

DISCOVERING SPANISH LANDSCAPES

**Changes in the natural
environment**

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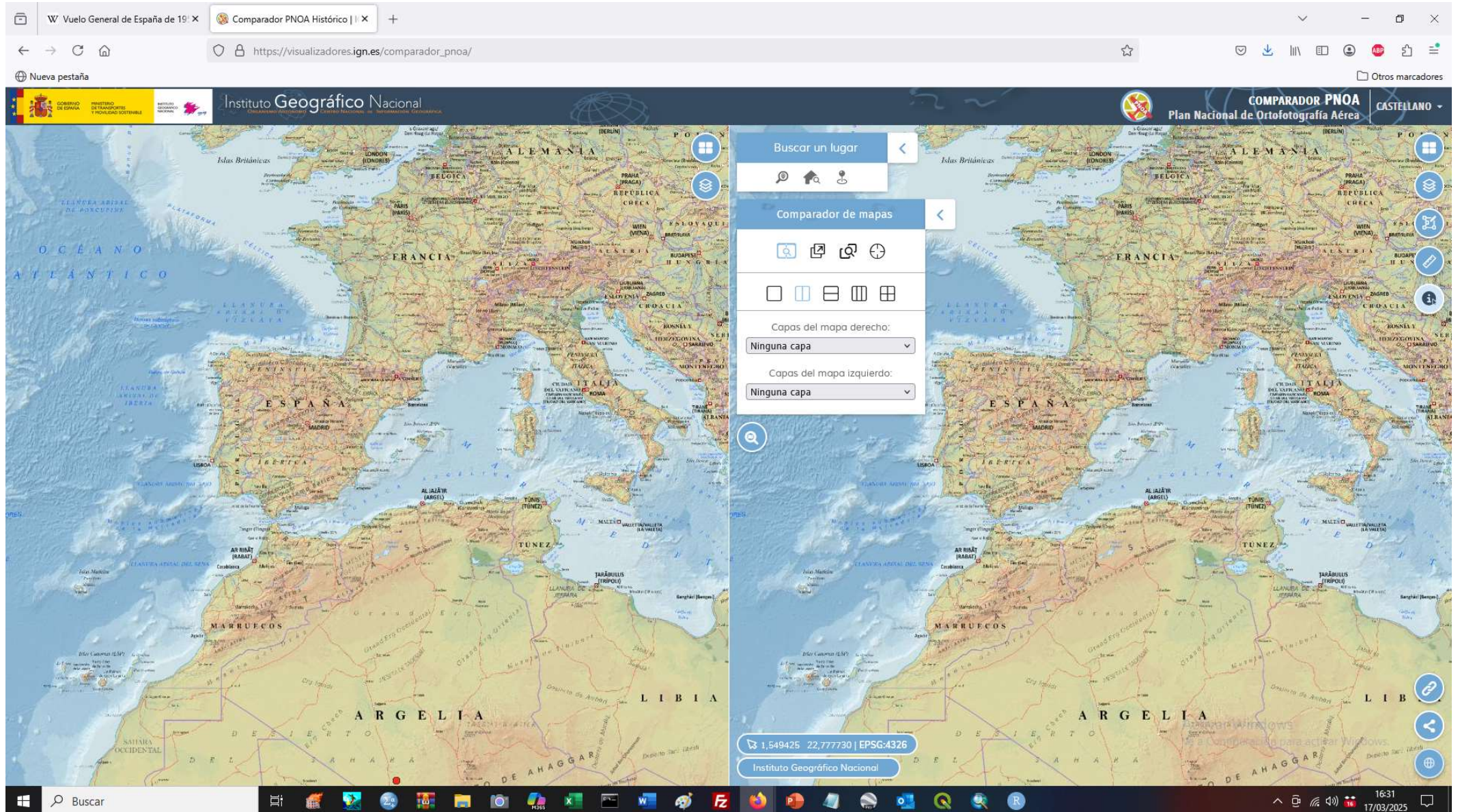




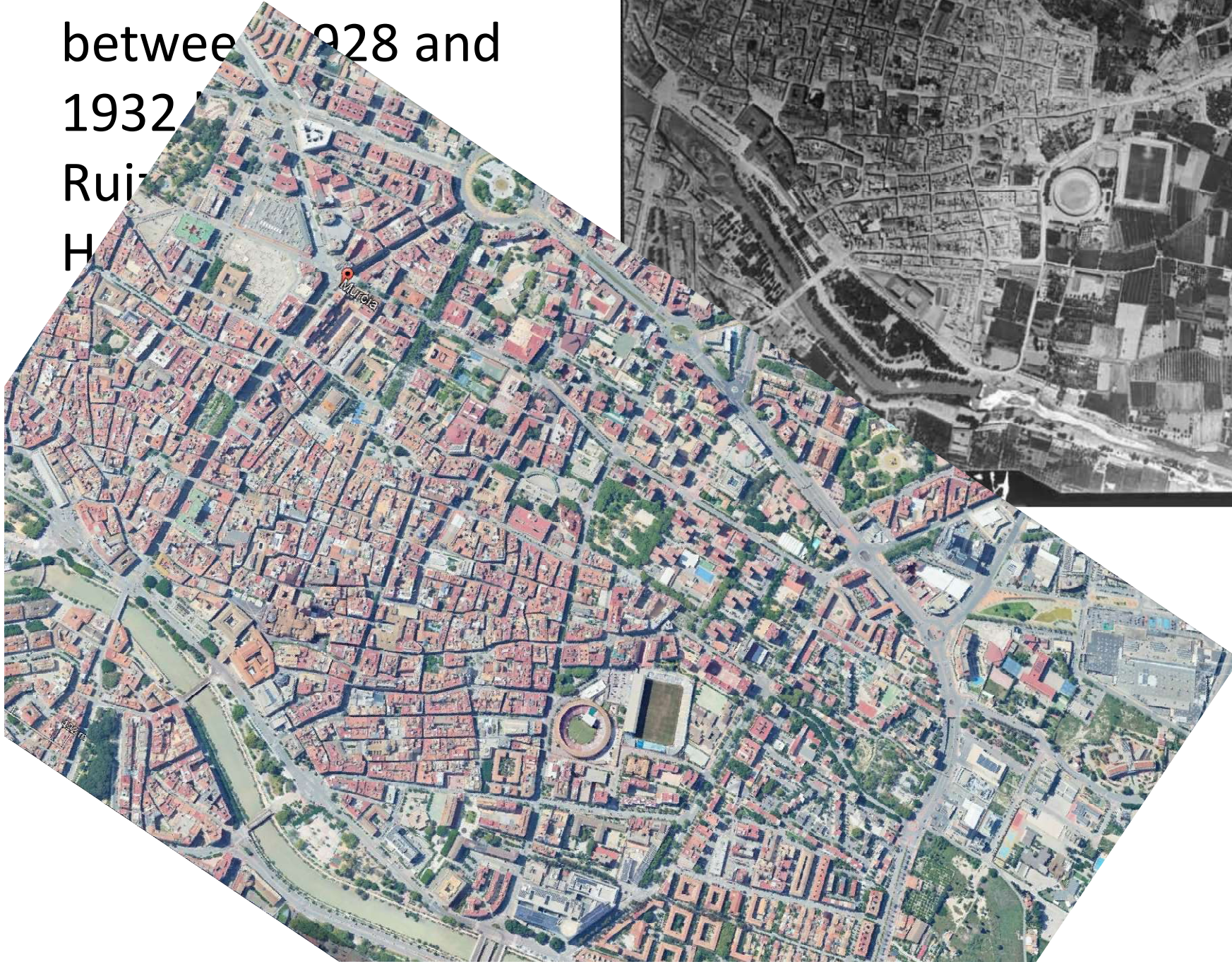
FIG. 1. Vista de Alcalá de Henares desde la barquilla de un globo. Esta imagen fue obtenida a finales del siglo XIX, y sería, según el *Estudio histórico del Cuerpo de Ingenieros* (1911), la primera fotografía aérea que se tomó en España.

The first aerial
photographs of Spain
were taken from hot air
balloons.

The flight of Navarra
was carried out
between 1928 and
1932.

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The 1956 General Flight of Spain.

- ❑ Also called the 1956 American Flight, American Flight Series B, or simply American Flight (for us).

- ❑ **Importance:** it recorded most of the Spanish territory
 - 60,000 photographs.
 - Scale of 1:33,000.
 - Altitude of 5000 meters .
 - 4533 hours of flight.

- ❑ **What was it?** An aerial photography cartographic project of Spain carried out between March 1956 and September 1957 through an **agreement** between the Franco government and the United States government, through the Army Map Service.

❑ What agreement?

- A defense agreement signed between Spain and the United States (September 23, 1953) → the Madrid Pacts.
- USA government obtained transit and landing rights at the air bases in Morón de la Frontera, Torrejón de Ardoz, Zaragoza and the naval base of Rota.
- Spain obtained military equipment and weapons, as well as the modernization of its air bases
- An updated cartography.

❑ What was the interest in taking photos of the Spanish territory?

- The need to improve military cartography, based on the strategic interest of Spain during the Cold War,
- To study the territory that was in a serious technological and economic delay.

Technical equipment

- ❑ Beechcraft RC-45 turboprop aircraft
- ❑ Fairchild T-11 photogrammetric cameras manufactured in the United States between 1952 and 1954.



Technical equipment

Kodak aerial cellulose acetate film (safety film)

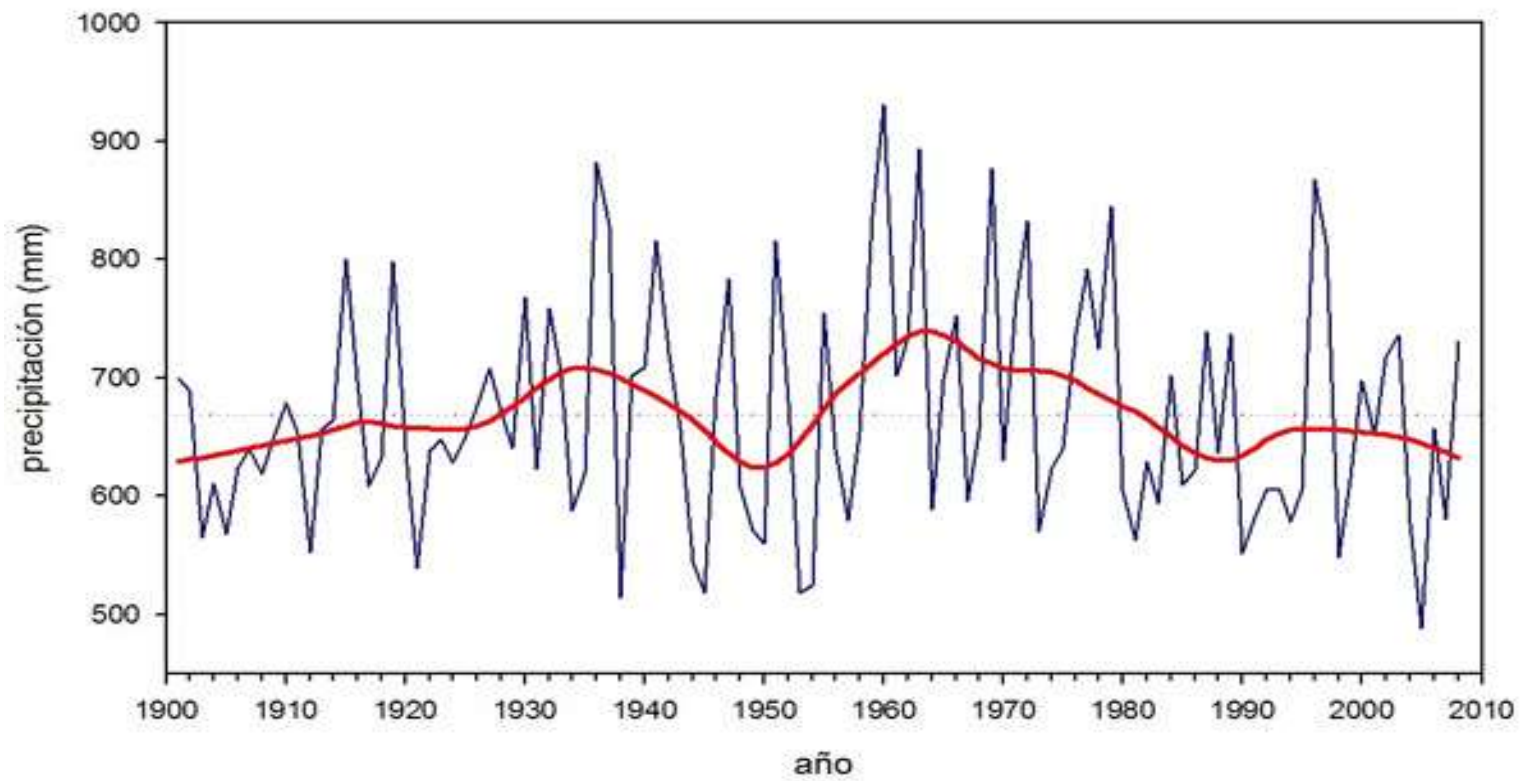
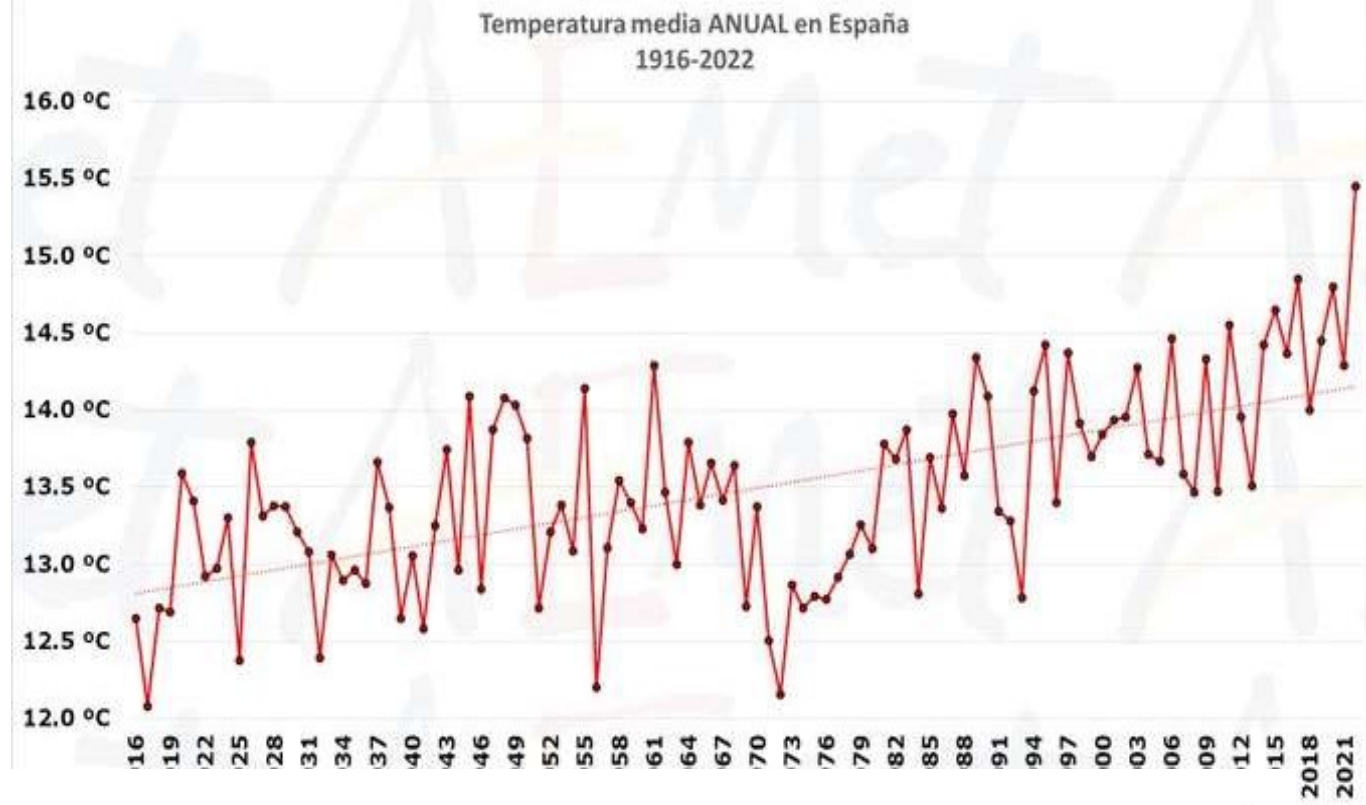
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serial number of the lens

flight altitude



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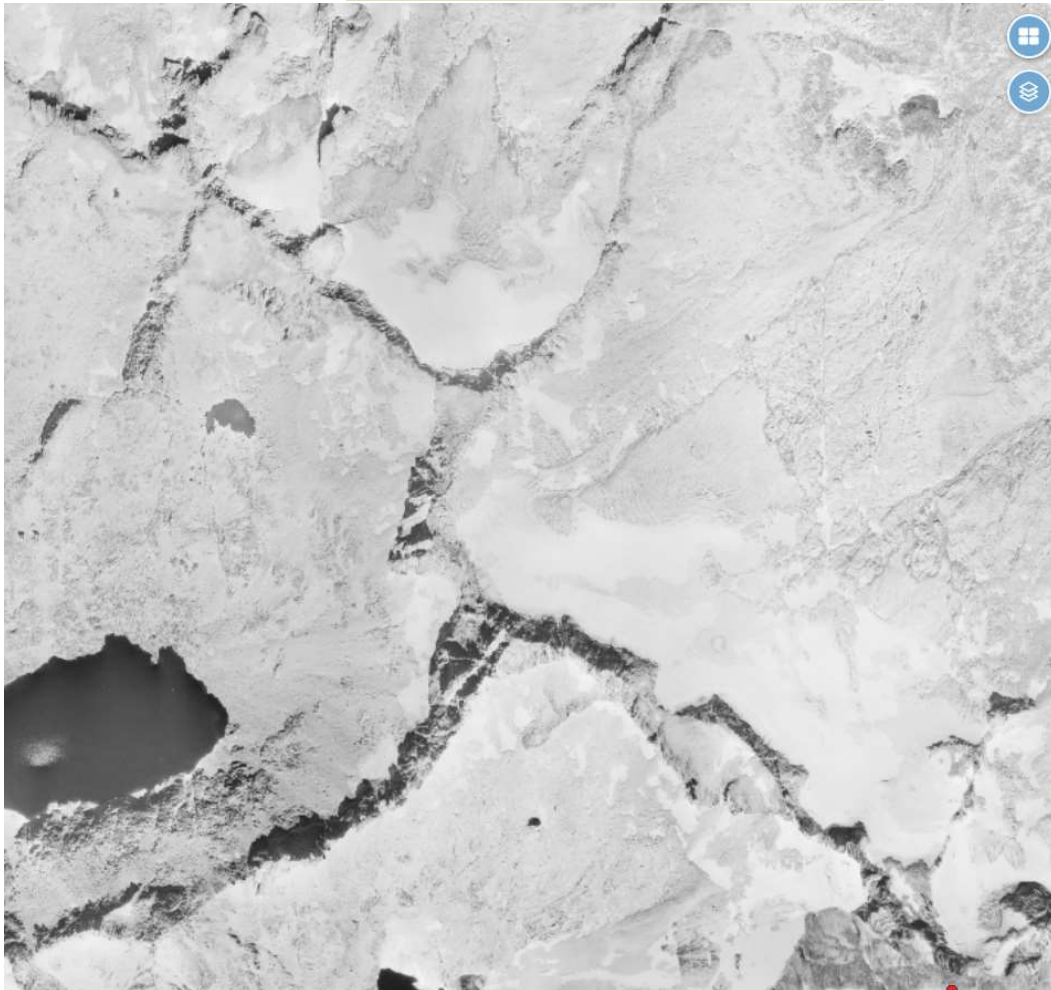
CHANGES OF THE CRYOSPHERE

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The vanishing of the southernmost glaciers of Europe

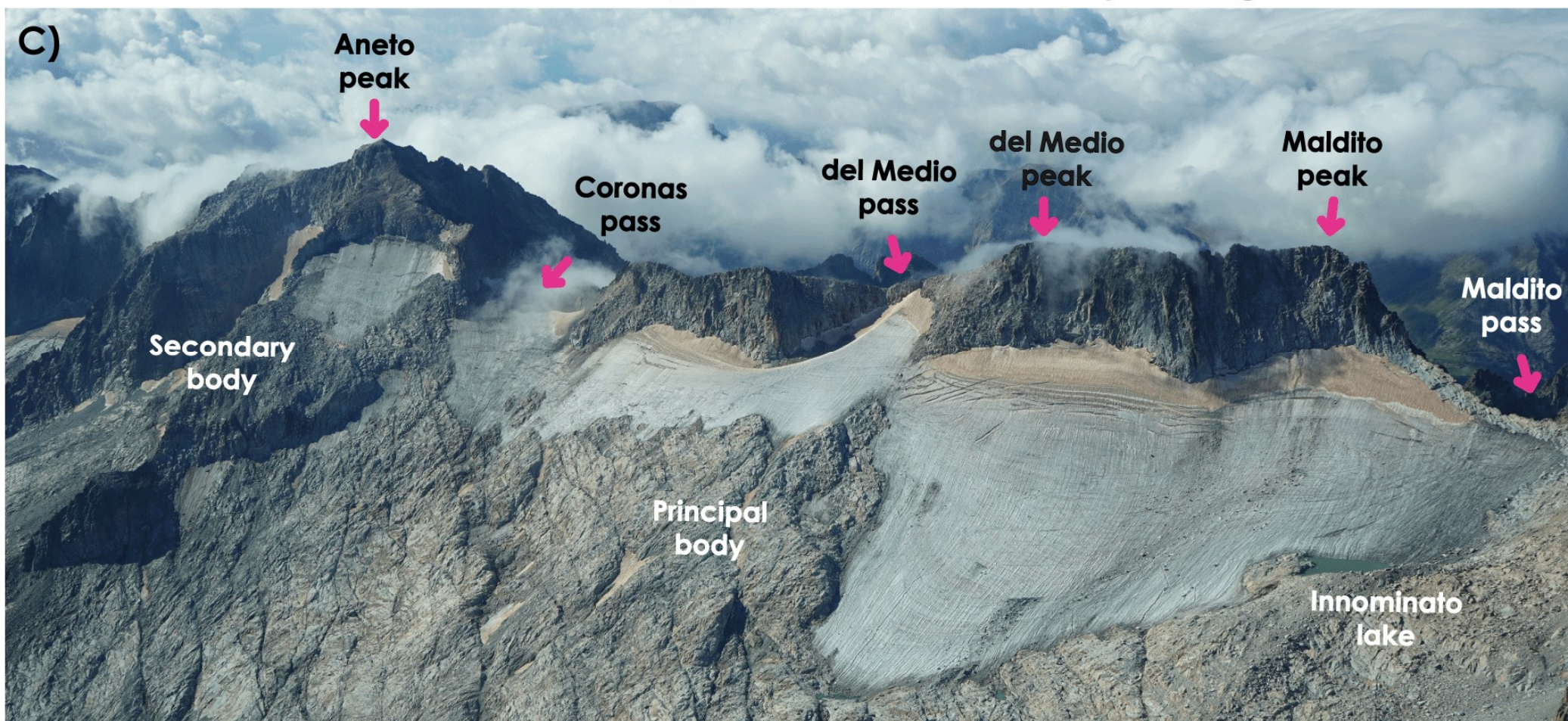
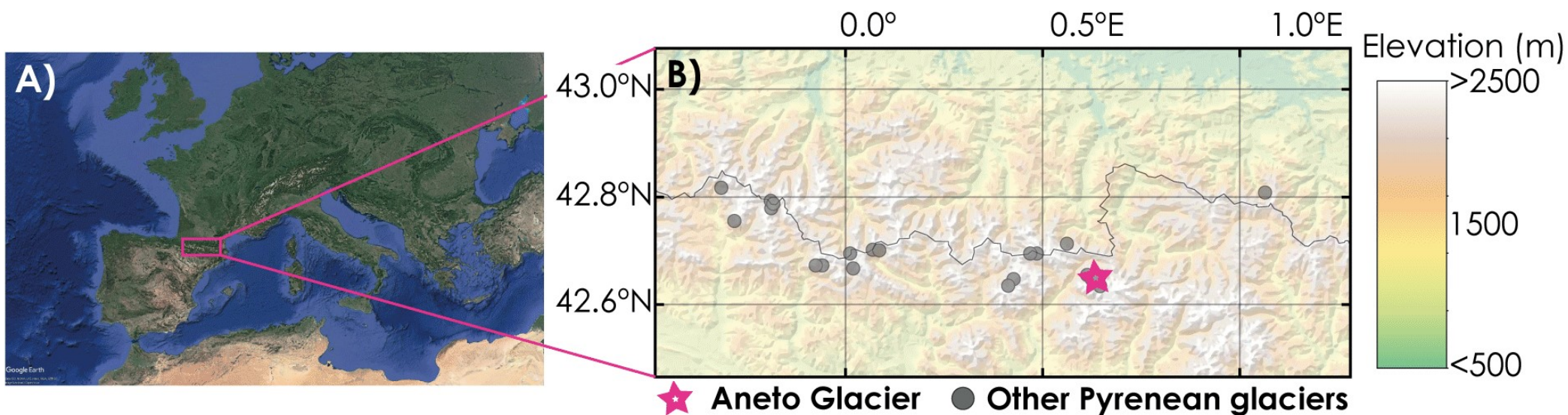
Benasque - La Maladeta

AMERICAN FLIGHT
1956



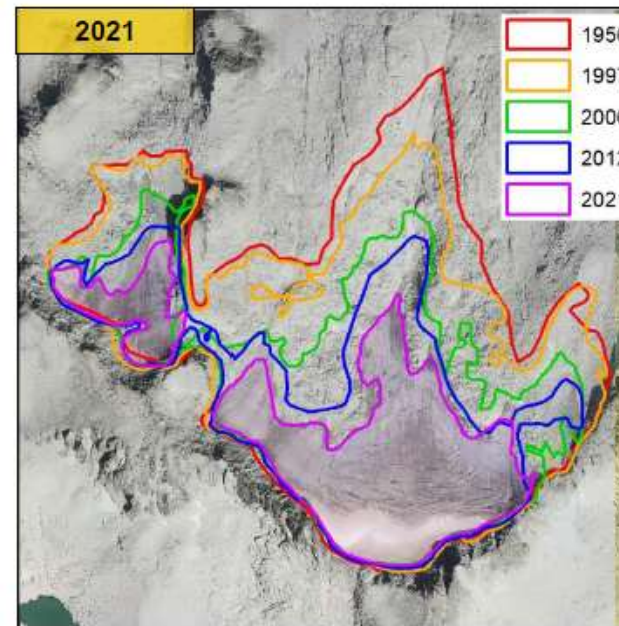
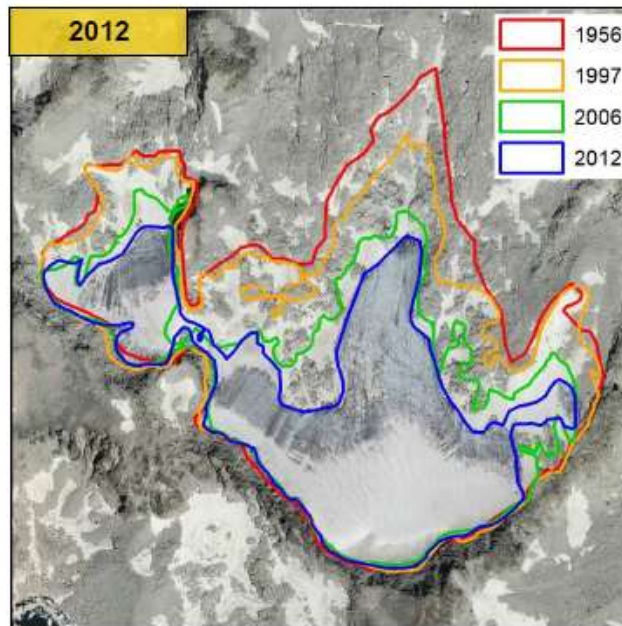
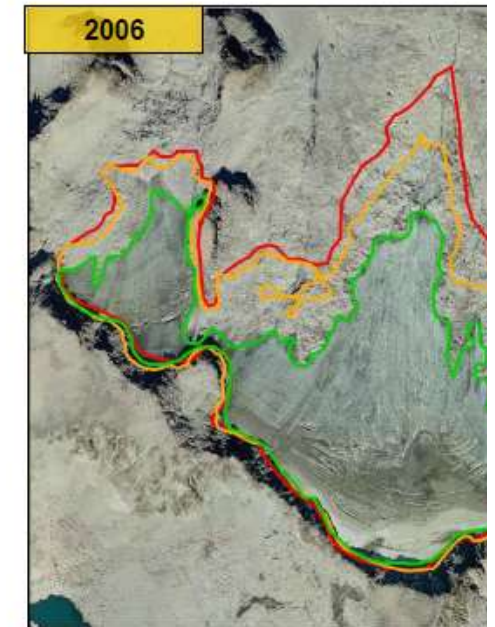
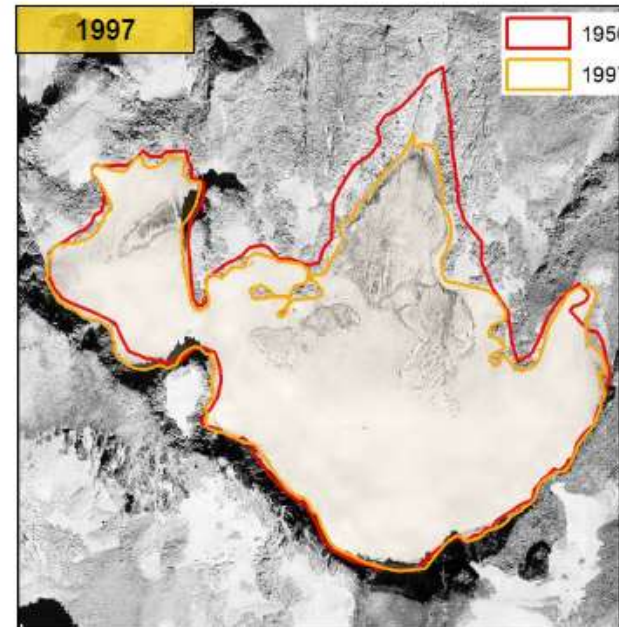
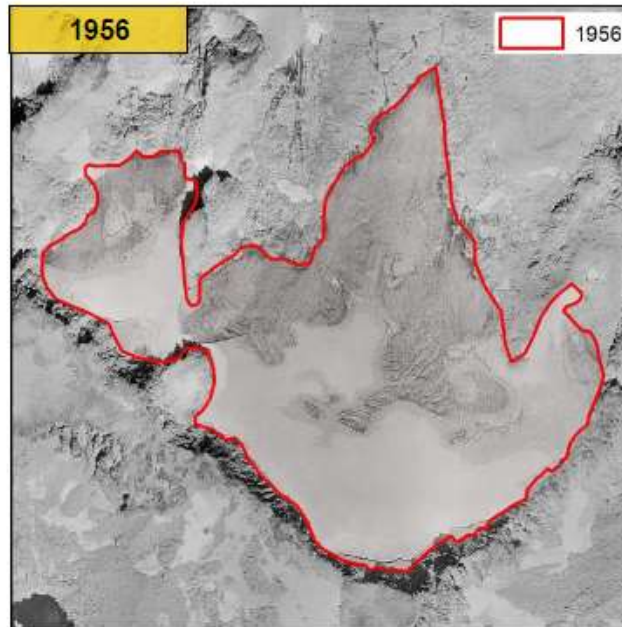
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EVOLUCIÓN DE LA SUPERFICIE DEL GLACIAR DE LA MALADETA

ORTOFOTOGRAFÍAS HISTÓRICAS: 1956 – 2021

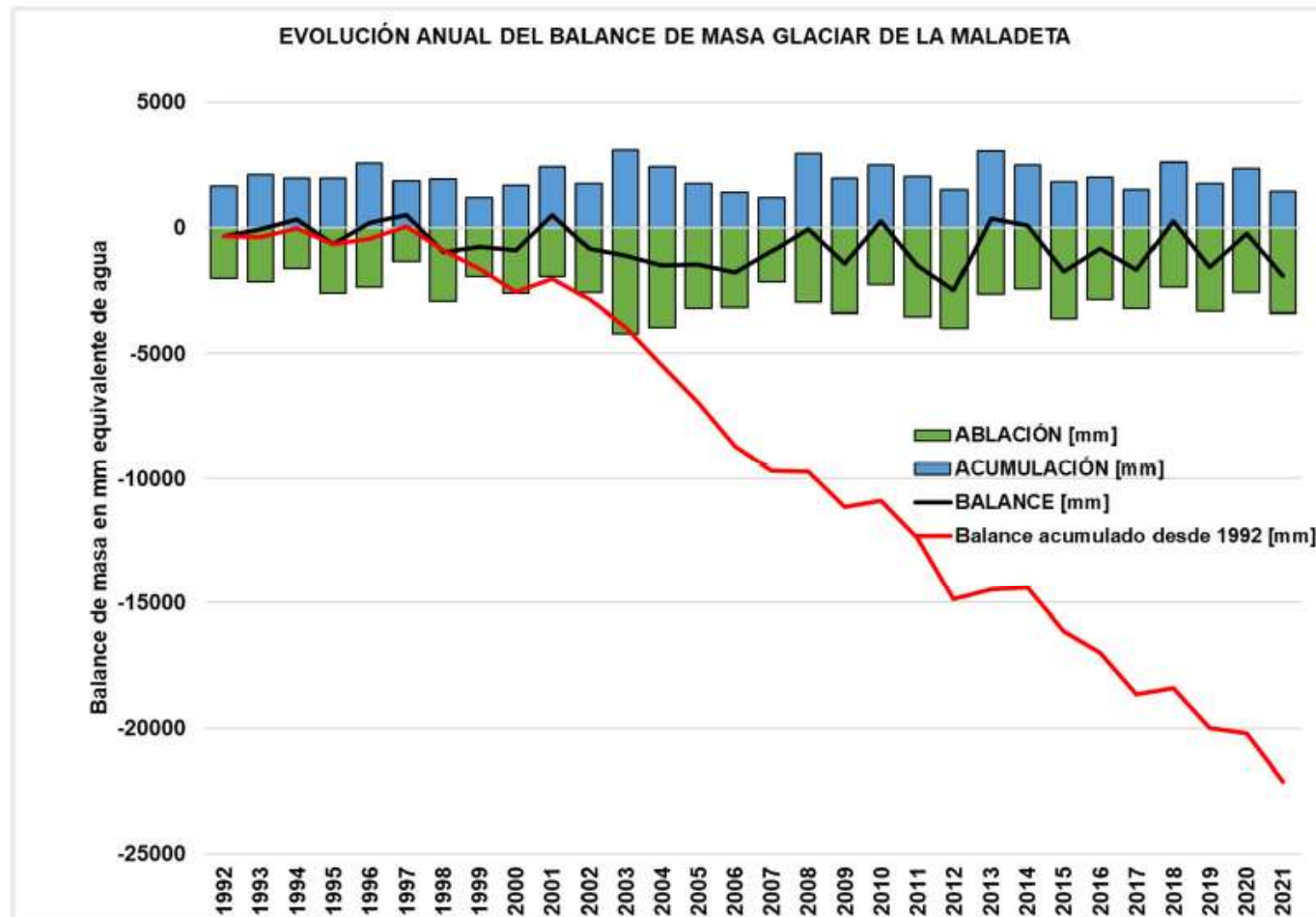


Año	Superficie (m ²) ⁽¹⁾	Fuente
1956	607.600	Amer
1997	546.500	Vuel
2006	363.300	Vu
2012	293.000	Vu
2021	202.200	Vu (e

(1) Superficie calculada a partir de la c
perimetral mostrada en las figuras.

(2) <https://centrodedescargas.cnig.es>

EVOLUCIÓN ANUAL DEL BALANCE DE MASA GLACIAR DE LA MALADETA

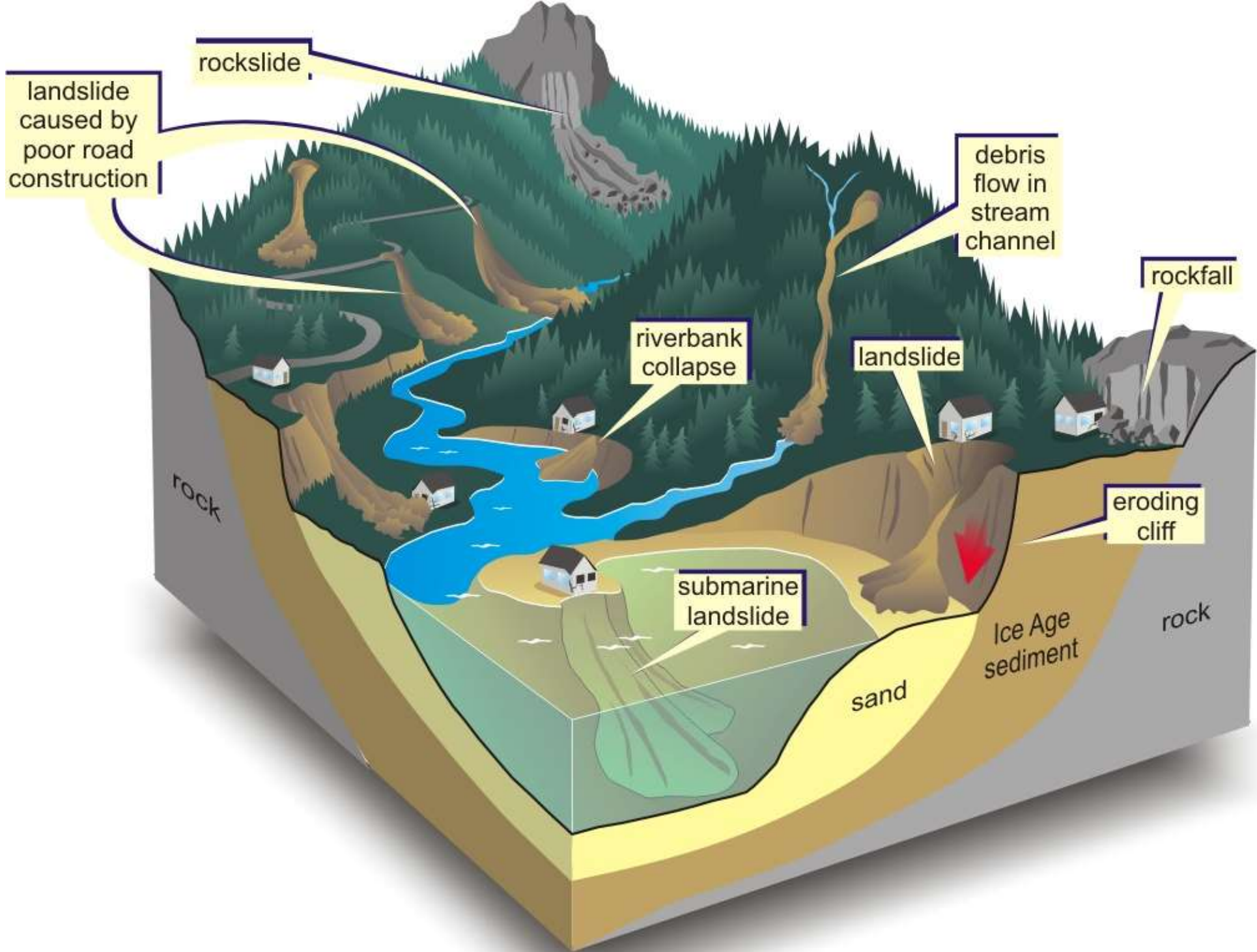


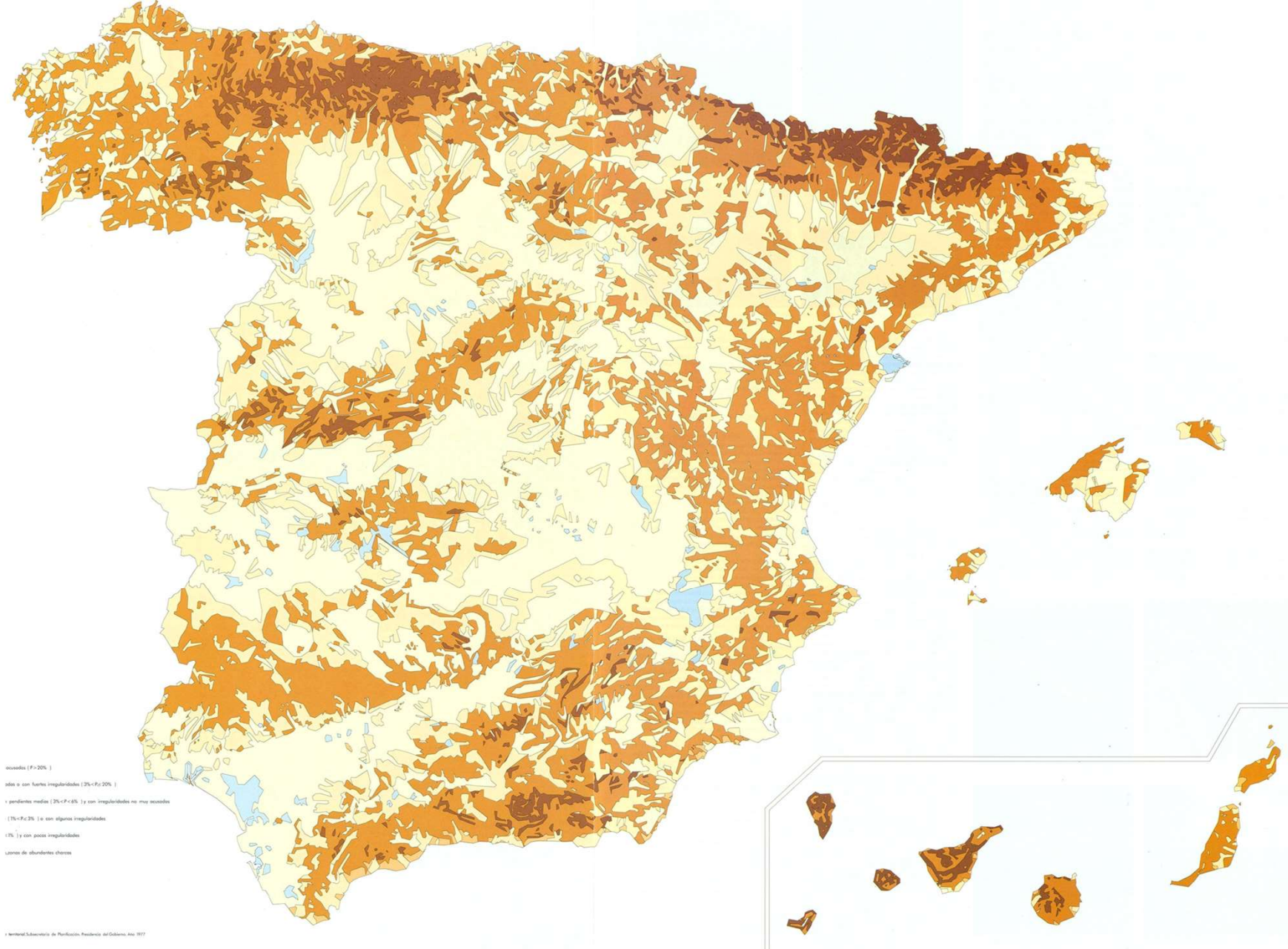
Ablación: pérdida de la masa del glaciar.

Acumulación: aumento de la masa del glaciar

Balance: Diferencia entre acumulación y ablación. Valores negativos indican que el glaciar está perdiendo masa

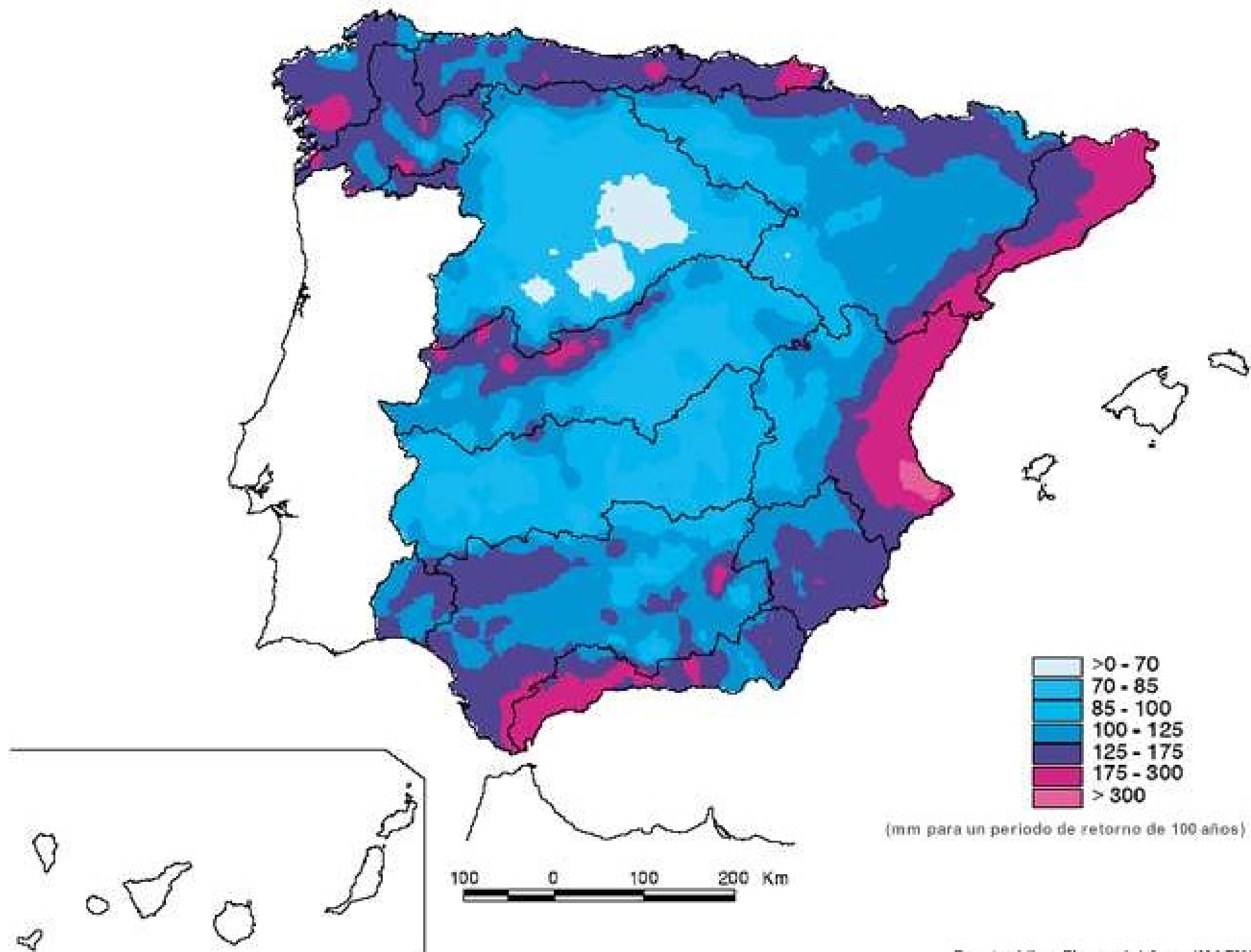
INSTABILITY OF THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES





- Suelo con pendientes acusadas ($P > 20\%$)
- Suelo con pendientes acusadas o con fuertes irregularidades ($3\% < P \leq 20\%$)
- Zona costera de suelo con pendientes medias ($3\% < P \leq 6\%$) y con irregularidades no muy acusadas
- Suelo con pendiente suave ($1\% < P \leq 3\%$) o con alguna irregularidad
- Suelo llano (pendientes $P < 1\%$) y con pocas irregularidades
- Lagunas, embalses, zonas con abundantes charcas

LOS RIESGOS DE INUNDACIÓN LLUVIAS MÁXIMAS DIARIAS EN LA ESPAÑA PENINSULAR





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Landslides

Sebrango (Cantabria)

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1956



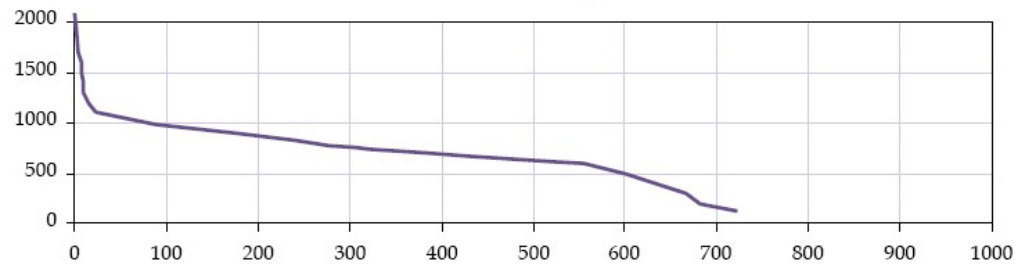
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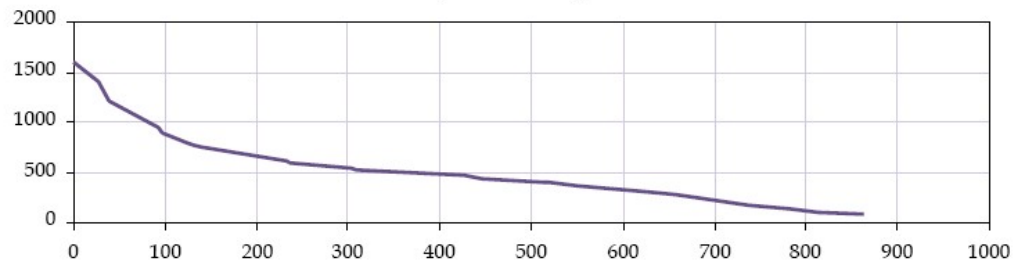
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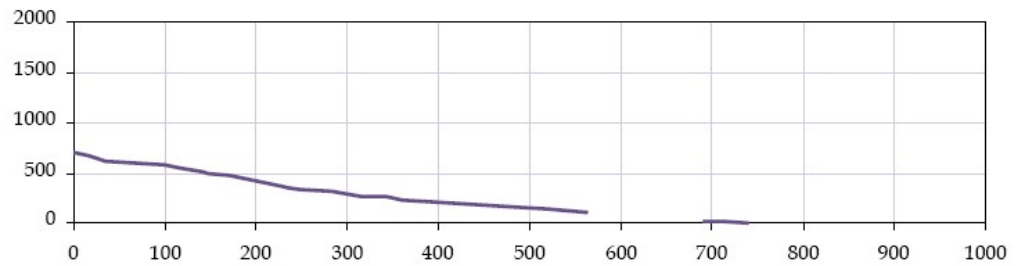
Duero hasta Portugal



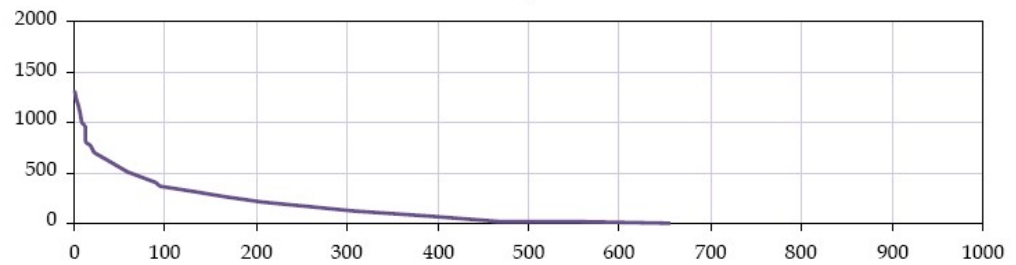
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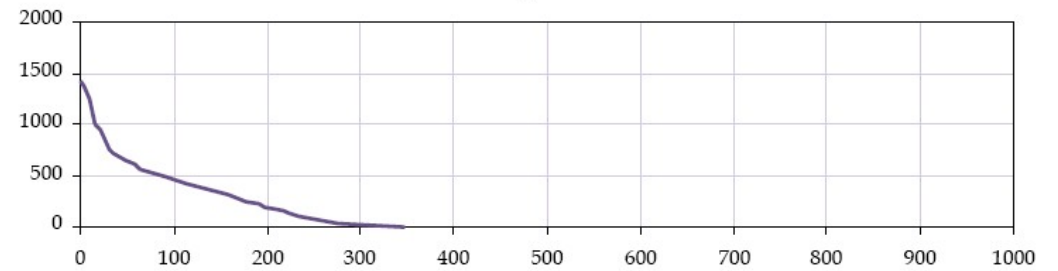
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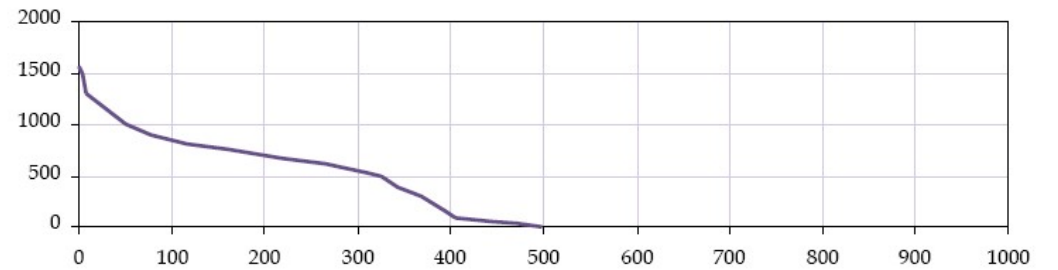
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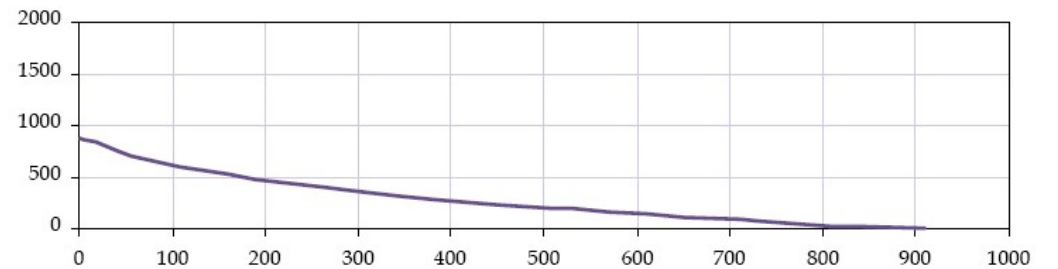
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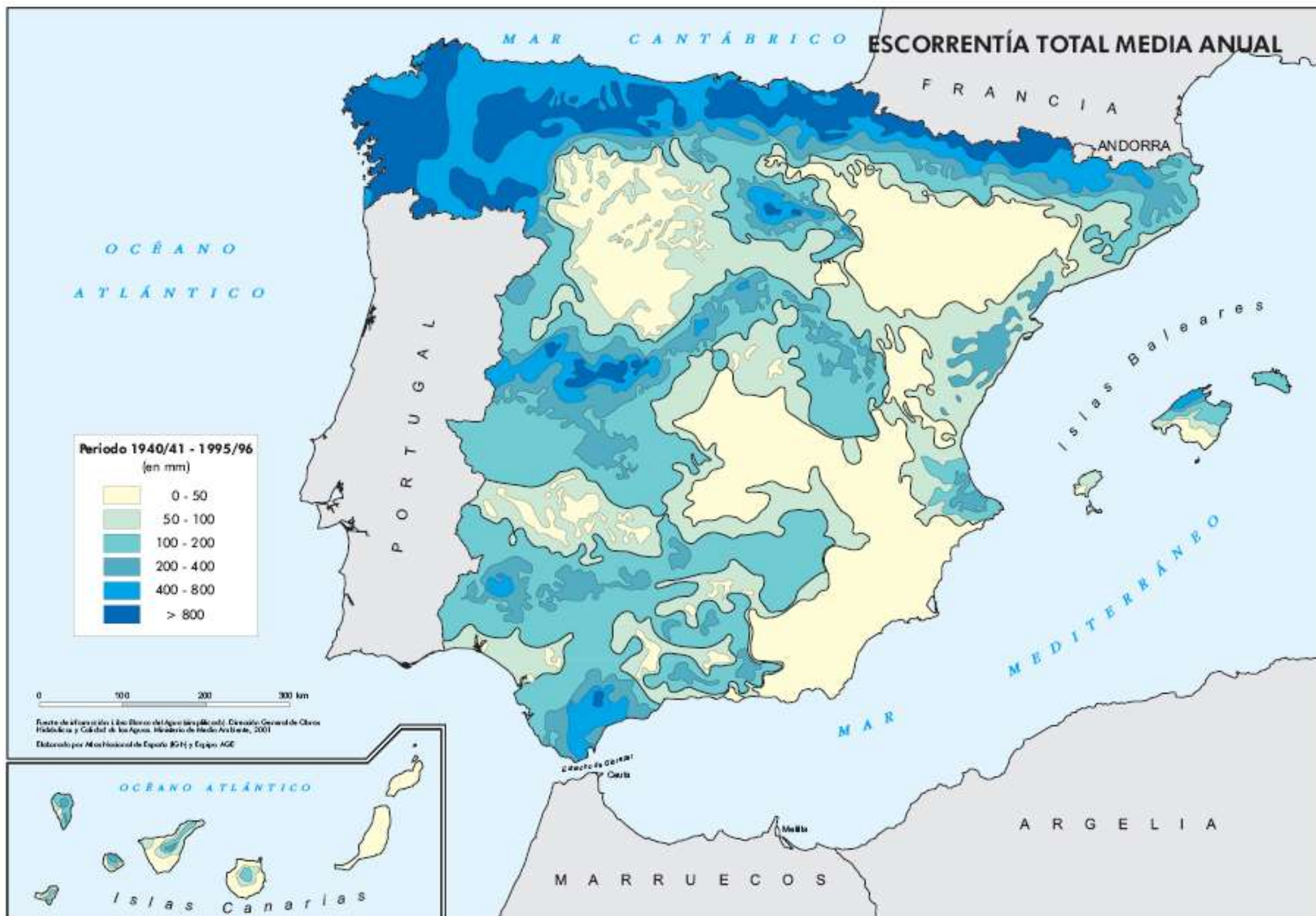


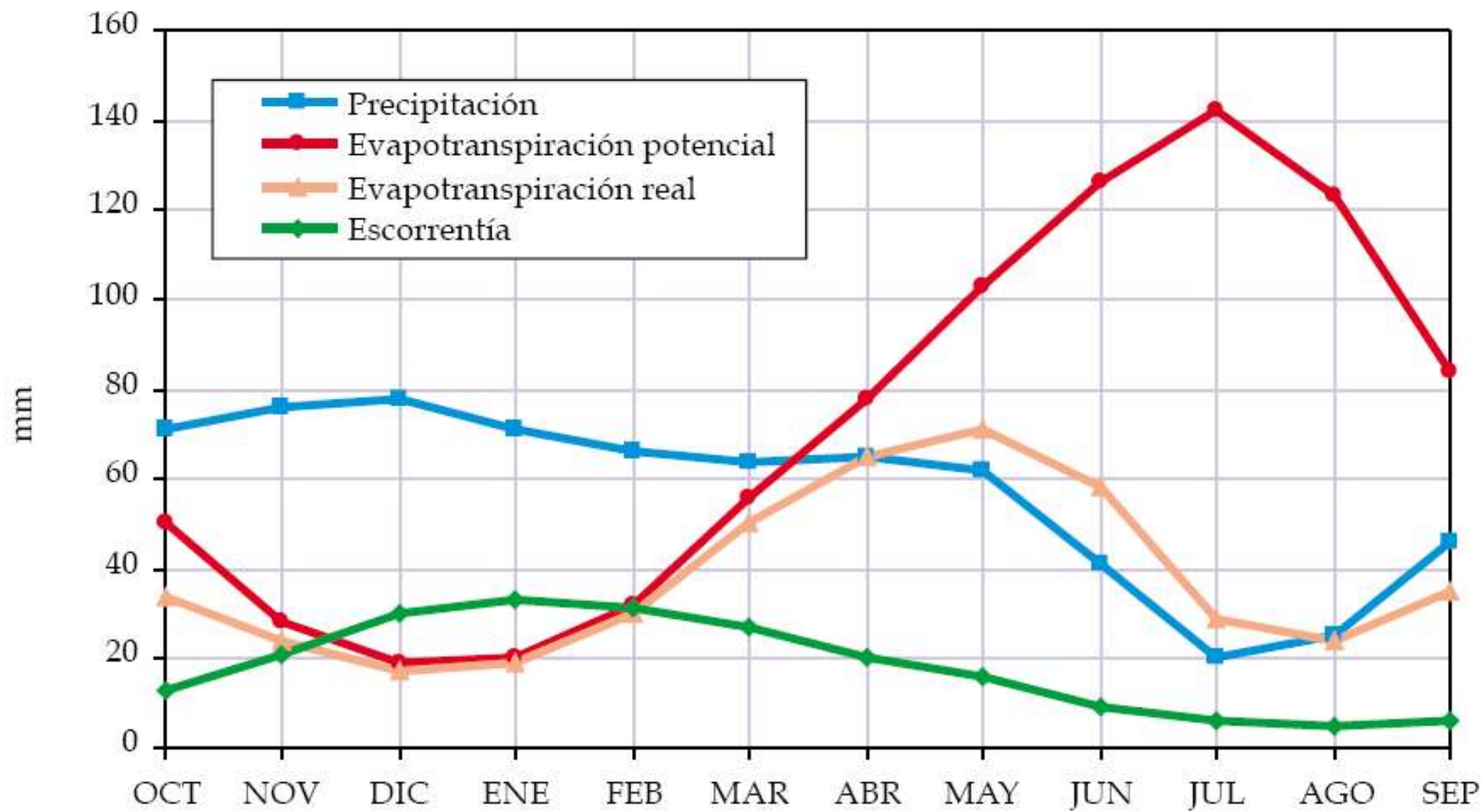
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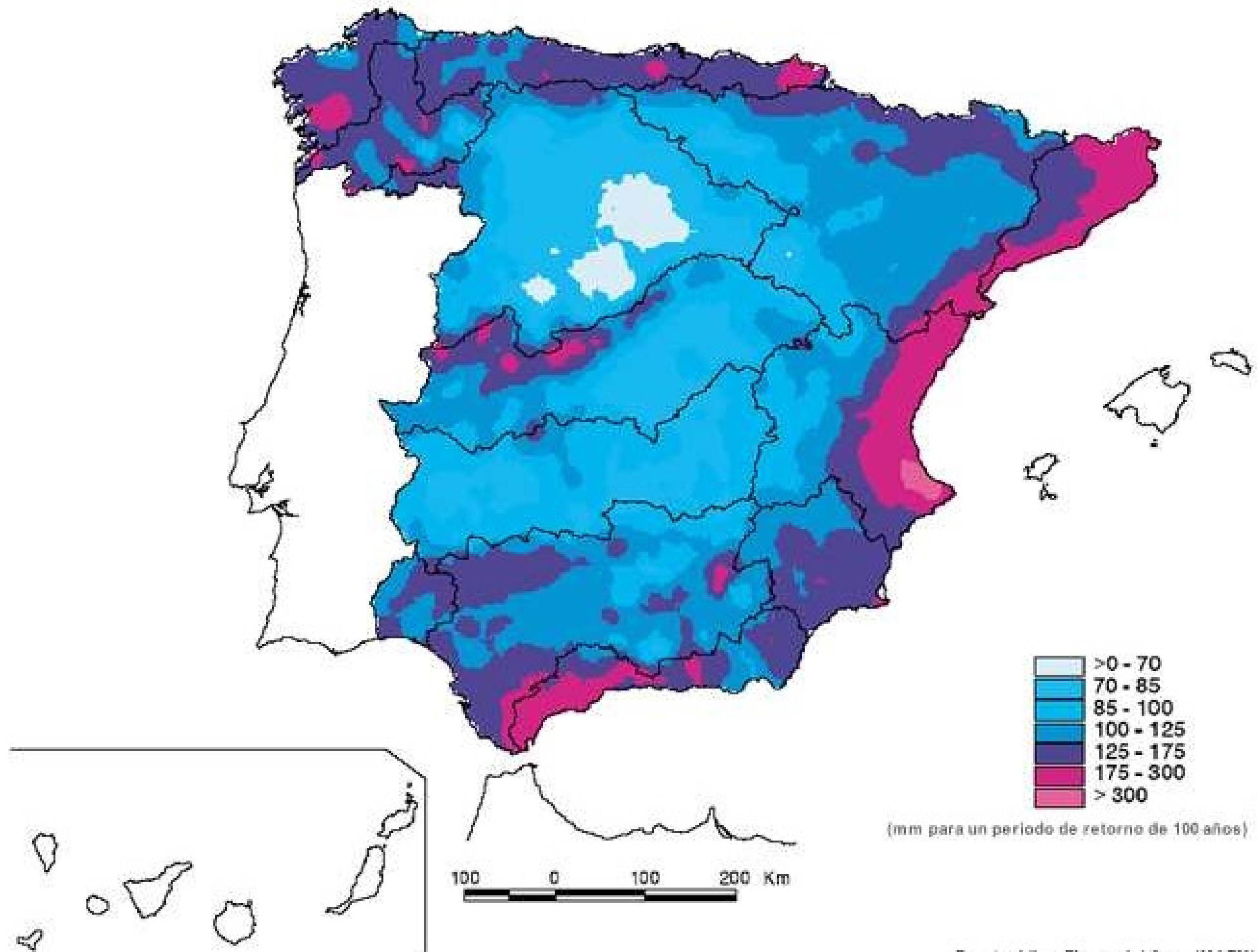
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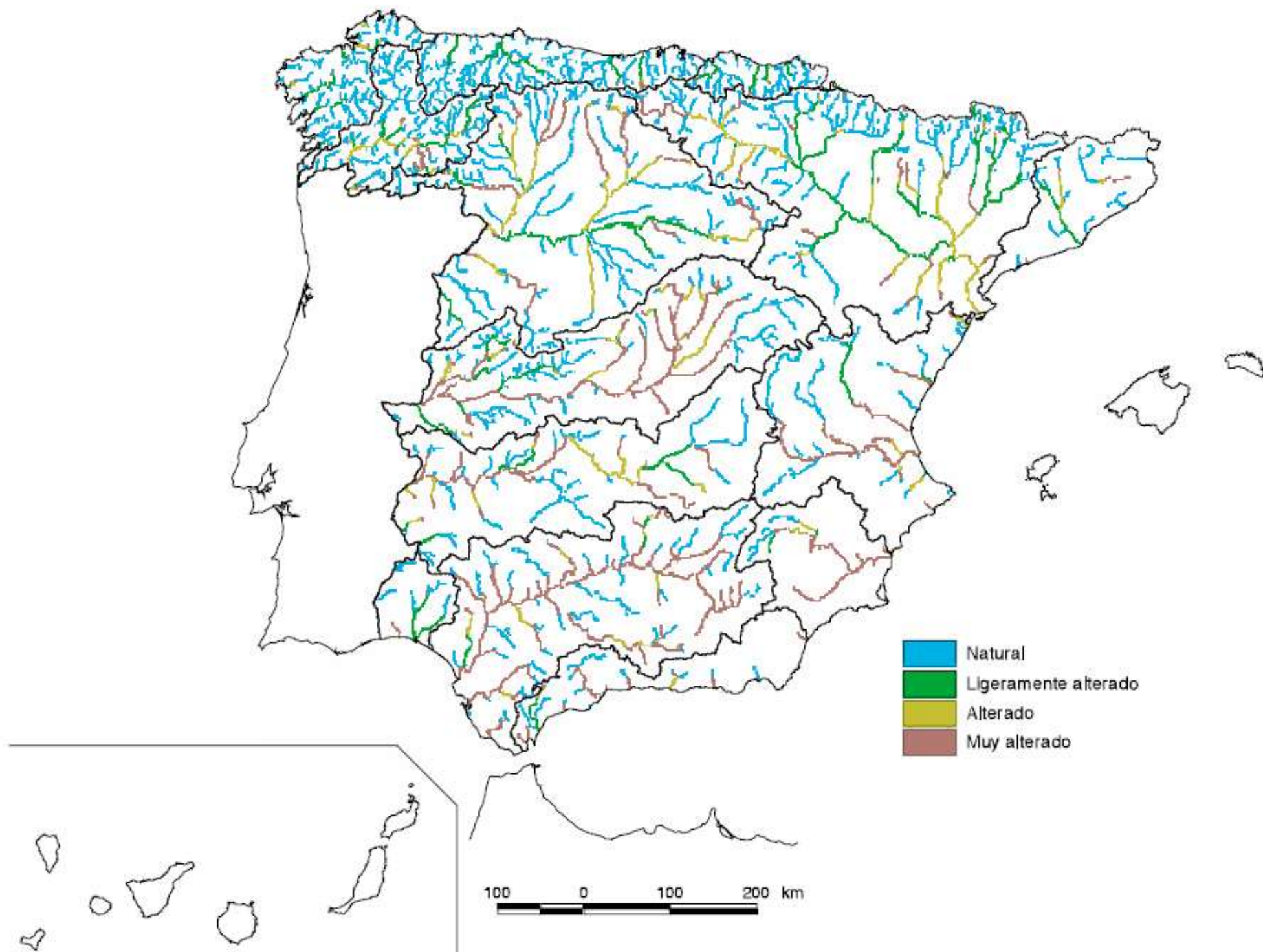




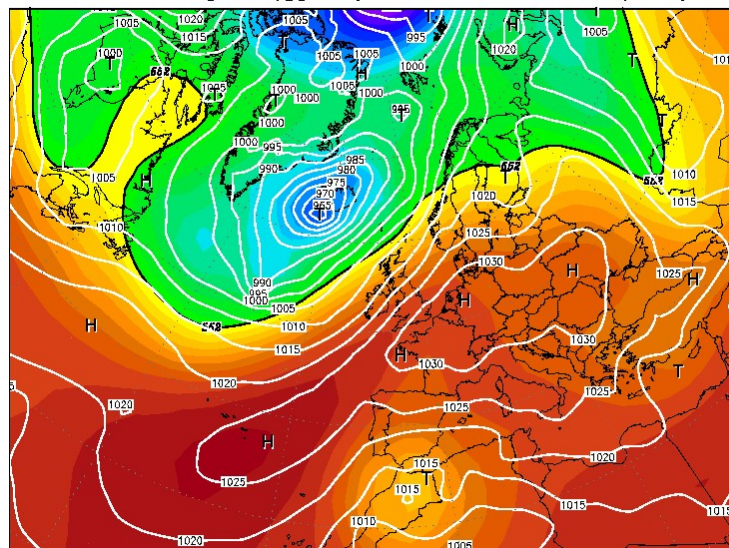


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500 hPa Geopot. (gpm) und Bodendruck (hPa)



Daten: ECMWF
(C) Wetterzentrale
www.wetterzentrale.de

La gota fría

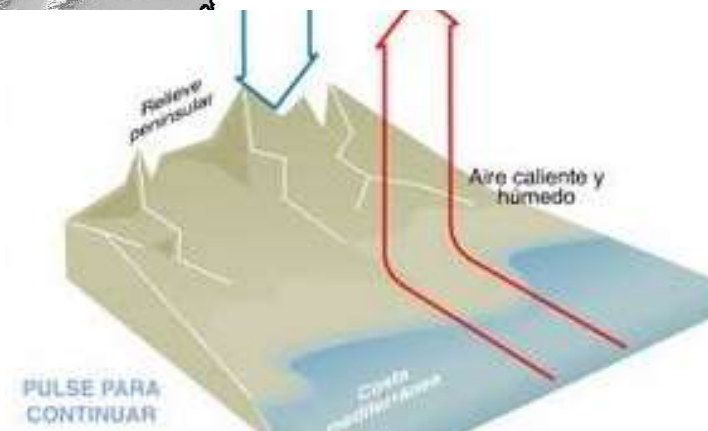
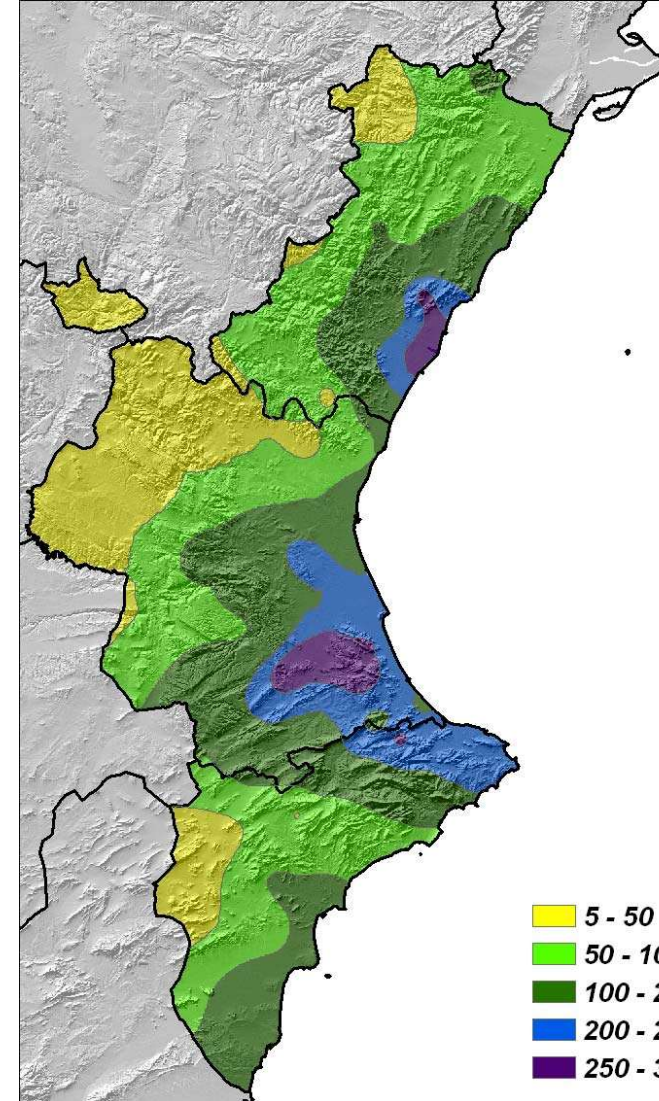
Estas nubes, del tipo cumulonimbos, descargan una fuerte lluvia, normalmente acompañada de un gran aparato eléctrico y de granizo. Las lluvias torrenciales pueden dejar hasta 232 litros por metro cuadrado de agua provocando graves inundaciones.

La presencia de una red de colectores fluviales de corto recorrido (ríos-rambla, ramblas y barrancos) de comportamiento torrencial favorece los desbordamientos de los ríos y las inundaciones.

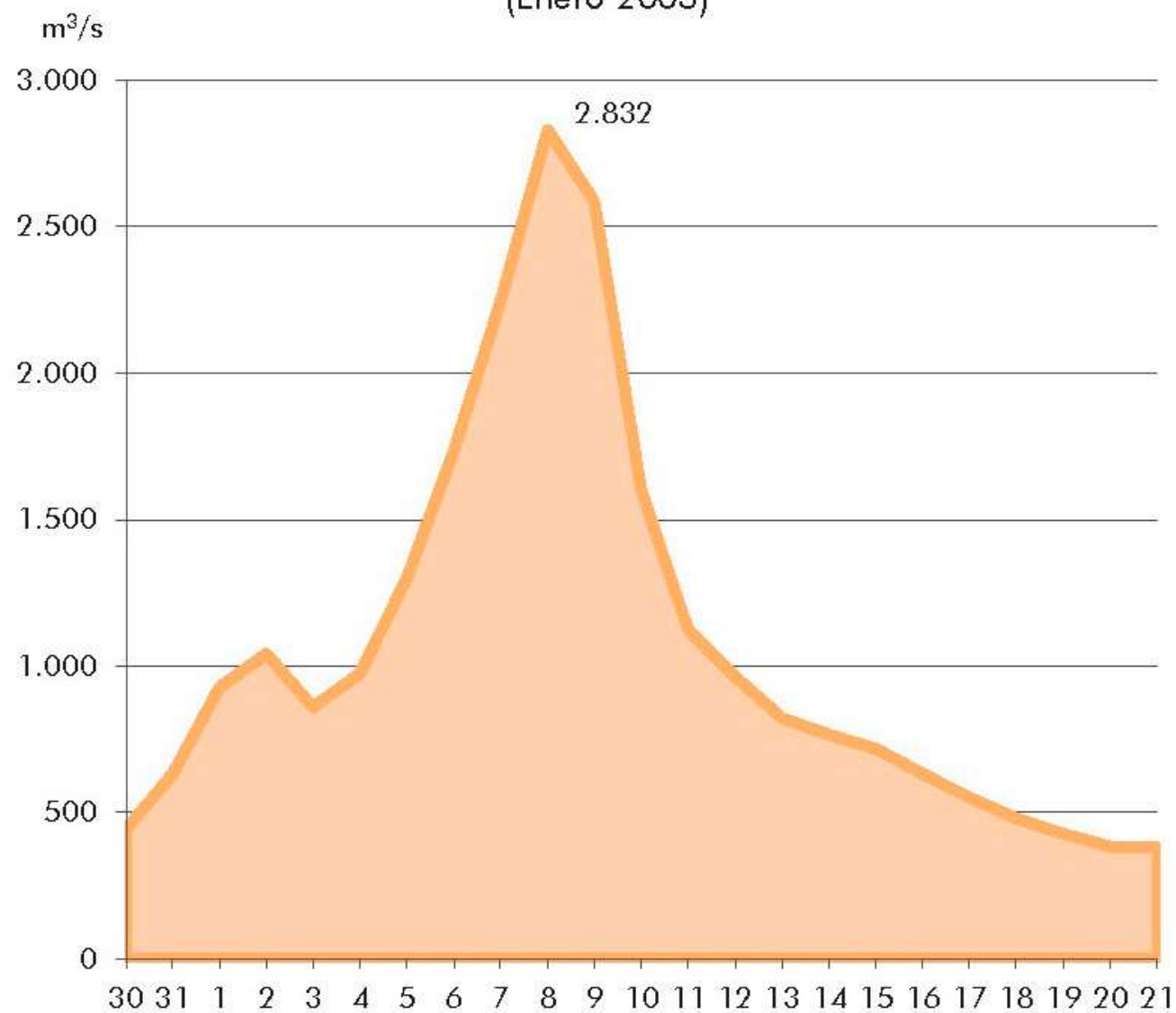


Levante español

Mar Mediterráneo

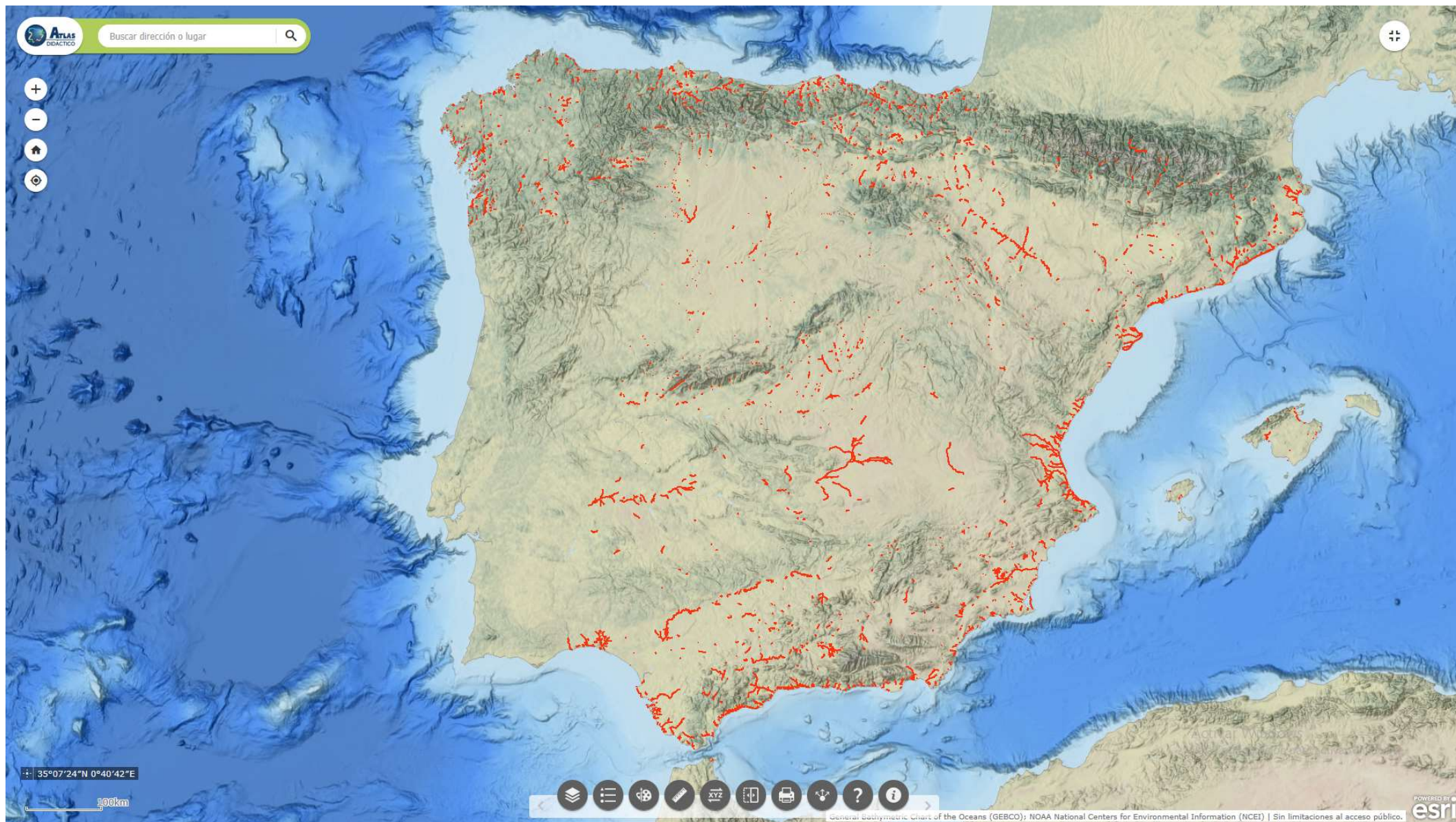


RÍO EBRO EN ZARAGOZA (Enero 2003)

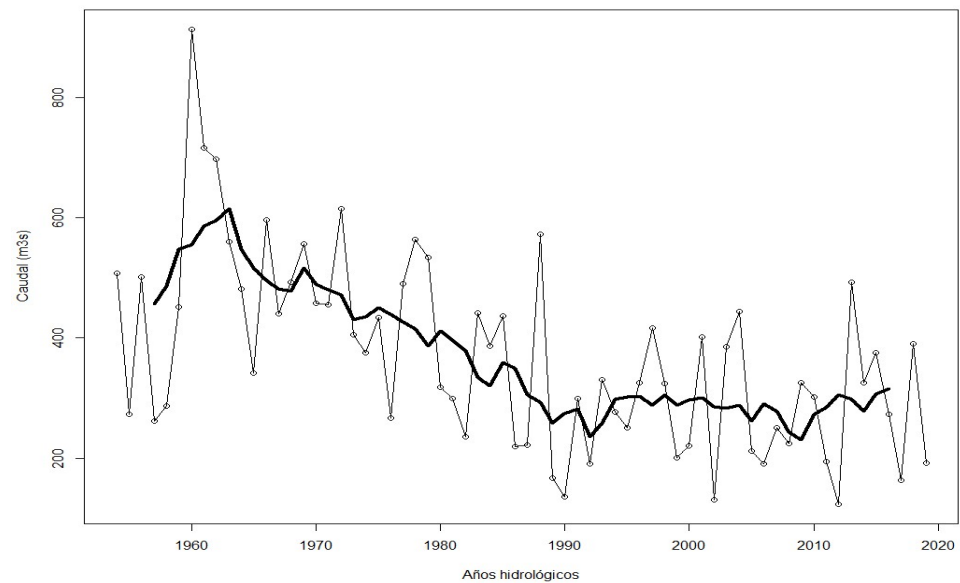


Fuente: Anuarios de Aforos. Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente

Elaborado por: Instituto Geográfico Nacional. Atlas Nacional de España



Evolución del caudal de los ríos Ebro y Tordera



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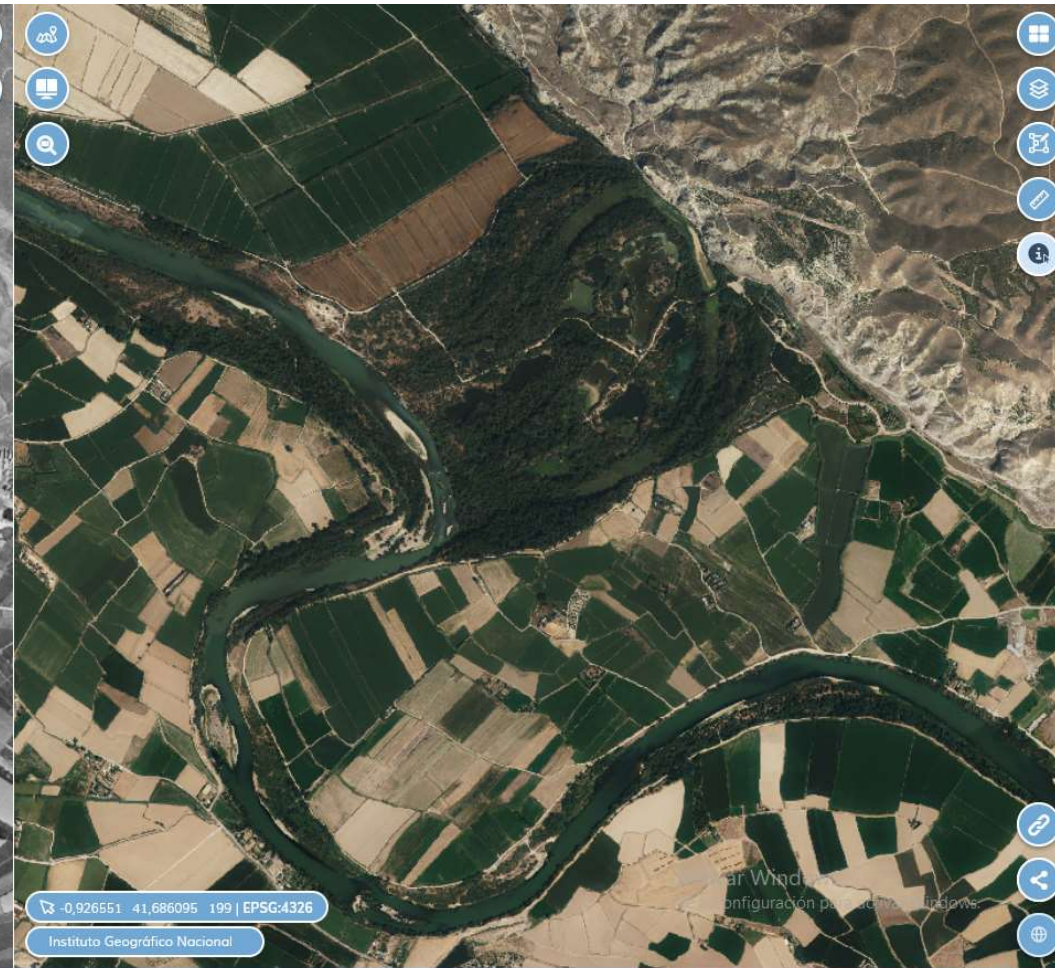
Riverflow dynamics: Galachos (River Ebro)

Juslibol (Zaragoza)

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DESCRIPTION

❑ GALACHO:

- Popular name in Aragon
- An **oxbow lake** within a meander cutoff (also known as abandoned meander).



❑ MEANDER CUTOFF:

- A meander that has been abandoned by its stream after the formation of a neck cutoff.

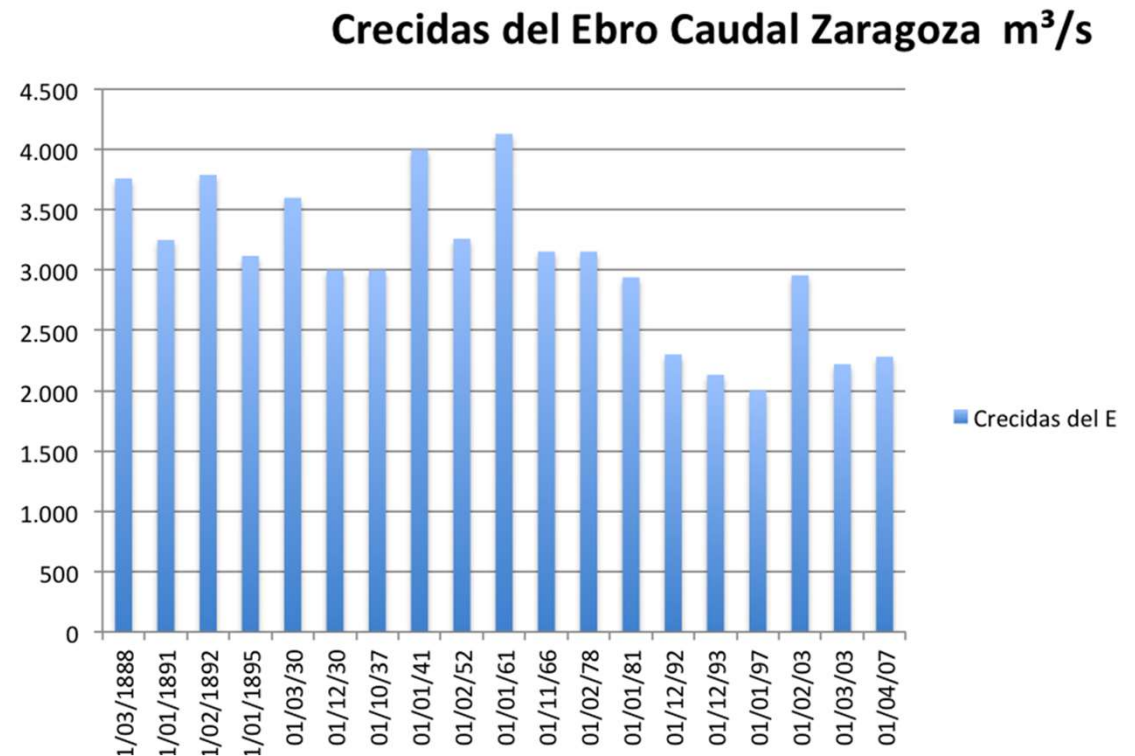


ORIGIN OF A MEANDER

- ❑ One of a series of regular sinuous curves in the channel of a river or other watercourse.
- ❑ A coupled cycle of erosion and sedimentation
A watercourse
 - Erodes the sediments of an outer, concave bank (cut bank or river cliff)
 - Deposits sediments on an inner, convex bank which is typically a point bar.
- ❑ The result is the formation of a sinuous course as the channel migrates back and forth across the axis of a floodplain

ORIGIN

- ❑ Formed on January 2nd 1961
- ❑ Resulted from one of the largest floods of the Ebro in the 20th century (4130 m³/s of flow, about 16 times the average value).



COASTAL LANDSCAPES

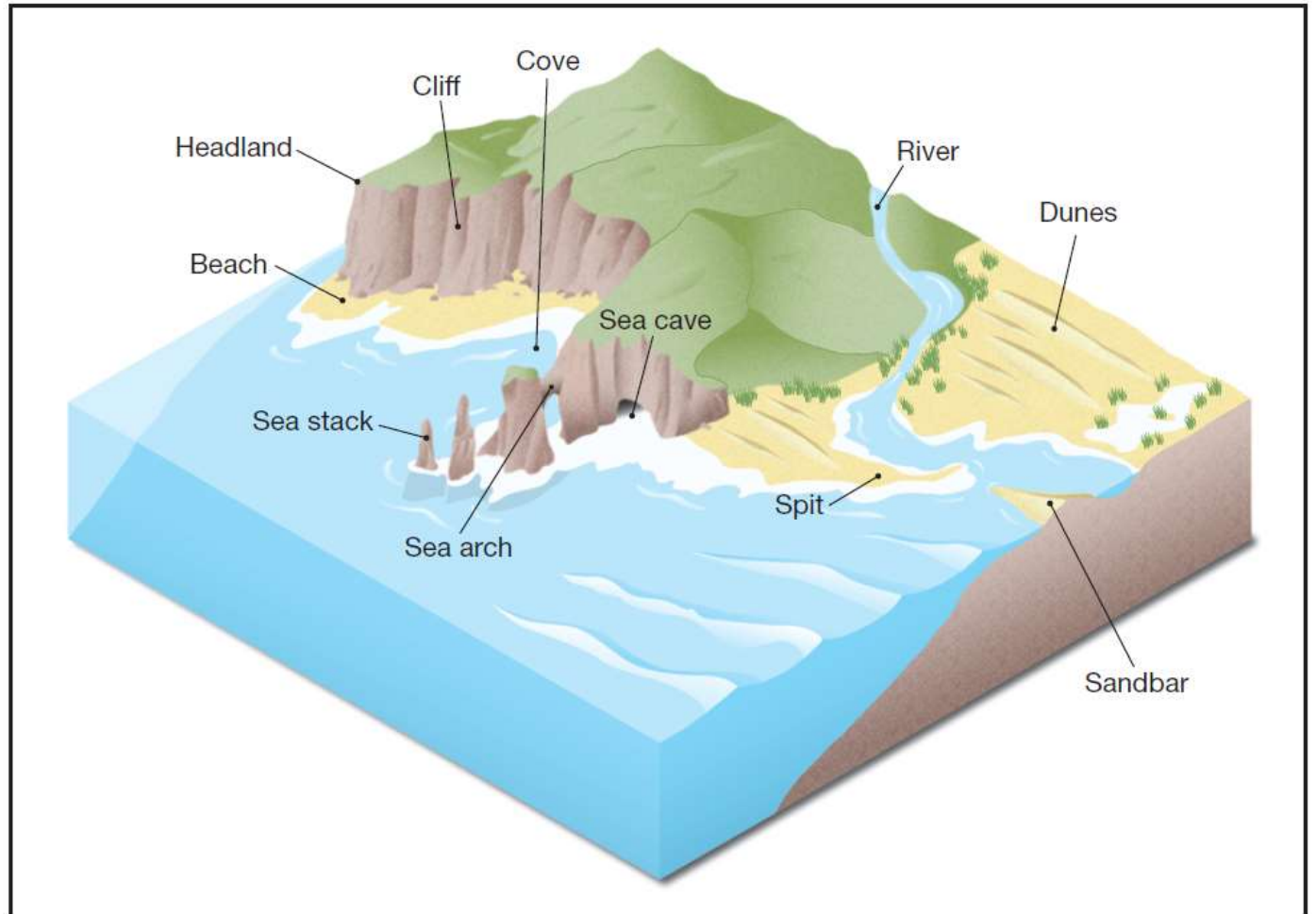
COASTAL LANDFORMS

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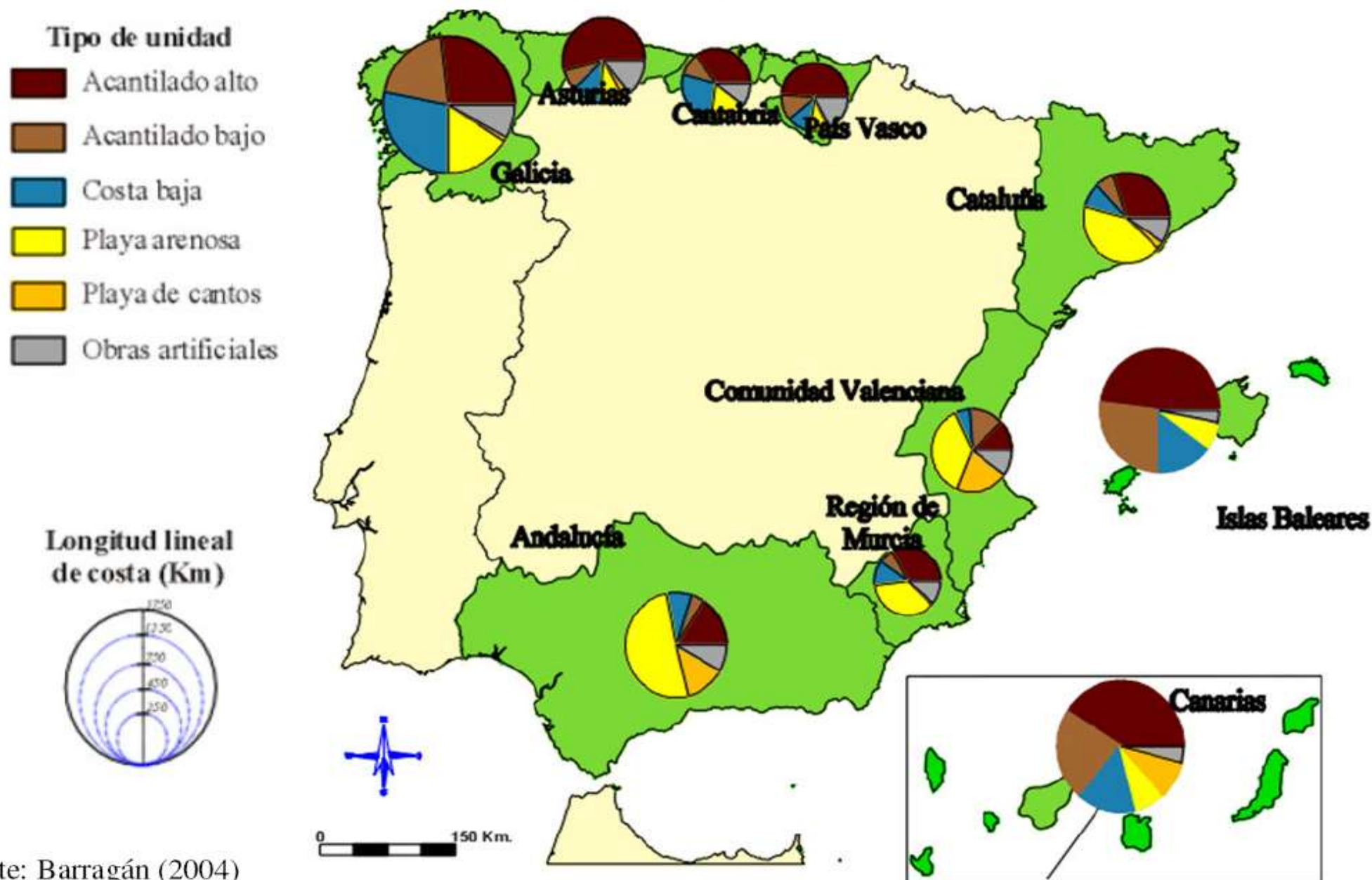
- Cliffs.
- Wave-cut platforms.
- Natural arches.
- Bays..

2. Accumulation.

- Beaches
- Estuaries
- Sand-spits...



Caracterización Geomorfológica de las Costas Españolas



Fuente: Barragán (2004)

THE EBRO DELTA



- ❑ One of the largest wetland areas (320 km²) in the western Mediterranean.
- ❑ Placed on the Ramsar Convention list of wetlands of international importance
- ❑ Resulting from an imbalance between:
 - Sediment deposition (Ebro river large input)
 - Removal of this material by wave erosion.



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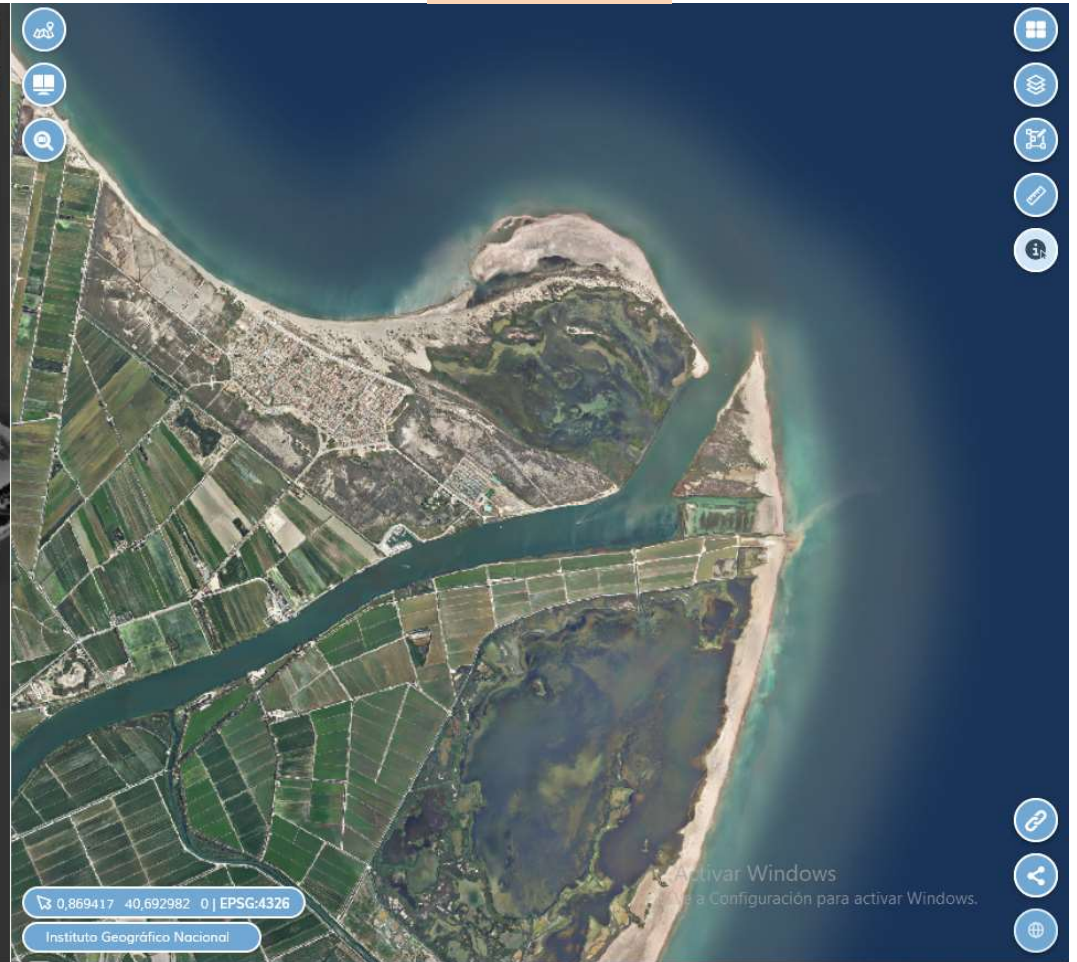
Coastal Retreat: Ebro Delta

Tortosa (Tarragona)

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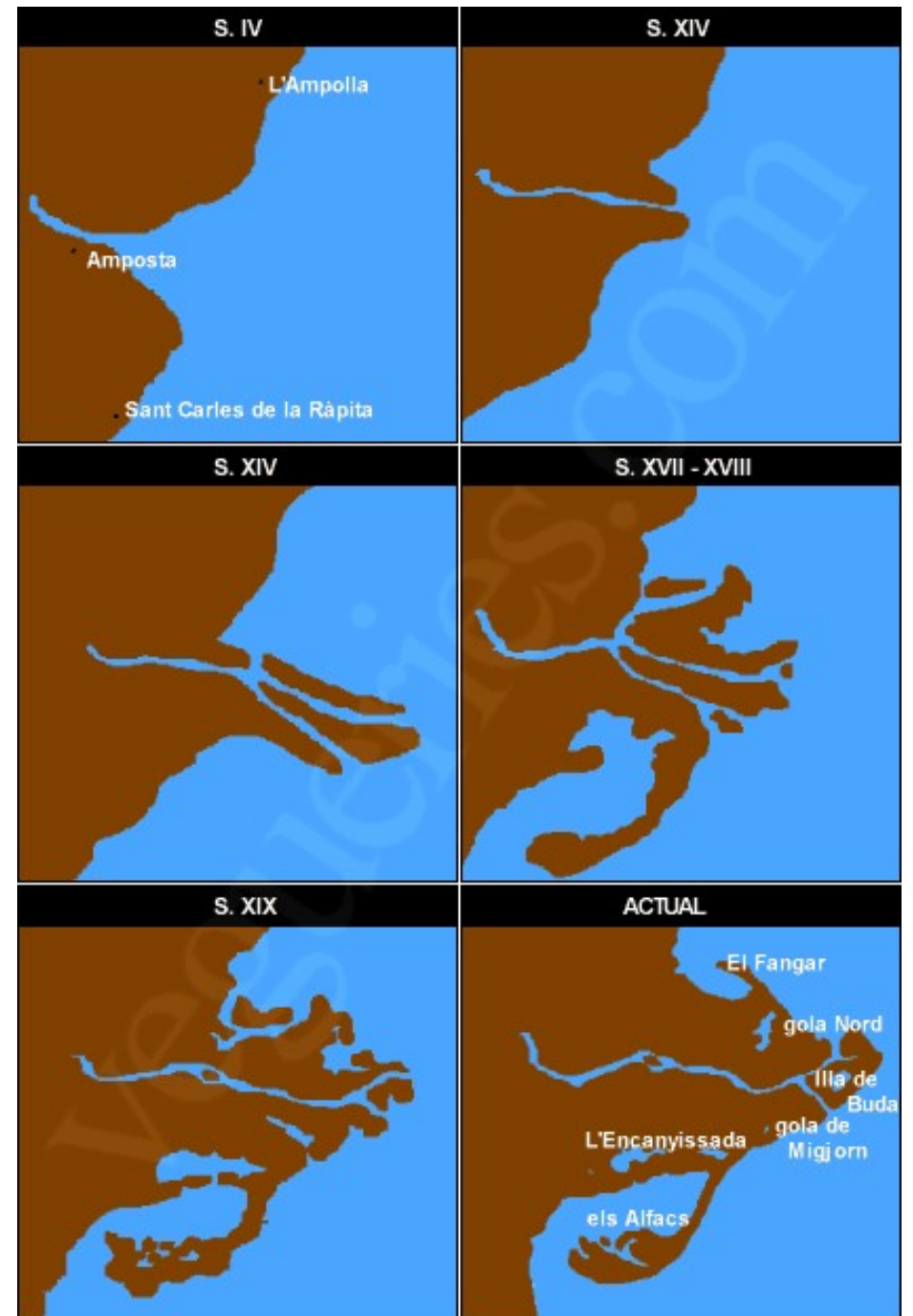
EVOLUTION

❑ Historical growth downriver

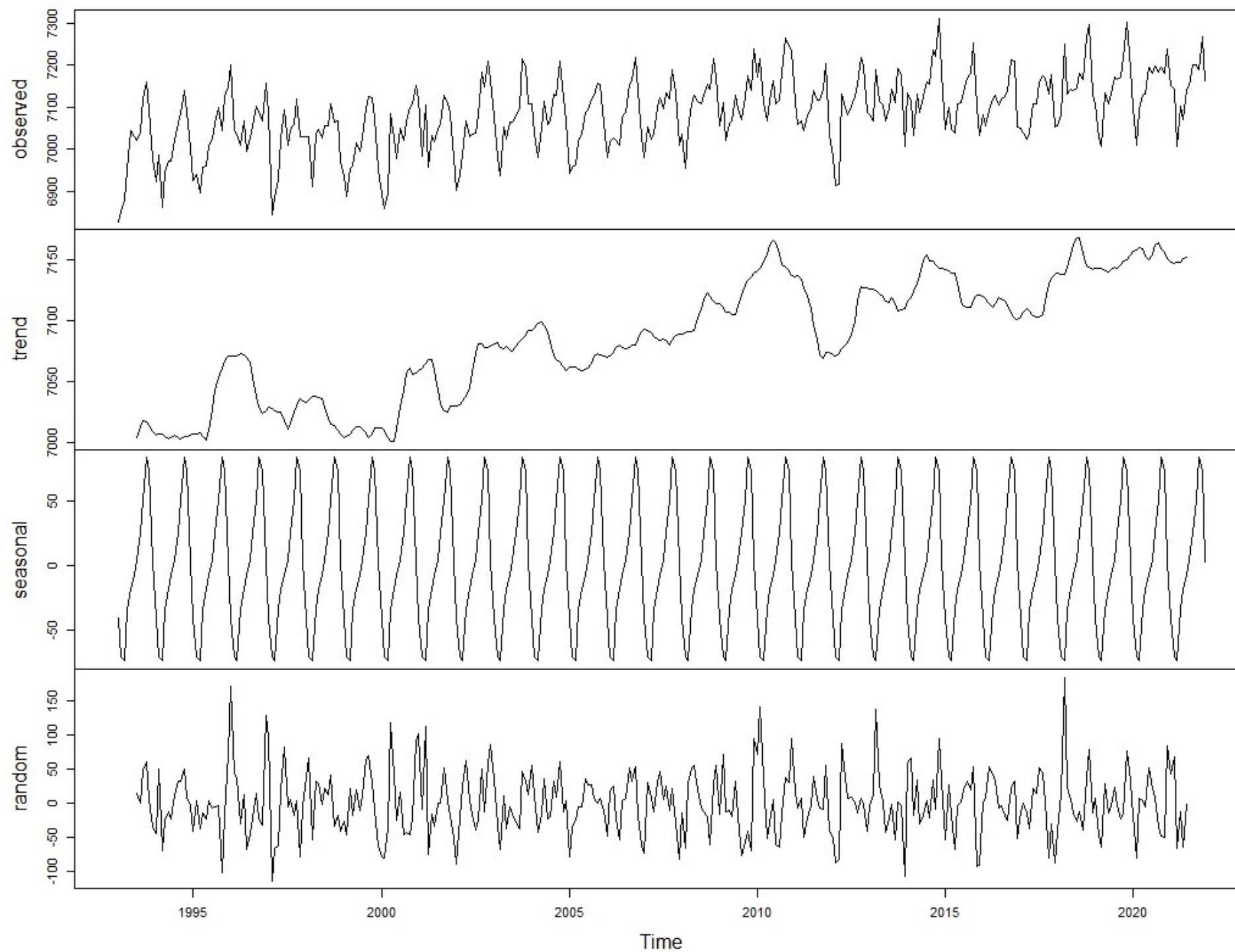
- Seaport of Amposta (4th century),
- Now located well inland from the current river mouth.

❑ Current retreat →

- Aforestation.
- Large dams intercept sediments.
- Subsidence.
- Salt intrusión.
- ¿Sea level rise?



Decomposition of additive time series



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Coastal Retreat: Torderá Delta

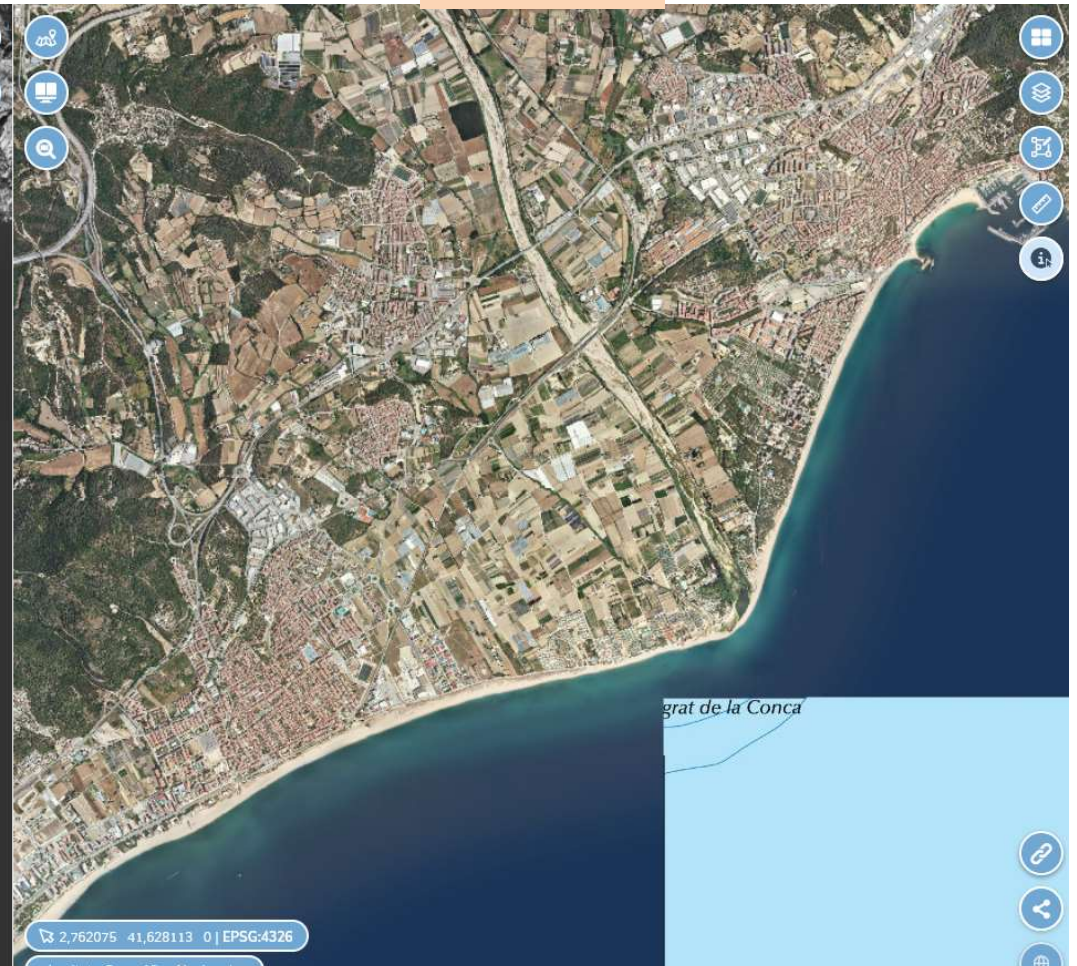
Malgrat de Mar (Barcelona)

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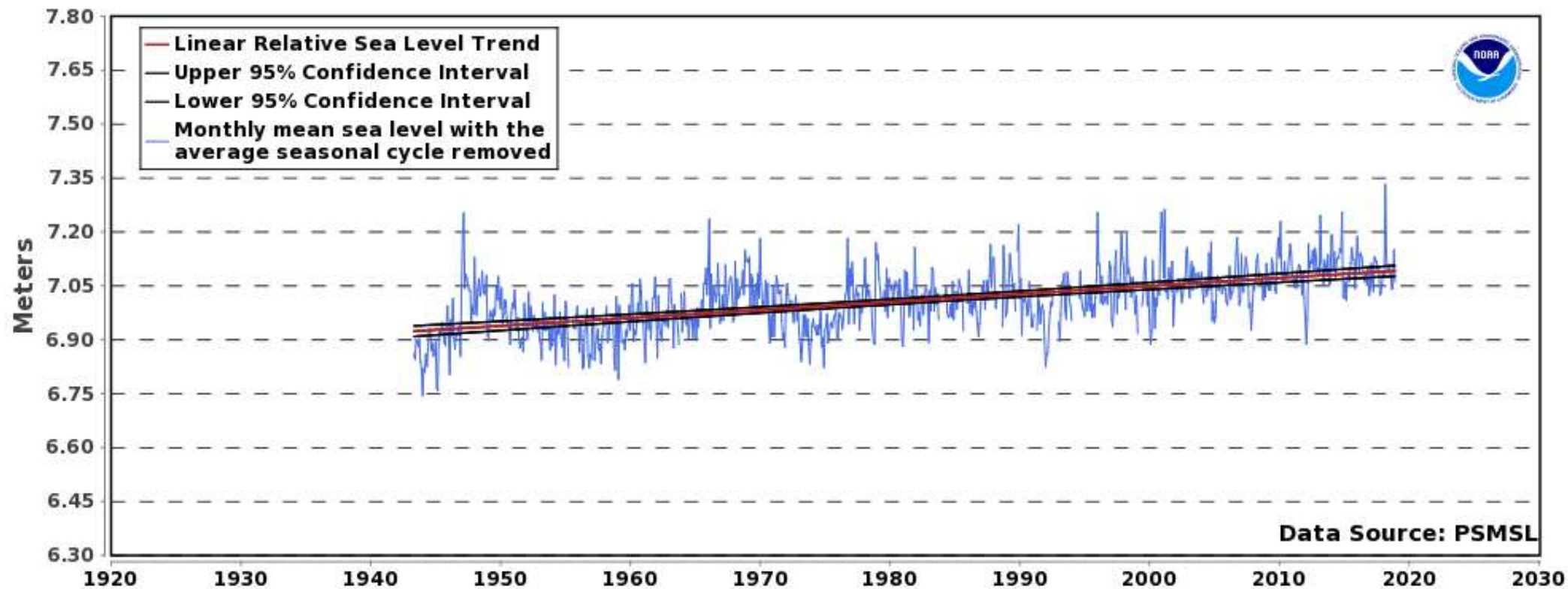
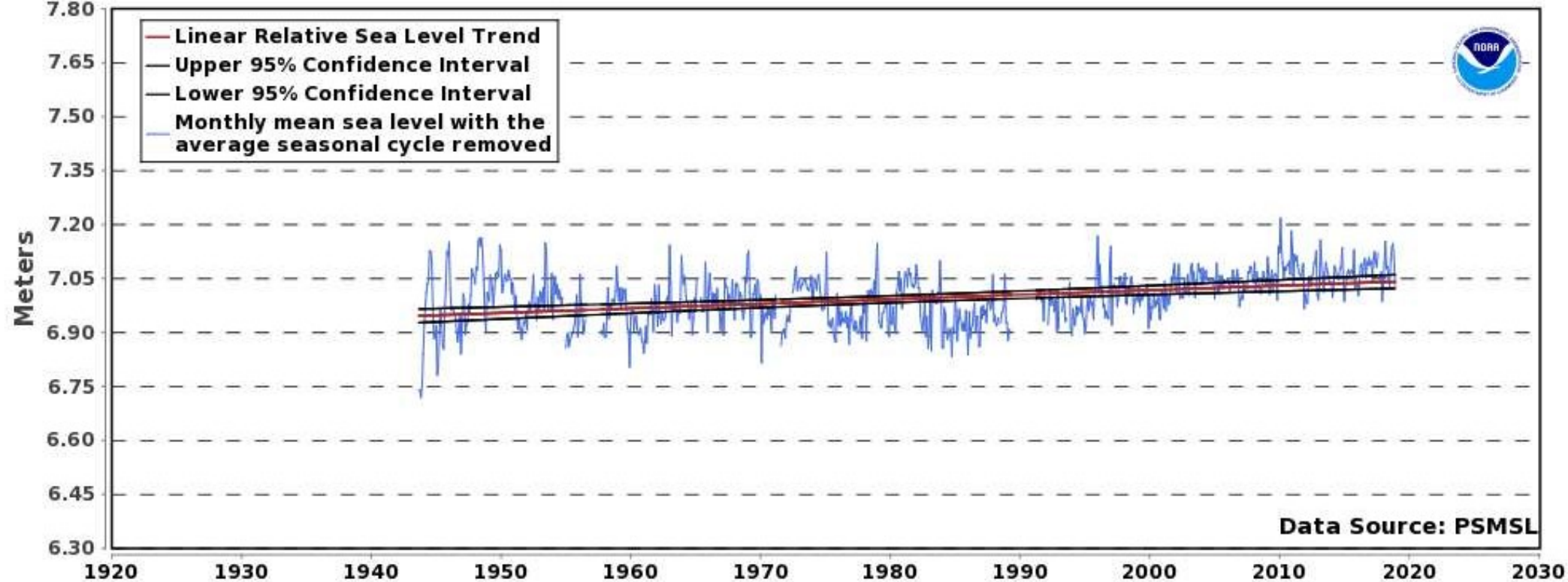
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Coastal Retreat: Oyambre beach

Oyambre (Cantabria)

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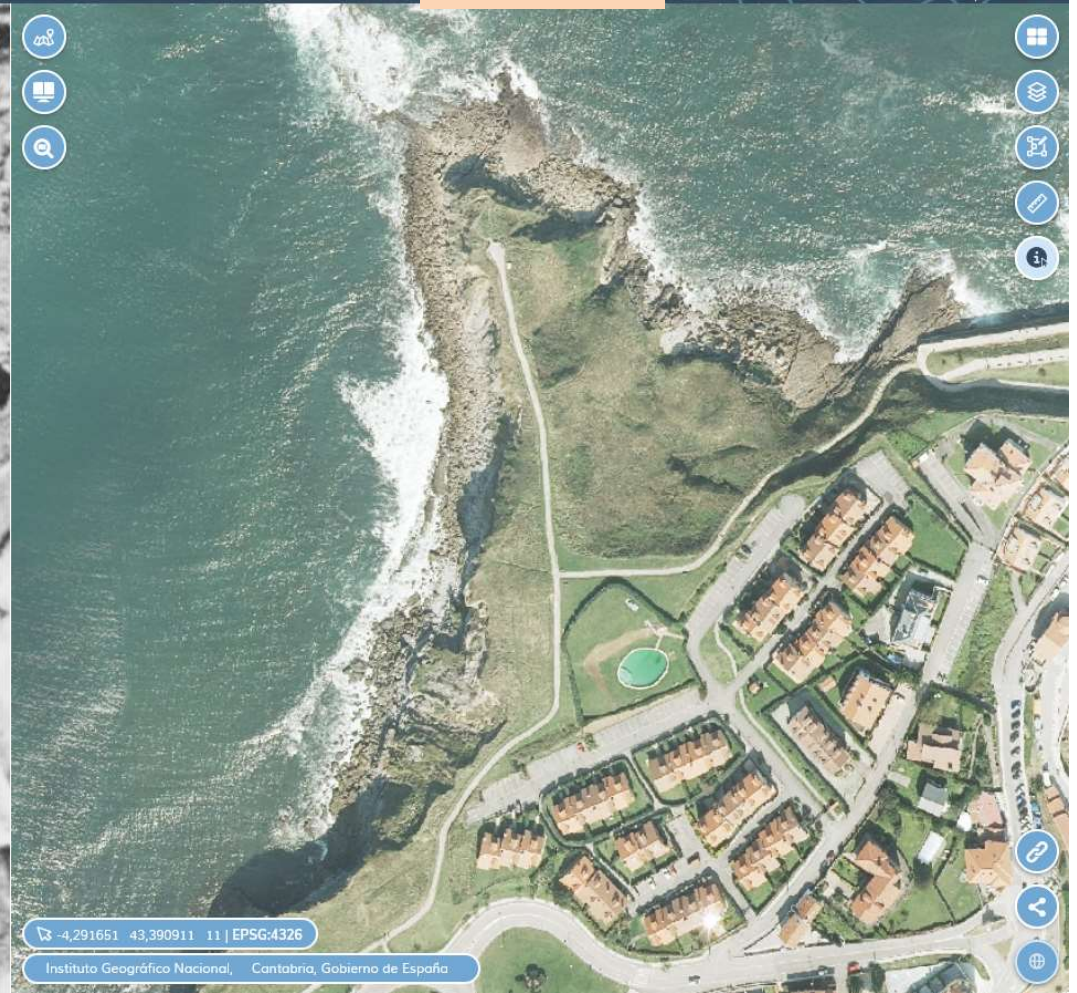
Coastal Retreat: Comillas Point

Comillas (Cantabria)

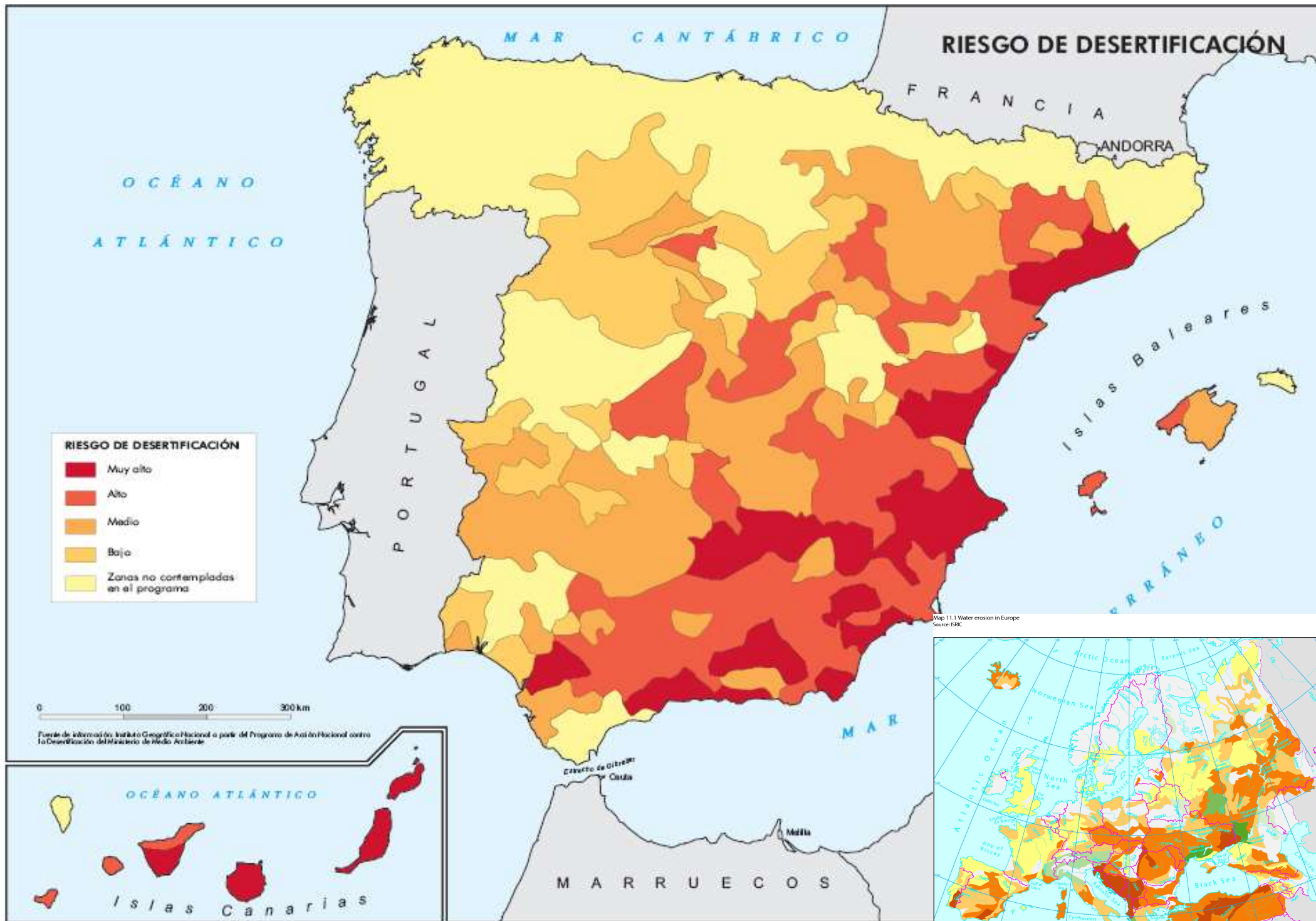
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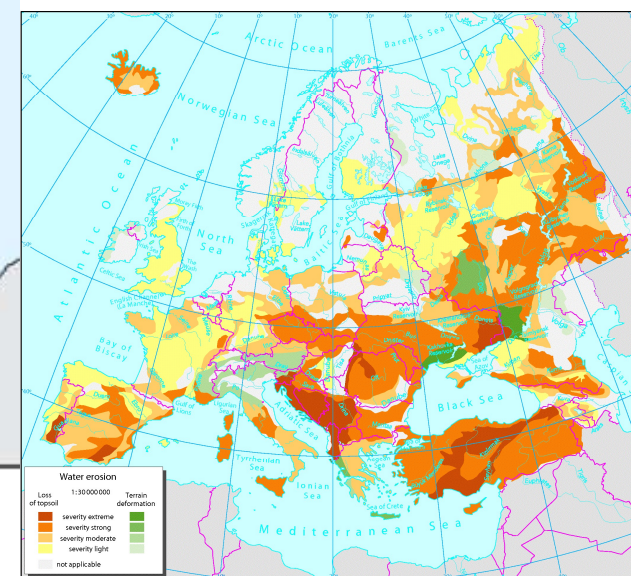
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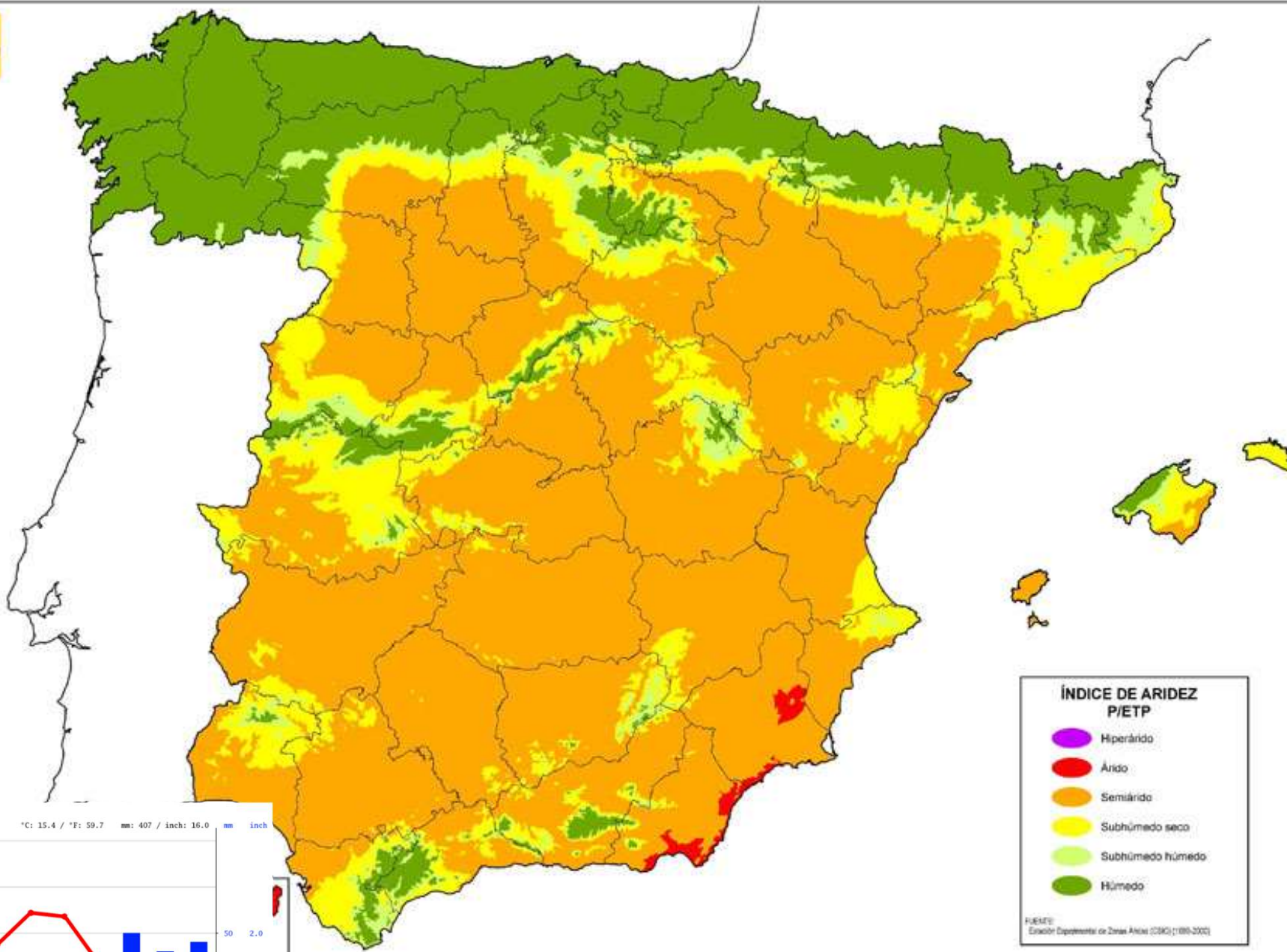


DESERTIFICATION



Map 11.1 Water erosion in Europe
Source: ISPAC

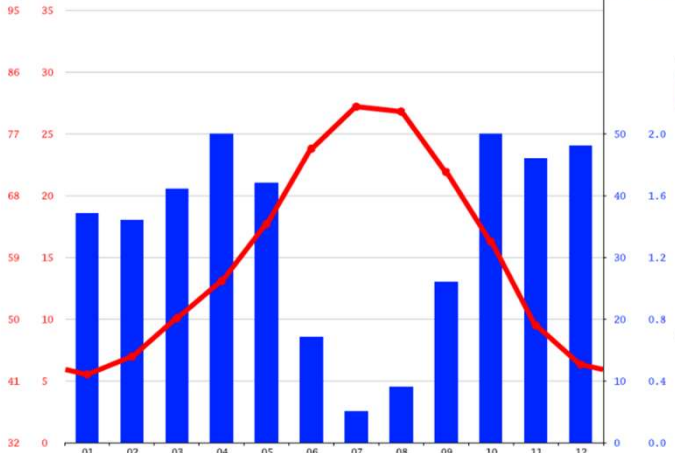




PROGRAMA DE ACCIÓN NACIONAL
CONTRA LA DESERTIFICACIÓN

MAPA DE ARIDEZ

*F °C Altitude: 622m Climate: BSk *C: 15.4 / *F: 59.7 mm: 407 / inch: 16.0 mm inch



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Drying lakes: Tablas de Daimiel

Daimiel (Ciudad Real)

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Tablas de Daimiel. Superficie inundada

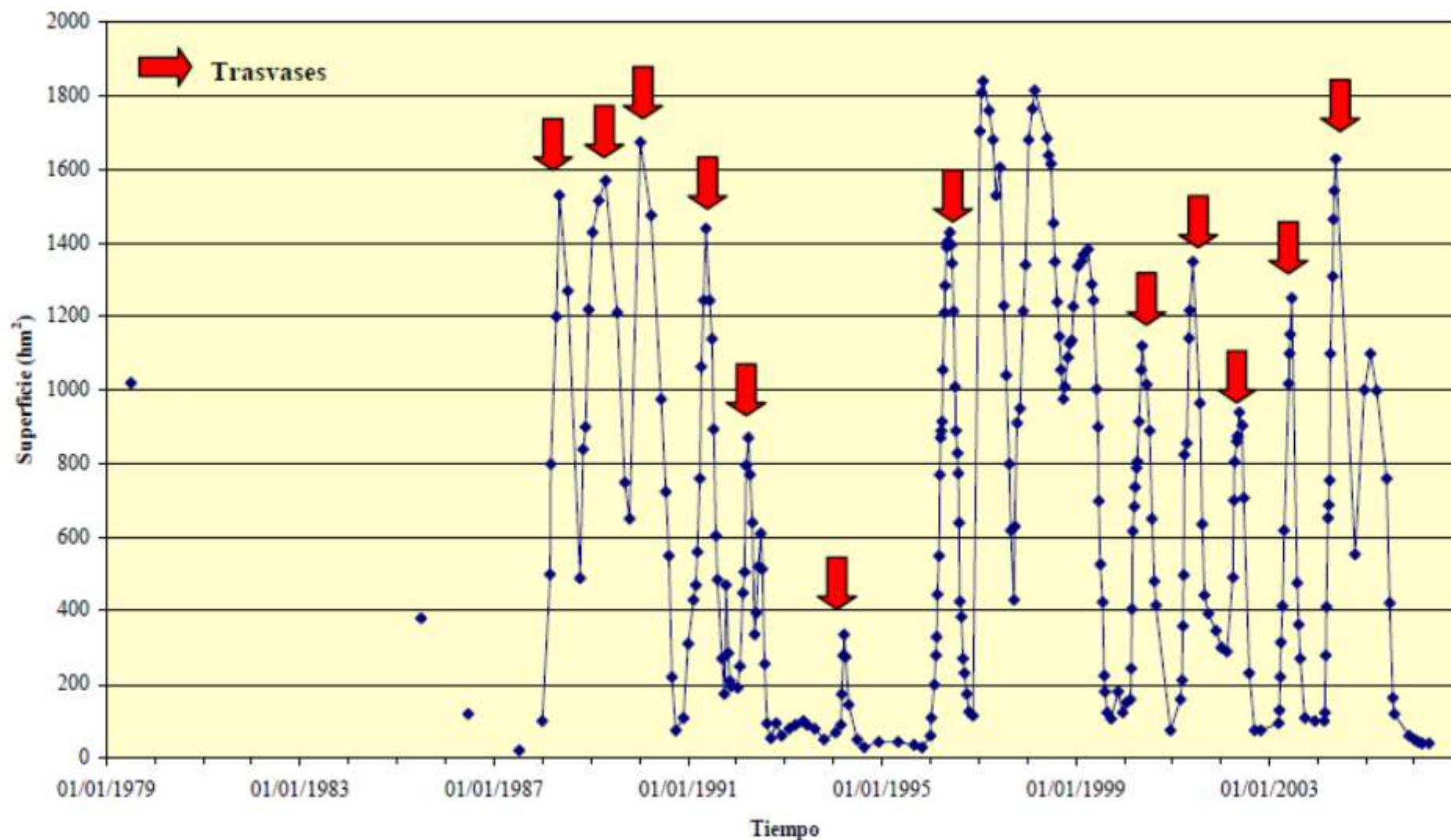


Figura 19. Superficie inundada en el Parque Nacional de Las Tablas de Daimiel y su entorno entre 1979 y 2006. Marcados los periodos en los que se ha realizado trasvase desde el acueducto Tajo-Segura. Castaño Castaño, S. (2008)