



On October 2010, the Argentinean Senate approved the Law 26639 for the "Preservation of Glaciers and Periglacial Environments"



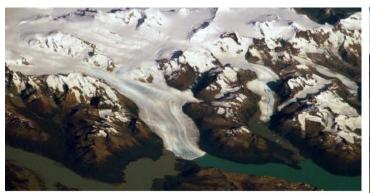


- √ This National law considers glaciers and periglacial features as strategic water reserves
 - ✓ Declared these reserves as public goods
- ✓One important outcome of this law was the creation of the National Glacier Inventory (NGI) to identify and map all the glacier and periglacial landforms that act as strategic water reserves in the Argentinean Andes
- ✓ The inventory was assigned to the Argentinean Institute for Snow, Ice
 and Environmental Research (IANIGLA) in collaboration with the
 National Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development

What is included in the inventory

- Clean ice glaciers
- Debris-covered glaciers
- Permanent snow patches
- Rock glaciers

Area \geq 0,01 km²







Methods

The NGI was largely based on remote sensing techniques and datasets The methodology followed international guidelines (e.g. from GLIMS) for the development of glacier inventories

Tipo de glaciar	Resolución espectral	Resolución espacial	Método
Glaciares descubiertos y manchones de nieve	Alos Aster Spot 4 Spot 5 Landsat	Media 10x10m 15x15m (visible) 20x20m 10x10m 30x30m (visible-IRC-IRM)	Extracción automática Clasificación supervisada por objetos Índice de nieve (NSDI)
Glaciares de escombros	Multiespectrales o	Alta	Digitalización manual

y glaciares de escombros
y glaciares cubiertos

Multiespectrales o pancromáticas HRC (CBERS2) SPOT 5 Prism (ALOS)

2,5 x 2,5m 2,5x2,5m y 5x5m 2,5 x 2,5m



Methods

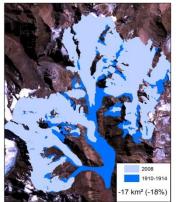


The NGI project includes three types of studies

Level 1: Identification, mapping and characterization of all ice masses that act as water reserves in the country



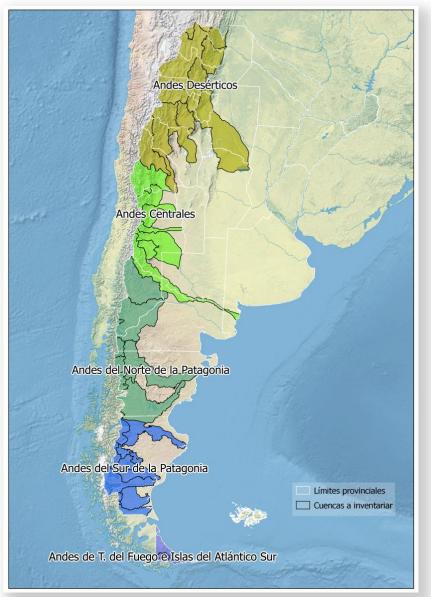
Level 2: Assessment of recent glacier fluctuations on selected areas along the Argentinean Andes



Level 3: mass balance, meteorological and hydrological studies in selected glaciers in different regions of the Andes

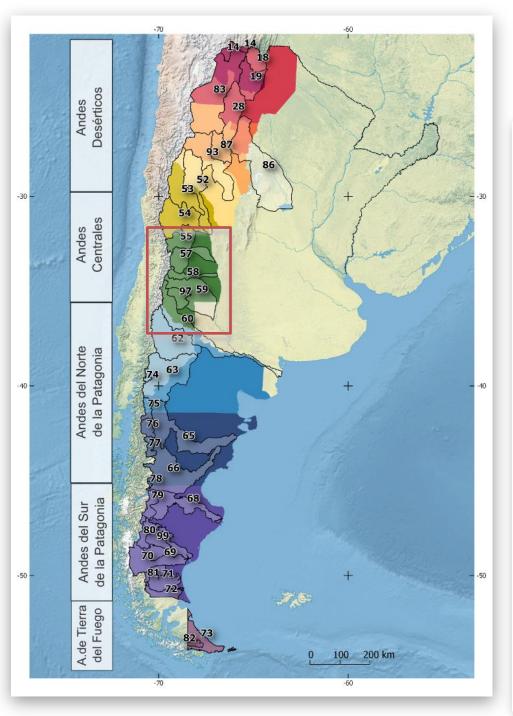


Geographical organization

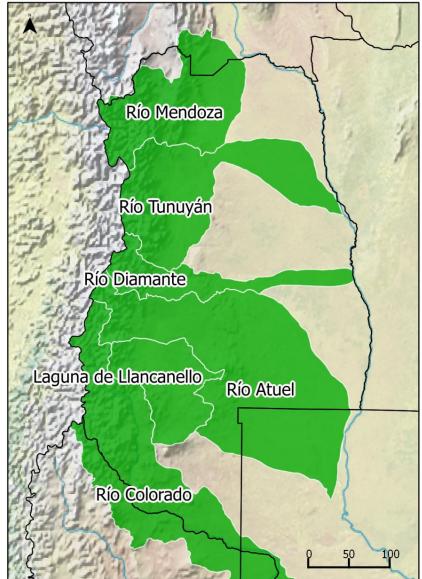


Due to the large extent of the Andes and the wide range of environments and conditions, the NGI was also organized in five major regions:

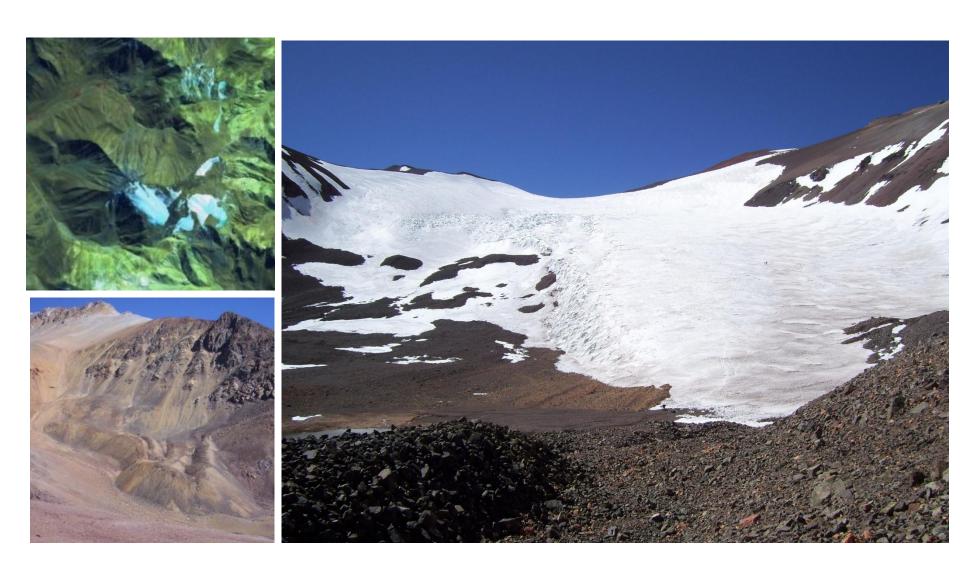
- A) Desert Andes
- **B) Central Andes**
- **C) North Patagonian Andes**
- D) South Patagonian Andes
- E) Andes of Tierra del Fuego



Within these regions the inventories were performed considering hydrological basins or specific sectors



Desert Andes (21°-31°S)





Central Andes (31°-35°S)











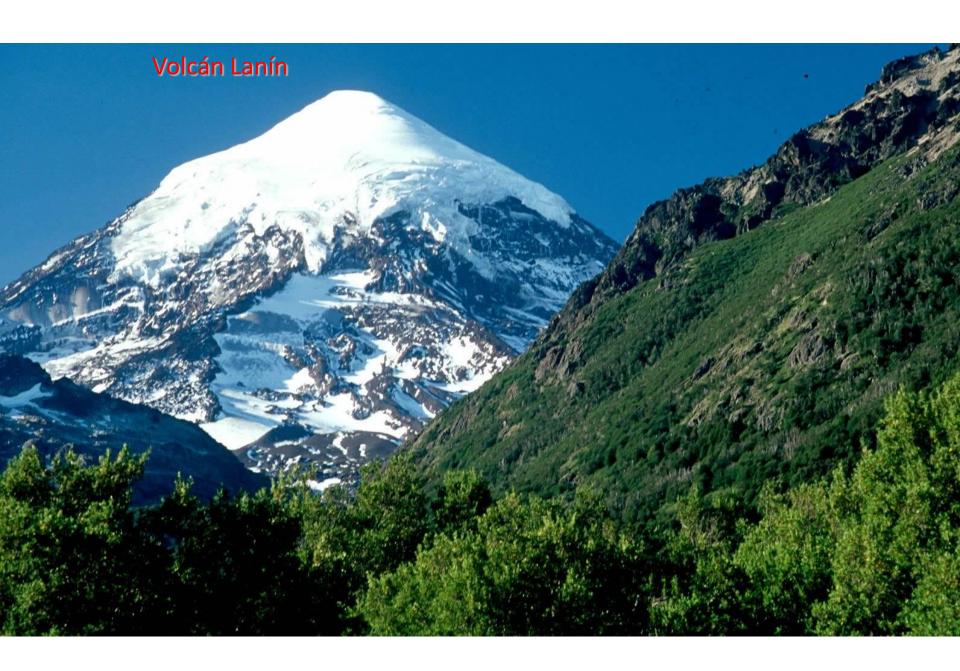




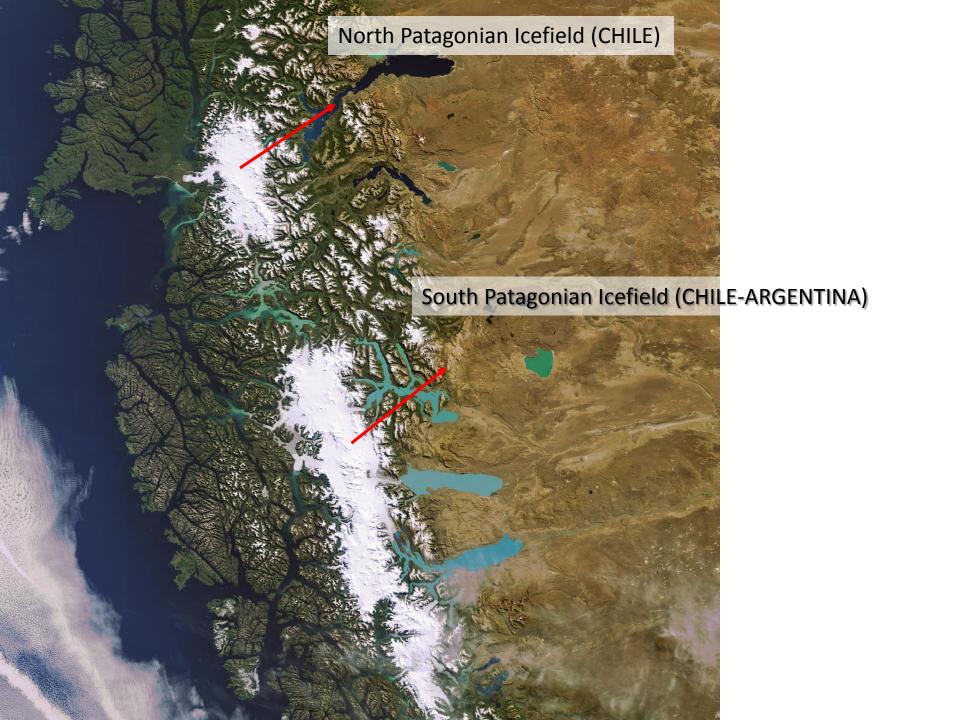
























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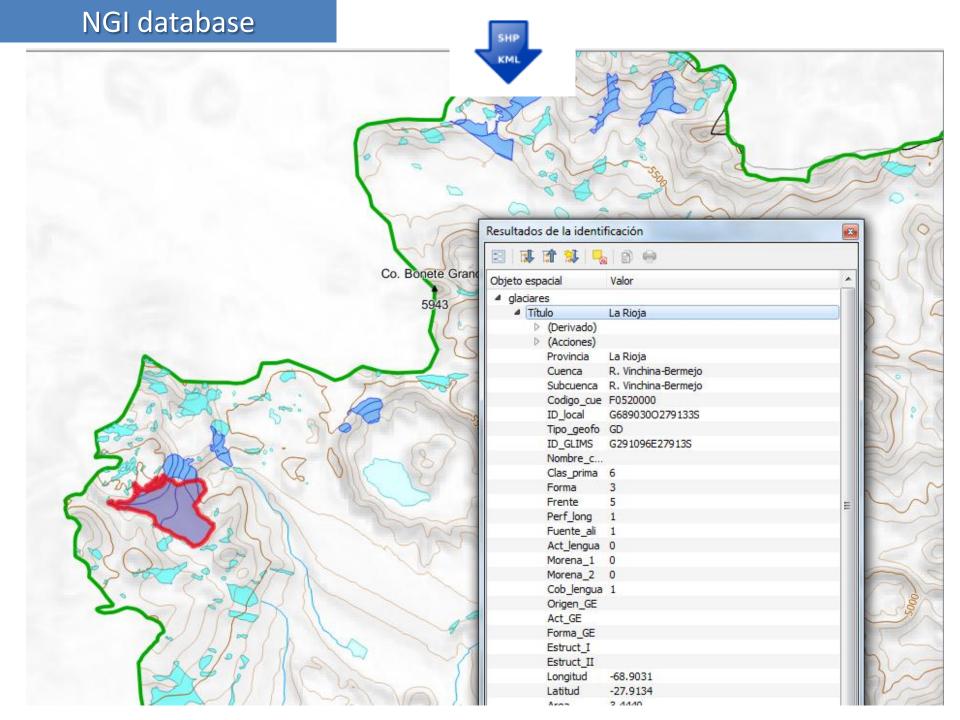




The first National Glacier Inventory was published in May 2018

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Maps



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Cuenca del río Mendoza

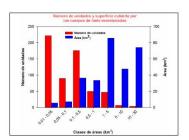
Subcuenca del río Tupungato Provincia de Mendoza

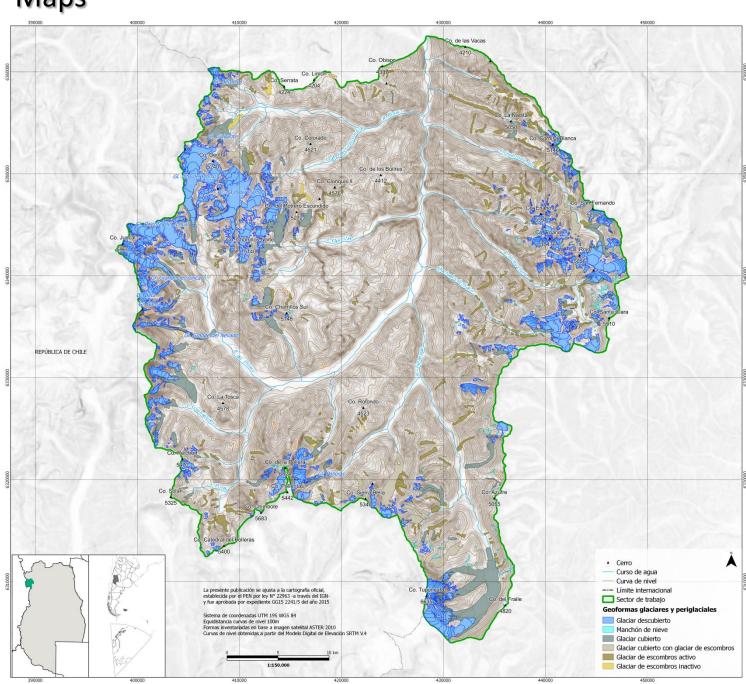
Fecha de elaboración: Diciembre 2019

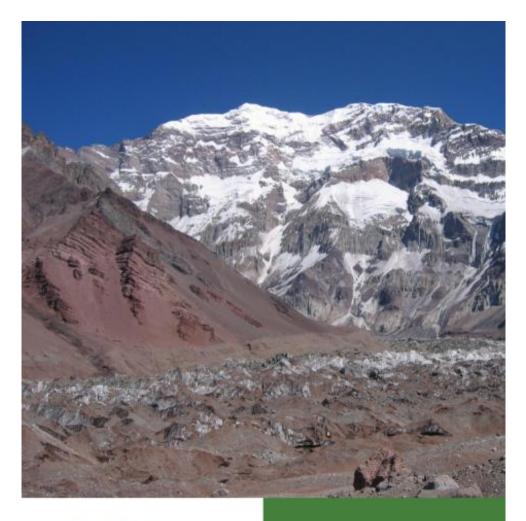


Glaciar Tupungato, subcuenca río Tupungato (Foto: Pablo Betancourt)









Reports and maps are available for 69 basins and sub-basins along the Andes



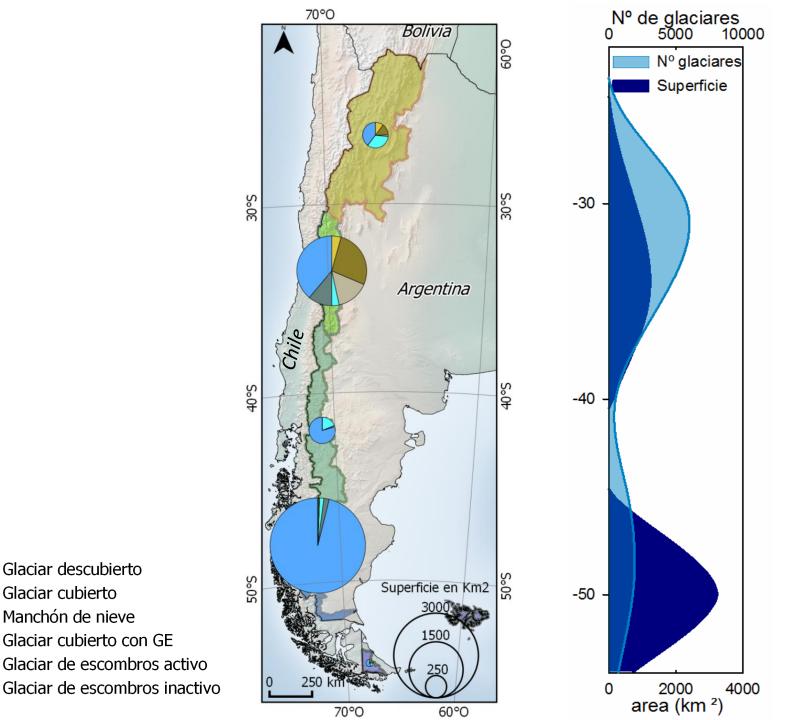
Informe de las subcuencas de los ríos de las Cuevas y de las Vacas Cuenca del río Mendoza

Provincia de Mendoza



National totals 16078 ice bodies 5768 km² in surface area

- Glaciar descubierto
- Glaciar cubierto
- Manchón de nieve
- Glaciar cubierto con GE
- Glaciar de escombros activo
- Glaciar de escombros inactivo

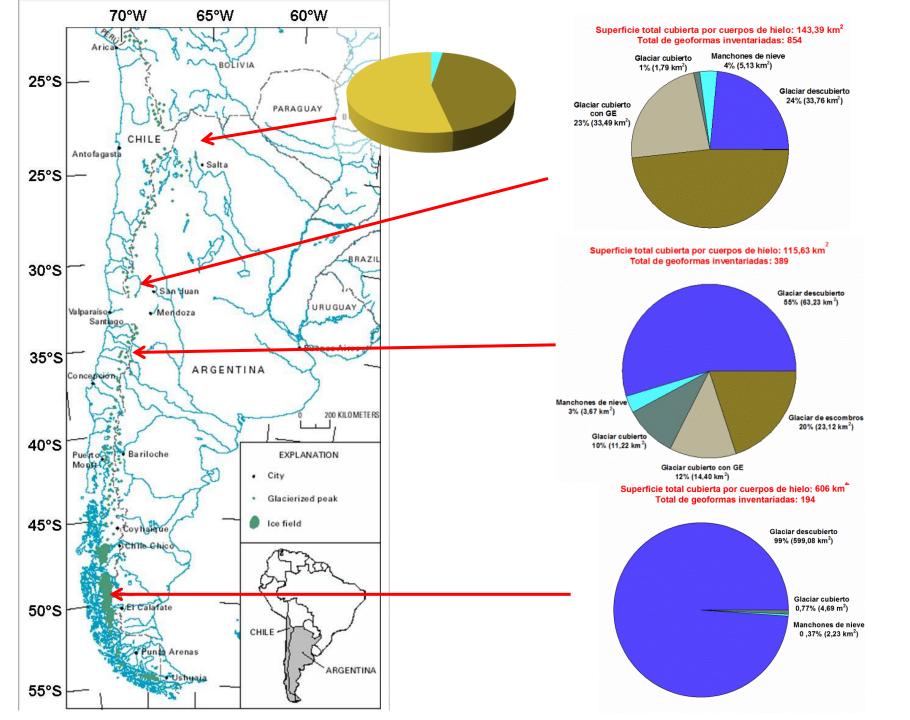


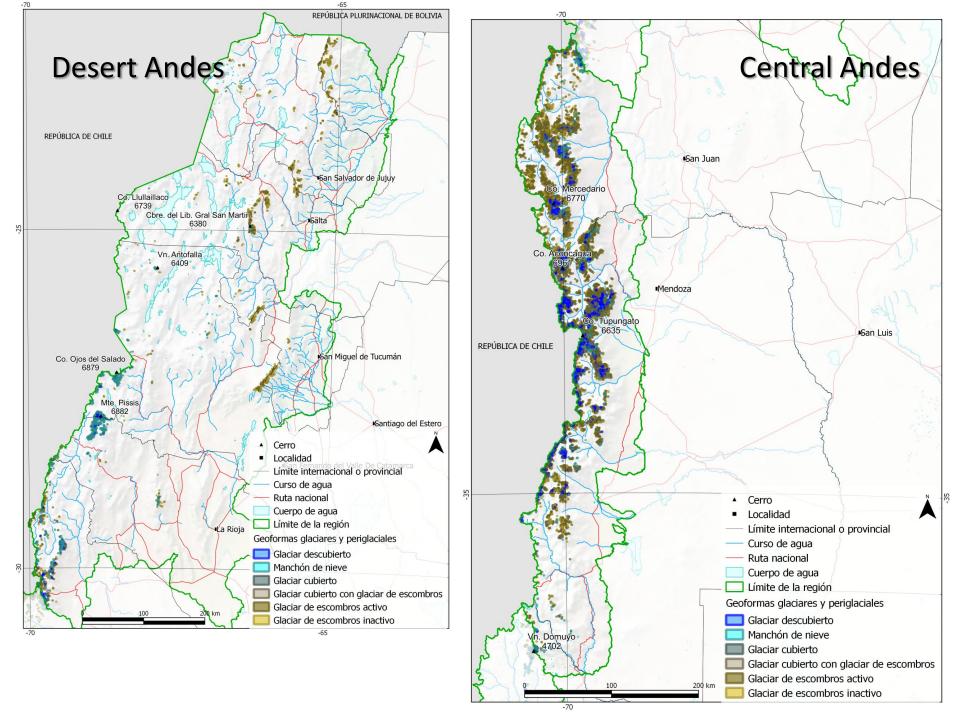
Glaciar descubierto

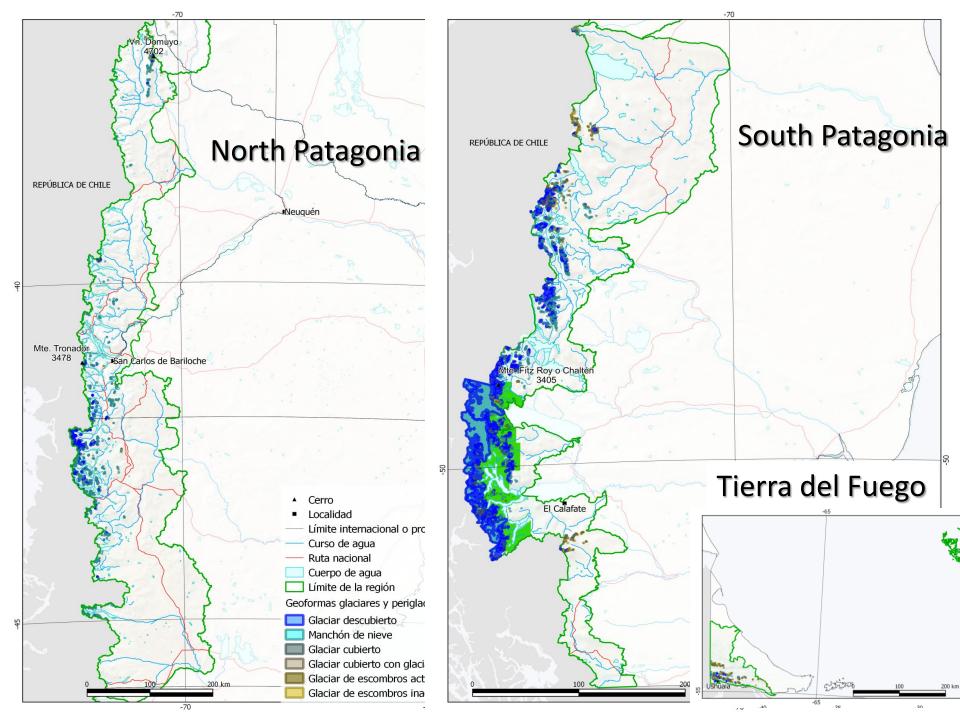
Manchón de nieve

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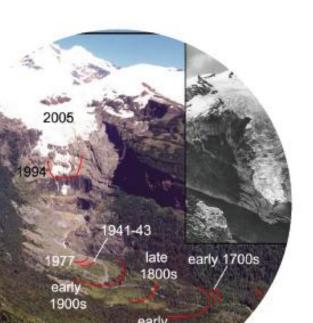
Next steps

➤ Publication of Level 1 results in the scientific literature, dissemination of results, incorporation of NGI data on scientific analyses

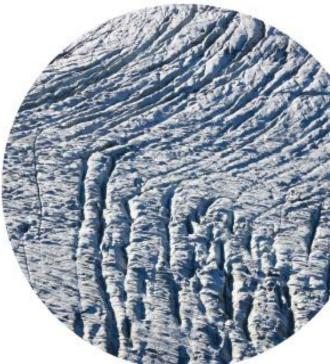
➤ Initiation of Level 2 studies (fluctuations of glaciers)

➤ Continuation and expansion of Level 3 studies now including rock glacier sites







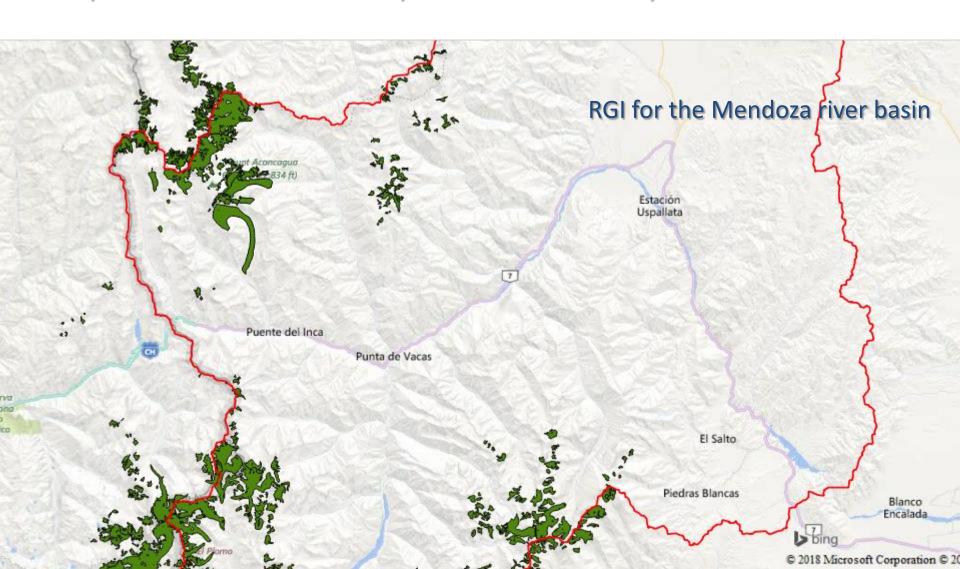


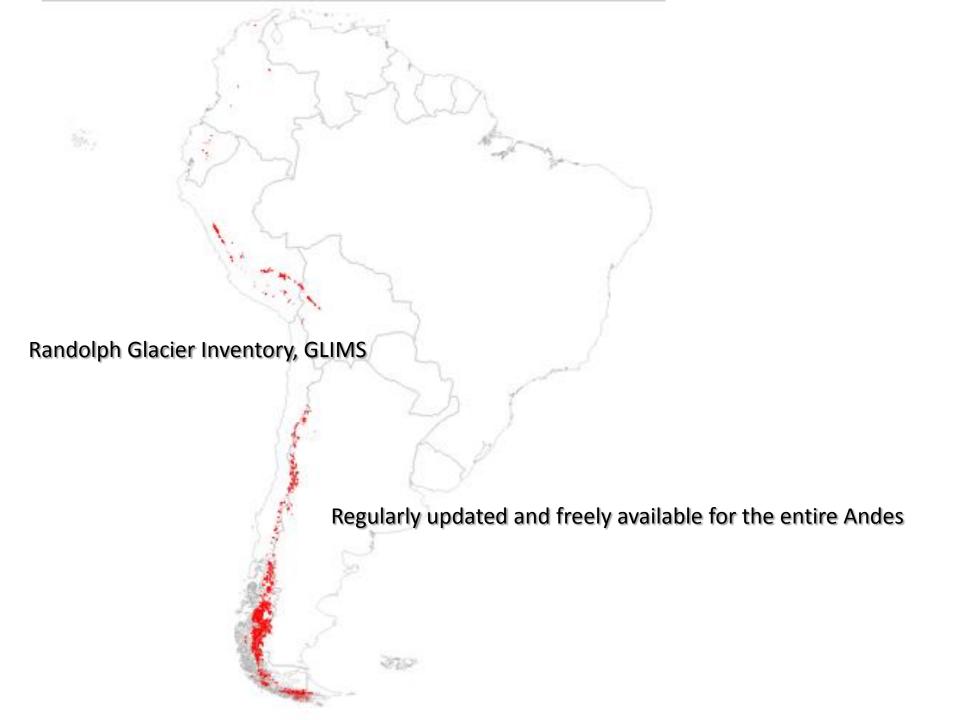




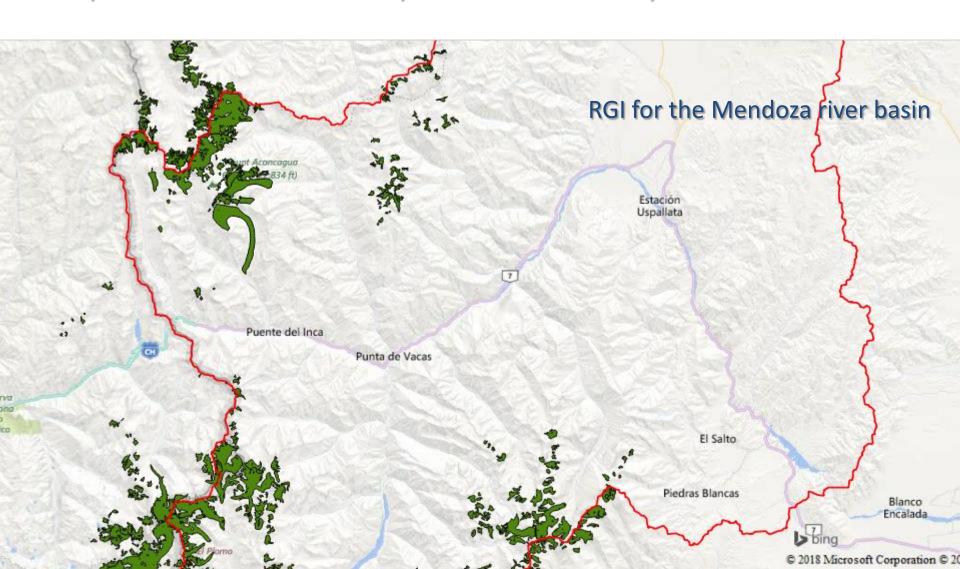
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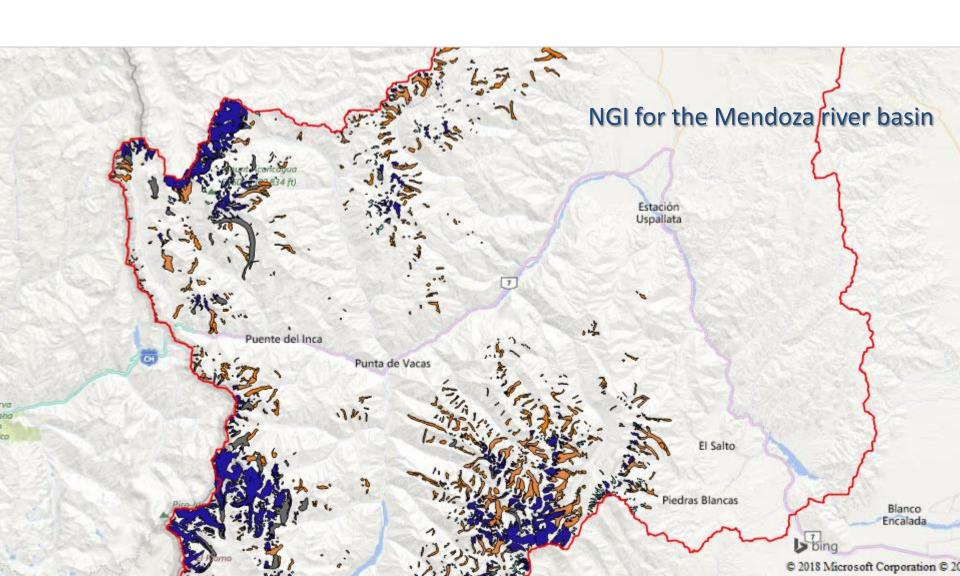
Comparison with the Randolph Glacier inventory



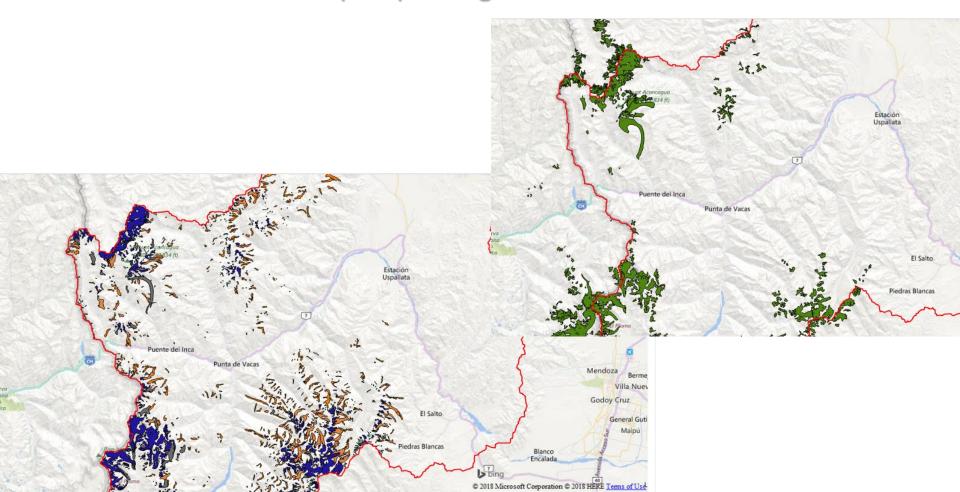


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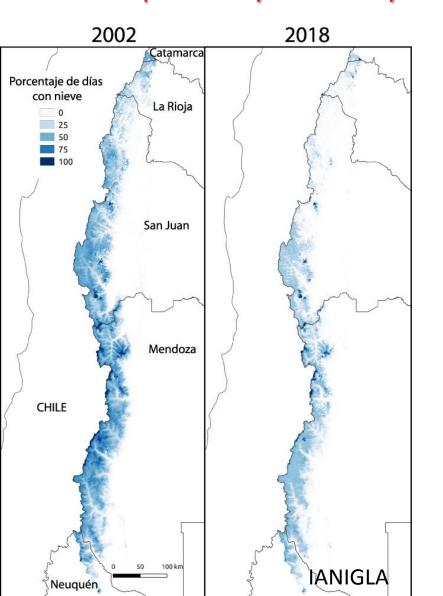


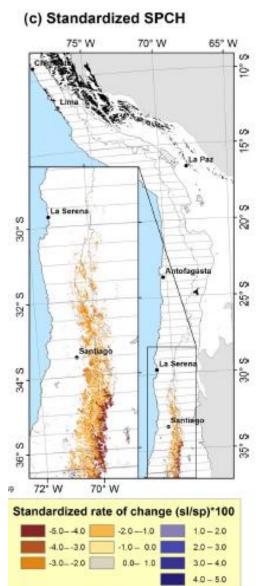


Together with improved estimates of the hydrological contribution of glaciers to a given basin, the inclusion of rock glaciers in these national initiatives could also help improve global inventories such as the RGI

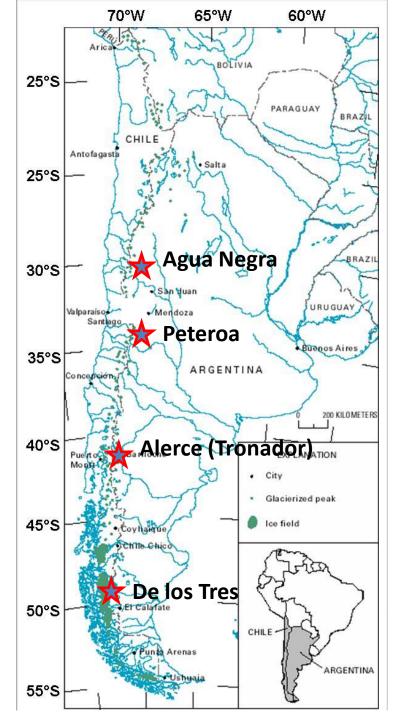


Improved hydrological assessments of mountain water availability are particularly relevant on the Argentinean (drier) side of the central Andes, where the recent lack of snow is particularly noteworthy





Saavedra et al. 2016



As part of Level 3 of the NGI, we started a program to monitor the mass balance and hydrometeorological variations of four selected glaciated sites along the Andes in Argentina

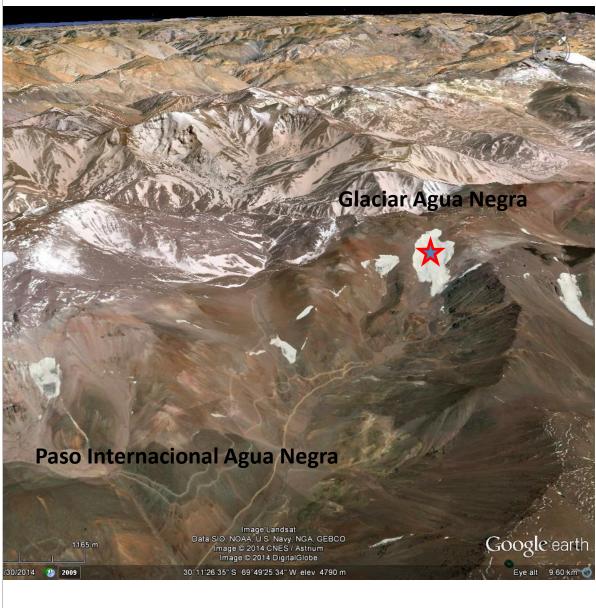
Nivel 3 del ING

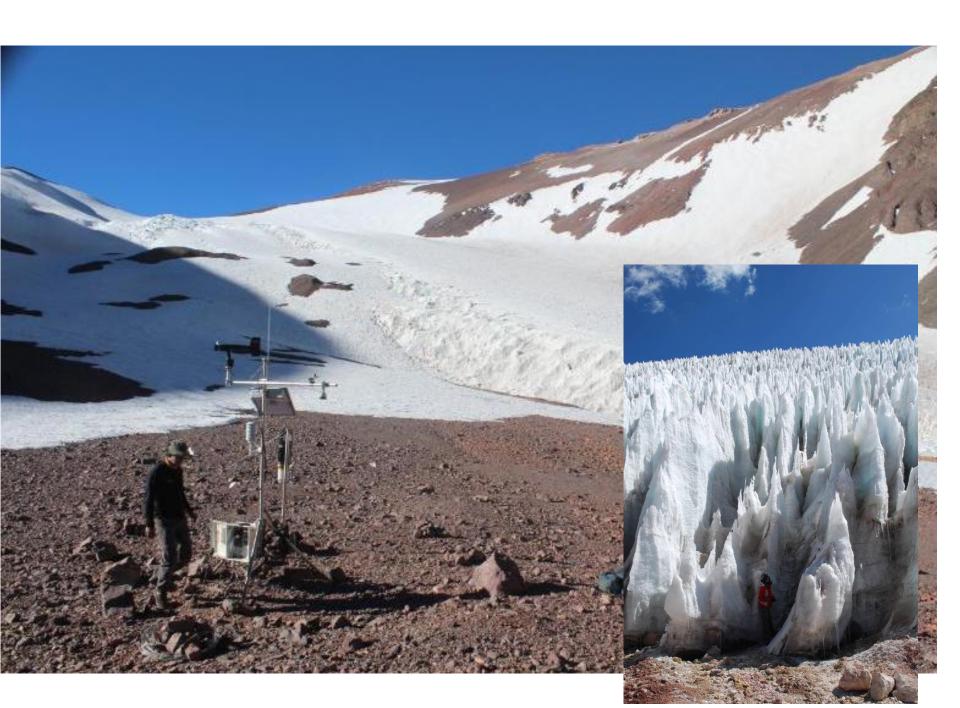




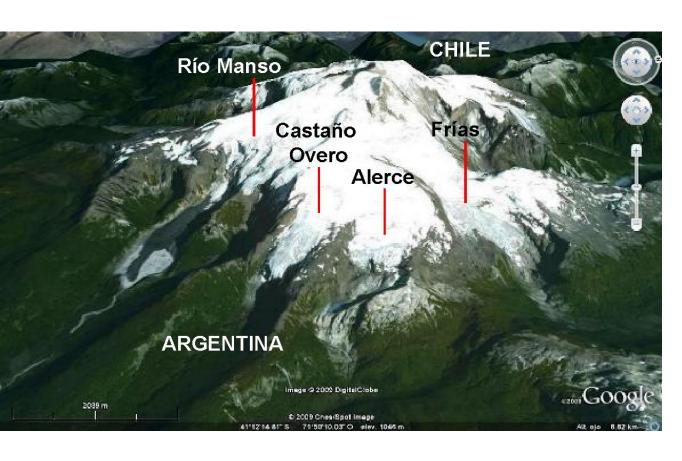
Installation of ablation stake at glaciar Alerce (north Patagonia)

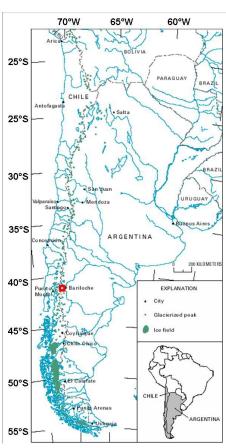






Monte Tronador (41°S) North Patagonian Andes

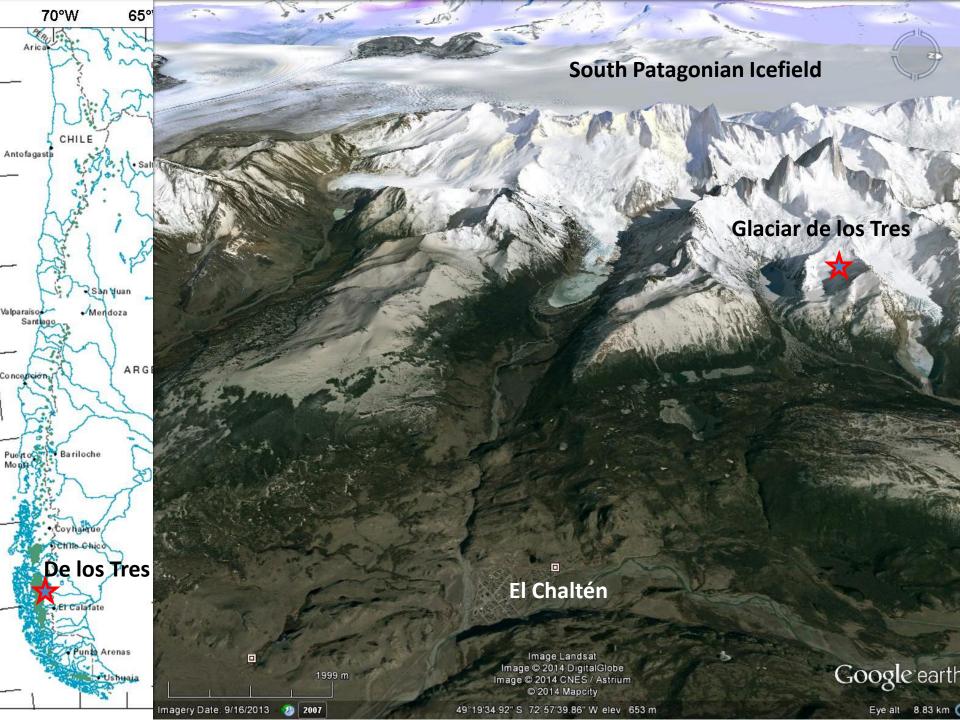




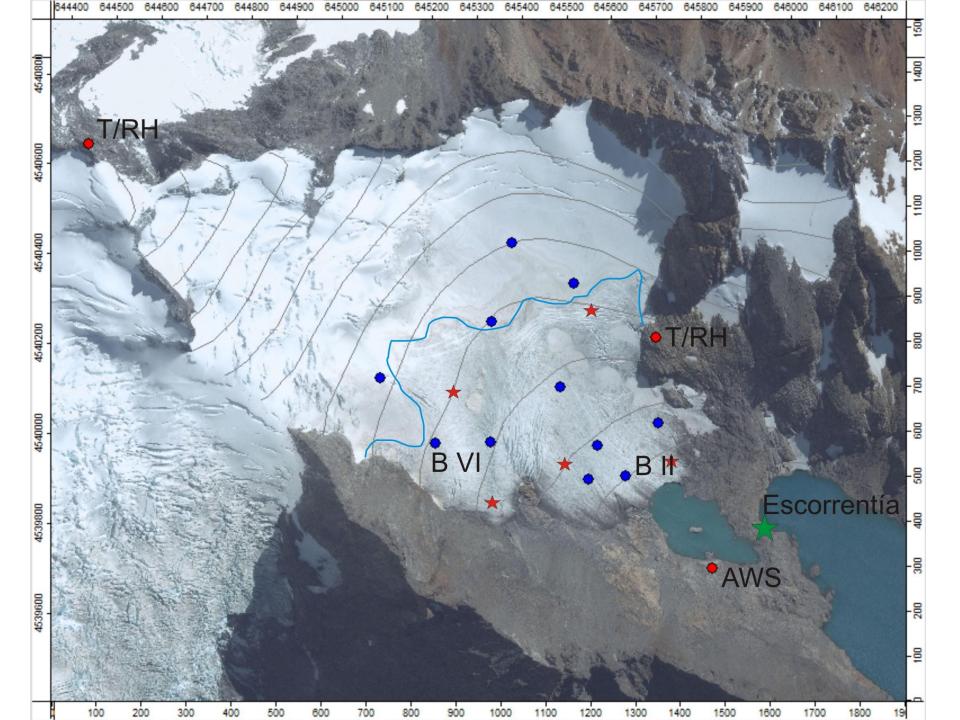


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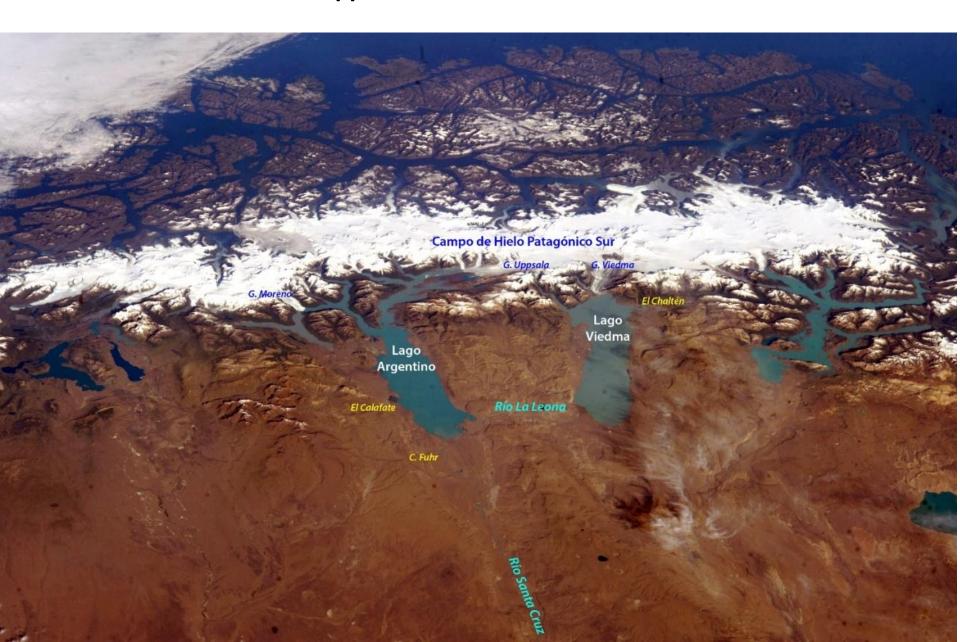


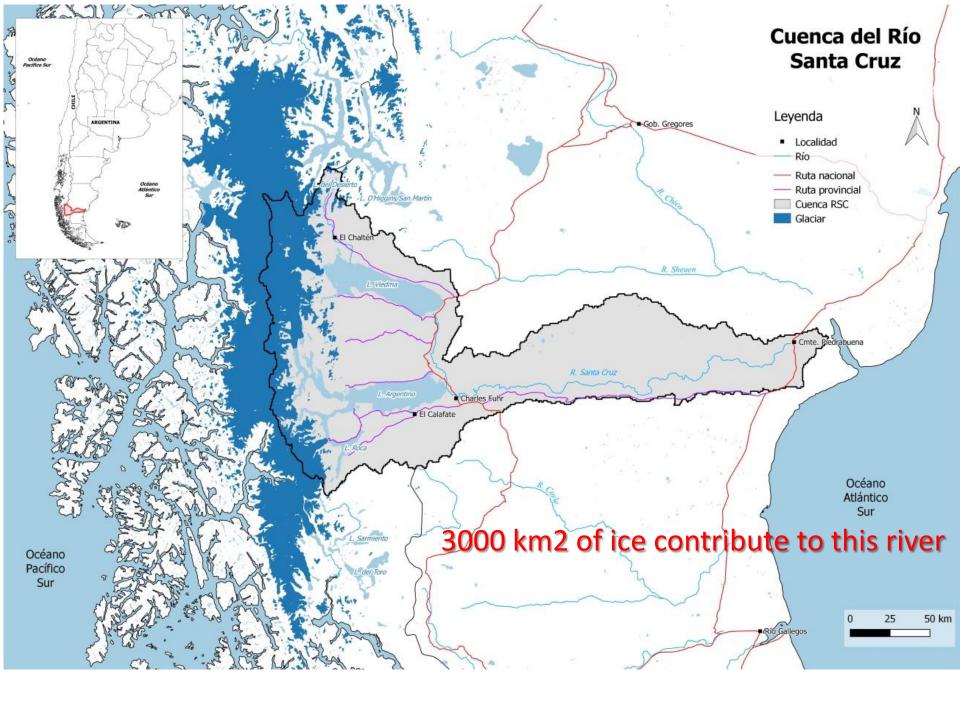






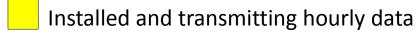
Proposal for an integrated hydro-meteorological monitoring system in the upper Santa Cruz river basin



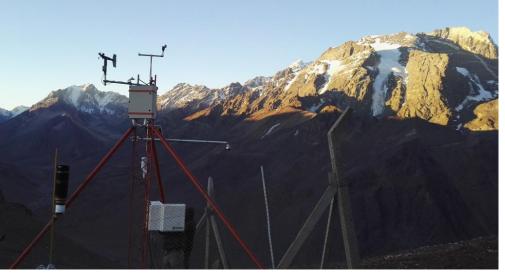


Real time meteorological monitoring of the upper Mendoza river basin









Cristo Redentor (32,8251°S, 70,0703°O, 3840 msnm)

Plaza de Mulas -Aconcagua (32,6539°S, 70,0651°O, 4370 msnm)





Las Cuevas (32,8130°S, 70,0531°O, 3190 msnm)

Morenas Coloradas (32,8251°S, 70,0531°O, 3347 msnm)





The sporadic GLOF created by glaciar Perito Moreno has a noticeable impact on the Santa Cruz river



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dfl4DAtHkYQ





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Southern Patagonia's Perito Moreno Glacier, Lake Argentino, and Santa Cruz River hydrological system: An overview

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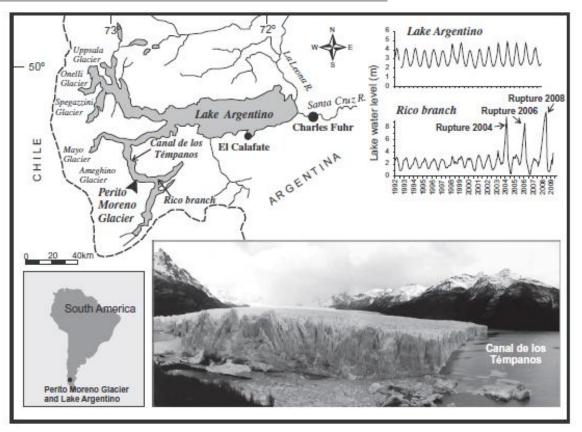


Fig. 1. A picture of the Perito Moreno Glacier terminus, a map of the hydrological system integrated by the glacier, take Argentino, and the headwaters of the Santa Cruz River. South America's map (to wer left side) shows the location of the area in the southern Argentine Andes. The inset on the upper right hand corner shows the water level gage height variability (period 1992–2009) at the Rico branch (notice the water level reached behind the ice dam during the last 3 ruptures), and the corresponding modulated level in Lake Argentino.

