

A satellite map of the world showing the continents and oceans. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, with North and South America on the left, Europe and Africa in the center, and Asia and Australia on the right. The colors represent different land and water features: green for forests, brown for deserts and dry land, blue for oceans, and white for ice sheets and glaciers.

The power of the Cloud & the power of Partnerships

Using satellite imagery in the SDGs: the case of 6.6.1

UN-GGIM Side Event
27 November 2017
Rebecca Moore
Director, Google Earth, Earth Engine & Earth Outreach



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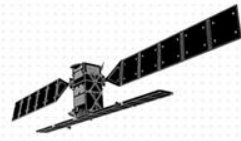
COPERNICUS AND ITS SENTINELS

European Earth Observation Programme Copernicus: observing our planet for a safer world

- Known as GMES until 2012 - Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
- 30 Public and Private missions are also contributing data
- 16 years of development and testing
- Sentinel-Missions at the heart of the space component
- Civil Security: Allowing early warning and crisis prevention in conflict and disaster areas
- Emergency Management: Accurate and timely data for emergency plans and rescue for disaster management
- Land Surface Monitoring: Geographical information on land cover, related variables and urban development
- Marine Environmental Monitoring: Observations and forecasts on the state of the physical oceans and regional seas
- Climate Change Monitoring: Helps to understand the reason for climate change, rising sea levels and melting ice caps
- Earth Atmosphere Monitoring: Daily information on the global atmospheric composition and when Sentinel-5 is in service this will be hourly

SENTINEL-1

- All-weather, day-and-night radar imaging satellite for land and oceans services
- Able to "see" through clouds and rain
- Data delivery within 1 hour of acquisition
- Airbus Defence and Space developed C-band radar instrument



SENTINEL-2

- Medium Res Multispectral optical satellite for observation of land, vegetation and water
- 13 spectral bands with 10, 20 or 60 m resolution and 290km swaths width
- Global coverage of the Earth's land surface every 5 days
- Airbus Defence and Space prime contractor for satellites and instruments



SENTINEL-3

- Measures sea-surface topography with a resolution of 300 m, sea and land surface temperature and colour with a resolution of 1 km
- Measures water vapour, cloud water content and thermal radiation emitted by the Earth
- Determines global sea surface temperatures with an accuracy greater than 0.3 K
- Airbus Defence and Space supplies Microwave Radiometer



SENTINEL-5P

- Global observation of key atmospheric constituents, including ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and other environmental pollutants
- Improves climate models and weather forecasts
- Provides data continuously during five-year gap between the retirement of Envisat and the launch of Sentinel-5
- Airbus Defence and Space prime contractor for satellite and TROPOMI instrument



SENTINEL-4

- Provides hourly updates on air quality with data on atmospheric aerosol and trace gas concentrations
- Spatial sampling is 8km and spectral resolution between 0.12 nm and 0.5 nm
- Airbus Defence and Space prime contractor for spectrometer
- Carried aboard EUMETSAT's Meteosat Third Generation (MTG) satellites



SENTINEL-5

- Measures air quality and solar radiation, monitors stratospheric ozone and the climate
- Global coverage of Earth's atmosphere with an unprecedented spatial resolution
- Airbus Defence and Space prime contractor for instrument
- Carried aboard EUMETSAT's MetOp Second Generation satellites



SENTINEL-6

- Observes changes in sea surface height with an accuracy of a few centimeters
- Global mapping of the sea surface topography every 10 days
- Enables precise observation of ocean currents and ocean heat storage, vital for predicting rises in sea levels
- Airbus Defence and Space prime contractor for satellite



2014

2020



6 Million Landsat images (1972-2017)

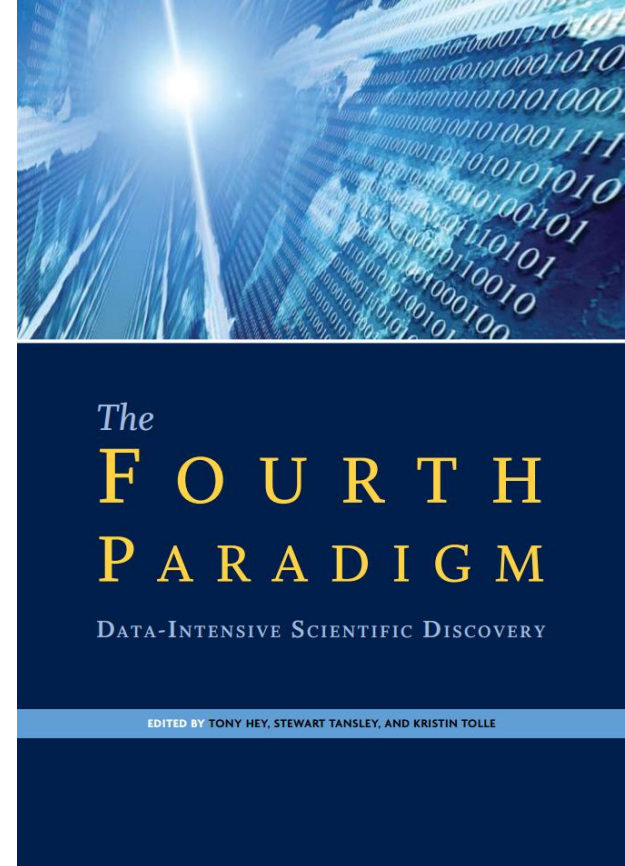
2 Petabytes stored on tapes at USGS

Earth Observation Data Archives



*"Often it turns out to be more efficient
to move the questions than to move
the data."*

-Jim Gray (1944-2007)





Google Cloud: Data Storage co-located with Processing

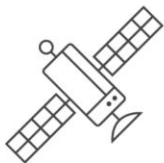
A planetary-scale platform for Earth science data & analysis

Powered by Google's cloud infrastructure

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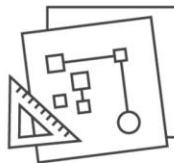
Meet Earth Engine

Google Earth Engine combines a multi-petabyte catalog of satellite imagery and geospatial datasets with planetary-scale analysis capabilities and makes it available for scientists, researchers, and developers to detect changes, map trends, and quantify differences on the Earth's surface.



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REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS



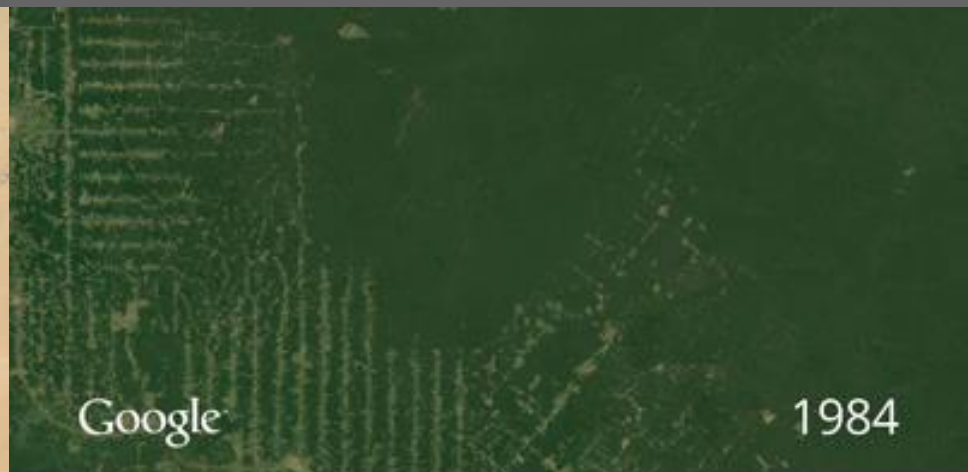
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Saudi Arabia Irrigation, 1984-2012



Dubai Coastal Expansion, 1984-2012



Brazilian Amazon Deforestation, 1984-2012



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1984



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32 years

of satellite data

5,000,000

+
Landsat scenes analyzed

3

quadrillion pixels

More than **2M** hours of computation over **66,000** computers

Elapsed time: **~1.5** days to build the mosaics

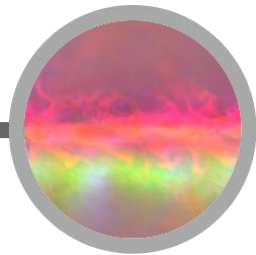
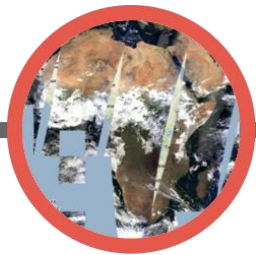
TIMELAPSE

Watch the world change over the course of nearly three decades of satellite photography

Pictured: The megacity of Dubai grows in the desert, from 1984 to today

The Earth Engine Public Data Catalog

Our (long-term) mission: Organize **all the world's Earth science data** and make it universally accessible and useful, with computation on top.



Today:

> 200 public datasets

> 11 million images

> 6000 new images every day

> 8 petabytes of data

Massive scale of Cloud-computation

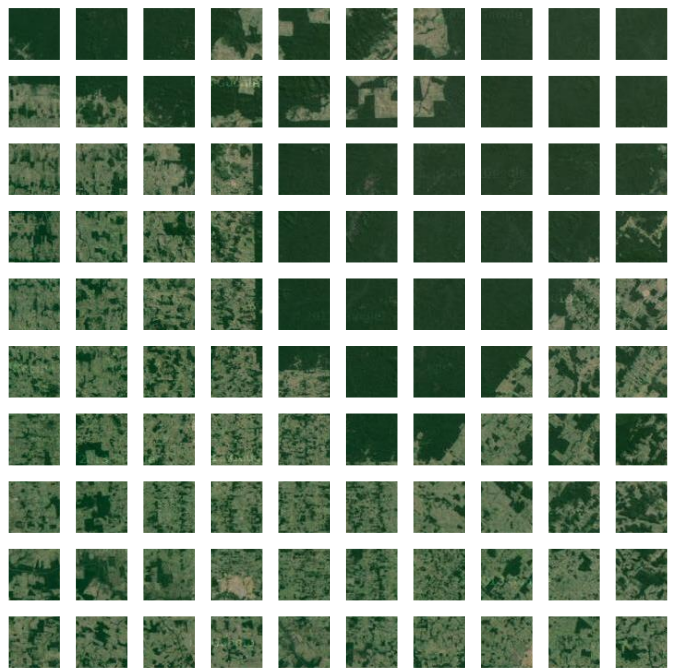
Parallel-processing on thousands of CPUs



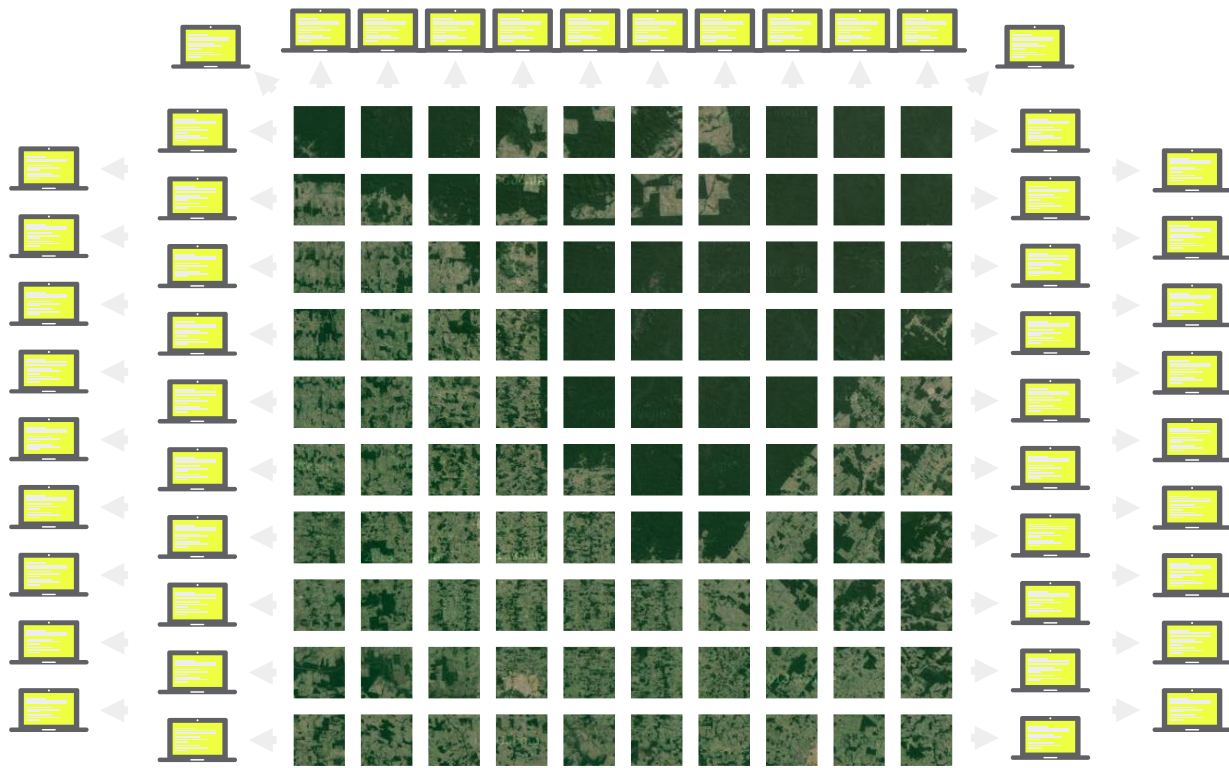
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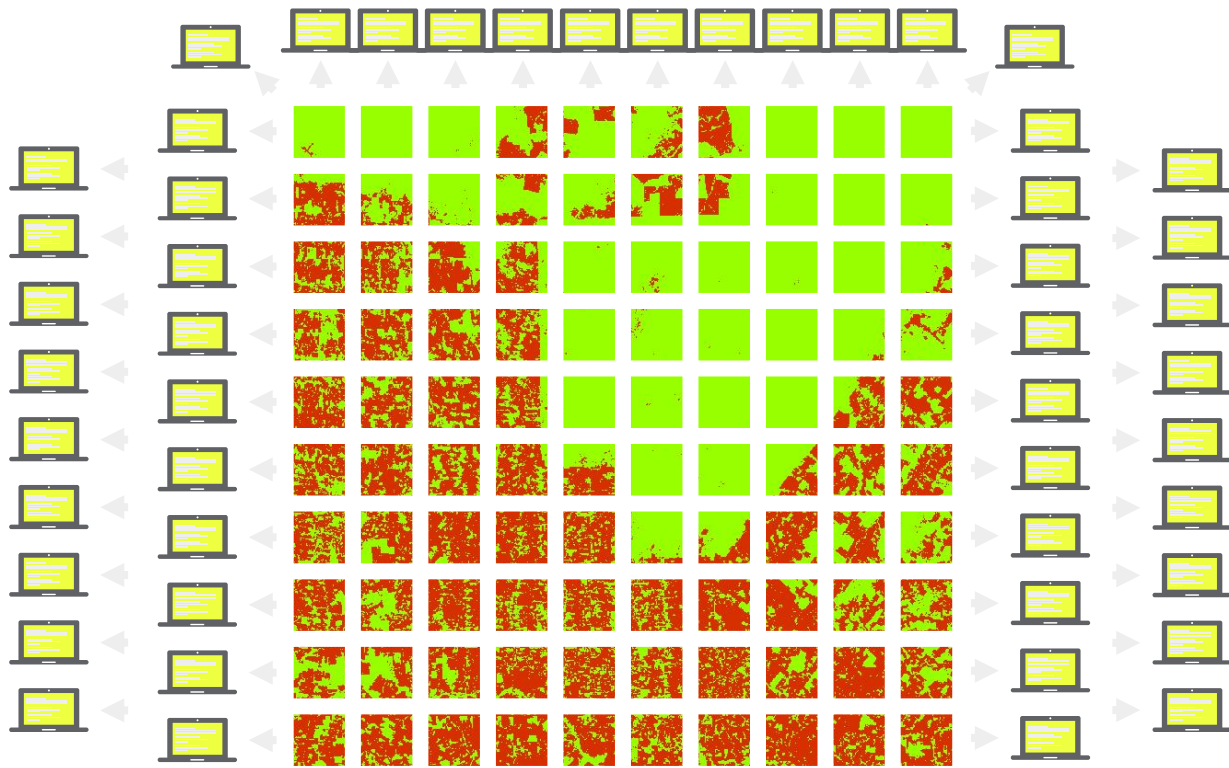


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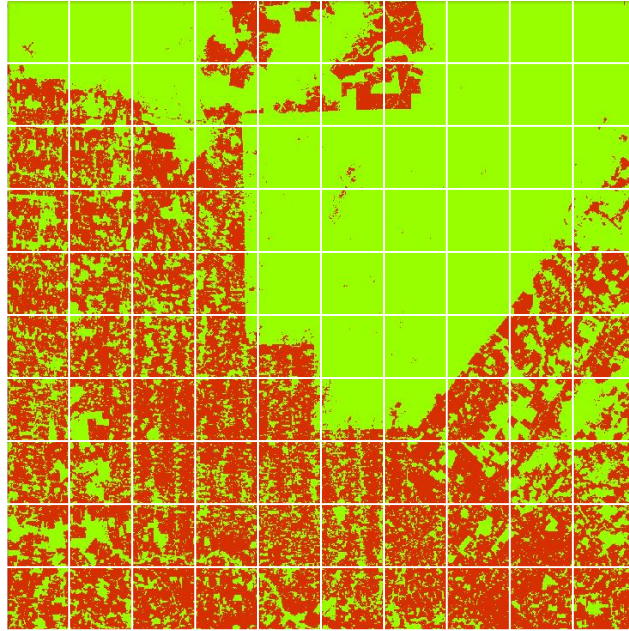


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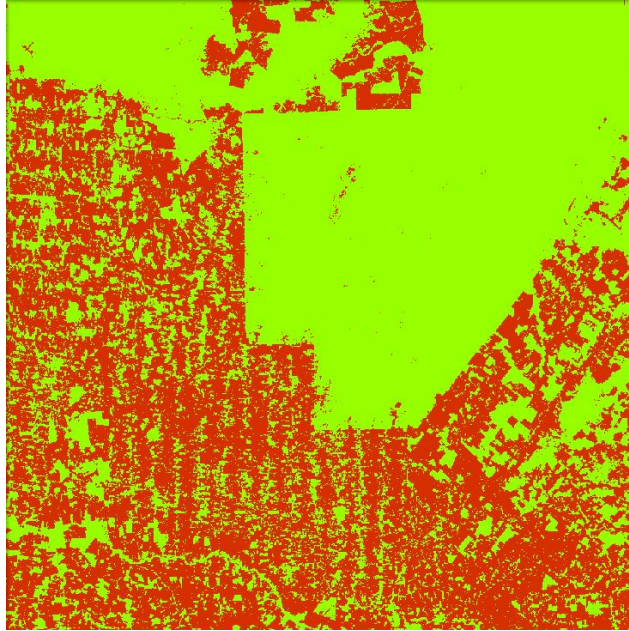
to separate machines where they can be processed in parallel.



**Thousands can be processed
simultaneously.**



Result is reassembled



Result is reassembled
into a finished image.

The background is a dark, moody photograph of a forest. Large, textured tree trunks are visible, particularly on the right side. The ground is covered with ferns and fallen logs, creating a sense of a dense, ancient woodland. The lighting is low, with some highlights on the tree bark and foliage.

Global Forests: *Map, Measure, Monitor*

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High-Resolution Global Maps of 21st-Century Forest Cover Change

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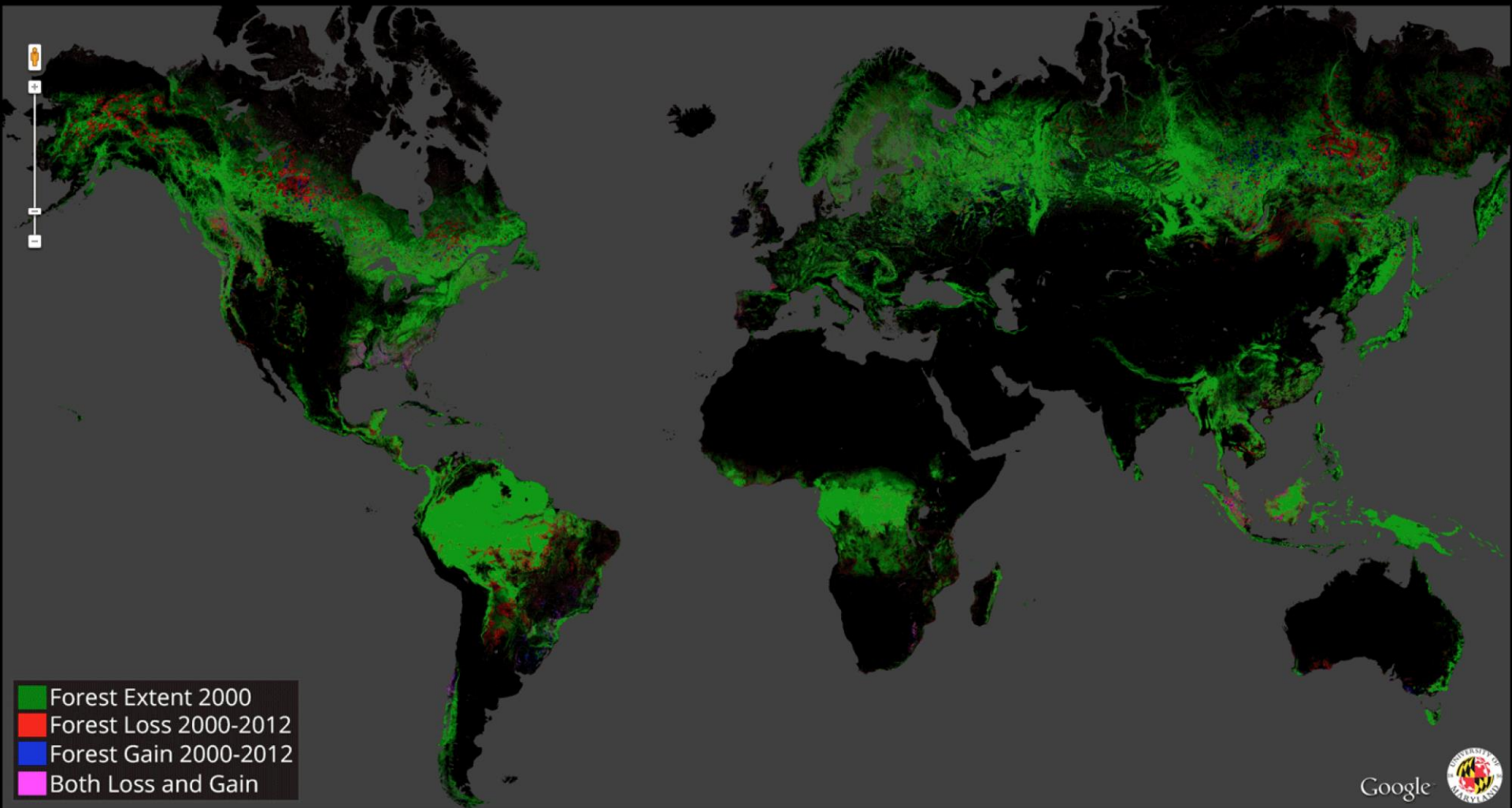
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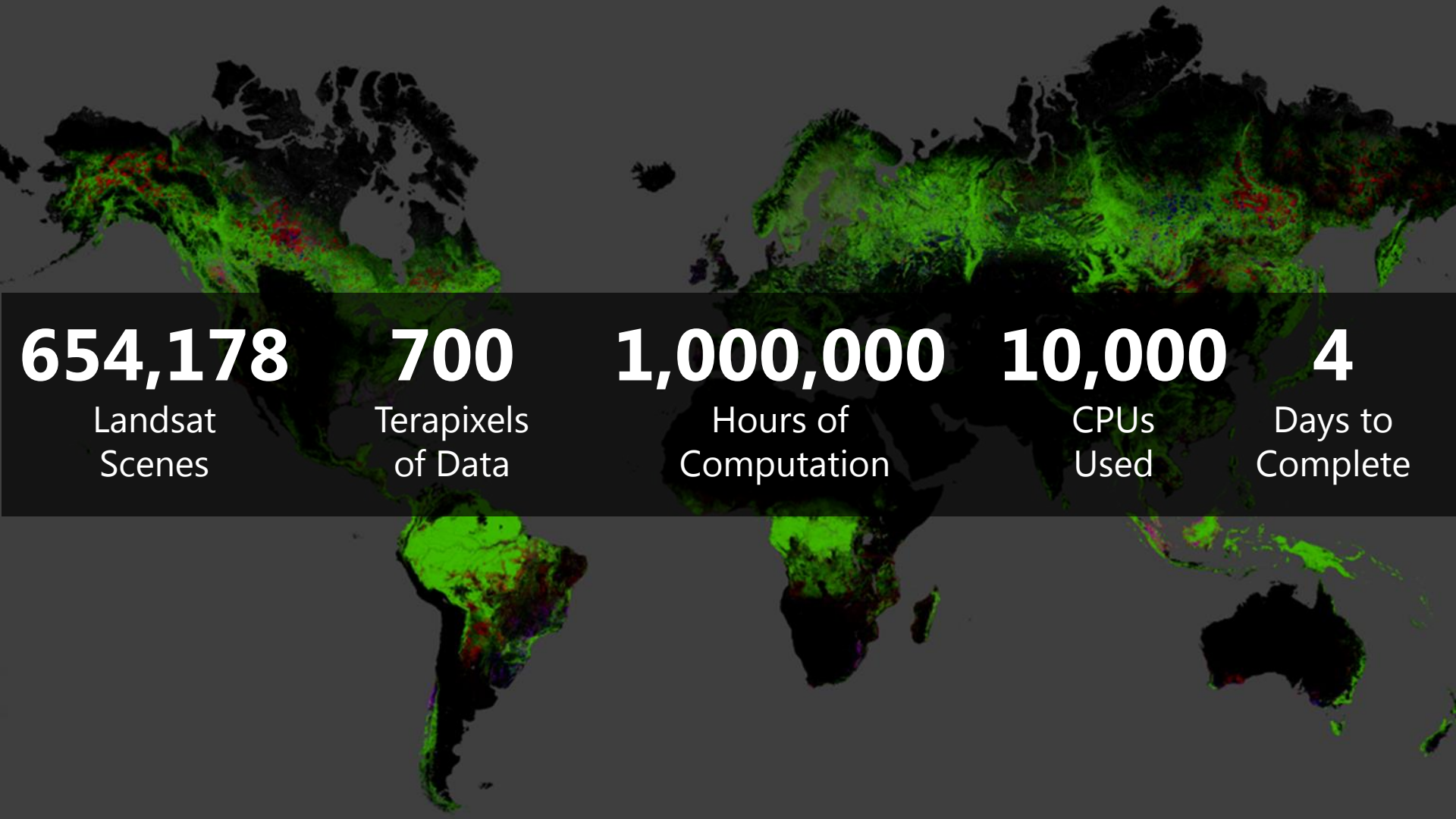
ABSTRACT

EDITOR'S SUMMARY

Quantification of global forest change has been lacking despite the recognized importance of forest ecosystem services. In this study, Earth observation satellite data were used to map global forest loss (2.3 million square kilometers) and gain (0.8 million square kilometers) from 2000 to 2012 at a spatial resolution of 30 meters. The tropics were the only climate domain to exhibit a trend, with forest loss increasing by 2101 square kilometers per year. Brazil's well-documented reduction in deforestation was offset by increasing forest loss in Indonesia, Malaysia, Paraguay, Bolivia, Zambia, Angola, and elsewhere. Intensive forestry practiced within subtropical forests resulted in the highest rates of forest change globally. Boreal forest loss due largely to fire and forestry was second to that in the tropics in absolute and proportional terms. These results depict a globally consistent and locally relevant record of forest change.



- Forest Extent 2000
- Forest Loss 2000-2012
- Forest Gain 2000-2012
- Both Loss and Gain



654,178

Landsat
Scenes

700

Terapixels
of Data

1,000,000

Hours of
Computation

10,000

CPUs
Used

4

Days to
Complete

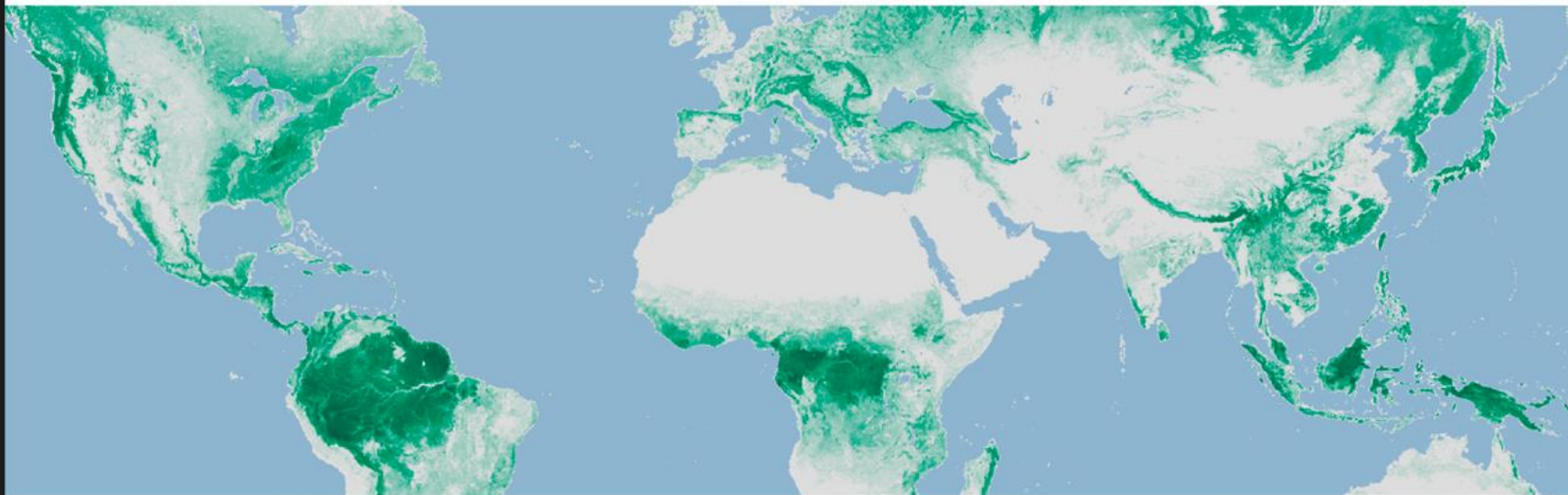
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in forests right now

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FOREST CHANGE

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Display
canopy

Search area

Default

[After citing Global Forest Watch on the floor](#), the Philippines House of Representatives approved a new bill prohibiting the destruction of mangrove forests.

[Illegal deforestation in Peru was revealed](#) using GFW's monitoring systems.

SELECTED AREA

SELECTED AREA

579.848 ha

-2012 with >10% canopy density

17.444 ha

-2012

104.275 ha

thm approximates the
sampling the selected area.
e more accurate at closer
s.

entire data set at project
website

UMD/Google tree cover loss (zoom in for most accurate viewing)



2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 20

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Tracking changes and preventing loss in critical tiger habitat

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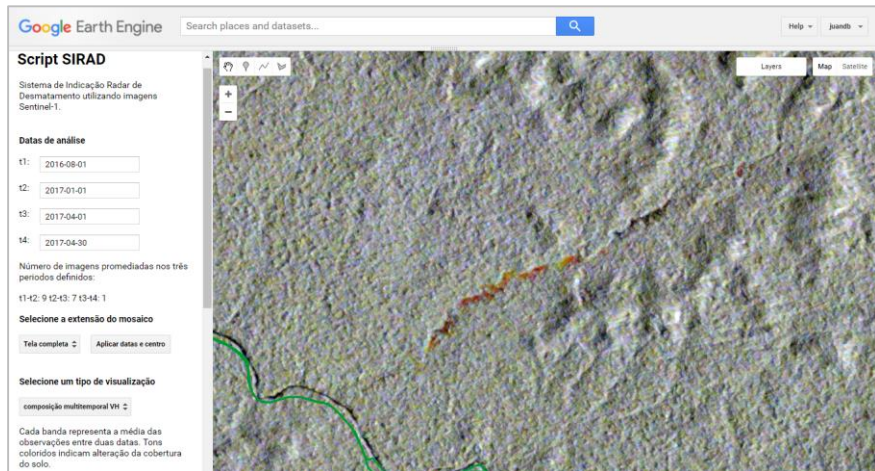
"This study was made possible by free availability of satellite imagery, cloud computing services, and interactive web tools. We were able to analyze 14 years of high-resolution global forest loss data across 76 landscapes that span 13 countries."



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Photo: Dibyendu Ash, www.goingwild.com

Chasing deforestation through the clouds



Lineal deforestation feature growing deep into a National Forest, identified by ISA in February using their SIRAD app on ESA Sentinel-1 radar data in Earth Engine.





Google and FAO partner to make remote sensing data more efficient and accessible

Partnership enhances ability to assess changing forest and to estimate greenhouse gas emissions



Forest researchers in Viet Nam use laser technologies to measure tree height and thickness.

1 December, Paris - Google Maps and FAO have agreed to work closely together to make geospatial tracking and mapping products more accessible, providing a high-technology assist to countries tackling climate change and much greater capacity to experts developing forest and land-use policies.

Digital technology tapping into satellite imagery is revolutionizing the way countries can assess, monitor and plan the use of their natural resources, including monitoring deforestation and desertification.

"For FAO, this is not just a partnership. This is a strategic alliance," said FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva, noting it combines FAO's global effort to combat climate

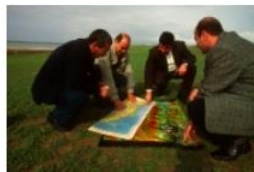


FAO's José Graziano da Silva and Google's Rebecca Moore celebrate the partnership formalization at COP21 in Paris.

Related link



[FAO support to Forest monitoring and assessment](#)



The extent of forest in dryland biomes

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Mapping the world's dry forests

The extent of forest area in dryland habitats, which occupy more than 40% of Earth's land surface, is uncertain compared with that in other biomes. Bastin *et al.* provide a global estimate of forest extent in drylands, calculated from high-resolution satellite images covering more than 200,000 plots. Forests in drylands are much more extensive than previously reported and cover a total area similar to that of tropical rainforests or boreal forests. This increases estimates of global forest cover by at least 9%, a finding that will be important in estimating the terrestrial carbon sink.

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High-resolution mapping of global surface water and its long-term changes

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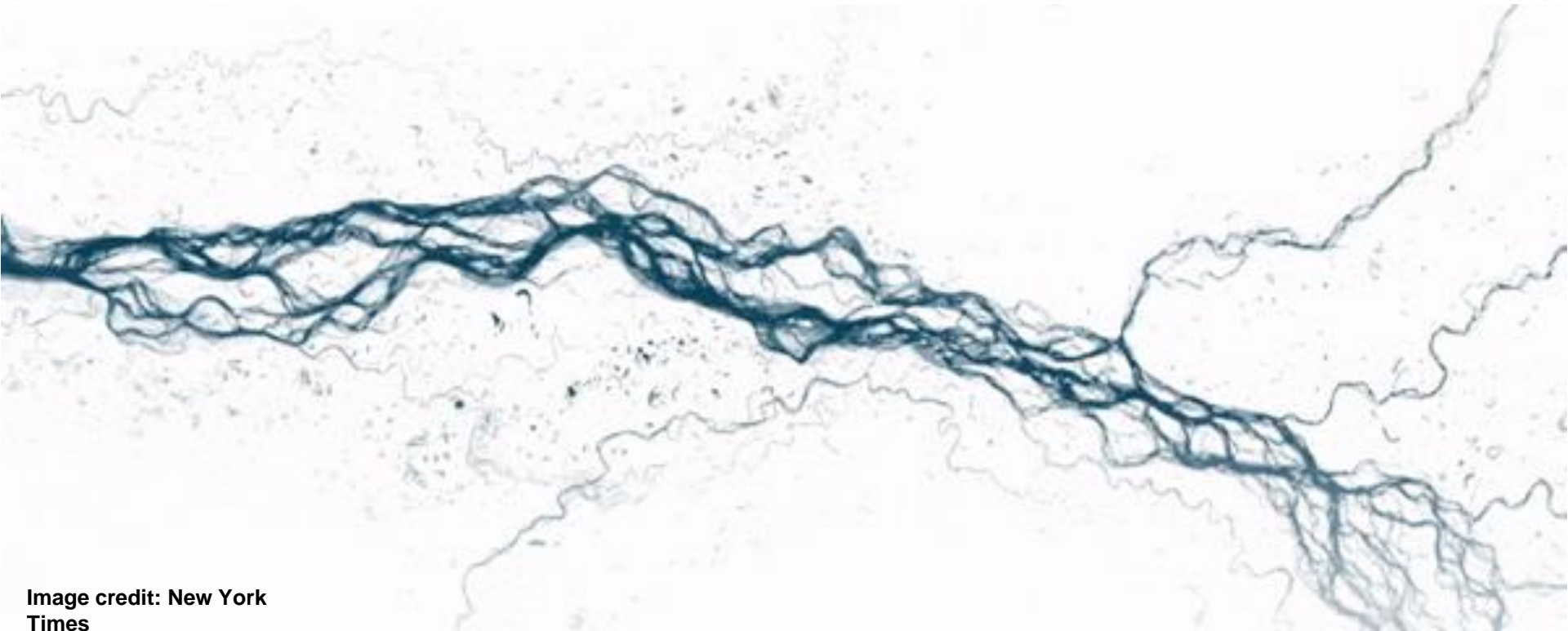
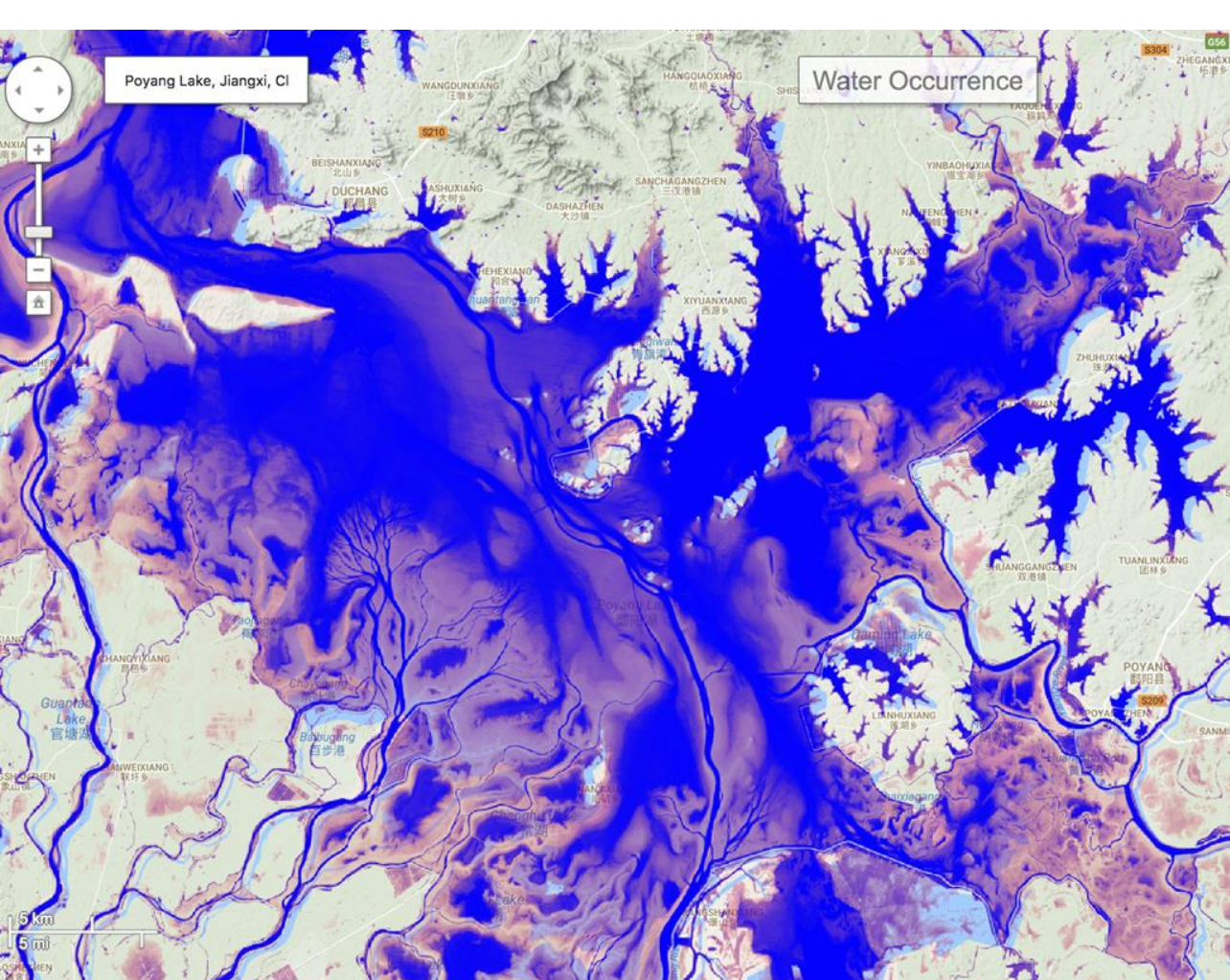


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Water Occurrence



Global Surface Water Explorer

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The European Commission's Joint Research Centre developed this new water dataset in the framework of the Copernicus Programme. This maps the location and temporal distribution of water surfaces at the global scale over the past 32 years and provides statistics on the extent and change of those water surfaces. The dataset, produced from Landsat imagery (courtesy USGS and NASA), will support applications including water resource management, climate modelling, biodiversity conservation and food security.

Note: Click anywhere on the map to obtain temporal profile charts for that location.

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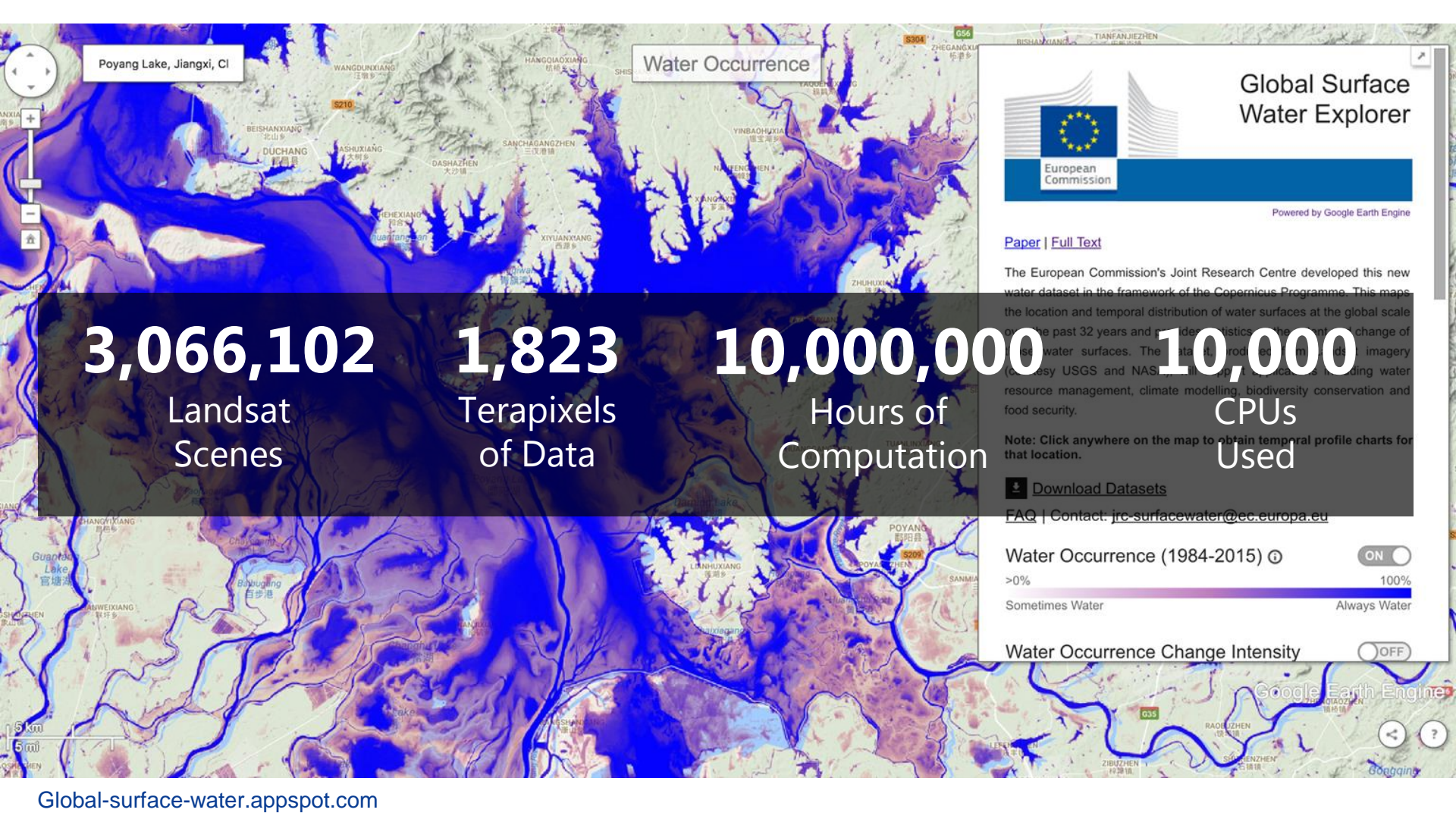
Sometimes Water

Always Water

Water Occurrence Change Intensity

OFF ☐

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Poyang Lake, Jiangxi, CI

Water Occurrence

3,066,102

Landsat
Scenes

1,823

Terapixels
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Water Occurrence Change Intensity ☐

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Google Earth Engine

Processing 3 million scenes on one computer would have taken 1,212 years

Processing 3 million scenes in Google's Earth Engine took 45 days



Start your computer running just after Charlemagne conquers Saxony in 804... leave it running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the water maps just might be ready today



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Bringing the Power of Google to Scientists in the Lower Mekong

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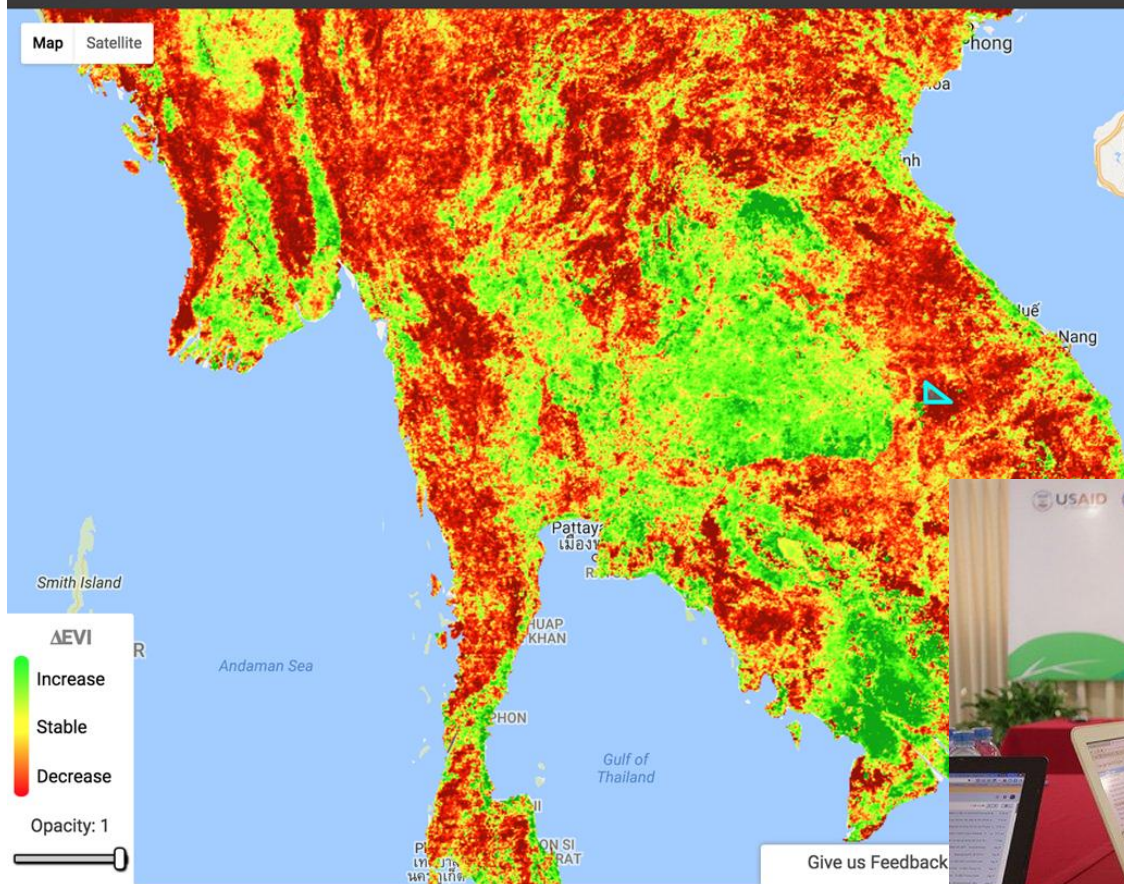
Landscapes on Earth are changing at unprecedented levels. For scientists, practitioners and environmental decision makers, tracking these changes efficiently and accurately is critical to protecting lives and livelihoods. While there are

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EcoDash Controls

Step 1: Select a time period for the baseline EVI

2000 - 2010



Step 2: Select a time period to measure Δ EVI

2010 - 2015



Step 3: Update the map with the cumulative Δ EVI

Update Map

Step 4: Choose a polygon selection method

- ☐ Province
- ☐ Country
- ☒ Draw Polygon



Coastal Risk Vanuatu

Predicted Coastal Flooding Resulting from Climate Change

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Where do you want to look?



Maskelyne

Mele

Port Vila

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Place Search 

 Predicted  Manual

Predicted Inundation Scenario

1.High 

Current Day Highest Tide	2100 + 0.74m Highest Tide
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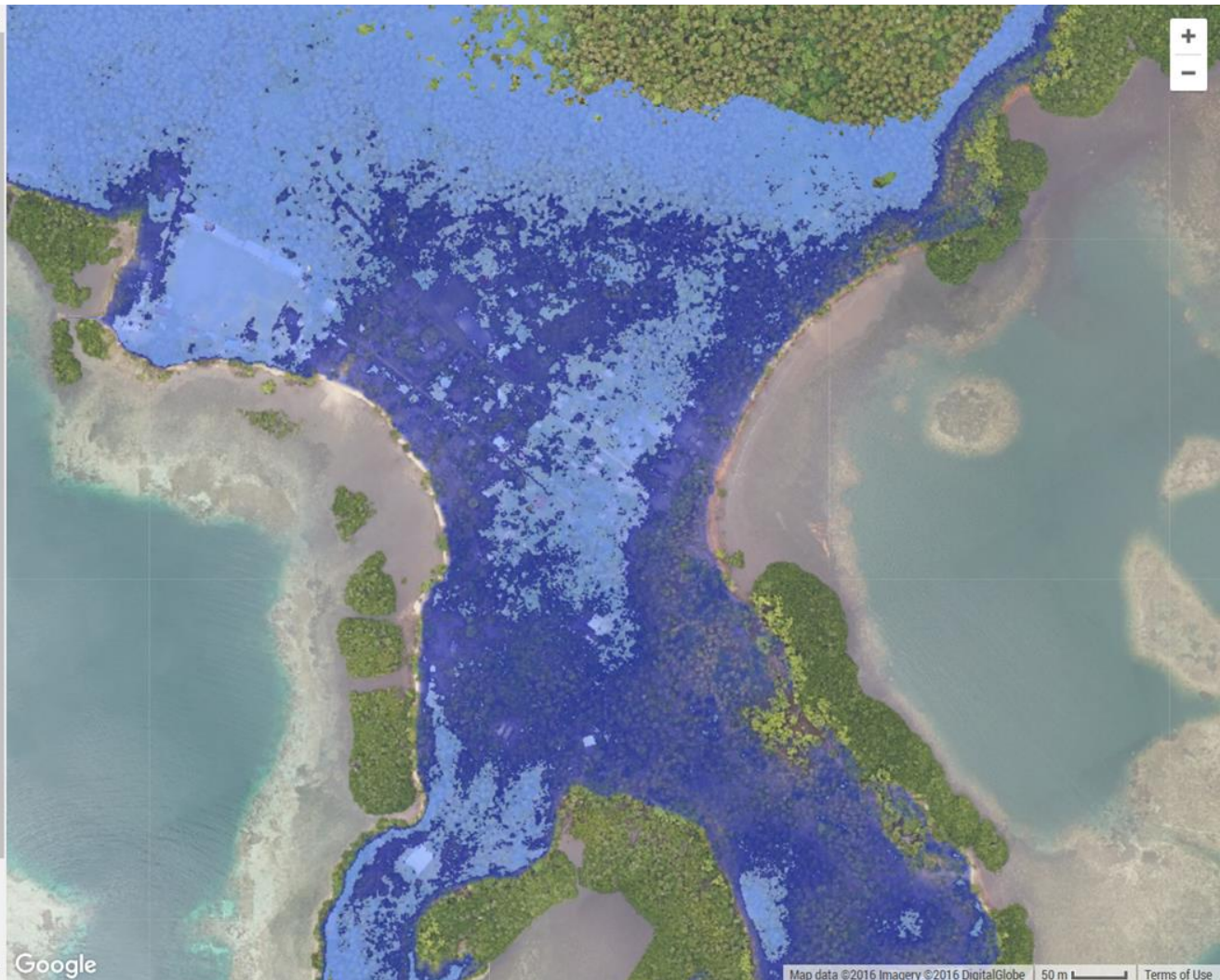
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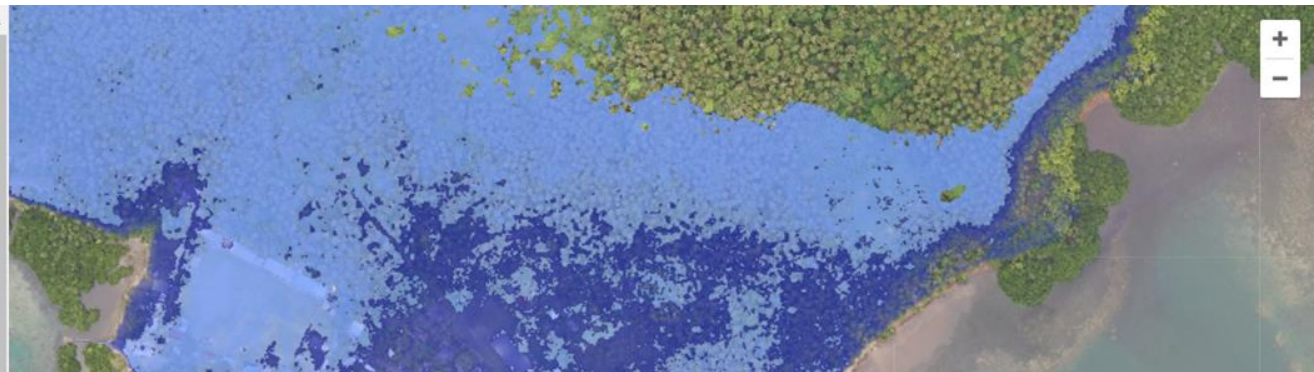
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Highest Tide

**Buildings in
Maskelyne
Community**

**150
Currently
Inundated
by High Tide**

**475
Inundated at
High Tide by
2100**





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MAPPING EXPOSURE TO SEA LEVEL RISE | TONGA, SAMOA, VANUATU AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Innovative ICT solutions are helping Pacific Island countries prepare for and adapt to sea level rise brought about by climate change. This project provides the fundamental data, skills and tools at-risk communities need to make planning decisions. It trains government decision makers to use online tools and flood maps to understand and mitigate the risks of sea level rise. Using these maps, governments can better understand and communicate climate change risk to local communities and put adaptation plans in place.



DiSARM: Maps, Machine Learning & Malaria

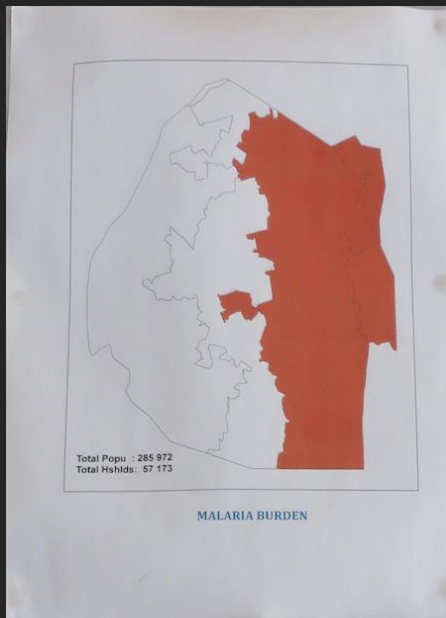
Problem: How to prioritize villages for intervention and resource deployment, e.g. bed nets?

UCSF and other orgs are using Earth Engine to generate automated high-resolution malaria risk maps in Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

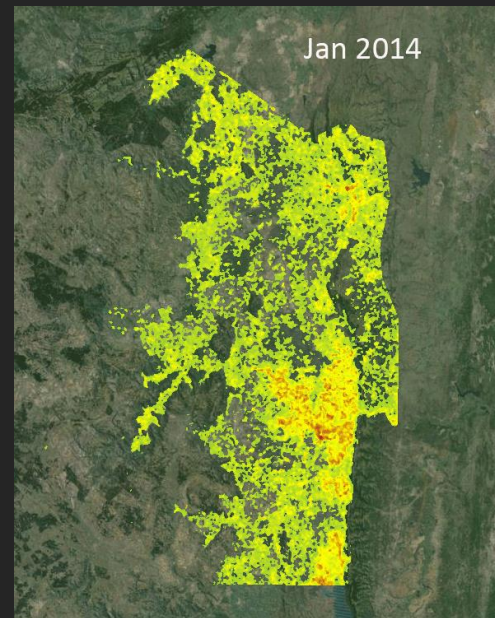
DiSARM's mobile app can be used by the malaria programs and field teams to target interventions. The goal is to make their monitoring more efficient and effective, and to eliminate malaria in Swaziland in the next 3 years.



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GATES foundation



Current maps used by the **National Malaria Control Program** in Swaziland.



Monthly risk maps generated by the DiSARM platform, powered by Earth Engine. **UCSF Global Health Group**

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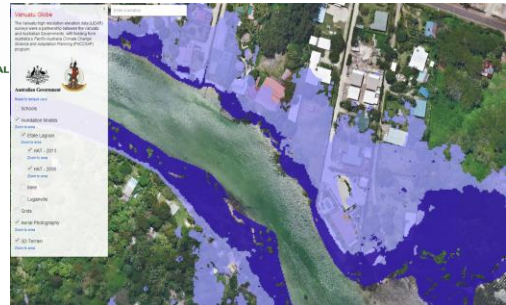


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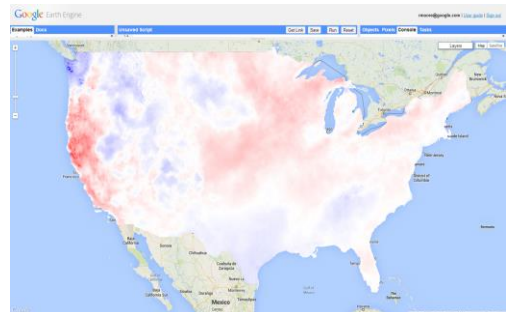
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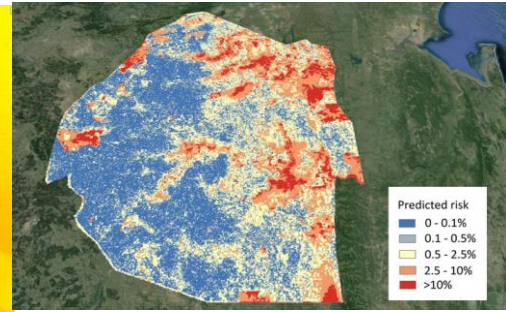
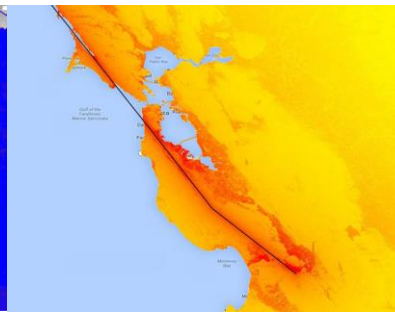
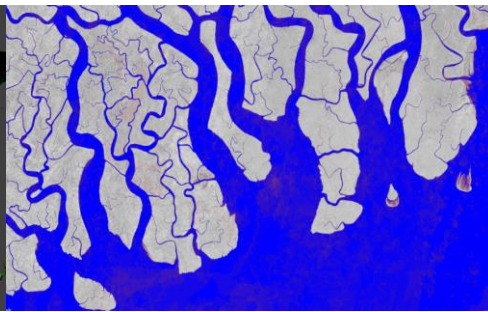
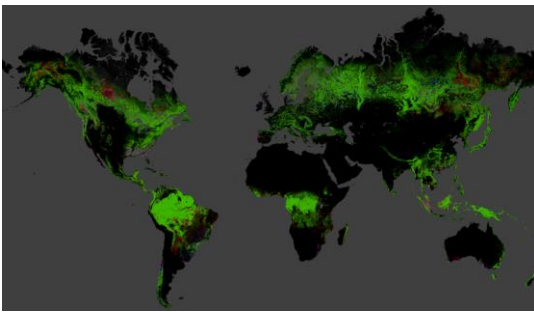
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