



MEDICAL GEOLOGY IN BRAZIL STATE OF ART

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Medical Geology Research begin:

In 1996 F in Paraná State: stream sediment, soil and water

In 1996 Pb and Cd in Bahia State: stream sediment and soil

In 1998 Pb in Ribeira Valle – São Paulo and Parana states : stream sediment, soil and water

In 1998 As in Iron Quadrangle Minas Gerais State: stream sediment

In 2002 - 2003

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Environmental and Health Effects
of Toxic Elements, Metal Ions, and Minerals

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MEDICAL GEOLOGY

METALS, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT





SYMPOSIUM ON MEDICAL GEOLOGY

32nd IGC – Florence

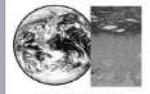
2004

Total: 33 presentations

Brazilian papers:
04 presentations



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GEOLOGIA MÉDICA

METAIS,
SAÚDE E
AMBIENTE

Uma emergente disciplina que estuda a influência dos fatores
geológicos ambientais sobre a saúde humana e dos animais

02-04 Junho · 2005 · Rio de Janeiro · Brasil

TEMAS

- Saúde Ambiental, Fontes de Exposição e Efeitos na Saúde dos Elementos Traço, Metais Tóxicos e Materiais
- Toxicologia Ambiental, Estudos Geoplásticos & Efeitos na Saúde Humana
- Toxicologia Analítica, Exposição dos Elementos Traço, Métodos Analíticos
- Tópicos Especiais em Pesquisa sobre Geologia Médica e Saúde Humana
- Palestras Nacionais: Uso Seguro de Bens Minerais, Vigilância em Saúde Ambiental, Epidemiologia/Geoquímica Ambiental e Geologia Médica, Arqueo-Exposição Humana, Chaves e Elementos Traço, Fluorese Dental, Geoquímica dos Sóis, Biofortificação na Prevenção de Deficiências de Micronutrientes

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210 Participants

55 Brazilian presentations
(11 lectures, 41 posters)



Essentials of **MEDICAL GEOLOGY**

Impacts of the Natural Environment on Public Health



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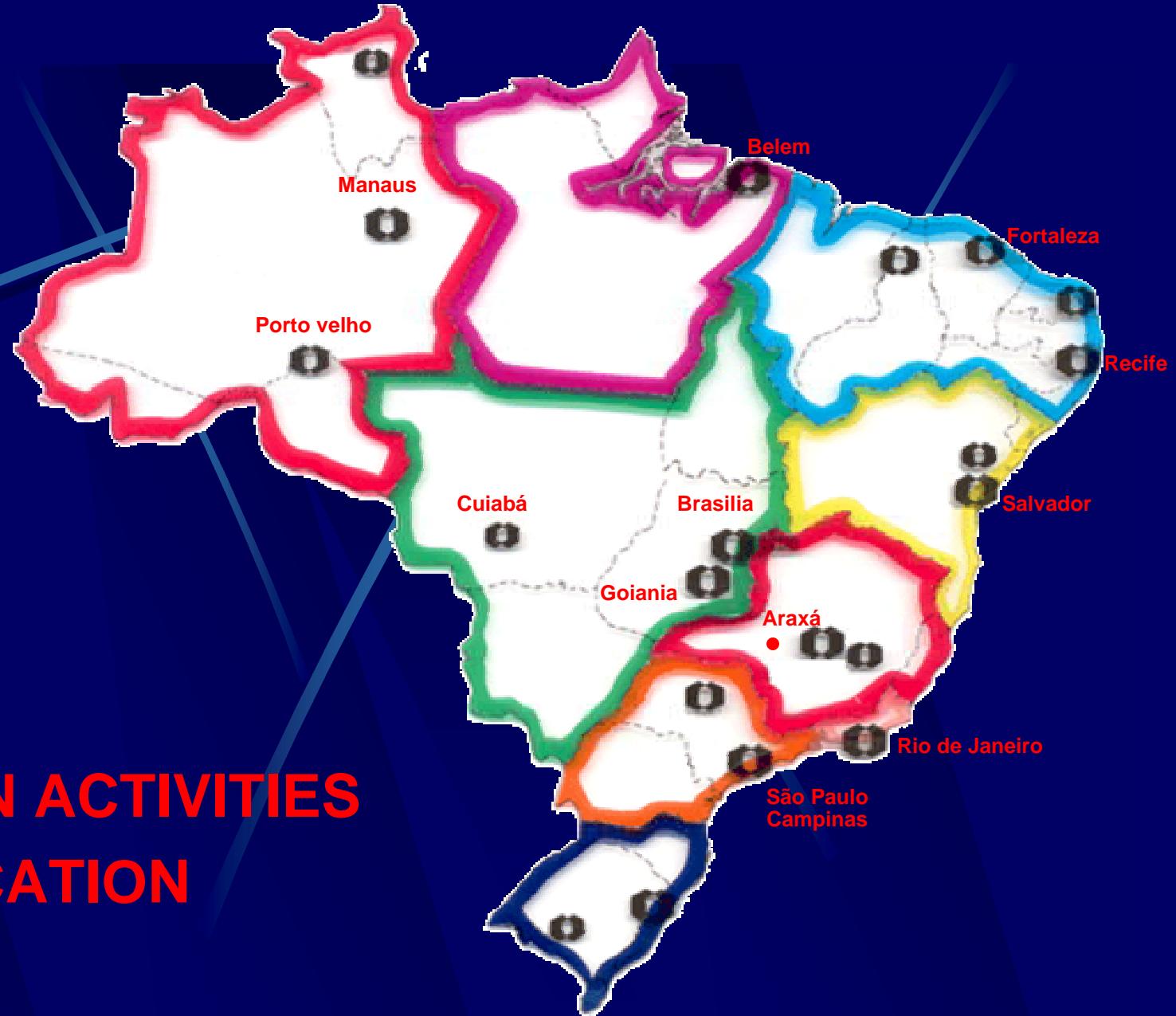
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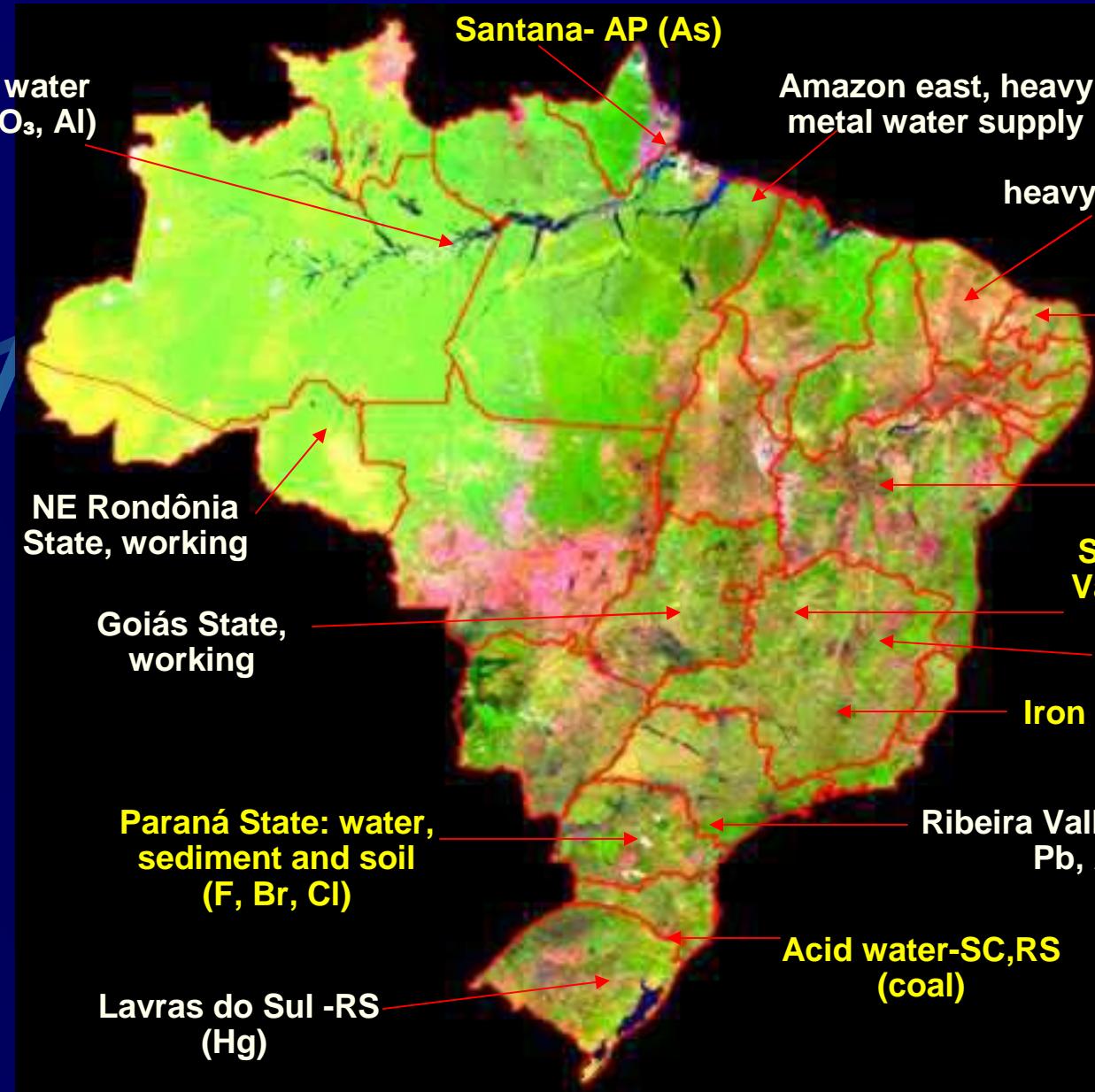
20 to other researchers

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES – 2003/2005

- **Medical Geology Workshop (Jun/03) – SGB/CPRM – RJ**
- **International Workshop on Medical Geology (Oct/03) – Campinas- SP**
- **Geology Week (Nov/03) – Rural Federal University of Rio de Janeiro-RJ**
- **Brazilian Congress of Geochemistry (Nov/03) – Belem - PA**
- **Amazon Geological Symposium (Dec/03) – Manaus – AM**
- **Environment and Mining Congress (Mar/04) – Salvador - BA**
- **Geology Week (Jun/04) – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro**
- **32 IGC (Aug/04) – Florence – Italia**
- **Brazilian Geological Congress (Oct/04) – Araxa – MG**
- **Distribution of PGAGEM folder**
- **International Workshop On Medical Geology (Jun/05) – Rio de Janeiro**
- **Hydric Resources Seminary of Rondonia (Oct/05)**
- **Short Course Geochemistry Congress (Nov/05) – P.Galinhas - PE**



DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES 2003/2005 - LOCATION



Main areas of research on medical geology



**NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
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NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

- *Serviço Geológico do Brasil – CPRM*
- *Universidade de Campinas – UNICAMP*
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- *Universidade do Estado de São Paulo – USP*
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- *Instituto Evandro Chagas (Health Institute)*
- *Instituto Adolfo Lutz (Health Institute)*
- *Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública – ENSP (Health School)*
- *Fundação Nacional de Saúde – FUNASA (Ministry of Health)*
- *Empresa Brasileira de Agropecuária – EMBRAPA (Soil)*

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

- *U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*
- *U.S. Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)*
- *Geological Survey of Sweden (SGU)*
- *International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)*
- *International Medical Geology Association (IMGA)*

OBJETIVES

- Identification of elements: essential and/or toxic compounds;
- Public health support;
- Mineral exploration;
- Identification sources of contamination: industry, agricultural, mining and domestic – rural and urban;

OBJETIVES

- **Surface and underground water contamination;**
- **Regional assessment of environmental degradation**
- **Environmental impacts;**

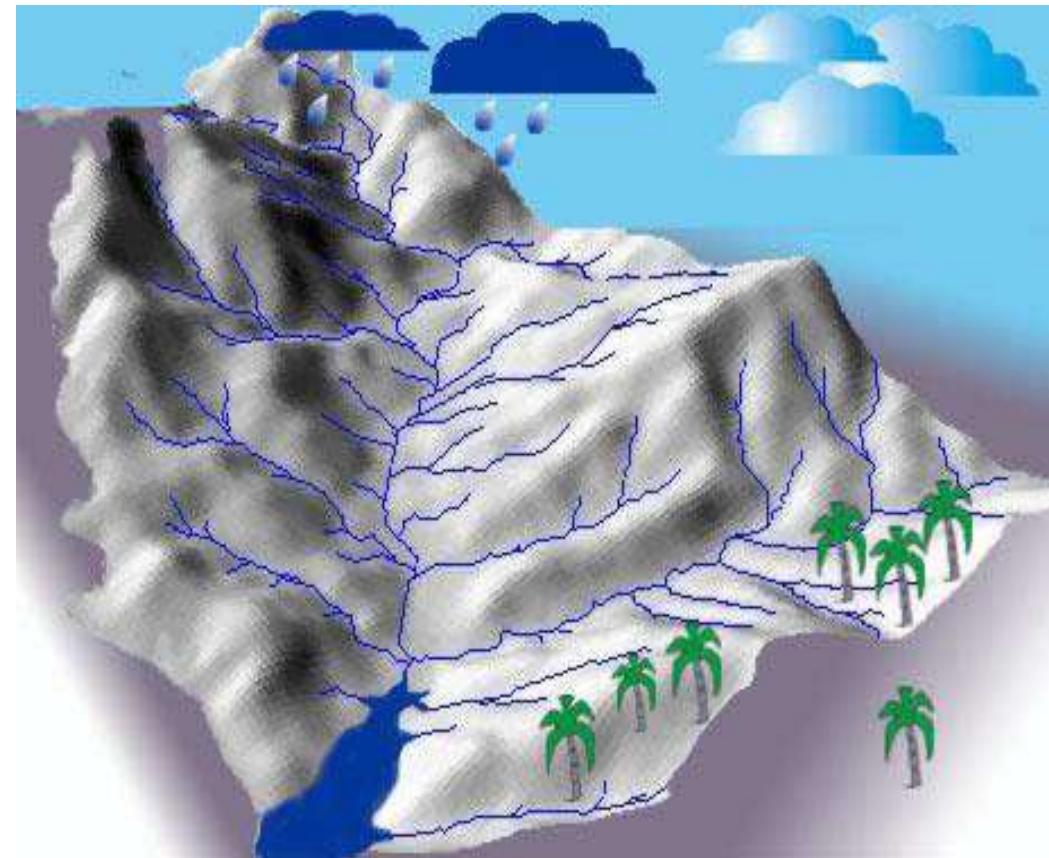
OBJETIVES

Give support to:

- National Agency of Water, Hydrographic Basin Committee,
- Federal, state and county environmental institutions,
- EEZ, GEO Brazil/IBAMA/PNUMA.

METHODOLOGY

- Environmental geochemistry survey in the whole country
- Establishment of partnerships
- Water samples, soil and rivers and lakes bottom sediments
- On line data base



Hydrographic basin and sampling of sediment

STREAM SEDIMENT AND WATER

Brazil was divided in two areas,
according to the access:

AREA I: 1 sample/2.000 Km² basin – the remaining territory, areas with remote access (eg. Amazon)

AREA II: density of 1 sample/100 Km² basin – larger and most developed country areas, with good access

STREAM SEDIMENT AND WATER

North
 $3.800.000 \text{ km}^2$
8.250 samples

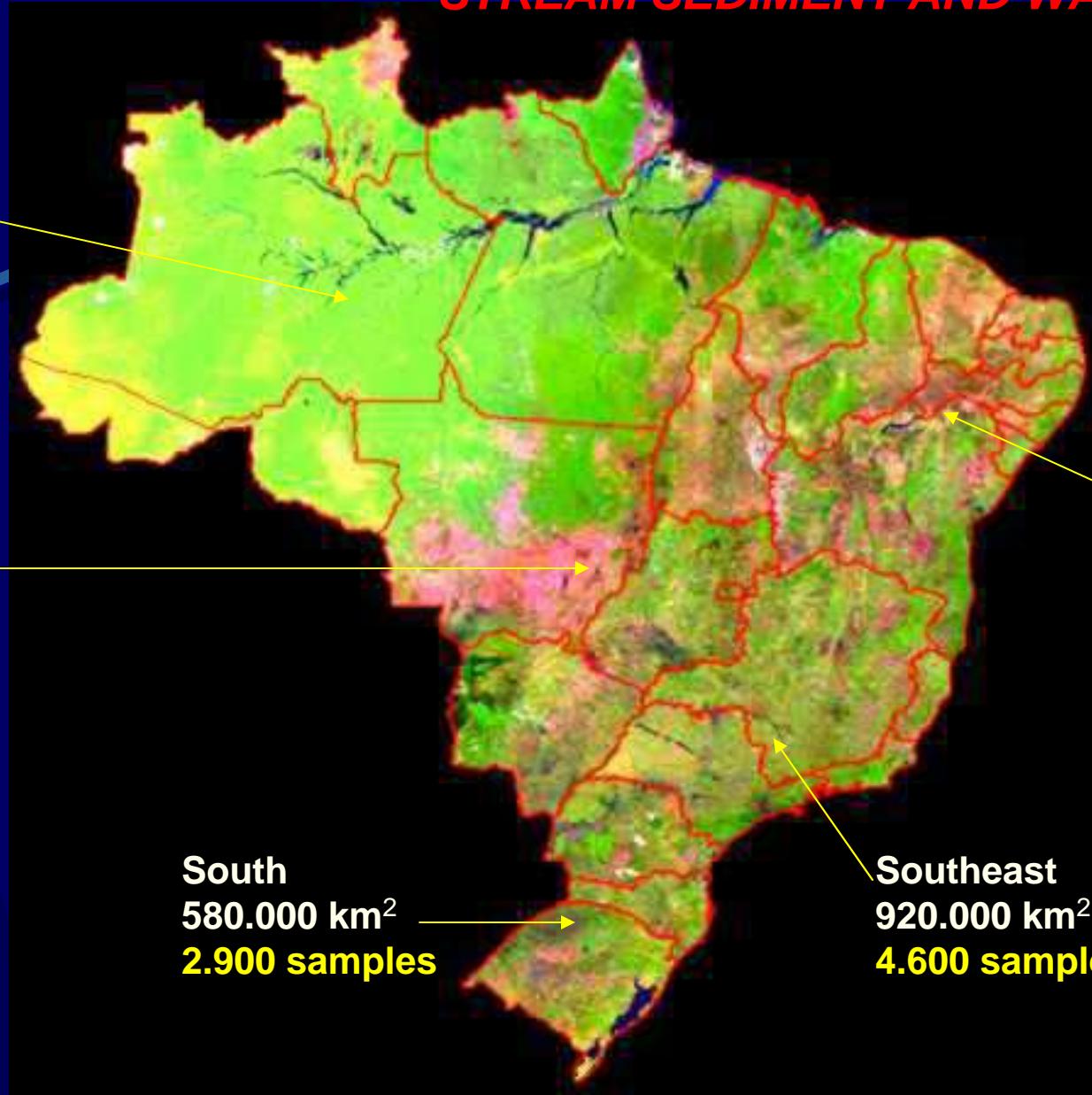
West Center
 $1.614.000 \text{ km}^2$
6.200 samples

Total
 $8.514.000 \text{ km}^2$
29.700 samples

South
 580.000 km^2
2.900 samples

Northeast
 $1.600.00 \text{ km}^2$
7.750 samples

Southeast
 920.000 km^2
4.600 samples



- . Water supply:**

In counties where there is no treated water
– 1 water sample will be collected.

- . Soil:**

In counties where the main agricultural products or subsistence farming (soy, bean, cotton, rice, coffee, corn) cultivated areas – 3 soil samples will be collected.

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ICP - MS

Sediment and soil analysis

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ICP - AES

ANIONS

WATER QUALITY PHYSICAL PARAMETERS (IN FIELD): Ph, Eh, Conductivity, Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature.

Water (cations and anions) analysis

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ARSENIC OCCURRENCE IN BRAZIL AND HUMAN EXPOSURE

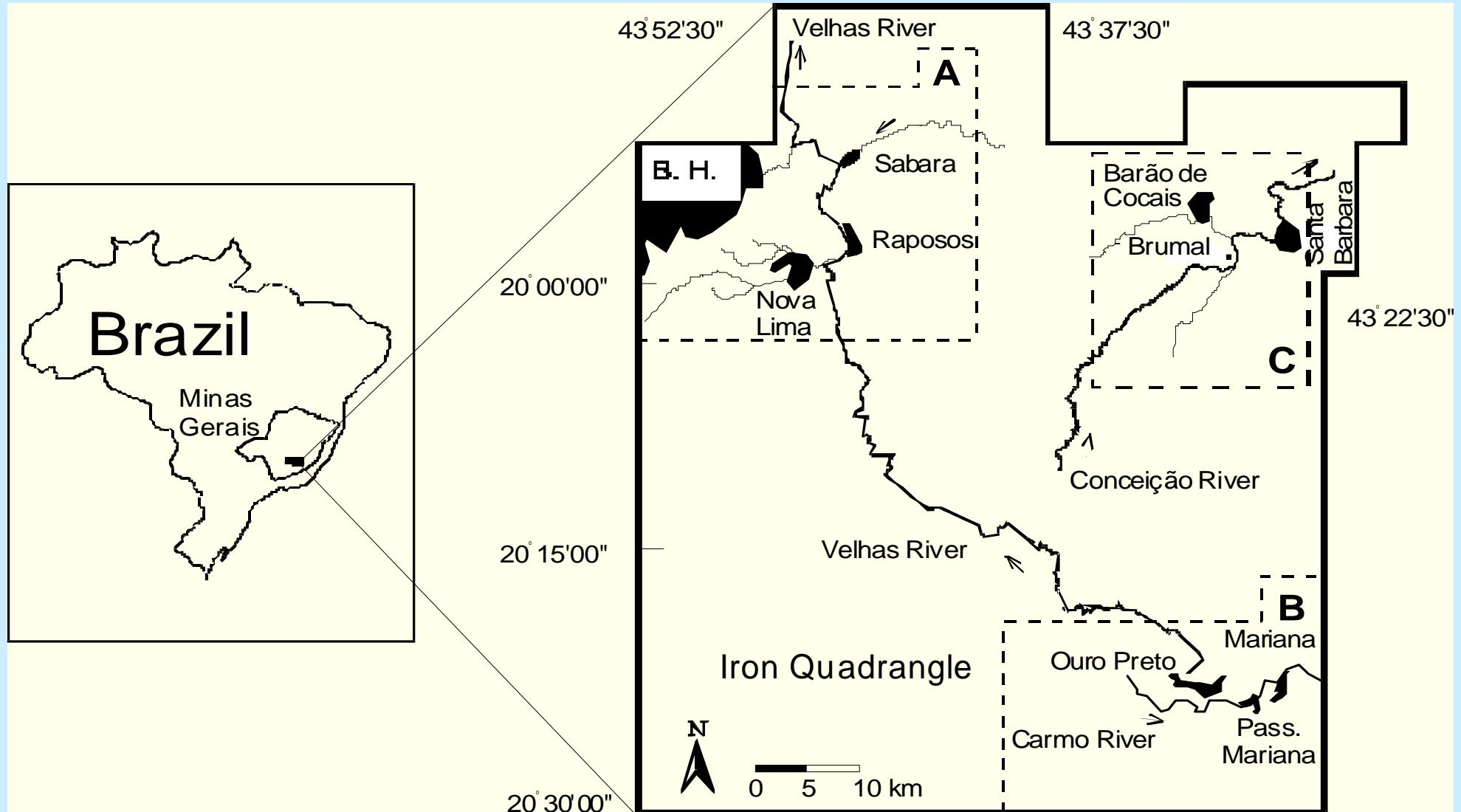
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Santana
Amapá

The Iron
Quadrangle

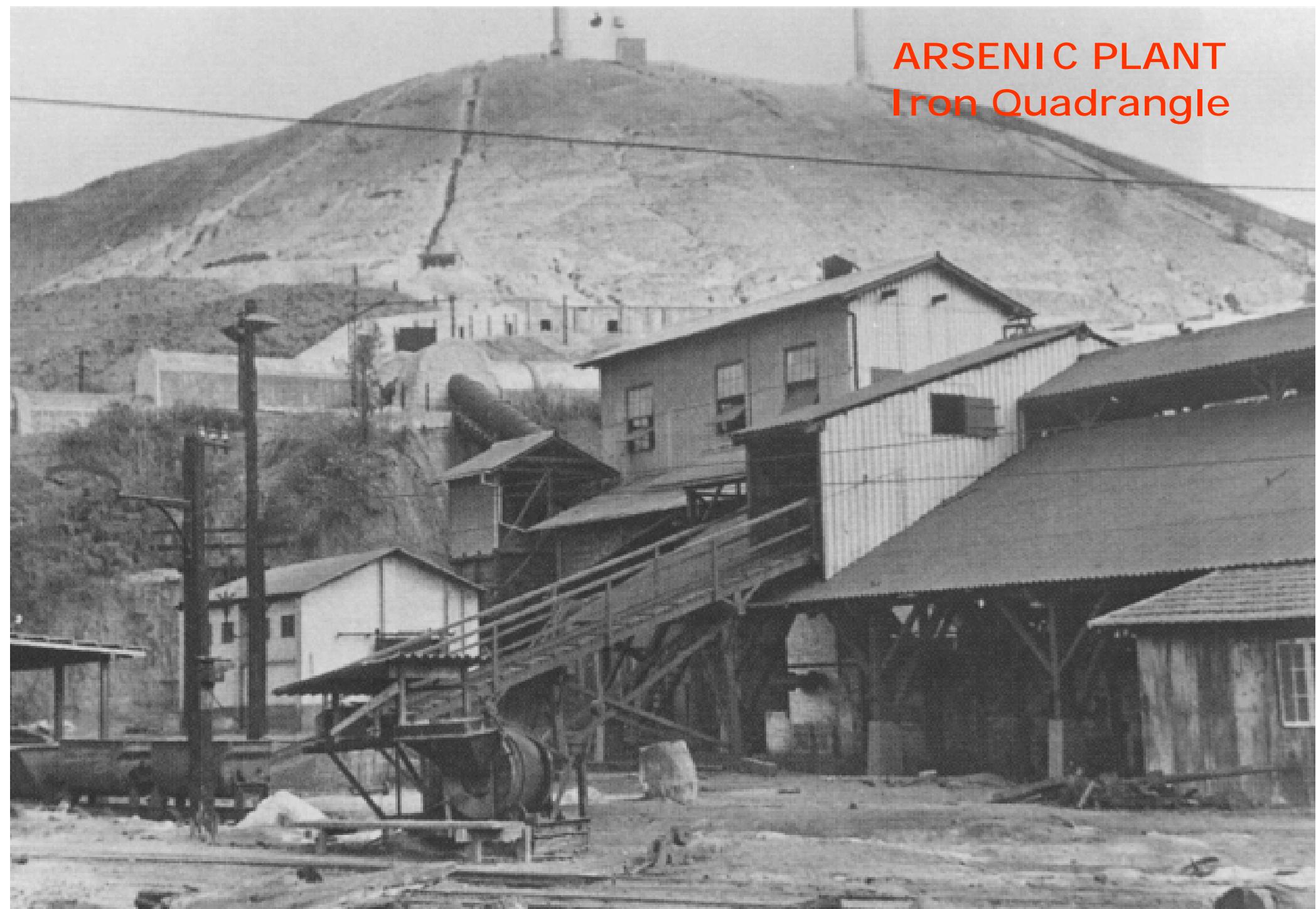
Ribeira
Valley





The Iron Quadrangle, Minas Gerais State

ARSENIC PLANT
Iron Quadrangle



ARSENIC DISTRIBUTION IN THE IRON QUADRANGLE

Sediments

<4,000 mg/Kg As

Surface waters

<350 µg/L As

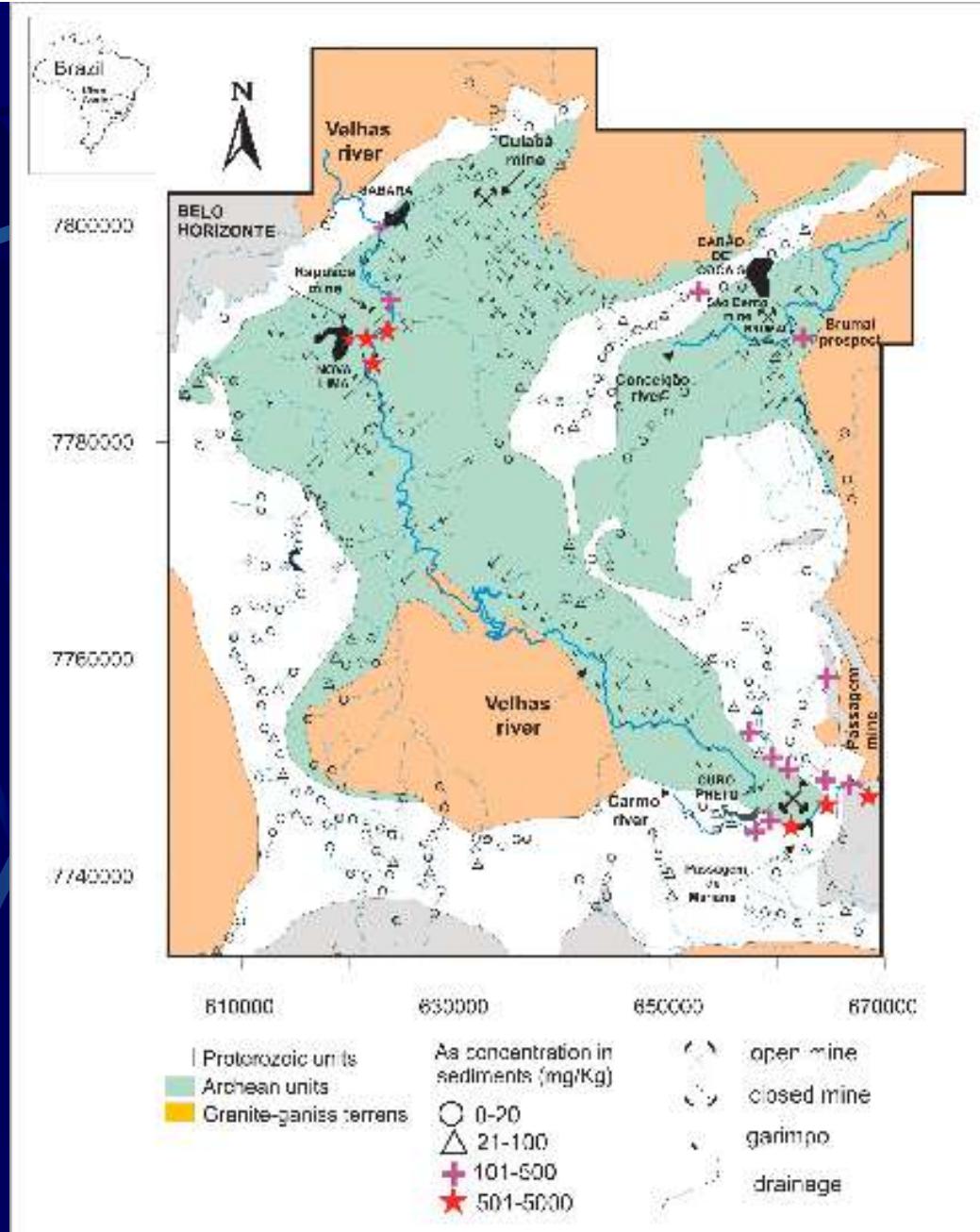
Groundwater

<10 µg/L As

Mine waters

<2980 µg/L As_{total}

<86 µg/L As³⁺

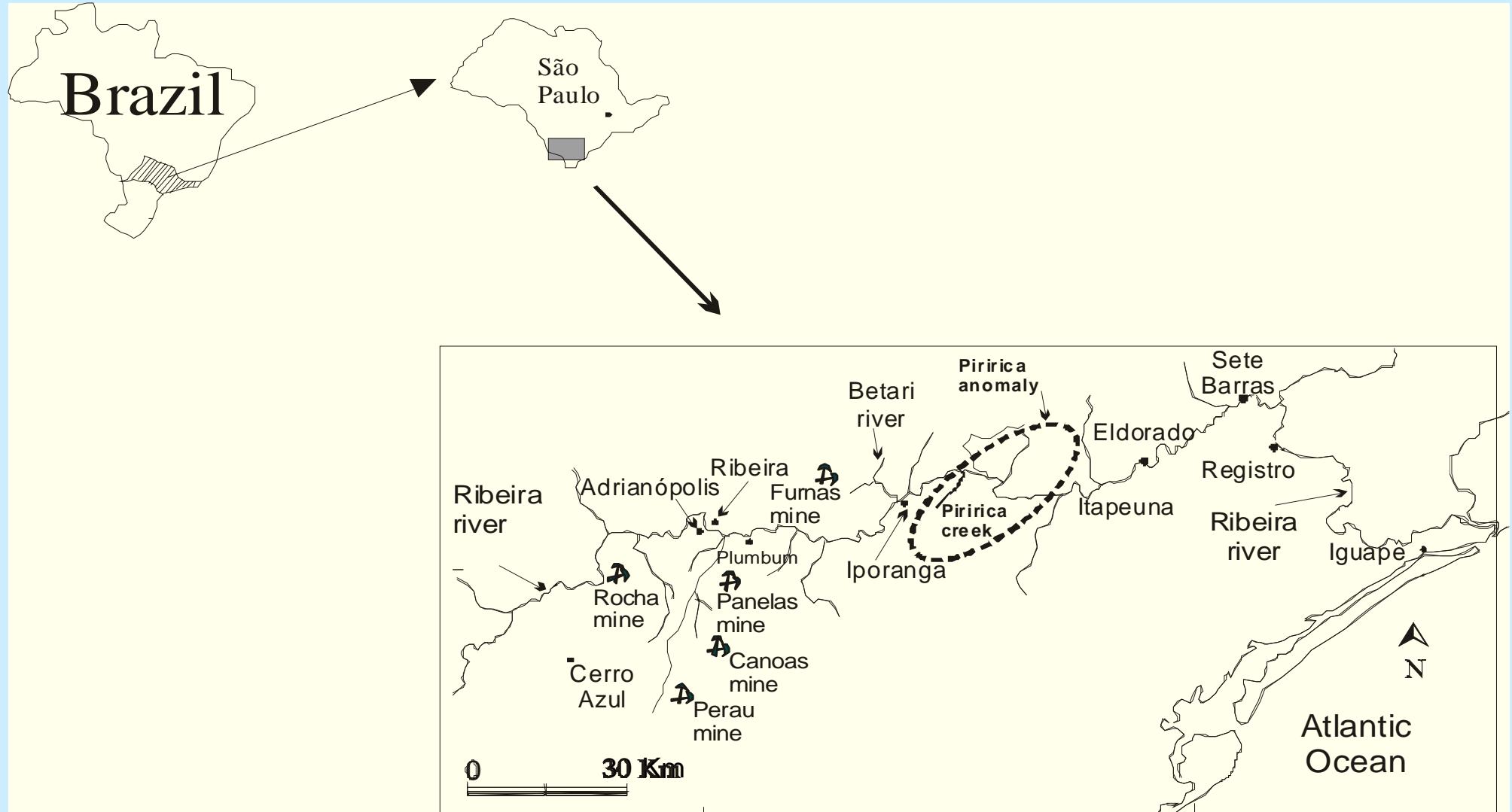


ARSENIC IN URINE – IRON QUADRANGLE 1998 ($\mu\text{g/L As}$)

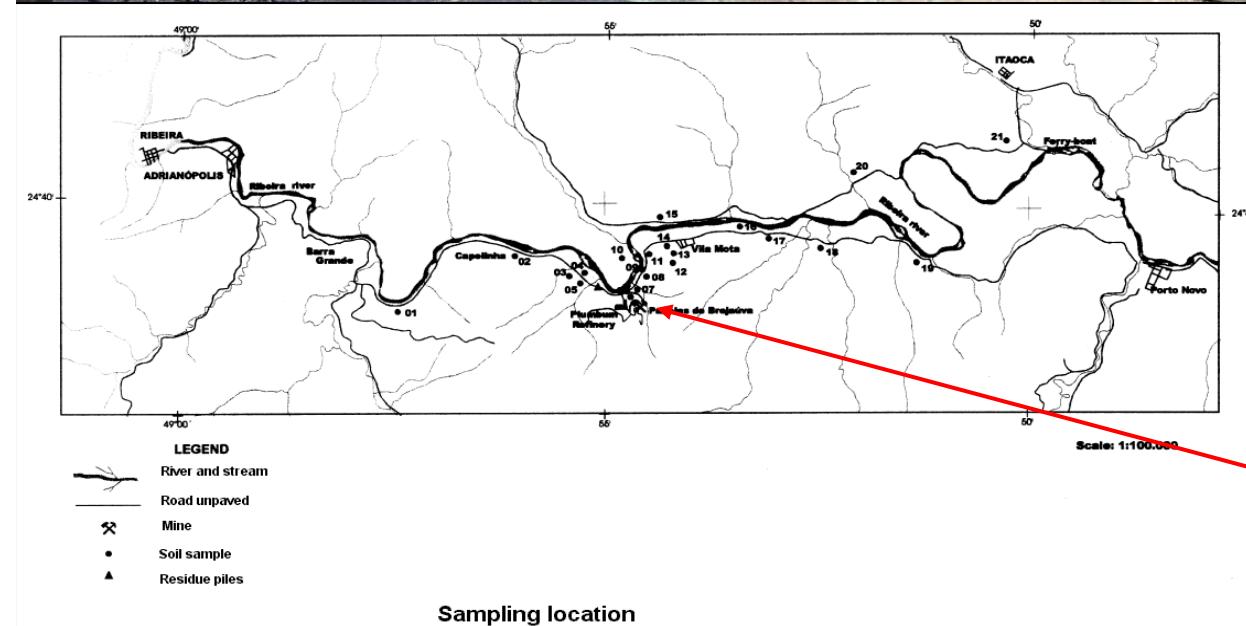
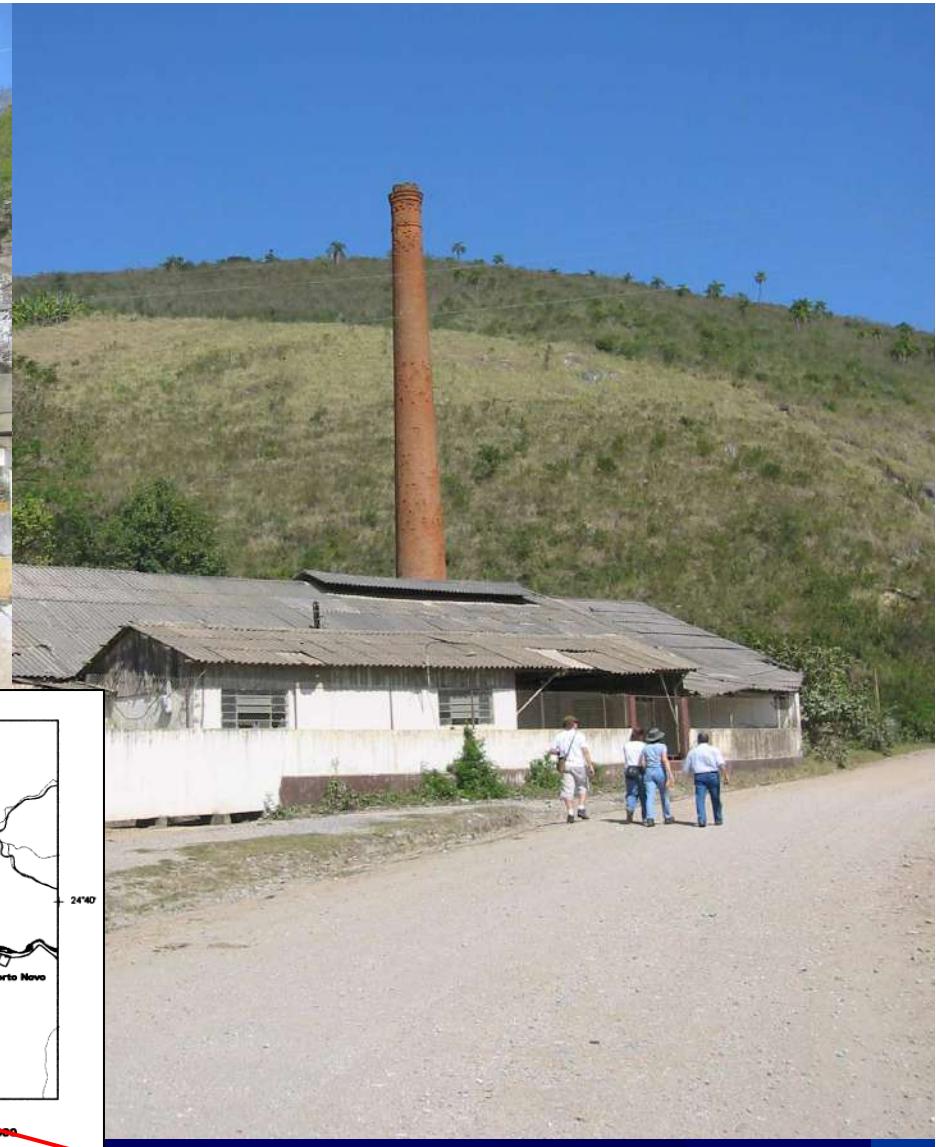
Locality	n	mean	boys	girls
Galo		30.2	31.3	29.3
Mingu		18.5	21.4	13.5
Brumal		25.3	27.0	23.8
TOTAL	126	25.7	27.1	24.3

19 % of children > 40 $\mu\text{g/L As}$
(5% - 2003)

Source: Matschullat et al. (2000, 2004)



Ribeira Valley, Southeastern Brazil



**Plumbum Smelter
Ribeira Valley**

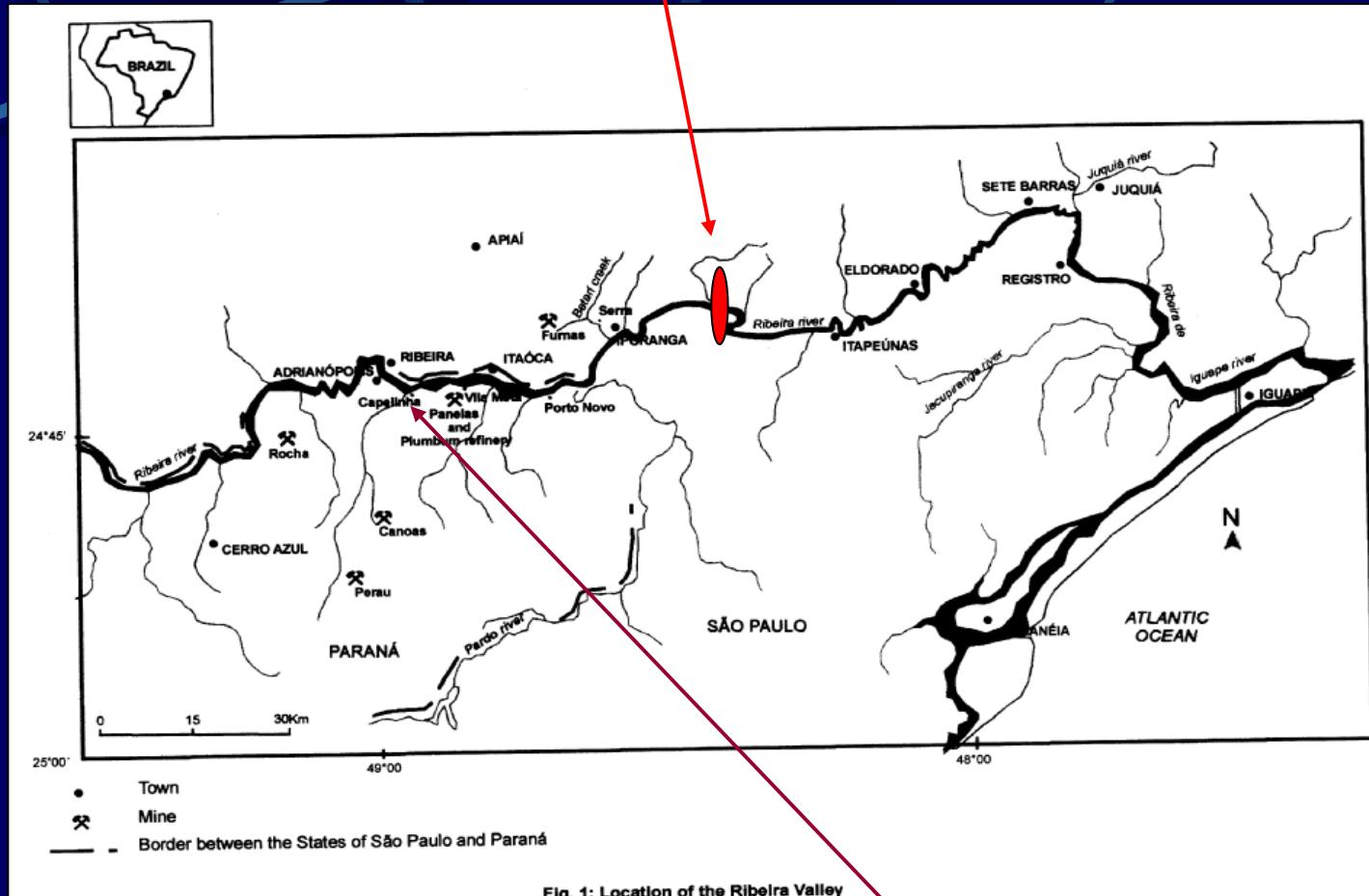
Middle Ribeira Valley – Natural arsenic anomaly

As contents

Sediments
<355 mg/Kg

Surface water
<9 µg/L

Soils (0-30 cm)
<2,000 mg/Kg



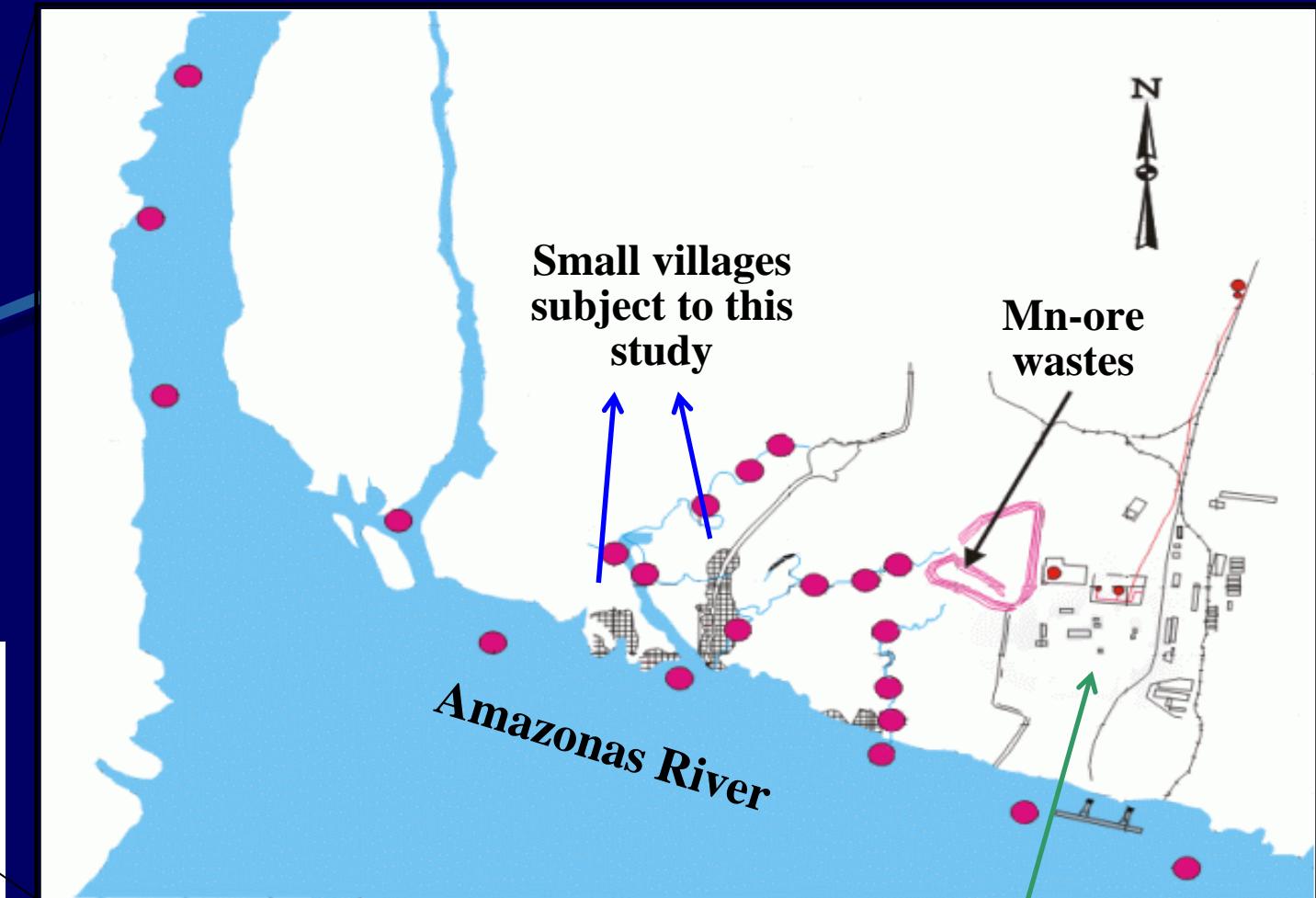
Upper Ribeira Valley – Pb-Zn mining and refinery

ARSENIC IN URINE – RIBEIRA VALLEY – 2002-2003 ($\mu\text{g/L As}$)

Locality	n	Mean	Min	Max
Cerro Azul	156	3.86	1	34.12
Serra	175	8.90	1	62.54
Iporanga	108	8.35	1	33.49
Pilões	49	4.63	1	68.92
Castelhanos	54	9.48	1	60.32
São Pedro	51	11.35	1	76.19
Maria Rosa	26	2.24	1	24.34
Nhungara	22	6.98	1	36.55
TOTAL	641			

Source: Sakuma et al. (2003, 2005)

SANTANA- AMAPÁ AREA



ARSENIC IN HAIR – SANTANA 2001-2002 ($\mu\text{g/g}$)

Population	n	Mean	Min	Max
MEN	182	0.200	0.074	1.936
WOMEN	330	0.200	0.063	1.855
TOTAL	512	0.200	0.063	1.936

Source: Santos et al. (2003)

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Only point pollution sources known so far

- High As concentrations in river sediments and soils
- Deep chemical weathering favors As retention in soils and sediments
- Very low As concentrations in surface waters (dilution phenomena)
- Low levels of human exposure for As
- Population less dependent on groundwater supply (except in NE region)

FINAL REMARK

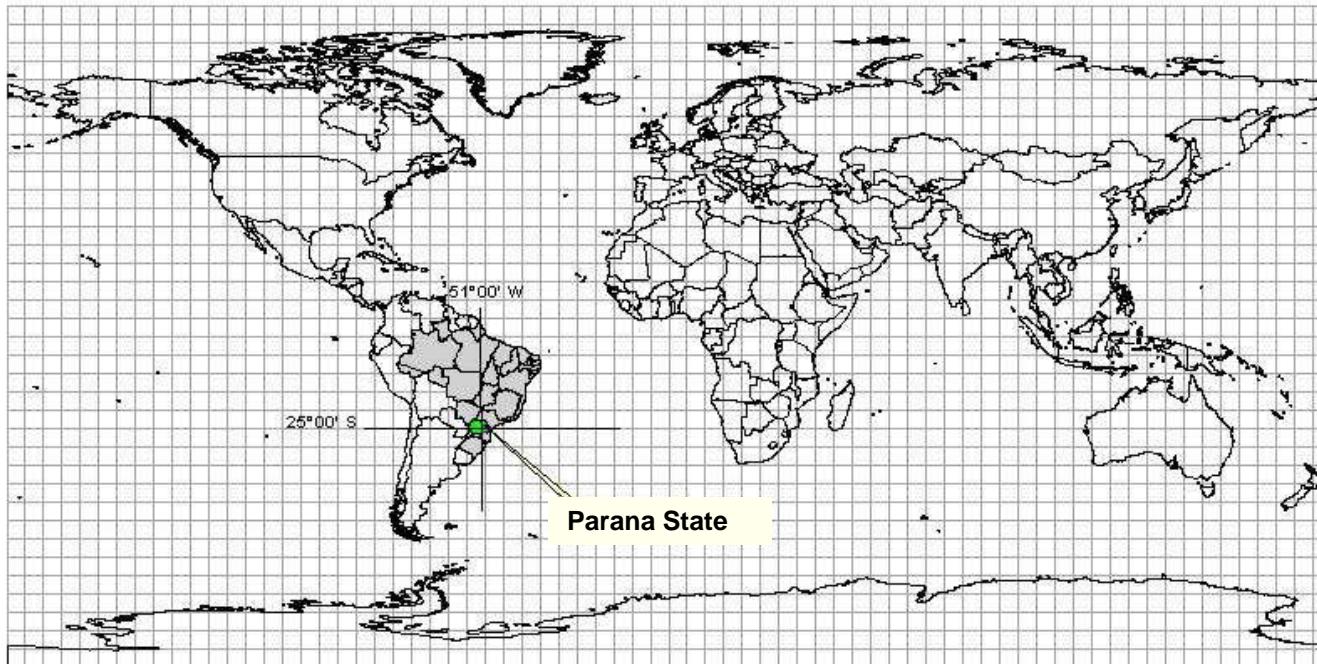
Non-point pollution sources still unknown

- studies on As-bearing geological formations and major aquifers in Brazil where As-anomalies have been indicated are still to be done

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MULTIELEMENT GEOCHEMICAL OF SURFACE TO DELIMIT ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND IMPACTS, PARANÁ STATE, BRAZIL



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Low Density Sampling

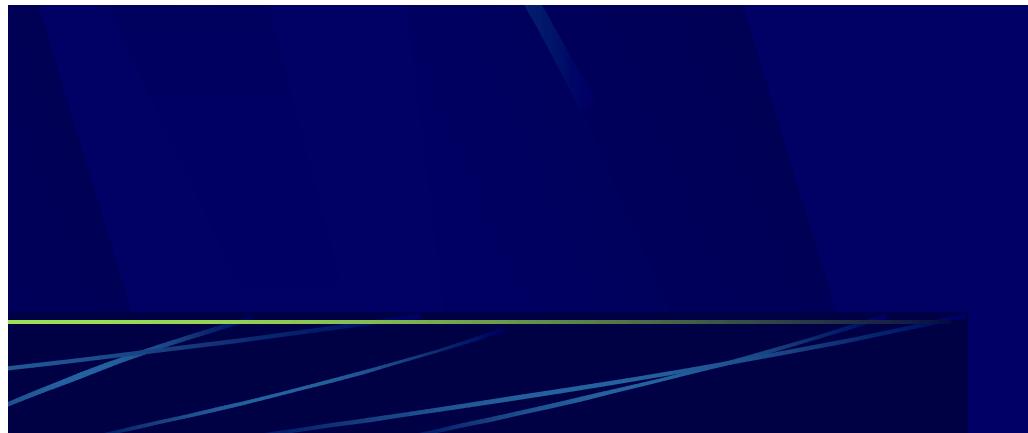
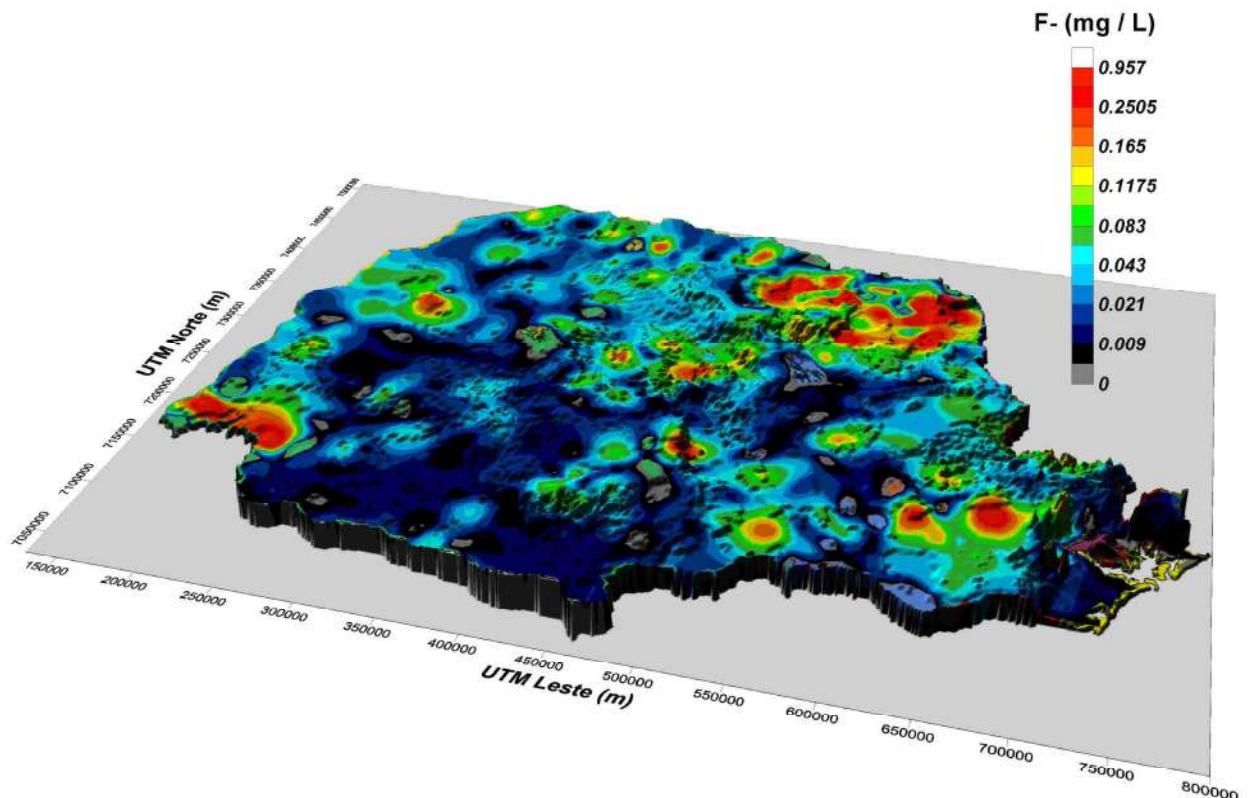
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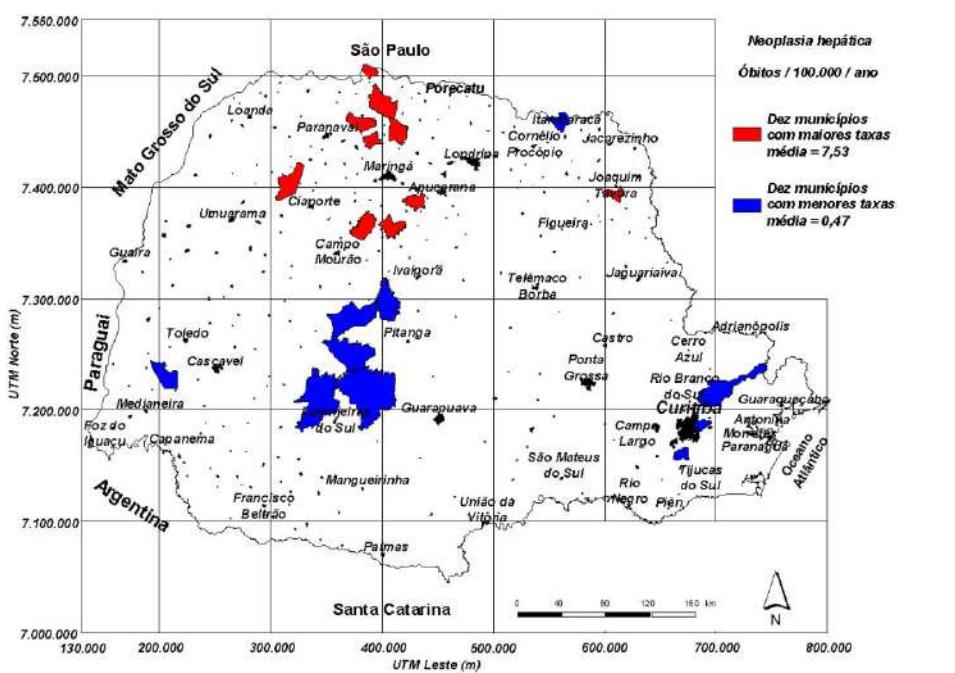
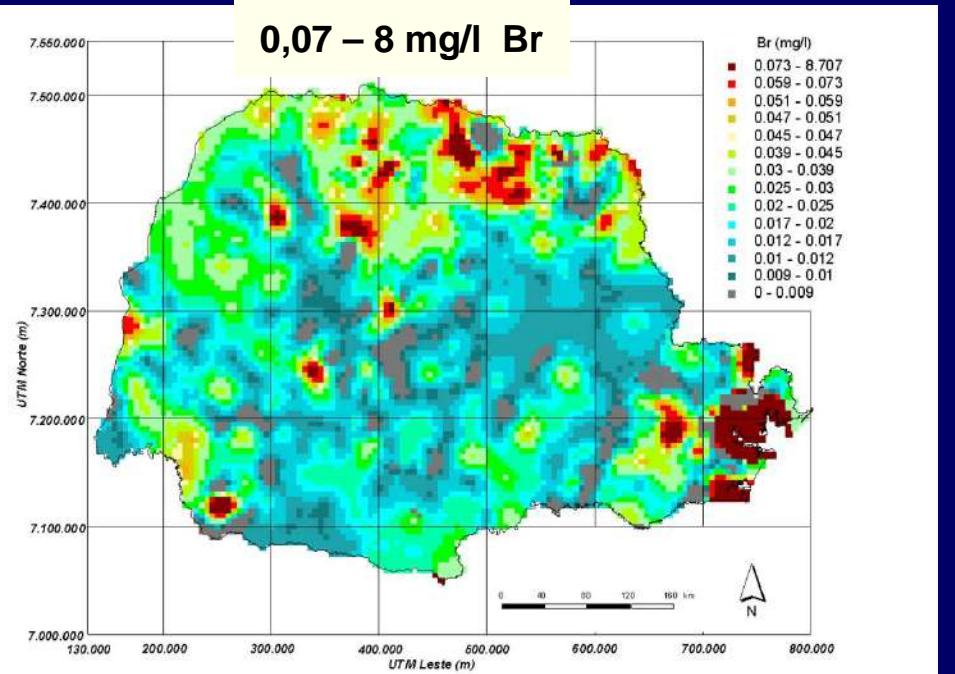
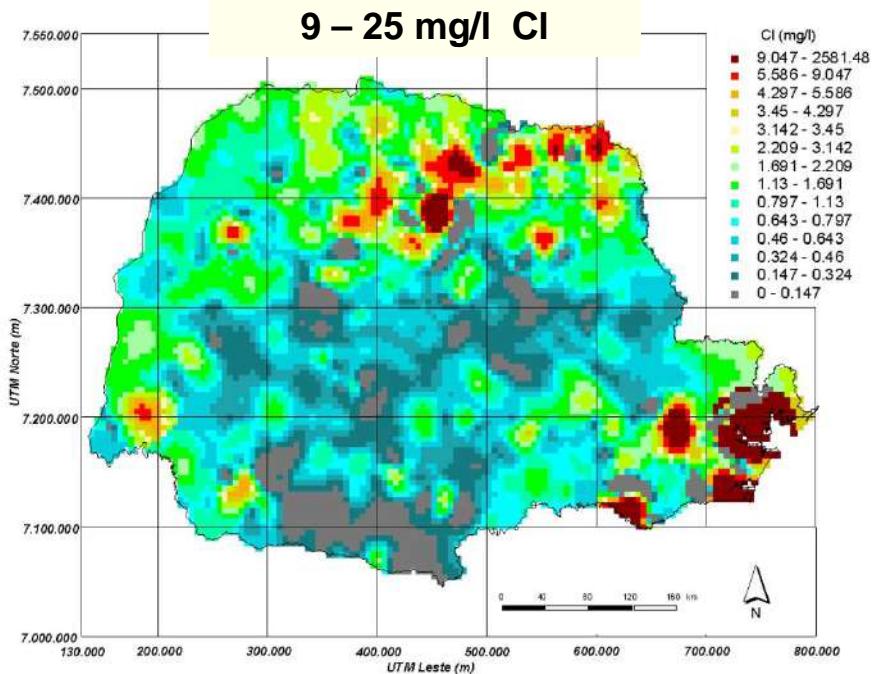
water sample: 696

sediment sample: 696

soil sample: 307

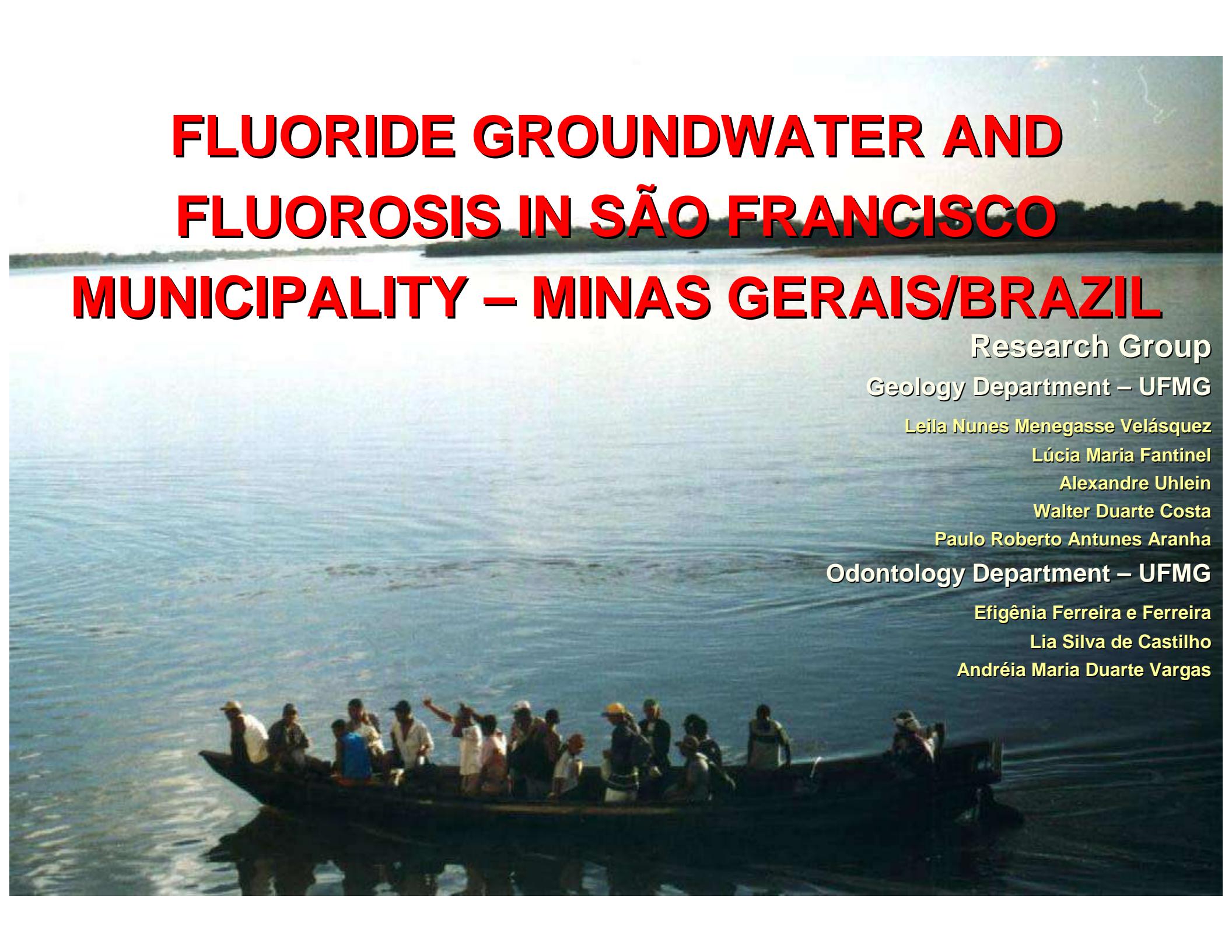
2,2 mg/l F
Groundwater





Death: 10 municipality > rate 7.5/100.000 inhabitants cancer of liver

10 municipality < rate 0.47/100.000 inhabitants

A photograph of a wide river or lake under a hazy sky. In the foreground, a long wooden boat filled with approximately 15 people is moving from right to left across the frame. The water is a light blue-green color with visible ripples and reflections.

FLUORIDE GROUNDWATER AND FLUOROSIS IN SÃO FRANCISCO MUNICIPALITY – MINAS GERAIS/BRAZIL

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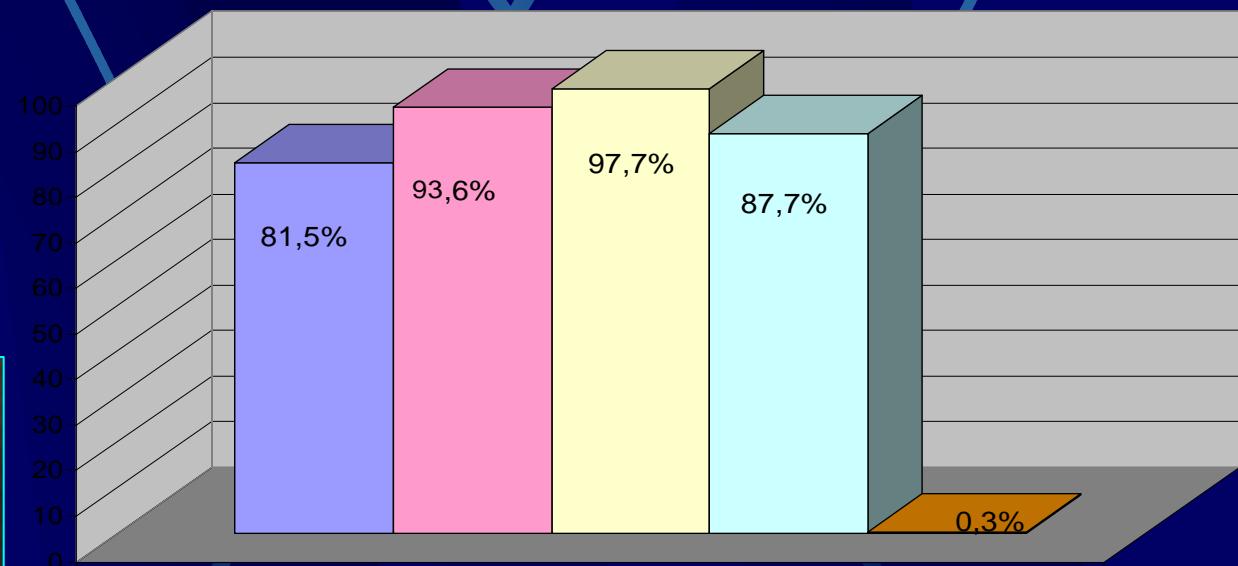
Location: São Francisco river basin



Epidemiological Research

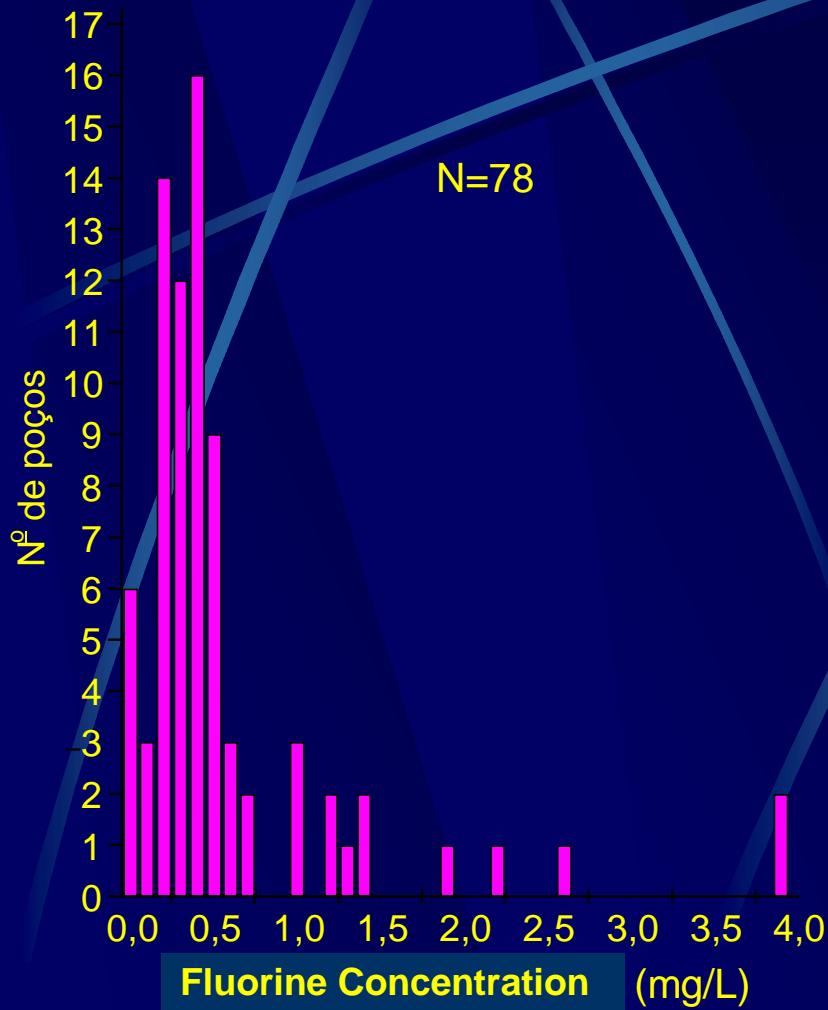


People with fluorosis



65,4% high level

Fluorine concentration in groundwater



MVP =
T °C
26.4 – 32.5

Good (mg/L)

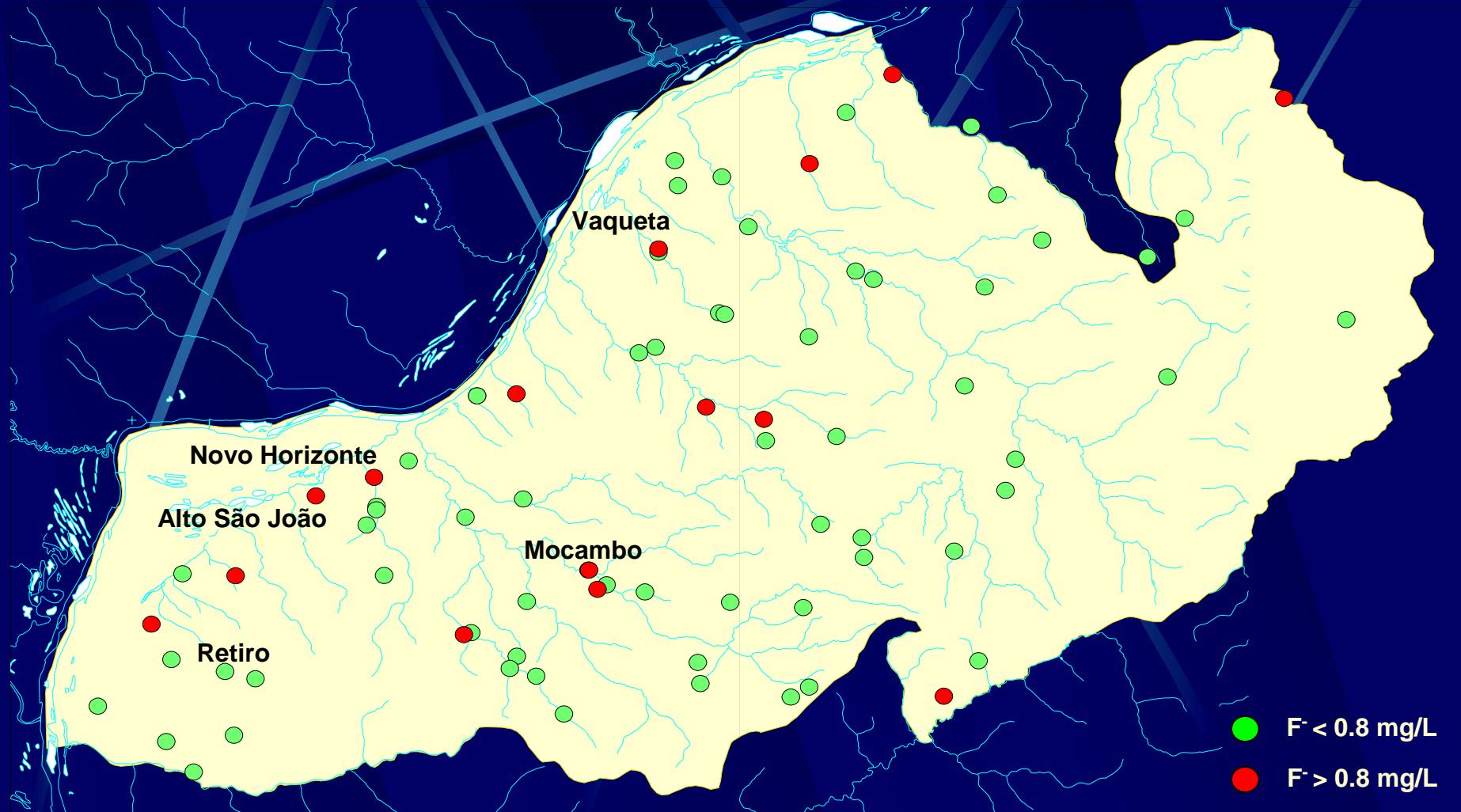
0.7

Max (mg/L)

0.8

Source: MS/1976

Fluorine distribution in groundwater



Conclusions

- High endemic tooth fluorosis in São Francisco municipality;
- The cause of the tooth fluorosis is the long consumption of groundwaters rich in F⁻ (> 0.8 ppm) ;
- Fluoride disseminated in calcitic veins, in limestone, is the main source of contamination;
- The anomalous of F⁻ has hard association with fractures and with the stratigraphy;
- It is necessary to expand the research to other areas, north and east of Bambuí Supergroup (limestone).

The biofortification as a tool to prevent micronutrients deficiency

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Embrapa Agroindustry of Aliments

Research network

- 1 - Embrapa Acre
- 2 - Embrapa Agrobiology
- 3 - Embrapa Food Technology**
- 4 - Embrapa Tropical Agroindustry
- 5 - Embrapa Agriculture West
- 6 - Embrapa Cotton
- 7 - Embrapa Amapá
- 8 - Embrapa Western Amazon
- 9 - Embrapa Eastern Amazon
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- 17 - Embrapa Vegetables**
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- 19 - Embrapa Agricultural Instrumentation
- 20 - Embrapa Cassava & Fruits**
- 21 - Embrapa Environment
- 22 - Embrapa Mid-North
- 23 - Embrapa Maize & Sorghum**
- 28 - Embrapa Genetic Resources & Biotechnology**



Agricultural Ministry



Situation in Brazil - Micronutrients

- ✓ Epidemiologic Data :

- Iron Deficiency

- Vitamin A Deficiency

- Iodine Deficiency (fortification with kitchen salt)

- ✓ Isolated studies show:

- Problem related to Zn and Se

- Ca (low swallow)

- Other ??

CONCLUSIONS

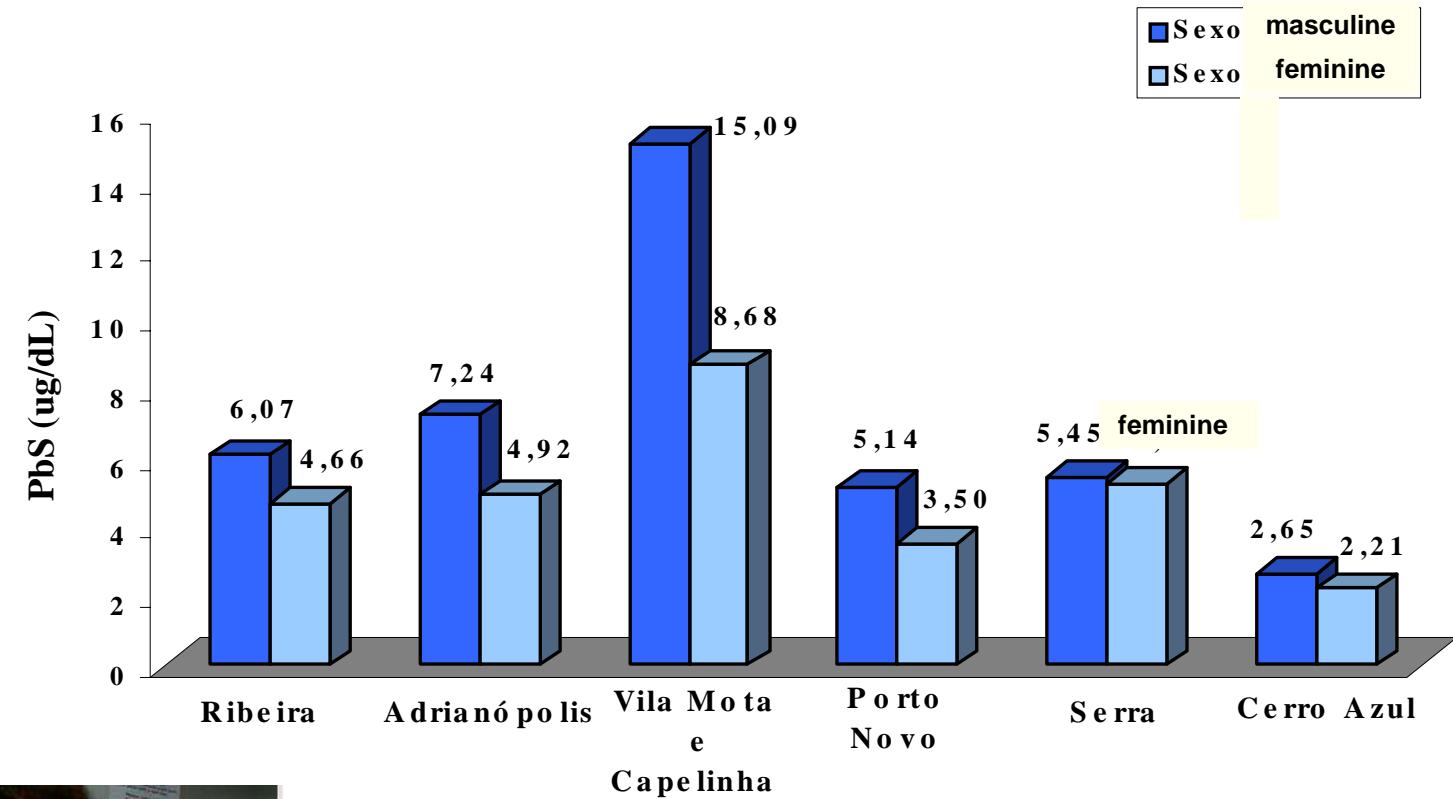
- ✓ 1) The swallow of some minerals (Fe, Ca, Zn , Se) is lower than recommended or is faintly bio-available in diet.
- ✓ 2) Biochemical parameters lower than reference values: population risk groups, confirm the necessity of intervention
- ✓ 3) Solution to the problem depends on integrated efforts of scientific community, industries and government, searching for best alternatives

Pb HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION IN ADRIANÓPOLIS, PARANÁ STATE, BRAZIL

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Middle concentrations of Pb in children's blood (335), per sex



Conclusion

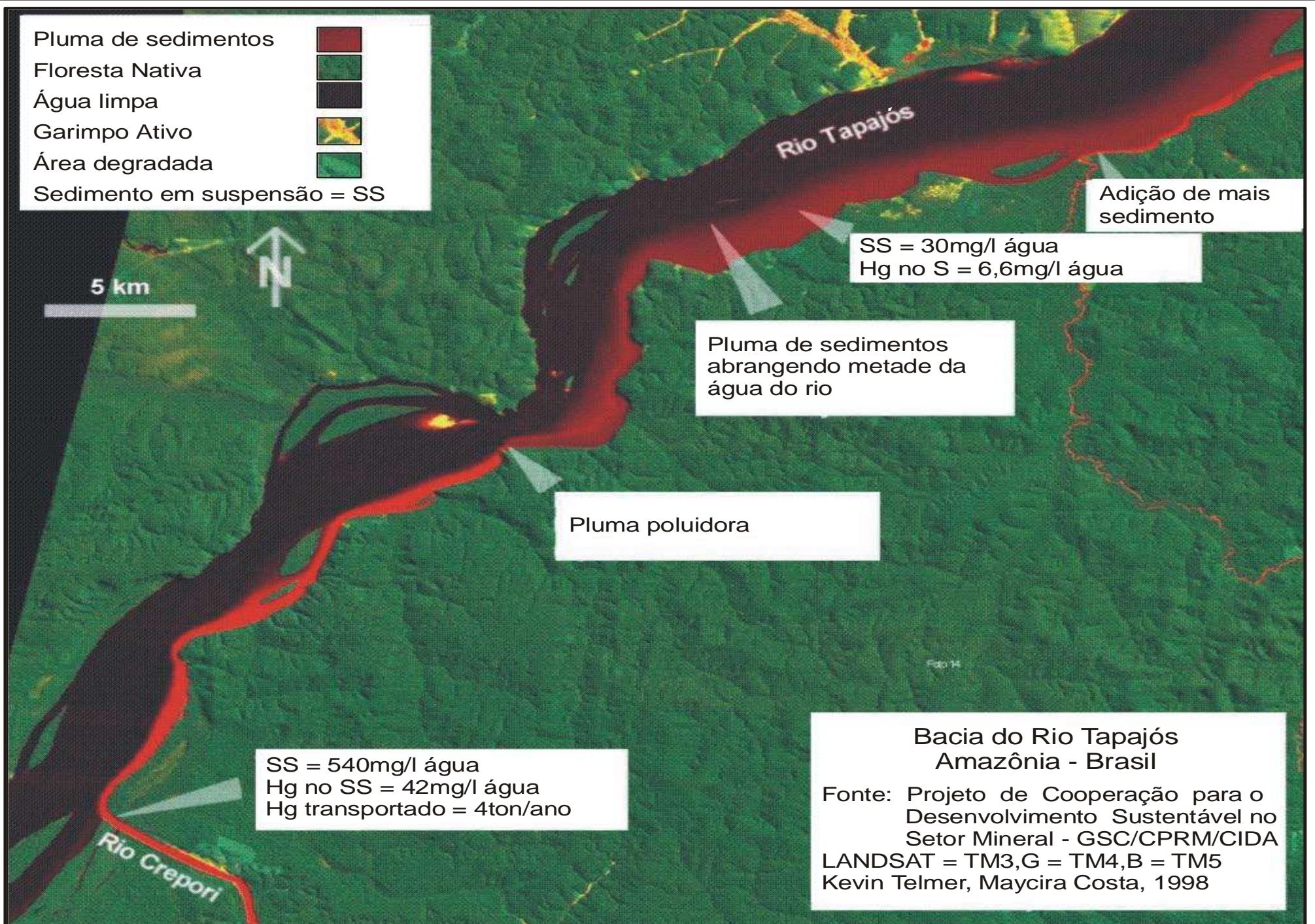
**Area 4 Km² surroundings of the metallurgy
(soil with 21-916 µg/g)**

**20 children of Capelinha and Mota Village with more
than 10 µg/dL (60% of the analysed children)**

**Contaminated mainly by dust and food (local
vegetable)**

Garimpos Areas





Hg garimpeiro's hair on Amazon Brazil 1996

Poconé, MT, out garimpo	0,3 a 3 ppb
Poconé, in garimpo area : (34 ppb after amalgama burn by 16 years)	1,3 a 34 ppb
Cumaru, PA, max	14 ppb
Rio Madeira, RO, max	97 ppb
Rainha, Rio Tapajós, max	34 ppb
São Luiz do Tapajós, max	48 ppb
Barreiras, Rio Tapajós, max	71 ppb
Paraná Mirim, Rio Tapajós, max	15 ppb

• Reference hair, WHO, 1 – 2 ppb

GEOCHEMISTRY IN PUBLIC SUPPLY WATER, EAST AMAZON

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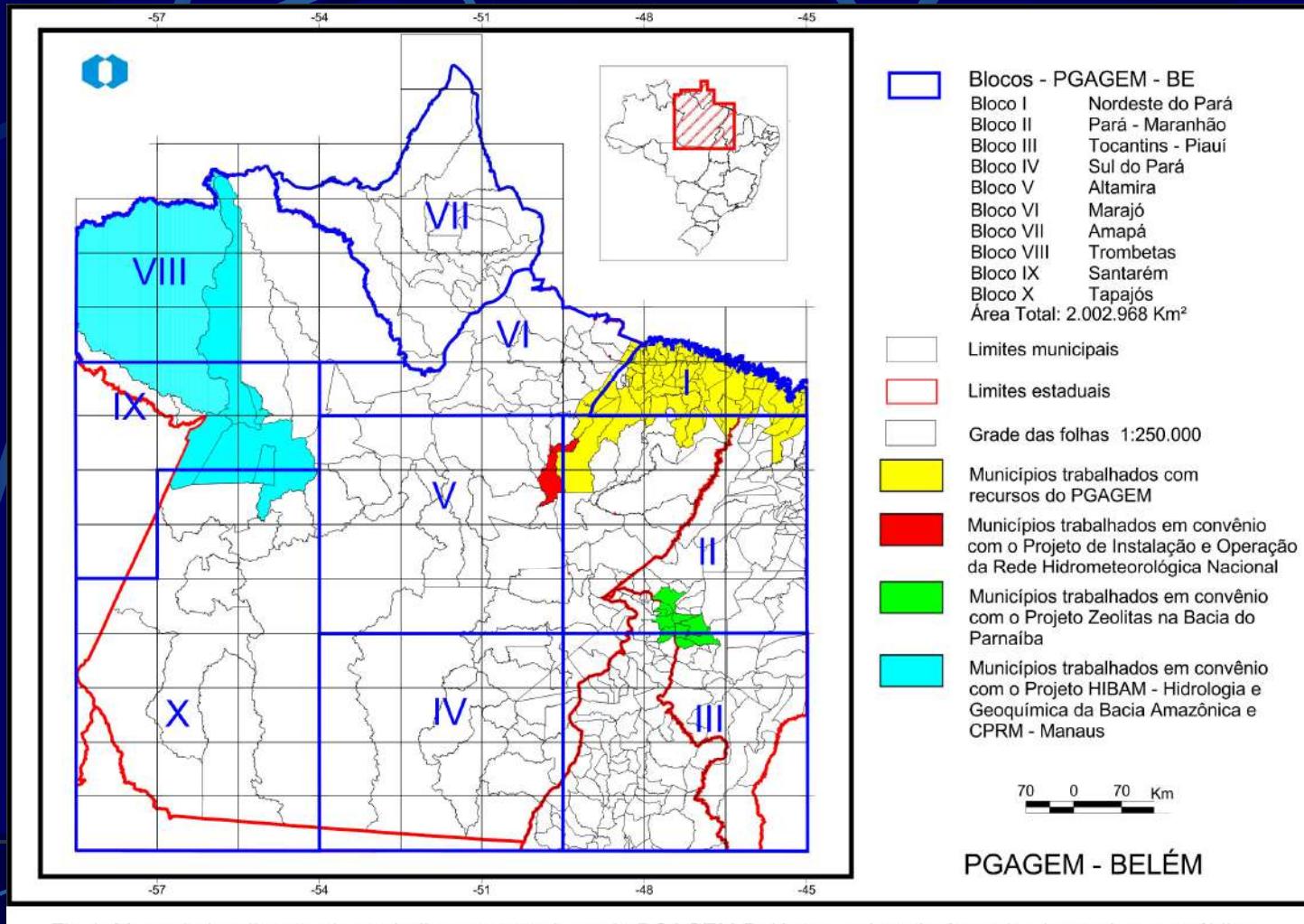
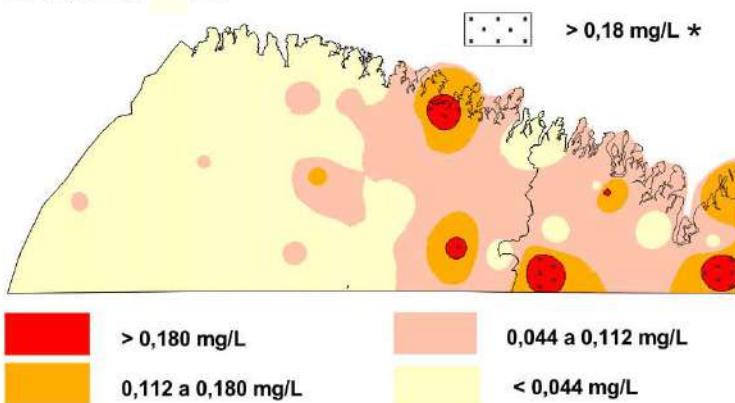
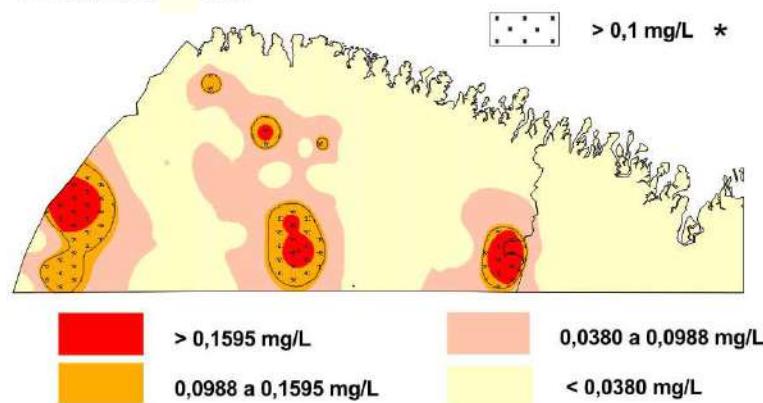


Fig 1: Mapa de localização dos trabalhos executados pelo PGAGEM-Belém na coleta de água de abastecimento público

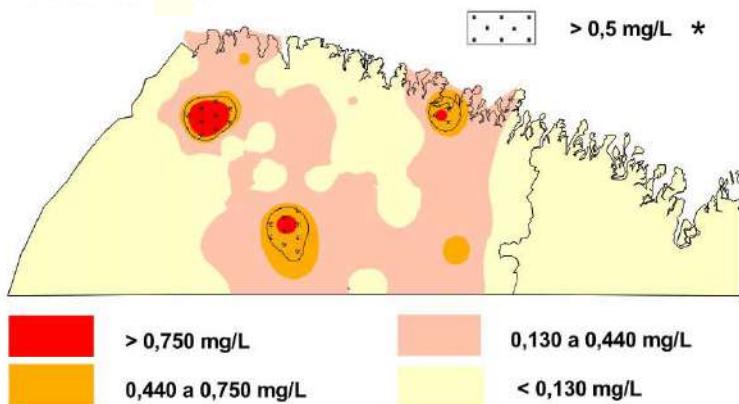
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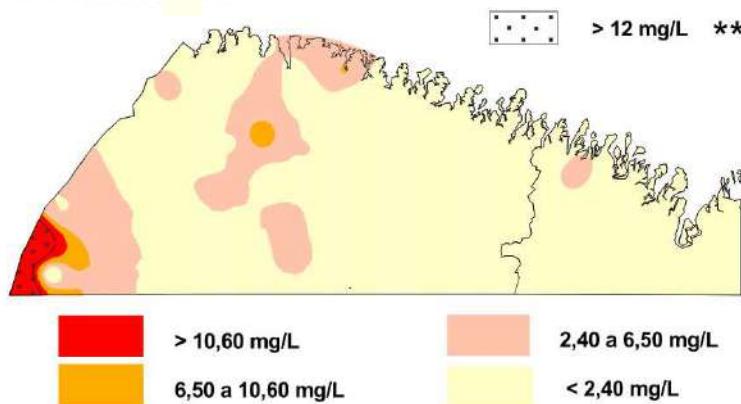
ELEMENT Mn



ELEMENT B



ELEMENT K



30 0 30 60 Km



Valor máximo, referência – * CONAMA/BRAZIL - ** WHO

($>\bar{x} + 2\sigma$)

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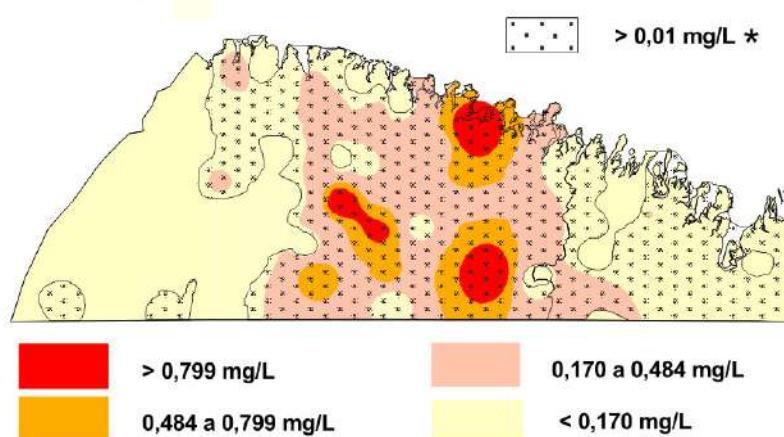
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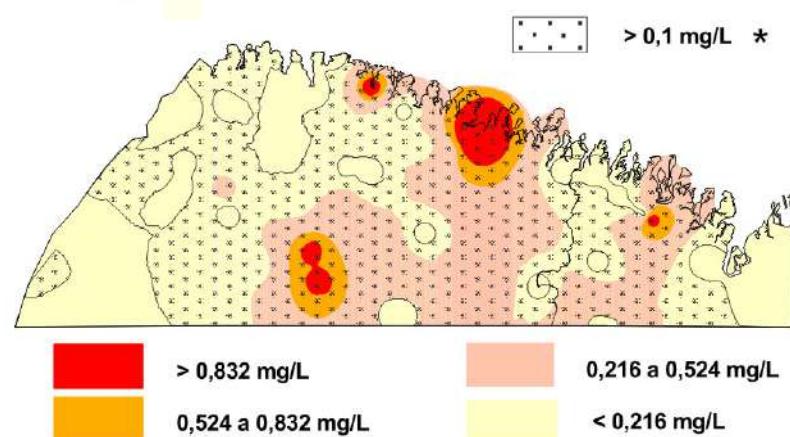
σ = desvio padrão

\bar{x} = valor médio

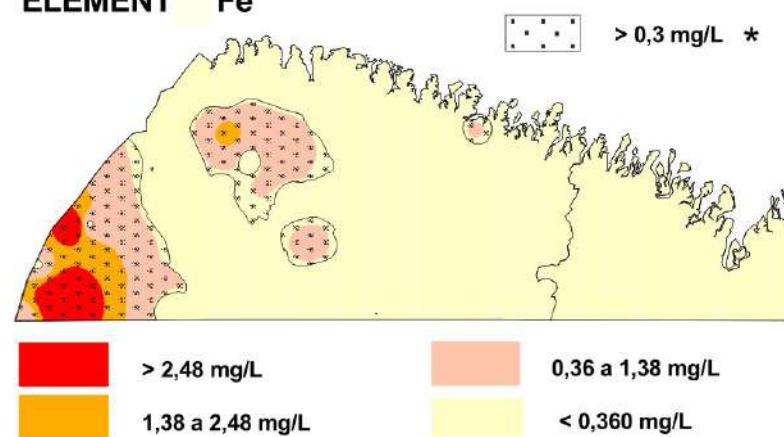
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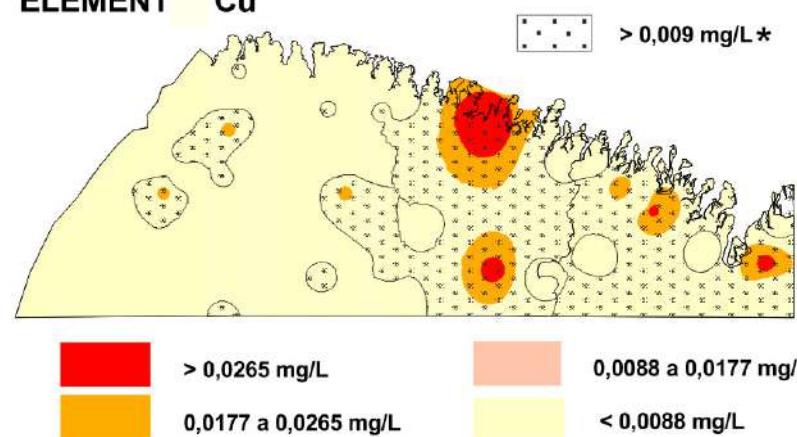
ELEMENT Al



ELEMENT Fe



ELEMENT Cu



maximum value, reference

* CONAMA/BRAZIL

** WHO

Water Supply Northeast Para State: East Amazon

Pb (145 x); Al (18 x); Fe (8 x); Cu (3 x): above WHO - natural source

pH 4-6 in 90% area - organic source

High disease rates by water (worm, hepatitis, diarrhea, etc)

Pará State / highest rate stomach cancer in Brazil

There isn't any study relating the diseases with these results



HEAVY METAL IN PUBLIC SUPPLY WATER, CEARA STATE, NORTHEAST-BRAZIL

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CEARÁ (146.000 Km^2 - 7.430.000 inhabitants)

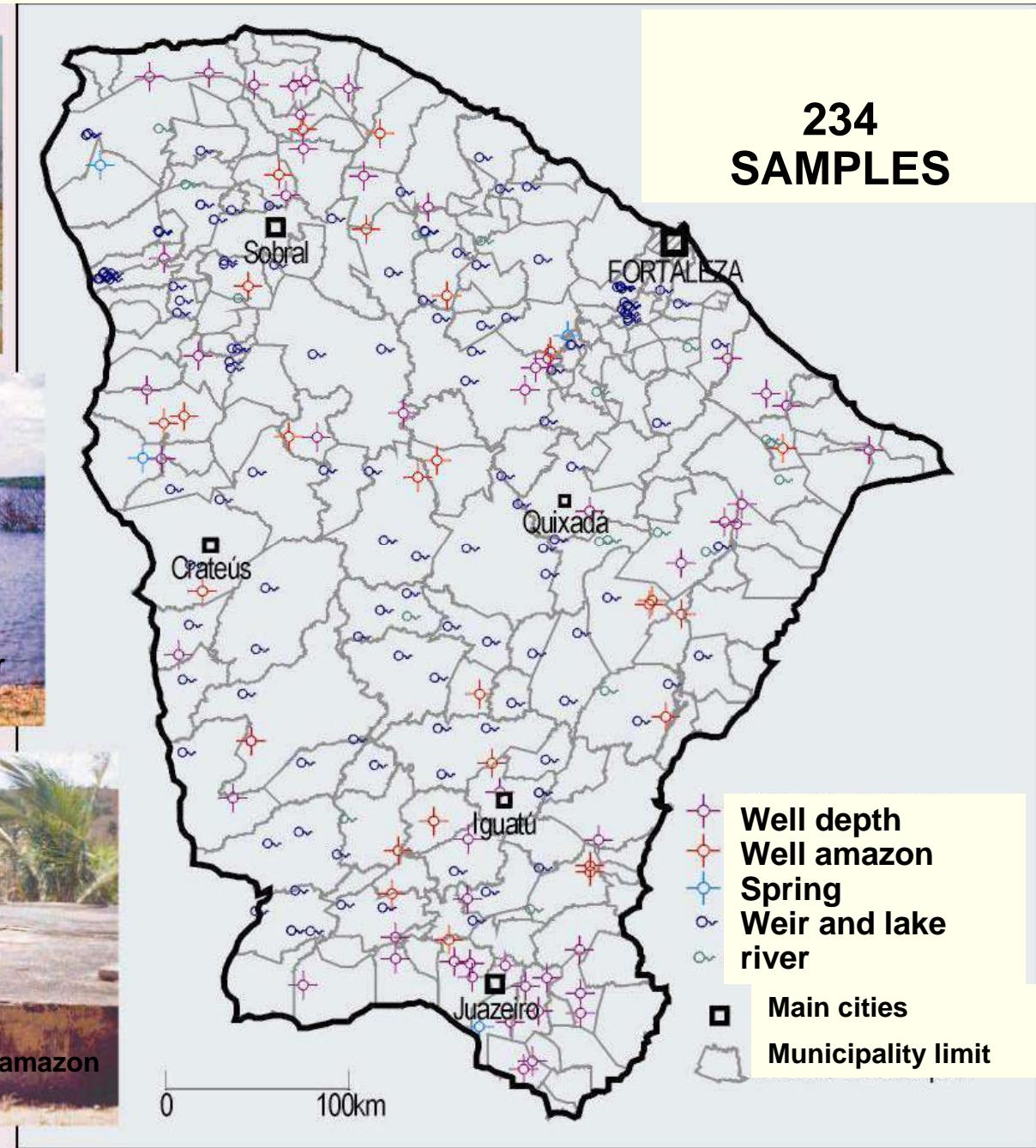
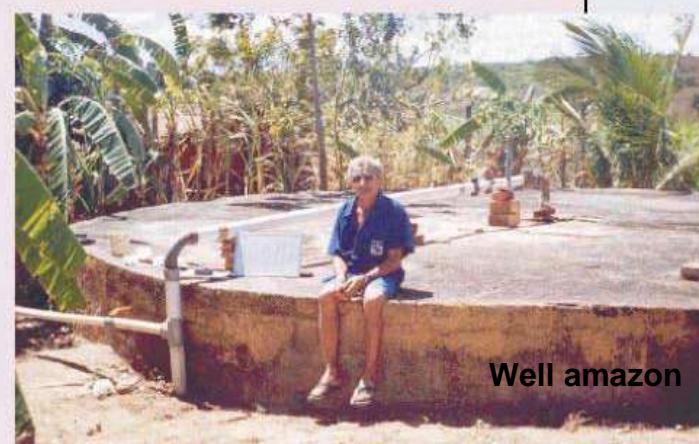
Urban population 5.300.000 inhabitants (71%)

760 district in 184 municipalities

470 (62%) Districts with regular supply; 154 of them
without water treatment

290 (38%) Districts with other types of supply
(fountain, private well, cask truck)

SAMPLING WATER STATION



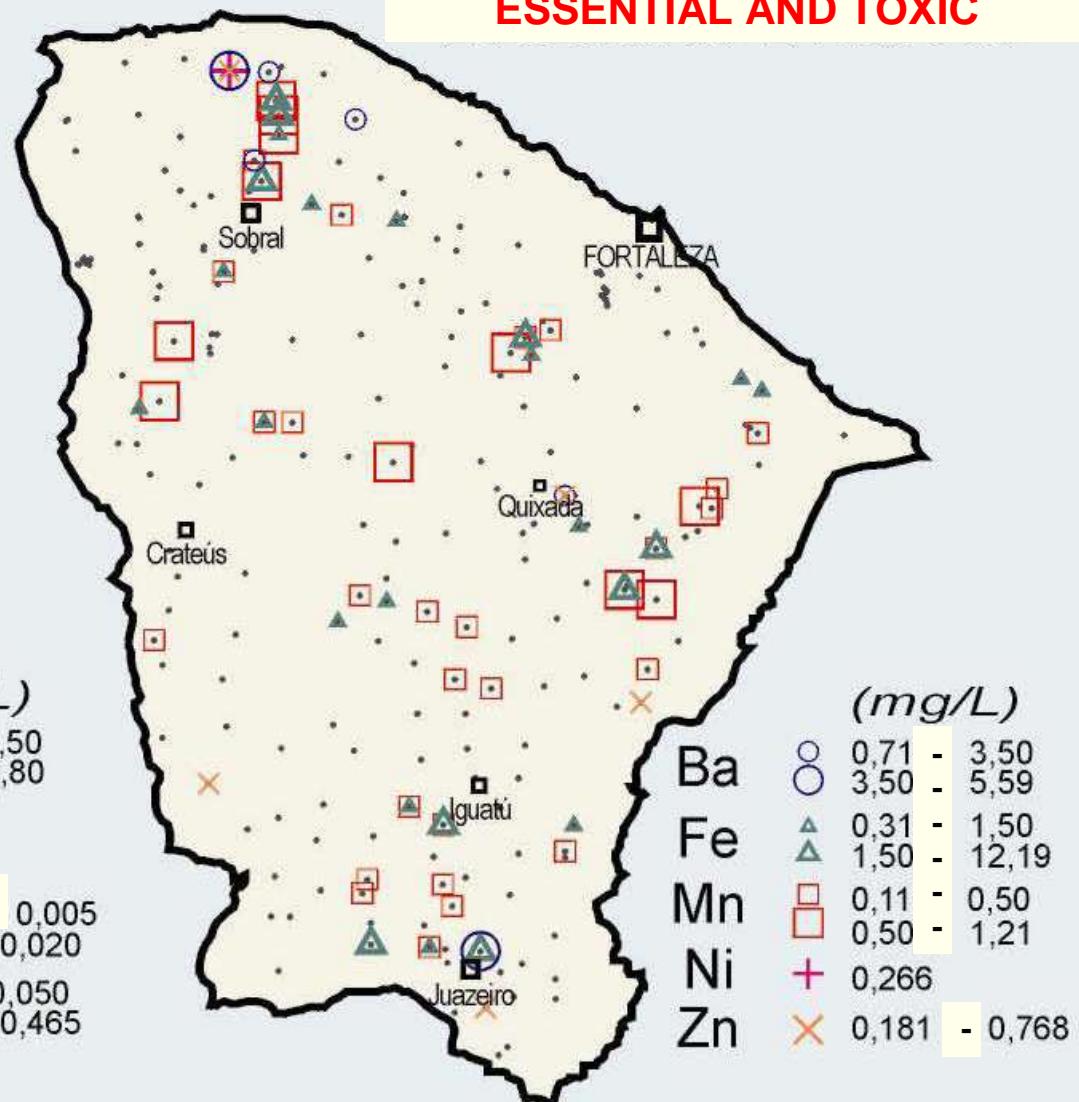
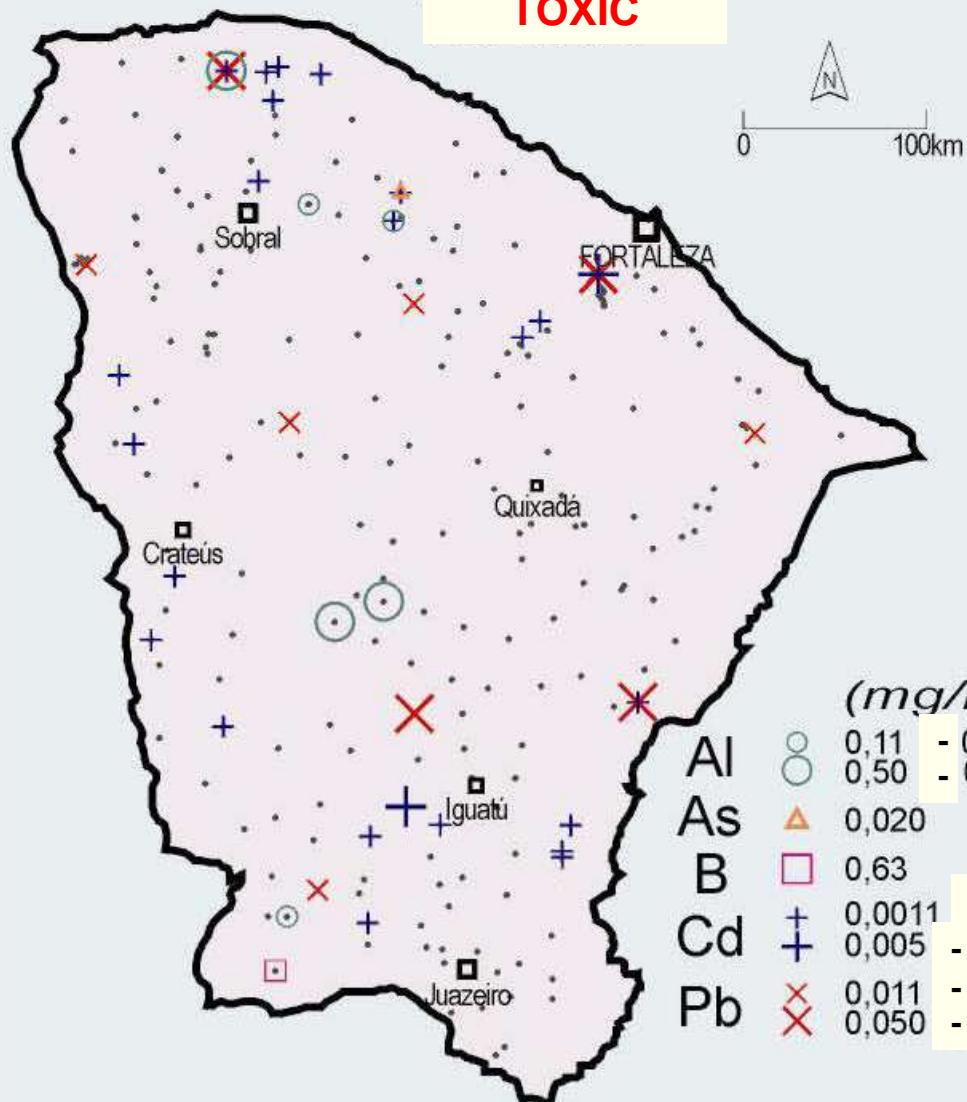
METAL CONCENTRATION ABOVE CONAMA/BRAZIL REFERENCE

(○ until 5 X the reference value)

(○ from 5 X until the highest result)

TOXIC

ESSENTIAL AND TOXIC



100 samples (43%) with excess in one or more metals

CONCLUSION

- ⇒ **Medical Geology has grown very fast in Brazil in the last 3 years**
- ⇒ **International short courses held in Brazil have helped this growth**
- ⇒ **Today there are more than 300 researchers on medical geology in the network**
- ⇒ **It's estimated that there are about 80 researchers working on medical geology**
- ⇒ **Important work contribution to people's well-being and environmental policy**
- ⇒ ***The need for introducing Medical Geology to Medicine and Geology courses***



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