



Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean CATHALAC

REGIONAL VISUALIZATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM FOR MESOAMERICA

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Regional and International Centers under UNESCO-IHP



<u>CATHALAC</u> is a regional center of excellence dedicated to enhance scientific understanding of the water cycle and to promote HSD through IWRM and Environmental Management.



A 21ST Century System For Informed Environmental Decision Making in Mesoamerica

















Regional Visualization and Monitoring System



(Political background)

- The Presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and the US, and the Prime Minister of Belize met in March 2002 to announce the continuation of the **CONCAUSA Plan of Action, including:**
 - Increase regional market competitiveness and integration;
 - Strengthen the regional capacity to address adaptation to climate change, risk and disaster management, and mitigate GHG emissions;





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LULCC Planning

Red Tide

Forest Fires

FLOODS

IWRM

ICZM

NASA's MSFC

Test Bed Facility

CATHALAC

Regional Node

Energy and Water Balance

Carbon Cycle

EWS and DSS

Weather

Climate Change

GUATEMALA

EL SALVADOR

HONDURAS

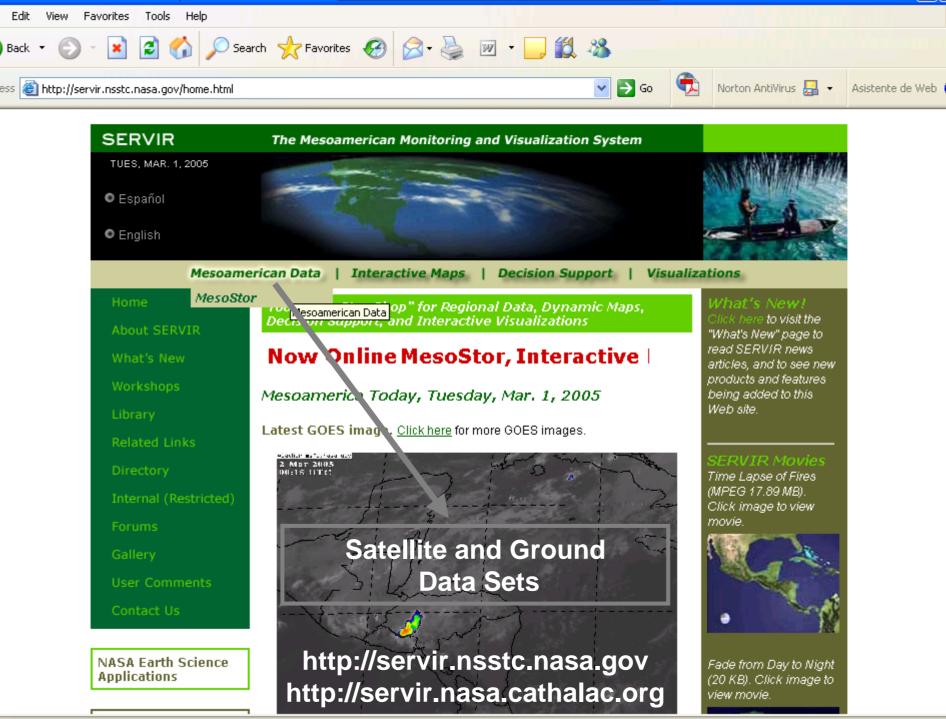
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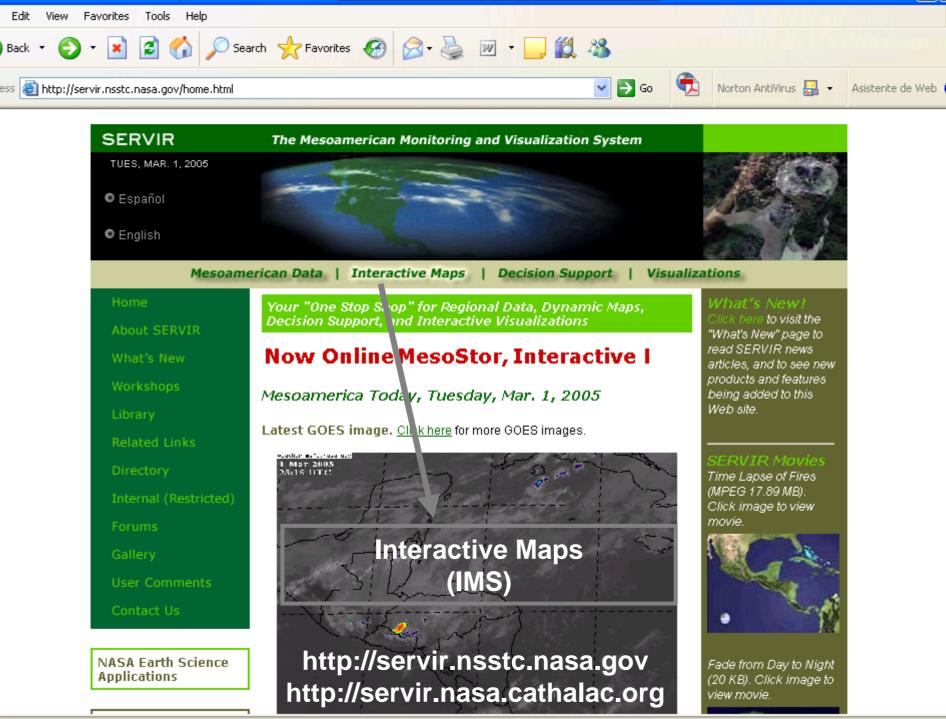
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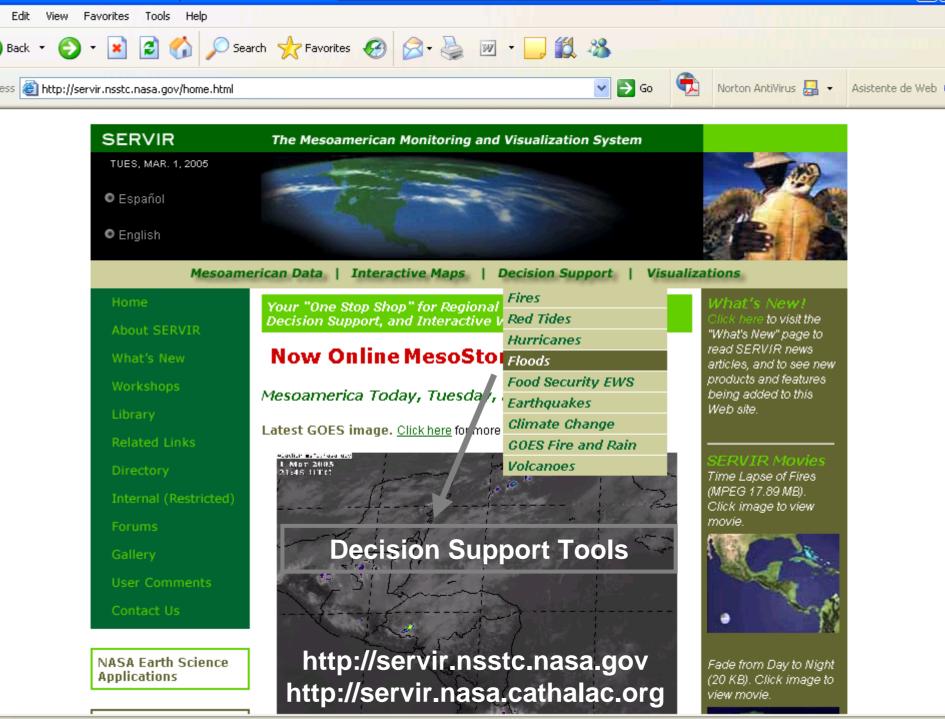
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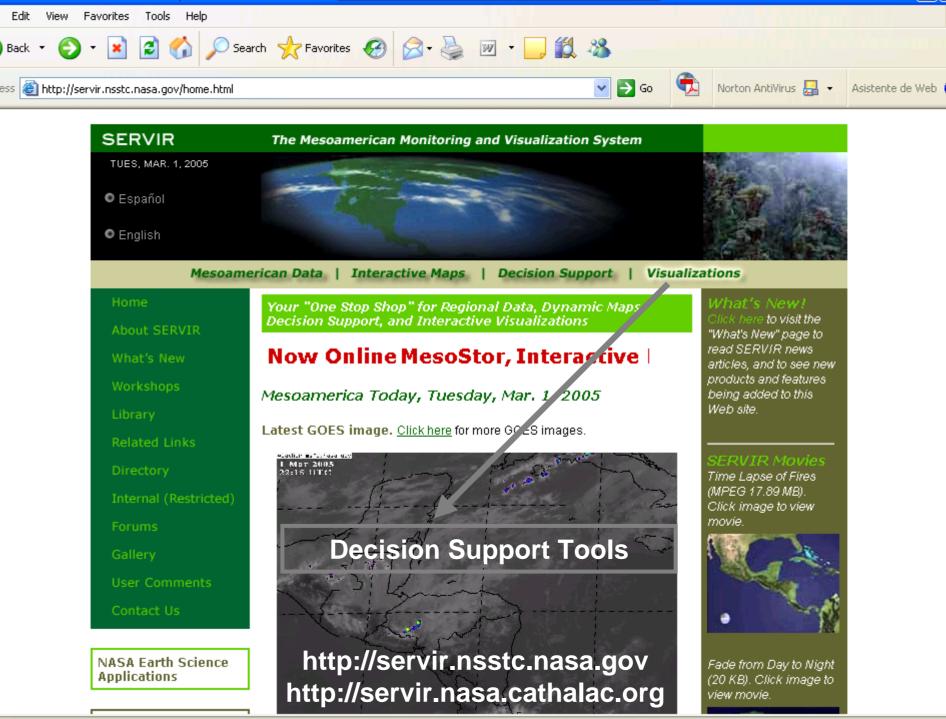
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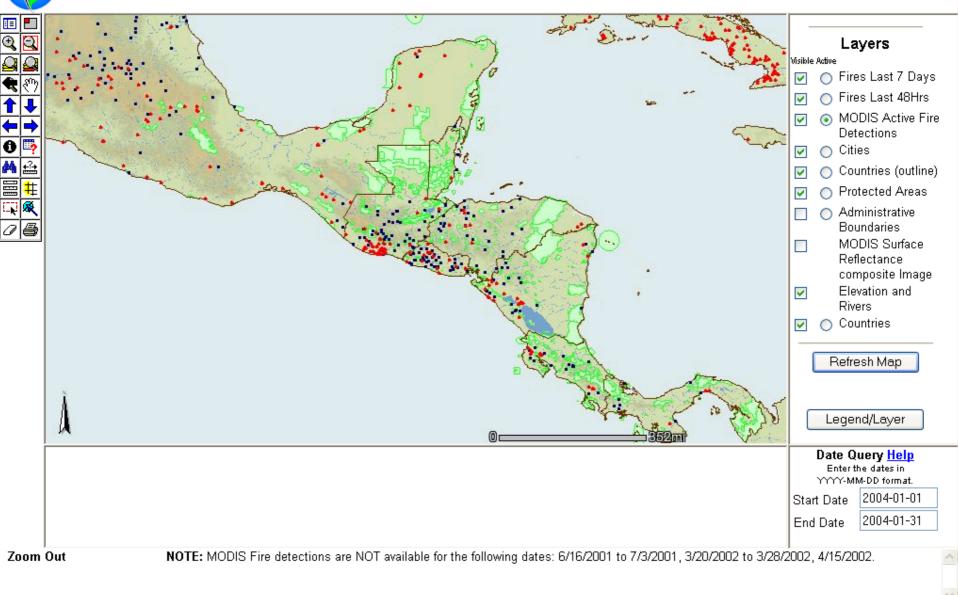








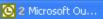


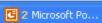


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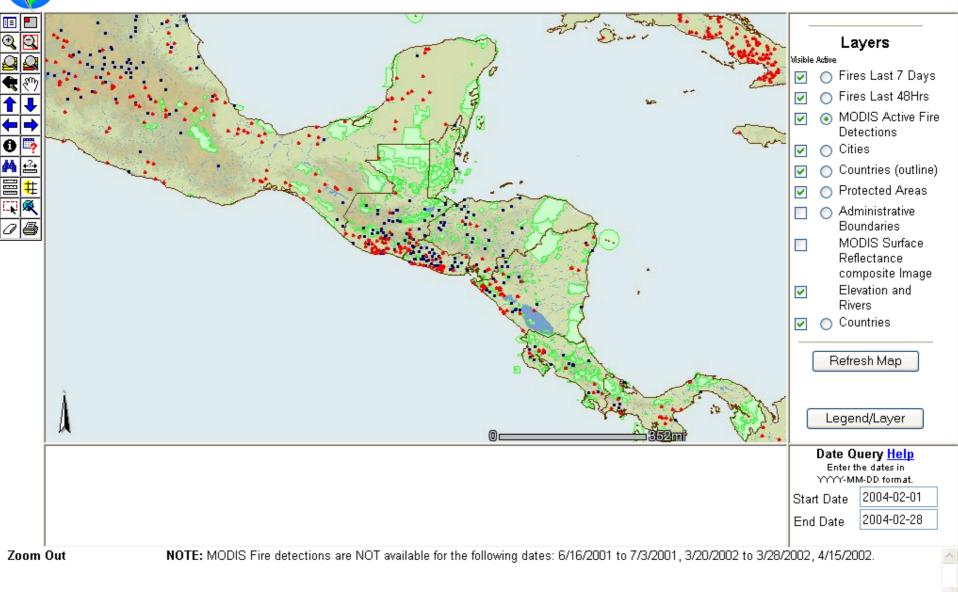








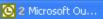




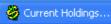
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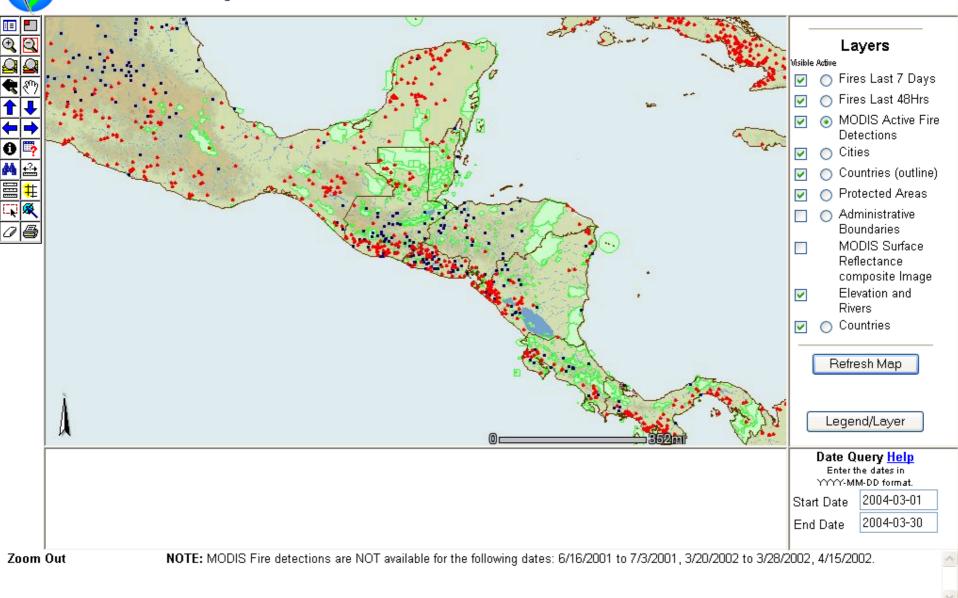






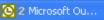


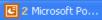














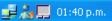






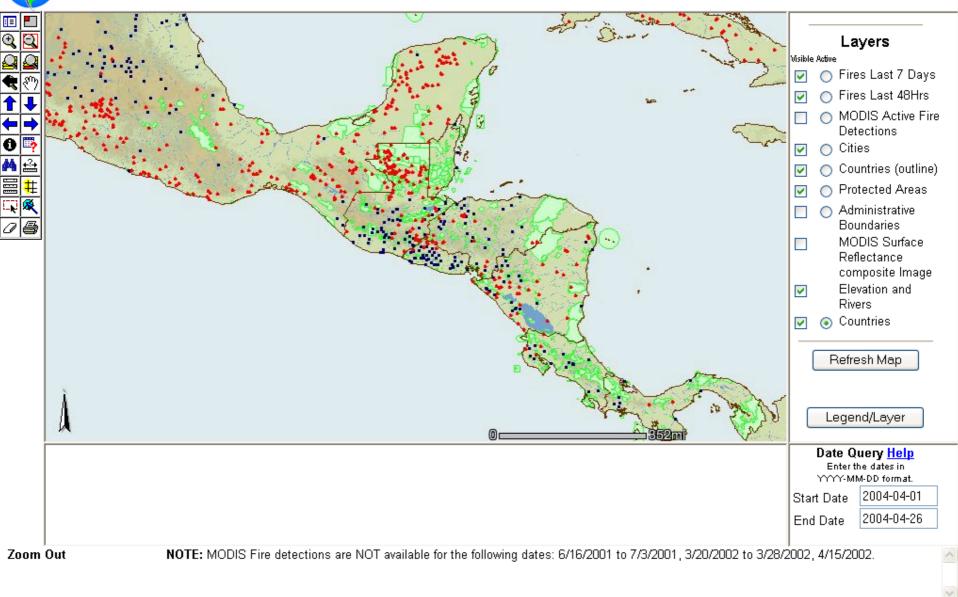












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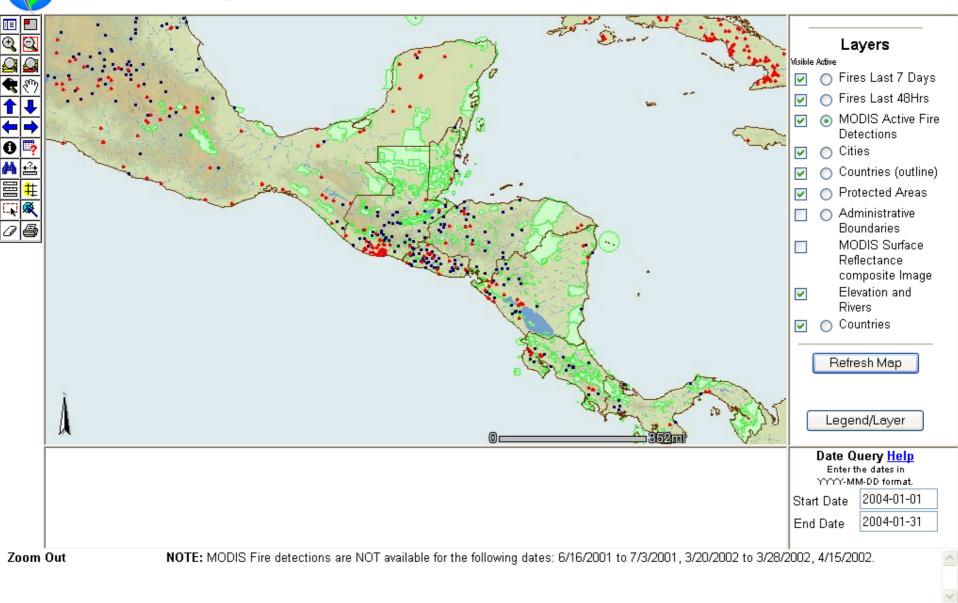








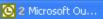




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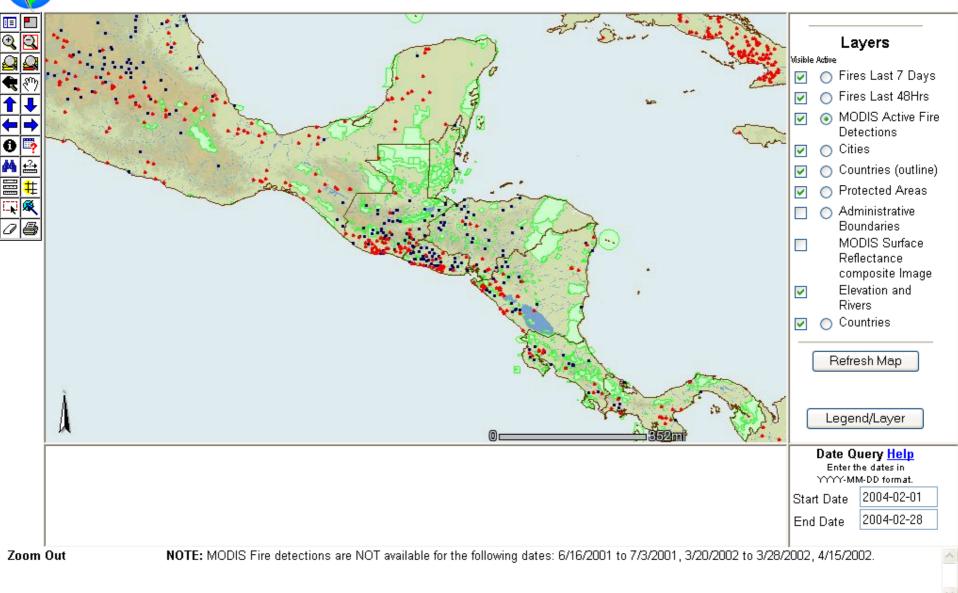












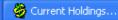
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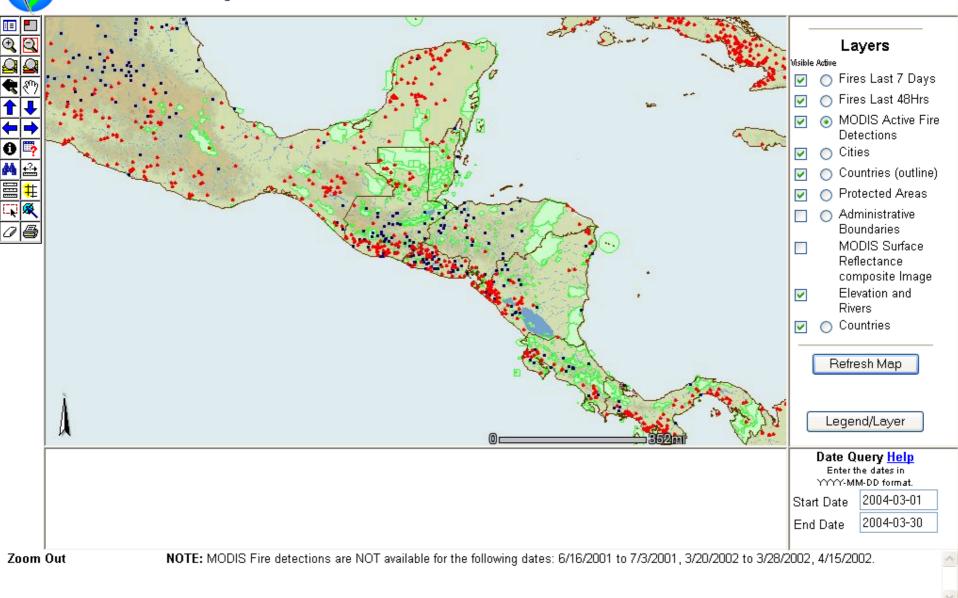






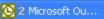






















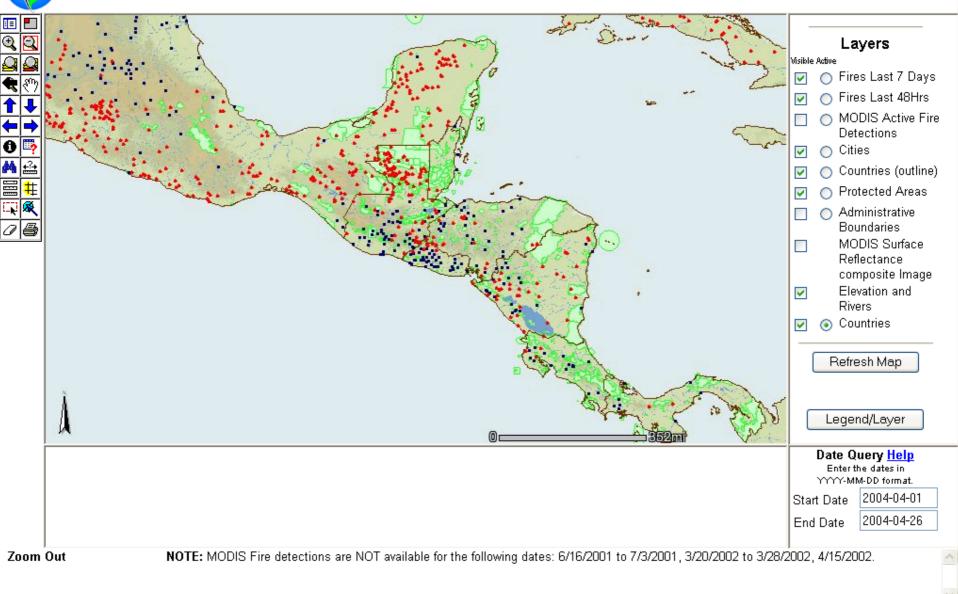












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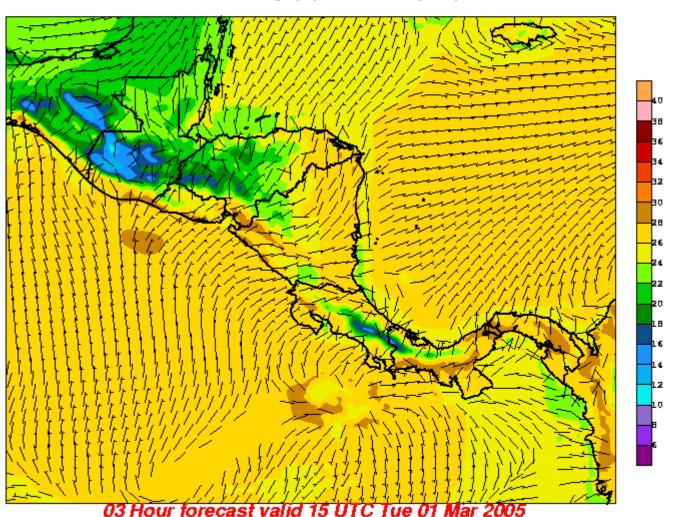


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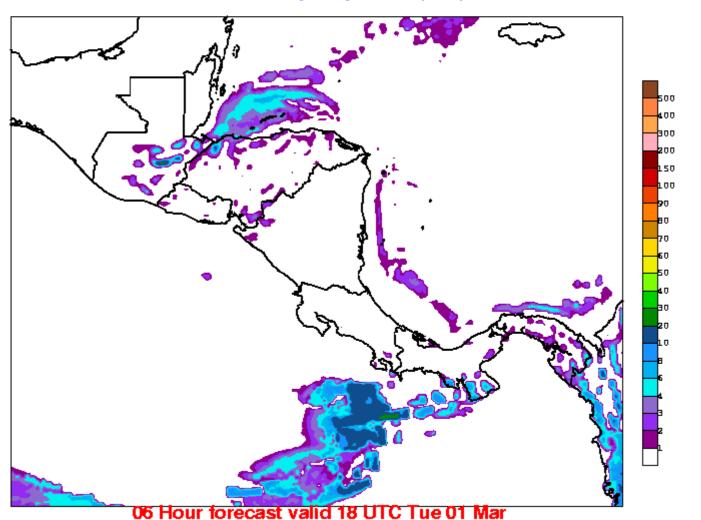


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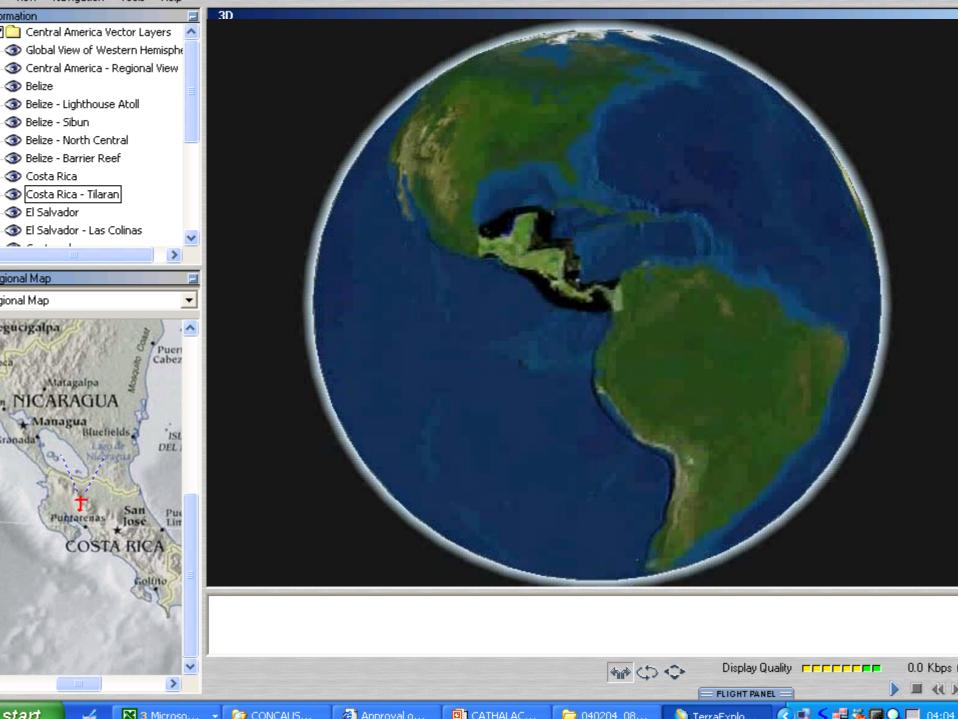




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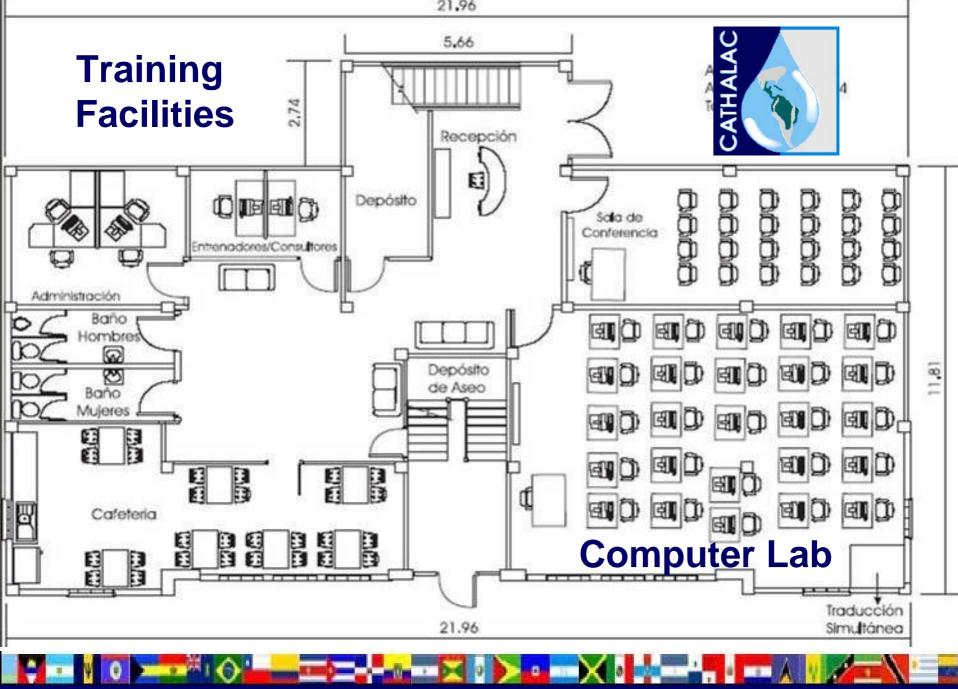
CB Activities 2004-2009



- Regional Climate Modeling
- Regional Carbon Modeling
- Mesostor (data warehouse) Management
- LULCC
 - GIS, IMS, and Metadata Development
 - Visualization with Terra Builder-Skyline
 - IWRM and ICZM
 - SIAM & IABIN











Capacity Building for Stage II Adaptation to Climate Change in Central America, Mexico and Cuba

- Participating Countries: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama;
- GEF Funding + Swiss Gov: 3.2 M USD, (UNFCCC-NAI eligibility for Enabling Activities)
- **Duration:** 3 years
- Implementing Agency: UNDP
- **Systems addressed:** Agriculture, Water Resources, Human Health and Coastal Zones.





Development Objective

 The project aims to strengthen the adaptive capacity of human systems to reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, including climate variability, risks and extreme events for priority systems throughout the Central America, Mexico and Cuba Region.





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