













BISCAYNE BAY:
TURN THE TIDE

AN INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE APPROACH FOR COASTAL RESTORATION
IN BISCAYNE BAY THROUGH SPATIAL AND ECOLOGICAL
INTERVENTIONS

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“TO COMPLETELY CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF SOMETHING”

Cambridge dictionary of American idioms (2003)



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INTRODUCTION TO THE MANGROVE
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SPATIAL STRUCTURE



COASTAL DEFENCE

WILD LIFE HABITAT



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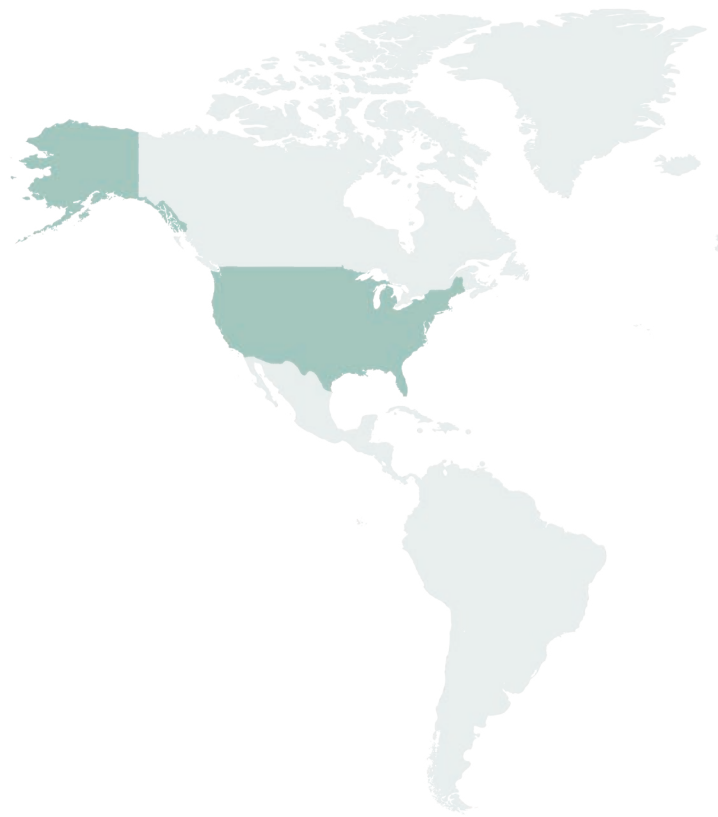
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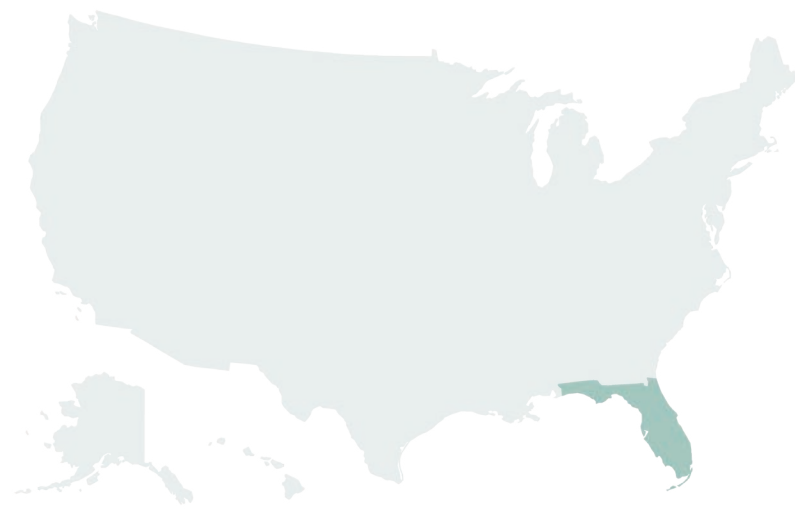


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FLORIDA

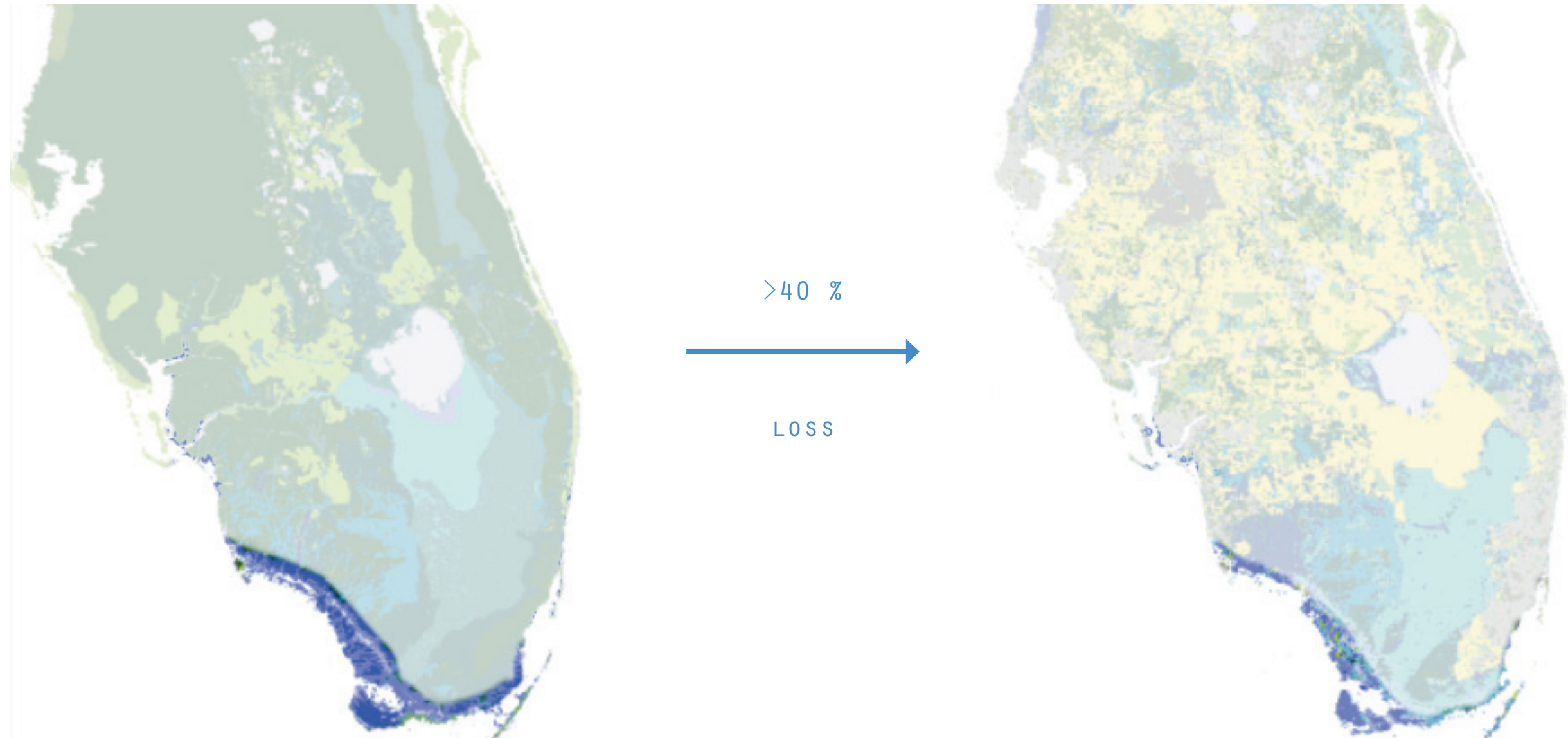


BISCAYNE BAY

IMPRESSION OF THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE



MANGROVE LOSS IN SOUTH FLORIDA



MANGROVE DISTRIBUTION 1900

MANGROVE DISTRIBUTION 1992

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IMPRESSION OF THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE



PROBLEM STATEMENT

CAUSE



URBANIZATION

Replacing natural coastline for urban development.
Altering water system.

EFFECT



MANGROVE LOSS

Absence of the mangrove landscape and its vital functions
Consequences as flooding, salt intrusion and wildlife habitat loss

THREAT



CLIMATE CHANGE

Sea level rise.
Impact of increasing tropical storms.







FUTURE?



RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

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THIS COASTAL REGION.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

HOW DOES THE MANGROVE LANDSCAPE FUNCTION IN SOUTH FLORIDA AND
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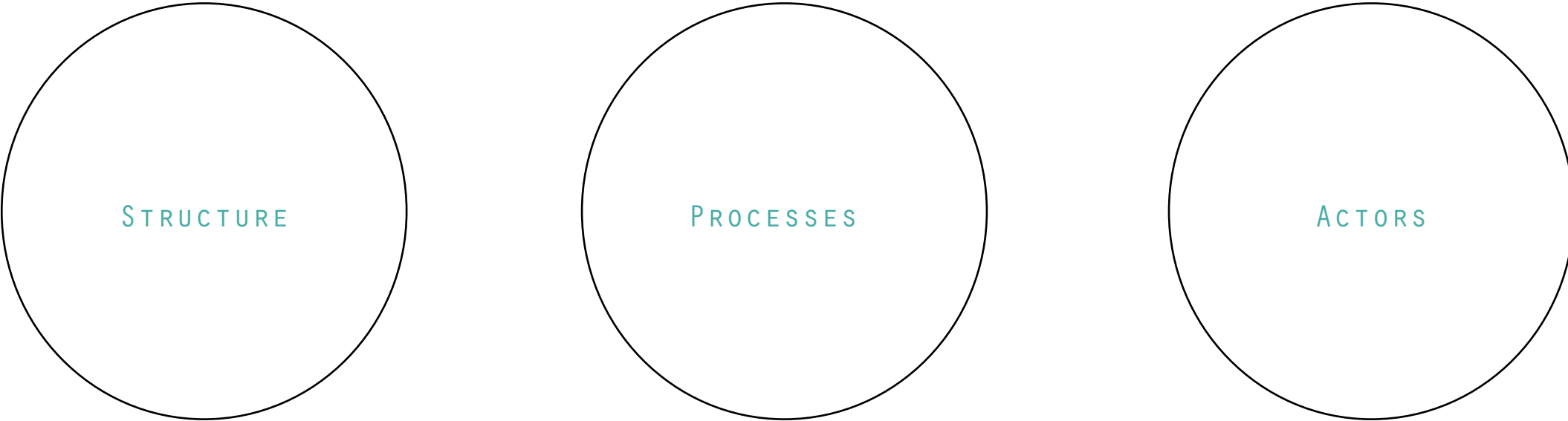


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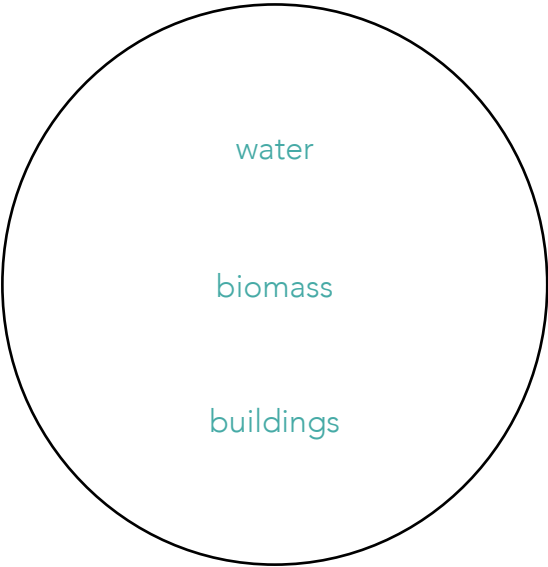
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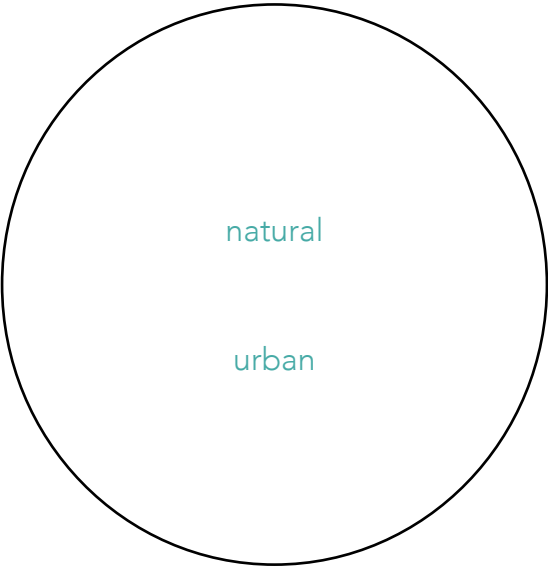


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COMPONENTS



STRUCTURE



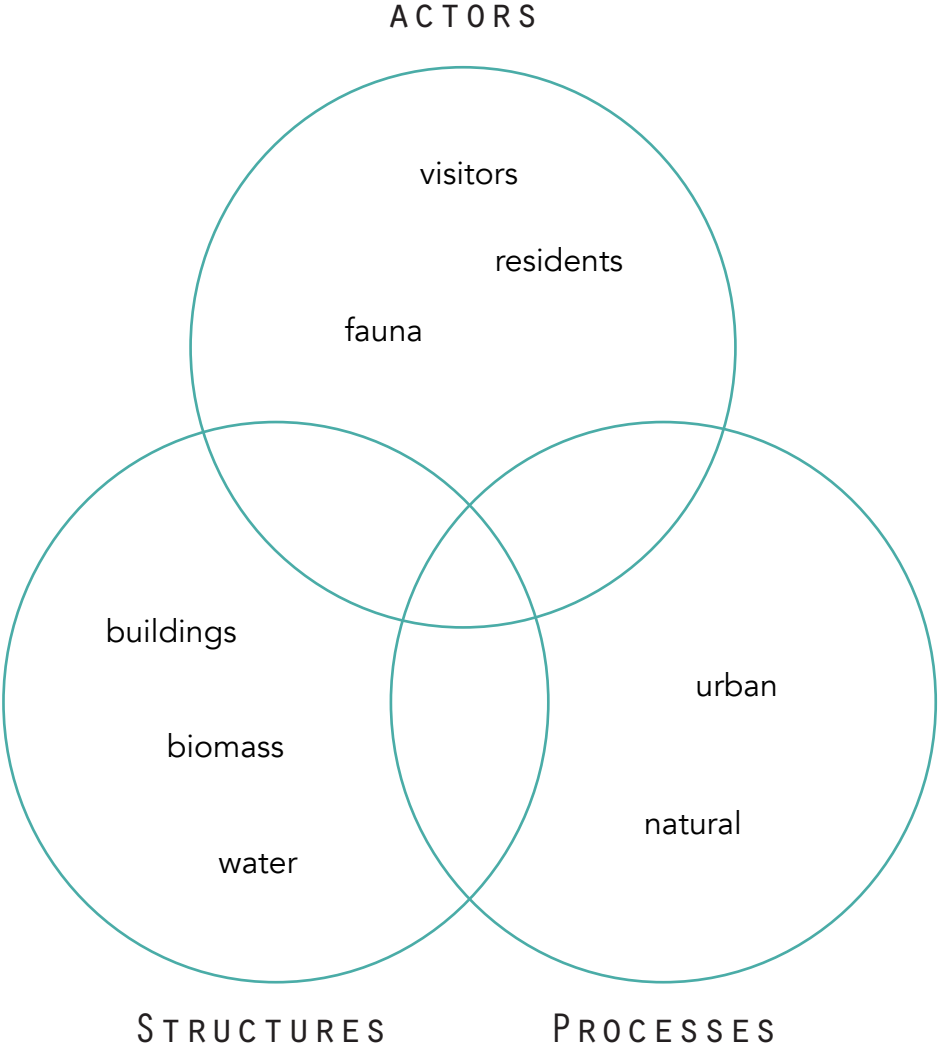
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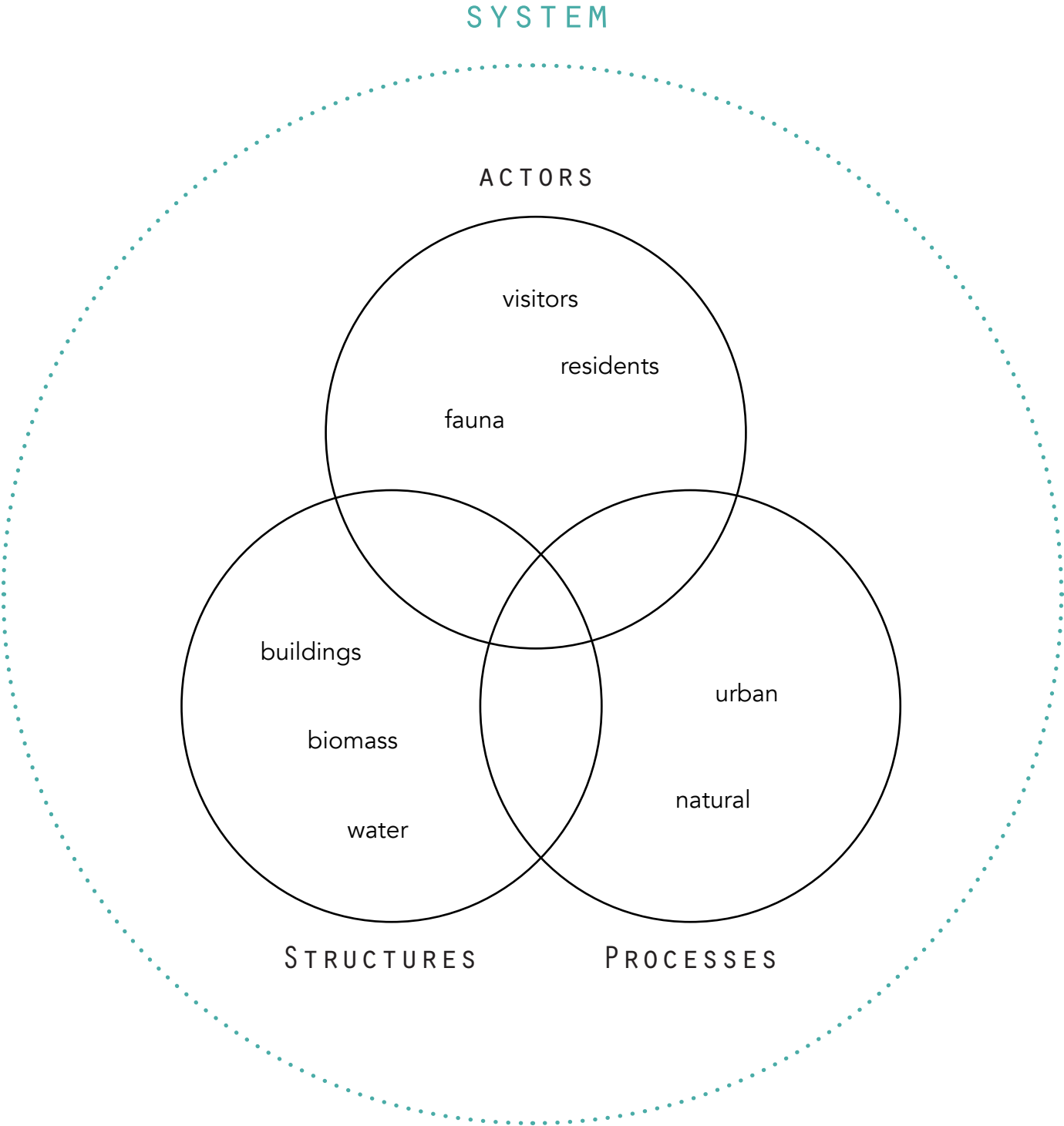
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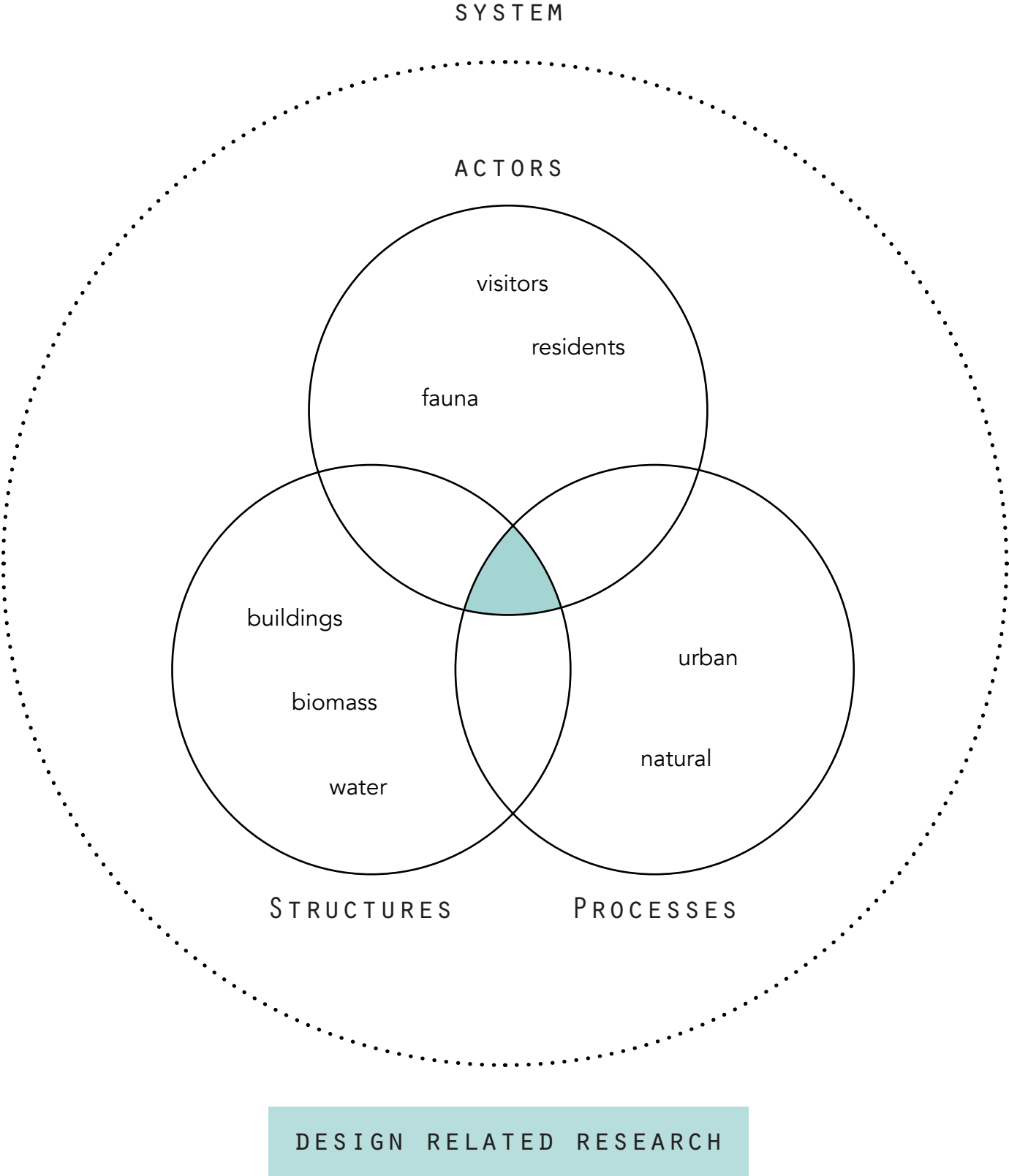
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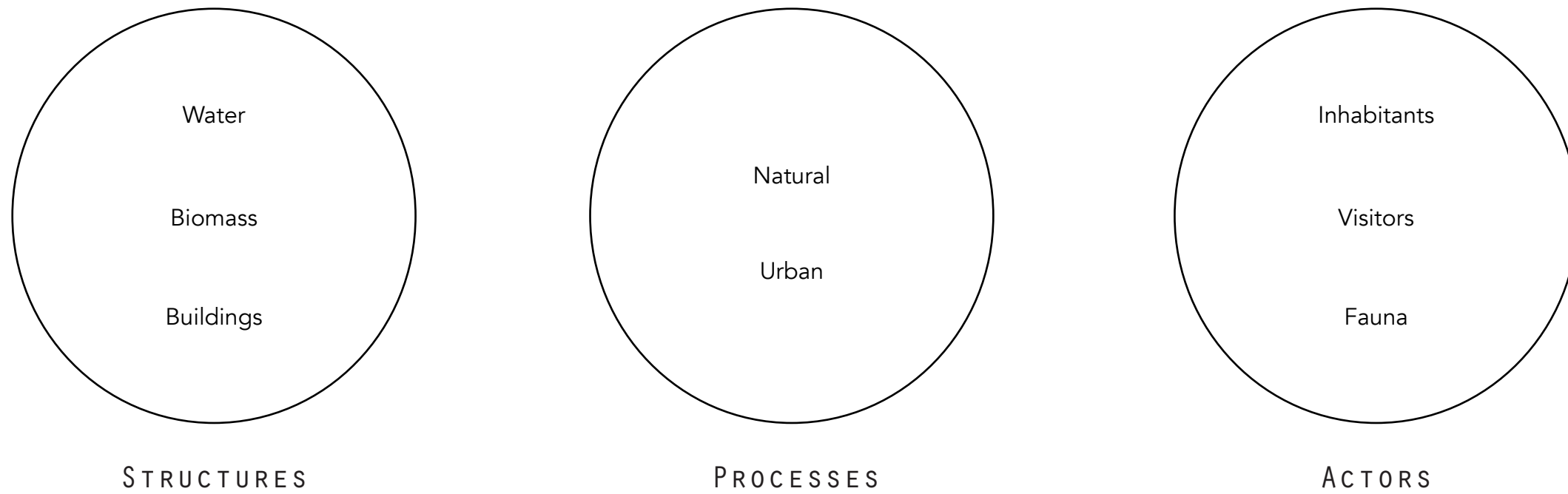


An aerial photograph of a mangrove landscape. In the foreground, a body of water is filled with numerous vertical, dark, stilt-like structures, likely mangrove roots. The water reflects the surrounding greenery. In the middle ground, there are several palm trees and other tropical vegetation. In the background, a large, dense, green tree with a wide canopy dominates the upper half of the image. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

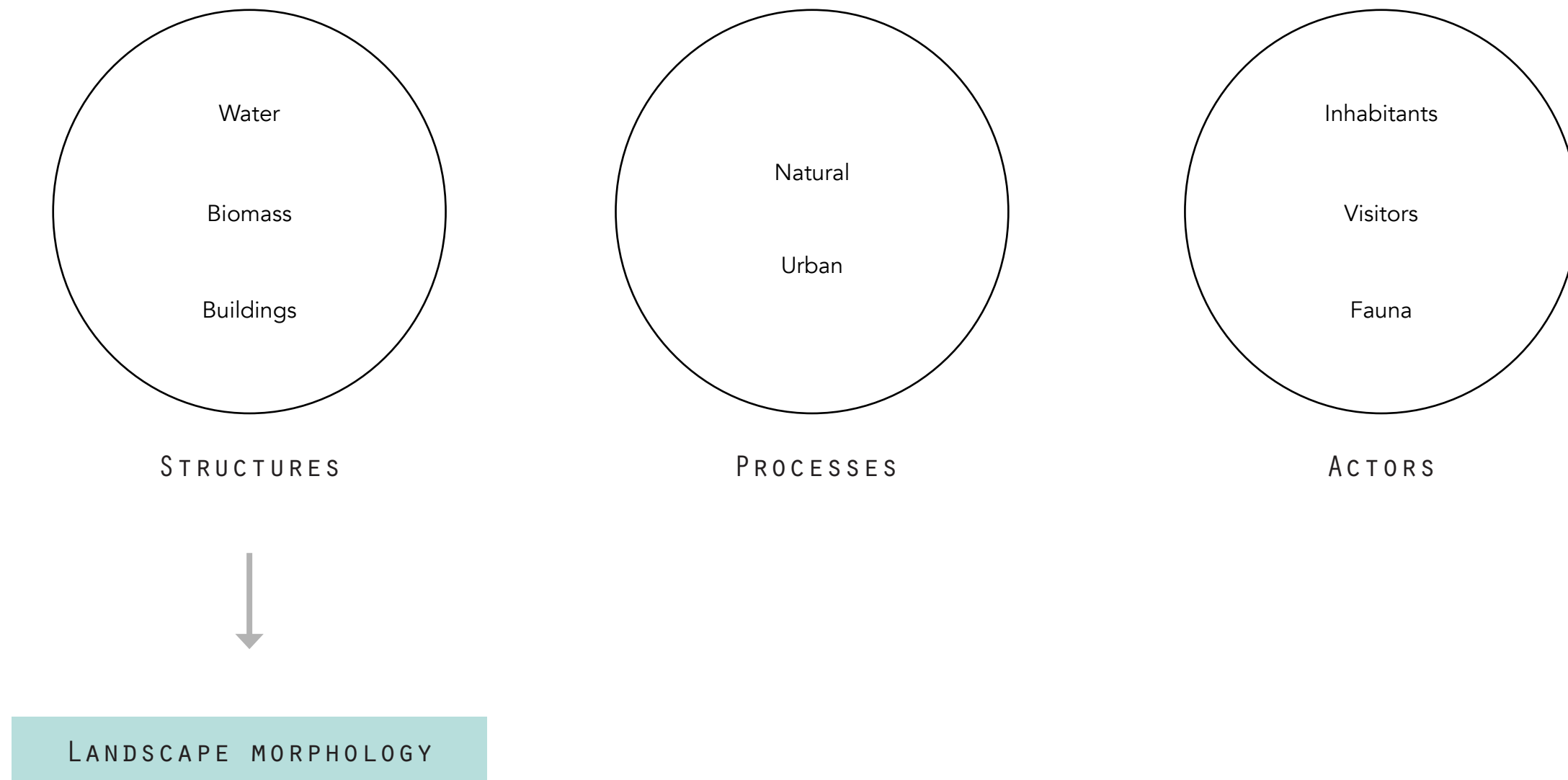
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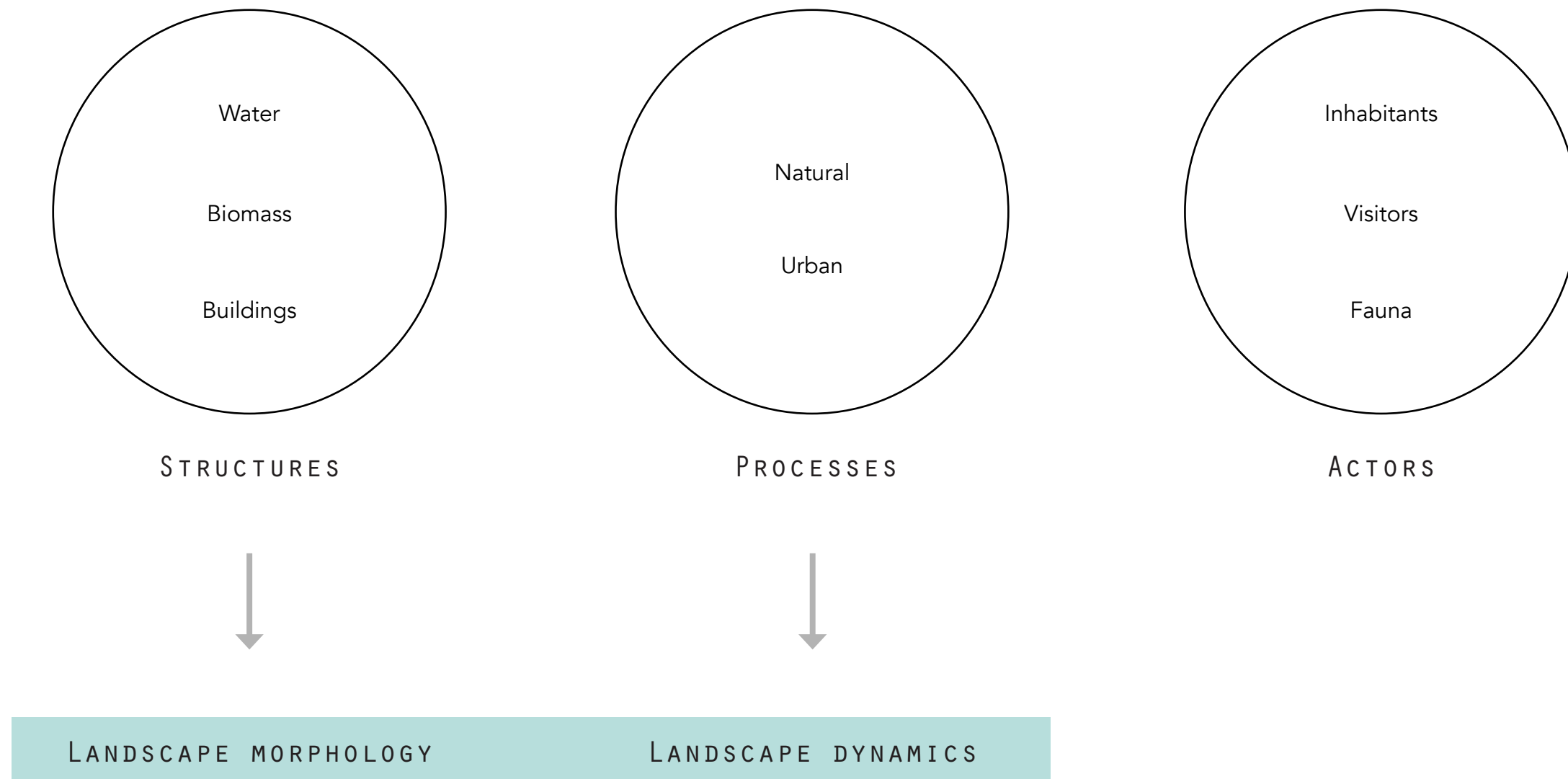
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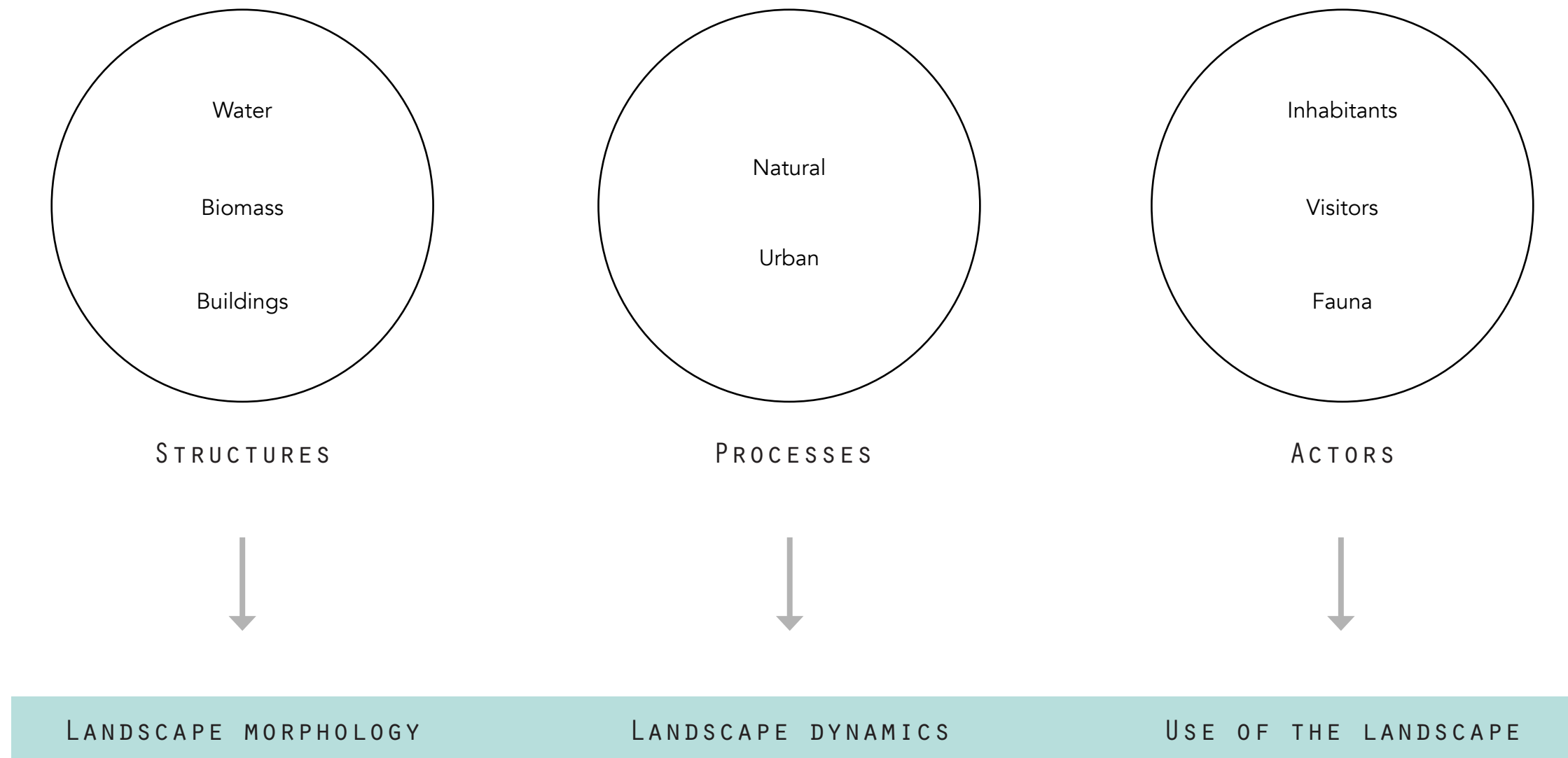
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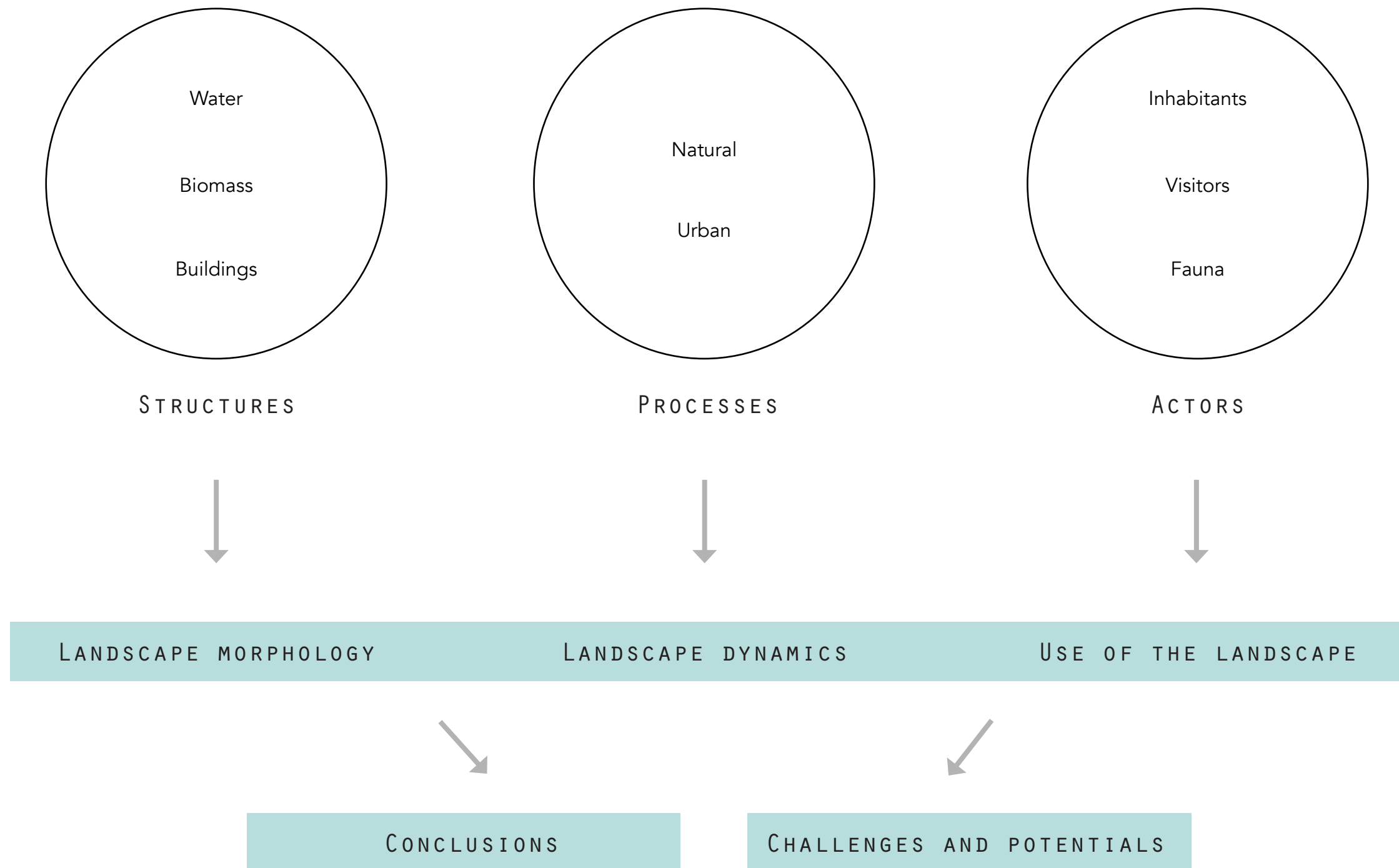
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LAYERS OF THE MANGROVE LANDSCAPE

Landscape
typologies



STRUCTURES

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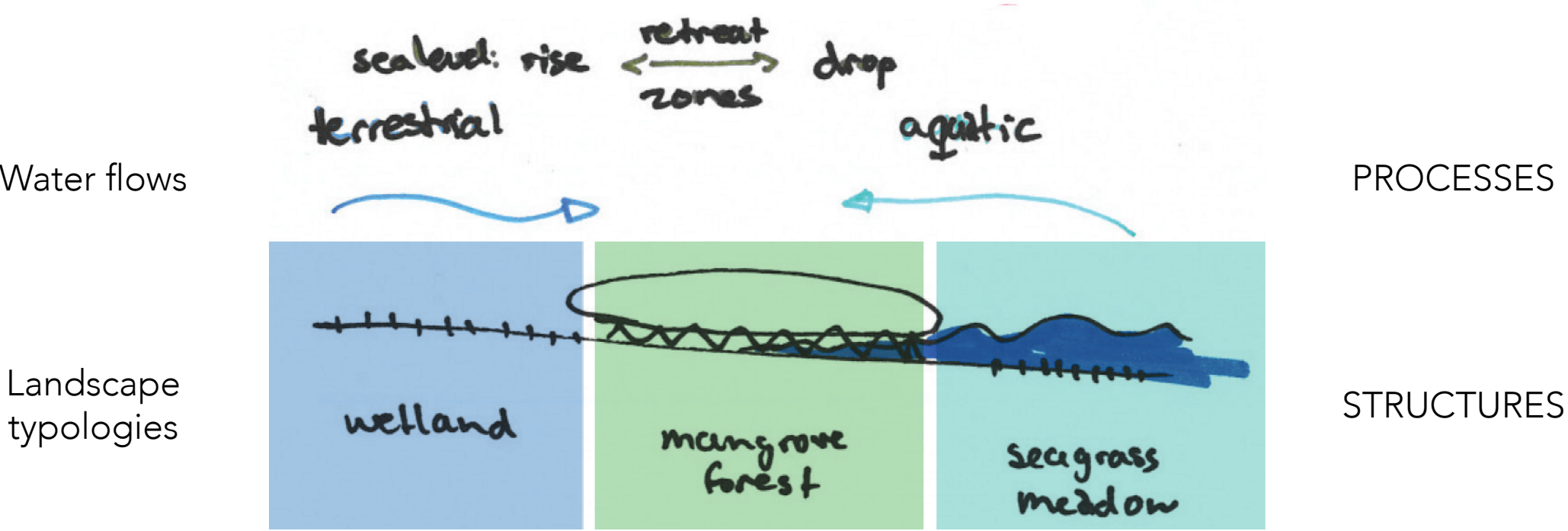


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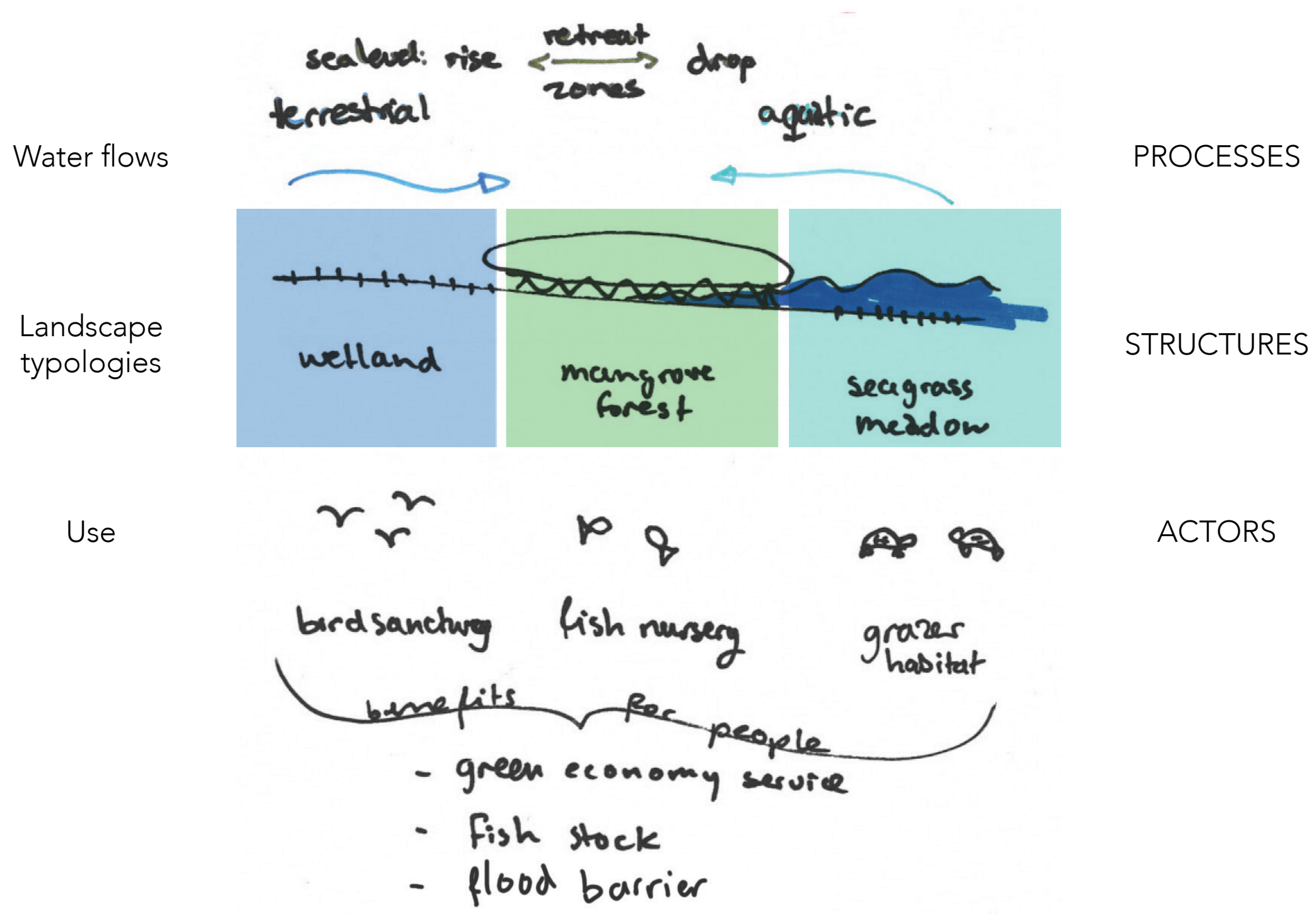
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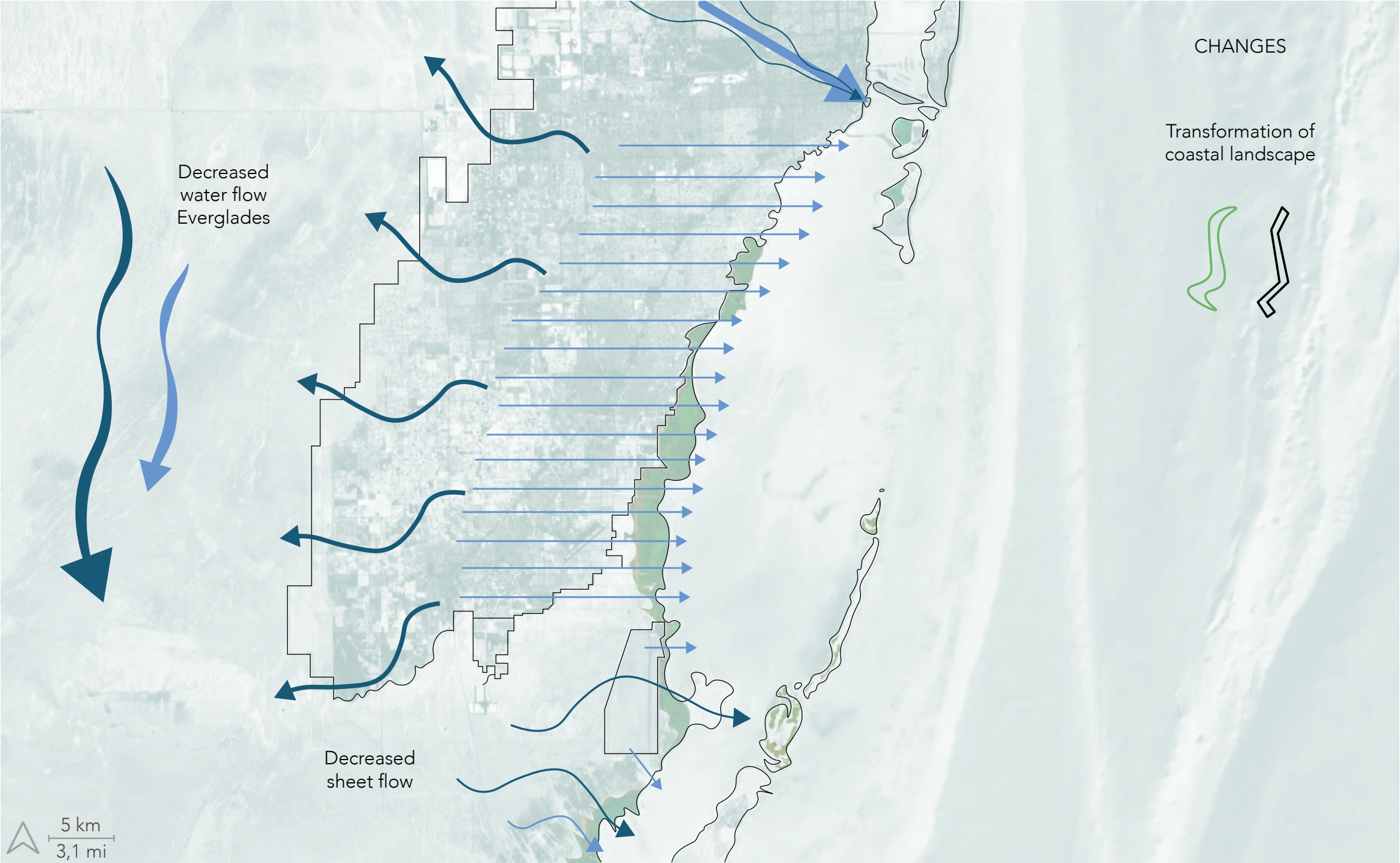
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STRUCTURE MAP



CHANGES

Transformation of coastal landscape

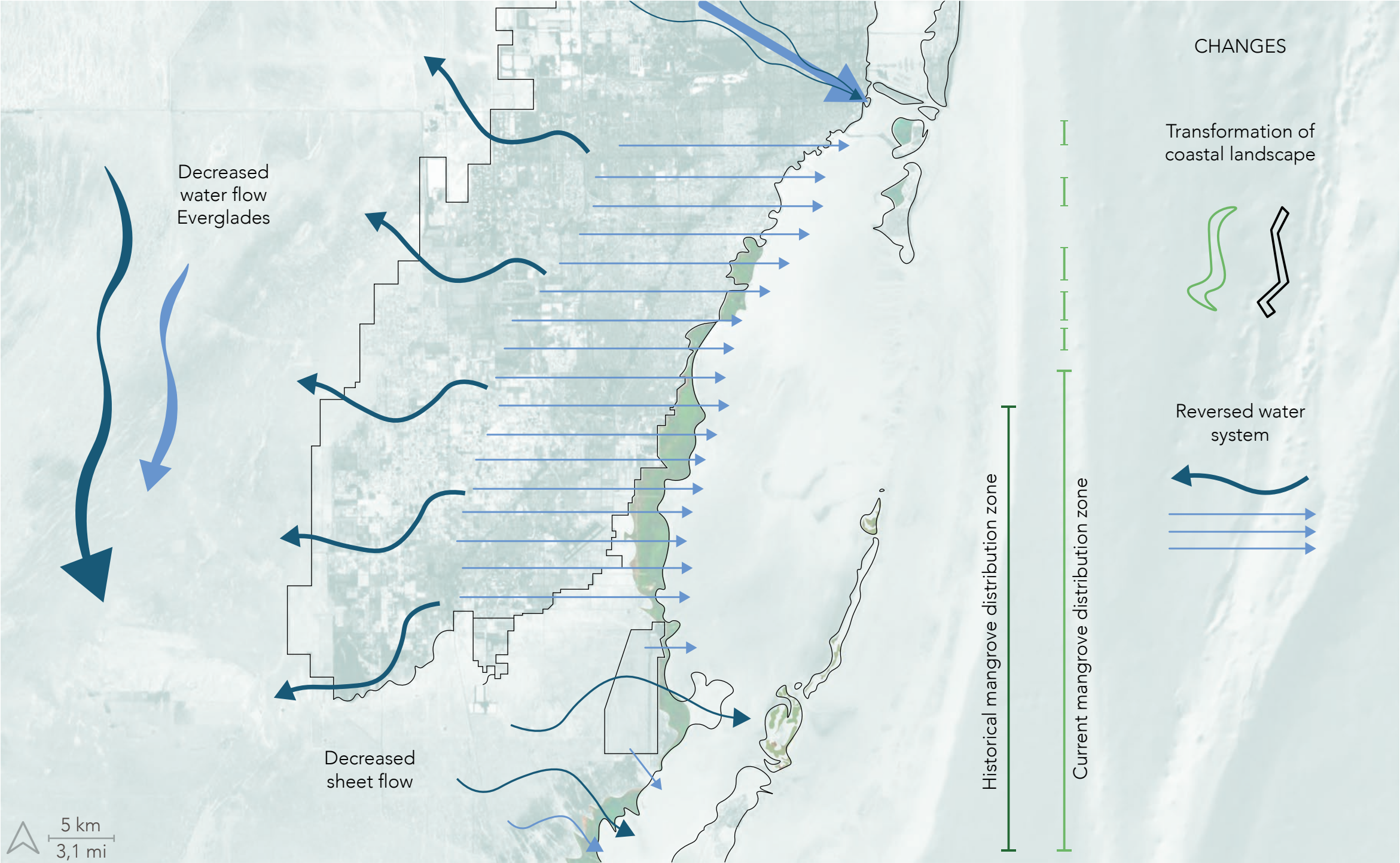


EFFECTS



Increased flood risk

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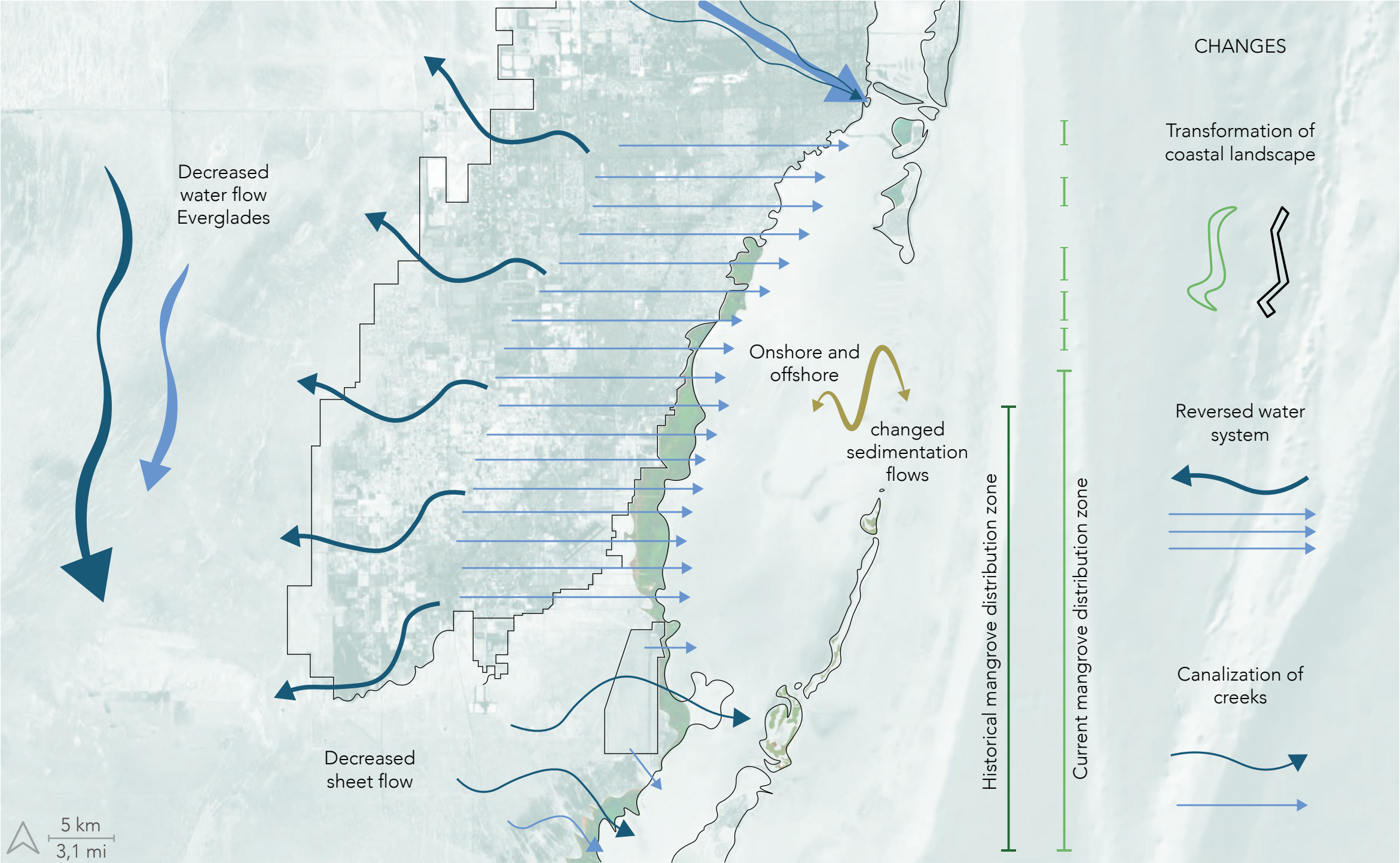


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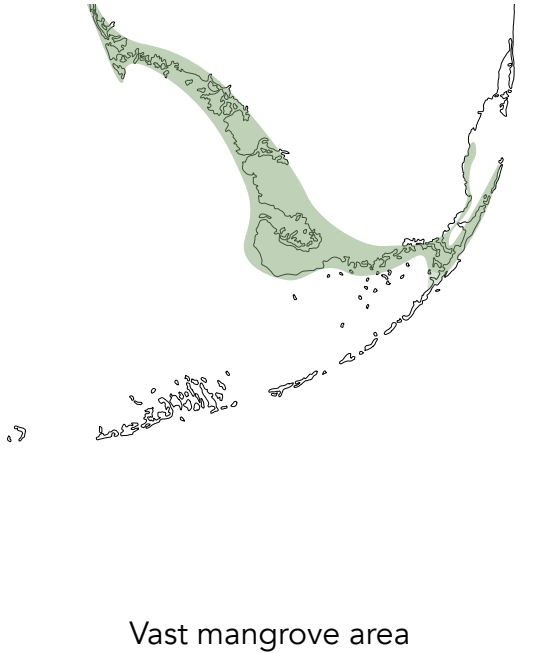
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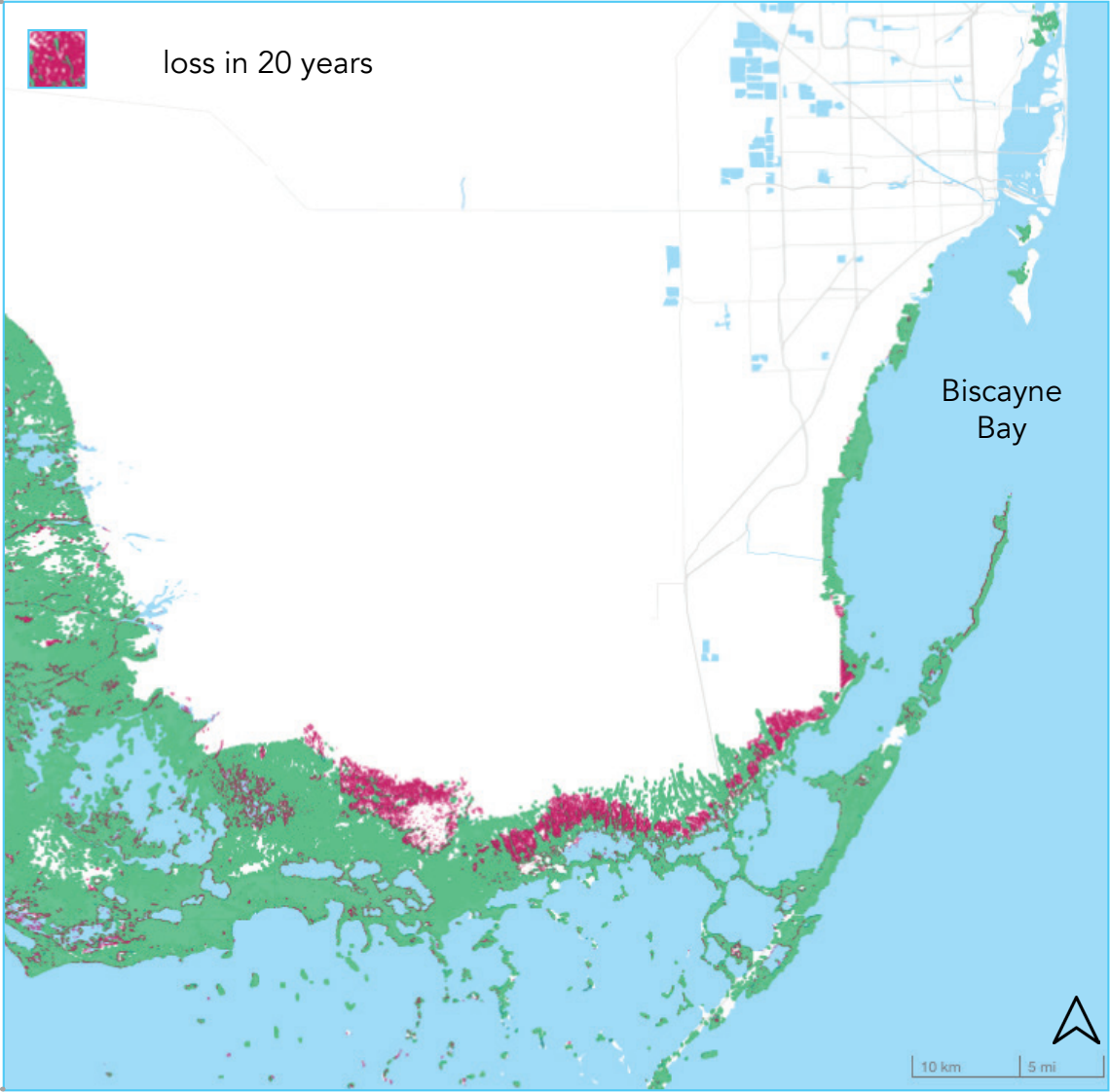
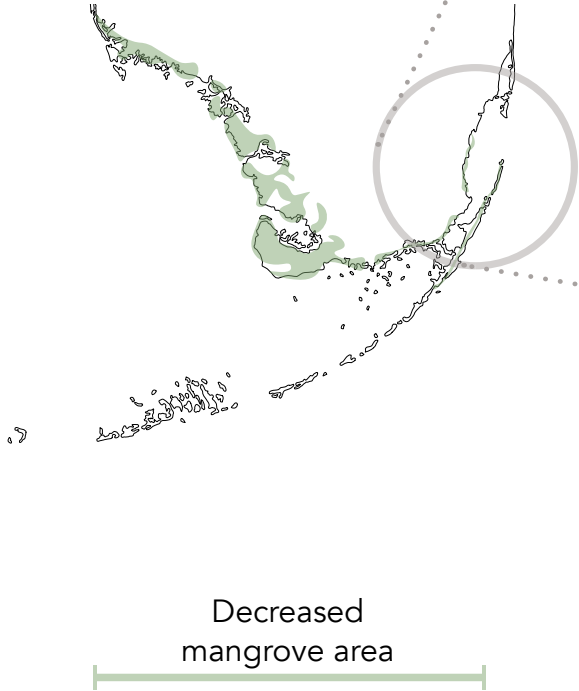
Lack of sedimentation

POTENTIAL OF BISCAYNE BAY

HISTORICAL
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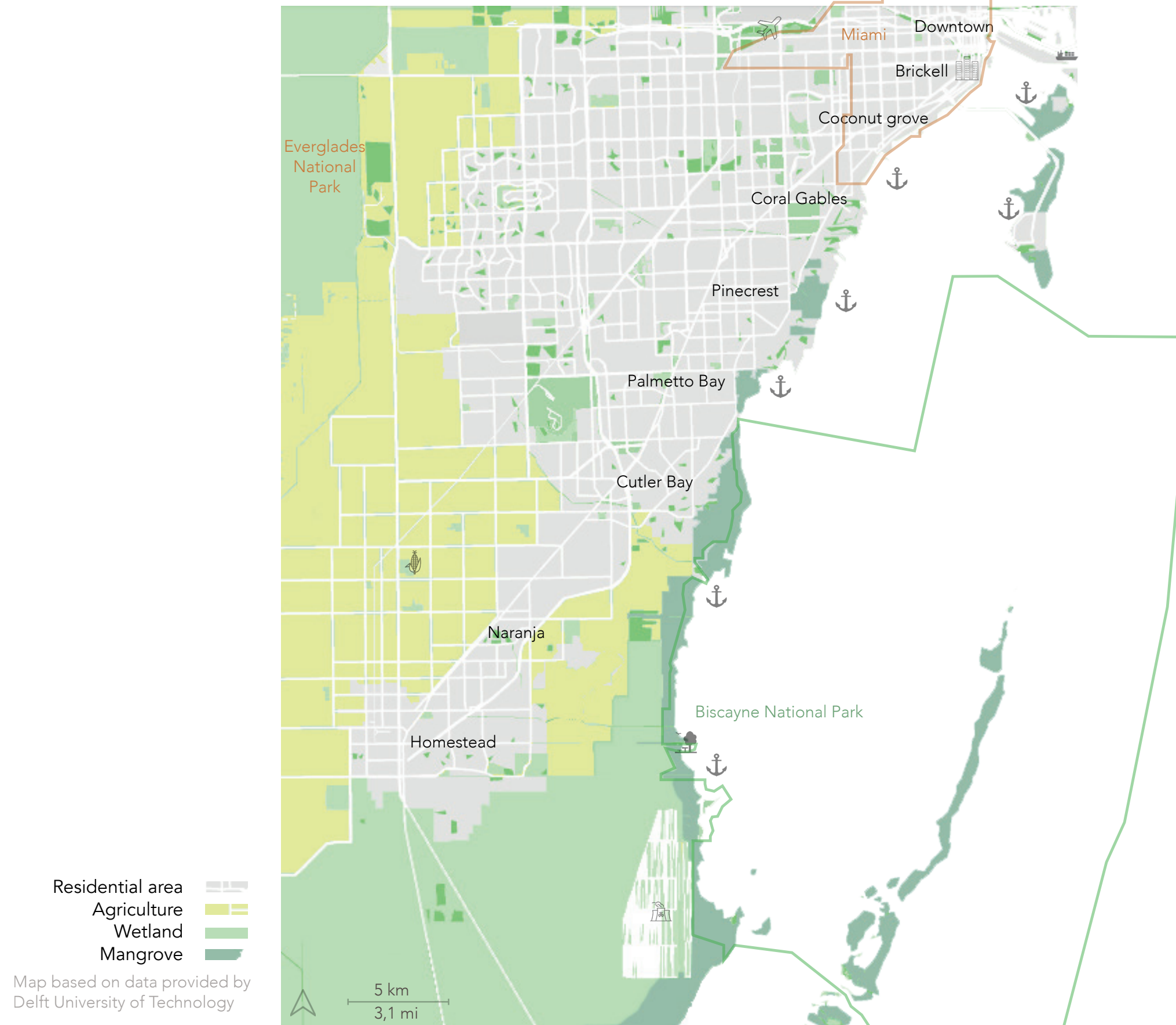
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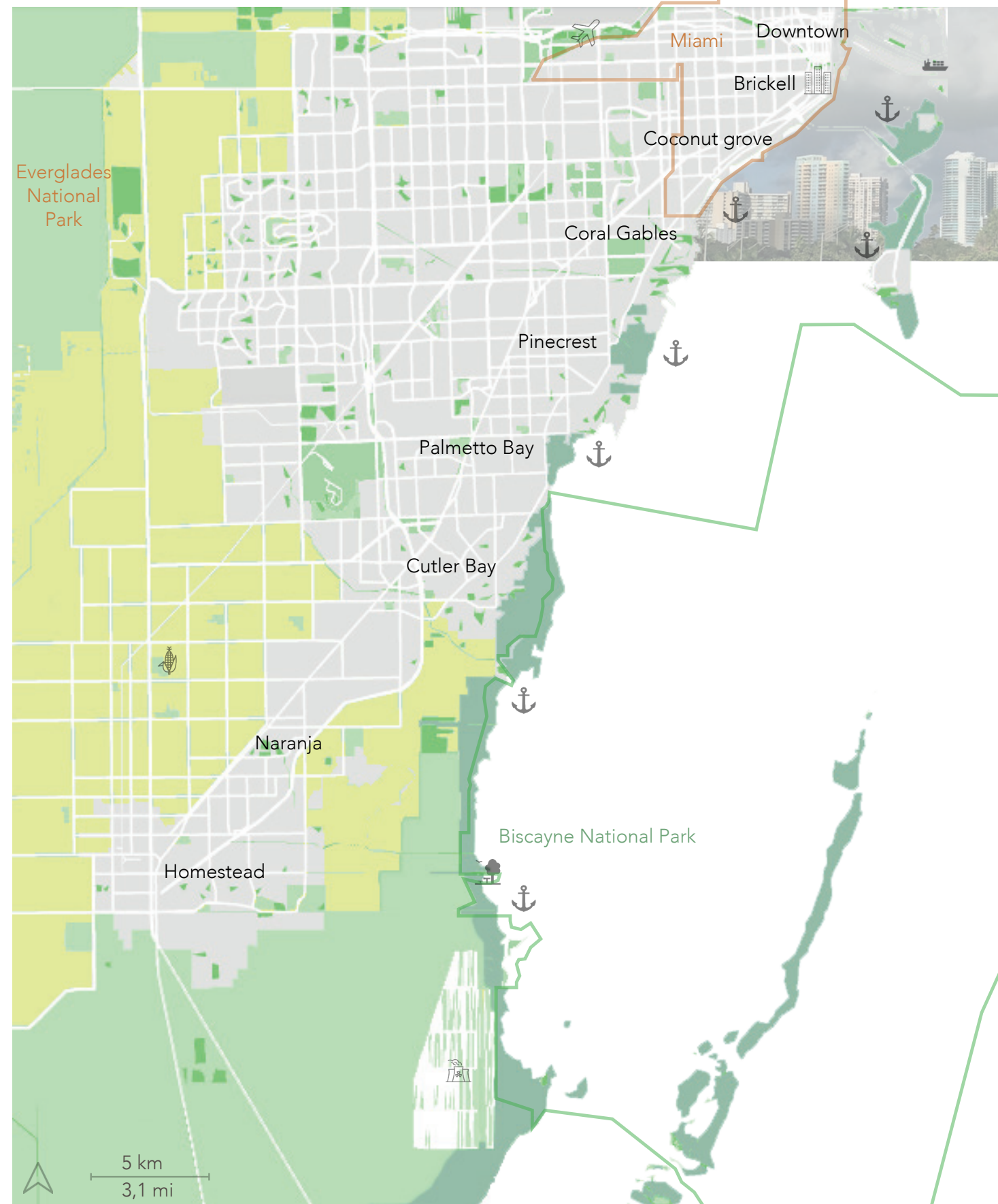
MANGROVE LOSS SOUTH FLORIDA 1996 - 2016

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USE OF BISCAVNE BAY



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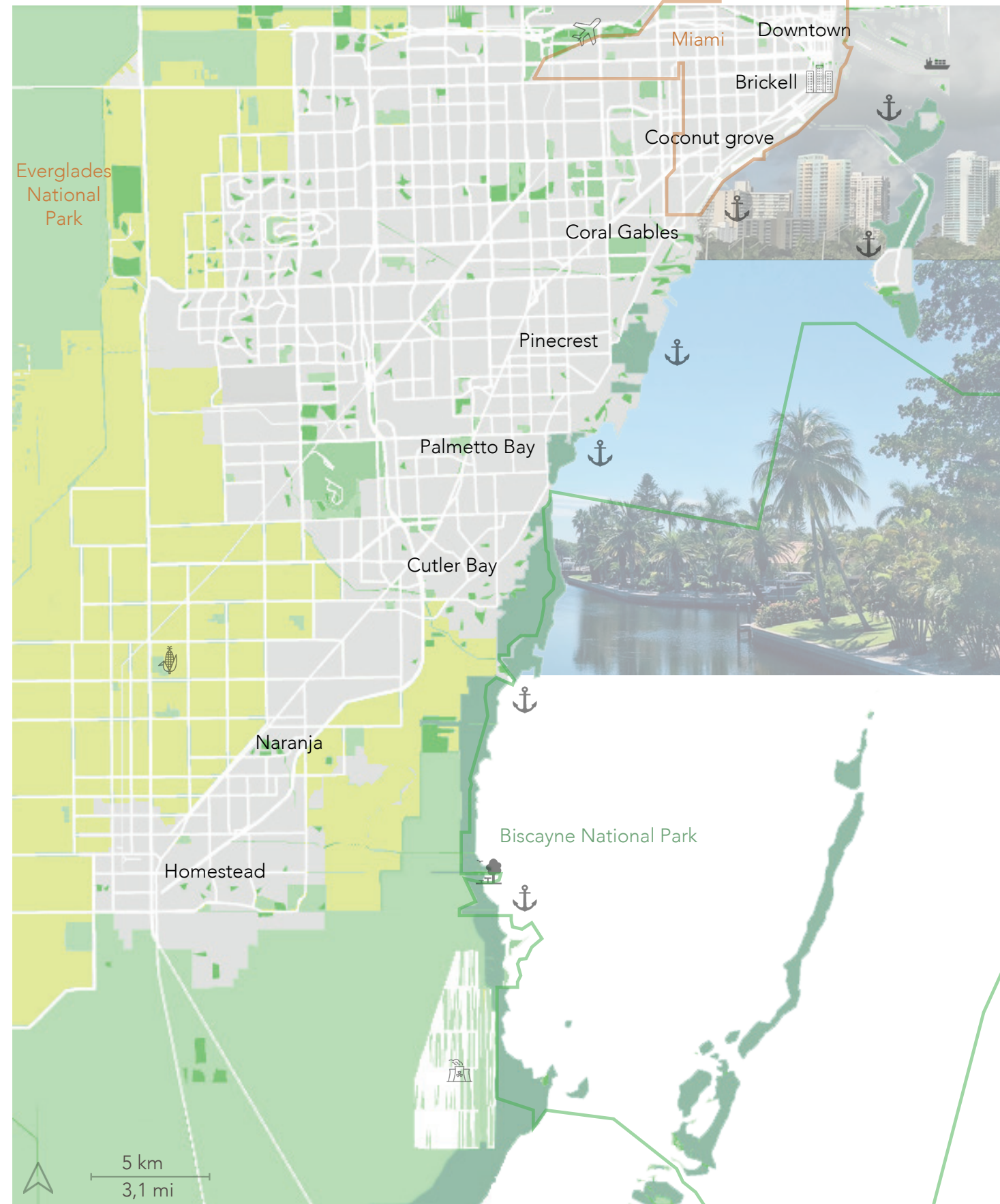
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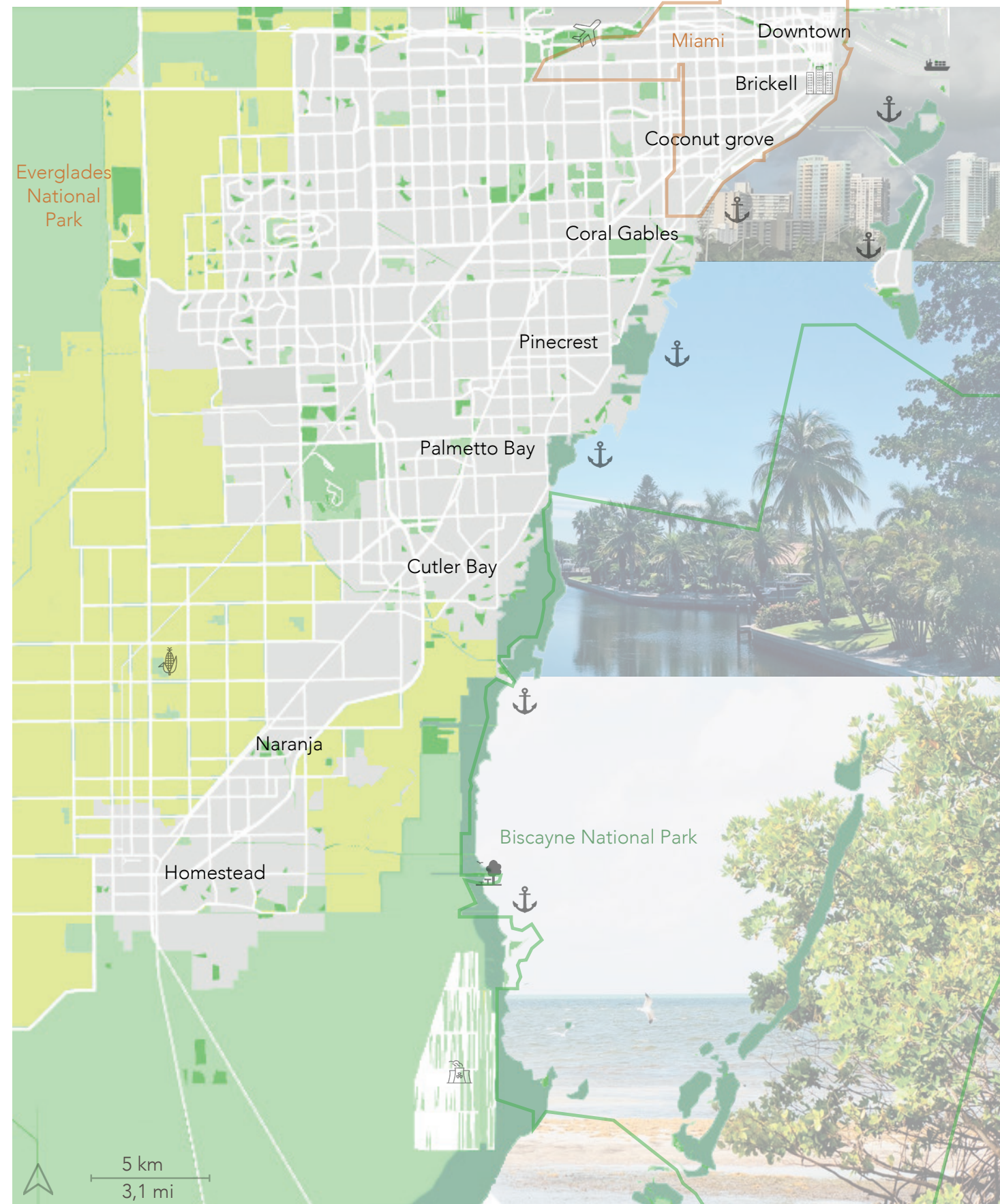
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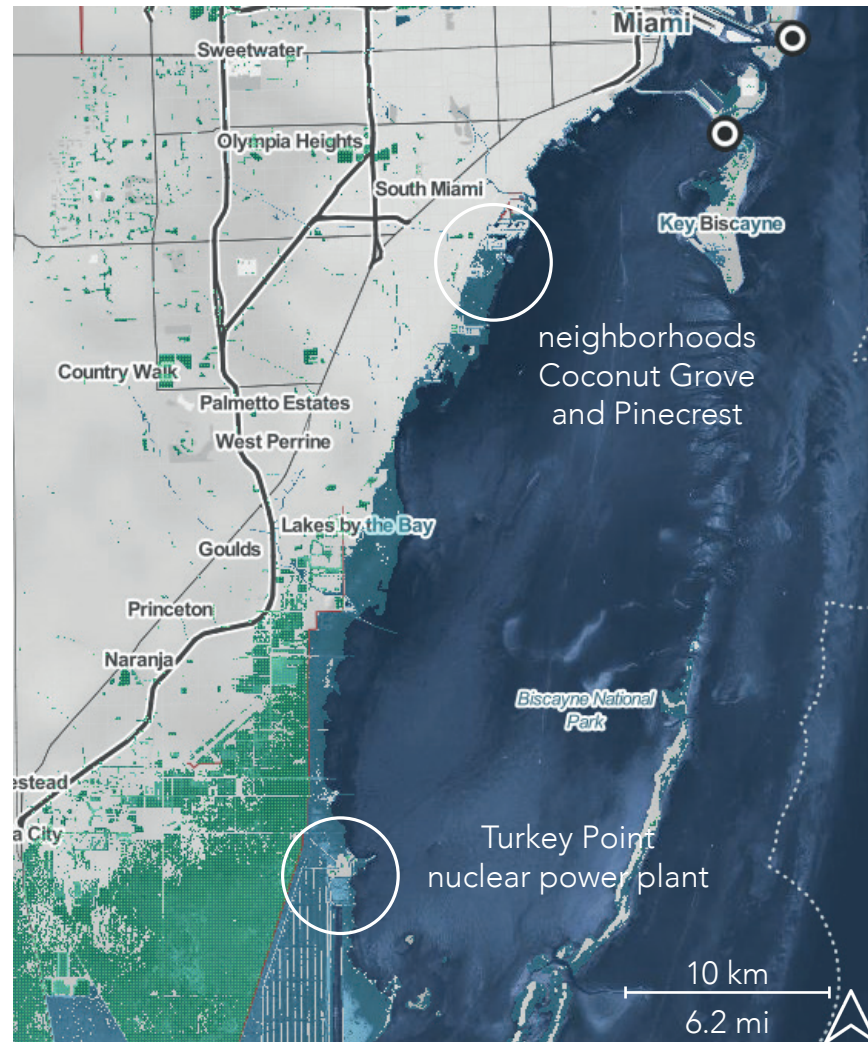
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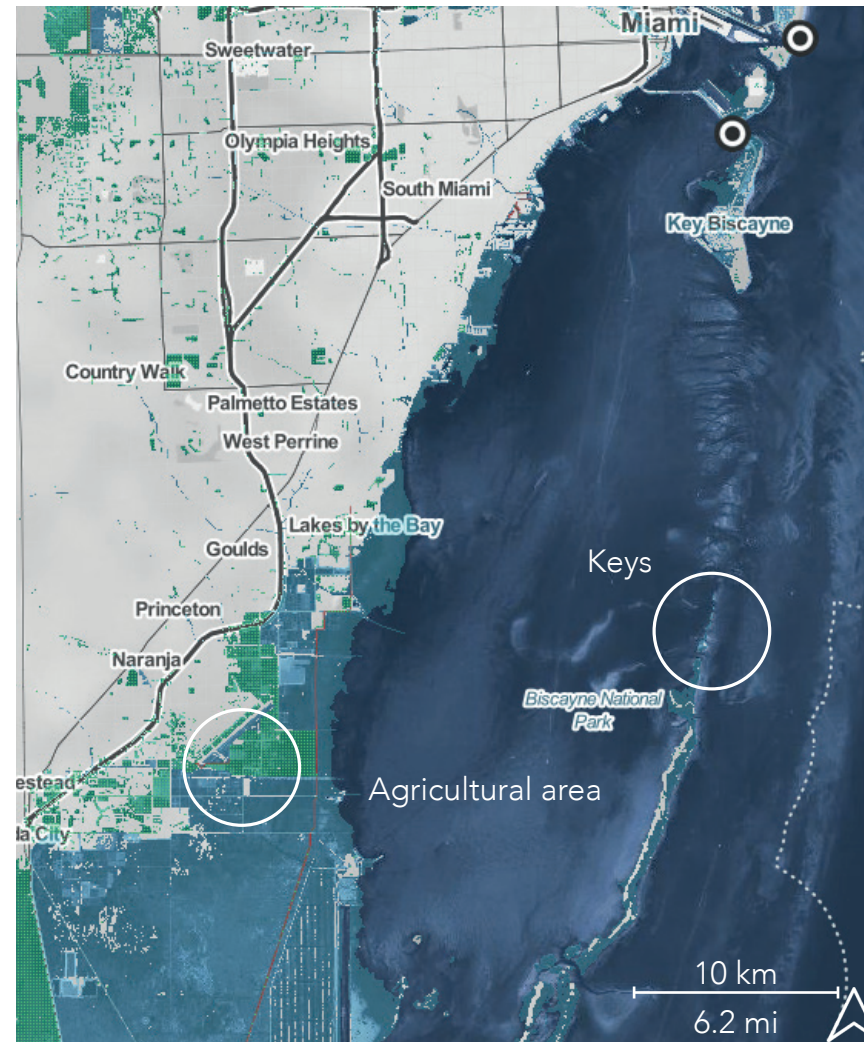
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SEA LEVEL RISE SCENARIOS

CURRENT KING TIDE
AND 2100 PROJECTION



1. Sea level rise of 0,5 meter / 1,6 ft



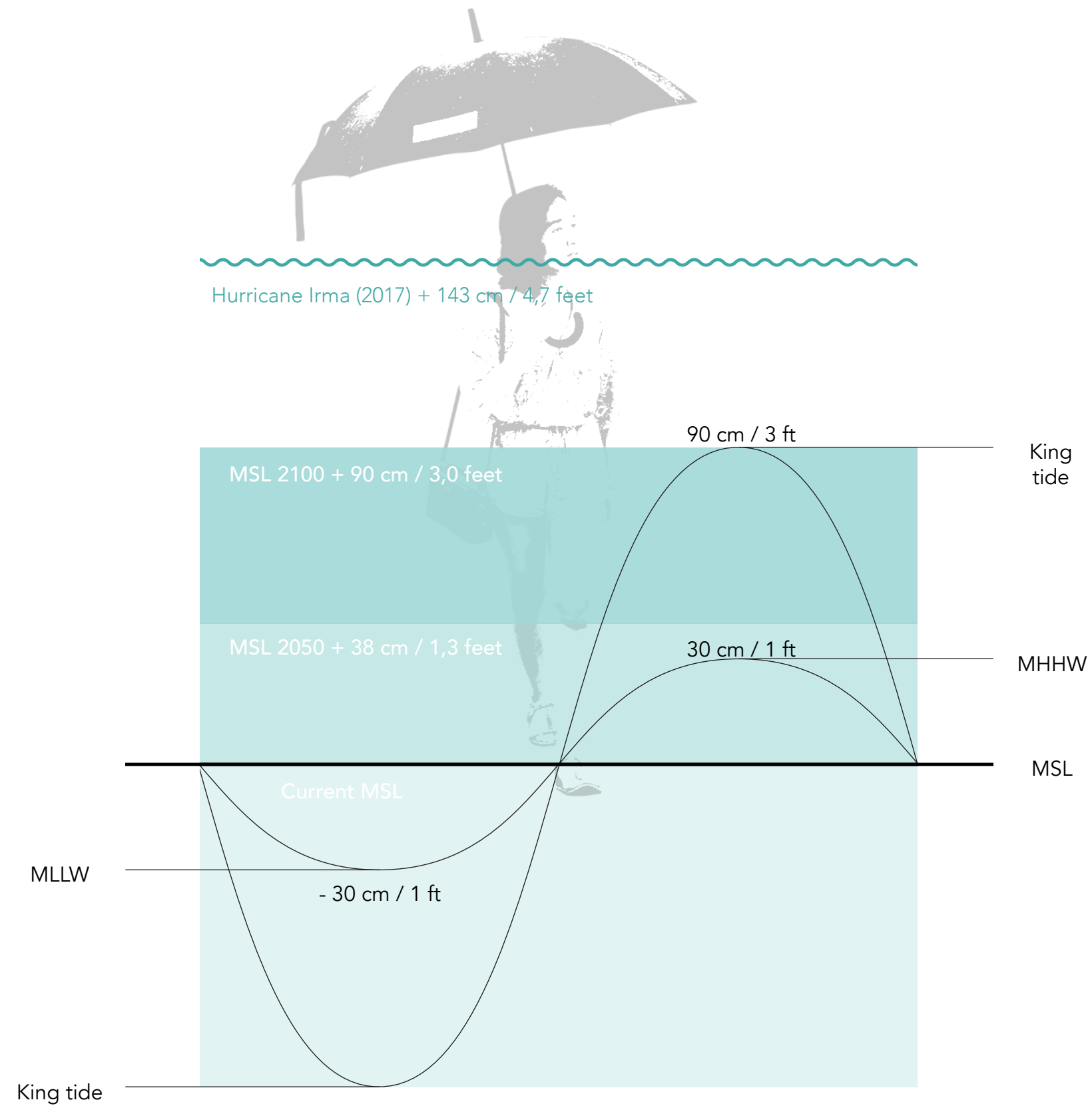
2. Sea level rise of 1 meter / 3,3 ft



3. Sea level rise of 3 meter / 9 ft

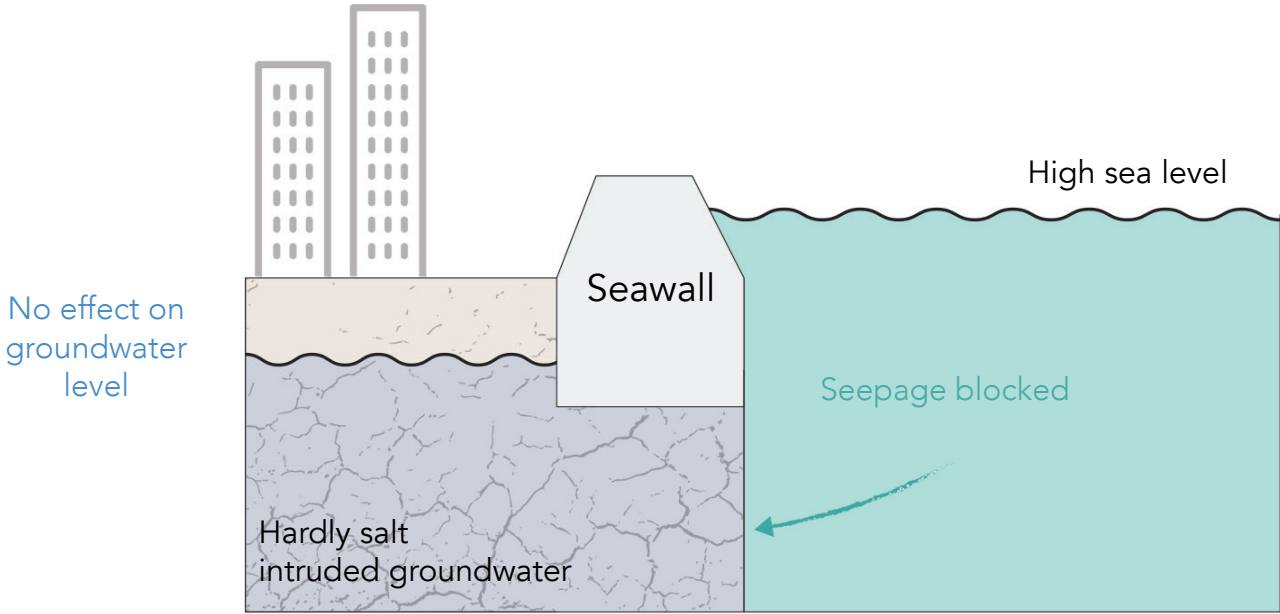
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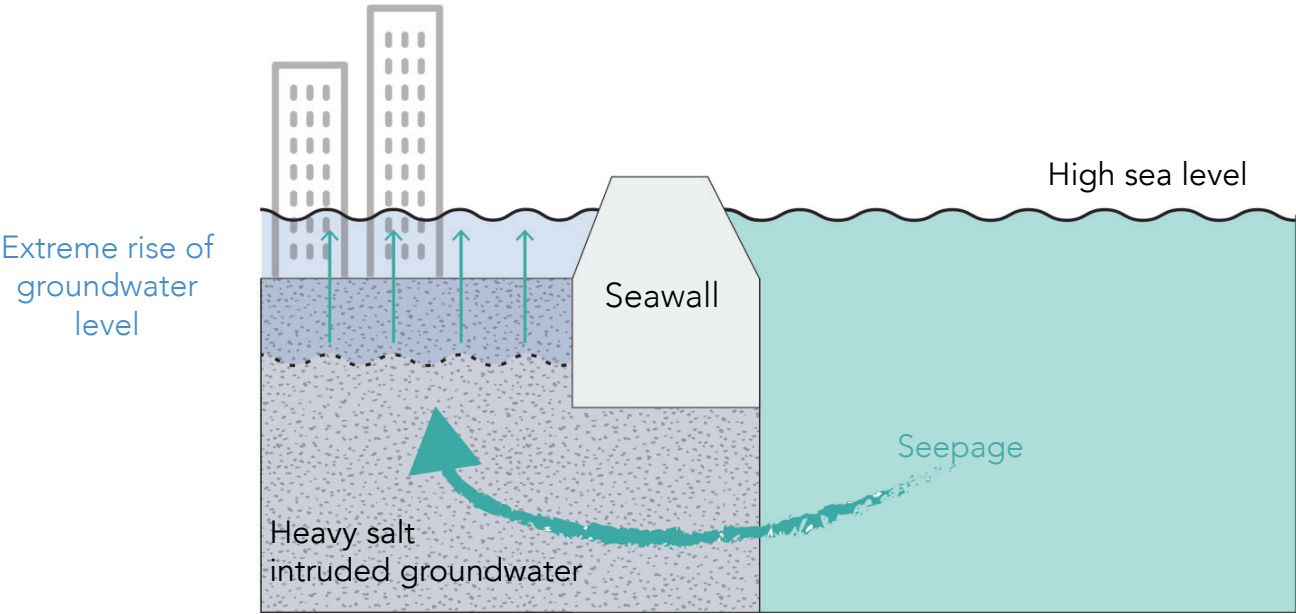


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EFFECTIVENESS OF A SEAWALL



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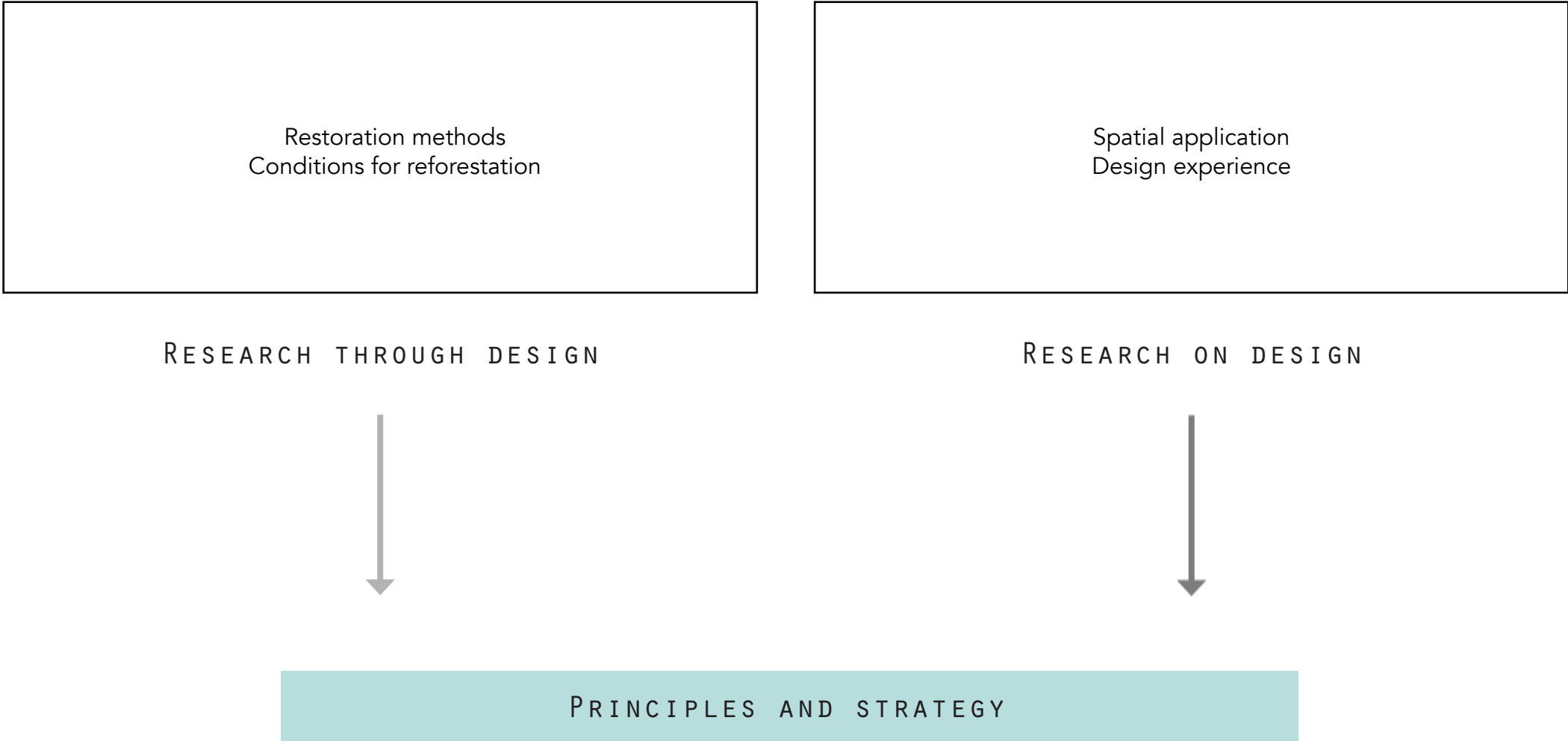


LIME STONE COAST LINE

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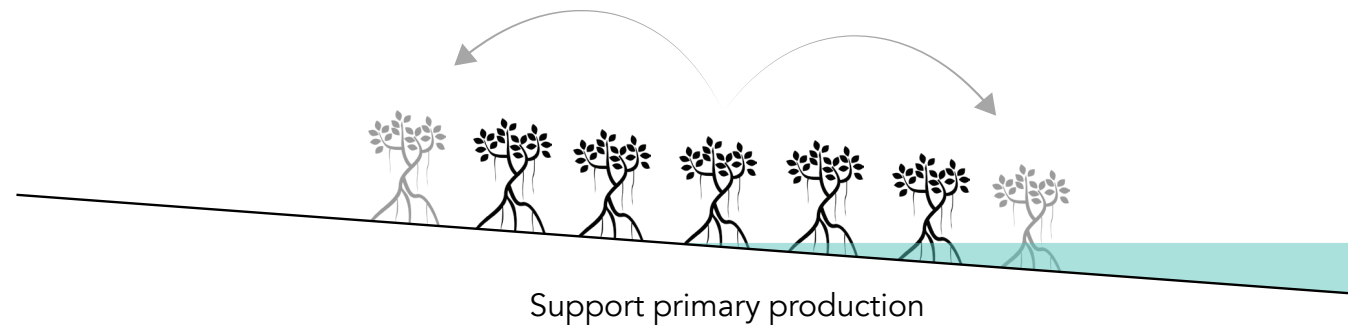
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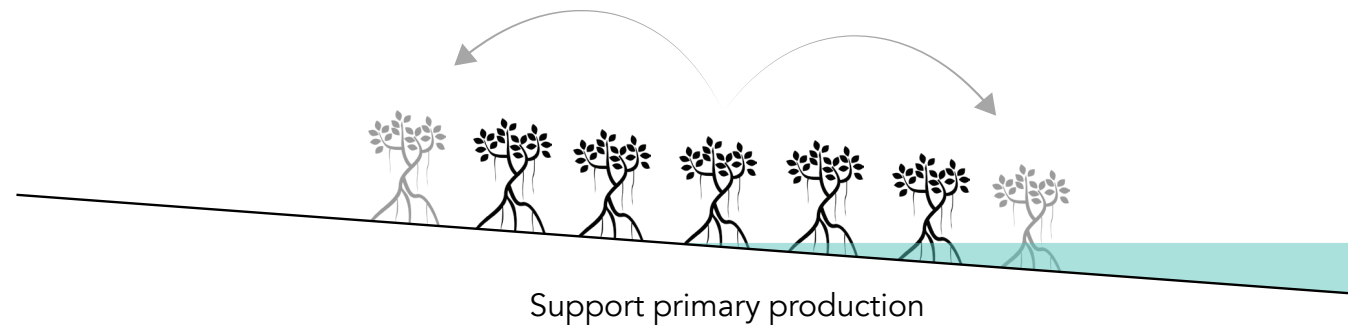
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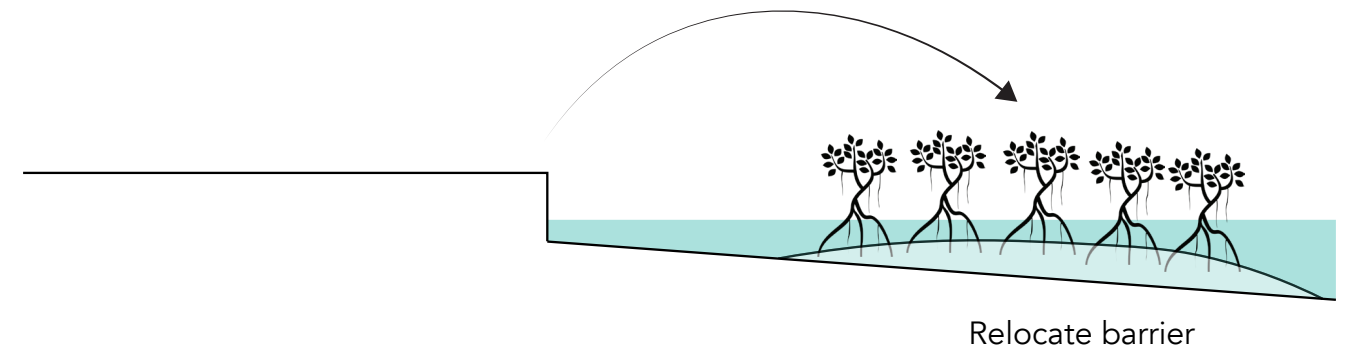
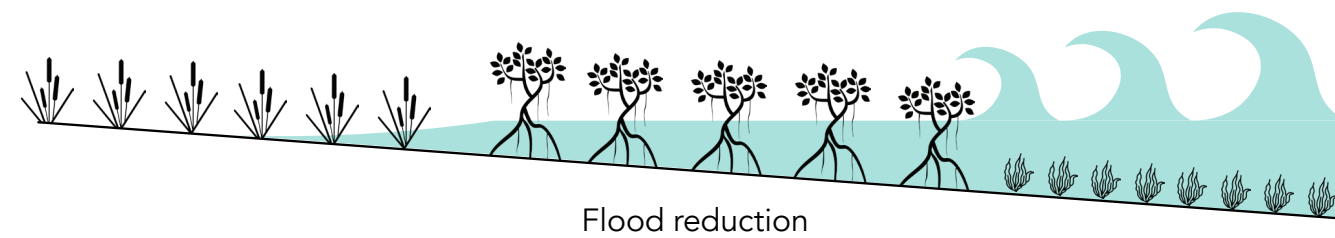


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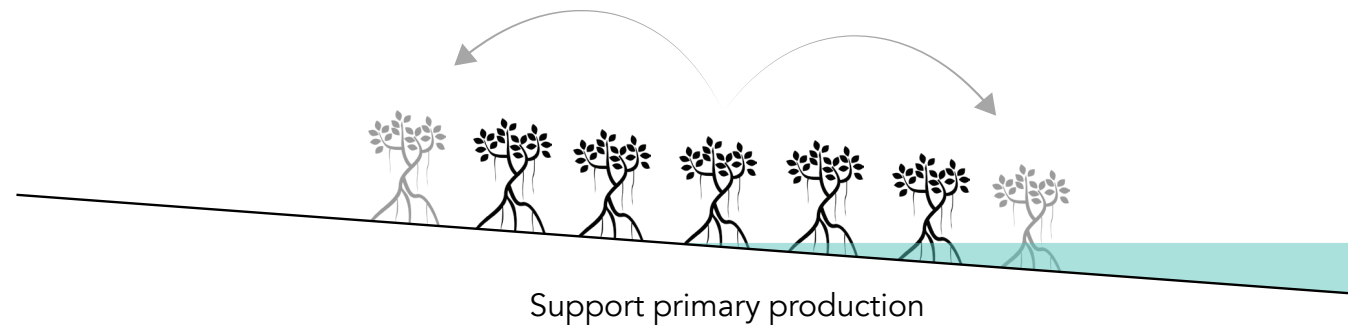


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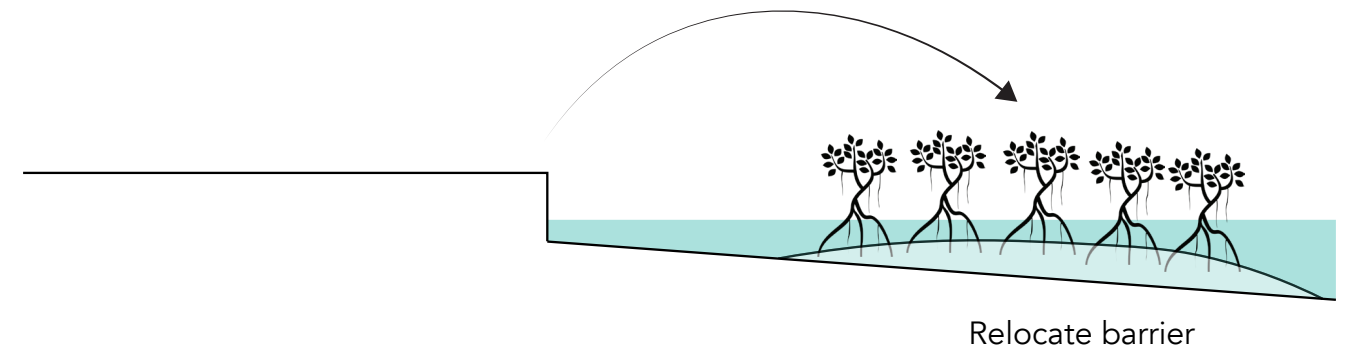
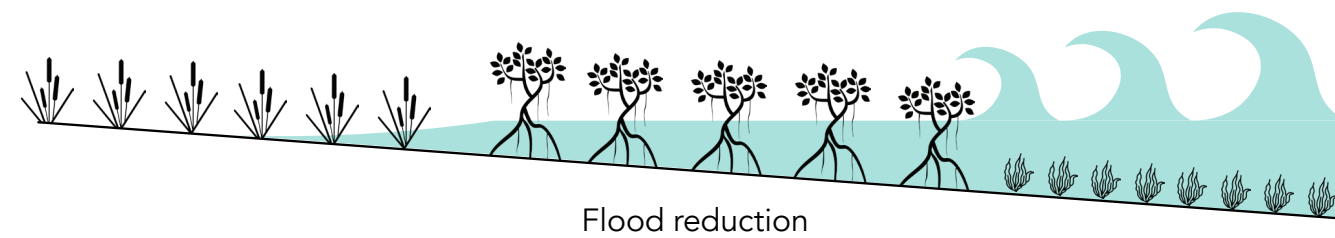


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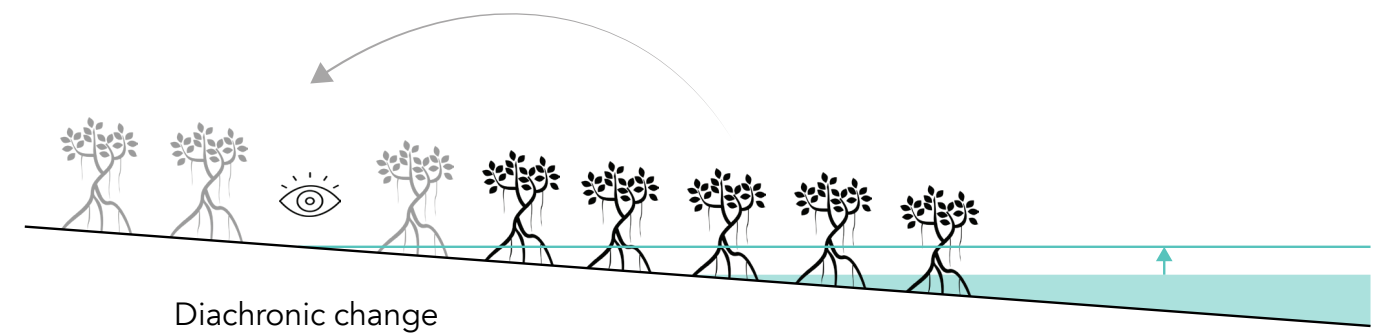
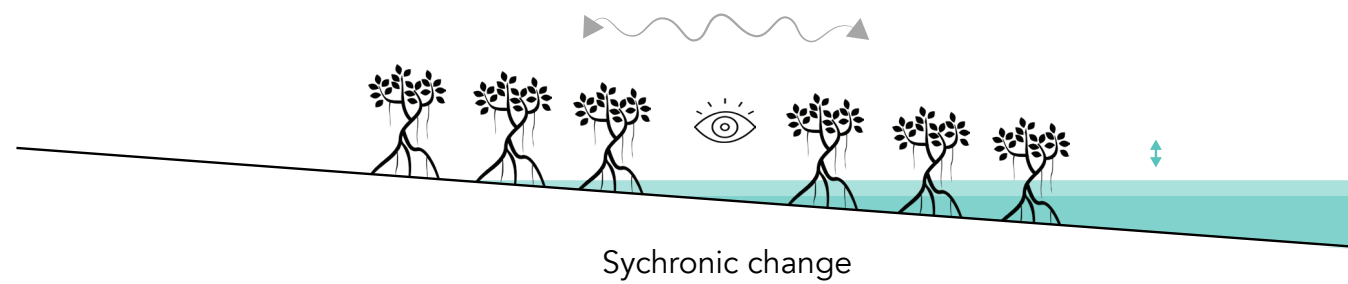
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VISUALIZATION OF CHANGE



STRATEGY

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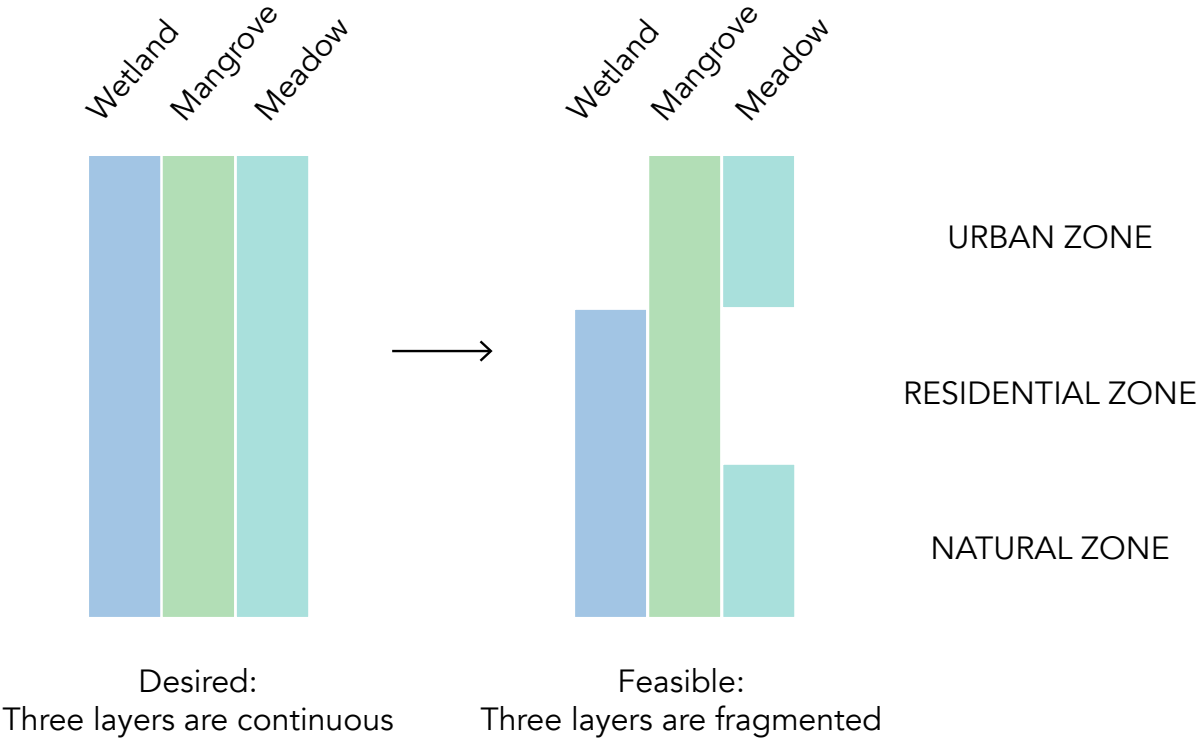
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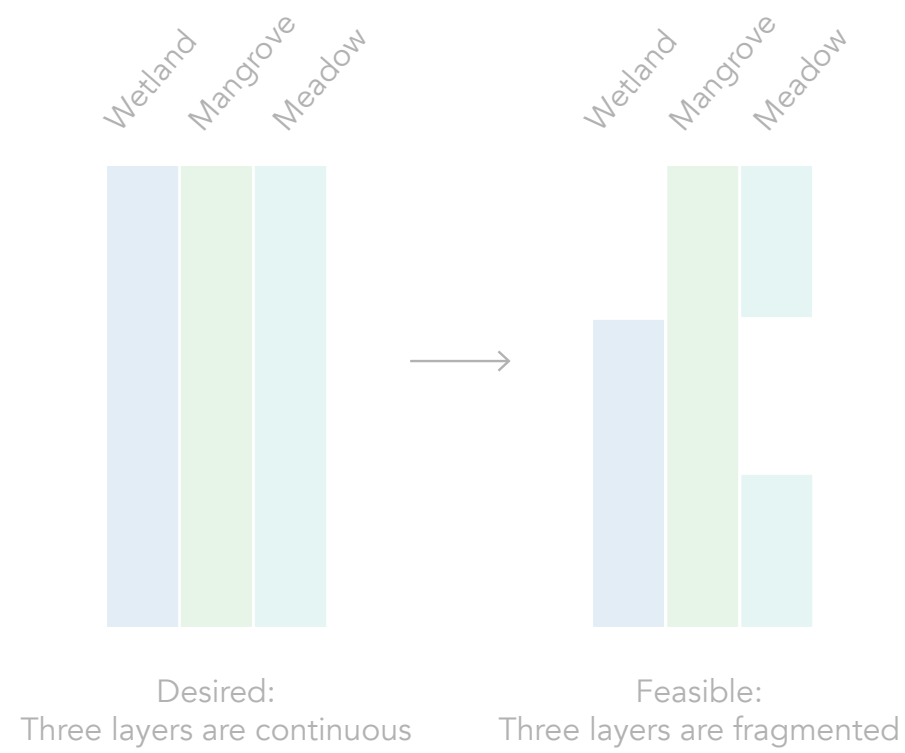
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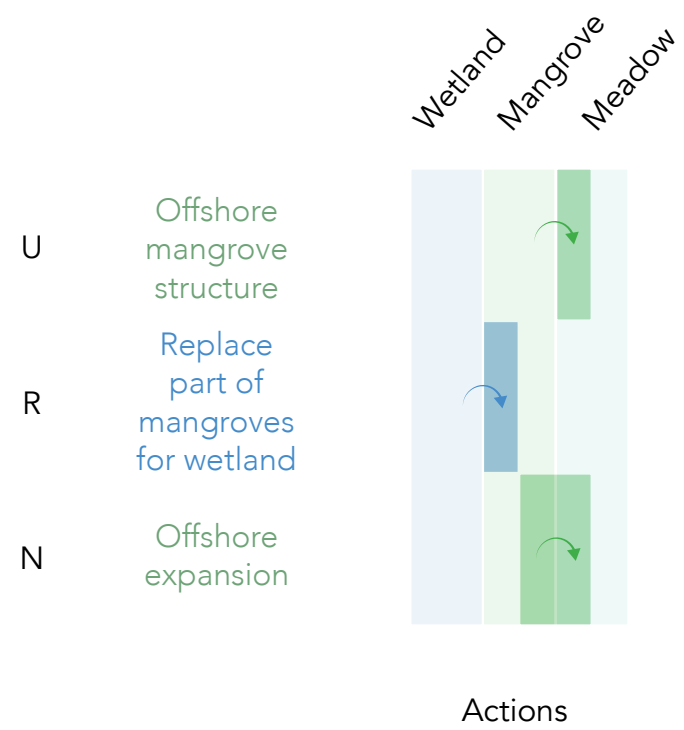


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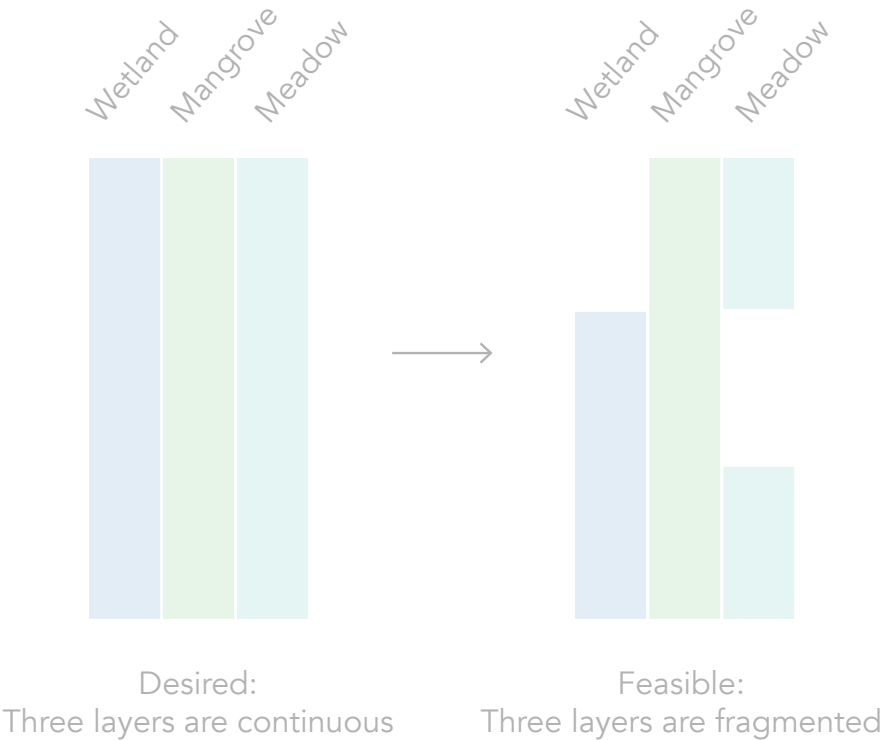


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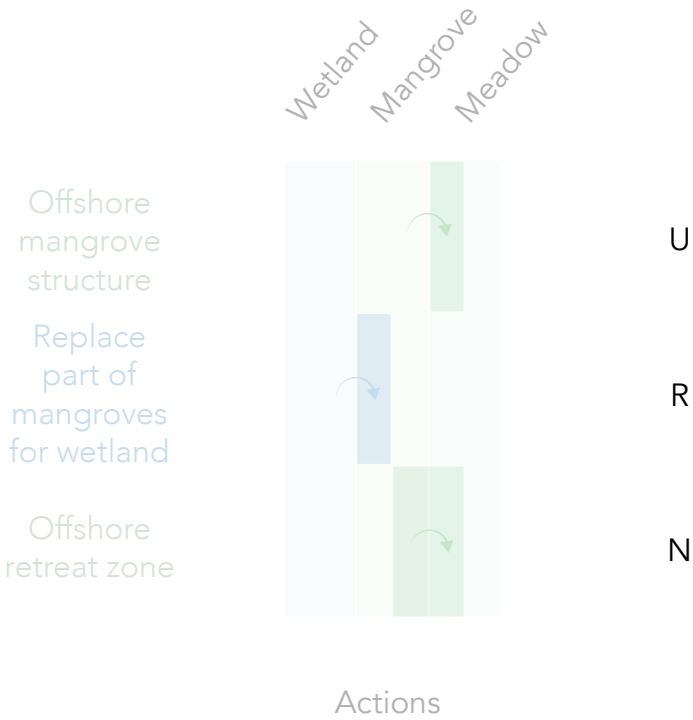


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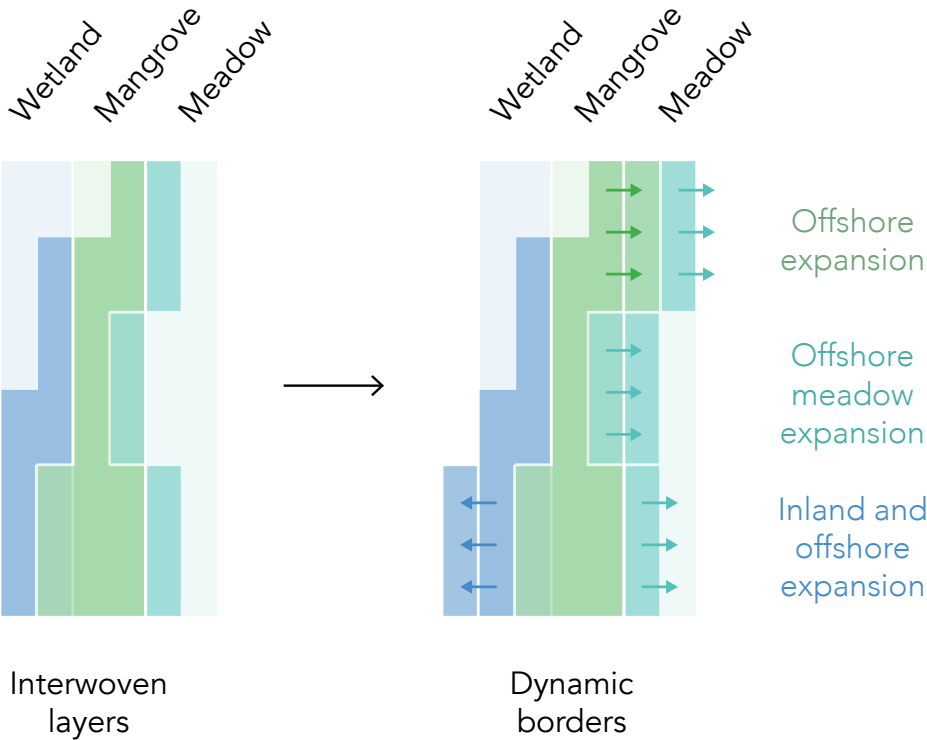
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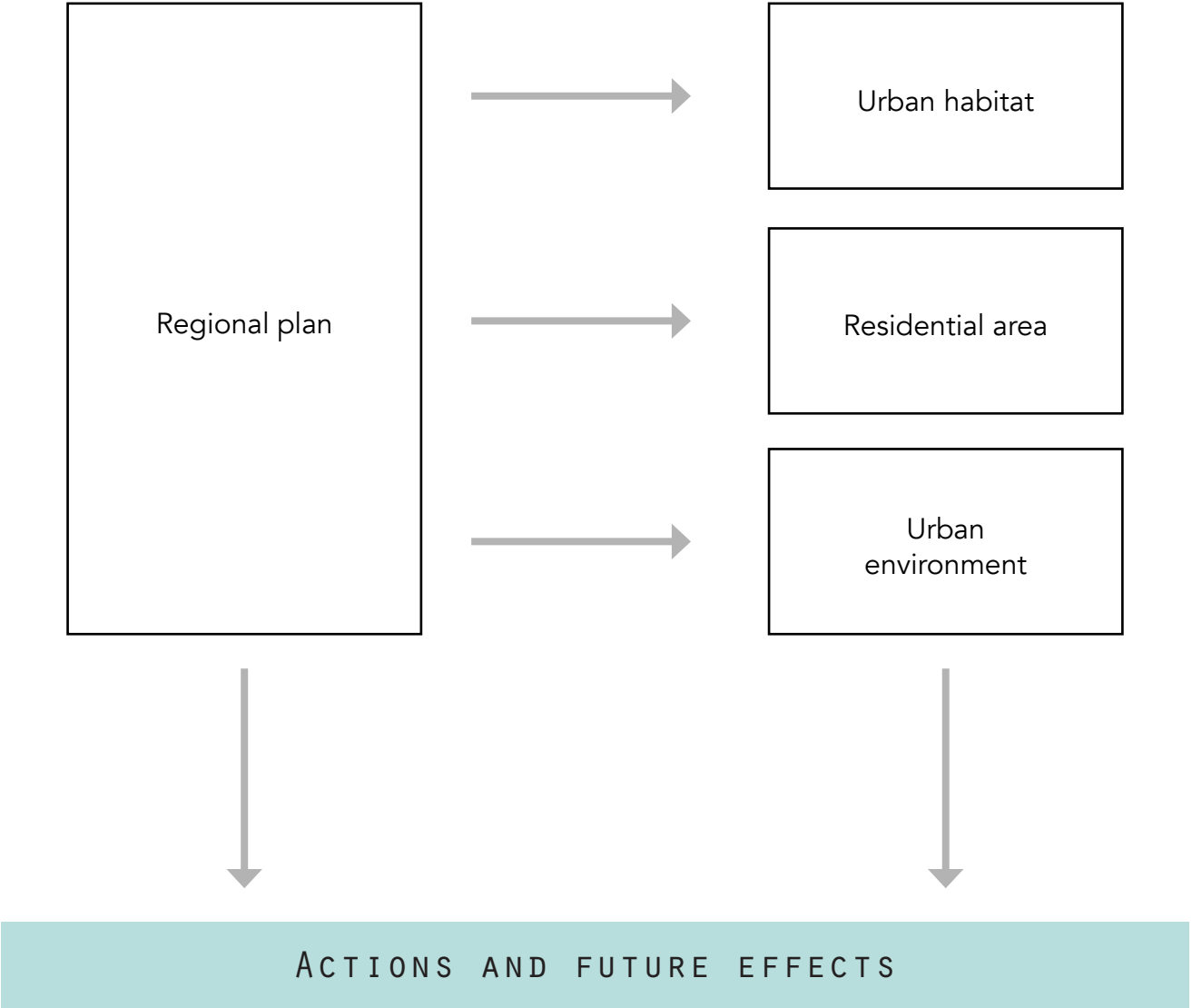




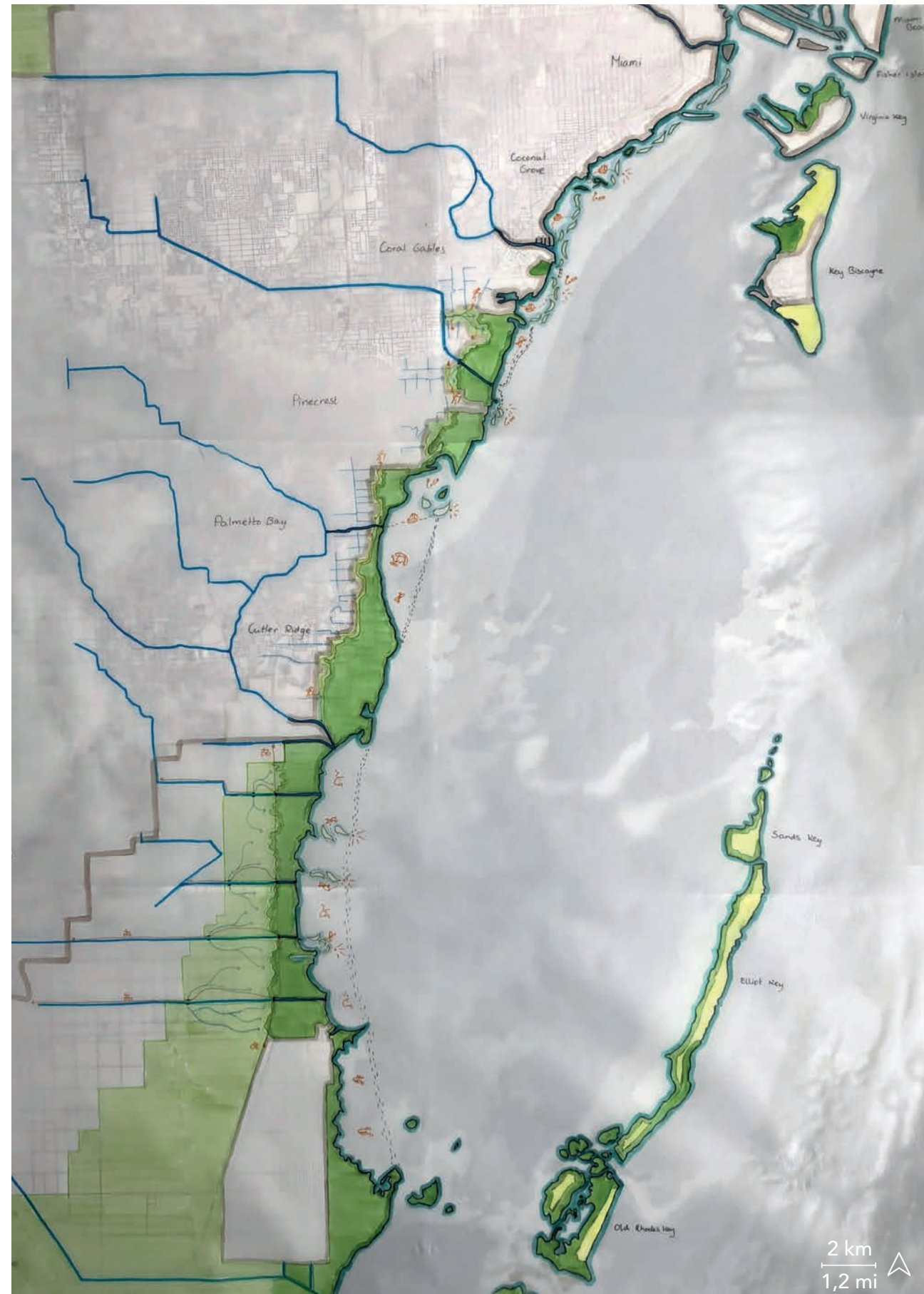
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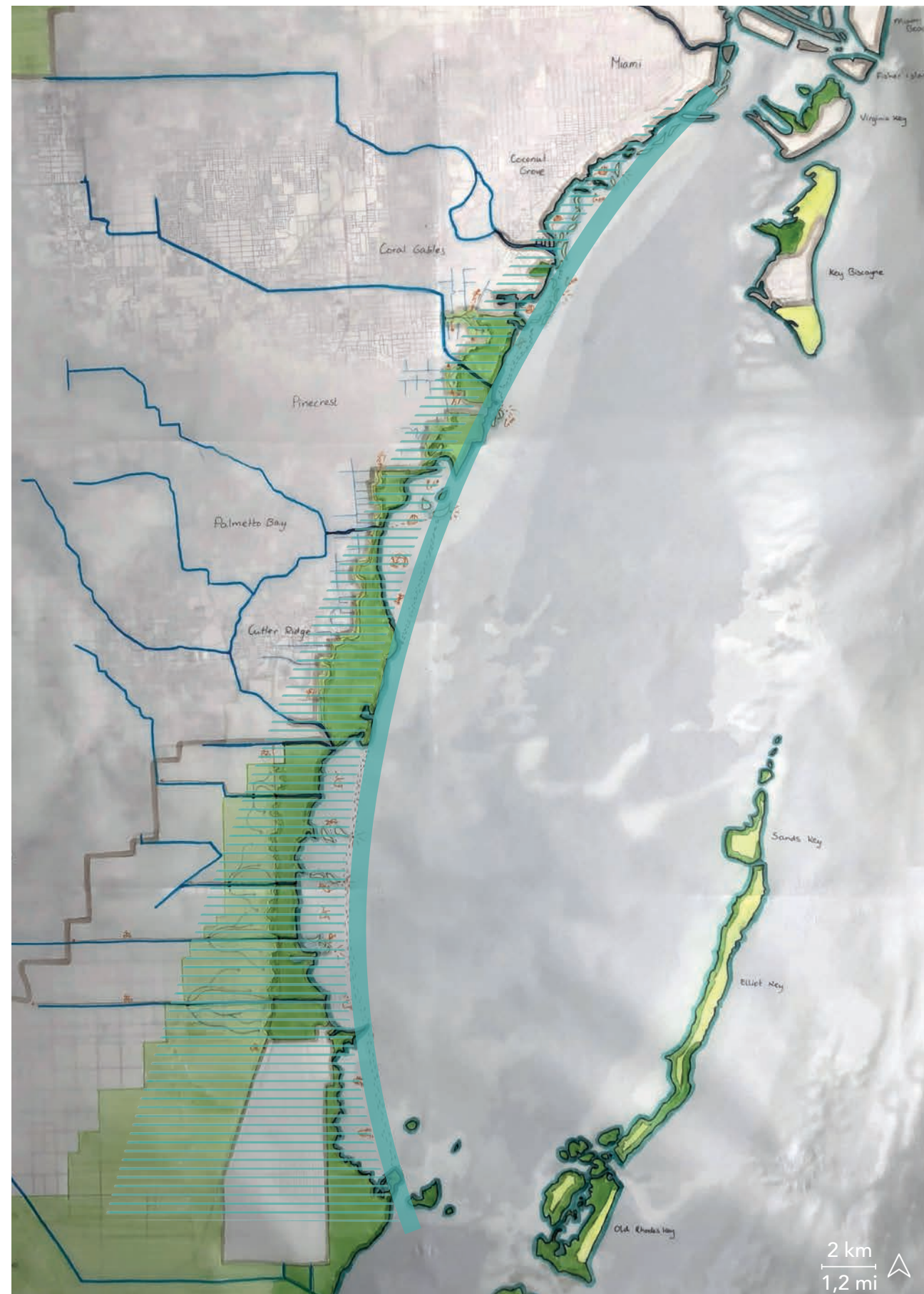
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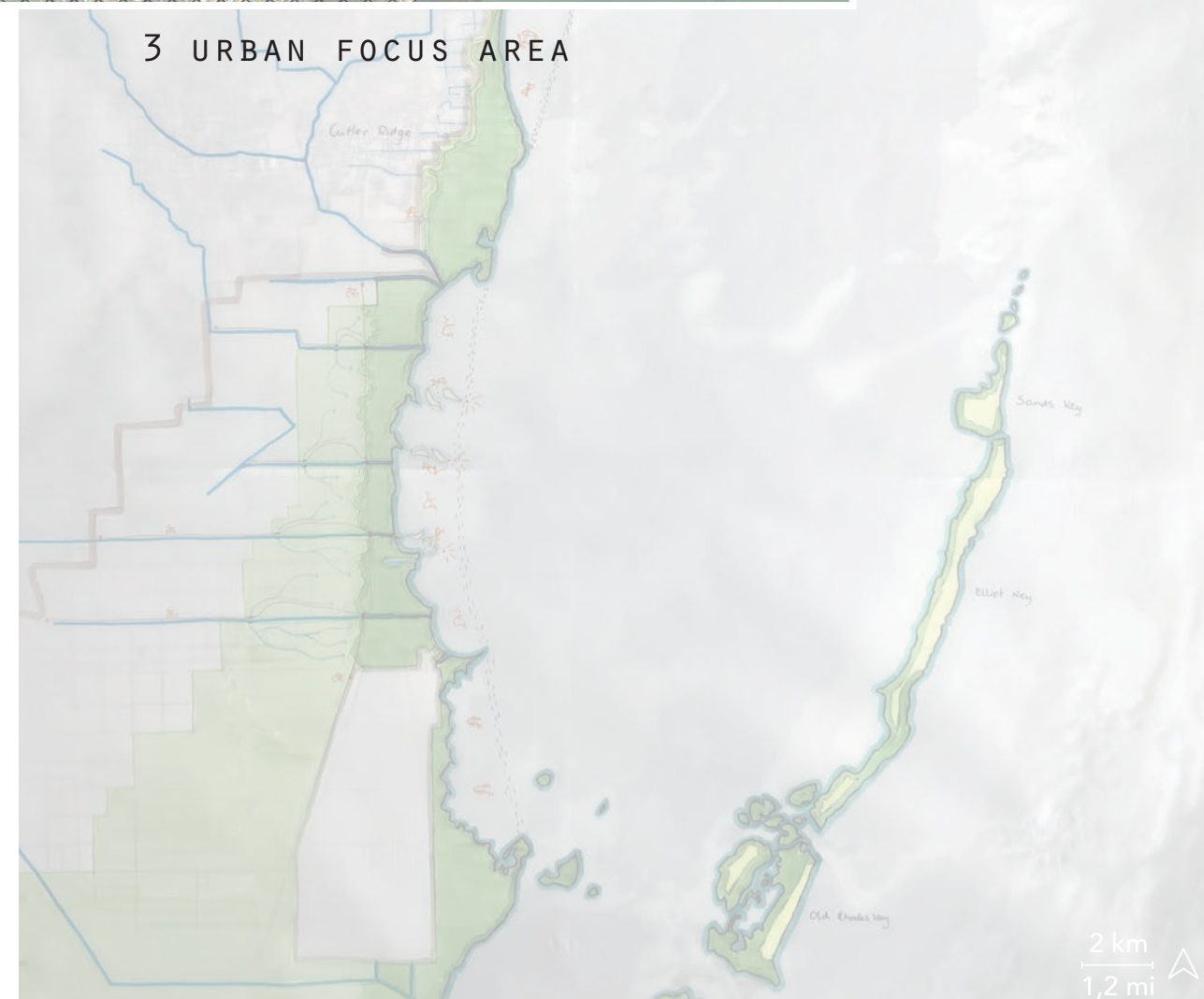
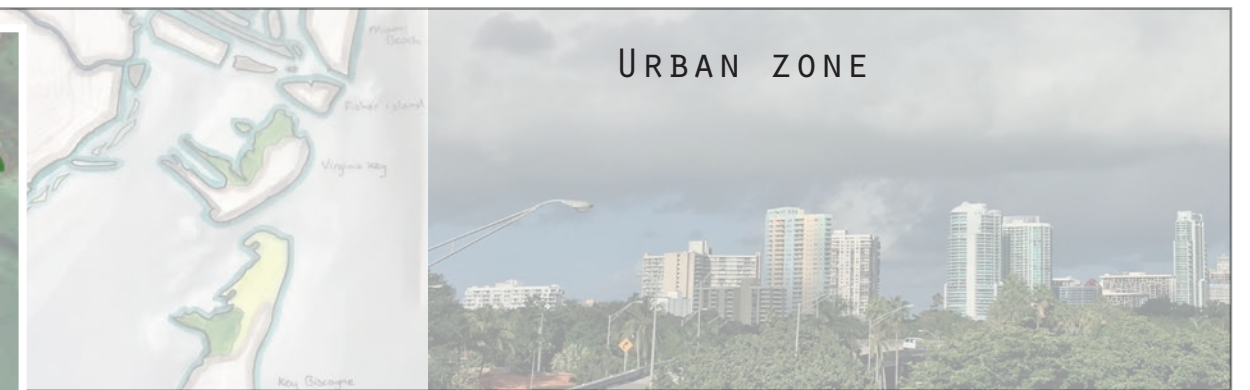
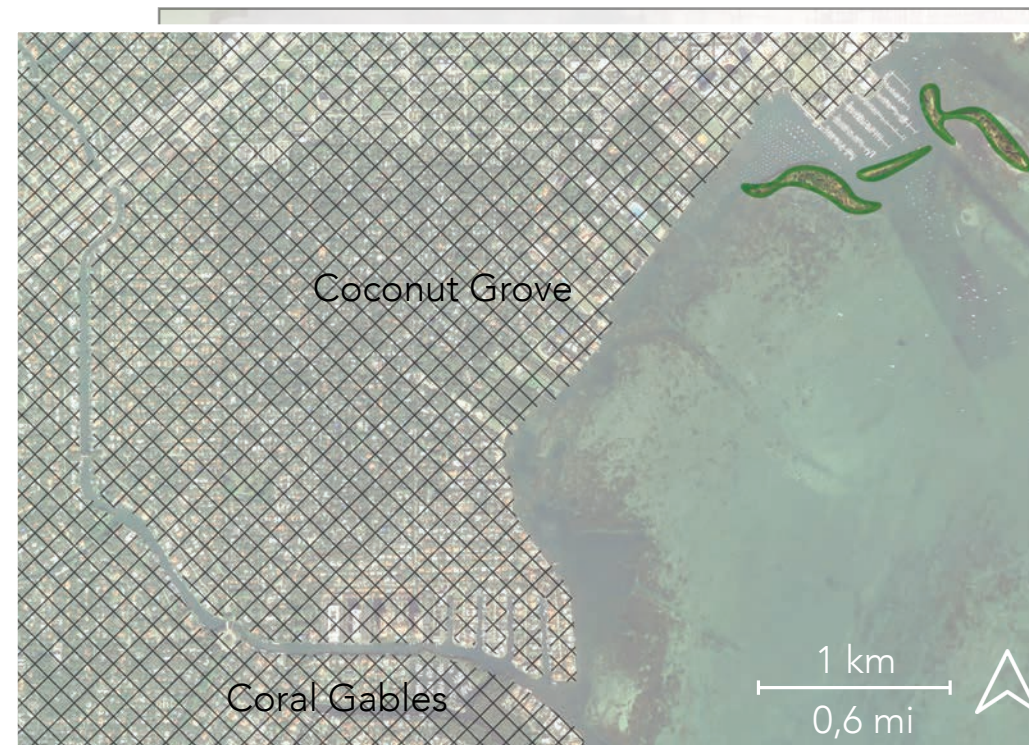
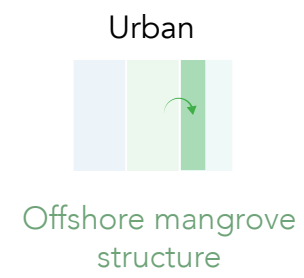


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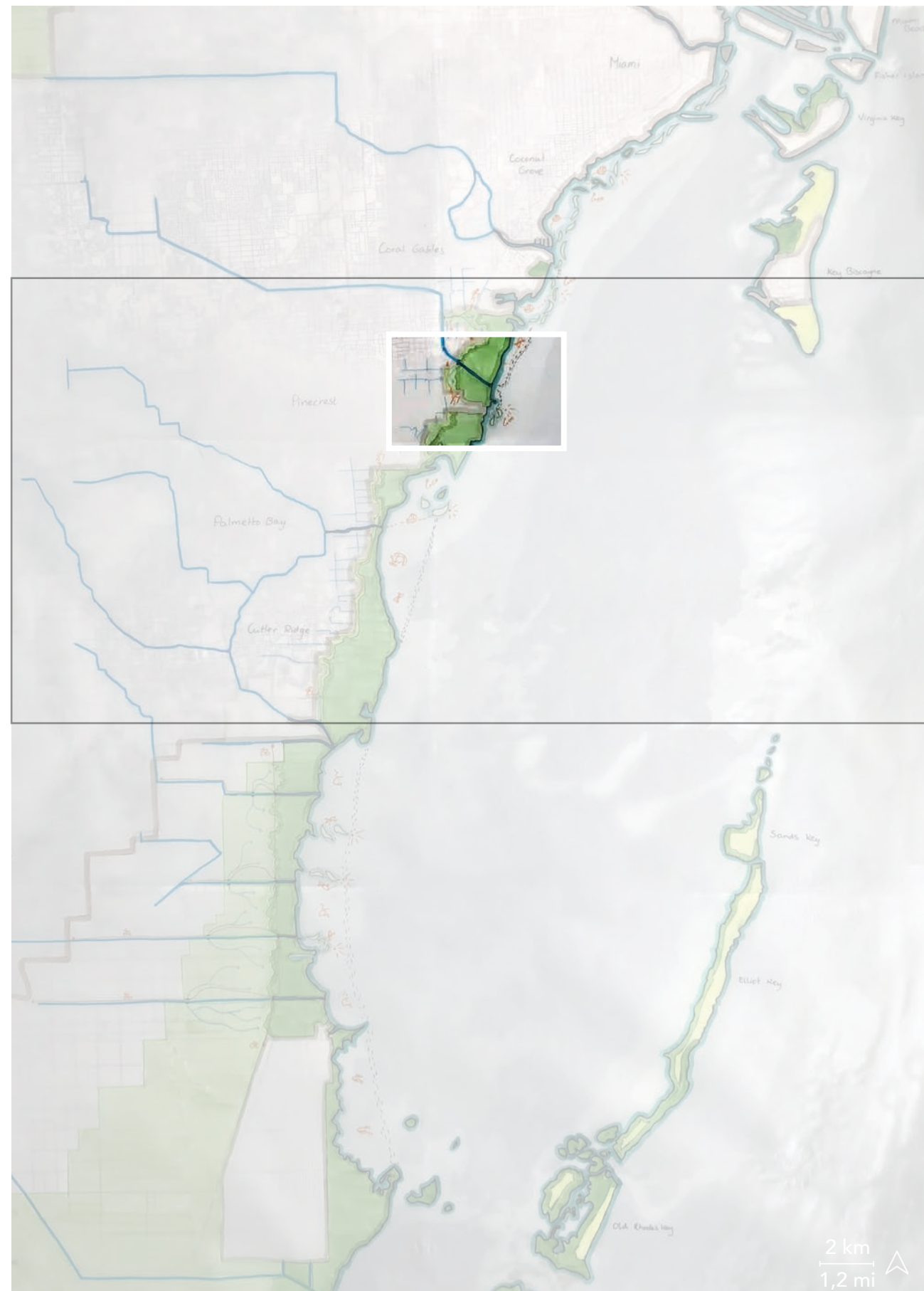
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RESIDENTIAL ZONE



FOCUS AREAS

Residential



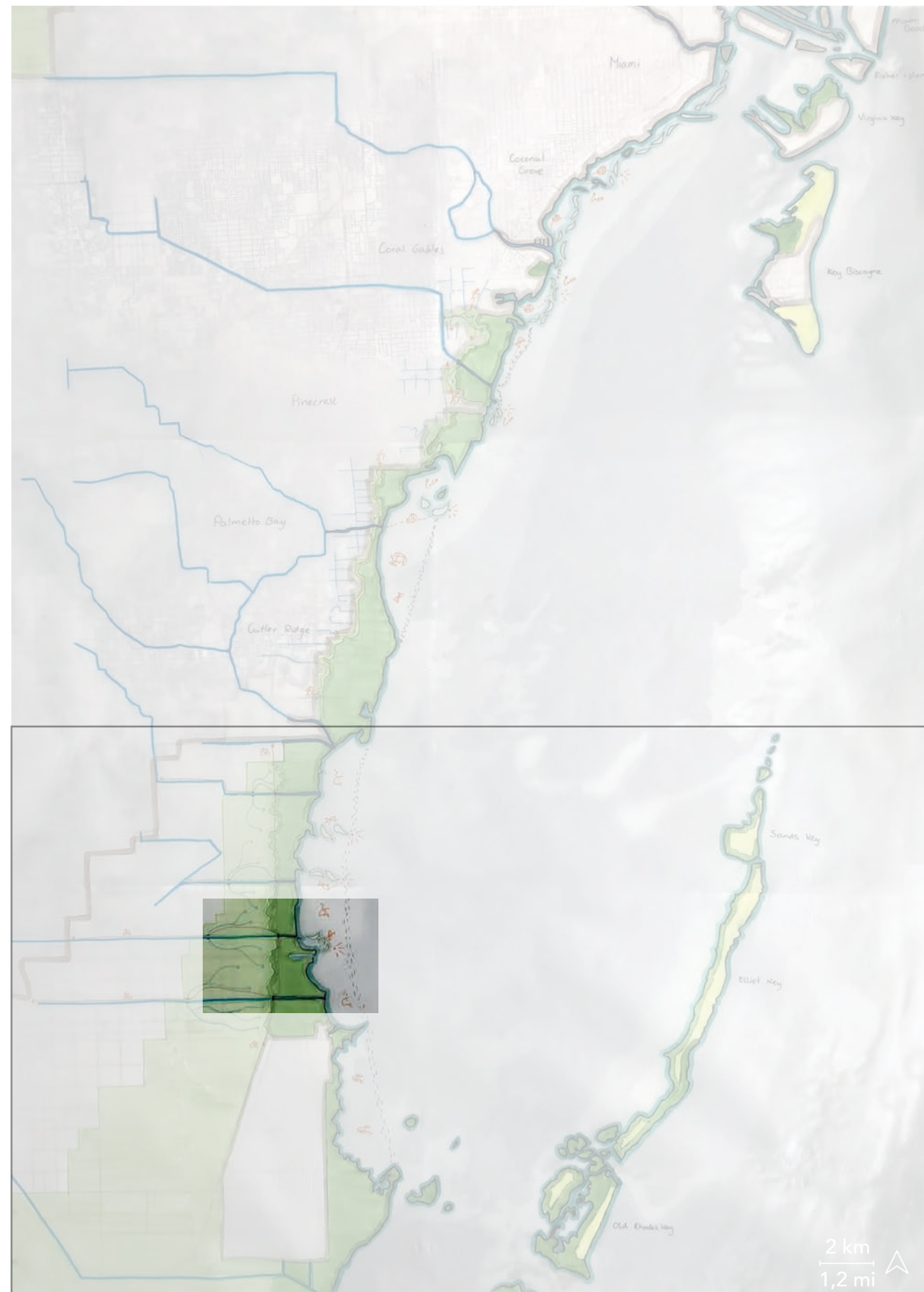
Replace part of
mangroves for wetland



RESIDENTIAL ZONE



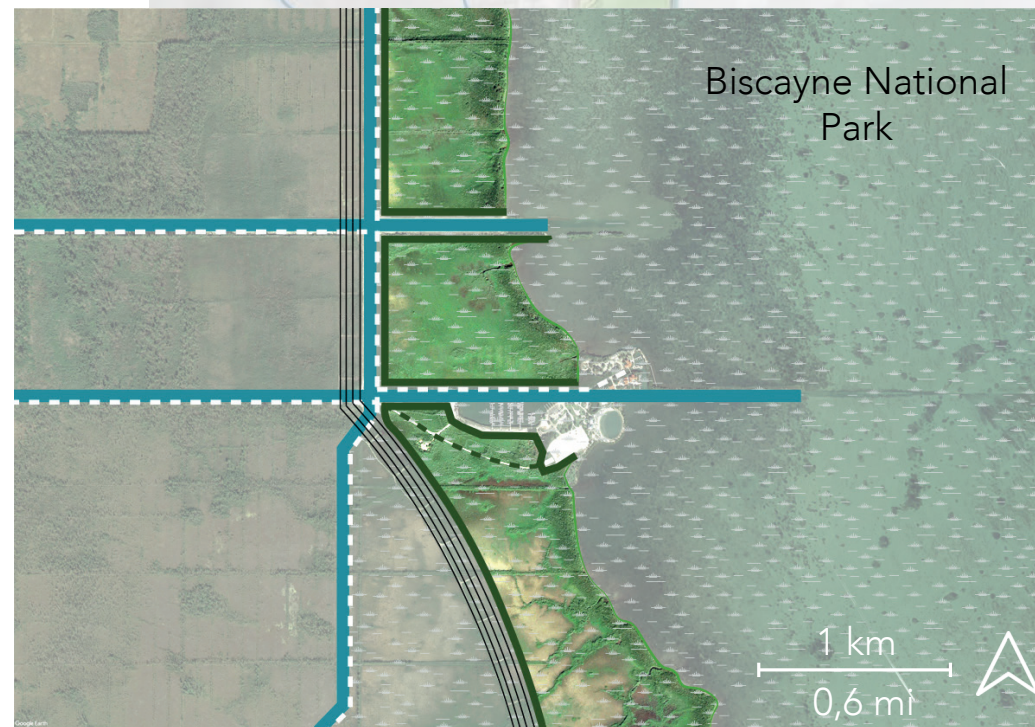
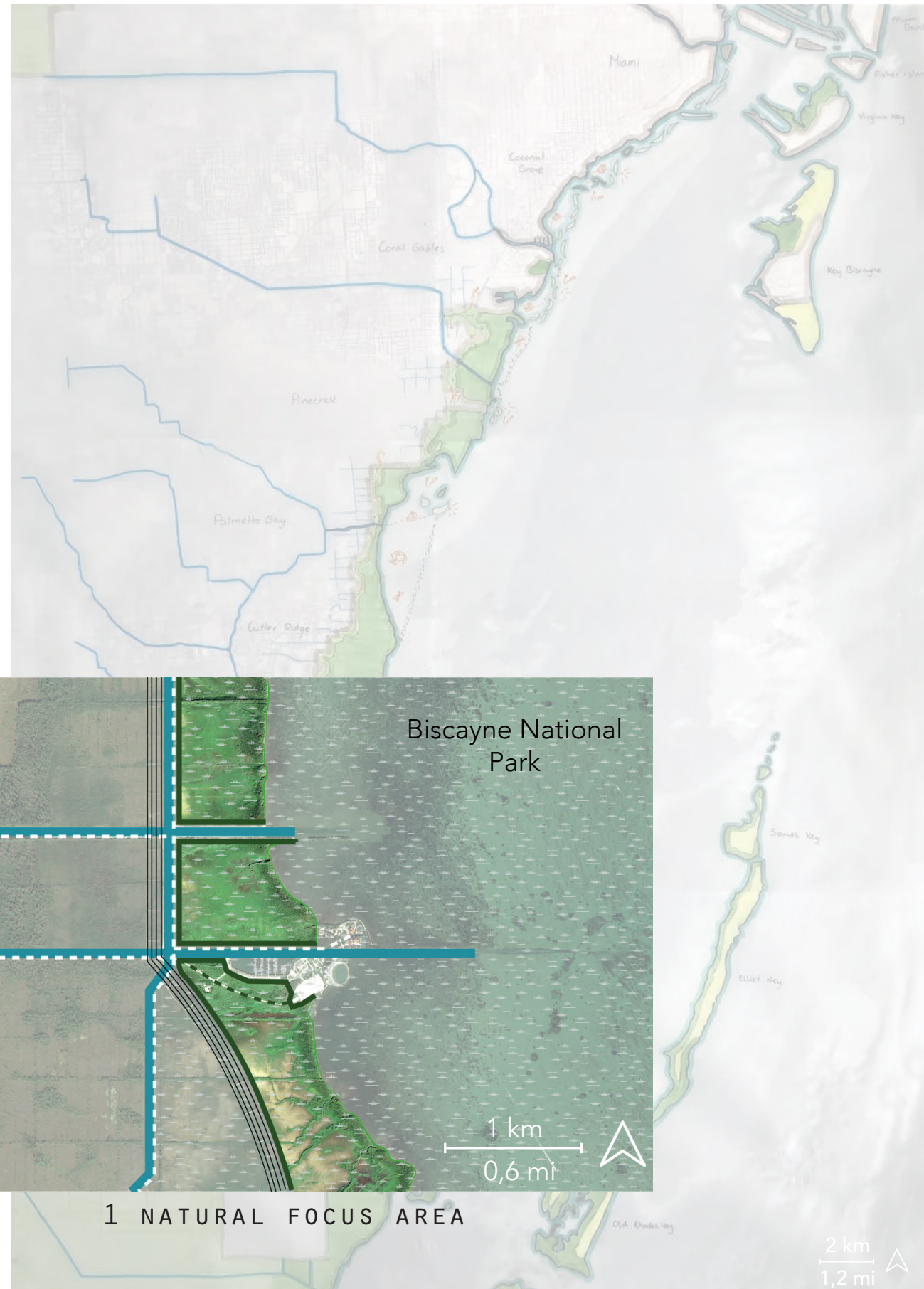
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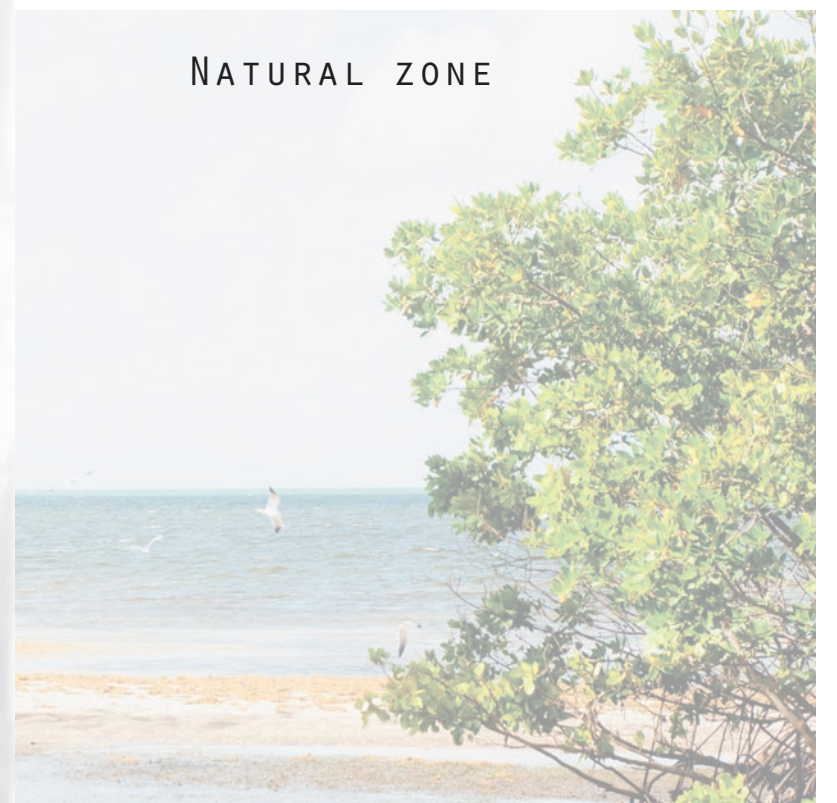
NATURAL ZONE



FOCUS AREAS

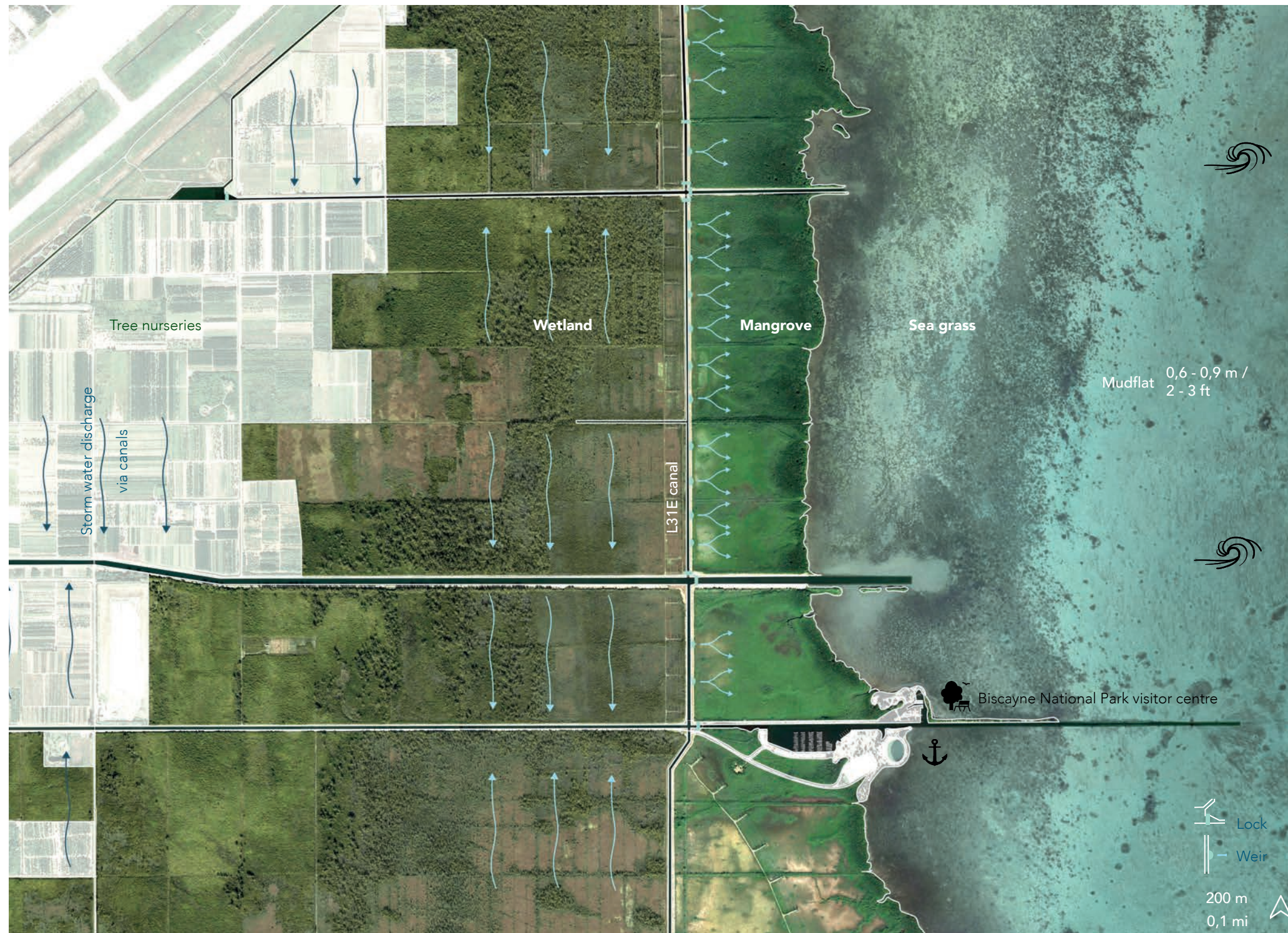


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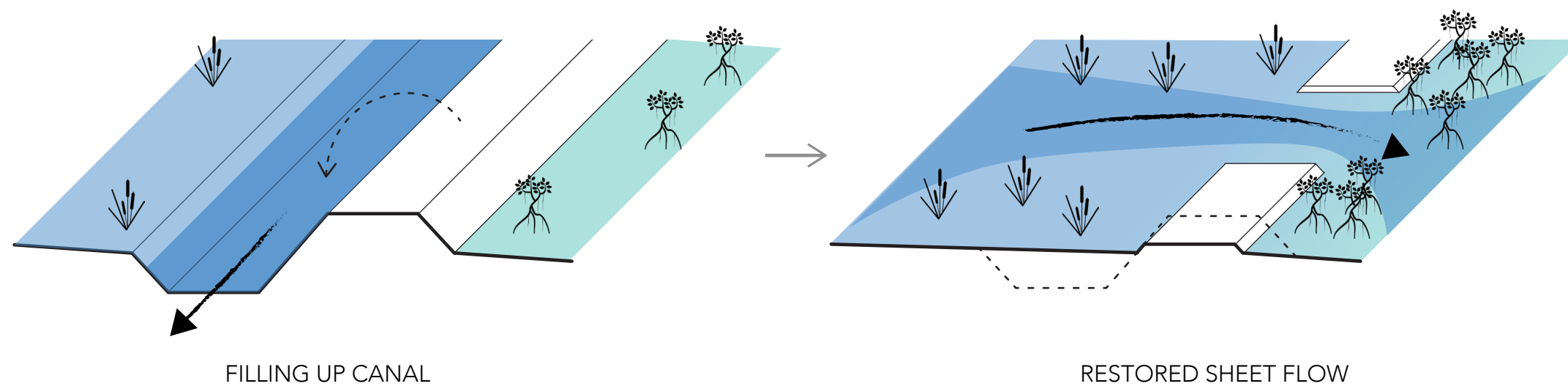
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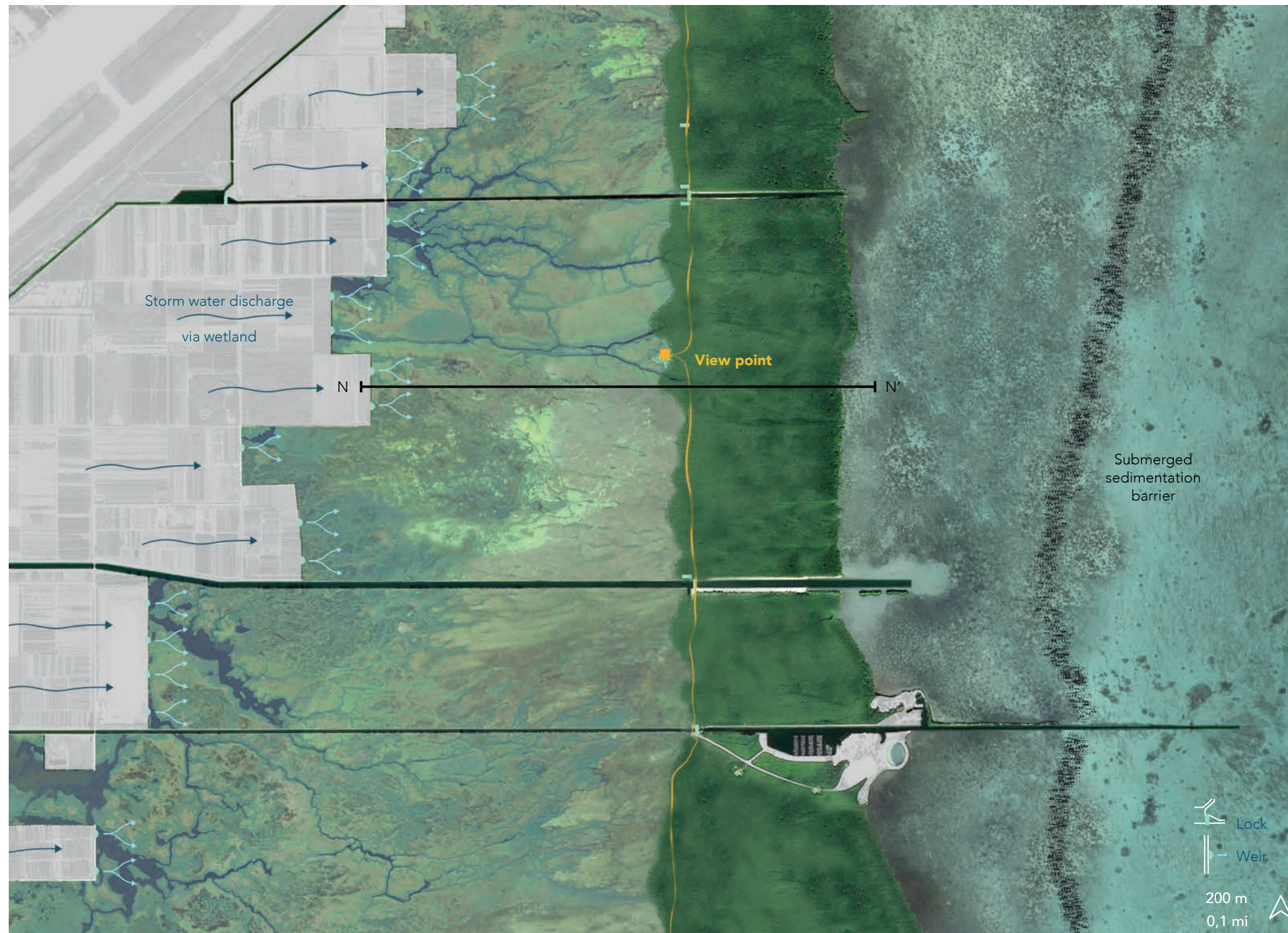
CURRENT SITUATION OF FOCUS AREA ON LOCAL SCALE

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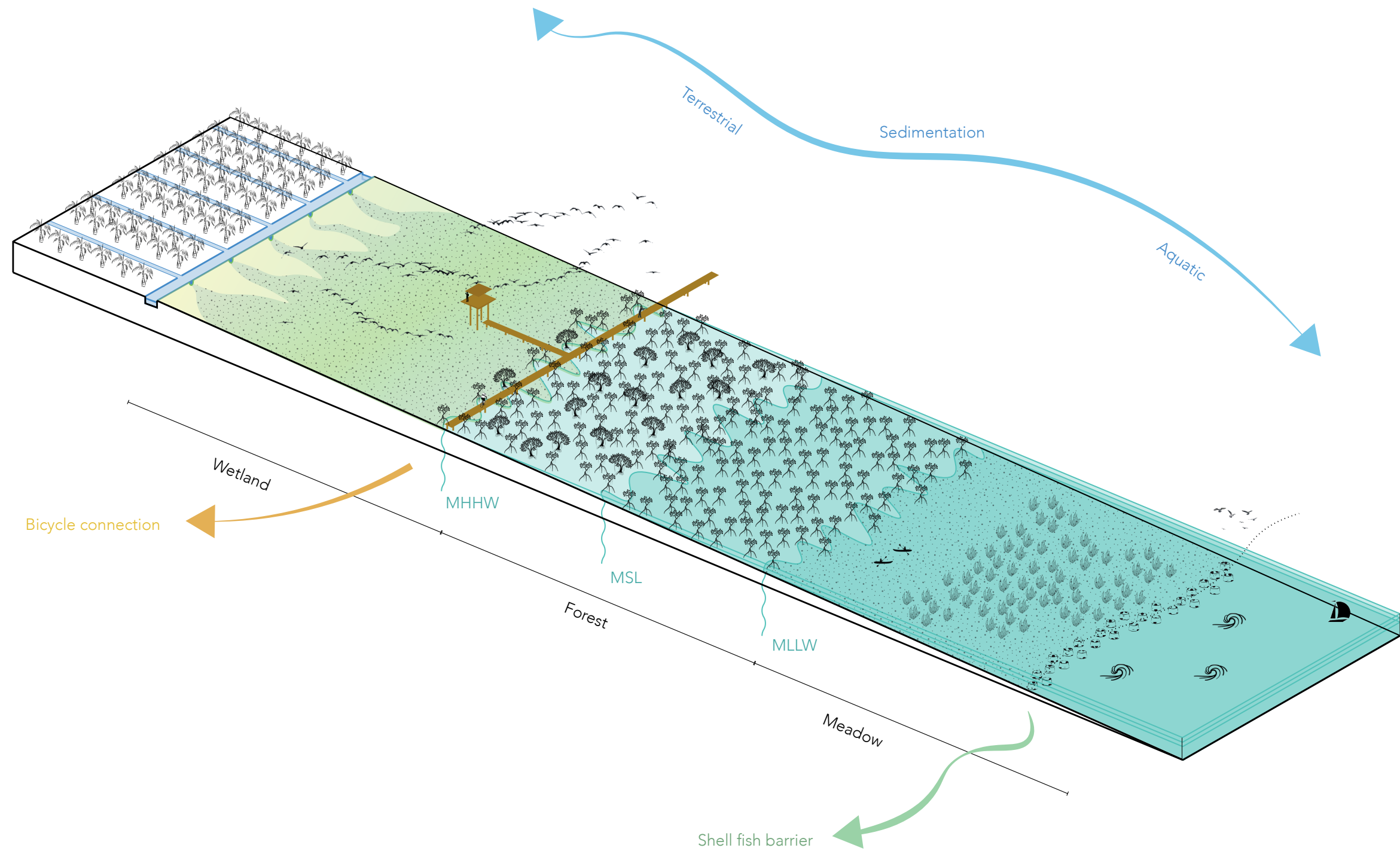
BREAKING BARRIERS



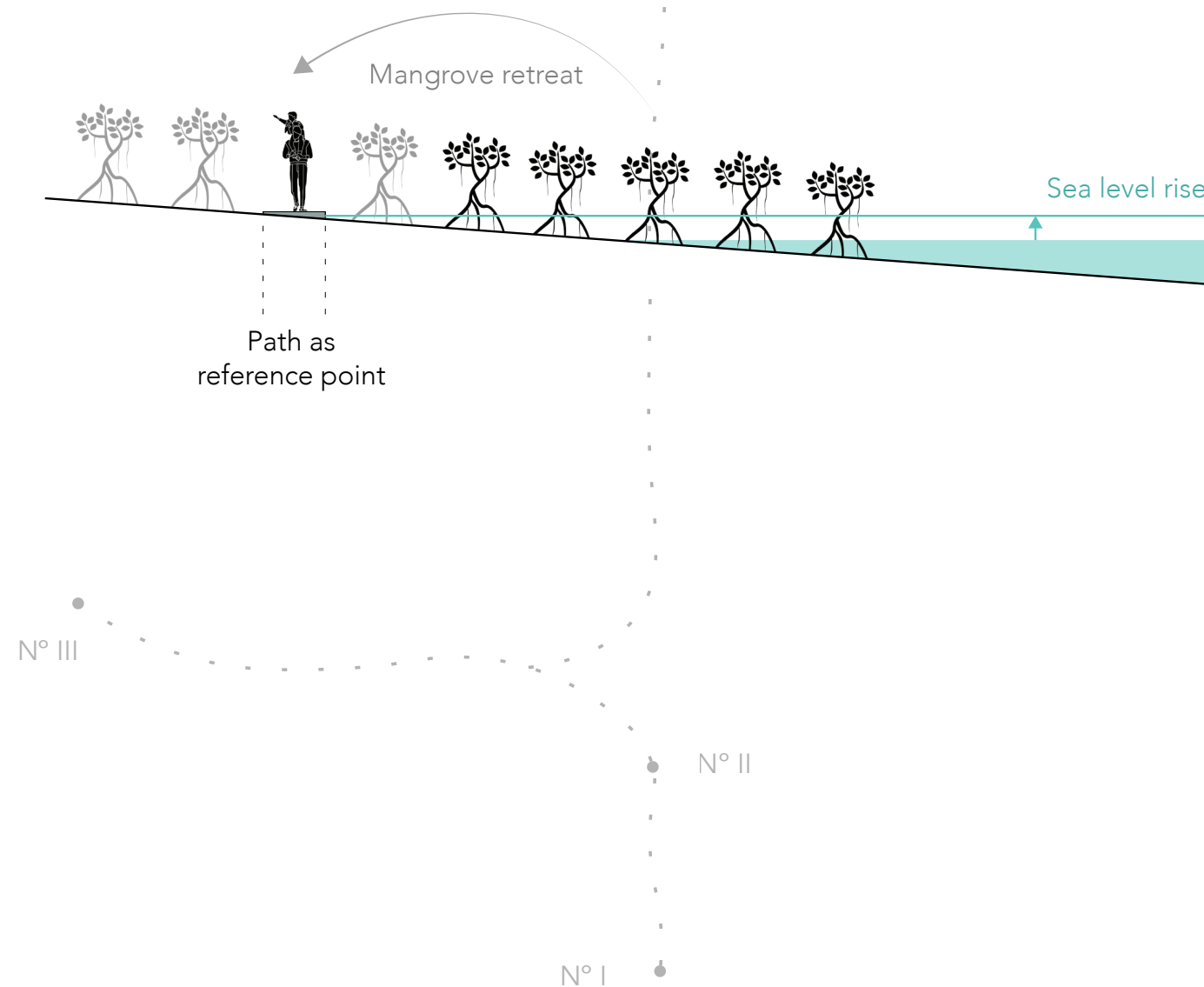
DESIGN



LANDSCAPE SYSTEM



MANGROVE MOVEMENT EXPERIENCE



THE LAYERS

Wetland

Mangrove forest

Sea grass meadow



Section NN'



Plan

ROUTE THROUGH THE TRANSITION ZONE



ROUTE THROUGH THE TRANSITION ZONE



ROUTE THROUGH THE TRANSITION ZONE





URBAN ZONE

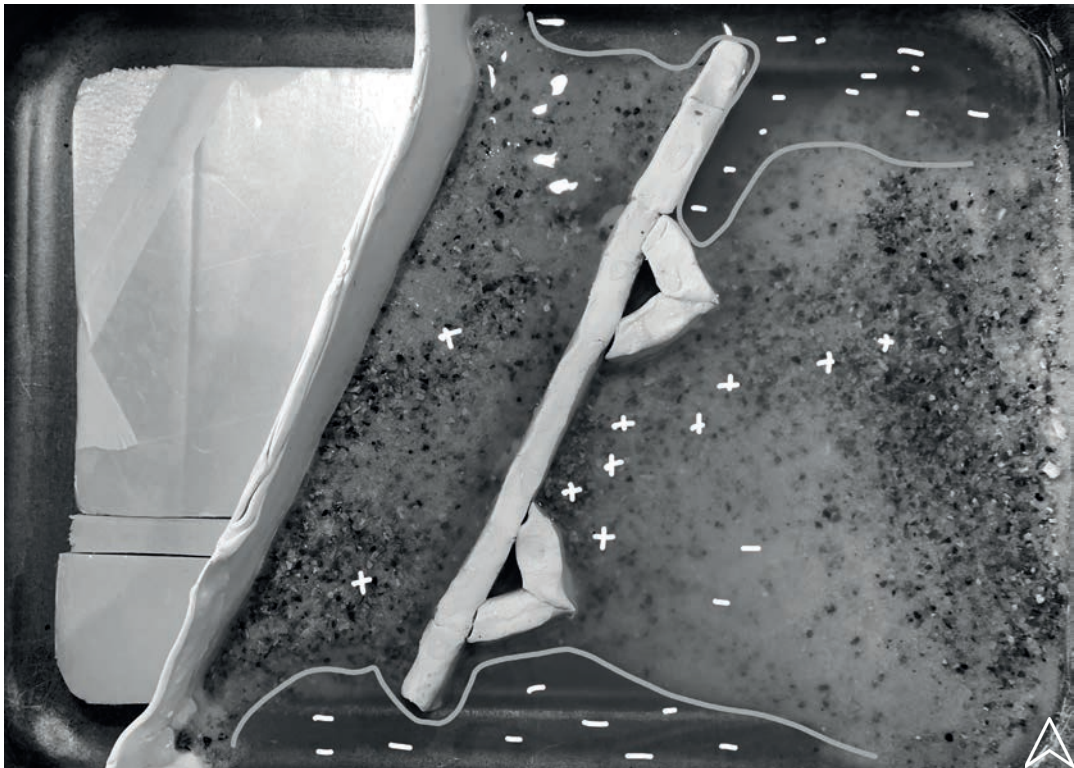
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MANGROVE ISLANDS

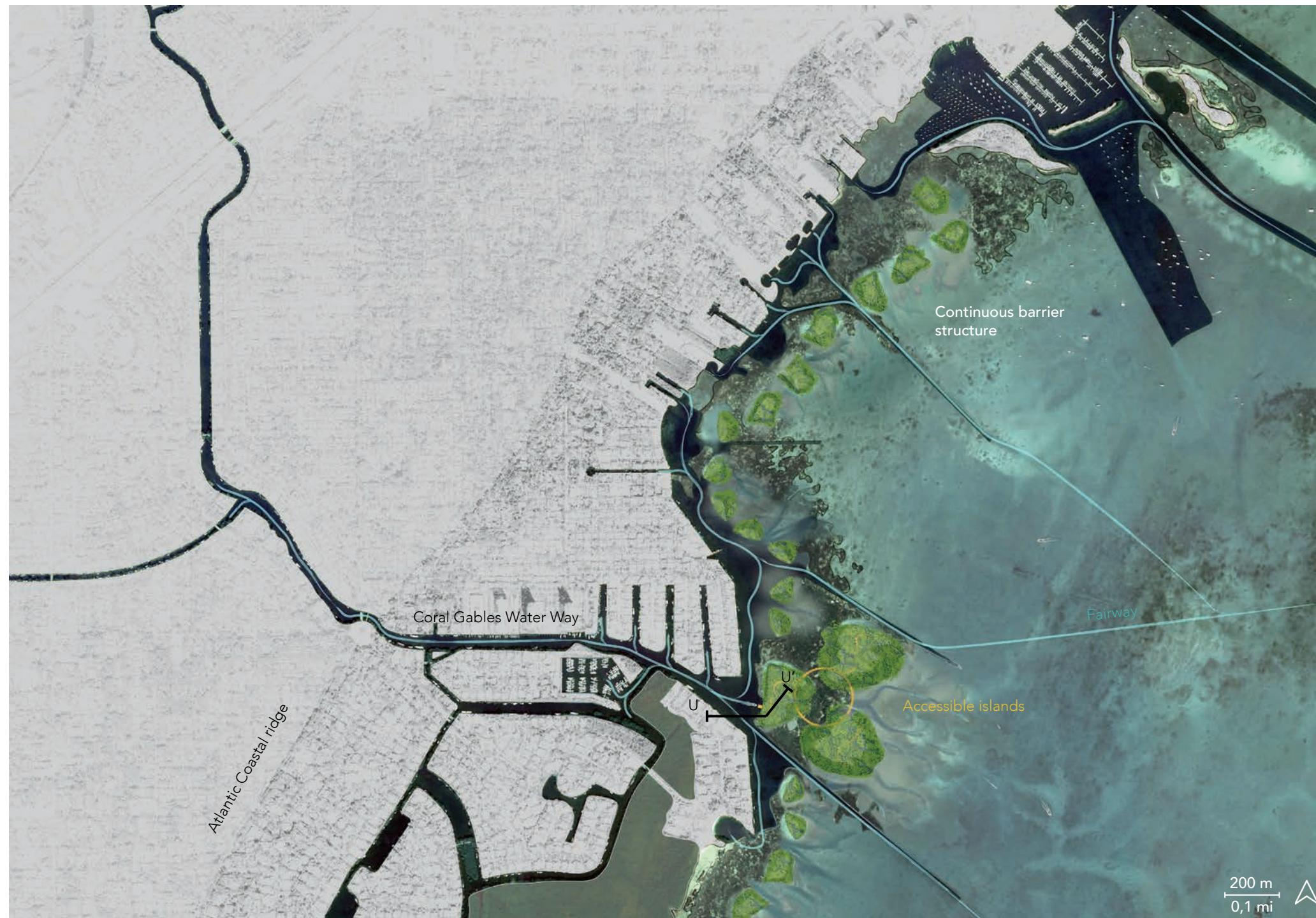


SEDIMENTATION DEVELOPMENT



MANGROVE DEVELOPMENT

DESIGN



DESIGN OF FOCUS AREA ON LOCAL SCALE

EXPLODED VIEW ACCESSIBLE BARRIER ISLANDS

PROCESS

Dry zone, mix of White Mangrove and tropical hardwood

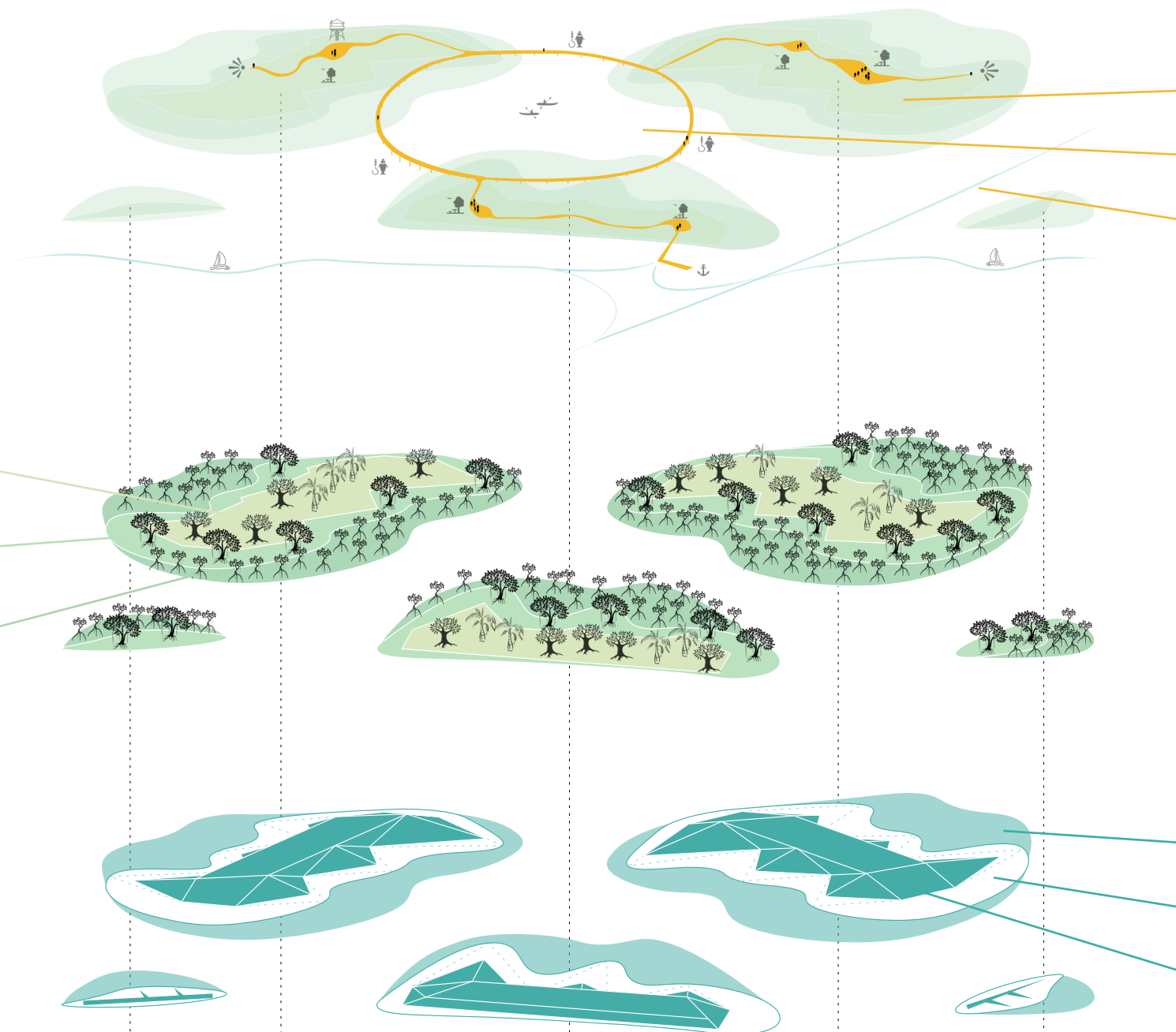
Shallow intertidal area, dominated by Black Mangrove

Deep intertidal area, dominated by Red Mangrove

Laguncularia racemosa and *Conocarpus erectus*

Avicennia germinans

Rhizophora mangle



Routing
Kayak zone
Fairways

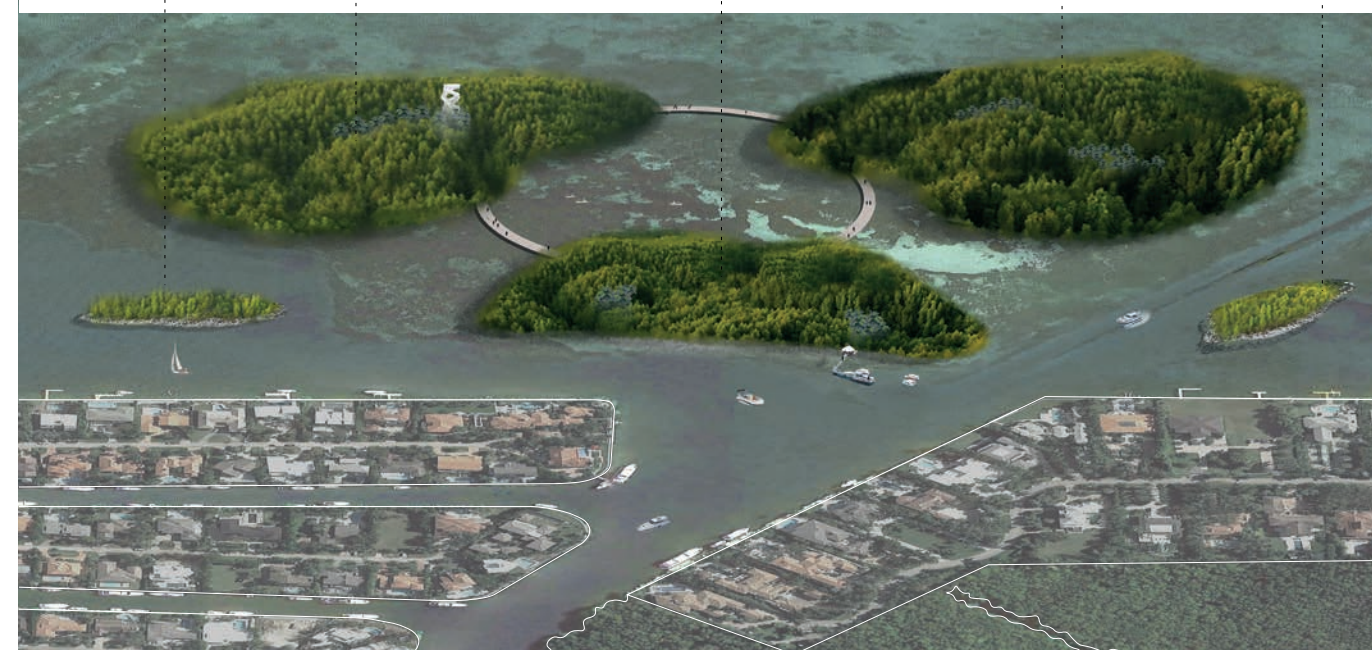
- Picnic place
- View point
- Observation tower
- Kayak zone
- Fishing spot
- Boat dock

ACTORS

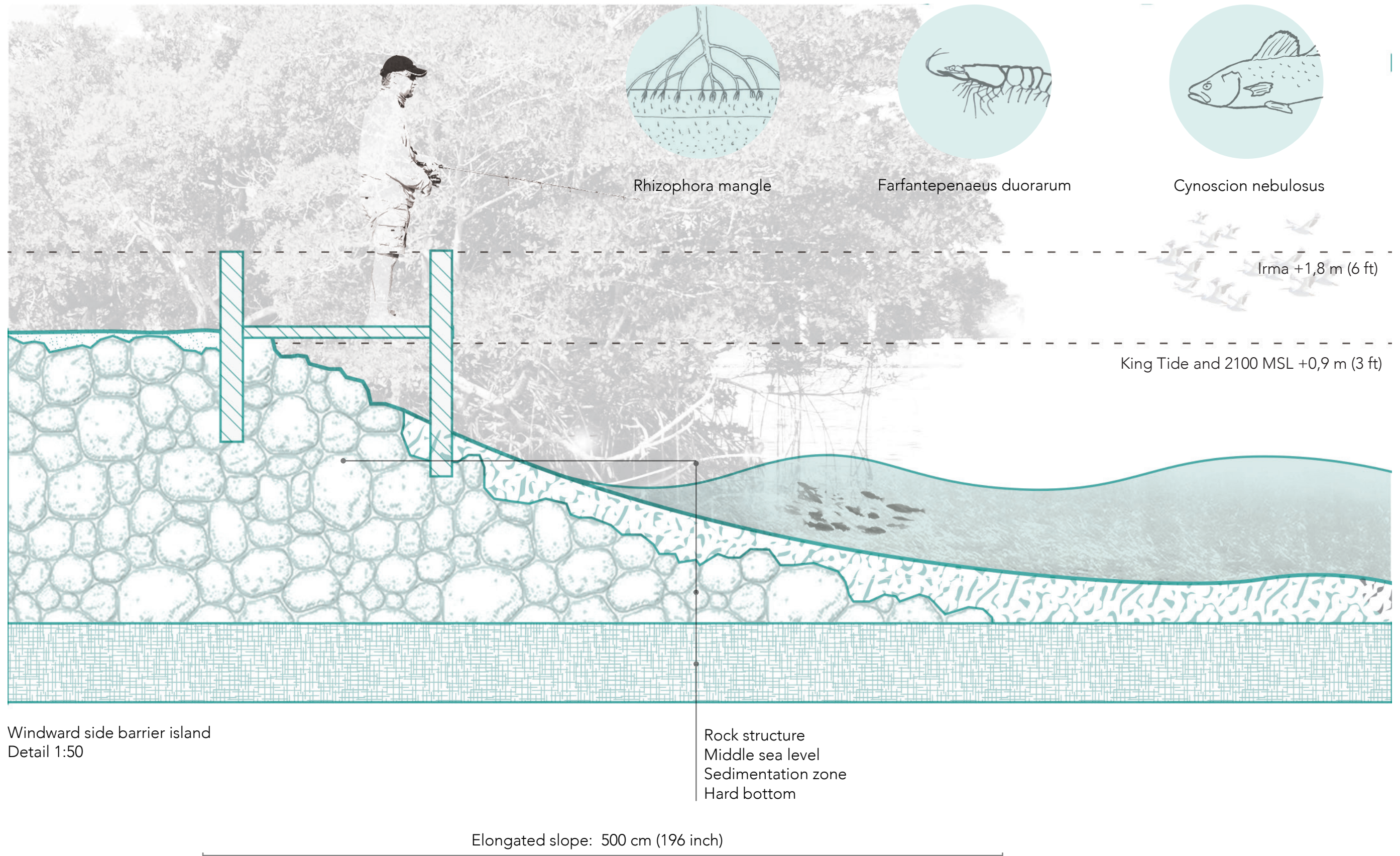
Expansion zone
Sedimentation zone
Base structure

STRUCTURE

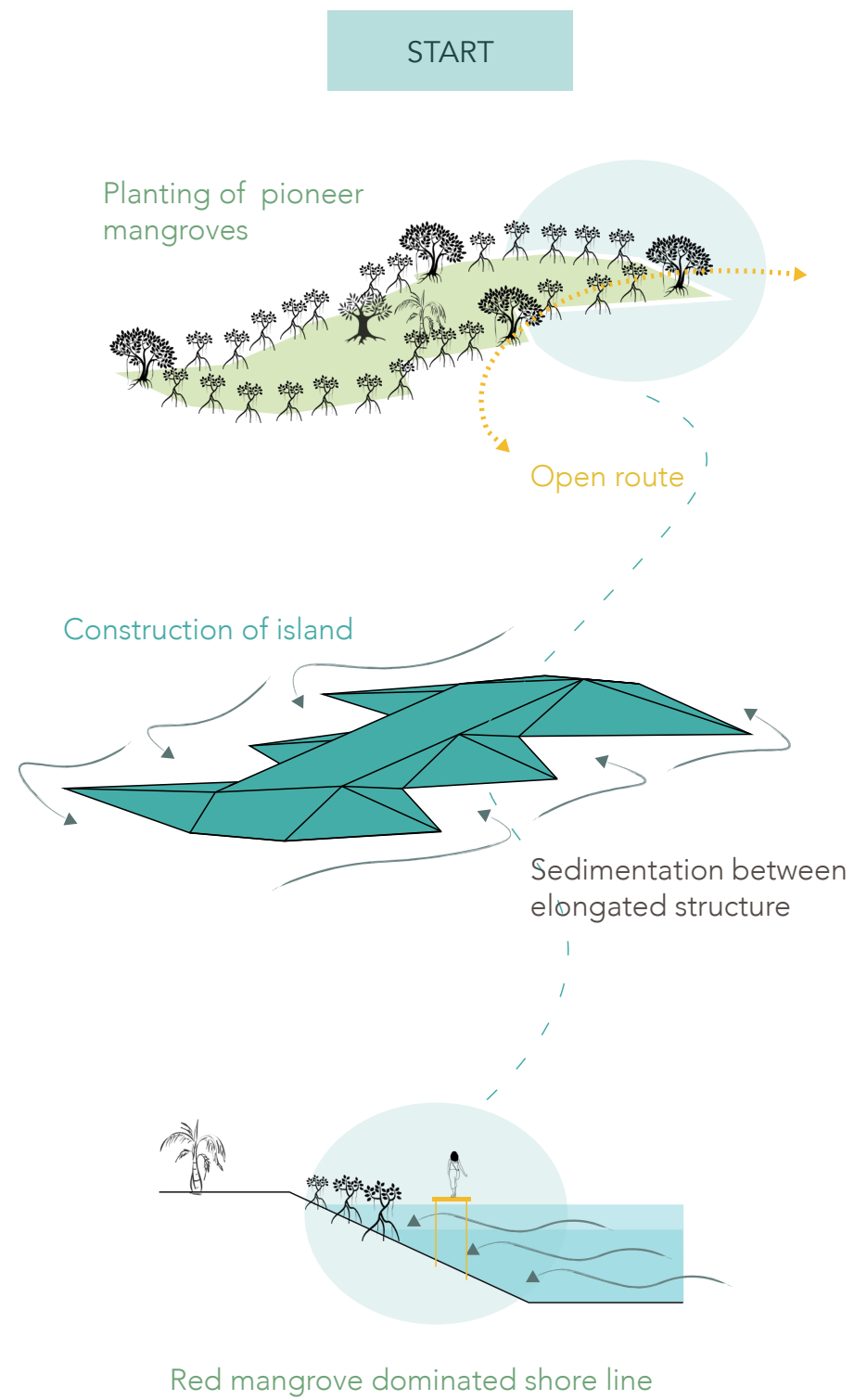
- Basalt rock base
- Silica sand and mud
- Peat as top layer



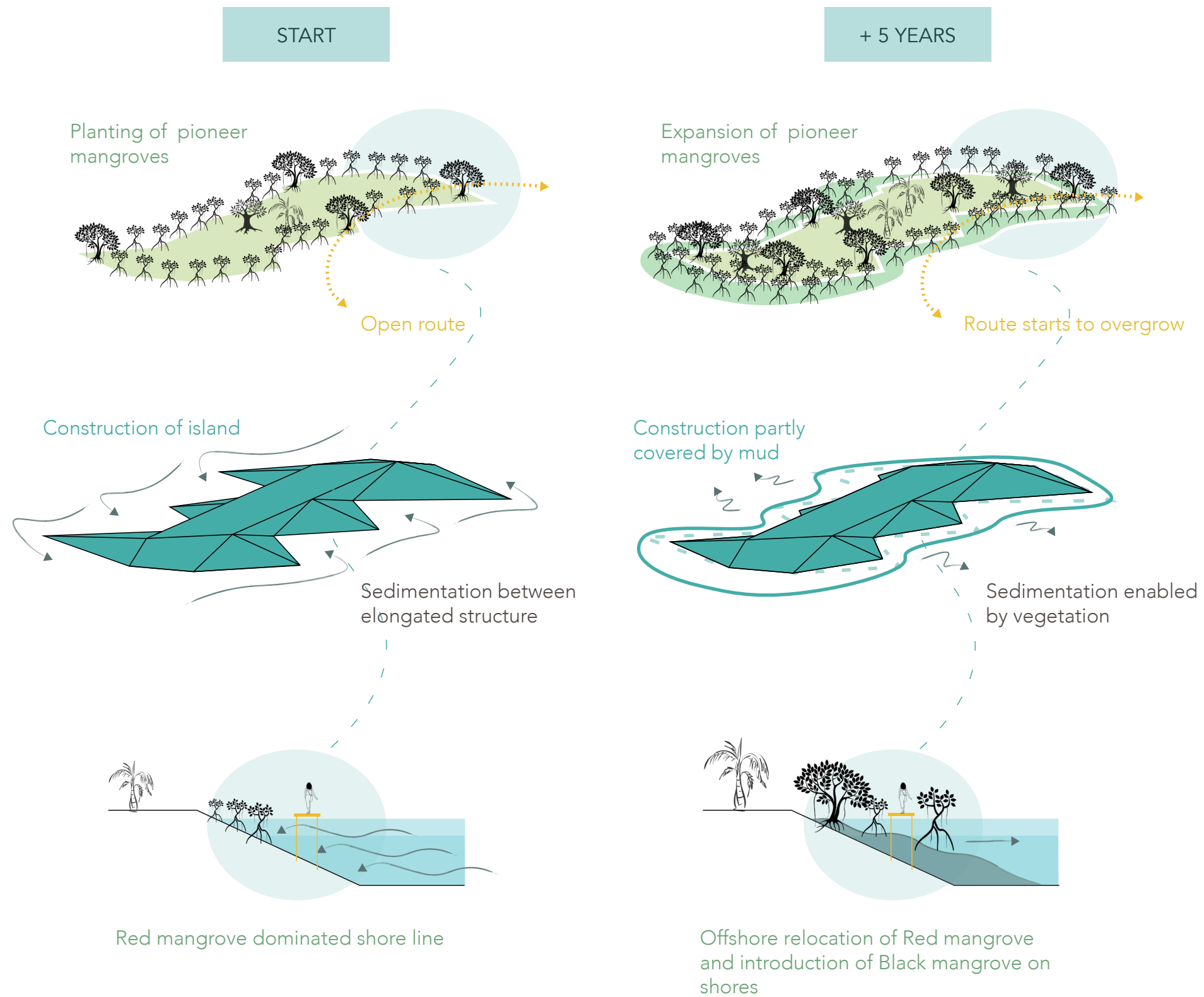
BUILDING OF THE ISLAND



DEVELOPMENT OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS



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DEVELOPMENT OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS

START

+ 5 YEARS

> 10 YEARS

Planting of pioneer mangroves

Expansion of pioneer mangroves

Succession of mangroves

Open route

Route starts to overgrow

Overgrown route

Construction of island

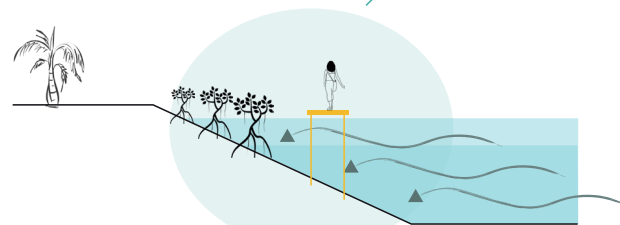
Construction partly covered by mud

Island expansion

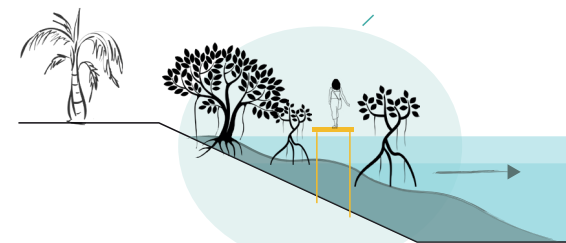
Sedimentation between elongated structure

Sedimentation enabled by vegetation

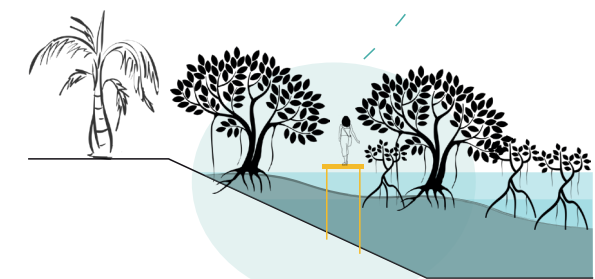
Further expansion



Red mangrove dominated shore line



Offshore relocation of Red mangrove and introduction of Black mangrove on shores



Higher shores dominated by Black mangrove and lower shores by Red mangrove

MANGROVE ISLAND ROUTE

Nº 1



MANGROVE ISLAND ROUTE

Nº I



Nº II



MANGROVE ISLAND ROUTE

N° I



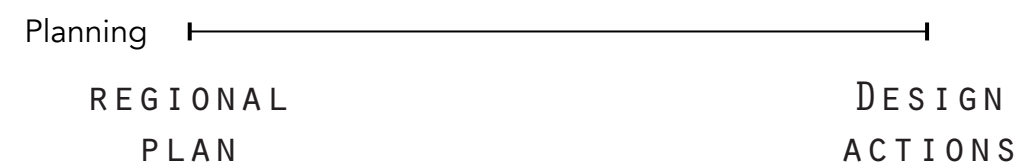
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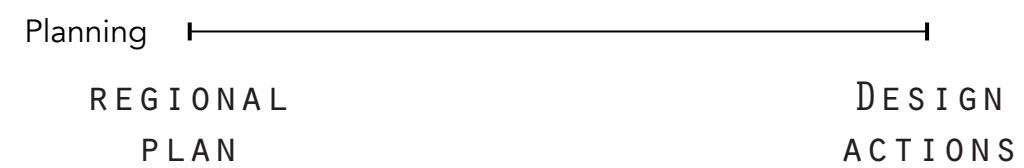
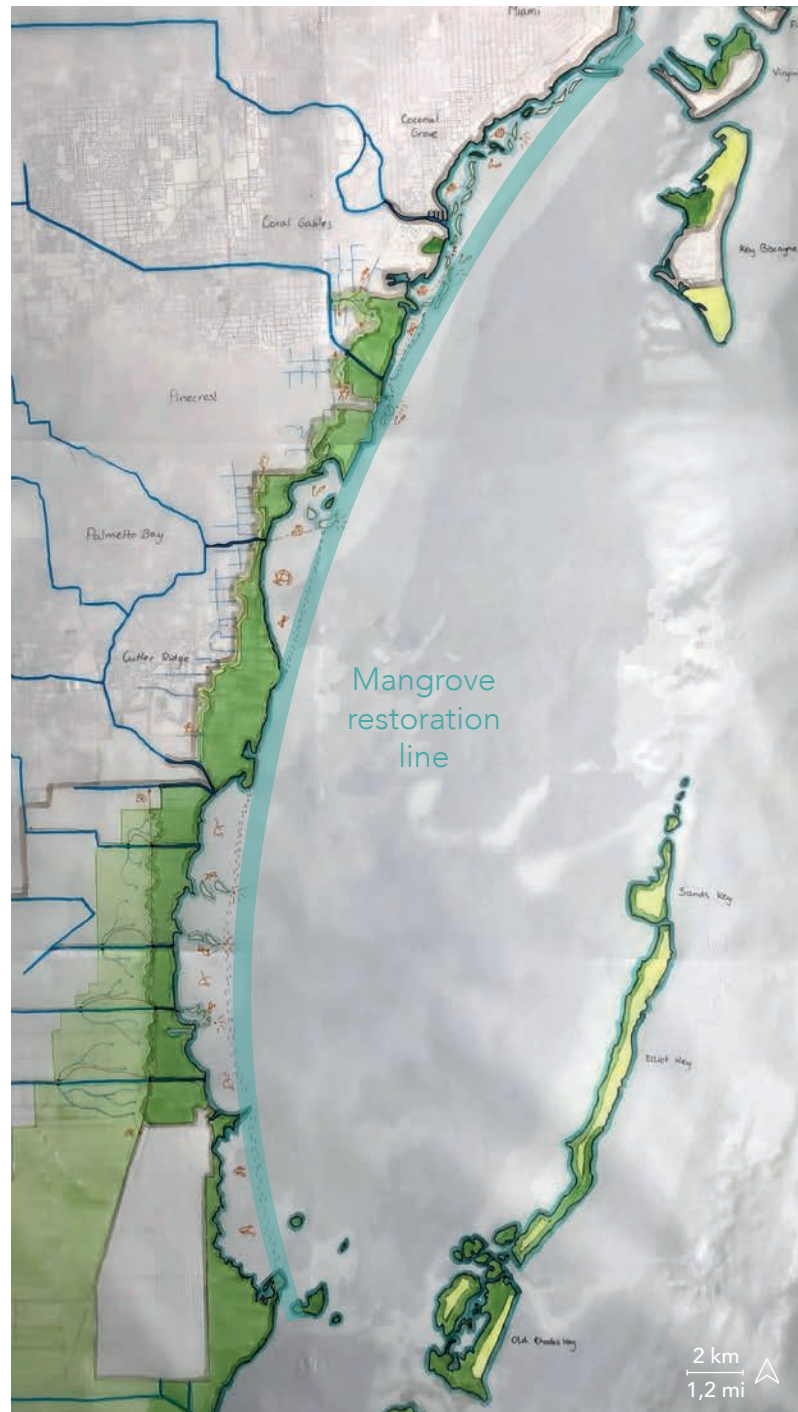
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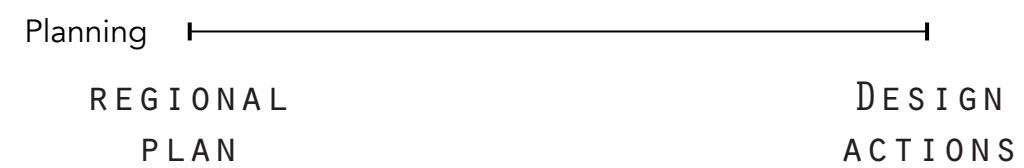
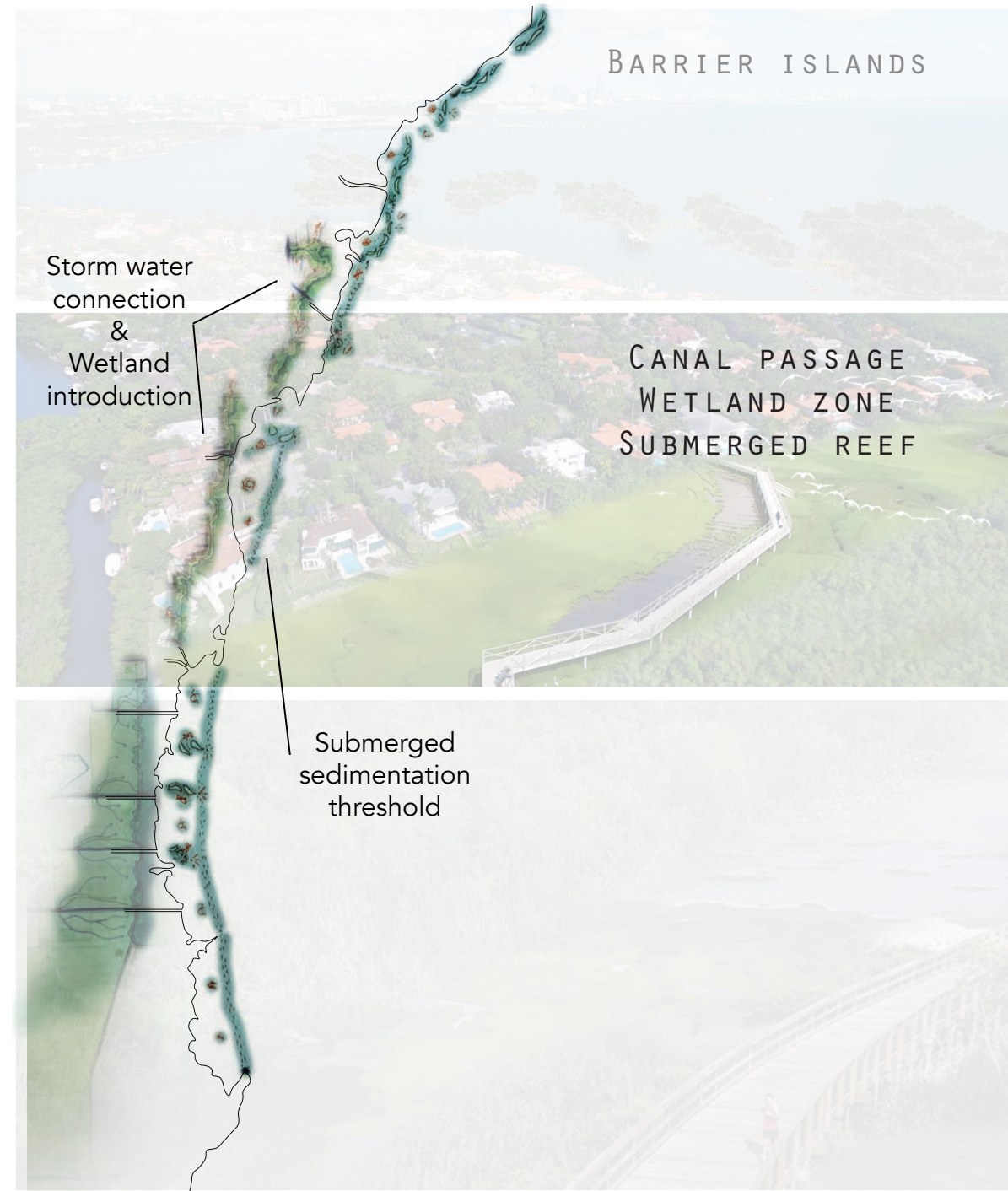
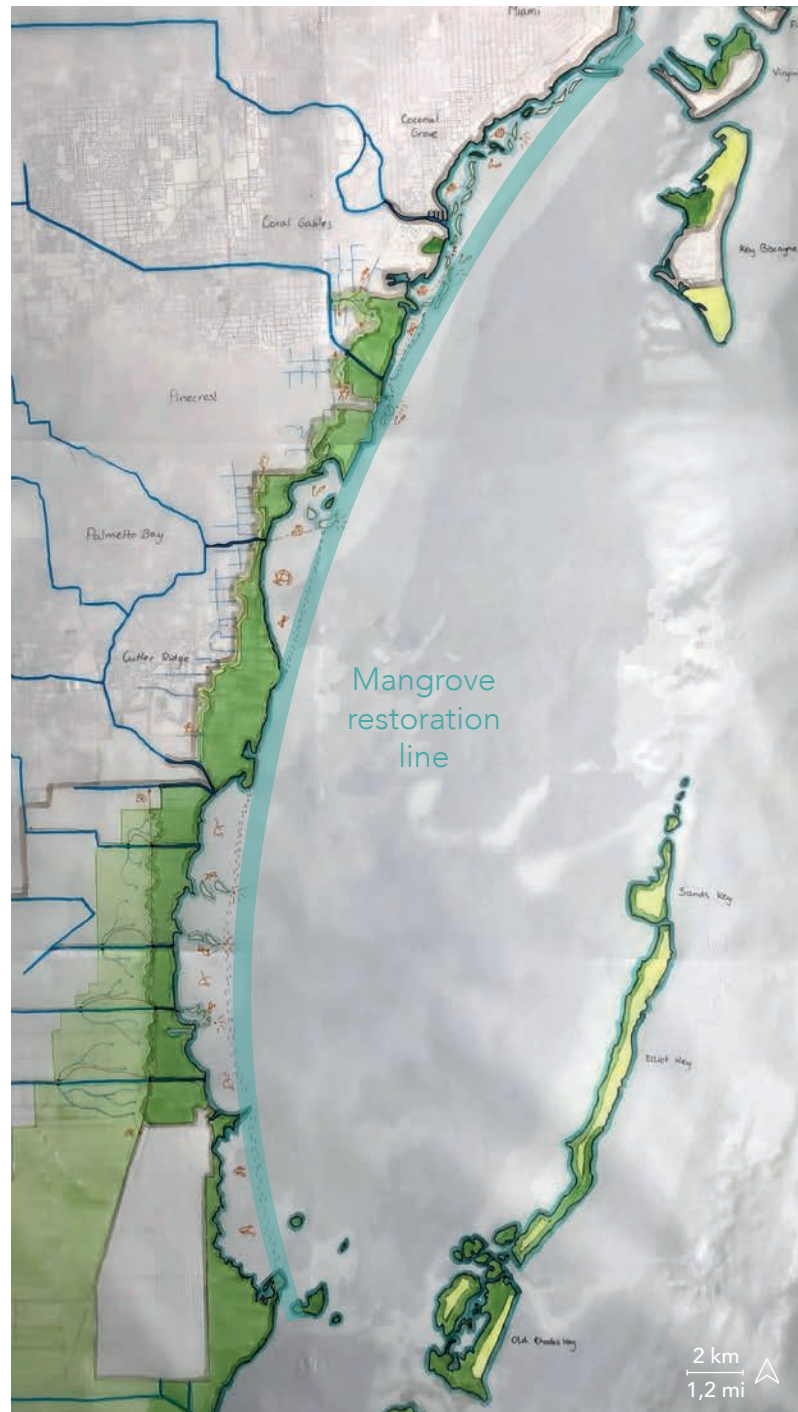
CONCLUSIONS



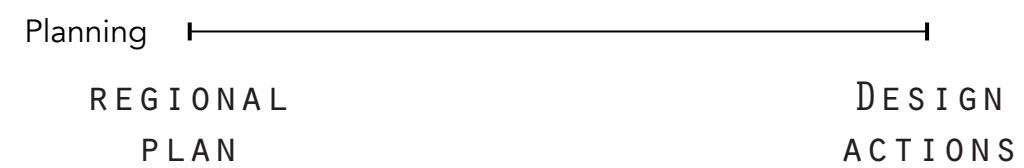
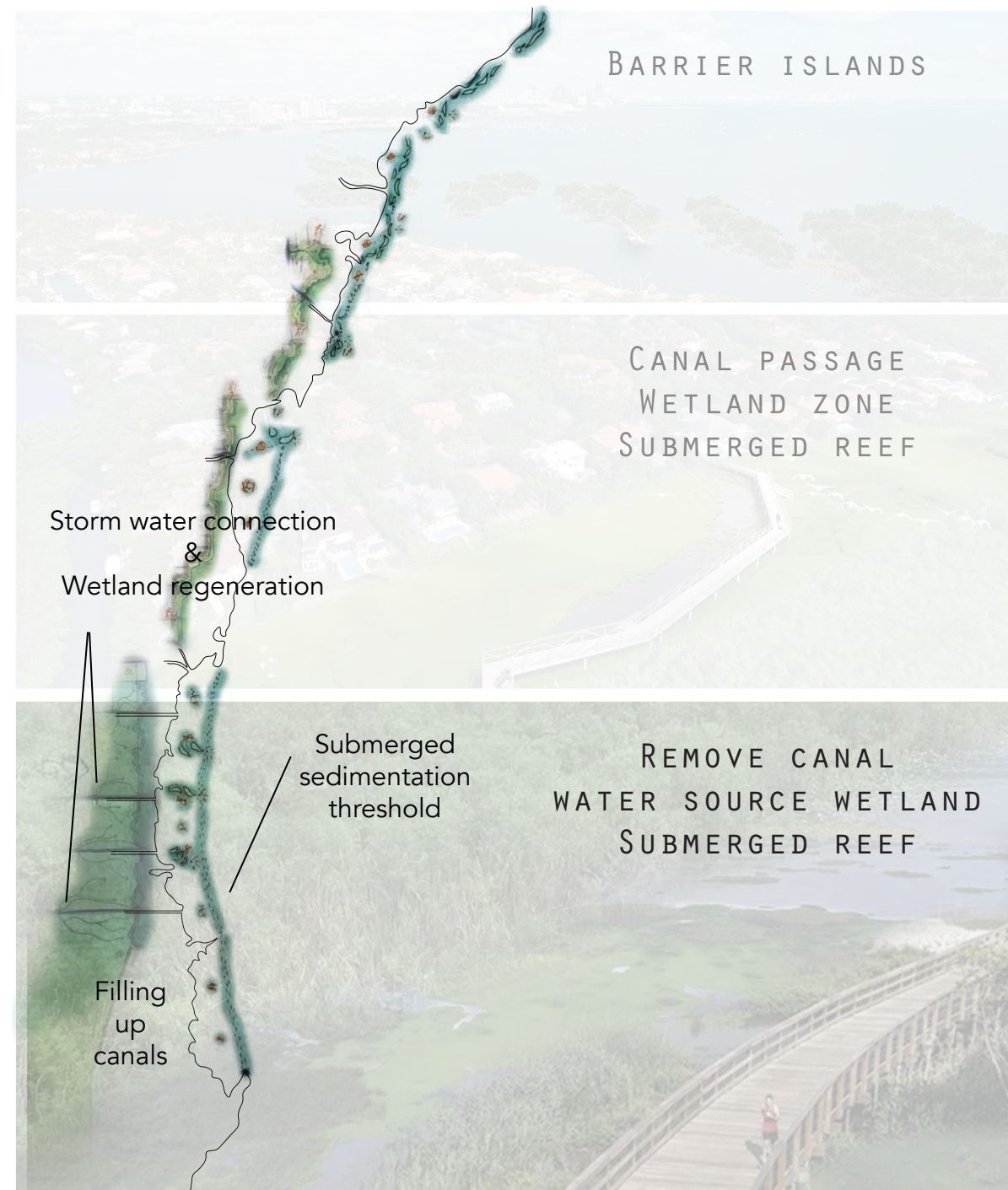
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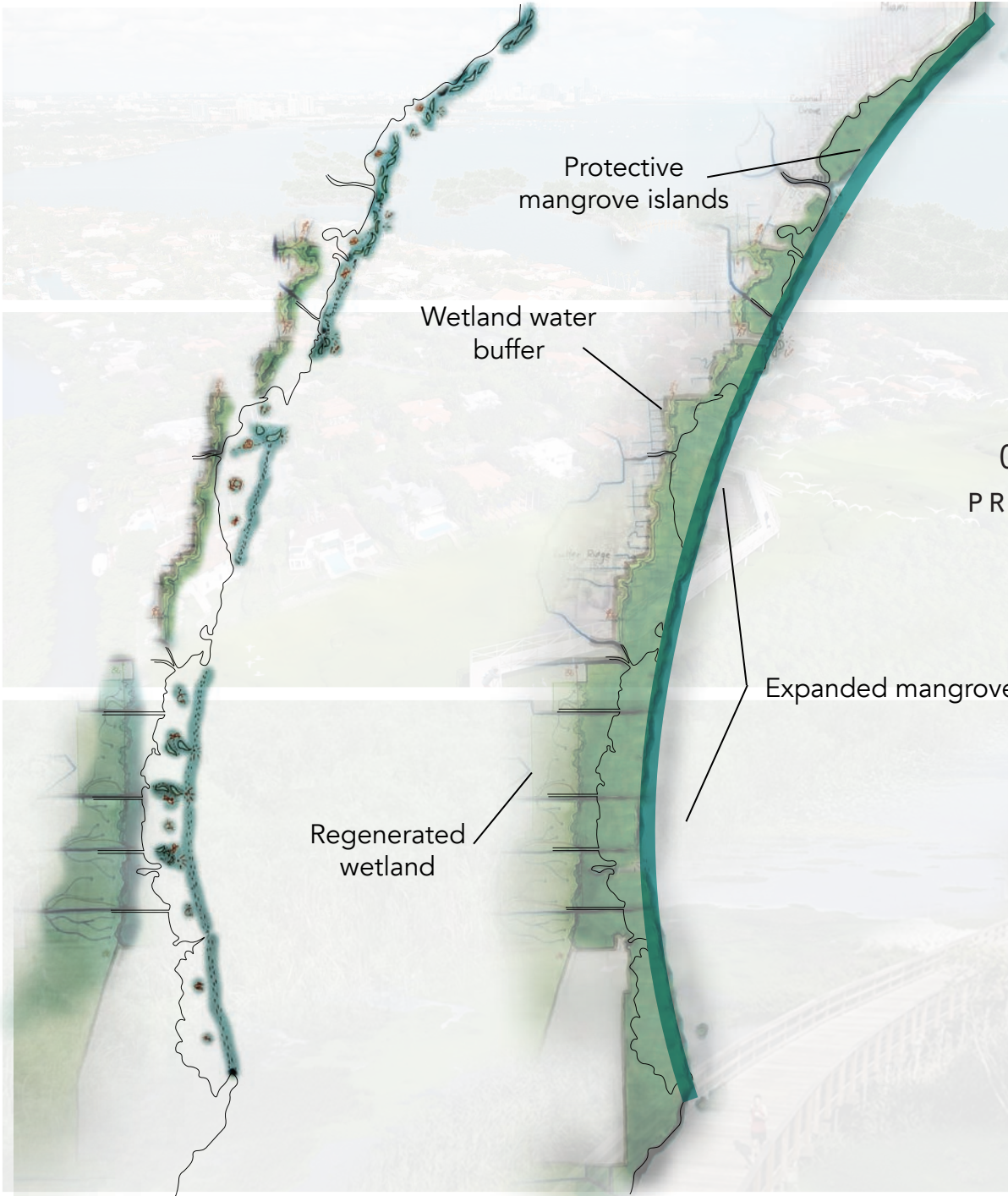
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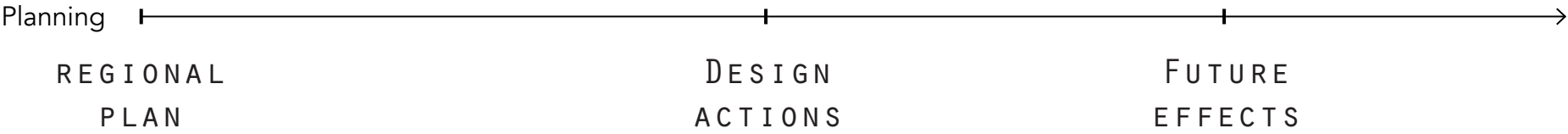
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CONTINUOUS LANDSCAPE
PRIMARY COASTAL DEFENSE
CLOSED BARRIER



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CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION



CAN WE COMPLETELY CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF SOMETHING?













TURN THE TIDE!





BISCAYNE BAY:
TURN THE TIDE

AN INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE APPROACH FOR COASTAL RESTORATION
IN BISCAYNE BAY THROUGH SPATIAL AND ECOLOGICAL
INTERVENTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

DISTANCES

