



Palm Groves in Amazonia: Natural or Cultural? ✨

In the last decades there has been a growing awareness of the way the Tropical Rain Forests of the world were modified by the agency of humans in the past. Amazonia was one of the best regions to approach this issue since its current diversity and unevenness are interpreted as a consequence of the plant-human interaction since the Late Pleistocene. In this presentation, I will show several ethnoarchaeological examples from Tropical Rain Forest hunter-gatherers which illustrate the way these types of societies modify the distribution and density of palms and create "wild orchards". Based also on recent archaeological data I will also explore how this practice would have occurred in the past.

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