

# METAVALLEY

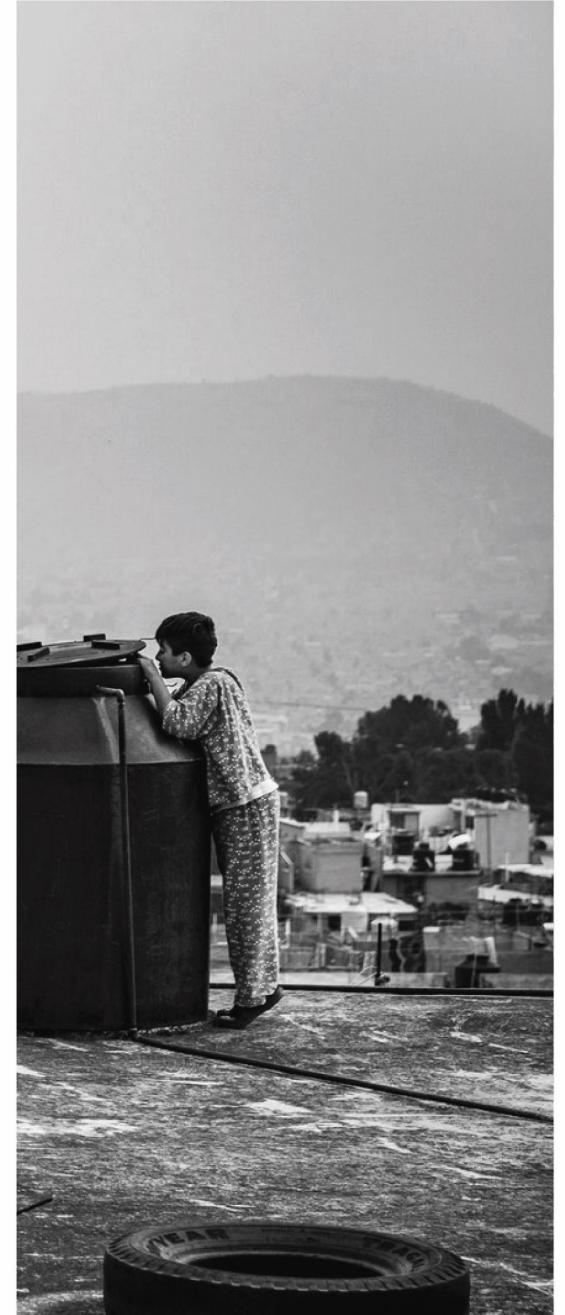
Explorations of an adapted geodesign framework  
to integrate a regenerative approach and planning  
in the Metropolitan Area of the Valley of Mexico

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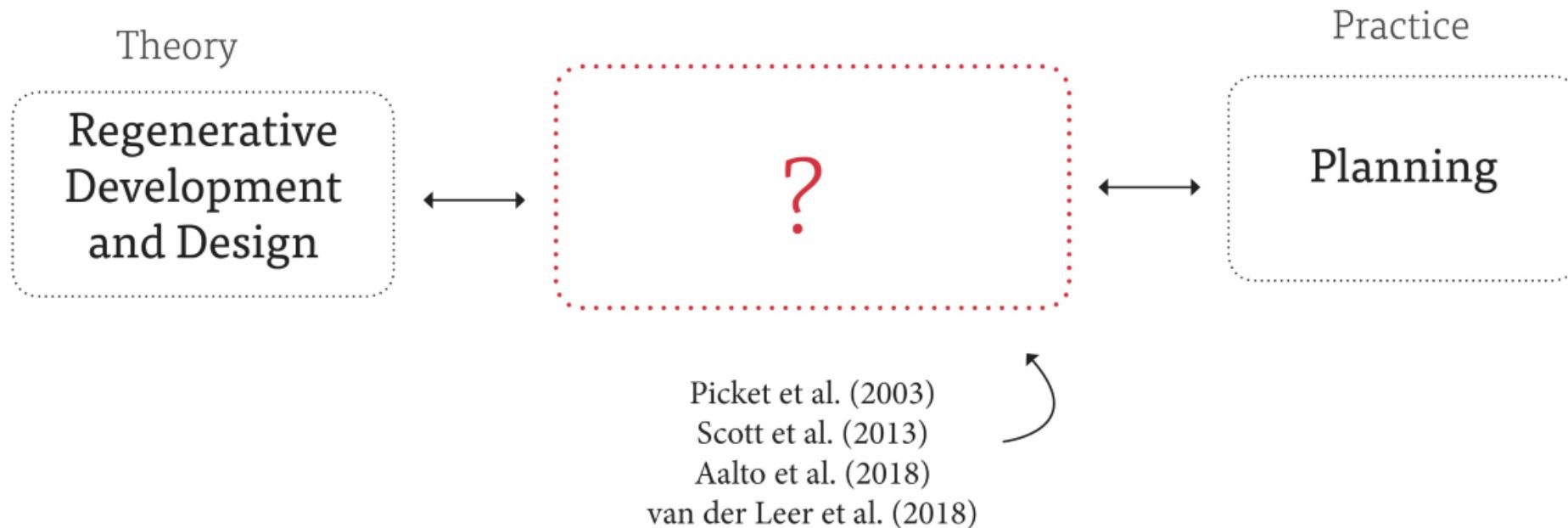
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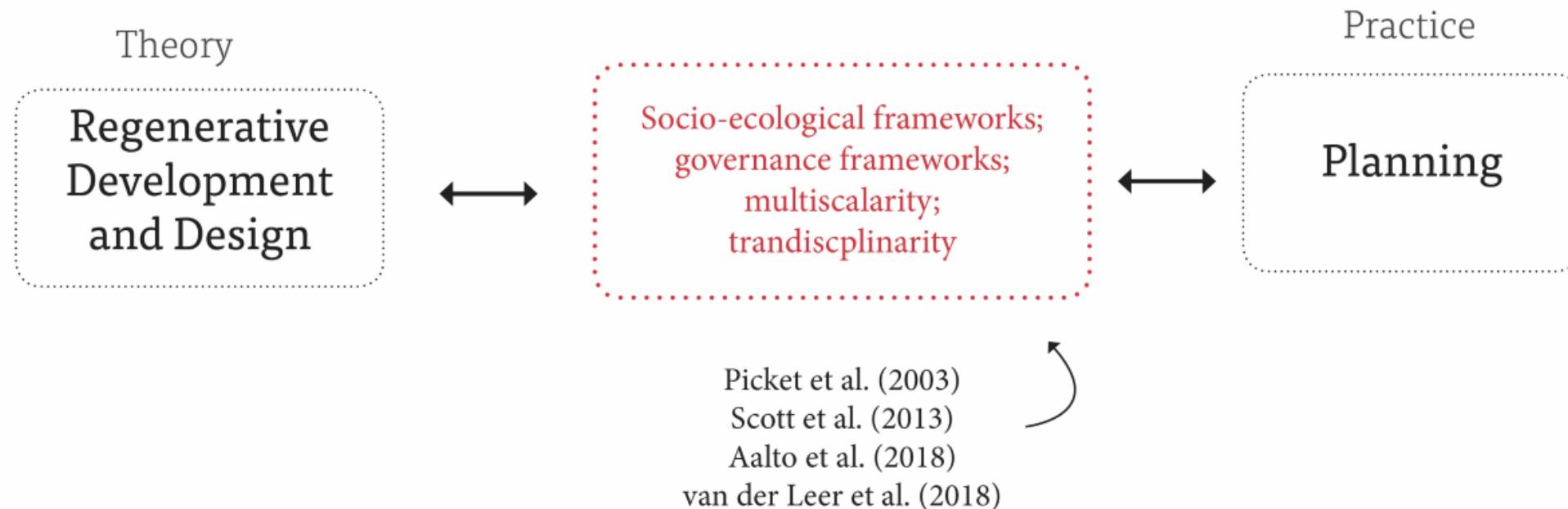
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## Metropolitan Area of the Valley of Mexico



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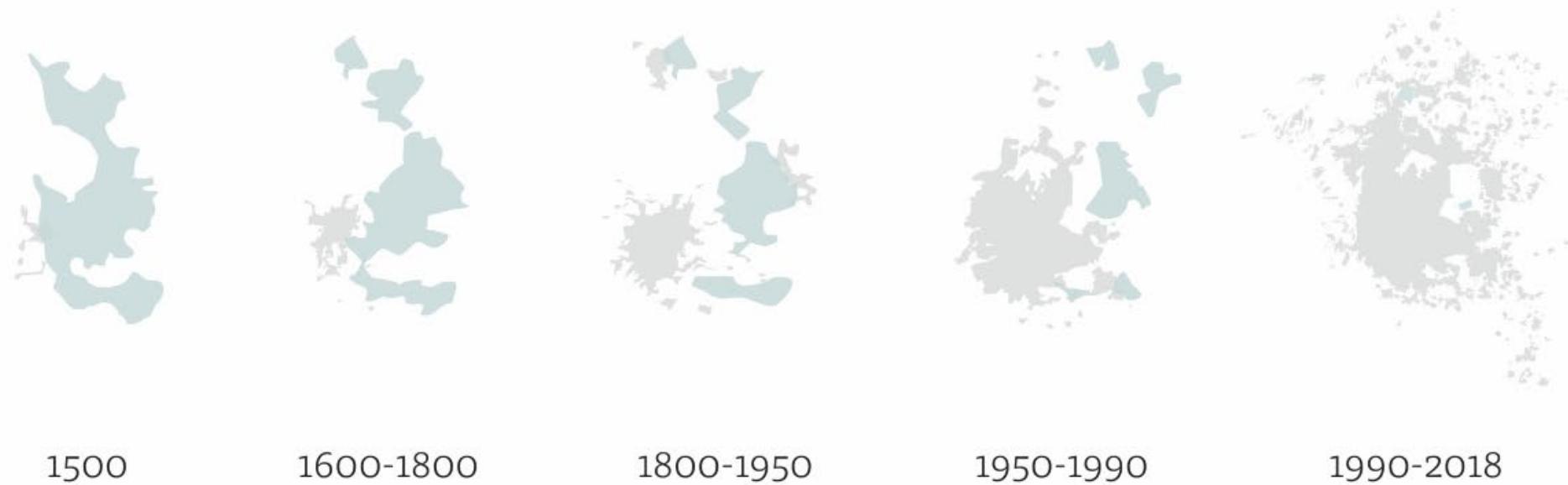
Why the MAVM as a case study?

Urbanisation

Water management



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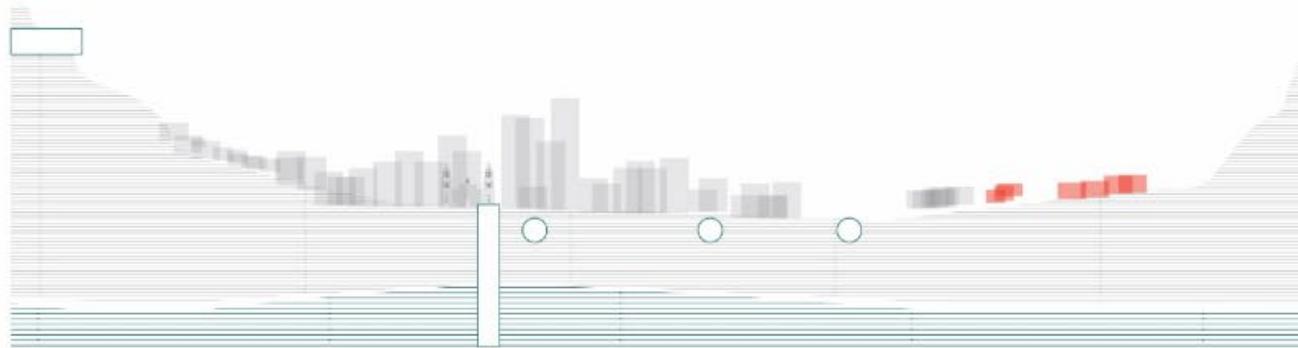
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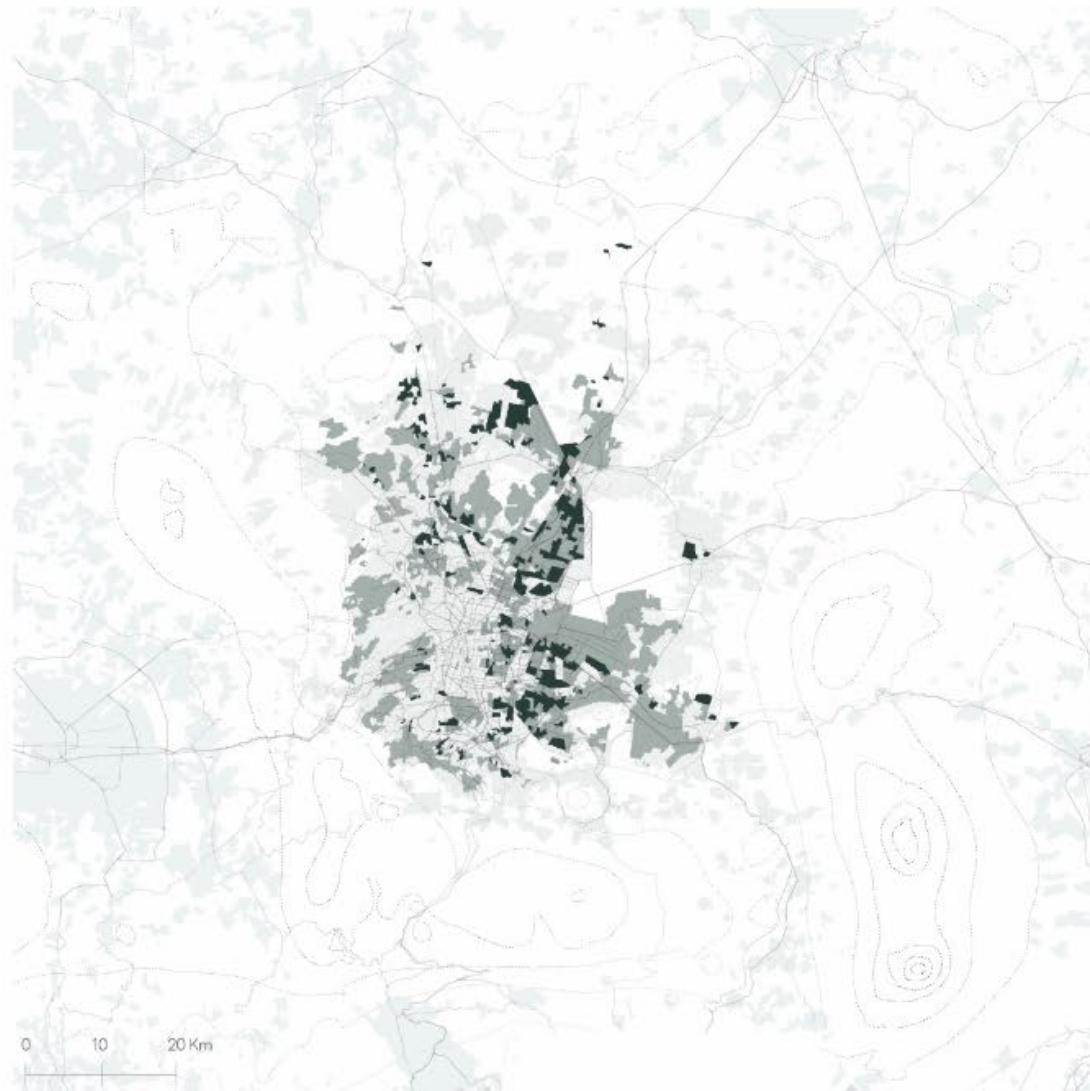


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## Marginalisation- Social housing development



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## Marginalisation- Informal housing development



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## Marginalisation-Central city

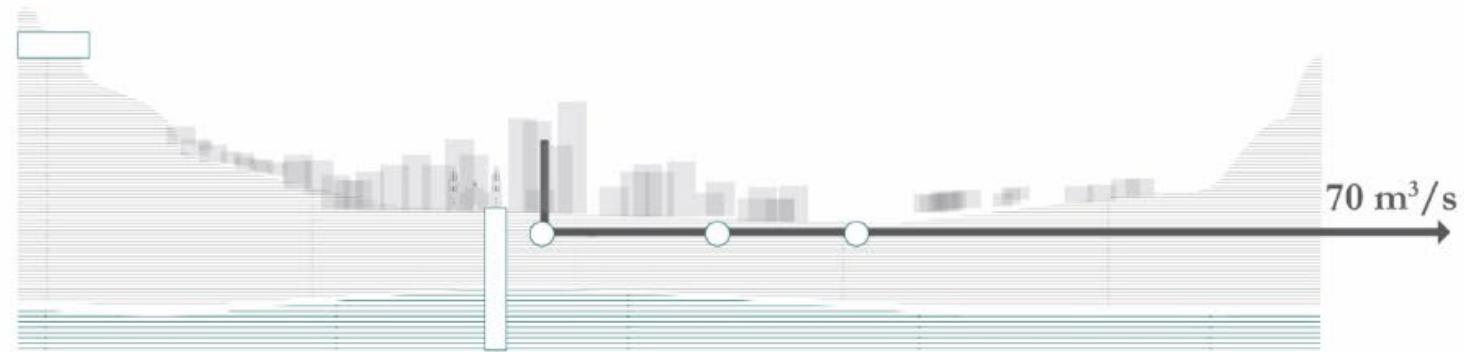


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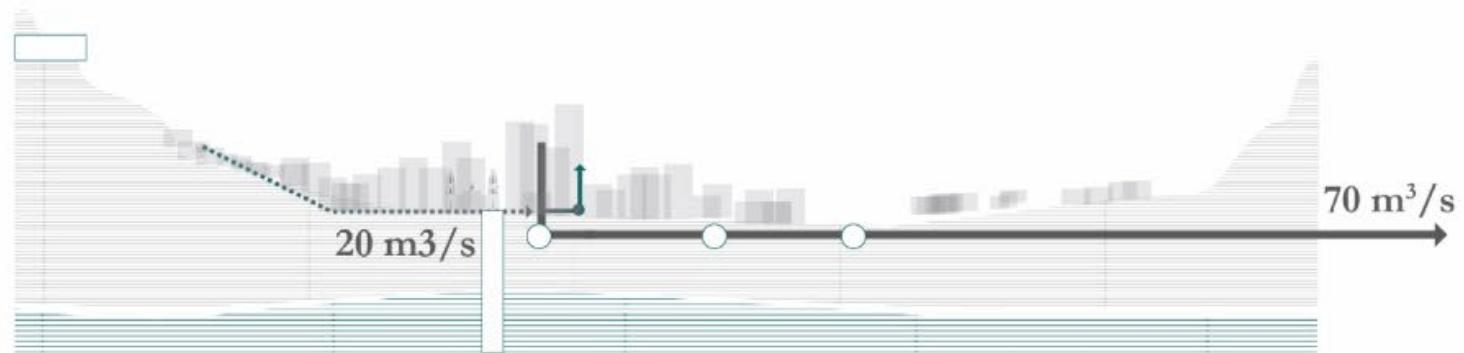


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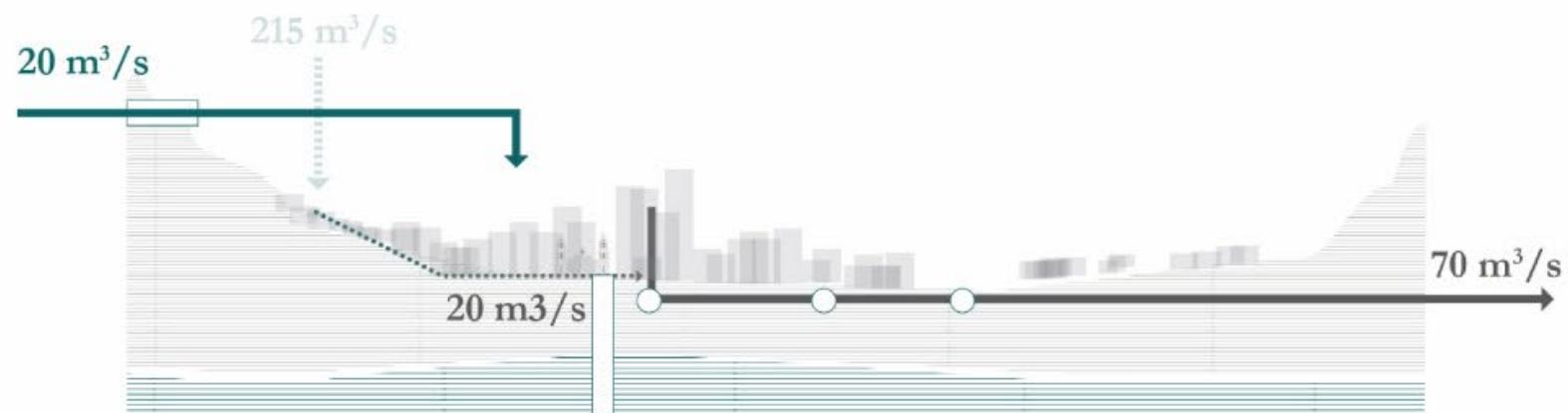
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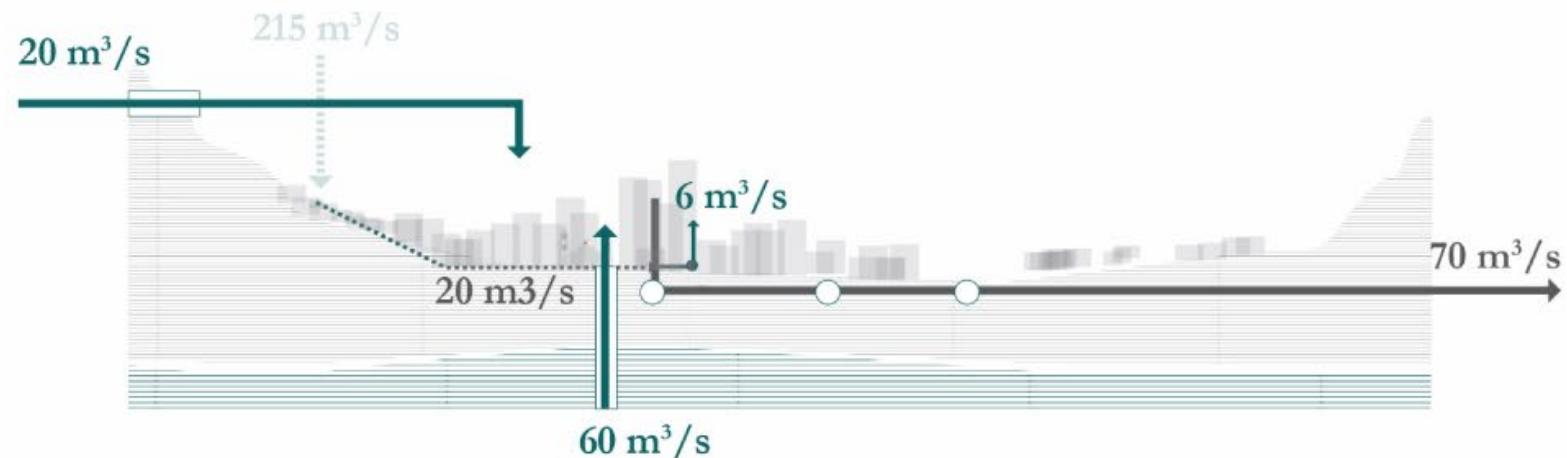
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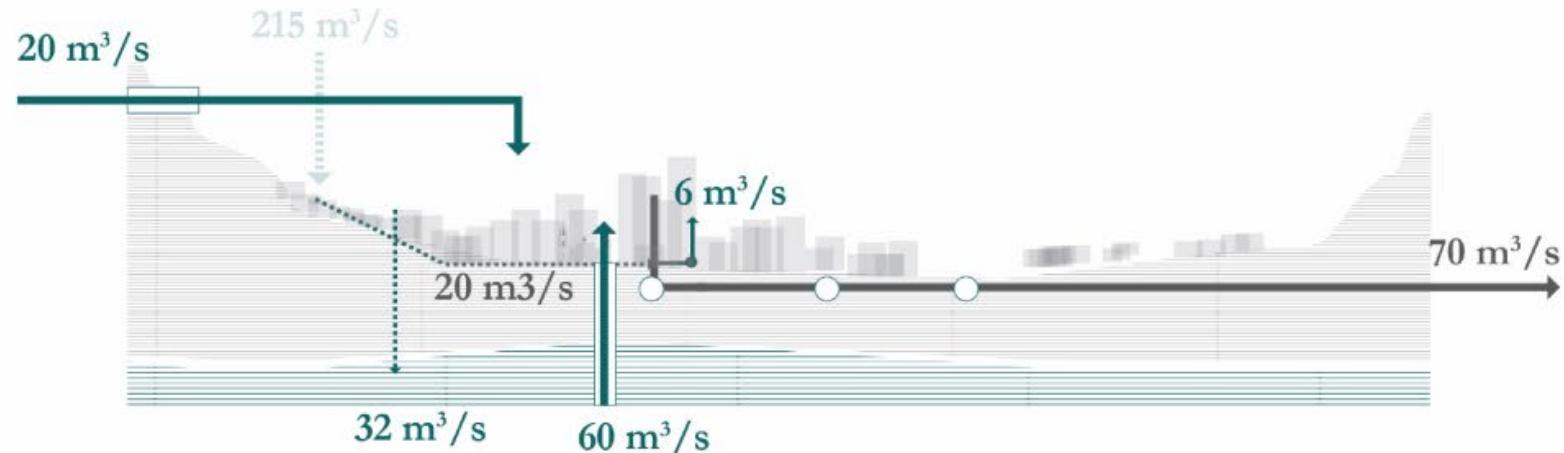
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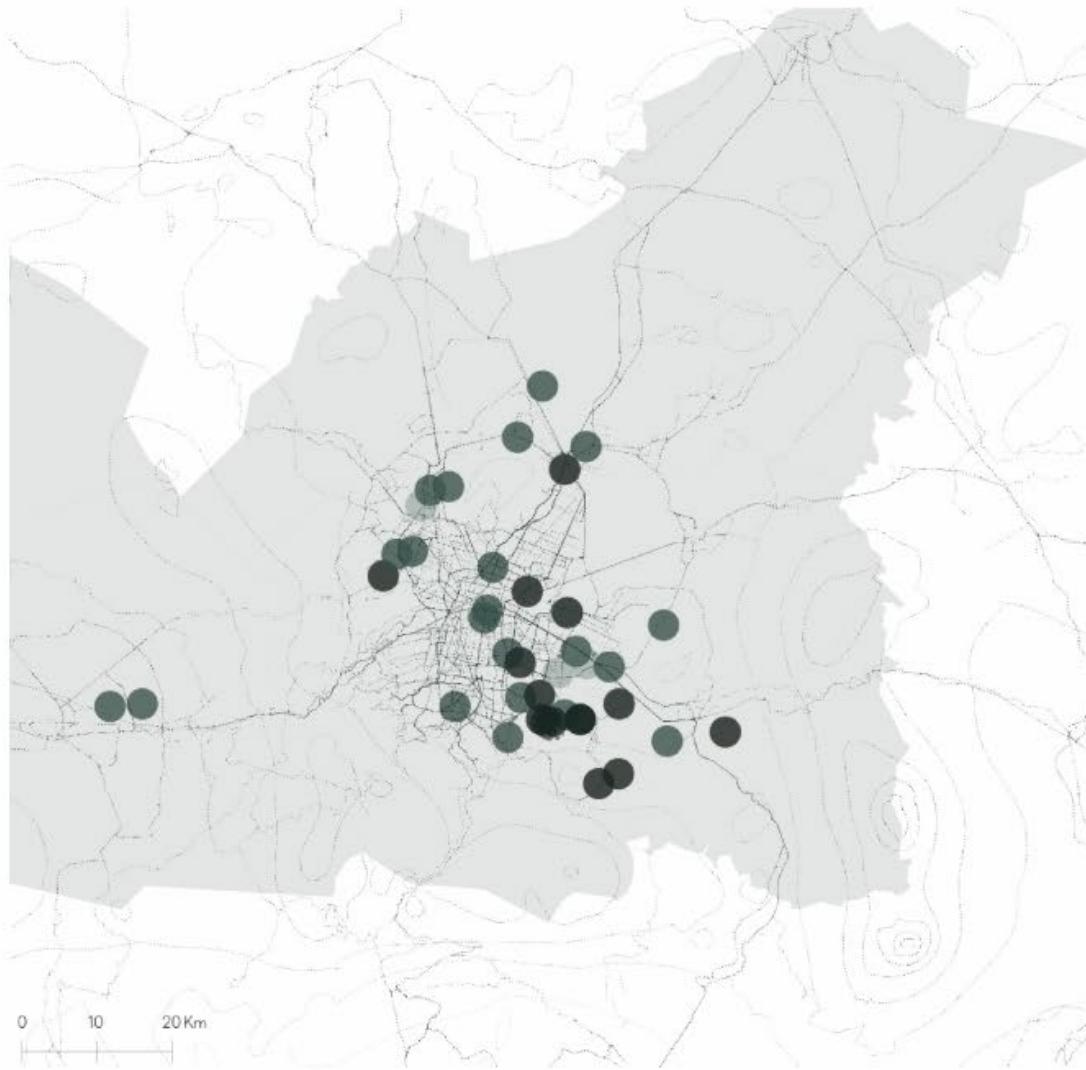


Image: Alef, 2017



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## Water scarcity- floodings



Image: Pontaza, 2018



Image: Televisa, 2017

## Water scarcity- draughts

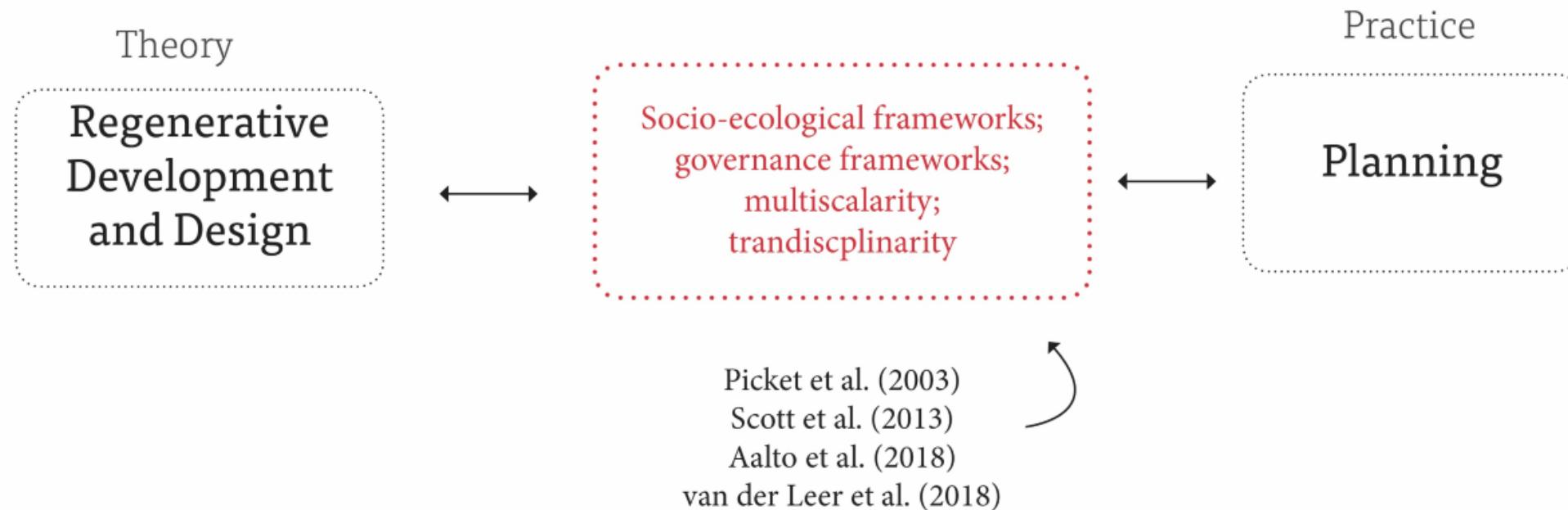


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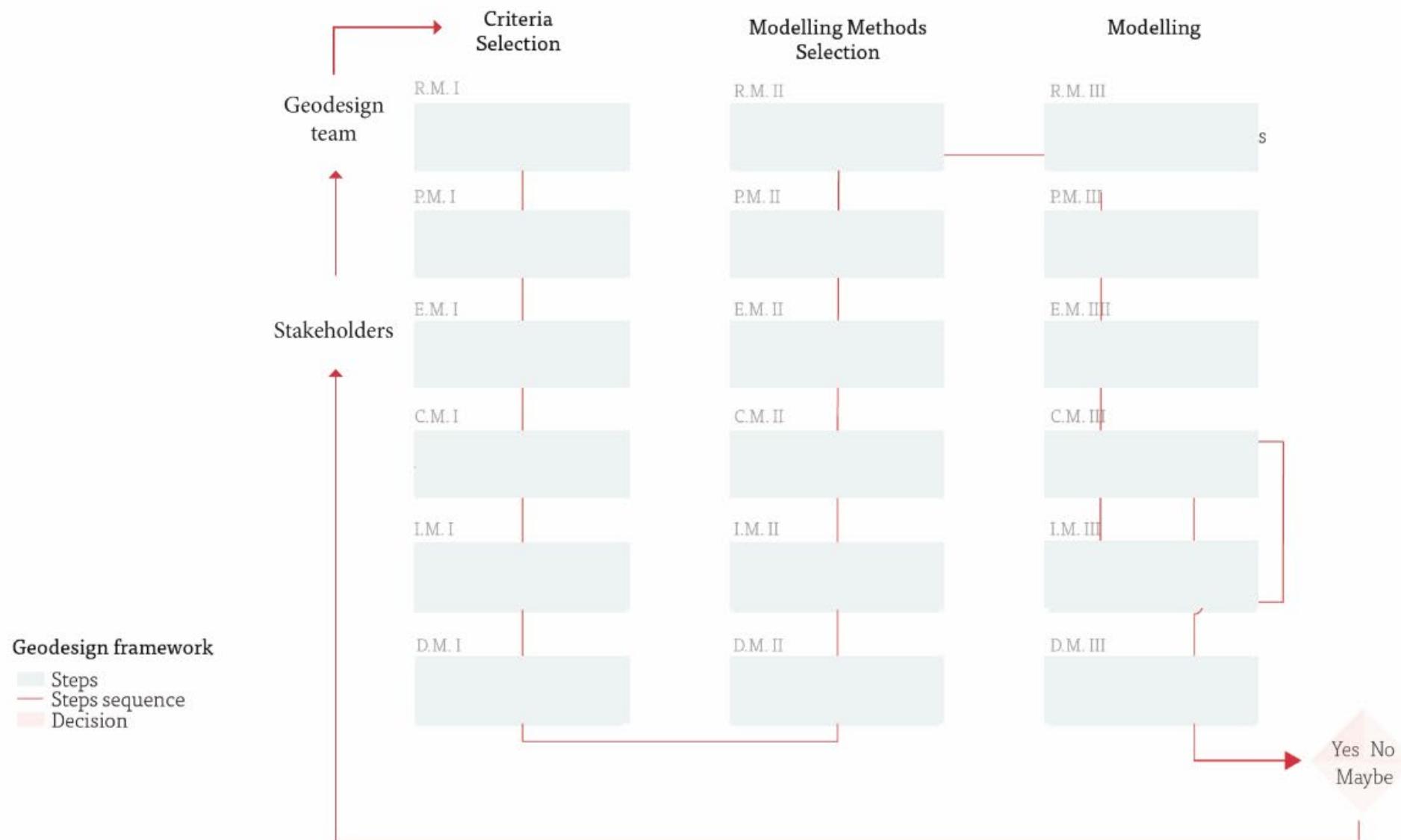
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order to circumvent the current deteriorating social-ecological system?

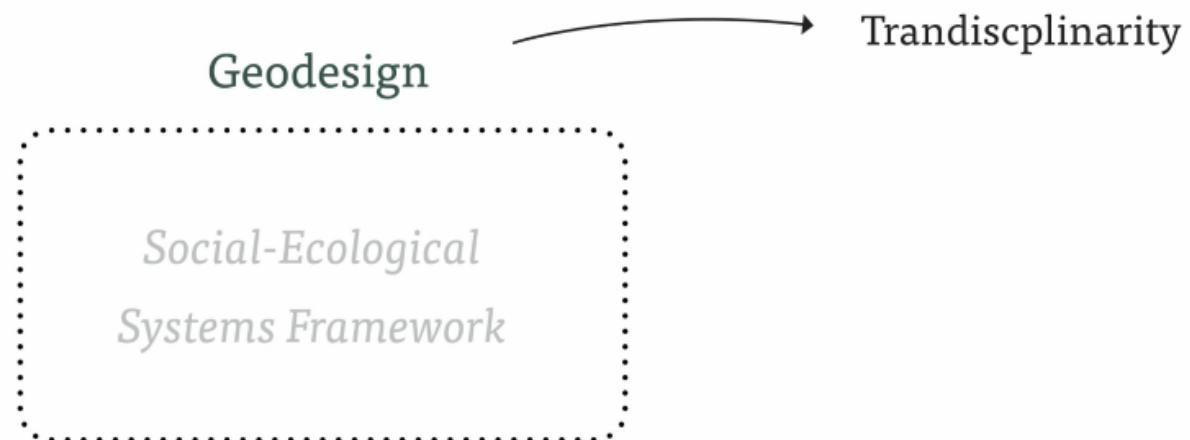




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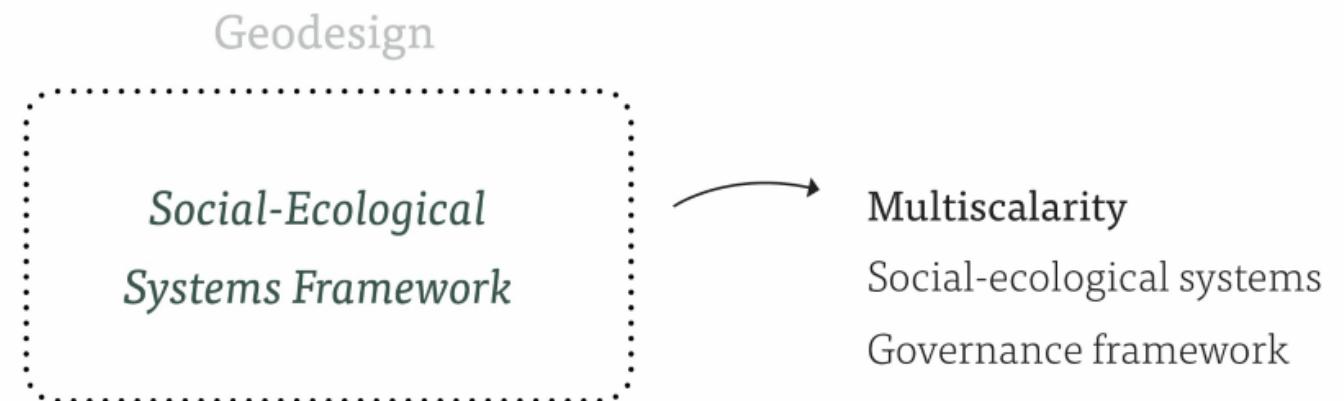
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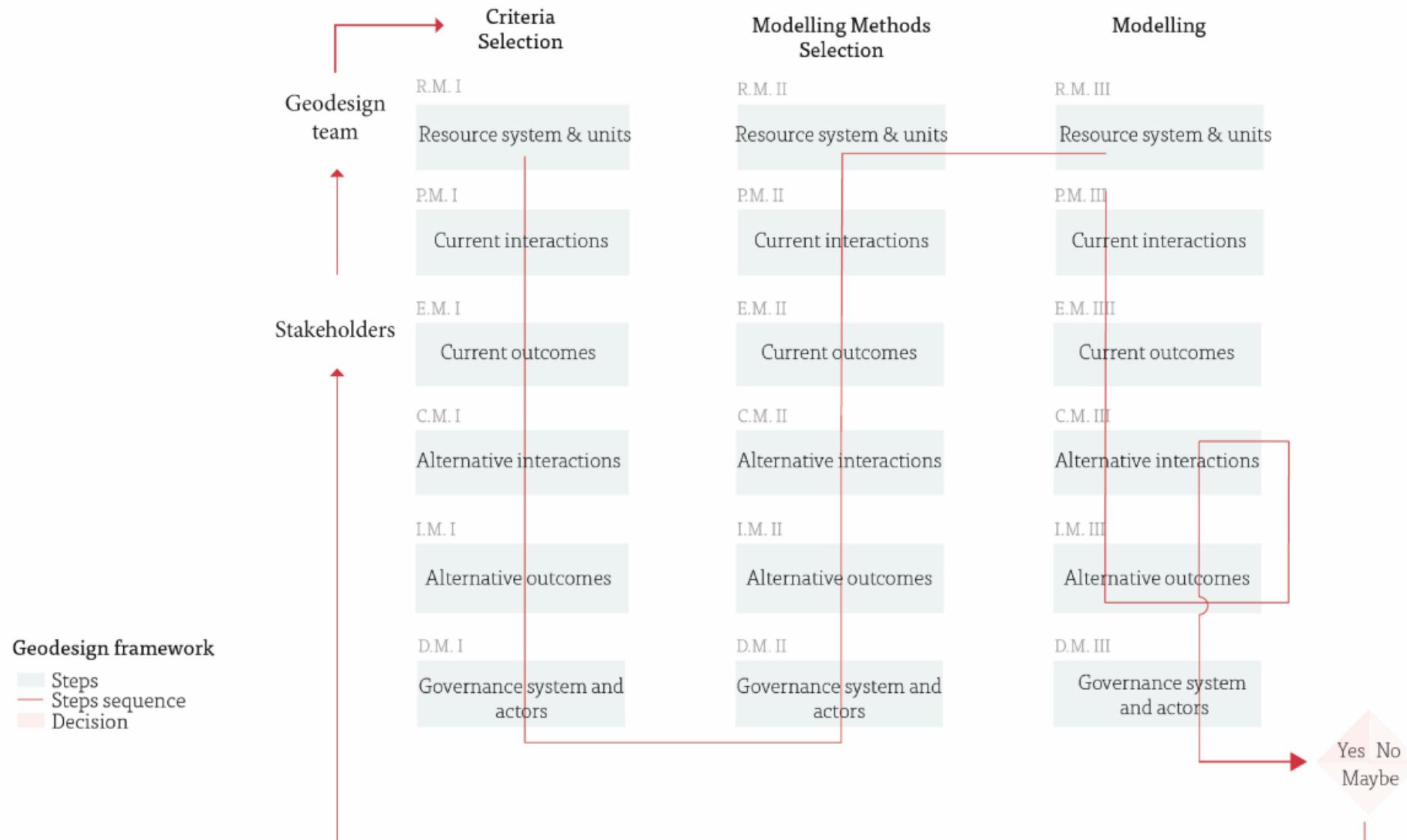


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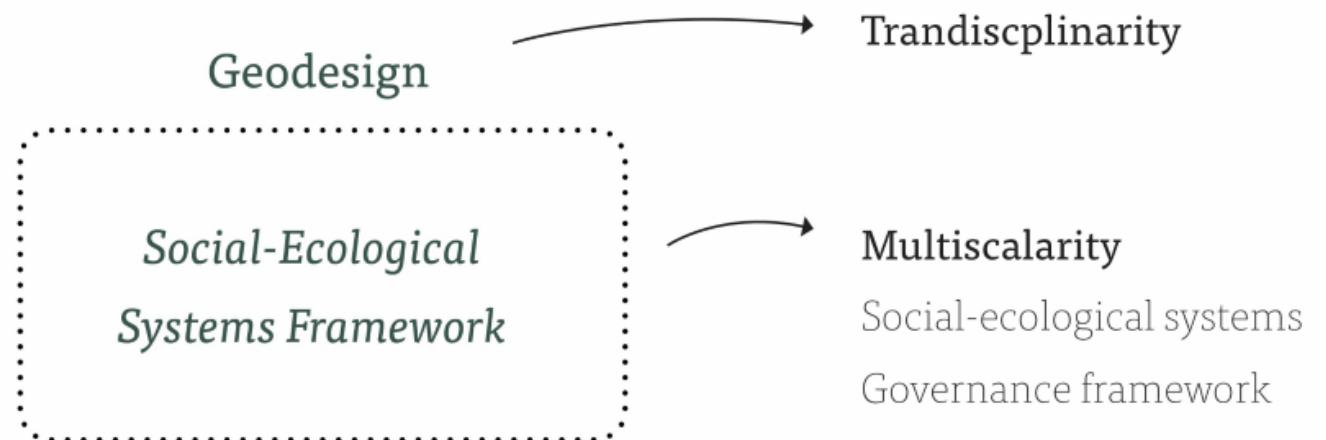
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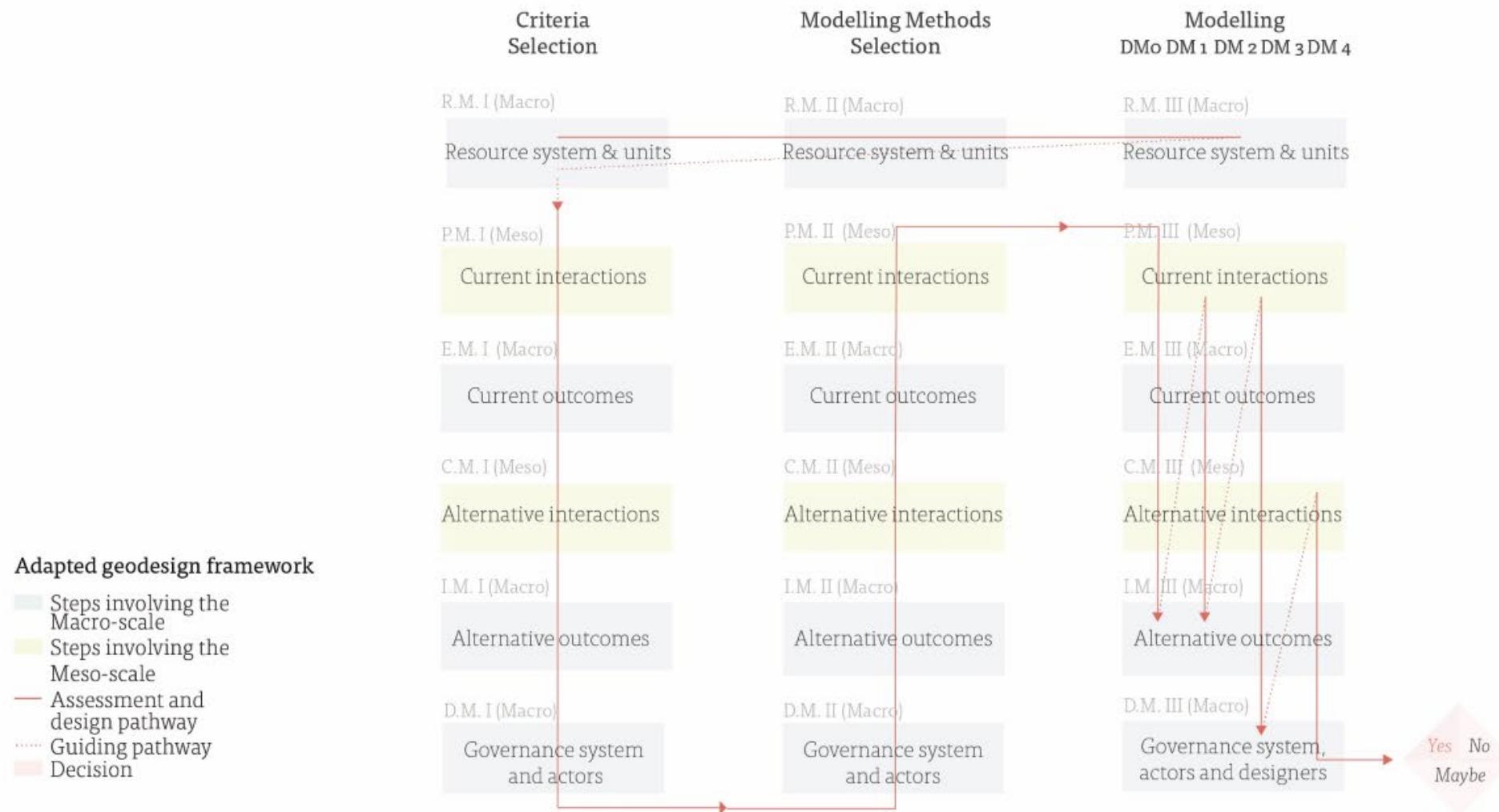
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Meso-scale

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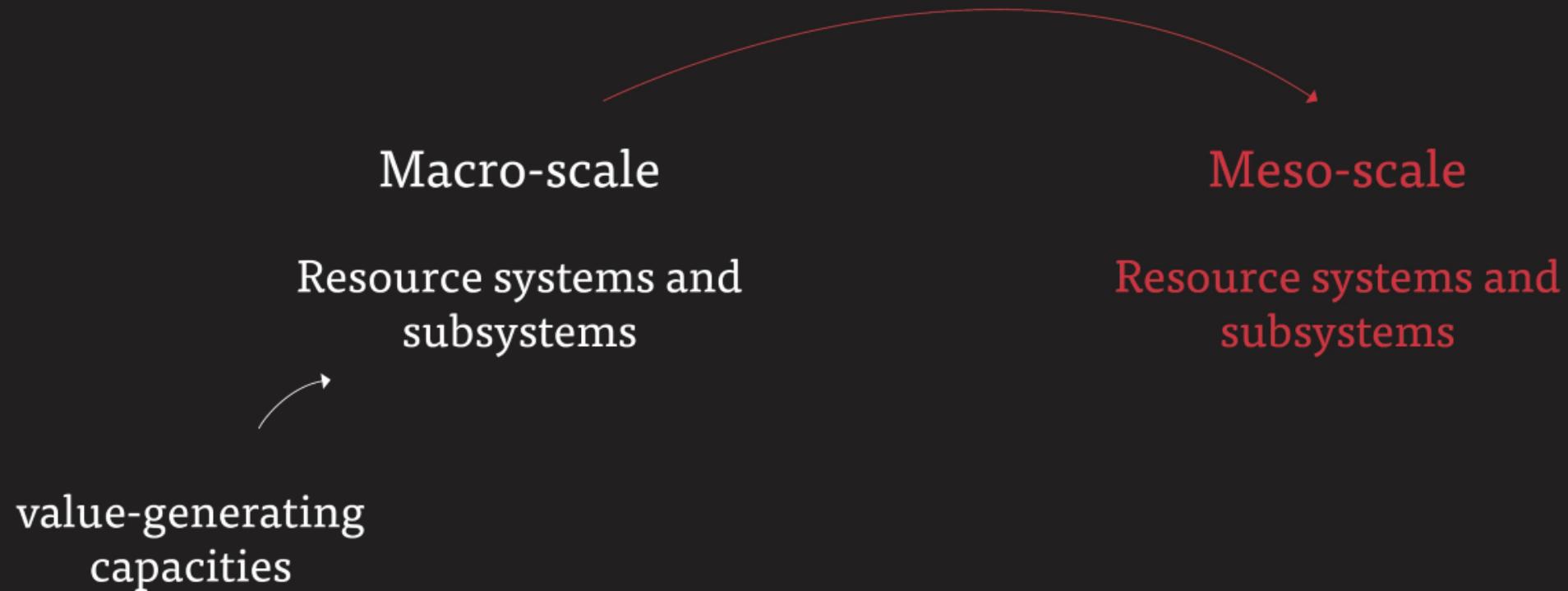


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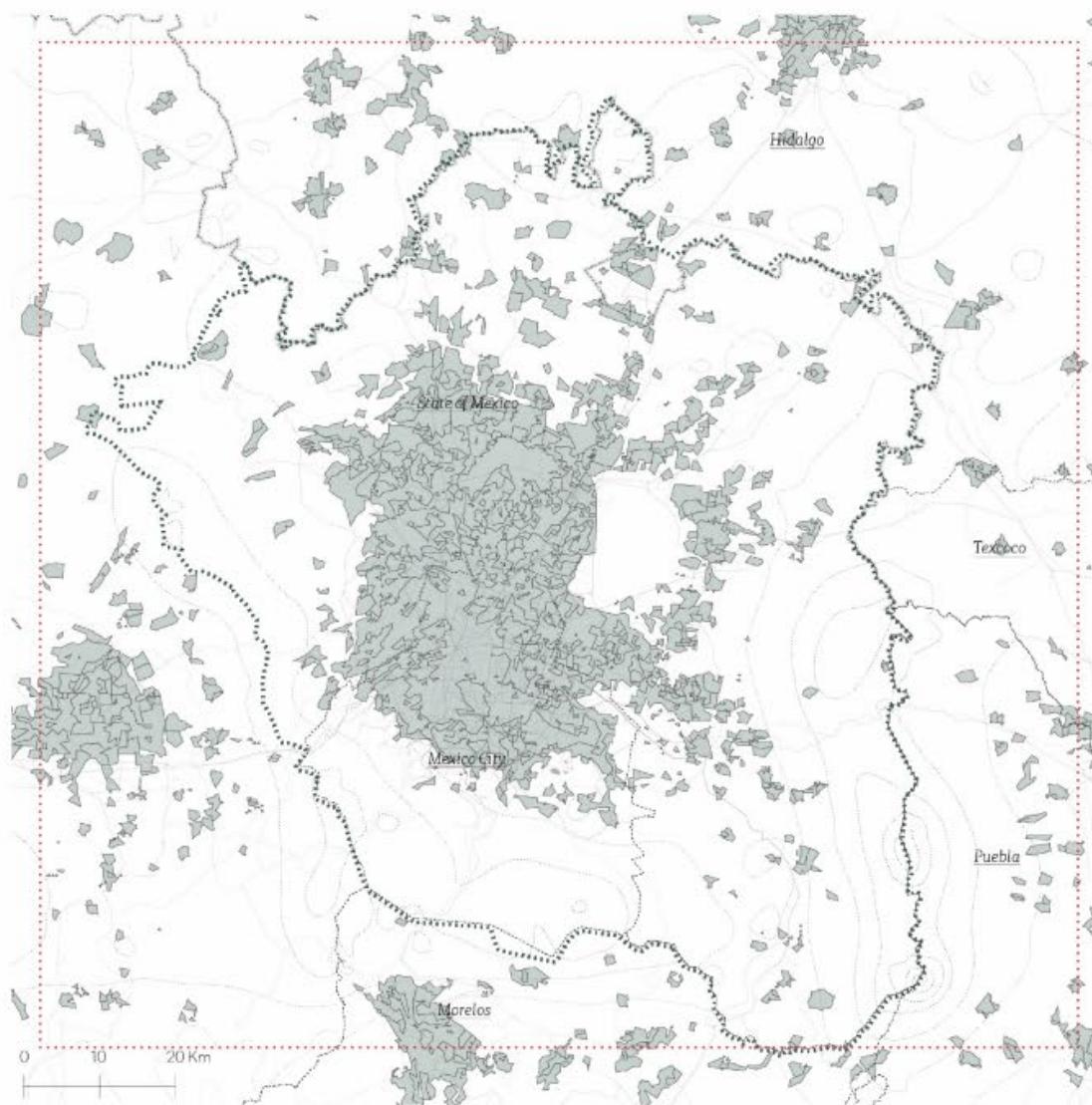
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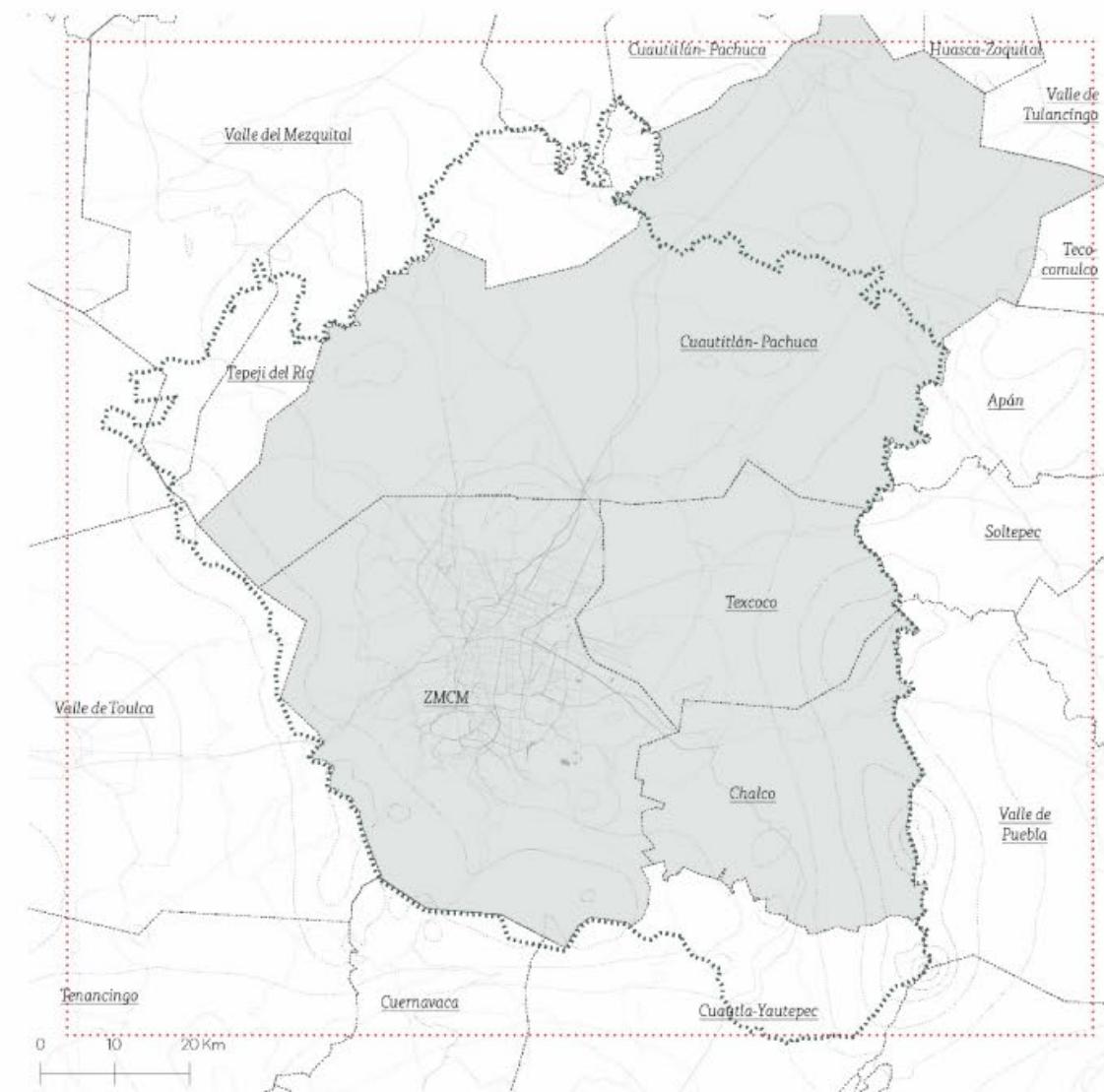
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Social system and subsystems

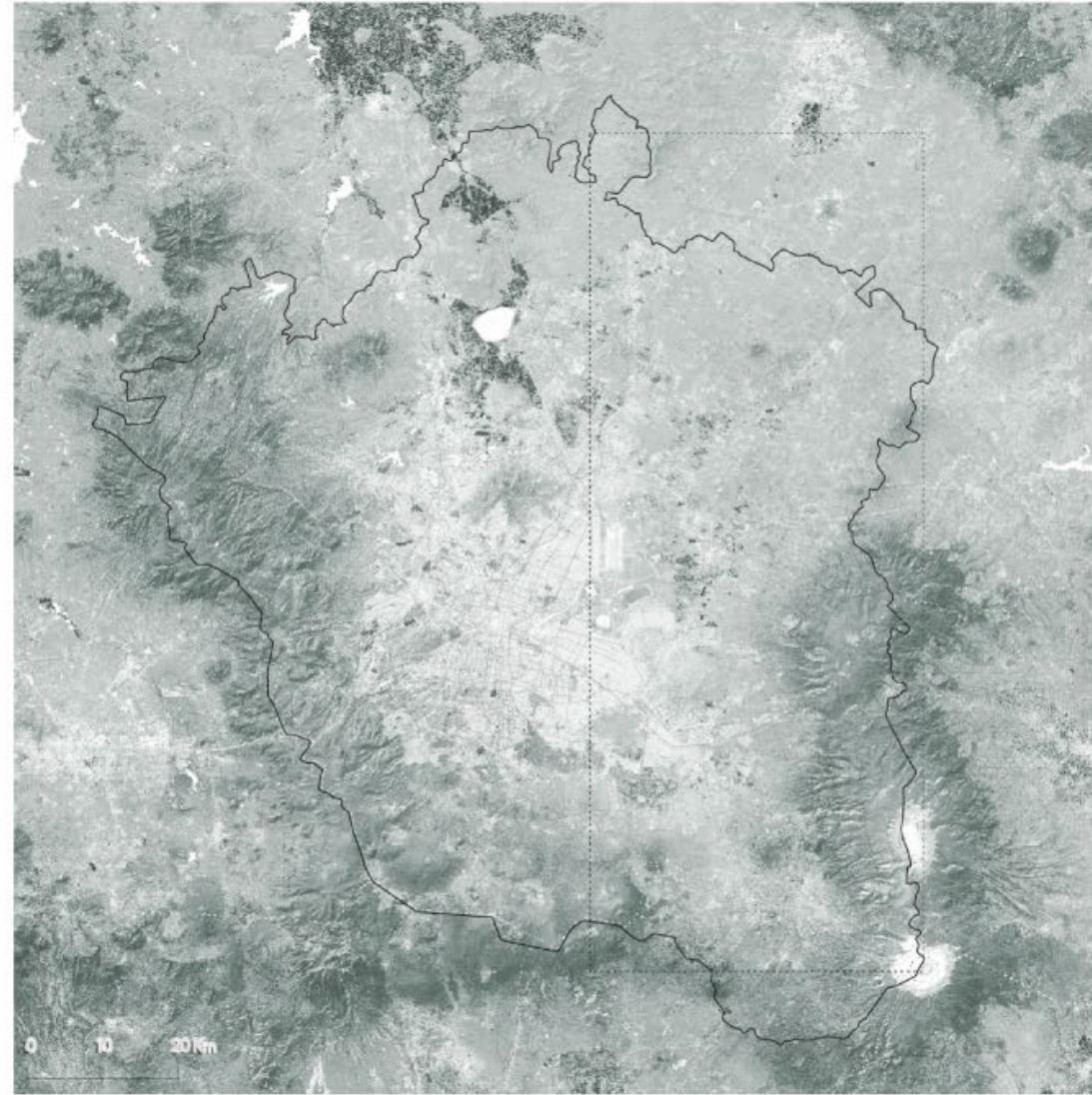


Ecological system and subsystems



*Soil permeability*

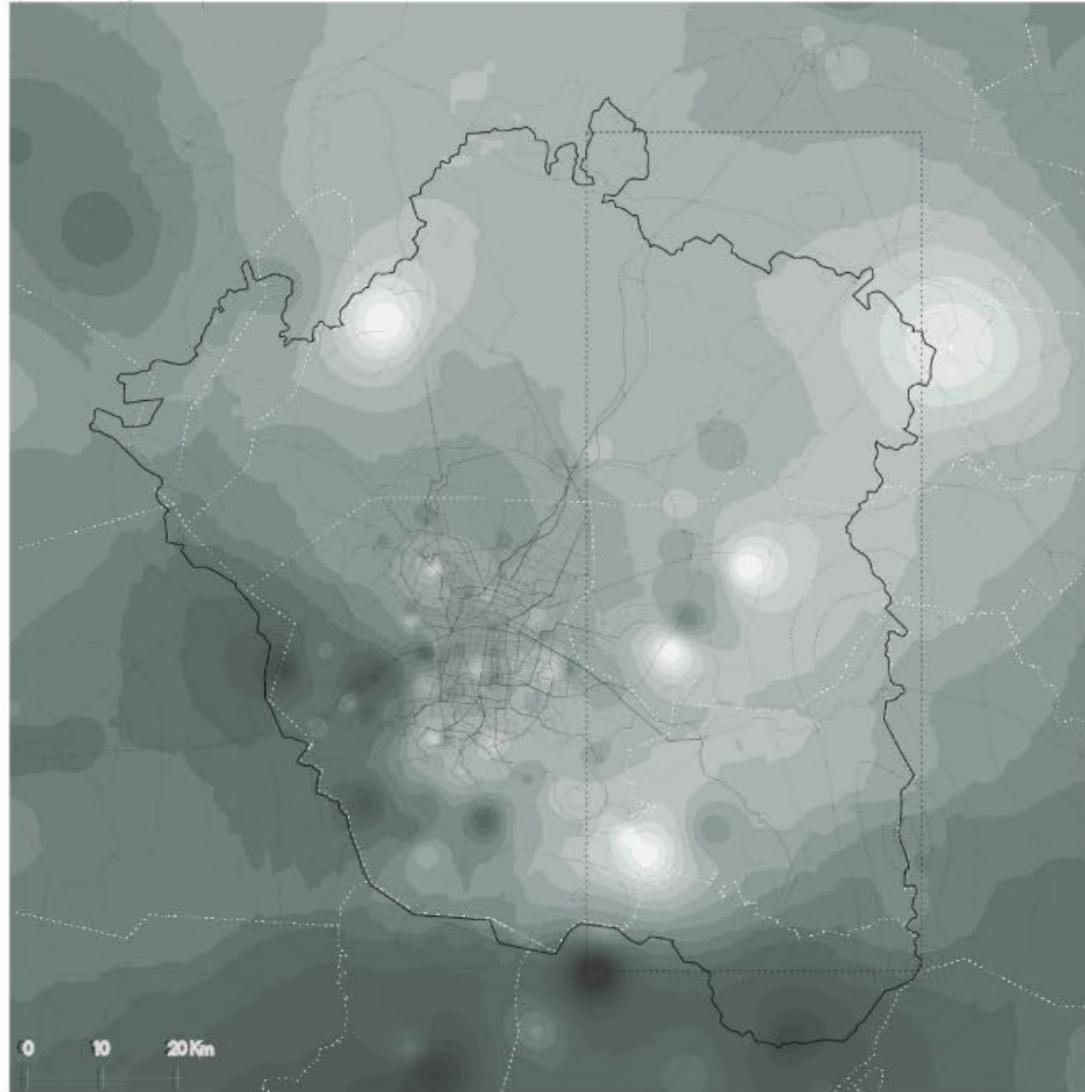
NDVI



## Rainfall

Precipitation

- 0-125 mm
- 125-400 mm
- 400-600 mm
- 600-800 mm
- 800-1200 mm
- 1200-1500 mm
- 1500-2000 mm
- 2000-2500 mm
- 2500-4000 mm



Runoff



Runoff accumulation

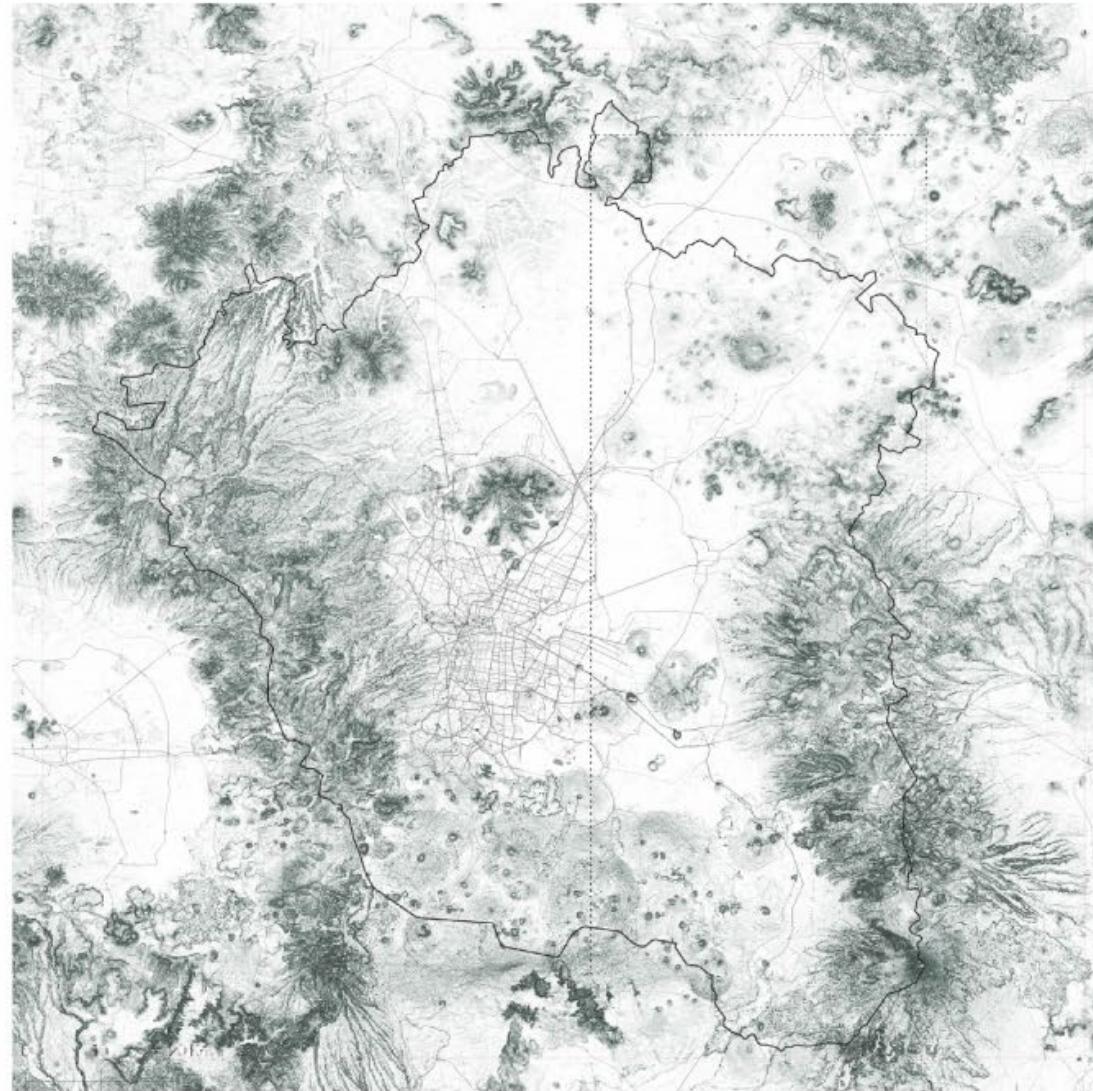


Slope

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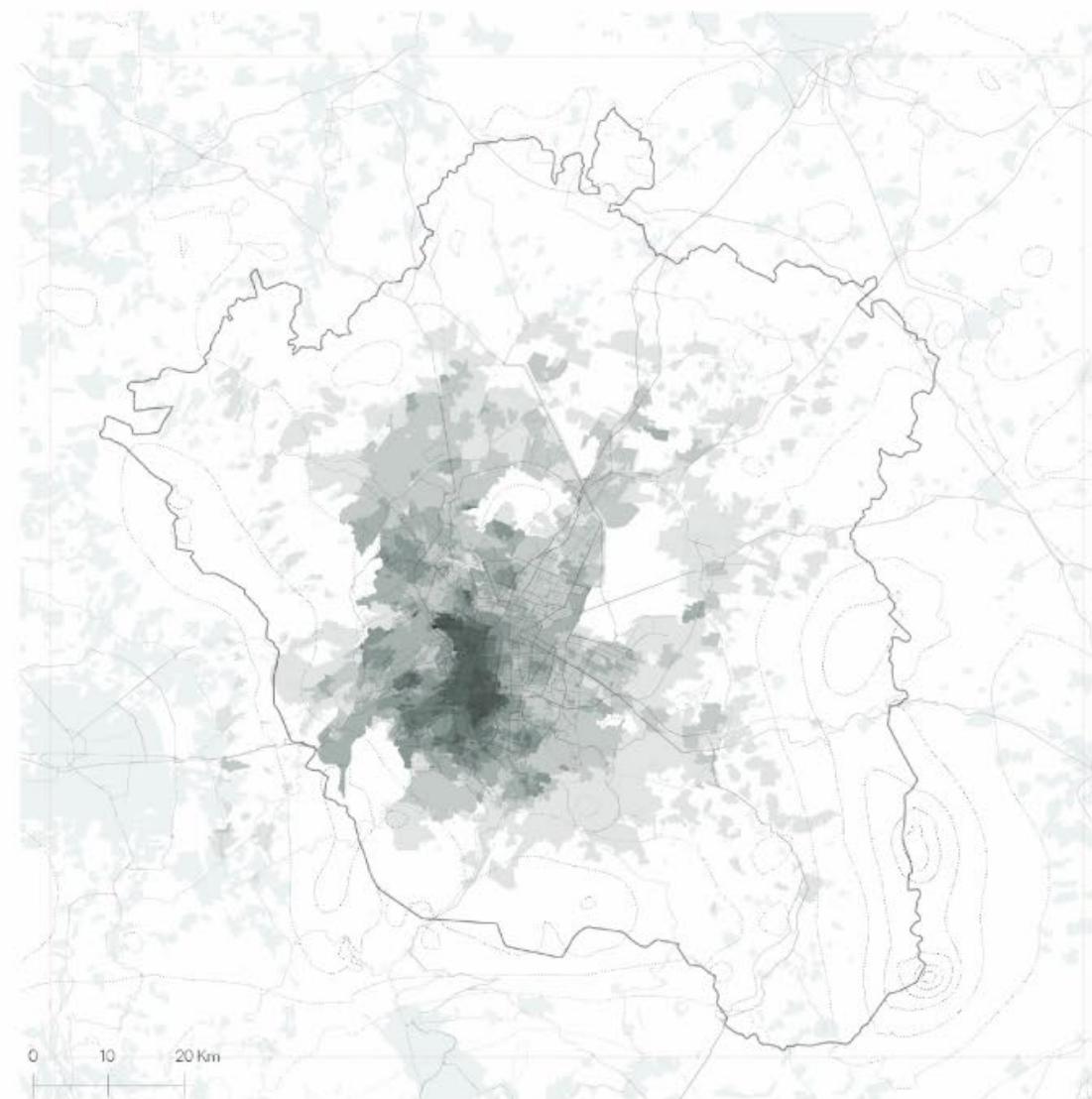
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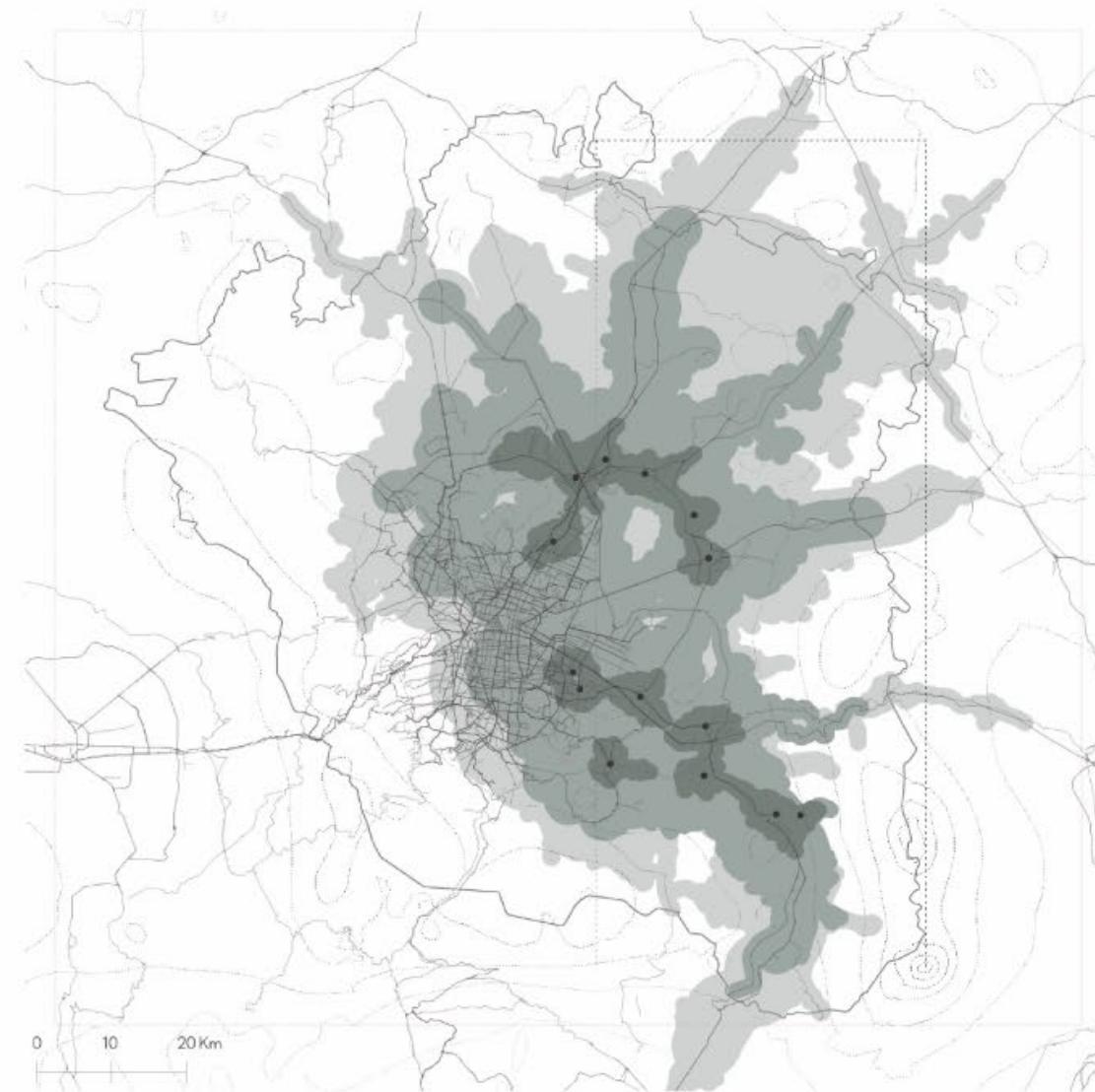
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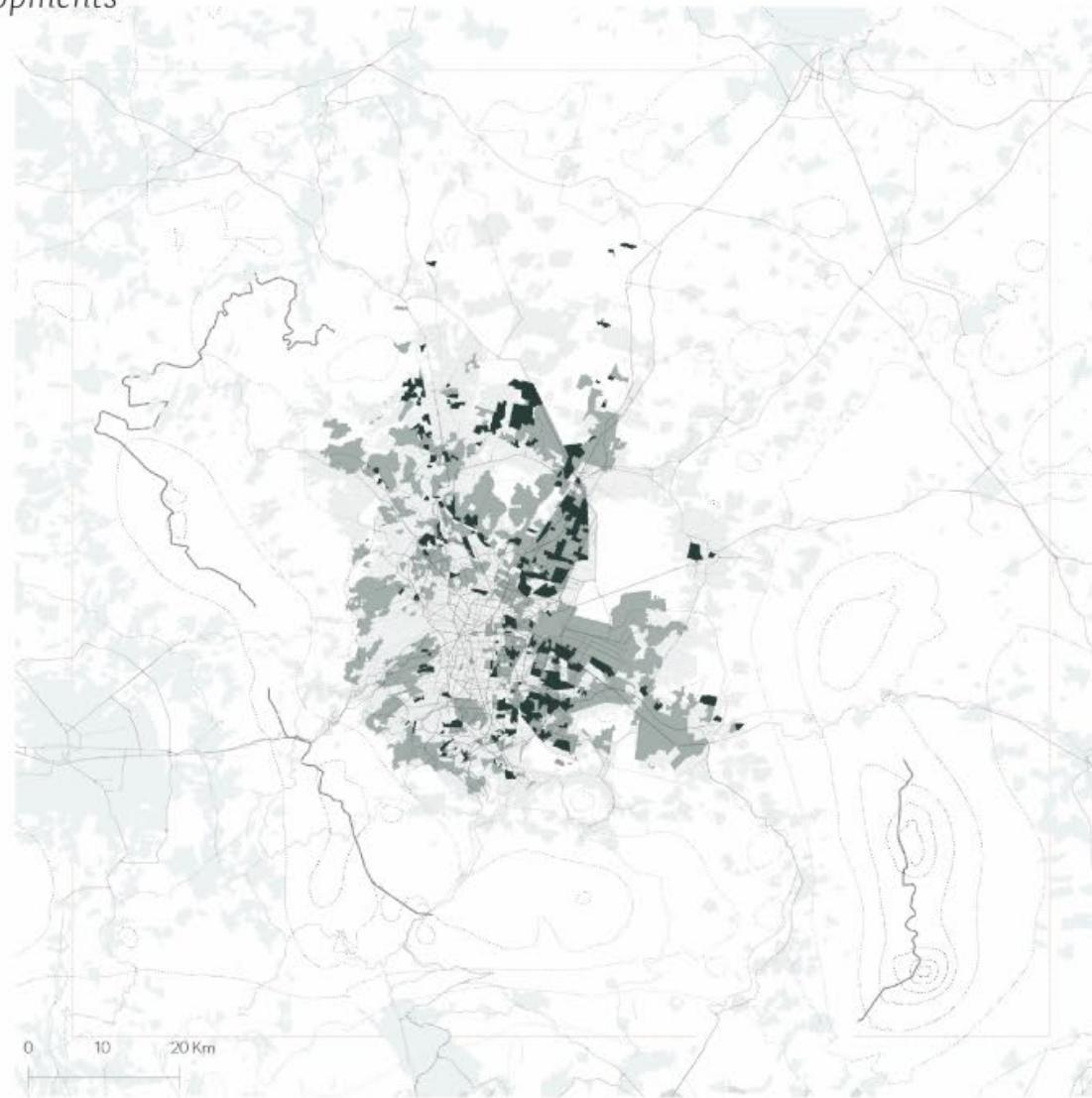
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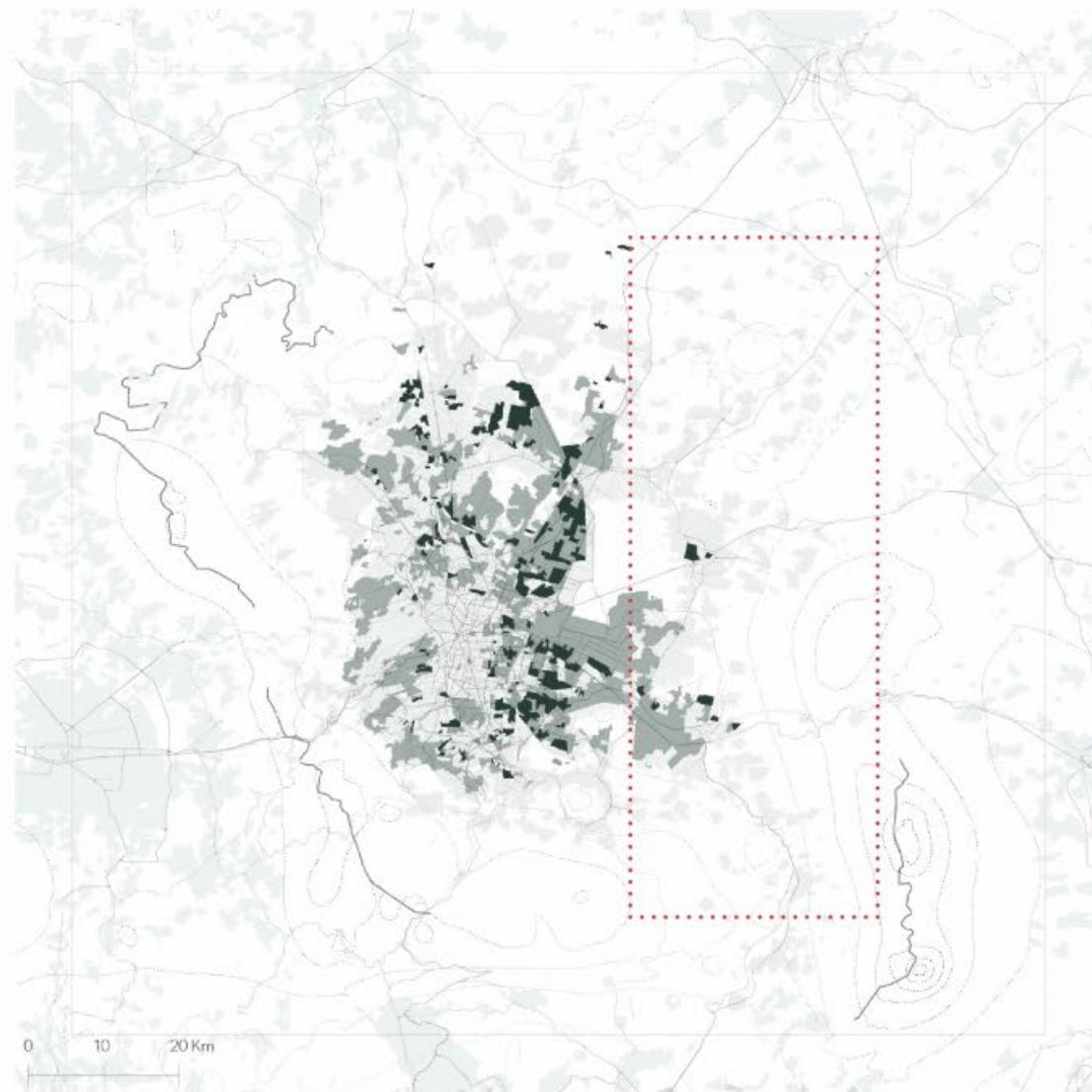
Accesibility to employment centers



*Existing social and informal housing developments*



Meso-scale



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Resource systems and  
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interactions



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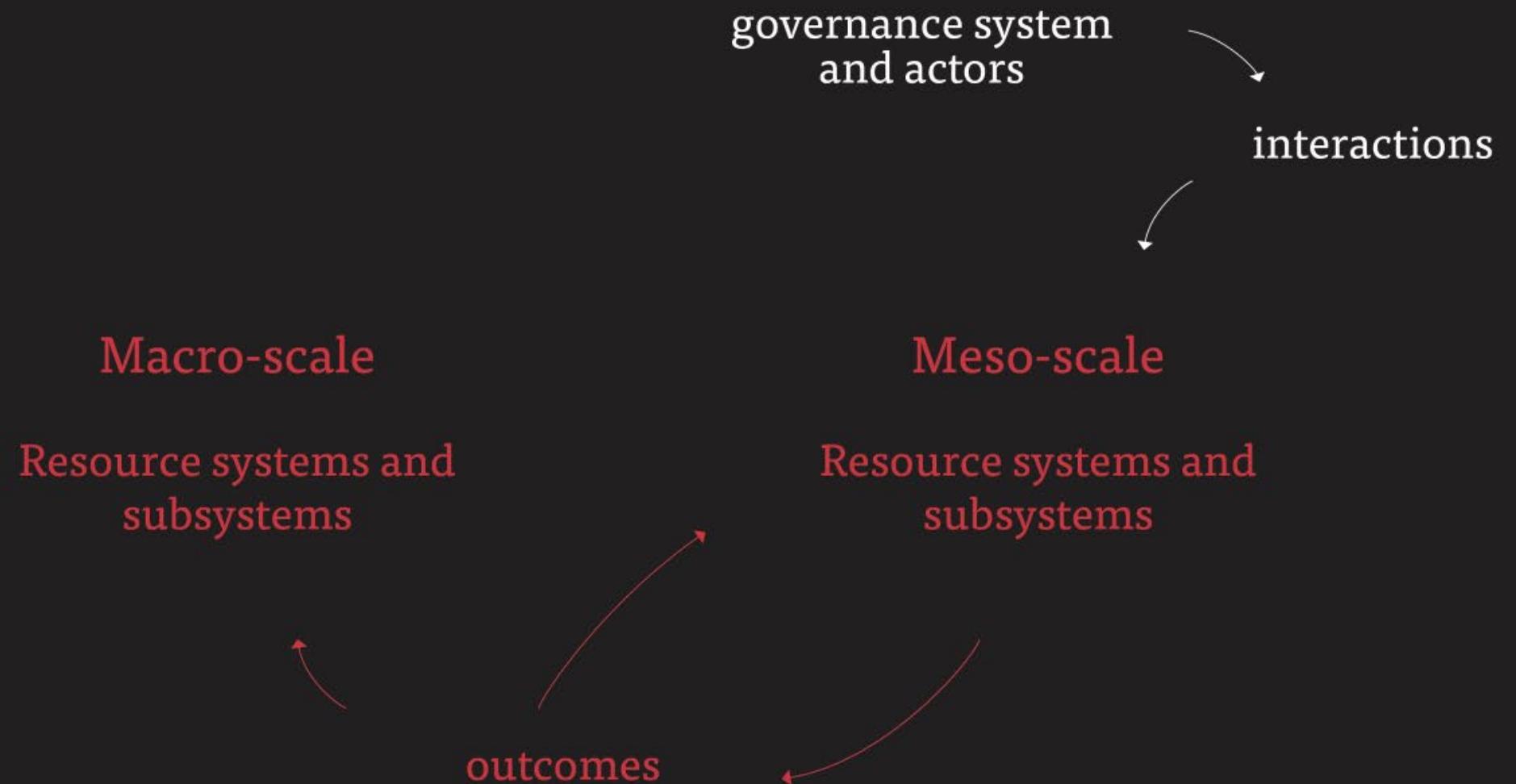
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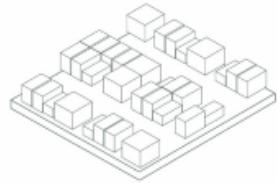
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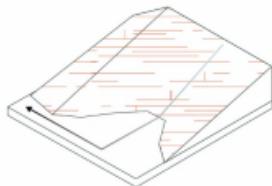
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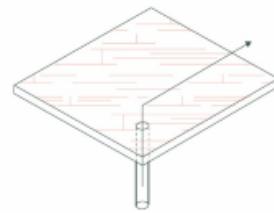
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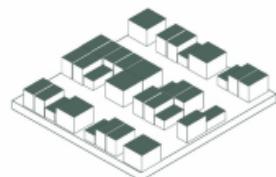
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*Runoff to discharge*

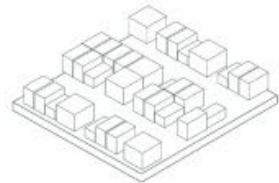


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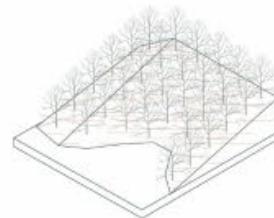


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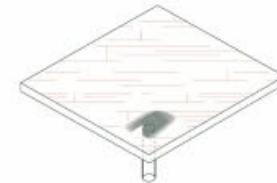
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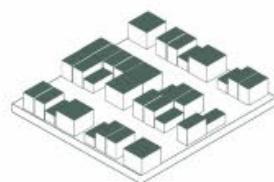
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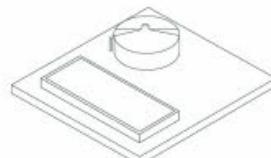
*Runoff delayment*



*Runoff infiltration*

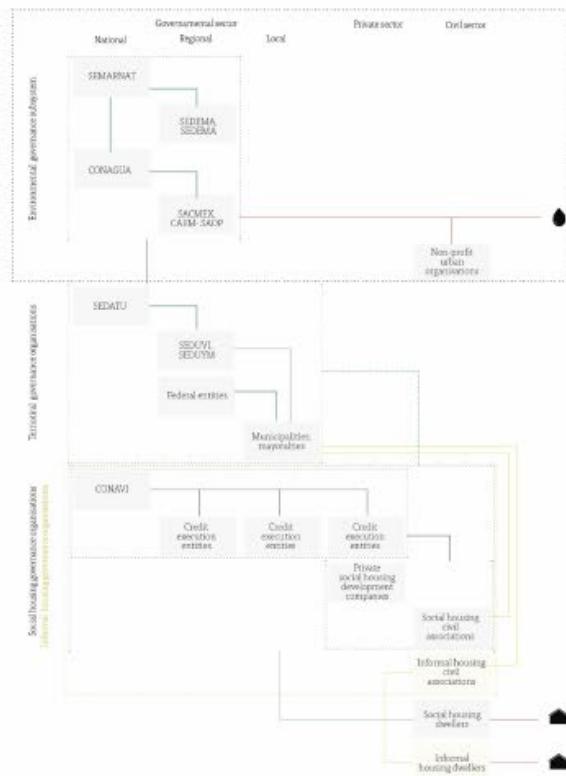


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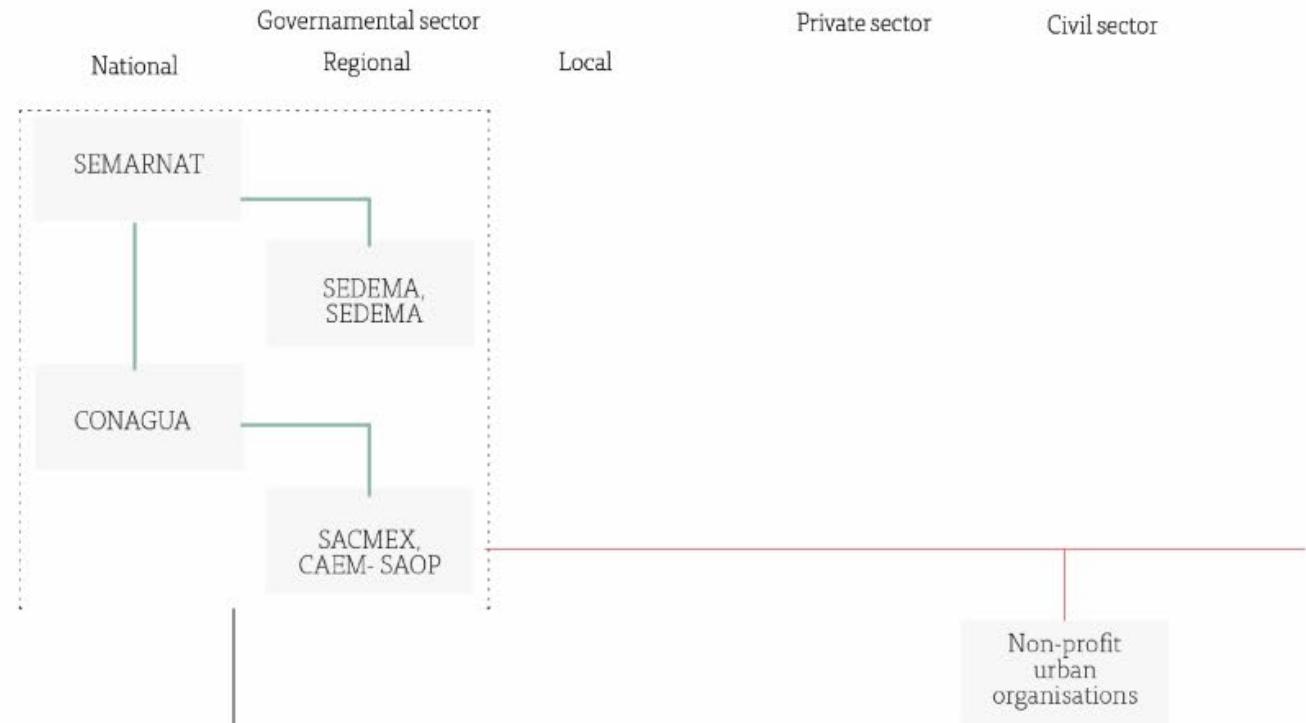


*Wasterwater treatment*

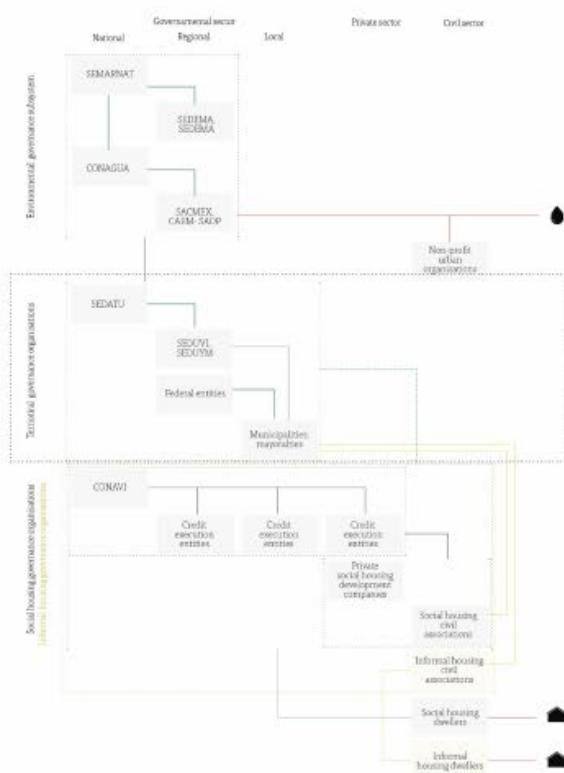
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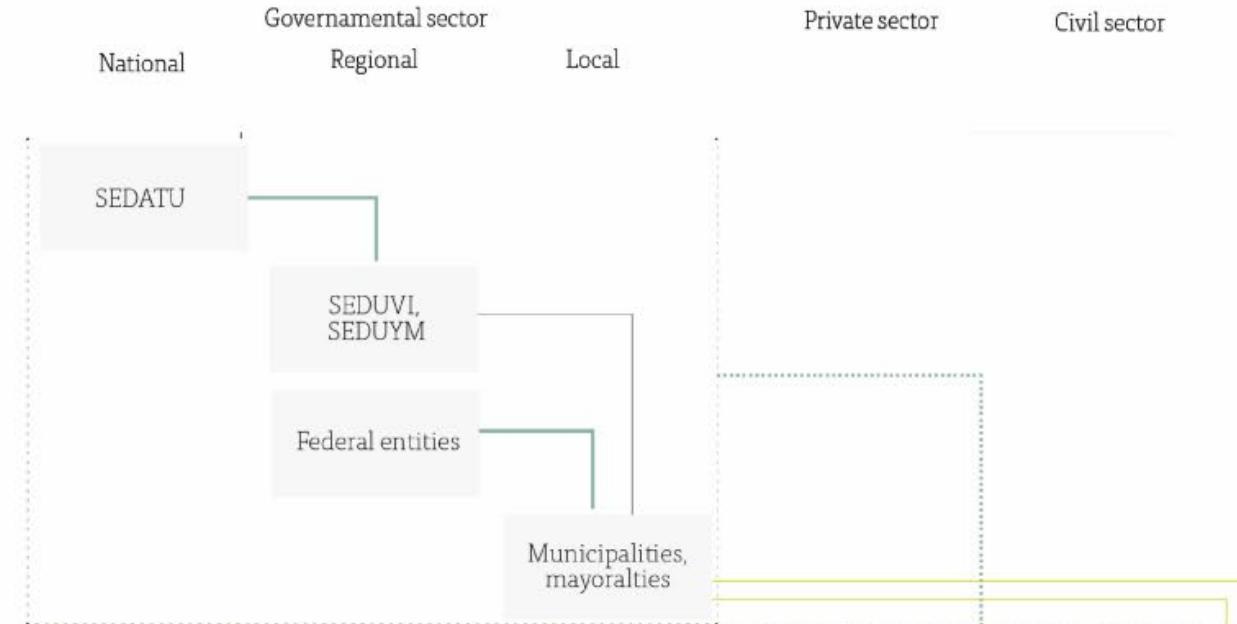
Environmental governance subsystem



## Governance system and actors

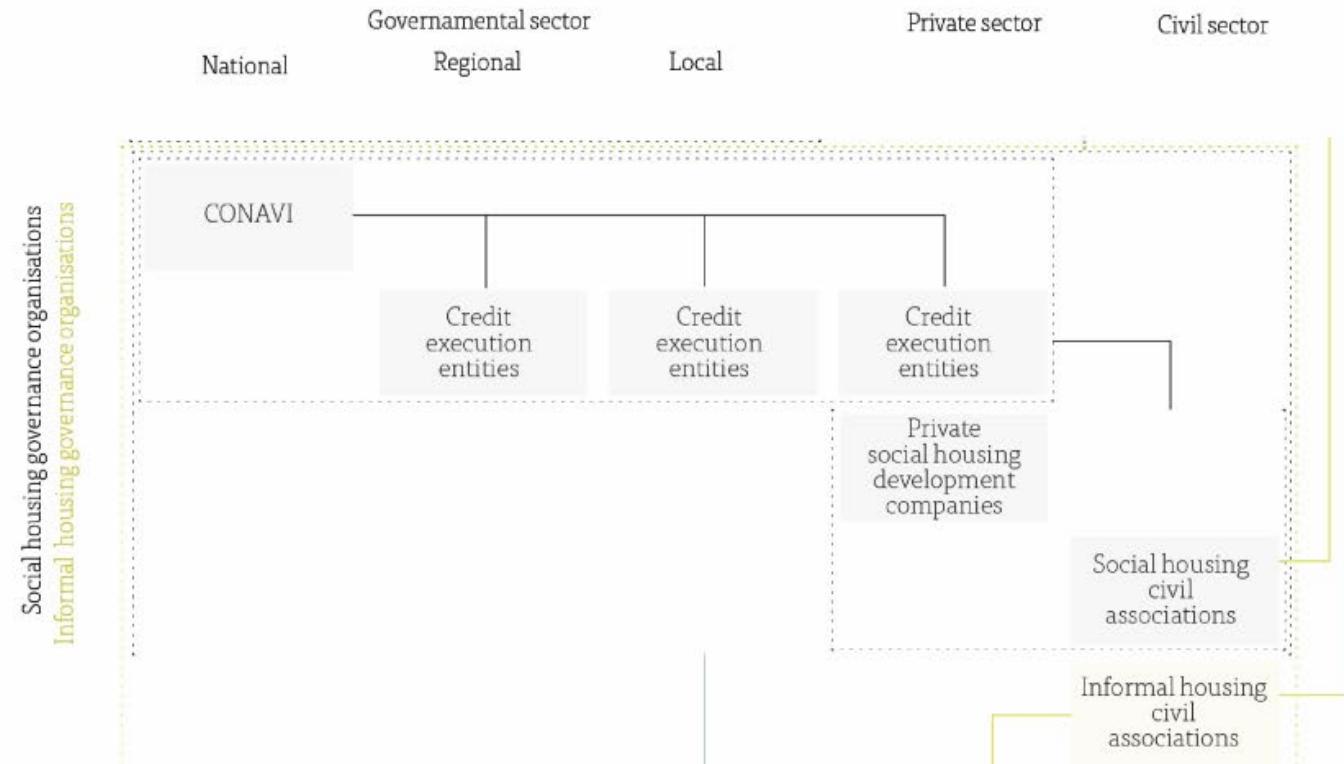
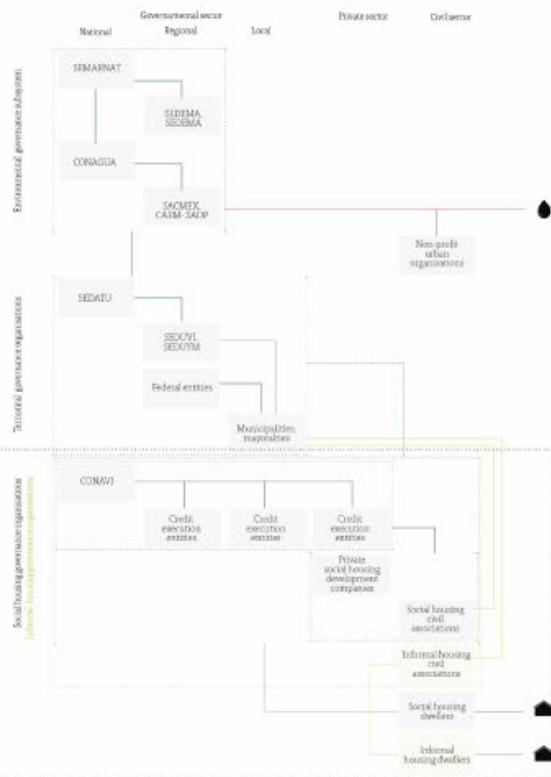


Territorial governance organisations



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## Governance system and actors



## Outcomes

### Social performance

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- Accessibility to infrastructure

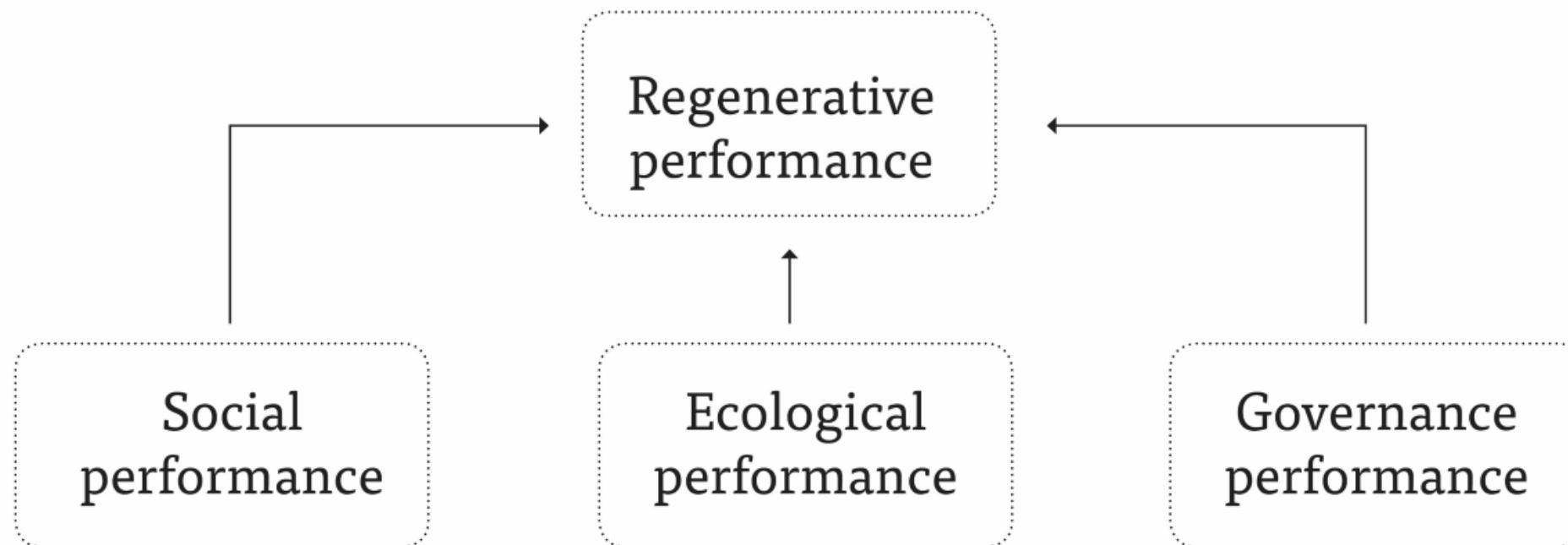
### Ecological performance

- Infiltration and extraction rates balance

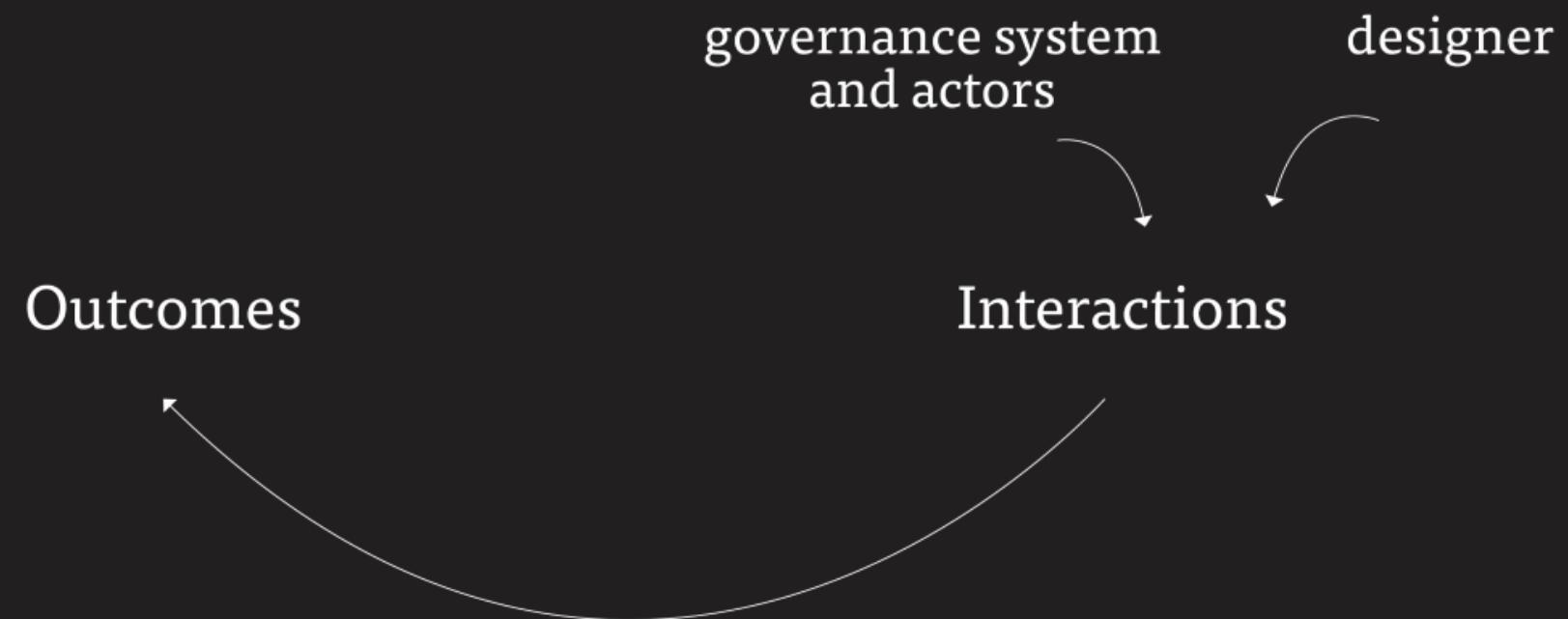
### Governance performance

- Knowledge on regeneration
- Engagement in regeneration
- Strength of the actors network

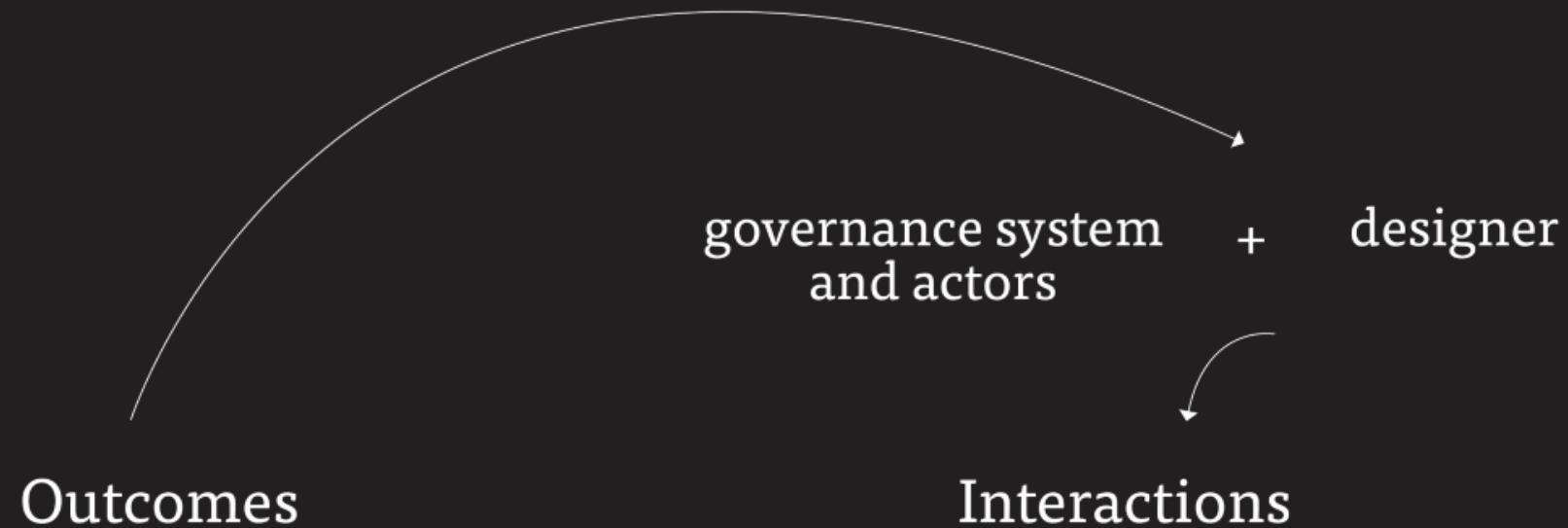
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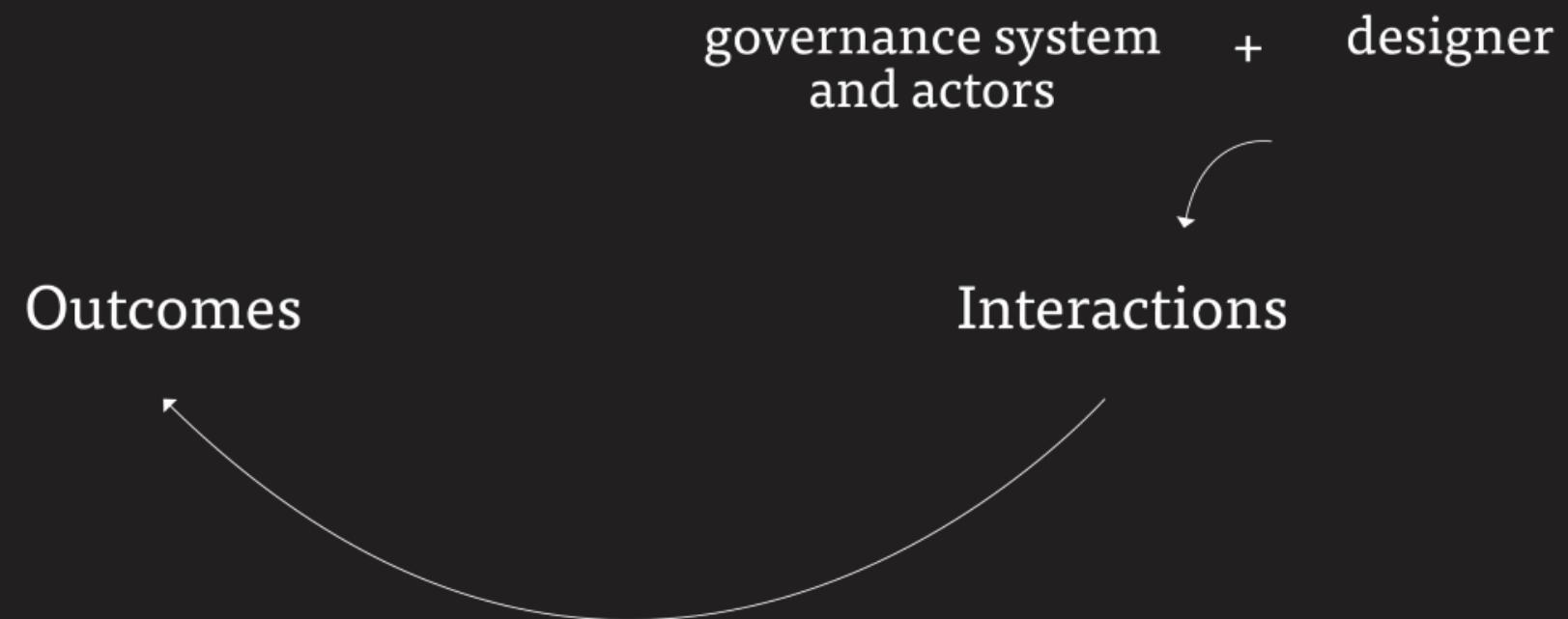
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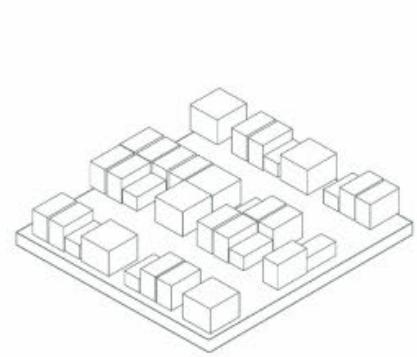
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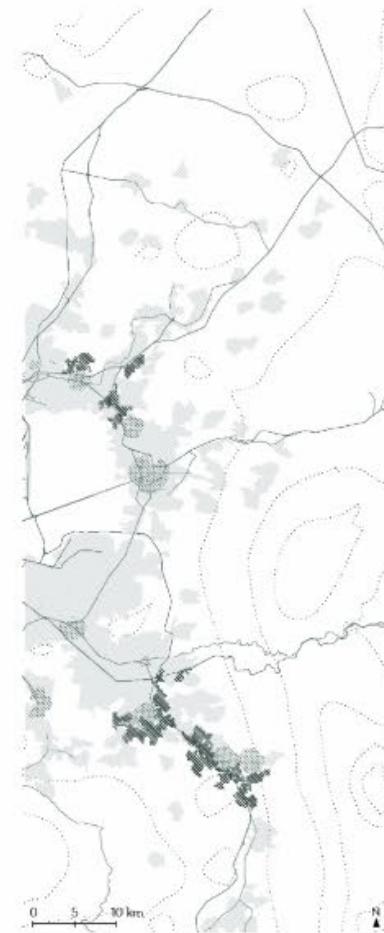
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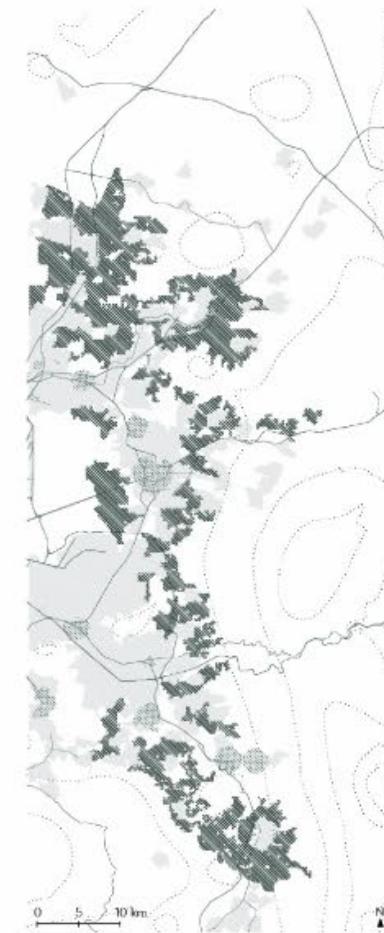
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*Development of social housing*



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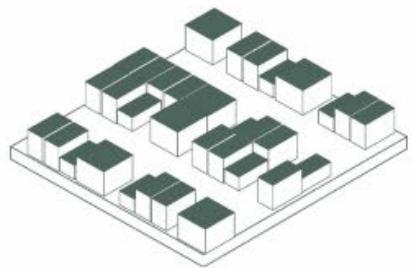


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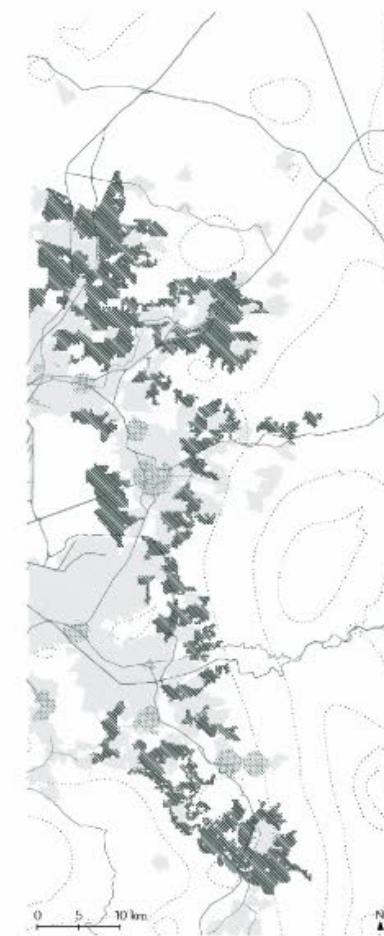
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*Catchment of rainwater*



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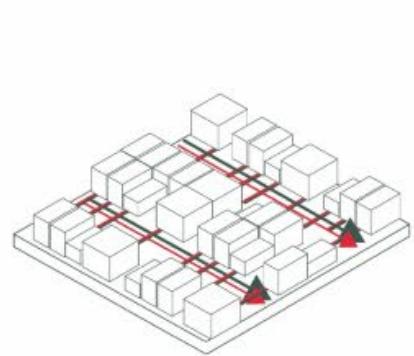


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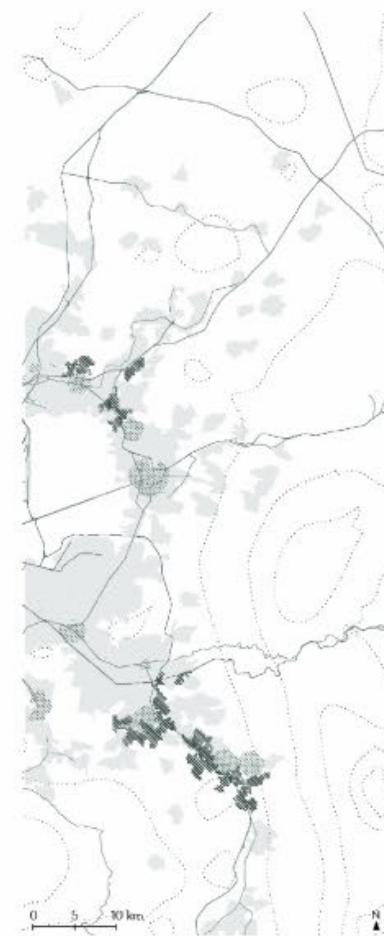


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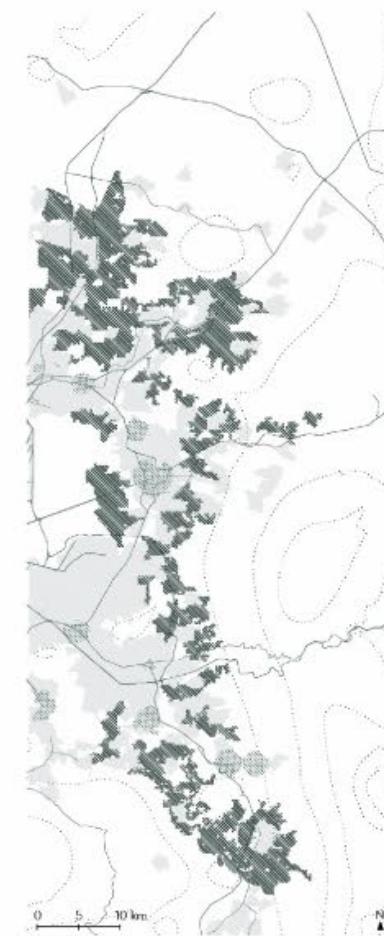
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Separation of wastewater



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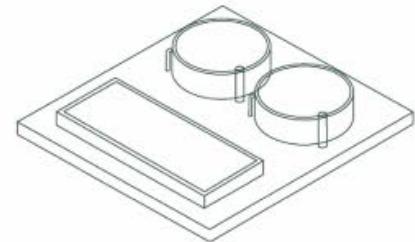


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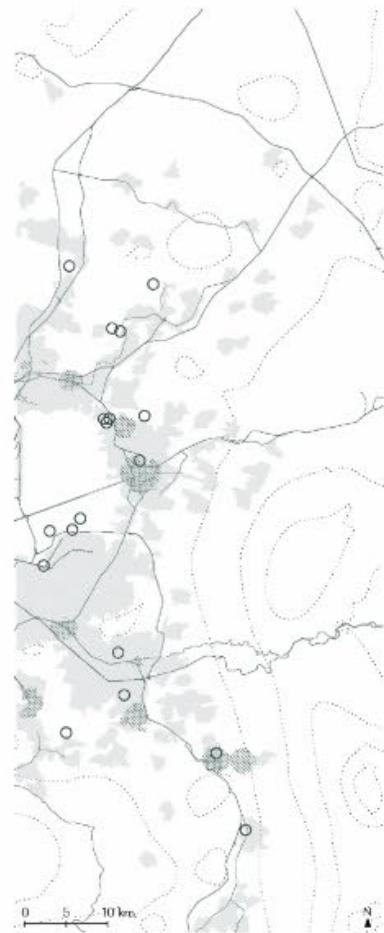


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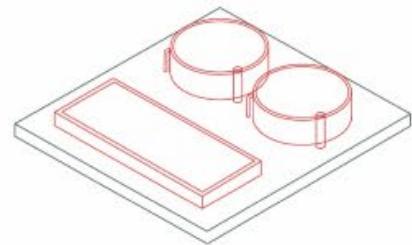


*Treatment of  
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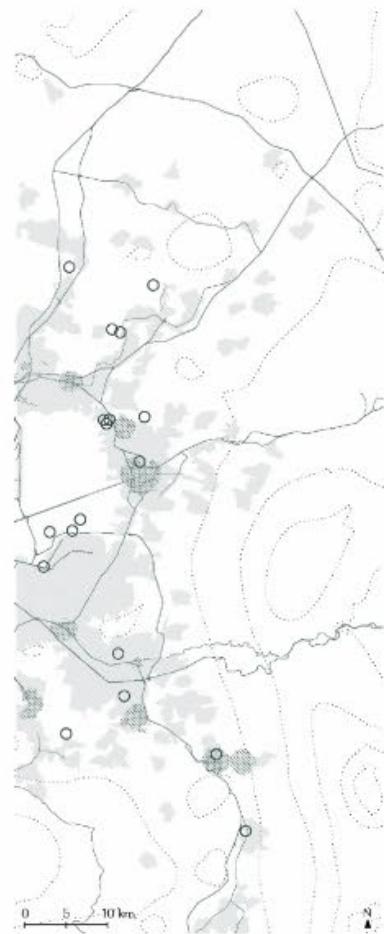


*Existing WTP*

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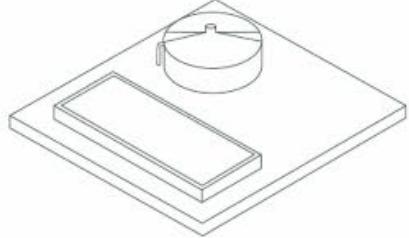


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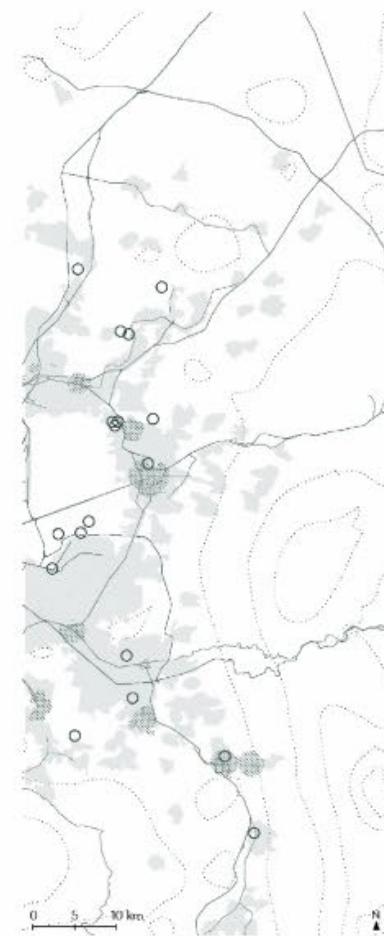


*Existing WTP*

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Treatment of wastewater in WTP  
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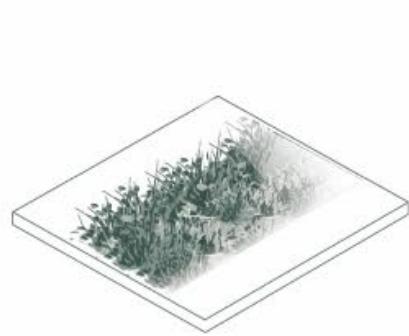
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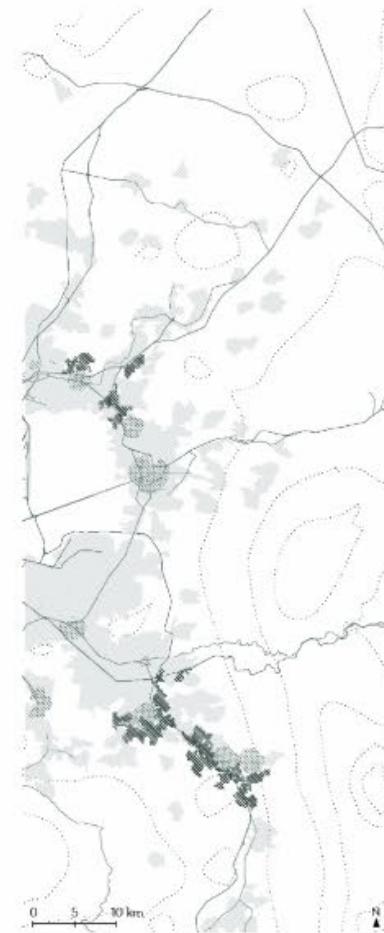
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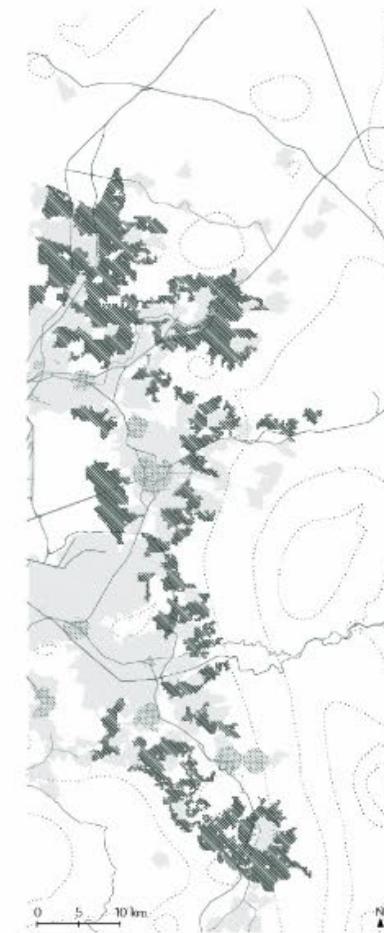
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*Treatment of greywater in wetlands*



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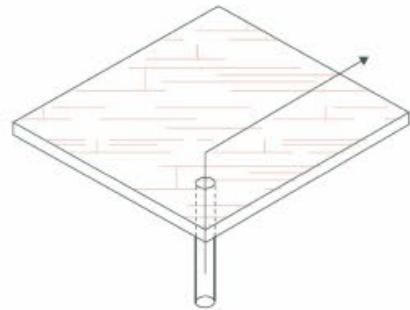


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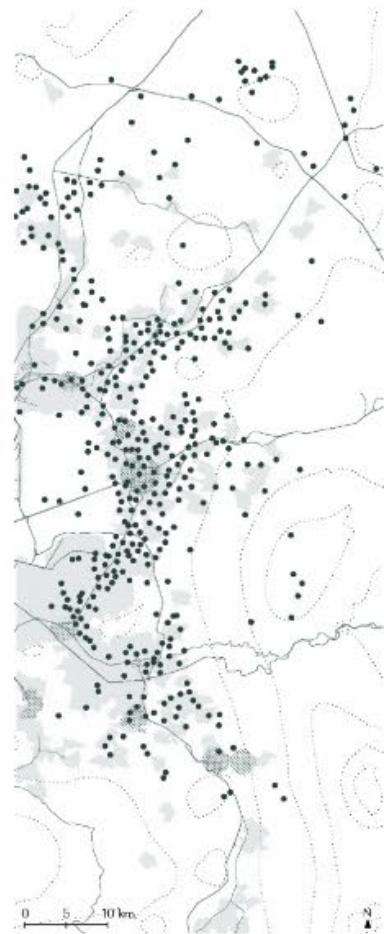


Zone 3

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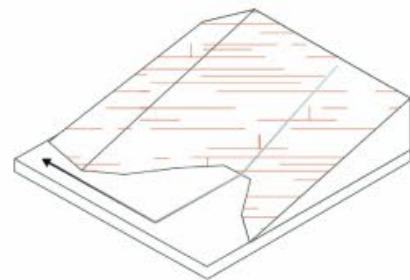


*Groundwater extraction*



*Extraction wells*

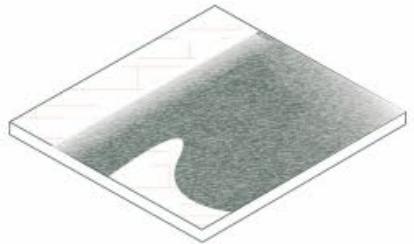
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*Runoff to discharge*



*Sewage network*

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*Infiltration of water in lagoons*



*New lagoons*

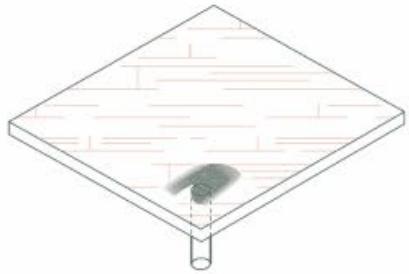


*New lagoons (minus Z2)*



*New lagoons (minus Z3)*

## Catalogue



Infiltration of water in wells



New wells

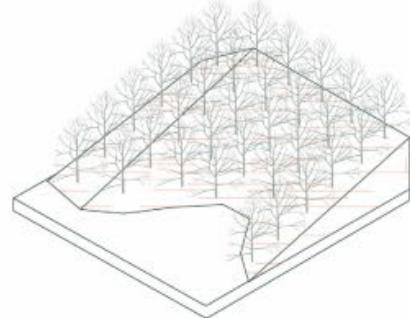


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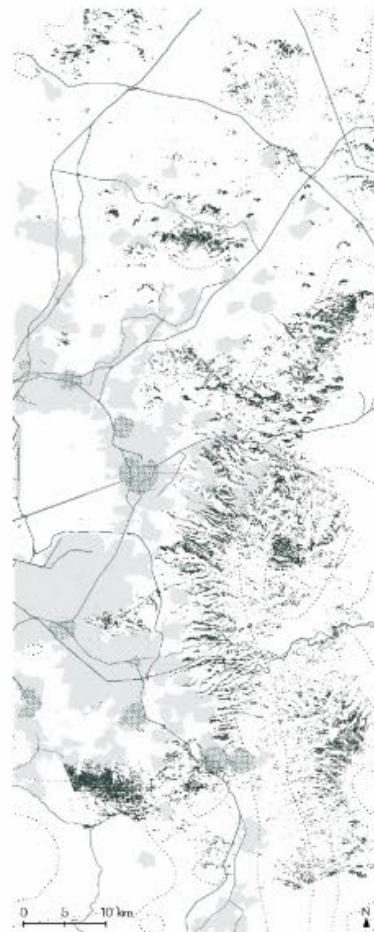


New wells (minus Z3)

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*Delayment and infiltration of  
runoff with vegetation*

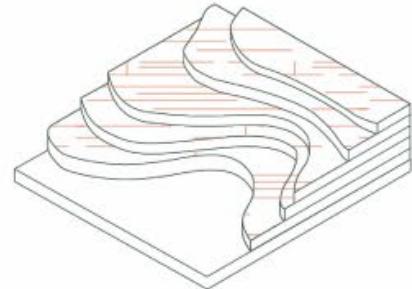


*Low slopes*

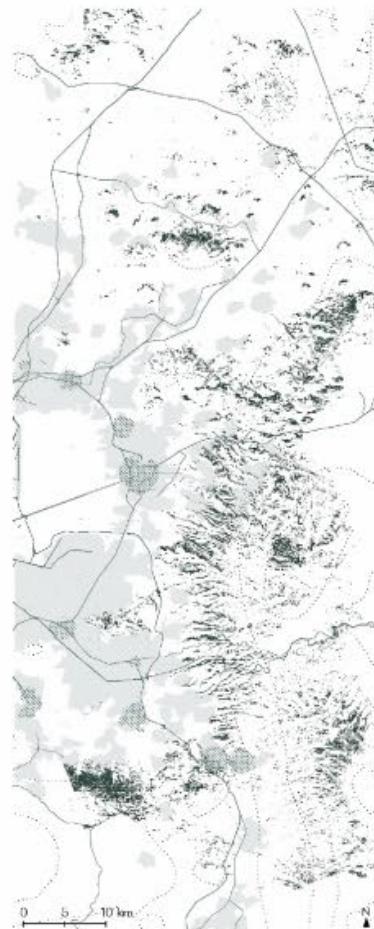


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Catalogue



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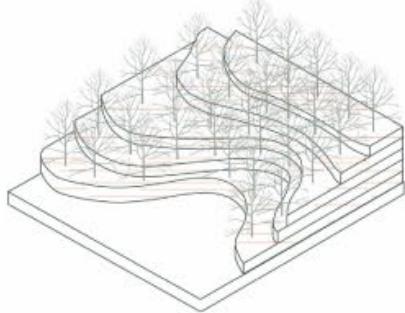


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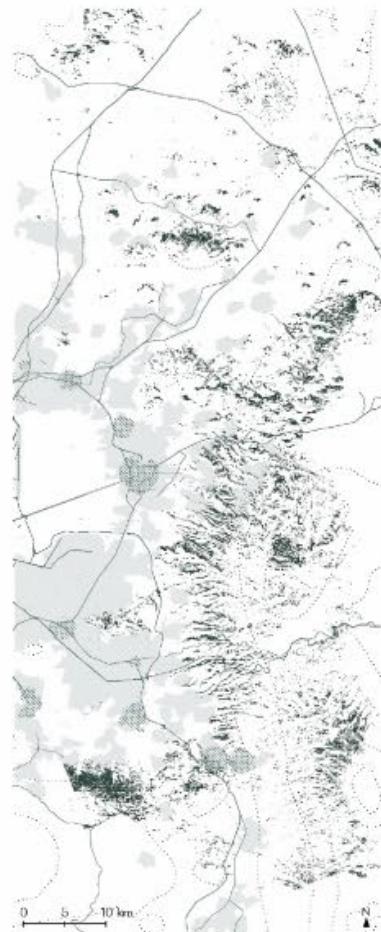


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## Catalogue



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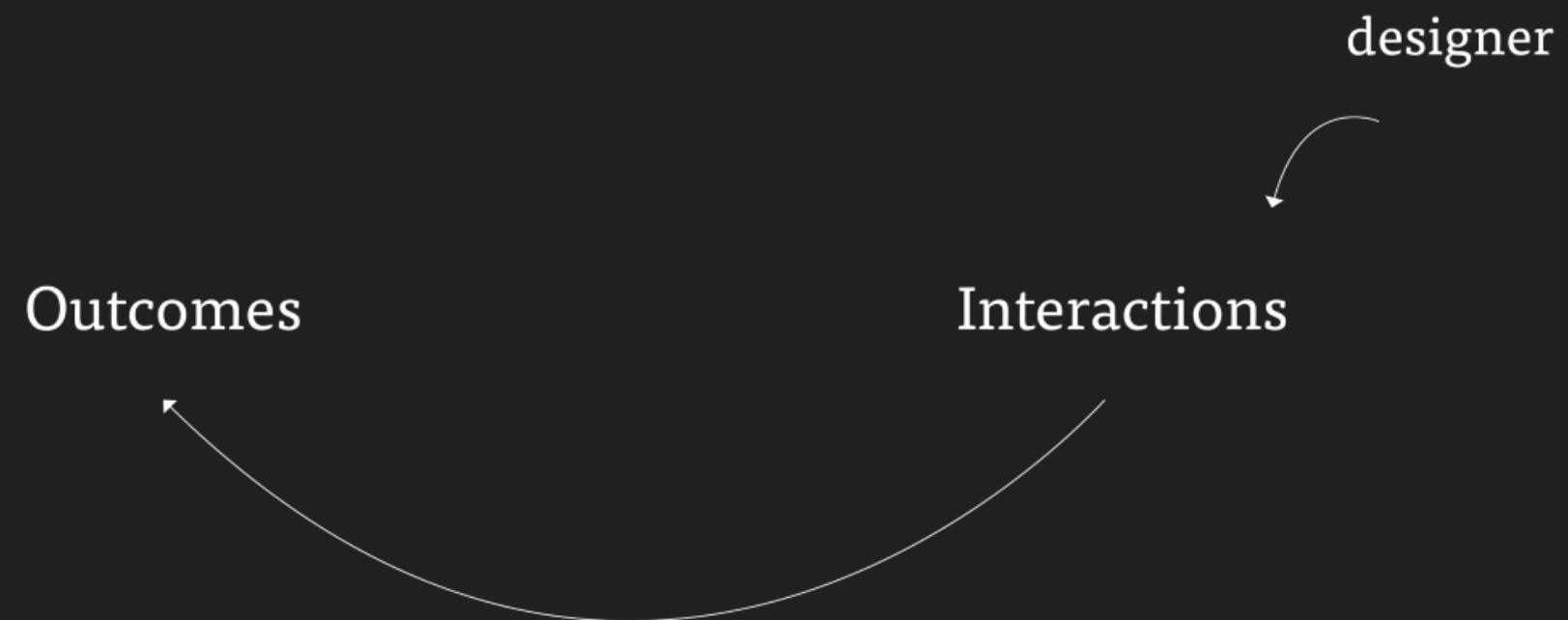


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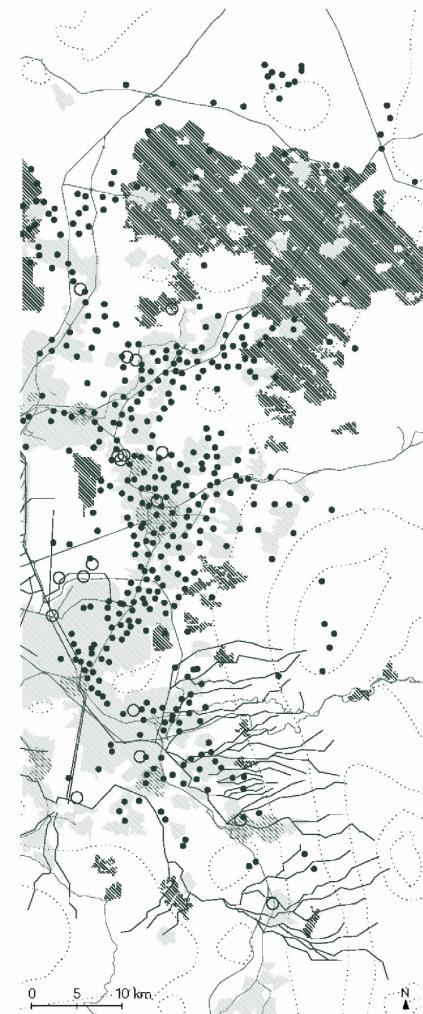
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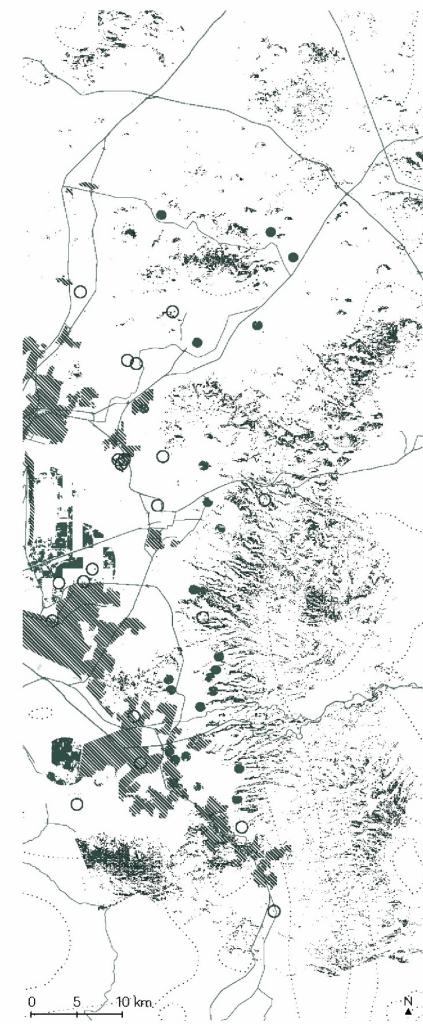
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Development in Zone 3  
Existing WTP  
New anaerobic WTP  
Increase of extraction



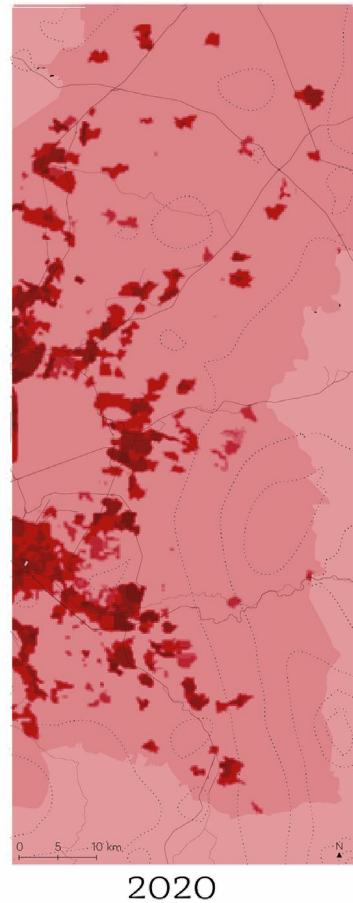
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Development in Zone 1  
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Source separation in Z1  
Wetlands ISH  
Infiltration lagoons  
Vegetation and terraces



Urban water system  
■ Future housing development  
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• Extraction wells  
■ Infiltration areas  
■ Employment centers  
■ Built environment  
— Primary street network

Designer's Business-As-Usual Scenario



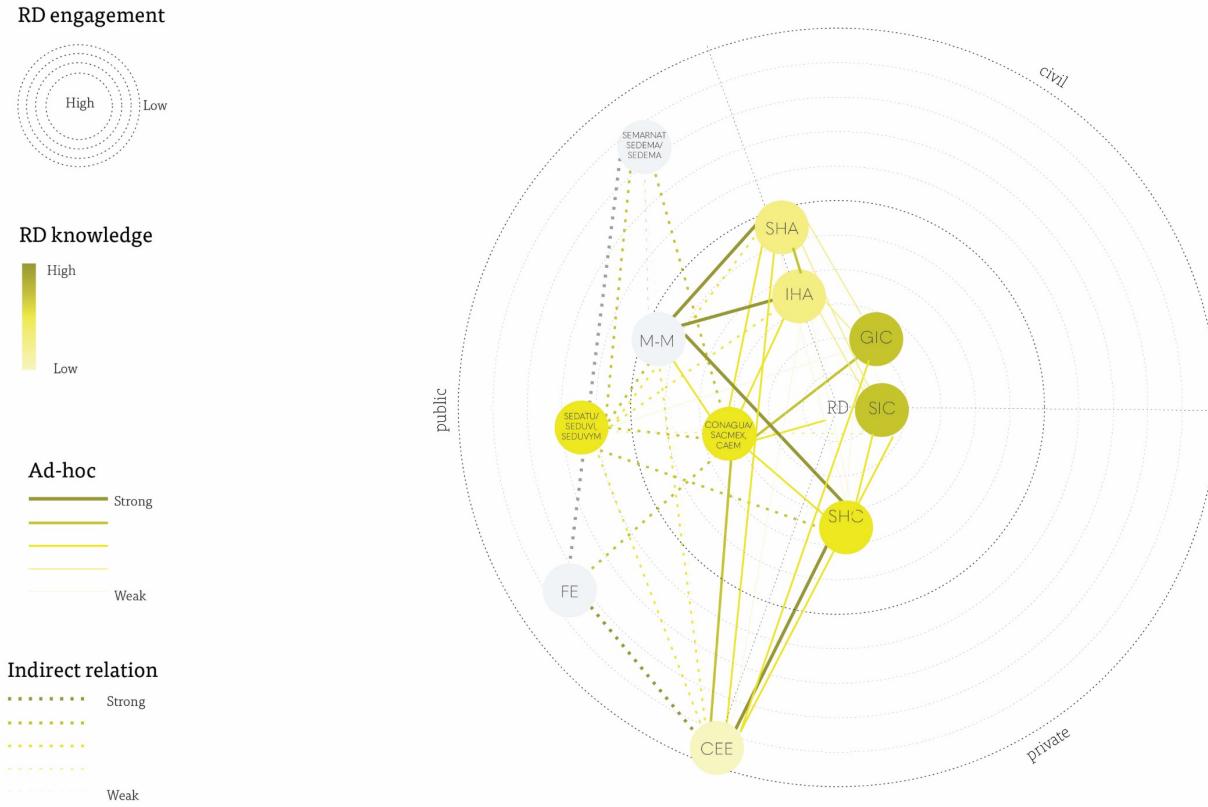
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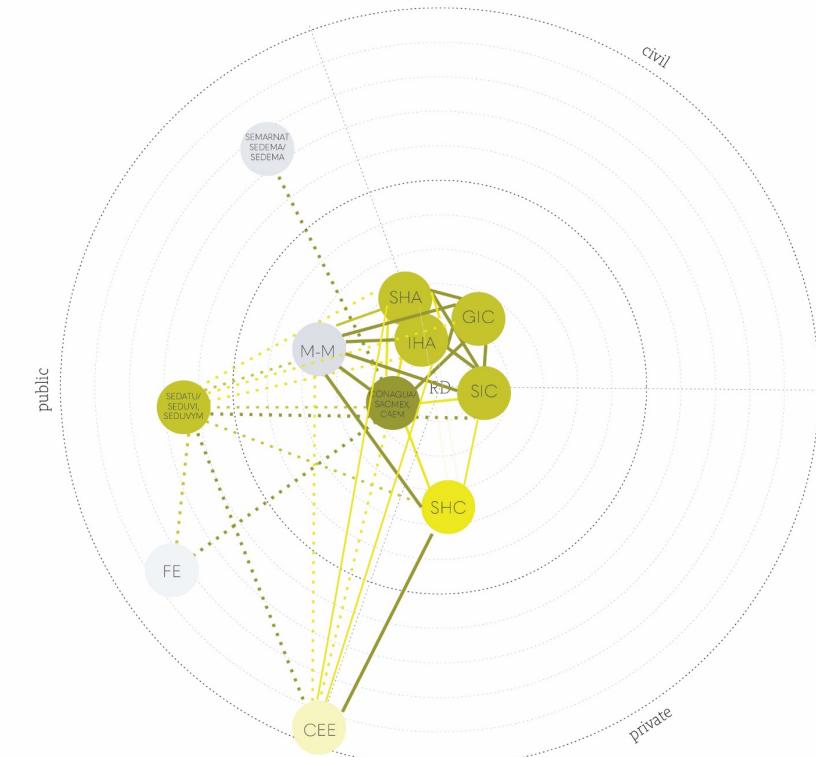
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## Stakeholders' Business-As-Usual Scenario (Process Model)



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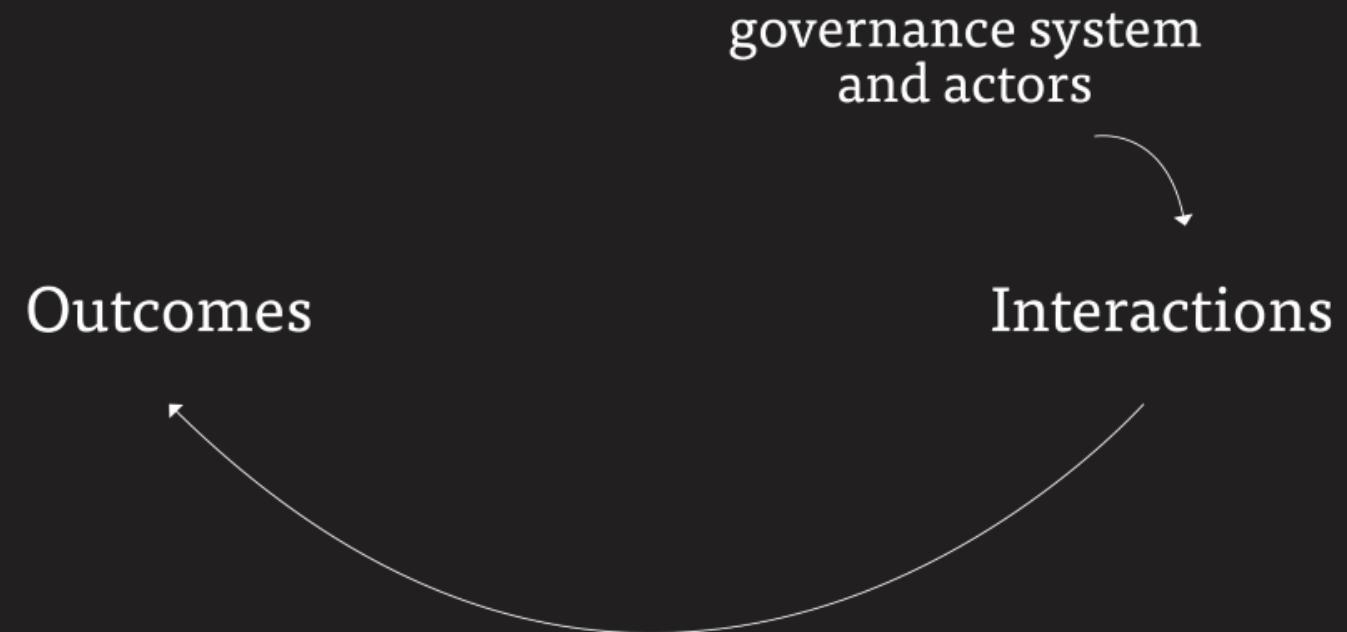
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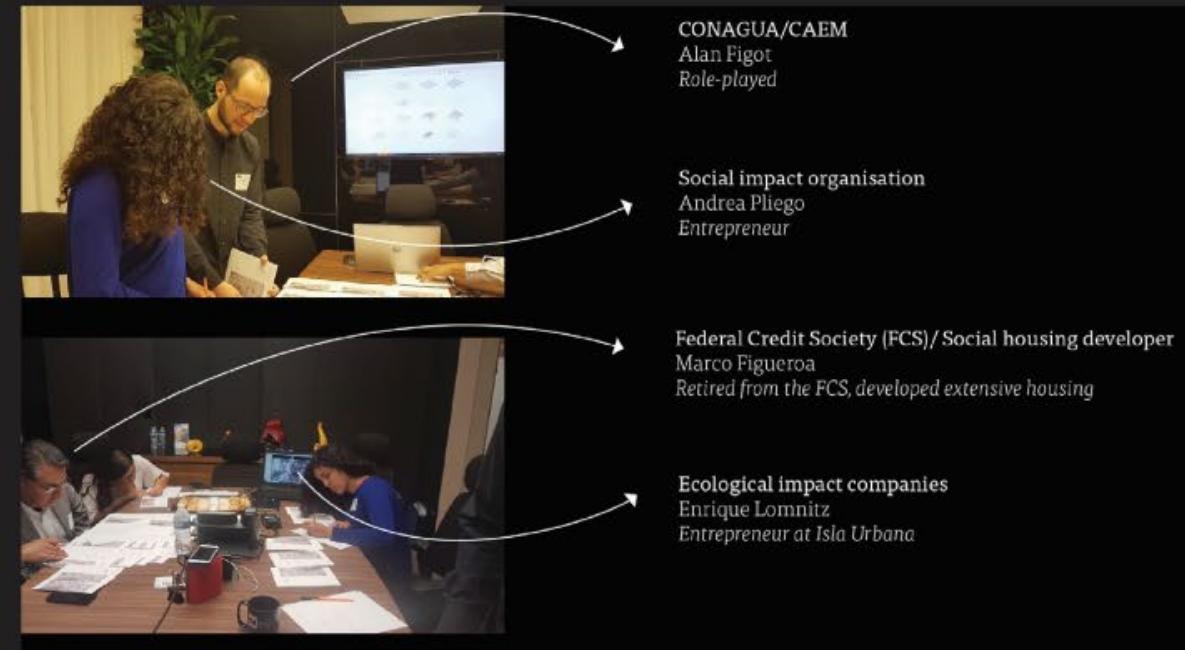
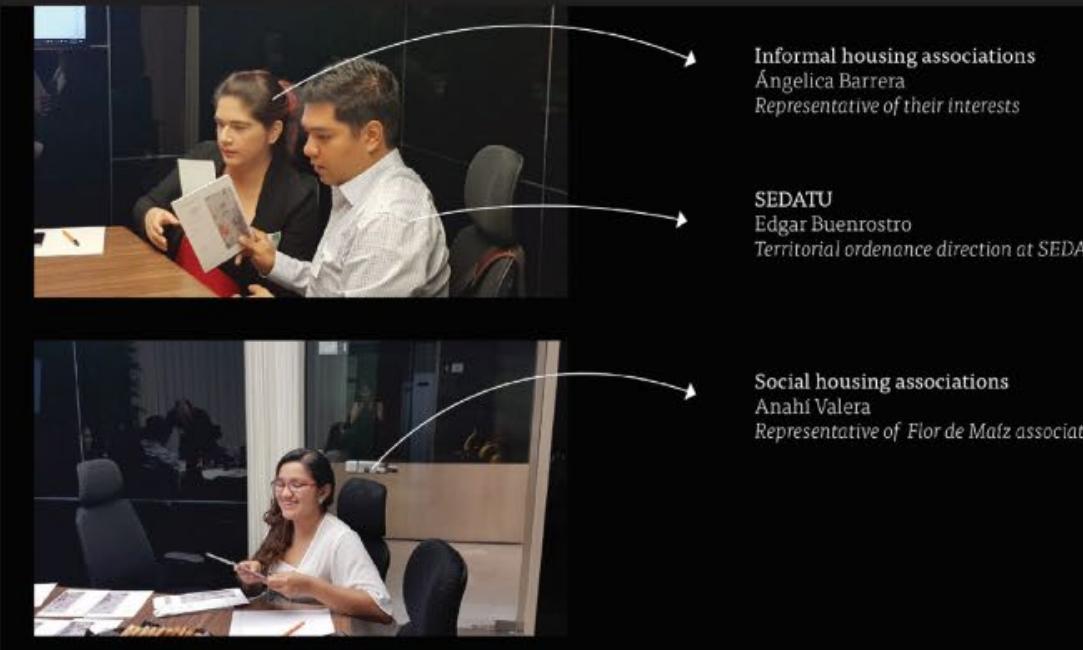
Governance performance

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GIC	Green impact companies
SIC	Social impact companies

Iteration 3-sub-iteration 3

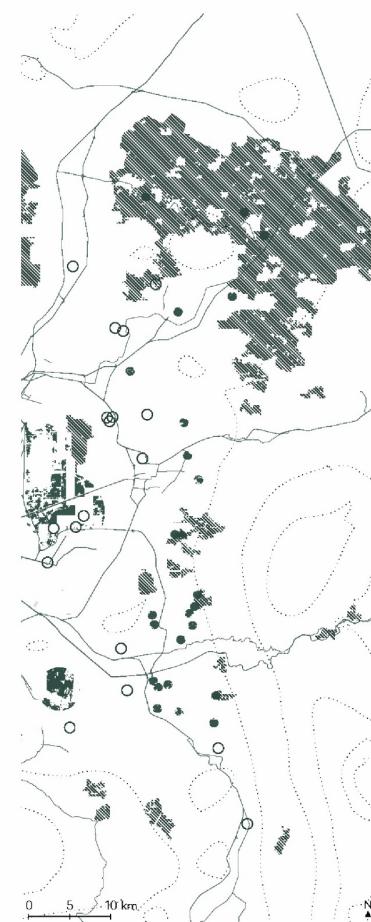


## Workshop



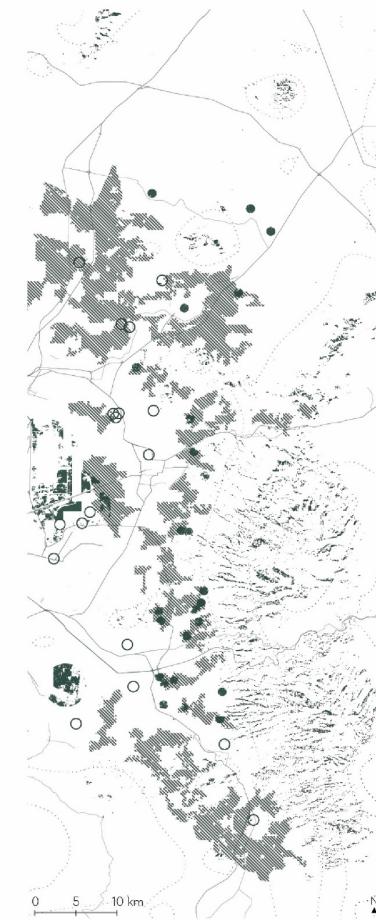
### Stakeholders' Business-As-Usual Scenario (Process Model)

Development in Zone 3  
Rainwater catchment Z3  
Source separation Z3  
Improved WTP  
Infiltration wells



### Stakeholders' Regenerative Development Scenario (Change Model)

Development in Zone 2  
Rainwater catchment Z2  
Improved WTP  
Wetlands Z2  
Infiltration wells  
Vegetation in high slopes

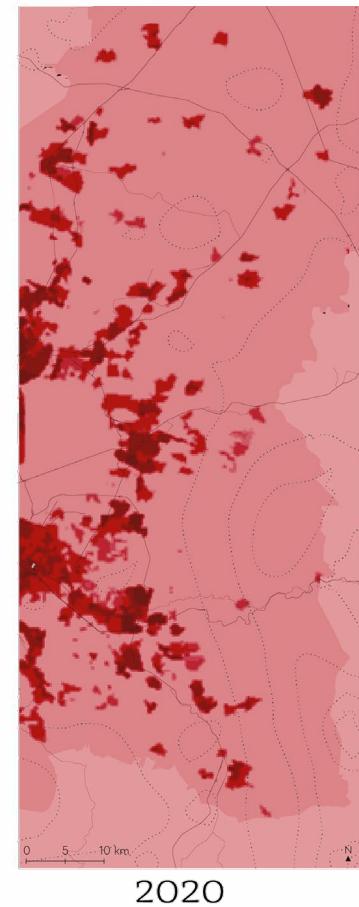


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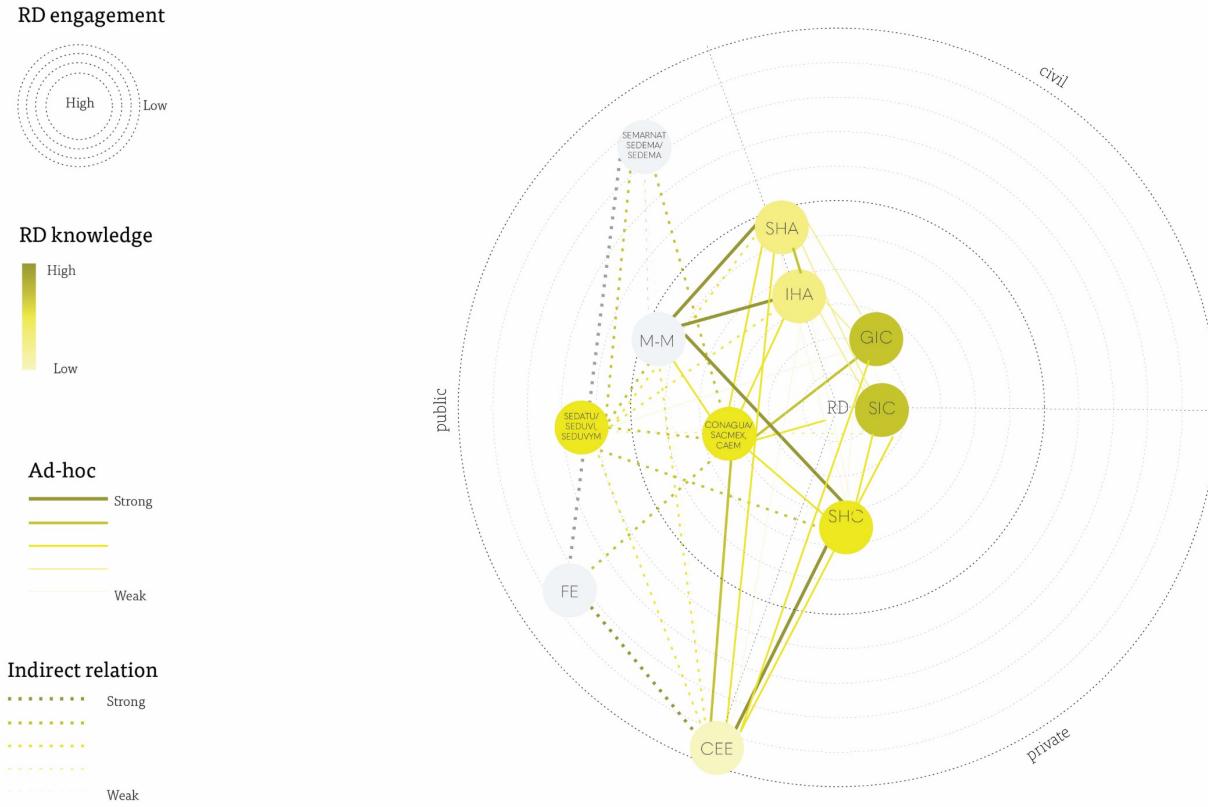
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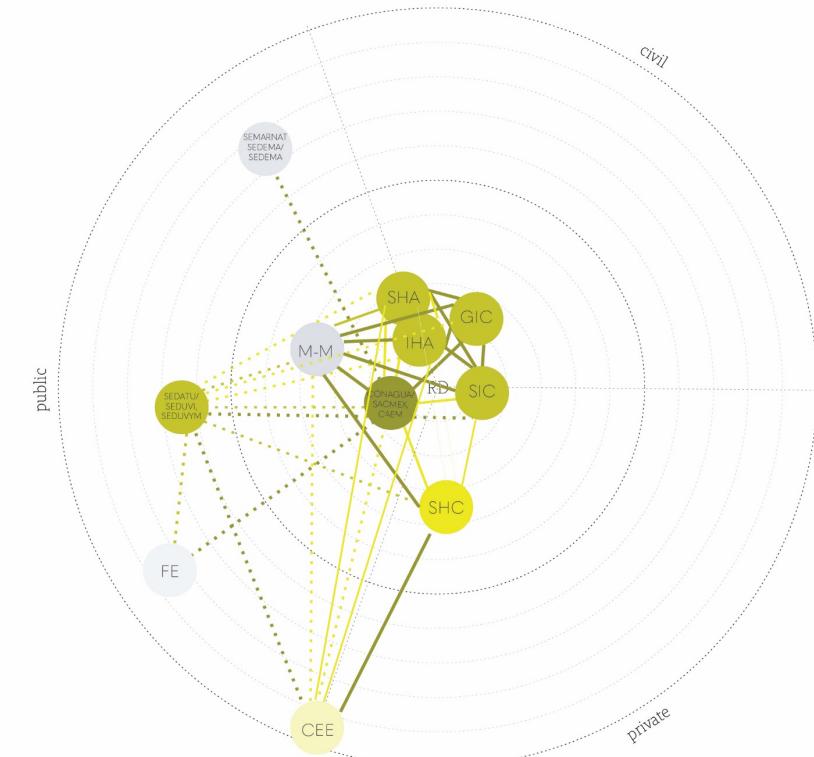
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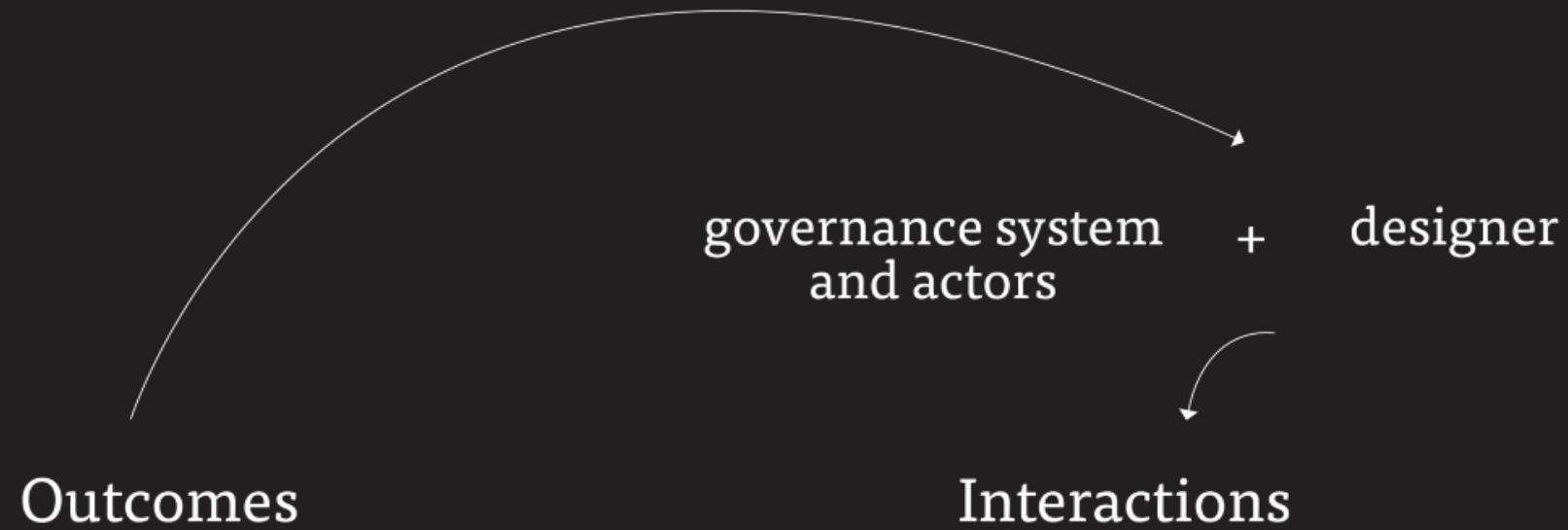
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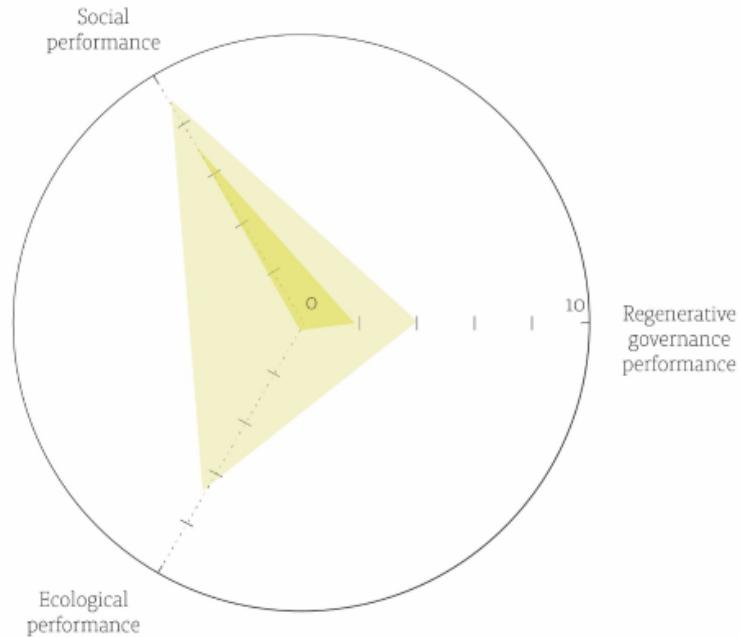
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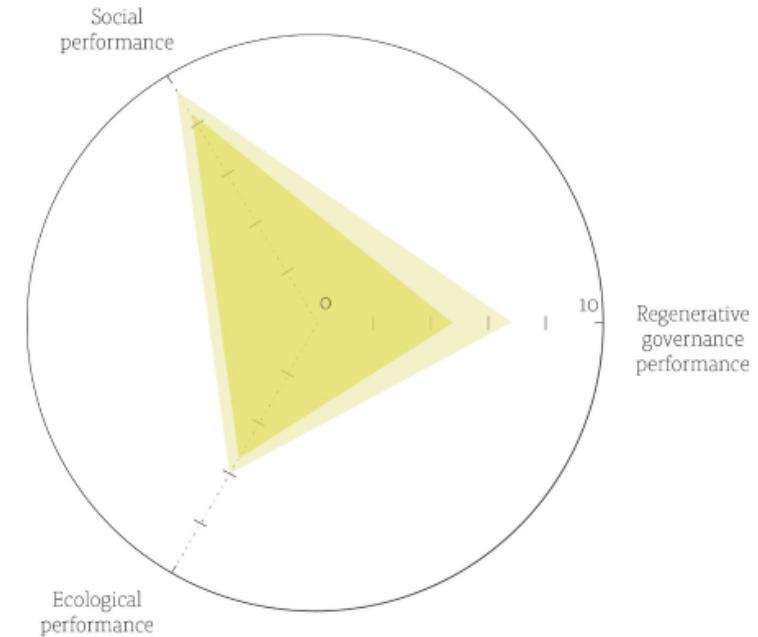
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## Performance improvement from the Business-As-Usual to the Regenerative Development Scenarios



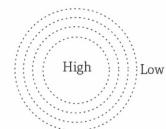
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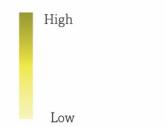
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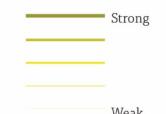
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RD knowledge



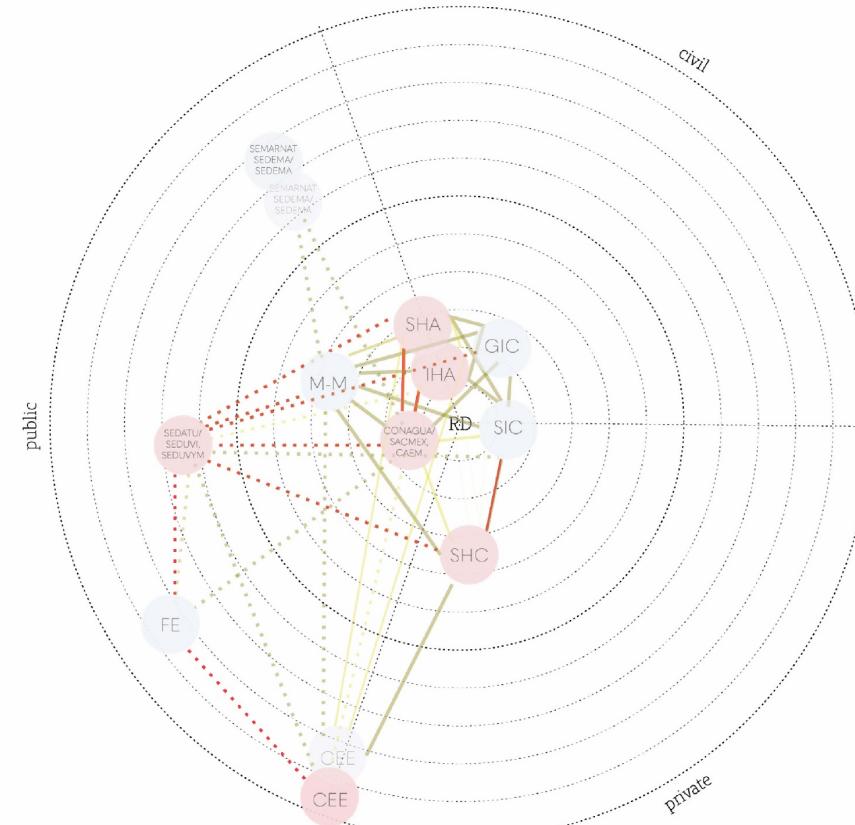
Ad-hoc



Indirect relation



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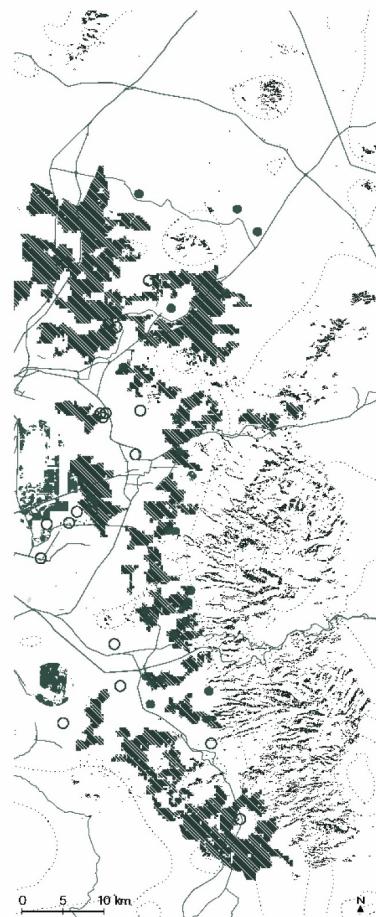
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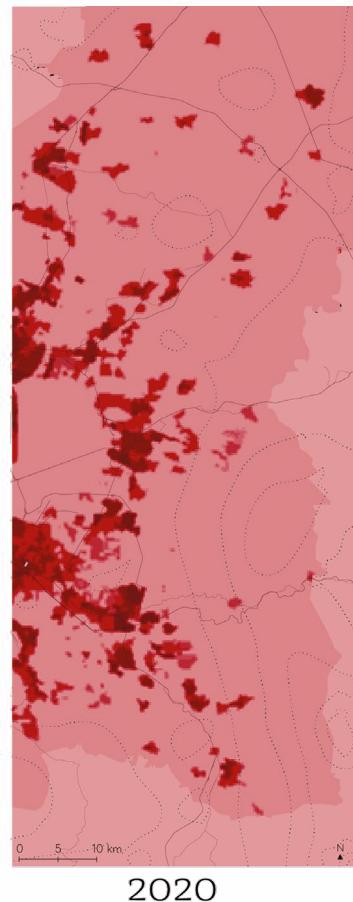
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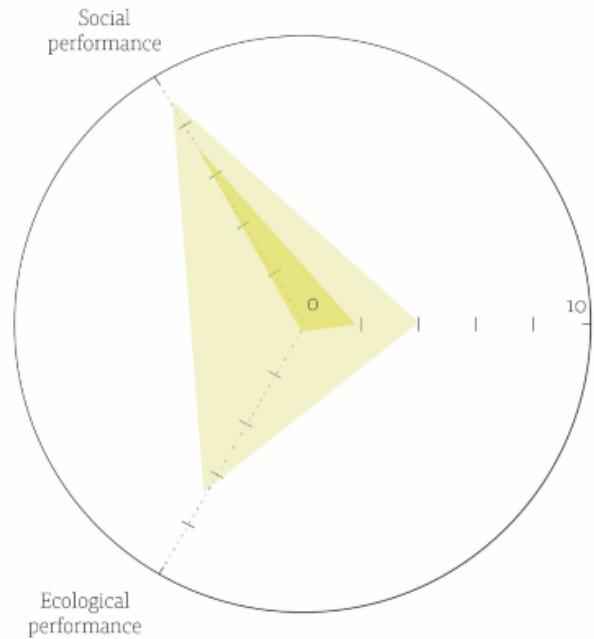


## Co-planned Regenerative Scenario

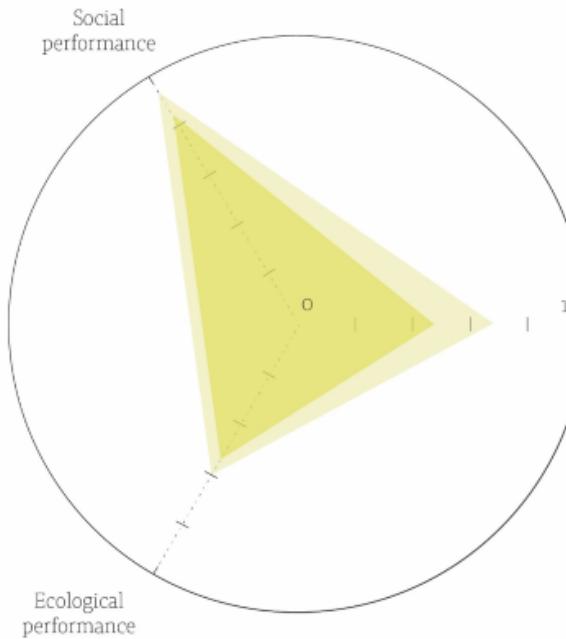


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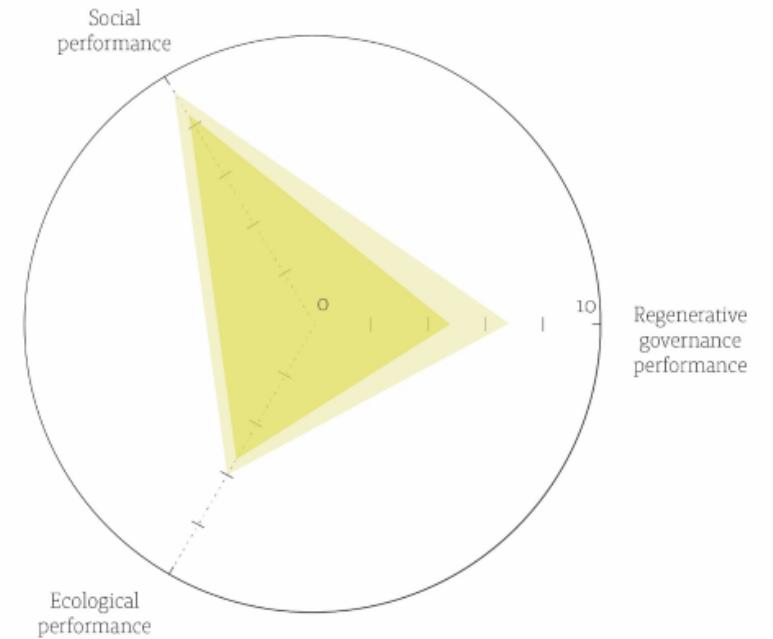
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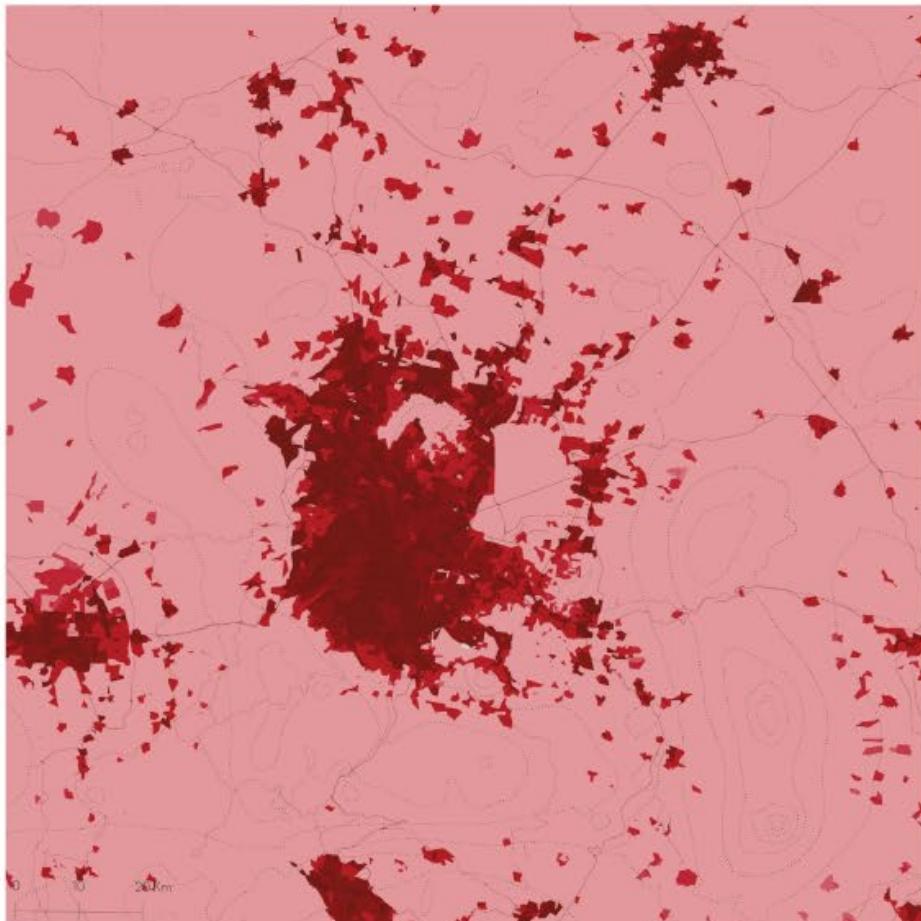


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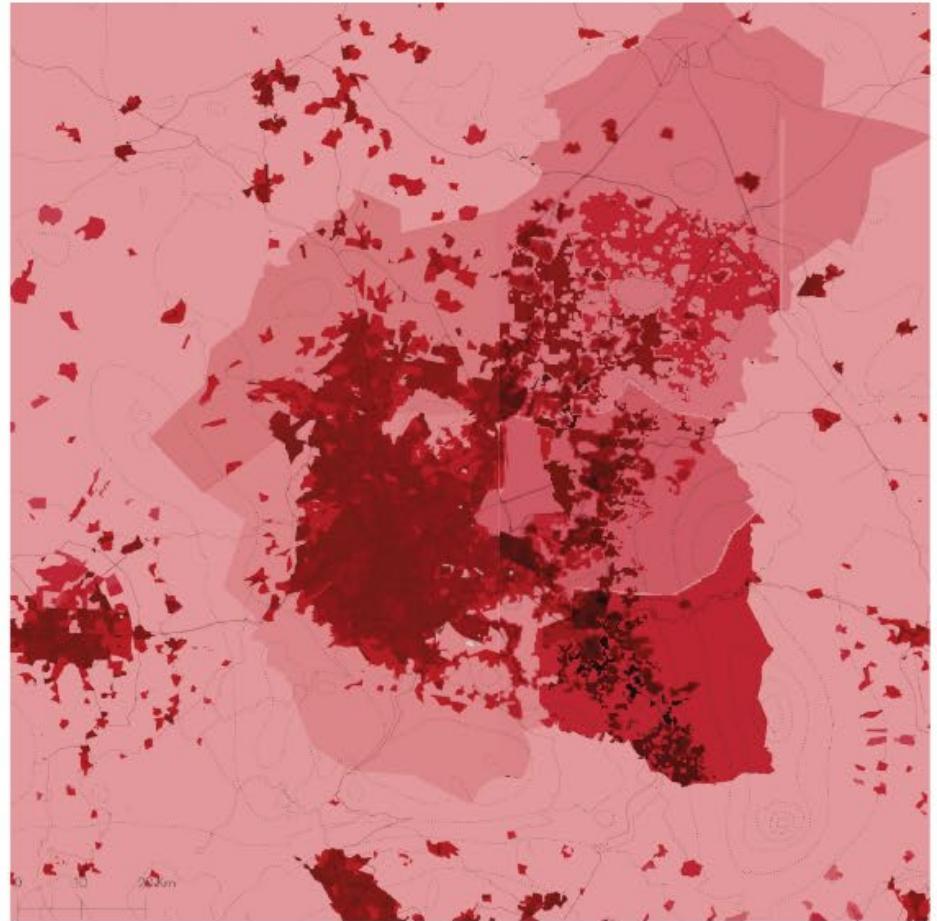
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## Regeneration in the MAVM



2020

Social-ecological performance



2050



Thank you