



Abundance of



Macroinvertebrates in soil

exposed to fire in

Guánica's Dry Forest



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Problem

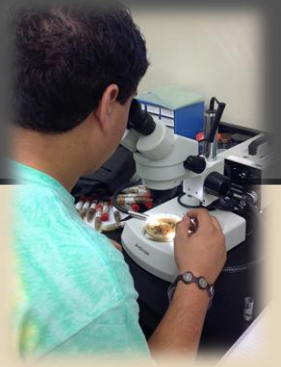
- Will the abundance of macroinvertebrates depend on the soil temperature and the zone?

Hypothesis

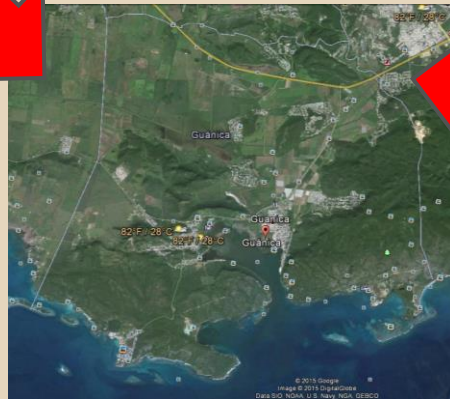
- The zone nearest to the beach is going to have more abundance than the zone nearest to the forest. Also there going to be higher abundance of macroinvertebrates on the coldest season.

Methodology

- We used pitfall traps to collect the macroinvertebrates by zone.
- We went to PR to clean the samples from any dirt.
- We classified the macroinvertebrates by morphology.



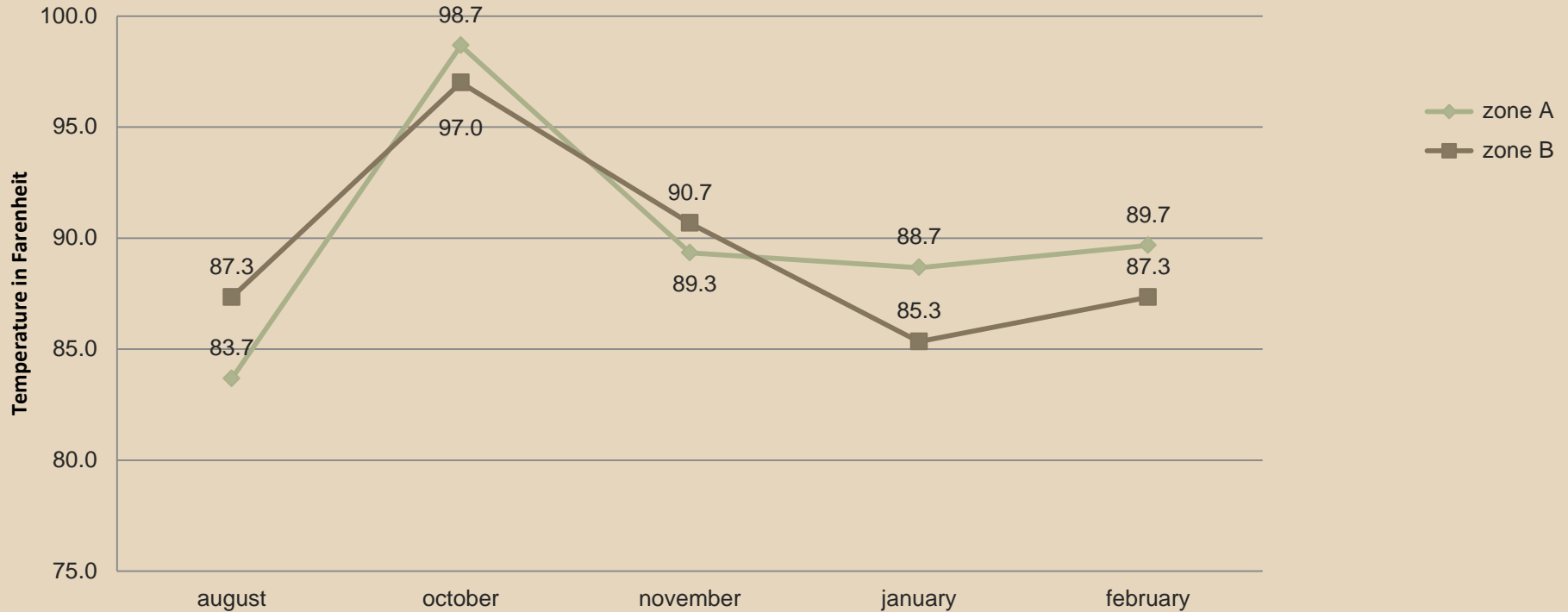
Site Location



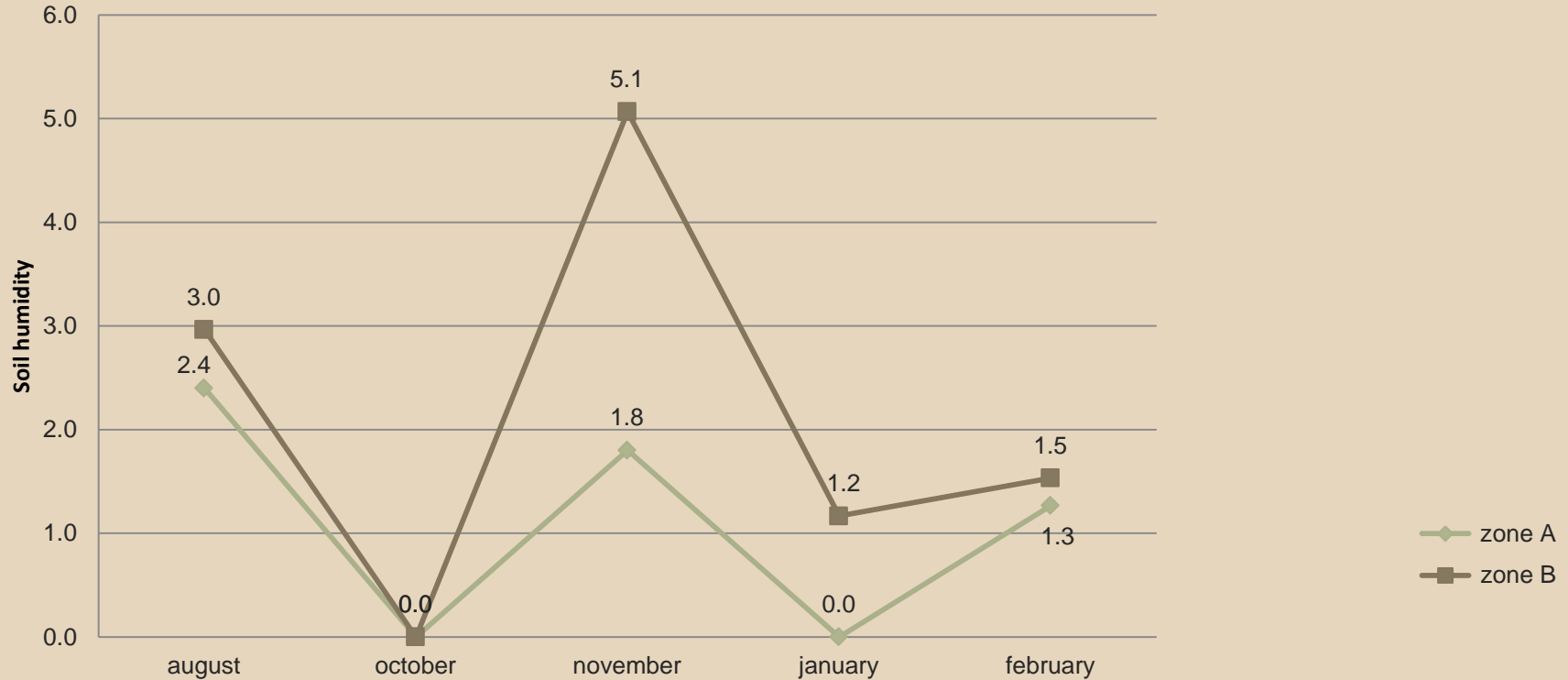
Zones



Average of the temperature in the study area



Average of the soil humidity in the study area



Some macroinvertebrates founded



Coleoptera



Formicidae



Araneae



Shell



Culicidae



Diplopoda



Dermaptera



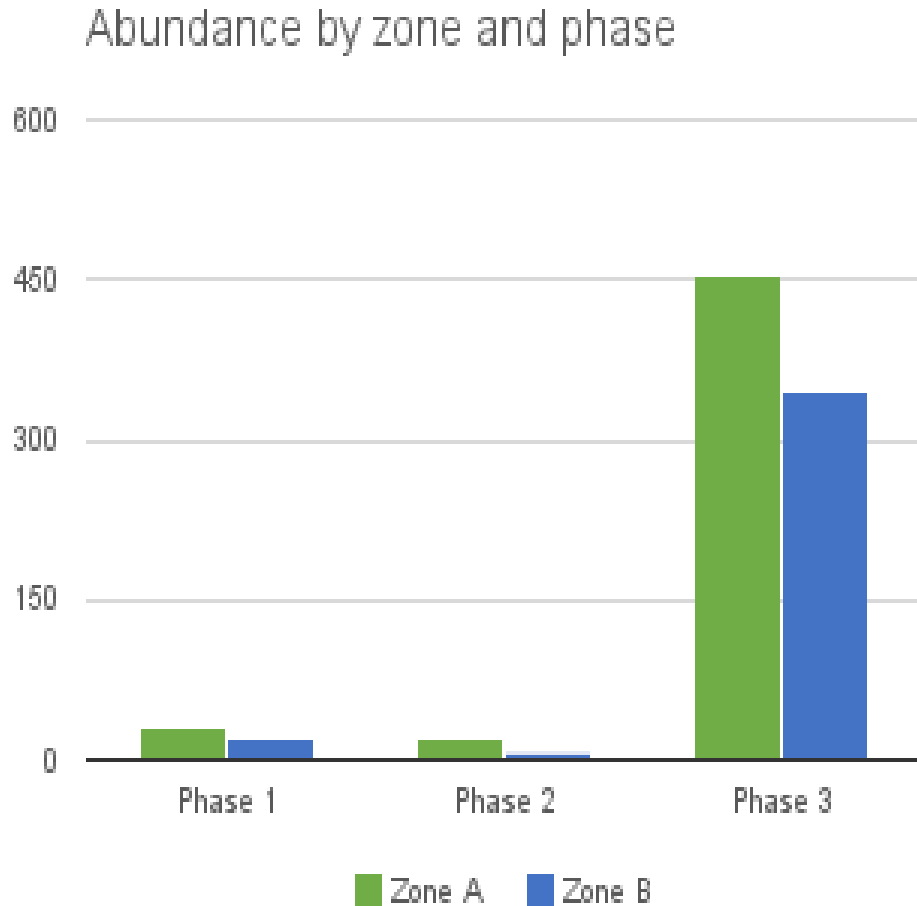
Diptera

Results

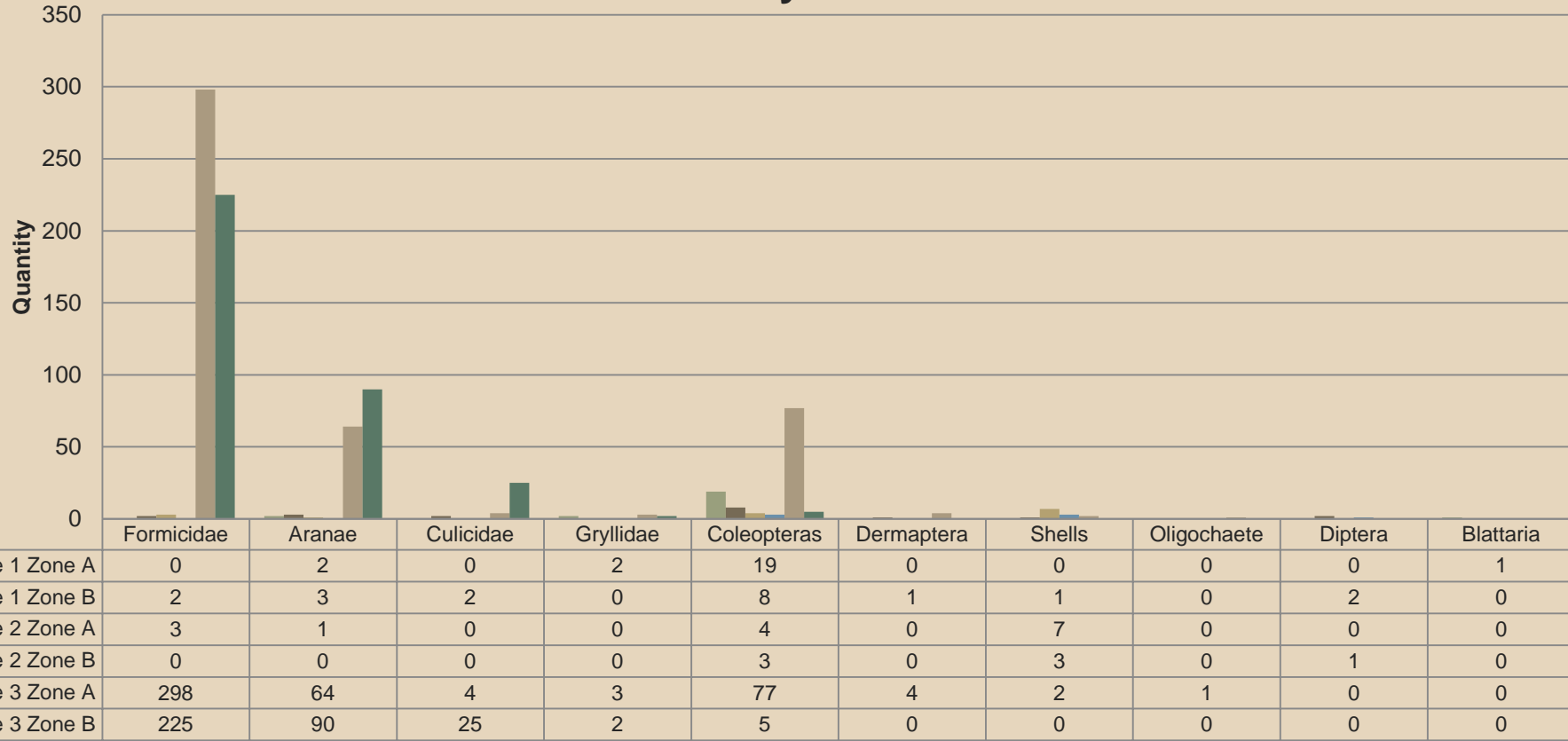
Phase 1 – August

Phase 2 – October

Phase 3 - January



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Conclusion

- In conclusion, the hypothesis was accepted. The abundance is more on winter and on the zone near to the beach.

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