The Pina drainage-basin

a study of a highly impacted urban mangrove in the city of Recife (Brazil)

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The city of Recife

- Recife is the sixth-largest metropolitan area in Brazil
- Recife is also the largest metropolitan area of the North/Northeast
- Capital and largest city of the state of Pernambuco.
- The population of the city is about to 1 617 200 (year 2015). It means circa of 0.778% of total Brazil population
- It could reach 4 000 000 regarding the entire metropolitan region (Olinda, Jaboatão, Paulista, etc.)

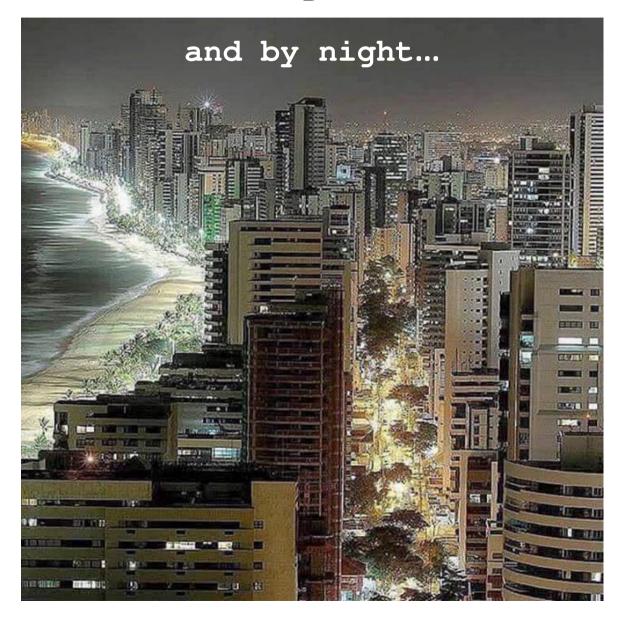
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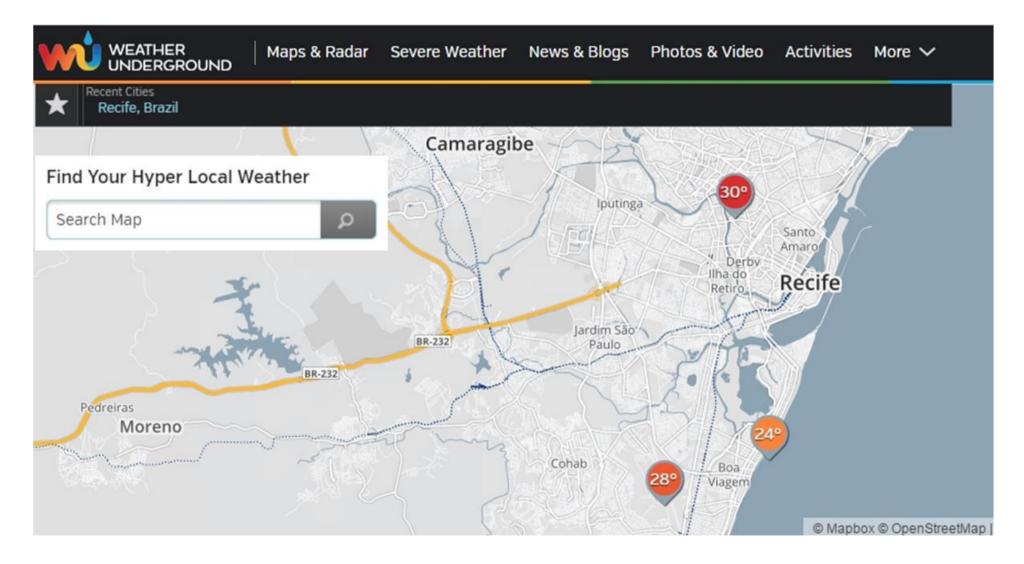
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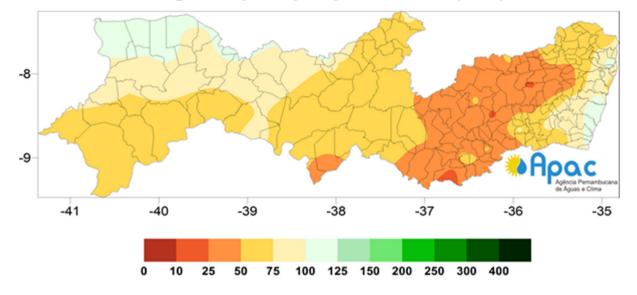


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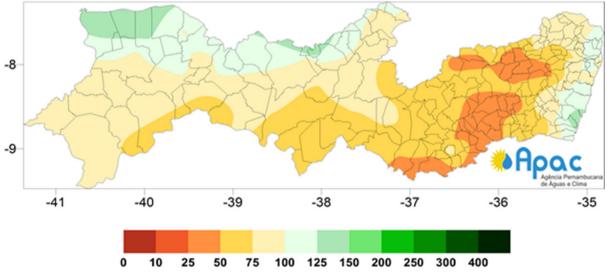
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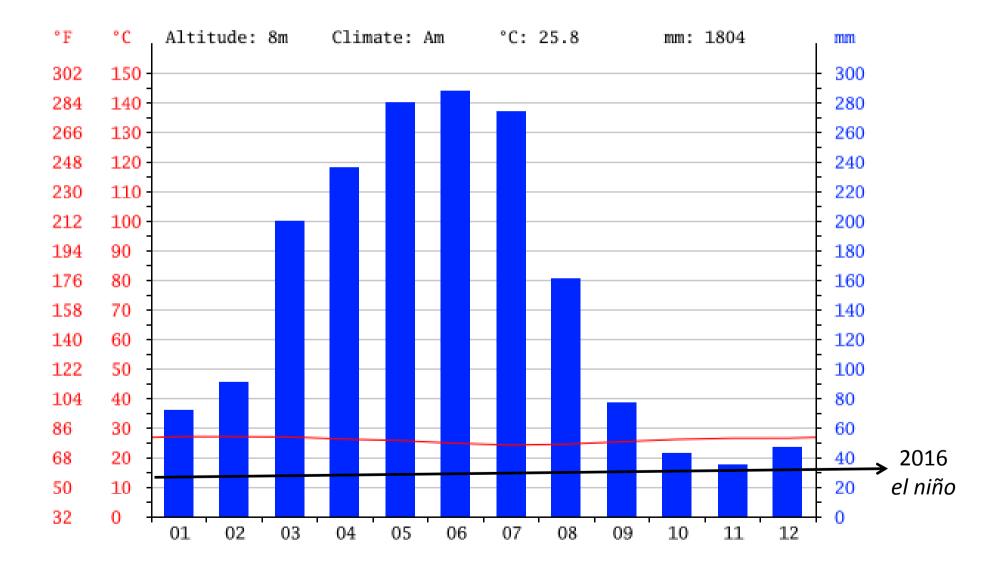
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2010 - 2014

Recife the seasons of the year in HELLCIFE RAINCIFE NOVO RECIFE

Recife: rainfall

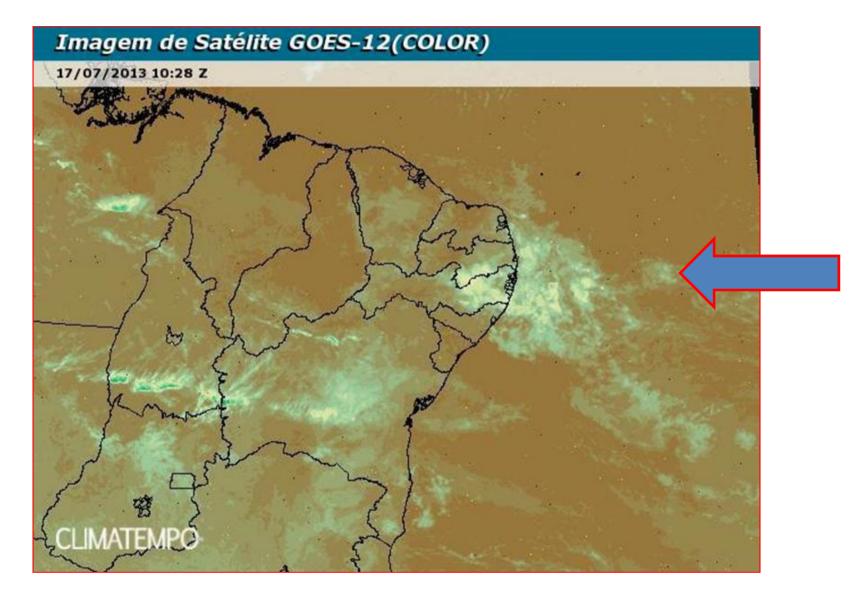


Recife: climate

month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
mm	72	91	200	236	280	288	274	161	77	43	35	47
°C	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.1	25.6	24.7	24.1	24.4	25.2	26.0	26.4	26.4
°C (min)	23.8	23.8	23.6	23.0	22.5	21.9	21.2	21.2	22.0	22.8	23.2	23.4
°C (max)	30.1	30.1	30.0	29.3	28.7	27.6	27.1	27.6	28.4	29.3	29.7	29.5
°F	80.4	80.4	80.2	79.0	78.1	76.5	75.4	75.9	77.4	78.8	79.5	79.5
°F (min)	74.8	74.8	74.5	73.4	72.5	71.4	70.2	70.2	71.6	73.0	73.8	74.1
°F (max)	86.2	86.2	86.0	84.7	83.7	81.7	80.8	81.7	83.1	84.7	85.5	85.1



"EAST FRONTS" (frentes de leste)



Rainfall anomaly

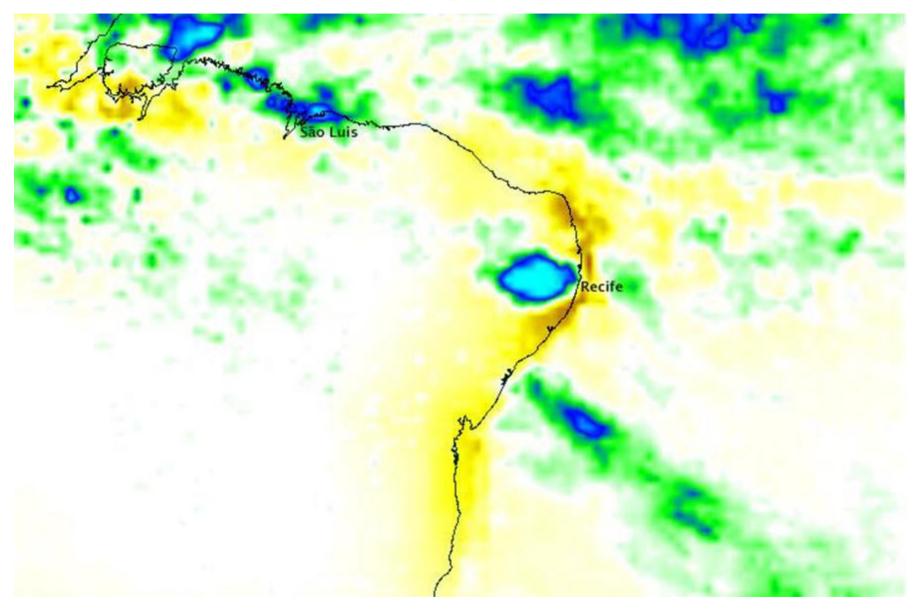


29.000 homeless

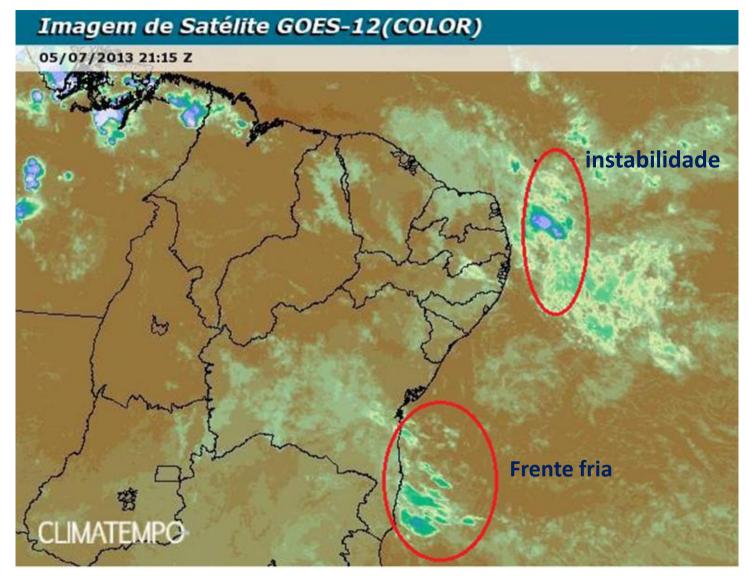
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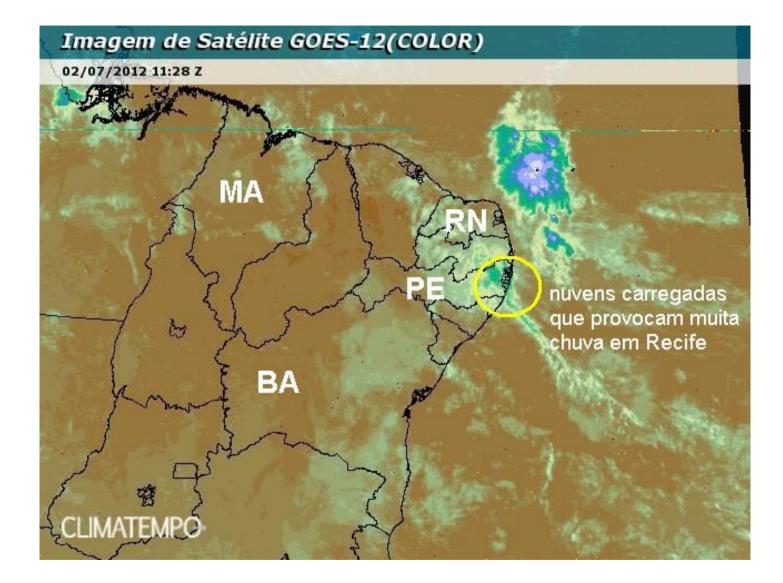
Rainfall anomaly Brazil June-2010



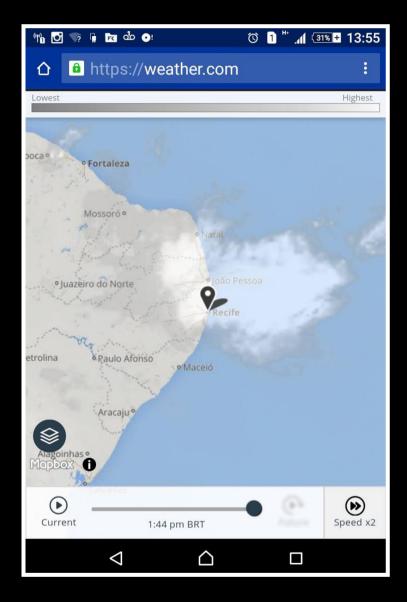
"Instability areas" in ocean



cold front



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Greatest rainfall in the last 30 years?



Picture source: Jornal do Comércio website





Far from the mangrove area...

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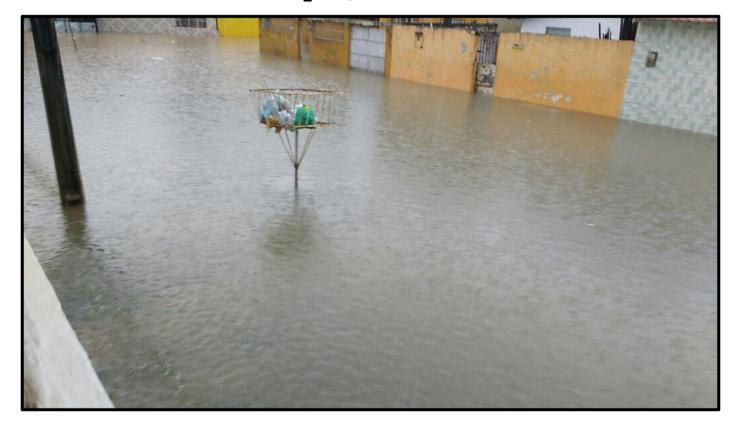
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Federal University of Pernambuco main street

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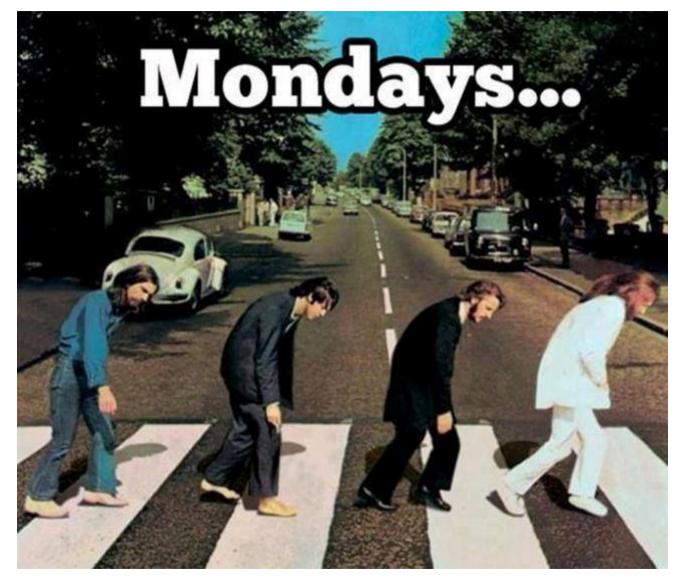
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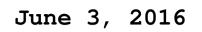


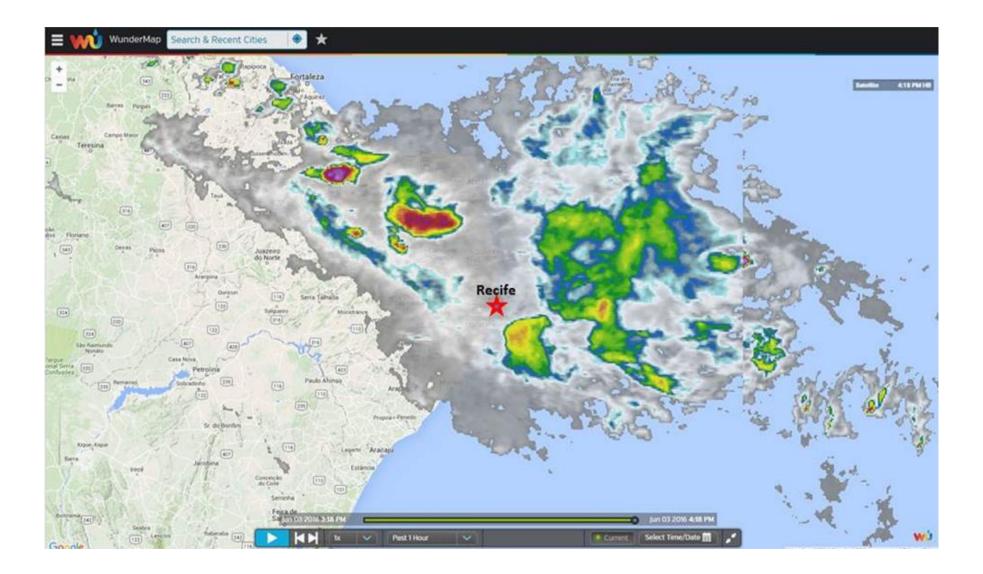
It was ...



but that monday...









- Heavy rain brings a lot of trouble to the city

- Why floods bring less trouble to the south part of Recife City?

- Do we need more green areas in the cities?

- Coastal lakes?

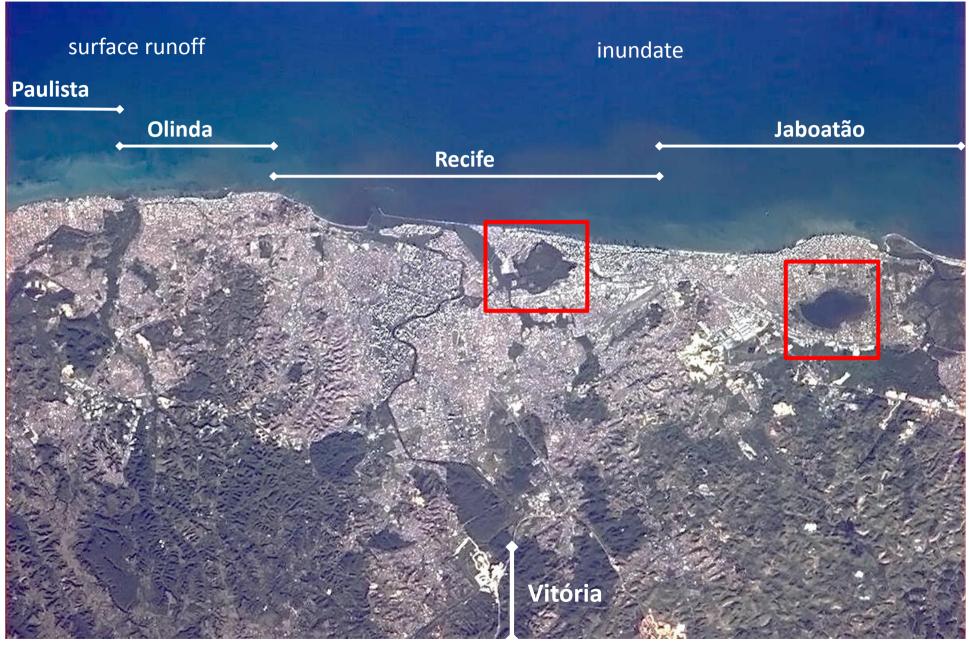
- The mangrove ?

the Pina mangrove





Recife Metropolitan Region















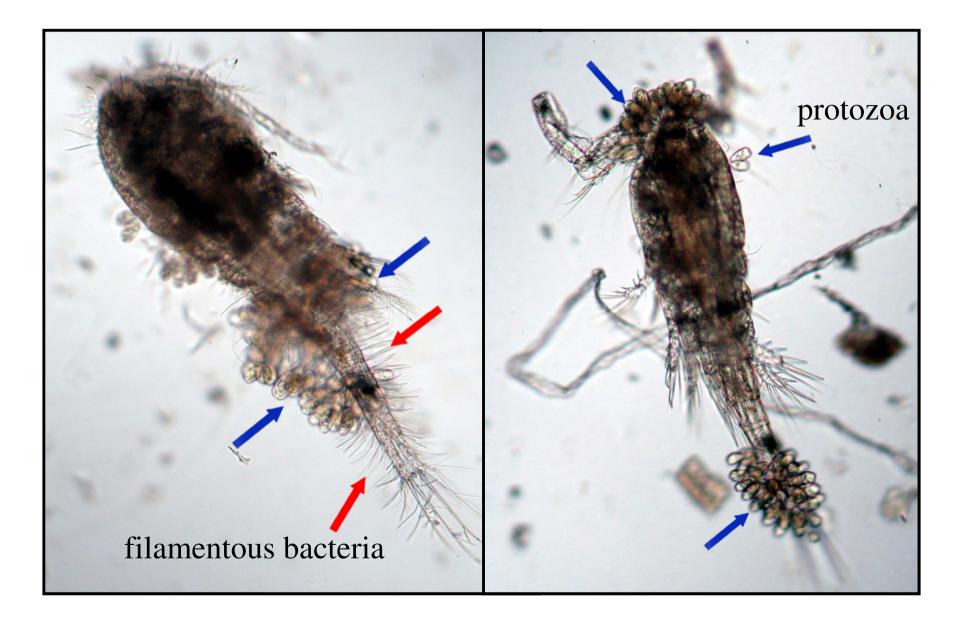


Mangrove is receiving large amounts of sewage









Recife needs more sewage treatment



only 32% of the metropolitan area - but no treatment at south part



Mangrove is also receiving large amounts of diffuse load



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Mangrove is receiving large amounts of diffuse load



source













With lots of diffuse loads... mangrove is accumulating sediment (deposition)



Aracajú Capital City (1980s)

- no mangroves
- sewage channels
- sedimentation



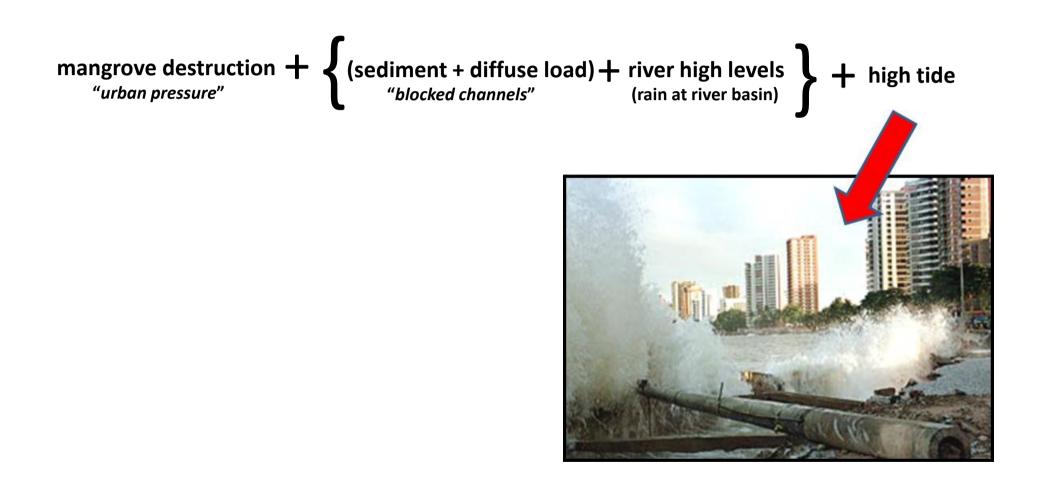
Aracajú Capital City (2014)

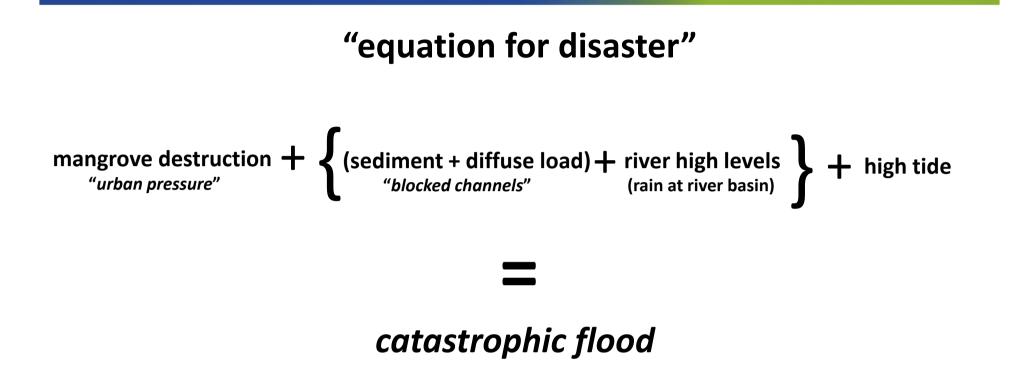
- mangroves
- sewage channels
- sedimentation
- flood risk...



Sedimentation is lethal to mangroves!!!!

what happens if we do nothing?





catastrophic flood

- = people can die
- = no mobility
- = financial losses
- = urban infrastructure in danger
- = rescue teams with limited mobility
- = chaos





