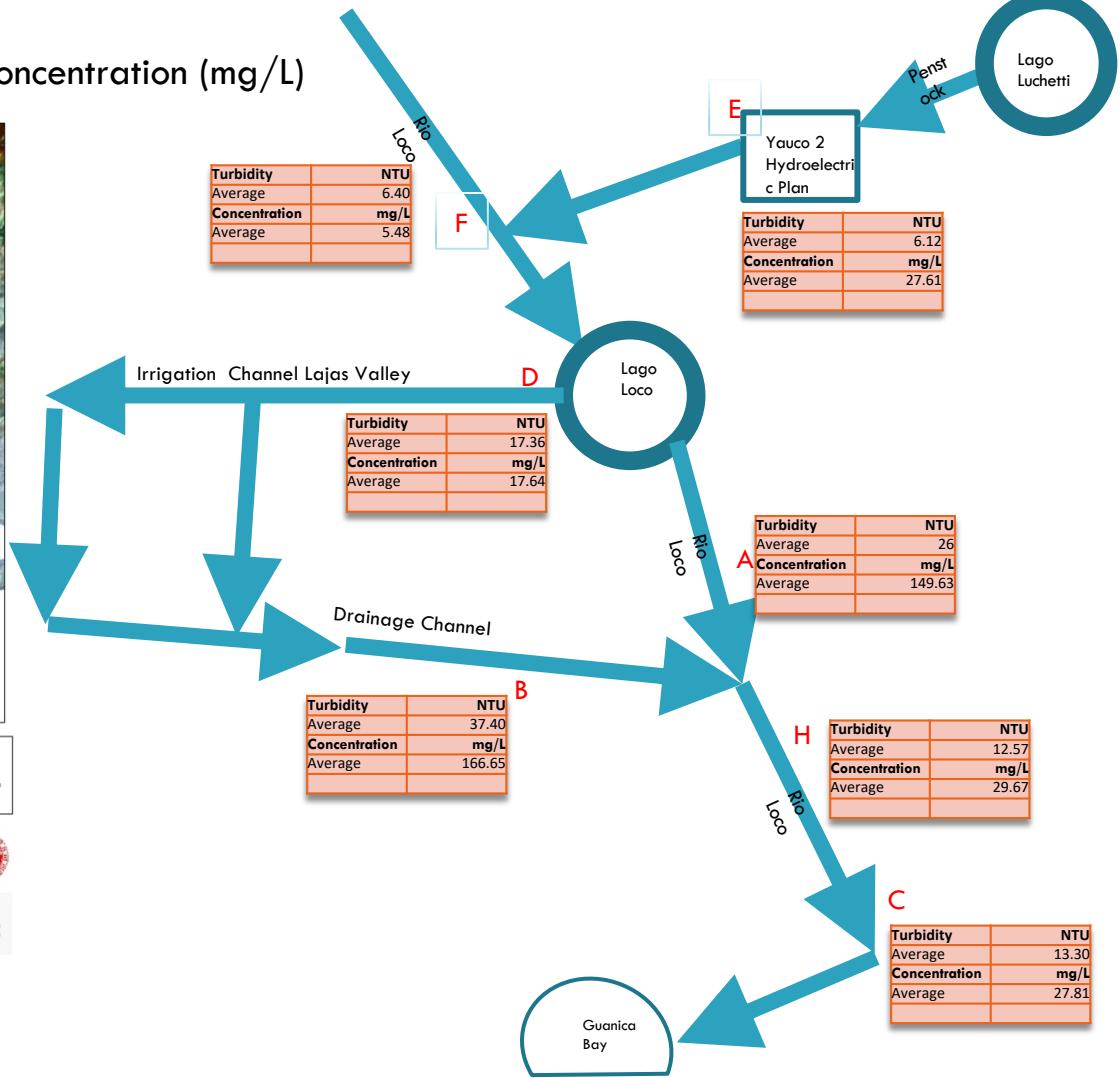
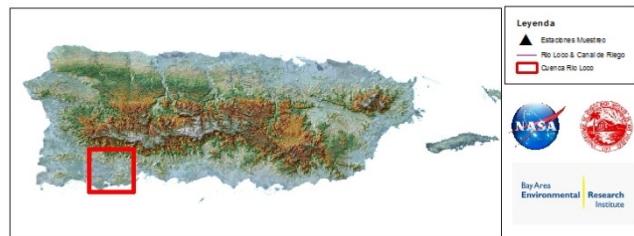
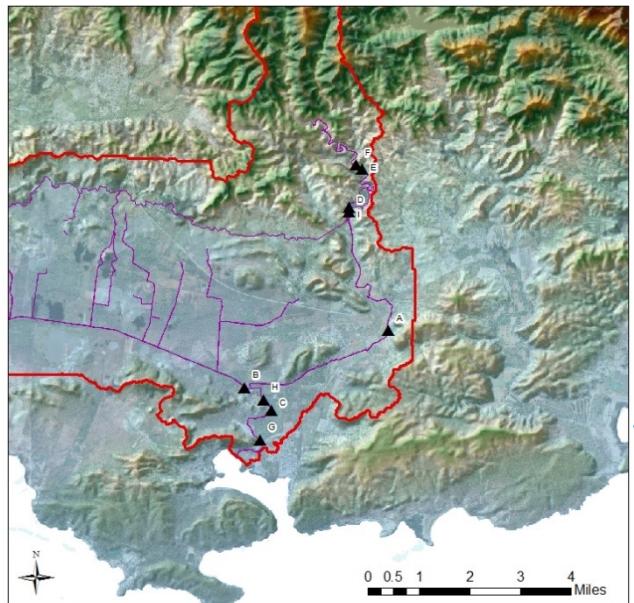
Turbidity per stations at Río Loco



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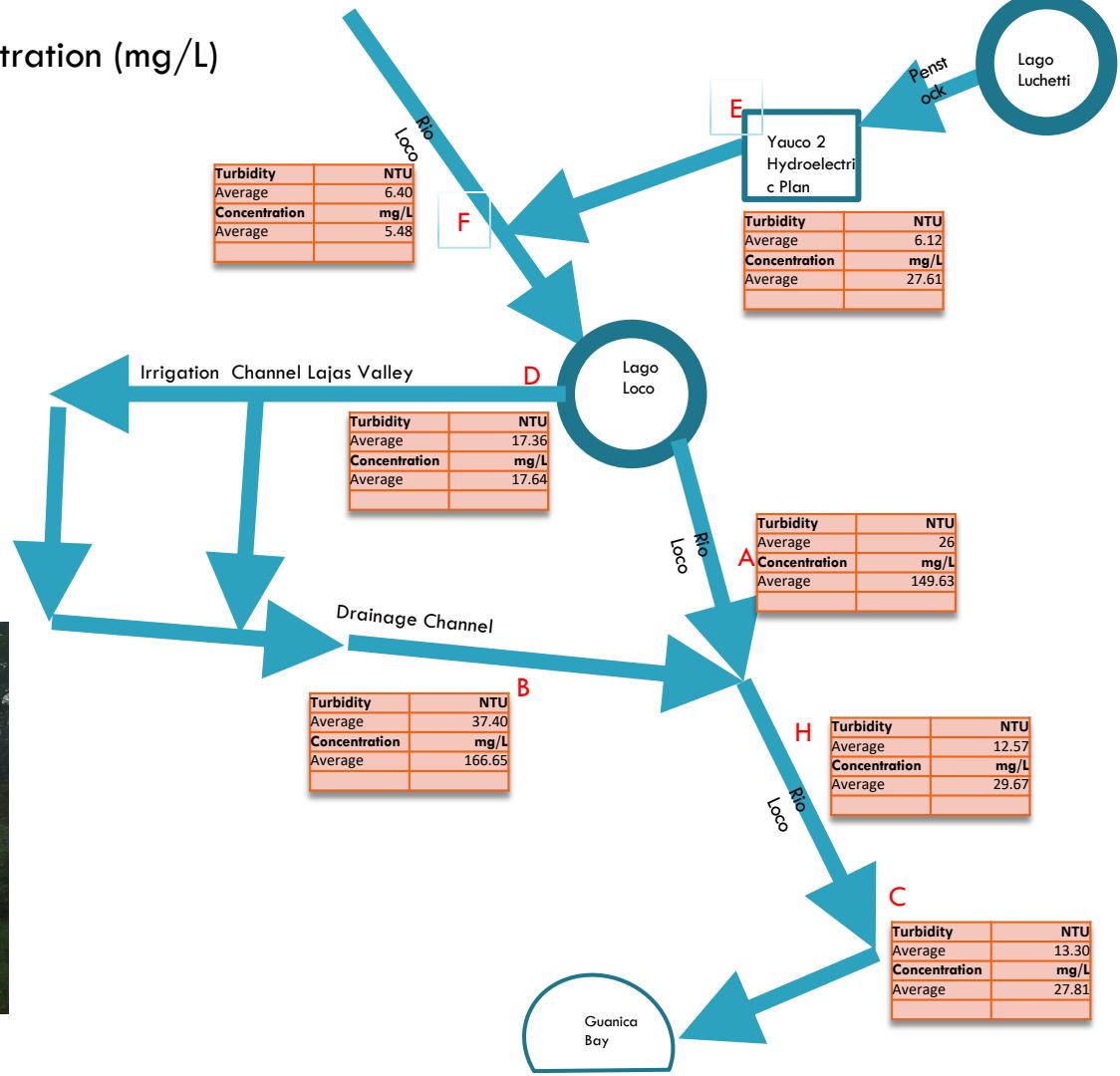
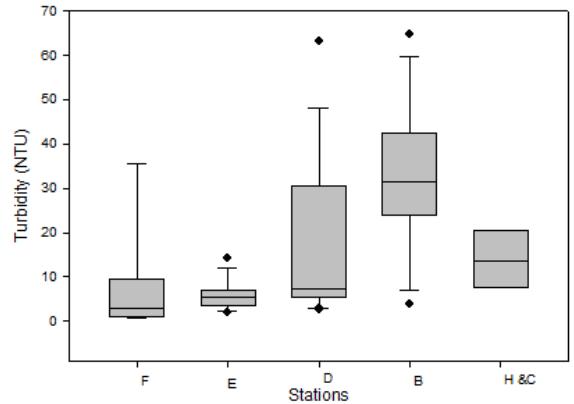


## Sediment samples: Turbidity (ntu) & Concentration (mg/L)

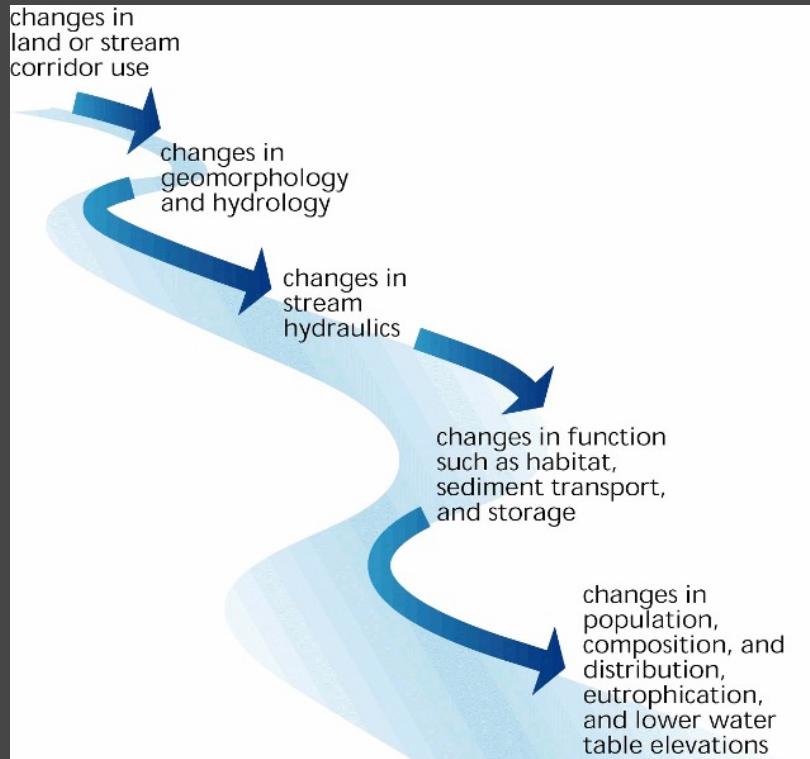


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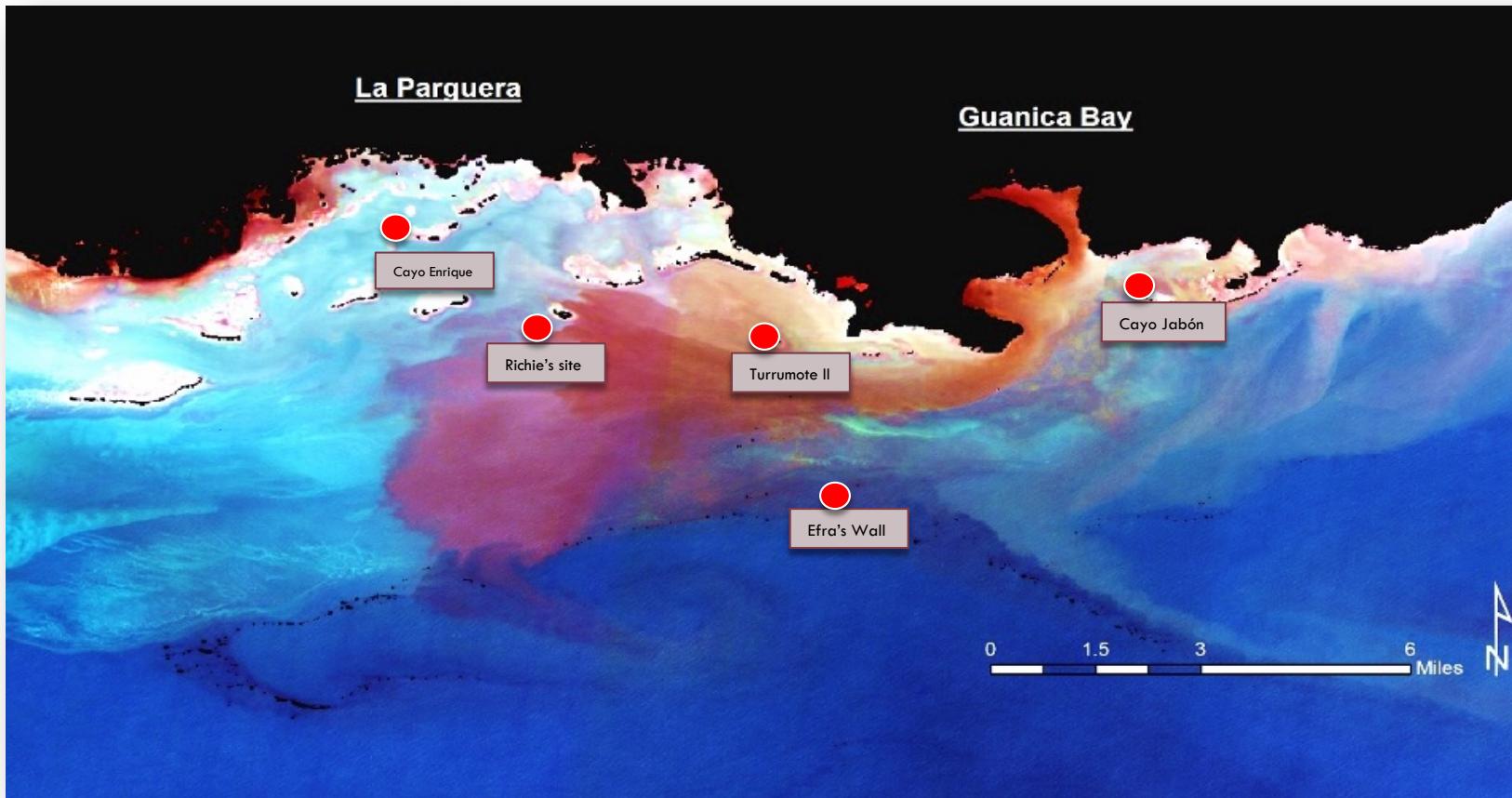
# NEXT STEPS



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**Coral Bleaching Assessment through remote Sensing and Integrated Citizen Science (CoralBASICS): Engaging Dive Instructors on Reef Characterization in Southwest, PR Coupled with the Analysis of Water Quality Using NASA Earth Observations**

Juan L. Torres-Pérez<sup>1</sup>, Roy A. Armstrong<sup>2</sup>, Yasmín Detrés<sup>2</sup>, Carolina Aragónés-Fred<sup>2</sup>, and Joel Meléndez<sup>3</sup>



Landsat-8 OLI image showing the extent of sediment plume from Guánica Bay to La Parguera. Image courtesy of NOAA/NESDIS/STAR/CRW Ocean Color.

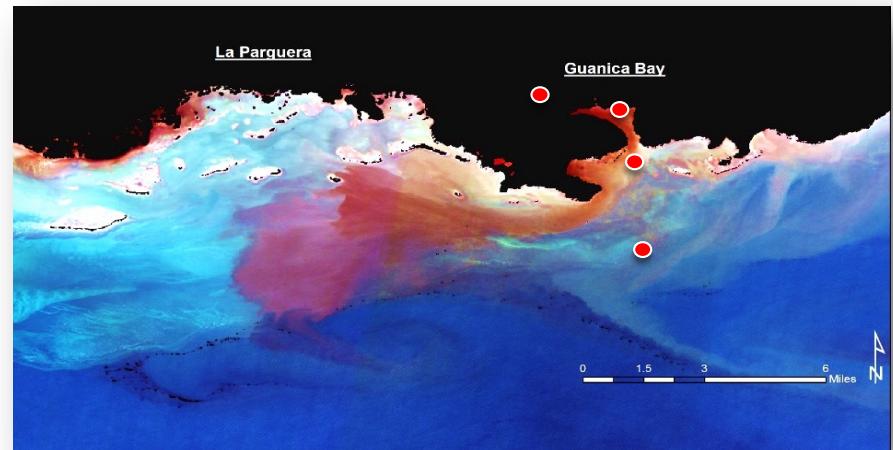
## 2. Relationship between discharge, sediments and water transparency.



SQL Queries = Periods of dates

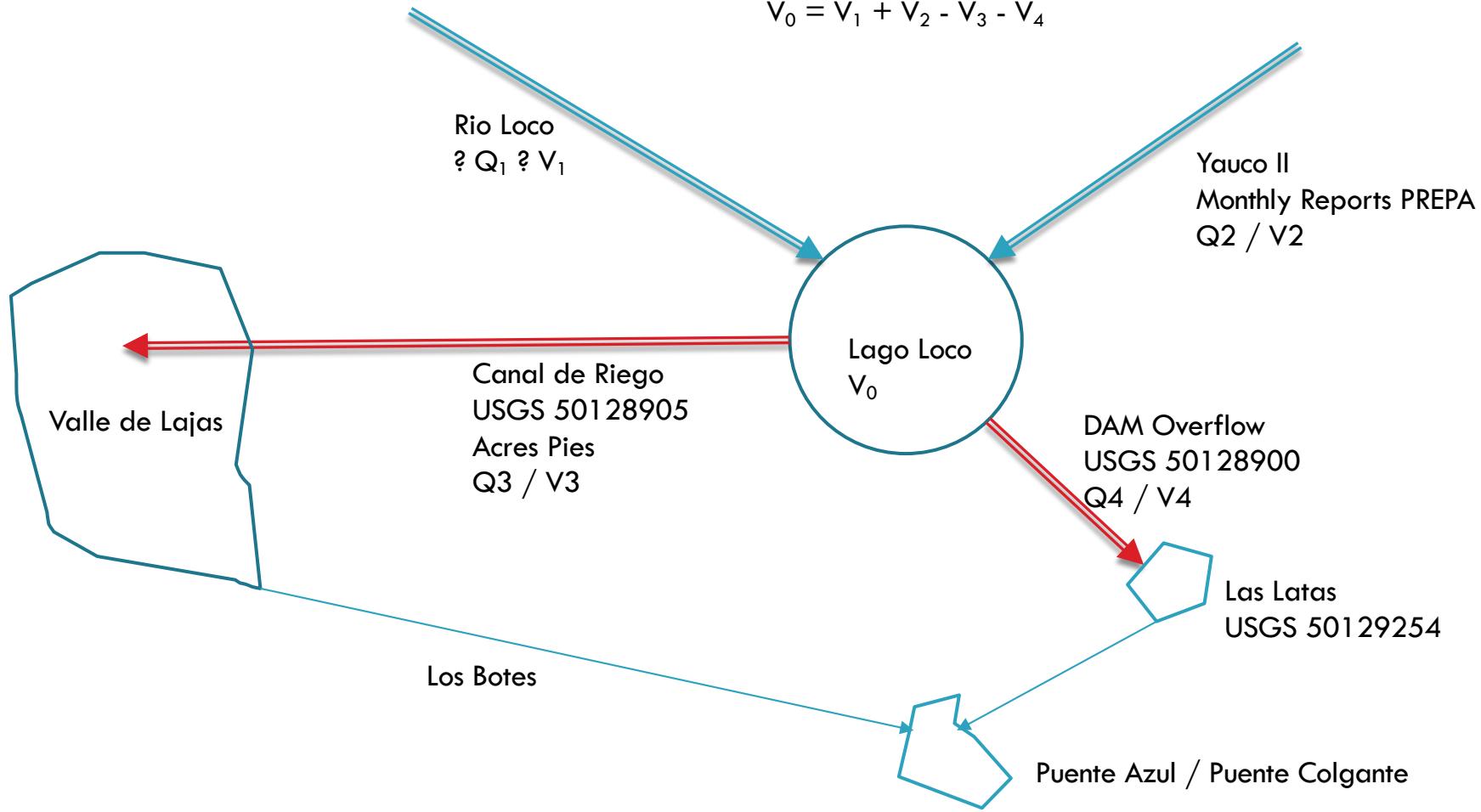


DAM & USGS Stations



# 1. Calculate the contribution of Rio Loco

$$V_0 = V_1 + V_2 - V_3 - V_4$$



- Calculate the contribution of each of the zones

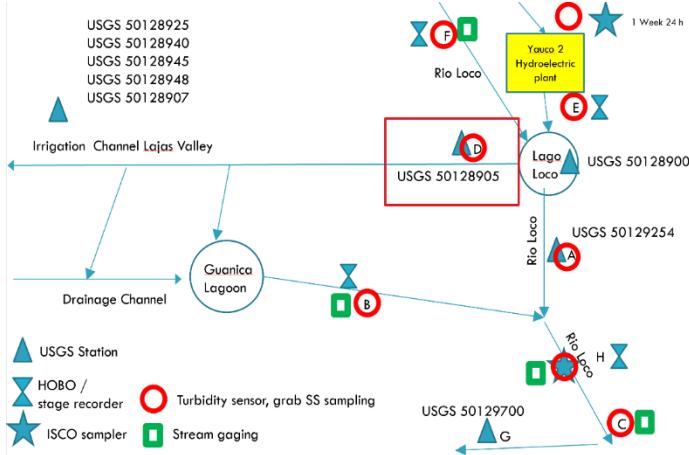


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Questions?

Or Suggestions