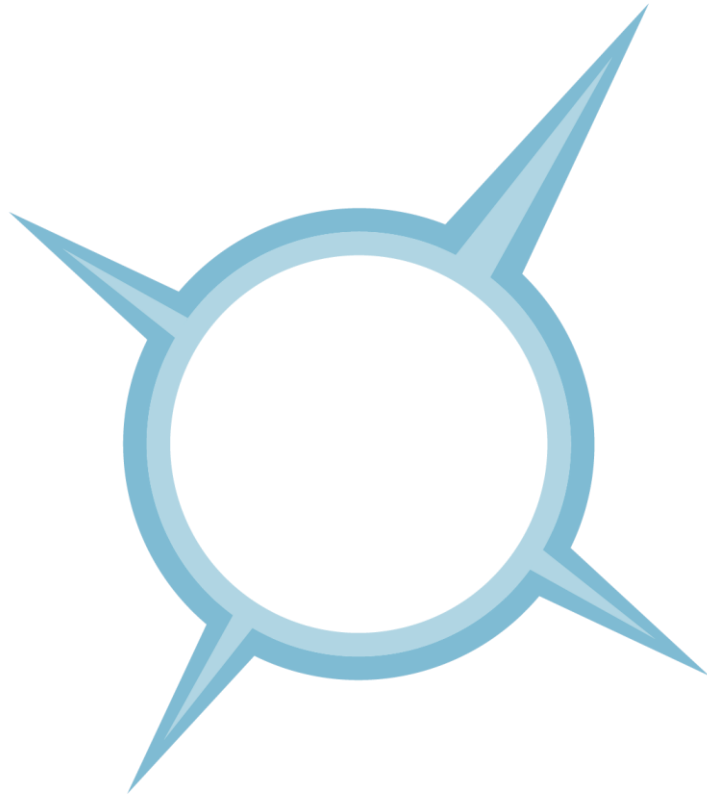




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Remote Sensing – the application of technology to identify and monitor impact on biodiversity

Steffen Fritz

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Ecosystems Service and Management (ESM)

Earth Observation Systems (EOS)

Remote Sensing and new Technologies help transparency

- Much more free and open data – explosion of Remote Sensing data
 - Landsat (30m), Sentinel I and II (10-20m), World-View 3 (30 cm)
- Smartphones
 - ground truthing

Geo-Wiki Engagement Platform

Geo-Wiki is an open platform that provides citizens with the means to engage in environmental monitoring by providing feedback on existing spatial information overlaid on satellite imagery or by contributing entirely new data.

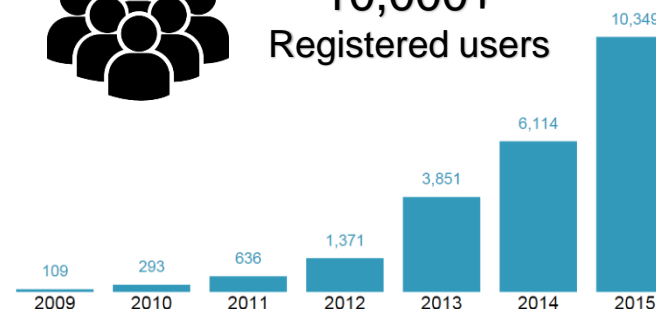
The screenshot displays the Geo-Wiki website interface. On the left, there is a navigation menu with 'GEO-Wiki' at the top, followed by 'Home', 'News', 'Publications', 'Downloads', and 'Sources'. Below this is a 'Games' section with 'Picture Pile' and 'FAQ'. The main content area is titled 'Get involved now!' and includes sections for 'Picture Pile', 'FotoQuest Austria', 'Geo-Wiki pictures', and 'LACO-Wiki'. At the bottom, there is a 'Visualize and provide feedback!' section with images for 'Land Cover', 'SIGMA', 'Livestock', 'Biomass', 'AusCover', and 'Risk'. On the right side, there is a login/register form and a 'Tweets' section.



<http://www.geo-wiki.org/>



10,000+
Registered users





STUDY ESTIMATES LAND AVAILABLE FOR BIOFUEL CROPS

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Study Estimates Land Available for Biofuel Crops

By Science Daily,

January 19, 2011

Using detailed land analysis, Illinois researchers have found that biofuel crops cultivated on available land could produce up to half of the world's current fuel consumption -- without affecting food crops or pastureland.

Published in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, the study led by civil and environmental engineering professor Ximing Cai identified land around the globe available to produce grass crops for biofuels, with minimal impact on agriculture or the environment.

Many studies on biofuel crop viability focus on biomass yield, or how productive a crop can be regionally. There has been relatively little research on land availability, one of the key constraints of biofuel development. Of special concern is whether the world could even produce enough biofuels to

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Competition Instructions

Human impact: 50 %
0 % 100 %

Confidence: **Sure**

Land cover type:
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Confidence: **Sure**

Land abandoned? 50 %
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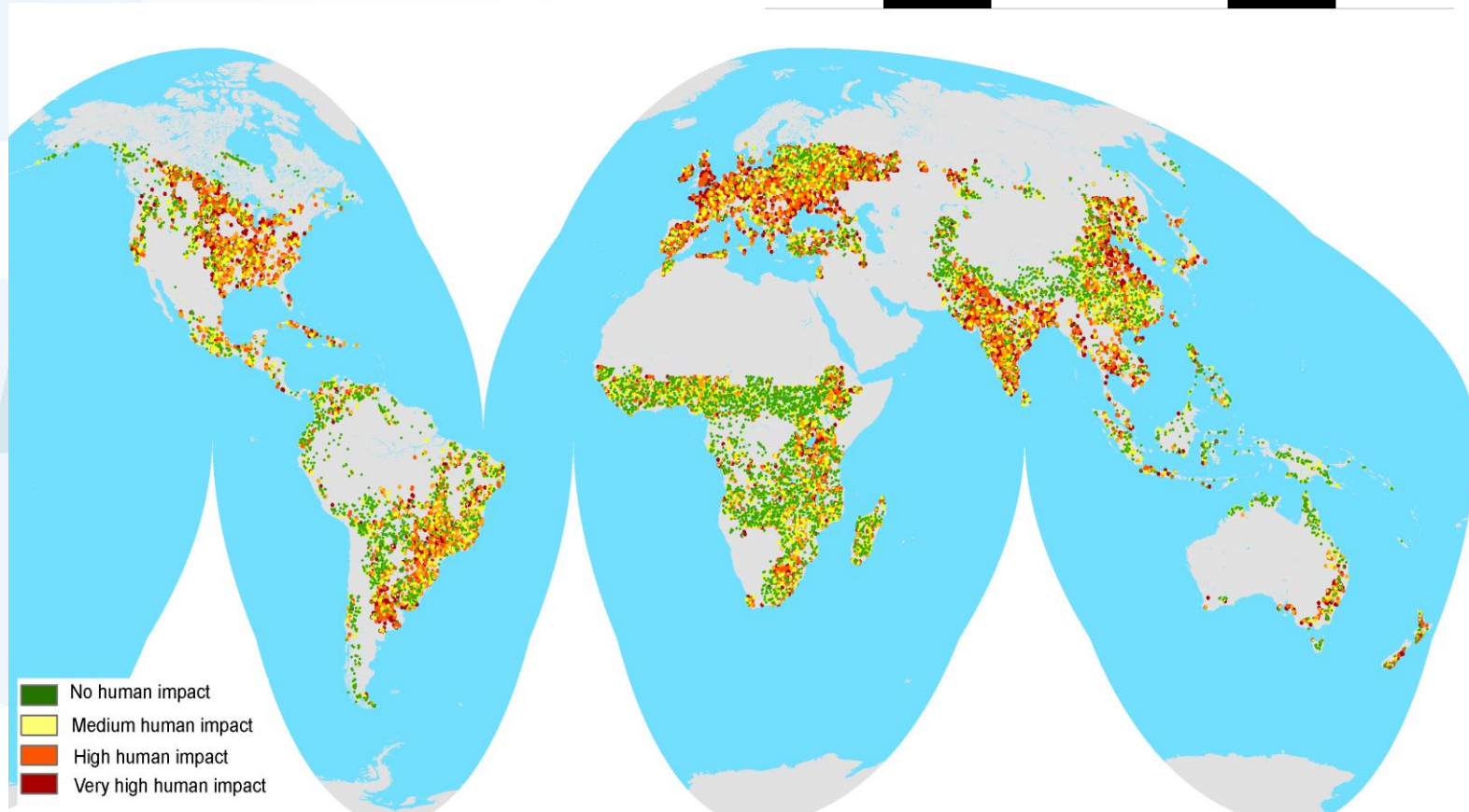
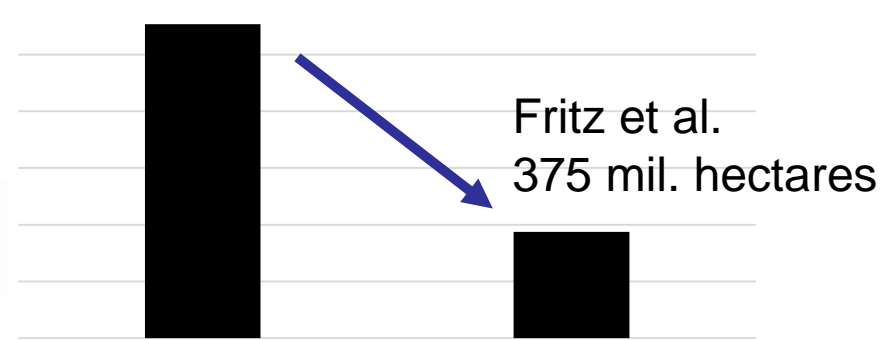
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Google Image Date:

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Downgrading recent estimates of land availability using crowdsourcing

Cai et al., 2011
1107 mil. hectares



Fritz et al, 2013, Environmental Science and technology

Picture Pile

<http://geo-wiki.org/games/picturepile>



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Weekly Score: 11403 Week 1 ends in 3 days, 9 hours, 43 minutes.

Do you see tree loss over time?

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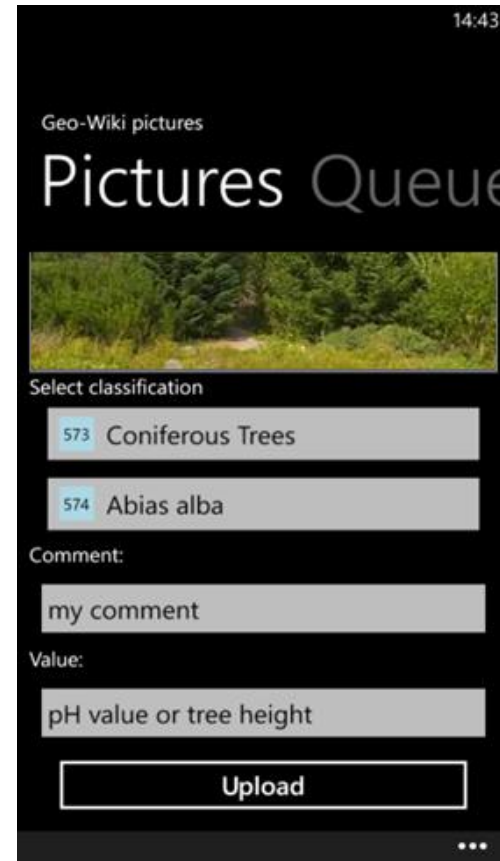
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The App



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Map Share

Global Forest Change
Published by Hansen, Potapov, Moore, Hancher et al.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES

Results from time-series analysis of Landsat images characterizing forest extent and change.

Trees are defined as vegetation taller than 5m in height and are expressed as a percentage per output grid cell as '2000 Percent Tree Cover'. 'Forest Cover Loss' is defined as a stand-replacement disturbance, or a change from a forest to non-forest state, during the period 2000–2014. 'Forest Cover Gain' is defined as the inverse of loss, or a non-forest to forest change entirely within the period 2000–2012. 'Forest Loss Year' is a disaggregation of total 'Forest Loss' to annual time scales.

Reference 2000 and 2014 imagery are median observations from a set of quality assessment-passed growing season observations.

[Download the data.](#)

[Reset to default view](#)

Data Products

Loss/Extent/Gain (Red/Green/Blue)

Legend

- Forest Loss 2000–2013
- Forest Gain 2000–2012
- Both Loss and Gain
- Forest Extent

Other Data Layers

Tropical Hinterland Forests

Background Imagery

Year 2000 Bands 5/4/3

Example Locations

Forestry and Tornado in Alabama

[Zoom to area](#)

The trail of destruction from the April 27 2011 Tuscaloosa-Birmingham tornado is clearly visible in

Map data ©2016 Google, INEGI 200 km Terms of Use

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GLOBAL FOREST WATCH BETA

FOREST CHANGE

- Tree cover gain (12 years, 30m, global, Hansen/UMD/Google/USGS/NASA)
- Tree cover loss (annual, 30m, global, Hansen/UMD/Google/USGS/NASA)
Displaying loss with > 30% canopy density.
Tree cover loss is not always deforestation.

LAND USE

- Mining

Map navigation controls: zoom in (+), zoom out (-), pan, and search (Q).



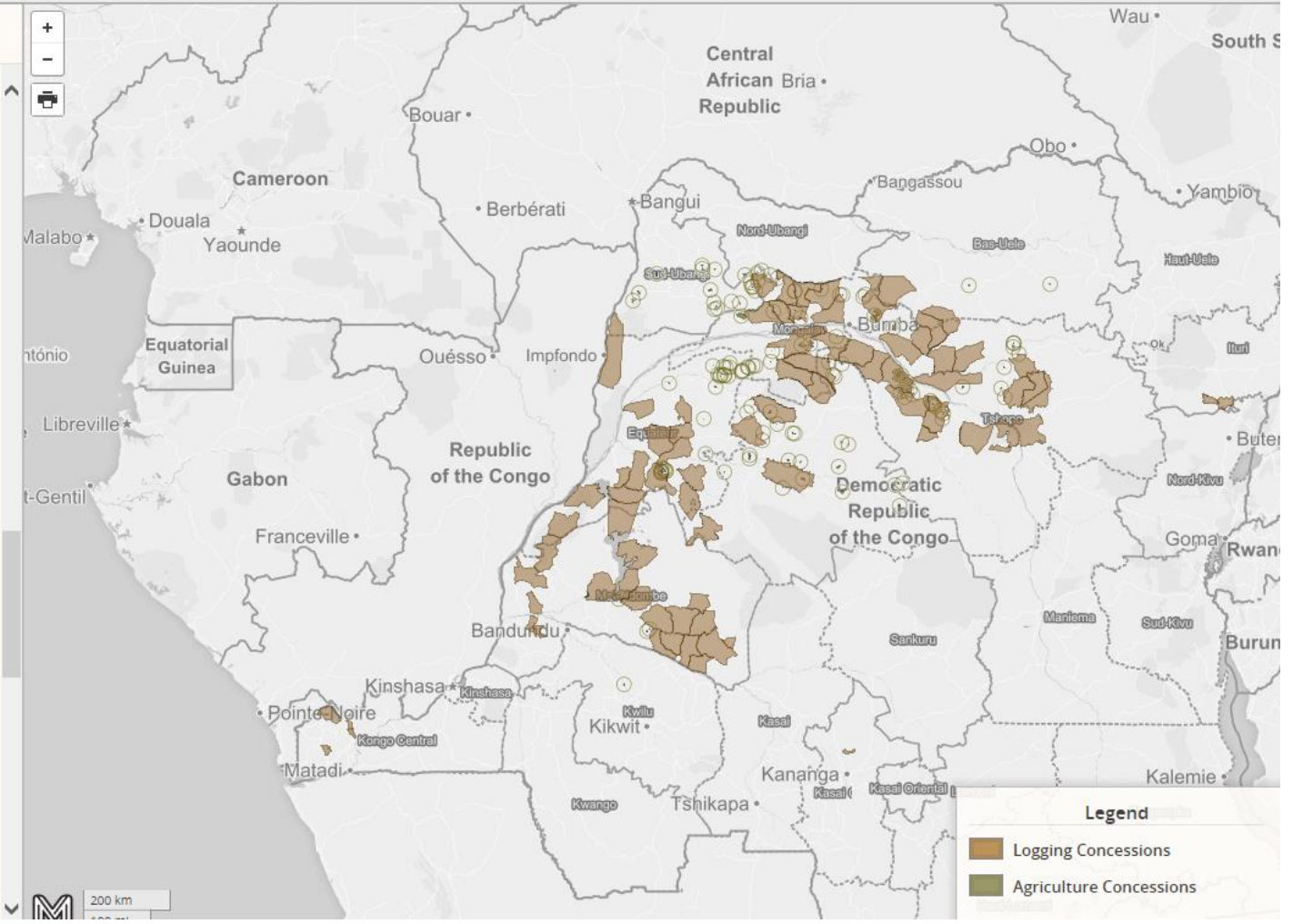
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logging concession

The Boteka plantation overlaps with BBC logging concession - a Lebanese owned company. OGF contacted BBC but have not been able to confirm whether BBC are aware of the overlap with Boteka plantation. Feronia PHC were also contacted and said they were unaware that their plantation overlapped with the BBC concession.

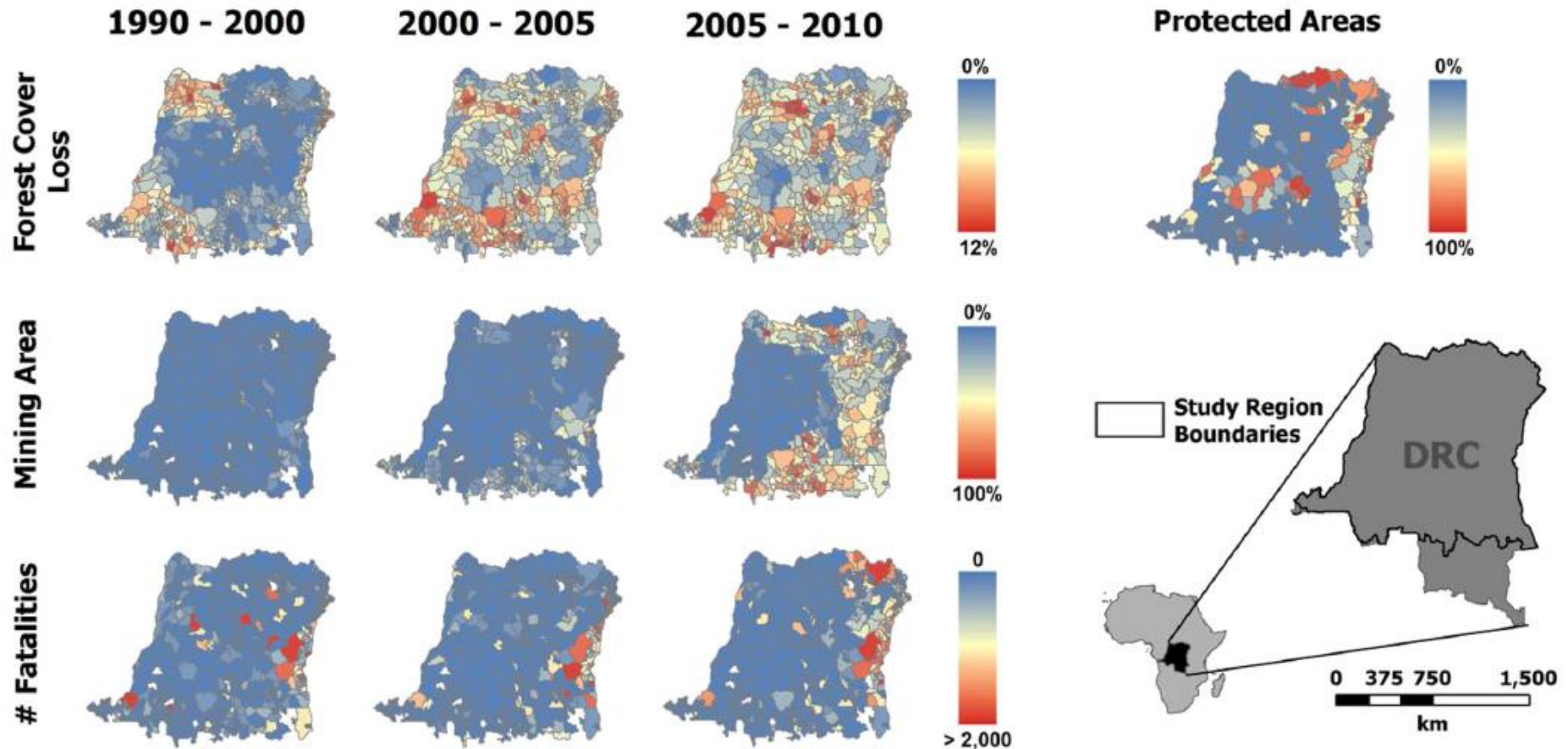
Boteka plantation is surrounded by primary rainforest

To estimate where the Boteka plantation may

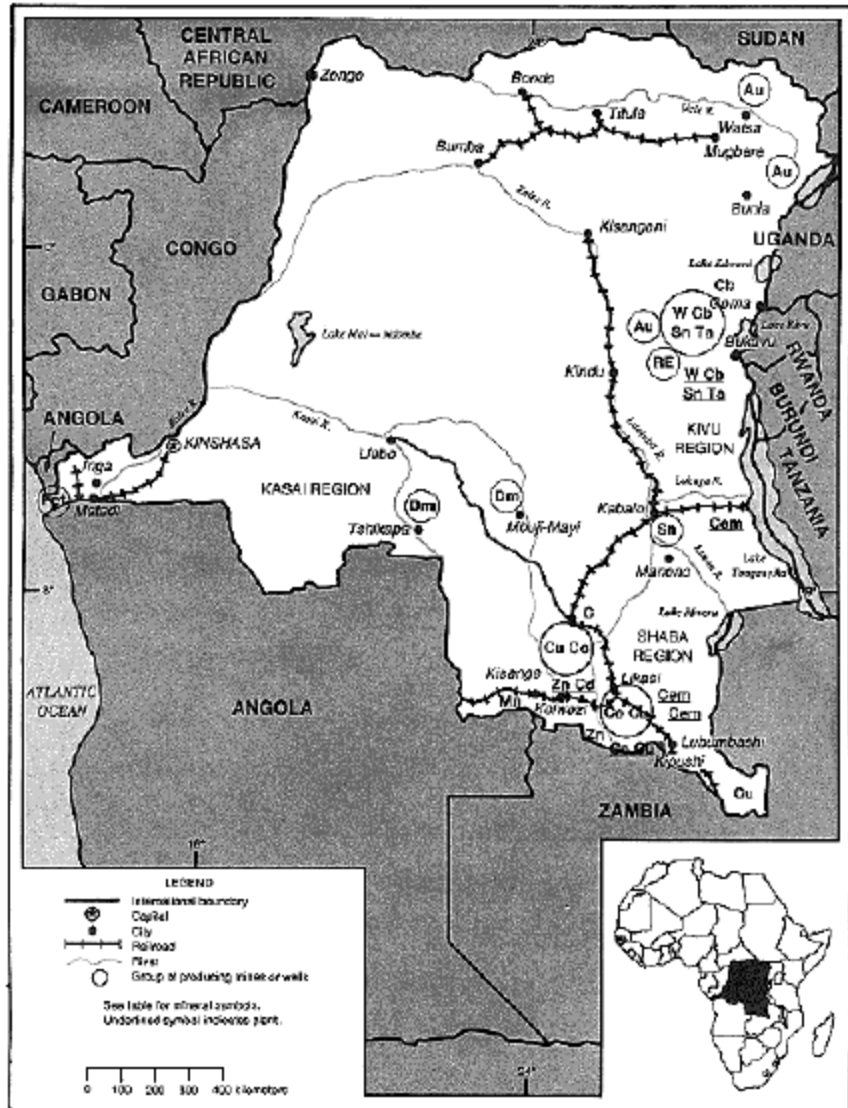


- **DRC CASE STUDY**

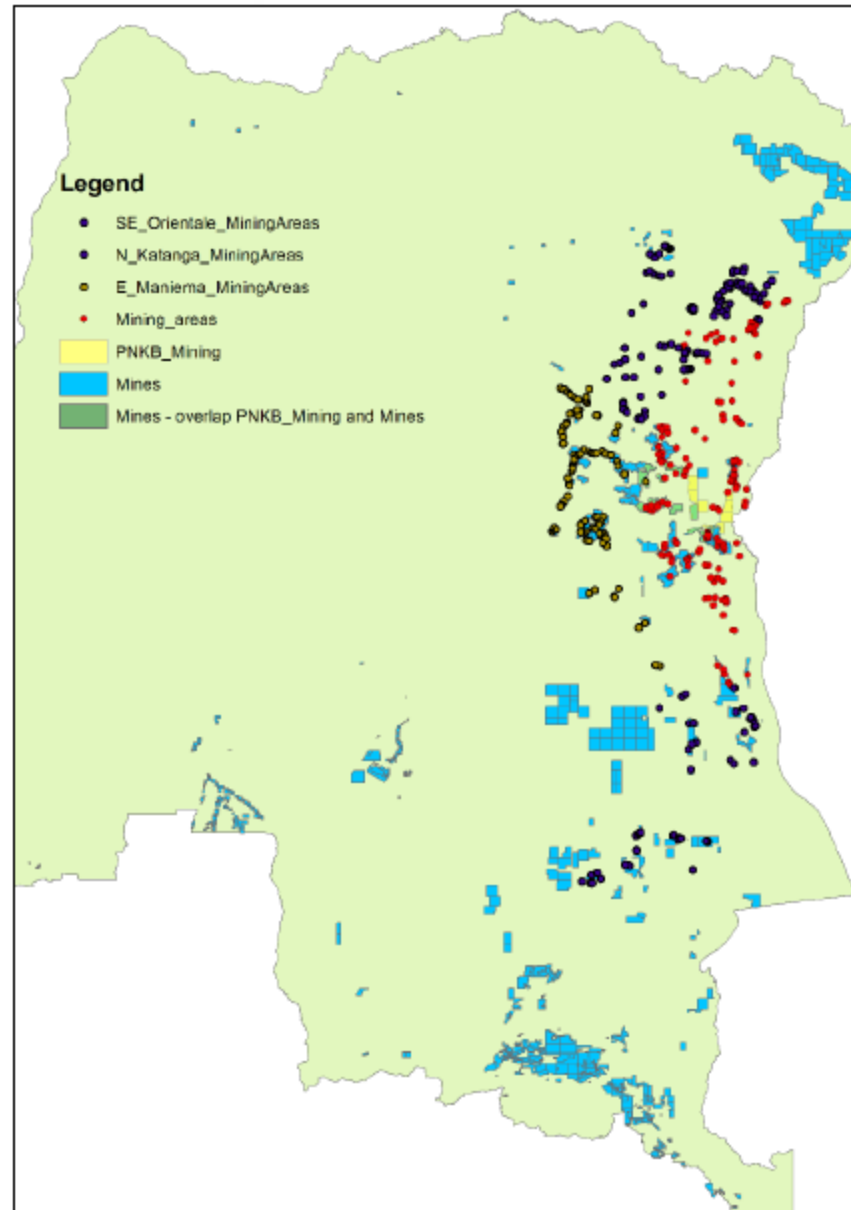
Case study – Congo DRC Mining, armed conflict and protected areas



Availability of spatial data for mining areas

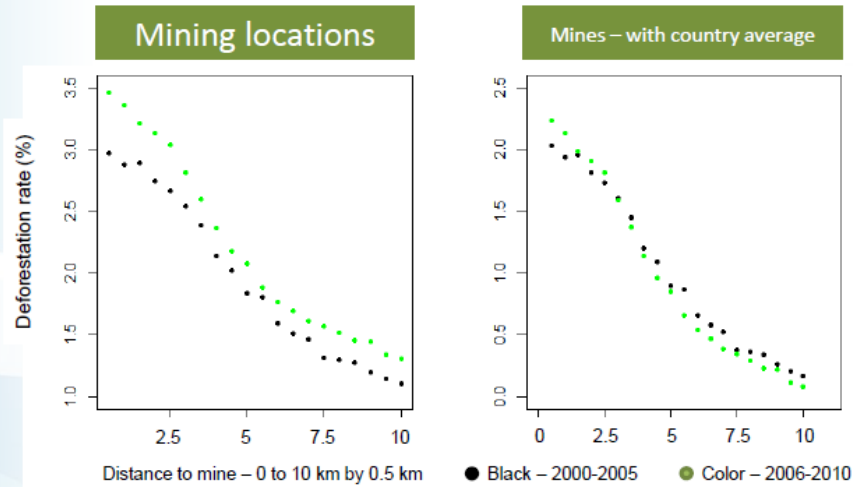


Regional map of mineral facilities in DRC
USGS reports (minerals.usgs.gov)

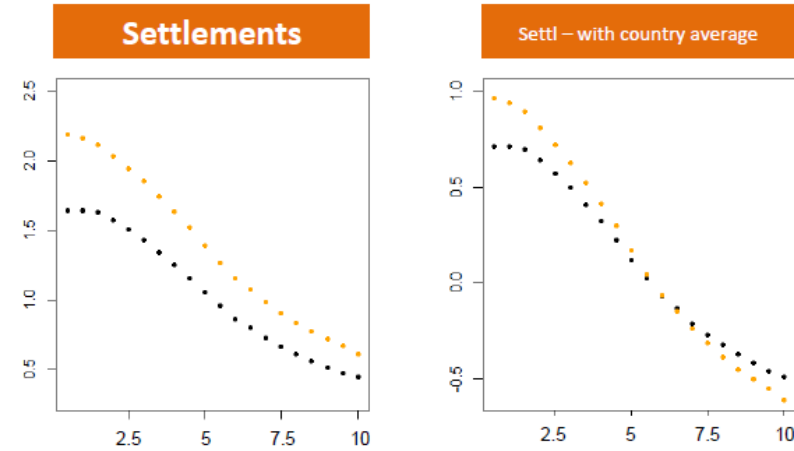


- ▶ Different regions – different minerals
- ▶ Main minerals
 - ▶ Gold
 - ▶ Diamonds
 - ▶ Co, Cu
 - ▶ Cassiterite
- ▶ Mining locations:
 - ▶ Polygons (Forest Atlas)
 - ▶ Points (IPIS)

Deforestation rate: mines and settlements

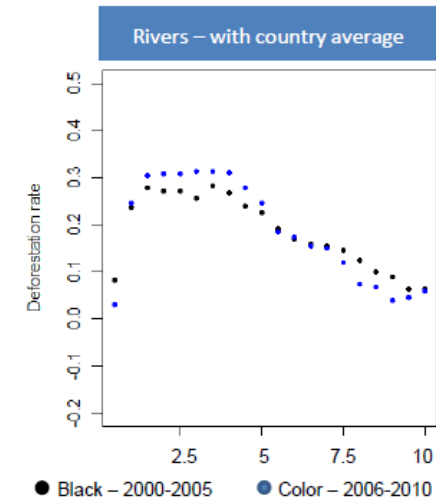
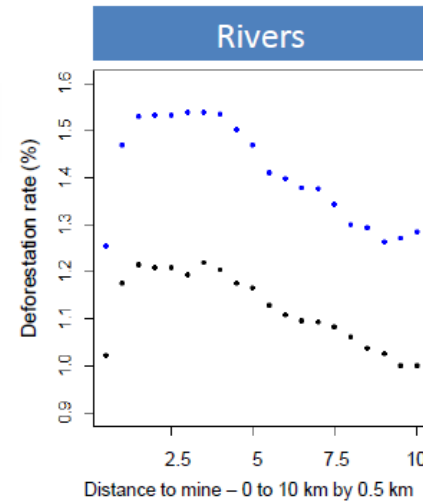
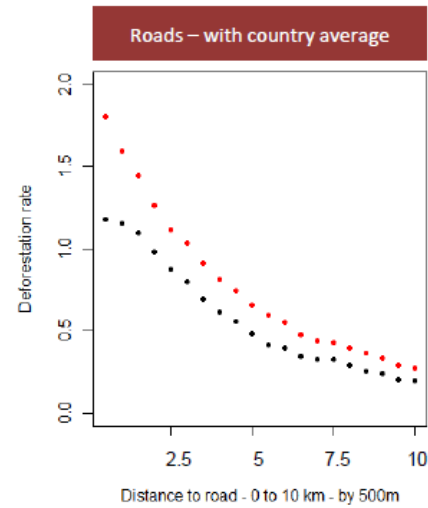
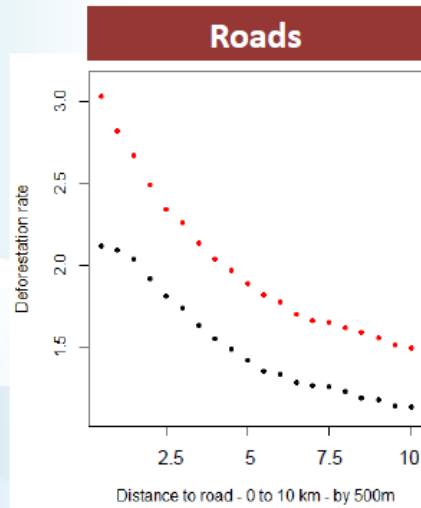


- ▶ Further from mine – lower deforestation rate
- ▶ 5 km away – deforestation rate drops down by around 1.5%



- ▶ Deforestation rate drops down, but slower than for mining locations
- ▶ Pattern changed for 2006-2010
- ▶ No data on how big the populated places are

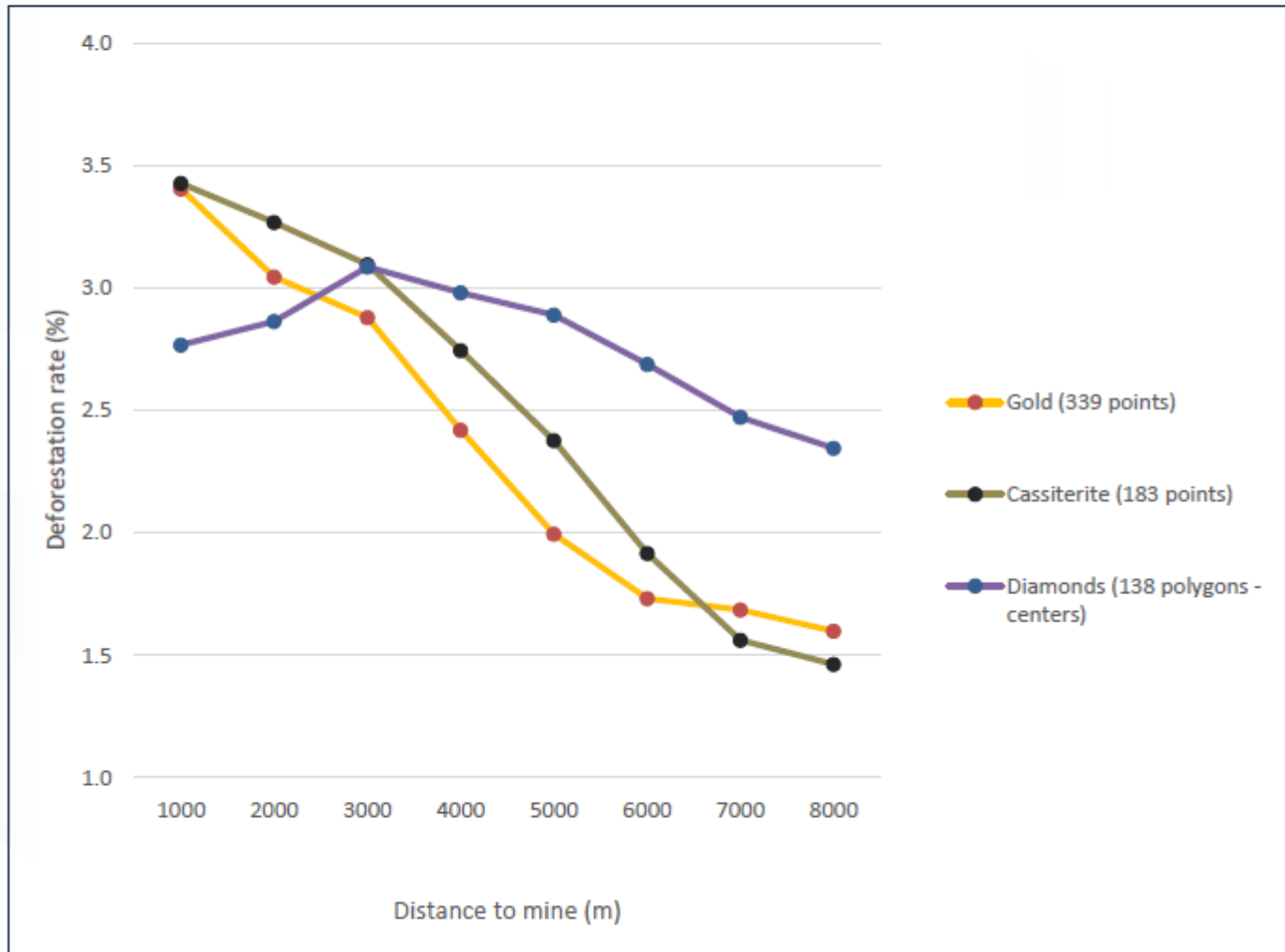
Deforestation rate: rivers and roads



- ▶ 2006-2010 – deforestation is higher
- ▶ 3 km from primary roads – deforestation drops by 0.7%

- ▶ Range is small 1.25%-1.55%
- ▶ [0, 500 m) – lower deforestation rate

Deforestation vs distance to mining locations



- ▶ Deforestation rate declines with increasing distance from mines
- ▶ Gold, cassiterite – similar pattern – deforestation decreases

Infrastructure as a major contributor to economic growth

- **Eight essential conditions for strong growth**
 - *Physical Capital*
 - *Human Capital*
 - *The rule of law*
 - *Competitive markets*
 - *Macroeconomic stability*
 - ***Infrastructure***
 - *Openness to trade and investment*
 - *Increased agricultural productivity*

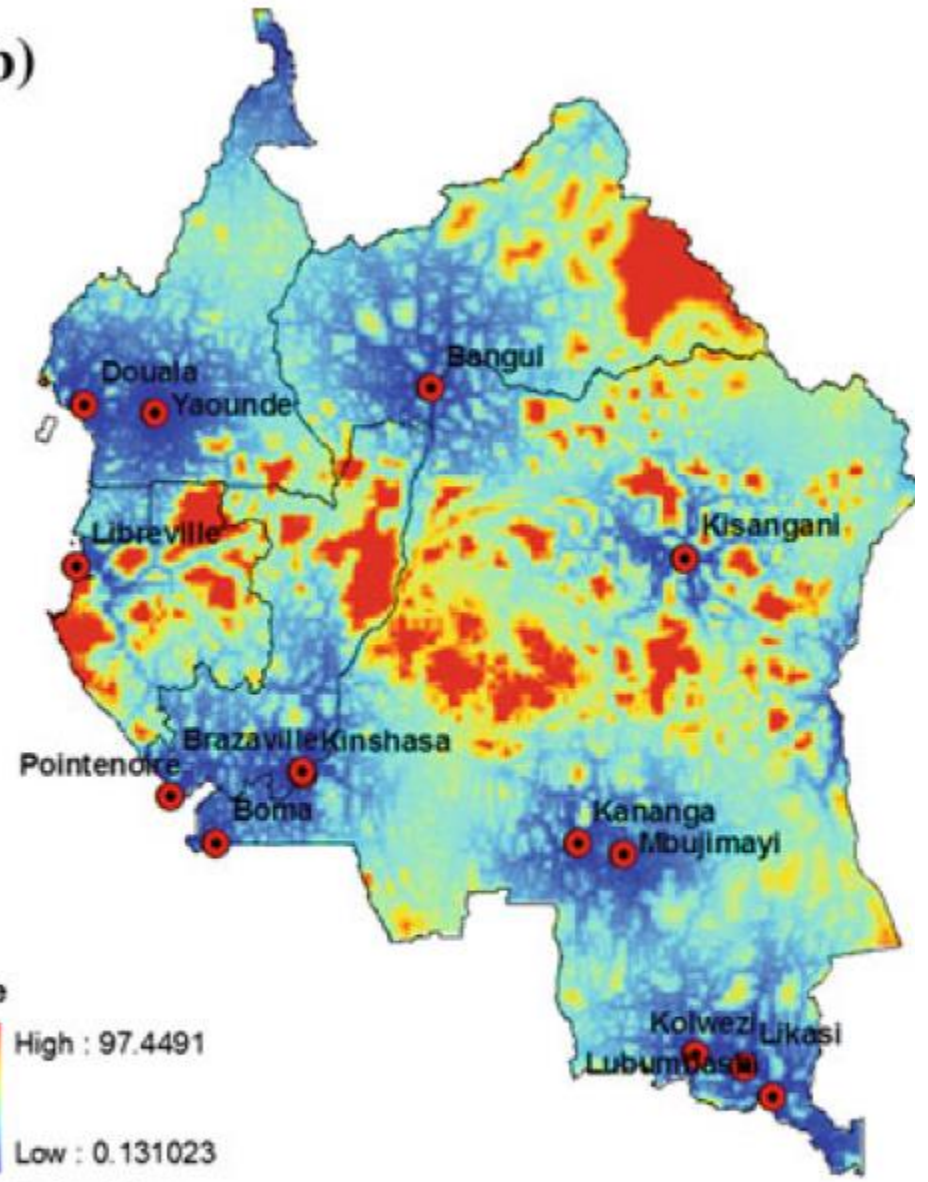
- DRC study using the Globiom Model

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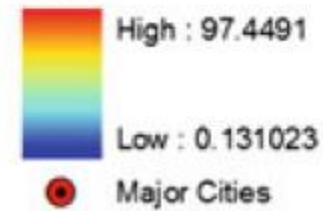


- roads (speed >50 kmh)
- roads (speed between 30kmh and 50 kmh)
- navigable rivers
- railway

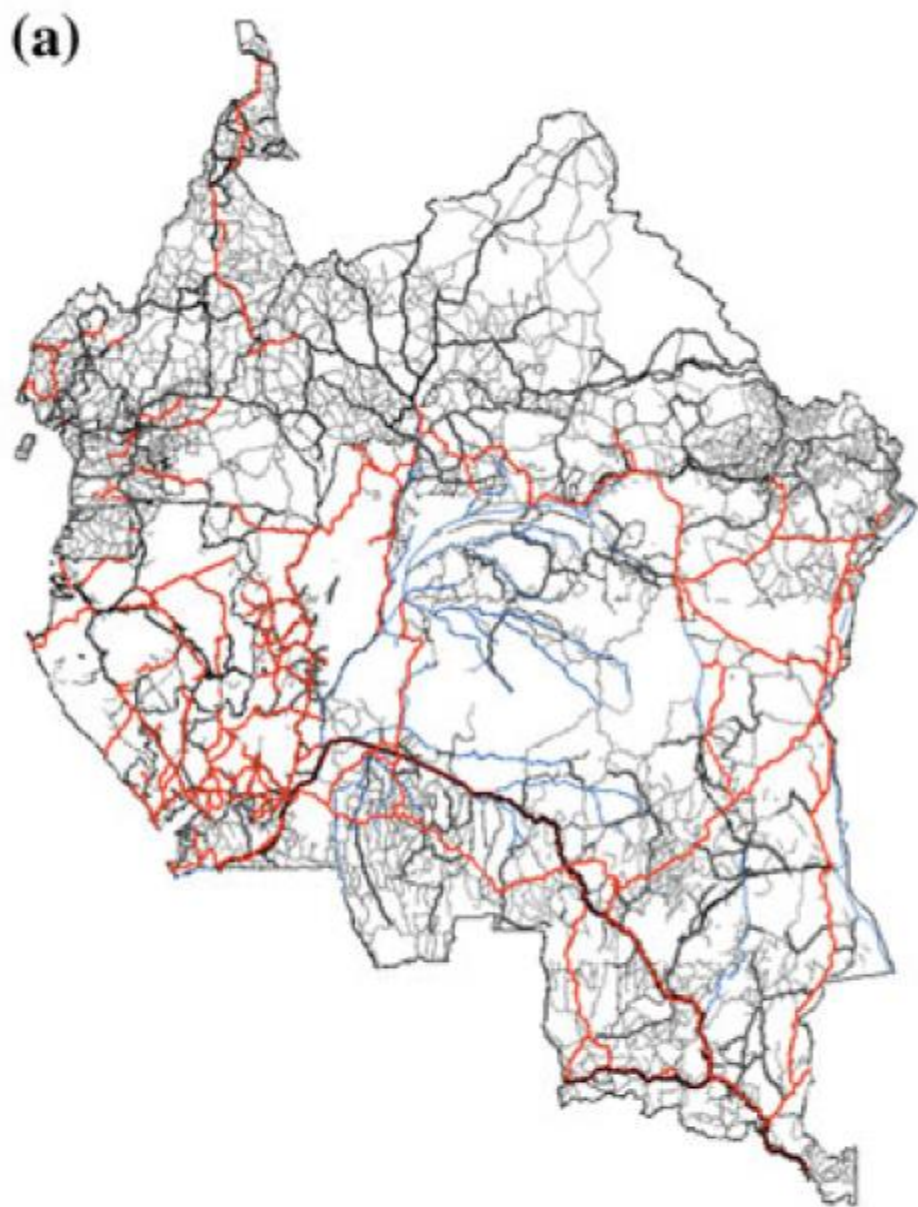
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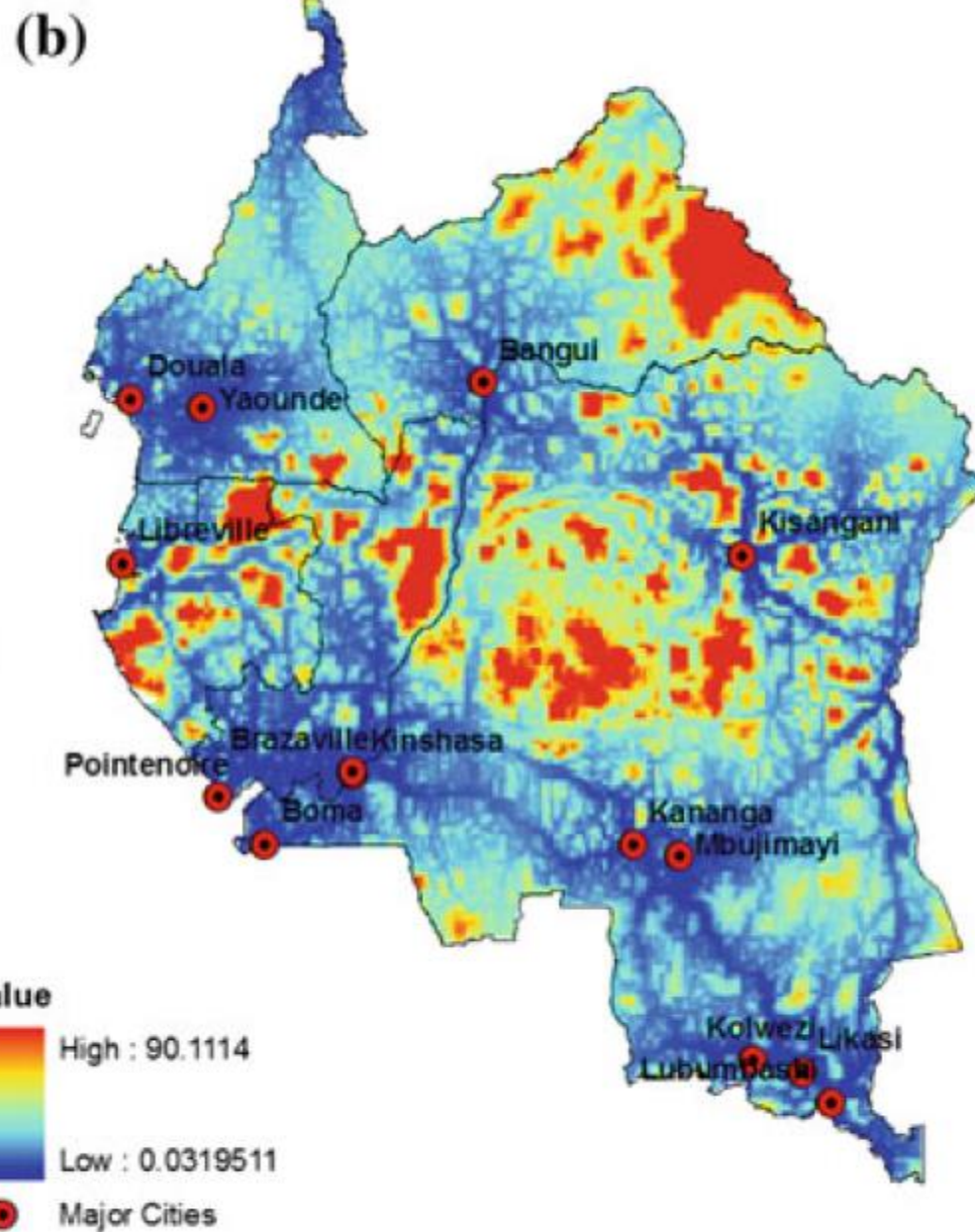
Value



0 175 350 700 1,050 1,400 Kilometers



— planned transportation infrastructures



0 187.5 375 750 1,125 1,500 Kilometers

Results of GLOBIOM study

- the REDD+ fund is a unique opportunity that could help developing countries reduce their deforestation.
- However, a strong collaboration between the different sectors of the economy is required for the success of REDD
- REDD+ could be limited to few project sites while overall deforestation could increase in the region.
- Intelligent spatial planning is key

Thanks!

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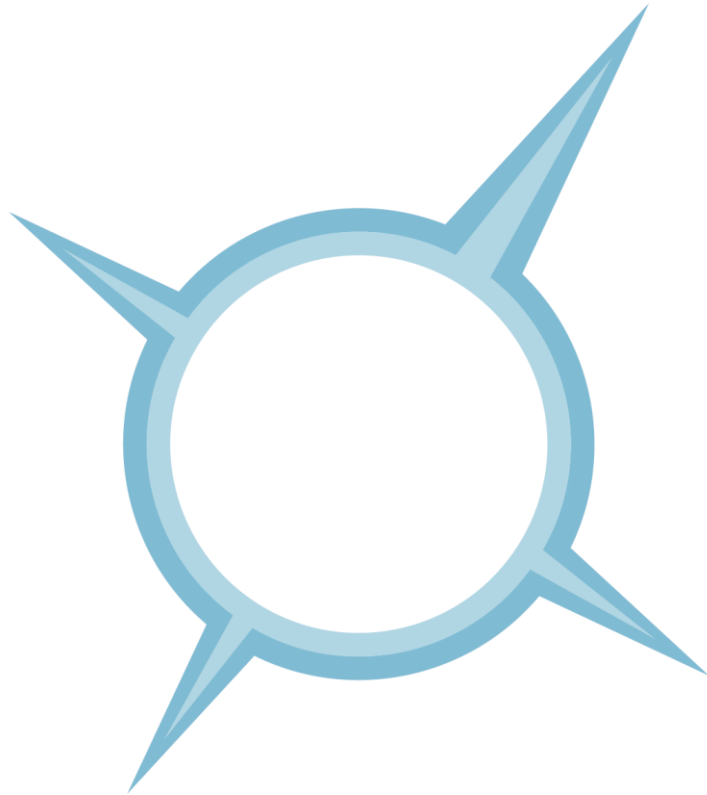
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Using remote sensing to monitor habitat change

Mark Johnston, Group Ecologist

Overall Purpose



Investigate the potential application of remote sensing technology to map and monitor habitat change around our major operations.

- Does the technology provide sufficient resolution to be practical, reliable and cost effective?
- Can the technology be used across all operations or environments?
- Case studies:
 - Sullom Voe terminal, Shetlands, UK
 - Tangguh LNG, West Papua, Indonesia

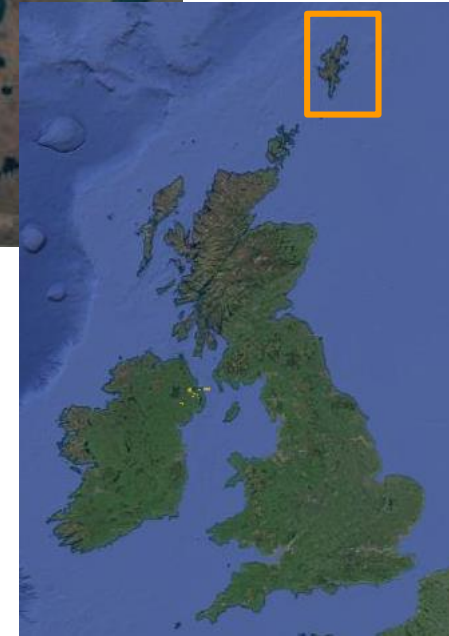
Habitat change at Sullom Voe, Shetland

Sullom Voe terminal, Shetland Islands:

- I. Natura 2000 protected areas.
- II. Habitats of European and national importance.

Purpose:

- Map habitats and habitat change around the terminal
- Assess applicability and reliability of the EO data to monitor change



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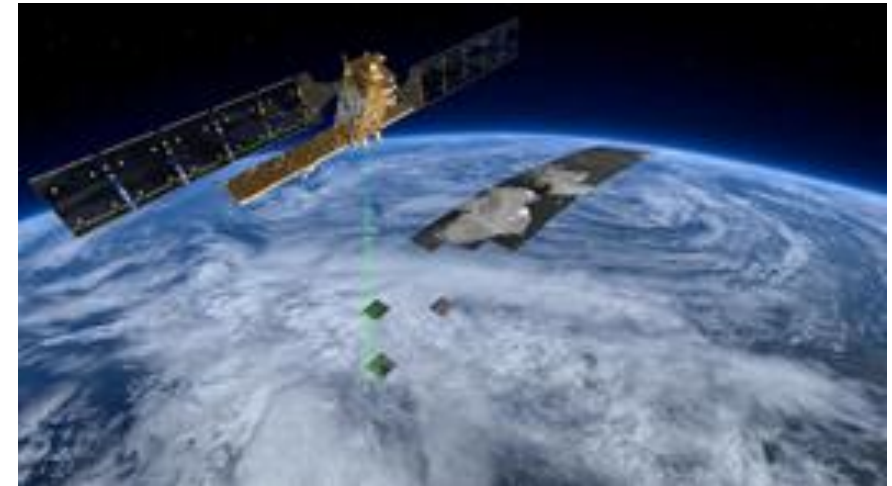
Earth observation for ecosystem service monitoring

Funded by  esa

Contract number: 4000107446/12/I-AM

Habitat change at Sullom Voe, Shetland

- Optical VHR (0.6 m) land use and change mapping (2003-2013)
- Optical VHR (0.5-4m) bathymetric map for 2013
- Optical VHR (0.5-4m) benthic habitat classification maps (including seagrass for 2003 and 2013)



Additional Analysis:

- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) for 2003 and 2013

Quickbird 2 satellite image (2003, at 0.6 m), IKONOS satellite image (2013, at 0.8 m) & GeoEye satellite image (2013, at 0.5 m)

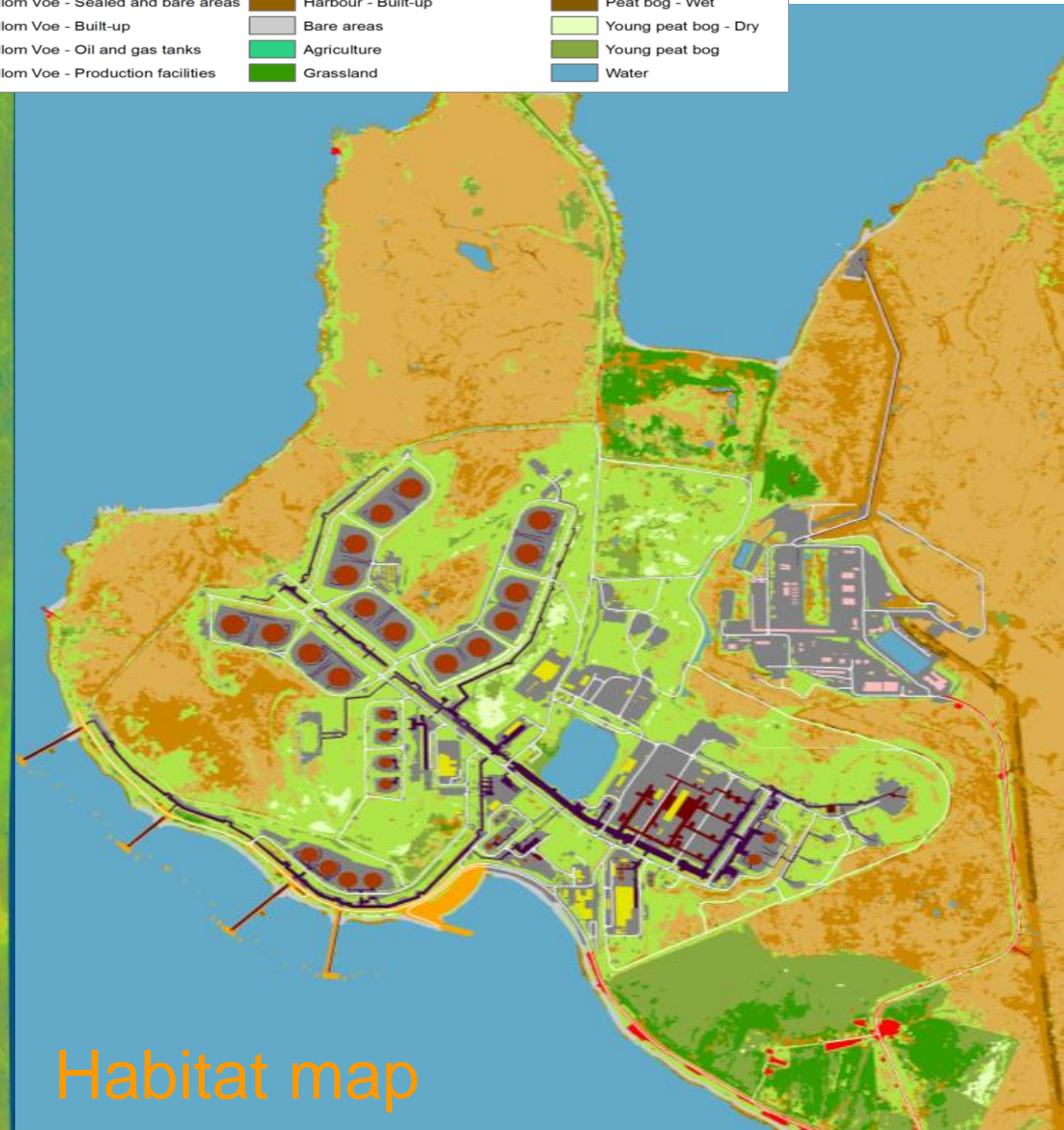
Mapping habitat types



■ No data	■ Sullom Voe - Pipelines	■ Peat bog - Degraded
■ Roads	■ Sullom Voe - Construction	■ Peat bog - Dry
■ Sealed, artificial and build-up	■ Harbour - Sealed and bare areas	■ Peat bog
■ Sullom Voe - Sealed and bare areas	■ Harbour - Built-up	■ Peat bog - Wet
■ Sullom Voe - Built-up	■ Bare areas	■ Young peat bog - Dry
■ Sullom Voe - Oil and gas tanks	■ Agriculture	■ Young peat bog
■ Sullom Voe - Production facilities	■ Grassland	■ Water

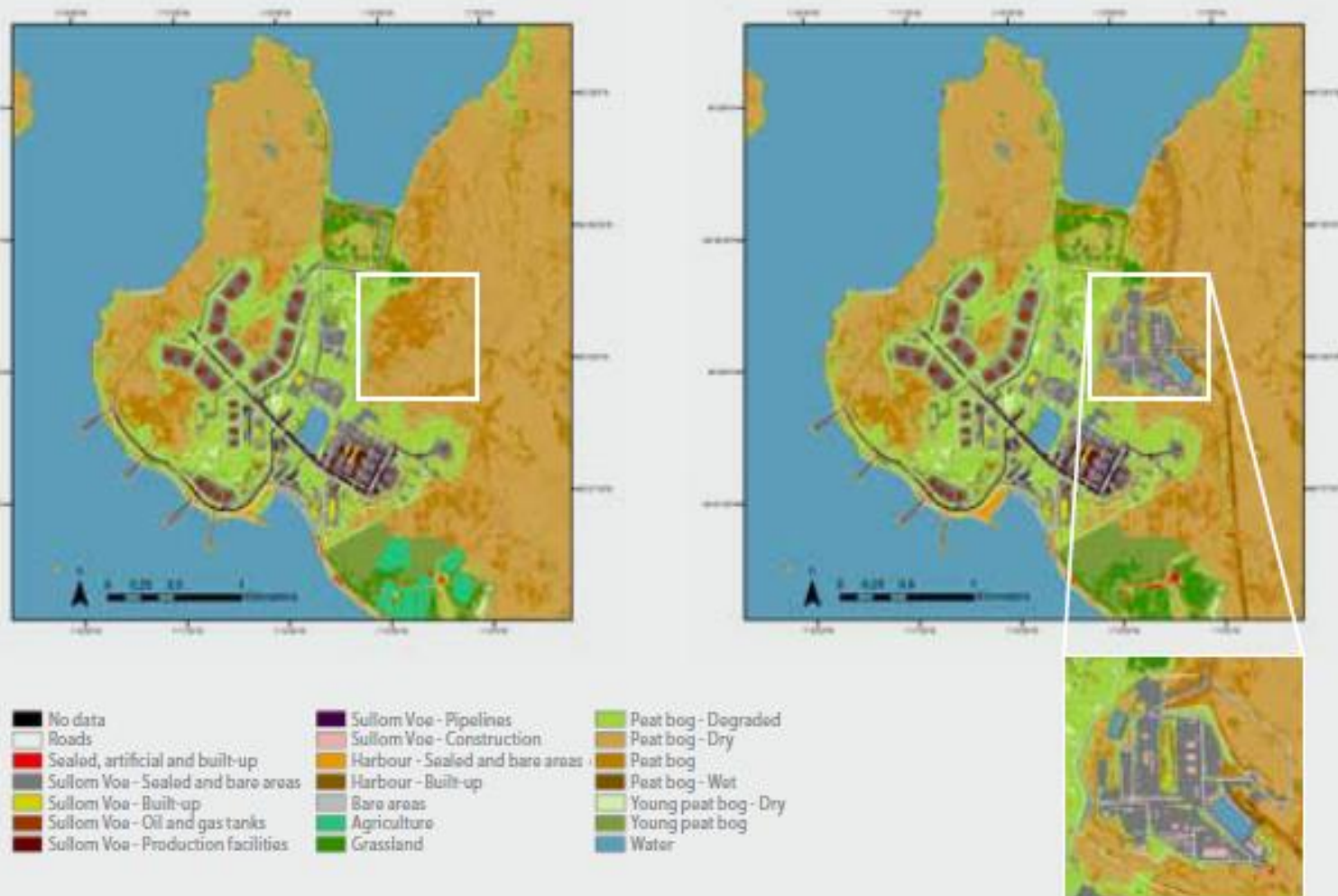


NDVI map



Habitat map

Mapping habitat change



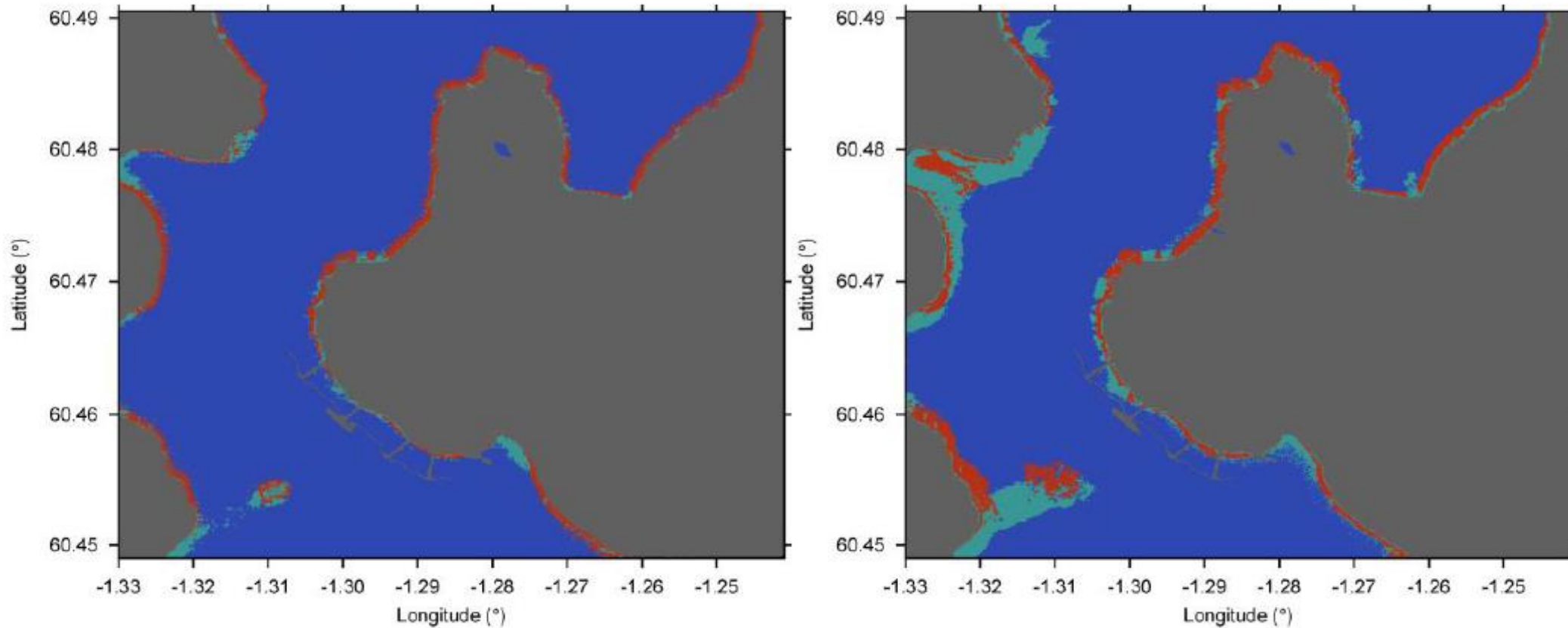
Land cover mapping around Sullom Voe Terminal 2003 and 2013

© GeoVillie

Change between 2003 and 2013

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Benthic habitat mapping



- Depth up to 20m
- 4m to 0.5m spatial resolution (2003, 2013)

1	Land
2	Deep water (bottom not visible)
3	Bare substrate
4	Macroalgae

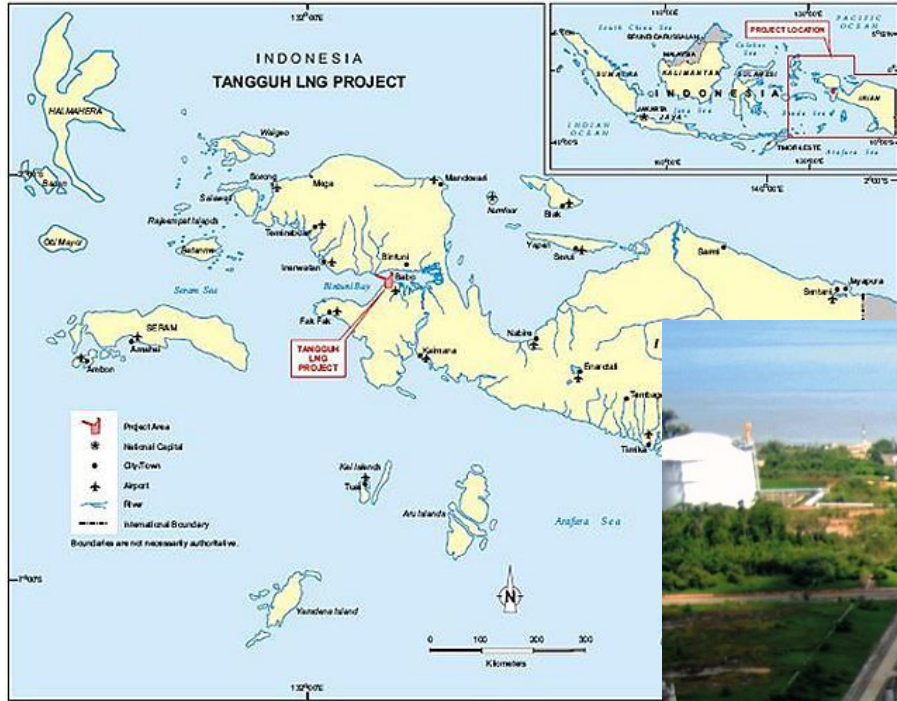
Lessons learnt

- For terrestrial - technically feasible to map and monitor habitat change at appropriate level of resolution.
- For marine - Broad marine/benthic habitat mapping with limitations.
- Historical image resolution differences makes it difficult to compare between years.
- Relatively inexpensive

Questions:

- Can we develop a single metric/indicator which represent habitat change around a facility?
- Can this methodology be applied to other locations, other habitats?

Habitat change at Tangguh, West Papua



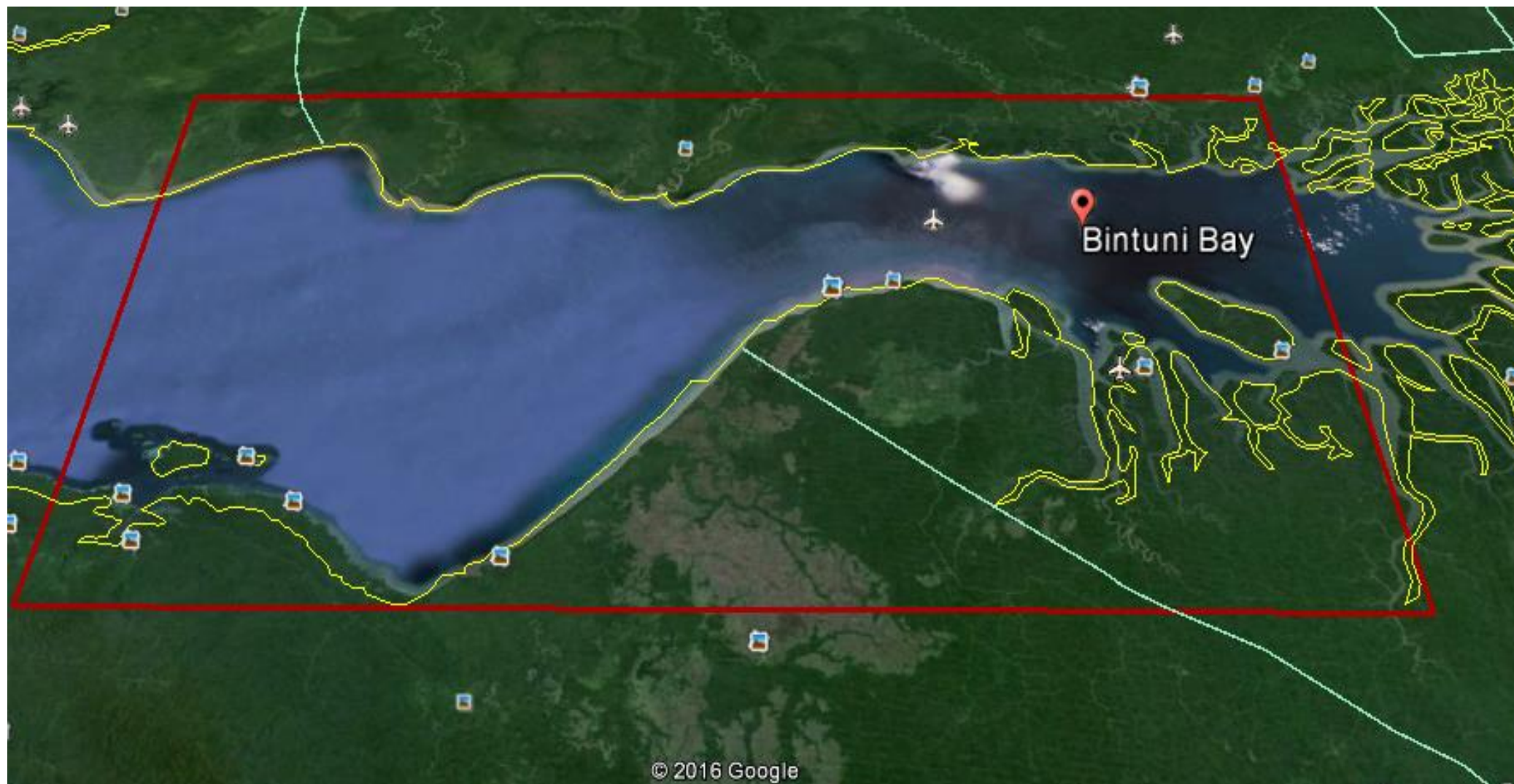
Two proposed applications (2016-2018)

1. **Landscape assessment - low resolution monitoring over wider area (3m resolution)**

To monitor: extent of broad habitat types, landscape habitat change, cumulative impacts

Data: broad habitat types, rivers, lakes/ponds, agriculture, roads, major tracks, jetties, settlements, pipelines.

Landscape habitat change at Tangguh

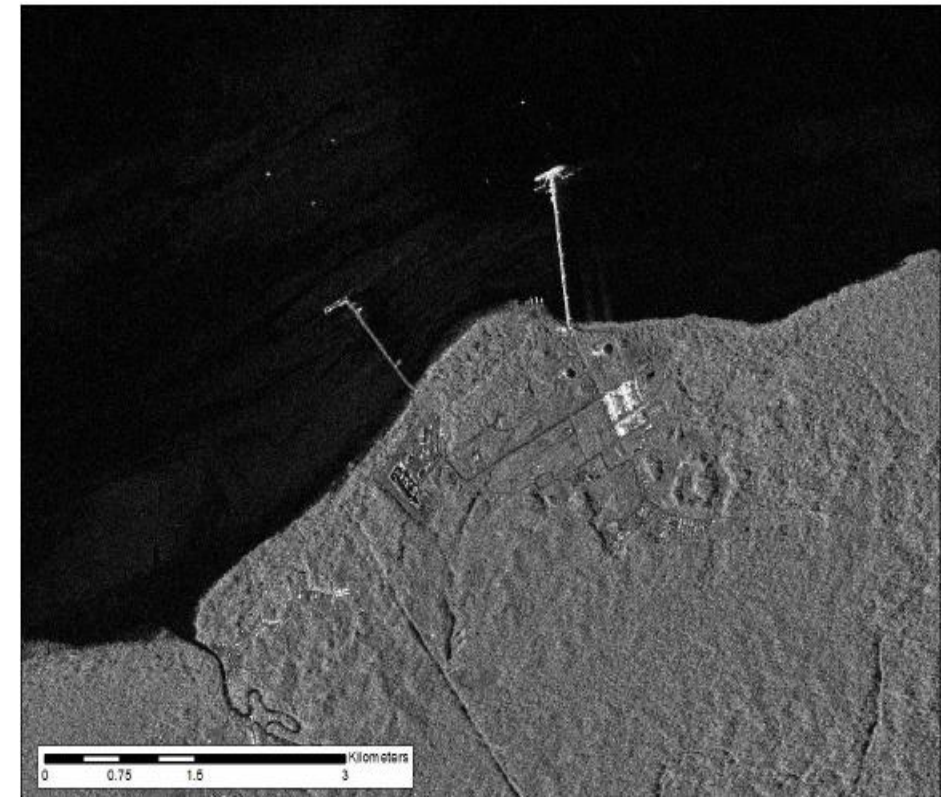


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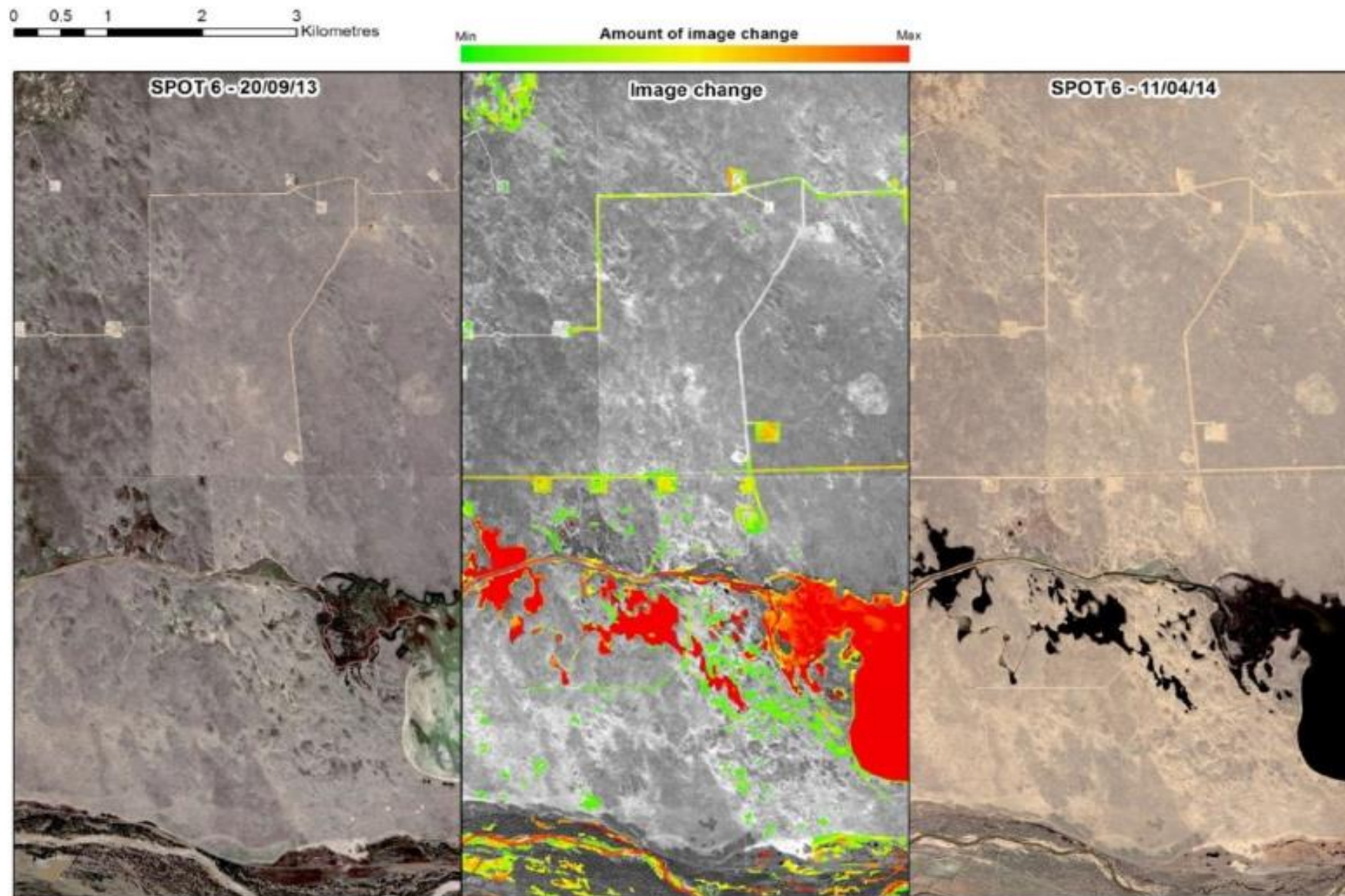
2. Site assessment - high resolution monitoring (0.5m resolution):

To monitor: Habitat baseline (prior to clearance), monitor habitat clearance and area of habitat removed, and monitor post-construction habitat restoration.

Data: Primary/secondary forest,
forest habitat types (lowland, swamp)



Automated change detection...



What next?



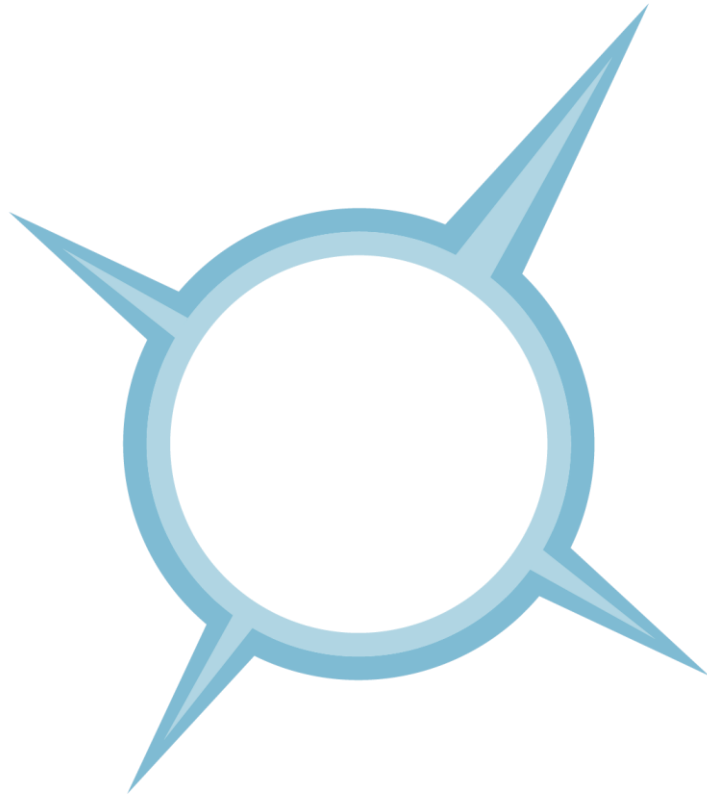
- A single metric/indicator of habitat change, regardless of location?
- Automated monitoring of critical habitat?
- Link to natural capital accounting?



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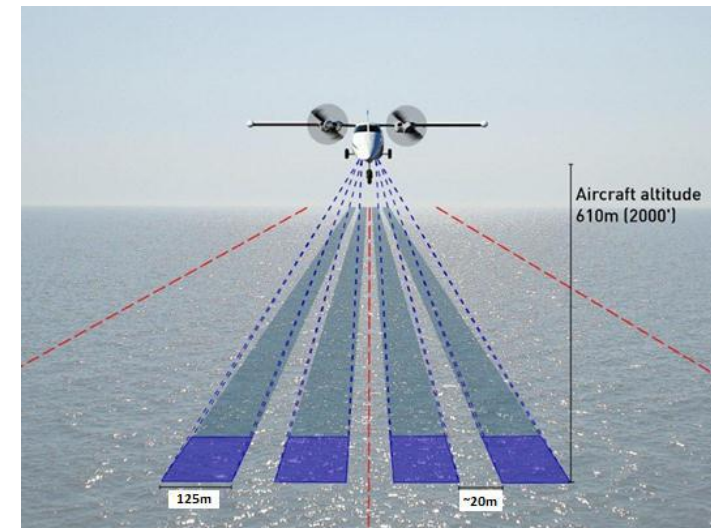


Using new logger technologies for mapping and monitoring seabirds at sea

Steinar Eldøy, Statoil

Boatbased and aerial surveys

- Standard methods for boatbased surveys based on transect surveys
 - Aerial surveys, using either direct counts, still cameras or video
 - Give a good overview and indication of where the birds are, and their value increases if linked to collection of other physical and ecological parameters
 - However, these methods do have inherent weaknesses and uncertainties
-
- Represent snapshots
 - Where do the birds come from?
 - Power to detect changes weak
 - Expensive



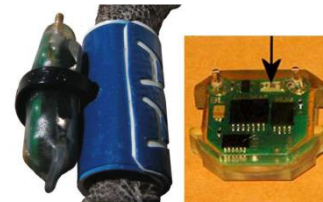
New tracking technologies

New and improved technologies for geo-location provide opportunities for significantly improved understanding of bird movements and migration, including the connectivity between breeding colonies and feeding grounds.

- Satellite transmitters – provide real time data transmission.



- GLS loggers - suitable for determining large scale movements and population/colony connectivity, limited accuracy (± 180 km).



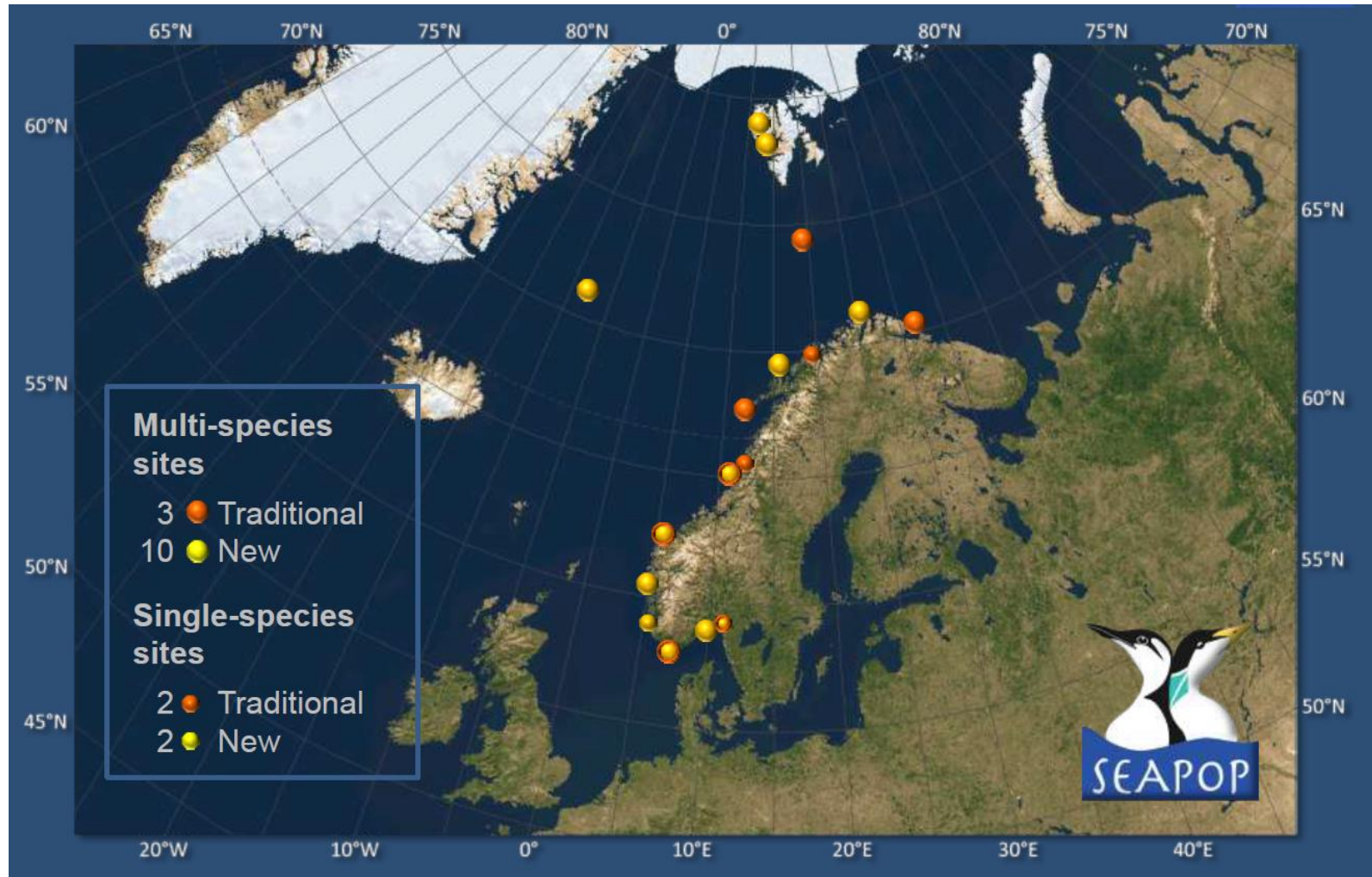
- GPS loggers – give accurate location (± 1 m) data, which are stored and need to be down loaded onshore.



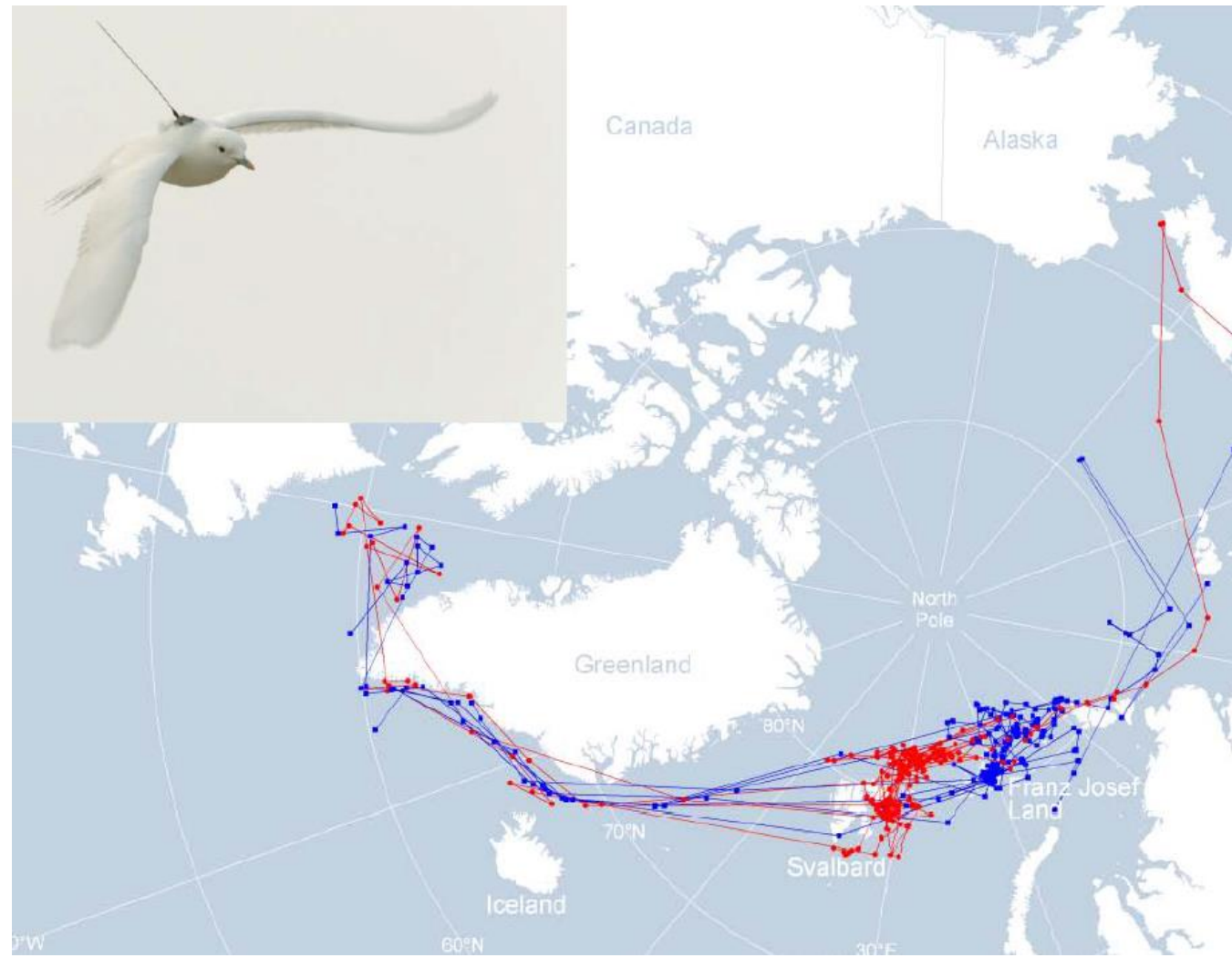
The Norwegian seabird program - SEAPOP

- Updating seabird baseline data repeatedly requested (late 1990ies) when the oil industry was preparing environmental risk assessments and impact assessments for different exploration and development plans
- Statoil engaged NINA (the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research) to develop a proposal for a national seabird programme in 1999
- Implementation started 2005, funded by the Norwegian Oil and Gas Association
- The authorities joined from 2006, and has since then covered approximately 85% of the costs (Ministry of Environment and Climate + Ministry of Oil and Energy)
- Steering committee appointed by the Ministry of Environment (different authority agencies and the Norwegian Oil and Gas Association)
- Implemented jointly by NINA, Norwegian Polar Research Institute, Tromsø Museum
- SEAPOP web page <http://www.seapop.no/no/>

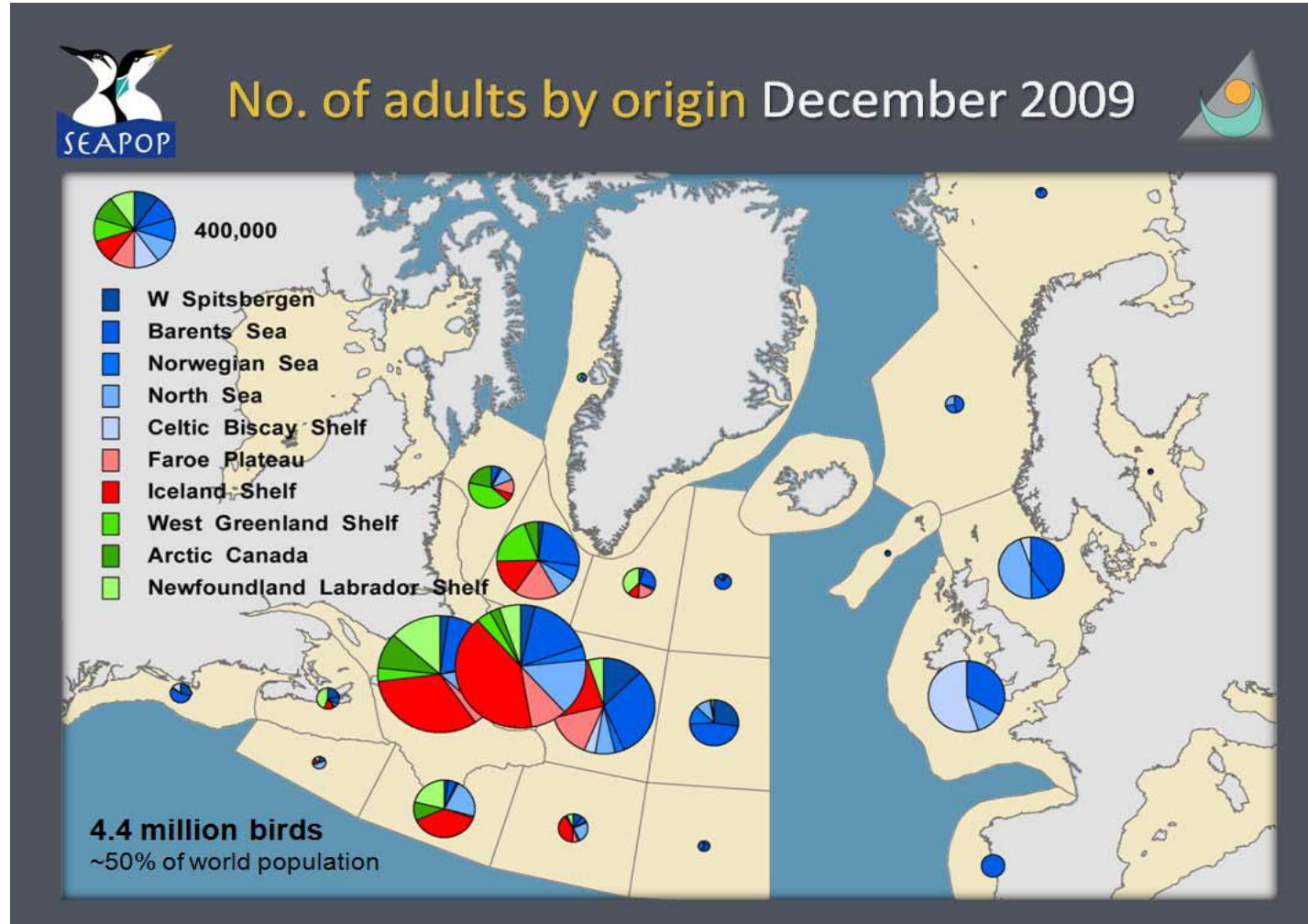
SEAPOP Key Sites



Sattelite tagging of Ivory Gulls

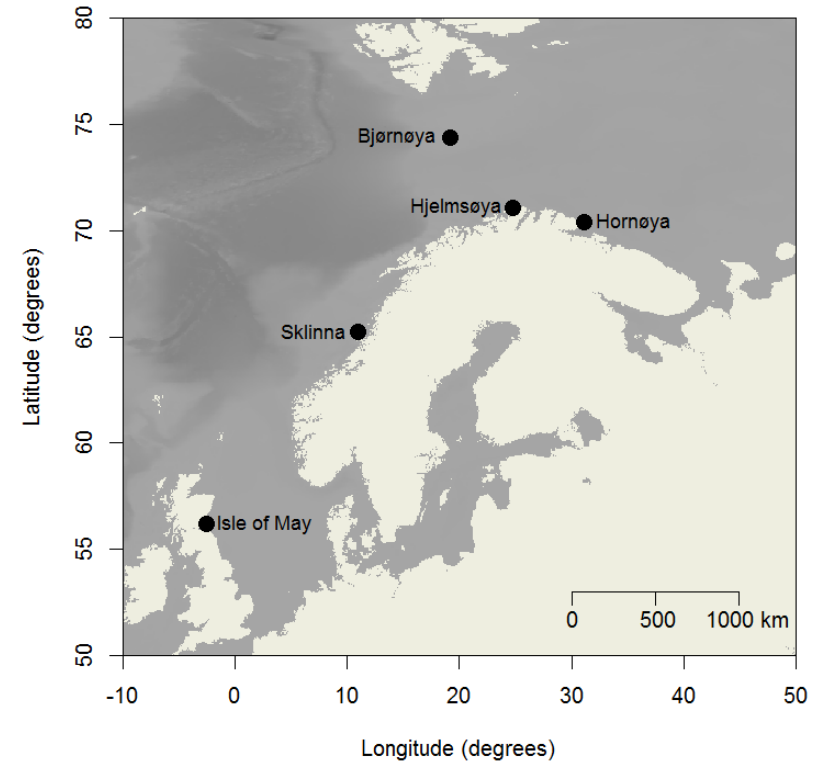
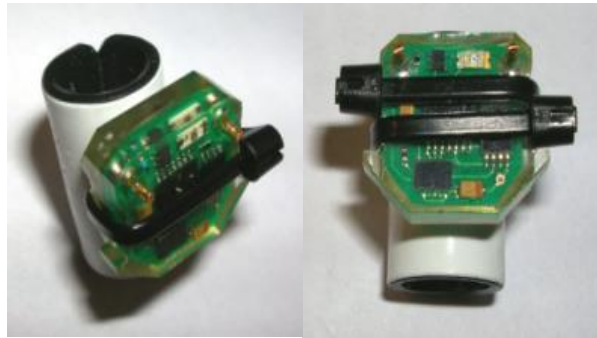


Kittiwake GLS study– winter distribution



Guillemot GLS study - Methods

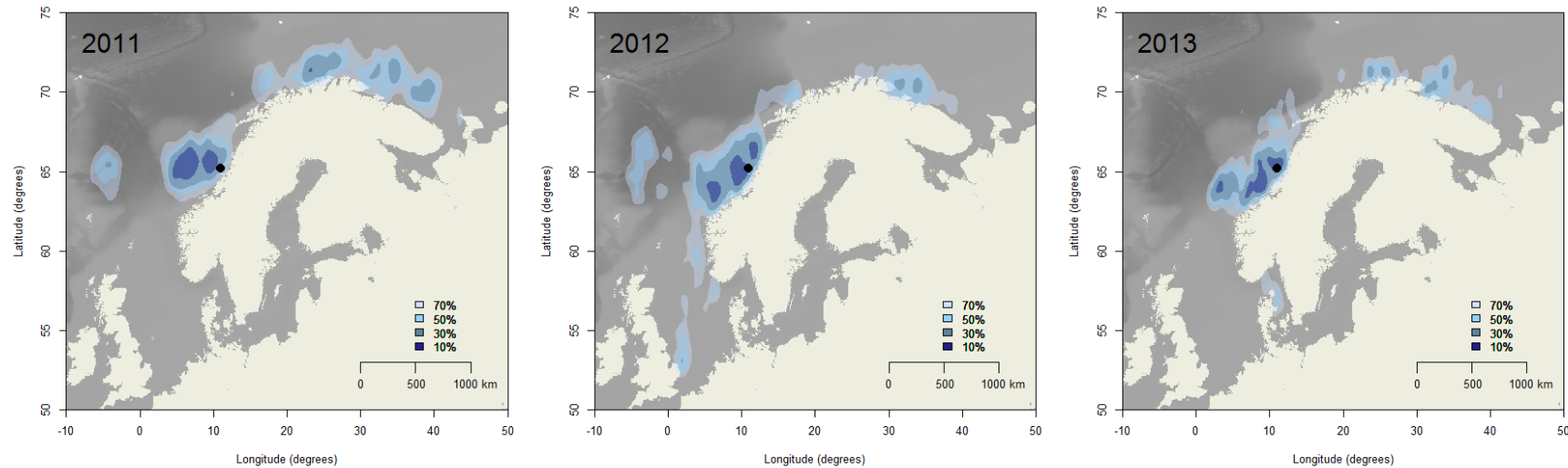
- 5 different breeding sites.
- 3 field seasons.
- Use of lightweight tracking devices.
- Financed by the oil industry



Results

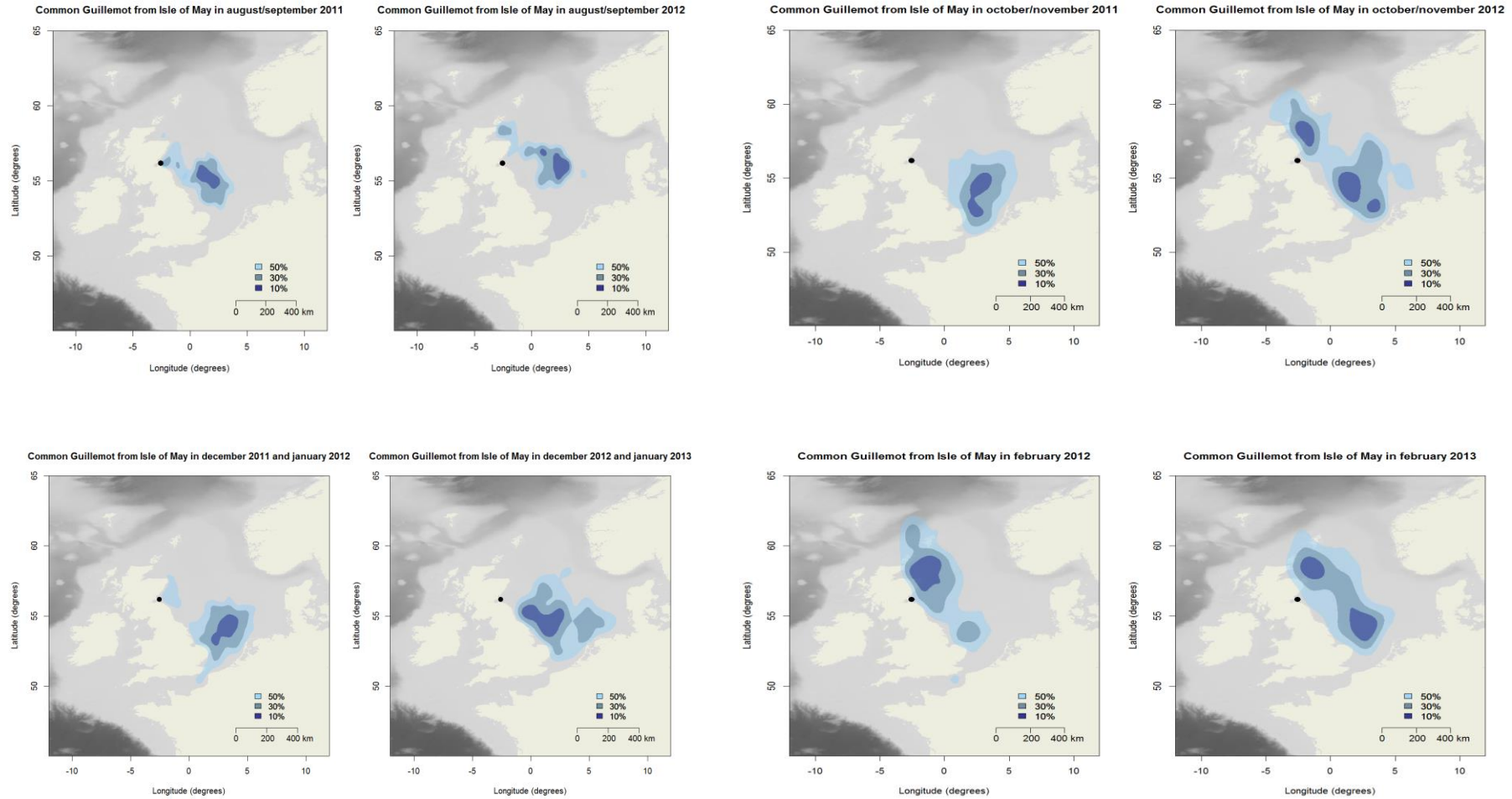
Inter-annual variations

Common Guillemot from Sklinna in October/November



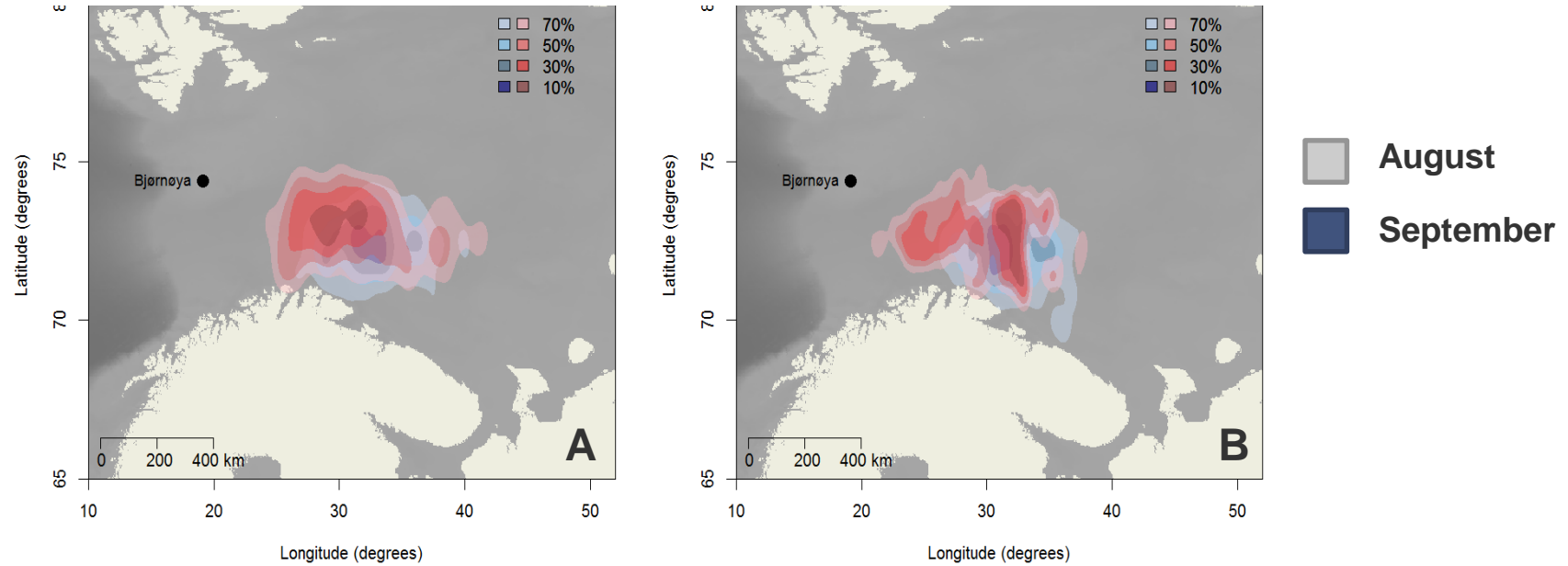
- Dispersion variability in Southern Norway with for example the presence of birds in the North Sea in 2012 while they were absent in 2011.
- Dispersion variability along the coast of Northern Norway and Russia.

Isle of May Guillemots – *intra- and inter-annual variability*



Post-breeding dispersion

Utilization distribution of female (A) and male (B) Common Guillemot from Bjørnøya

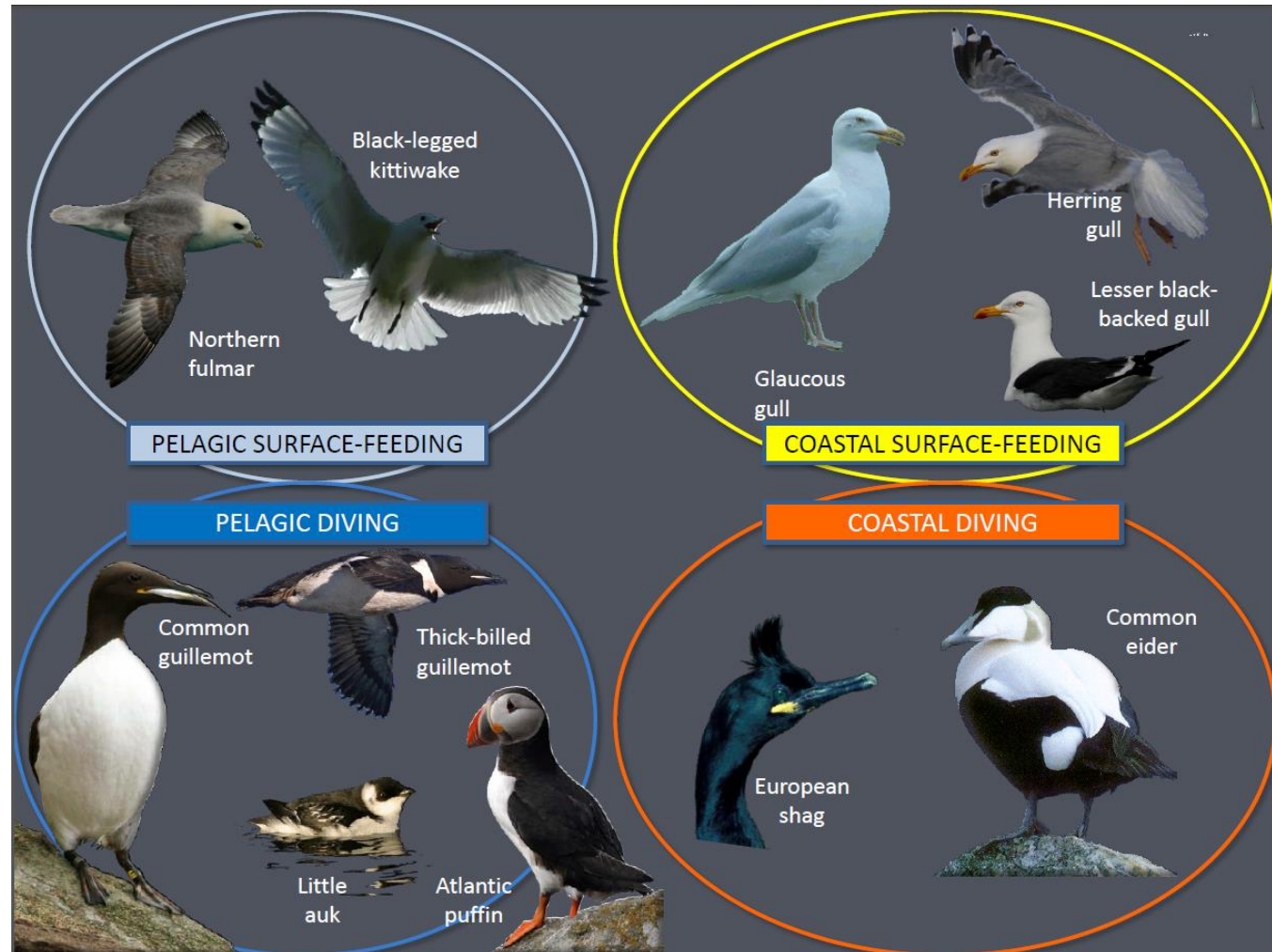


SEATRACK

- SEATRACK is an addition to SEAPOP intending to track movements of seabirds at sea outside the breeding season
 - Started 2014
 - Funding from the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, the Foreign Ministry and industry
 - Several colonies in Norway, Russia, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and one one UK colony (Isle of May

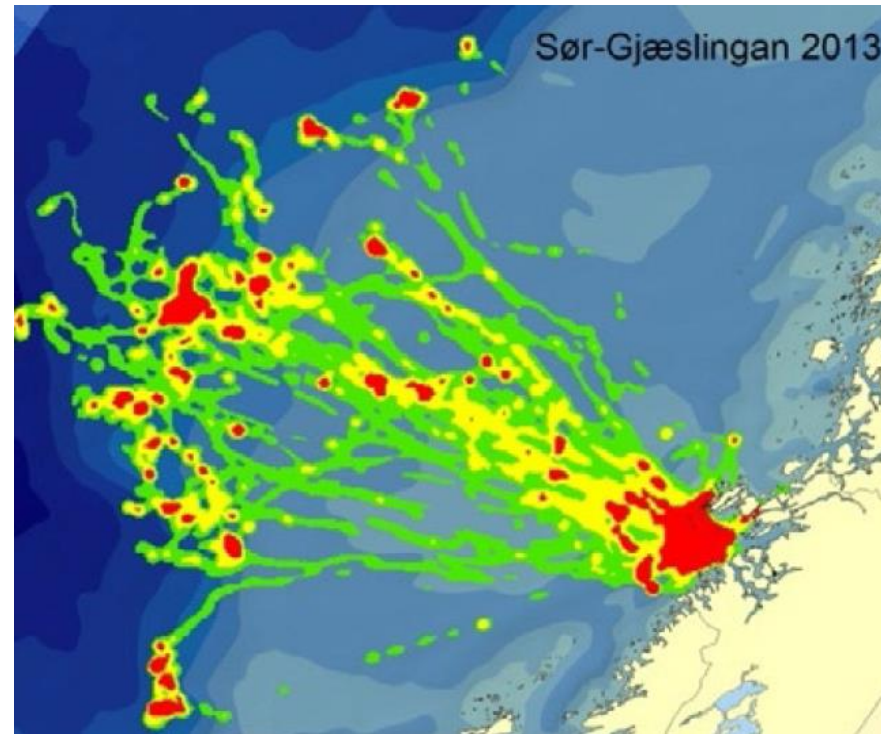
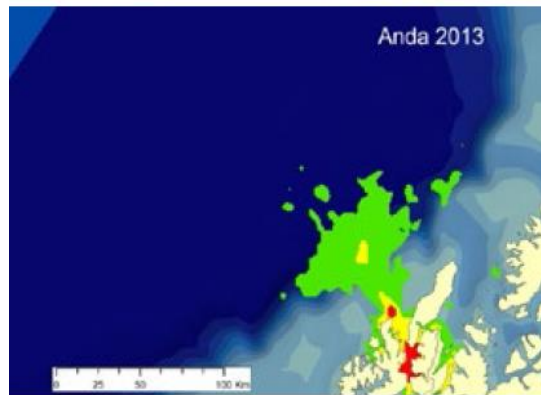
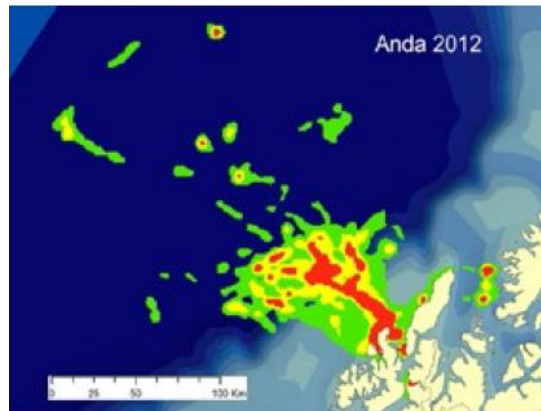
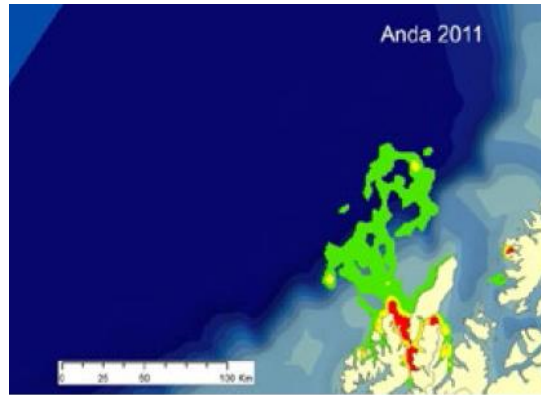


SEATRACK - species

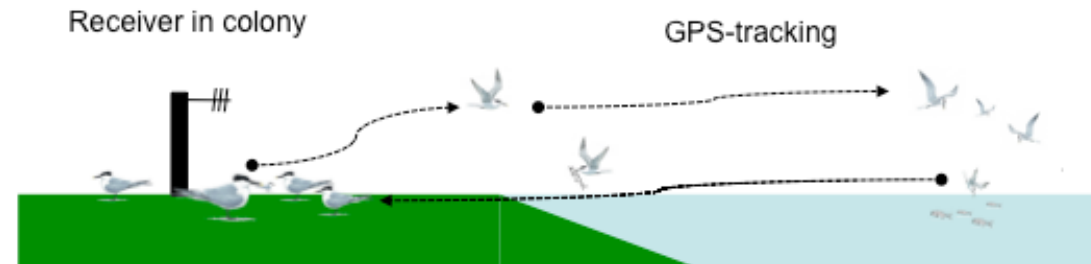


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Barentshavet	Spitsbergen	Sebastien Descamps/Børge Moe			40	40	30		30		30		40	6	
	Bjørnøya	Hallvard Strøm	30	40	40	40	30		30		30			6	
	Frans Josefs land	Maria Gavrilov			40	40	30				30		40	5	
	Novaya Zemlya	Maria Gavrilov			40	40	30				30			4	
	Murmankysten	Juri Krasnov	30	40	40		30			30		40	40	7	
	Kvitsjøen	Grigory Tertitski						40		30			40	3	
	Hornøya	Rob Barrett/Kjell Einar Erikstad	30	40	40		30							3	
	Hjelmsøya	Geir Helge Systad		40						30		40			4
	Grindøya	Kjell Einar Erikstad											40	1	
	Anda	Signe Christensen-Dalsgaard					30			30					3
	Røst	Tycho Anker-Nilssen	30	40			30					40			3
	Norskehavet	Jan Mayen	NP	30	40	40	40		40	30		30			
Sklinna		Svein-Håkon Lorentsen	30	40			30	40		30		40	40		7
Runde		Geir Helge Systad	30	40			?								2
Island		?	30	40	40		30	40	30	30	30	40	40		10
Nordsjøen/ Skagerrak	Hordaland	?								?		40			1
	Vest-Agder	?						40		30			40		3
	Vestfold	?								?					
	Færøyene	Bergur Olsen	30	40			30	40	30	30		40	40		8
	De britiske øyer	Francis Daunt	30	40			30	40	30	30		40			7
Totalt antall lokaliteter			10	11	8	5	12	7	6	9	6	8	9	91	
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Kittiwake GPS logger studies



GPS logger study - Sandwich Tern

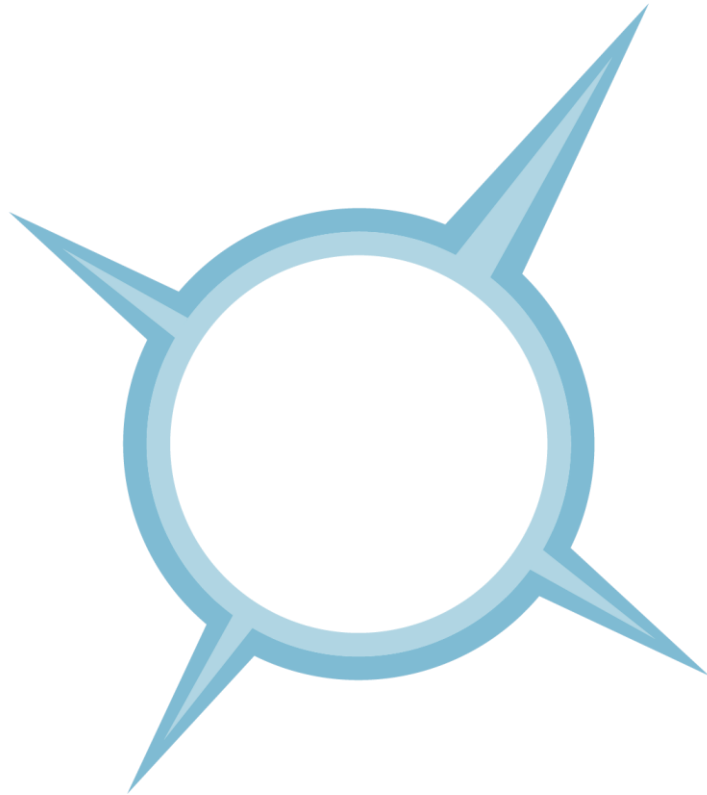




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Use of emerging technologies for satellite remote sensing

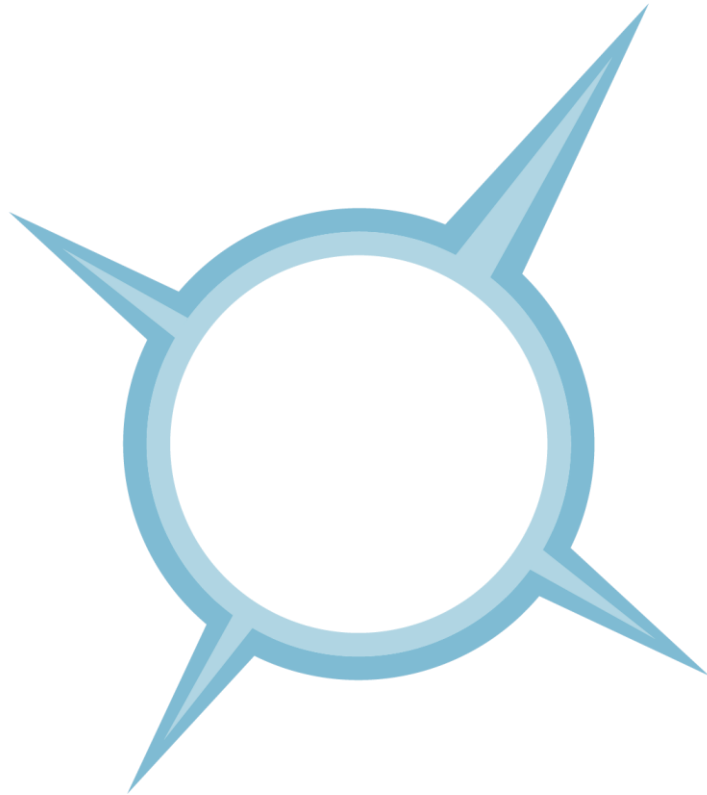
- 1. To what extent is satellite remote sensing being used by Proteus members to assess and monitor impact on biodiversity?**
- 2. Does this use focus on direct footprint or consider indirect and cumulative impacts?**
- 3. What further support is required to access and interpret satellite remote sensing data for application within biodiversity management programmes?**



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