

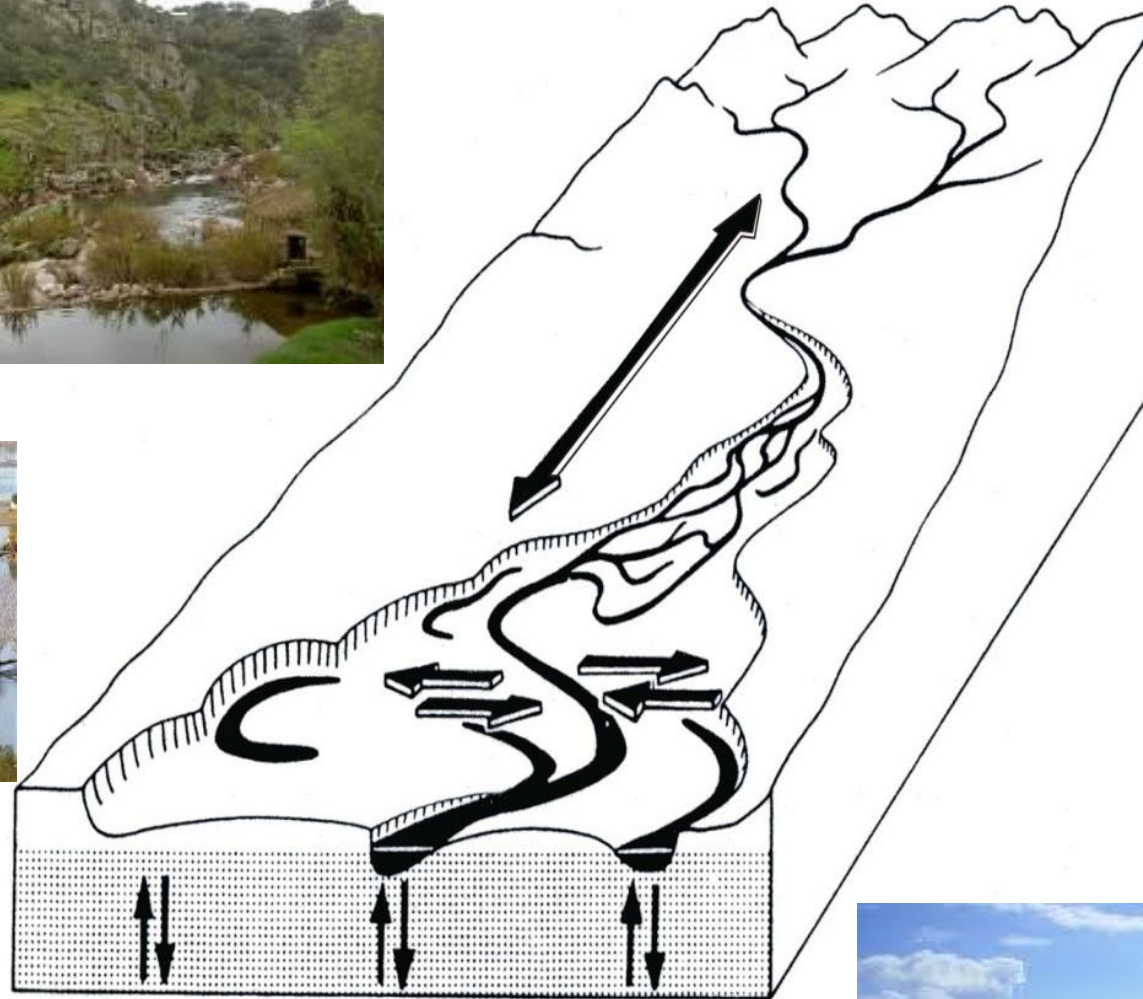
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# Caudais ecológicos: novas abordagens holísticas

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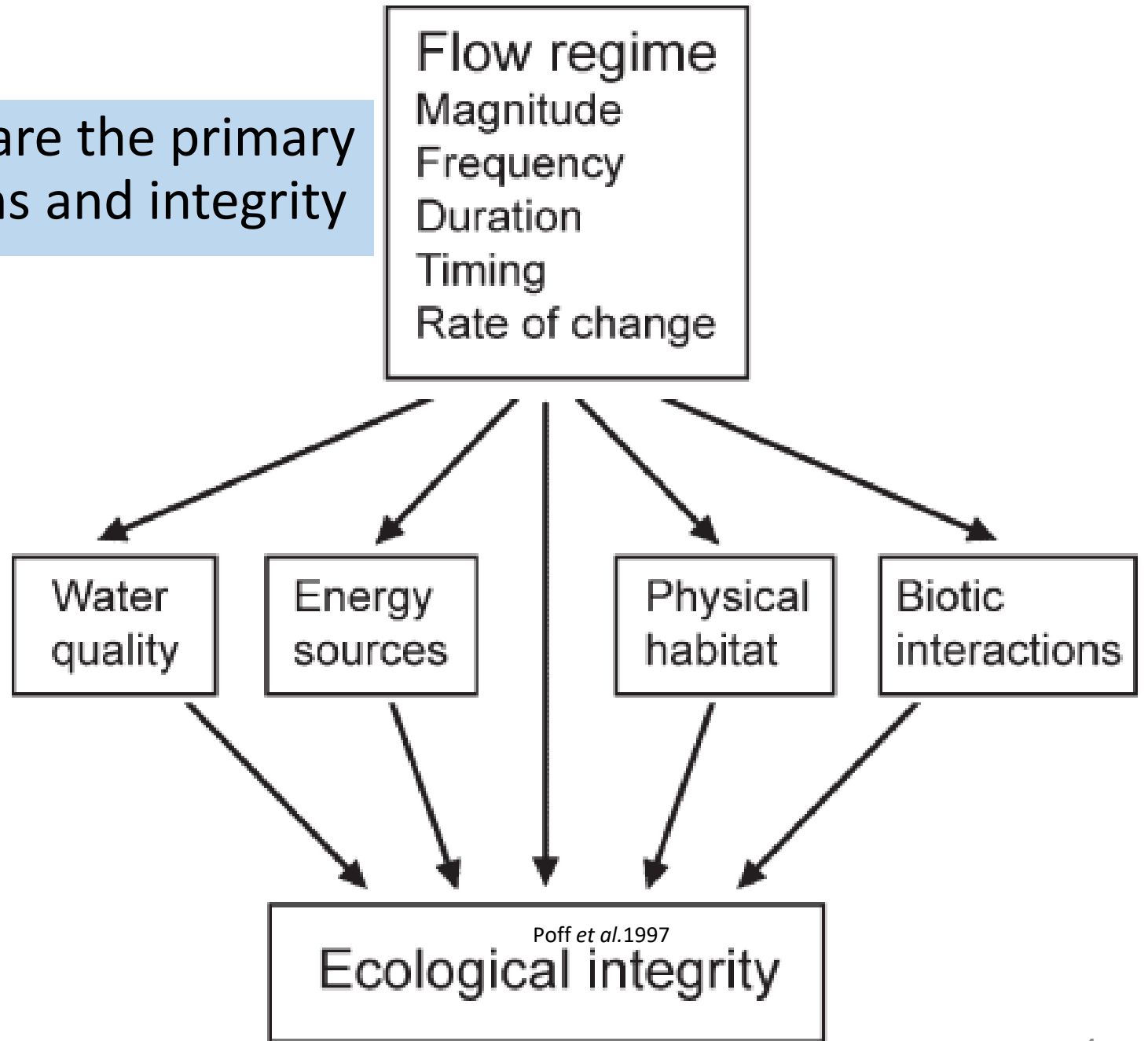
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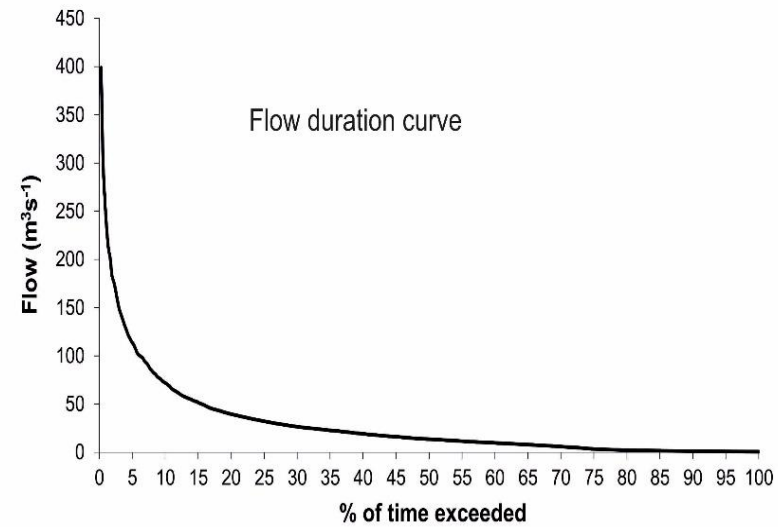
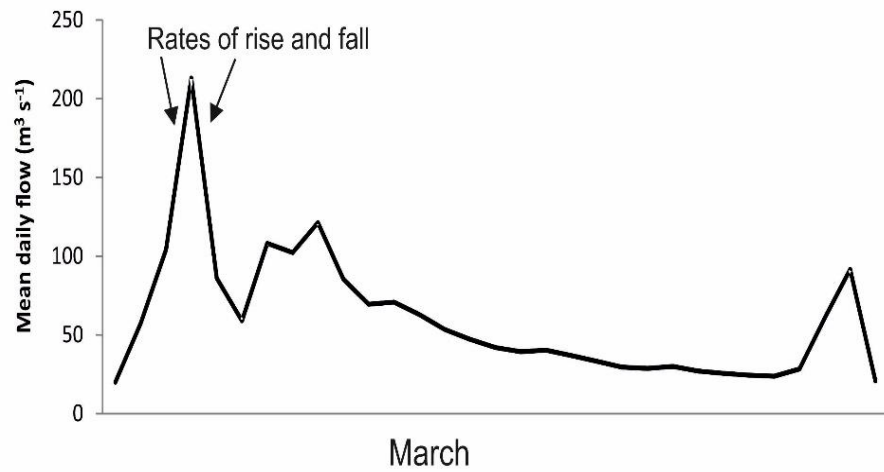
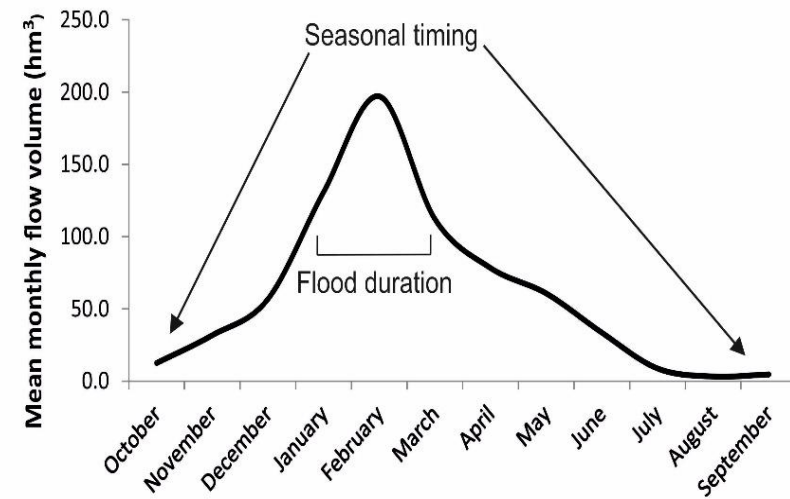
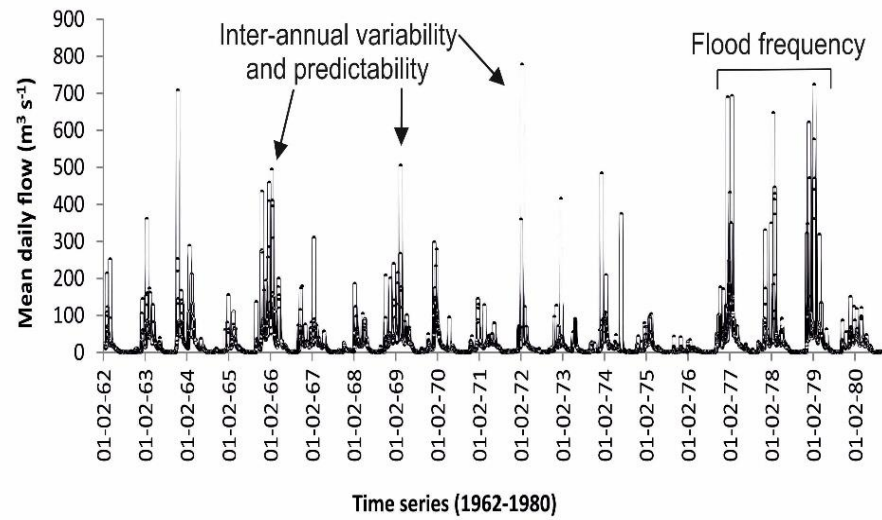
*Ward 1989; Gregory et al. 1991; Petts and Amoros 1996*





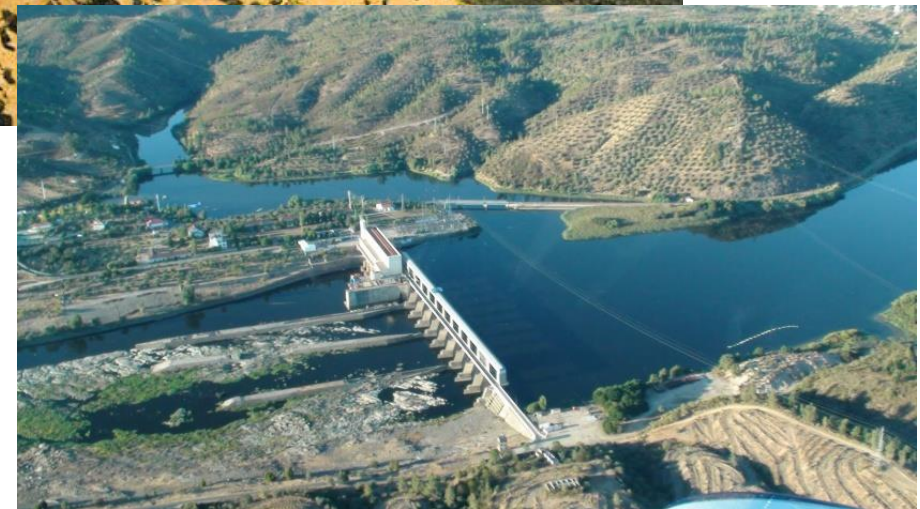
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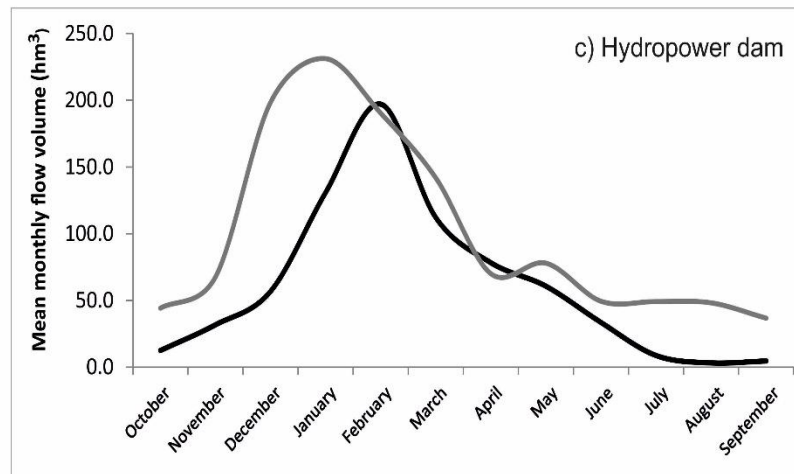
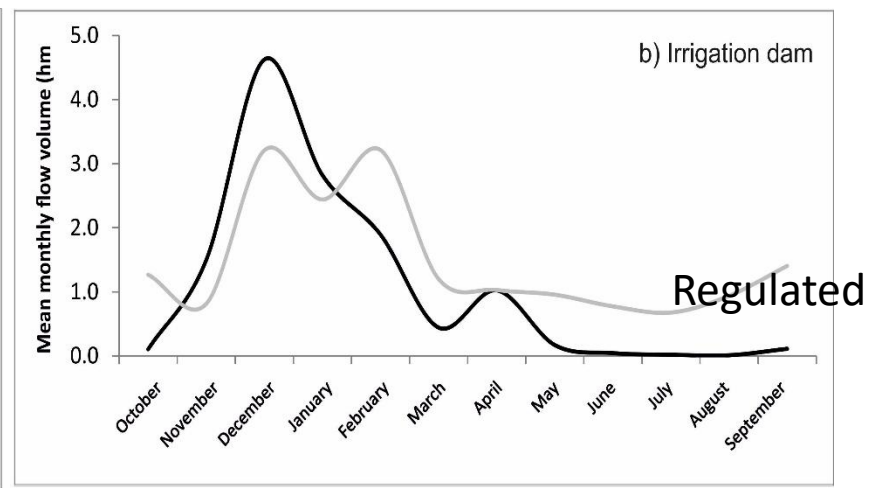
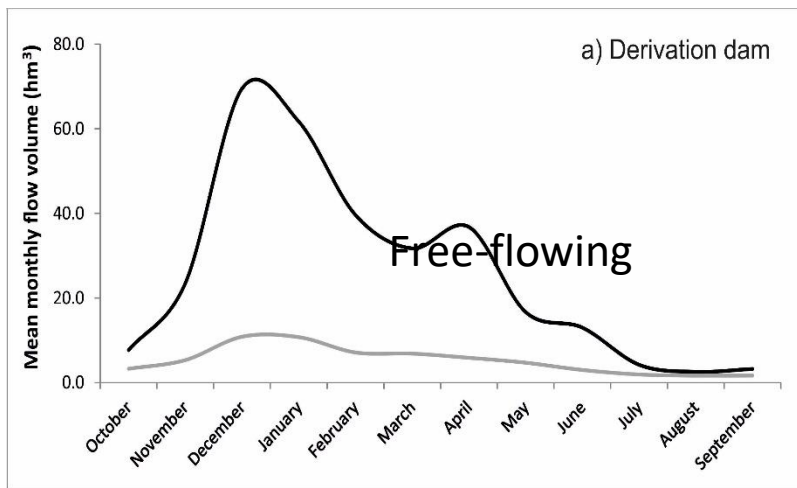




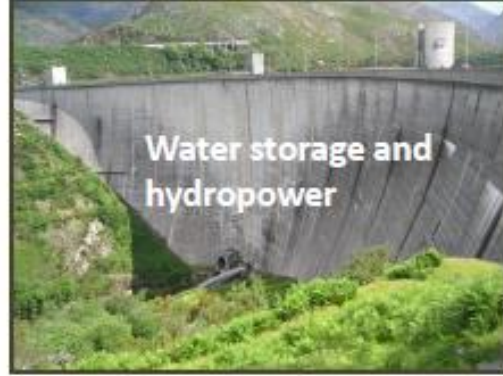
Hydrograph of River Vouga, central west region of the Iberian Peninsula, Portugal, illustrating the terms associated with the main facets of streamflow regime. Data provided by the Portuguese Environmental Agency (APA/INAG) (SNIRH, 2012).

# LARGE BARRIERS AND FLOW REGIME ALTERATIONS

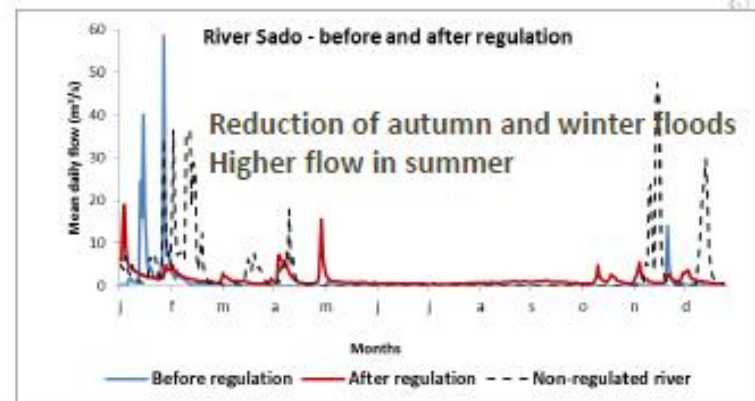
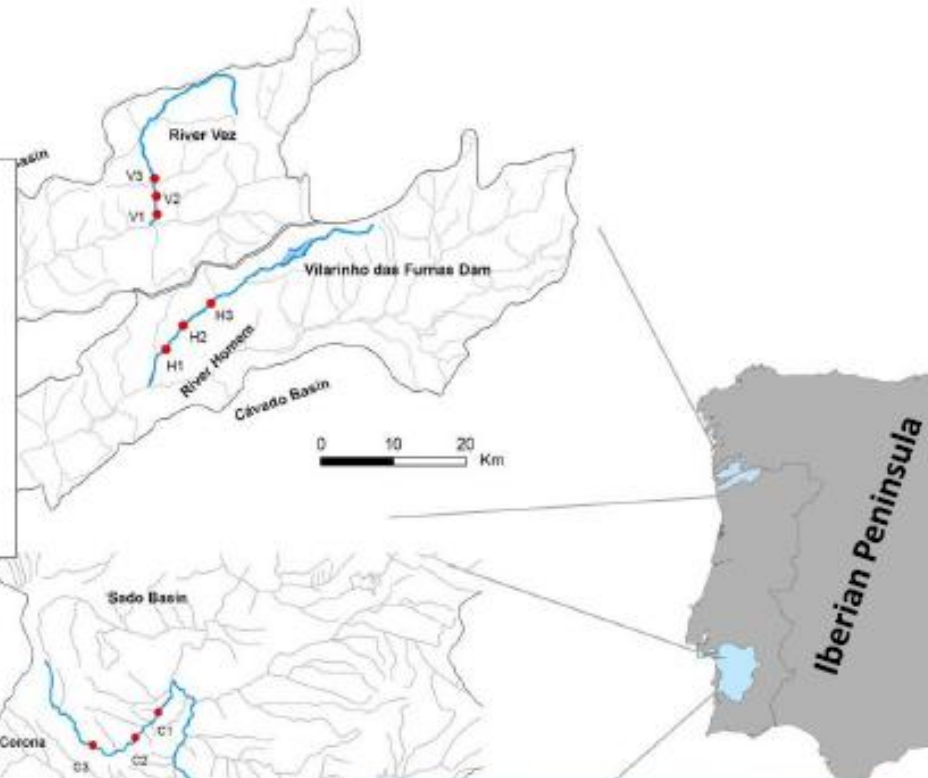
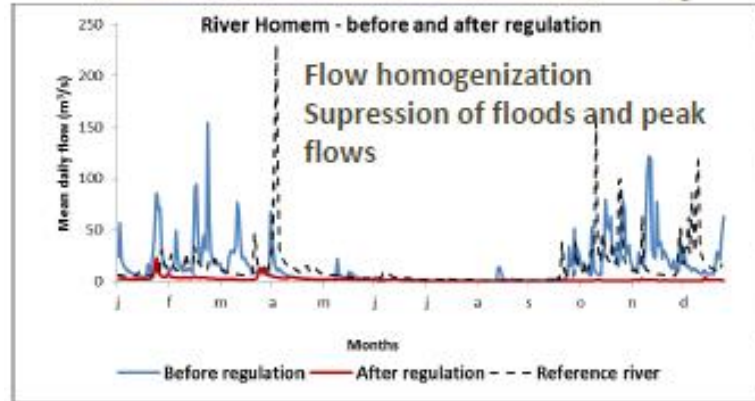




Hydrograms representing the changes in the intra-annual variation of monthly streamflow volume ( $\text{hm}^3$ ) caused by three different types of dams operating for a) water derivation, b) water storage for summer irrigation and c) hydropower production, in the Portuguese territory. Grey line represents the regulated watercourse while black line represents the correspondent free-flowing river, from the same region and with the same original characteristics. Flow data was provided by the Portuguese Environmental Agency (APA/INAG) (SNIRH, 2012) and by EDP (Energias de Portugal).



**PARALEL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: one regulated and one near-natural; one permanent and one intermittent**  
**minimum evidence of human disturbance (flow regulation aside)**



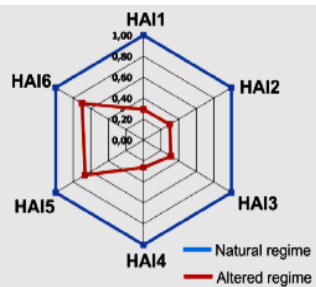




Hydrological Alteration Indicators - HAI (IAHRIS 2.2; Santa-Maria & Yuste, 2010).

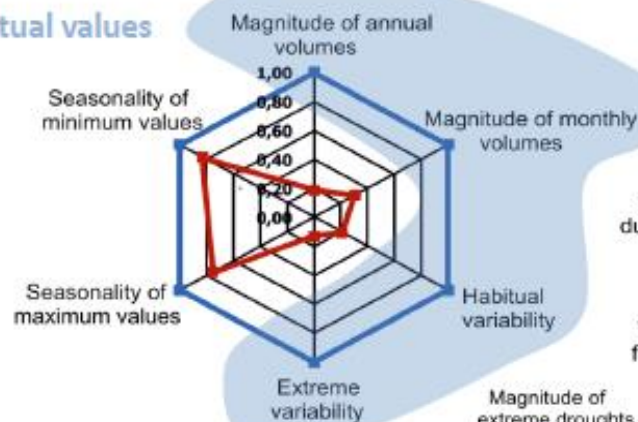
# ANNUAL ALTERATIONS OF THE FLOW REGIME

$$HAI_n = \frac{\text{Value of parameter } n \text{ in Altered Regime}}{\text{Value of parameter } n \text{ in Natural Regime}}$$

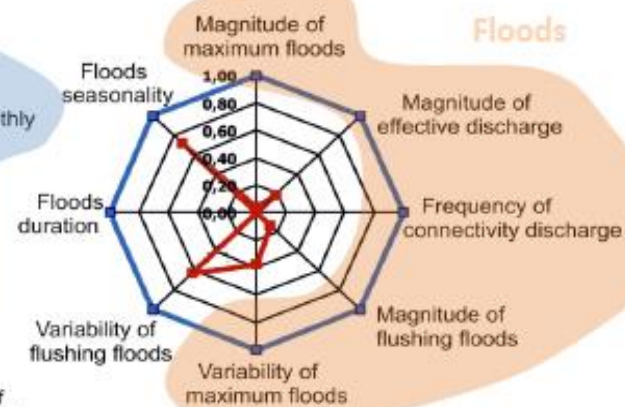


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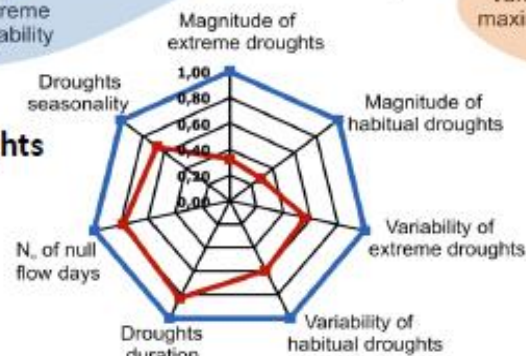
Habitual values



Floods

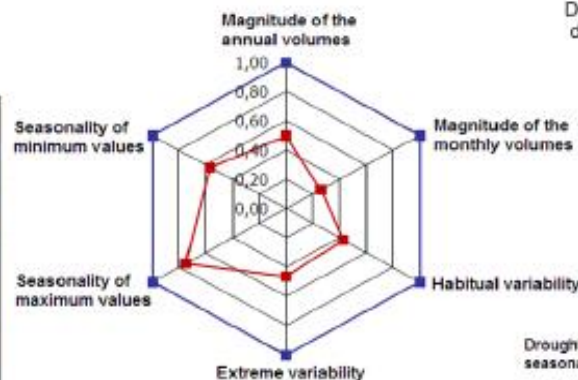


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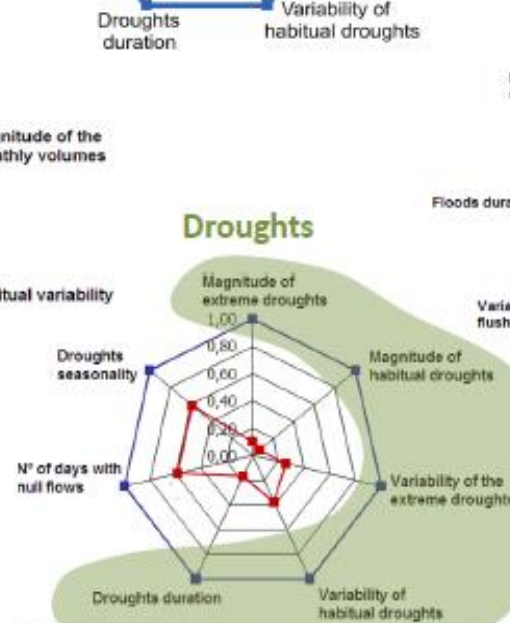


Temporary system

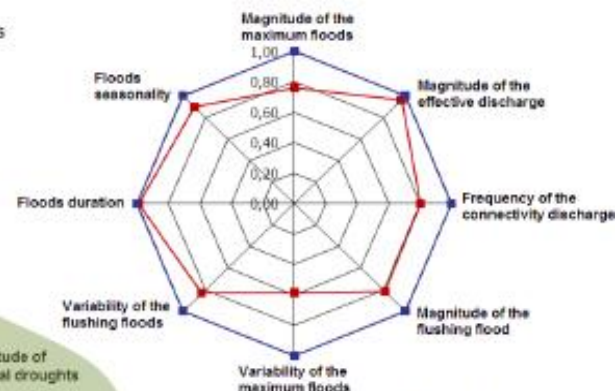
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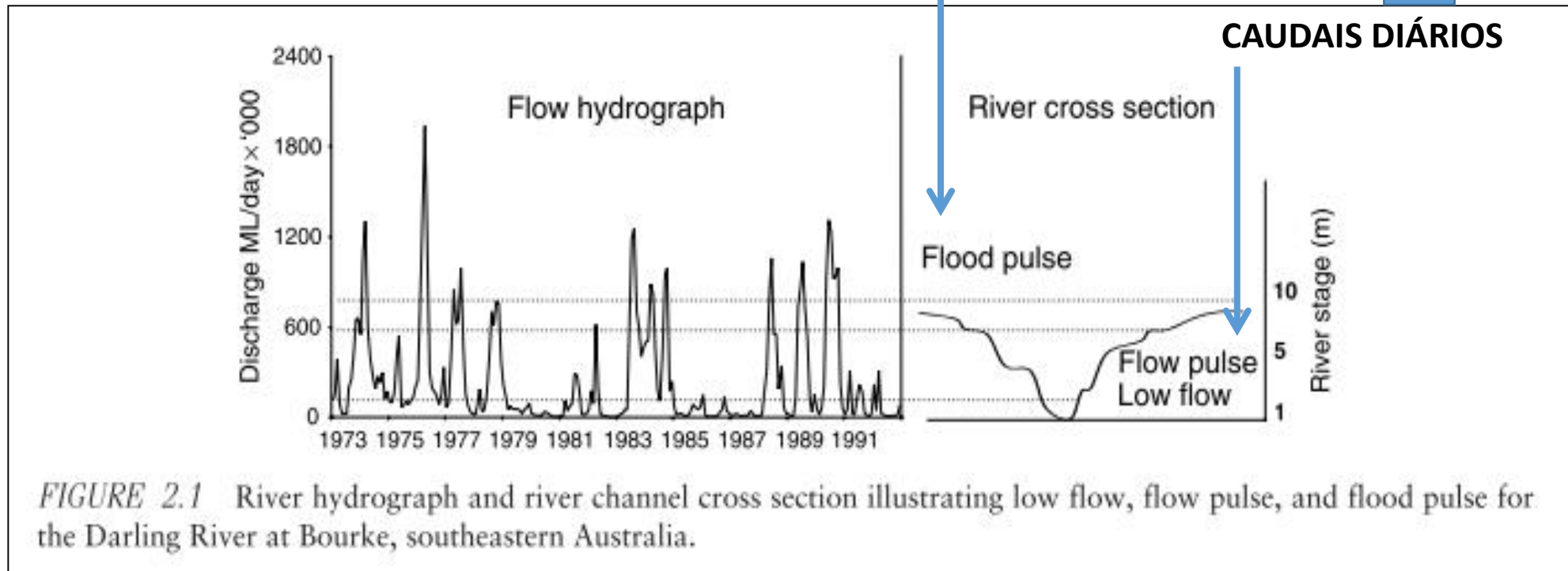
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# HYDROPEAKING > ECOPEAKING

CAUDAIS ANUAIS

CAUDAIS DIÁRIOS



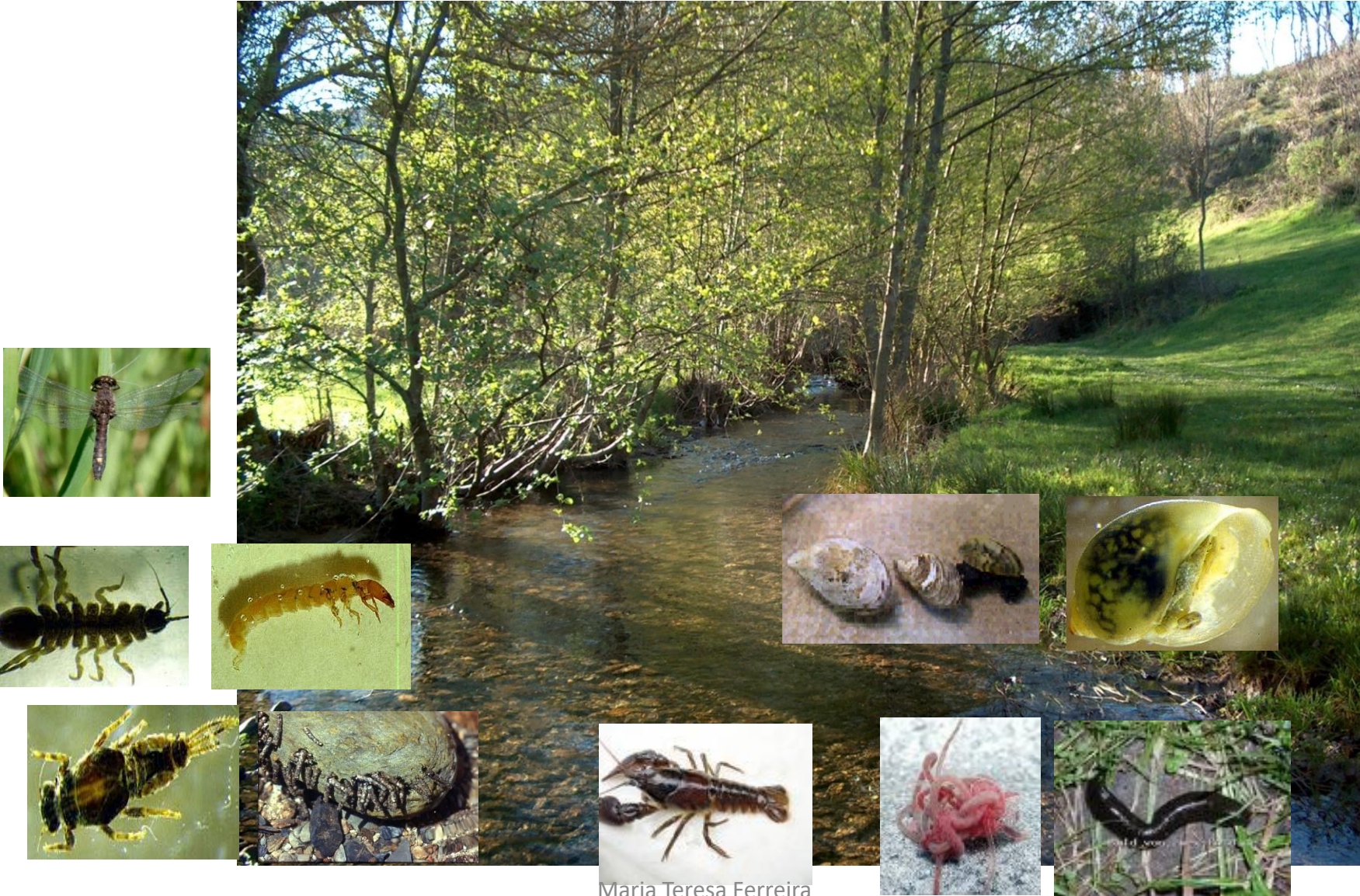
**O regime hidrológico dá forma a cada rio**

# DAILY ALTERATIONS OF THE FLOW REGIME



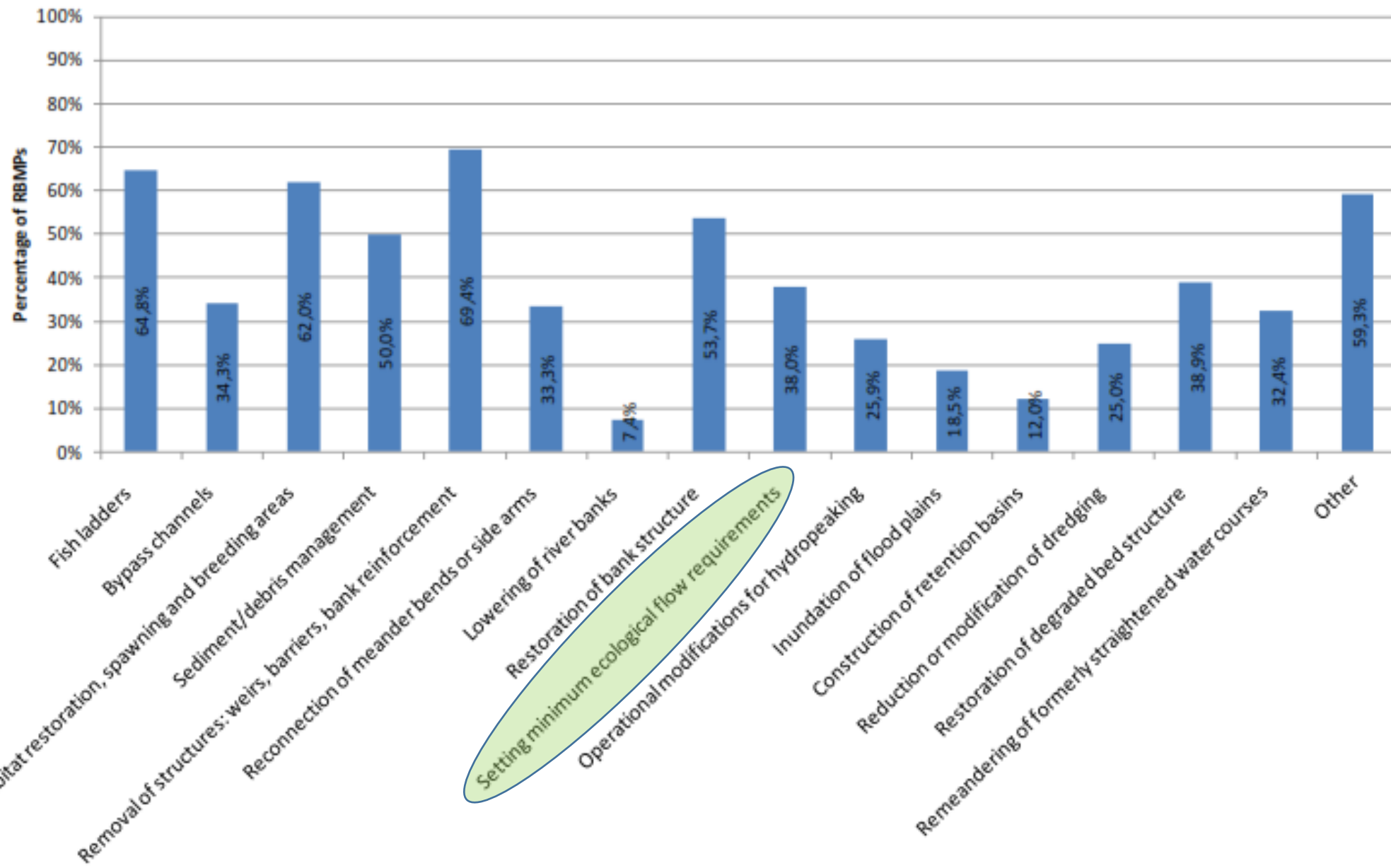
HYDROPEAKING > ECOPEAKING

# INVERTEBRATES CAN BE USED TO DEFINE HYDROPEAKING RAMPING AND VARIATION



Maria Teresa Ferreira

## Occurrence of hydromorphological measures in the RBMPs



## **CAUDAL ECOLÓGICO**

**Caudal mínimo a manter no curso de água, que permita assegurar a conservação e manutenção dos ecossistemas aquáticos naturais, a produção das espécies com interesse desportivo ou comercial, a conservação e manutenção dos ecossistemas ripícolas, e aspetos estéticos ou de interesse científico ou cultural.**

## **REGIME DE CAUDAIS ECOLÓGICOS**

**Um regime de caudais ecológicos é constituído por valores de caudal que variam ao longo do ano (em geral de mês para mês) para atender às necessidades das espécies (ou comunidades), sendo flexível em função das condições hidrológicas naturais que se verificam em cada ano, em particular em anos secos.**

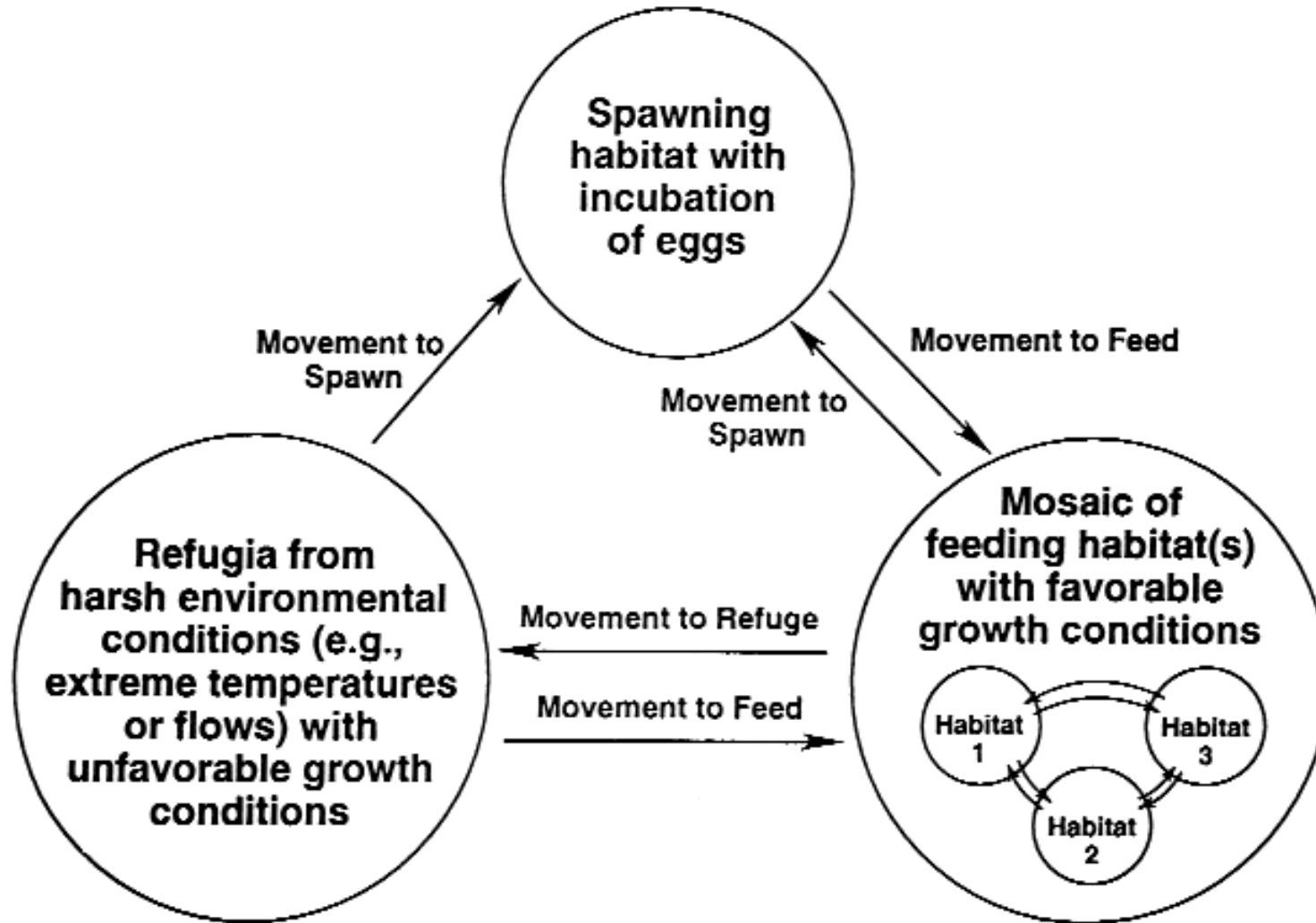


## **REGIME DE CAUDAIS ECOLÓGICOS**

- **Caudais atendendo às necessidades das espécies**
- **Caudais de limpeza (*flushing flows*) para remoção de materiais finos depositados e manutenção da vegetação pioneira,**
- **Caudais para manutenção da estrutura do leito e da capacidade de transporte,**
- **caudais para manutenção do nível freático (dimensão vertical)**
- **Caudais para manutenção dos ecossistemas laterais associados (dimensão lateral) - charcos e zonas húmidas**
- **caudais de manutenção de ecossistemas de estuários.**

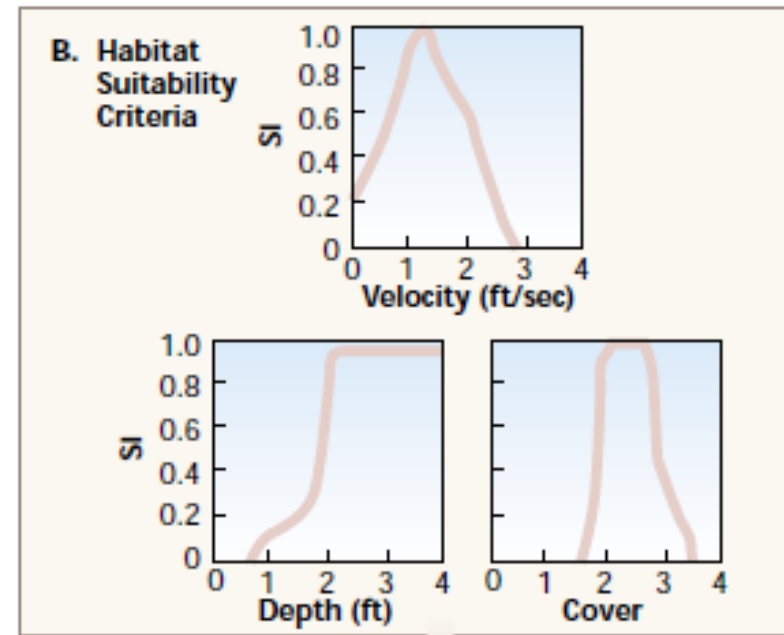
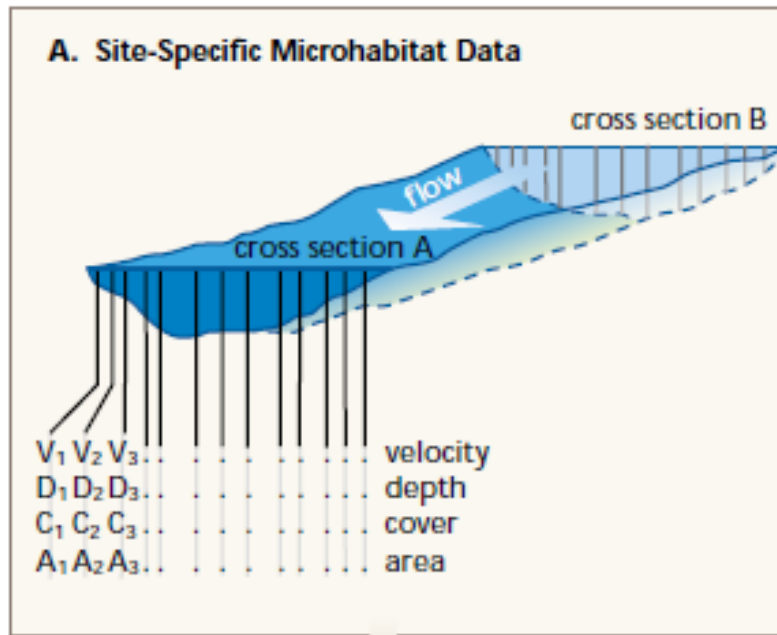
## **FUTURO: REGIME DE CAUDAIS AMBIENTAIS**

***Schlosser and Angermeier's (1995) dynamic landscape model of stream fish life history : spatially separated habitats for spawning, feeding and refugia***



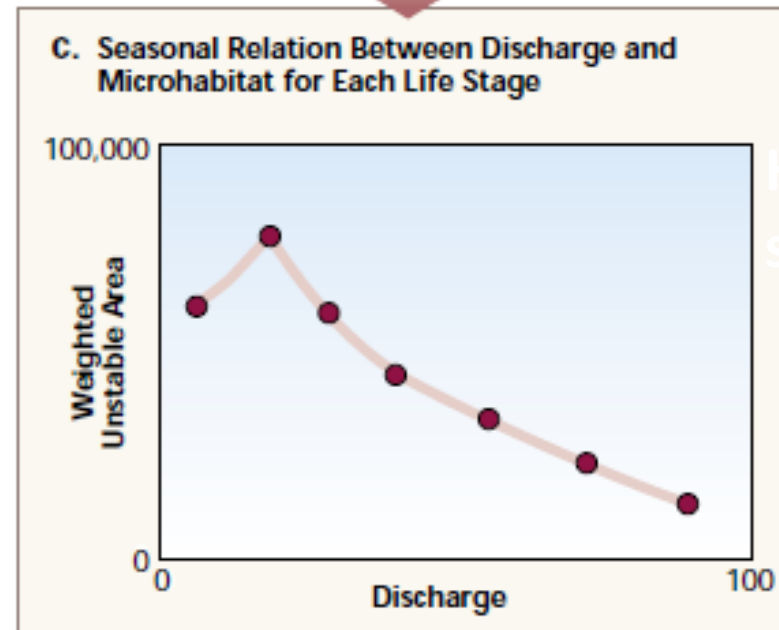


**CARACTERÍSTICAS DE HABITAT – MODELAÇÃO HIDRÁULICA**



**CURVAS DE USO DE HABITAT PARA AS ESPÉCIES**

**WUA- ÁREA ÚTIL DE HABITAT – MODELAÇÃO**



## Variação de caudal (rio Lima- regime natural) e da área útil para a truta de rio

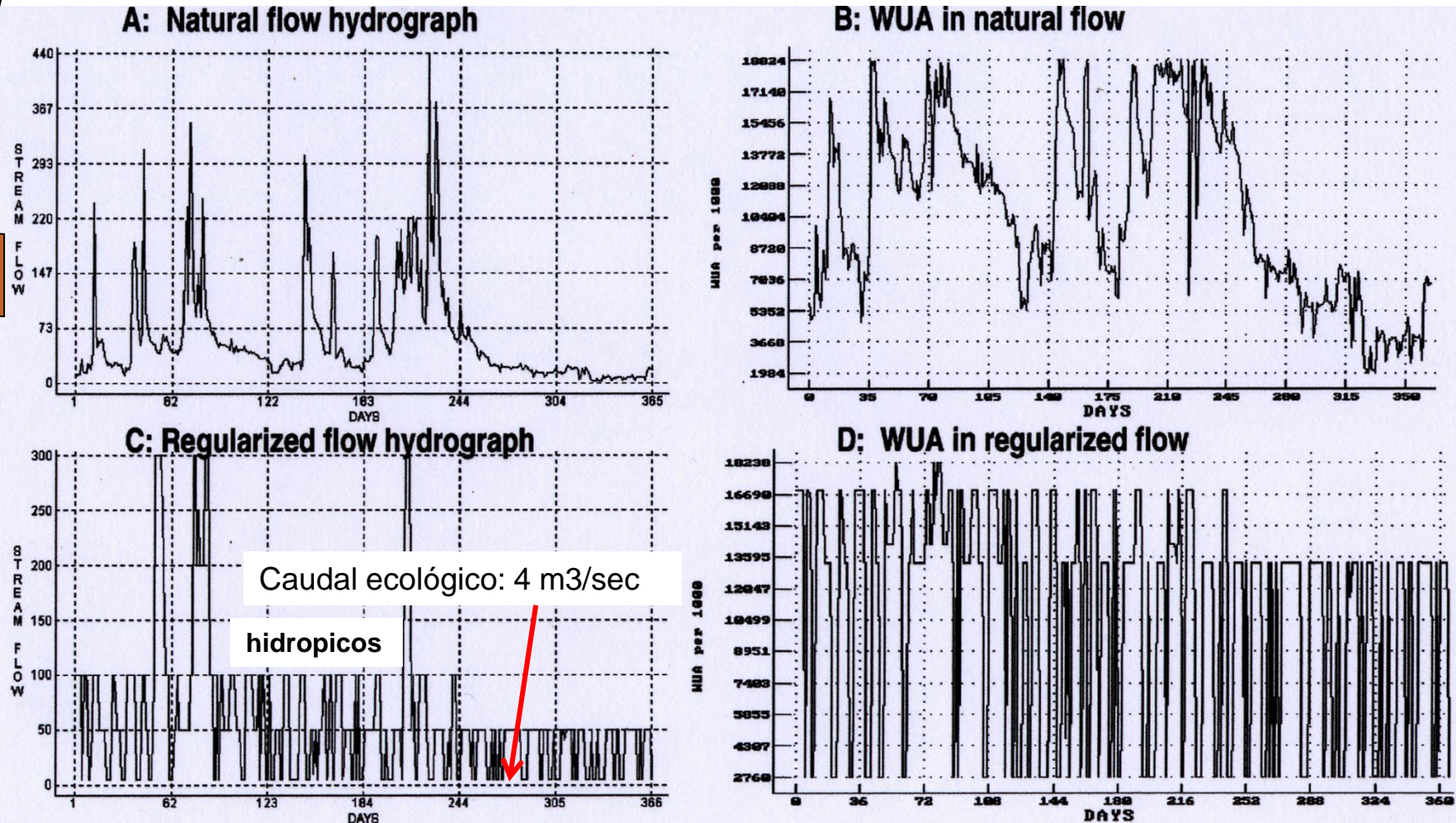
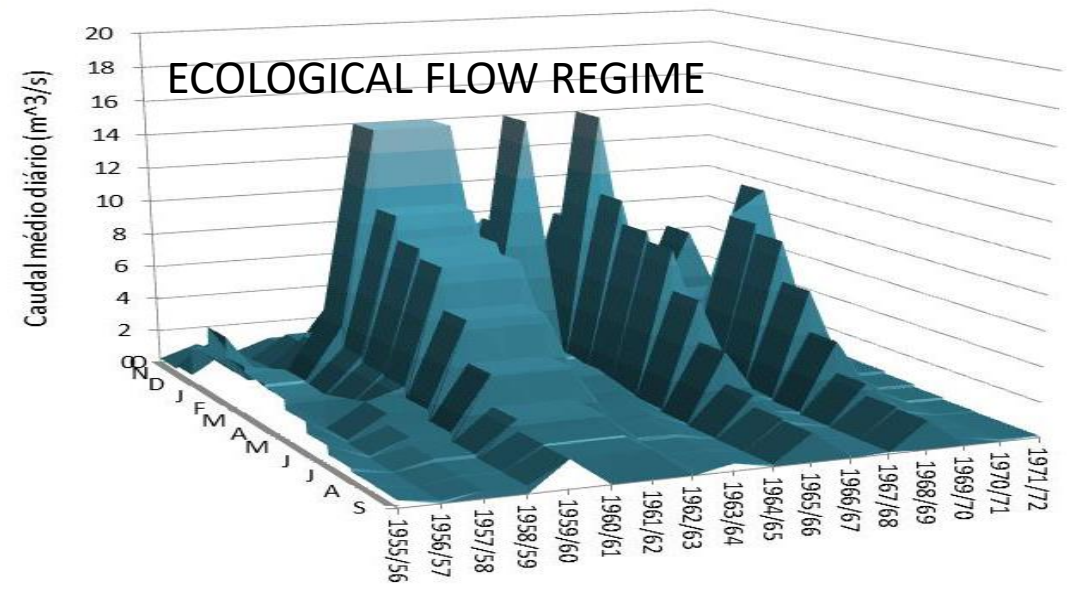
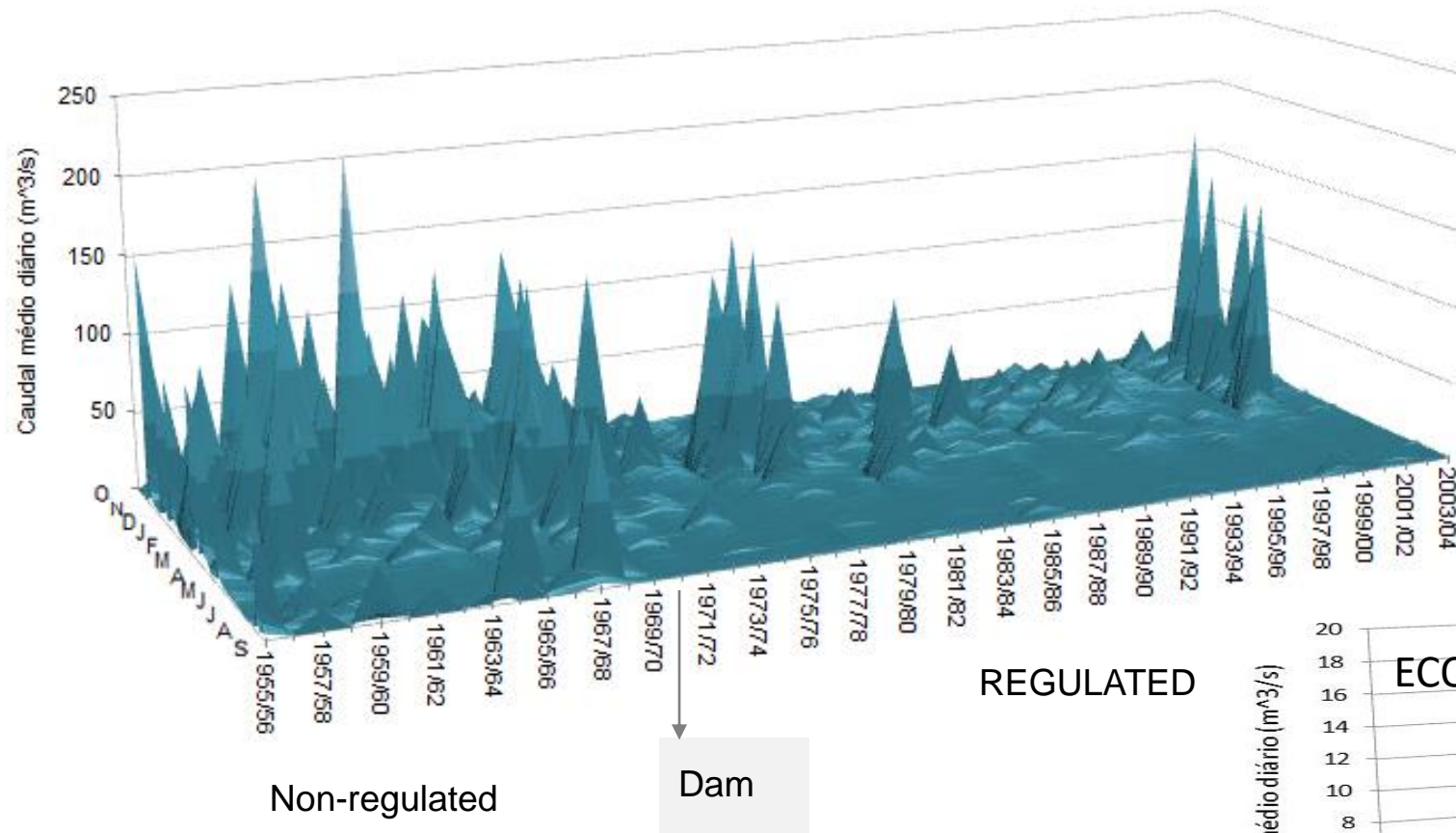


Fig. 9. Temporary habitat series: (A) daily hydrograph in natural regime; (B) daily habitat (WUA) time series for adult brown trout in natural regime; (C) daily hydrograph in regulated regime; (D) daily habitat (WUA) time series for adult brown trout in regulated regime.

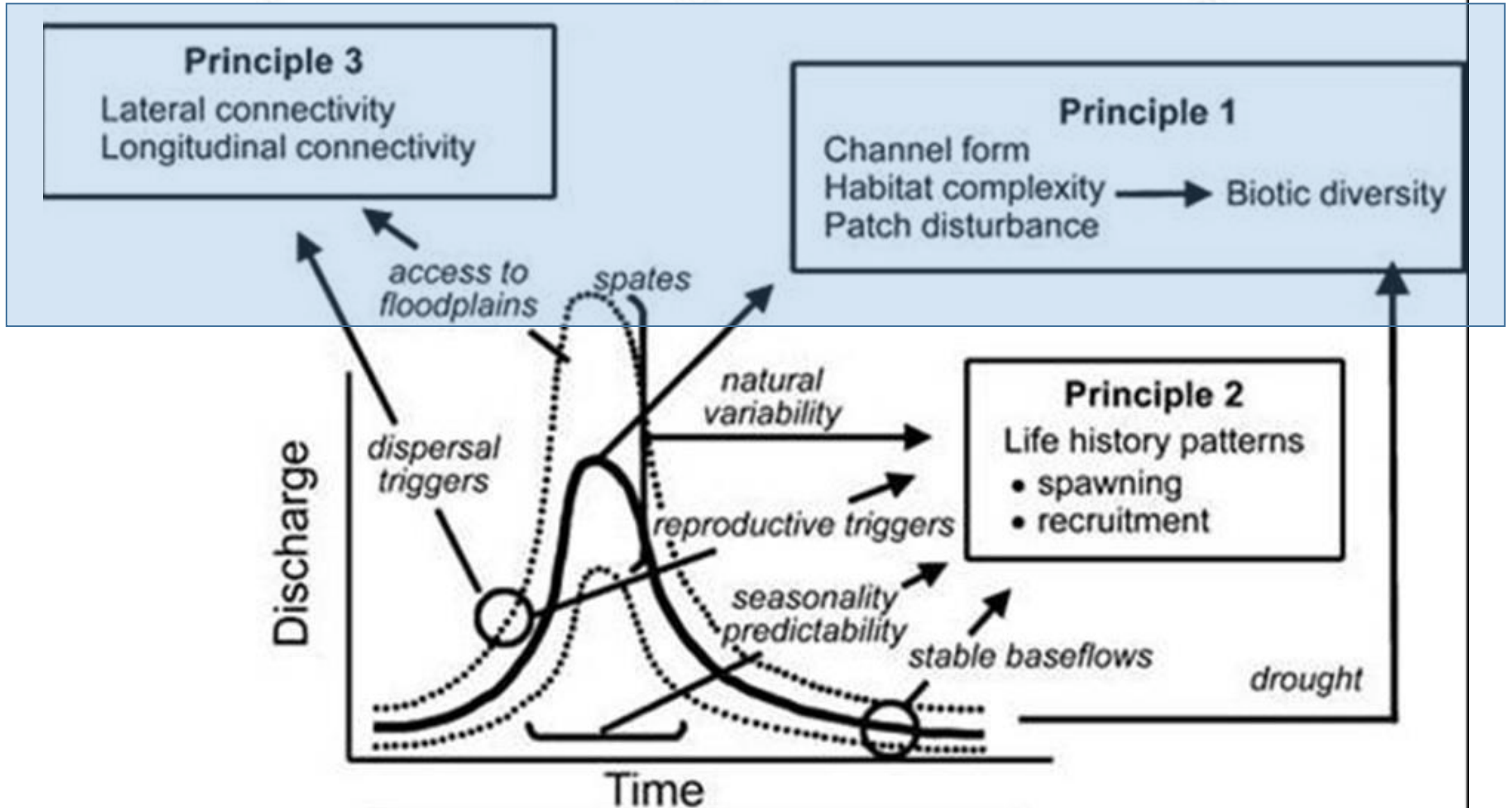
## Variação de caudal no rio Lima regulado e da área útil para a truta de rio- 1998

Flow regime components are the primary regulators of river functions and integrity



Vilarinho das Furnas

# Aquatic biodiversity and natural flow regimes



# THE BUILDING BLOCK METHODOLOGY

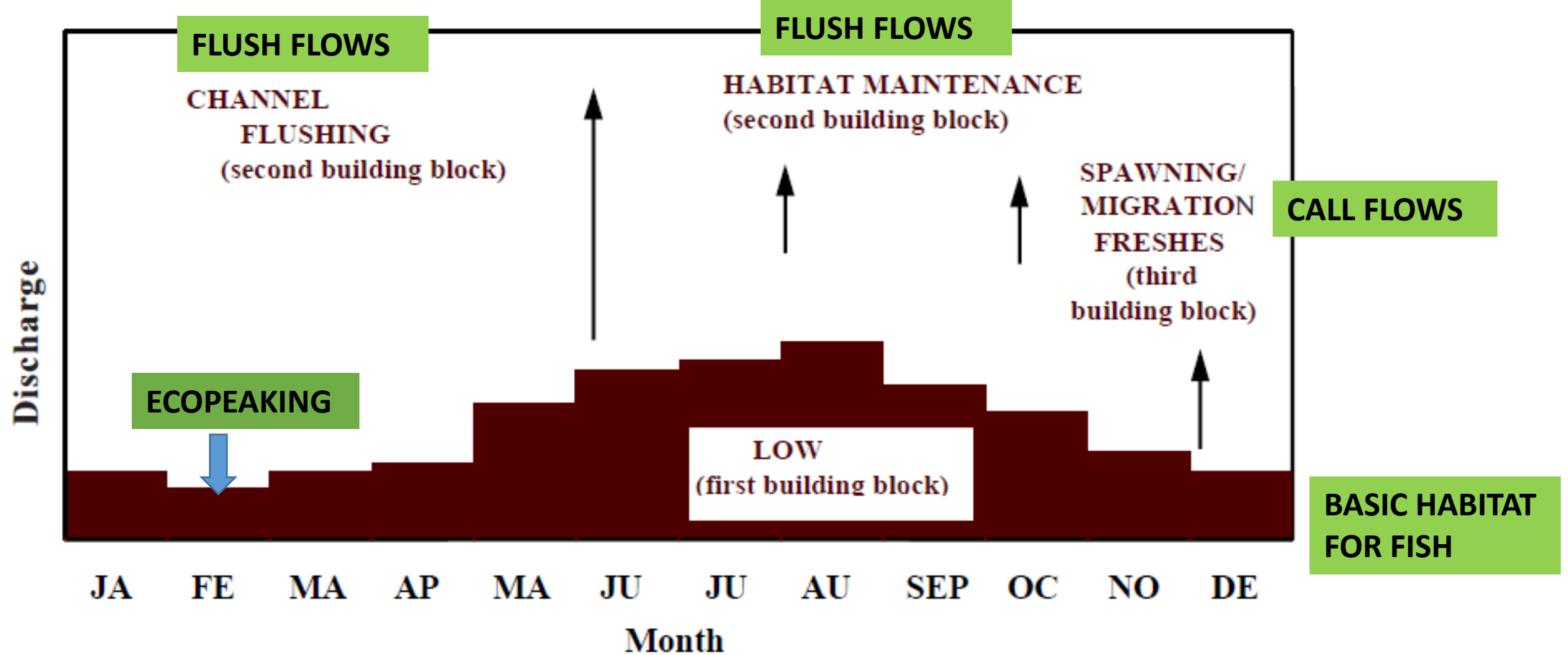


Fig. 2. Example of flow regime built up using building blocks.

From Acreman and Dunbar, *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, 8(5), 861–876 (2004)



**Bosque  
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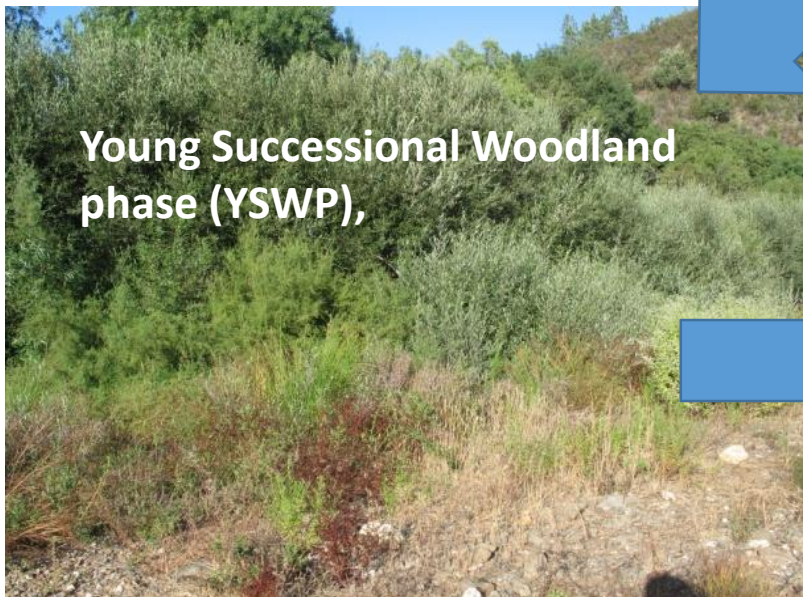
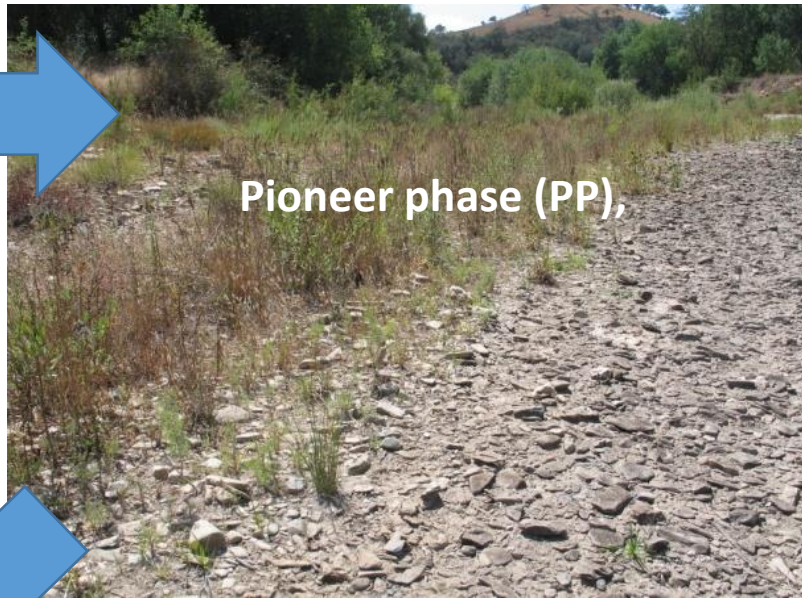
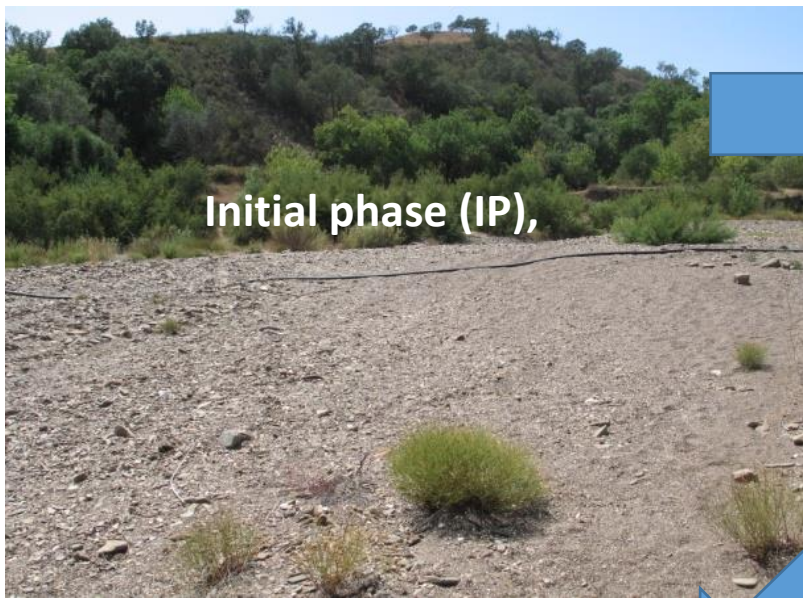
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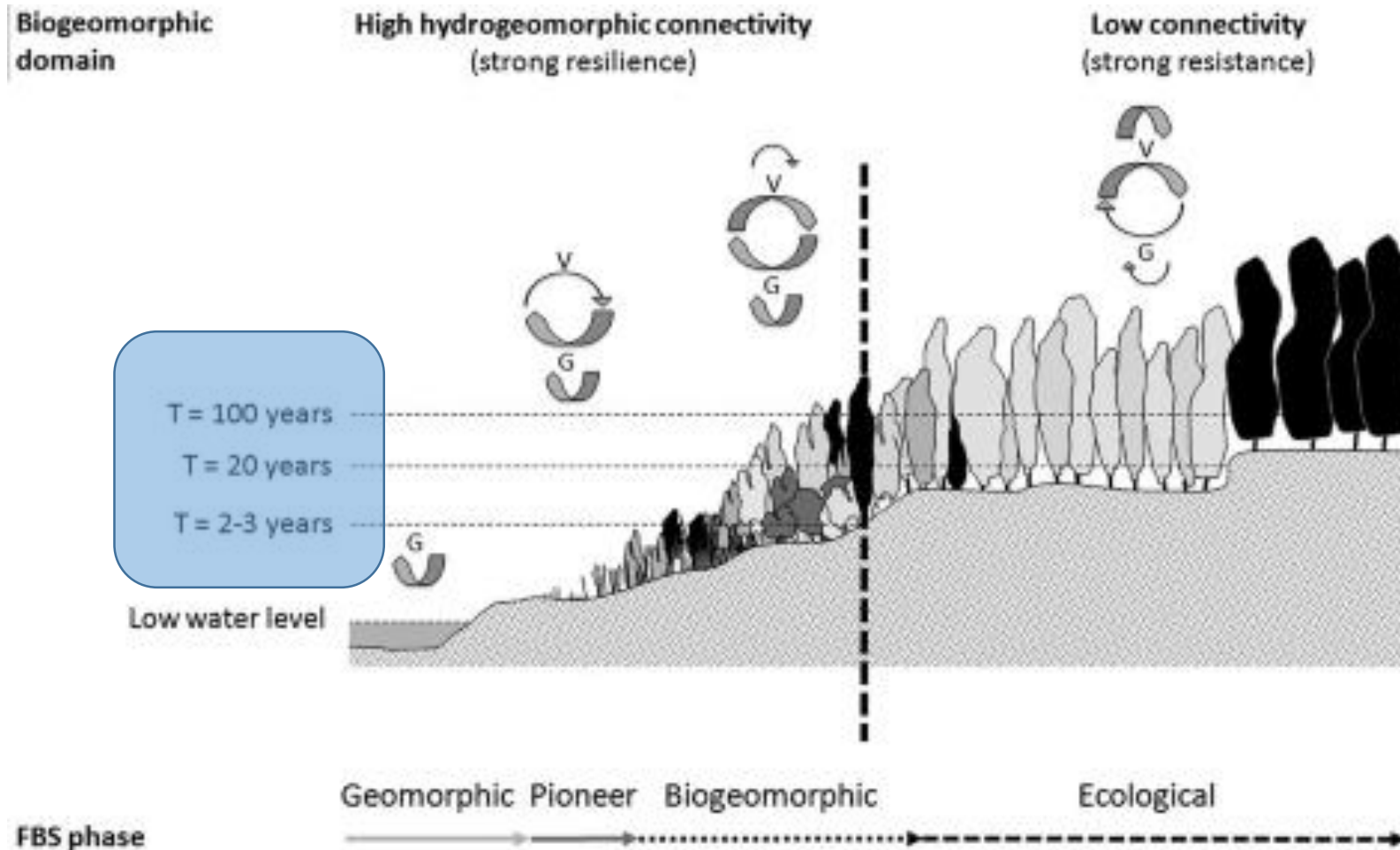
**recrutamento**

**MOSAICOS DE ÁRVORES DE IDADES  
DIFERENTES DEFINIDOS PELO REGIME DAS  
CHEIAS ANUAIS (variação temporal)**



River Odelouca, Southwestern Iberia

# SUCCESSÃO RIPÁRIA



Fluvial biogeomorphic succession (FBS: Corenblit et al. 2007)

V- vegetation, G- geomorphology

*Corenblit, D., NS Davies, J Steiger, MR Gibling and G Bornette. Considering river structure and stability in the light of evolution: feedbacks between riparian vegetation and hydrogeomorphology. Earth Surface Processes and Landform (2014)*



# MATA RIPÁRIA ANTES DA BARRAGEM



**1947**

Alcaçovas River downstream of Pego do Altar Dam



0 0.25 0.5 1 Kilometers

# MATA RIPÁRIA DEPOIS DA BARRAGEM



**2010**

Alcaçovas River downstream of Pego do Altar Dam



# FLUSH FLOWS

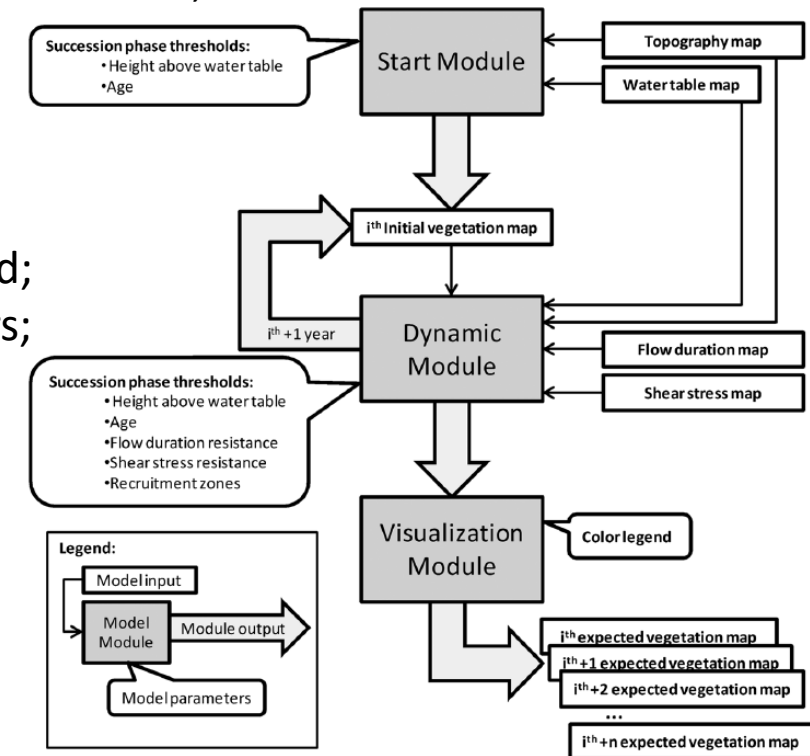


## CASiMiR-vegetation model

- ▶ Mathematic, deterministic, dynamic and distributed model;
- ▶ Calculation based on the relation between relevant hydrological elements and the response of vegetation to hydrologic change;
- ▶ *Output*: vegetation maps by succession phase;
- ▶ Possibility of widespread application to watershed;
- ▶ Successfully implemented in Mediterranean rivers;

## Inputs

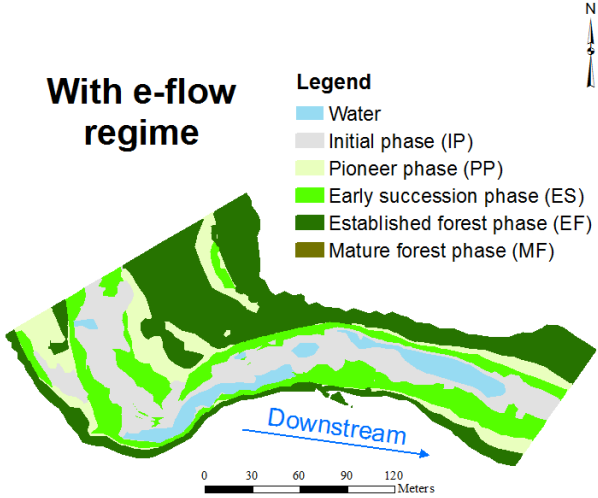
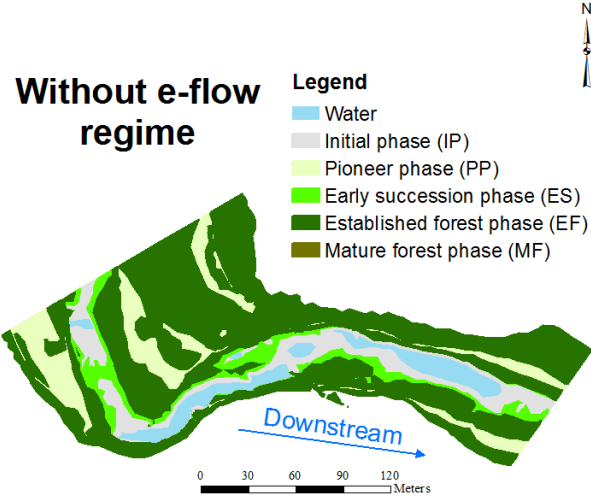
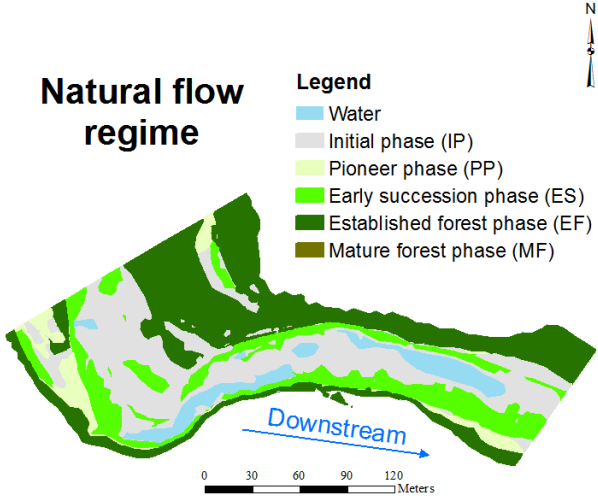
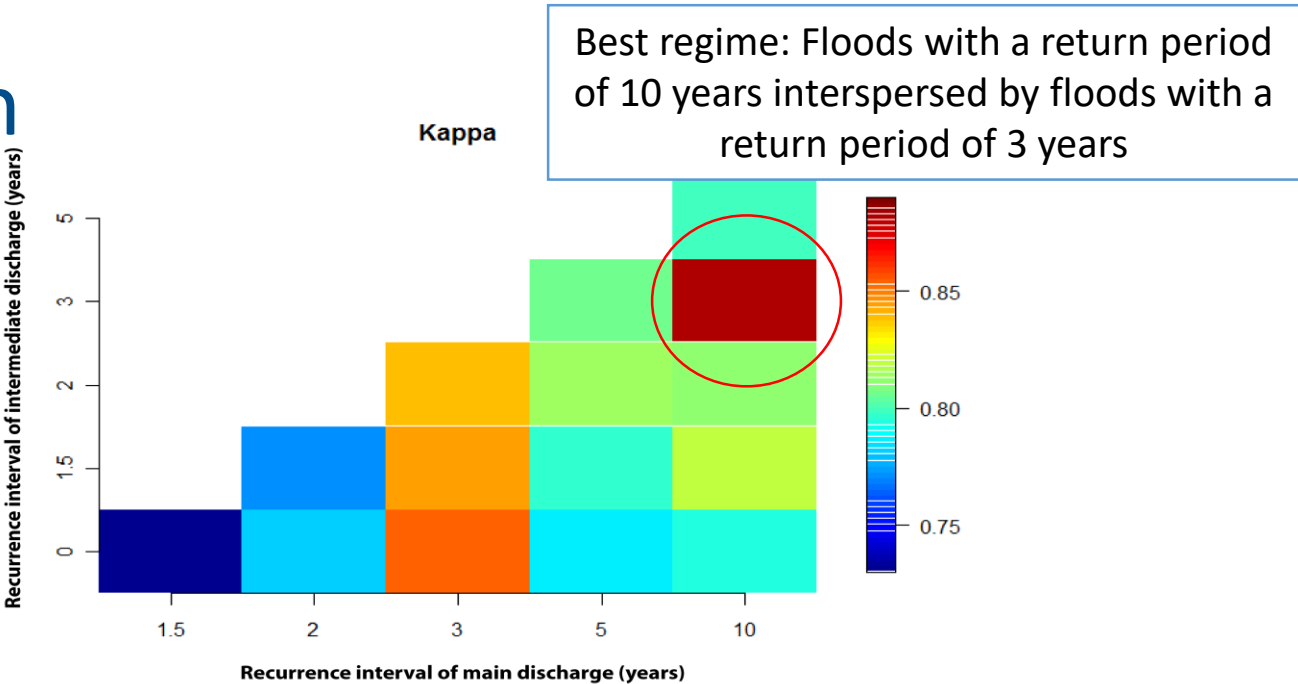
- ▶ Shear stress of maximum annual discharge;
- ▶ Minimum summer water table elevation;
- ▶ Ecological succession characterization;
- ▶ Age description of succession phases;
- ▶ Distance to watertable elevation of succession phases



Rivaes *et al.*, 2013

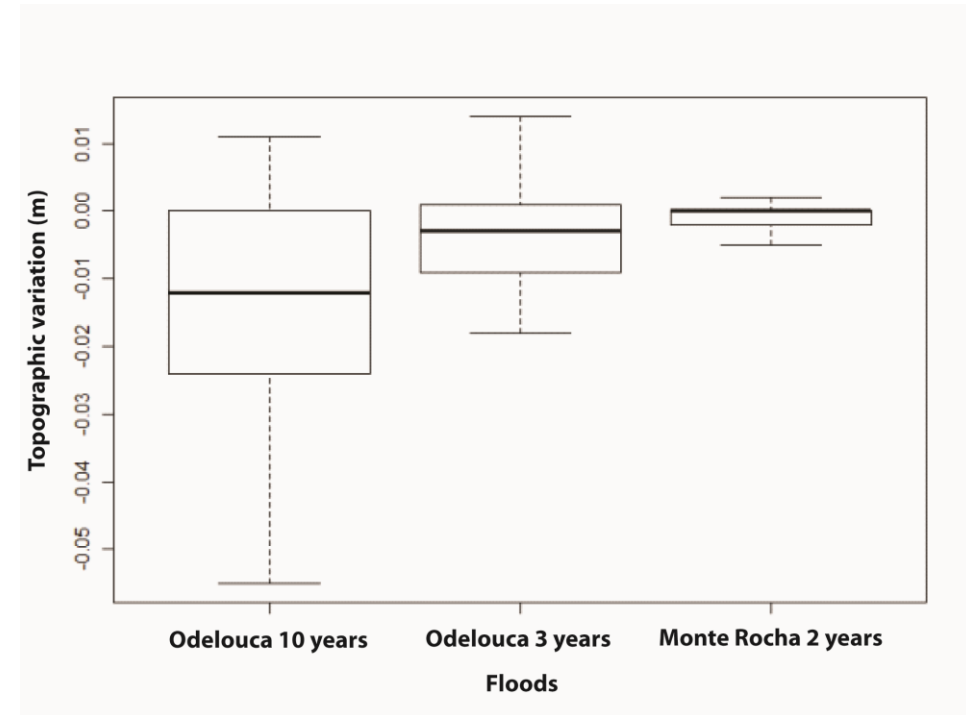
# Selection of flush flow regime

Odelouca



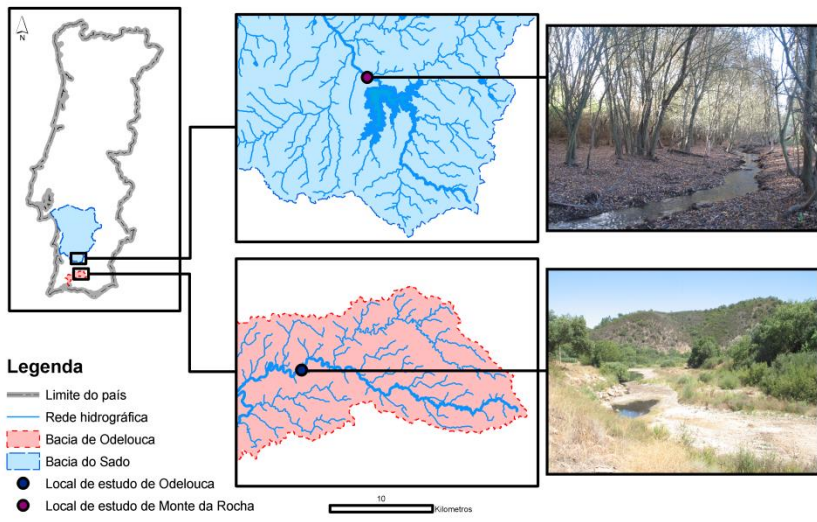
# Sediment transport analysis

	Odelouca (10-year)	Odelouca (3-year)	Monte da Rocha
N	2014	2017	977
Dominant process	Erosion	Erosion	Erosion
Erosion	68 %	57 %	37 %
Sedimentation	25 %	32 %	17%
Mean topographic change	-32 mm	-22 mm	-4 mm

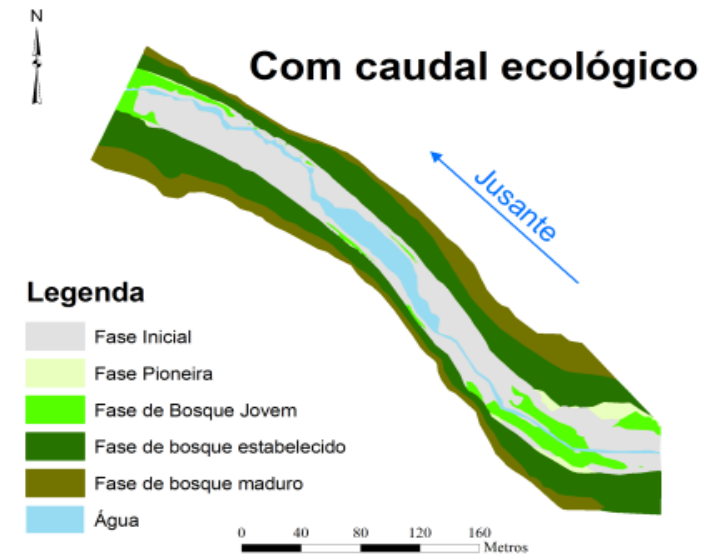
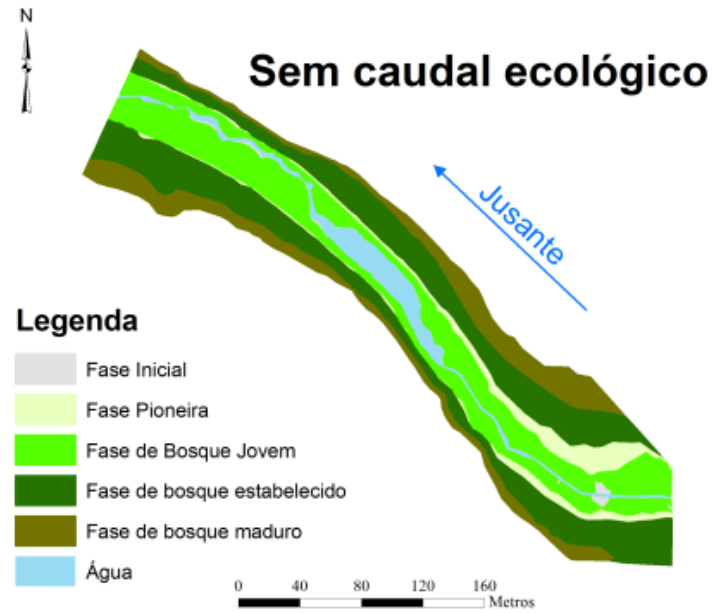
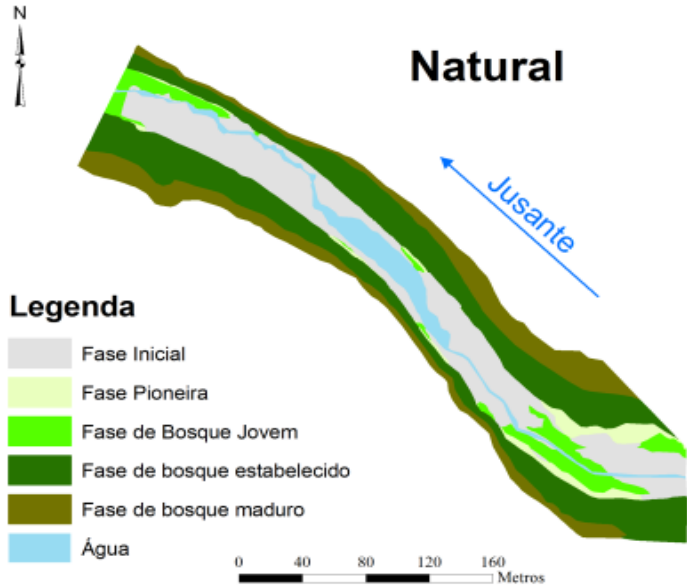
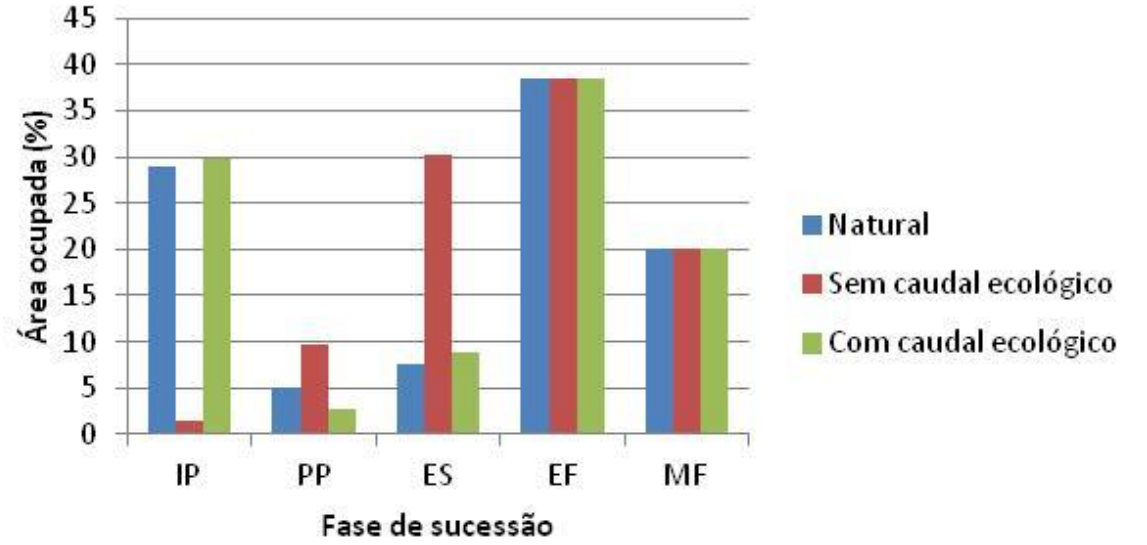


## Odelouca dam

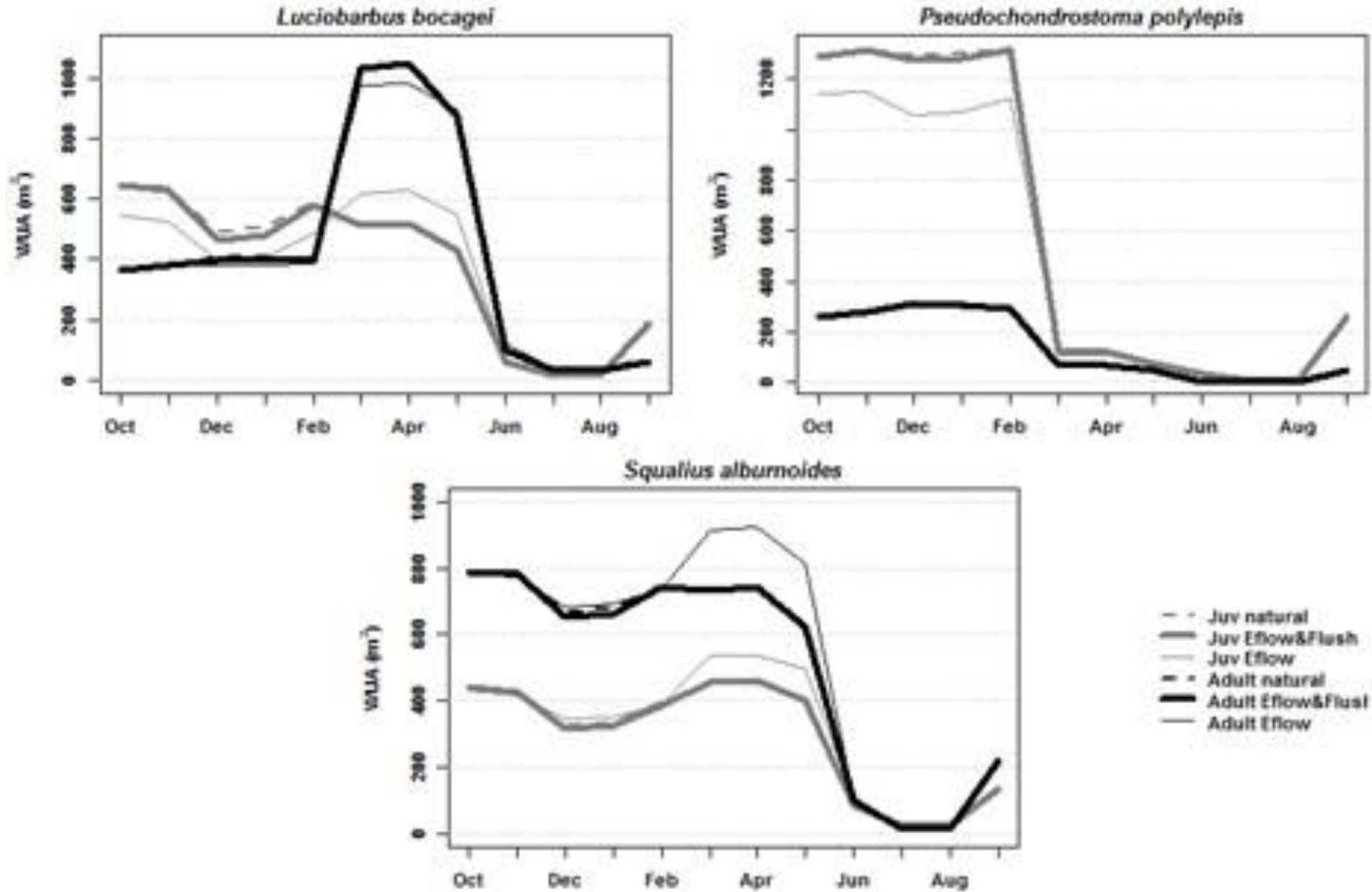
- ▶ Maximum discharges necessary for flushing flows: 171 and 290 m<sup>3</sup>/s
- ▶ Dam spillway
  - ▶ Type: Gated shute
  - ▶ Maximum discharge capacity: 1400 m<sup>3</sup>/s
- ▶ Bottom outlet
  - ▶ Maximum discharge: 53 m<sup>3</sup>/s



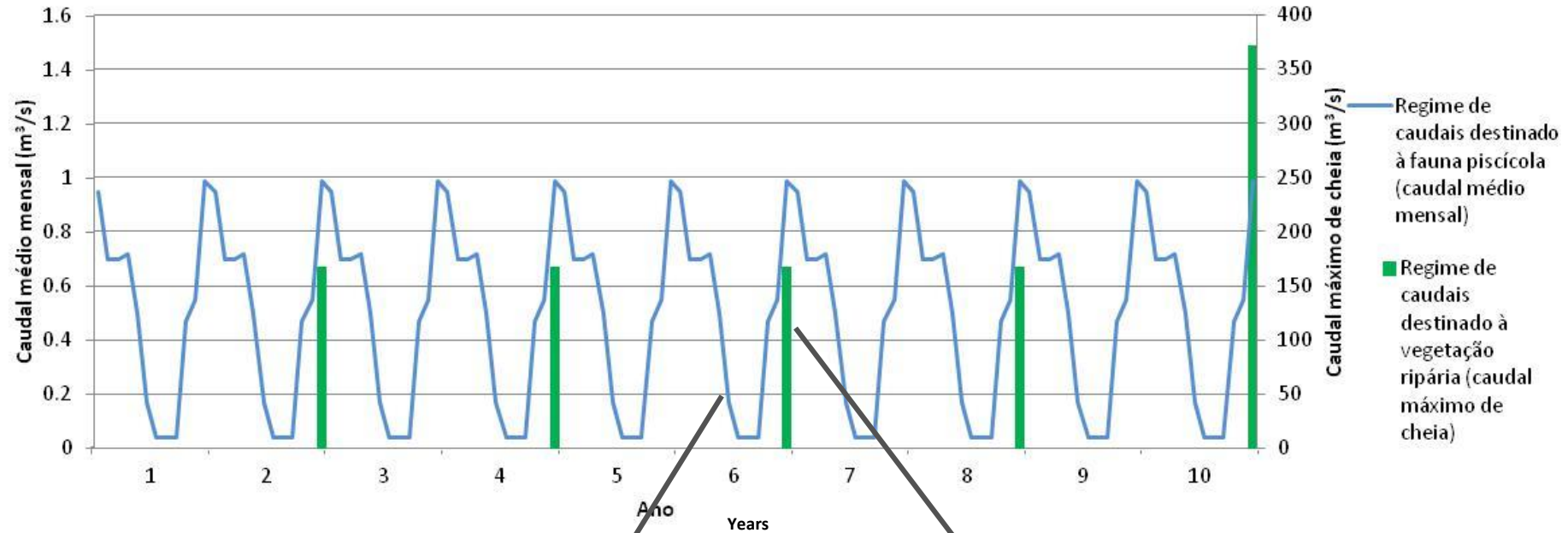
## Monte da Rocha



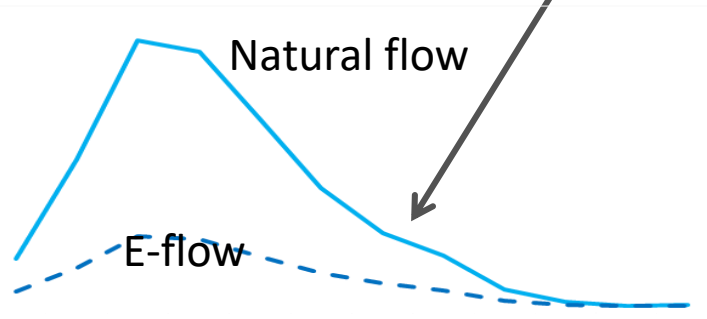
# Combinando eflows and flushflows – river Ocreza



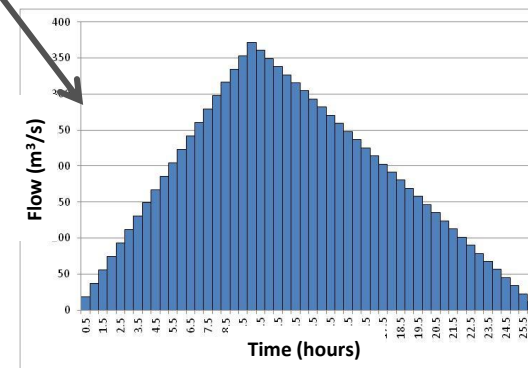
# Flush flows using riparian modelling



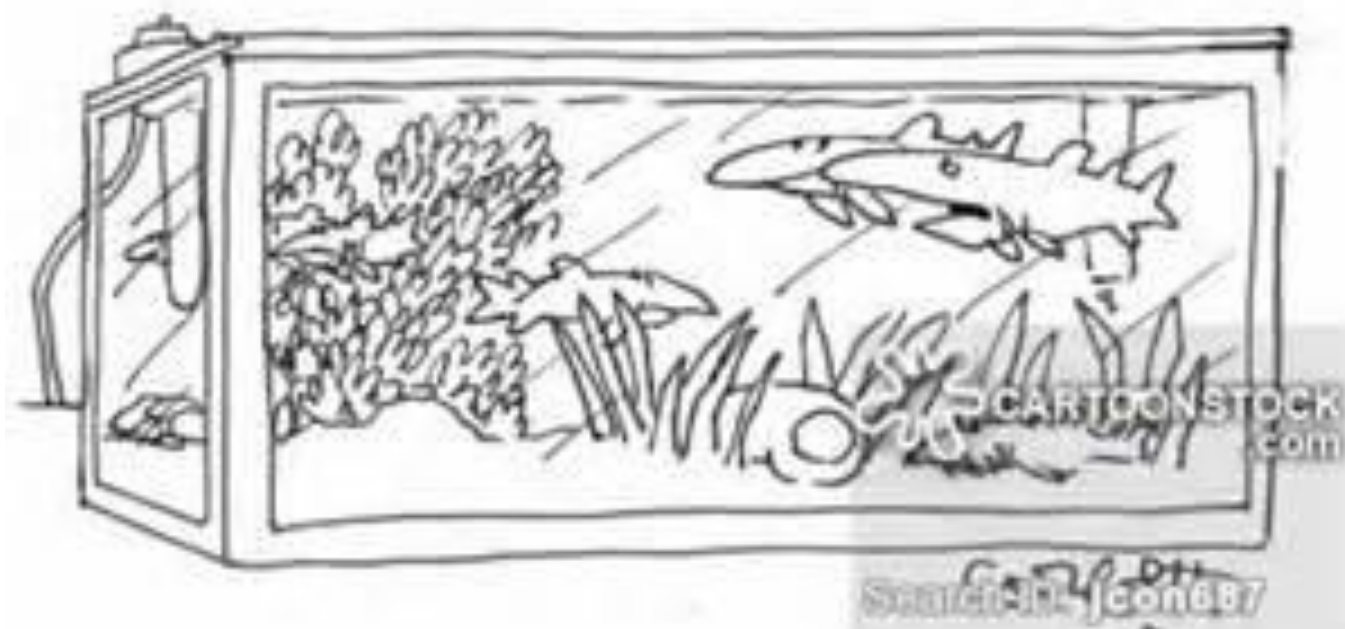
**Fish based intra-annual eflow**



**Riparian based inter-annual flush flows**

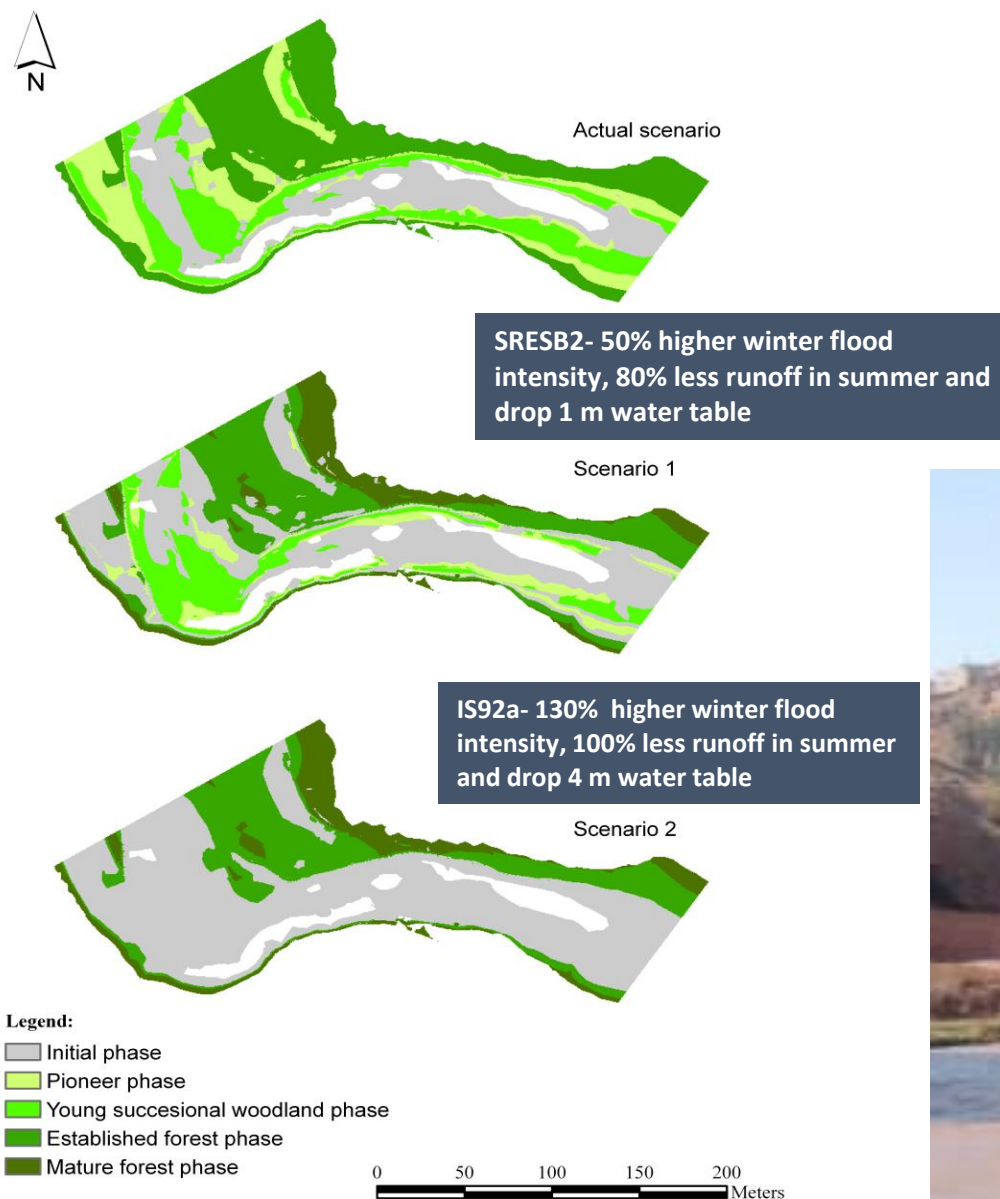






"GO WITH WHAT FLOW? WE LIVE  
IN AN AQUARIUM!"

# Expected succession phase areas for the considered climate change scenarios 2090



- River bank devegetation and upland forest spreading inwards the river
- Area balance: pioneer, young and juvenile patches decrease, while mature and terrestrial patches increase

