

Land cover and land accounting in Vanuatu

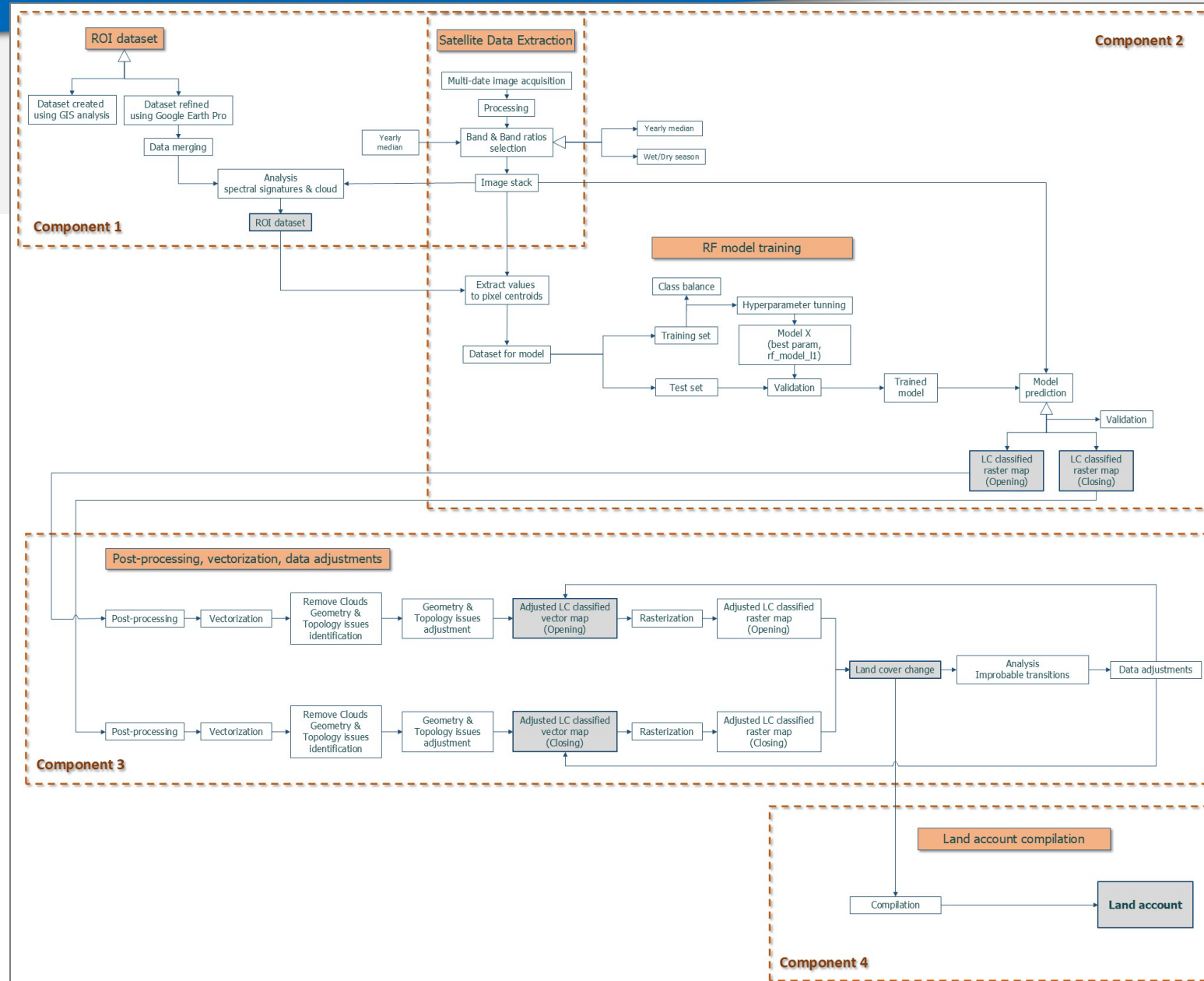
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Land account

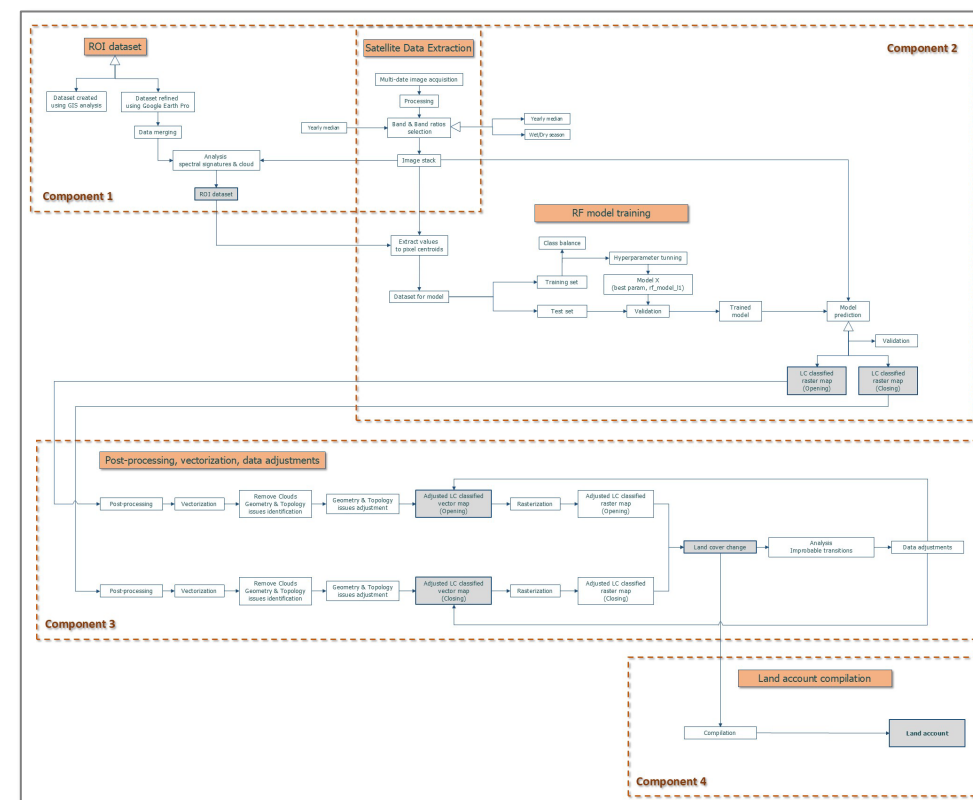
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Regressions	8534.5	10061.2	7.0	3929.7	14.8	5374.8	195.0	711.0	2121.7	359.4	649.6	31958.6
Net change	-1857.3	1686.6	69.8	-791.2	32.4	620.4	268.1	-404.4	-253.6	648.8	-19.6	0.0
Closing area	32015.6	39638.2	201.1	6795.6	58.6	11574.6	1084.5	161540.0	4519.7	2240.7	3879.7	263548.2

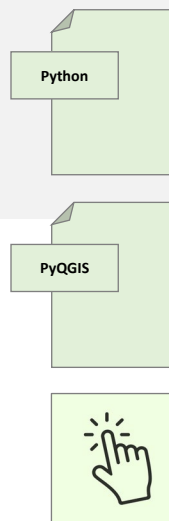
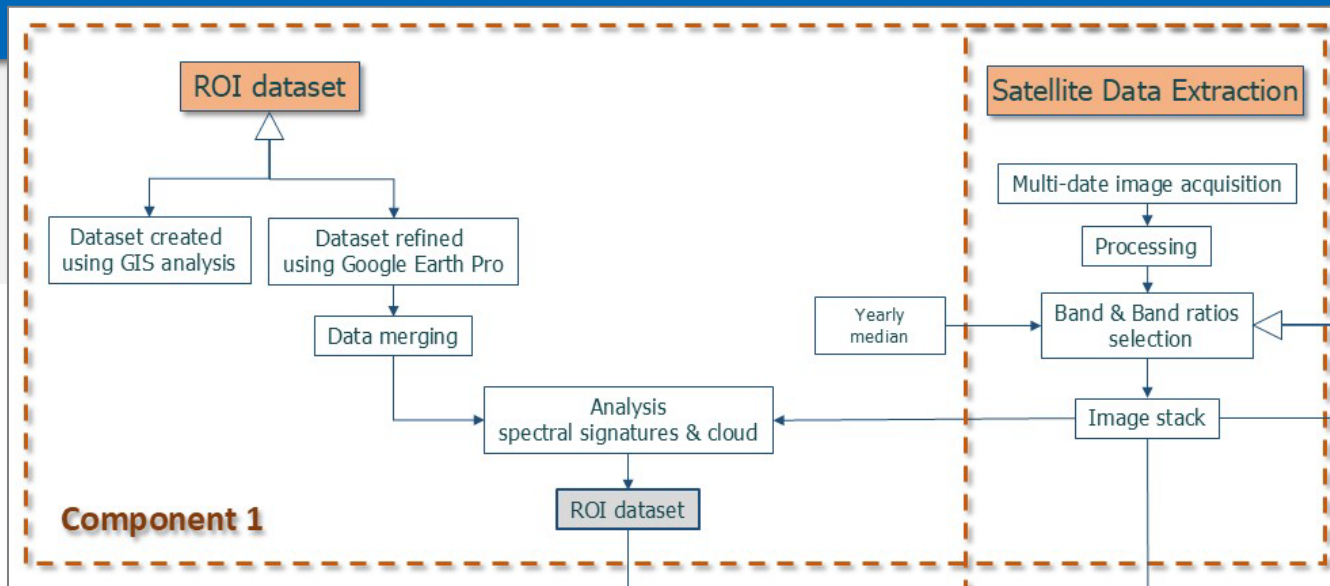
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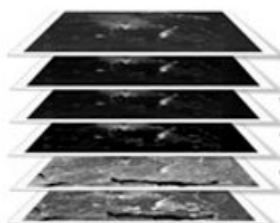
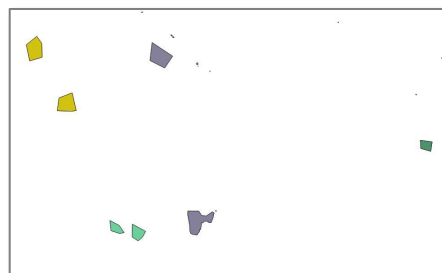
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- **Workflow of interconnected components:** Facilitates a structured process for land account compilation, where each component builds upon the outputs of the previous one
- **Progressive training approach:** Previous in-person trainings focused on guiding participants through the step-by-step process within and across components to build the conceptual understanding before introducing automation
- **Transition to Automation:** The current focus has been on automating several steps, ensuring that participants understand the logic and purpose 'behind' the automated procedures. However, not all steps can be automated as expert knowledge is still required
- **Institutional Collaboration:** Supports different teams within VBoS or across institutions to work on specific components based on their technical expertise, sharing inputs and outputs

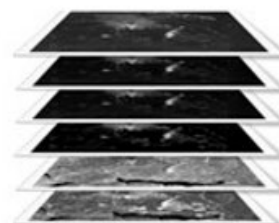
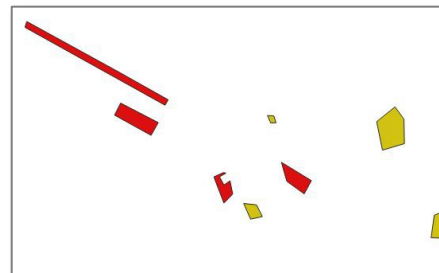


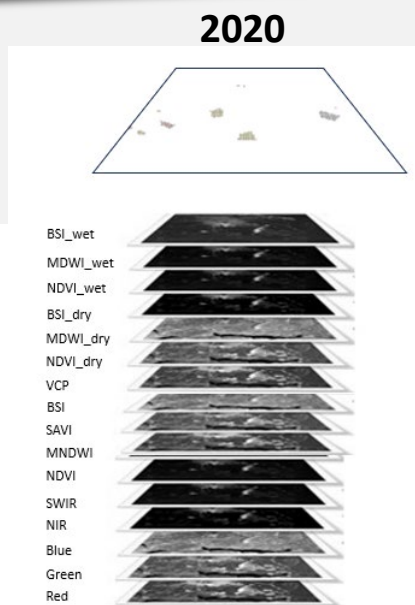


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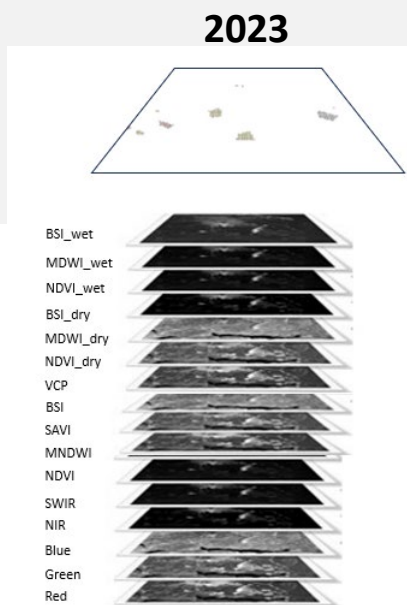


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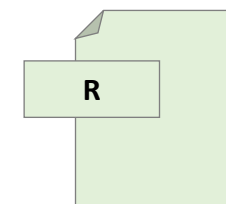
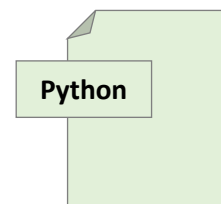
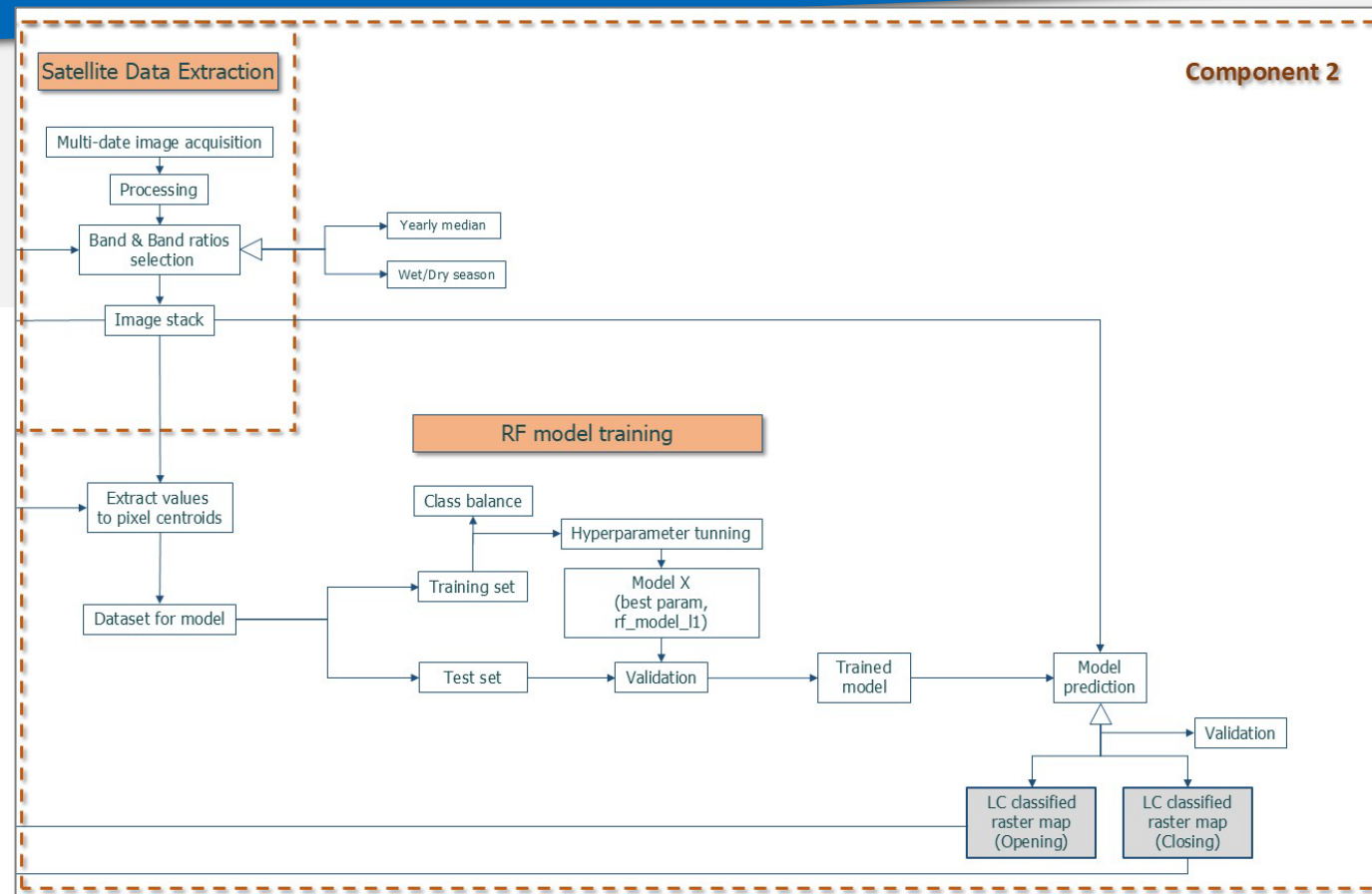
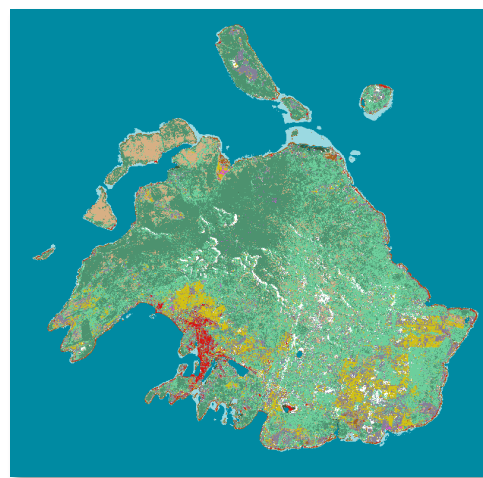




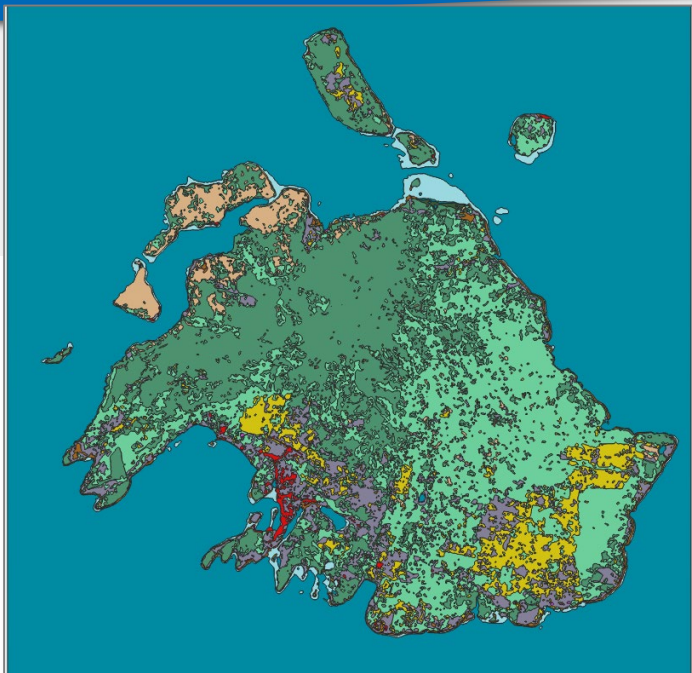
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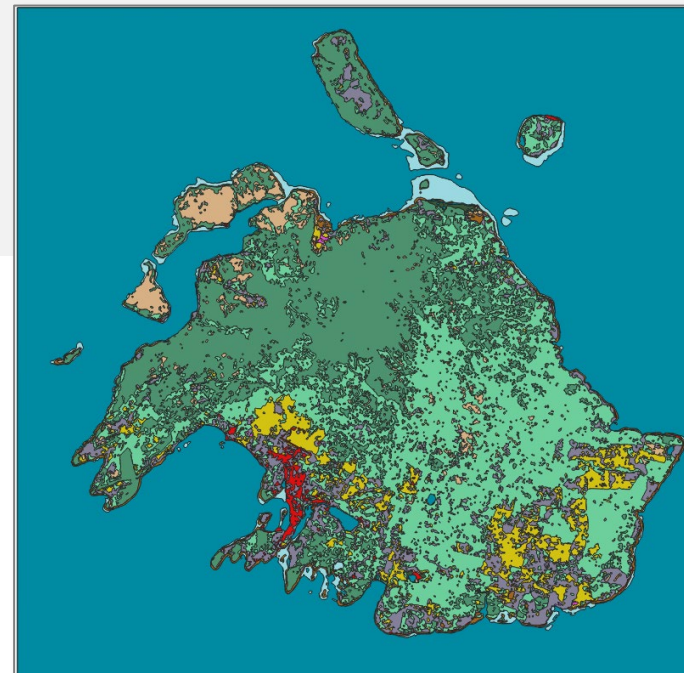
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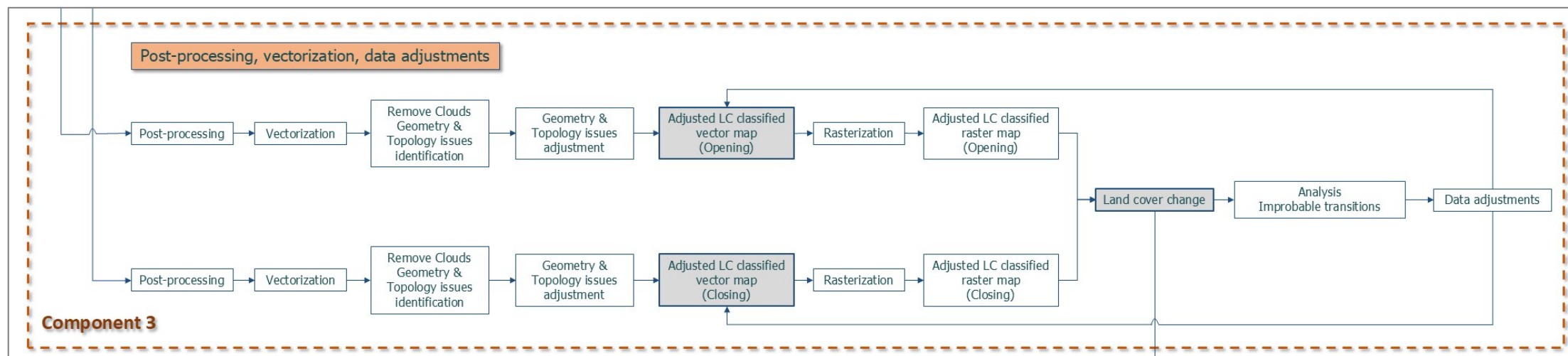
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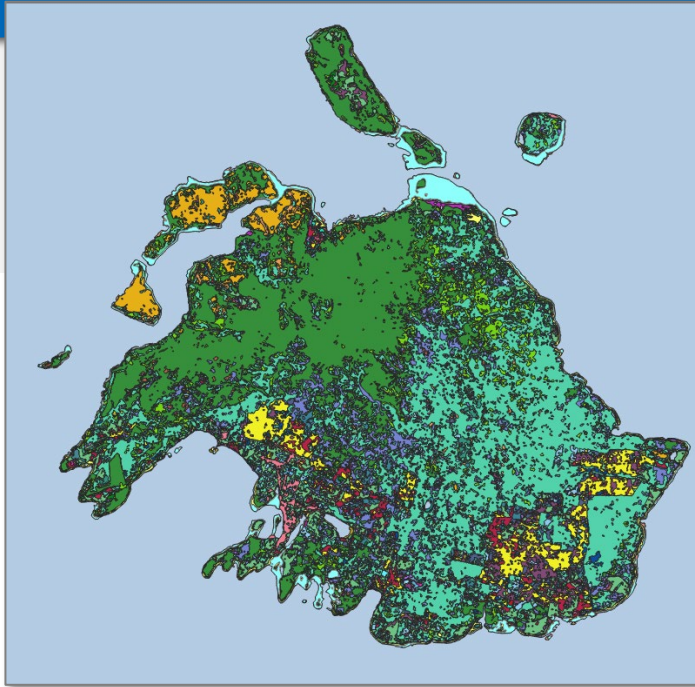
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LC Change map 2020 -- 2023

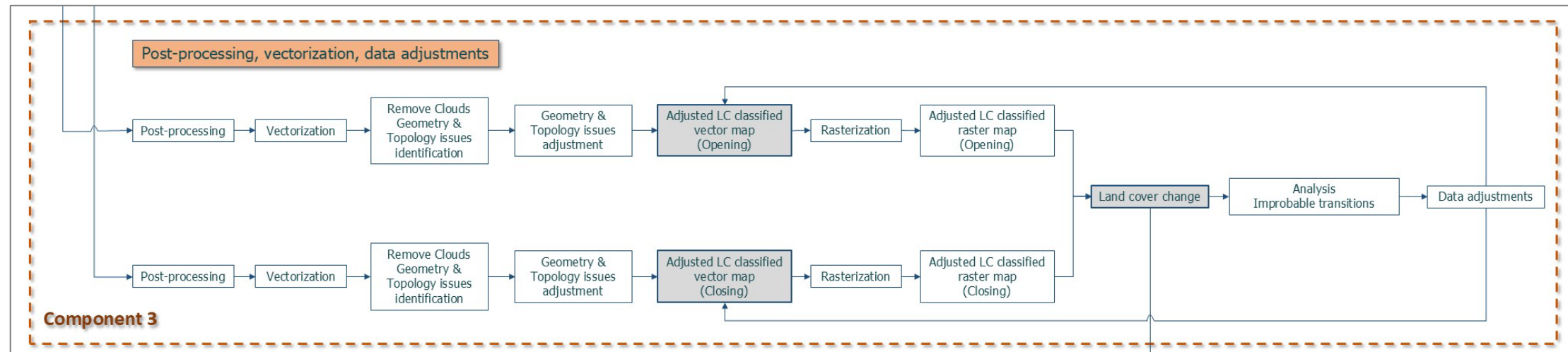


LC Change matrix 2020 -- 2023

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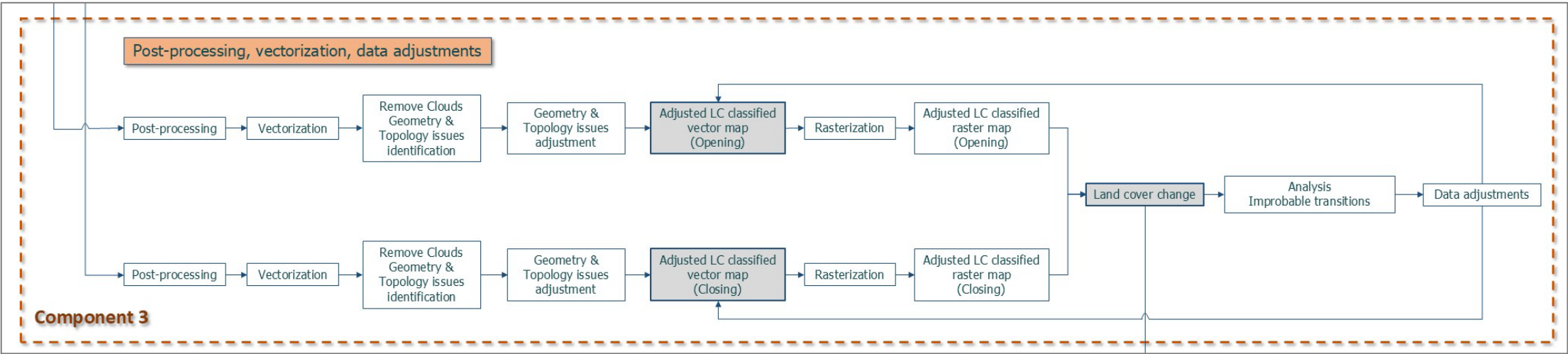
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Dense_Forest	1	25338.3	7153.2	21.4	79.8	3.2	489.0	28.0	16.5	651.5	86.0	6.0
Open_Forest	2	5335.3	27890.3	8.1	964.2	5.4	2679.0	25.8	22.4	969.6	49.2	2.2
Mangroves	4	3.2	0.3	124.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.5	1.4	0.4	0.3
Agriculture	5	41.6	1328.1	12.3	3657.1	7.6	2443.7	21.2	4.8	34.7	35.4	0.1
Coconut_Plantation	6	2.3	0.6	0.0	3.4	11.3	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grassland	7	342.6	2256.5	16.8	1995.2	30.2	5579.4	315.9	38.1	182.4	195.2	1.7
Built_up_Infrastr_Settlements	8	3.7	14.8	0.0	6.0	0.0	91.9	621.4	9.0	1.3	67.0	1.1
Water_body	9	17.2	4.1	11.9	0.8	0.0	12.1	13.5	161233.4	6.9	93.8	550.6
Shrubs	10	903.1	969.6	4.1	70.2	0.4	141.2	3.2	7.6	2651.7	20.0	2.2
Bareland	11	17.6	17.0	0.6	18.8	0.6	123.1	53.8	43.2	19.3	1232.4	65.7
Reef	13	10.5	3.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	5.7	1.6	164.4	0.9	461.2	3249.7

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Improbable transitions

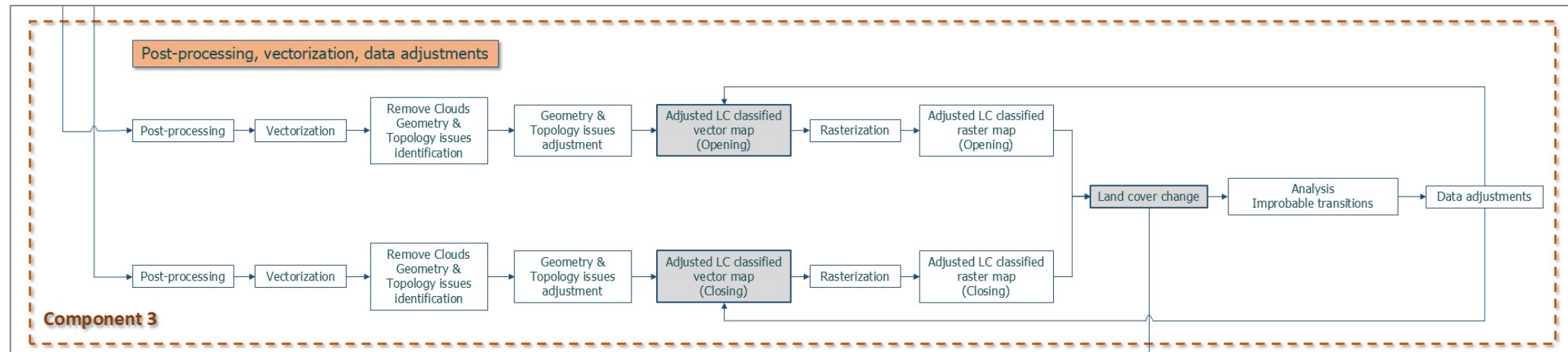
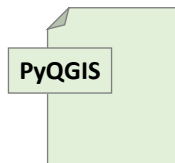
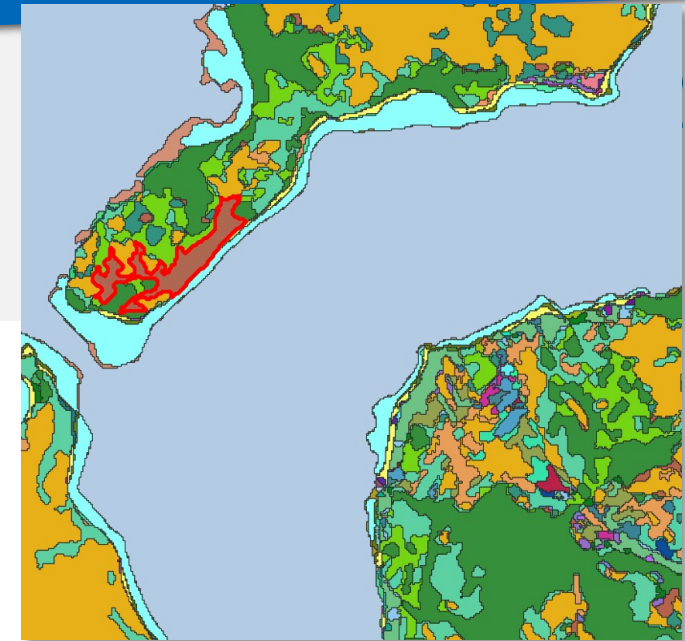
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1	Dense_Forest	13	Reef	1
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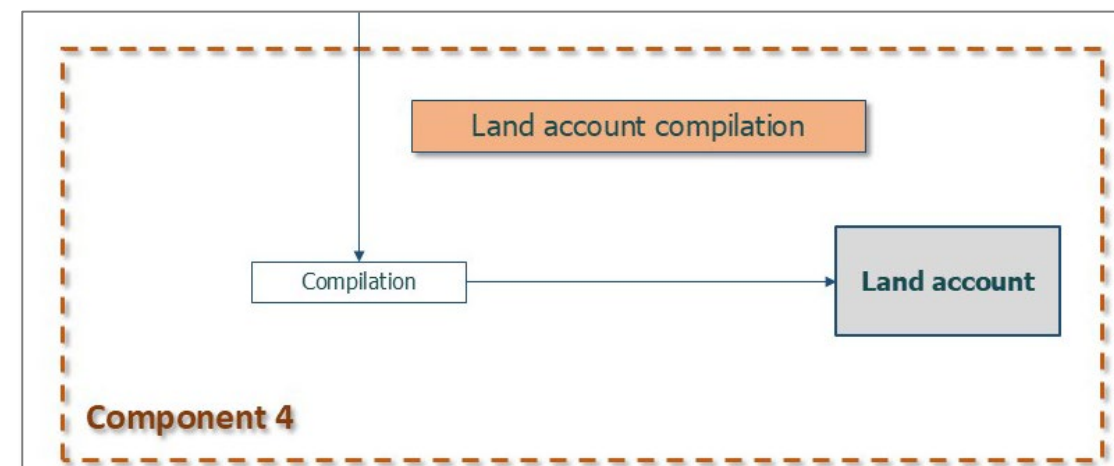
This matrix shows the maximum area of all polygons having that transition (see explanation of the value displayed "MAX(AREAk2)" below). Colors for the cells correspond to the transition probability.

		Dense_Forest	Open_Forest	Mangroves	Agriculture	Coconut_Plantation
	V_ReferenceClass	1	2	4	5	6
Dense_Forest	1	162.474	2.573	0.049	0.046	0.012
Open_Forest	2	2.002	156.755	0.014	0.494	0.017
Mangroves	4	0.008	0.001	0.812	#N/A	#N/A
Agriculture	5	0.059	0.456	0.103	6.856	0.026
Coconut_Plantation	6	0.010	0.005	#N/A	0.015	0.038
Grassland	7	0.364	0.776	0.081	1.611	0.094
Built_up_Infrastr_Se	8	0.005	0.012	0.000	0.014	#N/A
Water_body	9	0.010	0.008	0.018	0.005	#N/A
Shrubs	10	0.451	0.371	0.017	0.125	0.003
Bareland	11	0.014	0.020	0.001	0.047	0.006
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Land account

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Focus

- Refinement of ROIs
- Improvement of input for RF model training
- Improbable transition analysis and potential adjustment of LC base data
- Compilation of SEEA Land accounts at National level
- Disaggregation at the Area Council level