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# An Introduction to Working with Custom Scripts with the Sentinel Hub APIs in CDSE



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# Agenda

- What are evalscripts?
- An overview of their structure.
- Custom Script Examples
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- Custom Scripts in Copernicus Browser
- Custom Scripts in Requests Builder
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# EvalScripts Overview

## What are EvalScripts?

- Blocks of JavaScript code which are used to perform operations on input satellite data;
- Are a part of API requests in the Sentinel Hub APIs.
- Have a standard basic structure;

## What can you do with EvalScripts?

- Visualize a band or composite with specific colormaps;
- Perform complex band calculations;
- Combine multiple data sources into new insights;

## What does an EvalScript need?

- Several things are specified alongside the EvalScript in API requests: data source; date/time-range; bounding box etc..

```
evalscript://VERSION=3

function setup() {
    return {
        input: ["B02", "B03", "B04"],
        output: {
            bands: 3,
            sampleType: "AUTO"
        }
    }
}

function evaluatePixel(sample) {
    return [2.5 * sample.B04, 2.5 * sample.B03, 2.5 * sample.B02]
}'
```

An example Eva script which returns a 3-band RGB image from Sentinel-2 data input

**Note: EvalScripts operate on the pixel level!**



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# EvalScript Structure

## First example: taking again our RGB image example

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setup() mandatory function to specify input bands used; and output shape and data formats

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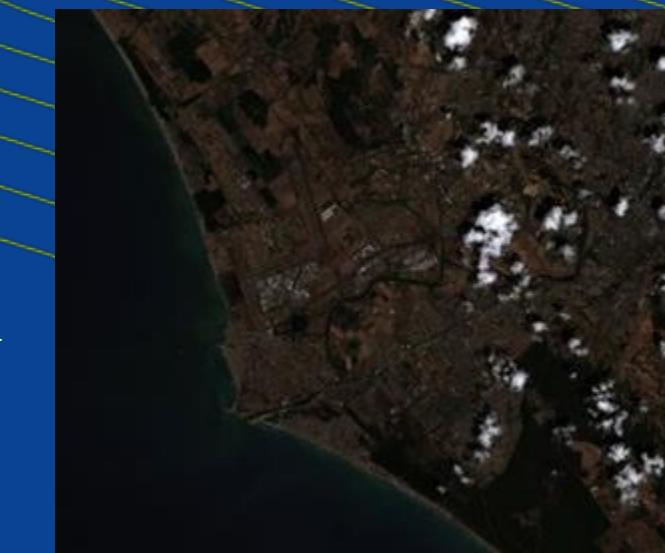
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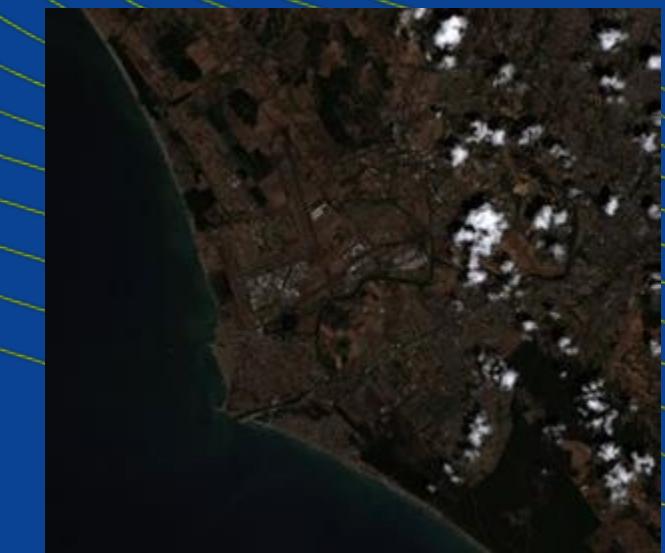
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        }
    }
}

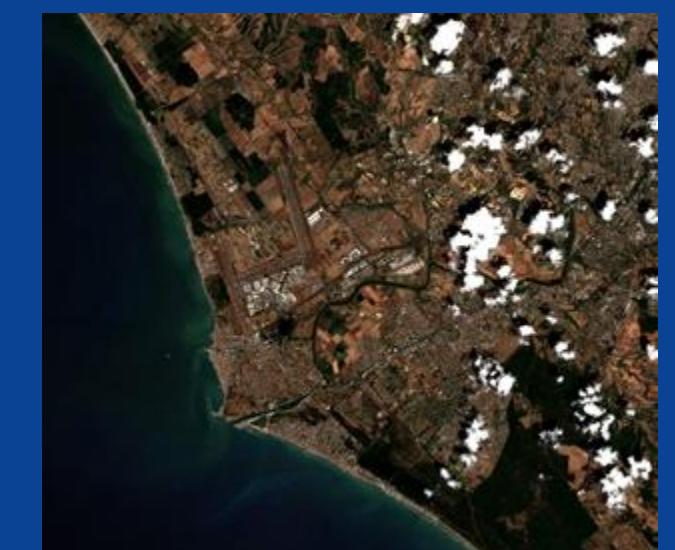
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```
return [2.5 * sample.B04 - 0.07,
       2.5 * sample.B03 - 0.07,
       2.5 * sample.B02 - 0.07]
```



A colour correction could be performed by increasing brightness and contrast in our returned list:



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## EvalScript Examples - NDVI

Say we now want to calculate NDVI from our S-2 data and add a interpolated colourmap

We now use only Band 4 and Band 8 which are required for NDVI calculation

Here we apply the index()  
function to these 2 bands to get  
our NDVI values

$$\text{Index}(B8, B4) = \frac{B8 - B4}{B8 + B4}.$$

```
//VERSION=3
function setup() {
    return {
        input: ["B04", "B08"],
        output: {
            bands: 1,
            sampleType: "FLOAT32"
        }
    }
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
    return [index(samples.B08, samples.B04)]
}
```

In this case our output is simply  
a single NDVI value for each  
pixel in FLOAT32 format.

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        input: ["B04", "B08"],
        output: {
            bands: 3,
            sampleType: "FLOAT32"
        }
    };
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
    let NDVI = index(samples.B08, samples.B04)
    return valueInterpolate(NDVI,
        [-1, 0, 0.2, 0.5, 1],
        [
            [0, 0, 0],
            [1, 1, 0.88],
            [0.57, 0.75, 0.32],
            [0.31, 0.54, 0.18],
            [0.06, 0.33, 0.04]
        ])
}
```



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# EvalScript Examples – NDVI + Cloudmasks

## Say we now want to flag/mask out cloudy pixels

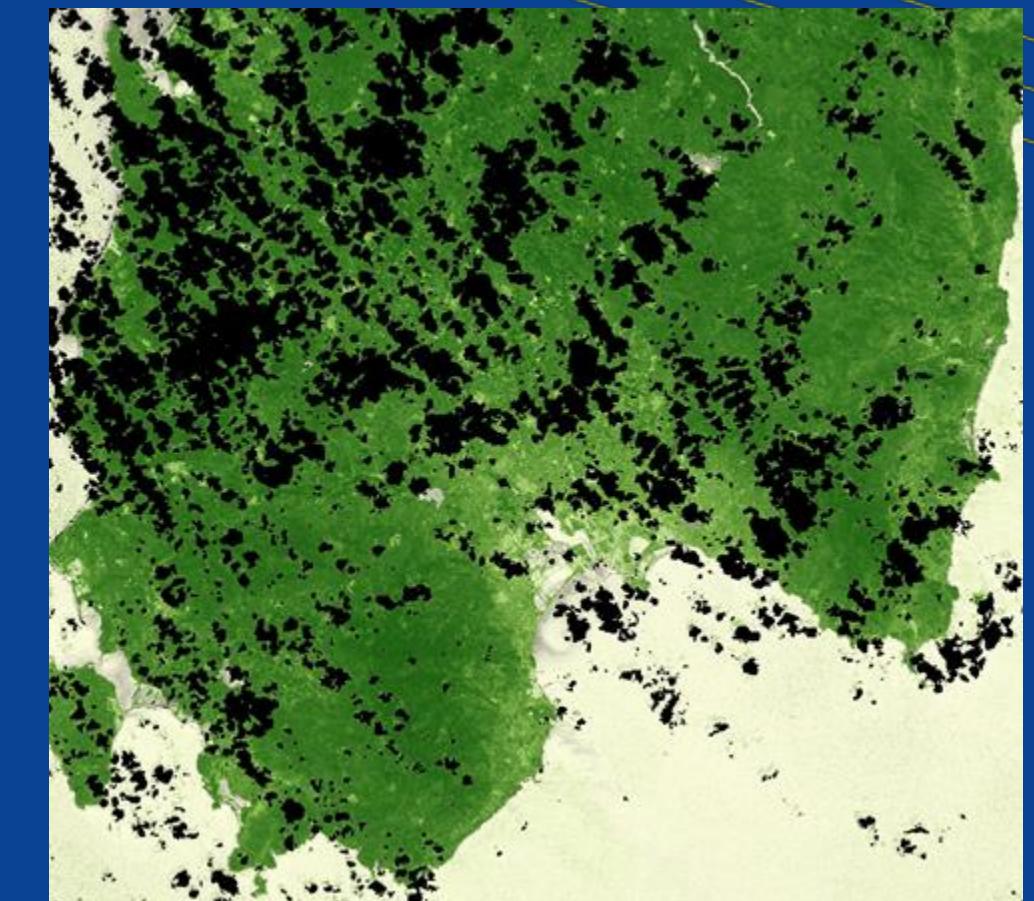
We now include the “SCL” cloudmask band from our S2 collection as an additional input

If the SCL has value 8, 9, 10  
then clouds are detected and we  
return these pixels as black.

```
//VERSION=3

function setup() {
  return {
    input: ["B04", "B08", "SCL"],
    output: {
      bands: 3,
      sampleType: "AUTO"
    }
  };
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
  let NDVI = index(samples.B08, samples.B04)
  if ([8, 9, 10].includes(samples.SCL)){
    return [0, 0, 0]else{
    return valueInterpolate(NDVI,
      [-1, 0, 0.2, 0.5, 1],
      [
        [0, 0, 0],
        [1, 1, 0.88],
        [0.57, 0.75, 0.32],
        [0.31, 0.54, 0.18],
        [0.06, 0.33, 0.04]
      ])}
  }
}
```



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# EvalScript Examples – Transparency

## This example: use NDWI to make water pixels transparent

We now include band 8 of the Sentinel 2 data so that we can calculate the NDWI wetness index

Output now 4 bands to allow for transparency

Transparency value conditional on wetness index

```
//VERSION=3

function setup() {
  return {
    input: ["B02", "B03", "B04", "B08"],
    output: { bands: 4 }
  };
}

function evaluatePixel(sample) {
  let NDWI = (sample.B03 - sample.B08) /
  (sample.B03 + sample.B08)

  let transparency=0;
  if (NDWI<0) {
    transparency=1
  }
  return [2.5 * sample.B04, 2.5 * sample.B03,
  2.5 * sample.B02, transparency]
}
```



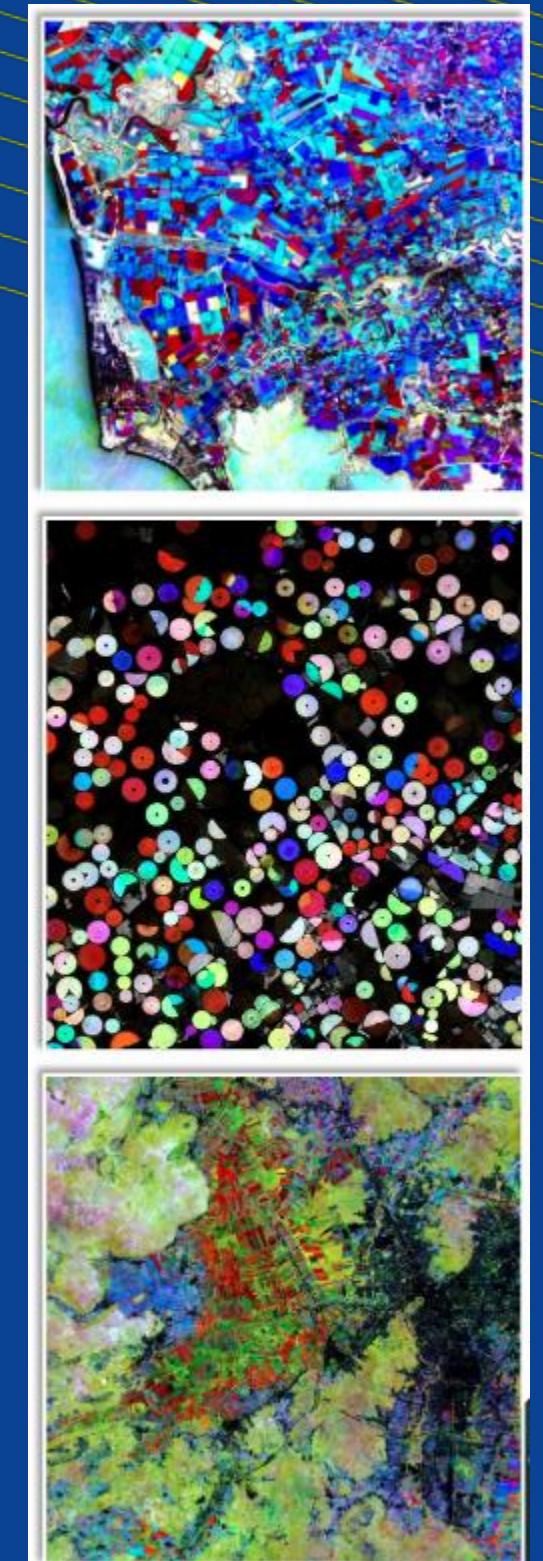
# EvalScript Examples - Multiple Dates

## How does the EvalScript handle input if multiple scenes are available over multiple days?

If multiple scenes are available within the requested date range, there are different ways. You can handle this via the **mosaicking** option within the `setup()` function:

Mosaicking Type	Result
'SIMPLE' (Default)	All scenes are flattened into a single scene for evaluation
'ORBIT'	Scenes are flattened so that you have one sample per pixel per orbit (usually per day)
'TILE'	Unflattened - all available data can be passed to the evaluation;

```
function setup() {  
    return {  
        input: ["B02", "B03", "B04", "B08"],  
        output: { bands: 4 },  
        mosaicking: 'ORBIT'  
    };  
}
```



# EvalScript Examples - Multiple Dates Mosaicking types



Sentinel-2 Data over a bounding box, for one month  
**2024-03-01 to 2024-03-31**

**12 S2 scenes found during this period**

```
//VERSION=3

function setup() {
    return {
        input: ["B02", "B03", "B04"],
        output: { bands: 3 },
        mosaicking: 'SIMPLE'
    };
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
    return [samples.B04, samples.B03, samples.B02]
}
```

In this case because SIMPLE mosaicking is used, only one scene is passed to evaluatePixel at the band can be read directly

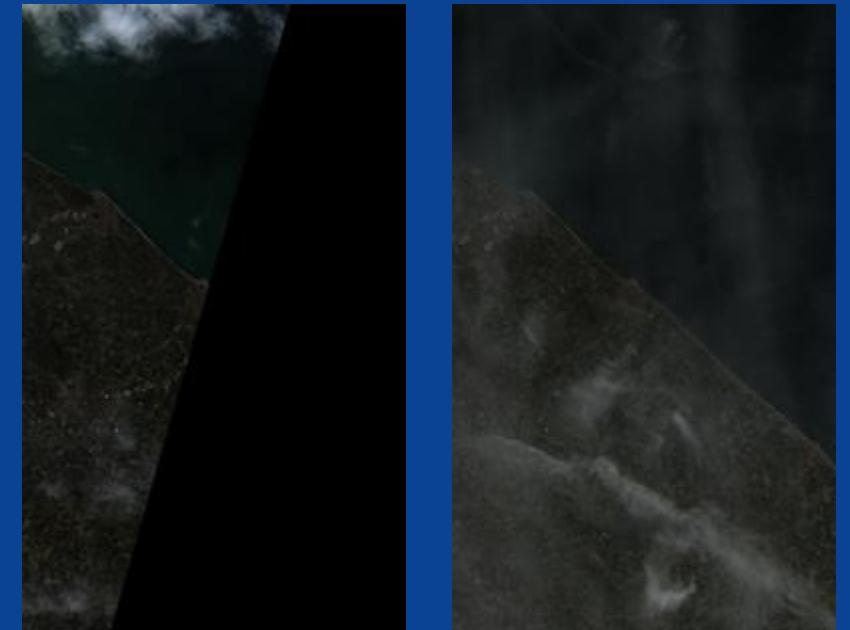


```
//VERSION=3

function setup() {
    return {
        input: ["B02", "B03", "B04"],
        output: { bands: 3 },
        mosaicking: 'ORBIT'
    };
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
    return [samples[11].B04,
    samples[11].B03, samples[11].B02]
}
```

Now 24 S2 scenes are being passed to evaluatePixel(), so to get the RGB image of a single date we need to use an index



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# Example - Mean NDVI over a period

## Calculate the mean NDVI value from S2 during a given period

Via API request:

- Bounding box set;
- Date range set (1-31 march 2024) set

Mosaicking set to ORBIT so we can use multiple scenes

Define a new function to calculate NDVI

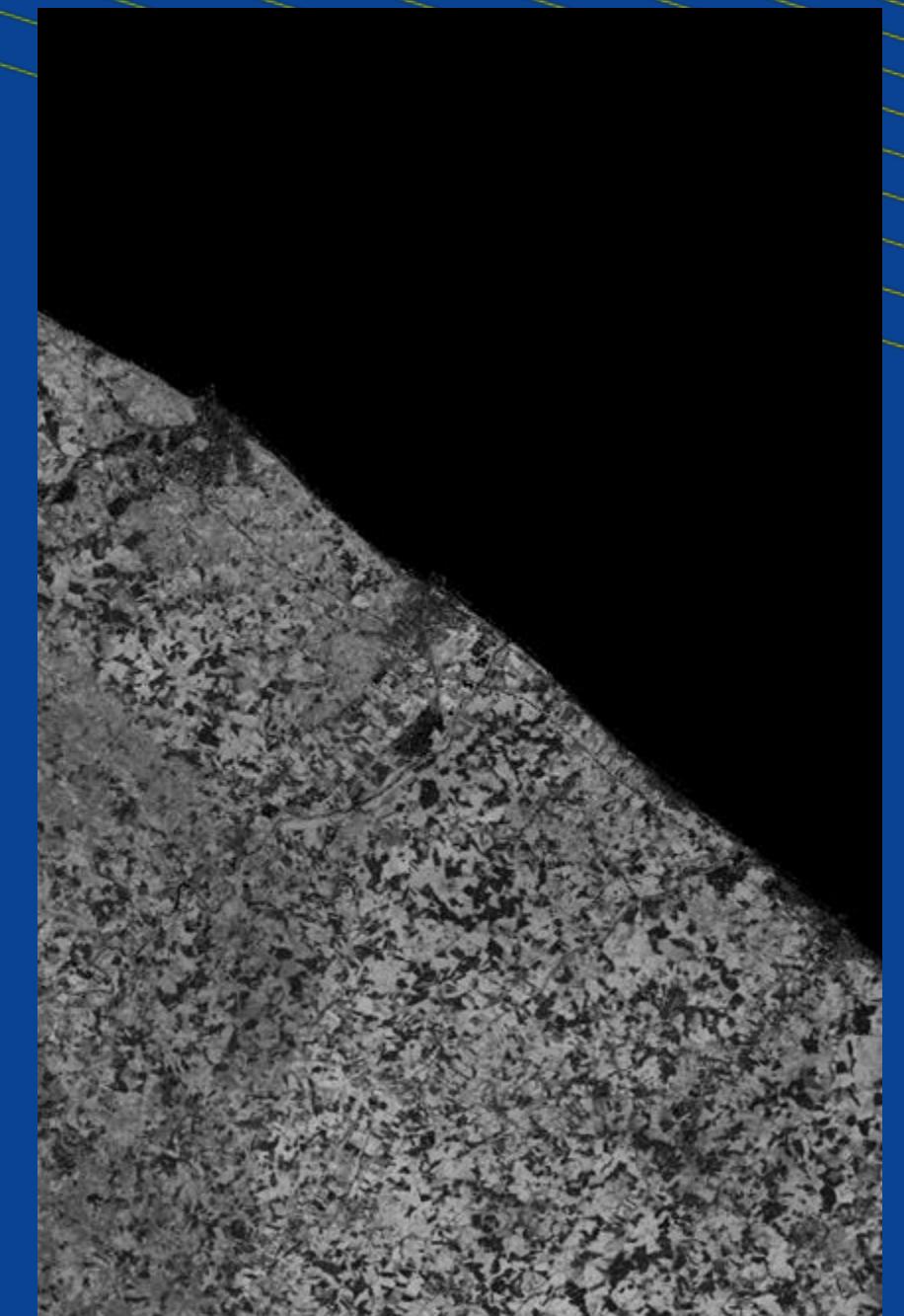
Loop through scenes to get sum and count of NDVI

```
//VERSION=3
function setup() {
  return {
    input: [{ bands: ["B04", "B08", "dataMask"] }],
    output: {
      bands: 1
    },
    mosaicking: "ORBIT"
  }
}

function calcNDVI(sample) {
  var NDVI = (sample.B08 - sample.B04) / (sample.B08 + sample.B04)
  return NDVI
}

function evaluatePixel(samples) {
  var sum = 0;
  var count = 0;
  for (var i = 0; i < samples.length; i++) {
    if (samples[i].dataMask != 0) {
      var ndvi = calcNDVI(samples[i]);
      sum = sum + ndvi;
      count++;
    }
  }
  var average = sum / count;

  return [average];
}
```



Output: single band greyscale showing mean NDVI over given period



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# More flexibility with PreProcessScenes() Select scenes only from given dates

PreProcessScenes() is an optional function run automatically before data is accessed if included;

Can be used for example to:

- Specify specific dates;
- Specify months taken into account;
- Specify an allowed time period etc..

This example, find the difference in NDVI between 10 march and 13 june 2023;

Via API request:

- Bounding box set;
- Date range set 10 march - 13 June 2023

```
//VERSION=3
function setup() {
  return {
    input: [{ bands: ["B04", "B08"] }],
    output: { bands: 1 },
    mosaicking: "ORBIT"
  }
}

function preProcessScenes (collections) {
  var allowedDates = ["2023-03-10", "2023-06-13"];
  collections.scenes.orbits = collections.scenes.orbits.filter(function
(orbit) {
  var orbitDateFrom = orbit.dateFrom.split("T")[0];
  return allowedDates.includes(orbitDateFrom);
})
  return collections
}

function calcNDVI(sample) {
var NDVI = (sample.B08 - sample.B04) / (sample.B08 + sample.B04)
return NDVI
}

function evaluatePixel(samples){
var ndvi_diff = calcNDVI(samples[1]) - calcNDVI(samples[0])
return [ndvi_diff]
}
```



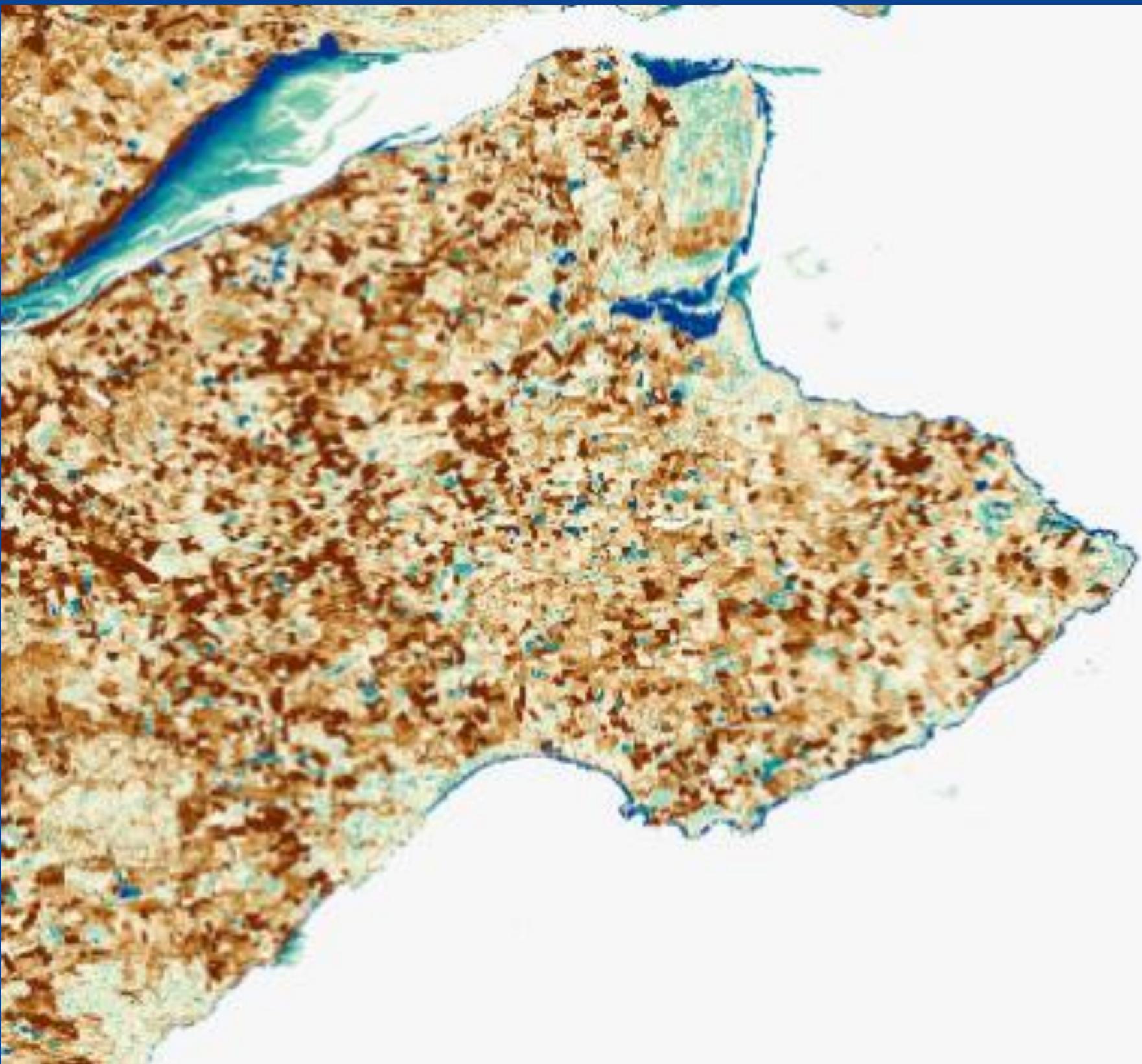
Output



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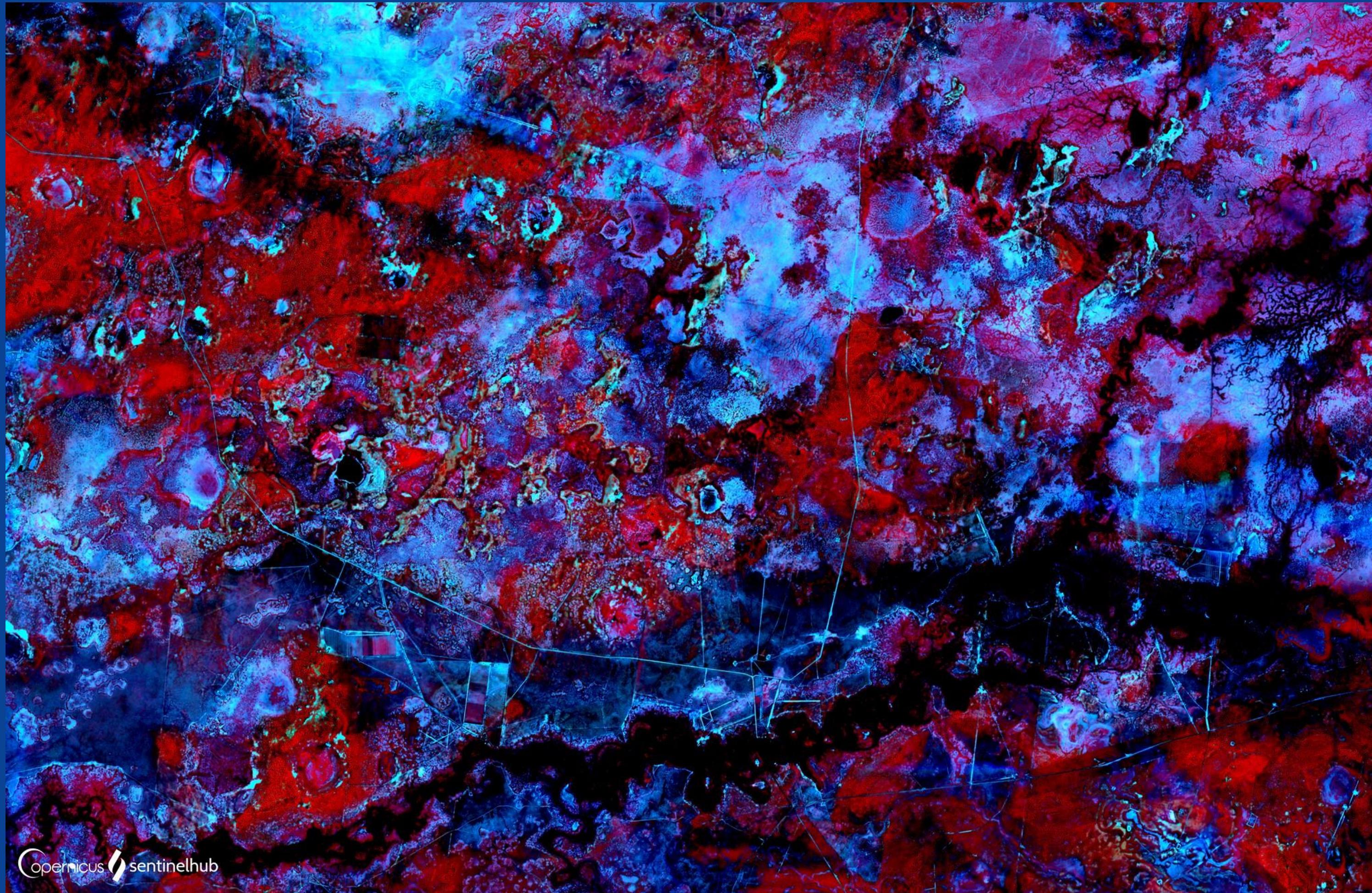
# Adding some colour Colour maps can be nicely defined



```
function updateColormap(vmin, vmax) {  
    const numIntervals = cmap.length;  
    const intervalLength = (vmax - vmin) / (numIntervals - 1);  
    for (let i = 0; i < numIntervals; i++) {  
        cmap[i][0] = vmin + intervalLength * i;  
    }  
  
const cmap = [  
    [-1, 0x6d2400], [-0.75, 0xaa6000],  
    [-0.5, 0xce9f57], [-0.25, 0xebd5a7],  
    [0, 0xfef9e6], [0.25, 0xc0e0bb],  
    [0.5, 0x57b7a2], [0.75, 0x008199],  
    [1, 0x003492],  
];  
  
updateColormap(-0.5, 0.5);  
const visualizer = new ColorRampVisualizer(cmap);  
  
function evaluatePixel(samples){  
    var ndvi_diff = calcNDVI(samples[1]) - calcNDVI(samples[0])  
    //watermask with NDWI  
    let NDWI = (samples[1].B03 - samples[1].B08) / (samples[1].B03 +  
    samples[1].B08)  
  
    let imgVals = visualizer.process(ndvi_diff);  
    return [...imgVals, NDWI<0]  
}
```

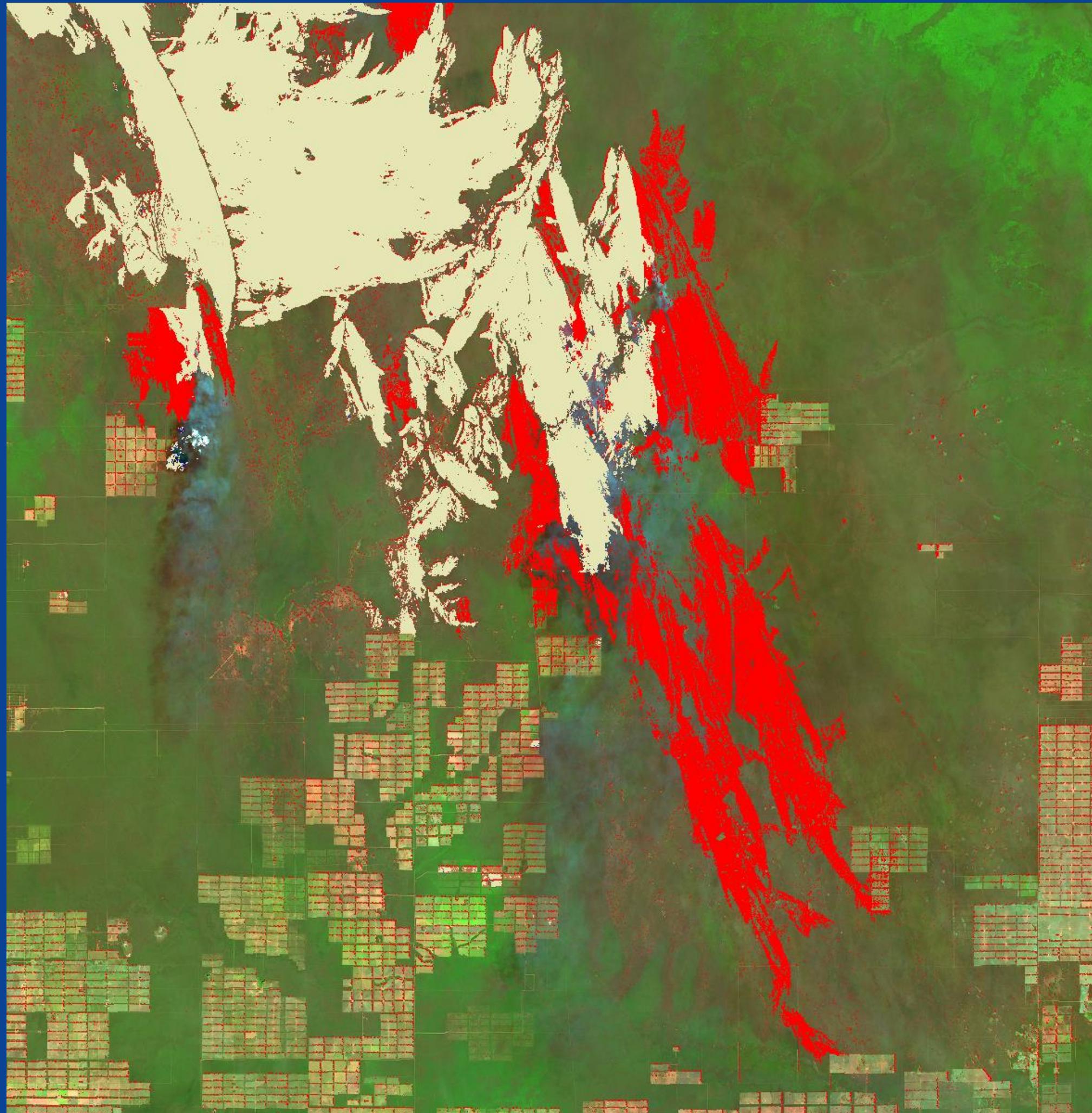


# Evalscrip Example Applications



**Aesthetic Neon Script –**  
highlighting urban and desert environments.

# Evalscrip Example Applications



**Mapping forest fire  
progression with Sentinel-2  
and Sentinel-1**



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# Evalsript Example Applications



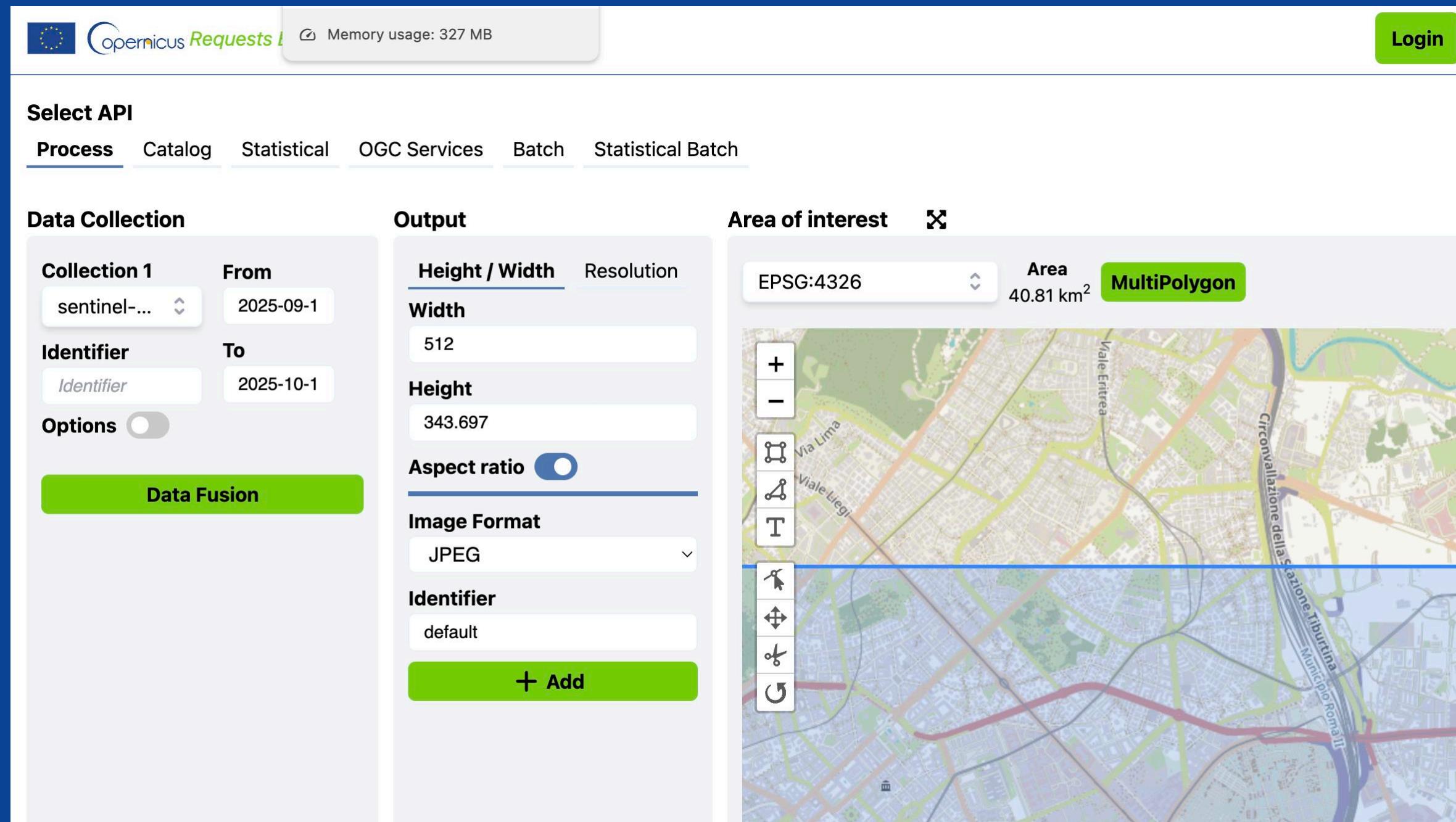
Tracking Radar Vegetation Index  
(Agriculture Development)



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# Utilising Evalscripts in Copernicus Browser & Requests Builder



Copernicus Requests | Memory usage: 327 MB

Select API

Process Catalog Statistical OGC Services Batch Statistical Batch

Data Collection

Collection 1 From sentinel-2... 2025-09-1

Identifier To Identifier 2025-10-1

Options

**Data Fusion**

Output

Height / Width Resolution

Width 512

Height 343.697

Aspect ratio

Image Format JPEG

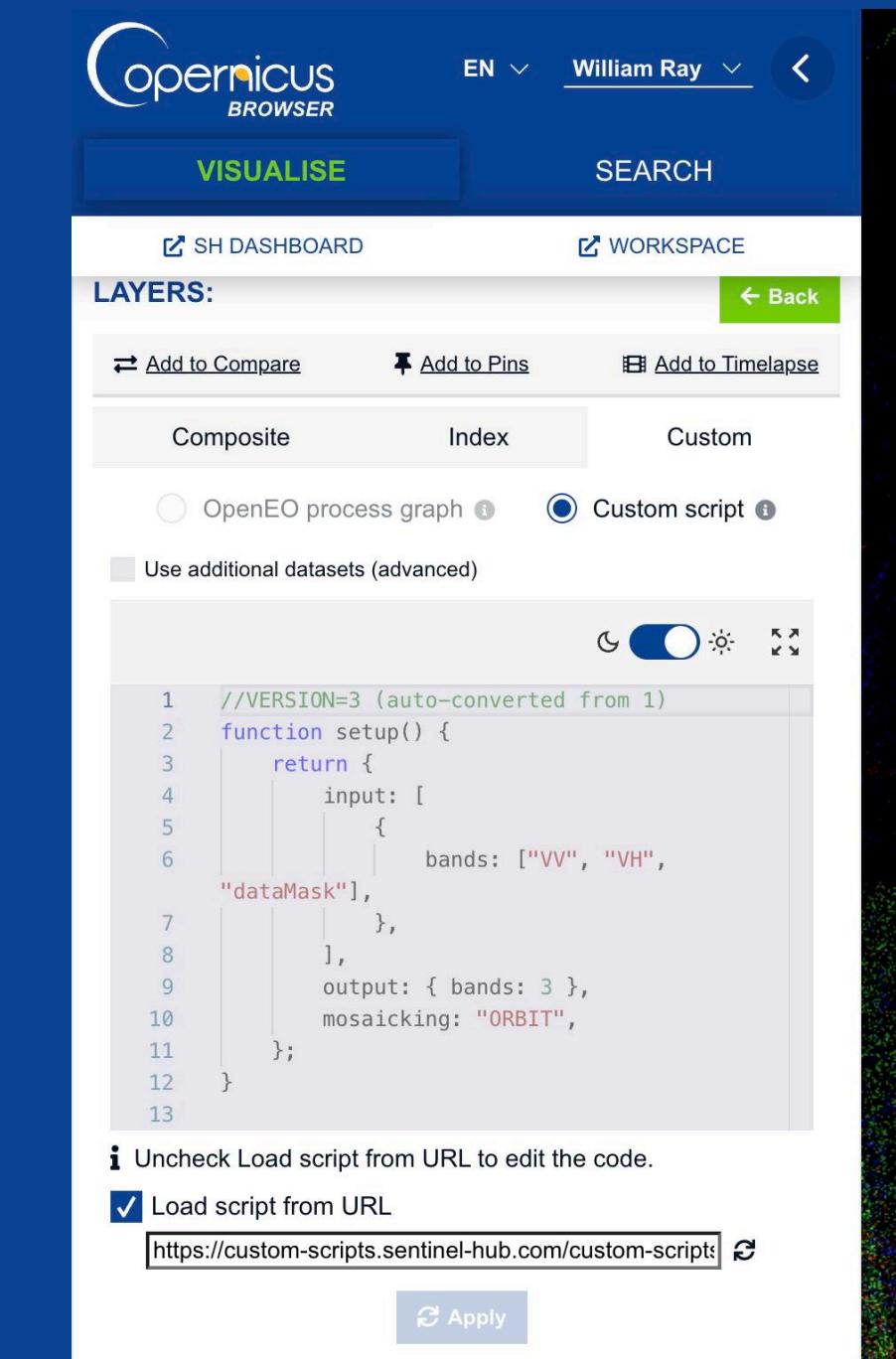
Identifier default

+ Add

Area of interest

EPSG:4326 Area 40.81 km<sup>2</sup> MultiPolygon

Via Lima Viale Liegi Circonvallazione della Salzone Triburina Municipio zona II



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LAYER:

Add to Compare Add to Pins Add to Timelapse

Composite Index Custom

OpenEO process graph Custom script

Use additional datasets (advanced)

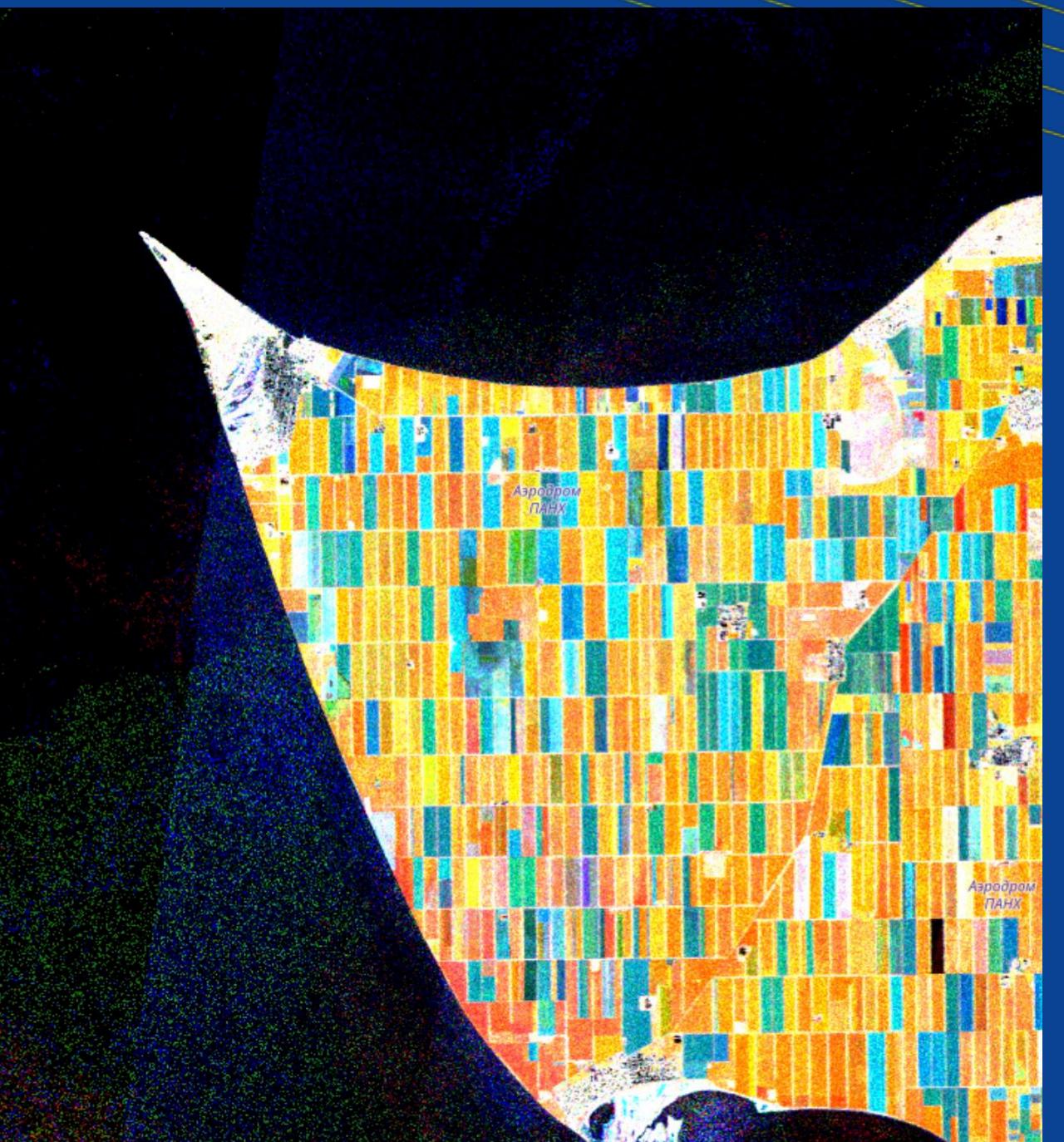
```
//VERSION=3 (auto-converted from 1)
function setup() {
  return {
    input: [
      {
        bands: ["VV", "VH", "dataMask"]
      }
    ],
    output: { bands: 3 },
    mosaicking: "ORBIT"
  };
}
```

Uncheck Load script from URL to edit the code.

Load script from URL

<https://custom-scripts.sentinel-hub.com/custom-script/>

Apply



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# Useful links

- Copernicus Browser: <https://browser.dataspace.copernicus.eu/>
- Documentation: <https://documentation.dataspace.copernicus.eu/APIs/SentinelHub/Evalscript.html>
- Custom Scripts Repository: <https://custom-scripts.sentinel-hub.com/>
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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