



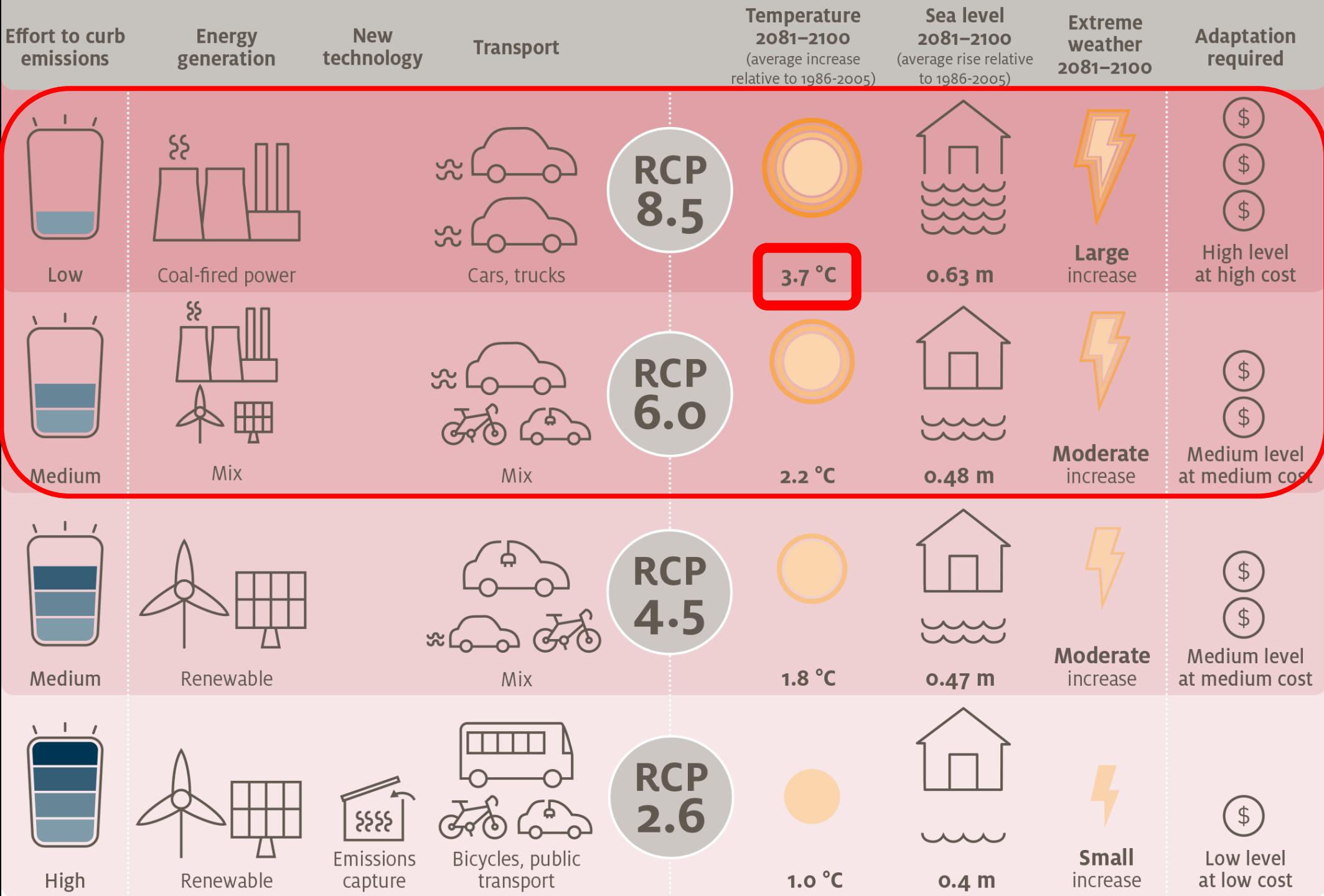
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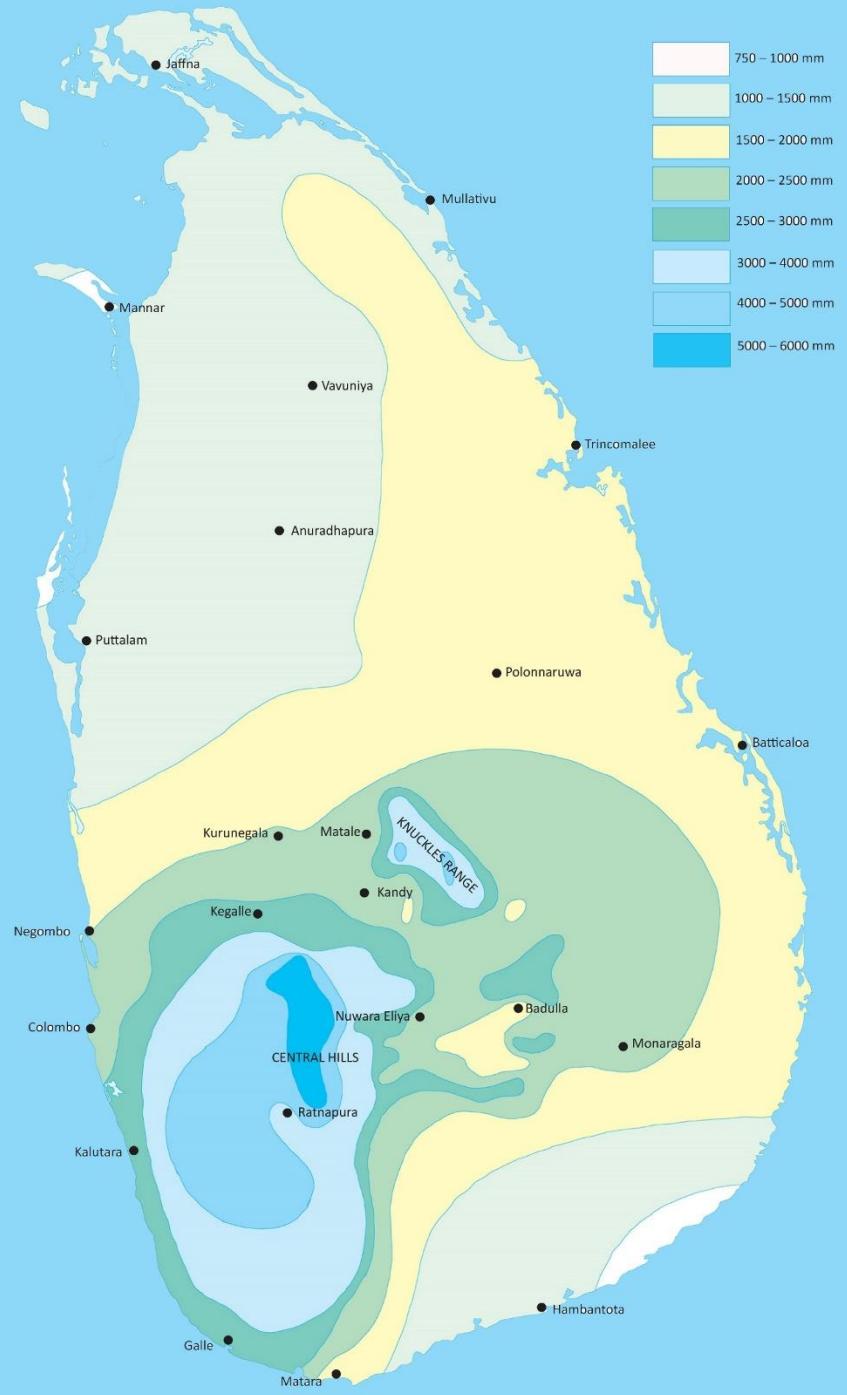
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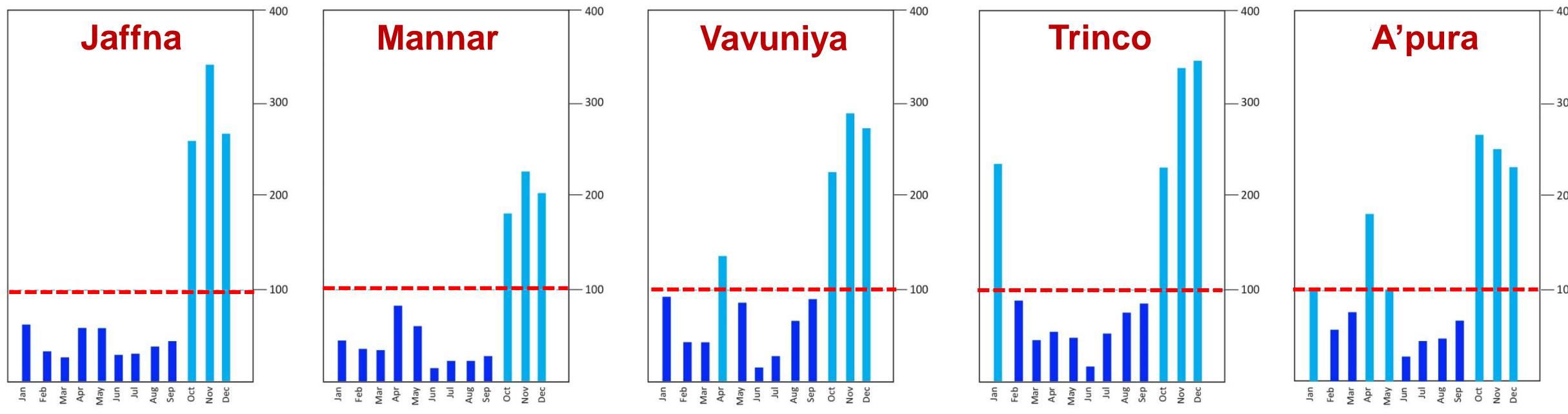




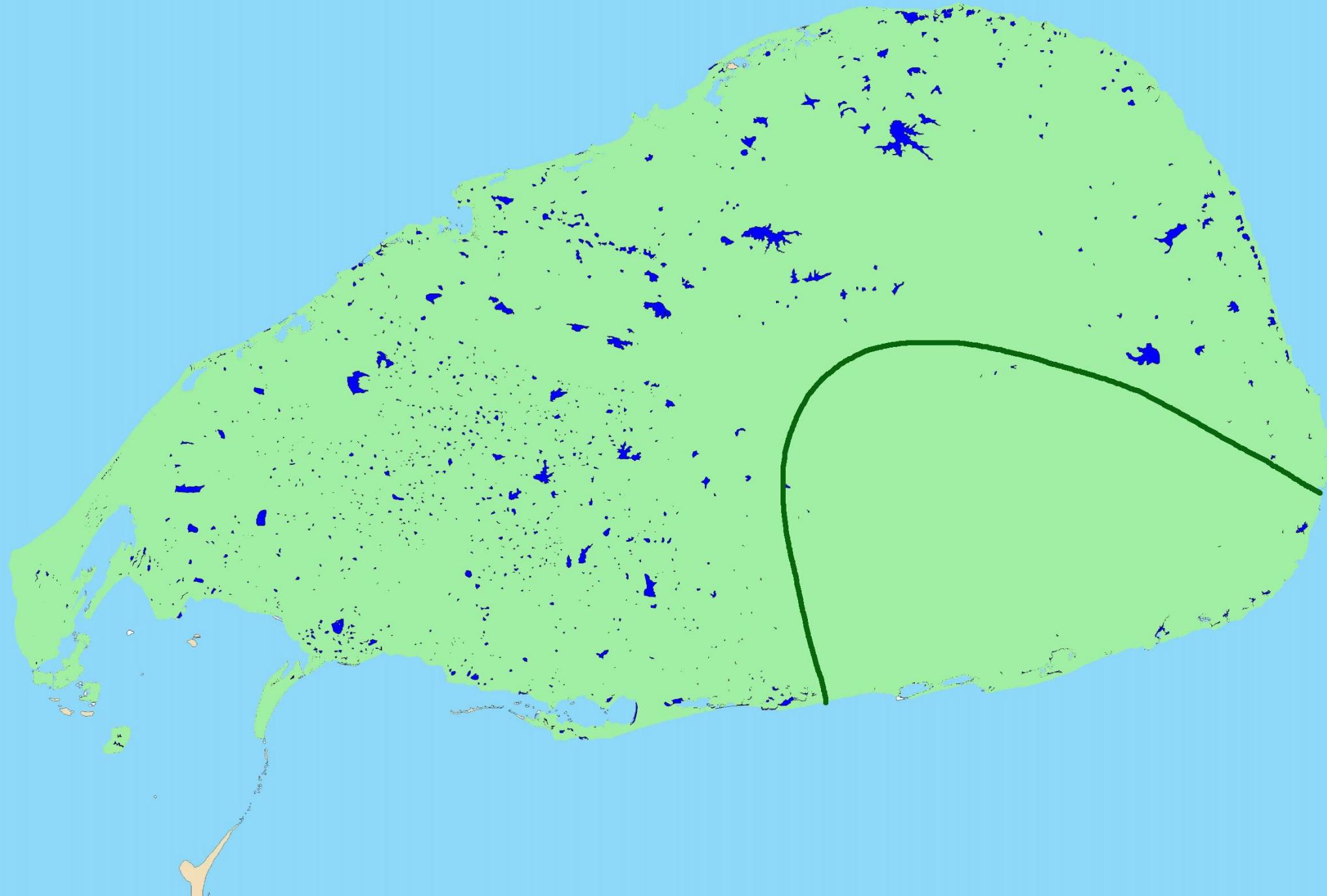
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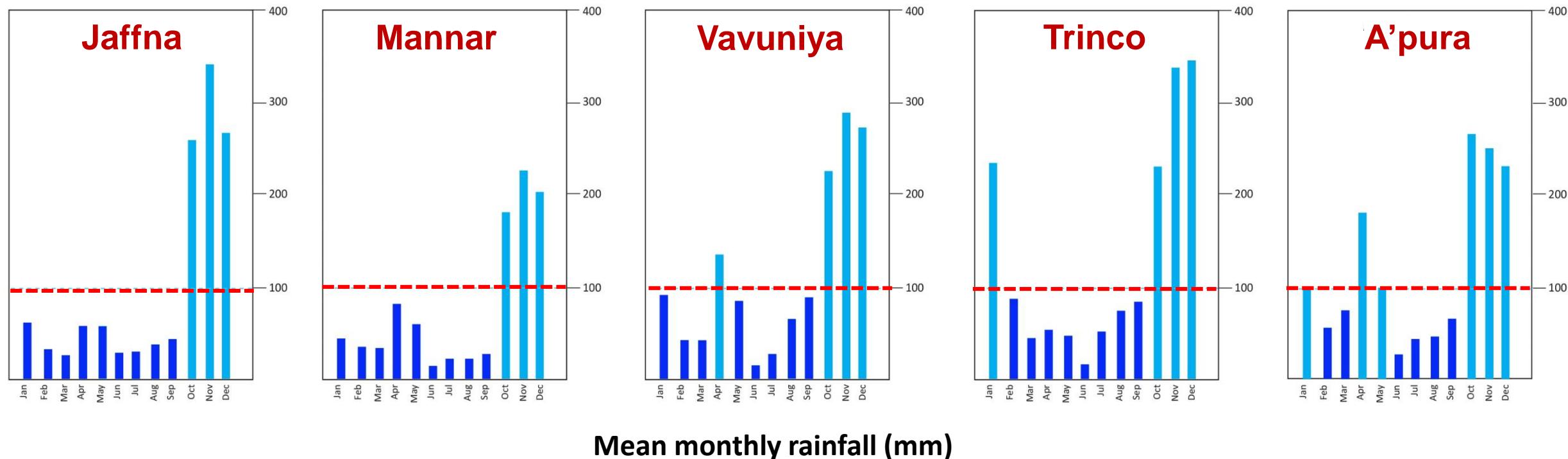
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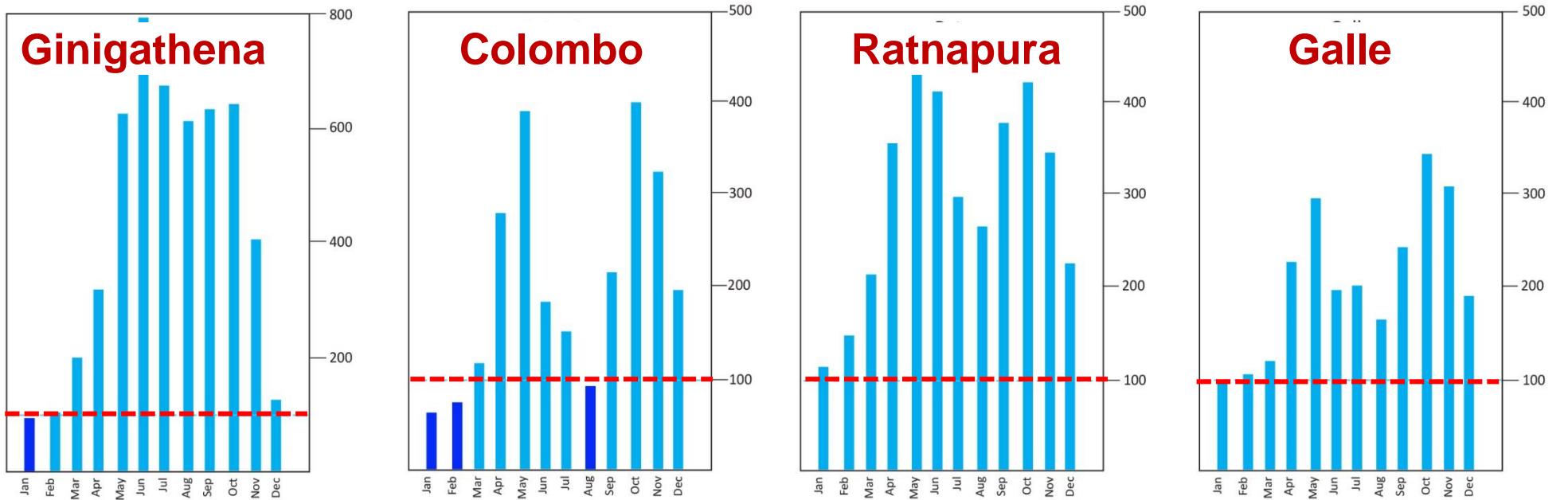


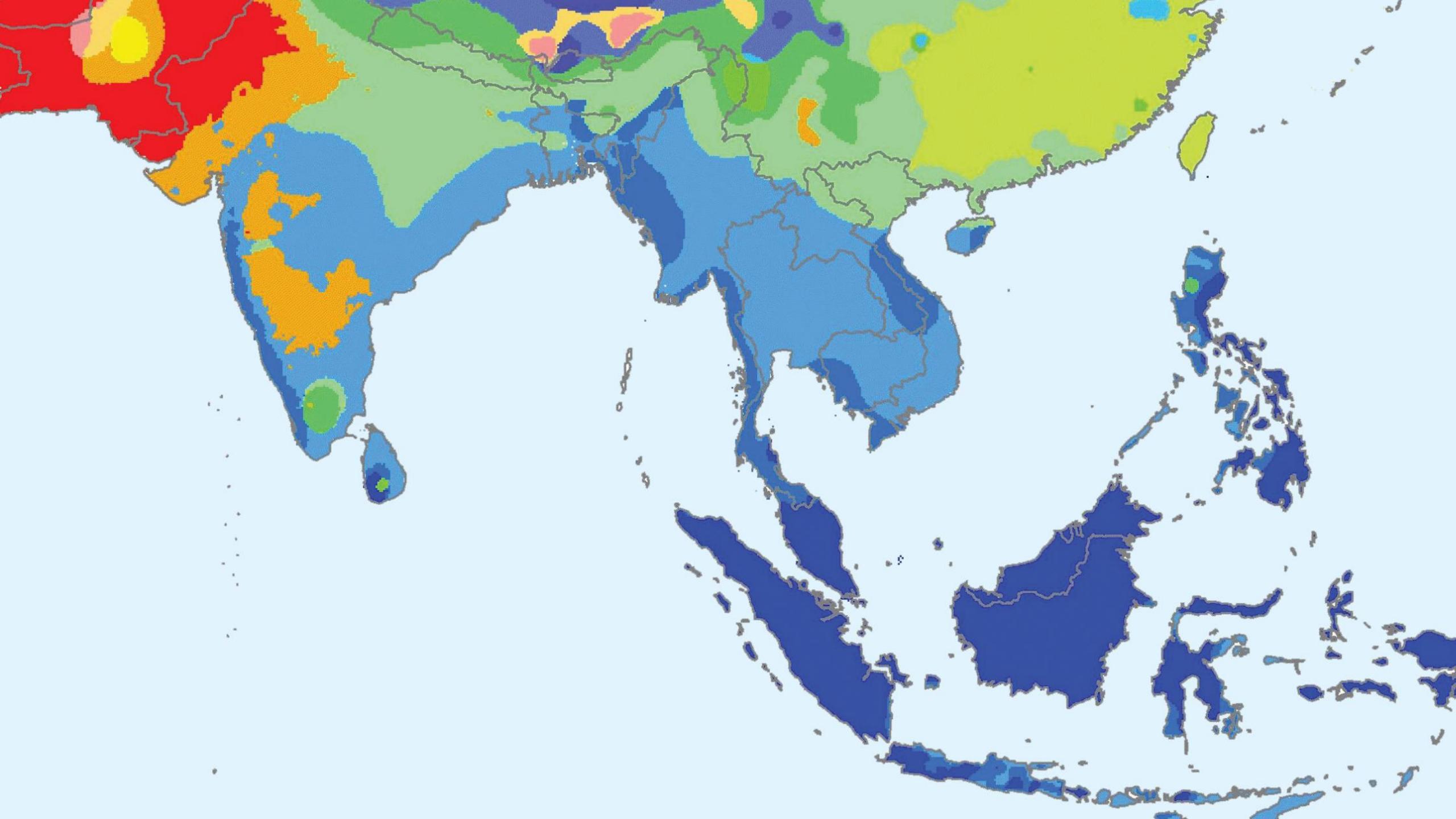
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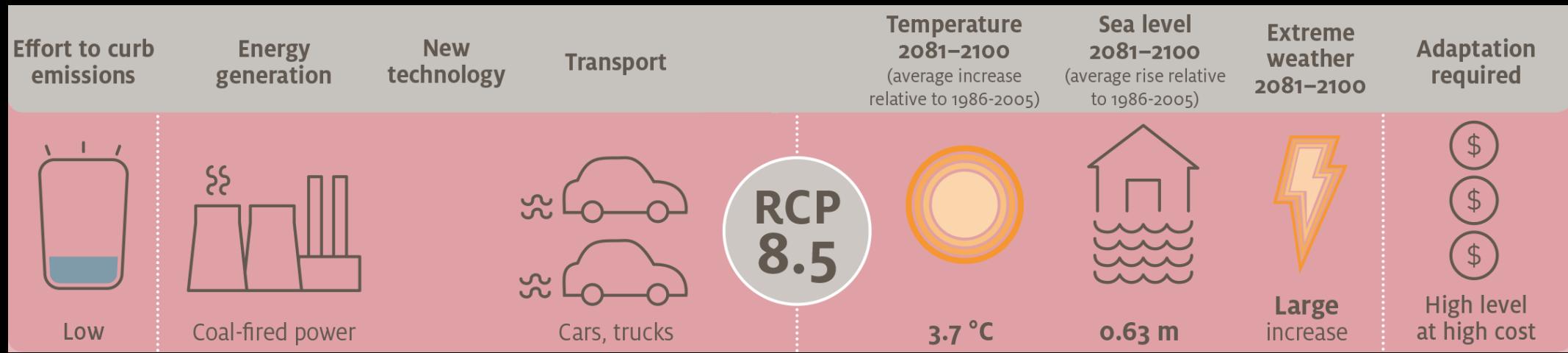




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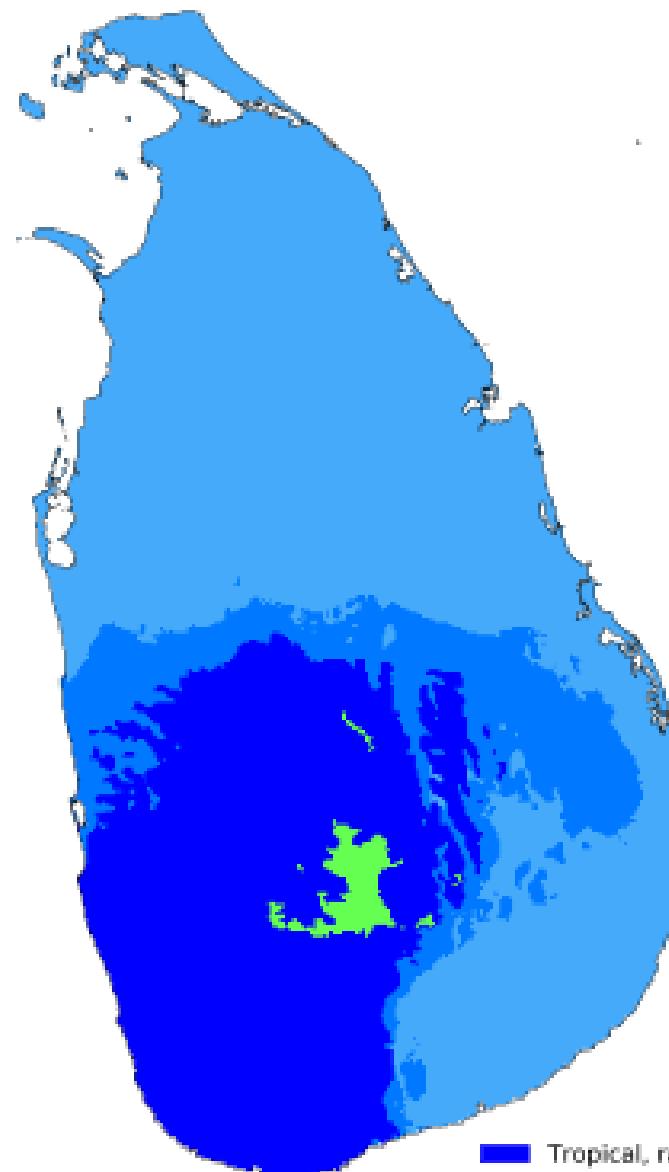
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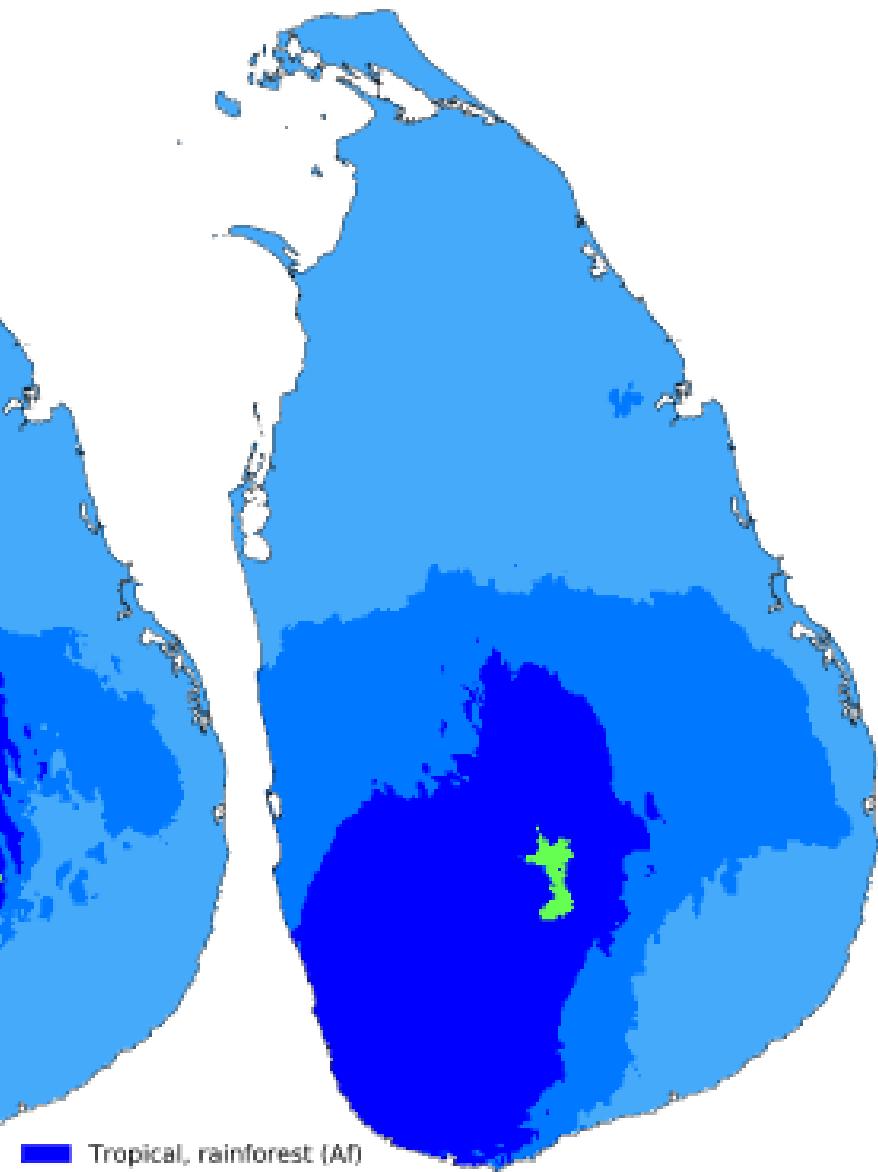
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Present



RCP 8.5 in 2100



- Tropical, rainforest (Af)
- Tropical, monsoon (Am)
- Tropical, savannah (Aw)
- Temperate, no dry season, warm summer (Cfb)

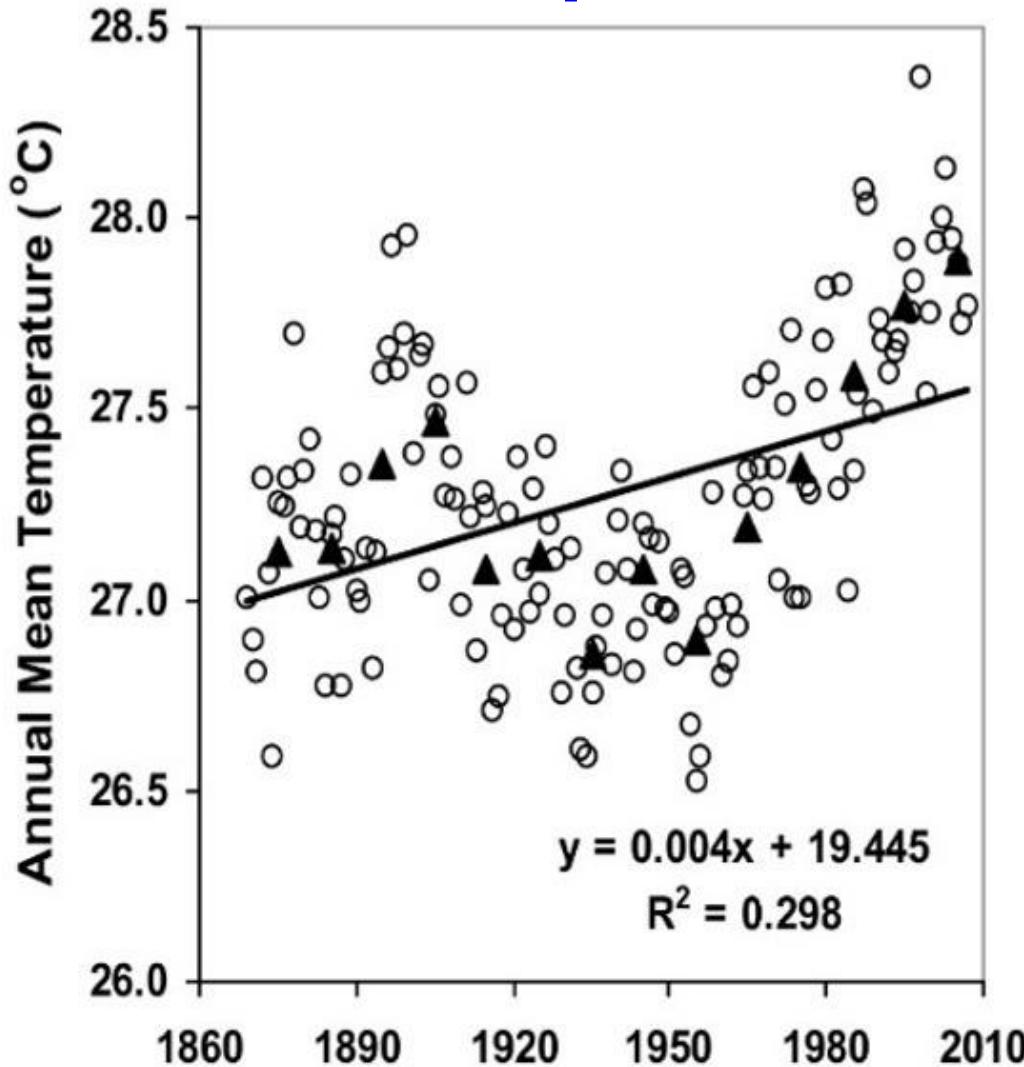
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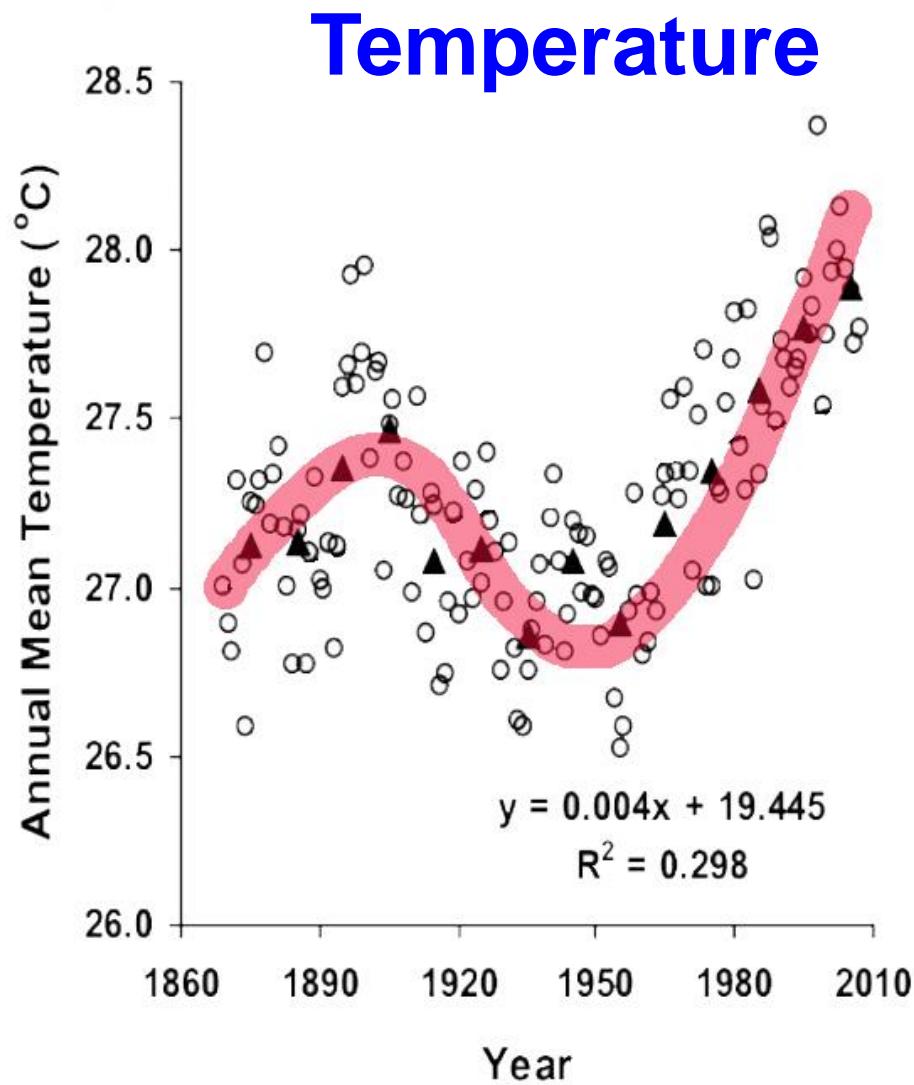
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# Climate

**The 30-year average weather conditions  
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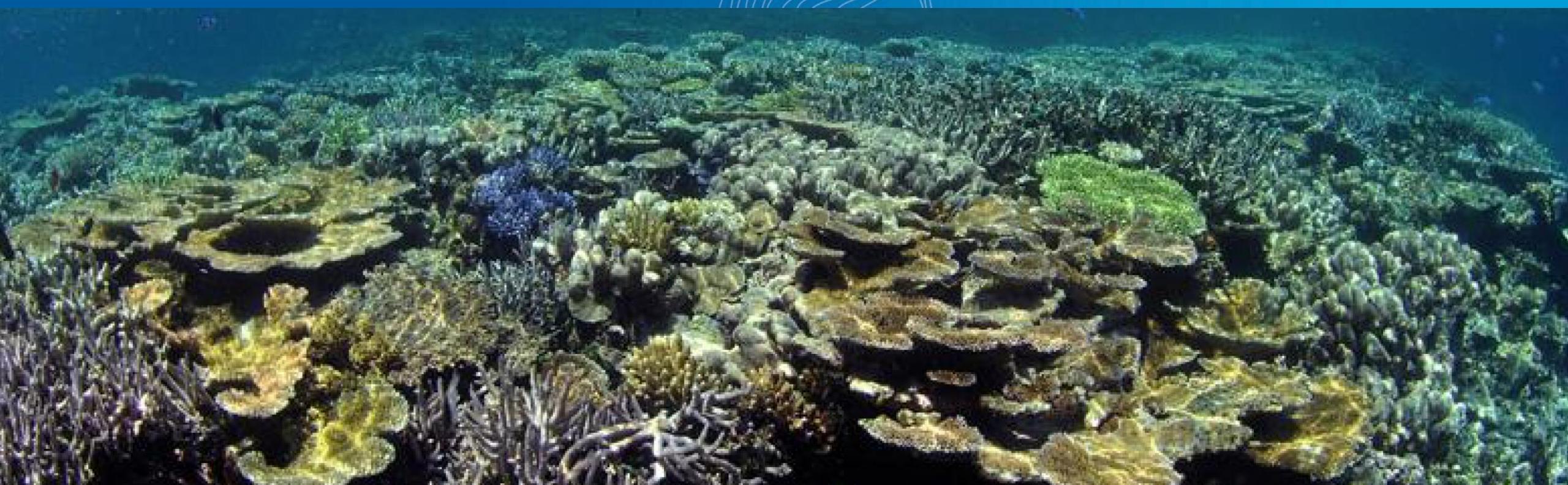
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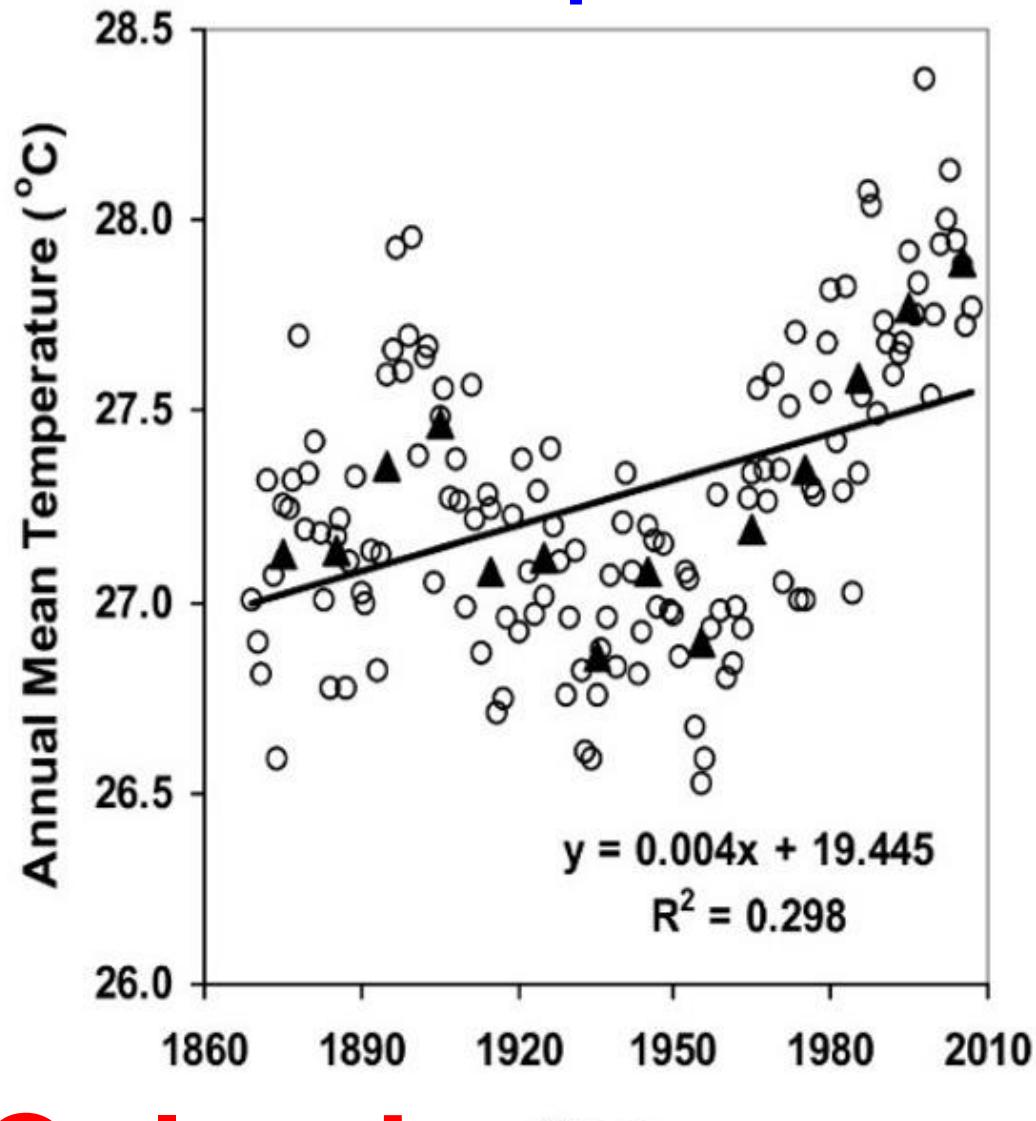
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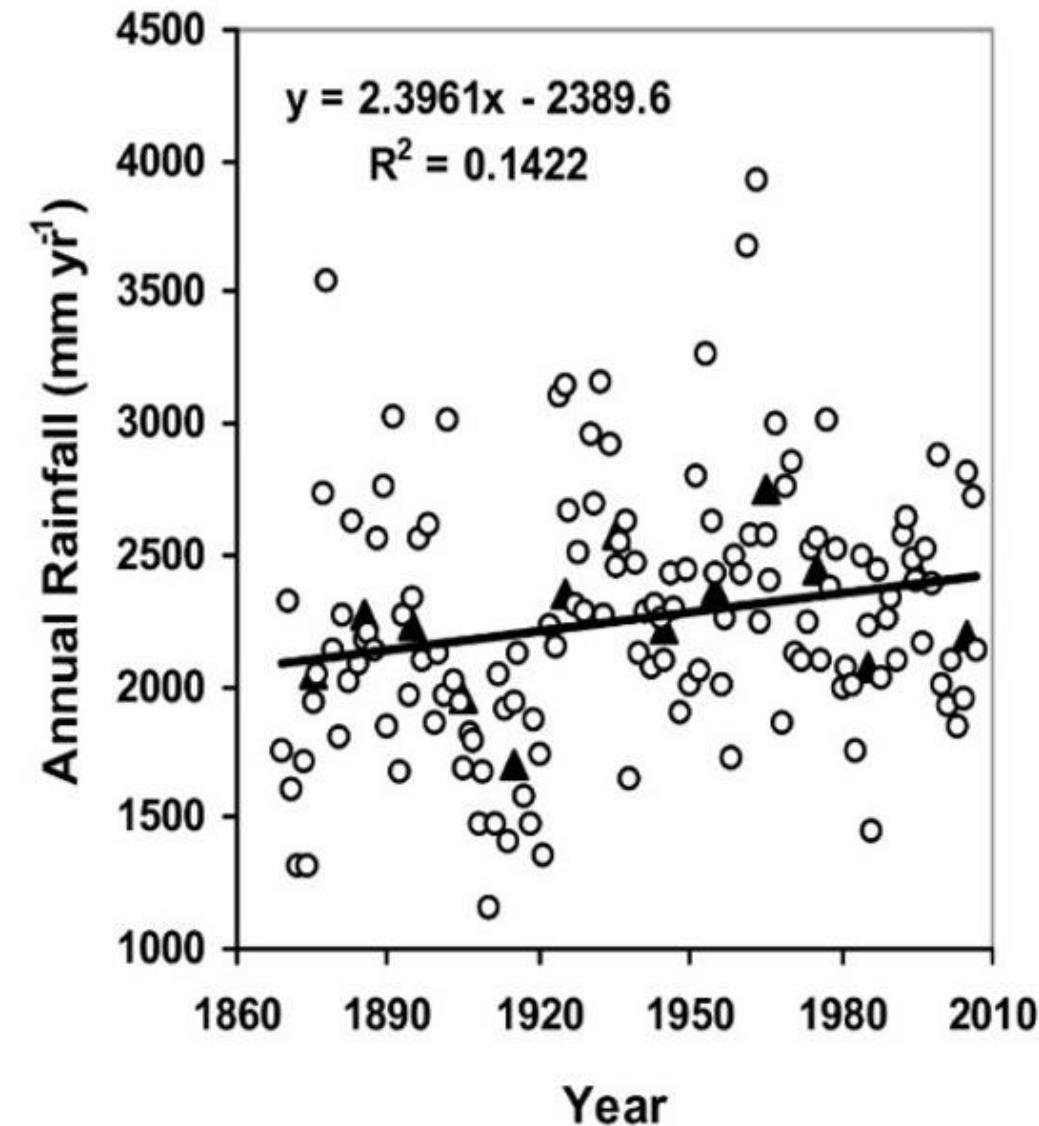
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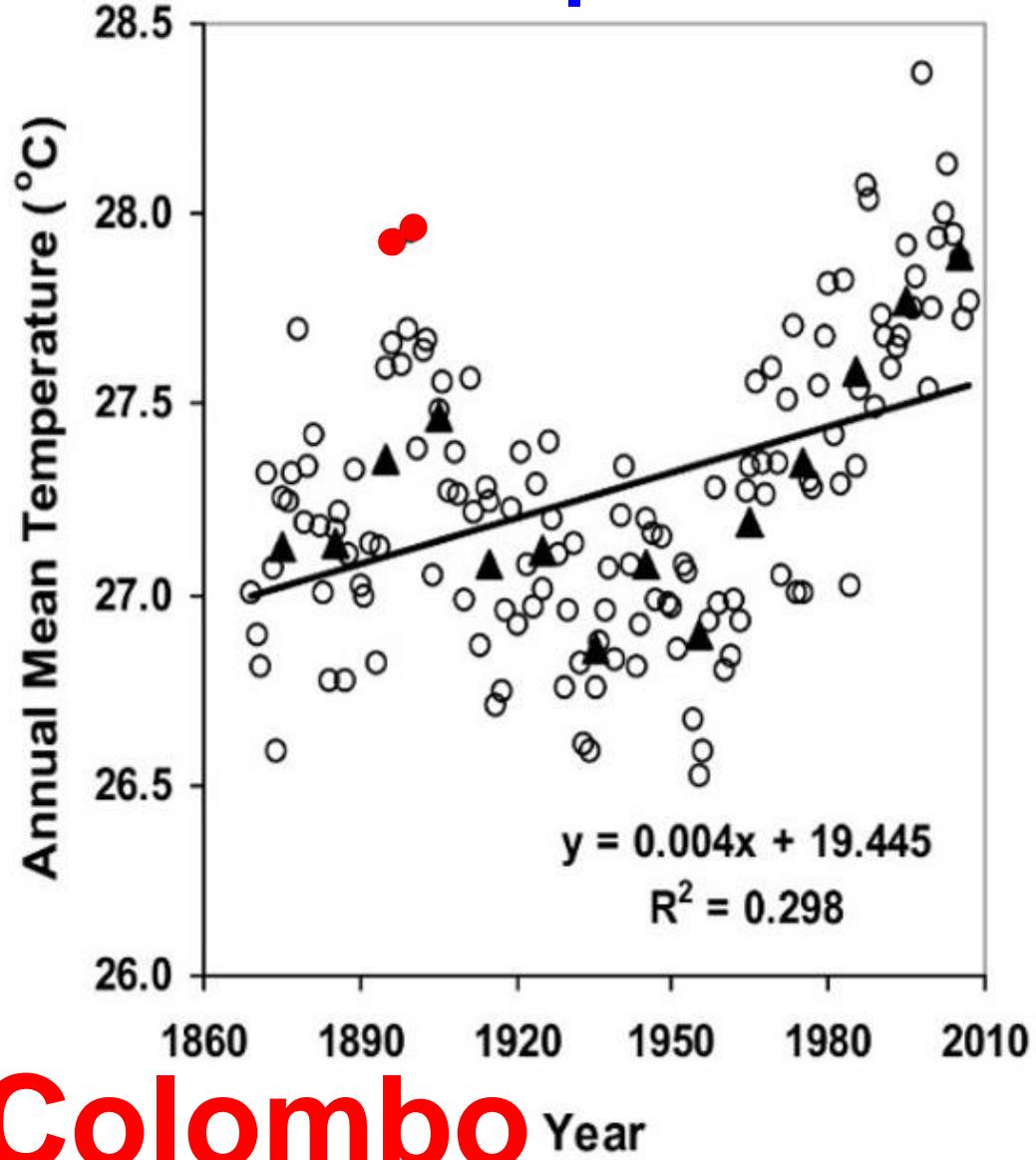


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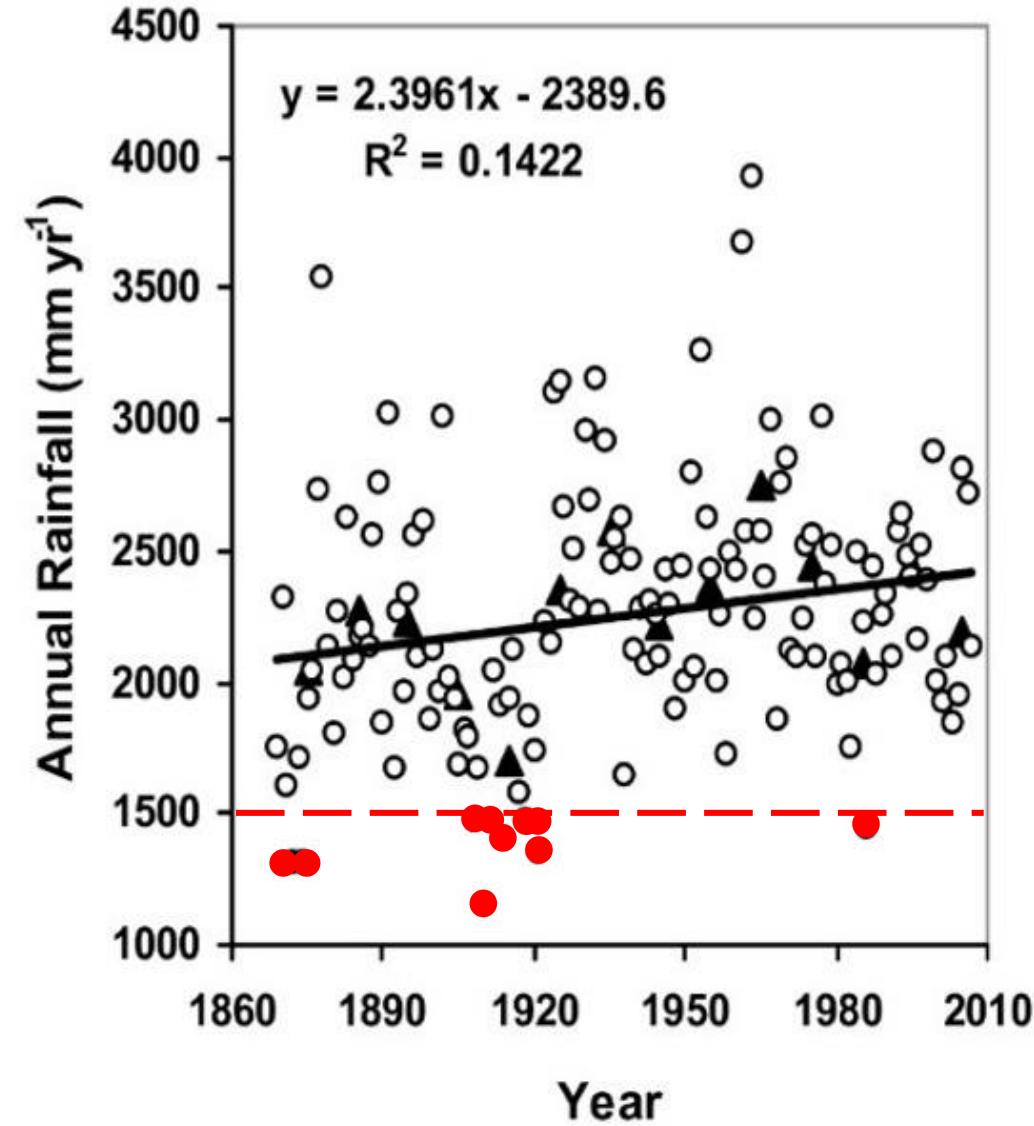


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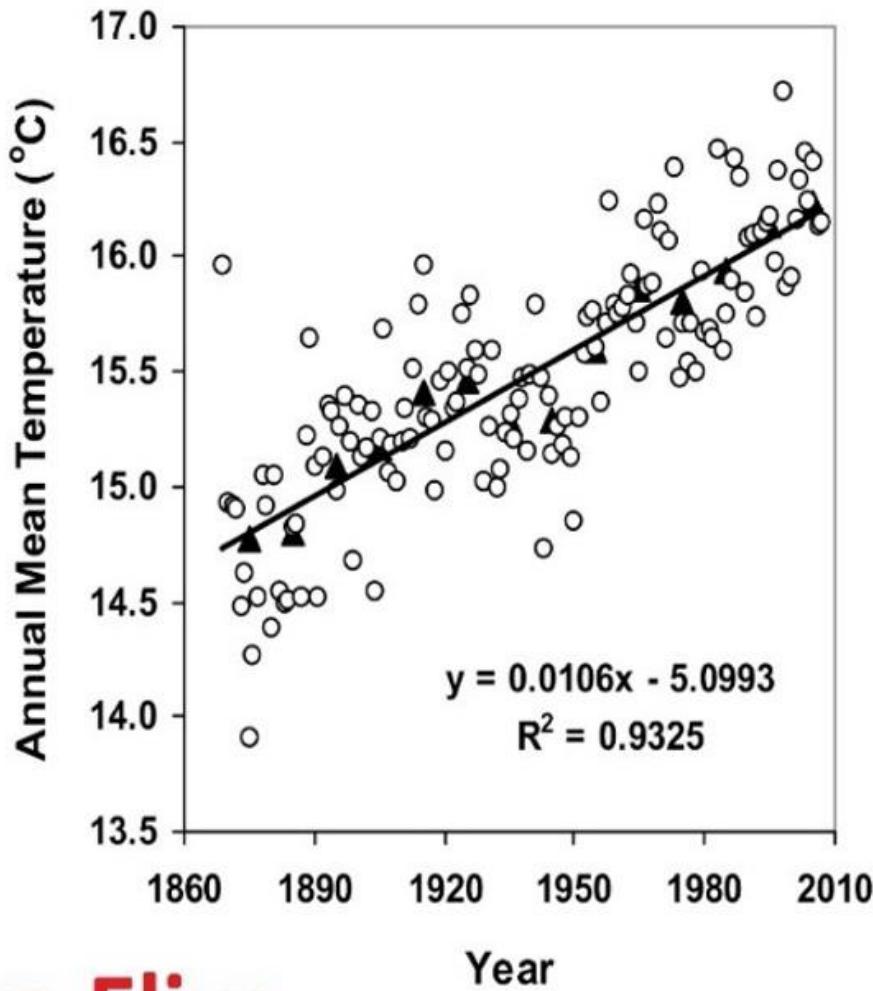


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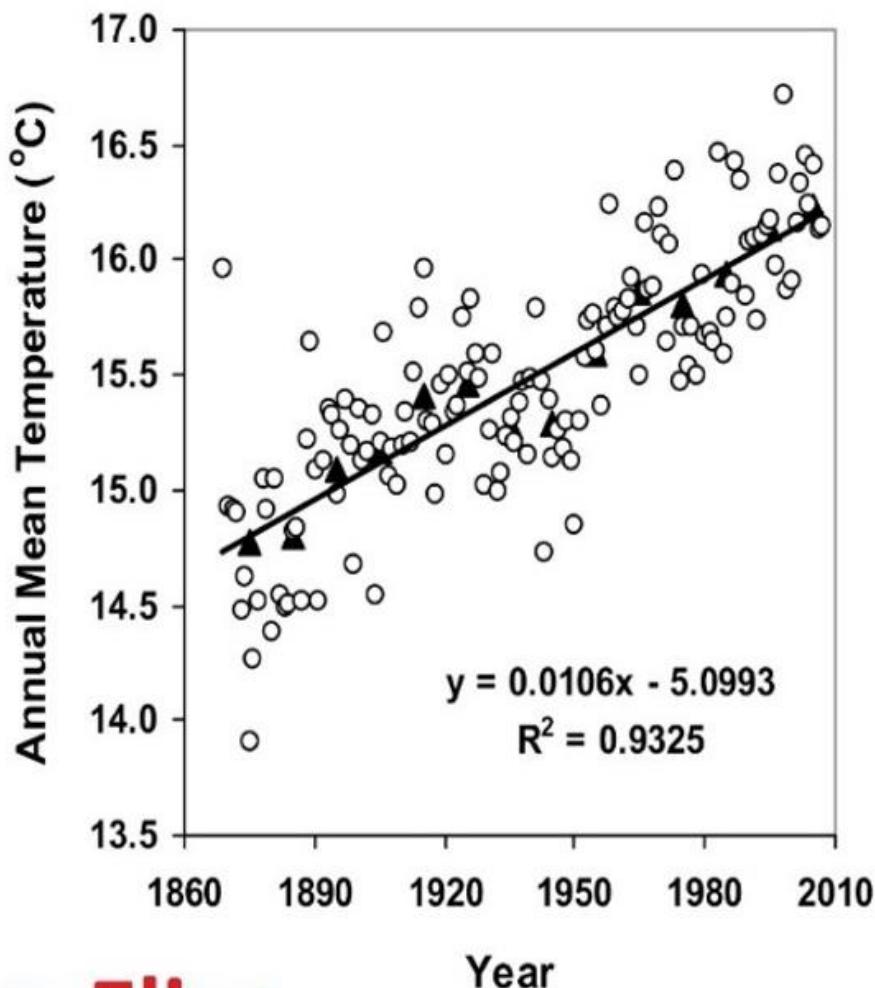
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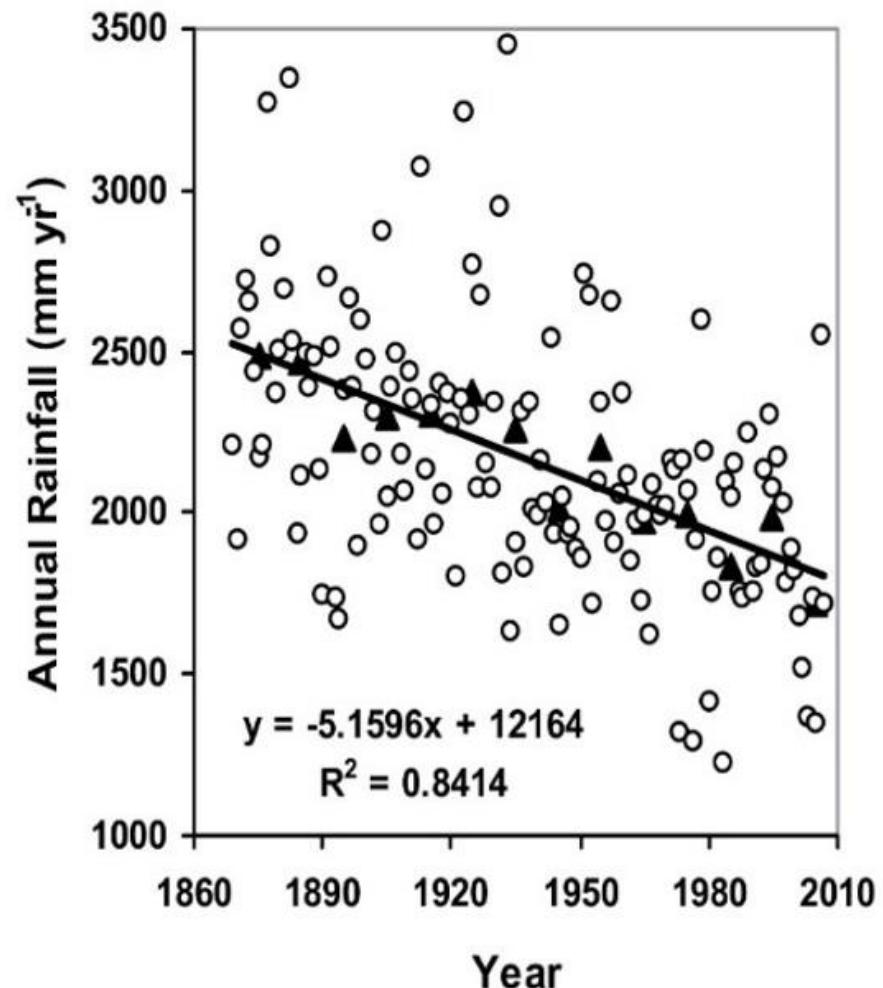
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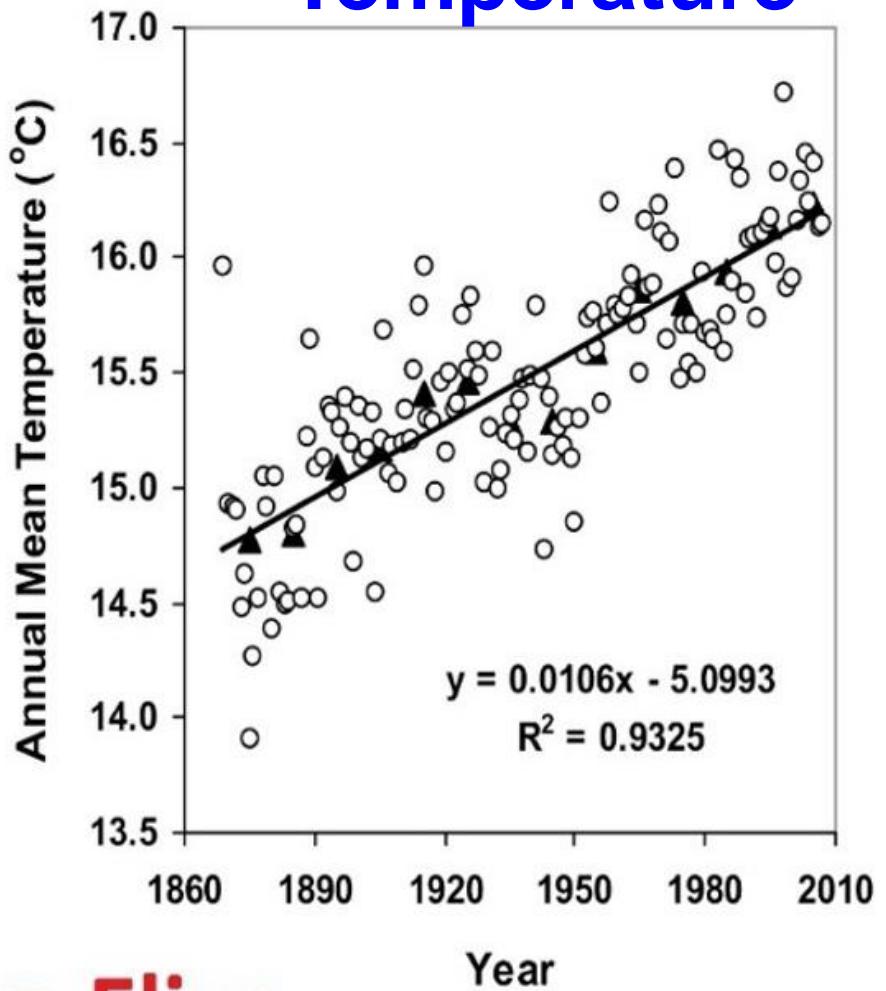
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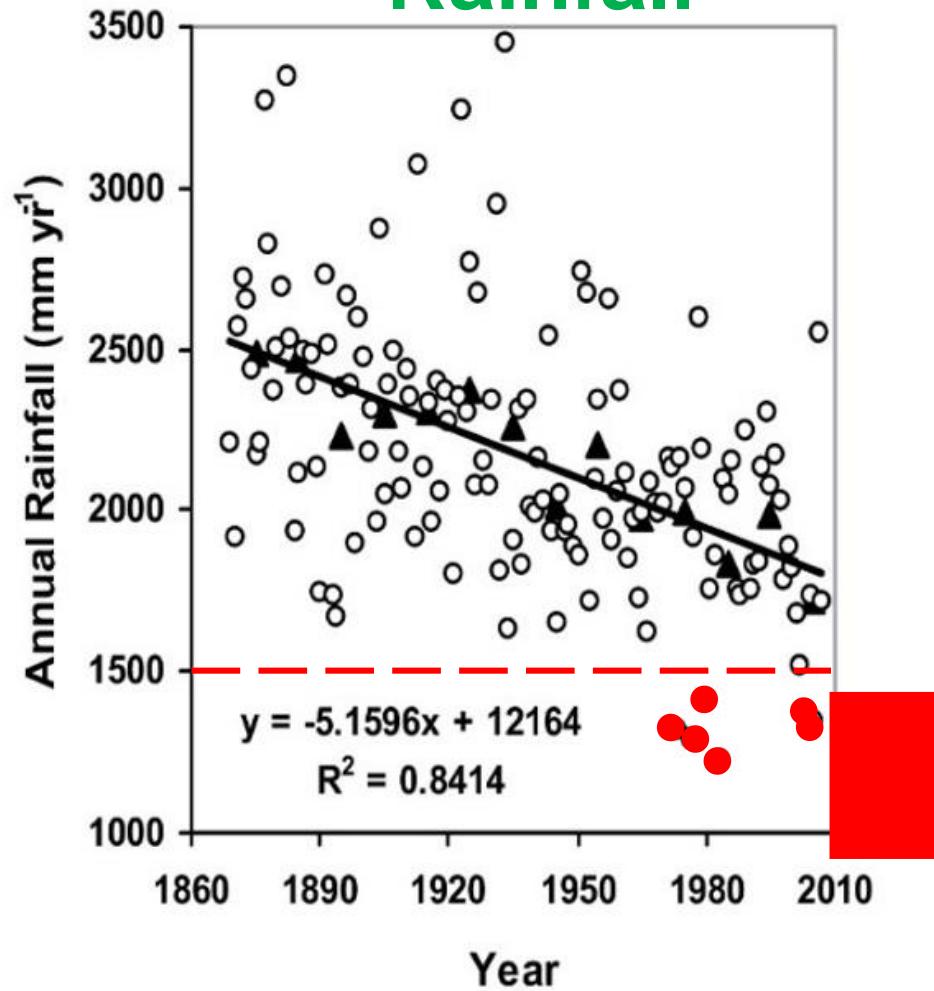


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**70,000 sq ft**

**Energy Savings:**

**Overall: 70% @ < 25°C**

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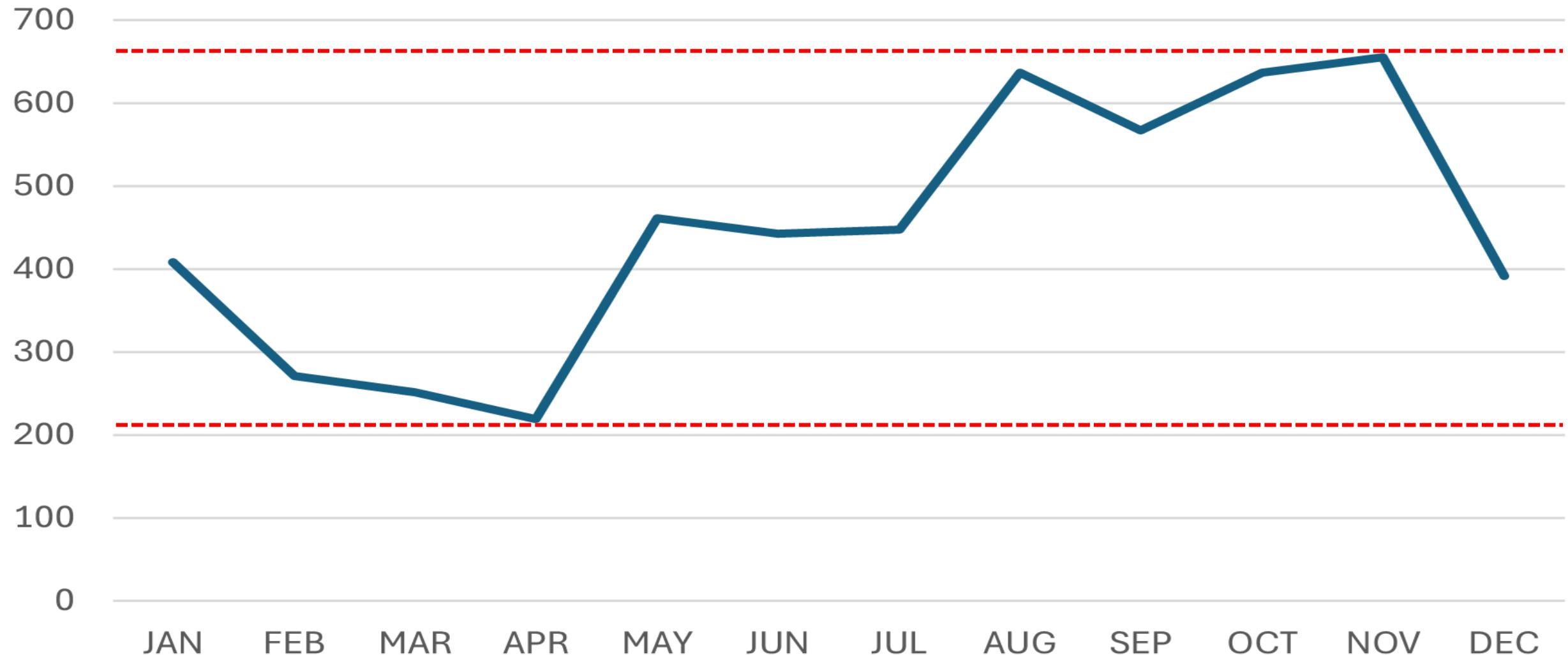
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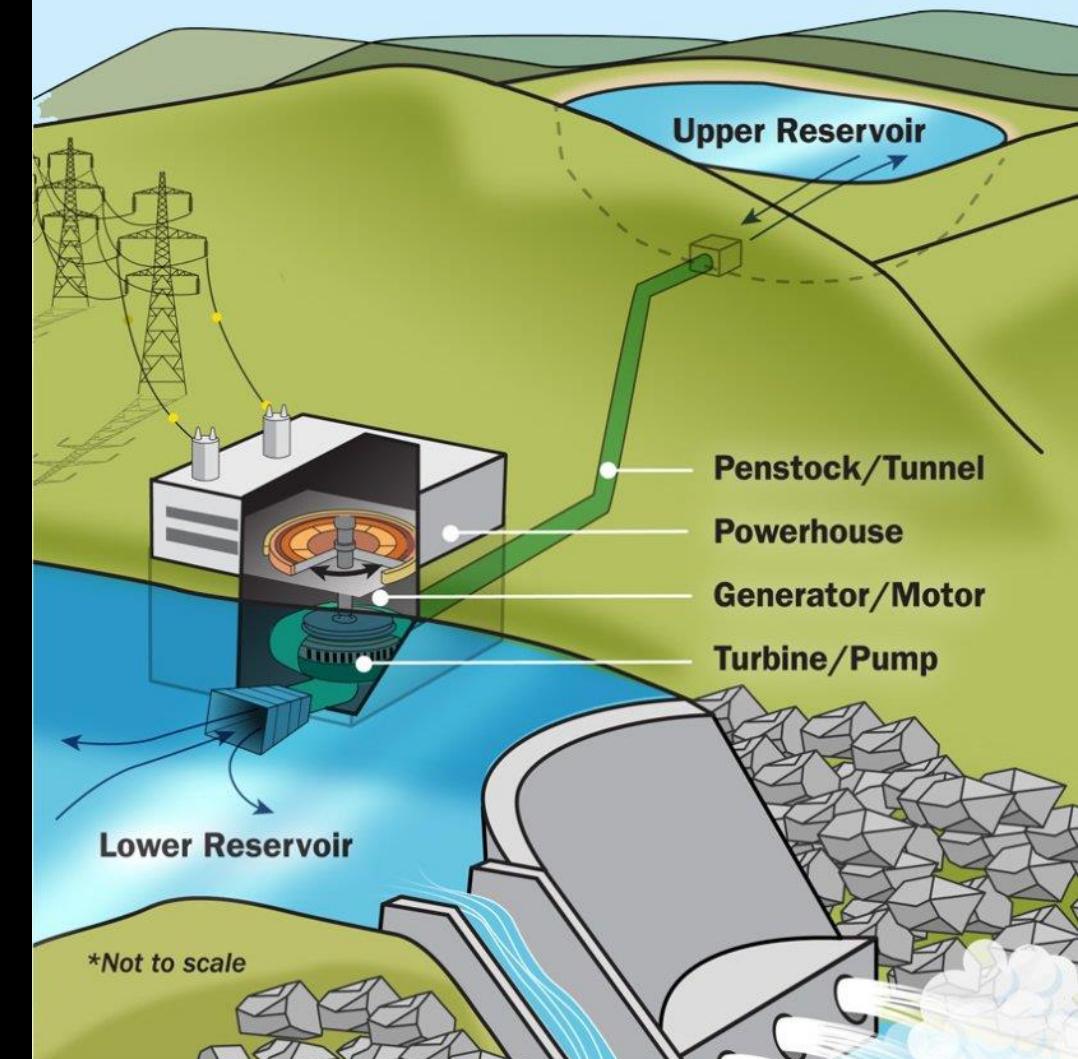
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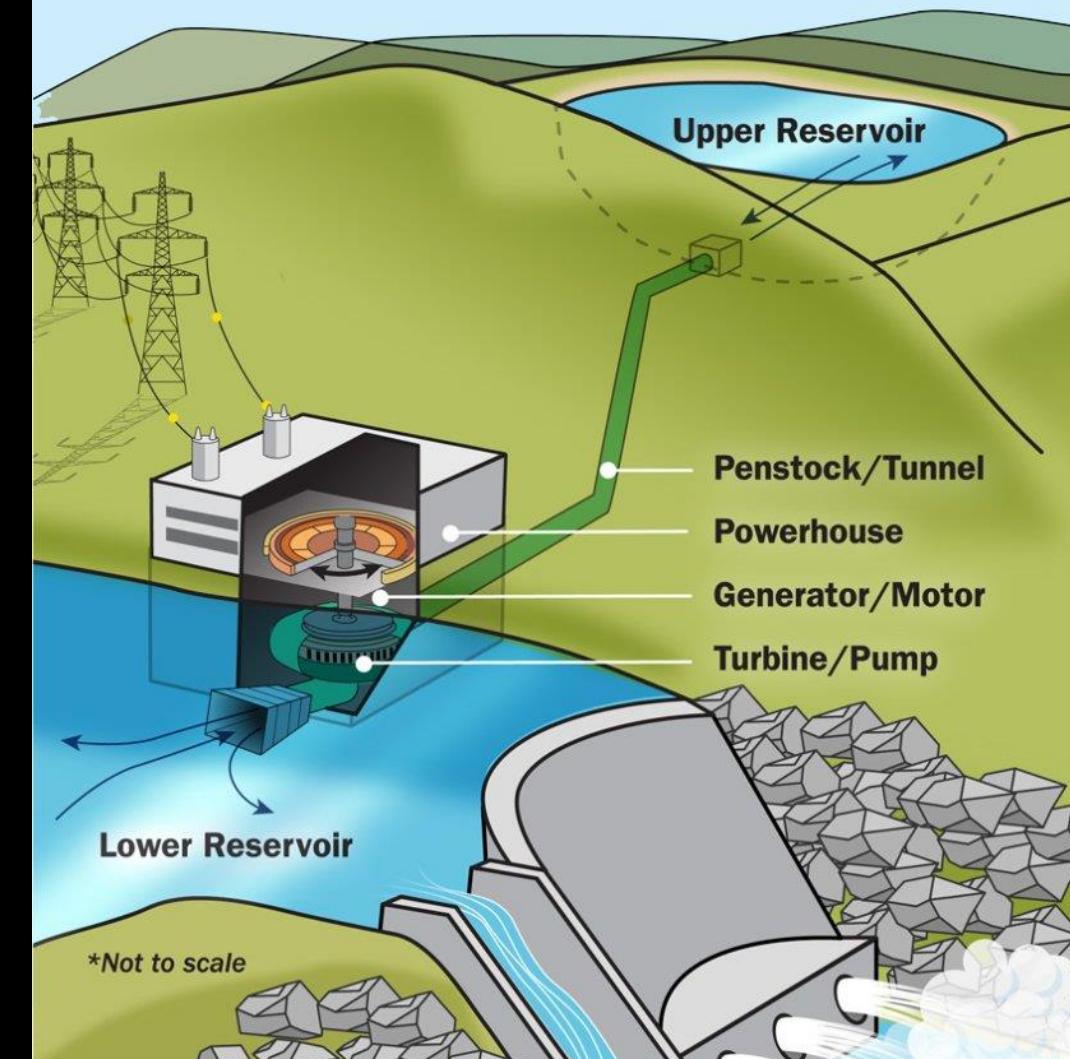
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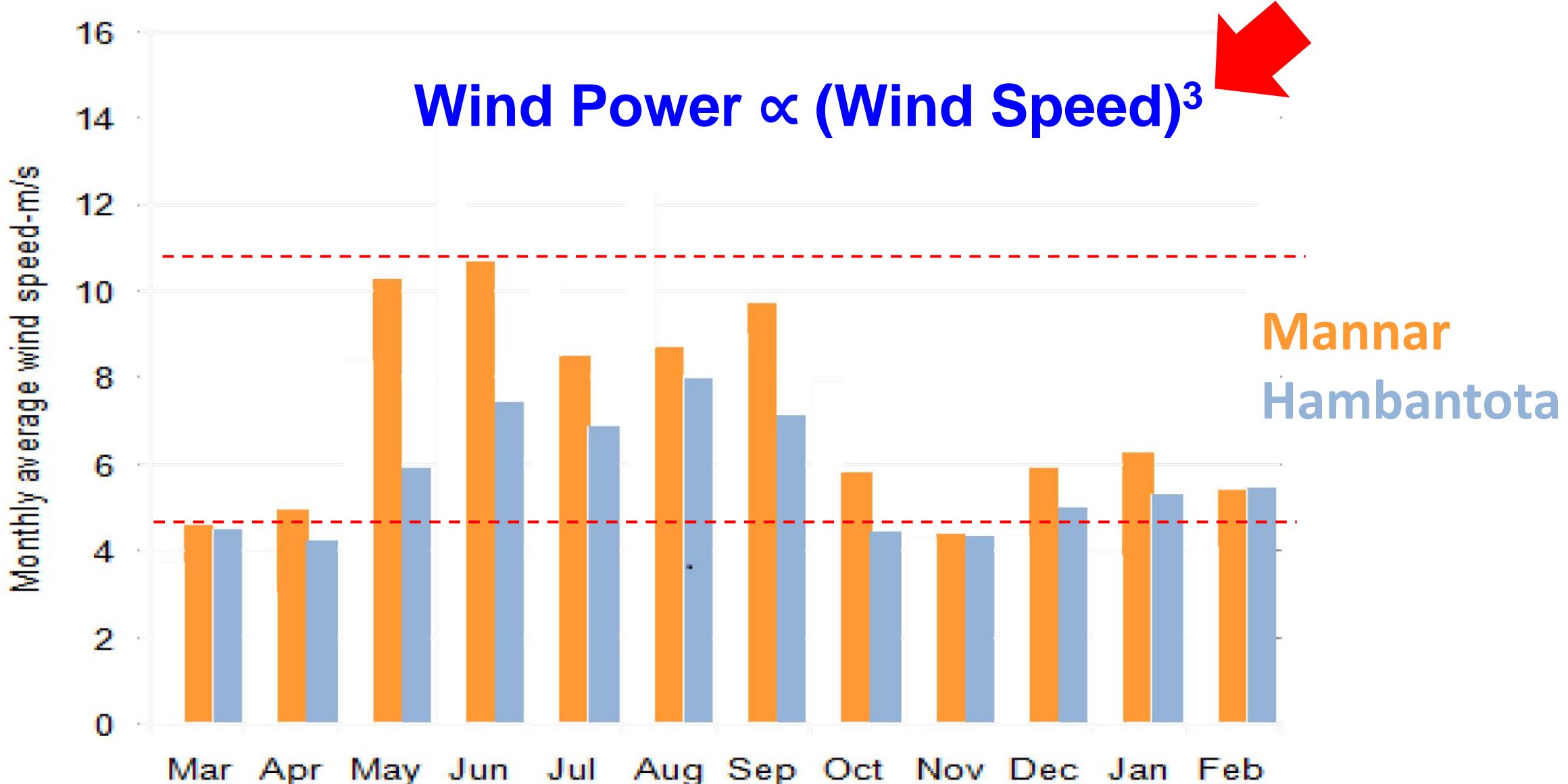
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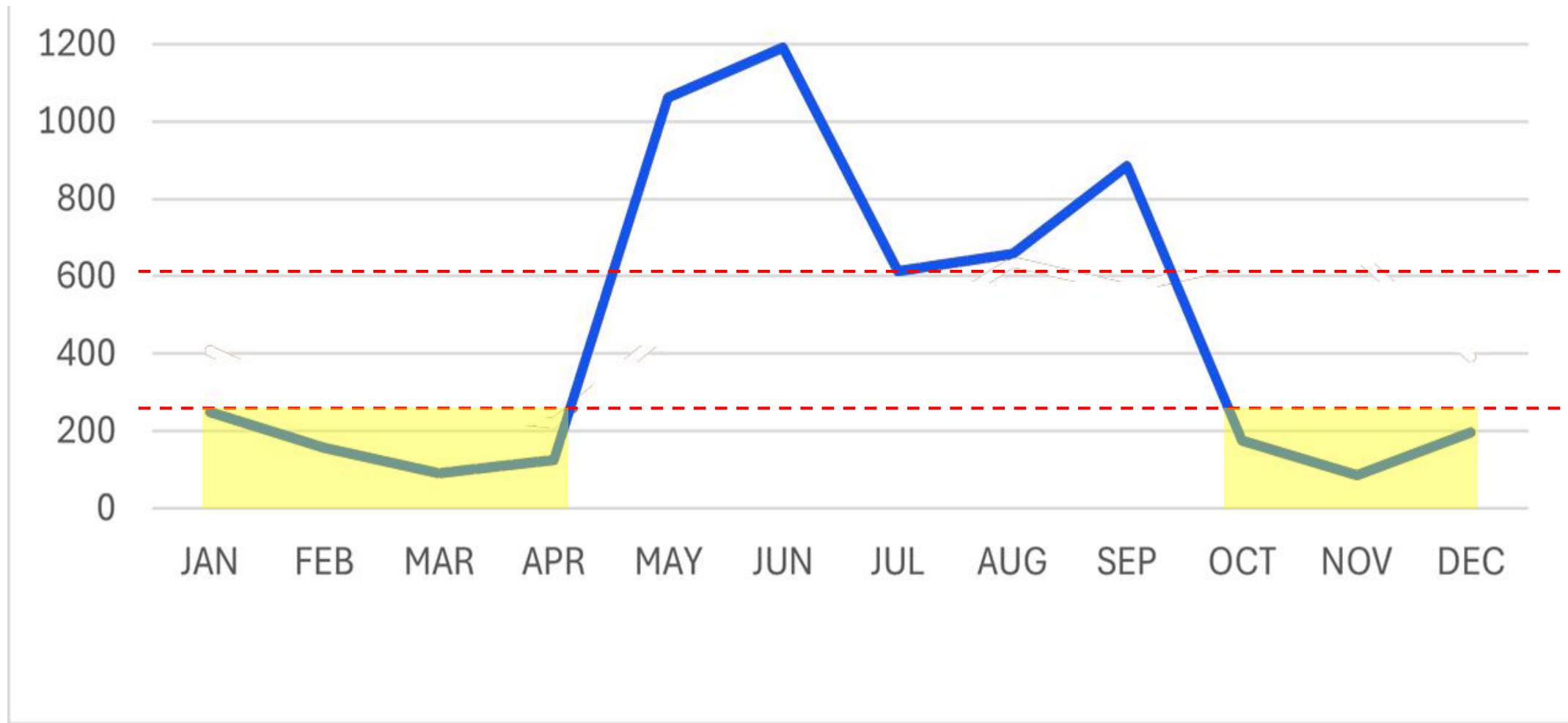
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Power  
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# Wind Power



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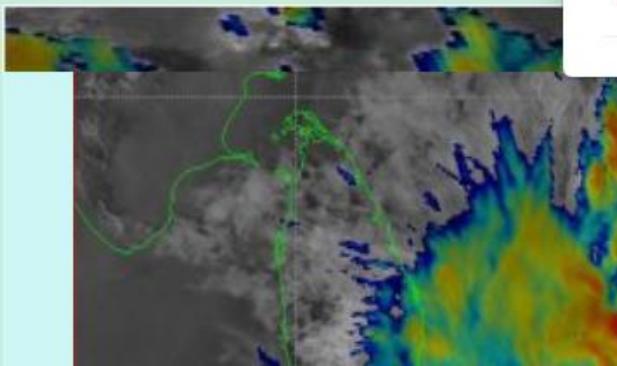
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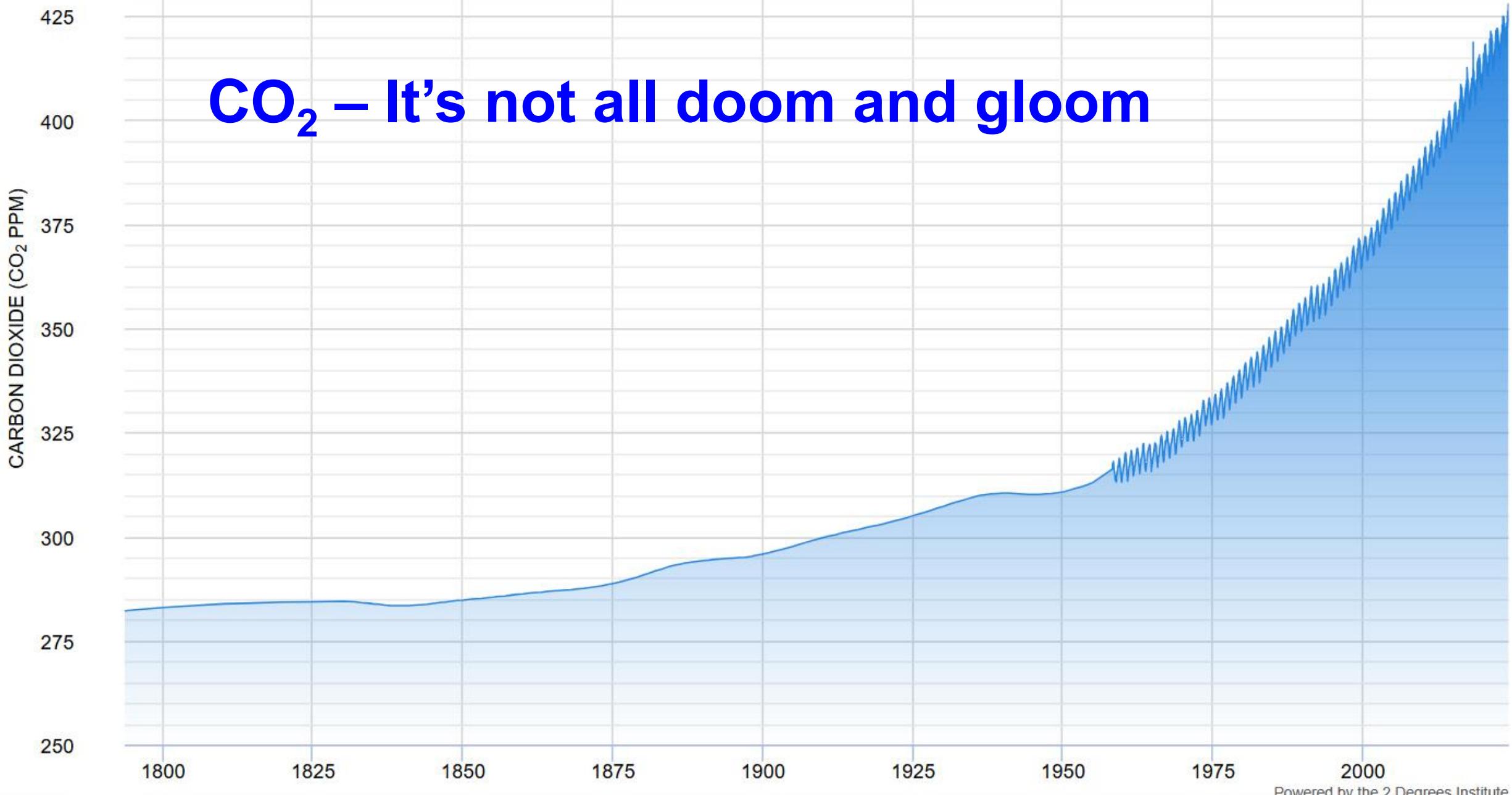
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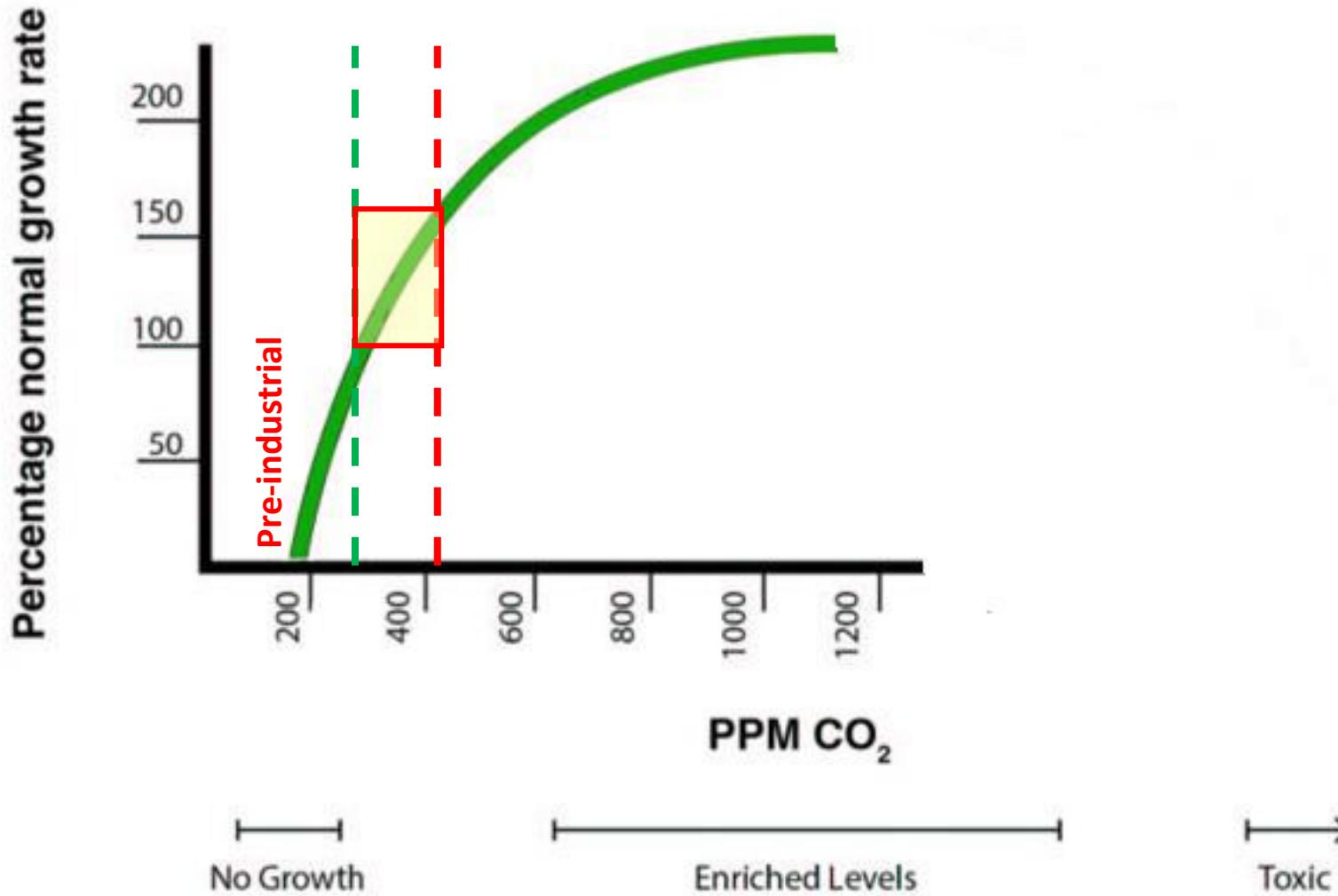
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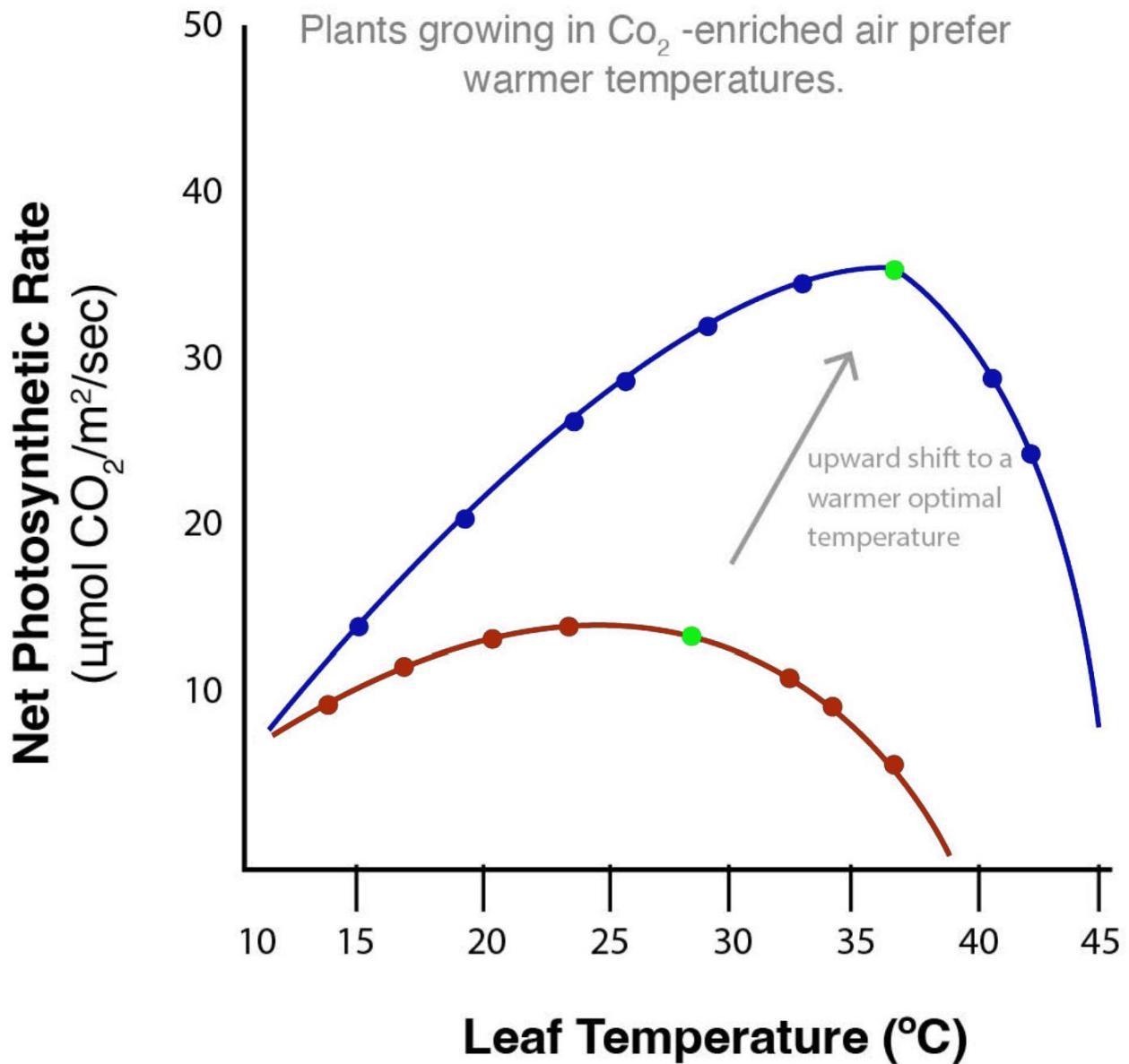




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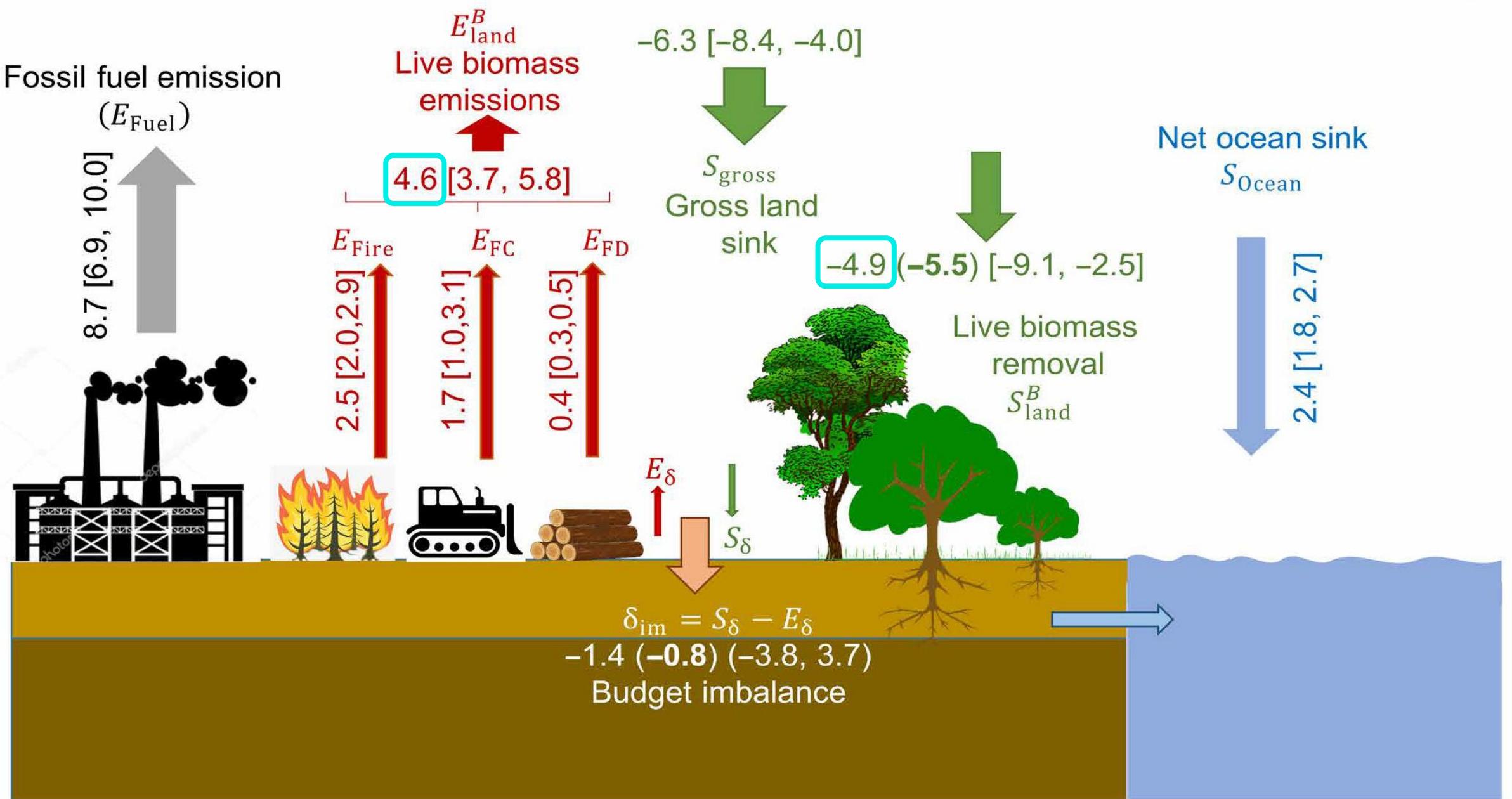
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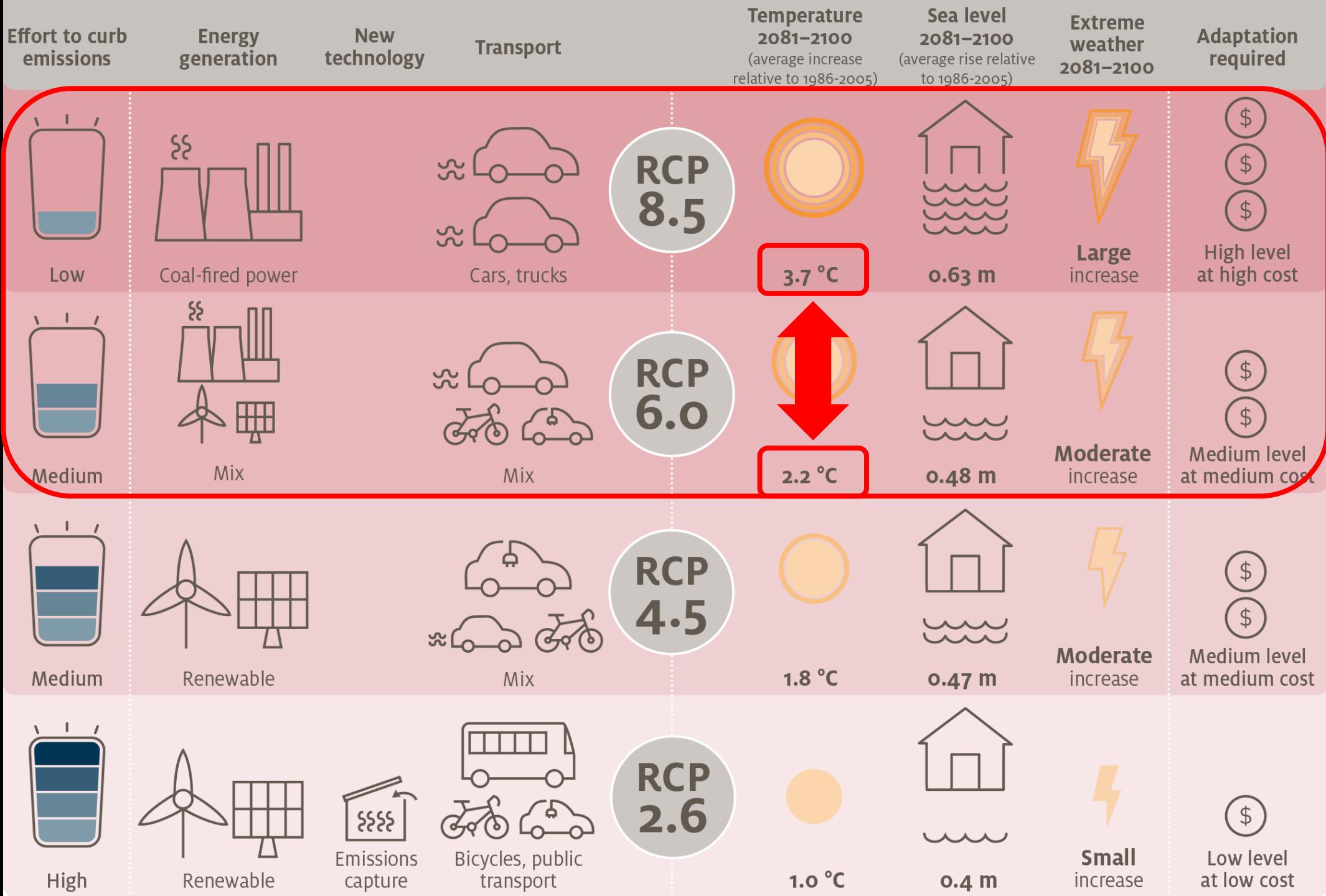




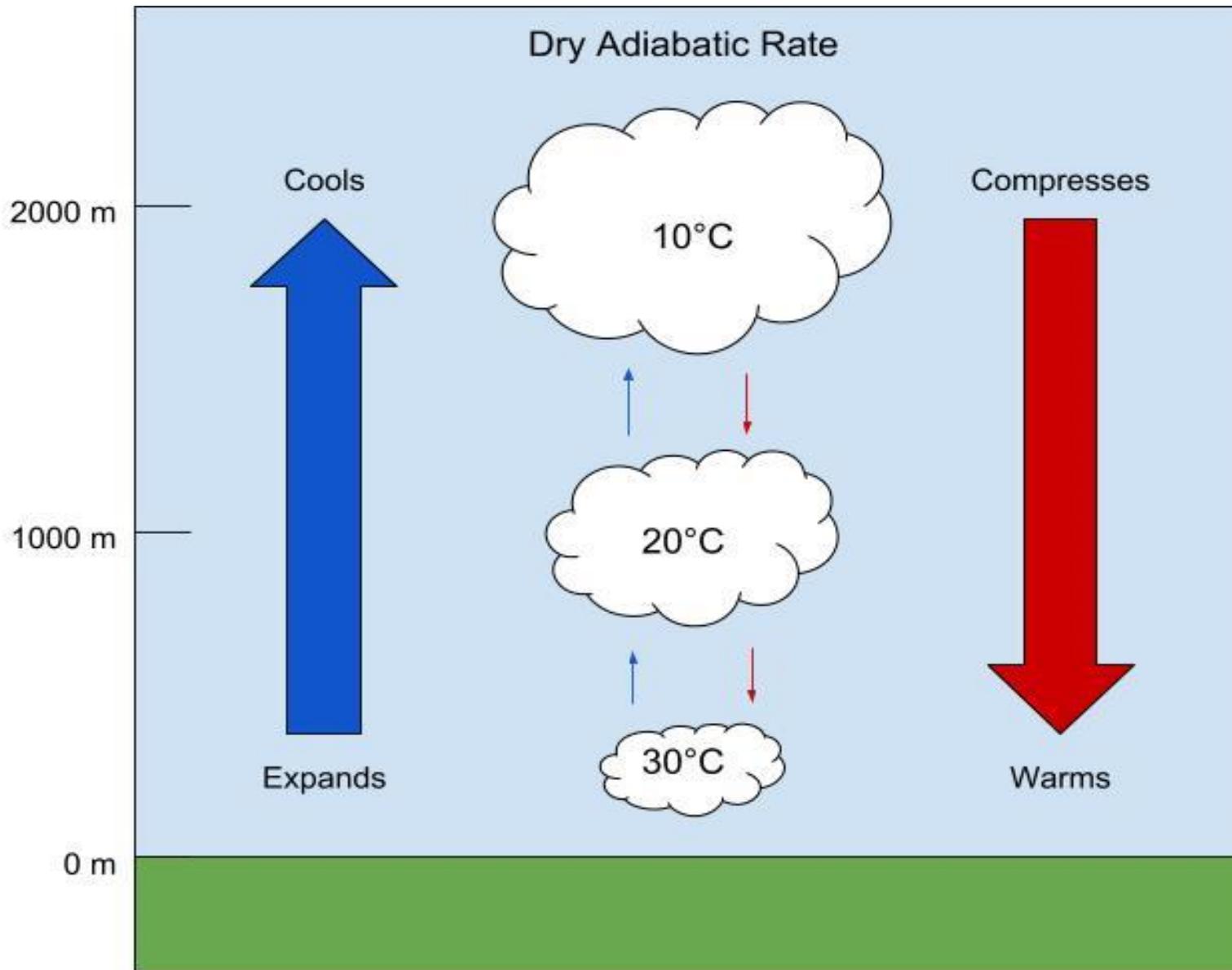


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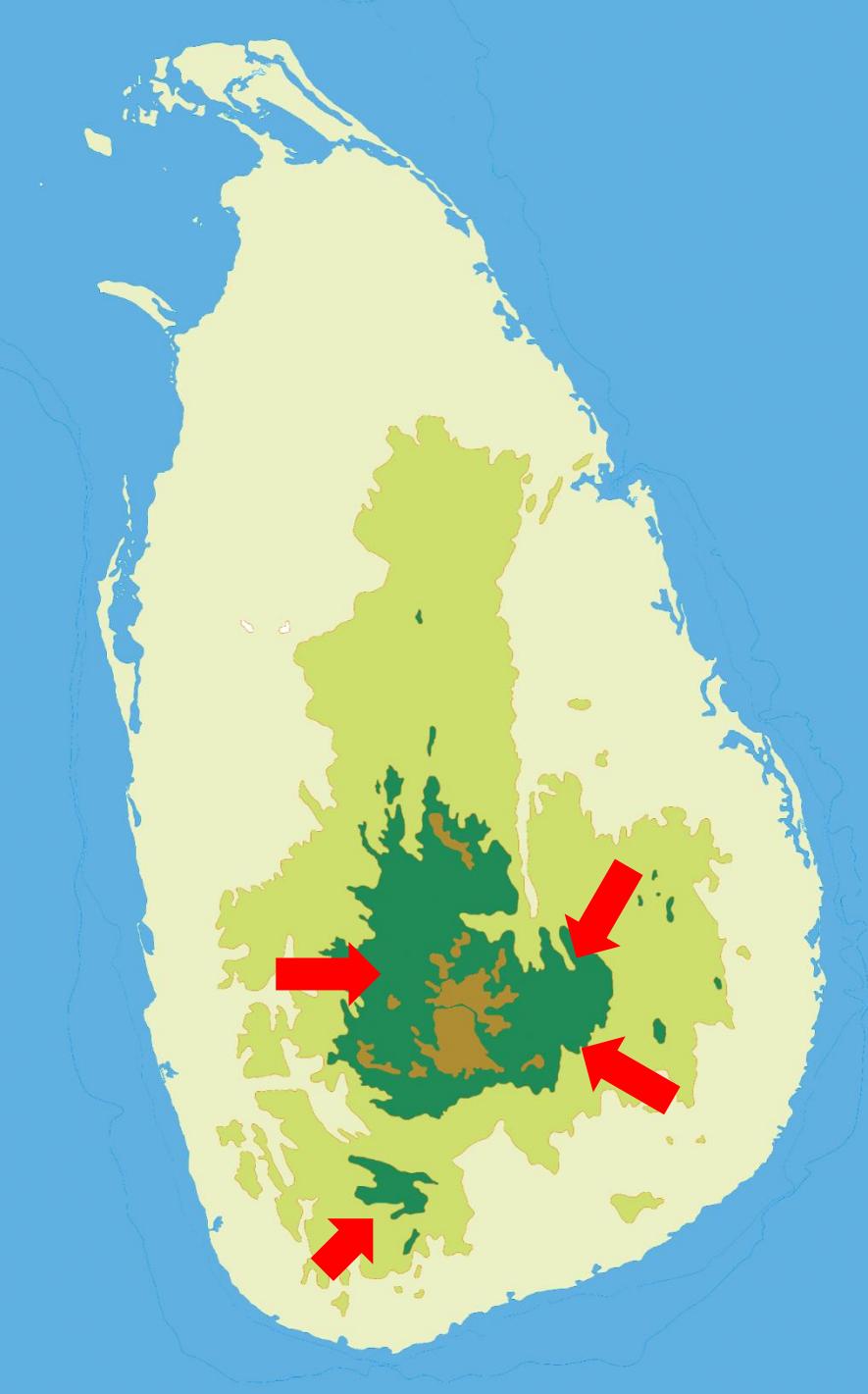


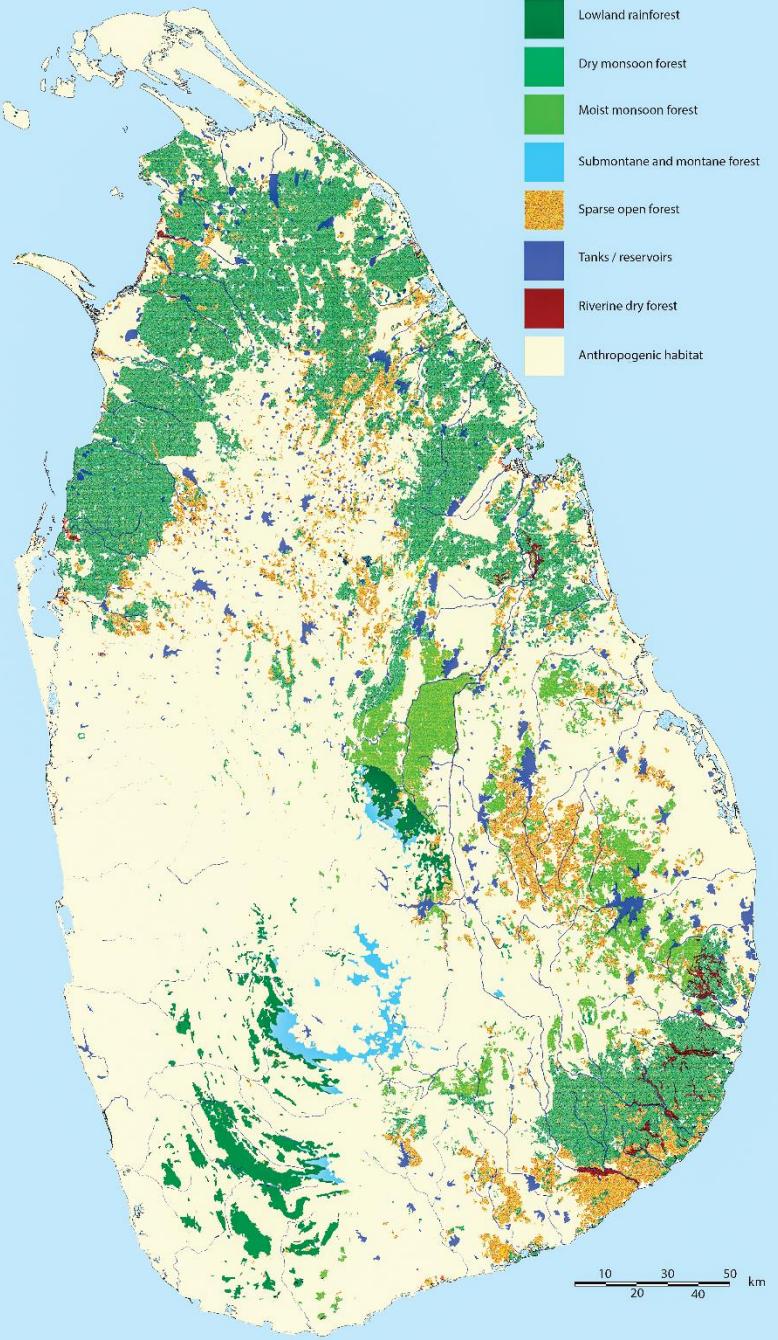
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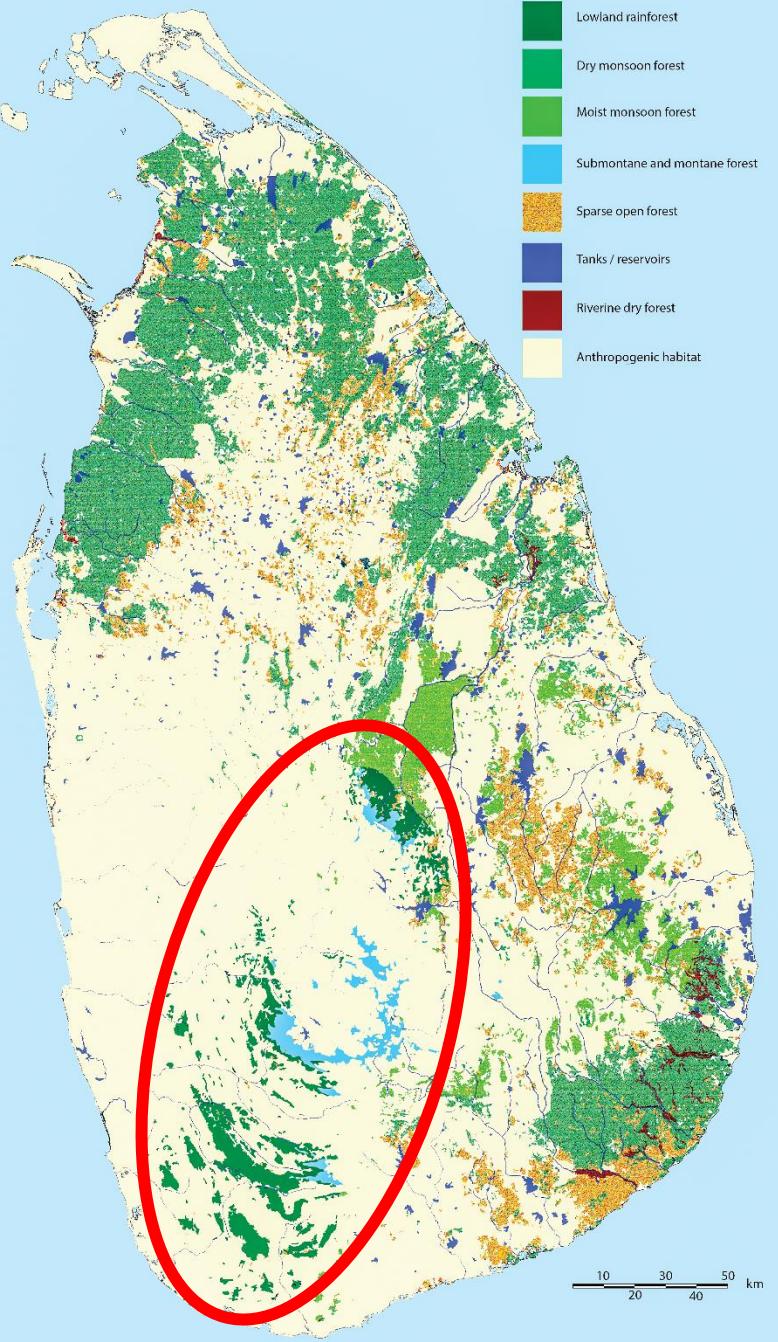
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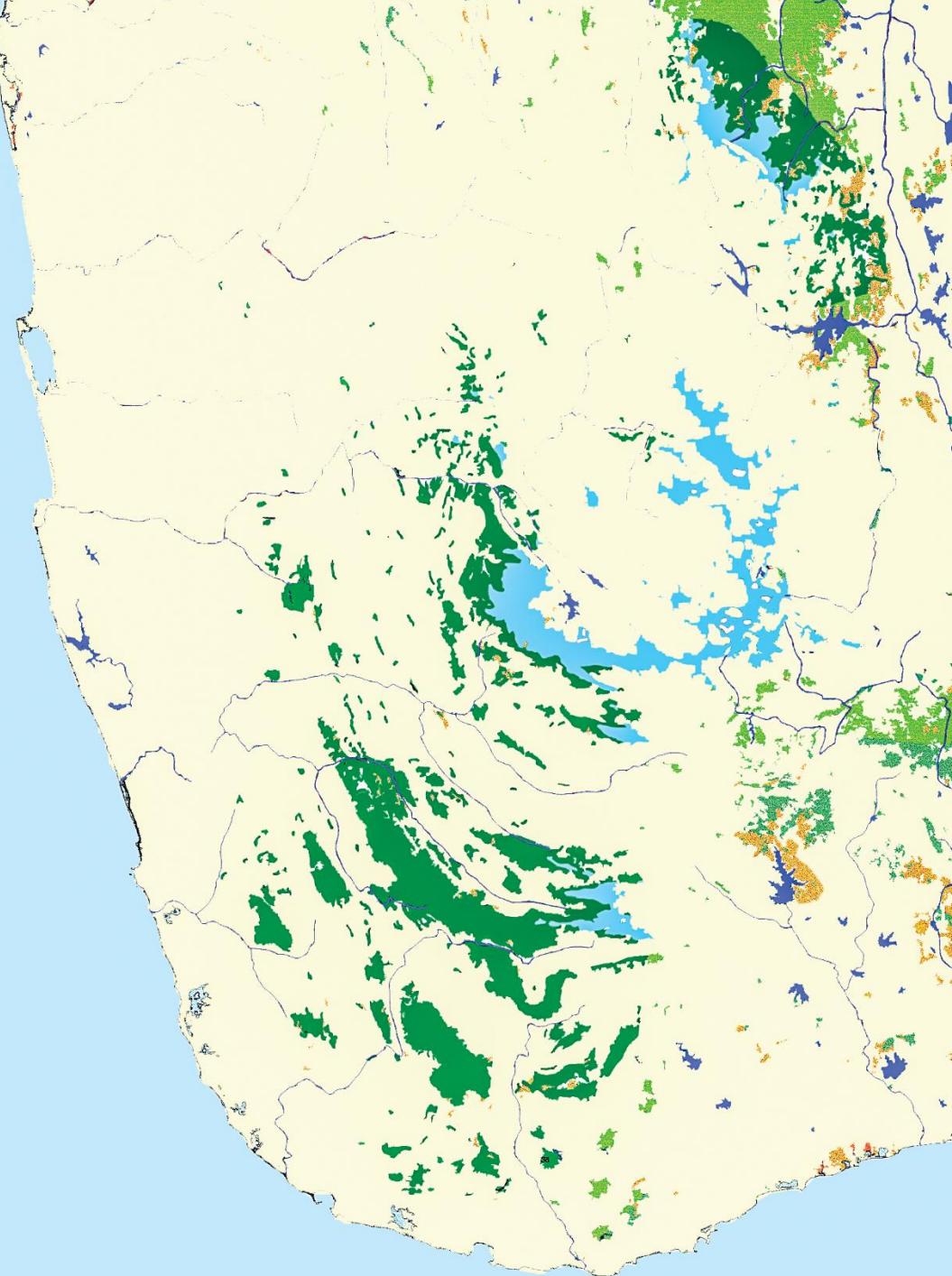
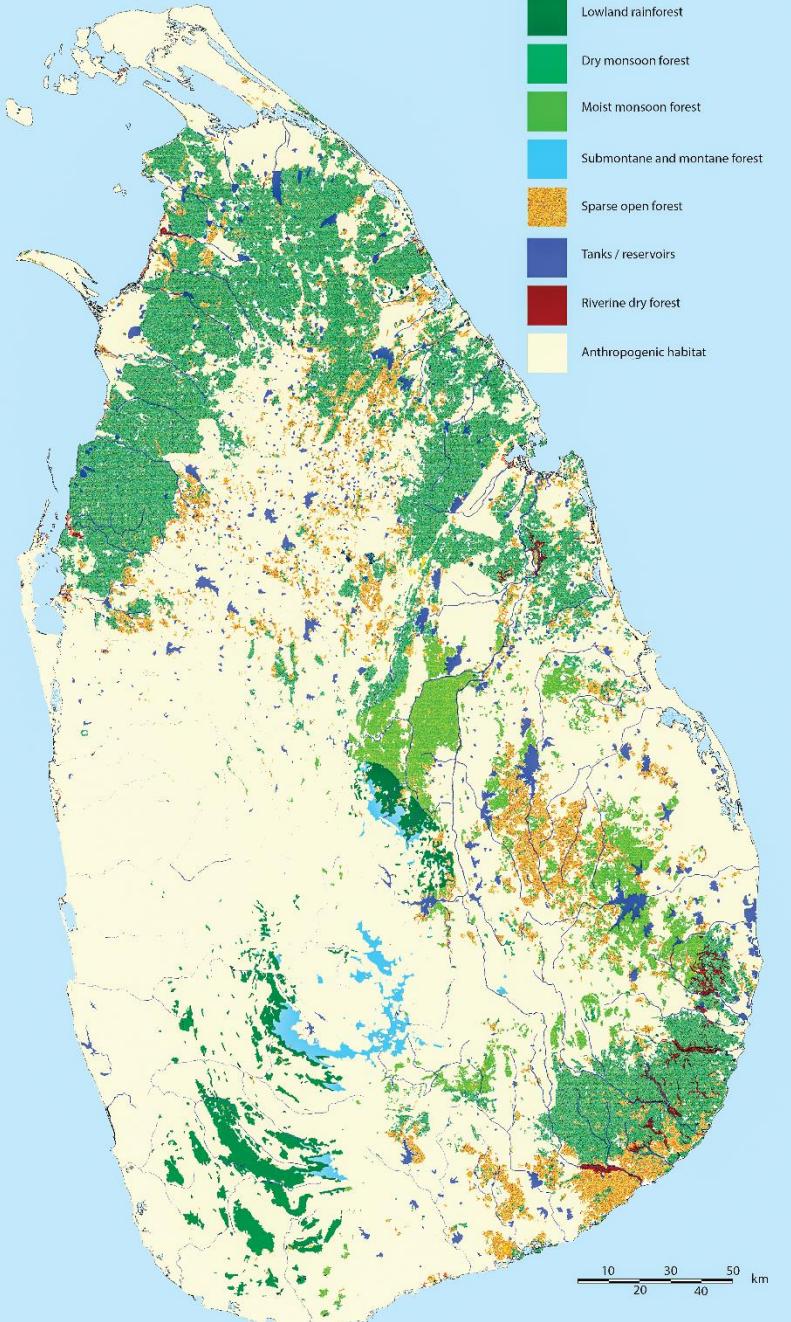


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# Dilmah's Forest Corridor at Endana



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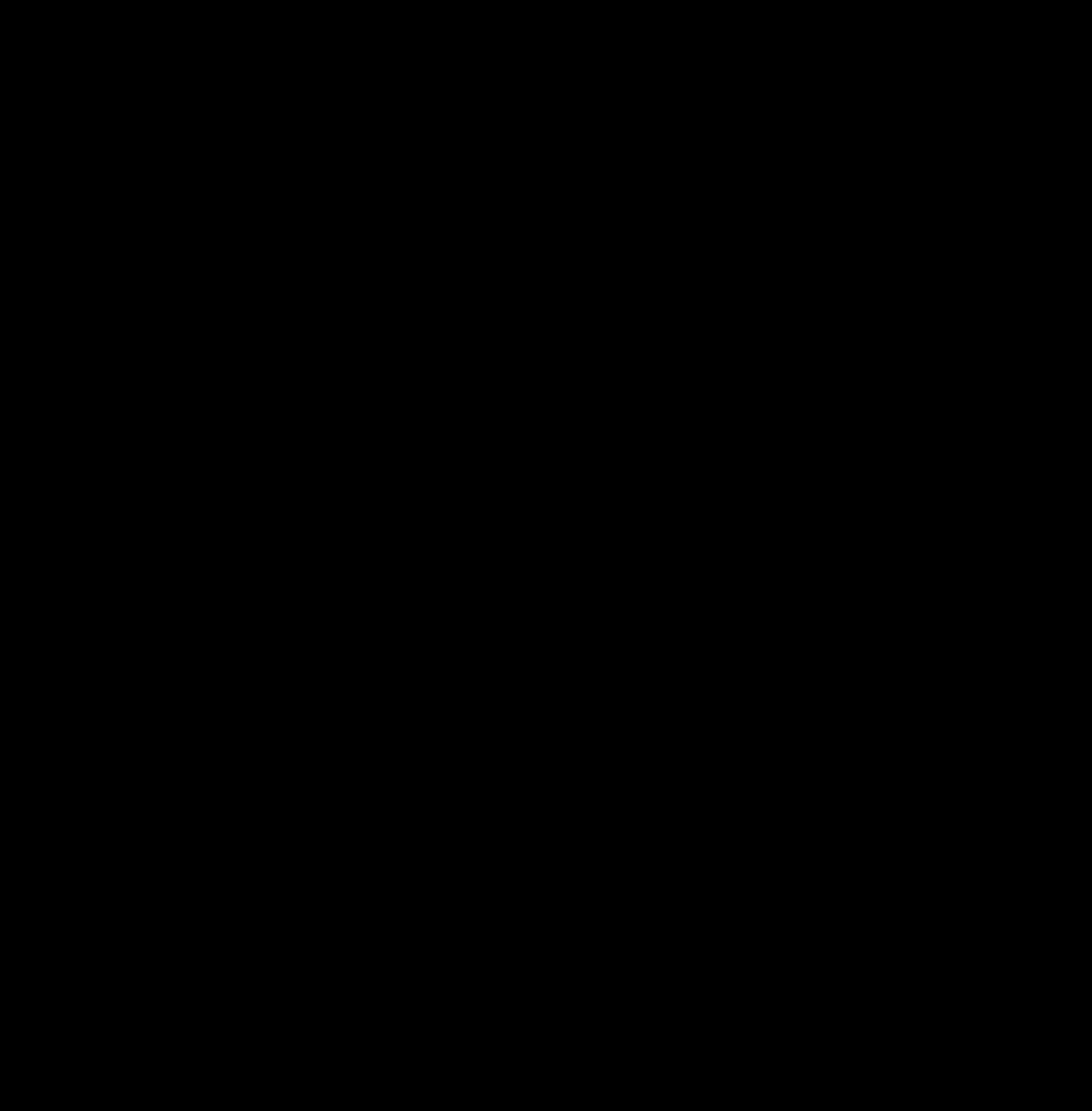


Dilmah Conservation

# **Stream & River Reservations**

**10.2 (a) Natural Streams should have the following reservations:-**

<b><u>Bed width</u></b>		<b><u>Reservation from the bank</u></b>
Below 3 m	...	5 m for both sides
3 to 8 m	...	10 m for both sides
8 to 15 m	...	20 m for both sides
15 to 22 m	...	40 m for both sides





**WNPS**  
**PLANT**

# **Hayleys – a massive step forward**

- Create over 500 Acres of New Forest
- At least 20-30 kilometers of Continued Forest link corridors can be created
- Over 2500 Acres committed
- Five Plant Nurseries
- Above five thousand foot altitude locations to be enhanced.
- Lots of challenging work ahead to deliver value



# Maskeli Oya: Creating a nine km forest corridor with Horana Plantations

- Horana Plantations, agreed to release land strips parallel to the Maskeliya Oya waterway which runs through five of their estates.
- Creating a Forest Reservation of 30-50 feet on each side of the waterway, PLANT creating a Nine km long Forest Corridor which will be over 55 Hectares of new Forest.
- This Forest will connect upto the Peak Wilderness, and enable wildlife to travel and access protected spaces with minimal human contact.
- Issues such as the recent Leopard incidents in the hills are often due to the inability of animal to travel across location without human interaction
- The Project is broken into Five Units based on the five different Estates through which the Oya Runs
- The Marking of the new boundaries inside which Re-forestation will be done, was completed as of end August 2023. Foresting commenced in October 2023.
- We need donors who can fund any one of the five segments – Costs between Rs. 3.2 to Rs.3.9 mio per segment. Already a few segments are funded.

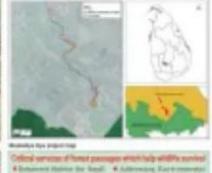
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**Sustainability/Environment**

**Horana Plantations and WNPS PLANT building ambitious 9km forest corridor**









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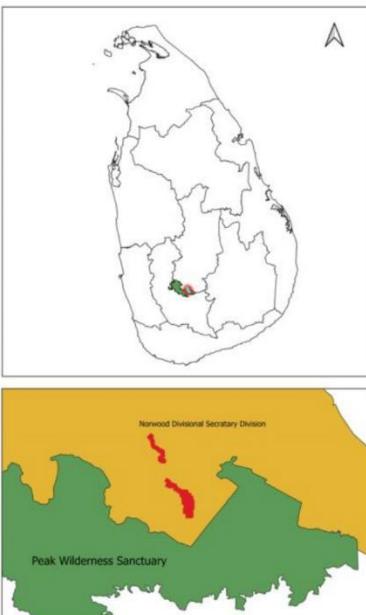
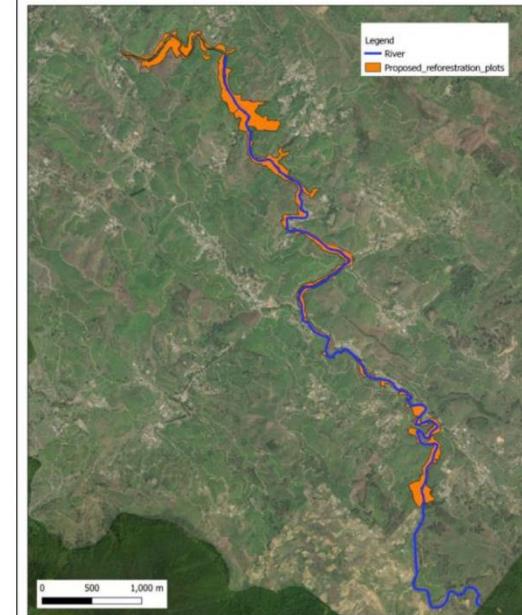
**WNPS monthly lecture tomorrow to put spotlight on conservation of Asian elephant**



# Kicking off the project formally – Jan 24

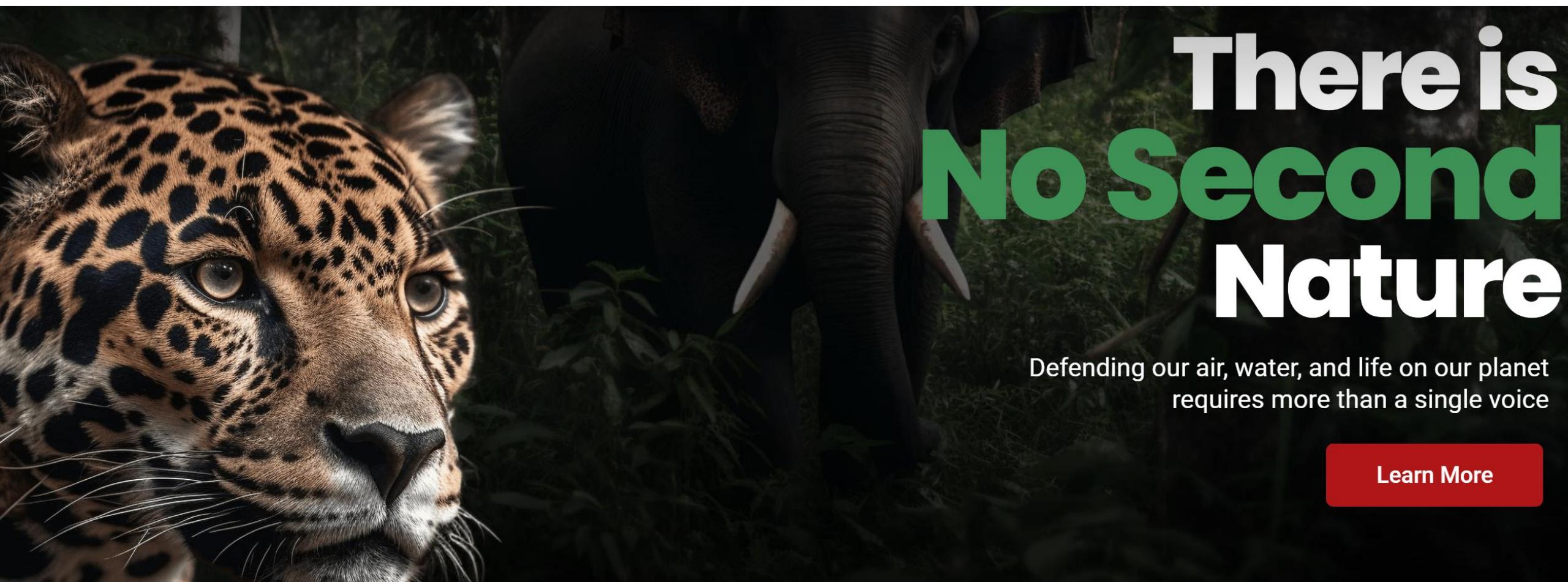


**Images of the waterway banks which will be replanted on, to create forest passages**





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