

# EO Webinar

## Spatial Data Use & Urban Development

Role of Earth Observation & Spatial Analysis Modelling



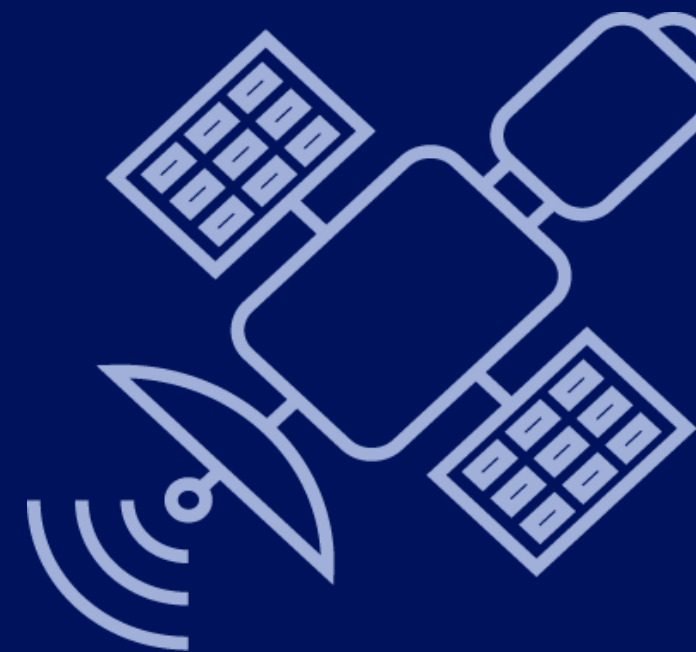


# Webinar Overview

- The Copernicus Programme
- Applications of Earth Observation (EO)  
by VITO







# The Copernicus Programme

Focus on the LAC region

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# The EU Space Programme

AN INVESTMENT IN A

**FUTURE READY EUROPE**

## • COPERNICUS



Earth Observation (EO) and monitoring based on satellite and non-space data

**N°1** world provider of space data and information

## • GALILEO



Global satellite navigation and positioning system (GNSS)

**10%** of the EU GDP enabled by satellite navigation

## • EGNOS



Enables the use of GNSS signals for safety of life applications in aviation

Operational in **426** airports & helipads in **32** countries

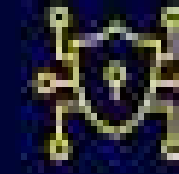
## • SSA



Space situational awareness monitoring and protecting space assets

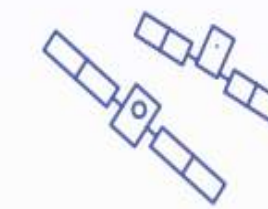
Providing surveillance and tracking services to **268+** satellites

## • GOVSATCOM



Secure satellite communications for EU security actors

Delivering **rapid support** over crisis areas



### Competitive edge

Completing current satellite constellations, developing and launching the next-generation of satellites



### Research innovation

Ambitious research and innovation programme benefiting from Horizon Europe



### Fighting Climate Change

Monitoring biodiversity, environmental compliance and CO2 emissions (Paris Agreement)



### EU as a global actor

Supporting disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and security operations



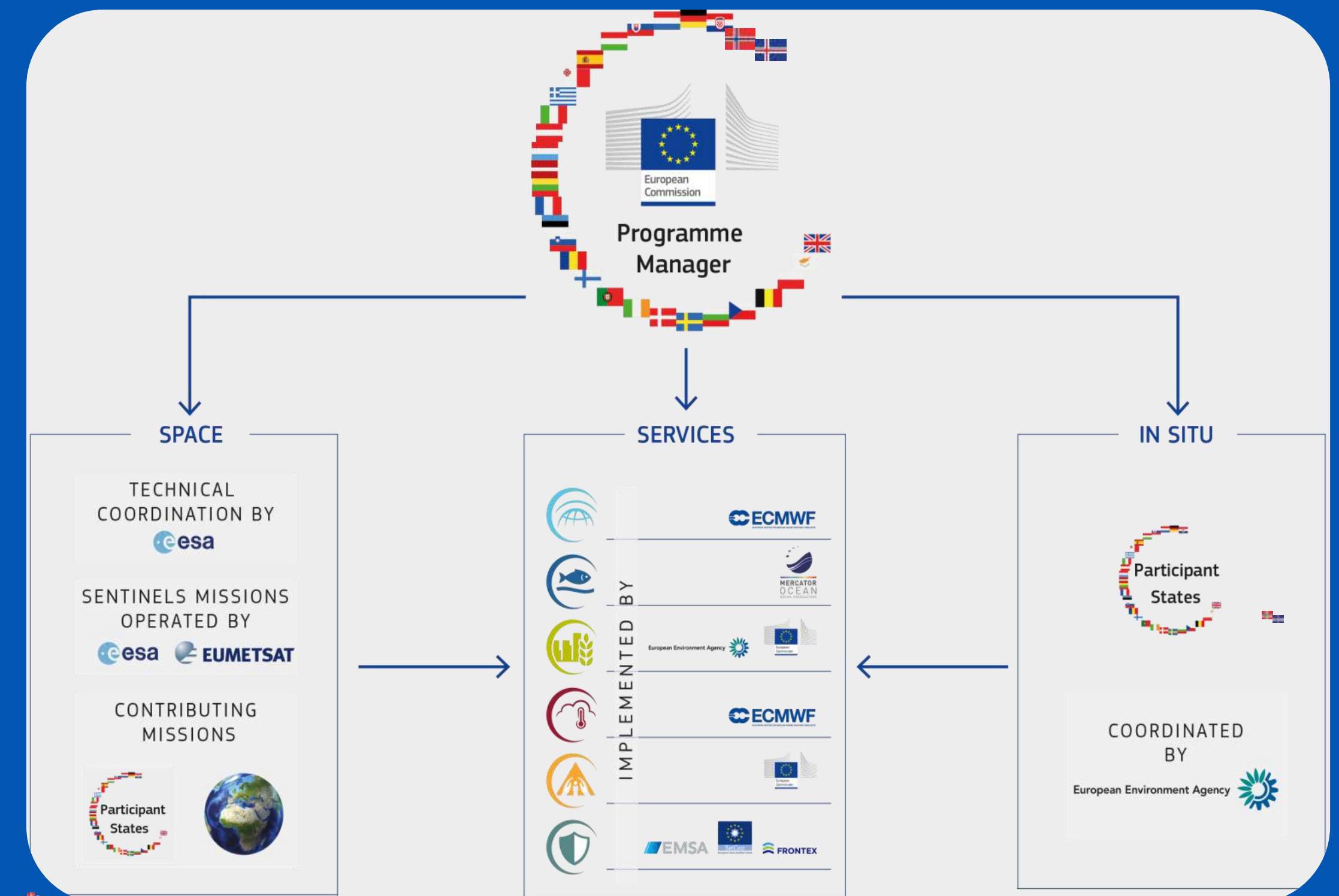
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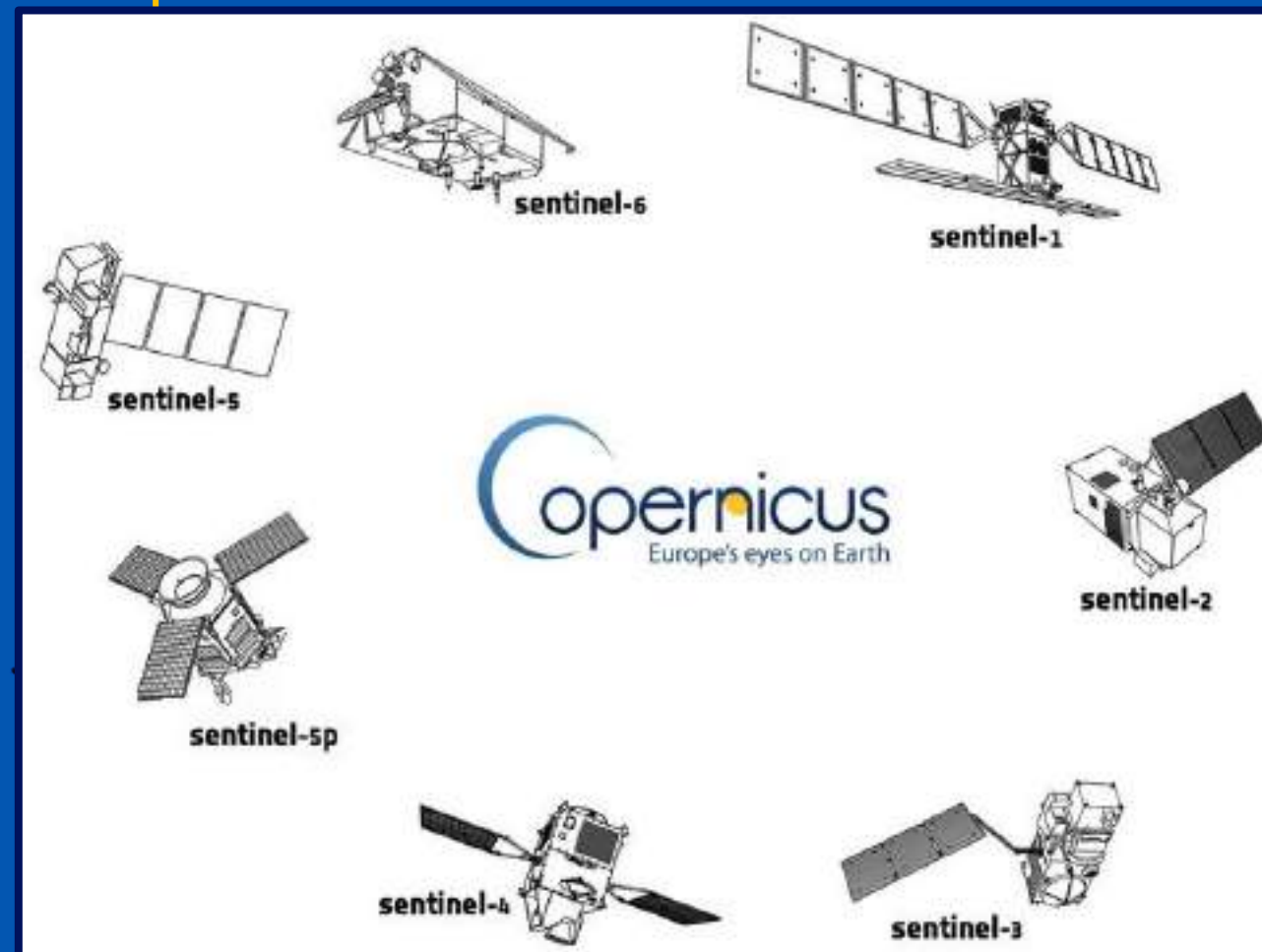
# Copernicus Governance

- Copernicus is the **European Union programme** aimed at developing European information services based on satellite Earth Observation and in situ data
- Copernicus is coordinated and **managed** by the **European Commission**
- Copernicus is **implemented in partnership** with the Member States, the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT), the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), EU Agencies and Mercator Océan
- Copernicus **Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027** > 5 billion €





# Copernicus Architecture



**Sentinels**

**FULL,  
FREE  
AND  
OPEN**

**6 services use EO data to deliver...**



**...added-value products**



**Contributing missions**

**In situ  
data**




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# Sentinel Missions



The central image shows a view of Earth from space, with the sun's glare on the left. To the right of the globe is a vertical grid of six rows, each representing a Sentinel mission. Each row contains a small satellite icon, a small satellite image, and a description of the mission's capabilities.

| Satellite Icon  | Satellite Image  | Mission Name                    | Capability                |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
|    |    | <b>sentinel-1</b>               | → RADAR VISION            |
|    |    | <b>sentinel-2</b>               | → COLOUR VISION           |
|    |    | <b>sentinel-3</b>               | → A BIGGER PICTURE        |
|   |   | <b>sentinel-4</b>               | → EUROPEAN AIR MONITORING |
|  |  | <b>sentinel-5p   sentinel-5</b> | → GLOBAL AIR MONITORING   |
|  |  | <b>sentinel-6</b>               | → SURFING THE SEAS        |



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# CLMS – Land Monitoring Service



*Land Cover & Change layers*



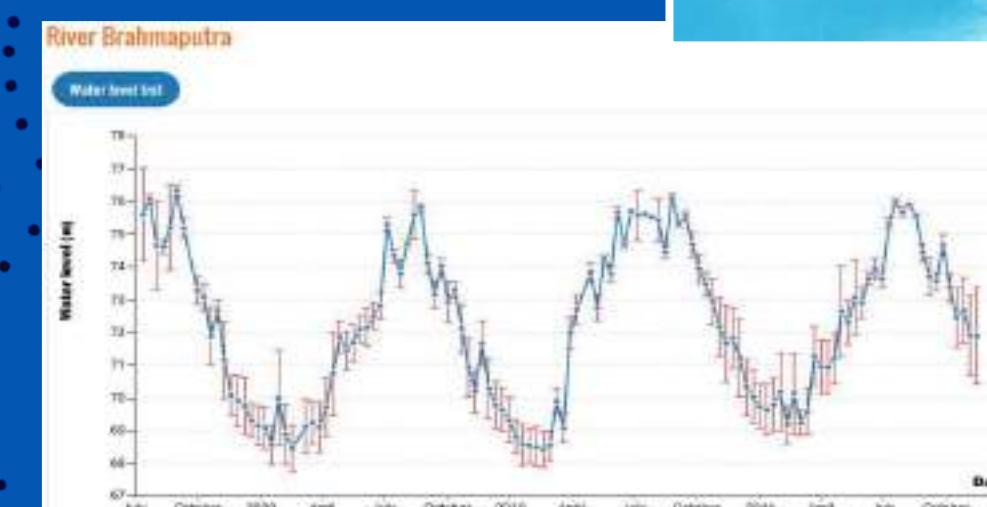
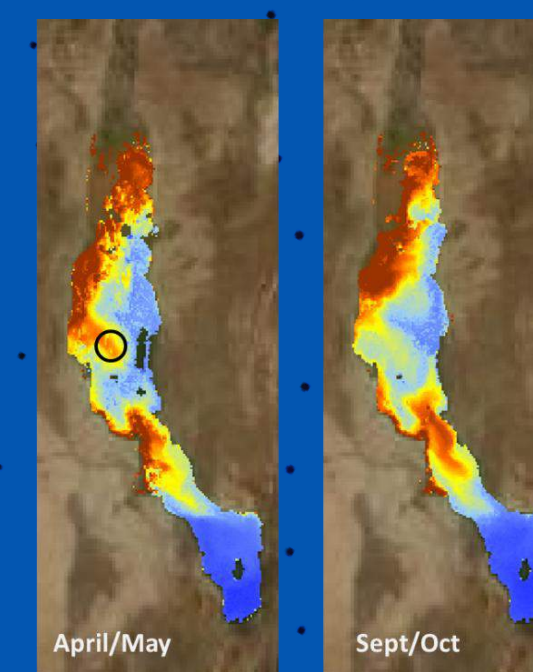
*Biophysical variables*



*Ground Motion Service*



*Hot Spot land cover mapping*



*Sectoral information*



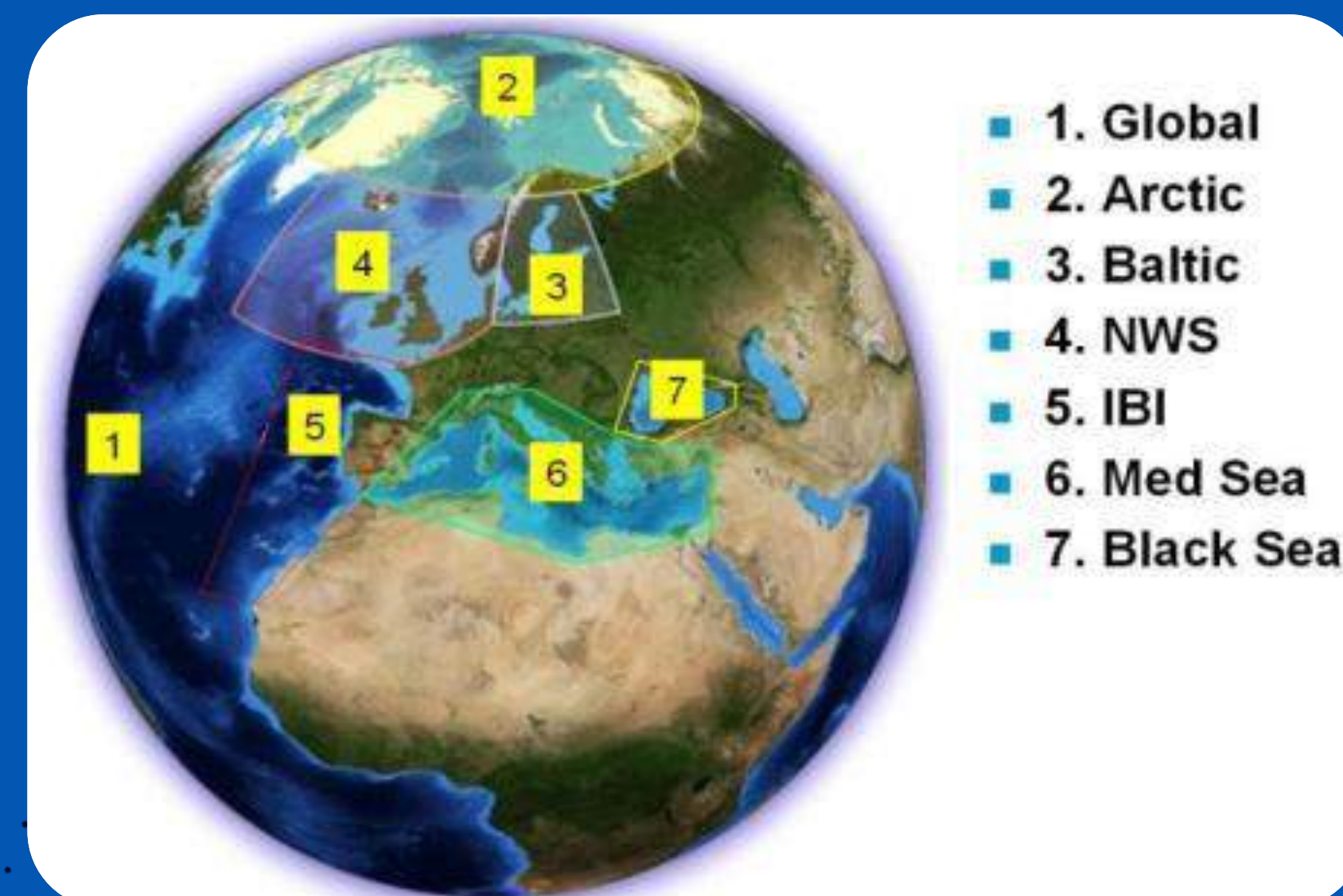
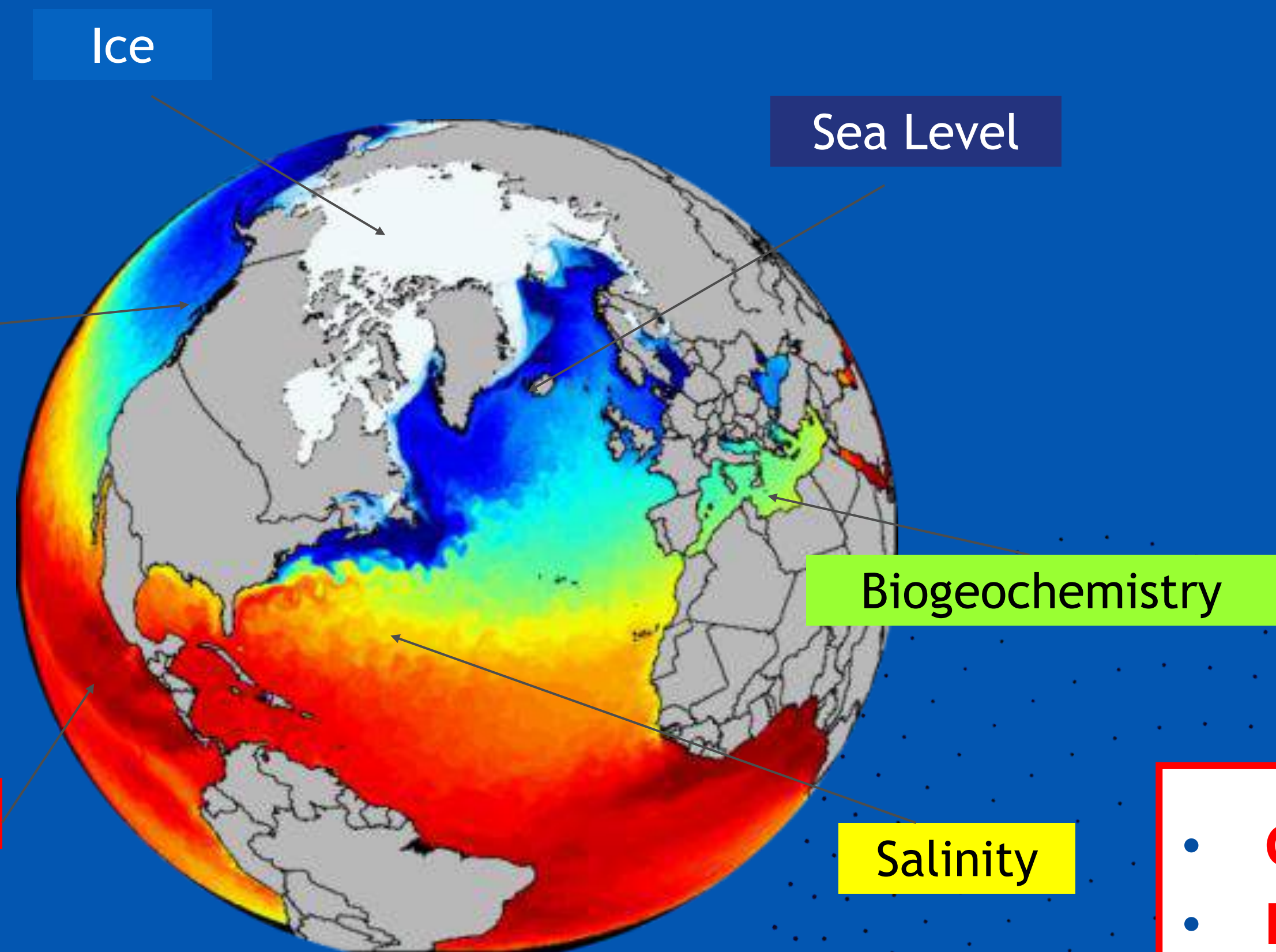
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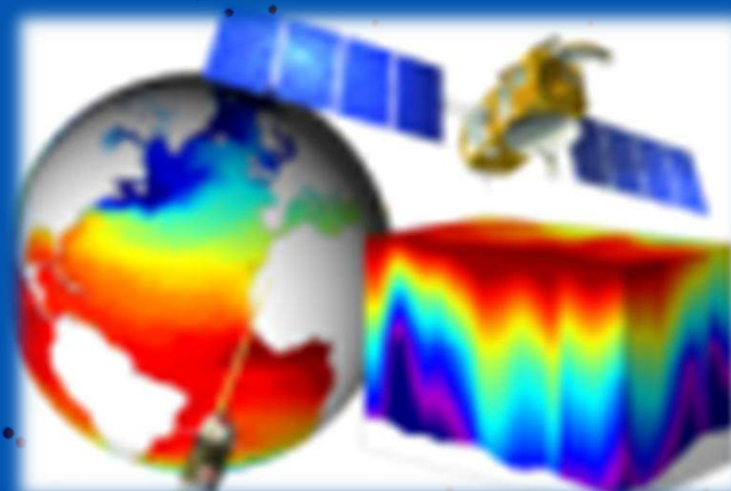
# CMEMS / Marine Environment Monitoring Service

11 product groups & 140 products



- **Global and Regional**
- **Re-analyses / Real Time / Forecast**
- **Satellite & In Situ obs. and Models**

A 3D and consistent  
estimation of the ocean  
state

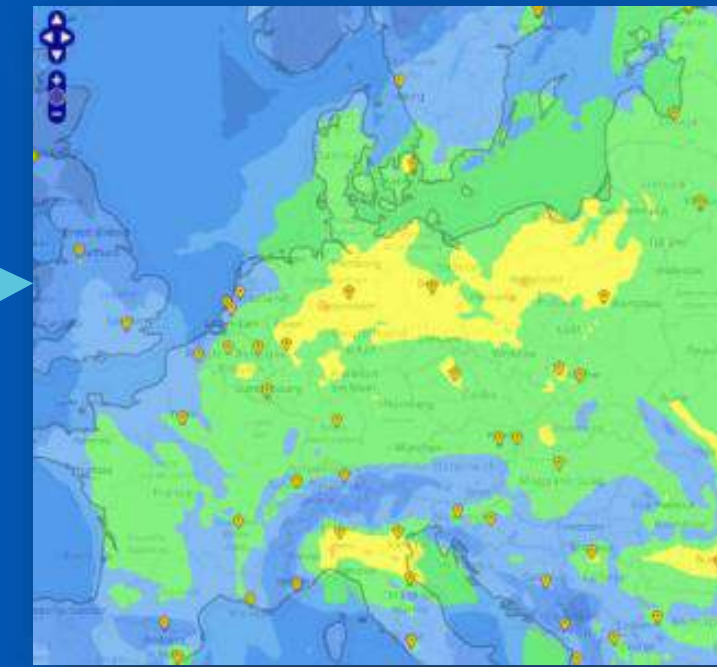


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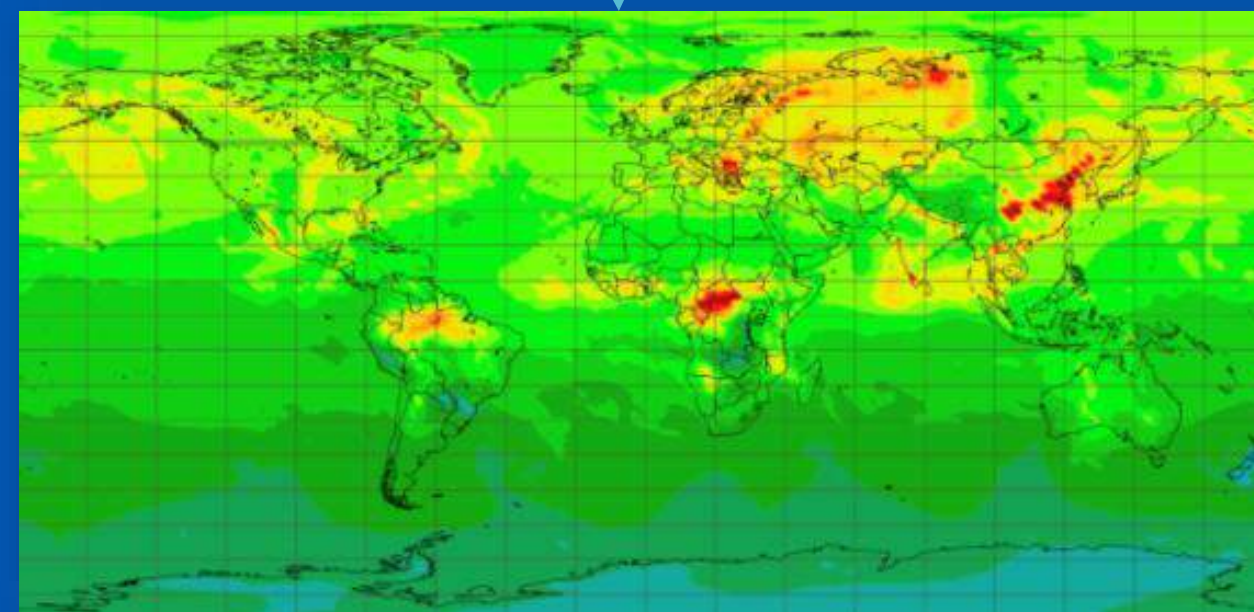


# CAMS / Atmosphere Monitoring Service

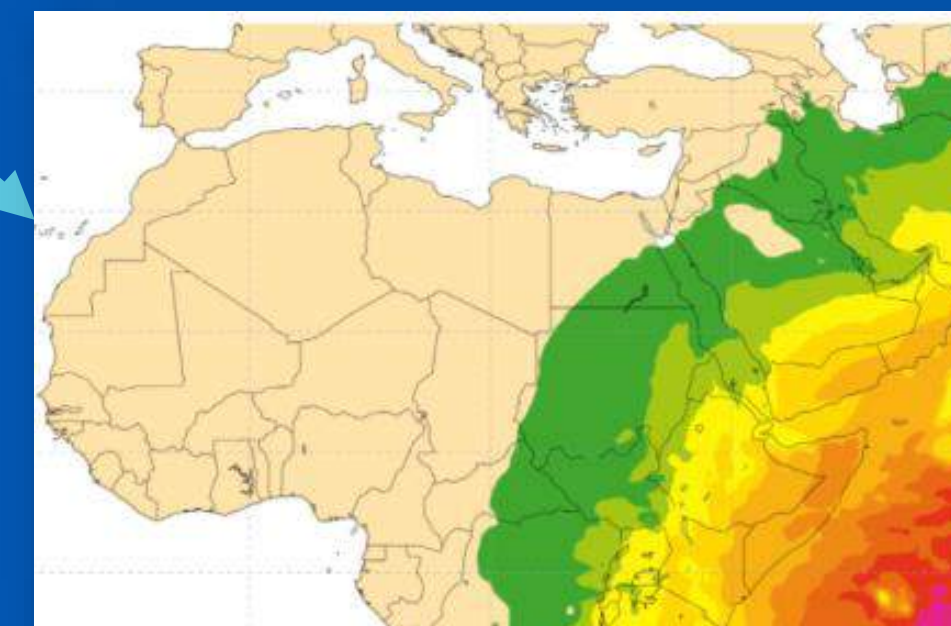


*European Air Quality and products in support of policy users*

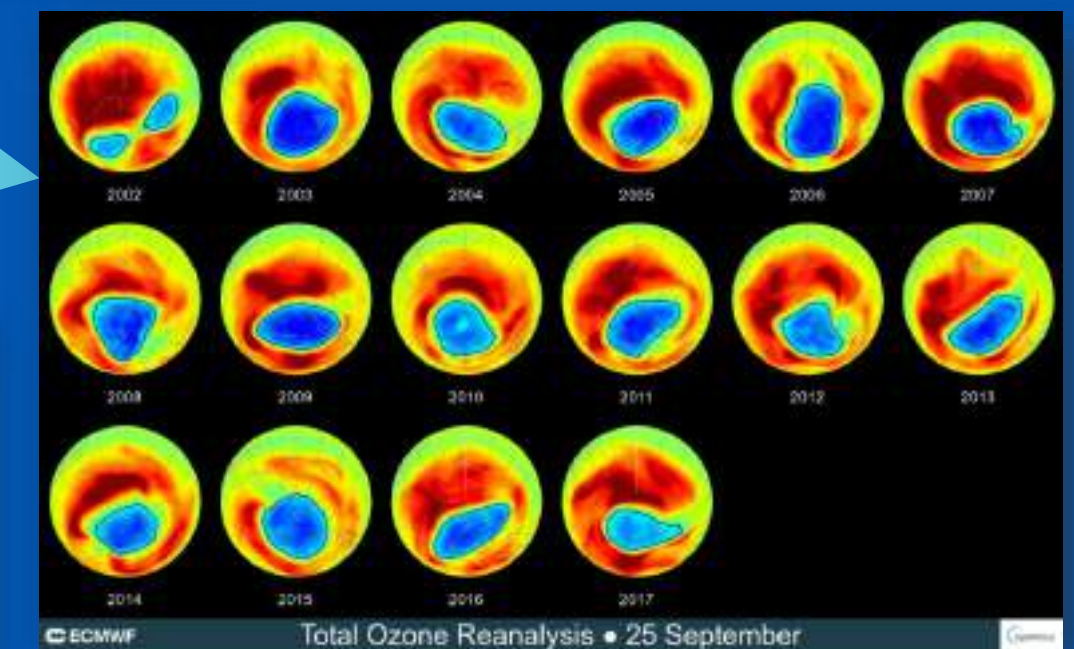
*Emissions and surface fluxes*



*Atmospheric composition : global analyses, forecasts and reanalyses*



*Solar radiation and UV index*



*Ozone layer*

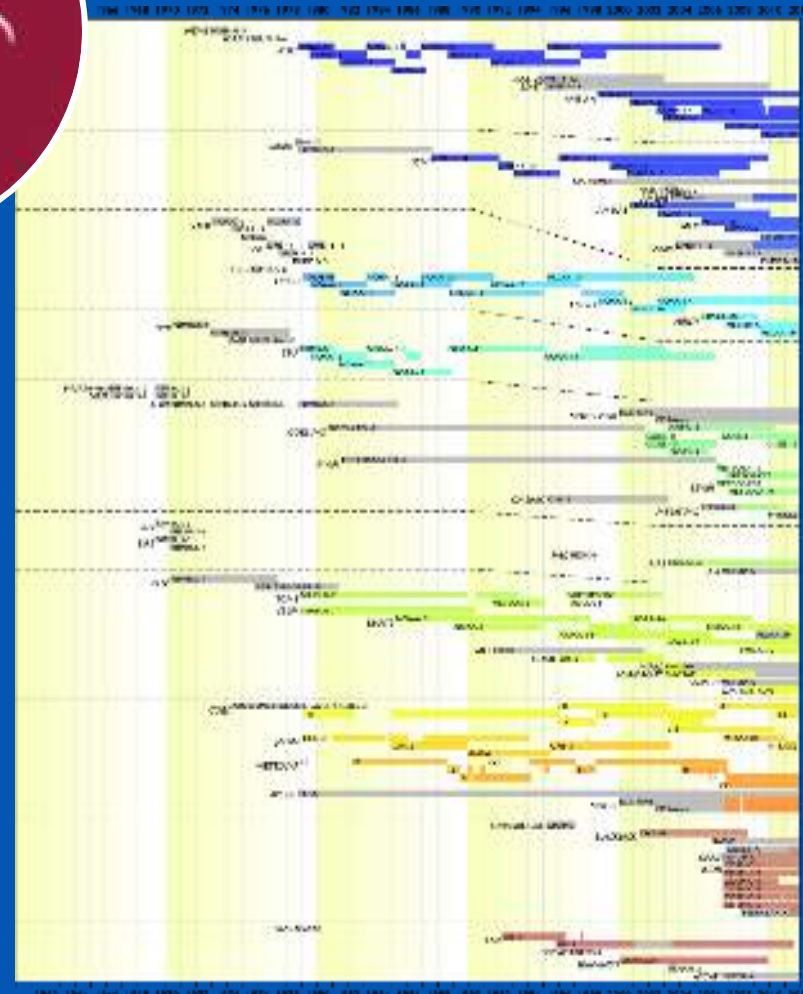


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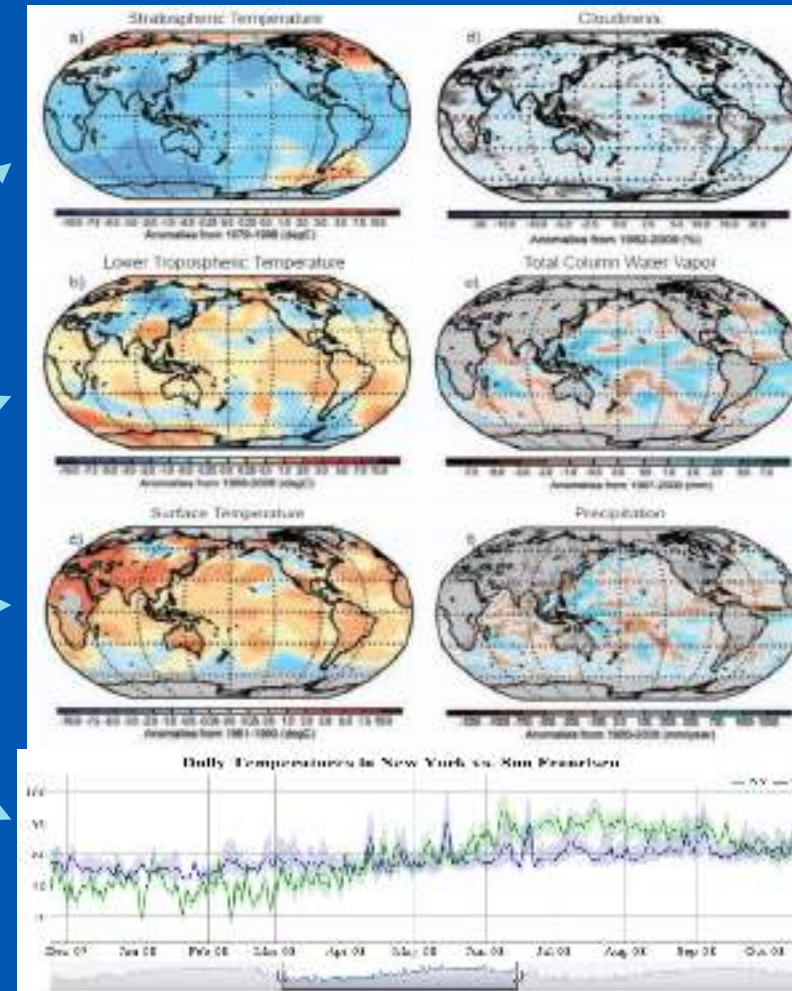
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# C3S / Climate Change Service

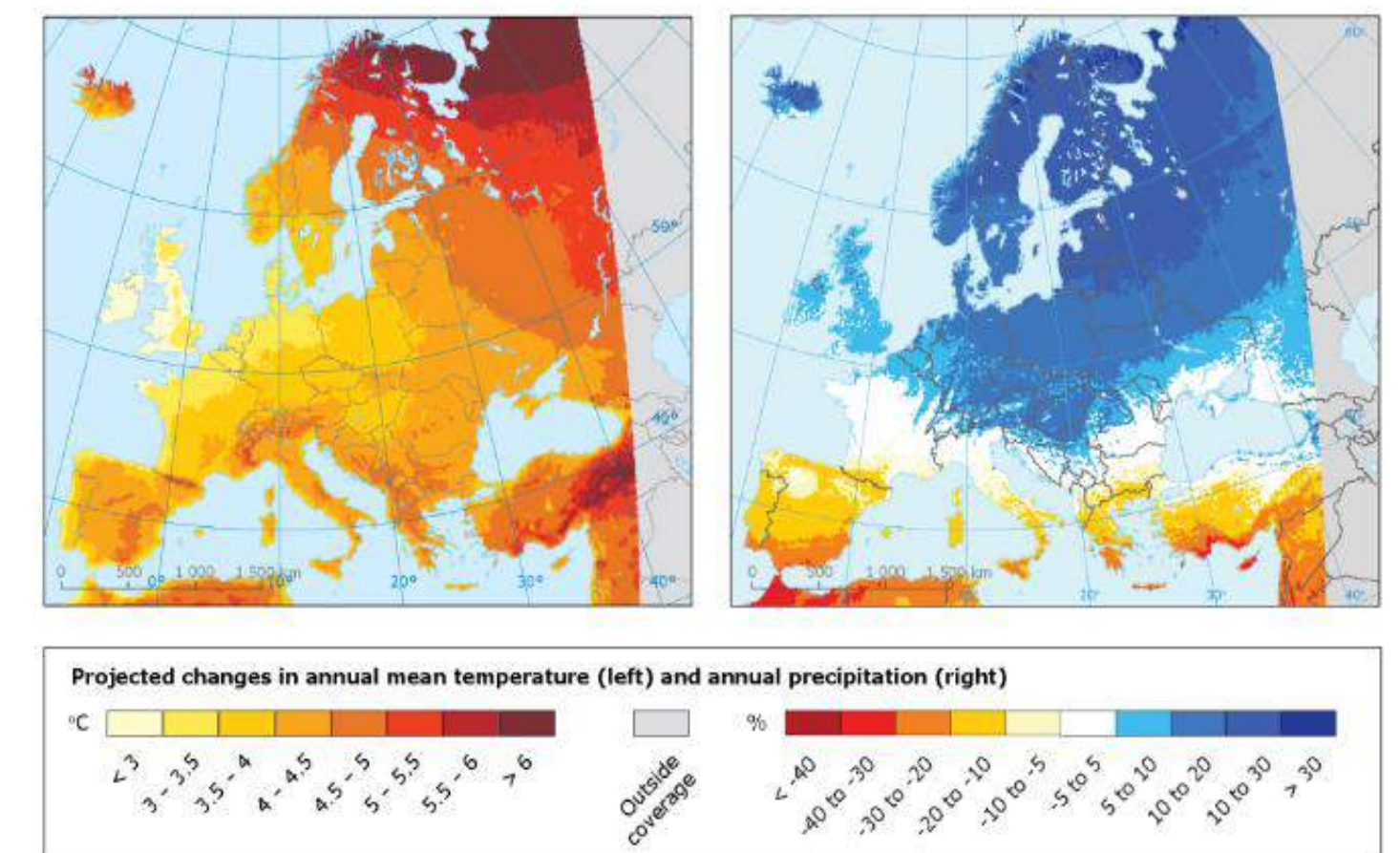
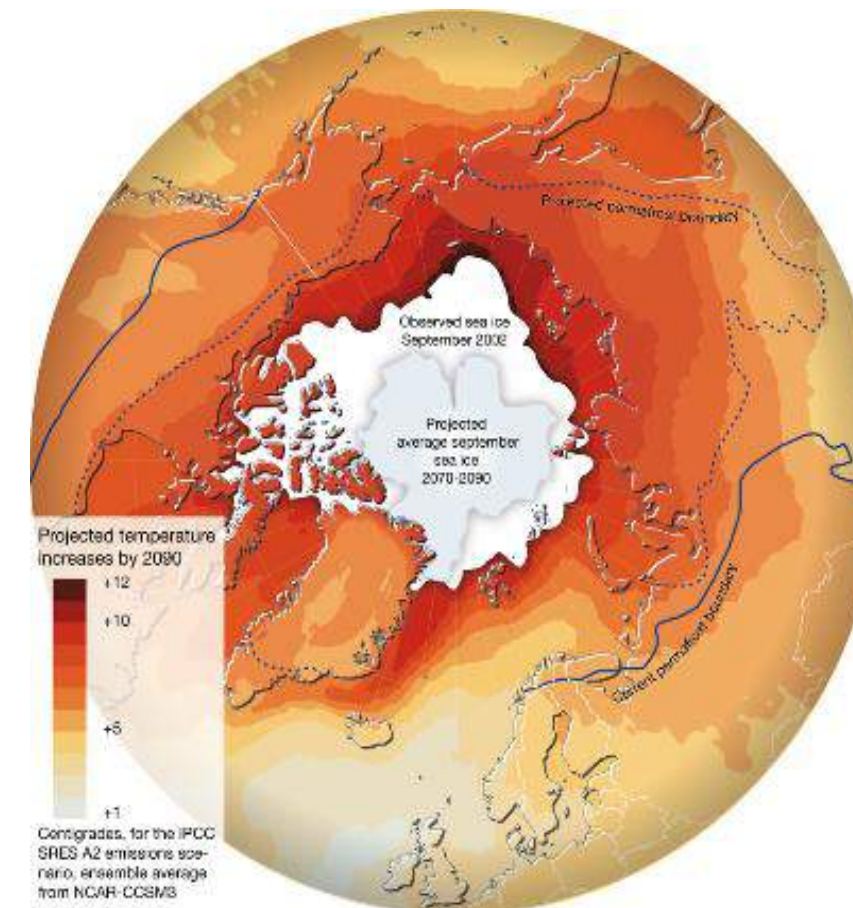
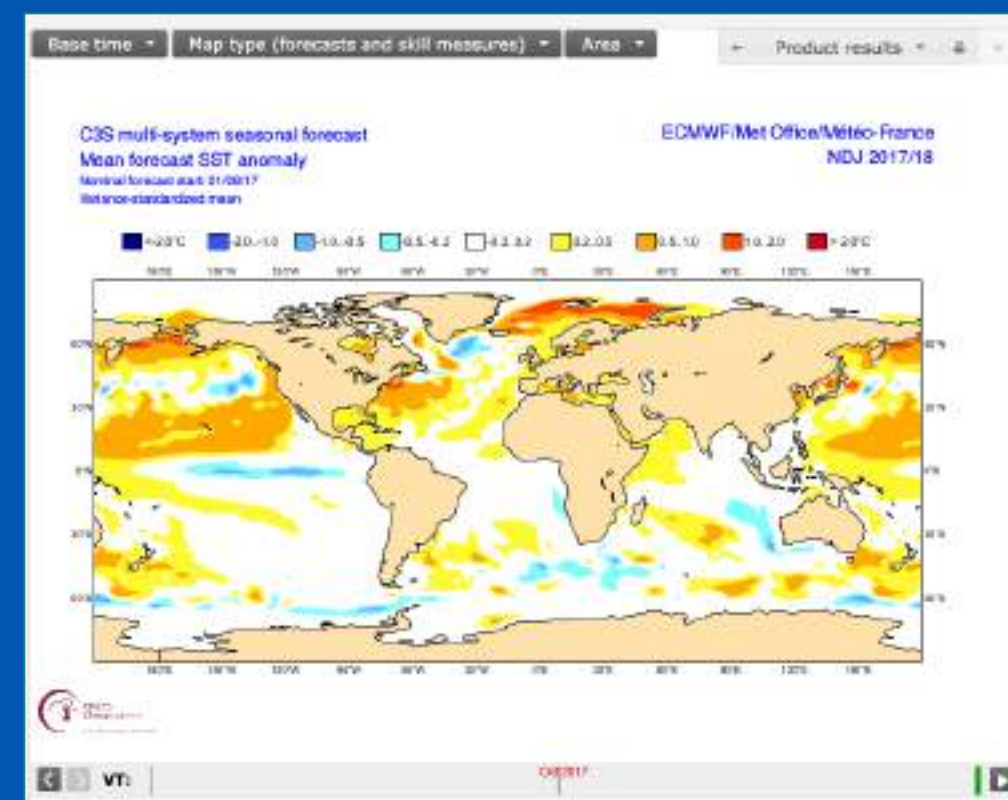


Earth system models



- Observations and climate re-analyses
- Seasonal forecast data and products
- Climate model simulations
- Sectoral Impact Assessment

Annual  
“European State  
of the Climate”  
report (C3S)

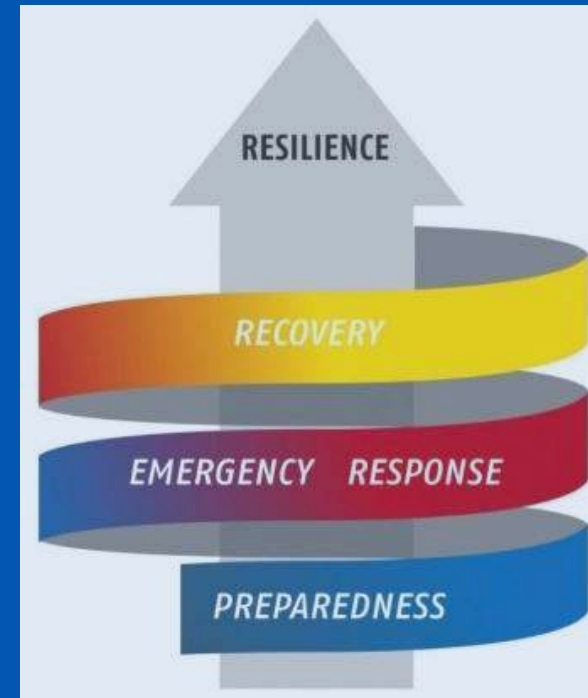


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# CEMS / Emergency Management Service

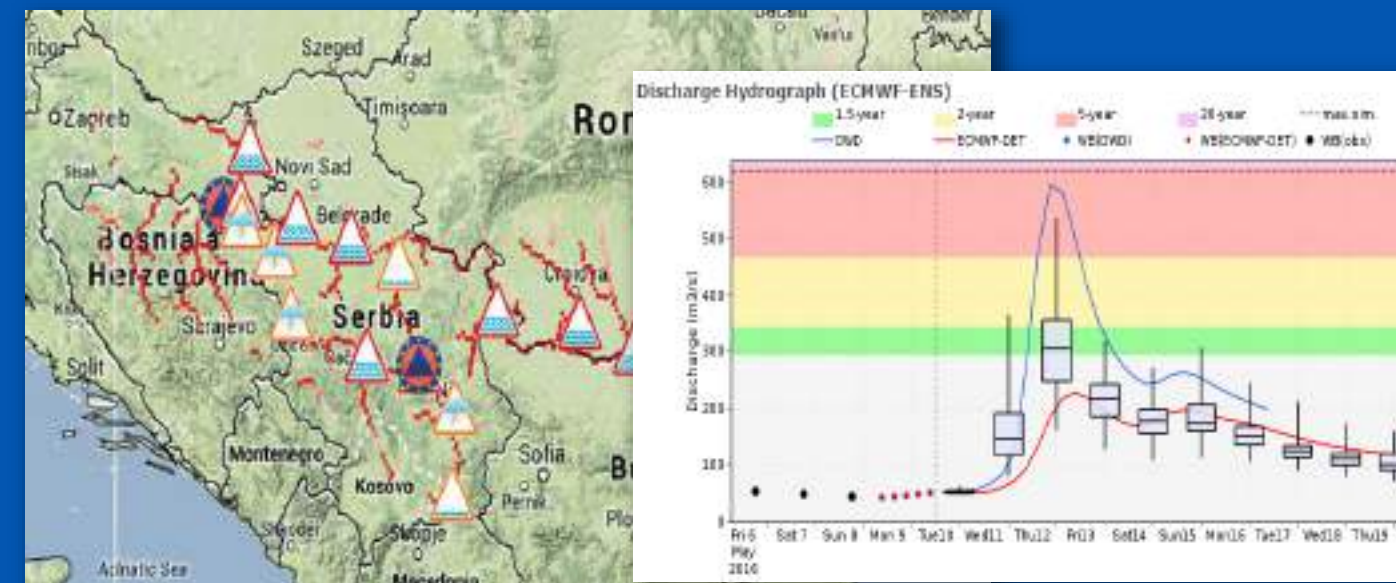


## Scope

- Complementary to national efforts
- Supporting the EC's Emergency Response and Coordination Centre (ERCC)
- Focus on Europe but available globally

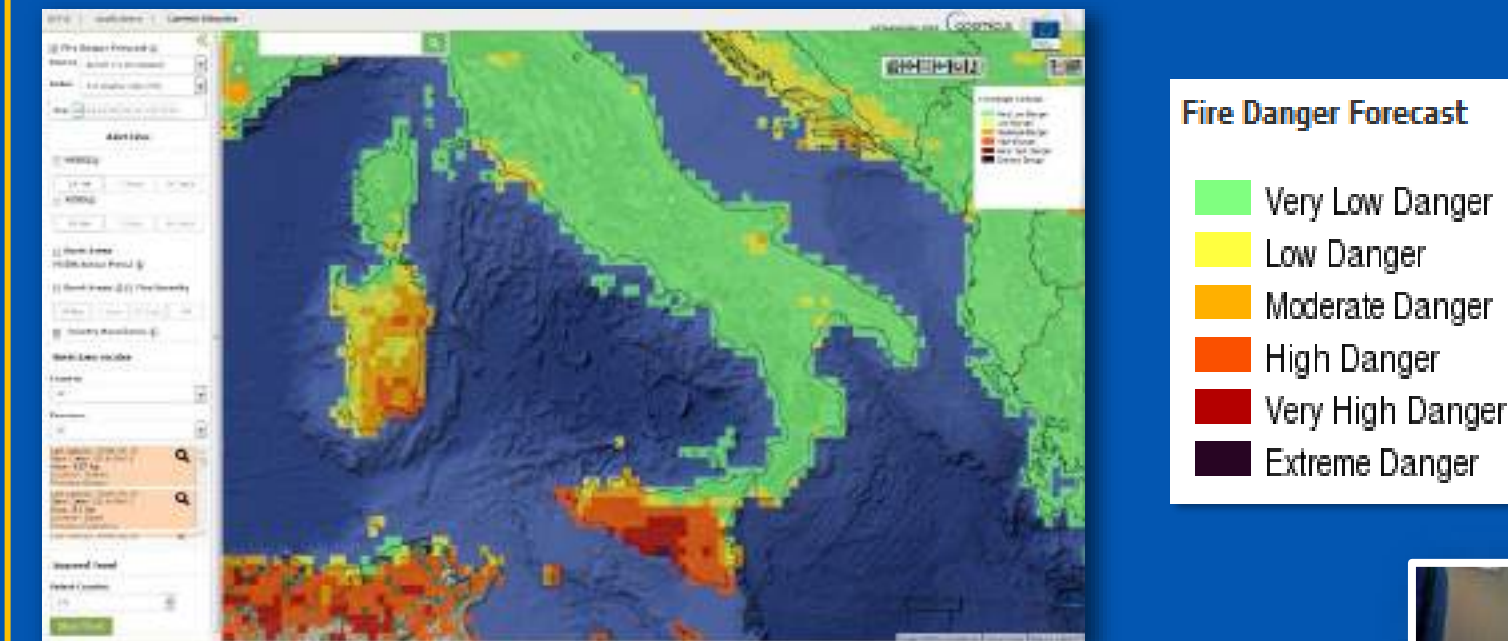
## Flood Awareness System (EFAS - GLOFAS)

Flood monitoring and forecasting across Europe and Global



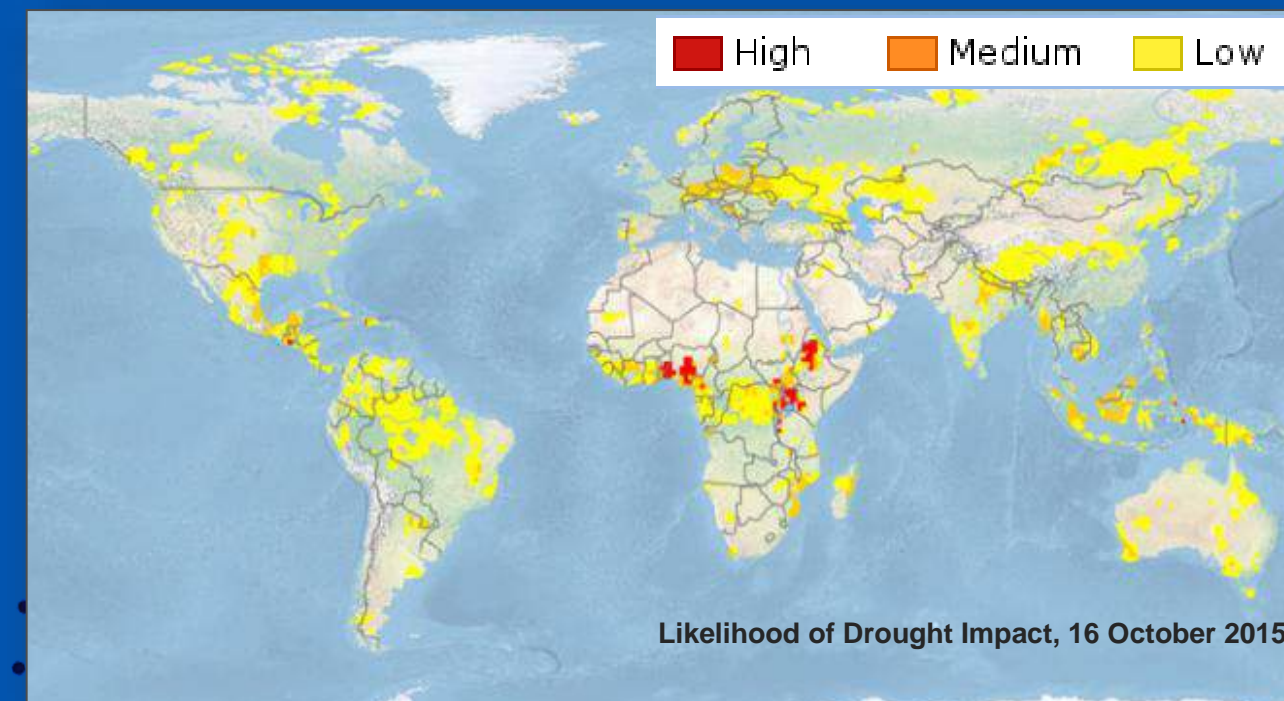
## European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS)

Near real-time & historical information on forest fires in the European, Middle Eastern & N-African regions



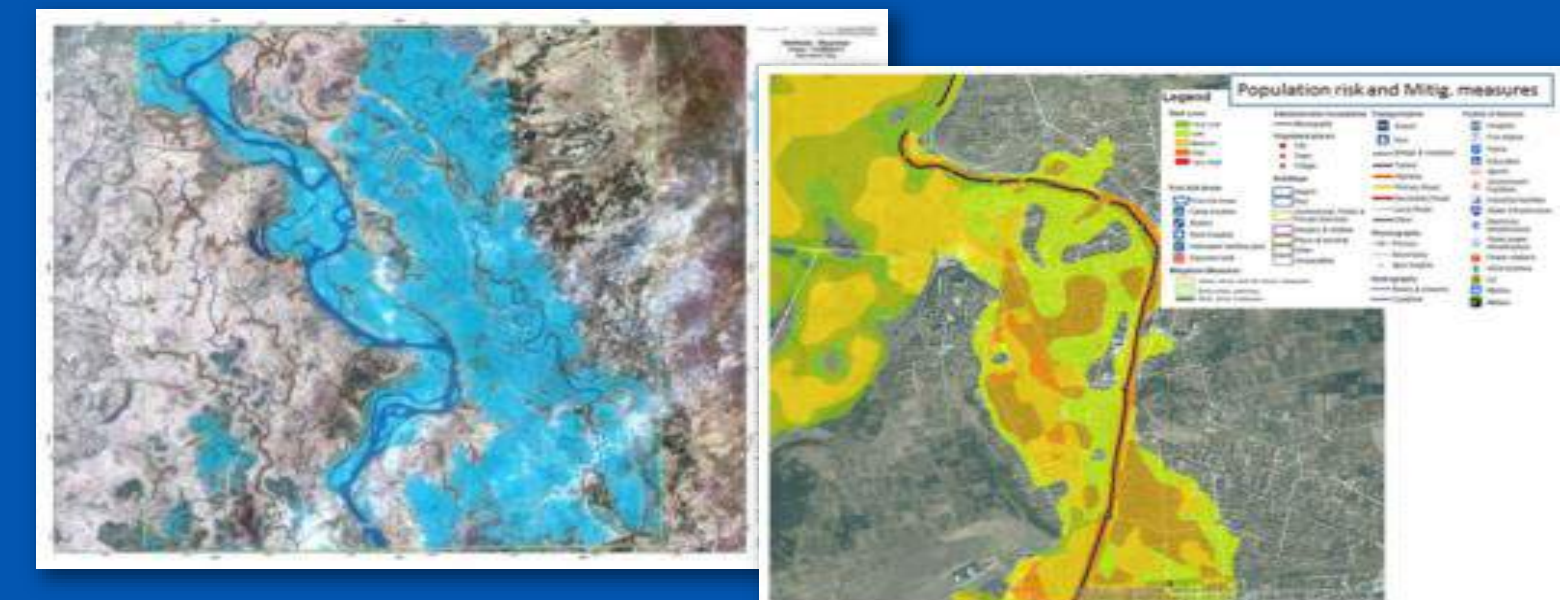
## Drought Observatory (EDO – GDO)

Early warning, monitoring & forecasting of droughts & their impacts



## On-demand Mapping

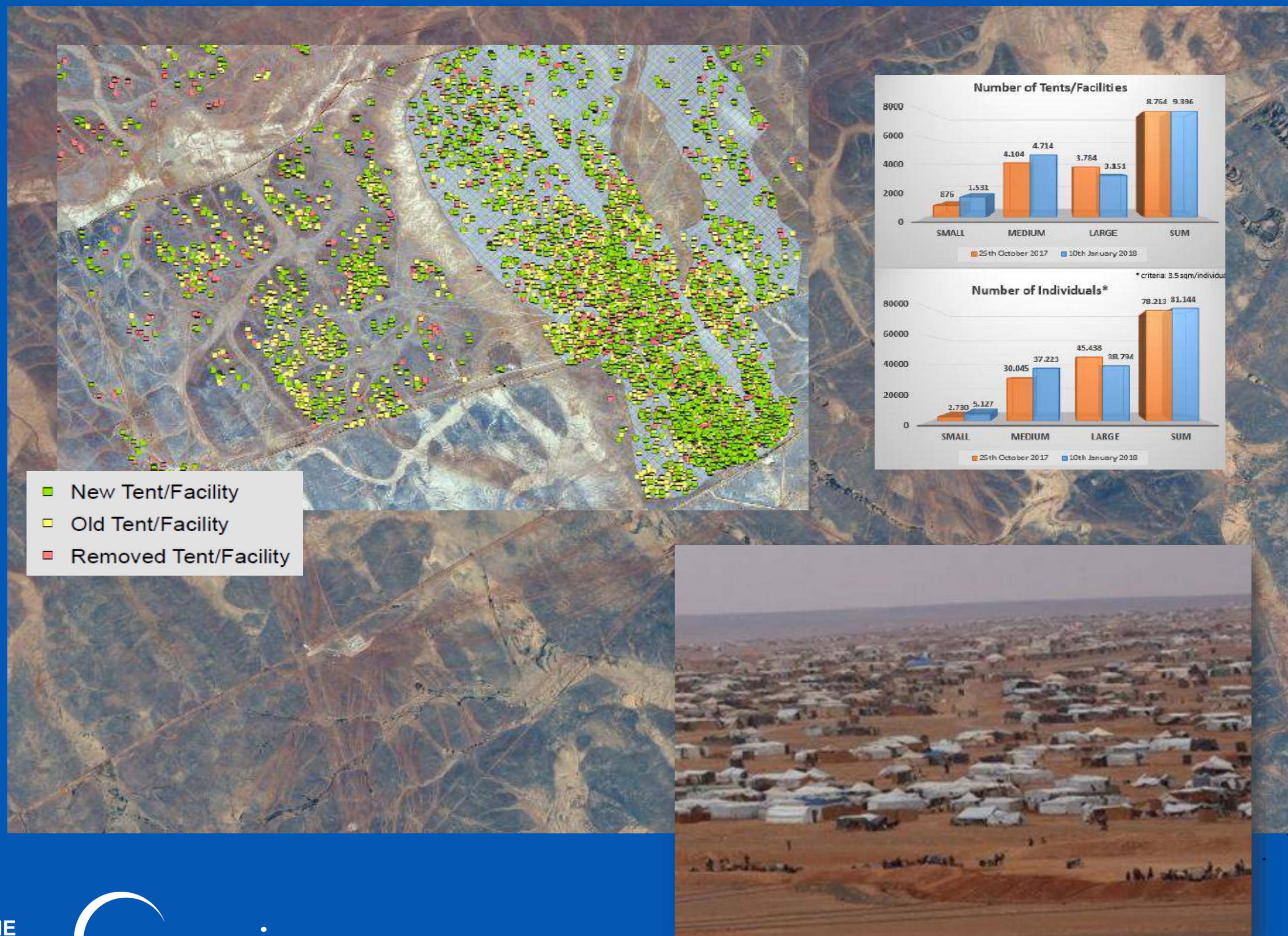
On-demand provision of geospatial information in support of preparedness, emergency response, recovery for any type of disaster



Any disaster



# CSS/ Copernicus Security Service



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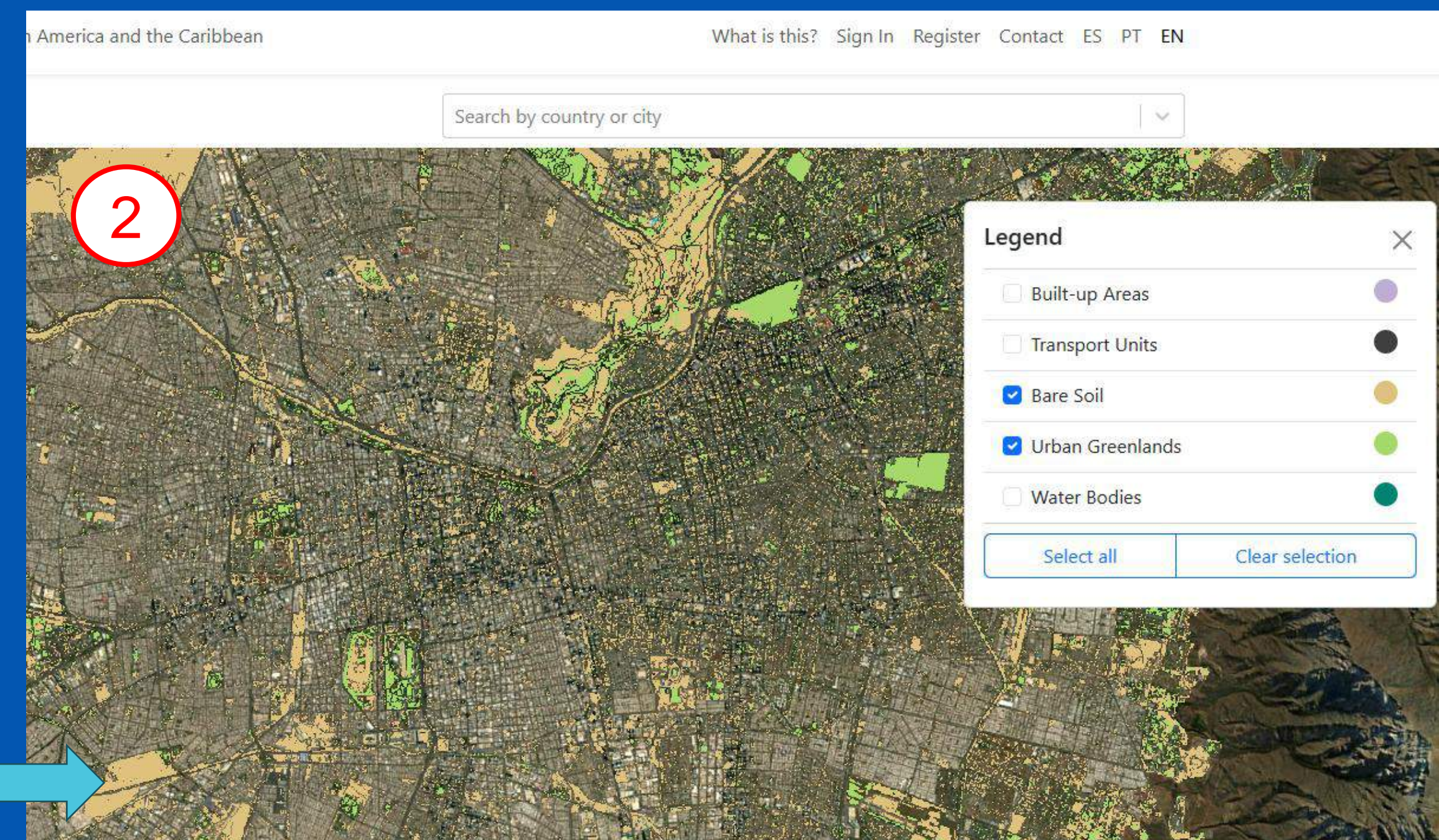
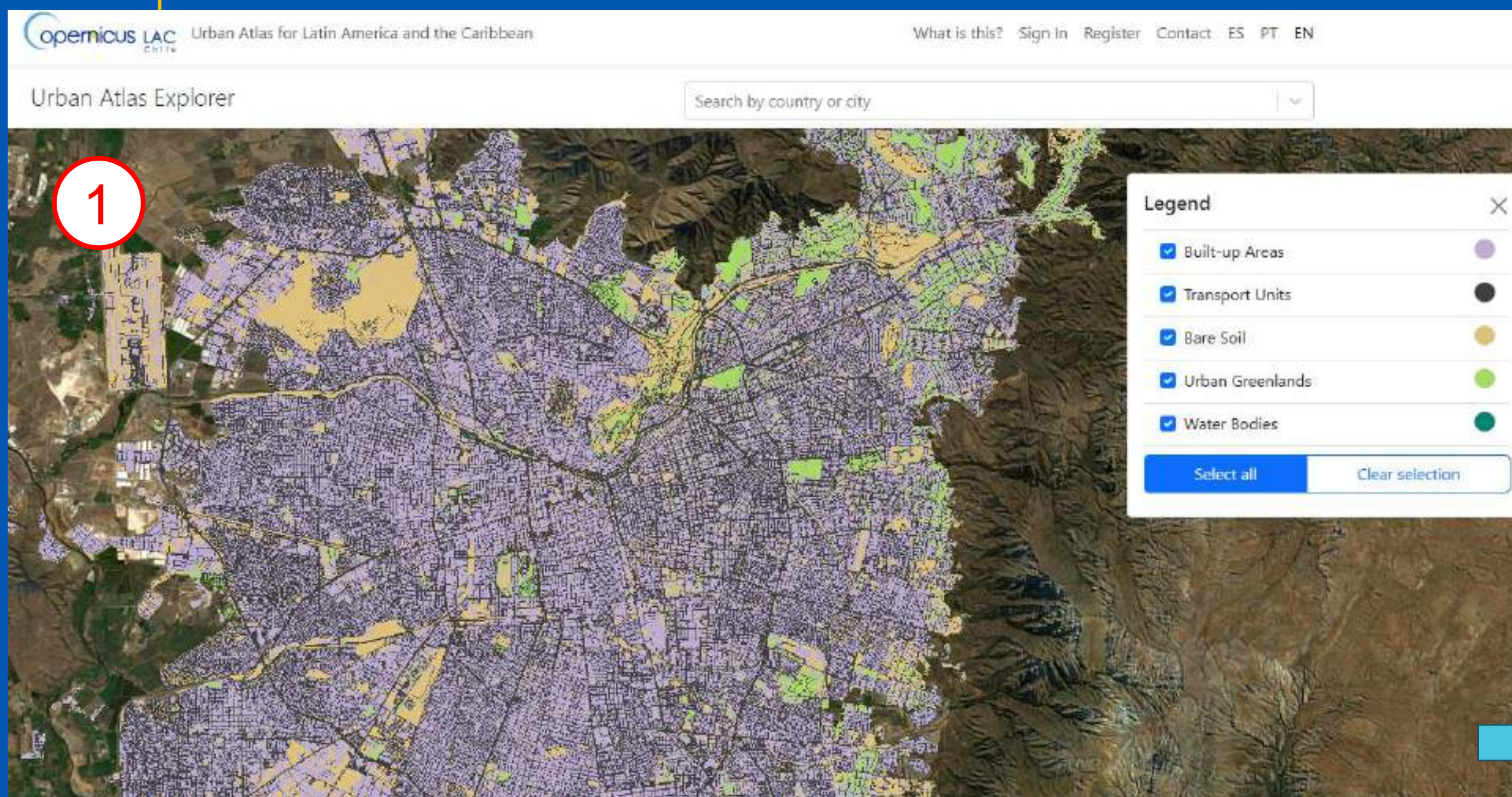




# Copernicus LAC Centres – Urban Atlas




## 2 Copernicus Centres in the LAC region:

- CopernicusLAC Panama Centre: based on DRR geospatial products.
- CopernicusLAC Chile Centre: based on cc and urban products.



Santiago de Chile.

### Possible uses:

-  Urban and Regional Planning – e.g. identify areas for urban expansion, supports infrastructure planning
-  Environmental Monitoring and Sustainability – e.g. tracking of changes in green areas
-  Public Services and Social Infrastructure – e.g. Identifies underserved areas for targeted investments



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## C. Q&A Panel.





# A. Introduction VITO







We turn **scientific insights** into ground-breaking **technological innovations**,  
**AI solutions**, and **policy advice**

## Regenerative Economy

Circular & Bio-economy  
Energy & Water  
Closed Loops



1393

employees



69

nationalities



297M€

revenues



27

patent  
applications

## Healthy Environment

Environment - Health Impact  
Space for All  
Human Comfort



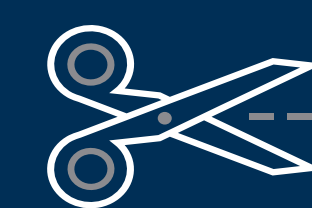
295

publications



40+

research domains



9

spin-offs

## Resilient Ecosystems

Climate mitigation  
Climate adaptation  
Security

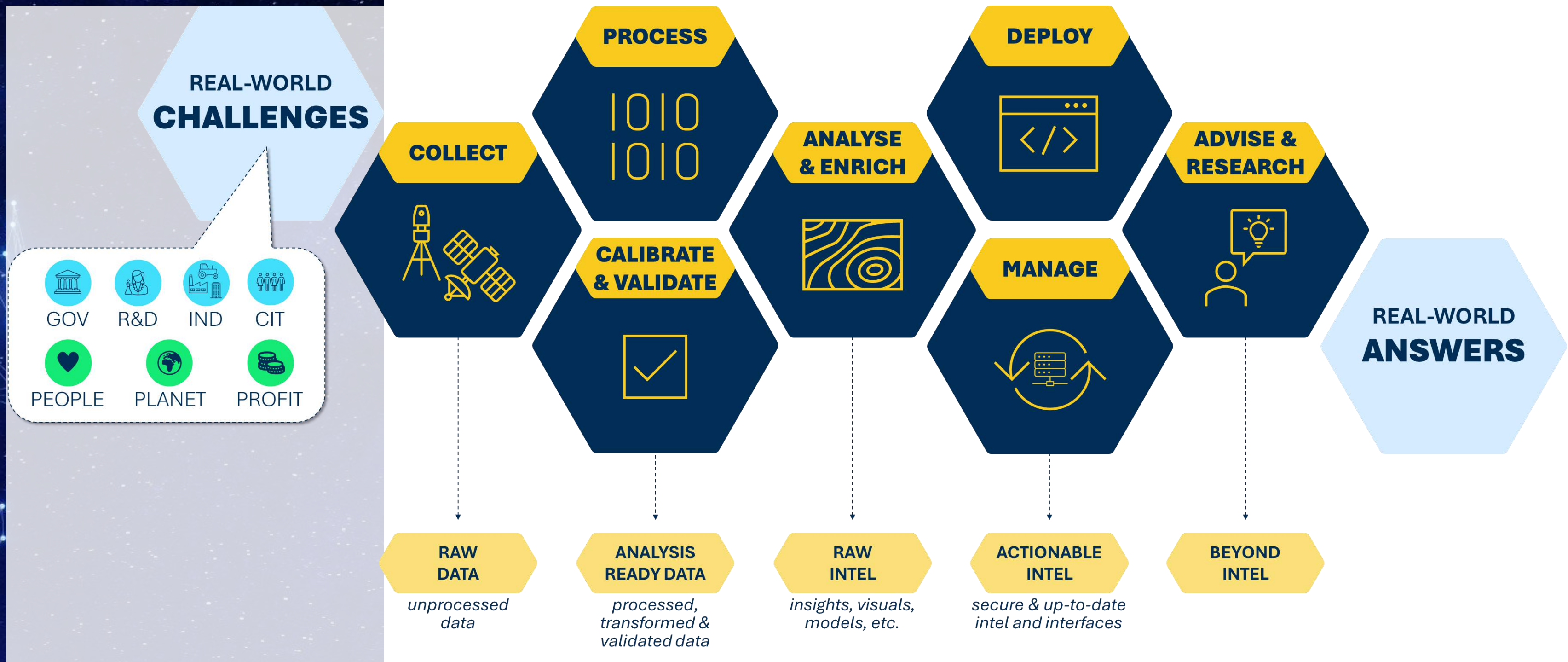
IMPACT  
DOMAINS

Year 2024





# Earth Observation (EO) & Spatial Data @ VITO

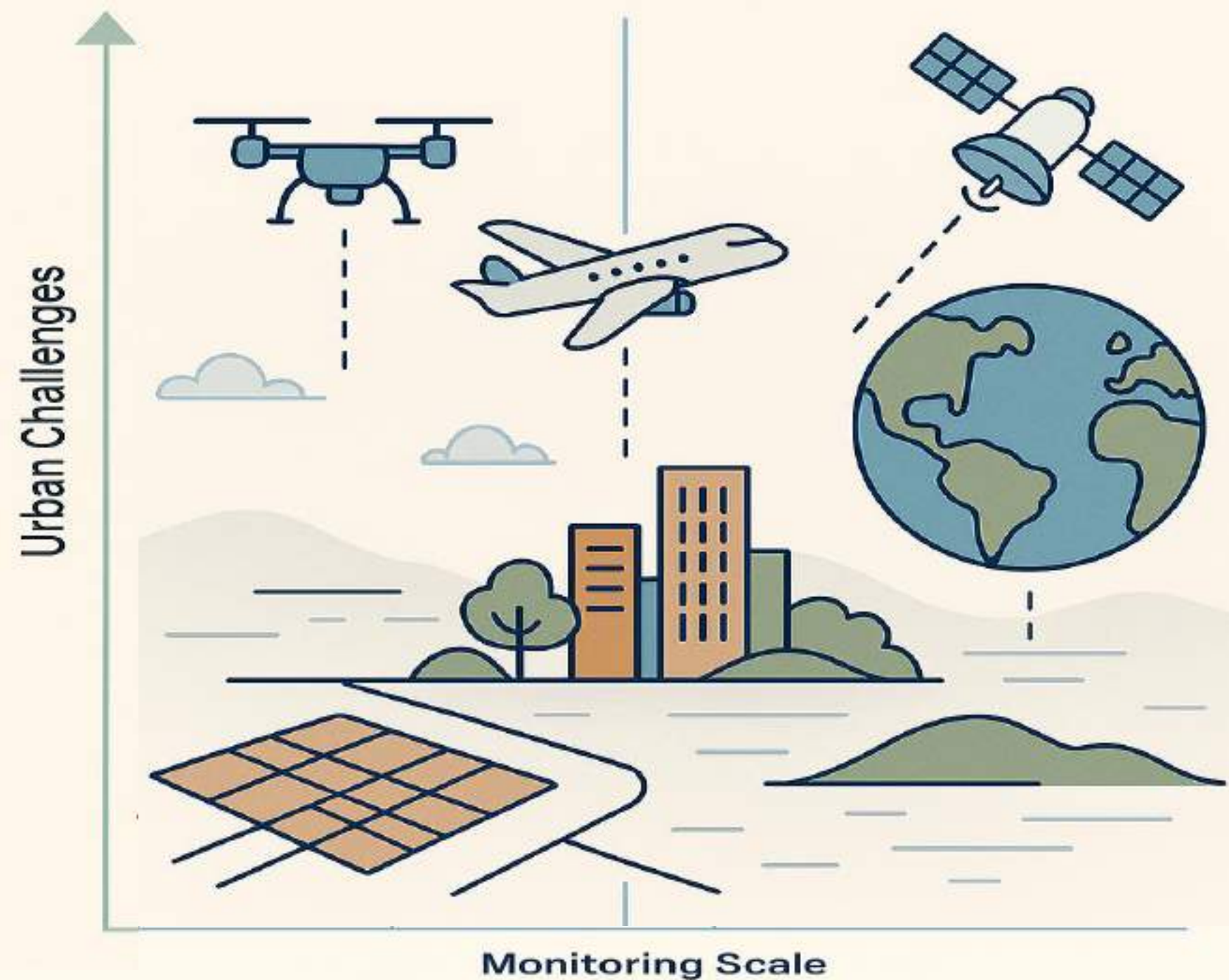


Offering *integrated solutions* based on **expertise** on **environmental aspect** (air, climate, land use, health), and **spatial data** gathering, processing and modelling *technologies*

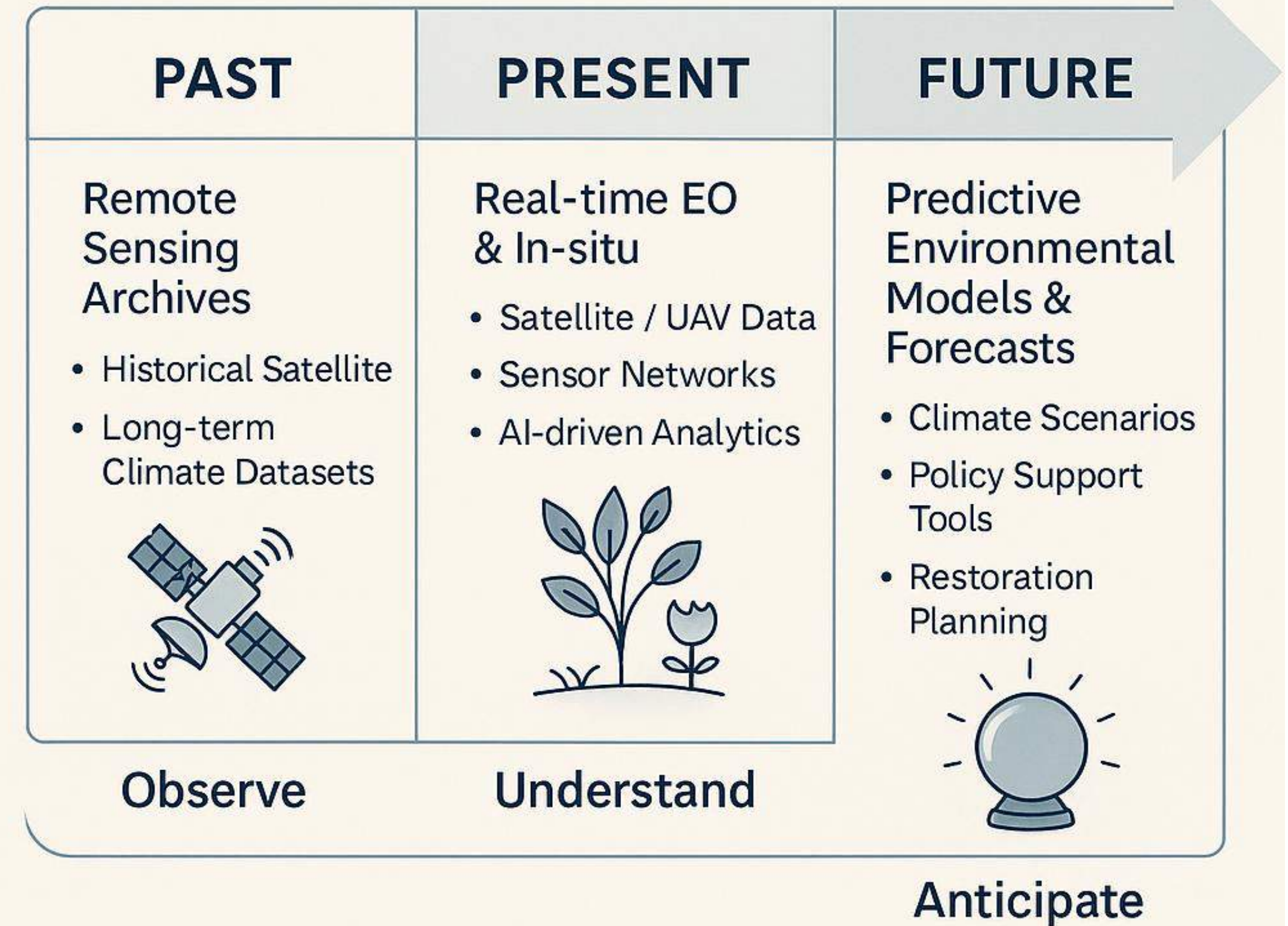


# The Spatial & Temporal Extent of VITO's Environmental Intelligence

## From Grid to Globe



## From Observing the Past to Shaping the Future





# Environmental Intelligence in Urban Challenges

Urban Growth: Land Use -  
Urbanisation - Spatial Planning



Climate Impact  
- Heat Stress



**Integrated Urban Resilience**



Air Quality



Waste Management



Awareness  
& Capacity



Underground  
Management



Flooding



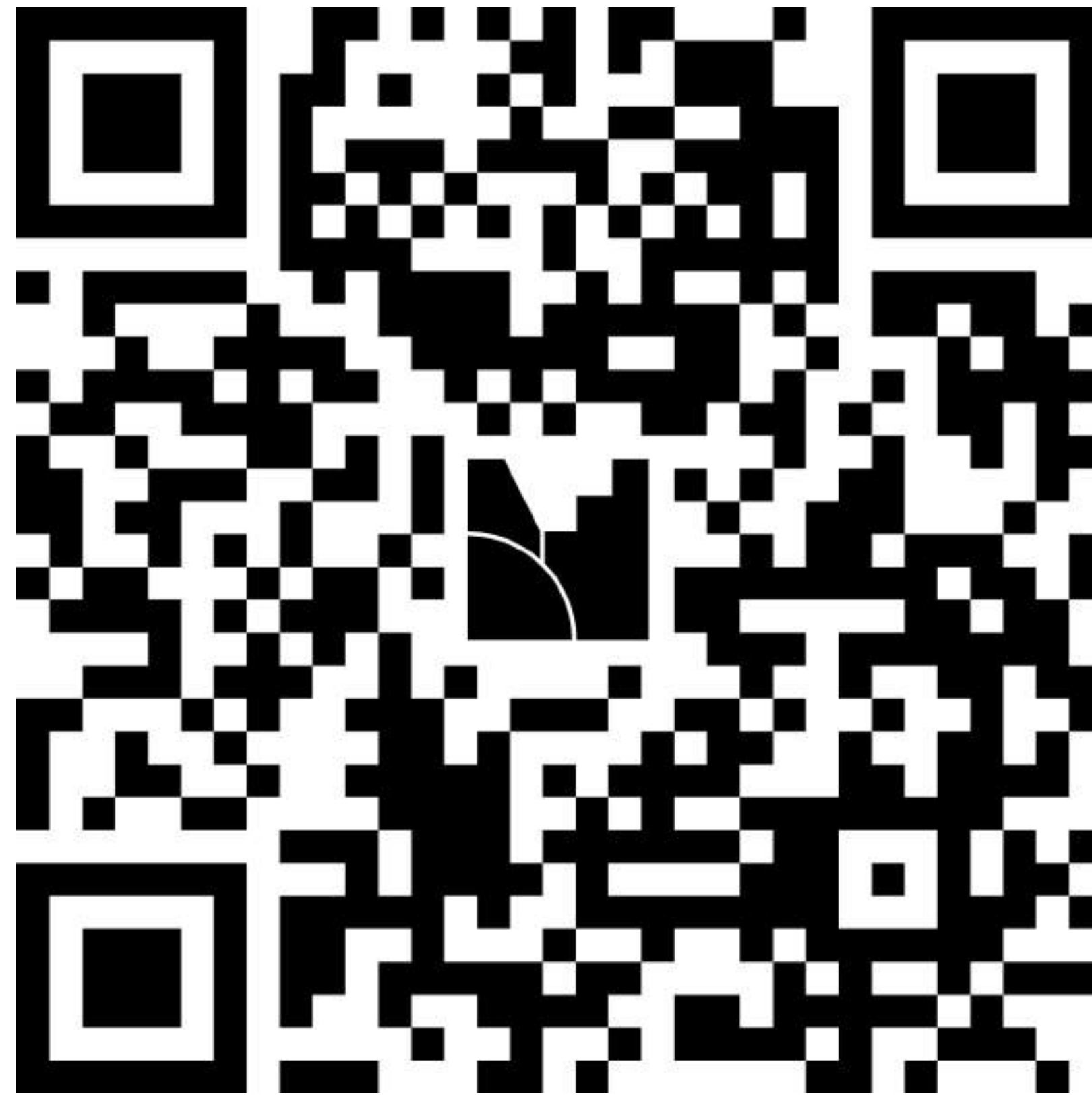
Energy





# Quick Question Before the Deep Dive

- Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use this code: **3912 2698**





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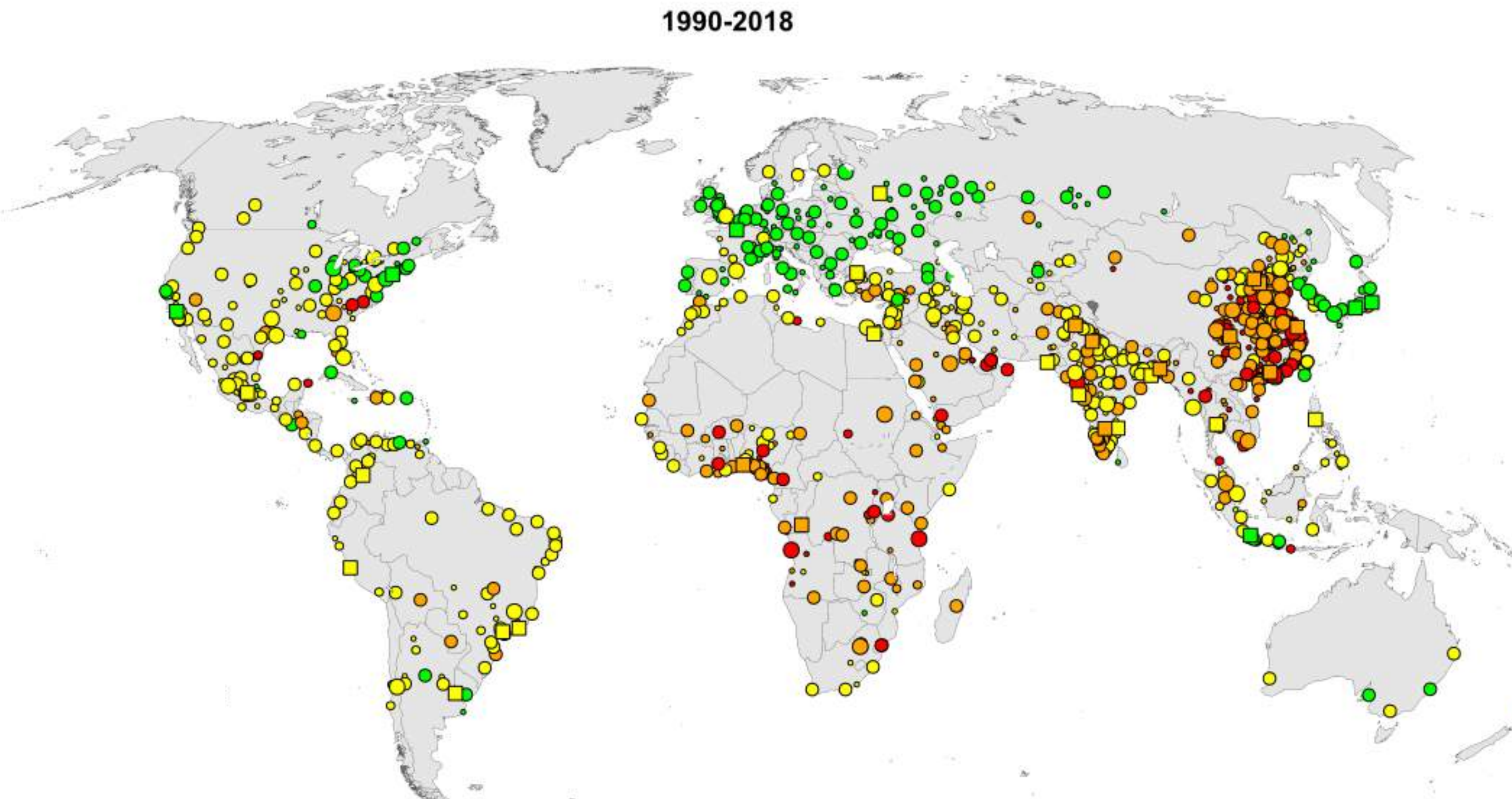
# **1. Urban Growth & Climate Impact (India)**

- **What is the urbanisation & climate challenge?**
- **What environmental modelling tools do we have available?**
- **Case study: Support tool for Indian cities**
- **Q&A**

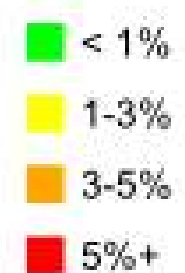




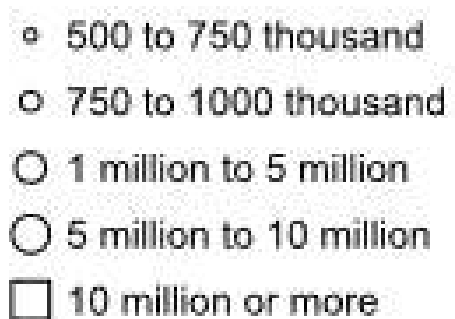
# Urbanisation & Climate: a Dual Challenge



Growth Rate



City Population in 2018

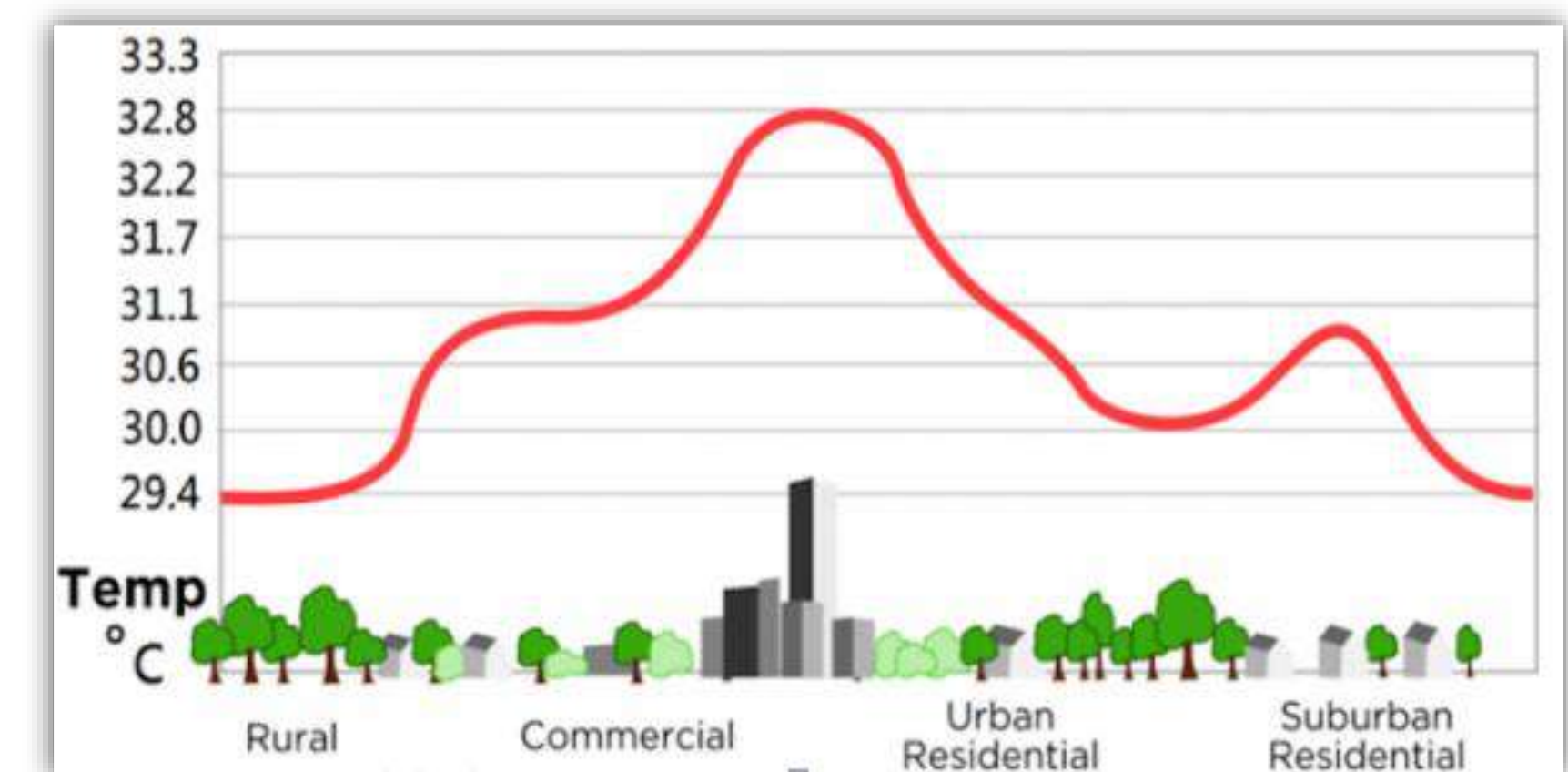


## Urban Heat Island Effect

Artificial surfaces exacerbates the impact of rising temperatures

> **56% of the world's population lives in urban areas** & is expected to reach **68% by 2050** (UN DESA, 2018).

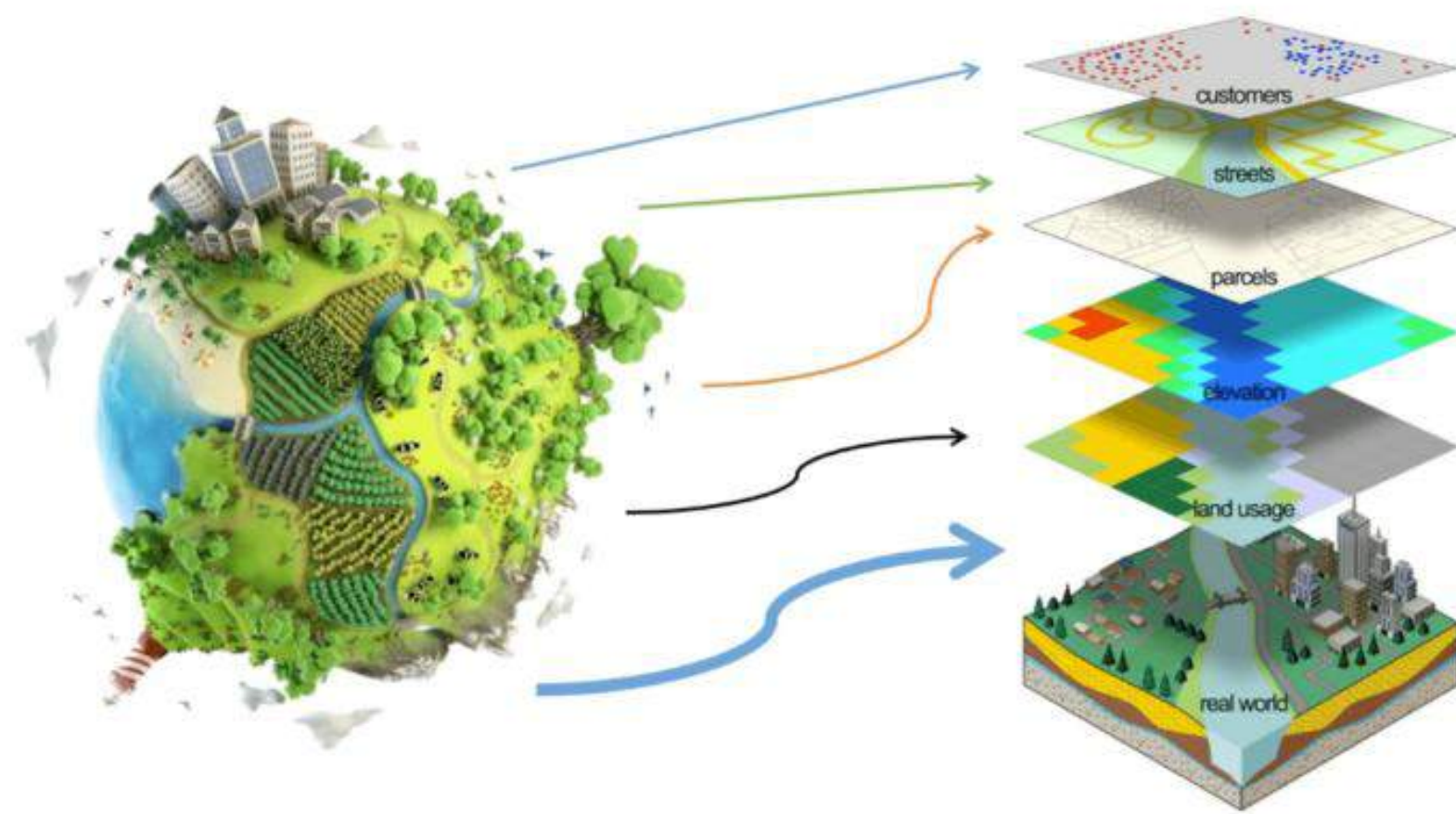
Urban land expansion is **occurring at 2-3 times the rate of urban population growth**, mainly due to sprawl (Seto et al., 2012).





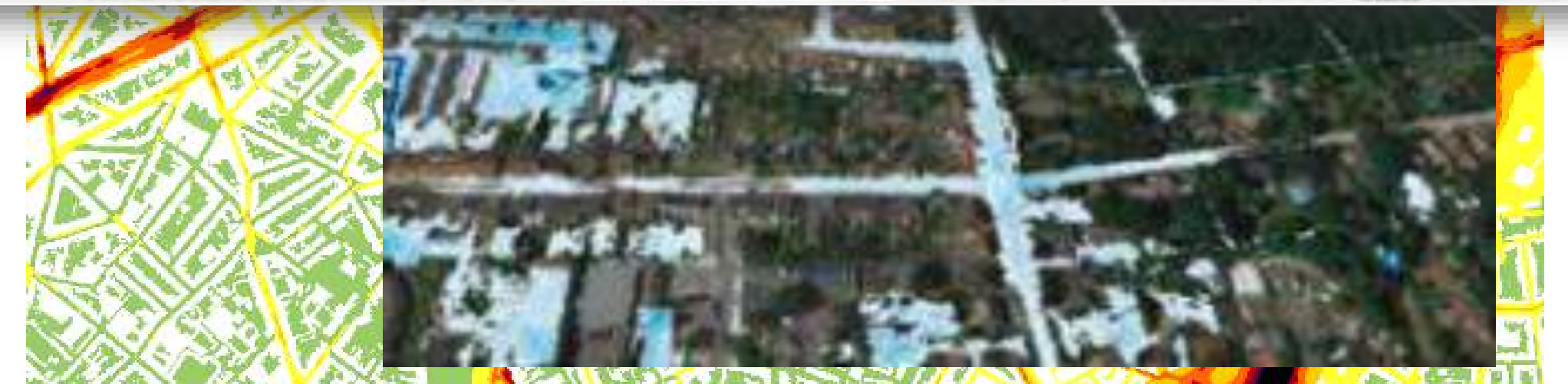
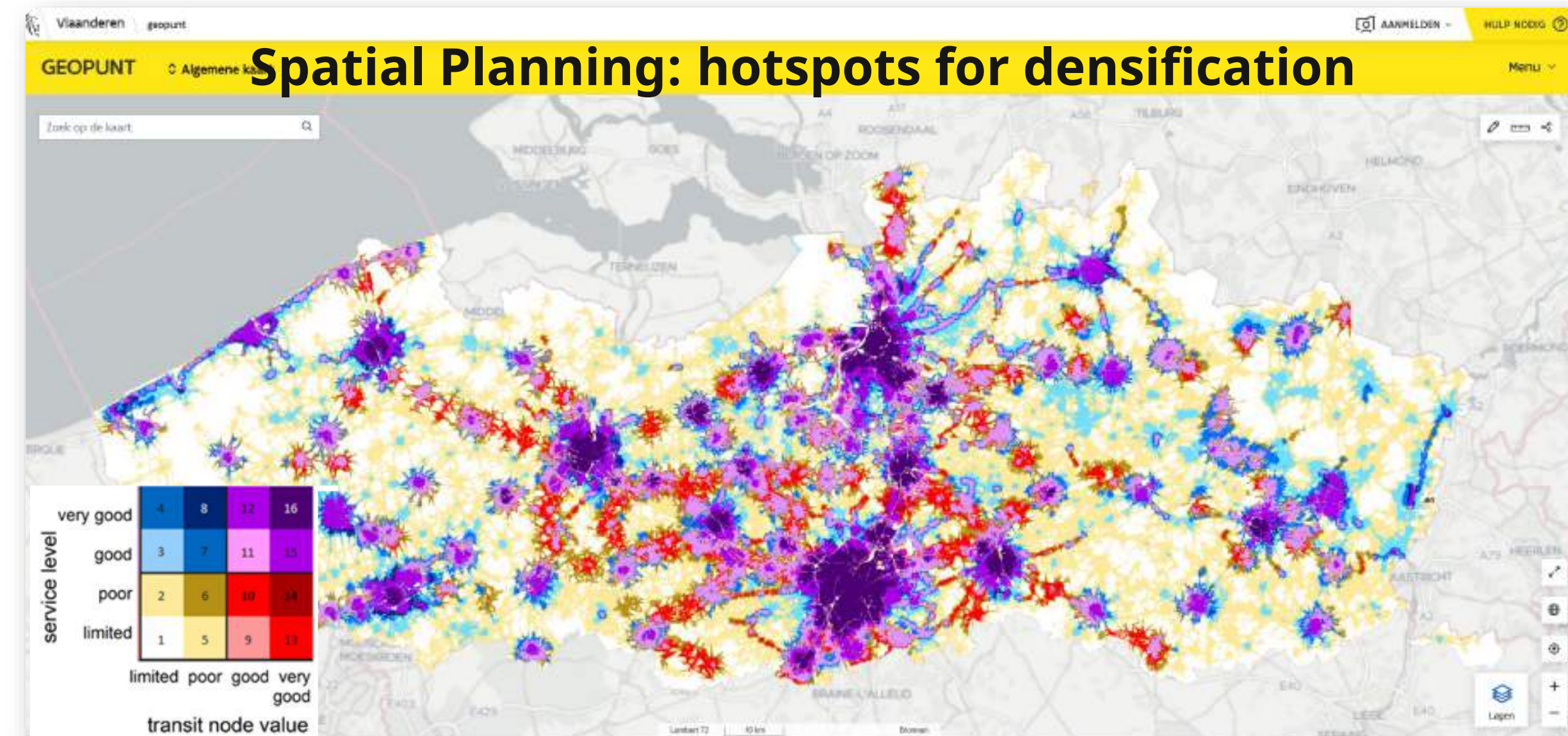
# Environmental Modelling

Support Environment Policy



Environmental Data - Geospatial Information

Land use, Water, Air, Climate & Geological Modelling  
Ecosystem services and economic evaluation



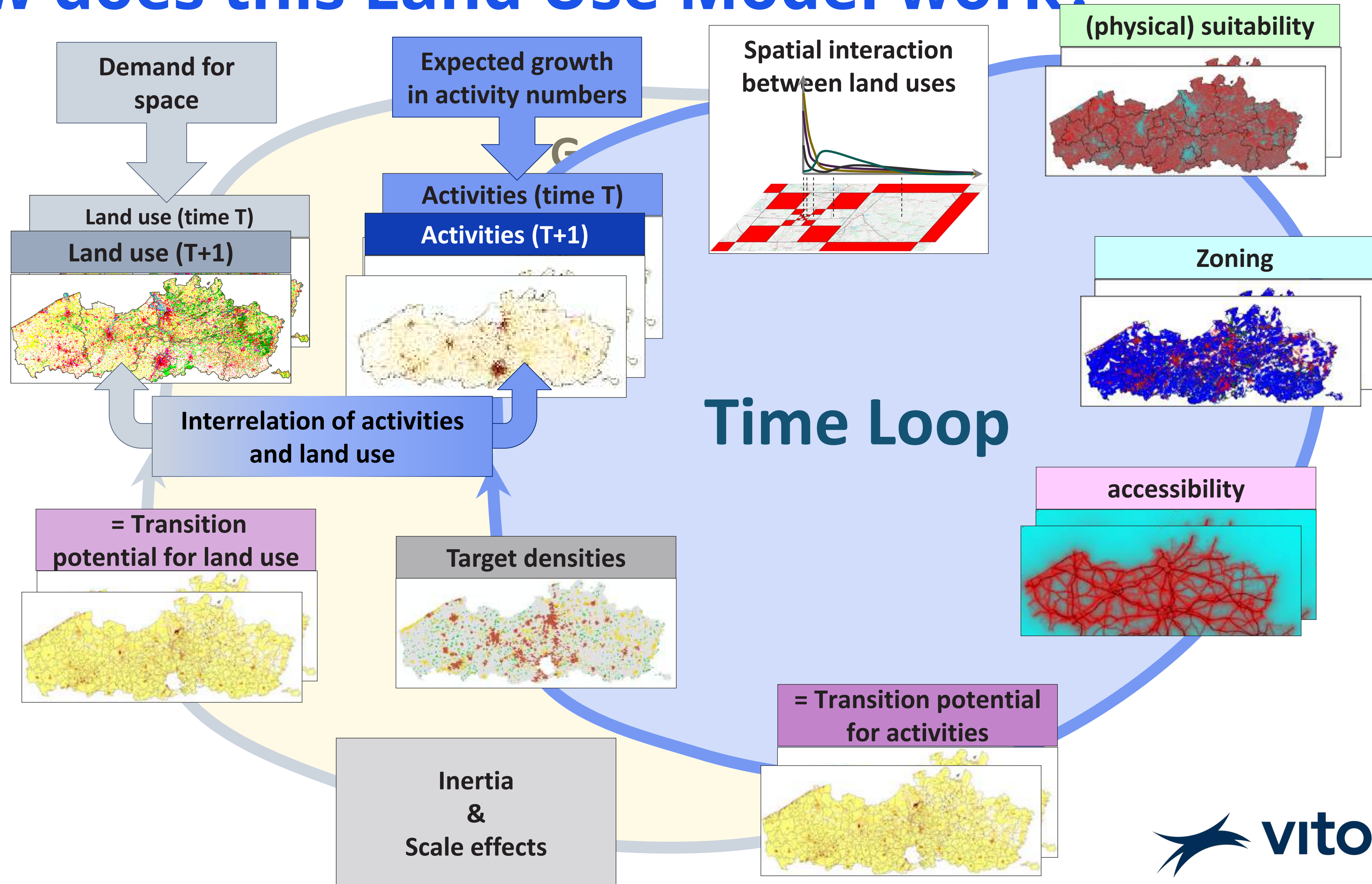
Reports (data/maps)  
Viewers → visualize, search & analyse



# How does this Land Use Model work?

## Required input:

- Observed land use change trends derived from Copernicus historical data
- Expected demand for space & population
- Present land use (& population)

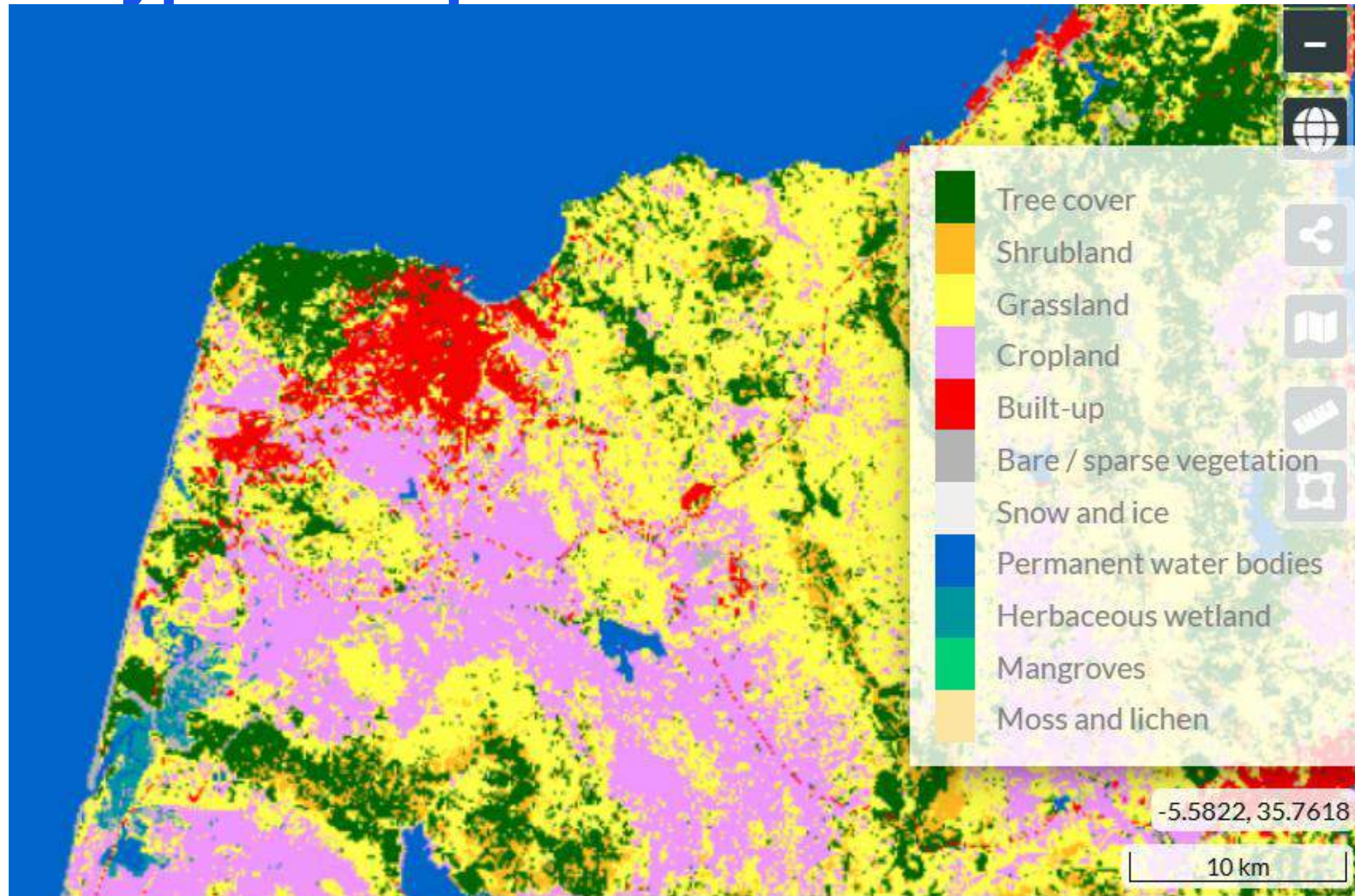




# Types of Input: From Land Cover to Land Use

## Type 1 land cover

Example:  
ESA World  
Cover

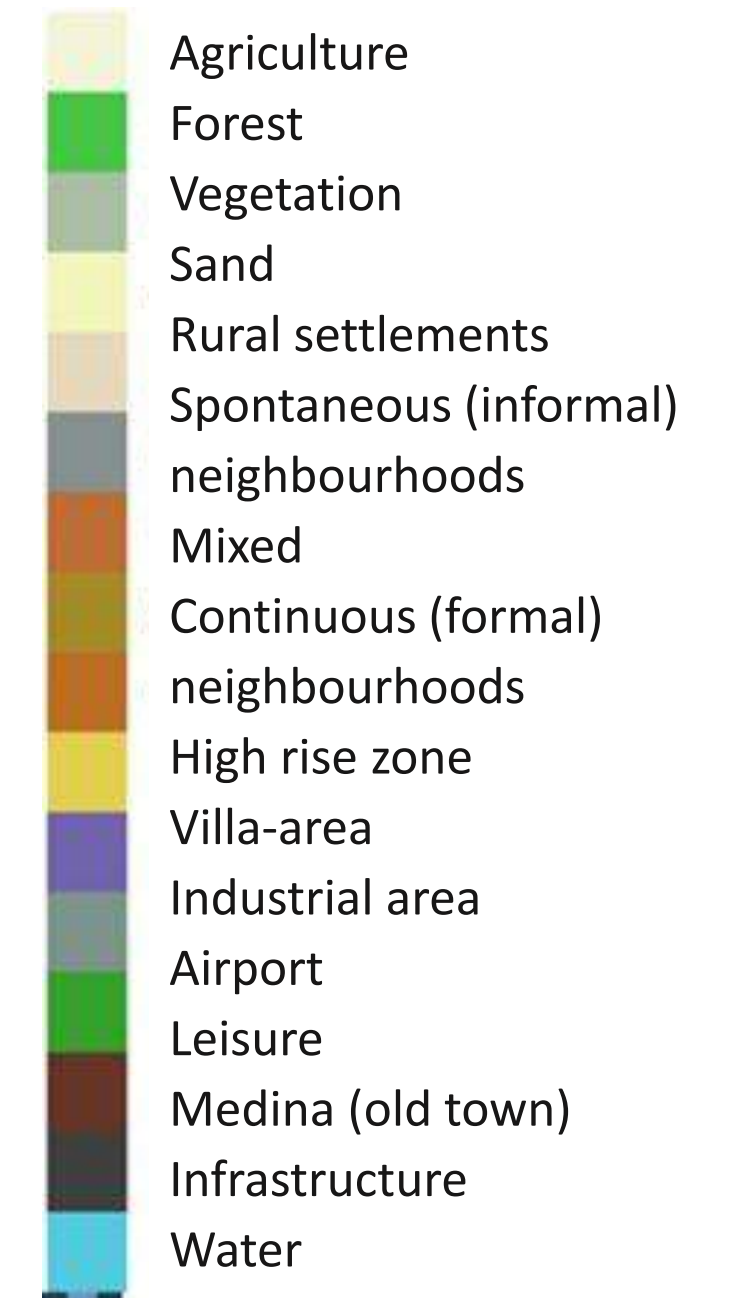
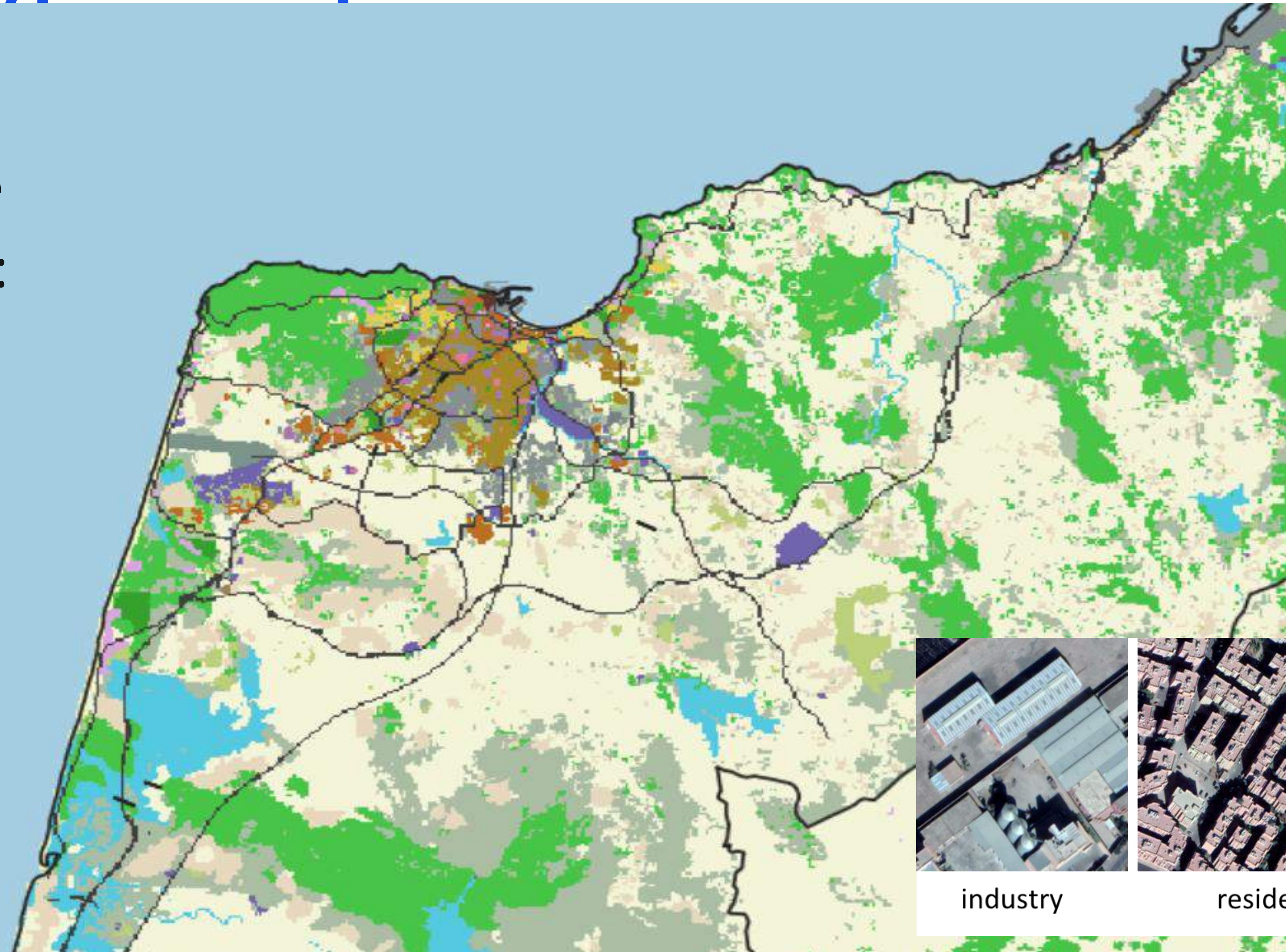




# Types of Input: from Land Cover to Land Use

## Type 3 land use

Example:  
machine  
learning  
result



industry



residential



Villa's

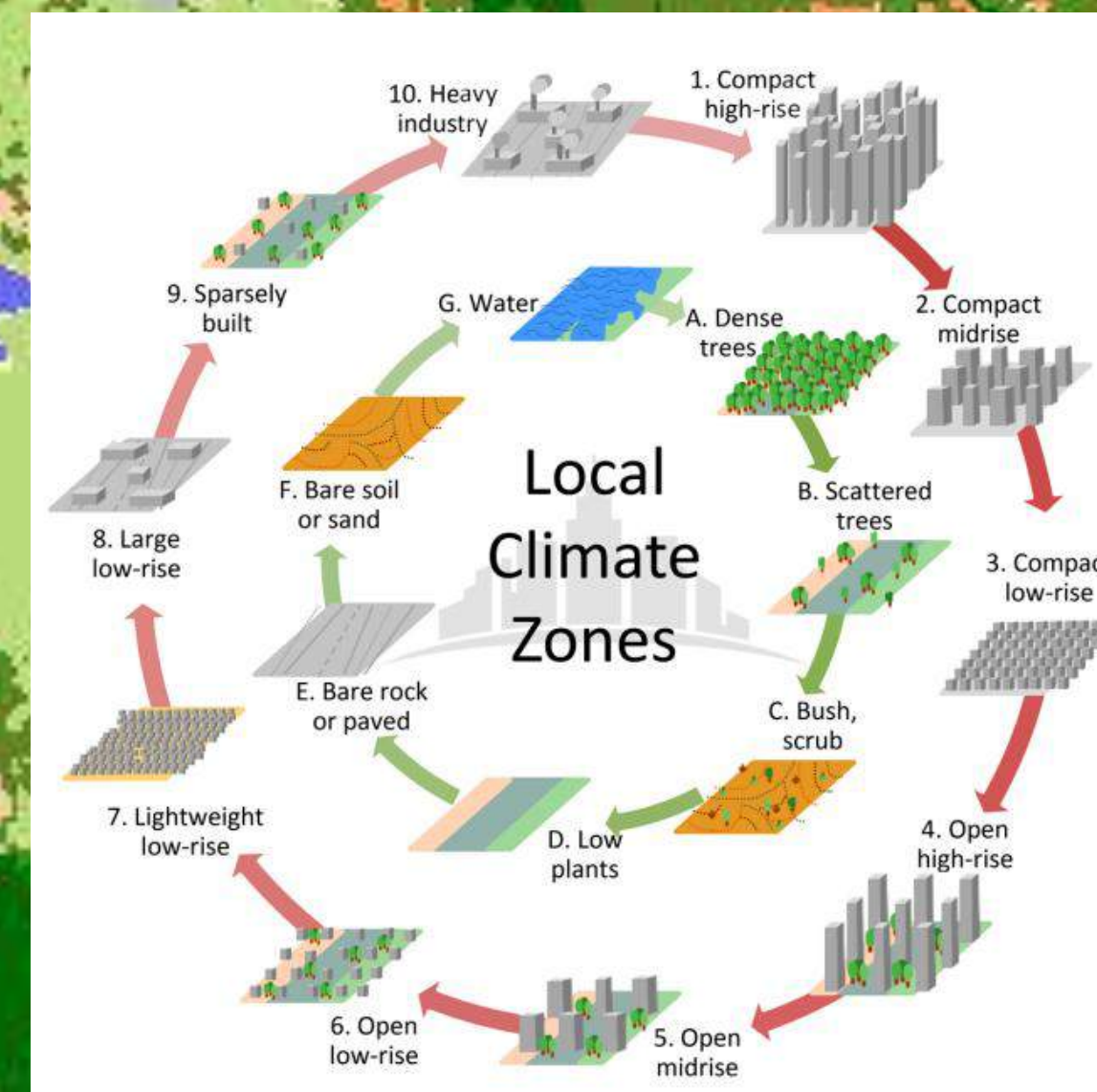


# Types of Input: from Land Cover to Land Use

Local Climate Zone  
Wudapt Classification

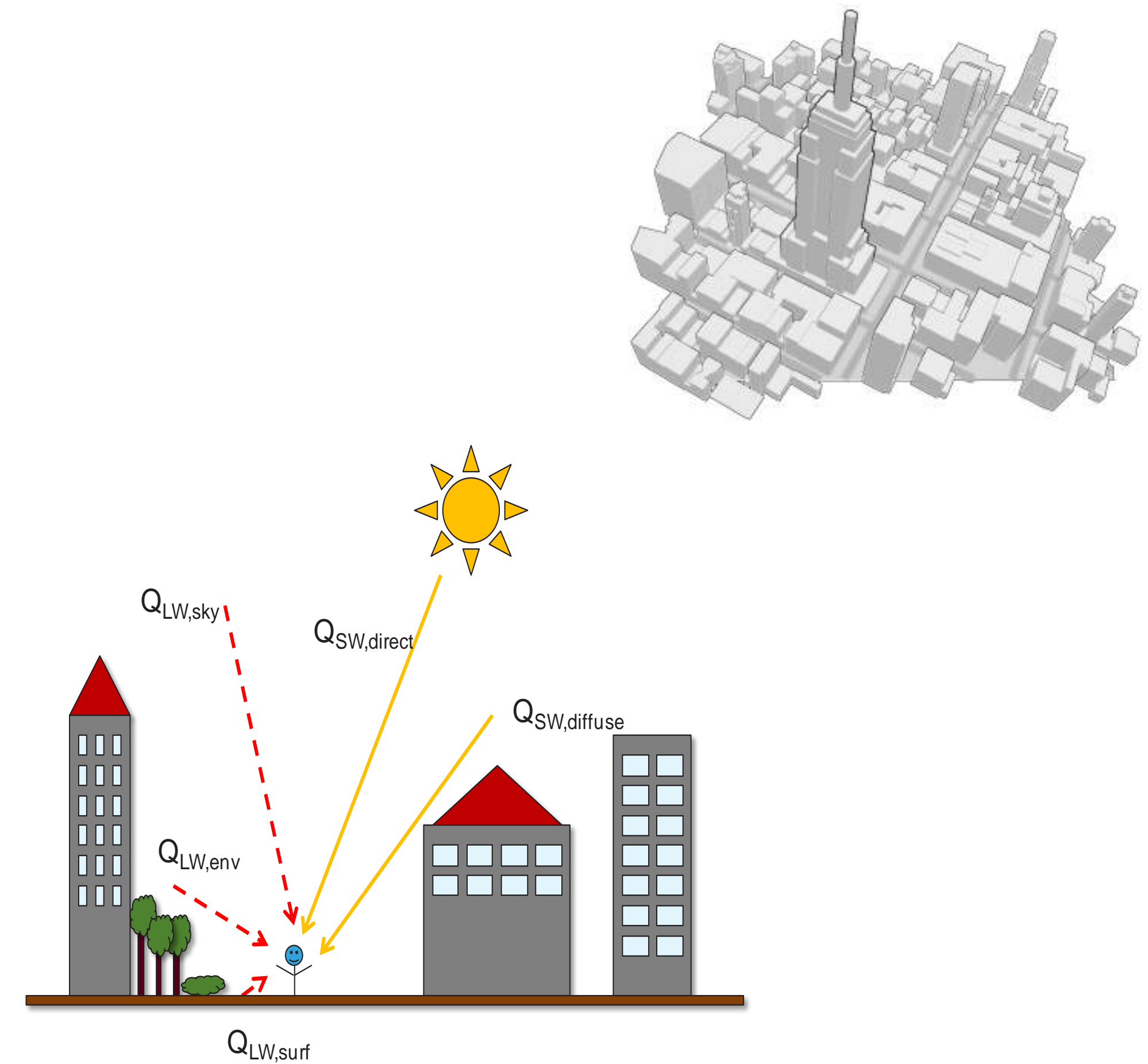
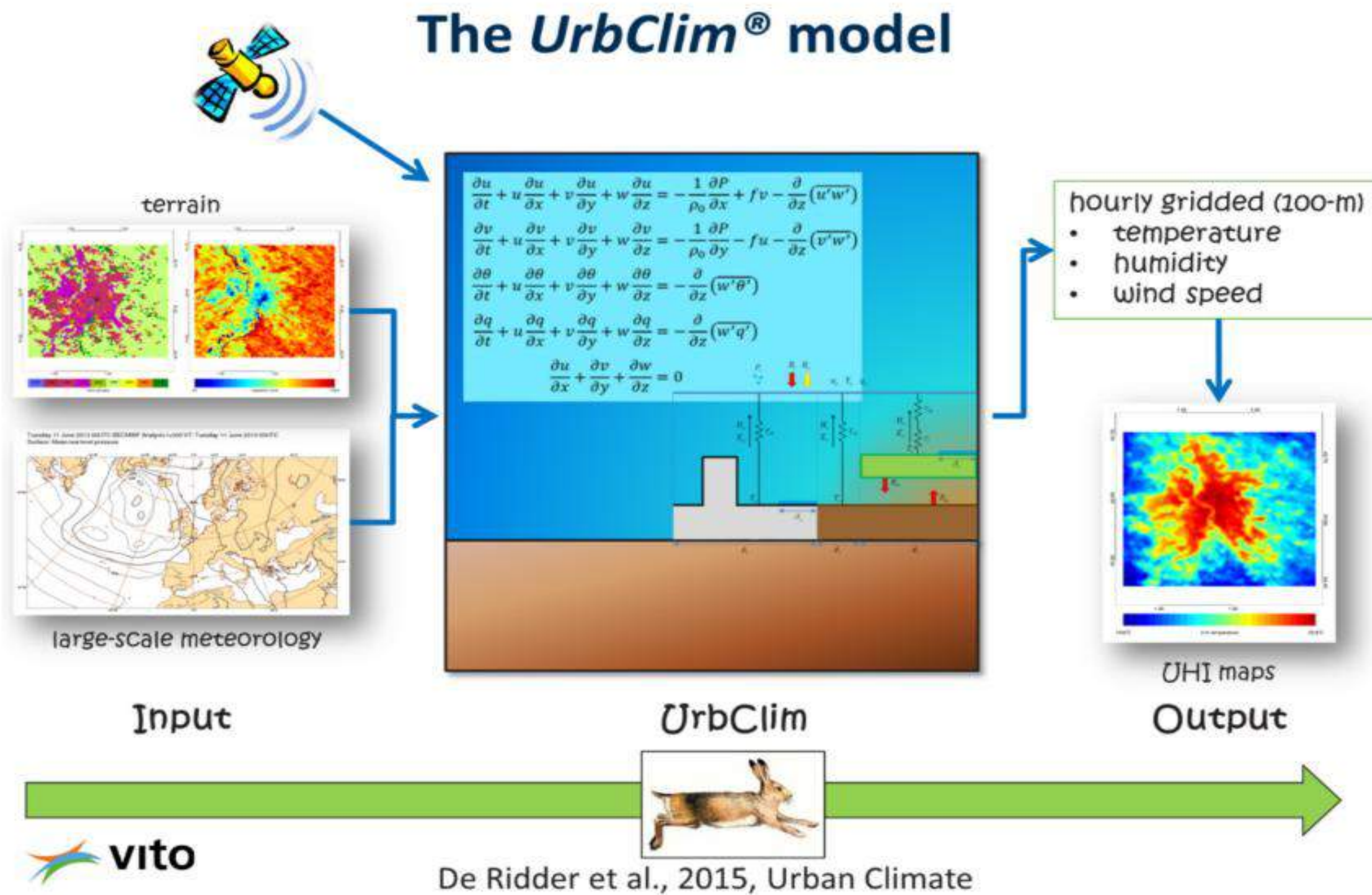
Type 2  
'in between'  
land cover –  
land use

Example:  
local climate  
zone map





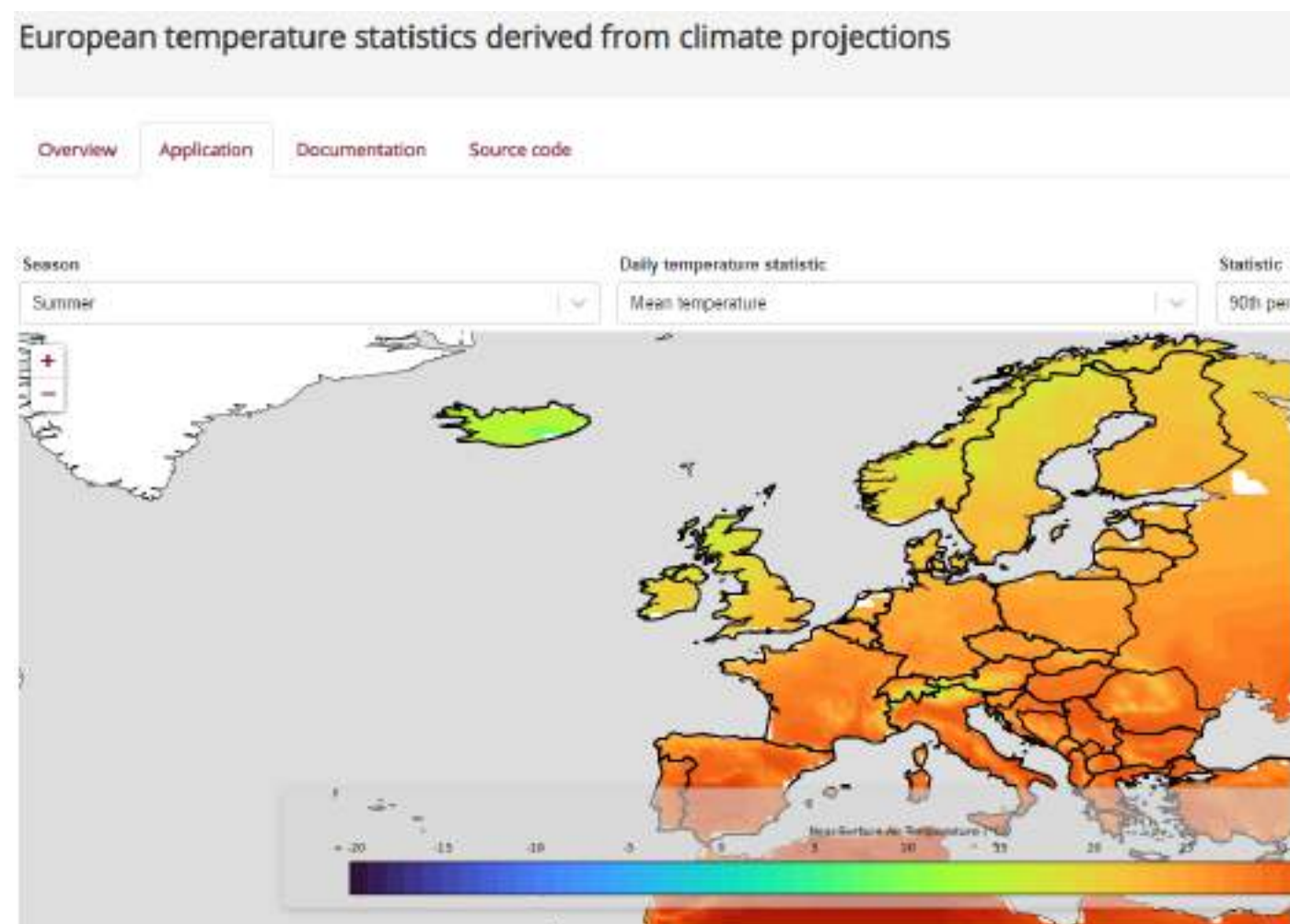
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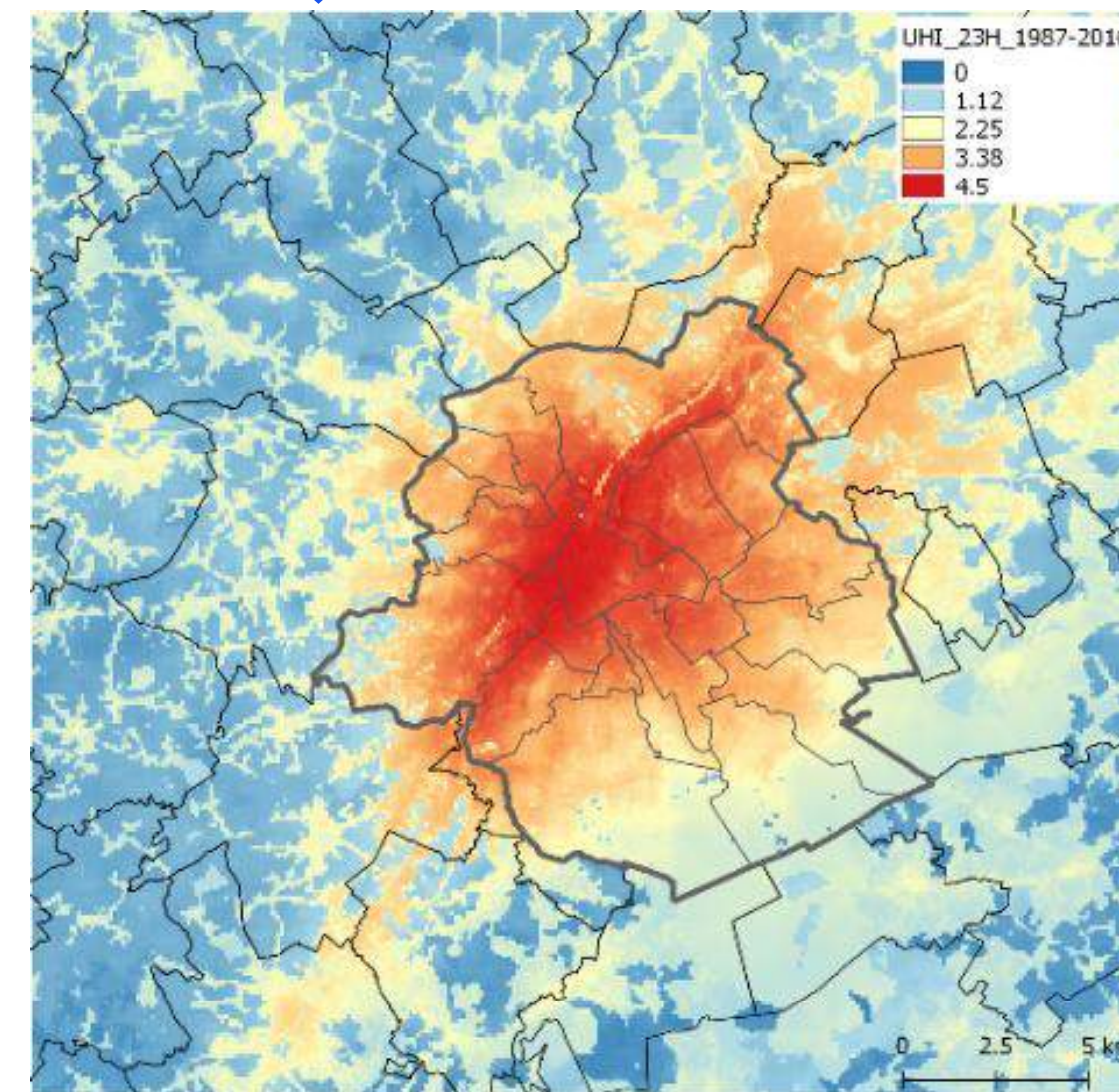


# From Global to Local Information Using UrbCLIM® Model

Climate services support the  
initiation, design, demonstration,  
and upscaling of urban solutions



**10-30 km resolution**



**+/-30 m resolution**



**1-2 m resolution**



# India Case Study

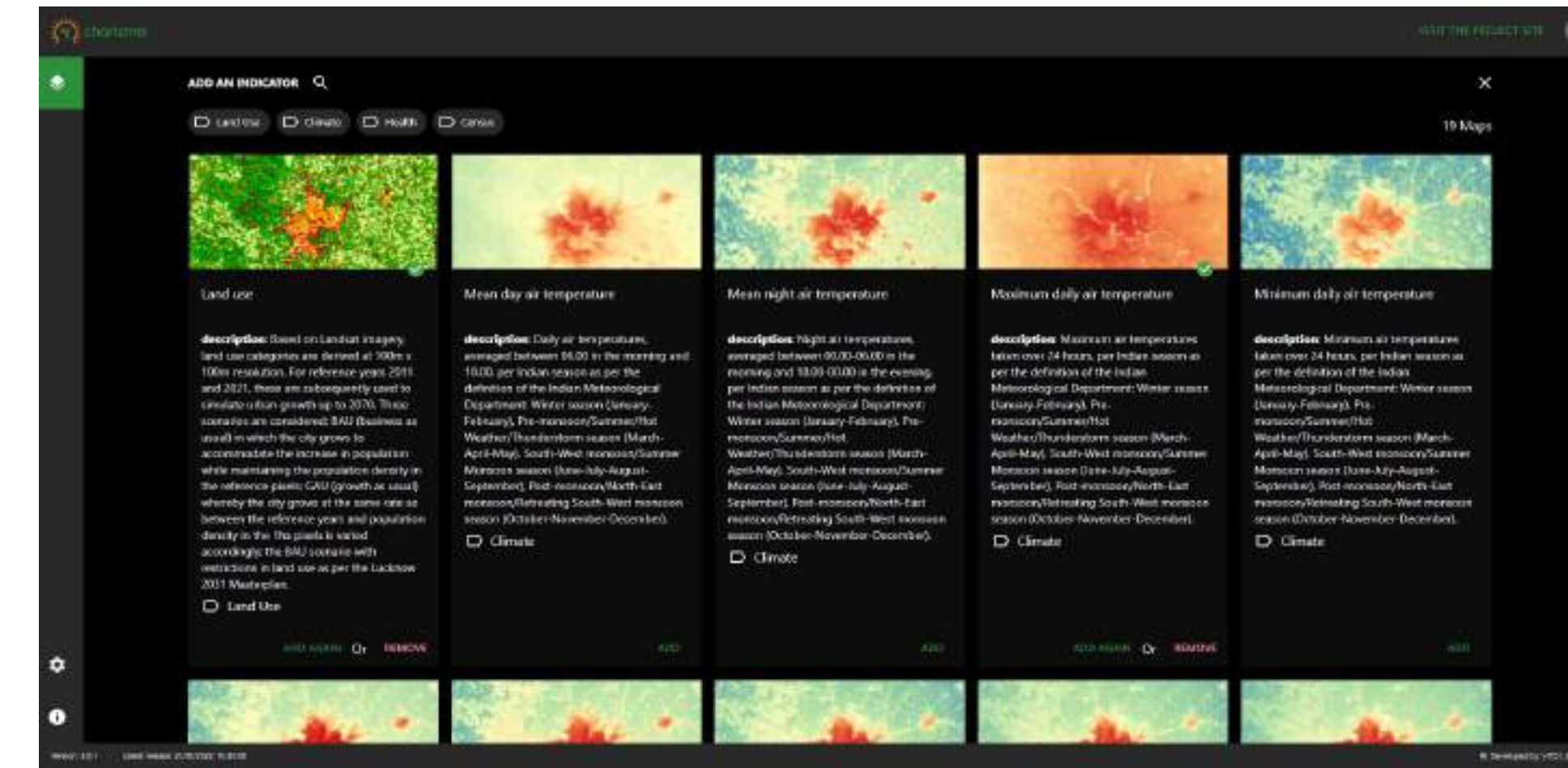
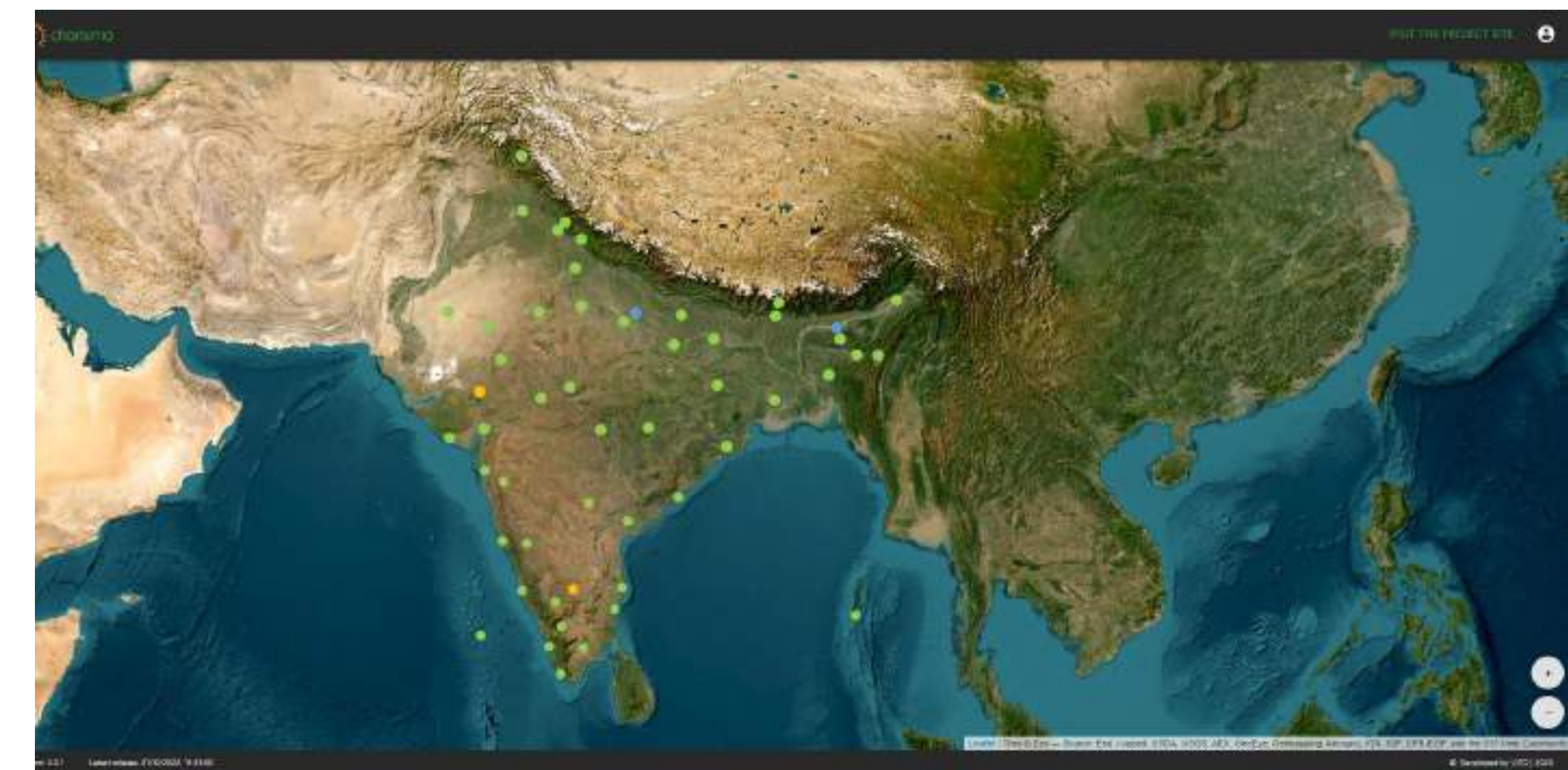
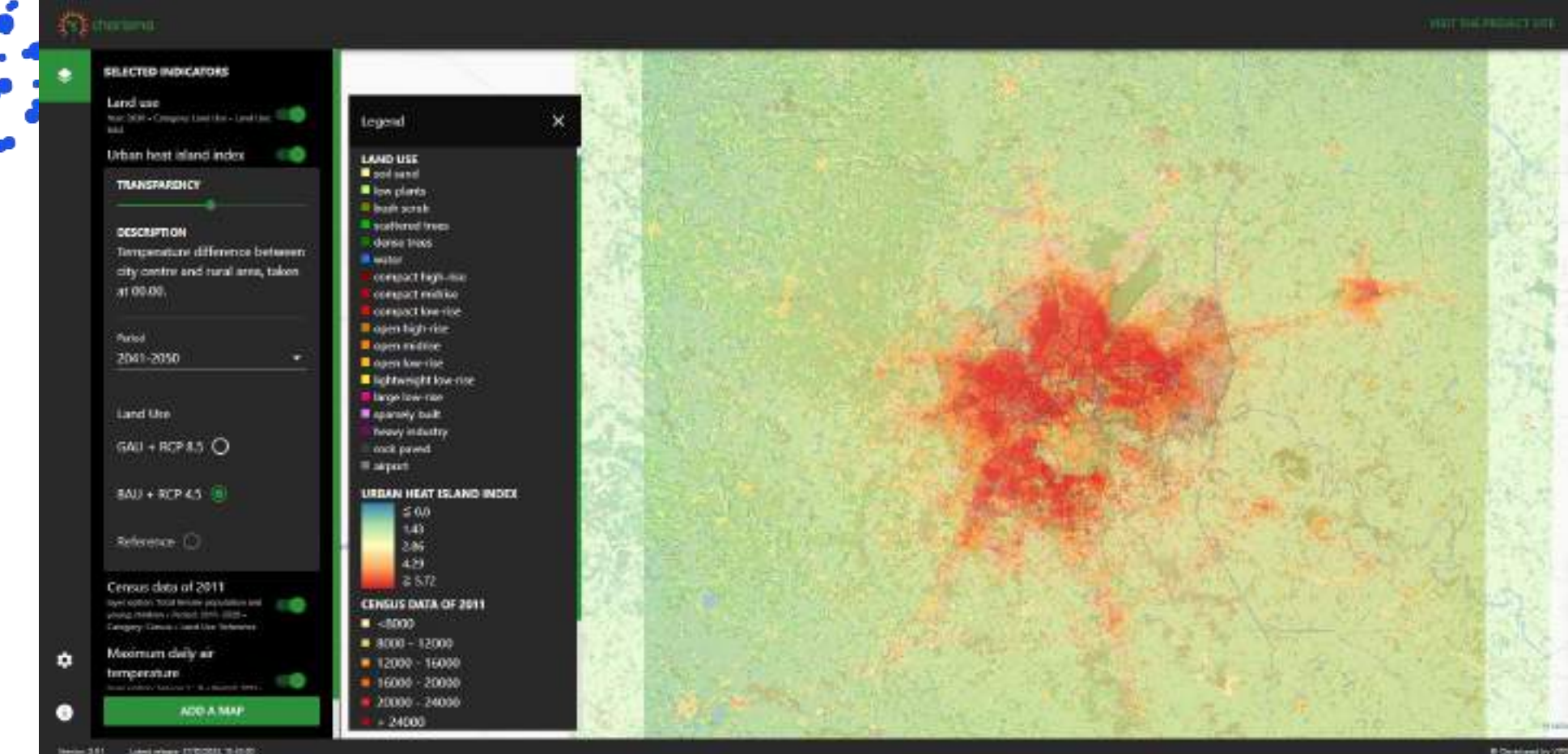
## Facts & Challenges

- Expected population growth by 2050 = **416 million urban dwellers** (UN World Urbanisation Prospects).
- Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore are among the world's most populous and fast-growing cities.
- Highly vulnerable to **climate-induced heatwaves**: urban areas reach life-threatening temperatures during pre-monsoon periods.
- Lack of reliable data.



# Information Decision Support System

- Climate-health risk management in India with a focus on urban areas
  - Urbanisation
  - Heat stress
  - Health
- Funded by International Climate Financing through the Department of Environment (Flanders, Belgium)





# Components & Timelines

## Land Use

- Present at **100m resolution**
- Present at **30m resolution**
- Decadal **urban growth up to 2070**
- Present at 1m resolution (**3D**)
- Alternative urban growth scenarios

## Land Use Statistics

## Census

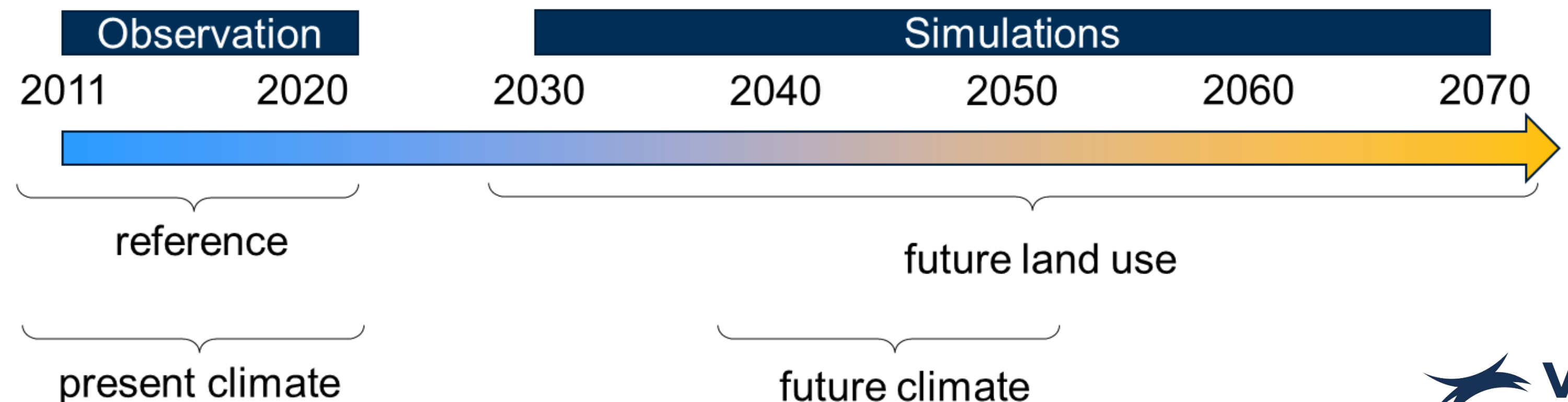
- 2011 Census data
- Ward limits

## Climate

- **Derived** climate indicators, relevant for health impact at 100m resolution e.g. no. heatwaves, heatwave intensity, night temperatures
- Multiple **climate scenarios** (RCP4.5, RCP8.5)
- Multiple heatwave definitions
- Derived indicators relevant for heat stress
- **Thermal comfort** assessment at 30m resolution
- Illustrative thermal comfort assessment
  - at **1m resolution**,
  - for different times during the day,
  - with adaptive measures

## Health

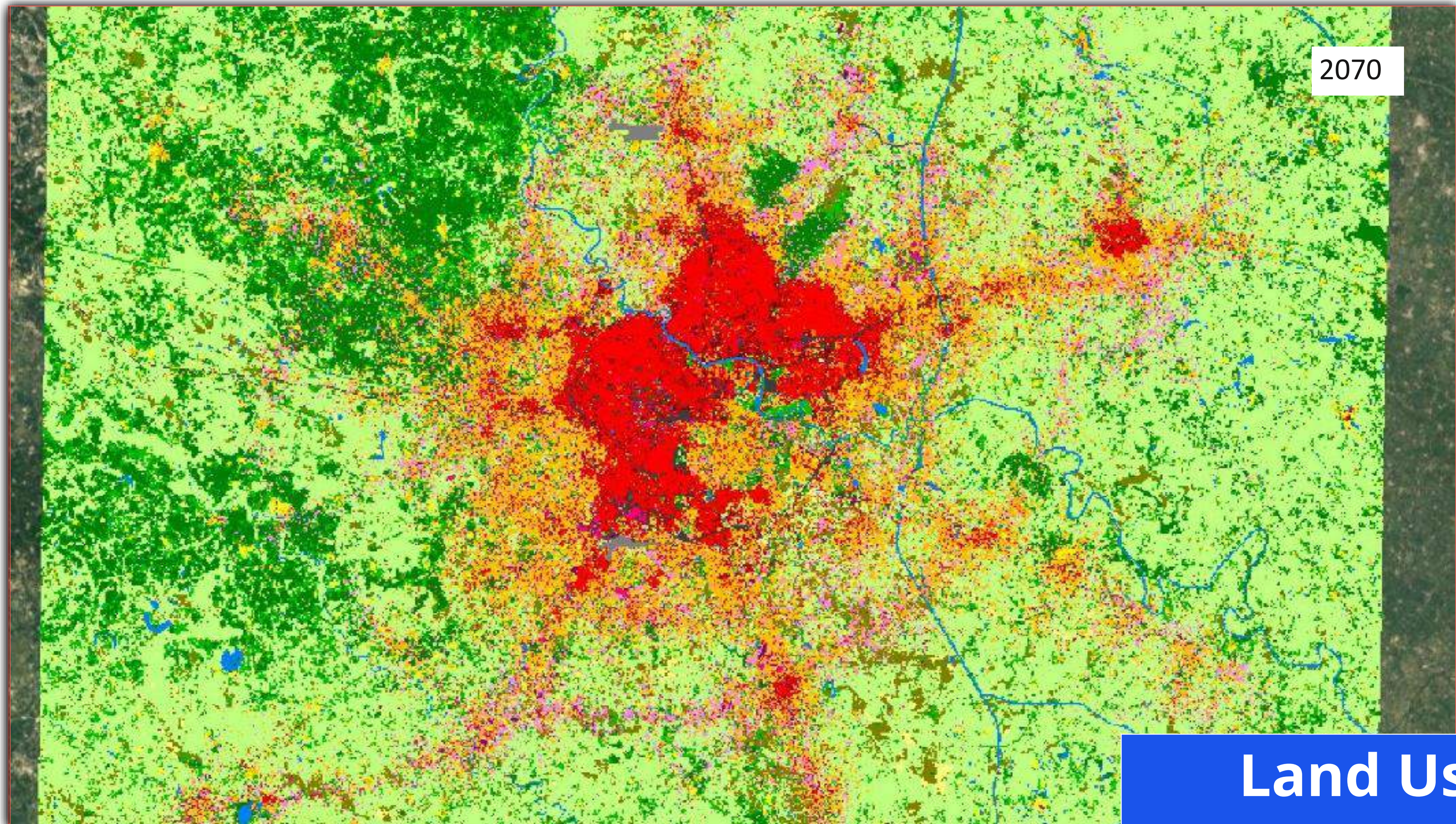
- **Heat vulnerability** index (cf. Azhar *et al.*, 2017, Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health)
- **Relative Risk of Mortality** due to heatwaves (cf. Hales *et al.*, 2014, World Health Organization report).
- **Loss of Labour** productivity due to heat stress
- **Thermal comfort** classification at 30m resolution
- **Dengue risk maps** present
- Assessment of influential parameters for dengue





# Results: Land Use Maps Past-Present-Future (2011-2070)

**Lucknow**

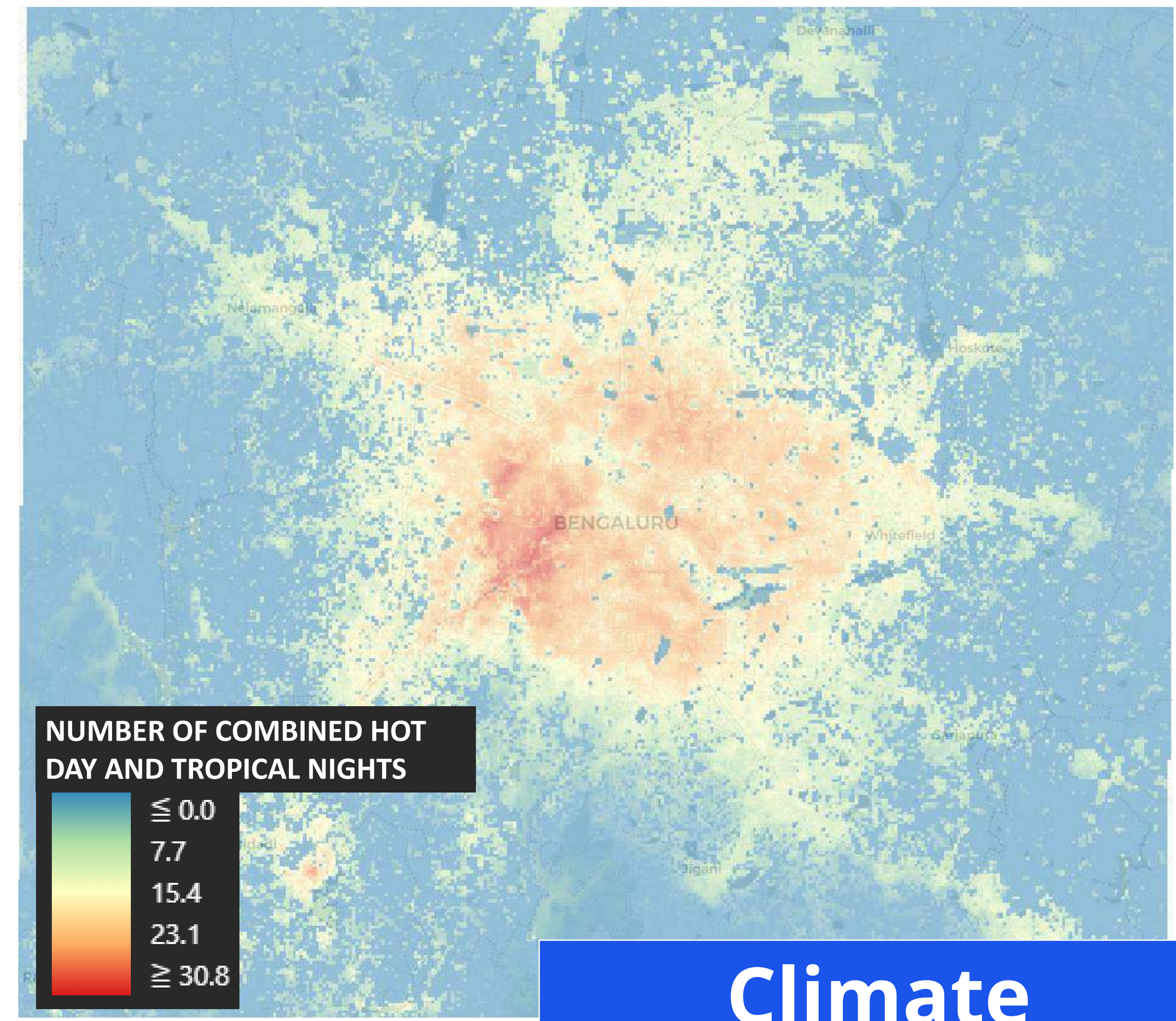
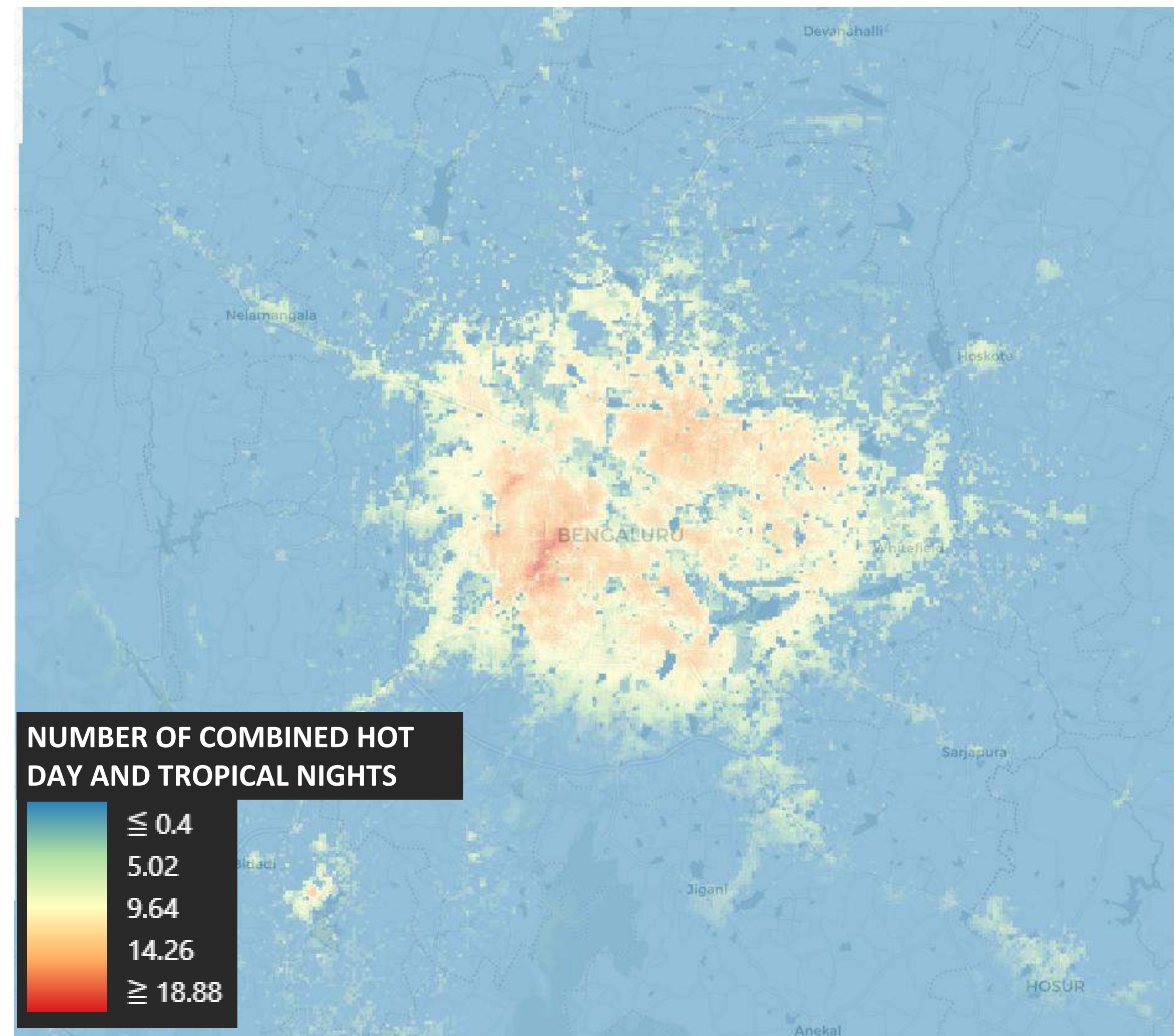




# Assess Urban Growth + Heat Stress Rise

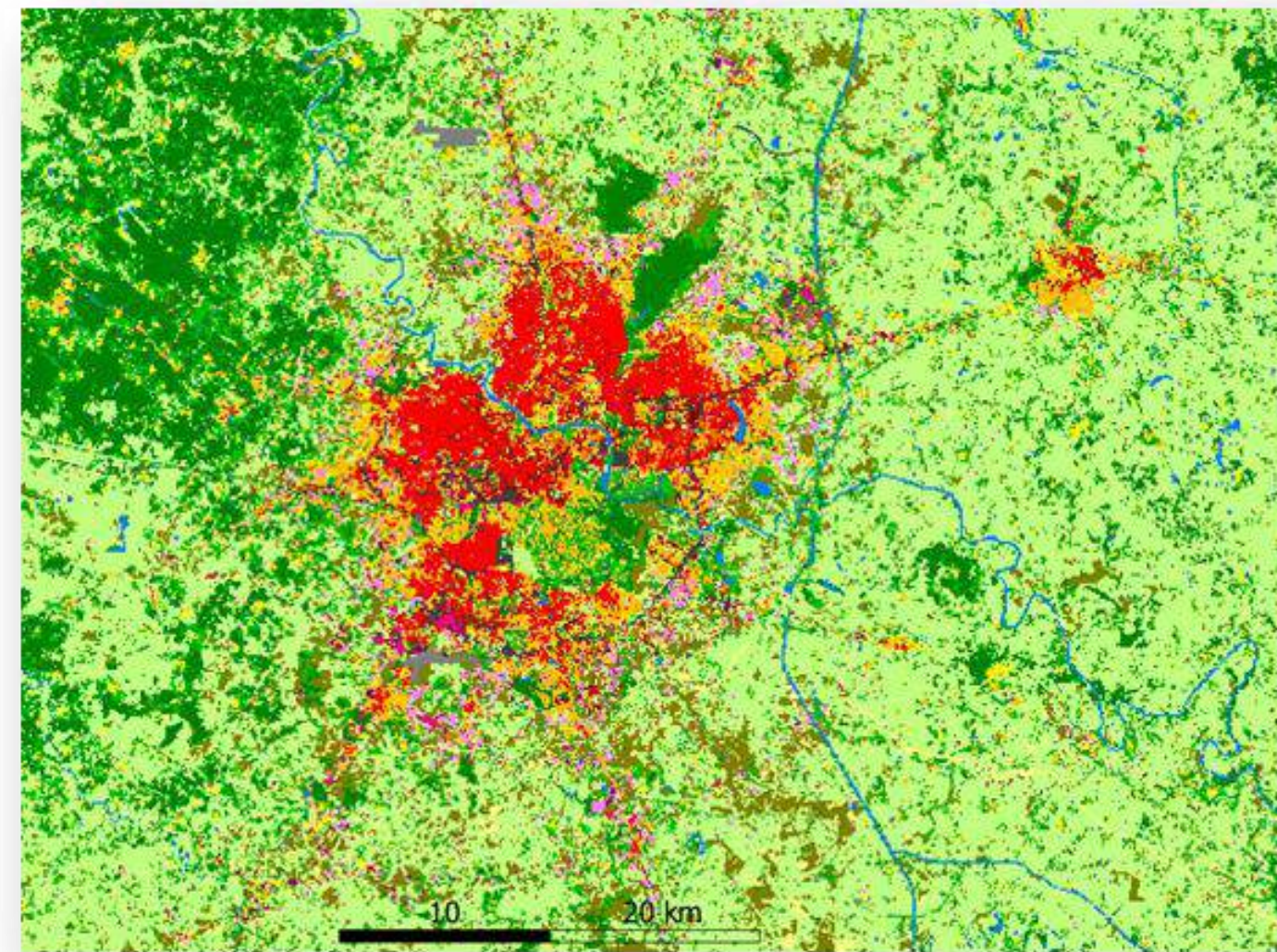
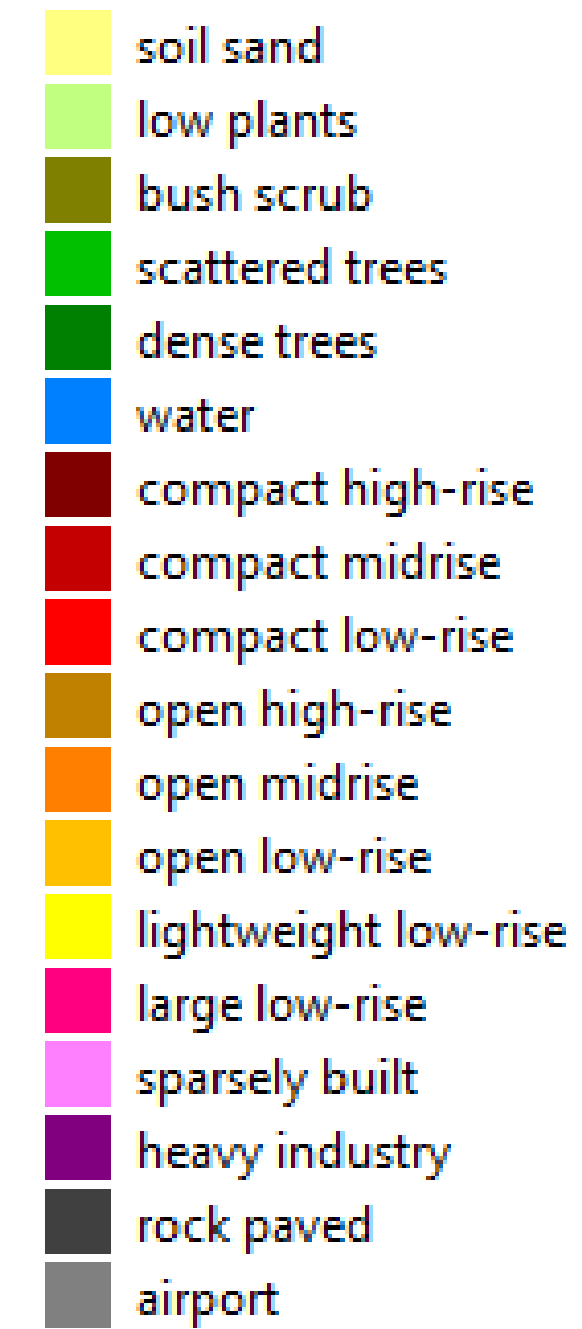
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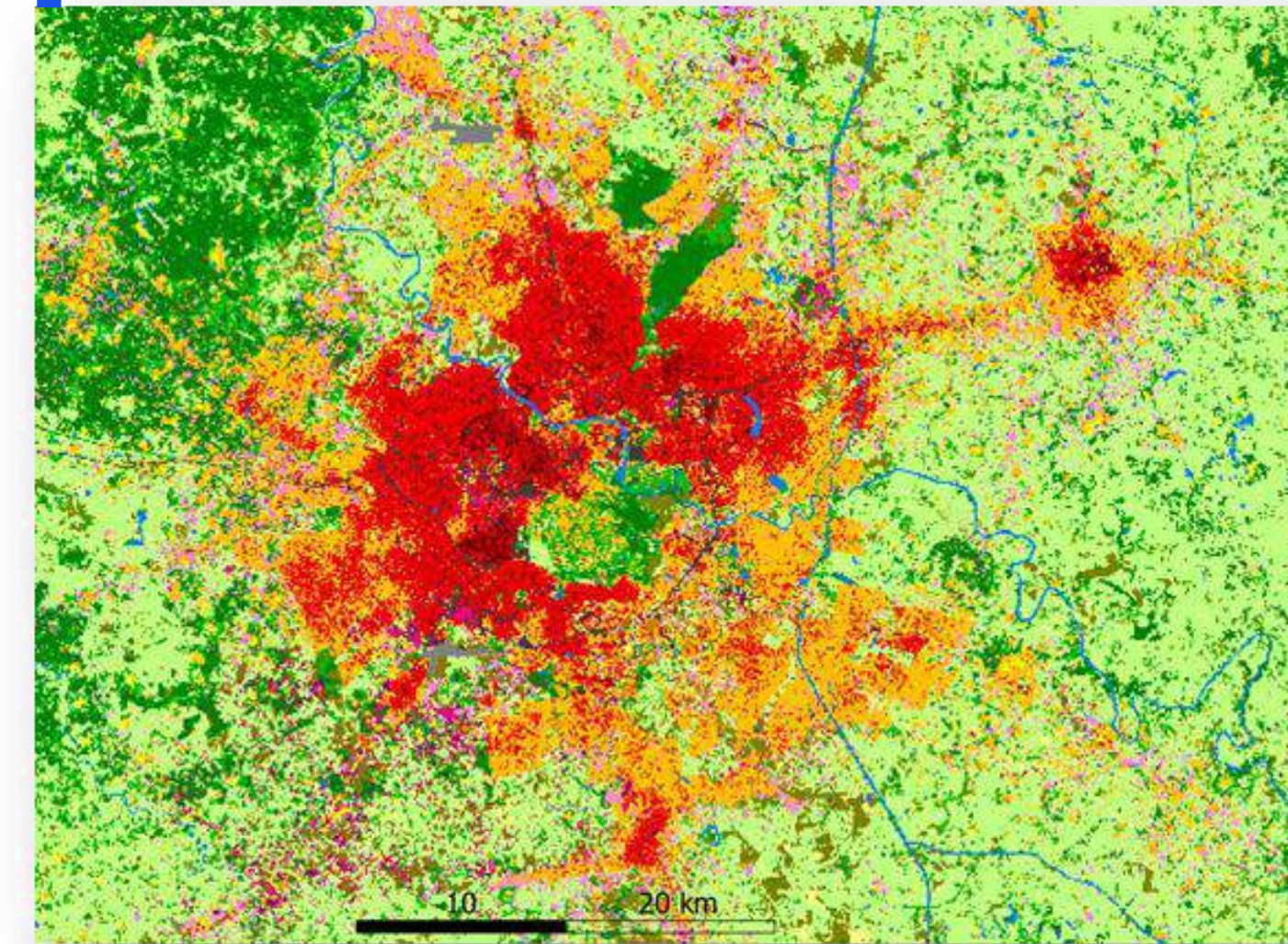
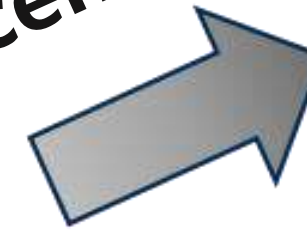


# Using Models to Assess the Impact of Policy Measures



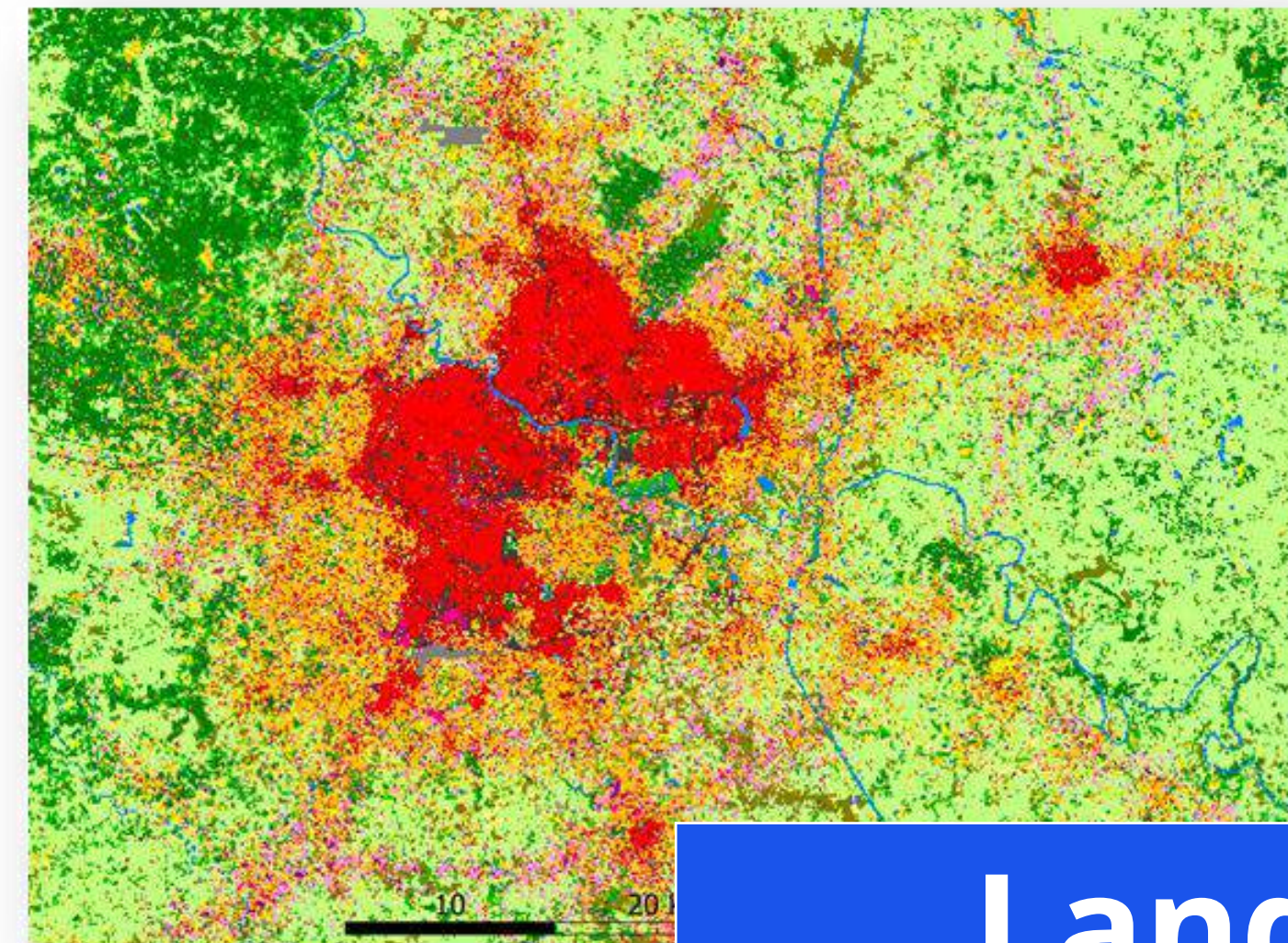
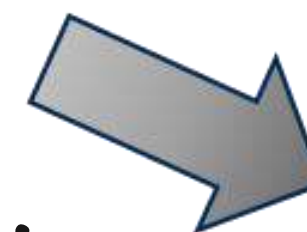
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Alternative  
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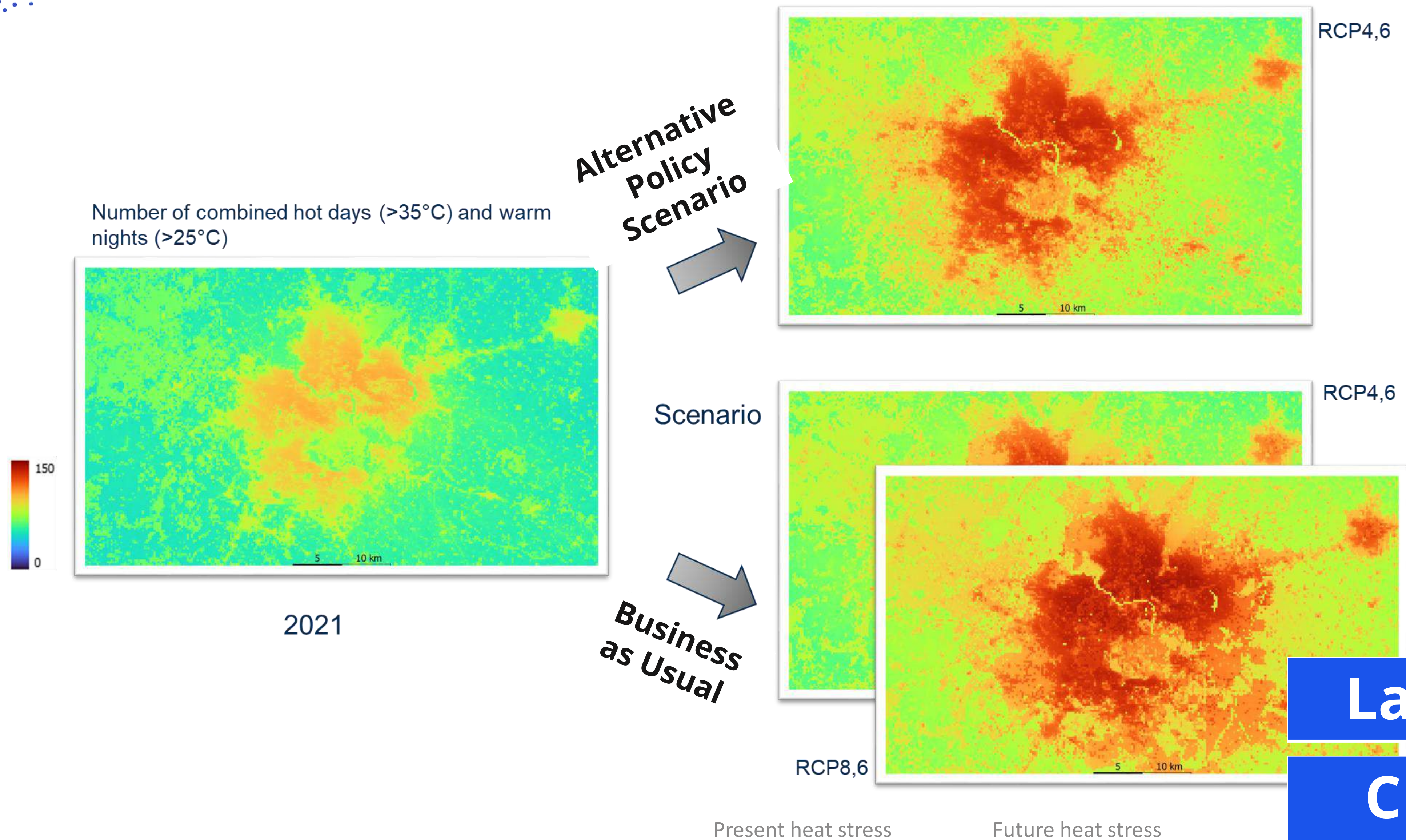
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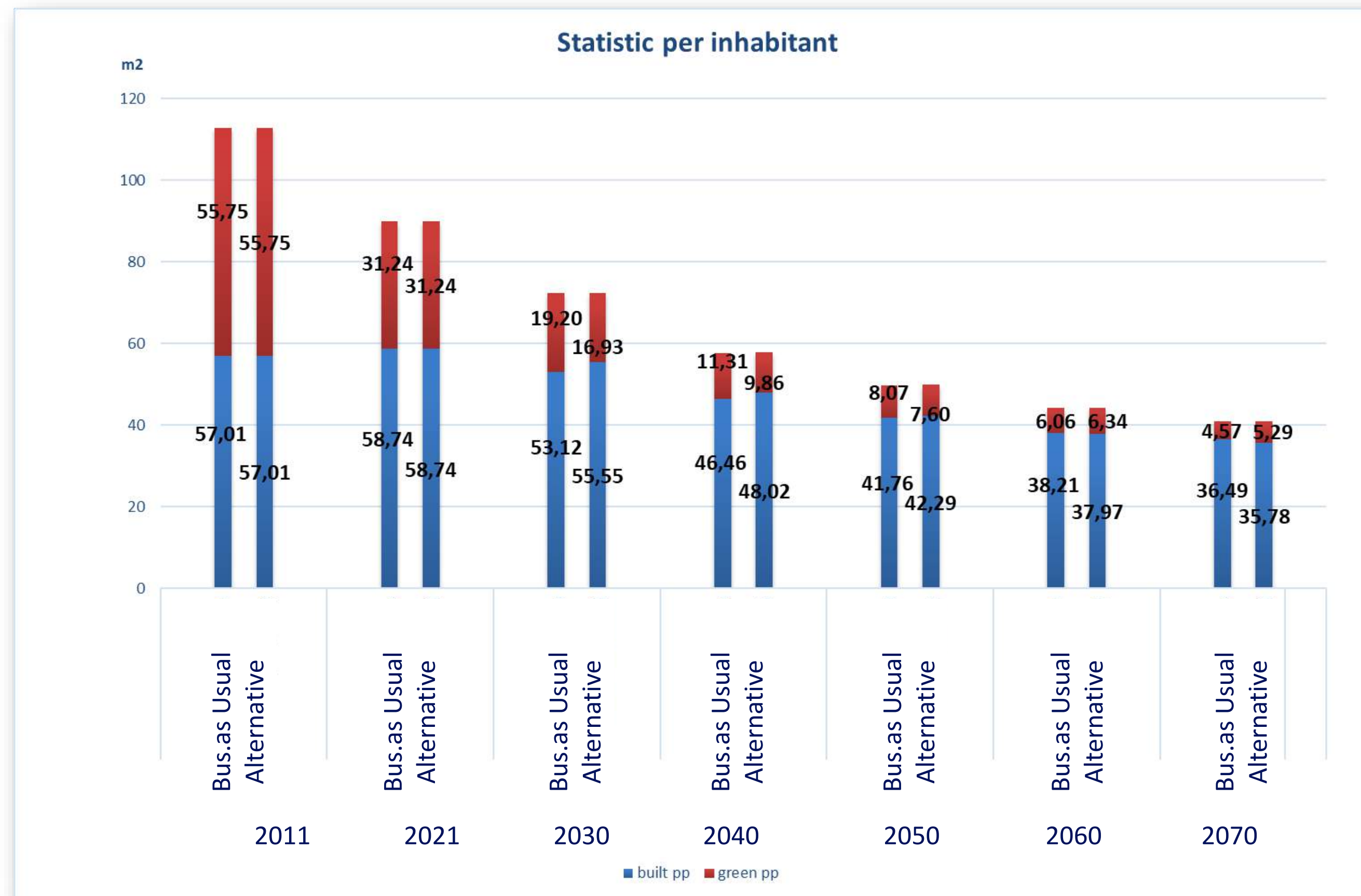


# Land Use + Climate Modelling





# Evaluate the Impact of Spatial Plans



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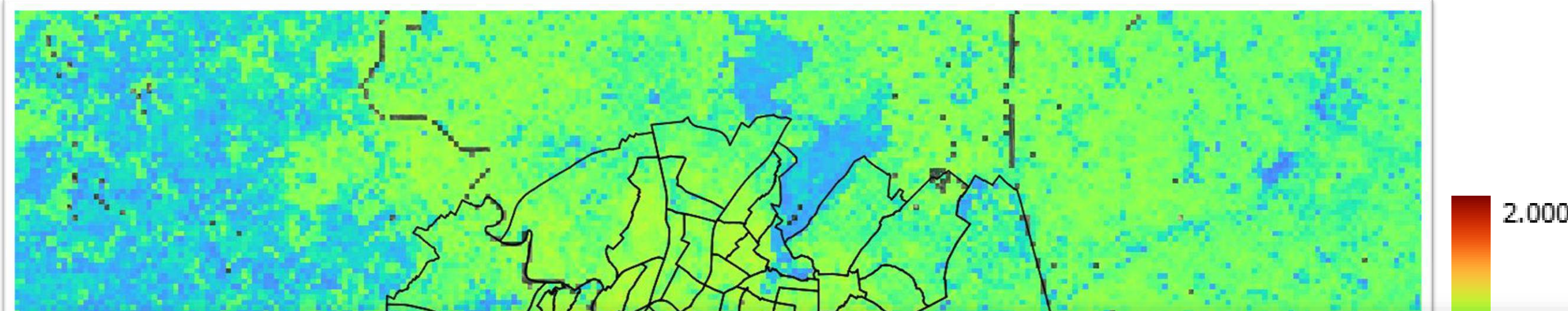
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## Where Data Becomes Powerful

Loss of working hours due to heat stress (moderate work)

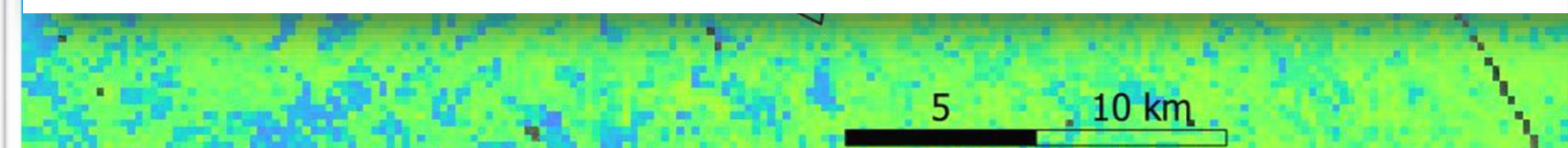
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### India suffered income loss of \$159 bn due to extreme heat in 2021: Report

Heat exposure in the country led to the loss of 167 billion potential labour hours, a 39 per cent increase from 1990-1999, said the Climate Transparency Report 2022

Press Trust of India | New Delhi



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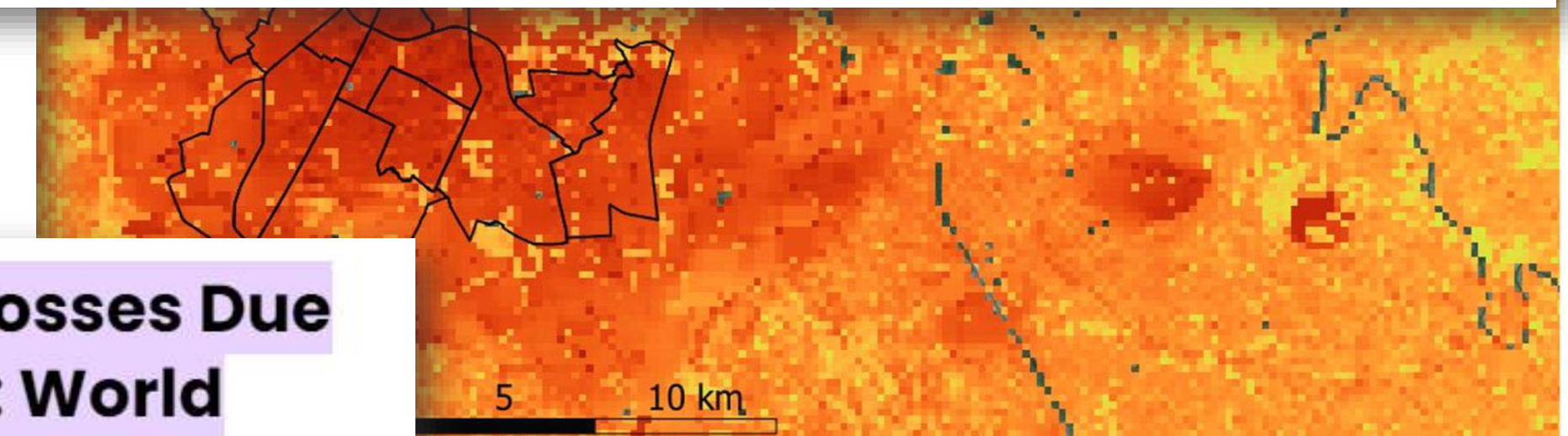
### India facing highest labour work hour loss due to heat stress: Study

By Jayashree Nandi, Hindustan Times, New Delhi

Dec 15, 2021 04:54 AM IST



Heat exposure of labourers is linked to many health impacts, including early death; injuries at the workplace; death from heat-related illness; and acute kidney damage



### India To Report 34 Million Job Losses Due To Severe Heat Waves By 2030: World Bank

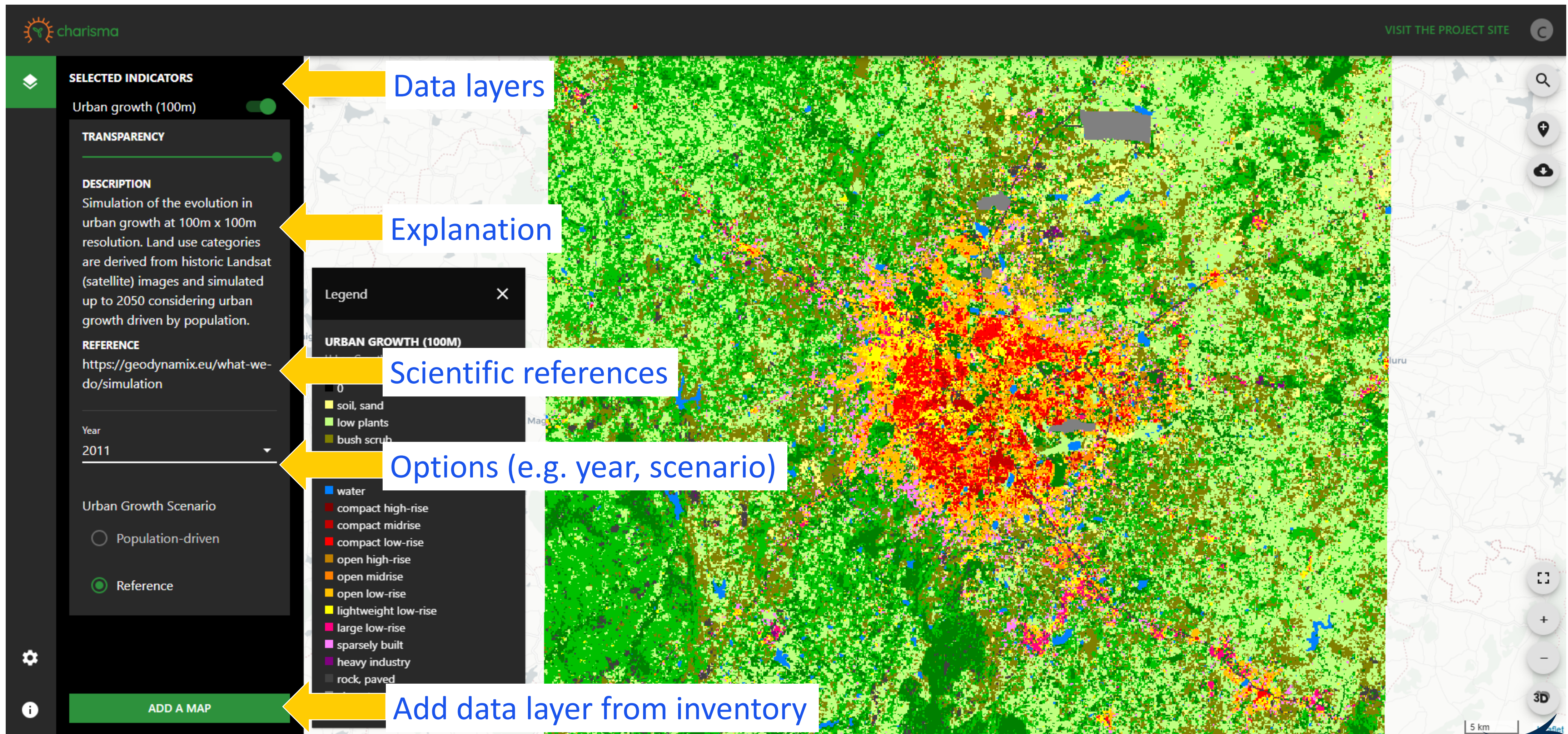
World Bank has given an ominous warning for India stating that it will soon be one of the first countries that will experience severe heatwaves to the intensity capable enough to break the human survivability limit.

Updated: December 7, 2022 5:38 PM IST

By Shrimansi Kaushik | Edited by Shrimansi Kaushik



# Resulting Geospatial Decision-Support Tool for Indian Cities





# Data Inventory

The screenshot shows the Charisma Data Inventory web application. The interface includes a header with the Charisma logo and a 'VISIT THE PROJECT SITE' link. A search bar is labeled 'ADD AN INDICATOR'. Below the search bar, there are two filter buttons: 'Land Use' and 'Climate'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Climate' button with the label 'Indicator category'. The main content area displays a grid of indicator cards. Each card features a preview image, a title, a description, a reference, and a category button. A yellow arrow points to the title of the third card, 'Seasonal mean day temperature', with the label 'Indicator name'. Another yellow arrow points to the description of the first card, 'Seasonal mean night temperature', with the label 'Indicator explanation'. The bottom of the interface shows version information and a footer with the VITO logo.

**Indicator category**

**Indicator preview**

**Indicator name**

**Indicator explanation**

Seasonal mean night temperature

**description:** For a particular season, all (hourly) air temperatures between the hours 18:00 and 06:00 are averaged.

**reference:** Attri and Tyagi, 2010, Climate Profile of India, Environment Monitoring and Research Center, India Meteorology Department, New Delhi

Climate

ADD

Seasonal average of maximum day temperatures

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Seasonal average of minimum day temperatures

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Climate

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Local climate zones (30m)

**description:** Surface description (local)

Annual mean temperature

**description:** Average over one year of all

Urban heat island index

**description:** Difference between the

Number of combined hot day tropical nights

Number of heatwave days

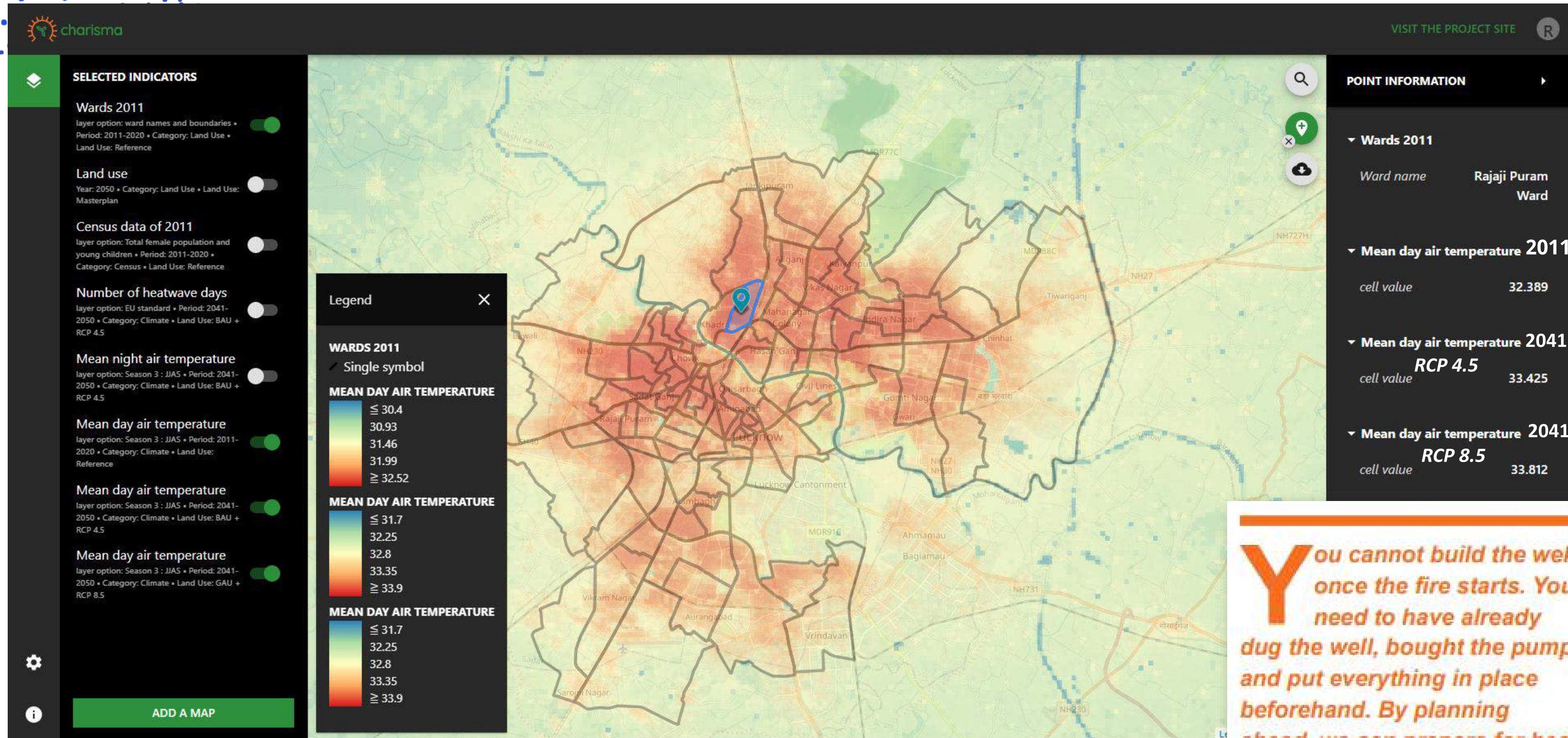
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# Interactive Features



- Shelter
- Provision of water
- Health centres
- Cool spots
- Cooling of hospitals
- Etc.

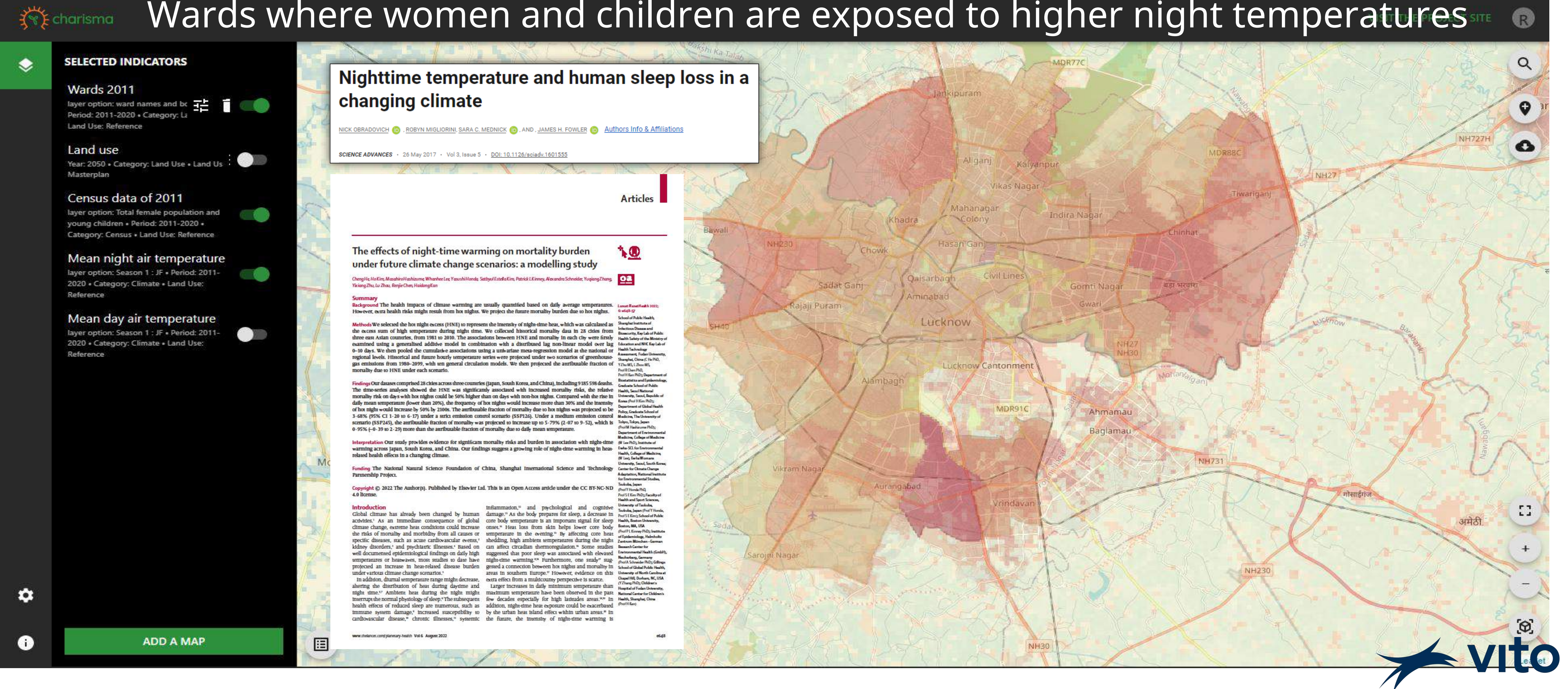
**Y**ou cannot build the well once the fire starts. You need to have already dug the well, bought the pump, and put everything in place beforehand. By planning ahead, we can prepare for heat waves before they hit and save many more lives.

— Dr Dileep Mavalankar, Dean of the Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar



# Health Impact

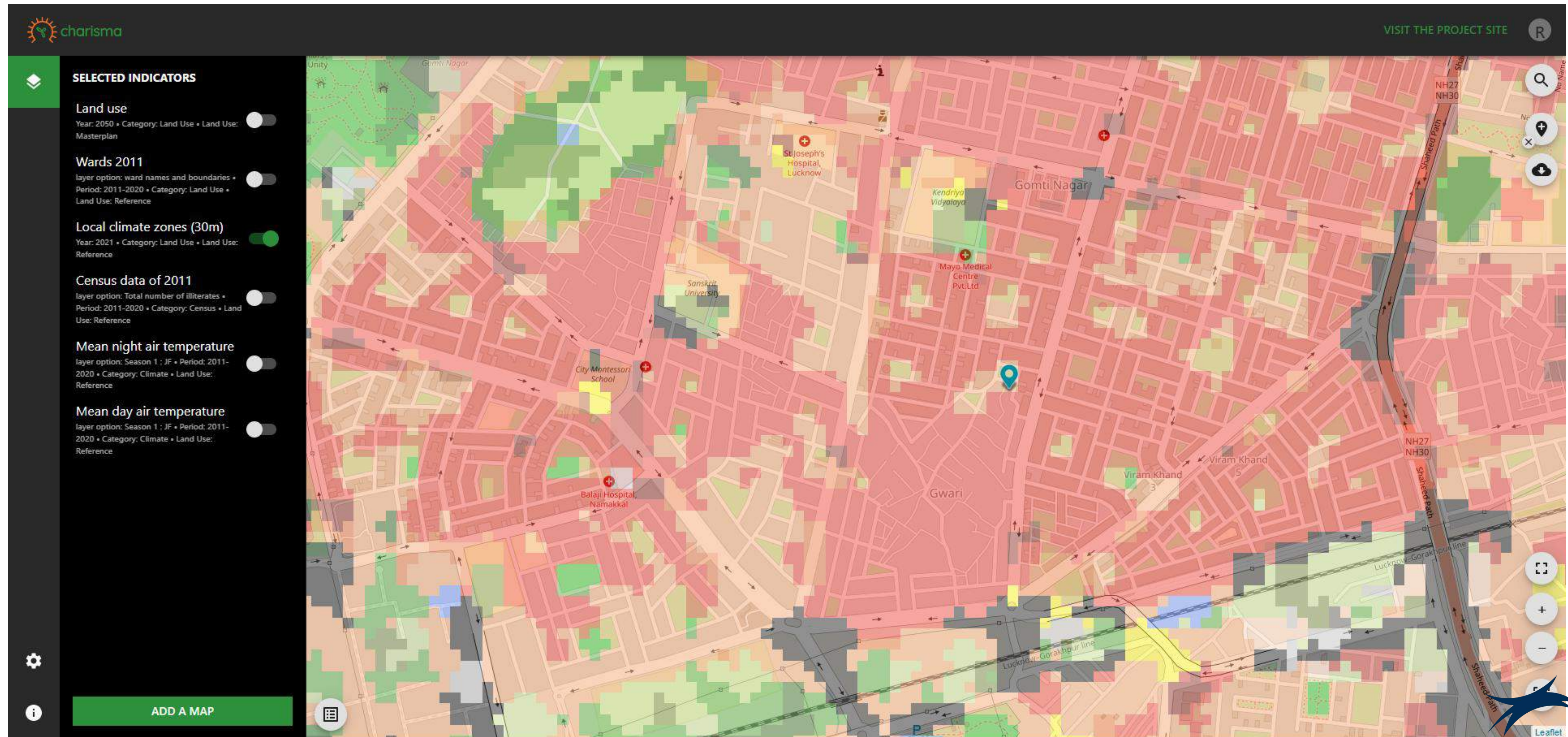
Wards where women and children are exposed to higher night temperatures





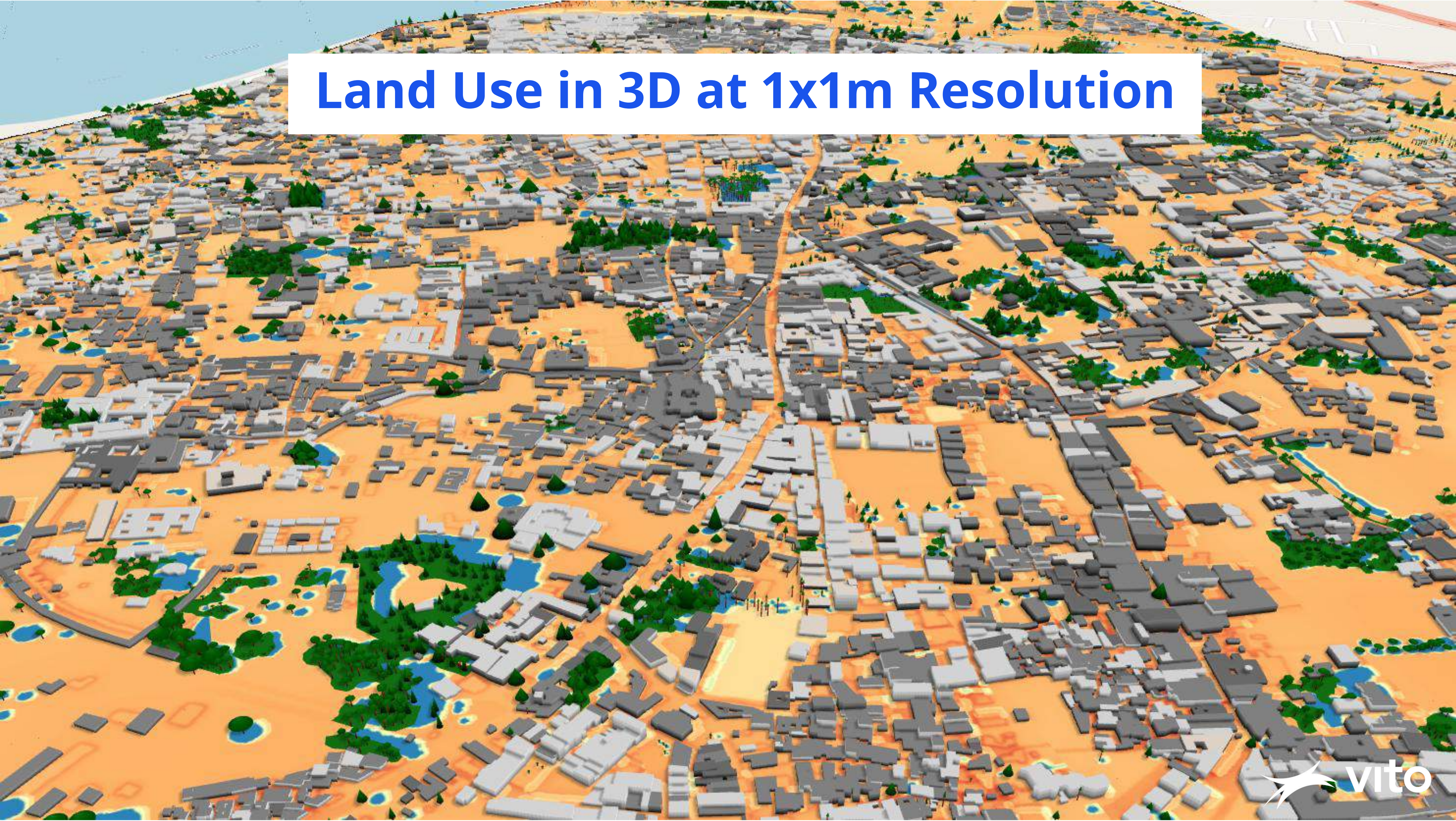
# Adaptation Planning

Where and how can we act?





# Land Use in 3D at 1x1m Resolution





# Capacity Building

Urban field visits,



Technical demonstrations

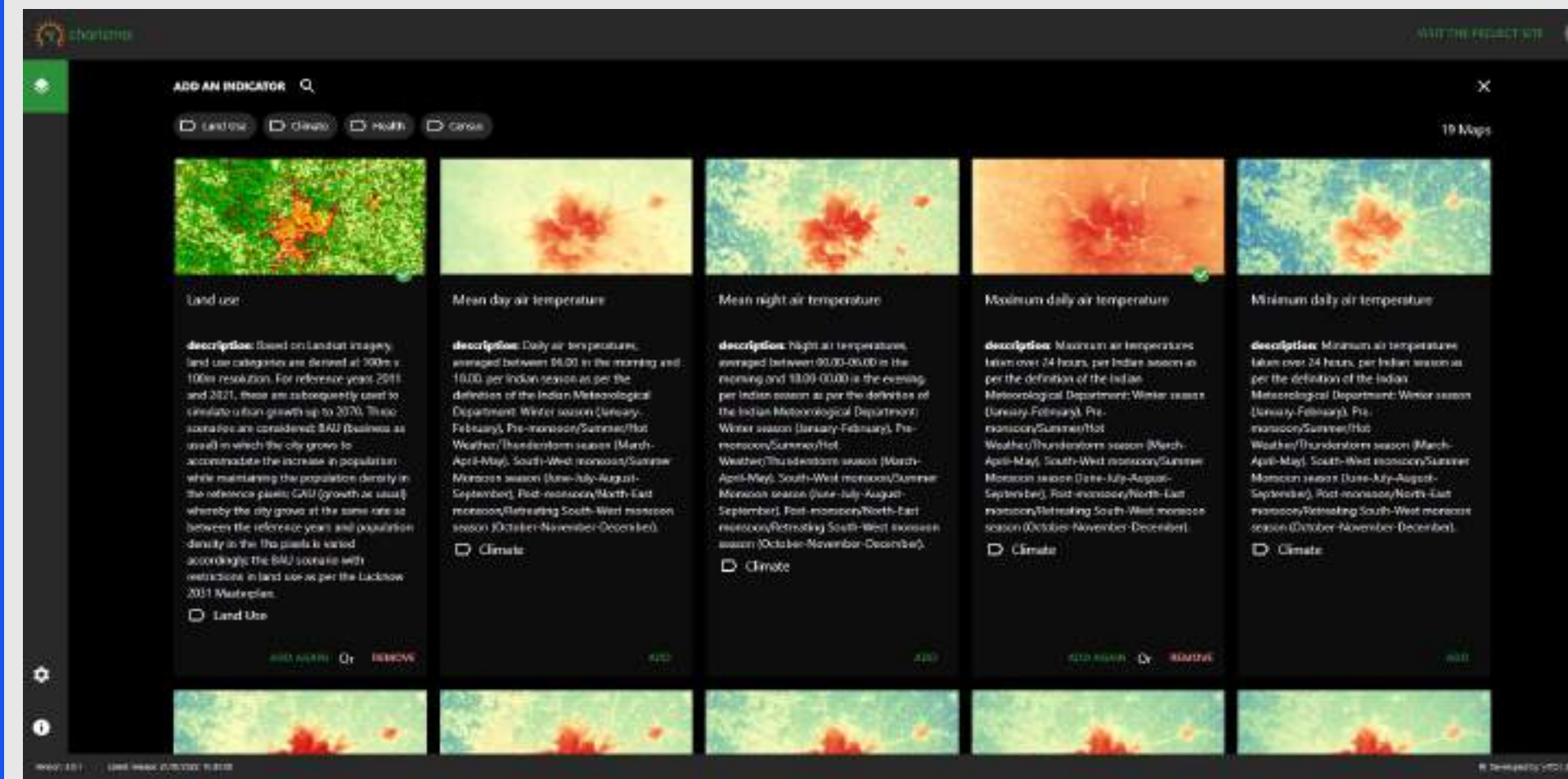
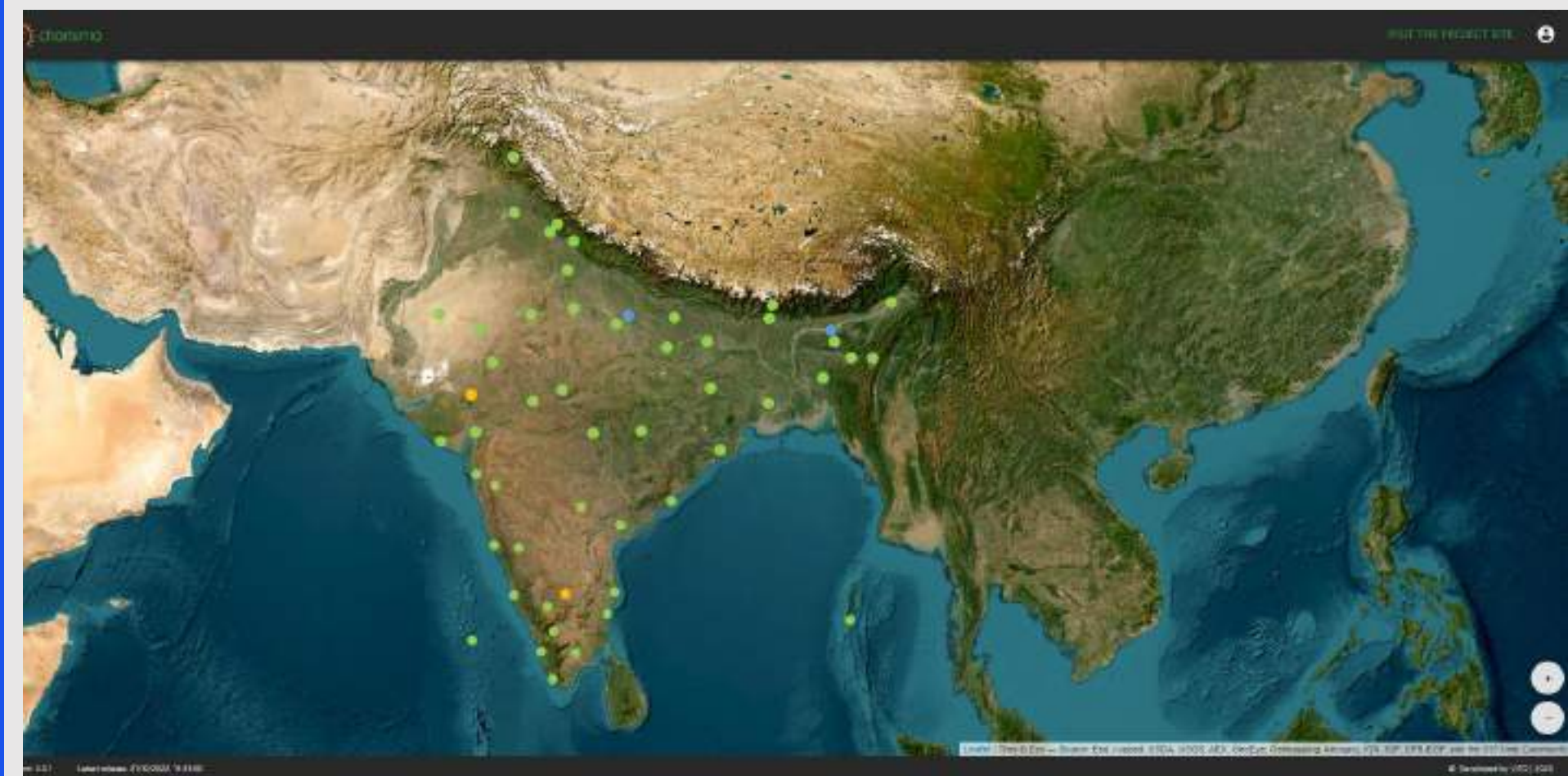
Make solutions not only data-driven but also community-supported and institutionally grounded



Workshops & hands-on trainings



# Q&A





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As part of the World Bank Kin Elenda project

Jente Broeckx





# Case Study Presentation Outline

- **Objectives & Advantages**
- **Tasks**
- **Field Data Collection**
  - Other examples: 3D mapping of buildings and trees
  - Alternatives to field data collection
- **Study Area**
- **Evaluation of OpenStreetMap**
  - Buildings and roads
- **Digitization of Green Spaces**
- **Field Mapping of Urban Layers**
  - Drainage and solid waste analysis
- **Project Video**
- **Q&A**



# Objectives & Advantages

- **Enhance and generate data layers** of **solid waste, drainage networks, and urban green spaces** using **EO data** in combination with **field data** collection.
  - **Train** students/youth and officials in the generation and management of high-resolution baseline data for the city.
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- ➔ 500+ local youth close to communities and officials capacitated to collect and process EO and field data.
  - ➔ A digital repository of geospatial layers, for data-driven urban planning and disaster risk management.
  - ➔ Local maintenance, updating and expansion of the database.
  - ➔ Deployment of open-source software, tools and data that are suitable in the local context.



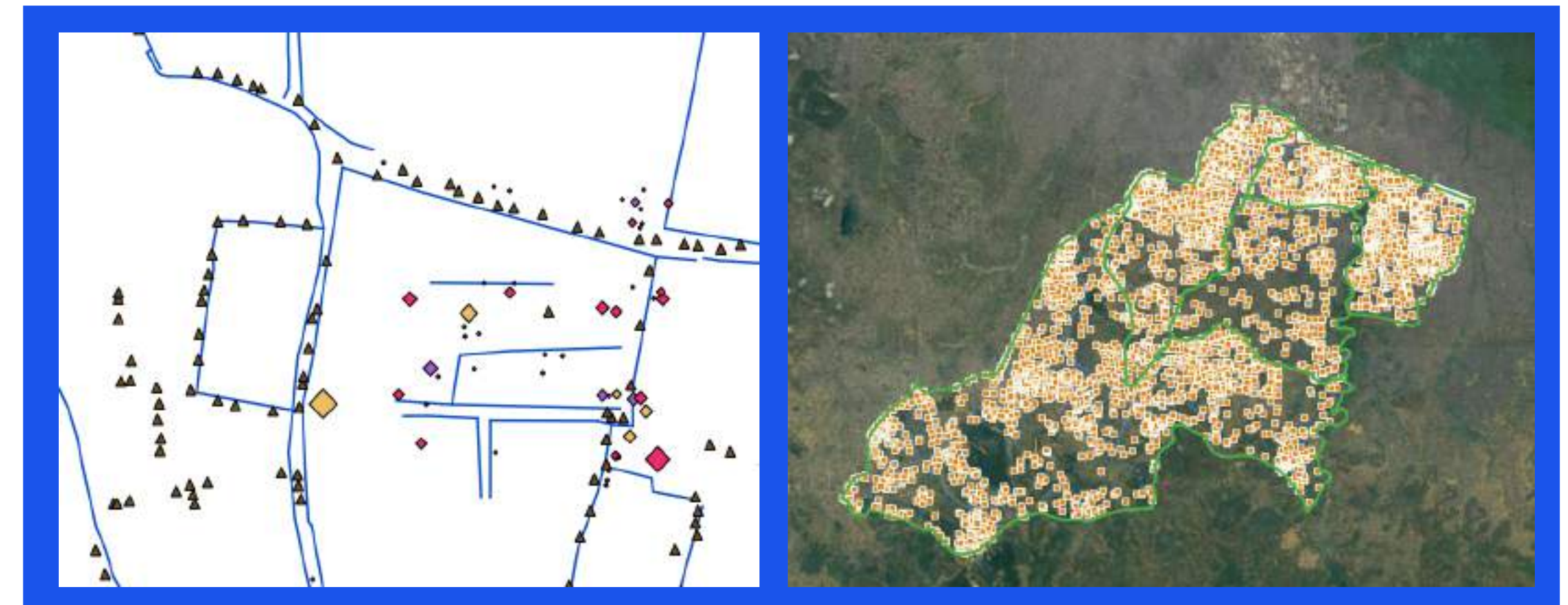
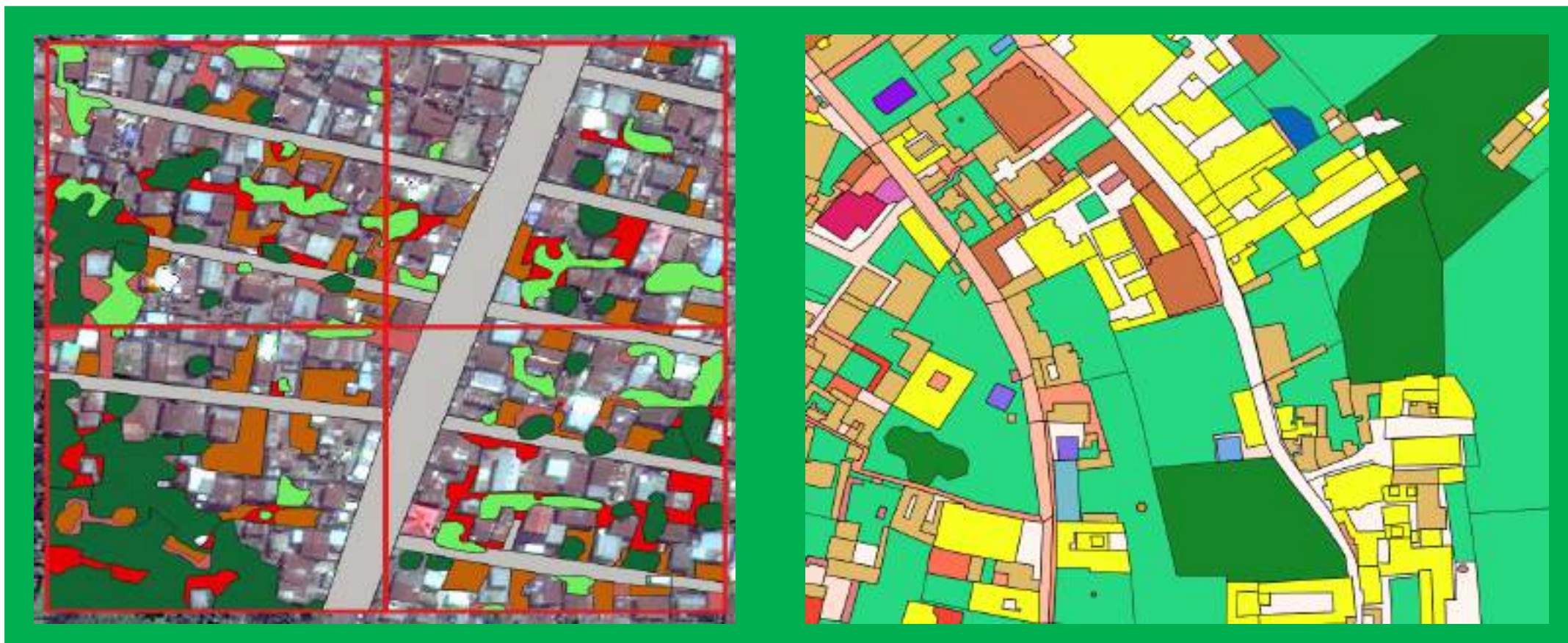
# Tasks

## Computer Exercise

- Qualitative and Quantitative Evaluation of OpenStreetMap (OSM)
- Digitization and classification of land cover with a focus on green spaces on high resolution satellite imagery.

## Field Exercise

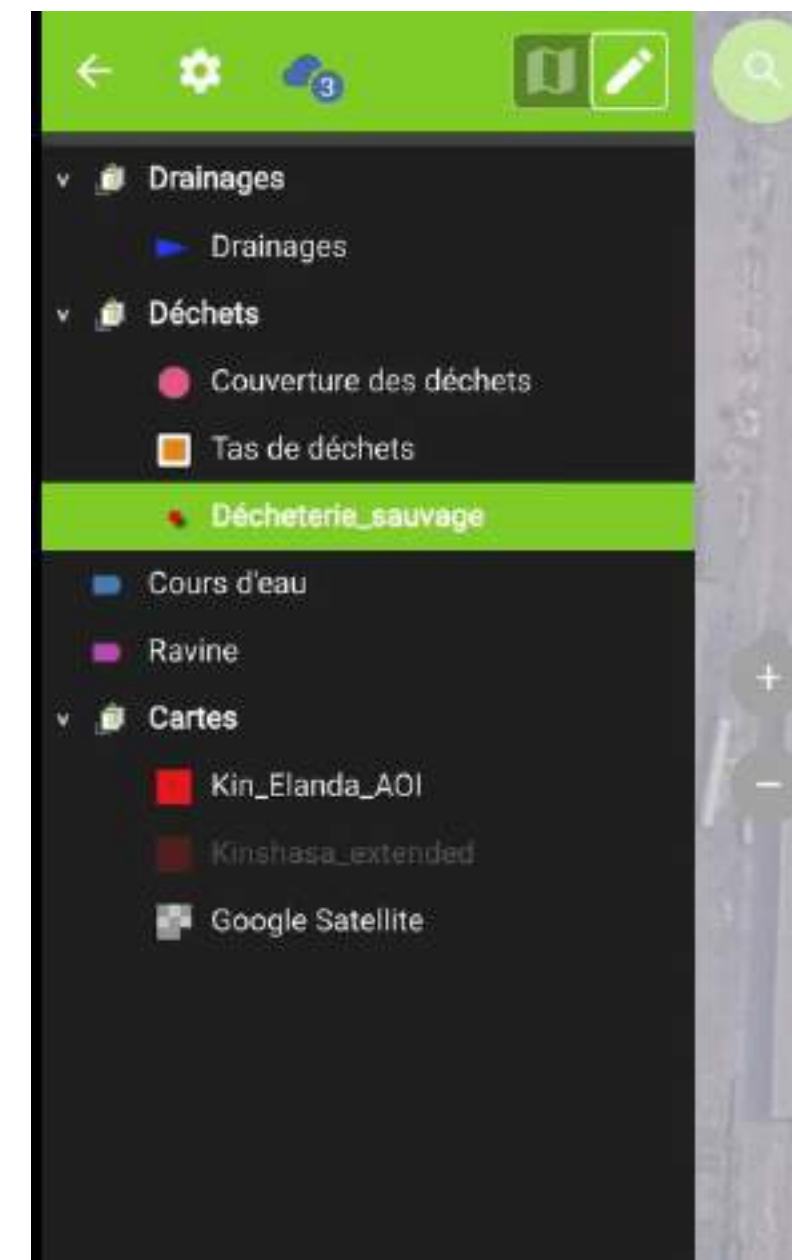
- Mapping Urban Data Layers: solid waste, drainage, ravines





# Field Data Collection

- Field work: more challenging, but better results.
- Demonstrated a unique set-up with self-training materials, sessions and hands-on training and testing before going in the field.
- Flexibility to deploy in any other context and to any other spatial data need in urban and other environments.





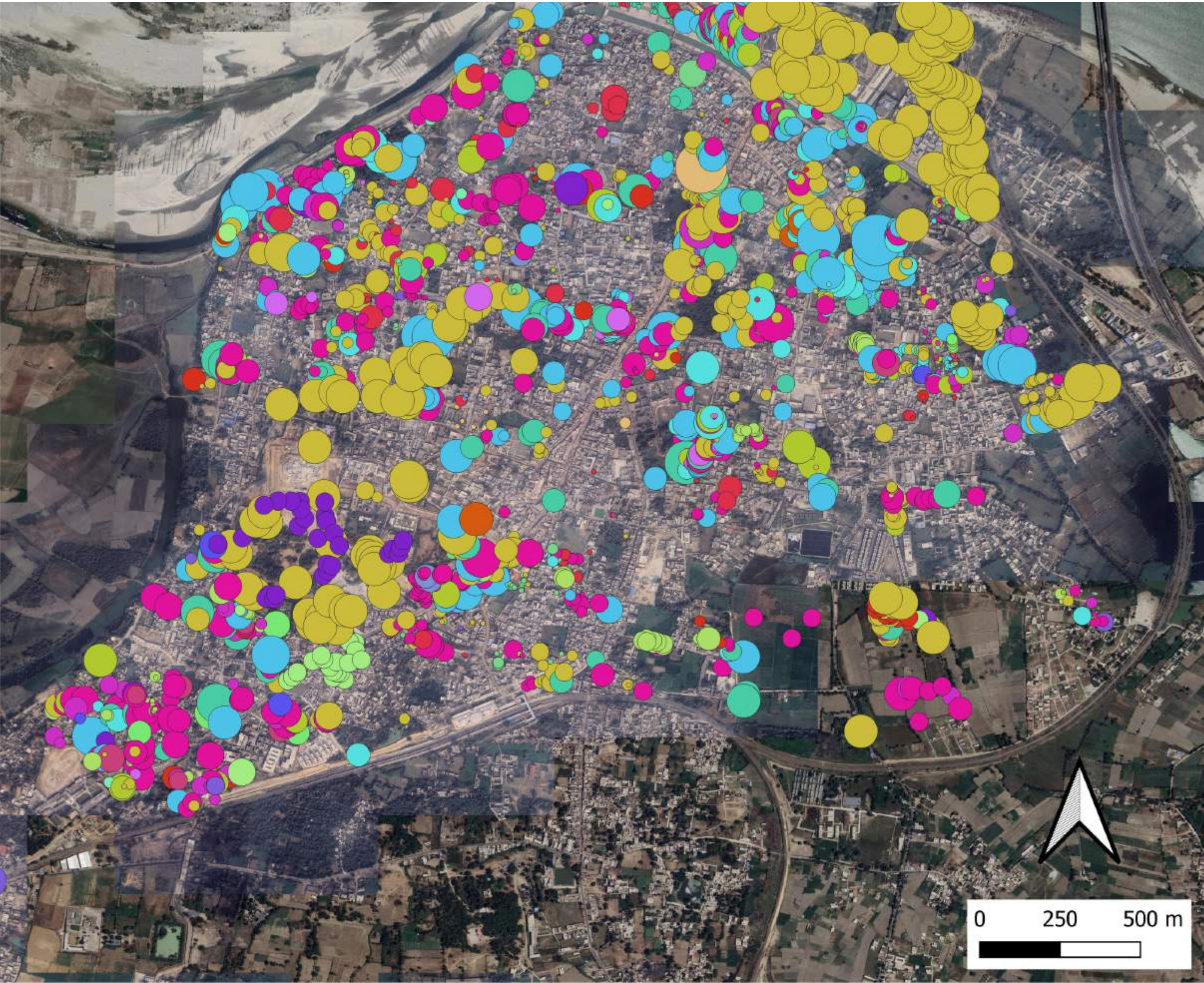
# 3D City Field Mapping: Buildings & Vegetation



3D data can be collected in the field for urban inventorying and heat stress analysis (example of city of Ayodhya, India).



# Map of Tree Species and Crown Size



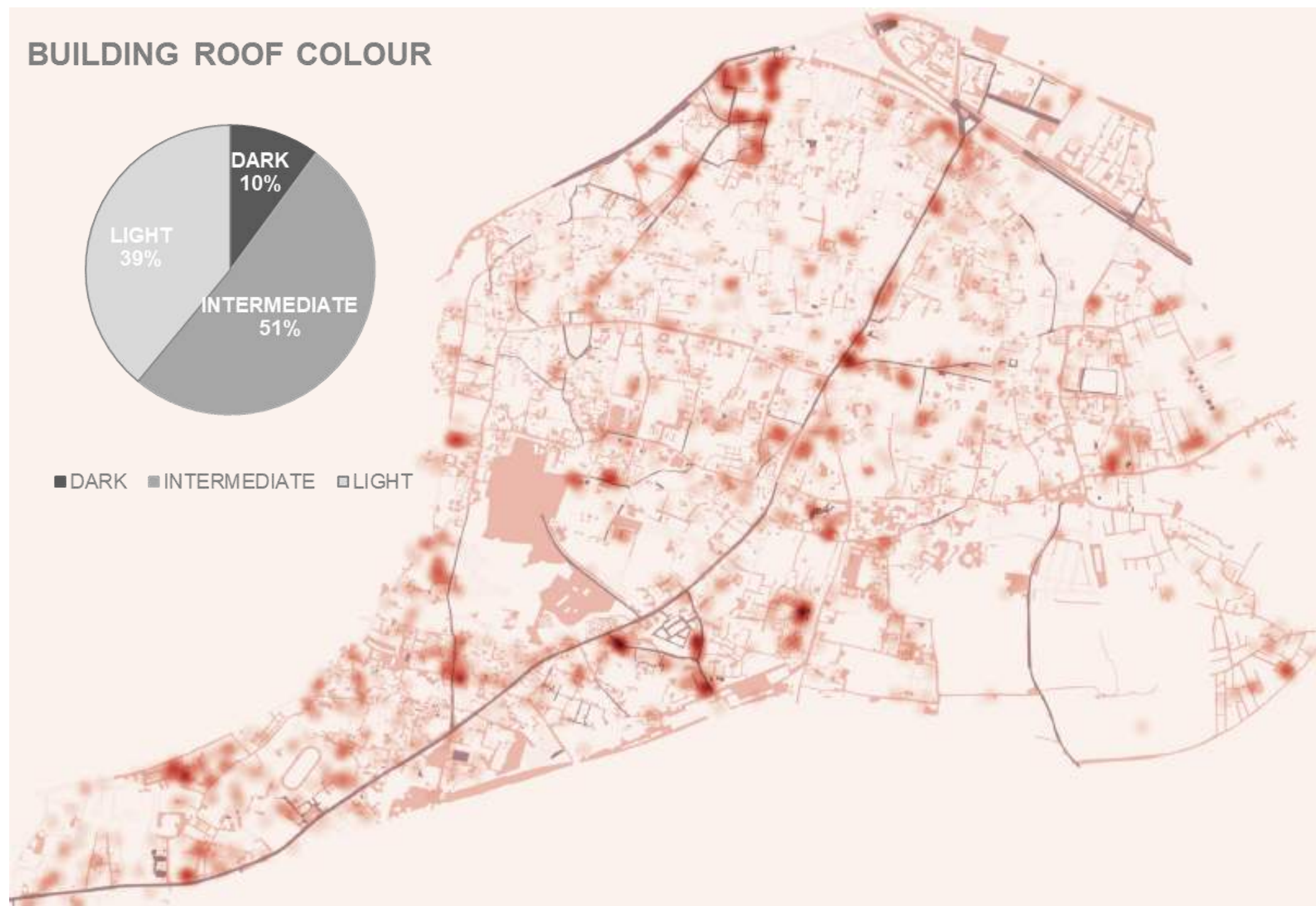
Tree data collection for green space and biodiversity evaluation, with colours indicating different tree species and the size of the circles indicating the crown diameter.





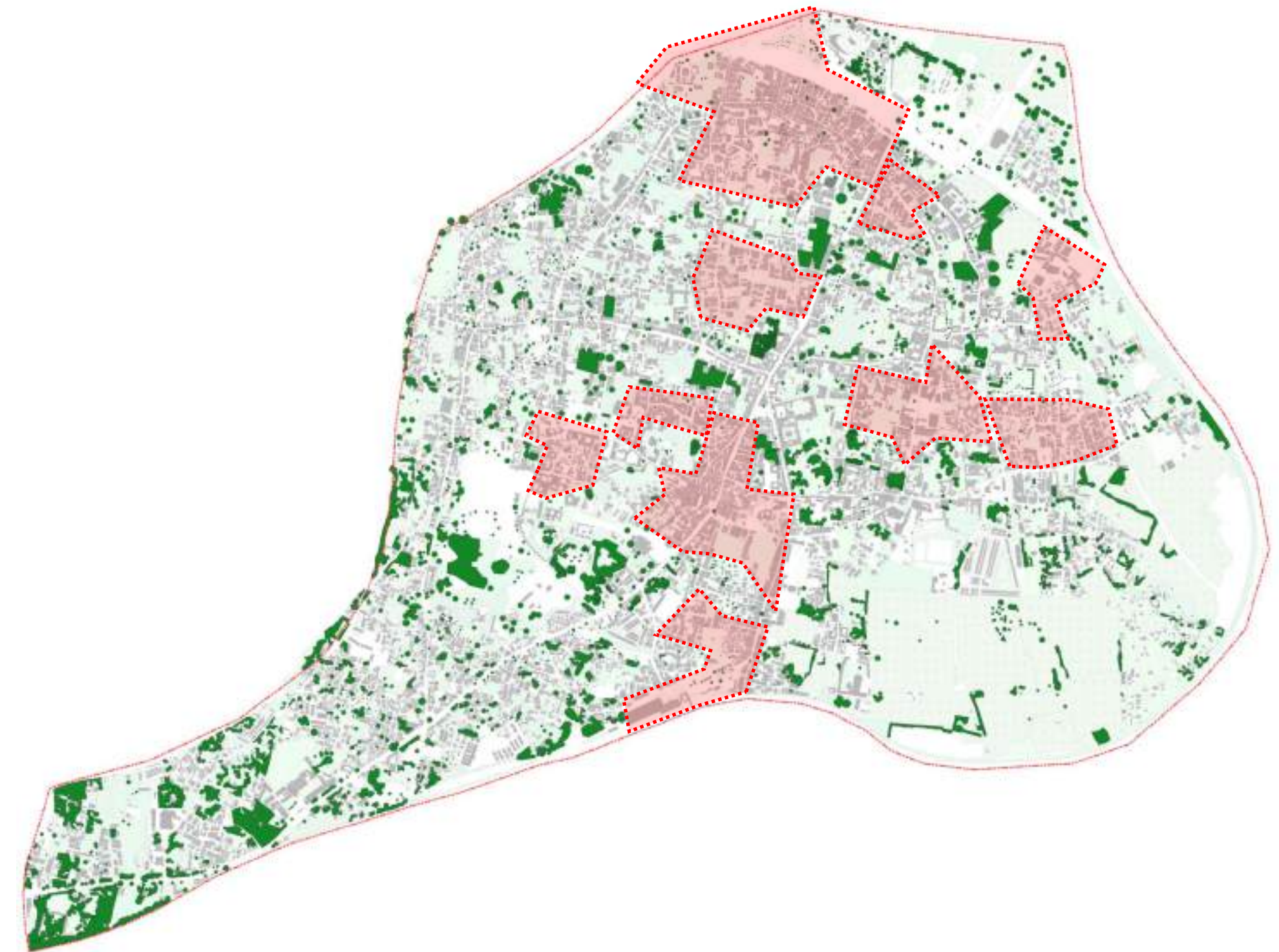
# Urban Planning Applications with Field Data

Dark red spots indicate high absorption of solar radiation, increasing indoor heat. Pie chart indicates the distribution of roof colour across the city.



**3-30-300: urban tree cover rule for a green city.**

- 3 trees visible from every house.
- 30% tree coverage in every neighbourhood.
- 300m maximum distance to a green space with trees.





# Alternatives to Field Data Collection

satellite



drone



field





# Study Area (Kinshasa)

## Satellite image of Kinshasa:

- in **blue** the study area for desktop mapping, encompassing the entire city of Kinshasa and some of its surrounding rural areas.
- in **red** the 6 communes considered for field mapping.



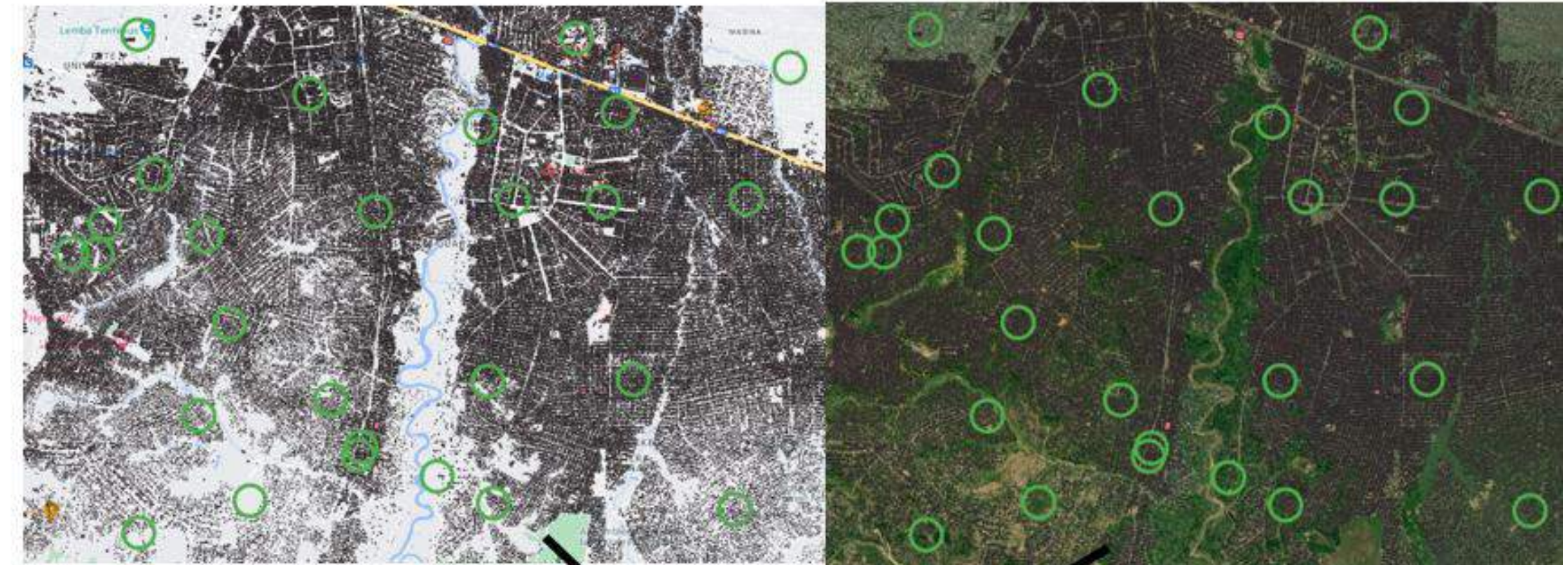
< 1000 km<sup>2</sup>

< 200km<sup>2</sup>



# Evaluation of OpenStreetMap (OSM)

- Quantitative and qualitative evaluation
- Buildings and roads evaluated



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Building and road labels



Poorly/unidentified buildings

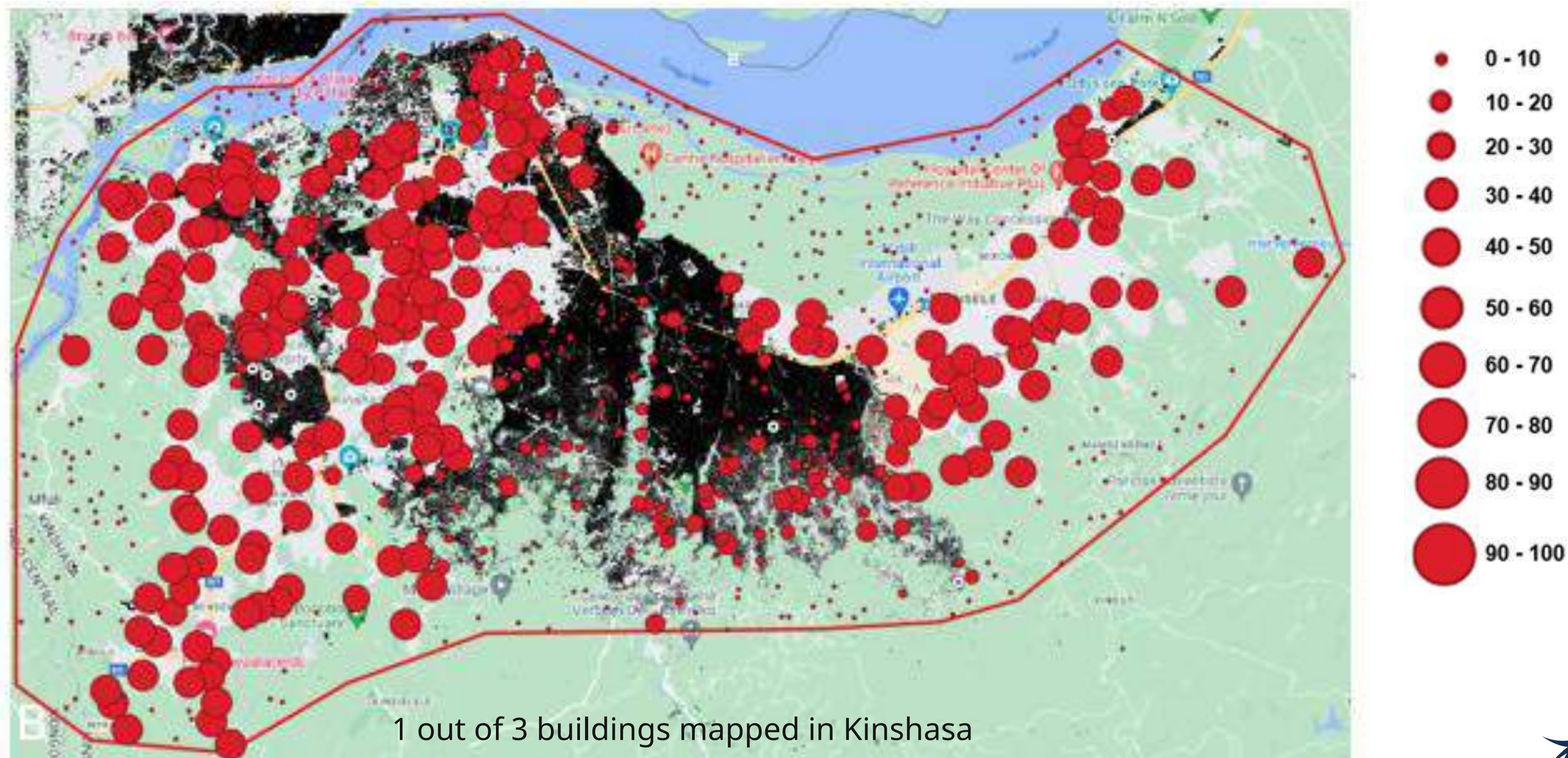


Unidentified route



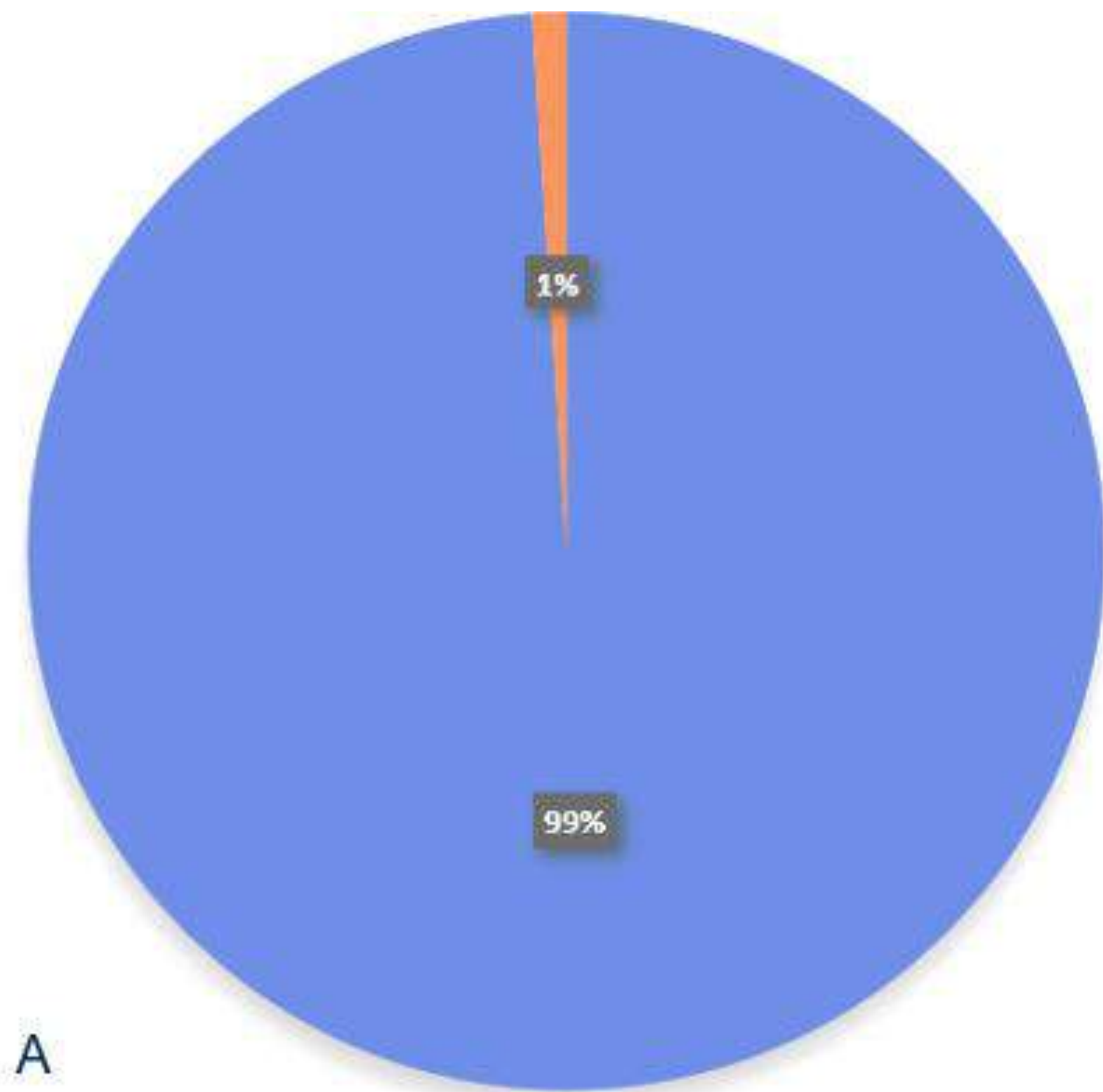
# Building Completeness in OSM

Evaluated polygons shown by size indicating the percentage of building incompleteness, with in black the building footprint of OSM

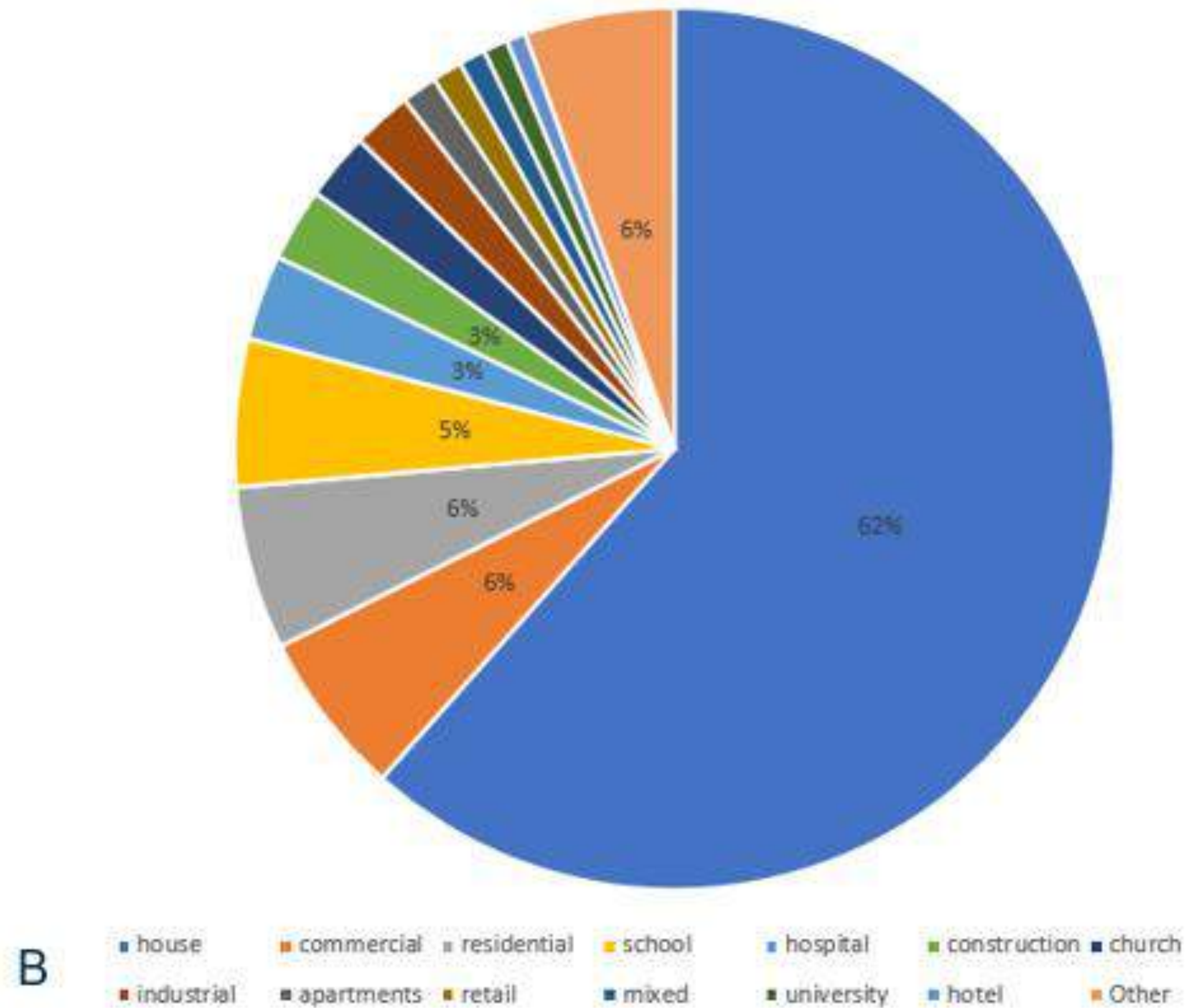




# Building Classification in OSM



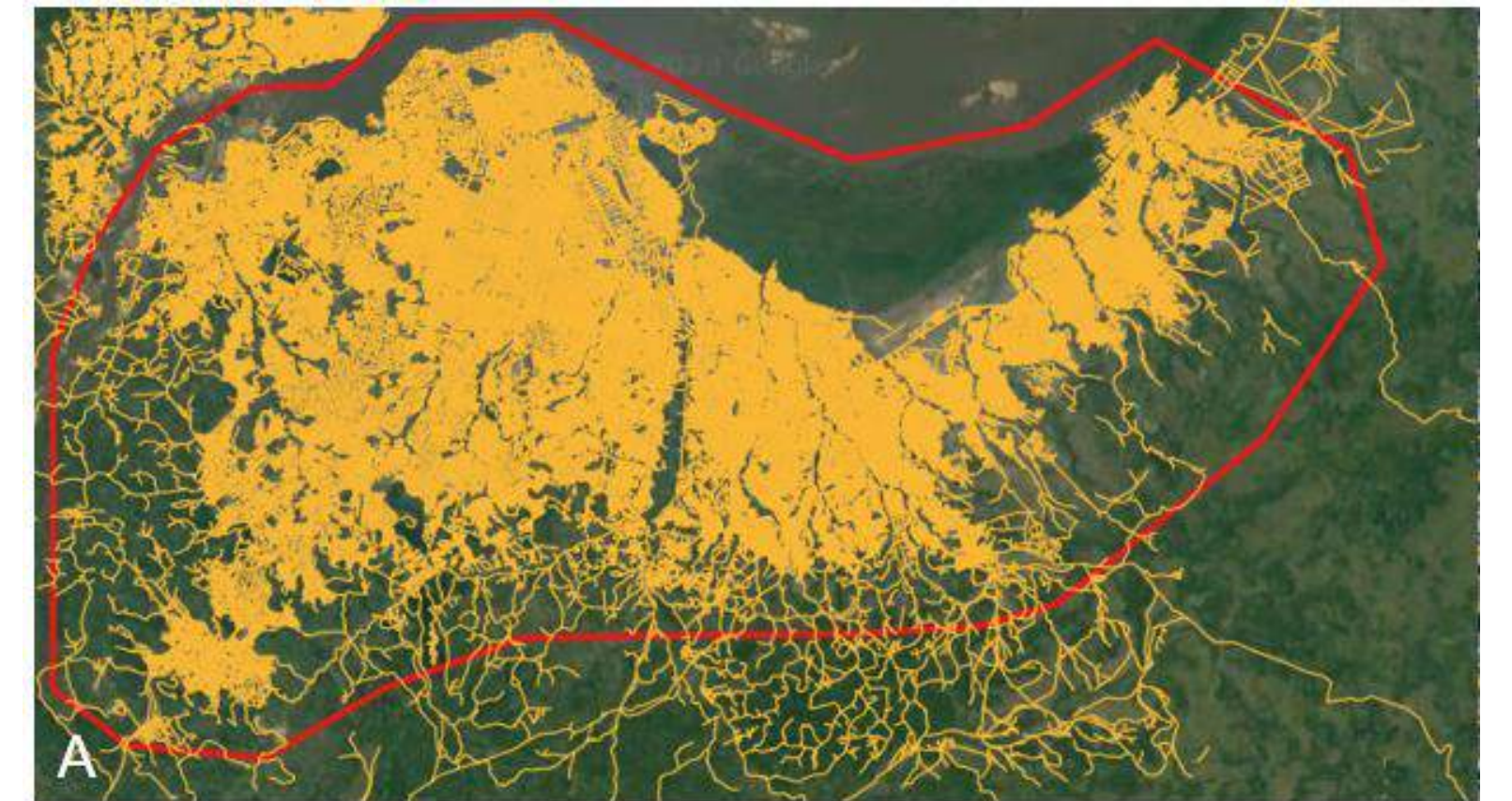
Percentage of classified buildings (1% classified)



Distribution of classified buildings over different classes.



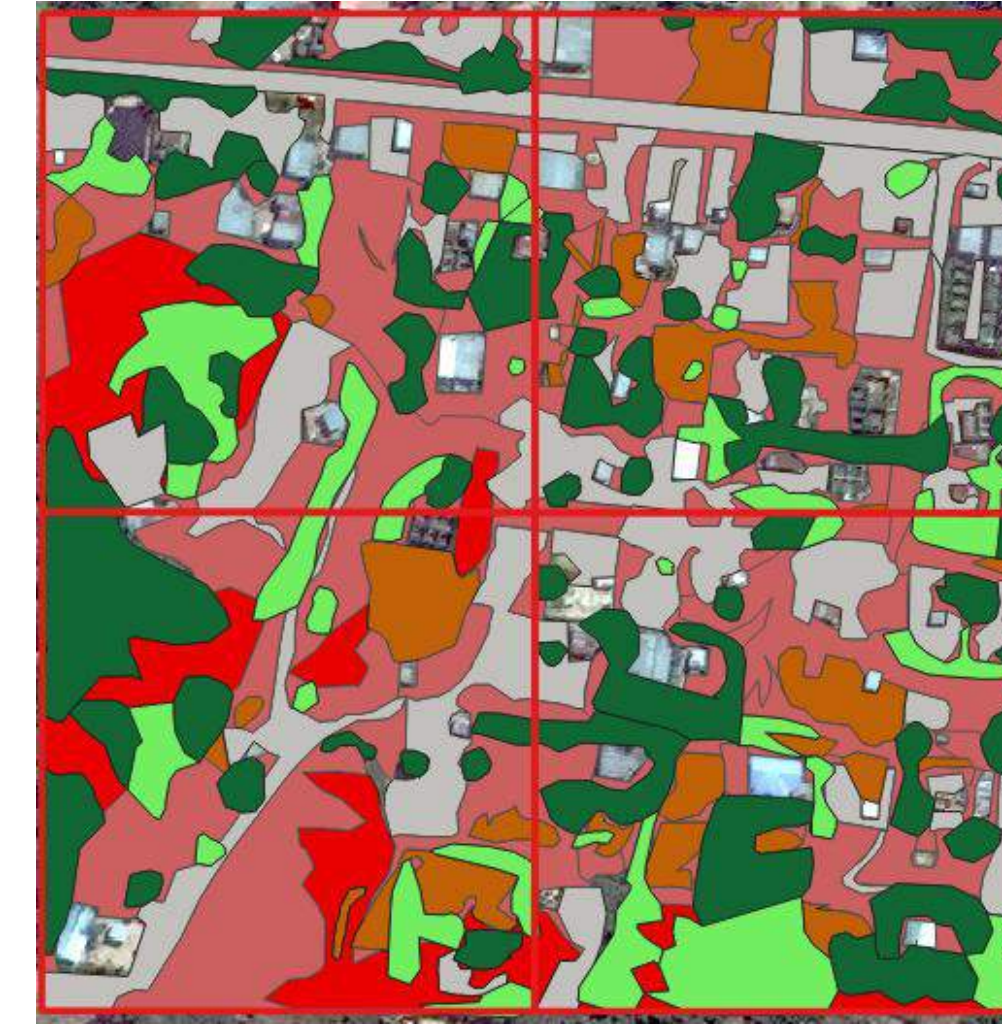
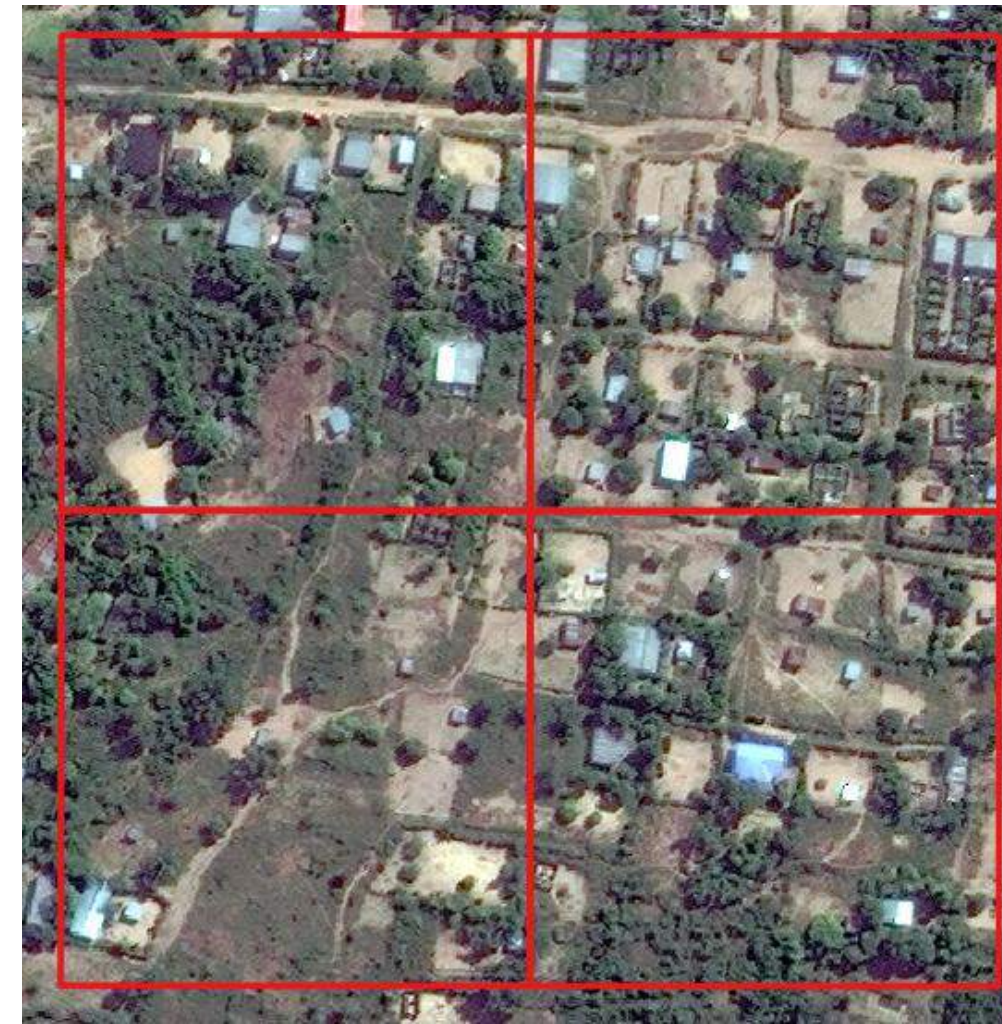
# Road Completeness in OSM



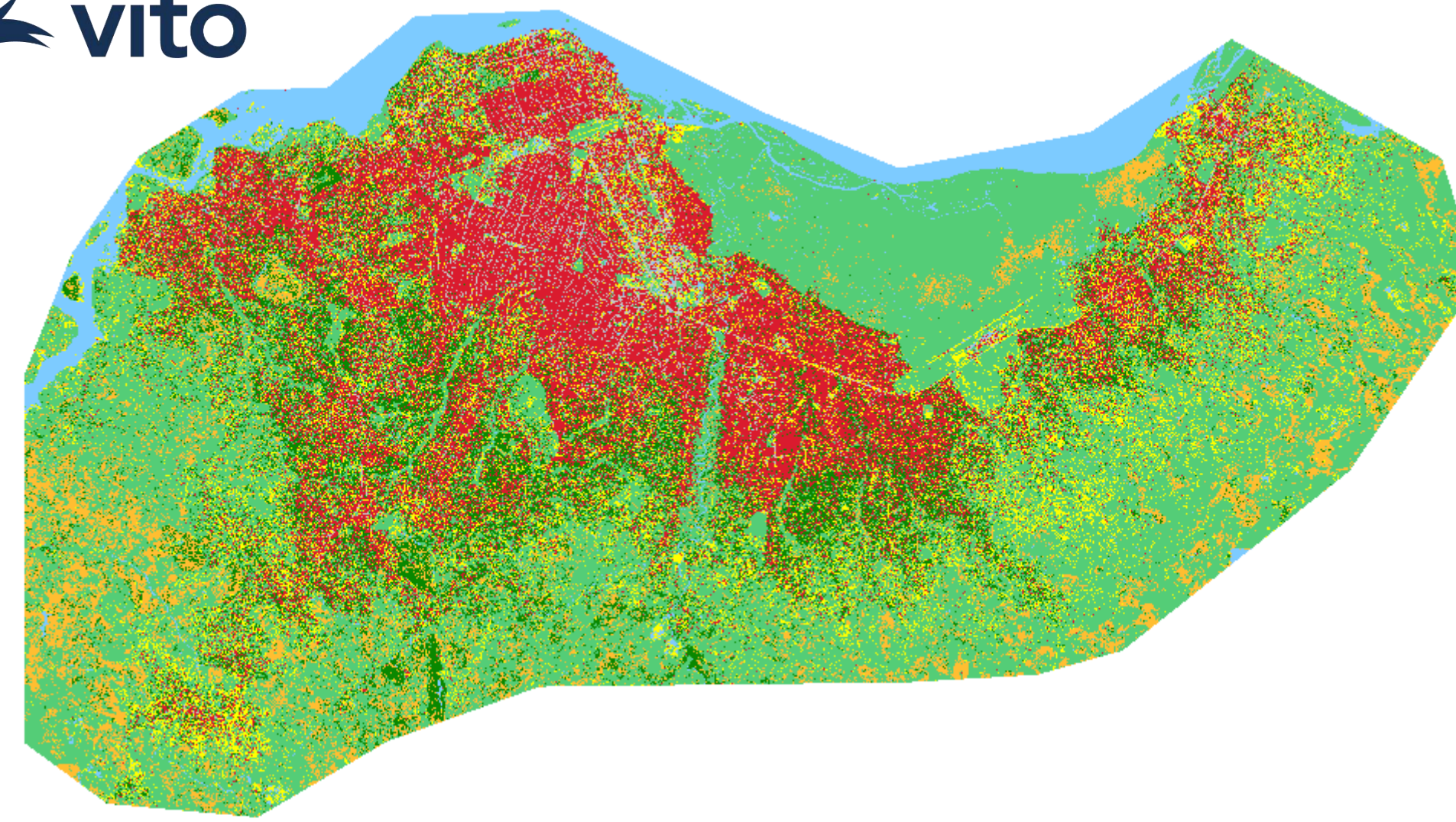
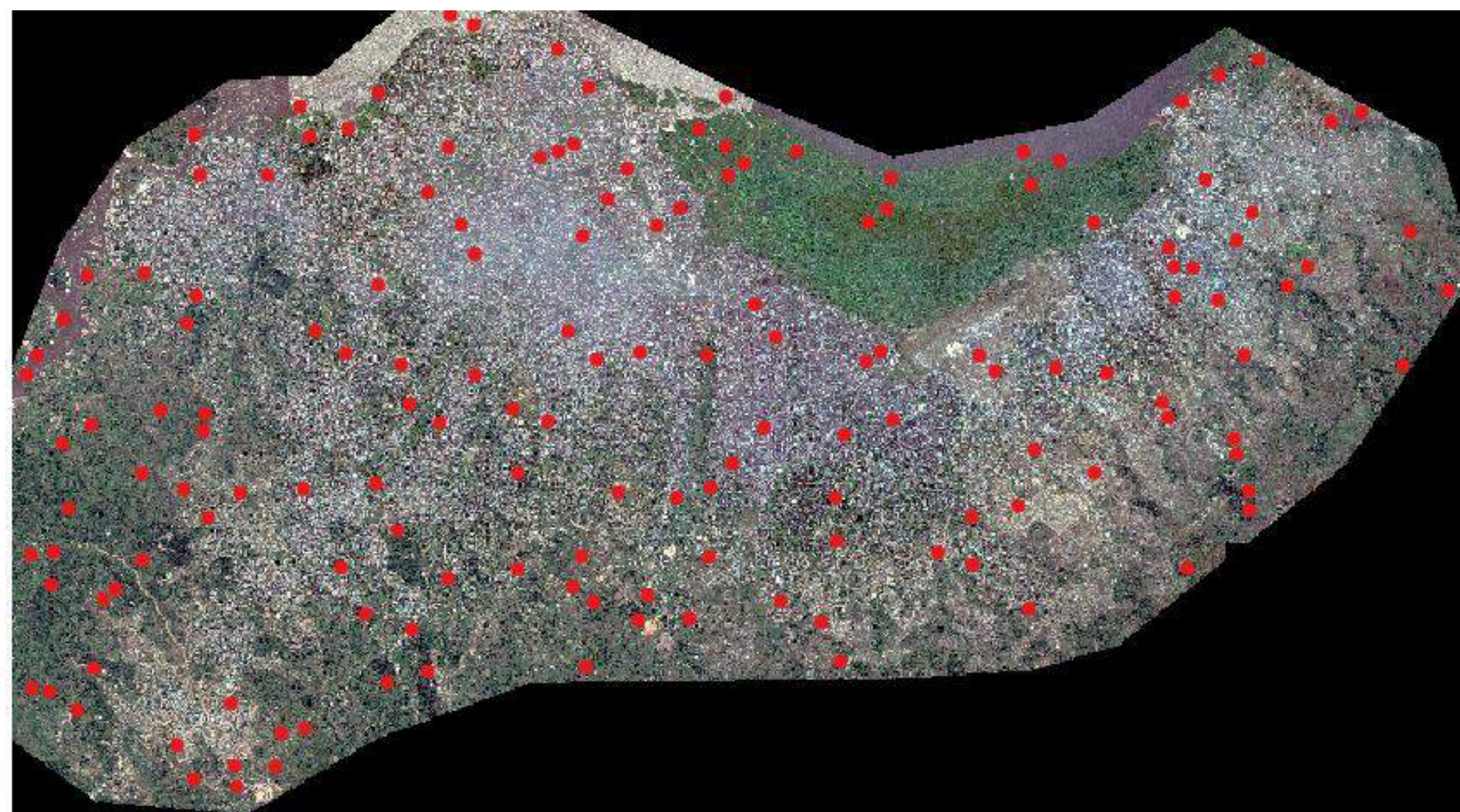
Around 90% completeness and correct classification for roads in OSM.



# Digitization of Green Spaces



- ✓ Bare Soil
- ✓ Between buildings
- ✓ Courtyard
- ✓ Flowing
- ✓ Low plants
- ✓ Mixt / Grass
- ✓ Other
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Schrub
- ✓ Square
- ✓ Stagnant
- ✓ Tree
- ✓ Street



- tree canopy
- shrub
- low vegetation
- bare soil
- paved areas
- buildings
- water
- other



# Field Mapping of Urban Layers



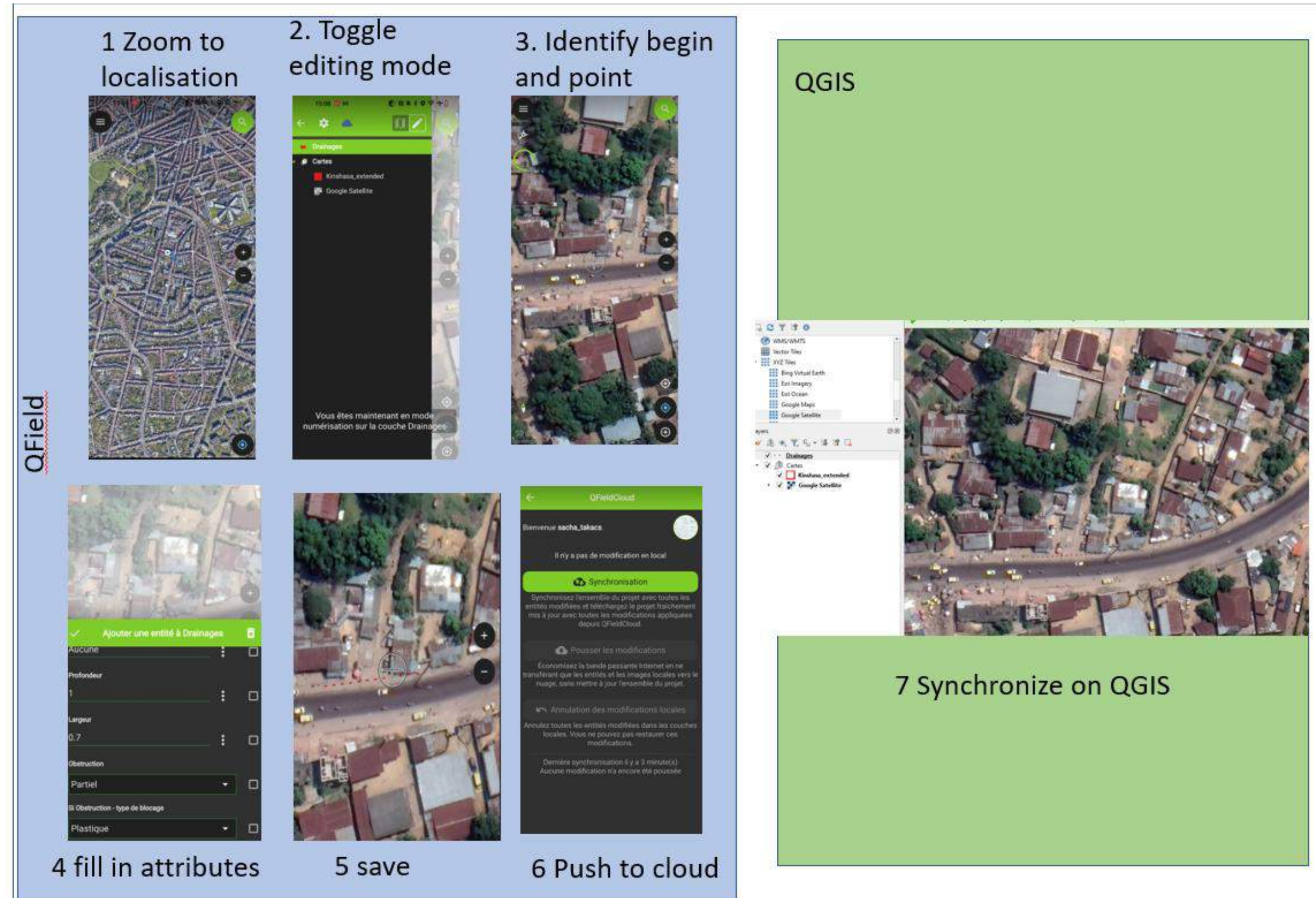
Waste can be found everywhere: scattered on the streets, in drainages, concentrated on waste heaps and on large dumpsites.



# Field Mapping of Urban Layers



Training of participants for field mapping



Field mapping steps to digitize geospatial features through QField



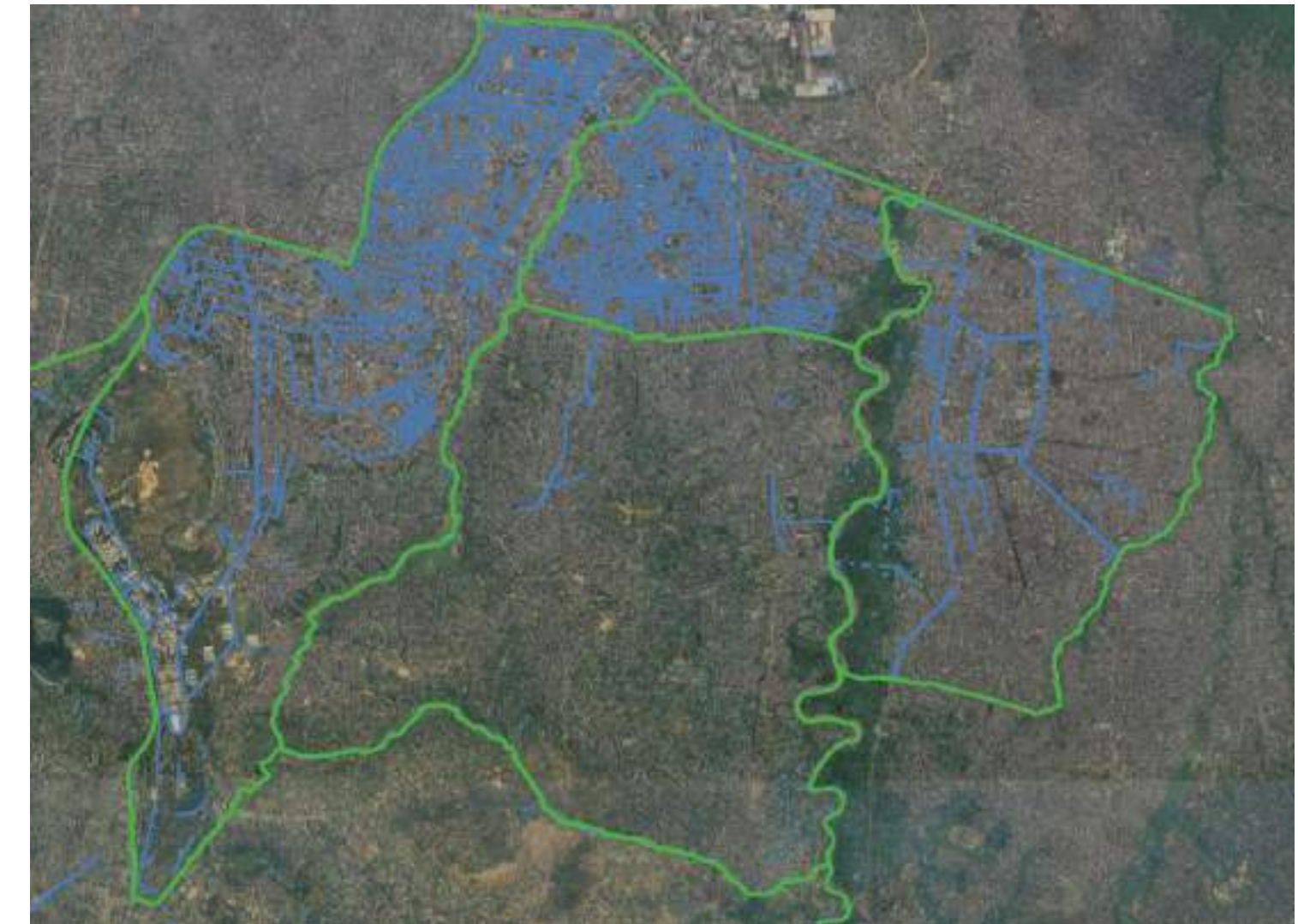
# Field Mapping of Urban Layers

- More than 3,000 **drainage lines** identified
- More than 30,000 **waste cover points** recorded
- More than 5,000 **waste heaps** inventoried
- More than 200 **illegal dumpsites** identified

Mapped waste heaps



Mapped drainages



Mapped waste cover points



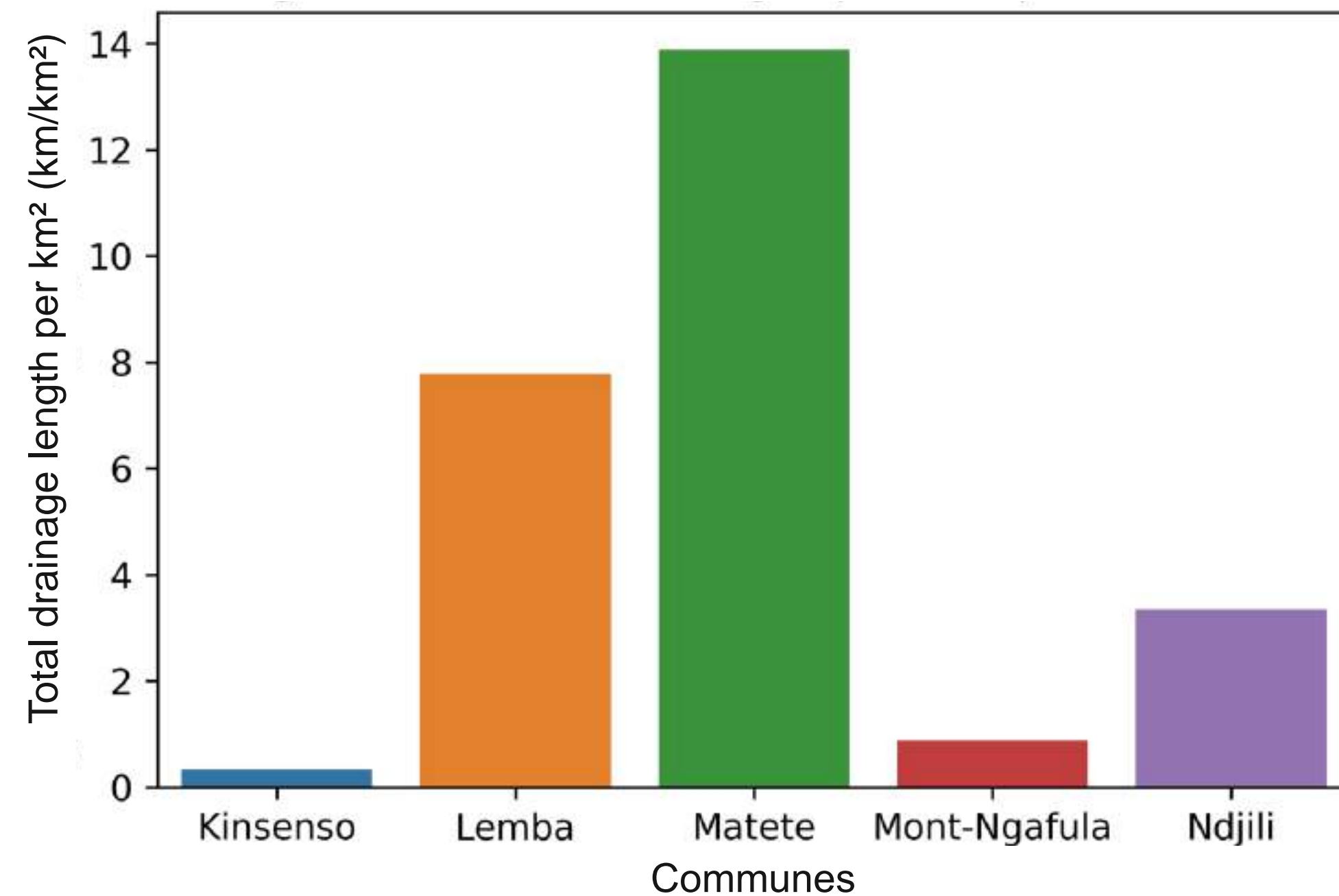
Illegal dumpsite at gully





# Drainage Results

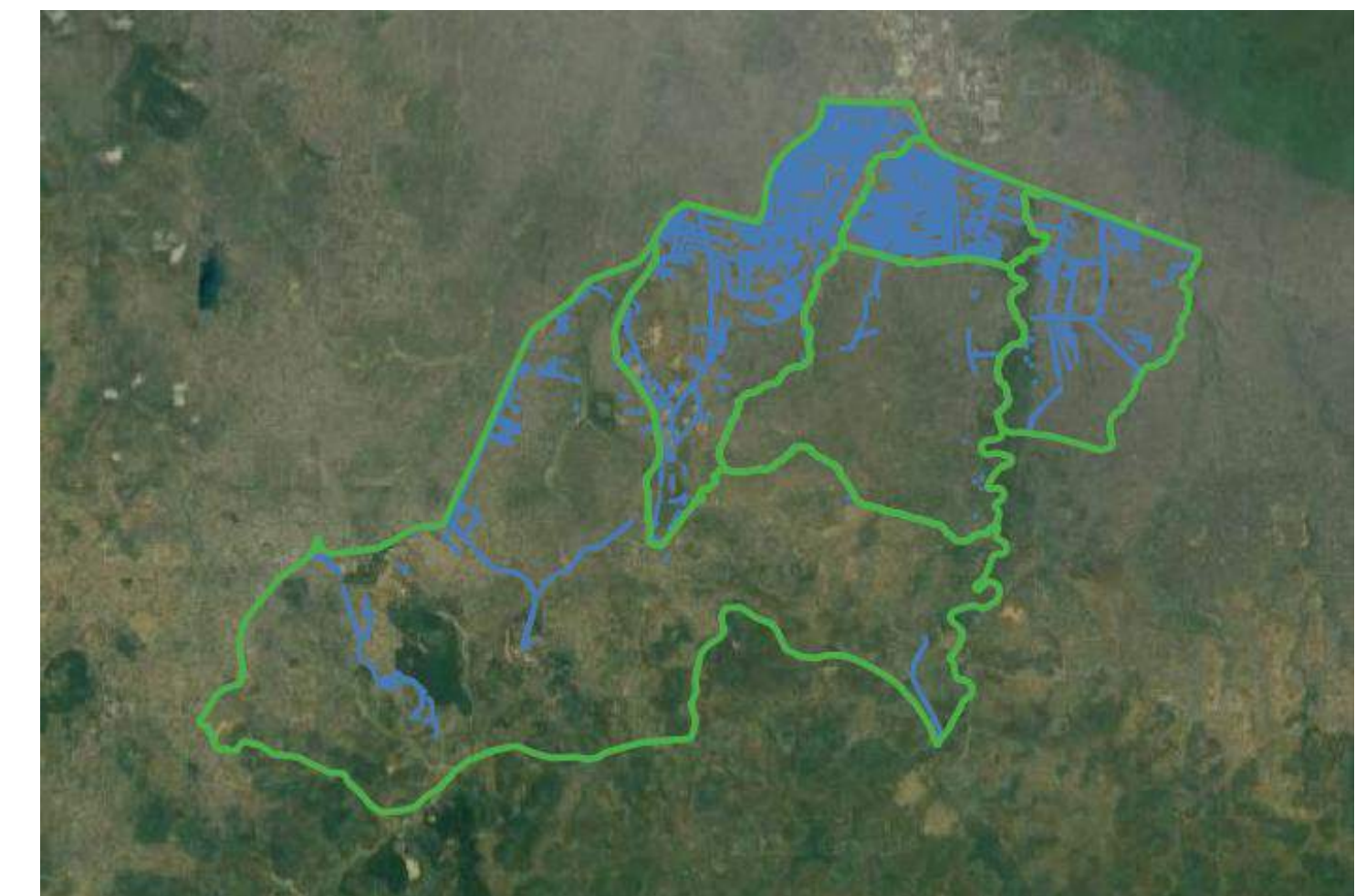
Total drainage length per km<sup>2</sup> per commune



Total drainage length per community per km<sup>2</sup>



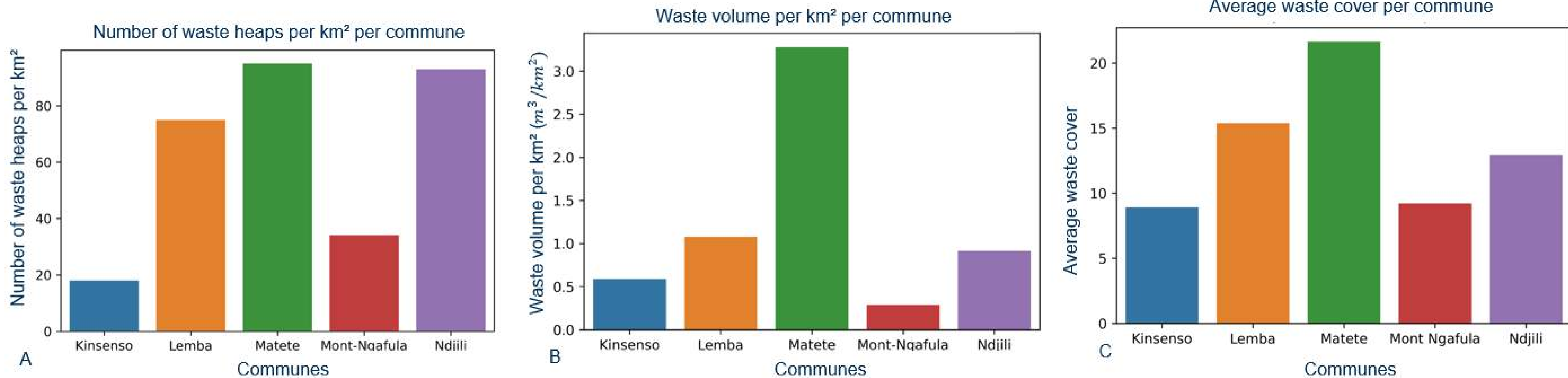
Example of drainages in Kinshasa unities



Mapped drainage lines



# Solid Waste Analysis



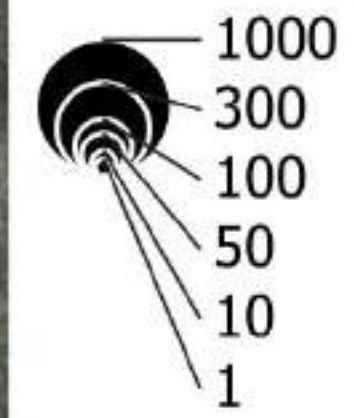
**Questions that can be answered with these data, e.g.:**

- What is the **relative cleanliness** of communes?
- What is the **total quantity of waste** to be cleaned up in every place?



# Solid waste heaps

volume (m<sup>3</sup>) [4484]



waste heaps [4484]

- other [204]
- plastic bottles [367]
- construction [564]
- plastic [2055]
- organic [632]
- soil [654]

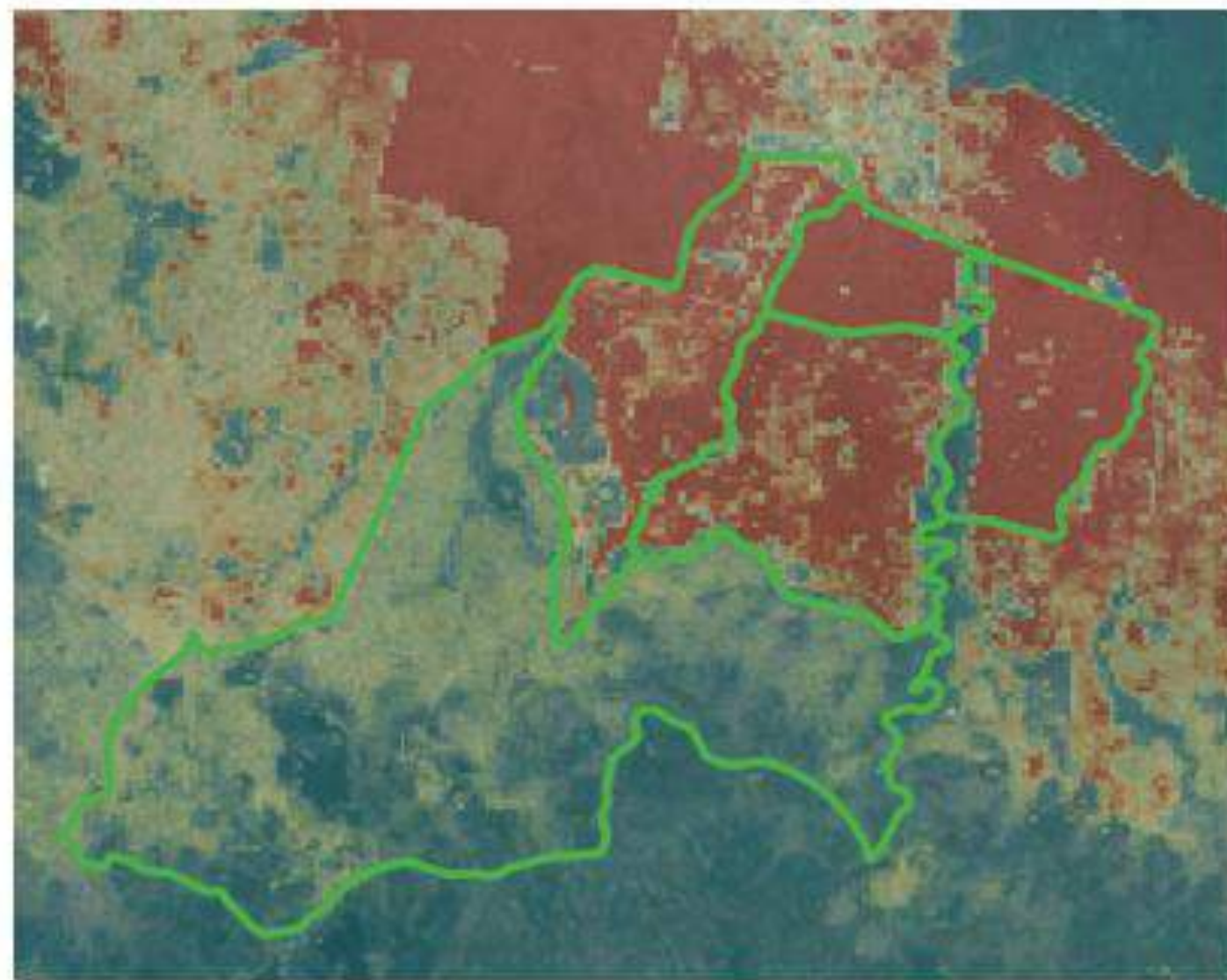
## Map of solid waste heaps by type (colour) and volume (circle size)

Example of waste heap  
(a concentrated pile of waste)



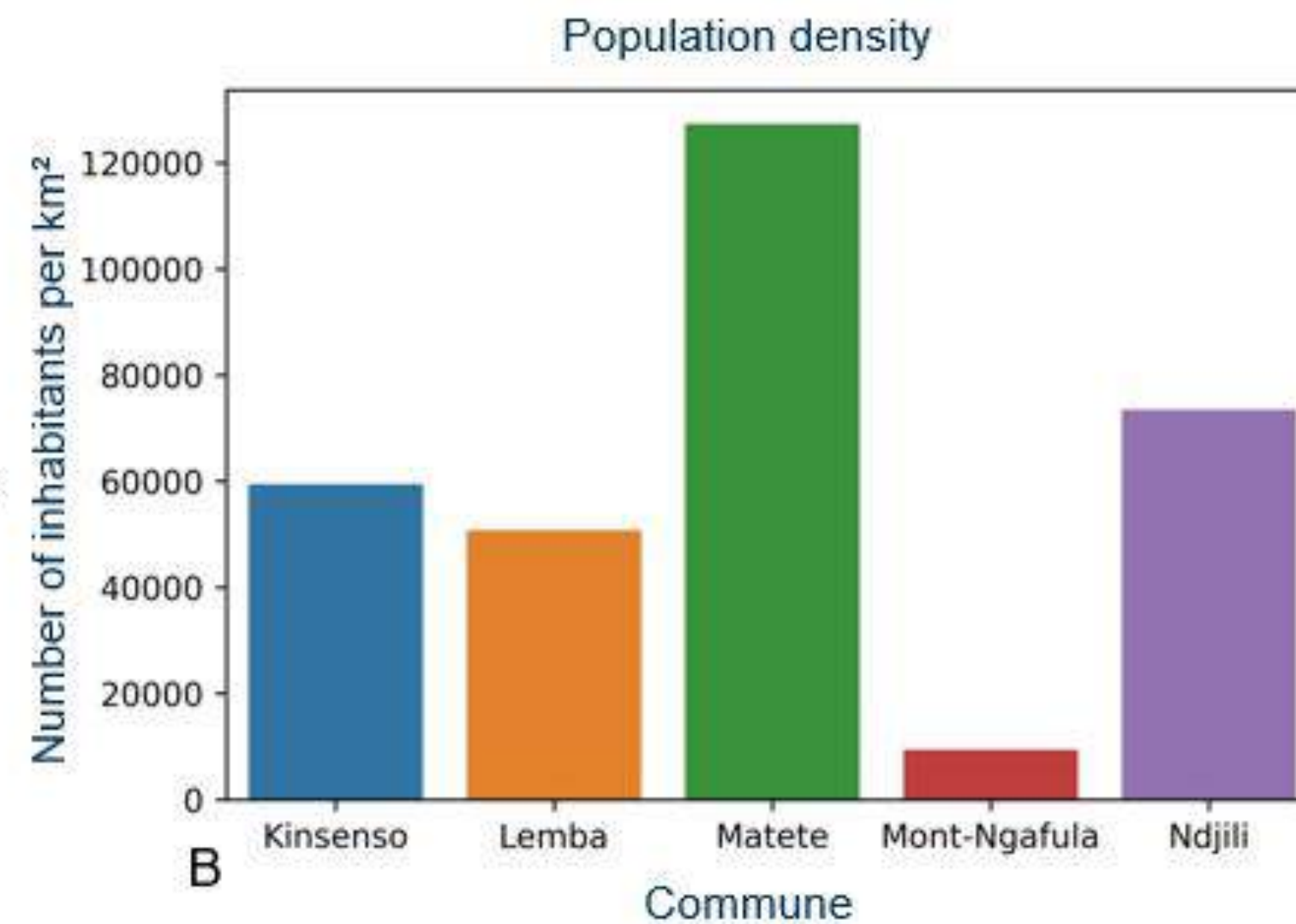
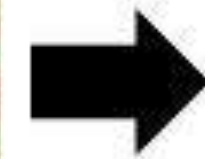


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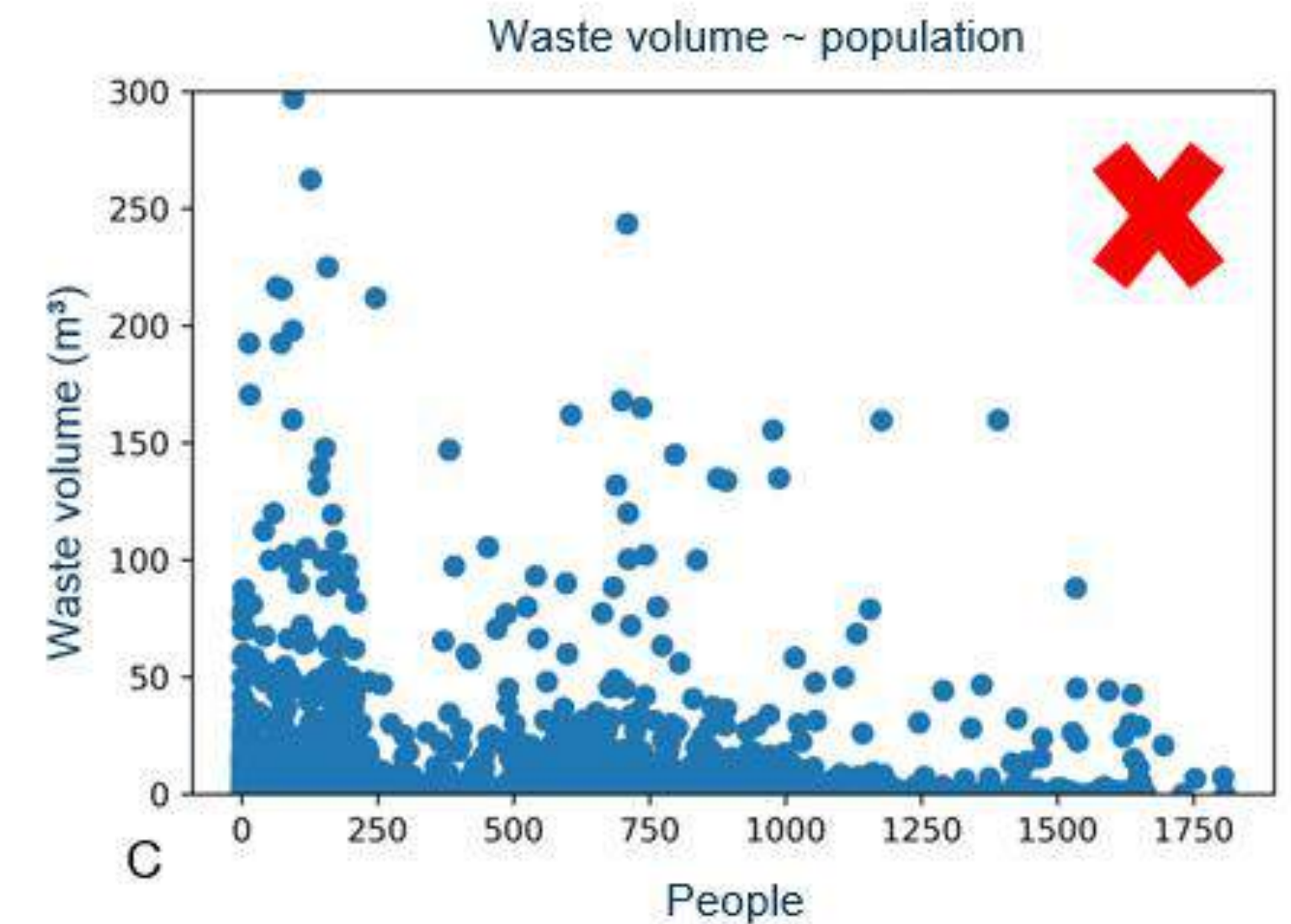
A

Population density  
(red: high, blue: low)



B

Population density  
per commune

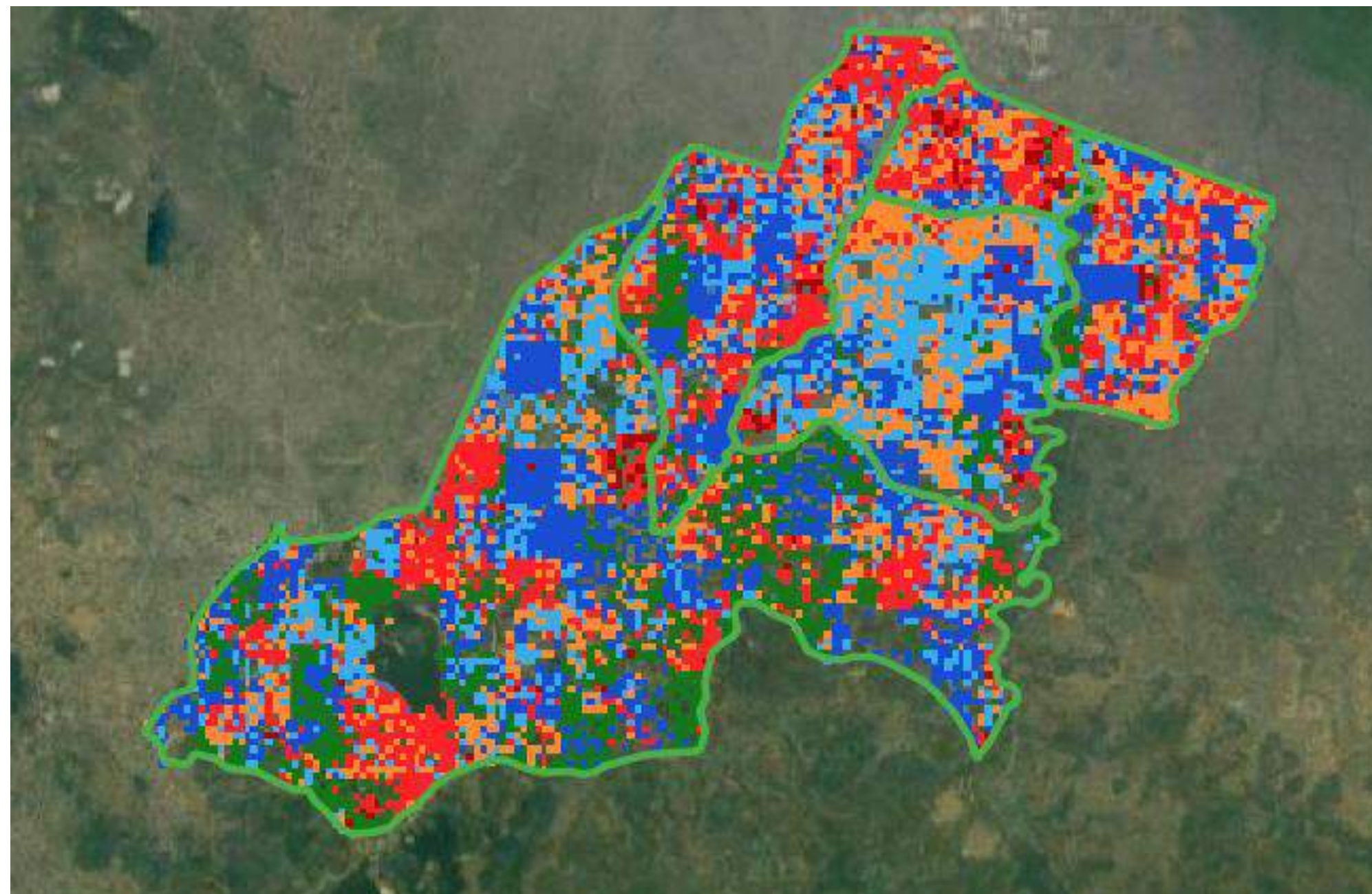


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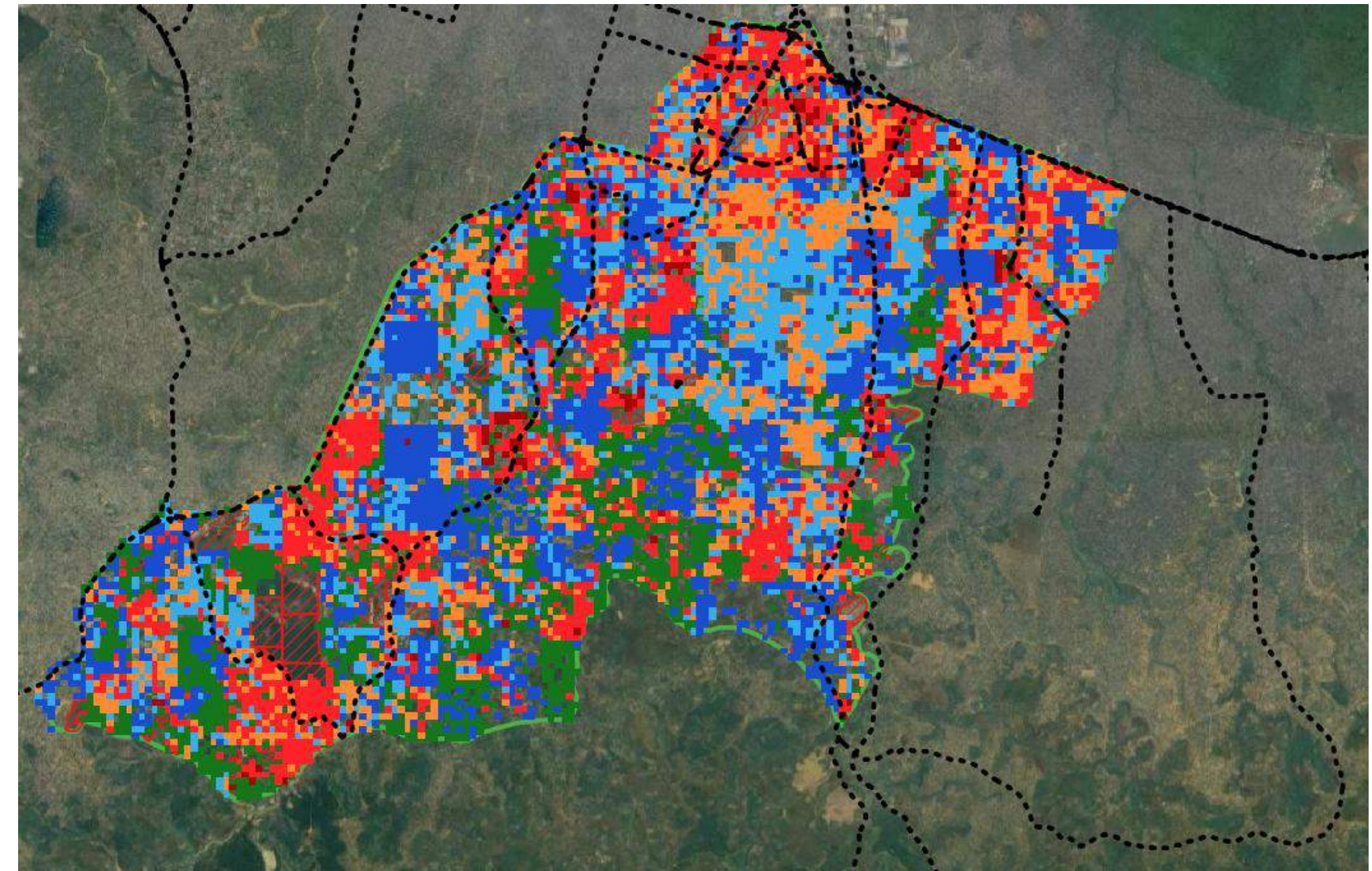
Waste volume vs people  
in 300m grid cell,  
no correlation between both



# Solid Waste Analysis



Concentration of waste cover points  
(red: high and blue: low)



The black dotted lines show primary roads.



# Project Video: Earth Observation and Community Mapping for Urban Resilience in Kinshasa



<https://vimeo.com/christianmorgan/review/891672175/8b1b9d8e75>



Q&A





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# 3. Urban Resilience and Risk Reduction – Flood Risk Management (Belgium, Vietnam, India and China)

- What is the urban flooding challenge?
- What environmental modelling tools do we have available?
- Case study: Belgium, Vietnam, India and China
- Q&A

Michel Craninx





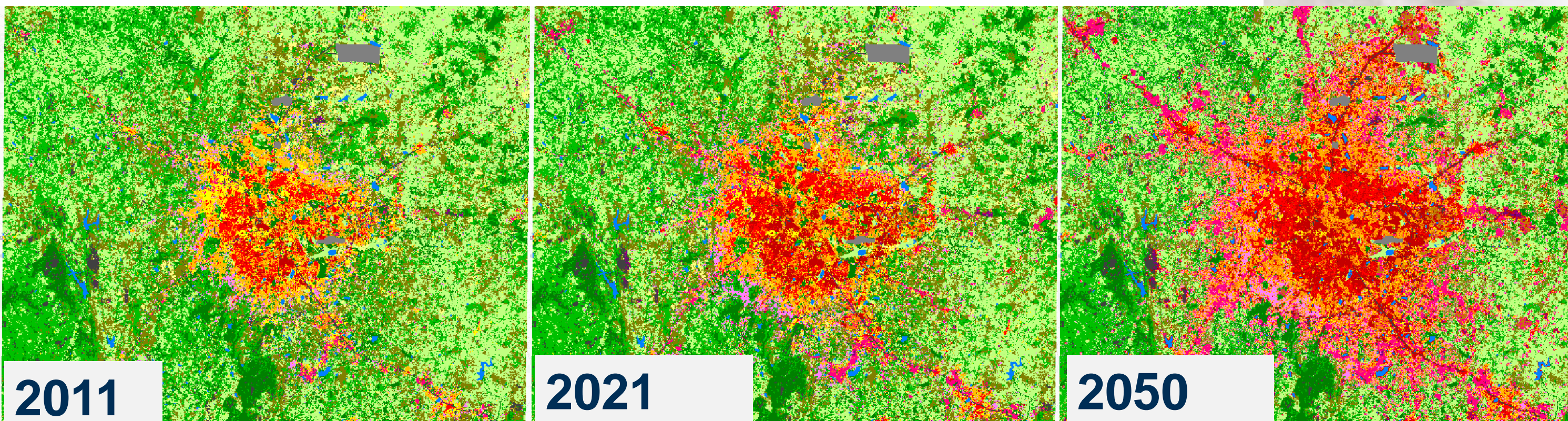
# Urban Floods

## Urban flooding → world-wide problem

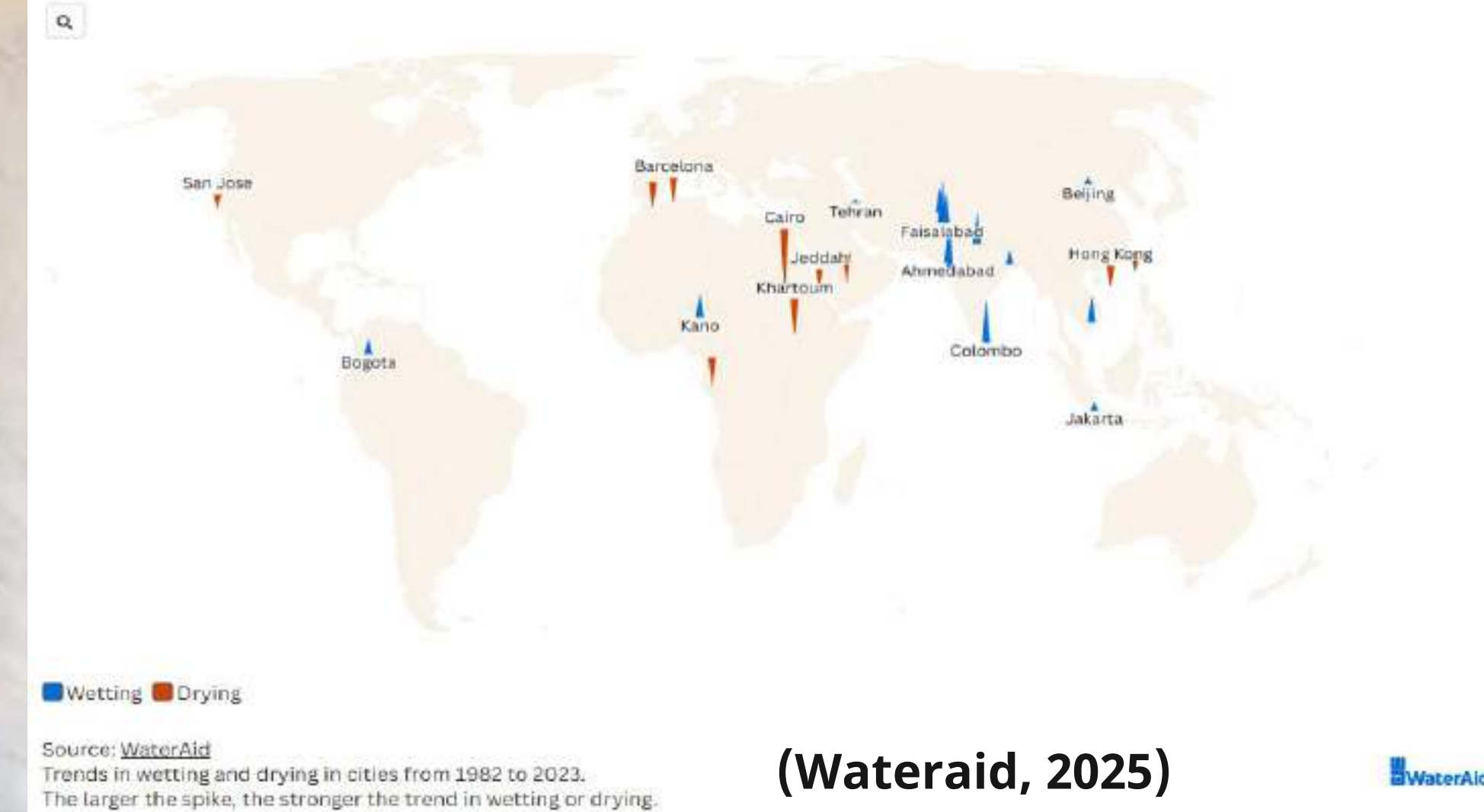
Many studies confirm:

- High impact cities!
- **Climate impact:**  
Urban floods: high confidence (IPCC)
- Impact: **urbanization - land use changes**  
High confidence (IPCC)

Bangalore (2021) UrbClim model VITO

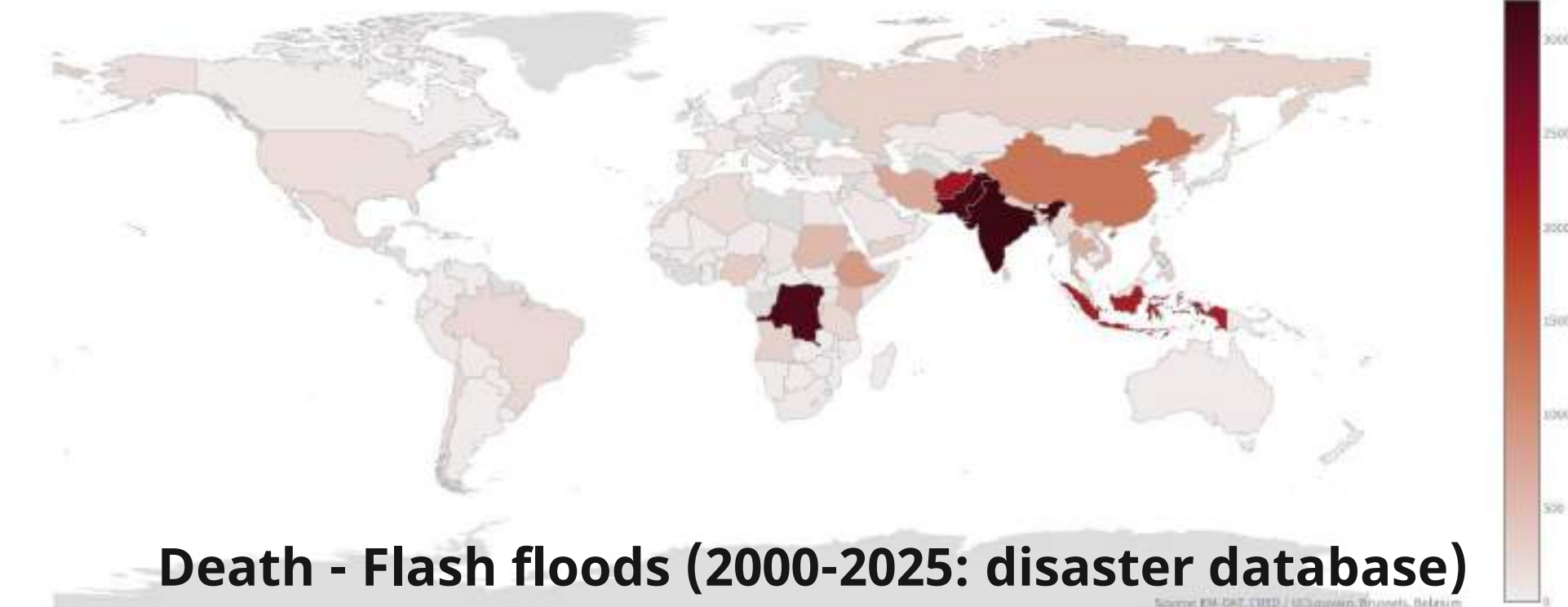


More than 20% of cities examined are experiencing a reversal in climate extremes



(Wateraid, 2025)

Total Deaths per Country (2000-2025 Total)



Death - Flash floods (2000-2025: disaster database)



# Why Flood Mapping?

Flood **risk** mapping and modelling:

- **Where** are floods occurring **now** and in the **future**?
- **What** can we learn from these flood maps?  
e.g. post event analysis

Flood **resilience** measures

- **What** can we **do** to reduce the impact?

**Simulate** the measures in a model  
to see if the impact will be as expected

- Urban drainage **planning** and engineering
- **Local climate impact analysis** and **adaptation scenarios**

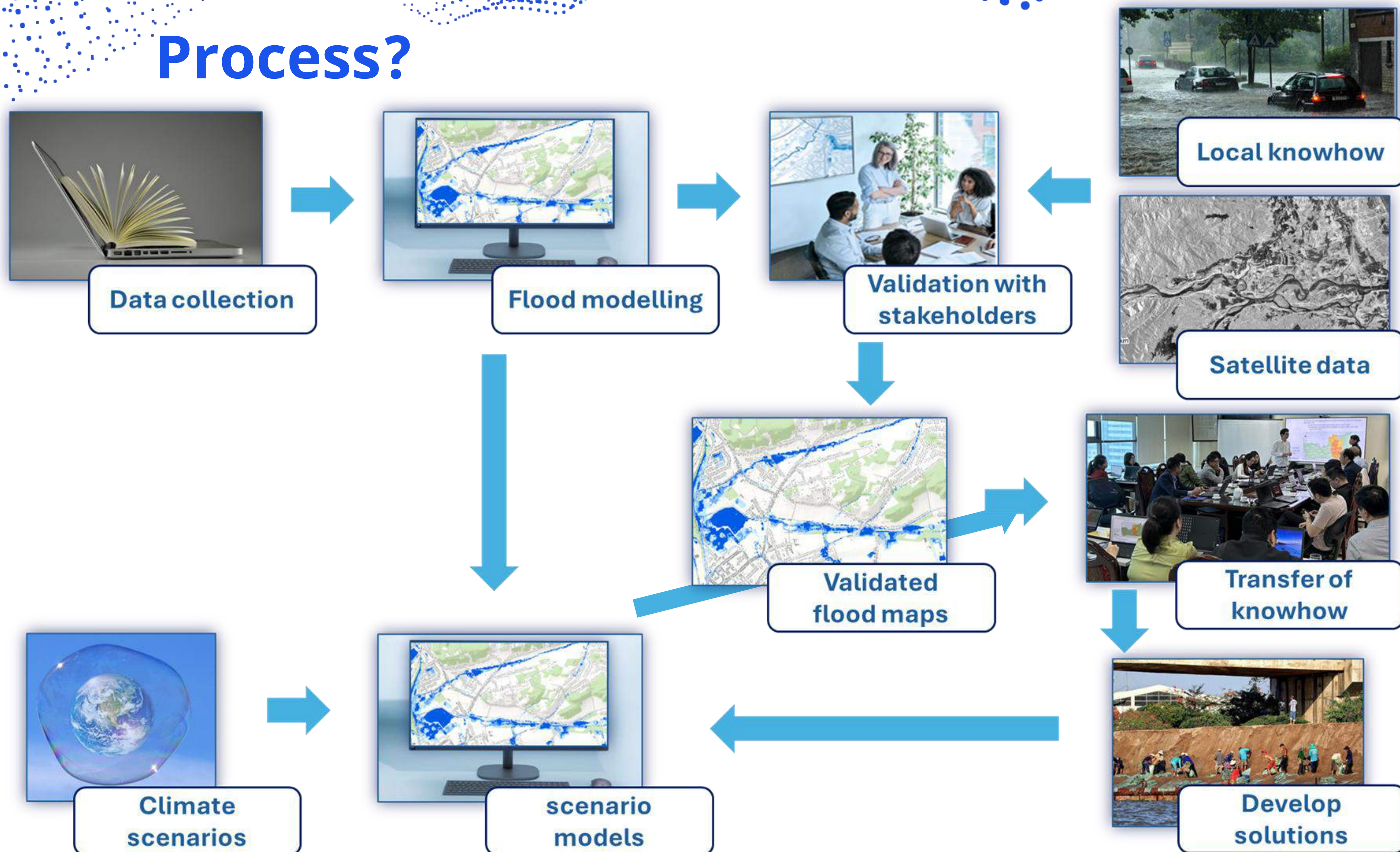
**Operational** use

- Use of flood models in **real-time** flood situations





# Process?



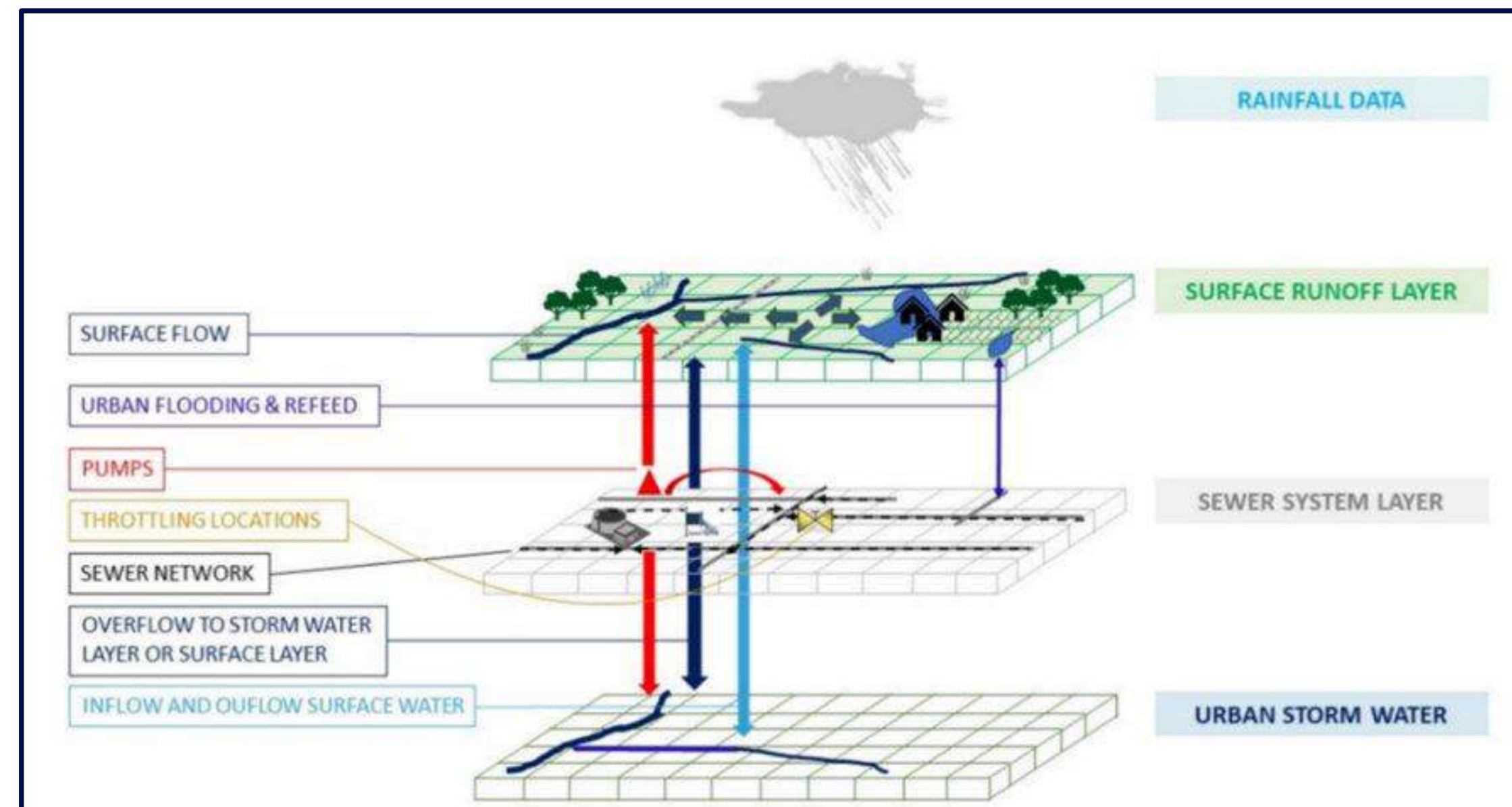


# Approaches

## Remote Sensing



## Flood Modelling

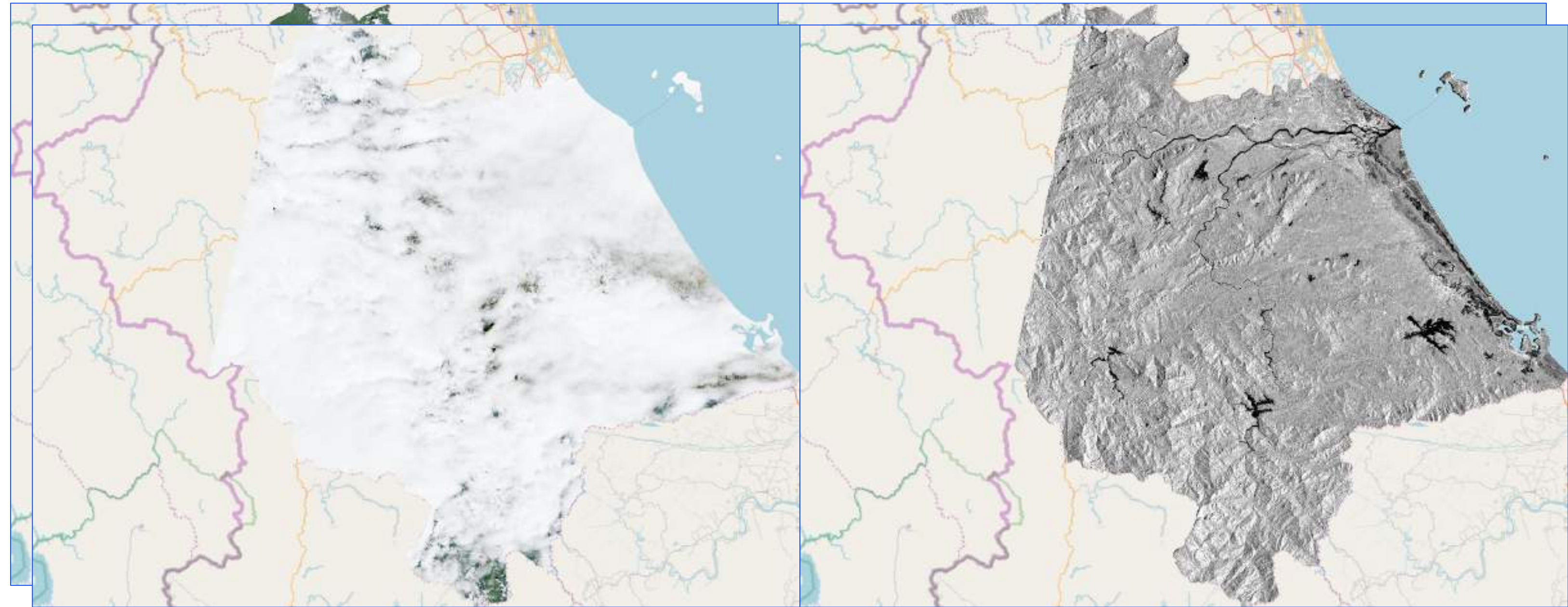




# Remote Sensing: SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar) Imagery



- Open access, global images
- First launch in 2014



Sentinel-2

Sentinel-1

## Sentinel-2:

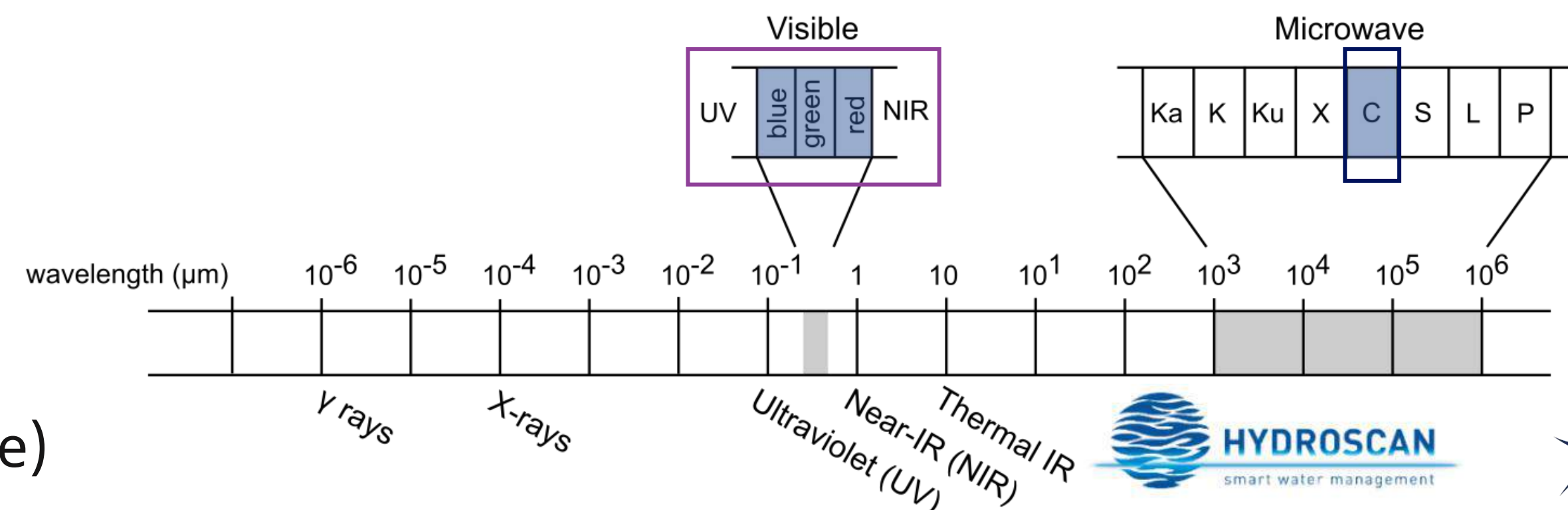
- Multispectral
- easy to interpret
- Clouds!
- 20-60m
- every 5 days

## Sentinel-1:

- Radar
- not hampered by clouds
- 10 m
- every 2-12 (6) days

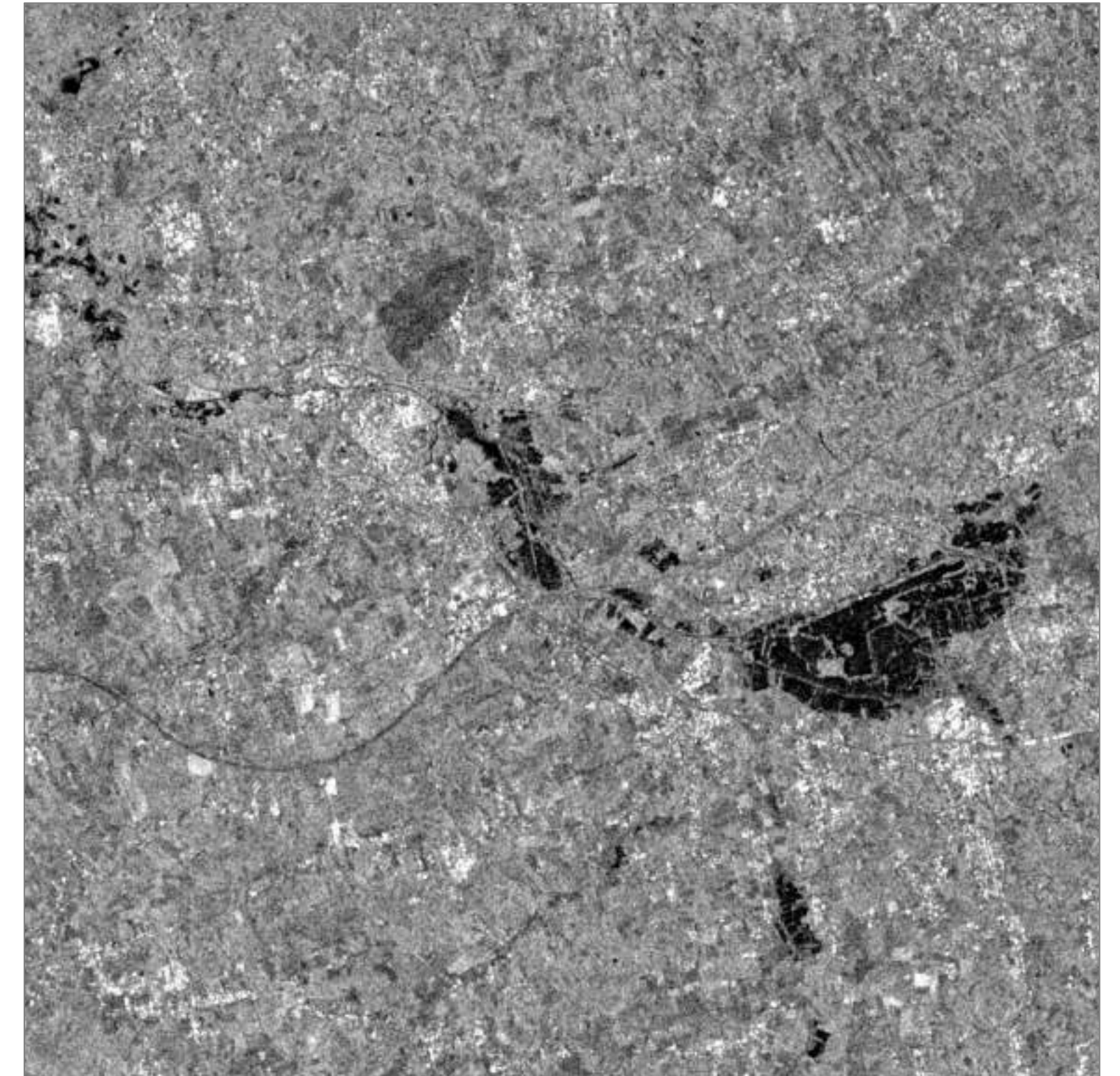
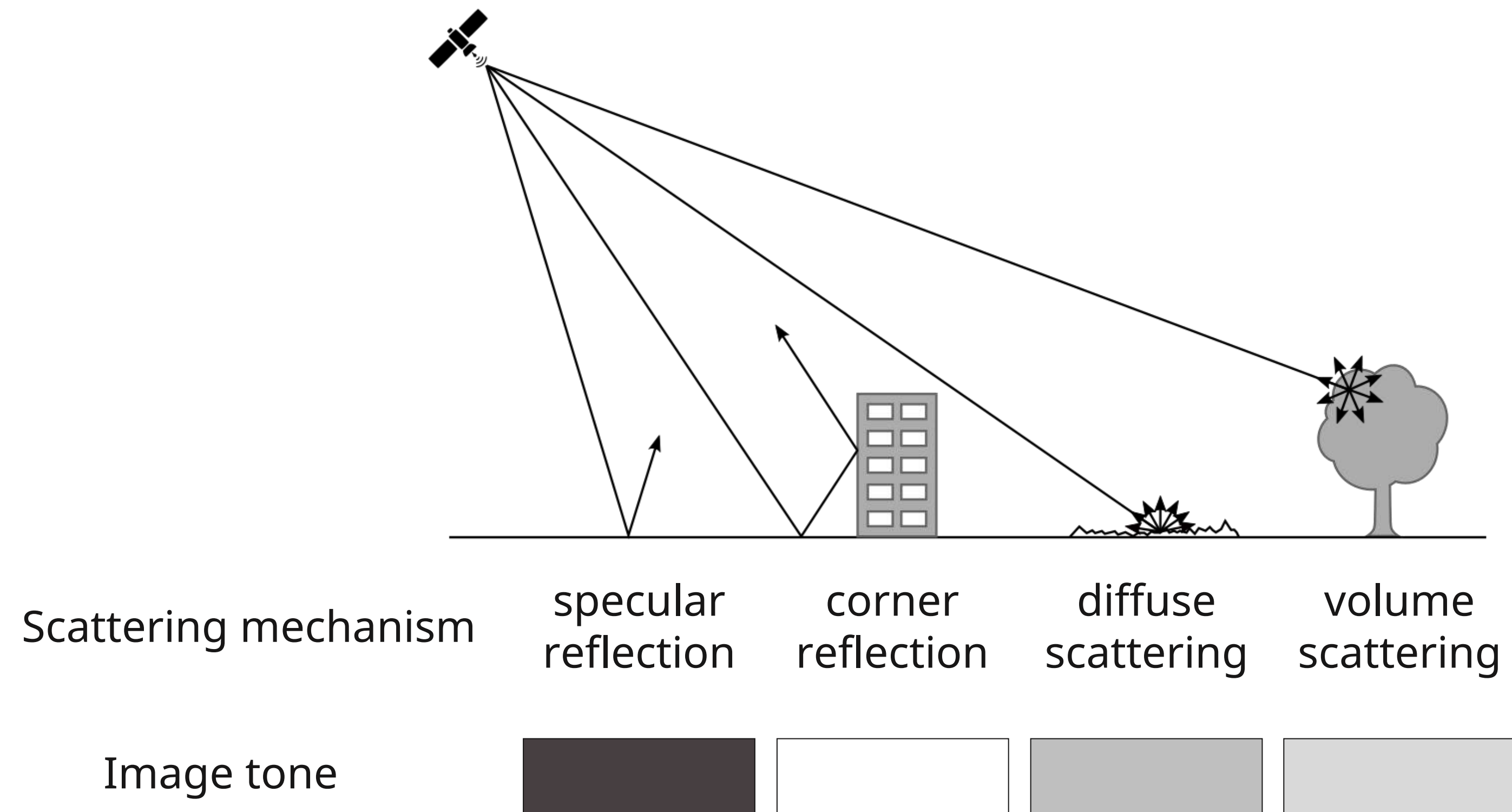
## Advantages and disadvantages:

- Advantage: large areas
- Disadvantage: miss flood/historic floods (revisit time)





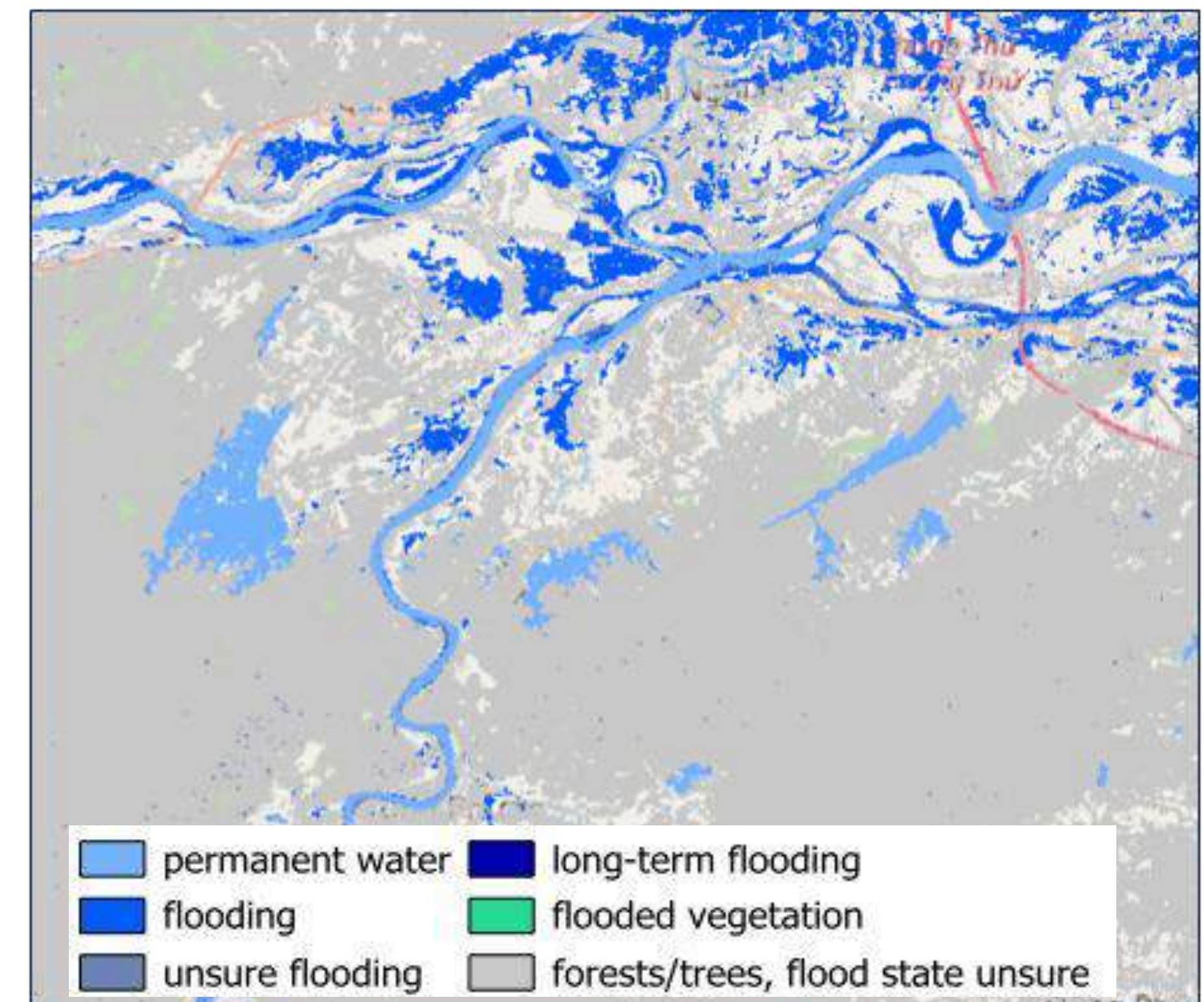
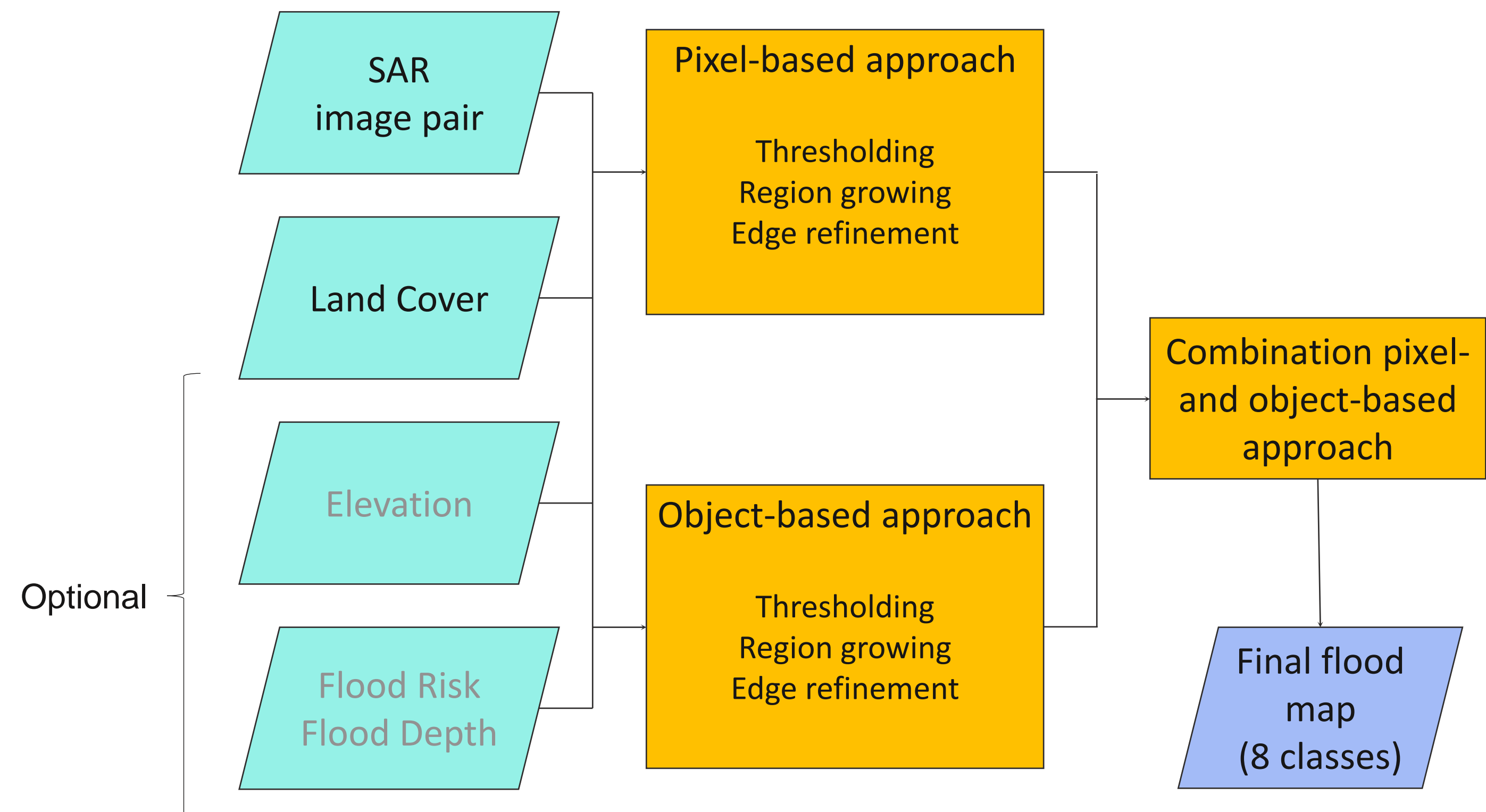
# Remote Sensing: SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar) Imagery





# Flood Mapping Using Remote Sensing

Flood mapping using Sentinel-1 SAR satellite data: methodology → **change detection**





# Flood4Cast Masterplanner

Flood4Cast Masterplanner overcomes **typical issues** related to the set-up of a **physically based hydrodynamic flood models**:

- **Extensive** data requirements
- Set-up often **time-consuming** task
- **High computational** demands



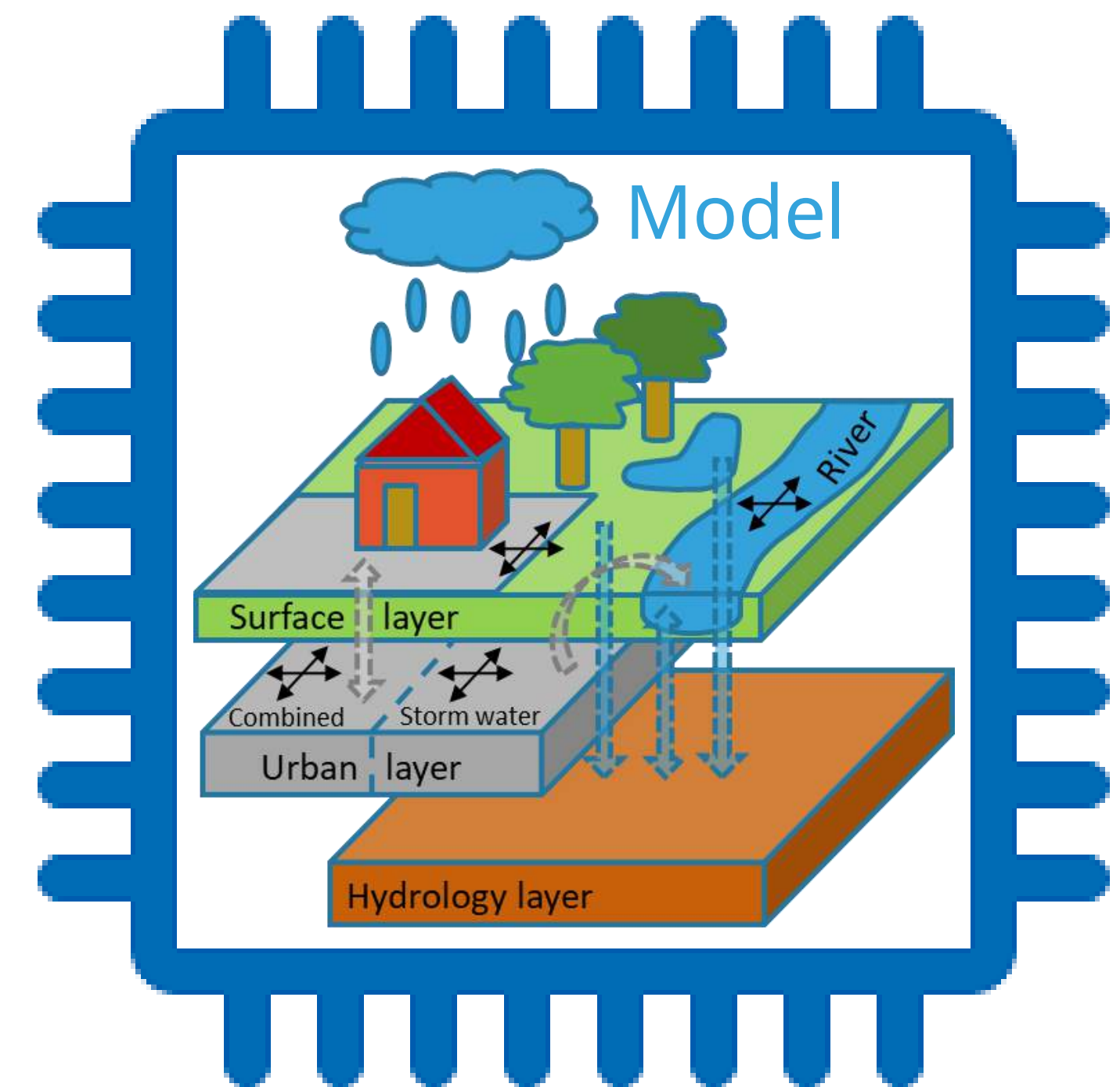
## Flood4Cast Masterplanner:

- ✓ **Limited data needed**
- ✓ **Semi-automatic set-up**
- ✓ **Fast model runs**



... can be used for

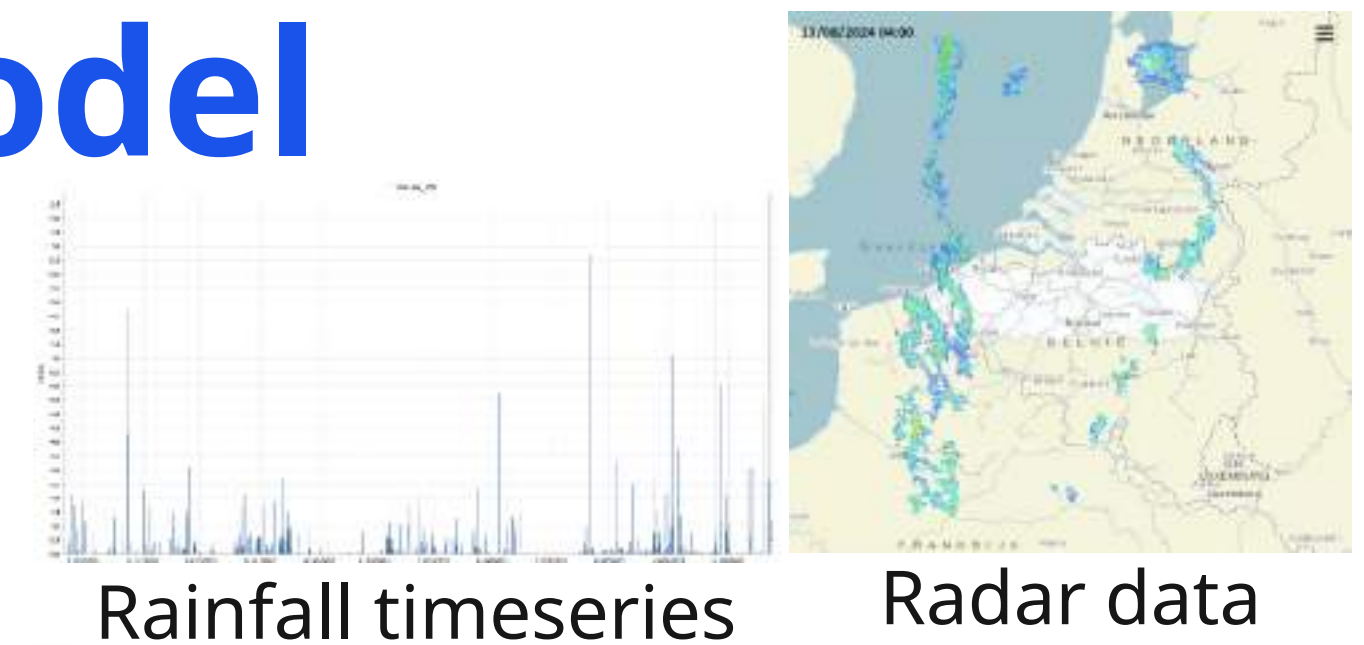
- **general pluvial flood mapping**
- **climate impact analysis**
- **land use changes**
- **adaptation scenarios**



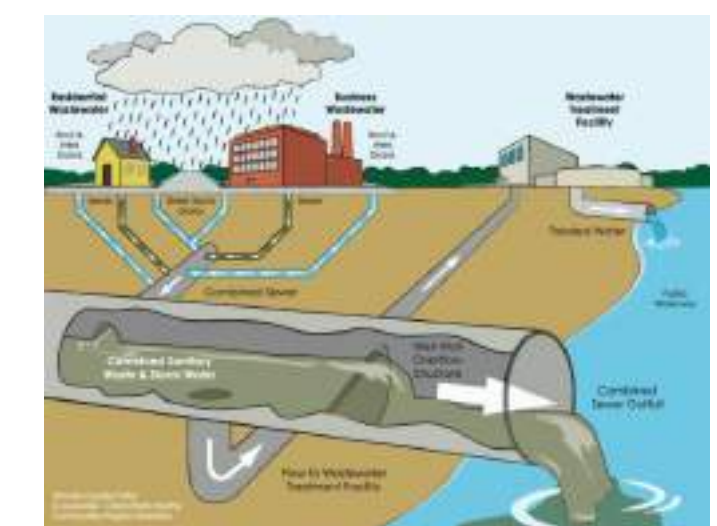
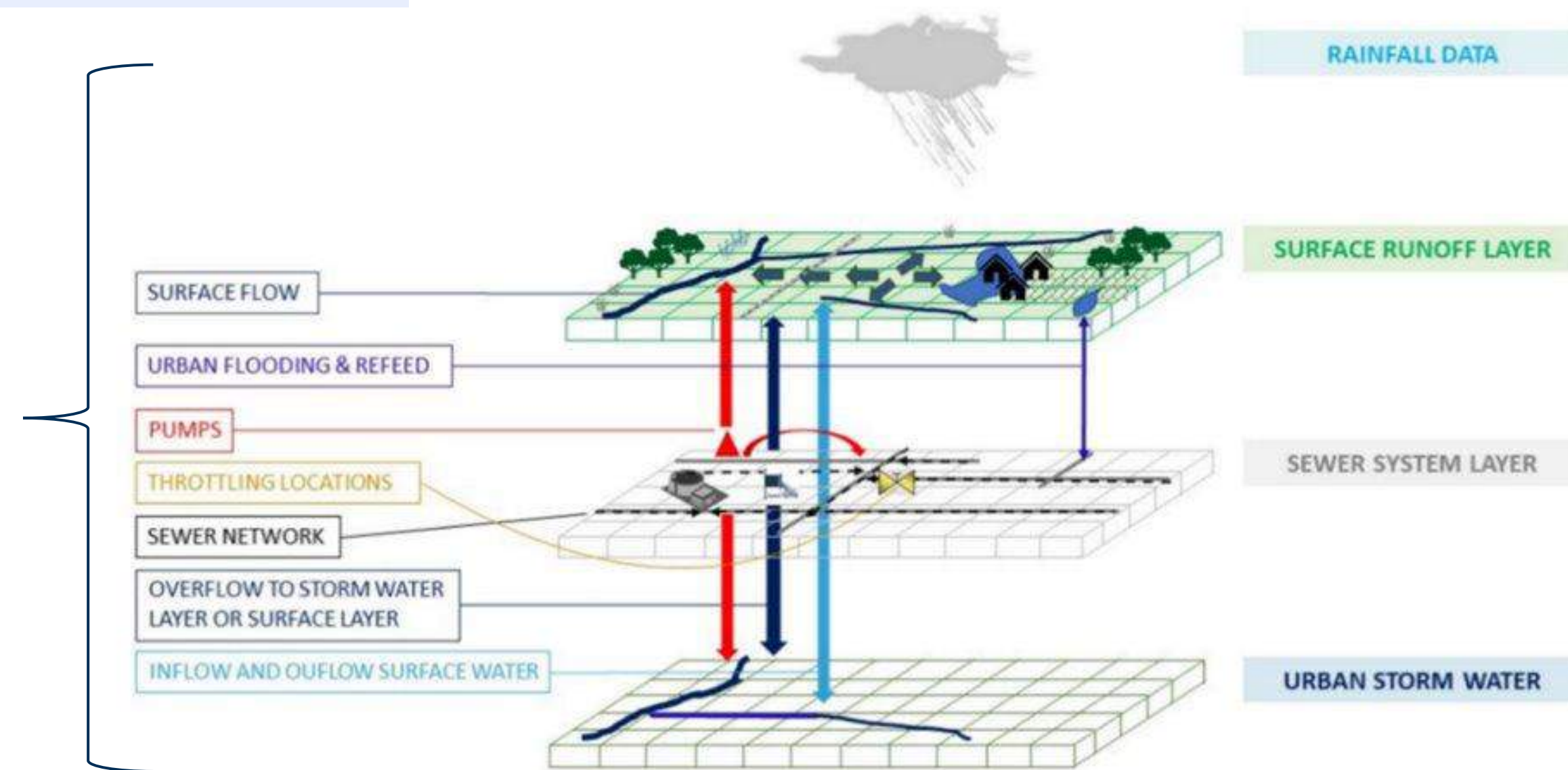


# Flood4cast Masterplanner: Model

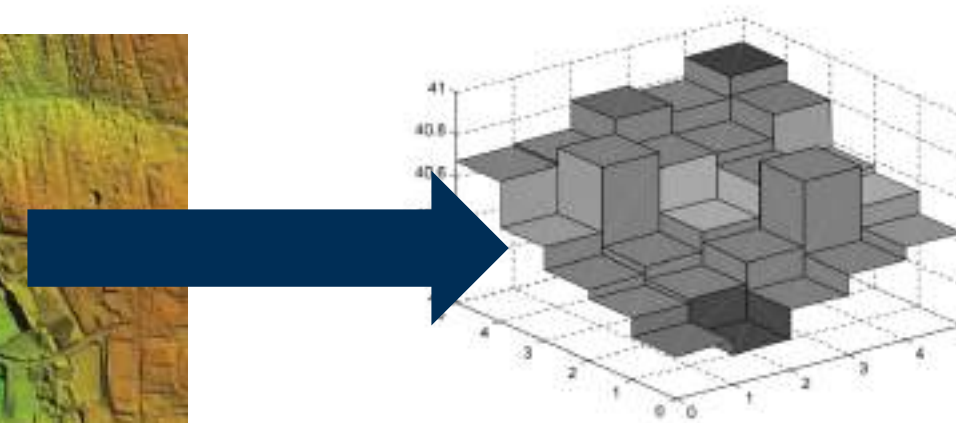
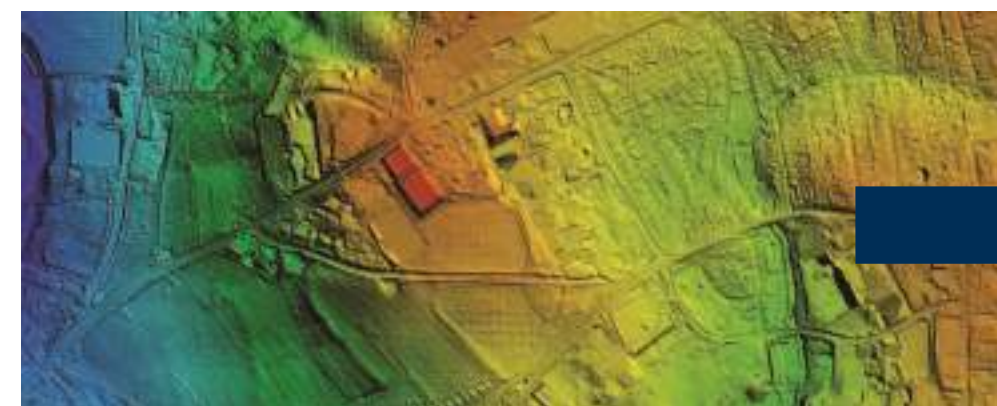
## Integrated modelling approach of Flood4Cast Masterplanner



Interactions between layers and hydraulic structures



Topography



Translation high resolution data (1-10m) to coarse model resolution (100m)  
Subgrid method



**Model development** 2016 – 2021: collaboration VITO and HydroScan NV  
This research was funded by VLAIO (Flemish Innovation and Entrepreneurship)



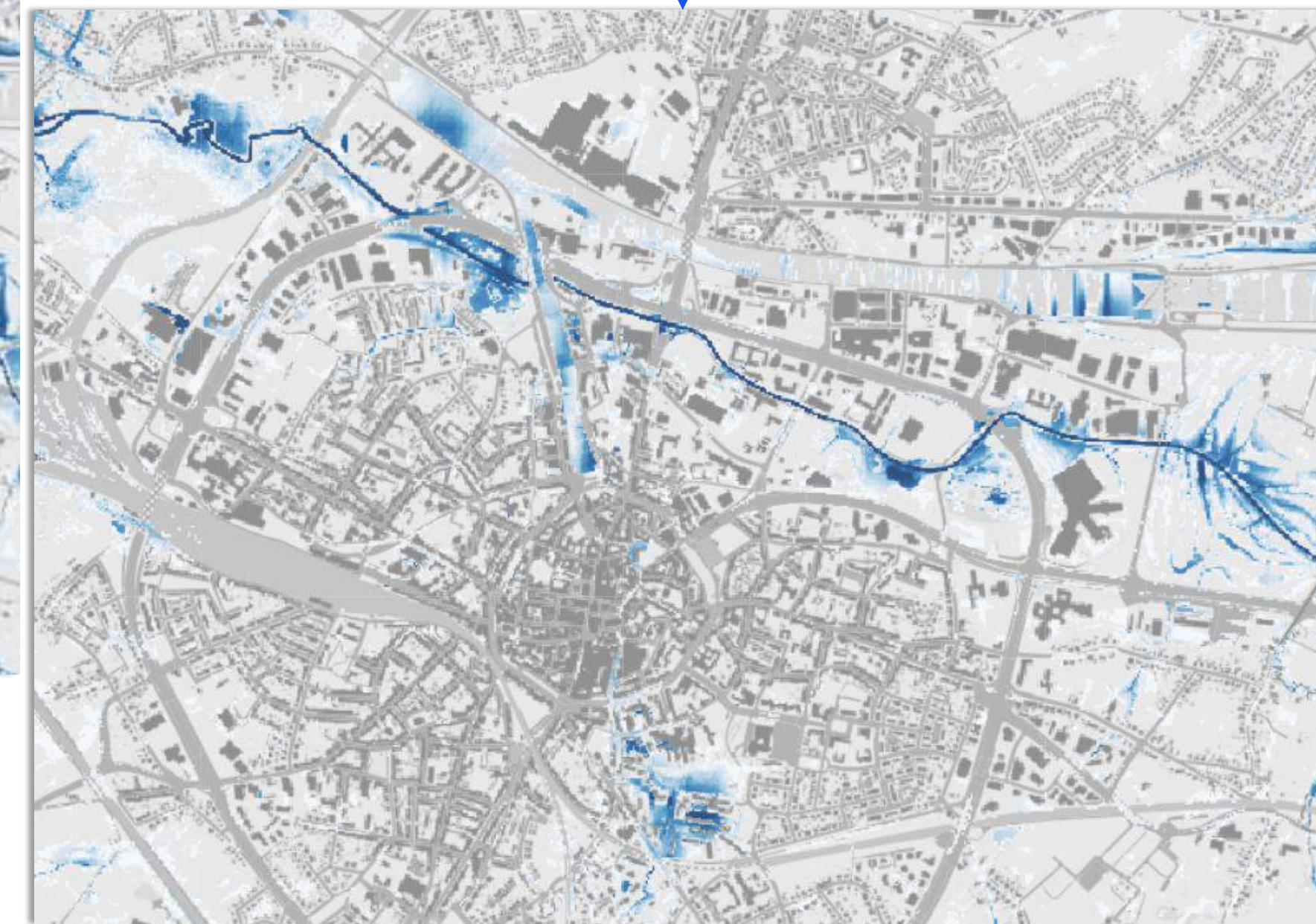
# Results



Current Climate



2050 (High **Climate Impact** Scenario)



2050 (High Climate Impact Scenario)  
with **Adaptation Measures**



# Recent Flood-Related Projects



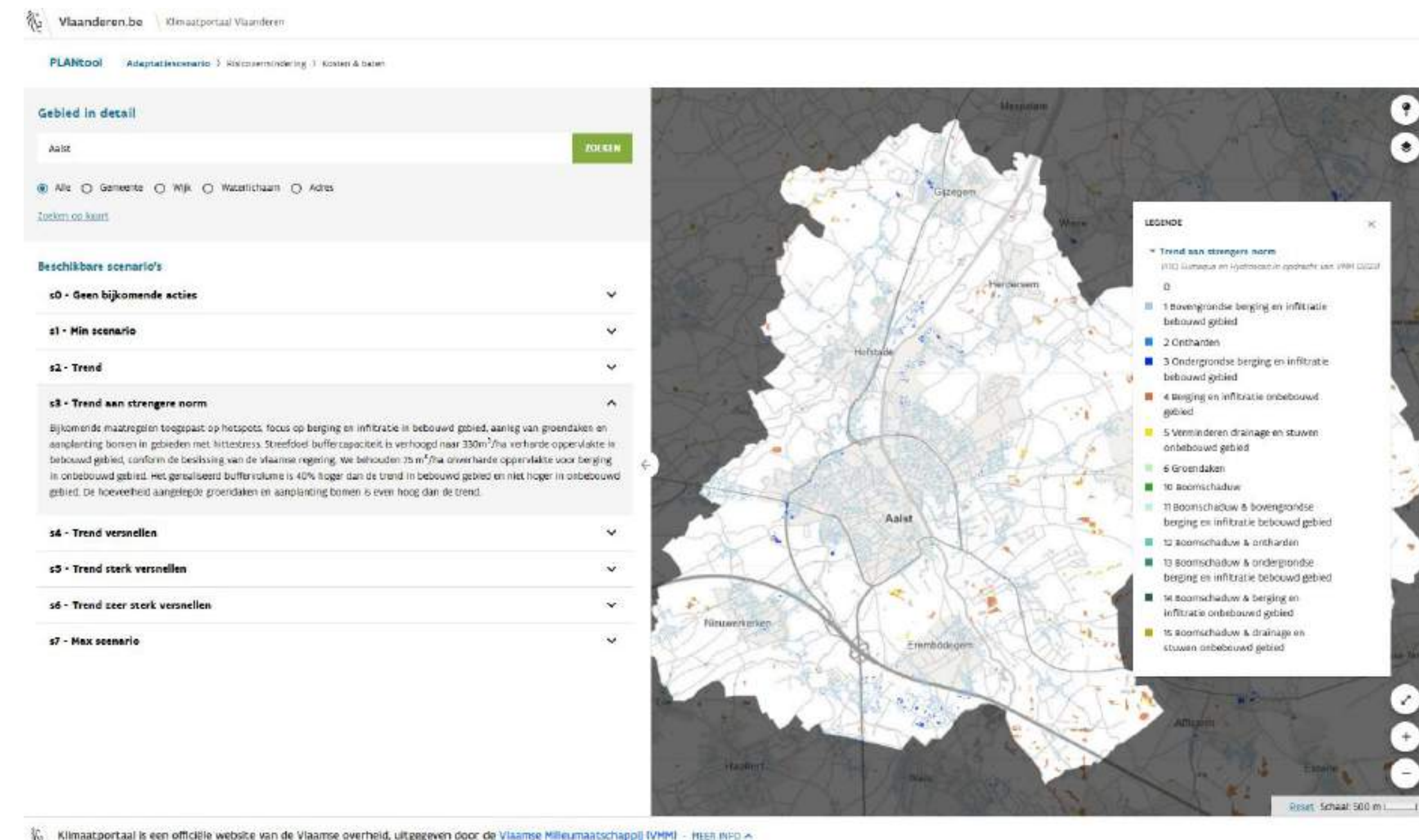
Different topography and climate

Different data availability



# Climate Portal Flanders (Belgium)

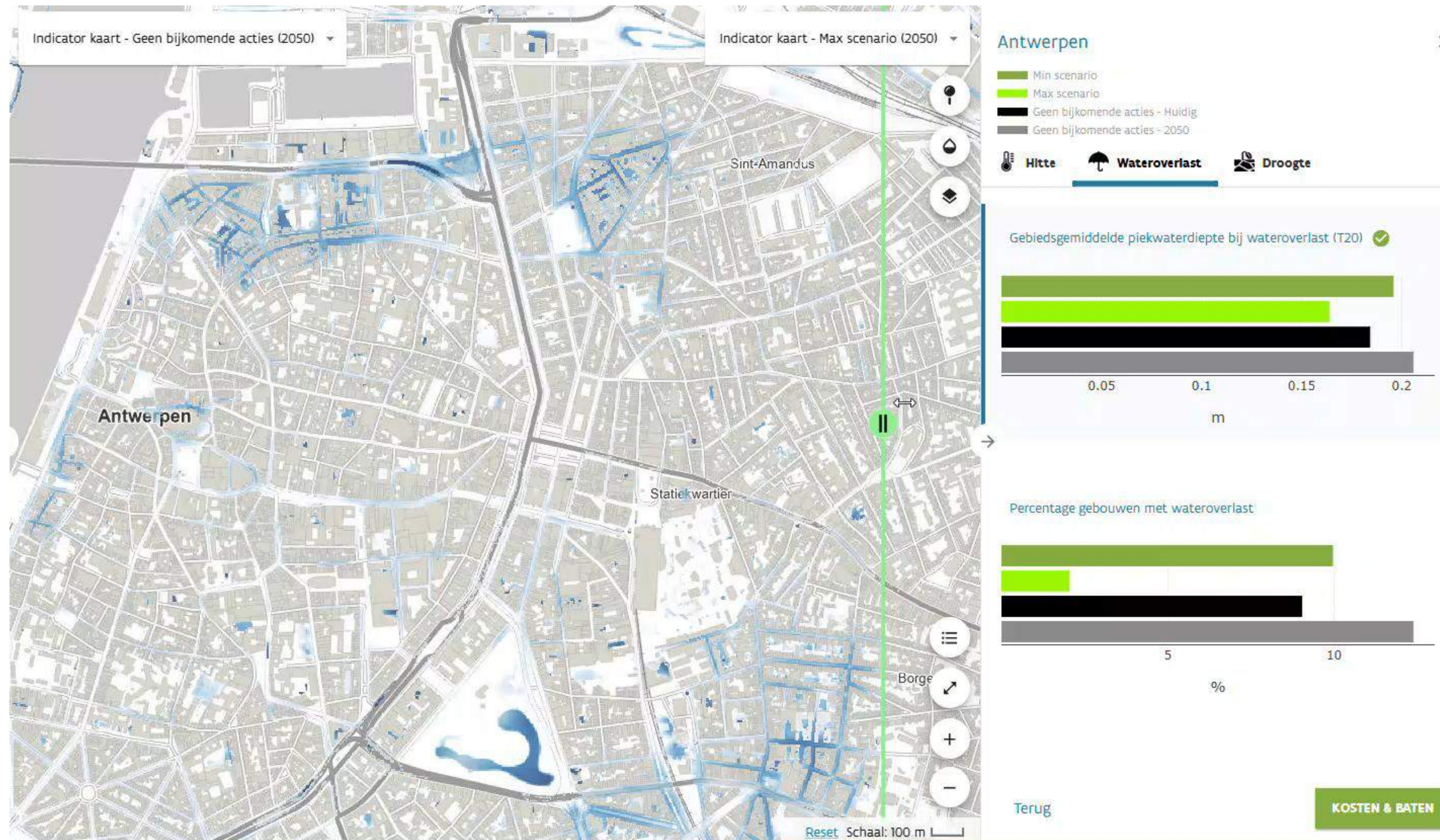
- Internet portal developed by the Flemish environment agency, VITO, HydroScan, and SumAqua
- Supports local / regional governments to assess the consequences of climate change on:
  - **Floods**
  - **Droughts**
  - **Heat waves**
- Supports in identifying and assessing the effectiveness of climate adaptation measures



Source: <https://klimaat.vmm.be>



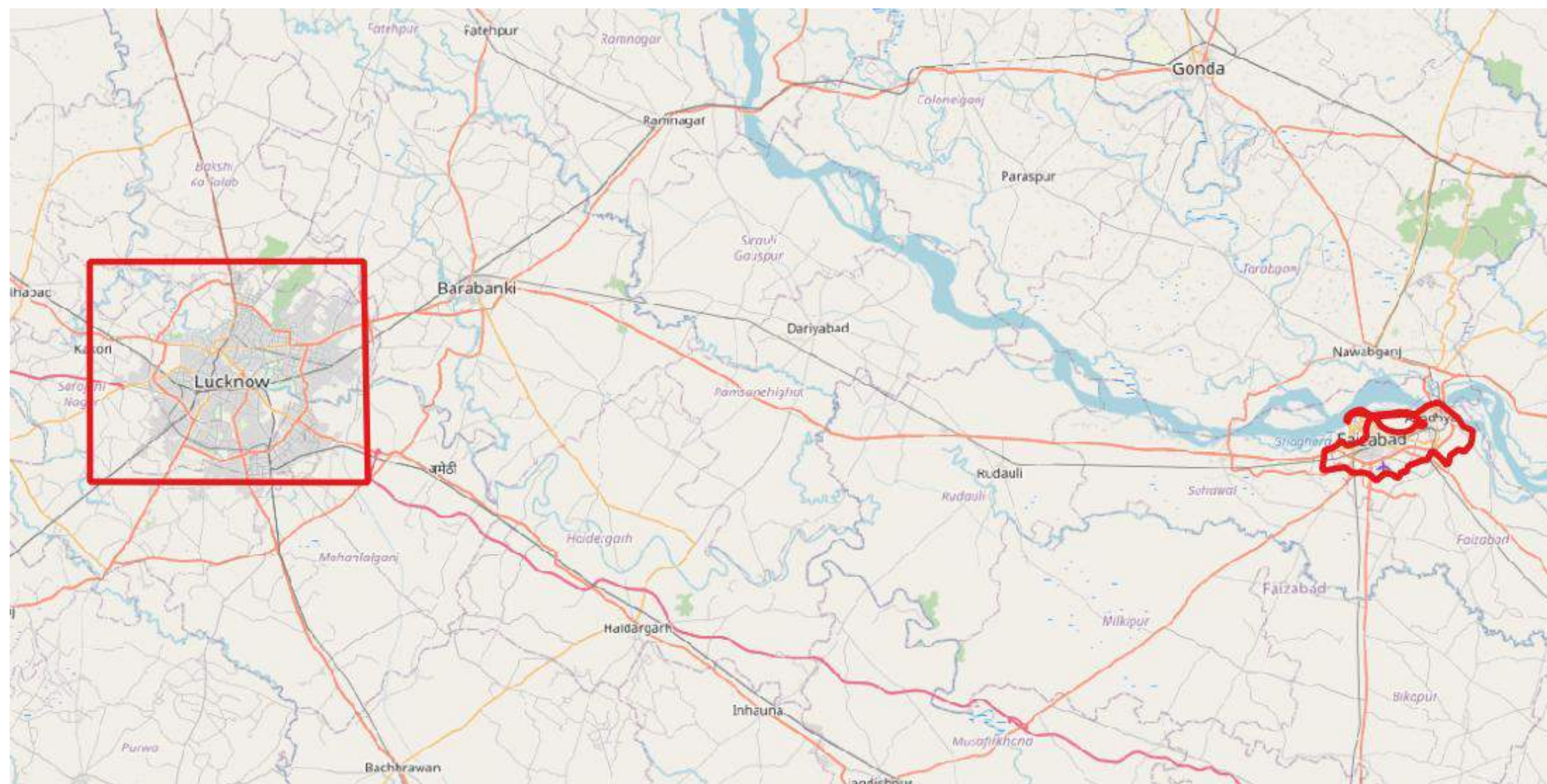
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# Flood Mapping (India)

- Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
- Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh)



## GOAL

Set-up flood model in limited time and with **(very) limited data input**



Business

Policymakers

Research

Society

Contact

Search

Projects

## CHARISMA: limiting climate and health risks in India

Status: Finished Climate Health

CHARISMA stands for Climate-Health Risk Management and is a co-creation project that ran from December 2020 until December 2023. During these three years, we examined how to help Indian policymakers make their cities more sustainable, climate-resistant and healthy – with data-driven strategies and plans.





# Flood Mapping (India: Lucknow)

- Open-source data (topography, land use, and rivers) & literature
- Information recent floods (news)
- **Flood model**
  - Central river
  - Open drains/nalas
  - Major portion sewers choked and/or broken
  - The severe flooding in **monsoon period** is believed to originate from **insufficient drainage capacity**



## Live: Heavy rain floods Lucknow city

By Vineet Maurya  
SEP 18, 2022





# Flood Mapping (India: Lucknow)

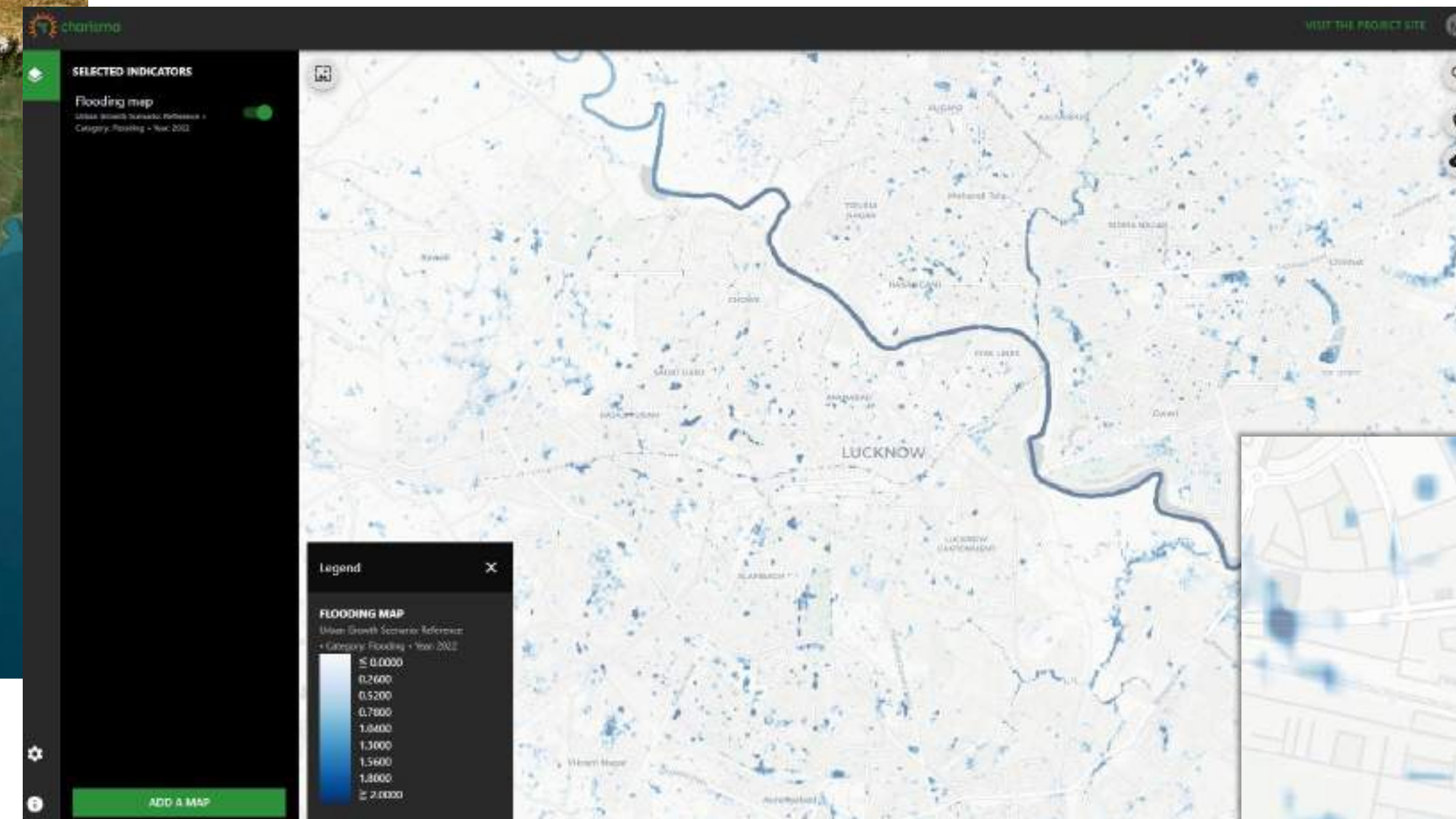


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Local experts – validation and adaptation

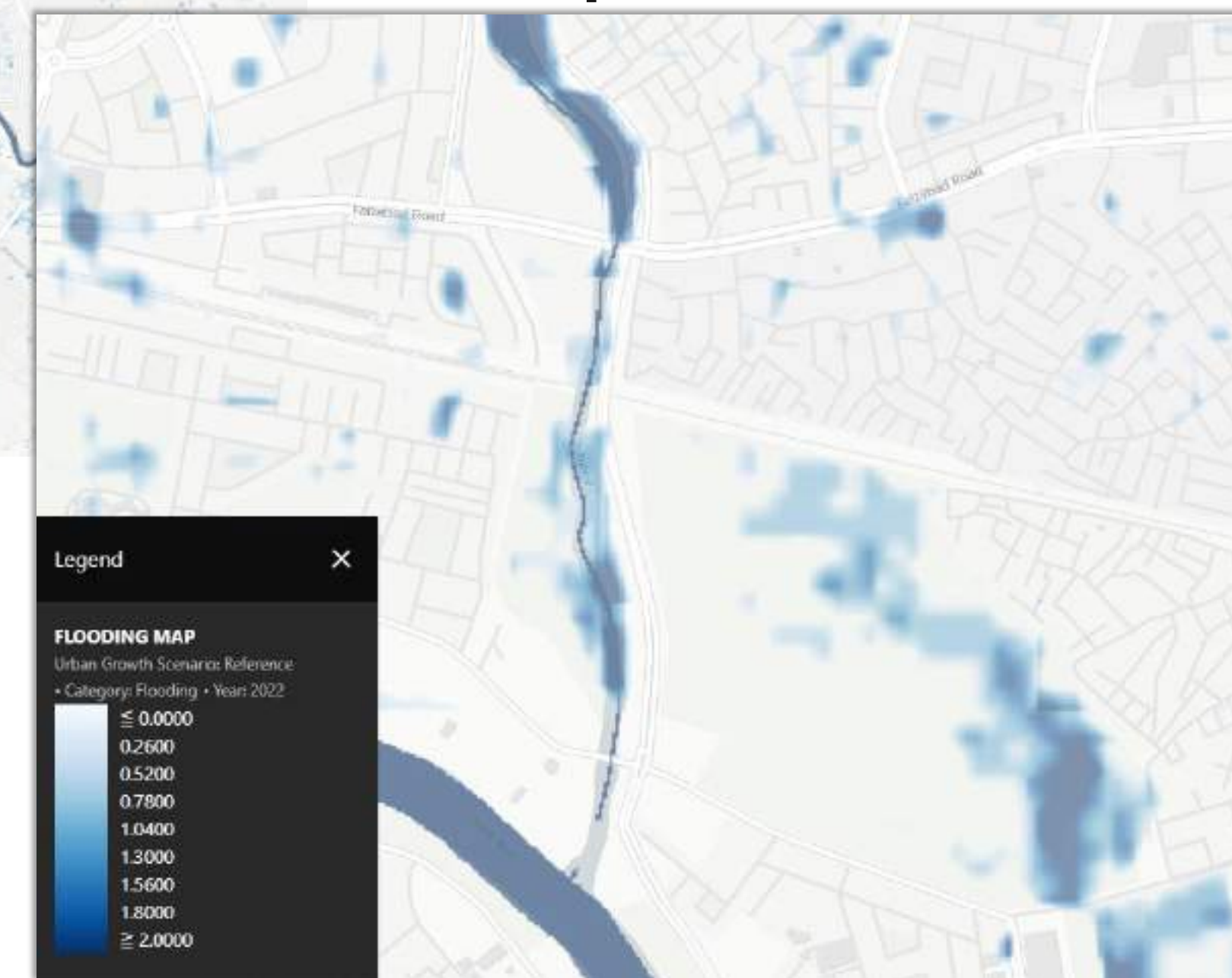


First estimate of urban flood extent based on **global maps** on Charisma portal



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- ✓ Experience – validation with local data is hard
- ✓ Satellite data !

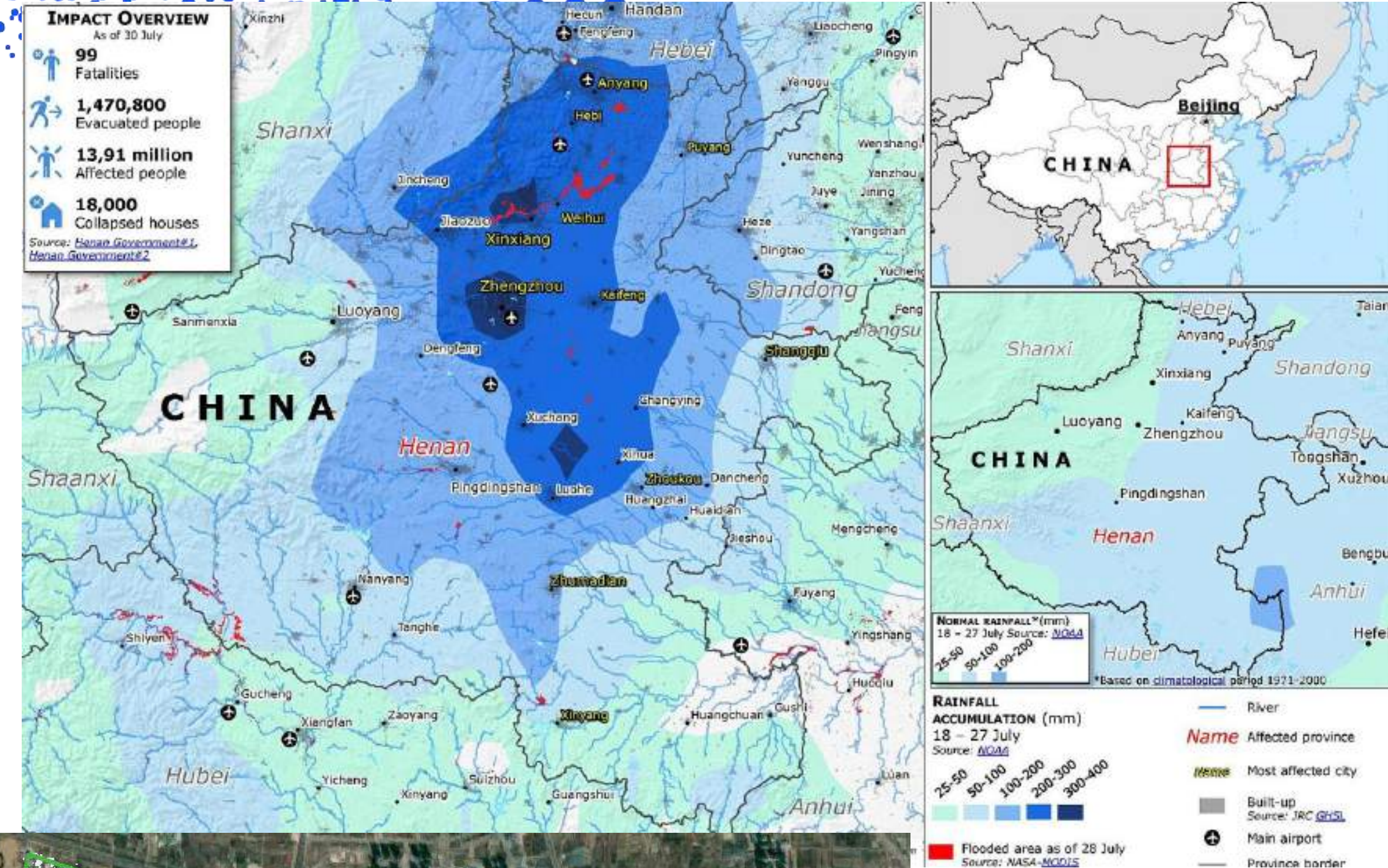




# Flood Mapping (China)

## China: Zhengzhou

- Project in China 2021
- **Spong city**
- Focus: set-up model in case of **limited data**
- Very severe urban flood in 2021 (T>1000 years)





# Flood Risk Platform (Vietnam)

- Quang Nam **often** hit by tropical storms with **urban floods**
- **Satellite-based** flood mapping approach **combined** with urban flood model
- Validated urban flood model
  - scenario-analysis
  - real-time flood model
  - economical flood damage





# Flood Risk Platform Quang Nam (Vietnam)

**Operational DSS for flood warning in Vietnamese conditions**

Flood4Cast **Real-time** Alerter, including water level measurements



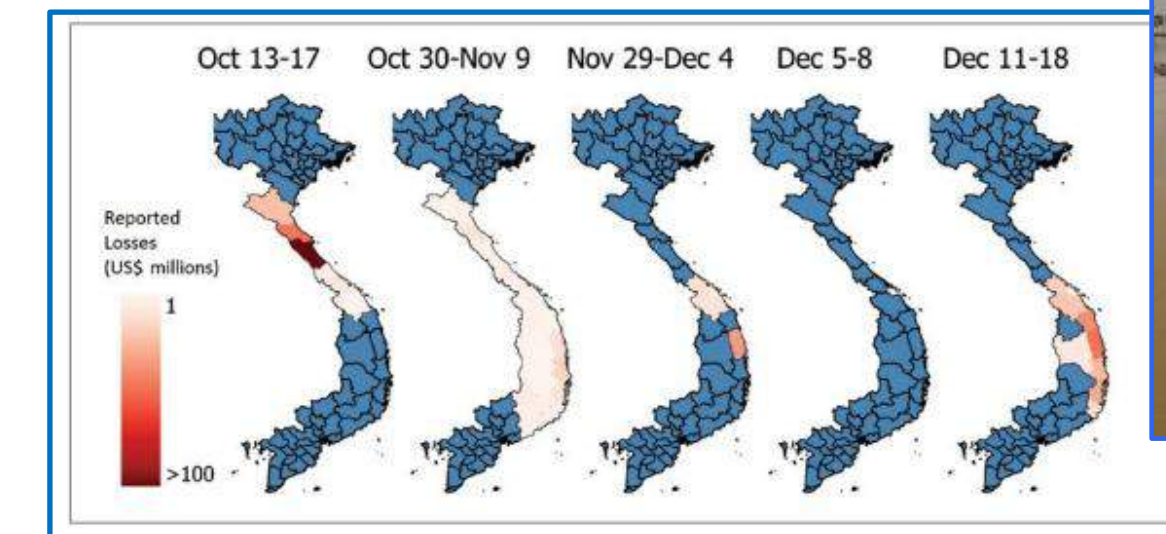
**Flood maps**

Integrated flood model, flood maps of the existing situation, validation with Sentinel-1 satellite

Flood maps for future climate

**To provide insight into the economic impact of floods**

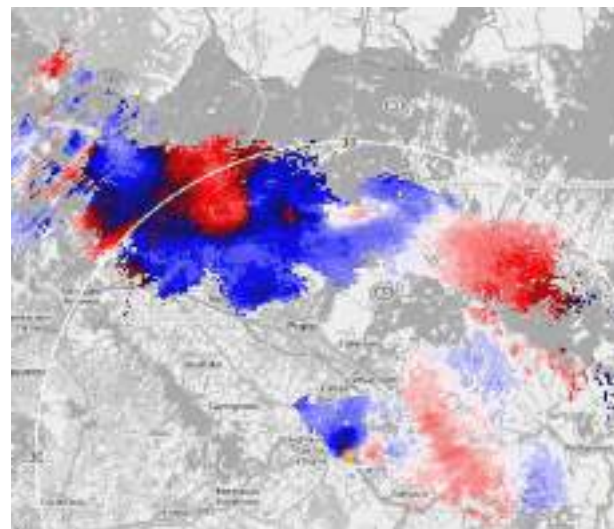
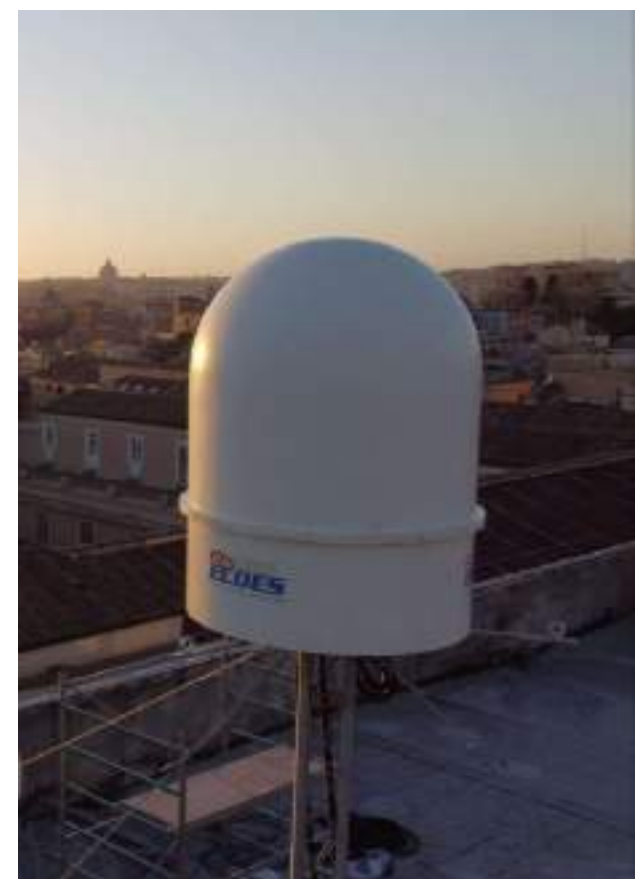
Economic Flood Risk Model and Economic Flood Risk and Damage Maps



**Awareness and preparedness, transfer of know-how**

Increasing flood awareness and preparedness for all stakeholders and users

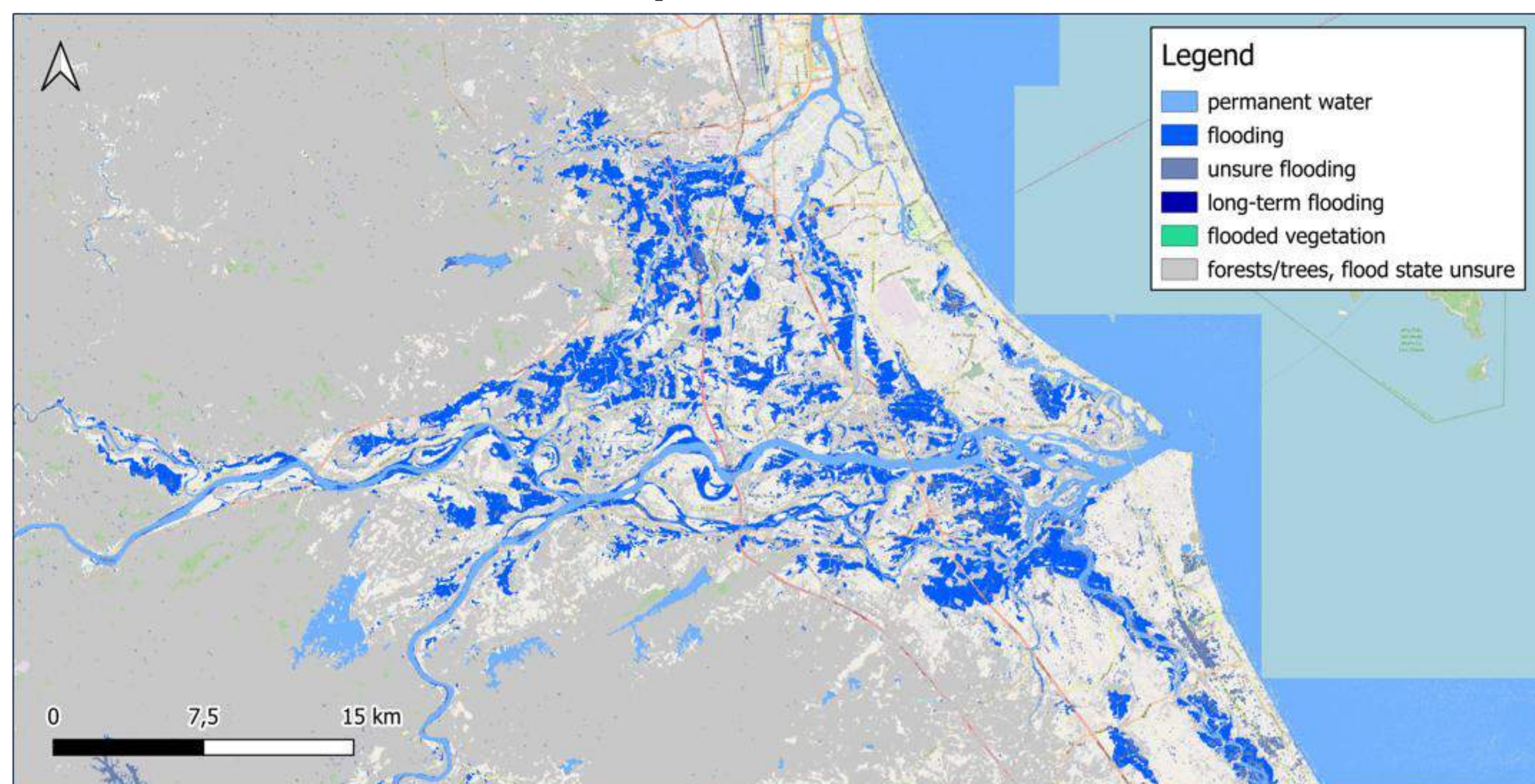
**Installation of X-band rain radar**





# Quang Nam (Vietnam): Flood Mapping Using Remote Sensing

Sentinel-1 based flood map for 2022 storm (2022-10-15)



June 2025 (not in monsoon period)

**Extreme rain and floods caused by storm No. 1, appearing only once in 40 years**

According to the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, the flood caused by storm No. 1 (Wutip, meaning butterfly) is special, unusual and extreme, rarely seen in the history of hydro-meteorology in the Central region.



Q&A





# Q&A Panel





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