PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA FOR DEBRIS FLOW ENGINEERING WORKS TO PROTECT PIPELINES IN THE BRAZILIAN SERRA DO MAR REGION, SÃO PAULO

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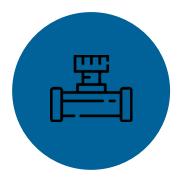












# More than 12 thousand km of pipelines 10 million m<sup>3</sup> of oil capacity



21 Land terminals28 Marine terminals540 tanks



5326 employees



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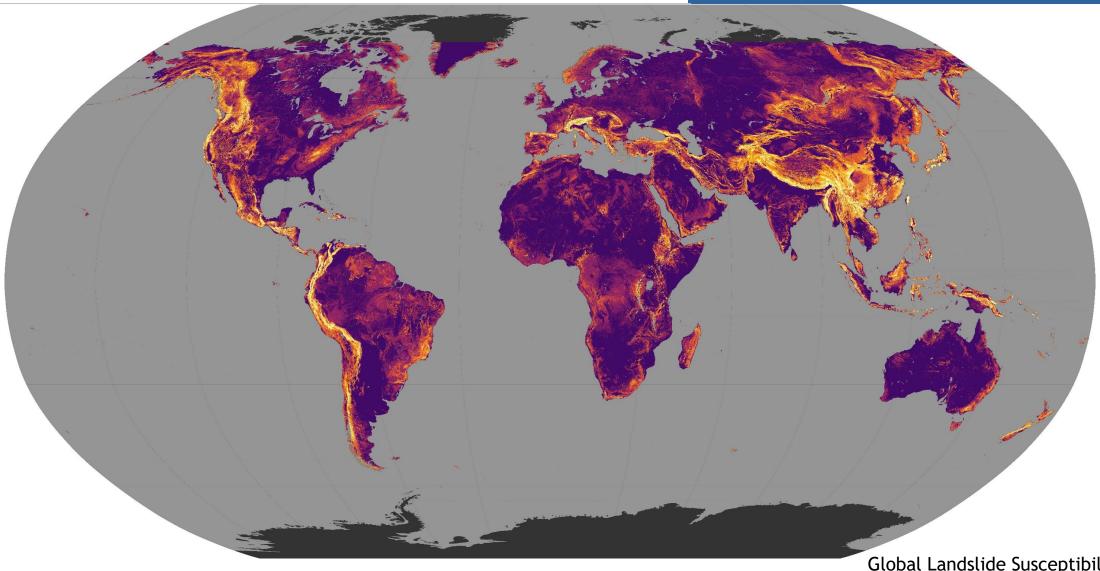


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#### Serra do Mar (Sea Ridge):

- Extension of 1,500 km;
- Rain volumes between 2000 mm to 2500 mm annually;
- Slopes with declivity between 35° to 40°;
- Other common mass movements: Debris flows, erosions, slumps, etc;
- Usually shallow landslides, with 1,5 m to 2,0 m depth.









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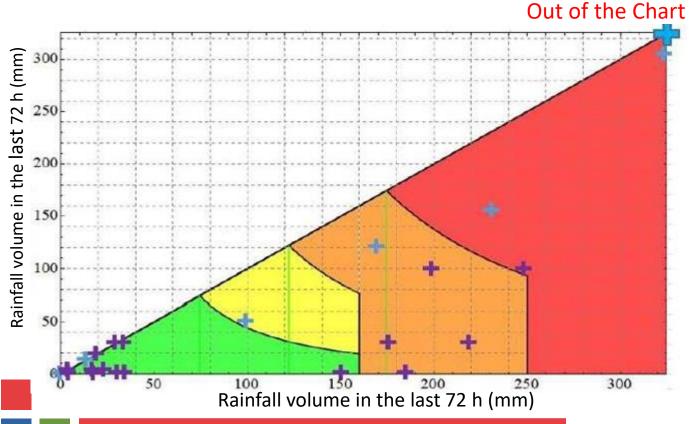
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# Rainfall event of February, 2023

 Highest rainfall volume ever registered in the shortest time in Brazil: 684 mm in 11 h











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#### **Schedule**

Critical points were identified during aerial surveys and categorized into High Risk (8 points, with 5 points classified as operationally prohibitive for OSBAT) and Moderate Risk (12 points) for the start of intervention. The construction work was divided into phases:

#### Phase 1

Immediate action works at high-risk points (5 points with high impediments) in the affected areas to restore OSBAT's operational capability, which remained suspended from February 19, 2023, to March 11, 2023.

Low I	22
Low II	12
Moderate III	7
Moderate IV	3
High V	8
High VI	0
TOTAL	52









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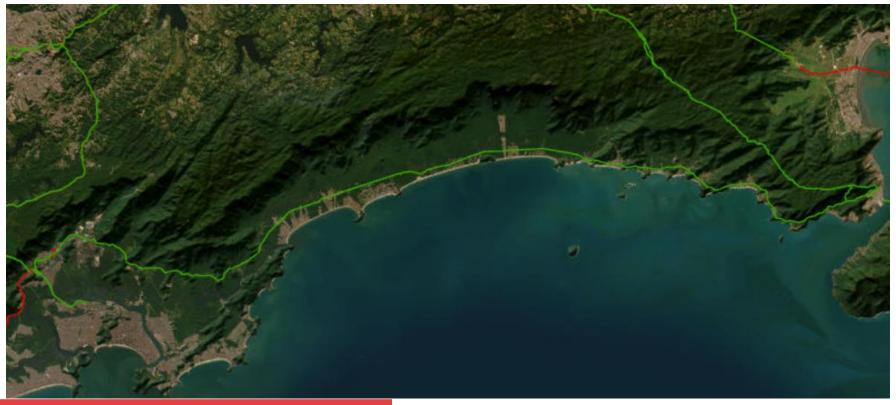


### Debris flow protection works priorization study

Hydrological catchments discretization

Susceptibility ranking through a qualitative method

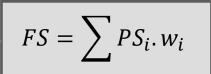
8 hydrological catchments were select for further studies







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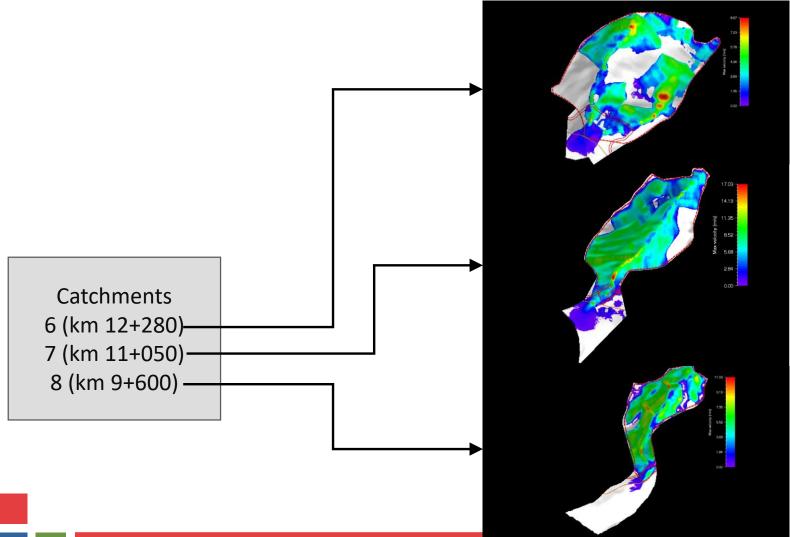
	Catchment	score	Rank
	1	1.90	5
	2	1;60	6
	3	1.00	8
<b>•</b>	4	1.41	7
	5	2.24	4
	6	3.86	3
	7	4.31	1
	8	4.19	2

PARAMETER	CLASS	WEIGHT	PARAMATER VALUE	PARTIAL SCORE
RAINFALL (mm/h)	R1	3,0	>80	10
	R2		60 - 80	6,6
	R3		30 - 60	3,3
	R4		<30	0
SLOPE ANGLE (DEGREES)	S1	2,5	>45	10
	S2		45 - 30	6,6
	S3		15 - 30	3,3
	S4		<15	0
STREAM DECLIVITY (DEGREES)	D1	0,5	>25	10
	D2		15 - 25	6,6
	D3		10 - 15	3,3
	D4		<10	0
WATERSHED AREA (km²)	A1	1,0	<5	10
	A2		5 - 10	6,6
	А3		10 - 20	3,3
	A4		>20	0
WATERSHED HEIGHT (m)	H1	1,0	>750	10
	H2		500 - 750	6,6
	Н3		200 - 500	3,3
	H4		<200	0
LAND USAGE AND OCCUPATION (%)	V1	0,5	90 - 100	10
	V2		50 - 90	6,6
	V3		30 - 50	3,3
	V4		<30	0
GEOMORPHOLOGY	G1	1,5	G1	10
	G2		G2	6,6
	G3		G3	3,3
	G4		G4	0





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#### **RAMMS**

Discharge Hydrograph Method Rainfall return periods: 25, 50, 100 and 200 Years

Erosion process speed: 0.025 m/s

Friction parameters:  $\mu = 0.2, \xi = 120$  $m/s^2$ .

For the simulation of debris flow, the Area Release Method was also used. landslides with 4 thicknesses (0.10, 0.50, 1.00, and 1.50 m)









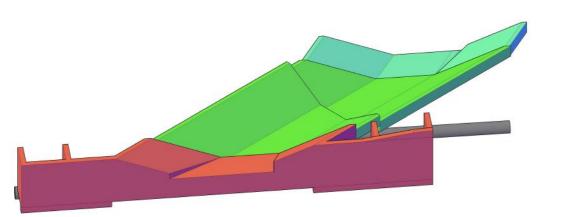


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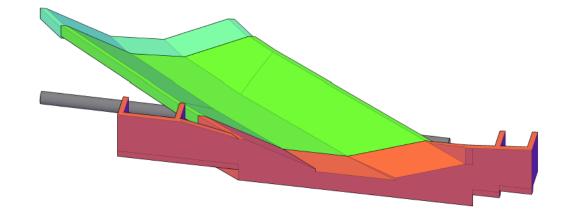
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#### **Conclusions**

- The preventive works avoided a certain pipeline failure;
- the choice of the selected return period (TR), as opting for higher TR values could potentially lead to deeper excavation profiles;
- Another limitation lies in the assumptions made during the calculations and the accuracy of input parameters within the software;
- New studies are being performed over the possibility of new debris flow occurrences, using refined input data and widening the study scope over new regions.

