Urban Water Management in São Paulo Macrometropolitan Area: Prospects of Integration in a Context of Urban Environmental Change.

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Presentation summary

- Floods and droughts, a permanent concern.
- Foundations of integrated water management in Metropolitan São Paulo.
- Urban environmental change: entangled effects of changing urban structures and hydrology.
- Metropolitan flood control: a case of critical infrastructure management.
- New prospects of cross-sector integration: depollution, flood control and energy safety in multiobjective projects.

Floods and droughts, a permanent concern

- Main changes: severe draughts and floods, heavy rains in dry season, continuity of rainy days
- The Eastern São Paulo State Metropolitan Network: economic development and water stress. 1.1 1.2
- Limitations of intra-metropolitan controls: urban degradation in a densely urbanized basin <u>1.3</u> <u>1.4</u>
- Conflicts on water use: urban supply, flood control, energetic security, strategic irrigation <u>1.5 1.6</u>
- New complexities: expensive and distant supplies (and structural controls) 1.8

Adaptation of urban structures to specific needs on flood control and water conservation

- Two analogous concepts: target pollution loads and controlled stormwater discharges 2.1 2.2 2.3
 - "Mananciais" (Water Catchment Areas) and "Várzeas Tietê" (Floodplain Protection)
- Integrated planning in the prospect of environmental change:
 - Structural capacities must be reinforced to accommodate seasonal and out-of-season extremes of drought and flood and unprecedented continuity of precipitations
 - Urban management at municipal level shall be accountable for the land use control to preserve surface water sources and flooding areas.

Urban environmental change: entangled effects of changing urban structures and climate

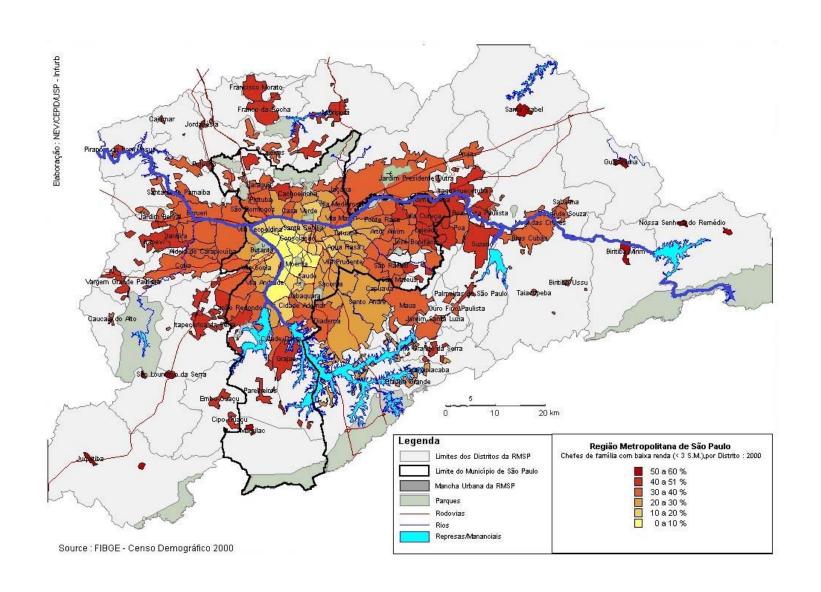
- Flood probabilities, hydrologic regime and rainfall variations
 - rapid urbanization → intensified flood routing
 - large recurrence intervals 500 to 100 year flood become more frequent
 - changing flood probabilities interfere on the design and operation standards for urban infrastructure works
 - systematic studies about possible influences of rainfall variations

 very recent and non conclusive
 - Lessons learnt from 2009/10 floods
 - Peak daily rain depths (97 mm) did not exceed seasonal maxima
 - 45 days of continuous rain saturated all the detention buffers
 - Out of season floods disrupted protocols of routine maintenance

Urban environmental change: entangled effects of changing urban structures and climate

- Changes in the urban / metropolitan structure
 - Initial urban centers developed in the best sites regarding flood and landslide safety
 - The wealthier occupy the safer and better connected central areas → the poorer settle either on the outskirts or on the environmentally fragile remains of central areas
 - New neighborhoods develop next to the older central areas, enlarging the boundaries of the expanded center → poorer households relocated to a more distant and vulnerable location
 - Perpetuation of an urban logic of socio-environmental vulnerability -> growing external outcomes of degradation

Distribution of low-income households. 2000



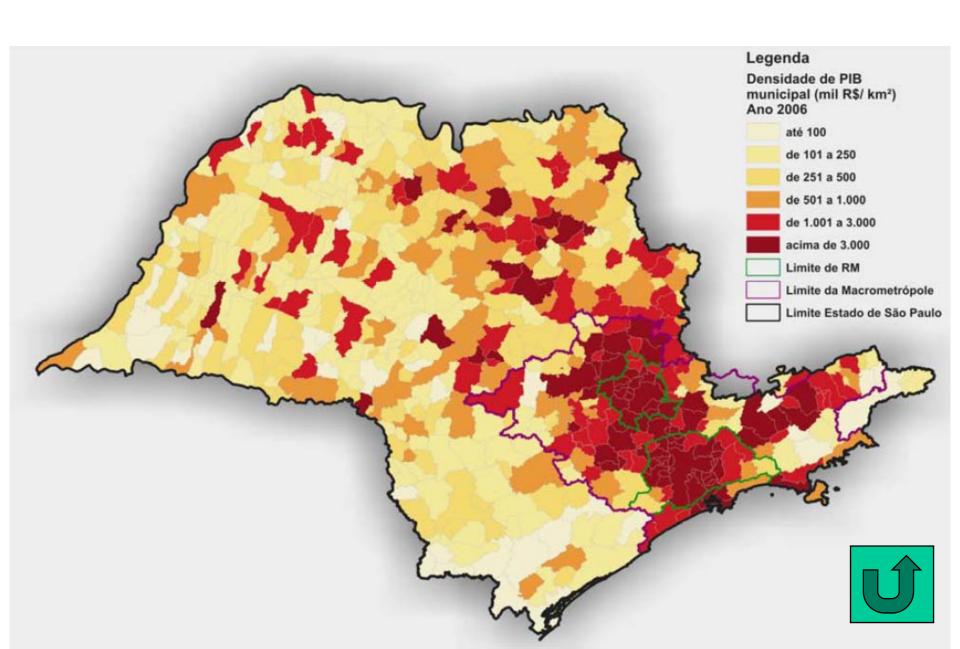
Metropolitan flood control: a case of critical infrastructure management

- Real time support for the maneuver of hydraulic structures and alert protocols. 3.1
- Emergency circuits (backup) and new priorities for electricity reconnection in case of energy blackout, for macro-drainage control structures 3.2
- Detention basins (dry ponds), sediments control and linear parks
- Urban drainage compliance with maximum discharge limits on larger streams 3.3
- New prospects of integration: de-pollution, flood control and energy safety in multi-objective projects (the case of Pinheiros-Billings complex). 3.4

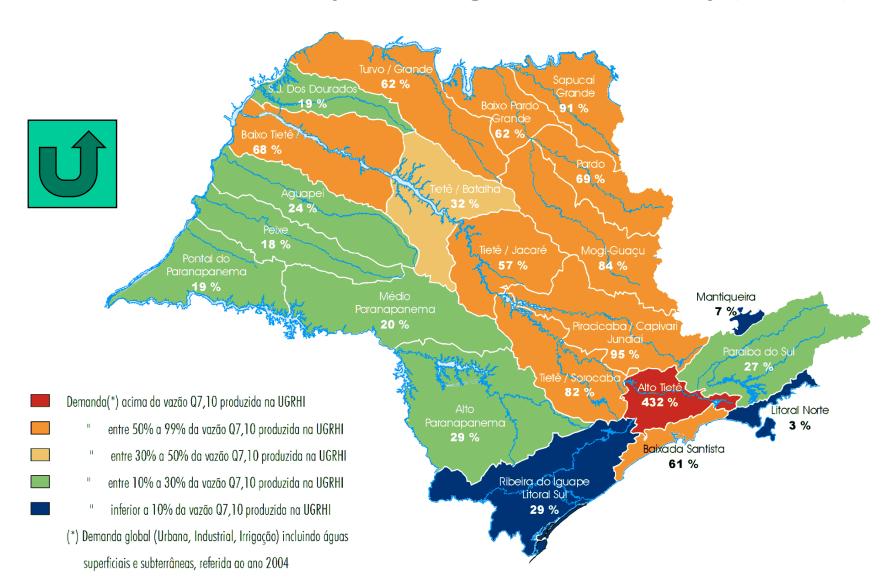
A possible conclusion

The escalating socio-environmental challenges of the metropolitan area are not responsive, anymore, to sector based initiatives. Apart the cross-scale integration, beyond the global-local duality, it is crucial to promote effective forms of cross-sector integration between different networks sharing common water resources and the metropolitan hydraulic infrastructure.

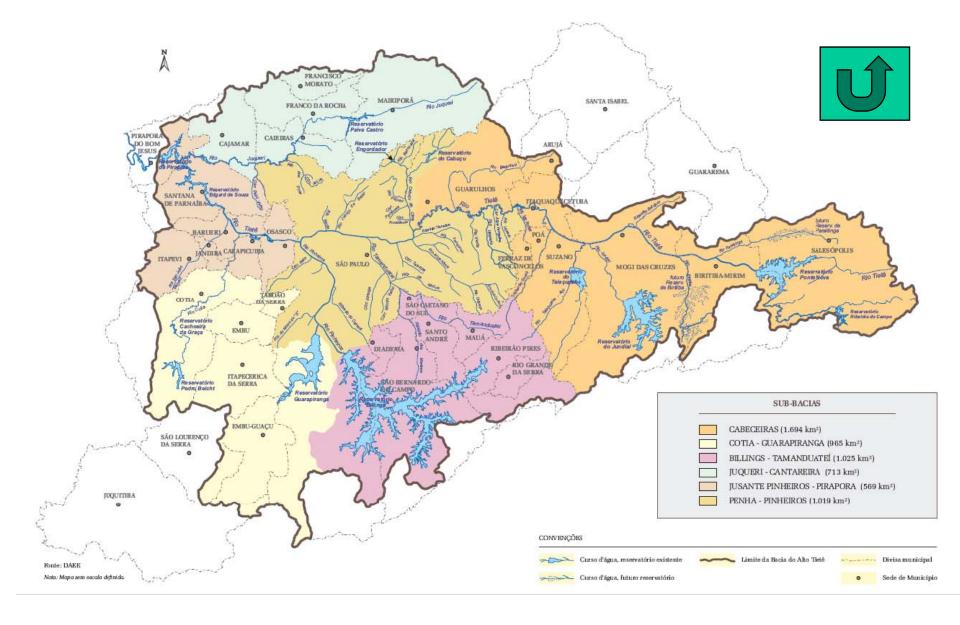
São Paulo State. GNP distribution and the Macro-metropolis.



Water demand as a percentage of availability (Q7,10)

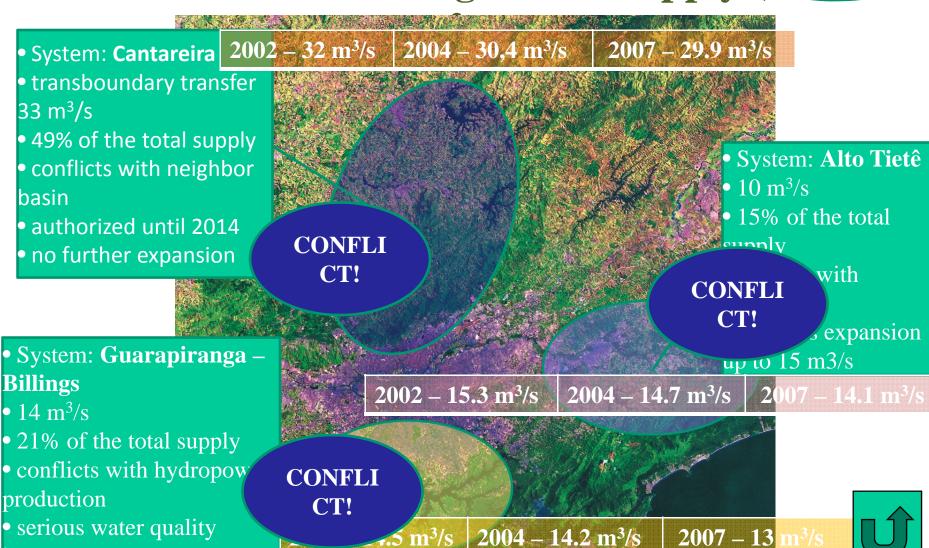


Alto Tietê River Basin



95 % of time guarantee

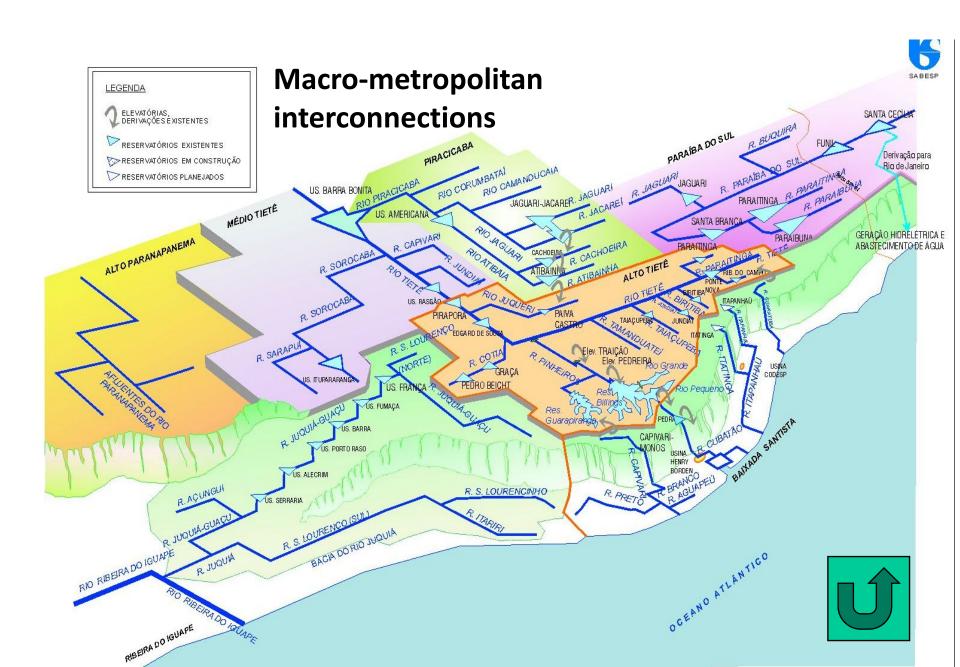
Main Use: Drinking Water Supply



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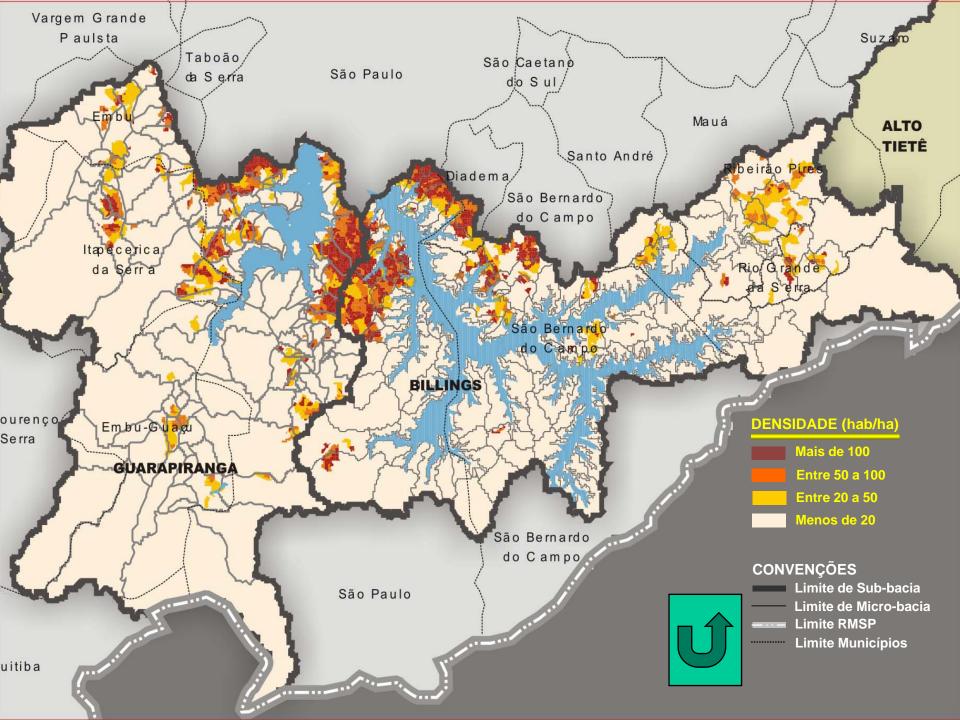
no further expansion

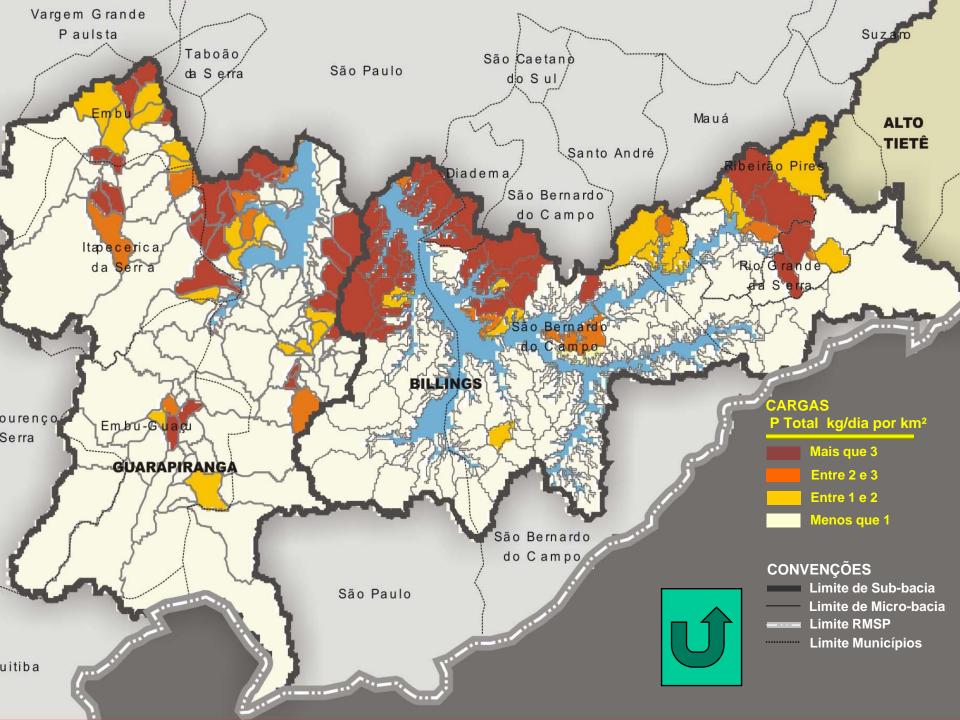
Source: Porto, M. et al. – Alto Tietê River Basin Plan revision 2008



São Paulo Macrometropolis: Population and GNP **30,8 million inhab (2008)** 75% of the State and 16% of the National population. **GNP:** 83% **SP**; ~28% **Brazil** MÉDIO **PARANAPANEMA ALTO PARANAPANEMA UGRHI** Território Socioeconômico RIBEIRA Área Urbana DO IGUAPE ANTISTA RM Baixada Santista **RM Campinas RMSP**







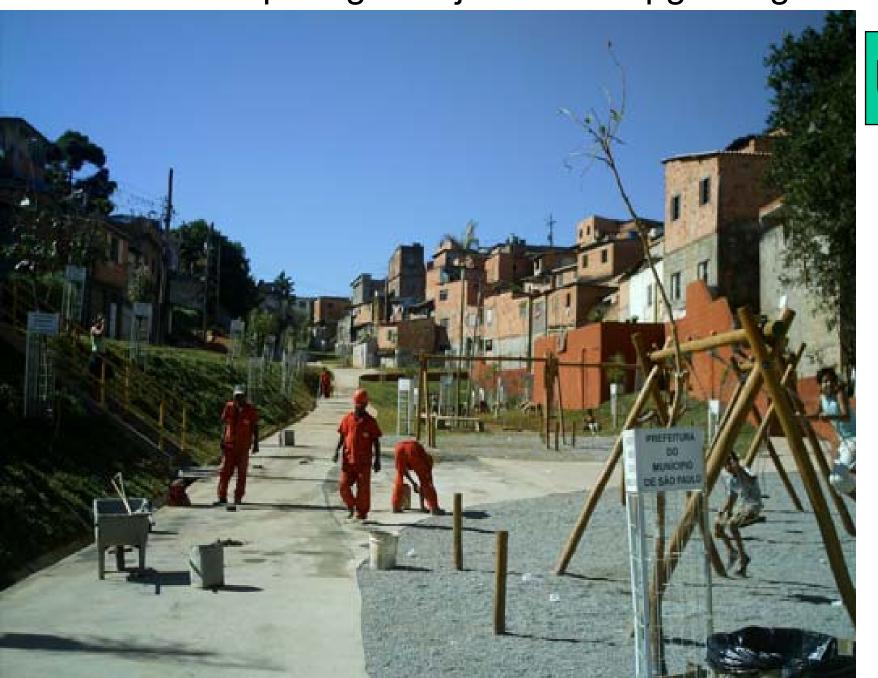
Guarapiranga Ecological Park



Guarapiranga Project: slum upgrading

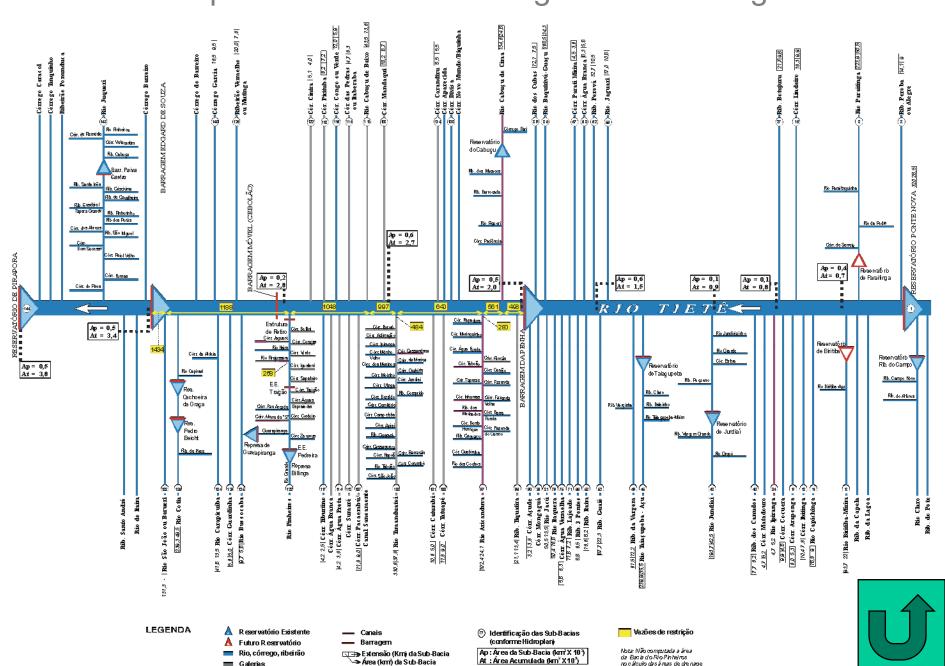


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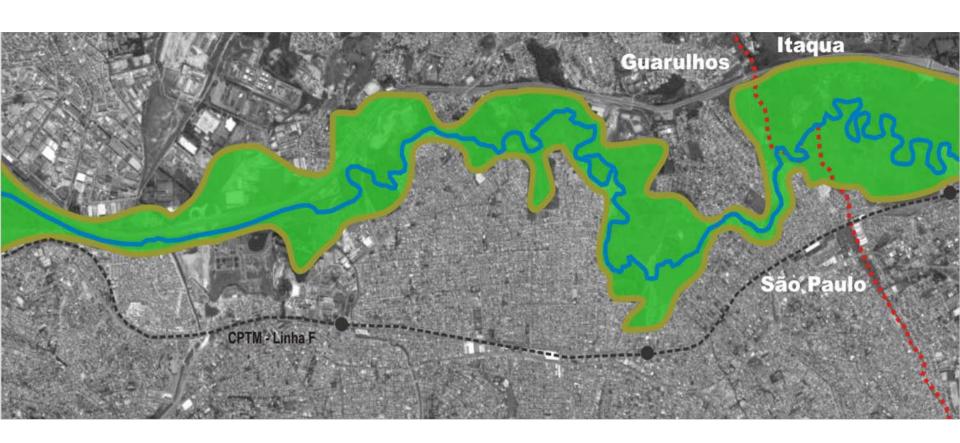
Metropolitan flood control: regulated discharges



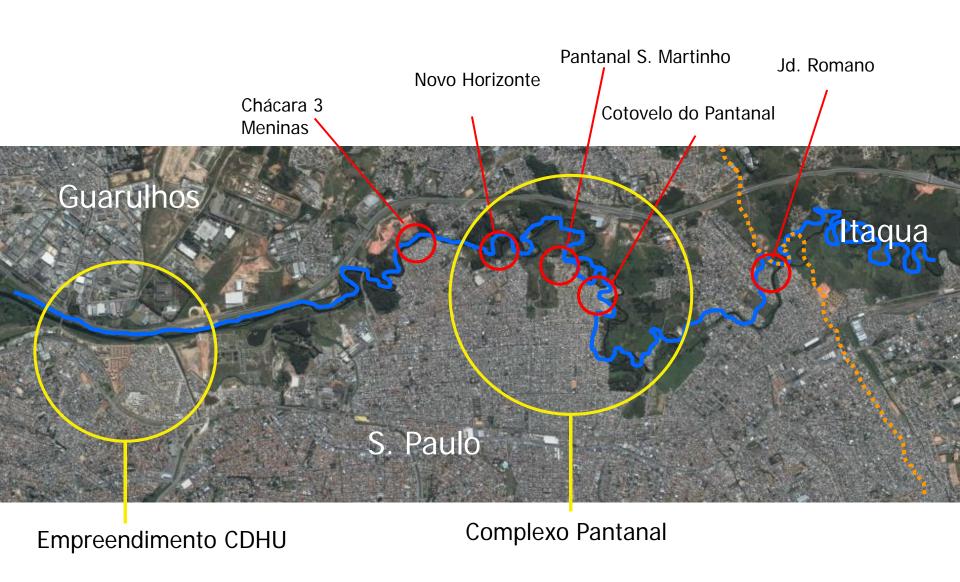
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Galerias

UPPER TIETÊ RIVERBANKS PARK



Controle de inundações e desenvolvimento urbano sustentável



Areas to be re-settled

Upper Tietê basin. Critical urban occupations on flooding areas.



Novo Horizonte



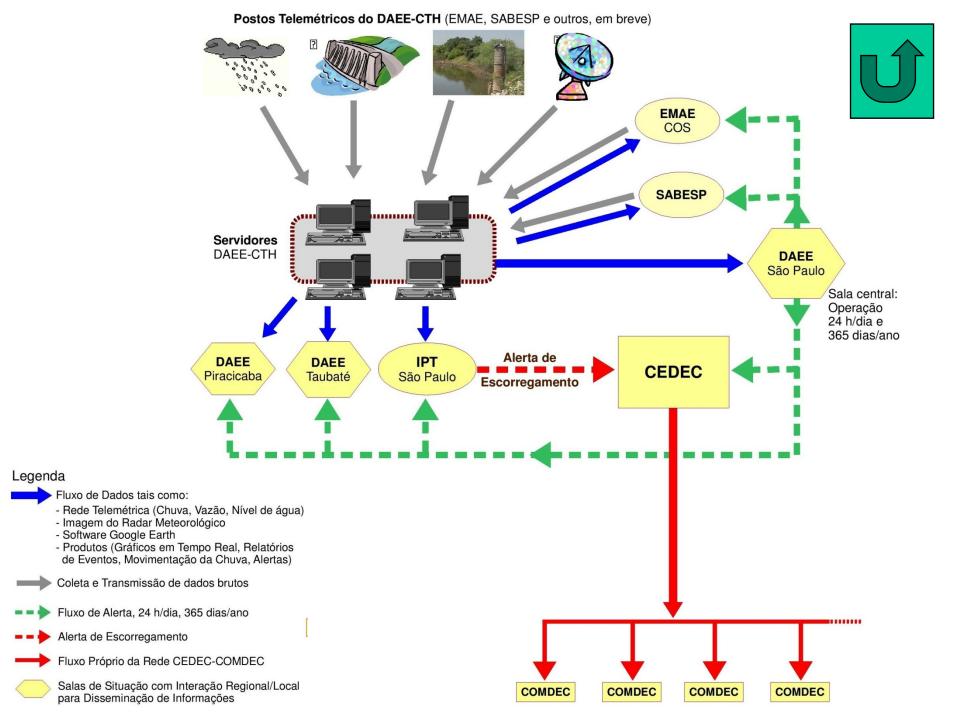


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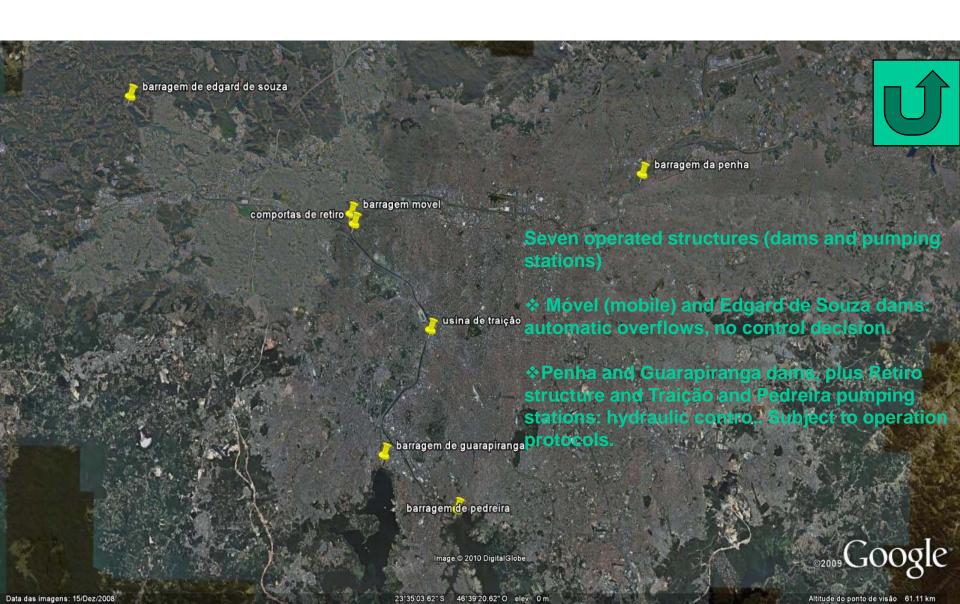






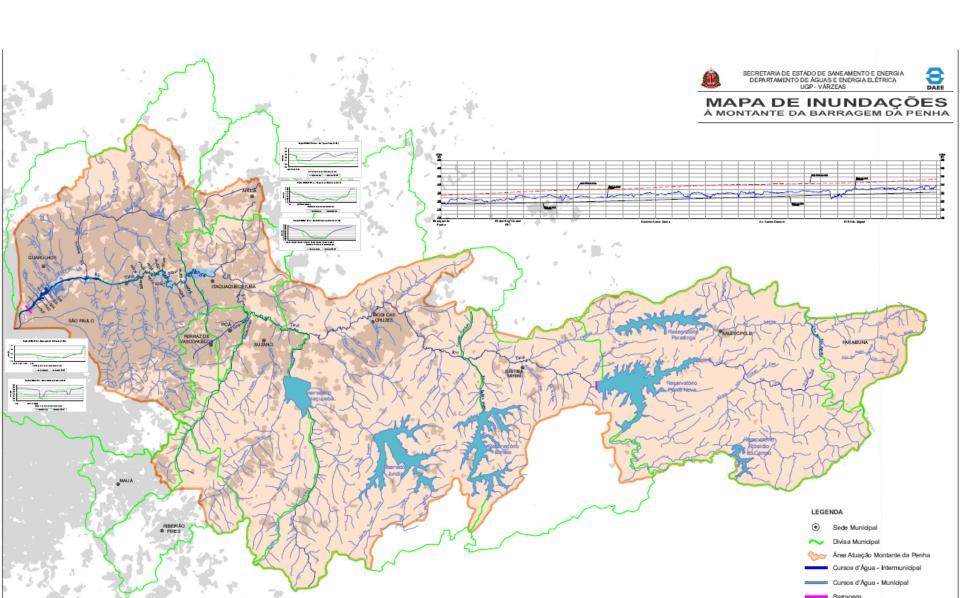


São Paulo Metropolitan Region Major flow controls. Dams and pumping stations

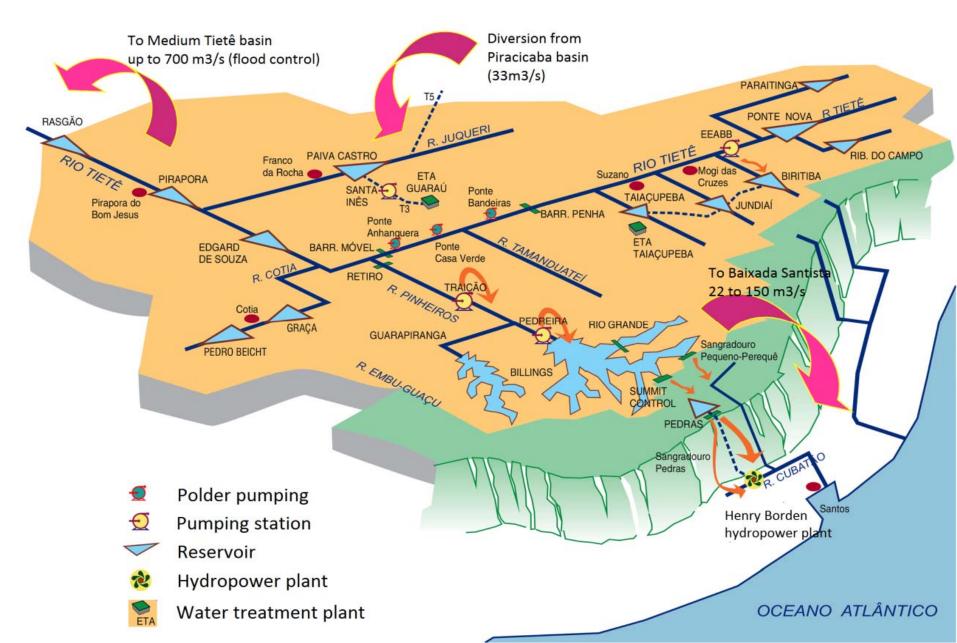


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Upper Tietê eastern basin. Flood map.







Traição Pumping Station. Upstream view.



Rio das Pedras outflow (to Henry Borden plant)



Henry Borden hydropower plant



