

# Top-down strategies and tools to promote adaptation and resilient decision-making in agriculture

Top-down strategies

Decision-making in agriculture



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Agricultural Climate  
Risk Zoning

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# Brazilian agriculture

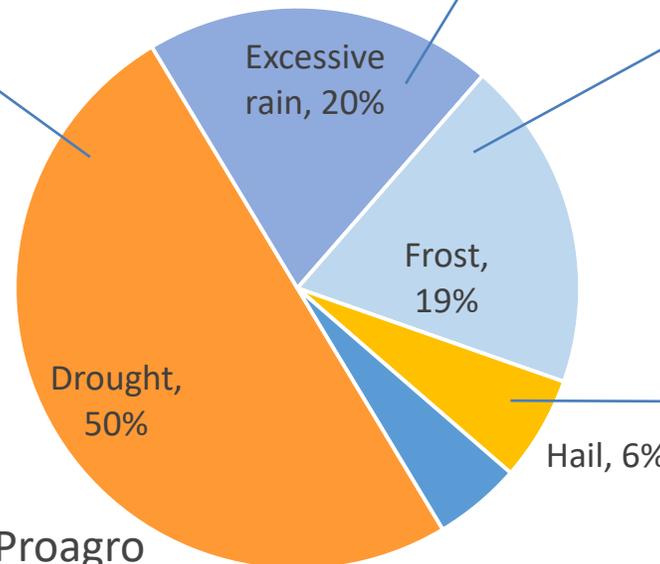
Brazilian agriculture is based on more than 300 species of crops and sends 350 types of products to the world, reaching around 200 countries

- We went from importers to major exporters of agricultural products
- The world's largest soybean producer and the third largest fruit producer
- The world's largest exporter of soybeans, coffee, sugar, orange juice, sugarcane ethanol, beef and chicken.



# Understanding the challenges

Risk of adverse meteorological events



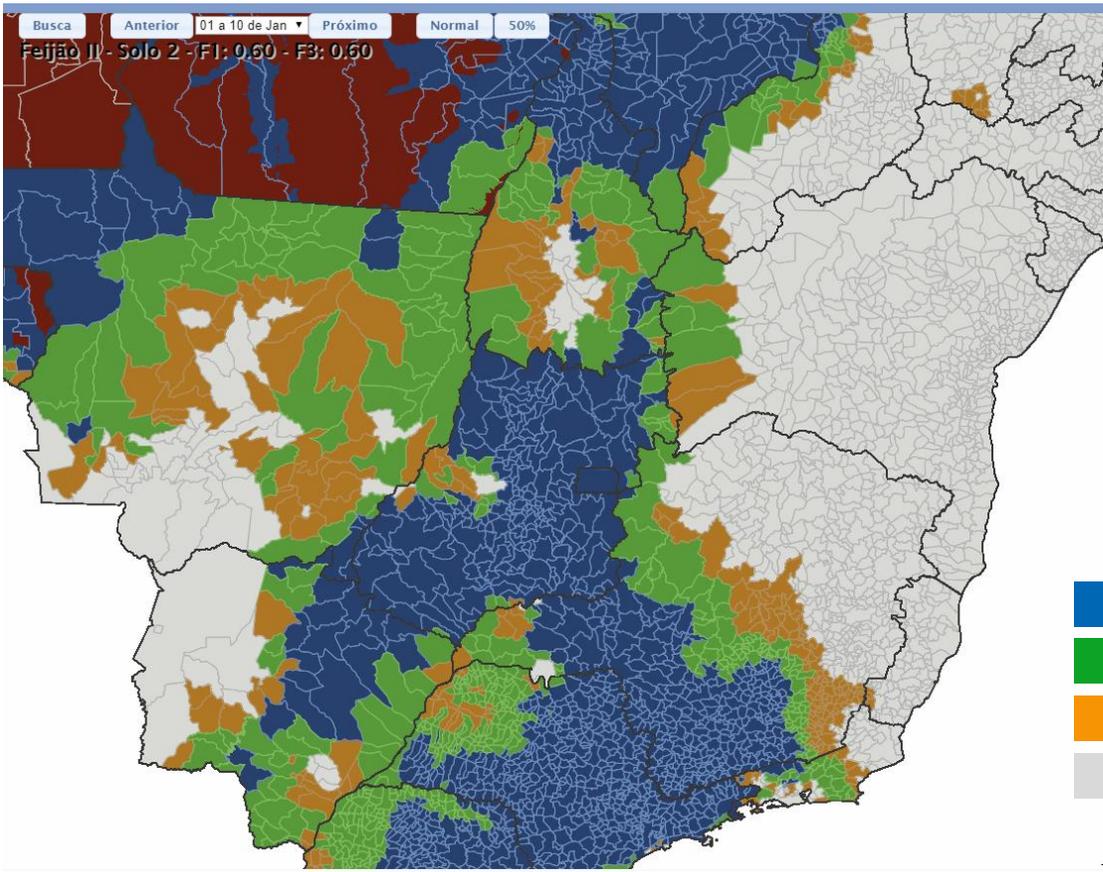
# National Program for Agricultural Climate Risk Zoning (Zarc)

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- *Police interface: how is it used on ?*
- *2020 to 2023 examples*
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# Agricultural Climate Risk Zoning (Zarc)

It is the delimitation of regions and planting times throughout the year, in classes of probability of adverse weather events (that cause severe yield losses);

## Regions



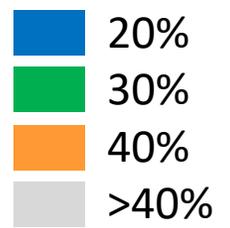
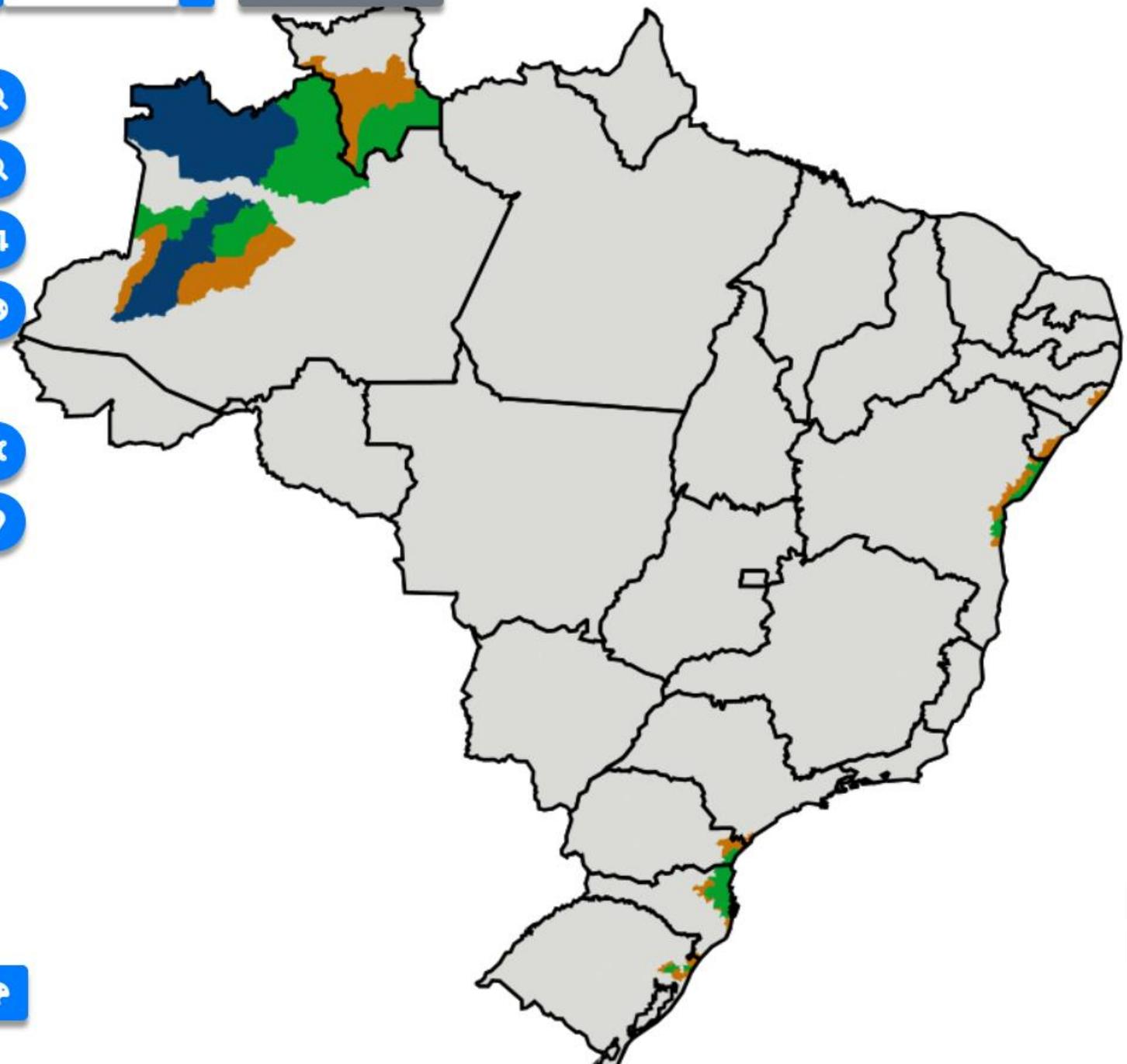
## Sowing or planting dates (10-day time step)

Município	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13	D14	D15	D16	D17	D18	D19	D20
Batalha	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	40	0	0	0
Belém	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30	0	0
Belo Monte	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	40	0	0	0
Boca da Mata	0	0	0	0	40	30	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40	0
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Cacimbinhas	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	40	0	0	0
Cajueiro	0	0	0	0	40	30	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30	40	0
Campestre	0	40	40	40	30	30	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40	0

- Risk 20% (01 – 20%)
- Risk 30% (21 – 30%)
- Risk 40% (31 – 40%)
- Risk >40% (risk not accepted by agricultural policy programs)

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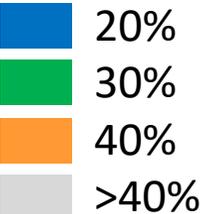
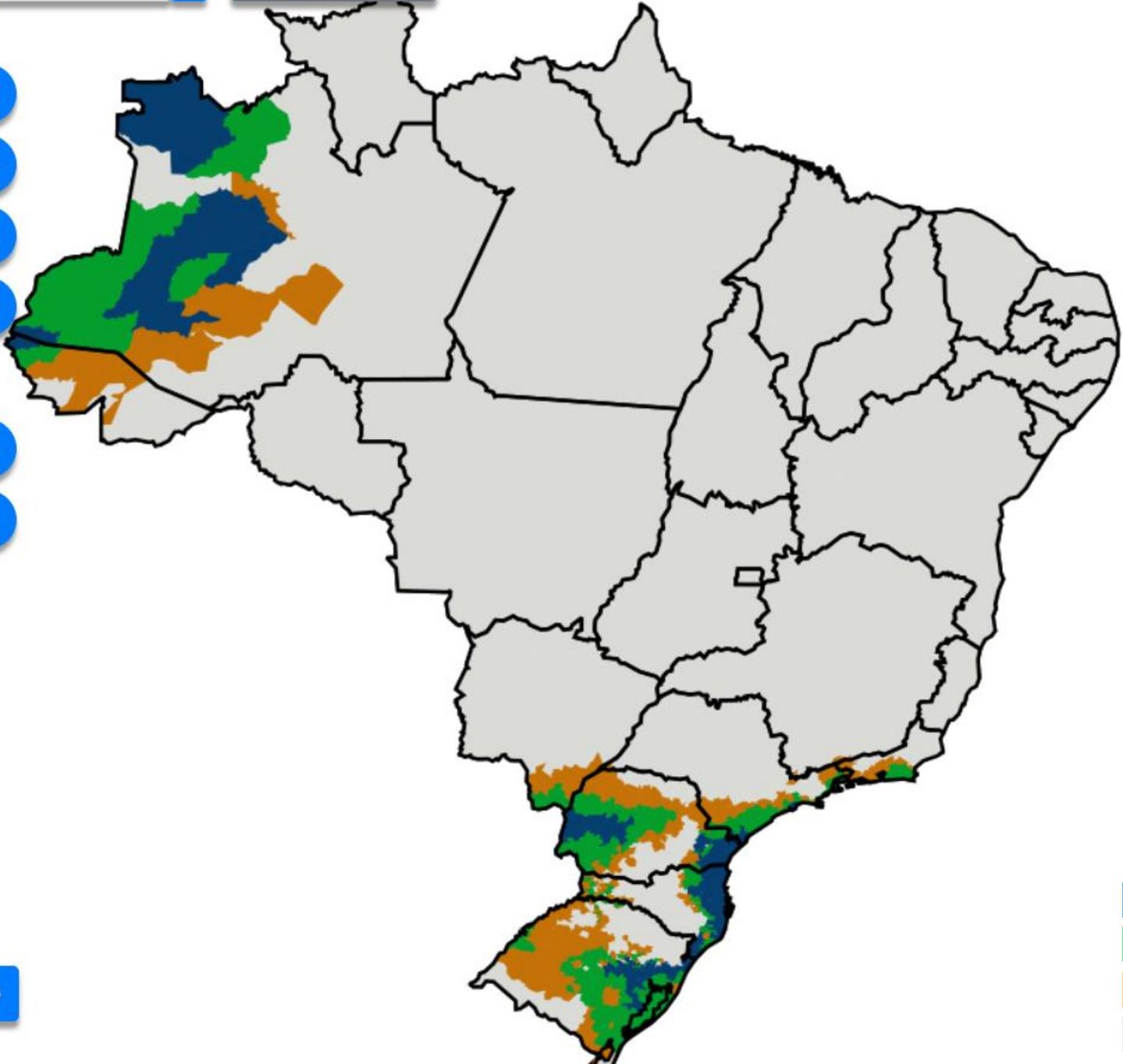
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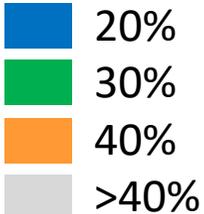
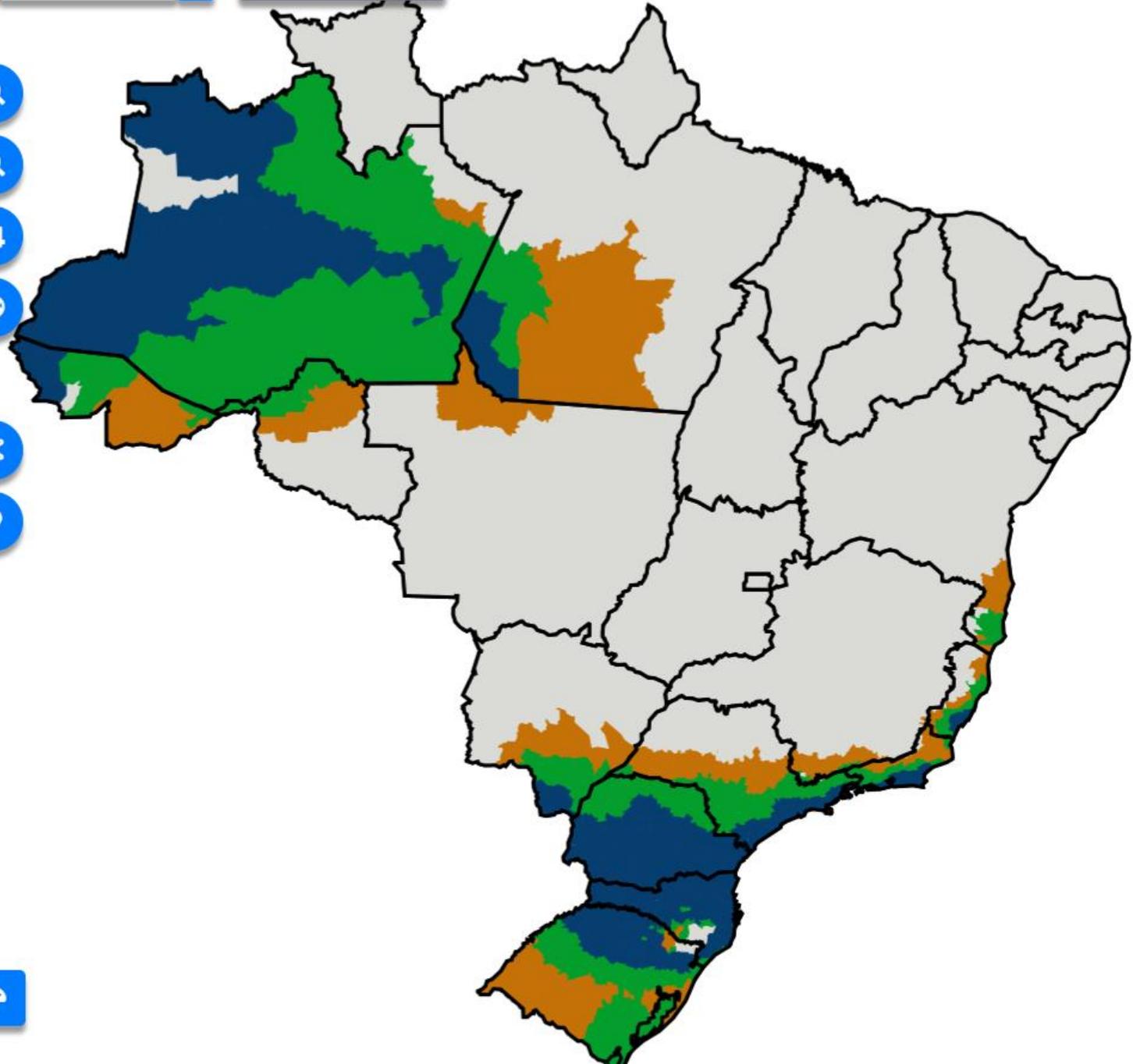
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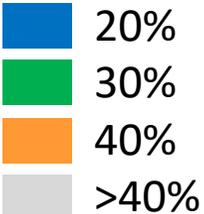
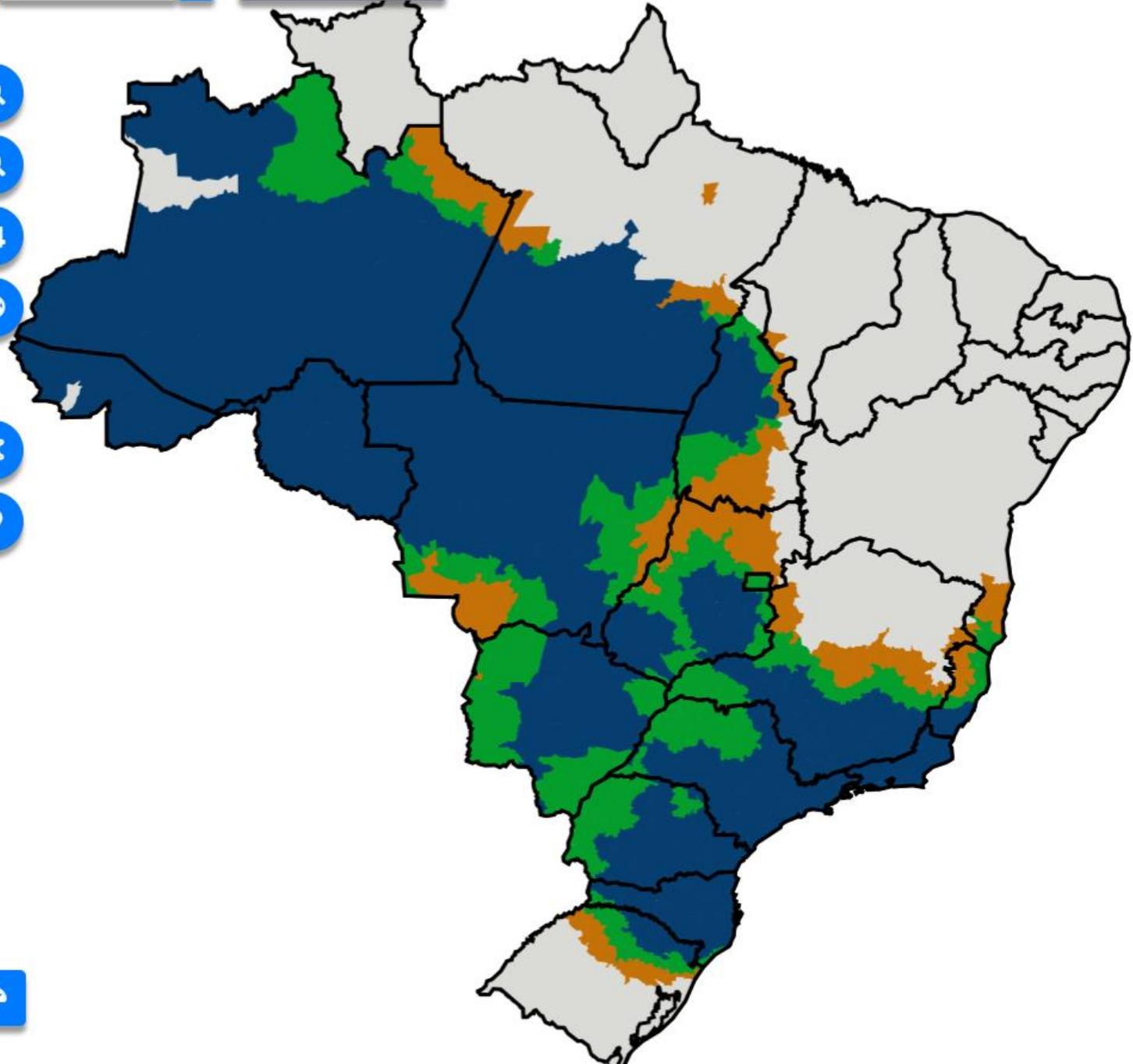
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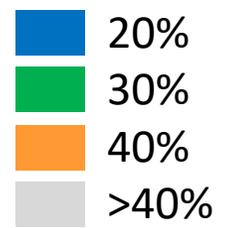
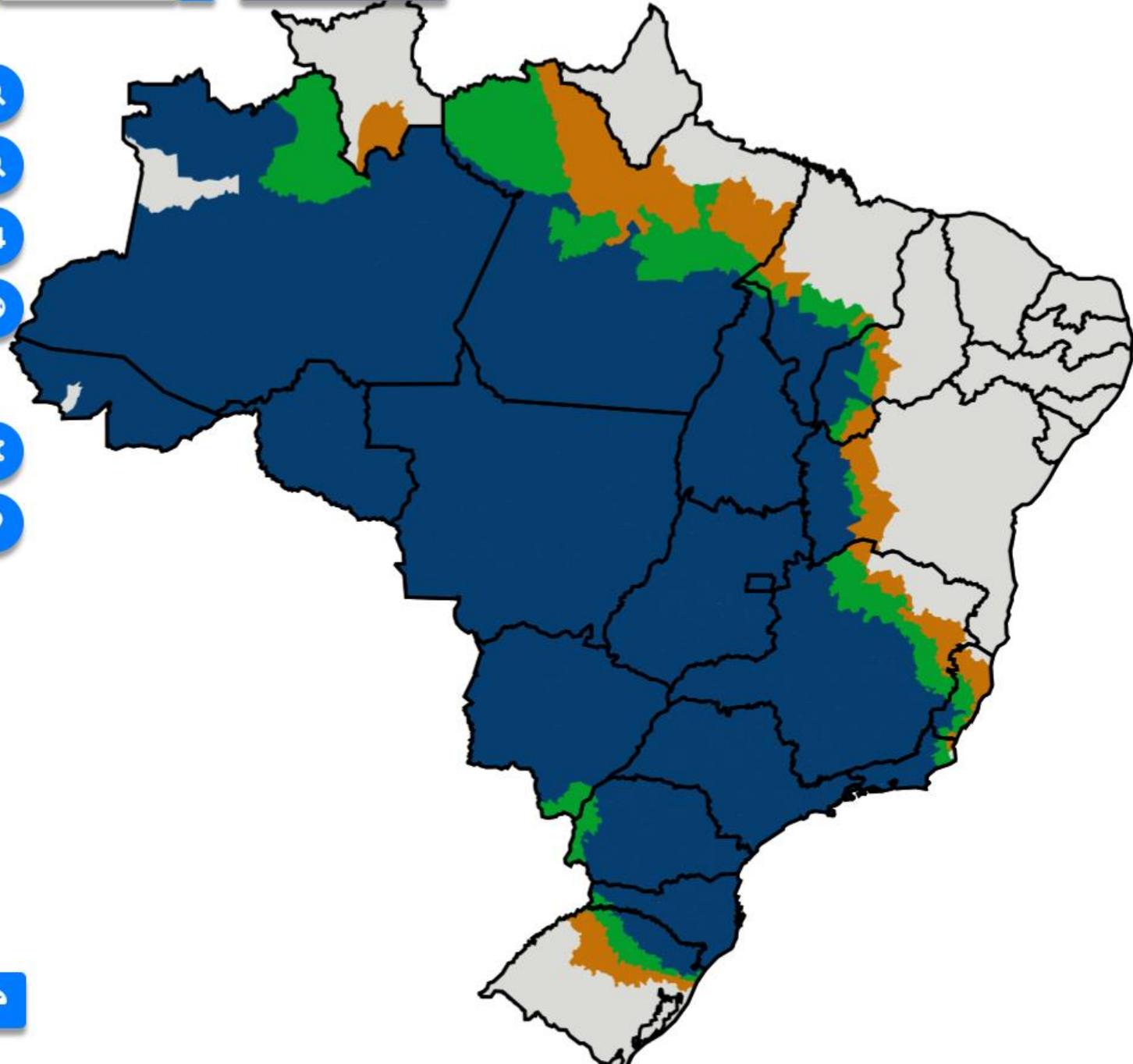
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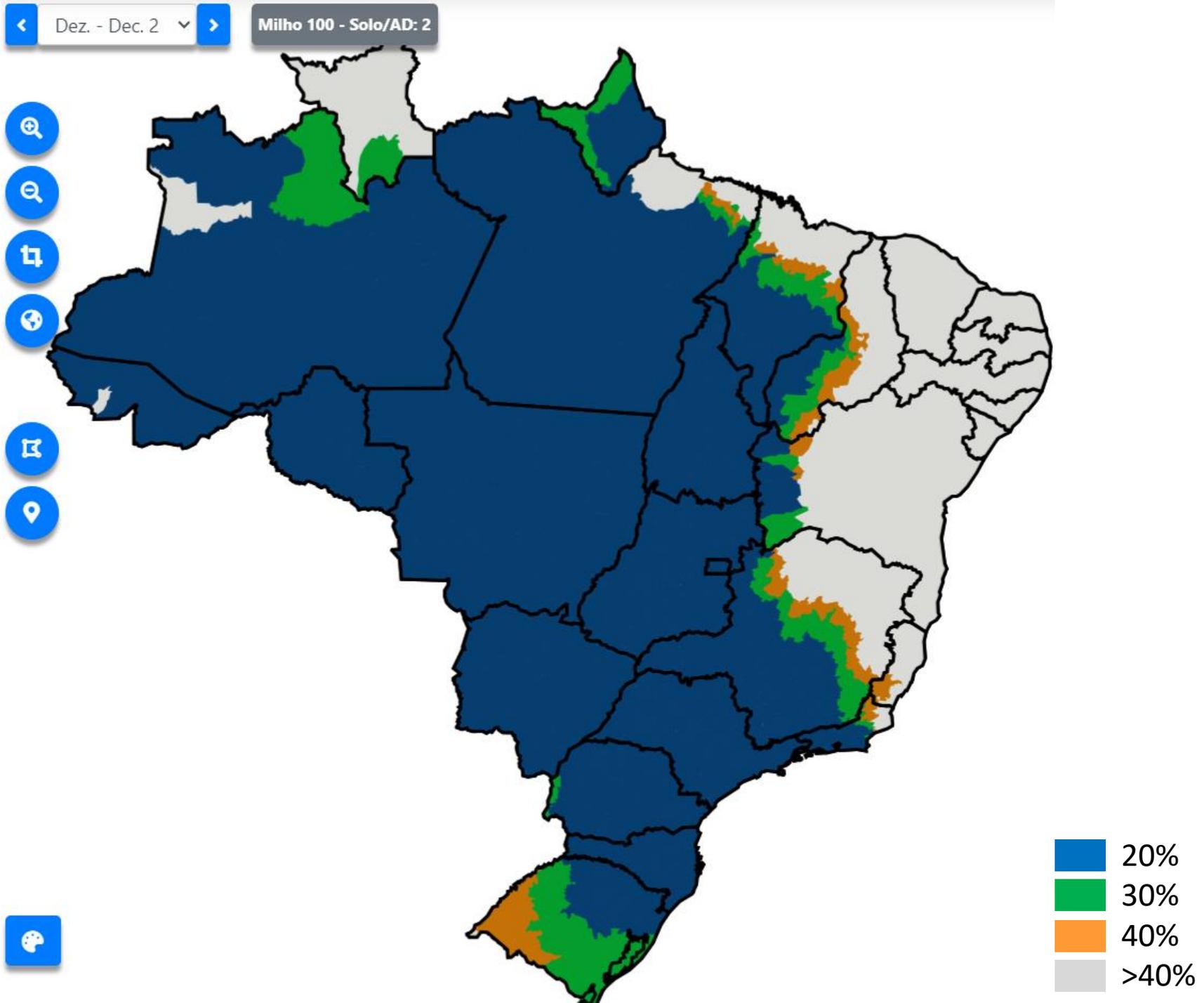
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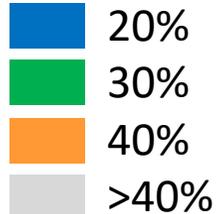
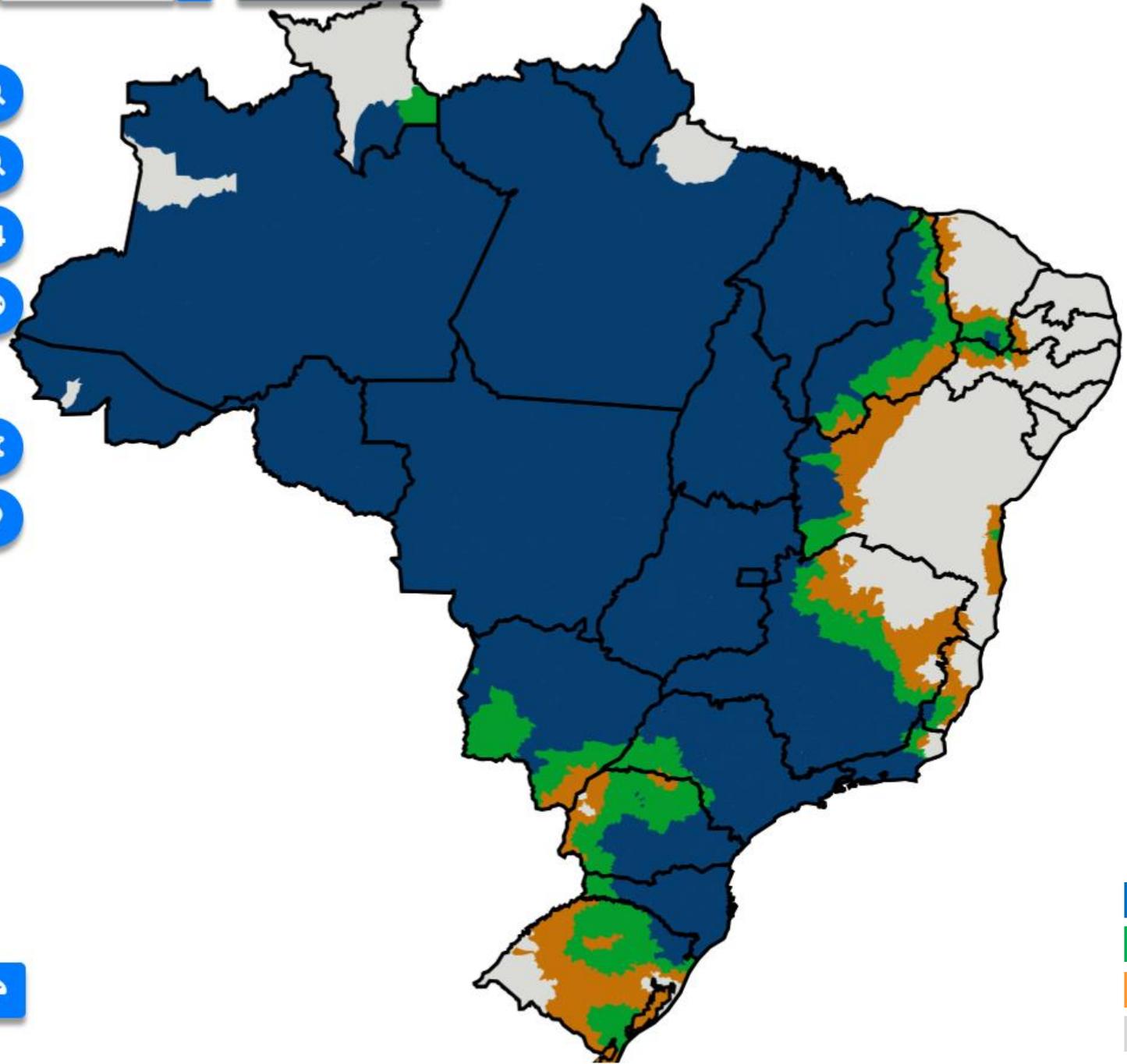


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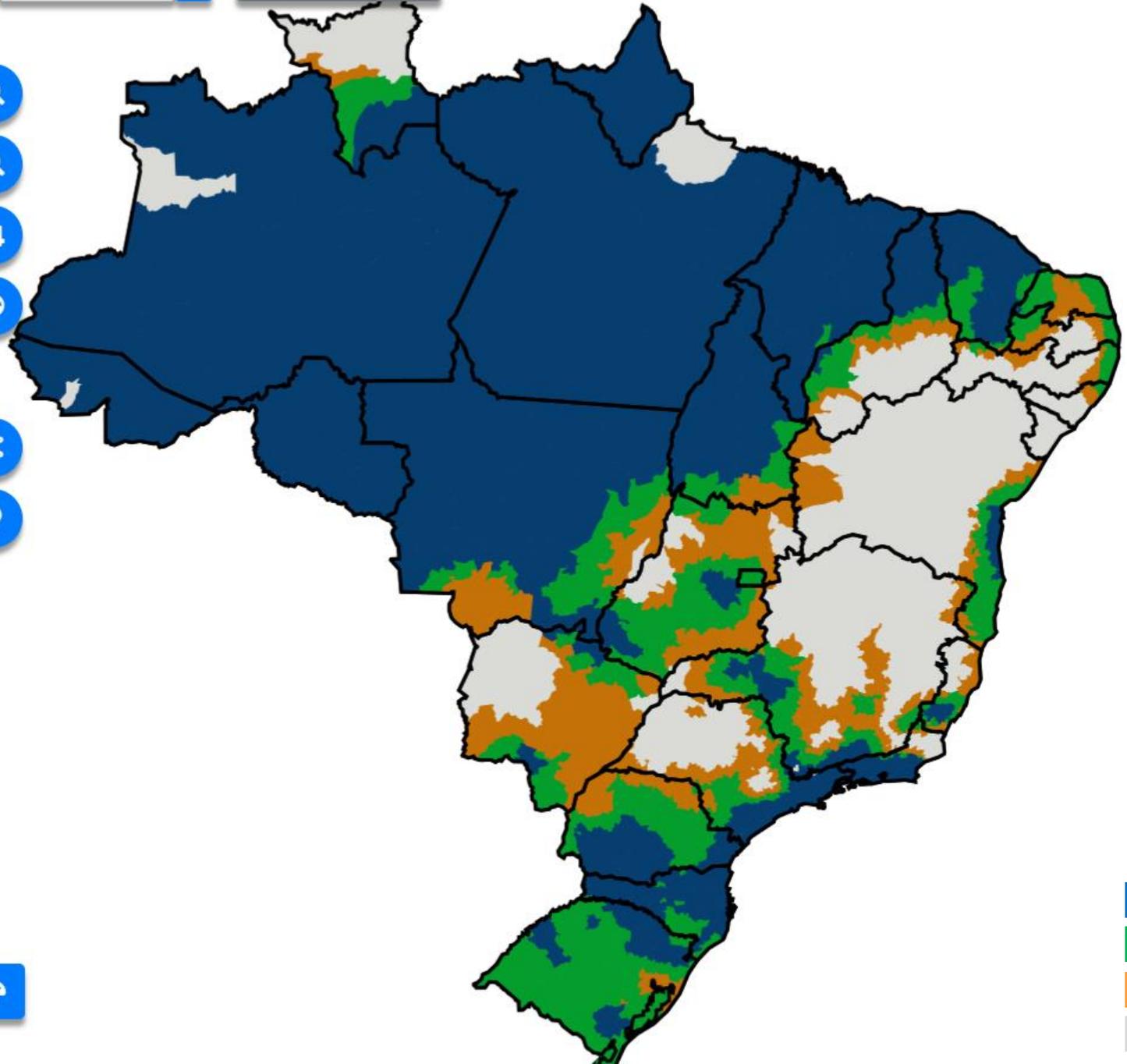
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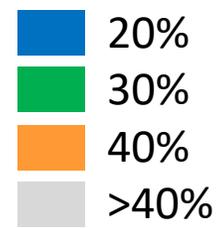
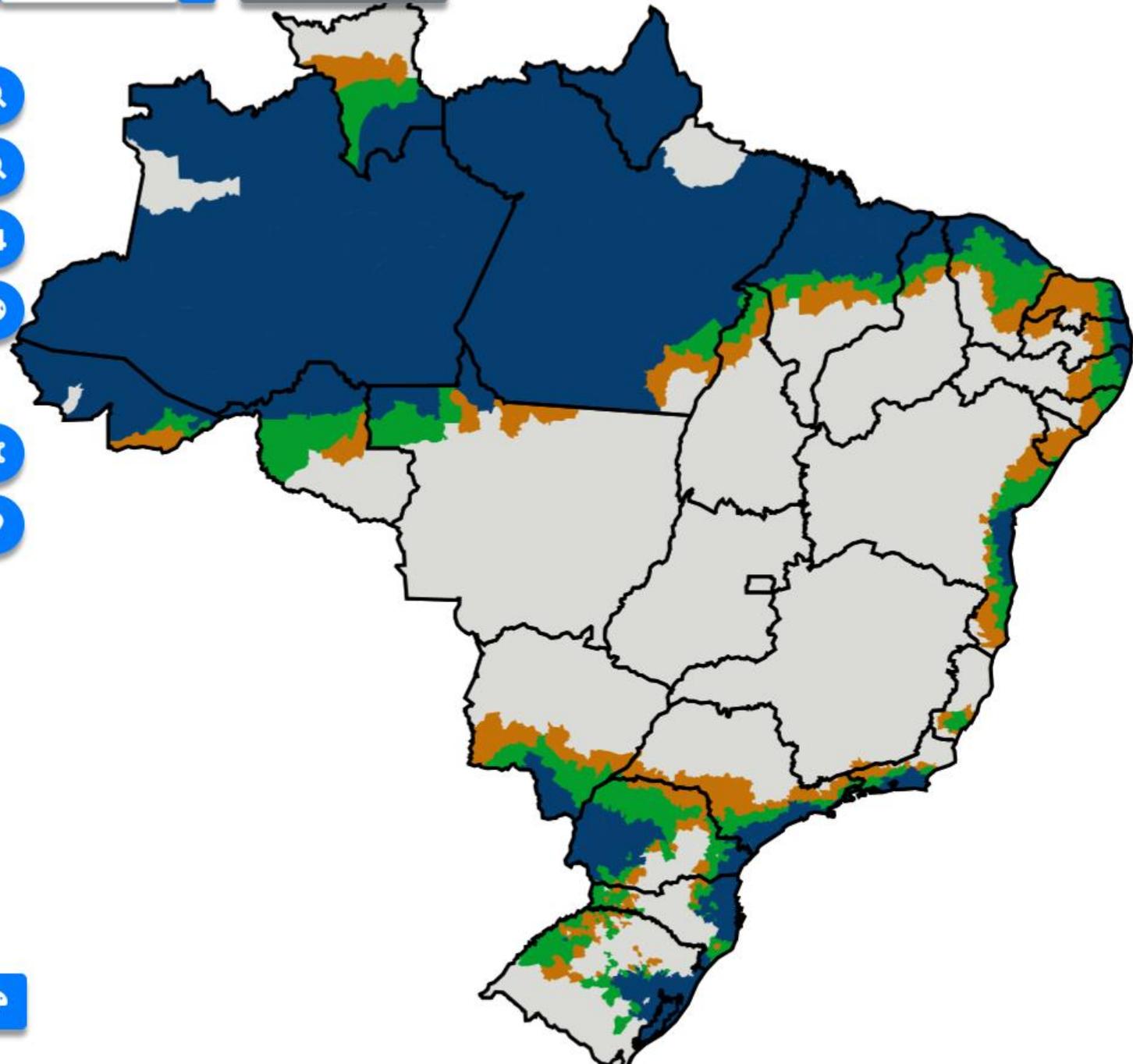
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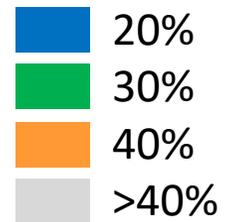
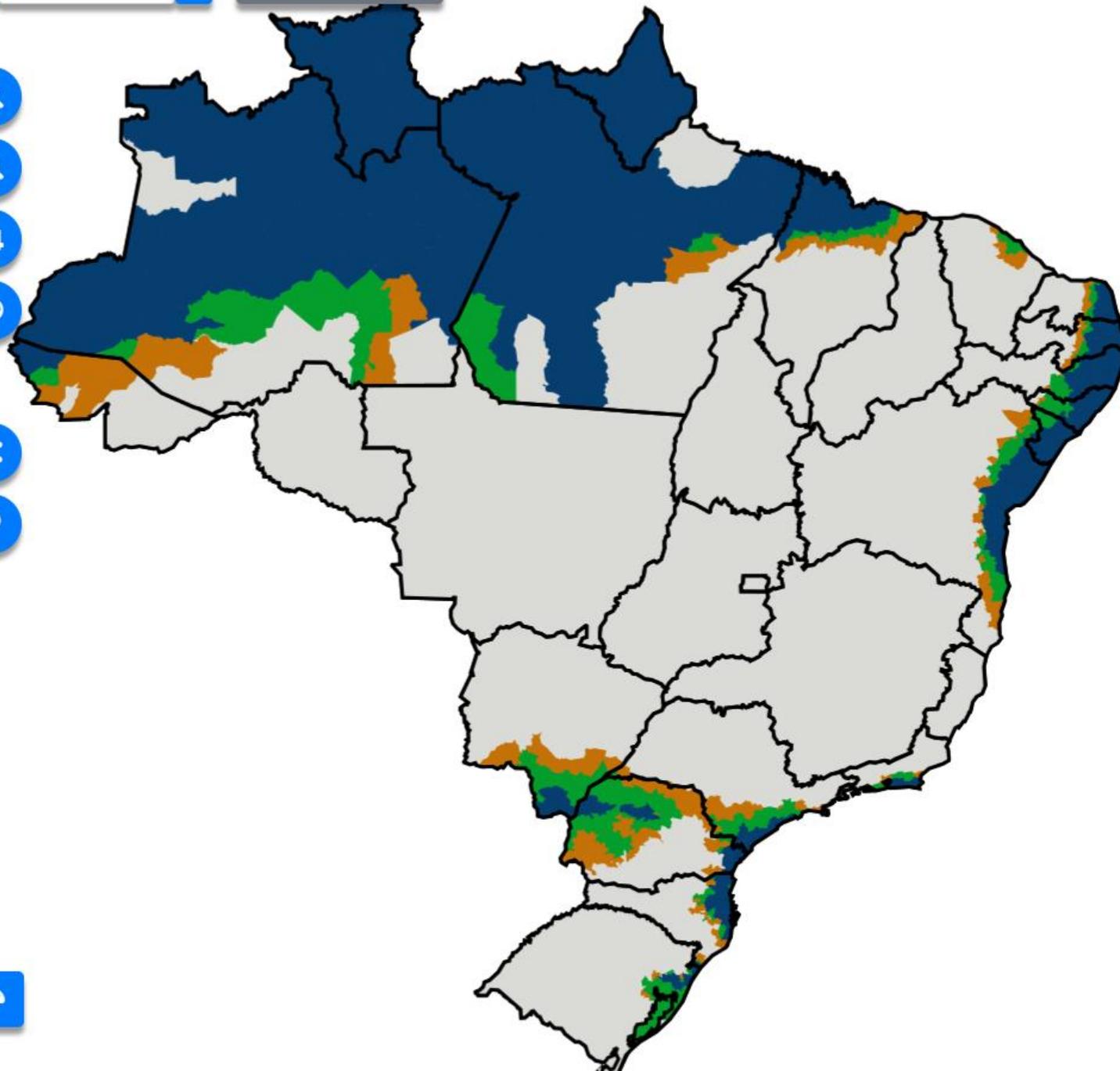
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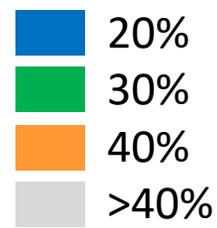
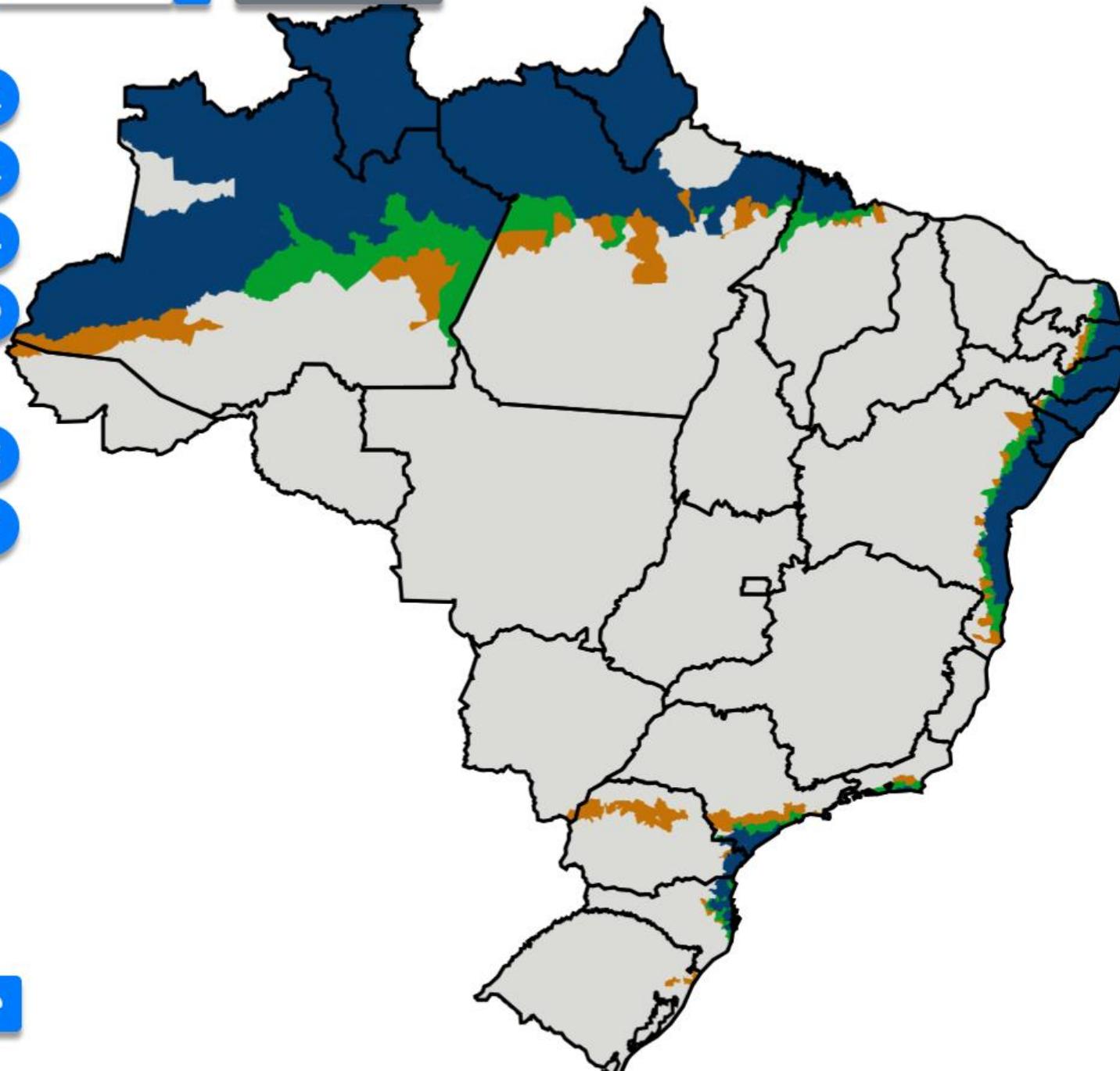
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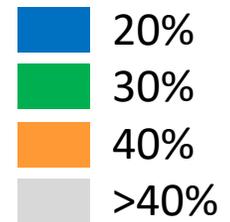
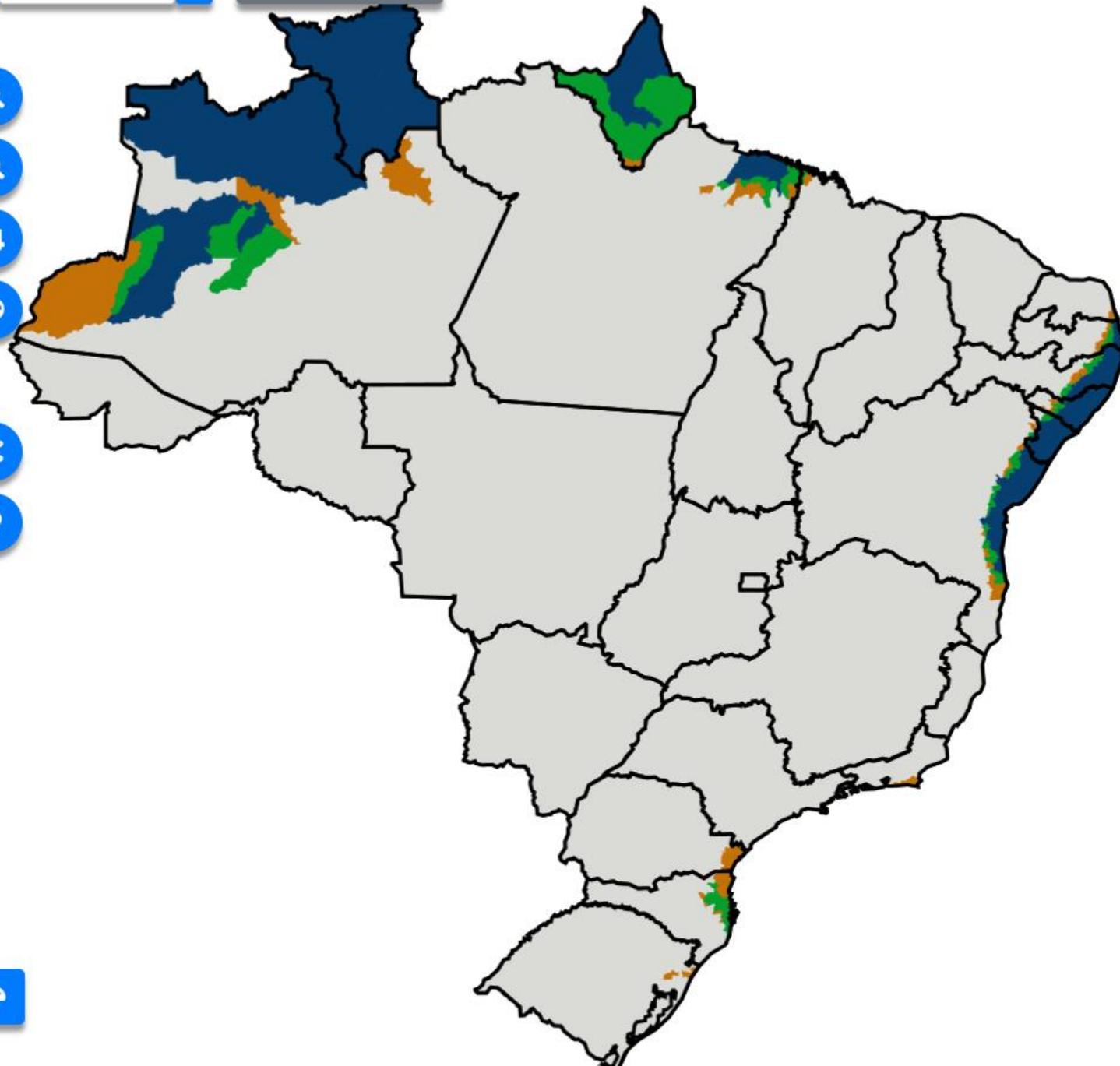
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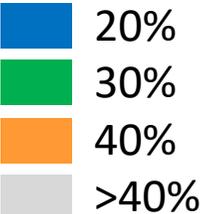
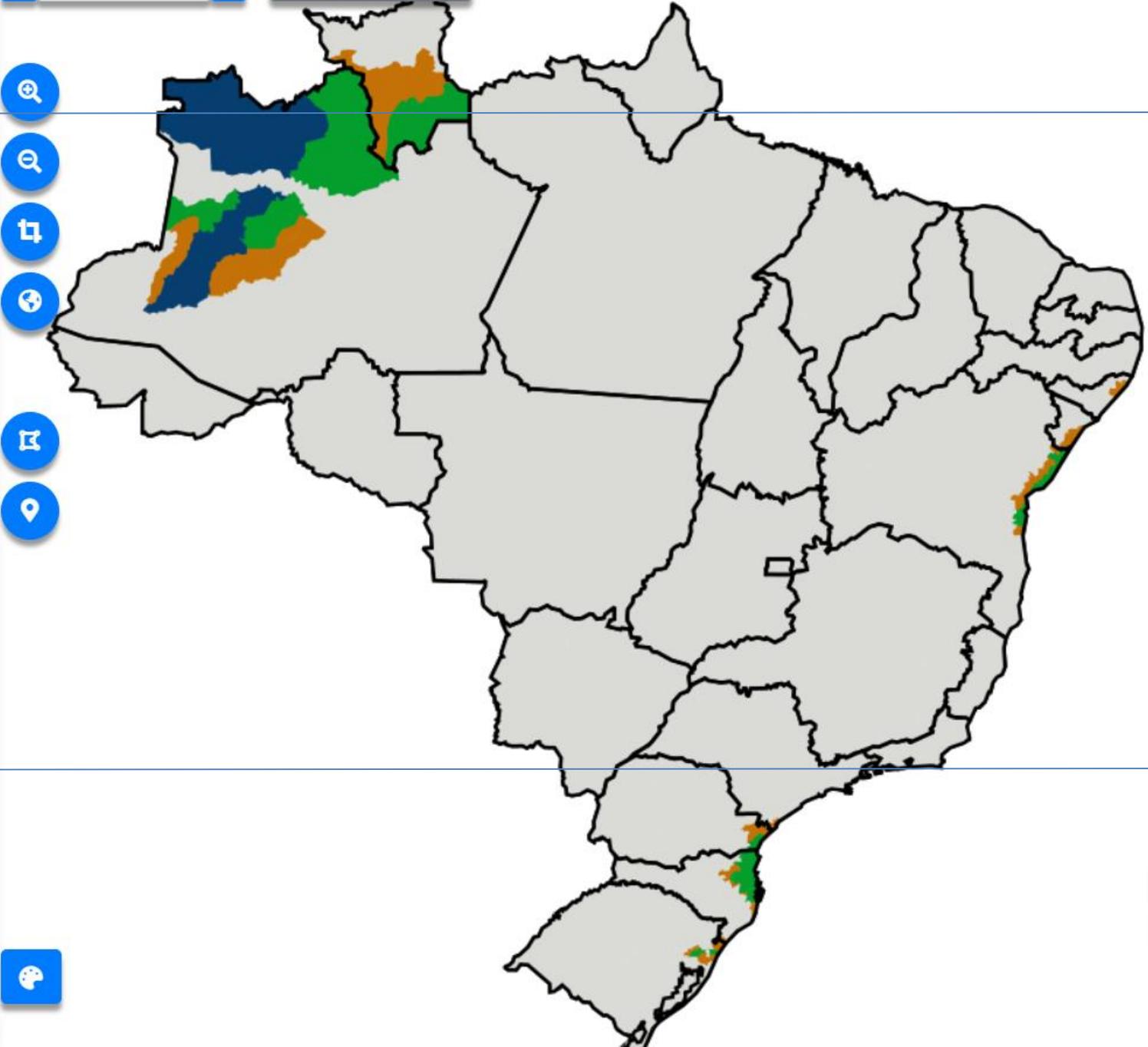
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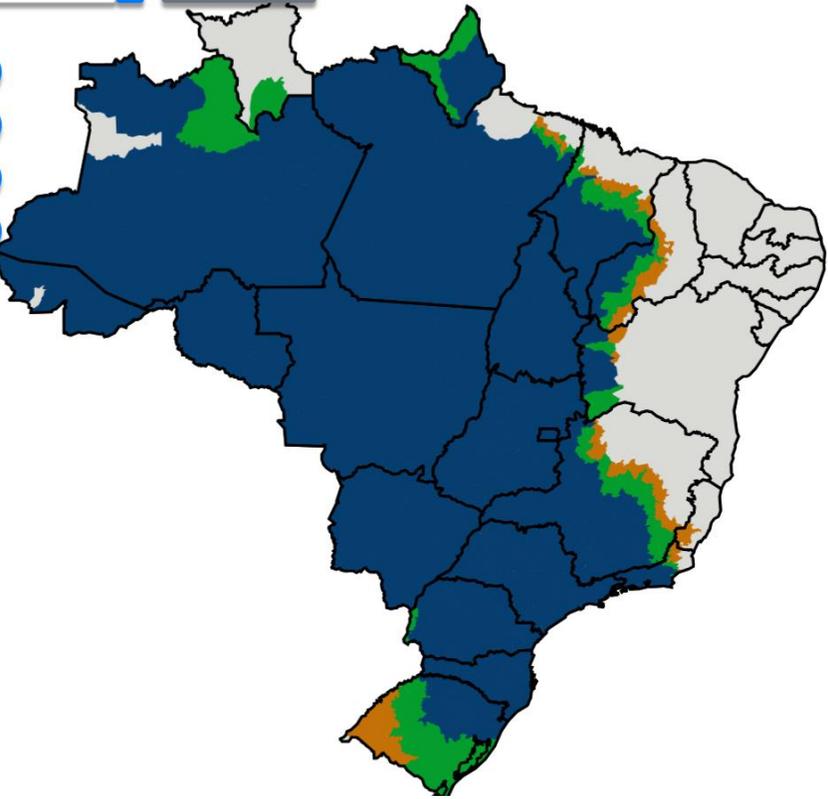


# Zarc Results Depends on the crop species



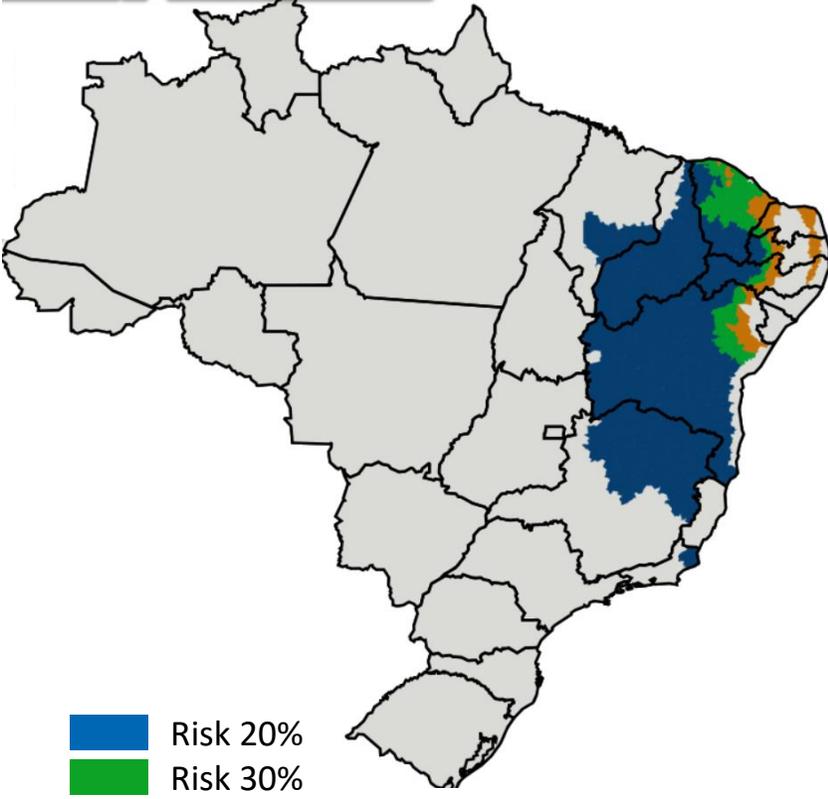
**Maize**  
(*Zea mays*)

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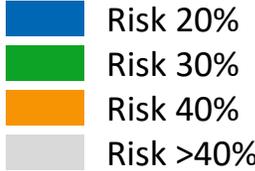
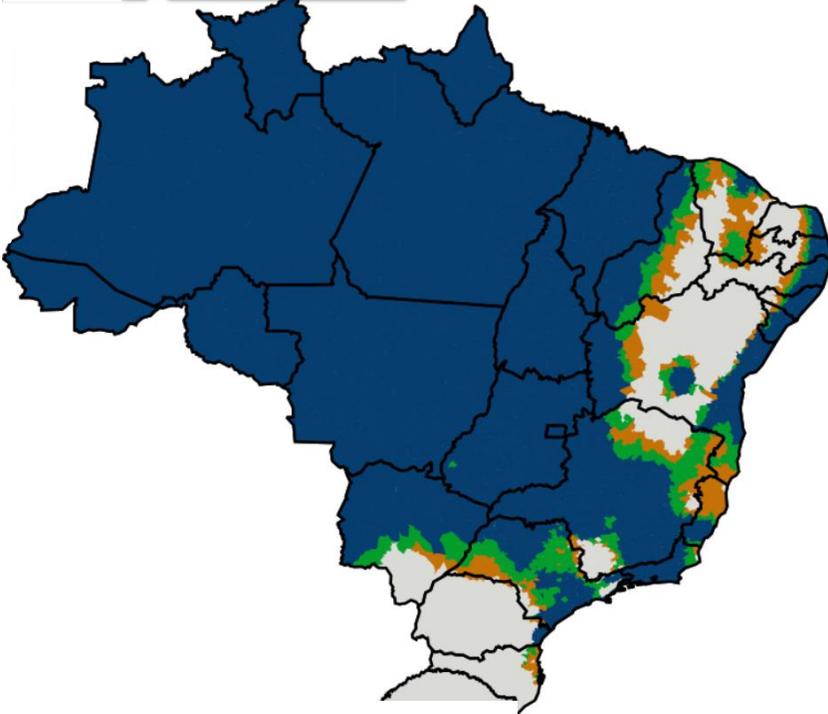
**Forage Palm**  
(*Opuntia ficus-indica*)

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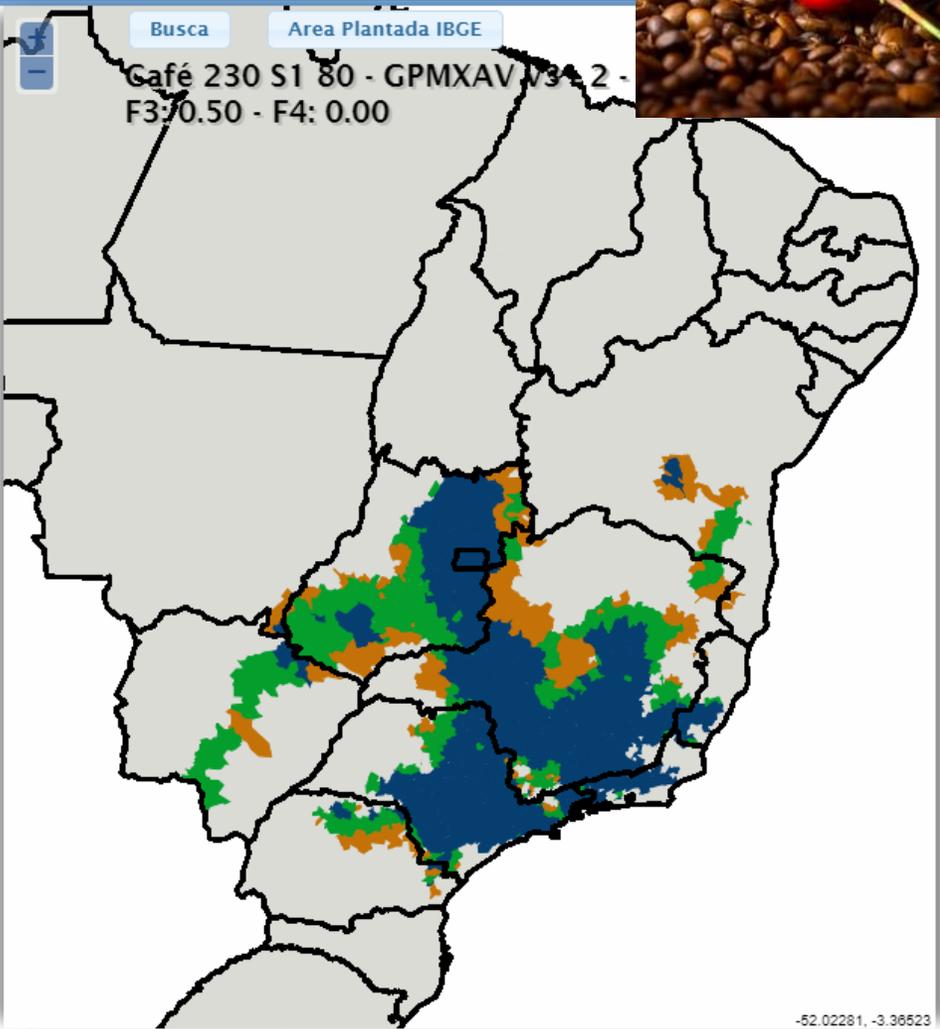
**Macaúba**  
(*Acrocomia aculeata*)

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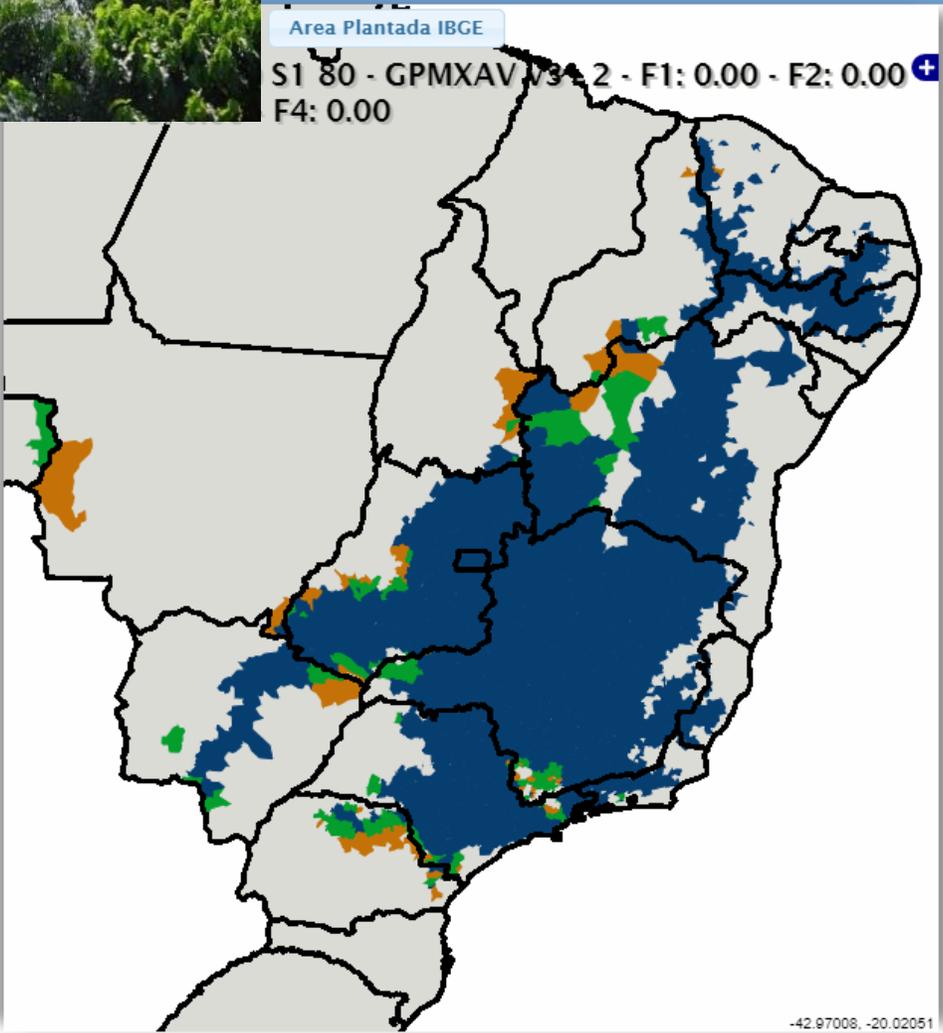


# Zarc results depends on the crop species and production system

*Coffea arabica*  
(rainfed)



*Coffea arabica*  
(irrigated)



# Results are strongly influenced by the soil's ability to store water (Water deficit risks)



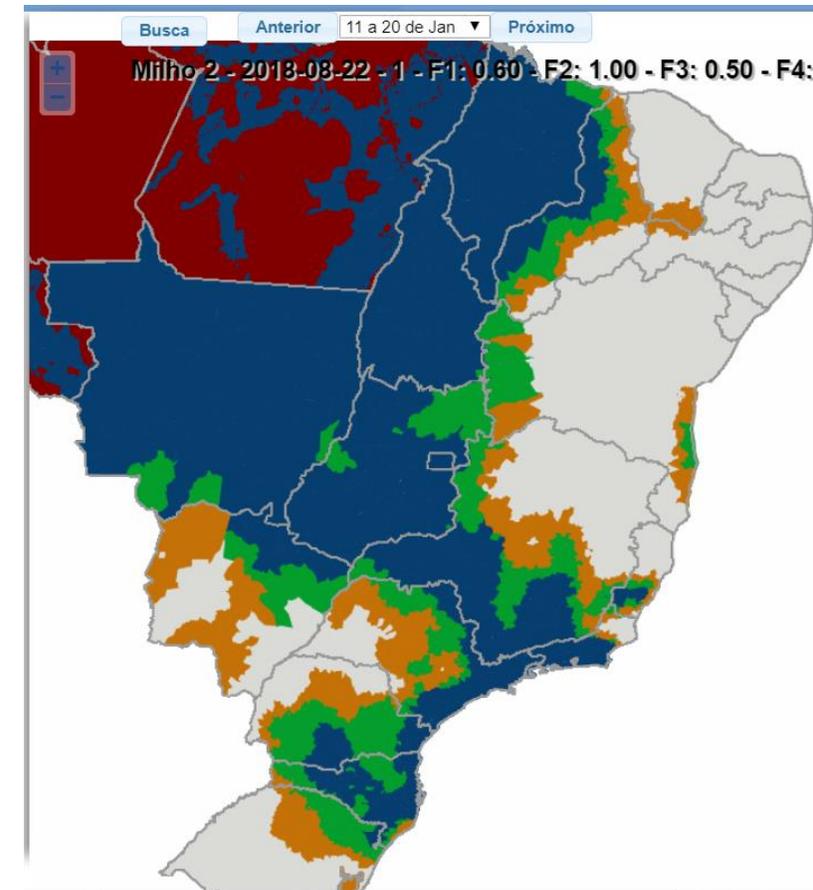
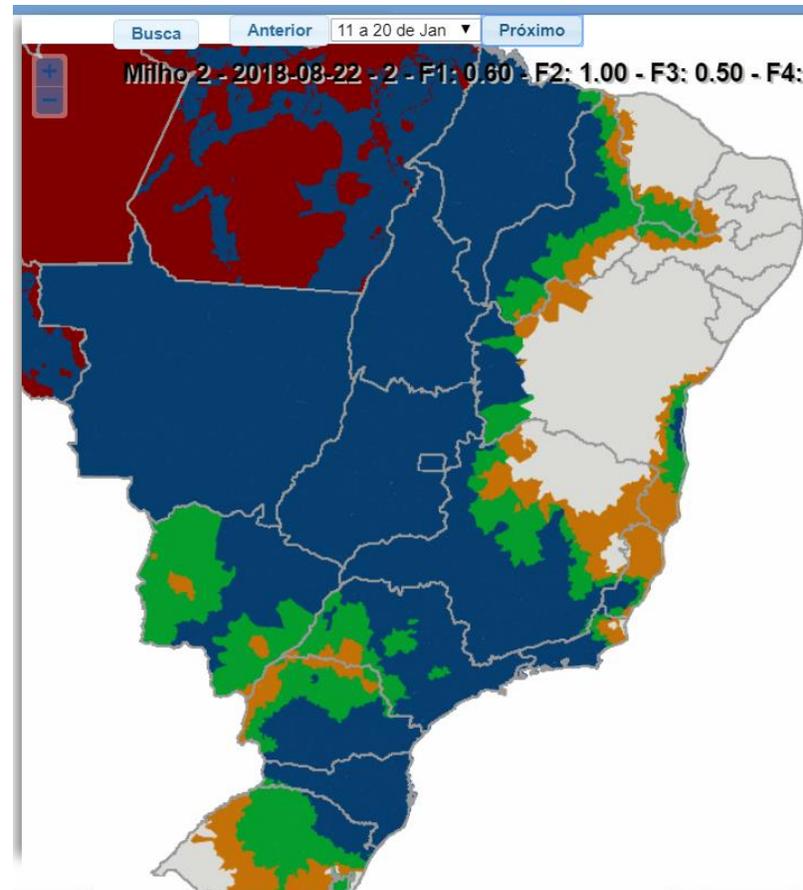
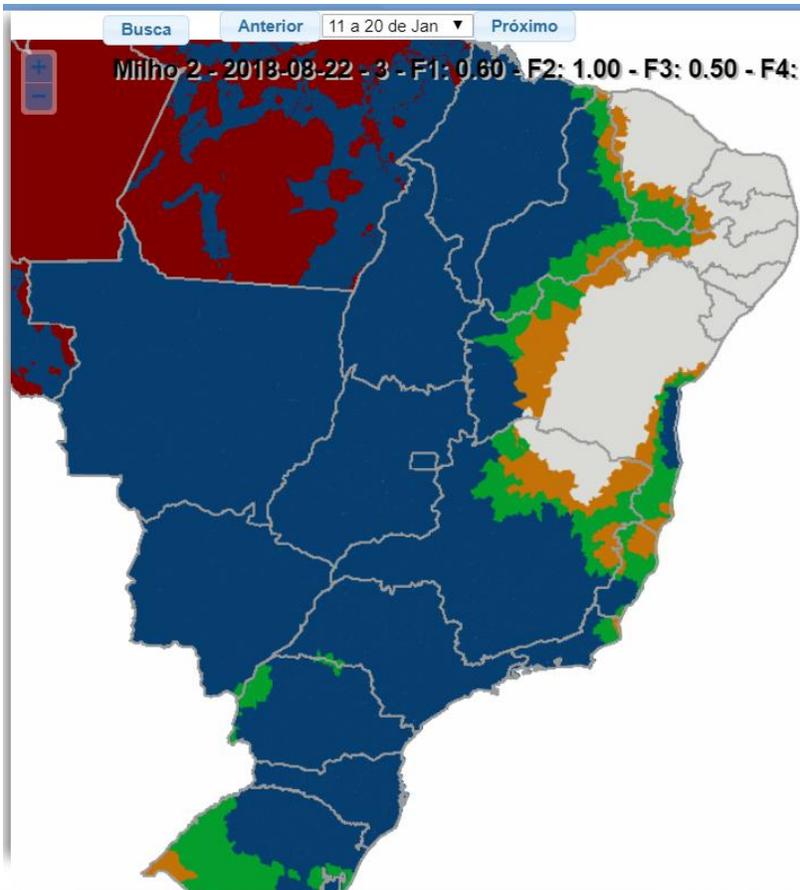
Soil of higher water retention



Soil of medium water retention



Soil of lower water retention



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# In Brazil: Two (2) Agricultural Policy Programs use Zarc guidelines as mandatories:

## 1) PROAGRO (since 1970's)

### Agricultural Activities Guarantee Program

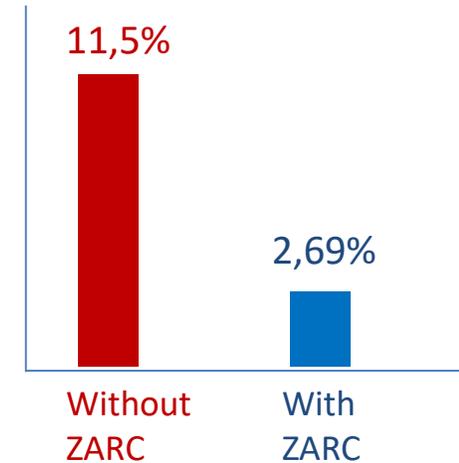
It is a type of credit insurance program operated by the State

## 2) PSR (since 2006)

### Subvention Program to Agricultural Insurance

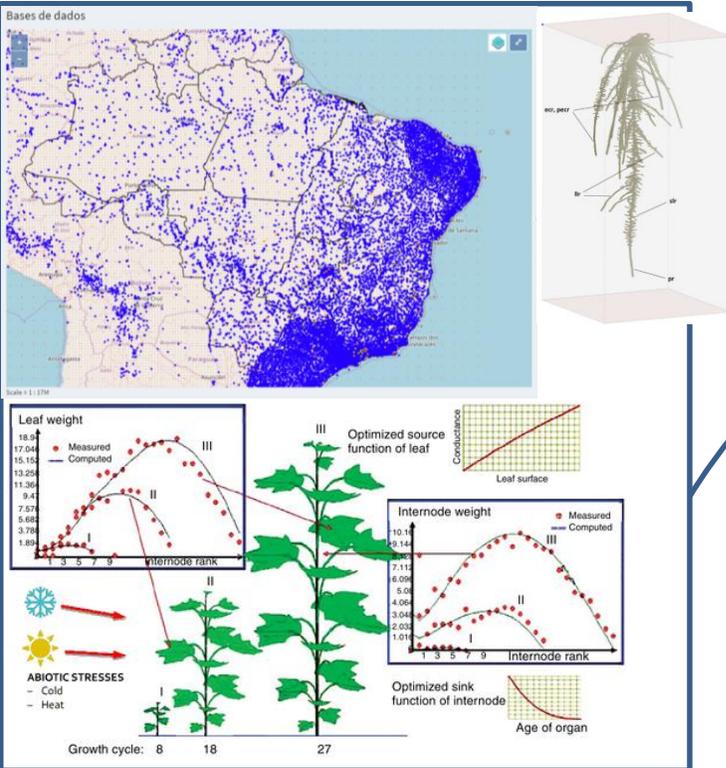
It pays to farmers part of the costs to buy agricultural insurance from private companies. Incentive to develop private insurance sector for agriculture in Brazil.

Loss index 1996-98:



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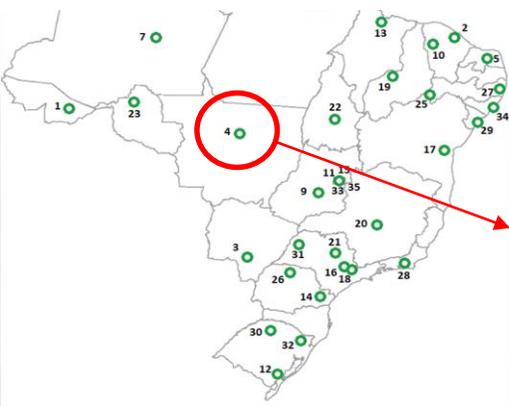
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# Agronomic knowledge comes from:



<b>Embrapa Acre</b> 1	Rio Branco, AC	<b>Embrapa Meio Ambiente</b> 18	Jaguariúna, SP
<b>Embrapa Agroindústria Tropical</b> 2	Fortaleza, CE	<b>Embrapa Meio Norte</b> 19	Teresina, PI
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<b>Embrapa Amapá</b> 6	Macapá, AP	<b>Embrapa Rondônia</b> 23	Porto Velho, RO
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<b>Embrapa Caprinos e Ovinos</b> 10	Sobral, CE	<b>UEP Embrapa Solos</b> 27	Recife, PE
<b>Embrapa Cerrados</b> 11	Brasília, DF	<b>Embrapa Solos</b> 28	Rio de Janeiro, RJ
<b>Embrapa Clima Temperado</b> 12	Pelotas, RS	<b>Embrapa Tabuleiros Costeiros</b> 29	Aracaju, SE
<b>Embrapa Cacaos</b> 13	São Luís, MA	<b>Embrapa Trigo</b> 30	Passo Fundo, RS
<b>Embrapa Florestas</b> 14	Colombo, PR	<b>UEP Embrapa Uva e Vinho</b> 31	Jales, SP
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# Embrapa Agrosilvopastoral



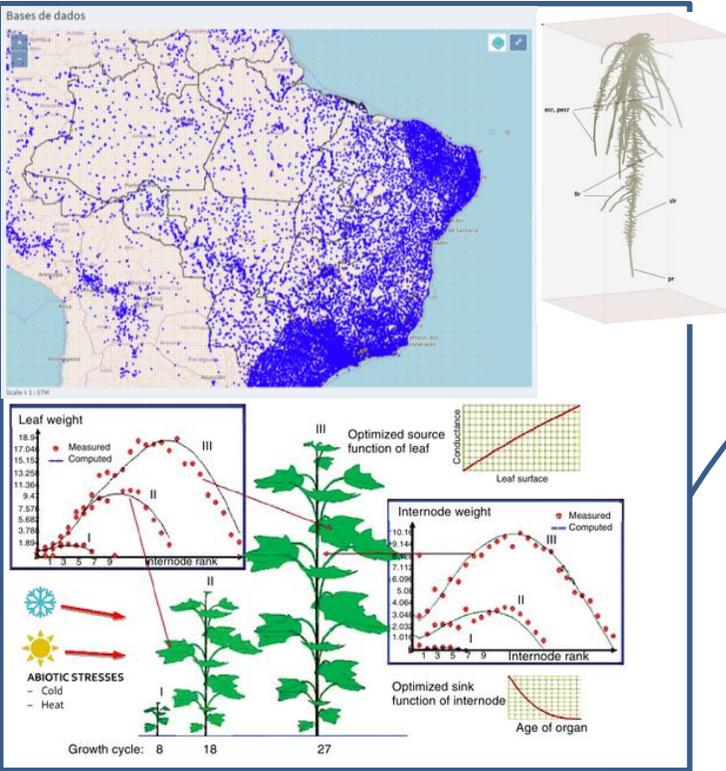
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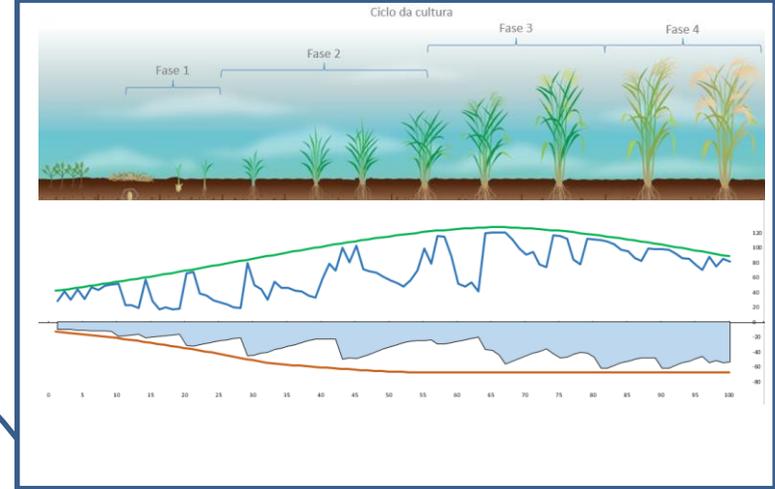
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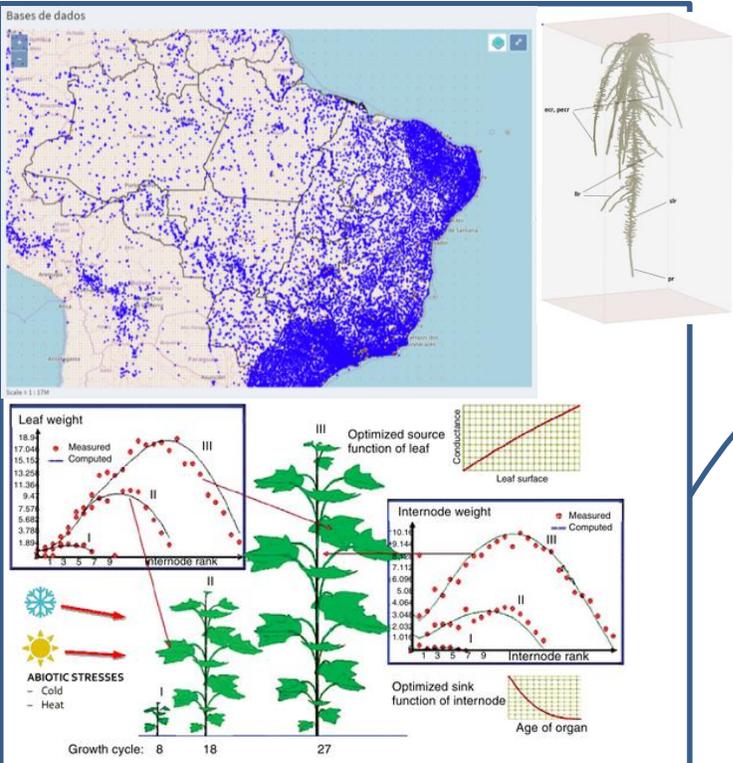
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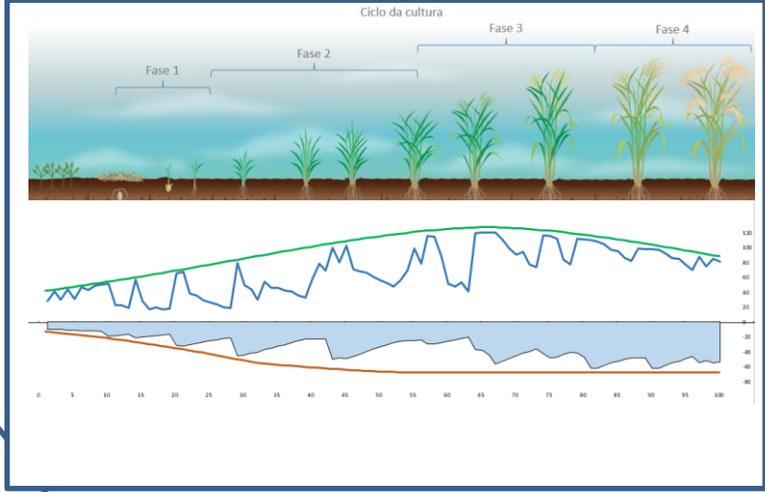
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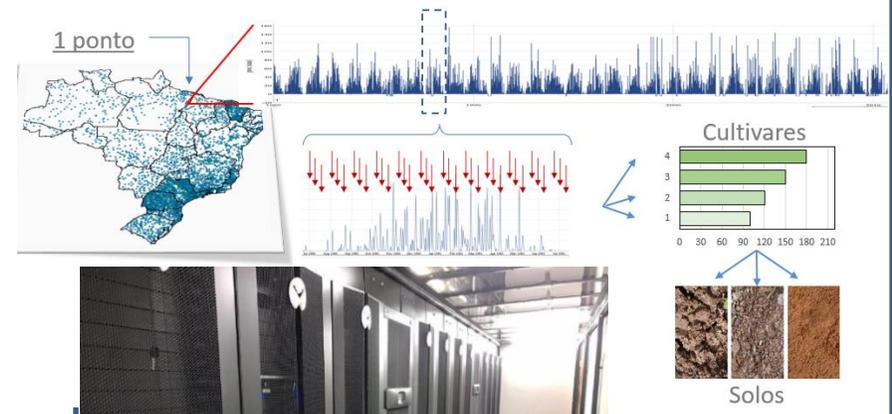


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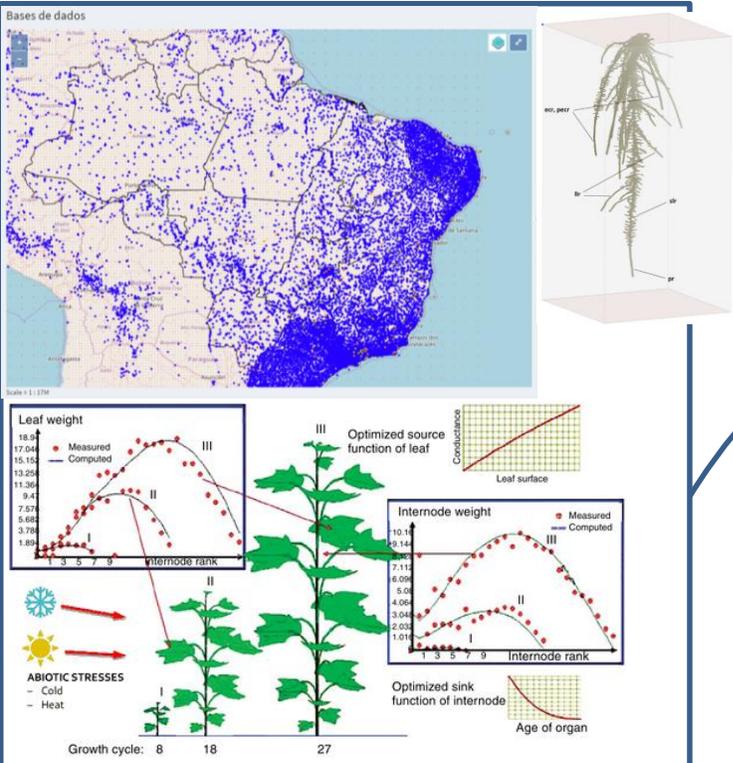


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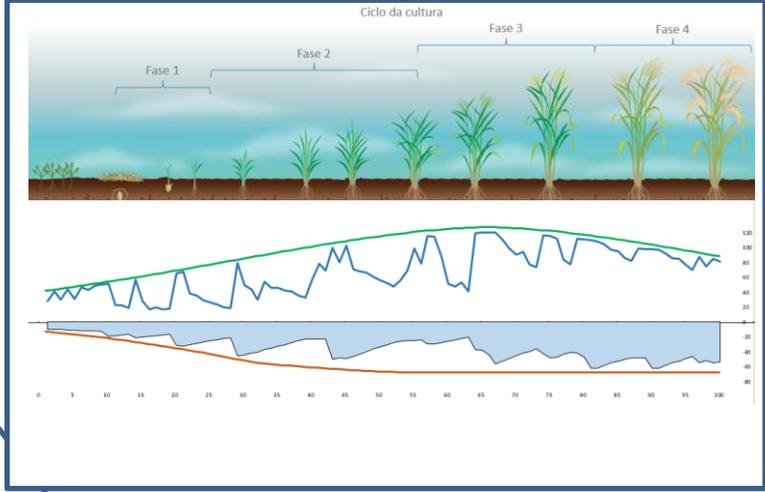
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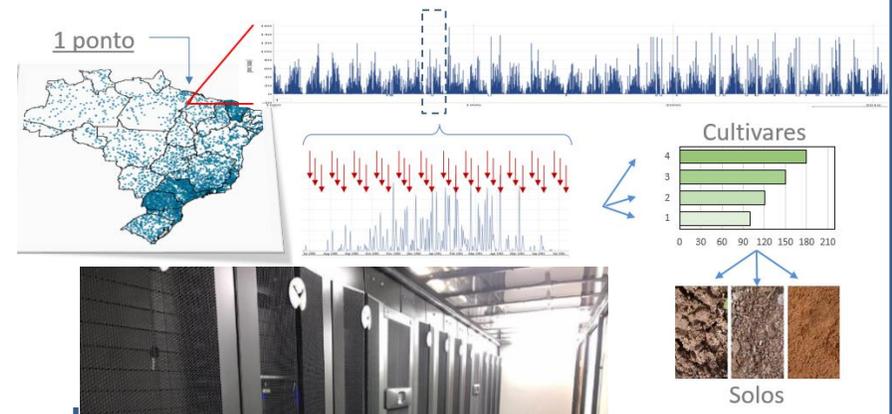


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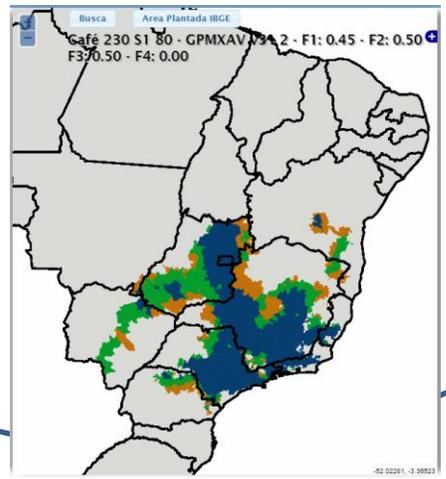


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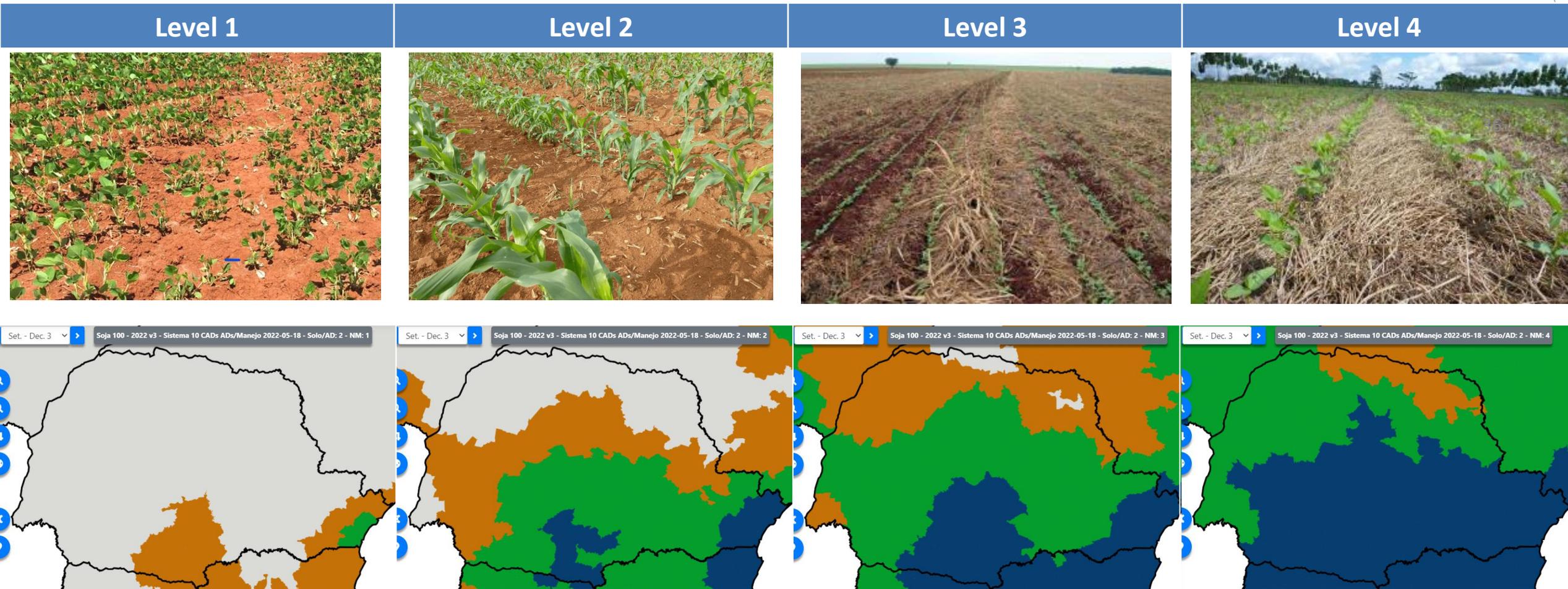


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# New methodology for Zarc considering agronomic management levels



Aims: measure higher or lower risk level in farms in same soil and climatic conditions but with different agronomical practices; Encourage soil preservation and water resources, increase root depth, soil carbon and fertility... **reduce drought risk.**

# Thank you!

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