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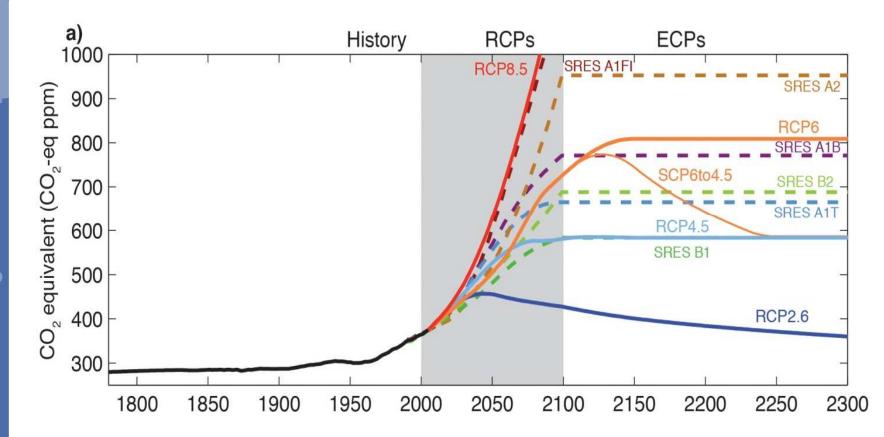
"Effects of climate change on the coasts of Latin America and the Caribbean"

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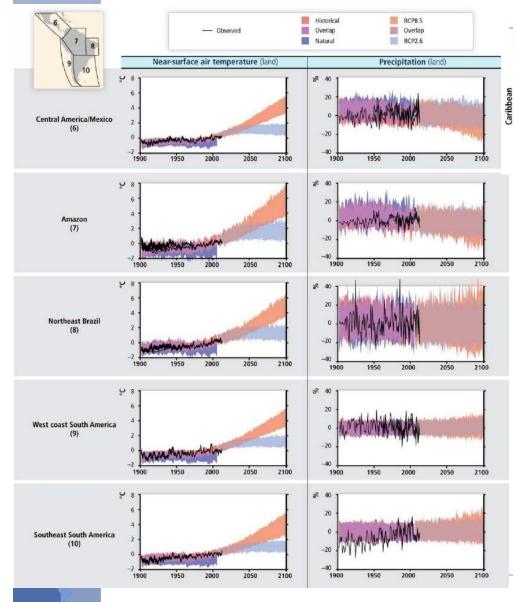
IPCC's Scenarios: Past and present reports



Source: IPCC (2014), Contribution of Working Group I to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Latin America and the Caribbean: observations and projections of temperature and precipitation, IPCC (2014)



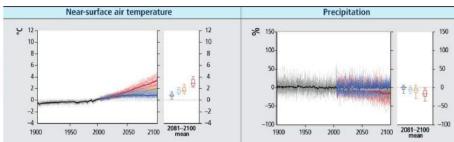
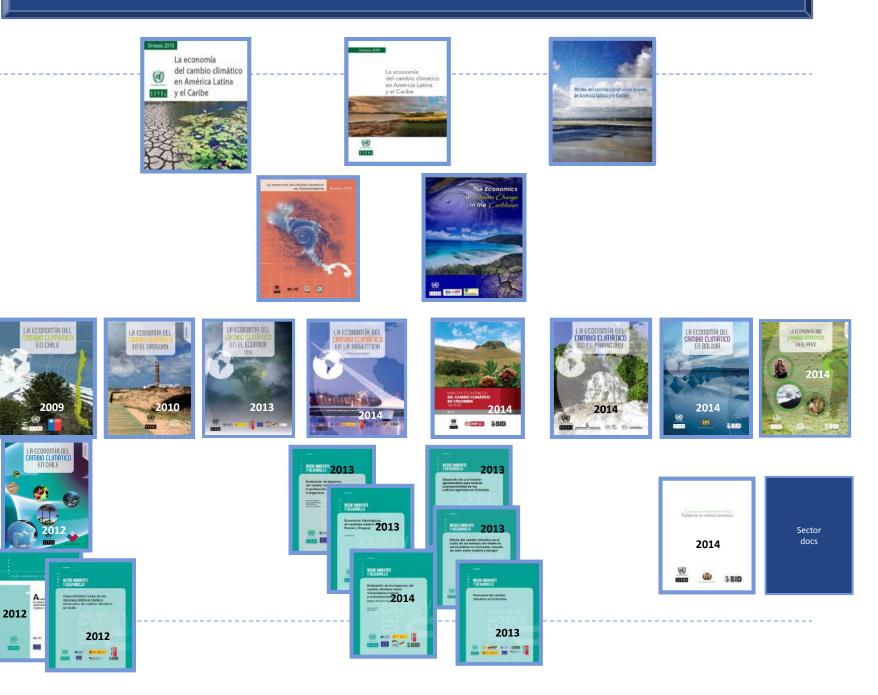


Table 29-1 | Climate change projections for the intermediate low (500–700 ppm CO₂e) Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5 (RCP4.5) scenario for the main small island regions. The table shows the 25th, 50th (median), and 75th percentiles for surface temperature and precipitation based on averages from 42 Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) global models (adapted from WGI AR5 Table 14.1). Mean net regional sea level change is evaluated from 21 CMIP5 models and includes regional non-scenario components (adapted from WGI AR5 Figure 13-20).

	RCP4.5 annual projected change for 2081–2100 compared to 1986–2005							
Small island region	Temperature (°C)			Precipitation (%)			Sea level (m)	
	25%	50%	75%	25%	50%	75%	Range	
Caribbean	1.2	1.4	1.9	-10	-5	-1	0.5-0.6	
Mediterranean	2.0	2.3	2.7	-10	-6	-3	0.4-0.5	
Northern tropical Pacific	1.2	1.4	1.7	0	1	4	0.5-0.6	
Southern Pacific	1.1	1.2	1.5	0	2	4	0.5-0.6	
North Indian Ocean	1.3	1.5	2.0	5	9	20	0.4-0.5	
West Indian Ocean	1.2	1.4	1.8	0	2	5	0.5-0.6	



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Main objective

Compile the information required to analyze the modifications and impacts of climate change in the coastal areas of Latin America and the Caribbean

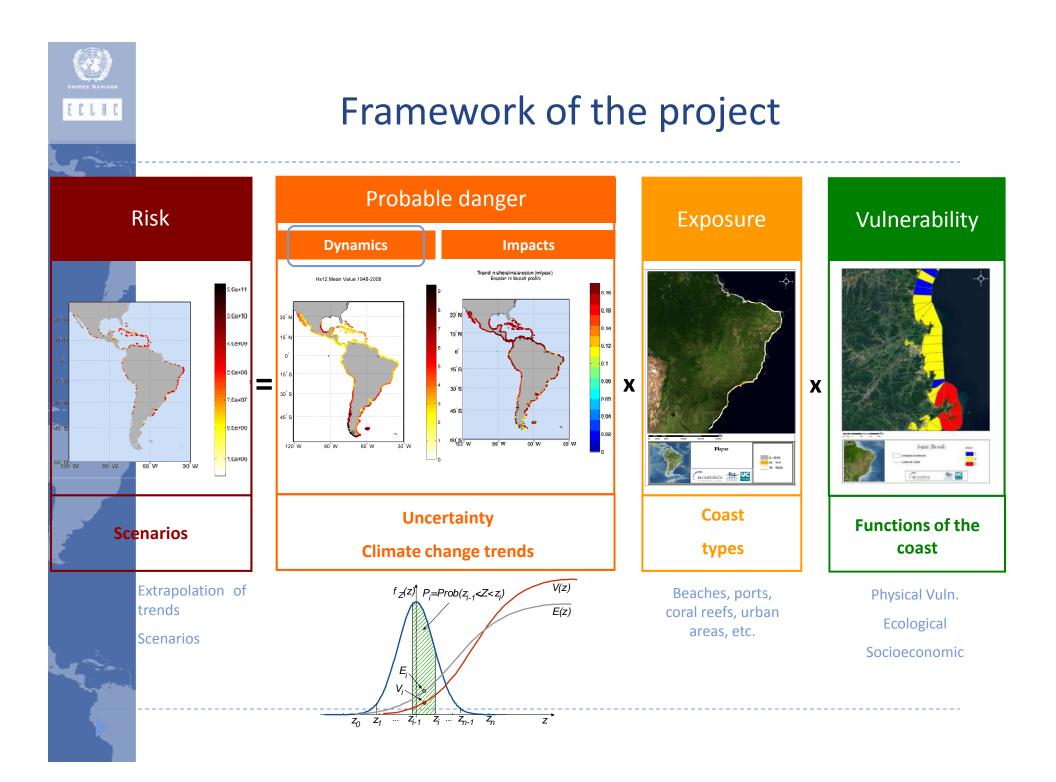




PROJECT STRUCTURE AND DOCUMENTS

Climate change in	Latin American an	d Caribbean coastal are	as
Document 1: Coastal agents (available in English)	Document 2: Vulnerability	Document 3: Impacts	Document 4: Risks
		(Available in English)	
Dynamics			
• Trends			
Climate variability in coastal areas			
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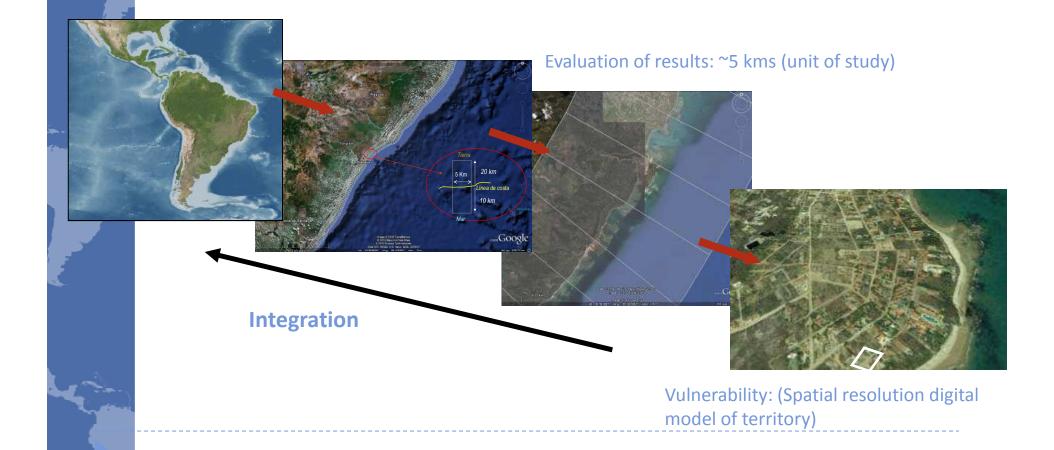
	Supplementary documents		
 Theoretically derived effects of climate change in coastal areas	Methodological handbook	Project findings web viewer	





Framework of the project

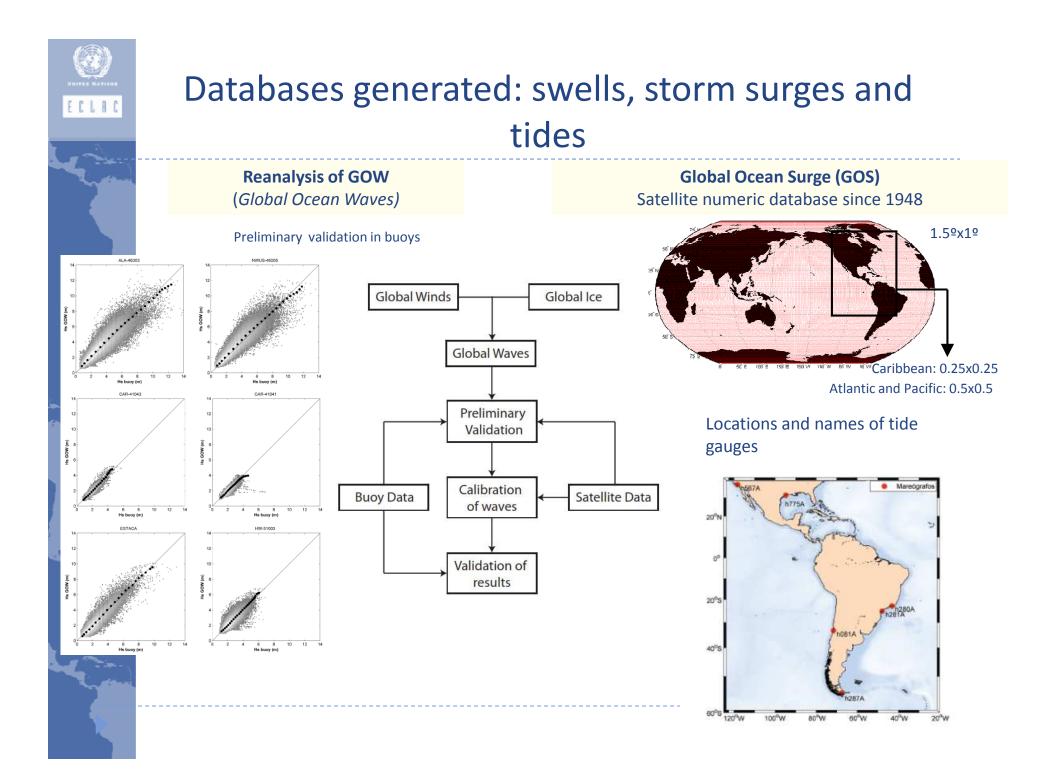
Spatial scales: Presentation of results: ~50 kms





Existing databases and generated by IHC

6 8 6	Type of information	Time period covered	Spatial resolution	Source					
<u>.</u>	Mean sea level (MSL)	1950-2009 / monthly	Global, 1º	CSIRO—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.					and GOS- I HC an GOS- I HC an HC I HC
		Variable	Global, dispersed	Tide gauges UHSLC—University of Hawaii Sea Level Center.					
	Subsidence	-	Variable	DIVA—Dynamic Interactive Vulnerability Assessment. (Peltier et al. 2000)			time covered penerated by IHCtime covered time coveredresolutionrells1948-2010Global, Latin America and the Caribbean 0.25° (Caribbean) and 0.5°GOW- IHC the Caribbean 0.25° (Caribbean) and 0.5°orm surges1948-2010Global, Latin America and the Caribbean 0.5°GOS- IHC the Caribbean 0.5°orm surges1948-2010Global, Latin the Caribbean 0.25°GOS- IHC 		
	Tides	Harmonic constants	Global, 0.25º	TPXO—Global model of ocean tides based on altimetric data from the TOPEX/POSEIDON mission.					GOW- IHC IHC GOS- IHC IHC IHC IHC
E	Salinity (SAL)	1980-2009 / monthly	Global, 1ºx0.333º	NCEP - GODAS—National Centers for Environmental Prediction (USA), Global Ocean Data Assimilation System.		generated by IHC Swells		Global, Latin	
		1948-2011 / monthly	Global, 2.5º (Gaussian grid)	NCEP - NCAR—National Centers for Environmental Prediction (USA), National Center for Atmospheric Research.				0.25⁰ (Caribbean) and	
	Sea surface temperature (SST)	1950-2009 / monthly	Global, 2º	ERSSTv3 - NOAA—Extended Reconstructed Sea Surface Temperature, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA).	_	Storm surges	1948-2010	Global, Latin America and	
	Air temperature anomaly	1950-2005 / monthly	Global, 2º	GISS - NASA—Goddard Institute for Space Studies, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA).				0.25⁰	
	Air temperature	1948-2009 / monthly	Global, 2.5º (Gaussiana grid)			Tides	1948-2010		
	Atmospheric pressure	1948-2009 / 6h	Global, 2.5º (Gaussian grid)	NCEP - NCAR					
	Wind	1948-2009 / 6h	Global, 2.5º (Gaussian grid)	NCEP - NCAR					
	Hurricanes	1950-2010	Global, dispersed	National Hurricane Center, NOAA					
	Swells	Variable	Global, dispersed	CSIRO satellite data					
		Variable	Global, dispersed	NOAA buoys					
		Variable	Global, dispersed	State port buoys					
	Bathymetry	-	Global, 2'	ETOPO—Earth Topography Digital Dataset. A global relief model of the Earth's surface that integrates land topography and ocean bathymetry.					
		-	Global, 0.5′	GEBCO—General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans.					



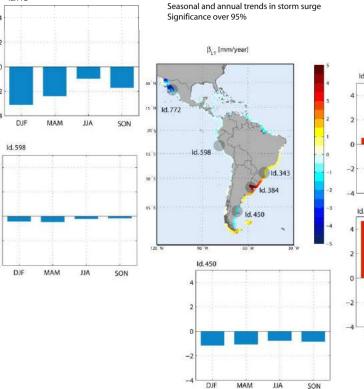


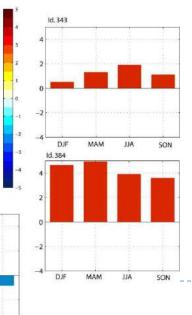
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Overview of coastal variables in this study

Meteo-oceanographic variables	Coastal dynamics (IHC)	Extreme events	Hurricane events
Mean sea level (MSL)	• Waves (monthly mean, monthly peak, height	• Waves	• Winds
• Sea surface temperature (SST)	exceeded 12 hours per year and mean wave	Storm surges	• Waves
• Salinity (SAL)	direction)		Storm surges
• Air surface temperature (AST)	Storm surge		
• Wind (W)	• Tide		

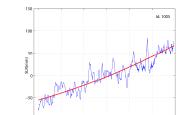
Trends of Storm Surge



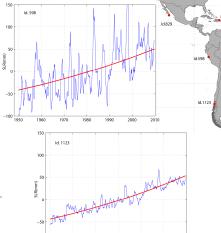


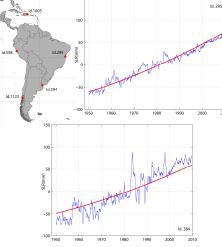
Trends of sea level rise

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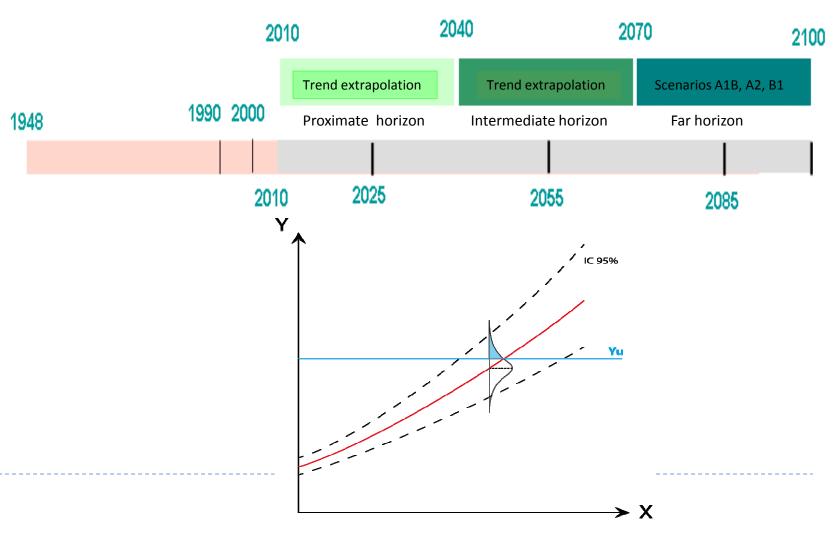
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Temporal dimension and methodologies for each time horizon



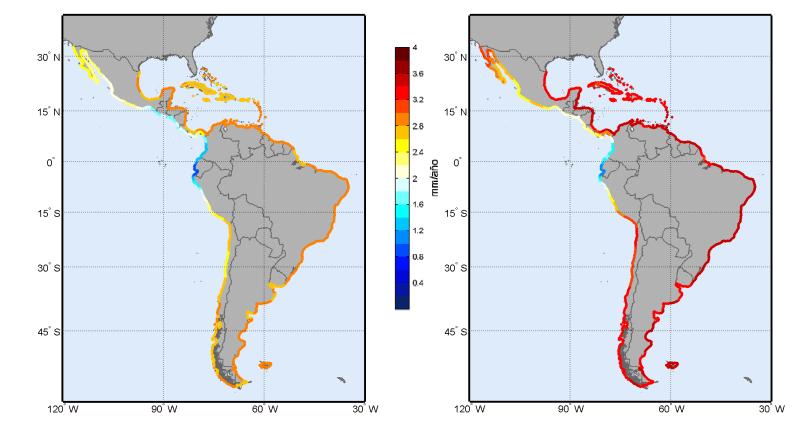


Long-term trends of the coastal dynamics

Mean trend in sea level for 2010-2040 and 2040-2070

Tendencia Media SLR entre 2010 y 2040 (mm/año)

Tendencia Media SLR entre 2040 y 2070 (mm/año)





Some examples

Study Units		in 50-Years for significa heights		Stady Units	likeliho H _{s12} ex	ation in od of cha ceeding tive to 20	ange in 50 cm
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Ensenada	50	30,03	18,21	Ensenada	0,27	0,36	0,60
Puerto Plata	50	38,37	29,60	Puerto Plata	0,06	0,08	0,12
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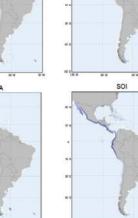


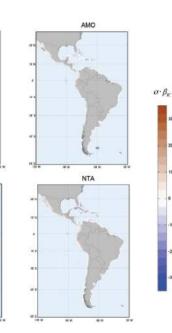
Inter-annual variability in the coastal dynamics

Correlation of standard deviation in sea levels

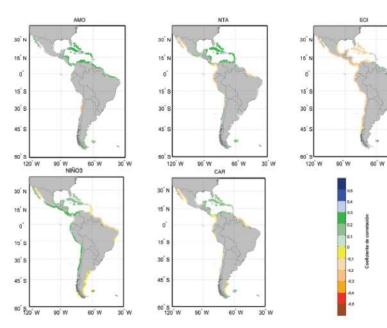
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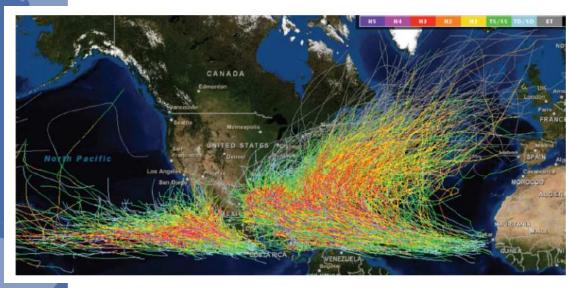
Correlation 95th quantile for storm surges for several indexes

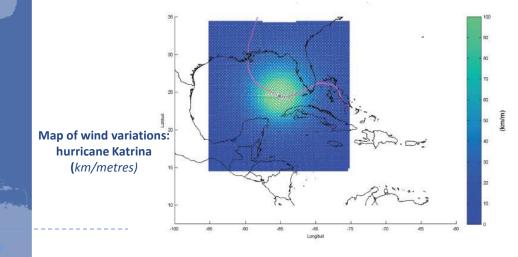


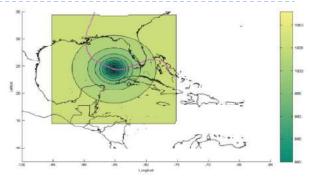
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Map the historical data on pressure, waves, winds and sea levels during hurricanes using analytical and parametric models

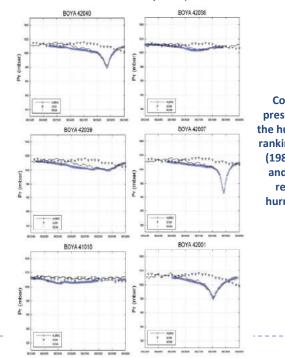
Positions and intensities of hurricanes over a 54-year period







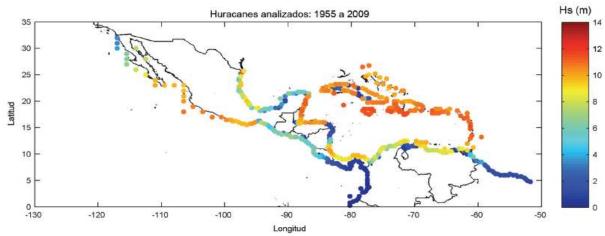
Atmospheric pressure map for hurricane Katrina (Mbar)

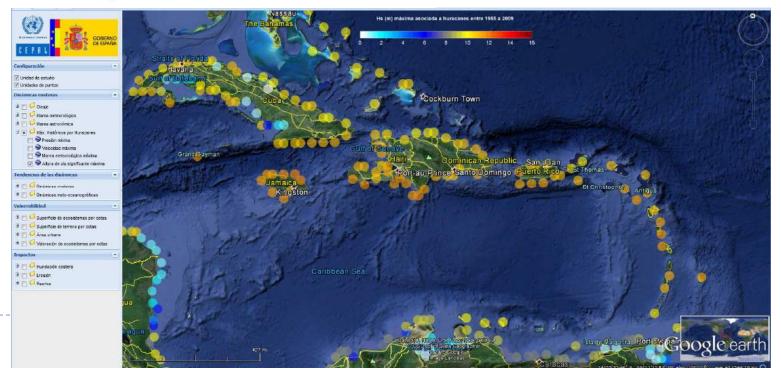


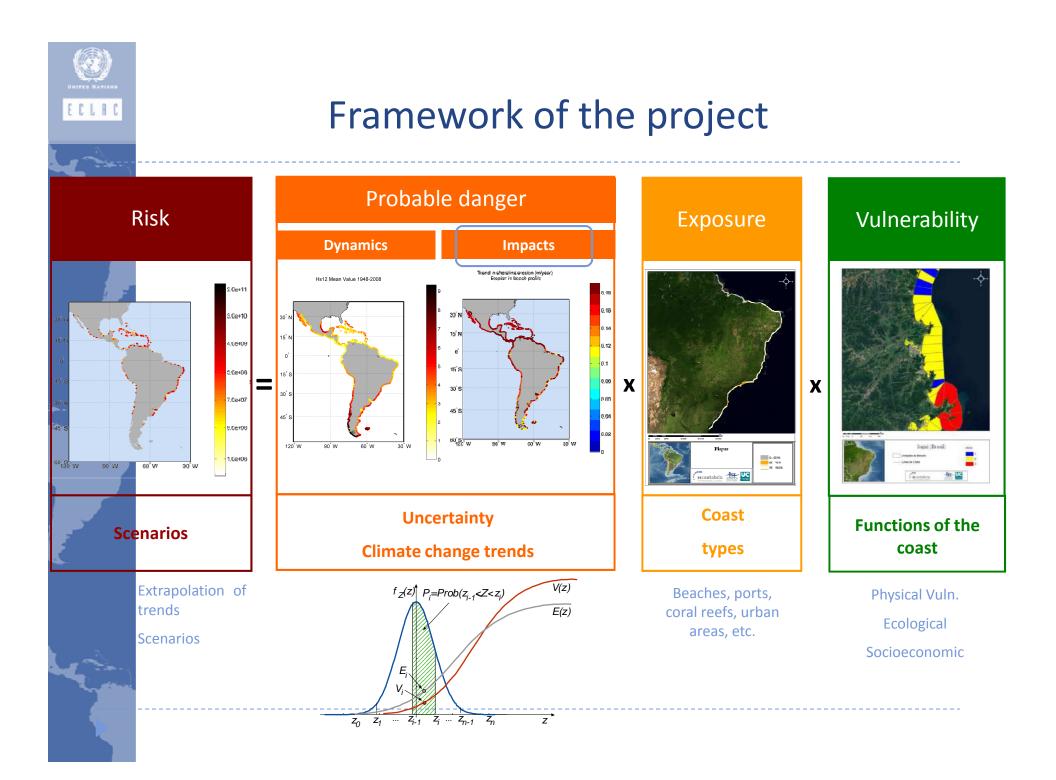
Comparison of pressure series for the hurac-hydrometrankin vortex model (1980), buoy data and NCEP/NCAR reanalysis for hurricane Katrina (2005)



Map of historical maximums (54 years) for significant wave heights at specified control points









Scenarios used for impact assessments

 Sce	nario	Time horizon	Method	Dynamics assessed	Variants-observations
A		2040	Statistical trends	Statistical trends. All	-
В		2050	Statistical trends	Statistical trends. All	-
С		2070	Statistical trends	Statistical trends. All	-
D		2100	Justification - IPCC SLR scenario	Sea level rise of 0.5 m	Statistical trends – other dynamics as of 2070
E		2100	Justification - IPCC SLR scenario	Sea level rise of 1 m	Statistical trends – other dynamics as of 2070
F	F1	2010	El Niño 98	Sea level	El Niño of 1998 at present
	F2	2100	El Niño 98 + IPCC SLR scenario	Sea level rise of 1 m	El Niño of 1998 with CC scenario
G	G1	2010	La Niña 89	Sea level	La Niña of 1989 at present
	G2	2100	La Niña 89 + IPCC SLR scenario	Sea level rise of 1 m	La Niña of 1989 with CC scenario
н	H1	2010	Hurricanes	Sea level and flood level	Hurricanes at present
	H2	2100	Hurricanes + IPCC SLR scenario	Sea level rise of 1 m	Hurricanes with CC scenario

Impacts covered in the study, dynamics and the techniques used to compute the scale of long-term changes

Impact	Variables	Analytical techniques used
Permanent flooding	Sea level rise (SLR)	Long-term statistical trends
Temporary flooding	Storm surge, sea level rise, tides, wave setup and seasonality of sea levels	Long-term statistical trends
Beach erosion	H _{s12} , sea level rise, wave direction	Long-term statistical trends
Port activity	Overtopping and wave-related navigation conditions	Long-term statistical trends
Reliability of maritime structures	Extreme wave heights (modification of heights used in calculations)	Models of non-stationary extremes
Coral bleaching	Sea surface temperature	Long-term statistical trends
Potential sediment transport	Waves and winds	Disturbance-based trends and long-term statistical trends



Examples of impacts on the coast: flooding

Coastal flooding by sea level rise

The distribution of the population and the territory is the main factor of impact caused by floods in the coastal strip

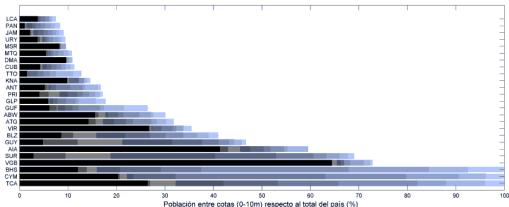
Particular concern is on the **Caribbean islands and the Atlantic** coast regarding to the mean sea level

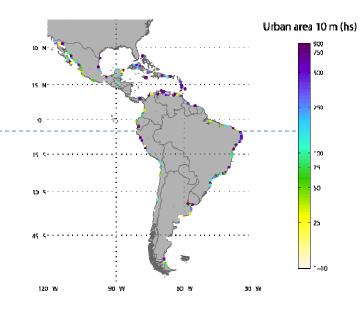
In the tropical **Pacific coast**, the influence of ENSO on sea level change is greater than the magnitude of the long-term trend of sea level rise.

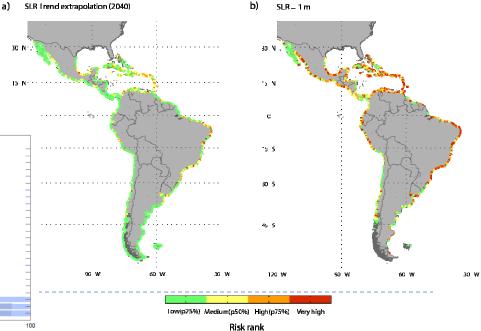
The impact of hurricanes due to a rise of 1 m would change significantly (p.e. Venezuela, Honduras, Panama or Costa Rica)

In other countries the variation in the impact is not as significant compared to the current level impact (p.e. Dominican Republic).









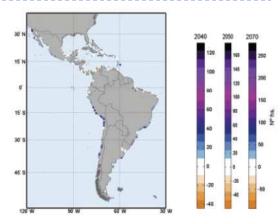


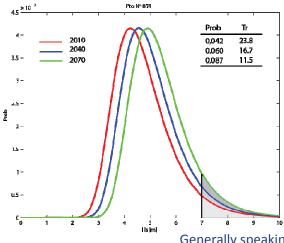
Examples of impacts on the

coast: ports

Port activity and infrastructure protection

Under mean conditions, the probability of the occurrence of a significant wave height of over 3 m will increase, navigation conditions for ships wishing to enter ports in the region will worsen.



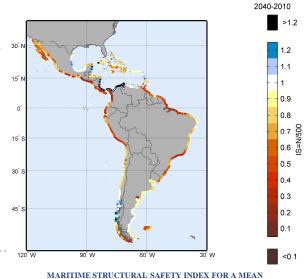


Baja California

The **reliability of existing maritime structures** and of those designed in the near future without factoring in the effects of long-term changes **will be reduced by around 60%** (in mean terms as of 2070) in a large part of the region (other than the inner portion of the Caribbean Sea, where tropical storms are the main design actions taken into account).

For the most part, except in some areas of the Caribbean, any maritime structure is going to need to be shielded with heavier components in the future.

Generally speaking, the ability of maritime structures to withstand the effects of climate change is expected to decline. However, in the southern Caribbean, there will be gains in the reliability of maritime structures due to the foreseen reduction in the design wave height.

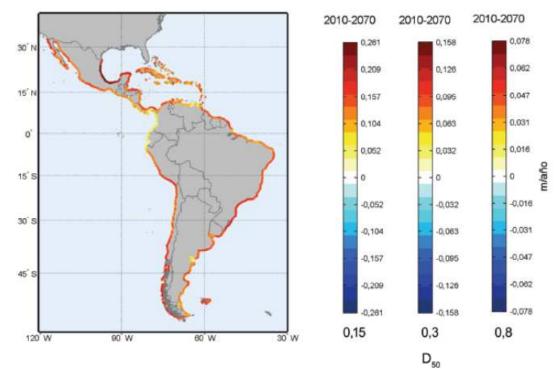


RECURRENCE INTERVAL OF 500 YEARS: 2040 TIME HORIZON (SCENARIO A)



Impacts on the coast: beach erosion

MEAN TREND IN BEACH EROSION FROM CHANGES IN EQUILIBRIUM PROFILE BETWEEN 2010 AND 2070 (Metres/year)

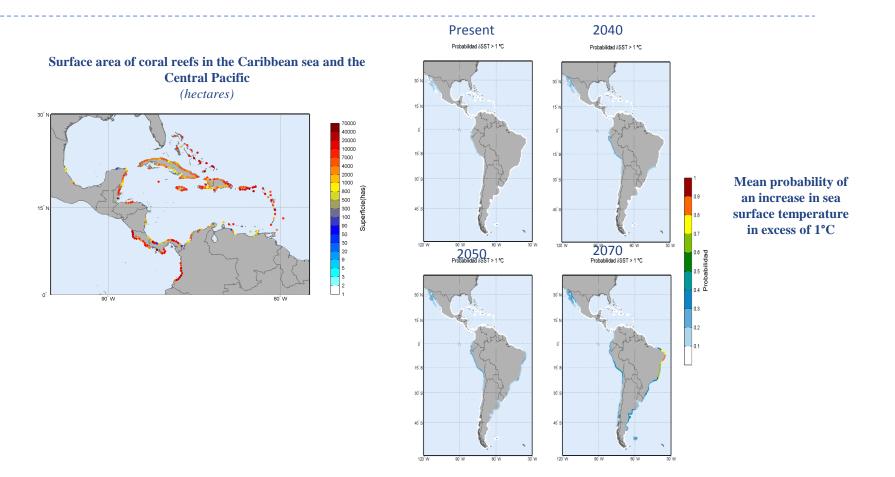


The worst affected areas will be the **northern Caribbean** and the coastlines to the south of Brazil down to the Río de la Plata. Erosion is, in any case, generalized throughout the region, **especially in the event of sea level rise**.

The **largest changes from beach** rotation are likely to occur on the southern coasts of Brazil (more than 1 m/year), **the Caribbean coasts** (especially eastern Cuba and the easterly islands), part of the coast of Chile and the north-east coast of Mexico; in the last case again at rates of over 1 m of erosion per year on average.



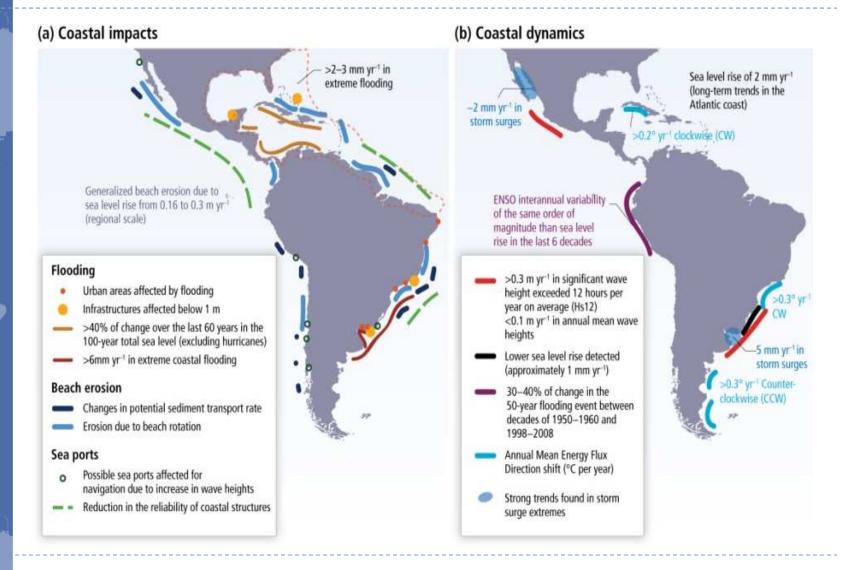
Impacts on the coast: coral reefs



It is probable that the **current impacts being seen in the Caribbean will spread** to islands where there are virtually no such impacts at present. Finally, for the Caribbean islands where the probability of exceeding the threshold value is currently below 0.1, **the probability will rise to 0.2 by 2070.**



Current and predicted coastal impacts and coastal dynamics in response to climate change



Source: Taken form ECLAC 2011, 2012 in Magrin, G.O., et al, 2014: Central and South America. In: *Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. Part B:* Regional Aspects. Contribution of Working Group II to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Publications of the project and web



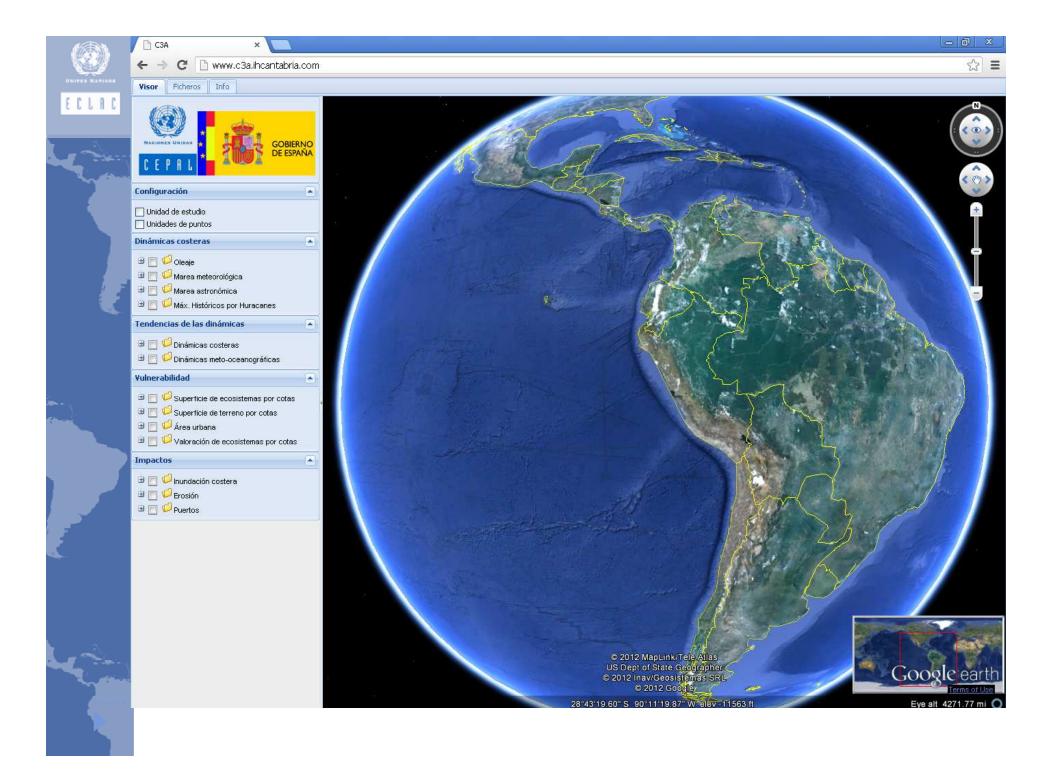


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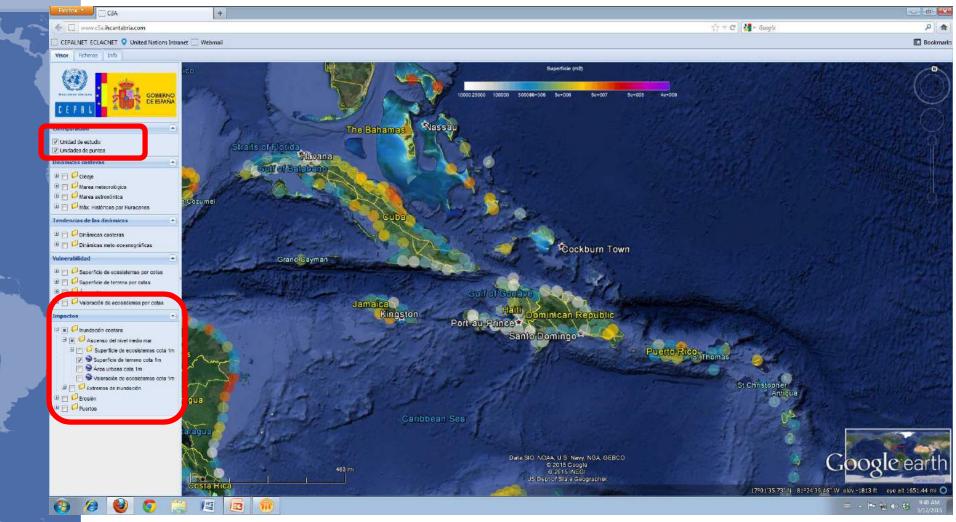
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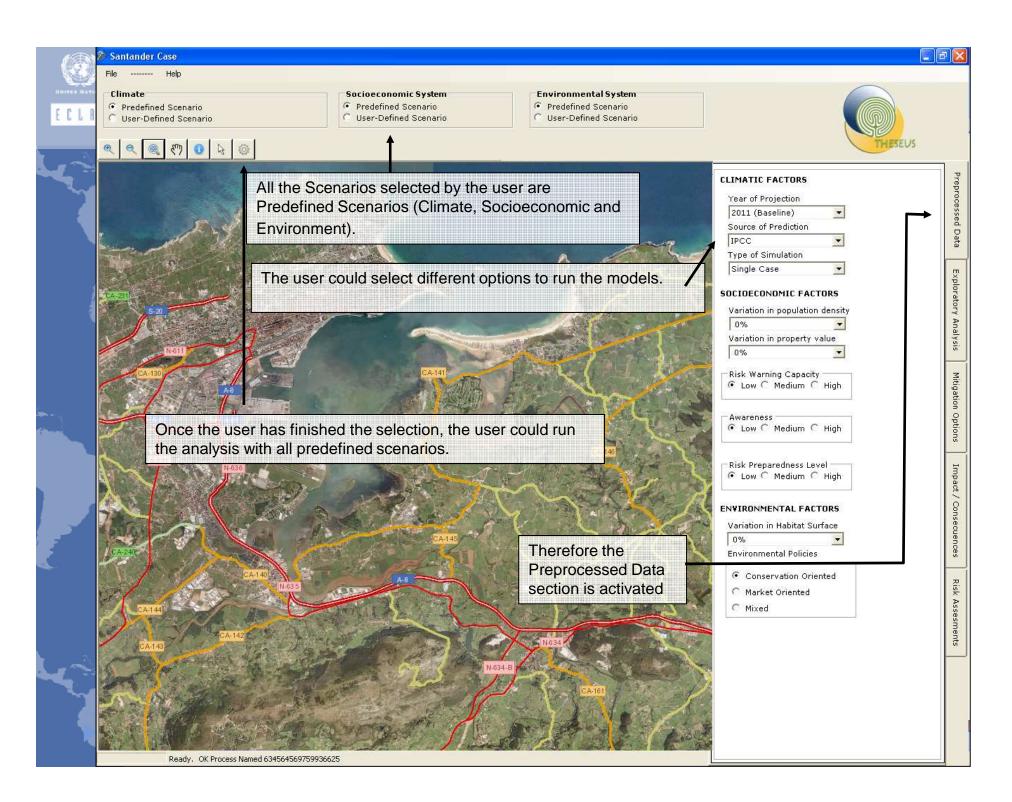
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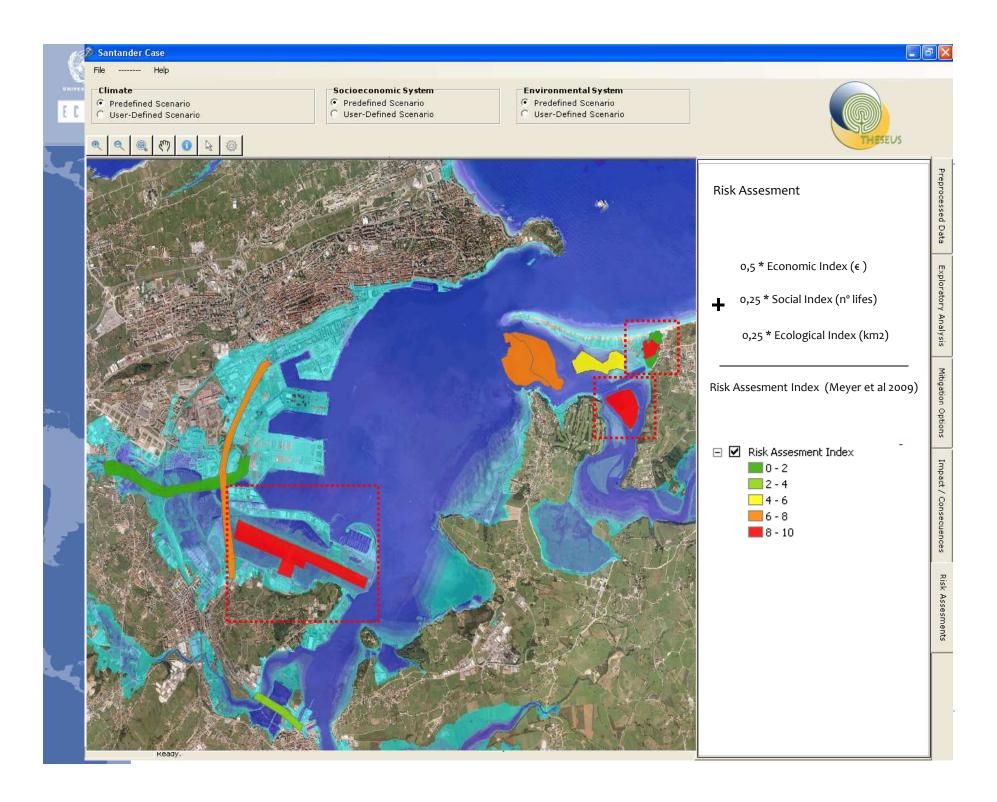
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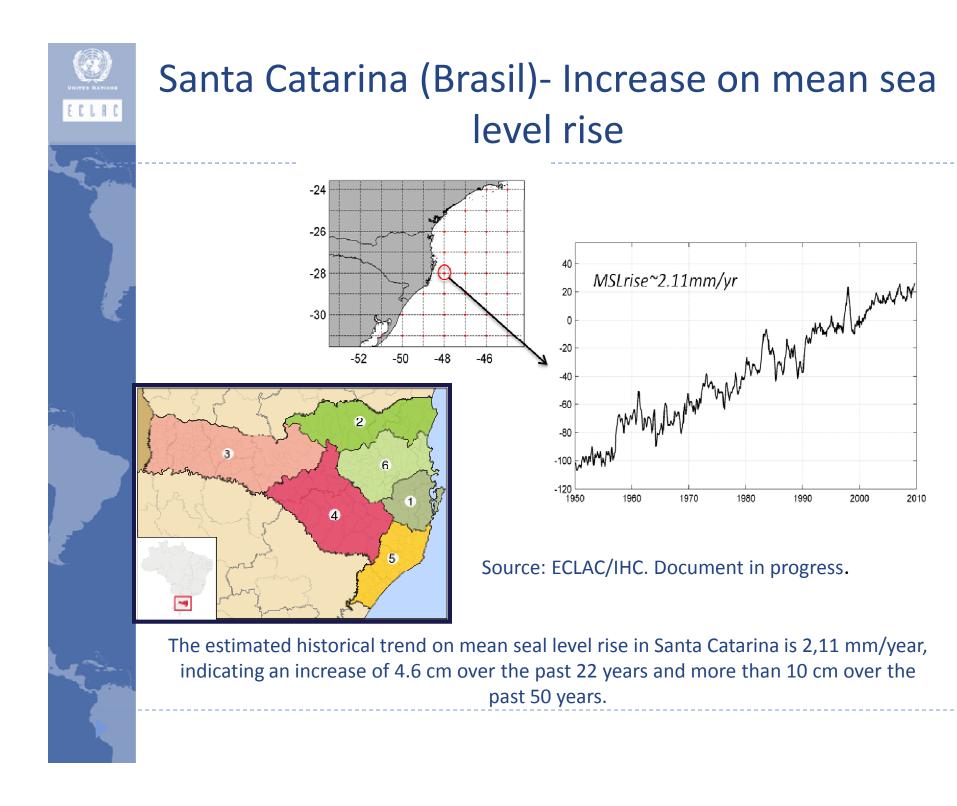
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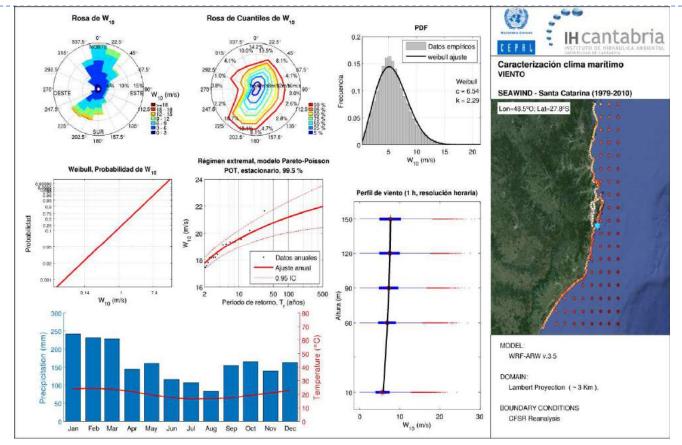








Santa Catarina (Brasil)- Climate Atlas characterization of wind

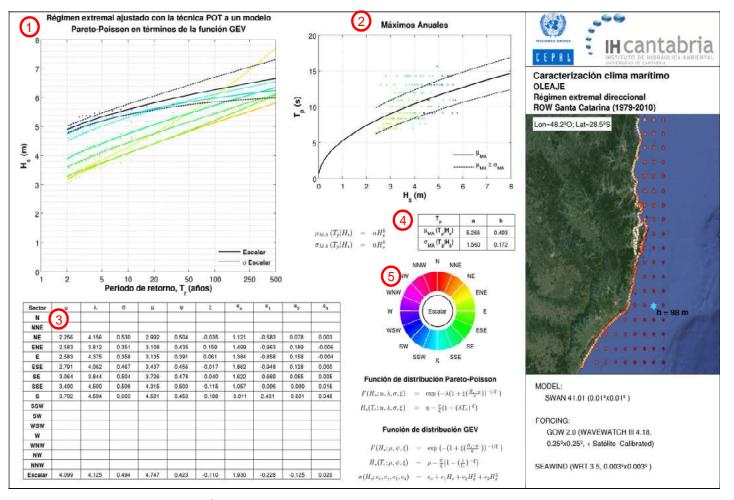


Source: ECLAC/IHC. Document in progress.

Climate Atlas with statistical characterization for historical data (wind, waves, sea level). Fact sheets were made for the coastline of Santa Catarina with a resolution of 1 km for a series of separate points around 10 km. In total, 232 coastal and marine sites were characterized.



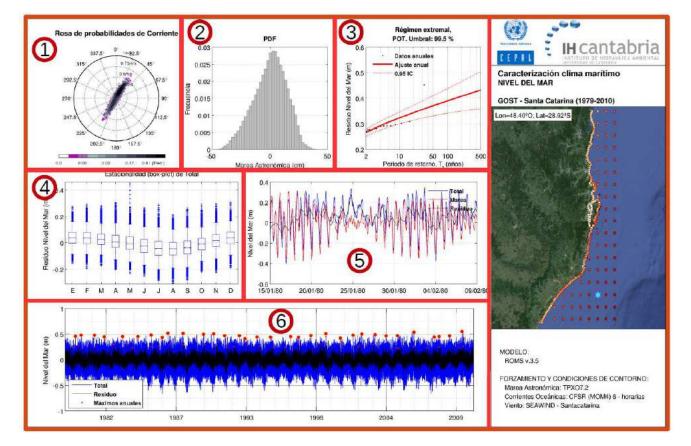
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