

# Remote sensing applications promotion in the Georgian National Environmental Agency

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# Outline

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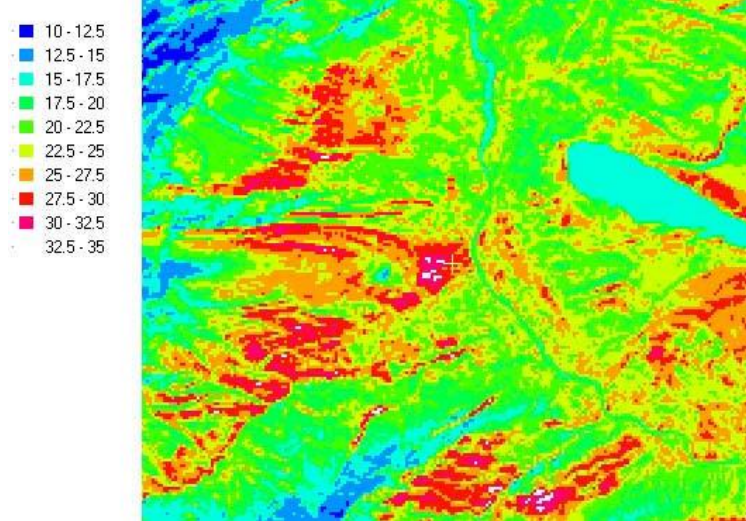


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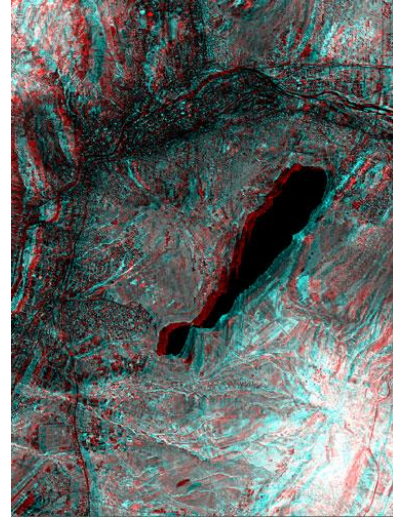
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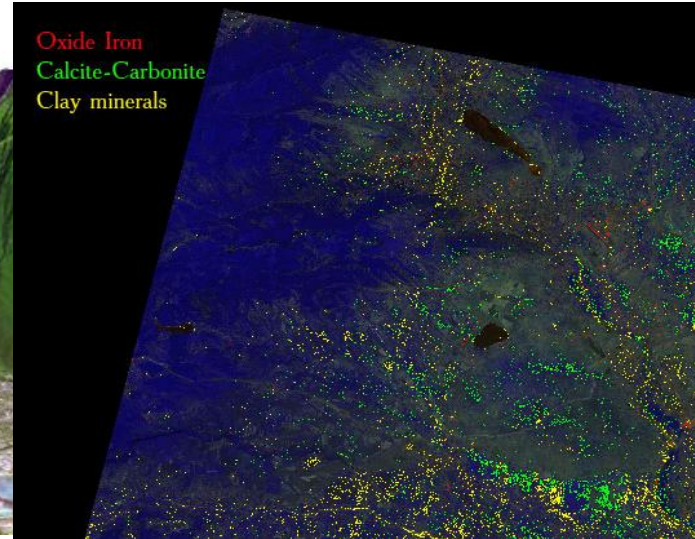
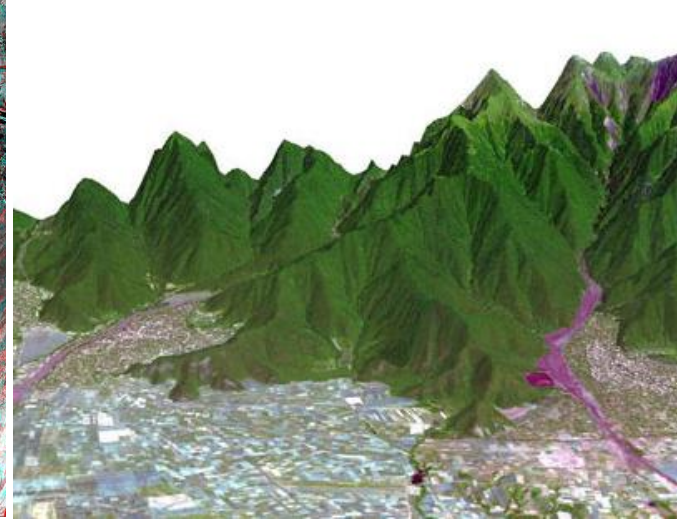
**Brightness Temperature from ASTER**



**Stereo from ASTER**

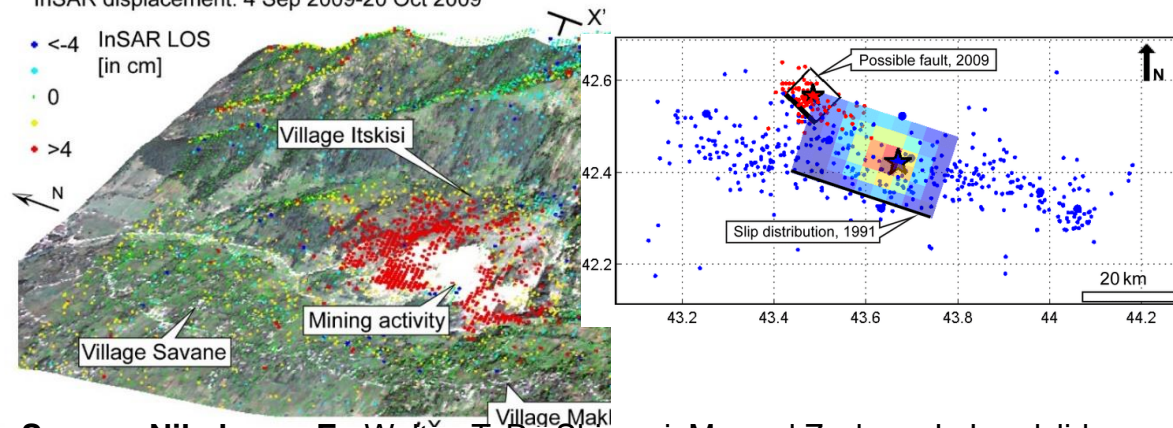


**3D from ASTER DEM**



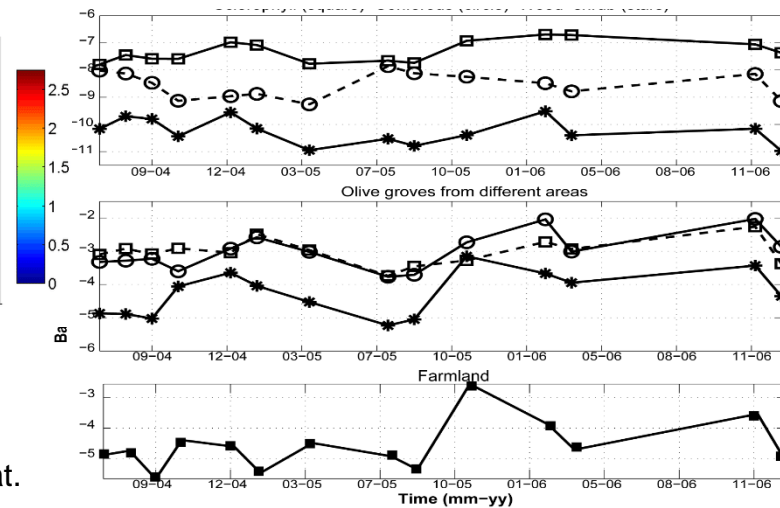
**Source:** Gamkrelidze I.P., Tsamalashvili T., Nikolaeva E., ..., 2008, Tbilisi fault and seismic activity of Tbilisi environs (Georgia), Djanelidze Institute of Geology

**a)** Three dimensional block view on Itskisi landslide  
InSAR displacement: 4 Sep 2009-20 Oct 2009



**Source:** Nikolaeva, E., Wařter, T. R., Shirzaei, M., and Zschau, J.: Landslide observation and volume estimation in central Georgia based on L-band InSAR, Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 14, 675-688, doi:10.5194/nhess-14-675-2014, 2014.

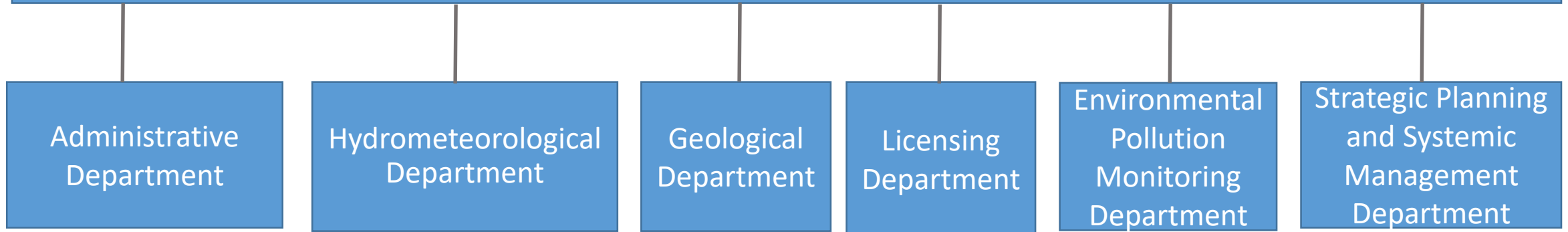
**Sclerophyll (square) – Coniferous (circle) – Wood-shrub (stars)**





## Georgian National Environmental Agency

is a legal entity of the public law under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia, which was set up as an Agency on June 31 of 2008. The Agency is independent from the public governance bodies, which implements its activities independently, but is subject to control from the state.



Source: [www.nea.gov.ge](http://www.nea.gov.ge)

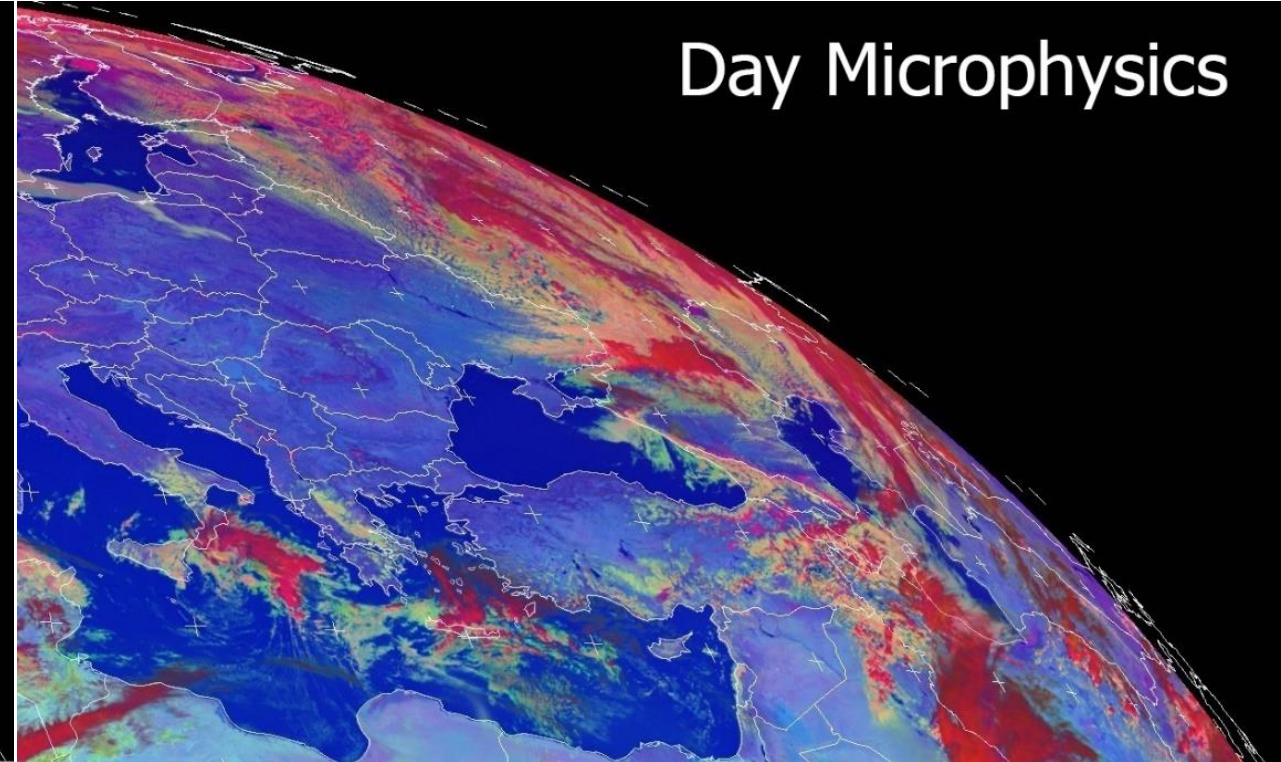
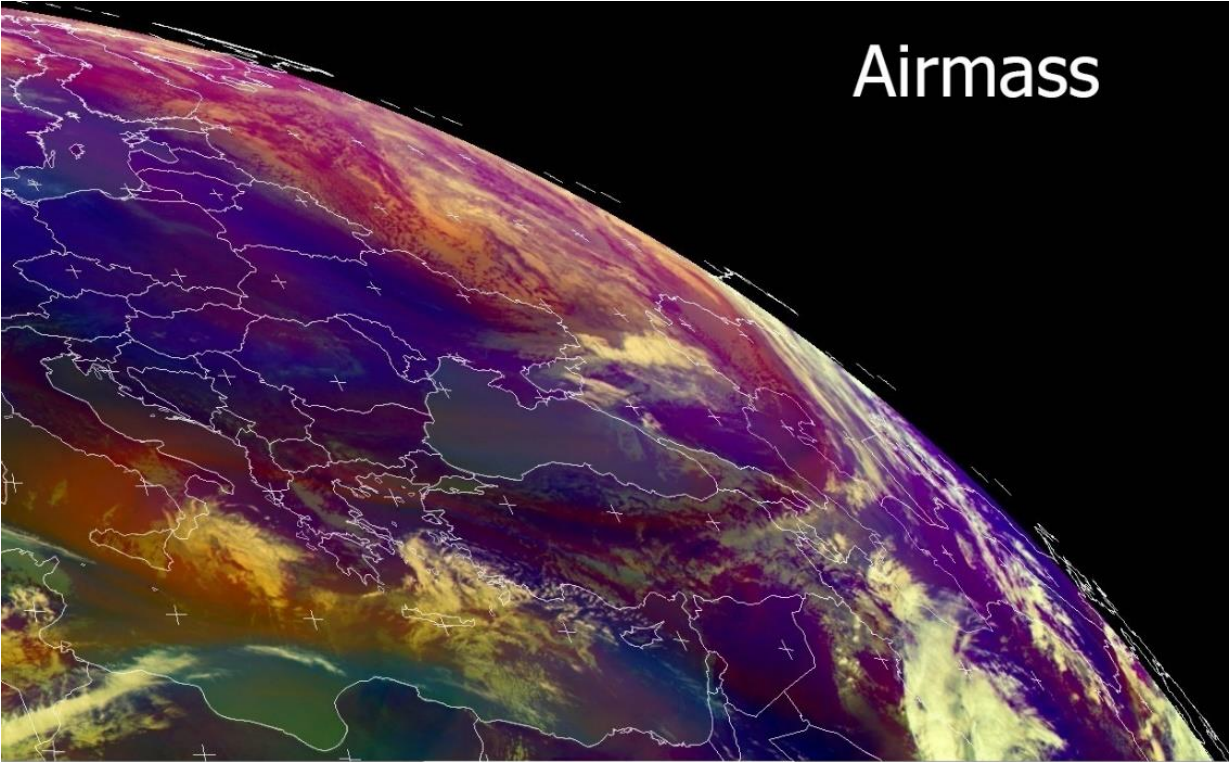
# RS in NEA



- Meteorology

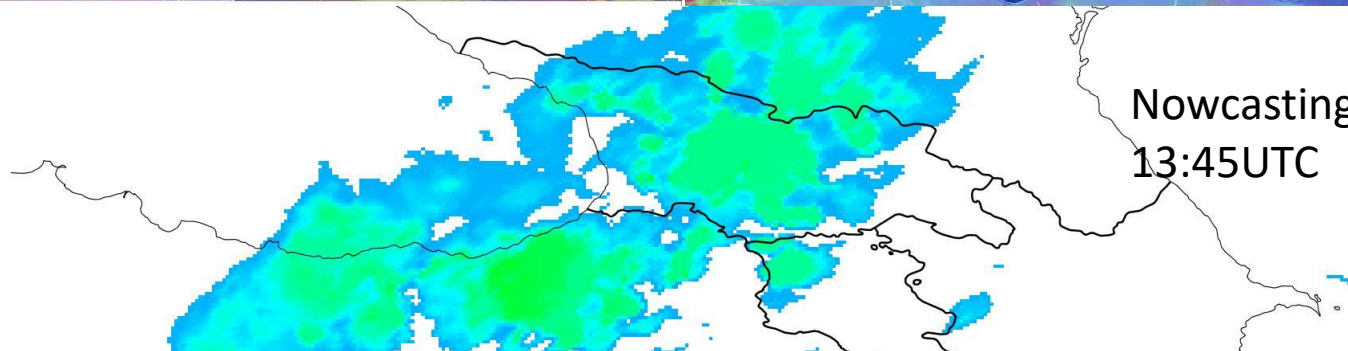
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Day Microphysics



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Meteosat 0deg Microphysics, 2017-03-28 11:00:00 UTC



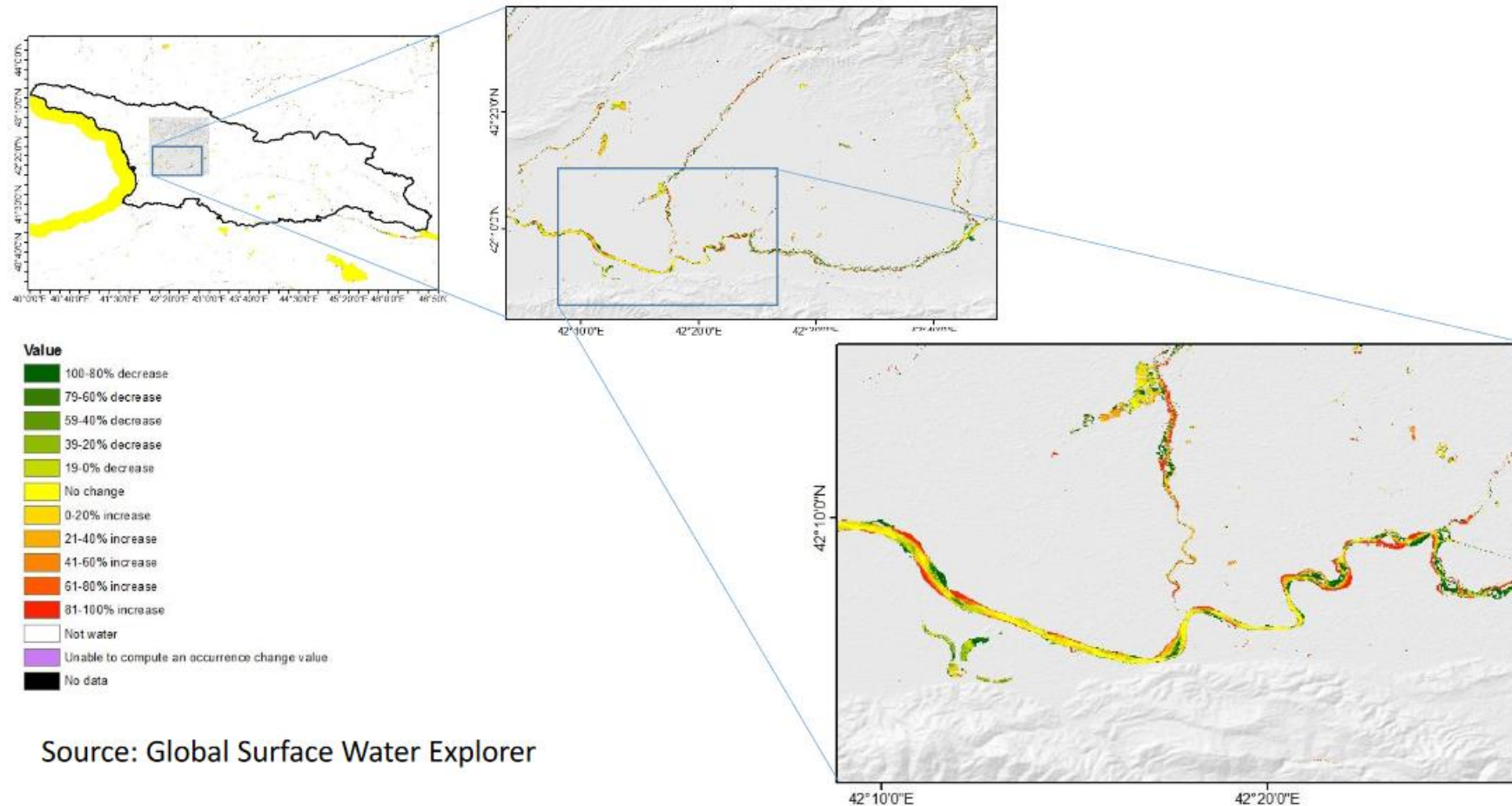
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- Water resources change

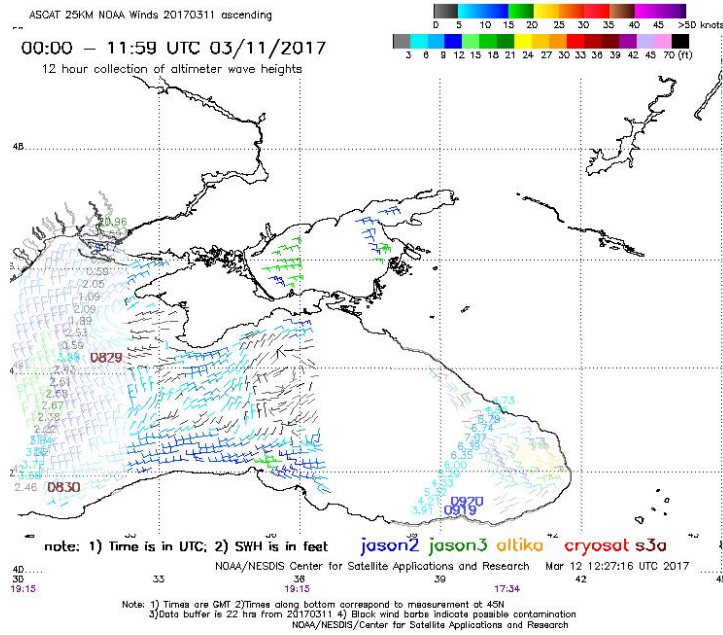
Water Occurrence Change Intensity map (1984-1999 & 2000-2015) based on satellite Landsat imagery (30m resolution)



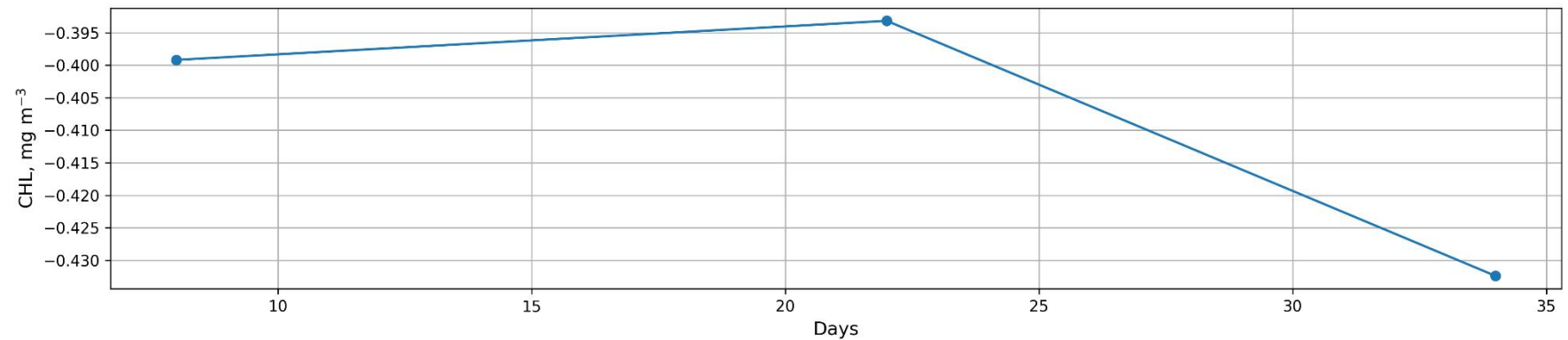
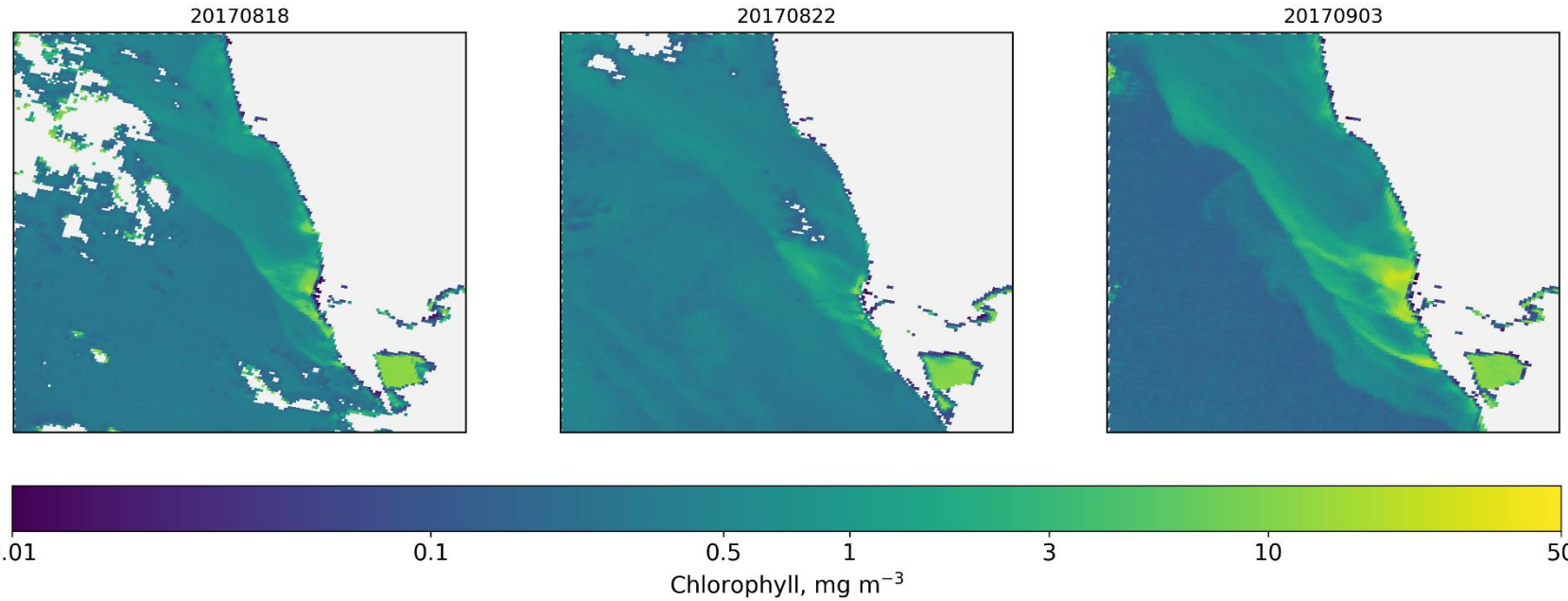
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- Black Sea monitoring



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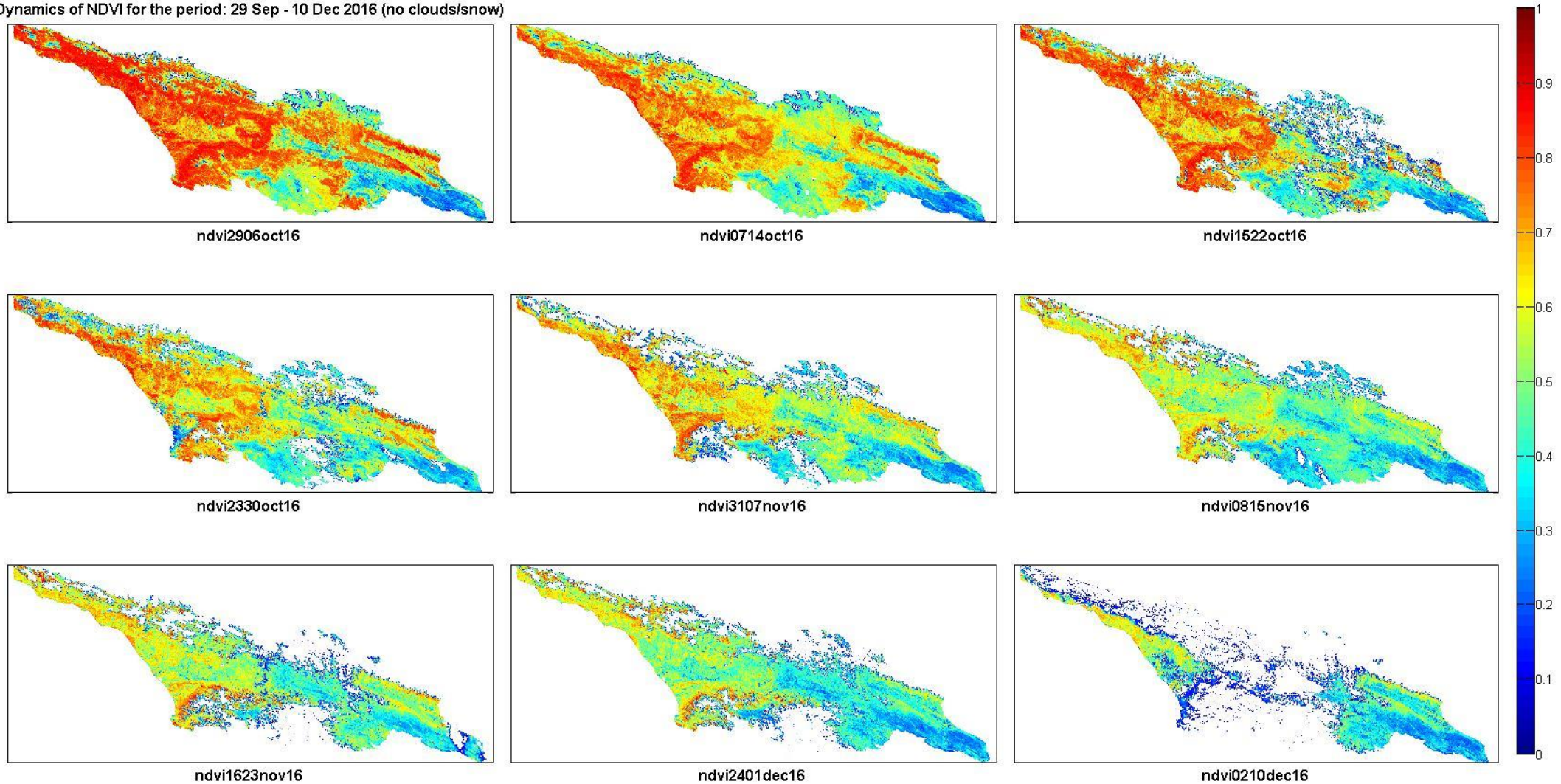


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- Agro-meteorology: short-term monitoring of NDVI (MODIS data)

Dynamics of NDVI for the period: 29 Sep - 10 Dec 2016 (no clouds/snow)

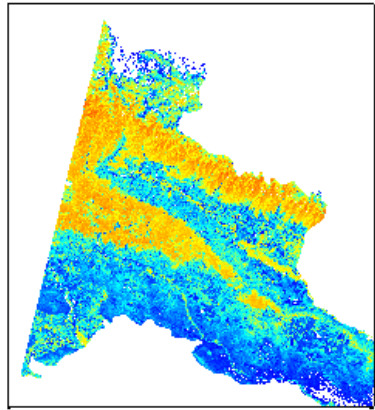




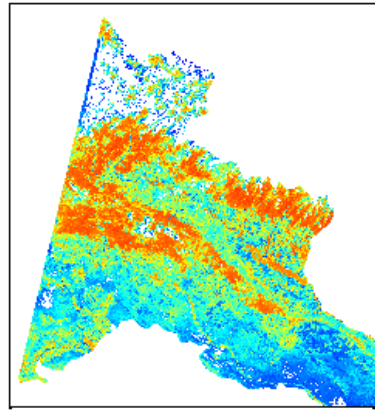
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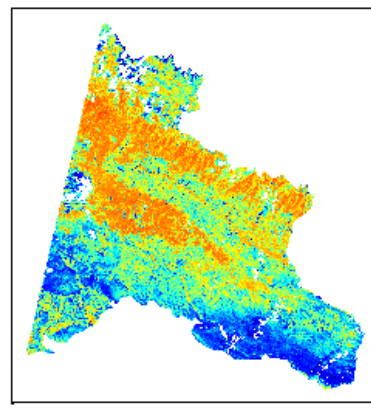
- Agro-meteorology: long-term monitoring of NDVI (Landsat data)



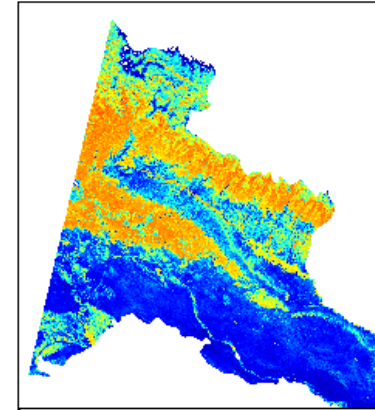
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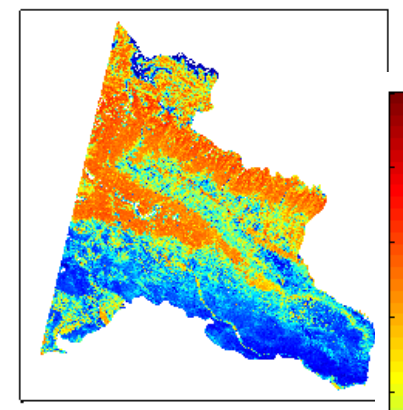
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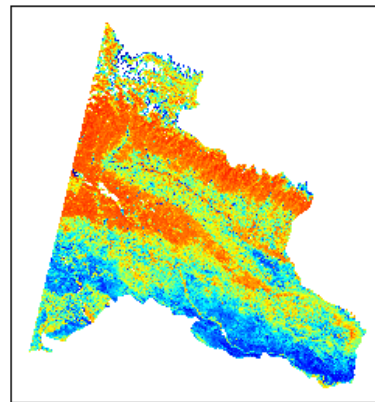
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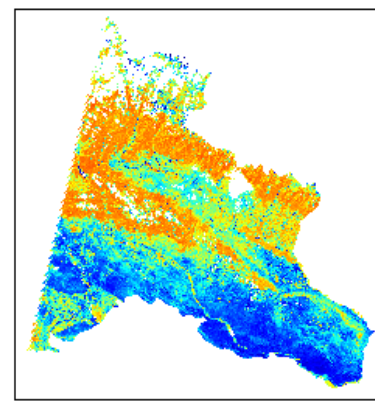
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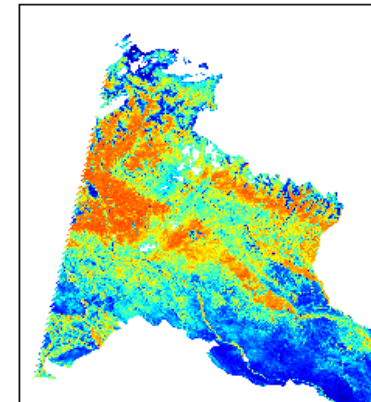
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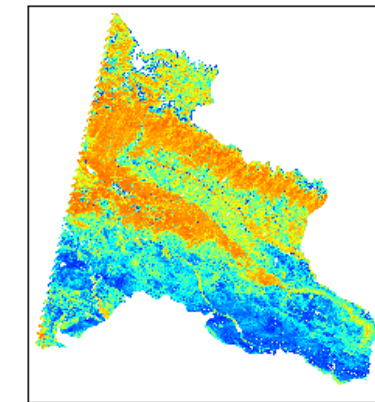
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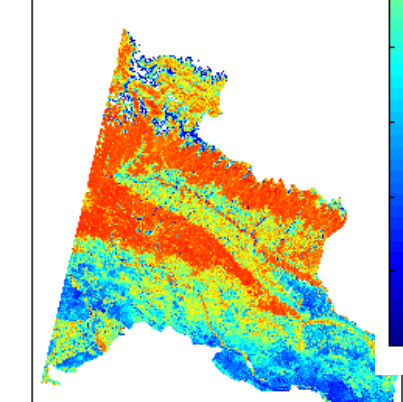
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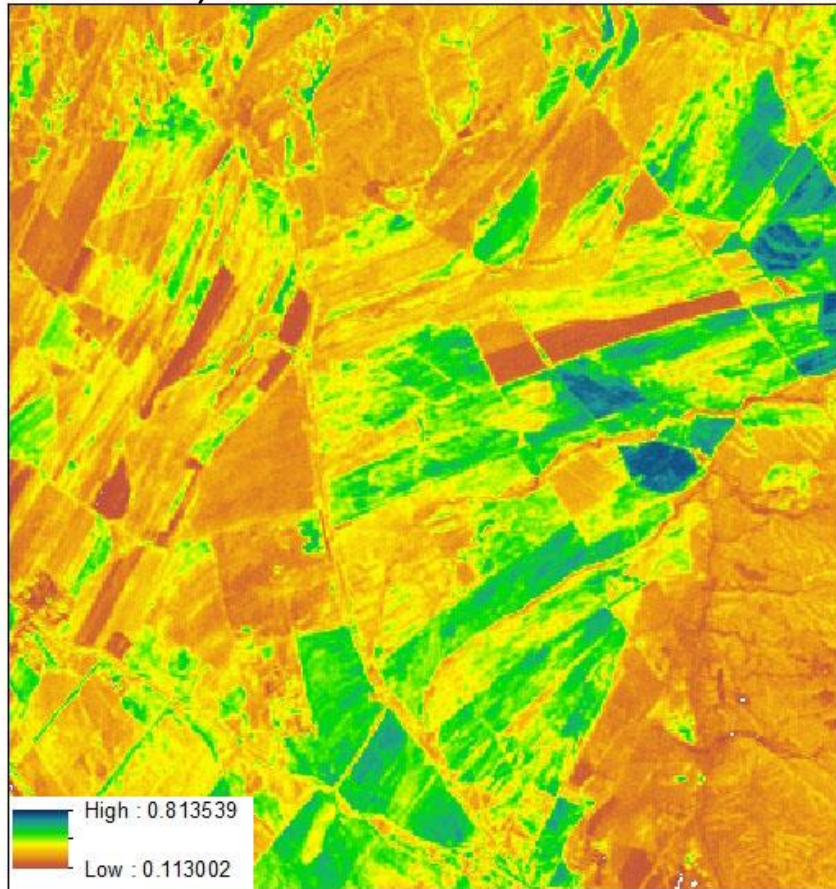


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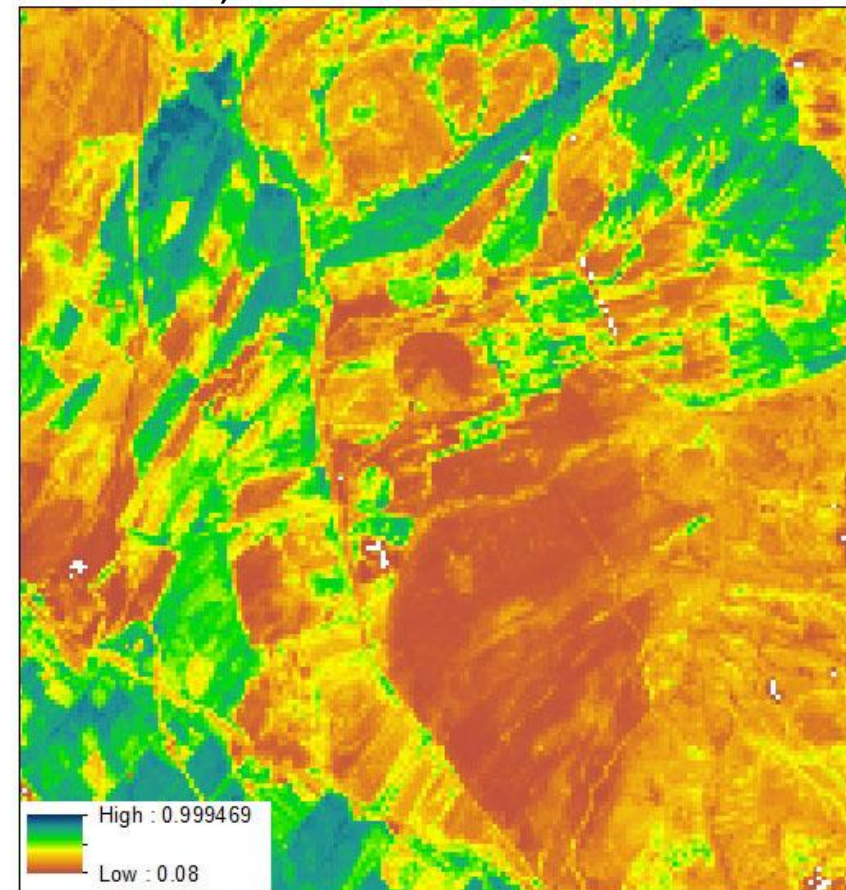


- LULC changes: integration and combination of optical remote sensing data from different satellites: Landsat 5,7,8, Sentinel 2

Landsat 5, 1984.07.17



Sentinel 2, 2016.06.26

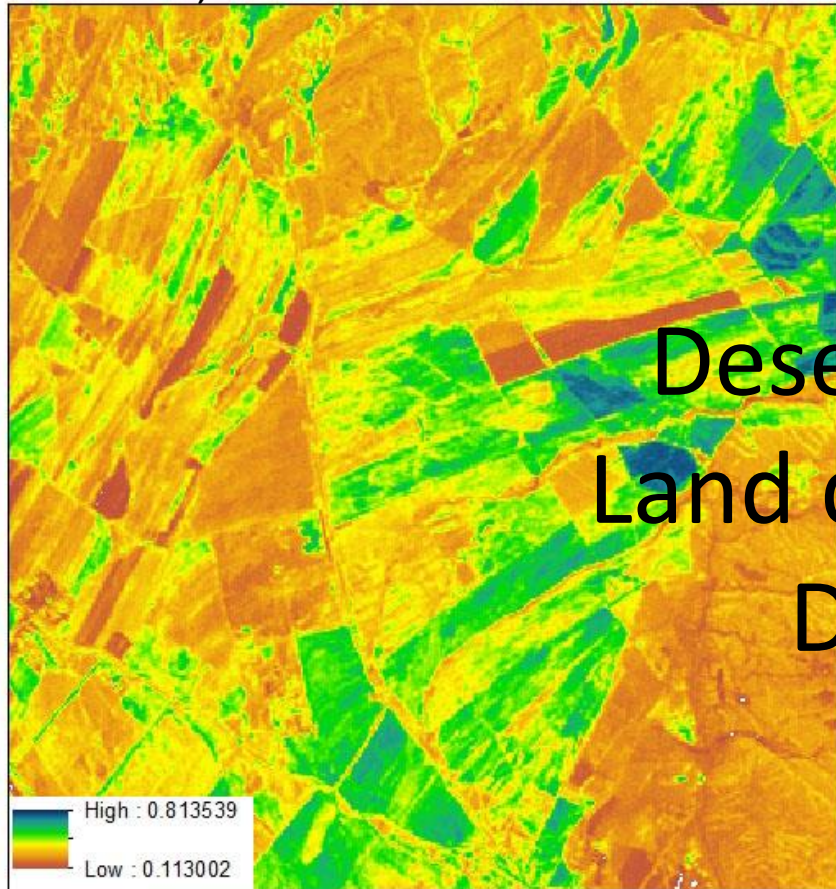


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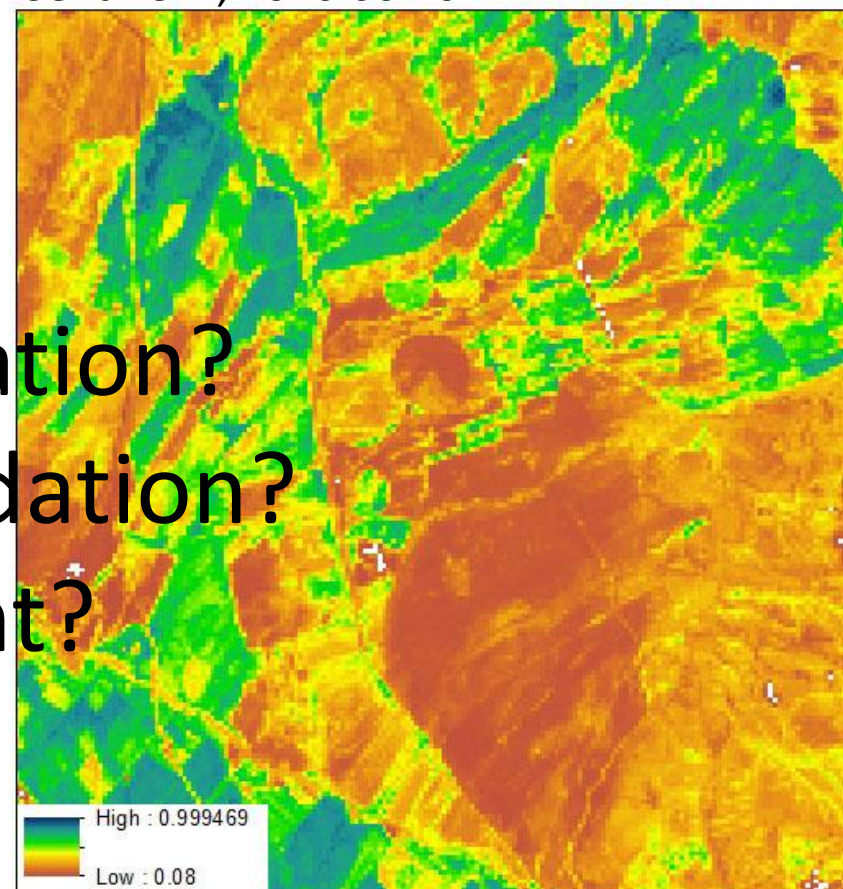


- Change of LULC: integration and combination of optical remote sensing data from different satellites: Landsat 5,7,8, Sentinel 2

Landsat 5, 1984.07.17



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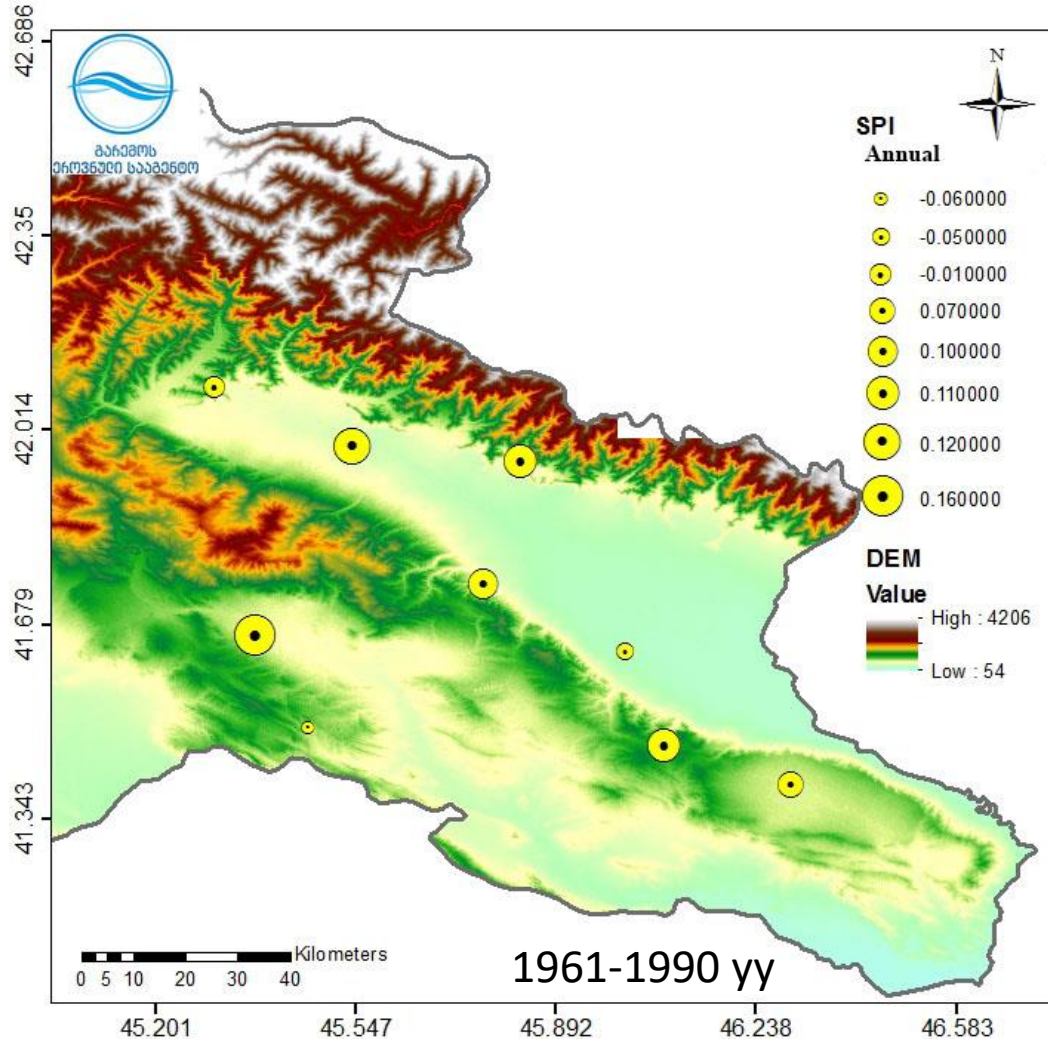


Desertification?  
Land degradation?  
Drought?

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- Drought Indices: Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)



**SPI** shows the actual precipitation compared to the probability of precipitation for various time frames.

Next step:

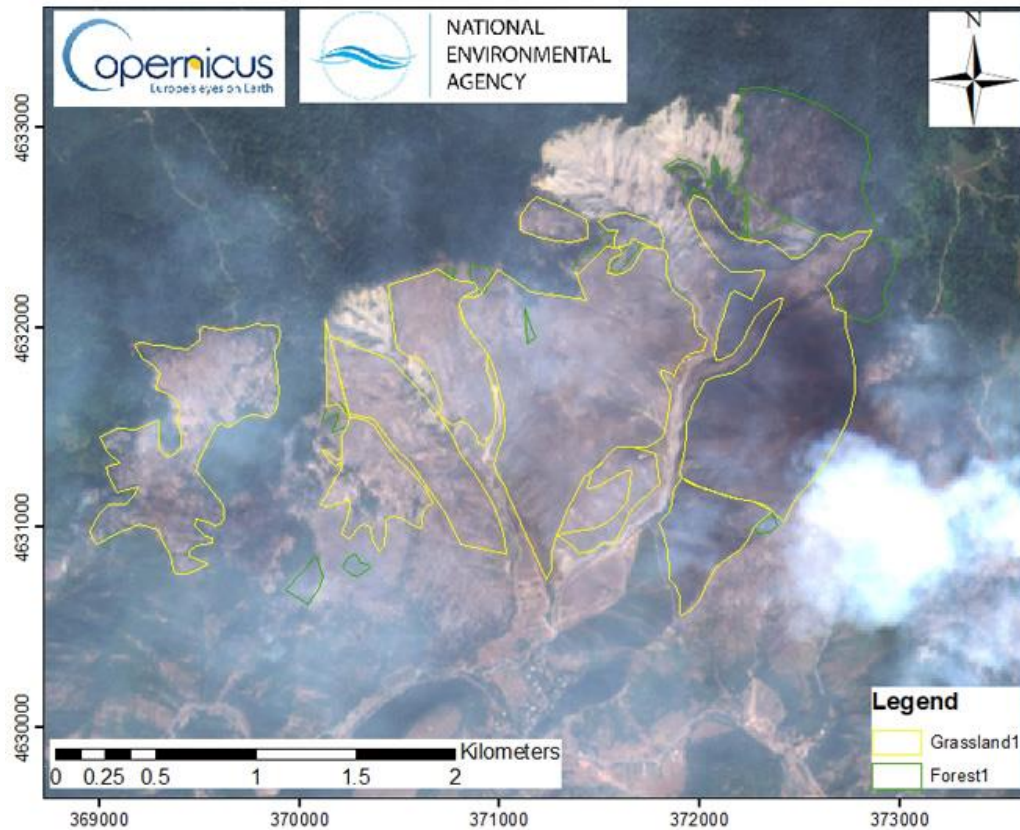
**-Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)** is a measurement of dryness based on recent precipitation and temperature.

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- LULC changes: estimation of burned area

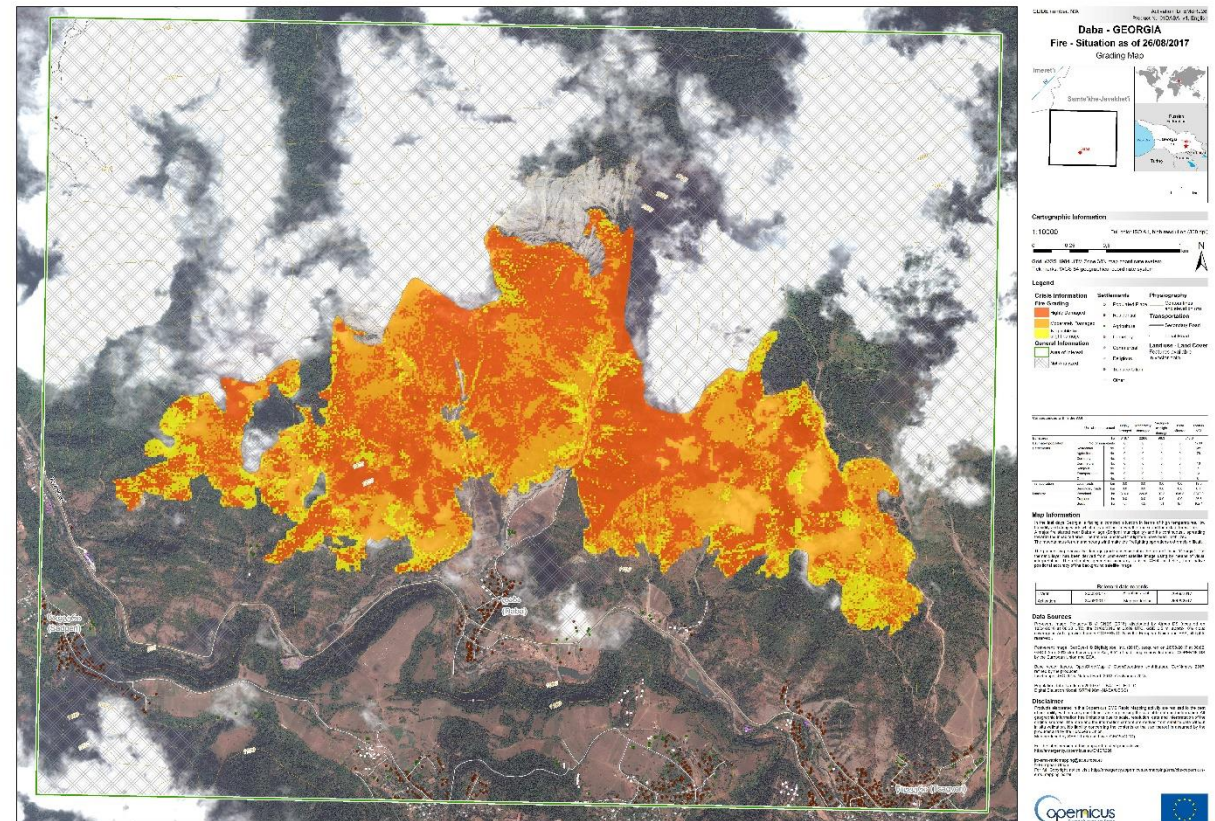
Rough estimation of burned area in Borjomi using Sentinel-2 images



Data used:  
•Background image: Sentinel-2, 23 Aug 2017 (source: Copernicus)

Sum area of grassland: 351 ha  
Sum area of forest: ~63.3 ha

Activation of Copernicus Emergency Management Service

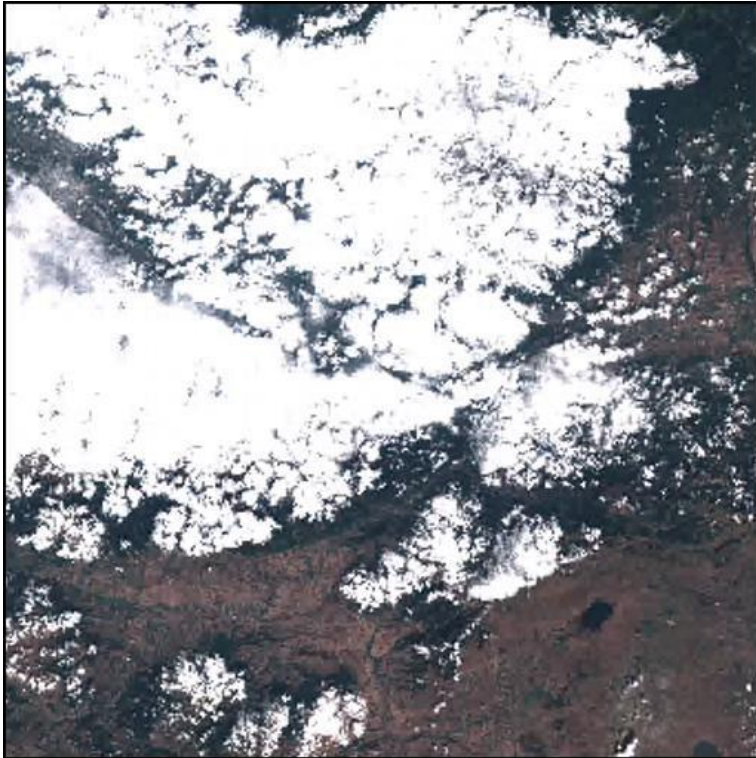


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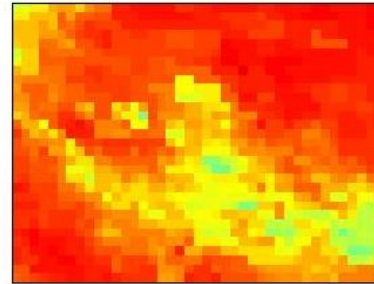


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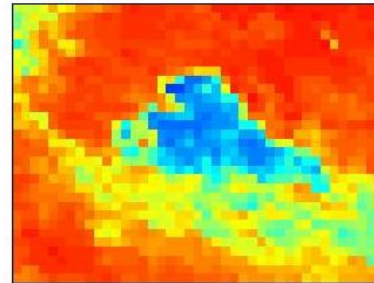
Sentinel 2, 2017.09.02



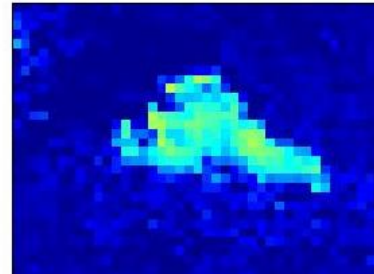
MODIS data



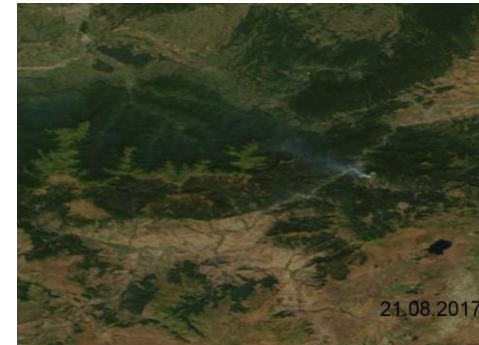
NDVI: 13-20 Aug 2017



NDVI: 21-28 Aug 2017



Sentinel 3



21.08.2017

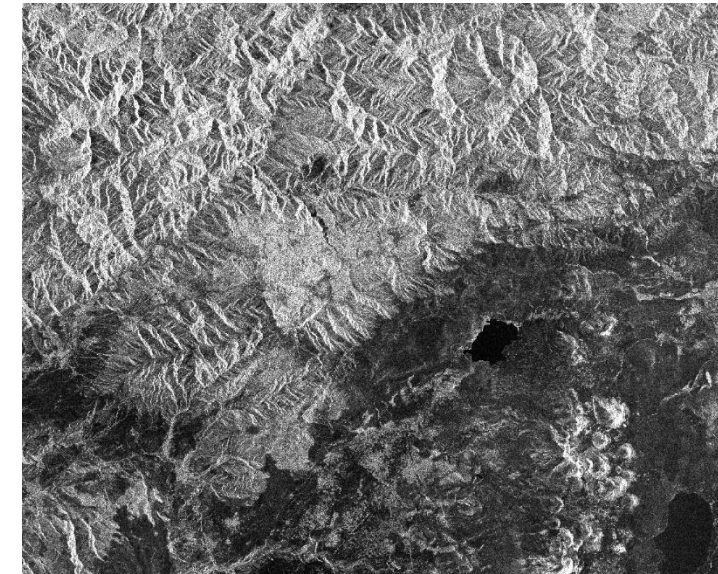


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Sentinel 1, 2017.08.31





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