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# The Potential of Geospatial Technology for Applications in Water and Agriculture



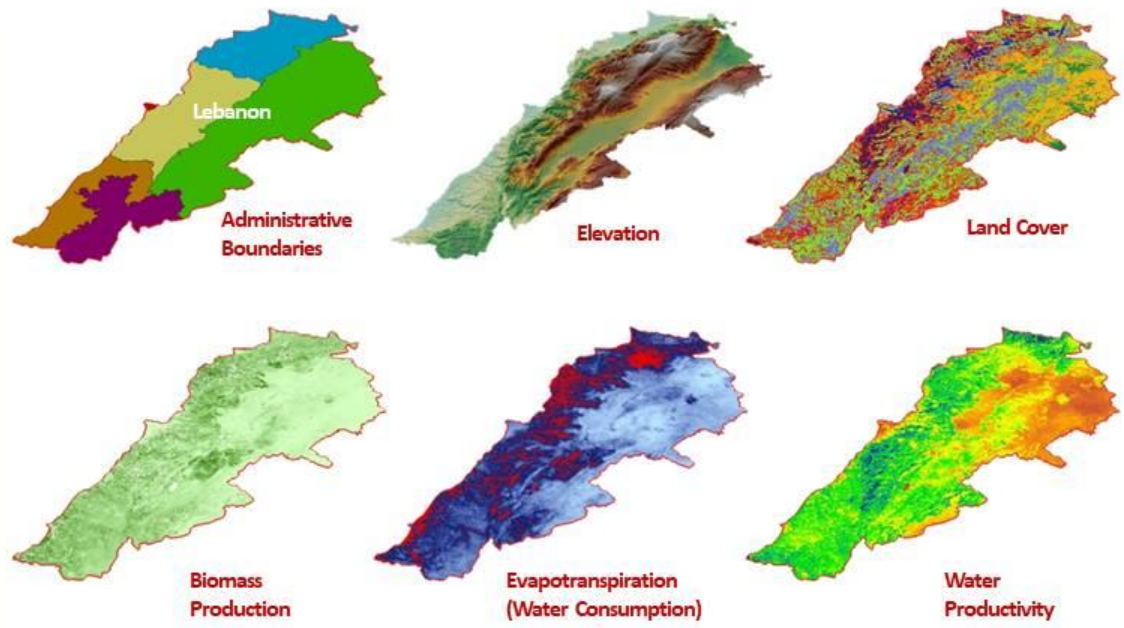
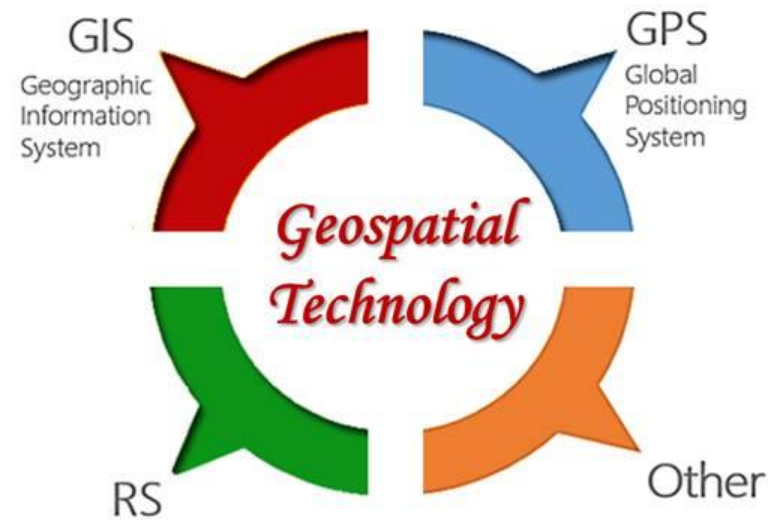
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- **Geospatial Technology**
    - Remote Sensing (RS)
    - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
  - **Applications**
    - Irrigation Areas Water Consumption
    - Agricultural Production Change
    - Surface Water Change
    - Drought Monitoring
    - Vegetation Monitoring
- Live Demo – Using Cloud Computing / Big Data for Vegetation Monitoring in Egypt
- **Earth Observation and Geospatial Information for SDGs**

- **Geospatial Technologies** is a term used to describe **tools** contributing to the **collection, processing, visualization and analysis** of data associated with location (**Geospatial Data**)



.....virtually most aspects of human life involve location

## Agricultural Water Management Geospatial Data



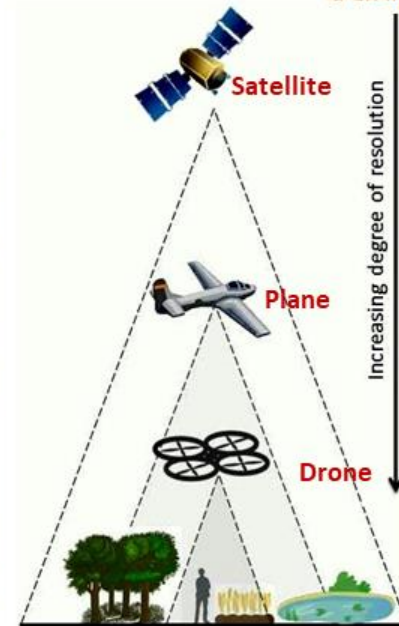
## Geospatial Technology

- Remote Sensing (RS)
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)





# Remote Sensing (RS)



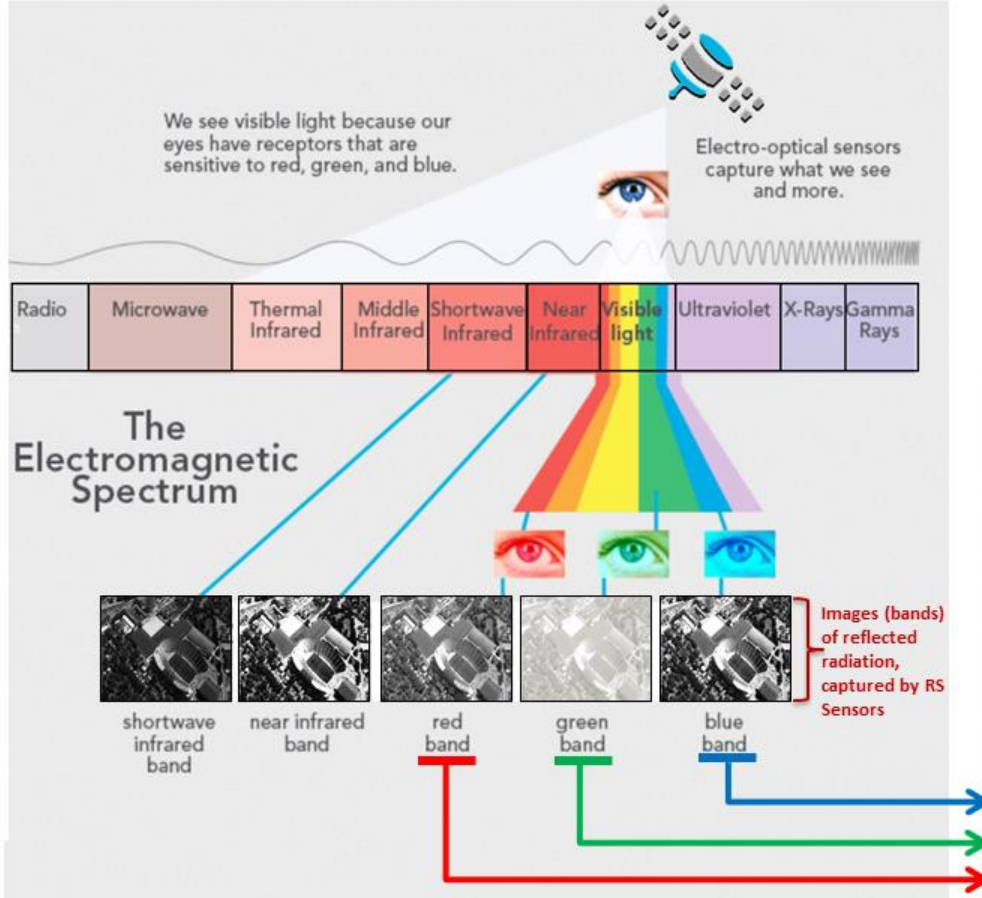
RS Platforms

Images (bands) of recorded measurements

**Sensors** are mounted on different platforms to **capture radiation reflected** or emitted from **objects on Earth**, that include **visible, ultraviolet** and **infrared radiation**. These RS **measurements** are recorded as **images (bands)**.

>>>> **Sensors capture what humans can see and more.**

# Seeing beyond the Visible

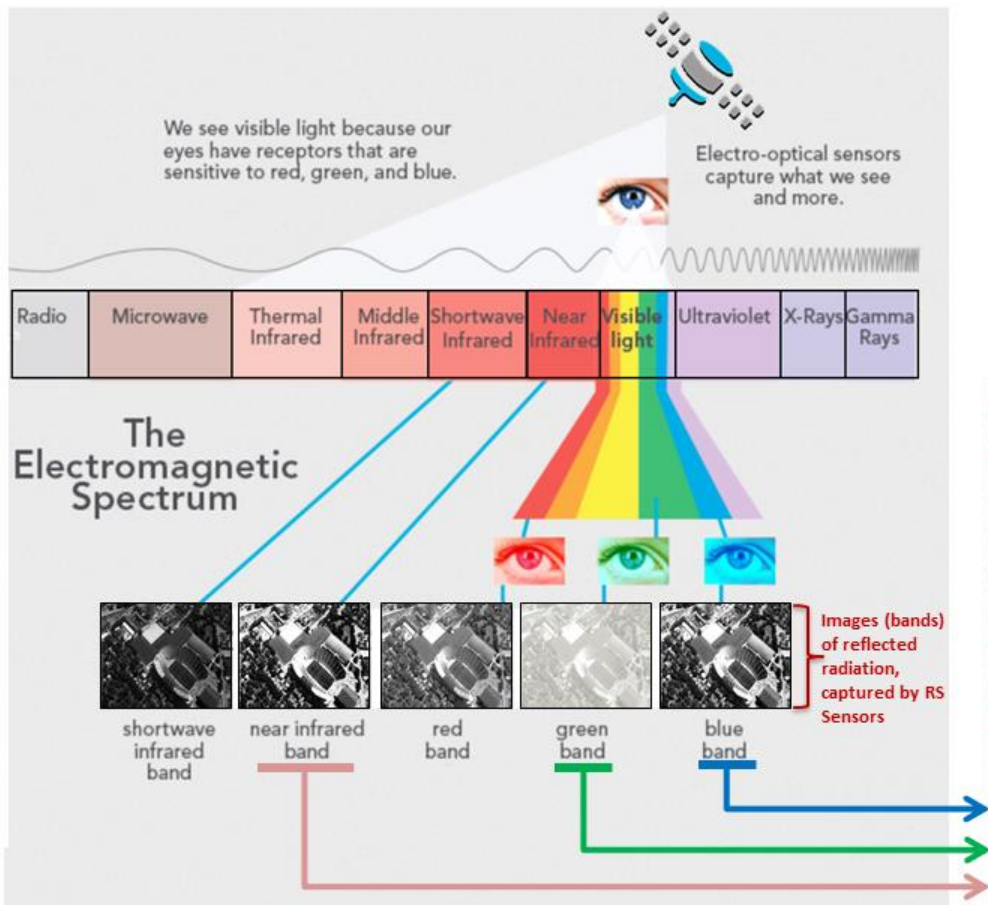


A True Color Image generated using the bands in the visible part (Red, Green, Blue) of the electromagnetic spectrum

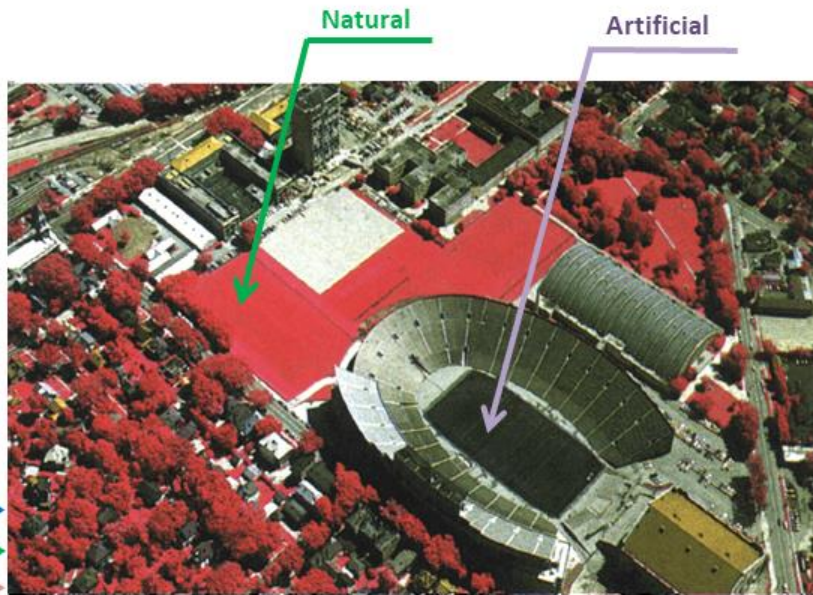




# Seeing beyond the Visible



**A False Color Image generated using the (Near-Infra-Red, Green, Blue) bands to display healthy Vegetation in red**



What we see is not always what exists



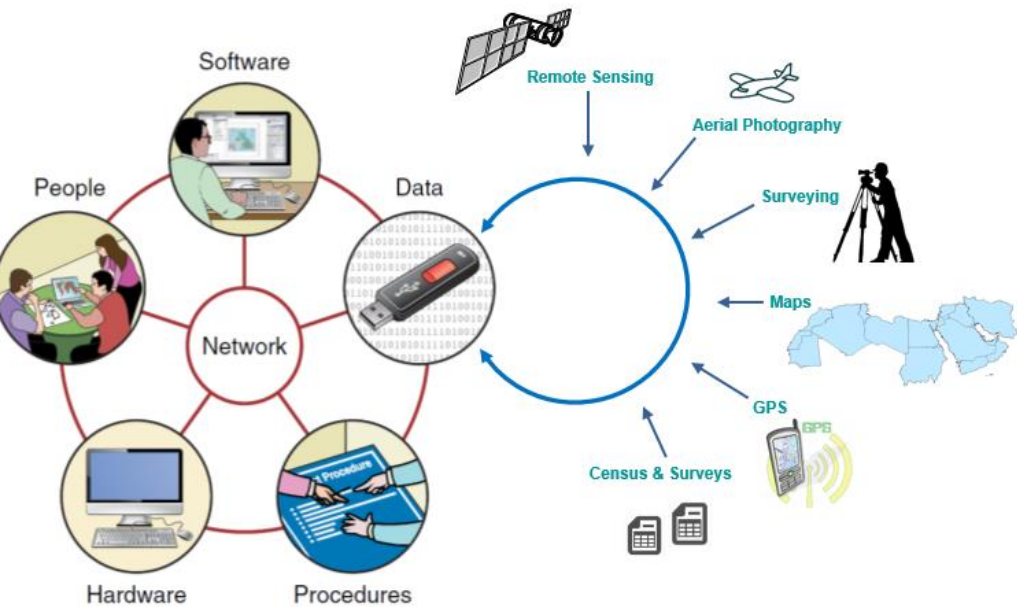
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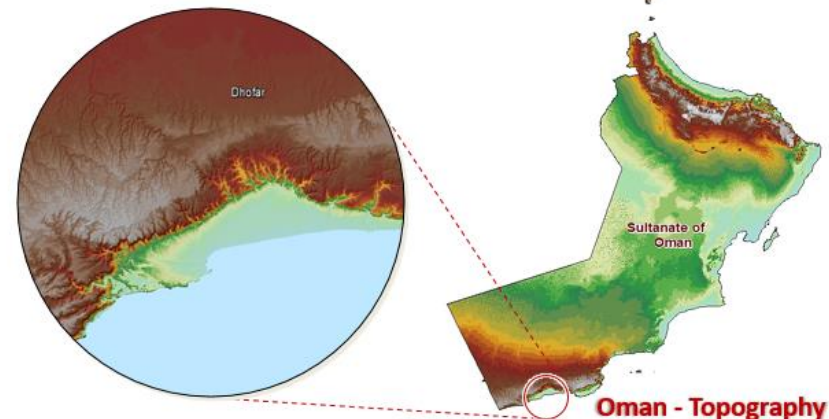




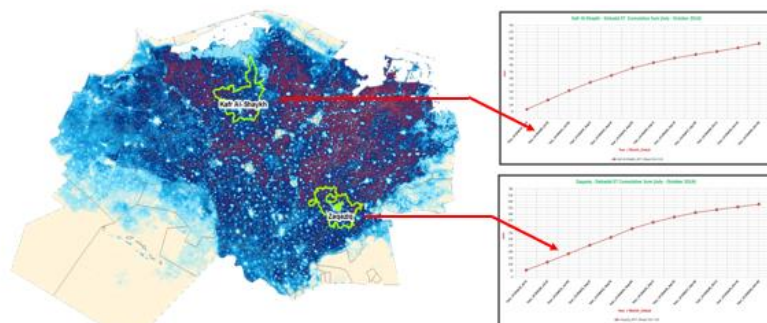
A **Geographic Information System (GIS)** is an **interactive mapping technology** which provides users with the necessary **abilities** for **data creation, storage, retrieval, analysis, display, and dissemination of inform**



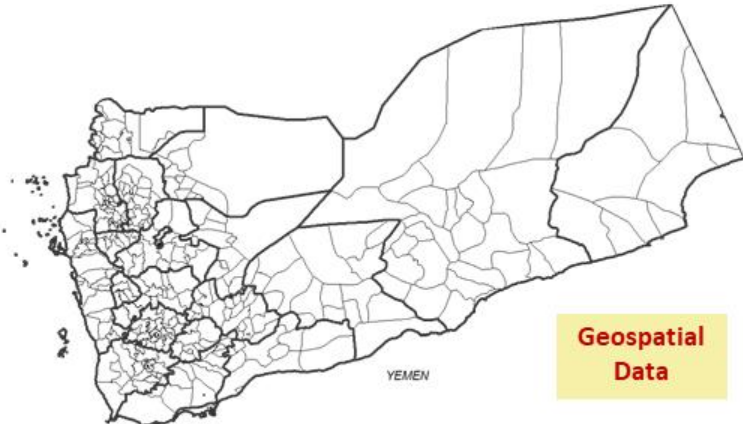
**GIS Components (Pillars)**



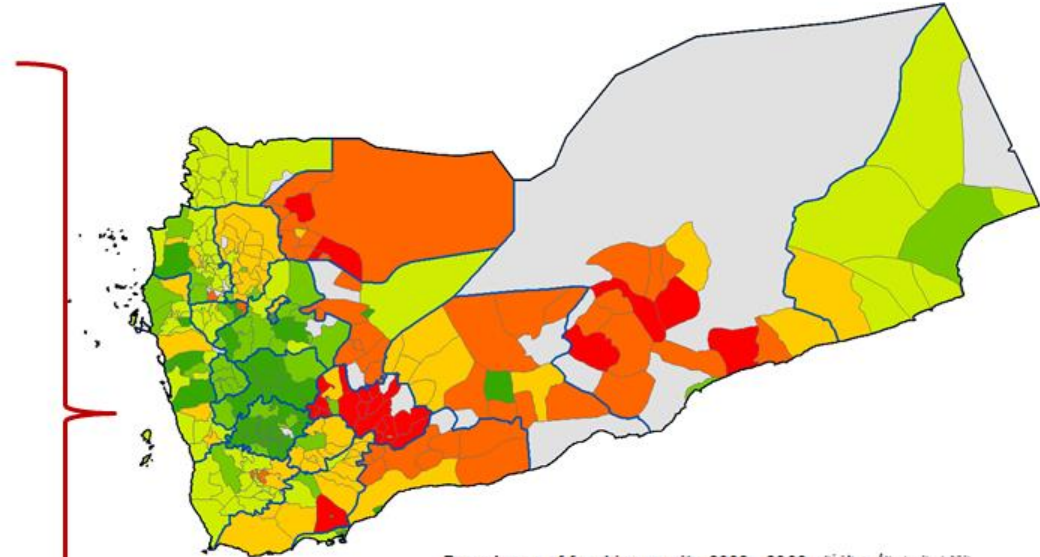
**Oman - Topography**



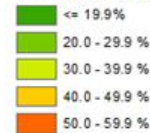
**Nile Delta - Water Consumption**



Geospatial  
Data



انتشار التهام الأمان الغذائي 2009- 2009  
Prevalence of food insecurity by district, %



Source: Yemen Food Security GIS Atlas,  
Year 2010 (IFPRI & MOPIC)

District name	Area (ha)	Area (km2)	Agroecological zone	Total population 2004	Male population 2004	Female population 2004	Urban population	Rural population
Al Gath	6033.9	603.54	highlands	103180	51785	51397	5067	98115
Yarem	56003.23	556.03	Temperate highlands	175025	88018	87017	52276	122751
Al Badmah	29644.46	296.14	Temperate highlands	70464	34118	36350	4480	70000
Al Nadrah	20008.54	200.99	Temperate highlands	73753	36312	37441	6478	67275
Ash Shari	13801.26	138.01	Temperate highlands	30974	13801	20473	1937	37837
As Gashab	26707.77	267.08	Temperate highlands	62863	30690	42803	5099	77394
Al Mahadir	21570.83	215.71	highlands	113779	57120	56656	2469	111310
Hubaysh	23275.26	232.75	highlands	105644	48888	57056	6137	99607
Hazm Al Udayn	49674.63	496.75	highlands	79370	36991	42484	0	79370
Far Al Udayn	36913.67	369.14	highlands	60664	47673	47345	0	60664
Al Udayn	37449.52	374.5	highlands	143505	68893	74812	7717	135788
Jabab	12406.3	124.06	Temperate highlands	112504	54712	57792	13328	99176
Wadien	24336.23	243.36	Temperate highlands	115960	54906	61024	2604	112148
As Sabrah	34364.89	343.65	highlands	60952	34056	35796	2963	60699
As Sayyara	23768.71	237.67	Temperate highlands	110488	54202	56286	2281	108227
Dhi As Sulal	19226.49	192.36	Temperate highlands	162905	80242	82723	45495	116410
Mudaybiyah	11882.1	118.82	highlands	77823	36681	40899	7264	70566
Al Mashannah	2054.29	20.54	highlands	101229				14933
Al Dhinar	3581.87	35.82	Temperate highlands	154380				27619
Be	18955.51	189.56	Temperate highlands	143625				143625
Al Mahfad	27730.46	277.36	Internal Plateau	26059				23090
Mudiyah	110782.45	1107.82	Internal Plateau	34882				26551
Jayshin	7850.1	78.51	Internal Plateau	14769				14769
Lawdar	212691.31	2126.91	Internal Plateau	68146				74610
Sibah	32978.46	329.78	highlands	15940				15940
Rasad	20537.38	205.37	highlands	54816	27338	27478	940	53876
Samar	80043.93	800.44	highlands	15188	7399	7737	0	15188
Al Wadi'a	64752.72	647.53	Internal Plateau	23422	11943	11479	0	23422
Alweir	37068.13	370.68	Arabian Sea	25243	12918	12324	6460	18783
Zinjibar	9585	95.85	Arabian Sea	20530	13118	12412	20007	5523
Khawla	38008.76	380.09	Arabian Sea	189022	50802	53730	53026	49966
Old City	181.98	1.82	Temperate highlands	63386	34340	29046	63386	0
Shu'ab	1510.6	15.11	Temperate highlands	213936	115779	98157	213936	0
Az'Zar	622.76	6.23	Temperate highlands	115033	61178	53855	115033	0
Almufayyah	745.47	7.45	Temperate highlands	109106	63340	45766	109106	0
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Descriptive &  
Statistical Data

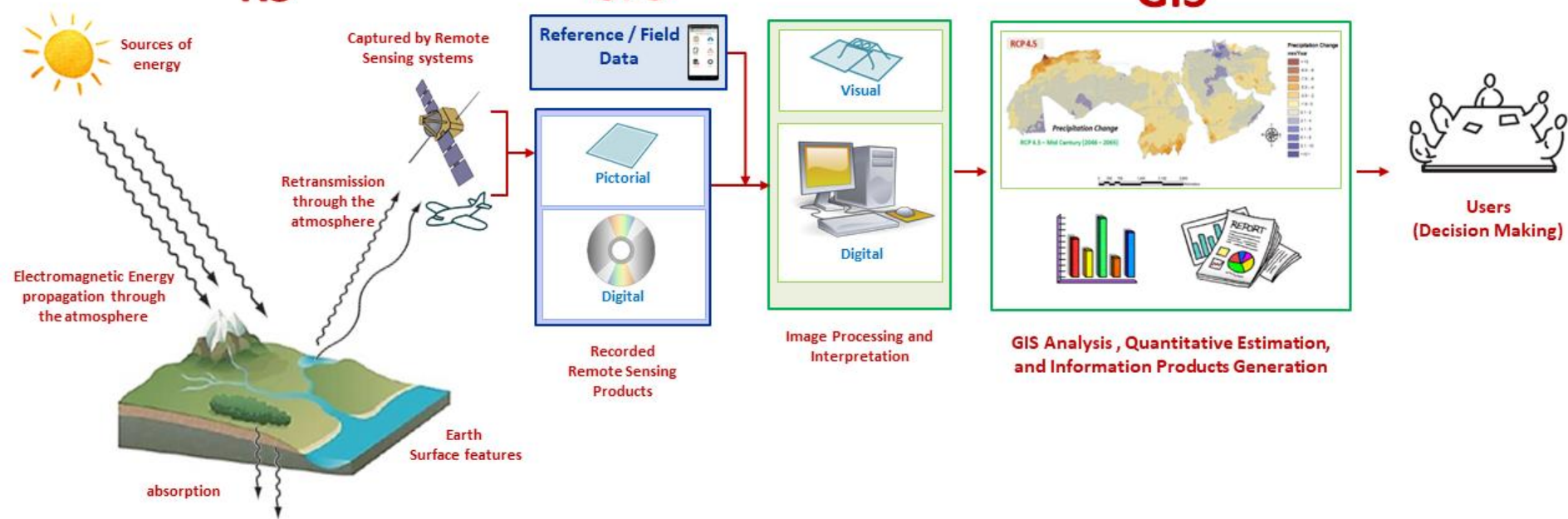
# THE BIG PICTURE ... INTEGRATION OF GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES

DATA ACQUISITION | PROCESSING | INTERPRETATION | ANALYSIS | DISSEMINATION

**RS**

**GPS**

**GIS**





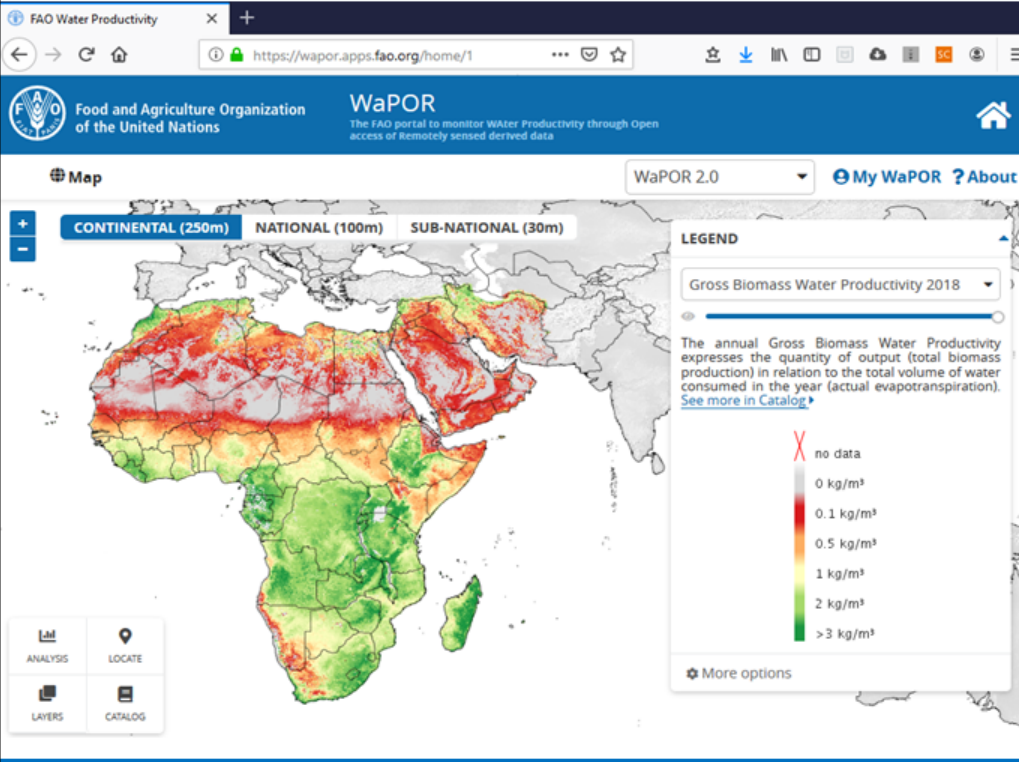


## Where can we find Geospatial Data?





## FAO - Water Productivity Open Access Data Portal (WaPOR)



Countries (Level II): Egypt | Jordan | Lebanon | Morocco | Palestine | Syrian Arab Republic | Tunisia | Yemen  
River Basins (Level II): Jordan | Litani | Nile

\* Dekad = (~ 10 days) – one Month = 3 Dekads

### DATA COMPONENT

Actual  
Evapotranspiration  
(Water Consumption)

Net Primary  
Production

Above Ground  
Biomass Production

Harvest Index (HI)

Water Productivity

Evaporation (E)

Transpiration (T)

Interception (I)

Phenology

Precipitation

Land Cover

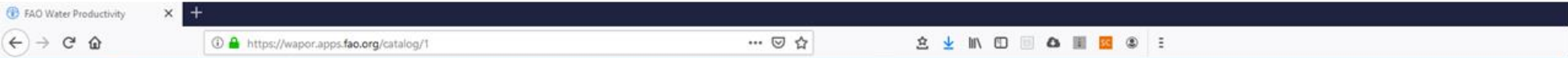
### SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL RESOLUTION

	CONTINENTAL Level I (250 m) Africa and Near East	NATIONAL Level II (100 m) Countries and River basins	SUB-NATIONAL Level III (30 m) Pilot areas of 100,000 ha
Actual Evapotranspiration (Water Consumption)	Dekadal* /Monthly/Annual	Dekadal/Monthly/ Annual	Dekadal/Monthly/ Annual
Net Primary Production	Dekadal	Dekadal	Dekadal
Above Ground Biomass Production	Annual	Seasonal	Seasonal
Harvest Index (HI)			Seasonal
Water Productivity	Annual	Dekadal / Seasonal	Dekadal / Seasonal
Evaporation (E)	Dekadal / Annual	Dekadal/Annual	Dekadal/Annual
Transpiration (T)	Dekadal/Annual	Dekadal/Annual	Dekadal/Annual
Interception (I)	Dekadal/Annual	Dekadal/Annual	Dekadal/Annual
Phenology		Seasonal	Seasonal
Precipitation	Daily (5km)	Dekadal / Seasonal	Dekadal / Seasonal
Land Cover	Annual	Annual	Dekadal

Temporal Coverage: Year 2009 to Present



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Water Productivity  Water  Land  Climate  Ancillary

<p><b>Gross Biomass Water Productivity</b></p>  <p>The annual Gross Biomass Water Productivity expresses the quantity of output (total biomass production) in relation to the total volume of water consumed in the year (actual evapotranspiration).</p> <p><b>WATER PRODUCTIVITY</b></p>	<p><b>Net Biomass Water Productivity</b></p>  <p>The annual Net Biomass Water Productivity expresses the quantity of output (total biomass production) in relation to the volume of water beneficially consumed (by canopy transpiration) in the year, and thus net of soil evaporation.</p> <p><b>WATER PRODUCTIVITY</b></p>	<p><b>Actual EvapoTranspiration and Interception (Annual)</b></p>  <p>The actual EvapoTranspiration and Interception (ETIa) is the sum of the soil evaporation (E), canopy transpiration (T), and evaporation from rainfall intercepted by leaves (I).</p> <p><b>WATER</b></p>	<p><b>Evaporation (Dekadal)</b></p>  <p>The Evaporation (E) data component (dekadal, in mm/day) is the actual evaporation of the soil surface.</p> <p><b>WATER</b></p>	<p><b>Interception (Dekadal)</b></p>  <p>The Interception (I) data component (dekadal, in mm/day) represents the evaporation of intercepted rainfall from the vegetation canopy.</p> <p><b>WATER</b></p>	<p><b>Net Primary Production</b></p>  <p>Net Primary Production (NPP) is a fundamental characteristic of an ecosystem, expressing the conversion of carbon dioxide into biomass driven by photosynthesis.</p> <p><b>LAND</b></p>
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**Gross Biomass Water Productivity (Seasonal)**

The seasonal Gross Biomass Water Productivity expresses the quantity of output (above ground biomass production) in relation to the total volume of water consumed (actual EvapoTranspiration) during the growing cycle of the vegetation.

WATER PRODUCTIVITY

**Actual EvapoTranspiration and Interception (Annual)**

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WATER

**Actual EvapoTranspiration and Interception (Dekadal)**

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WATER

**Land Cover Classification**

This experimental land cover dataset at continental scale (Level 2) shows a broad classification aiming at identifying cultivated land and, more specifically, distinguishing between irrigated and rainfed areas.

LAND

**Total Biomass Production (Seasonal)**

Total Biomass Production (TBP) is defined as the sum of the above-ground dry matter produced during the course of the growing season.

LAND

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**Additional Information**

Tunisia

Month: Y

2019-08		Download	See on map	OGC Link
2019-07		Download	See on map	OGC Link
2019-06		Download	See on map	OGC Link
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## Applications

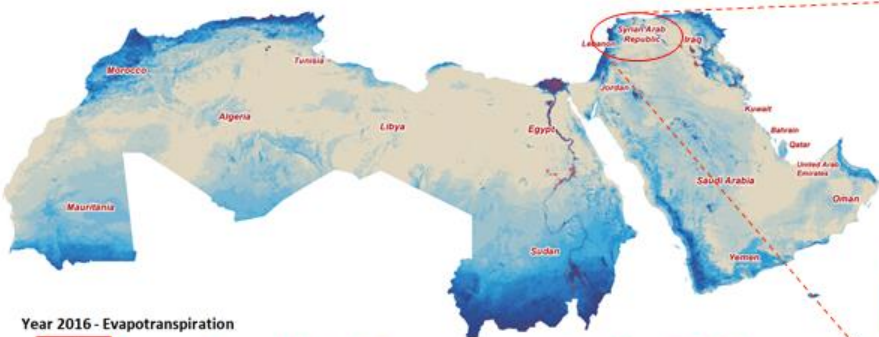


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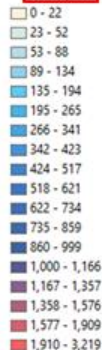


**Actual Evapotranspiration (ET)** is the amount of water released into the air through **Soil Evaporation (E)** and **Plant Transpiration (T)**



Year 2016 - Evapotranspiration

mm/year



### Annual Actual Evapotranspiration (Year 2016)

Spatial Resolution: 250m - Temporal Resolution: Annual

**Actual Evapotranspiration (ET)** can be used to quantify the **agricultural water consumption**

- Daily
- Dekadal (~10 Days)
- Monthly
- Annual



Amount of **Water Consumed (mm)** through **Evapotranspiration** over a year



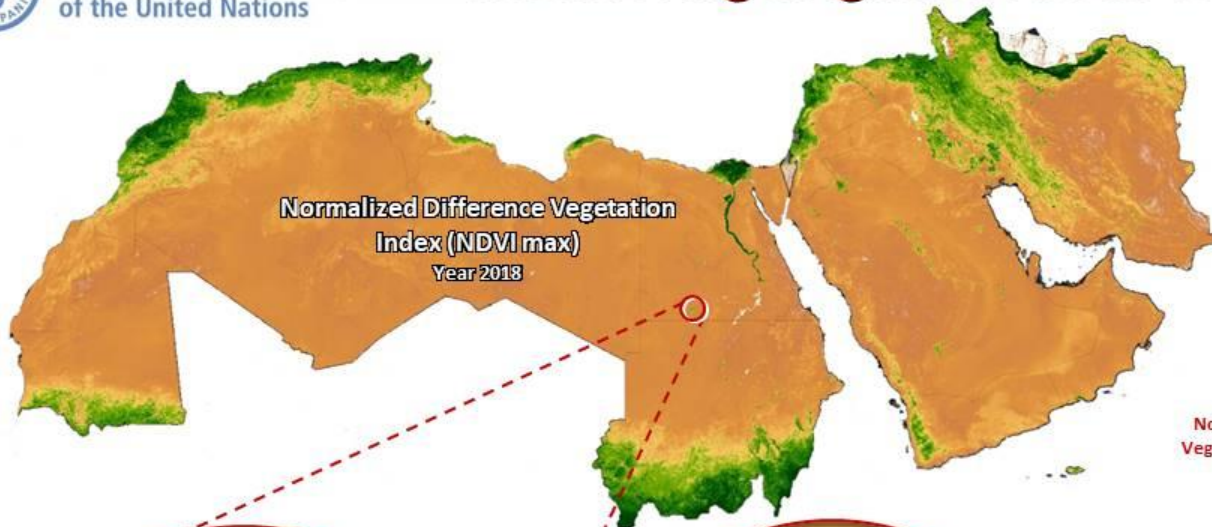
Monthly Actual Evapotranspiration: January 2016

Low: 0 mm High: 220 mm

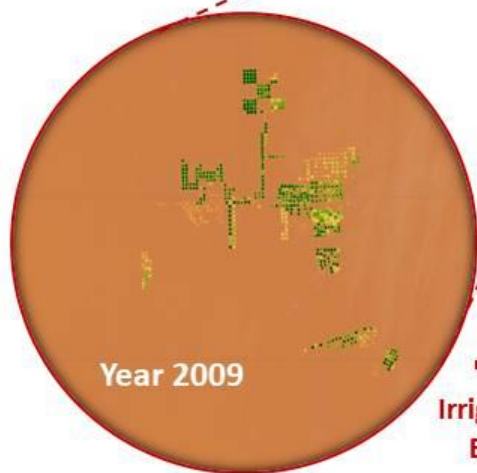
### Monthly Actual Evapotranspiration (Year 2016)

Spatial Resolution: 100m - Temporal Resolution: Monthly

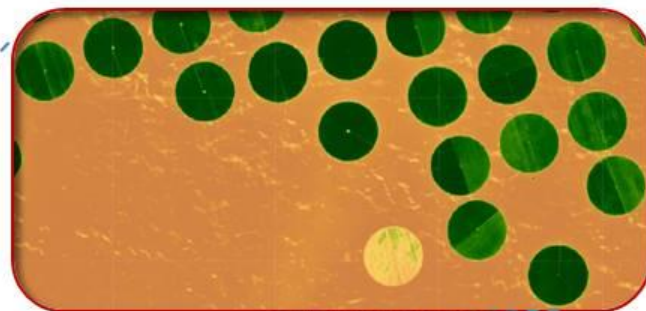
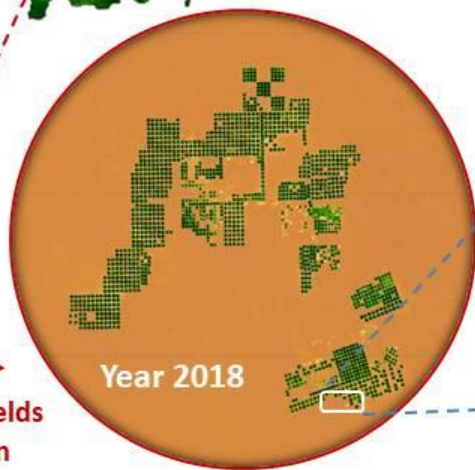


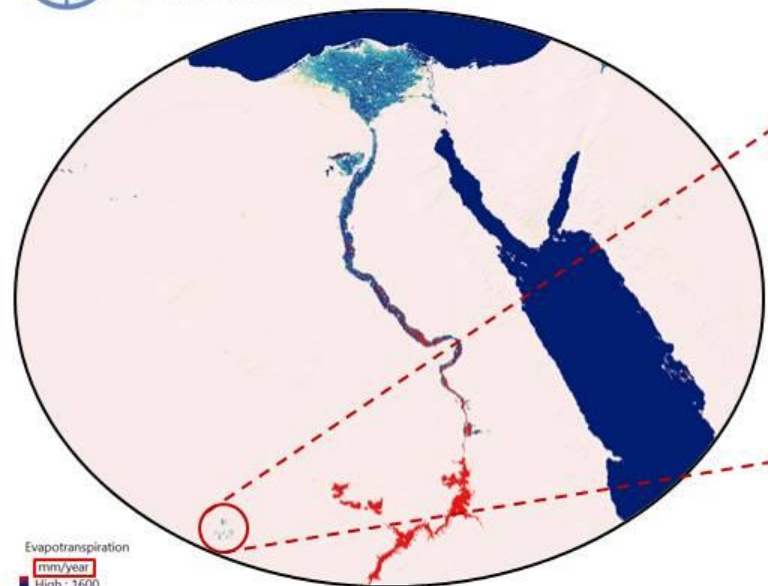


This area of interest at southern Egypt is irrigated with sprinklers rotating around a central pivot.

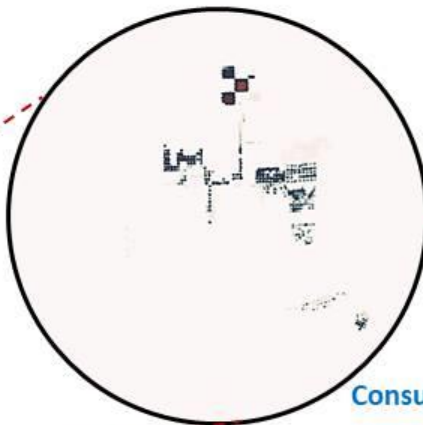


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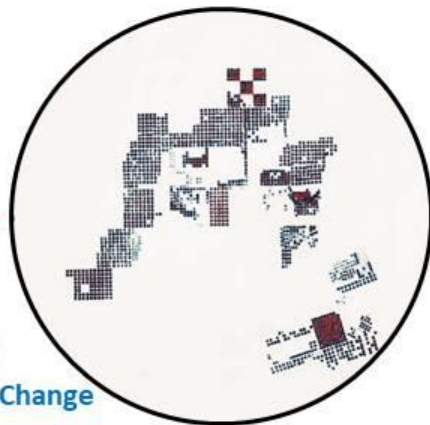




Actual Evapotranspiration (AET) Year 2009



AET Year 2009



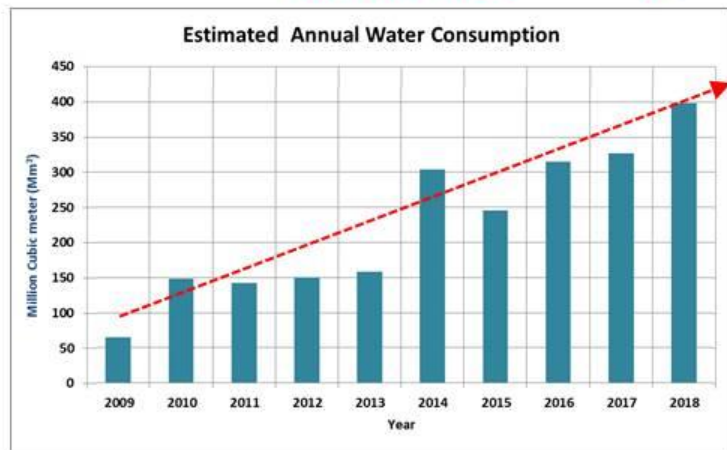
AET Year 2018

Water Consumption Change



Amount of Water Consumed through Evapotranspiration over a year (mm/year)

- Using AET the amount of water withdrawn from the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer could be assessed.
- In Year 2018, the estimated annual water consumption was about.... 400 million cubic meters.



Source: FAO Water Productivity Open Access Portal (WAPOR)



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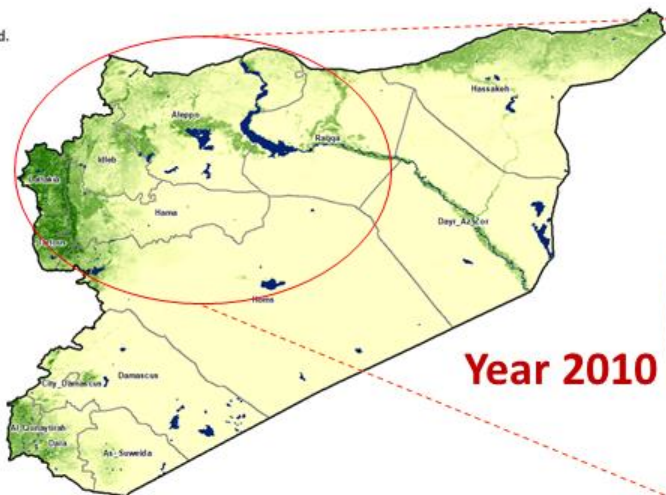




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Above Ground Biomass Prod.

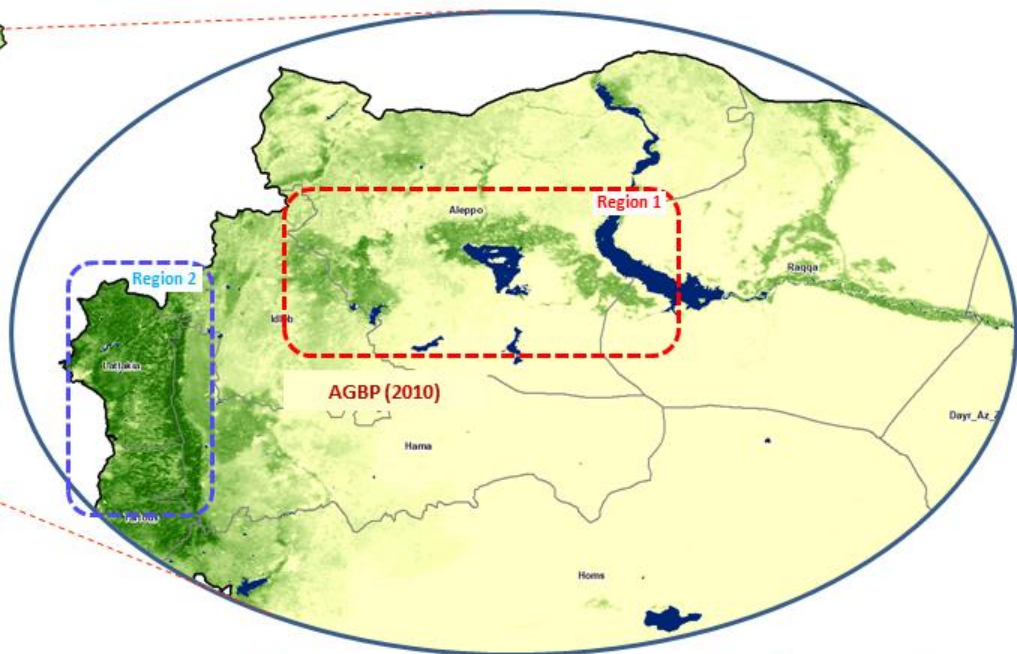
kg/ha/Year



**Year 2010**

**Above Ground Biomass Production** is a good indicator for crop yield forecasting .

- Seasonal
- Annual



**Above Ground Biomass Production (Year 2010)**

Spatial Resolution: 250m - Temporal Resolution: Annual

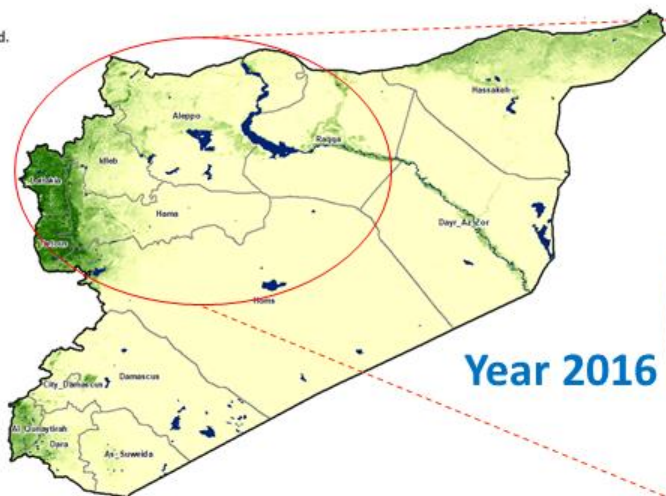
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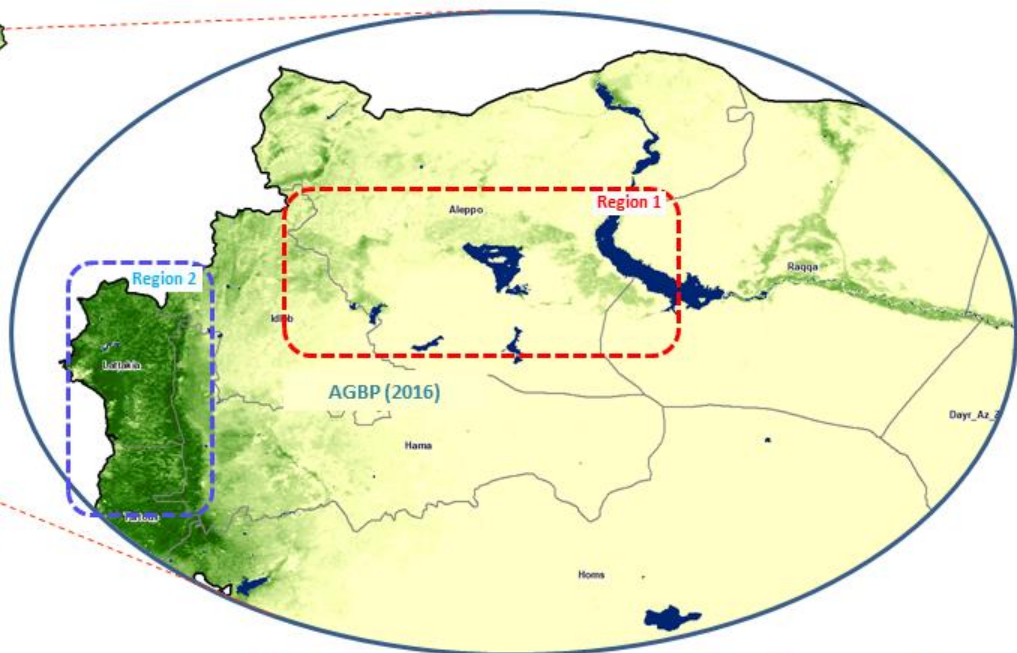
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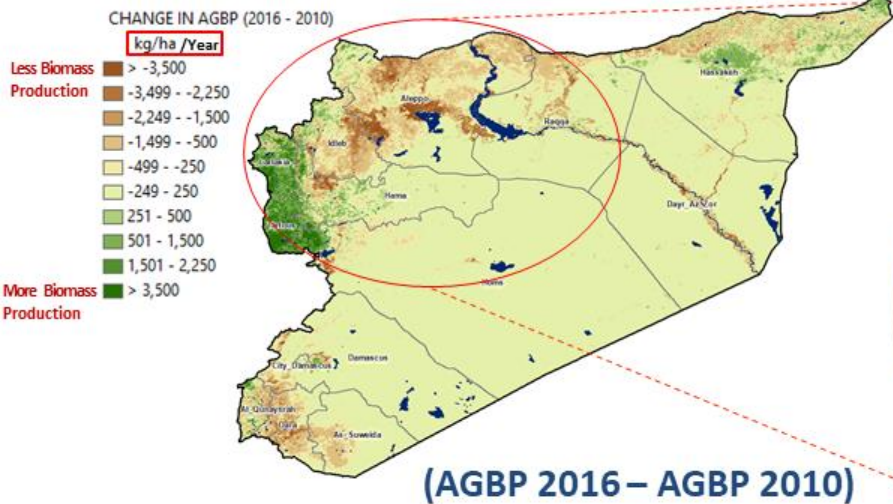
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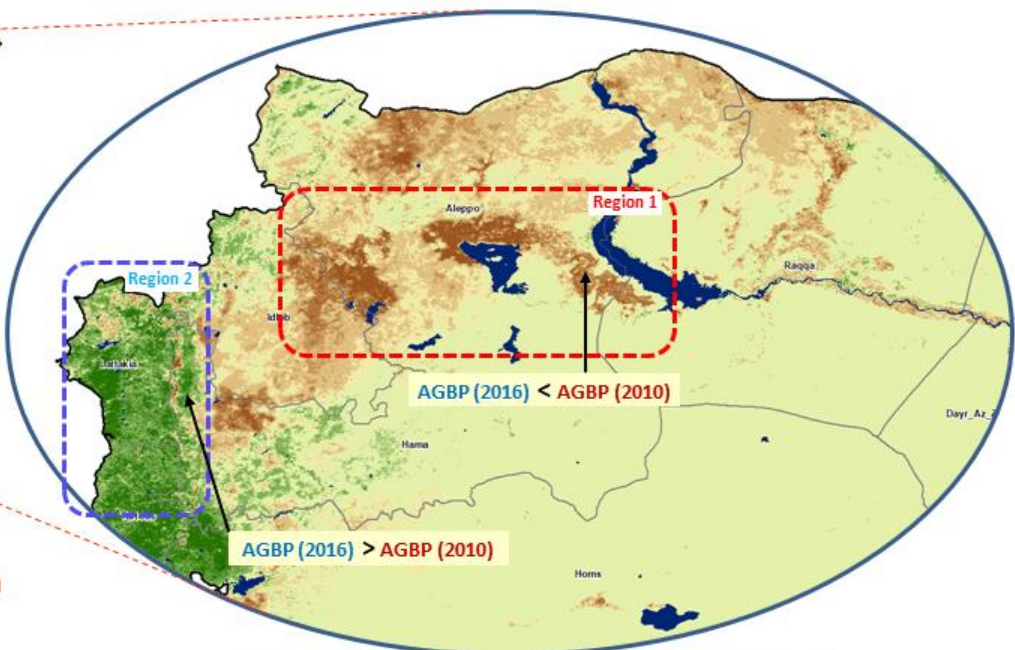
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**Difference in Above Ground Biomass Production  
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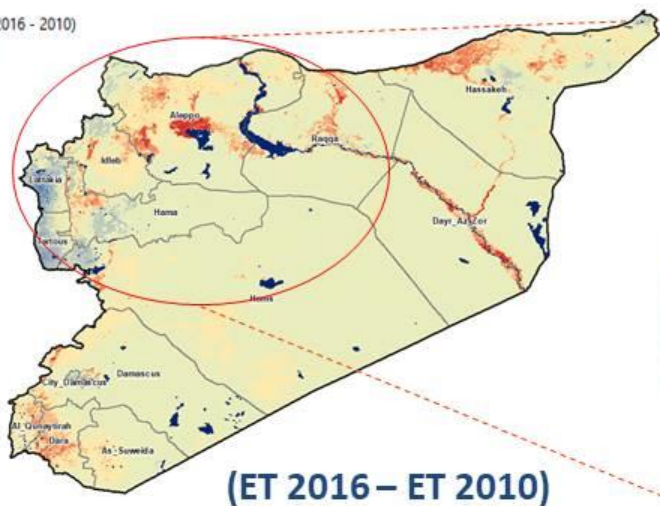
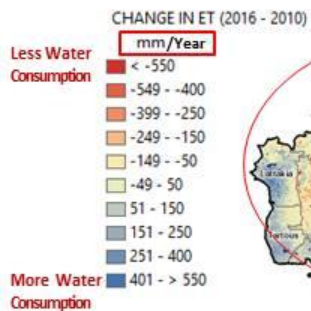


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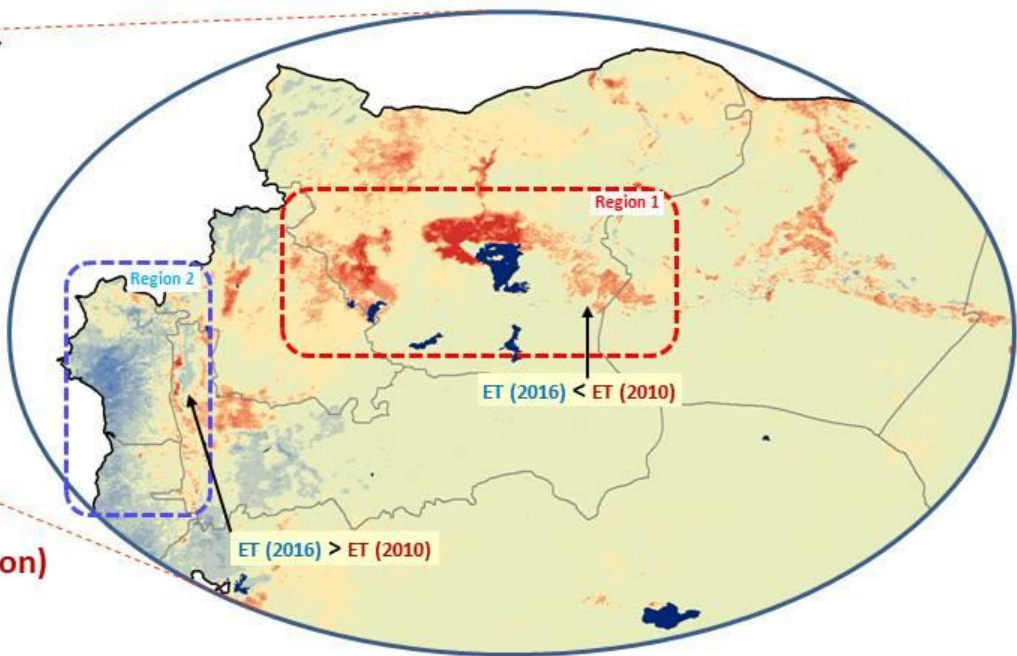
This map of **Syria** shows the **difference in Biomass Production** (natural vegetation / cropland) in **Year 2016** compared to **Year 2010**

Spatial Resolution: **250m** - Temporal Resolution: **Annual**

**Actual Evapotranspiration (ET)** is the amount of water released into the air through **Soil Evaporation (E)** and **Plant Transpiration (T)**



**Difference in Evapotranspiration (Water Consumption)**  
**(Year 2016 – Year 2010)**



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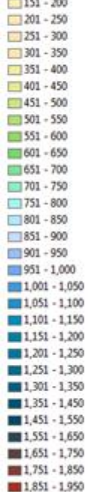
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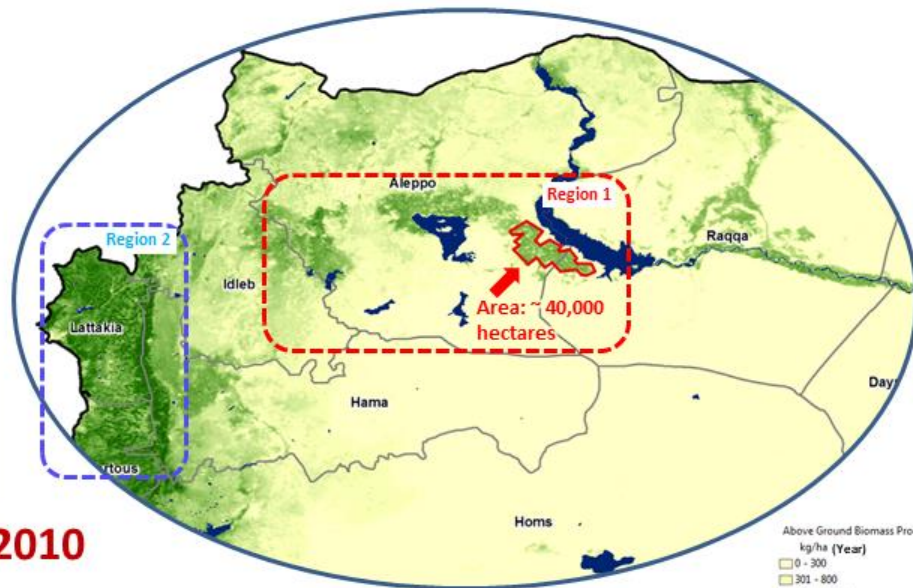
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Evapotranspiration  
mm/year



## Above Ground Biomass Production (AGBP)



Year 2010

Above Ground Biomass Prod.

kg/ha (Year)



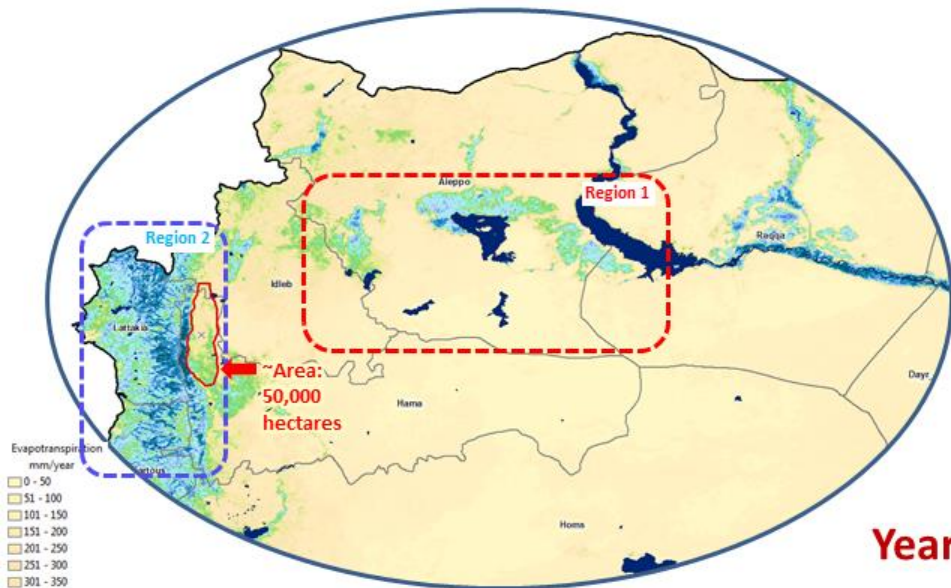
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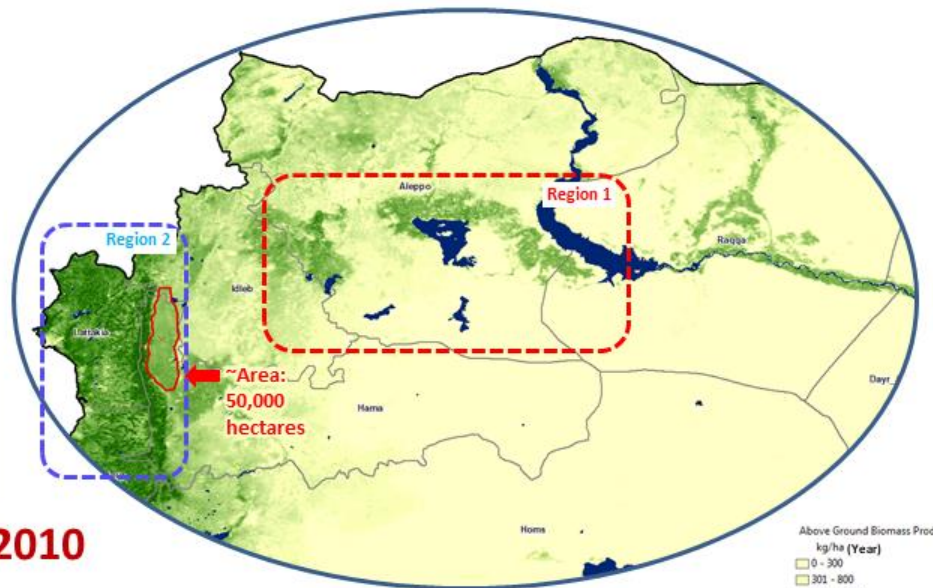
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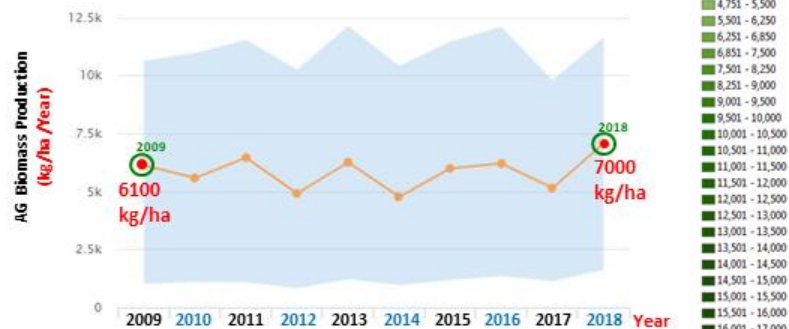


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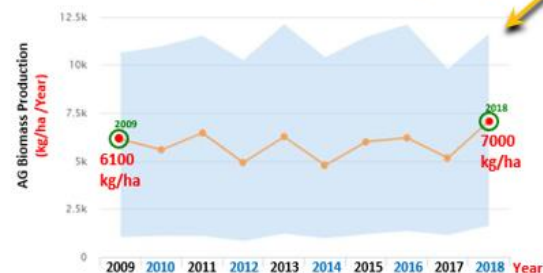
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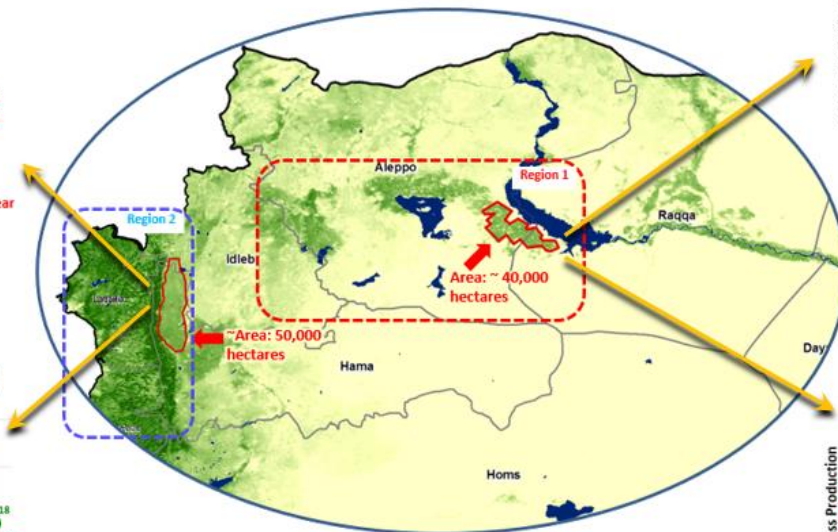
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Quick First Assessment





## Applications



- Irrigation Areas Water Consumption
- Agricultural Production Change
- **Surface Water Change**
- Vegetation Monitoring





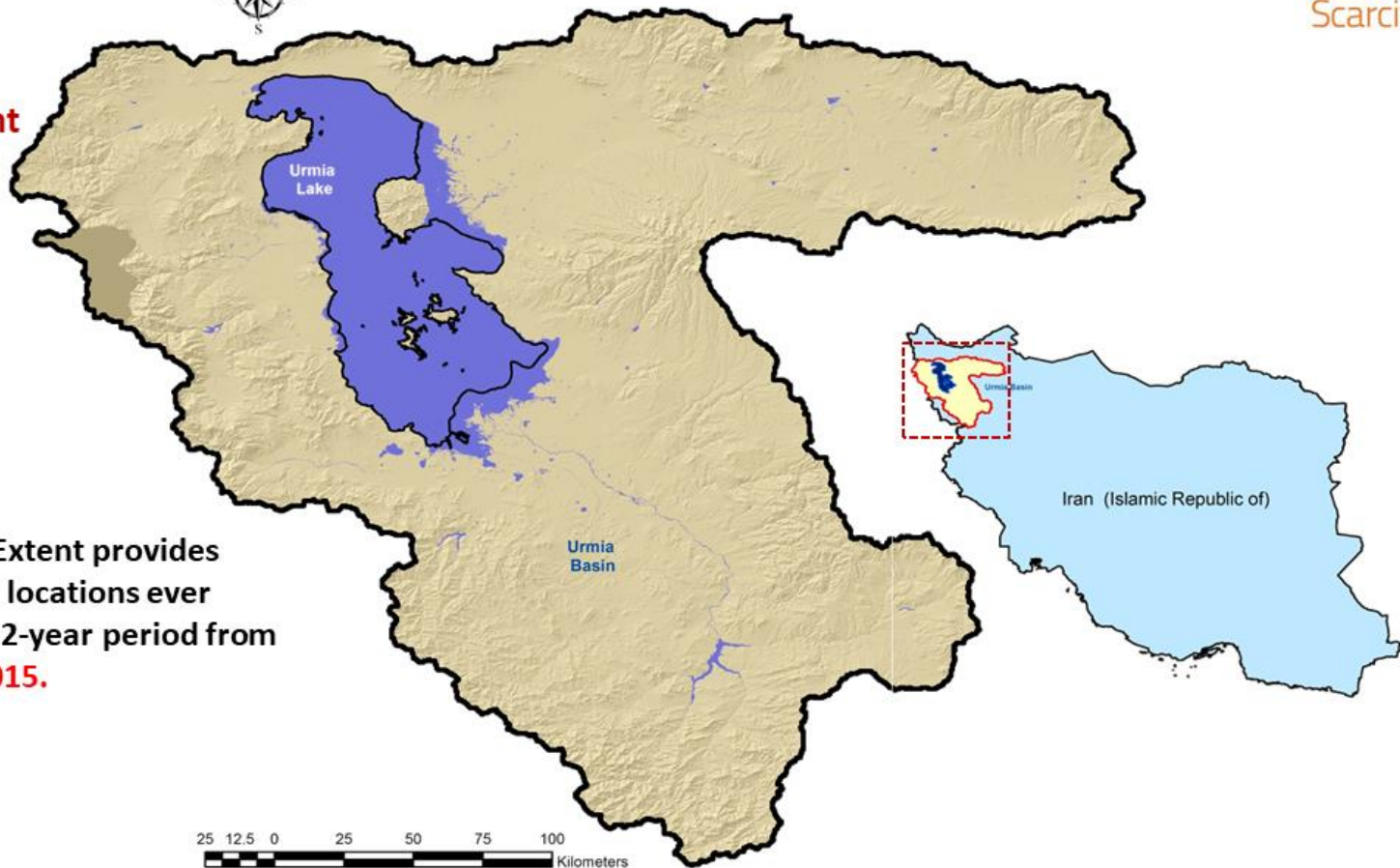
# Surface Water Change Monitoring

## Urmia Lake Maximum Water Extent



### Maximum Water Extent

- Not water
- Water
- No data

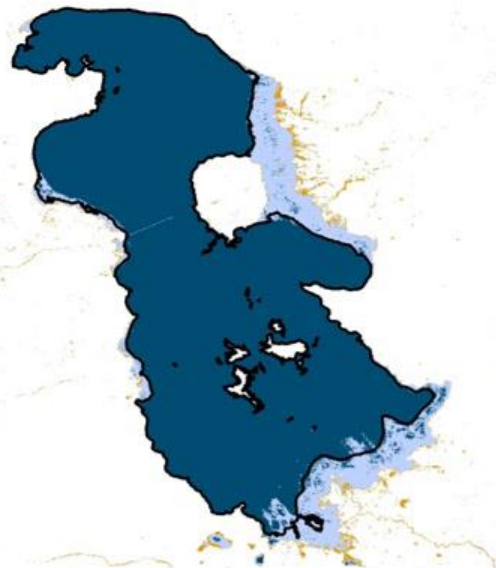


The Maximum Water Extent provides information on all the locations ever detected as water over a 32-year period from **1984 till 2015.**

# Urmia Lake Yearly History : 1998

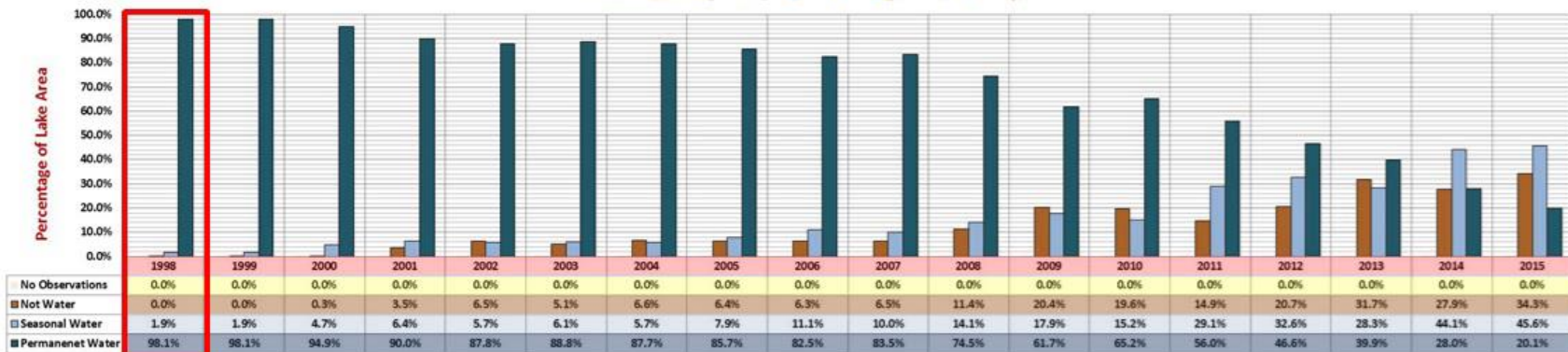
This is how Urmia Lake has changed over the past years

Yearly History RS-derived maps showing the seasonality of the water over the period from 1998 till 2015



Yearly History  
(Seasonality of Water)

- No Observations
- Not Water
- Seasonal Water
- Permanent Water

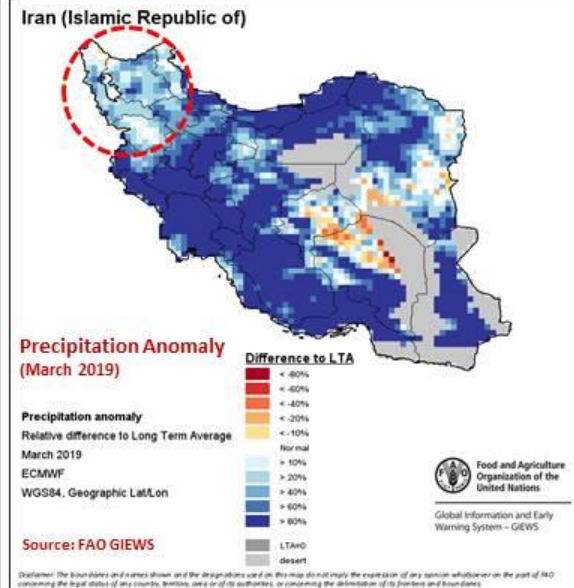
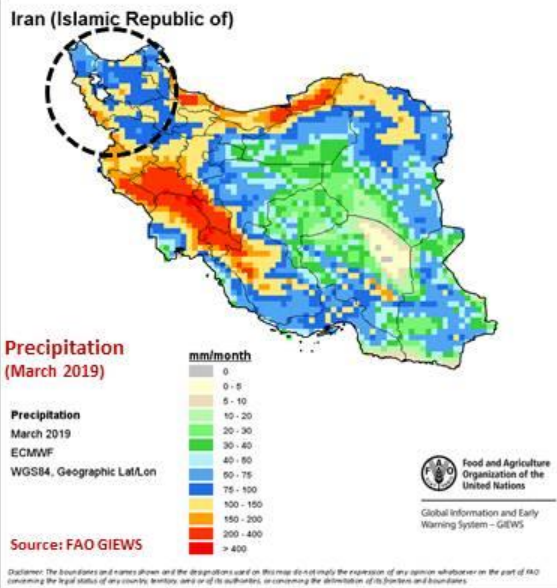






## Precipitation Estimation

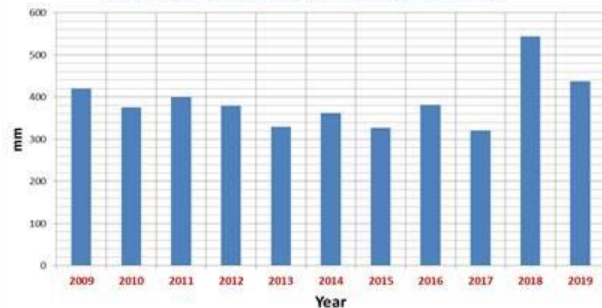
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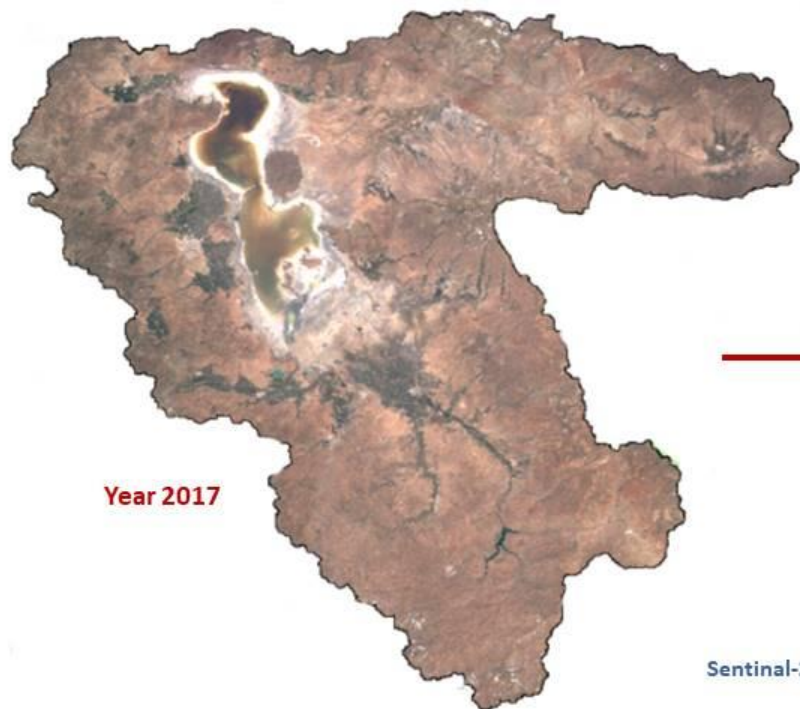


### Average Monthly Precipitation - (Urmia Basin, Iran)

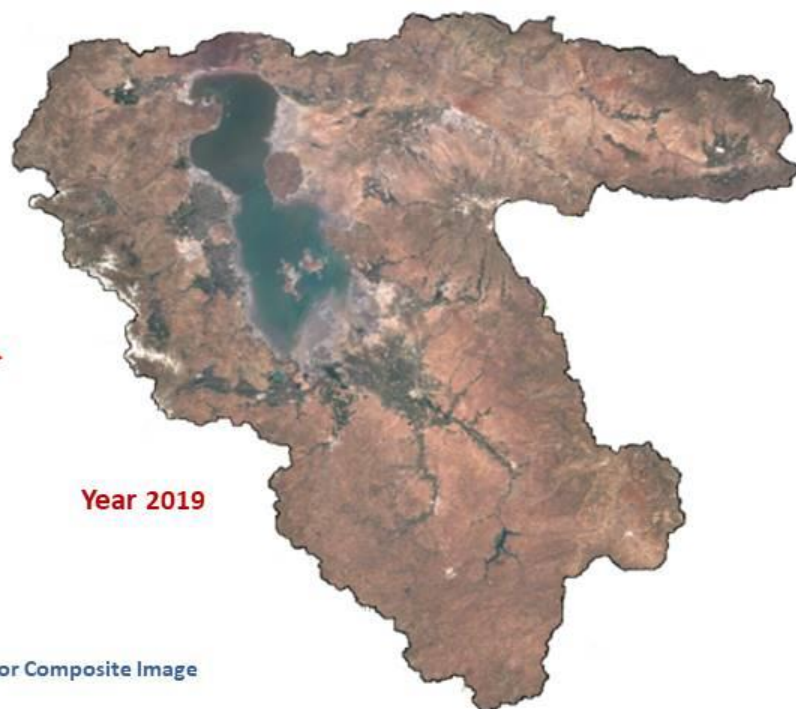


### Average Annual Precipitation (Urmia Basin)





Year 2017



Year 2019

Sentinal-2 True Color Composite Image



## Applications



- Irrigation Areas Water Consumption
- Agricultural Production Change
- Surface Water Change
- **Vegetation Monitoring**

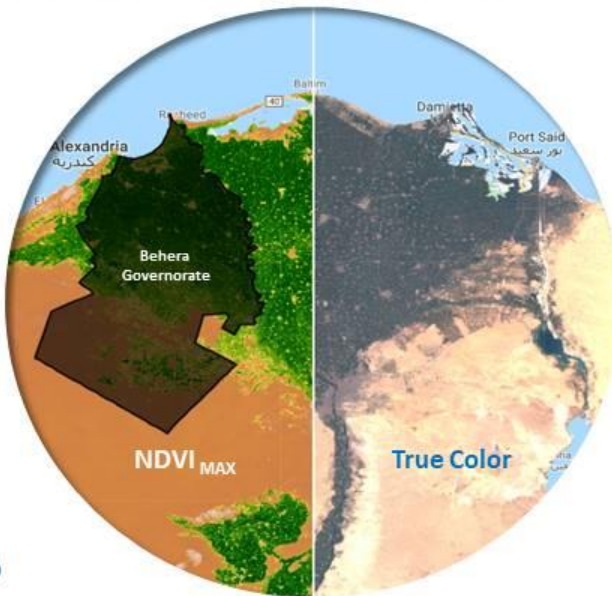
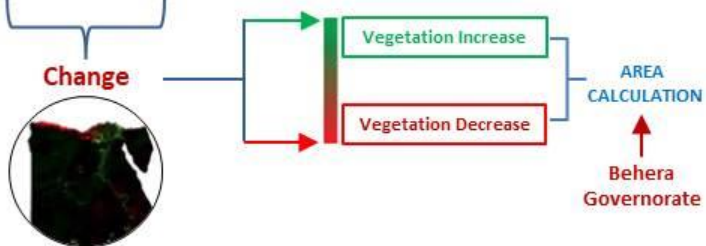




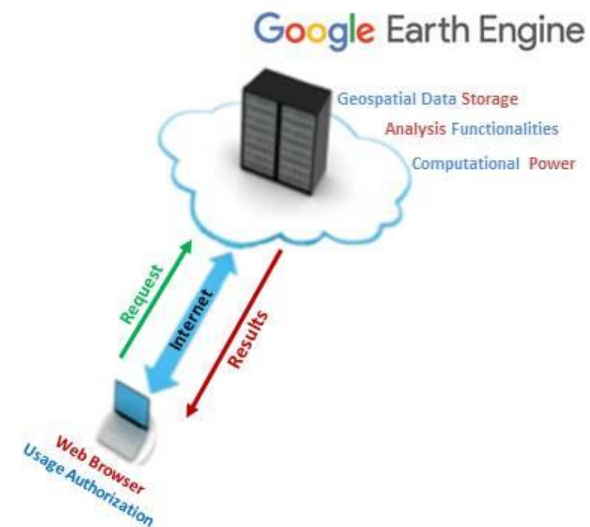
## Live Demonstration: Using Cloud Computing and Big Data

### Monitor Change in Vegetation

- ① Visual Observation
- ② Image Differencing



### Access to freely available Satellite Images





## MAIN BENEFITS

### Quality improvement

- Improved visualization of phenomena / better insight in actual situation
- **Integration of different layers** of information / Increased amount of data **for analysis**
- Better **insight into cause-effect relations** (add spatial dimension)
- Better informed decision-making and planning
- **Cross checking with ground measurements**
- **Cross country comparisons**

### Saving of costs and time

- Cost saving by **limiting need for field inspections** / in-situ observations
- Base layer for field inspections
- Quick first analysis
- **Near-real time information** / Year-round data collection.

### Improved process control

- Improved vulnerability assessment / Earlier identification of threats and potential risks
- Improved **preparedness**
- Coverage of unsafe and/or inaccessible areas;
- Increased **detection** rate (of illegal activities)



## MAIN CHALLENGES

### Data-related

- High or sufficient resolution imagery (spatial resolution)
- High frequency imagery (temporal resolution)
- Affordable data and data processing
- **In-situ validation**
- **Additional in-situ data**
- Time series (Continuity)

### Knowledge and skills-related

- Further development
- **Expert knowledge.**

### Marketing-related

- **Buy-in of stakeholders** and Advocacy.
- Scaling up

### Infrastructure

- **Internet connectivity**



- **The WSI:** FAO and partners launched in 2013 the WSI to **support the NENA region countries** to strategically plan their water resource management and allocation, review their water, food security and energy policies, formulate effective investment plans, modernize governance and institutions, account for transboundary surface and ground water and adopt good agricultural practices.
- **Regional Project: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for water efficiency/productivity and water sustainability in NENA countries** – in cooperation with the SIDA
  - **Countries:** Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.
  - **Aim:** establishing a **water accounting** system, implementing a series of **interventions** to increase **water efficiency** and **productivity** in selected farming systems , and ensuring sustainable, socially equitable based development.
- **NENA-ETNet: Regional Network for Field Measurement of Actual Crop Water Consumption (Evapotranspiration)**
  - **Countries:** Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia.
  - **Aim:** to **establish** and operate a NENA Regional Network of specialized Institutions, to **conduct field measurements** of **actual ET**, over selected crops, in order to **evaluate** the accuracy of existing **RS based ET estimates**.





## Other Geospatial Data Sources



## • FAO - Geonetwork

The screenshot shows the FAO GeoNetwork website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FAO logo and the text "GeoNetwork" in large blue letters, with the tagline "find and analyze geo-spatial data" below it. The navigation bar also includes links for Home, FAO Core Data Sets, GIS Gateway, Feedback, Links and Partners, About, and Help. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are fields for Username and Password, and a Login button. Below the navigation bar, there is a search interface with a "WHAT?" field and a "WHERE?" field. The "WHERE?" field contains a map of the world. Below the map, there is a dropdown menu with "- Any -" selected. To the right of the map, there is a "Search" button and links for "Reset" and "Advanced Options". Below the search interface, there is a list of dataset categories: Administrative and Political Boundaries, Agriculture and Livestock, Applied Ecology, Base Maps, Remote Sensing and Toponymy, Biological and Ecological Resources, Climate, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Forestry, Human Health, Hydrology and Water Resources, Infrastructures, Land Cover and Land Use, Population and Socio-Economic Indicators, Soils and Soil Resources, and Topography. The main content area is titled "Show map" and contains the text "FIND INTERACTIVE MAPS, GIS DATASETS, SATELLITE IMAGERY AND RELATED APPLICATIONS". Below this, there is a section titled "FAO CORE DATASETS" which states that FAO produces a large number of GIS datasets for monitoring, assessment and analysis of environmental and socio-economic factors causing poverty and food insecurity. It also states that FAO's most relevant GIS information at global, continental and sub-continental levels is now made available through GeoNetwork. Below this, there is a section titled "The spatial data identified as FAO Core Datasets share the following characteristics:" which lists four characteristics: Coarse resolution data, Related to a global, continental or regional level, FAO as the main producer of the data or with publication rights as partner of a group that released the data, and Data release and access is unrestricted (public domain). Below this, there is a section titled "The FAO Core Datasets are described through their own ISO standard metadata and are available for download." and a section titled "The following categories have been used to group the datasets:" which lists the same categories as the search interface: ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES, AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, APPLIED ECOLOGY, BIOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES, CLIMATE AND AGROCLIMATOLOGY, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, HYDROLOGY AND WATER RESOURCES, LAND COVER AND LAND USE, and POPULATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS.

## • FAO - Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS)

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**GIEWS - Global Information and Early Warning System**

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Country Briefs - Food Security in Monitored Countries

**TOOL**  
Earth Observation for Crop Monitoring

As a response to the generalized food crisis of the early 1970s, the Committee on World Food Security prompted the creation of the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS). Over the years, GIEWS has established itself as the world's leading source of information and as a respected authority on global food production, consumption and trade. It continuously monitors the food security situation in every country of the world and alerts the world to emerging food shortages.

**Related links**

- FAO Prices
- World Food Situation
- FAO and Emergencies

**Earth Observation**

Seasonal Global Indicators Global Indicators Country Indicators Partners Reference Country-level ASIS

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The Agricultural Stress Index (ASI) wins 2016 Geospatial World Excellence Award. Since October 2016, GIEWS Earth Observation website has been updated with the outputs of ASI 2. Major improvements and extensions of ASI 2.

Latest Update: **Week 1 Sep 2016**

**Global**

Estimated Precipitation

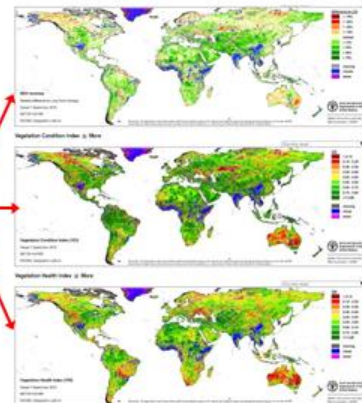
Seasonal Global Indicators

- Agricultural Stress Index
- Drought Intensity
- Global Indicators
- NDVI Anomaly
- Vegetation Condition Index
- Vegetation Health Index
- Estimated Precipitation
- Precipitation Anomaly

**Countries**

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## GEOGLAM

### Group on Earth Observations Global Agricultural Monitoring

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**Crop Monitor for AMIS**

The GEOGLAM Crop Monitor for the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) is a monthly bulletin on current growing conditions for the four major crops (wheat, maize, ...). [More detail](#)

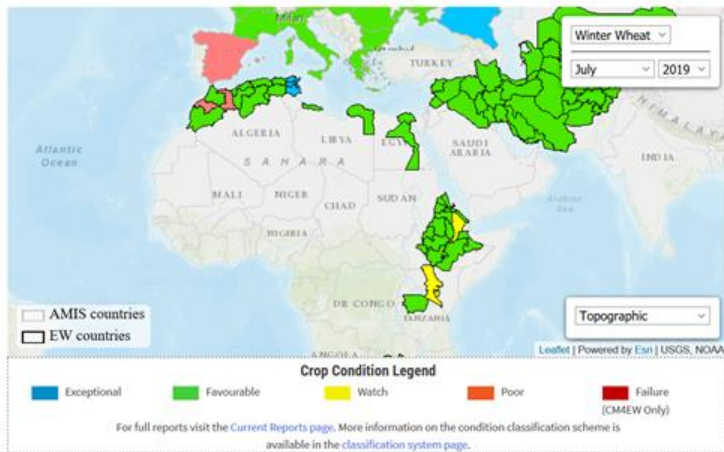
**Crop Monitor for AMIS**

**Crop Monitor for Early Warning**

**Asia-RICE & Rangelands (RAPP)**

**Crop Monitor**  
a geoglam initiative

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**Crop Condition Plots**

System: Early Warning CM

Crop Type: Winter Wheat

Crop Calendar Date: June 10

Plots charts are only available for AMIS Crop Monitor

Legend:  
 Planting-Early  
 Vegetative  
 Reproductive  
 Ripening Through Harvest  
 Harvest (End of Season)  
 Out of Season or N/A  
 Not Monitored

<https://cropmonitor.org/>





## FEWS NET

### The USGS - Famine Early Warning Systems Network

<http://www.fews.net>

FEWS NET Data Center

Agroclimatic Monitoring

Food Security Classification

From NOAA

Administrative Boundaries

From USGS

Livelihood Zones

Remote Sensing Imagery

Price & Cross-Border Trade



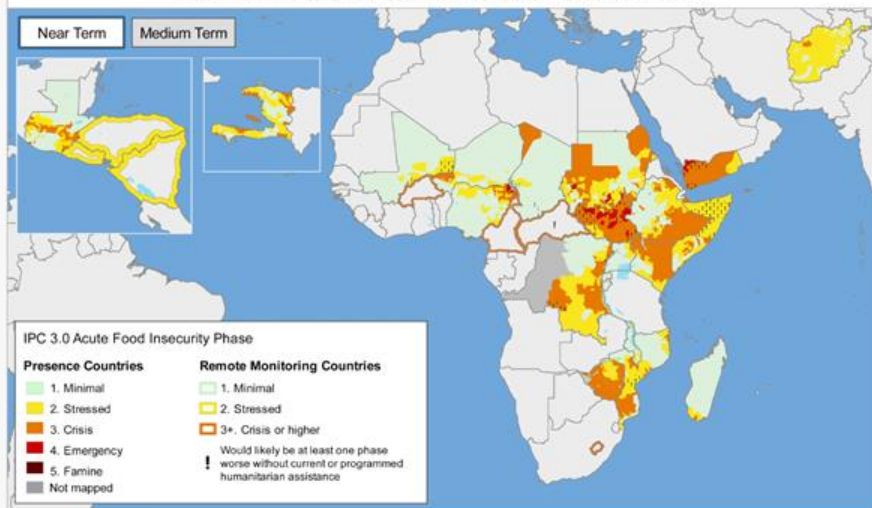
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The USGS FEWS NET Data Portal provides access to geo-spatial data, satellite image products, and derived data products in support of FEWS NET drought monitoring efforts throughout the world. This portal is provided by the USGS FEWS NET Project, part of the Early Warning Focus Area at the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center.

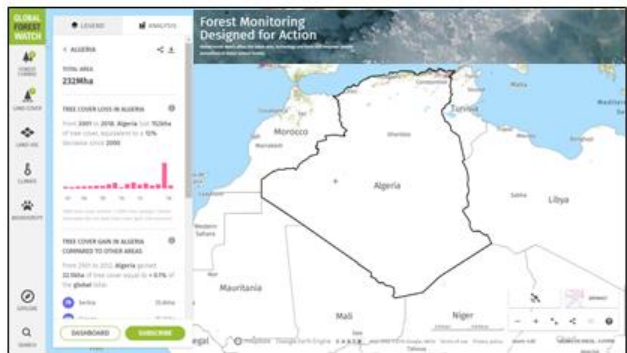




The **Global Food Security Analysis-Support Data at 30 meters (GFSAD30)** project, led by USGS - <https://croplands.org>



**Global Forest Watch (GFW) .... near real-time forest monitoring**  
<https://www.globalforestwatch.org>



The largest **data archives** and **global coverage missions** can be found online at:

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EUMETSAT mission data:

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