

# Understanding the relations between past land uses, soil and biodiversity for future nature management around Hov Vig

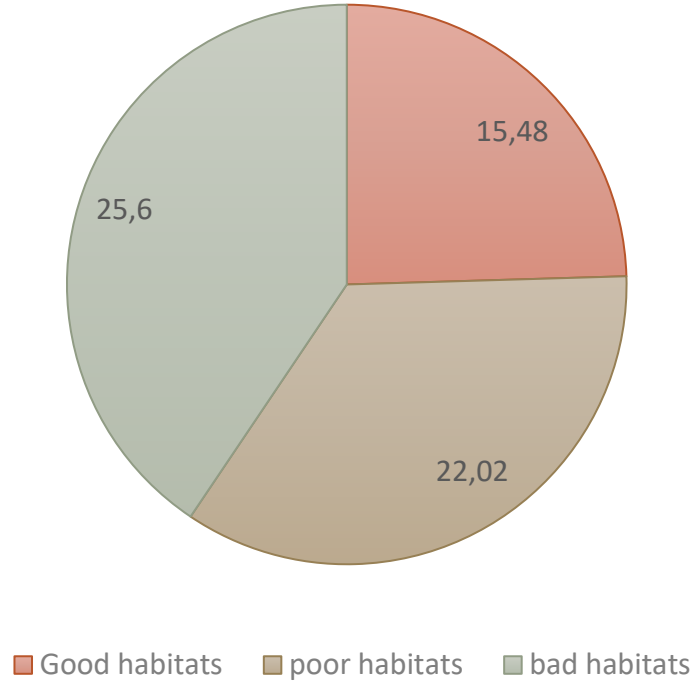
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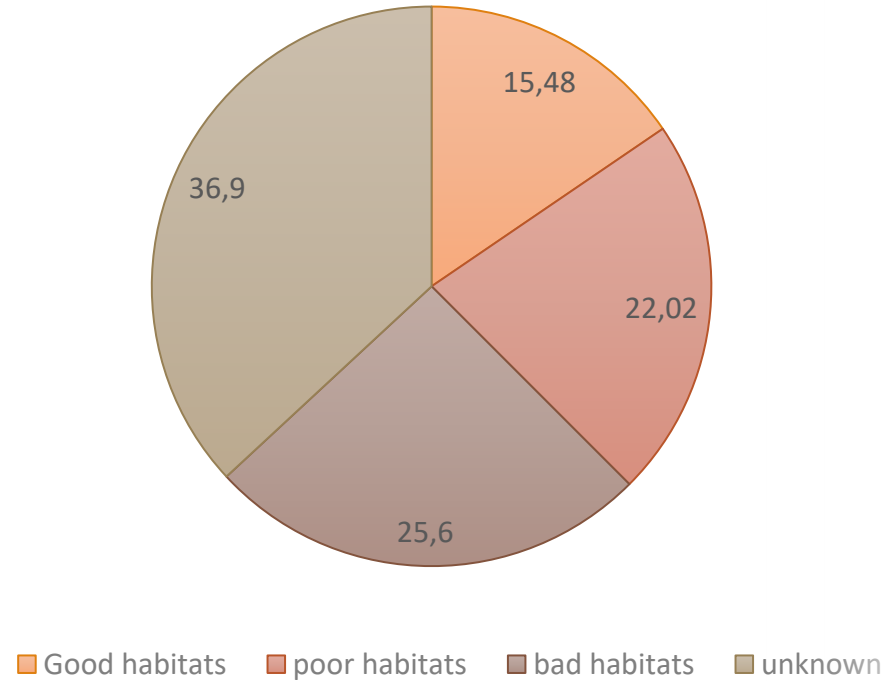


# Importance

Percentage (%) of the state of the habitats in Denmark



Percentage (%) of the state of the species in Denmark





# Research area

## Hov Vig and surroundings

- North: summer houses
- West: buildings of Nykøbing
- South and East: water





# Landscape genesis





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# Landscape Genesis

1870

Fjord

1902

Area is dammed up

1979

Flood and breakthrough  
dam

Natura 2000





# Researched questions

- **What is the relation between the past land use, soil and biodiversity for future nature management around Hov Vig?**
- What are the landscape trajectories of the area explaining its landscape genesis?
  - To get insights from the past land use based on historical maps
  - To analyse the changes since 1840 until present
- Which soil types are characteristics?
  - To analyse soil profile based on a stratified sample
- What are the current characteristics of biodiversity?
  - To identify the vegetation types and their ecological characteristics.
  - To assess the ecological value of the vegetation types
- How can the insights in landscape from the past land use, soil and biodiversity improve the future nature management objectives?
  - To reflect on current management decisions

# Method

Connections between land use, soil and biodiversity

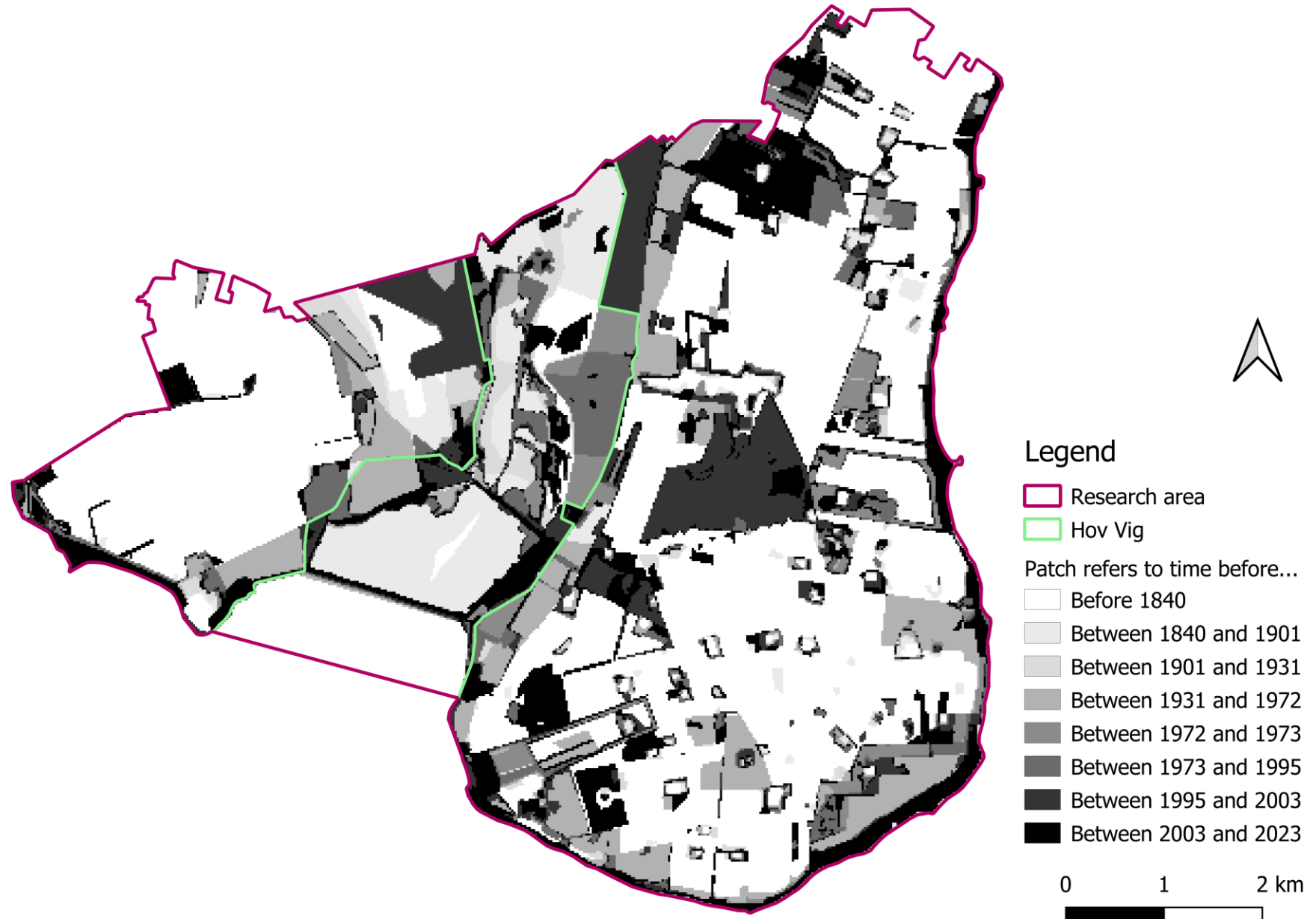
## 1. Historical analysis

- Visualize the land use of eight historical maps
- Time depth map

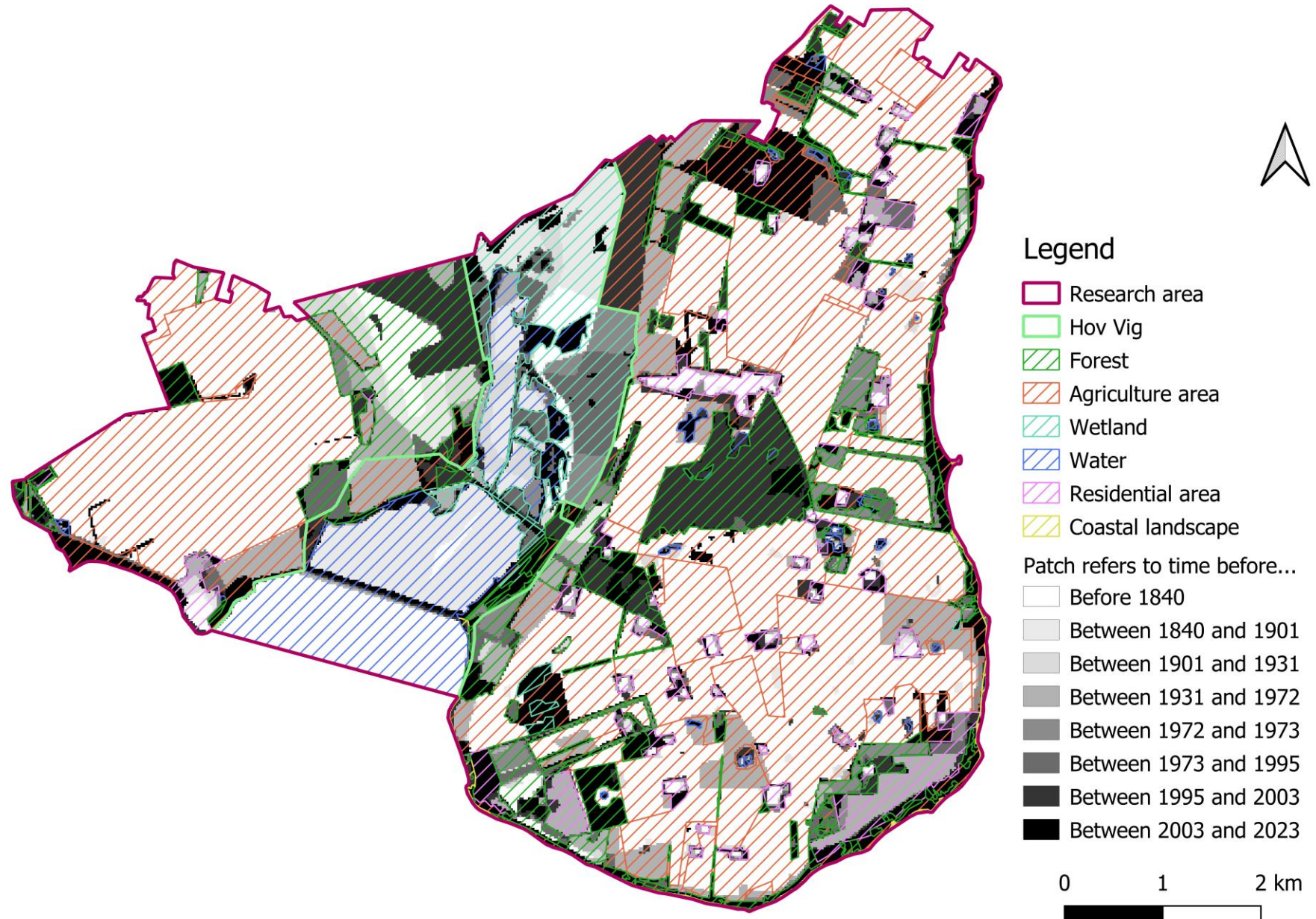




# Time depth map

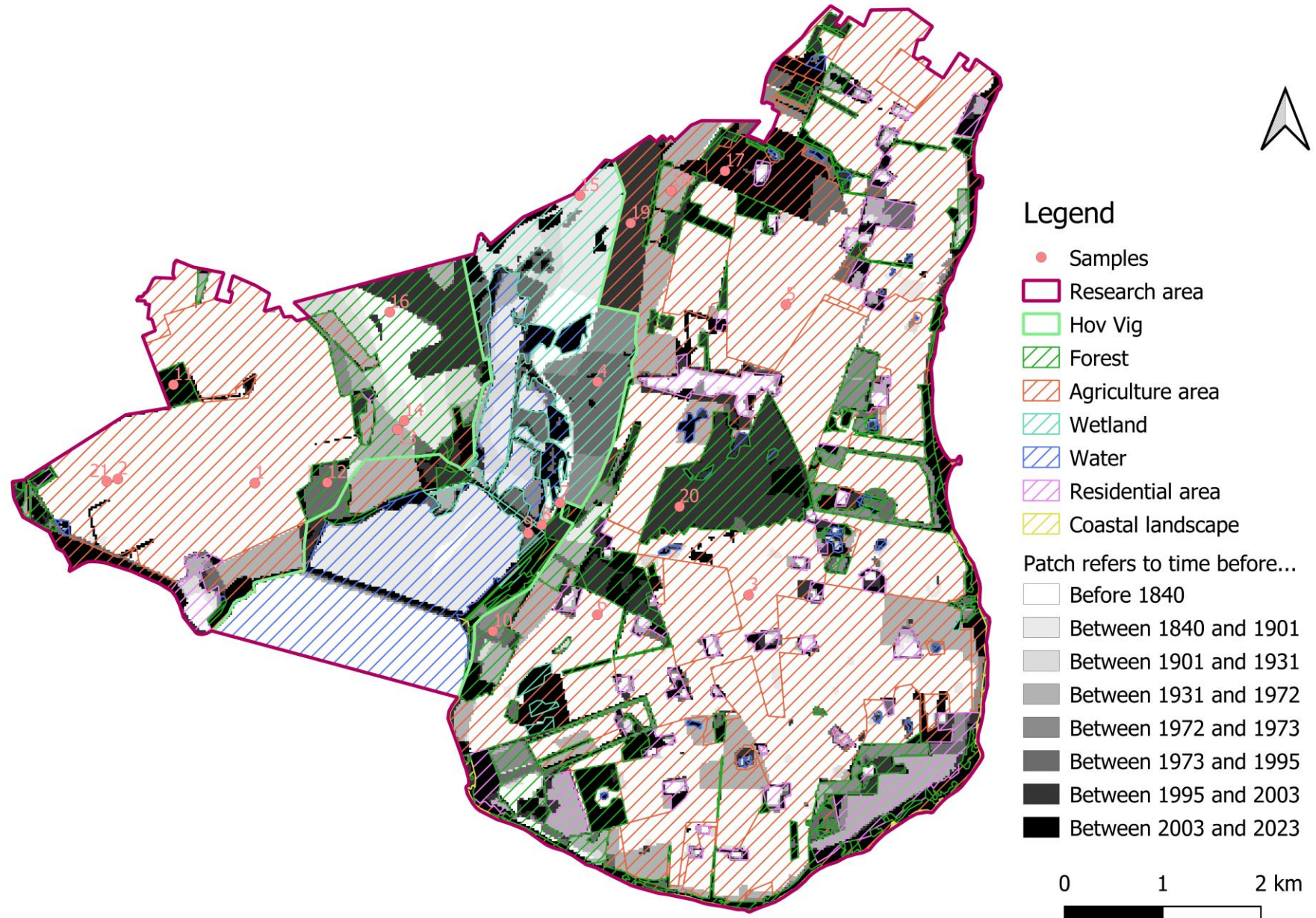


# Time depth map





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# Method



## 2. Soil samples

- 21 soil profiles
  - Stratified sampling
  - Describe the depth, texture, moisture, groundwater, other material for each layer
- Determine soil types depending on the results of the samples

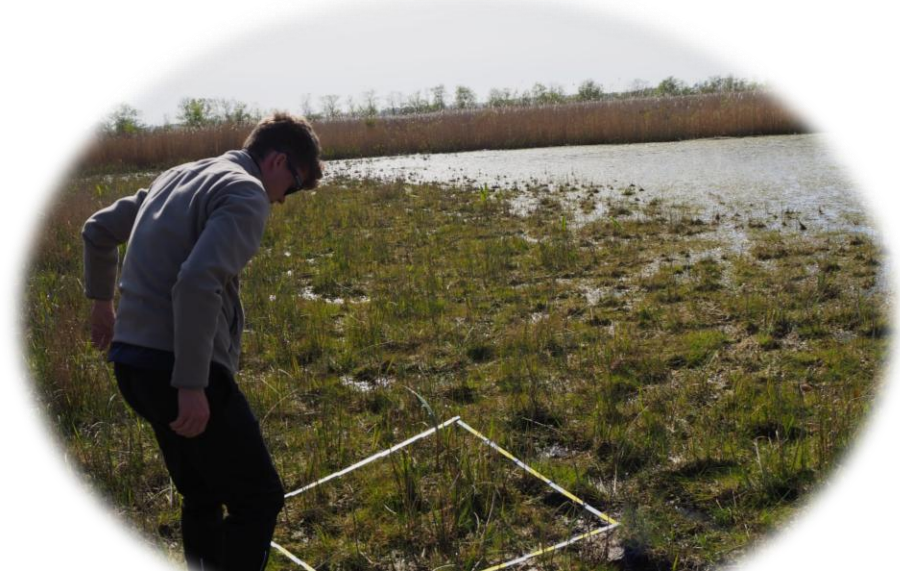




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## 3. Biodiversity

- Square of 1m<sup>2</sup>
- Counting amount and identify of species
- Determine vegetation types
- Evaluation of value of biodiversity





# Method

## 4. Landmanagement

- Interview with the forestry
- Information
  - Past, present and future
  - Landscape genesis
  - Struggles with farmers and inhabitants







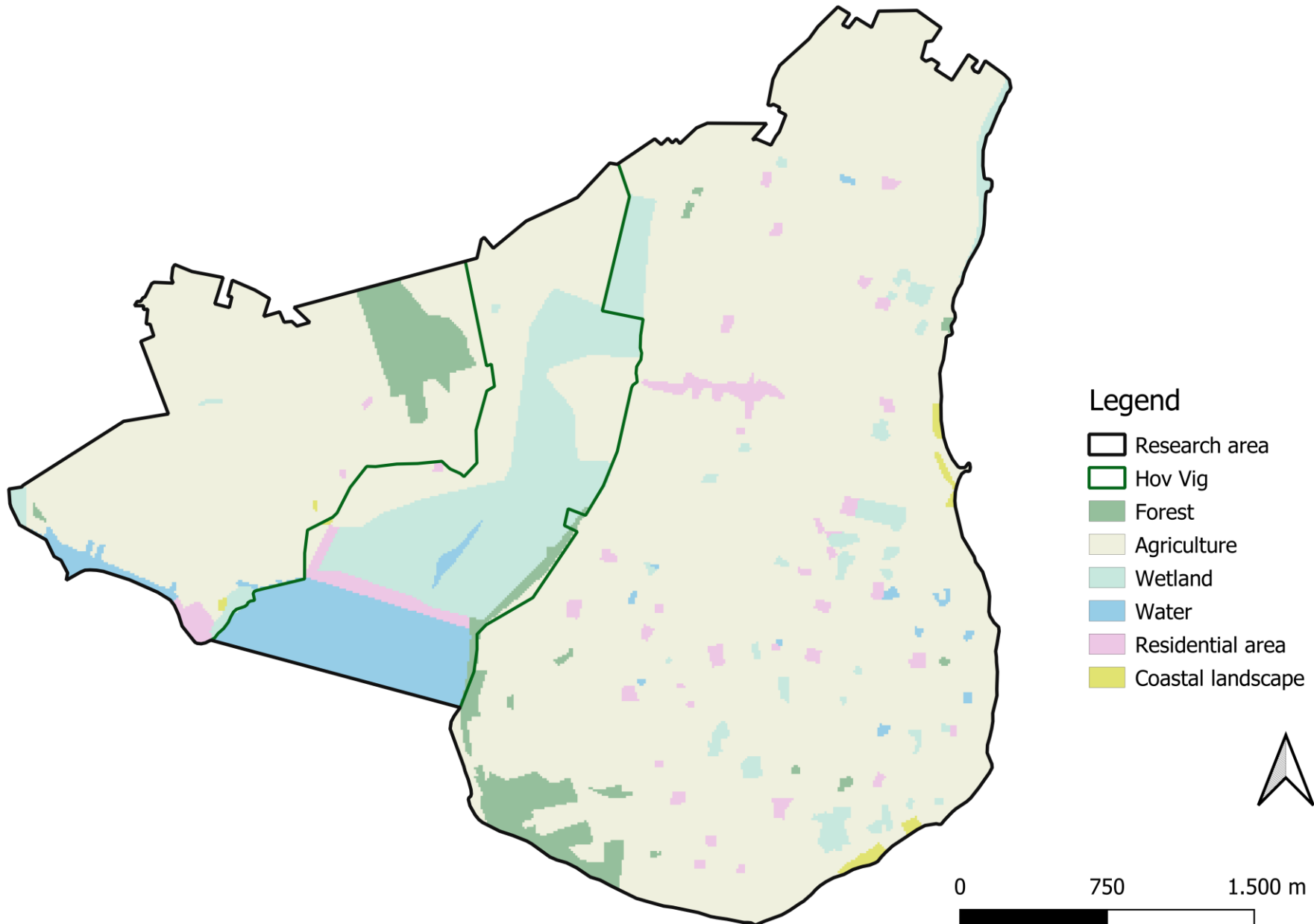
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Comparing soil and vegetation types, evaluation of the biodiversity value with each other

→ Qualitative, not quantitative

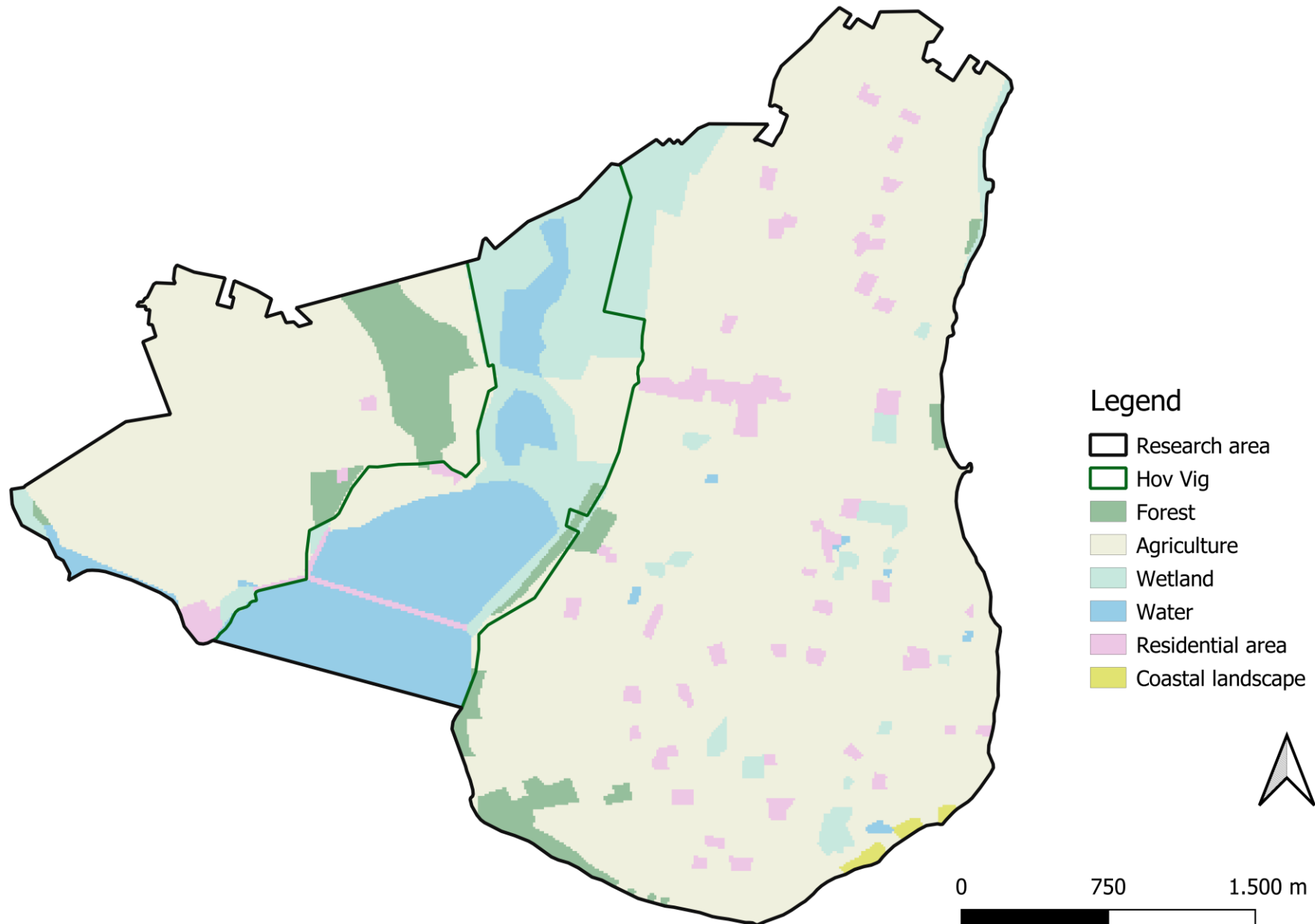


# Land use 1840

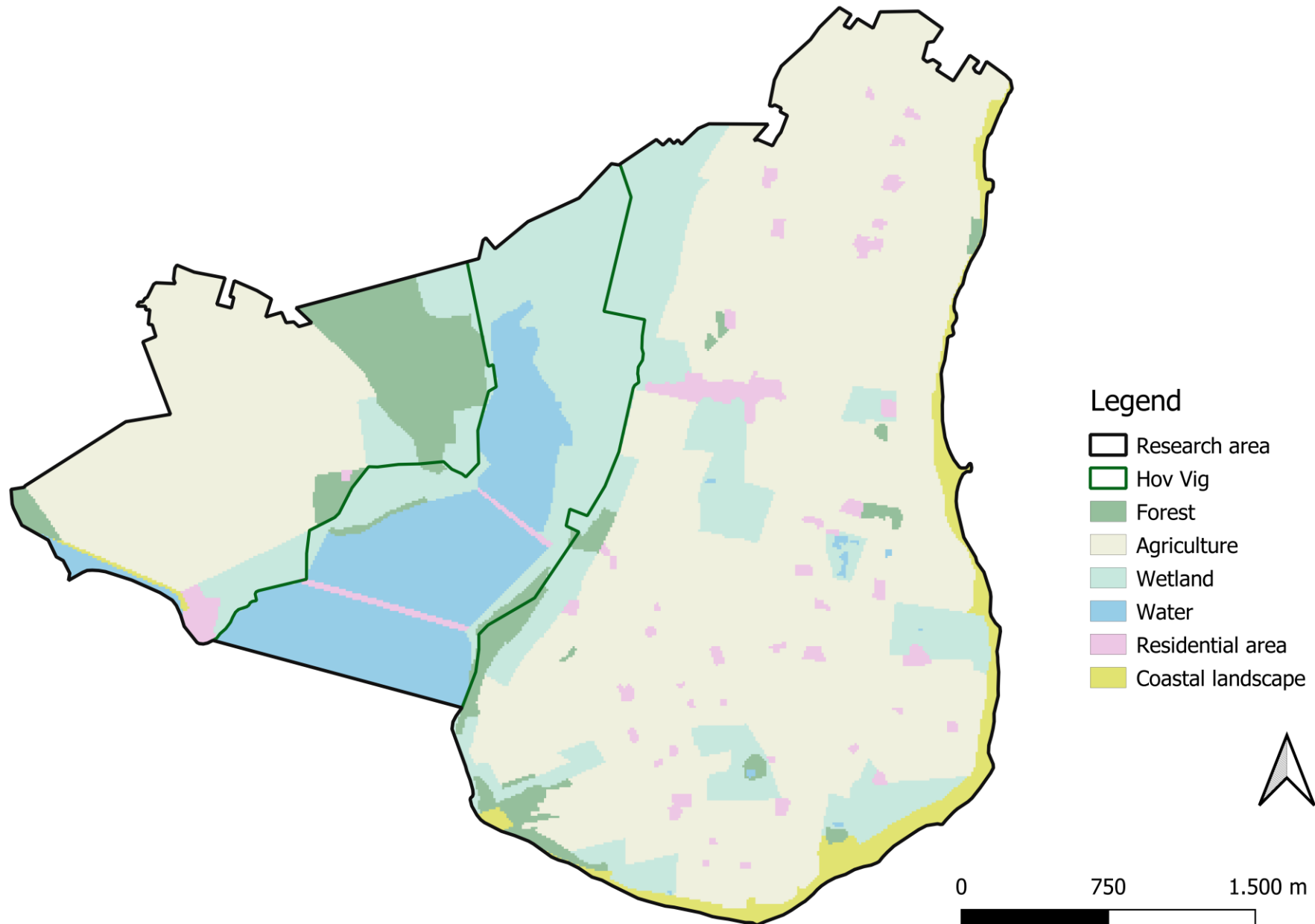




# Land use 1901

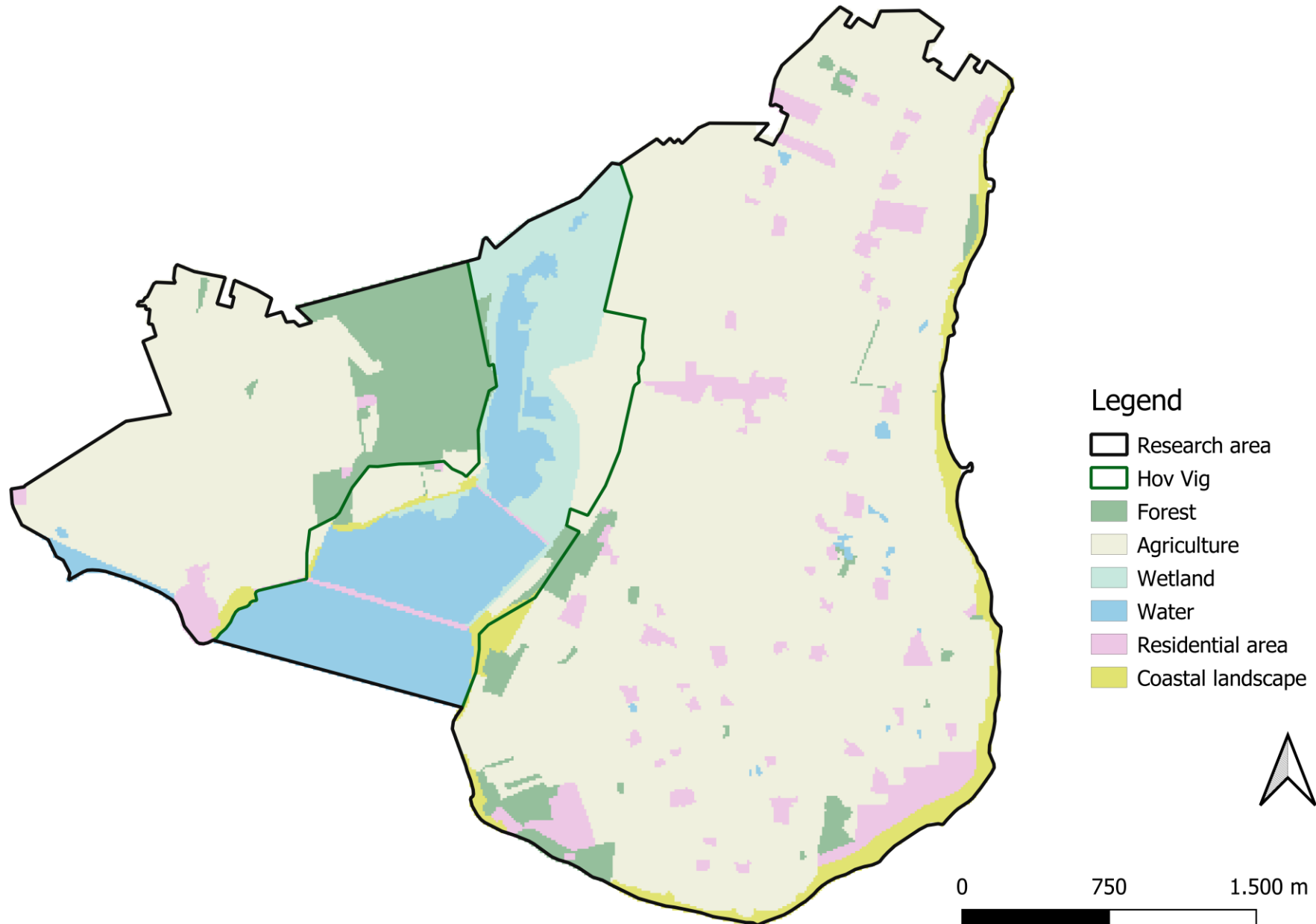


# Land use 1931

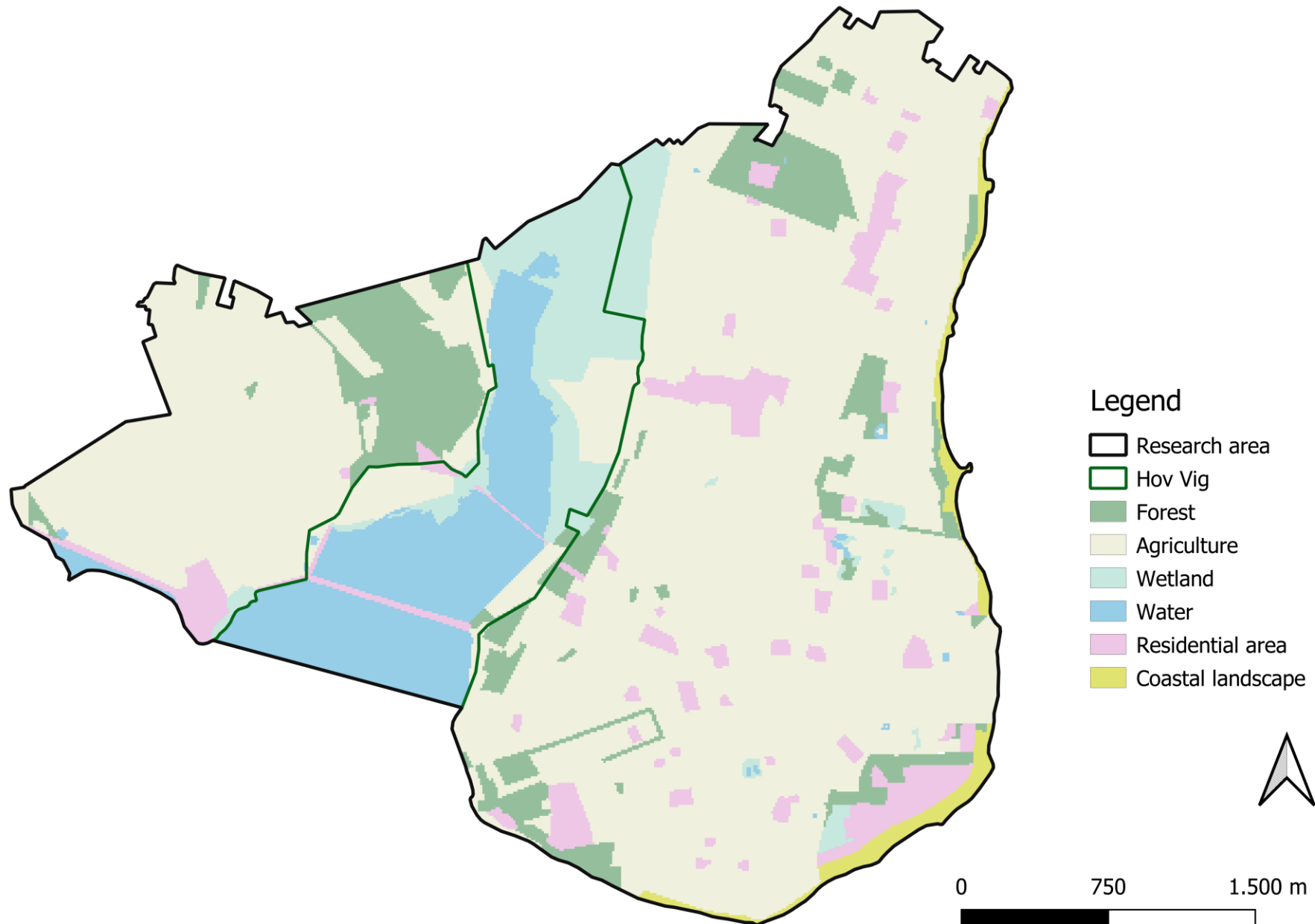




# Land use 1972

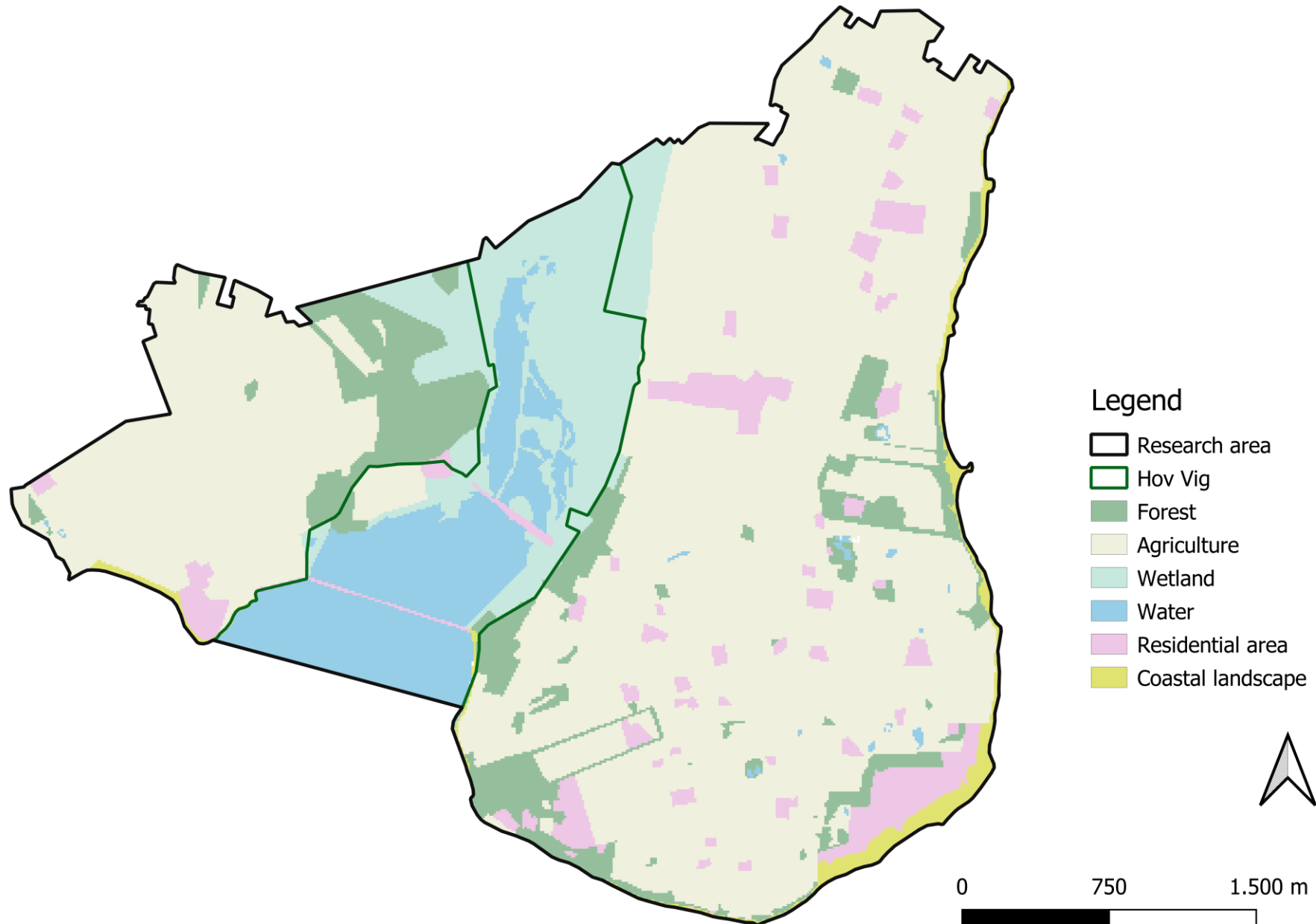


# Land use 1973

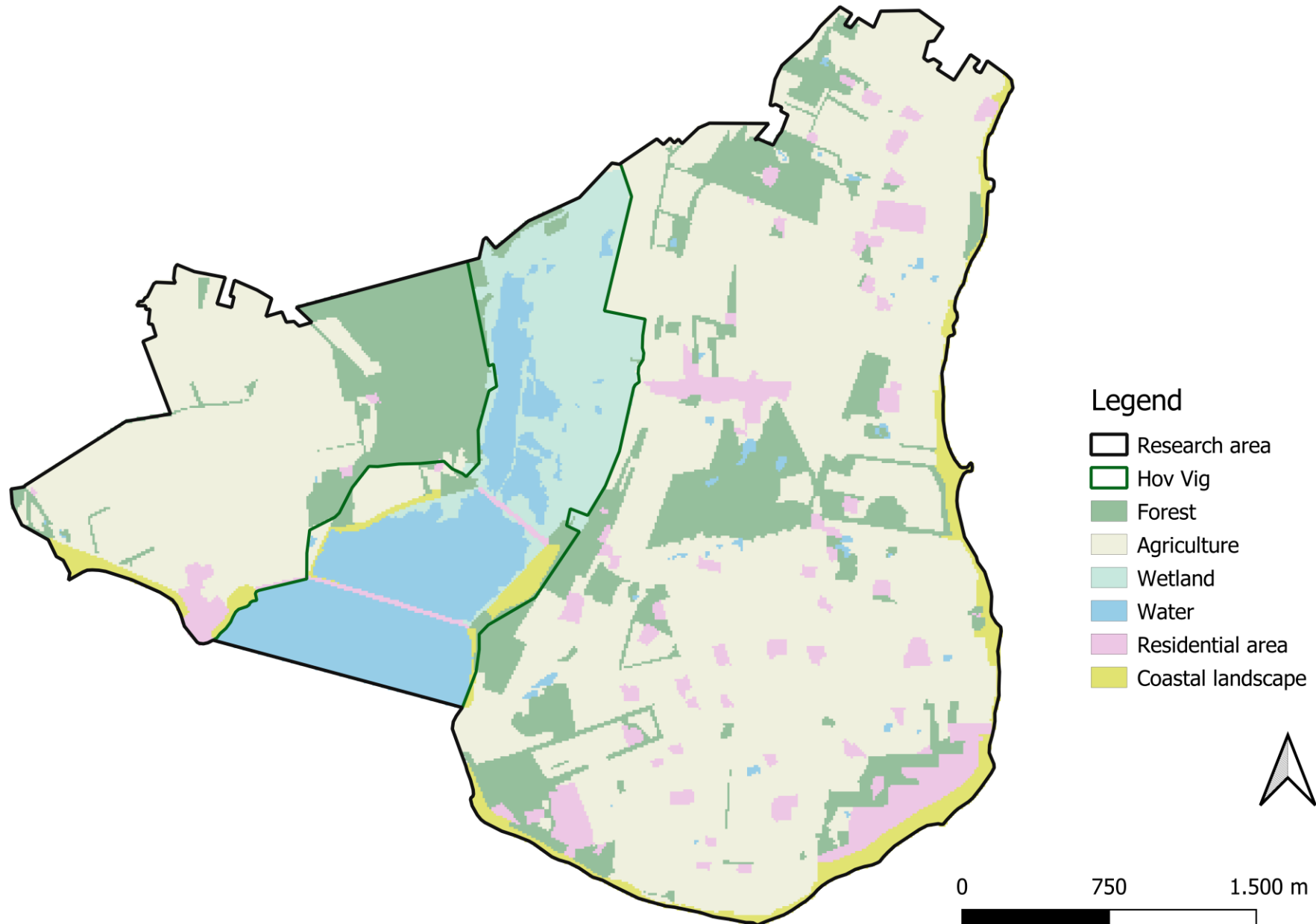




# Land use 1995

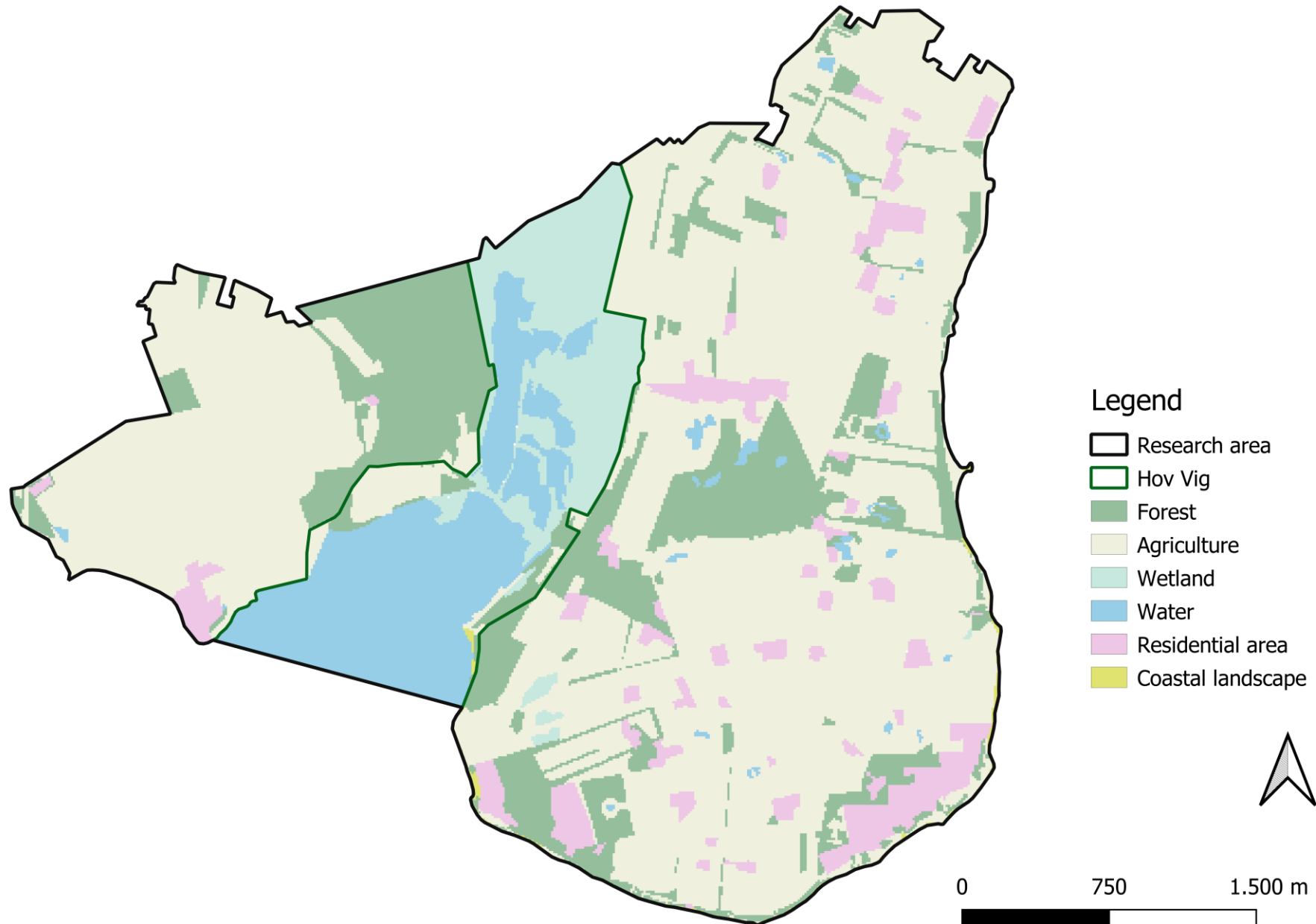


# Land use 2003





# Land use 2023



1840



■ Forest      ■ Agriculture  
■ Wetland      ■ Water  
■ Residential area      ■ Coastal landscape

1901



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■ Wetland      ■ Water  
■ Residential area      ■ Coastal landscape

1931



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1972



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1973



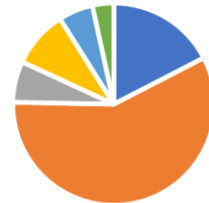
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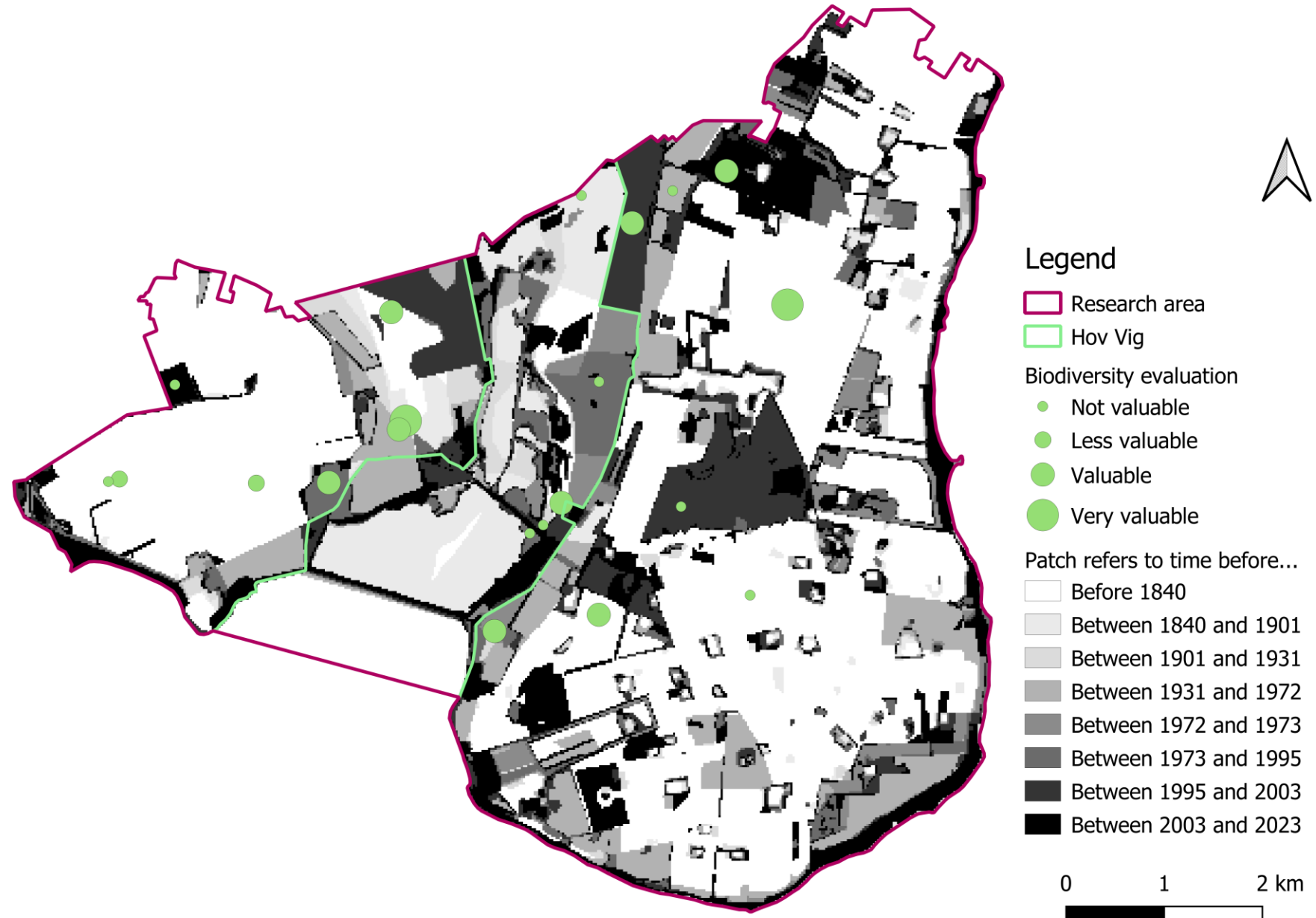
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# Results

point	time-depth	vegetation type	soil type	evaluation
1	0	agriculture	loam-clay	not valuable
2	0	agriculture	loam-clay	not valuable
3	1973	open grassland	sand-loam	less valuable
4	0	open grassland	loam-sand-clay	less valuable
5	0	open grassland	sand-clay	very valuable
6	0	open grassland	clay-sand	valuable
7	0	watery landscape	sand	valuable
8	1901	watery landscape	sand	less valuable
9	1973	watery landscape	sand	less valuable
10	1972	closed grassland	sand	valuable
11	2003	closed grassland	sand-clay	less valuable
12	1973	closed grassland	sand-loam	valuable
13	1931	closed grassland	sand-loam	valuable
14	1840	closed landscape	sand-loam	very valuable
15	1840	watery landscape	sand	less valuable
16	0	closed grassland	sand	valuable
17	2003	closed landscape	loam-clay	valuable
18	1931	open grassland	clay-sand	less valuable
19	1995	open grassland	sand with boulders	valuable
20	1995	closed landscape	loam-clay	less valuable
21	0	agriculture	loam-clay	less valuable

# Biodiversity evaluation in function of time depth





# Conclusion?

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Interpretation errors:

- Maps are no objective representation.
- Definitions of land use can change
- Interpretation map vs. Interpretation image
- Different mappers can cause different results

Problems with accessibility

- Water
- Nature reserve with forbidden areas
- Disturbing fauna



# Conclusion?

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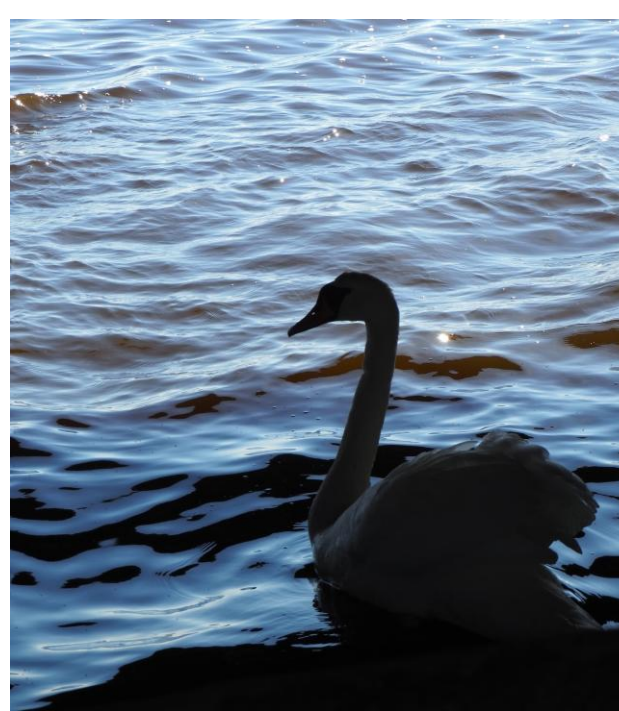
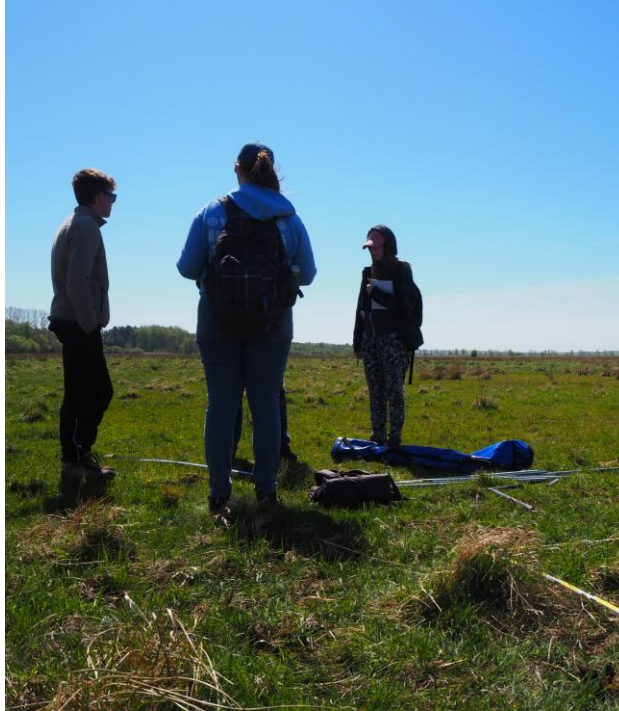


Low number of measuring points. So difficult to find correlations



Method can work but more samples is important





Are there any questions?

Thanks for the support!!