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ANALYSIS OF LAND USE AND LAND COVER CHANGE DYNAMICS IN COTAPATA (NP-IMNA) NATIONAL PARK-INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT NATURAL AREA, BOLIVIA

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1. Introduction

 During the past three decades, Bolivia has experienced a steadily increment of the rates of land use and land cover change.

 Nowadays, deforestation continues representing 77% of the total land use and cover change:

Most of mechanized farmers, subsistence agriculturalists, and livestock producers, preferentially selected forest landscapes for conversion (Killeen et al., 2008).

Land use and land cover change in the Mountain zones

 On the Bolivian mountain zones, the landscape has been shaped mainly through the agriculture by local peasants and immigrants (Zimmerer, 1999).

Typically, the 'zone model" is used to explain the spatial and environmental organization of mountain agriculture and livestock raising in the Central Andean countries and in other inhabited highlands of the world (Brush, 1976a cited in Zimmerer, 1999).

Objectives

General objective

Analyze the land use and land cover changes (LULC) in Cotapata National Park and integrated Management Natural Area.

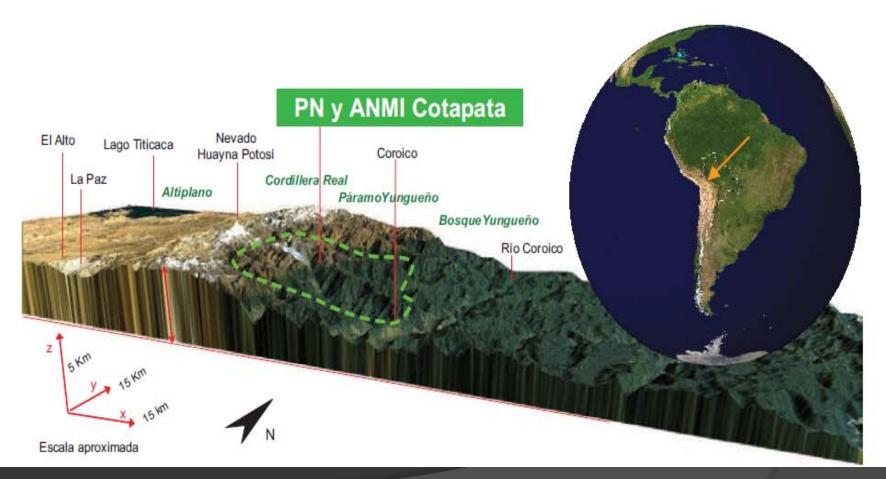
Specific Objectives

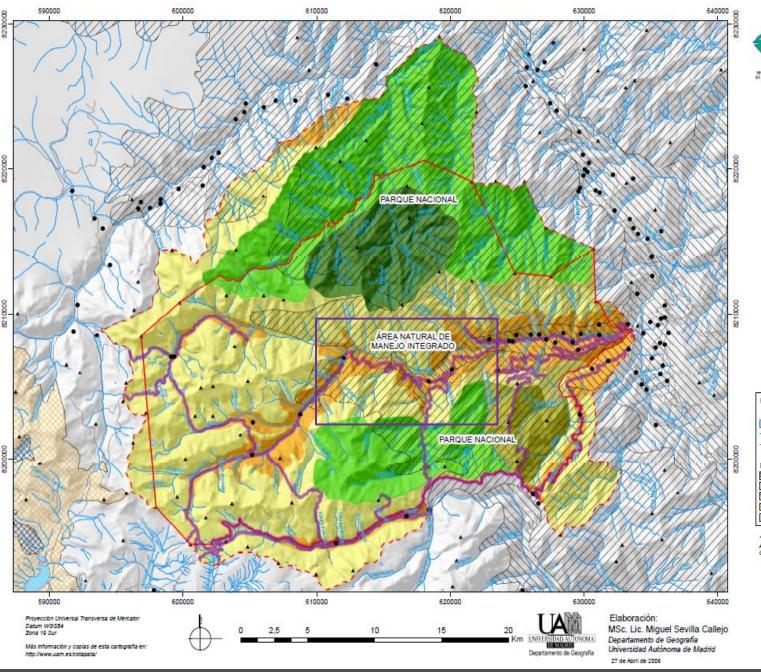
Determine and compare quantitative and qualitative patterns of land use and land cover changes during the following periods: Before the establishment of the protected, after the establishment of the area (during the construction* of the Cotapata - Santa Barbara road) and current time.

Identify the main causes of change during these periods.

Characteristics of Study Area Cotapata NP-AMNI

- Area located about 80 km northeastern from the city of La Paz, in the provinces of Nor Yungas and Murillo, within the jurisdiction of the municipalities of La Paz and Coroico (Geographical coordinates: 67°43′ 68°02′ W and 16°10′ 16°20′ S).
- Size of approximately 610 km^{2.}
- Cotapata encompasses a wide range of ecological zones (also called layers), from the snow-covered peaks of the high Andes (5,519 masl) to the humid mountain cloud forests, known as Yungas (1,035 masl).



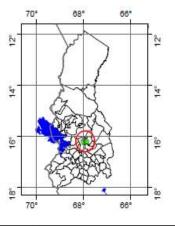






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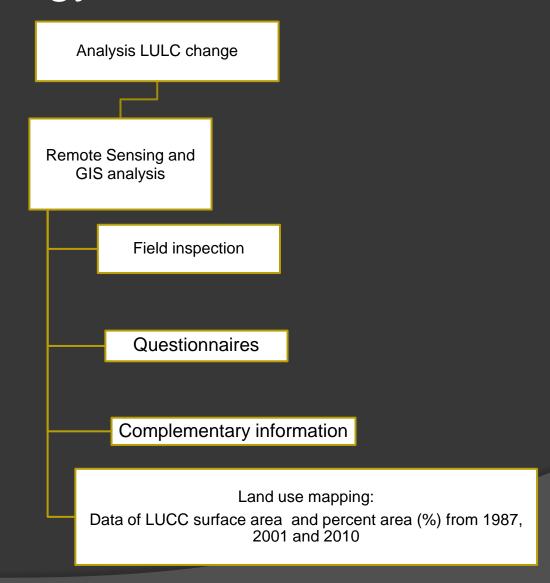
Mapa de Zonificación del PN y ANMI Cotapata





Parque Nacional en verde (3 primeras categorias)
 Area Natural de Manejo integrado en amarillo (2 siguientes)
 Categoria especial de uso público intensivo en púrpura

Methodology



Methodology

Data collection design

Criteria:

election of study area

Indirect impact/no impact of the C-SB* road

Long settlement of communities

Availability of satellite images

Dry season
Cloud coverage
Punctual Dates

Landsat program

*C-Sb= Cotapata Santa Barbara

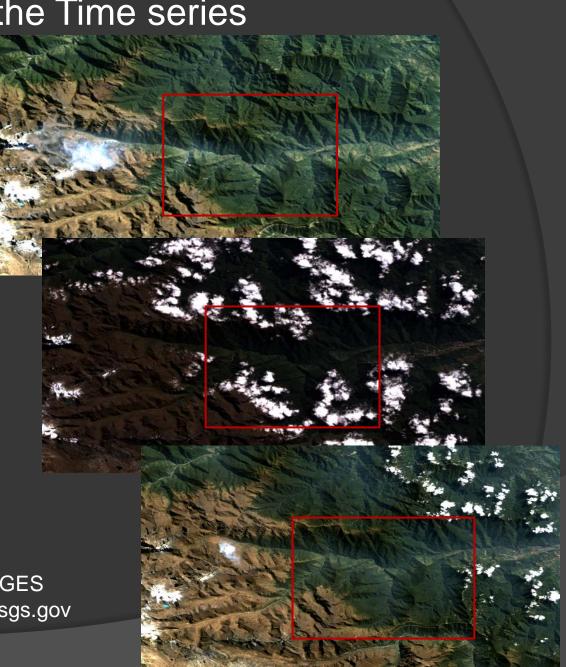
Establishment of the Time series

1987 Before NP-IMNA establishment

2000 - After NP-IMNA establishment

2010 – Current time

LANDSAT IMAGES Source: landsat.usgs.gov



Methodology

Digital Data i) Preprocessing ii) Feature Extraction Enhancement iii)Selection of training Manual Interpretation Decision and classification Supervised Unsupervised Classification output Post processing operation Assess Accuracy Maps and images Reports

DATA

Remote sensing Image processing

Results

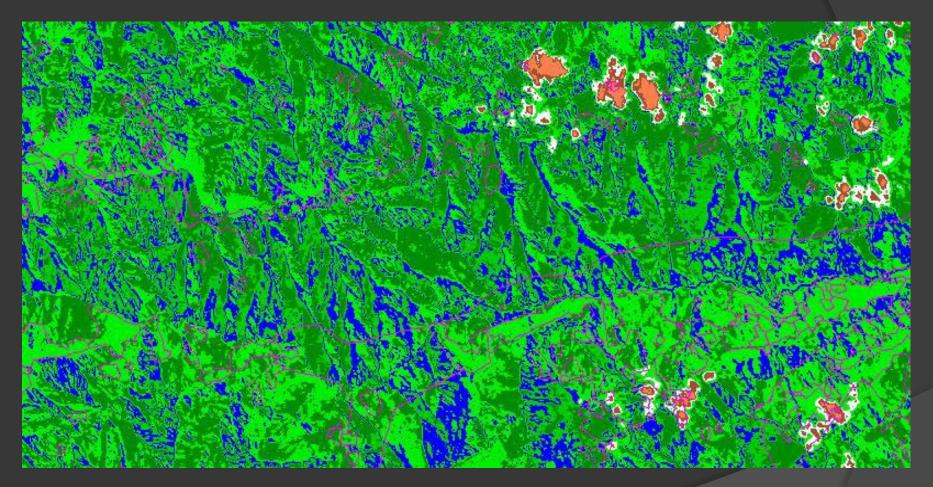
Determination of land use and land cover

	Land cover and land use	Abbreviation
1	Montane cloud Forest	MCF
2	Forest on rocky substrate	FR
3	Deforestation area without use/livestock	D/L
4	Snow area and rocky tops	S
5	Agricultural	А
6	Ever-green Schurbs and Graminaceous plants	EGR

Determination of land use and land cover

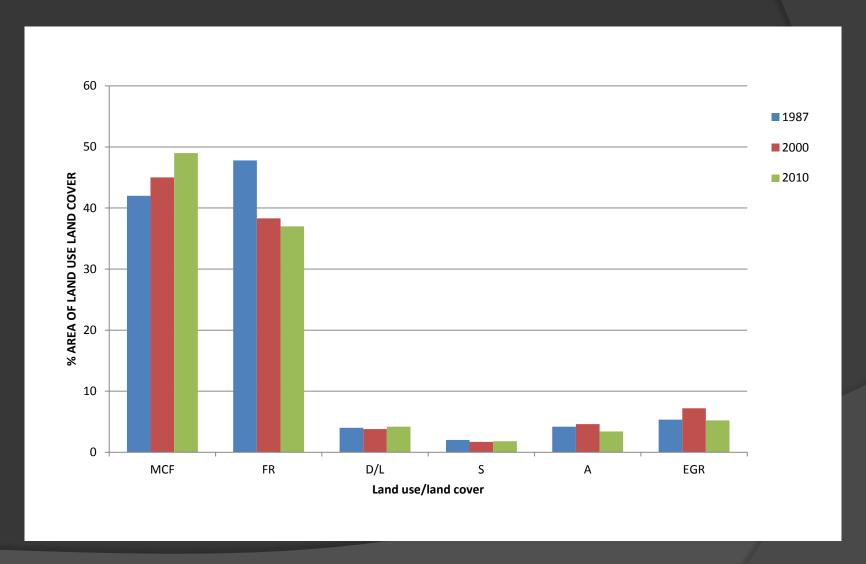


Supervised Classification (ENVI 4.5)

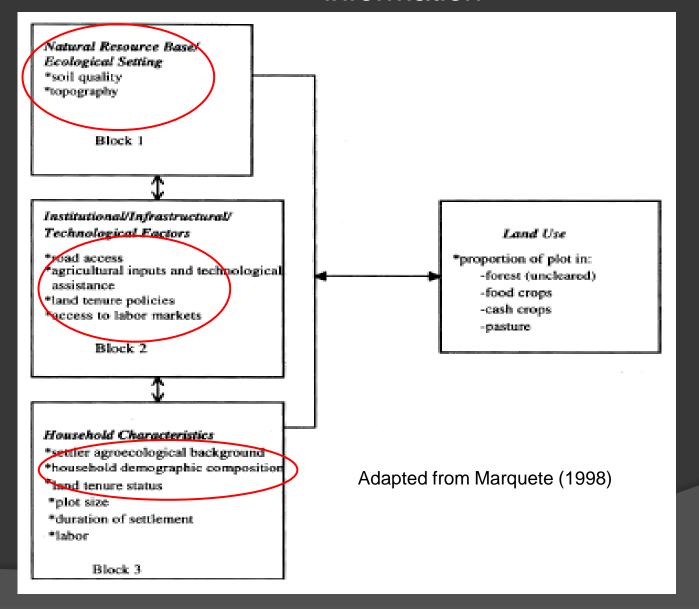


Land use/land cover 2010 image and vector layer

Land use and land cover change dynamics during three periods



Information from Questionnaires and other sources of information



Actual pattern of land use and land cover

