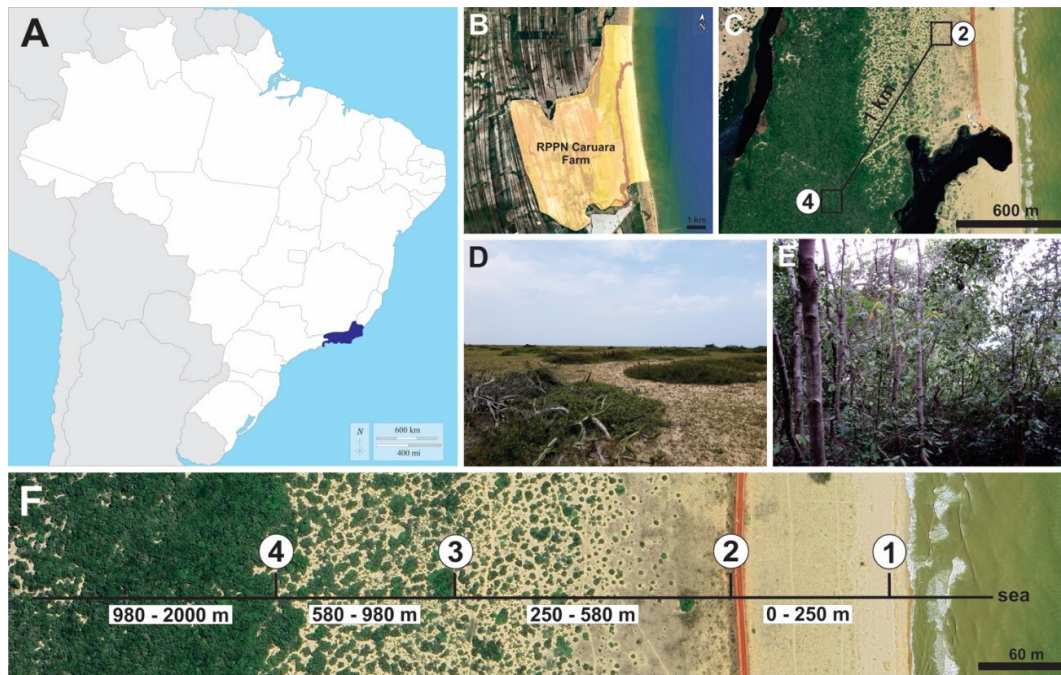




**1. Beach Grass 2. Beach Grass and Shurb
3. Clusia Shurb 4. Forest**

Figure S1. Location and vegetational characteristics of the study site. A – Map of Brazil highlighting the state of Rio de Janeiro, where the RPPN Caruara Farm is located. B – Satellite image of the RPPN Caruara Farm area, covering approximately 4.800 hectares, marked in green (Source: Google Earth). C – Satellite image showing the approximate 1 km distance between the beach grass formation (dry-open) and the forest formation (humid-shaded), marked by black squares (Source: Google Earth). D – Image of the beach grass formation landscape (dry-open) (Source: Personal Archive). E – Image of the forest formation landscape (humid-shaded) (Source: Personal Archive). F – Diagram illustrating the four vegetational formations of the coastal sandbank present in the RPPN Caruara Farm (Source: Google Earth). Scale bars: present in images.