



PLANTS AND PIXELS:

EXPLORING DIFFERENT METHODS TO MAP AND MONITOR SAV IN THE CURRITUCK SOUND

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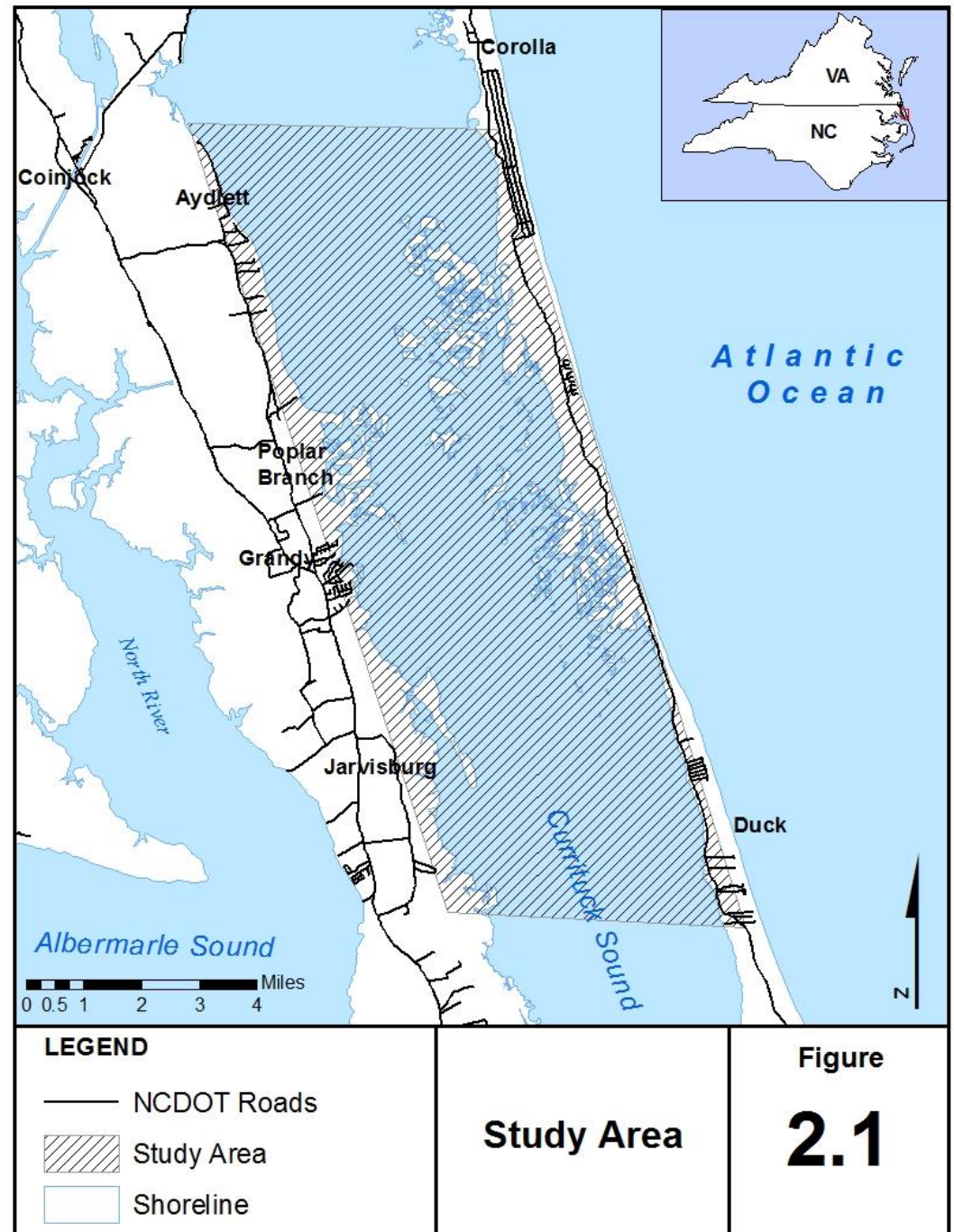
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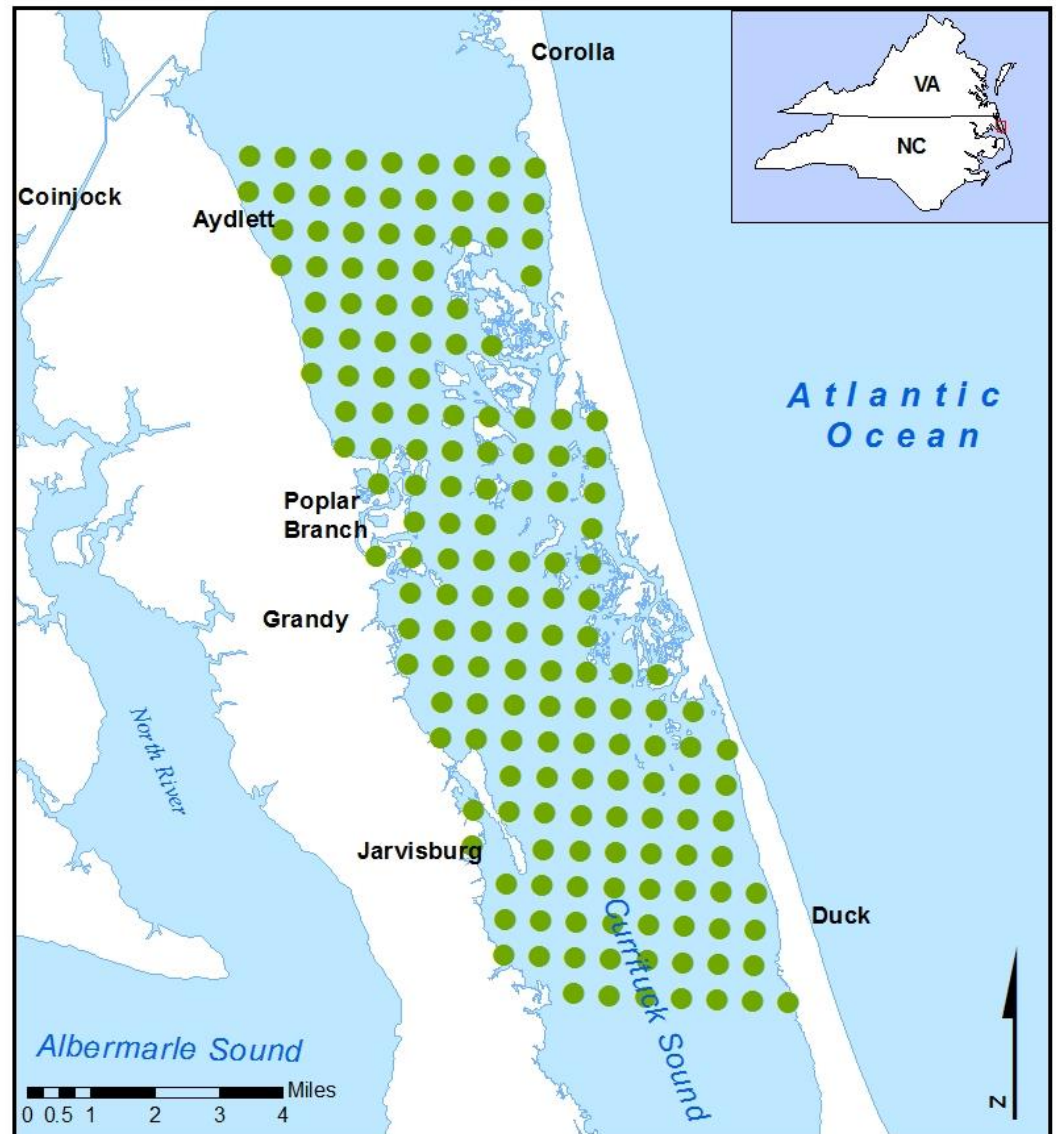
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LEGEND

- SAV Sample Points
- Shoreline

SAV Sampling Points

Figure

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SAMPLING

SAV “runs” and WQ “runs”

- Run 1: 174 pts (Late May – Early June)
- WQ 1: 42 pts
- Run 2: 116 pts (Early July – Early August)
- WQ 2: 30 pts
- Run 3: 30 representative pts (August-September)



SAMPLING

SAV Run

- Date and Time
- Weather
- Plant Coverage
- Water Depth
- Temperature
- Salinity
- Sediment Type
- Secchi Depth
- Plant Status
- Species Present/Absent
- Dominant Species Index



WQ Run

- Ammonia – N
- Color
- DO
- NO₂
- NO₃
- pH
- Phosphate
- Total Nitrogen
- Total Phosphorus
- Turbidity



SAMPLING

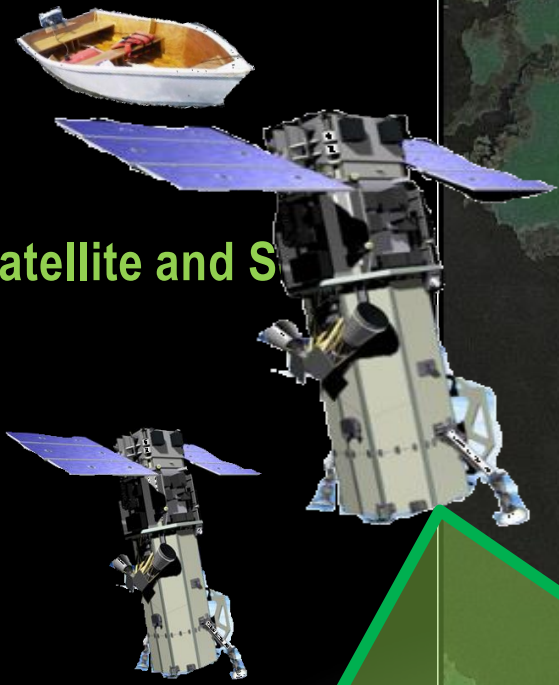
SAV Coverage Categories

- ❑ P/A and Coverage (binomial and multinomial): B - 0 (0%) and 1 (1-100%) M – 0 (0%), 1 (1-20%), 2 (21-40%), 3 (41-80%) and 4 (81-100%)
- ❑ RS Model (binomial and multinomial): B - 0 (0-20%) and 1 (21-100%), 0 (0-20%), 1 (21-40%), 2 (41-80%), 3 (81-100%)

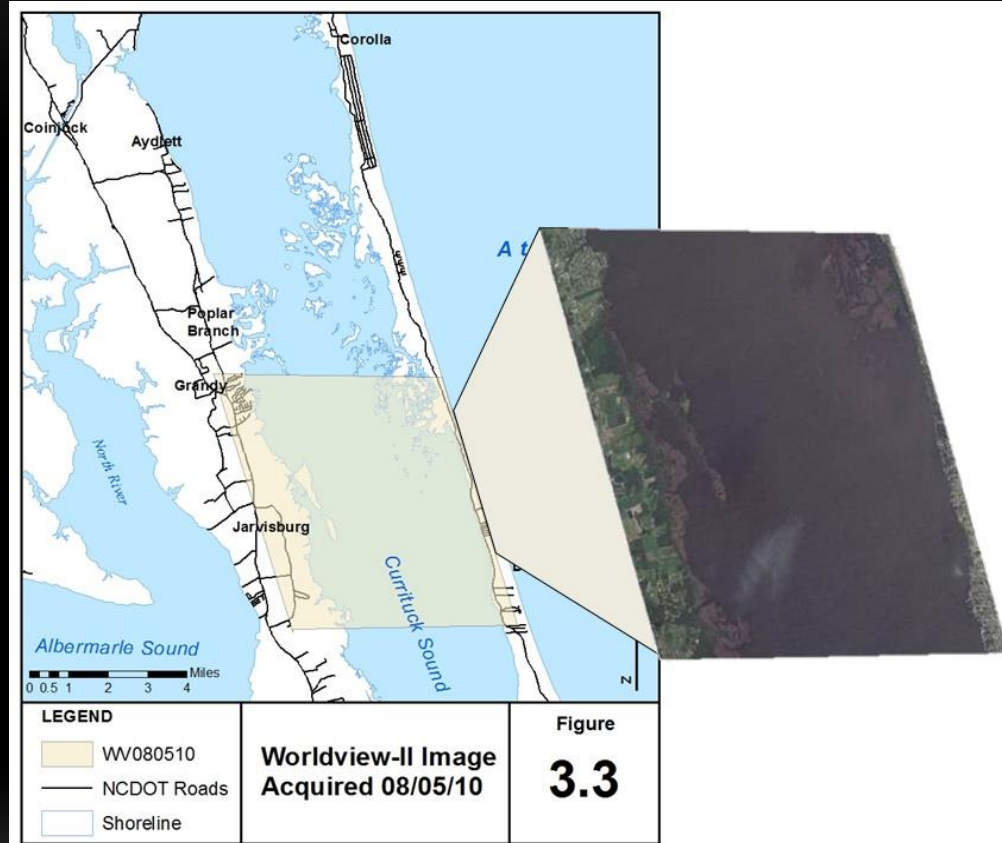
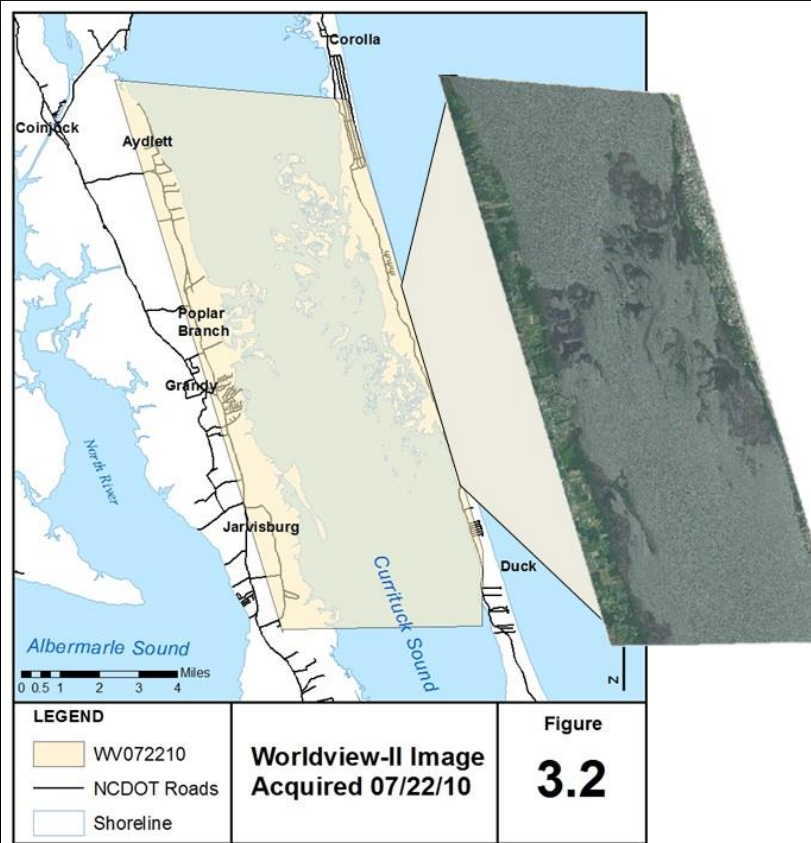


- In-situ sampling

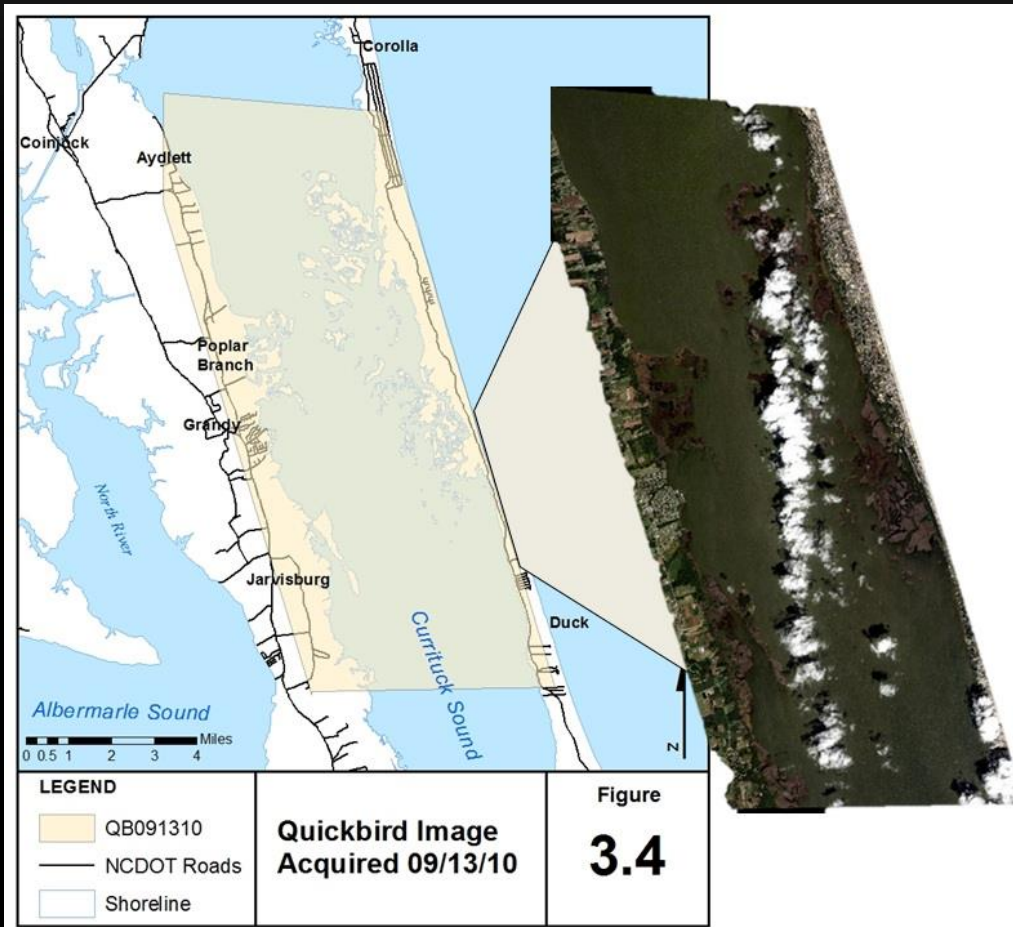
- Satellite and S



WORLDVIEW-II IMAGERY ACQUISITION

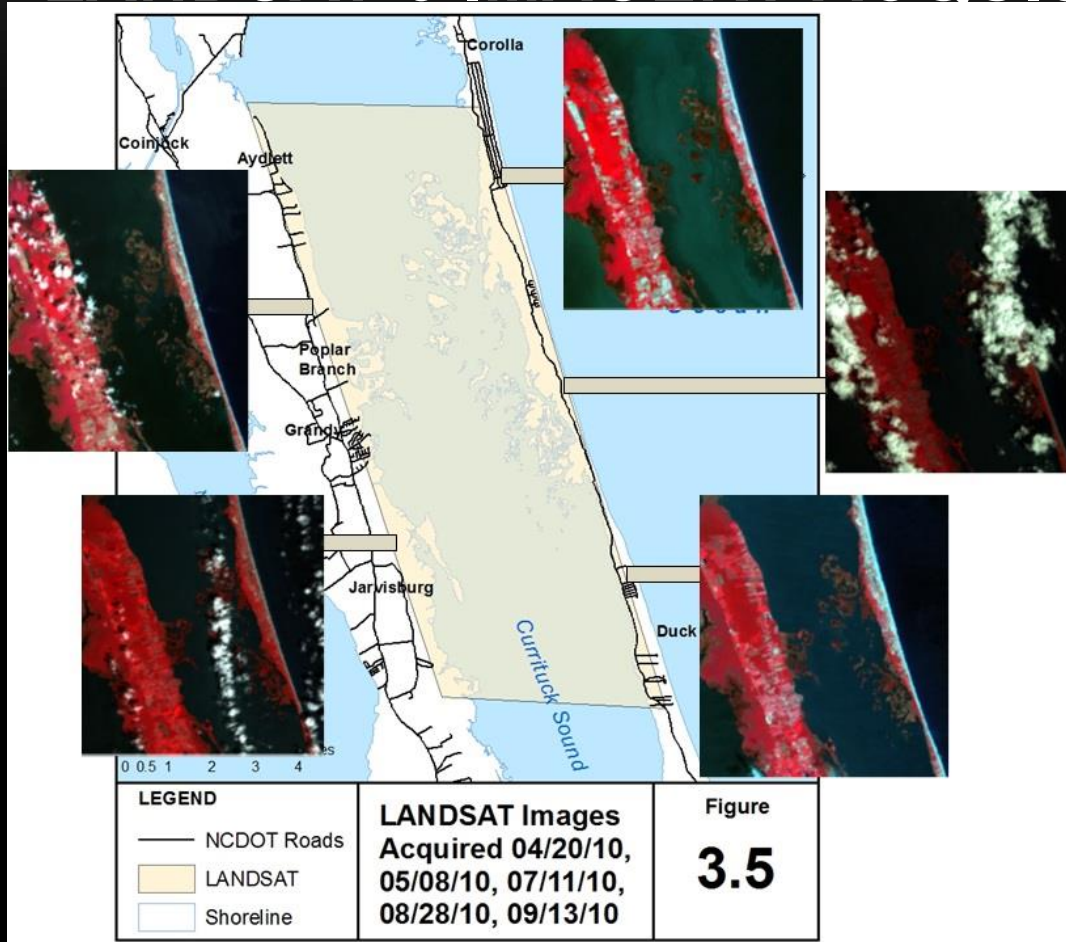


QUICKBIRD IMAGERY ACQUISITION



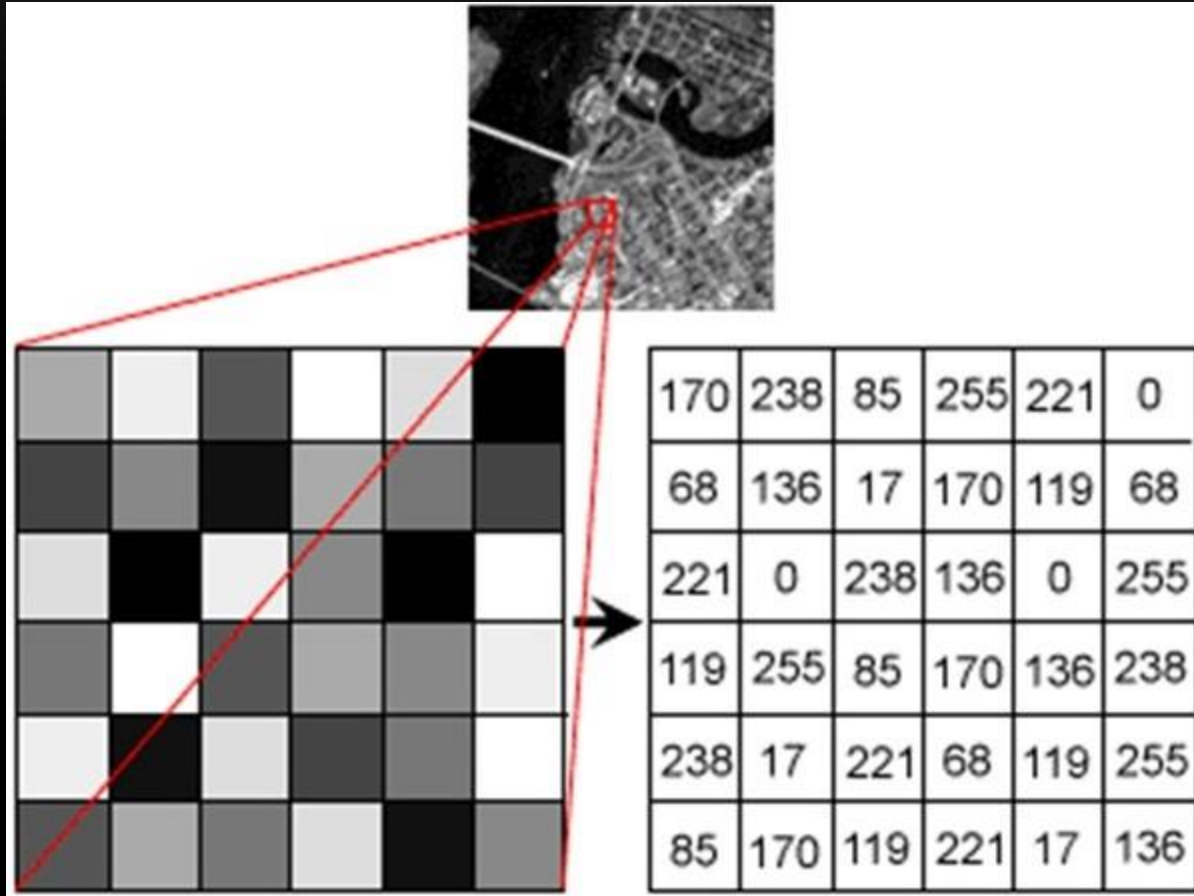
Quickbird – 2.4 m (MS)

LANDSAT 5 IMAGERY ACQUISITION



LANDSAT – 30 m (MS)

SATELLITE IMAGERY



LOGISTIC REGRESSION

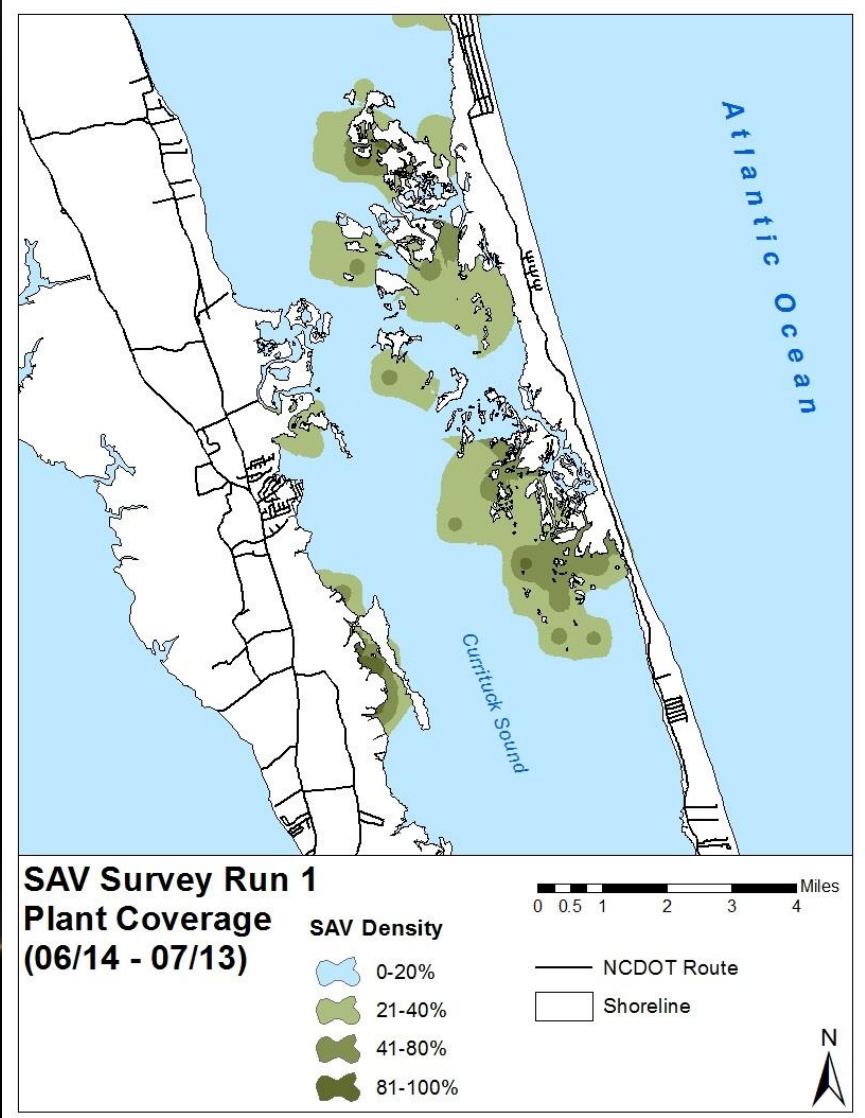
$$\hat{Y}_i = \frac{e^u}{1 + e^u}$$

- Where Y-hat is the estimated probability that the ith case is in a category and u is the regular linear regression equation:

$$u = A + B_1X_1 + B_2X_2 + \dots + B_KX_K$$

- Independent Variable(s): Spectral Band
- Dependent Variable: Plant Cover Category (0,1, 2 or 3) and binary P/A (0 or 1)

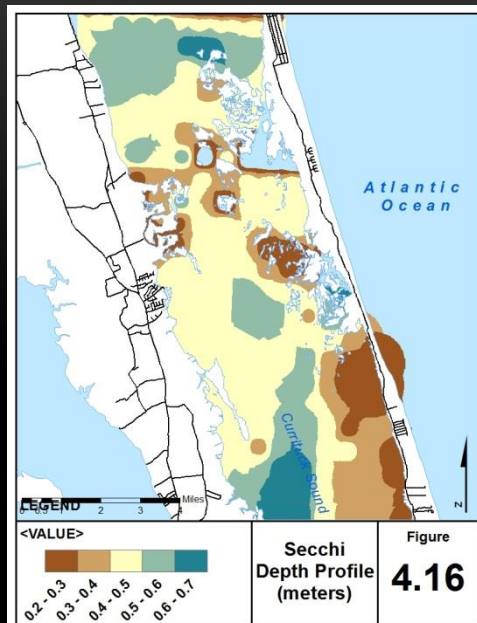
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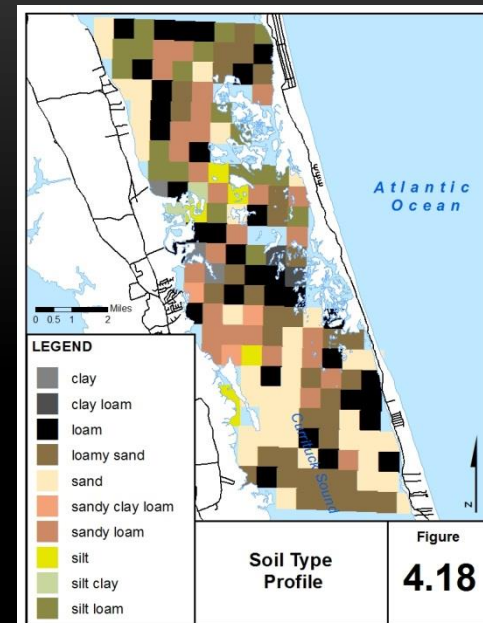
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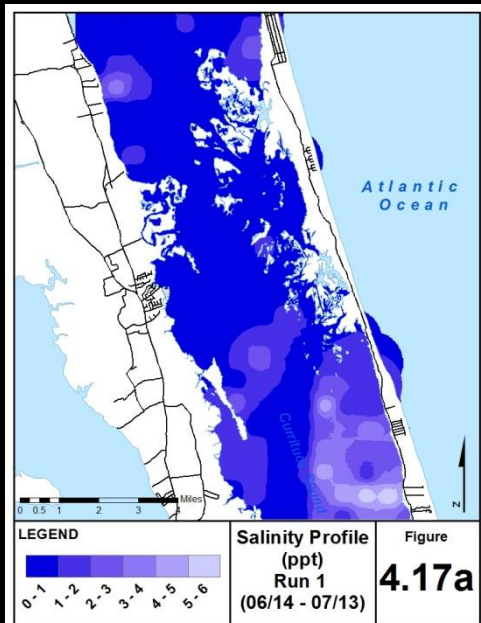
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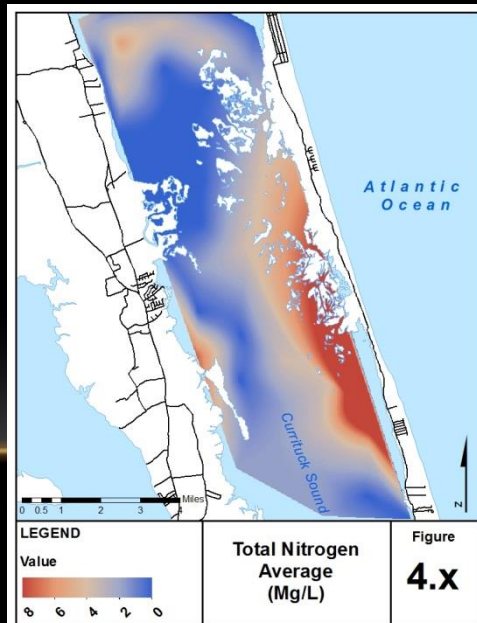
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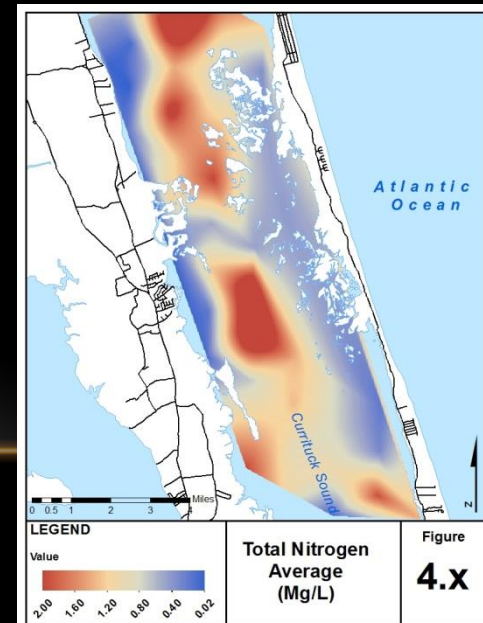
SALINITY



TOTAL N



TOTAL P



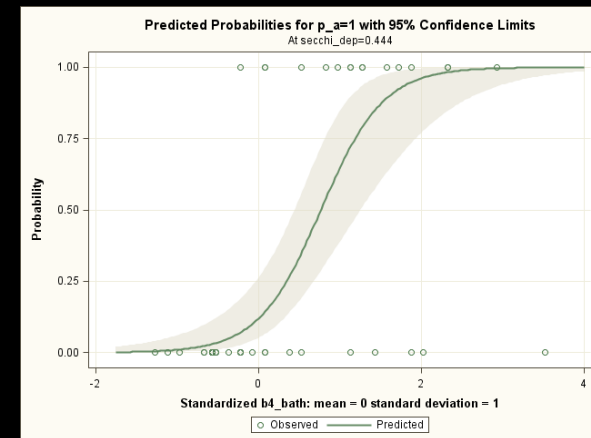
PREDICTIVE MODELING

Worldview-II Sensor

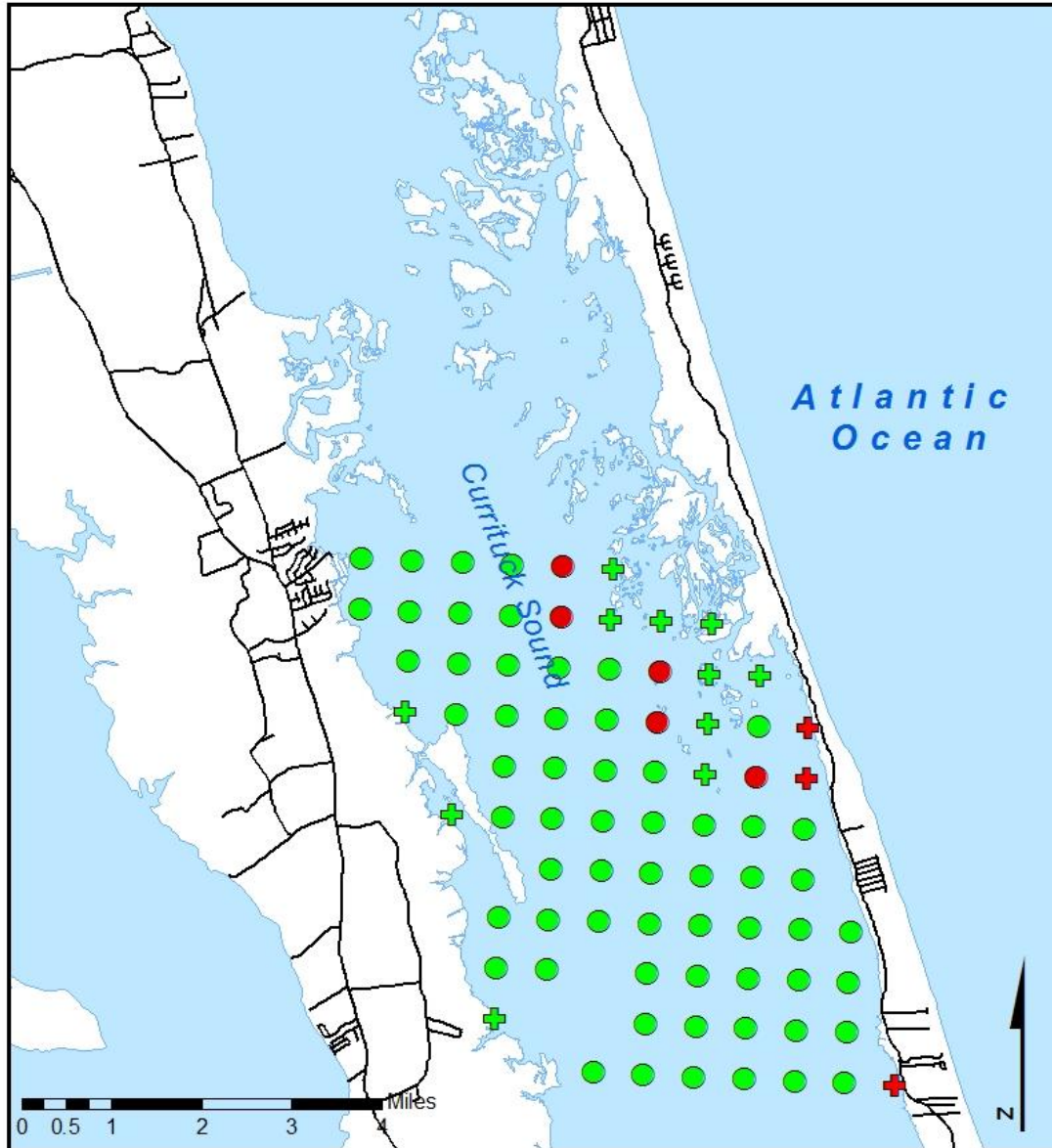


$$\text{Logit (P/A)} = B_1(\text{Band4} \times \text{SD}) + A$$

Sensor	Date	Wald	Likelihood Ratio	Score	% Concordant
Worldview-II	8/5/2010	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	94.9/88.5



* Model fit determined using Hosmer and Lemeshow GOF



LEGEND

- + Correct (1)
- Correct (0)
- + False Positive
- False Negative

**WorldView-II Model
WV080510
Image Specific
B4, SD**

Figure
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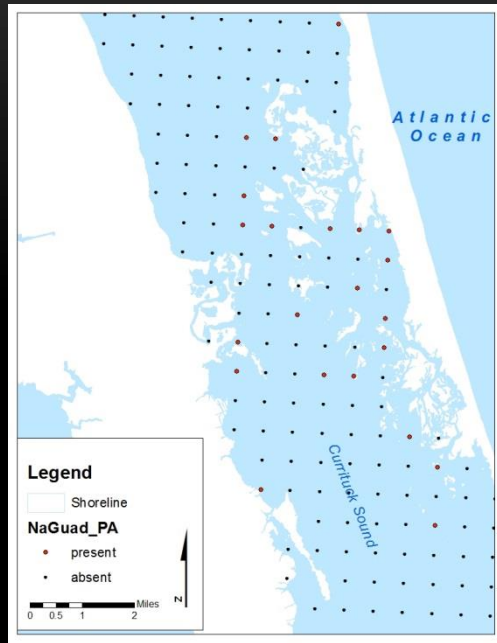
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SPECIES DOMINANCE AND COVER

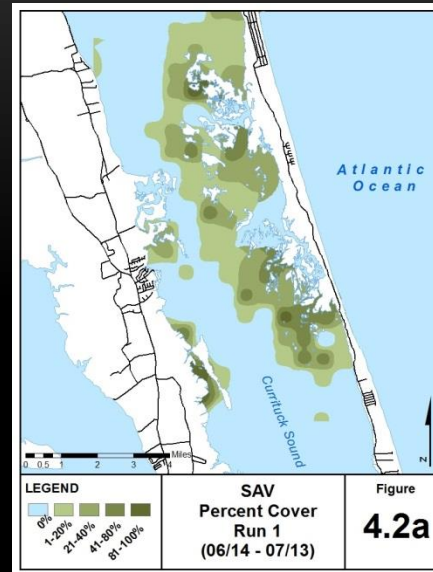
- ❑ During Sampling each species collected assigned a dominance category
 1. Dominant – Majority of plant biomass on rake
 2. Shared Dominance – shared majority with one or more species
 3. Subdominant – Not majority but trace amounts

- ❑ Determined as a proportion of all species found on rake per site

Point Data



SAV Data



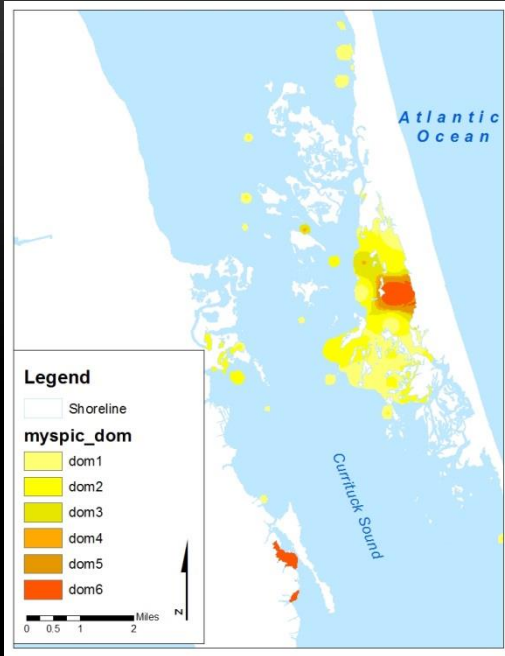
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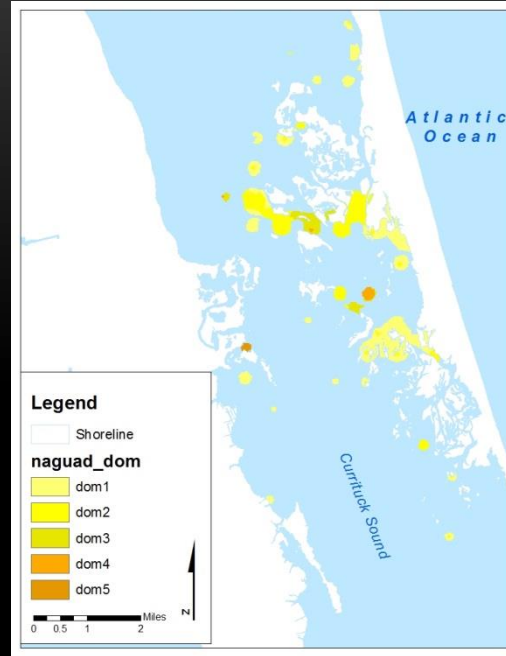
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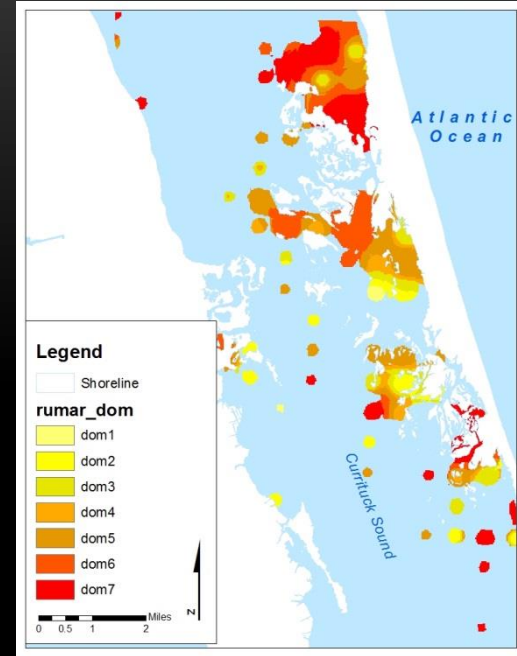
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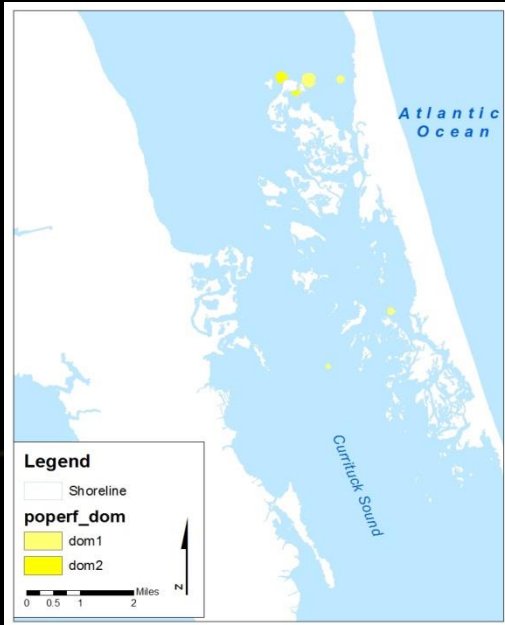
Southern Naiad



Widgeon Grass



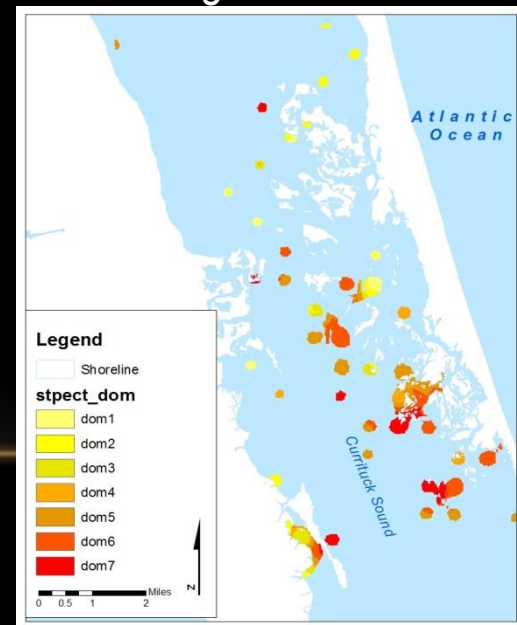
Redhead Grass



Vallisneria



Sago Pondweed

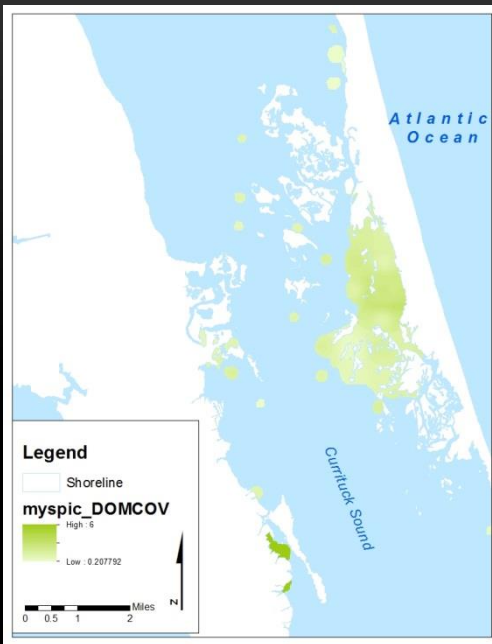


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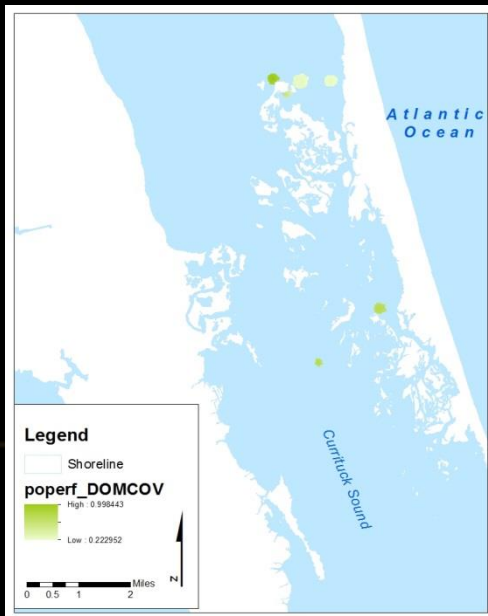
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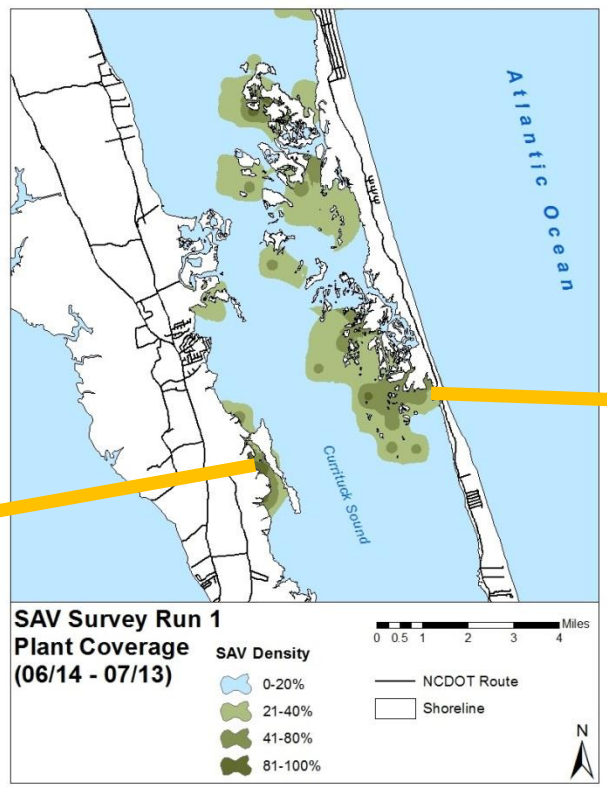
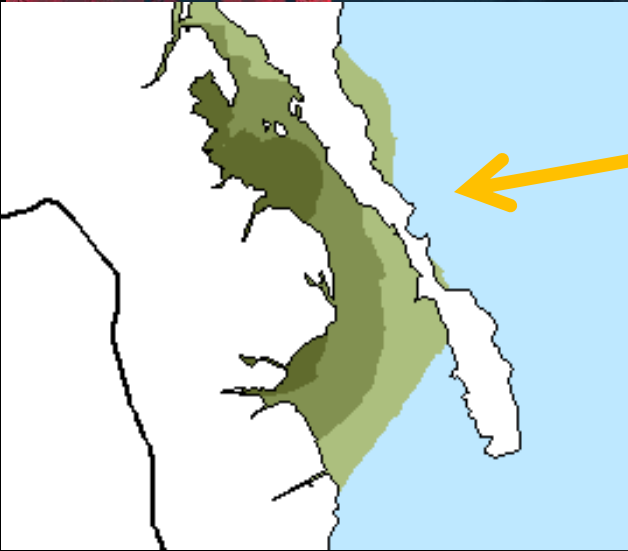


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CLASSIFICATION TECHNIQUES



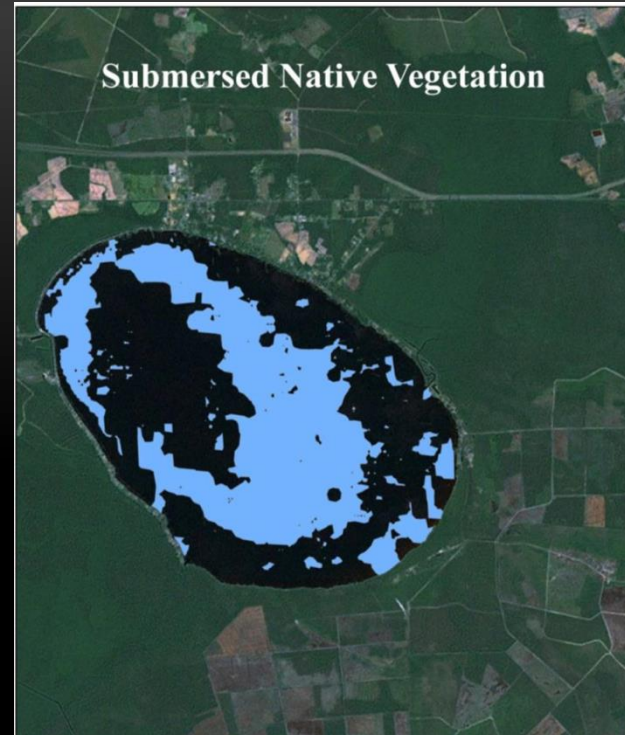
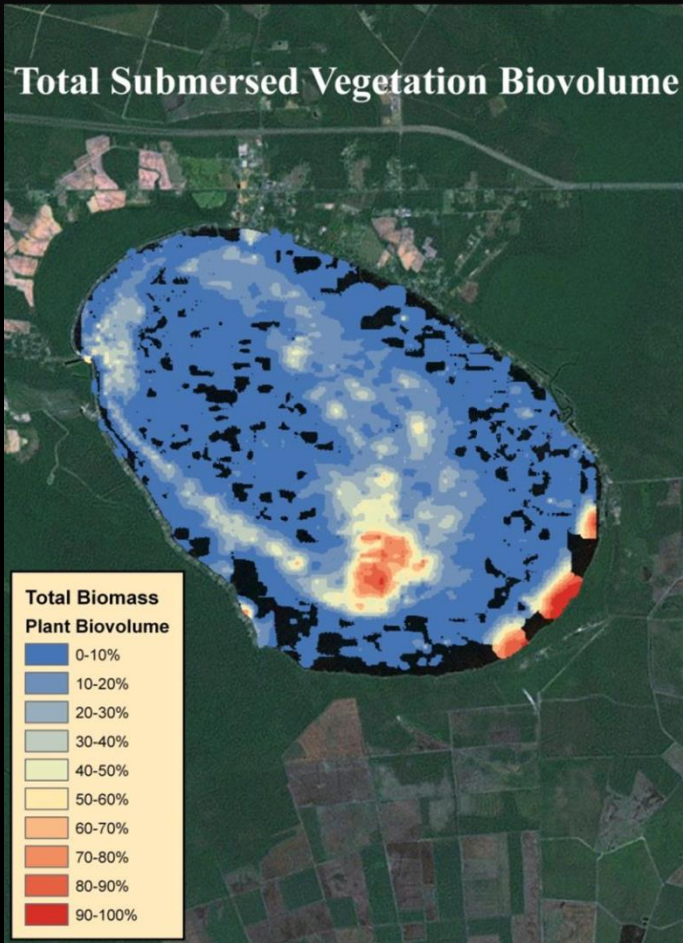
BEYOND THE “TUCK”

- ❑ **Lake Waccamaw – Hydroacoustic Vegetation Survey**

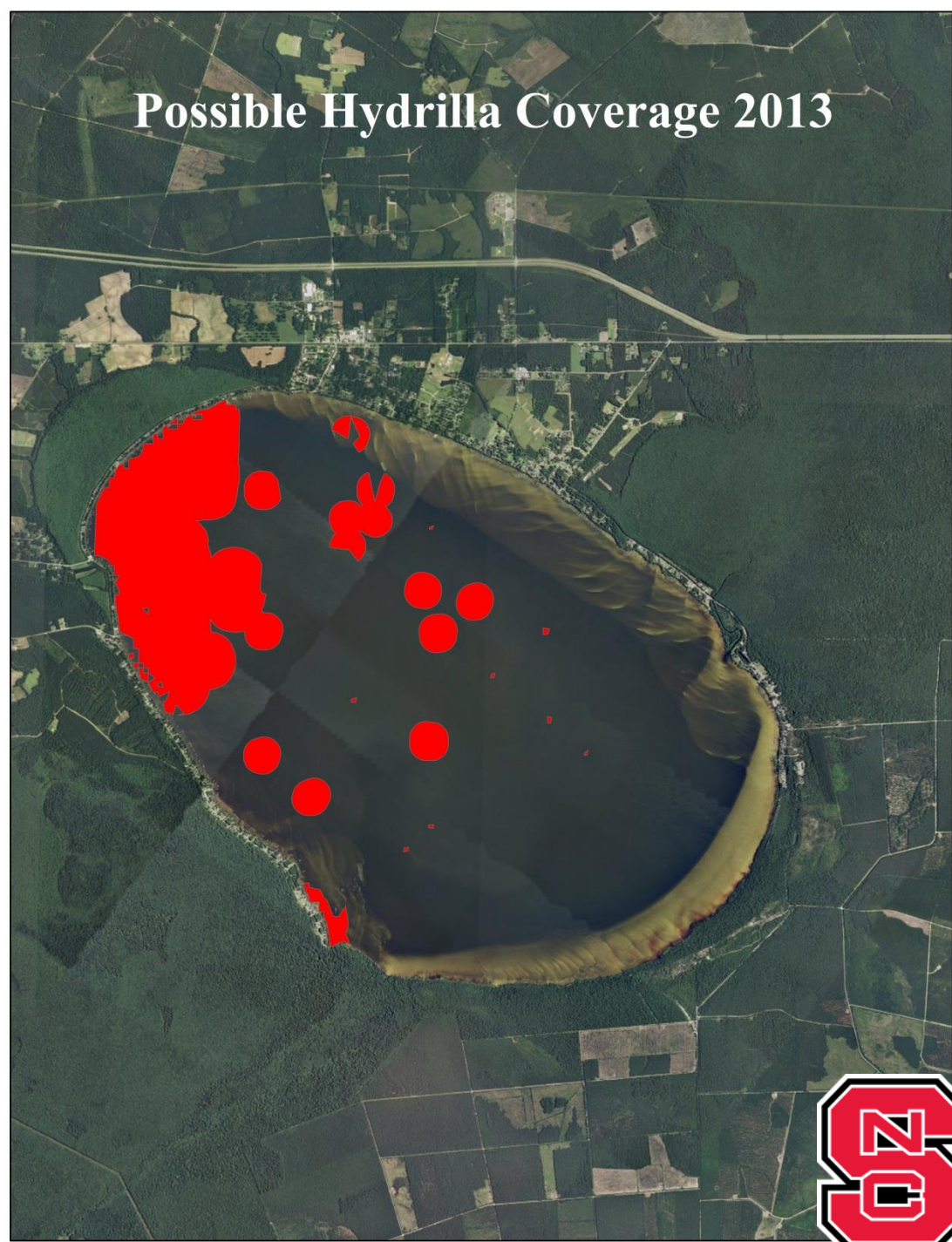
 - ❑ **Lake Gaston and Kerr Lake – Continued mapping of Hydrilla and other AIPS**
 - **Volunteer Mapping and Monitoring**

 - ❑ **Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Programs (AISAP)**
 - **Signage/ Boat Inspection and Awareness days**
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LAKE WACCAMAW



Possible Hydrilla Coverage 2013

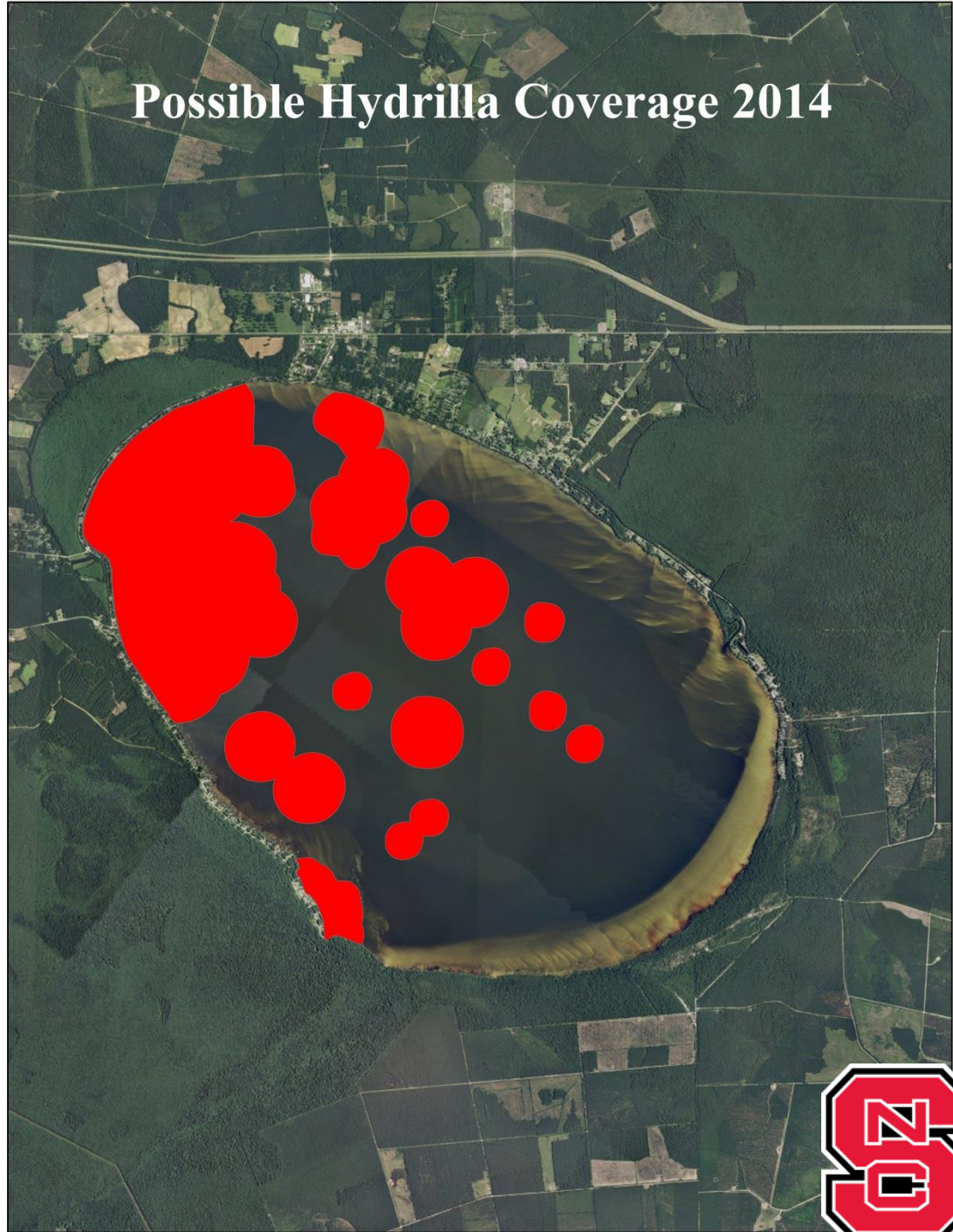


**ESTIMATE OF
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WITHOUT
MANAGEMENT**

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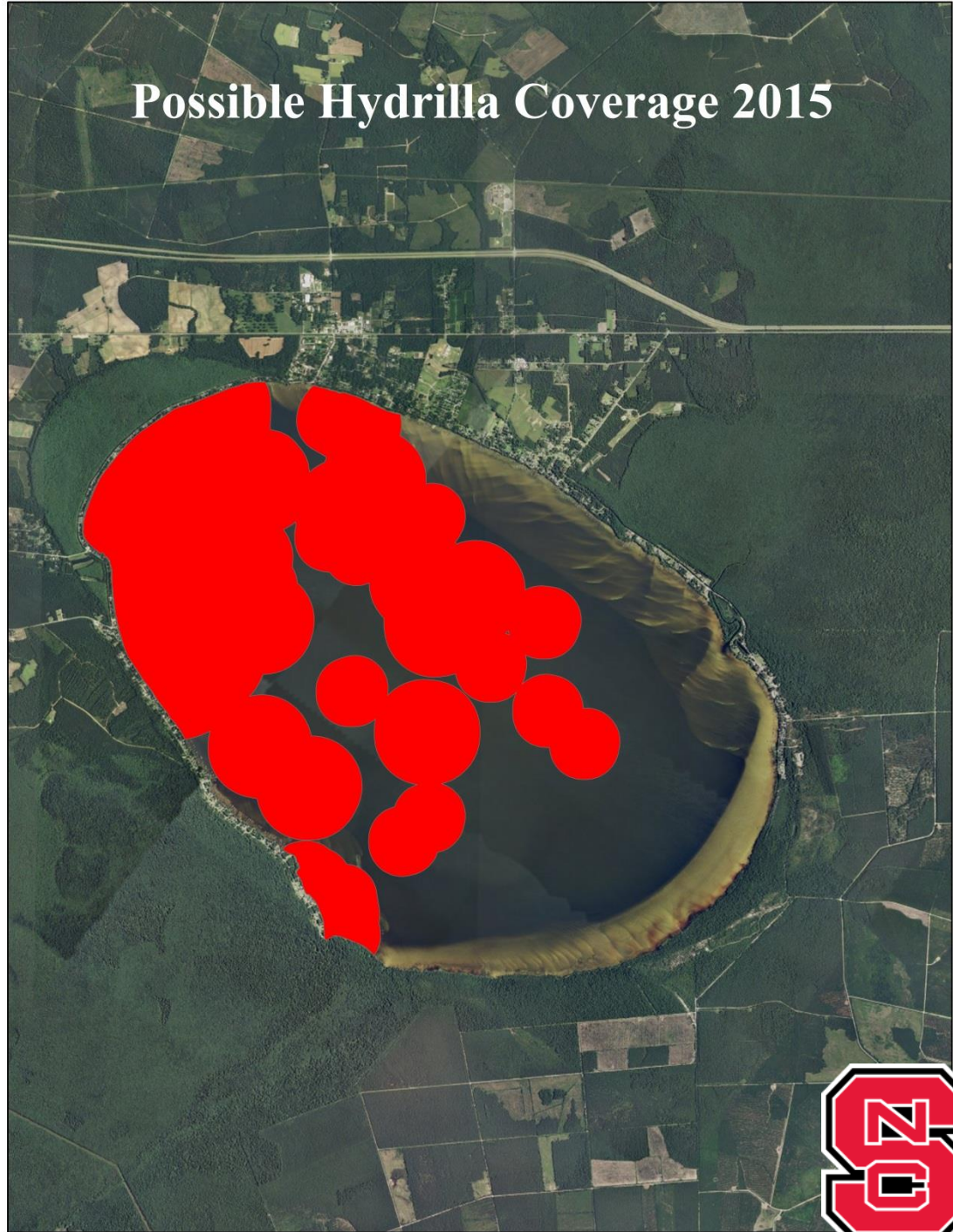
Possible Hydrilla Coverage 2014



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Possible Hydrilla Coverage 2015



2015 - 4596 A



Possible Hydrilla Coverage 2016



2016 - 5700 A



Possible Hydrilla Coverage 2017



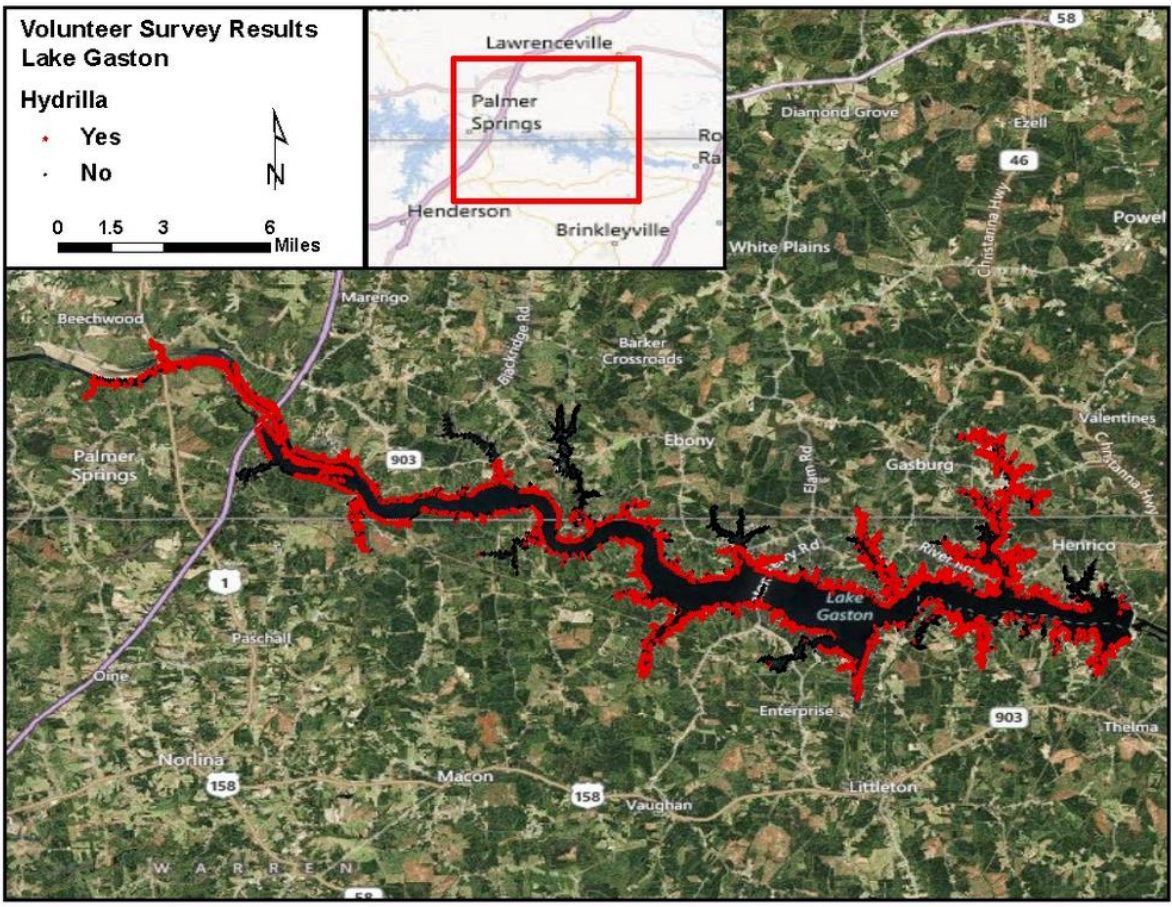
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LAKE GASTON VOLUNTEER VEGETATION SURVEY

- Approx. 38 Volunteers
- 5,765 points collected (Entire Lake Coverage)
- 80 different collection areas
- 633 hours/ 26 days of total work






AISAP PROGRAM




STOP
The Spread of Aquatic Weeds



REMOVE ALL PLANTS
From Boat, Motor & Trailer
Before Leaving Area!

For more information visit:
www.nwater.org



BOAT/ EQUIPMENT INSPECTION DAYS

- NCWRC and VADGIF Ramps
- Use of “Trainees”
- First Event – April 28th, 2013



CONTACTS

State Regulations and Information Sources

Many states have regulations that prohibit the possession, transportation and release of specific aquatic invaders referred to as prohibited species. In North Carolina the regulatory agencies are:

N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Plant Industry – Plant Protection Section, 919-733-8020
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Division of Wildlife Management, 919-767-6650

To report a sighting or learn more about invasive species, contact one of the natural resource managers listed below:



Rob Elward
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Marine Section
919-734-6481
rob.elward@denr.gov



Rob Elward
N.C. Division of Water Resources
Aquatic Invasives Control
919-732-4068
rob.elward@denr.gov

http://www.gowg.org www.maintainthepanel.org

INSPECT

HELP STOP Aquatic Hitchhikers



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Enjoying the great outdoors is important to many of us. Boating, fishing, hunting and wildlife watching are traditions that we want to preserve for our children and their children. Today, these traditions are at risk. Aquatic invaders such as zebra mussels, spottail snailhead, sailfin catfish, jolly fish, hydrilla and rubeck catfish threaten our valuable waters and recreation. These and other non-native, or exotic plants and animals do not naturally occur in our waters and are called invasive species because they cause ecological and/or economic harm.

The main way invasive species get into lakes, rivers, and wetlands is by "hitchhiking" rides with boaters and other outdoor recreationalists. If you leave a body of water without taking precautions recommended in this brochure, you may be transporting these harmful species from one lake, river or wetland to another.

These "aquatic hitchhikers," such as Giant Salvinia (right), have invaded our waters, doing harm to lakes, streams, wetlands and their native inhabitants.

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Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!



Fortunately, there are a few simple actions you can take to prevent the spread of non-native plants and animals.

In many states and provinces it is illegal to transport aquatic invasive species, so taking the following actions may also help avoid a citation (see back page).

STOP Aquatic Hitchhikers® is a national campaign that helps recreational users to become part of the solution in stopping the transport and spread of aquatic invasive species.

INSPECT your boat, trailer and equipment and **REMOVE** visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access.

It is important to carefully inspect and remove all plant fragments and debris before you leave the access area to ensure you are not transporting an invasive species. This practice will reduce the chance of moving organisms to new locations.



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REMOVE

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