# 2022 EY Challenge - Land Cover

This notebook can be used to create a land cover dataset. This land cover information can be used as a "predictor variable" to relate to species samples. For example, certain land cover classifications (e.g. water, grass, trees) may be conducive to species habitats. This dataset contains global estimates of 10-class land use/land cover for the year 2020, derived from ESA Sentinel-2 imagery at 10-meter spatial resolution. The data can be found in the MS Planetary Computer catalog: https://planetarycomputer.microsoft.com/dataset/io-lulc#overview

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In [1]:
         # Supress Warnings
         import warnings
         warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
         # Import common GIS tools
         import numpy as np
         import xarray as xr
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import rasterio.features
         import folium
         import math
         from matplotlib.colors import ListedColormap
         # Import Planetary Computer tools
         import stackstac
         import pystac client
         import planetary computer as pc
         from pystac.extensions.raster import RasterExtension as raster
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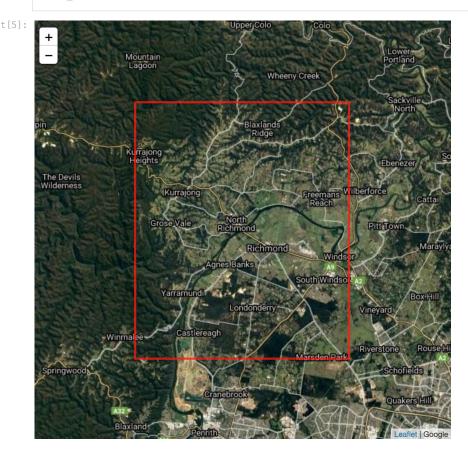
### Define the analysis region and view on a map

First, we define our area of interest using latitude and longitude coordinates. Our test region is near Richmond, NSW, Australia. The first line defines the lower-left corner of the bounding box and the second line defines the upper-right corner of the bounding box. GeoJSON format uses a specific order: (longitude, latitude), so be careful when entering the coordinates.

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In [2]:
         # Define the bounding box using corners
          min_lon, min_lat = (150.62, -33.69) # Lower-left corner (longitude, latitude)
         max lon, max_lat = (150.83, -33.48) # Upper-right corner (longitude, latitude)
In [3]:
         bbox = (min_lon, min_lat, max_lon, max_lat)
          latitude = (min lat, max lat)
          longitude = (min_lon, max_lon)
In [4]:
         def degree to zoom level(11, 12, margin = 0.0):
              degree = abs(11 - 12) * (1 + margin)
              zoom_level_int = 0
              if degree != 0:
                  zoom_level_float = math.log(360/degree)/math.log(2)
                  zoom level int = int(zoom level float)
                 zoom level int = 18
              return zoom_level_int
          def display_map(latitude = None, longitude = None):
             margin = -0.5
              zoom\_bias = 0
              lat_zoom_level = _degree_to_zoom_level(margin = margin, *latitude ) + zoom_bias
lon_zoom_level = _degree_to_zoom_level(margin = margin, *longitude) + zoom_bias
              zoom level = min(lat_zoom_level, lon_zoom_level)
              center = [np.mean(latitude), np.mean(longitude)]
              map_hybrid = folium.Map(location=center,zoom_start=zoom_level,
                  tiles=" http://mt1.google.com/vt/lyrs=y&z={z}&x={x}&y={y}",attr="Google")
              line_segments = [(latitude[0],longitude[0]),(latitude[0],longitude[1]),
                                (latitude[1],longitude[1]),(latitude[1],longitude[0]),
                                (latitude[0],longitude[0])]
              map_hybrid.add_child(folium.features.PolyLine(locations=line_segments,color='red',opacity=0.8))
              map_hybrid.add_child(folium.features.LatLngPopup())
              return map_hybrid
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In [5]:
# Plot bounding box on a map
f = folium.Figure(width=600, height=600)
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m = display_map(latitude,longitude)
f.add child(m)
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## Discover and load the data for analysis

Using the pystac\_client we can search the Planetary Computer's STAC endpoint for items matching our query parameters. We will look for data tiles (1-degree square) that intersect our bounding box.

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In [6]: stac = pystac_client.Client.open("https://planetarycomputer.microsoft.com/api/stac/v1")
    search = stac.search(bbox=bbox,collections=["io-lulc"])

In [7]: items = list(search.get_items())
    print('Number of data tiles intersecting our bounding box:',len(items))
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Number of data tiles intersecting our bounding box: 4

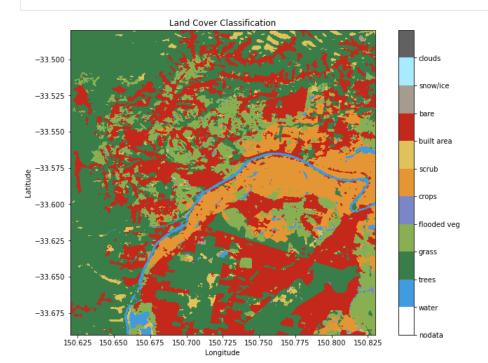
Next, we'll load the data into an xarray DataArray using stackstac and then "clip" the data to only the pixels within our region (bounding box). There are also several other **important settings for the data**: We have changed the projection to EPSG=4326 which is standard latitude-longitude in degrees. We have specified the spatial resolution of each pixel to be 10-meters, which is the baseline accuracy for this data. After creating the DataArray, we will need to mosaic the raster chunks across the time dimension (remember, they're all from a single synthesized "time" from 2020) and drop the single band dimension. Finally, we will read the actual data by calling .compute(). In the end, the dataset will include land cover classifications (10 total) at 10-meters spatial resolution.

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In [8]:
          item = next(search.get_items())
          items = [pc.sign(item).to dict() for item in search.get items()]
          nodata = raster.ext(item.assets["data"]).bands[0].nodata
In [9]:
          # Define the pixel resolution for the final product
          # Define the scale according to our selected crs, so we will use degrees
          resolution = 10 # meters per pixel
          scale = resolution / 111320.0 # degrees per pixel for crs=4326
In [10]:
          data = stackstac.stack(
              items, # use only the data from our search results
              epsg=4326, # use common lat-lon coordinates
              dtype=np.ubyte, # matches the data versus default float64
              fill\_value=nodata, # fills voids with no data
              bounds_latlon=bbox # clips to our bounding box
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In [11]:
land_cover = stackstac.mosaic(data, dim="time", axis=None).squeeze().drop("band").compute()
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#### **Land Cover Map**

Now we will create a land cover classification map. The source GeoTIFFs contain a colormap and the STAC metadata contains the class names. We'll open one of the source files just to read this metadata and construct the right colors and names for our plot.



#### Save the output data in a GeoTIFF file

plt.title('Land Cover Classification')

plt.xlabel('Longitude')
plt.ylabel('Latitude')

plt.show()

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-rw-rw-r-- 1 jovyan users 5.5M Jan 5 20:21 DEM_sample.tiff

-rw-r-r-- 1 jovyan users 273K Jan 7 17:21 Land_Cover_sample.tiff

-rw-rw-r-- 1 jovyan users 49M Jan 5 20:26 S2_mosaic_sample.tiff

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#### How will the participants use this data?

The GeoTIFF file will contain the Lat-Lon coordinates of each pixel and will also contain the land class for each pixel. Since the FrogID data is also Lat-Lon position, it is possible to find the closest pixel using code similar to what is demonstrated below. Once this pixel is found, then the corresponding land class can be used for modeling species distribution. In addition, participants may want to consider proximity to specific land classes. For example, there may be a positive correlation with land classes such as trees, grass or water and there may be a negative correlation with land classes such as built-up area or bare soil.

These are the possible land classifications, reported below:

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1 = water, 2 = trees, 3 = grass, 4 = flooded vegetation, 5 = crops
6 = scrub, 7 = built-up (urban), 8 = bare soil, 9 = snow/ice, 10=clouds
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In [18]: # This is an example for a specific Lon-Lat location randomly selected within our sample region.
    values = land_cover.sel(x=150.71, y=-33.51, method="nearest").values
    print("This is the land classification for the closest pixel: ",values)

This is the land classification for the closest pixel: 2
In []:
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