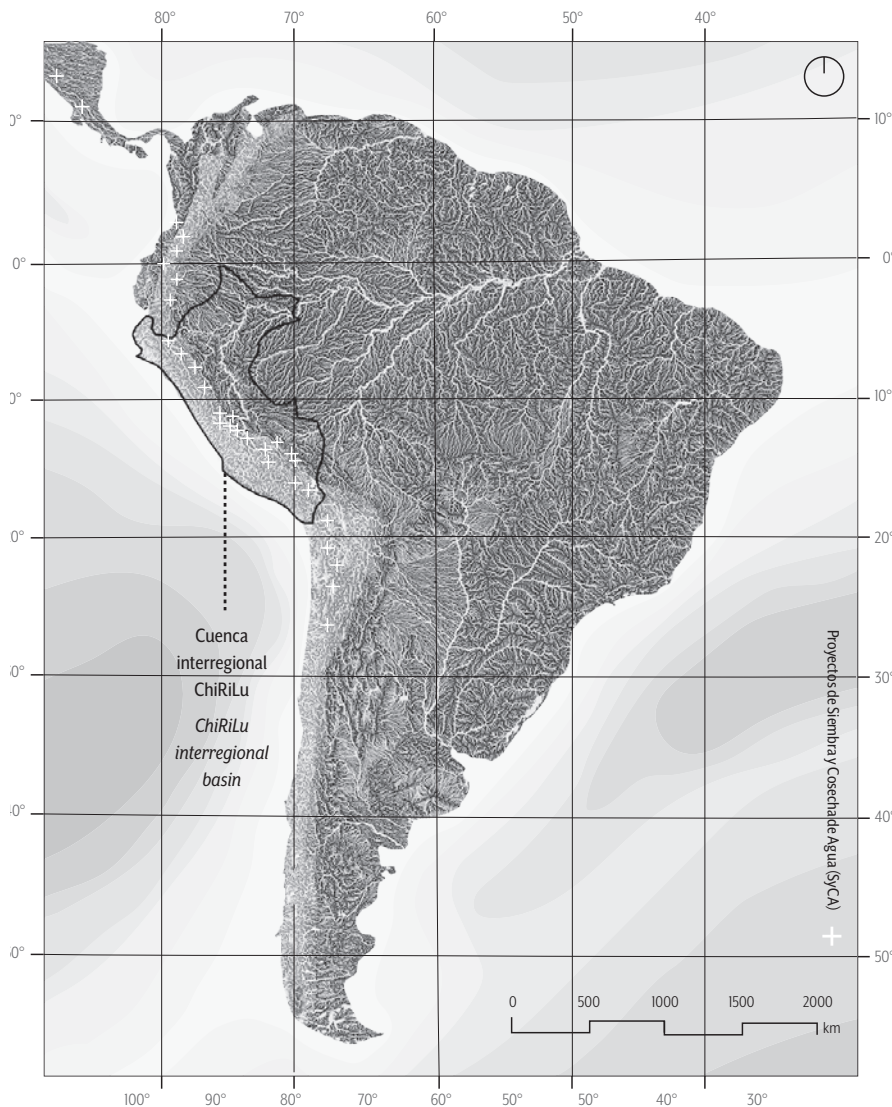


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THE UPBRINGING OF THE ANDEAN LANDSCAPE THROUGH NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER SECURITY



Decolonial theories propose we should rethink our extractive relationship with nature. In line with this premise, this essay analyzes the clash of two worldviews regarding the management and conservation of water. While the modern hydraulic paradigm measures its efficiency in extracted flows, the Andean cosmovision suggests that water can be grown and harvested. If we want to protect our biodiversity, the article suggests that we have much to learn from pre-Columbian infrastructures to retain, store and infiltrate rainwater.

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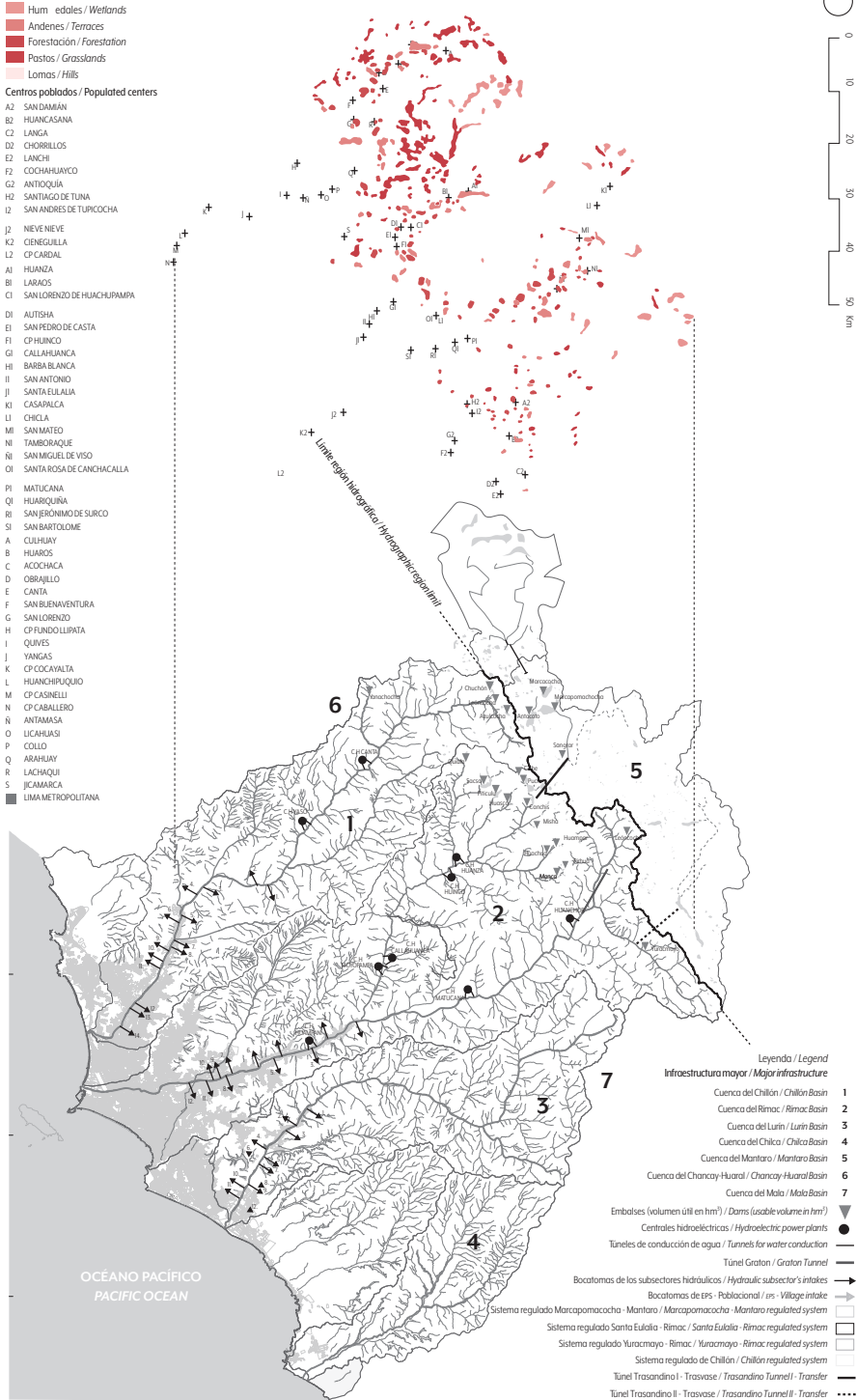
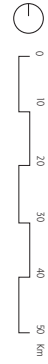
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Infraestructura natural / Natural infrastructure

- Hum: edales / Wetlands
- Andenes / Terraces
- Forestación / Forestation
- Pastos / Grasslands
- Lomas / Hills

Centros poblados / Populated centers

- A2 SAN DAMIÁN
- B2 HUANCASANA
- C2 LANCA
- D2 CHORRILLOS
- E2 LANCHI
- F2 COCHAHUAYCO
- G2 ANTOQUÍA
- H2 SANTIAGO DE TUNA
- I2 SAN ANDRÉS DE TURKOCCHA
- J2 NIEVE NIEVE
- K2 CIENEGUILLA
- L2 CP CARBAL
- M2 HUANZA
- N2 LARAOS
- O2 SAN LORENZO DE HUACHUPAMPA
- P2 ALTISHA
- Q2 SAN PEDRO DE CASTA
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- W2 CASAPALCA
- X2 CHICLA
- Y2 SAN MATEO
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- AY2 LACHAQUI
- AZ2 JICAMARCA
- BA2 LIMA METROPOLITANA



OCEANO PACIFICO
PACIFIC OCEAN

- Leyenda / Legend**
- Infraestructura mayor / Major infrastructure**
- 1 Cuenca del Chillón / Chillón Basin
 - 2 Cuenca del Rimac / Rimac Basin
 - 3 Cuenca del Lurín / Lurín Basin
 - 4 Cuenca del Chilca / Chilca Basin
 - 5 Cuenca del Mantaro / Mantaro Basin
 - 6 Cuenca del Chancay-Huancayo / Chancay-Huancayo Basin
 - 7 Cuenca del Mola / Mola Basin
- Embalses (volumen útil en hm³) / Dams (usable volume in hm³)
- Centrales hidroeléctricas / Hydroelectric power plants
- Túneles de conducción de agua / Tunnels for water conduction
- Túnel Gratón / Gratón Tunnel
- Bocatamos de los subsectores hidráulicos / Hydraulic subsector's intakes
- Bocatamos de EPS - Poblacional / en - Village intake
- Sistema regulado Marcapomacocha - Mantaro / Marcapomacocha - Mantaro regulated system
- Sistema regulado Santa Eulalia - Rimac / Santa Eulalia - Rimac regulated system
- Sistema regulado Yuracmayo - Rimac / Yuracmayo - Rimac regulated system
- Sistema regulado de Chillón / Chillón regulated system
- Túnel Trasandino I - Travesse / Trasandino Tunnel I - Transfer
- Túnel Trasandino II - Travesse / Trasandino Tunnel II - Transfer

O2- Infraestructura natural, metrópoli, centros urbanos y centros poblados superpuestos al mapa del sistema hidrico mayor. / Natural infrastructure, metropolis, urban centers and populated centers superposed to the map of the major hydric system. Elaborado por el autor, Lucía Tapia y Kelly Quispecondori en base a / Made by the author, Lucia Tapia & Kelly Quispecondori based on Observatorio del Agua Chillón Rimac Lurín, s.f., 2019.

During Perú's 2021 runoff election, the same year of the bicentennial of its colonial liberation, two candidates were competing for the presidency. One of them, Pedro Castillo, aligning with an ancestral protest speech, promised to apply the 'sowing and harvesting of water' (SYCA) as a solution to face the climate crisis and the extreme poverty of many Andean communities. This was enough to reactivate, at a national and international level [Fig. 01], the debate regarding the validity and respect for the ancestral knowledge of Andean territories and landscapes, which also sparked the resurfacing of different forms of epistemic violence that deny the 'serrano,' 'indigenous,' 'cholo' or 'andino' as a path for development (Villasante, 2021).

In Perú, the 'sowing and harvesting of water' refers to the territorial management through infrastructures designed to retain, store, and infiltrate rainwater that is subsequently poured into springs during the dry season (Minagri, 2016). Pre-Hispanic cultures developed extensive modifications to the complex Andean territory by intervening various elements of natural infrastructure (NI) for the SYCA; these elements would eventually become a complex network of multipurpose systems for the support of the state during the Inca imperial stage (Canziani, 2007). *Yarqas* or infiltration ditches, *amunas* or *canals*, *oqhos* or high wetlands, *qochas* or lagoons, and platforms or terraces of cultivation were some of the ancestral infrastructure strategies used to modify the landscape, whose modeling was framed in the Andean cosmivision of the 'upbringing' or *uyway* (Oxa, 2004; De la Cadena, 2020), a communion where all beings and dimensions were connected and where water, through the *yaku uyway* or water rearing (Rengifo, 1994), which which integrated everything.

However, these kinds of knowledge are difficult to value today. Historically, water infrastructure in Perú has been directed through an extractive colonial (Bell, 2016) and modern-scientific perspective for urban-metropolitan purposes (Hoefsloot et al., 2022). Consequently, ancestral knowledge and the real needs of upstream communities were rendered invisible. Institutional policies for water providers and the diagnoses of the Water Resources Councils of Cuenca, that prioritize a solely gray intervention, make this evident (Hoefsloot et al., 2022). Recently, as a result of climate change (IPCC, 2021) and following the agendas of metropolitan water stress and vulnerability, points of contact have been generated with the paradigms of the ancestral SYCA infrastructure in the face of their potential contributions to water security (Ochoa Tocachi et al. 2019). Although the potentialities of the design of natural infrastructures for water security (INSH) have been little explored from the

Andean cosmivision (Tomateo, 2021), recent approaches have emerged, such as landscape upbringing, that would allow us to address them.

Natural Infrastructure for Water Security

The limitations of the modern hydraulic and flow paradigm of gray infrastructure are evident in its high costs, complex planning and implementation, and low adaptability (Ochoa-Tocachi et al., 2019). During the 1980s, scientists and conservationists suggested that ecosystems and landscapes should be considered infrastructure (Cardoso da Silva & Wheeler, 2017), thus proposing the term 'natural infrastructure.' This notion was preceded by the concept of green infrastructure adopted by the United Nations Environment Program (2014), defined as a network of natural and semi-natural areas designed for the protection of biodiversity and the provision of urban and rural ecosystem services. In the Andean sector, these range from the conservation of wetlands and forests to the restoration of pre-Inca infiltration channels and the improvement of grazing practices for the sustainable management of water resources (CONDESAN, 2020); or by rescuing ancestral knowledge on the functions and cycles of the ecosystem and its relationship with communities for the generation of dignified and sustainable livelihoods (Cobo & Piñeiros, 2020).

In the Peruvian context, the concept of 'natural infrastructure' was introduced in 2015 during the approval of resolution No. 006-2015-EF/63.01 by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), aiming to regulate the public investment in biological diversity and ecosystem services. Perú's Planned and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) (MINAM, 2016) also included 18 measures linked to the natural infrastructures together with legislation updates, such as Law No. 30215 on Mechanisms of Remuneration for Ecosystem Services – Merese – (Congreso del Perú, 2016). It is important to note that, after the reconstruction and its changes, most investments in natural infrastructures in Perú are made through water and sanitation companies and regional governments (Benites & Gammie, 2021). The National Superintendence of Water and Sanitation (SUNASS) directs water operators to include 'compensation for ecosystem services' through the Merese legal framework, based on a water security approach aimed at safeguarding sustainable access to adequate amounts of water of acceptable quality as an umbrella for multiple additional ecosystem benefits, for example, support, regulation, culture, and resource provision (UN-Water, 2013; Cassin & Locatelli, 2020).

However, diagnoses such as those made by the Water Resources Council in the ChiRiLu interregional basin (Chillón Rimac Lurín Water Observatory, 2019) mention the INSH very

superficially. On the other hand, public-private initiatives, such as the Natural Infrastructure Project for Water Security (PINSH), make progress in articulating a multilevel collaboration, with a gender focus and seeking to reconcile ancestral knowledge with contemporaries. Despite all of this, several authors identify gaps for a better application of the INSH in Peru. These include the governance of water resources and the undervaluation of peasant organizations (OECD, 2021); maintaining the urban discourse in territorial planning and management (Hommes & Boelens, 2017); the absence of connections and responses to the rural worldviews and needs (Tomateo, 2021); the deficits of benefits in the first years of investment (Minagri, 2016); and the material and access difficulties of the rural territory (Municipalidad Distrital de San Mateo de Huanchor, 2017). Given this, it is questioned whether design, through the recovery of the ancestral knowledge of the SYCA, can contribute to closing the gaps in the application of INSH in Perú and the Andes. For this, it is essential to revisit the idea of the landscape.

Landscape Upbringing

Although there are several theoretical approaches, Berque (2018) argues that there is a particular line in landscape's modern Western tradition. In Perú, beginning in the conquest era, this line sought to suppress the 'cosmic' of the ancient Peruvian inhabitants by objectifying their landscapes and establishing a relationship of duality that separated their knowledge from their rites, the affective and the productive, posing today a double challenge: first, to overcome the simplifying gaze of modernity towards the territory, and, second, the need to take the ancestral knowledge that still endures in some communities as inspiration. This challenge is further complicated by the deficit in the production of knowledge about the architecture of the Andean landscape.

One of the first to approach this topic was Wiley Ludeña, who carried out, in a historical key, the first typological systematization of Andean landscaping (1997; 2008).¹ For his part, following a cultural interpretation, José Canziani made an account of the cultural landscapes in the Andes (2007).² Additionally, and much more recently, Jean Crousse (2016), through dialogue with the previous authors and with the mediation principles of Berque's (1995) landscape, identified the prototypical features that categorized ancestral societies of the Andes as landscapers: systemic order, metavisuality, continuity, aesthetic sense, and preaching. Likewise, he recovers the concept of *uyway* or 'upbringing' to propose a classification based on the beings that made up the Andean cosmivision: water, earth, sky, deities, human beings, flora, and fauna. These systems follow the principles of articulation, verticality, continuity, identity/diversity, reversibility,

allowing both a critical analysis of the existing and a projective view of reality.

To achieve articulation, Crousse (2016) proposes that interventions in the landscape must create systems of governance and territorial relationship that optimize the use of resources and promote exchange, interdependence, and complementarity, starting from a metavisual and multi-basin perspective (Valladolid, 1994), thus affecting not only one's plot, but all the others (Rengifo, 1994). In a complementary manner, verticality encourages rational and collaborative occupation among ecological grounds (Itier, 1997). This implies the creation of microclimates that prevent landscape degradation, improving the water and productive supply (IICA, 2018). On the other hand, despite the extirpation of idolatries, the pre-Columbian understanding of the territory as a living landscape in constant becoming still survives (Crousse, 2016), 'trajectories' or systems of mediation with those worldviews (Berque, 1990), such as the ancestral infrastructures of SYCA.

Likewise, rescuing the value of identity is linked to respect for local diversity in all its dimensions. Its recognition allows the diversity not only of human action, but also biological, of fauna and flora, something visible in the aesthetic will of various representations of the infrastructural interventions made by the communities in their landscapes (Crousse, 2016). Finally, the understanding of time as a multicyclic phenomenon allows us to integrate the evolution of material action on the environment, turning it into a landscape and an experience forested in communion with the systemic order and local material logic, thus considering its reversibility (Crousse, 2016).

The ChiRiLu Interregional Basin

Perú's water stress scenario is critical due to the enormous Andean water variability between the months of drought and rainfall (Ochoa-Tocachi et al., 2019). This causes, in the summer, a dramatic reduction in surface water reserves, leading to Peruvian high basins, especially those located on the Pacific slope (Senamhi, 2016), to high vulnerability since they have only 1.8% of the country's water, but more than 60% of the population (PNUD, 2010).

Specifically, the ChiRiLu interregional basin is located on this slope and extends its limits from the metropolitan area, in the lower valley at 0 m.a.s.l., to 5,585 m.a.s.l. (Vega-Jácome et al., 2018). The basin has a significant number (El Comercio, 2014; Ochoa-Tocachi et al., 2019; López, 2017) of ancestral infrastructures that have been systematically abandoned throughout their pre-Incan, colonial, republican and modern history, removing or implanting identities linked only to productive capacities and

political wills of the day (Cáceda, 1947), which superimpose in the territory a trajectory of conquests and coloniality.⁵

In order to analyze how water resources and infrastructure are managed in the ChiRiLu, and the opportunities for intersection with the Andean landscape worldview, it is necessary to review the initial diagnosis for the Basin Water Resources Management Plan (PGRHC). In a valuable effort, although pressured by the financial agreements signed by the state and under a process not necessarily representative (Villanueva, 2016), in 2016, the Water Resources Management Council of the ChiRiLu Interregional Basin was created, together with the basin's Water Observatory (Chillón Rimac Lurín Water Observatory, 2019).

In this case, the initial diagnosis for PGRHC ChiRiLu is weak in the articulation dimension. In this, governance is mentioned as a suggestion to be developed (Observatorio del Agua Chillón Rimac Lurín, 2019). Despite it includes the associations and boards of irrigation users, a low perception of the importance of ancestral water governance knowledge is evident, something exacerbated by the technical centralization present in the CGRHC ChiRiLu (Robert, 2019). Thus, the diagnosis persists in the center/periphery dichotomies and a centralized and deterrent scheme supported by laws, such as Law No. 29338 on water resources (Congress of Peru, 2009), which perpetuate asymmetries (Salazar, 2020).

Added to this, the currently accepted colonial vision of Peruvian territory, a product of the Iberian morphologies – coast, mountains, jungle – and not of its natural regions,⁴ persists in certain sectors of the diagnosis. Along with this, it's worth noting the lack of an interpretation that correlates ecological, water, social, and cultural layers, and which could reveal environmental injustices (Hall et al. 2021). Likewise, the extractive approach to water is manifested in the projected transfers on the Mantaro basin (ECLAC, 2011) and the network of major gray infrastructures of Sedapal, supplying Metropolitan Lima (Chillón Rimac Lurín Water Observatory, 2019). If we also consider the absence of inhabited centers in the cartographies, a representation that converges INSH and greater infrastructure, and the scarce presence of existing ancestral infrastructure (abandoned or restored), a centralist vision of urban territorial development is perpetuated (Hoefsloot et al., 2022) [Fig. 02]. Although approaching the territory through basins is favorable for available water resources, any articulation for territorial development must consider other levels of definition that collect, as a priority, development models at the local level (Robert, 2019).

The continuity of spatial practices linked to the ancestral worldview and the upbringing of

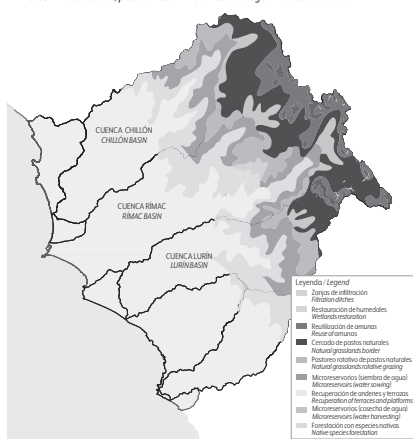
beings and water are still preserved in many communities in the middle and upper basins. This can be seen in the communities of San Pedro de Casta, San Mateo de Huanchor, San Andrés de Tupicocha, among others (Gelles, 1984; De La Torre, 2017). Each of them preserves rituals and spatial practices linked to upbringing, especially that of water. The Fiesta del Agua, the Fiesta de las Cruces (two ancestral celebrations linked to water) and the tasks of cleaning channels are clear demonstrations of the existence of these worldviews in the territory (Molina, 2019). The initial diagnosis for the PGRH ChiRiLu does not mention this dimension nor the processes in rural communities.

Meanwhile, the cumulative deficit of benefits in the first ten years of the implementation of INSH interventions is directly linked to design (Varillas, 2020). The aesthetic will, that is, the design resulting from the specific dialogue between the landscapes and infrastructures, the identity and material, technical and cultural diversity of the communities, has not been explored and there is no consistent literature on this topic. Significant advances have been made from the categories defined by the PINSH and Aquafondo (2017) [Fig. 05], allowing the generation of guidelines and execution matrixes based on the qualities of each typology – included, albeit generically and incompletely, in the DIPGRH ChiRiLu – however, they do not explore the design dimensions in depth. The notion of identity and the search for diversity are not possible if the design systems of INSH are not de-standardized and guidelines are not linked to spatial coincidences that transcend the generic typologies and a classification that considers only ecosystem benefits, insisting on an extractive vocation of ancestral knowledge (Tomateo, 2021).

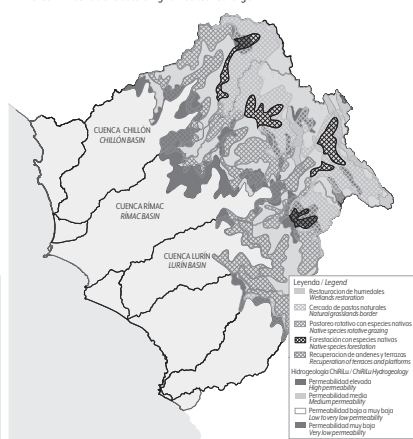
On the other hand, the understanding of the material regarding water infrastructure remains little studied. The predominantly gray hydraulic infrastructure has traditionally intervened through civil engineering in the ChiRiLu basin using reinforced concrete (Santivañez, 2020). These interventions and their nuances support their need in the face of metropolitan demand, but, in the long term, they are expensive, difficult to adapt, and dependent on the technical inputs. The need for a different material approach does not exist in the initial diagnosis for PGRH ChiRiLu. The mixed use of gray and natural infrastructure is still a feasible option (Varillas, 2020); however, there is an absence of debate on this specific topic to underpinning the concept of reversibility in water interventions.

The ChiRiLu basin would be configured, as defined by Molle, Mollinga and Wester (2009), as a space that is still part of the industrial paradigm based on the so-called hydraulic

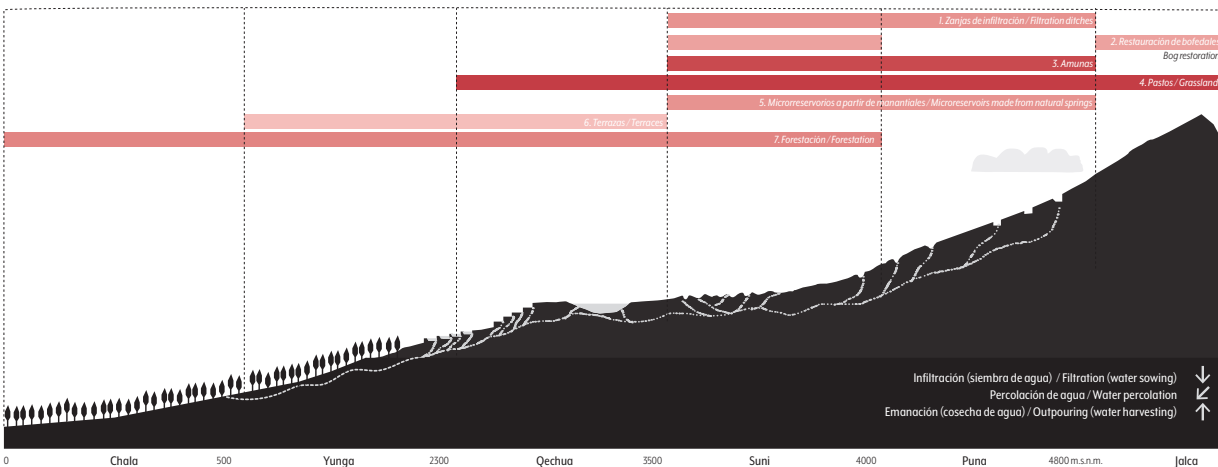
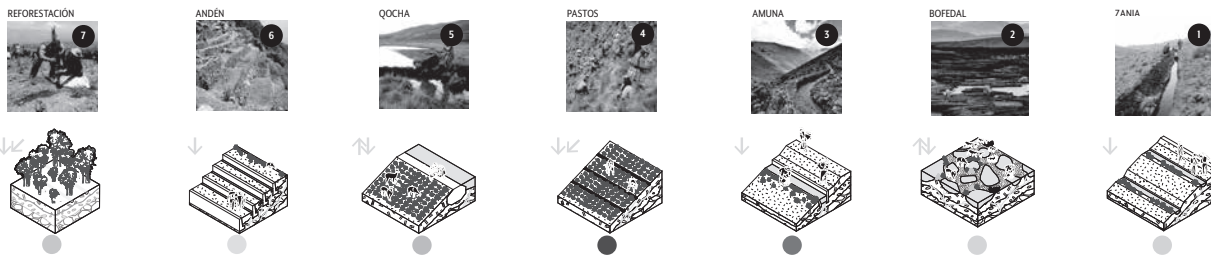
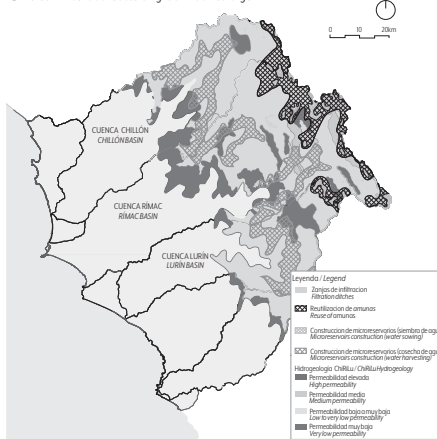
A Infraestructura verde, potencial criterios de zonas de vida y cobertura vegetal
Green infrastructure, possibilities on life zones and vegetation cover criteria



B Infraestructura verde según recarga inducida
Green infrastructure according to induced recharge



C Infraestructura verde según recarga artificial
Green infrastructure according to artificial recharge



03- Mapa y corte de posibles proyectos de infraestructura verde para las cuencas Rímac, Chillón, Lurín (ChiRiLu), de acuerdo a Aquafondo (2017). A. Ubicaciones con posibilidades de desarrollo de infraestructura verde de acuerdo a criterios de zonas de vida y cobertura vegetal. B. Ubicaciones con posibilidades de desarrollo de infraestructura verde para recarga inducida. C. Ubicaciones con posibilidades de desarrollo de infraestructura verde para recarga artificial. Edición del autor.

Map and section of possible green infrastructure projects for the Rímac, Chillón, Lurín (ChiRiLu) basins, following Aquafondo (2017). A. Locations with possibilities for the development of green infrastructure according to the criteria of life zones and vegetation cover. B. Locations with possibilities for the development of green infrastructure for induced recharge. C. Locations with possibilities for the development of green infrastructure for artificial recharge. Edited by the author.

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04- Mapa parlante subcuenca de Rio Blanco. / Map of Rio Blanco's sub-basin. Fotografía / Photograph: Omar Varillas, 2015. Municipalidad de San Mateo de Huanchor, 2017.

05- Impacto de las intervenciones de infraestructura natural para la seguridad hídrica. / Impact of the interventions of natural infrastructures for hydric security. Elaborado por el autor y Valeri Chávez en base a / Made by the author and Valeri Chávez based on Forest Trends, s.f., Helvetas 2017 y Minagri, 2014.

INTERVENCIONES / INTERVENTIONS	Regulación hidrológica Hydrological regulation	Recarga subterránea Underground recharge	Rendimiento hídrico Hydrological performance	Control de la erosión Erosion control	Filtración contaminantes Pollutants filtration
1. Conservación de humedales Wetlands conservation	+	+		+	+
2. Restauración de humedales Wetlands restoration	+	+	-	+	+
3. Conservación de pasturas Grasslands conservation	+			+	+
4. Restauración de pasturas Grasslands restoration	+		+	+	+
5. Restauración de bosques (evitar deforestación) Forest restoration (to avoid deforestation)	+			+	+
6. Restauración forestal / restauración Forest restoration / restoration	+		-	+	+
7. Zanjas de infiltración Filtration ditches	+	+	-		
8. Restauración de amunas Amunas restoration	+	+			
9. Terrazas Terraces	+		-		
10. Qochas o represas rústicas Qochas or rustic dams		+	+		

Legenda / Legend: Impacto positivo alto (High positive impact), Impacto negativo alto (High negative impact), Impacto negativo (Negative impact), Impacto neutral (Neutral impact), Impacto desconocido (Unknown impact).

mission that privileges the exploitation of the resource. However, the SyCA, from the perspective of the INSH, has begun to promote a transition in the basin.

Advances and Guidelines for the Upbringing of the Andean Landscape Through Natural Infrastructure for Water Security

Just for 2022, the proposed budget for SyCA (ANDINA, 2021) is 305 million PEN, which would generate a direct local transformation in more than 500,000 hectares to which the concatenated impacts downstream would have to be added. The implementation of Law No. 30989, which declares water sowing and harvesting to be of national interest and public necessity (Congreso del Perú, 2019), could close gaps identified in the initial diagnosis for the ChiRiLu Basin Water Resources Management Plan (Chillón Rímac Lurín Water Observatory, 2019). However, it is necessary to review and question the current paradigms under which the water infrastructure system is conceived, considering both approaches of upbringing for the intervention of the INSH in the landscape and the people for whom the projects are actually designed.

It is necessary, therefore, to promote a holistic view (Llamazares, 2011) of governance that resolves the asymmetries through multilevel dialogue and effective participation, reflecting on the need to incorporate the approach of upbringing for a better management of water resources. Advances in the incorporation of dialogue tables and multilevel initiatives for the implementation of adaptation strategies prioritize local water governance for the execution of projects. When understanding the initial diagnosis for the PGRHC ChiRiLu as one of the first attempts to articulate a common database, it is important to 'make space' (Latulippe and Klenk, 2020) for ancestral communal water governance systems and, through those, achieve an effective articulation.

Likewise, there are advances in methodologies of overlapping variables for decision-making in natural water infrastructures – such as those made by Aquafondo (2017) [Fig. 03] for the identification of potential sectors and the guidelines formulated by the PINSH for the hydrological modeling of the natural infrastructures (Ochoa-Tocachi et al., 2022), as well as several policy summaries and systematic reviews of academic and technical literature. These first efforts of systematization and representation are crucial to understanding verticality in its most specific sense, allowing the crossing of variables that integrate the 'rural' and the 'ancestral.' Overcoming the colonial perspective in territorial development and planning is only possible when there is a critical understanding of the instruments of representation (Bellone et al., 2020) and the systems these correlates.

On the other hand, the National Water Sowing and Harvesting Program (Minagri, 2016) and organizations such as HELVETAS (Varillas, 2020) are testing views of water upbringing in the development of institutional projects in the ChiRiLu basin. Methodologies such as talking maps allow us to understand the roles of actors and their territorial development (Municipality of San Mateo de Huanchor, 2017) [Fig. 04]. However, their applications in design are still insufficient to achieve a discourse that reflects multidimensional continuity in local design. Taking in the 'multipurpose water infrastructures' view (Naughton et al., 2017; Moreno, 2020) could manage to translate the needs identified in their spatial practices into the design of INSH. These advances could help to consolidate the internalization of the value of water in the areas where it is brought up.

In the same way, considering local needs is urgent to generate – from design – the greatest possible value and sustainability for investments in INSH. Through the theorization of the spatial principle of *amunas*, a first topological approach to INSH interventions can be made, understanding them as retention infrastructures (Vivas, 2021). This conceptualization could recover its original Quechua meaning: 'to retain' (Ochoa-Tocachi et al., 2019), thus understanding infrastructures and their ancestral knowledge as open, collaborative, and non-definitive definitions (Whyte, 2013), susceptible to modeling according to the diversity of needs and spatial practices of local communities and based on a notion of identity from its fundamental structuring principles [Fig. 06].

Finally, the material dimension continues as a space of exploration for design. Therefore, INSH interventions in the landscape must be part of an ecological circuit that considers the material available in its proximity. Together with this, local technical and artisanal capacity as an ancestral value (Minagri, 2016) should also be considered since it generates agency before, during, and after the intervention in a life cycle that incorporates reversibility and possibilities of growth or decrease according to the need of the user, adopting a support condition (Vivas, 2021) [Fig. 07].

By understanding the history and the relationship between the INSH and the upbringing of the landscape, it is possible to reflect on the current situation and think of opportunities to decolonize our Andean territories. The articulation of local governance of water resources, a vertical systemic comprehension for an adequate territorial planning that serves as a framework for the continuity of spatial practices, and the emergence of the design identity and diversity that meets specific needs, – under a reversible material approach of the intervention processes in the landscape –, could allow

proposing other projects that, from the upbringing of the landscape, protect the water security of the entire ChiRiLu interregional basin and the Andes, giving visibility to those who raise the water. **ARQ**

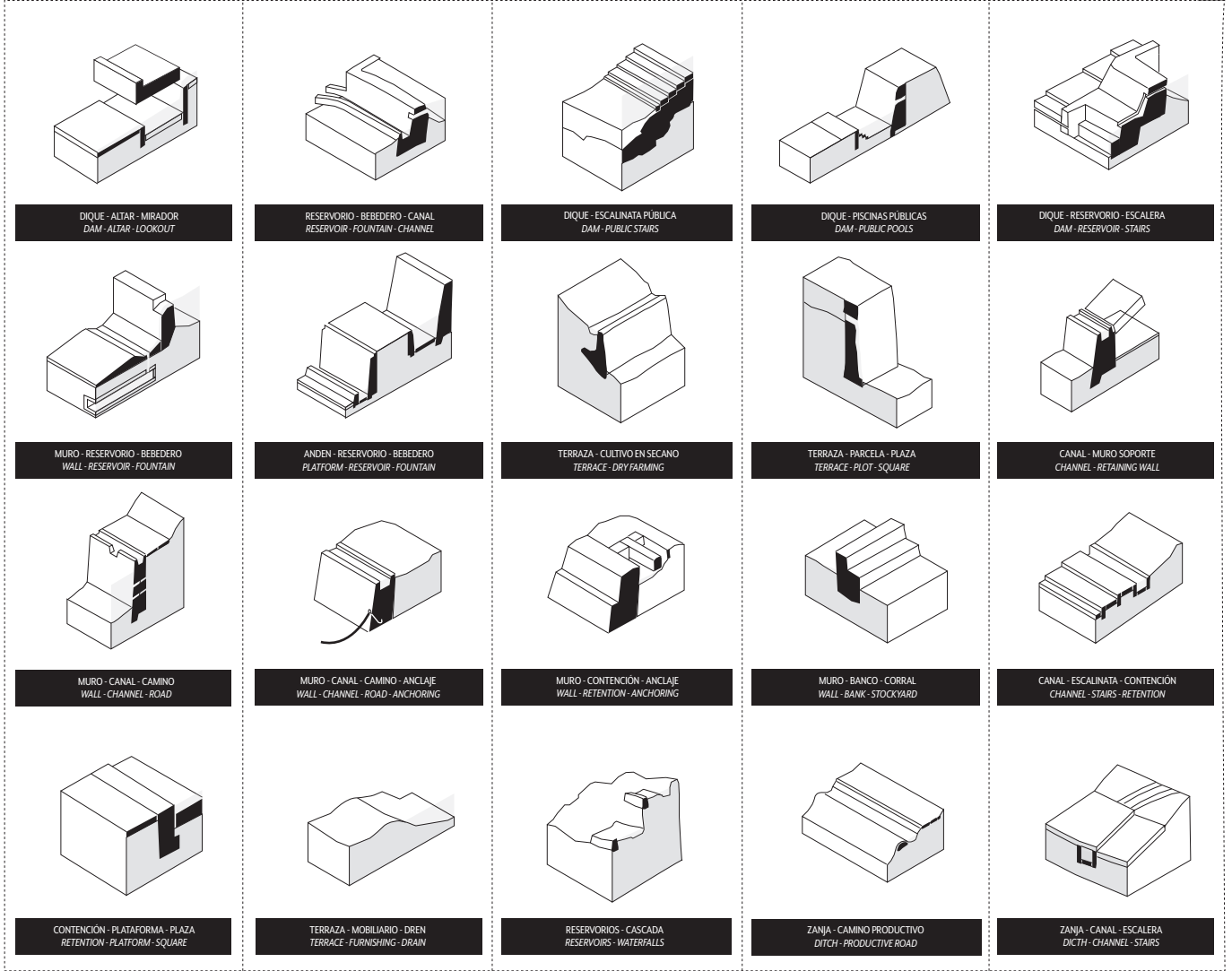
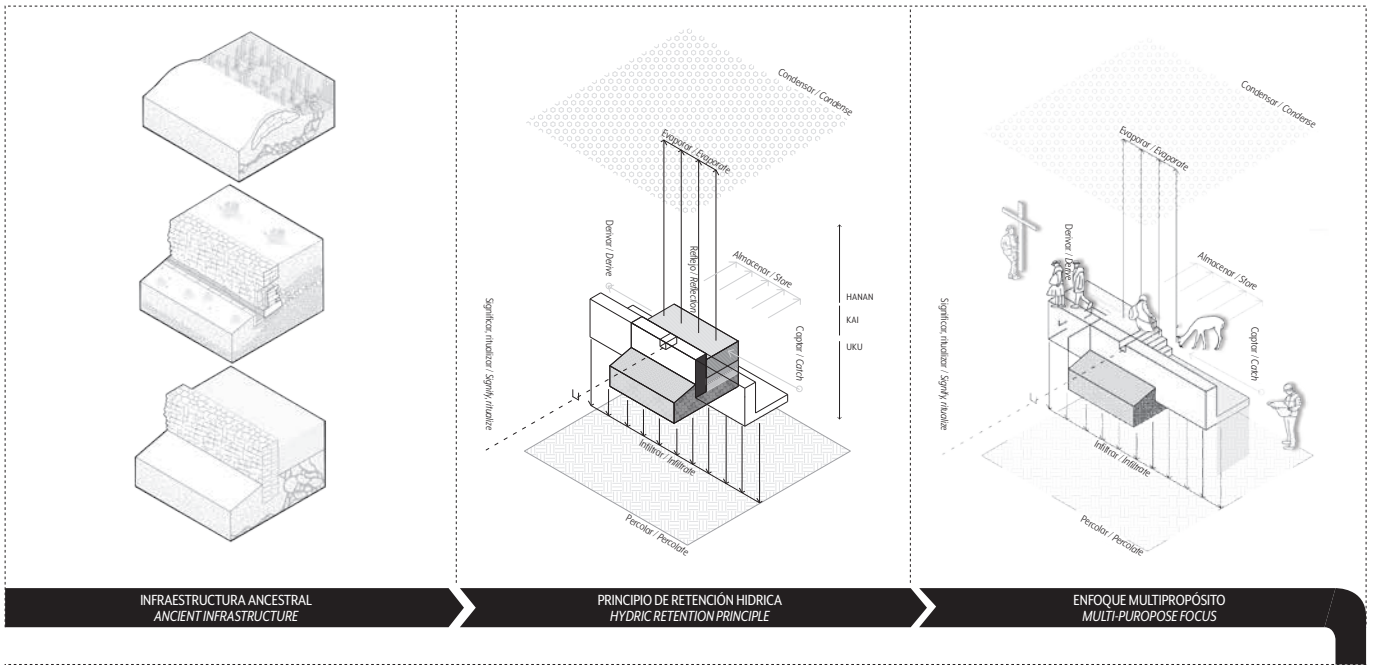
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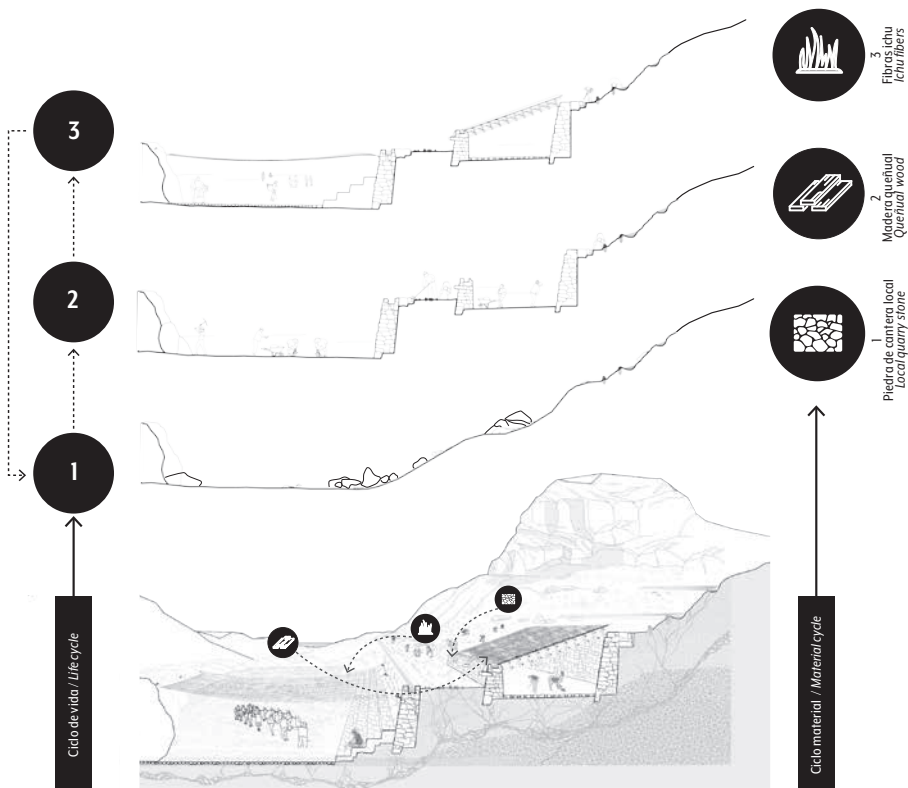
1. Ludeña (2008) defines the landscape as a place interpreted culturally and ideologically – mostly uncharted in the Latin American context – dividing it, in the Peruvian case, into three time periods: 1) Inca and pre-Inca landscaping, 2) colonial landscaping and 3) republican landscaping. Regarding the Inca and pre-Inca, Ludeña characterizes them in surface landscapes, in plains and slopes; in surface, in-line, in-line; of stone and water; of land, water and wind; evoked; and from below.
2. Canziani (2007) makes an extensive and systematic account of the diverse cultural landscapes of Perú, cataloging various infrastructural devices made by pre-Hispanic peoples supported by archaeological, anthropological, and historical studies from the perspective of architecture, urbanism, and territory.
3. The intervention of pre-Inca conquest on the 'original' population of Huarochiri (De Ávila, 1966; Lumbreras, 1969; Rostworowski, 1978), the conversion into the reduction of Indians and idolatrous extirpation (Poma de Ayala, 1980 [1616]), industrial and modernizing interventions (Chacón, 2002), as well as the exploitation of its water resources with mainly metropolitan destination, reveal the basin as a complex space and multilayered landscapes, where the colonial powers exercised from the distance of regional administrations perpetuate the invisibilization of ancestral discourses (Hommes & Boelens, 2017).
4. Pulgar Vidal (1987), based on an ethnographic and geographical analysis carried out during his thesis, identifies eight natural regions classified from altitudinal floors, fauna, and flora. These are: *Chala* or coast, *Yunga*, *Quechua*, *Suni*, *Jalca* or *Puna*, *Janca* or *Cordillera*, *Rupa-Rupa* or high jungle, and *Omagua* or low jungle.

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