

Project Update: November 2021

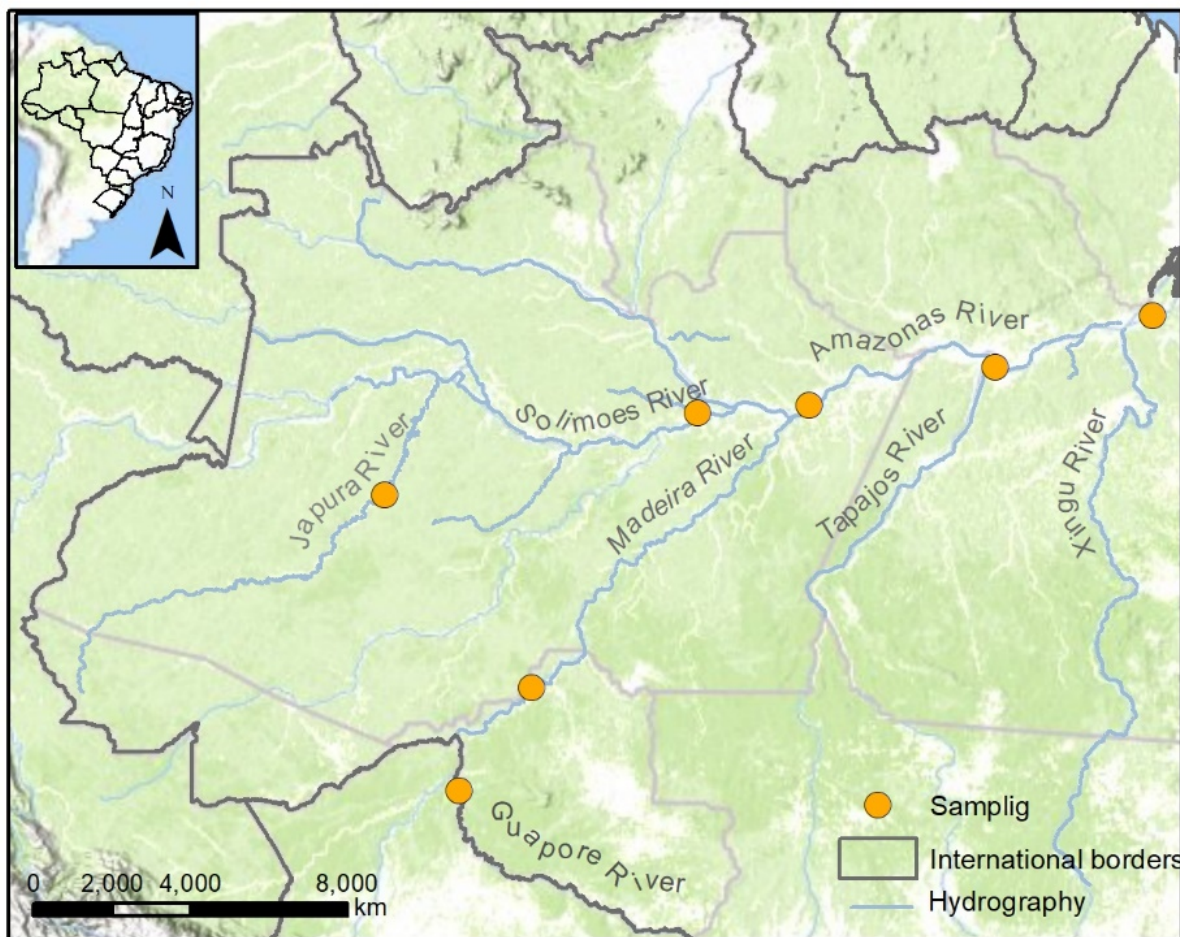
I had made progress in the project as I had already:

Activity 1 – Prepared for fieldwork (January 2021).

Activity 2 – Built relationship with local stakeholders (February-May 2021).

Activity 3 – Sampled (February to December 2021).

I am currently coordinating a team of eight field assistants in the Amazon Basin to sample the catfish *Pseudoplatystoma fasciatum* in the main tributaries of: 1) Solimões, at Manacapuru, 2) Juruá, near Carauari, 3) Amazonas, in Santarem, 4) Xingu, in Gurupá, 5) Madeira, in Porto Velho, and 7) Tapajós, in Santarem (Figure 1).



However, due to unforeseen difficulties with the Covid-19 pandemic in Brazil, I had to adjust the timescale. I performed the following activities:

Activity 4– Preparation of the samples (January to February 2022).

Activity 5 – Sample analysis (March 2022).

Activity 6 – Sharing of results with stakeholders (September 2022).



