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In the first round of interviews, we talked to ca. 160 people living in the region about the management and various spatial aspects of each protected area. Of special interest was to understand how inhabitants perceive the protected area in terms of territory, which we could investigate by discussing with the interviewers while showing them maps of the region. We also asked about ecosystem services, with a focus on supply and demand areas i.e. where these services come from and where the people who benefit from them are. The information obtained through the interviews was divided into spatial and non-spatial data. We are now analysing spatial data with QGIS and non-spatial data using MAXQDA, a tool that helps interpret information both qualitatively and quantitatively. Besides providing valuable evidence to improve mangrove management, the results will contribute to the elaboration of awareness-raising material, including brochures and digital presentations.