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// Load Sentinel-1 C-band SAR Ground Range collection (log scale, VV polarization, descending pass, Swath Mode: IW)
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var collectionVV = ee.ImageCollection('COPERNICUS/S1_GRD')  
.filter(ee.Filter.eq('instrumentMode', 'IW'))  
.filter(ee.Filter.listContains('transmitterReceiverPolarisation', 'VV'))  
.filter(ee.Filter.eq('orbitProperties_pass', 'DESCENDING'))  
.filterMetadata('resolution_meters', 'equals', 10)  
.filterBounds(roi)  
.select('VV');  
print(collectionVV, 'Collection VV');
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// Load Sentinel-1 C-band SAR Ground Range collection (log scale, VH polarization, descending pass, Swath Mode: IW)
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var collectionVH = ee.ImageCollection('COPERNICUS/S1_GRD')  
.filter(ee.Filter.eq('instrumentMode', 'IW'))  
.filter(ee.Filter.listContains('transmitterReceiverPolarisation', 'VH'))  
.filter(ee.Filter.eq('orbitProperties_pass', 'DESCENDING'))  
.filterMetadata('resolution_meters', 'equals', 10)  
.filterBounds(roi)  
.select('VH');  
print(collectionVH, 'Collection VH');
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//Filter by date
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var first2016VV = collectionVV.filterDate('2016-08-01', '2016-08-10').mosaic();  
var second2018VV = collectionVV.filterDate('2018-08-05', '2018-08-10').mosaic();  
var third2019VV = collectionVV.filterDate('2019-08-01', '2019-08-15').mosaic();  
var first2016VH = collectionVH.filterDate('2016-08-01', '2016-08-10').mosaic();  
var second2018VH = collectionVH.filterDate('2018-08-05', '2018-08-10').mosaic();  
var third2019VH = collectionVH.filterDate('2019-08-01', '2019-08-15').mosaic();
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// Display map
Map.centerObject(roi, 7);

Map.addLayer(first2016VV, {min:-15,max:0}, '2016 VV', 0);
Map.addLayer(second2018VV, {min:-15,max:0}, '2018 VV', 0);
Map.addLayer(third2019VV, {min:-15,max:0}, '2019 VV', 0);
Map.addLayer(first2016VH, {min:-27,max:0}, '2016 VH', 0);
Map.addLayer(second2018VH, {min:-27,max:0}, '2018 VH', 0);
Map.addLayer(third2019VH, {min:-27,max:0}, '2019 VH', 0);

//RGB Combination r:2016 g: 2018 b: 2019

//green: High in 2018 and low in 2016 and 2019

//red: High in 2016

//Yellow: High in 2016 2018

Map.addLayer(first2016VH.addBands(second2018VH).addBands(third2019VH), {min: -27,max: -8},
'2016/2018/2019 RGB', 0);

//Apply filter to reduce speckle -- smoothy filter

var SMOOTHING_RADIUS = 50;

var first2016VV_filtered = first2016VV.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle', 'meters');
var first2016VH_filtered = first2016VH.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle', 'meters');
var second2018VV_filtered = second2018VV.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle','meters');
var second2018VH_filtered = second2018VH.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle','meters');
var third2019VV_filtered = third2019VV.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle', 'meters');
var third2019VH_filtered = third2019VH.focal_mean(SMOOTHING_RADIUS, 'circle', 'meters');

//Display filtered images --- stretching the image (from-15 to 0)

Map.addLayer(first2016VV_filtered, {min:-15,max:0}, '2016 VV Filtered',0);
Map.addLayer(first2016VH_filtered, {min:-27,max:0}, '2016 VH Filtered',0);
Map.addLayer(second2018VV_filtered, {min:-15,max:0}, '2018 VV Filtered',0);
Map.addLayer(second2018VH_filtered, {min:-27,max:0}, '2018 VH Filtered',0);
Map.addLayer(third2019VV_filtered, {min:-15,max:0}, '2019 VV Filtered',0);

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Map.addLayer(third2019VH_filtered, {min:-27,max:0}, '2019 VH Filtered',0);

Map.addLayer(first2016VH_filtered.addBands(second2018VH_filtered).addBands(third2019VH_filtered)
, {min: -25, max: -8}, '2016/2018/2019 HV filtered RGB', 0);

// Calculate the difference between before and after

var diff1618VH= first2016VH_filtered.subtract(second2018VH_filtered);
var diff1618VV= first2016VV_filtered.subtract(second2018VV_filtered);
var diff1819VH= second2018VH_filtered.subtract(third2019VH_filtered);
var diff1819VV= second2018VV_filtered.subtract(third2019VV_filtered);

// Display the difference images

Map.addLayer(diff1618VH, {min: -9,max:9}, 'Difference VH 2016/2018', 0);
Map.addLayer(diff1618VV, {min: -9,max:9}, 'Difference VV 2016/2018', 0);
Map.addLayer(diff1819VH, {min: -9,max:9}, 'Difference VH 2018/2019', 0);
Map.addLayer(diff1819VV, {min: -9,max:9}, 'Difference VV 2018/2019', 0);

//Calculate histograms for each image

print(ui.Chart.image.histogram({image:diff1618VH, region:newroi, scale:300}));
print(ui.Chart.image.histogram({image:diff1819VH, region:newroi, scale:300}));

// Combine the mean and standard deviation reducers.

var reducers = ee.Reducer.mean().combine({
  reducer2: ee.Reducer.stdDev(),
  sharedInputs: true
});

//Calculate the mean and standard deviation for each difference image

var stats1618 = diff1618VH.reduceRegion({
  reducer: reducers,
  geometry: newroi,
  scale: 10,
});

var stats1819 = diff1819VH.reduceRegion({

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reducer: reducers,

geometry: newroi,

scale: 10,

});

//Print the mean and stdv for each difference image
print('stats:', stats1618, stats1819)

//Apply Thresholds based on ND <stdvx1.5 to create a vegetation regrowth mask

// recalculating the Thresholds because the ROI was adjusted. Multiplying ((1.296* 1.5) + 0.24). ((stdv *
threshold) + mean)

var DIFF_UPPER_THRESHOLD1618 = 2.17;

var DIFF_UPPER_THRESHOLD1819 = 2.88;

var diff1618VH_thresholded = diff1618VH.gt(DIFF_UPPER_THRESHOLD1618);

var diff1819VH_thresholded = diff1819VH.gt(DIFF_UPPER_THRESHOLD1819);

//Display Masks based on threshold of previous step.

//anything above of the threshold set as one, that represent vegetation lost.

// set the colors in order to check the difference among the years

// the threshold is only showing where the vegetation was lost. No were the vegetation was recover,

// to do that the threshold should be changed.

Map.addLayer(diff1618VH_thresholded.updateMask(diff1618VH_thresholded),{palette:"FF0000"},"Vegetation Loss 16/18',1);

Map.addLayer(diff1819VH_thresholded.updateMask(diff1819VH_thresholded),{palette:"FF0000"},"Vegetation Loss 18/19',1);

//Compare differences in vegetation loss between 16/18 and 18/19 in an small area in statistics.

var area_loss1618 = diff1618VH_thresholded.reduceRegion({

  reducer: ee.Reducer.sum(),

  geometry: stats_area,

  scale: 10,

});

var area_loss1819 = diff1819VH_thresholded.reduceRegion({

  reducer: ee.Reducer.sum(),

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    geometry: stats_area,
    scale: 10,
  });

//Print the mean and stdv for each difference of image calculated in previous step
// it calculates the number of pixels where there was loss of vegetation 2016-2018
// in 2016-2018 983 pixels with less vegetation
// in 2018-2019 433 pixels with less vegetation
print('stats:', area_loss1618, area_loss1819);

//The area of a pixel is 10 meters (which is 10 m × 10 m = 100 square meters or 0.01 ha
//983 pixels × 0.01 = 9.83 ha in 2016/2018
//433 pixels × 0.01 = 4.33 ha in 2018/2019

// Summary: Vegetation Lost using a threshold and mask to represent where was vegetation lost.
// This vegetation loss does not mean necessary DEFORESTATION. Can be where vegetation degradation
//from one year to another. The calculated here is the vegetation loss

// Export Image
Export.image.toDrive({
  image: diff1618VH_thresholded,
  description: '2016_2018_mask',
  scale: 30,
  region: newroi,
  fileFormat: 'GeoTIFF',
  folder: 'GEE'
});

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