

# TRENDS.EARTH

tracking land change

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# PEOPLE & NATURE

## mission

Building upon a strong foundation of **science**, partnership, and field demonstration, CI empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.



# OUR FOCUS



## PRIORITIES

WHERE IS THE  
NATURE THAT  
PEOPLE NEED?



## STRATEGIES

HOW CAN WE BEST  
CONSERVE NATURE  
FOR PEOPLE?



## IMPACTS

WHAT ARE THE  
IMPACTS OF  
CONSERVING  
NATURE?

# Tool to supports Land Degradation Neutrality

- Identification of degrading lands
- Can set baselines, and track progress towards LDN
- Leverages cloud-computing technology
- Allows use of best-available local information

Supports all three components of SDG Indicator 15.3.1



Land Productivity



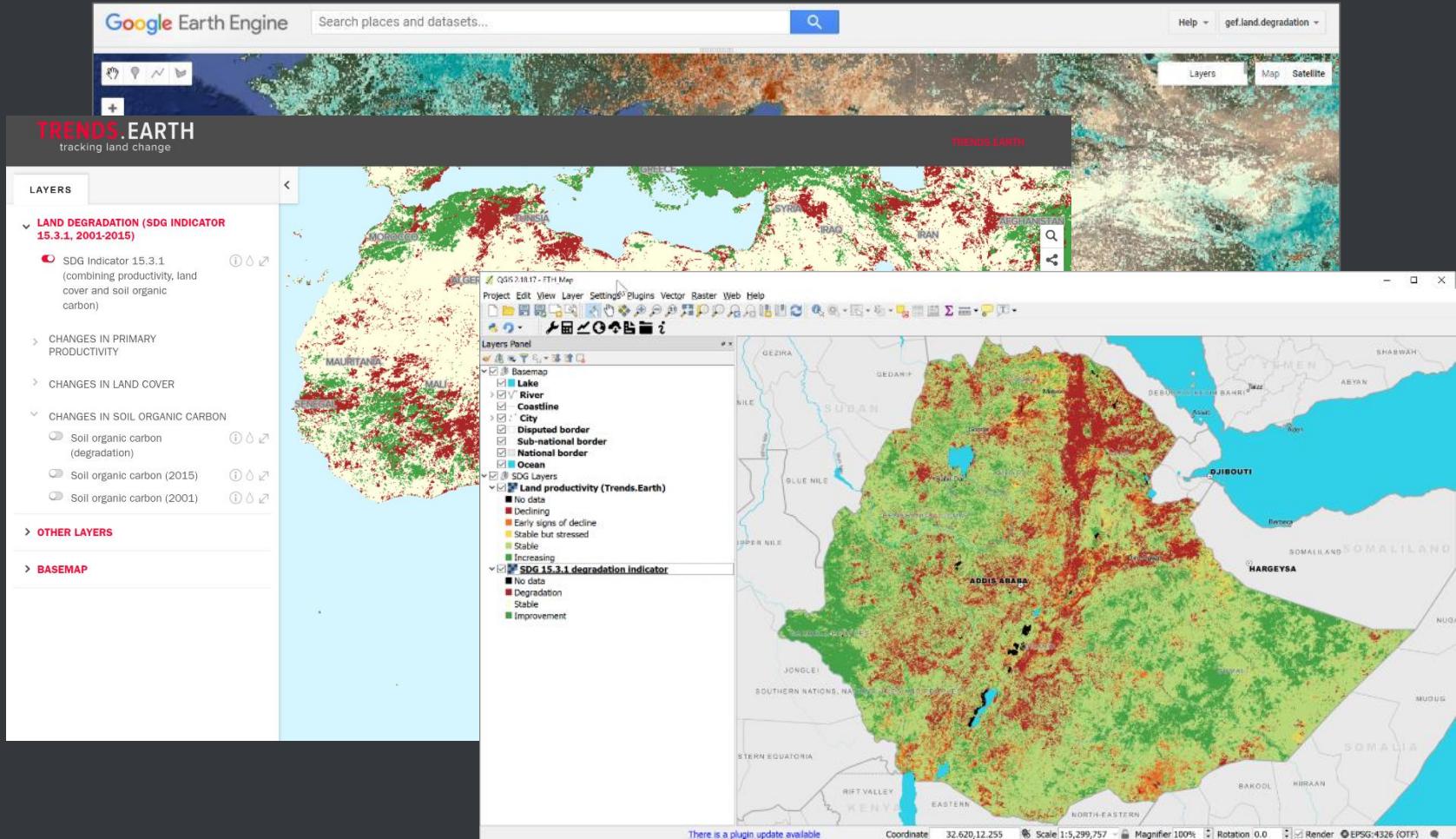
Land Cover



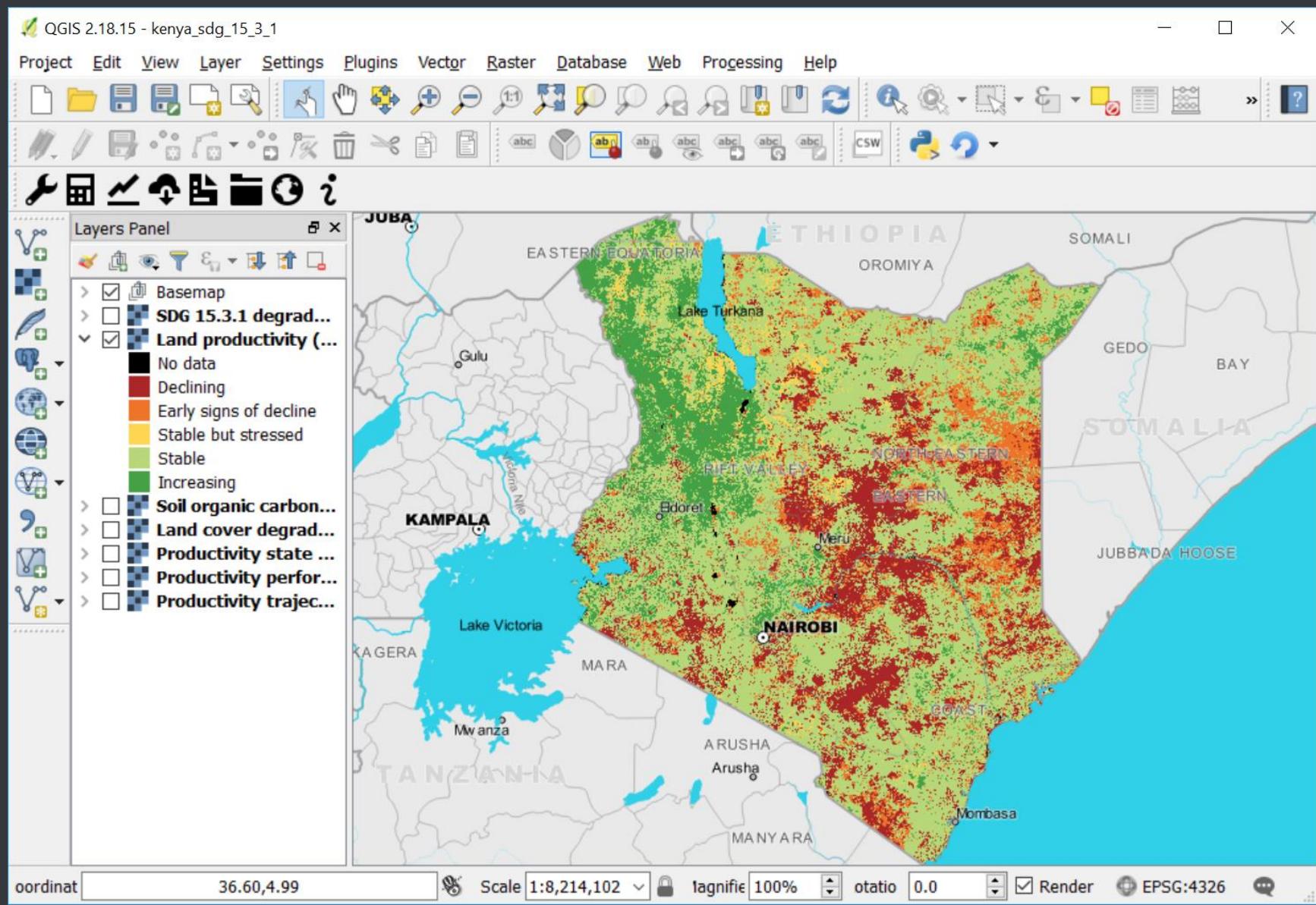
Carbon Stocks

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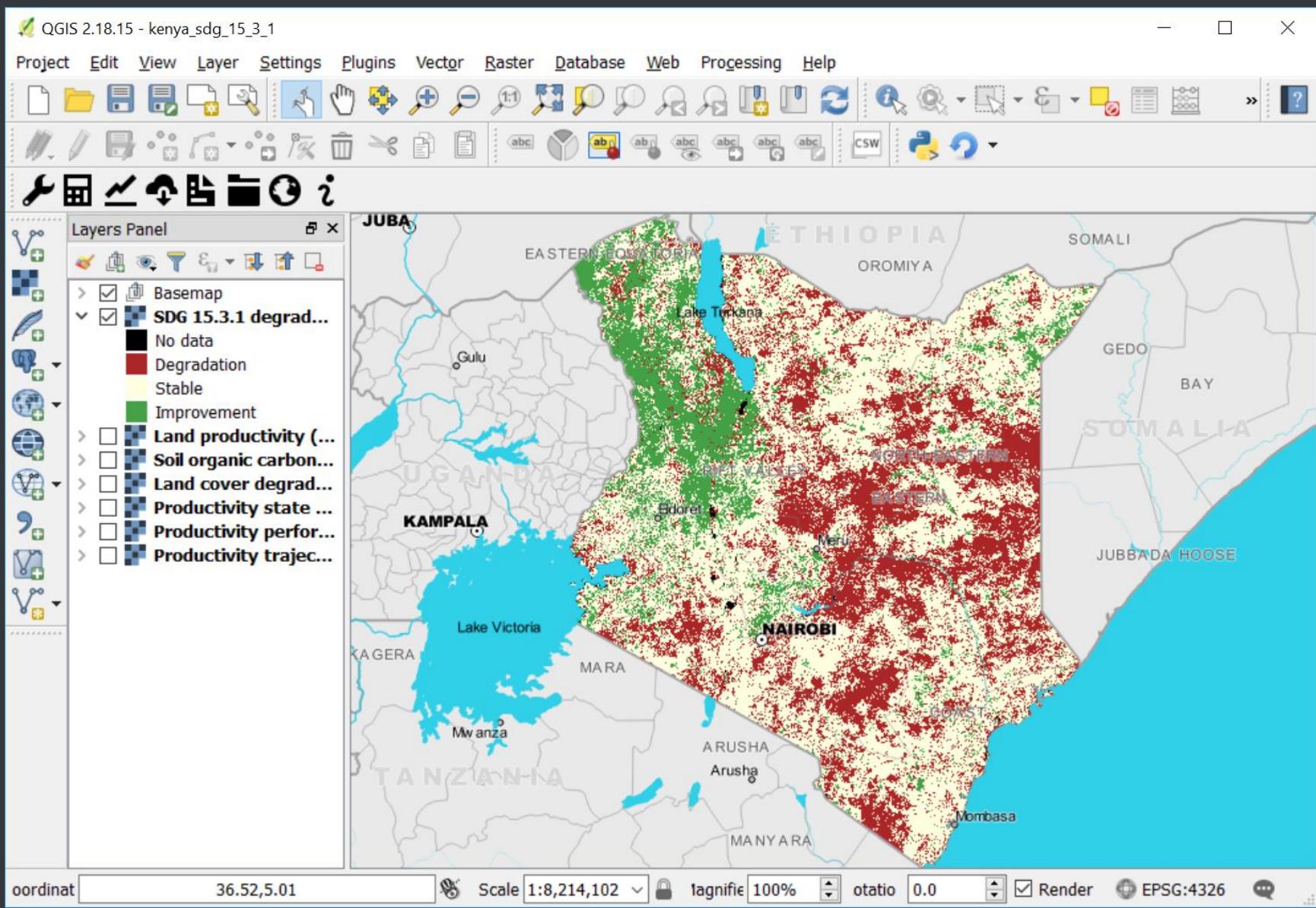
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# TRENDS.EARTH - Changes in land productivity



# TRENDS.EARTH - SDG 15.3.1



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The screenshot shows the QGIS 2.18.15 application window. At the top, the title bar reads "QGIS 2.18.15 - kenya\_sdg\_15\_3\_1". Below it is a menu bar with options: Project, Edit, View, Layer, Settings, Plugins, Vector, Raster, Database, Web, Processing, Help. A toolbar with various icons follows. The main area features a map of Juba, South Sudan, with neighboring countries like Ethiopia and Somalia visible. An Excel spreadsheet is open in the foreground, titled "Summary of SDG 15.3.1 Indicator". The spreadsheet contains the following data:

		Area (sq km)	Percent of total land area
1	Trends.Earth SDG 15.3.1 summary table		
2			
3	Summary of SDG 15.3.1 Indicator		
4			
5	Total land area:	204,548.3	100.00%
6	Land area improved:	55,585.7	27.17%
7	Land area stable:	98,038.5	47.93%
8	Land area degraded:	50,041.8	24.46%
9	Land area with no data:	882.3	0.43%
10			

At the bottom of the spreadsheet, there is a note: "The boundaries, names, and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by Conservation International Foundation, or its partner organizations and contributors. This report is available under the terms of Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0)."

The status bar at the bottom of the QGIS window shows "SDG 15.3.1" and other tabs: Productivity, Soil organic carbon, Land cover, UNCCD Reporting. The bottom right corner shows a zoom level of 100%.

# The impacts

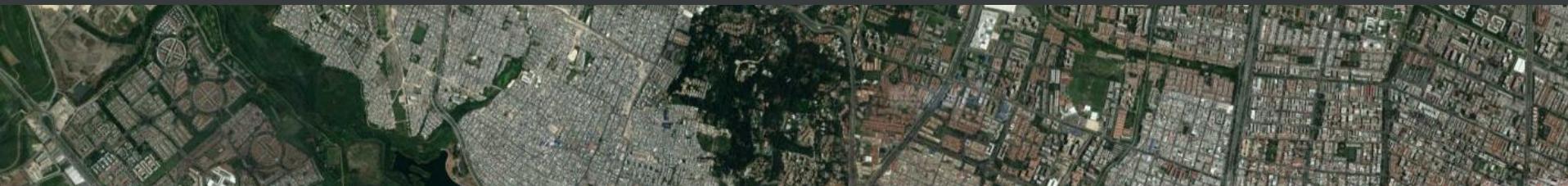


United Nations

Convention to Combat  
Desertification

- 142 countries trained
- > 1,200 users registered
- > 25,000 analysis performed





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EARTH OBSERVATIONS FOR THE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

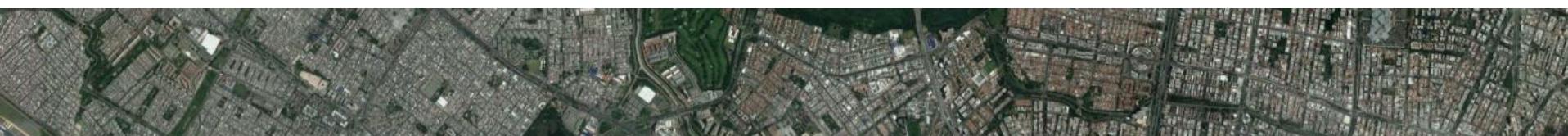
GEO GROUP ON  
EARTH OBSERVATIONS

# Supporting sustainable cities

## SDG 11.3.1

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**NASA:** Lahouari Bounoua, Eric Brown De Colstoun, Stephanie Uz, and Kavvada, Argyro



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Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Target 11.3: By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

Indicator 11.3.1: Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate

Data needs: Urban extent  
Population data

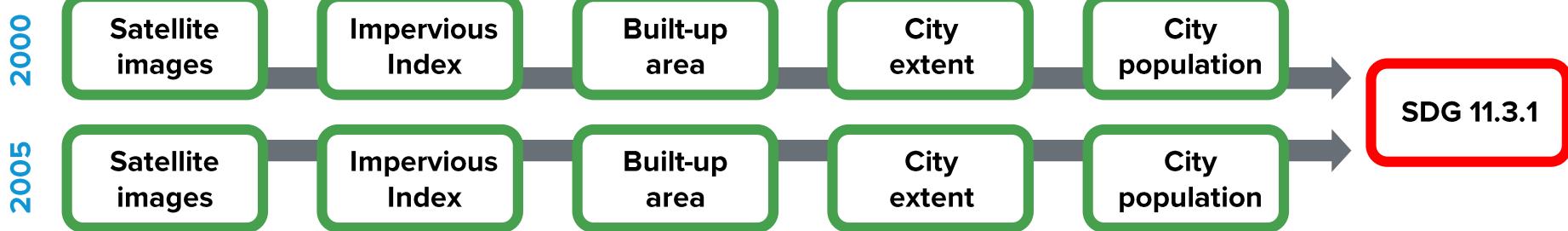


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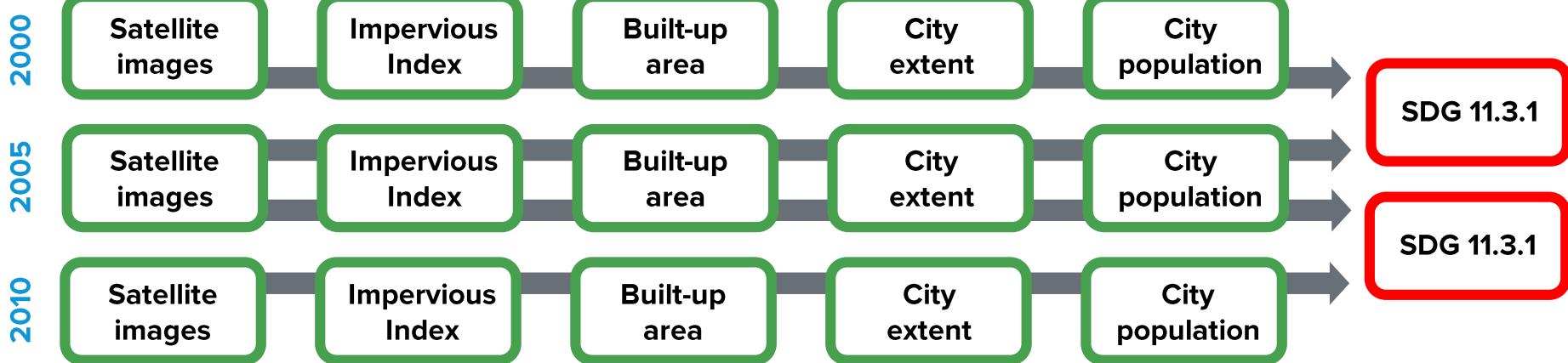
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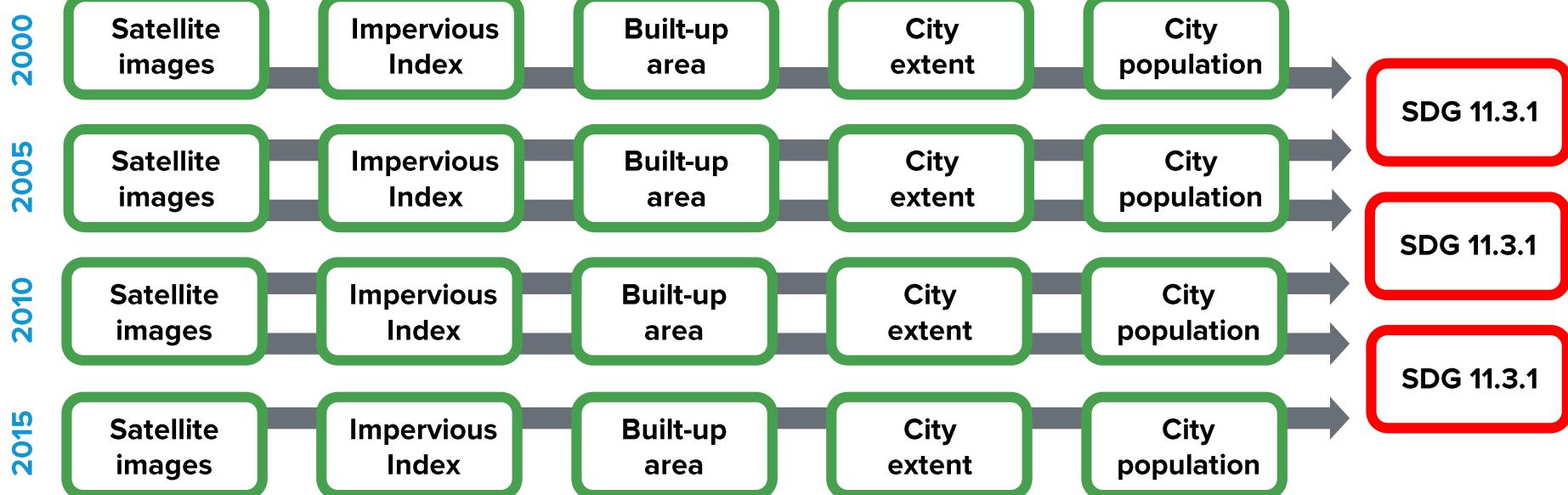
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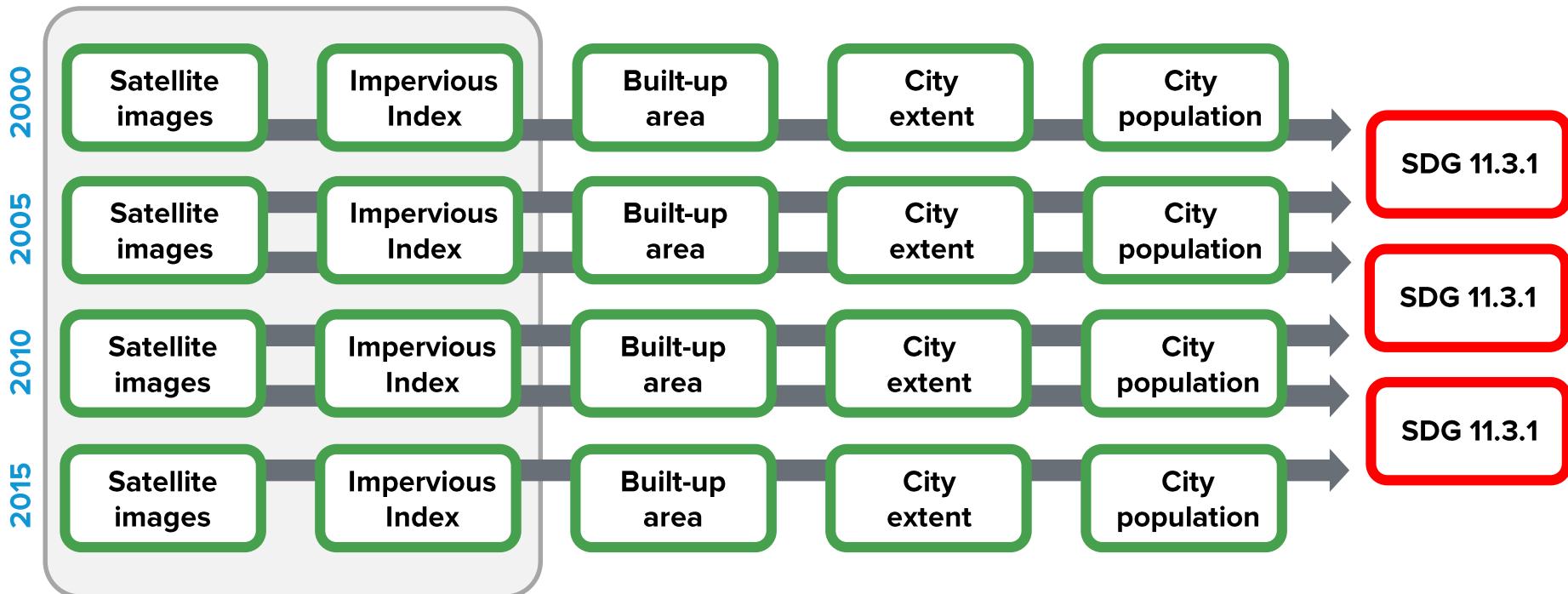
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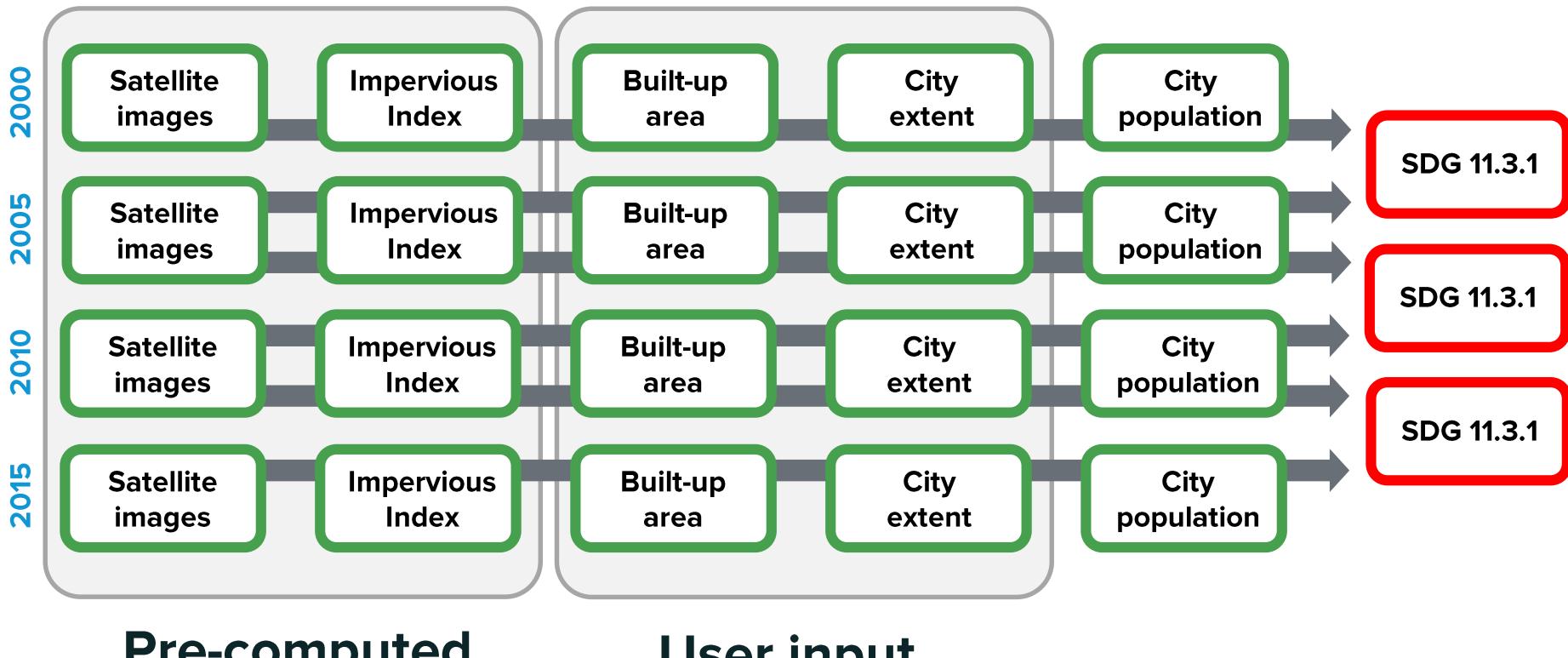
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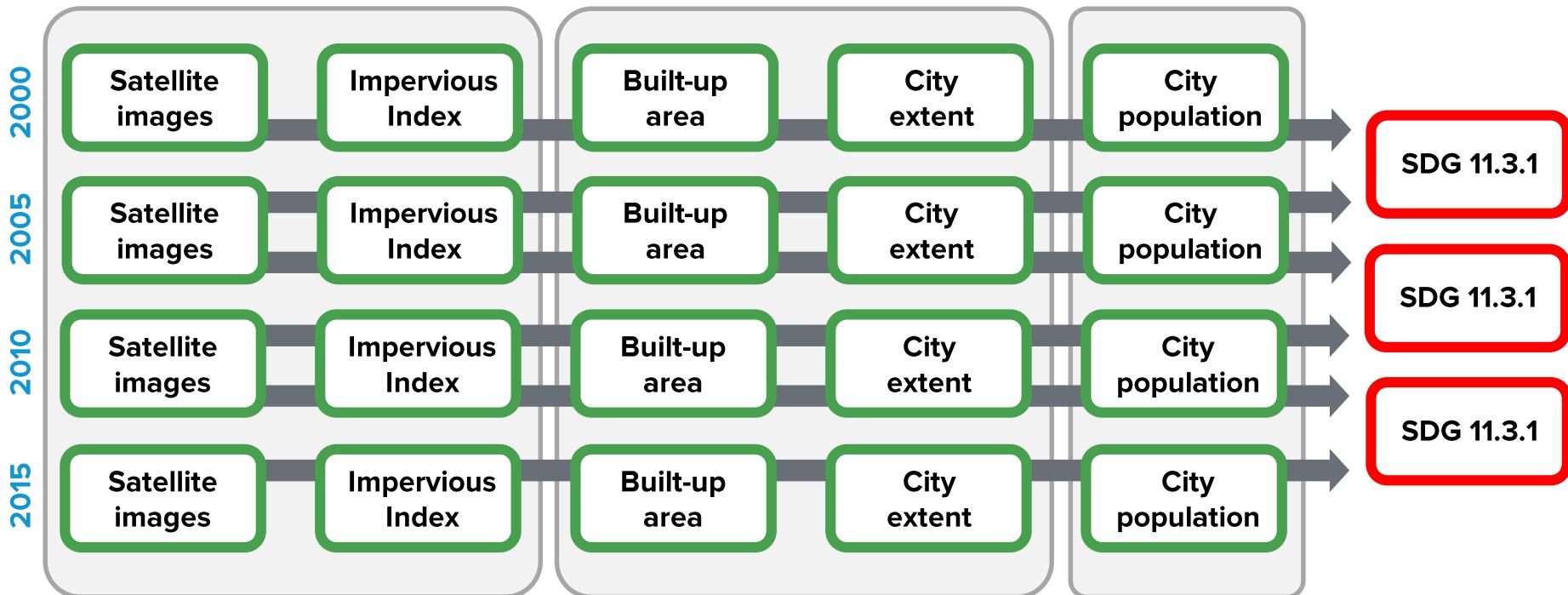


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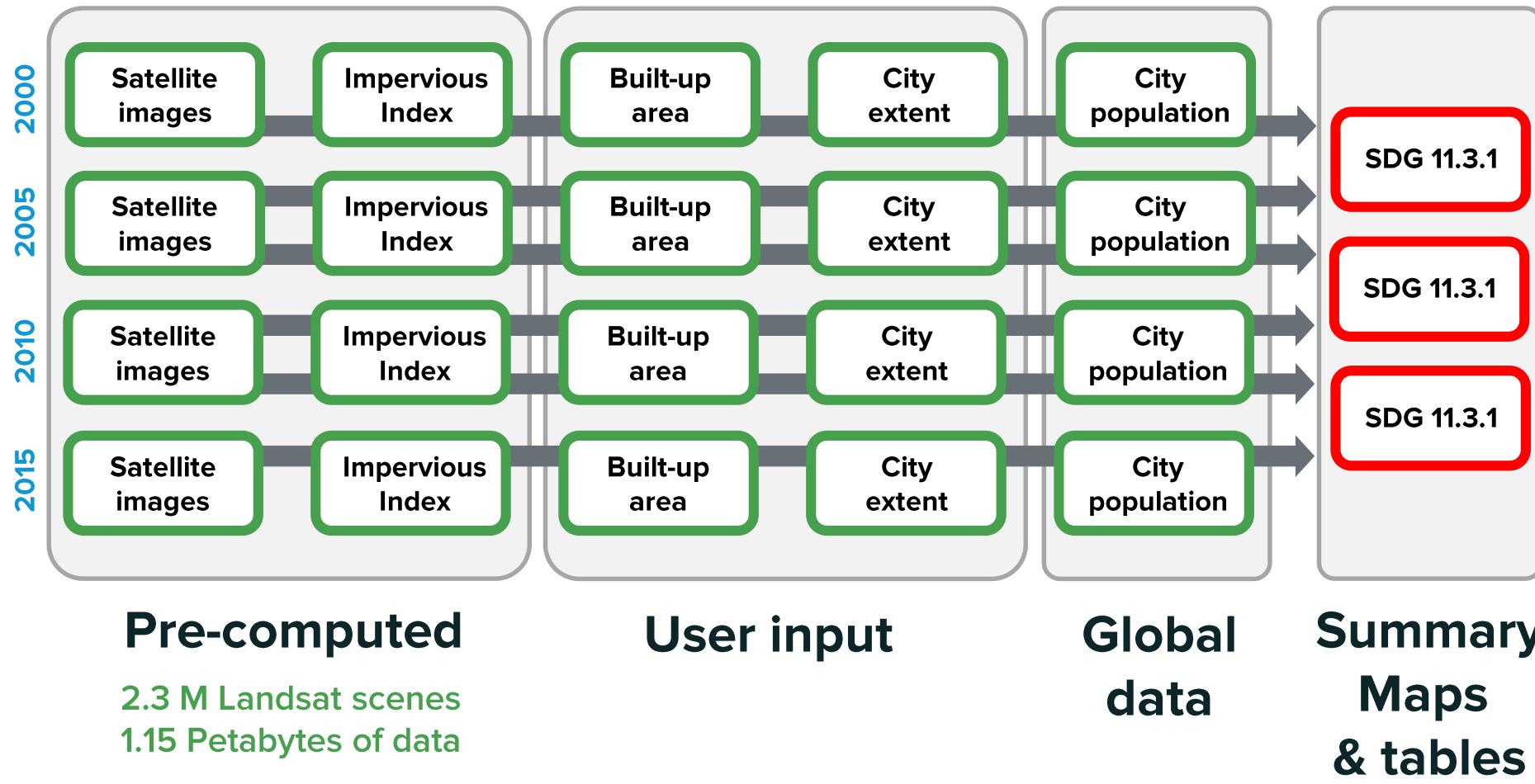
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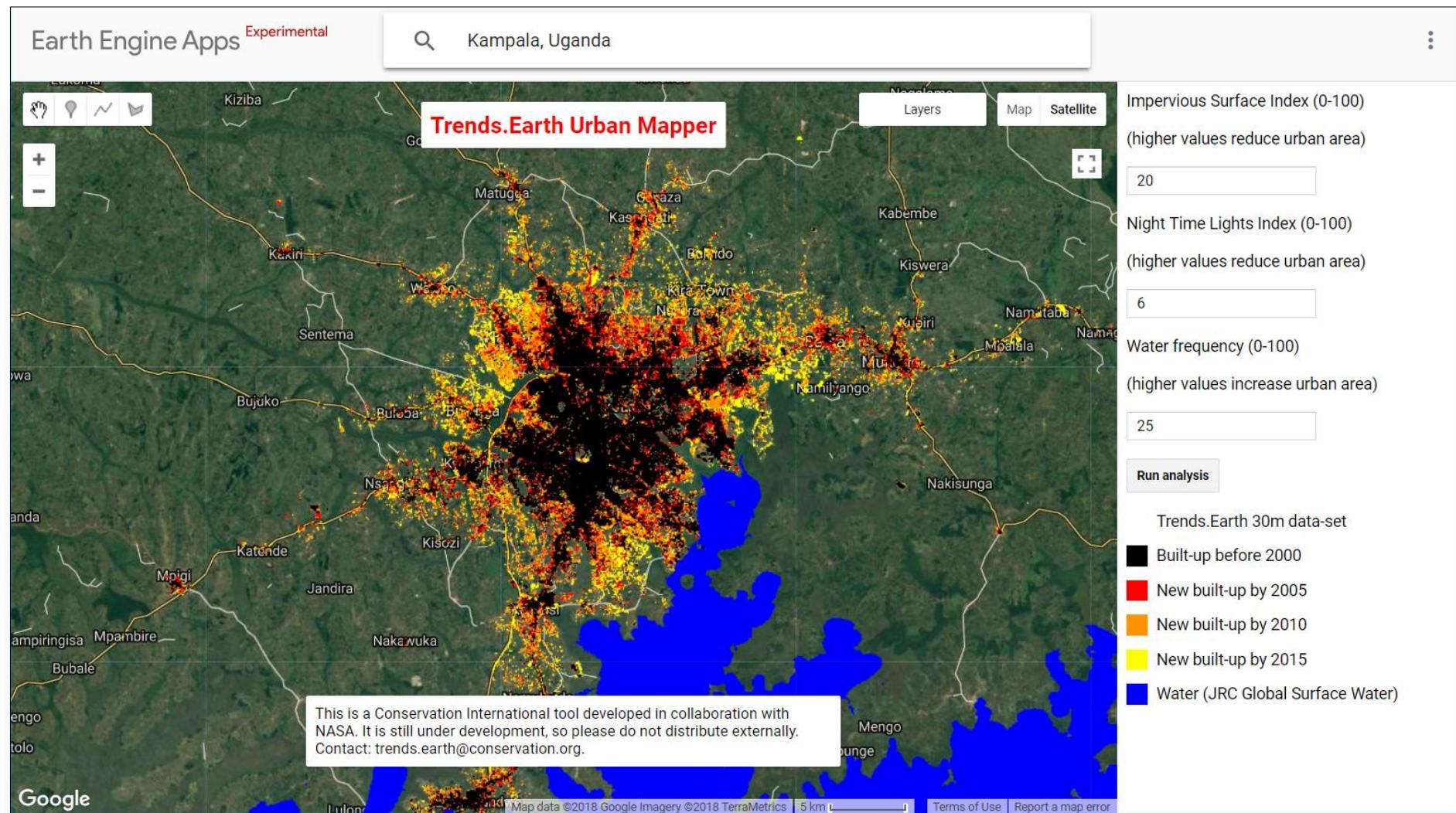
**Global  
data**

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# Trends.Earth Urban Mapper

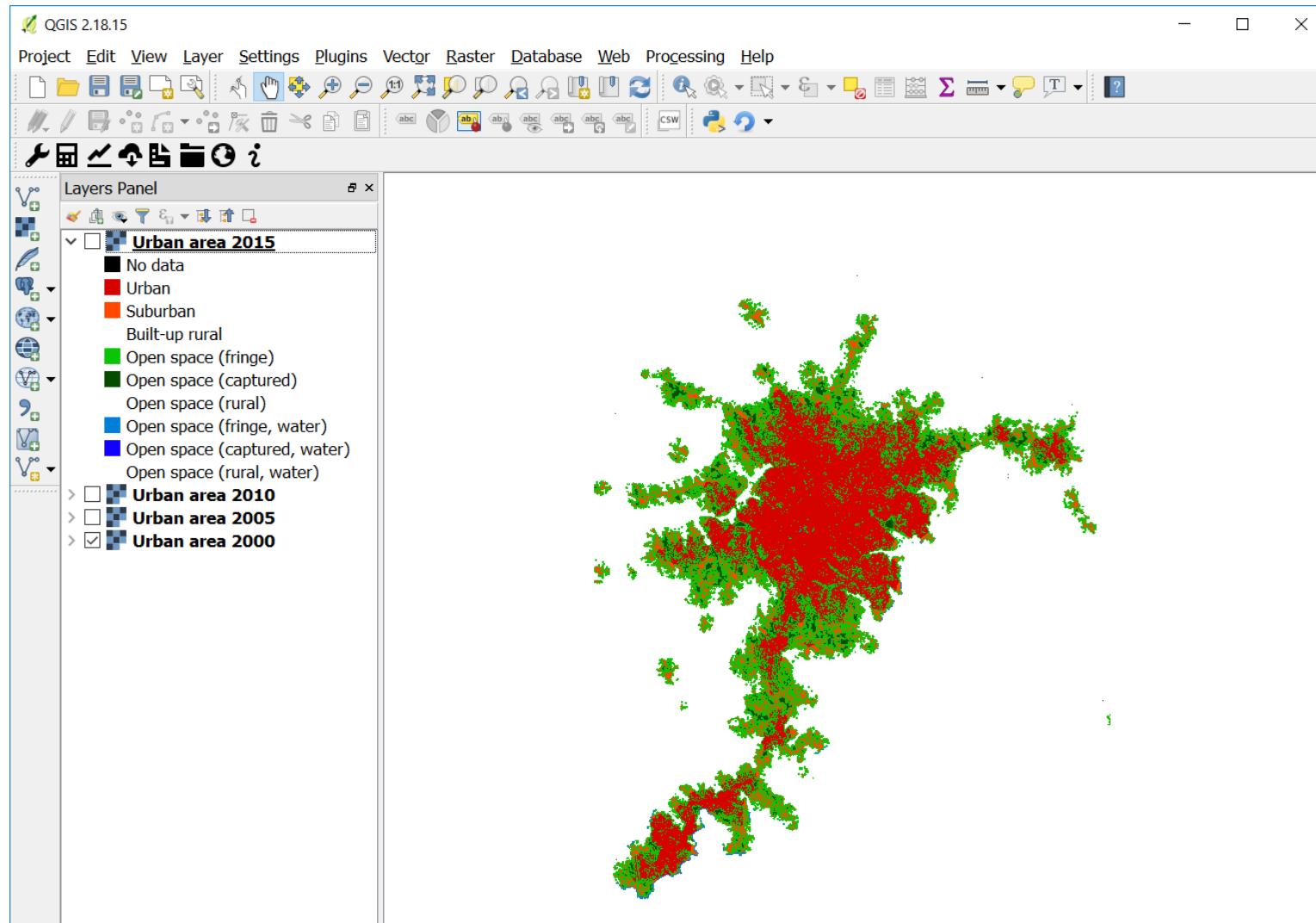


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# Trends.Earth in QGIS

Kampala, Uganda 2000

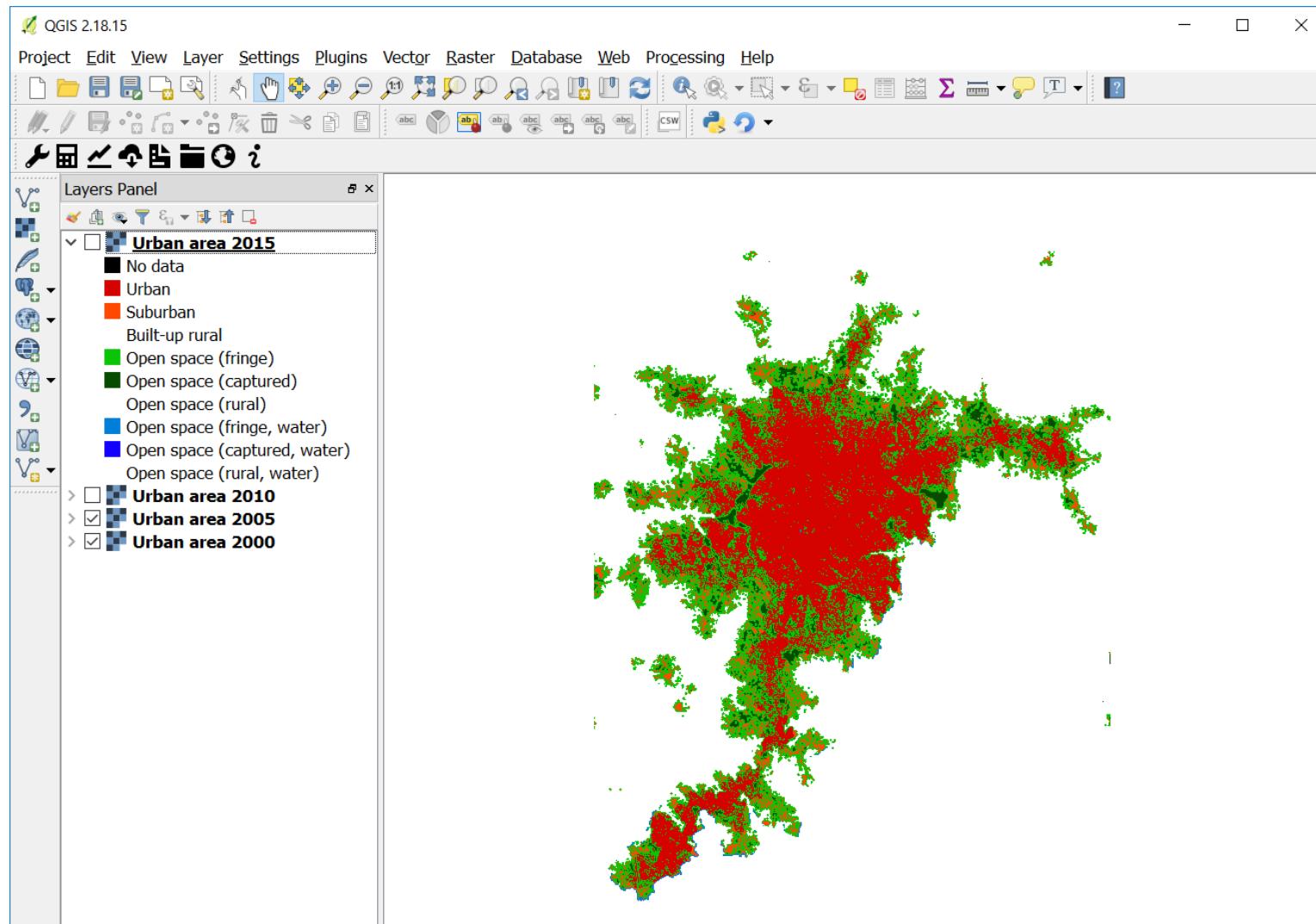


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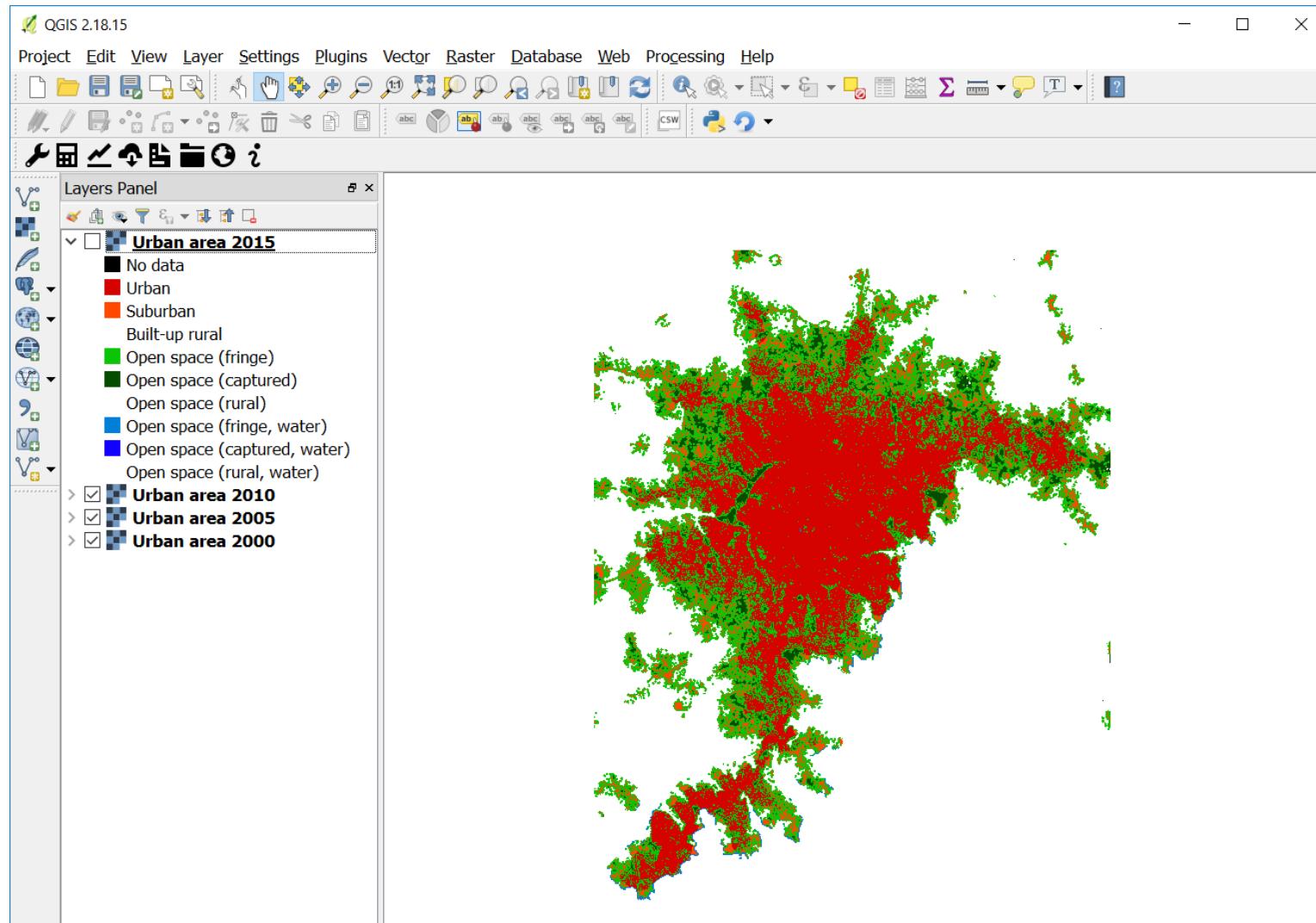


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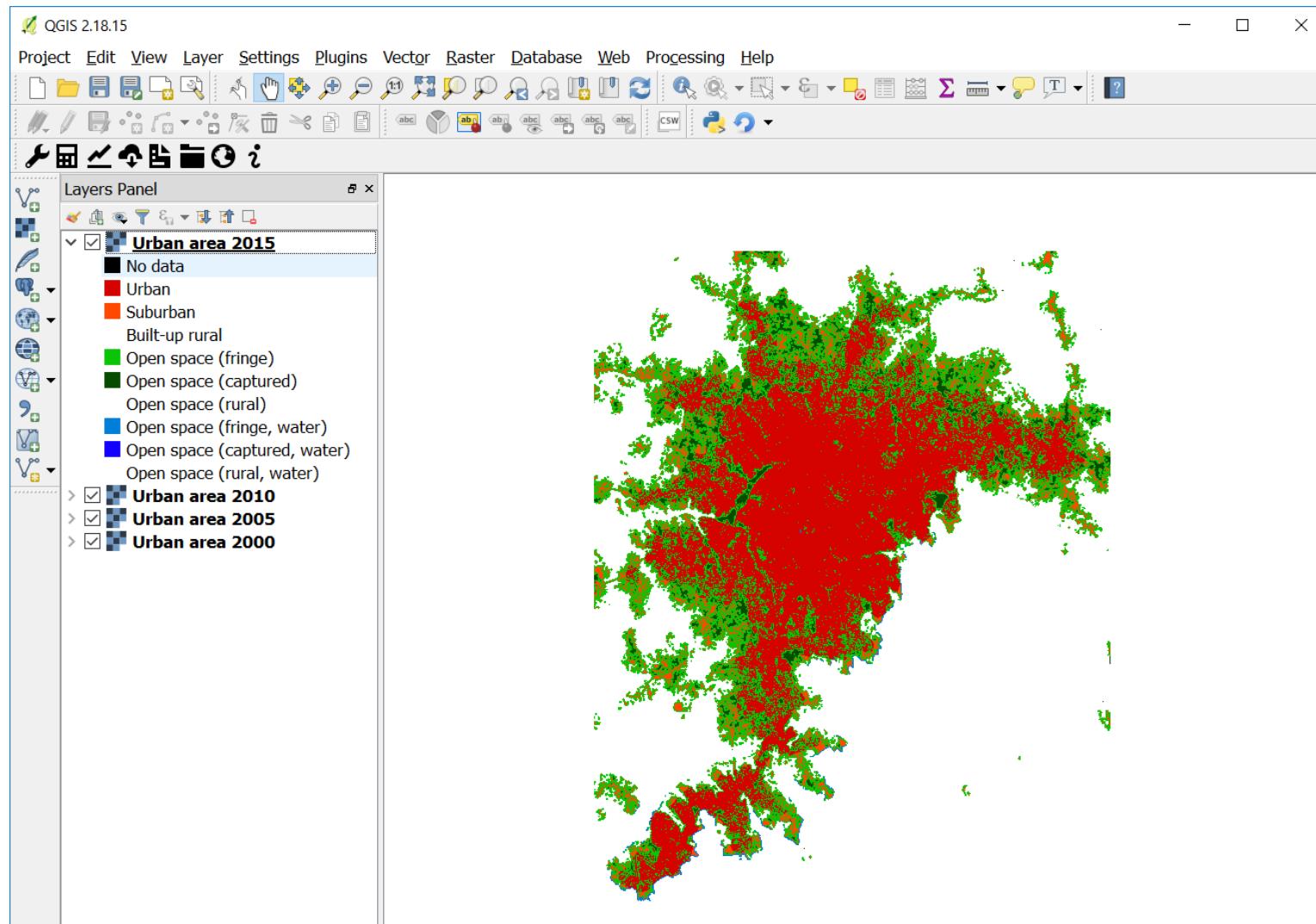
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# Trends.Earth in QGIS

Kampala, Uganda 2015



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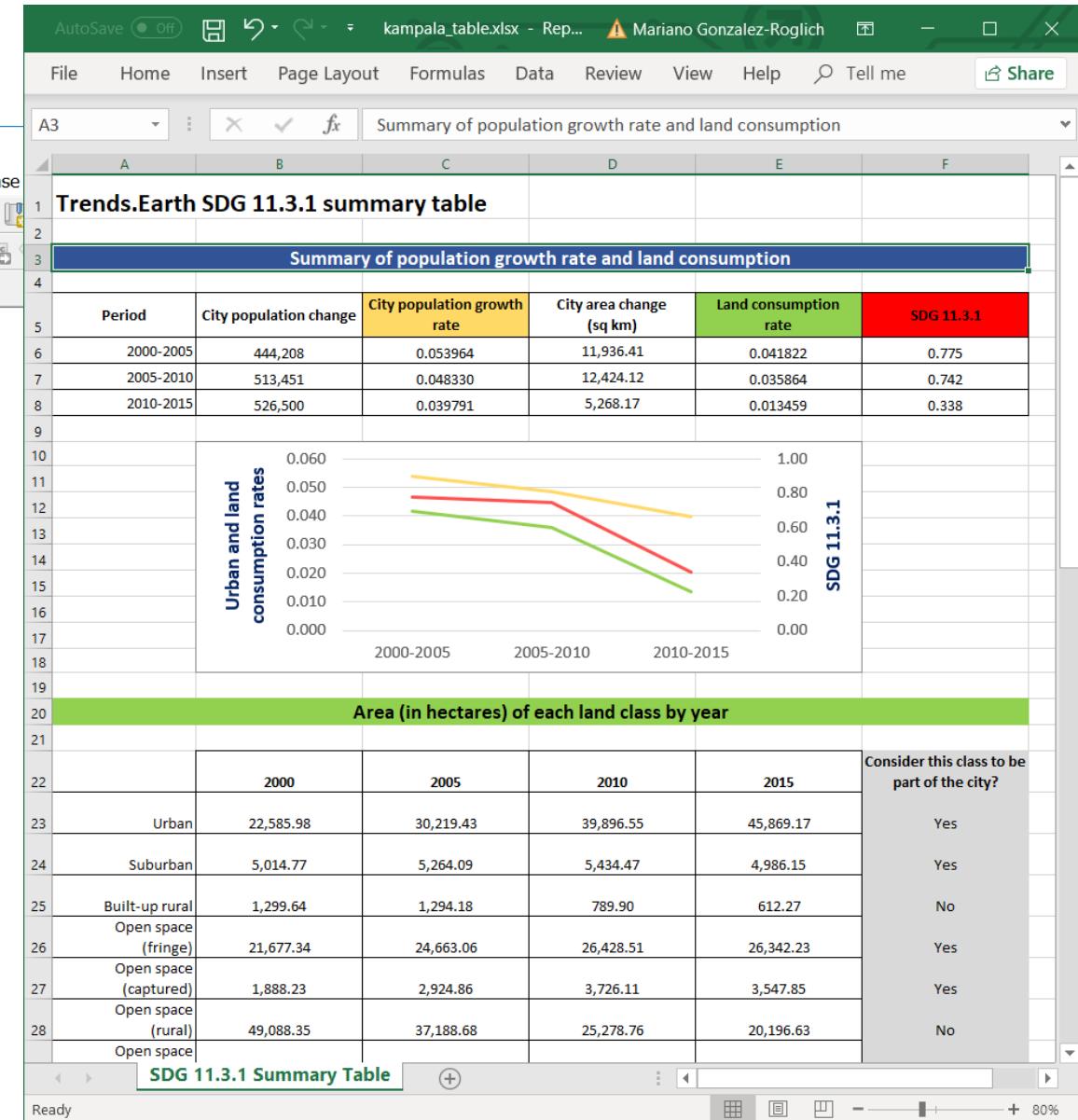
# Trends.Earth in QGIS

QGIS 2.18.15

Project Edit View Layer Settings Plugins Vector Raster Database

Layers Panel

- Urban area 2015**
- No data
- Urban
- Suburban
- Built-up rural
- Open space (fringe)
- Open space (captured)
- Open space (rural)
- Open space (fringe, water)
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