



The Proposal of a Coastal Atlas Project - São Paulo State, Brazil

The Project

- The first attempt to develop the project was motivated by the need to systematically store and manipulate information about marine and coastal region to support the **establishment of protected areas** in São Paulo State, Brazil
- The Coastal Atlas Project has been developed collaboratively with representatives from São Paulo State Environmental Agency (SMA), University of São Paulo (USP), National Space Agency (INPE).

The Project

1º Meeting - 27-28/11/2008 – Ilhabela – SP

Main Goals – Marine Protected Areas, created in 2008-
scientific and technical efforts to support management
strategy and plan

- Assess the current level of knowledge about marine and coastal environment over south eastern Brazil by assembling and reviewing information that is currently scattered throughout published literature and various databases.
- Propose a set of Research Projects to develop the level of general understanding of the coastal marine areas
- Organize a task force to coordinate fund-raising and planning efforts.

The Project

- development of 4 main project themes

1. Marine Habitats
2. Coastal environments
3. Biodiversity of Islands
4. Information System and Database

Information Model and Database Group - Definition

- Interoperability with several different environmental databases existing (CETESB, BIOTA, Costal Management...)
- Need to develop an open service (free!) and with the participation (at least at the beginning) of several sectors of society (government, university, decision makers) promoting different forms of partnership and a greater involvement of the several entities involved with the project
- Define a strategy and an implemental plan of action for the next two years
- Presentation of a set of actions with specific operating activities that define what the database will be



Coastal Atlas

The Project

- The main goal of the Coastal Atlas is to create technologies that gather, distribute and analyze spatial information → available on the Internet
- Spatial information provides a spatial/geographic context to planning, management, and resource allocation allowing a better understanding of, and thus better management of an area (**Strain *et al*, 2005**)

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3 approaches

- Scientific “what will we do?”
- Technical “How are we gonna do it?”
- Management “How people will use it?”

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Scientific

- Development of new methodologies and knowledge related to Geographic Information Science and Technology
- New models, indices, simulations, solutions for environmental issues involving handling and analysis of geographic data.

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Technical

- Practical issues in developing a webatlas
- Technological solutions (Hardware, software, OS, Infra-structure, ontologies, standards, policies)
- Human Resources
- Funding

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Management

- Delimitation and definitions of priority areas and Scales (MPAs)
- Monitoring and mapping main activities (fishing, tourism, navigation.)
- Application of classifications – sensibility, vulnerability.... Etc. (defined or not in the scientific approach)
- Represent spatially research results (I.e. link to scientific articles)

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Science

Analysis
tools

*INPE
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Technical

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Access
Information*

Support

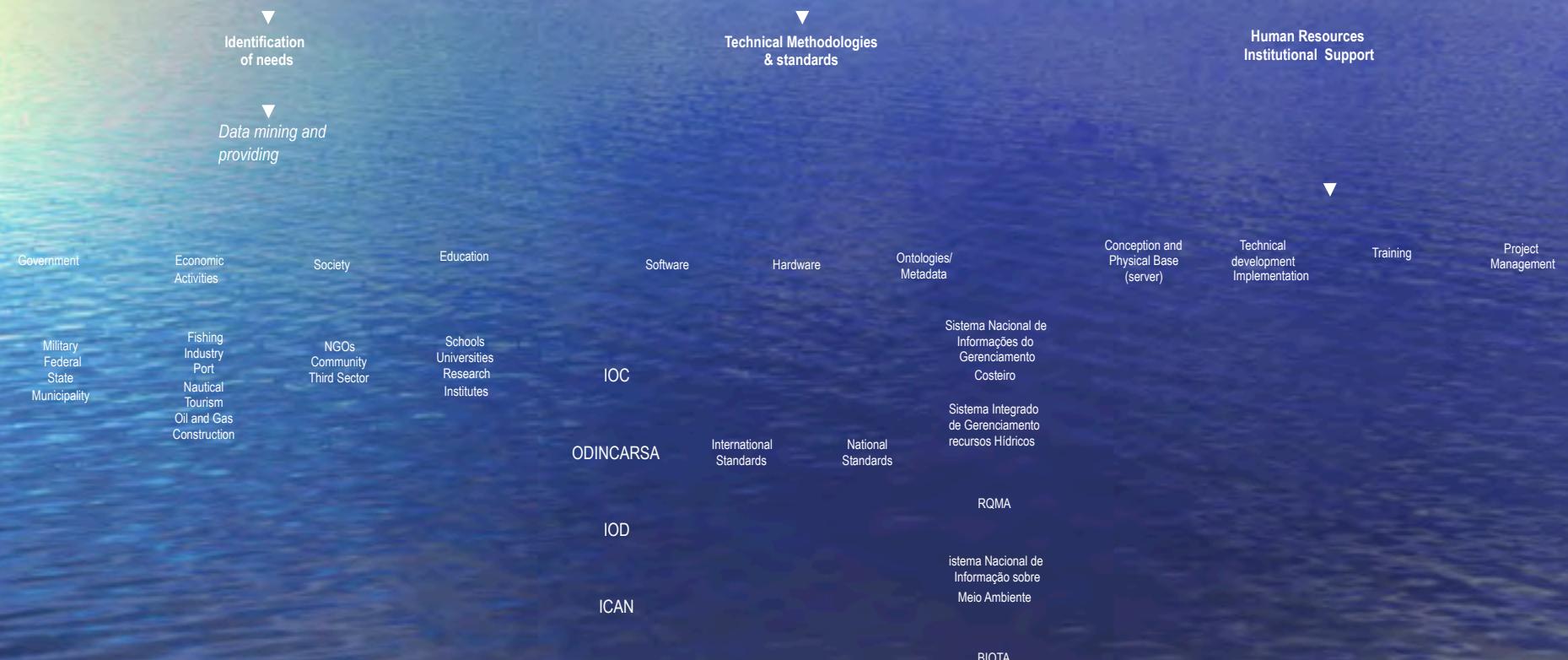
Management

SMA, Ibama, NGOs

The Project

Phase 1 Developing

Definitions



The Project

Phase 2
Implementation

Technical Propose

Develop tools and Prototypes

Documentation

Database

Coastal
Atlas

Phase 3
Support & Maintain

Update

Adapt

Share

disclosure

Challenges for implementation

- Data Quality and availability
- Heterogeneity of Landscapes and processes
- Scaling and Limits

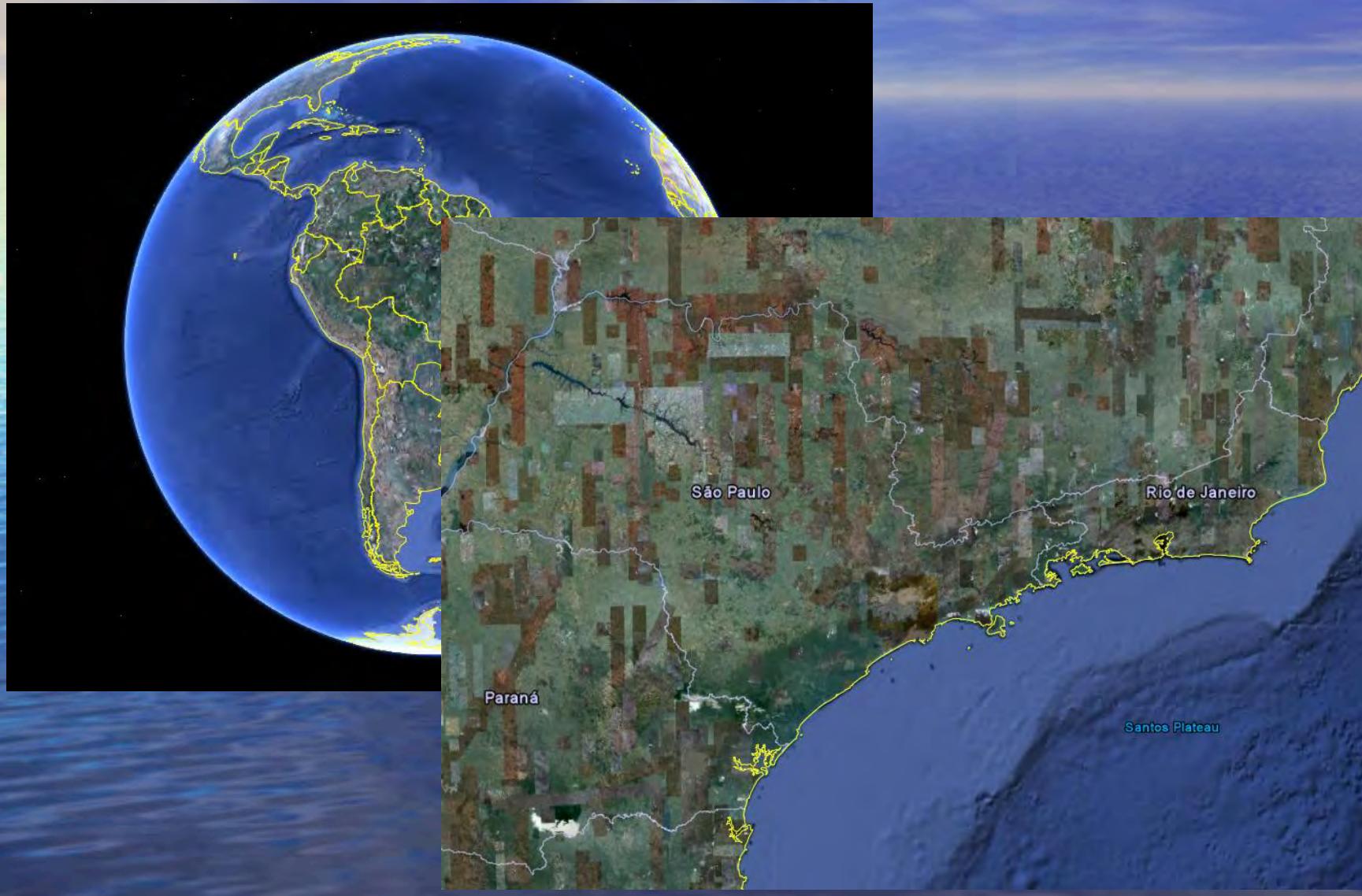
Data Quality

- Several (I mean... SEVERAL) different sources of information with diverse levels of data and metadata quality and formats.
- Question of the Data/Information and intellectual property - Companies and Universities – (Important issue since one of the main primary objective of the atlas is gathering scientific information for conservancy proposes). (promote seminar for Data Sharing and Dissemination) – *Zimmerman, 2008 – New Knowledge from Olda Data*”

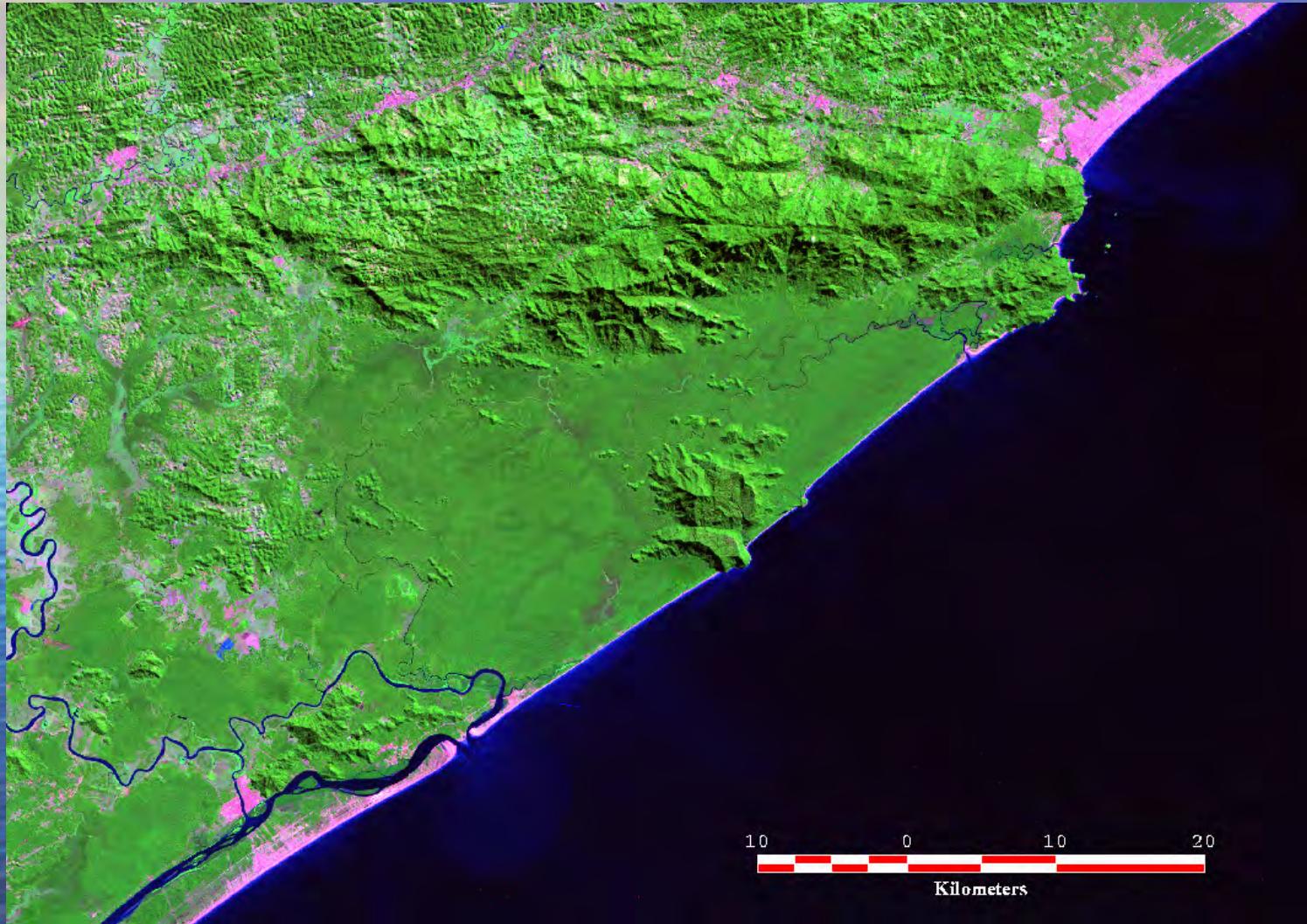
Heterogeneity of Landscapes and processes

- São Paulo Coast / continental shelf
 - Different
 - landscapes
 - Levels of preservation
 - Processes (antropic / Natural)
 - Political / socioeconomic issues

São Paulo State – a quick overview



São Paulo State Coast – South





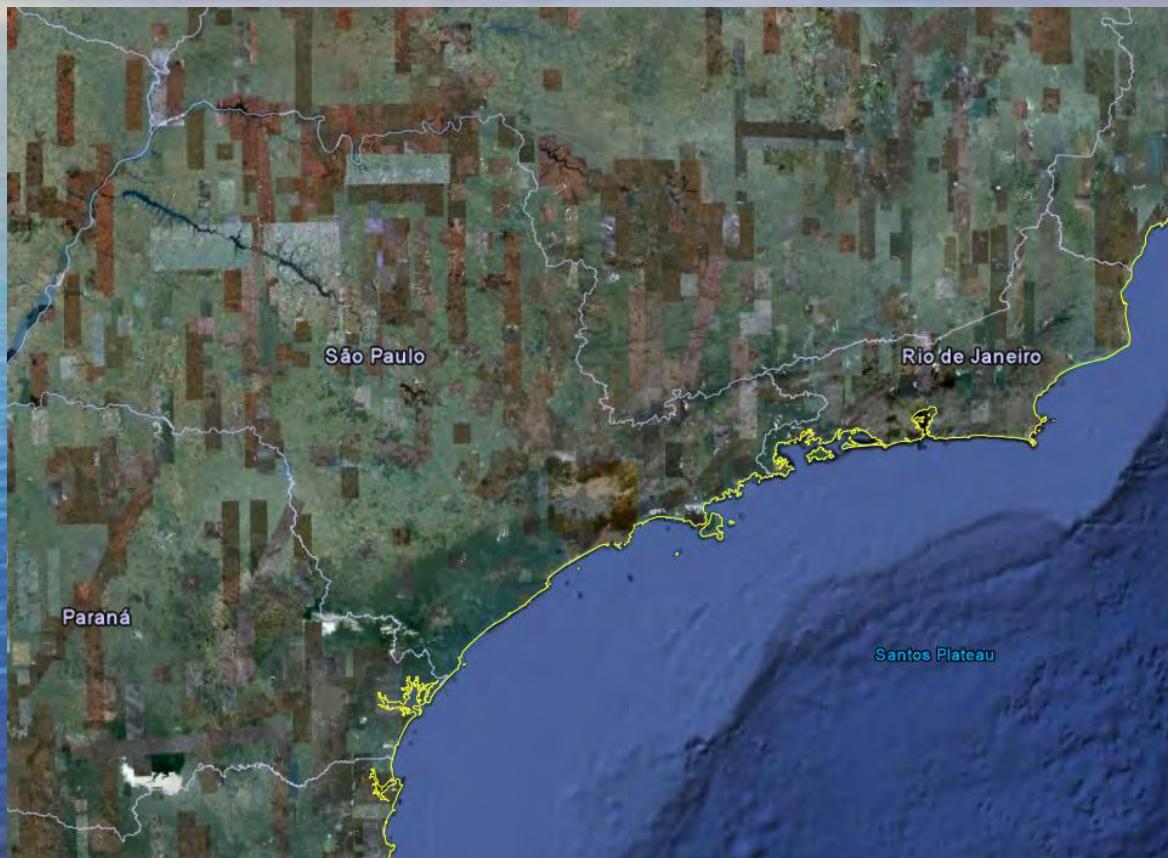








São Paulo State Coast – “Santos Region”



São Paulo State Coast – Santos Region



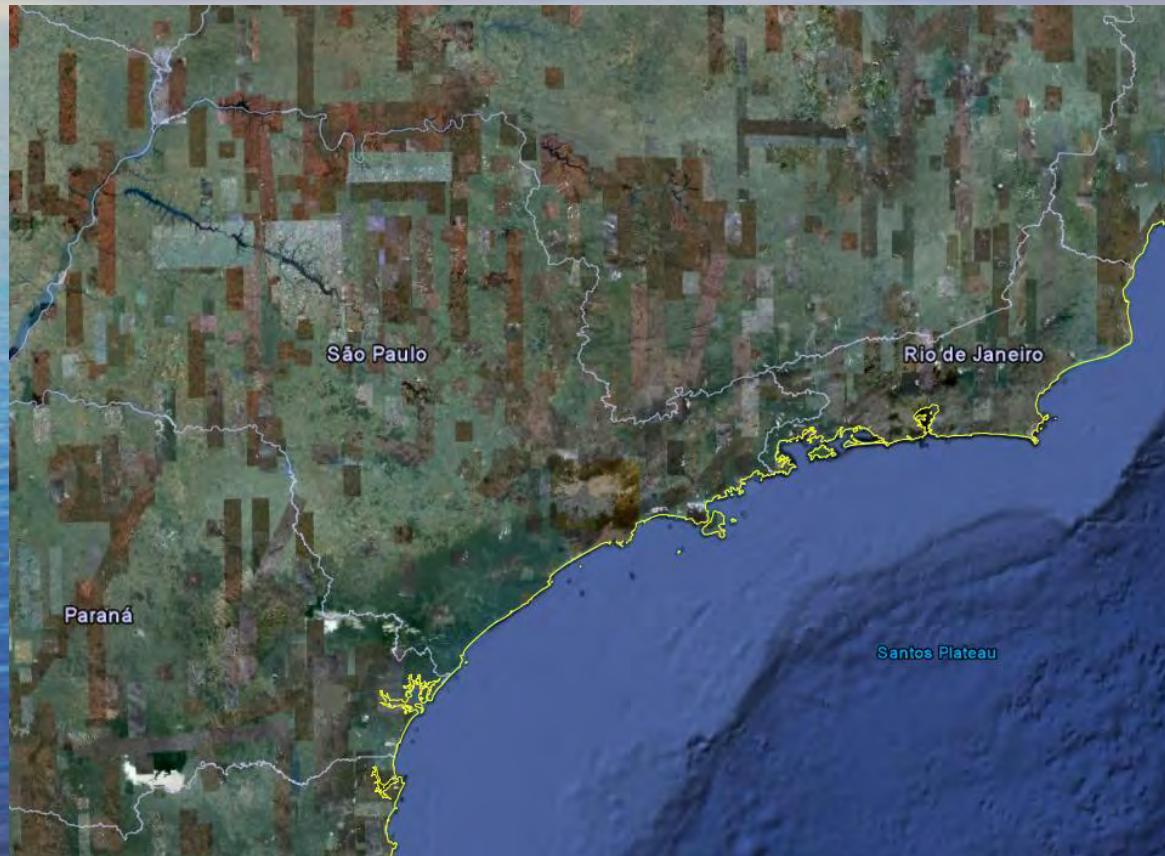




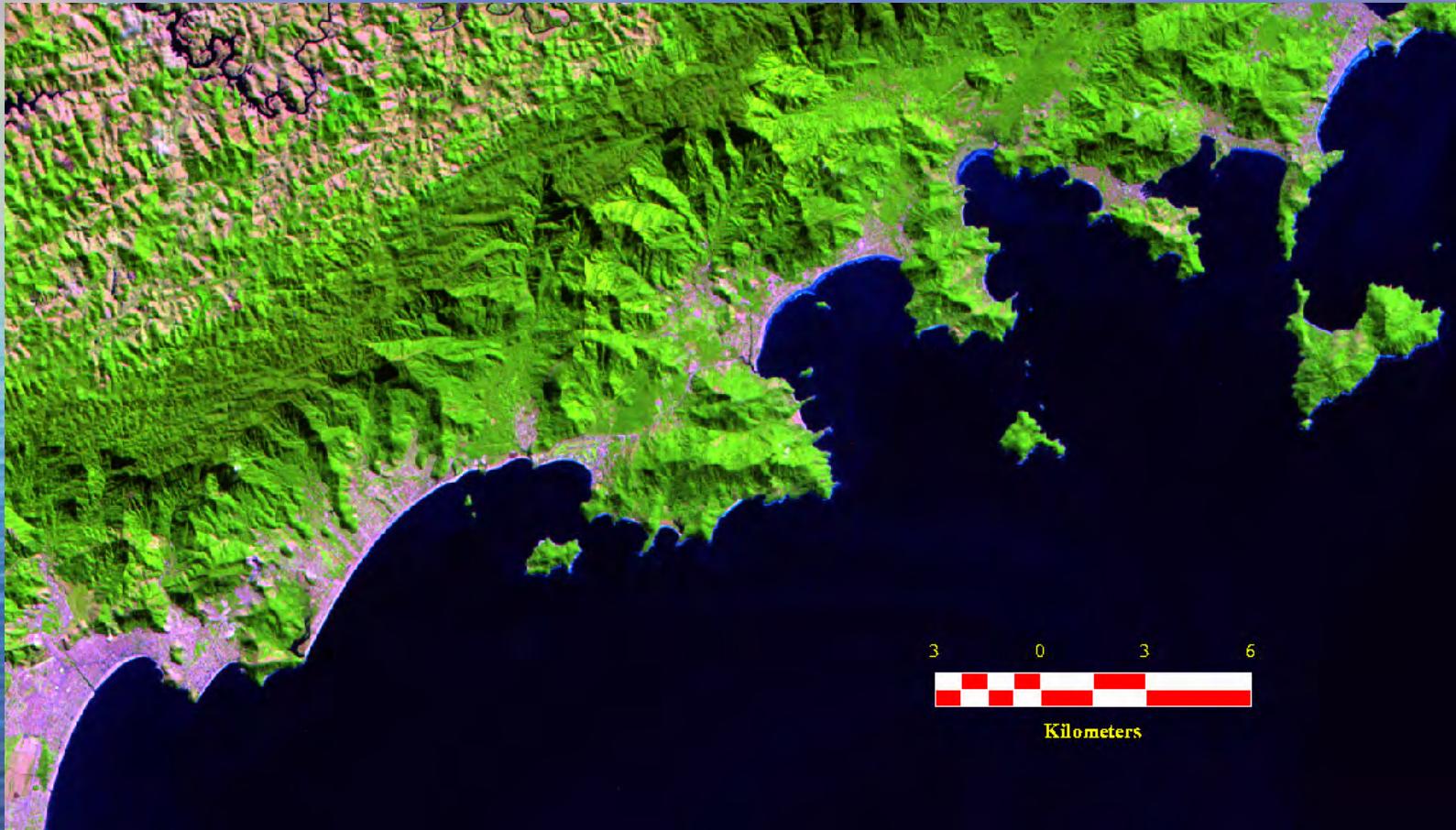




São Paulo State Coast – North



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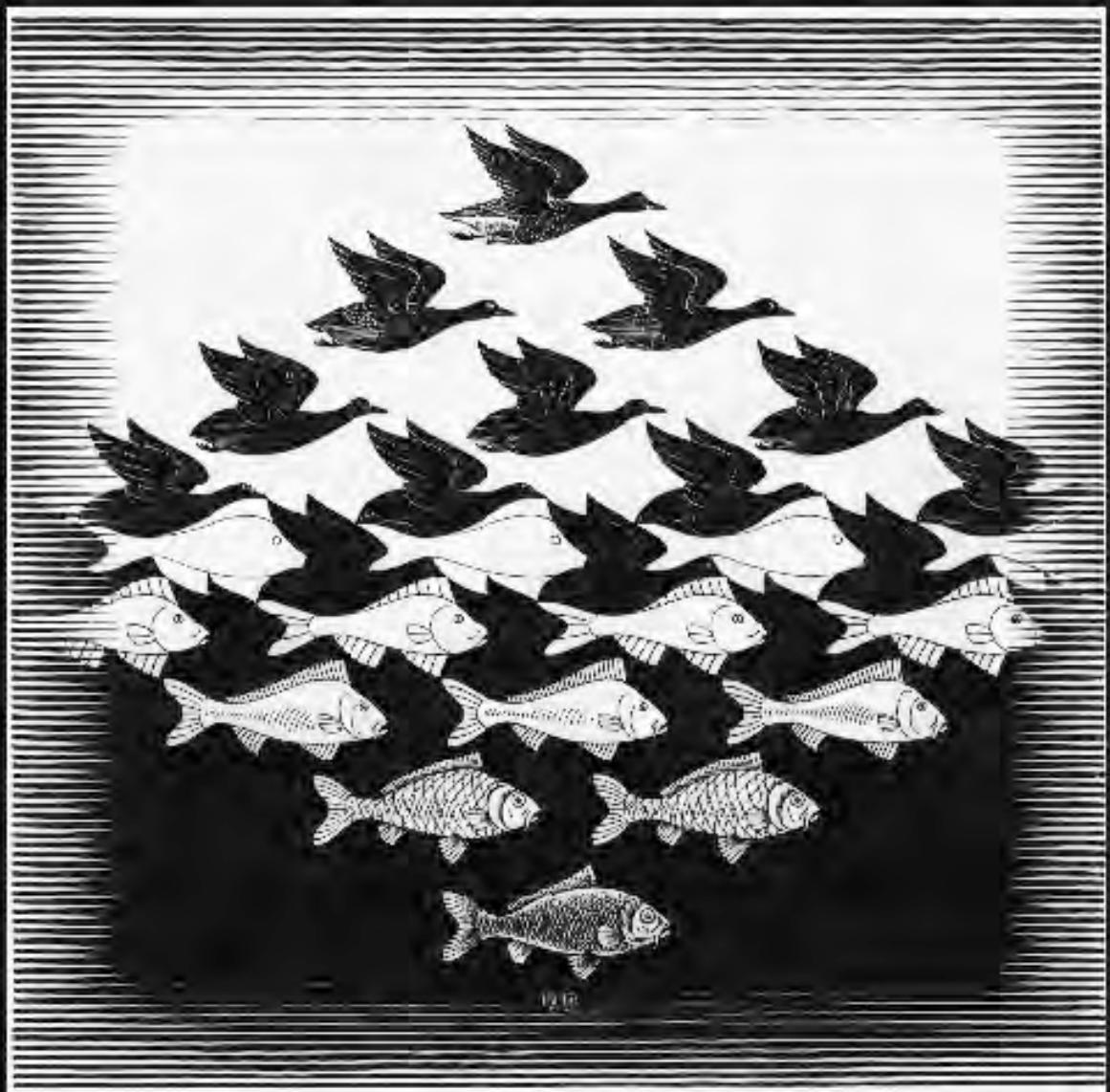




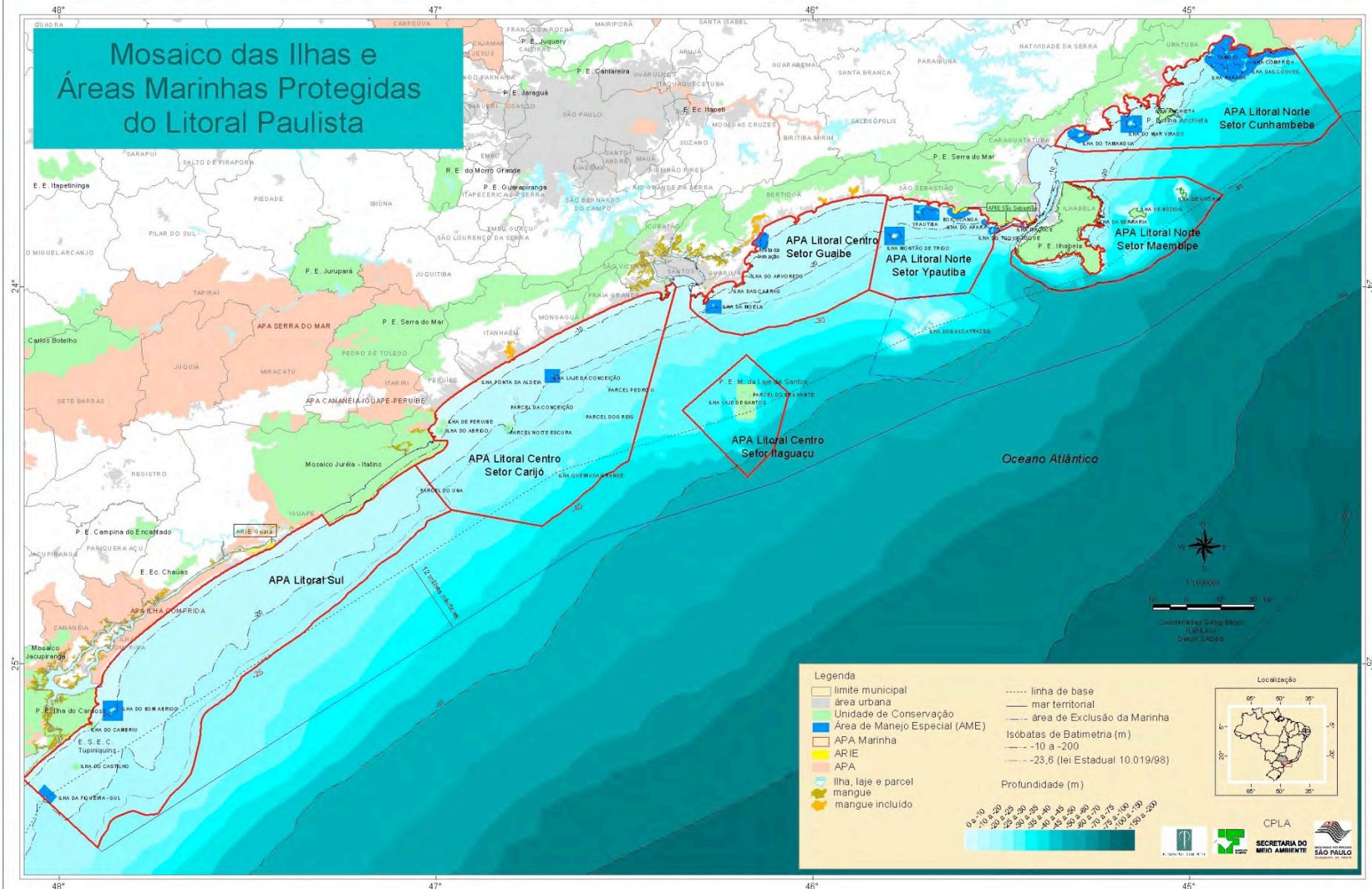
Scaling and Limits

- What is “Coastal Zone”?
- Limits and Boundaries – different regions/ aims needs different limits
- Several scales of work (i.e., erosion)

Defining coast - Boundaries



Mosaico das Ilhas e Áreas Marinhas Protegidas do Litoral Paulista



Defining coast – Boundaries – Time – “Paleo Landscapes project”



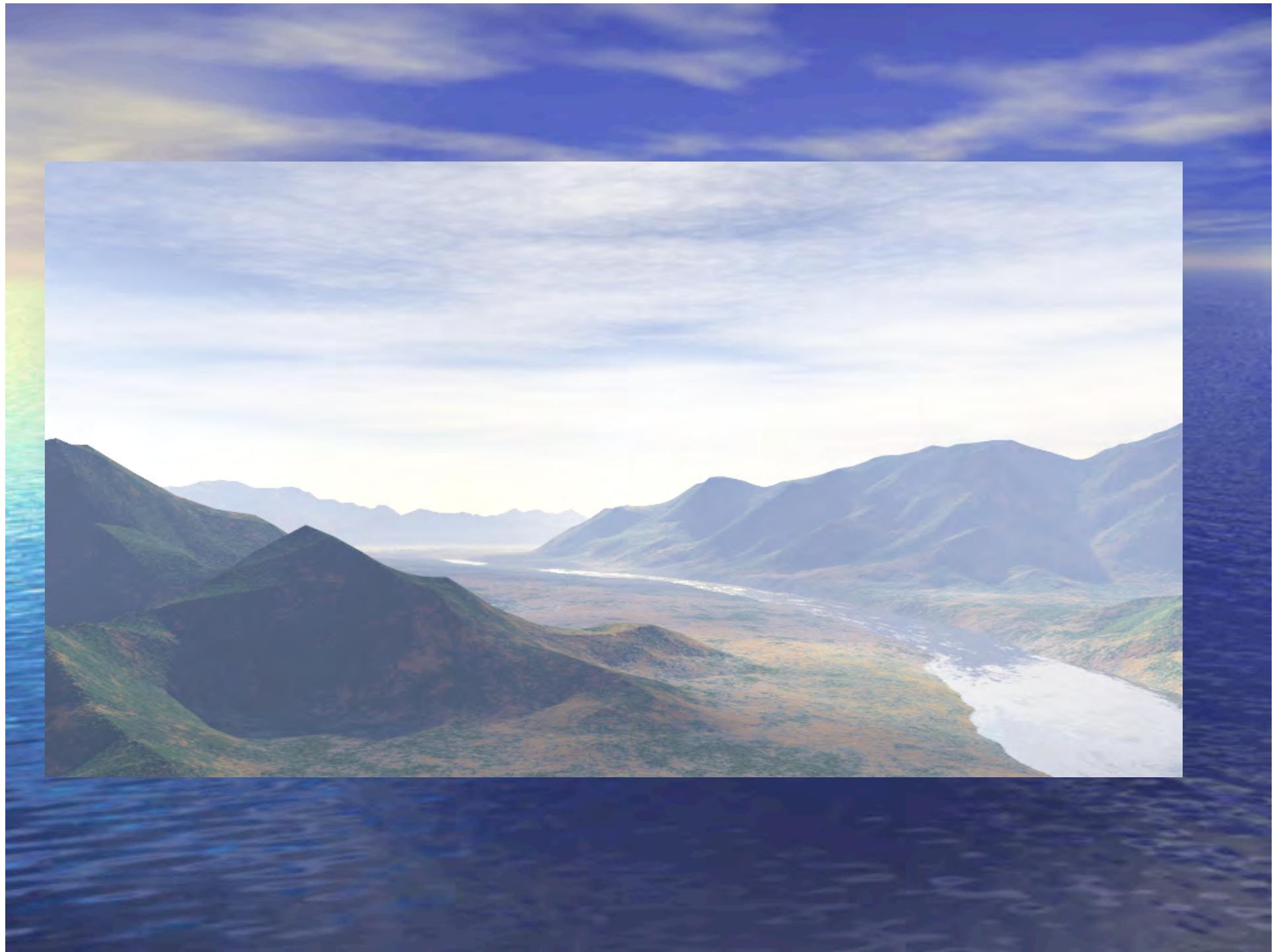
Castelhanos Beach Today– Ilhabela - SP

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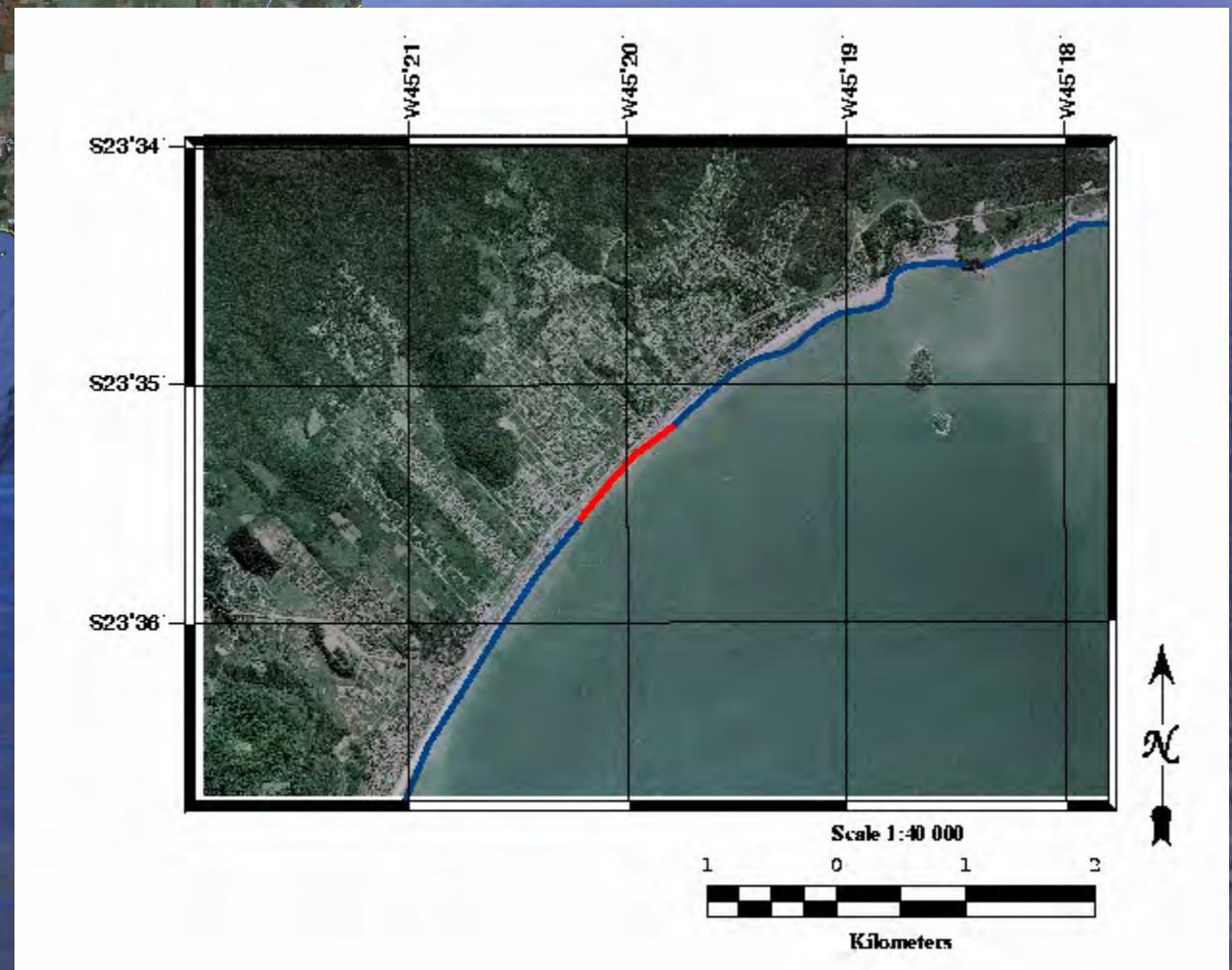
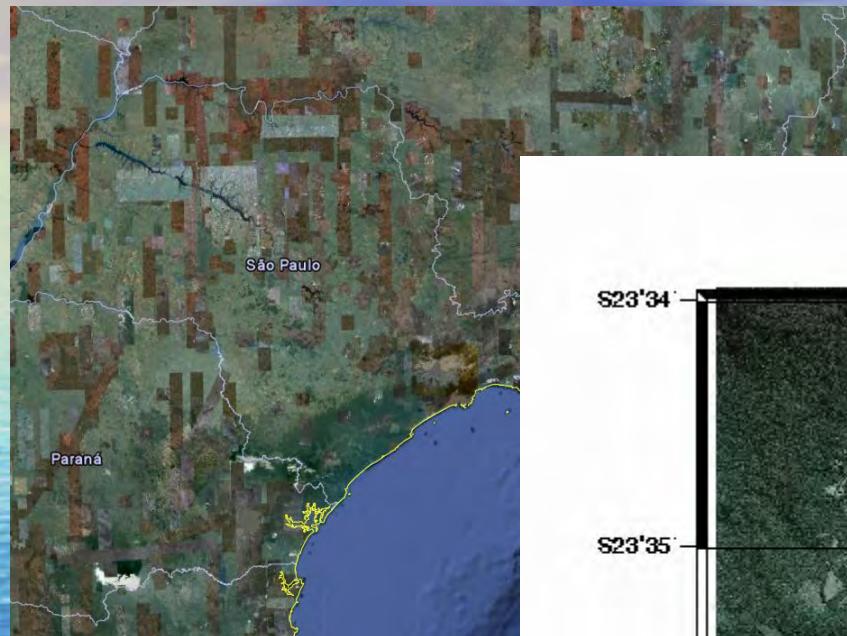
Castelhanos LMG





What is the Appropriate scale?

Example: Caraguatatuba Area



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UFLA - Colaboration Propose-

<http://www.lemaf.ufla.br/inventarioflorestal/ferramenta.html>

The image shows a computer desktop with four Mozilla Firefox windows open, illustrating a forest inventory system. The desktop background features a landscape with a winding river and mountains.

- Top Left Window:** Shows a hierarchical tree structure of forest types, including UPO (Unidades de Planejamento Operacional), Barreiros, and various forest classes like Cerrado, Cerradão, Eucalipto, Floresta estacional deciduosa montana, Floresta estacional semideciduosa sub montana, Floresta ombrófila alta montana, Floresta ombrófila montana, Floresta ombrófila sub montana, Pinus, and Vereda.
- Top Middle Window:** Displays a table titled "Mapeamento 2005" showing land area and percentage by class. The data is as follows:

Classe	Área (ha)	Percentual(%)
Campo	36627.73	35
Campo rupestre	14136.3	2
Campo cerrado	5609.97	1
Cerrado	272955.84	26
Cerradão	0.09	1
Eucalipto	105619.95	11
Floresta estacional deciduosa montana	0.09	1
Floresta estacional semideciduosa sub montana	273147.21	26
Floresta ombrófila alto montana	1037.97	1
Floresta ombrófila montana	263.16	1
Floresta ombrófila sub montana	13709.79	2
Pinus	38.25	1
Vereda	8.28	1
Total	932.77	1

- Bottom Left Window:** Shows a bar chart titled "Mapeamento 2005" with values: 947692, 942994, 927084, 632798, 526490, 431192, 215094, 210594, 105295, and Concluído.
- Right Window:** A map titled "Mapeamento 2005" showing land parcels colored by category (green, red, blue, yellow) across a geographic area.