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Presentation Summary

- "• Motivations for the research on Indigenous Land Rights;
- Present status in Brazil;
- Brazilian definitions / legal sources for core LADM classes;
- Dynamic modelling for Nodal Agencies and Demarcation procedure;
- Indigenous Forest Rights class diagram;
- Spatio-Temporal dimensions of Indigenous Rights;
- Conclusions and Recommendations.

Motivations for the research on Indigenous Land Rights





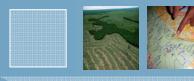
Pressing political and socio-economic issue in Brazil:

- Violent land disputes with non-indigenous;
- Slow and bureaucratic process of land adjudication;
- Deforestation process.

Previous experience of (part of) the team:

- Act on Indigenous Forest Rights in India;
- Modelling including LADM based.

Present status in Brazil



- Profound economic changes in recent decades reached the Amazon Basin;
- A total of 896,917 people declared to be indigenous (Census 2010);
- Indigenous lands are spread across Brazil, but concentrated around the Amazon;
- Democracy and the Federal Constitution of 1988 brought an increase in approved and regulated indigenous lands (Figure 1).

Present status in Brazil (2)

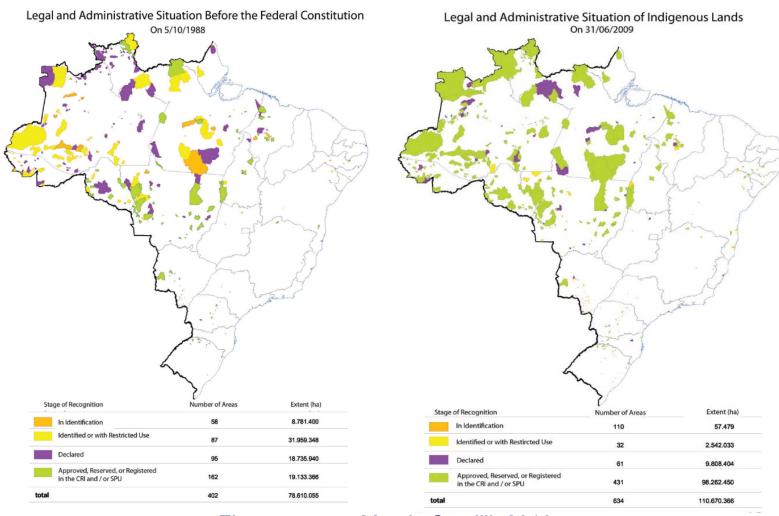


Figure source: Marcio Santilli, 2010

Definitions / Legal sources for LADM core classes







- LA_GroupParty: identification of ethnic groups according criteria ("Estatuto do Índio") based on ILO Convention 169;
 - According Census 2010, there are 305 ethnic groups with 274 different languages;
 - But, isolated indigenous are unknown (estimates are that the majority lives in Amazon).
- LA_Party: Nodal agencies assuming roles in land -administration and management.
 - Agencies and their cadastral systems were identified in order to define the broader picture of Land Administration in Brazil.

Definitions / Legal sources for LADM core classes (2)





- The modelling focus on those agencies / systems playing a key role in registering indigenous lands:
 - National Foundation for Indigenous Affairs (FUNAI) / STI;
 - Secretary of Federal Assets (SPU) / SIAPA;
 - Land Registry Office / No centralized, federal, system.
- The key procedure for the dynamic modelling is the indigenous lands demarcation (including registration), presented as use case and activity diagrams.

Definitions / Legal sources for LADM core classes (3)





. LA_SpatialUnitGroup*:

- Tribal Land: These are inalienable and unavailable according federal constitution. A total of 428 (in 672) are now fully regularized;
- There are different types of Habitat within indigenous federal lands (Reserve, Park, Agrichtural Colony and Federal Territory);
- The land demarcation simply surveys the boundaries of the indigenous land.
- * But simpler cases can be modelled as individual Spatial Units

Definitions / Legal sources for LADM core classes (4)



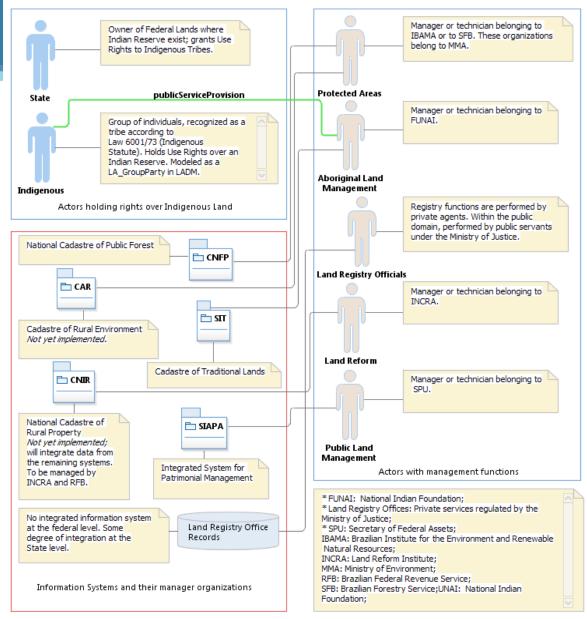


. LA_RRR's:

- Basic Property: lies with the Federal Government;
- Indigenous communities hold exclusive usufruct and permanent possession rights;
- Use rights for mining and forestry resources can be granted to third parties. These were not further modelled in this paper (separate laws and regulations exist);
- Indigenous communities have the (inherent) responsibility to promote economic and environmental sustainability.

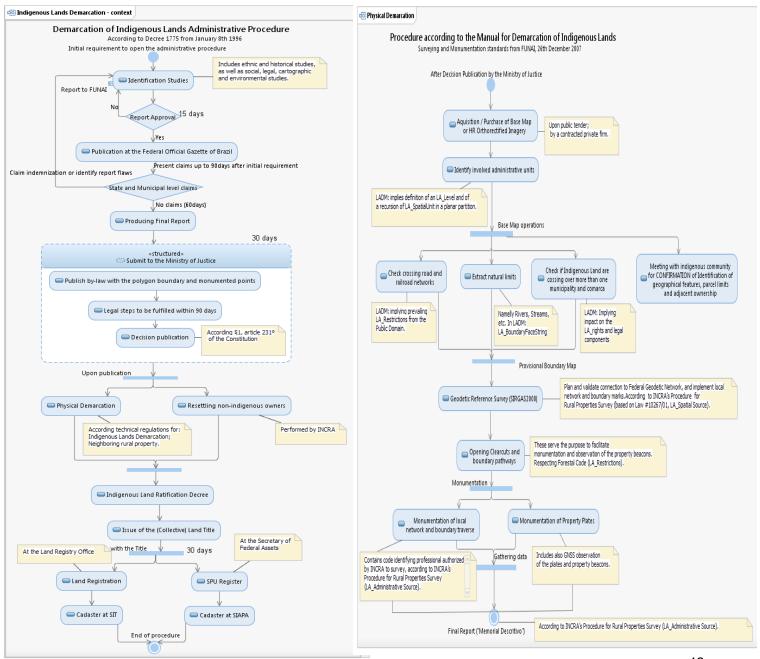
Dynamic Modelling; Use Case

Brazilian Land Administration concerning Indigenous Forest Rights



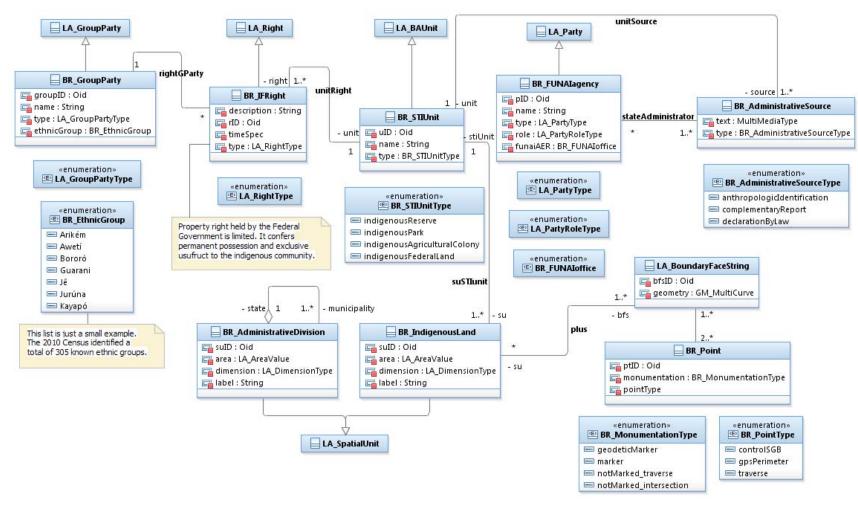
Dynamic Modelling;

Activity (generic and detail)



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Indigenous Lands Class Diagram



Spatio-Temporal Dimensions of Indigenous Rights

. Temporal dimension of Rights:

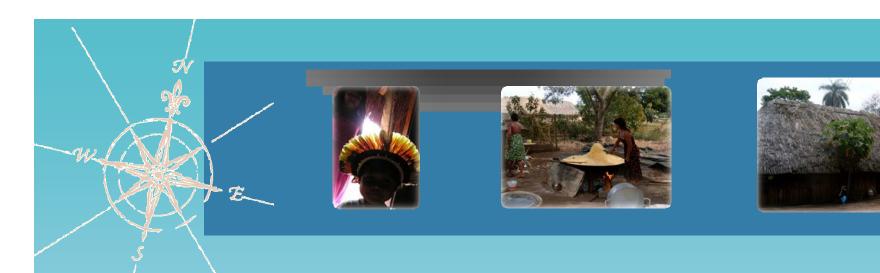
- Land has been "traditionally occupied"; a vague time-spec element is introduced into the claim;
- Granted permanent possession rights: no temporal changes in the future;

. Spacial dimensions of Rights:

- Exclusive usufruct over soil, rivers and lakes (2D and 3D extension of rights);
- Mineral deposits and potential for hydraulic energy belong to the Federal Government and form a separate 3D parcel.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Land regularization procedure, focussed on land demarcation and administrative steps has been modelled based on LADM;
- Development of a conceptual schema can bring a common understanding for Nodal Agencies involved in Indigenous Land Regularization;
- Use of LADM in Brazil allows interoperability and data sharing based on a common data model;
- Implementation of CNIR opens an opportunity to integrate land information;
- A systematic approach including dynamic modelling is especially useful when no UML or legacy models are available.









Tribe Kisêdjê – Xingu Park

Indigenous: 330 Language: Suyá

Questions?