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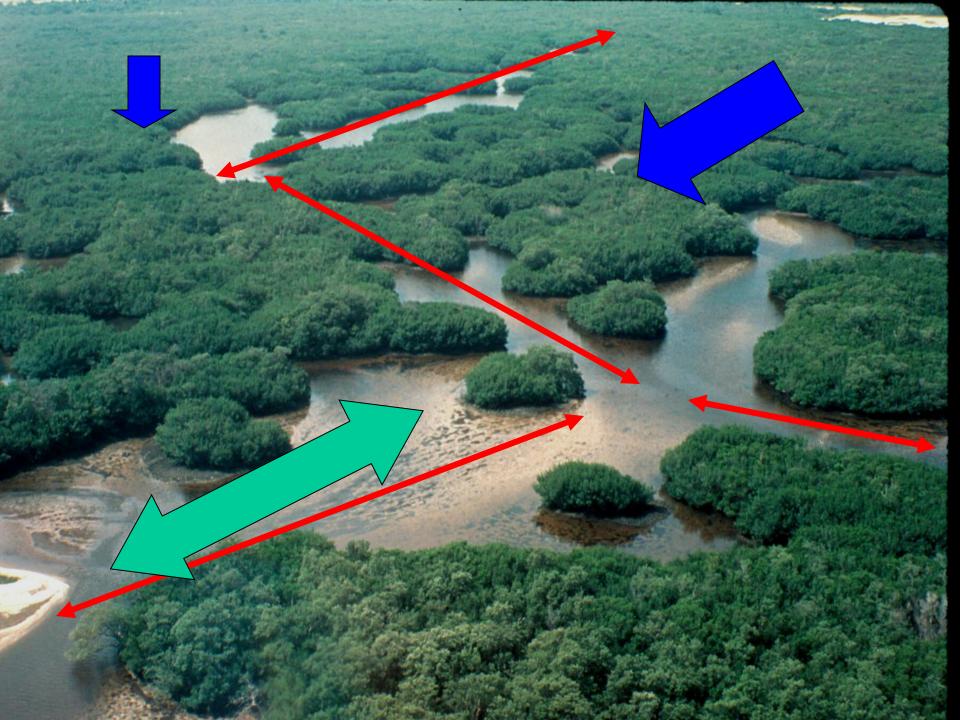


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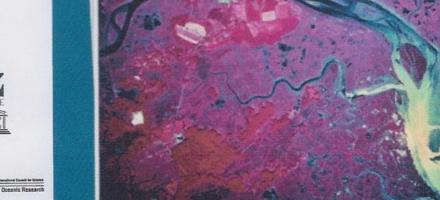
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ESTUARINE ECOHYDROLOGY













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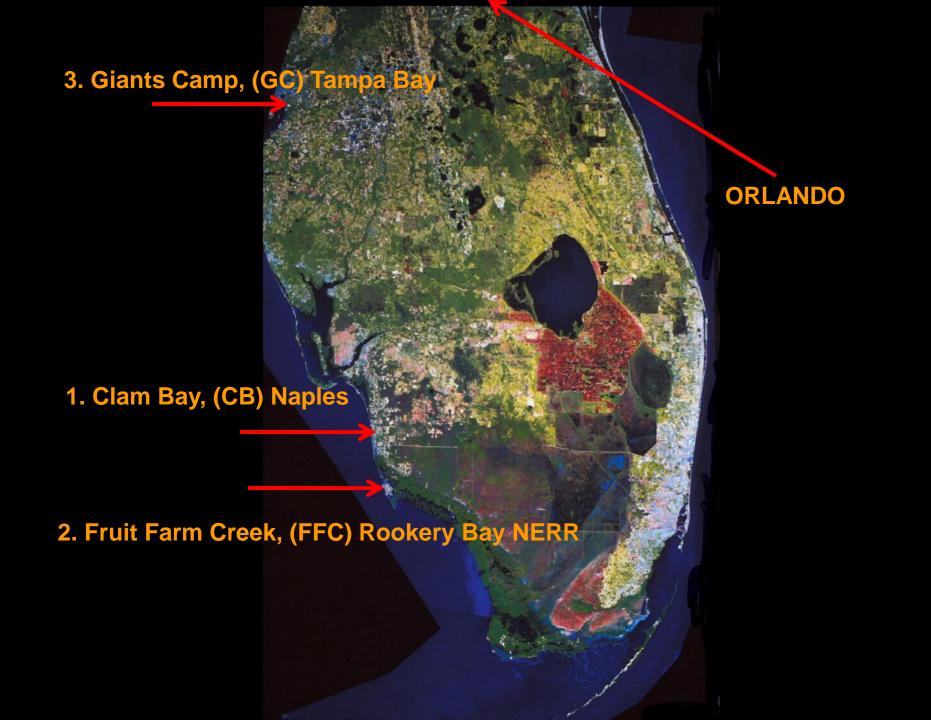


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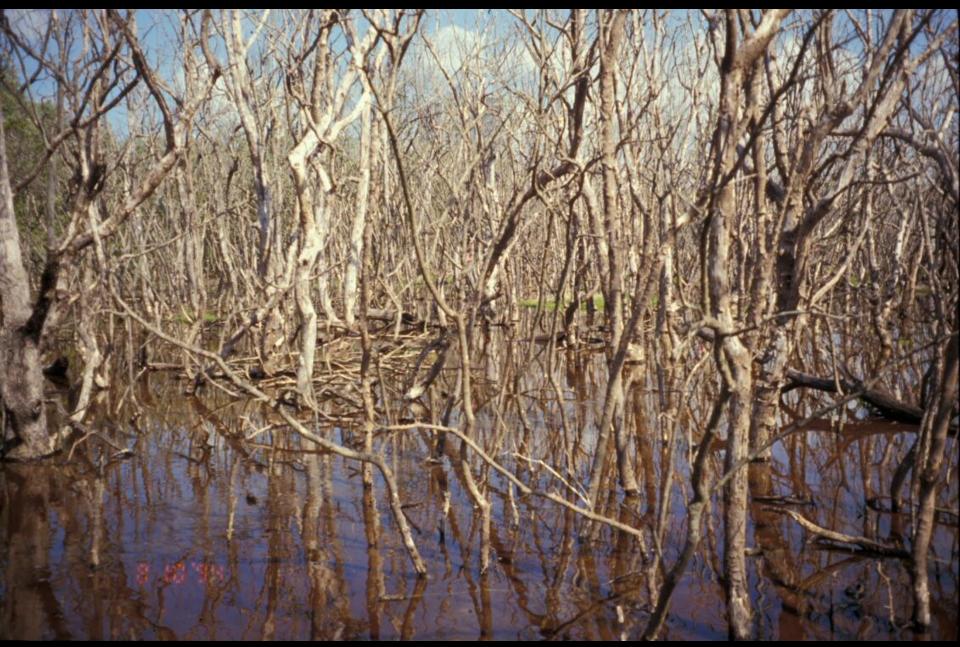








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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO ECOLOGICAL MANGROVE RESTORATION (EMR v. GARDENING)

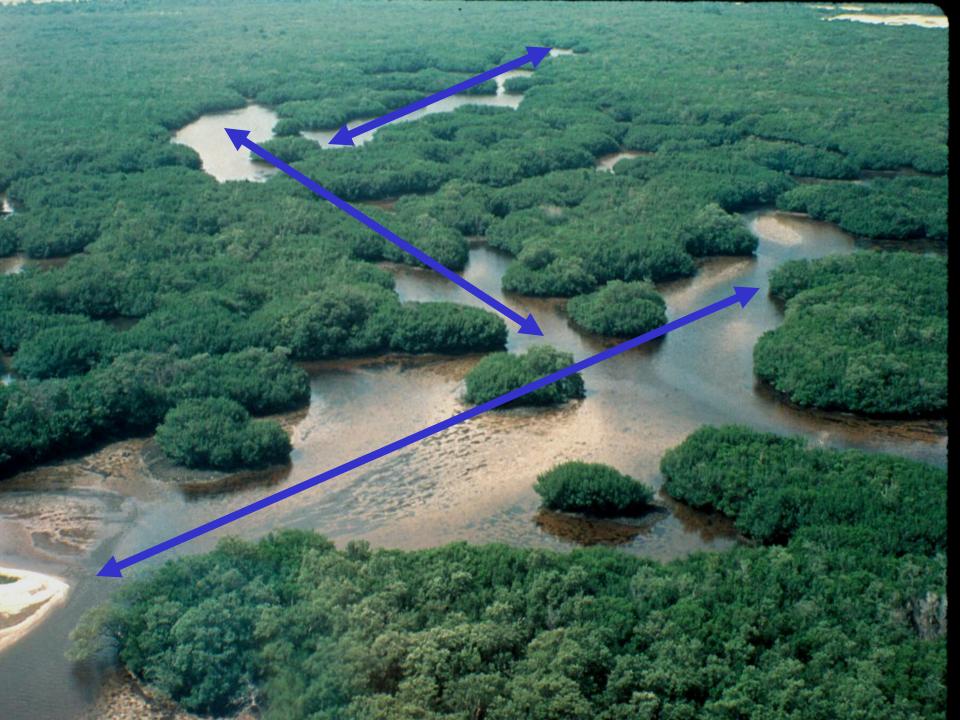
- 1. Understand the Autecology and Community Ecology of the Local Mangroves
- 2. Understand the Normal Hydrology of the Local Mangroves
- 3. Assess Modifications to <u>Hydrology</u> or Added Stress?
- 4. Select the Restoration Site
- 5. Restore or Create Normal <u>Hydrology</u>, or Remove or Reduce Stress
- 6. Plant Mangroves Only As Needed

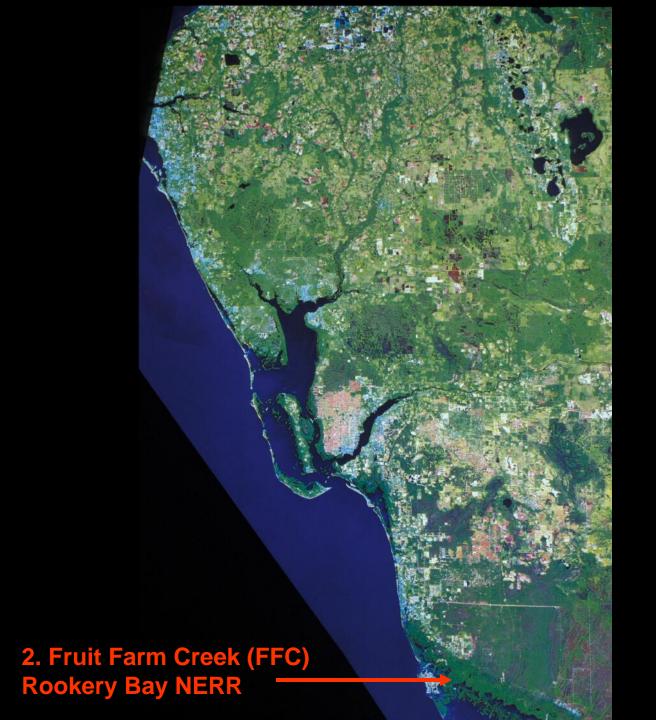


1. Build a Nursery, Grow Mangroves and Plant Mangroves (GARDENING)

SUCCESS!

FAILURE**#!!*











Rookery Bay

Rookery Bay Fruit Farm Creek Proposed Restoration Site – 90 ha of Dead and Stressed Mangroves – January 21, 2011

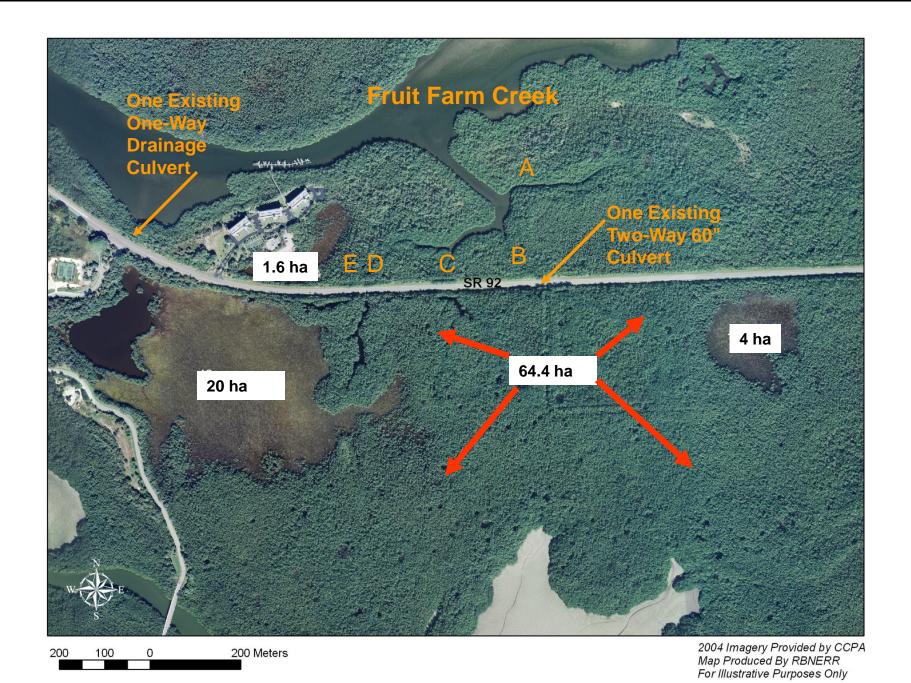


Ongoing Activities 2005-2012

- 1. EMR Training in Conjunction with Actual Restoration
- 2. Quantification of the Area of Both Obvious
 Mangrove Damage and Loss and Functional Loss
- 3. Design and Permit the Restoration Program
- 4. Construct the Restoration Project
- 5. Monitor the Restoration Project for Success
- 6. Find Funding for All of the Above

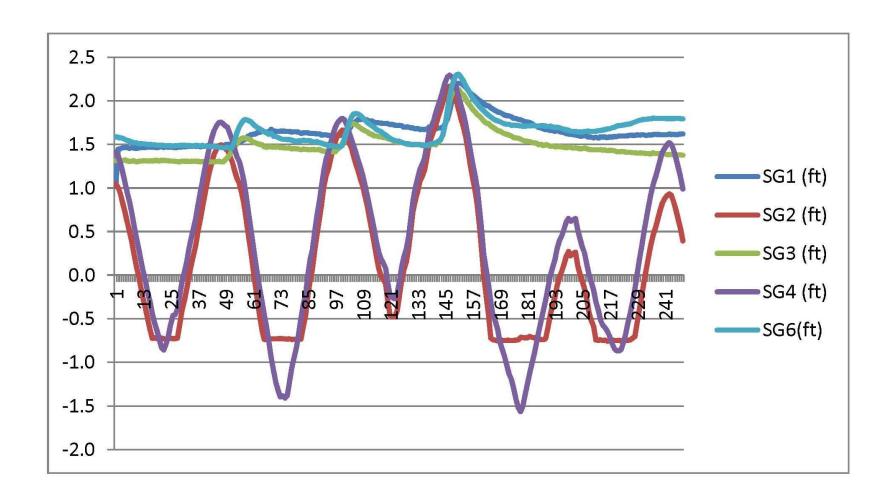




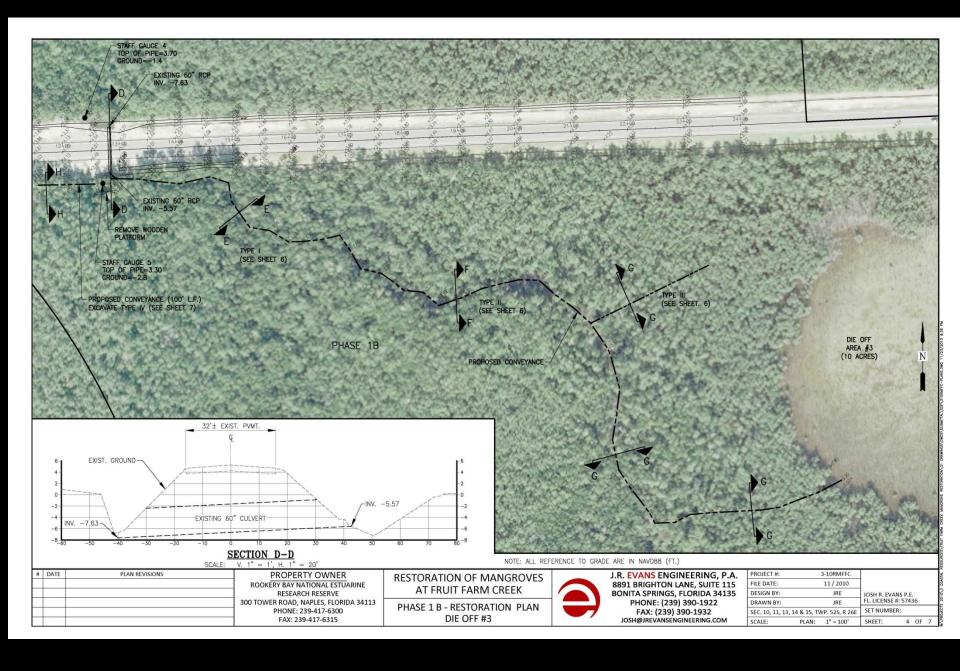




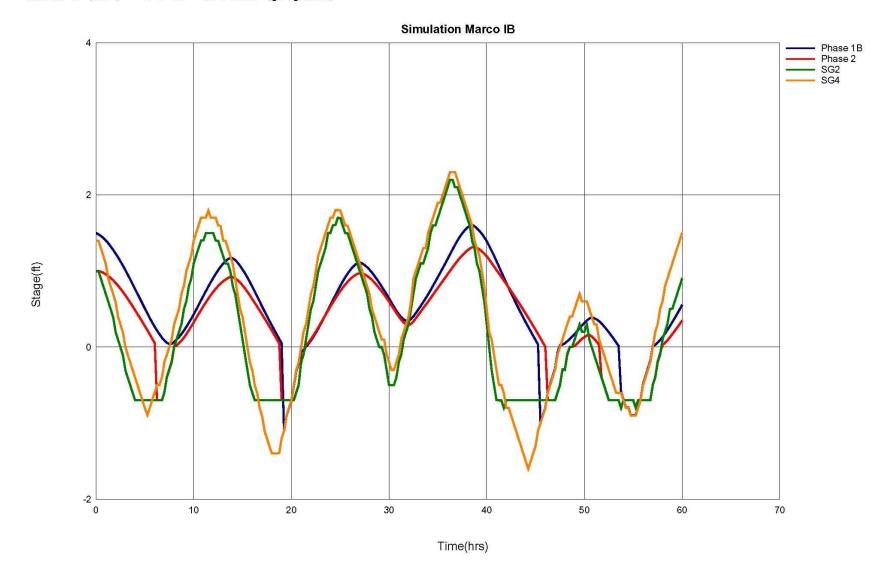


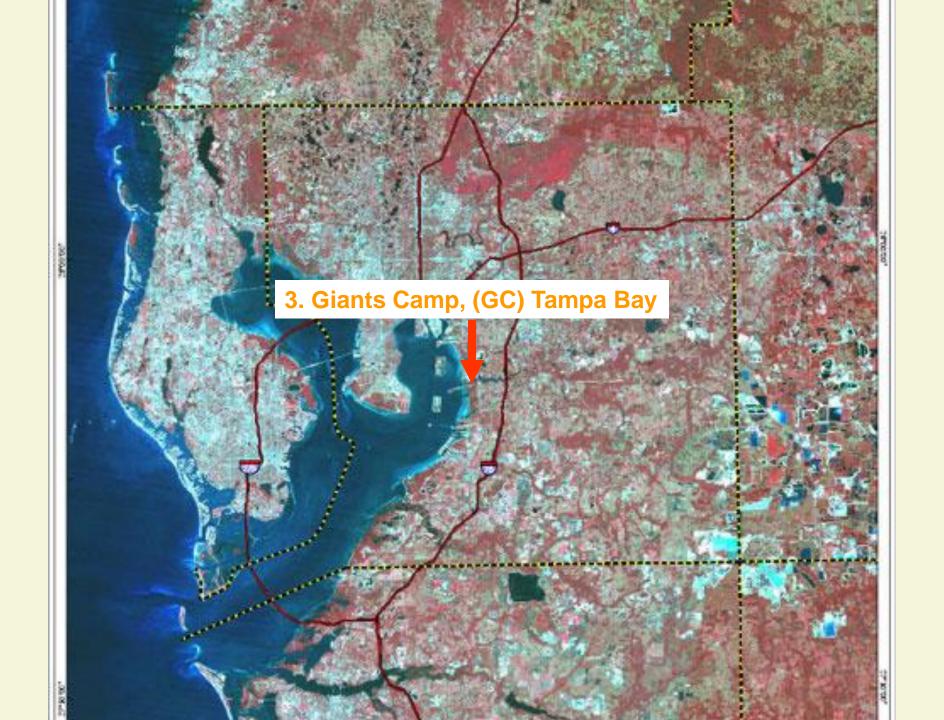






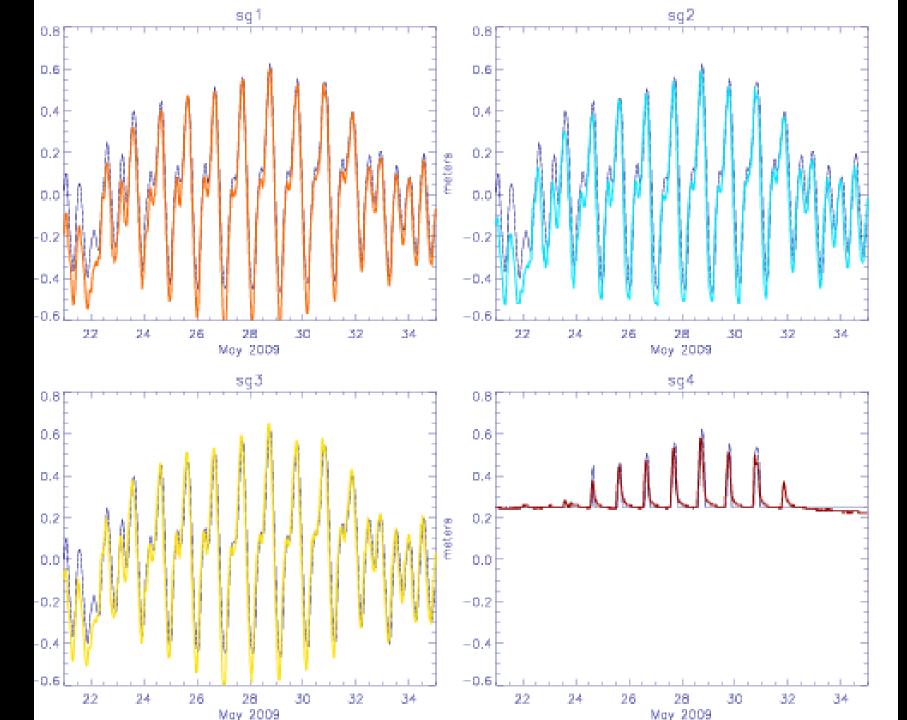
Phase 1B (SG4) - 1 x 48" Culverts (proposed)
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Phase 2 (SG2) - 3 x 48" Culverts (proposed)



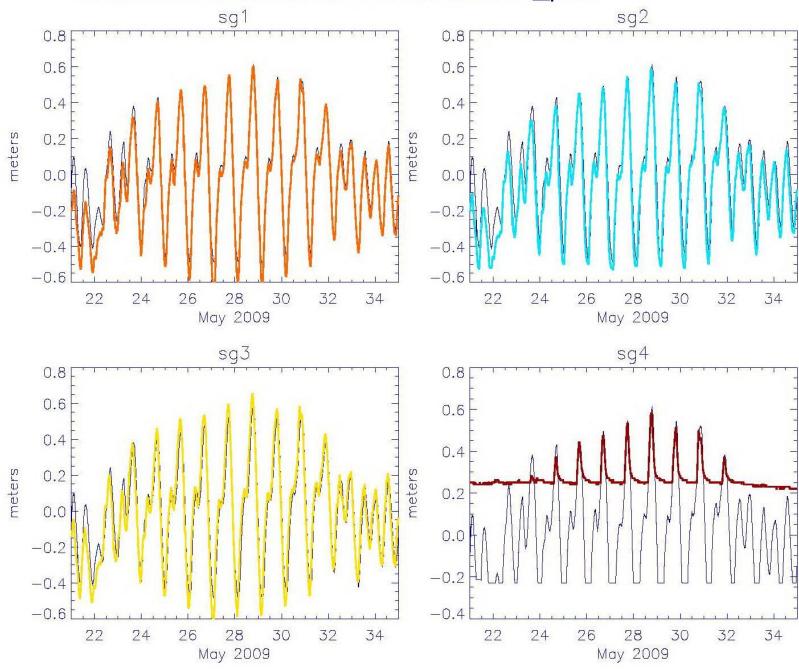








Water Elevation at HOBO Locations:_poc



Ecohydrologic Characterization of Mangroves

- 1. Better Design for Restoration Projects
- 2. Prevent Mangrove Deaths with Preemptive Monitoring and Hydrologic Restoration
- 3. Preemptive Restoration is Less expensive
- 4. Preemptive Restoration Insures
 Maintenance of Existing Ecological
 Functions