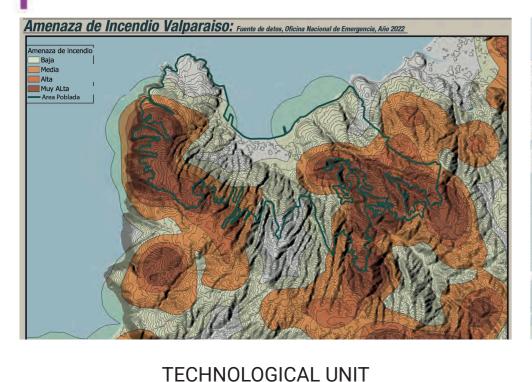
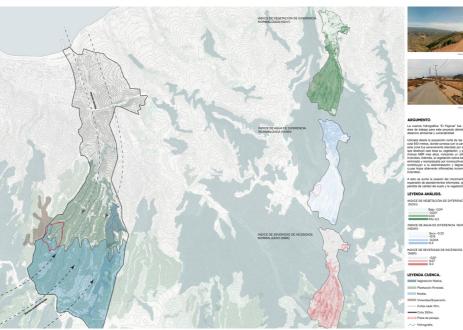
RAVINE SYSTEM AND WILDFIRES

WATERSHED (=RAVINE) UNIT







HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE

The Landscape Studio is dedicated to researching and developing climate change adaptation projects, specifically within the ravine systems (or watershed basins) of Valparaíso, Chile-an area that has experienced the deadliest wildfires in the country's history (2014, 2024). These fires are driven by water scarcity, prolonged droughts, and low humidity in the region. In response, the studio proposes water infrastructures designed to capture, store, manage, and infiltrate water into the subsoil. This approach enables ecological restoration at the landscape scale and creates phenomenologically rich public spaces at the local scale. Over a three-year cycle involving three student cohorts, the studio has developed and refined four adaptation strategies tailored to the climatic conditions and topography of Valparaíso. Special attention is given to the soil profile, which governs a hydrological behavior based on capillarity rather than traditional groundwater tables. These strategies, along with their hybridizations, are illustrated through five selected student projects that successfully meet all evaluation criteria: conceptual clarity, innovation in relation to the current state of the tecnique, coherent development across three scales (territorial, landscape, and architectural/hydric artifact), strong design quality, and effective representation. Adaptation Strategies:

- Architecturization of a physical phenomenon: Harnessing geo/thermal condensation. 1.
- 2. Fog harvesting innovation: Evolving the planar fog catcher into a three-dimensional device (as a building or park).
- 3. Terracing systems: Controlling erosion and recycling greywater through integrated landscape design.
- Biomaterial application: Using mosses and other organic materials as humidity retainers. 4

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HYDRIC INFRASTRUCTURE



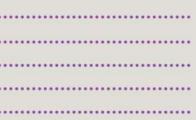




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University / School	University Diego Portales / Architecture School UDP.
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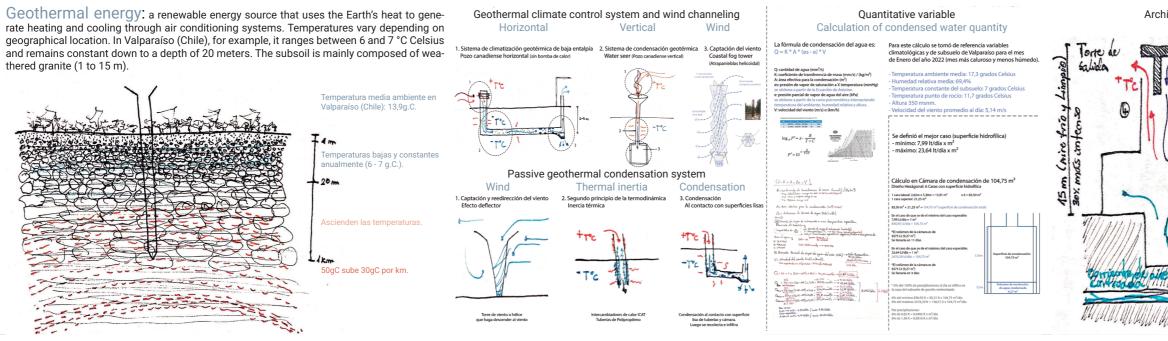
GEO-HELIX

San Agustín Watershed. ram: Plant nursery + public space. Total water: minimum: 1442 l/d maximum: 3857 l/d Restoration area: 2571 m²





Title of the project Authors Title of the course Academic year	GEO-HELIX: Restoration and Conservation Park for Native Vegetation. Flavio Santisteban Alarcón. Hydric Infrastructure: Climate Change Adaptation projects in Micro-watersheds. 2023 - 2024.
Teaching Staff	Prof. Claudio Magrini / Assistants Sofía Navarro + Ignacia Márquez.
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Strategy 1:

Climate change and human intervention have caused a pronounced water shortage in the ravine ecosystems of Valparaíso, leading to soil degradation and the loss of native vegetation. This has also resulted in a significant reduction in vegetative cover, creating optimal conditions for the spread of wildfires.

In response, the proposal consists of constructing a 30-meter-tall hydric-architectural device called the Geo-Helix, which primarily harnesses the physical phenomenon of geothermal condensation. The project is located at the summit of the San Agustín watershed, allowing it to capture relative humidity (above 65%) by intercepting and channeling the prevailing southwesterly winds, which maintain an average ambient temperature of 13.9 °C.

The helical form directs the airflow vertically into a chamber cooled by the constant temperature of the subsoil (between 6 and 7 °C), where water vapor condenses due to the temperature difference—especially during the summer months. The device is complemented by a fog-catching system that performs well in winter, when coastal fog tends to linger for longer periods. This proposal is therefore capable of operating year-round, collecting water for infiltration and surface irrigation in order to keep critical points of the ravine hydrated through gravity, reactivate humid corridors, and support ecological restoration. This process originates from a plant nursery, which serves as the main architectural program of the project.

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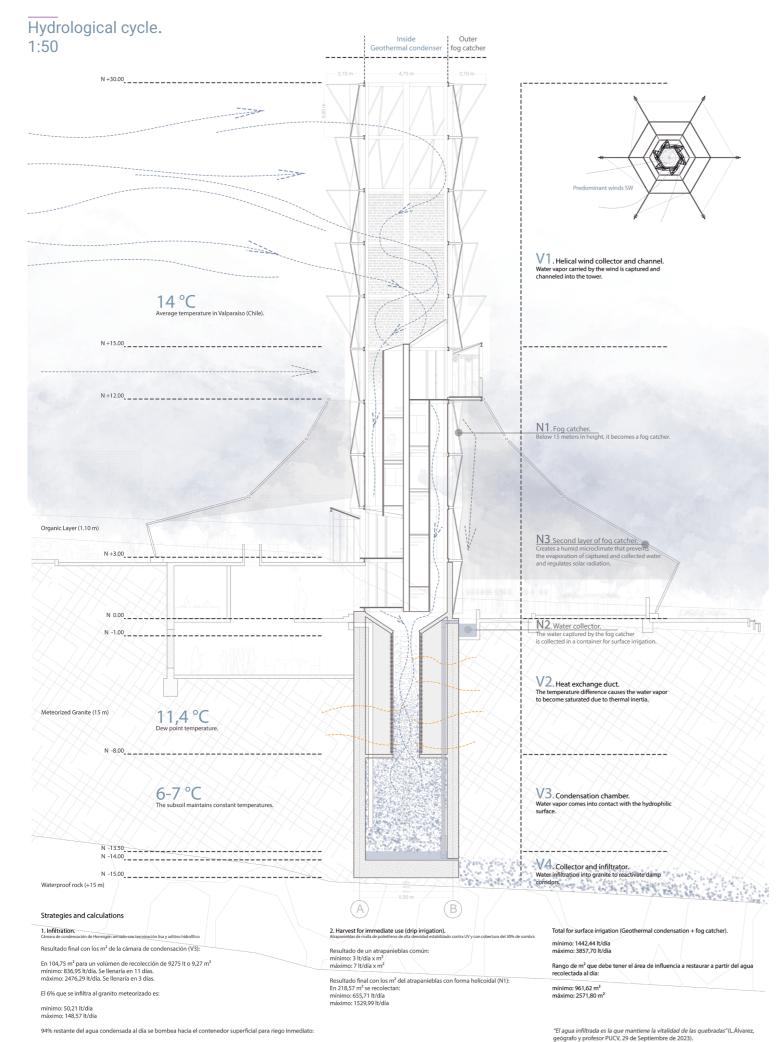
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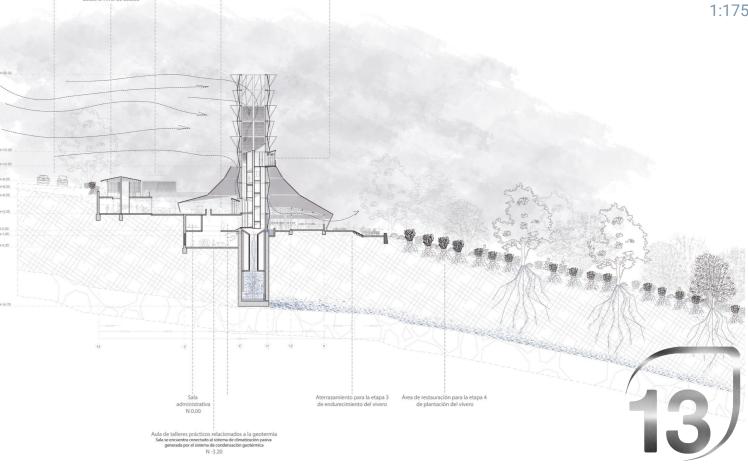
Architectural form integrated into the physical phenomenon Wind towers in Iran + Qanat

Torre de voemte 3 stamo emfinidad Damat (2)



Architectural project plan + area of influence for ecological restoration. 1:200





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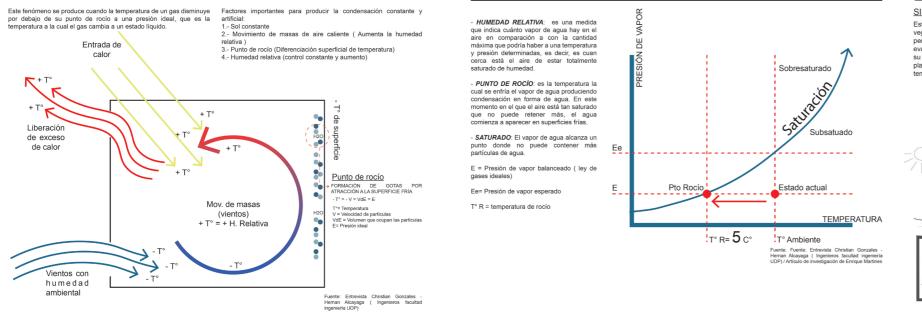
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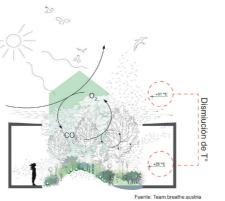
Condensation by temperature: CONDENSACIÓN POR TEMPERATURA:

Important factors for the dew point: FACTORES IMPORTANTES PARA EL PUNTO DE ROCÍO



Natural decrease in temperature: DISMINUCIÓN DE TEMPERATURA:

SISTEMA - EXPO MILÁN 2015 Este pabellón cuenta con diferentes estratos vegetales, desde el musgo hasta árboles, los cuales permiten una refrigeración natural producida por la evapotranspiración, es decir, que el ambiente baja su temperatura por la evaporación que generan las plantas. Este sistema de vegetación logra bajar la tura entre 5 a 7 grados Celsius



Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

Strategy 1:

This strategy addresses the loss of humidity and increased erosion-factors that contribute to the high incidence of wildfires in various areas of Valparaíso. These conditions also lead to a diminished capacity for coexistence and disrupt the biological cycles of native species that inhabit the territory.

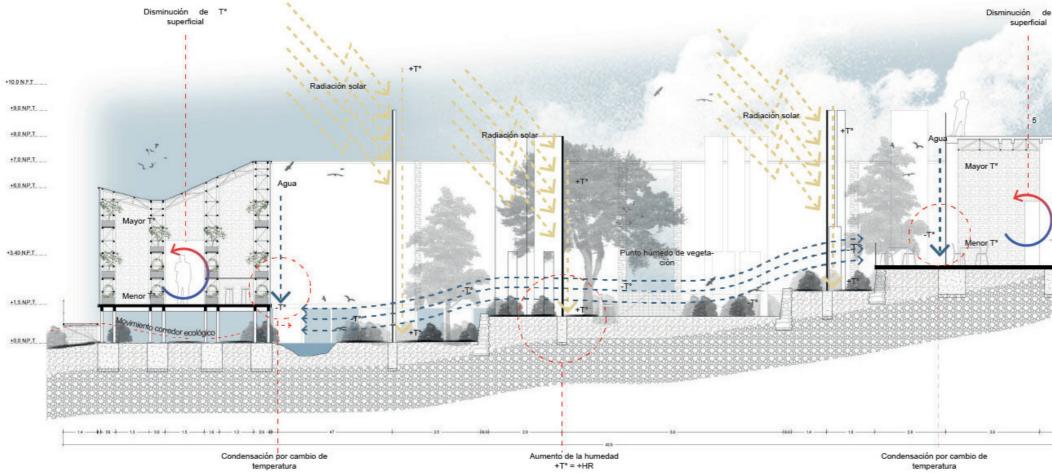
In response, the proposal involves the architecturization of the condensation phenomenon caused by temperature differentials, which enables water extraction from the air with a delta as small as 5°C. This temperature gradient is achieved by placing a humid core in tension with surfaces of high thermal conductivity. The harvested water is used to increase ambient humidity and support the reforestation of degraded areas. The quantity and placement of these hydric-architectural devices are regulated by a Master Plan, aimed at restoring and revitalizing a hillside in the "El Pajonal" watershed using native vegetation. The building is designed as a closed "ring" that, within its inner courtyard, articulates a humid core through Miyawaki forests, which interact with north-facing windows and metal sheets that absorb solar radiation. This configuration induces daytime condensation through temperature differentials, while nighttime condensation occurs naturally through dew point processes. The water generated serves multiple purposes: it is used in a plant nursery, supports reforestation areas, and is infiltrated into the subsoil to benefit the entire watershed downstream.

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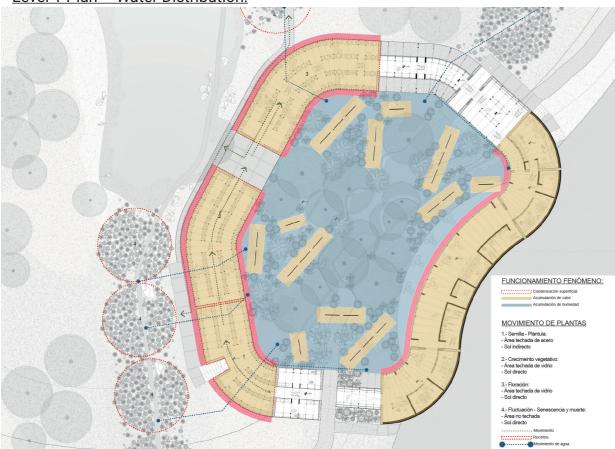
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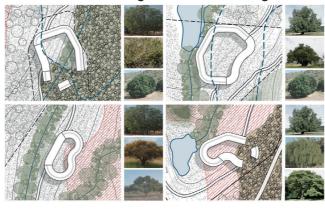




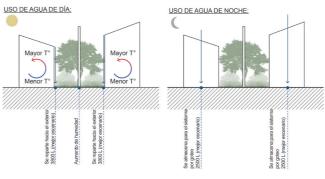
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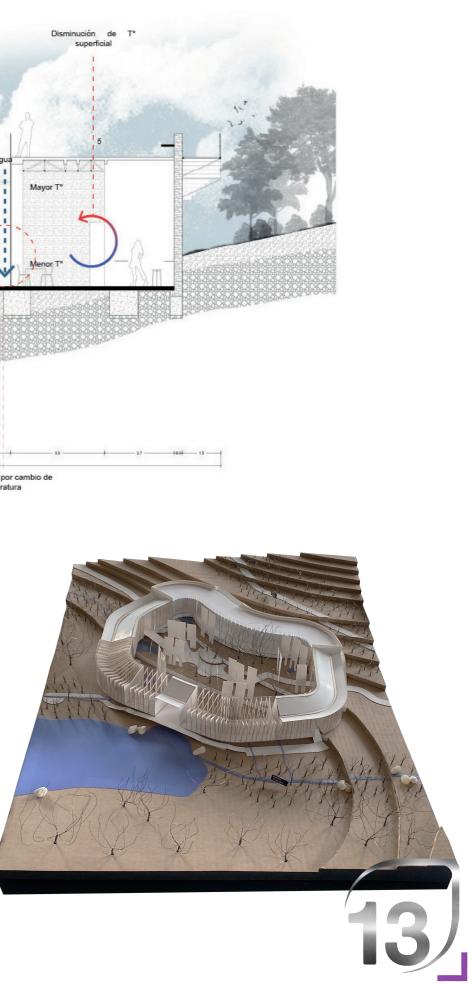


Plant material – Vegetation according to location:



Operation during the day and night:



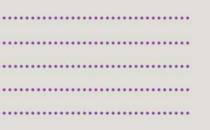




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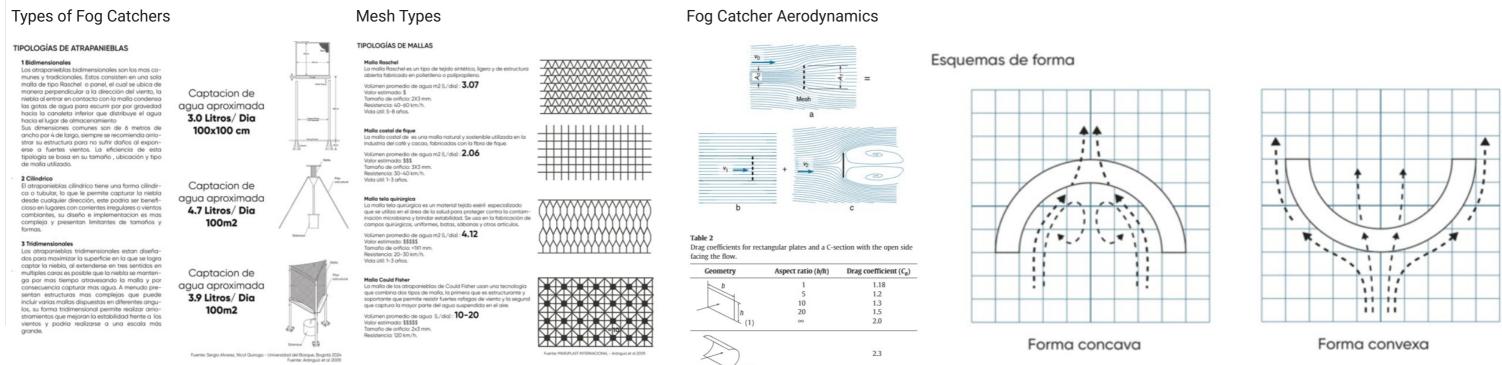
FOG CATCHER LIBRARY Innovative fog-harvesting architecture for resilient landscapes

San Agustín Watershed Program: Library Total water: minimum: 1.510 l/d maximum: 6.030 l/d Restoration area: 1.250 m²





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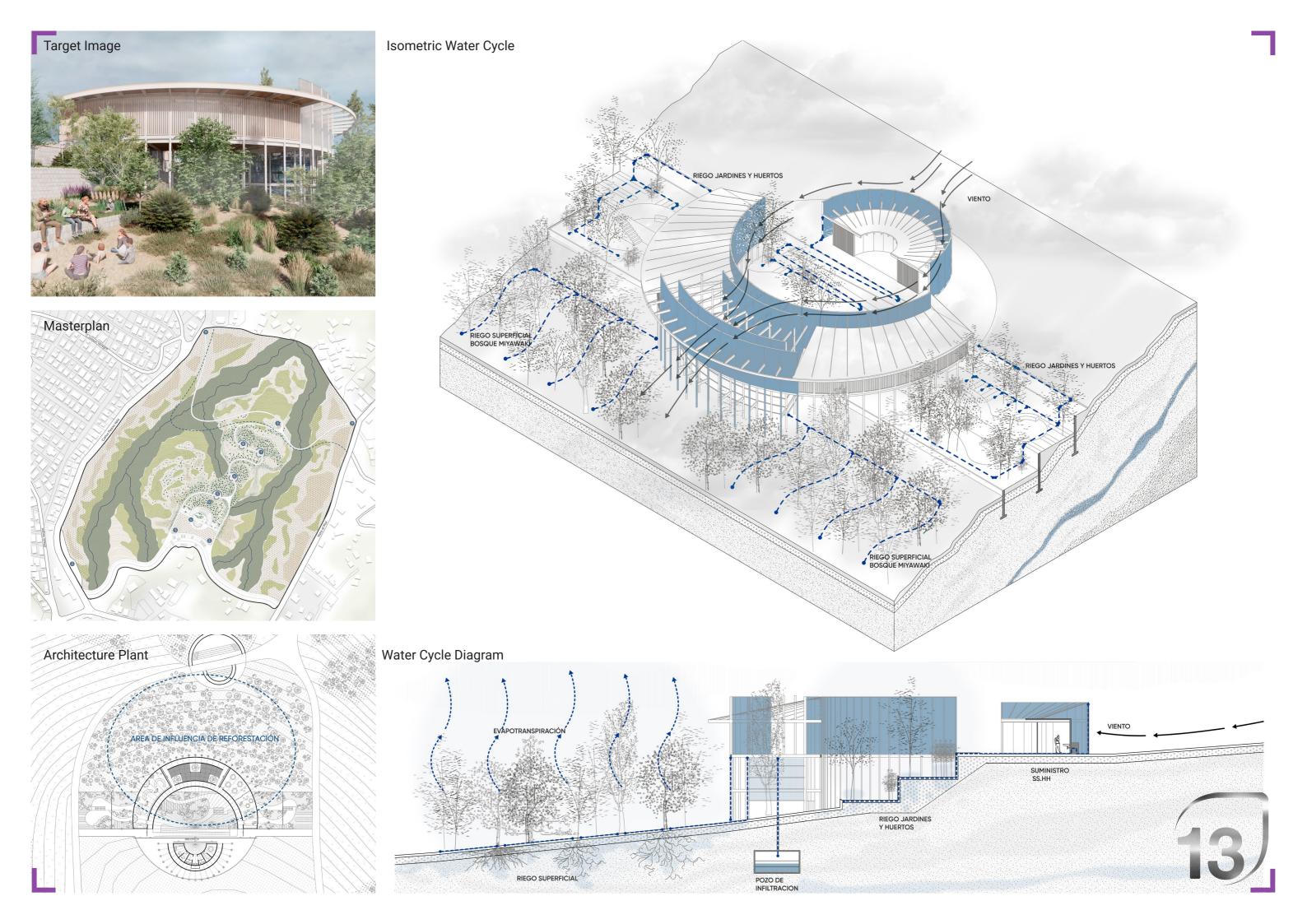
Strategy 2:

Climate change, combined with informal urban growth in the ravines of Valparaíso, has intensified water scarcity in these ecosystems. This condition has led to a loss of ambient humidity, soil degradation, and a decrease in vegetative cover, consequently increasing the risk of wildfires. In response to this scenario, the proposal introduces innovation in fog catcher design by integrating this technological component into a habitable architectural structure. The project envisions a community library located in the San Agustín watershed, oriented toward the prevailing southwesterly winds to optimize the capture of airborne moisture. Water collection is not limited to a series of fog-catching planes; rather, the form of the building itself is designed to enhance aerodynamic capture efficiency. The concave and convex shapes activate the Bernoulli principle, thereby increasing air friction over the mesh surfaces. The water harvested is used for subsoil infiltration and gravity-fed irrigation in degraded areas of the ravine, supporting reforestation efforts with native species. The hydric function of the device is complemented by the library's educational role, aiming to become a hub for applied environmental education. In essence, the project proposes a cultural, ecological, and technological space that transforms an environmental phenomenon into an active element of inhabitation. The proposal not only seeks to strengthen the landscape's resilience to climate change, but also to promote access to both education and water resources through an architecture that is deeply responsive to its territory.

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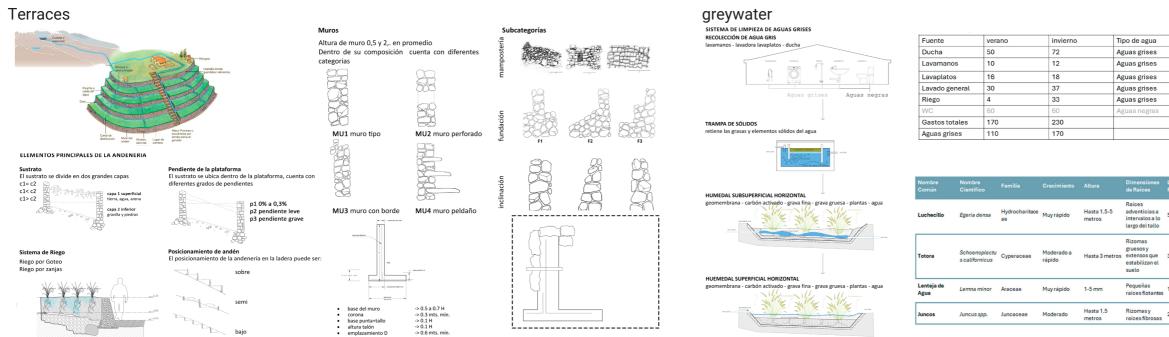
TERRACES OF LIVING WATER System of terraces for soil regeneration and water infiltration.

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Academic year	2024 - 2025.
Title of the project	Terraces of Living Water, System of terraces for soil regeneration and water infiltration.
Authors	Karla Osorio Salazar.

Cabritería Watershed. Program: Plant nursery + agricultural terraces. Total water: 27.500 l/d Restoration area: 1.720 m²



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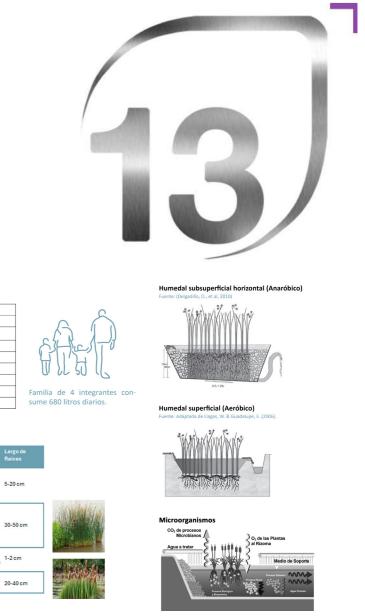
The territory shows signs of environmental degradation, primarily due to water erosion caused by surface runoff on a steep hillside, compounded by the lack of vegetative cover and the presence of informal housing lacking proper planning and infrastructure.

In response, the proposal envisions a landscape intervention with a regenerative focus, aiming to restore the ecological functions of the soil by stabilizing the terrain, improving water management, and strengthening the relationship between the community and the territory. The central element is a productive terracing system, whose uppermost tier is fed by constructed wetlands that treat nearby domestic greywater. This treatment improves water quality, enabling its reuse in a productive and ecological cycle. Once purified, the water serves three main purposes: irrigating the agricultural terraces, supplying a plant nursery, and supporting reforestation areas. Additionally, any unused water is automatically infiltrated into the soil, minimizing hydric entropy. The project includes four groups of agricultural terraces dedicated to aromatic herbs, vegetables, fruit trees, and legumes. These are complemented by viewpoints, gathering spaces, and pathways, organized through trails and stairways that converge at a large plant nursery system, which acts as the central hub for all agricultural activities: composting, germination, education, planting, caretaking, and harvesting. The nursery also supports the cultivation of native plant species for reforestation purposes.

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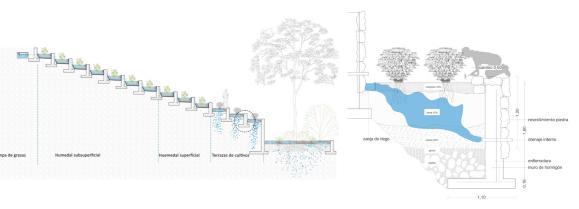
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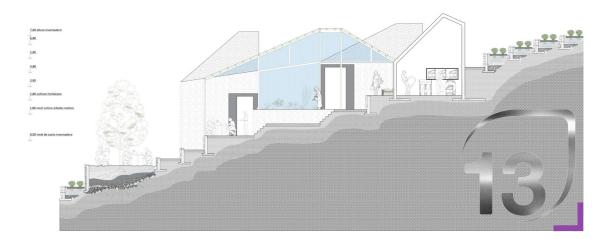


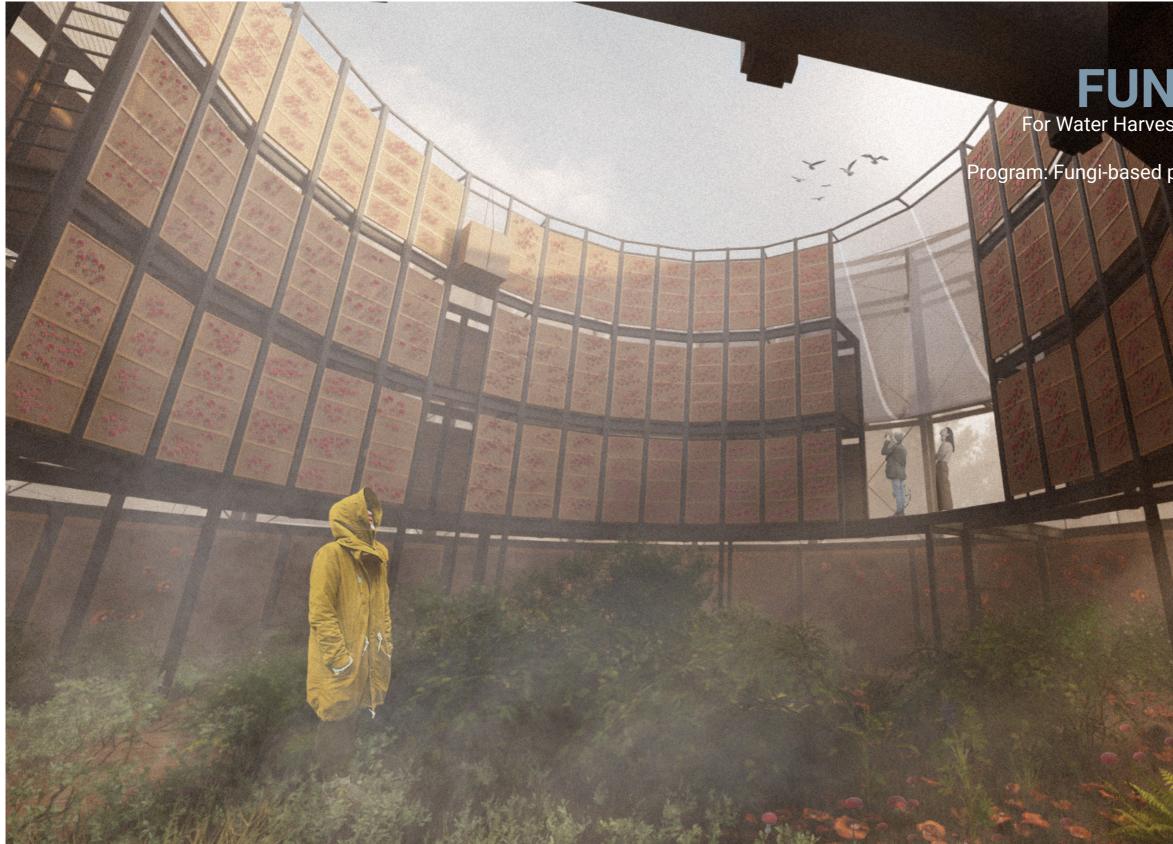


Water infrastructure elements



Architectural artifact - Plant nursery





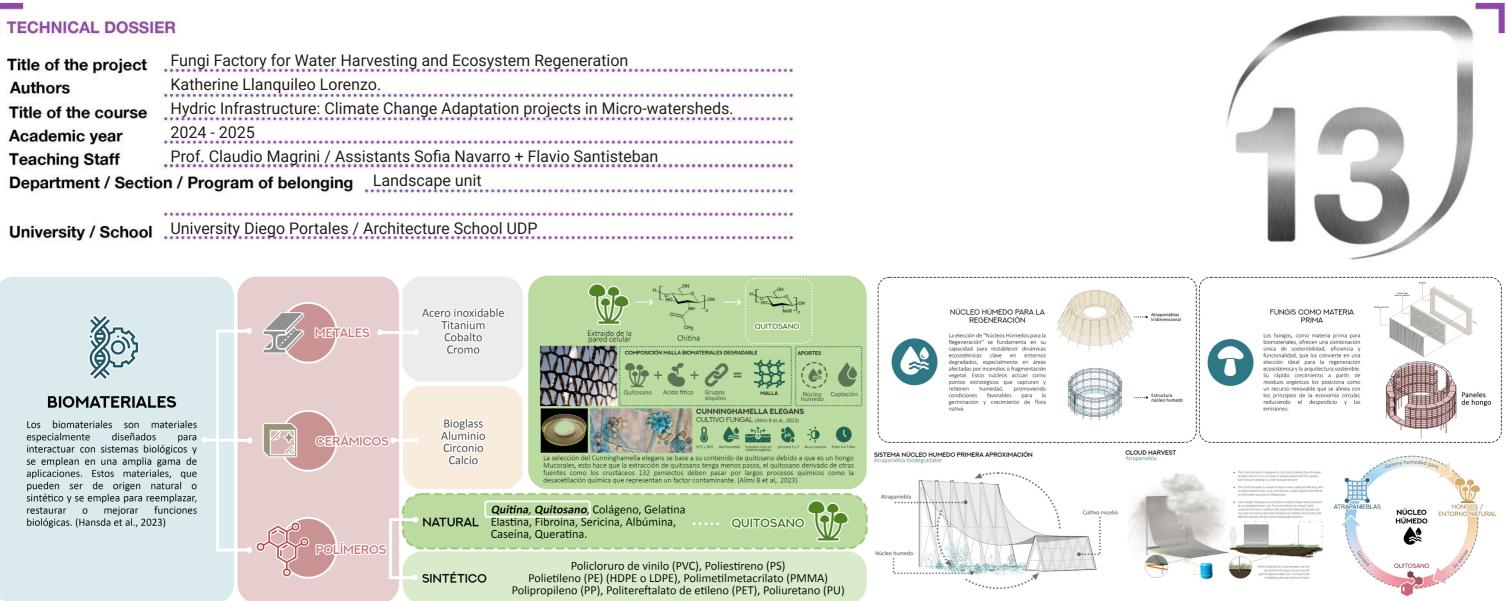
Country/City University / School	Santiago, Chile. Diego Portales University.
Academic year	2024 - 2025.
Title of the project	Fungi Factory for Water Harvesting and Ecosystem Regeneration
Authors	Katherine Llanquileo Lorenzo

FUNGLEACTORY For Water Harvesting and Ecosystem Regeneration Borde Este Watershed.

Borde Este Watershed. Program: Fungi-based productive and educational center. Total water: minimum: 2850 I/d maximum: 5400 I/d Restoration area: 6450 m²

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Title of the project Authors	Fungi Factory for Water Harvesting and Ecosystem Regeneration Katherine Llanquileo Lorenzo.
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Strategy 4

The ravine ecosystems of Valparaíso are facing water scarcity as a direct consequence of climate change and human intervention. This scarcity has led to the spatial fragmentation of native vegetation, putting key ecological processes in the region at risk. To address this fragmentation, the project proposes the creation of a network of humid cores strategically located throughout the territory. Each core integrates a biotechnological fog-catching infrastructure made from biodegradable and regenerative biomaterials, specifically chitosan-a biopolymer derived from the chitin found in fungi, which will be cultivated within the cores themselves. In this way, each humid core functions simultaneously as a water-harvesting infrastructure and a productive platform for the very material that composes its own fog-catching mesh, implementing a self-sustaining system based on the principles of circular design. This strategy closes the production cycle by using a locally sourced biomaterial (Cunninghamella elegans), thereby strengthening the ecological resilience of the environment. The humid cores are composed of modular panels used for mushroom cultivation, from which chitosan is extracted and used to manufacture the fog-catching meshes. At the same time, the panels that are connected directly to the ground form an underground mycelium network, which links the roots of trees and plants and supports the regeneration of the ecosystem. This productive circuit is anchored by a publicly accessible laboratory and research center located within the project. This center plays an educational role, aiming to disseminate and democratize knowledge about fungal biomaterials beyond the boundaries of the scientific community.

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Isometric section humid node

