A decision-making activity to guide archipelago-wide rewilding of Galapagos giant tortoises

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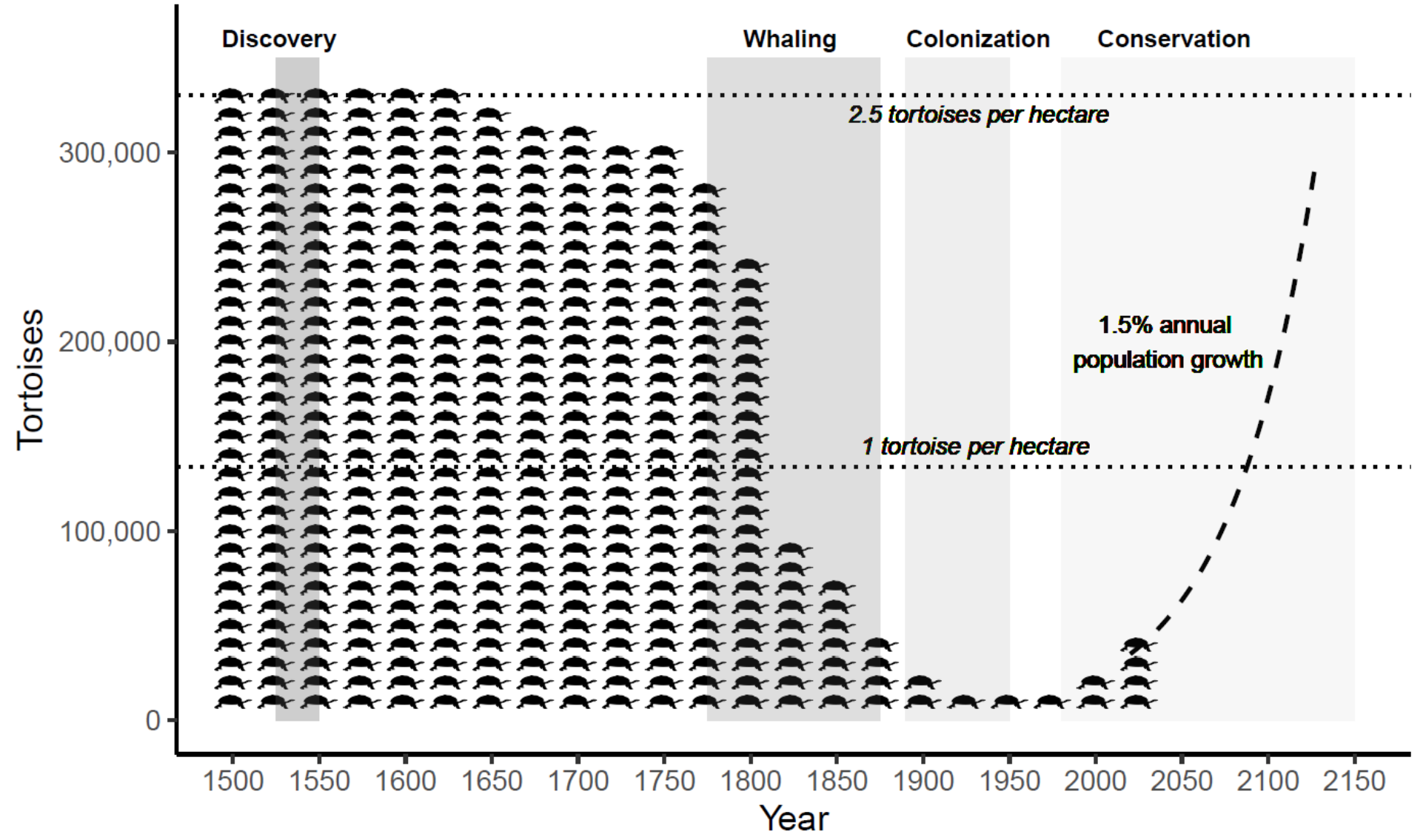
Galapagos Islands

Chelonoidis spp.


Discovery
Whaling
Colonization
Conservation
2.5 tortoises per hectare
1 tortoise per hectare
1.5% annual
population growth
Tortoises
300,000
200,000
100,000
0
1500
1550
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1800
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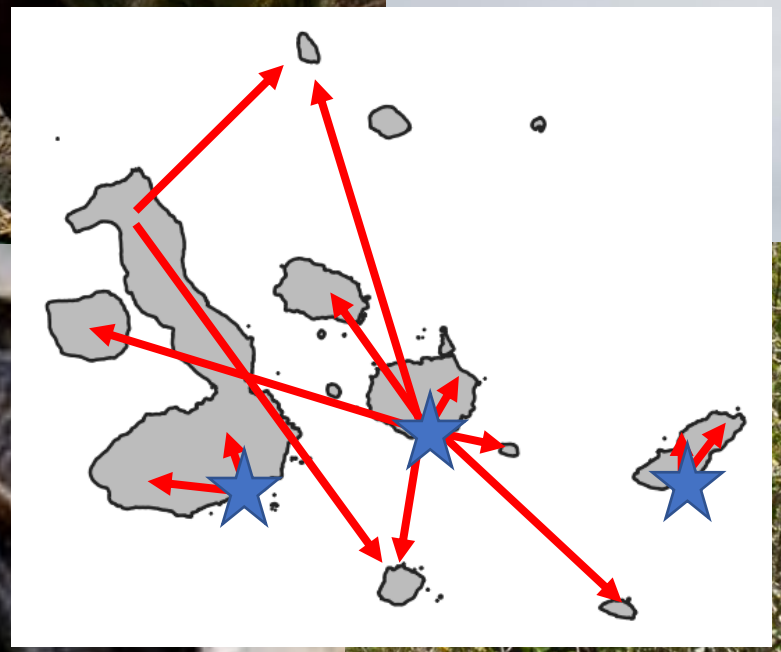
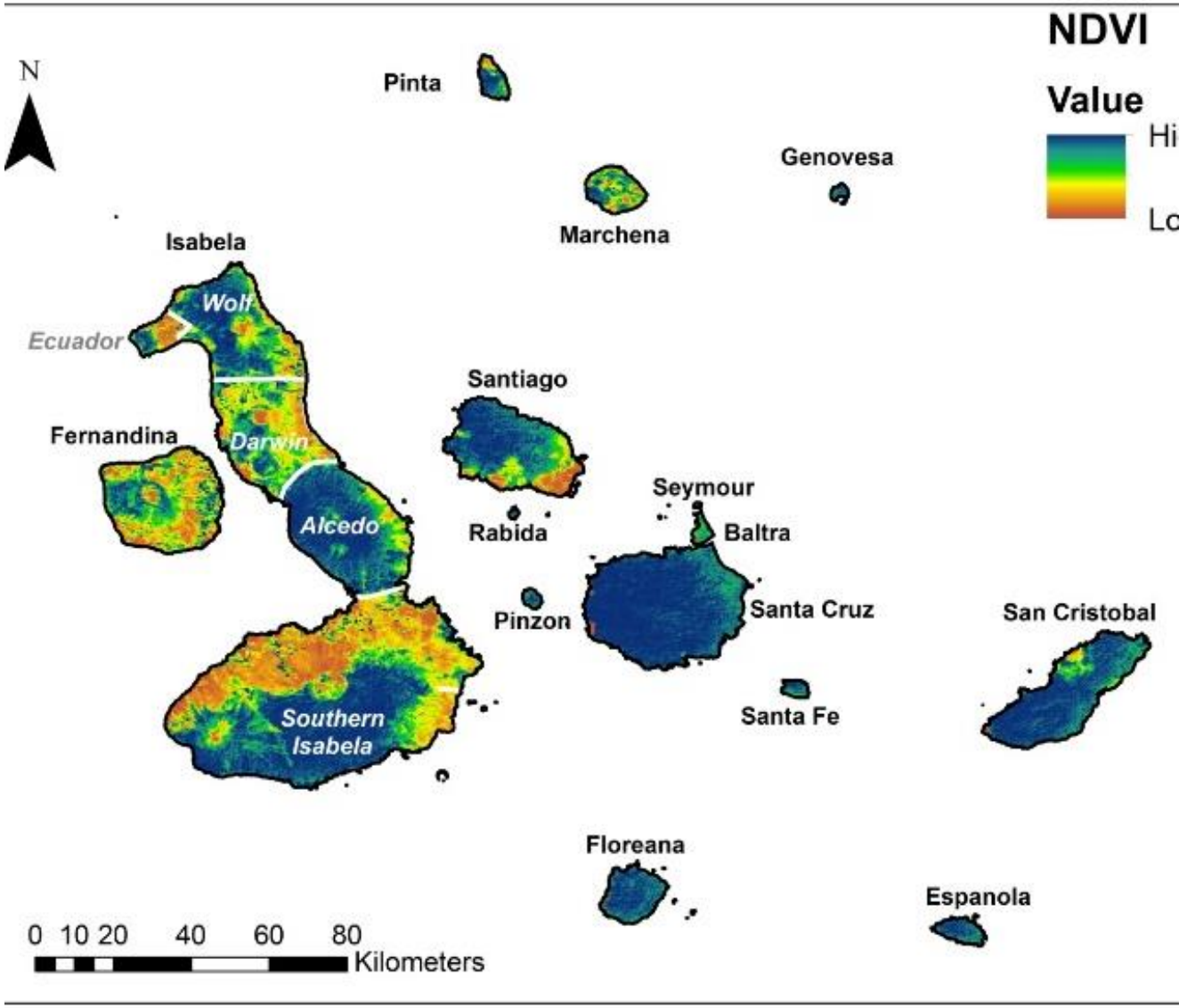
Year



Integration of multiple, diverse data streams:

- Satellite-derived Earth observations
- > 5M field observations of tortoise occurrence
- Data from camera traps and tourist photography uploaded on social media
- Tortoise impacts on vegetation and biodiversity
- Rewilding costs and economic benefit, competing management priorities, and volatile budget
- All in context of climate change



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