



La dimensión cultural de la biodiversidad

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DEL CUADERNO DE CAMPO AL BIG DATA

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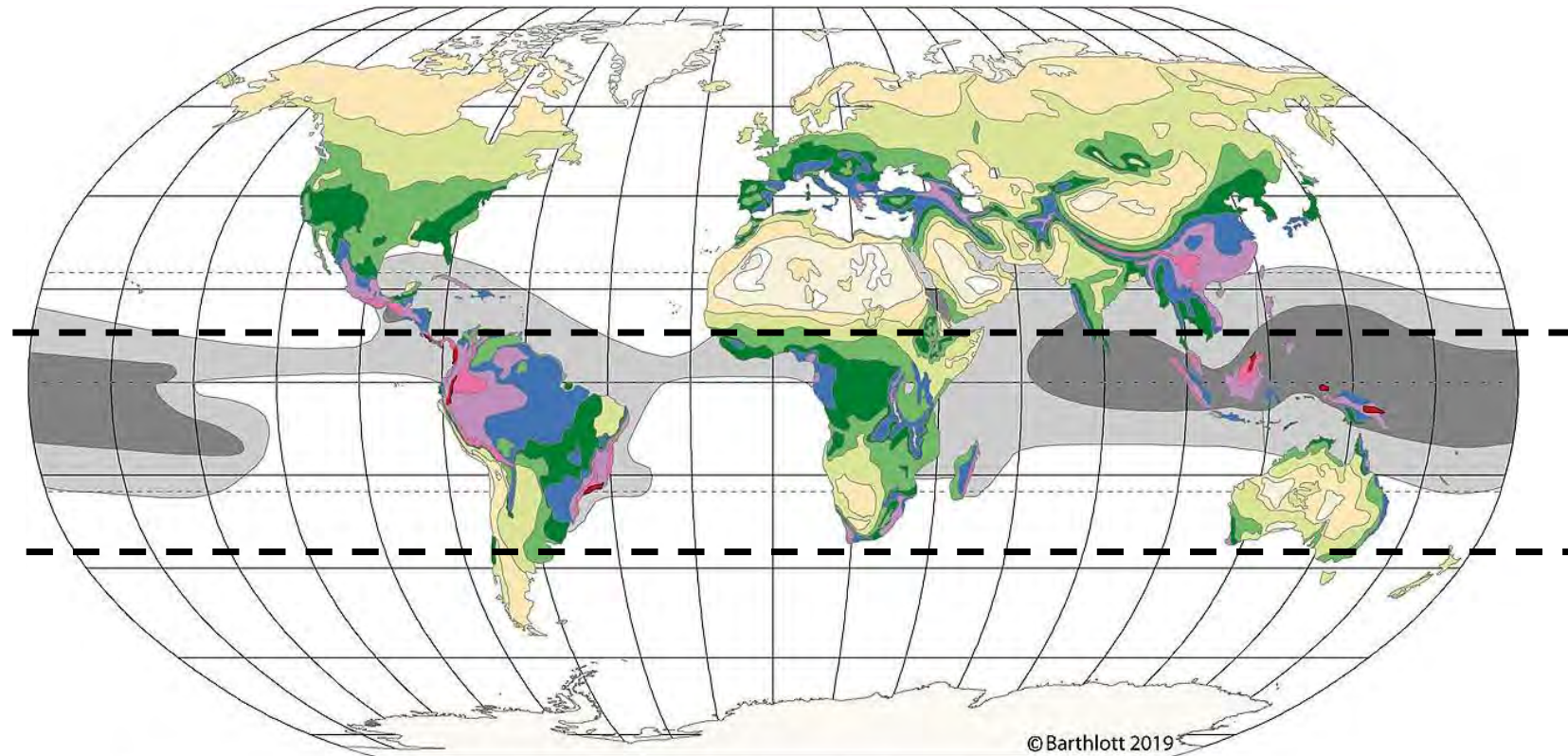


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Cundinamarca, Colombia
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Páramos, 3500m
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Megadiverse



Robinson projection
Standard parallels 38° N and 38° S

Light grey: > 27° C Sea surface temp.
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Diversity zones (DZ), number of vascular plant species per 10,000 km²

DZ 1 (<100)	DZ 5 (1000 - 1500)	DZ 9 (4000 - 5000)
DZ 2 (100 - 200)	DZ 6 (1500 - 2000)	DZ 10 (> 5000)
DZ 3 (200 - 500)	DZ 7 (2000 - 3000)	
DZ 4 (500 - 1000)	DZ 8 (3000 - 4000)	

Modified after Barthlott W., Rafiqpoor, M.D. & Mutke, J. (2014) and Barthlott et al. (1996, 2007)

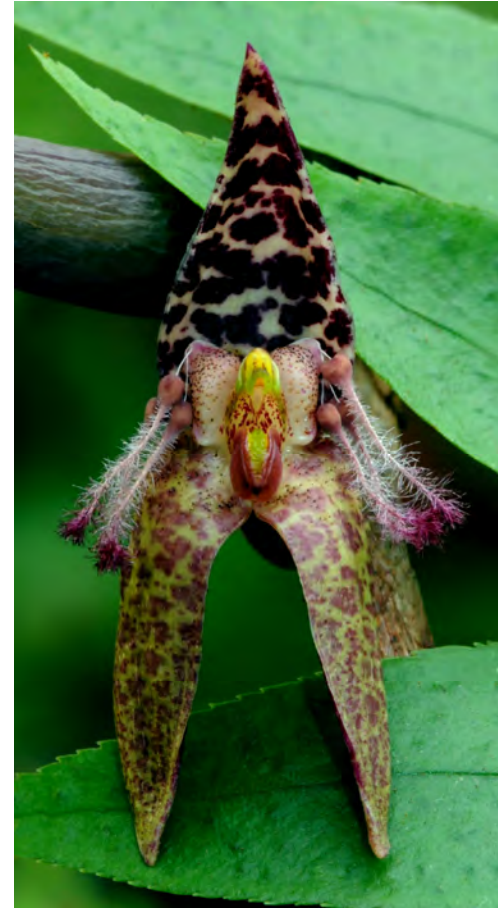
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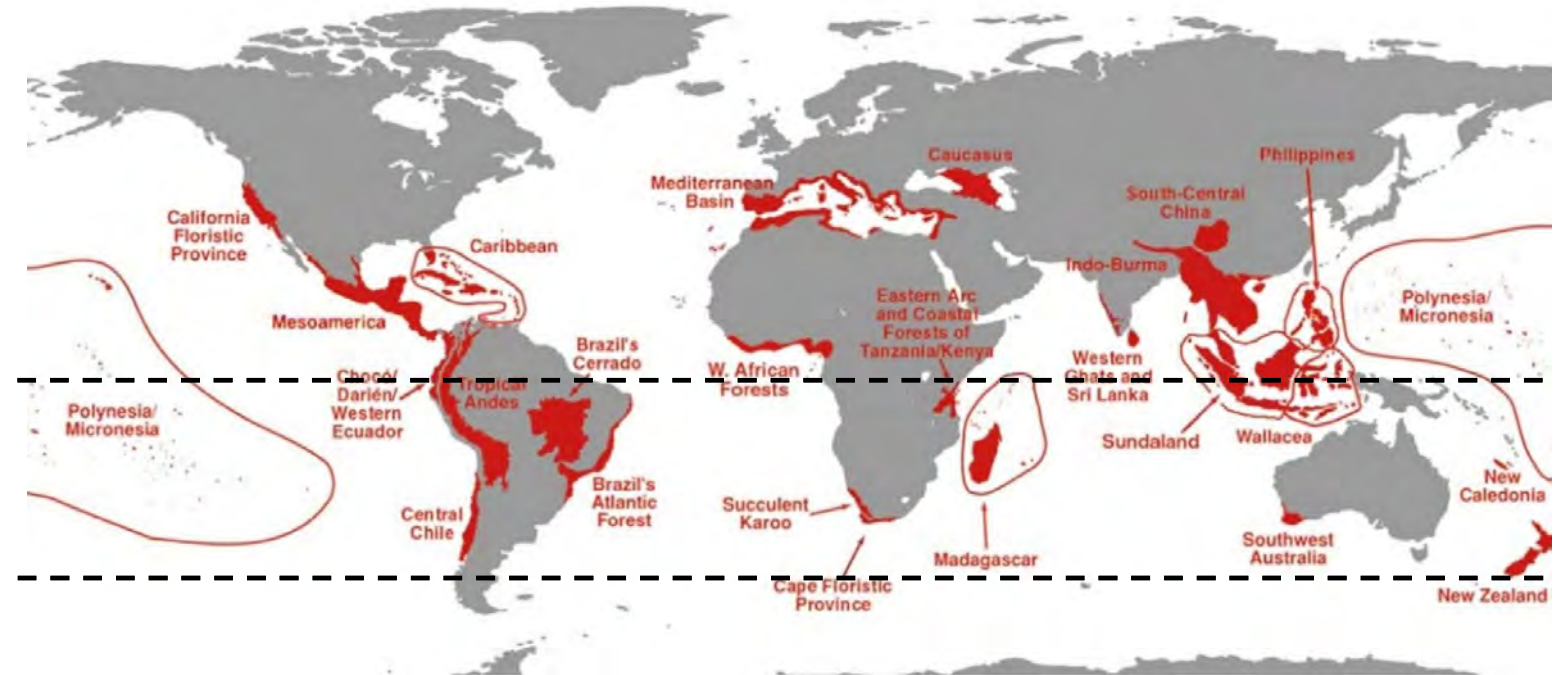


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Many endangered 'biodiversity hotspots'



Ceroxylon quidiuense (Arecaceae)
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2% of the earth's land surface
> 50% of the world's plant species
>43% of terrestrial vertebrate species

Myers, N. et al. (2000) Biodiversity hotspots for conservation priorities. *Nature* 403: 853-858.

Cultural diversity

- Tropical regions have the world's highest concentration of ethnolinguistic groups
- Half of all languages are in the 35 biodiversity hotspots

Co-occurrence of linguistic and biological diversity in biodiversity hotspots and high biodiversity wilderness areas

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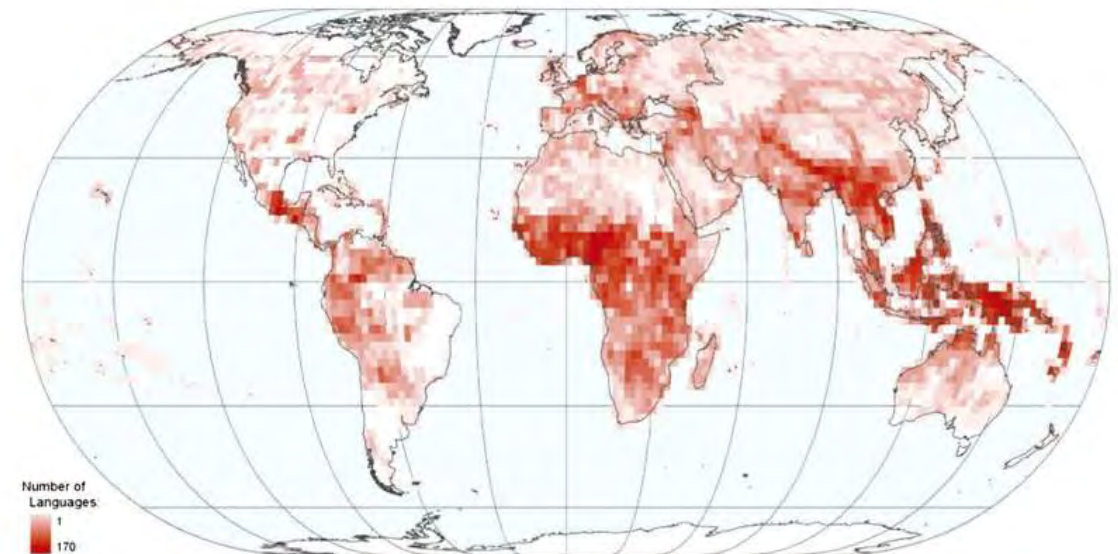
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As the world grows less biologically diverse, it is becoming less linguistically and culturally diverse as well. Biologists estimate annual loss of species at 1,000 times or more greater than historic rates, and linguists predict that 50–90% of the world's languages will disappear by the end of this century. Prior studies indicate similarities in the geographic arrangement of biological and linguistic diversity, although conclusions have often been constrained by use of data with limited spatial precision. Here we use greatly improved datasets to explore the co-occurrence of linguistic and biological diversity in regions containing many of the Earth's remaining species: biodiversity hotspots and high biodiversity wilderness areas. Results indicate that these regions often contain considerable linguistic diversity, accounting for 70% of all languages on Earth. Moreover, the languages involved are frequently unique (endemic) to particular regions, with many facing extinction. Likely reasons for co-occurrence of linguistic and biological diversity are complex and appear to vary among localities, although strong geographic concordance between biological and linguistic diversity in many areas argues for some form of functional connection. Languages in high biodiversity regions also often co-occur with one or more specific conservation priorities, here defined as endangered species and protected areas, marking particular localities important for maintaining both forms of diversity. The results reported in this article provide a starting point for focused research exploring the relationship between biological and linguistic-cultural diversity, and for developing integrated strategies designed to conserve species and languages in regions rich in both.

detailed global data showing the geographic extent of more than 6,900 languages, recently compiled by Global Mapping International (15), to analyze linguistic diversity in regions containing much of Earth's biological diversity, biodiversity hotspots and high biodiversity wilderness areas (SI Text and Tables S1–S4). We focus exclusively on indigenous and nonmigrant languages to identify those corresponding to particular cultural groups, as opposed to languages that have diffused throughout much of the world (such as English and Spanish). Our study covers all languages as well as those found only in individual regions (endemic to those regions), paying particular attention to languages in danger of extinction because of small numbers of speakers. Analyses consider multiple geographic scales, ranging from entire biodiversity regions to locations of protected areas (such as national parks) and sites where individual species occur.

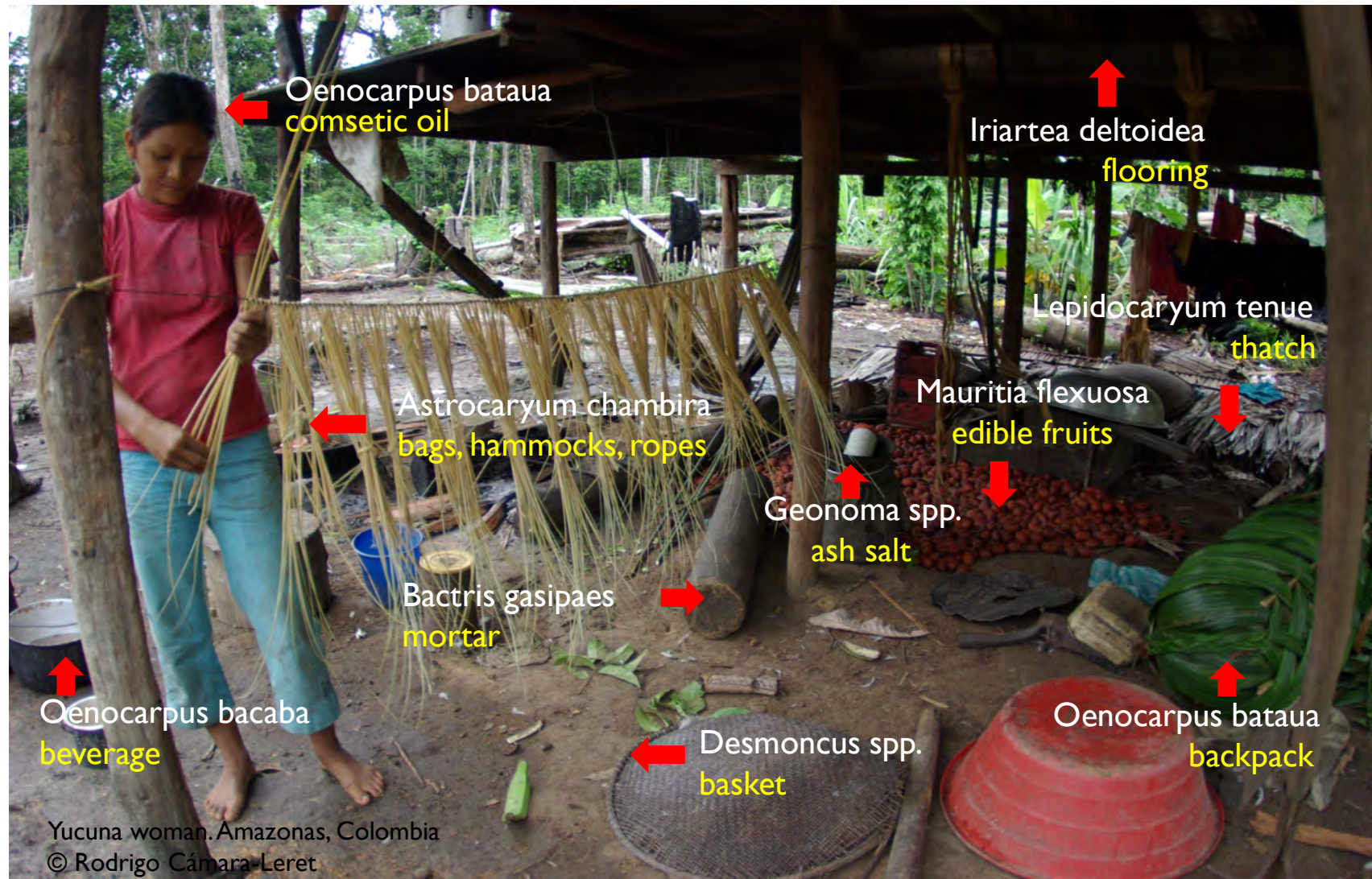
We begin our analysis with a focus on regional conservation priorities defined by biodiversity hotspots and high biodiversity wilderness areas (Fig. 1A) (16). Hotspots are regions characterized by exceptionally high occurrences of endemic species and by loss of at least 70% of natural habitat (17). Totalling only about 2.3% of the earth's terrestrial surface, the remaining habitat in 35 hotspots contains more than 50% of the world's vascular plant species and at least 43% of terrestrial vertebrate species as endemics (18, 19). High biodiversity wilderness areas, also rich in endemic species, are large regions (minimally 10,000 km²) with relatively little human impact, having lost 30% or less of their natural habitat (20). Remaining habitat in the five high biodiversity wilderness areas, covering about 6.1% of the earth's terrestrial surface, contains roughly 17% of the world's vascular plant species and 8% of terrestrial vertebrate species as endemics.

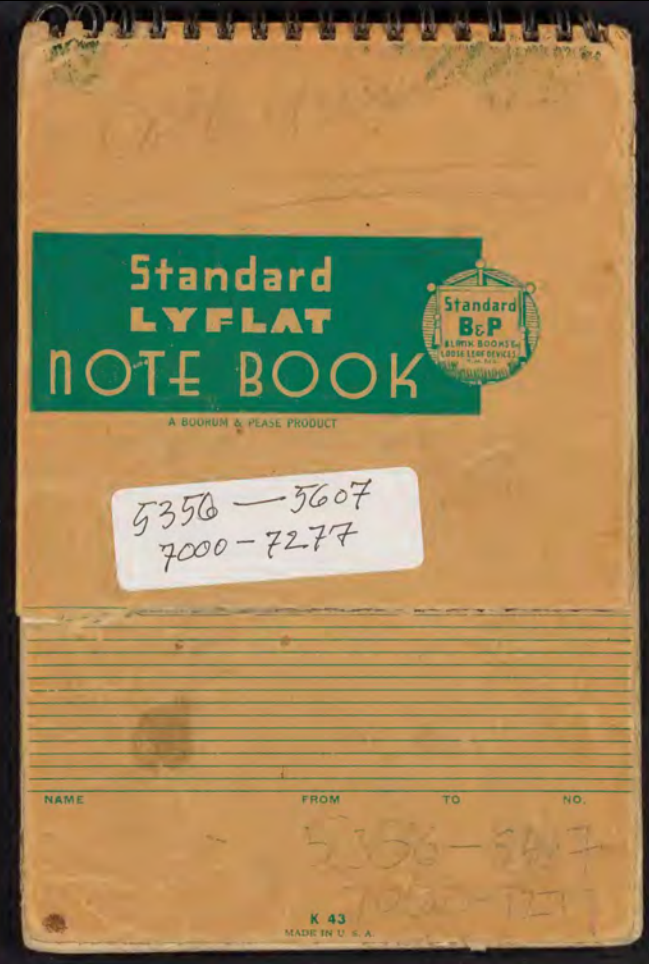


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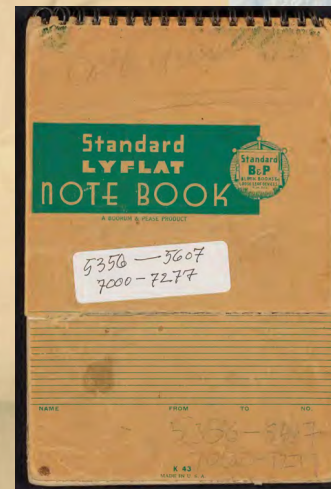
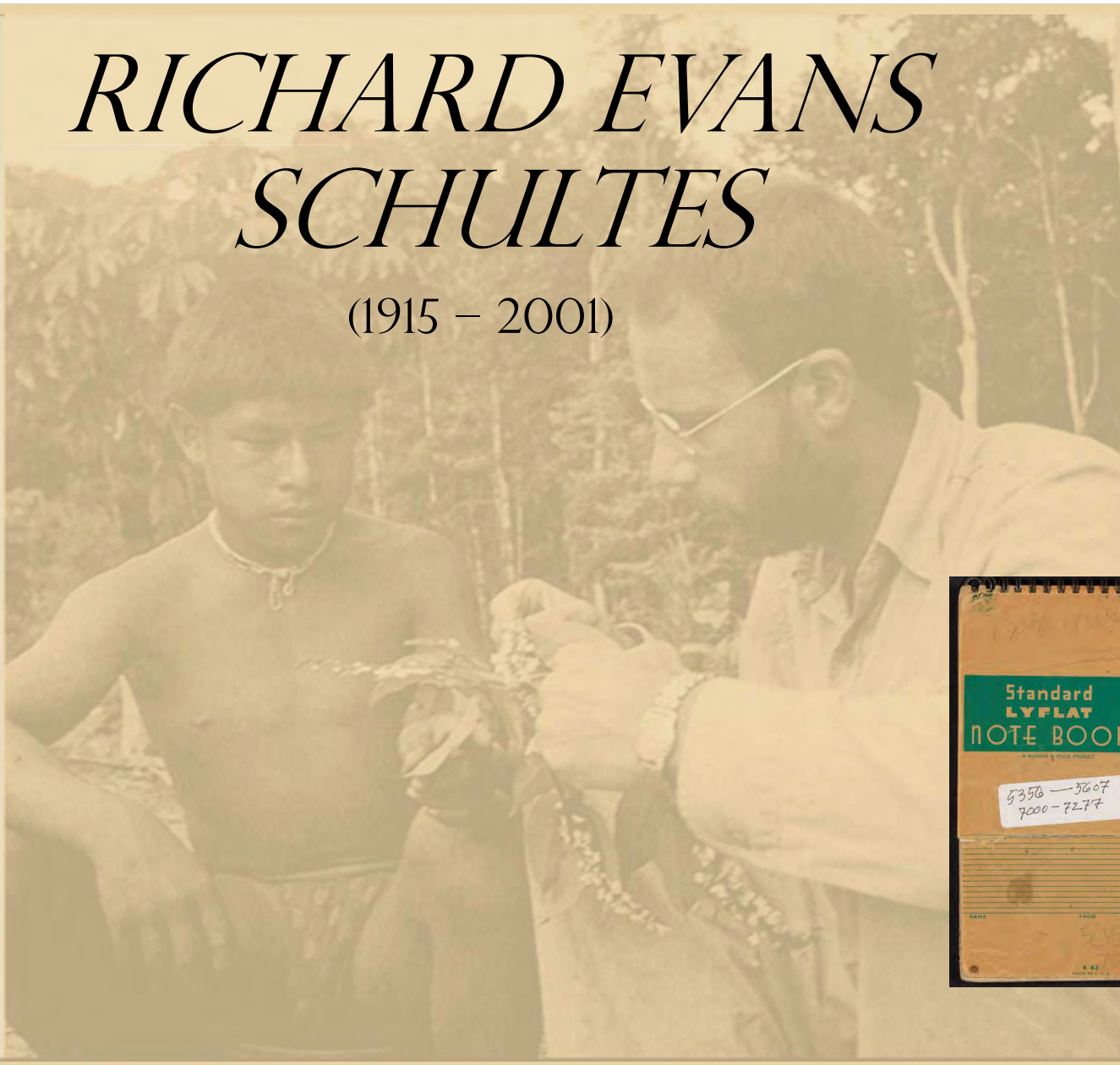
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CATORCE NUEVAS FUENTES DE CURARE



Cofán elder making a blowgun, Rio Sucumbios, April 1942.

By the time Schultes began his Amazonian explorations, the biological action of curare had been understood for a century. Medical experiments in 1942 revealed that the poison acted as a powerful muscle relaxant, promising to revolutionize modern surgery. Botanical knowledge, by contrast, was still embryonic. Not until 1943 would Harvard researchers produce the active compound d-tubocurarine from a properly identified botanical specimen. At this point no one had any idea how many plants contained the drug. Thus, as Schultes made his way to the Cofán, a journey that would yield no fewer than fourteen sources of curare, he did so charged with the excitement and anticipation of a scientist poised on the edge of discovery. *Q*

NUEVA ESPECIE CULTURAL CLAVE

HONRA LOS NOMBRES INDÍGENAS (PAULLINIA YOCO)



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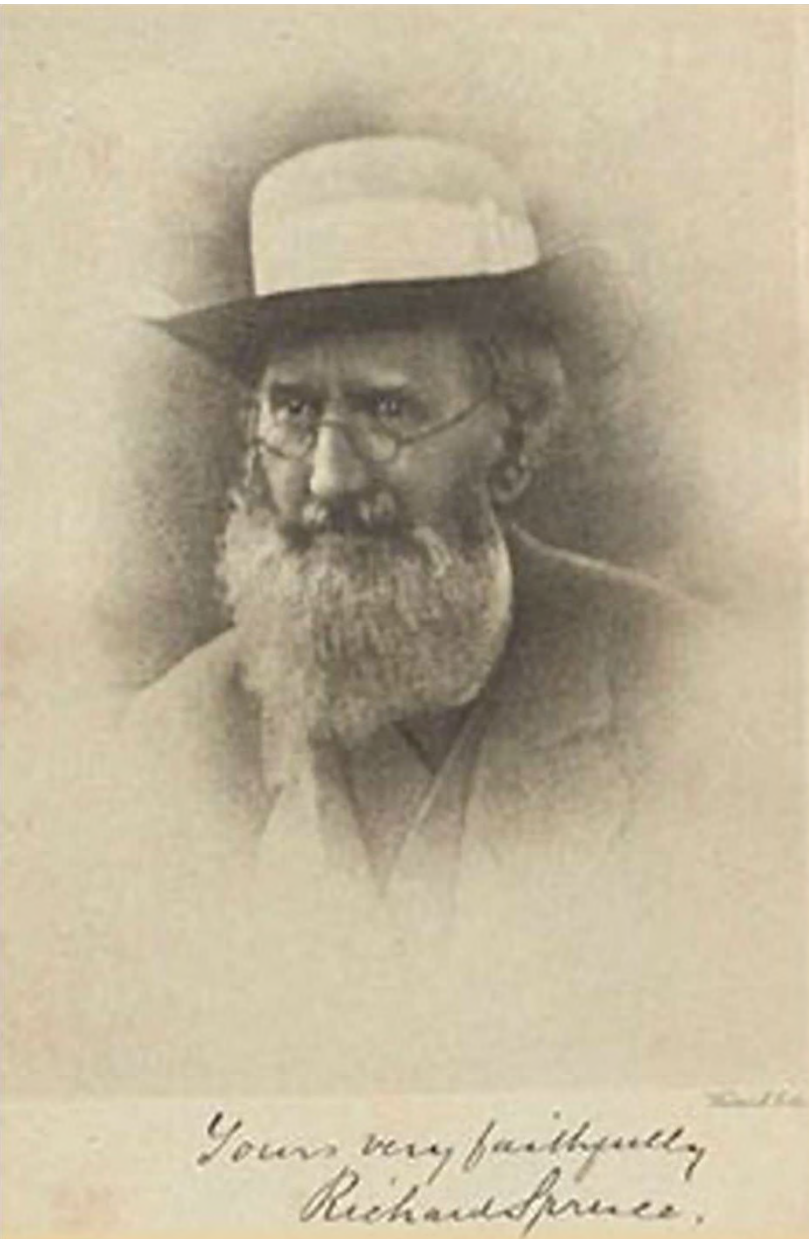
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NUEVA ESPECIE DE AYAHUASCA



“Yet, strong poisons may lurk undiscovered in many others of the order, WHICH IS VERY LARGE AND (THE TWINING SPECIES ESPECIALLY) OF GREAT SAMENESS OF ASPECT; AND THE CLOSELY ALLIED SOAPWORTS (SAPINDACEAE) CONTAIN STRONG NARCOTIC POISONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE GENUS *PAULETIA* SP. KUE (1873) and, “The literature of the past is voluminous and, except in isolated cases, has really not been systematically combed nor critically examined.”

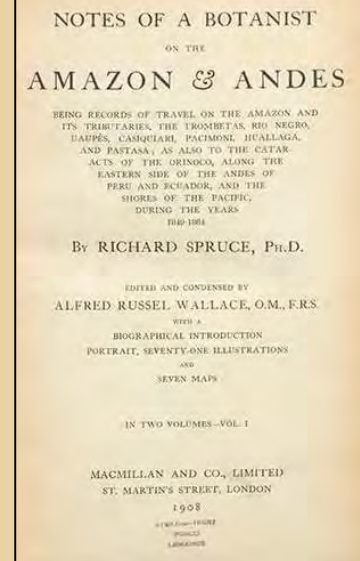
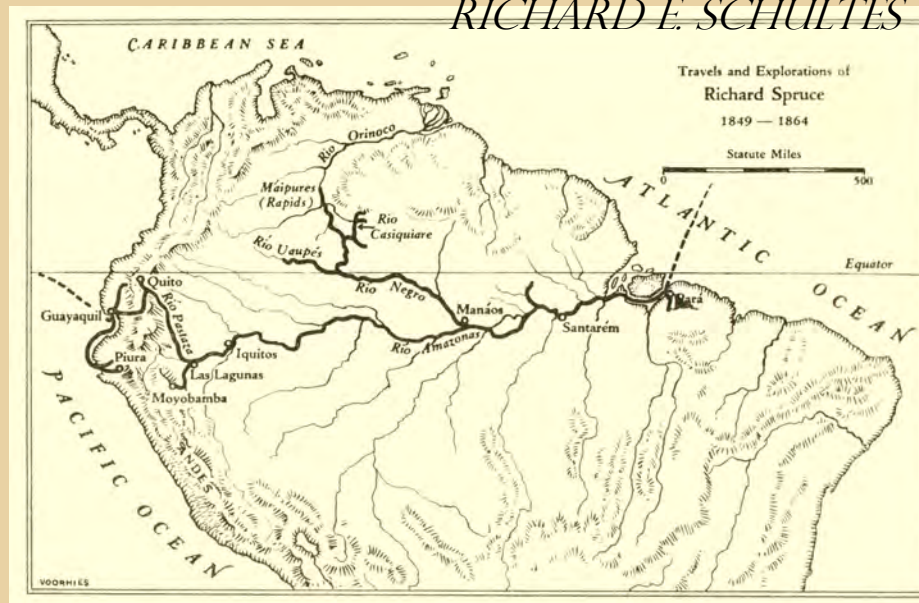
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*Yours very faithfully
Richard Spruce.*

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PERMITIRSE EL LUJO DE NO CONSULTAR LOS
ESPECÍMENES Y LAS DETALLADAS NOTAS DE
SPRUCE”

RICHARD E. SCHULTES



"PROCURED FROM GAUHIPO INDIANS AT CATARACT OF MAYPURES. THE NIOPO OF VENEZUELA IS THE SAME AS PARICA OF BRAZIL AND IS USED ON UPPER ORINOCO, GUAVIARE, VICHADA, META, LIPAPO ETC. THERE IS NO DOUBT OF ITS BEING PREPARED FROM ACACIA NIOPO, HUMB WHICH IS PERHAPS NOT DIFFERENT FROM PIPTADENIA PEREGINA, BENTH. MY SPECIMENS OF THE PARICA TREE FROM THE BARRA ARE REFERRED TO THE LATTER SPECIES BY BENTHAM. I DID NOT SEE THE TREE FROM WHICH THE GUAHIBOS OBTAINED THEIR NIOPO, AND WHICH THEY TOLD ME WAS PLANTED IN THE CANUCOS NEAR THE HEAD WATERS OF THE RIVER TUPARO; BUT THE PARICO I HAVE SEEN ON THE AMAZON AND ALL THE WAY UP THE RIO, NEGRO, PLANTED NEAR THE VILLAGES, BELONGS TO BUT ONE SPECIES, WHICH ON THE VENEZUELAN FRONTIER TAKES THE NAME OF NIOPO. IN PREPARING THE SNUFF, THE ROASTED SEEDS OF THE NIOPO ARE PLACED IN A SHALLOW WOODEN PLATTER, WHICH IS HELD ON THE KNEES BY MEANS OF, BROAD HANDLE GRASPED IN LEFT HAND; THEN CRUSHED BY A SMALL PESTLE OF THE HARD WOOD OF PAO D'ARCO (TECOMA SP.) WHICH IS HELD BETWEEN FINGERS AND THUMB OF RIGHT HAND. THE SNUFF IS KEPT IN A MULL MADE OUT OF TIGER'S BONE, CLOSED AT ONE END WITH PITCH AND THE OTHER STOPPED WITH A CORK OF MARUNA. IT HANGS FROM THE NECK AND HAS ATTACHED TO IT THE TUBIFEROUS PART OF SOME CYPERACEAE WHICH ARE SLIGHTLY ODORIFEROUS. THESE OR SOME ALLIED SPECIES ARE USED THROUGHOUT THE AMAZON, RIO NEGRO, AND UAUPE'S ETC AMONG INDIANS OF THE FOREST. WITH A PIECE OF PISIPISIACA ABOUT THE PERSON, ONE IS SAFE FROM BAD WISH AND EVIL EYE. THE INSTRUMENT FOR TAKING THE SNUFF IS MADE OF BIRDS BONES AND DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT USED BY CAUTAUXI INDIANS. TWO TUBES END UPWARDS IN LITTLE, BLACK BALLS (THE ENDOCARPS OF SOME SPECIES OF ASTROCARYUM) WHICH ARE APPLIED TO NOSTRILS WHILE THE TUBE IN WHICH THEY END IS DIPPED INTO THE MULL AND THUS THE NIOPO IS SNUFFED UP THE NOSE. I ENCLOSE A PIECE OF CAAPI, FROM WHICH THE INDIAN WHO WAS GRINDING THE NIOPO EVERY NOW AND THEN TORE A STRIP WITH HIS TEETH AND



“HABÍA IDO CON LA FIRME INTENCIÓN DE PROBAR EL CAAPI POR MÍ MISMO, PERO APENAS HABÍA TOMADO UNA TAZA DE LA NAUSEABUNDA BEBIDA, QUE NO ES MÁS QUE MEDIA DOSIS, CUANDO EL ANFITRIÓN DE LA FIESTA —DESEOSO, AL PARECER, DE QUE PROBARA TODAS SUS DELICIAS DE UNA VEZ— SE ACERCÓ CON UNA MUJER QUE LLEVABA UNA GRAN CALABAZA DE CAXIRI (CERVEZA DE MANDIOCA), DE LA QUE TUVE QUE BEBER UN TRAGO COPIOSO Y, COMO CONOCÍA EL MODO DE PREPARARLA, LA ENGULLÍ CON SECRETO DISGUSTO. APENAS HABÍA LOGRADO ESTA HAZAÑA, CUANDO ME PUSIERON EN LA MANO UN GRAN CIGARRO, DE DOS PIES DE LARGO Y TAN GRUESO COMO UNA MUÑECA, Y LA ETIQUETA EXIGÍA QUE DIERA UNAS CUANTAS CALADAS, YO, QUE NUNCA EN MI VIDA HABÍA FUMADO UN CIGARRO O UNA PIPA DE TABACO. ADEMÁS DE TODO ESTO

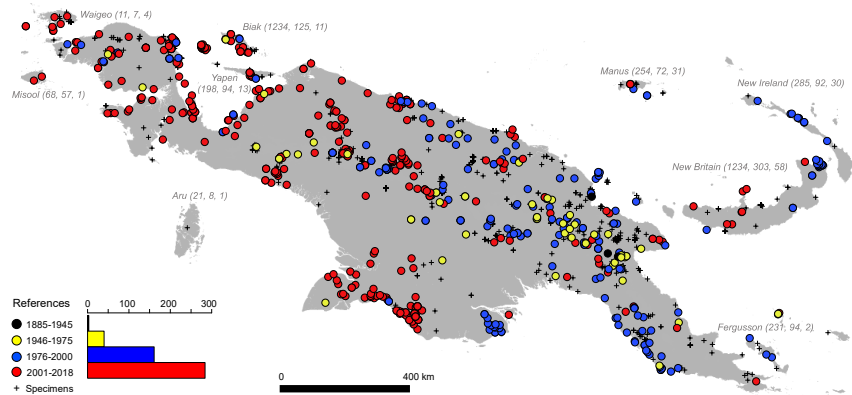
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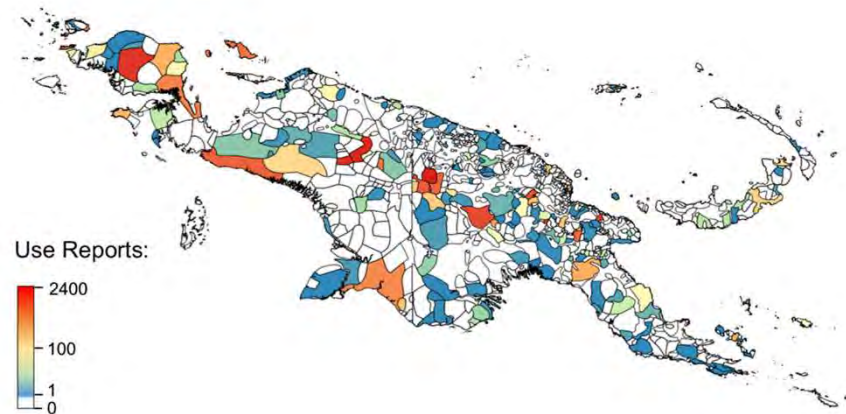




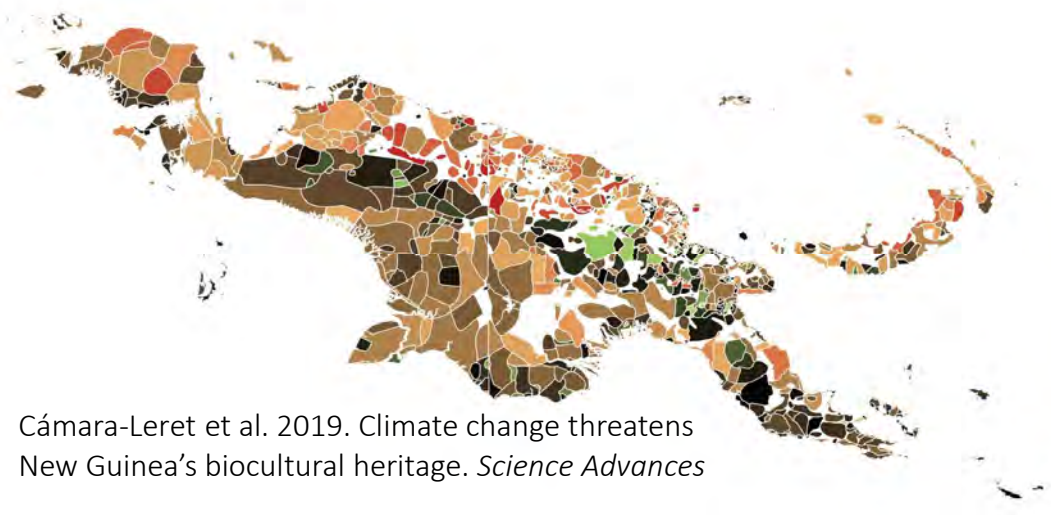
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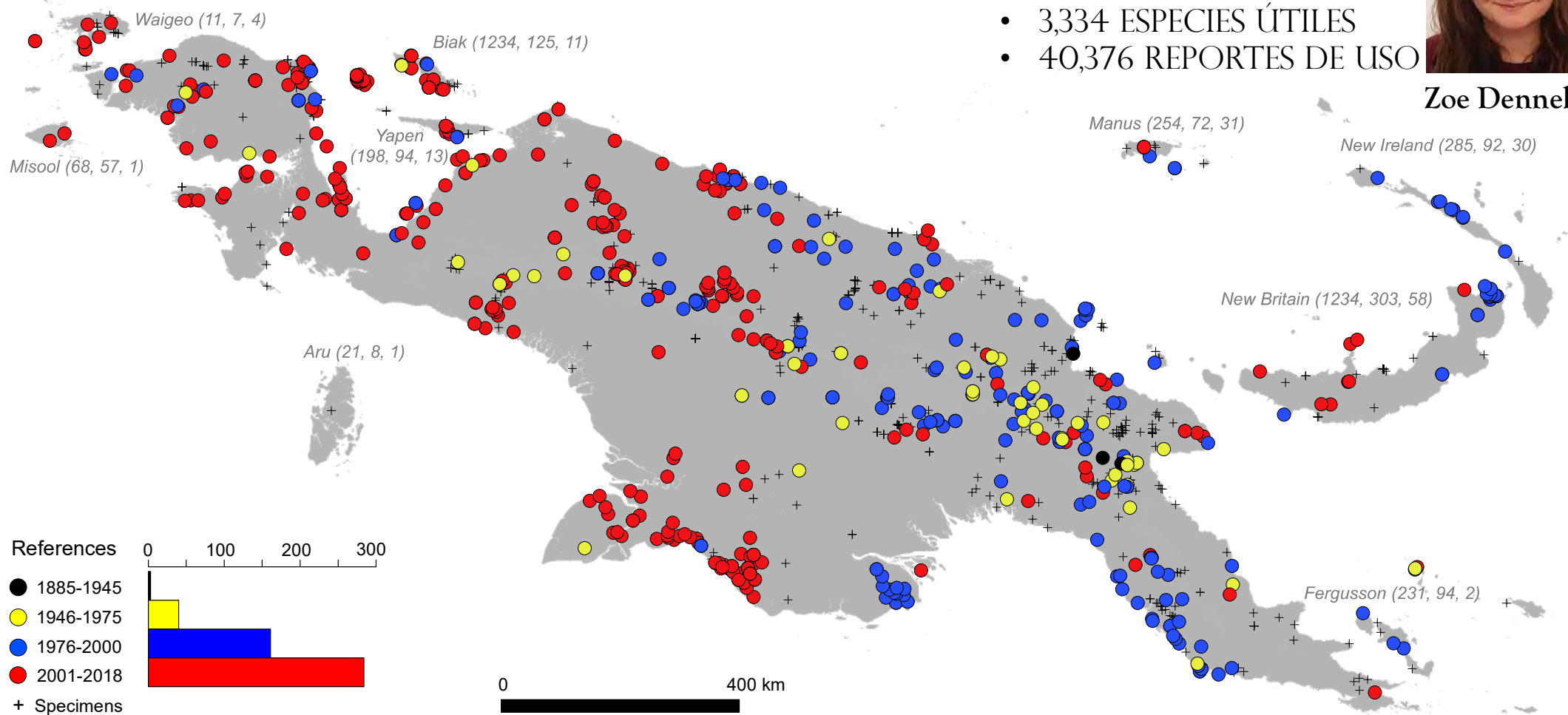
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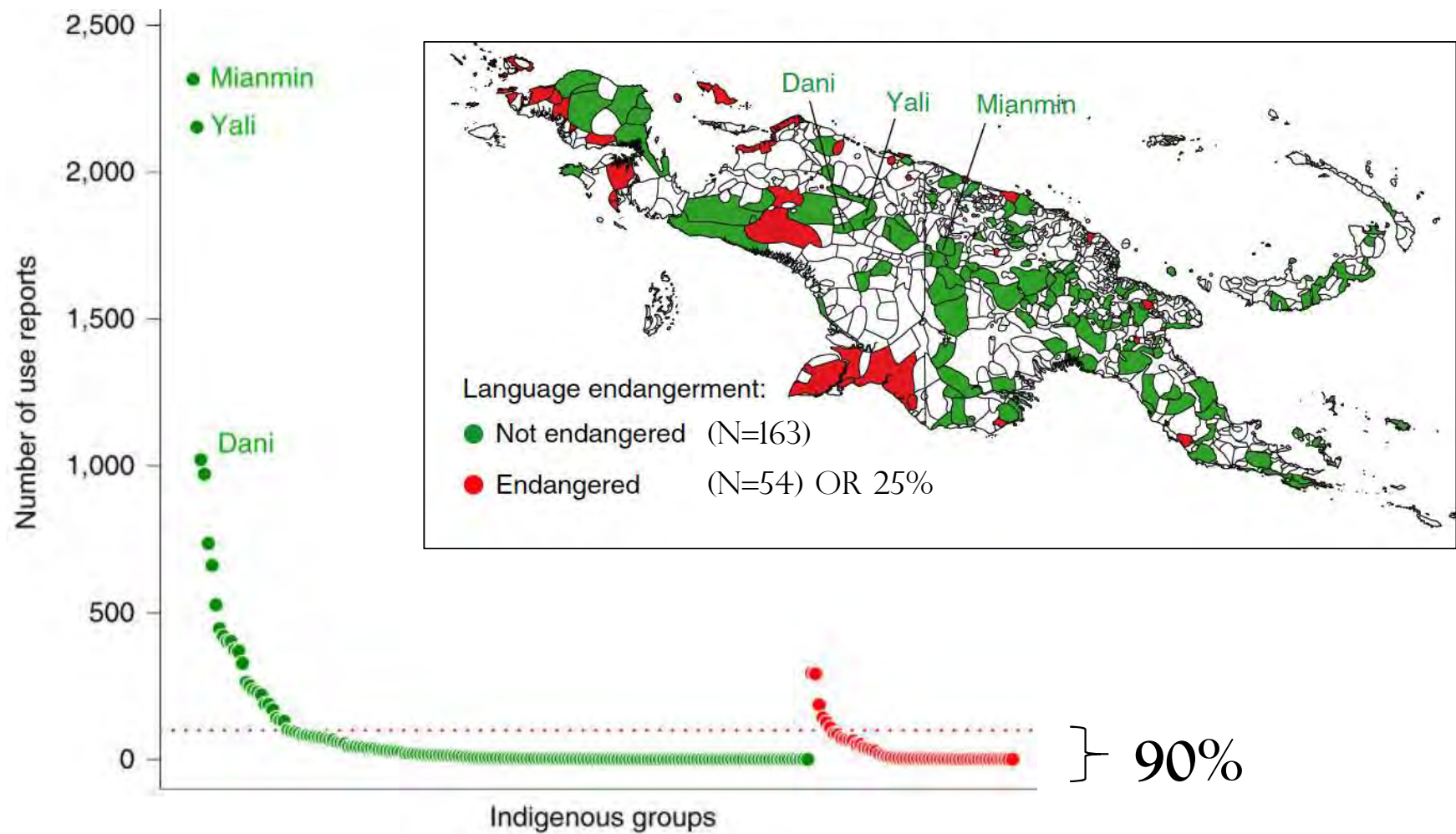
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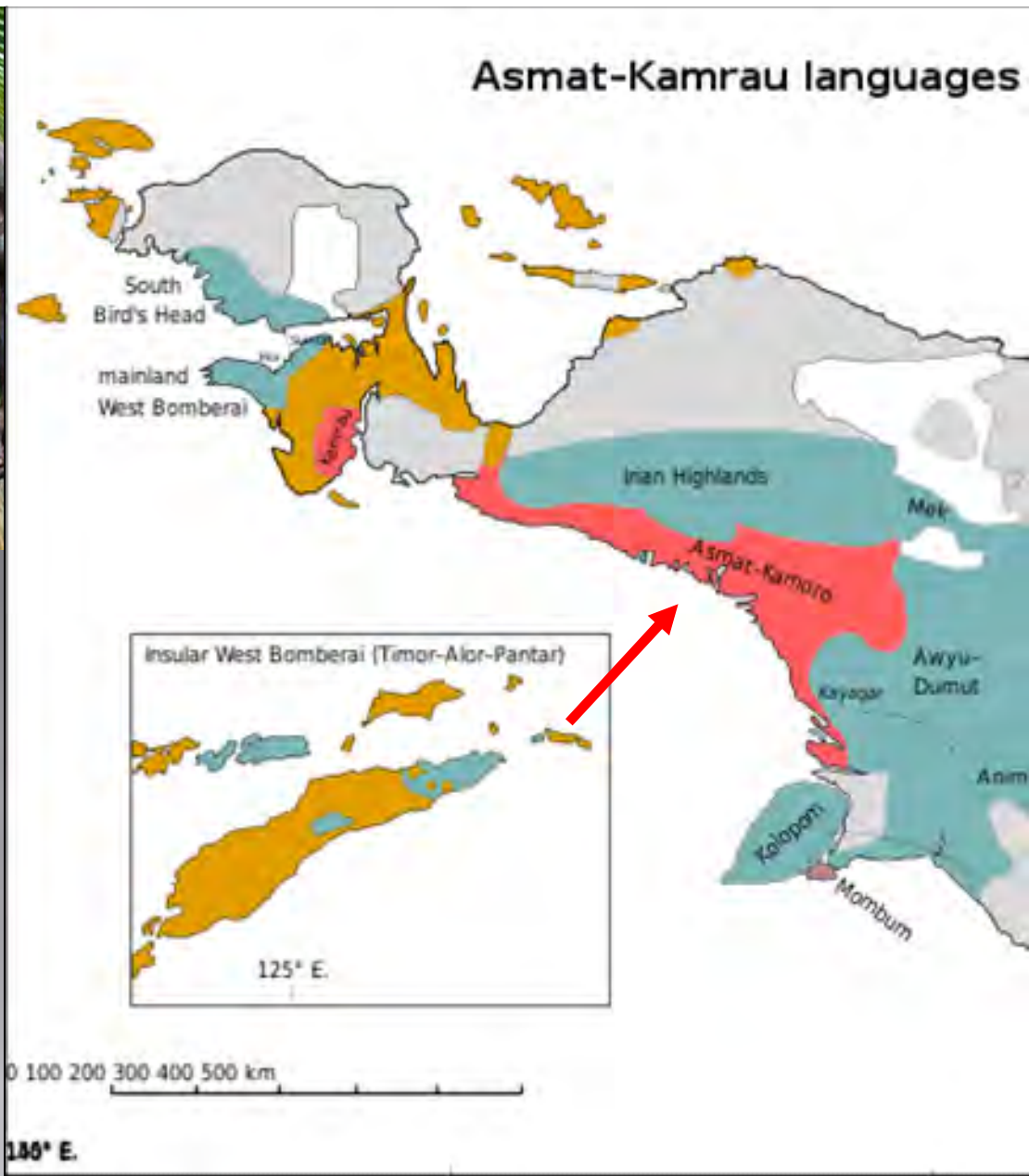
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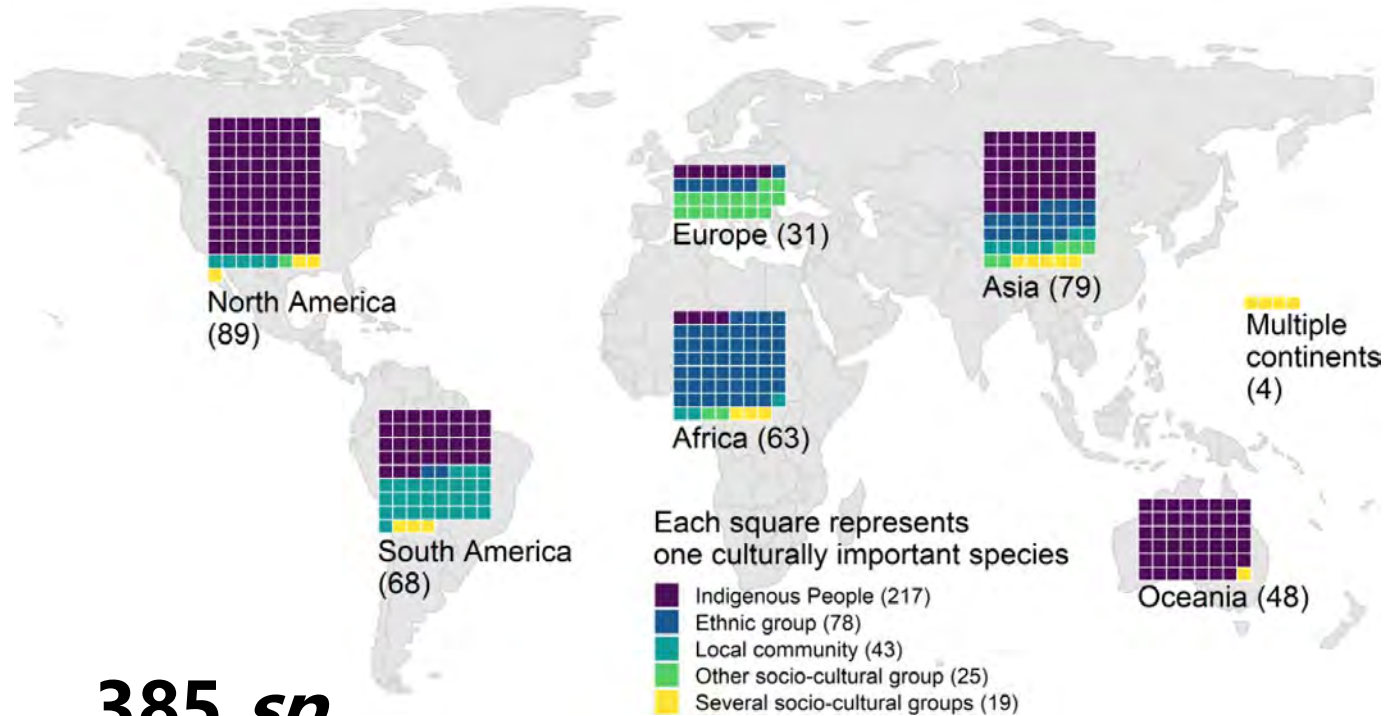
Biocultural vulnerability exposes threats of culturally important species

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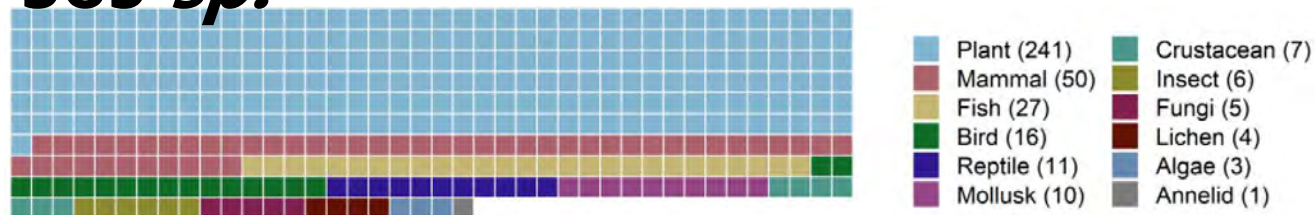


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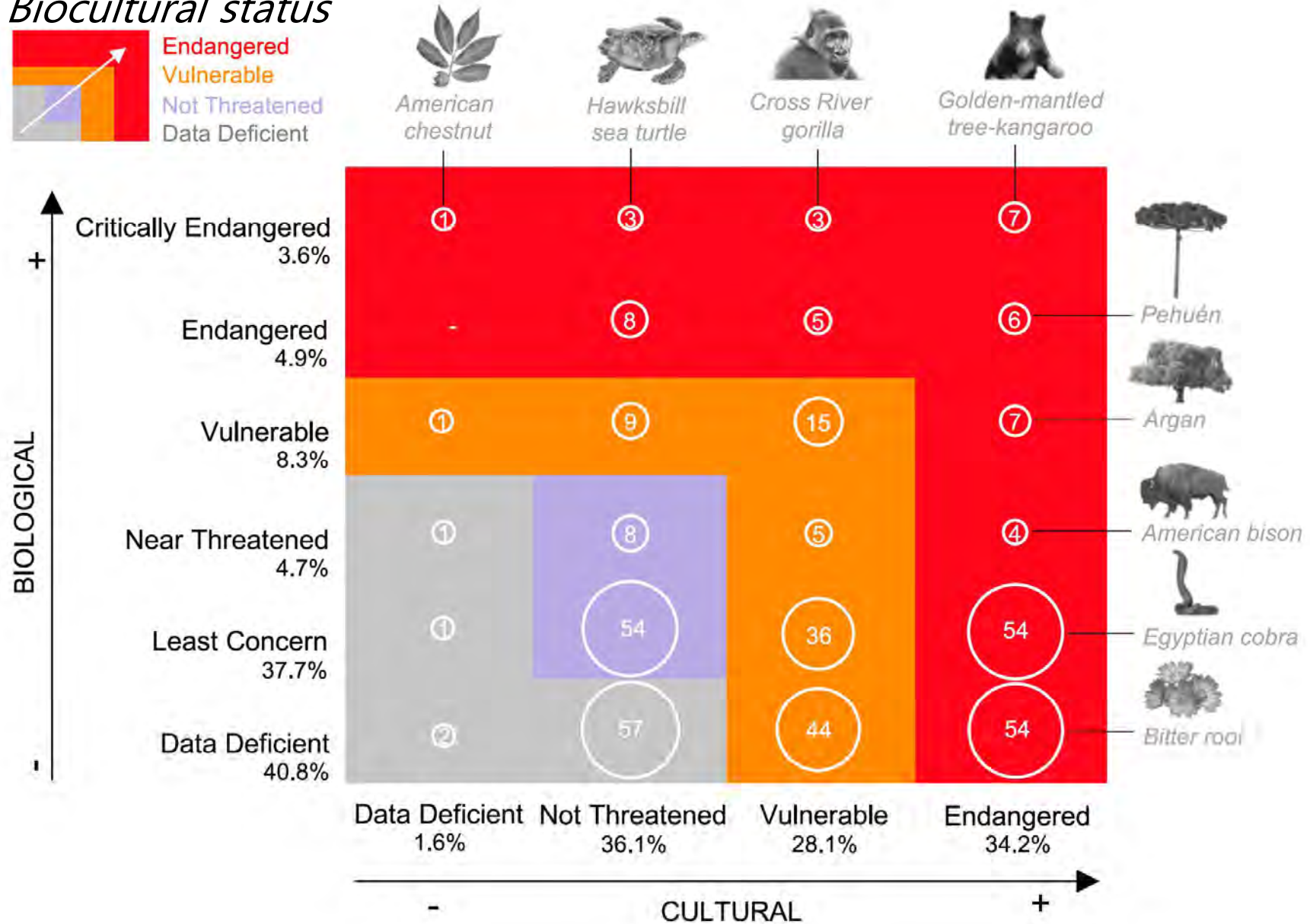
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Biocultural status





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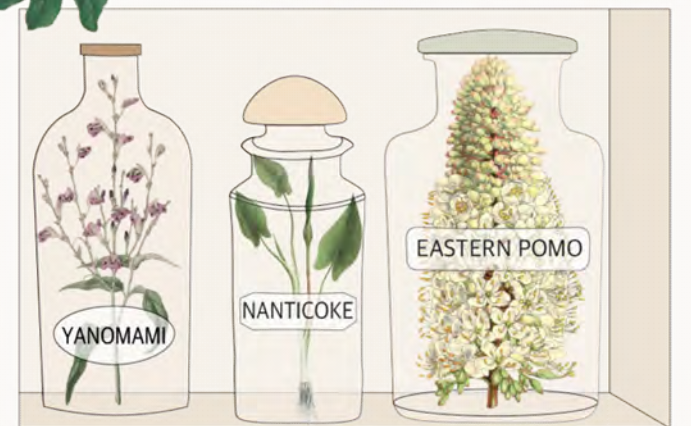
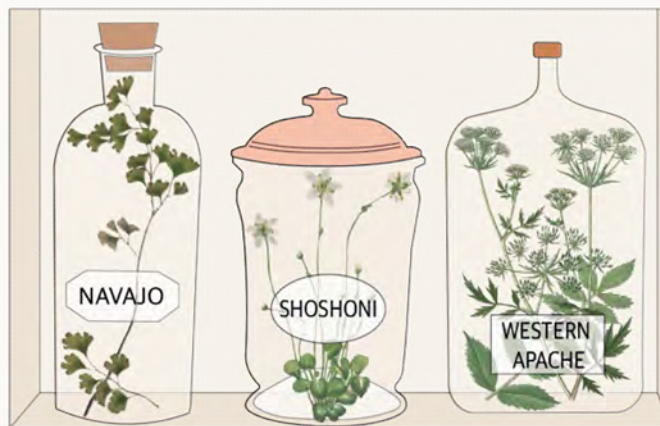
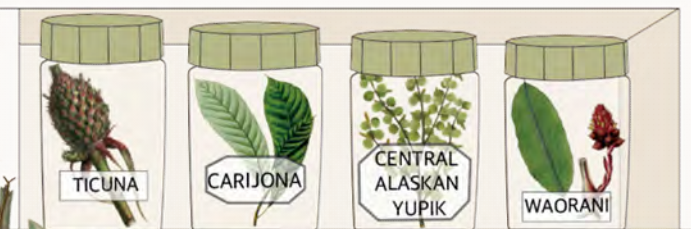
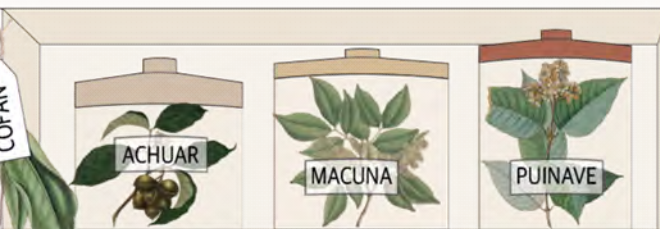
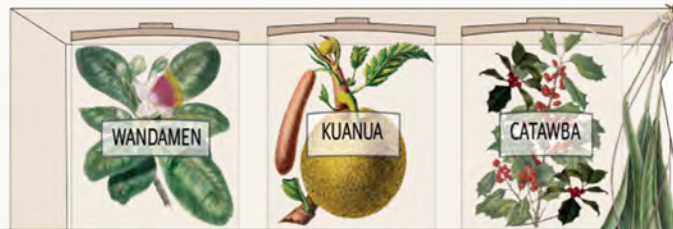
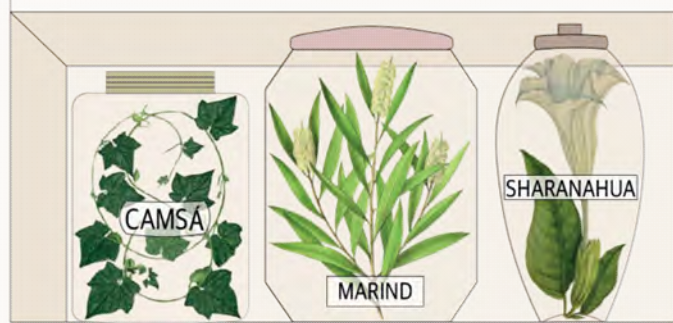
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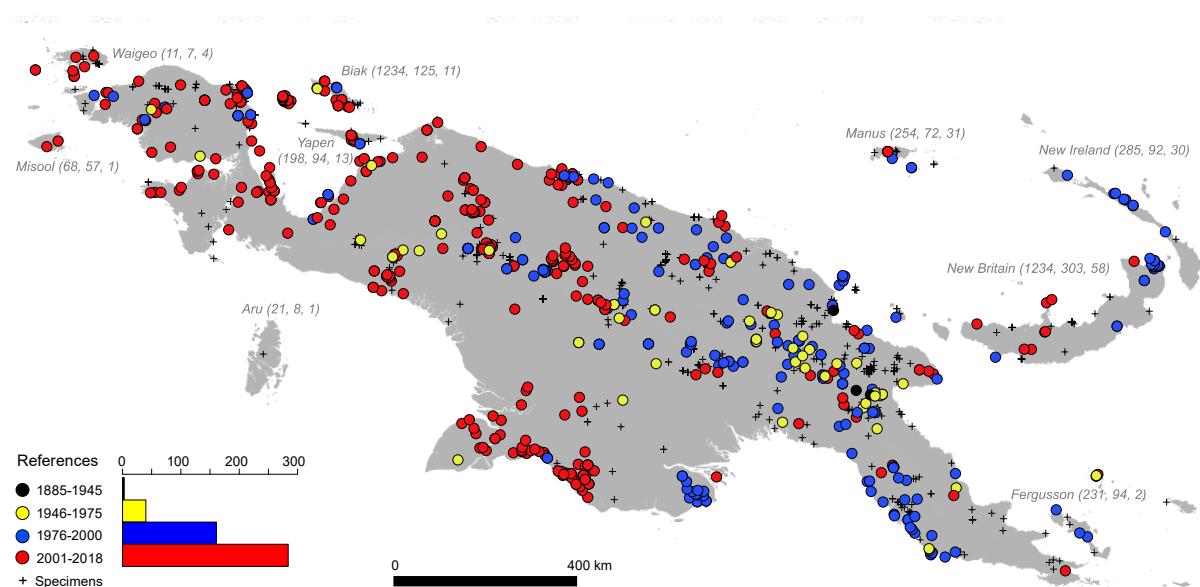




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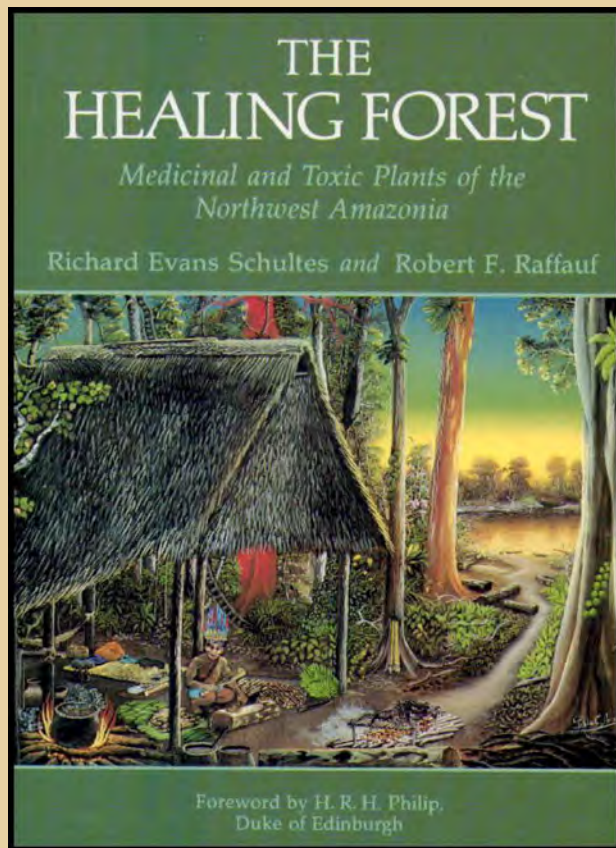
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caapi (Makú)

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No chemical studies have yet been carried out on this plant, but it is almost certain, judging from the **hallucinogenic effects** of the drink prepared from the bark, that the active principles are the same as those found in *Banisteriopsis caapi*. This species is the source of the intoxicant used by the Makús in the Río Tikié of Amazonian Brazil.

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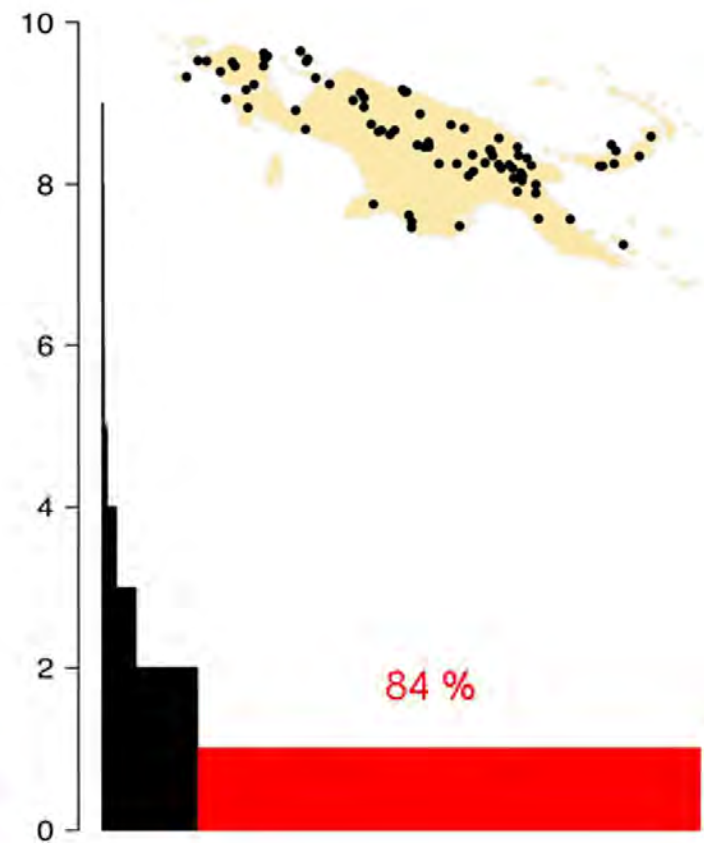
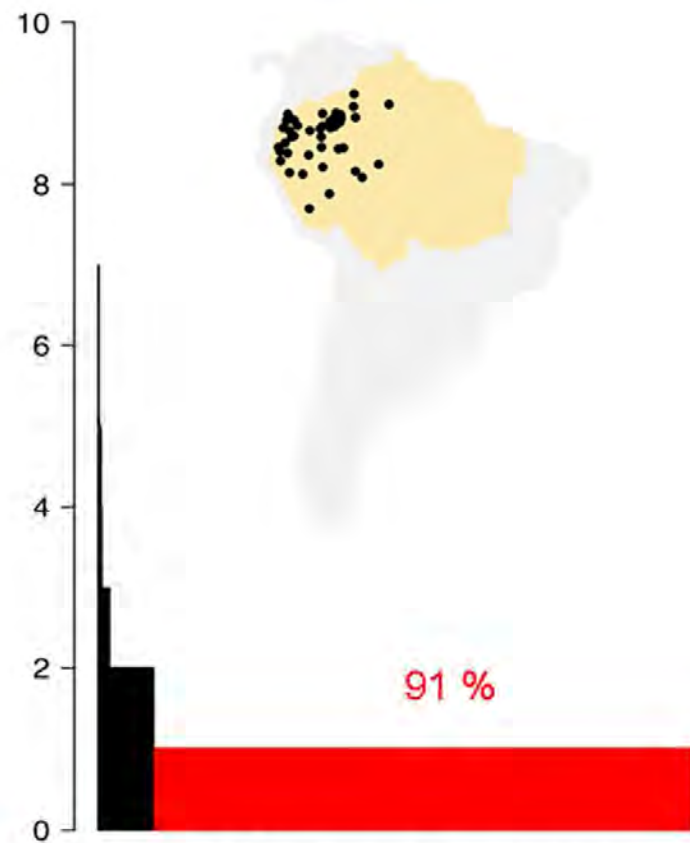
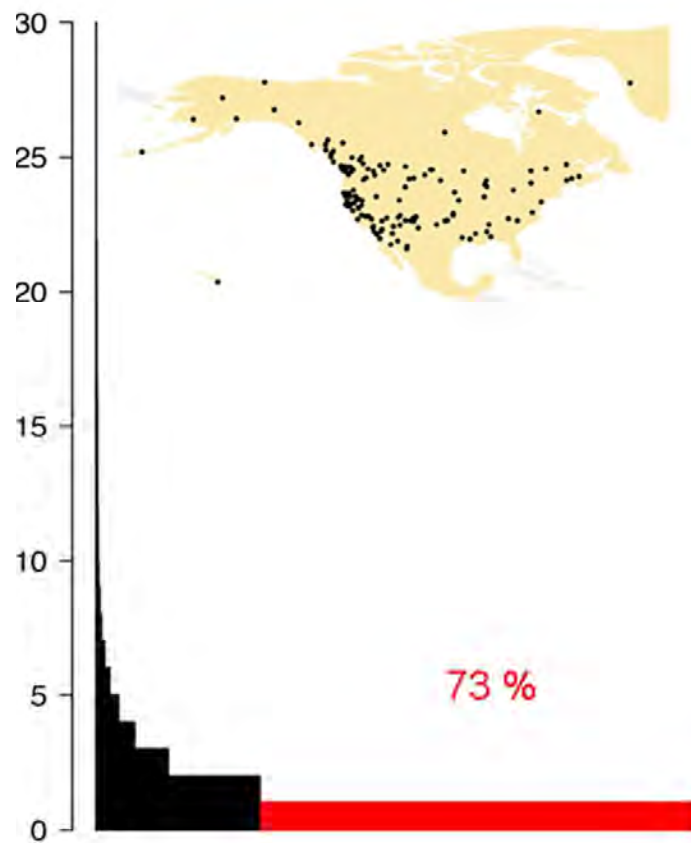
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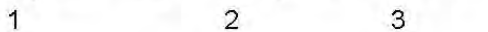


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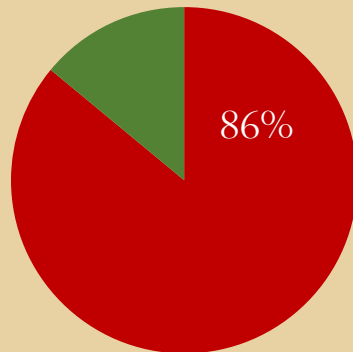


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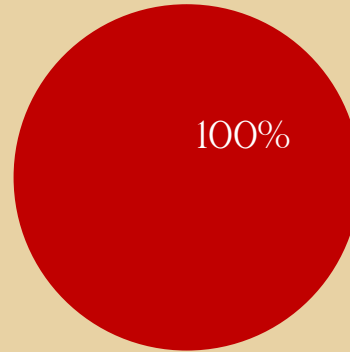




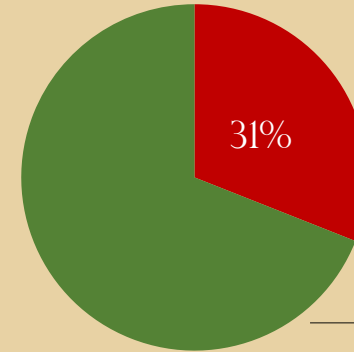
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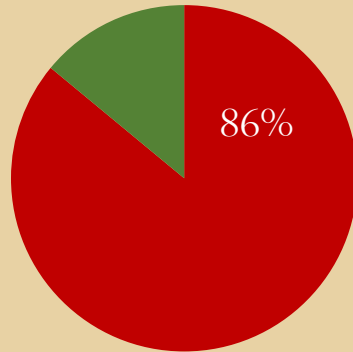
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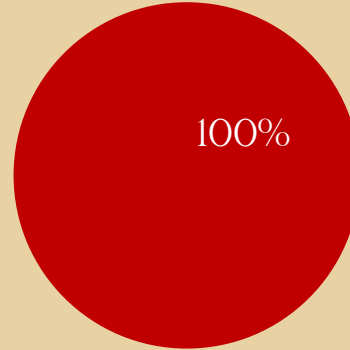
- Welcome to Glottolog 5.2**: A brief introduction to the database.
- Catalogue of languages and families**: A section describing the database's content and search capabilities.
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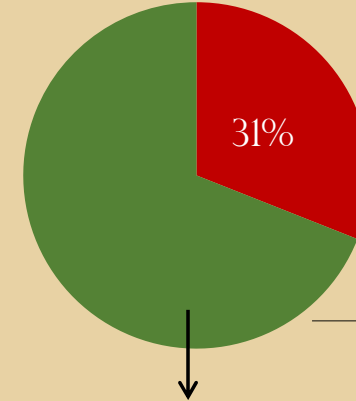
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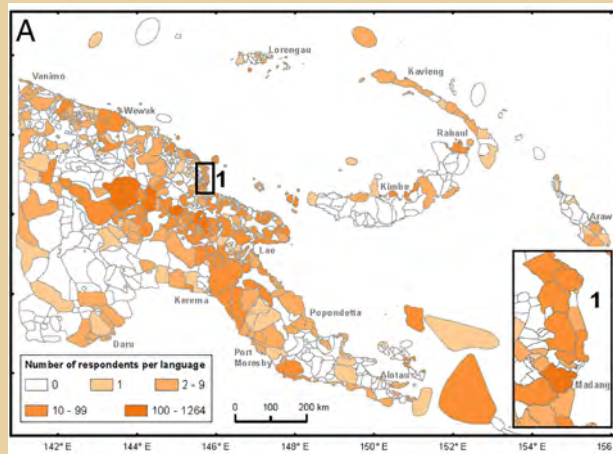


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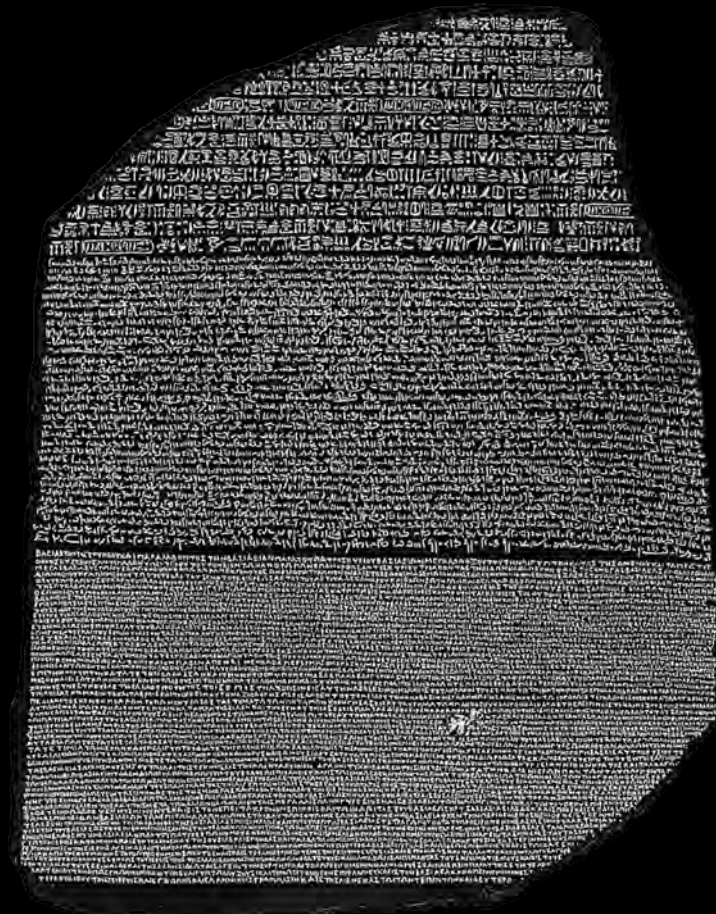
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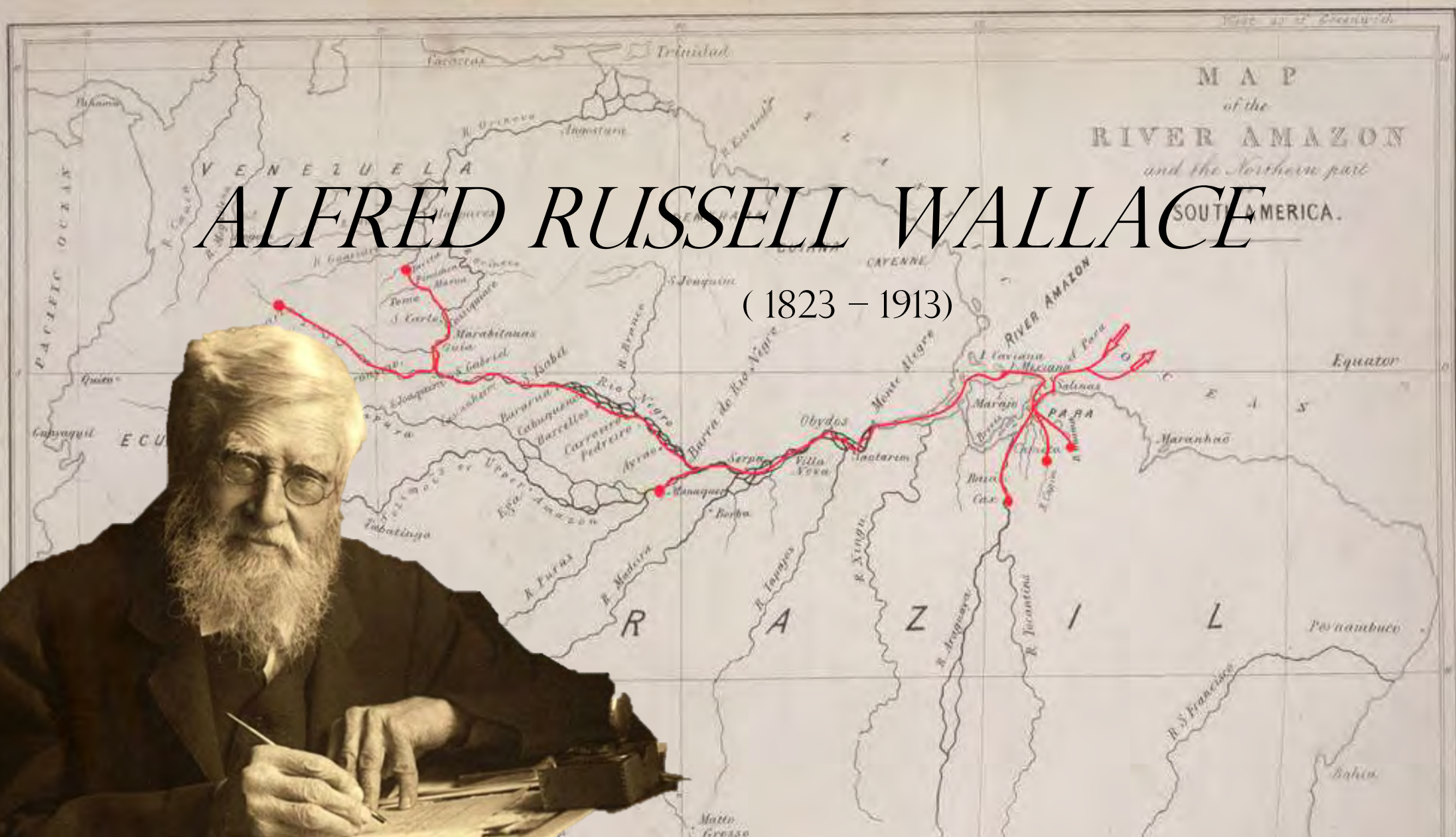
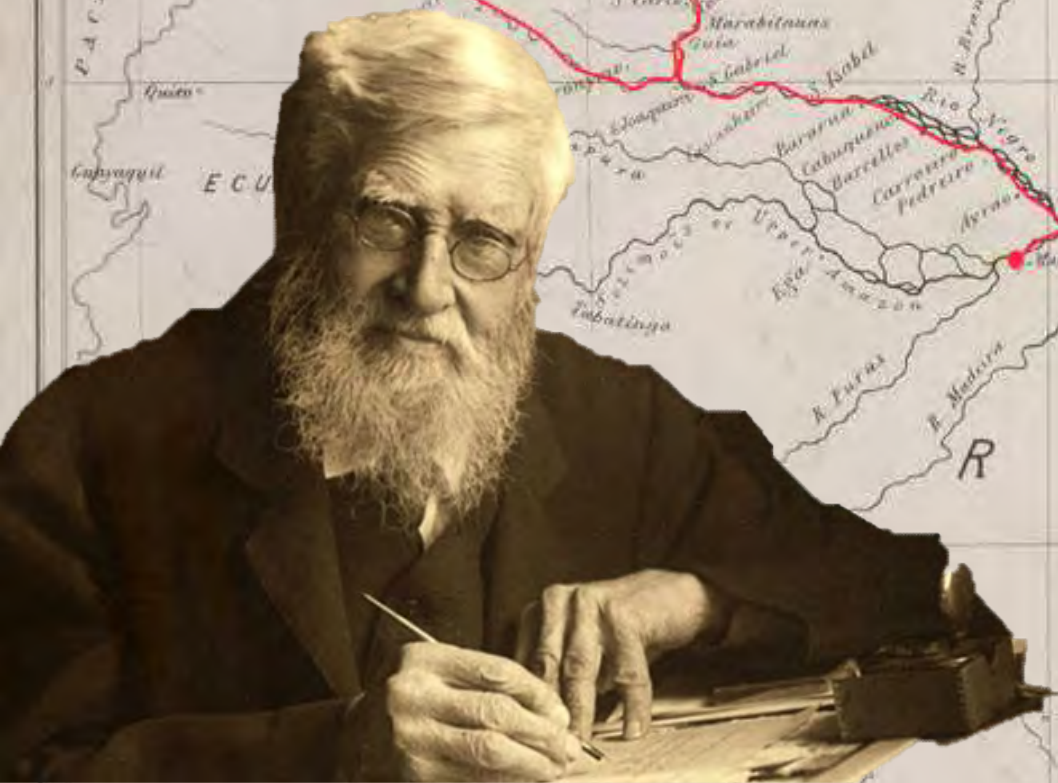
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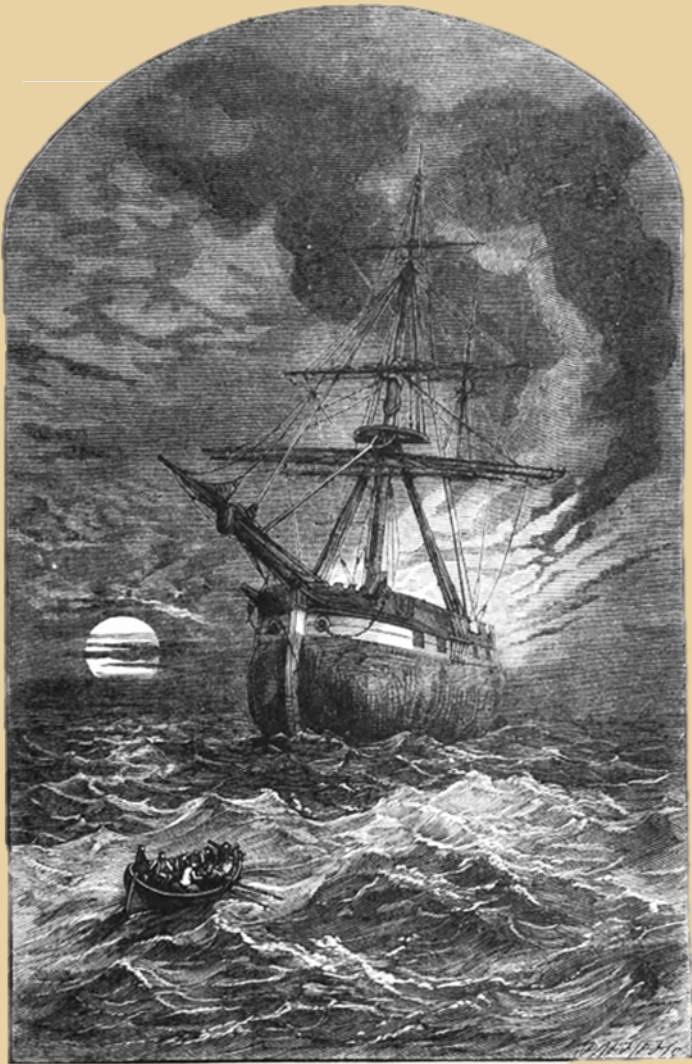
William Balée (2015)



ALFRED RUSSELL WALLACE

(1823 – 1913)





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PALM TREES OF THE AMAZON

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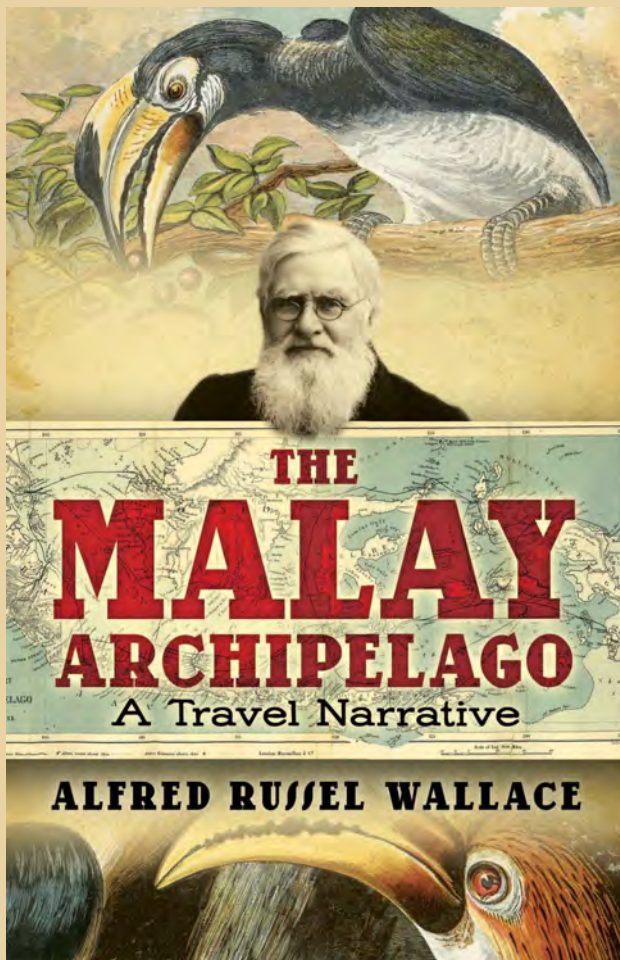
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“DURANTE MI ESTANCIA EN LA REGIÓN AMAZÓNICA, APROVECHÉ TODAS LAS OPORTUNIDADES PARA DETERMINAR LOS LÍMITES DE LAS ESPECIES, Y PRONTO DESCUBRÍ QUE EL AMAZONAS, EL RÍO NEGRO Y EL MADEIRA FORMABAN LOS LÍMITES MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS CUALES CIERTAS ESPECIES NUNCA PASABAN. LOS CAZADORES NATIVOS CONOCEN PERFECTAMENTE ESTE HECHO Y SIEMPRE CRUZAN EL RÍO CUANDO QUIEREN PROCURARSE ANIMALES CONCRETOS, QUE SE ENCUENTRAN INCLUSO EN LA ORILLA DEL

(1854) ON THE MONKEYS OF THE AMAZON. ANNALS AND MAGAZINE OF NATURAL HISTORY 14(84)



Wallace's Help: The Many People Who Aided A. R. Wallace in the Malay Archipelago

John van Wyhe

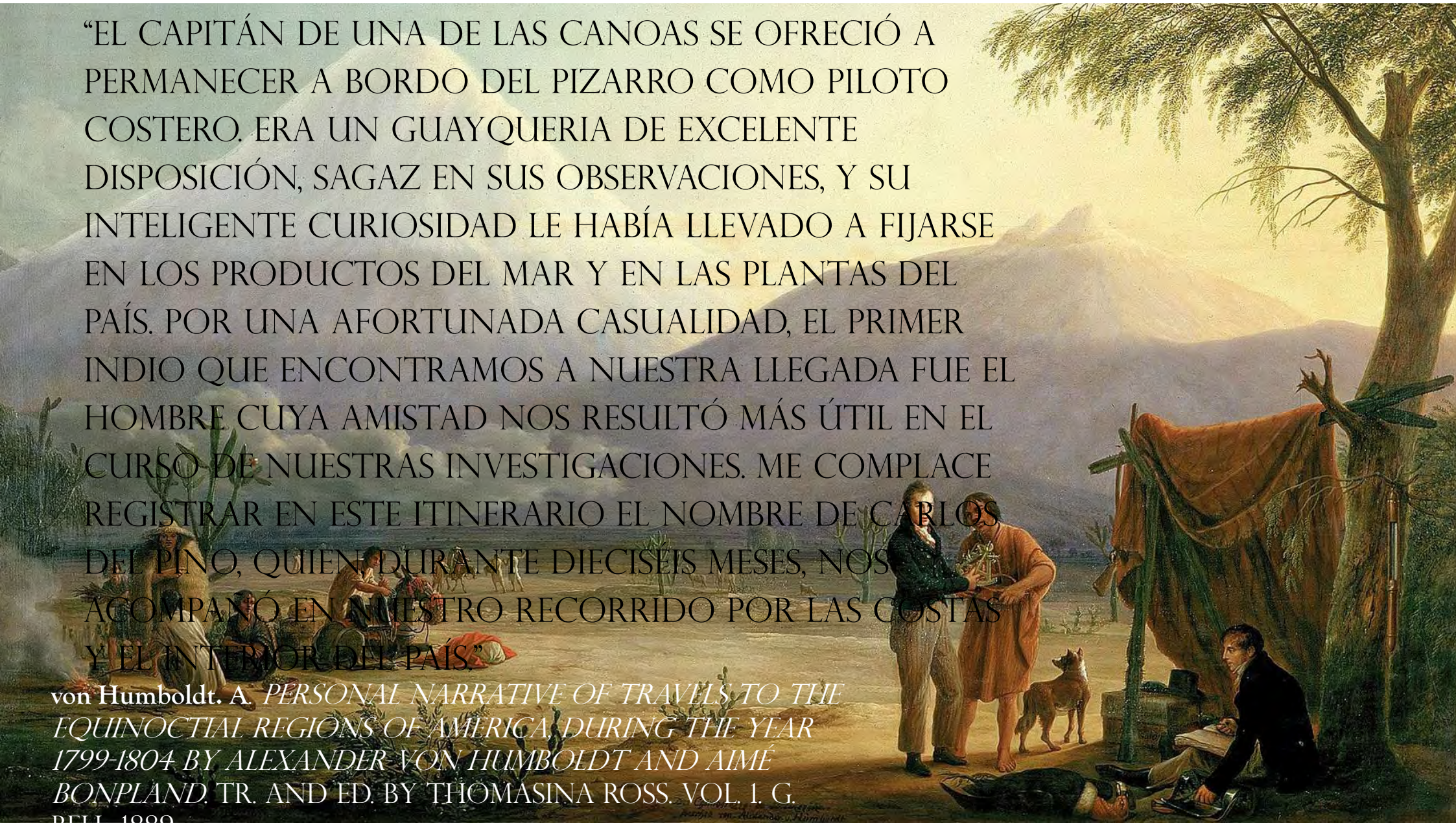
Abstract

Alfred Russel Wallace was a quintessential Victorian collector-naturalist, remembered for his eight years of collecting throughout the Malay Archipelago, today's Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and East Timor. Written accounts almost always note that Wallace collected 125,660 natural history specimens, but almost no one mentions that he had a great deal of help in assembling this vast collection. His published and unpublished writings contain references to an array of hired assistants, boatmen, porters, cooks and guides. Along with the well-known assistants usually mentioned, Charles Allen and Ali, hundreds of local people helped Wallace by showing him where local animals lived and explaining how they behaved, and they procured the vast majority of the vertebrates in his collection. This article suggests that at least 1,200 individuals helped Wallace in one way or another, and the number could easily have been twice as large.



“EL CAPITÁN DE UNA DE LAS CANOAS SE OFRECIÓ A PERMANECER A BORDO DEL PIZARRO COMO PILOTO COSTERO. ERA UN GUAYQUERIA DE EXCELENTE DISPOSICIÓN, SAGAZ EN SUS OBSERVACIONES, Y SU INTELIGENTE CURIOSIDAD LE HABÍA LLEVADO A FIJARSE EN LOS PRODUCTOS DEL MAR Y EN LAS PLANTAS DEL PAÍS. POR UNA AFORTUNADA CASUALIDAD, EL PRIMER INDIO QUE ENCONTRAMOS A NUESTRA LLEGADA FUE EL HOMBRE CUYA AMISTAD NOS RESULTÓ MÁS ÚTIL EN EL CURSO DE NUESTRAS INVESTIGACIONES. ME COMPLACE REGISTRAR EN ESTE ITINERARIO EL NOMBRE DE CARLOS DEL PINO, QUIEN DURANTE DIECISEIS MESES, NOS ACOMPAÑÓ EN NUESTRO RECORRIDO POR LAS COSTAS Y EL INTERIOR DEL PAÍS.”

von Humboldt. A. *PERSONAL NARRATIVE OF TRAVELS TO THE EQUINOCTIAL REGIONS OF AMERICA, DURING THE YEAR 1799-1804 BY ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT AND AIMÉ BONPLAND. TR. AND ED. BY THOMASINA ROSS. VOL. I. G. DELL 1890.*



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The importance of Indigenous and local people for cataloging biodiversity

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Abstract

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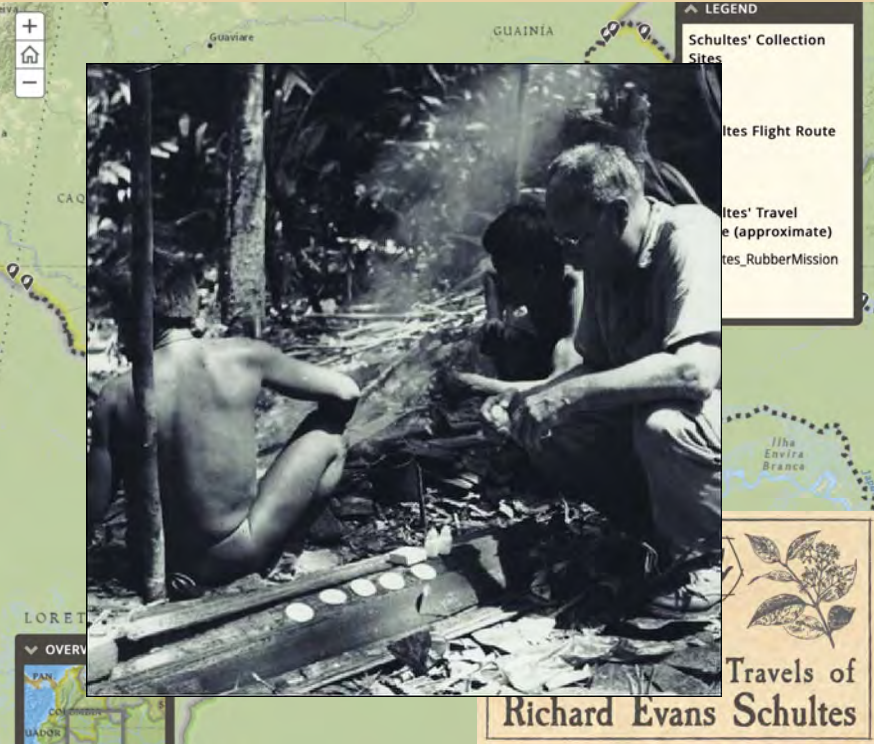


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METABOLOMICS OF MEDICINAL PLANT COMMUNITIES



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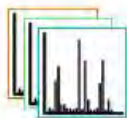


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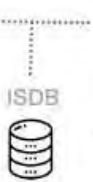
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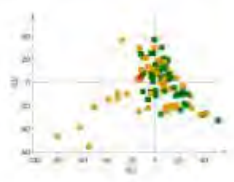
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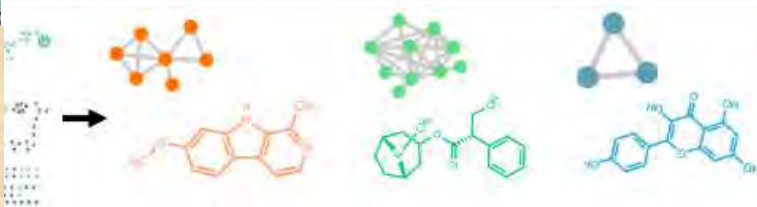
In silico annotation of compounds



Multivariate statistics



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- Tropane alkaloids analogues from *Banisteriopsis*
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- Flavonoid analogues from *Bauhinia*

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The importance of Indigenous and local people for cataloging biodiversity

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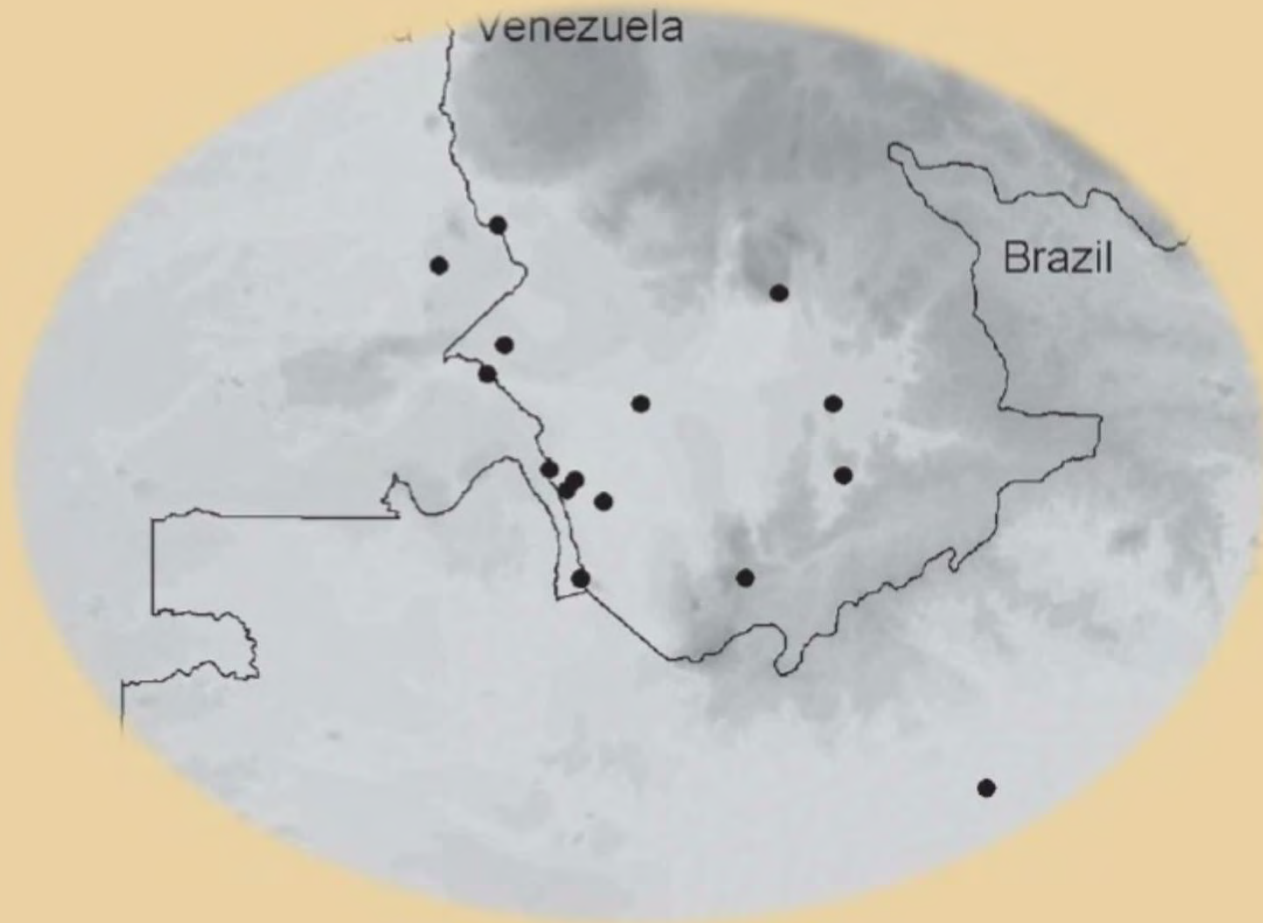
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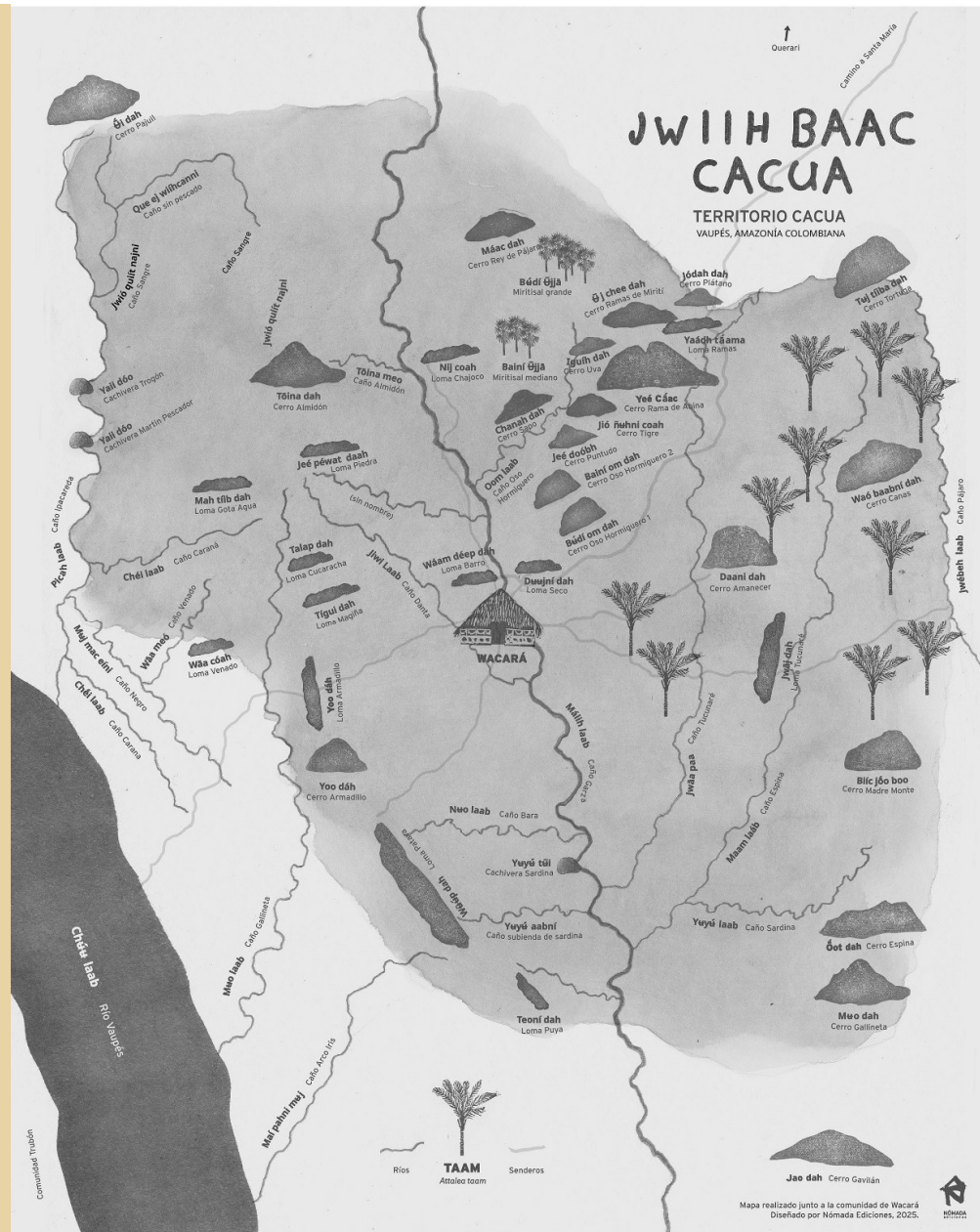






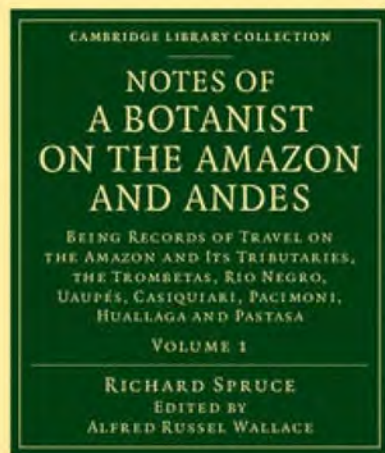
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Mapa realizado junto a la comunidad de Wacará
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Illustrations from Rio Negro

FLOWERS of the AMAZON FORESTS

The Botanical Art of
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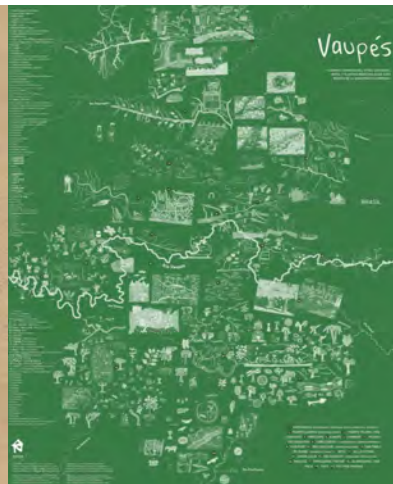


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PLANTS PEOPLE
POSSIBILITIES

Margaret Mee

Rainforest Conservationist

British botanical artist Margaret Mee (1909–1988) spent more than 30 years studying and painting the tropical plants of the Amazon rainforest, including several species previously unknown to science. A passionate environmentalist, Mee was one of the first people to speak out about the damage caused to the rainforest by illegal mining and logging.





Maori children. Two sisters, the eldest apparently 16 yrs. old, the youngest 4 yrs. - brought from the Marquesas in 1878 by the "Cormoran" and sold to a plantation. Their village had been destroyed - this man his wife - & themselves with other women & children carried away captives. R.!

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Attalea taam — a new palm species well known by the Cacua Indigenous People *PHYTOTAXA* (IN PRESS)



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***“I will make even busy New Yorkers
take time to see what I see of flowers.”***

Georgia O’Keeffe





¡Muchas gracias!