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***Project title: Mapping Surface Water
Bodies using the Normalized Difference
Water Index (NDWI) from Satellite
Imagery***

Project Code: P1

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Source Code of GEE

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var aoi = ee.FeatureCollection("projects/lulc-467806/assets/ChilkaSHP");

Map.centerObject(aoi, 10);

Map.addLayer(aoi, {color: 'yellow', fillColor: '00000000'}, 'Study Area (AOI)', true);

print('AOI loaded successfully from shapefile');
print('AOI Feature Collection:', aoi);

var s2 = ee.ImageCollection("COPERNICUS/S2_SR_HARMONIZED")
  .filterBounds(aoi)
  .filterDate('2023-01-01', '2023-12-31')
  .filter(ee.Filter.lt('CLOUDY_PIXEL_PERCENTAGE', 10))
  .map(function(img) {
    return img.clip(aoi).divide(10000)
      .select(['B2', 'B3', 'B4', 'B8']);
  });

var median = s2.median();

print('Sentinel-2 collection filtered and processed');
print('Number of images used:', s2.size());

var rgbVis = {
  bands: ['B4', 'B3', 'B2'],
  min: 0,
  max: 0.3,
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    gamma: 1.2
  };

  Map.addLayer(median, rgbVis, 'Sentinel-2 RGB (2023)', false);

  var ndwi = median.normalizedDifference(['B3', 'B8']).rename('NDWI');

  var ndwiVis = {
    min: -1,
    max: 1,
    palette: ['8B4513', 'D2B48C', 'FFFFFF', '87CEEB', '0000FF']
  };
  Map.addLayer(ndwi, ndwiVis, 'NDWI Index', true);

  var waterMask = ndwi.gt(0.3);

  var waterImage = ndwi.updateMask(waterMask).rename('Water');

  Map.addLayer(waterMask.updateMask(waterMask), {palette: ['0000FF']}, 'Water Bodies',
  true);

  Map.addLayer(waterMask.updateMask(waterMask.not()), {palette: ['8B4513']}, 'Non-Water
  Areas', false);

  var legend = ui.Panel({
    style: {
      position: 'bottom-left',
      padding: '8px 15px',
      backgroundColor: 'white'
    }
  });

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var legendTitle = ui.Label({
    value: 'NDWI Water Mapping Legend',
    style: {
        fontWeight: 'bold',
        fontSize: '16px',
        margin: '0 0 8px 0',
        color: '333'
    }
});
legend.add(legendTitle);

var makeRow = function(color, name) {
    var colorBox = ui.Label("", {
        backgroundColor: color,
        padding: '10px',
        margin: '0 8px 4px 0',
        border: '1px solid black'
    });
    var description = ui.Label(name, {
        margin: '0 0 4px 0',
        fontSize: '14px'
    });
    return ui.Panel([colorBox, description], ui.Panel.Layout.Flow('horizontal'));
};

legend.add(makeRow('0000FF', 'Water Bodies (NDWI > 0.3)'));
legend.add(makeRow('8B4513', 'Non-Water Areas'));
legend.add(makeRow('FFFF00', 'Study Area Boundary'));

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Map.add(legend);
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var waterVector = waterMask.selfMask().reduceToVectors({  
  geometry: aoi,  
  scale: 30,  
  geometryType: 'polygon',  
  eightConnected: false,  
  labelProperty: 'water',  
  maxPixels: 1e13,  
  bestEffort: true,  
  tileScale: 2  
});
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print('Water bodies converted to vector polygons');
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print('Number of water body polygons:', waterVector.size());
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var areaStats = waterVector.map(function(feature) {  
  var area_m2 = feature.geometry().area(1);  
  var area_ha = area_m2.divide(10000);  
  var area_sqkm = area_m2.divide(1000000);  
  var perimeter = feature.geometry().perimeter(1);  
  
  return feature.set({  
    'area_m2': area_m2,  
    'area_ha': area_ha,  
    'area_sqkm': area_sqkm,  
    'perimeter_m': perimeter,  
    'ndwi_threshold': 0.3  
  });  
});
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});

print('Water Body Area Statistics:');
print('Individual water bodies with area stats:', areaStats.limit(10));

var totalWaterArea = waterMask.multiply(ee.Image.pixelArea())
  .reduceRegion({
    reducer: ee.Reducer.sum(),
    geometry: aoi,
    scale: 30,
    maxPixels: 1e13,
    bestEffort: true
  });

var totalArea_ha = ee.Number(totalWaterArea.get('NDWI')).divide(10000);
var totalArea_sqkm = ee.Number(totalWaterArea.get('NDWI')).divide(1000000);

print('TOTAL WATER AREA SUMMARY:');
print('Total Water Area (hectares):', totalArea_ha);
print('Total Water Area (sq km):', totalArea_sqkm);

Export.table.toDrive({
  collection: areaStats,
  description: 'WaterBody_Area_Stats_Detailed',
  folder: 'GEE_Exports',
  fileFormat: 'CSV',
  selectors: ['water', 'area_m2', 'area_ha', 'area_sqkm', 'perimeter_m', 'ndwi_threshold']
});

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Export.image.toDrive({  
  image: ndwi.clip(aoi),  
  description: 'NDWI_Raster_Chilka_2023',  
  folder: 'GEE_Exports',  
  fileNamePrefix: 'Chilka_NDWI_2023',  
  region: aoi.geometry(),  
  scale: 10,  
  crs: 'EPSG:4326',  
  maxPixels: 1e13  
});
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Export.image.toDrive({  
  image: waterMask.clip(aoi),  
  description: 'Water_Mask_Binary_2023',  
  folder: 'GEE_Exports',  
  fileNamePrefix: 'Chilka_WaterMask_2023',  
  region: aoi.geometry(),  
  scale: 10,  
  crs: 'EPSG:4326',  
  maxPixels: 1e13  
});
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Export.table.toDrive({  
  collection: areaStats,  
  description: 'WaterBodies_Polygons_Chilka',  
  folder: 'GEE_Exports',  
  fileFormat: 'SHP'  
});
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Export.image.toDrive({
  image: median.select(['B4', 'B3', 'B2']).clip(aoi),
  description: 'Sentinel2_RGB_Reference_2023',
  folder: 'GEE_Exports',
  fileNamePrefix: 'Chilka_RGB_2023',
  region: aoi.geometry(),
  scale: 10,
  crs: 'EPSG:4326',
  maxPixels: 1e13
});

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var summaryStats = ee.Dictionary({
  'Study_Area': 'Chilka Lake, Odisha, India',
  'Analysis_Period': '2023-01-01 to 2023-12-31',
  'Satellite_Data': 'Sentinel-2 SR Harmonized',
  'NDWI_Formula': '(B3-B8)/(B3+B8)',
  'Water_Threshold': 'NDWI > 0.3',
  'Spatial_Resolution': '10m (native Sentinel-2)',
  'Processing_Scale': '30m (for vectorization)',
  'Total_Water_Area_ha': totalArea_ha,
  'Total_Water_Area_sqkm': totalArea_sqkm,
  'Number_of_Water_Bodies': waterVector.size(),
  'Cloud_Cover_Filter': '< 10%',
  'Composite_Method': 'Median'
});

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print('=== ANALYSIS SUMMARY ===');
print(summaryStats);

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var infoPanel = ui.Panel({  
  style: {  
    position: 'top-right',  
    padding: '10px',  
    backgroundColor: 'white'  
  }  
});
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var infoTitle = ui.Label('Analysis Information', {  
  fontSize: '16px',  
  fontWeight: 'bold',  
  margin: '0 0 8px 0'  
});
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var infoText = ui.Label(  
  'Study Area: Chilka Lake, Odisha\n' +  
  'Period: 2023\n' +  
  'Method: NDWI > 0.3\n' +  
  'Data: Sentinel-2 SR\n' +  
  'Resolution: 10m',  
  {fontSize: '12px', whiteSpace: 'pre'}  
);
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infoPanel.add(infoTitle);  
infoPanel.add(infoText);  
Map.add(infoPanel);
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