Integrated Theme 13
Regional Climate Change Scenarios for Impacts-Vulnerability-Adaptation (IVA) Studies and Assessments

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On Dynamic Downscaling of future climates

The reduced resolution grid of global models implies a need for downscaling methods that may be used in climate change scenarios that are built from global models with regional models nested on them, so that they obtain more detailed projections for states, valleys or regions, with higher spatial resolution than that provided by a global climate model.

Therefore, downscaling is of great use for climate change impacts studies on management and operation of water resources, natural ecosystems and agricultural activities as well as on health care and on the spread of diseases.

It is important to emphasize that future climate projections will show uncertainties that are inherent to all models, which, on one hand, recommend caution with respect to interpretations of data and information, and on the other hand, motivate the search for technical and scientific improvement.

A lot of progress since the first regional climate change scenarios appeared in 2007 (INCT MC started in 2009)
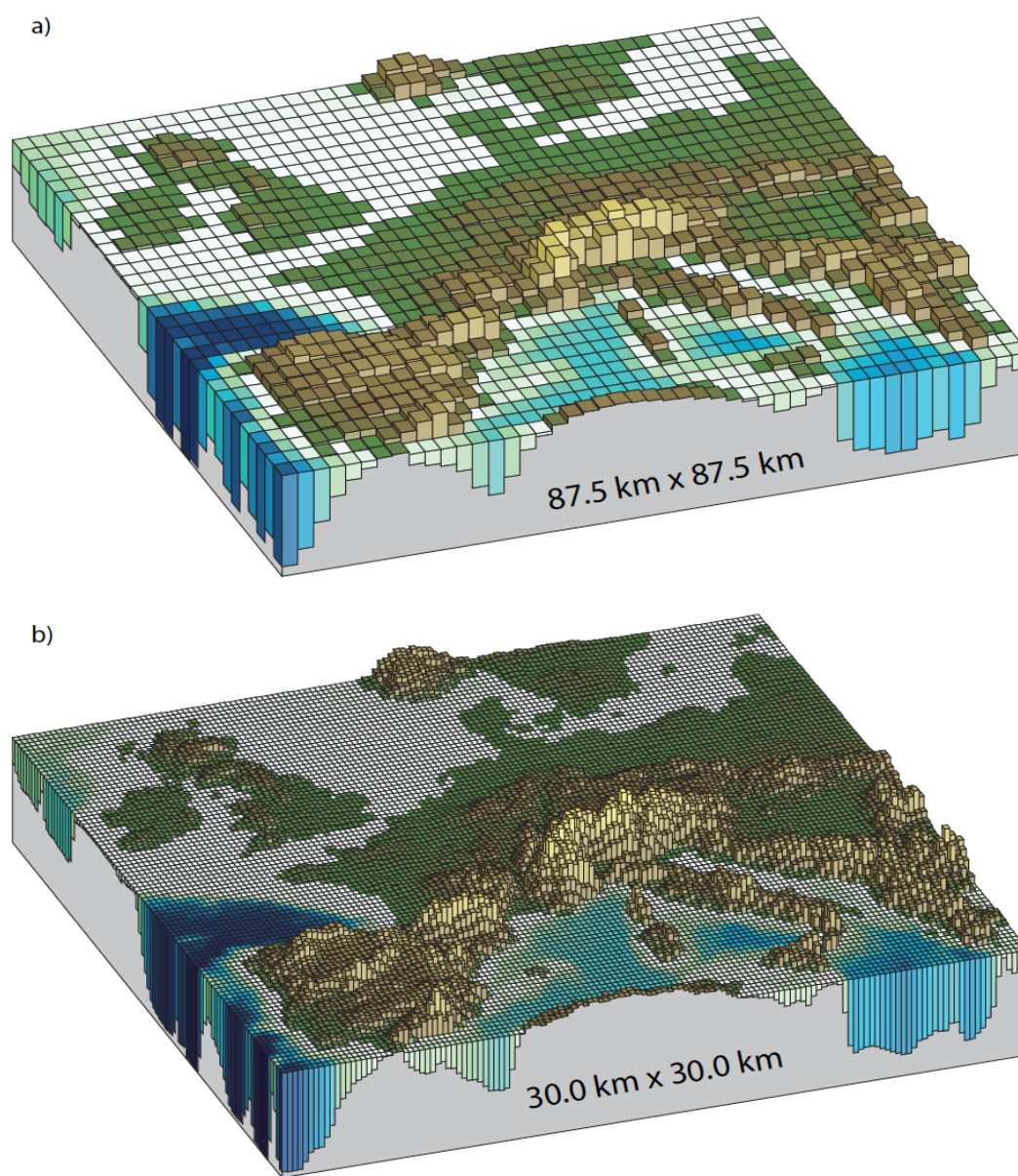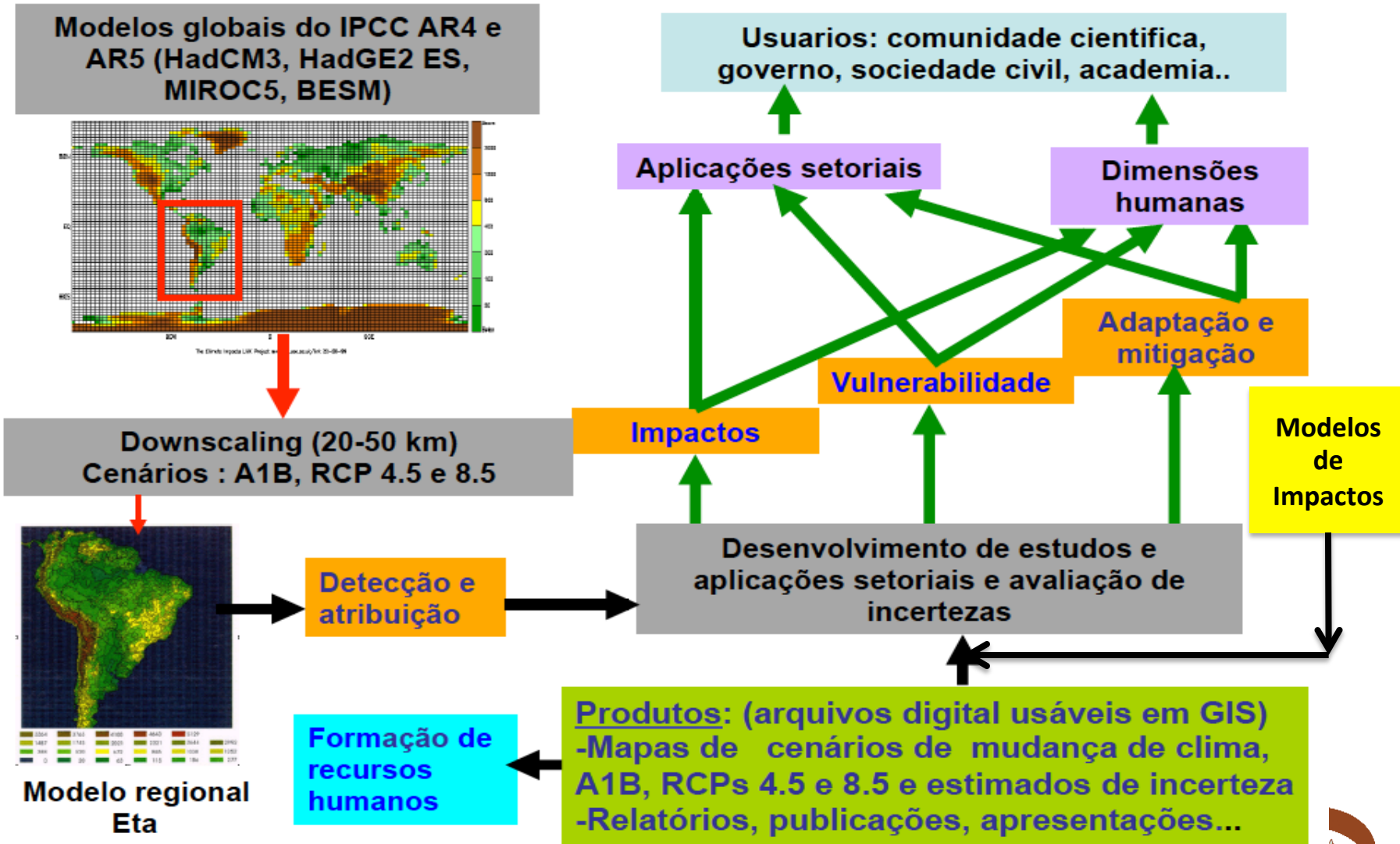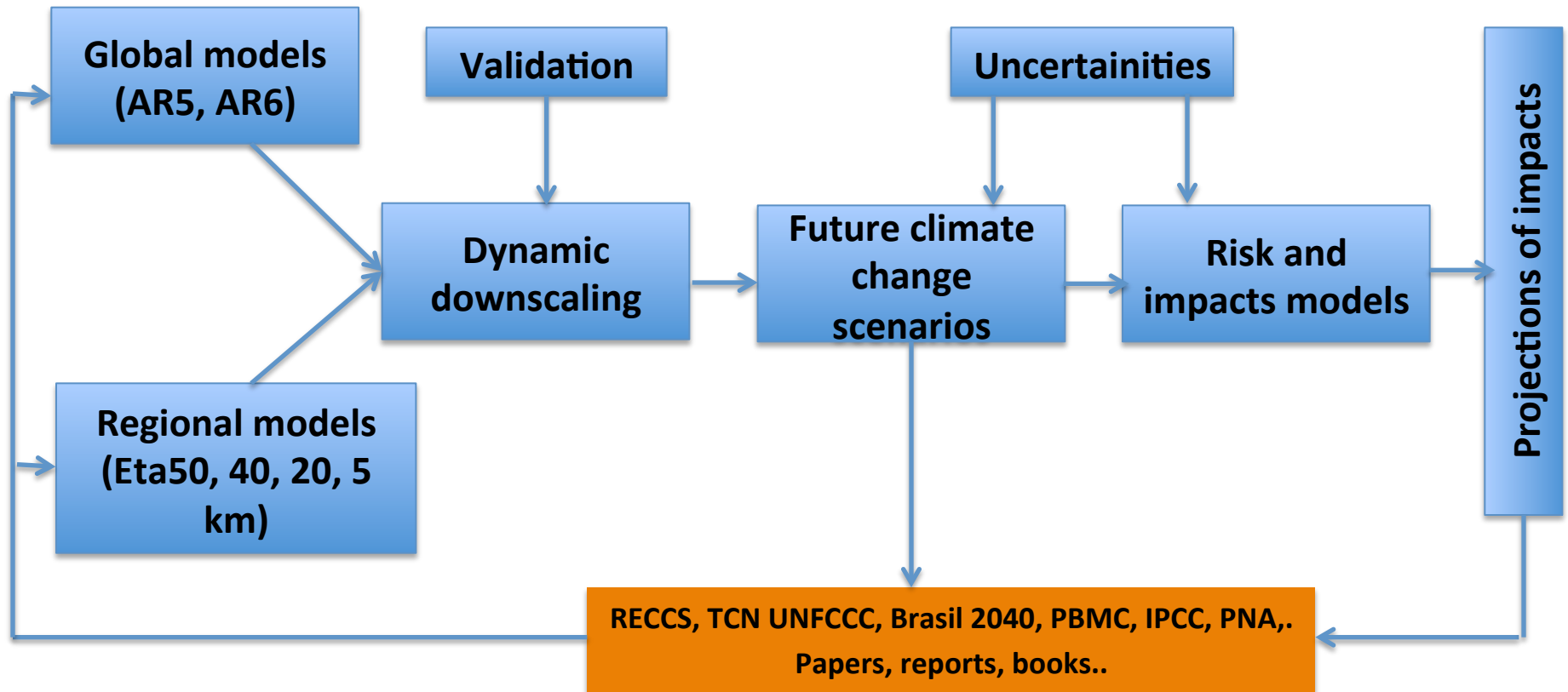
Figure 1.14 | Horizontal resolutions considered in today's higher resolution models and in the very high resolution models now being tested: (a) Illustration of the European topography at a resolution of 87.5 × 87.5 km; (b) same as (a) but for a resolution of 30.0 × 30.0 km.

Downscaling strategy developed in the INCT-MC for IVA studies (INPE, CEMADEN)

# Projections of impacts due to climate change

Global models (AR5, AR6) → Dynamic downscaling → Future climate change scenarios → Risk and impacts models → Projections of impacts

Regional models (Eta50, 40, 20, 5 km) → Dynamic downscaling

Validation → Dynamic downscaling

Uncertainities → Future climate change scenarios / Risk and impacts models

RECCS, TCN UNFCCC, Brasil 2040, PBMC, IPCC, PNA,. Papers, reports, books..

Changes in rainfall, temperatures and rainfall extremes (HadCM3, A1B, Eta) scenarios developed in 2012
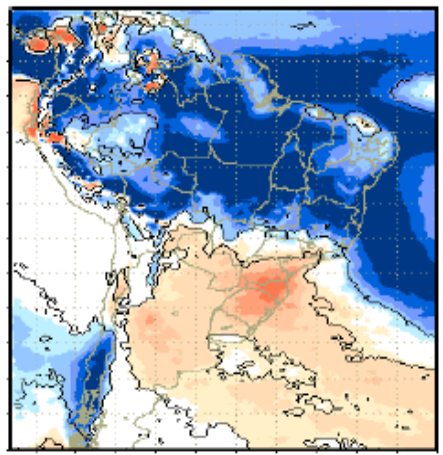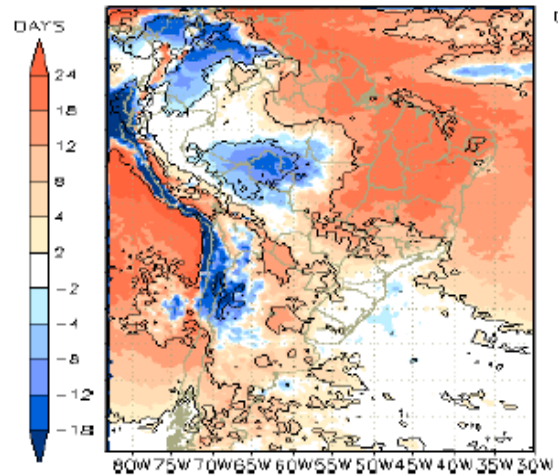

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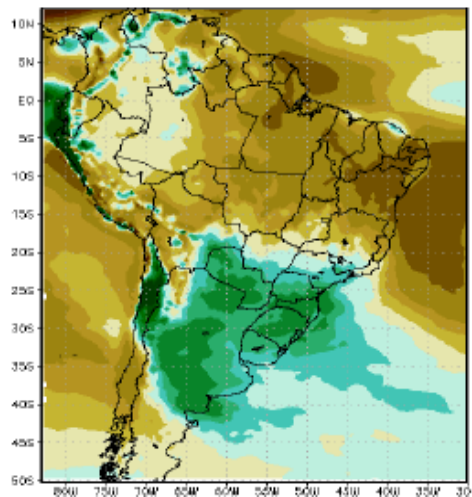
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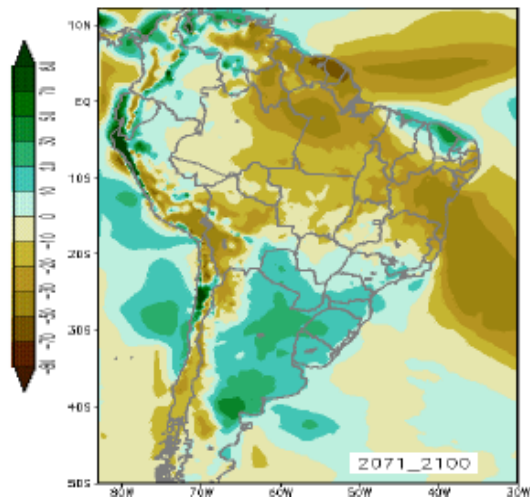
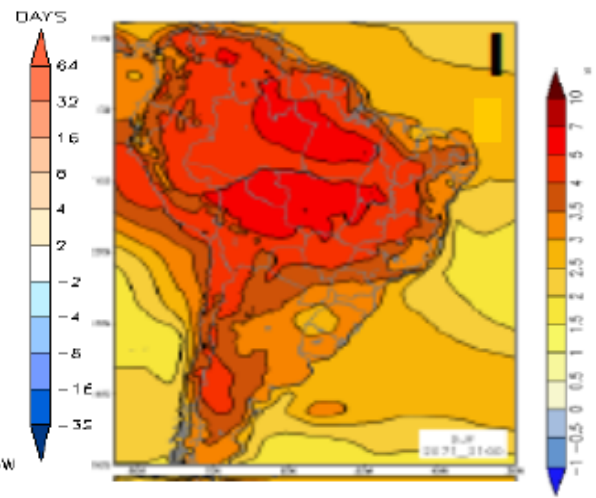Mudanças de clima projetados pelo Eta-HadCM3, cenário A1B para 2071-2100
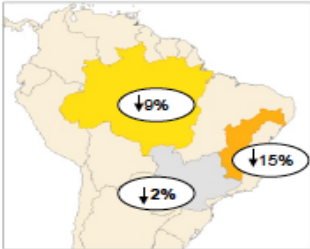
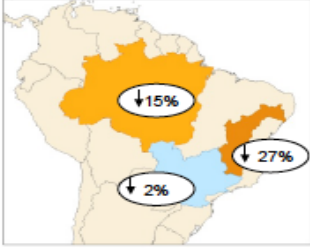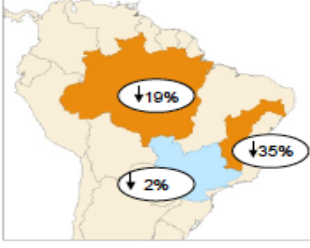Precipitação intensa

Dias secos consecutivos

Temperatura media

Chou et al 2012, Marengo et al 2012

Projected changes rainfall and temperature in the three main basins in Brazil (HadCM3, A1B, Eta)

Decade (30-year mean centred on)	% change in annual rainfall relative to 1961-90 mean	Change in annual mean temperature in the basins and Brazil	Change in annual mean temperature: Global	Atmospheric CO_2 concentrations
2020s	↓9% ↓15% ↓2%	AMZ:+1.9°C SF: +1.5°C PAR: +1.8°C +1.7 °C	+1.3 °C	418 ppm
2050s	↓15% ↓27% ↓2%	AMZ:+3.5°C SF: +2.8°C PAR: +3.2°C +3.2 °C	+2.5 °C	523 ppm
2080s	↓19% ↓35% ↓2%	AMZ:+4.9°C SF: +3.8°C PAR: +4.5°C +4.5 °C	+3.3 °C	638 ppm

Marengo et al 2012

Índice de Aridez derivado do modelo Eta 40 km, A1B eun with HadCM3
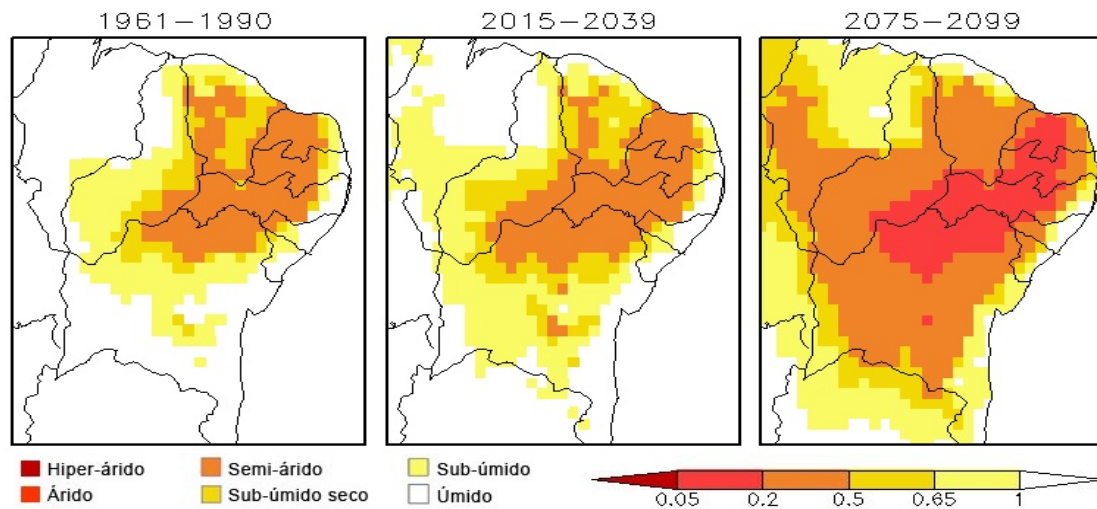
O risco de aridização pode afetar irreversivelmente a caatinga e outros ecossistemas naturais na região semiárida.

Com a degradação do solo existe o alto risco de aumentar a migração para as cidades costeiras, agravando ainda mais os problemas urbanos, gerando ondas de "refugiados ambientais", aumentando os problemas sociais já existentes nos grandes centros urbanos do Nordeste e do Brasil.

Marengo and Bernasconi 2015

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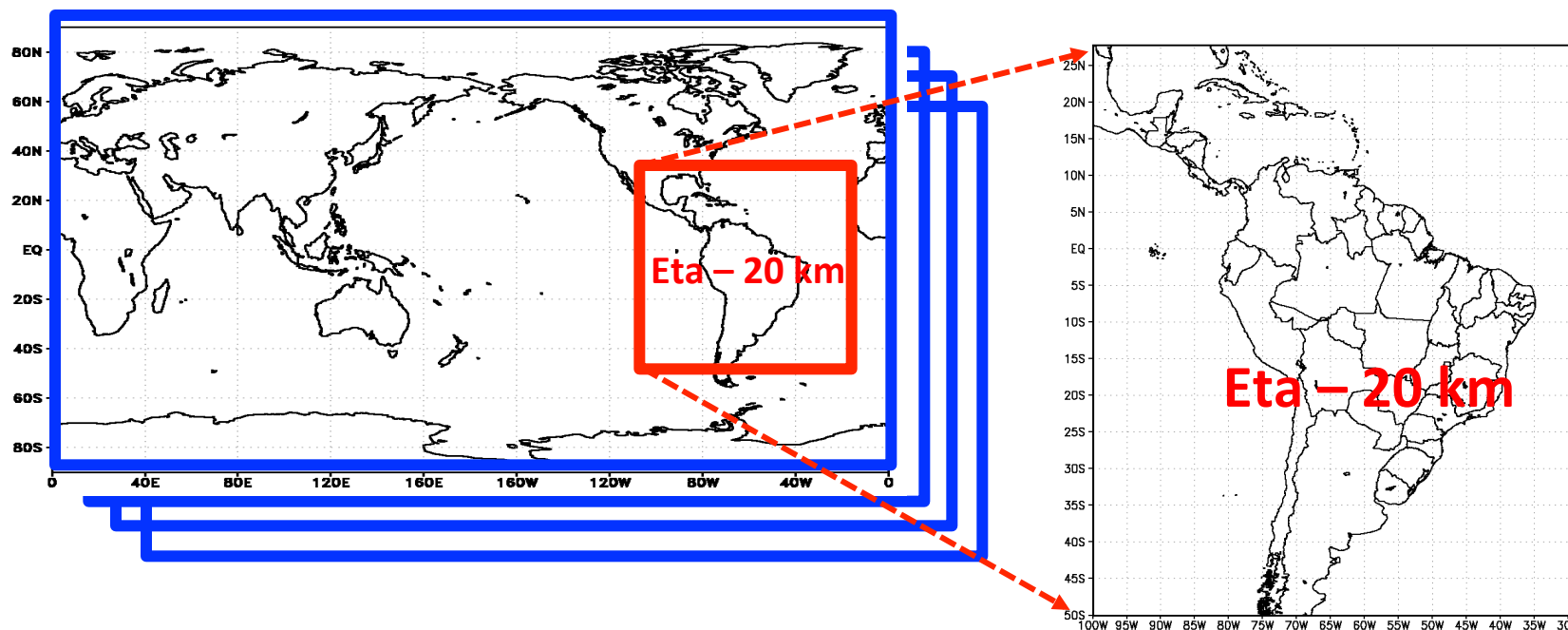
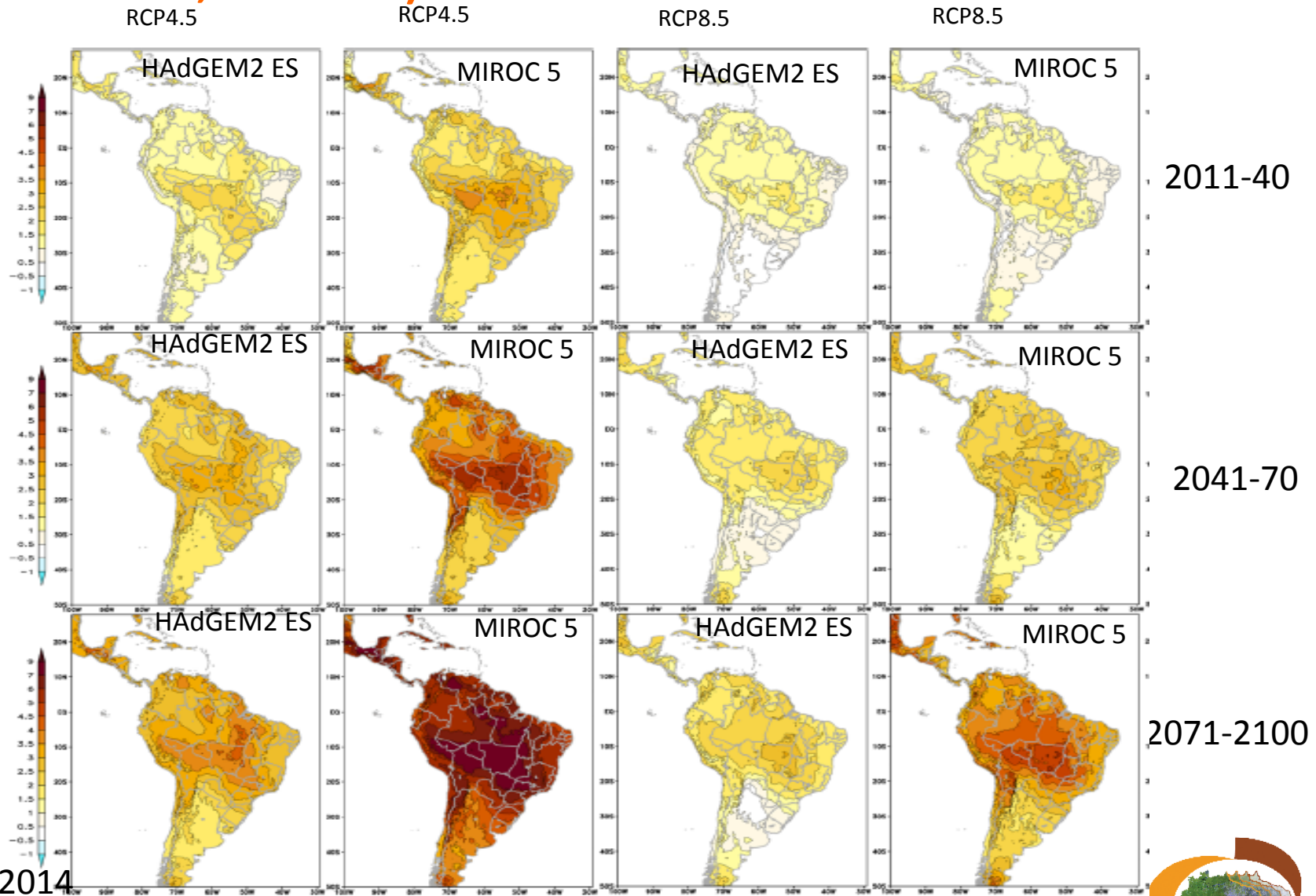# New downscaling process for climate change scenarios (2015)

TNC to UNFCCC, PNA, BRASIL 2040

- 3 Global models
- 2 Emission scenarios
- Eta regional model

1. HadGEM2-ES
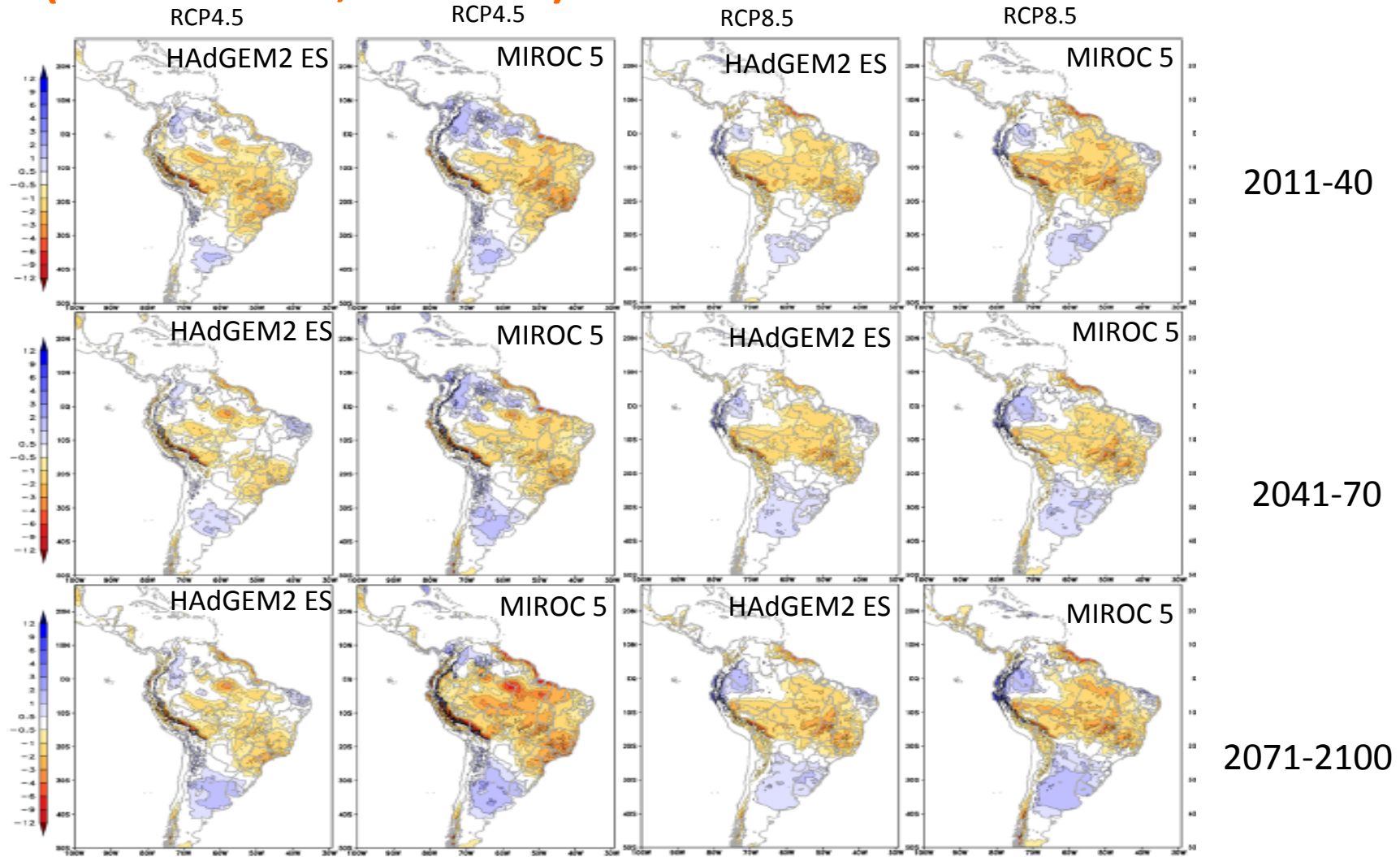2. BESM (only present)
3. MIROC5 *

1. RCP 4.5
2. RCP 8.5

Eta – 20 km

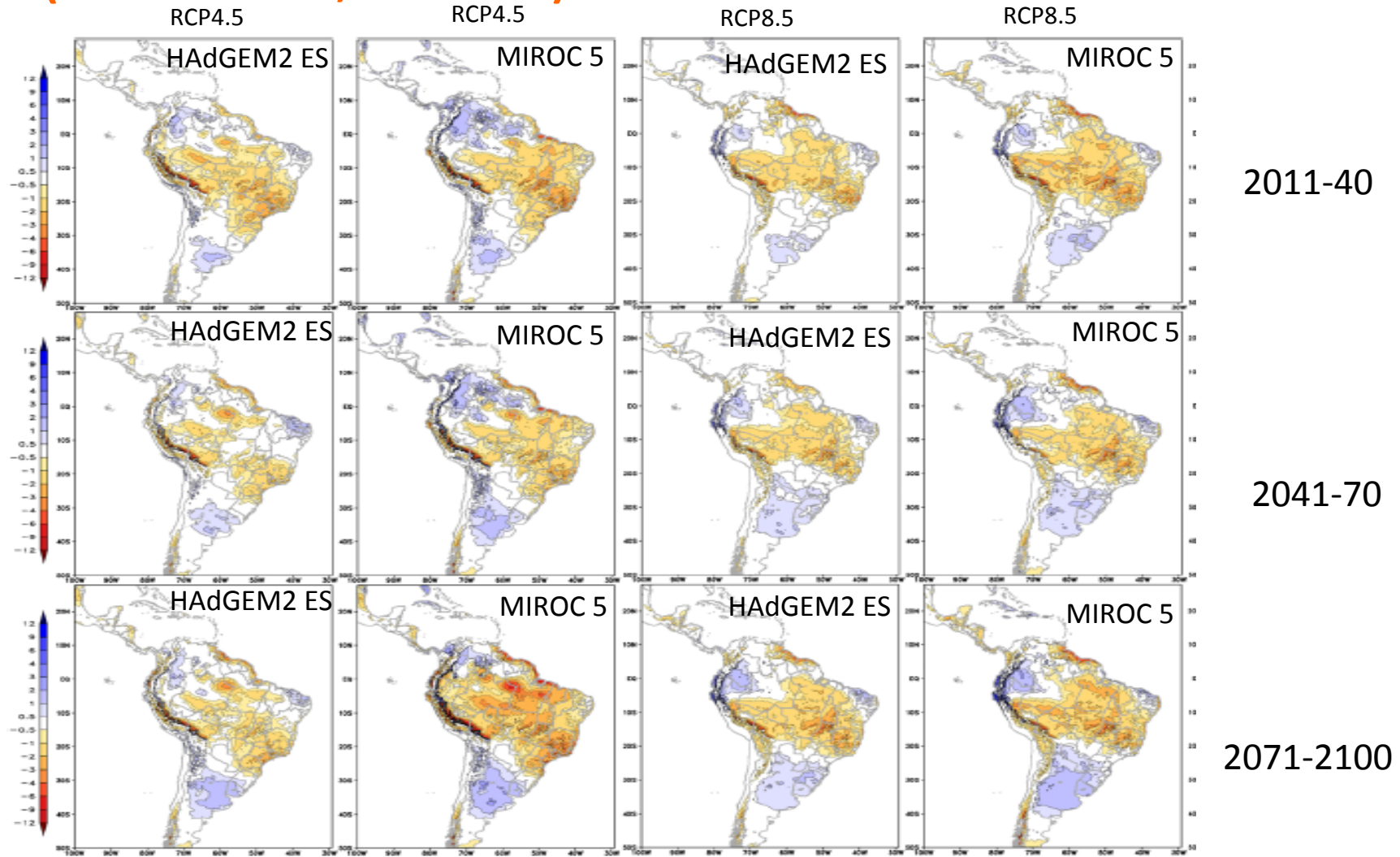# DJF temperature (C) changes over South America under RCP 4.5 and 8.5 (HadGEM2 ES, MIROC 5)

Chou et al 2014

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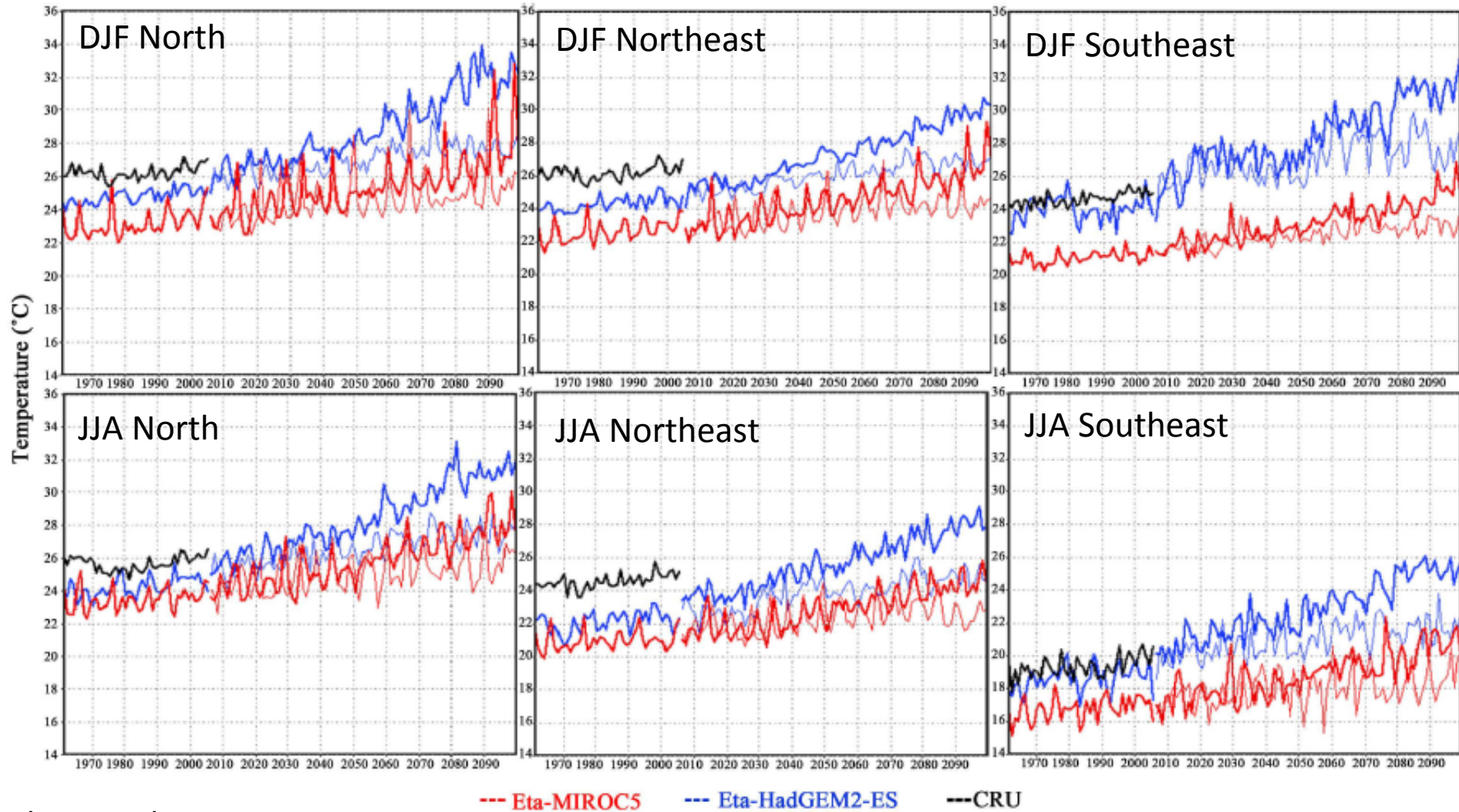

Chou et al 2014

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Mean annual temperature (˚C) 1961 until 2100, for RCP 4.5 (thin lines) and RCP 8.5 (thick lines) [HadGEM2 ES, MIROC5, Eta]
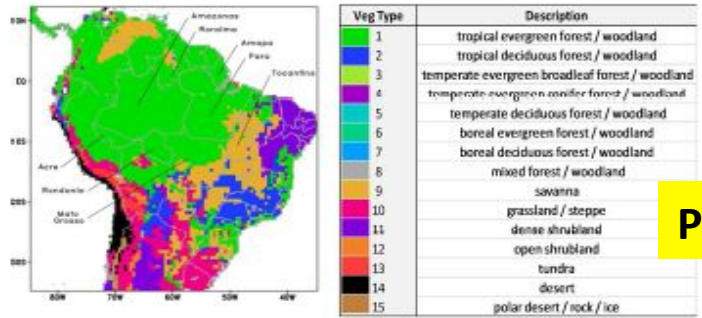

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Projections of climate change impacts on South America in natural vegetation under climate change scenarios (HadGEM 2 ES, RCP 4.5 and 8.5, Eta, INLAND)
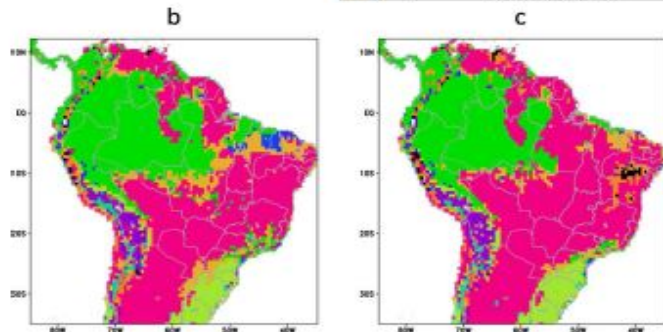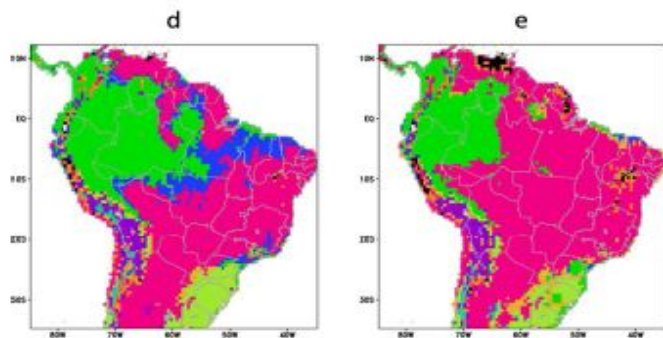

HadGEM2-ES 1.875° x 1.25°

Eta Model
20 km
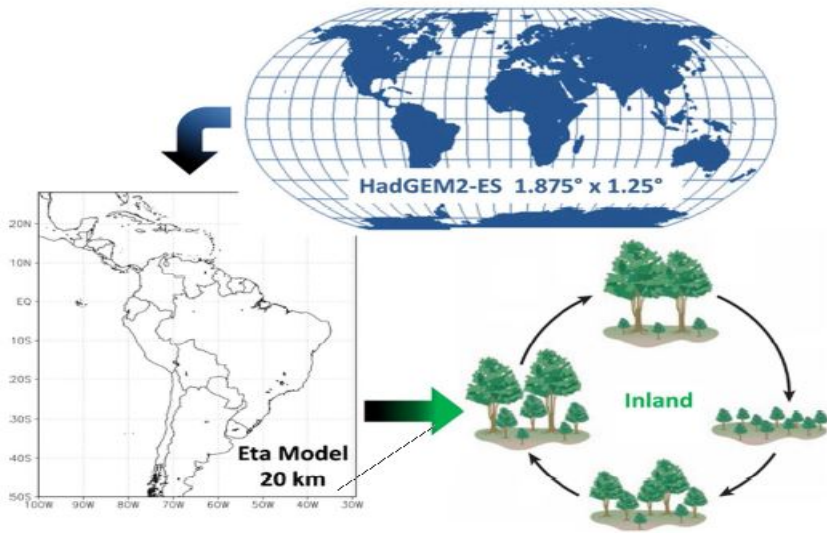
Inland

Coupled Eta-INLAND version

Continued work on INLAND parameters and representation of Brazilian BIOME and national CRO

Veg Type	Description
1	tropical evergreen forest / woodland
2	tropical deciduous forest / woodland
3	temperate evergreen broadleaf forest / woodland
4	temperate evergreen conifer forest / woodland
5	temperate deciduous forest / woodland
6	boreal evergreen forest / woodland
7	boreal deciduous forest / woodland
8	mixed forest / woodland
9	savanna
10	grassland / steppe
11	dense shrubland
12	open shrubland
13	tundra
14	desert
15	polar desert / rock / ice

PRESENT

2050

2100

RCP 4.5

RCP 8.5

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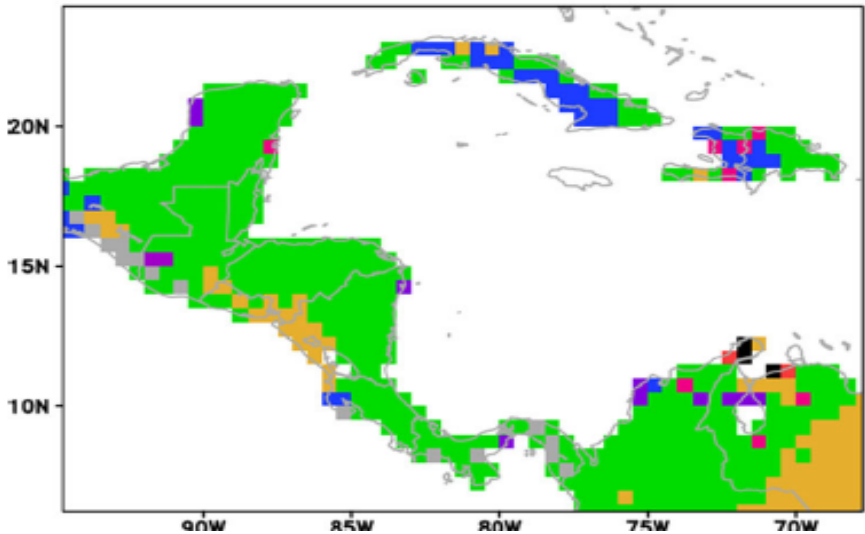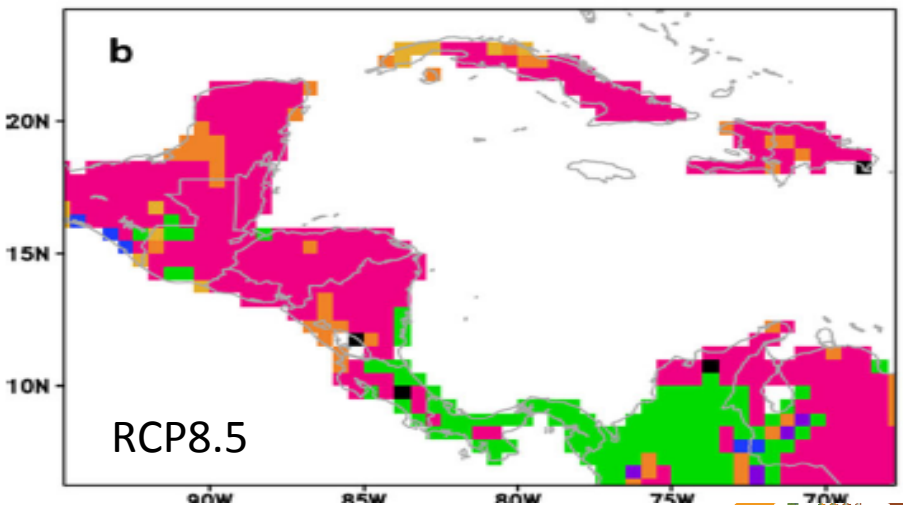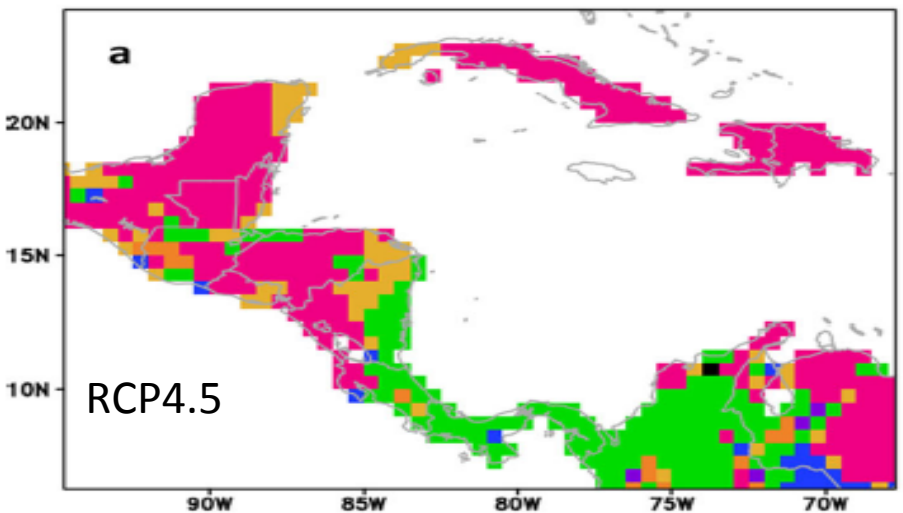
Projections of climate change impacts on central America tropical rainforest under climate change scenarios (HadGEM2 ES, RCP 4.5 and 8.5, Eta, INLAND)

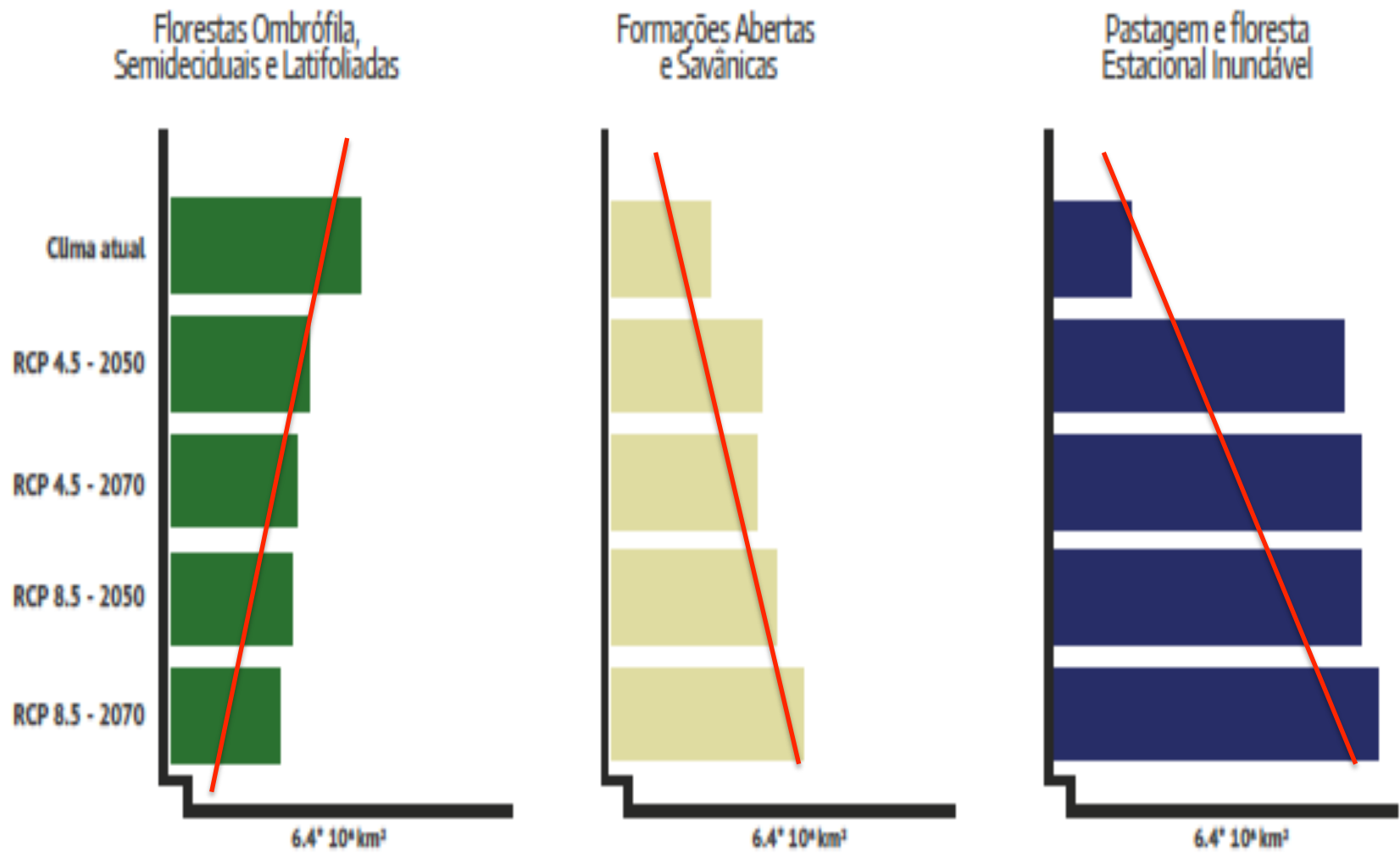**Initial vegetation type in Central America and Caribbean**

RCP4.5

RCP8.5

Veg Type		Description
🟩	1	tropical evergreen forest / woodland
🟦	2	tropical deciduous forest / woodland
⬜	8	mixed forest / woodland
🟨	9	savanna
🟥	10	grassland / steppe
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⬛	14	desert

Lira et al 2016

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Total area of distribution of habitats in accordance with the anticipated distribution in each climate scenario (HadGEM2 ES)
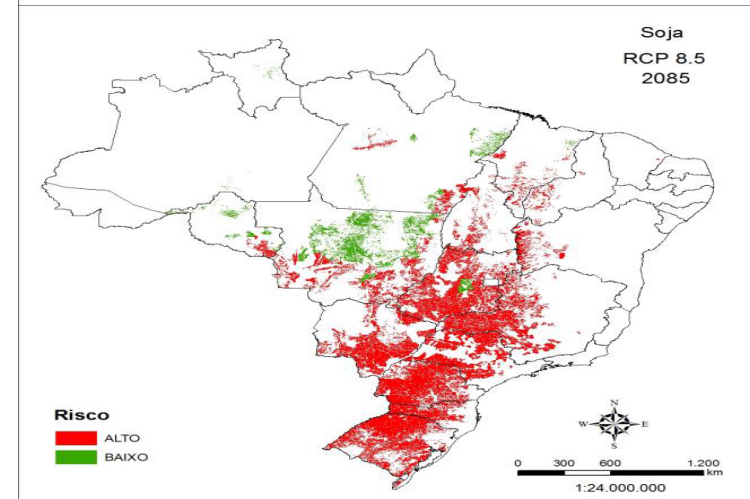

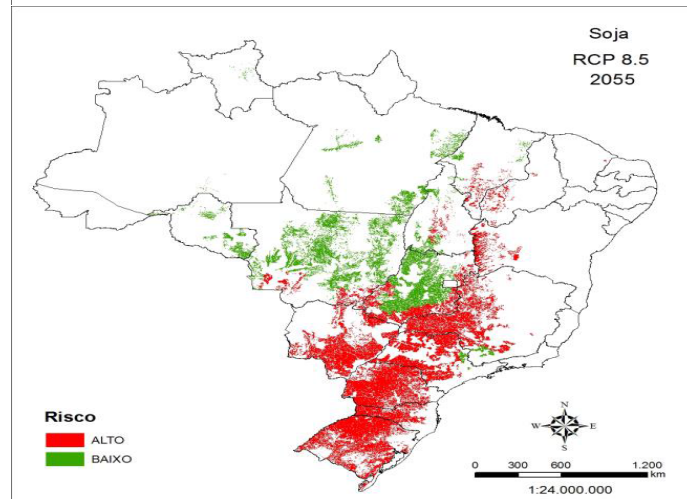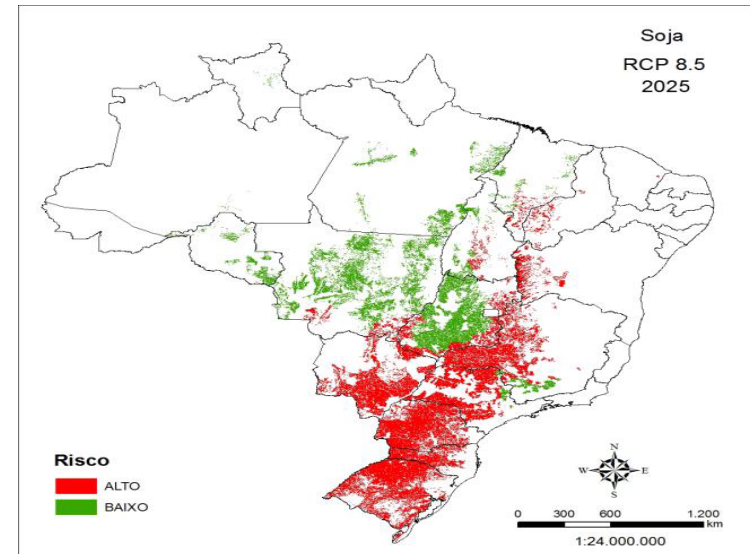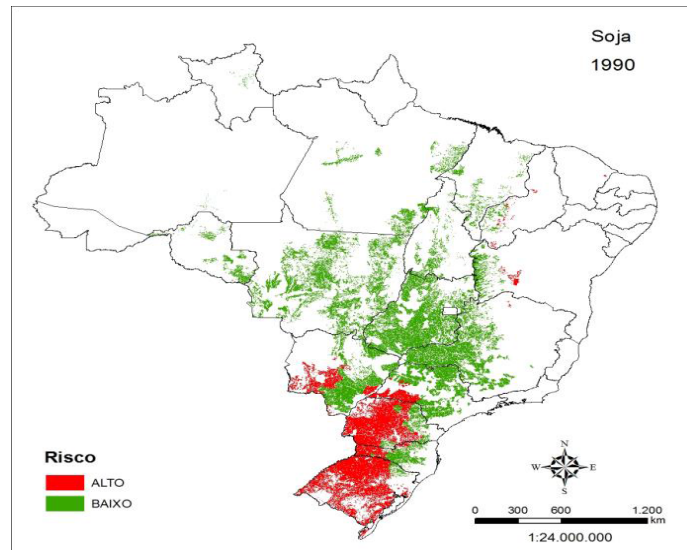Florestas Ombrófila, Semideciduais e Latifoliadas

Formações Abertas e Savânicas

Pastagem e floresta Estacional Inundável

Clima atual
RCP 4.5 - 2050
RCP 4.5 - 2070
RCP 8.5 - 2050
RCP 8.5 - 2070

6.4* 10⁴ km²

MCTI 2016 – TCN to UNFCCC, Zanin et al 2016

Spatial distribution of the increase in high risk areas of soybean crop cultivation in Brazil (HadGEM2 ES, Eta, RCP 4.5, 8.5)
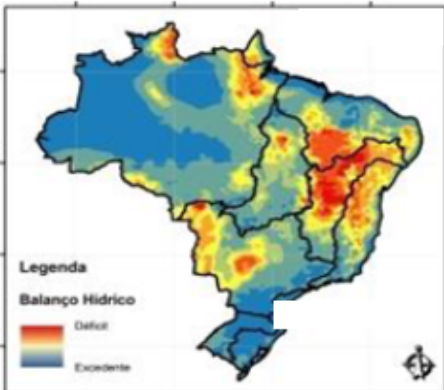

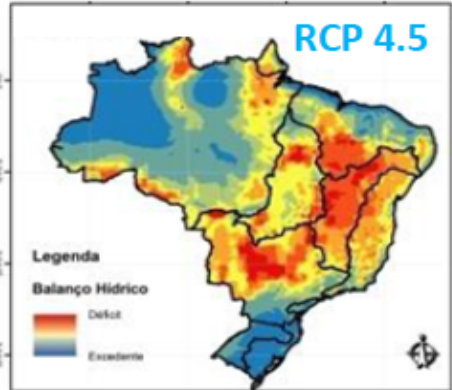MCTI 2016 – TCN to UNFCCC, Assad et al 2016

Water balance distribution in Brazil for the present and future periods (HadGEM 2 ES, MIROC5, RCP 4.5 and 8.5, Eta)
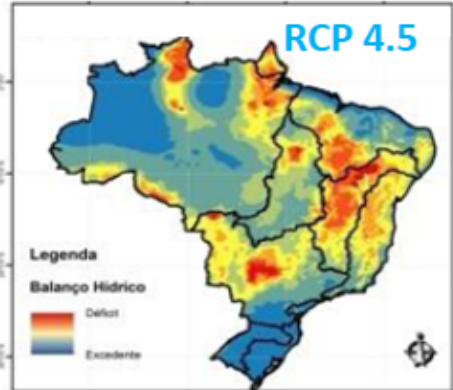

Mean Climate (1961-1990)

Eta-HadGEM2-ES

2011-2040 — RCP 4.5
2041-2070 — RCP 4.5
2071-2100 — RCP 4.5
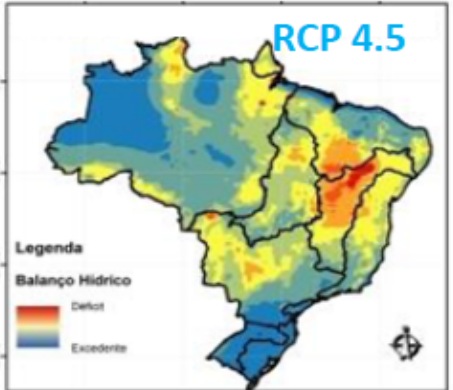
Deficit
Excess

2011-2040 — RCP 8.5
2041-2070 — RCP 8.5
2071-2100 — RCP 8.5
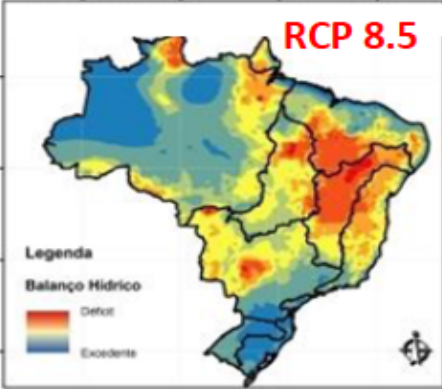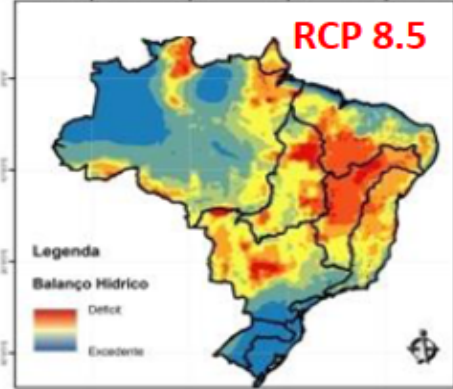
> - Upward trend in areas with negative balance
> - Increase of water deficit in the RCP 8.5
> - Basins located further south → water excess trend in future scenarios

MCTI 2016 – TCN to UNFCCC, Ribeiro Neto et al (2016)

Wind speed intensity classes at 100 m for the present and future periods (HadGEM 2 ES, MIROC5, RCP 4.5 and 8.5, Eta)

MCTI 2016 – TCN to UNFCCC, Da Silva Oscar Jr 2016

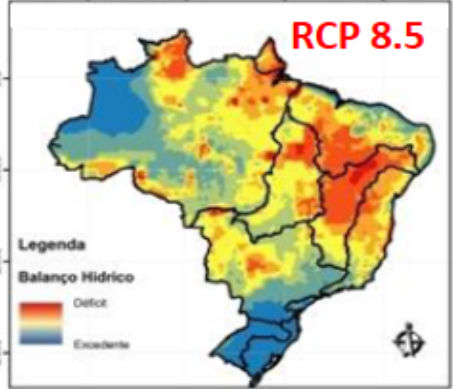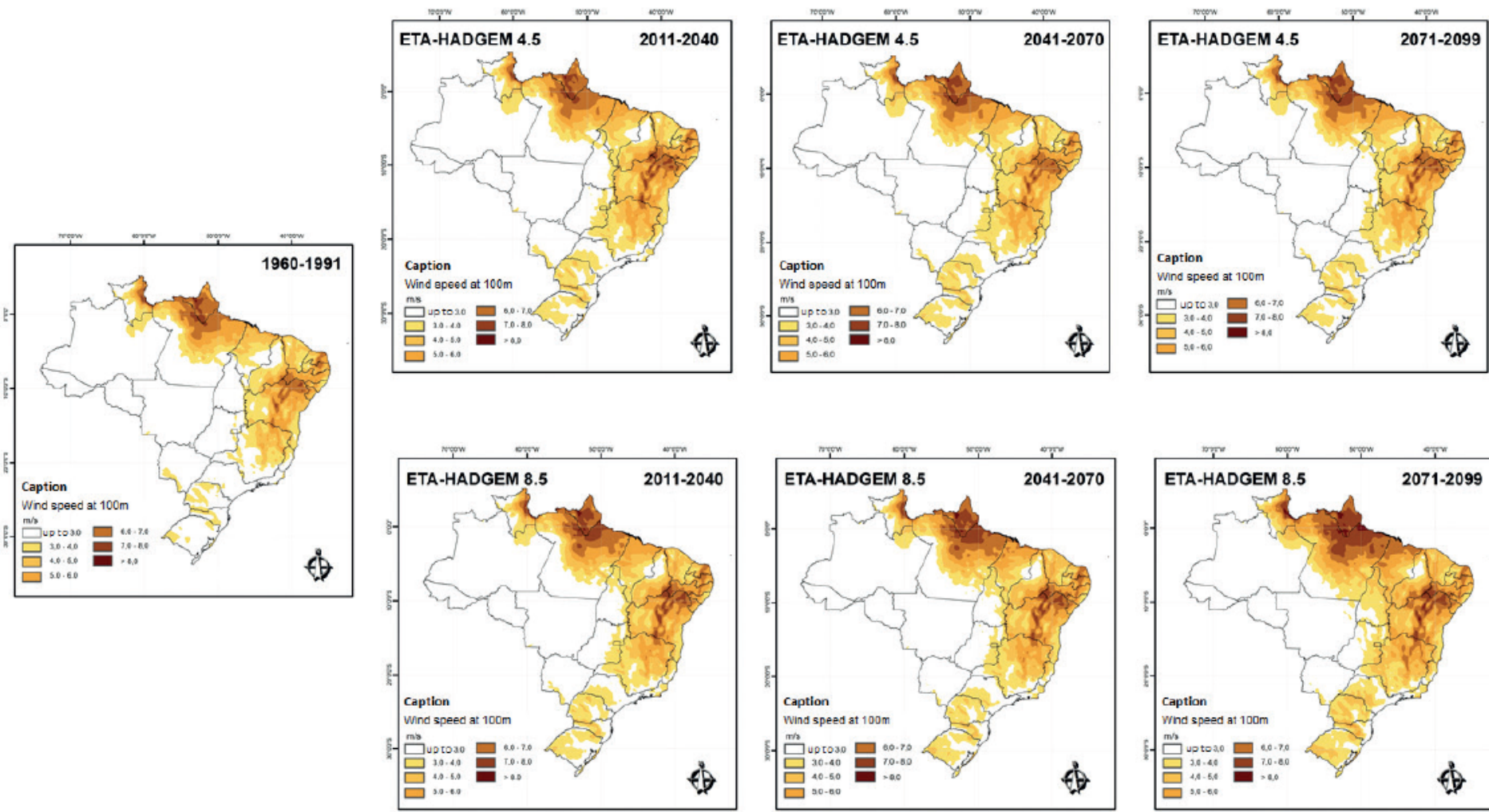# Summary of the main influences of climate change impacts on health in Brazil (HadGEM2 ES, RCP 4.5 and 8.5, Eta)

DISEASE	METHOD OF IMPACT	MAIN RESULTS (ETA-HADGEM2)		COMMENTS
		RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5	
Childhood Diarrhea (<5 years old)	+5% on risk of hospitalization per every 1°C warming (McMichael et al., 2004)	+9-15% Hospitalizations	+6-28% Hospitalizations	The Center-West and Northern Regions are the most affected in both models. Precarious conditions of sanitation, education and basic health services explain the severity of impacts.
		8.5 vs 4.5 scenario: +826,096 hospitalizations in Brazil		
Premature mortality due to respiratory diseases	6 x increase on average temperature (Aryes et al., 2009)	7/1000inhab (Goiânia)	14/1000inhab (Goiânia)	Higher mortality rates in the Center-West region, specially, in the State of Goiás, with high level of mortality.
Dengue fever	Multiple Linear Regression Model[74]	Preliminary Analysis: Expansion to the South, North and mountainous areas in the Southwest region. The 8.5 scenario shows the highest increase on probability of endemic transmission.		
General mortality due to increase of heatwave days	+4,24% x increase of heat wave days x daily mortality rate (Anderson et al., 2010)	+70 deaths/year (Northeast)	+17 deaths/year (capital cities of the North)	The Northern Region capitals presented larger increases when compared to other regions. Rio de Janeiro State presents the most worrying increases between all Brazilian states.

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Projected changes in vulnerability to natural disasters in Brazil (HadGEM2 ES, MIROC5, RCP4.5 and 8.5 Eta)
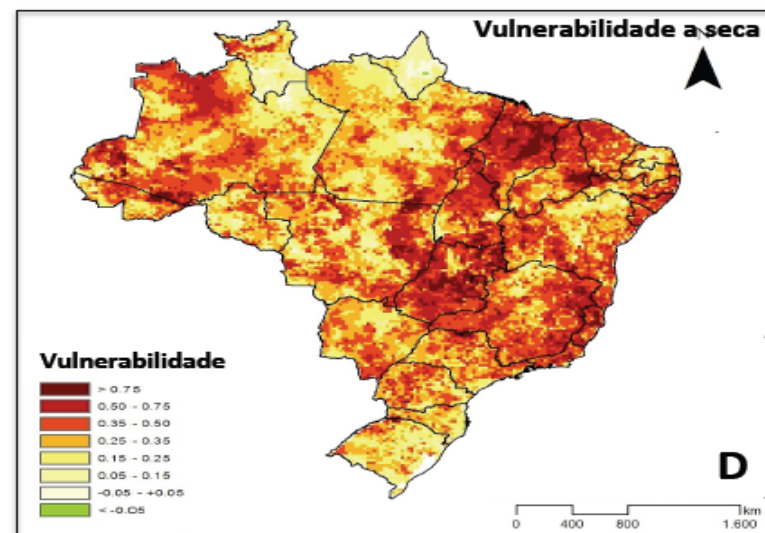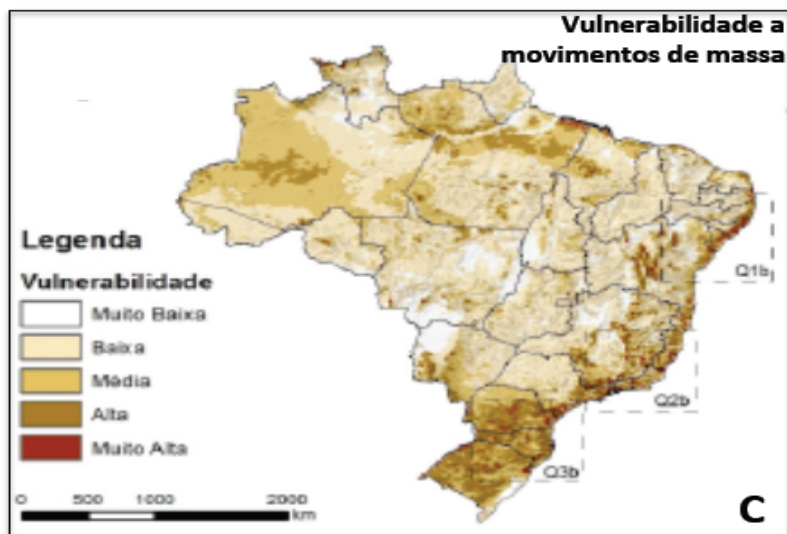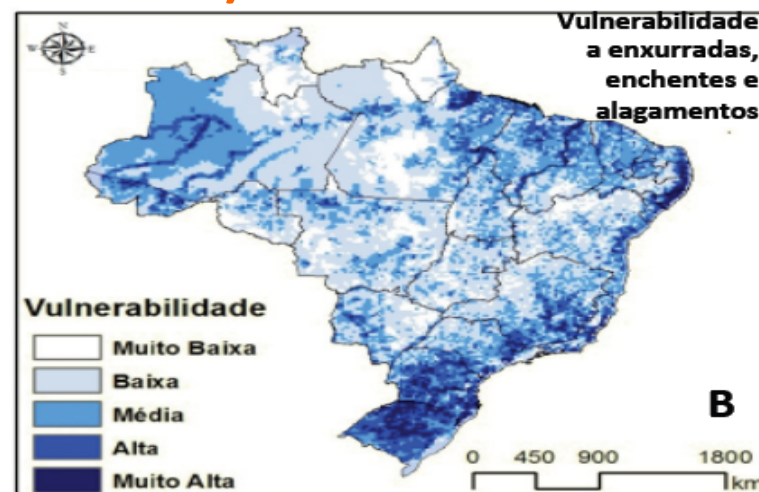
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BRASIL 2040: cenários e alternativas de adaptação à mudança do clima

Products generated by the regional climate change scenarios produced by the INCT-MC

Take home messages

Downscaling has been used by the MCTI to support the studies of the TNC to UNFCCC, the Brasil 2040 by the SAE, and the PNA, that have used regional climate change scenarios generated by INPE since 2007. The impacts of climate change in various sectors have been developed using these scenarios.

INPE and CEMADEN together with the INCT-MC and Rede CLIMA, with the support of MCTI, coordinated the preliminary results related to the preparation of regional climate modeling and climate change scenarios as well as research and studies on vulnerability and adaptation of strategic sectors, which are vulnerable to the impacts associated with climate change in Brazil for the TNC.

The data from these simulations has allowed for the elaboration of new reports, books chapters and paper with new results on climate change scenarios aiming at supporting studies on vulnerability. Specific adaptation projects with the appropriate scientific background could be developed thereof, thus enabling increased efficiency in the use of public resources in the implementation of actions dedicated to adaptation strategies to climate change.