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Some ecosystems and vegetation types, such as remote high-elevation lakes, sugar maple trees, headwater streams, and red spruce trees, are sensitive to the effects of acidification from atmospheric nitrogen and sulfur deposition.

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The Pacific Island Network includes islands at diverse locations in the Pacific Ocean (Map PACN-1). It includes the Hawaiian Islands, northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. There are nine parks in the Pacific Island Network. Only one is larger than 100 square miles: Hawaii Volcanoes (HAVO), which is located on the island of Hawaii. Data reflecting sensitivity to, and effects from, acidic deposition are sparse for the American Affiliated Islands.

National maps of atmospheric S and N emissions and deposition are provided in Maps A through D as context for subsequent network data presentations. Maps A and B show county-level emissions of total S and N, respectively, for the year 2002. Maps C and D show total S and N deposition, respectively, again for the year 2002. Deposition data are not available for the Pacific Islands Network, but deposition would be expected to be relatively high on some of the Hawaiian Islands, especially Oahu, and lower elsewhere.

Total annual S and N emissions, by county, are shown in Maps E and F, respectively, for lands in and surrounding the Hawaii portion of the Pacific Island Network. County-level S emissions within the network ranged from less than 1 ton per square mile on the big island of Hawaii and Kauai up to the range of 5 to 20 tons per square mile on Oahu. Other islands in the Hawaiian archipelago have S emissions in the range of 1 to 5 tons per square mile per year. County-level N emissions within the network ranged from less than 1 ton per square mile on the big island of Hawaii to between 20 and 50 tons per square mile on Oahu. Annual emissions of N on the other Hawaiian Islands were intermediate, between 1 and 5 tons per square mile. Emissions data are not available for the American Affiliated Islands. Individual point sources of S are shown on Map G. There are very few S point sources on any of the Hawaiian Islands and none of any magnitude. All emitted less than 5,000 tons S per year. Point source emissions of oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N are shown in Map H. There are relatively few N point sources in Hawaii. Most are located on Oahu and emit oxidized N.

Urban centers within the network and within a 300-mile buffer around the network are shown on Maps I-1 and I-2. Map I-1 shows the Hawaiian Islands, while Map I-2 shows the American Affiliated Islands, including Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The only population center of any magnitude (more than 100,000 people) is Honolulu on Oahu. There are no large population centers in the American Affiliated Islands (Map I-2).

Maps J and K (total S and N deposition) are not shown for the Pacific Island Network because there are no data available. Deposition of S and N are expected to be low on the American Affiliated Islands, but not necessarily on all of the Hawaiian islands, especially Oahu.

Land cover in and around the network is shown in Maps L-1 and L-2. The predominant cover types within this network are mixed and include substantial forest, row crop, shrubland, and grassland/herbaceous cover types. Pasture/hay is common on Guam.

Park slope is shown in Map M. An elevation dataset was not available for the American Affiliated Islands and therefore a slope map is not shown for this part of the network. Park slopes on the Hawaiian Islands tend to be low, generally less than 10° . One park, Haleakala (HALE) on Maui, has average slope in the range of 10° to 20° (Map M).

Park lands in Hawaii requiring special protection against potential adverse impacts associated with acidic deposition are shown on Map N. Also shown on Map N are all federal lands designated as wilderness, both lands managed by NPS and lands managed by other federal agencies. The land designations used to identify this heightened protection included Class I designation under the Clean Air Act Amendments and wilderness designation. There are some wilderness and Class I areas in the Hawaiian Islands, mostly limited to HAVO in the southern portion of the island of Hawaii. There are none on the American Affiliated Islands.

Network rankings are given in Figures A through C as the average ranking of the Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, and Park Protection metrics, respectively. Figure D shows the overall network Summary Risk ranking. In each figure, the rank for this particular network is highlighted to show its relative position compared with the ranks of the other 31 networks.

The Pacific Island Network ranked at the top of the middle quintile among networks in Pollutant Exposure (Figure A). Sulfur and N emissions and S and N deposition within the network were moderate. However, the network Ecosystem Sensitivity ranking was very low, within the lowest quintile among networks (Figure B). This network ranked in the second highest quintile in Park Protection, having moderately high amounts of protected lands (Figure C).

In combination, the network rankings for Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, and Park Protection yielded an overall Network Risk ranking that is below the middle of the distribution among networks (Figure D). The overall level of concern for acidification effects on I&M parks within this network is considered Moderate.

Similarly, park rankings are given in Figures E through H for the same metrics. In the case of the park rankings, we only show in the figures the parks that are larger than 100 square miles. Relative ranks for all parks, including the smaller parks, are given in Table A and Appendix A. As for the network ranking figures, the park ranking figures highlight those parks that occur in this network to show their relative position compared with parks in the other 31 networks. Note that the rankings shown in Figures E through H reflect the rank of a given park compared with all other parks, irrespective of size.

The one I&M park (HAVO) in the Pacific Island Network that is larger than 100 square miles ranked in the second lowest quintile in Pollutant Exposure (Figure E). This may be because HAVO is located on the southern side of the Island of Hawaii, some distance from the areas of concentrated pollution emissions sources on the islands of Oahu and Maui. Most of the smaller parks in the network also ranked Low, in the second lowest quintile, in Pollutant Exposure, except for Kalaupapa (KALA), which ranks Very High and HALE, which ranked Moderate. HAVO was in the second highest quintile in Ecosystem Sensitivity (Figure F) and in the highest quintile in Park Protection (Figure G). The smaller parks in the network varied in ranking for Ecosystem Sensitivity. One park (HALE) was ranked Very High; four parks were ranked Moderate, two are ranked Low, and one is ranked Very Low for this theme (Table A). Like HAVO, HALE was ranked in the highest quintile in Park Protection, whereas other parks in the network were ranked in the middle quintile.

The overall risk from acidic deposition to parks in this network varied. HALE was ranked Very High for park Summary Risk, and HAVO and KALA were ranked High (Figure H, Table A). The other parks in the network were ranked Moderate (three parks) or Low (three parks).

Table A. Relative rankings of individual I&M parks within the network for Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, Park Protection, and overall Summary Risk from acidic deposition.

I&M Parks ² in Network	Relative Ranking of Individual Parks ¹			
	Pollutant Exposure	Ecosystem Sensitivity	Park Protection	Summary Risk
American Memorial Park	ND ³	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Haleakala	Moderate	Very High	Very High	Very High
<i>Hawaii Volcanoes</i>	Low	High	Very High	High
Kalaupapa	Very High	Moderate	Moderate	High
Kaloko-Honokohau	Low	Very Low	Moderate	Low
National Park of American Samoa	ND	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau	Low	Low	Moderate	Low
Puukohola Heiau	Low	Low	Moderate	Low
War in the Pacific	ND	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

¹ Relative park rankings are designated according to quintile ranking, among all I&M Parks, from the lowest quintile (very low risk) to the highest quintile (very high risk).
² Park name is printed in bold italic for parks larger than 100 square miles.
³ ND indicates no data.

Map PACN-1. Location of the islands that comprise the Pacific Island Network.

Map A. National map of total S emissions by county for the year 2002, in units of tons of S per square mile per year. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html>)

Map B. National map of total N emissions by county for the year 2002. Both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH₃) forms of N are included. The total is expressed in tons per square mile per year. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html>)

Map C. Regional S deposition data are not available for the Pacific Island Network. Total S deposition throughout most areas is expected to be low, below about 1 to 2 kilograms of S per hectare per year. Total S deposition for the continental United States is presented for context here for the year 2002, expressed in units of kilograms of S deposited from the atmosphere to the earth surface per hectare per year. Wet and dry forms of deposition are included. For the eastern half of the country, wet deposition values were derived from interpolated measured values from NADP (three-year average centered on 2002) and dry deposition values were derived from 12-km CMAQ model projections for 2002. For the western half of the country, both wet and dry deposition values were derived

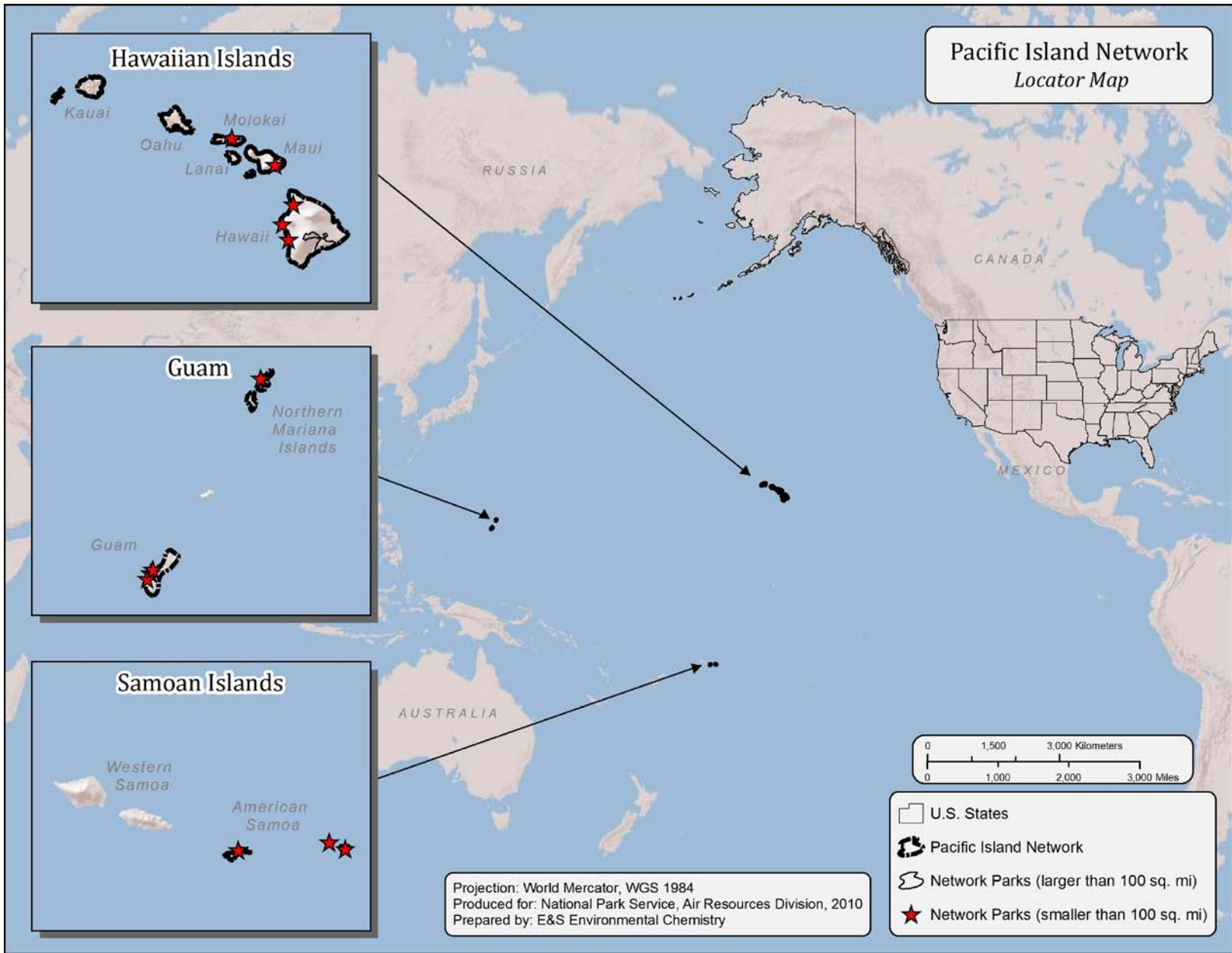
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- Map D. Deposition data are not available for the Pacific Island Network. Total N deposition throughout most areas is expected to be low, below about 2 kilograms of N per hectare per year. Total N deposition for the continental United States is presented for context here for the year 2002, expressed in units of kilograms of N deposited from the atmosphere to the earth surface per hectare per year. Wet and dry forms of both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH₃) N are included. For the eastern half of the country, wet deposition values were derived from interpolated measured values from NADP (three-year average centered on 2002) and dry deposition values were derived from 12-km CMAQ model projections for 2002. For the western half of the country, both wet and dry deposition values were derived from 36-km CMAQ model projections for 2002. NADP interpolations were performed using the approach of Grimm and Lynch (1997). CMAQ model projections were provided by Robin Dennis, U.S. EPA.
- Map E. Total S emissions by county for lands surrounding the network, expressed as tons of S emitted into the atmosphere per square mile per year. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html>)
- Map F. Total N emissions by county for lands surrounding the network, expressed as tons of N emitted into the atmosphere per square mile per year. The total includes both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH₃) N. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html>)
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- Map I-1. Urban centers having more than 10,000 people within the Hawaiian portion of the network and within a 300-mile buffer around the perimeter of the network. (Source of data: U.S. Census 2000)

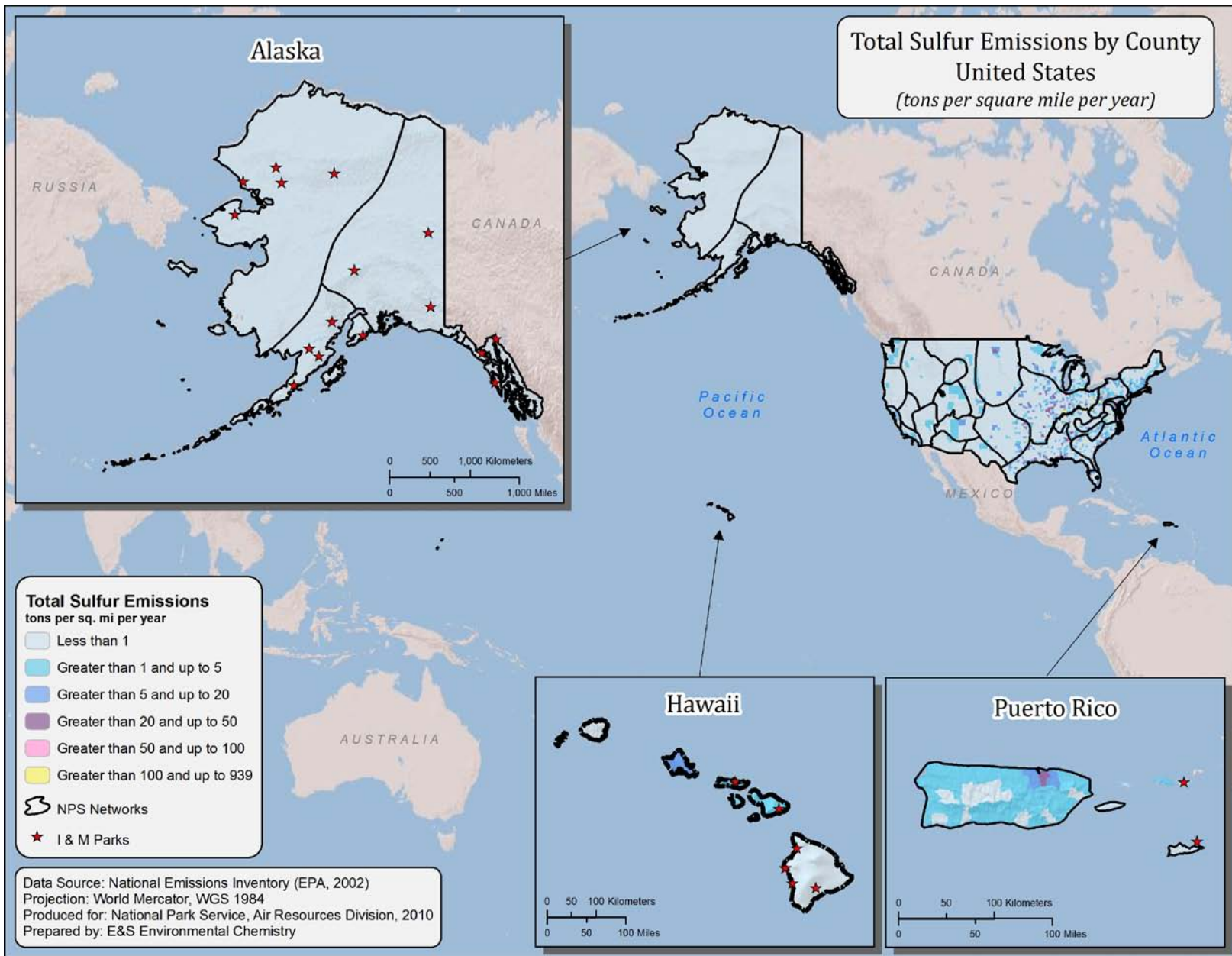
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- Map M. Average land slope within park units that occur within the network, by 10-digit HUC. (Source of data: U.S. EPA National Elevation Dataset [<http://ned.usgs.gov/>])
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- Figure B. Network rankings for Ecosystem Sensitivity, calculated as the average of scores for all Ecosystem Sensitivity variables.
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- Figure E. Park rankings for Pollutant Exposure for all parks larger than 100 square miles. Ranks for each park were calculated relative to all parks, regardless of size, as the average of scores for all Pollutant Exposure variables.
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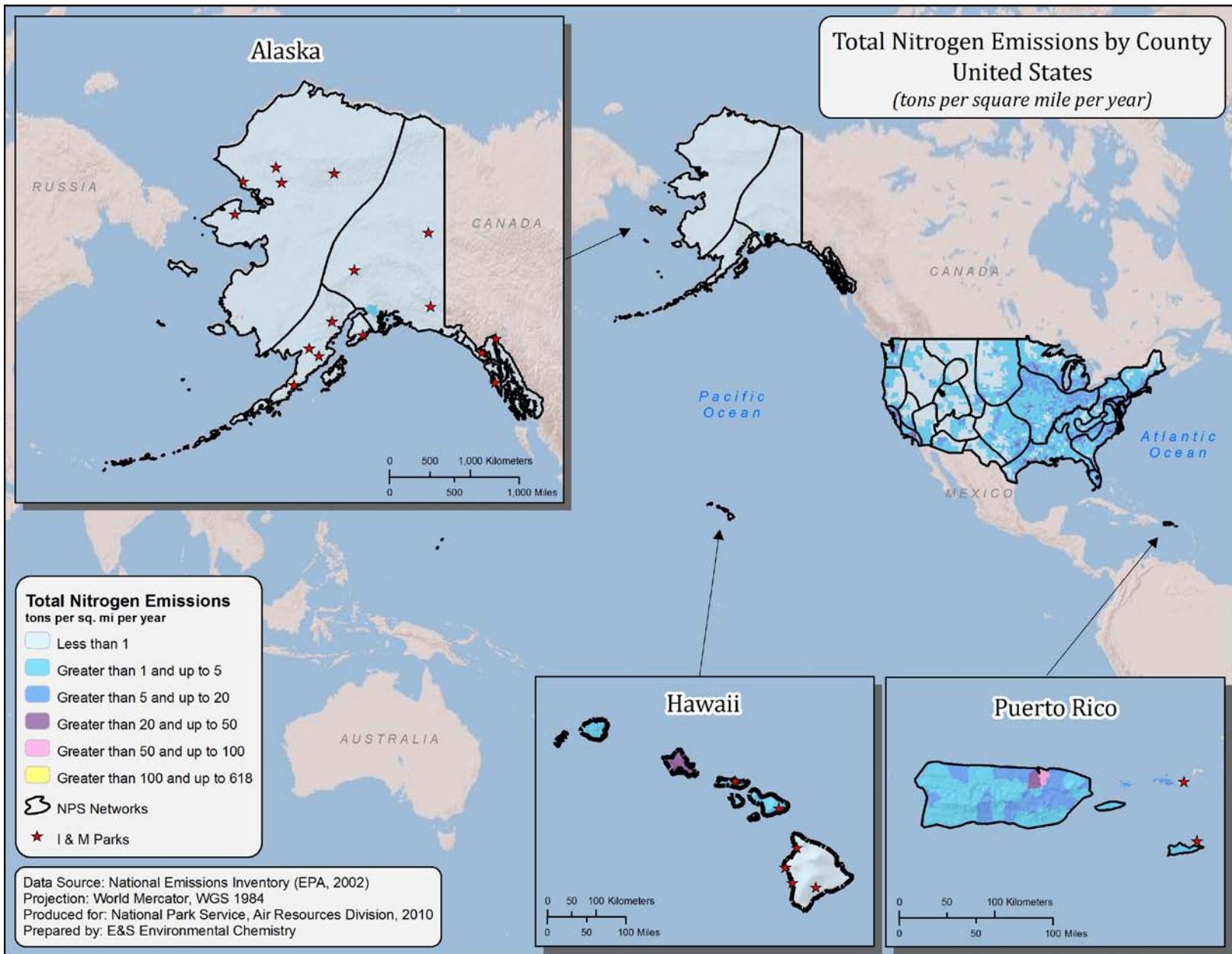
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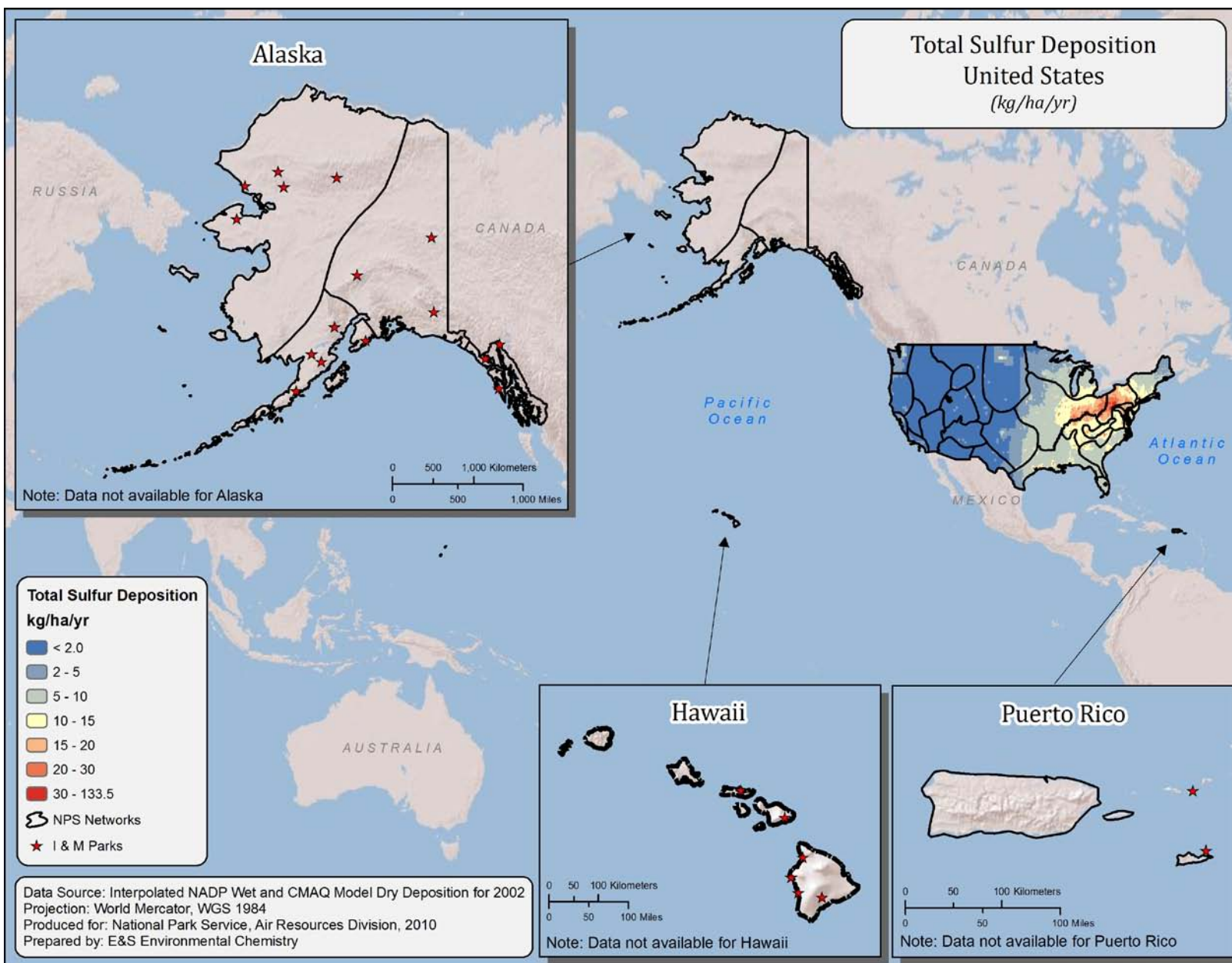
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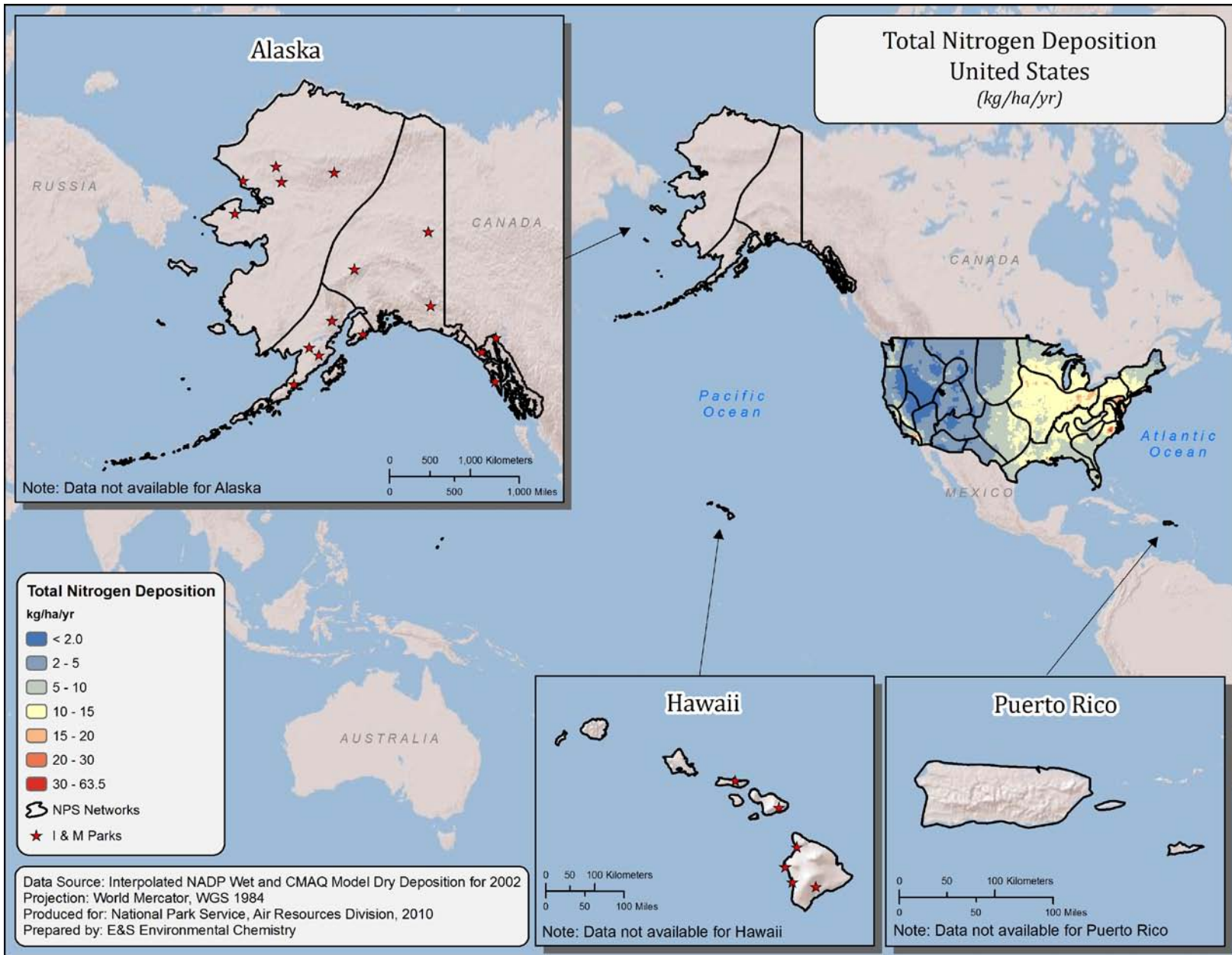
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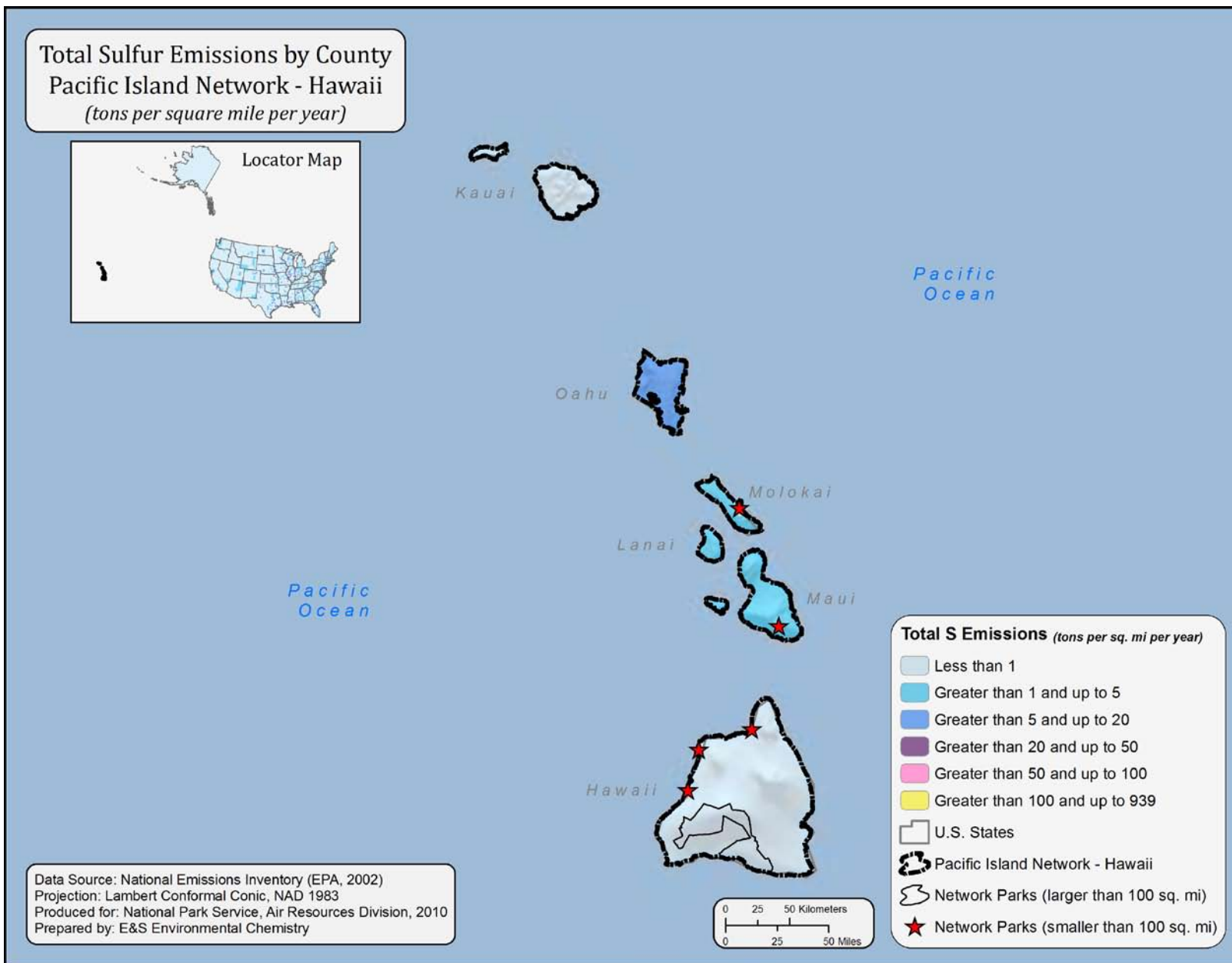
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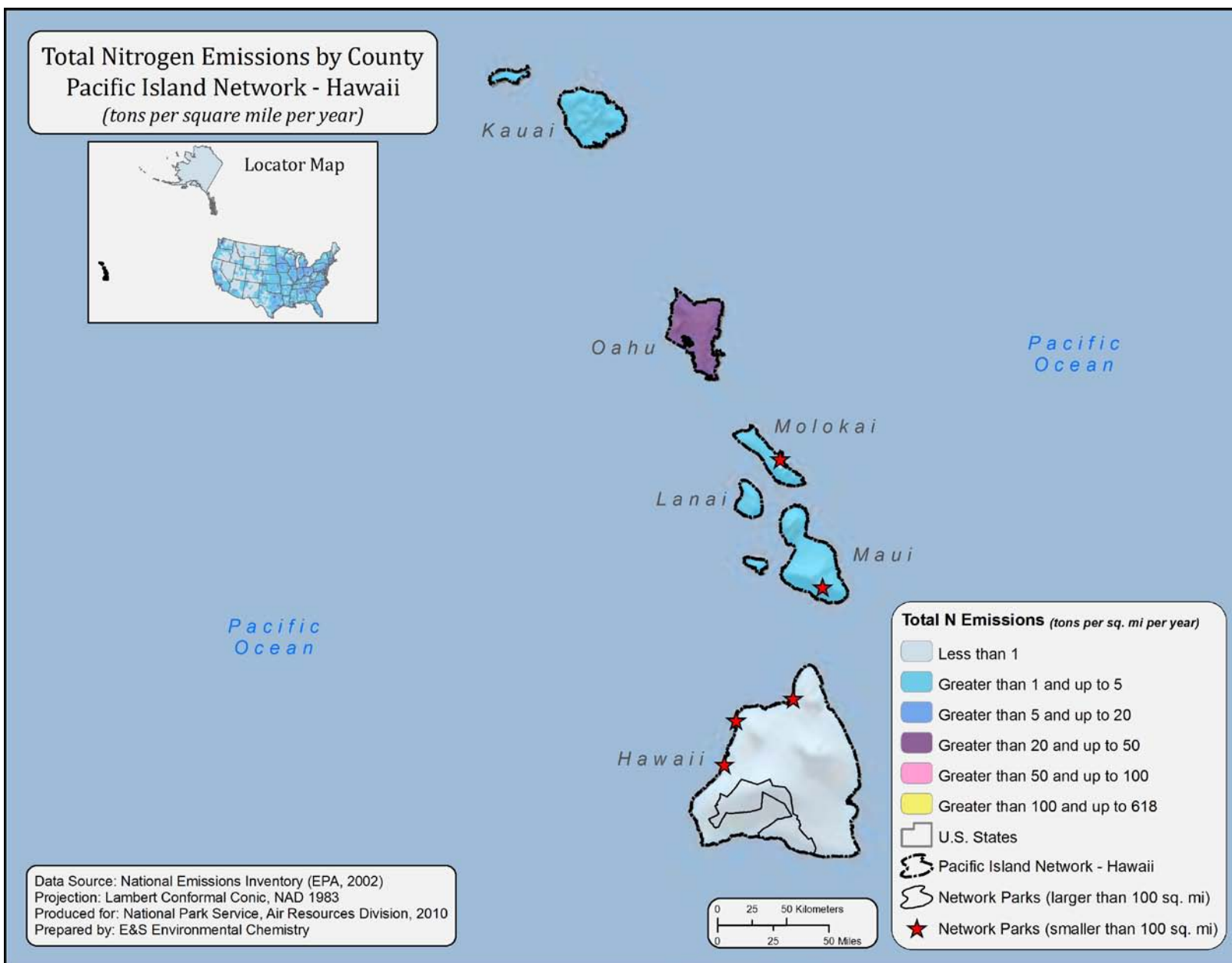
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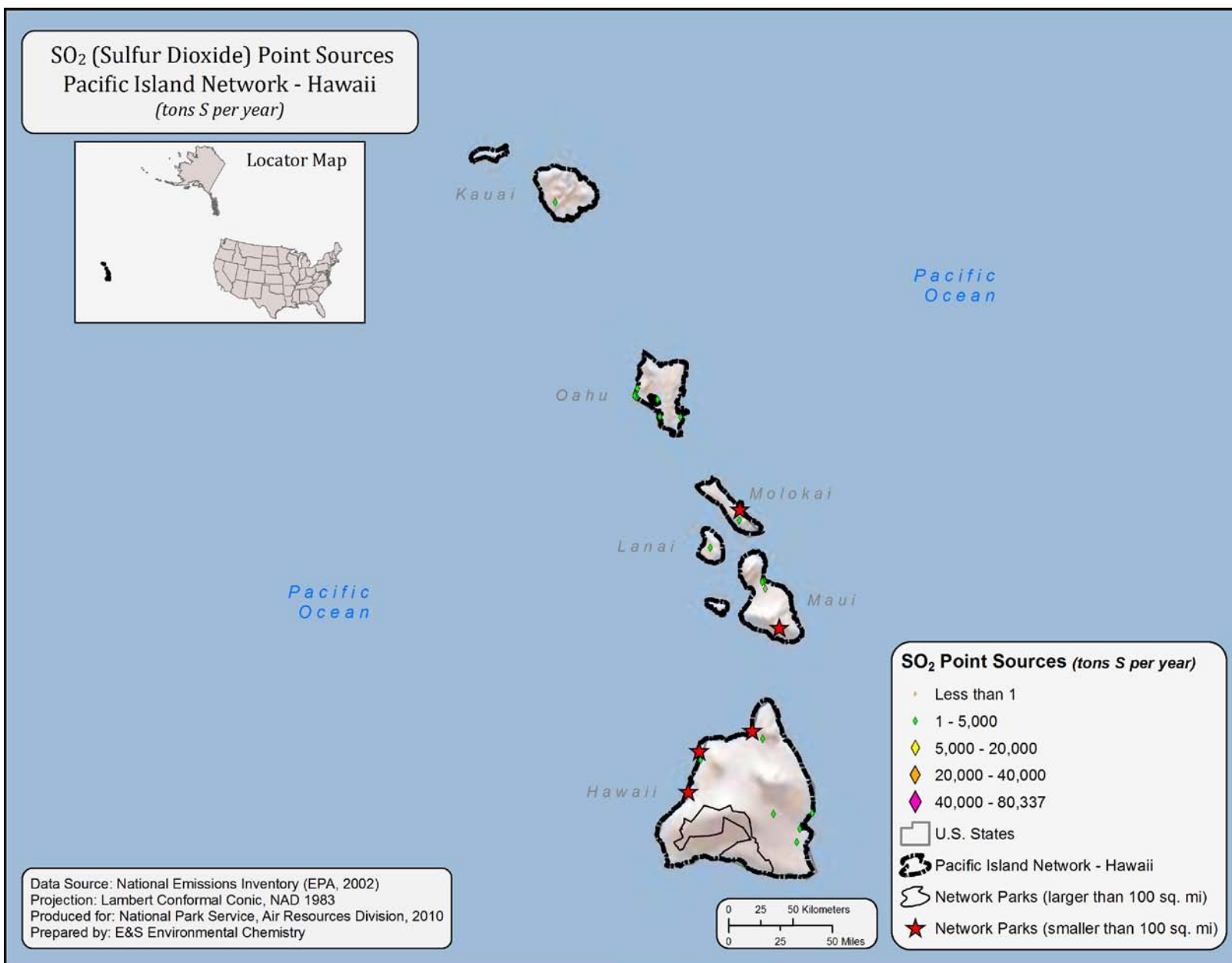
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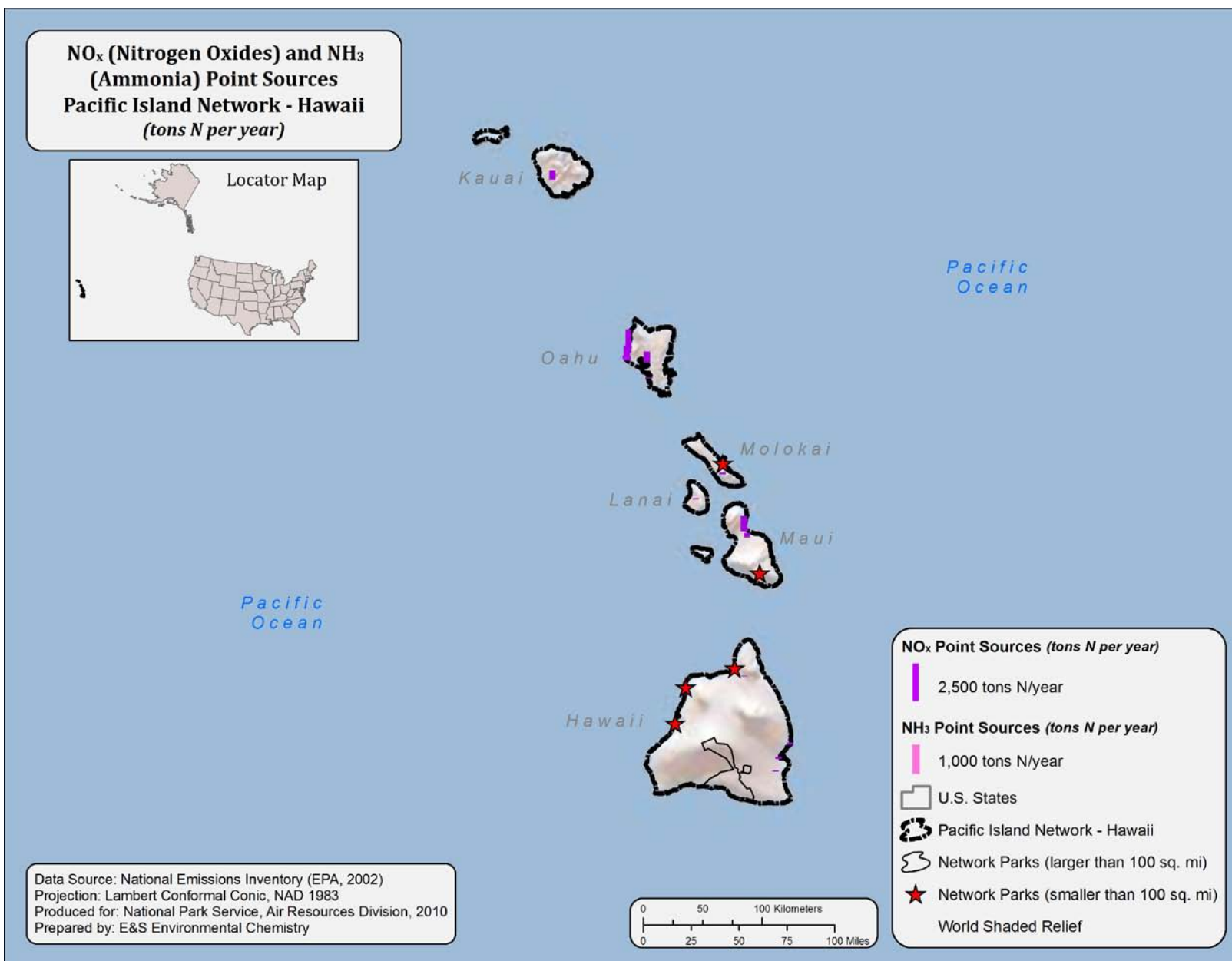
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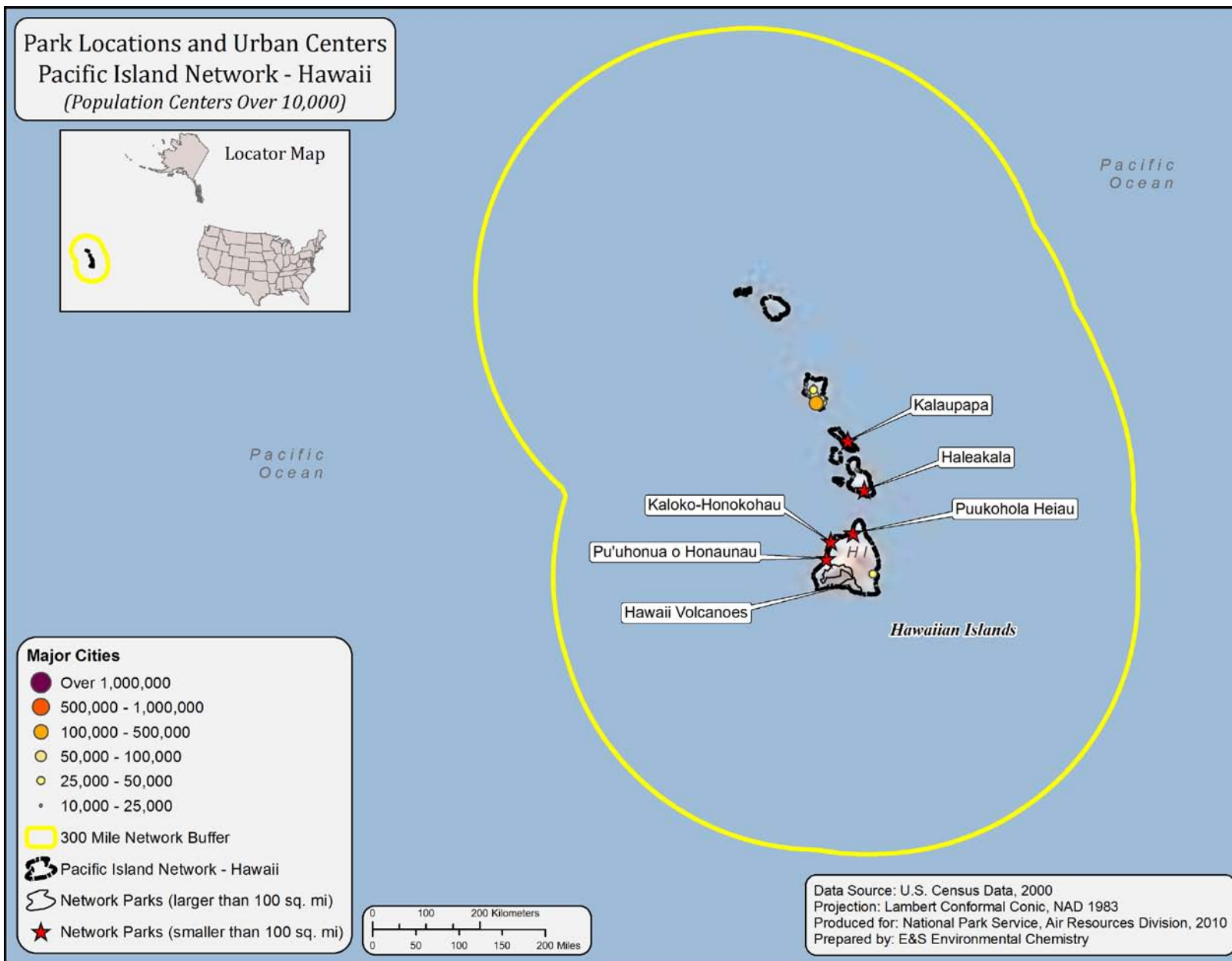
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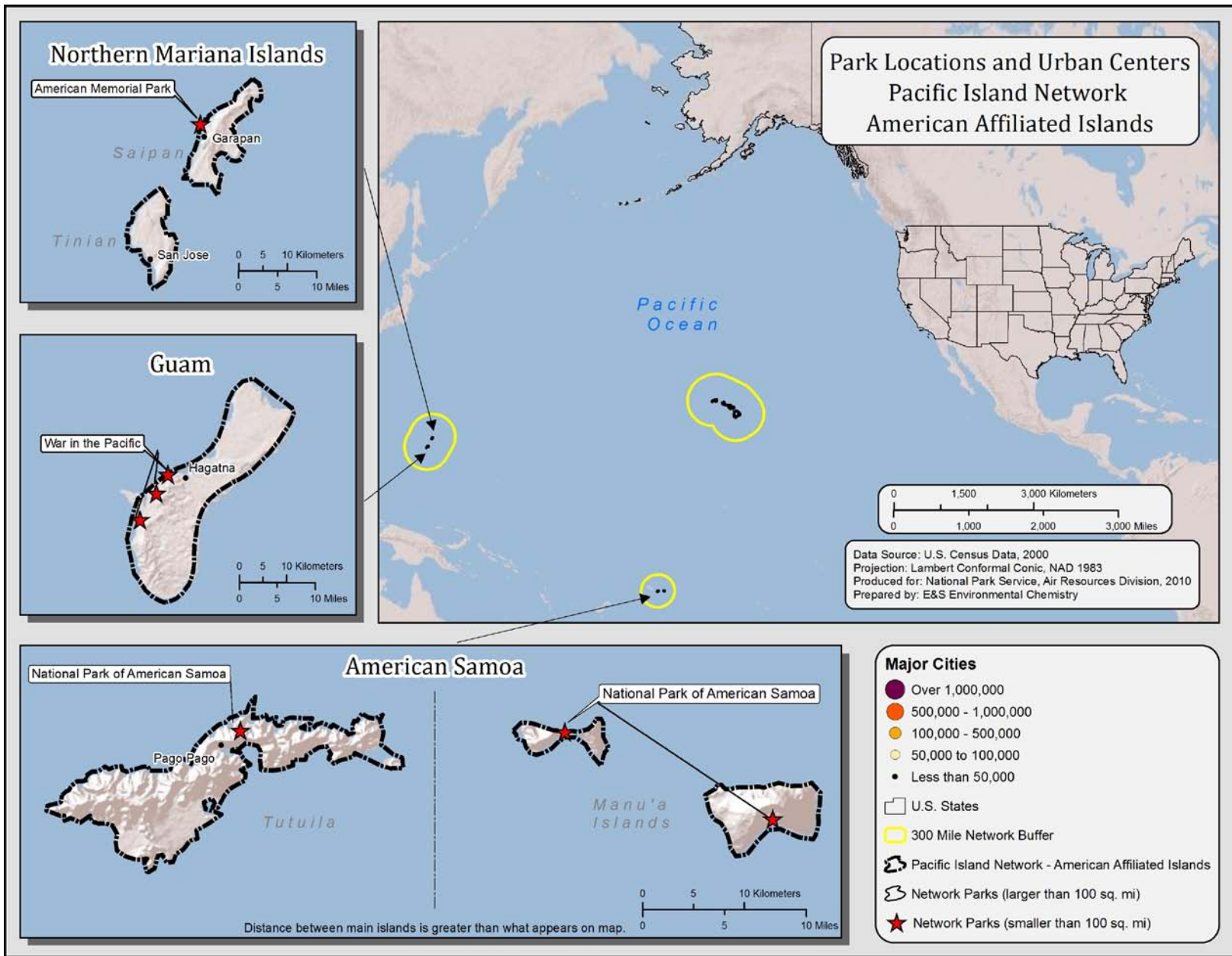
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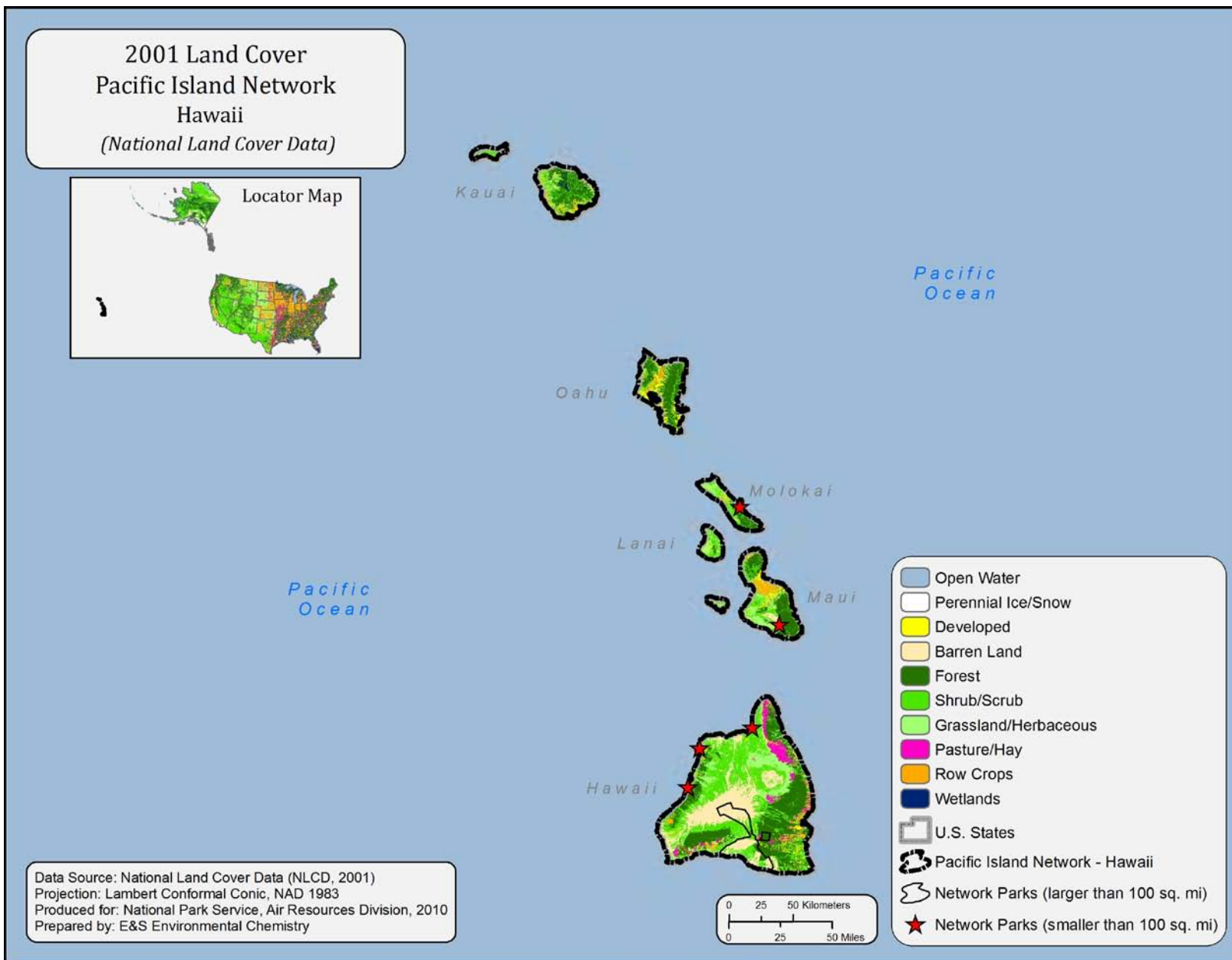
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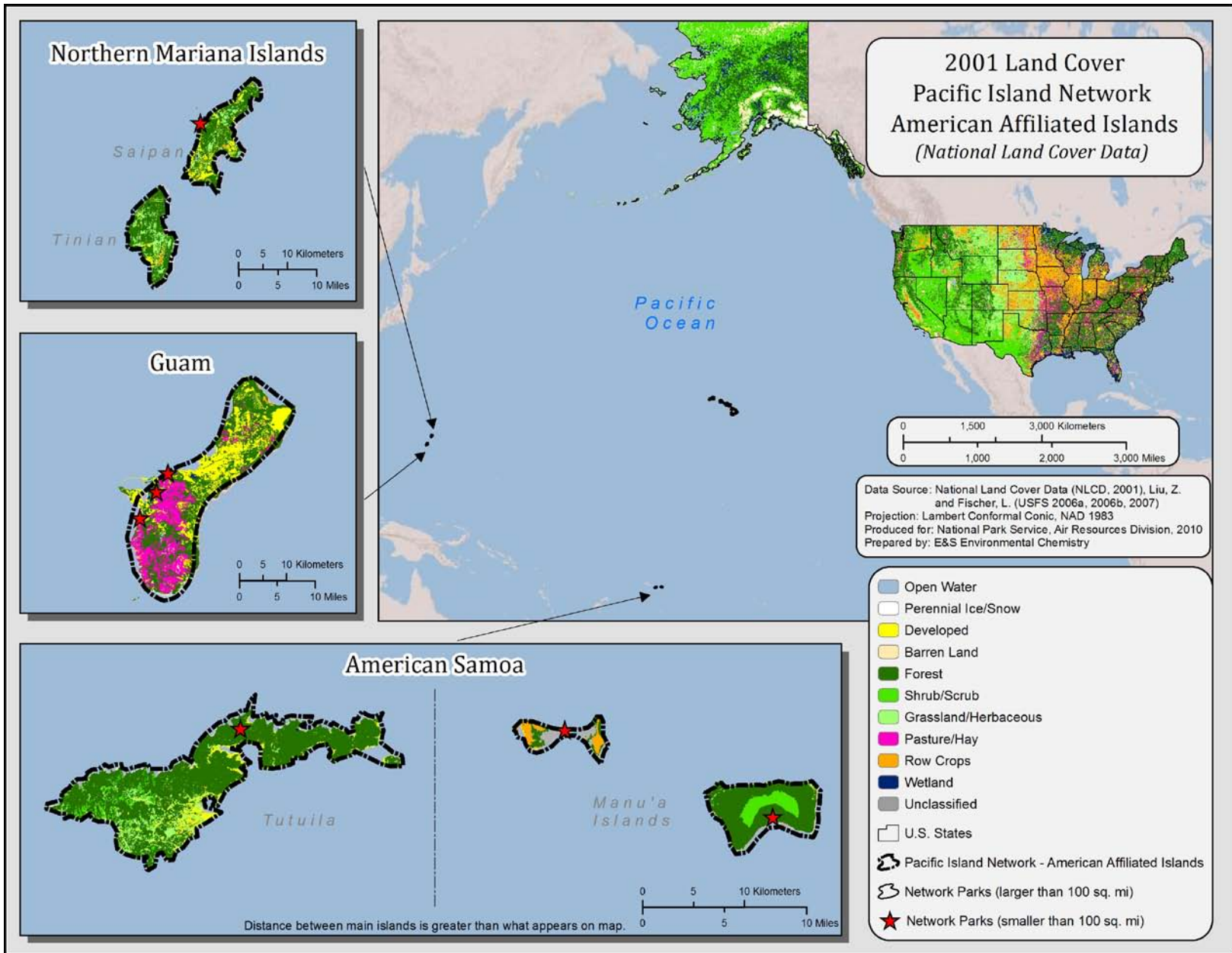
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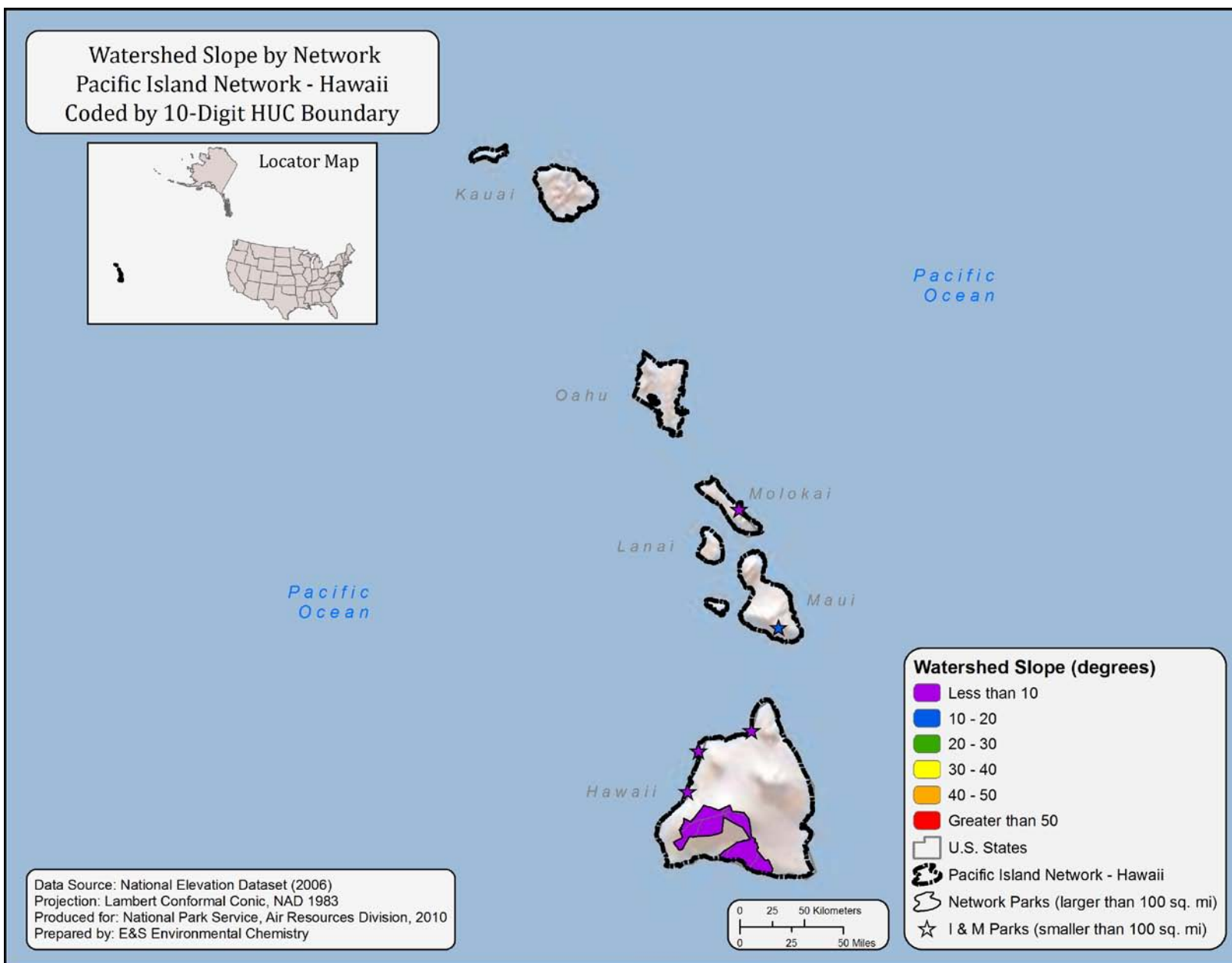
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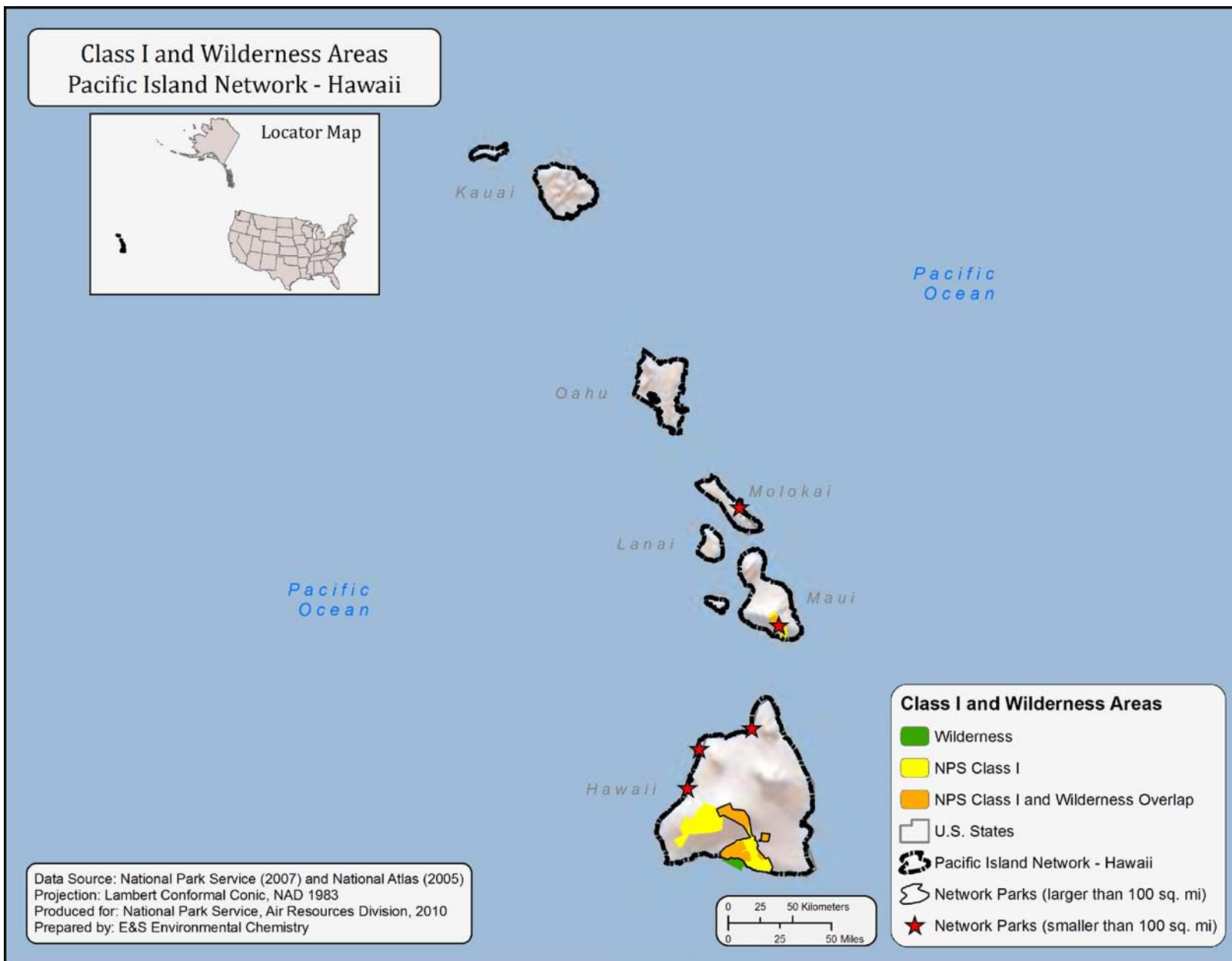
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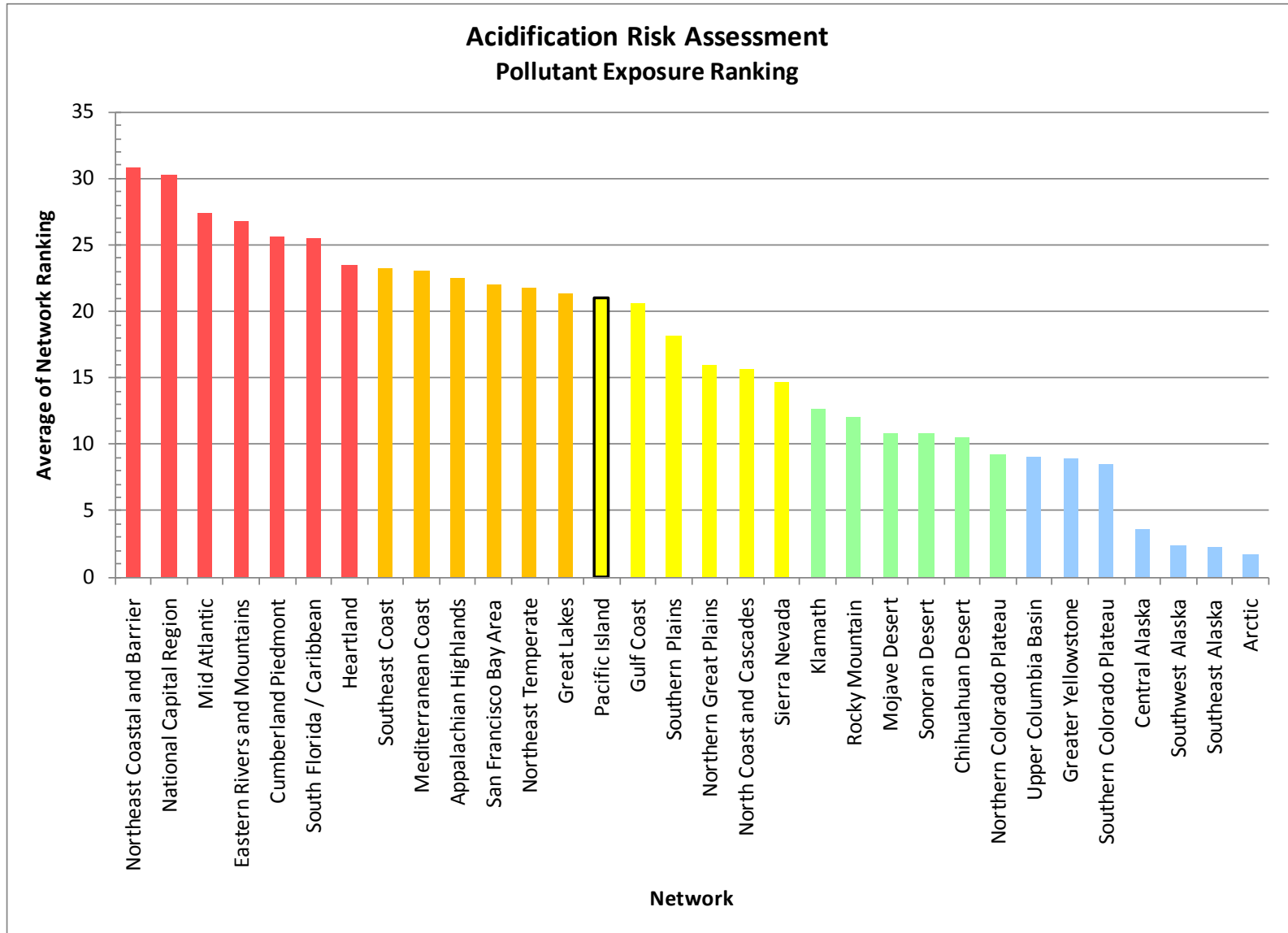


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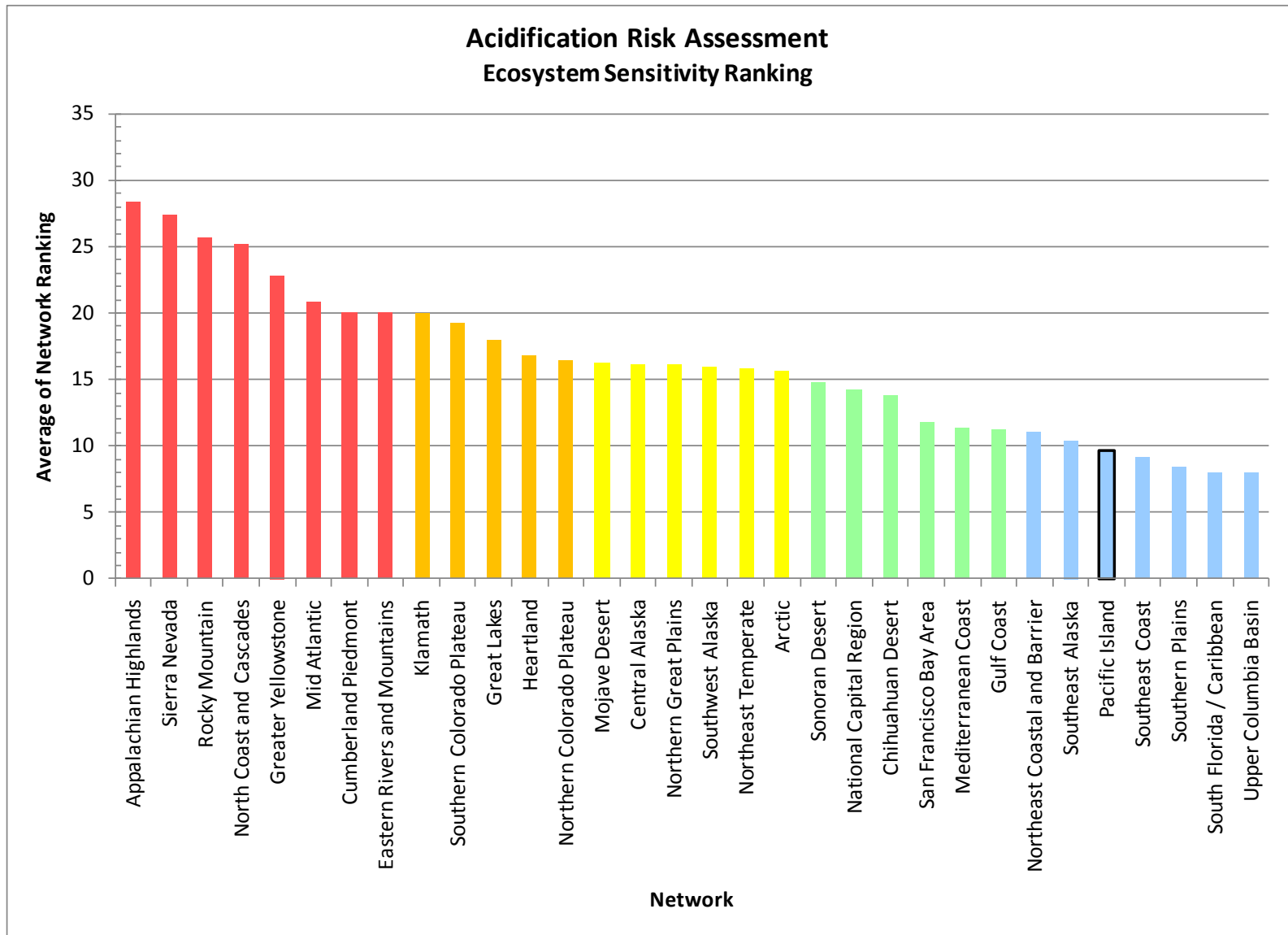


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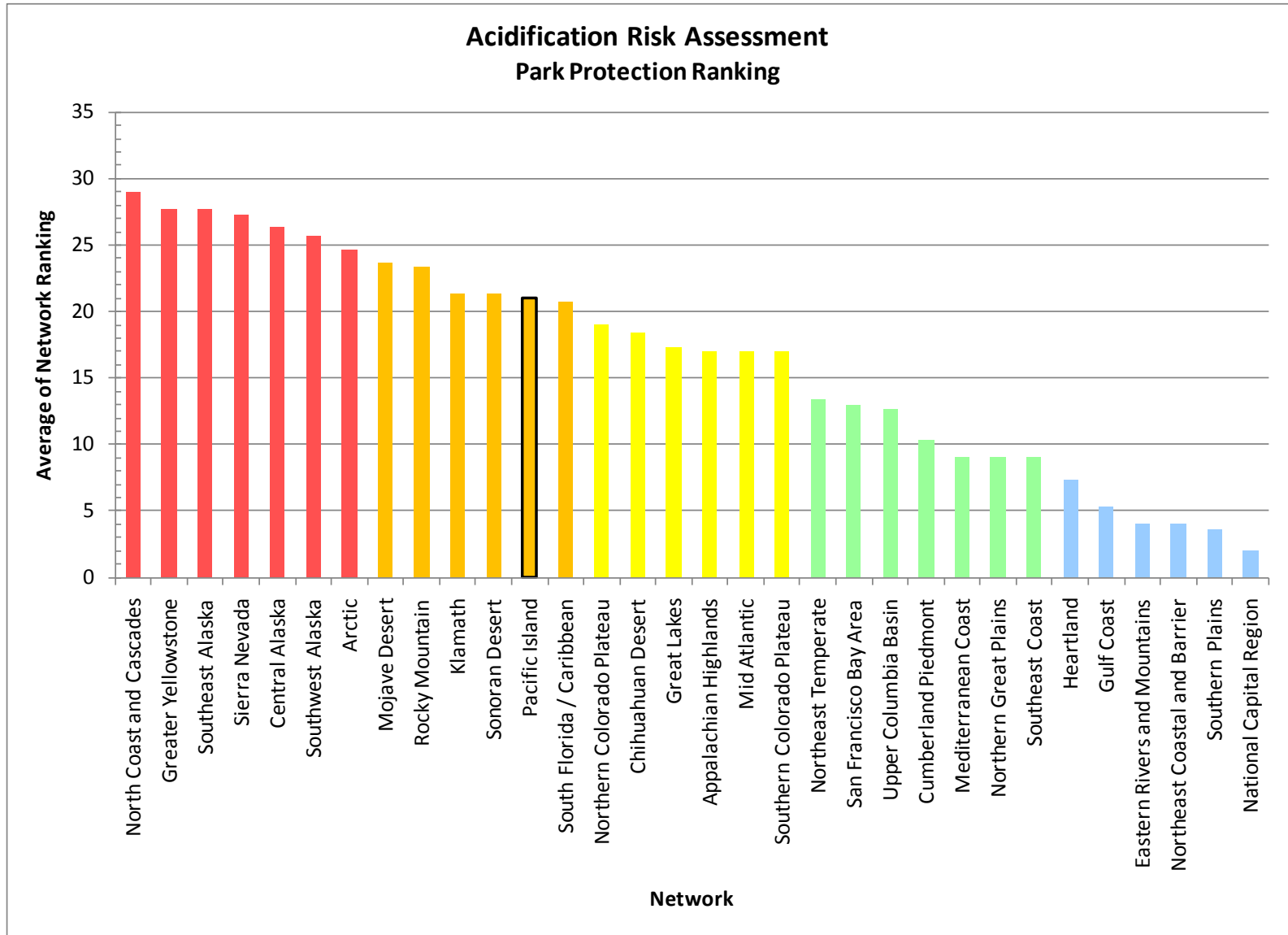


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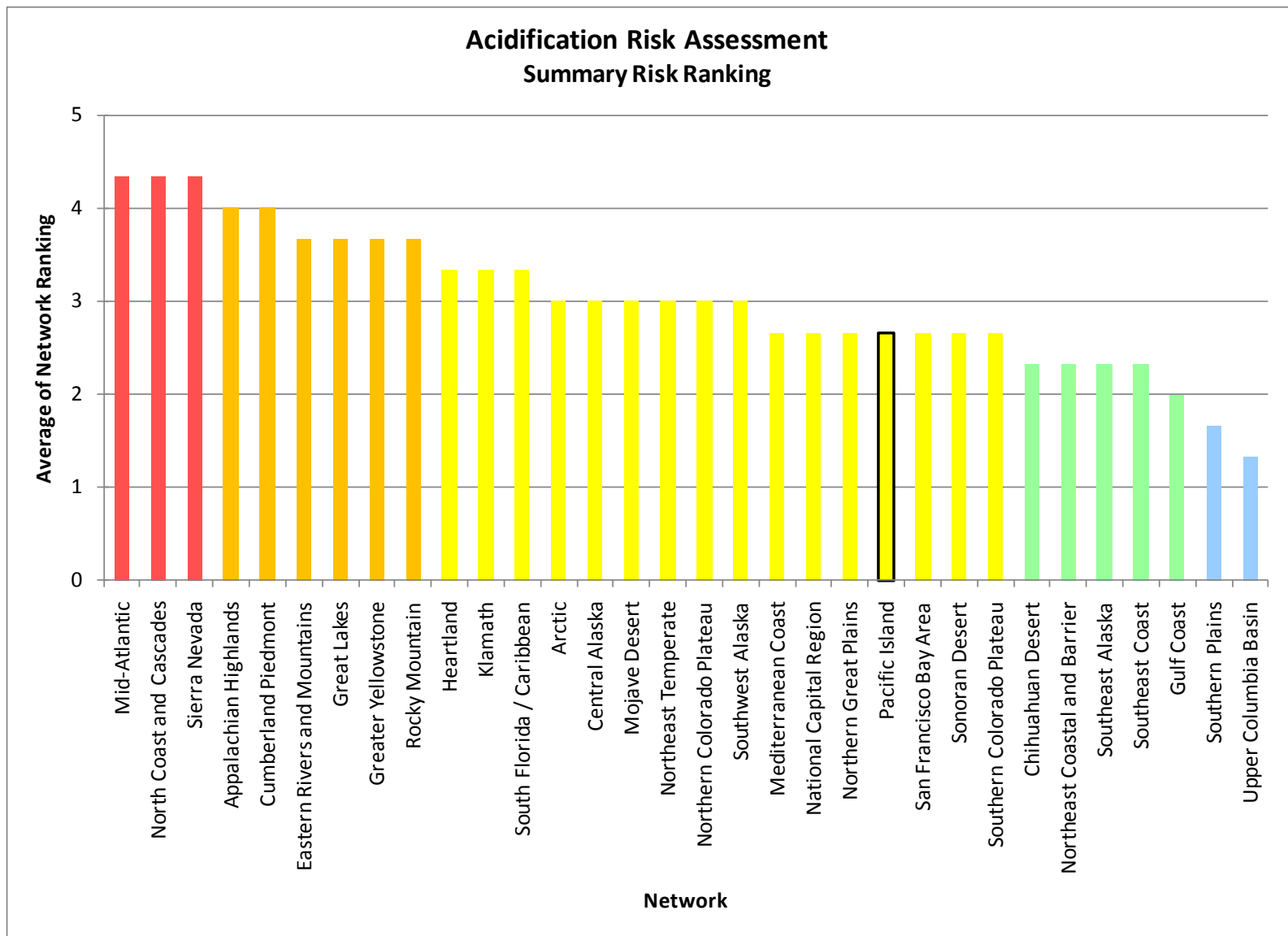


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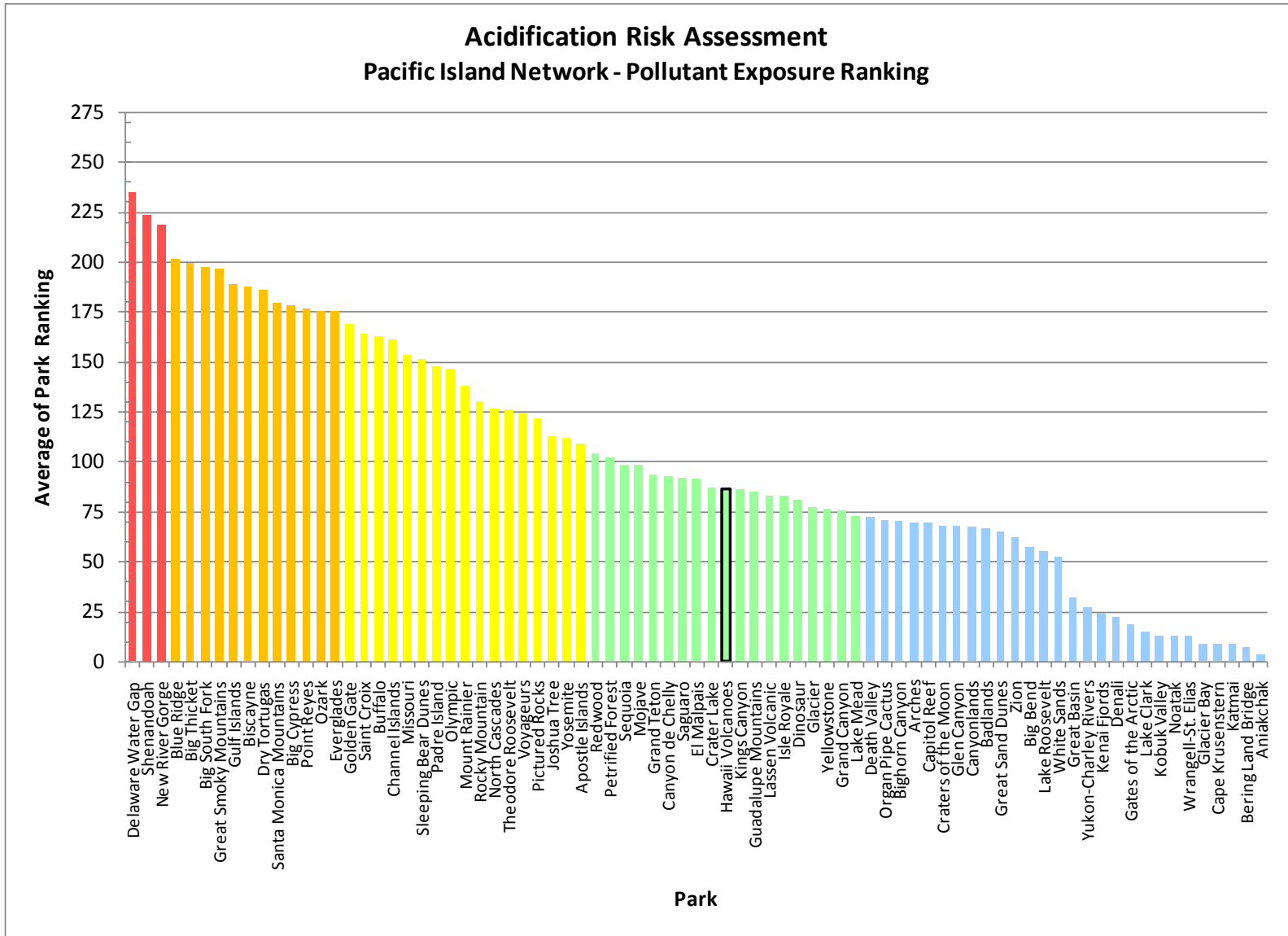


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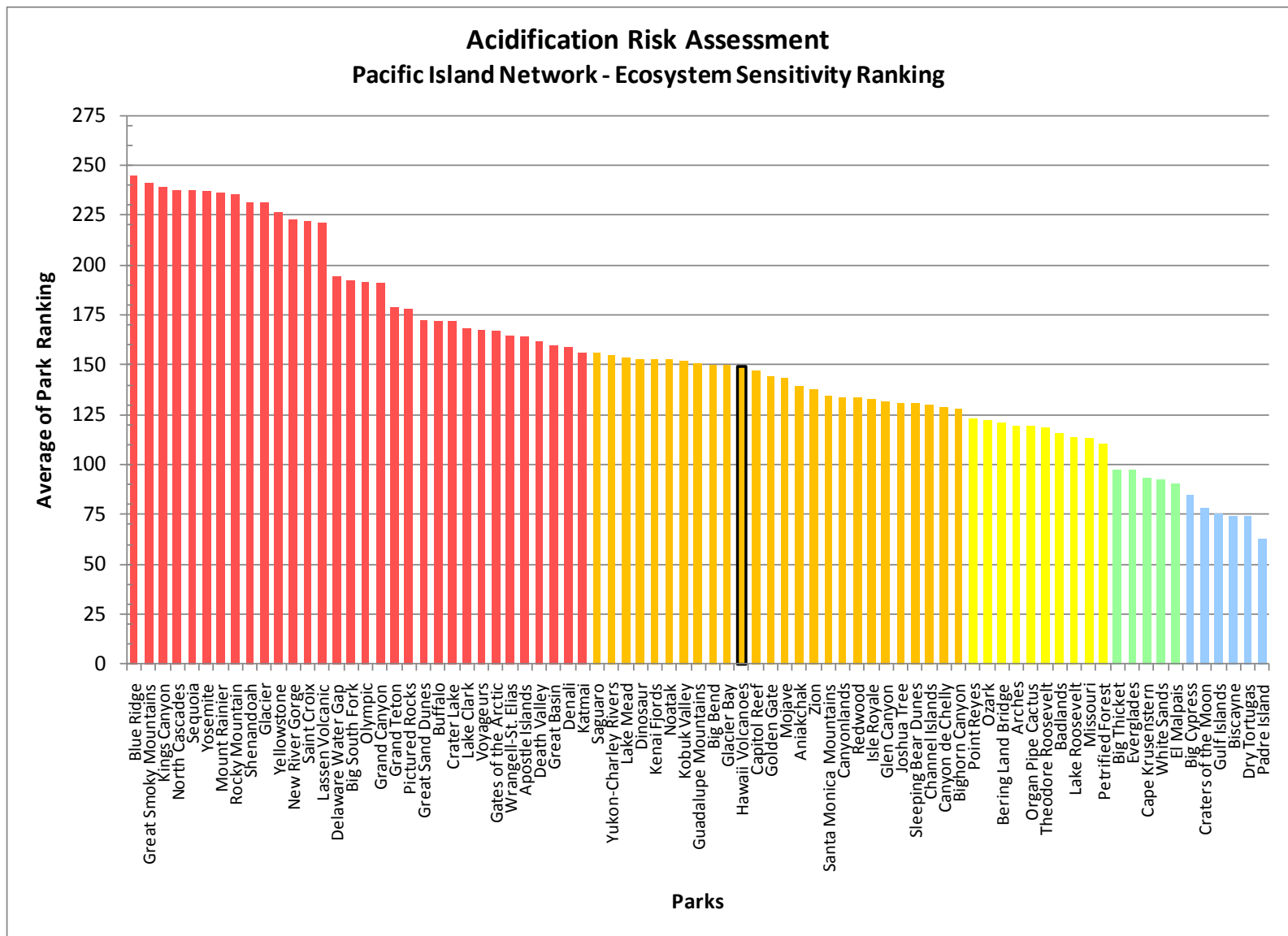


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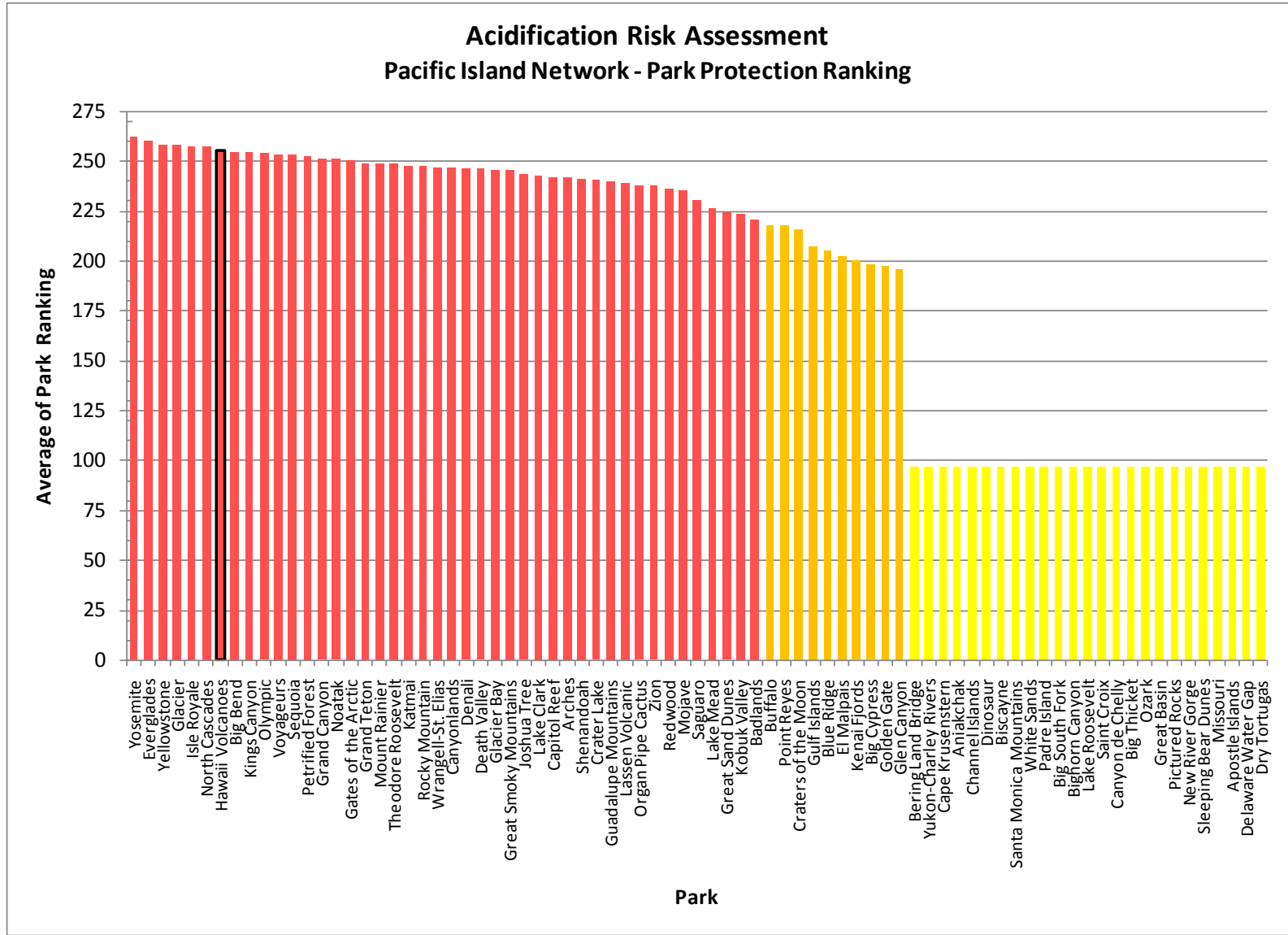


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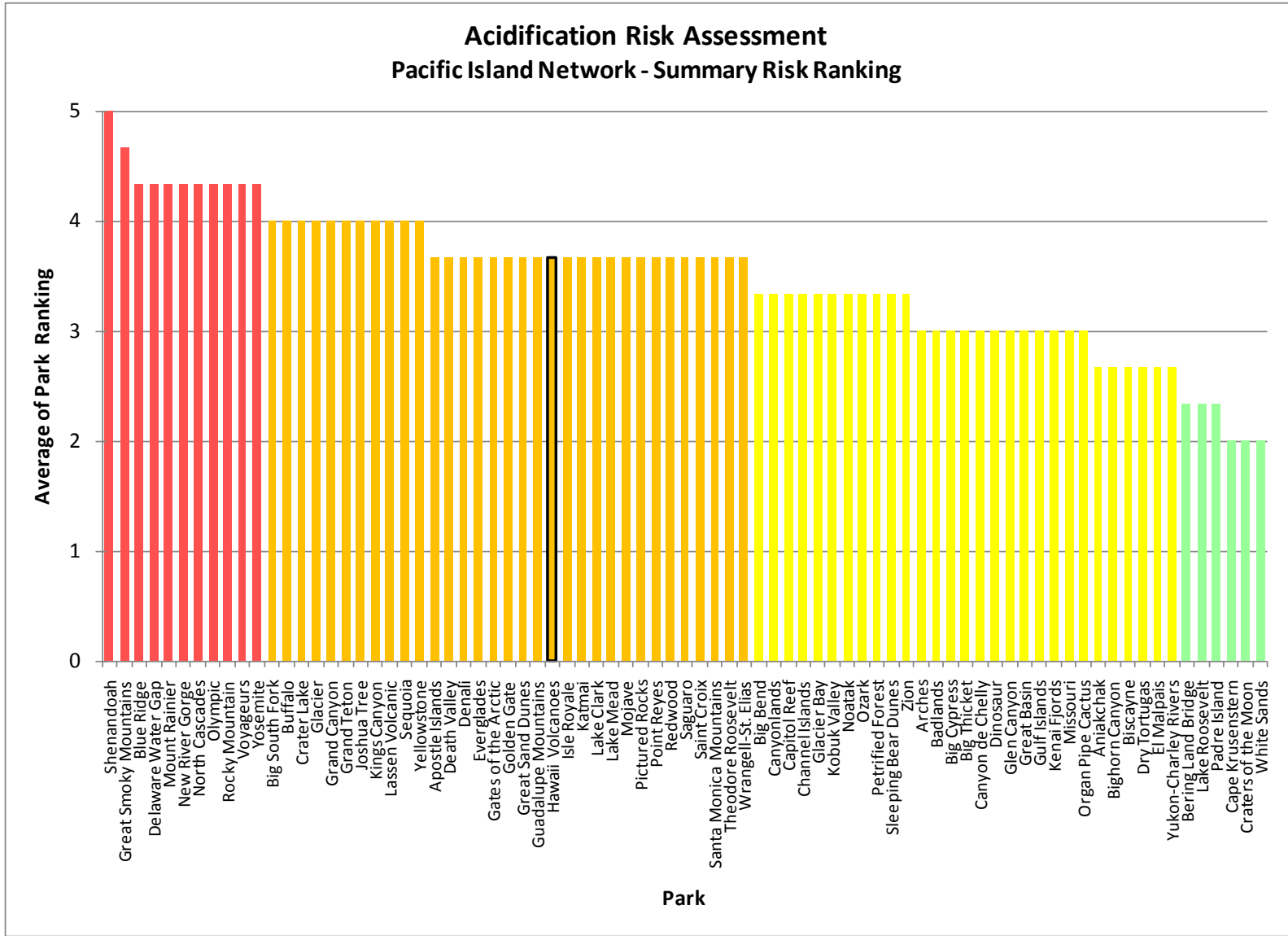


Figure H

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