

The writing of the first version of this book was finished in April 2006. Since then, multiple things have occurred that provide evidence of its practical significance, including the Nobel Peace Prize, October 2007, given to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and to the former USA vice president Mr. Al Gore. *ENSO What?* is not a document about climate change, but, rather it presents the conclusions of a LA RED and IAI research project on why El Niño and La Niña cause such disasters in Latin America, helps us to understand how human being are related to their territory (and its climate, which is one of the main components), and why in this relationship the lack of sustainability bring more risks, risks that on many occasions become disasters. But overall, this book brings tools and concepts to empower a local cause to achieve securer territories, shifting those relationships for the benefit of the community and the ecosystems.



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