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# Comparative hydrology using the SWAT model in Pernambuco State watersheds, Northeast of Brazil for SUPer system development

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# Brazil

Federative Republic

8.5 million Km<sup>2</sup>

190 million inhabitants (year 2012)

26 States

01 Federal District

5,561 Municipalities

5 Geopolitical Regions

- North
- NE
- SE
- Midwest
- South



# Brazil: Institutional Complexity

Federative Republic:



- 1 Federal Constitution
- 1 Federal Water Law

27 States

- 27 State Constitutions
- 27 State Water Laws

5.561 Municipalities

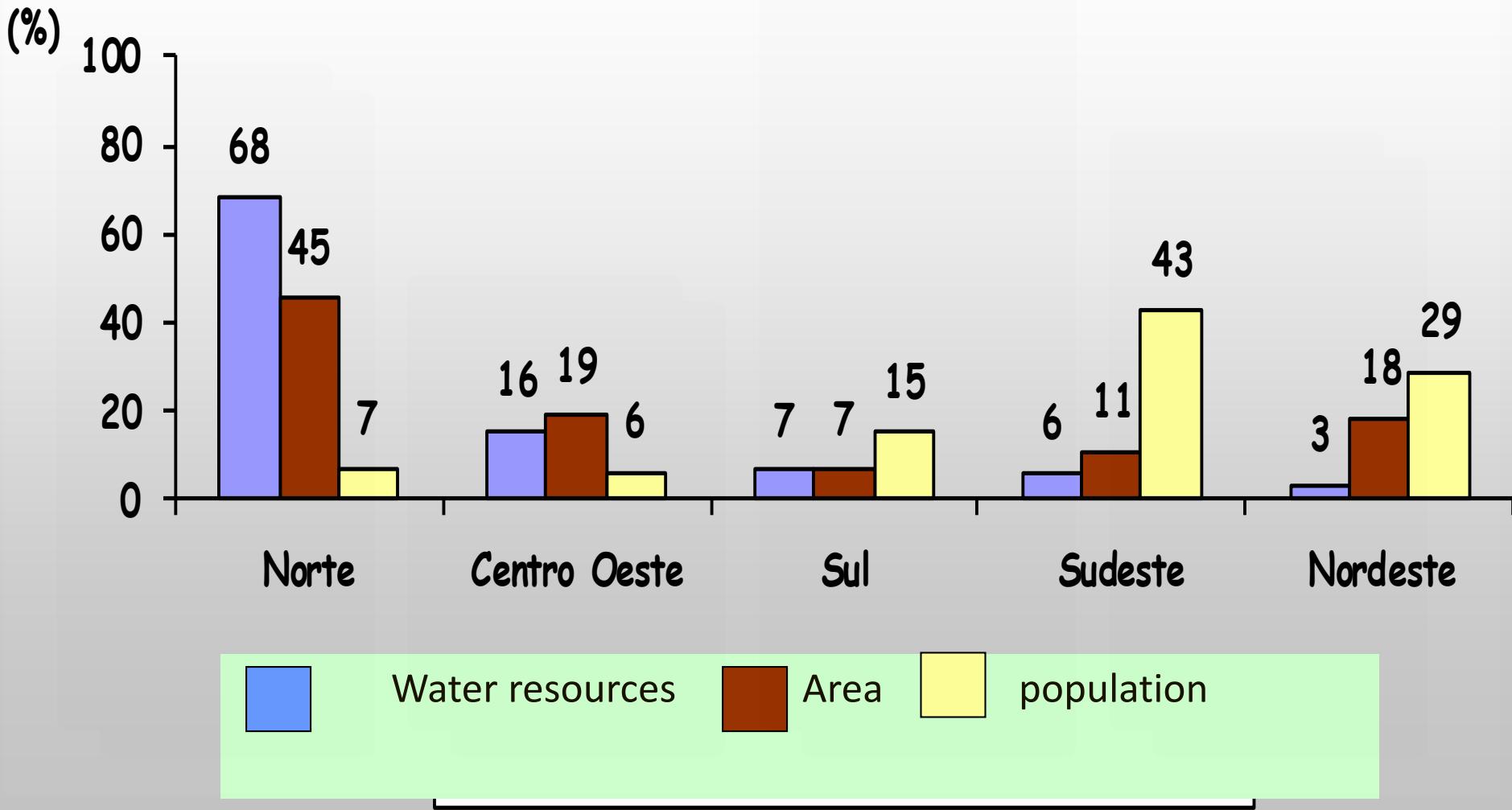


5.561 Land use Laws

Municipalities responsible for  
concessions of water supply  
and sanitation services



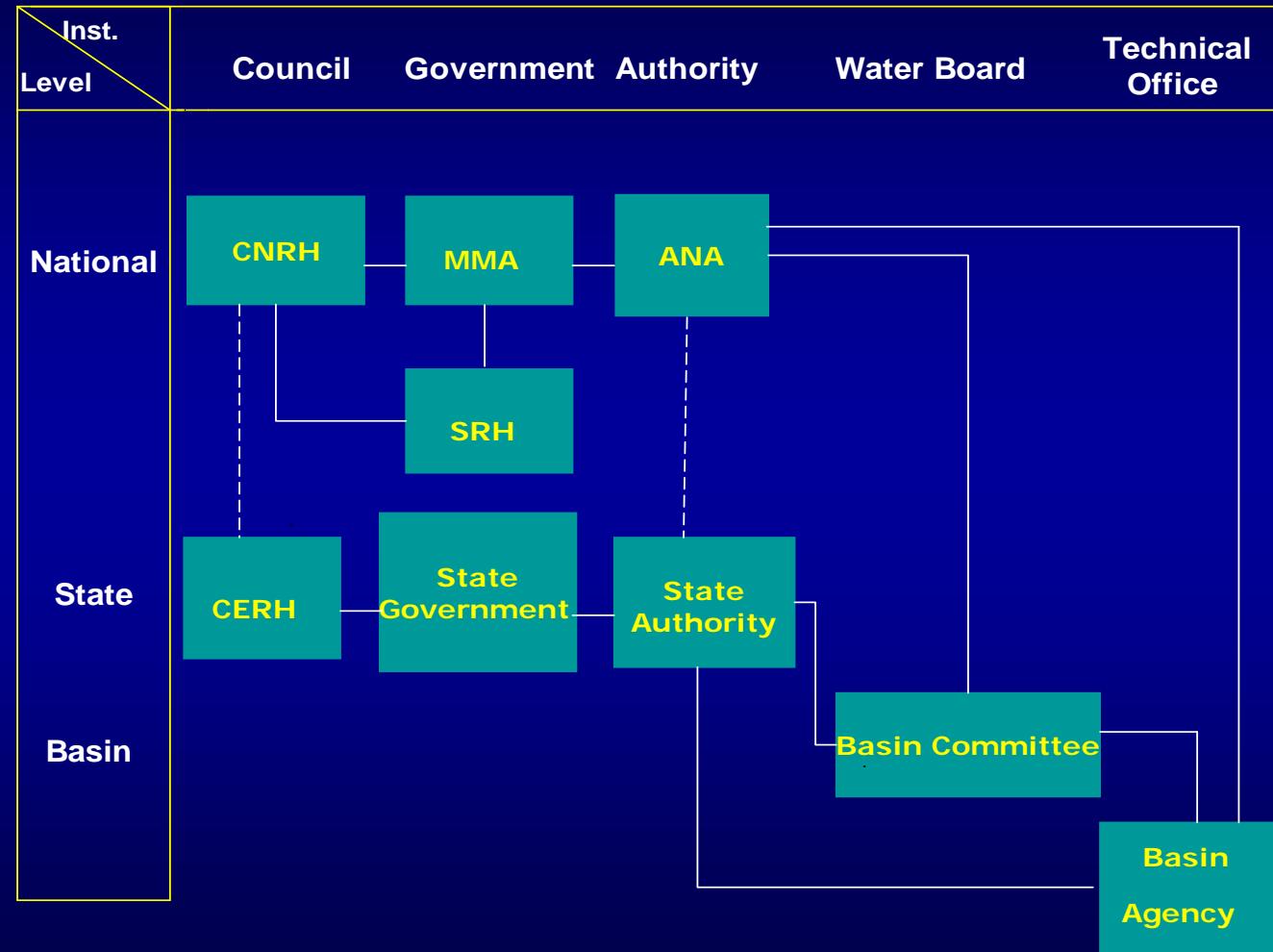
## Distribuição dos recursos hídricos superfície e população



## EXTREME EVENTS

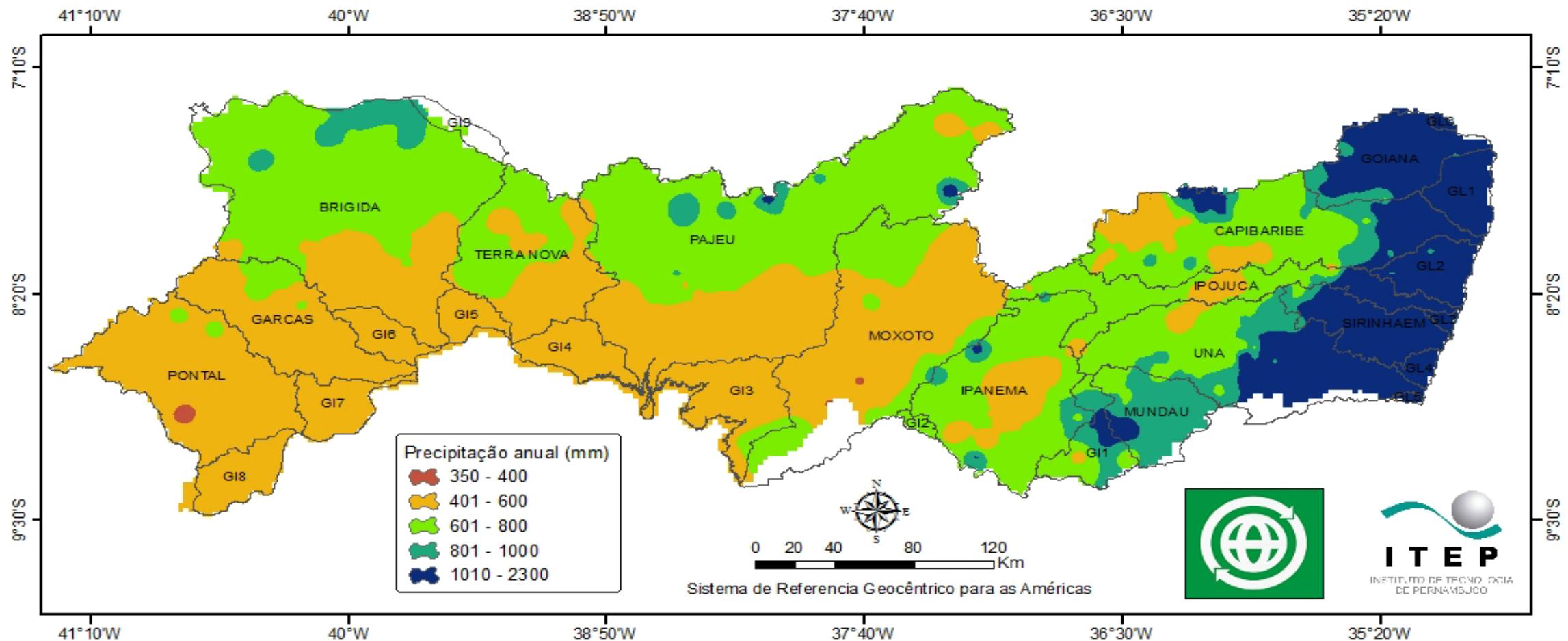


# National Water Resources Management System - SINGRH



# Pernambuco State (Northeast)

## Annual Precipitation (historical series)

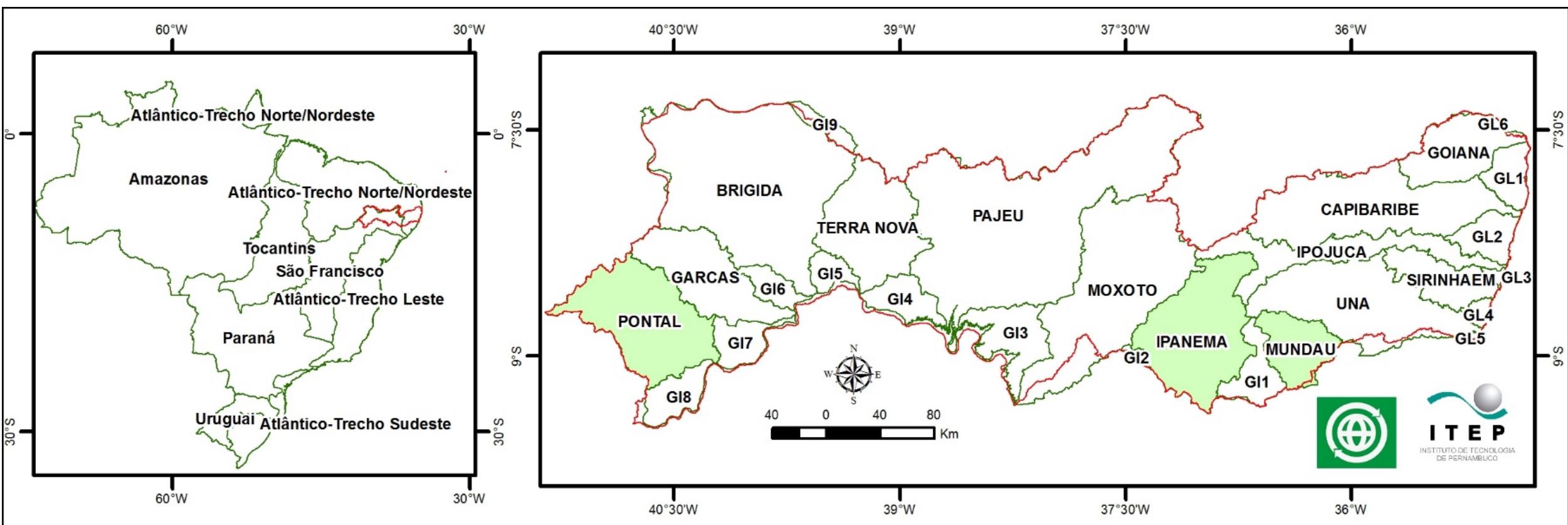


# OBJECTIVE

The objective of this work is to perform a comparative analysis among hydrological features in experimental and representative basins of the semiarid region of Northeast Brazil, using the SWAT model, as a basis for developing the SUPer Sysyem.

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

## Study Areas



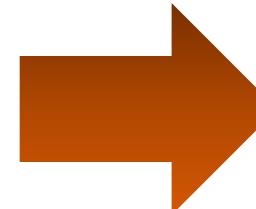
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Alto Mundaú River Watershed

Alto Ipanema River Watershed

Pontal River Watershed

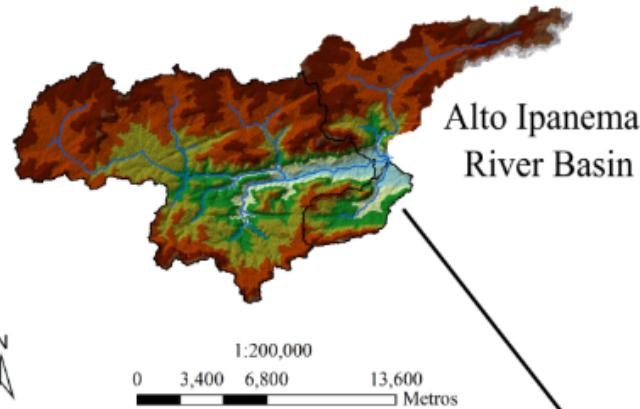


Base for developing a  
“System of Hydrological  
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SUPer.

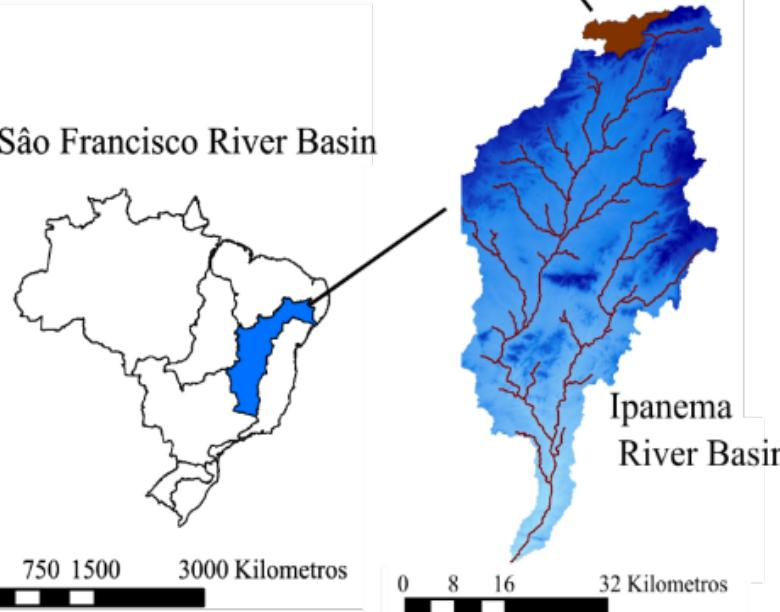


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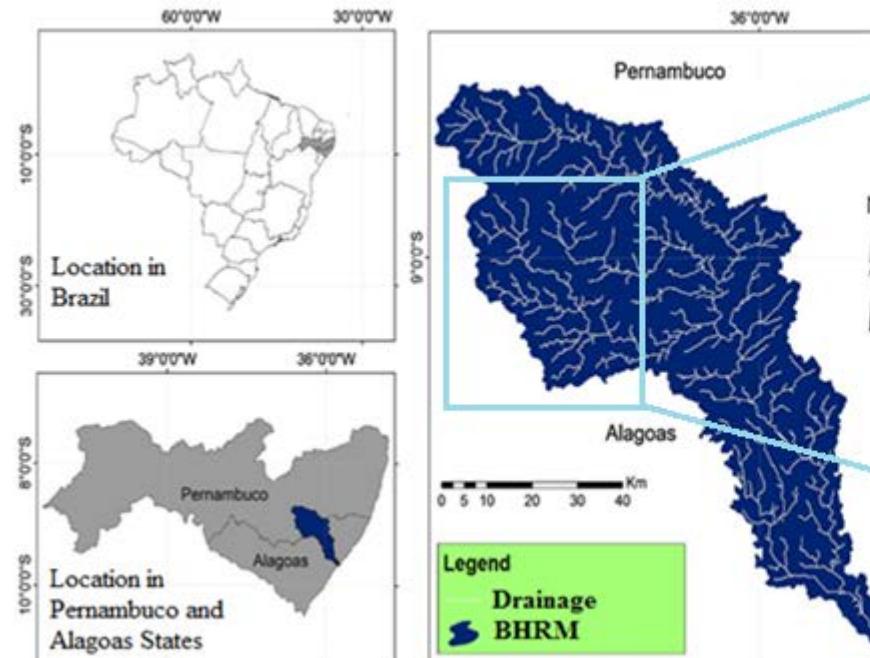
## Alto Ipanema



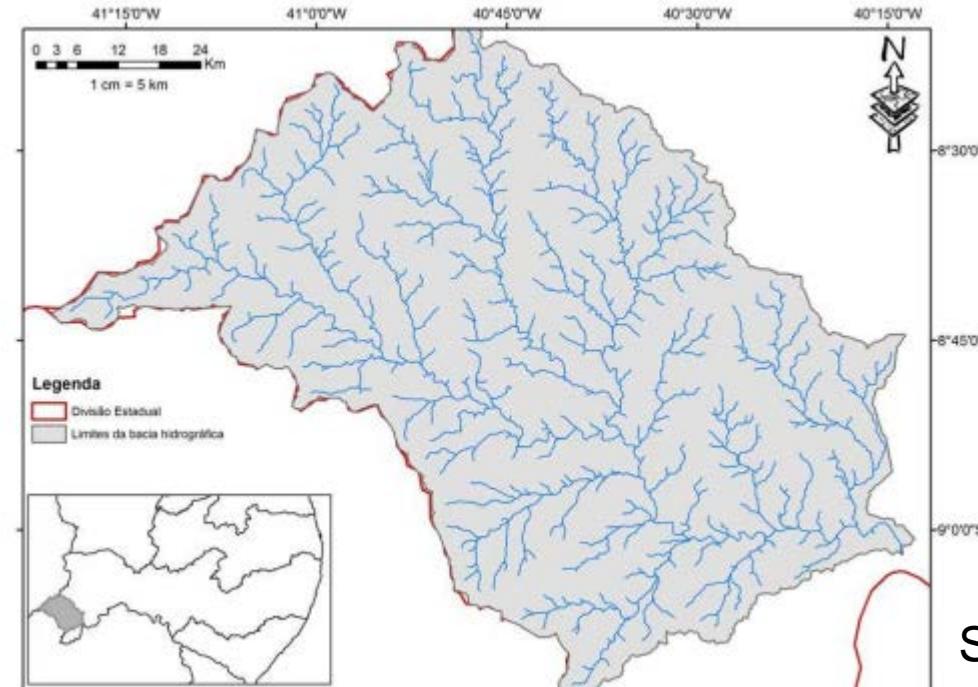
## São Francisco River Basin



Ipanema  
River Basin



Alto Mundaú

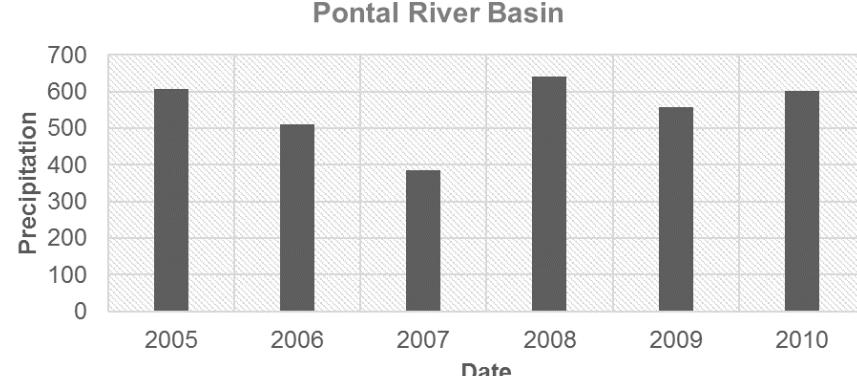
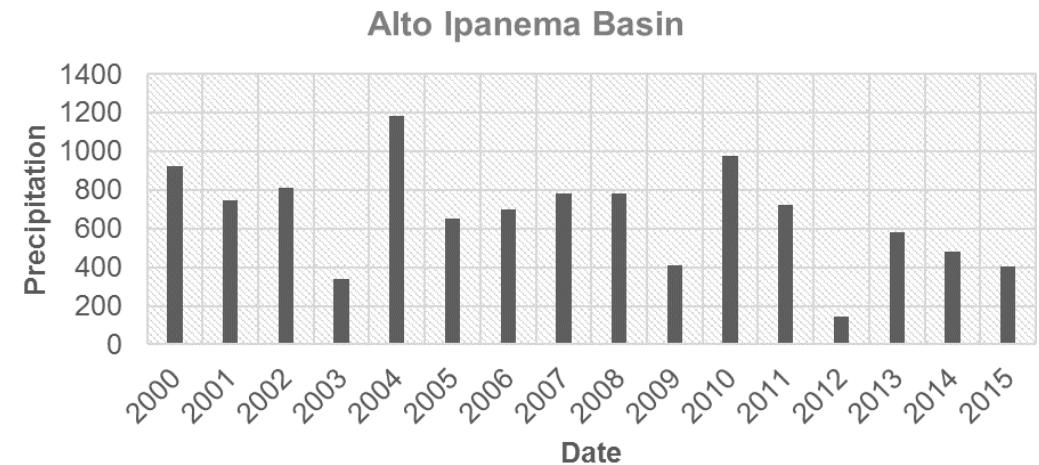
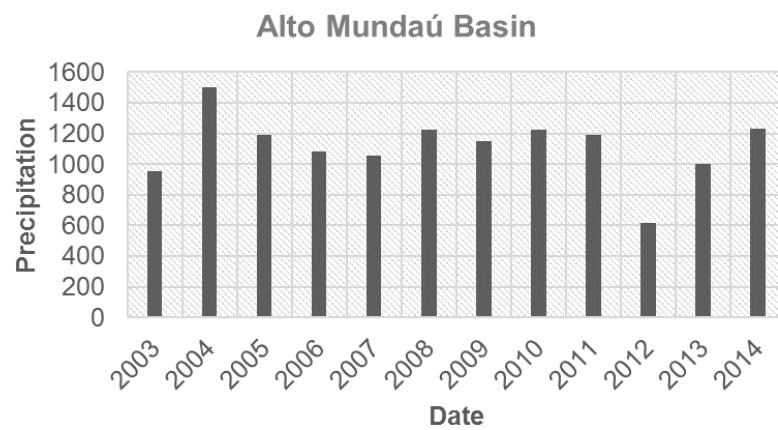


Pontal River

Source: Silva et al. (2012)

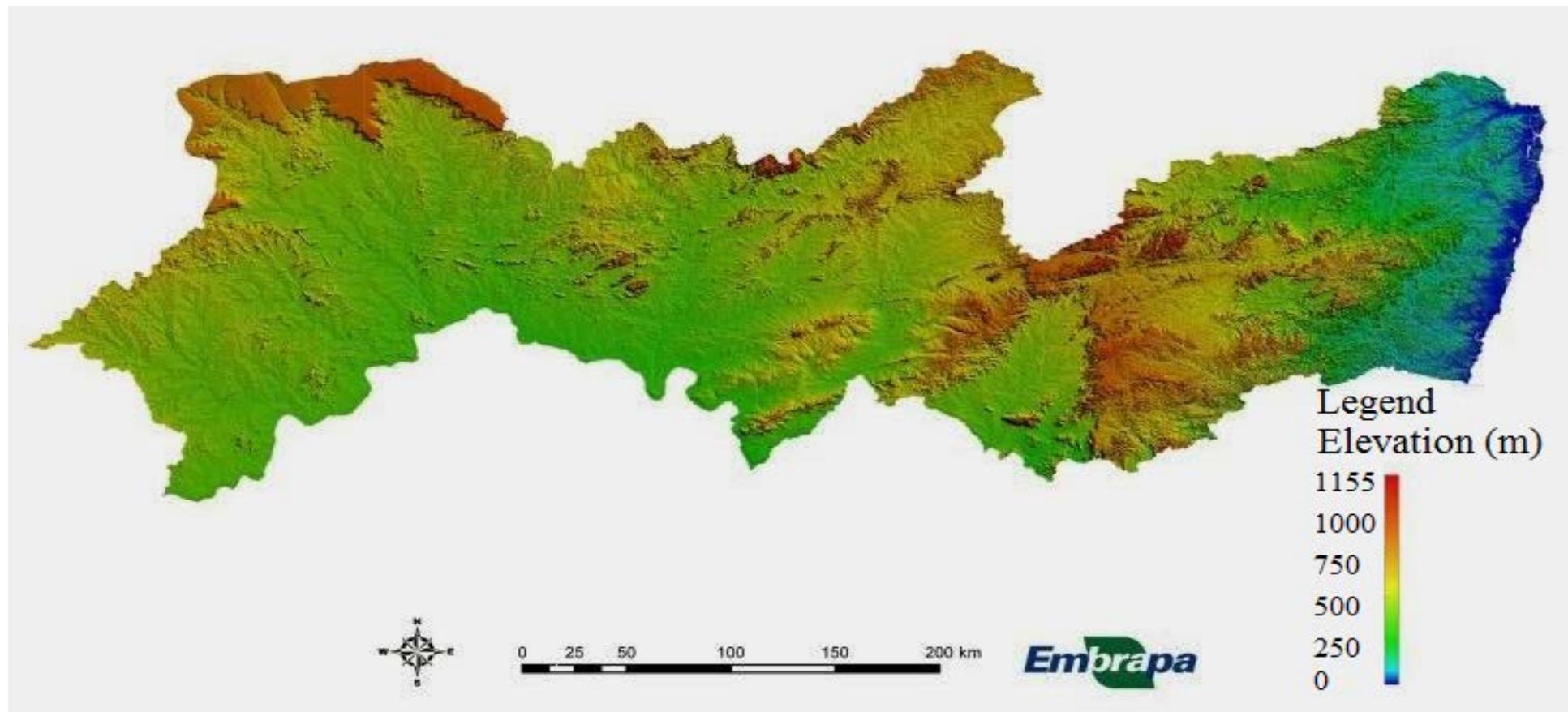
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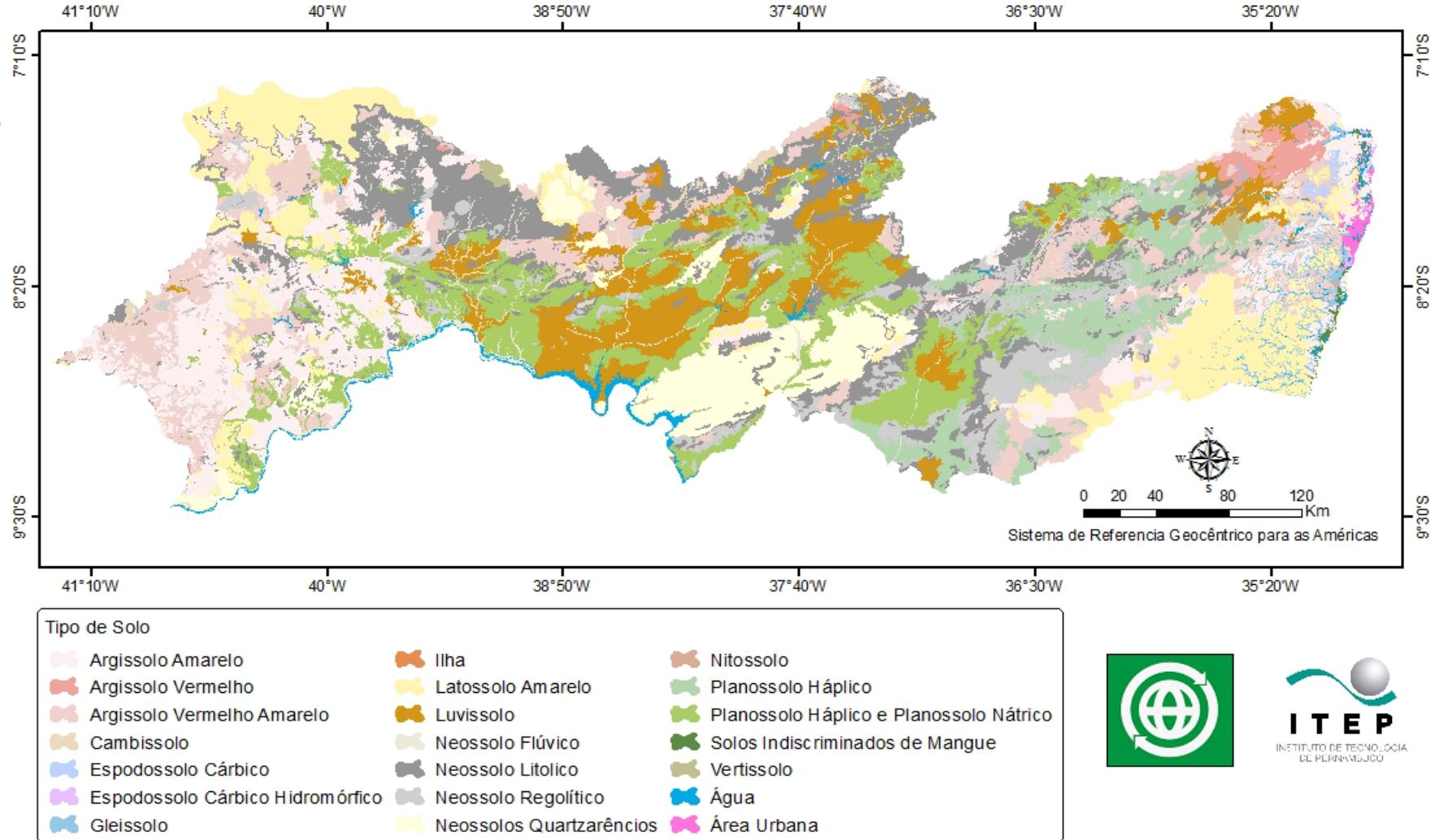
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## Elevation, Pernambuco State, Brazil



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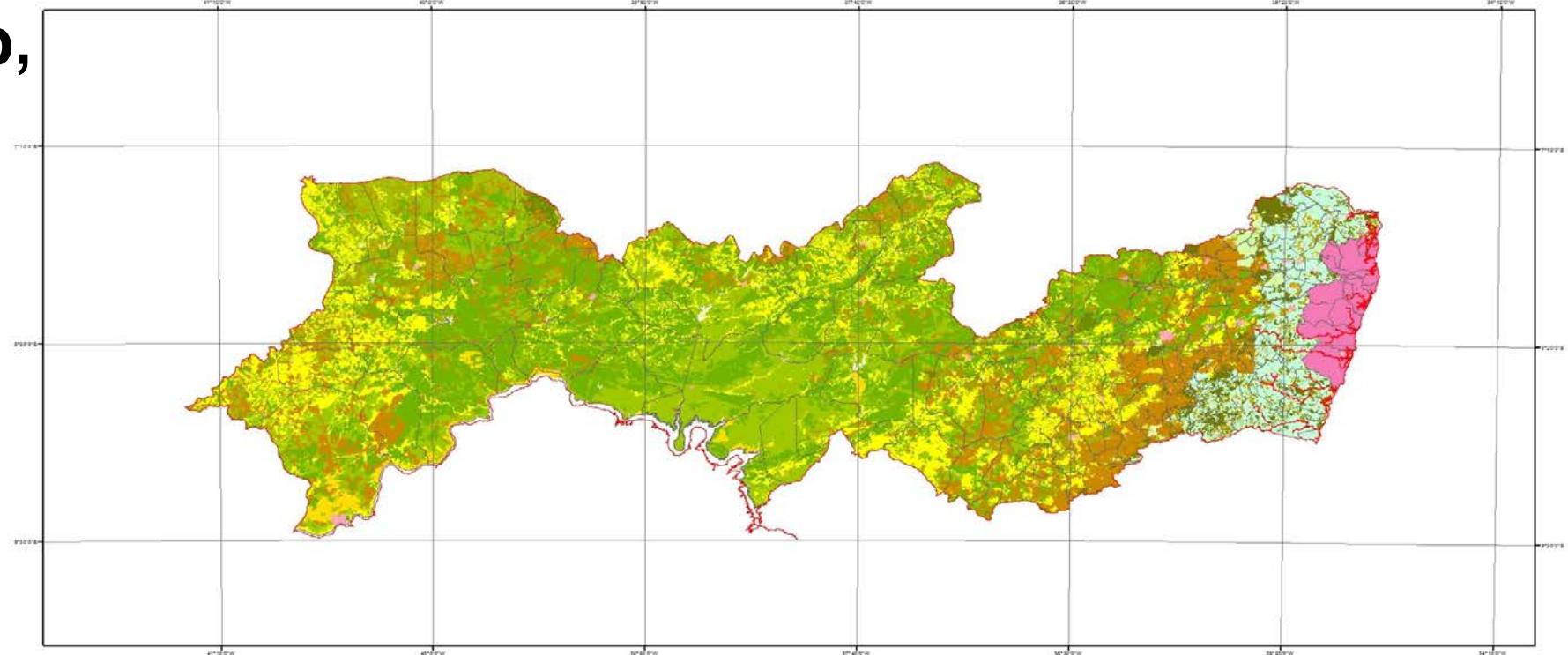
## Soils, Pernambuco State, Brazil



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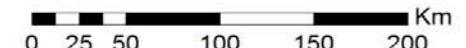
**Land use map,  
Pernambuco  
State, Brazil**



## Classes de Uso e Cobertura

Agricultura	Caatinga Densa	Mata	Solo Exposto
Agricultura Irrigada	Cana de Acucar e/ou Pastagem	Mata Serrana	Limite Estadual
Agua	Capoeira	Pastagem	Limite Municipal
Area Urbana	Complexo de Suape	Regiao Metropolitana	
	Caatinga Aberta	Mangue	Rio

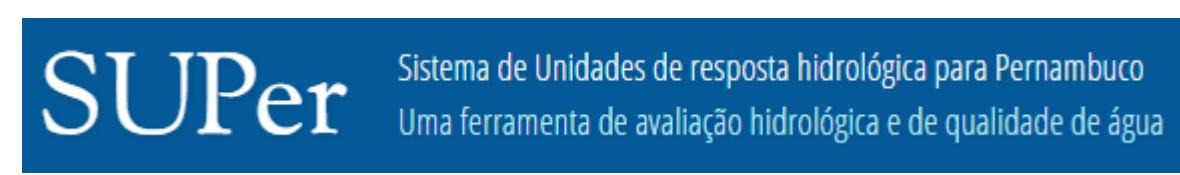
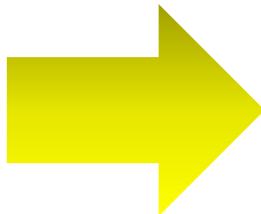
Escala 1:100.000



Projeção Geográfica: Albers Equal Area Conic  
Sistema Geodésico de Referência: WGS 84  
Fonte da Imagem: Landsat 8 OLI  
Interpretação visual da Imagem Landsat 8 OLI

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

- Data Base → developing a “System of Hydrological Response Units for the State of Pernambuco” - SUPer.



## EUA Data base

Command structure to propagate the sediment and agrochemicals through the basin. Include hydrology, sediments, nutrients, temperature, soil, climate, plant growth, pesticides and agricultural management (Arnold et al., 1998).

## Pernambuco State (Brazil) Data base

Adapted version to the state of Pernambuco. Free, easy access and friendly interface.

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

## SUPer

Sistema de Unidades de resposta hidrológica para Pernambuco  
Uma ferramenta de avaliação hidrológica e de qualidade de água

 Conecte-se

### O que é o SUPer?

O Sistema de Unidades de resposta hidrológica para Pernambuco (SUPer) é um sistema interativo de modelagem hidrológica e de qualidade de água que utiliza como mecanismo de modelagem a Ferramenta de Avaliação do solo e da Água - Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT). O SUPer fornece uma interface interativa da web e mapas; dados de entrada pre-carregados; resultados que incluem tabelas, gráficos e dados de saída; um guia do usuário, e projetos de modelagem com desenvolvimento, execução e armazenamento online para os usuários.

O SUPer aumenta substancialmente a usabilidade do SWAT para simular os efeitos das práticas de gestão baseadas em uma ampla variedade de culturas, solos, tipos de vegetação natural, usos da terra e cenários de mudanças climáticas para hidrologia e parâmetros de qualidade de água, como:

- Sedimento
- Patógenos
- Nutrientes
- Demanda biológica de oxigênio
- Oxigênio Dissolvido
- Pesticidas

### Como o SUPer funciona?

- 1 [Conecte-se ou registre-se](#) em uma nova conta para começar
  - Leia o nosso [guia do usuário](#)  obter ajuda adicional.
- 2 Crie um projeto
  - Selecione sua bacia hidrográfica a partir de um mapa
- 3 Crie um cenário
  - Especifique a frequência e duração de execução do modelo
- 4 Faça outras personalizações para o seu modelo
  - Defina HRUs para eliminar pequenos usos da terra, solos e declividades
  - Edite dados gerais de entrada da bacia e banco de dados (bacia, fertilizantes, urbanização, eficiência de nutrientes, atualização de uso da terra)
  - Edite entradas das sub-bacias ( curva número, marmita, roteamento de sedimentos, alterações climáticas/ sensibilidade, fontes de poluição)
  - Modifique as saídas do SWAT selecionando o alcance, sub-bacia e parâmetros de HRU

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

## Parameters analyzed and compared

Climate, soil, slope, morphometric parameters (circularity ratio, hypsometric curve and mean stream length) and land use characteristics from all the basins.

## Swat Model Parameters

Sensitivity Analysis (SWAT-CUP)

Calibration Statistics (NSE, PBIAS, R<sup>2</sup>)

Calibration period:

BHAI → 2002-2004

BHAM → 2003-2009

BHRP → 2005-2010



# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1. Comparison of some physical and morphometric characteristics of the studied basins

Characteristics	Alto Ipanema	Alto Mundaú	Pontal
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	195	756	6,032
Biome	Caatinga	Caatinga	Caatinga
Climate	Semiarid	Semiarid/ Semi-humid	Semiarid
T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	23	24	27
RH <sub>m</sub> (%)	70	73.2	56.5
Elevation (m)	600-1000	13 – 63	316-730
Agricultural area (%)	26.4	6.35	25.25
Circularity ratio	0.20	0.18	0.12
Hypsometric curve (m)	836.88	38.28	462.54
Main stream length (km)	28.04	63.43	165.68

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Table 2. Representation of the water balance in the studied basins**

Hydrological process	Alto Ipanema	Alto Mundaú	Pontal
Biome	Caatinga	Caatinga	Caatinga
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	195	756	6,032
Precipitation (mm/ year)	738	1,118	532.4
Surface Runoff (mm/ year)	103	171.29	63.89
Lateral flow (mm/ year)	88.56	1.23	60.53
Percolation to shallow aquifer (mm/ year)	76.04	357.94	44.12
Revap from shallow aquifer (mm/ year)	72.44	26.14	27.55
Recharge to deep aquifer (mm/ year)	4	17.9	2.32
Average Curve Number	81.89	76.66	59.54
Evaporation and Transpiration (mm/ year)	546.12	593.6	351.8
Potential Evaporation and Transpiration (mm/ year)	1,591	1,309.6	1,377.6

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**Table 3. Parameters identified as the most important for the flow simulation using the SWAT model in the four basins studied**

Sensitivity Ranking	Alto Ipanema	Alto Mundaú	Pontal
1	ALPHA_BF.gw	GWQMN.gw	SOL_AWC.sol
2	CN2.mgt	ESCO.hru	FRGRW2{..}.plant.dat
3	SURLAG.bsn	SOL_AWC.sol	DLAI{..}.plant.dat
4	GWQMN.gw	CN2.mgt	ESCO.hru
5	SHALLST.gw	RCHRG_DP.gw	CN2.mgt

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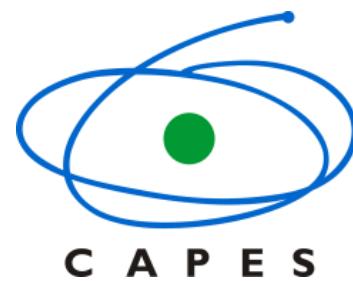
**Table 4. Statistical indexes used to evaluate the performance of the SWAT model in the four basins studied**

Statistical indexes	Alto Ipanema	Alto Mundaú	Pontal
NSE	0.79	0.68	0.72
PBIAS (%)	26.4	0.2	0.79
R <sup>2</sup>	0.92	0.73	0.73

# CONCLUSION

**The data obtained in this study will serve as a basis for the initiation of the System of Units of Hydrological Responses for the State of Pernambuco - SUPer, promoting in this way, integrated hydrological modeling, with easy data access, in different scales, and for different hydrographic basins of all Pernambuco State.**

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