

From life histories to legal norms : transformations of indigenous agricultural system (Rio Negro, Amazonas)



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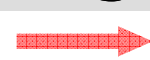


The Rio Negro Region

- 23 ethnic groups
- Indigenous Areas, 10 000 km²
- Swidden farming
- Regional urban centers



Main population movements in the Middle and Upper Rio Negro



XIX - XX

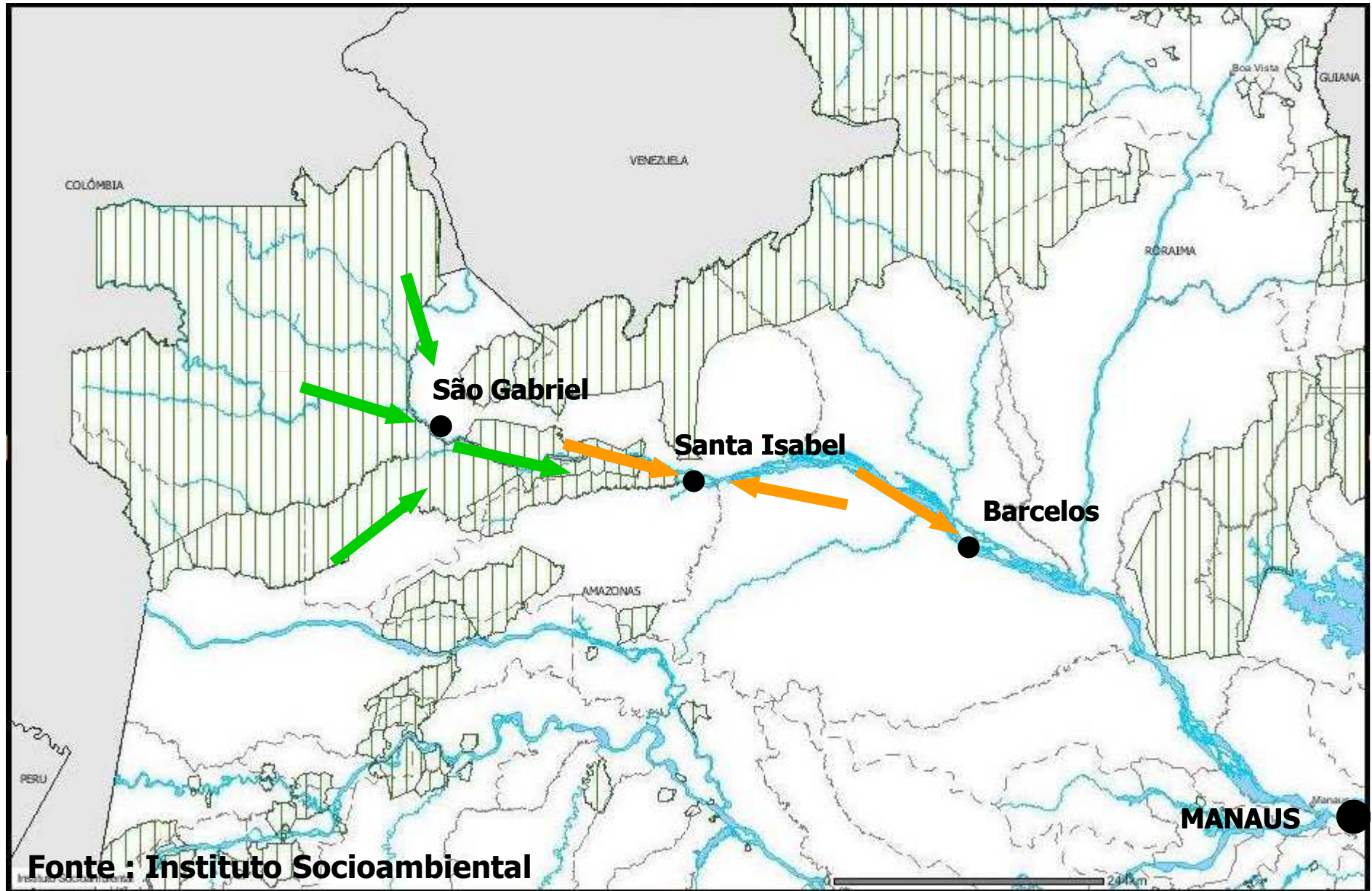
1990-2007



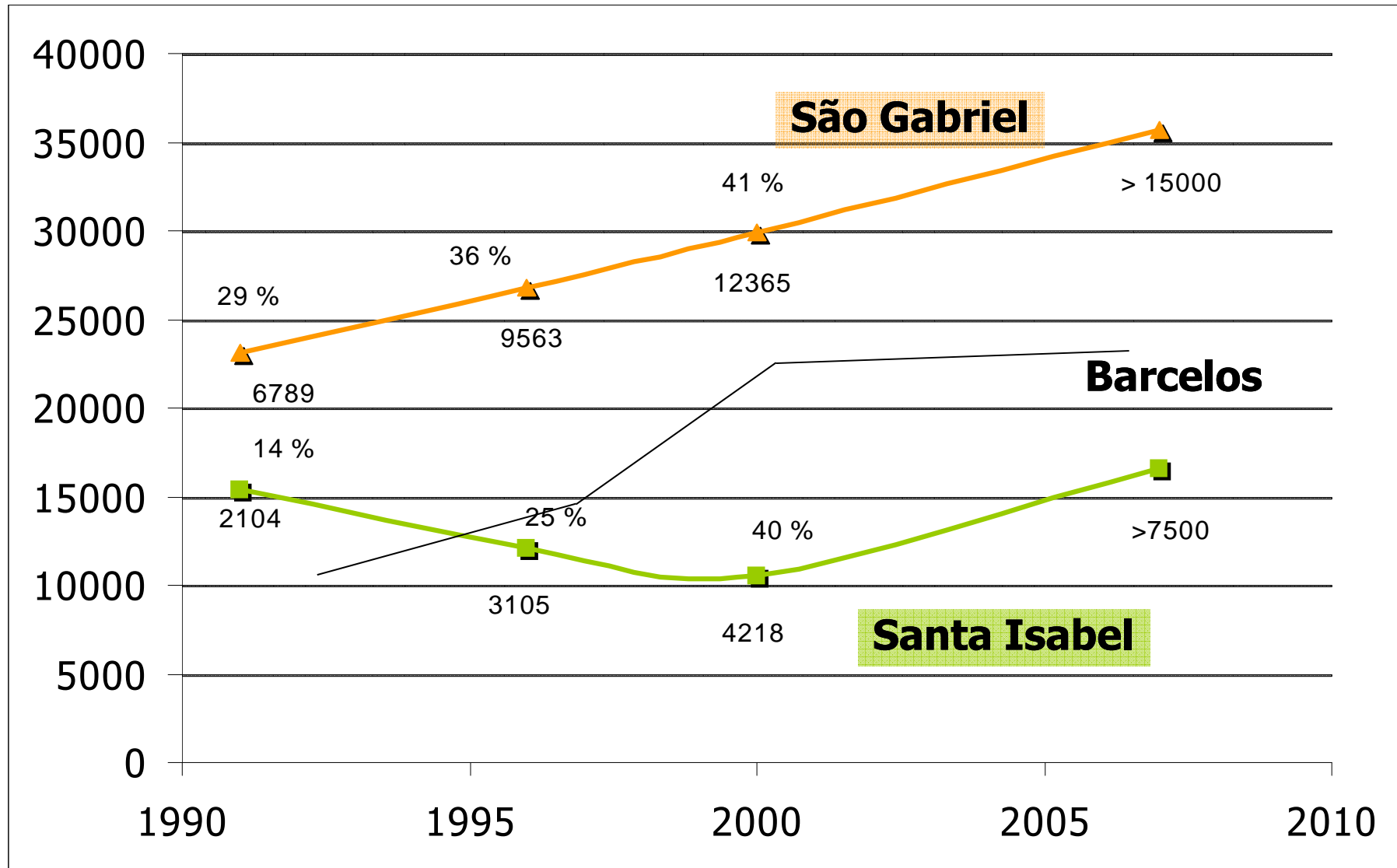
S. Gabriel



S. Isabel



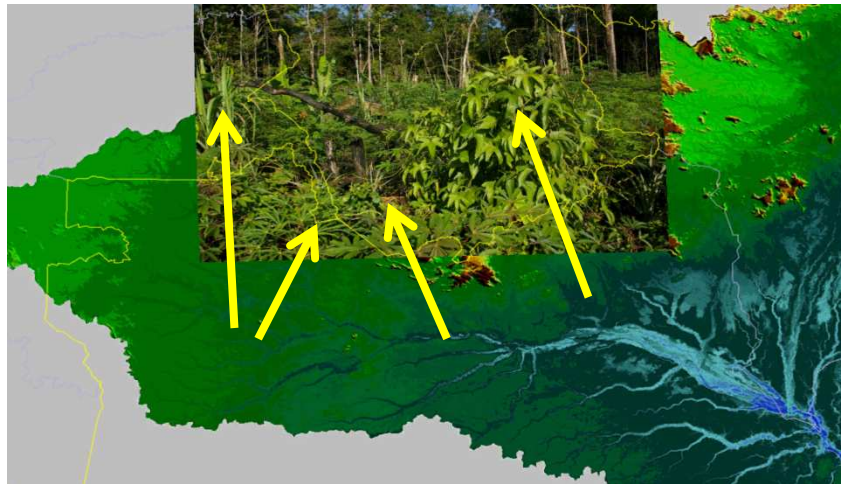
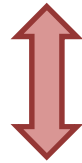
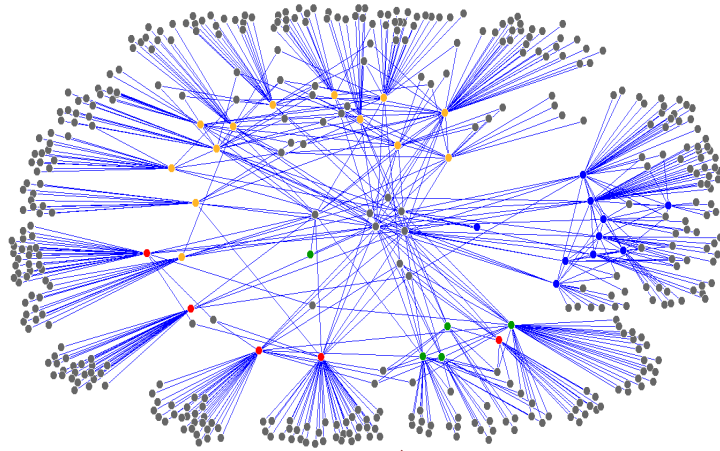
Evolution of the population in the *municípios* of São Gabriel da Cachoeira and Santa Isabel do Rio Negro



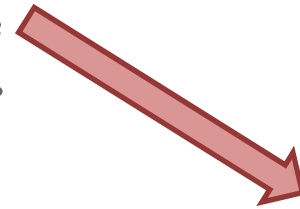
Source: IBGE, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2007

Method

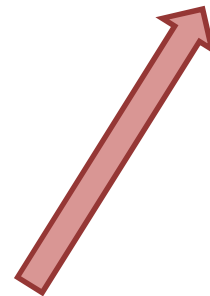
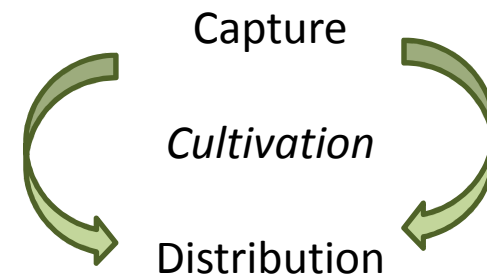
Social relationships



Spatial dynamics



Cultivated plants

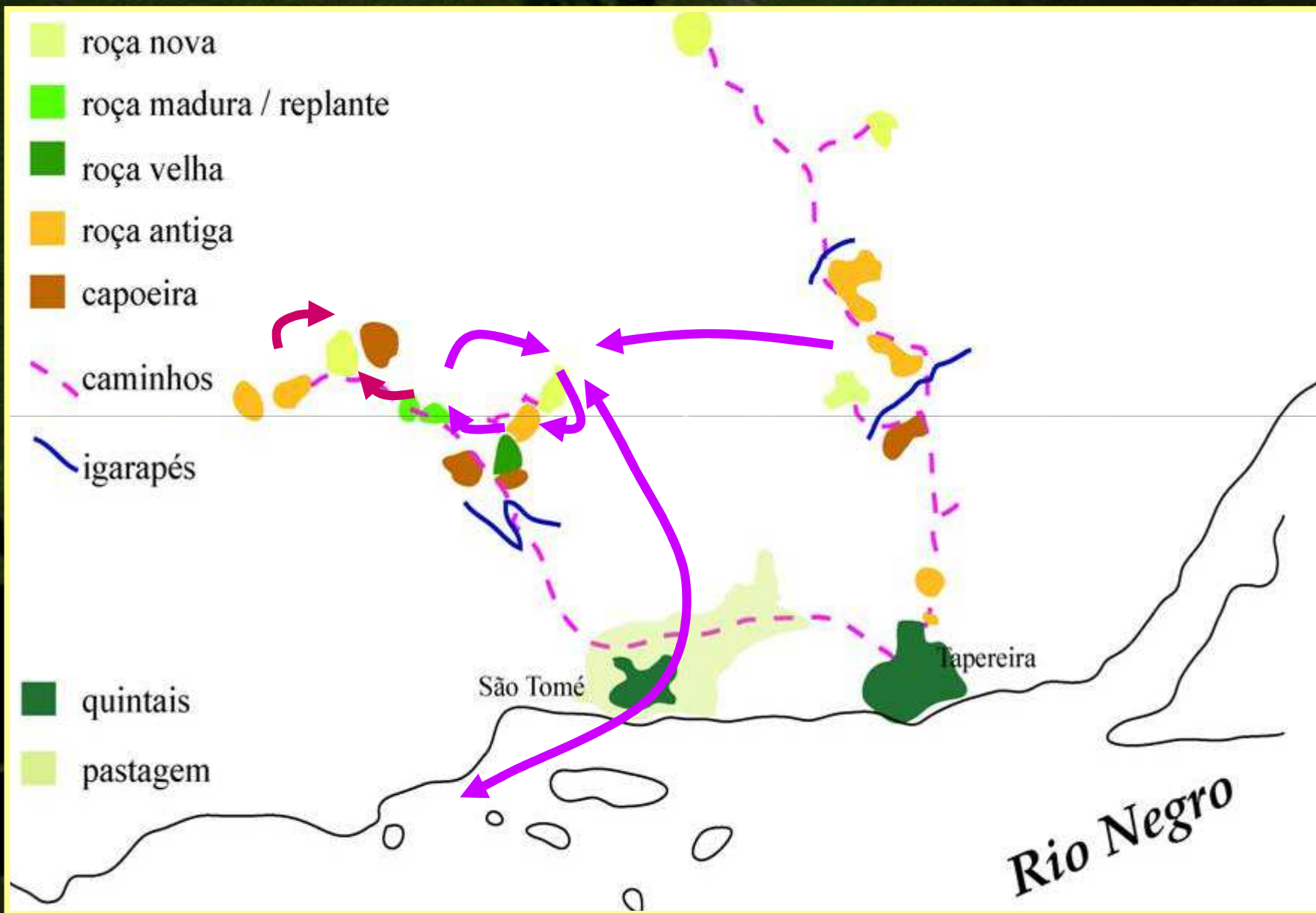


28 interviews in MRN
9 interviews HRN



**29 informants → 110 var. cassava, 329 others
morphotypes"**

Spatial management and local circulation



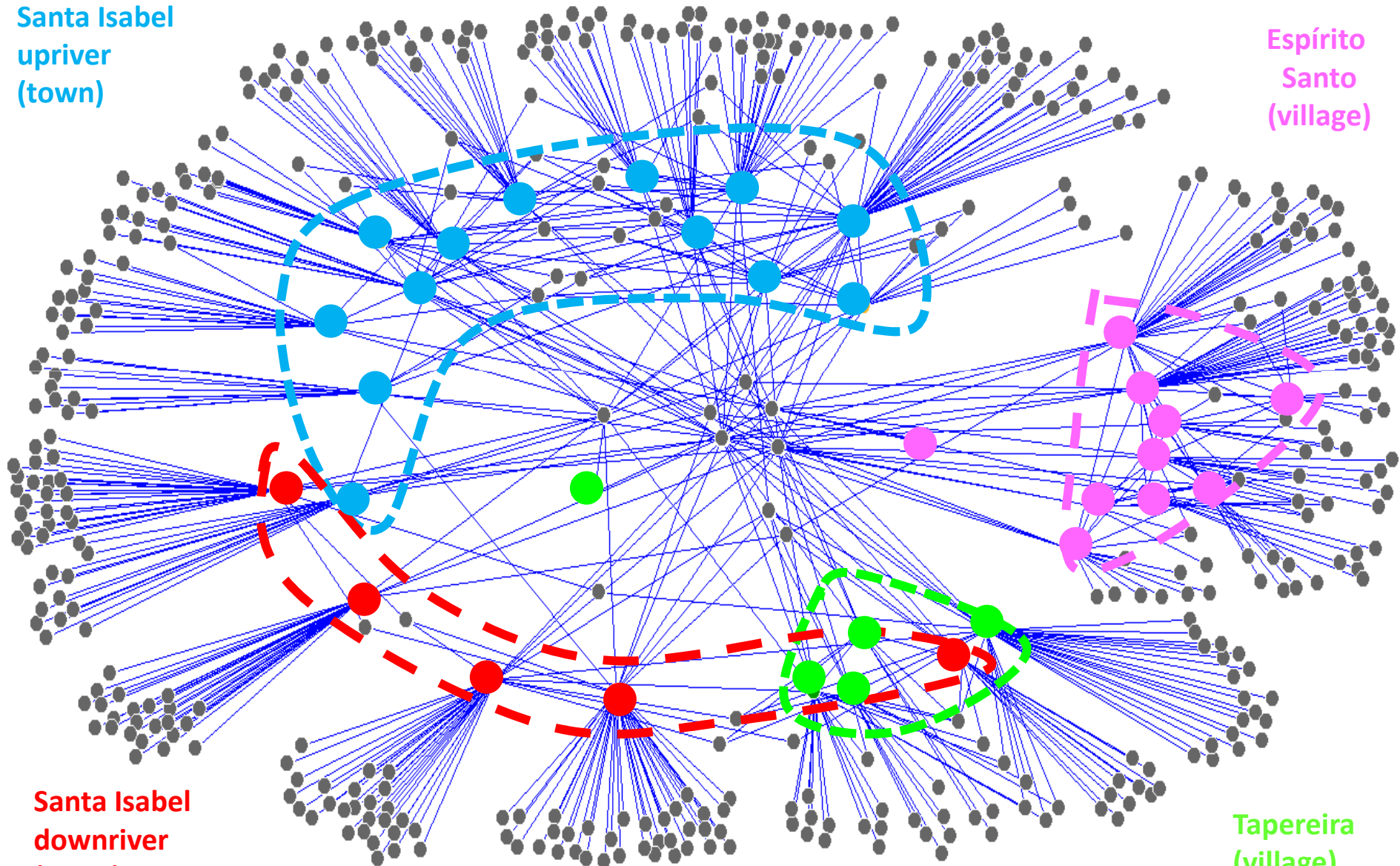
Social networks of circulation of cultivated plants

• donor ●●●● receptor

110 var. cassava + 329 others cultivars

Santa Isabel
upriver
(town)

Espírito
Santo
(village)



Santa Isabel
downriver
(town)

Tapereira
(village)

Local norms for agrobiodiversity management

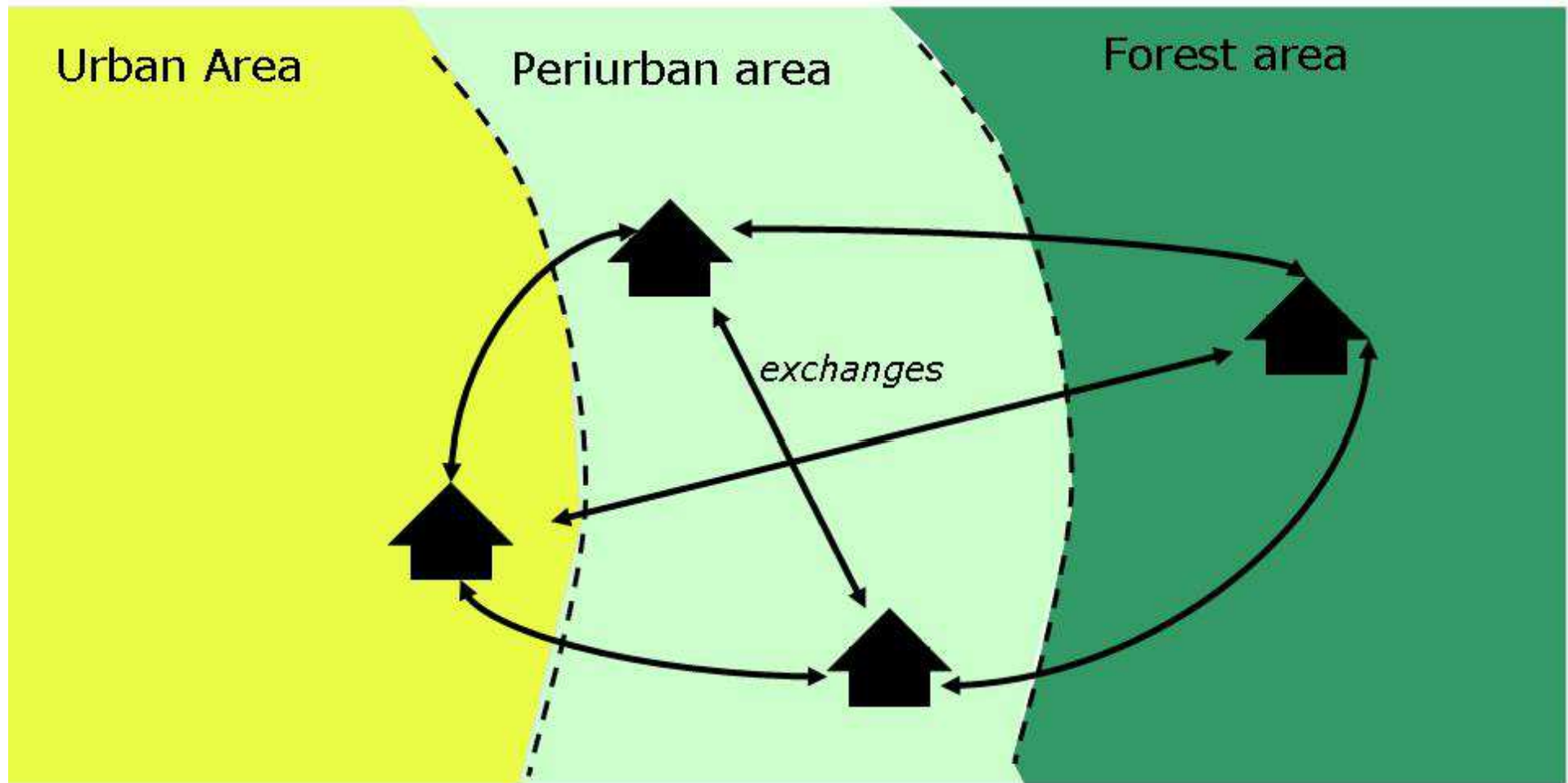
- High diversity=high sociability
- Collection of plants = proudness and prestige
- Producing its own food= well being

→relationship with a set of cultivated plants, rather than with a productive space, wich is used temporally

→ Re-elaboration of the agricultural system in the (peri)urban context, with few modifications in its functioning (Eloy & Emperaire, 2008)



Multi-sited households



(Eloy & Le Tourneau, 2009; Eloy & Lasmar, 2011)

The town: the epicentre of the idea of modernity

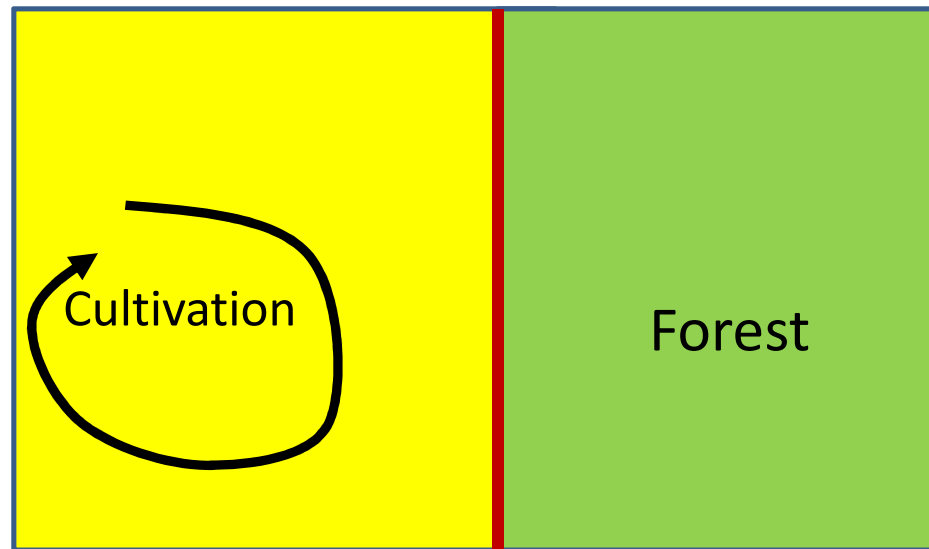
Local representations of Modernity vs Tradition



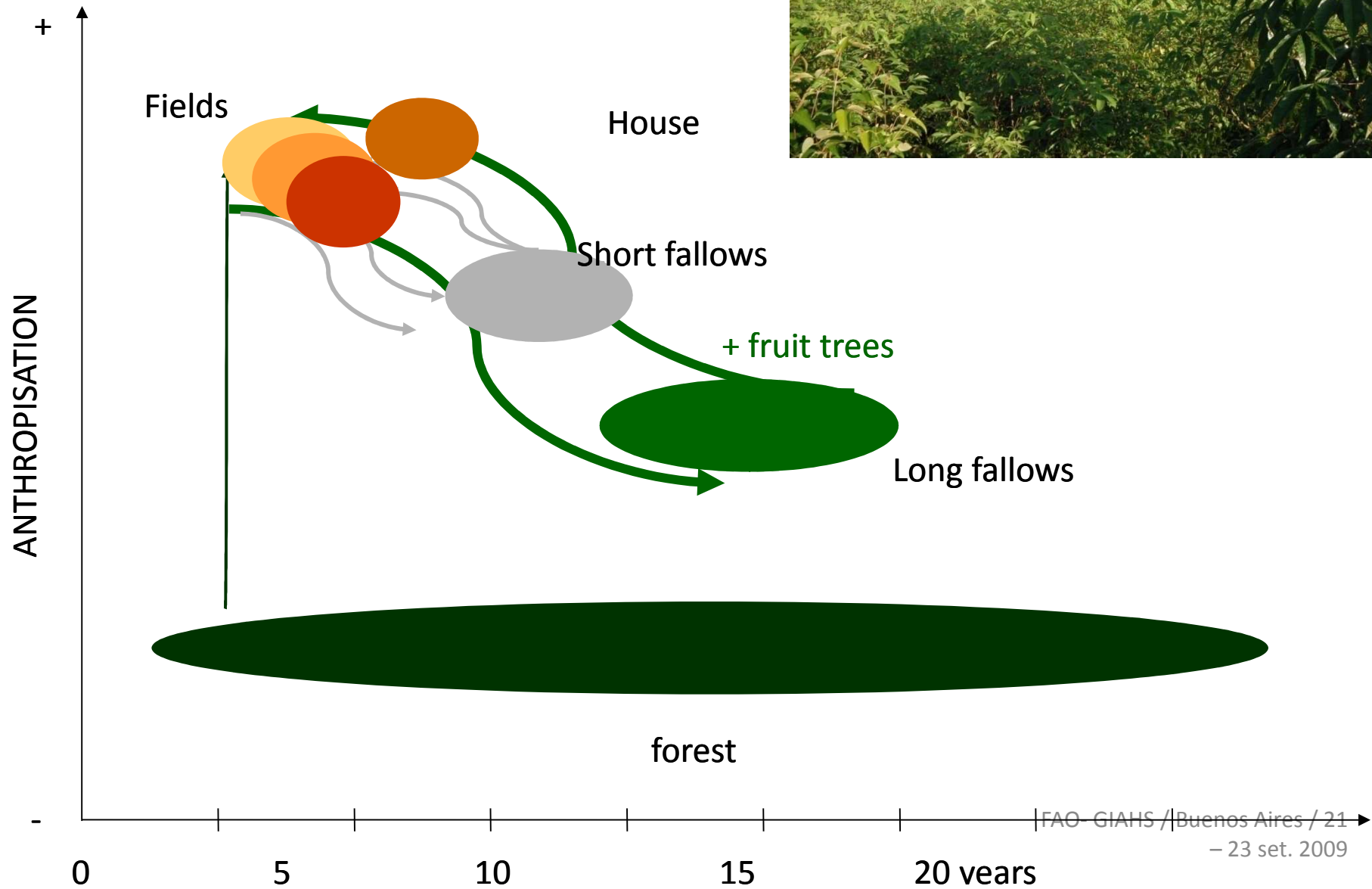
Drawing of women from Balaio village, in 2004, in São Gabriel da Cachoeira

Environmental norms

→ de-swidenning



The cycle forest - *roça*



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