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Scenario Development for Sustainable Land Use
in the Greater Caucasus, Georgia

Project unit A

Landscape Analysis with Geo-information Systems

– Land-Cover Pattern Investigations in the High-Mountains Based on Spatial Data



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Historic photographs provided by the Kazbegi Museum
Archive

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Pansheti, ~1940



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Ukhati, 2014



Main aims of my work



- analyze the past and current land use & land cover,
- describe the landscape structure,

- characterize land use dynamics,
- develop normative scenarios.

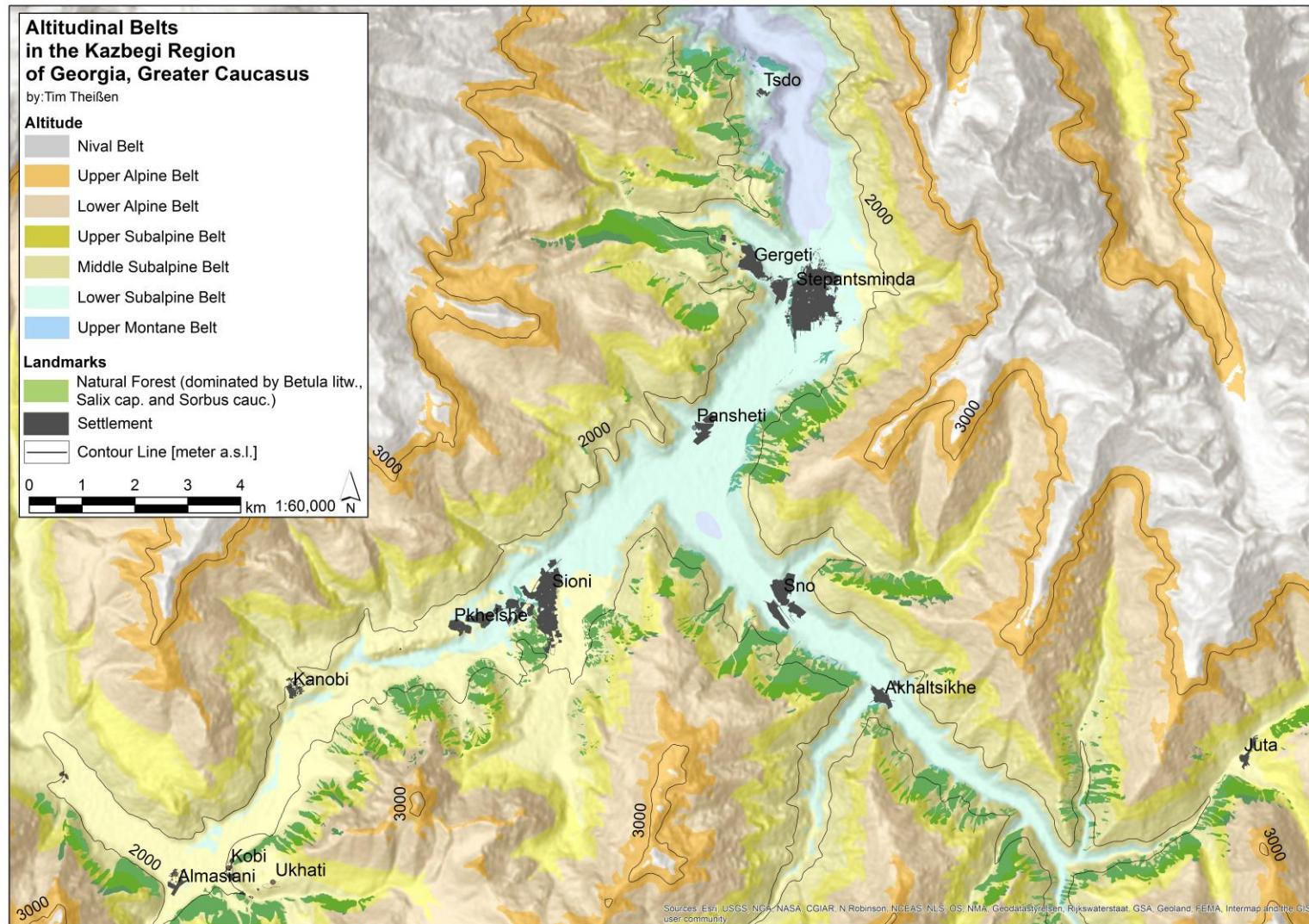


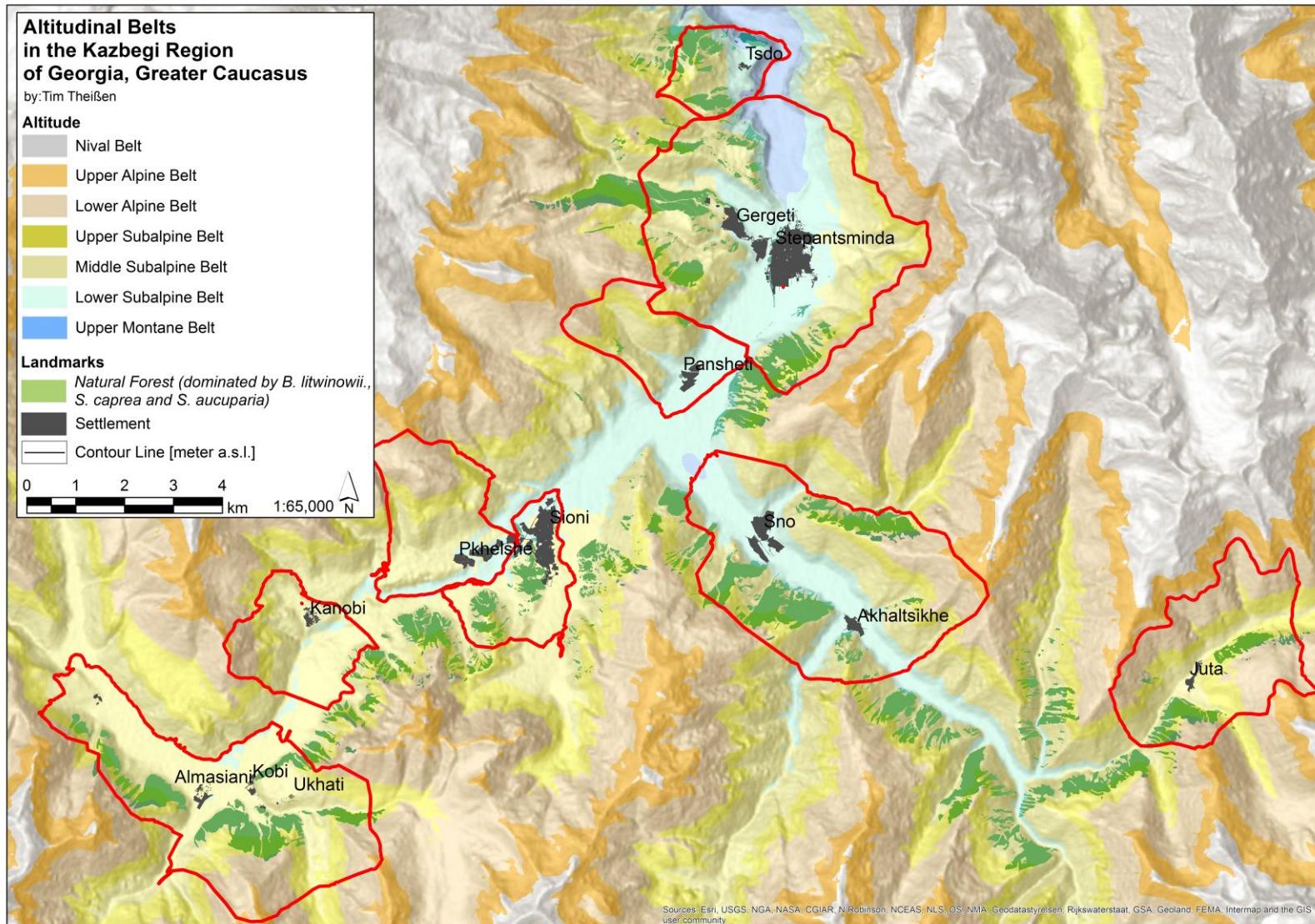


Kazbegi region, Central Greater Caucasus



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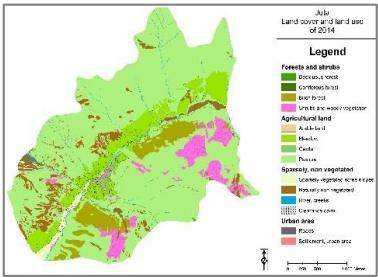


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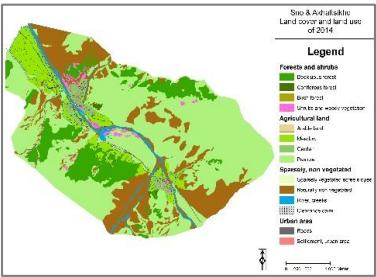


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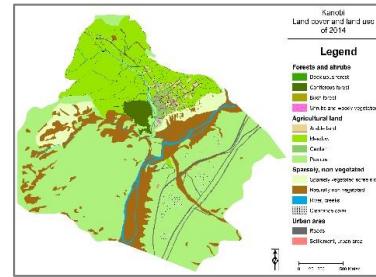
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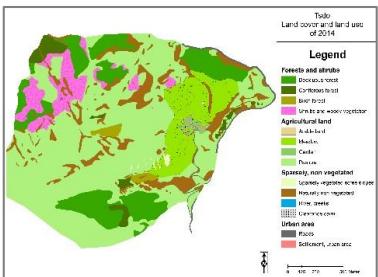
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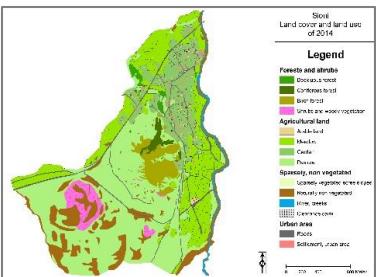
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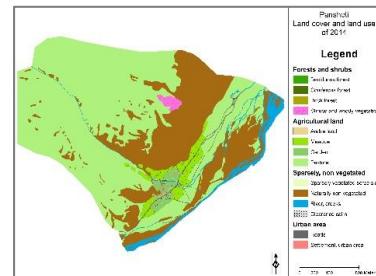
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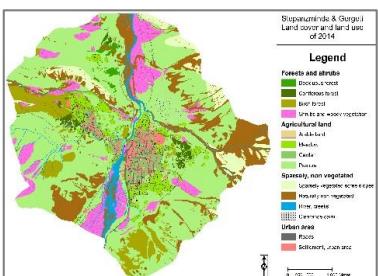
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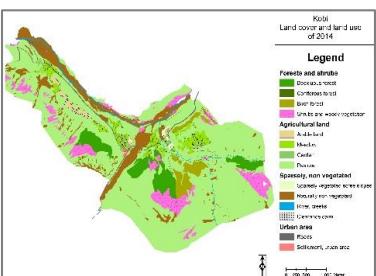
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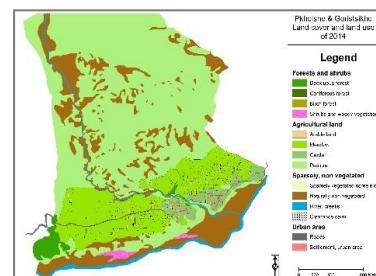
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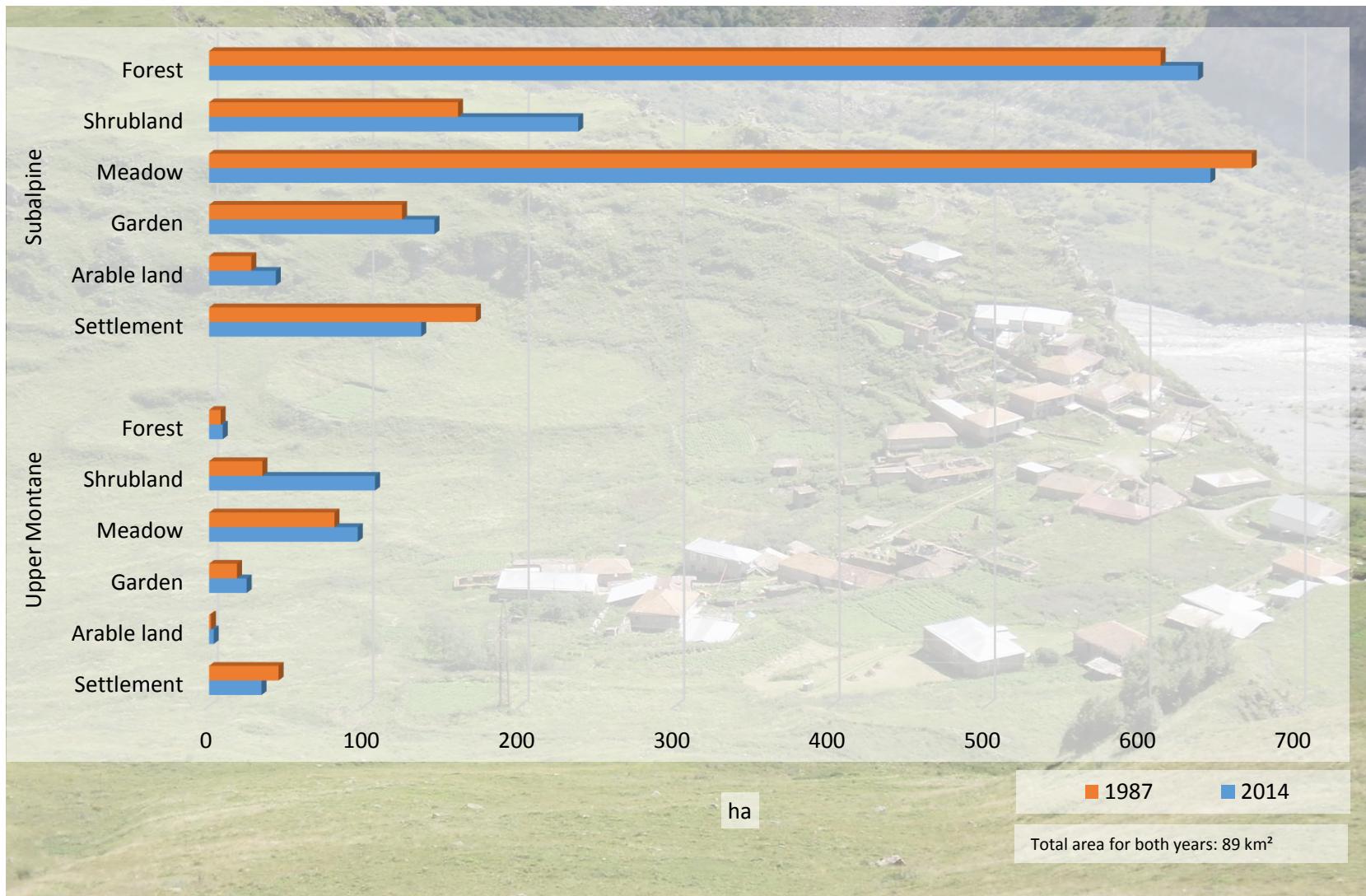
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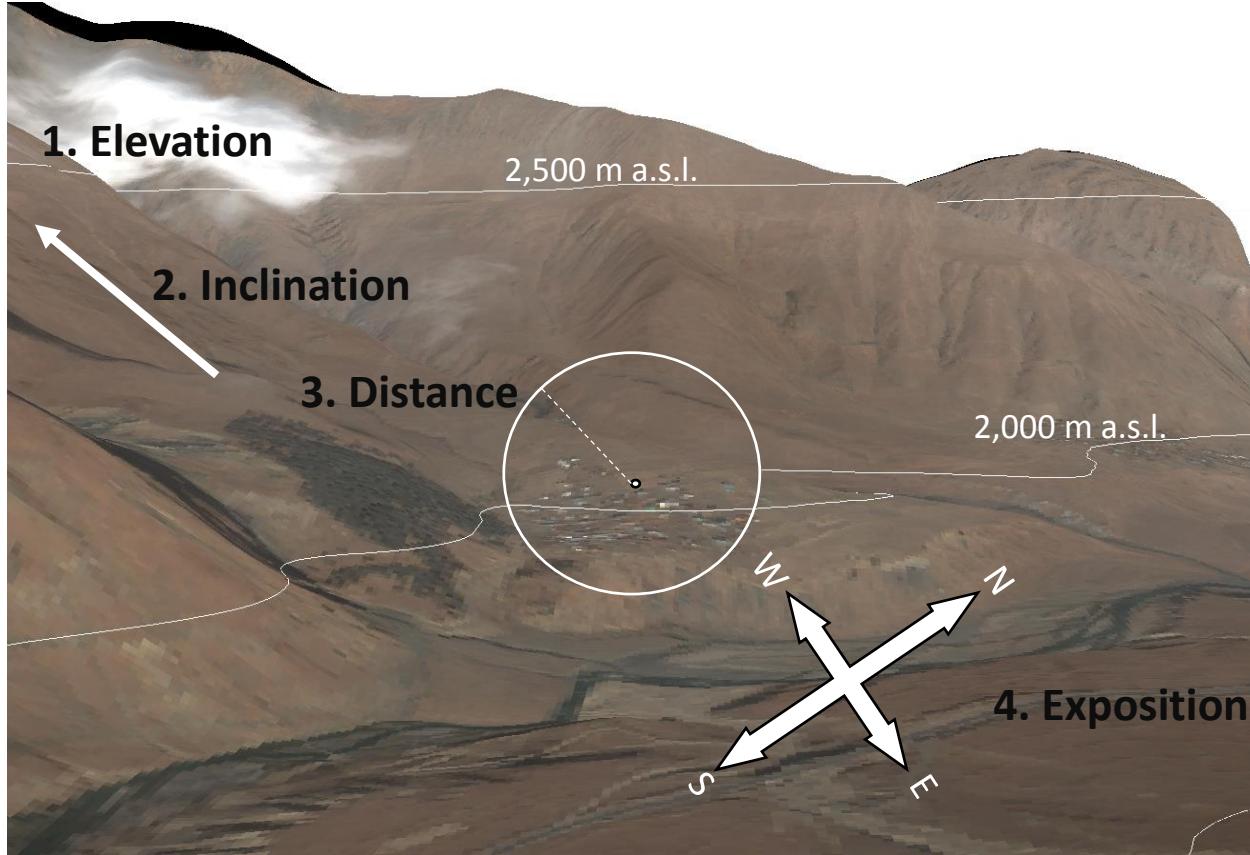


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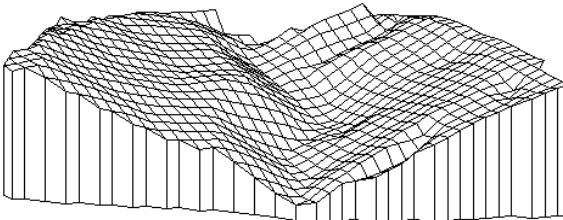
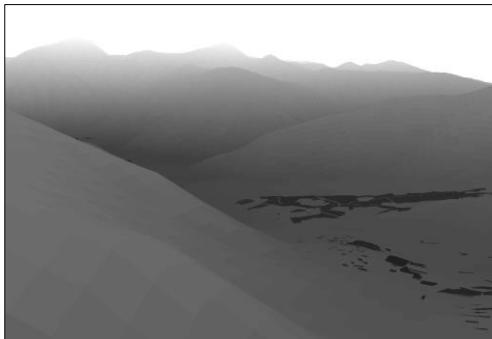








Digital Elevation Model



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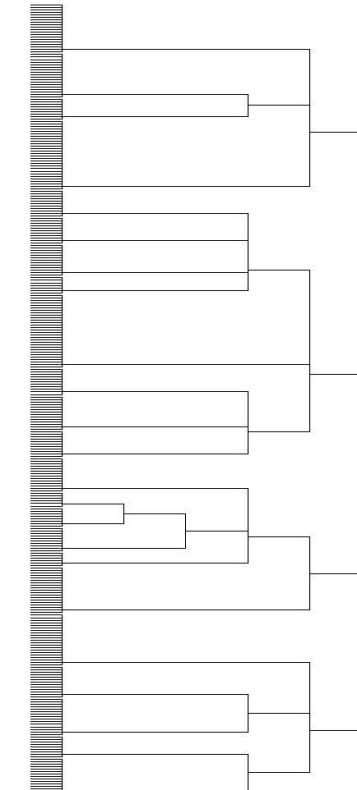
- Altitude
- Slope
- Distance
- Exposition

Exploratory data analysis

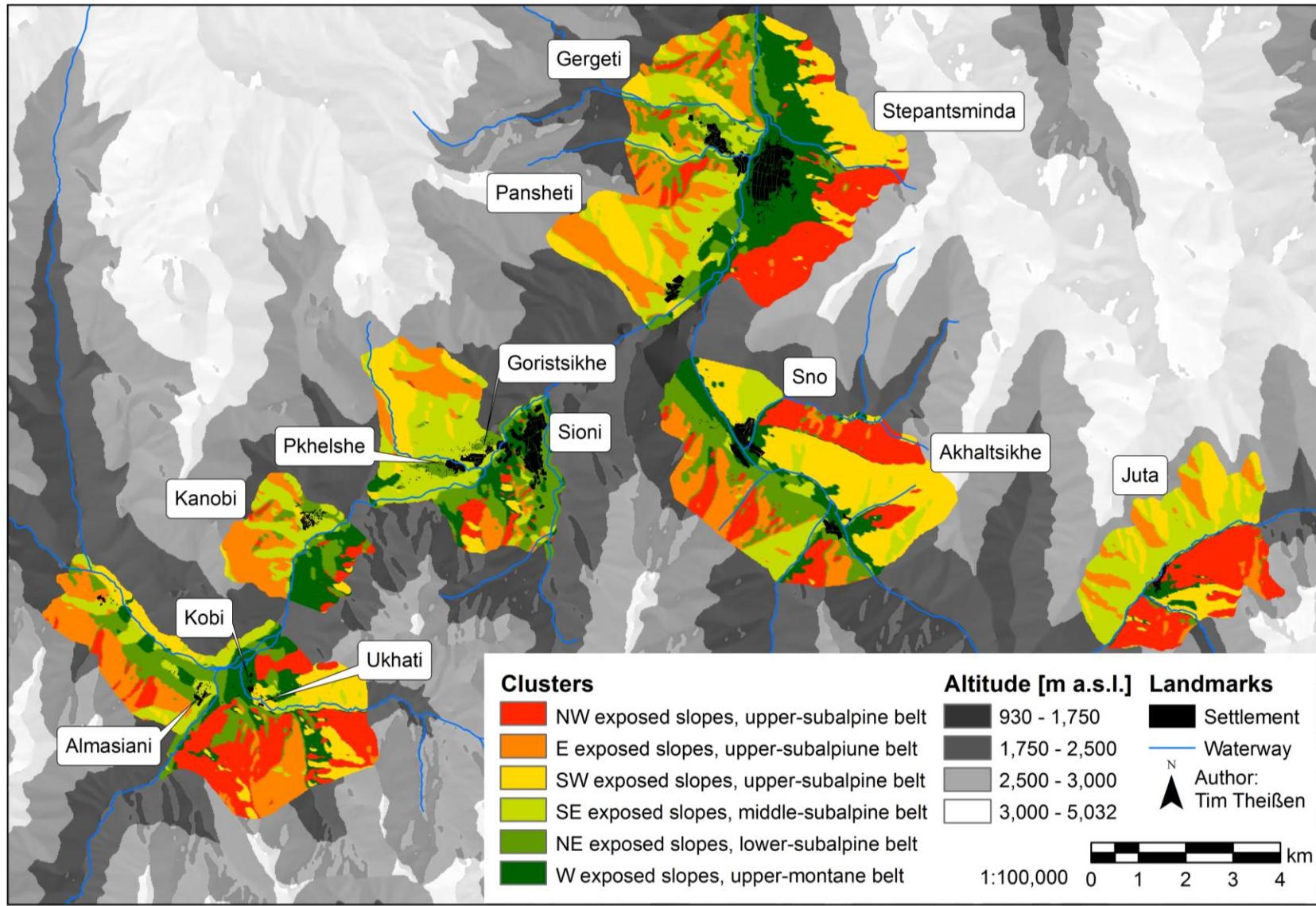
K-means Cluster Analysis:

- Non-hierarchical clustering algorithm to classify a dataset

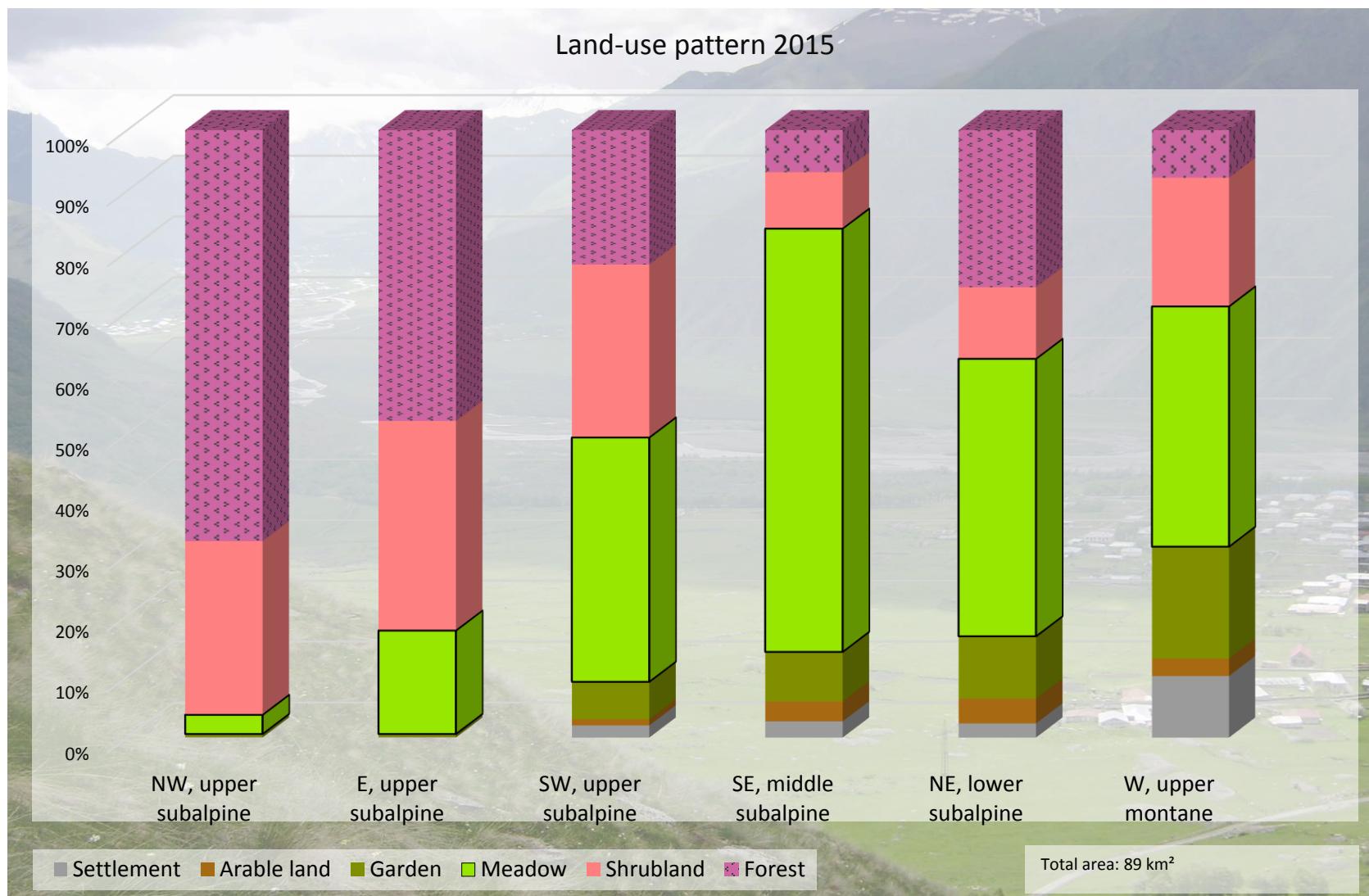
Cluster Dendrogram



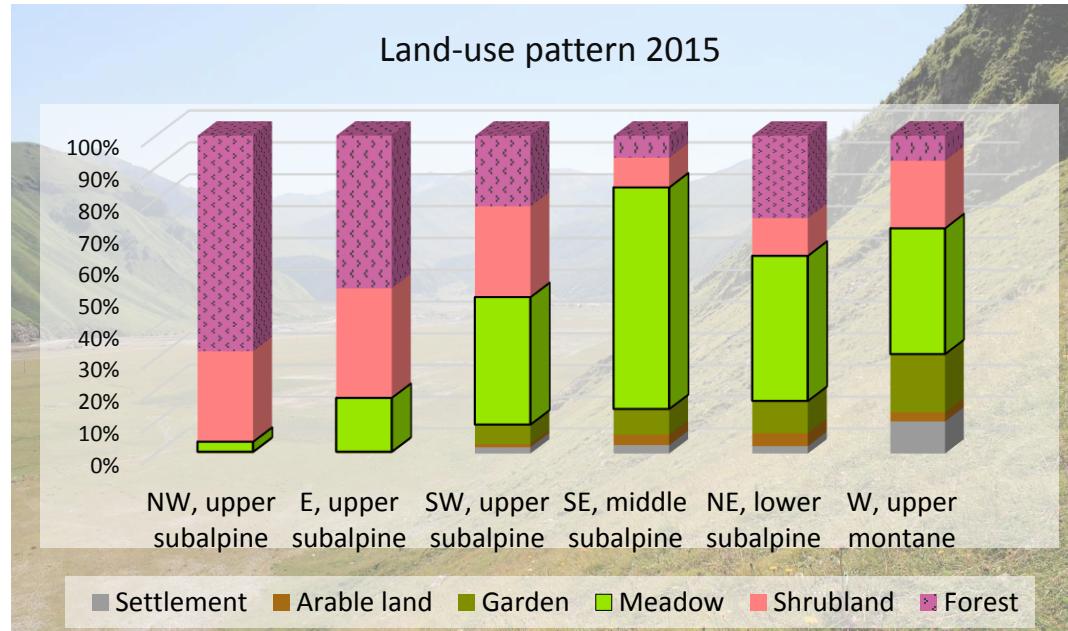
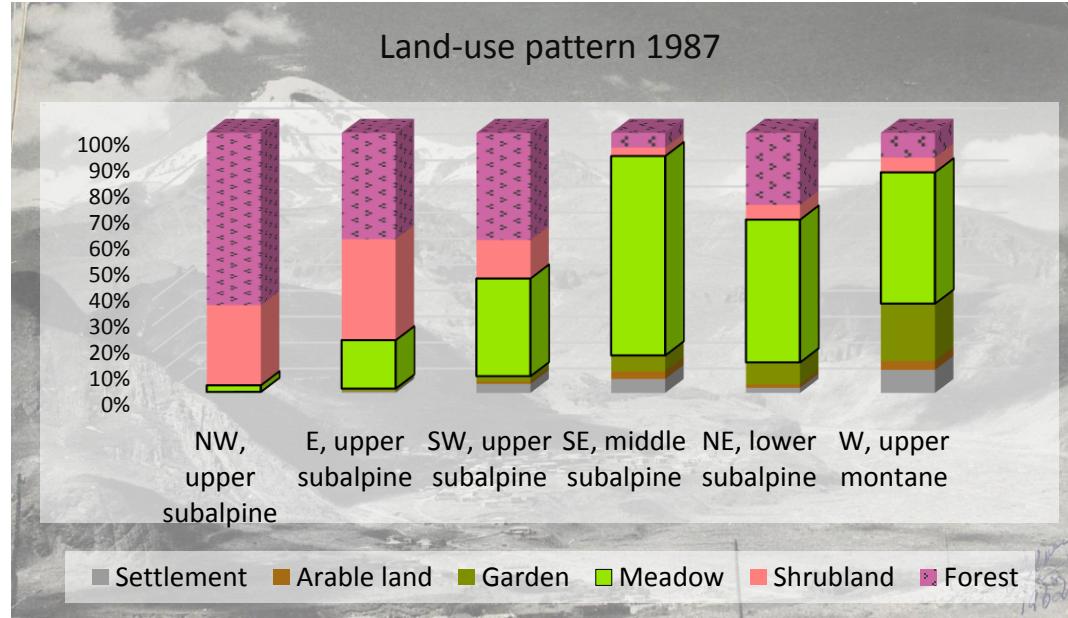
Spatial classification



Land-use pattern 2015

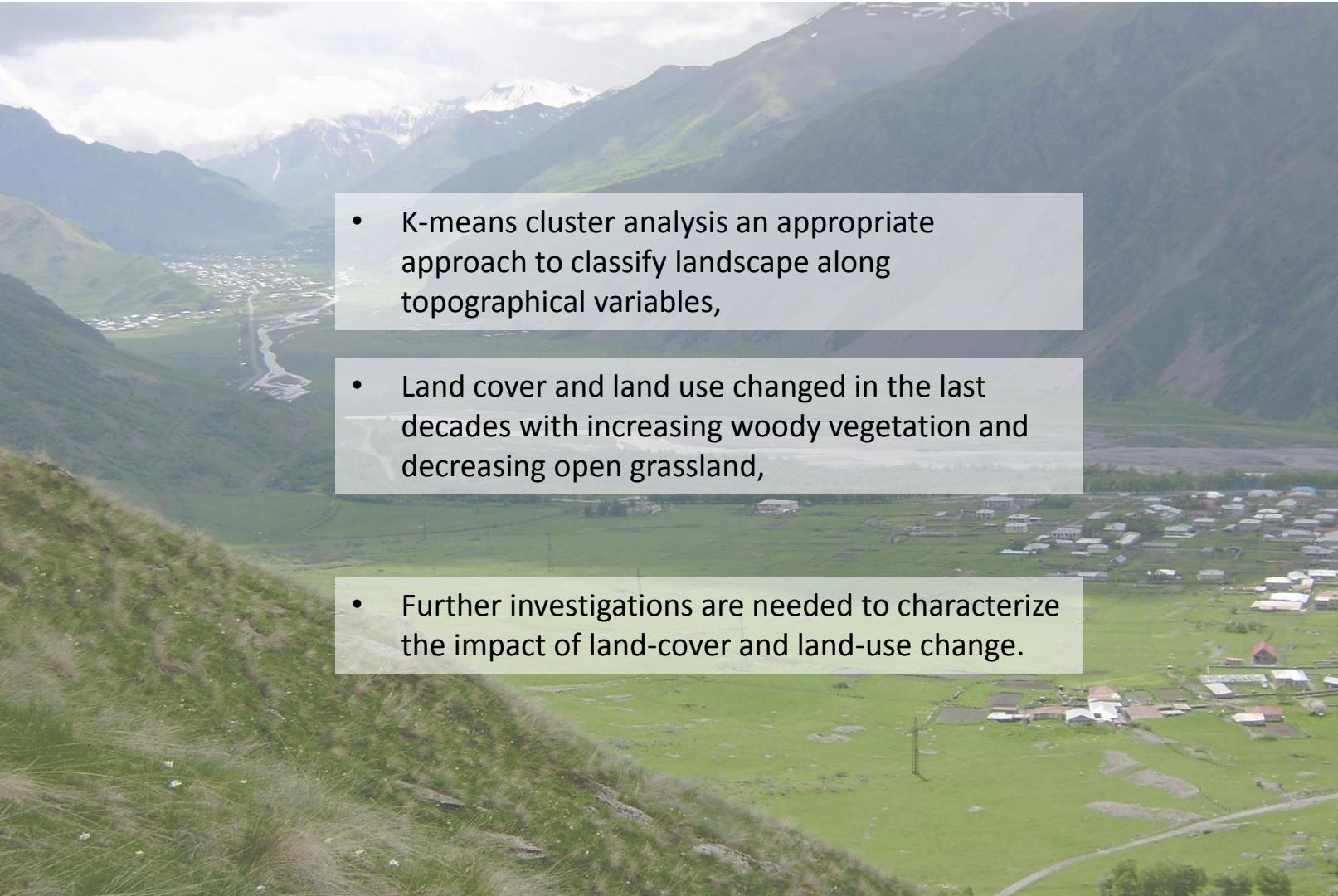


Landscape pattern dynamics without pasture amount



Conclusion



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- K-means cluster analysis an appropriate approach to classify landscape along topographical variables,
 - Land cover and land use changed in the last decades with increasing woody vegetation and decreasing open grassland,
 - Further investigations are needed to characterize the impact of land-cover and land-use change.

Thank you for your attention

