

100 Miles Across The Andes and Into The Jungle....



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A Talk for any Dreamers out there....



We also only arrived back 60 hours ago: fresh & raw....
(...my phobia of Nutella Wraps is still strong)

We also wonder if longest walk to a new caving area?
(...100 miles and > 8,000 m of ascent; in 10 days)
(... some of the worst paths I have ever seen)



The Story of North Peru 2025...

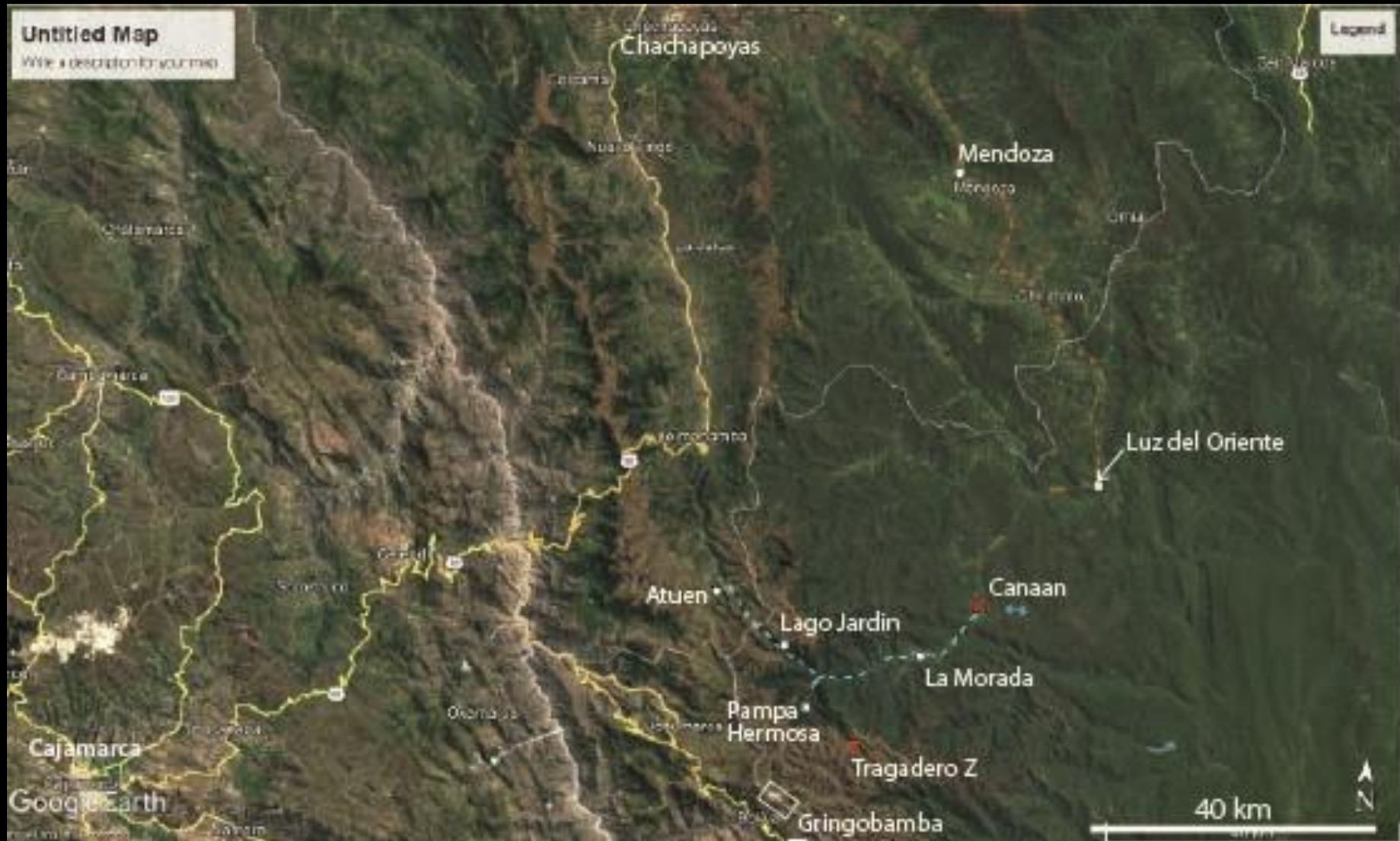
Joy of Uncertainty: stick or twist?



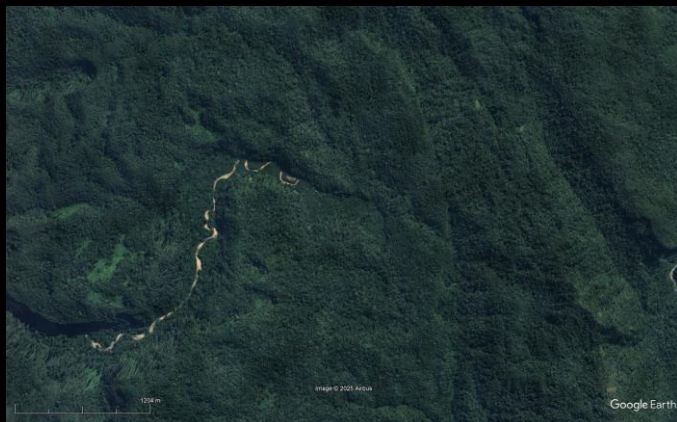
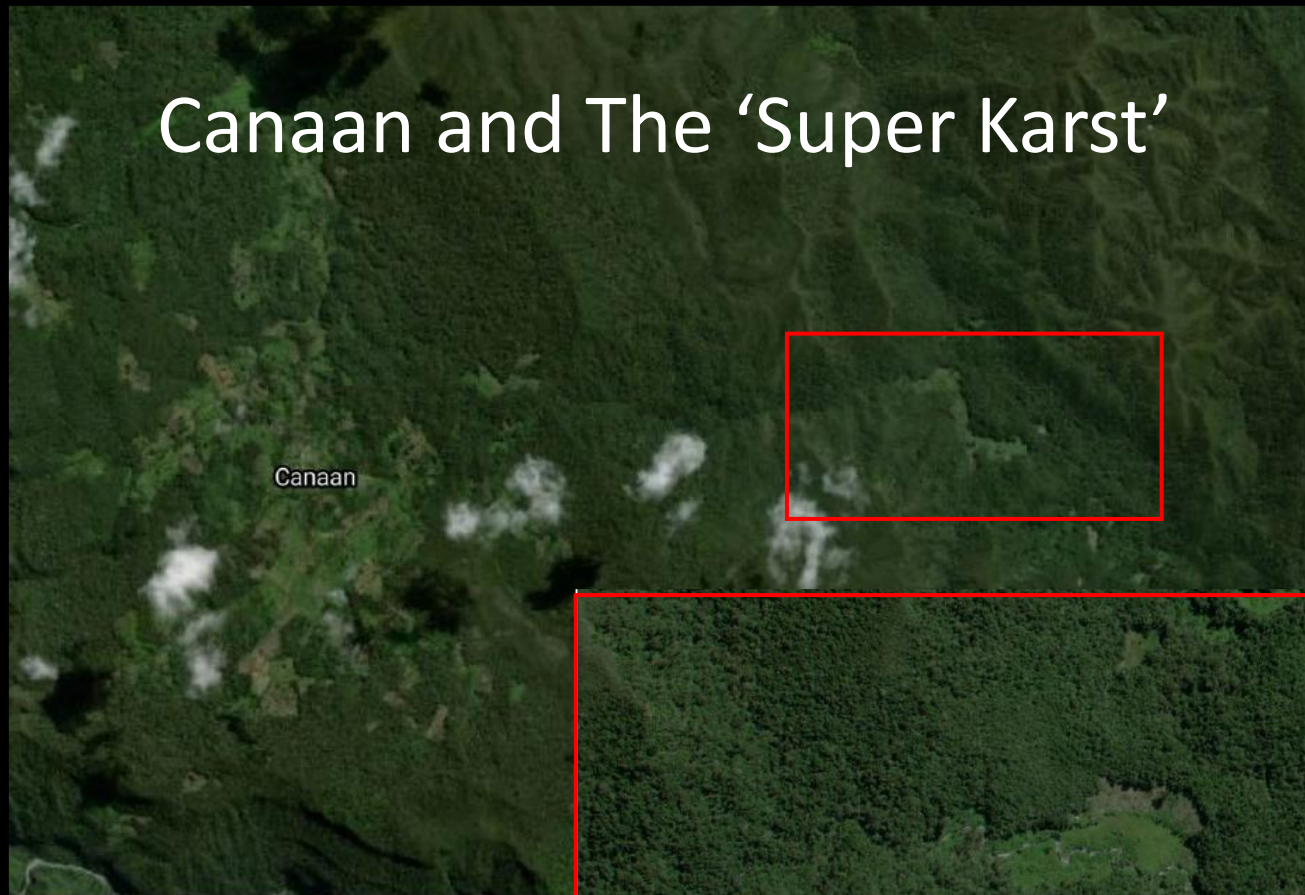
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Canaan Super Karst and Trugadero Z

Canaan 'Super Karst' & Tragadero Z



Canaan and The 'Super Karst'



Tragadero Z

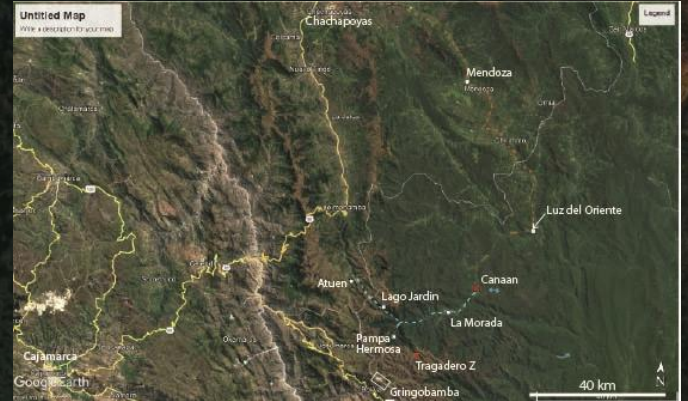
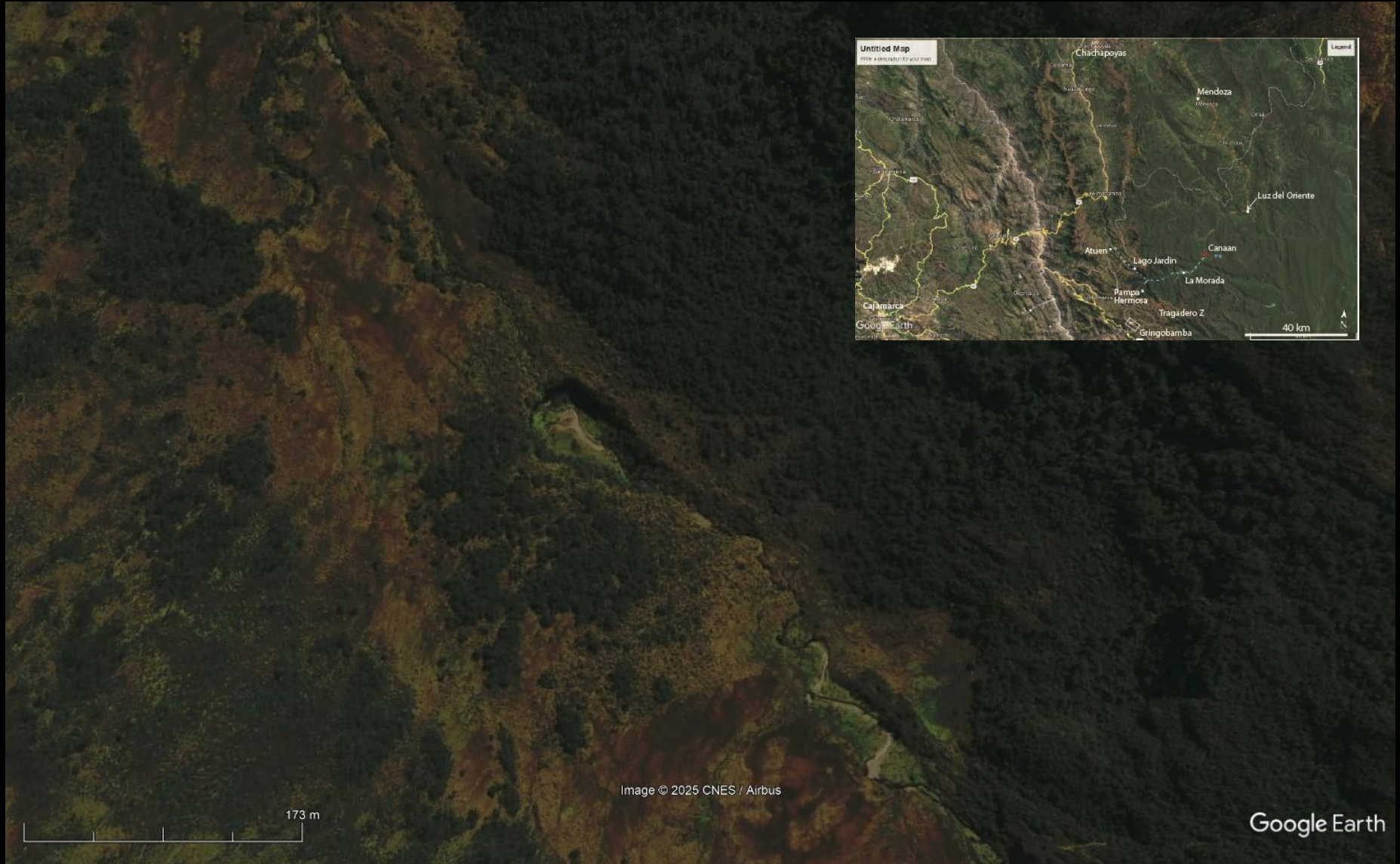


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Google Earth

Tonio meets Ever from La Morada



Critical bridge has been repaired....

Atuen route is best way.....and we can pop into Tragadero Z en route.

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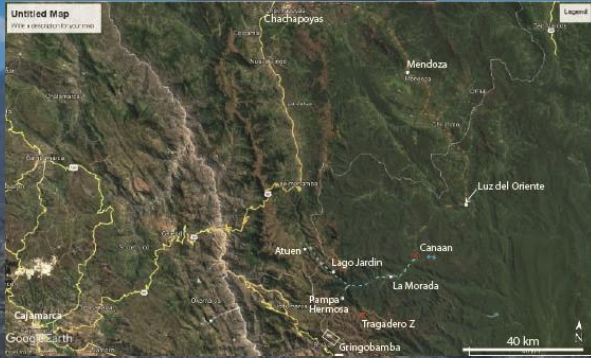
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Chachapoyas to Atuen Road-head: one of the world's craziest roads?



Atuen: in the pouring rain....



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Day 1: Atuen to Lago Jardin





Lago Jardin



Day 2: Lago Jardin to La Morada



La Morada



Day 3: Politics: Tonio plays a blinder....



Politics surface between La Morada and Canaan...

We do not have enough money...

Tonio makes a speech worthy of Hamlet...

And a compromise is reached....

Day 4: La Morada to Canaan



Caves! Good limestone!
Saved lead for the way back....



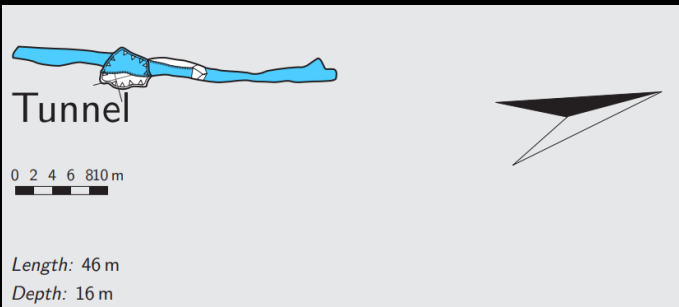
La Cuesta Amor Inmenso..... (the ridge of immense love....)



Canaan



Day 5: Caves adjacent to Canaan



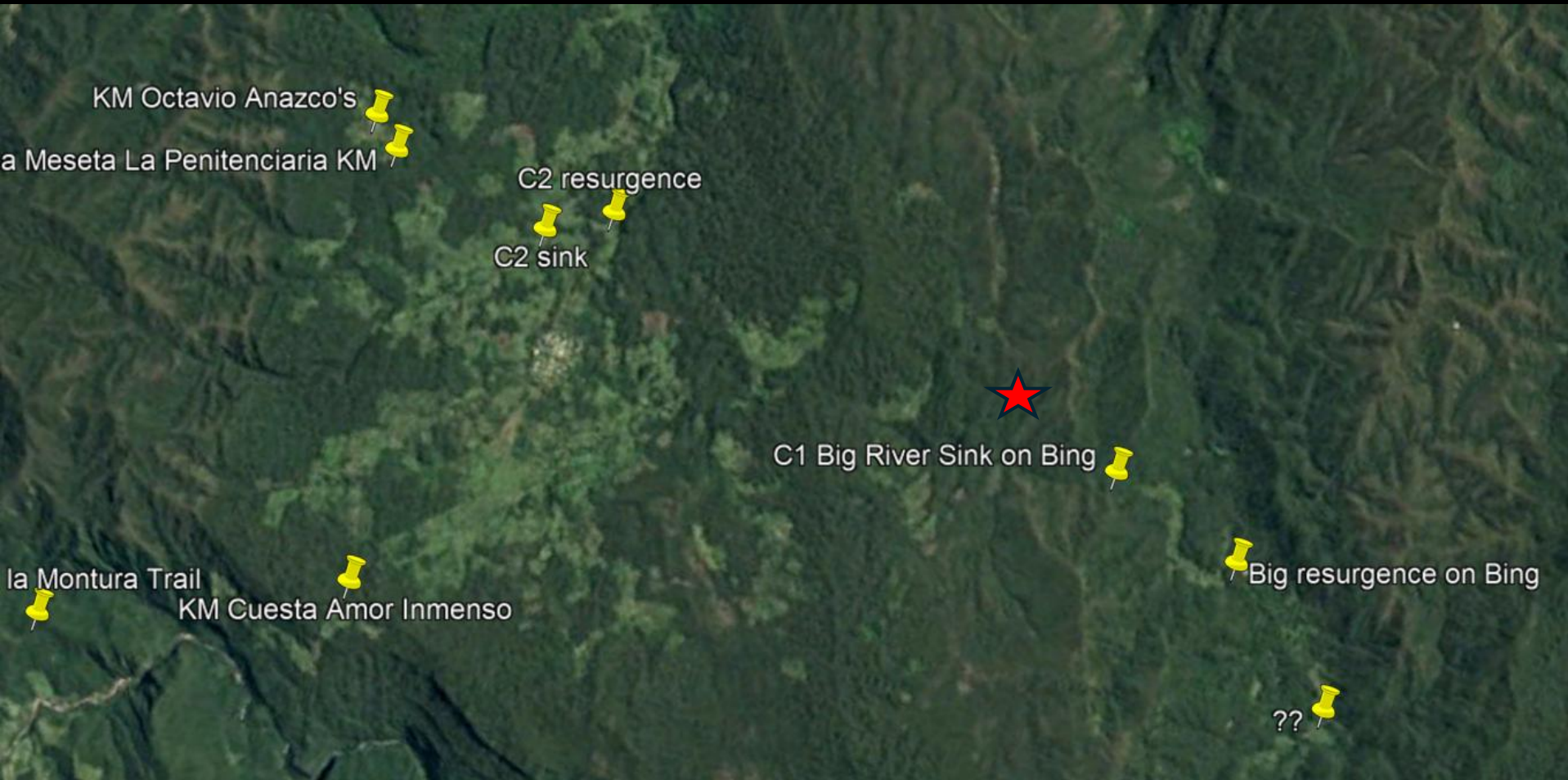
Fossil Cave Above – 333m surveyed



Day 6: (final caving day) off into Jungle



Heading to big river sink & resurgence



Megadoline – with roar of water....



















Our mega-doline river is ~150 m higher than big river sink...must be an inlet!

There is a 'black lagoon' 2 hours away, and a big sink (tragadero) one hour more...

Day 7: Canaan to La Morada





But river has risen overnight after heavy rain

Day 8: La Morada to the Bee Hut



Day 9: Bee Hut to Lago Jardin / Col



Day 10: Col to Atuen Road head...



Road head ahoy – happy days....



How to do it next time...?



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‘So, would you go back....?’



Thank You!!

