

# Coastal Environmental Settings as a Model to Explain Global Controls of Nutrient Storage in Mangroves

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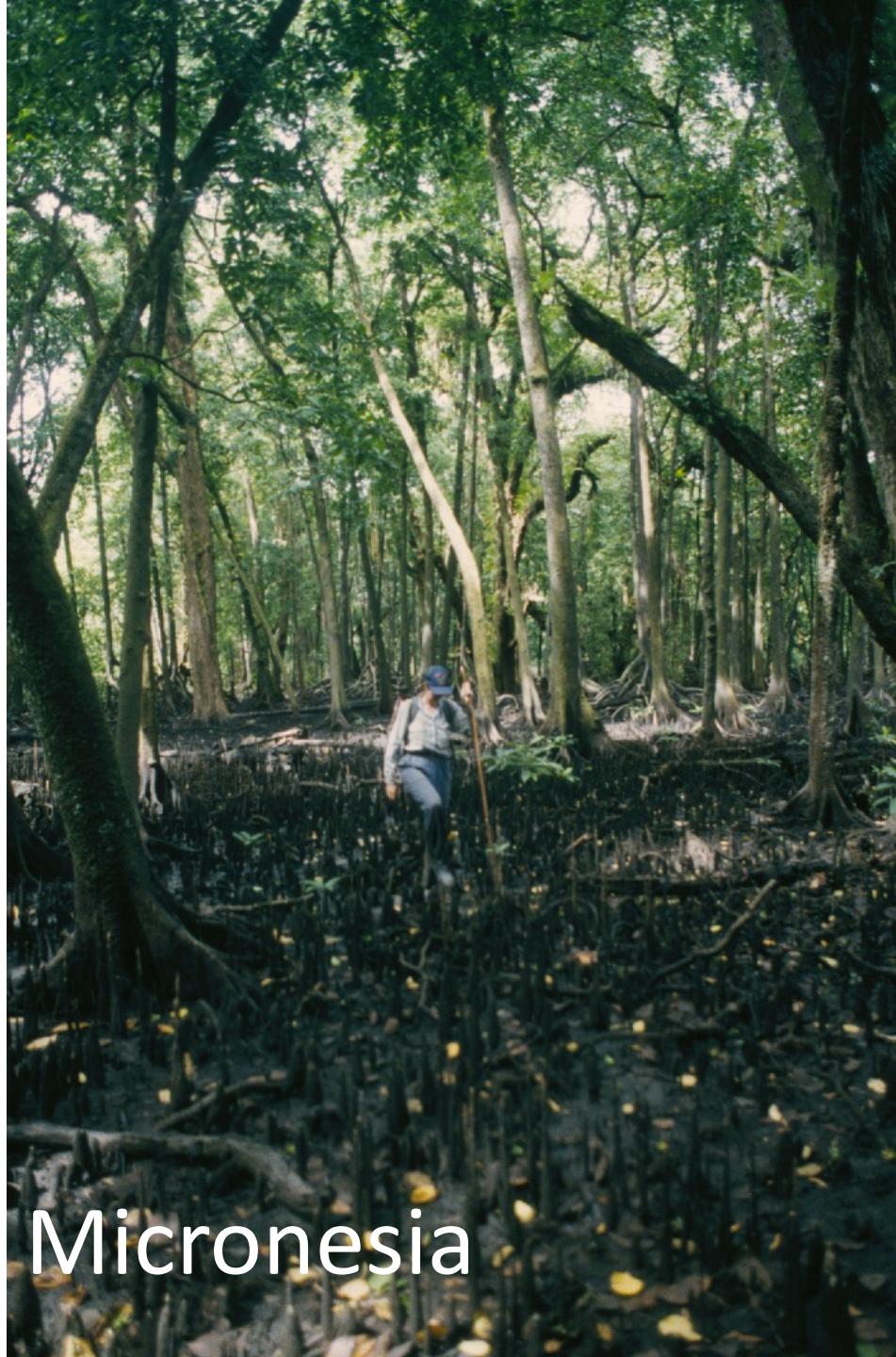




Roc Mexico  
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A photograph of a dense mangrove forest in Africa. The scene is dominated by many dark, vertical tree trunks that grow out of a body of water. The water reflects the surrounding green foliage. The sky is bright and visible through the canopy.

Africa

A photograph of a mangrove forest in Micronesia. A person wearing a blue cap and a backpack is walking through the water, using a long wooden pole to navigate. The water is filled with fallen leaves and branches. The background shows more trees and the sky.

Micronesia



## FLORIDA, USA - Scrub Mangroves

Florida Coastal Everglades  
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# Global Carbon Budget

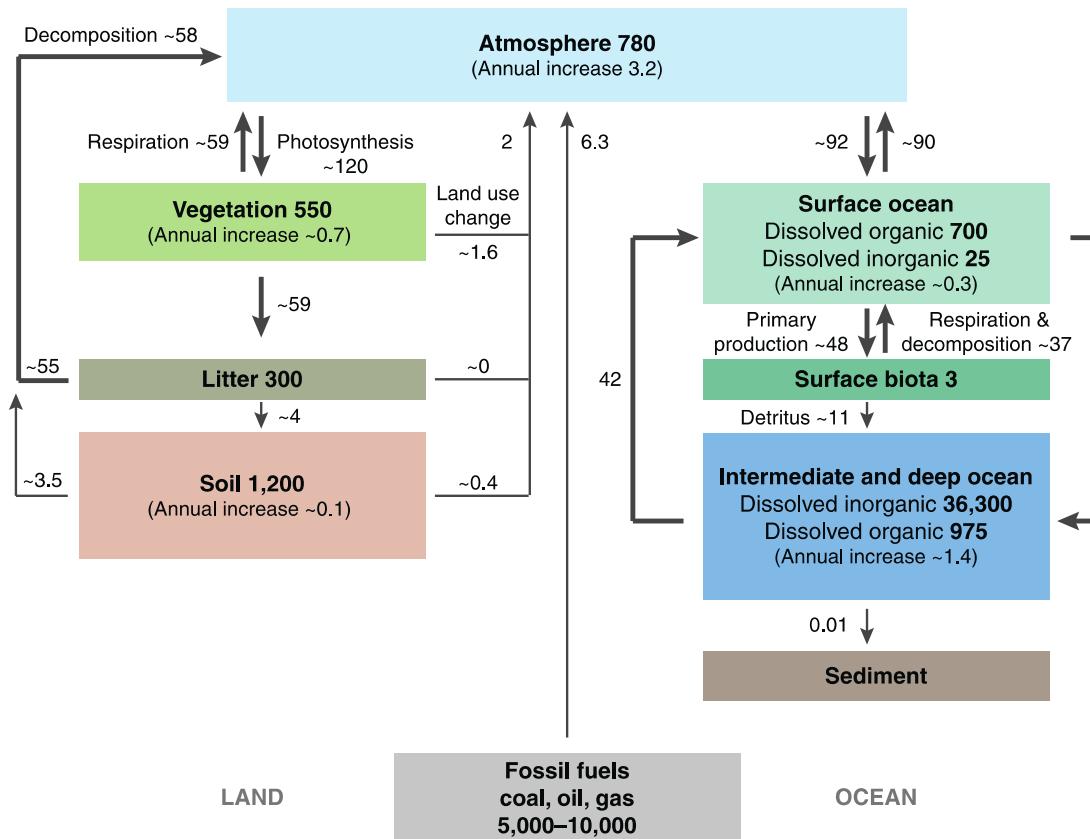
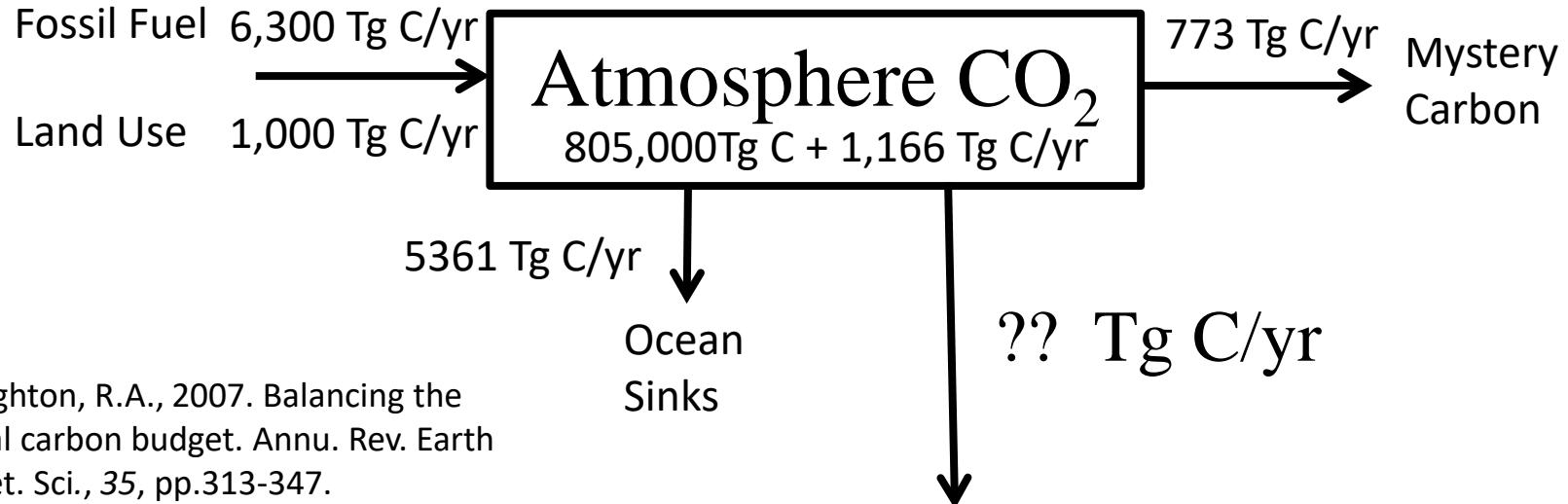
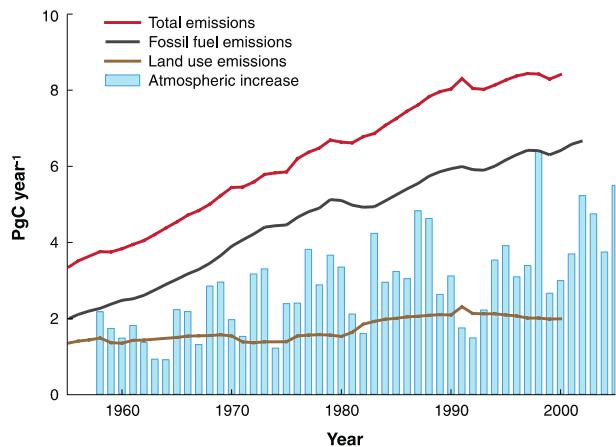


Figure 1

The global carbon cycle in the 1990s. Units are PgC or PgC year<sup>-1</sup>.



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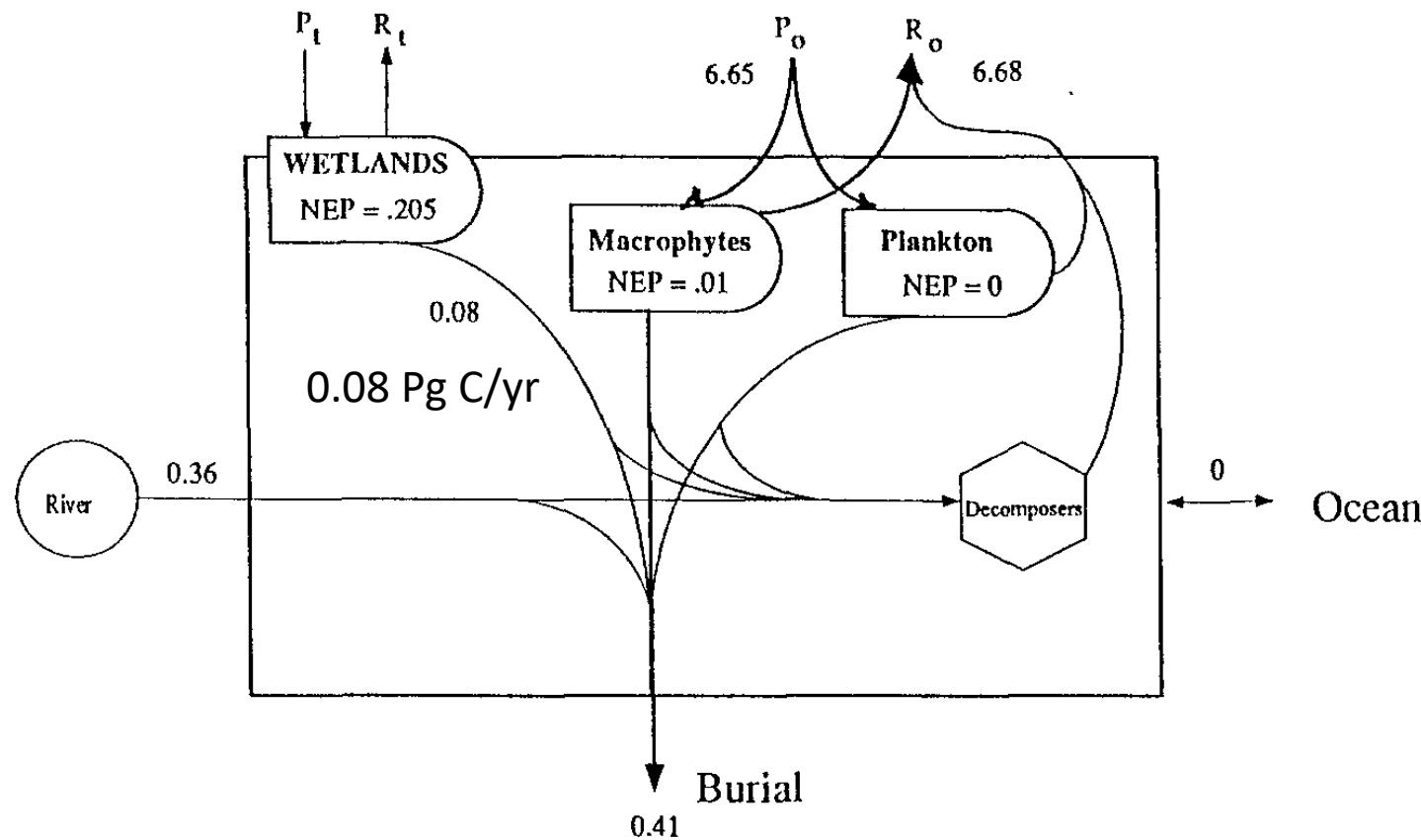


Figure 10. Mass balance of C for coastal ecosystems based on estimates of in situ net production and allochthonous inputs, minus losses associated with burial in coastal sediments. P and R represent net production and heterotrophic respiration, respectively, with exchange of  $\text{CO}_2$  directly with atmosphere (t) or coastal waters (o).

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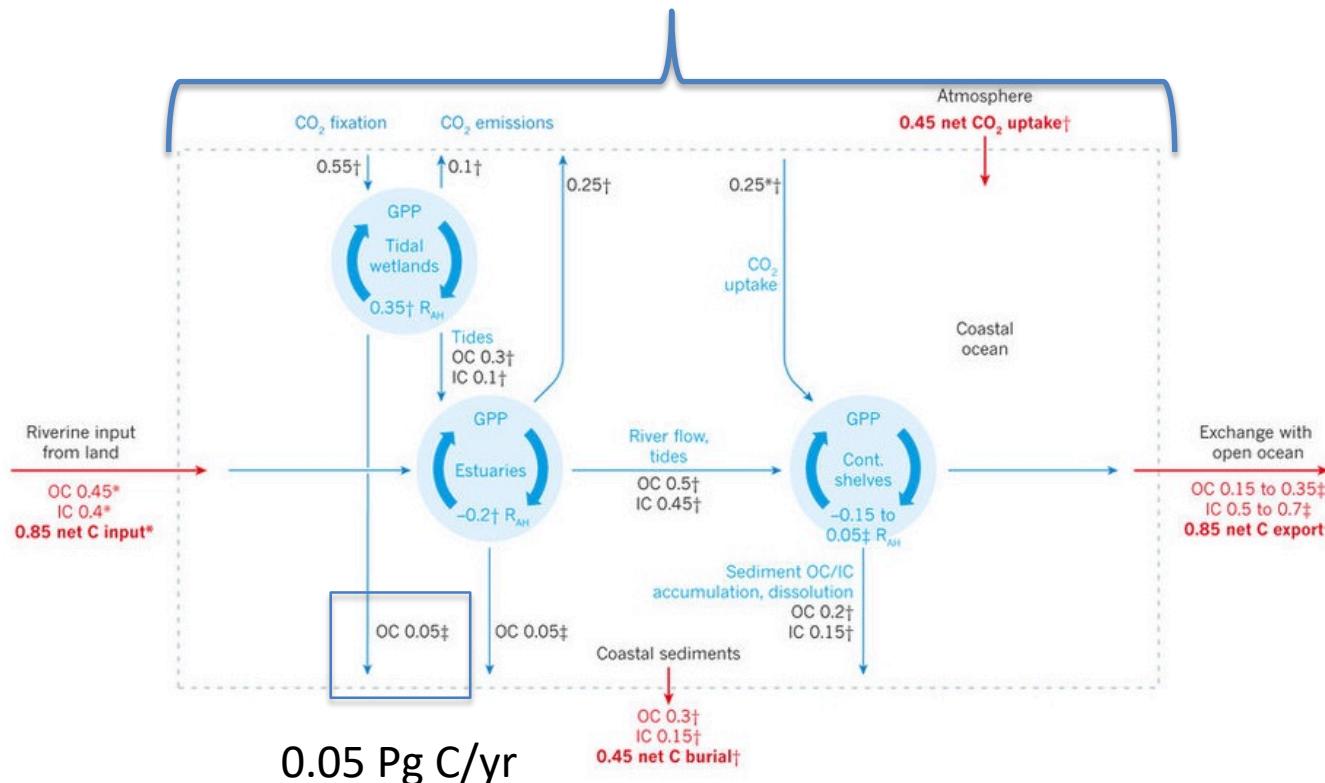
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# Coastal Ocean



## REVIEW

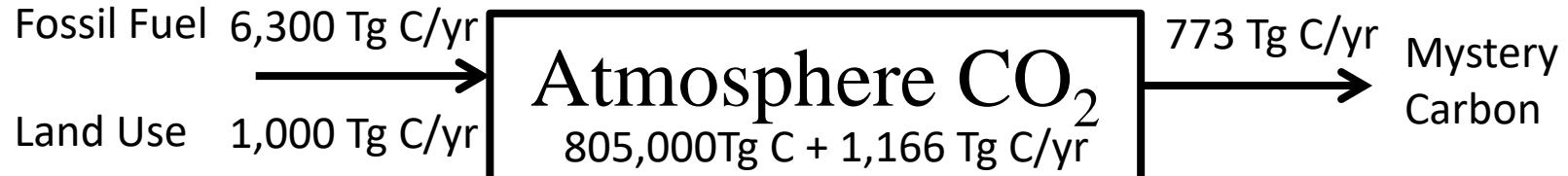
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### The changing carbon cycle of the coastal ocean

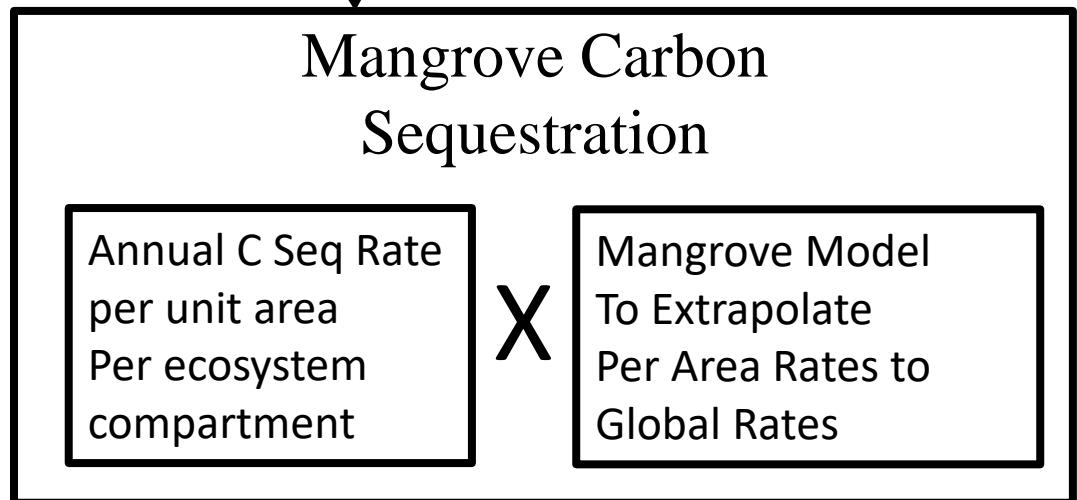
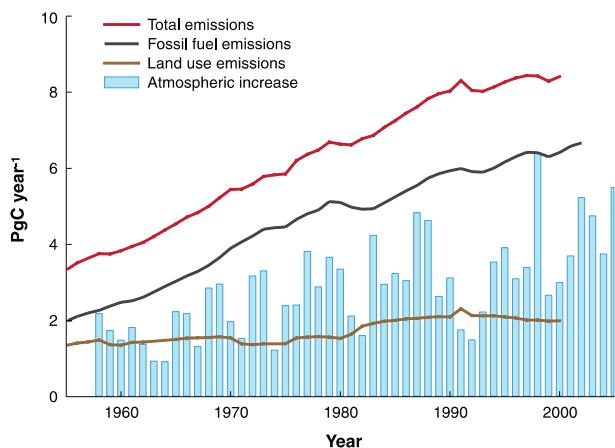
James E. Bauer<sup>1</sup>, Wei-Jun Cai<sup>2</sup>, Peter A. Raymond<sup>3</sup>, Thomas S. Bianchi<sup>4</sup>, Charles S. Hopkinson<sup>5</sup> & Pierre A. G. Regnier<sup>6</sup>

The carbon cycle of the coastal ocean is a dynamic component of the global carbon budget. But the diverse sources and sinks of carbon and their complex interactions in these waters remain poorly understood. Here we discuss the sources, exchanges and fates of carbon in the coastal ocean and how anthropogenic activities have altered the carbon cycle. Recent evidence suggests that the coastal ocean may have become a net sink for atmospheric carbon dioxide during post-industrial times. Continued human pressures in coastal zones will probably have an important impact on the future evolution of the coastal ocean's carbon budget.

Fluxes between adjacent subsystems and other components of coastal ocean. Carbon can flux both within (values in black) and across (values in red) the boundaries of the coastal ocean. Particulate and dissolved OC fluxes are presented as total OC values. The balance between gross primary production (GPP) and total system respiration (both autotrophic, A, and heterotrophic, H; R<sub>AH</sub>) is net ecosystem production (NEP), with negative values indicating conversion of OC to IC. Units are Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup> (1 Pg = 10<sup>15</sup> g) rounded to ± 0.05 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup>. Within-river fluxes and transformation of carbon are excluded from this analysis.

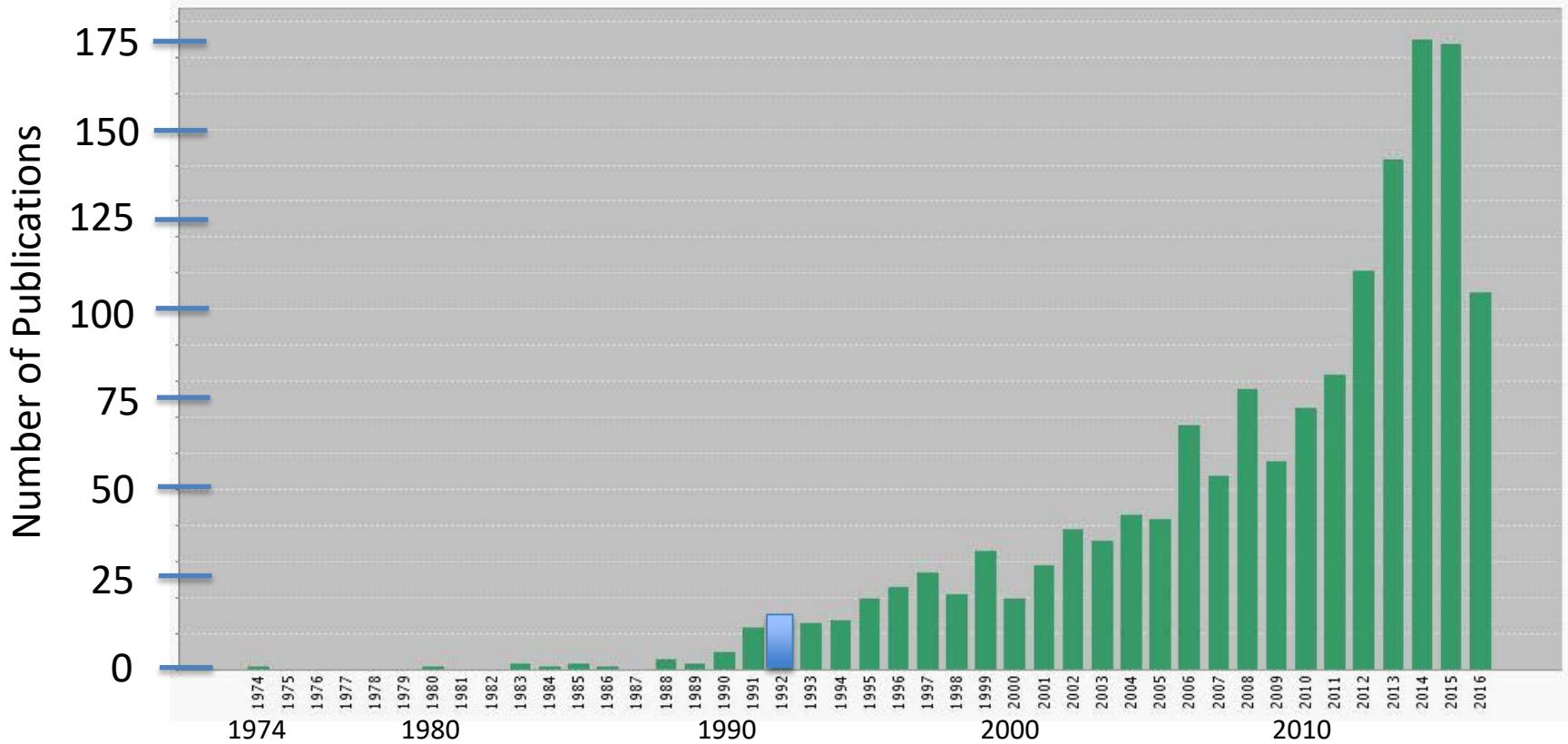


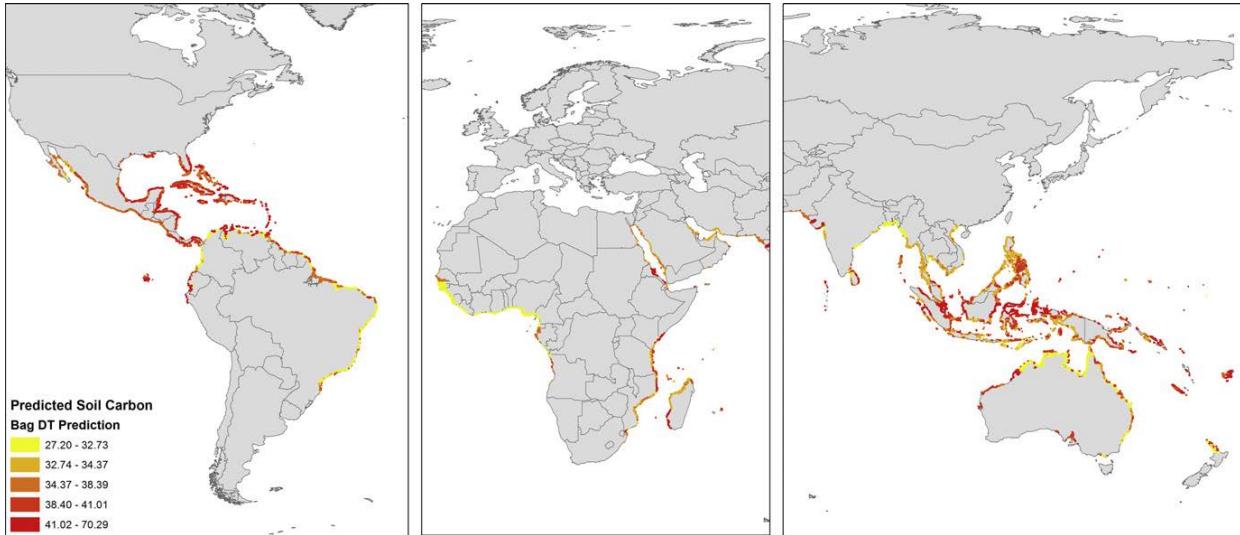
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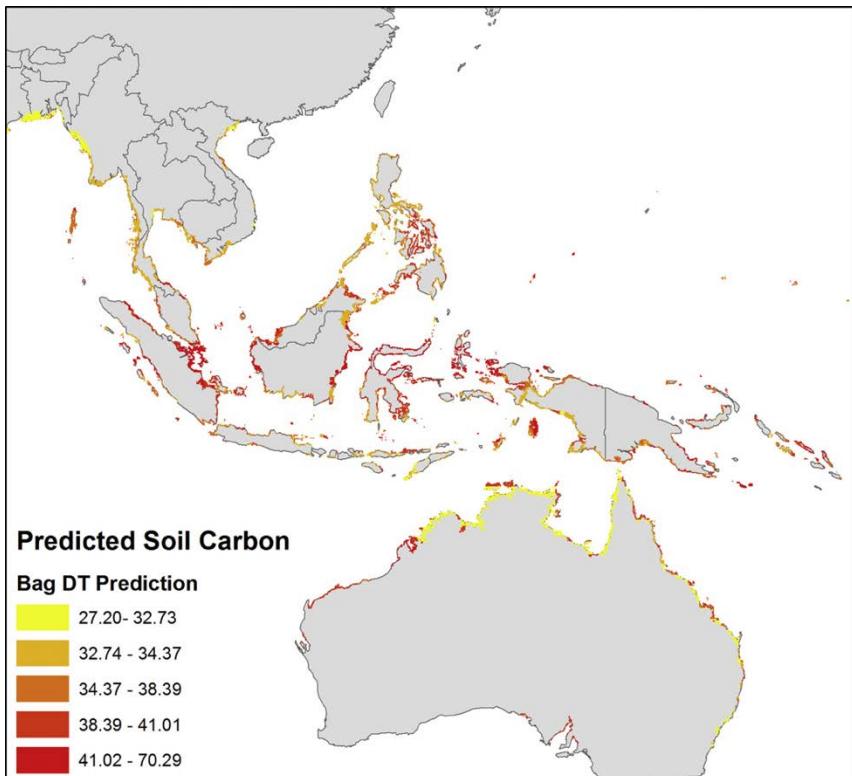
What are best integration of methods to determine global estimates of carbon sequestration?

## Mangroves and Carbon





Jardine, S. L. & Siikamäki, J. V. 2014. A global predictive model of carbon in mangrove soils. Environ. Res. Lett. 9, 104013



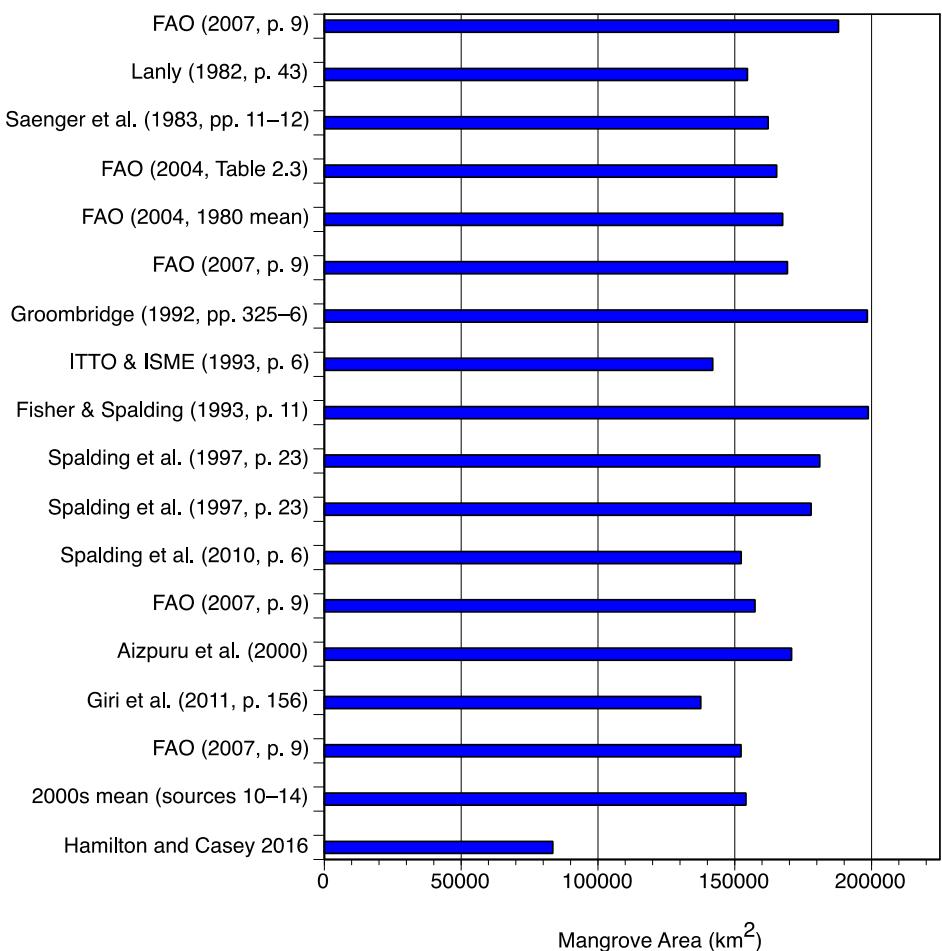
Developing global models of carbon sequestration in mangrove soils is one of the great challenges – both stocks and the annual burial rates – along with impacts from land use change.

# Carbon inventories depends on carbon density per unit area (Mg/ha) times the mangrove area

A blueprint for blue carbon

Tropical forests      Boreal forests      Temperate forests      Salt marshes      Mangroves      Seagrasses

Mcleod, E., G. L. Chmura, S. Bouillon, R. Salm, M. Björk, C. M. Duarte, C. E. Lovelock, W. H. Schlesinger & B. R. Silliman, 2011. A blueprint for blue carbon: toward an improved understanding of the role of vegetated coastal habitats in sequestering CO<sub>2</sub>. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* 9: 552-560



Atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub>



Mangrove  
C Sequestration  
in wood growth

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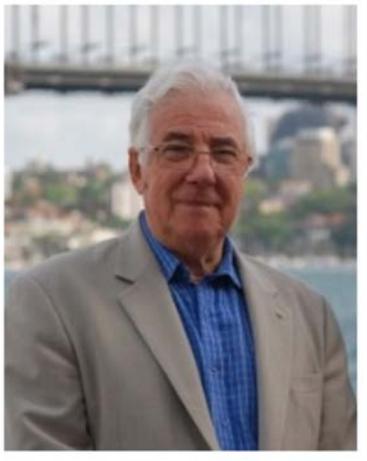
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*Journal of Ecology*, Vol. 63, No. 1 (Mar., 1975), pp. 203-232

## MANGROVE ECOLOGY AND DELTAIC-ESTUARINE GEOMORPHOLOGY: CAMBRIDGE GULF-ORD RIVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BY BRUCE G. THOM\*, L. D. WRIGHT†‡ AND J. M. COLEMAN†

Proceedings of the Australian National Mangrove Workshop  
Australian Institute of Marine Science  
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18-20 April 1979

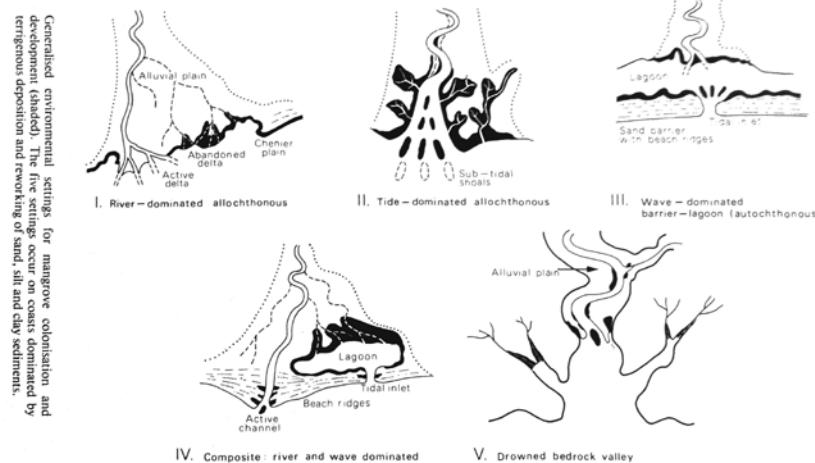
## MANGROVE ECOSYSTEMS IN AUSTRALIA

Structure, function and management

## Mangrove Ecology – A Geomorphological Perspective

*B.G. Thom*

Fig. 1.1.

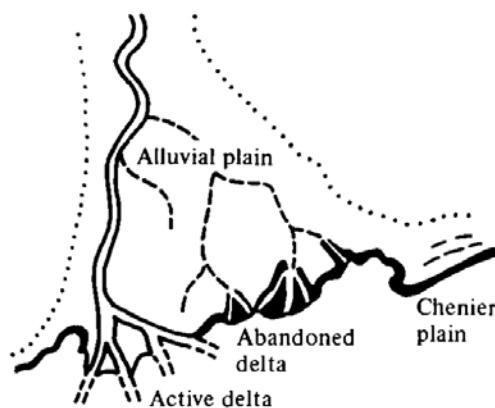


**Table 1.1** Geomorphic and ecologic responses to varying combinations of environmental process variables. Some attempt is made to quantify these variables for large river and open-ocean wave energy conditions (H = high; M = moderate; L = low).

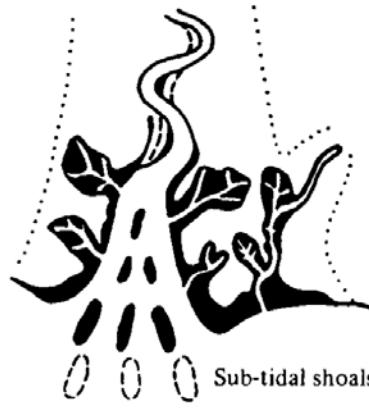
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	Tide	Rainfall	River discharge				
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II	H	H	H	H	L	M	M
III	M	M	L	L	H	M	H
IV	L	H	H	H	M	M	L
V	M	M	M	M	H	L	H

Tide	H > 4m M 2-4m L < 2m	Rainfall	H > 1500mm M 700-1500mm L < 700mm
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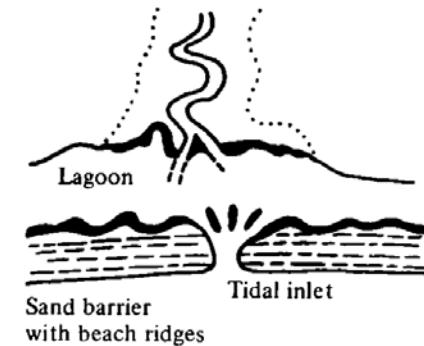
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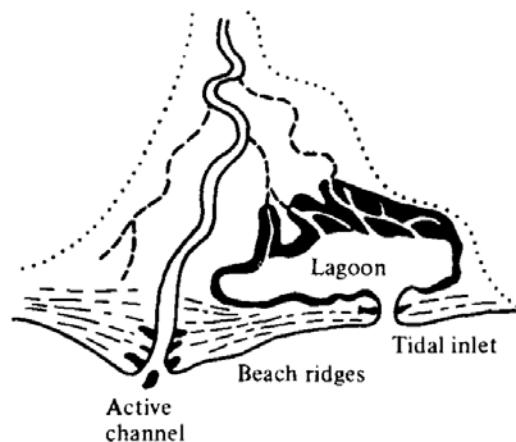
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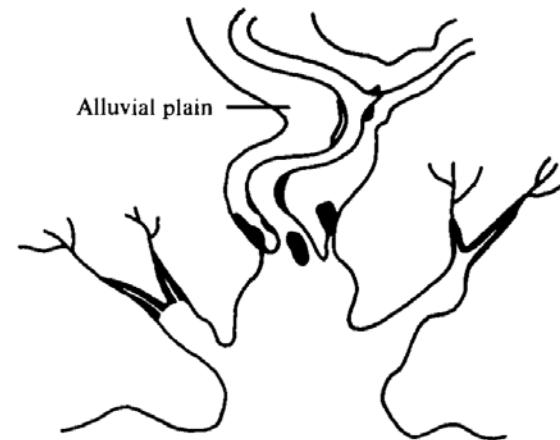
2. Tide-dominated allochthonous



3. Wave-dominated barrier lagoon  
(autochthonous)



4. Composite—river and wave dominated



5. Drowned bedrock valley

Thom (1982)



# Colin D. WOODROFFE

Pacific Science (1987), vol. 41, nos. 1–4

## Pacific Island Mangroves: Distribution and Environmental Settings

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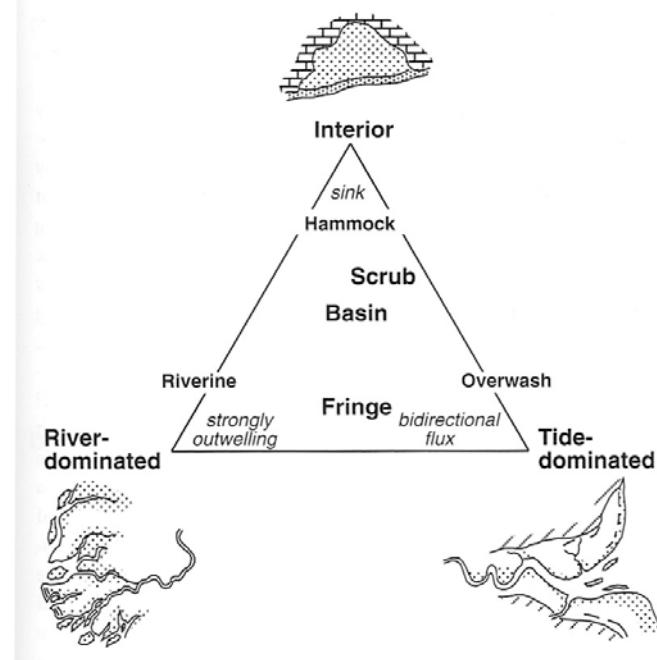
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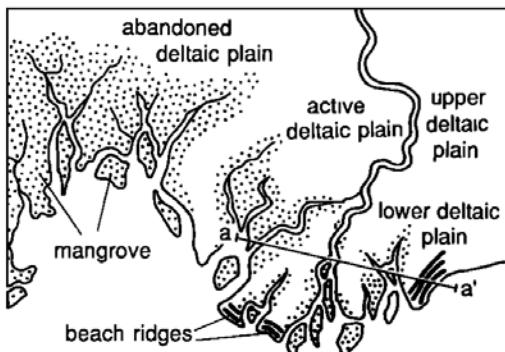
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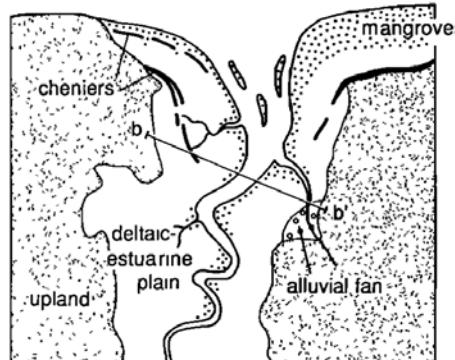


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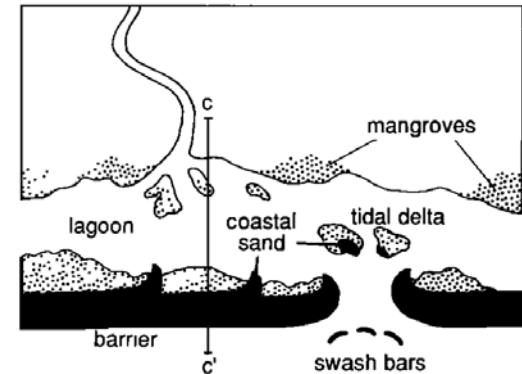
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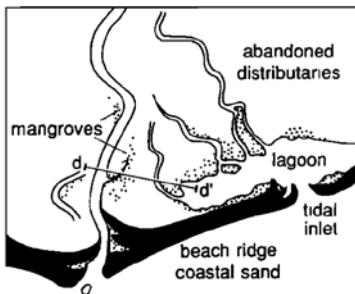
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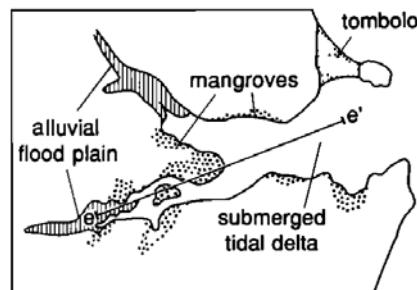
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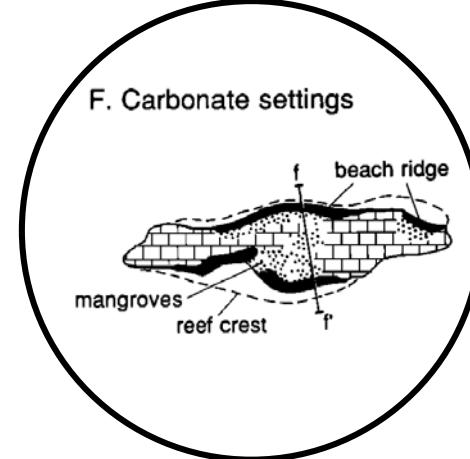
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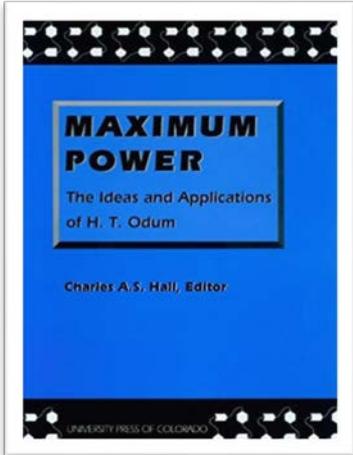
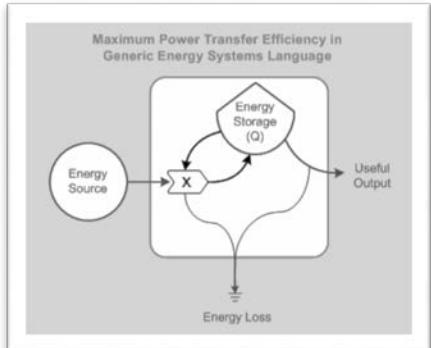
F. Carbonate settings



Woodroffe (1992)

# PROPERTIES OF MANGROVE ECOSYSTEMS RELATED TO THE ENERGY SIGNATURE OF COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS

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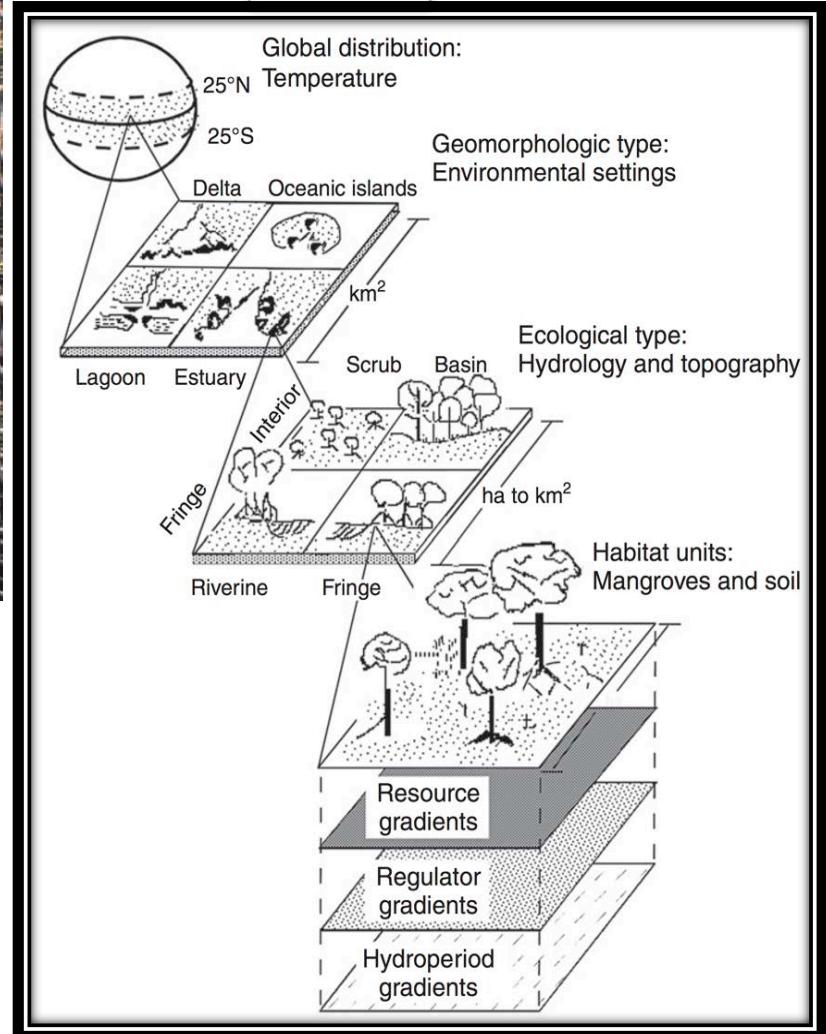
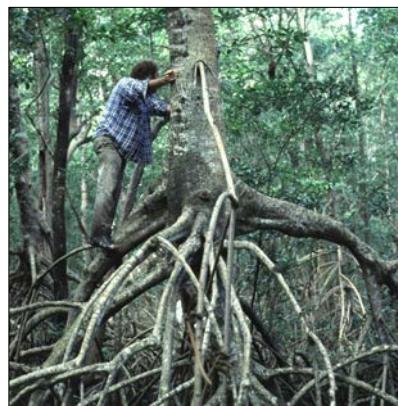


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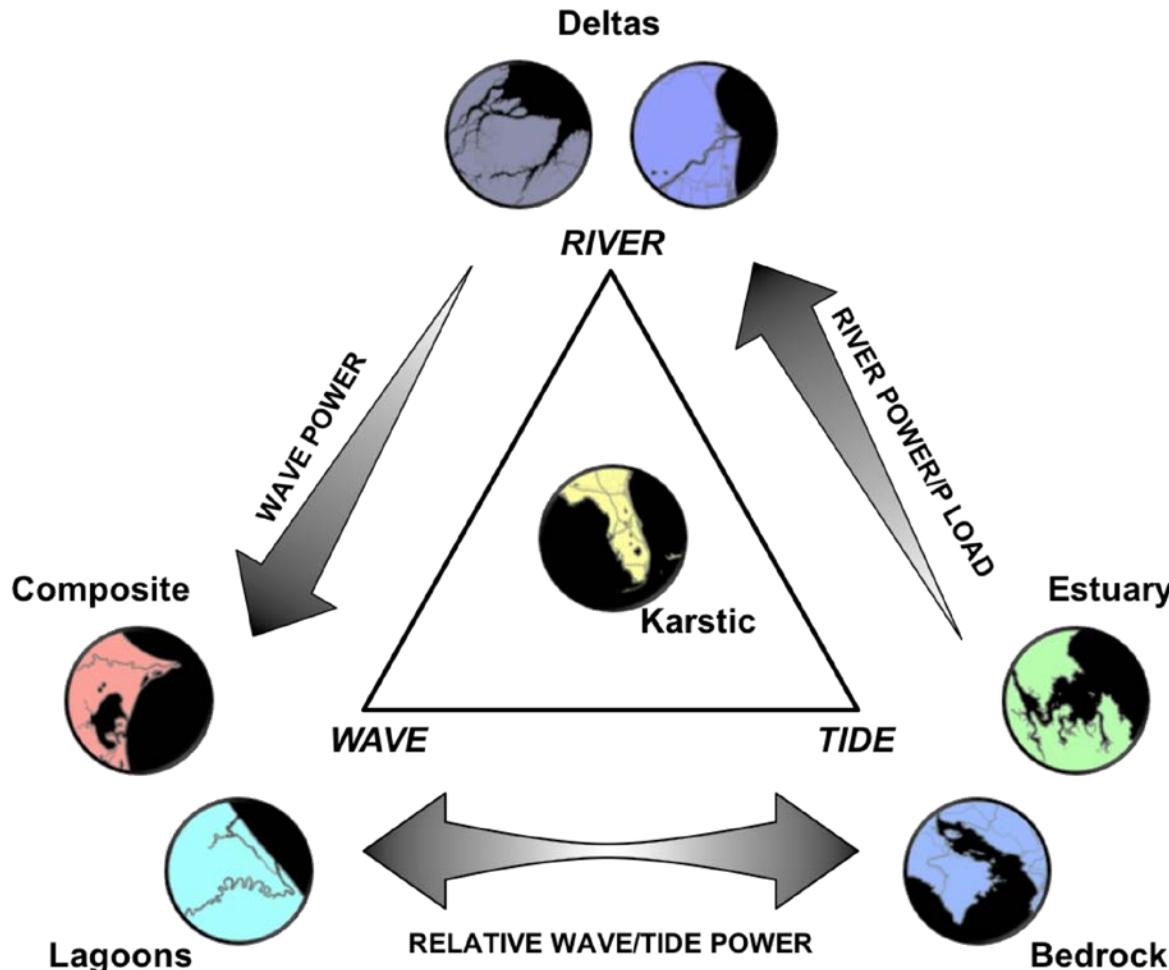


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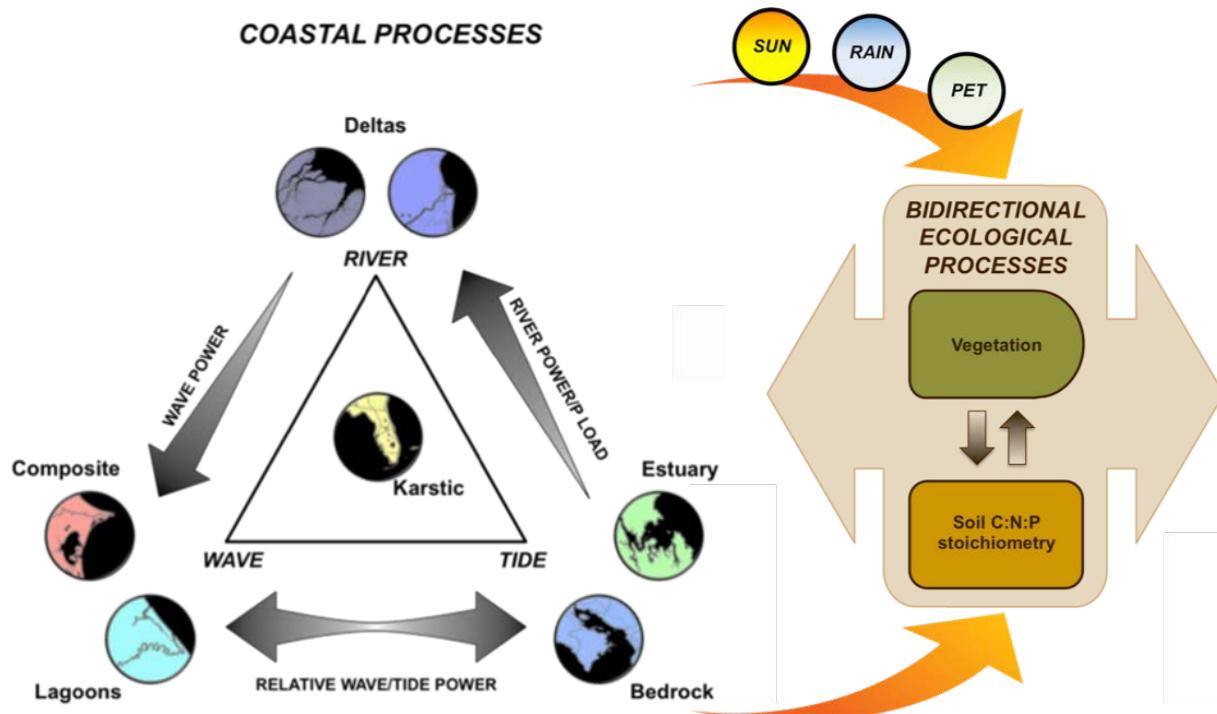


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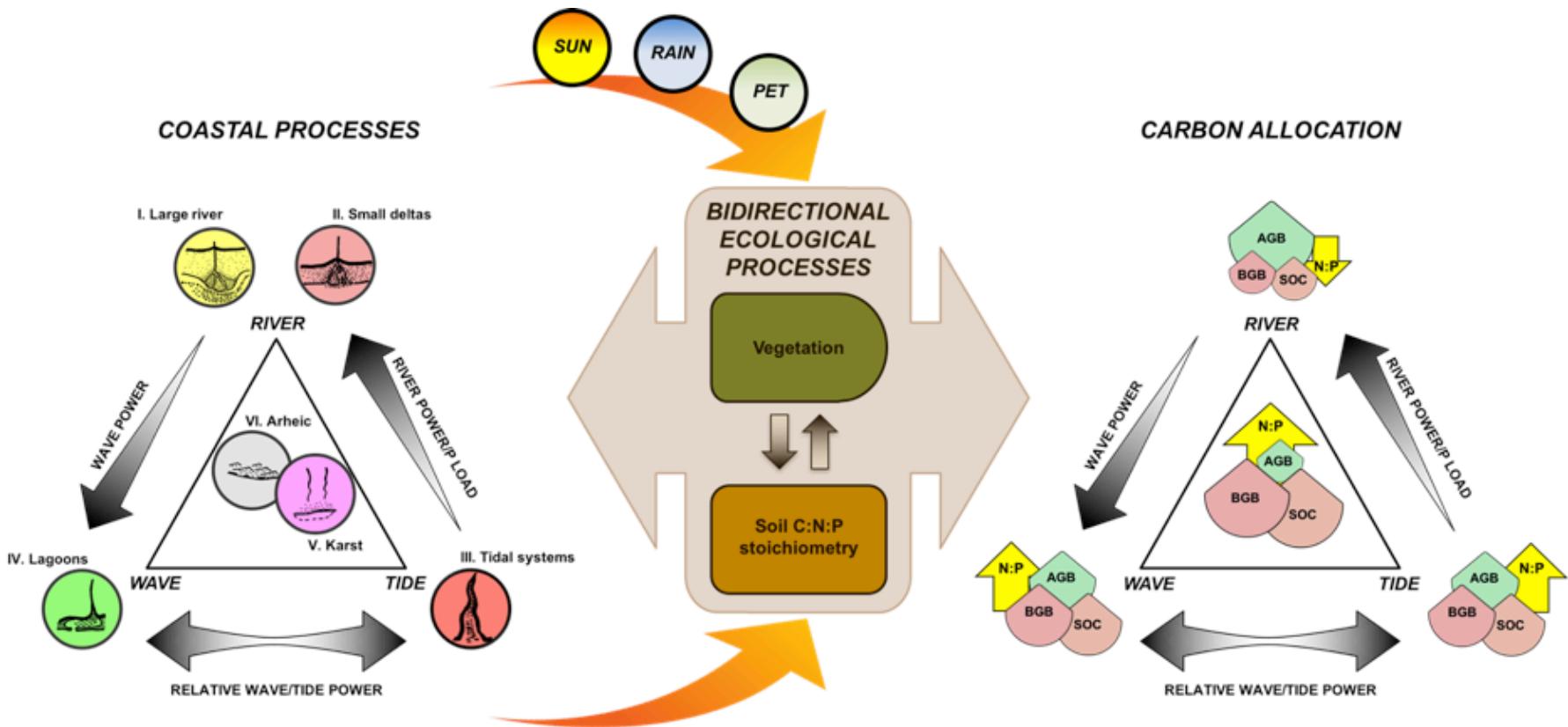
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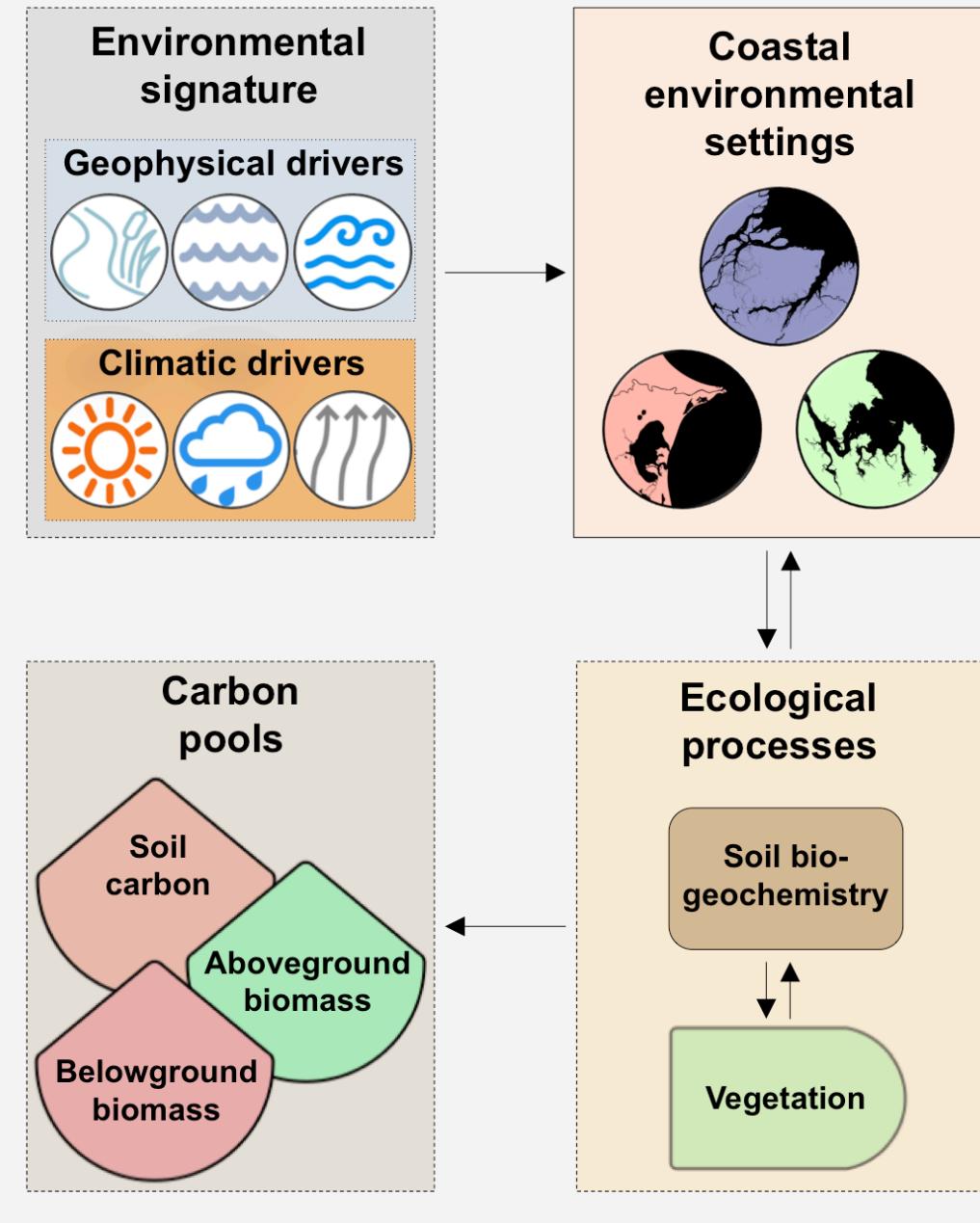
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# Coastal ecogeomorphology



**Coastal ecogeomorphology conceptual framework.** **a**, The relative contribution of geophysical (e.g. river discharge, tidal amplitude, wave energy) and climatic (temperature, precipitation, evapotranspiration) drivers shape **(b)** distinct coastal environmental settings (e.g. deltas, estuaries, lagoon, karstic). **c**, Bidirectional influences of biota and landscapes on each other constrain **(d)** carbon partitioning among ecosystem compartments (soil, above- and belowground biomass).

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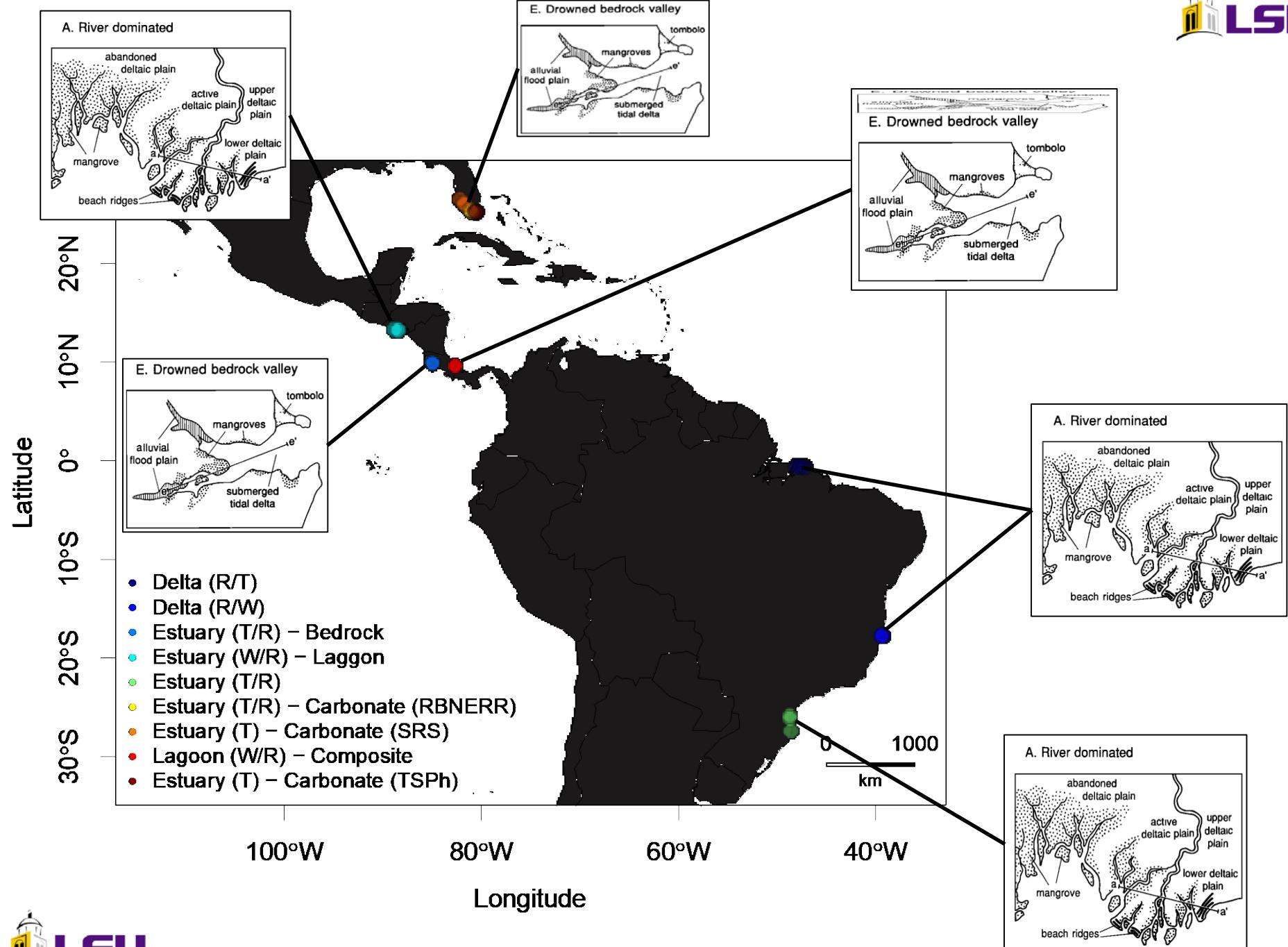
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# RIVER

# NO RIVER

## Delta



DT



DT1



BR



LG



ET



ET2



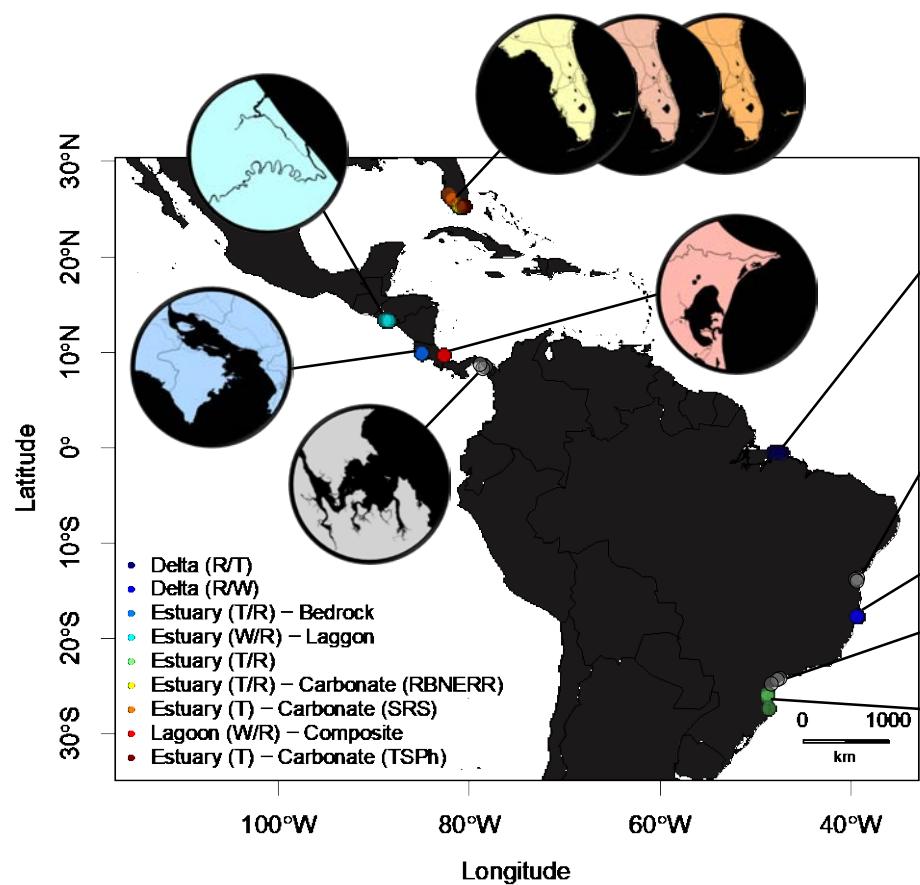
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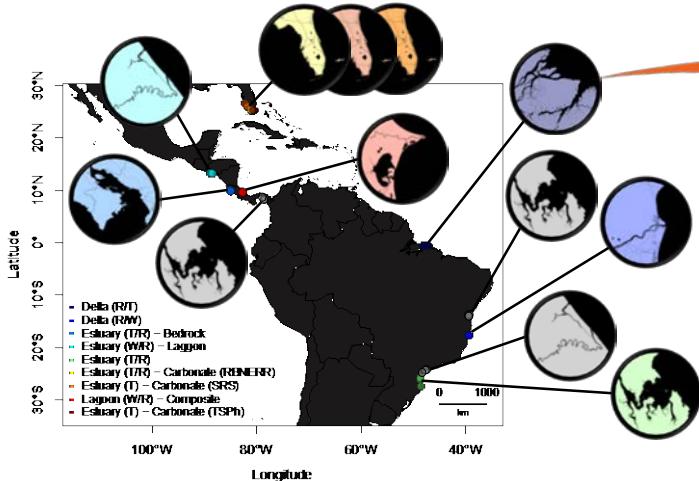


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**RIVER**

**NO RIVER**

Delta

Lagoon - Estuary

Karstic



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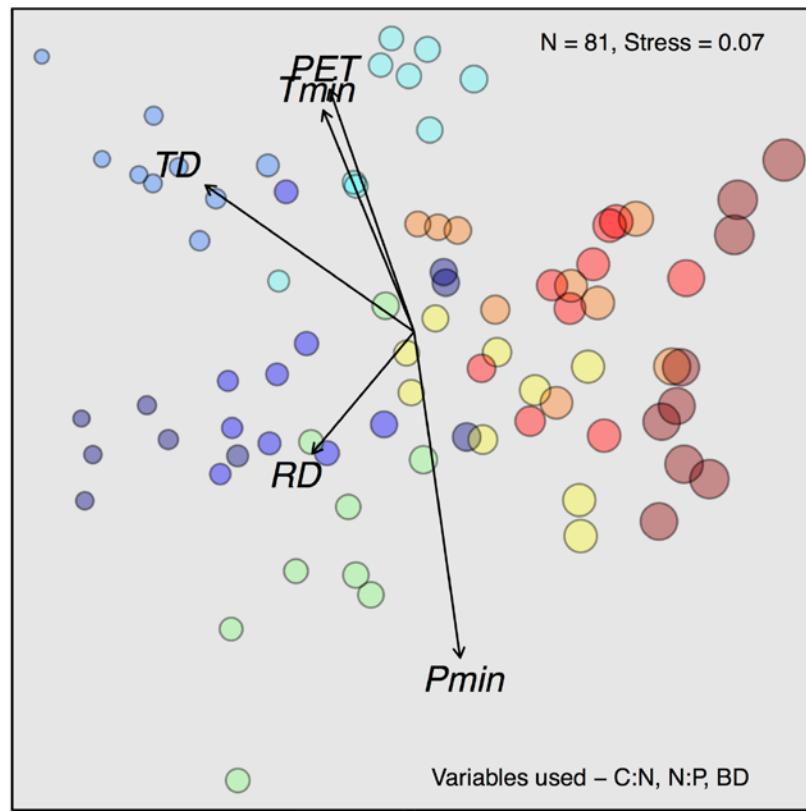


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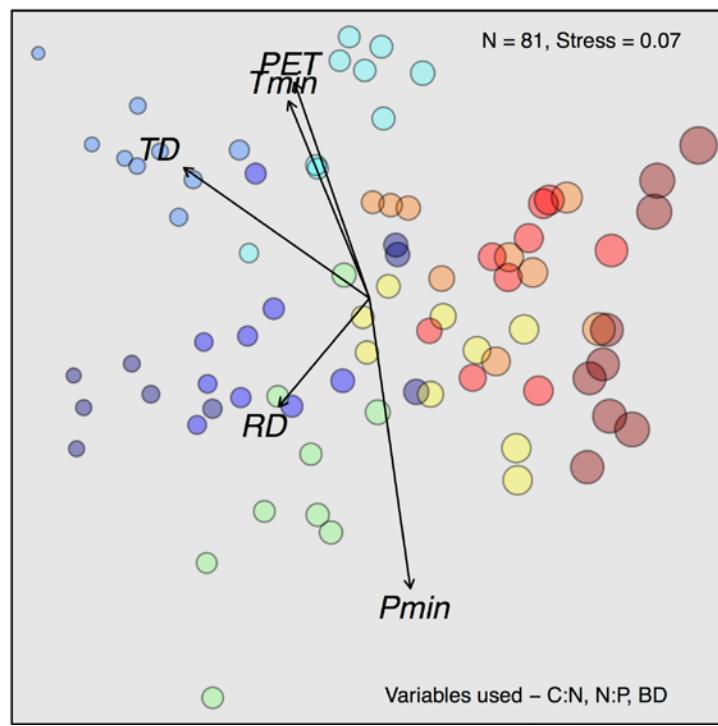


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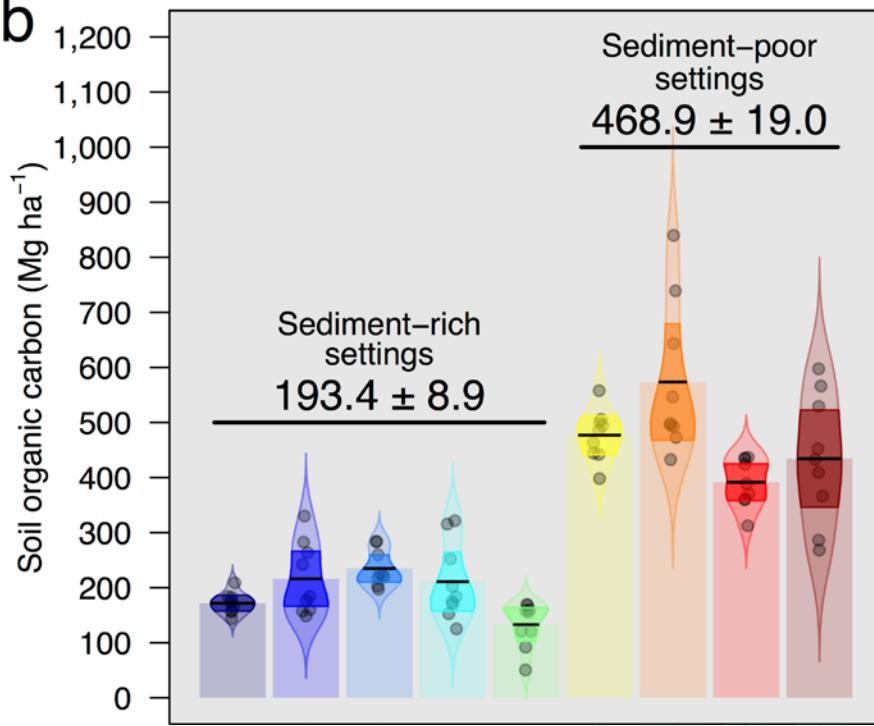


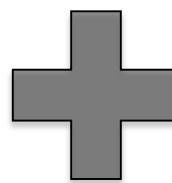
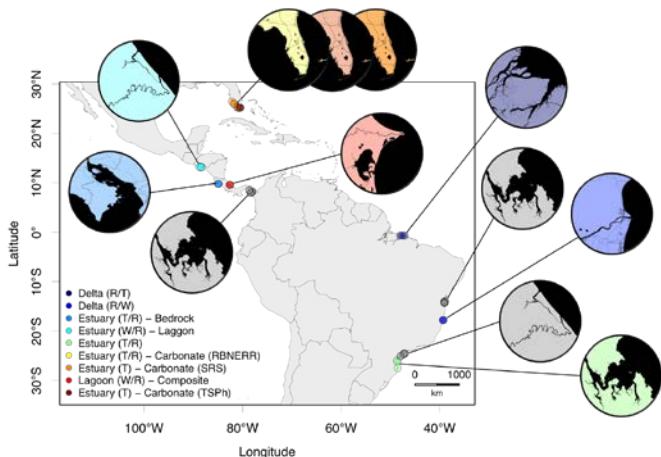
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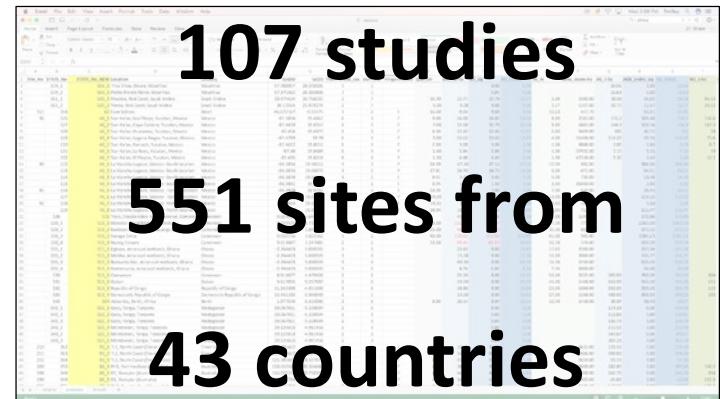
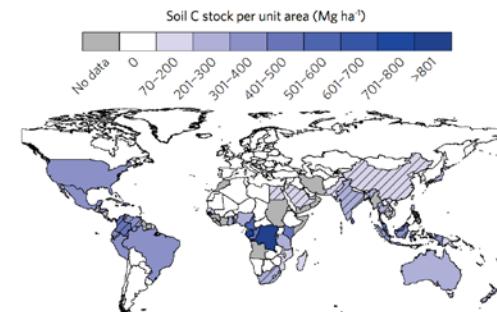
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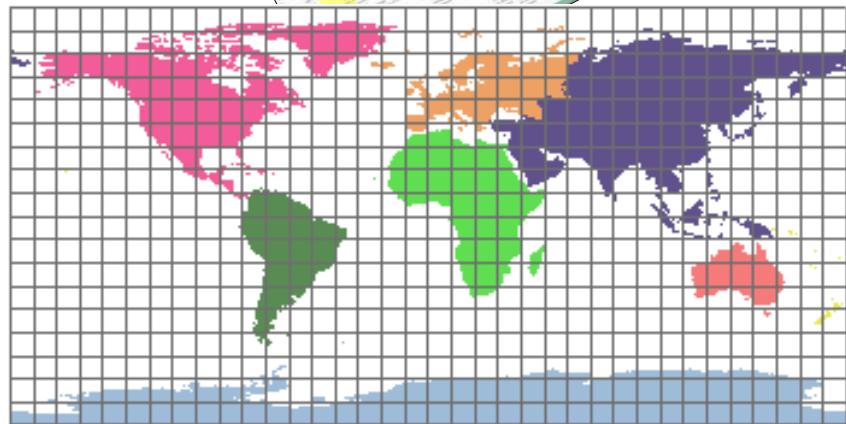


## Global patterns in mangrove soil carbon stocks and losses

Atwood et al. (2017)



107 studies  
551 sites from  
43 countries



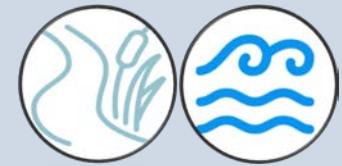
142 cells  
(0.25 degrees)



*Tide*  
*River*  
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## Environmental signature

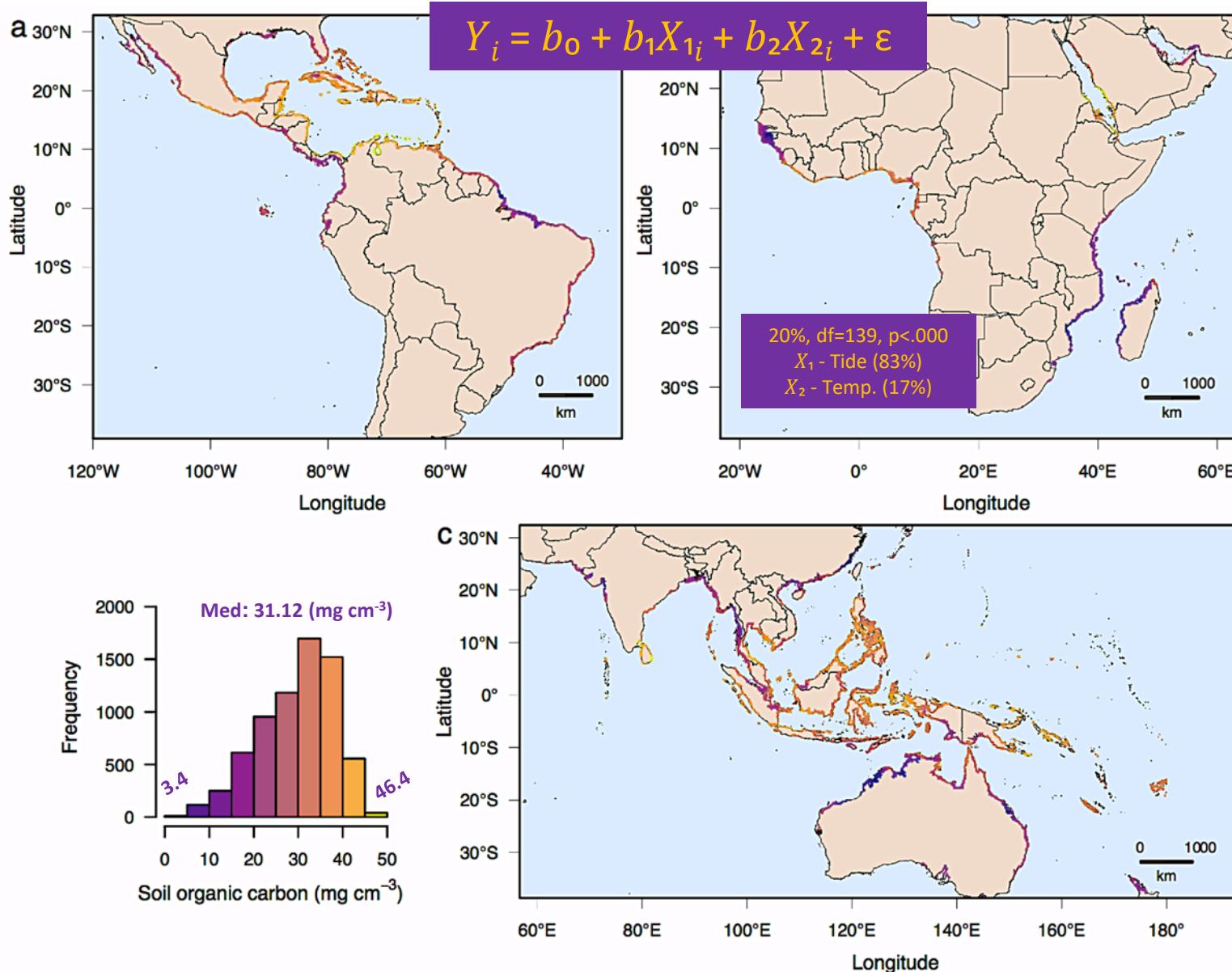
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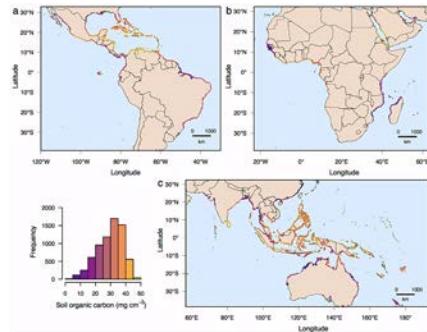
### Climatic drivers



From Carrère et al. (2012), Fekete et al (2002), Hijmans et al. (2005), Mu et al. (2011)



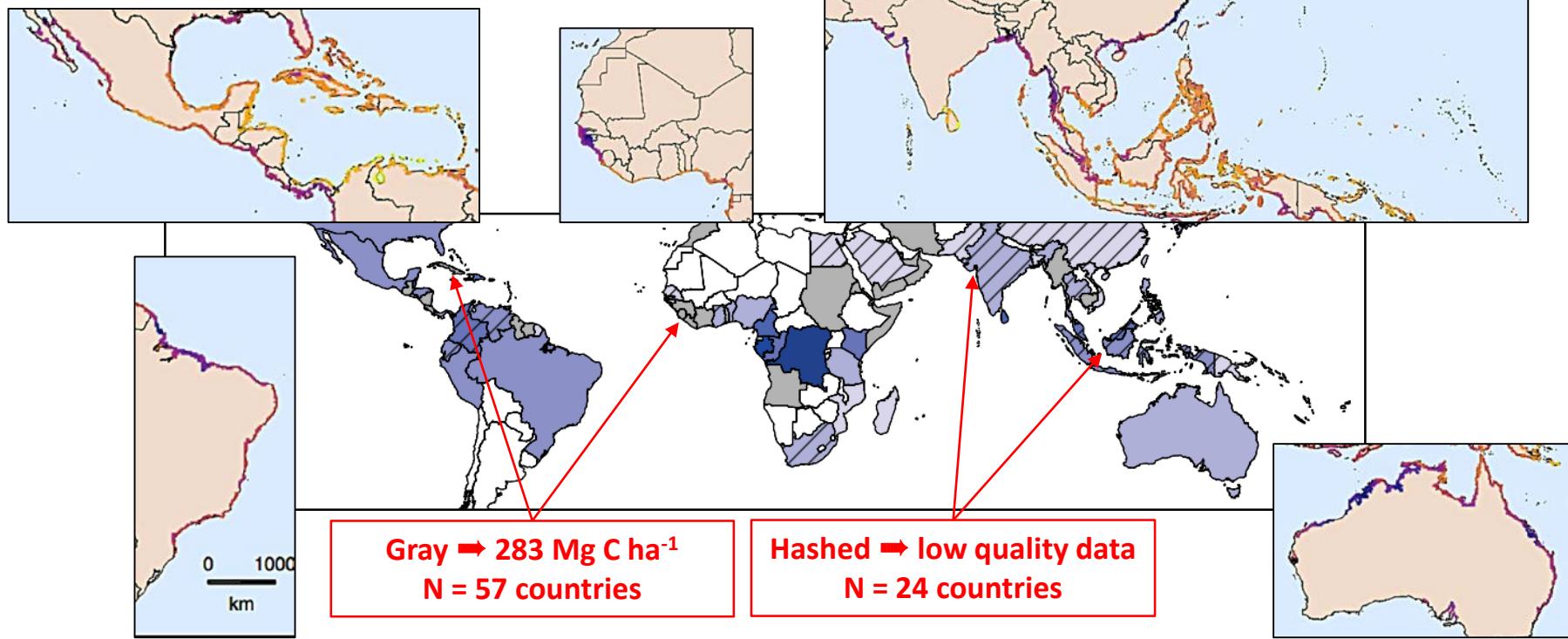
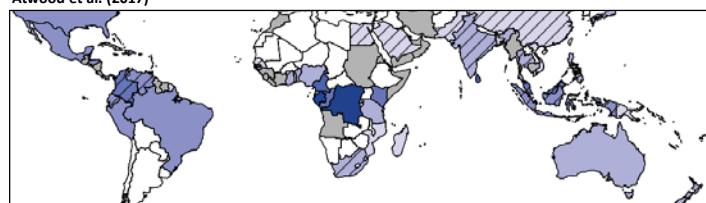
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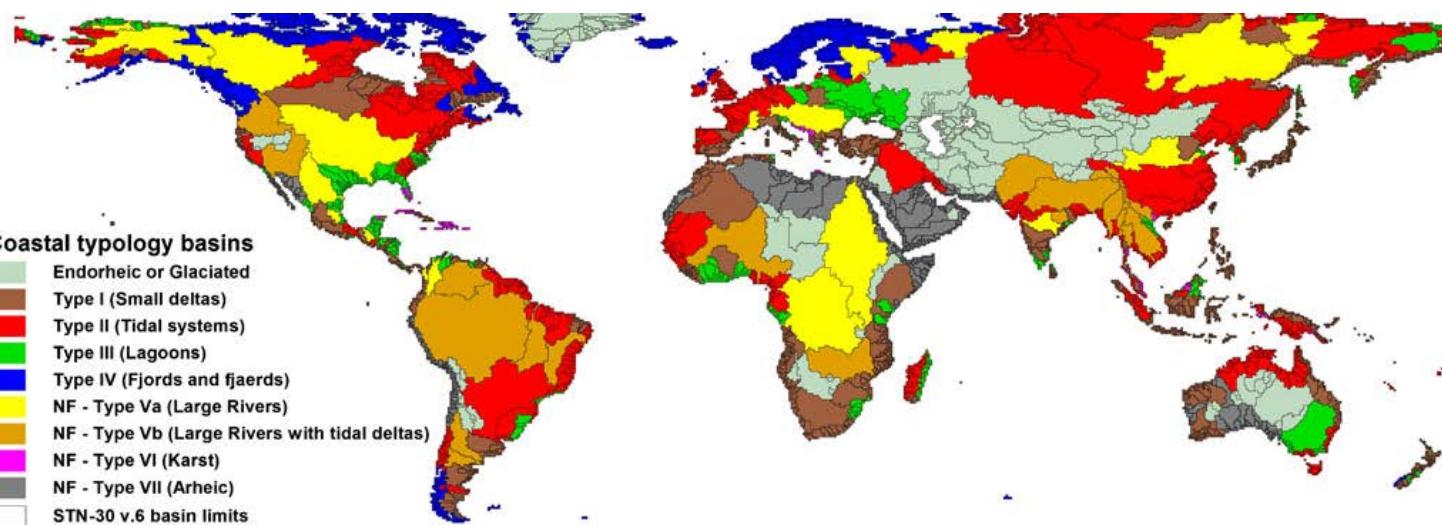
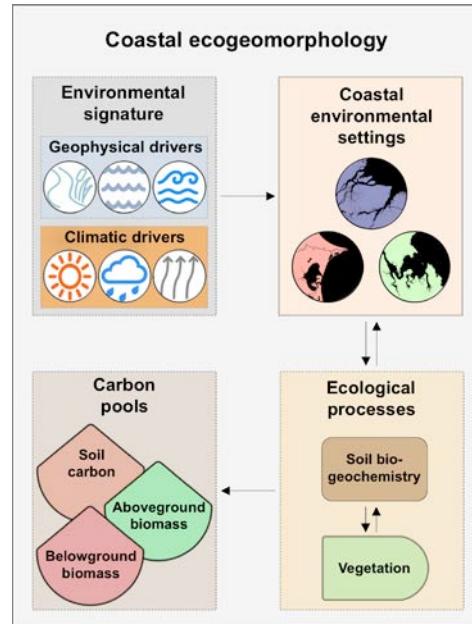
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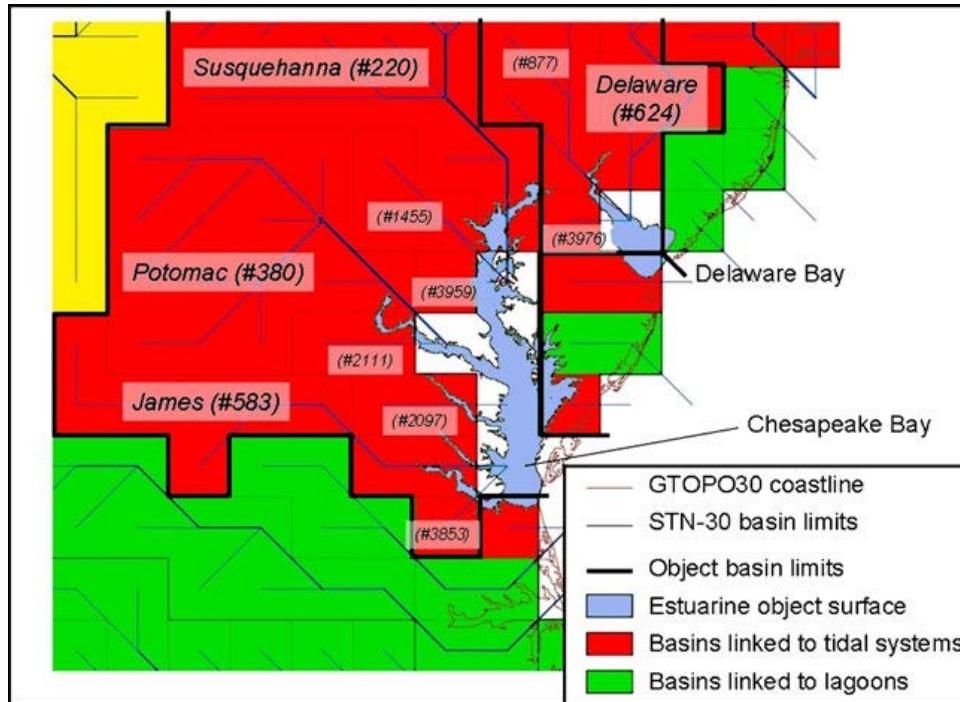
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### I. Large rivers



### IV. Lagoons



### II. Small deltas



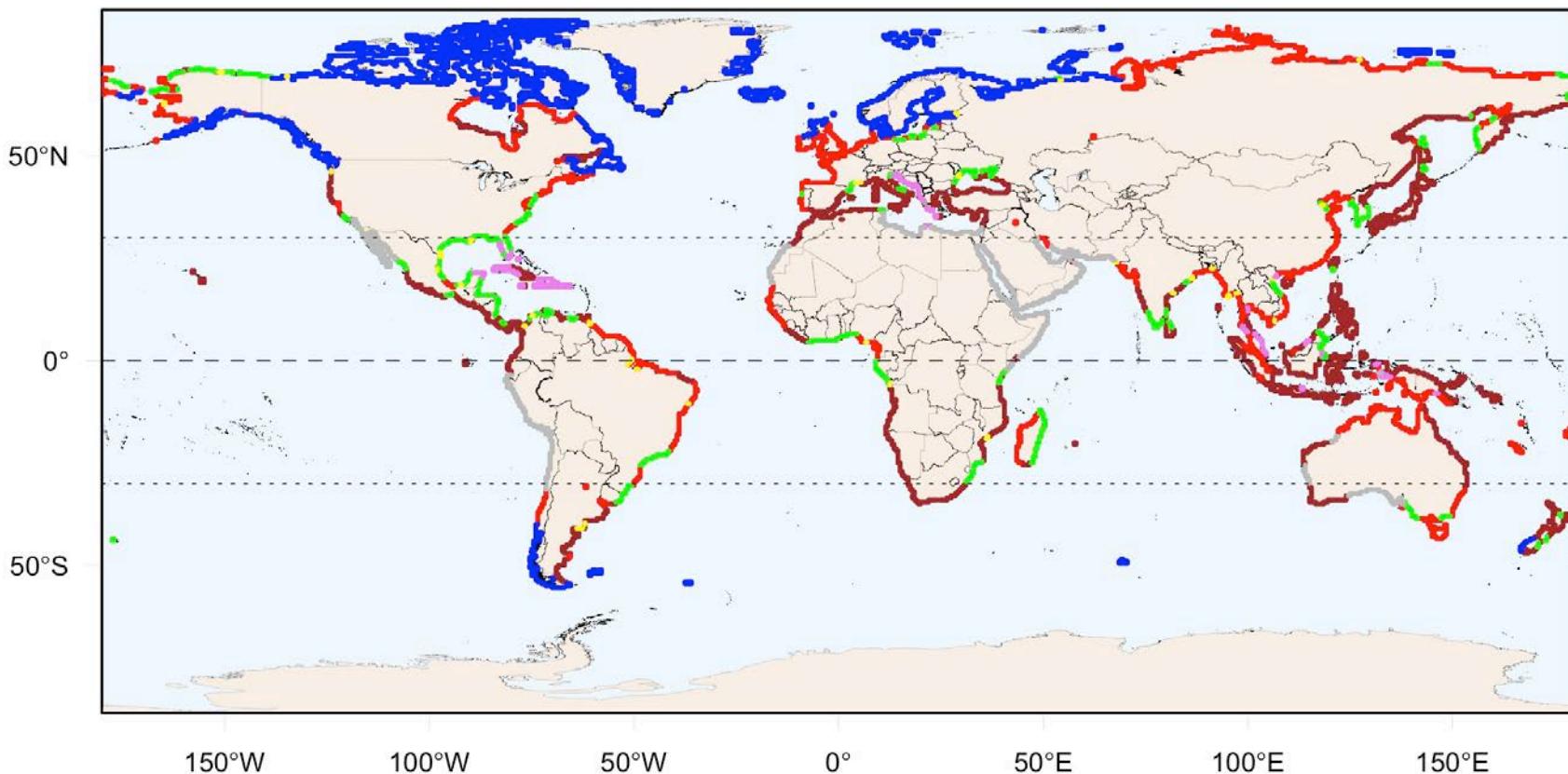
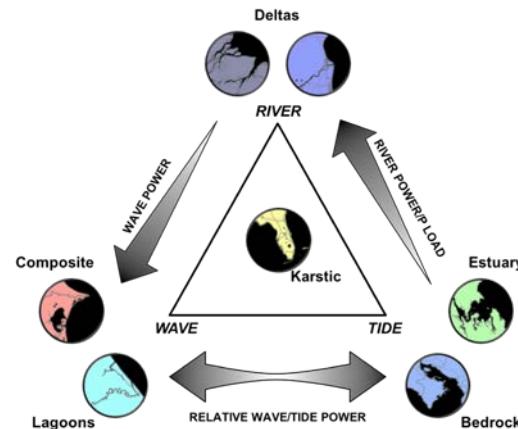
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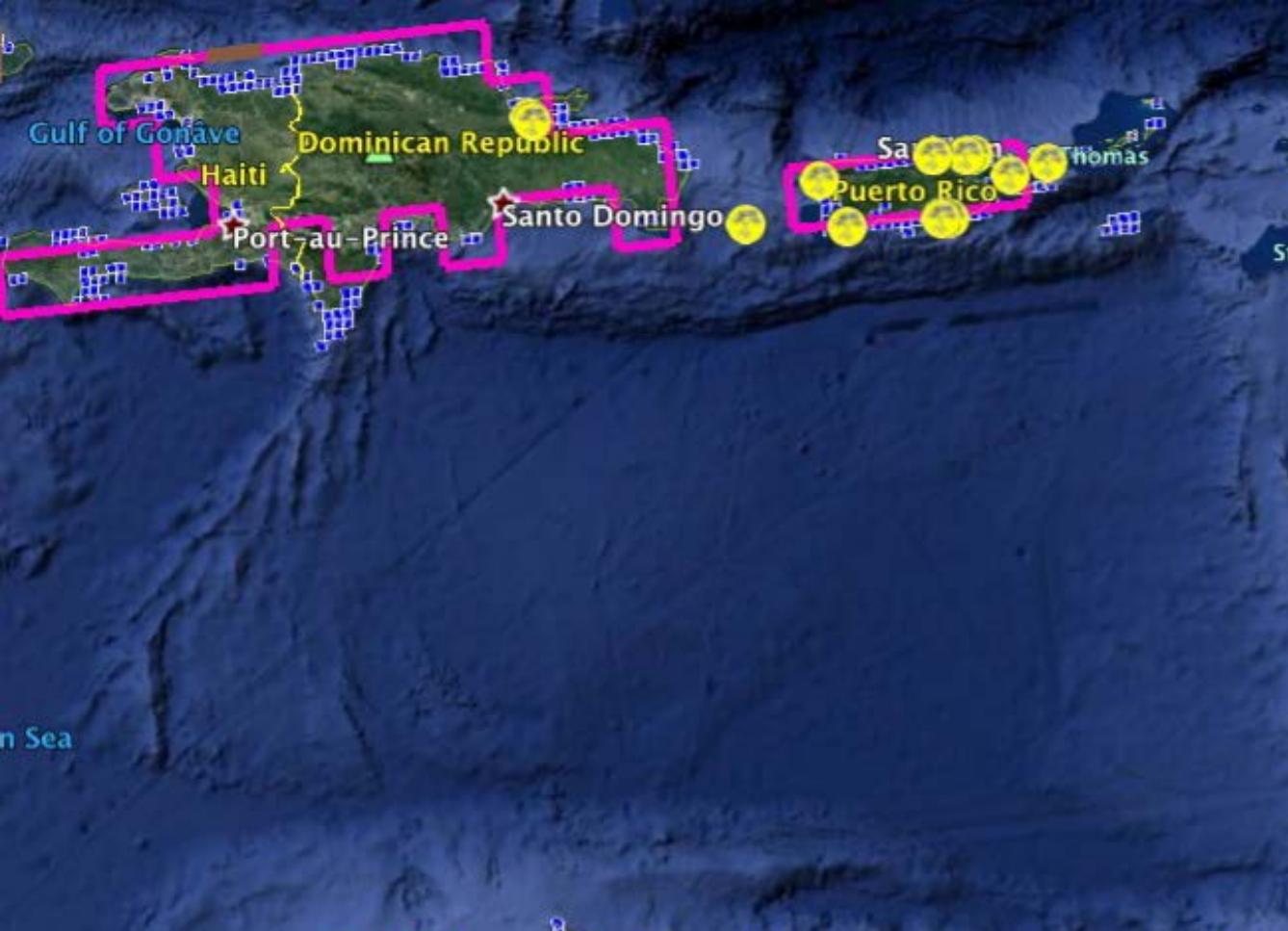


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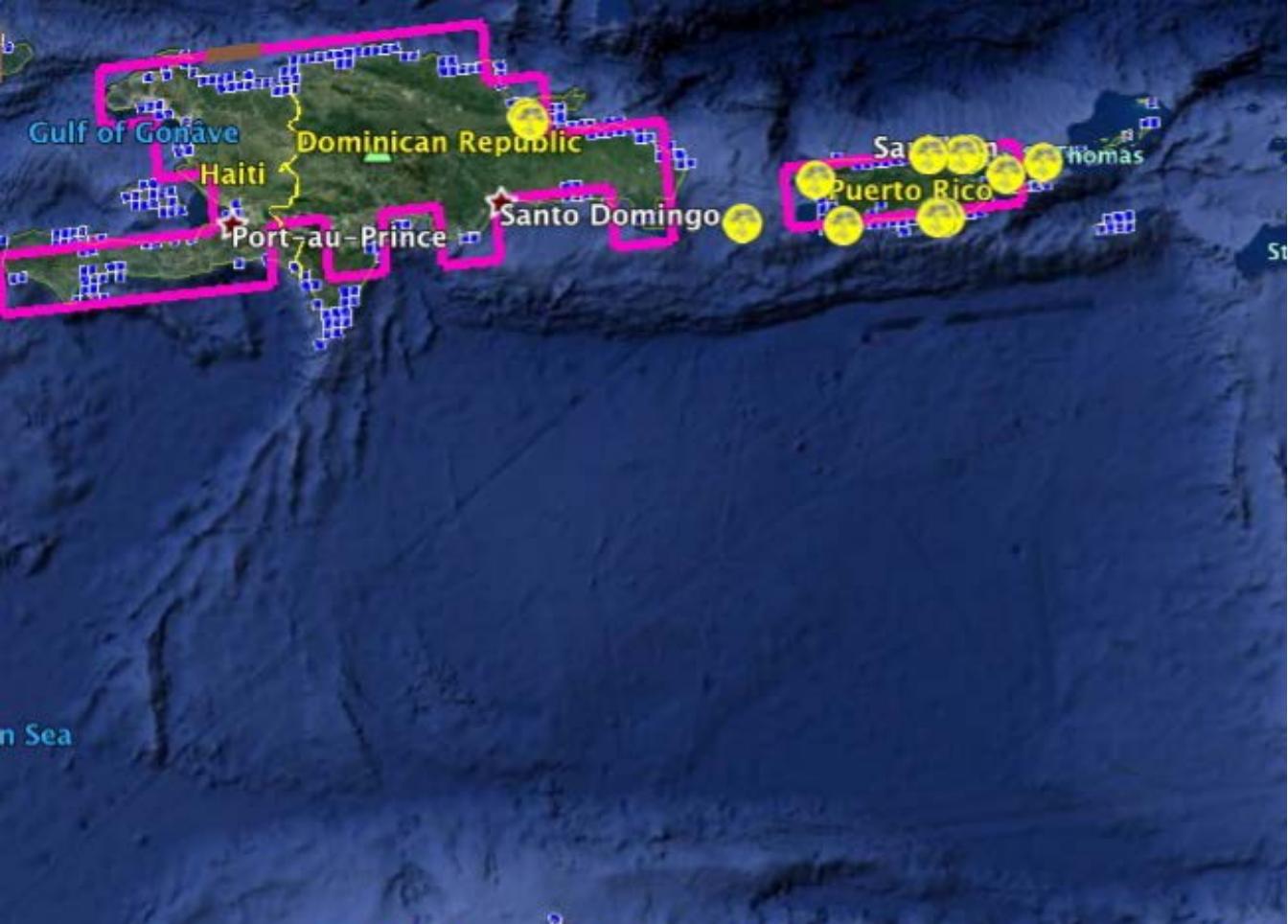


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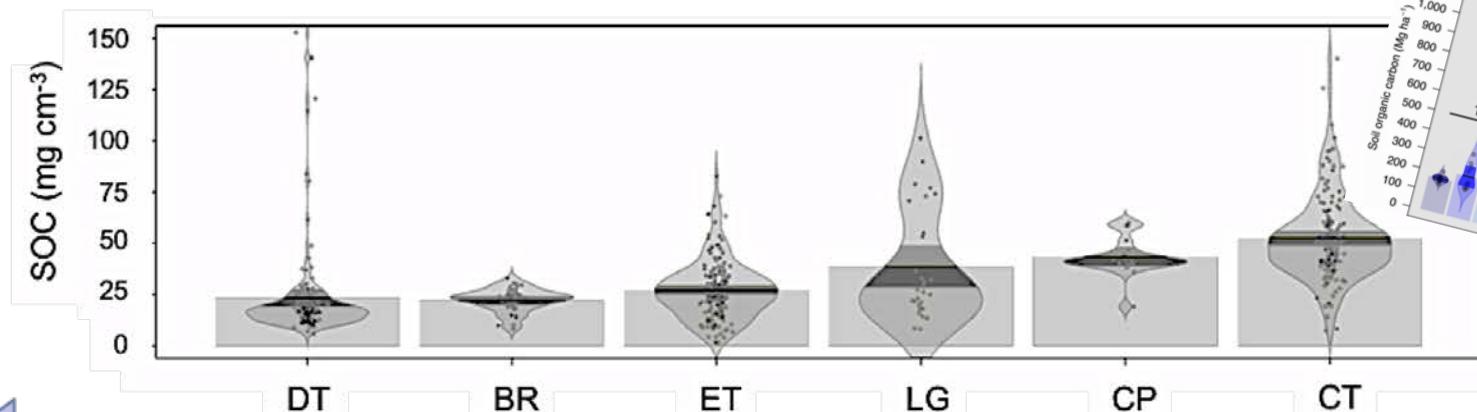




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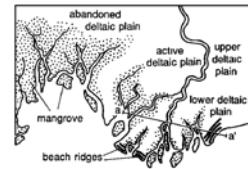
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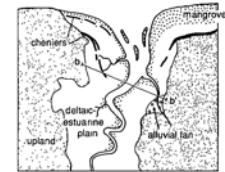
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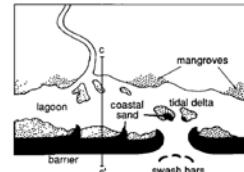
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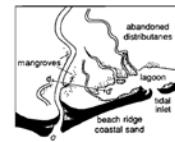
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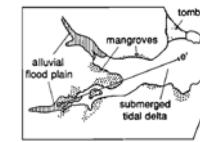
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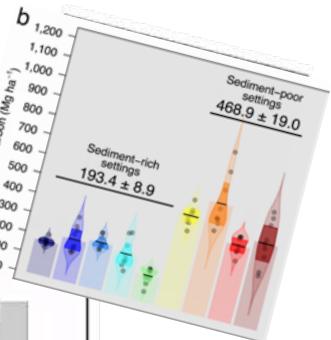
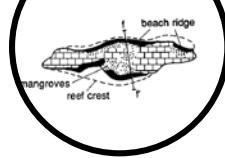
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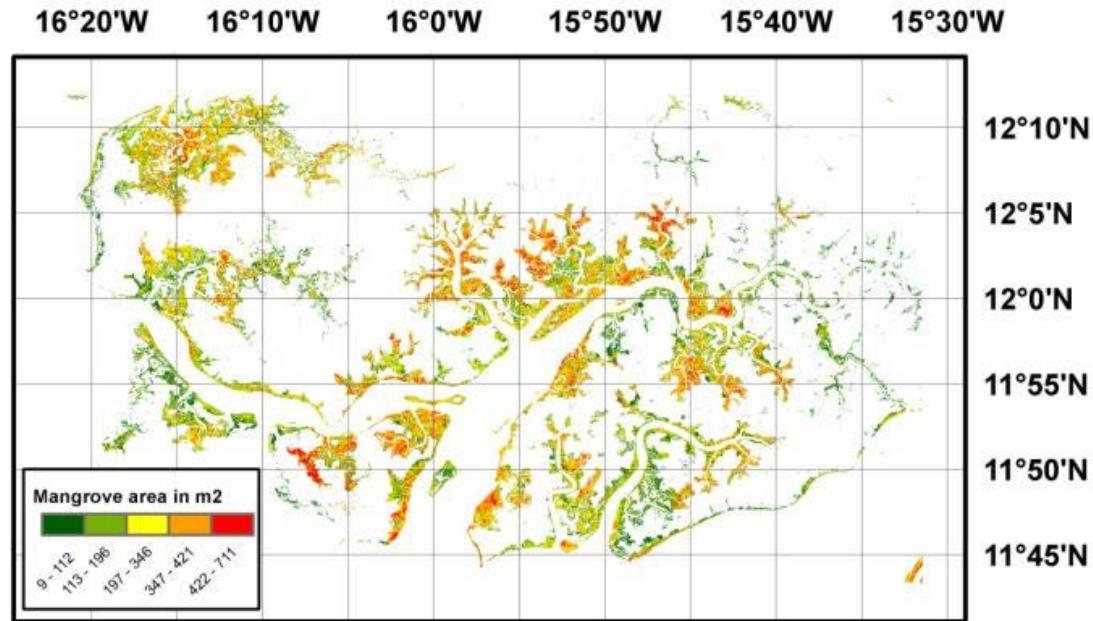
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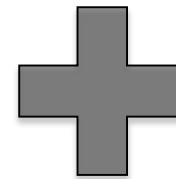
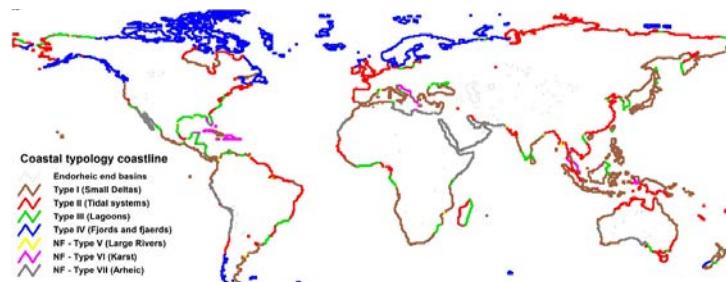
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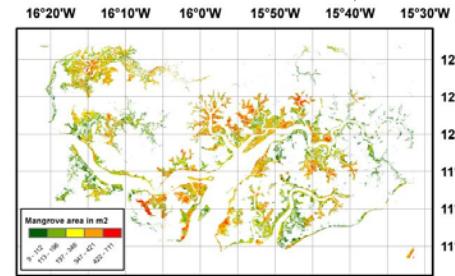
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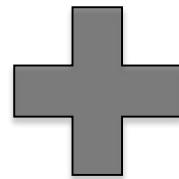
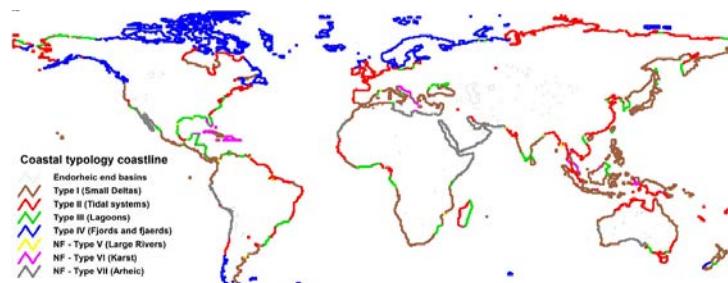
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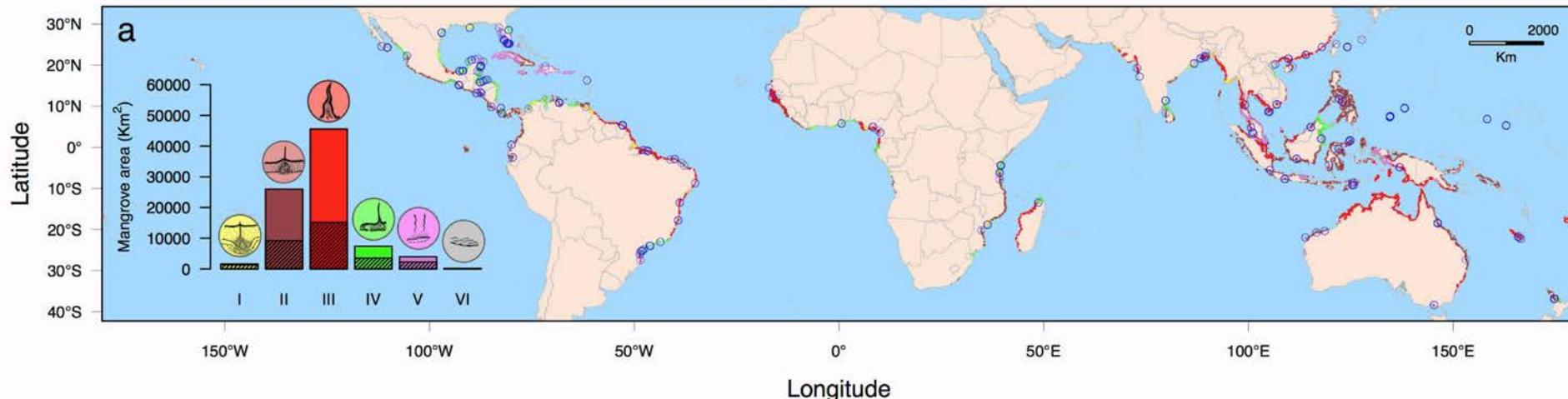
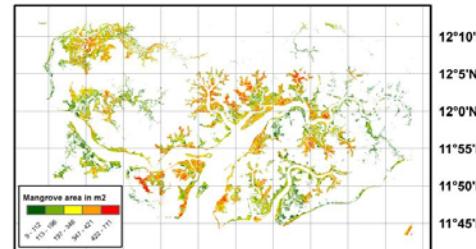
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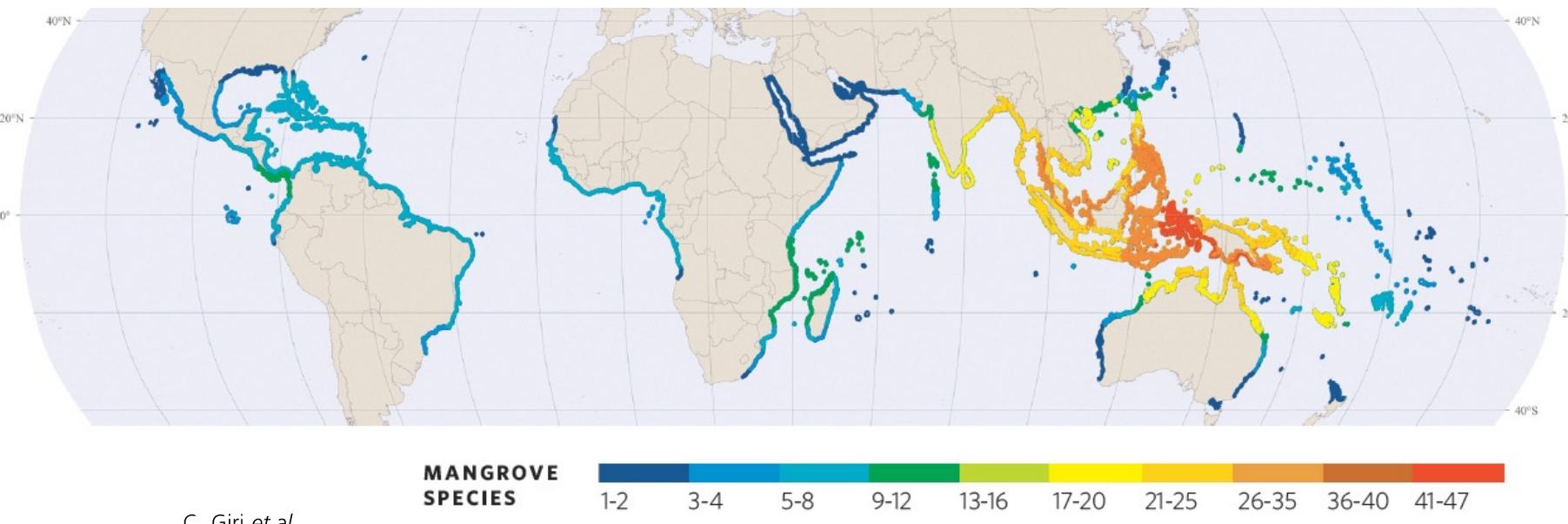
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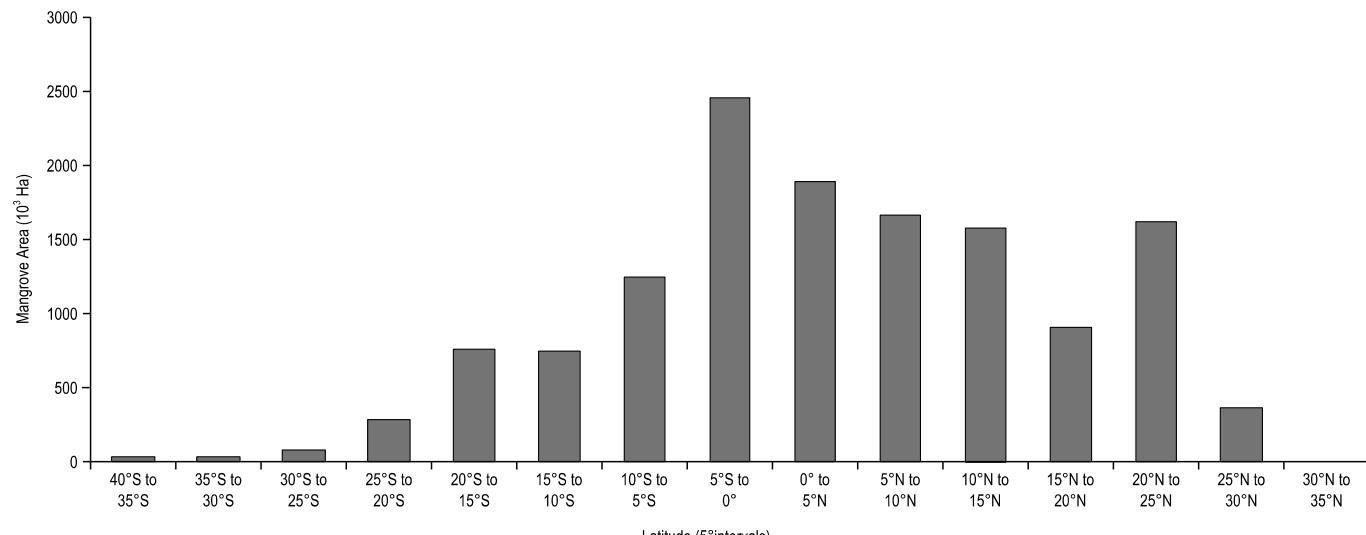
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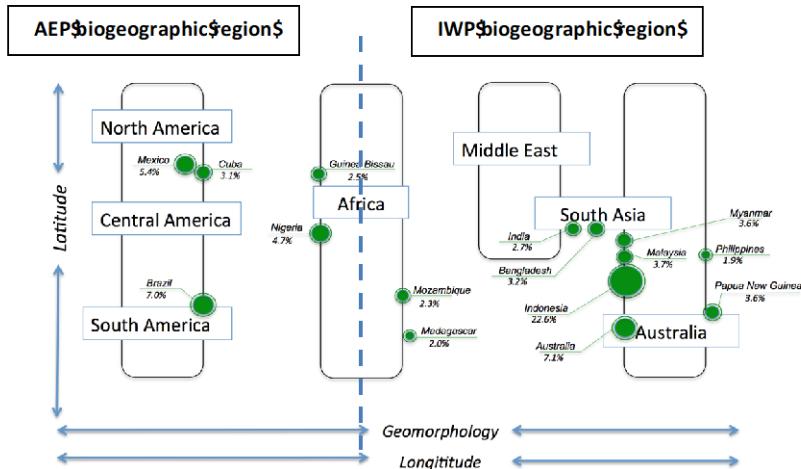
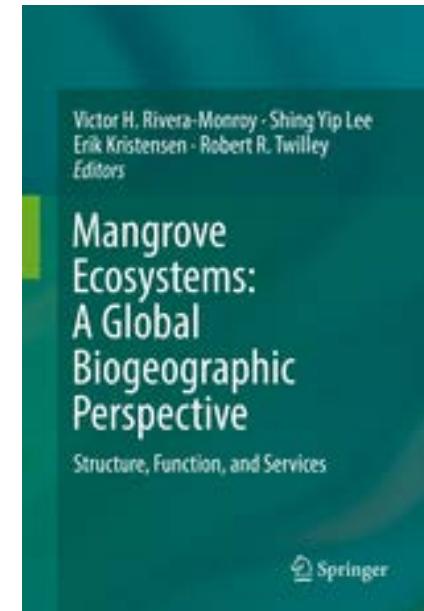


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ET2



ET1

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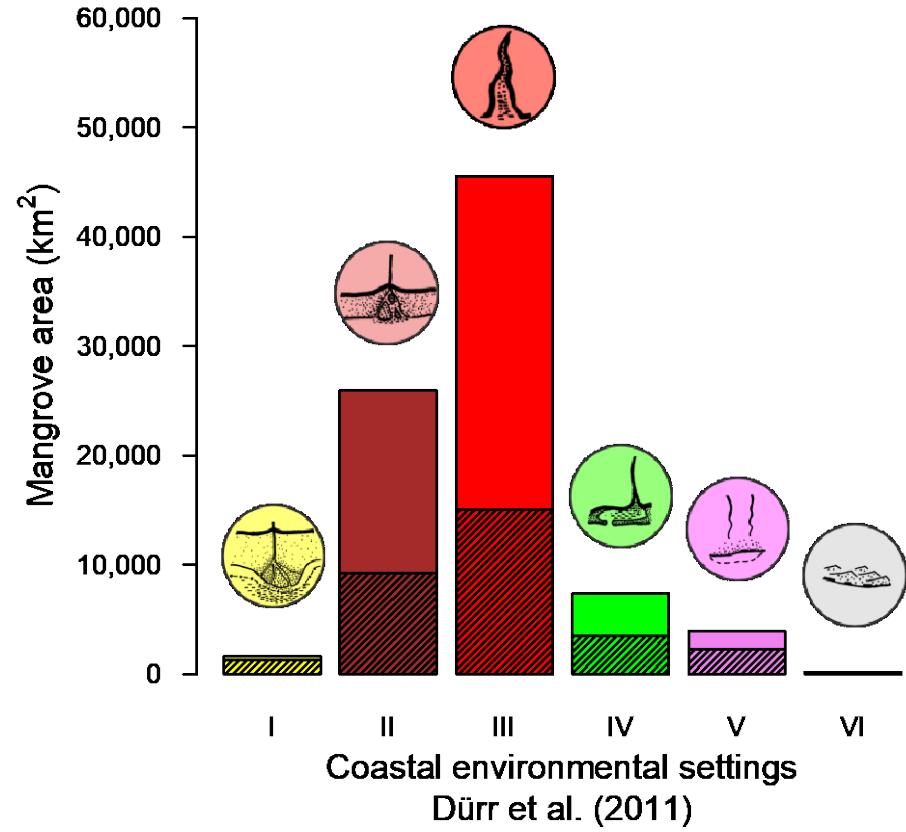
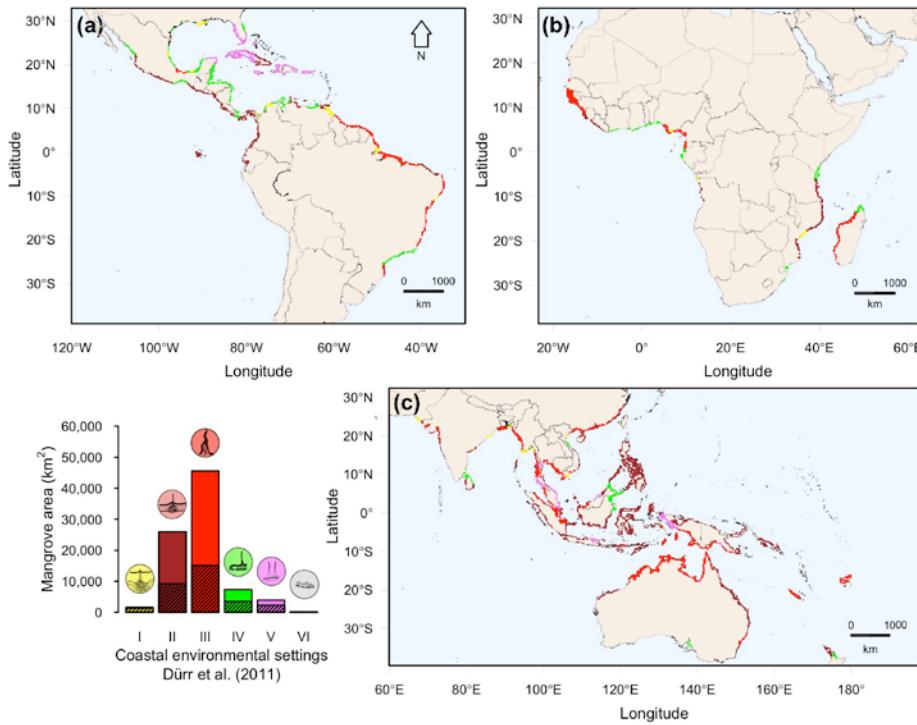
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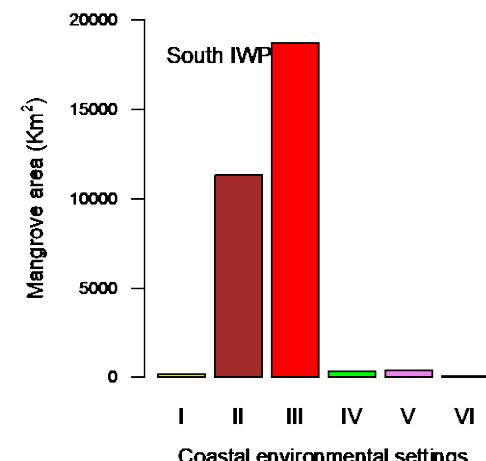
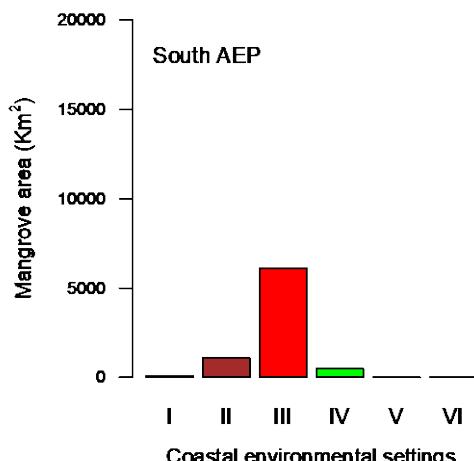
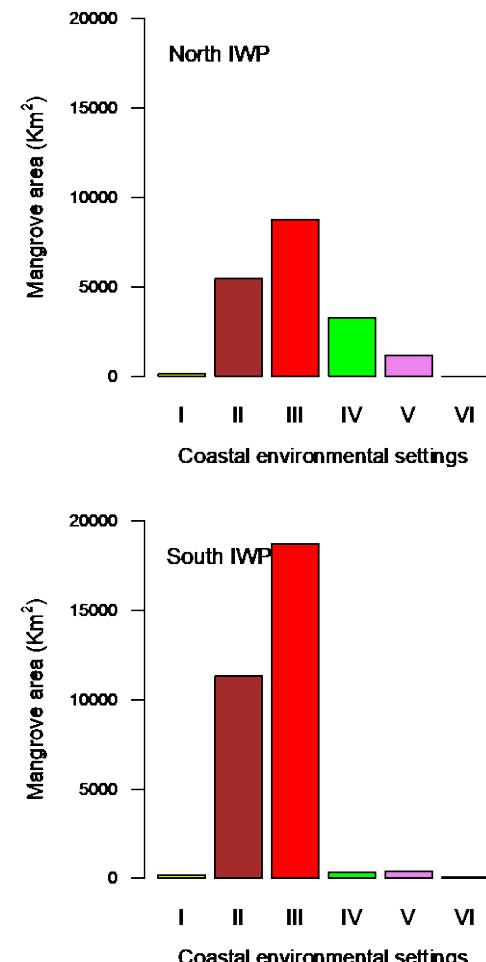
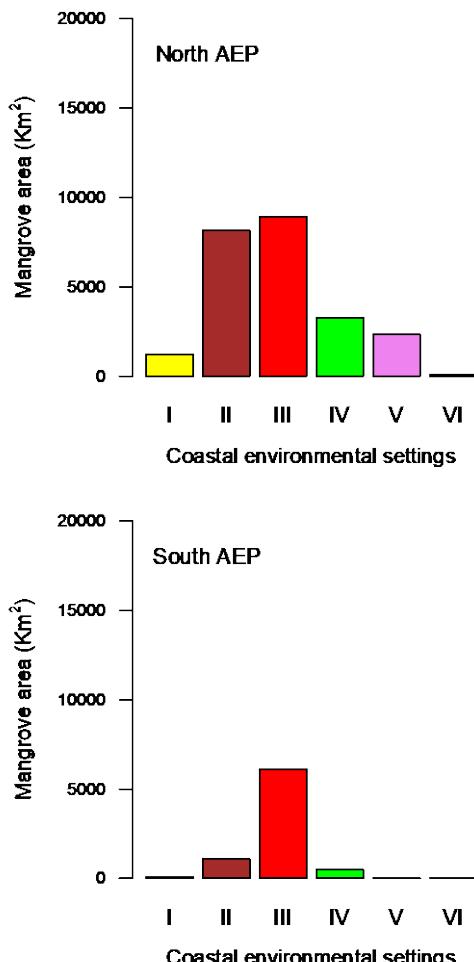
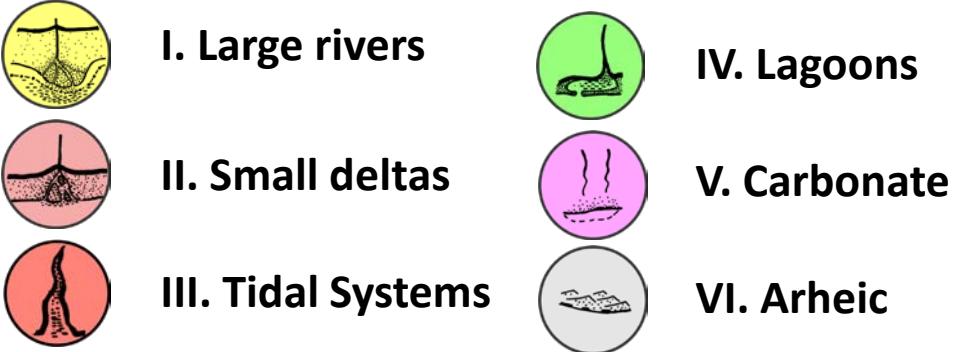
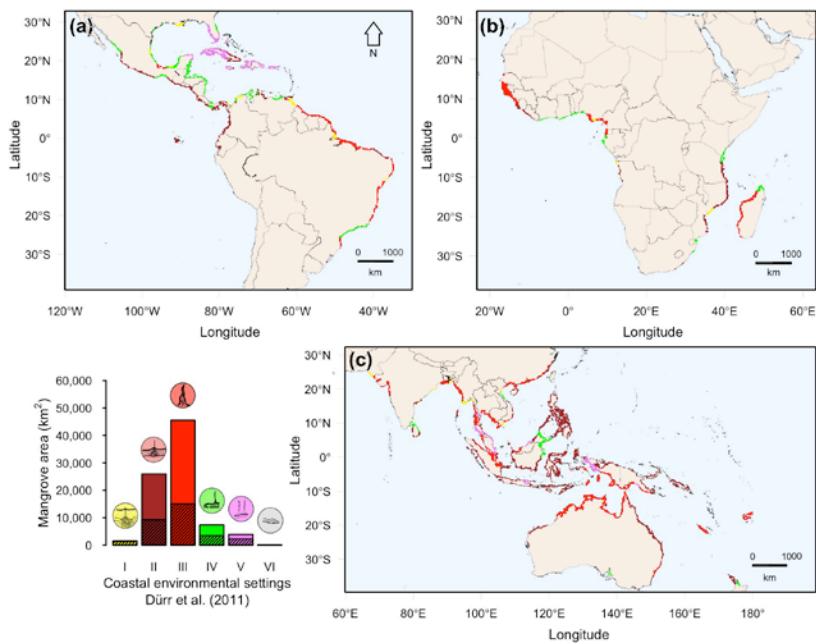
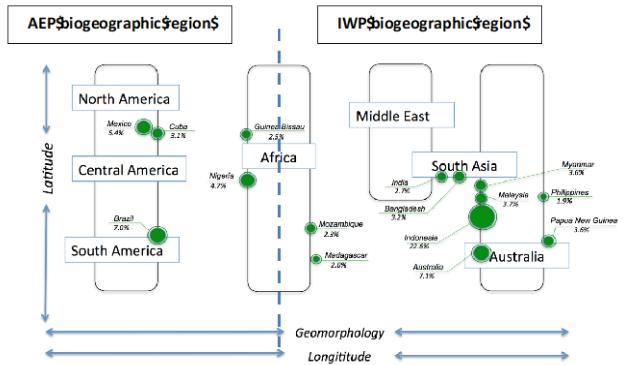
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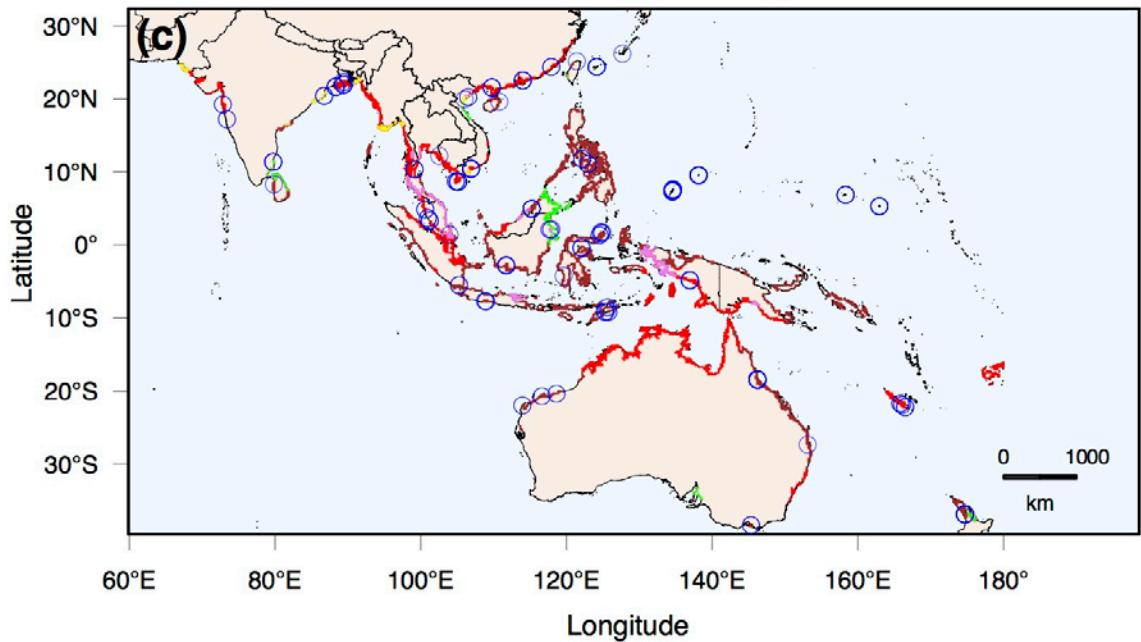
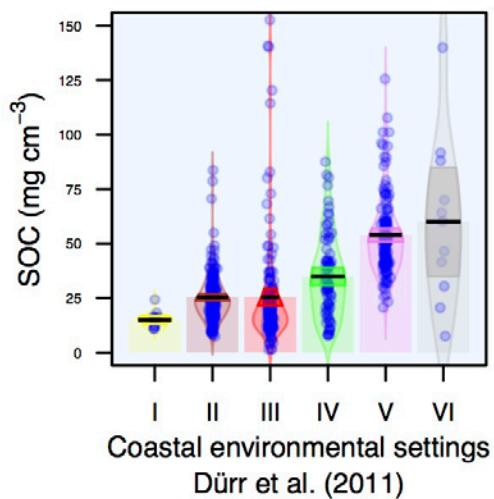
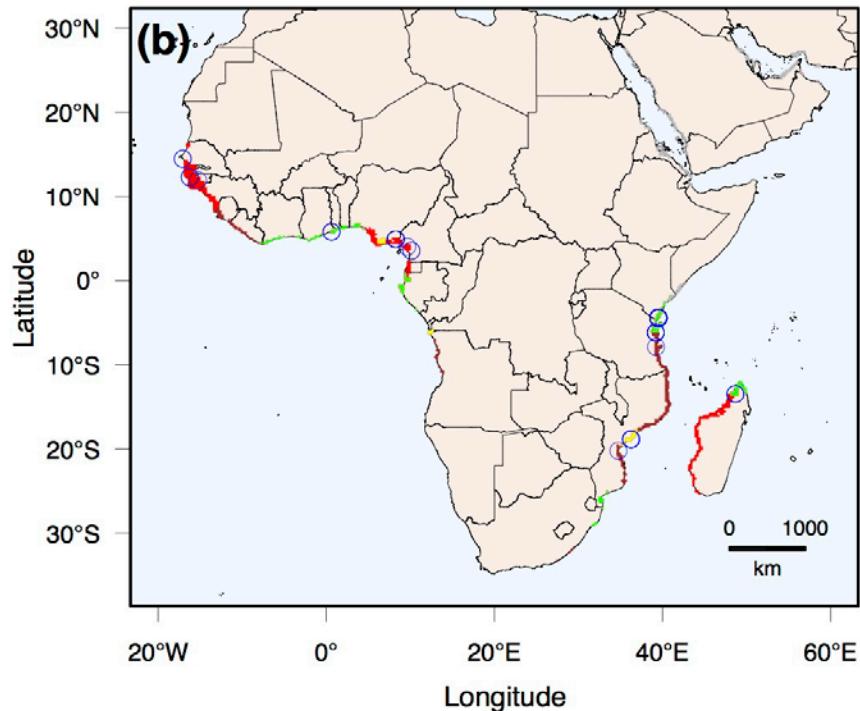
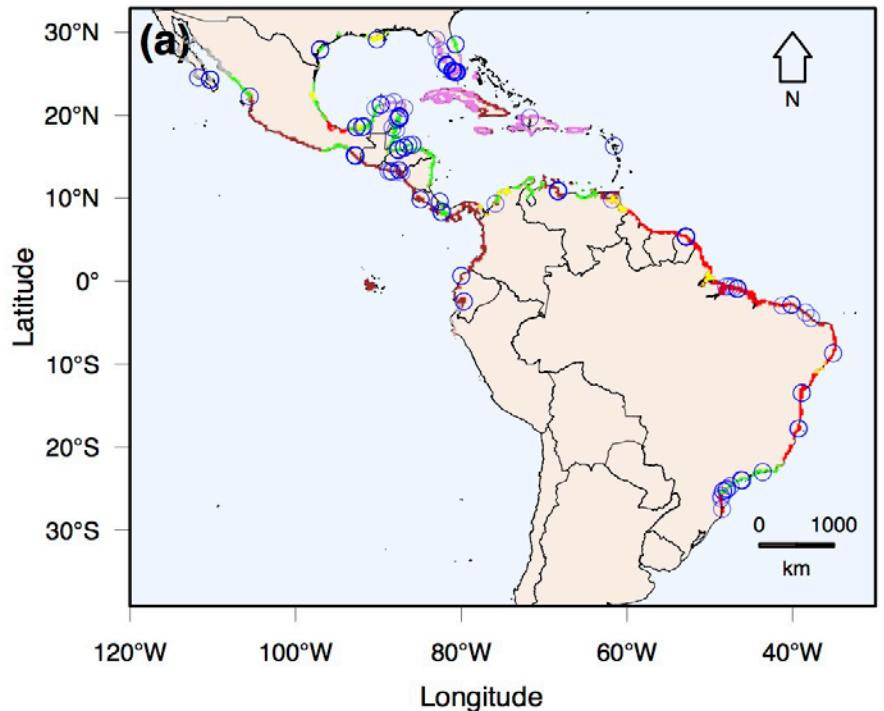


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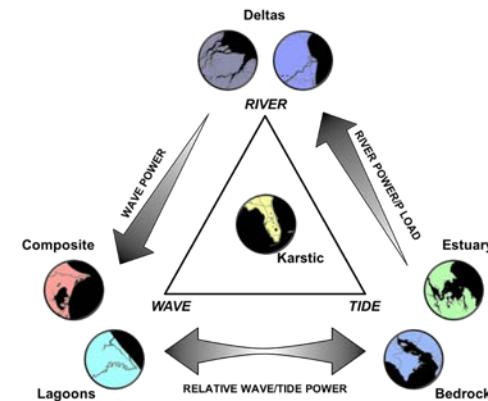
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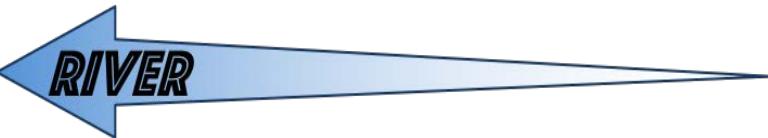
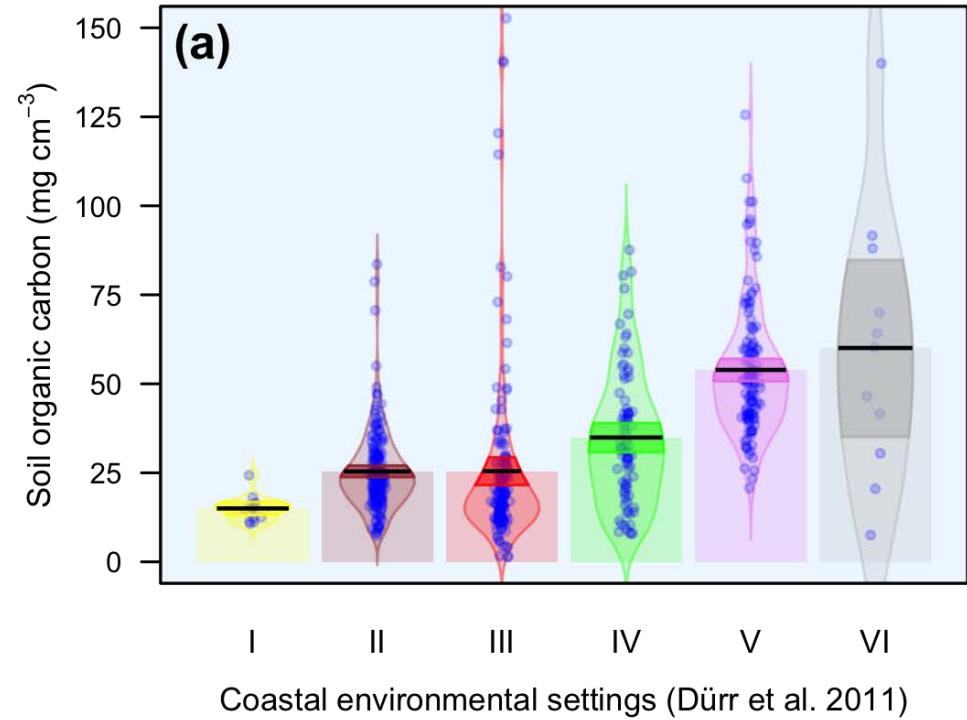
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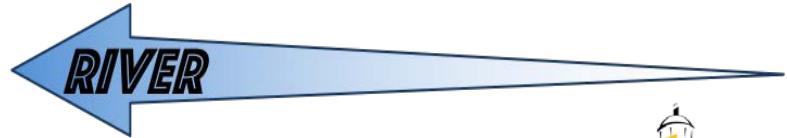
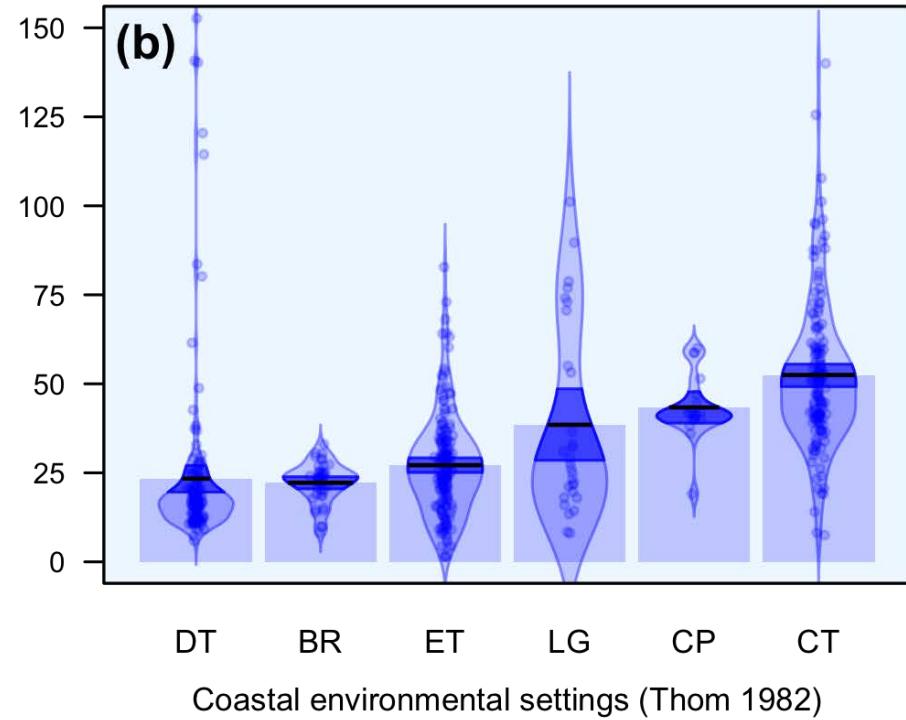
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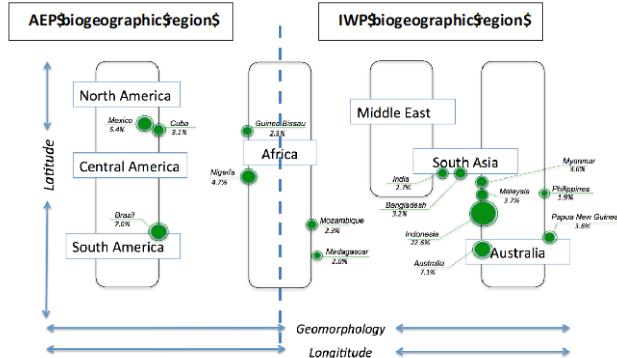


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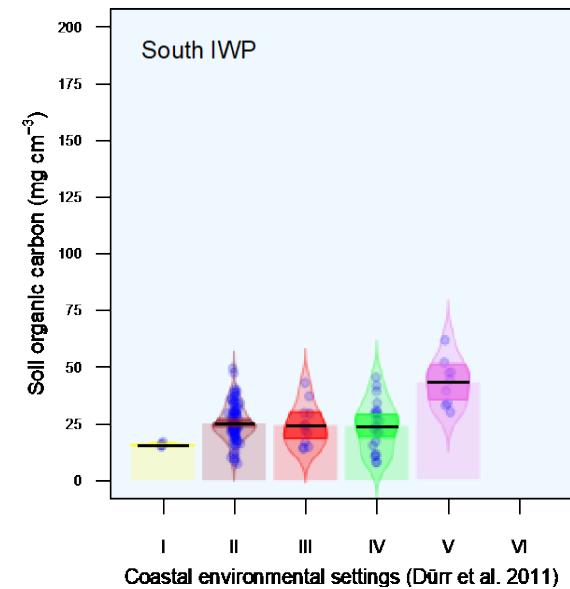
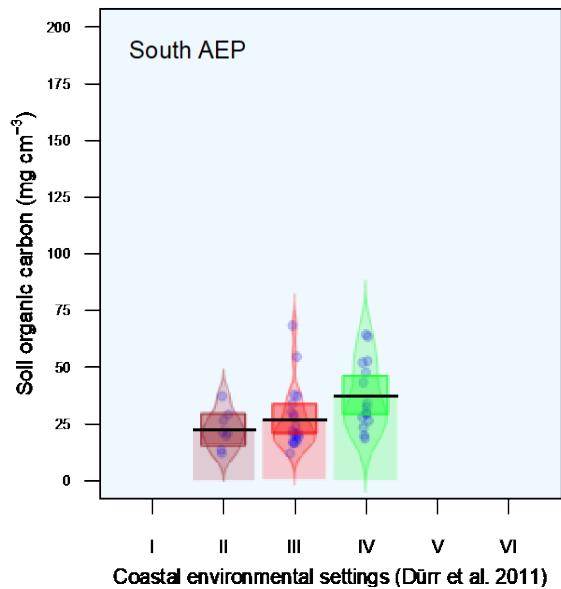
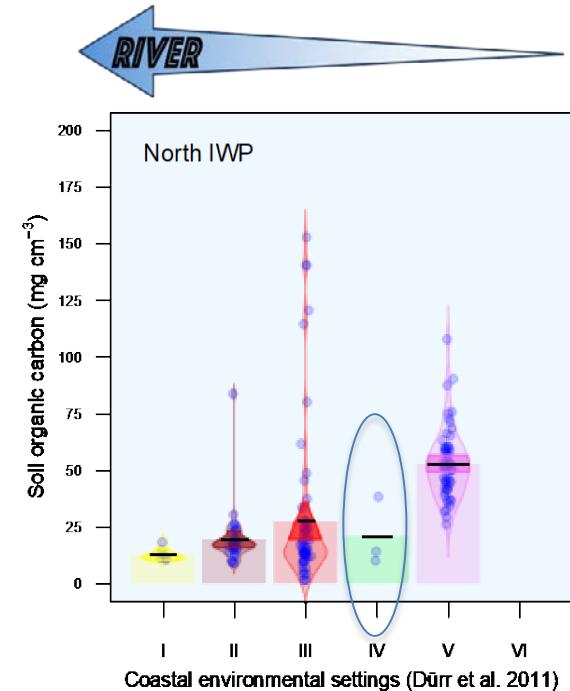
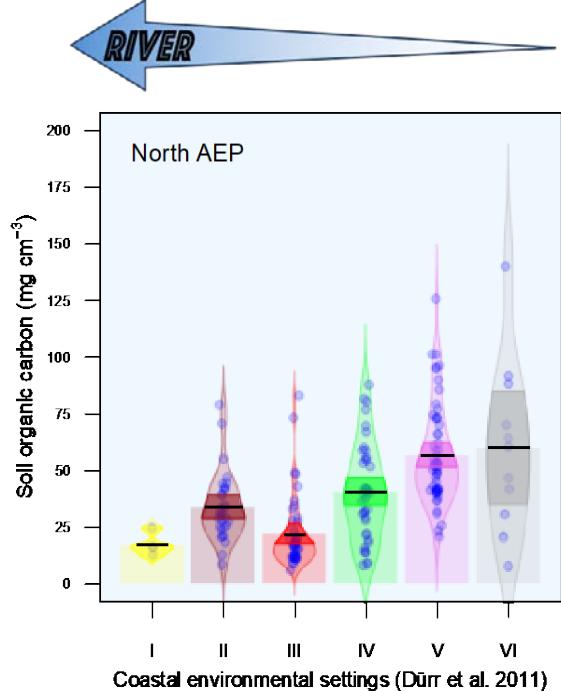
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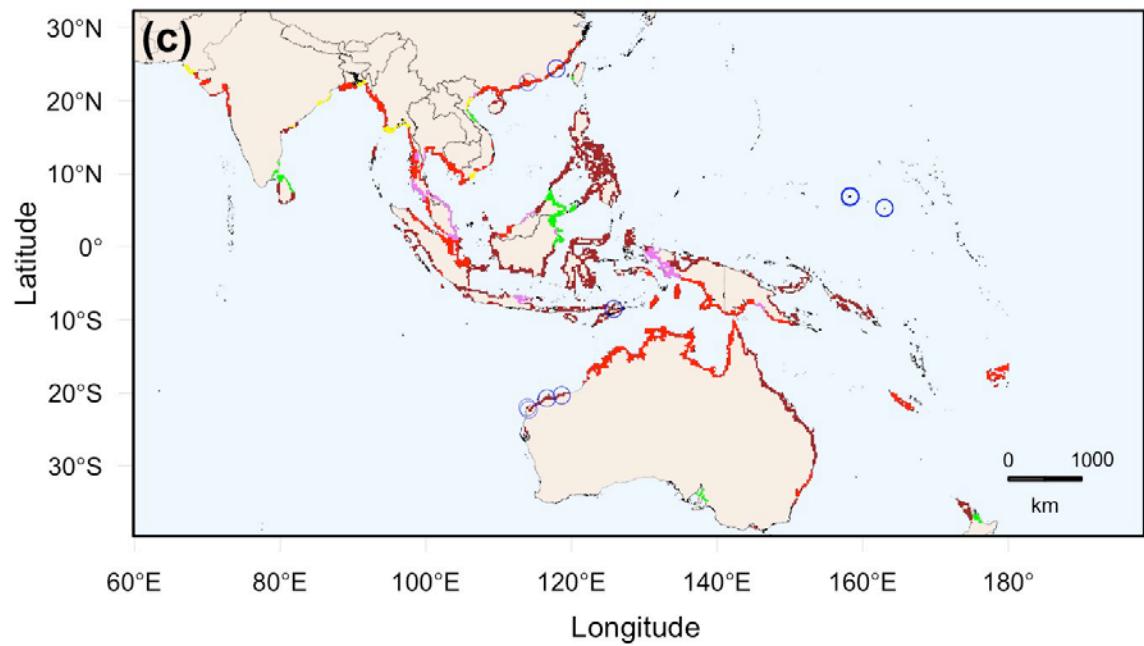
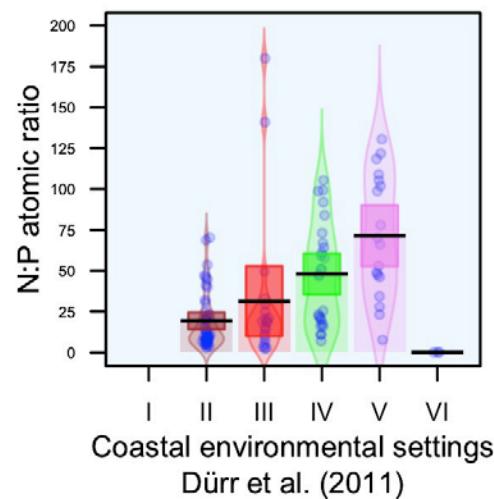
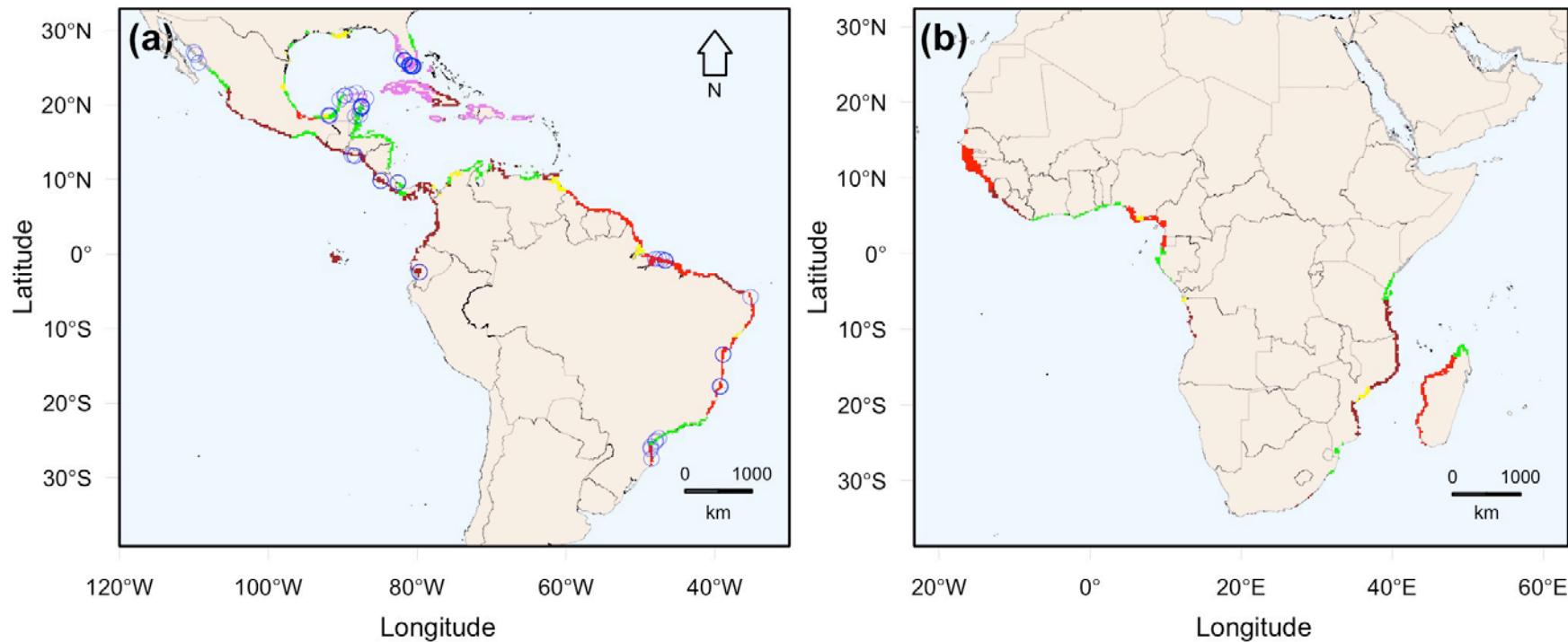


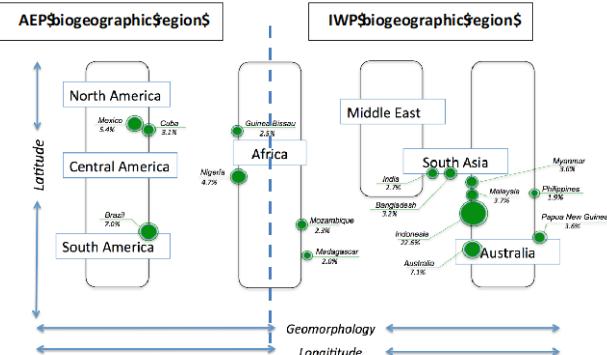
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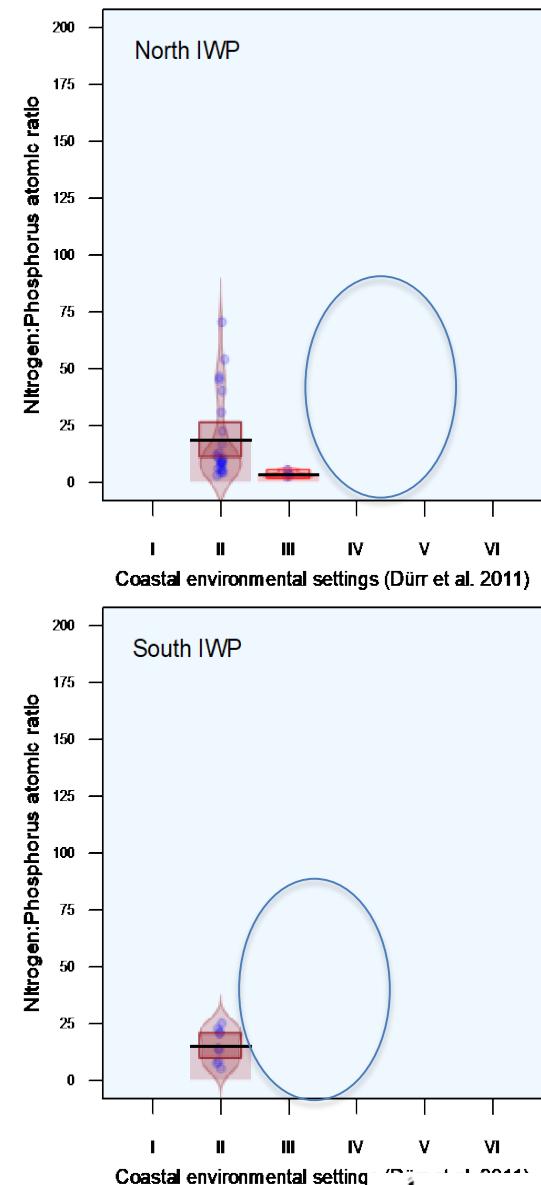
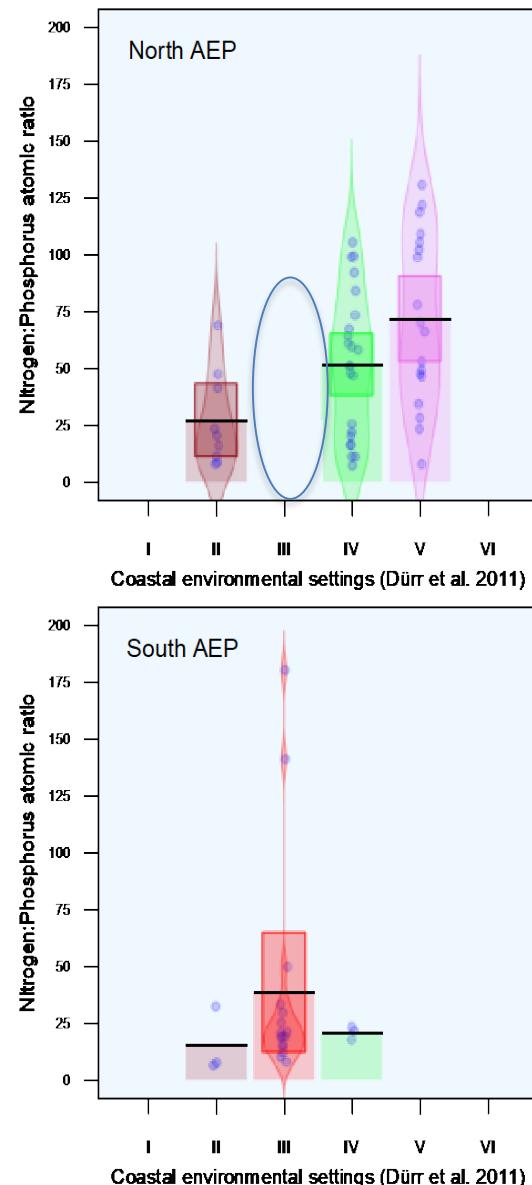
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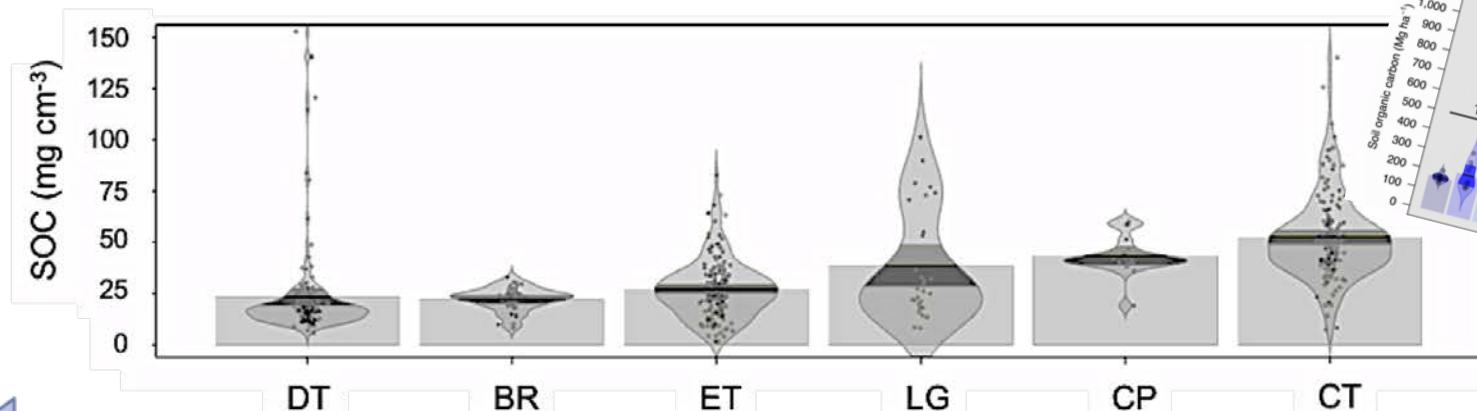
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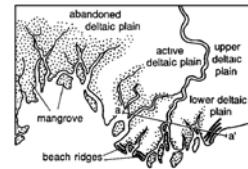
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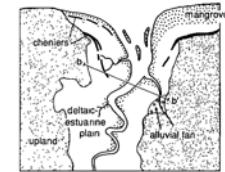
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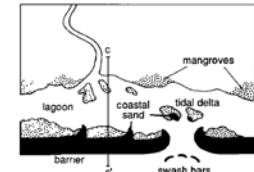
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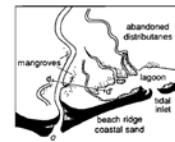
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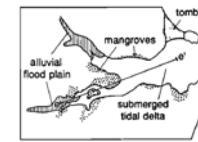
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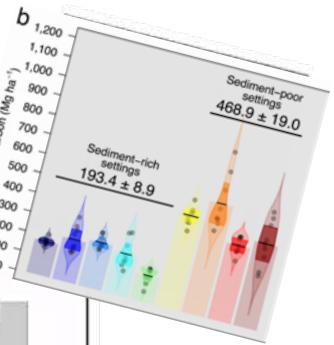
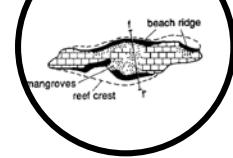
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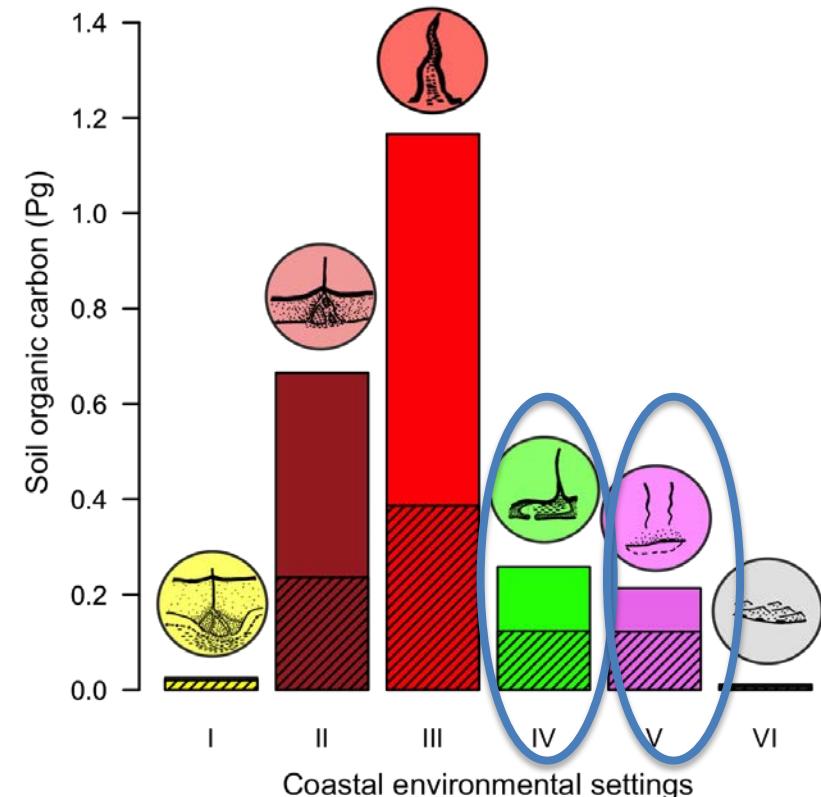
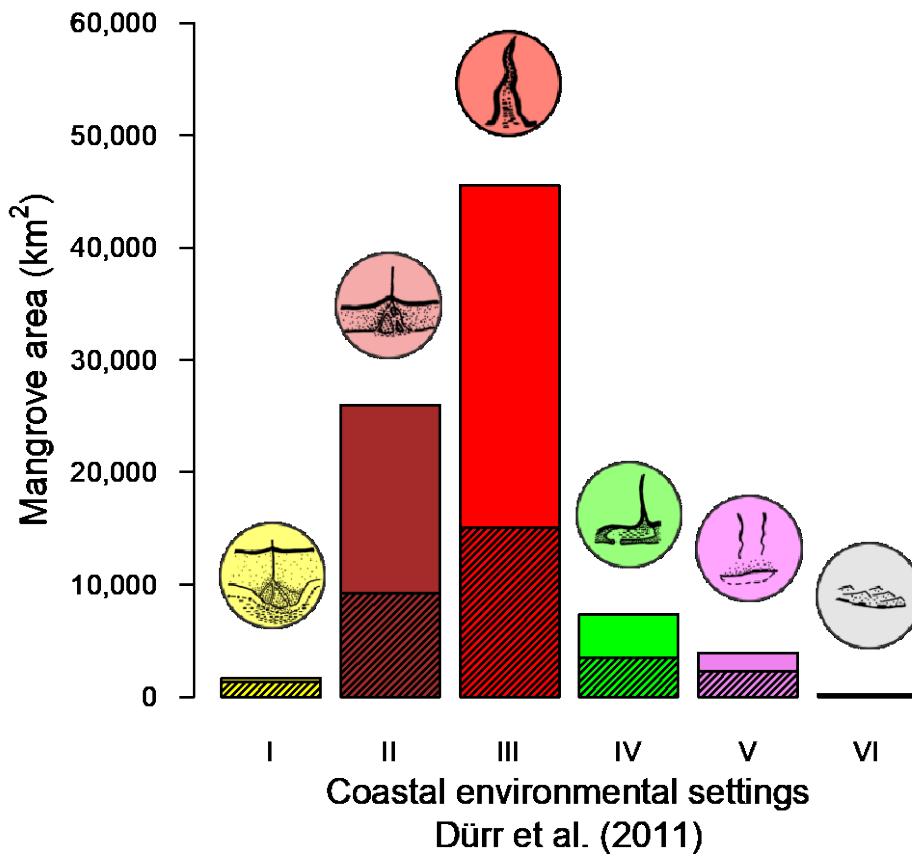
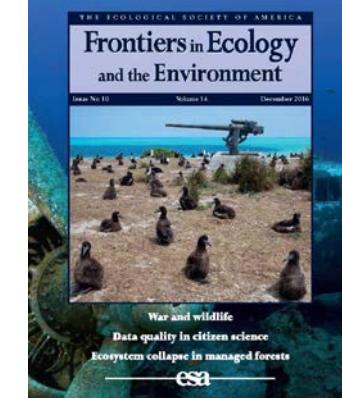
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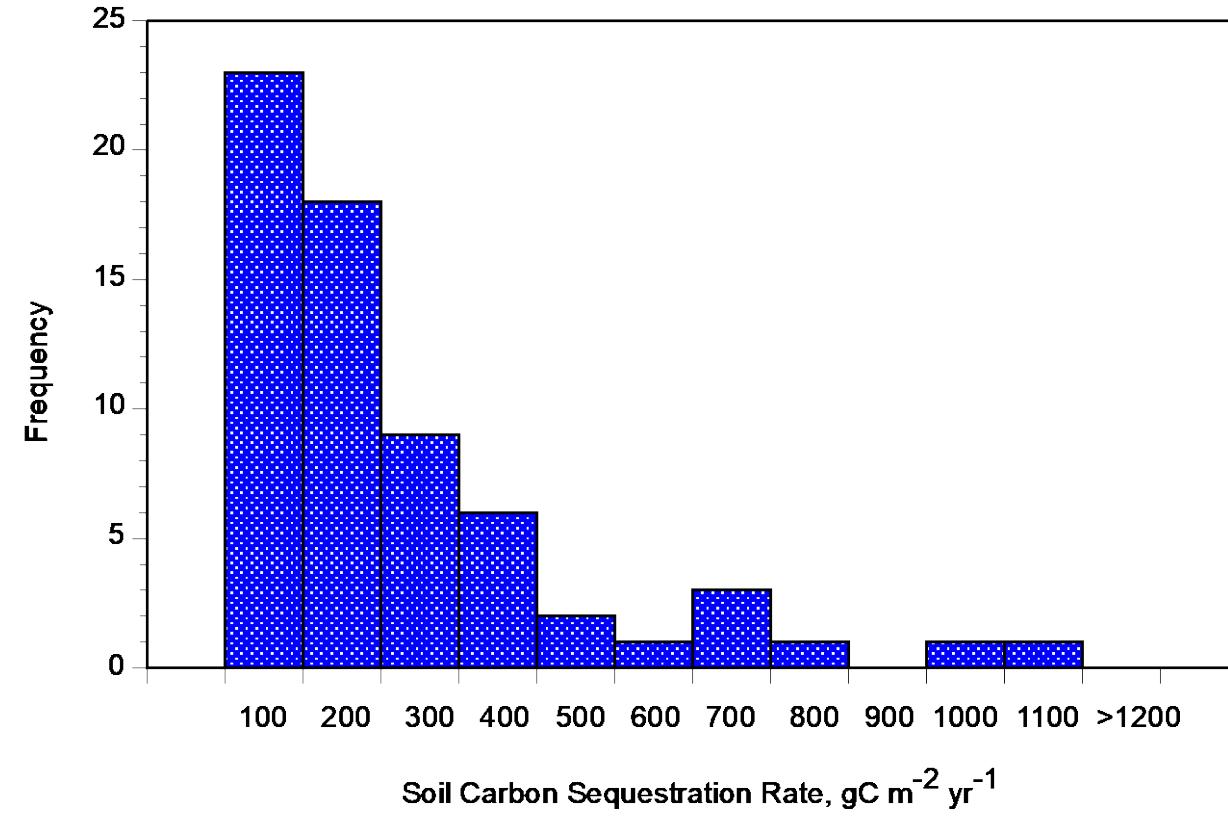


Mangroves  
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Riverine	+0.9 to +6.2	+6.5 to +13.0	−11.2 to −0.2
Basin/interior	−3.7 to +3.9	+0.7 to +20.8	−19.9 to +2.8
Scrub	−1.1	−2.0	−3.1
Overwash	−0.6 to −2.5	+4.4 to +6.3	−3.8



Rates can range from 4 to 1000  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$

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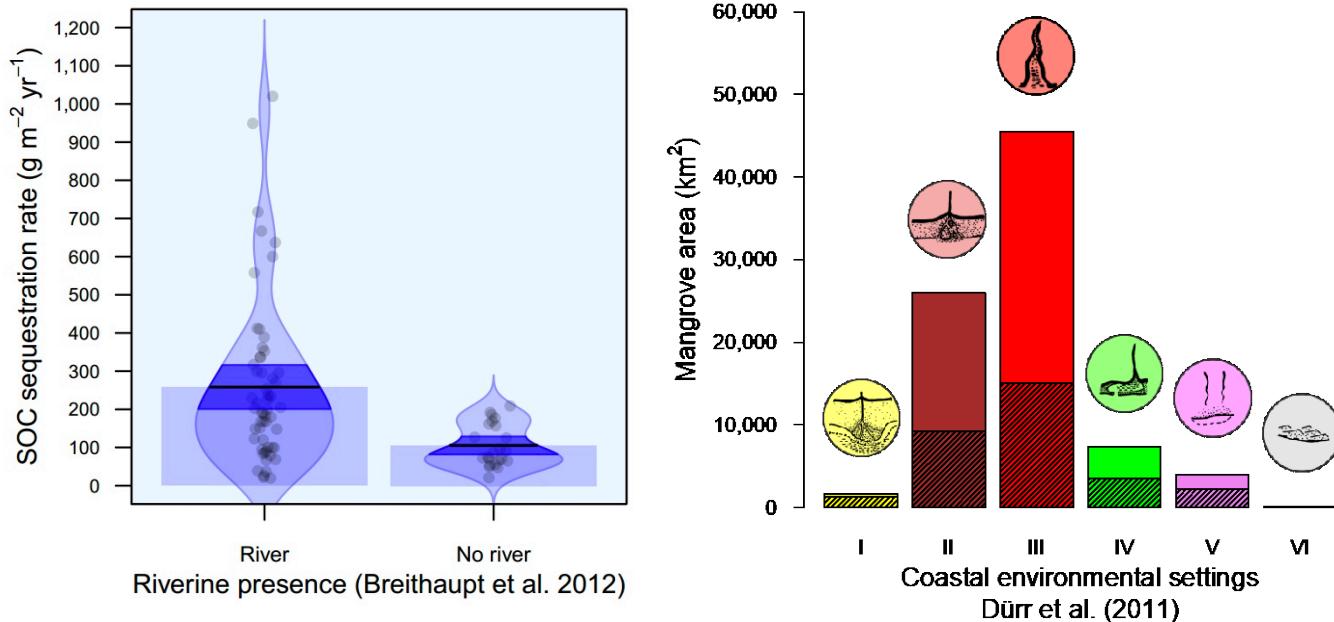
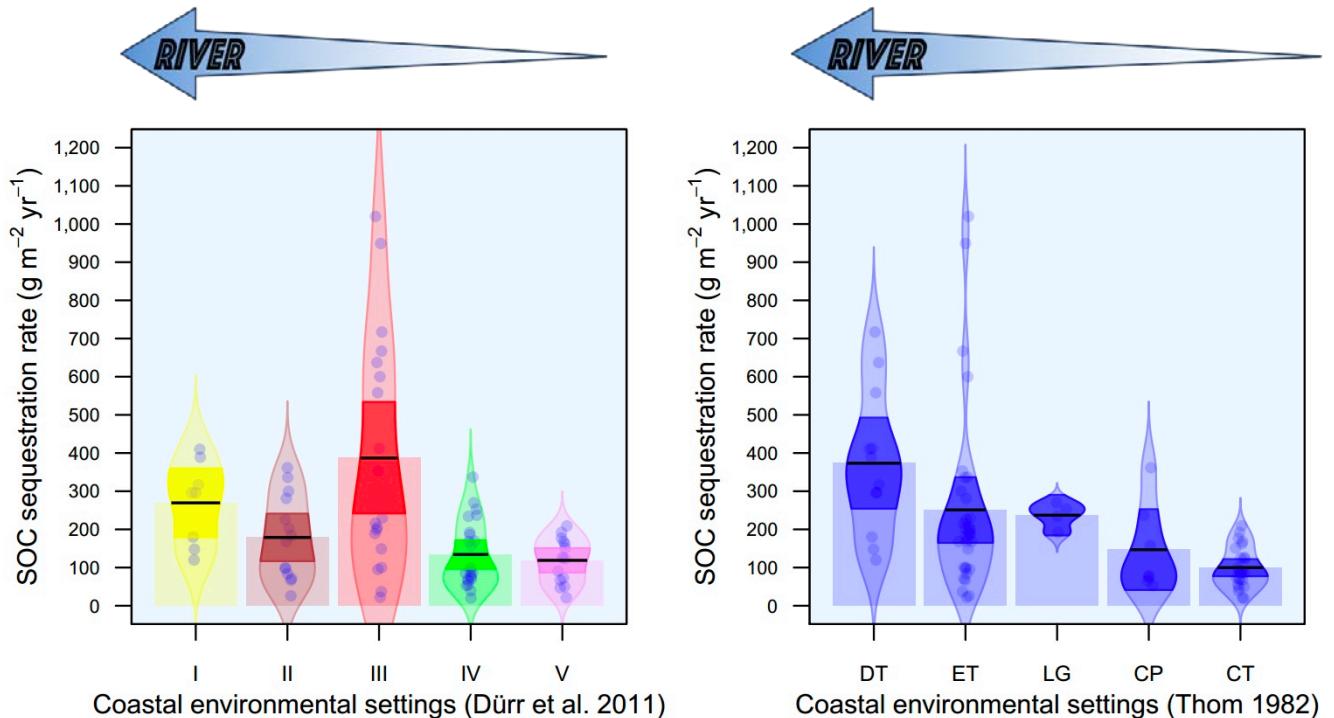
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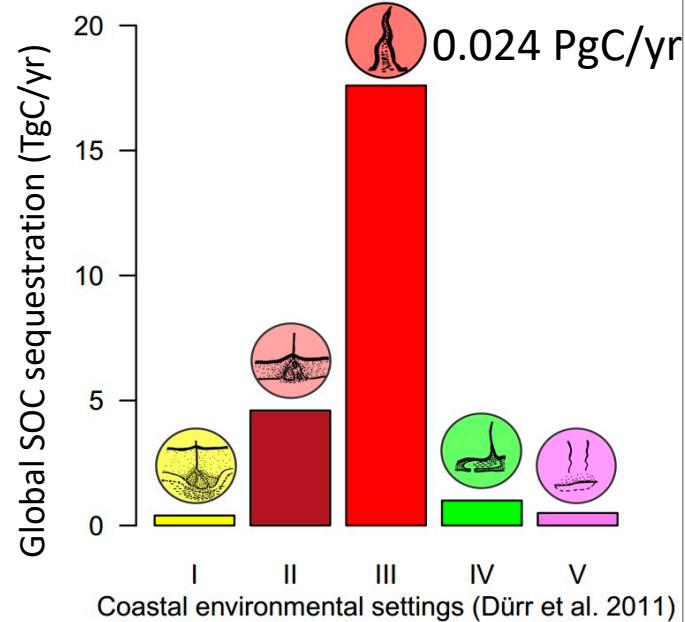
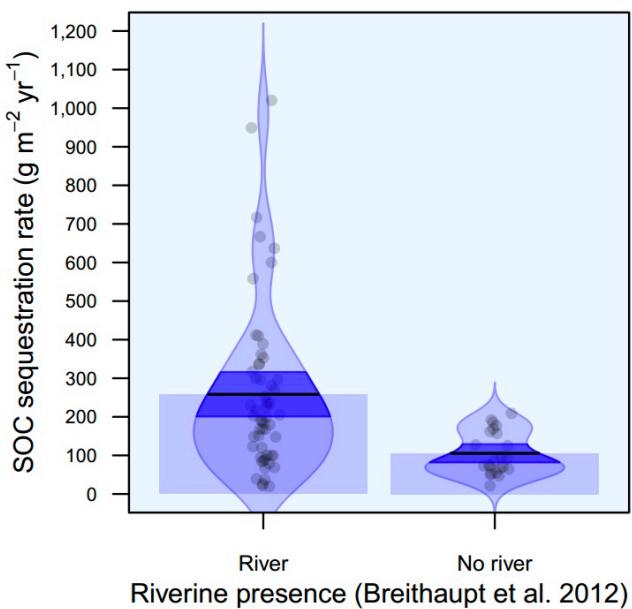
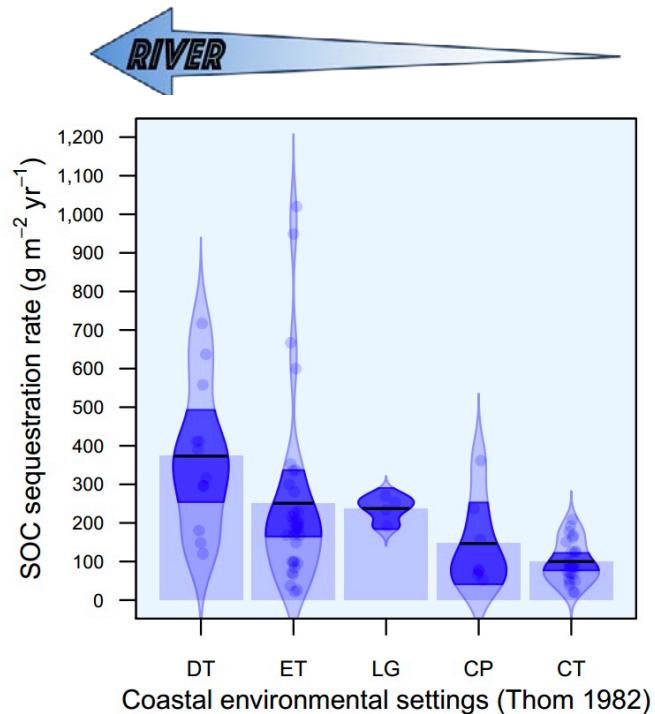
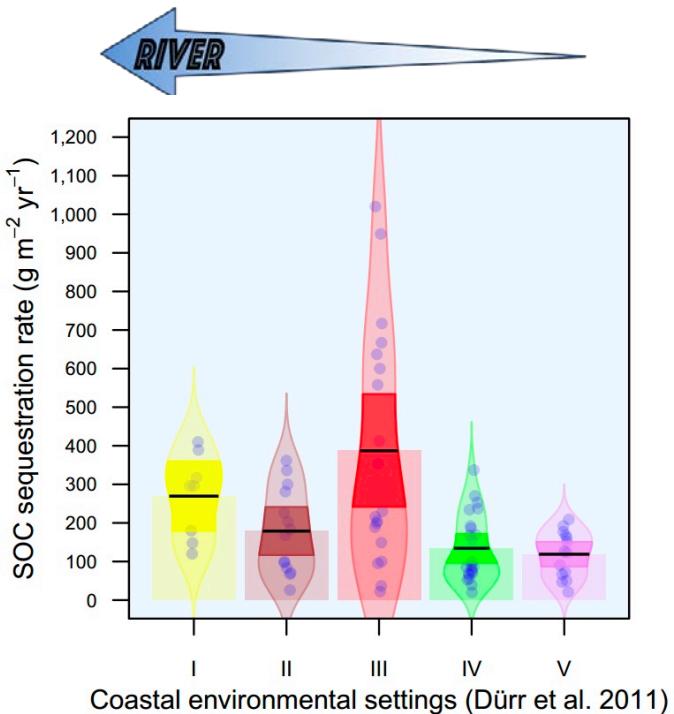
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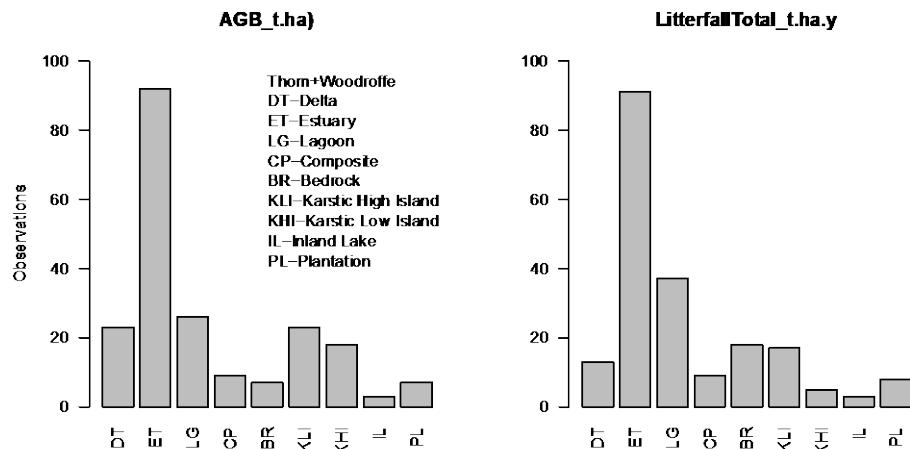
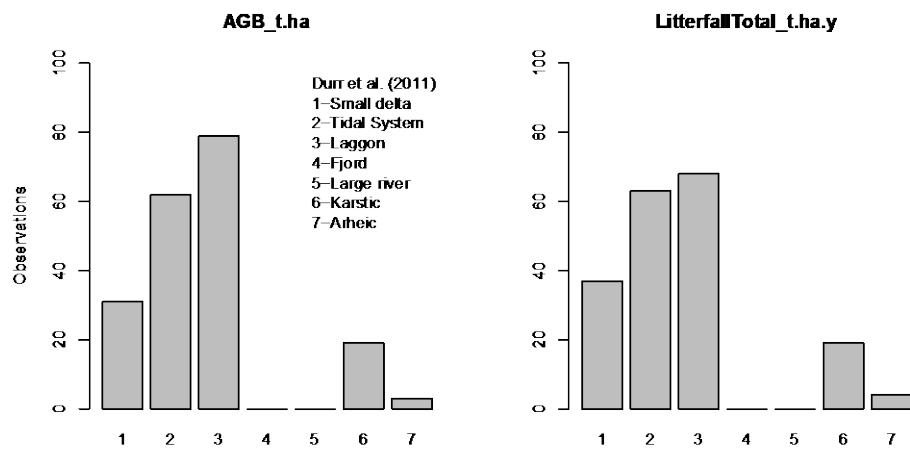
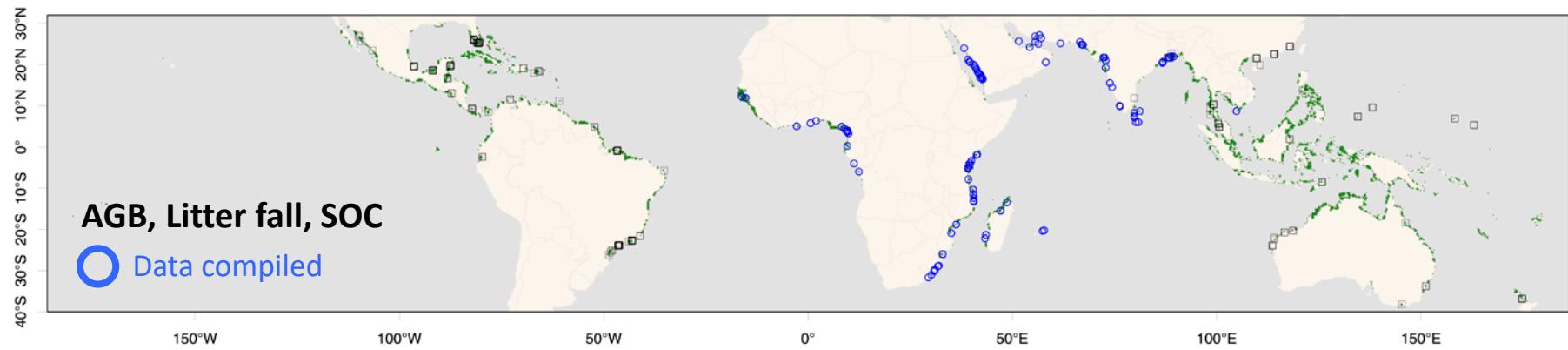
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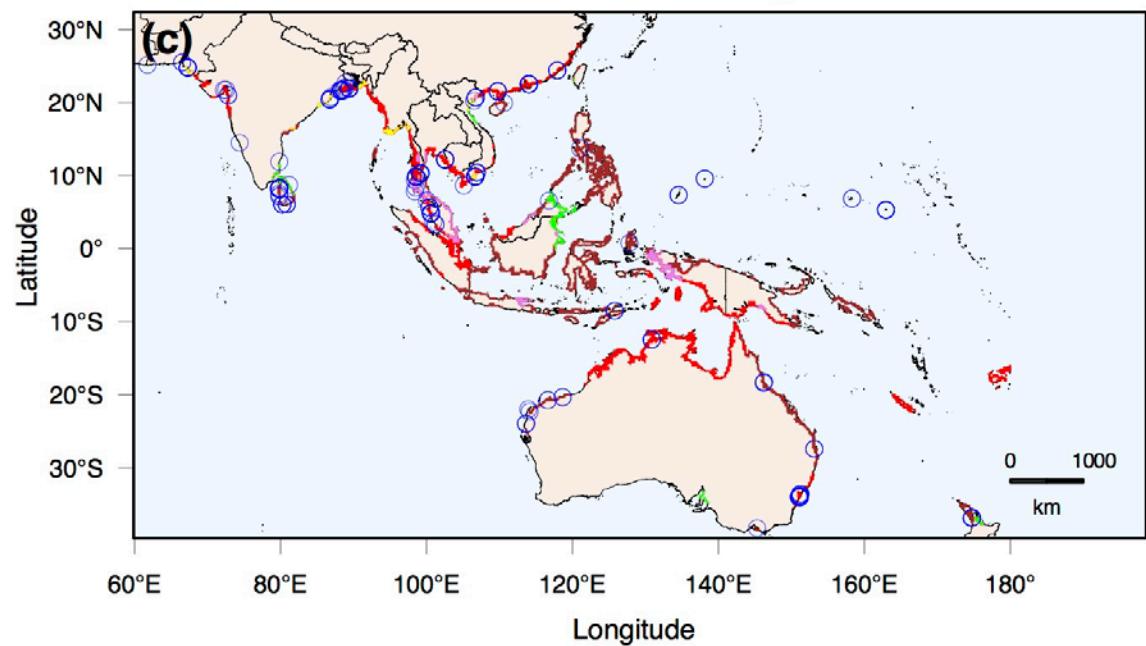
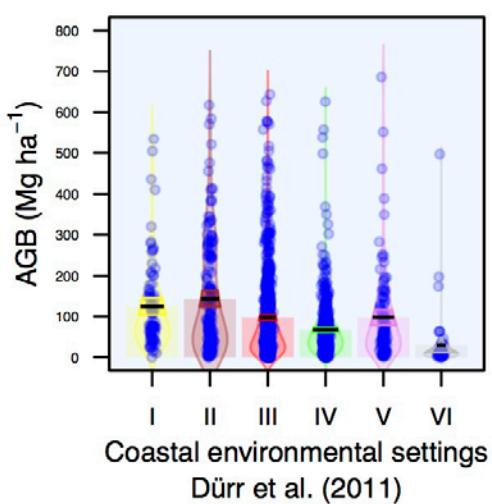
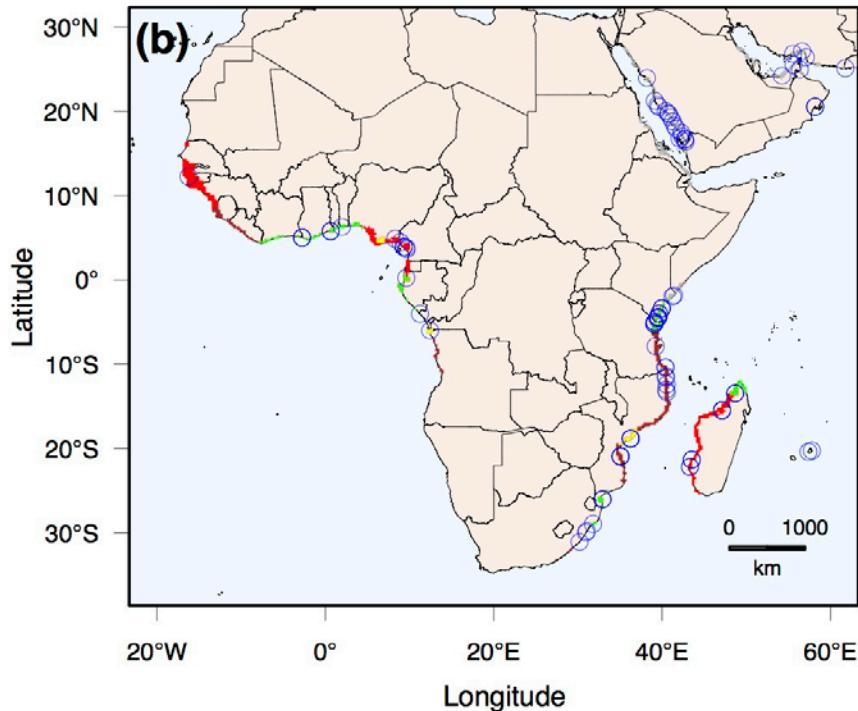
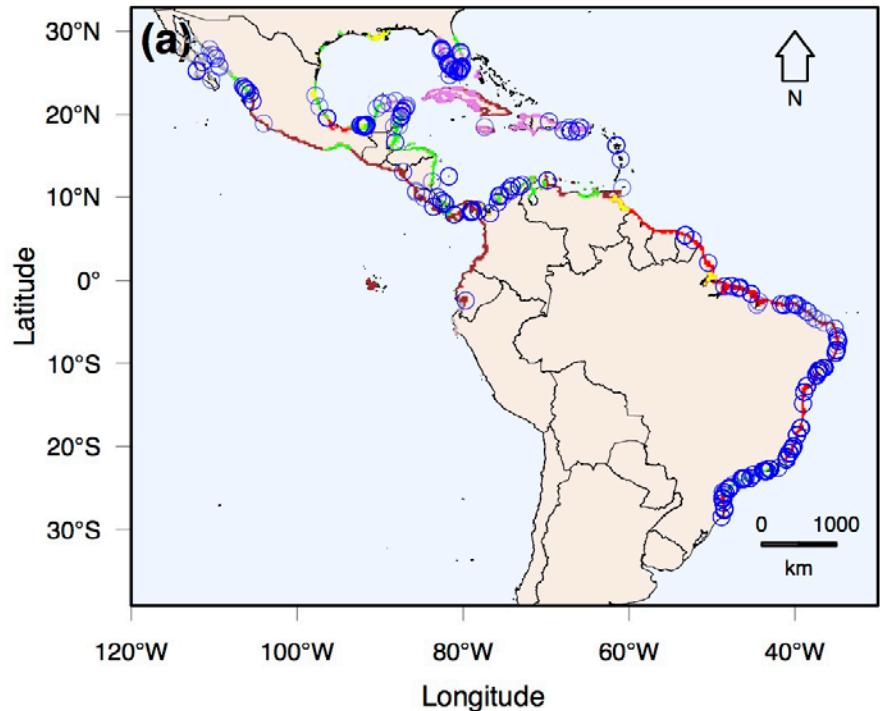
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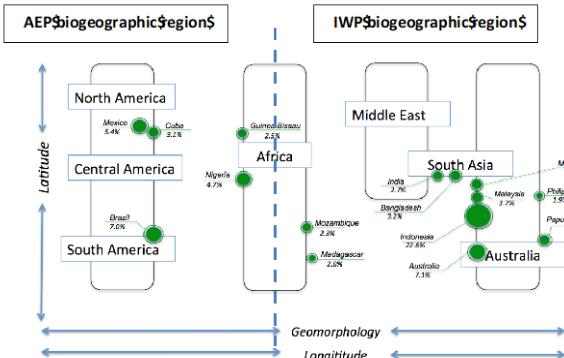
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**Figure XX.** Bar graphs show the number of sites classified after Dürr (2011) and Thom (1982) classifications





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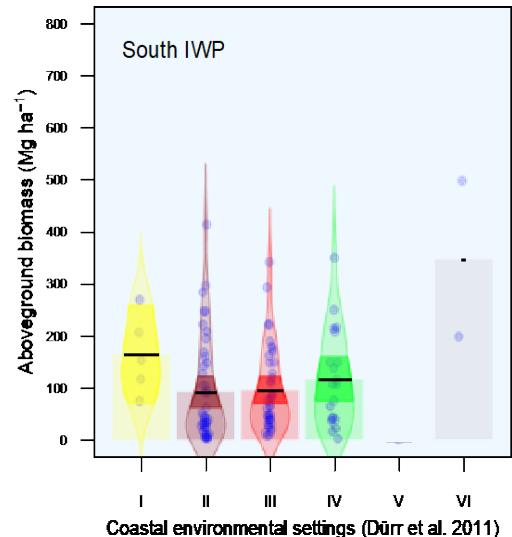
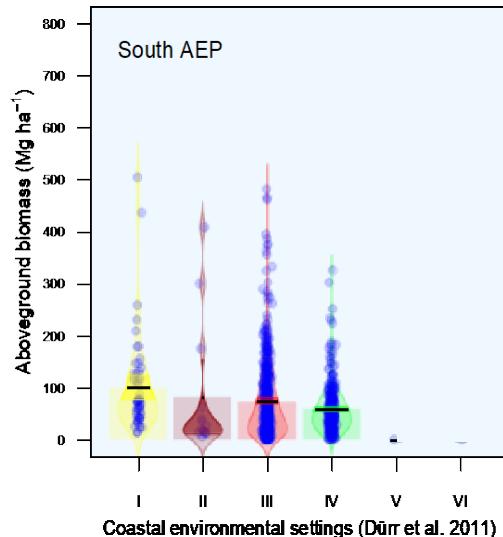
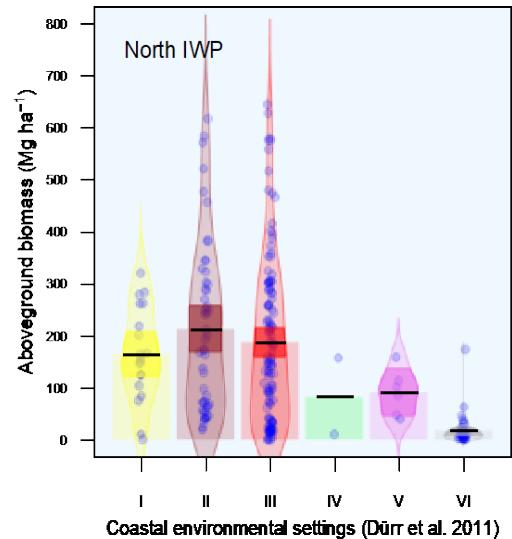
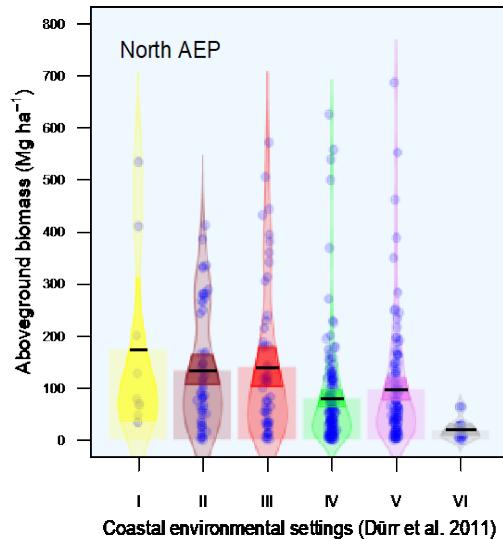
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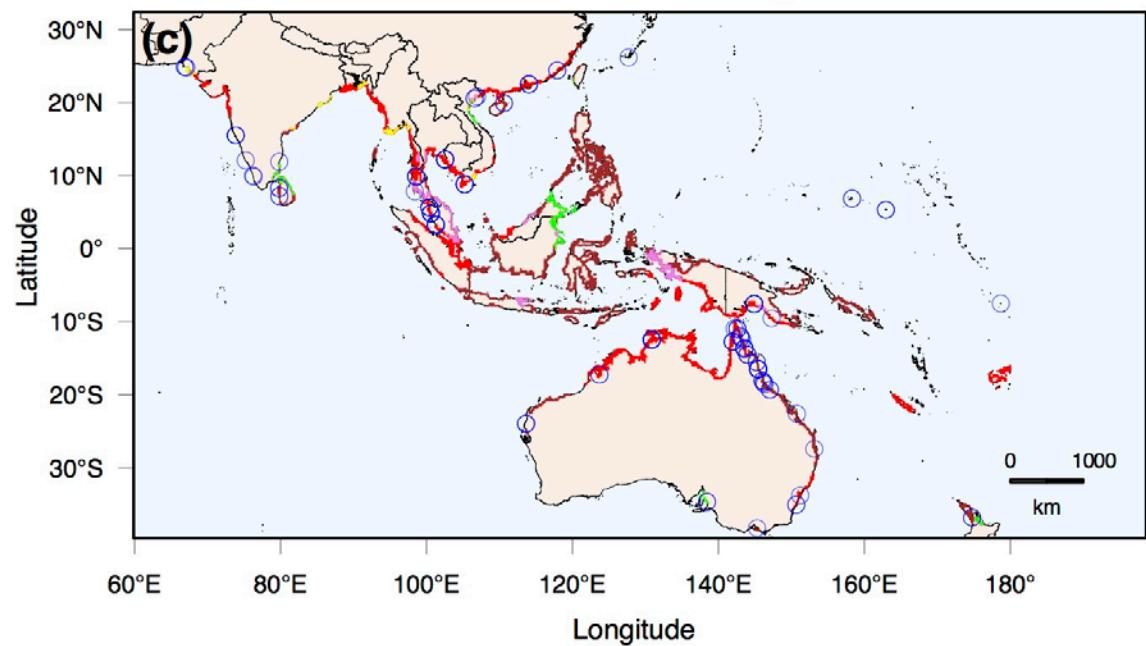
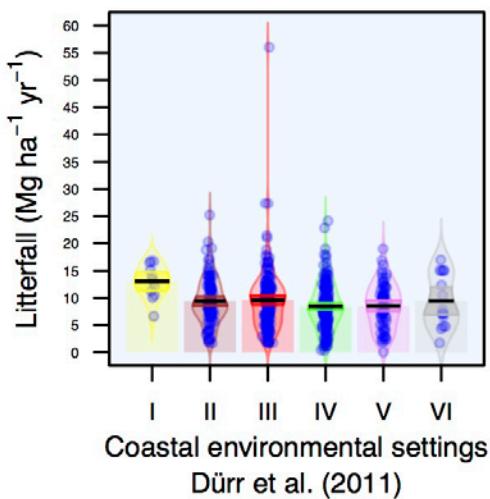
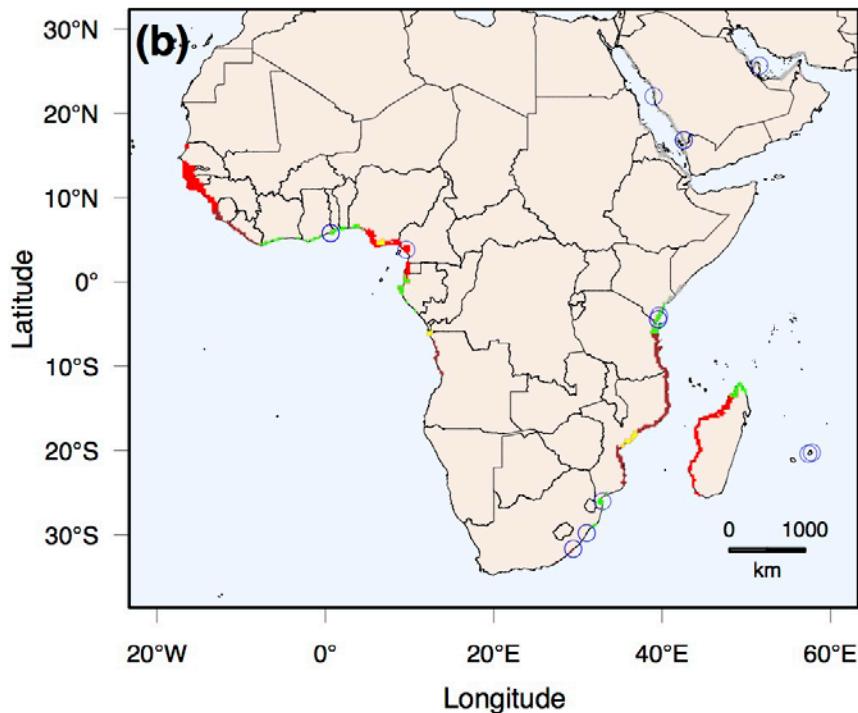
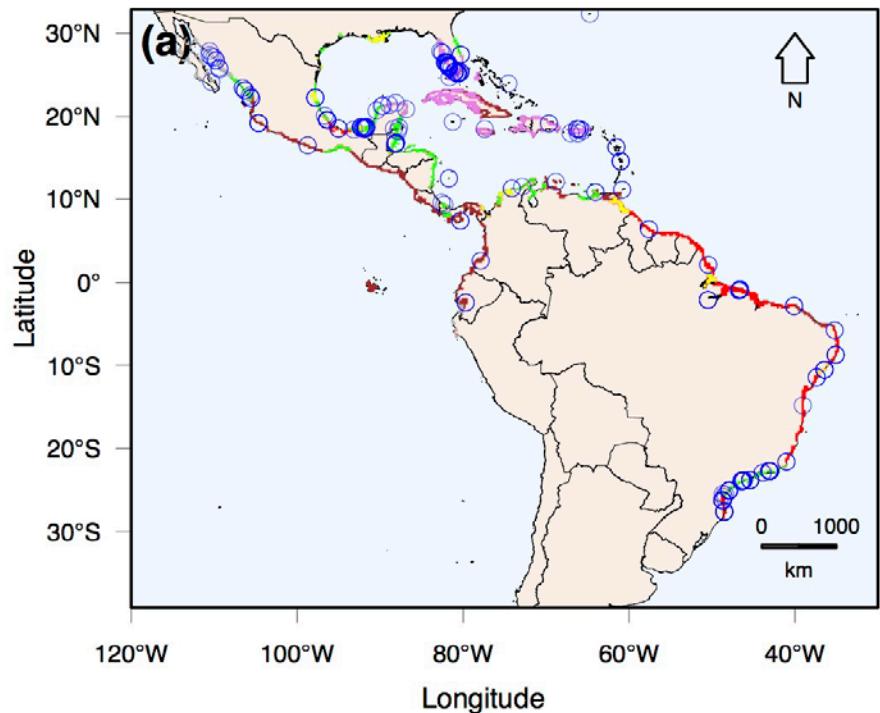


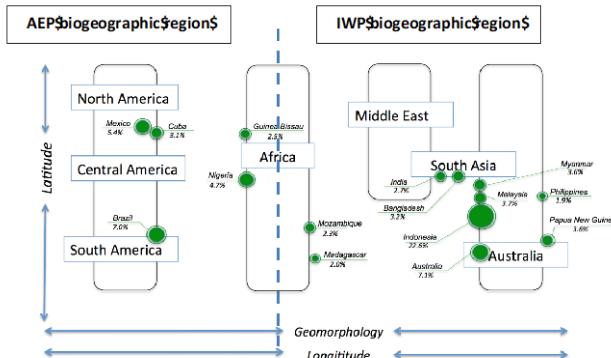
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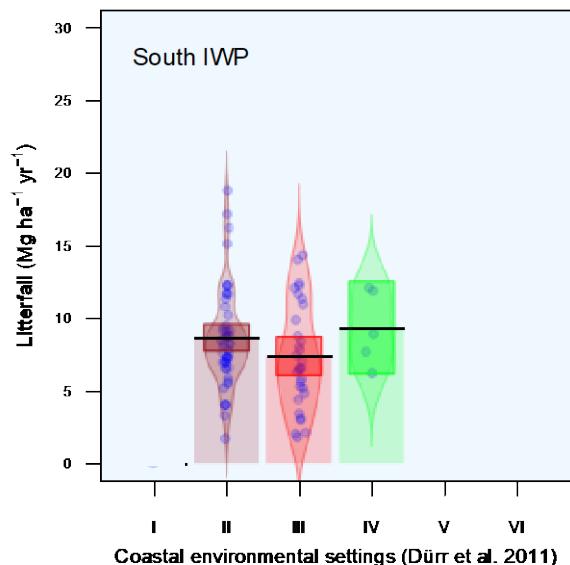
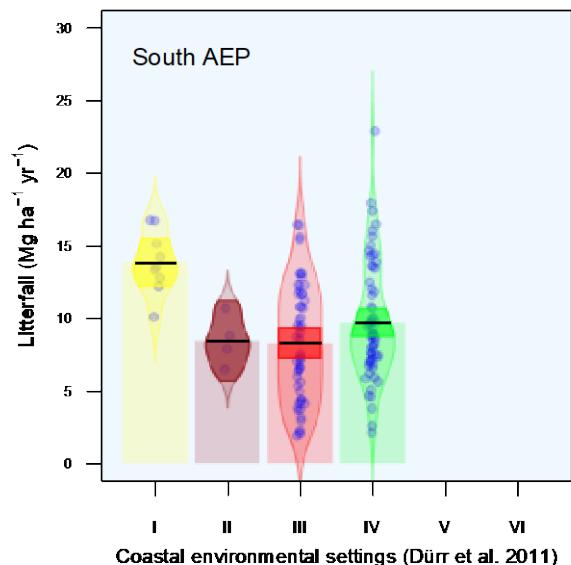
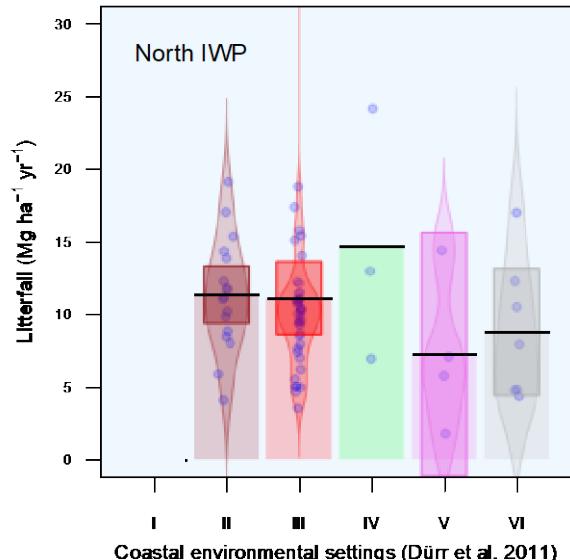
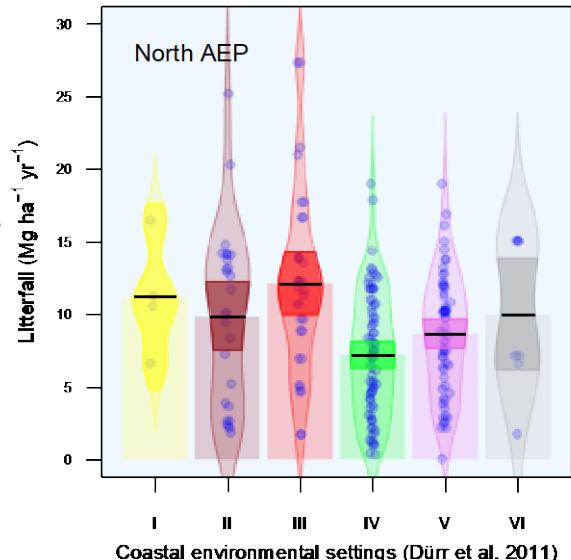
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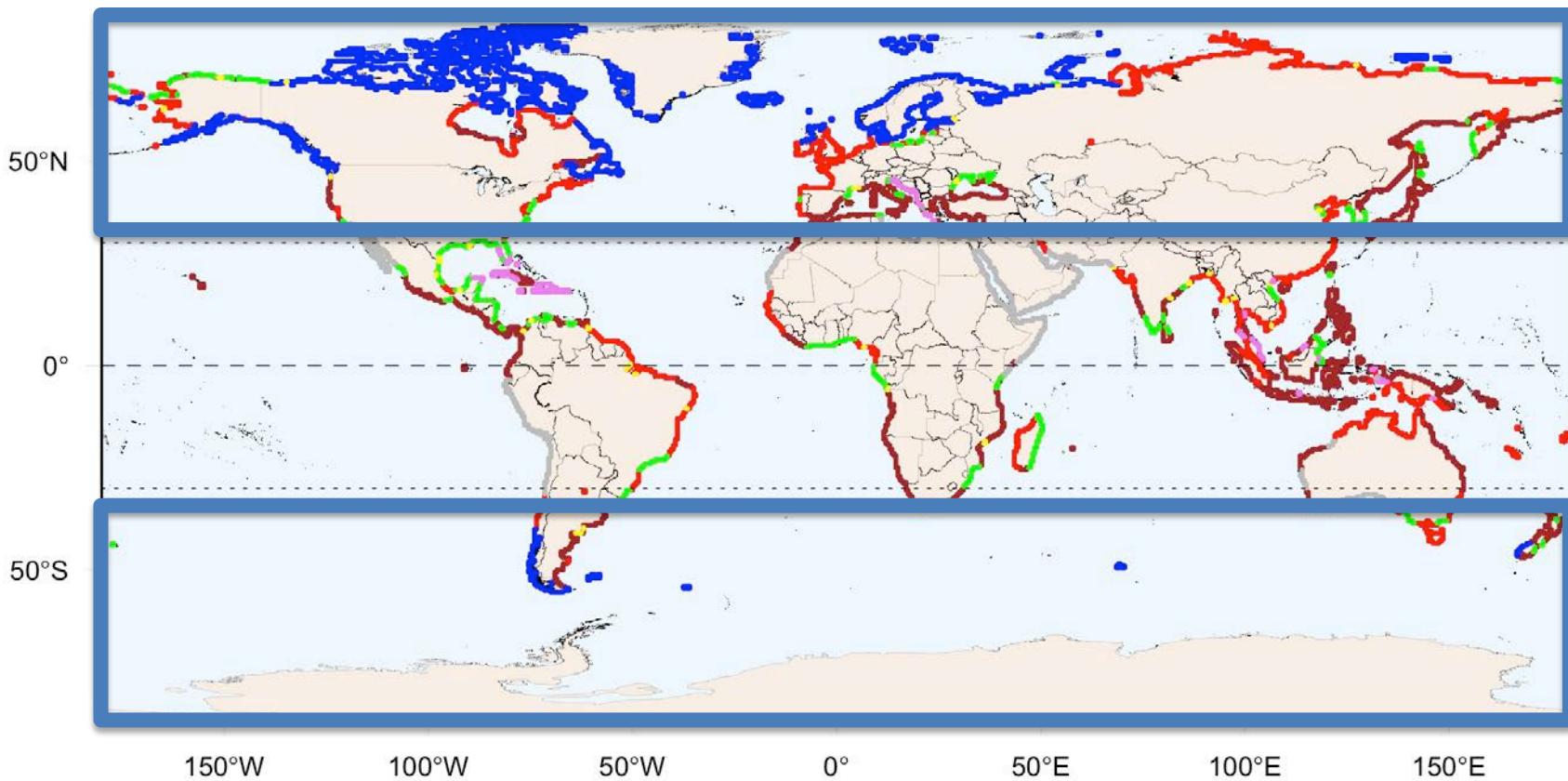
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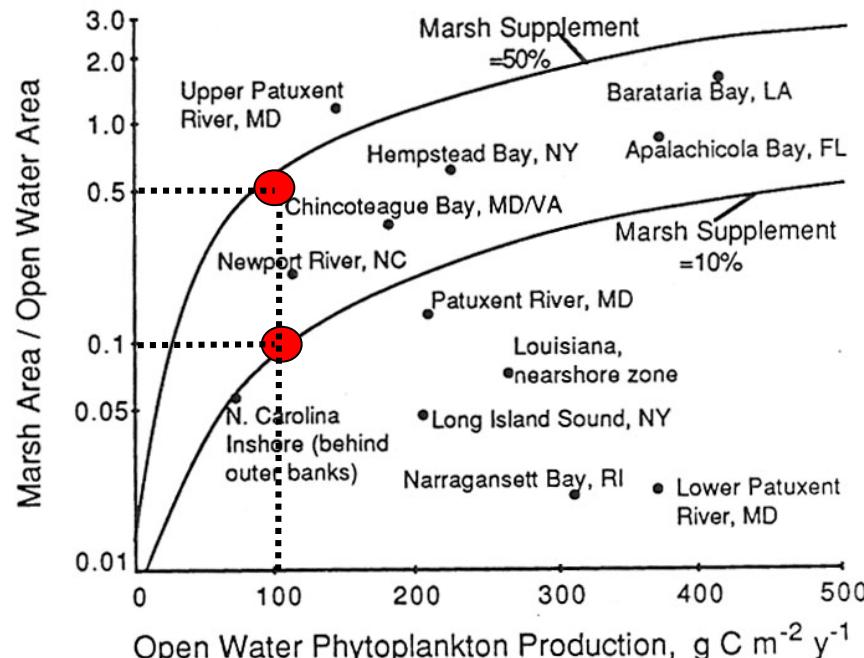
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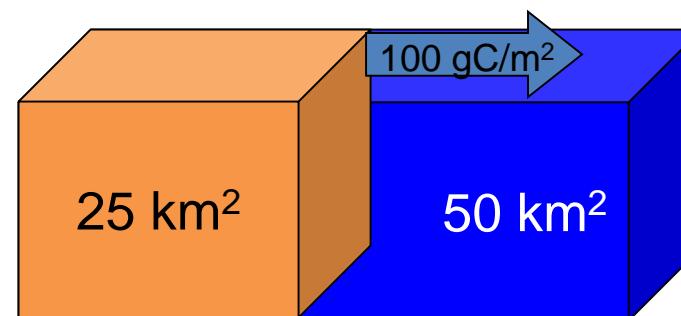
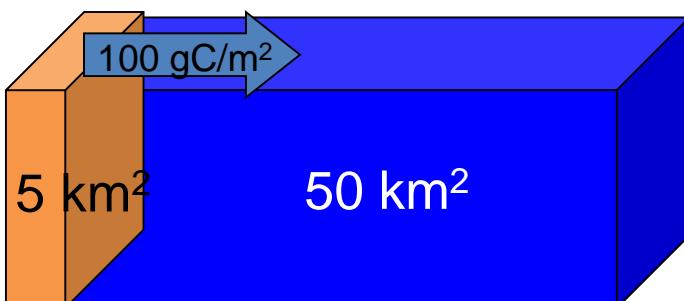
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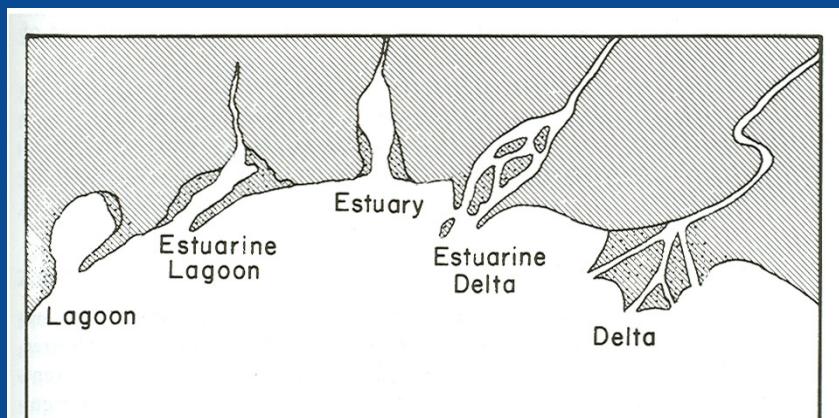
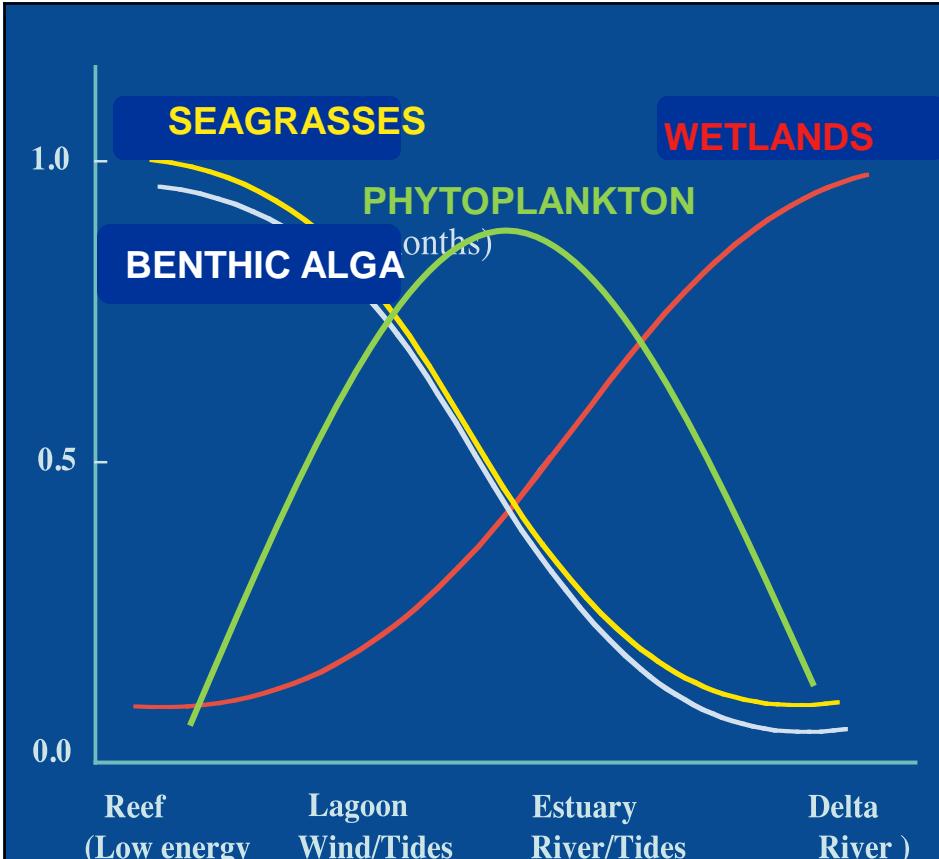
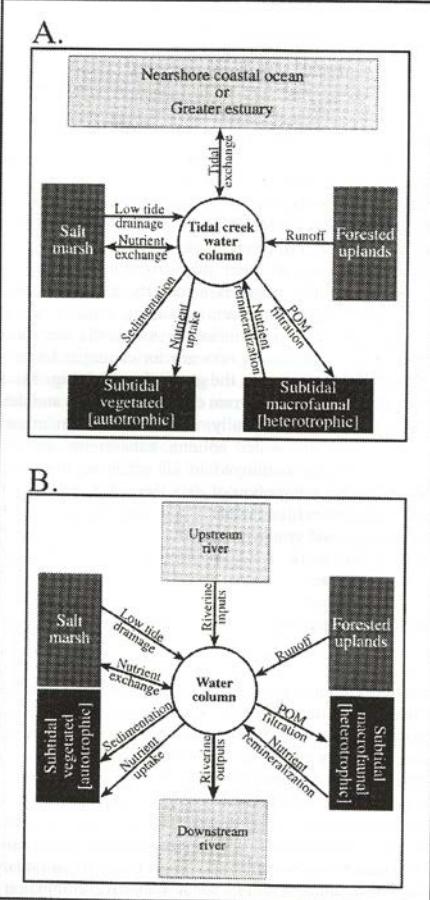


Analysis of relative contribution of transported detritus from wetlands to the in situ productivity of phytoplankton. This is critical concept to evaluating the importance of subsystems to food webs of estuaries.



**Figure 7.14** The ratio of vegetated marsh area to open water area in various estuarine ecosystems compared to annual phytoplankton production in the open water. The lines are drawn to show where organic carbon exports from the marshes would provide a supplement for the open waters equal to 10 and 50% of phytoplankton production, assuming an export of  $100 \text{ g/C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (from Nixon 1980).

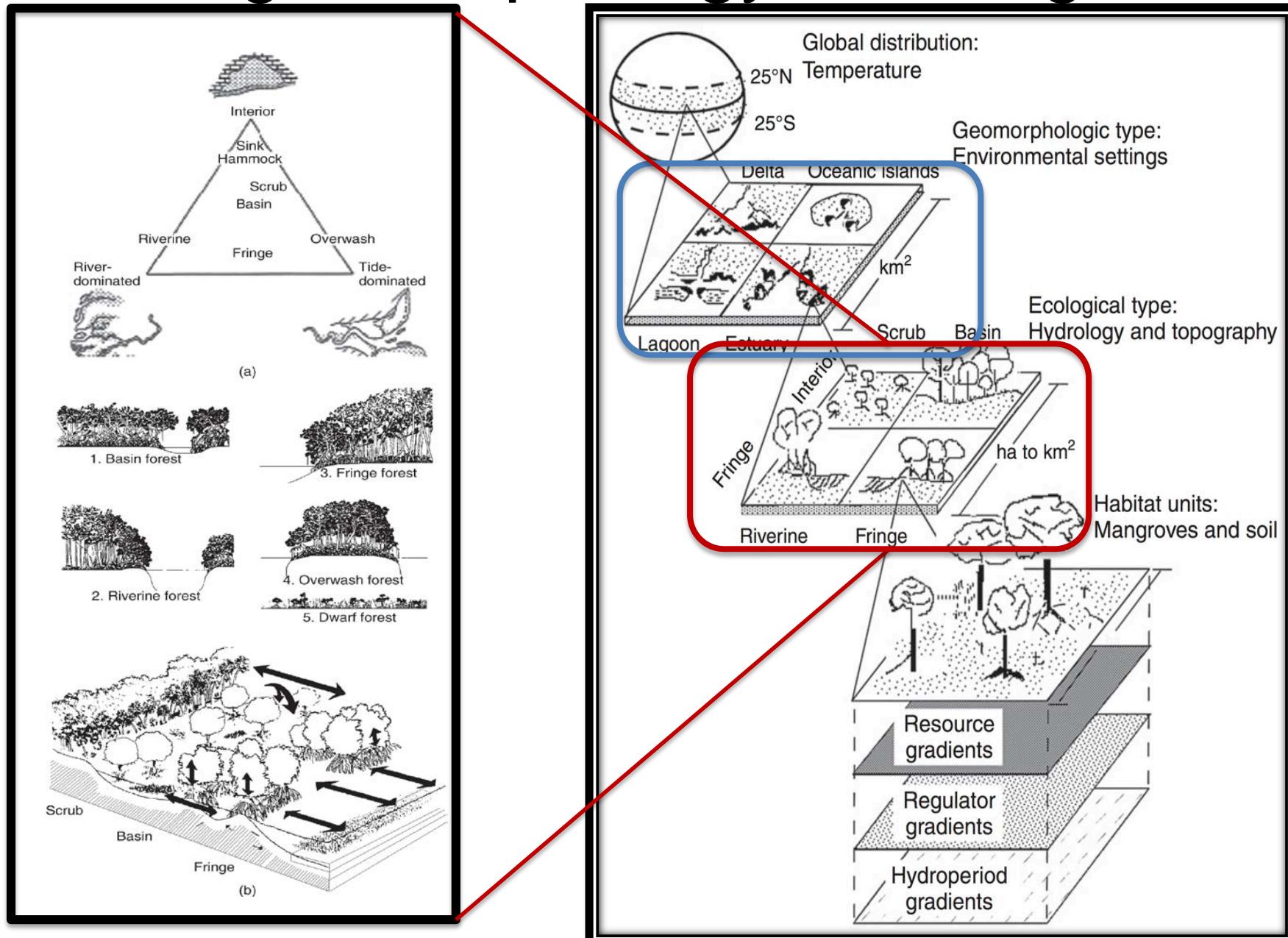




**Figure 2.2** Schematic representation of the continuum of inlet types from lagoons to deltas (modified from Davies 1973).

The types of primary producers that dominate estuarine 'landscape' is related to the resources, regulators, and hydrology (light, nutrients, salinity, physical constraints) of the coastal setting. The subsystem area times the per unit production will determine net system productivity.

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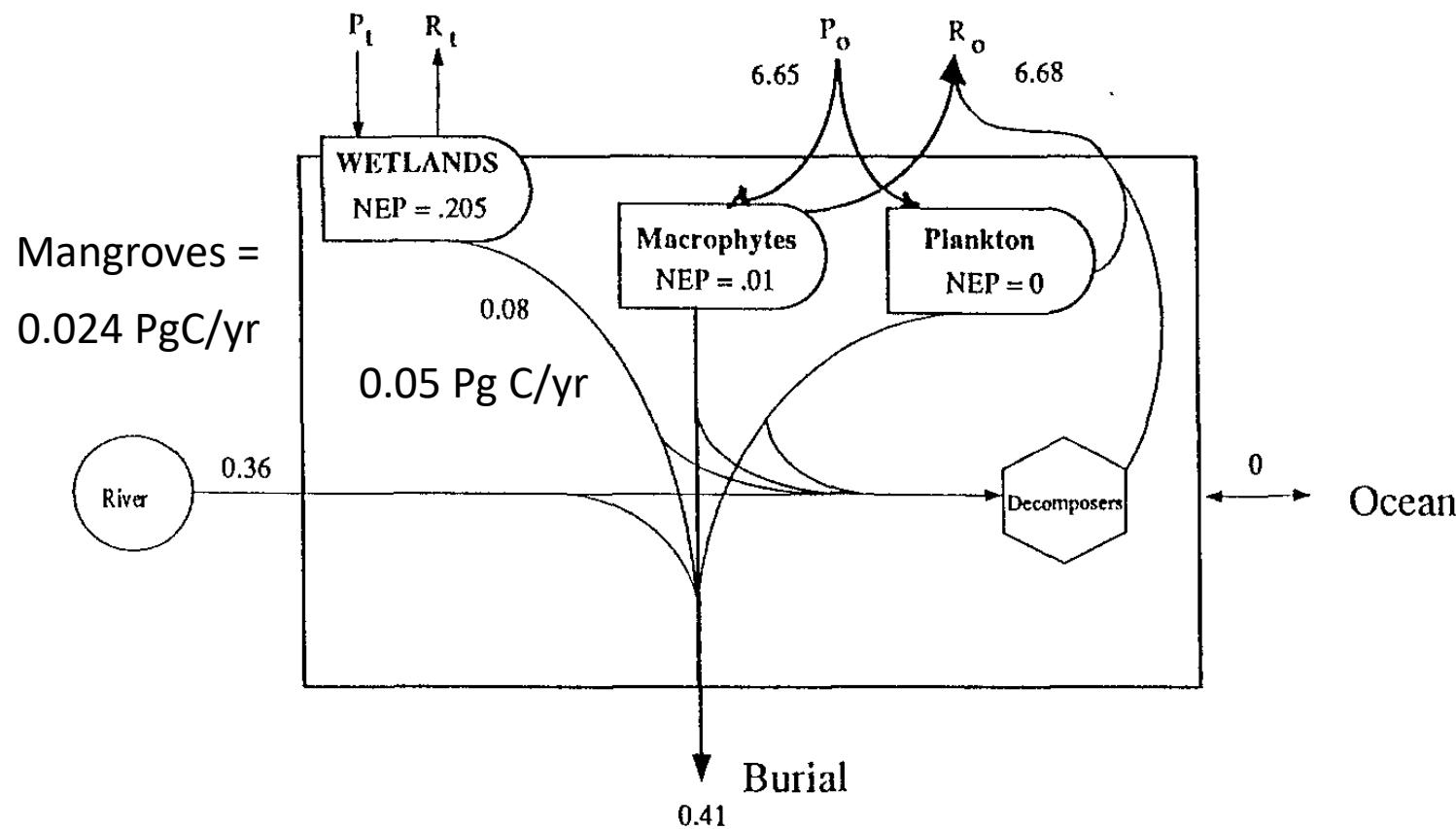


Figure 10. Mass balance of C for coastal ecosystems based on estimates of in situ net production and allochthonous inputs, minus losses associated with burial in coastal sediments. P and R represent net production and heterotrophic respiration, respectively, with exchange of CO<sub>2</sub> directly with atmosphere (t) or coastal waters (o).

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