The Caribbean Basin: Ports, Population, and Marine Protected Areas

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Introduction

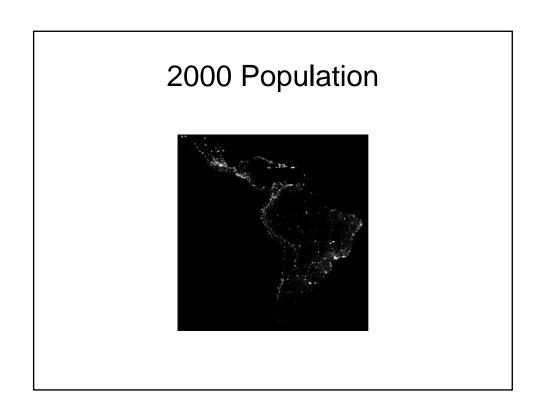
- Determine areas of interest for additional and more focused research in the Caribbean Basin
- Identify areas that exhibit high percentage of positive population change
- Determine mean population within buffered area of Marine Protected Areas
- Identify ports near Marine Protected Areas
- Use ArcGIS to conduct and visually display results

Materials and Methods

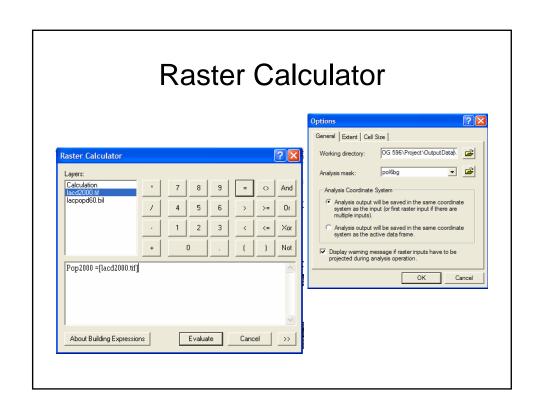
- Population Data for 1960 and 2000
 - Dataset Latin American and Caribbean Population
 Distribution Database Land Use CIAT
- Ports and Marine Protected Areas (MPA) in the Caribbean Basin
 - Reefs at Risk indicator dataset
- ArcGIS
 - Raster Calculator
 - Multiple Ring and Buffer Overlay
 - Zonal Statistics
 - Clip

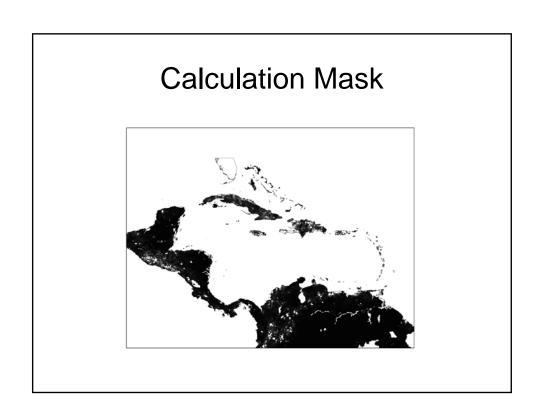
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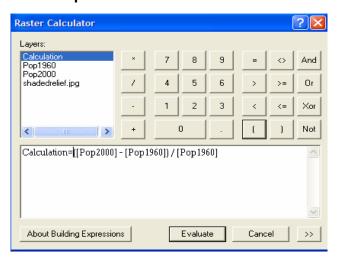




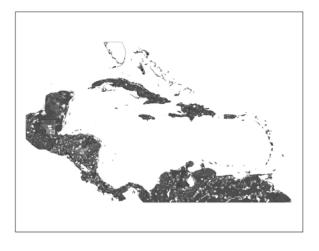


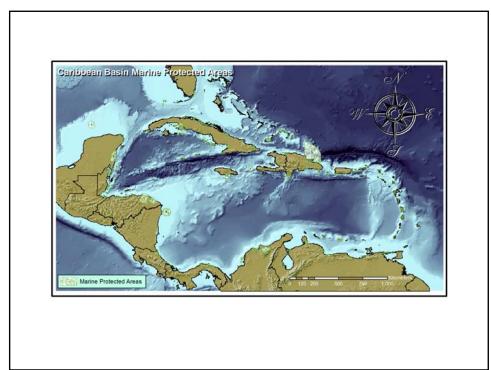


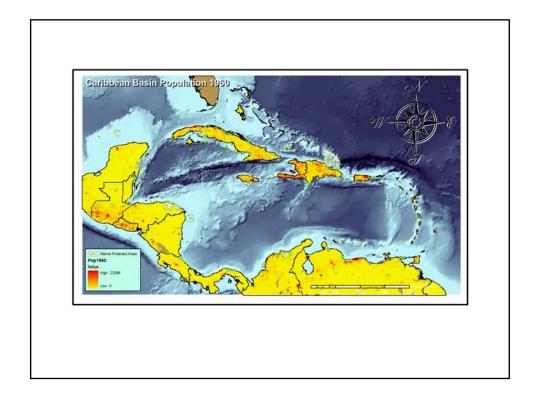
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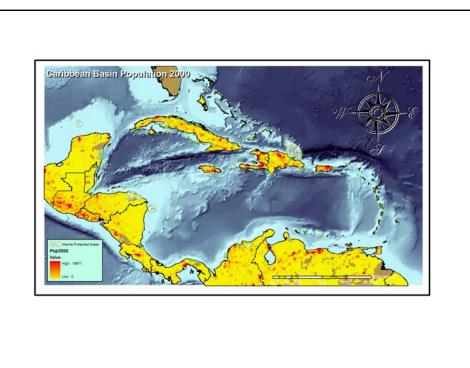


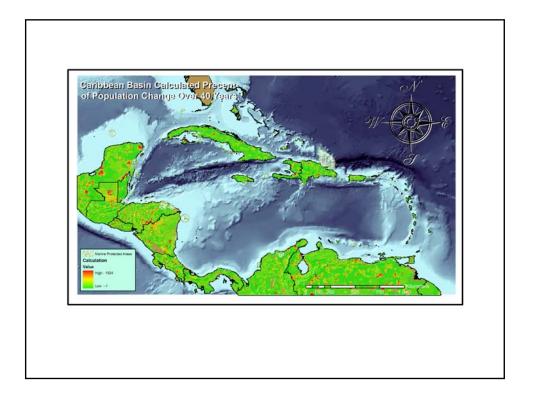
Calculation of Percent Change in Population Over 40 Years



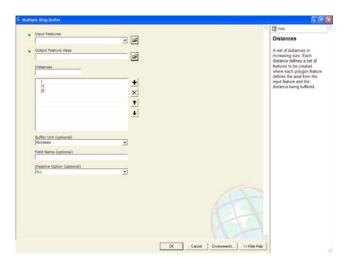


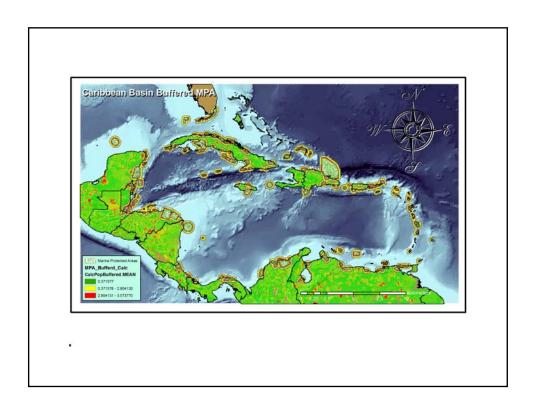


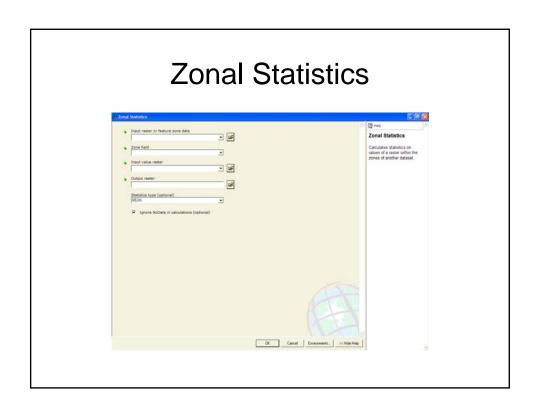


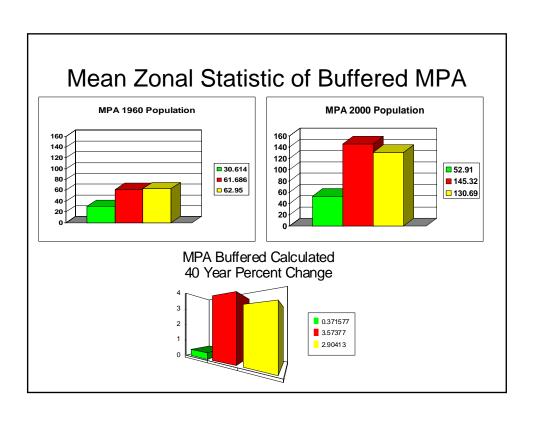


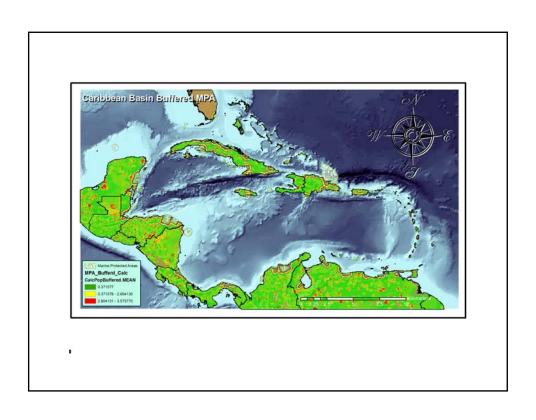
Multiple Ring Buffer of MPA

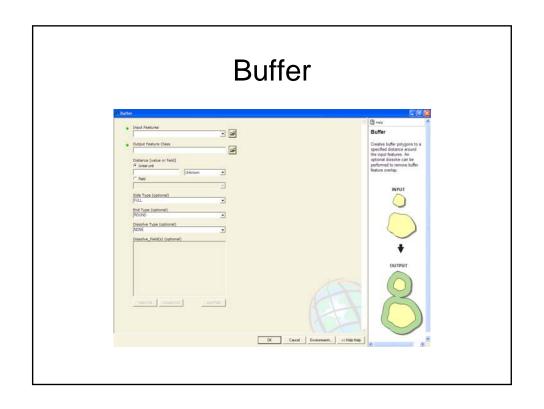




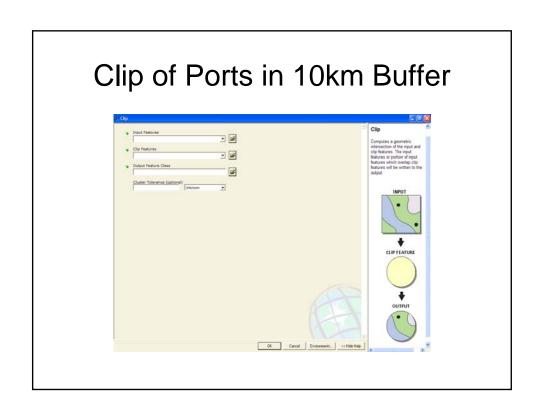




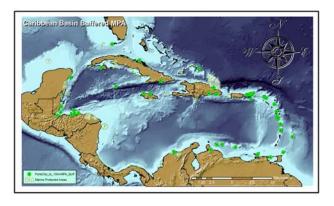


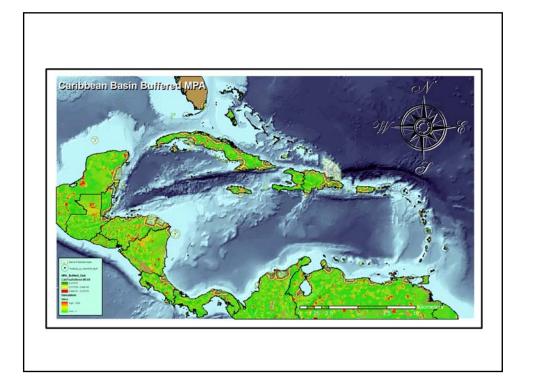


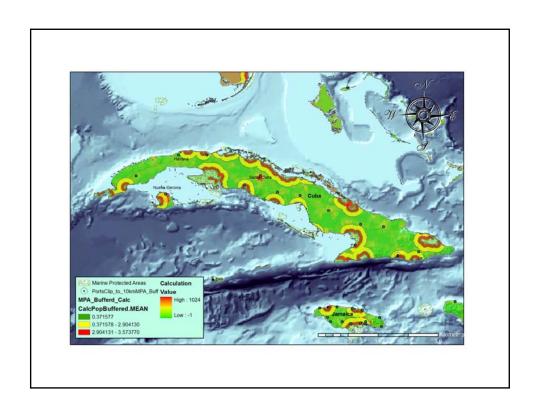
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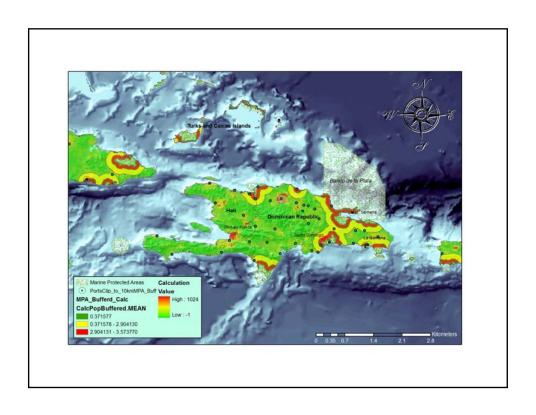


Ports Within 10km of MPA









Results

- I was able to:
 - Determine that the Greater Antilles are an area of interest—Cuba, Jamaica, Porto Rico, Hispaniola (Hati & Dominican Republic)
 - Limit the ports from 104 to 52.
 - Identify areas that exhibit high percentage of positive population change
 - Determine mean population within buffered area of Marine Protected Areas
 - Identify ports within 10km of Marine Protected Areas

Discussion & Conclusion

- No causal associations can be attributed to results, however they do lend support to focusing on the Greater Antilles
 - In part due to scale issues and to help acquire and manage data
- Further work would focus on individual MPA's and ports within the Greater Antilles
 - This is aided by the identification of ports near MPA's
 - The buffered MPA's also aid this effort, but more information would be needed in buffered areas

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