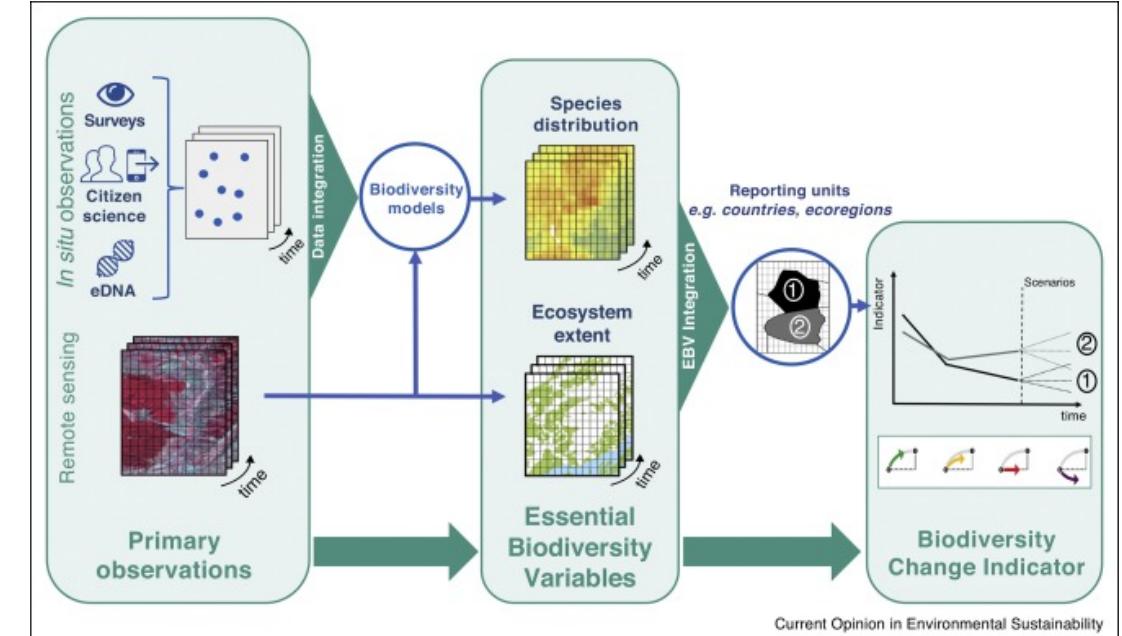
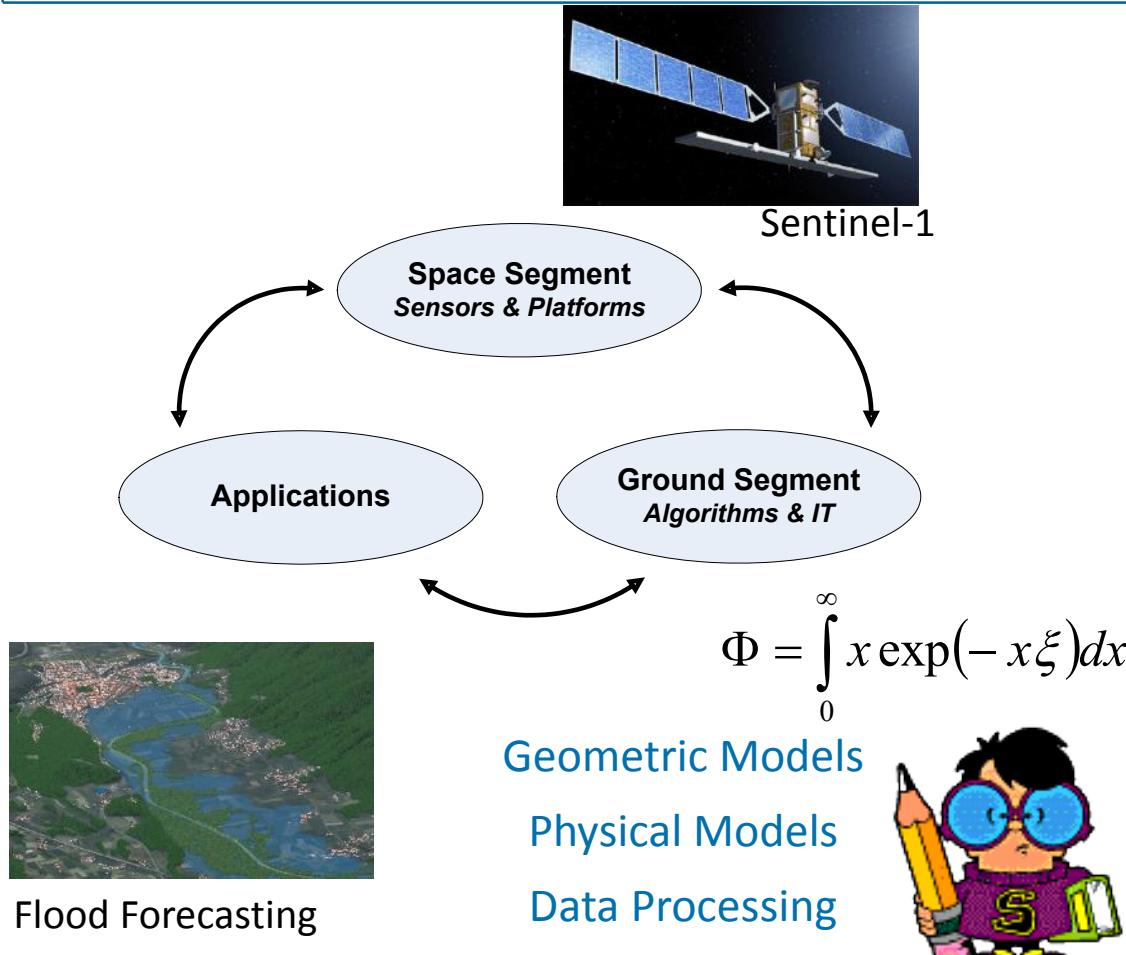


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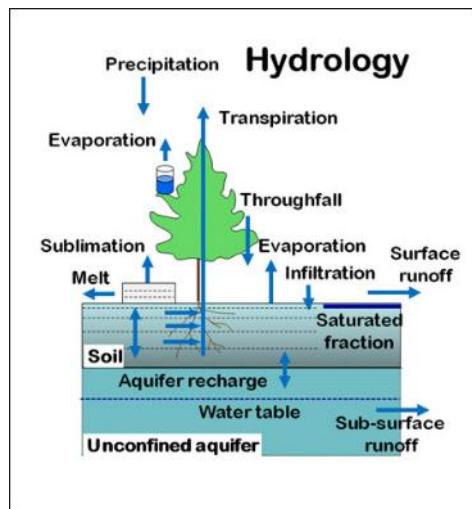
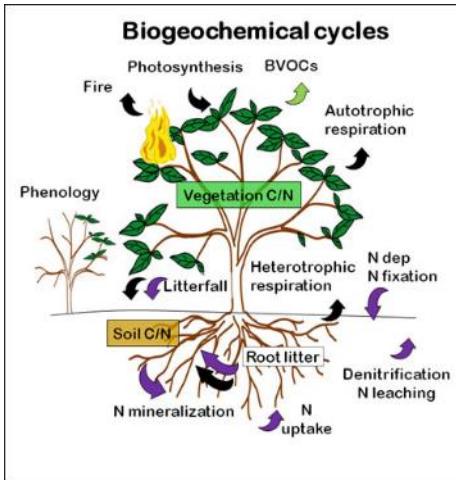
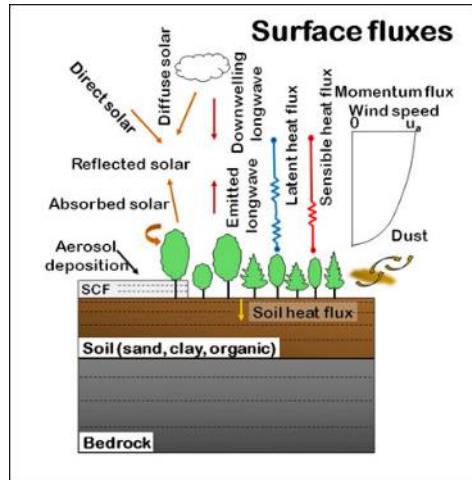
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# Data → Applications → Decisions

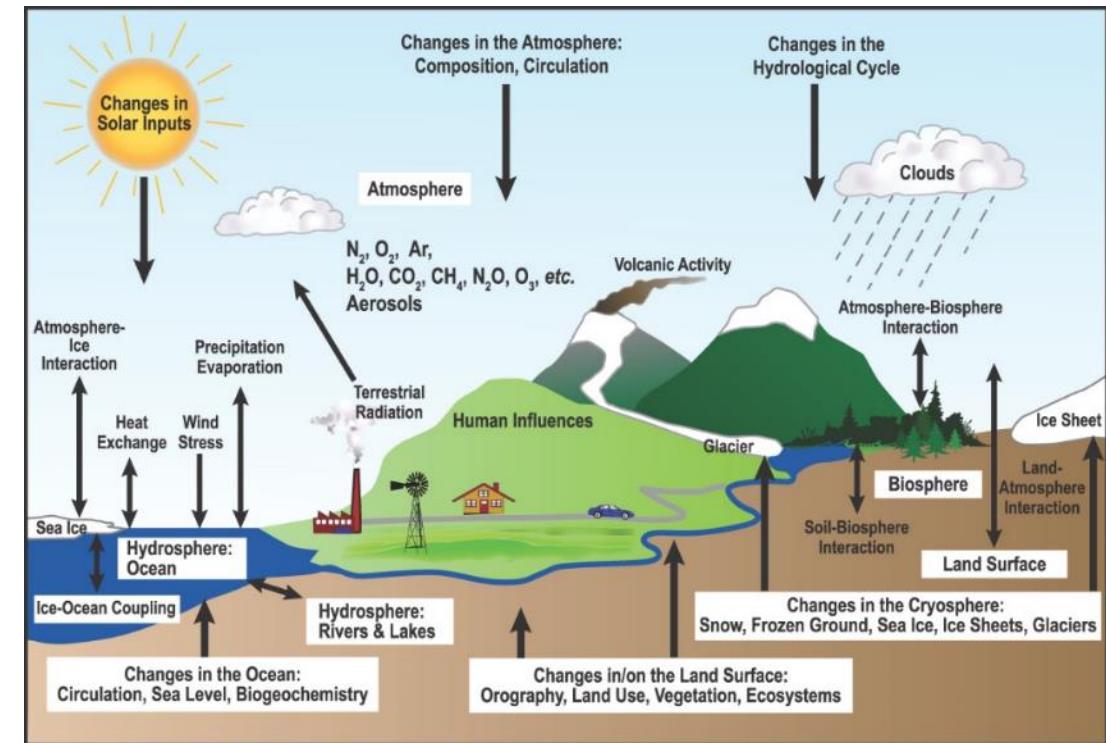


# Environmental Monitoring Requires a Holistic View



Schematic diagram depicting processes represented in the Community Land Model  
(<http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/clm/>)

Source: Lawrence and Fisher (2013)



# Global Climate Observing System

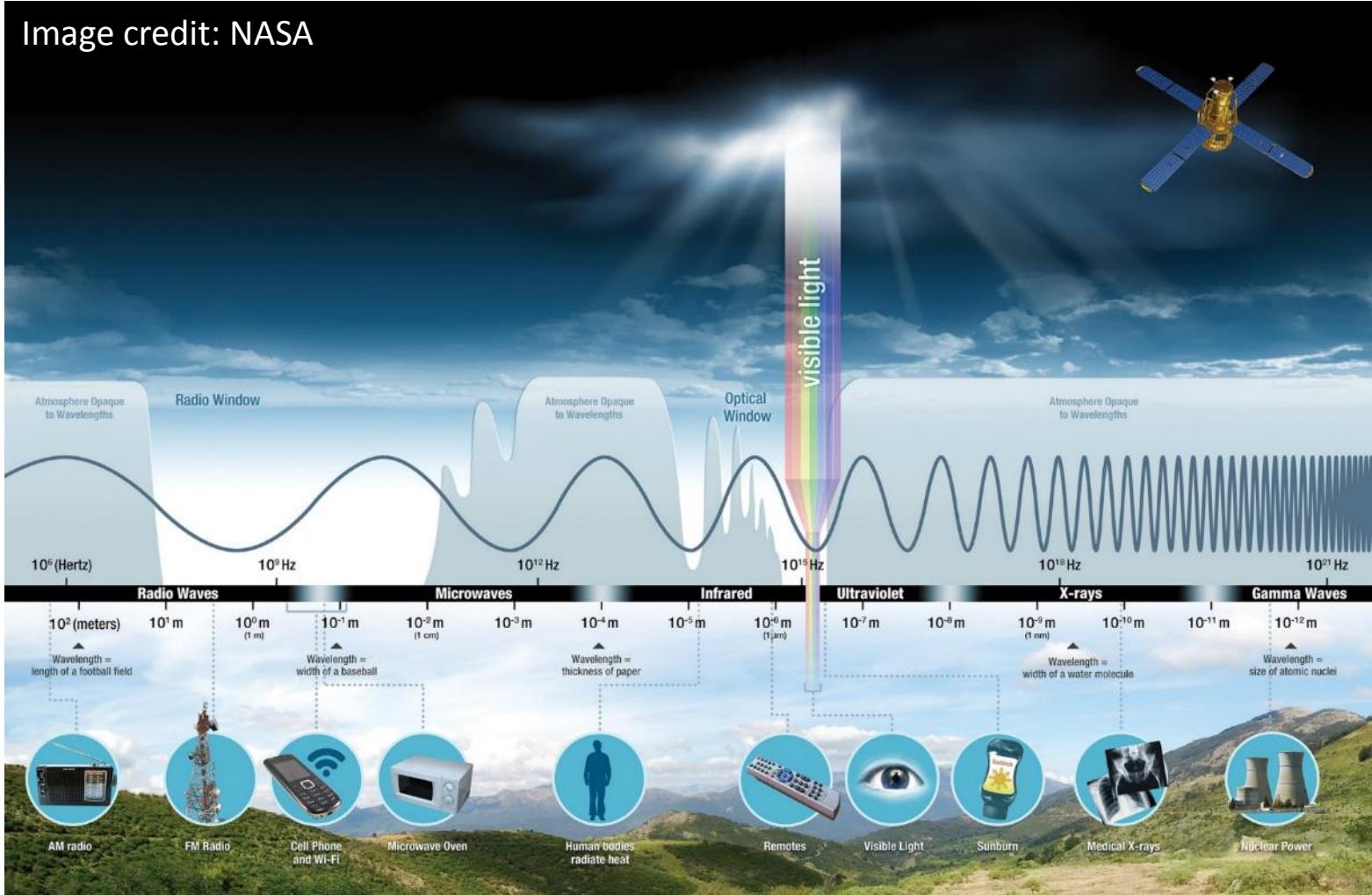


Measurement domain	Essential Climate Variables (ECVs)
Atmospheric	<p>Surface: air temperature, wind speed and direction, water vapour, pressure, precipitation, surface radiation budget</p> <p>Upper-air: temperature, wind speed and direction, water vapour, cloud properties, Earth radiation budget, lightning</p> <p>Composition: carbon dioxide (<math>\text{CO}_2</math>), methane (<math>\text{CH}_4</math>), other long-lived greenhouse gases, ozone, aerosol, precursors for aerosol and ozone</p>
Oceanic	<p>Physics: temperature: sea surface and subsurface; salinity: sea surface and subsurface; currents, surface currents, sea level, sea state, sea ice, ocean surface stress, ocean surface heat flux</p> <p>Biogeochemistry: inorganic carbon, oxygen, nutrients, transient tracers, nitrous oxide (<math>\text{N}_2\text{O}</math>), ocean colour</p> <p>Biology/ecosystems: plankton, marine habitat properties</p>
Terrestrial	<p>Hydrology: river discharge, groundwater, lakes, soil moisture</p> <p>Cryosphere: snow, glaciers, Ice sheets and Ice shelves, permafrost</p> <p>Biosphere: albedo, land cover, fraction of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation, leaf area index, above-ground biomass, soil carbon, fire, land surface temperature</p> <p>Human use of natural resources: water use, greenhouse gas fluxes</p>

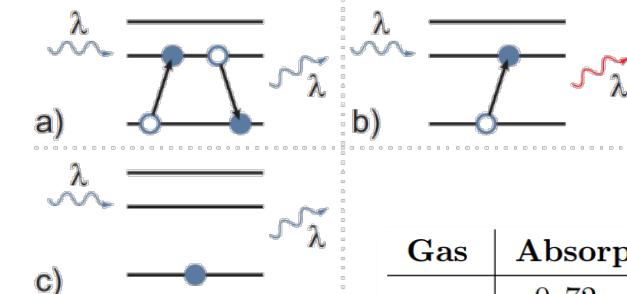
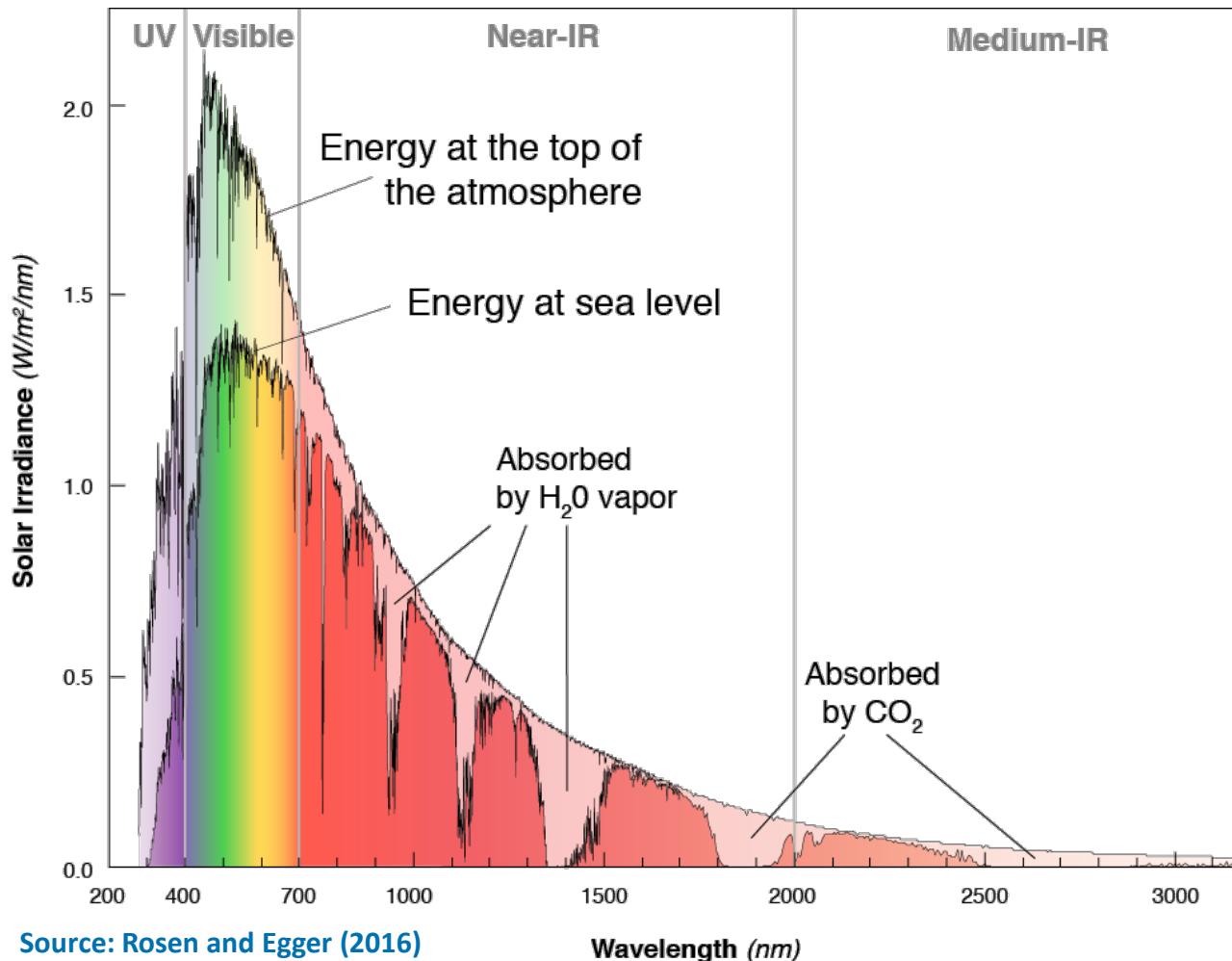
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# Basics: Electromagnetic spectrum

Image credit: NASA



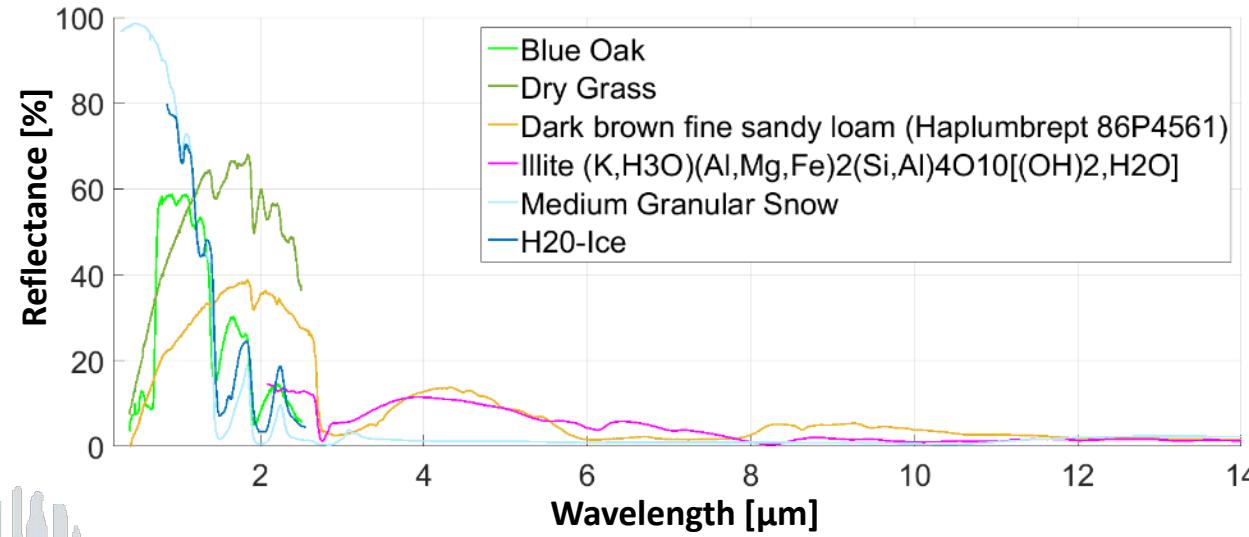
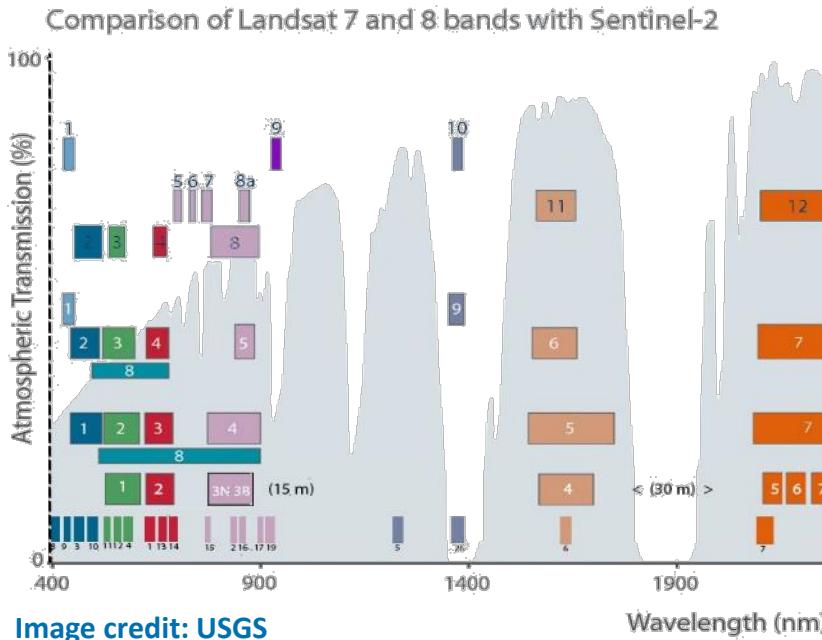
# Absorption by Atmospheric Constituents



Gas	Absorptionsbanden [ $\mu m$ ]		
$H_2O$	0,72	0,82	0,94
	1,1	1,38	1,87
	2,7		
$CO_2$	1,4	1,6	2,0
	2,7		
$O_3$	0,25	0,33	0,73
	0,14	0,22	0,63
$O_2$	0,69	0,76	1,06
	1,27	1,58	
$CH_4$	1,66	2,2	2,37
$CO_2$	2,34	2,75	
$NO_2$	0,5		

Source: Schramm (2010)

# Spectral resolution



Source: Clark et al. (2007), Baldridge et al. (2009)

# Spectral resolution



- Deciduous vs. Coniferous Forest
- 1x1m
- Spatial Emerge Digital Camera
- Bands: NIR,R,G

Source: Jensen (2005)

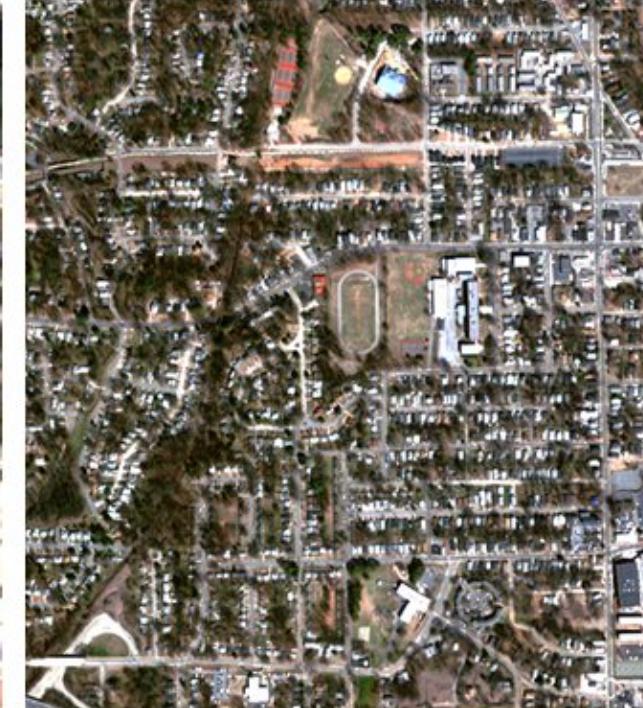
# Geometric resolution



a. Landsat ETM+



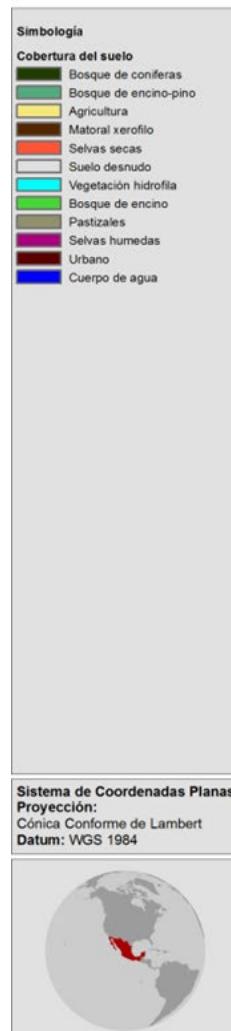
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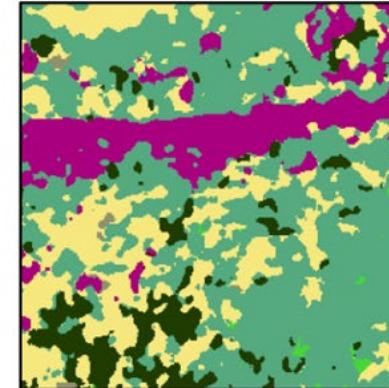
c. QuickBird

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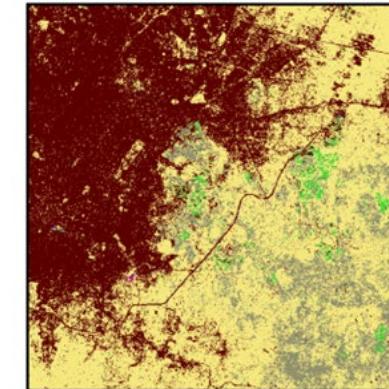
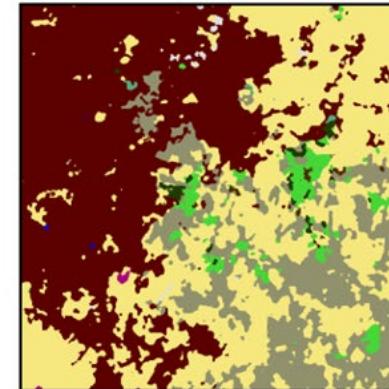
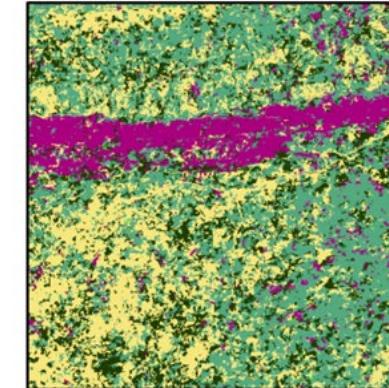
# Geometric resolution



Landsat TM y ETM+



RapidEye



Source: Schramm, 2014

# Basics: temporal resolution

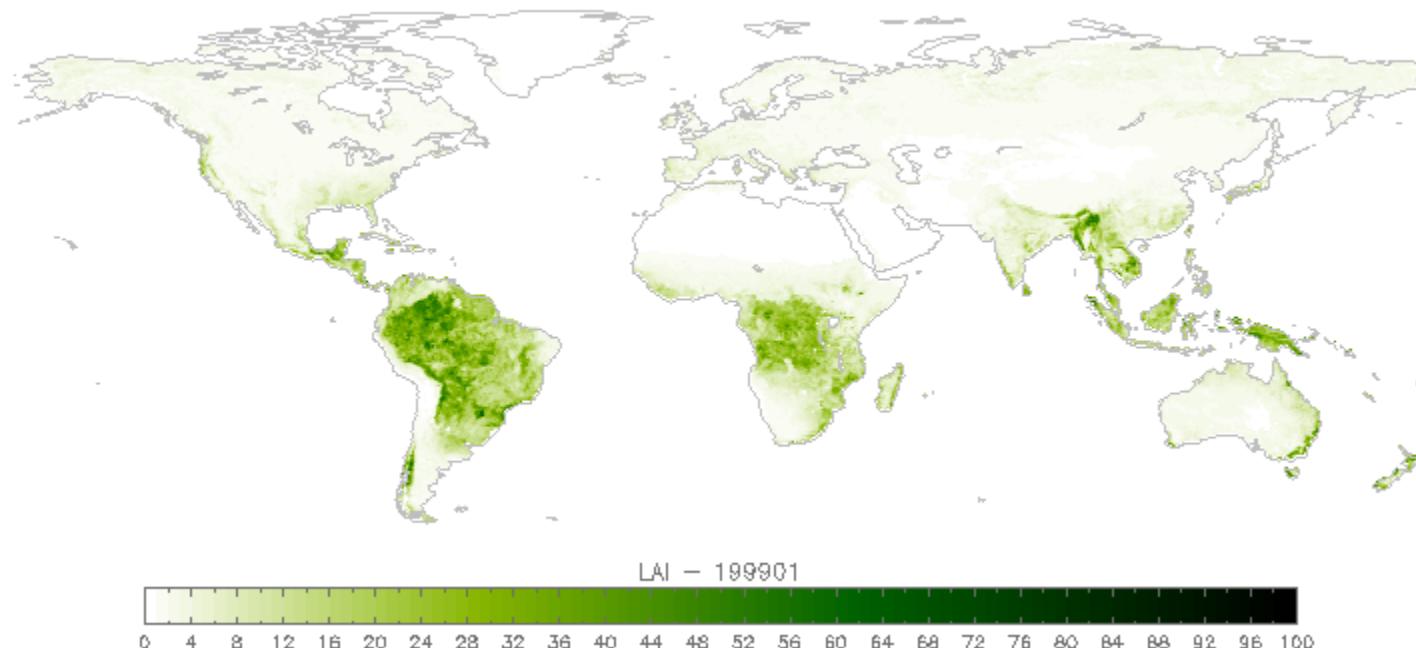
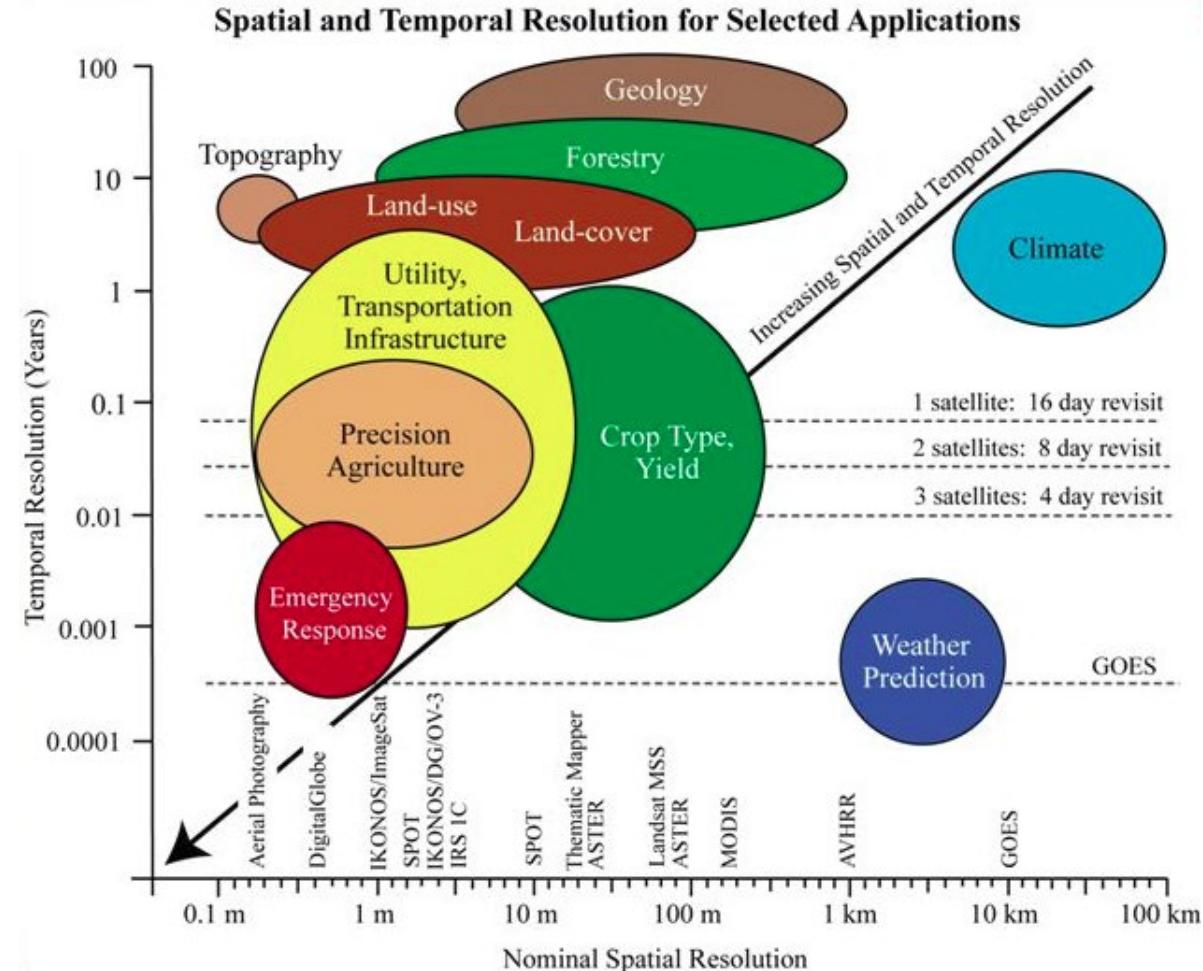


Image Credit: ESA

- Animation based on GLOBCARBON data
- Changes in worldwide leaf area index (LAI)
- 1999 – 2002

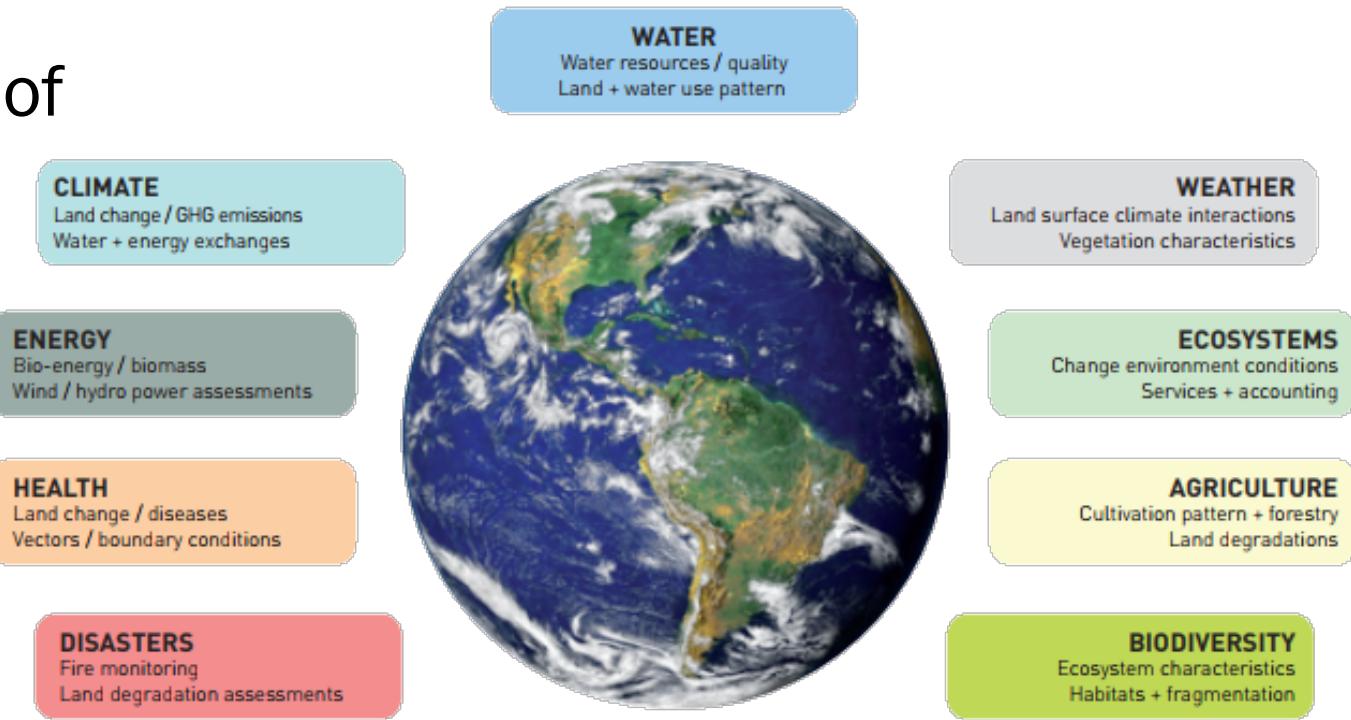
# Required resolution



Source: Jensen (2005)

# Land Cover (LC) / Land Cover Change

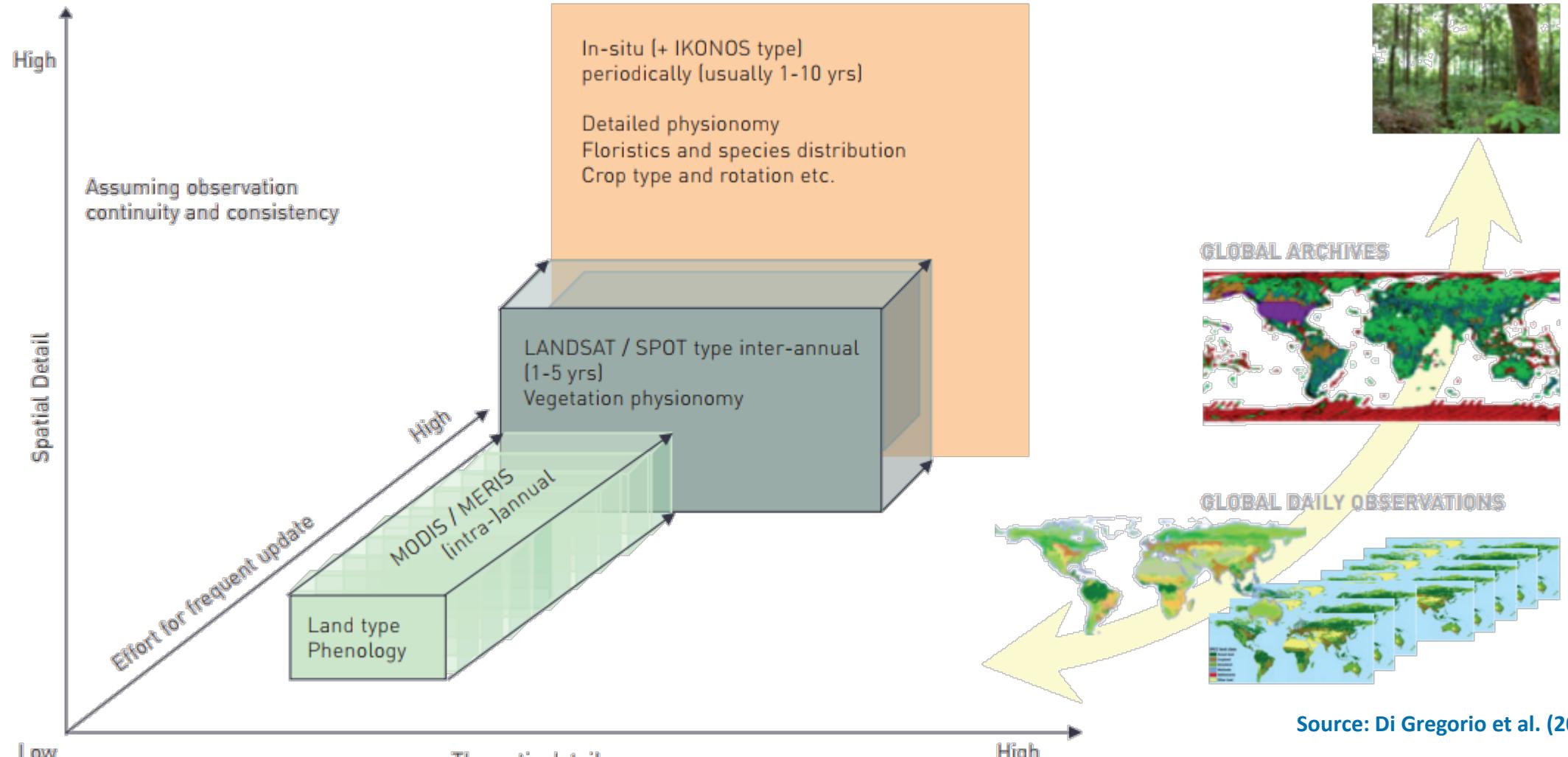
- Observed (bio) physical cover of the earth's surface
- Synthesis of all processes taking place on the land
- Reflects land occupation / transformation by natural, modified, artificial systems
- To detect dynamics / human intervention on land



Source: Herold et al. (2012)

# Land Cover (LC) / Land Cover Change

IN SITU DATABASE



# CORINE Land Cover

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
1 Artificial surfaces	11 Urban fabric	111 Continuous urban fabric 112 Discontinuous urban fabric
	12 Industrial, commercial and transport units	121 Industrial or commercial units 122 Road and rail networks and associated land 123 Port areas 124 Airports
	13 Mine, dump and construction sites	131 Mineral extraction sites 132 Dump sites 133 Construction sites
	14 Artificial, non-agricultural vegetated areas	141 Green urban areas 142 Sport and leisure facilities
2 Agricultural areas	21 Arable land	211 Non-irrigated arable land 212 Permanently irrigated land

# CORINE Land Cover

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
2 Agricultural areas	21 Arable land	211 Non-irrigated arable land 212 Permanently irrigated land 213 Rice fields
	22 Permanent crops	221 Vineyards 222 Fruit trees and berry plantations 223 Olive groves
	23 Pastures	231 Pastures
	24 Heterogeneous agricultural areas	241 Annual crops associated with permanent crops 242 Complex cultivation patterns 243 Land principally occupied by agriculture, with significant areas of natural vegetation 244 Agro-forestry areas

# CORINE Land Cover

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
3 Forest and semi natural areas	31 Forests	311 Broad-leaved forest 312 Coniferous forest 313 Mixed forest
	32 Scrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations	321 Natural grasslands 322 Moors and heathland 323 Sclerophyllous vegetation 324 Transitional woodland-shrub
	33 Open spaces with little or no vegetation	331 Beaches, dunes, sands 332 Bare rocks 333 Sparsely vegetated areas 334 Burnt areas 335 Glaciers and perpetual snow
4 Wetlands	41 Inland wetlands	411 Inland marshes 412 Peat bogs

# CORINE Land Cover

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
4 Wetlands	41 Inland wetlands	411 Inland marshes 412 Peat bogs
	42 Maritime wetlands	421 Salt marshes 422 Salines 423 Intertidal flats
5 Water bodies	51 Inland waters	511 Water courses 512 Water bodies
	52 Marine waters	521 Coastal lagoons 522 Estuaries 523 Sea and ocean

# Other common legends

- UN Land Cover Classification System (LCCS)
- GLC2000
- GlobCover 2009
- FAO FRA

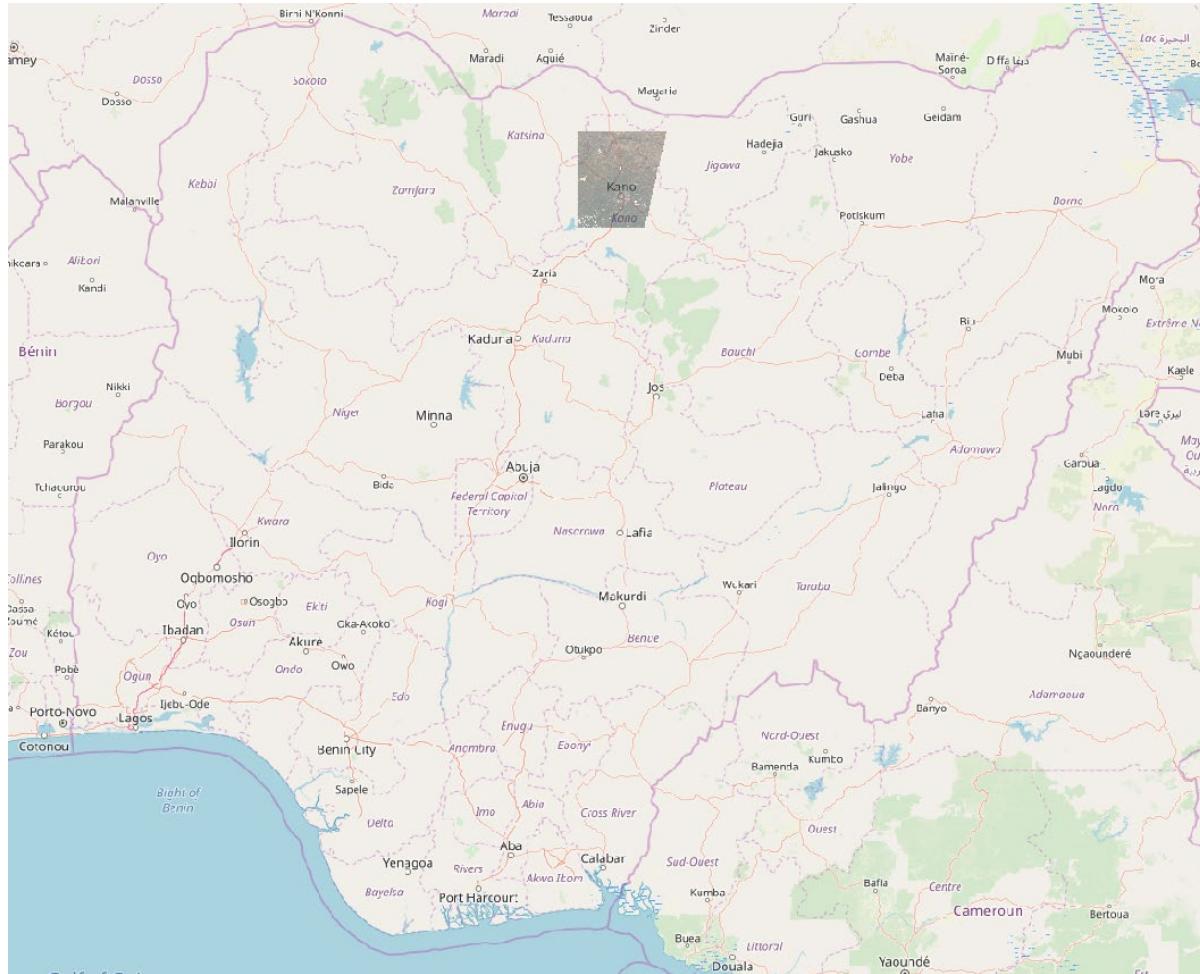
FRA2000 Class	FAO Definition	Representative land cover
Closed forest	Land covered by trees with a canopy cover of more than 40 percent and height exceeding 5 meters. Includes natural forests and forest plantations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tropical/subtropical moist forest</li><li>• Temperate broadleaf mixed forest</li><li>• Subtropical/temperate conifer plantation</li><li>• Boreal conifer forest</li></ul>
Open or fragmented forest	Land covered by trees with a canopy cover between 10 and 40 percent and height exceeding 5 meters (open forest), or mosaics of forest and non-forest land (fragmented forest). Includes natural forests and forest plantations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Northern boreal/taiga open conifer or mixed forest</li><li>• Southern Africa woodland</li><li>• Tropical fragmented/degraded forest</li></ul>
Other wooded land	Land either with a 5-10 percent canopy cover of trees exceeding 5 meters height, or with a shrub or bush cover of more than 10 percent and height less than 5 meters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mediterranean closed scrubland</li><li>• Tropical woody savanna</li></ul>
Other land cover	All other land, including grassland, agricultural land, barren land, urban areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grassland, cropland, non-woody wetland, desert, urban</li></ul>
Water	Inland water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inland water</li></ul>

# QGIS Example

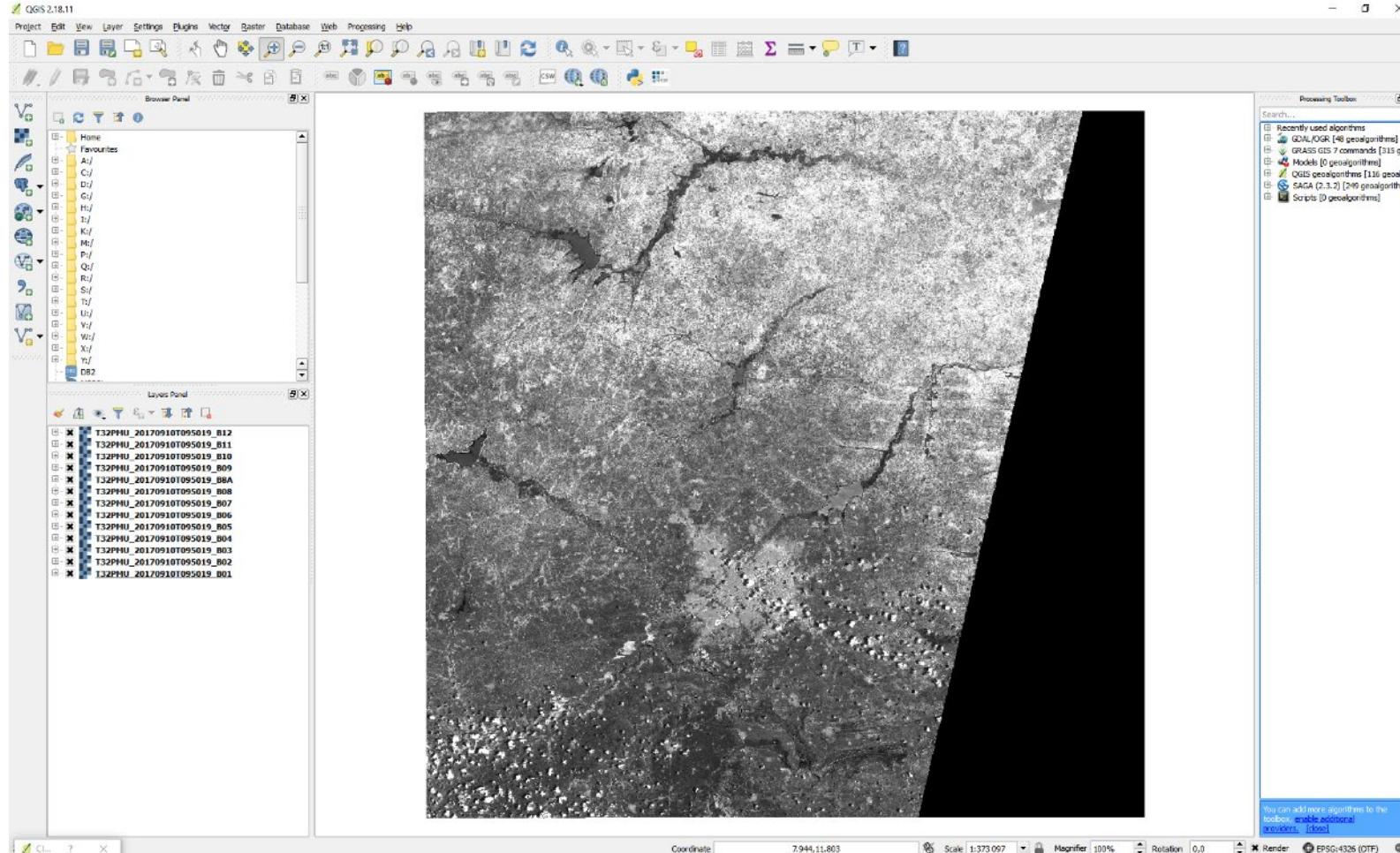
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1. Visualizing Sentinel 2 Data (raster dataset)
2. Masking clouds
3. Loading Avian Influenza (vector dataset; csv)
4. Clipping them together
5. Calculation NDVI
6. Zonal Statistics

# QGIS Example

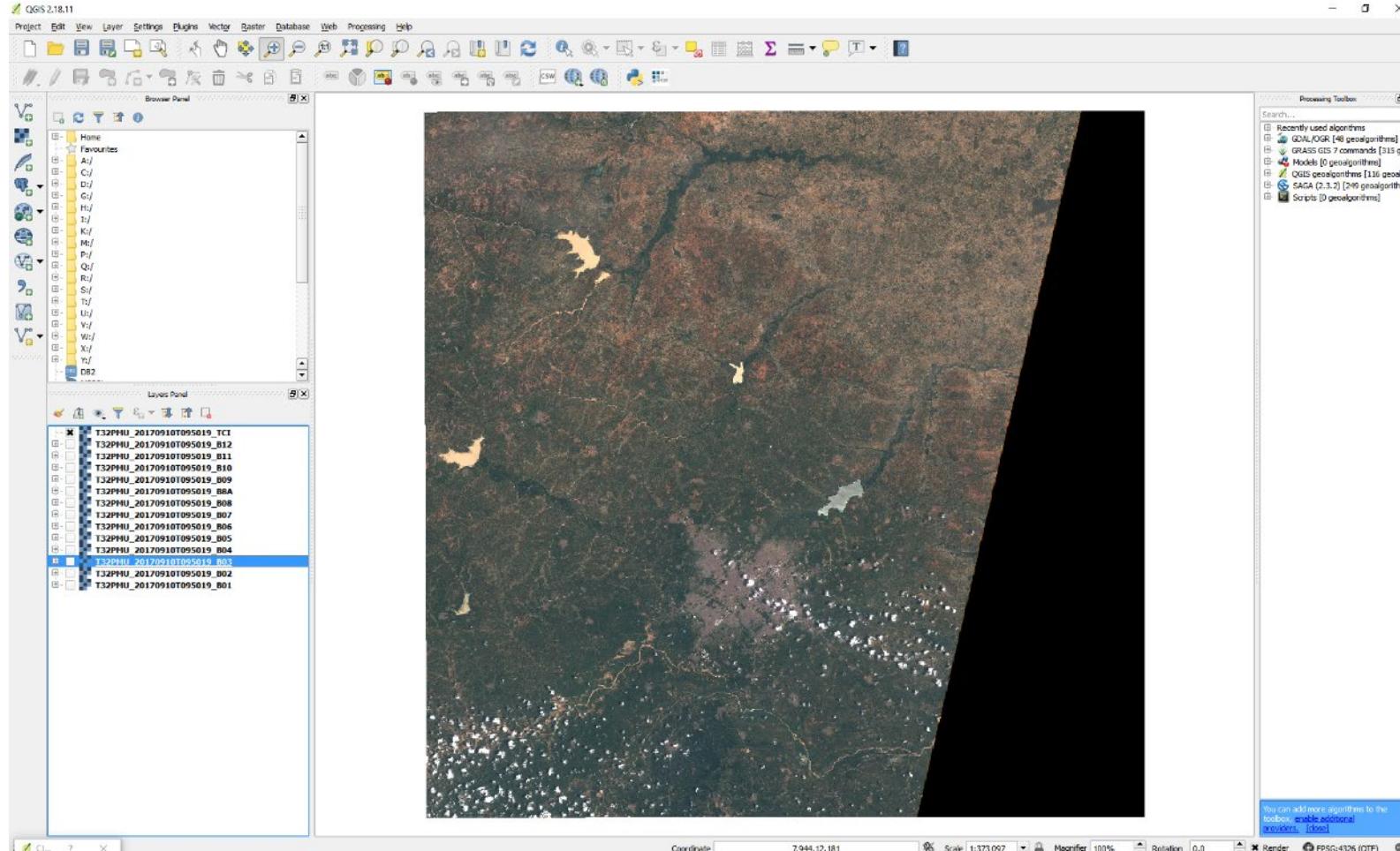


# Visualising Sentinel-2 Data



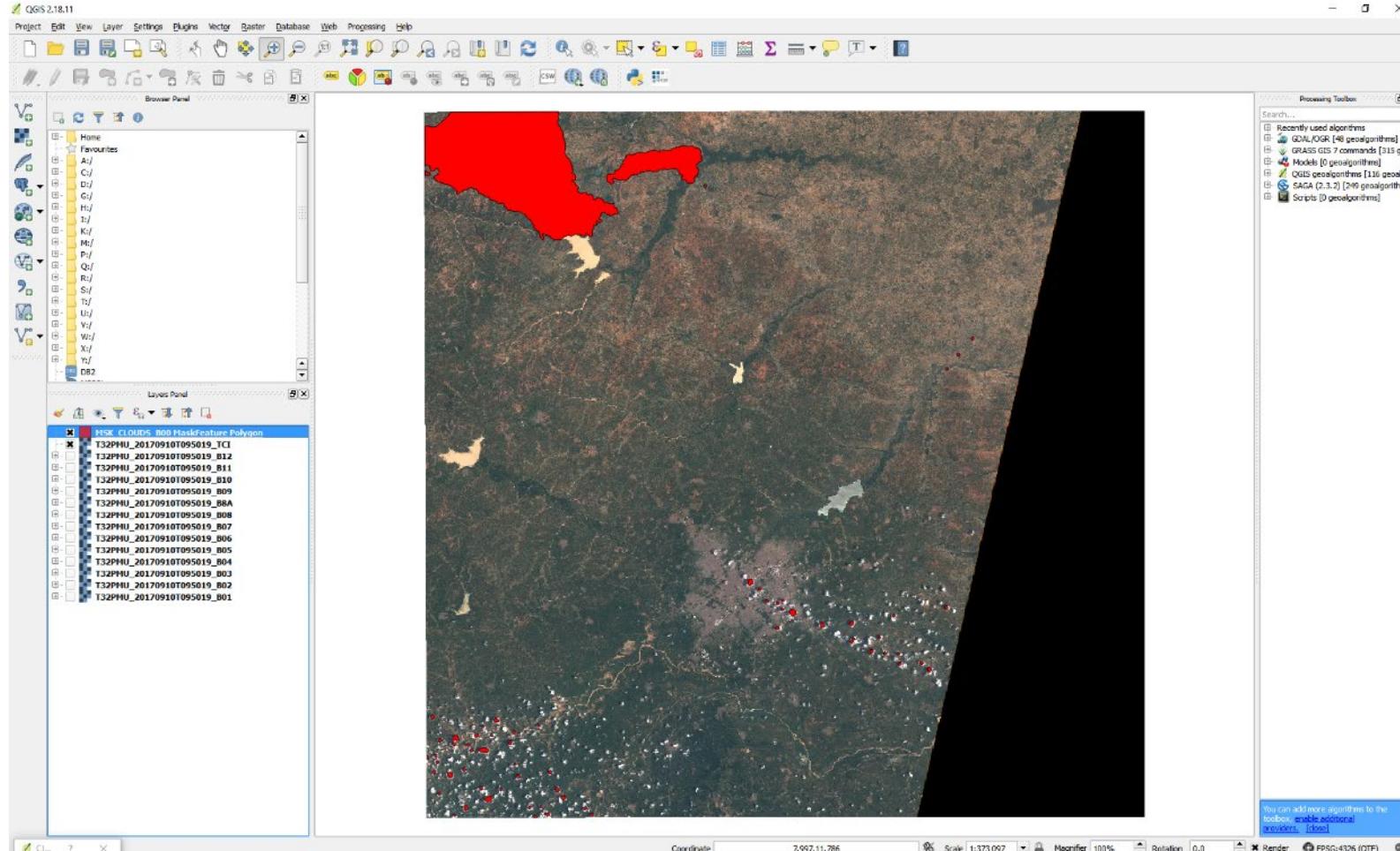
- Each band a single data file

# Visualising Sentinel-2 Data



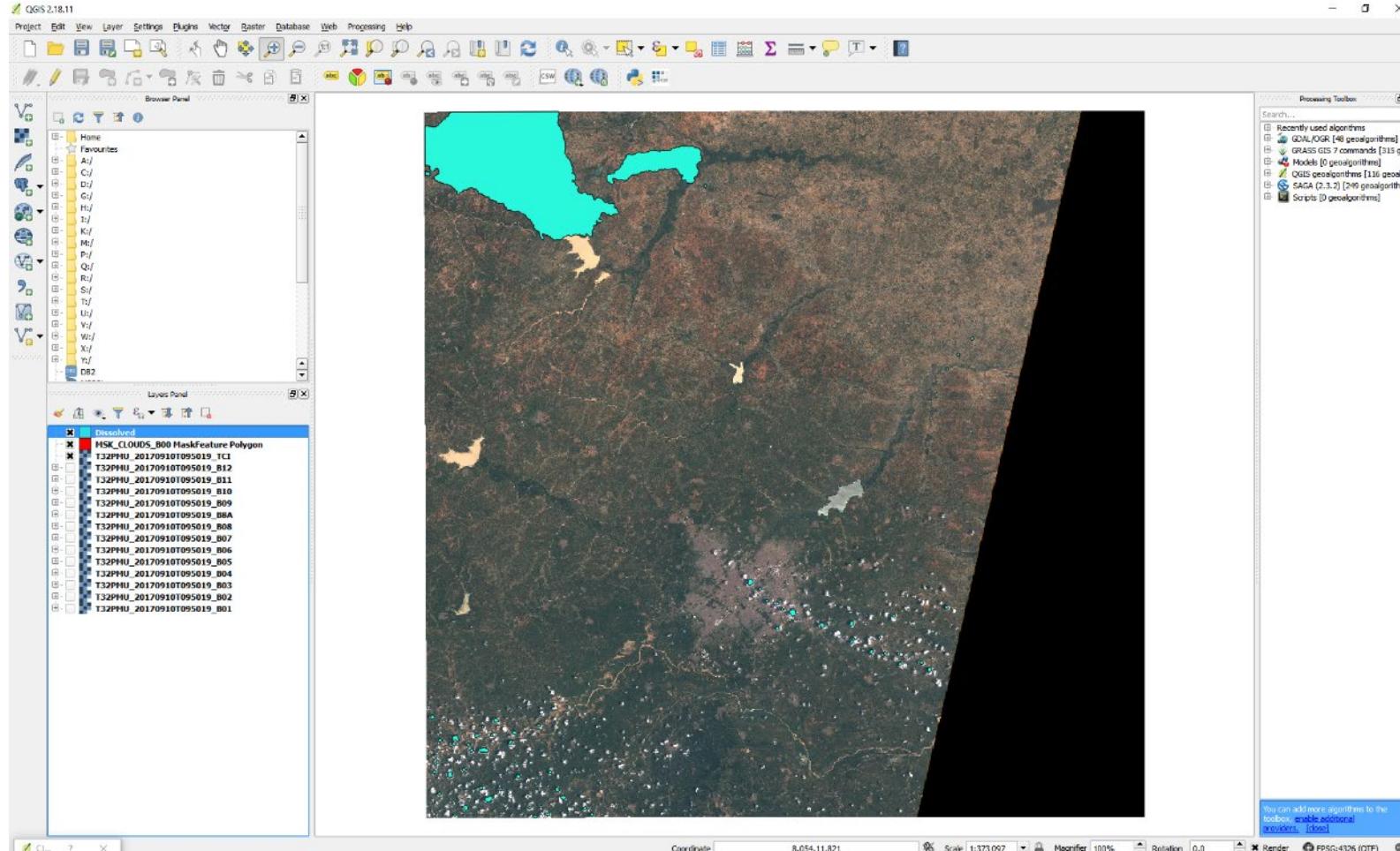
- True color image
  - T32PMU\_ ... \_TCI.jp2
  - Consists of Bands 4,3,2 (Red, Green, Blue)

# Masking Clouds



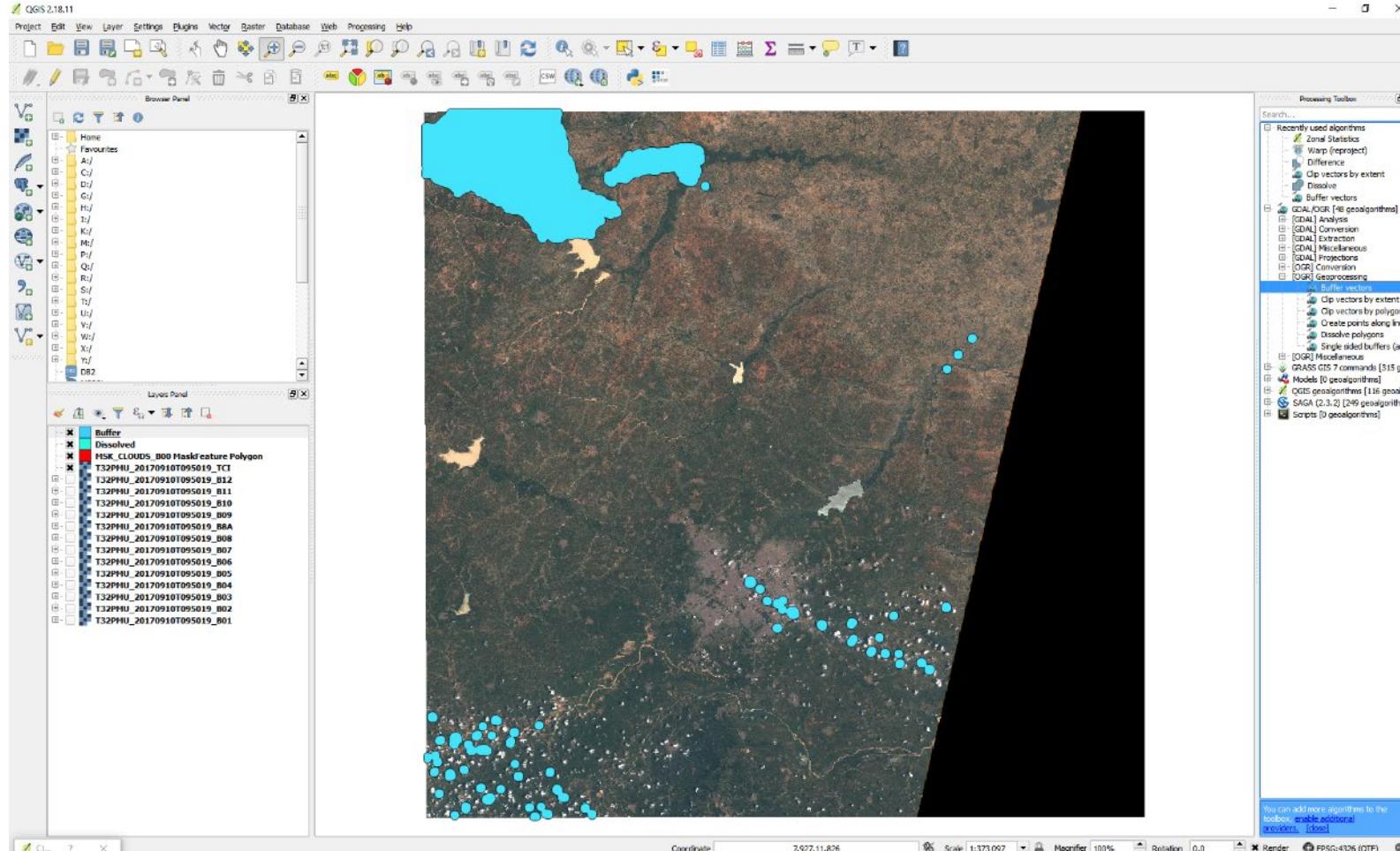
- Cloud mask
  - Layer available for S-2 data (vector data)
  - Not all clouds, not complete, some areas wrongly detected

# Masking Clouds



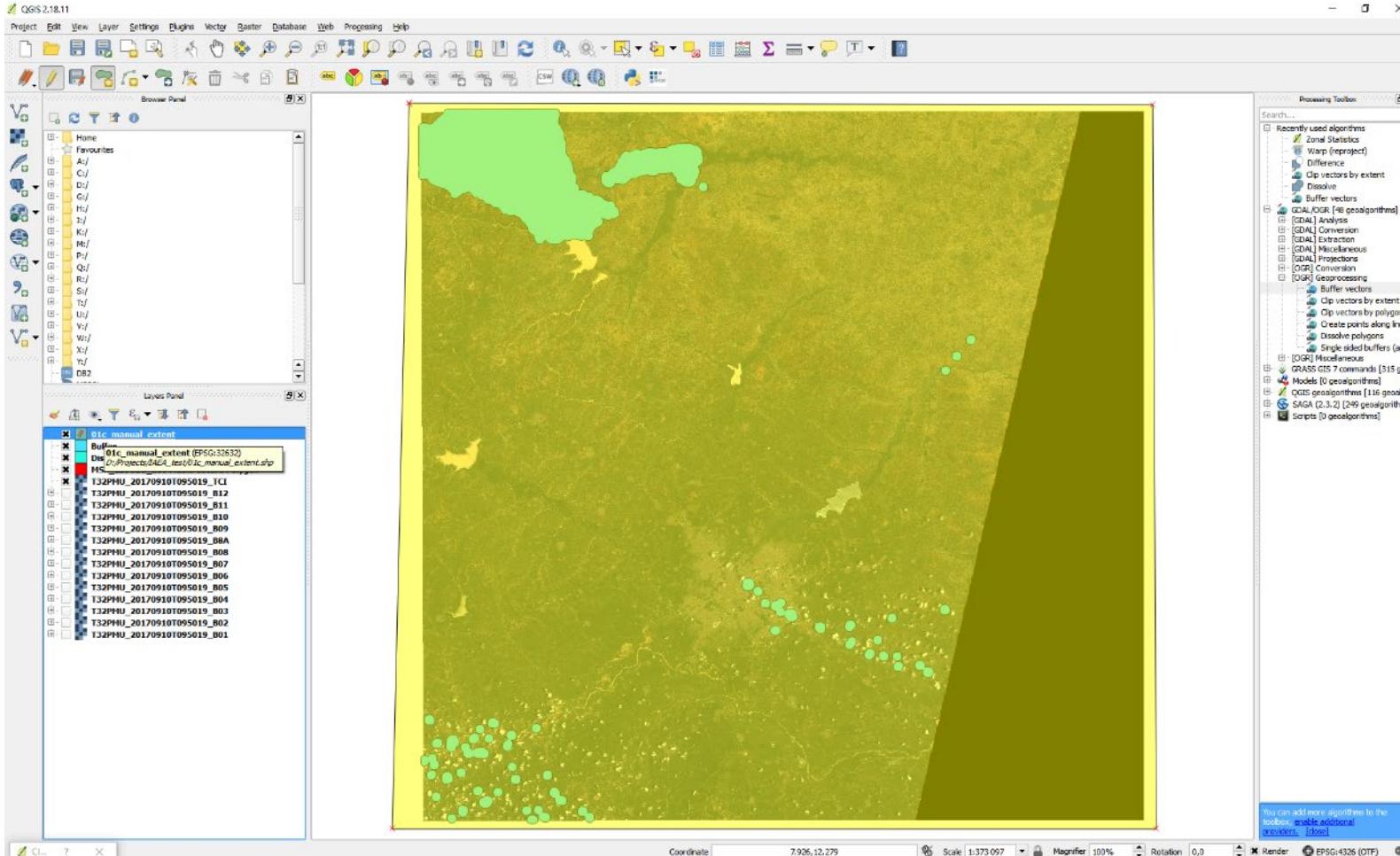
- Buffering clouds
- 1. Dissolving cloud data to one single multi-polygon
- Vector → Geoprocessing Tools → Dissolve

# Masking Clouds



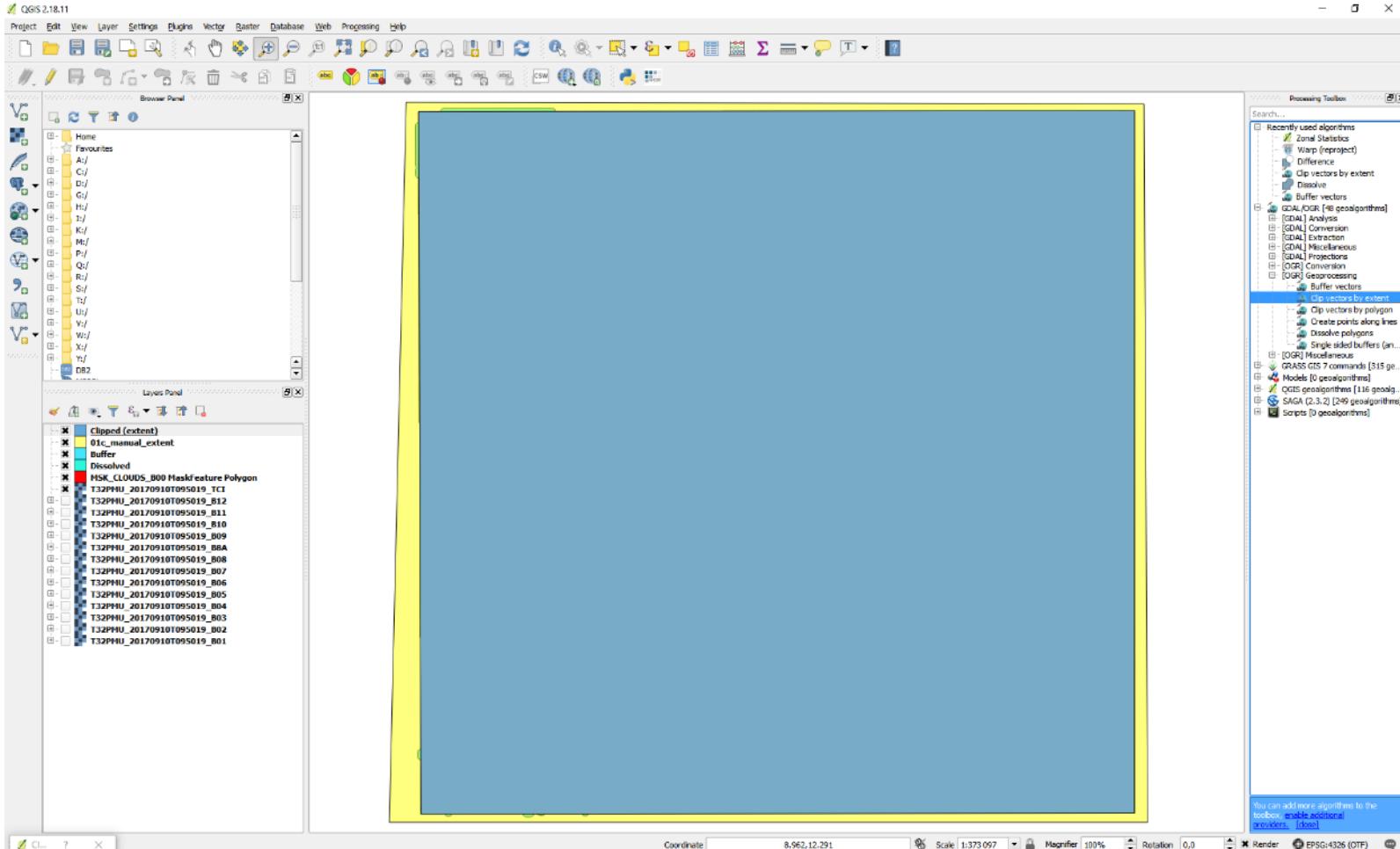
- Buffering clouds
- 2. Buffering process
  - In Processing toolbox
  - GDAL/OGR → [OGR] Geoprocessing → Buffer vectors)

# Masking Clouds



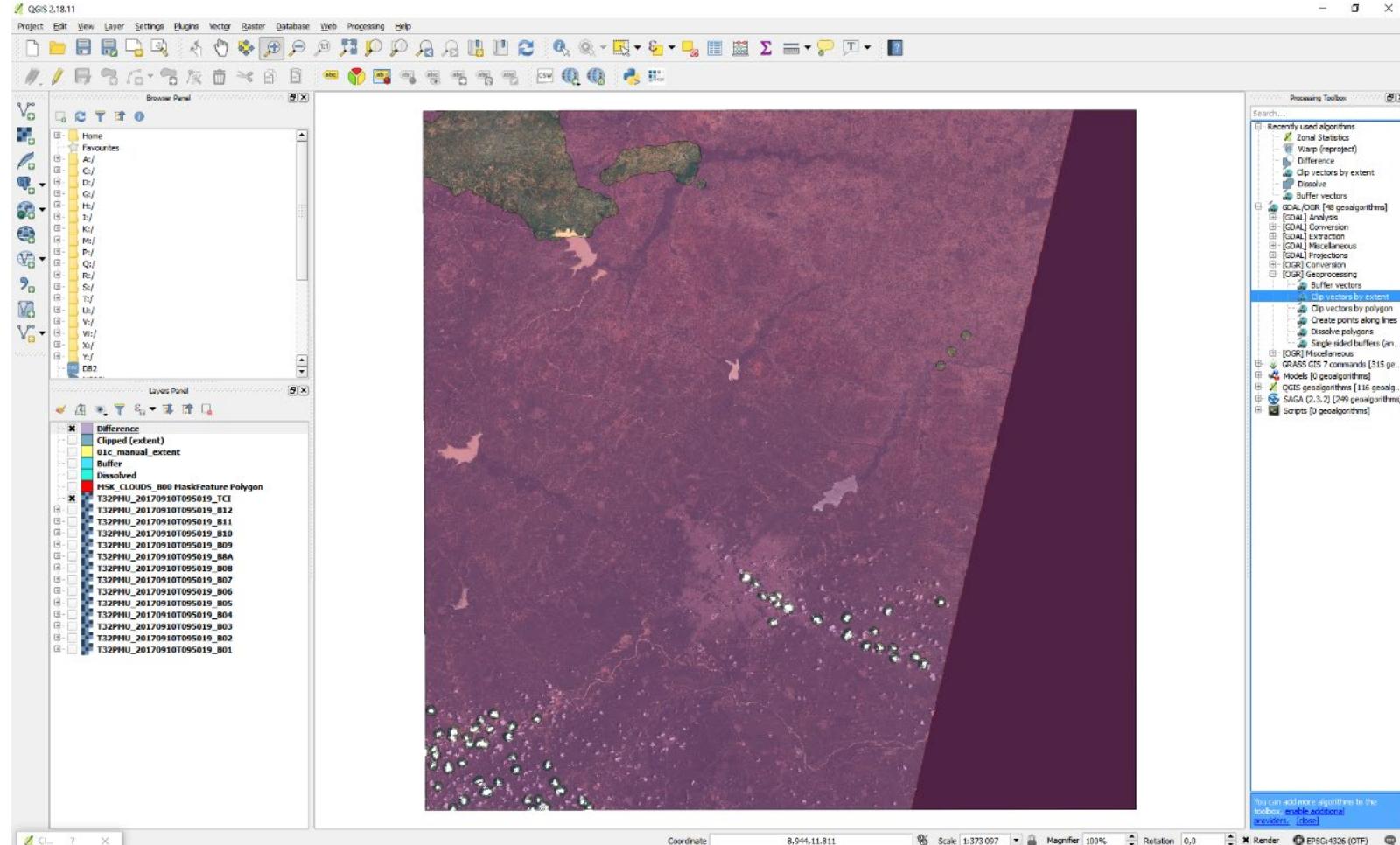
- For using only pixels, which are no cloud:
  1. Create manual shapefile
    - Layer → Create Layer → New Shapefile Layer
      - choose Polygon
    - Right click → Toggle Editing
      - Create box manually
    - Reproject to raster projection
      - Save as; choose CRS

# Masking Clouds



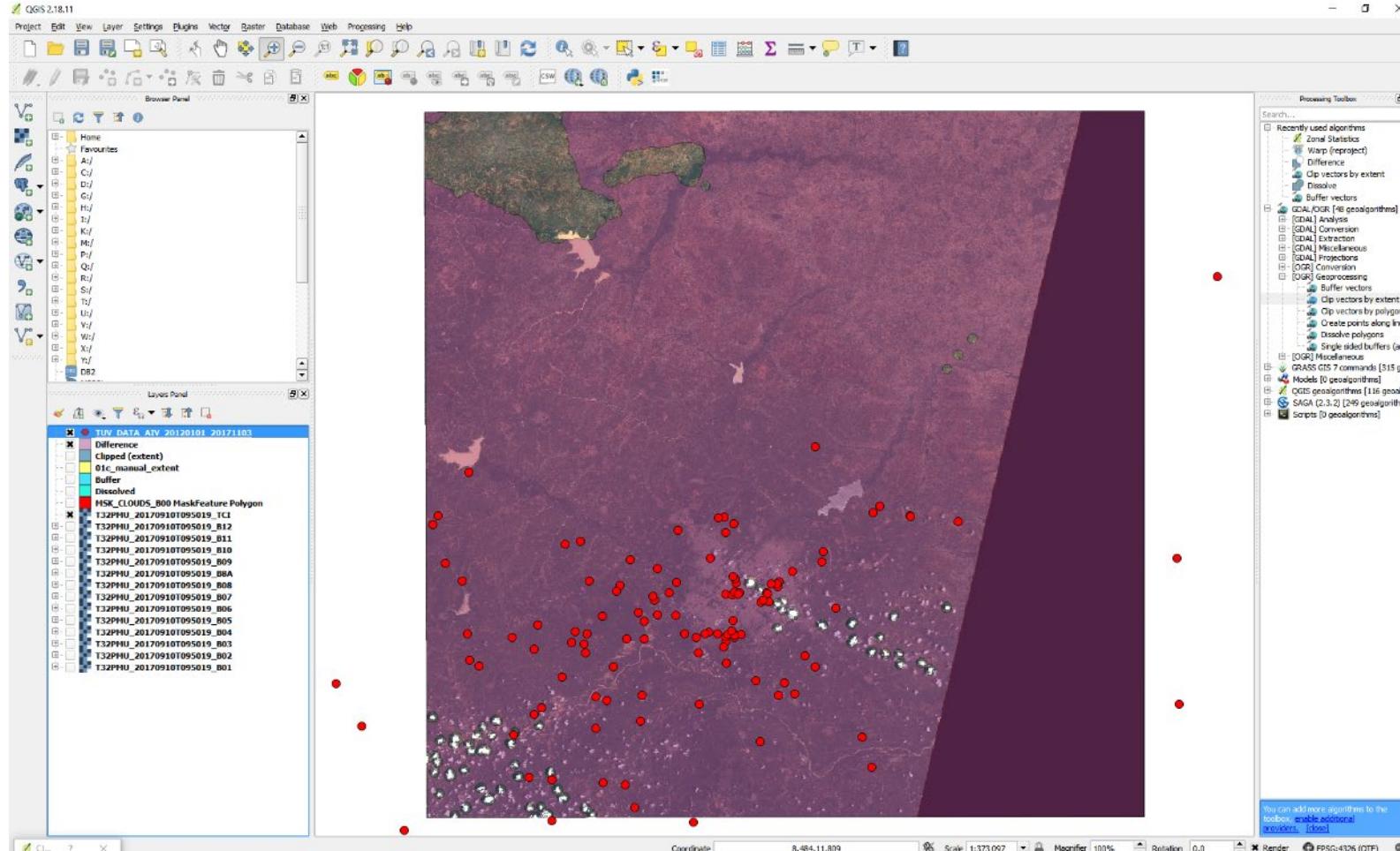
- For using only pixels, which are no cloud:
  2. Clip shapefile to raster
    - Processing toolbox → GDAL/OGR → [OGR] Geoprocessing → Clip vectors by extent
    - Clip extent → ... → Use layer / canvas extent
      - must have same CRS as Polygon

# Masking Clouds



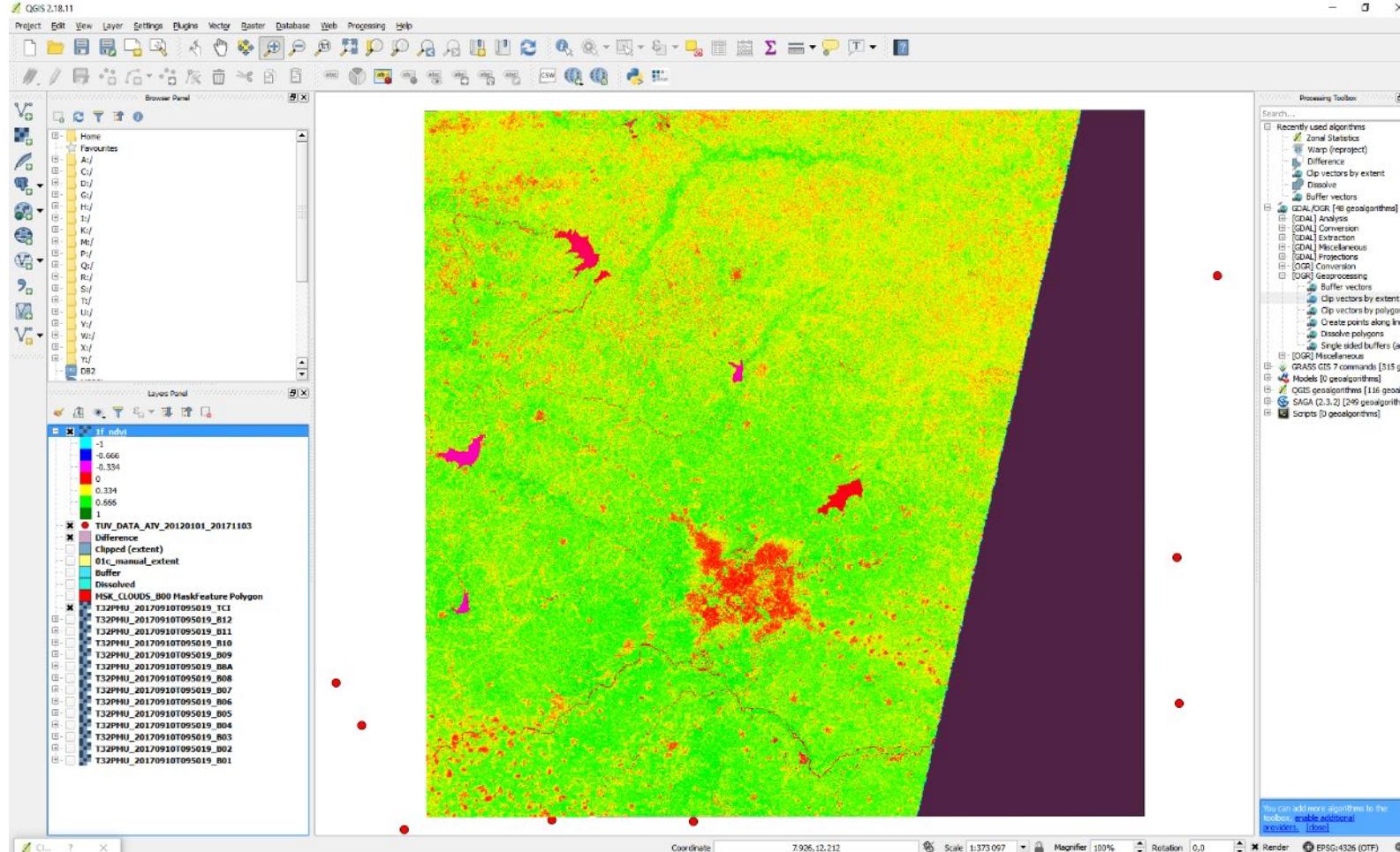
- For using only pixels, which are no cloud:
  3. Invert buffered cloud mask
- Geoprocessing Tools → Difference

# Loading Avian Influencia



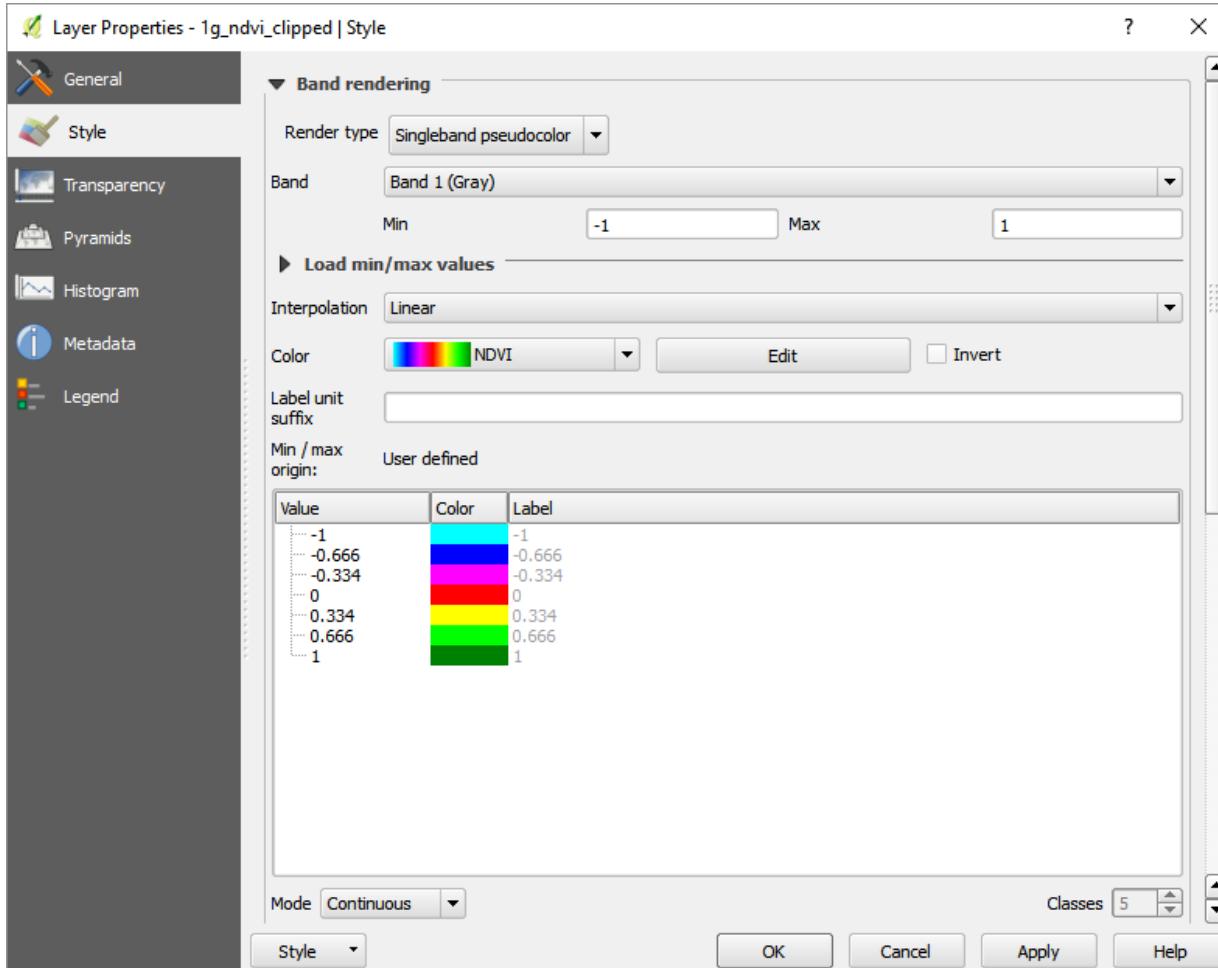
- Adding vector data from CSV file
  - Layer → add Layer → add delimited text layer

# NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index



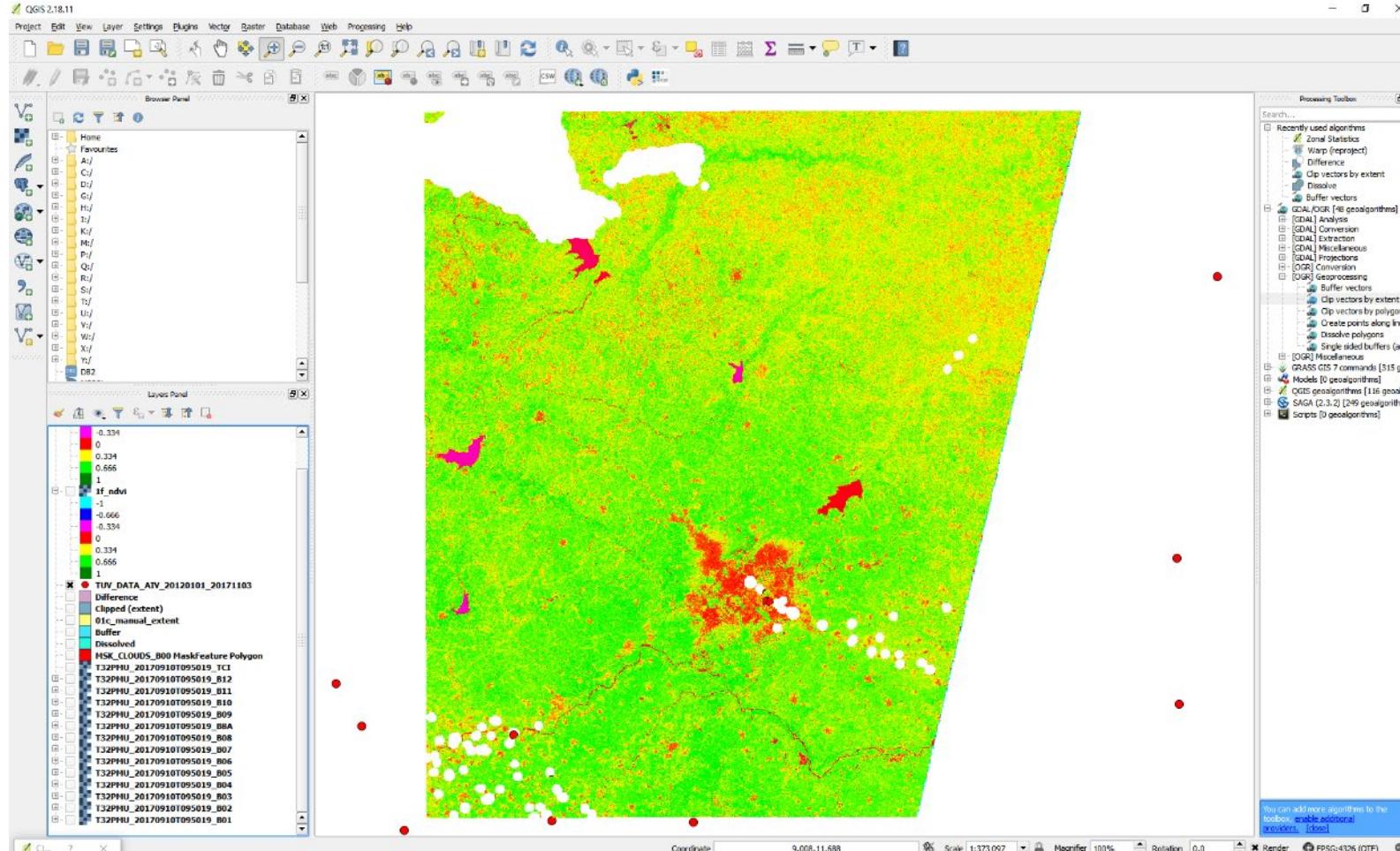
- $(\text{NIR}-\text{Red})/(\text{NIR}+\text{Red})$ 
  - $(B08-B04)/(B08+B04)$
  - Values from -1 to +1
  - Information about vegetation
- Raster → Raster Calculator

# NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index



- Adapt Legend
  - Right mouse click → Properties

# Masking Clouds



- Clipping Raster to Vector
  - Raster → Extraction → Clipper
- NDVI raster and non cloud vector mask

# Zonal Statistics

1_diseases_buffer :: Features total: 111, filtered: 111, selected: 0							
	Id	disease	mean	median	stdev	min	max
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2	198883	Influenza - Avian	0.571177929302...	0.577677965164...	0.109688595156...	0.203842550516...	0.779298186302...
3	198884	Influenza - Avian	0.456129398671...	0.471962630748...	0.131912882148...	0.153368979692...	0.718590497970...
4	198885	Influenza - Avian	0.392668798769...	0.408417582511...	0.129570304405...	0.051685392856...	0.696450412273...
5	198886	Influenza - Avian	0.436006446004...	0.441872417926...	0.137616369278...	0.114405736327...	0.744960904121...
6	199257	Influenza - Avian	0.618759839353...	0.624925434589...	0.059077364346...	0.414372712373...	0.744421899318...
7	199259	Influenza - Avian	0.561371397244...	0.578176319599...	0.117068077236...	0.115648932754...	0.767884314060...
8	199260	Influenza - Avian	0.563353955955...	0.583505153656...	0.107446476759...	0.095811262726...	0.748445034027...
9	199261	Influenza - Avian	0.517536059294...	0.529743432998...	0.113977374654...	0.186031743884...	0.732606410980...
10	199262	Influenza - Avian	0.522251718762...	0.542102396488...	0.108405631299...	0.137455835938...	0.702056407928...
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12	199598	Influenza - Avian	0.570272661068...	0.585843384265...	0.094650779933...	0.274340540170...	0.763724207878...
13	199599	Influenza - Avian	0.552017572910...	0.575640678405...	0.127026775240...	-0.05050504952...	0.773718059062...
14	199600	Influenza - Avian	0.545949880715...	0.576114356517...	0.106707982384...	0.209426894783...	0.772425651550...
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16	200423	Influenza - Avian	0.502112208442...	0.513895928859...	0.116657343096...	0.144237399101...	0.718507766723...

- Disease csv saved as point shapefile
- Clipped to NDVI raster
- Buffer with size 500m
- Zonal statistics
  - QGIS Plugin ‘Zonal Statistics’
  - Raster → Zonal Statistics → Zonal Statistics
- Right mouse click → Attribute table

# Zonal Statistics

ARVI2	Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index 2	$-0.18+1.17((\text{NIR}-\text{RED})/(\text{NIR}+\text{RED}))$
EVI	Enhanced Vegetation Index	$2.5(\text{NIR}-\text{RED})/[(\text{NIR}+6\text{RED}-7.5\text{BLUE})+1]$
GVMI	Global Vegetation Moisture Index	$[(\text{NIR}+0.1)-(\text{SWIR}+0.02)]/[(\text{NIR}+0.1)+(\text{SWIR}+0.02)]$
MSAVI	Modified Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index	$[2\text{NIR}+1-\text{SQRT}((2\text{NIR}+1)^2-8(\text{NIR}-\text{RED}))]/2$
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	$(\text{NIR}-\text{RED})/(\text{NIR}+\text{RED})$

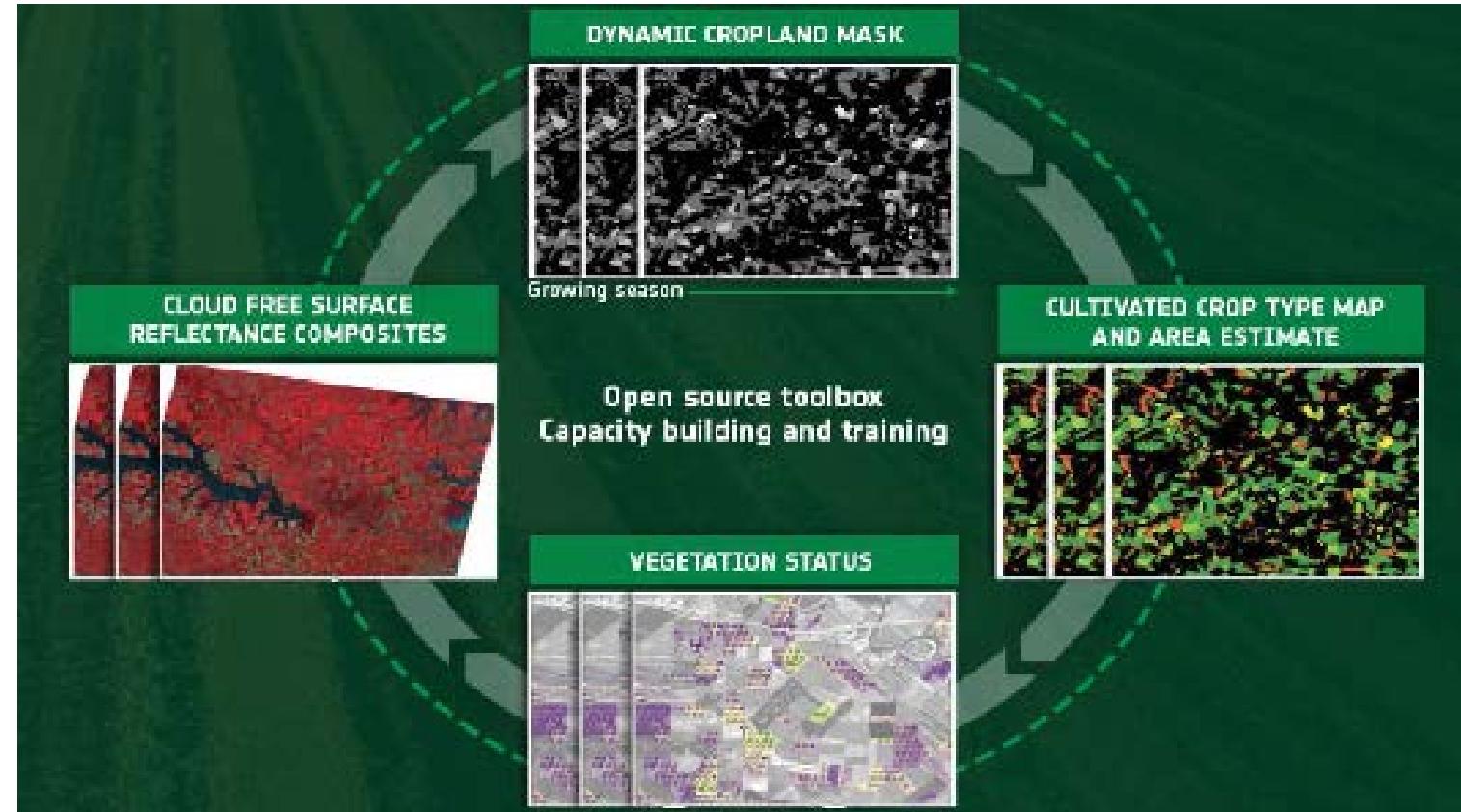
# Sen2Agri

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- Sentinel-2 for Agriculture
- Funded by ESA / Copernicus
- 4 validated EO products
  - Cloud-free surface reflectance composites
  - Dynamic cropland masks
  - Cultivated crop type maps
  - Crop status
- Objective: develop open source processing system for national scale agriculture monitoring at field scale based on multitemporal Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8

# Sen2Agri

- Connect to Copernicus Sci-Hub and USGS EROS
- Operational processes, steered by user
- Runs on CentOS 7



<http://www.esa-sen2agri.org>

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# Questions ?

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