



'Varzea' forest on the Isla de Marchantheria in the Rio Solimoes at the onset of flooding, 10 km upstream from Manaus, Brazil, March 12, 1999. The water moves very slowly through the forest and carries driftwood and debris. The Solimoes River, the name of the Amazon River upstream of Manaus, carries sediment-rich waters from the Andes Mountains. (Photograph by Reiner Zimmermann.)