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- ❖ Theoretical Debate and Alternative Land Uses
  - ❖ A major reason for theoretical debate over land use change are the many different land uses in the Amazon
  - ❖ Most are themselves the subject of debate for their merits and drawbacks
  - ❖ Ranching, logging, mechanized agriculture, etc.
  - ❖ Some land uses are held out as “better” alternatives



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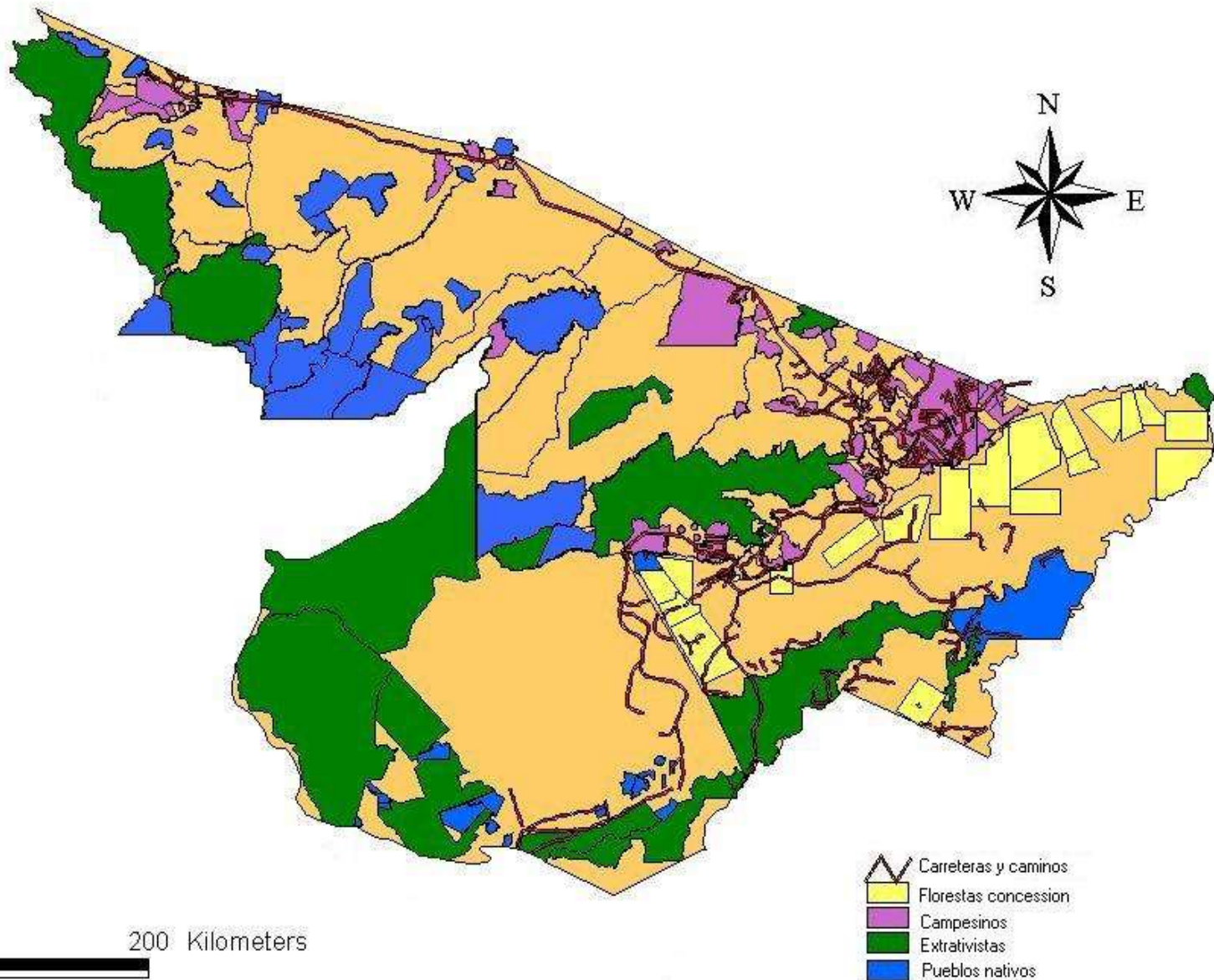
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# Zoneamento na Regiao MAP

## Madre de Dios/PE, Acre/BR, Pando/BO



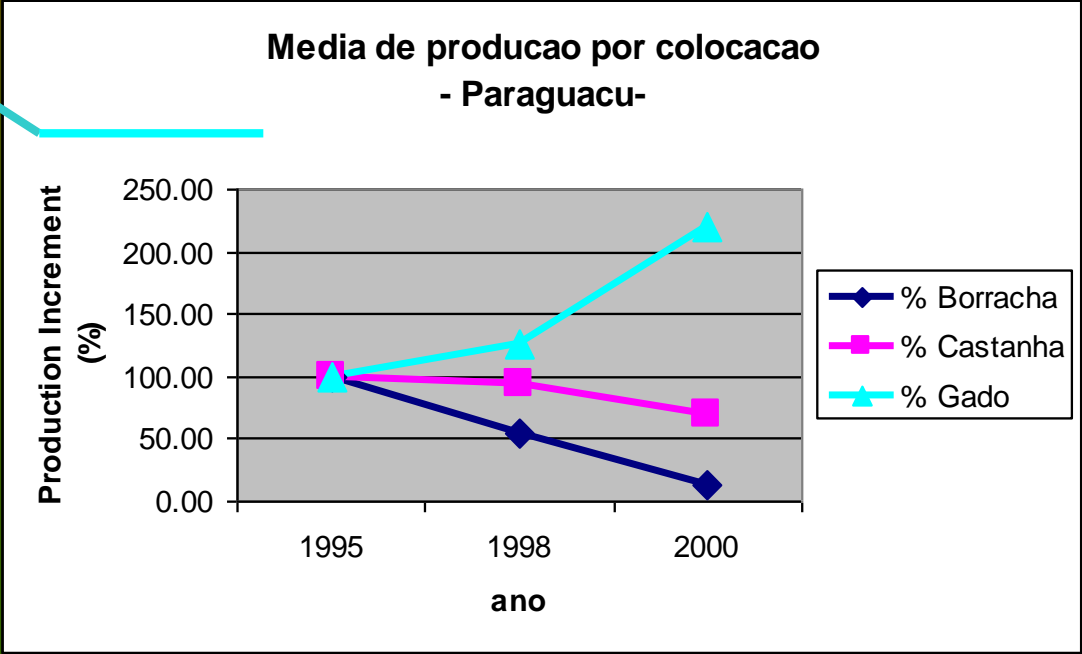
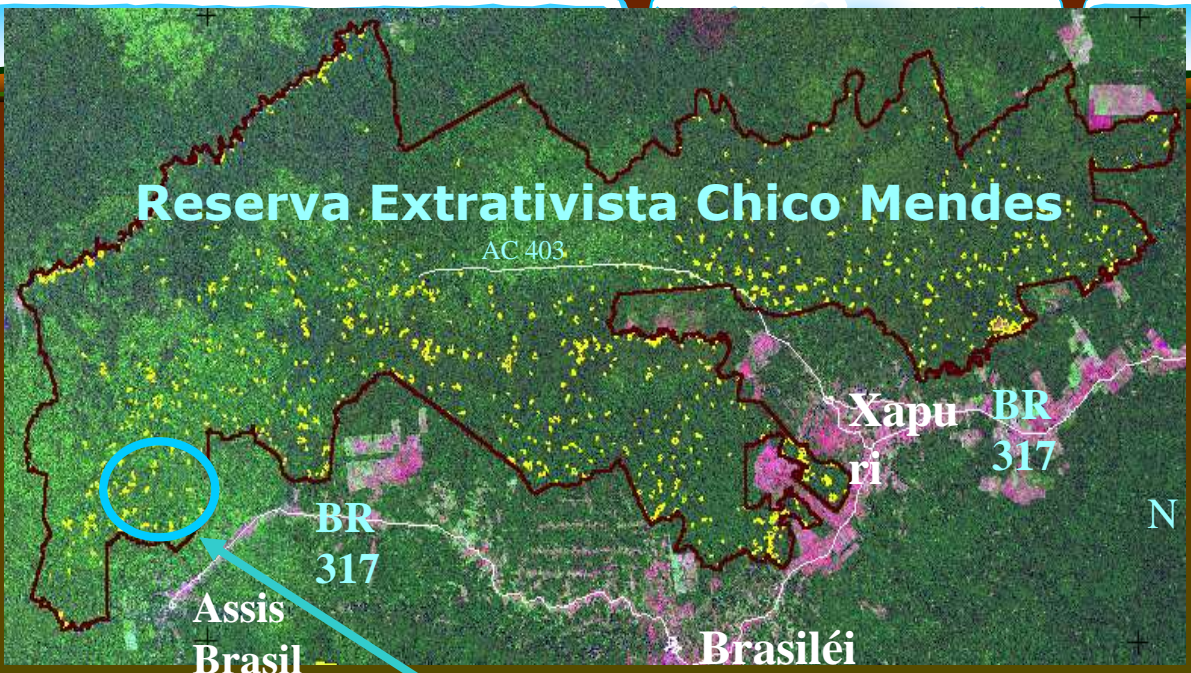


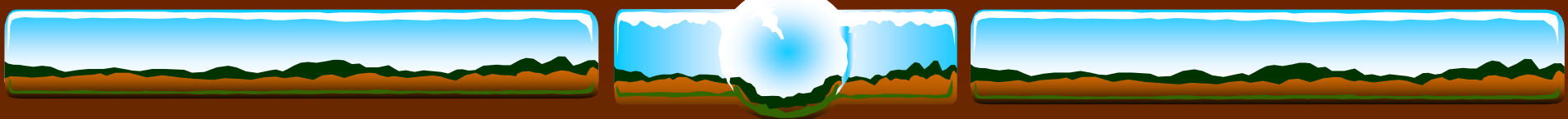
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- ❖ Debate over income generated, limited market access
- ❖ Need for processing to add value to raw forest products







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### ❖ 2. Agroforestry

- ❖ Diversified cropping systems
- ❖ Intercropping or sequenced planting of annuals, perennials, timber, medicinal sp.
- ❖ Mimics forest succession, generates numerous income sources
- ❖ Criticized for low productivity, incomes; now debated
- ❖ Also agropastoral, silvipastoral, other systems







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### ❖ 3. Community (“traditional”) management

- ❖ Argument for control over resources by long-standing residents; riberinhos, indigenas, etc.
- ❖ Knowledge of local species, best practices built up over long periods of time
- ❖ Management by community decisions, with monitoring and mutual aid
- ❖ Debate over “ecological nobility” of traditional groups, especially when facing market penetration





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### ❖ 4. Improved systems

- ❖ Based on experimental agricultural testing
- ❖ Identify best varieties, crop combinations, sequences of land use activities, zoning for “best uses”
- ❖ Pasture rotation with legumes, non-traditional crops in agroforestry systems
- ❖ Often capital-intensive, involves market risk





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- ❖ Land users face uncertainty and a lack of controllability in many aspects of the context of their landholdings
- ❖ In any scenario for future land use, we must account for uncertainty and a lack of controllability





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### ❖ 1. Scenarios based on projection models

- ❖ Run multiple models with different assumptions
- ❖ Vary assumptions in terms of external “shocks”, whether economic or environmental
- ❖ In model outputs, include estimates of statistical error or variation, as in climate models

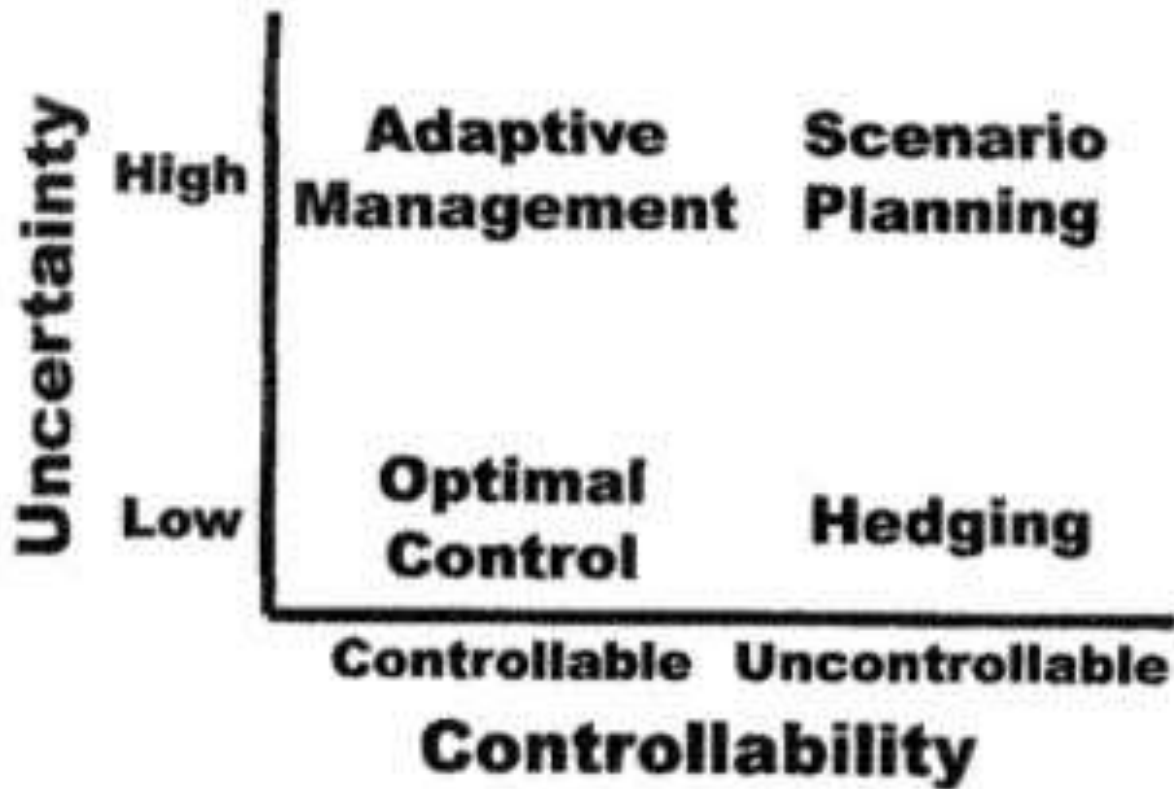


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### ❖ 2. Scenarios based on adaptive management

- ❖ Scientific data collection paired with stakeholder meetings
- ❖ Assumes uncertainty but controllability
- ❖ Land use exposed to external markets, but with strong local institutions, consensus
- ❖ Decision-making based on scientific data
- ❖ Outcome of a single strategy for local land management



*Figure 1. Scenario planning is appropriate for systems in which there is a lot of uncertainty that is not controllable. In other cases optimal control, hedging, or adaptive management may be appropriate responses.*



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### ❖ 3. Scenarios based on scenario planning

- ❖ Similar to adaptive management, but does not assume controllability
- ❖ Stakeholder meeting with contributions of scientific data as well as stakeholder perspectives
- ❖ Identification of alternative scenarios, followed by critical assessment and policy screening
- ❖ Outcome of multiple scenarios to guide local action