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Tree Island Ecology: Advances on Ecological Restoration

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Objective:

Synthesize current understanding of Physical and biochemical processes that contributes to Tree Islands Dynamics within the Greater Everglades Ecosystems

Topics:

- Plant responses to hydrologic variability
- Historical use of Tree Islands
- Surface-groundwater interactions
- Landscape Level Response to Climate Change

Tree Islands and the Last 5000 Years of Human Occupation

by

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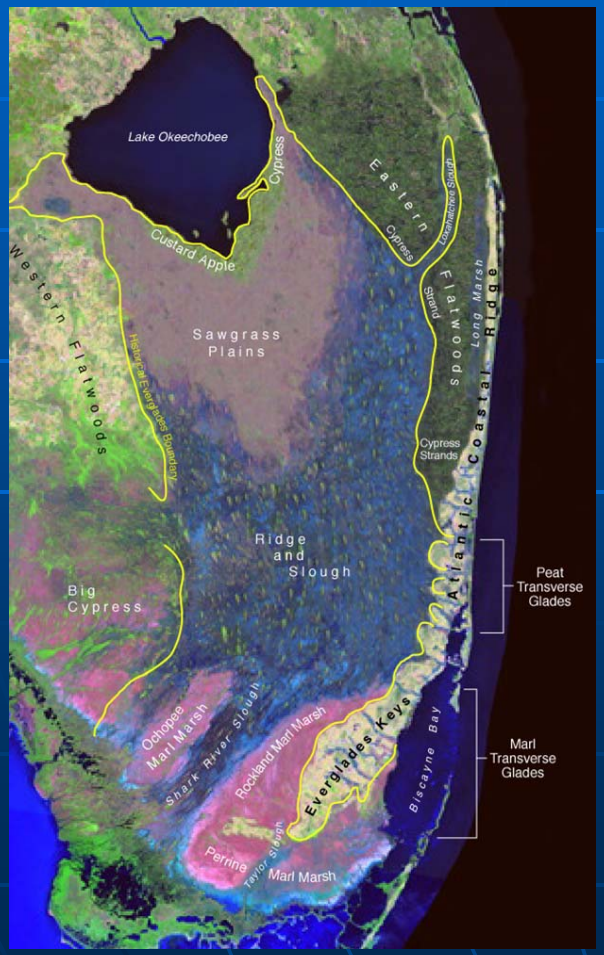

Litterfall and Tree Growth Dynamics in Pristine and Degraded Tree Islands in WCA-3A: The Importance of Ecological Functions on Tree Islands

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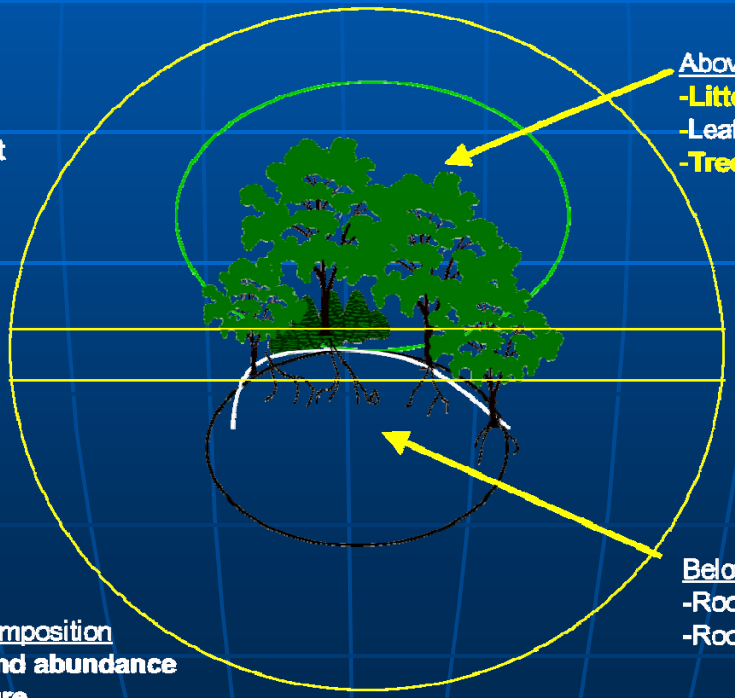
Biological and Ecological Processes on Tree Islands



Seed Dispersion, Germination, and Establishment

Aboveground Processes
-Litterfall production
-Leaf Decomposition
-Tree Growth

Seedling Growth, Recruitment, and Mortality

Tree species composition
-Distribution and abundance
-Forest Structure

Belowground Processes
-Root Production
-Root Decomposition

Did Flooding Kill the Ghost Tree Islands? Evidence from Healthy Everglades Tree Islands and the LILA Experimental Platform

by

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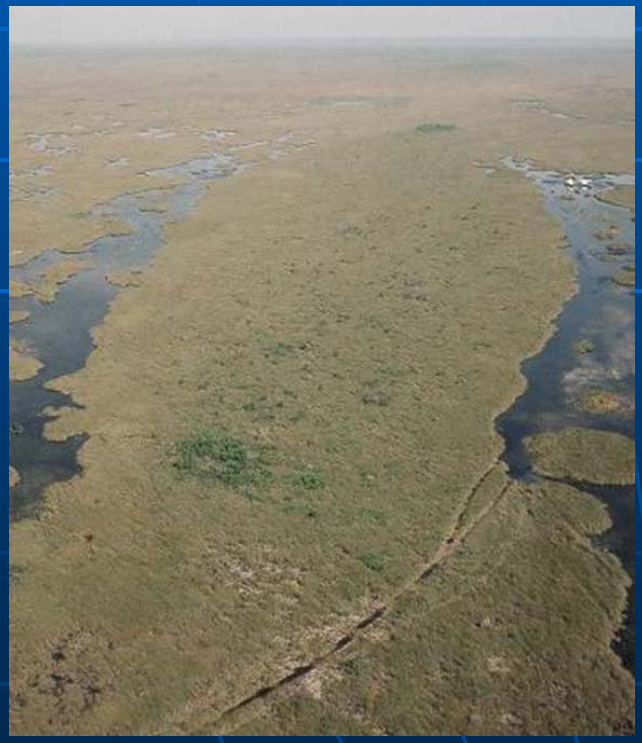
Ghost Tree Island



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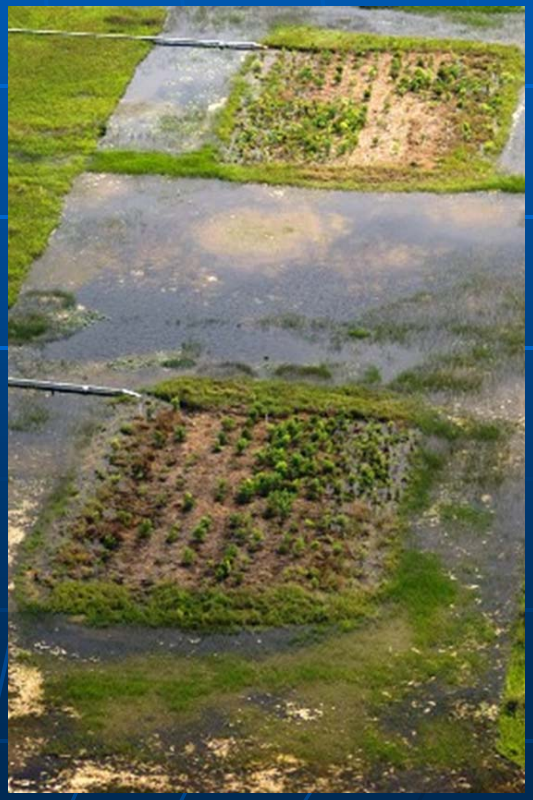

Integrating Tree Island Metrics to Understand Potential Mechanisms for Past Degradation and Future Restoration

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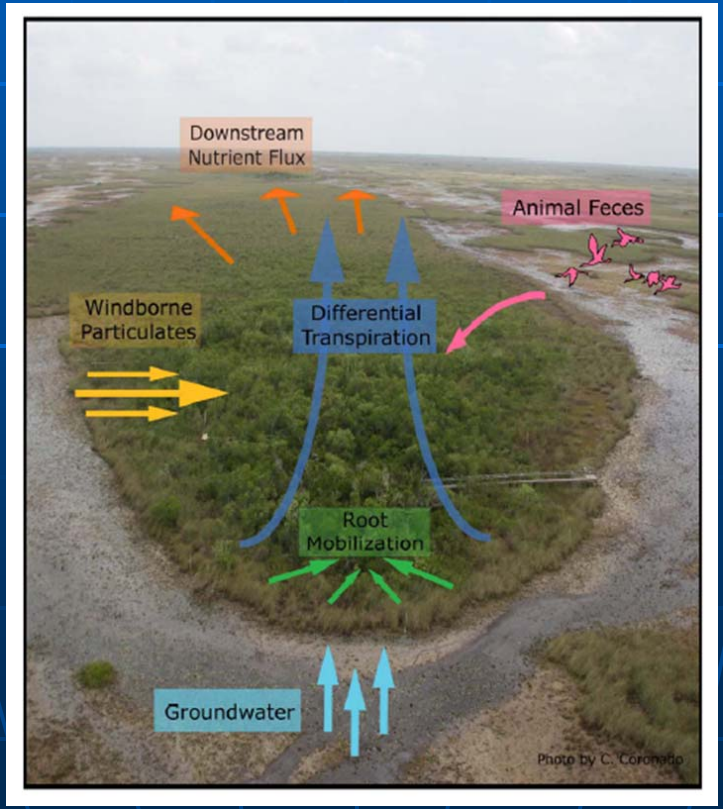

Hydrogeochemical Response of Experimental Everglades Tree Islands: Identifying Feedback Mechanisms Associated with Early Tree Growth and Differing Geological Material

by

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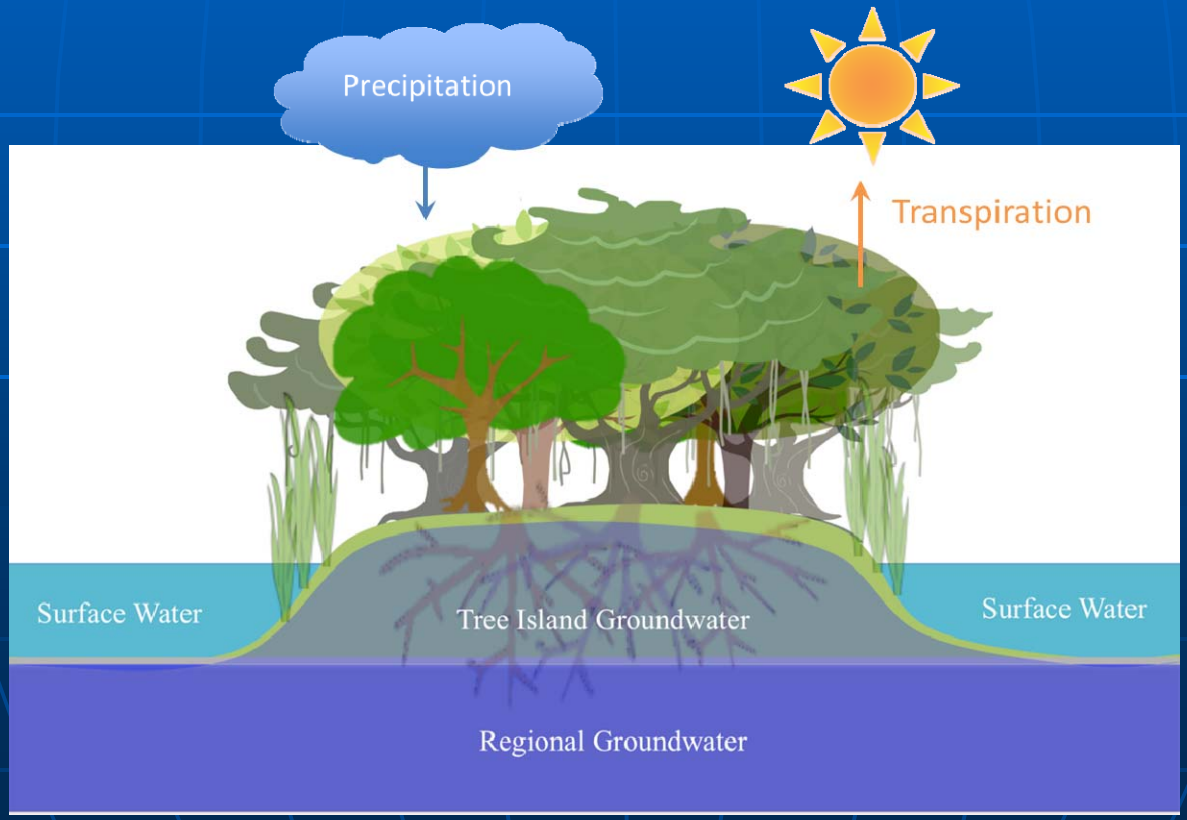

Metacommunity Structure of Hardwood Hammocks of the Everglades and Florida Keys

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