

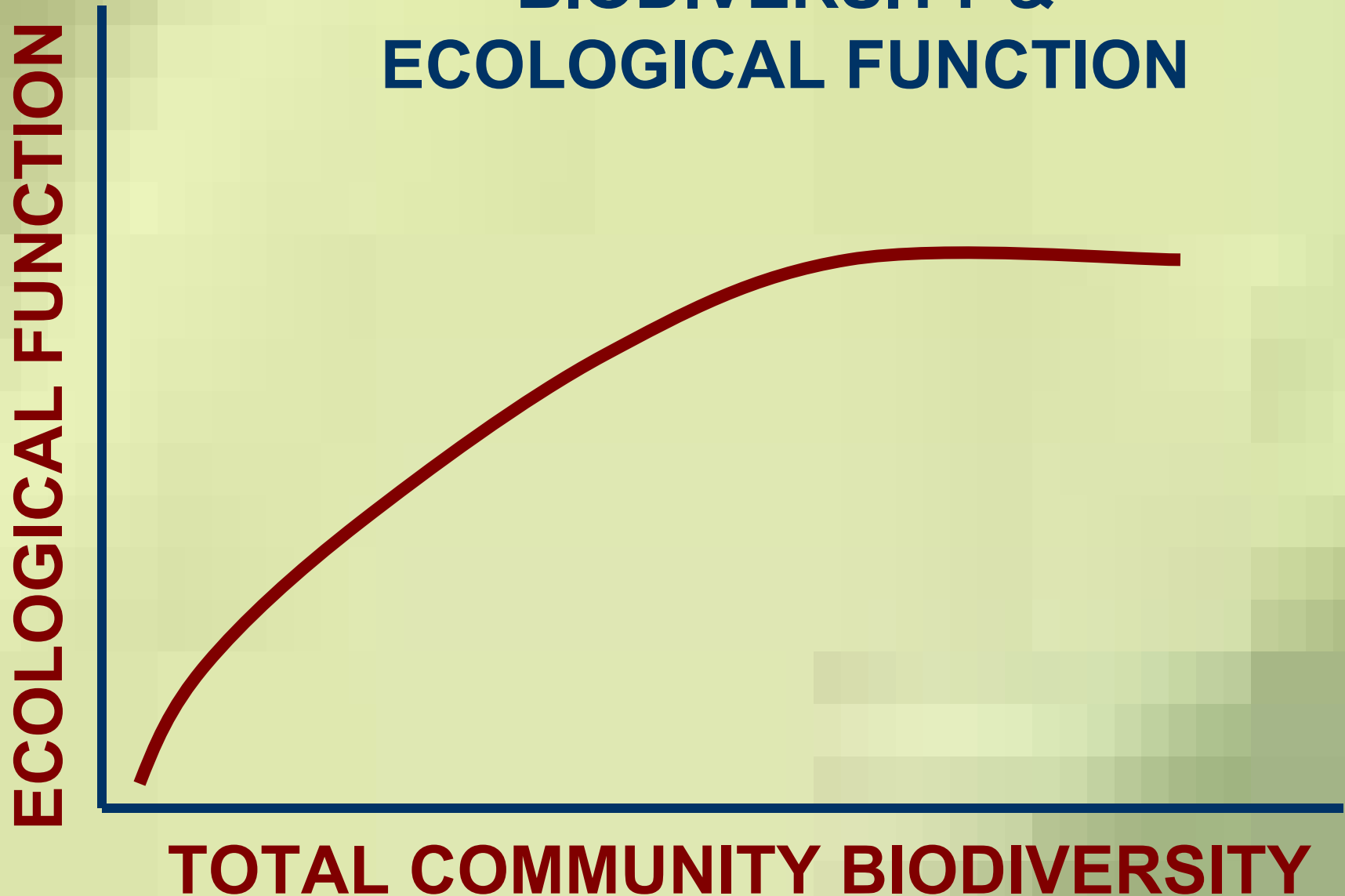
**ARE THERE LOCAL DIFFERENCES
IN ADAPTATION OF *RHIZOPHORA*
MANGLE FROM EAST AND WEST
COASTS OF FLORIDA?**

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**GLOBAL CHANGE
URBANIZATION
&
RESTORATION
WILL IMPACT
BIODIVERSITY
&
ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION**

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION



**GENETIC DIVERSITY
IS A
MAIN COMPONENT
OF
BIODIVERSITY
AND IS
INTEGRAL TO THE
ABILITY OF POPULATIONS
TO ADAPT TO
CHANGING CONDITIONS**

An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing a complex network of channels and islands. The water is a light blue-grey, and the surrounding land is a dark green. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the river as it branches out.

**FOR COMMUNITIES DOMINATED BY
A FEW HABITAT FORMING SPECIES**

**GENETIC DIVERSITY CAN PLAY
A ROLE SIMILAR TO SPECIES
DIVERSITY BY ENHANCING
BIODIVERSITY**

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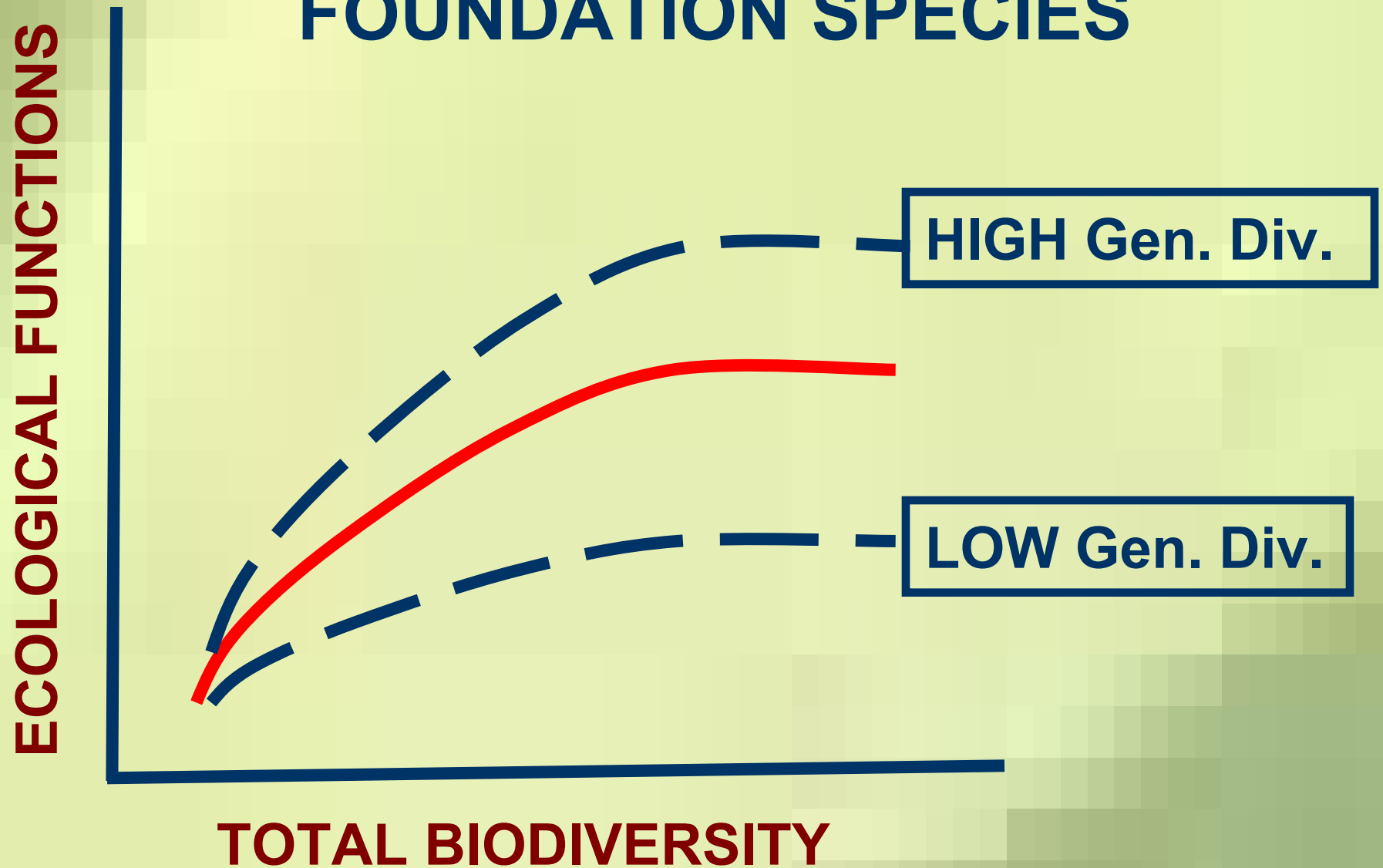


RHIZOPHORA MANGLE

IS AN IMPORTANT FOUNDATION SPECIES

THROUGHOUT THE NEW WORLD TROPICS

GENETIC DIVERSITY OF FOUNDATION SPECIES



**POPULATIONS OF MANGROVES
&
OTHER FOUNDATION SPECIES**

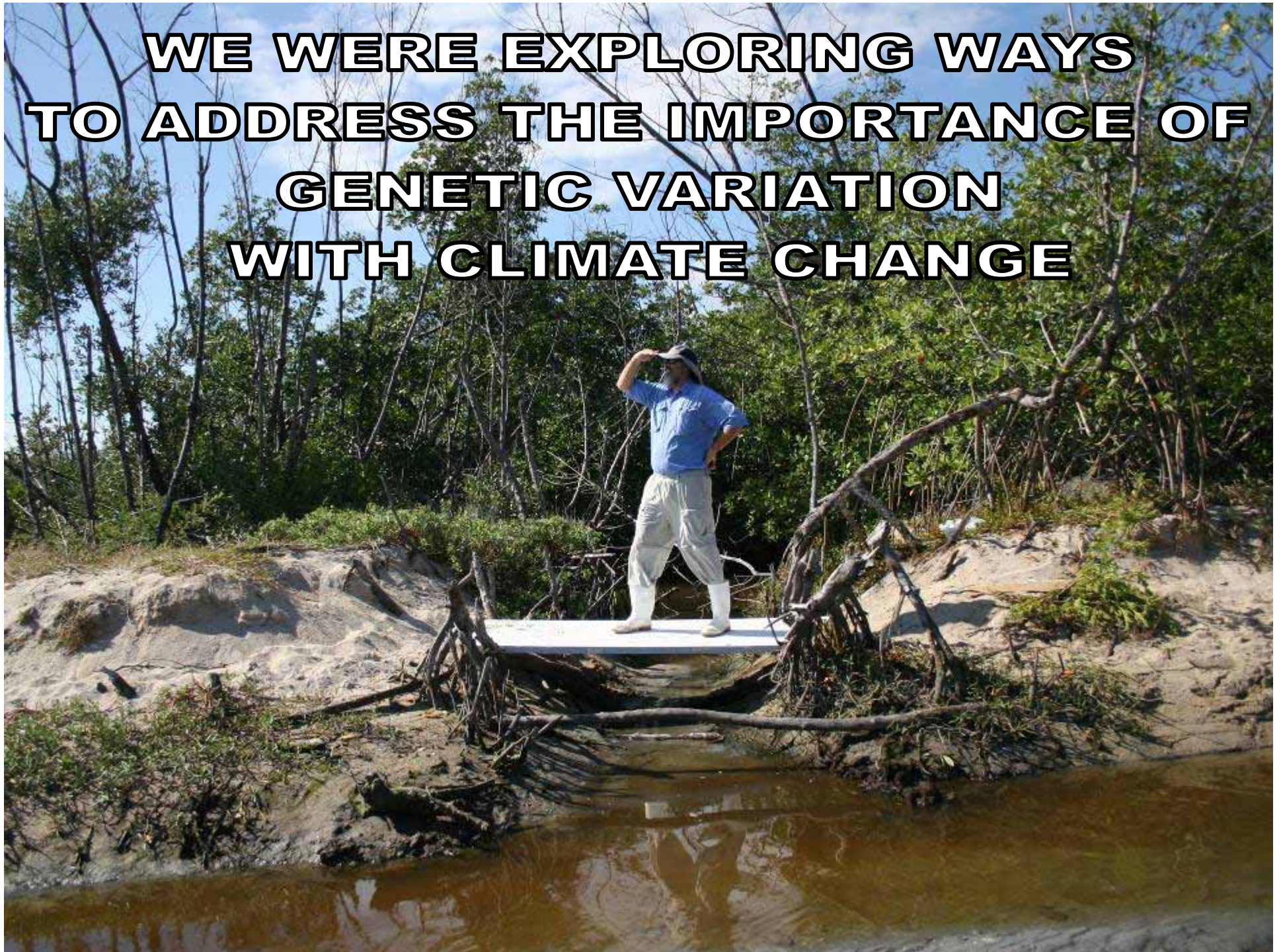
**WILL HAVE TO
ADAPT
TO CHANGING**

**PHYSICAL CONDITIONS
&
BIOTIC INTERACTIONS**

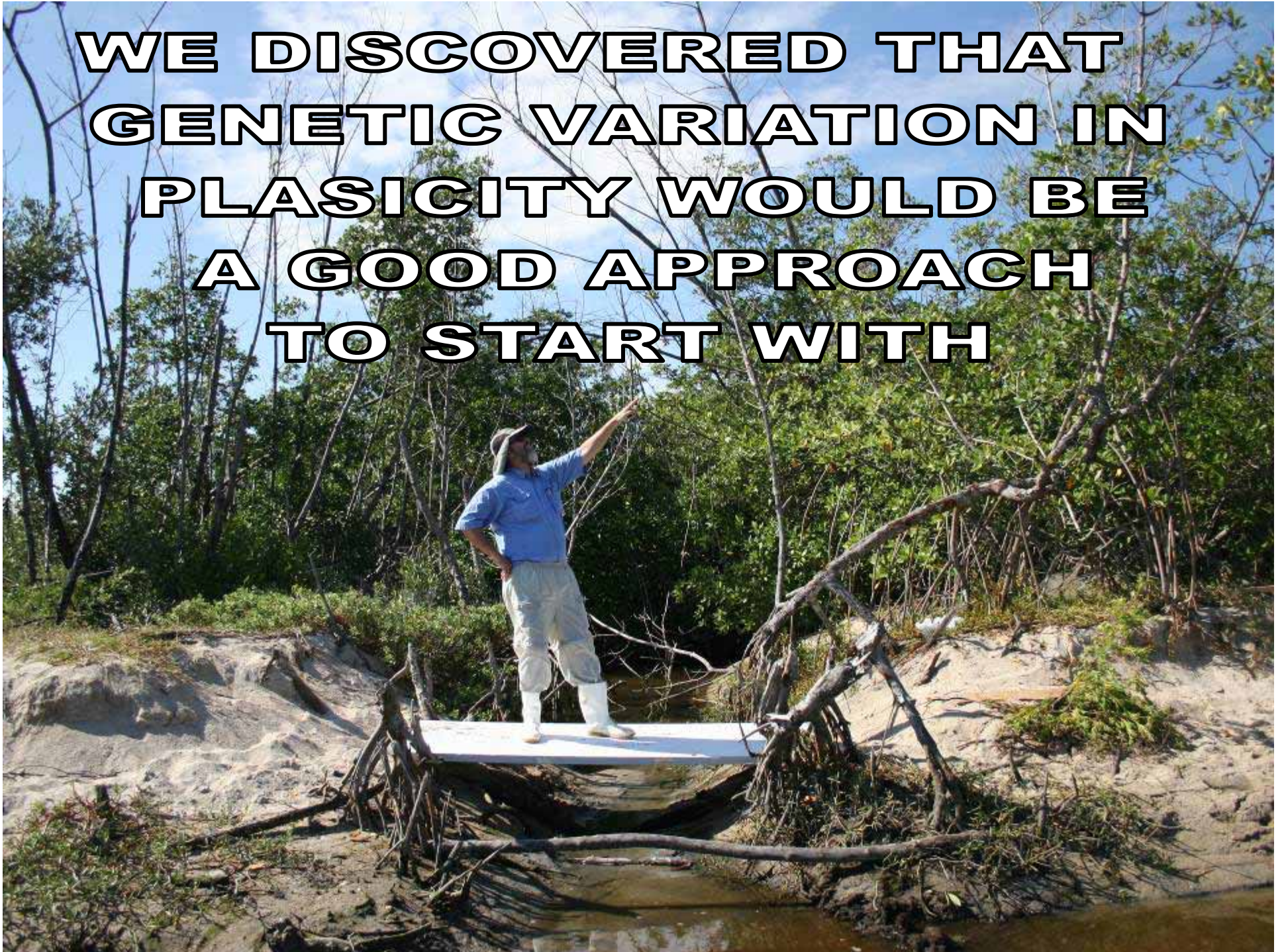
**CRITICAL
THAT WE UNDERSTAND
HOW FOUNDATION SPECIES
WILL ADAPT TO
BOTH
CLIMATE CHANGE
&
HUMAN MANIPULATIONS

BECAUSE THEY AFFECT
SO MANY OTHER SPECIES**

**WE WERE EXPLORING WAYS
TO ADDRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF
GENETIC VARIATION
WITH CLIMATE CHANGE**



**WE DISCOVERED THAT
GENETIC VARIATION IN
PLASICITY WOULD BE
A GOOD APPROACH
TO START WITH**

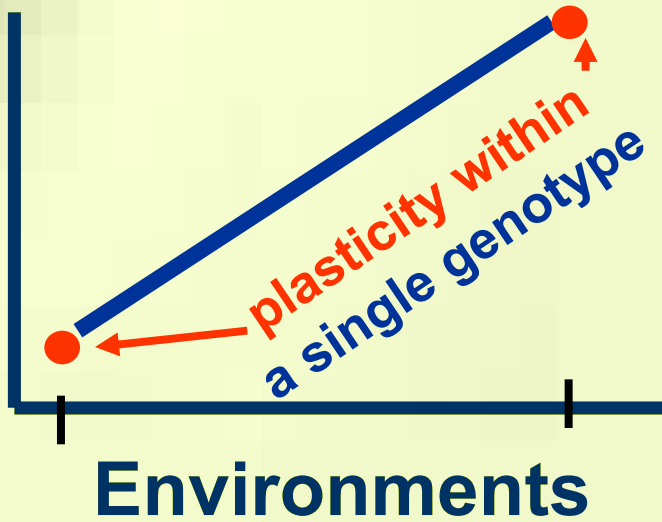


**GENETIC VARIABILITY
(HERITABLE VARIATION)**

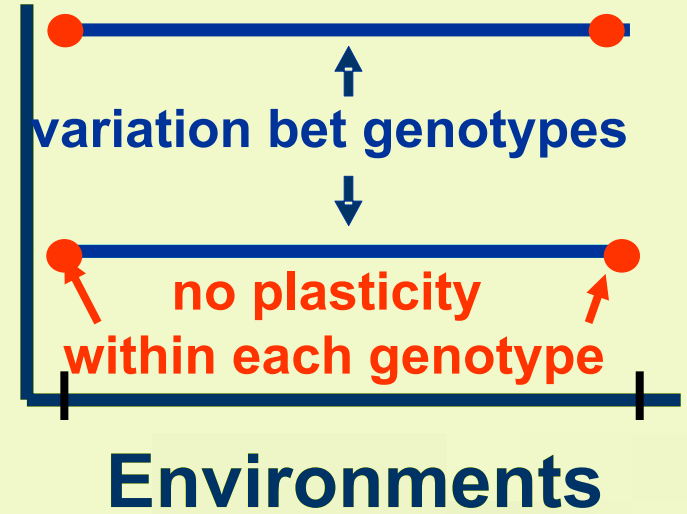
**IN
PHENOTYPIC PLASTICITY
(evolution *for* plasticity)**

**IS IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING
FATE OF POPULATIONS**

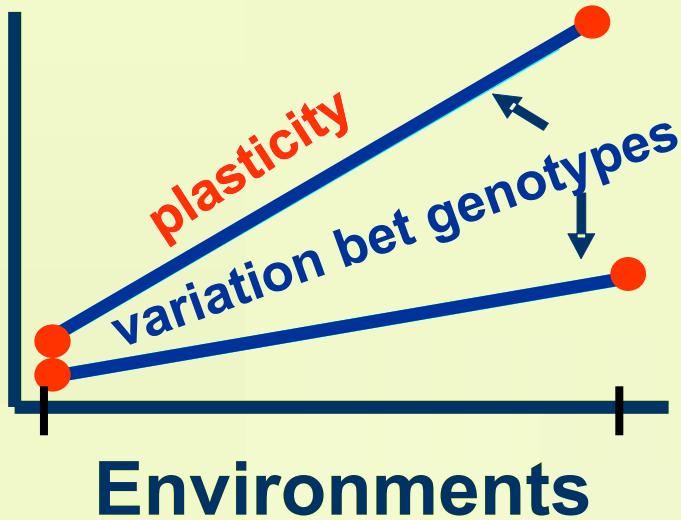
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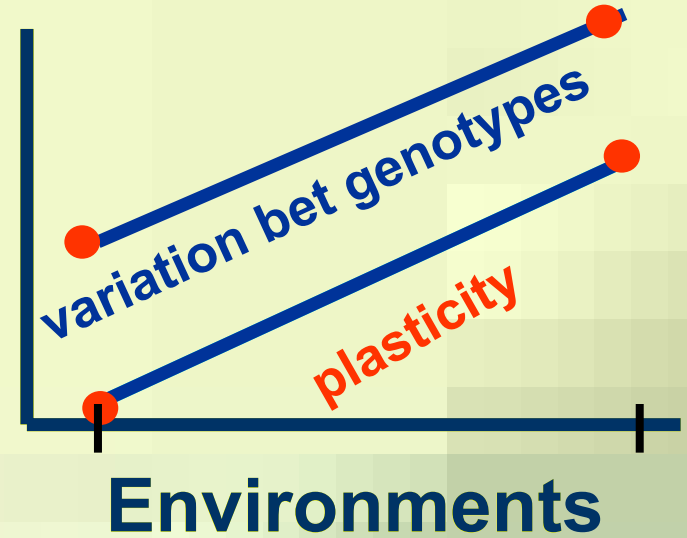
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NORMS OF REACTION

**QUESTIONS:
WITHIN SPECIES**

**DO SEEDLING GROWTH TRAITS VARY
BETWEEN RHIZOPHORA
POPULATIONS FROM THE EAST AND
WEST COASTS
AND
AMONG MATERNAL FAMILIES FROM
EACH COAST?**

**QUESTIONS (CON'T)
SPECIES INTERACTIONS**

**DOES FACILITATION/COMPETITION
WITH OTHER SALTMARSH
FOUNDATION SPECIES VARY
BETWEEN THE
EAST AND WEST COAST POPS
&
AMONG MATERNAL FAMILIES FROM
THE EAST AND WEST COASTS?**

**QUESTIONS (CON'T)
SPECIES INTERACTIONS**

**DOES INFESTATION BY
PARASITES VARY BETWEEN THE
EAST AND WEST COAST POPS
&
AMONG MATERNAL FAMILIES FROM
THE EAST AND WEST COASTS?**

GOM
mean (SE)
16.4 (3.8)
(-10x Atlantic)

**Percent
Outcrossing
R. mangle**

ATLANTIC
mean (SE)
1.8 (1.0)

Tampa Bay
14.4%

Sarasota Bay
18.8%

Charlotte Harbor & N. Estero Bay
32.3%

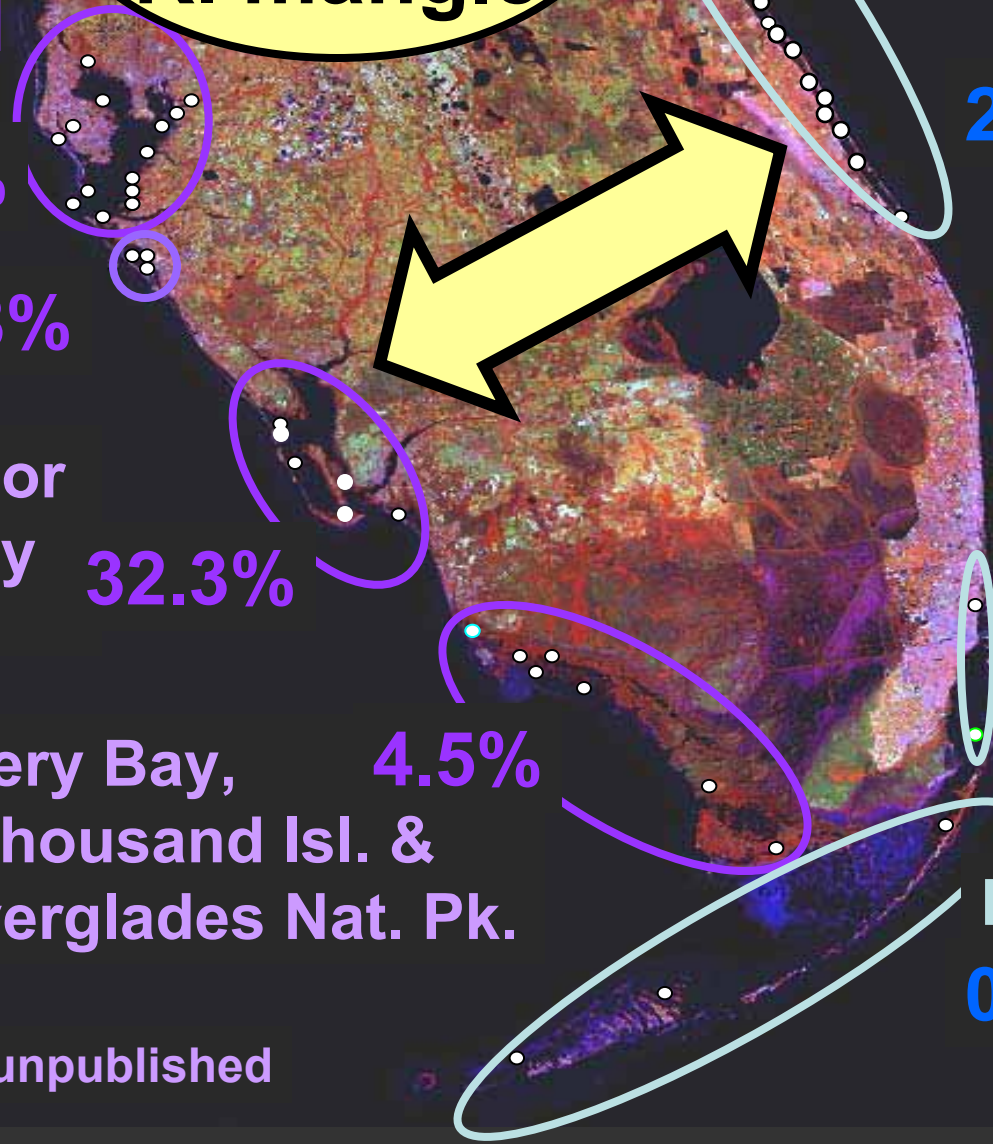
Rookery Bay, Ten Thousand Isl. & S. Everglades Nat. Pk.
4.5%

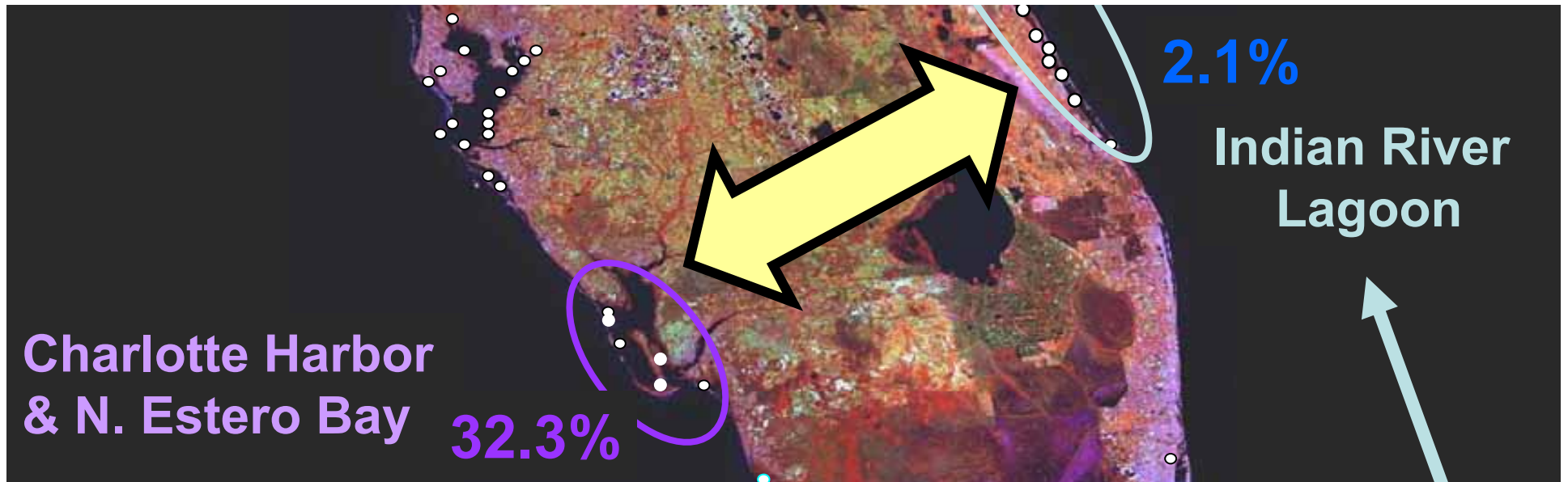
2.1%
Indian River Lagoon

Biscayne Bay
0%

Florida Keys
0.7%

Proffitt & Travis, unpublished





EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

COLLECTED PROPAGULES FROM:
5 MATERNAL TREES ON WEST COAST
5 MATERNAL TREES ON EAST COAST

PLANTED RECIPROCAL COMMON GARDENS
ON EACH COAST
THAT CONTAINED ALL FAMILIES

**TODAY I WILL PRESENT
DATA FROM
COMMON GARDEN
EXPERIMENT
ON THE EAST COAST**

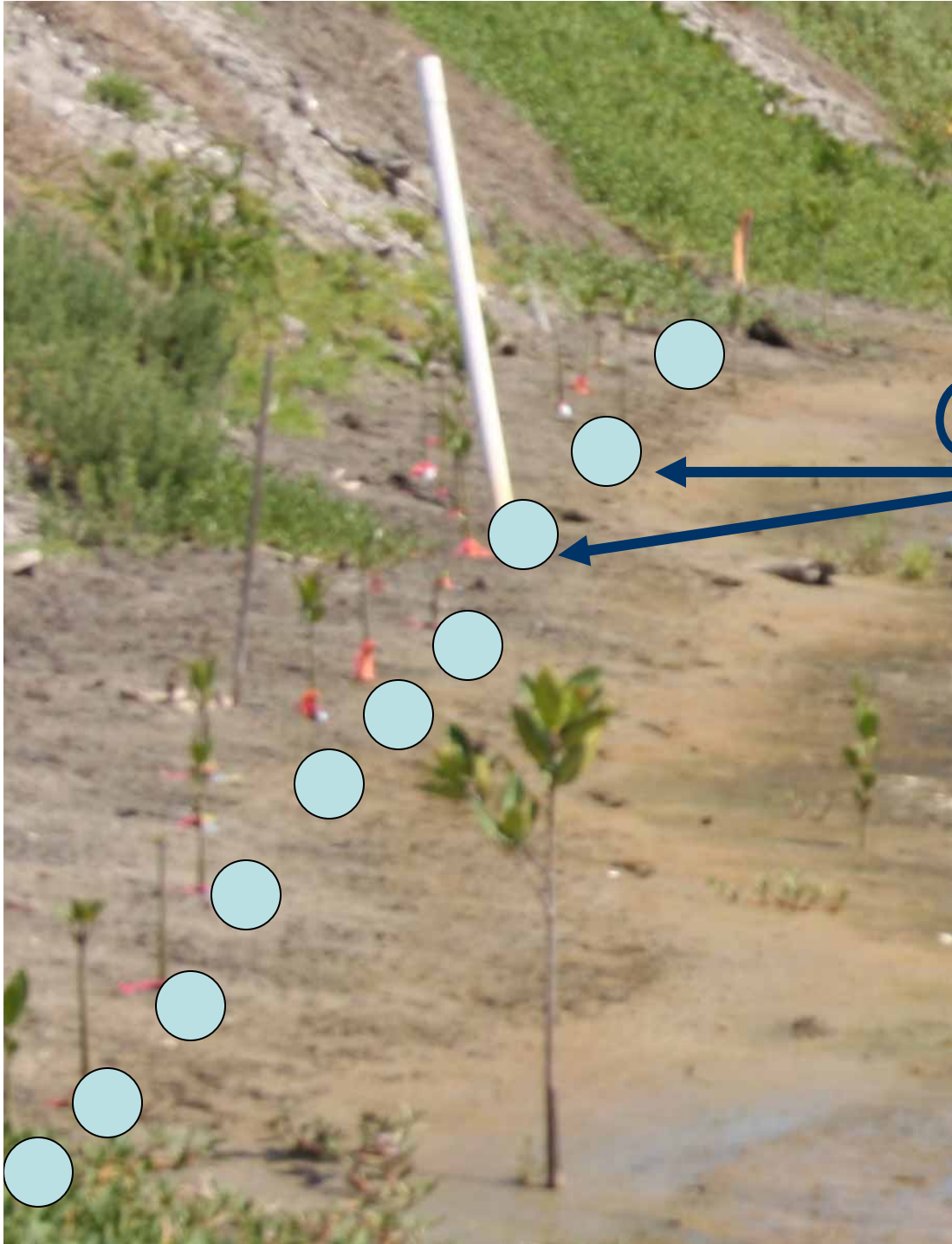


TWO 175 m TRANSECTS ON EACH SIDE EAST SITE & WEST SITE



**FOR EACH OF THE
10 MATERNAL FAMILIES
10-20 SIBLINGS (REPLICATES)
WERE PLANTED ALONG EACH
TRANSECT AT 1 m CENTERS
175 SEEDLINGS/ TRANSECT**

**TOTAL:
350 SEEDLINGS
(20 – 40 SIBLINGS FROM
EACH MATERNAL FAMILY)**



**PLANTED
SEEDLINGS
@ 1m CENTERS**

**RANDOMIZED
BY FAMILY
ALONG EACH
TRANSECT**



NOT OURS

HERBACEOUS COMPETITORS/FACILITATORS

DISTICHLIS
SESUVIUM
IPOMAEA
IVA



RESPONSE VARIABLES

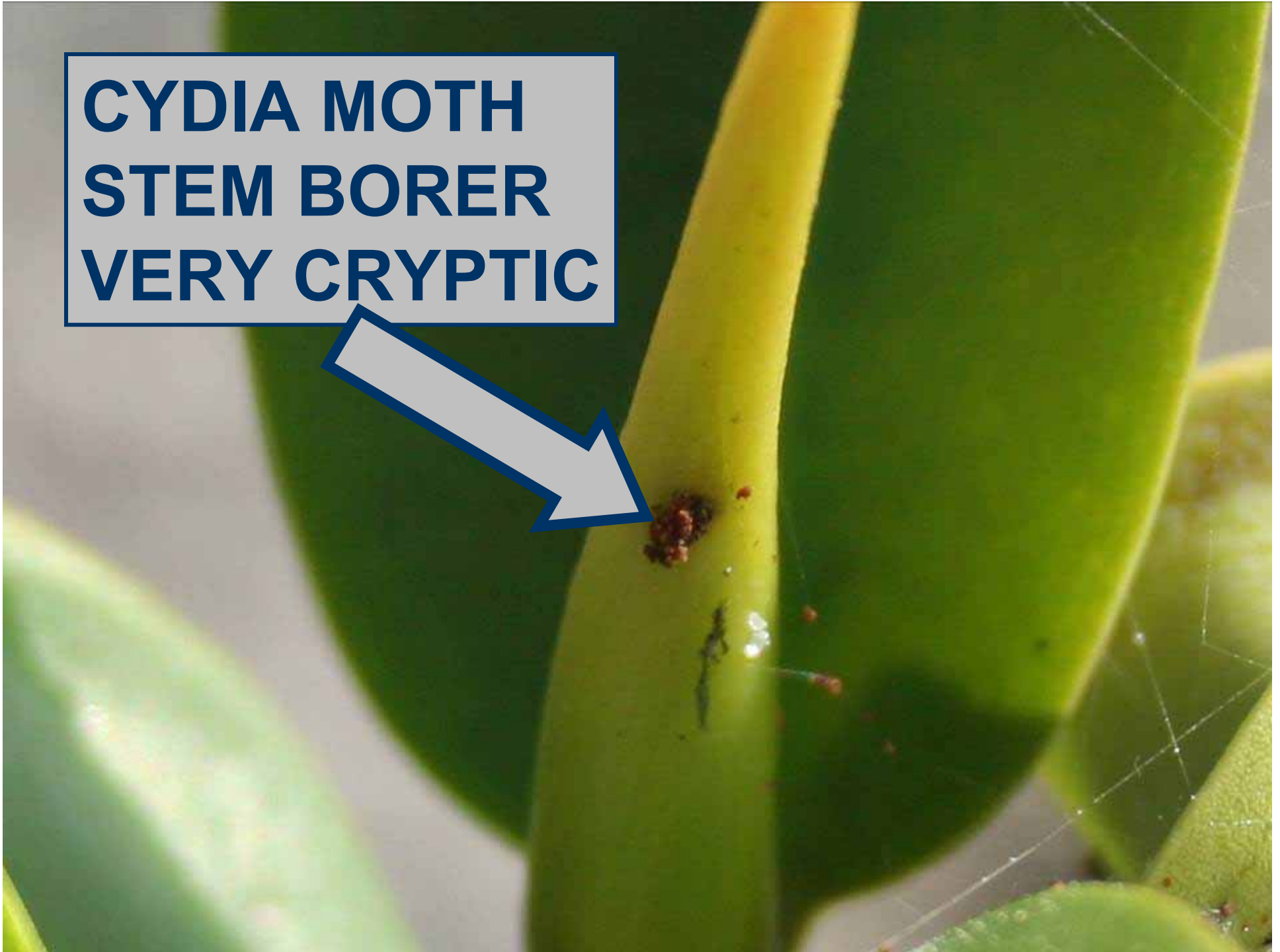
INFESTATION



LEAF PRODUCTION

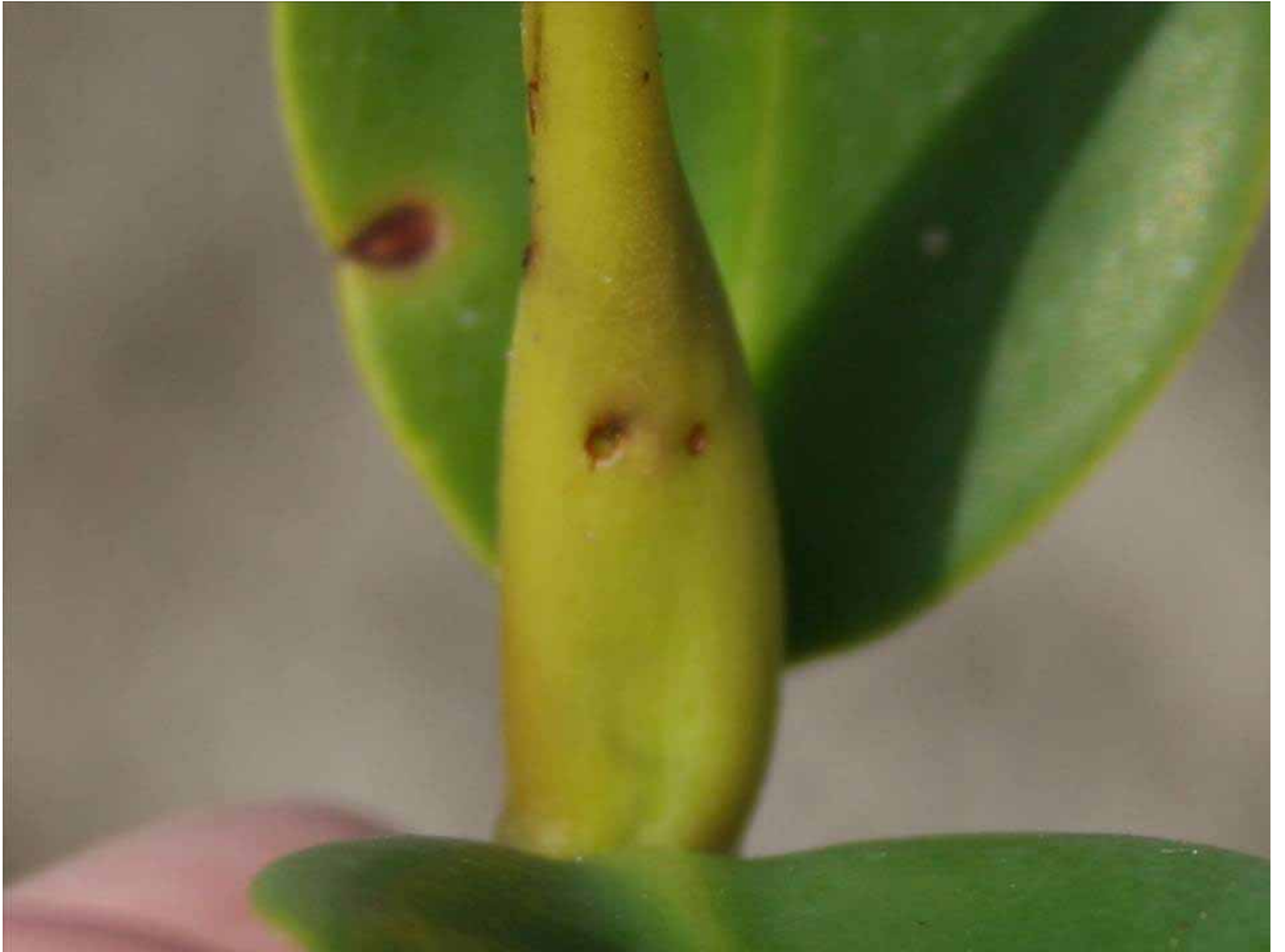
HEIGHT

**CYDIA MOTH
STEM BORER
VERY CRYPTIC**



A close-up photograph of a green plant stem. A small, dark, circular hole is visible on the stem, with a cluster of dark, granular frass (insect excrement) emerging from it. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

**FRASS ONLY WAY
TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY
THE ENTRANCE HOLE**











CHRYSALIS









EXIT HOLES ON LOWER SEEDLING OFTEN BURIED

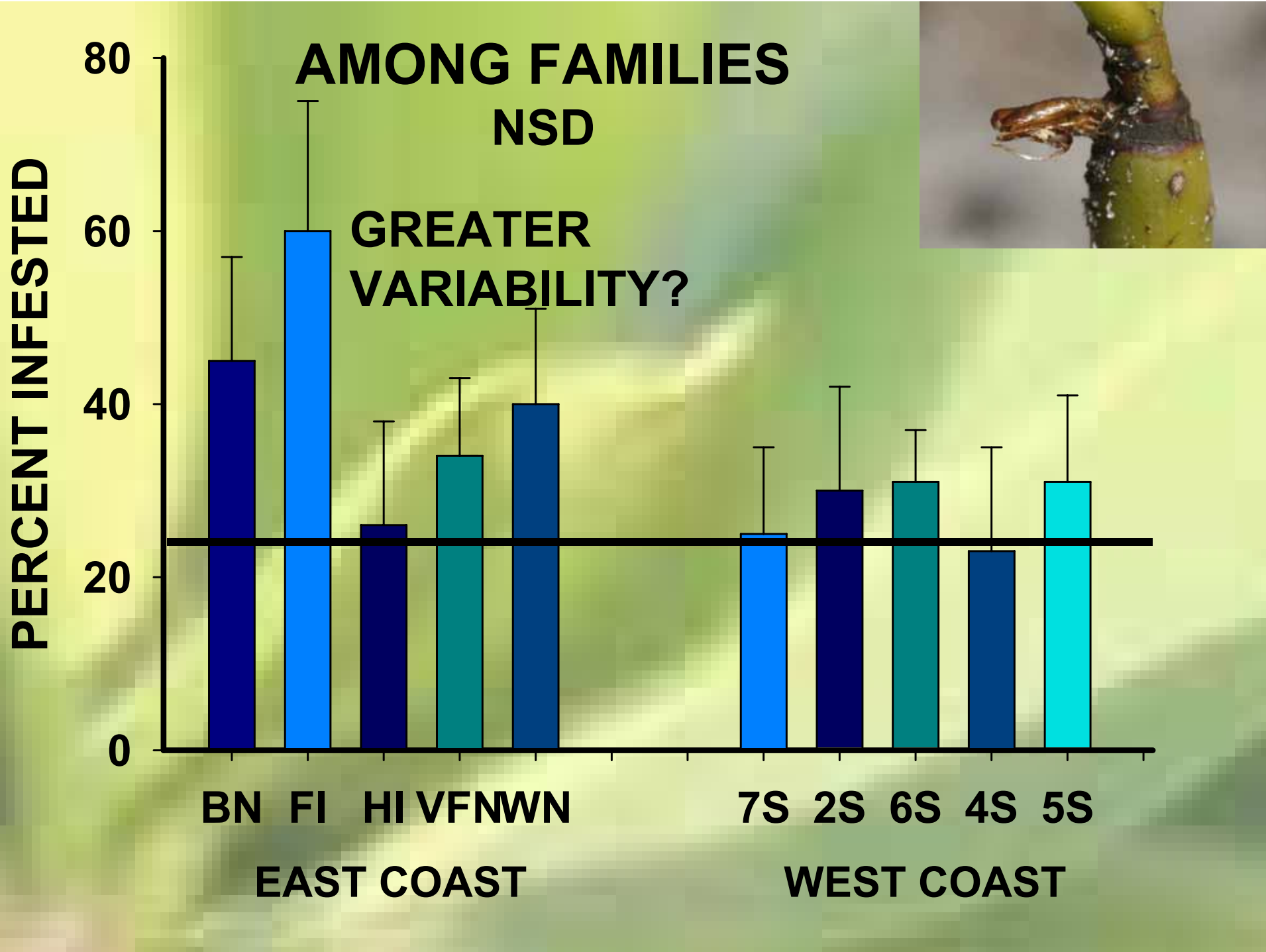




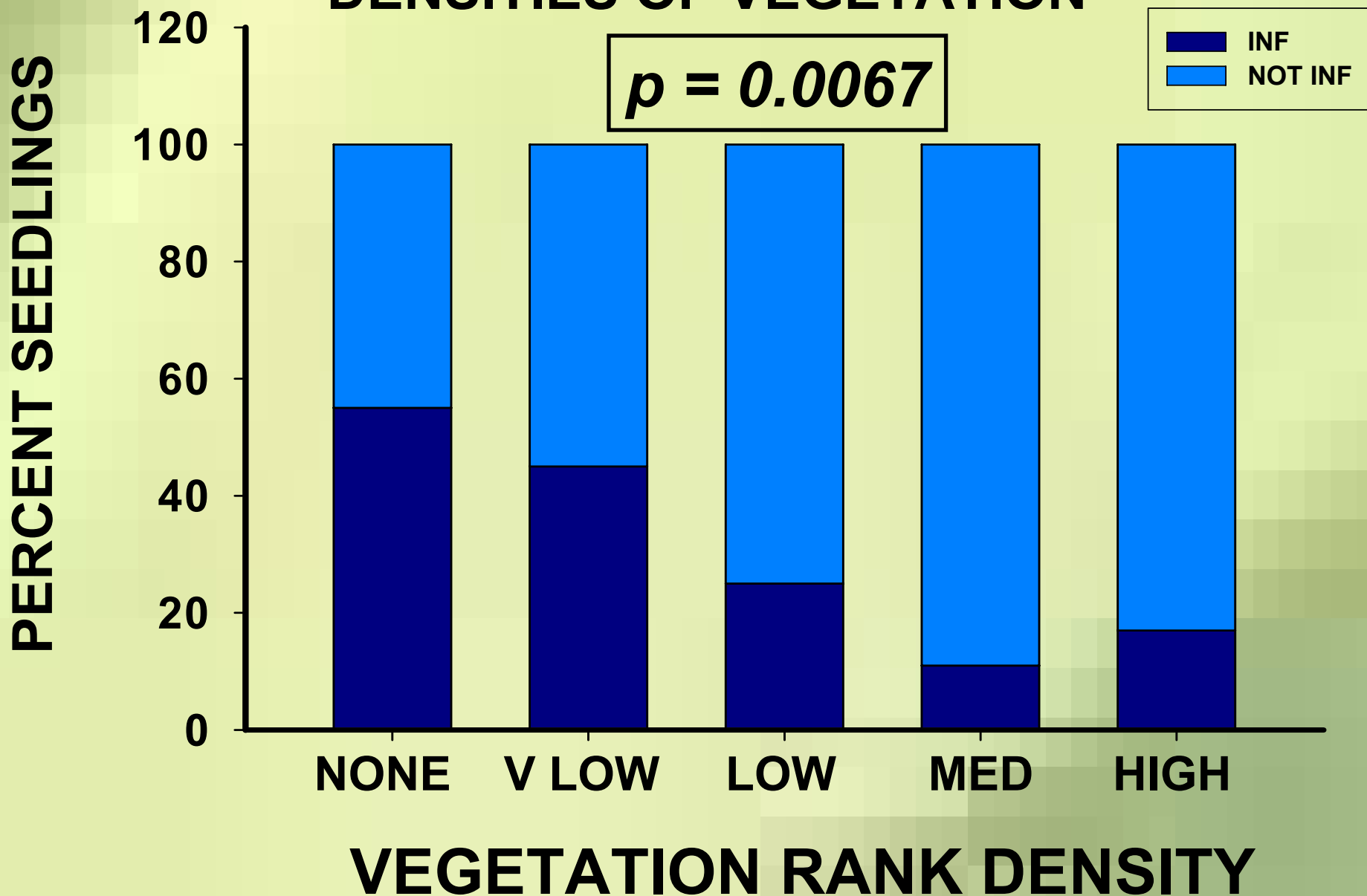
INFESTATION

LOGISTIC REGRESSION best fit
 $R^2 = .2515$

	<u>WALD</u>	<u>p</u>
COAST	0.9126	
MATERNAL FAMILY	0.7593	
DISTICHLIS	0.0445	*
VEGETATION DENSITY	0.0067	*
PROPAGULE WEIGHT	0.9902	

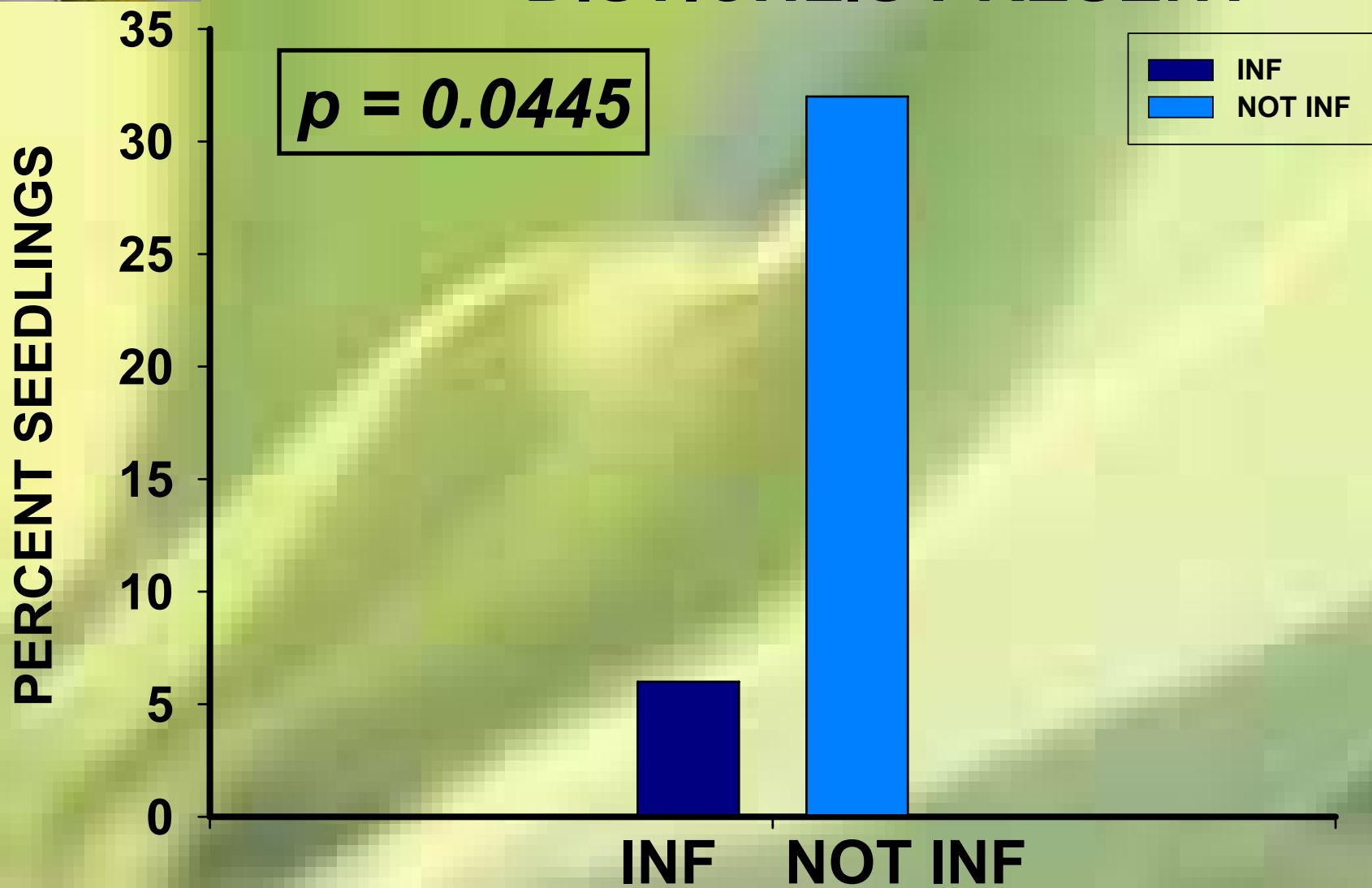


INFESTATION AT DIFFERENT DENSITIES OF VEGETATION





SEEDLING INFESTATION WITH DISTICHLIS PRESENT



LEAF PRODUCTIVITY



* INFESTATION

* COAST

* MATERNAL FAMILY

* INF * SITE * COAST

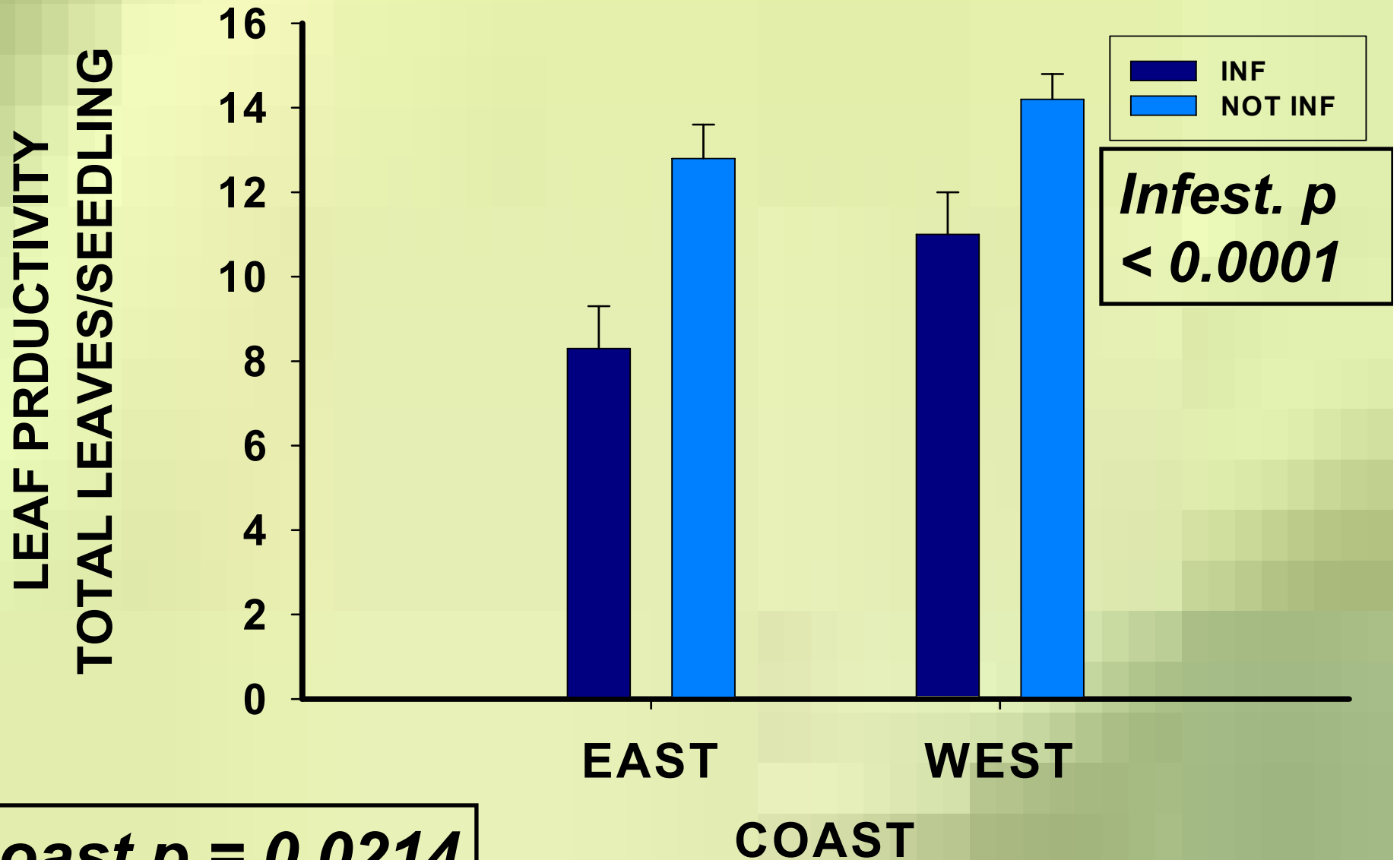
PRODUCTIVITY (TOTAL LEAVES PRODUCED)

ANOVA

$R^2 = 0.281$

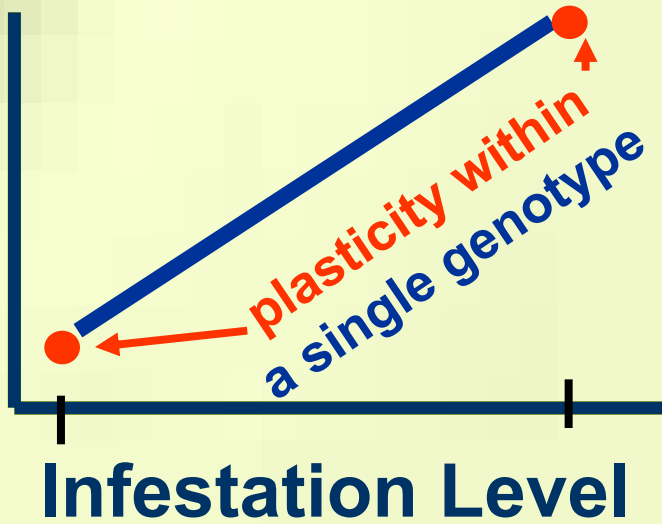
<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>Pr > F</u>
INFESTATION	<.0001 *
EXP. SITE	0.2329
COAST OF ORIGIN	0.0214 *
MATERNAL FAMILY	0.0219 *
INFEST * COAST	0.4202
INF * SITE * COAST	0.0032 *
prop wt (covariate)	<.0001

LEAF PRODUCTIVITY BY COAST

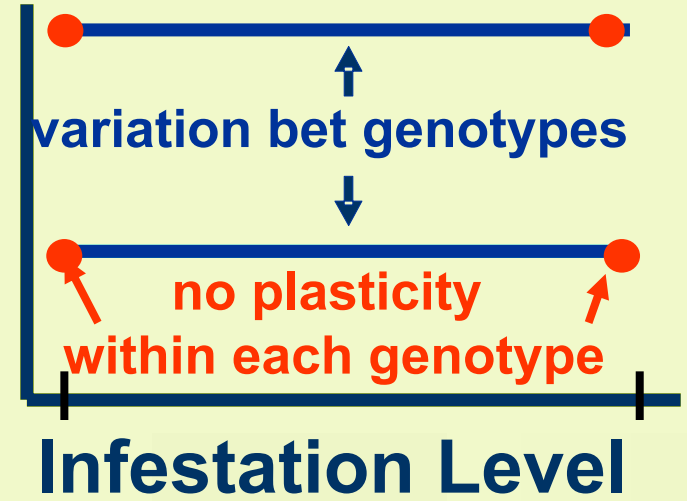


Coast p = 0.0214

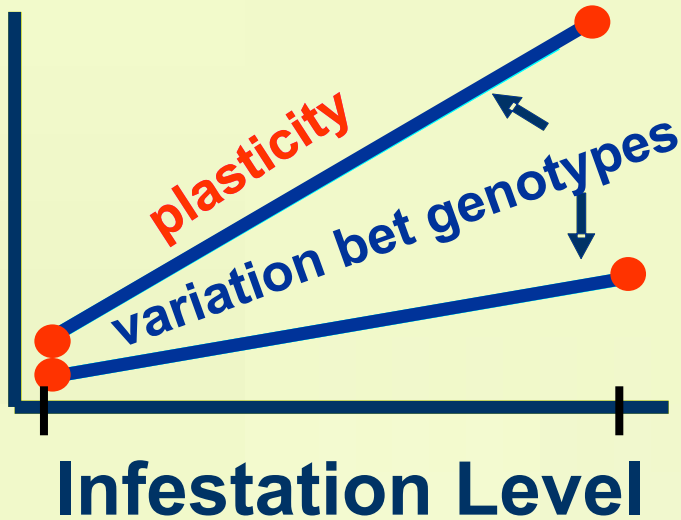
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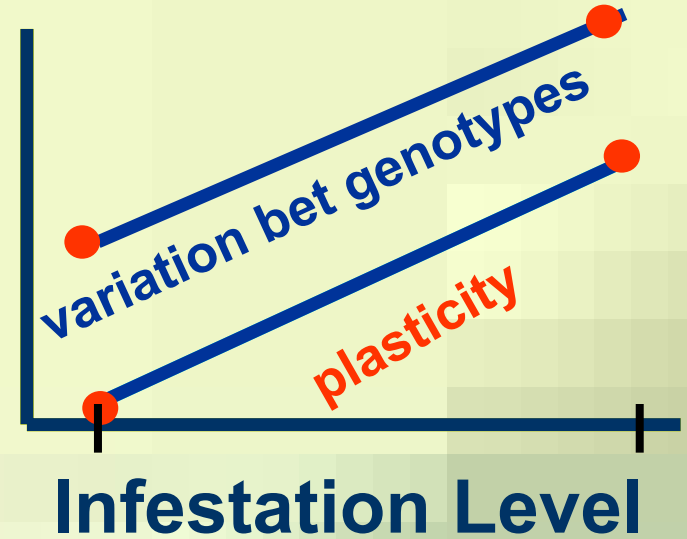
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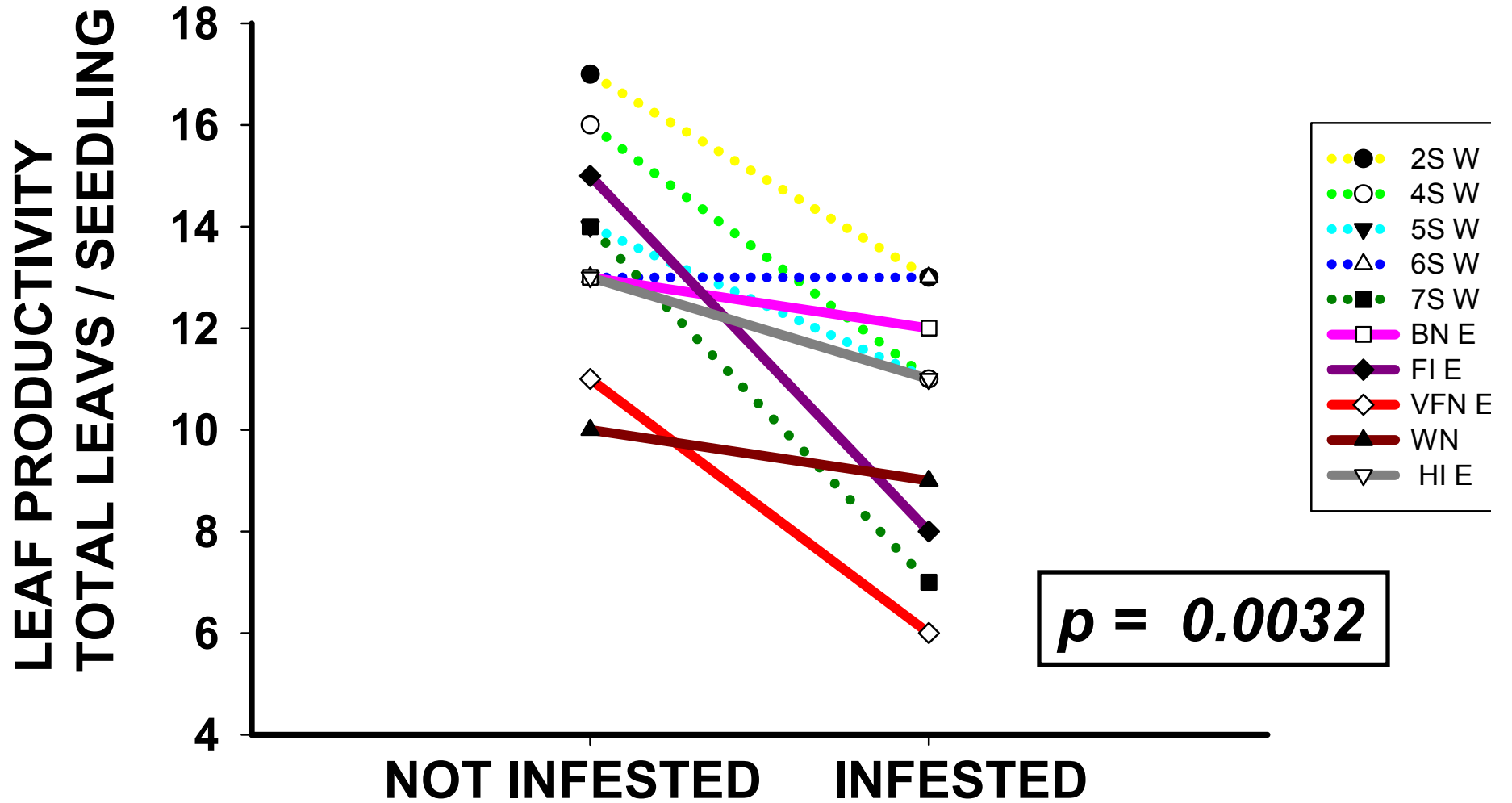


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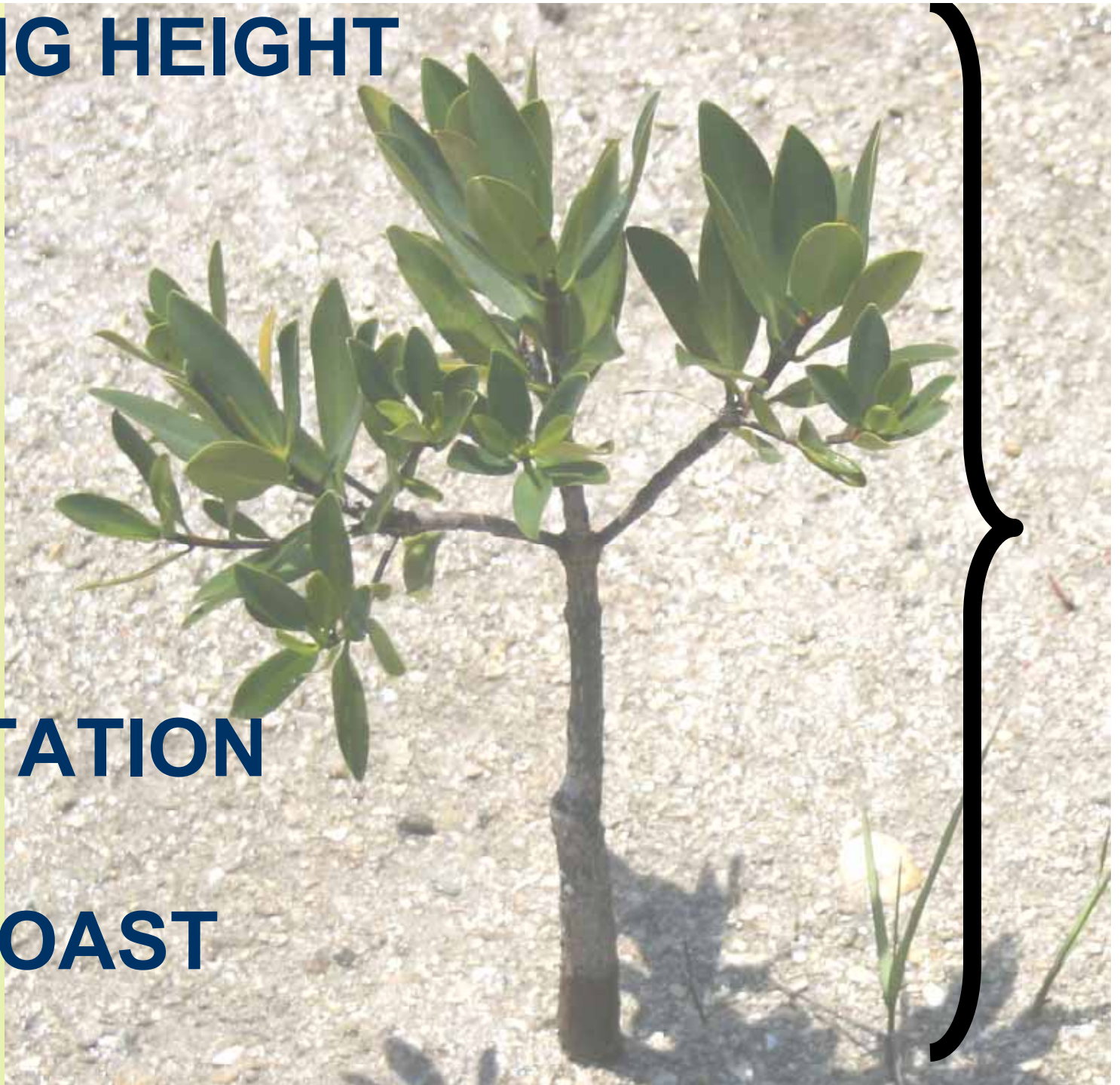


NORMS OF REACTION

LEAF PRODUCTIVITY BY MATERNAL FAMILY & COAST



SEEDLING HEIGHT



*** INFESTATION**

*** COAST**

*** INF * COAST**

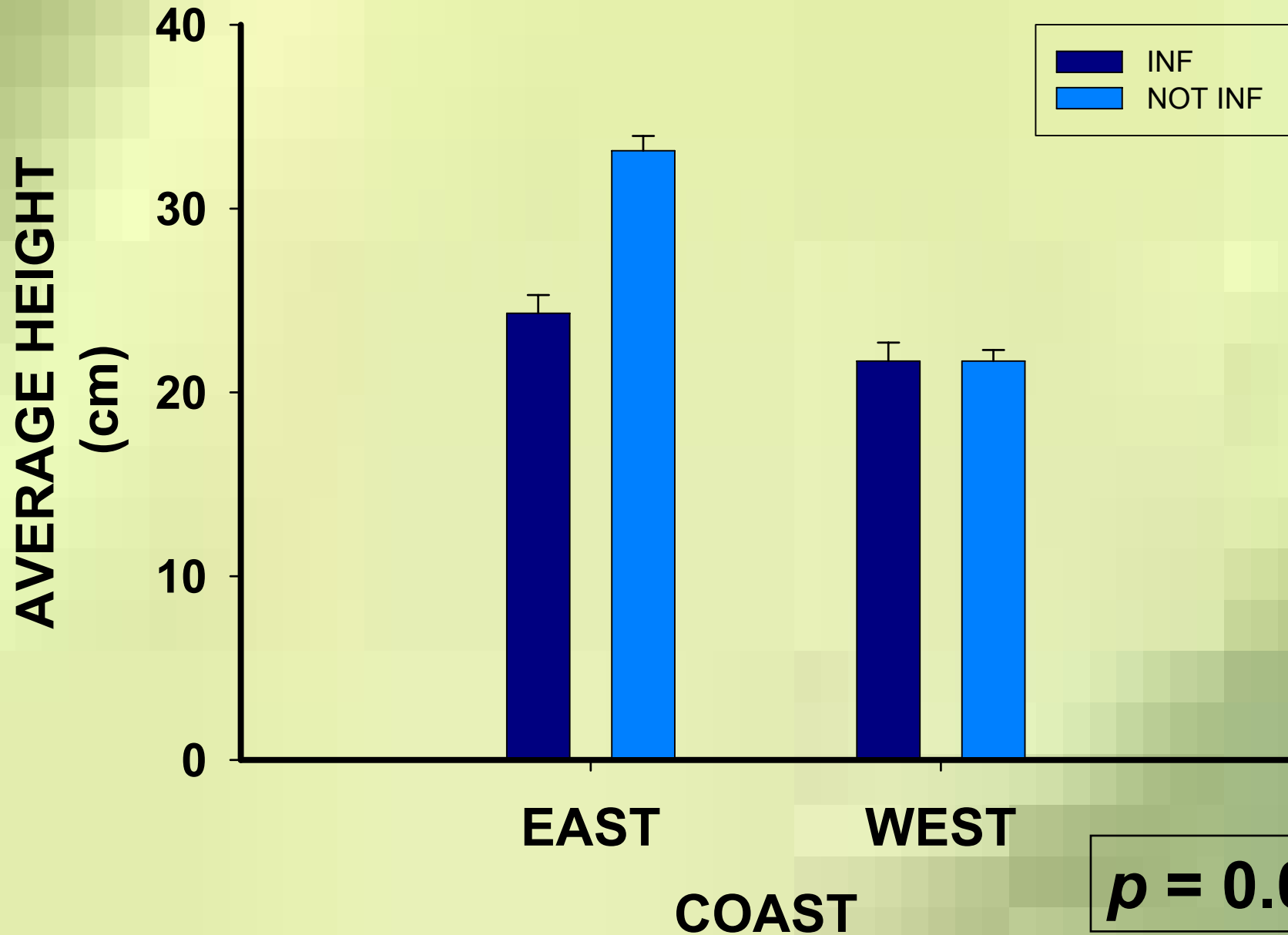
TOTAL HEIGHT

ANOVA

$R^2 = 0.51$

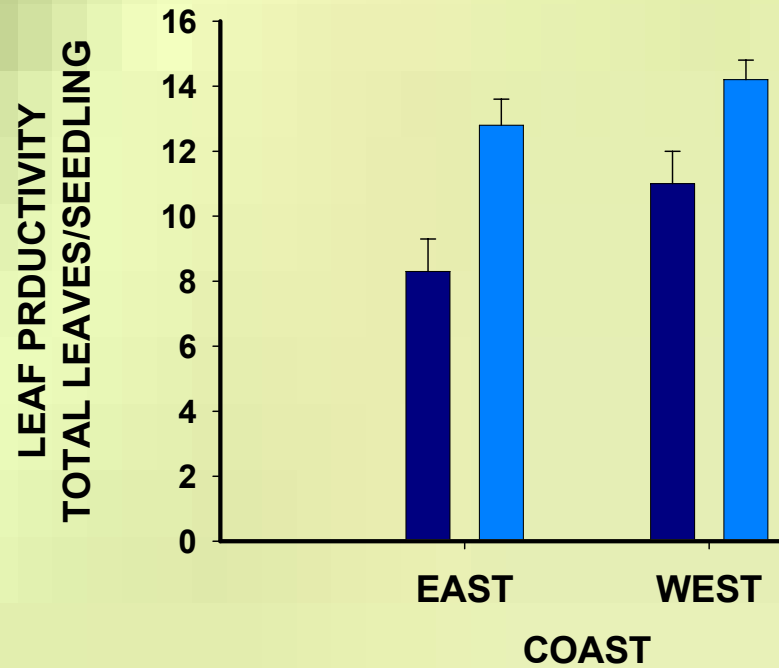
<u>Source</u>	<u>Pr > F</u>
INFESTATION	<.0001 *
EXP. SITE	0.5574
COAST	<.0001 *
MATERNAL FAMILY	0.0884
INFEST * COAST	0.0283 **
INFEST * EXP. SITE*	0.8098
propagule weight (covariate)	<.0001

HEIGHT BY INFESTATION AND COAST

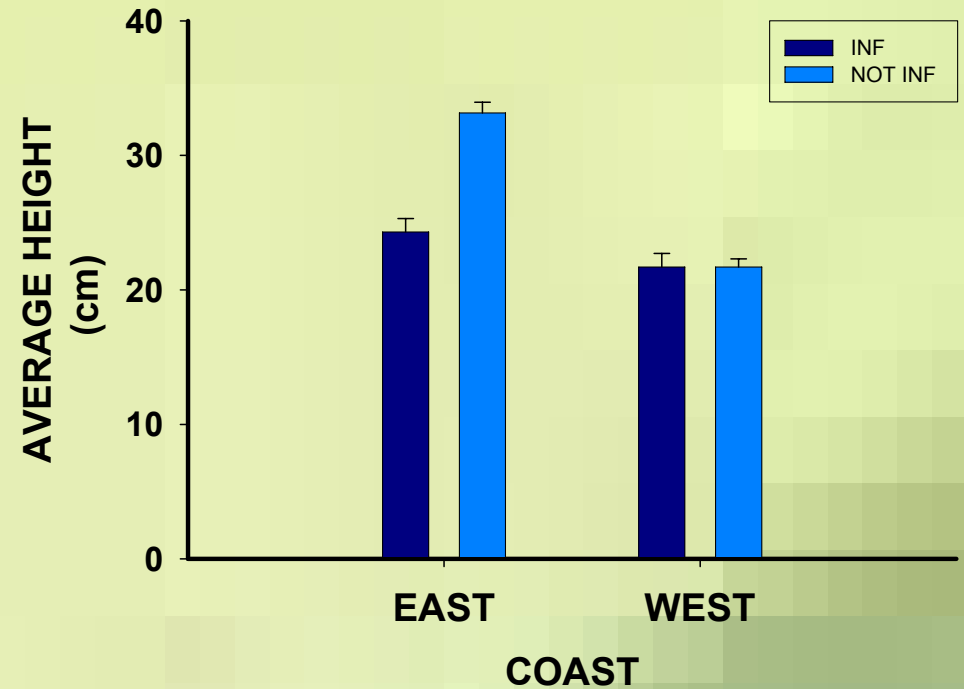


SEEDLING ARCHITECTURE

LEAF PRODUCTIVITY



SEEDLING HEIGHT



WITHIN-SPECIES BIODIVERSITY (MATERNAL FAMILIES) OF THE FOUNDATION SPECIES *RHIZOPHORA MANGLE* AFFECTS ONE ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION --- PRODUCTIVITY

MATERNAL FAMILY DIVERSITY ALSO AFFECTS OUTCOMES OF INTERACTIONS BETWEEN *RHIZOPHORA* AND HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND PARASITIC INSECTS

ALSO FOUND AN INDIRECT FACILITATIVE EFFECT OF HERBACEOUS SPECIES (*DISTICHLIS*) BY REDUCING THE RATE OF PARASITISM



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Red Mangrove Genetic Diversity

Florida *R. mangle* may have lost genetic diversity because of climate fluctuation bottlenecks

Florida: Low Heterozygosity (AFLP's)
(Travis & Proffitt, unpubl; Devlin, unpubl.)

Does this affect:
potential for further change with climate now?
interactions with other mangroves and salt marsh species?

Colombia: Genetic Structure varies among populations High Heterozygosity (microsatellites)
(Argelaez-Cortes et al. 2007)

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