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Post-K&C – First Report

Integrating multisensor information as analysis-ready data for semiautomated monitoring of South American wetlands

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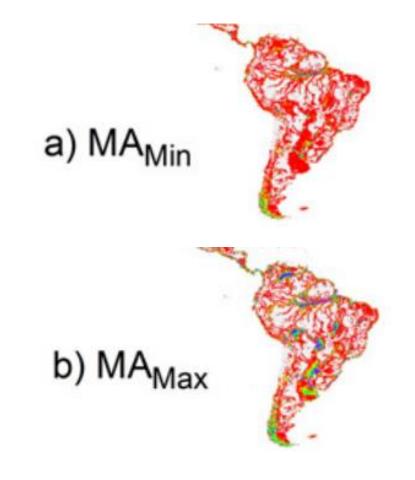
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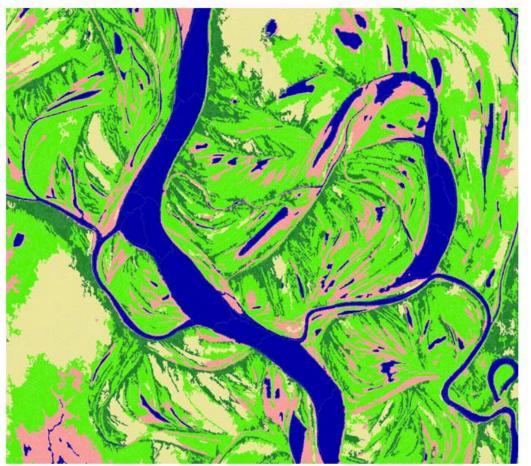
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Project outline and objectives



Fluet-Chouinard et al, 2015 RSE

- Real extent of freshwater wetlands in South America not precisely known - may be up to 20% (~3.5 million km2) of its area (Junk, 2013).
- Lack of accurate assessment of distribution and extent of South American wetlands hinders monitoring and protection efforts
- Existing continental assessments are mostly based on lower resolution datasets (> 500m2 per cell), or concentrated towards a few large systems, such as the Amazon and the Pantanal



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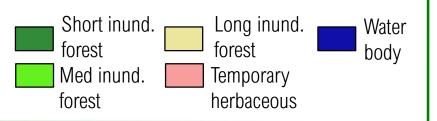
ALOS

Ferreira-Ferreira et al. Wetlands Ecology and Management, 2015

 Wetlands are among the most spatially and temporally heterogeneous habitats

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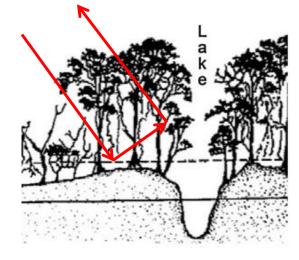
- Local scale processes determine ecological and biogeochemical processes
- Small wetlands, when aggregated, have significant importance for providing ecosystem services

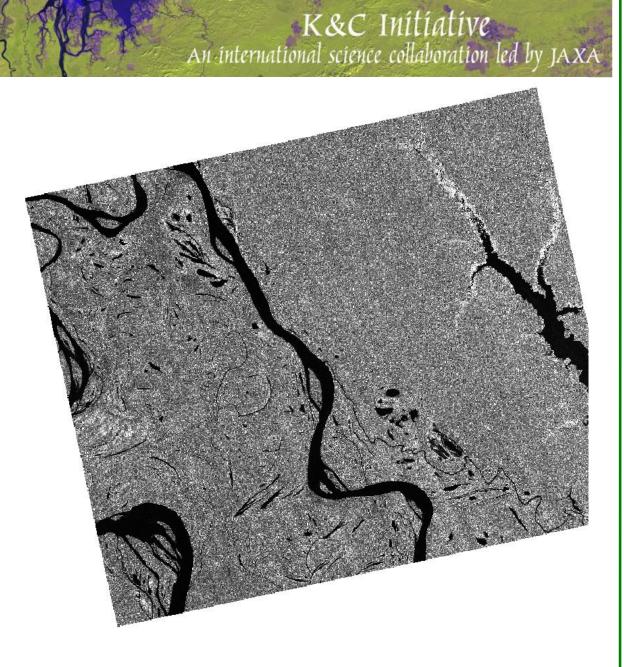


Project Rationale

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 Single date SAR images = limited information



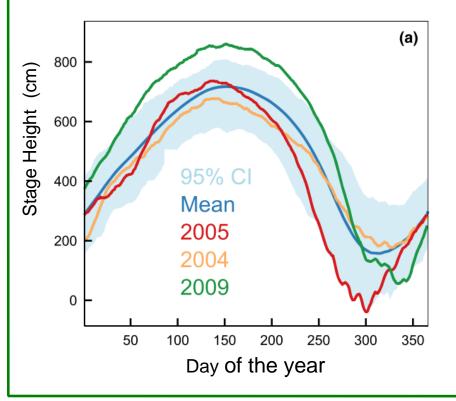


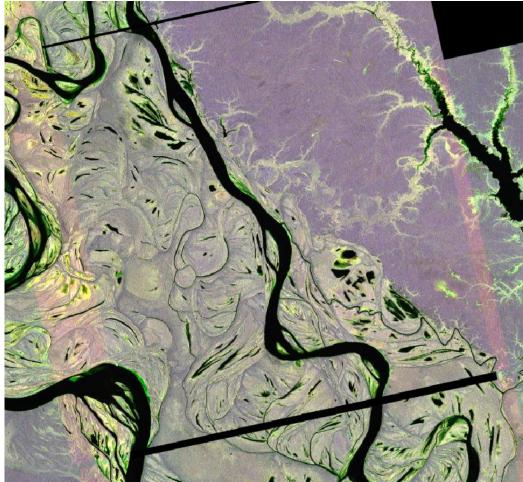
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Composição temporal

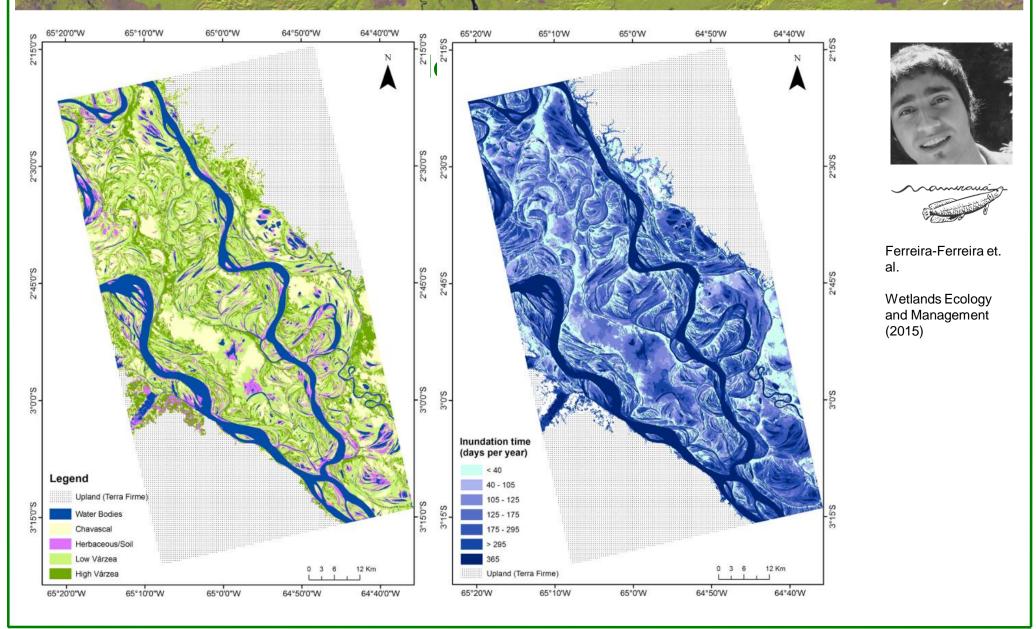
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Temporal composites





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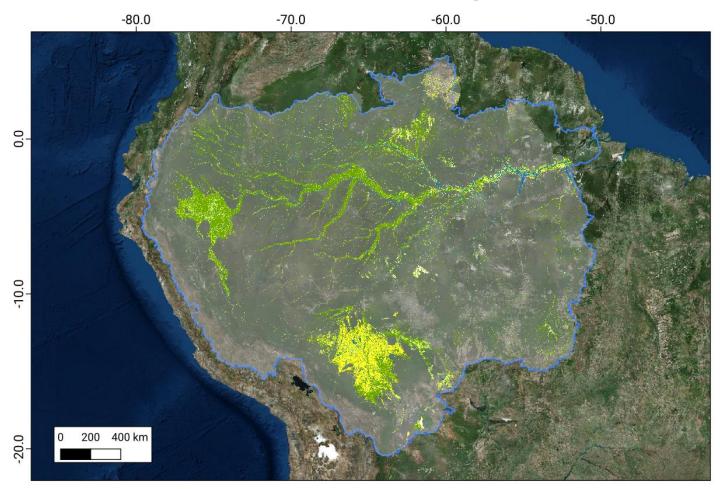


The best basin-wide Amazon wetlands map

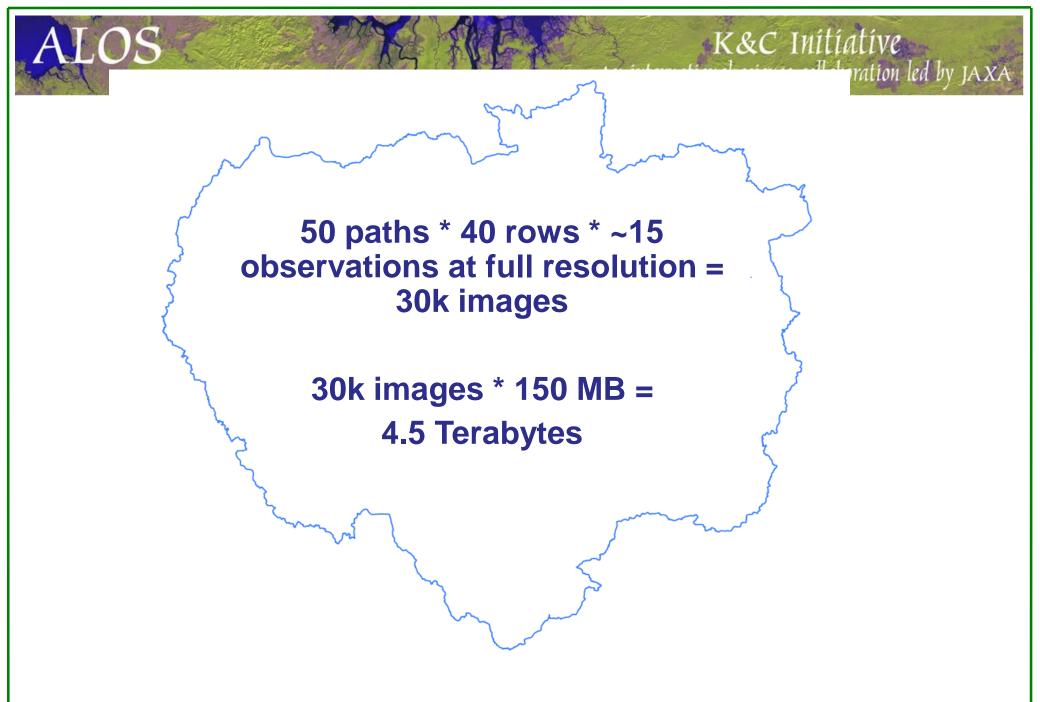


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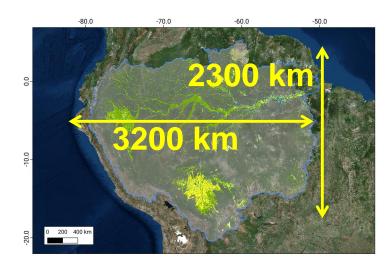
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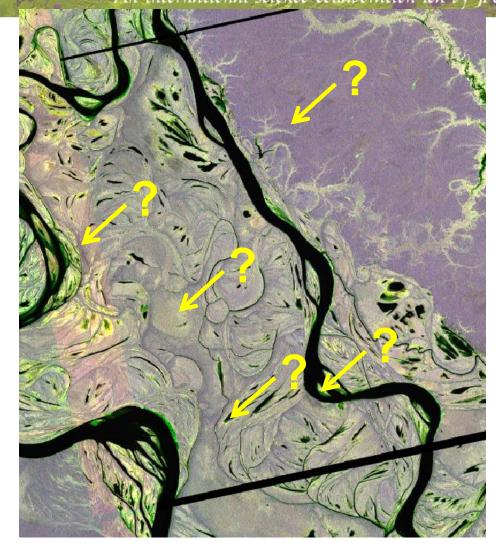


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• Largest challenge:

- How to sample it for training?
- Field missions?

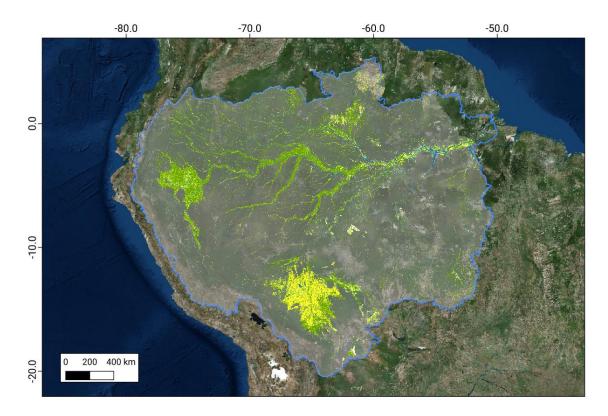




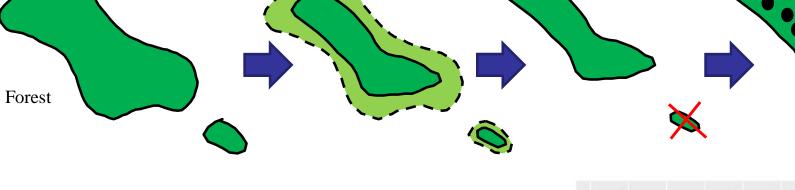
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- Use the previous knowledge! Hess et al. 2003
- Advantages: full coverage, validted
- Disadvantages: low resolution, changes since 1996

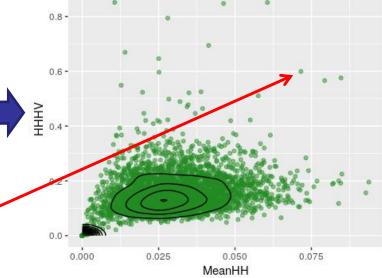


Refining samples



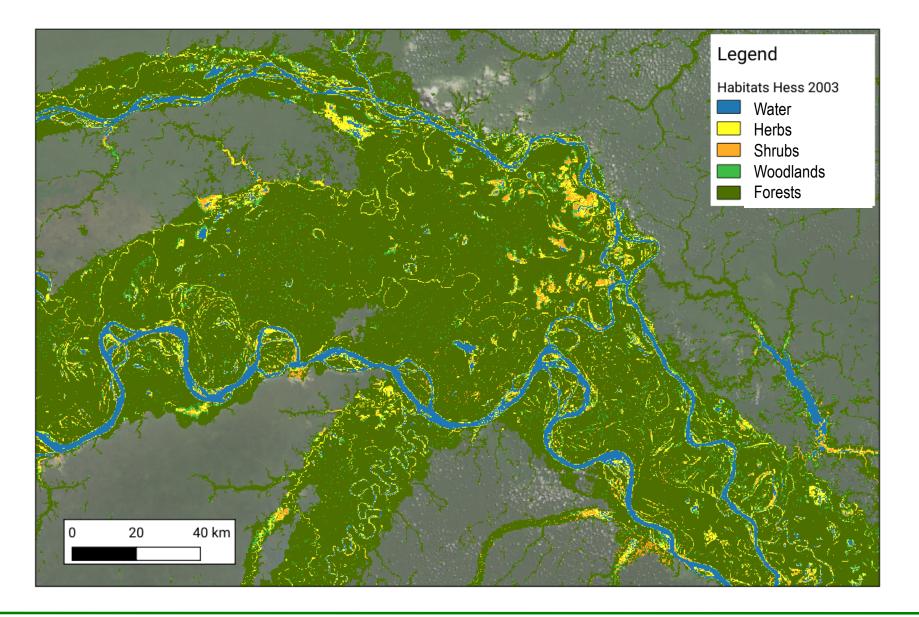
Class	Sample	MeanHH	HHHV
Forest	1	0.026	0.234
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Forest	5	0.074	0.620

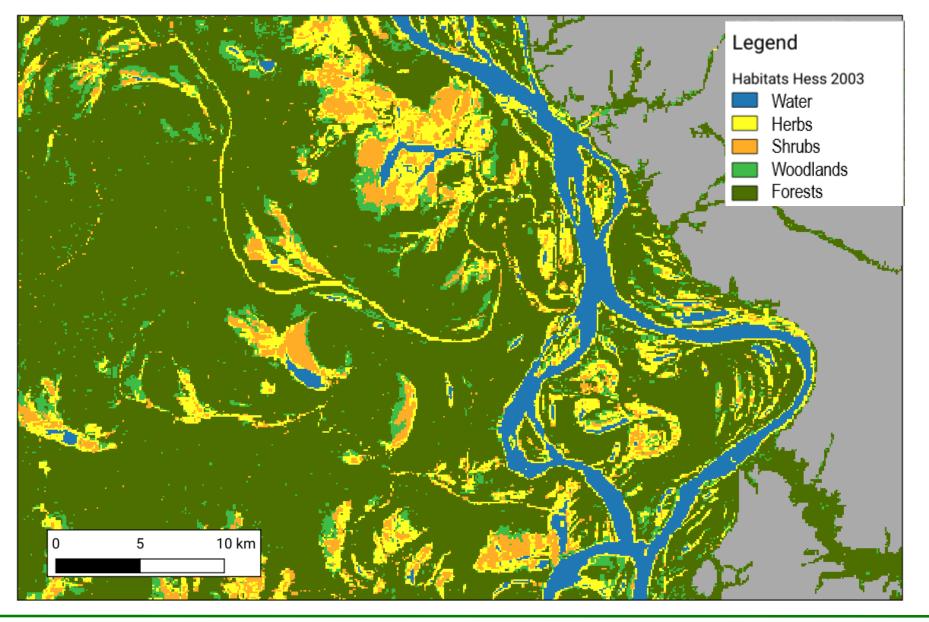
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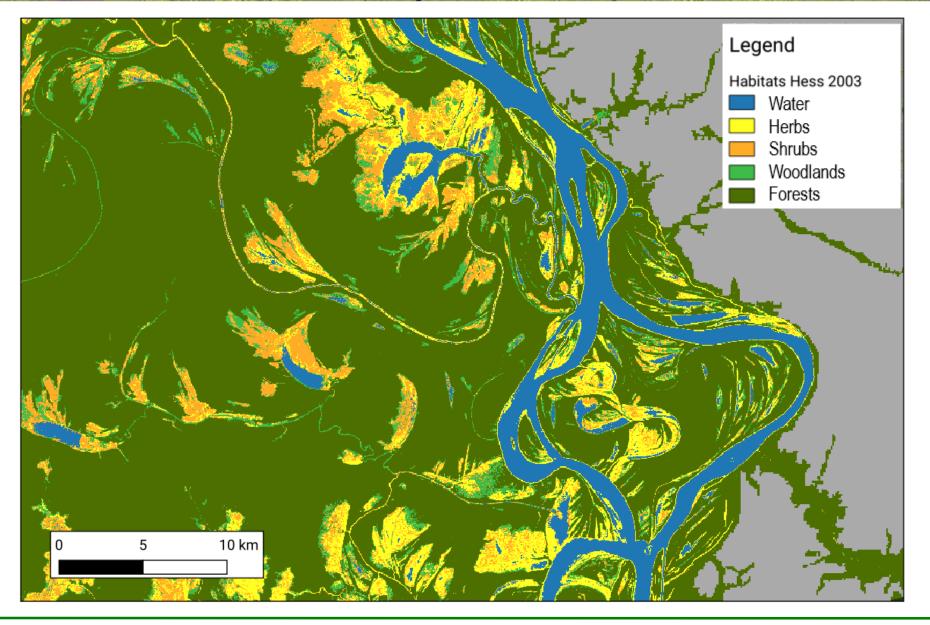


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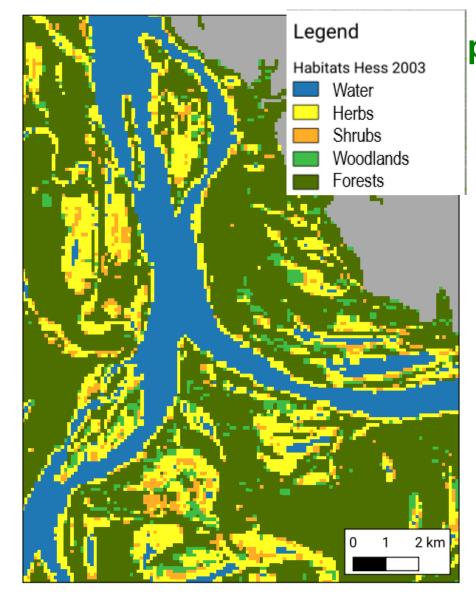
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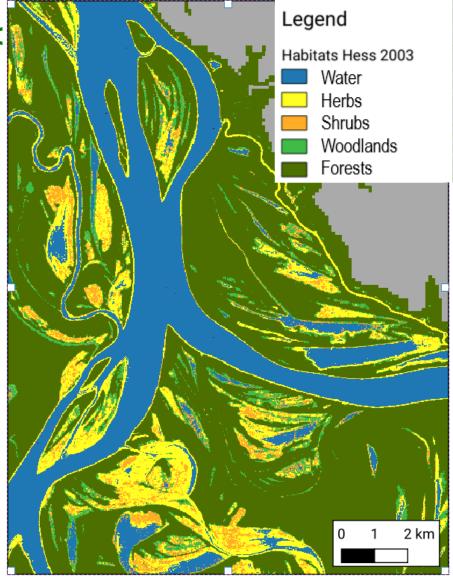






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Community mapping

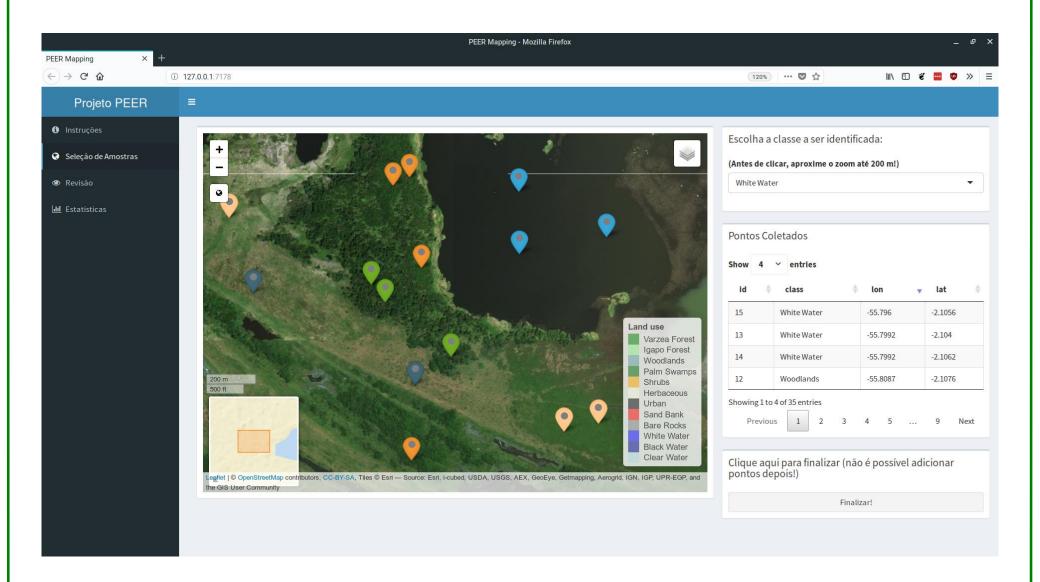
 Can we aggregate community knowledge

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- Hundreds of wetlands scientists visit the Amazon each year
- What if we could aggregate that knowledge:



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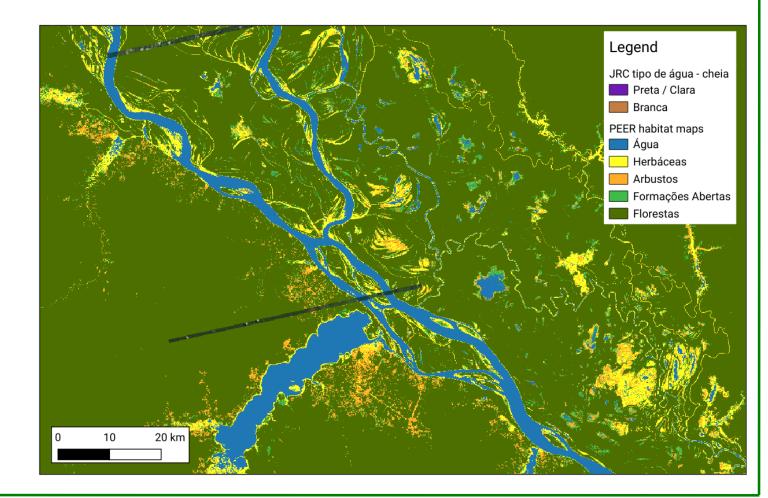




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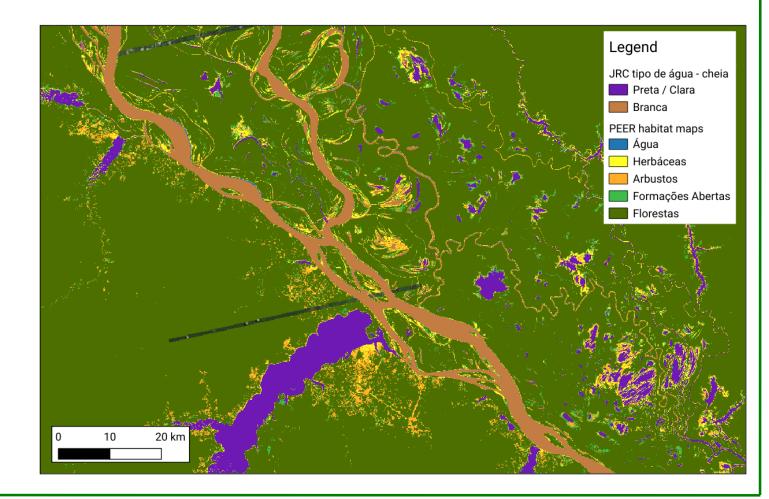


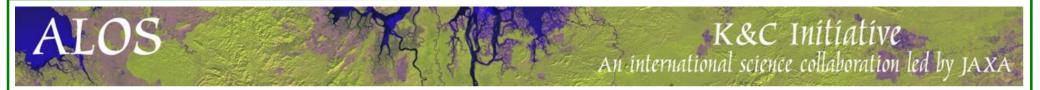


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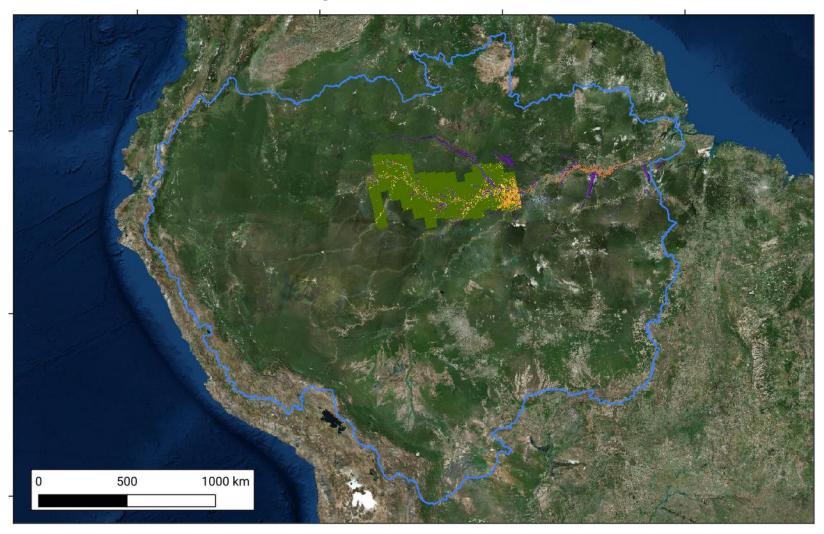
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PALSAR/PALSAR-2 data access

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Please list the PALSAR/PALSAR-2 data you have:

ALOS-2 / PALSAR-2 Fine Beam imagery (none requested yet)

Have you had sufficient data to complete your research (according to your K&C agreement)?

 Yes considering the publicly available PALSAR-1 data, use of PALSAR-2 contingent on image availability

Thank you!

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