



Climate Change in Bolivia: Projecting forest resilience and fire risks in tropical dry forests



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1. Projecting climate change

- Can we detect climate change in Bolivia?
- Are climate models in consensus with detected trends?

2. Ecosystems

- How sensitive is Bolivia's carbon cycle to climate change?
- 3. Fires
 - Can we predict fires?
- 4. Conclusions





Can we predict climate change?









Mean air temperature in sub-Andes (1961-1990)

Temperature (°C)

Feb

Jan

Mar Apr

Temperature (°C)







Jul

Aug Sep

Oct Nov Dec

May Jun

Precipitation in highlands (1961-1990)









Climate: Are climate models in consensus with detected trends?



Climate Change Indices

Observational trends vs. GCMs



Climate: Are climate models in 😂 **()** 🥰 consensus with detected trends?



Climate Change Indices Observational trends vs. RCM (PRECIS – ECHAM4, SRES A2)







Friedlingstein *et al.*, 2006 (11 models)

Cox et al., 2004 (HadCM3, TRIFFID)

Ecosystems: How sensitive is Bolivia's carbon cycle to climate change?



- Main inputs
 - Solar radiation
 - Temperature
 - Precipitation
 - Soil texture
- Synergies mitigation & adaptation







Fire probability map

- Logistic regression function
- Fire probability is a function of
 - Humidity of dead biomass
 - Wind speed
 - Distance from previous fires
 - Land cover







- We can project climate change scenarios for Bolivia at an adequate scale.
- We detect significant changes in temperature and precipitation.
- Consensus among observation and models:
 - Stronger temperature increase in Andes
 - Increase of total precipitation in NW Bolivia
- Many regions where precipitation changes remain uncertain!





- We investigate the sensitivity of Bolivia's carbon cycle with a coupled climate and ecosystem model.
- We can predict fire from remote sensing data and meteorological observations.
- Synergies between mitigation and adaptation!





• Atlas of Adaptation to Climate Change



• FAN's website:



Thanks you for your attention!

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