

# Managing ecosystem services from Tropical forests (Chile)

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### Fire risk model for informed decisions to prevent forest fires in dry forest in Costa Rica

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# Cooperation



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# Presentation Scheme

## 1 Introduction

- Study area
- The forest fires in ACG

## 2 The fire risk construction

## 3 The final output

# Costa Rica in Central America



## Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG)



# Dry season in tropical dry forest–ACG



April



October

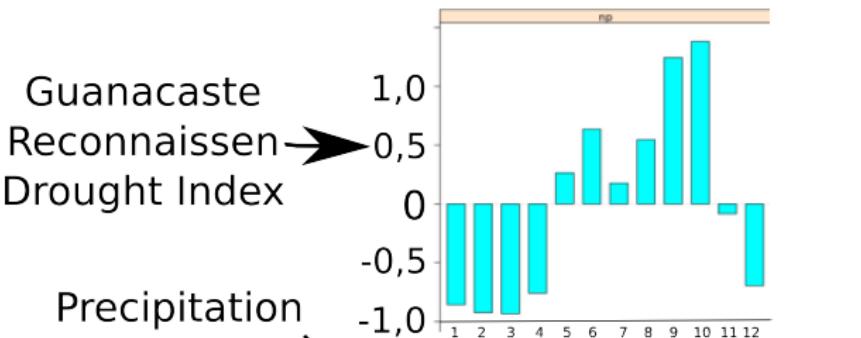
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# Dry season in ACG

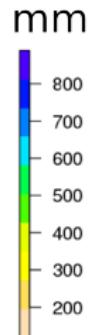
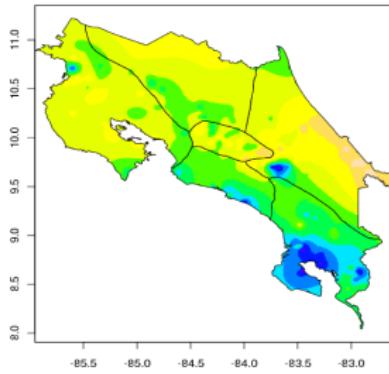
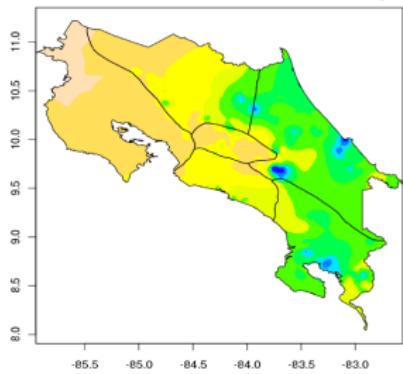
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Drought Index

Precipitation

April



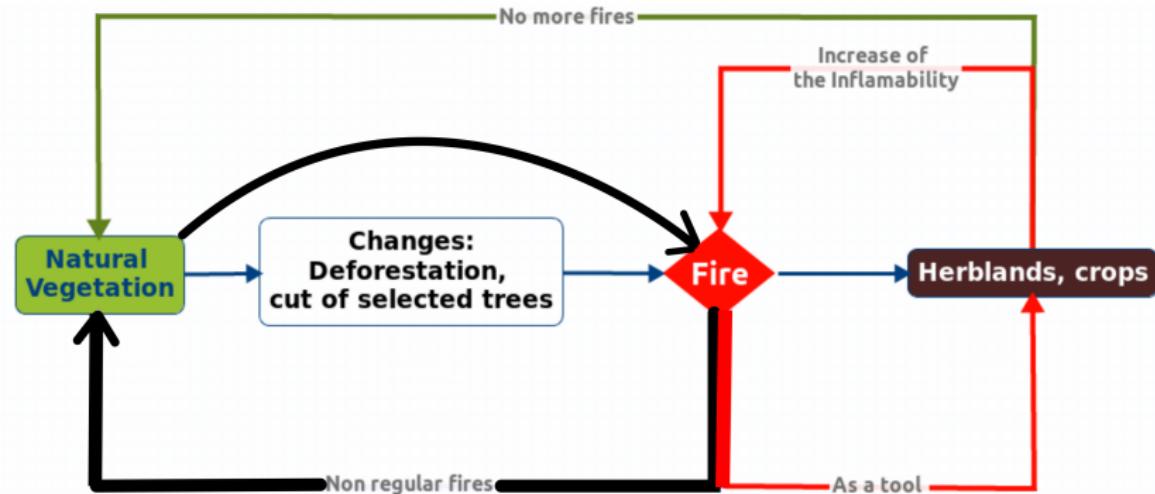
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# Forest fires: complex phenomenon



# The role of Fires in tropical dry forest



Source: adapted from Myers (2006)

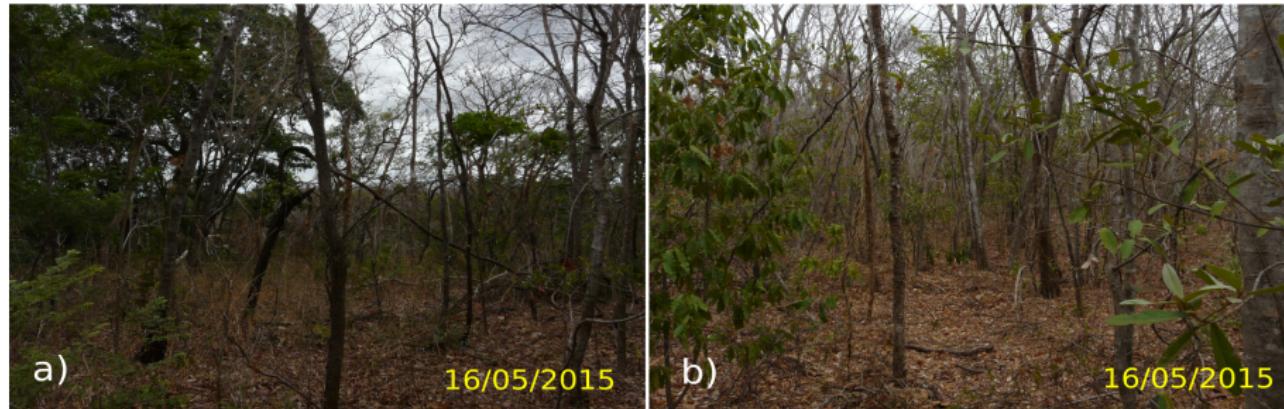
# Degradation on secundary forest



a) tipical forest fire b) tree damage

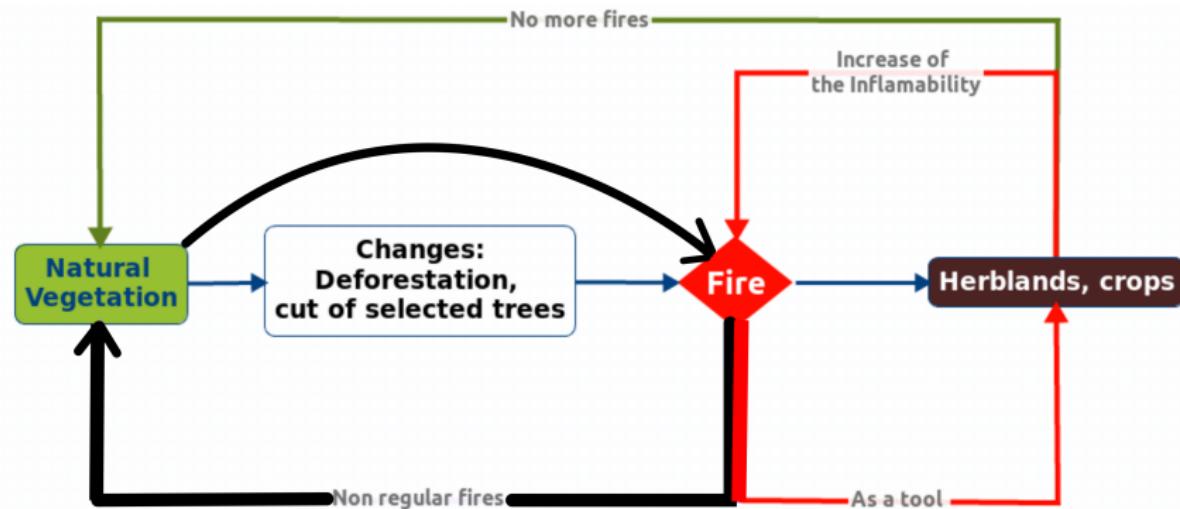
# Degradation on secundary forest

## Forest Fire in Mars 2013



a) whith fire b) without fire

# Fire in the tropical dry forest

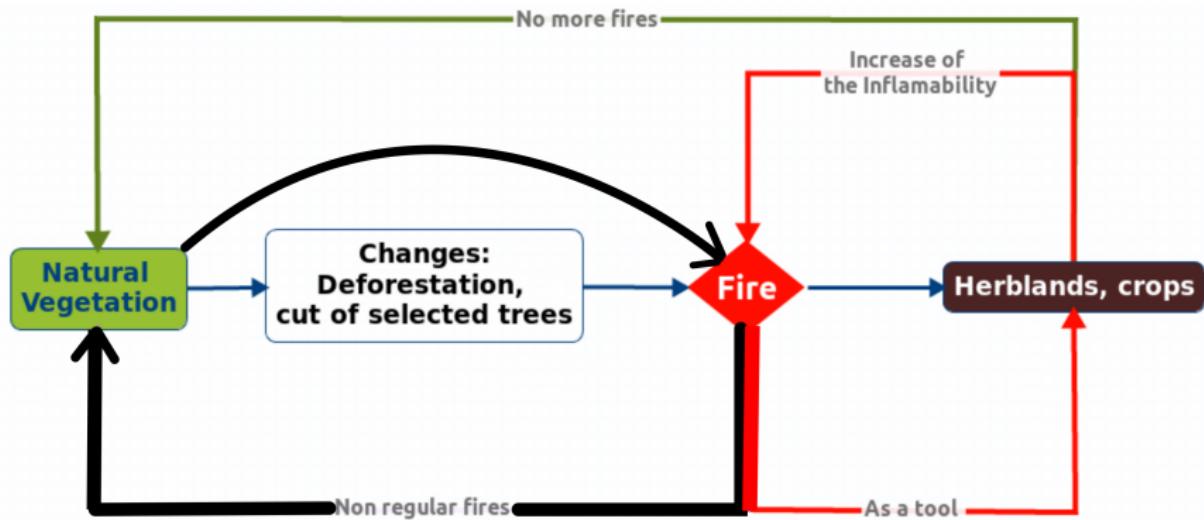


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# Typical land use change

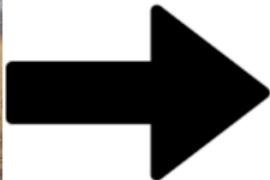


# Fire in the tropical dry forest

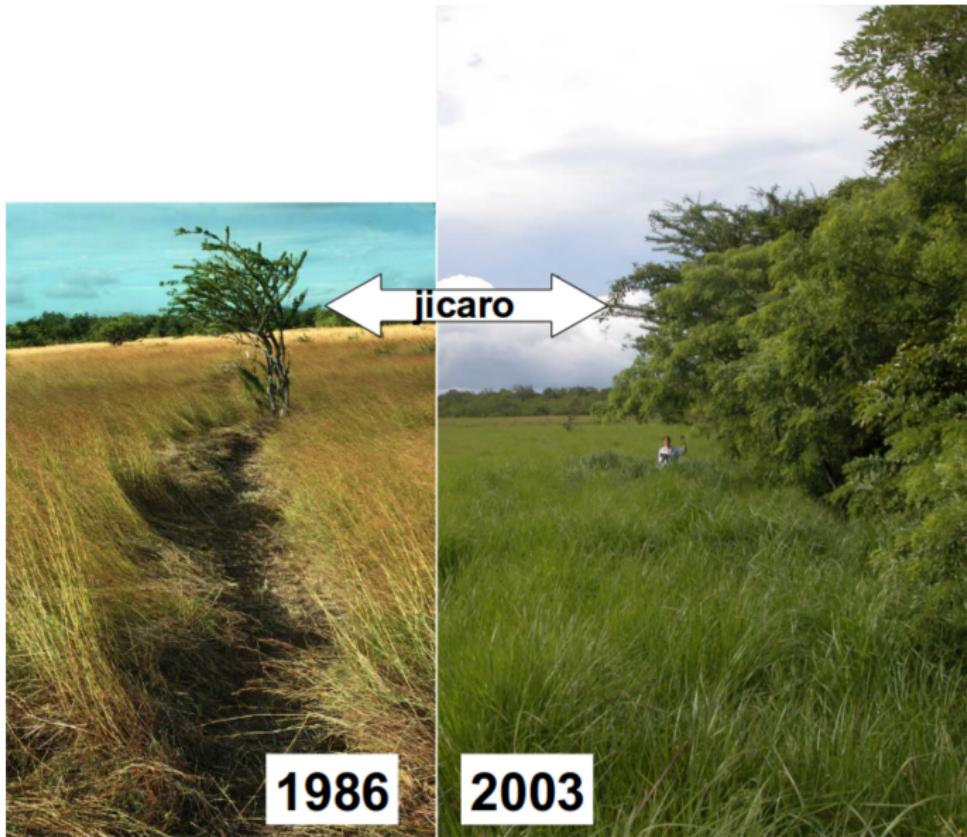


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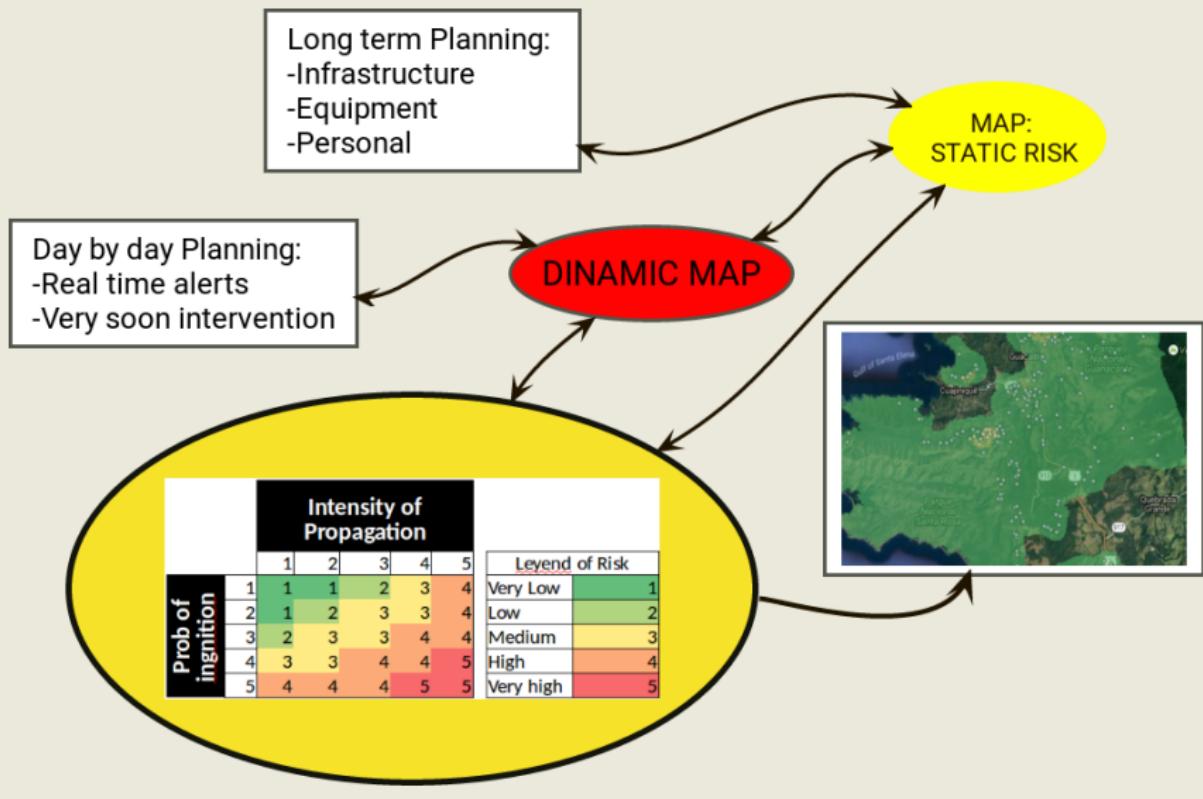


# Typical land use change



# Drone image in 2016





Intensity of Propagation					
Prob of ignition	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	1	2	3	4
2	1	2	3	3	4
3	2	3	3	4	4
4	3	3	4	4	5
5	4	4	4	5	5

Legend of Risk

Very Low	1
Low	2
Medium	3
High	4
Very high	5

## MAP: STATIC RISK

Danger

Vulnerability

Induced

Natural

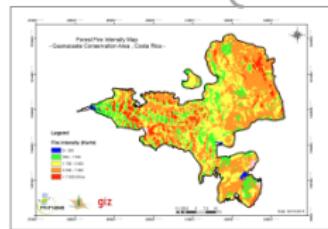
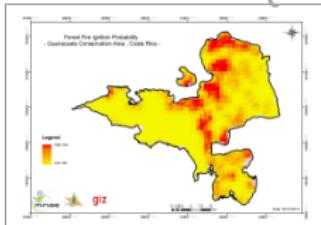
Intrinsic in vegetation

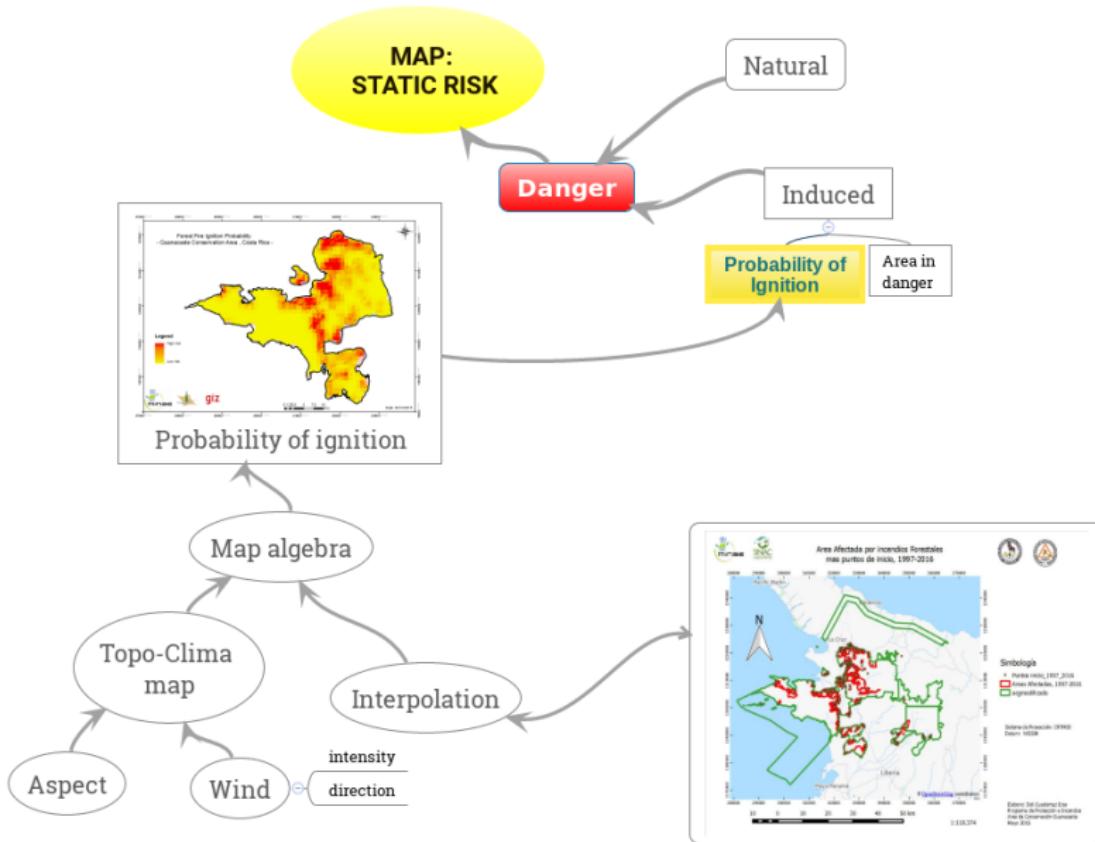
Probability of Ignition

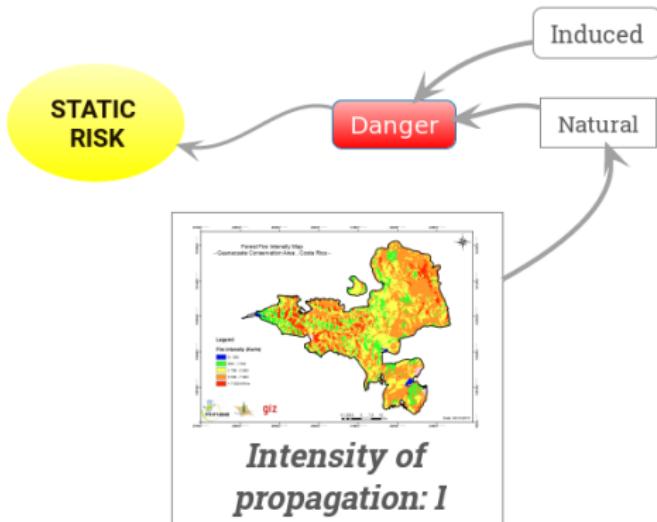
Area in danger

Fire probability

Intensity of Propagation







$$I = C * Bio * Vp \quad [\text{kW m}^{-1}] \quad (1)$$

Where:

$$C = \text{Calorific power (constant)} \quad [\text{J g}^{-1}] \quad (2)$$

$$Bio = \text{Consumable biomass} \quad [\text{kg m}^{-1}] \quad (3)$$

$$Vp = \text{Speed of propagation} \quad [\text{J g}^{-1}] \quad (4)$$

## Speed of propagation Fire star (physical model)

**V<sub>p</sub>**

$$V_p = 0.0025 * V_o (-0.02 * H + 10.5) * \ln(VV - 0.3) * \exp[0.07 * P * \cos(Ex - DV)] \quad [\text{ms}^{-1}] \quad (5)$$

Where:

$$V_o = \text{Initial prop. speed without slope or wind} \quad [\text{ms}^{-1}] \quad (6)$$

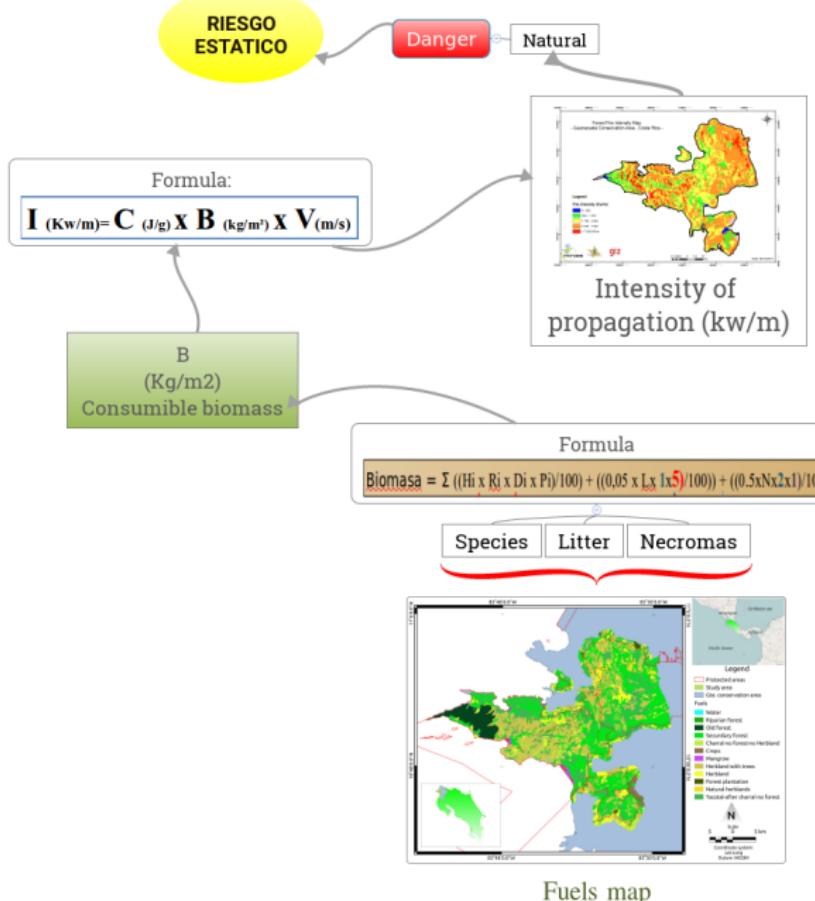
$$H = \text{Relative humidity} \quad [\%] \quad (7)$$

$$VV = \text{Wind speed} \quad [\text{ms}^{-1}] \quad (8)$$

$$DV = \text{Wind direction} \quad [\text{degrees}] \quad (9)$$

$$Ex = \text{Aspect} \quad [\text{degrees}] \quad (10)$$

$$P = \text{Slope} \quad [\text{degrees}] \quad (11)$$



# The dynamic map process

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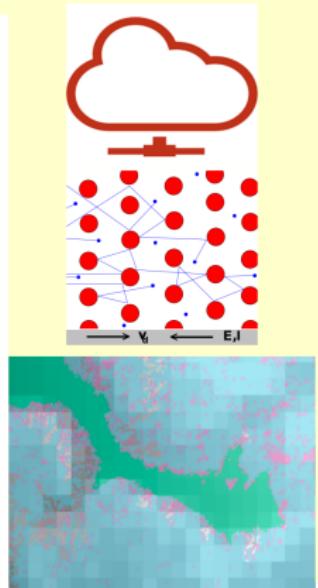
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Muchas Gracias!

