

A satellite-style map of the world showing continents and oceans. The text is overlaid on the map. A vertical white line is positioned to the left of the main title.

Google

Earth Engine

**Health Applications of
Google's Cloud Platform for
Big Earth Data**

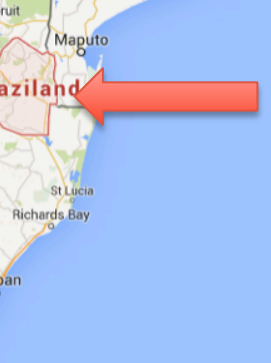
Agenda

- Example Use Case
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- Applications




Use Case: Automated Malaria Risk Mapping

*Swaziland National Malaria Control Program/
UCSF Global Health Group*



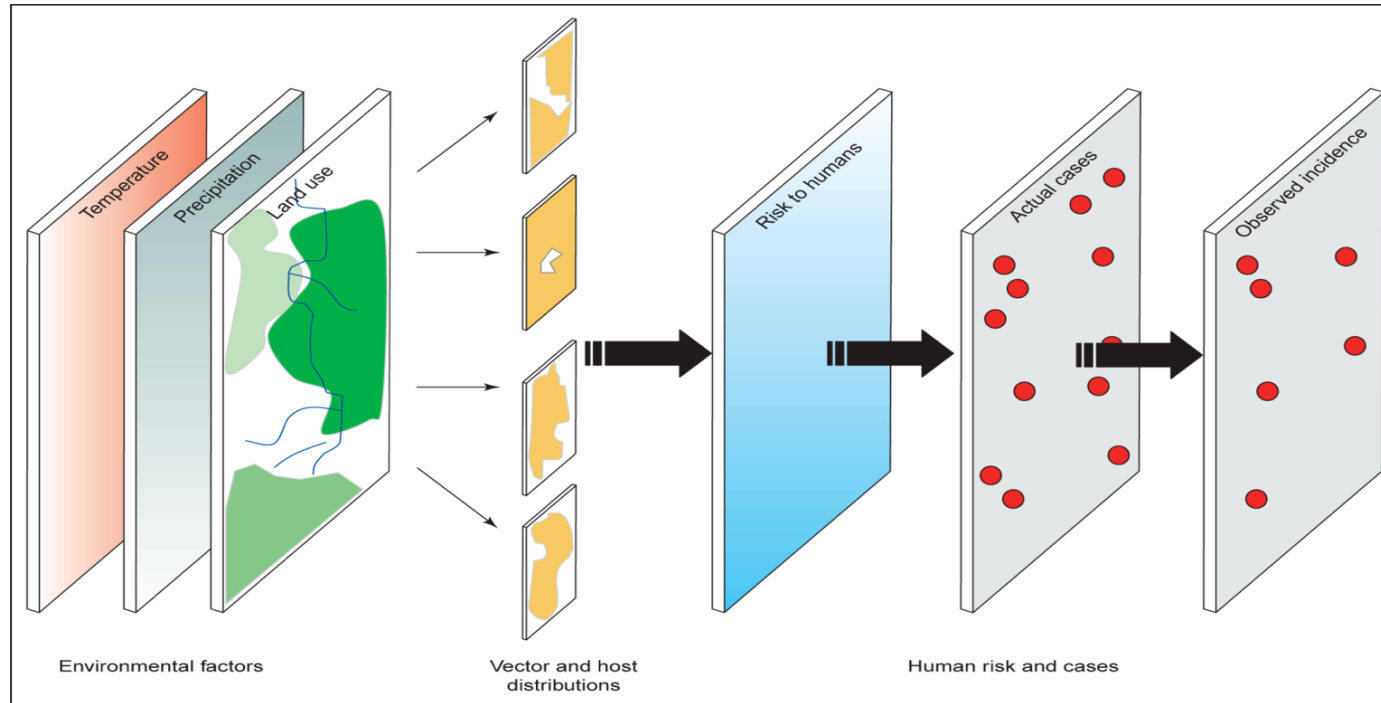
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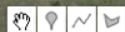
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Total Hshlds: 57 173

MALARIA BURDEN

Disease Risk Mapping



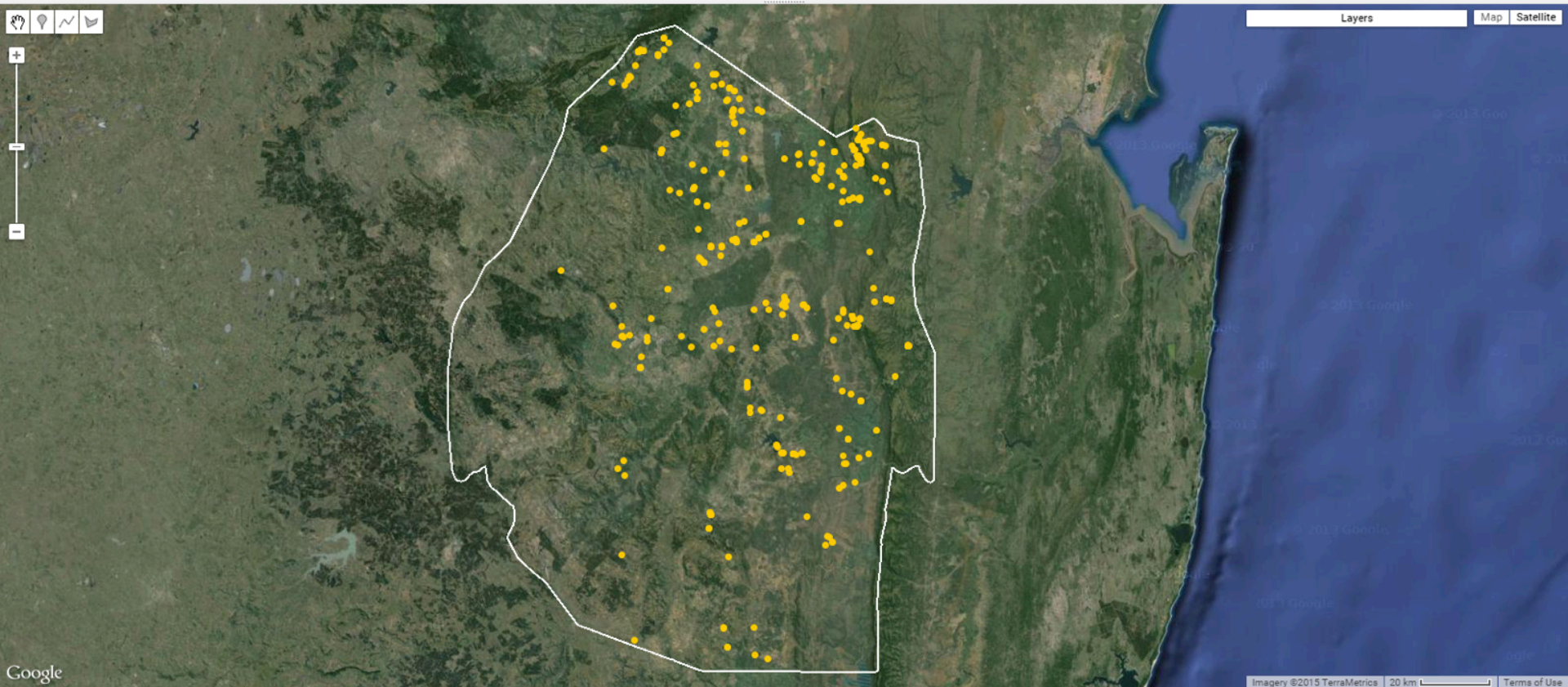
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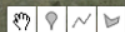


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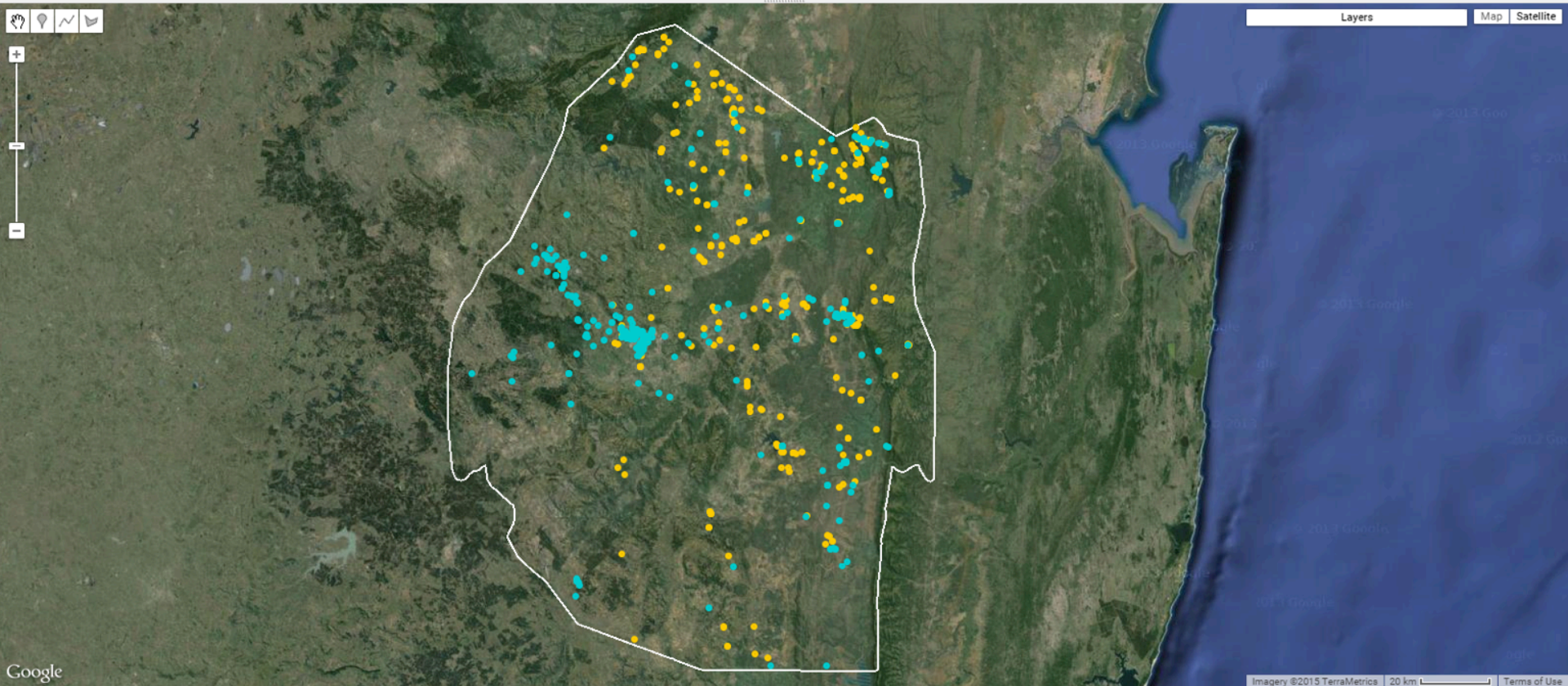


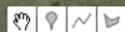


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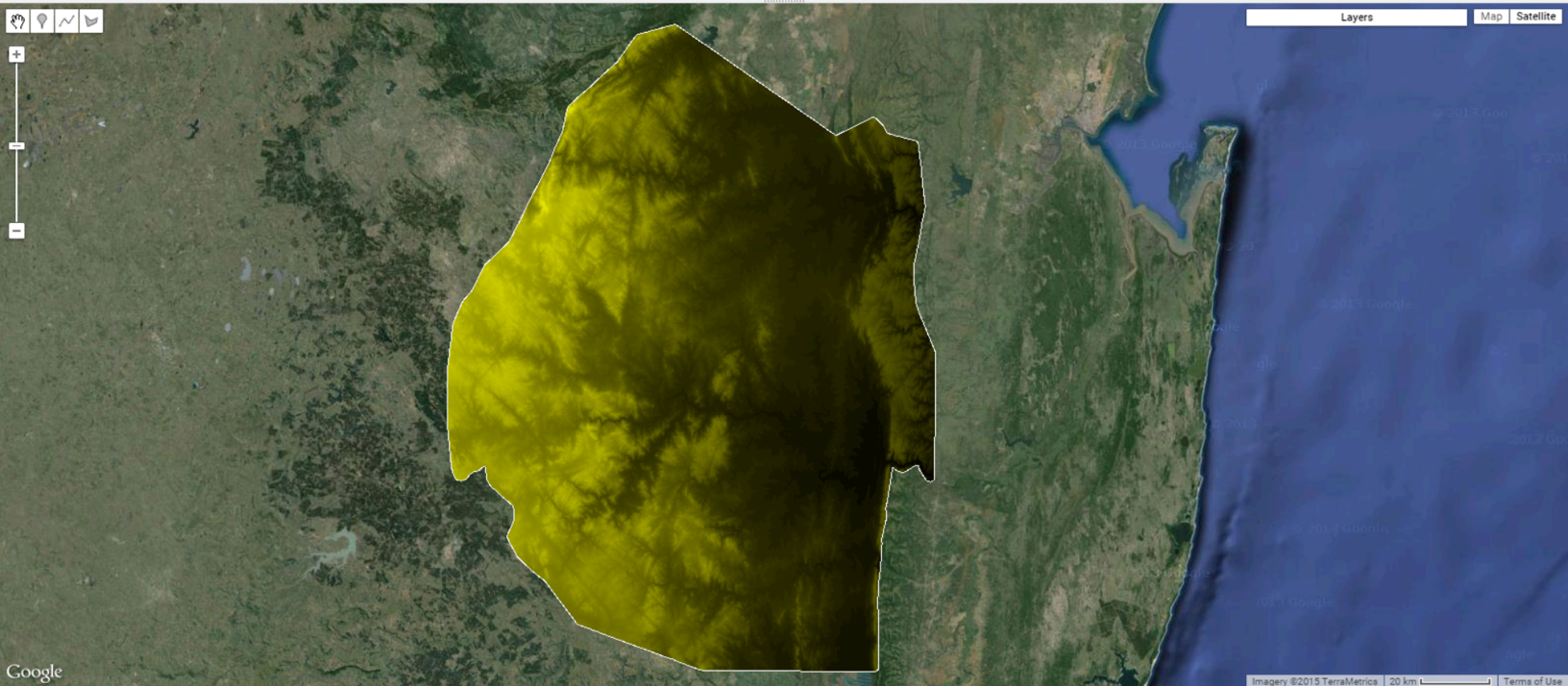


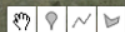


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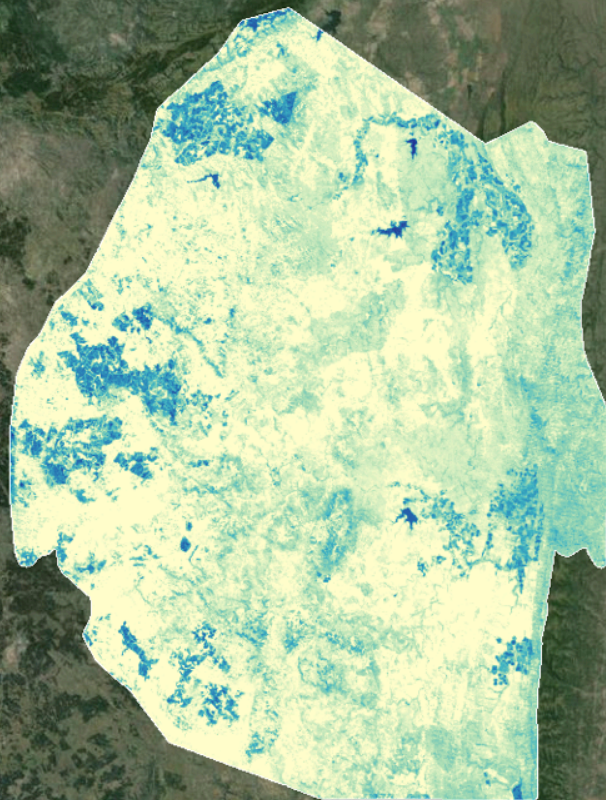




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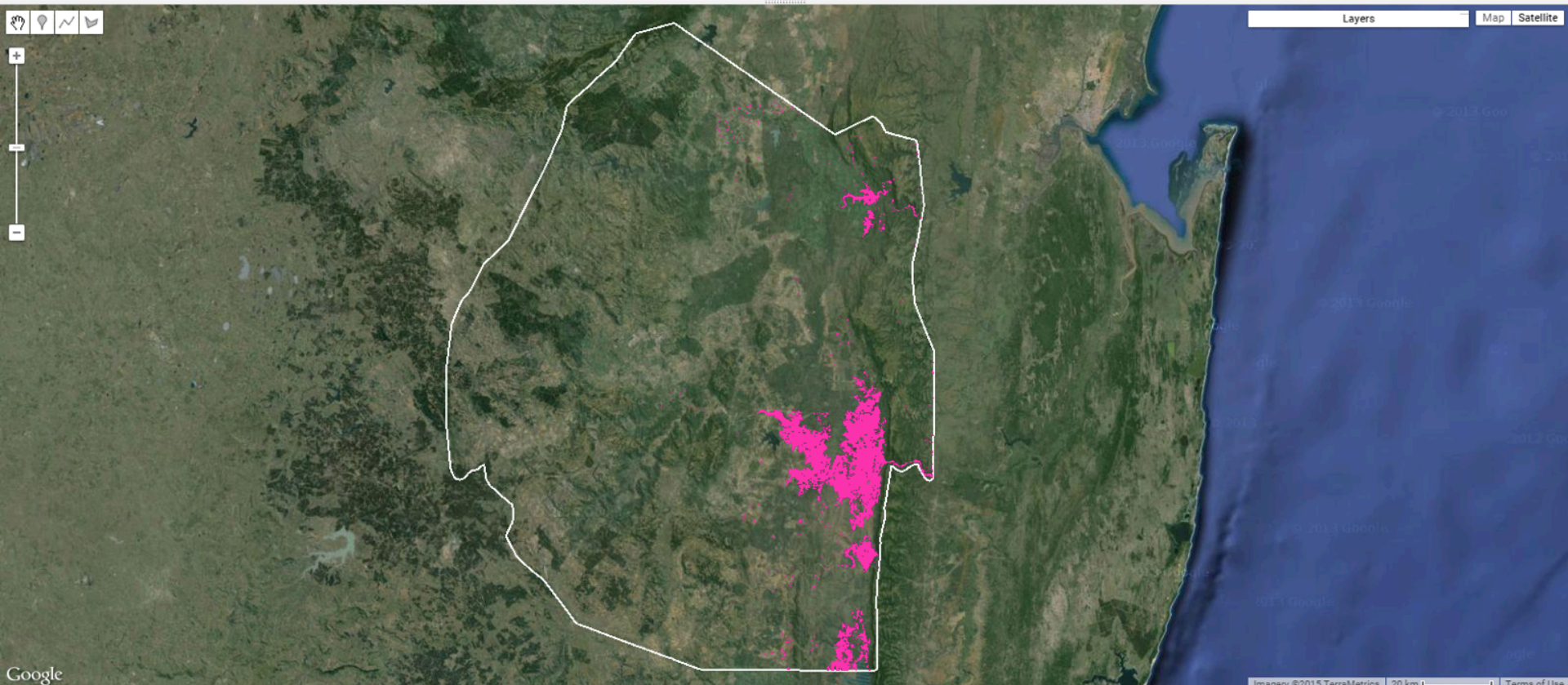
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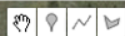
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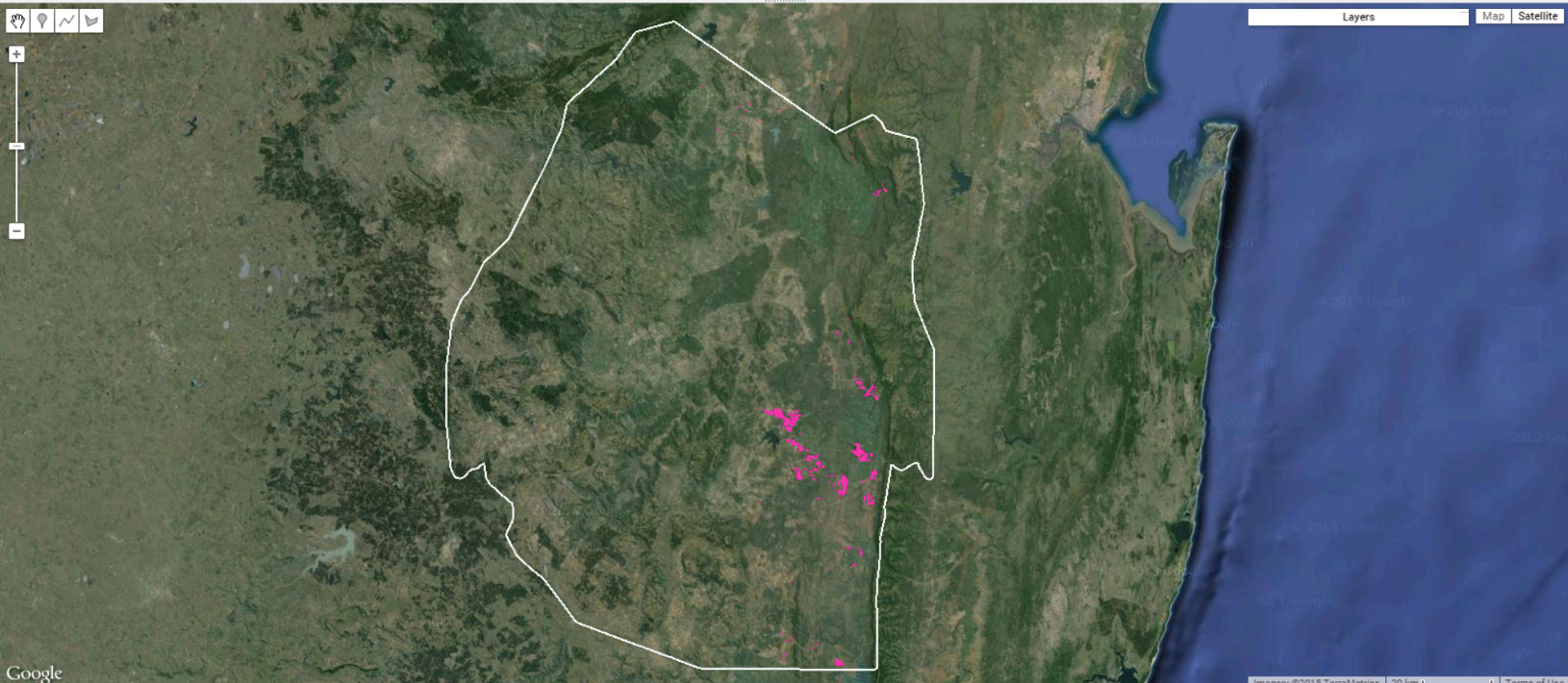
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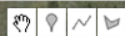




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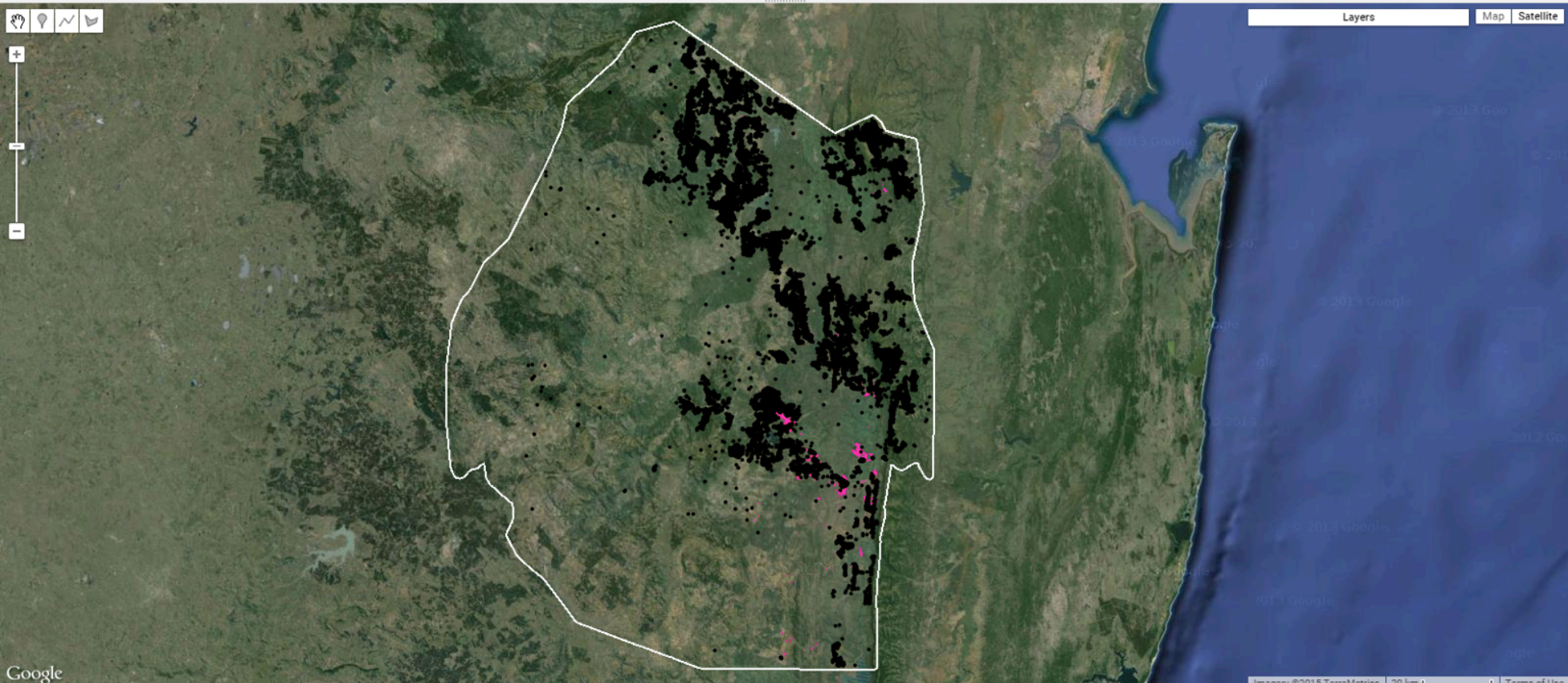




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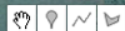




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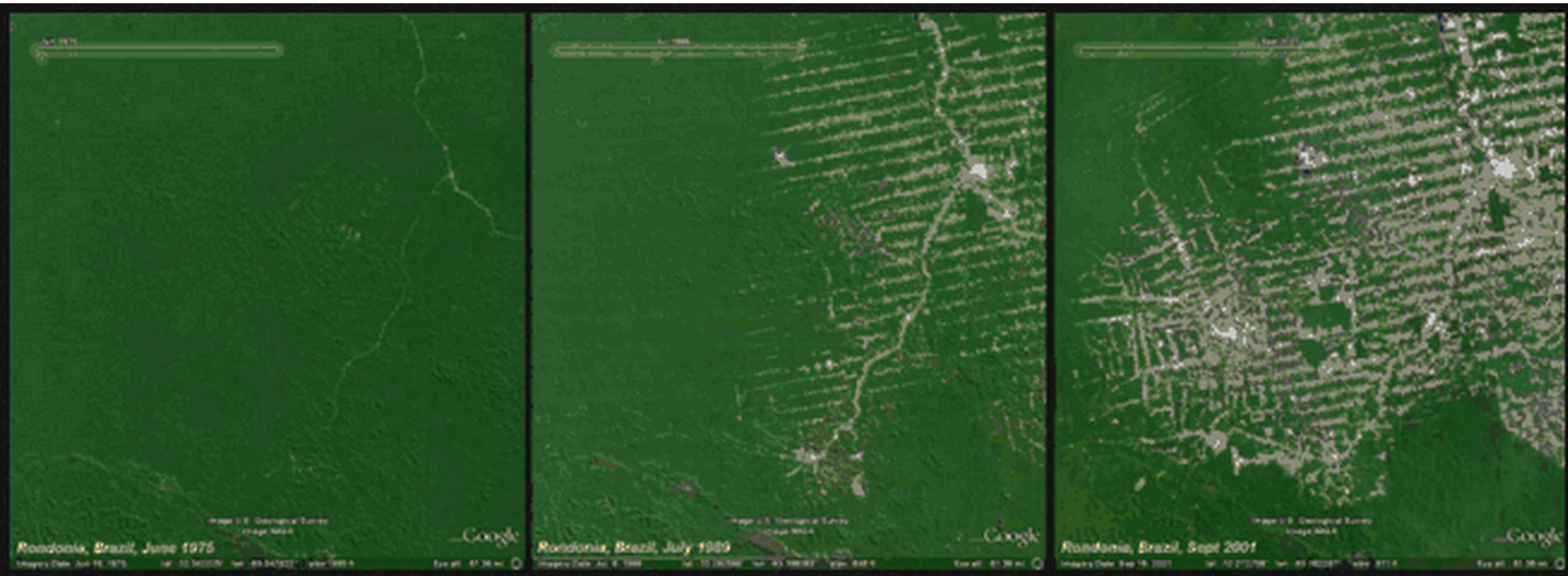
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What is Earth Engine?

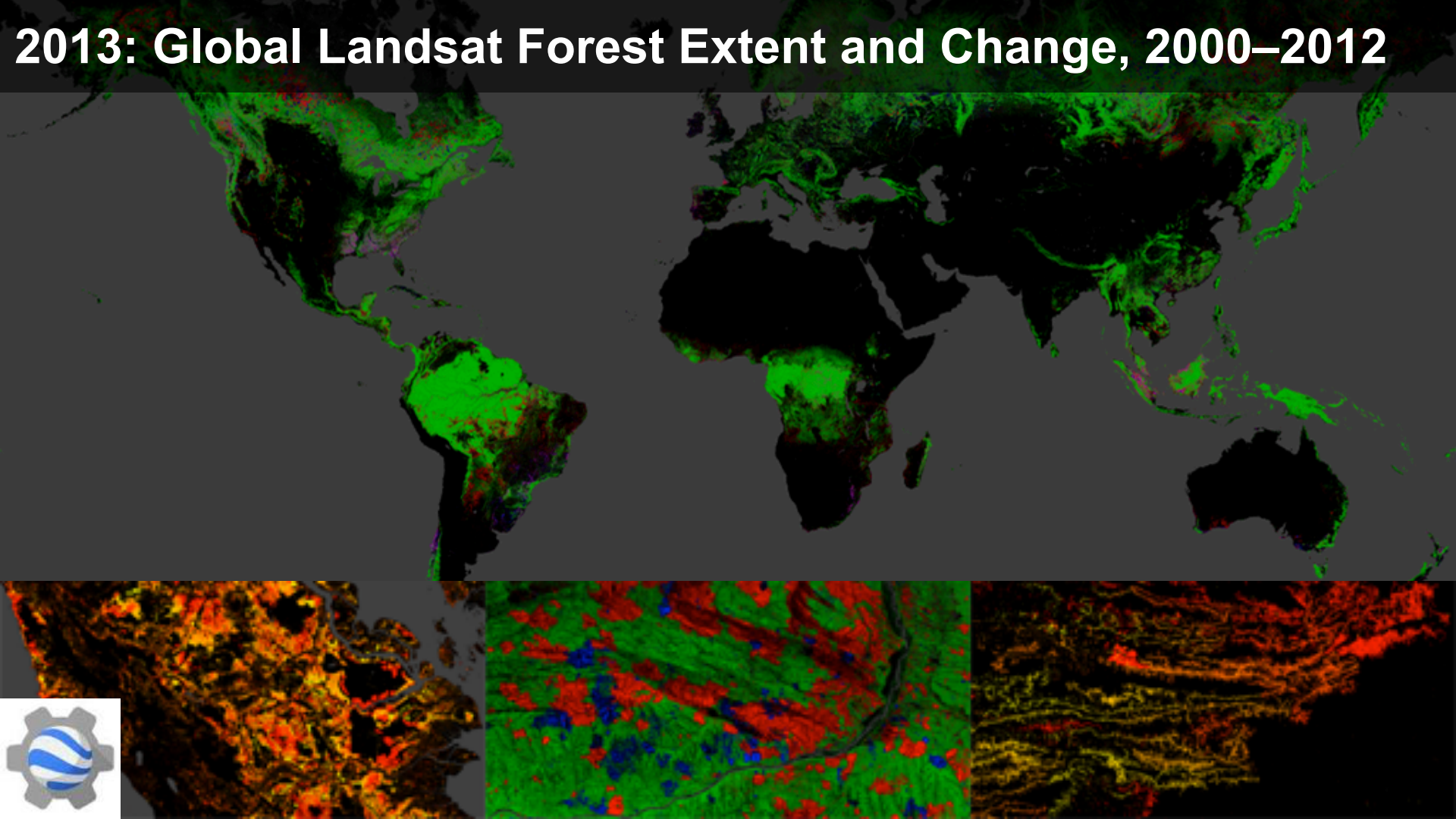
Earth Engine is Google's **cloud platform** for **petabyte-scale analysis** of **satellite imagery** and other **geospatial data**.

earthengine.google.com/signup

Google Earth Visualizations

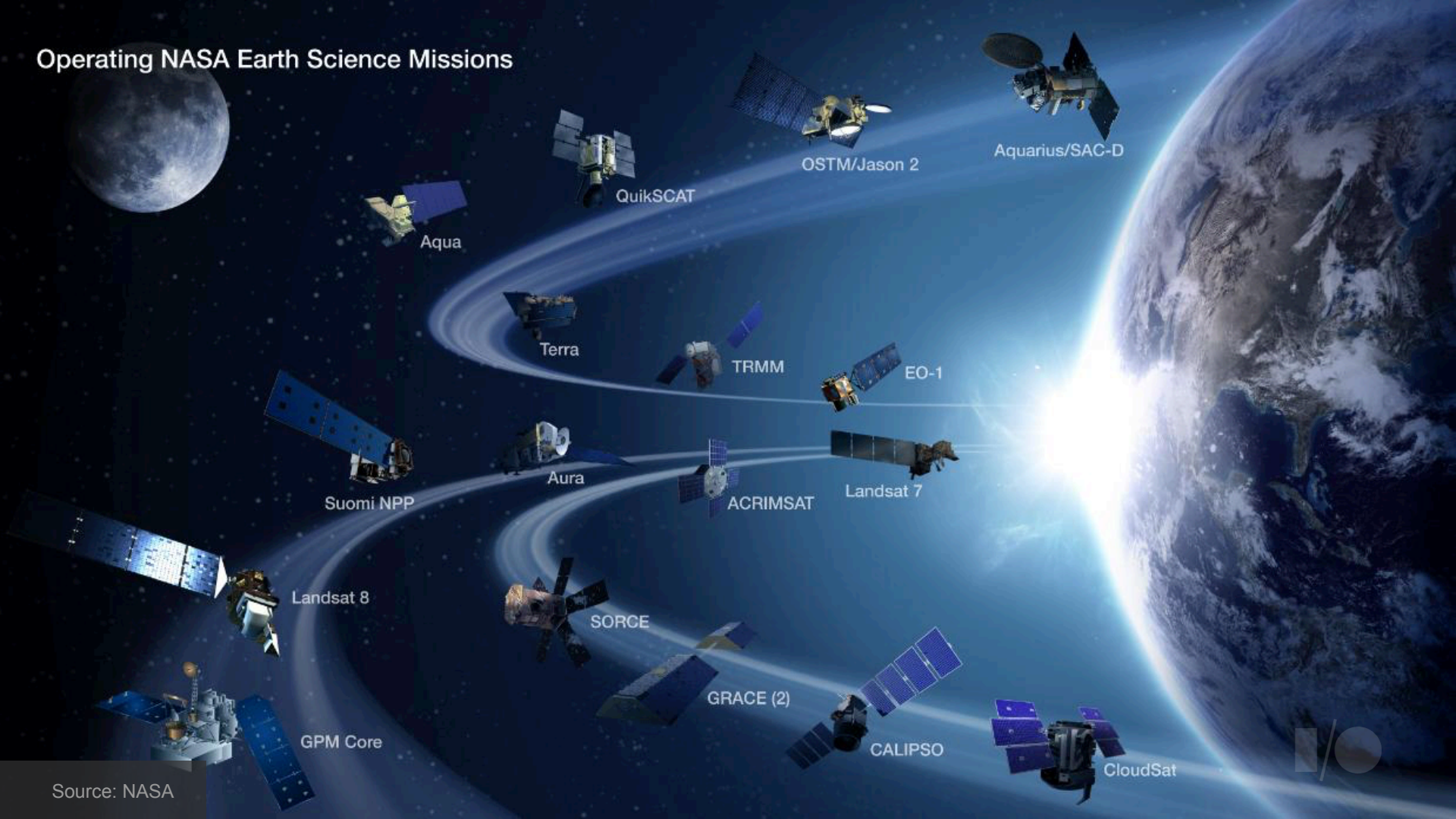


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Data Library

Operating NASA Earth Science Missions



Aqua

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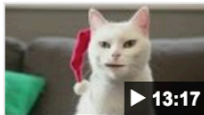
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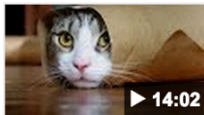
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New Crazy compilation of 2014. ENJOY and SUBSCRIBE, Merry Christmas!

Funny Cats Compilation [Most See] Funny Cat Videos Ever ...

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Dec 30, 2013 - Uploaded by Forget Your Sadness

Get up to 40000 Instagram followers: <http://imisland.us/instagram/>
Funny **Cats** Compilation [Most See] Funny ...

Funny Cats, Sweet Cat - CUTE Video! - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_53FZBTuxk ▾

May 22, 2013 - Uploaded by Funny Animals Channel

Sweet Kitty A cute little Funny kittens plays in his own, beautiful pink world. Funny **cats**, funny **cat**, sweet **cat** ...

Funny cats and babies playing together - Cute cat & baby ...

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Dec 3, 2014 - Uploaded by Tiger Productions

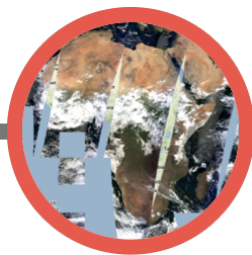
Cats can be very ignorant and mean but these **cats** are something special. Just look how all this kitties like ...

The Earth Engine Public Data Catalog



Landsat 4, 5, 7, 8

Raw, TOA, SR, ...



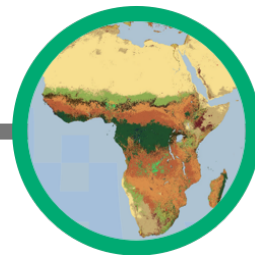
MODIS

Daily, LST, NDVI ...



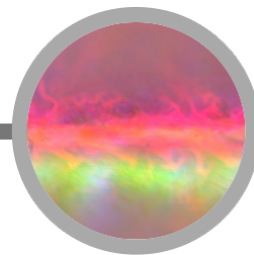
Terrain

SRTM, GTOPO,
NED, ...



Land Cover

GlobCover, NLCD, ...



Atmospheric

CHIRPS, NOAA, ...

... and population (world pop & GPWv4?)

... and many more, updating daily!

> 200 public datasets

> 5 million images

> 4000 new images every day

> 5 petabytes of data

Import your own raster & vector datasets

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SEDAC website. The URL is sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/collection/anthromes/sets/browse. The page features the NASA logo and the title 'SOCIOECONOMIC DATA AND APPLICATIONS CENTER (SEDAC)'. Below the header is a navigation menu with options: DATA, MAPS, THEMES, RESOURCES, SOCIAL MEDIA, ABOUT, and HELP. The main content area is titled 'Anthropogenic Biomes' and includes a sidebar with links for 'Data Sets (5)', 'Map Gallery (35)', 'Map Services (5)', 'Citations', and 'FAQs'. The main content displays two data sets: 'Anthropogenic Biomes of the World, v2 (2000)' and 'Anthropogenic Biomes of the World, v2 (1900)'. Each set includes an 'Overview', 'Download', and 'Documents' section, with a small map thumbnail and a brief description of the data. A 'feedback and support' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

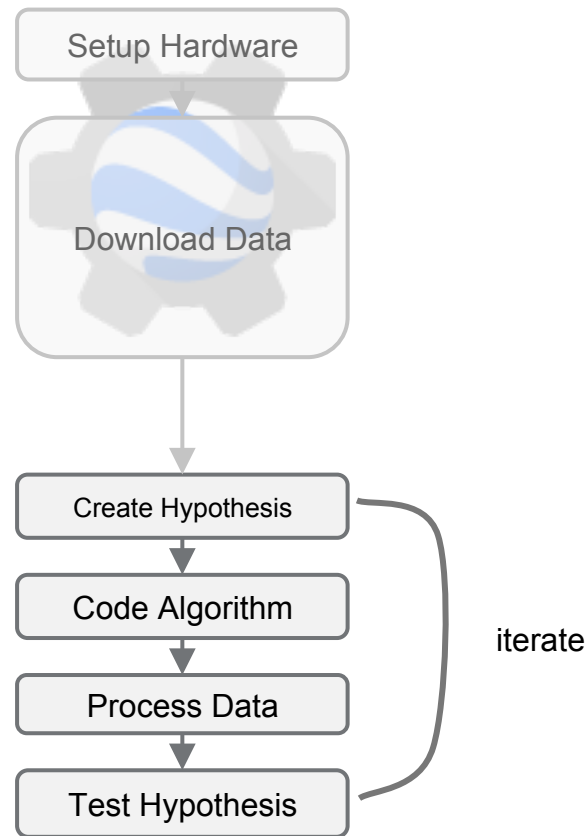


Analysis Platform

The Data Science Loop

“Often it turns out to be more efficient to move the questions than to move the data.”

Jim Gray
*The Fourth Paradigm:
Data-Intensive Scientific Discovery*



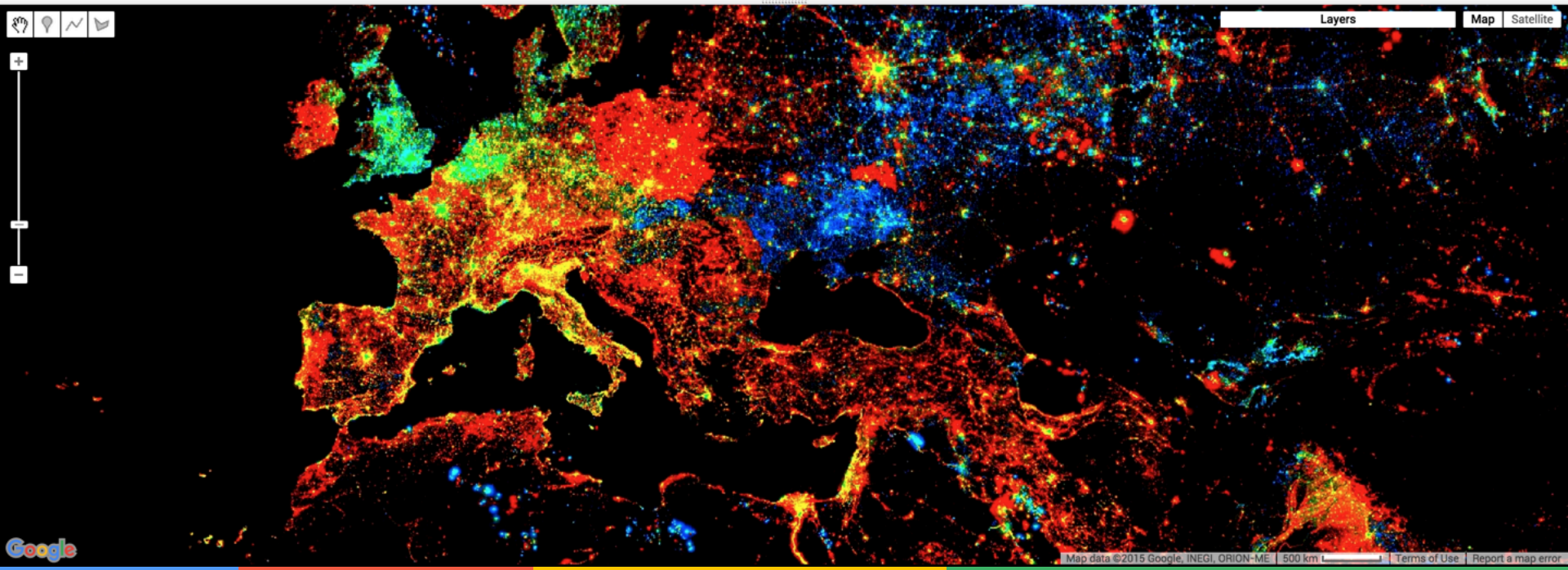
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- Filter methods...
- ee.Algorithms
- ee.Array
- ee.Classifier
- ee.ConfusionMatrix
- ee.Date
- ee.DateRange
- ee.Dictionary

```

Linear Fit
1 // Compute the trend of nighttime lights from DMSP.
2
3 // Add a band containing image date as years since 1991.
4 function createTimeBand(img) {
5   var year = ee.Date(img.get('system:time_start')).get('year').subtract(1991);
6   return ee.Image(year).byte().addBands(img);
7 }
8
9 // Fit a linear trend to the nighttime lights collection.
10 var collection = ee.ImageCollection('NOAA/DMSP-OLS/NIGHTTIME_LIGHTS')
11   .select('stable_lights')
12   .map(createTimeBand);
13 var fit = collection.reduce(ee.Reducer.linearFit());
    
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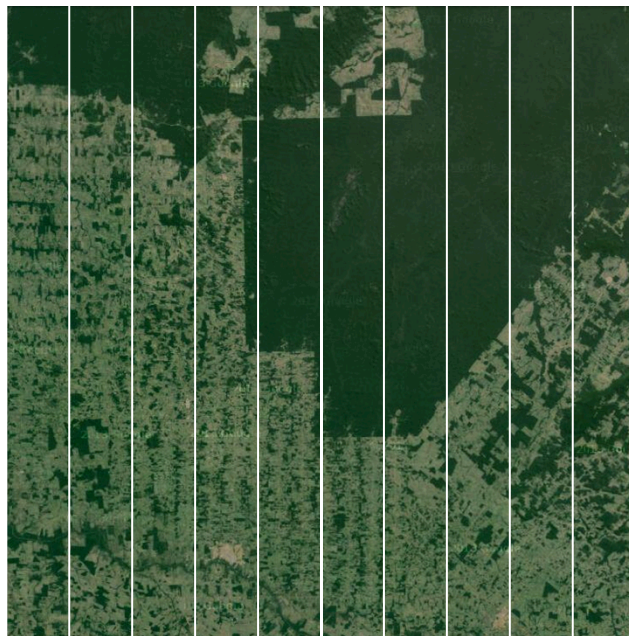
Inspector Console Tasks

Use print(...) to write to this console.



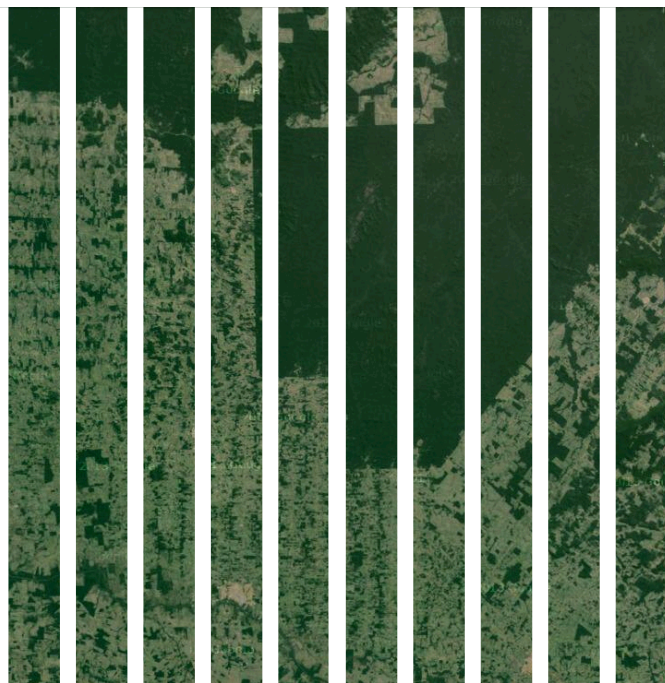


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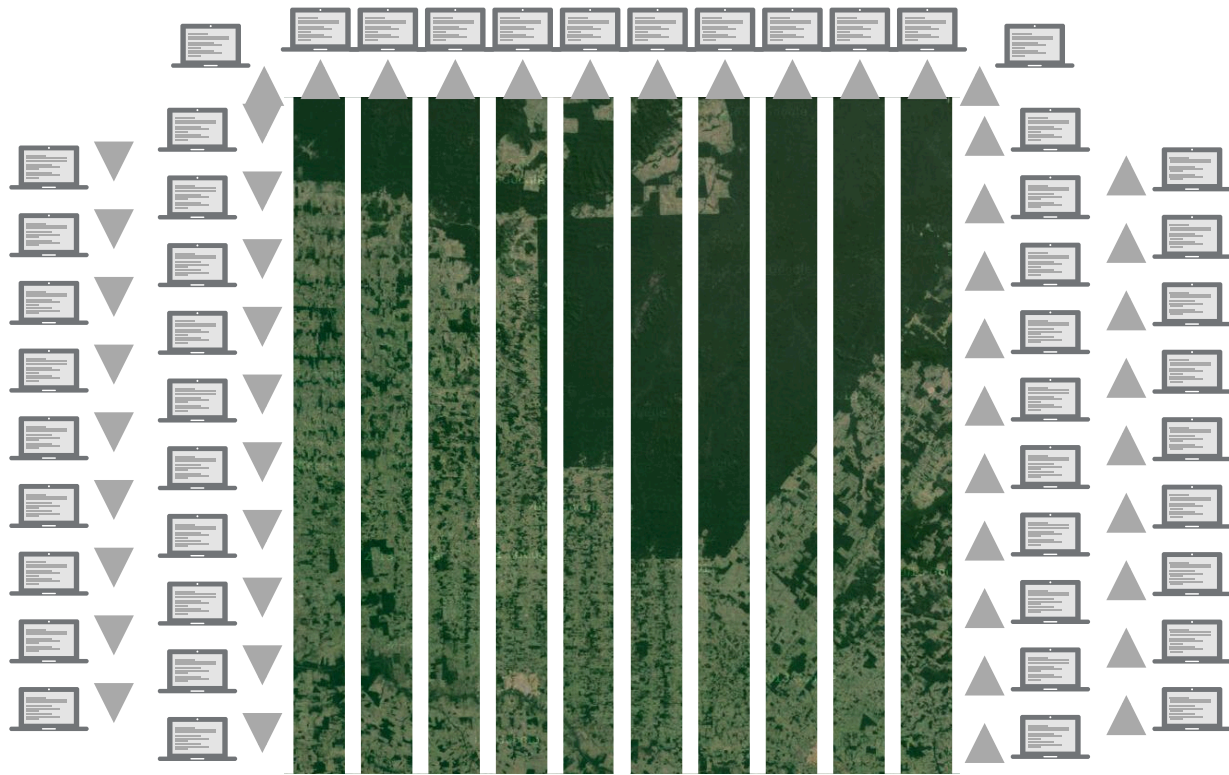


Original Image

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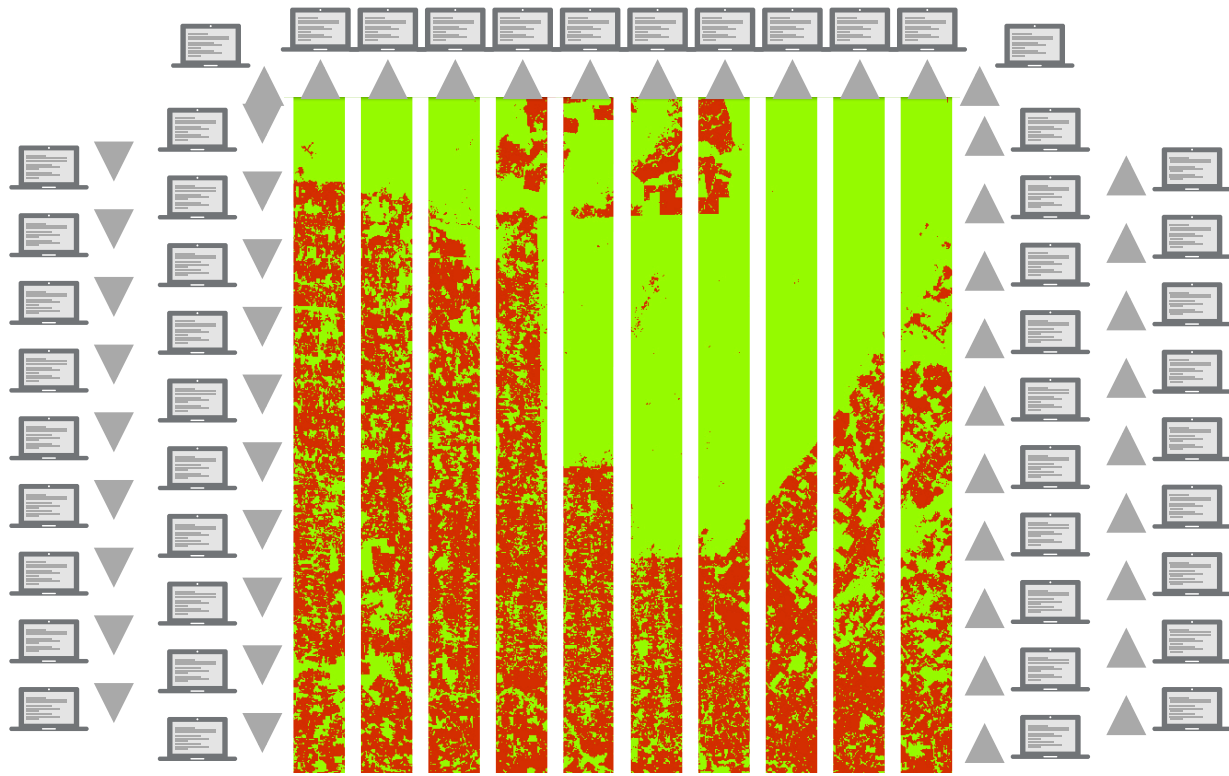


Sub-units are distributed

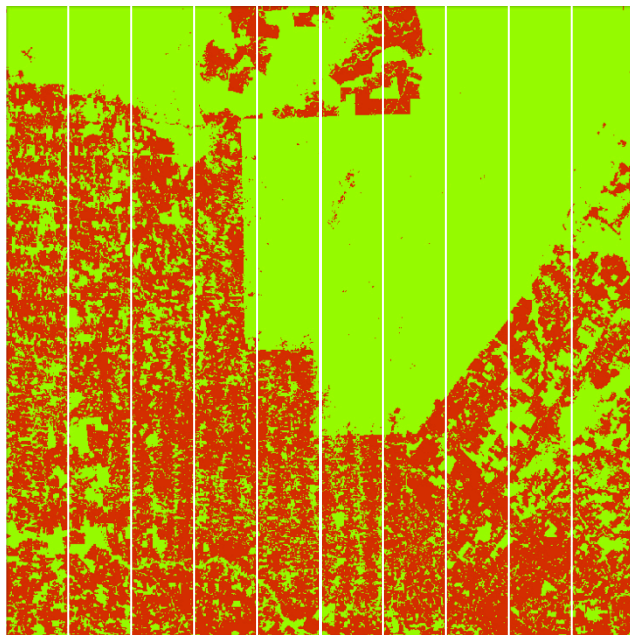


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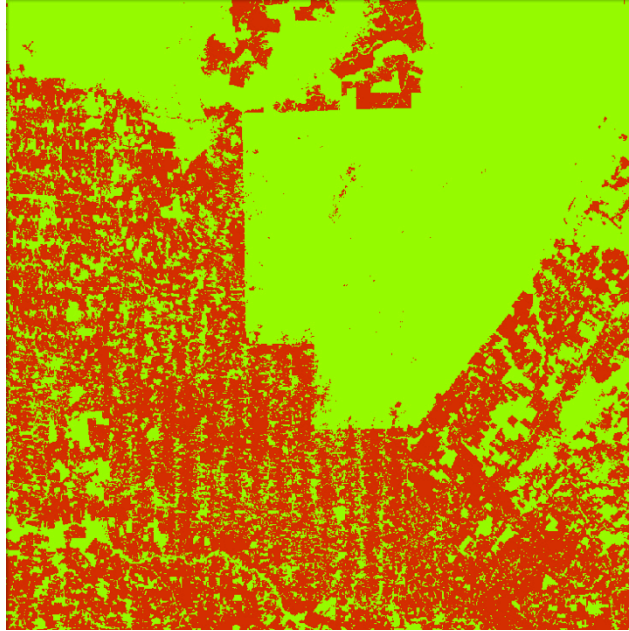
to separate machines where they can be processed in parallel.



**Thousands can be processed
simultaneously.**



Result is reassembled



Result is reassembled
into a finished image.

Data Types & Geospatial Processing Functions

- **Image** - band math, clip, convolution, neighborhood, selection ...
- **Image Collection** - map, aggregate, filter, mosaic, sort ...
- **Feature** - buffer, centroid, intersection, union, transform ...
- **Feature Collection** - aggregate, filter, flatten, merge, sort ...
- **Filter** - by bounds, within distance, date, day-of-year, metadata ...
- **Reducer** - mean, linearRegression, percentile, histogram
- **Join** - simple, inner, outer, inverted ...
- **Kernel** - square, circle, gaussian, sobel, kirsch ...
- **Machine Learning** - CART, random forests, bayes, SVM, kmeans, cobweb ...
- **Projection** - transform, translate, scale ...

over 1000 data types and operators, and growing!

IRI Example: CHIRPS Tutorial

Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine interface. On the left, a script editor shows the following code:

```
Imports (3 entries)
var CHIRPS = ImageCollection("CHIRPS: Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Pre-
var ROI = GeometryCollection
var countries = Fusion Table "Countries.csv" (209 rows, 1 column)

1 // Load the CHIRPS data
2 var CHIRPS = ee.ImageCollection("DCSB-CG/CHIRPS/PENTAD");
3 //Identify country
4 var Brazil = ee.FeatureCollection("ft:itd9vUL7HVpOauSgRqYT0wdfy17KDbw-ld9omPw");
5 Map.addLayer(Brazil);
6
7 //Identify region of interest
8 var ROI
9
10 // Select dates: the CHIRPS data is from 1981-01-01 to 2016-02-27
11 var precip = CHIRPS.filterDate("1981-01-01", "2016-02-27");
12 var TSS = chart.image.series(precip, Brazil, ee.Reducer.mean(),1000, 'systemtime
13 title: 'Precipitation Full Time Series',
14 vAxis: (title: 'mm/pentad'),
15 });
16 print(TSS);
17
18 // Charts One Year
19 var precipyear=CHIRPS.filterDate("2015-01-01", "2015-12-31");
20 var TSI = chart.image.series(precipyear, Brazil, ee.Reducer.mean(),1000, 'sysate
21 title: 'Precipitation 1-Year Time Series',
22 vAxis: (title: 'mm/pentad'),
23 });
24 print(TSI);
25
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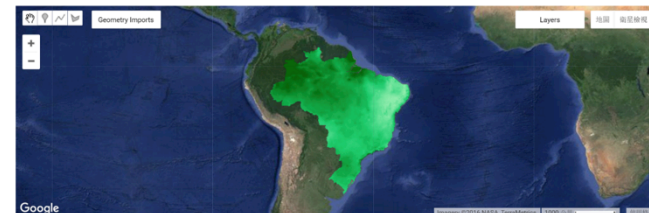
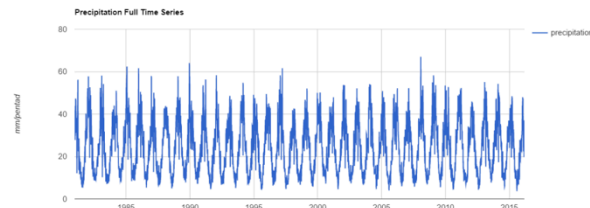
On the right, two charts are displayed:

- Precipitation Full Time Series:** A line chart showing monthly precipitation in mm/pentad from 1985 to 2015. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 80. The data shows a clear seasonal cycle with peaks around 60-70 mm/pentad and troughs around 20-30 mm/pentad.
- Precipitation 1-Year Time Series:** A line chart showing the mean monthly precipitation in mm/pentad for the year 2015. The x-axis shows months from Jan 2015 to Oct 2015. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 60. The data shows a seasonal cycle with peaks around 45 mm/pentad and troughs around 15 mm/pentad.

At the bottom, a map shows the location of Brazil in South America, highlighted in green. The map includes labels for various countries and oceans.

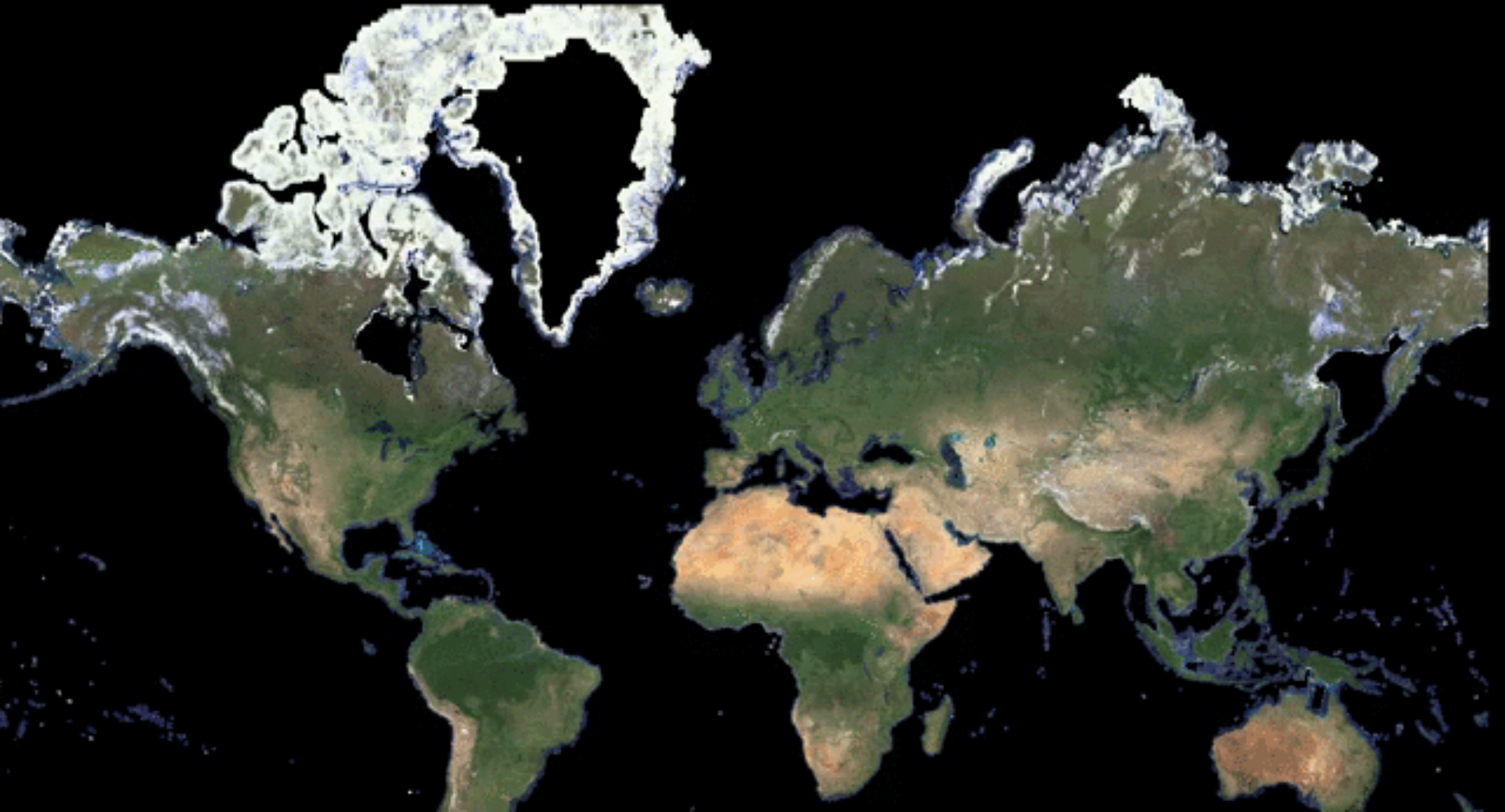
1.5 Case study – Brazil

Taking Brazil for example, this tool shows the potential to analyze precipitation in various time frames. The first chart and map shows the mean pentad precipitation amount averaging over the full time series.

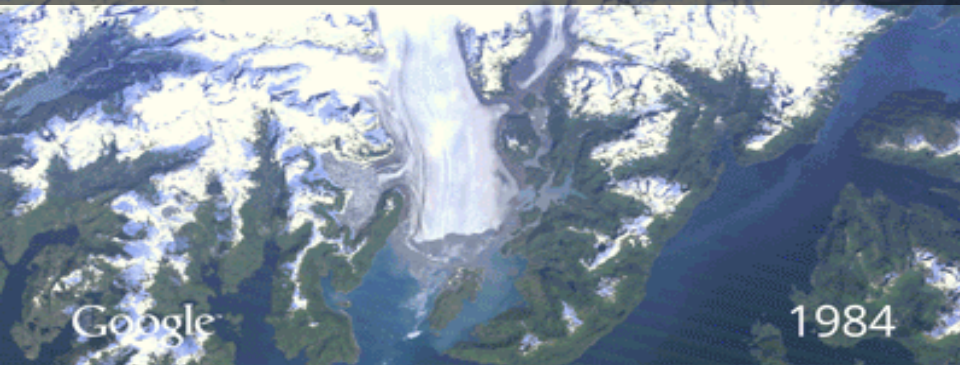


Applications

earthengine.google.com/timelapse



Global Landsat Timelapse Animations



Columbia Glacier Retreat, 1984-2011



Saudi Arabia Irrigation, 1984-2012



Las Vegas Urban Growth, 1986-2012



Brazilian Amazon Deforestation, 1984-2012

29 years

of satellite data

2,068,467

landsat scenes analyzed

909

terabytes of data

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

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

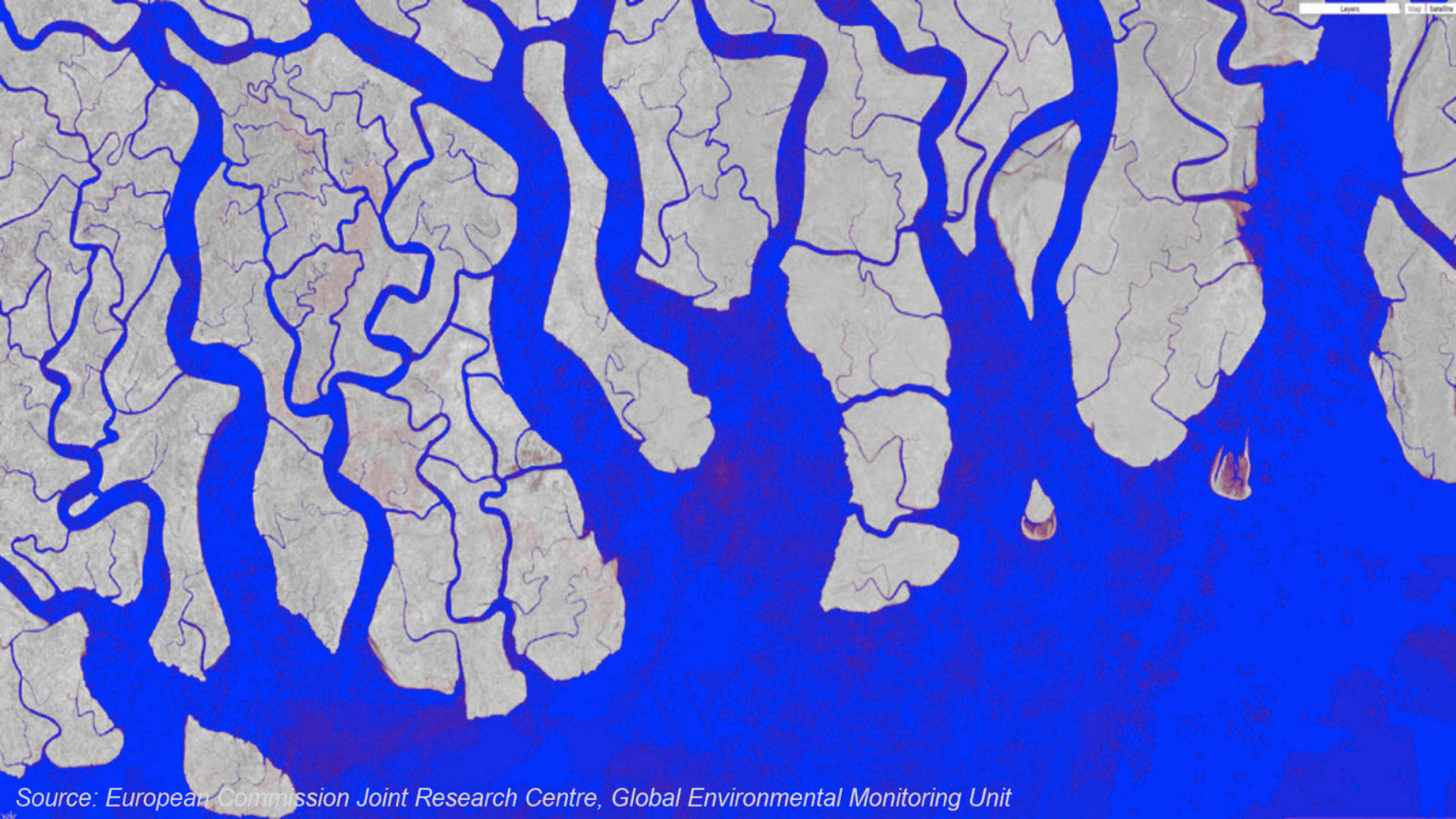
TIMELAPSE

the course of nearly three
decades of satellite photography

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



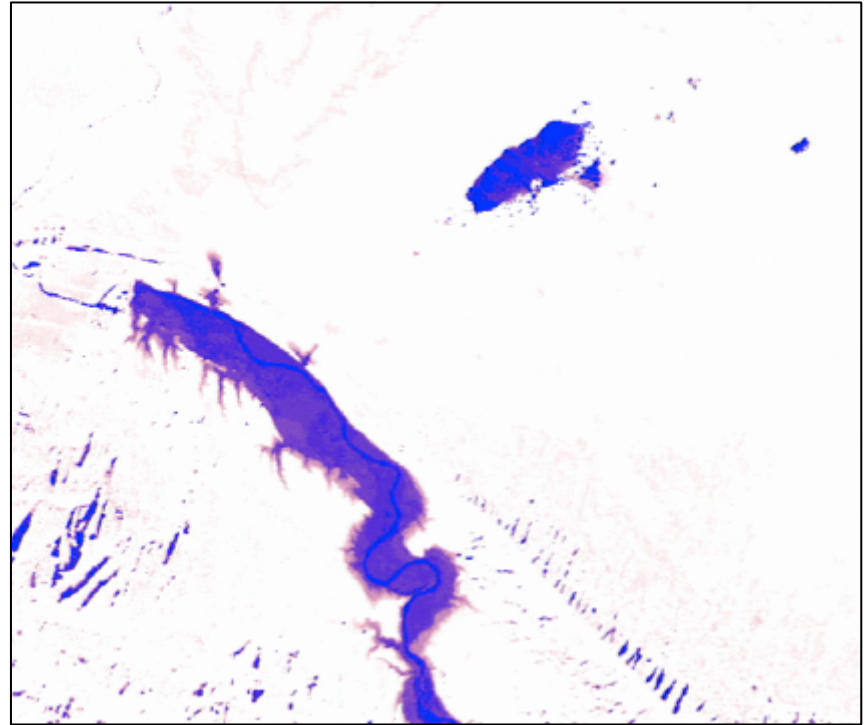
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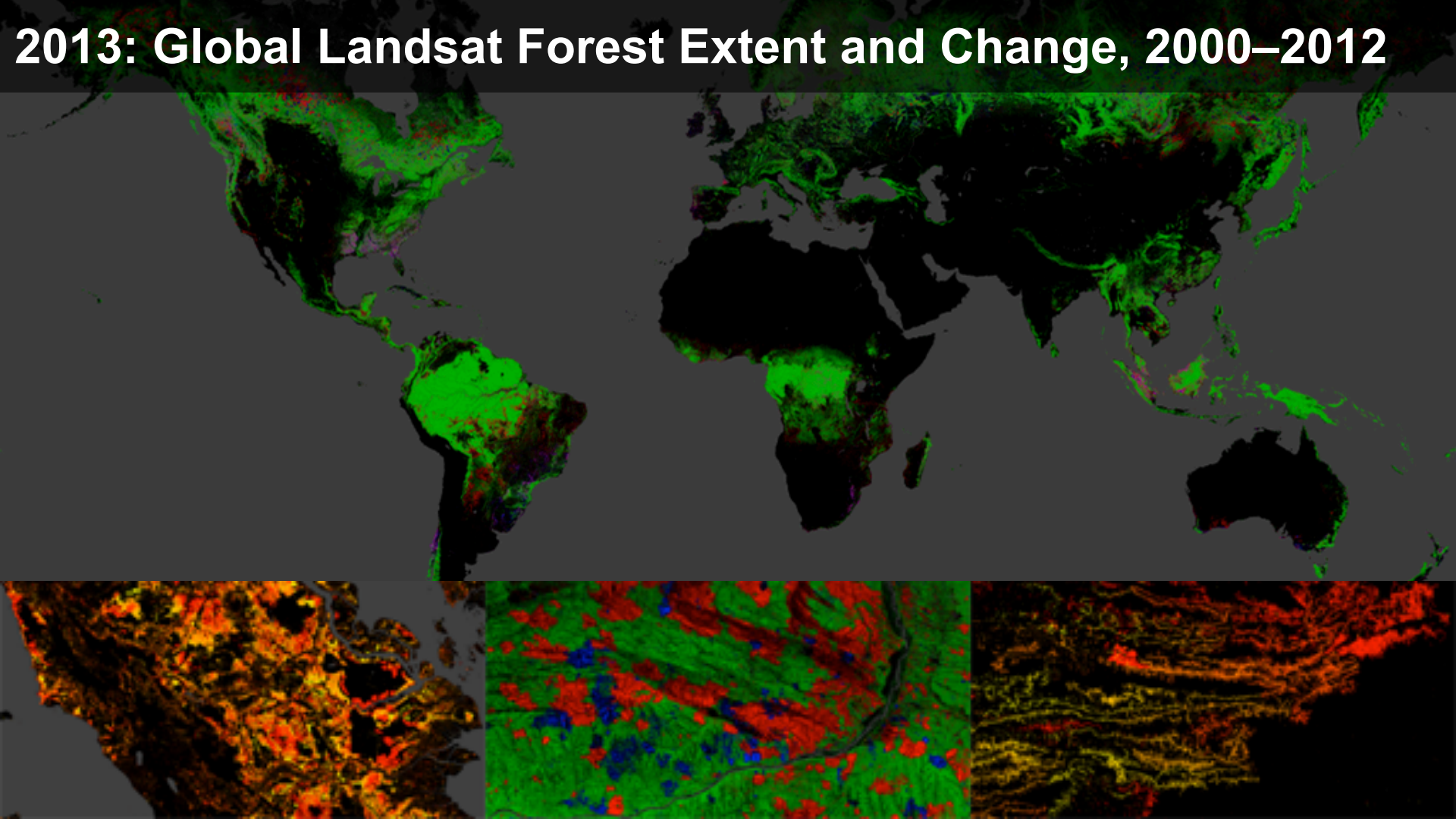
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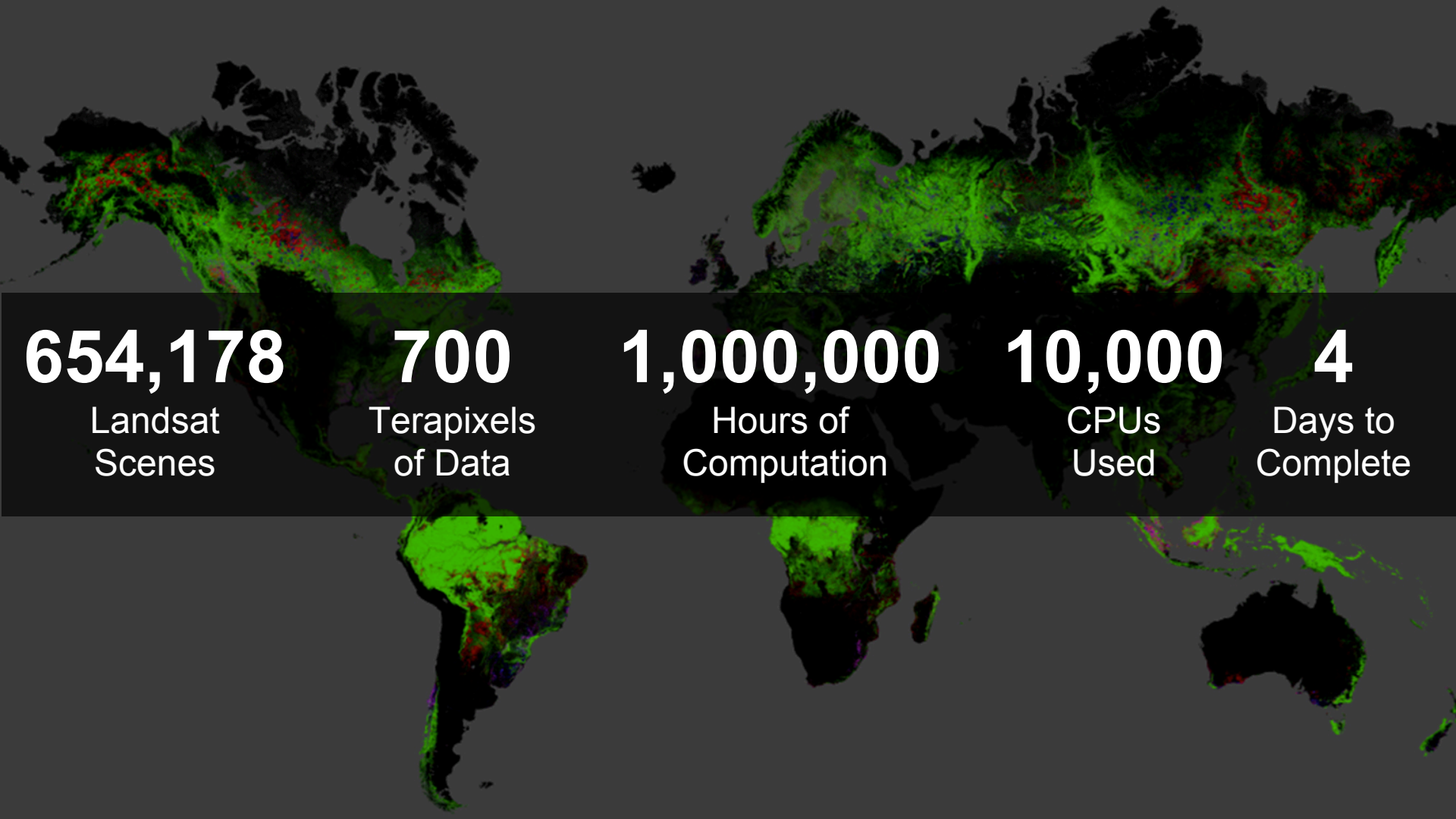
Global Surface Water

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2002	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
2007	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
2008	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
2010	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
2015	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0



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654,178

Landsat
Scenes

700

Terapixels
of Data

1,000,000

Hours of
Computation

10,000

CPUs
Used

4

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REPORT

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

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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 CHANGE

- UMD/Google tree cover gain
 - UMD/Google tree cover loss
- Displaying loss with > 10% canopy density.

Search area

Default

USER DEFINED AREA

TOTAL SELECTED AREA

18,309,579.848 ha

LOSS 2001-2012 with >10% canopy density

3,432,117.444 ha

GAIN 2001-2012

1,990,404.275 ha

This algorithm approximates the results by sampling the selected area. Results are more accurate at closer zoom levels.

[Download entire data set at project website](#)

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

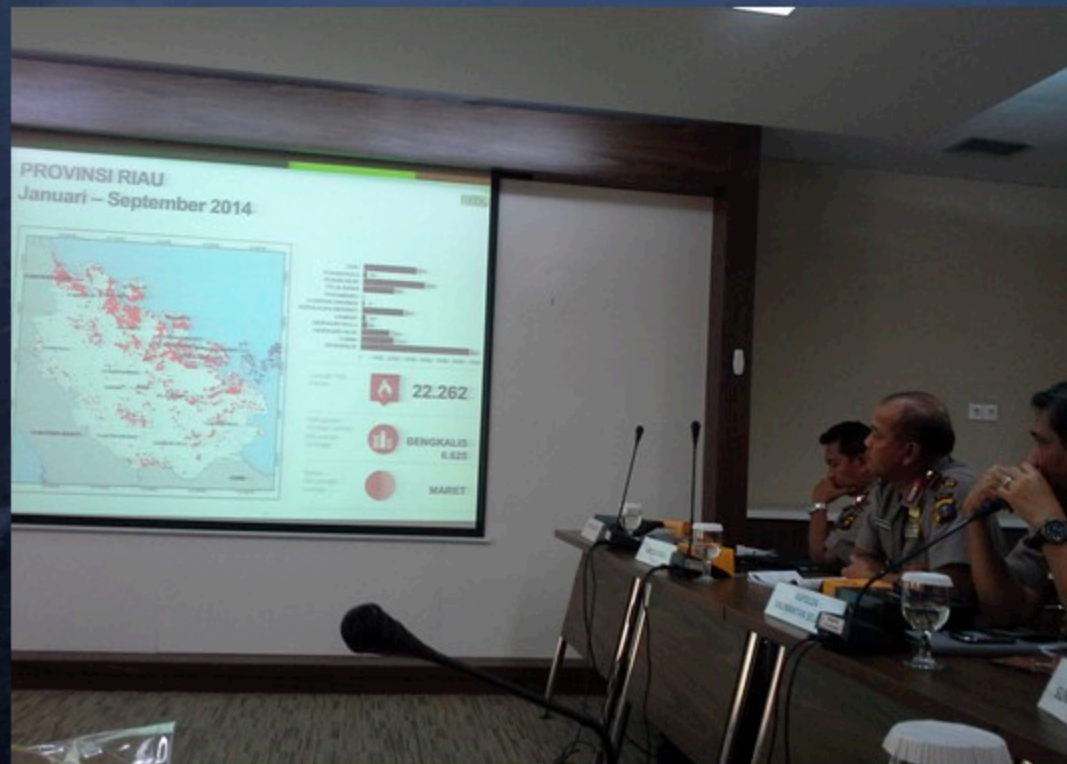


2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010



Indonesia Govt UKP4 utilizing GFW in law enforcement

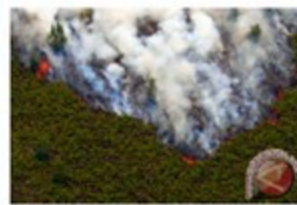
Convening 7 Head of Provincial Police Force (1/2)...evidence, evidence, evidence evidence



UKP4 dan 7 Kapolda Koordinasi Penanggulangan Kebakaran Hutan

Sabtu, 20 September 2014 10:45 WIB

Vina P Setyorini



Jakarta (Antara Kalbar) - Unit Kerja Presiden Bidang Pengawasan dan Pengendalian Pembangunan bersama Badan Pengelola REDD+ koordinasi dengan tujuh kepala kepolisian daerah yang di wilayah hukumnya terjadi kebakaran hutan dan lahan.

"Kenapa tujuh Kapolda yang diundang? Karena di wilayah mereka sekarang terdapat titik api, yang jika koordinasi cepat dilakukan masalah lebih besar bisa ditanggulangi," kata Deputi VI Unit Kerja Presiden Bidang Pengawasan dan Pengendalian Pembangunan (UKP4) bidang Penegakan Hukum Mas Achmad Santosa kepada wartawan di Jakarta, Jumat (19/9).

kebakaran hutan di Riau mengakibatkan kabut asap.

Tujuh kepala kepolisian daerah itu adalah Kapolda Kalimantan Barat Brigjen Pol Anief Sulistyanto, Kapolda

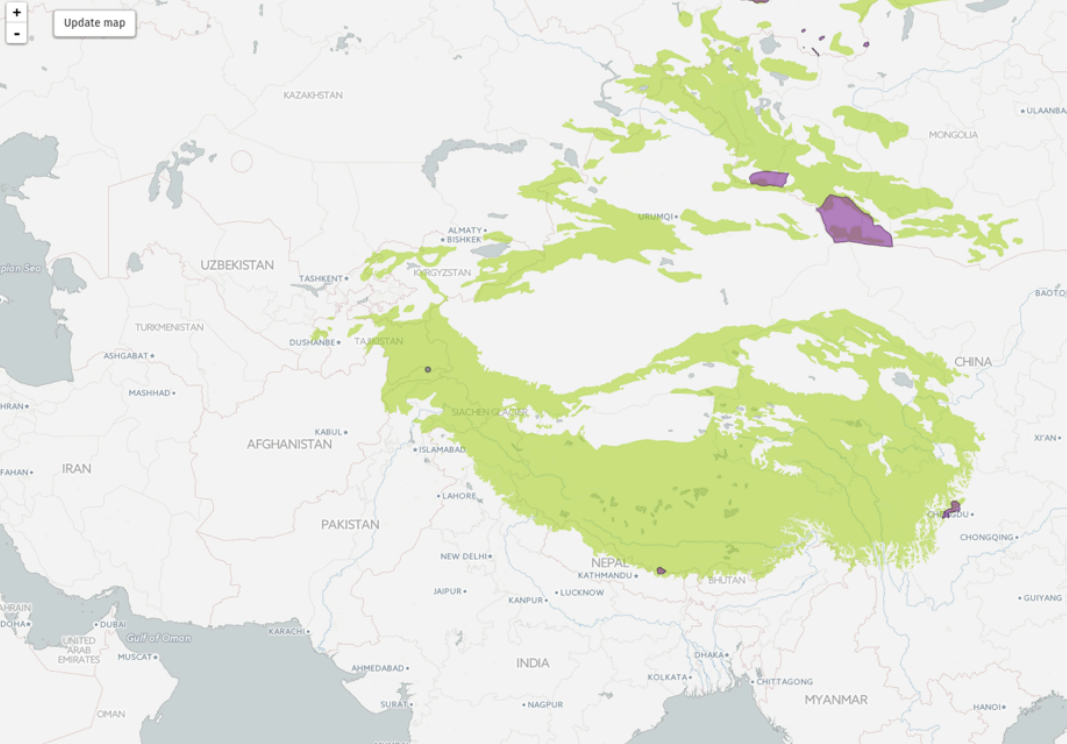


Map-of-Life, habitat suitability modeling



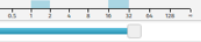
Overview Detailed Map Habitat Distribution Reserve Coverage

Snow leopard
Panthera uncia



- Sources
- Point observations 5 Q i
 - Local inventories 6 Q i
 - Expert range maps 1 Q i

- Point filters
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Map Layer Options **Time Series Options**  **HIDE MENU**



TOGGLE MENU **Map**

Colormap Options ▾ Apply Mask ▾ Download ▾ Get Link **RESET FORMS**

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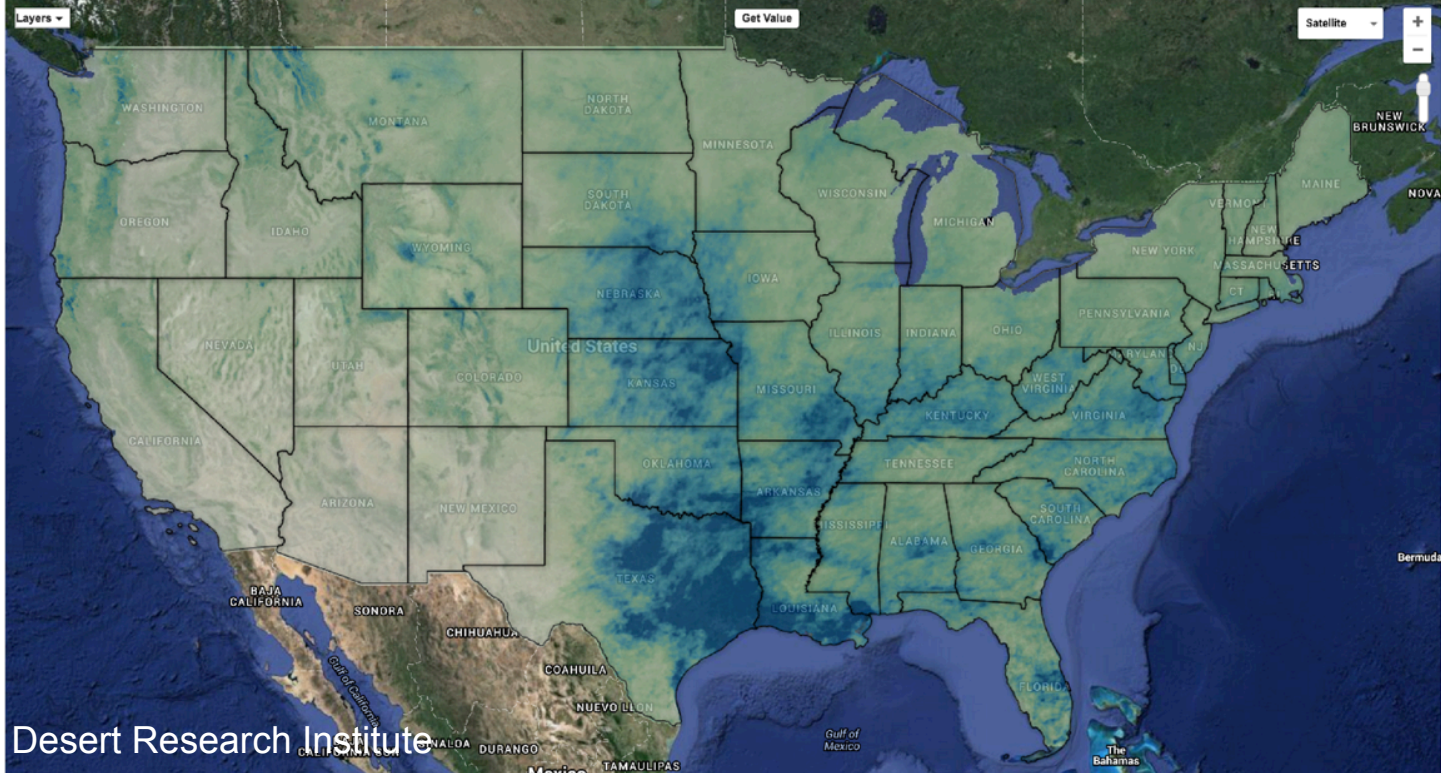
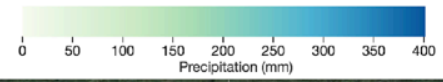
- DPS (Dew Point Temperature)
- BI (Burning Index)
- ERC (Energy Release Component)
- FM1000 (100-HR Dead Fuel Moisture)
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- Eto (ASCE Grass Reference Evapotranspiration)
- PDSi (Palm, Drought Sev. Ind.)
- PPT (Precipitation)
- PPT-Eto (Potential Water Deficit)
- RMIN (Min Rel. Humidity)
- RMAX (Max Rel. Humidity)
- SPH (Specific Humidity)
- SRAD (Downward Radiation)
- TMEAN (Mean Temperature)
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- VS (Wind Speed)
- Total

Time Period 
 (Data: 1979-01-01 to 2016-05-31)
 Last 60 Days of Data

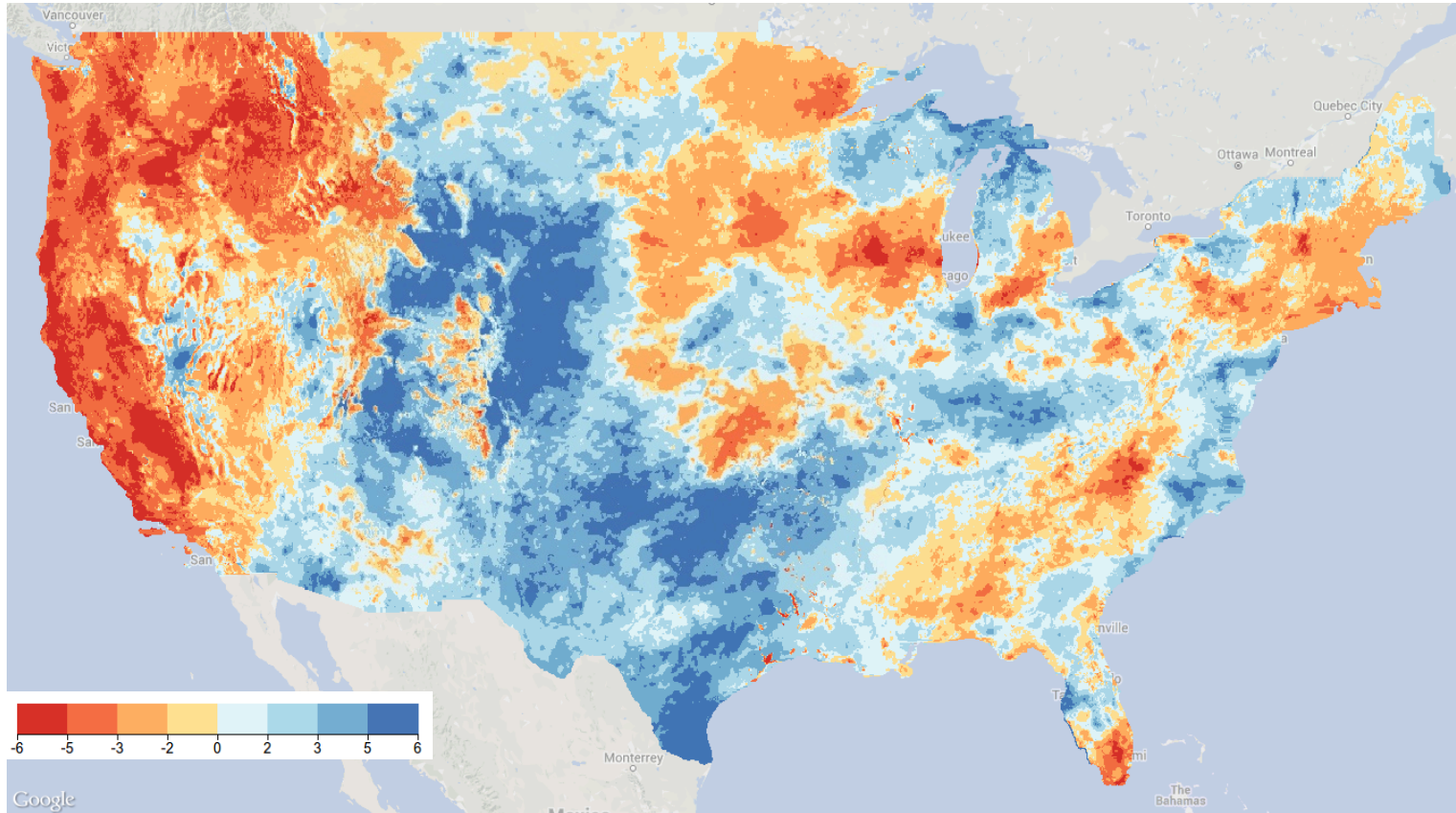
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End Date:
 2016-05-31 

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Total Precipitation
 Data Source: METDATA/gridMET 4-km dataset (University of Idaho)
 Target Period: 2016-04-01 to 2016-05-31



Palmer drought severity index, difference from median



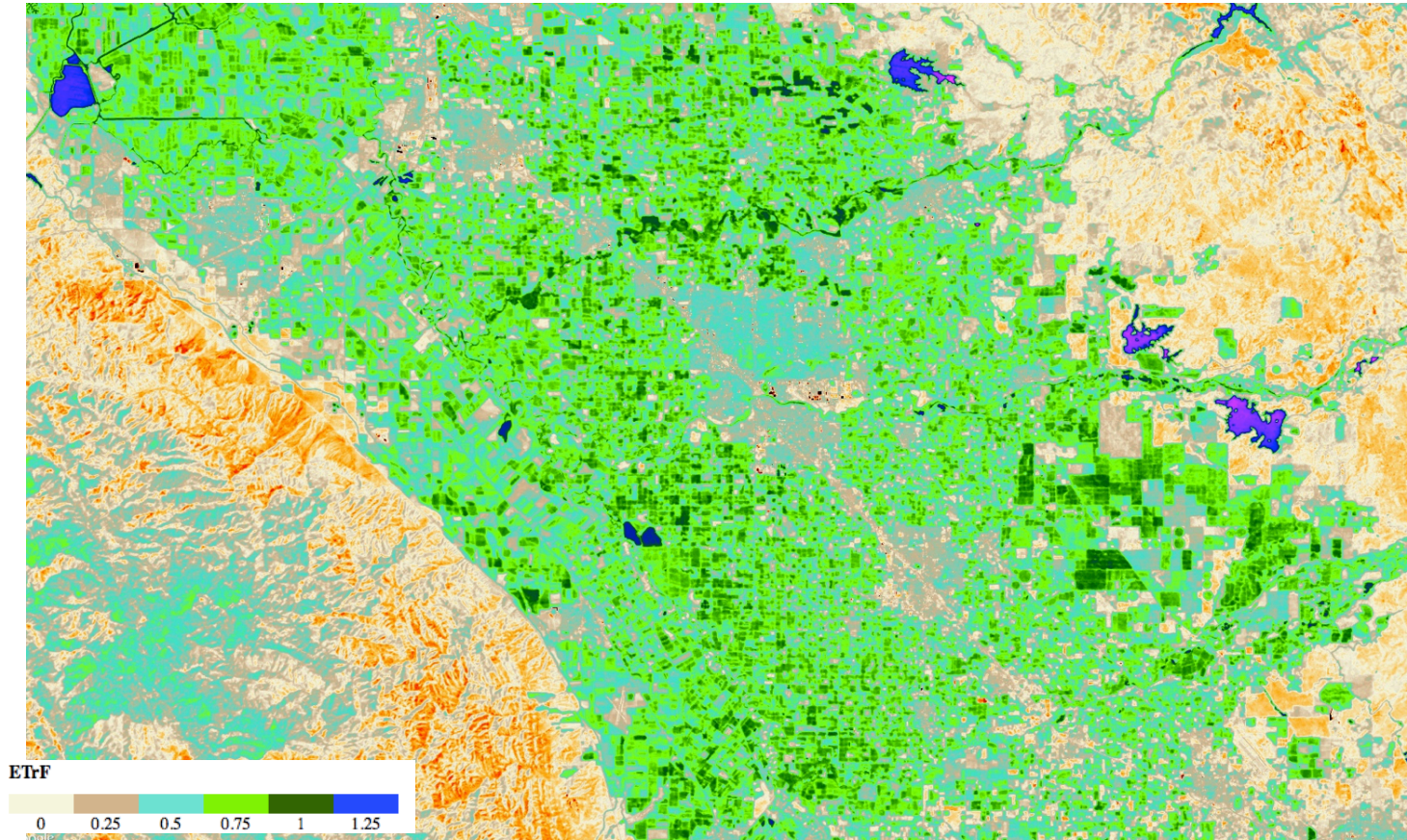
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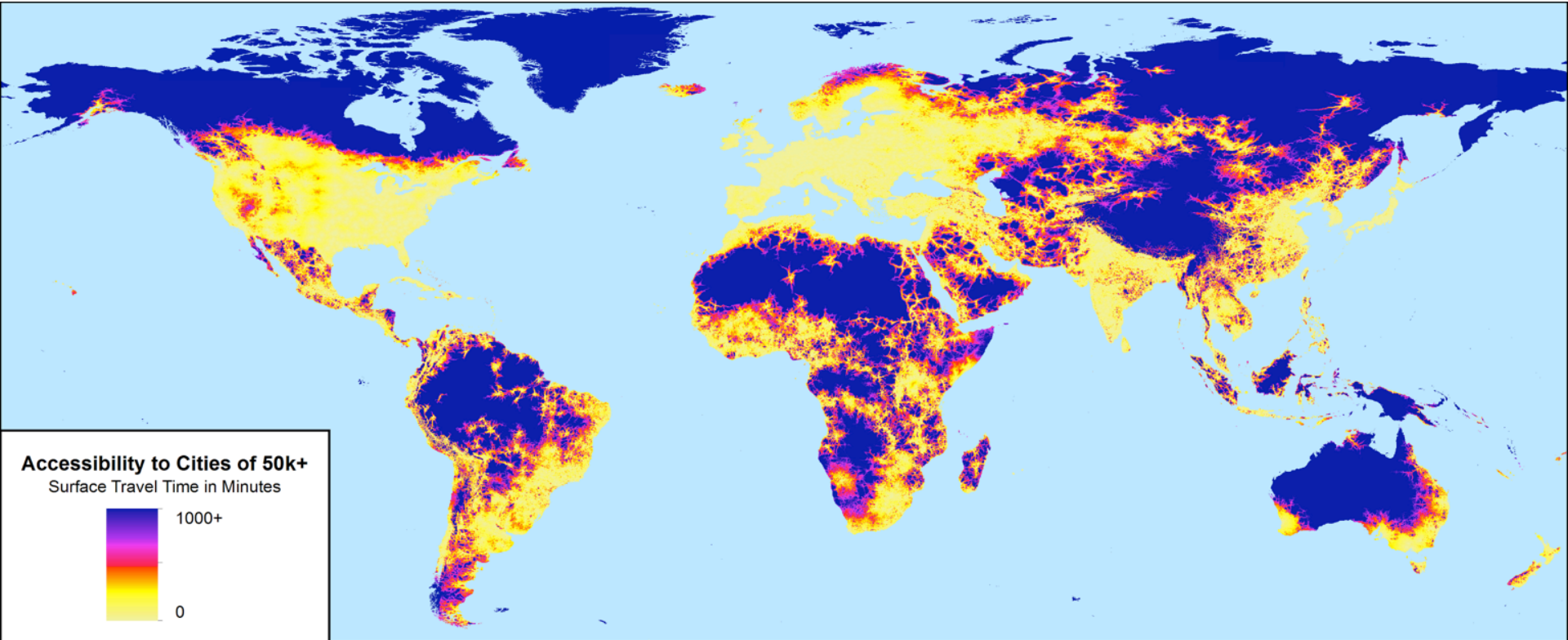
Simplified surface energy balance, reference evapotranspiration





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DHIS2 + Earth Engine

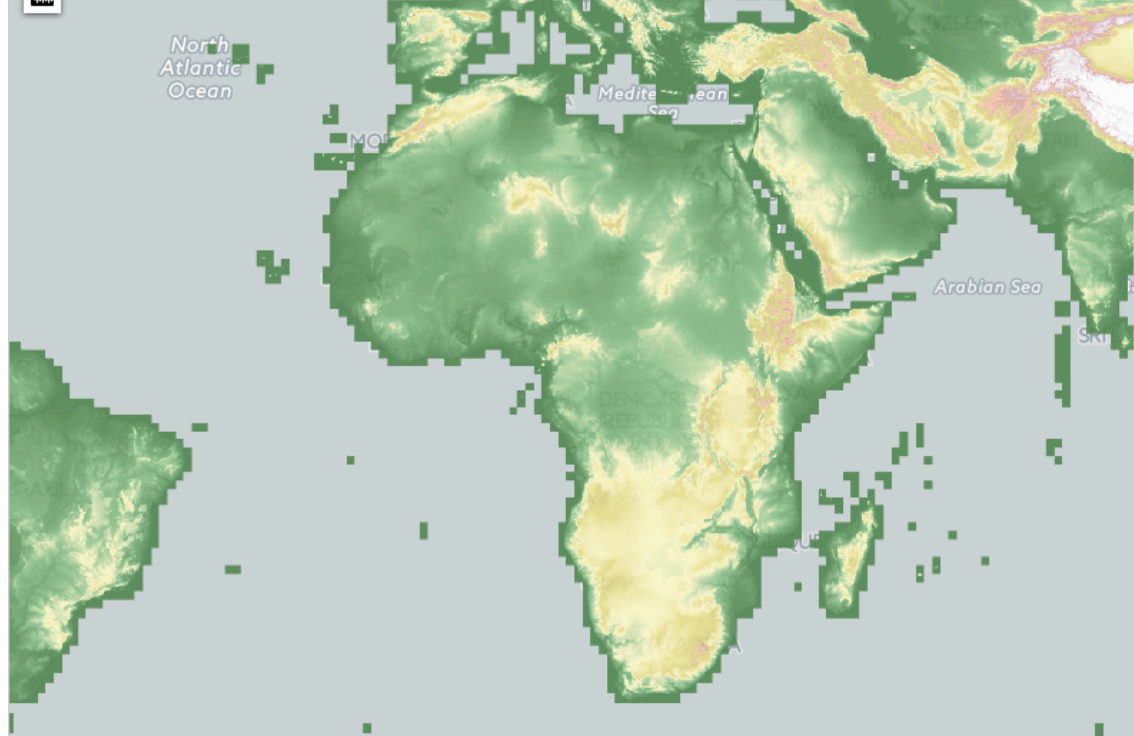
The screenshot shows a web browser window at <https://play.dhis2.org/dev/dhis-web-mapping/>. The interface includes a navigation bar with a globe icon circled in red, a toolbar with zoom and map controls, and a main map area displaying a topographic map of Africa and Europe. On the right, a 'Layer stack / opacity' panel lists several layers: Event layer (95%), Facility layer (100%), Boundary layer (100%), Thematic layer 1 (80%), Thematic layer 2 (80%), Thematic layer 3 (80%), Thematic layer 4 (80%), Earth Engine layer (90%), OpenStreetMap (100%), OSM Light (100%), Google Streets (100%), and Google Hybrid (100%). Below the layer stack are legends for Facility, Thematic layers 1-4, and Earth Engine. An 'Earth Engine layer' dialog box is open, showing a dropdown menu with 'Elevation' selected, and 'Population density 2010' as an option. An 'Update' button is visible in the dialog. A scale bar for 1000 km is located at the bottom left of the map area.

Earth Engine layer [X]

Select layer from Google Earth Engine:

Elevation ▾

Update



Layer stack / opacity

- Event layer 95
- Facility layer 100
- Boundary layer 100
- 1 Thematic layer 1 80
- 2 Thematic layer 2 80
- 3 Thematic layer 3 80
- 4 Thematic layer 4 80
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- Google Streets 100
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Facility layer legend ▾

Thematic layer 1 legend ▾

Thematic layer 2 legend ▾

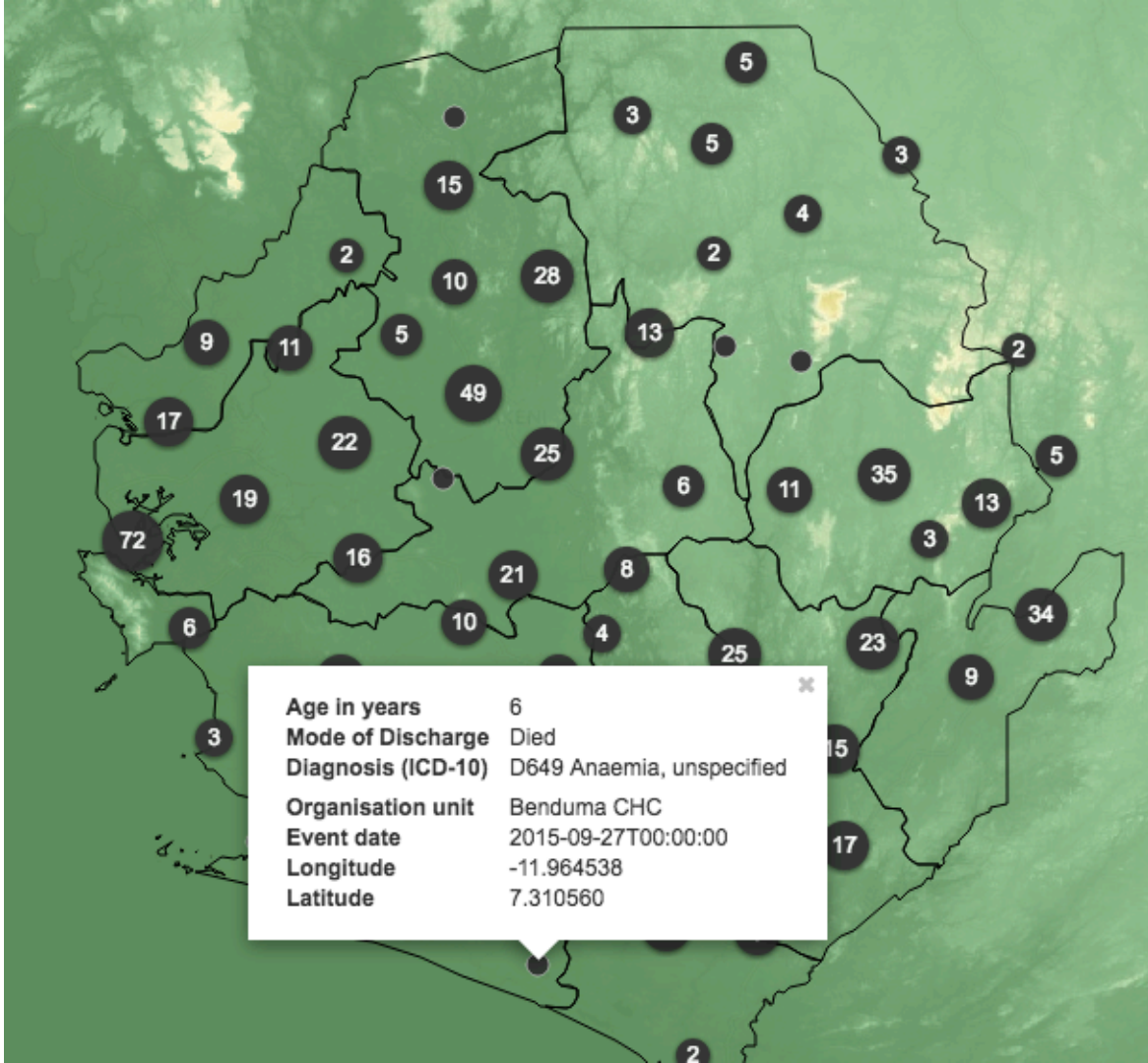
Thematic layer 3 legend ▾

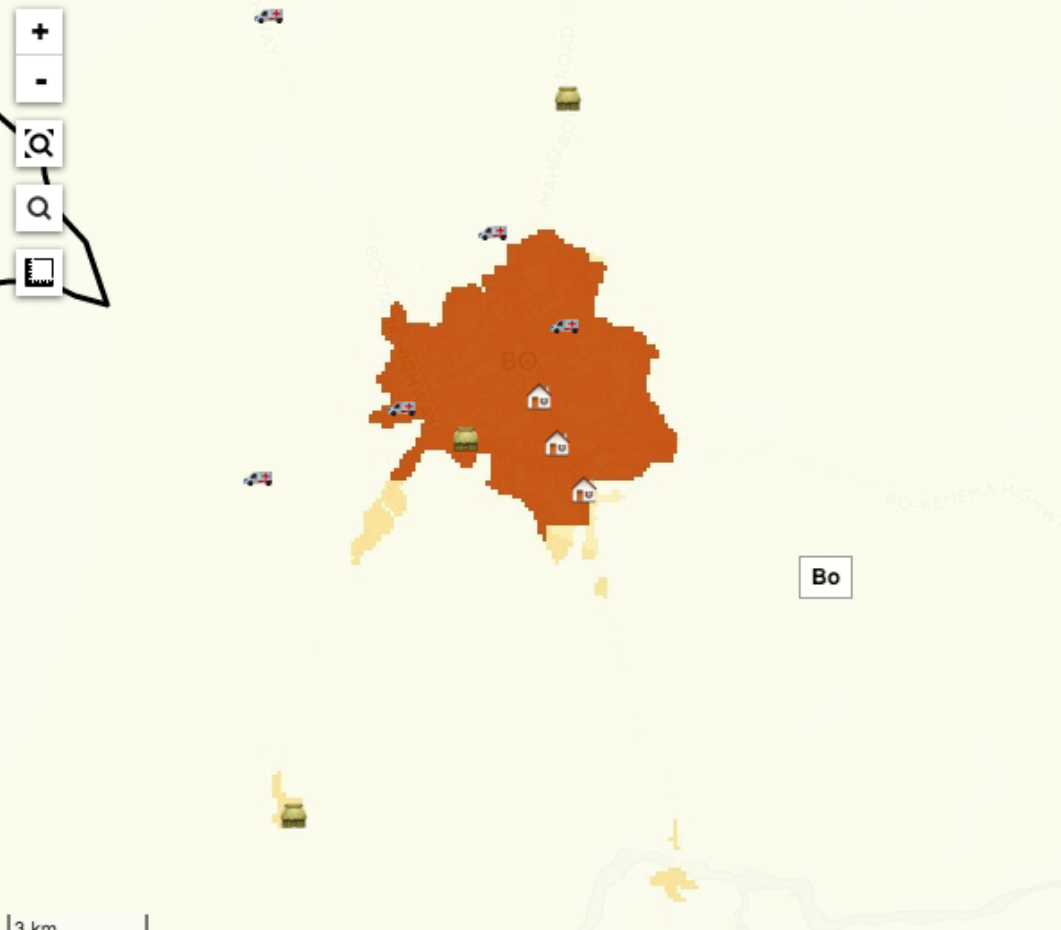
Thematic layer 4 legend ▾

Earth Engine layer legend ⏶

Elevation
Metres above sea level.

- 0 m
- 500 m
- 1000 m
- 1500 m
- 2000 m
- 2500 m
- 3000 m
- 3500 m
- 4000 m
- 4500 m
- 5000 m





Layer stack / opacity ▾

Facility layer legend ⬆

- 🚑 CHP
- 👩 CHC
- 🚑 MCHP
- 🏠 Clinic
- 🏥 Hospital

Thematic layer 1 legend ▾

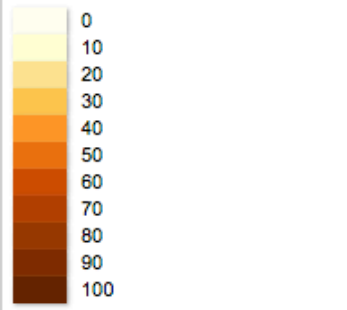
Thematic layer 2 legend ▾

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Earth Engine layer legend ⬆

Population density 2010
Population in 100 x 100 m grid cells.



Data: [WorldPop](#)

Takeaways

1. Cloud-based **data warehouse** for massive Earth Observation and derivative data
 - a. Environment, Climate, Population, etc.
2. **Parallelized computation** platform for global-scale analysis
 - a. Spatial statistics, raster math
3. Ability to **integrate** with existing tools and/or power new tools

Thank you!

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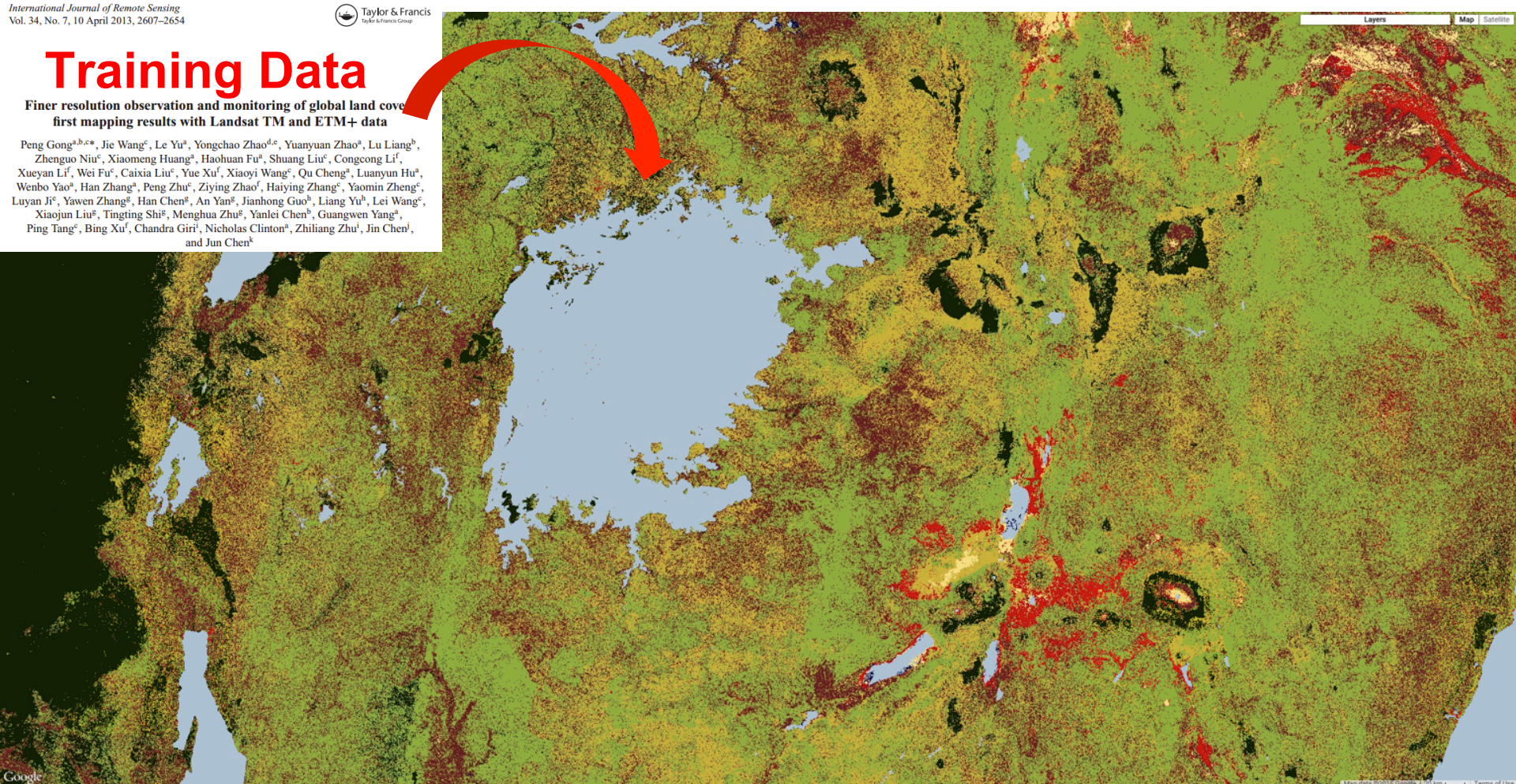
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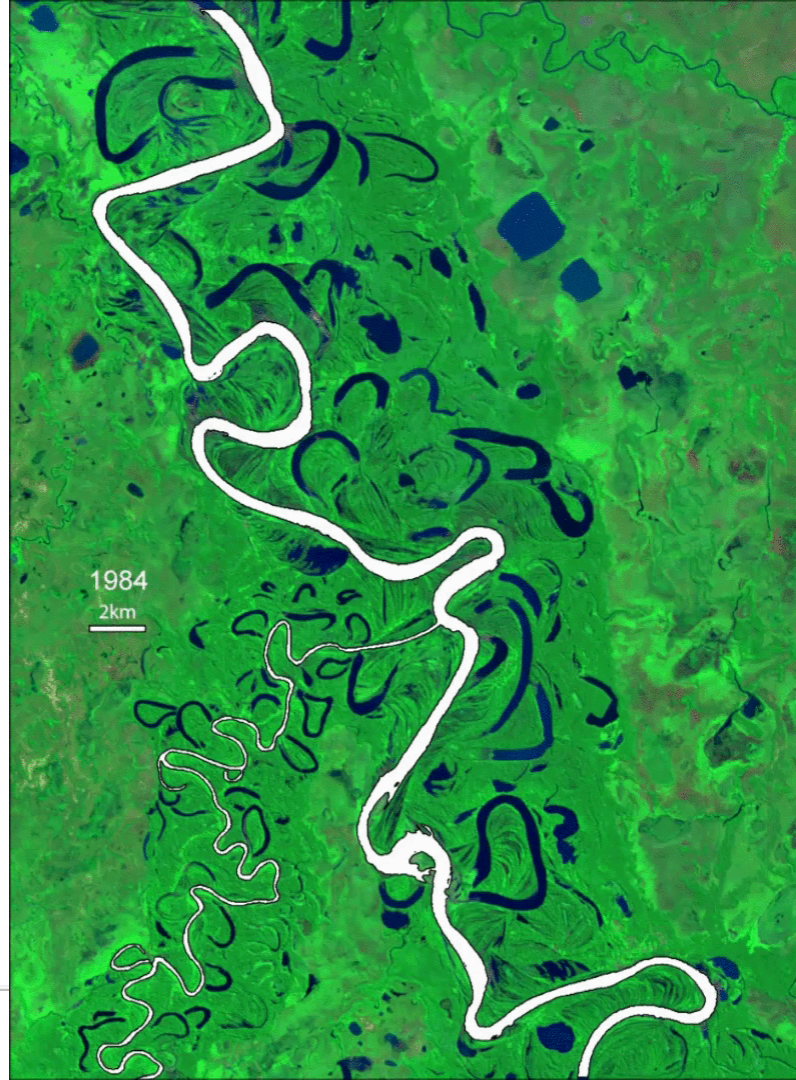
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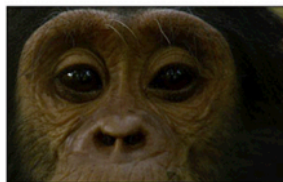
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