

To **analyze forest cover loss in Germany over the past three years (2021-2023)** using **the Hansen Global Forest Change dataset** from Google Earth Engine (GEE), I'll need to use JavaScript within the GEE Code Editor. Below is a script that accomplishes this task:

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````javascript

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var germany = ee.FeatureCollection('FAO/GAUL/2015/level0')
    .filter(ee.Filter.eq('ADM0_NAME', 'Germany'));

// Define the Hansen Global Forest Change dataset

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// Select the 'lossyear' band which indicates the year of forest loss

var lossYear = hansenDataset.select('lossyear');

// Define the time range for forest loss: 2021-2023

var loss2021 = lossYear.eq(21);
var loss2022 = lossYear.eq(22);
var loss2023 = lossYear.eq(23);

// Combine the loss years into a single image

var loss2021_2023 = loss2021.or(loss2022).or(loss2023);

// Clip the loss image to Germany

var lossGermany = loss2021_2023.updateMask(loss2021_2023).clip(germany);

// Calculate the area of forest loss (in hectares)

var pixelArea = ee.Image.pixelArea().divide(10000); // Convert m2 to hectares
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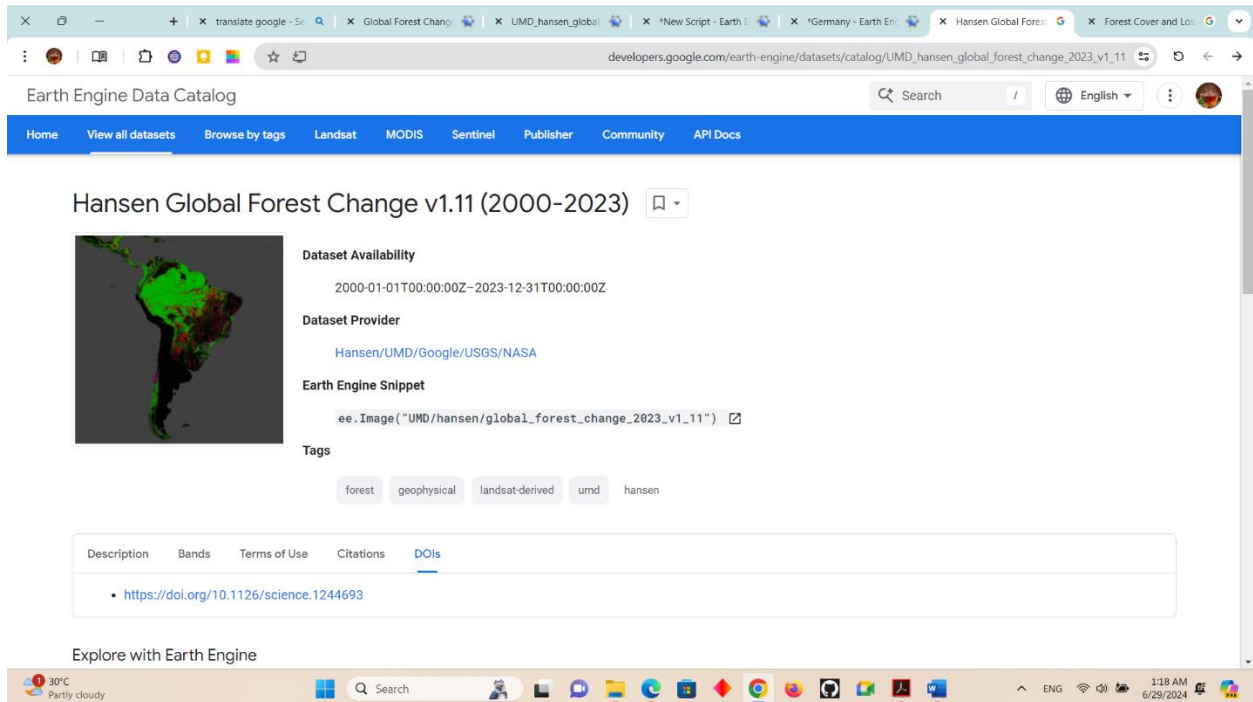
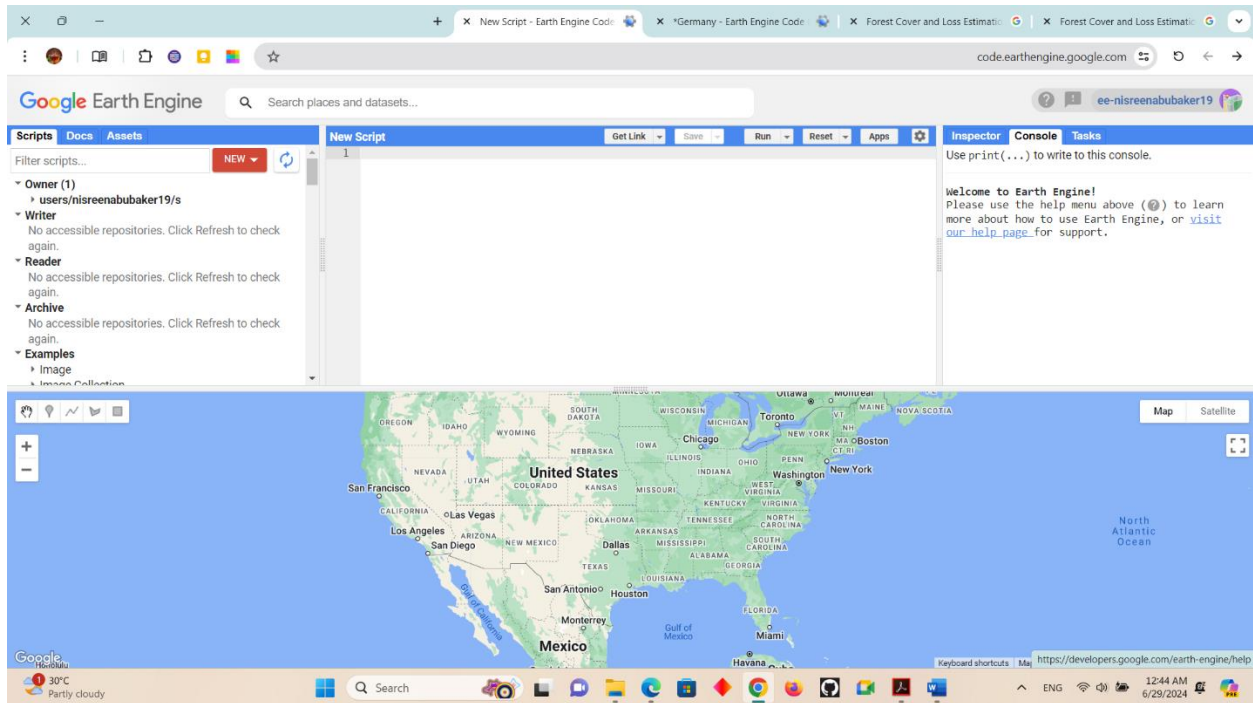
var lossArea = pixelArea.updateMask(lossGermany).reduceRegion({
  reducer: ee.Reducer.sum(),
  geometry: germany,
  scale: 30,
  maxPixels: 1e10
});

// Print the area of forest loss to the console
print('Forest cover loss in Germany (2021-2023) in hectares:', lossArea.get('area'));

// Visualization parameters
var lossVisParams = {
  palette: ['red'],
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};

// Add layers to the map
Map.centerObject(germany, 6);
Map.addLayer(lossGermany, lossVisParams, 'Forest Loss 2021-2023');
Map.addLayer(germany, {}, 'Germany Borders');
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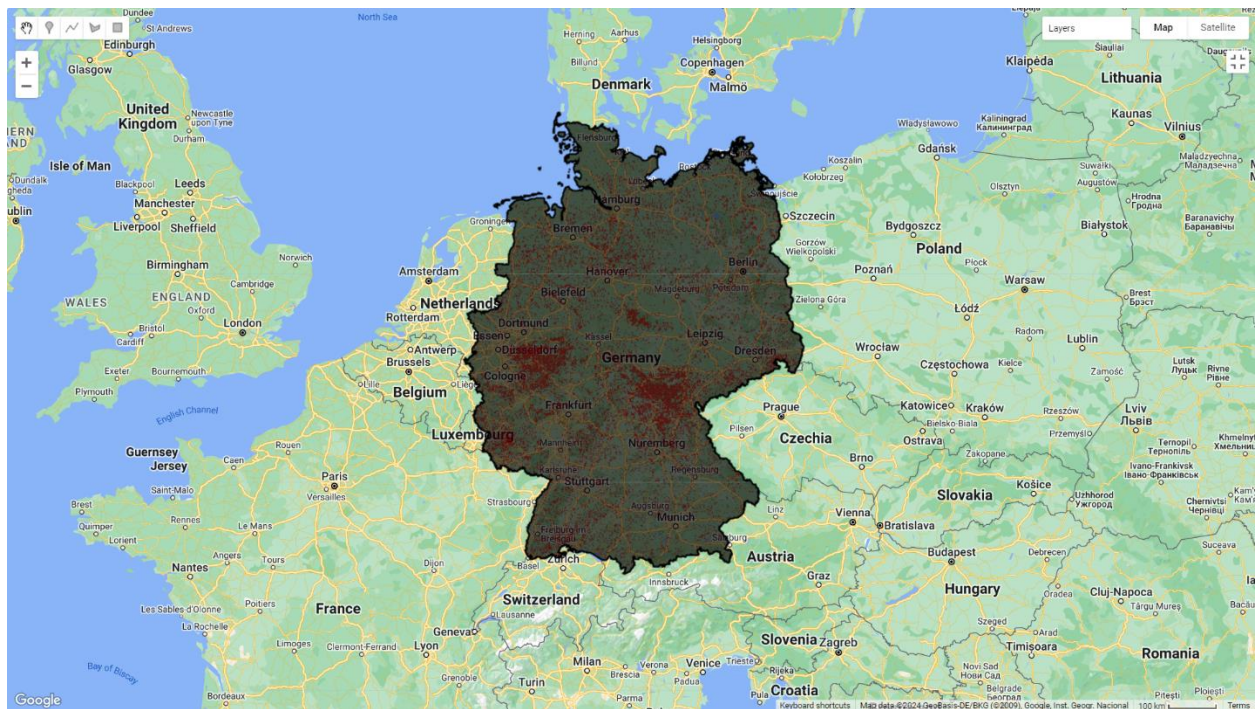
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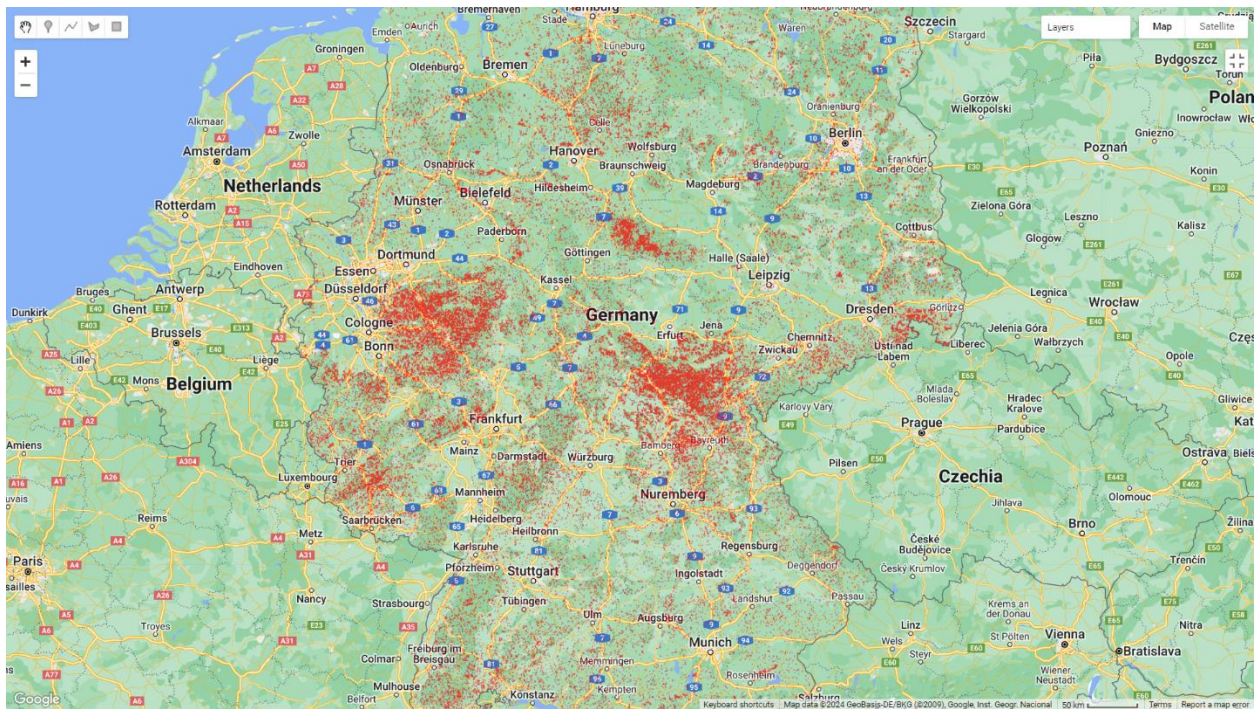
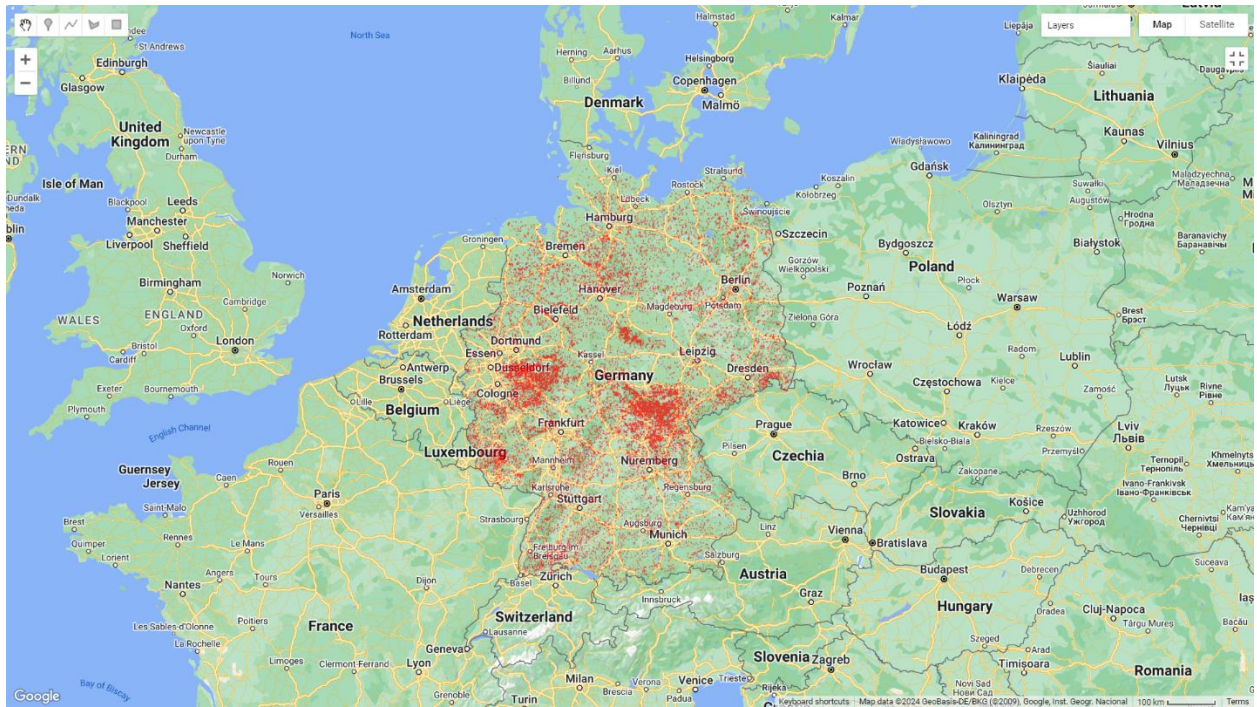
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## **Explanation of the Script:**

### **1. Define the Region of Interest (ROI):**

- The script filters the FAO GAUL dataset to extract the boundaries of Germany.

### **2. Load the Hansen Global Forest Change Dataset:**

- The script loads the Hansen dataset, specifically version 1.11 (2000-2023).

### **3. Select the 'lossyear' Band:**

- The 'lossyear' band indicates the year when forest loss occurred.

### **4. Define the Time Range for Analysis:**

- The script sets the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 for forest loss analysis.

### **5. Combine the Loss Years into a Single Image:**

- The script combines the forest loss data for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 into one image.

### **6. Clip the Loss Image to Germany:**

- The script clips the forest loss image to the boundaries of Germany.

### **7. Calculate the Area of Forest Loss:**

- The script calculates the area of forest loss in hectares using the pixel area and sums the total area of loss within Germany.

### **8. Print the Results:**

- The total area of forest loss in Germany from 2021 to 2023 is printed to the console.

### **9. Visualization:**



- The script sets up visualization parameters and adds the layers to the map, centering the map on Germany.

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine web interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Earth Engine logo, a search bar, and the user profile 'ee-nisreenabubaker19'. The left sidebar shows a list of scripts under the 'Owner (1)' section, with 'users/nisreenabubaker19/s' selected. The main panel is divided into three sections: 'Scripts', 'Inspector', and 'Console'. The 'Scripts' section shows a script titled 'calculation of forest cover loss in Germany' with the following code:

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The 'Inspector' section shows the 'Forest Loss 2021-2023' layer selected. The 'Console' section displays the output of the script:

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"Forest cover loss in Germany (2021-2023) in hectares:"
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The bottom part of the screenshot shows a map of Europe with Germany highlighted in red, indicating the forest cover loss. The map includes labels for various countries and cities, and a scale bar at the bottom right.

**Forest cover loss in Germany (2021-2023) in hectares:**  
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**To create and export a raster map of forest cover loss in Germany from 2021 to 2023 using Google Earth Engine (GEE)**, I need to modify the script slightly to include the export functionality. The script will now create a raster map and export it as a GeoTIFF file. Here is the updated script:

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  scale: 30,
  maxPixels: 1e10
});

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};

// Add layers to the map
Map.centerObject(germany, 6);
Map.addLayer(lossGermany, lossVisParams, 'Forest Loss 2021-2023');
Map.addLayer(germany, {}, 'Germany Borders');

// Export the raster map as a GeoTIFF
Export.image.toDrive({
  image: lossGermany,
  description: 'Germany_Forest_Loss_2021_2023',
  scale: 30,

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region: germany.geometry(),
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fileFormat: 'GeoTIFF',
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maxPixels: 1e10
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});
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## Explanation of the Export Functionality:

### 1. Export the Raster Map:

- The `Export.image.toDrive`` function is used to export the raster map of forest loss as a GeoTIFF file.

- The parameters include:

- ``image`` : The image to export (forest loss in Germany).

- ``description`` : A descriptive name for the exported file.

- ``scale`` : The resolution in meters per pixel (30 meters).

- ``region`` : The region of interest (geometry of Germany).

- ``fileFormat`` : The file format for the exported image (GeoTIFF).

- ``maxPixels`` : The maximum number of pixels to export (set to a large value to handle the full image).

## Running the Script:

### 1. Open the Google Earth Engine Code Editor:

- Go to the [Google Earth Engine Code Editor](https://code.earthengine.google.com/).

### 2. Copy and Paste the Script:

- Copy the entire script above and paste it into a new script in the Code Editor.



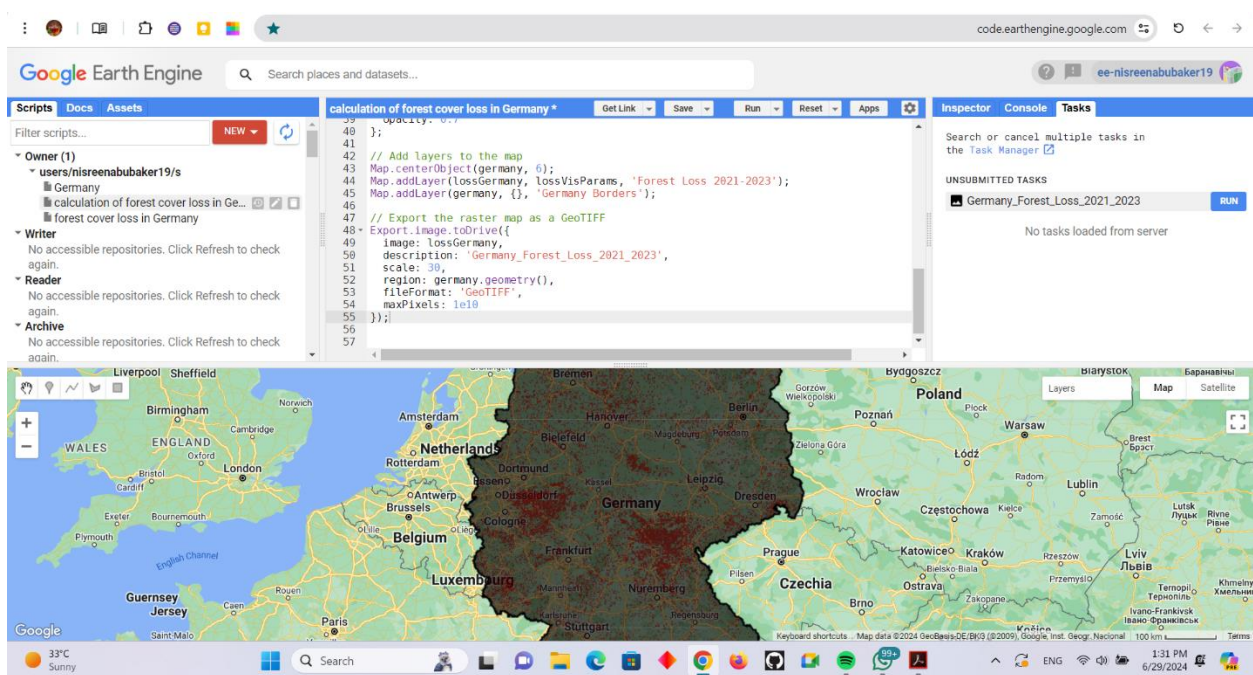
### 3. Run the Script:

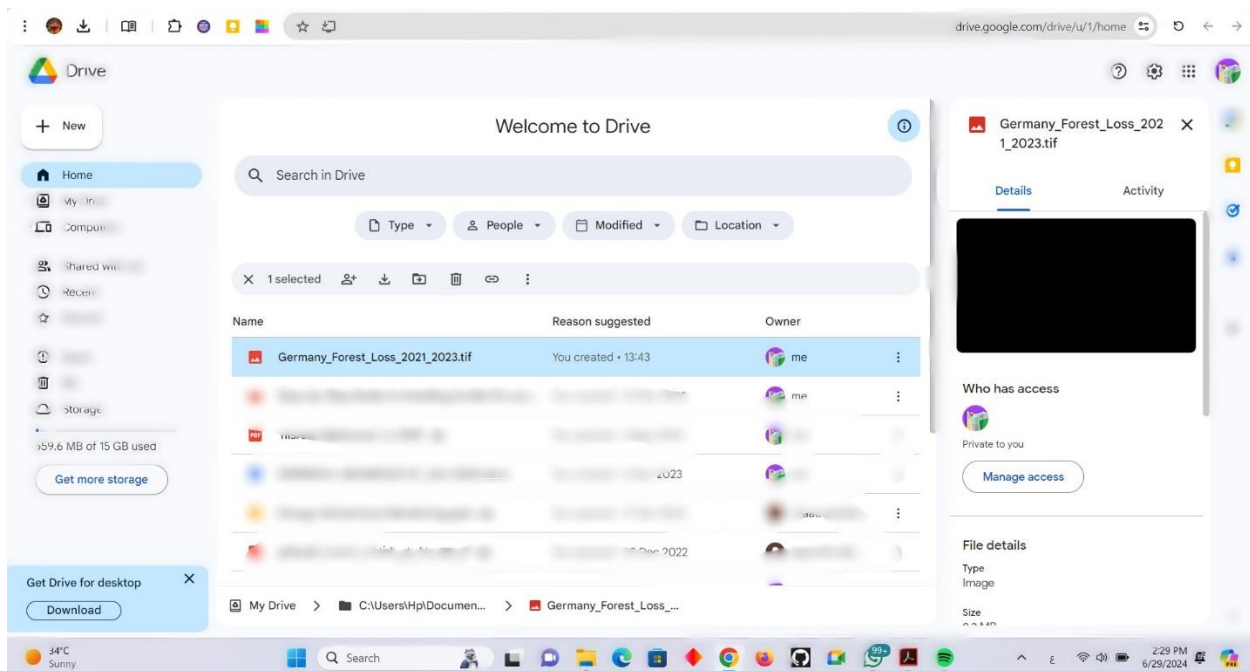
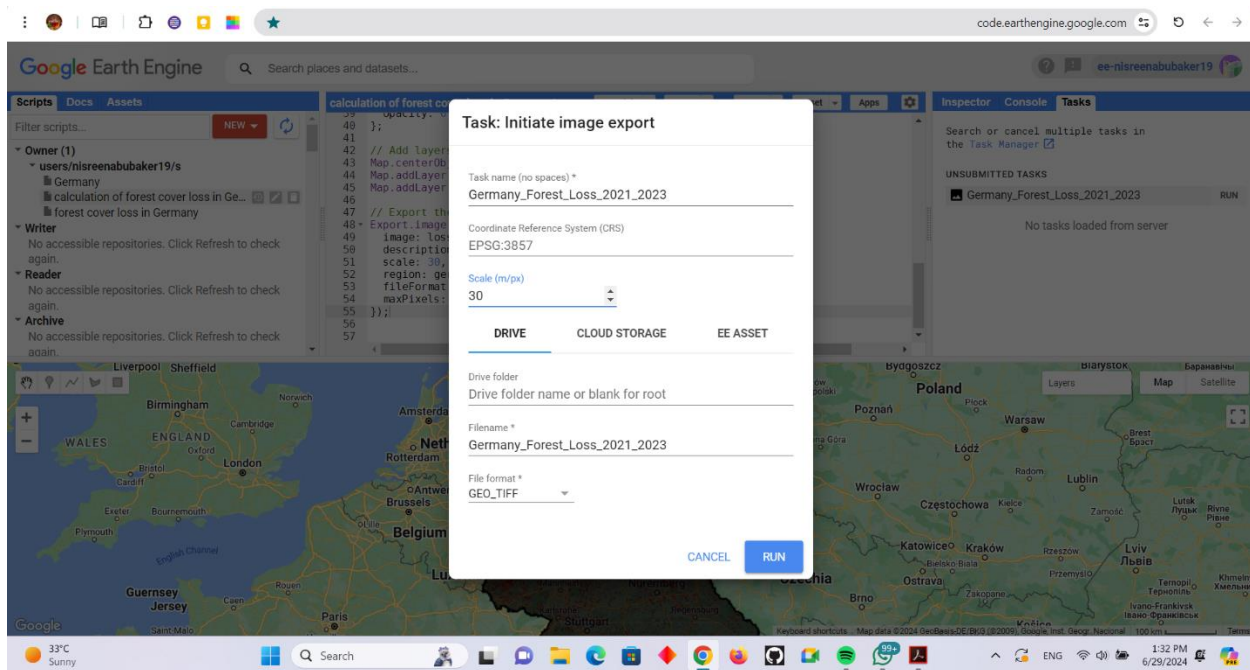
- Click the "Run" button to execute the script.

### 4. Export the Image:

- After the script runs, you will see an "Exports" tab on the right-hand side.
- Click the "Run" button next to the export task to start exporting the GeoTIFF file to your Google Drive.

Once the export is complete, I can download the GeoTIFF file from my Google Drive and use it for further analysis or visualization in GIS software.





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