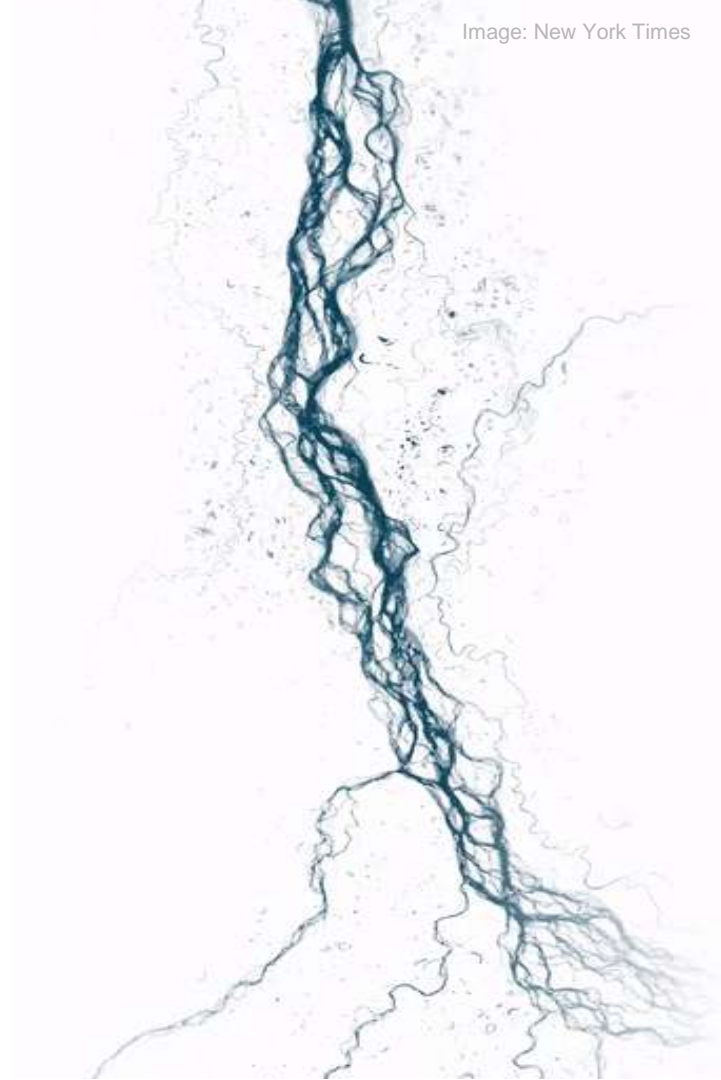




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Focused on society's biggest challenges

Deforestation

Climate Change

Drought

Conflict

Disaster

Global Food Security

Disease

Sustainability



9PB Public Data Catalog

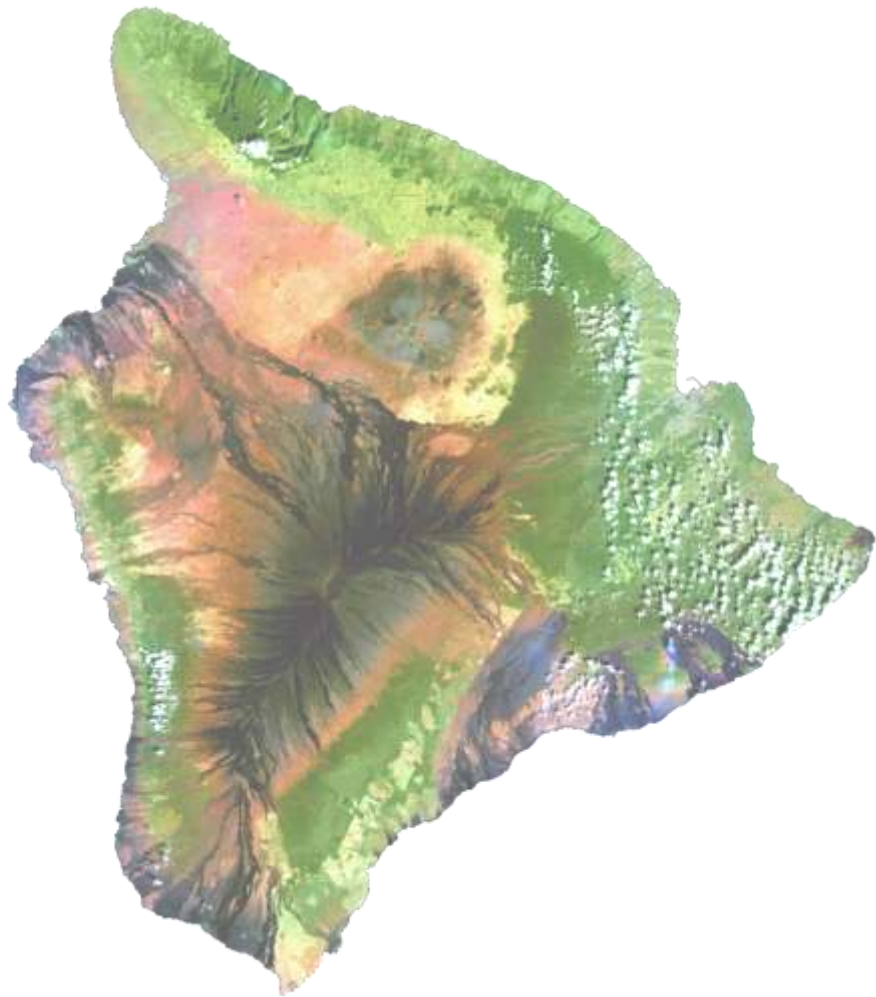
Imagery

Landsat 4-8	7 bands, 30m
MODIS	250m Daily Global
Sentinel-1	10m SAR
Sentinel-2	12 bands, 10/20/60m

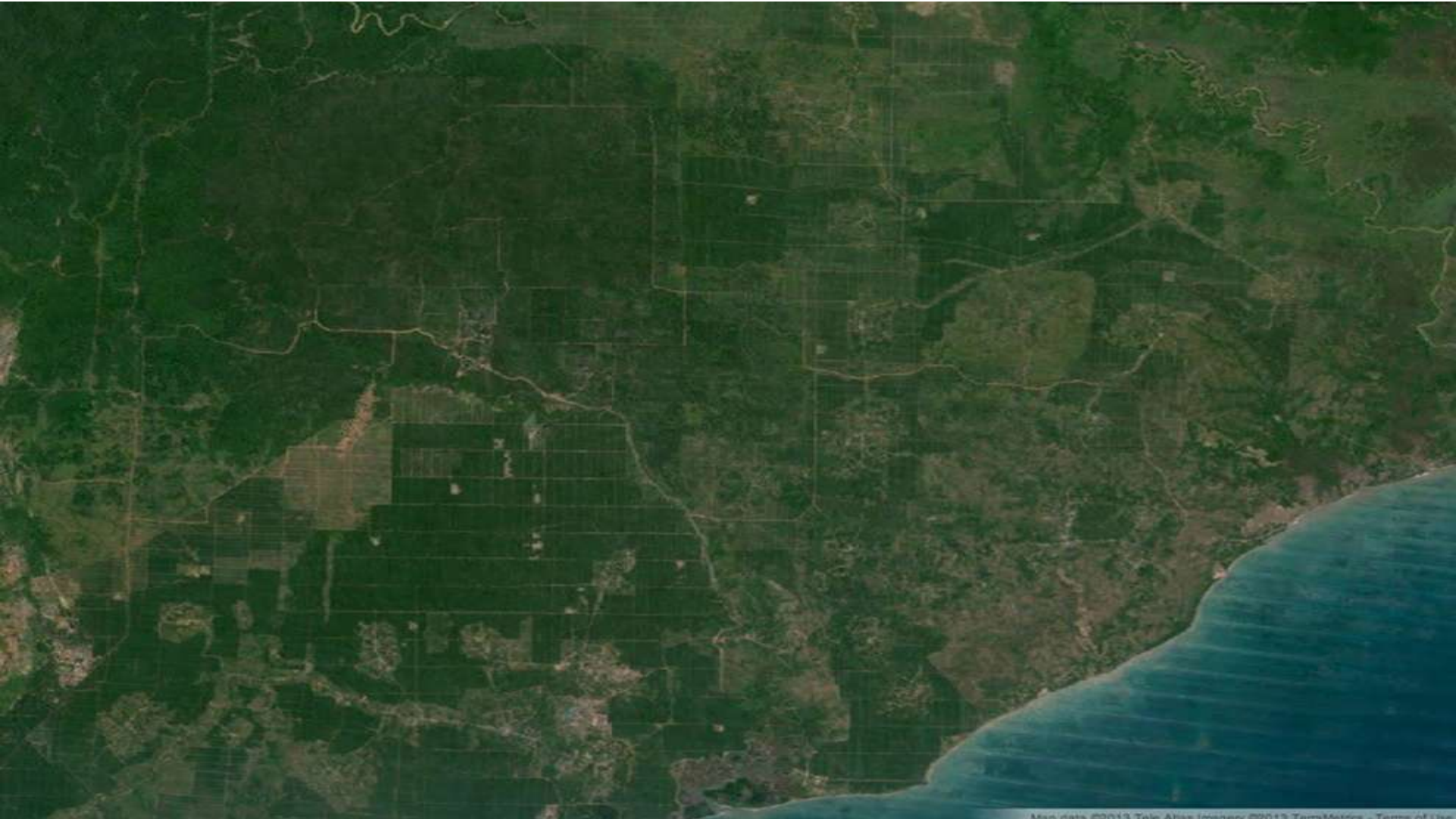
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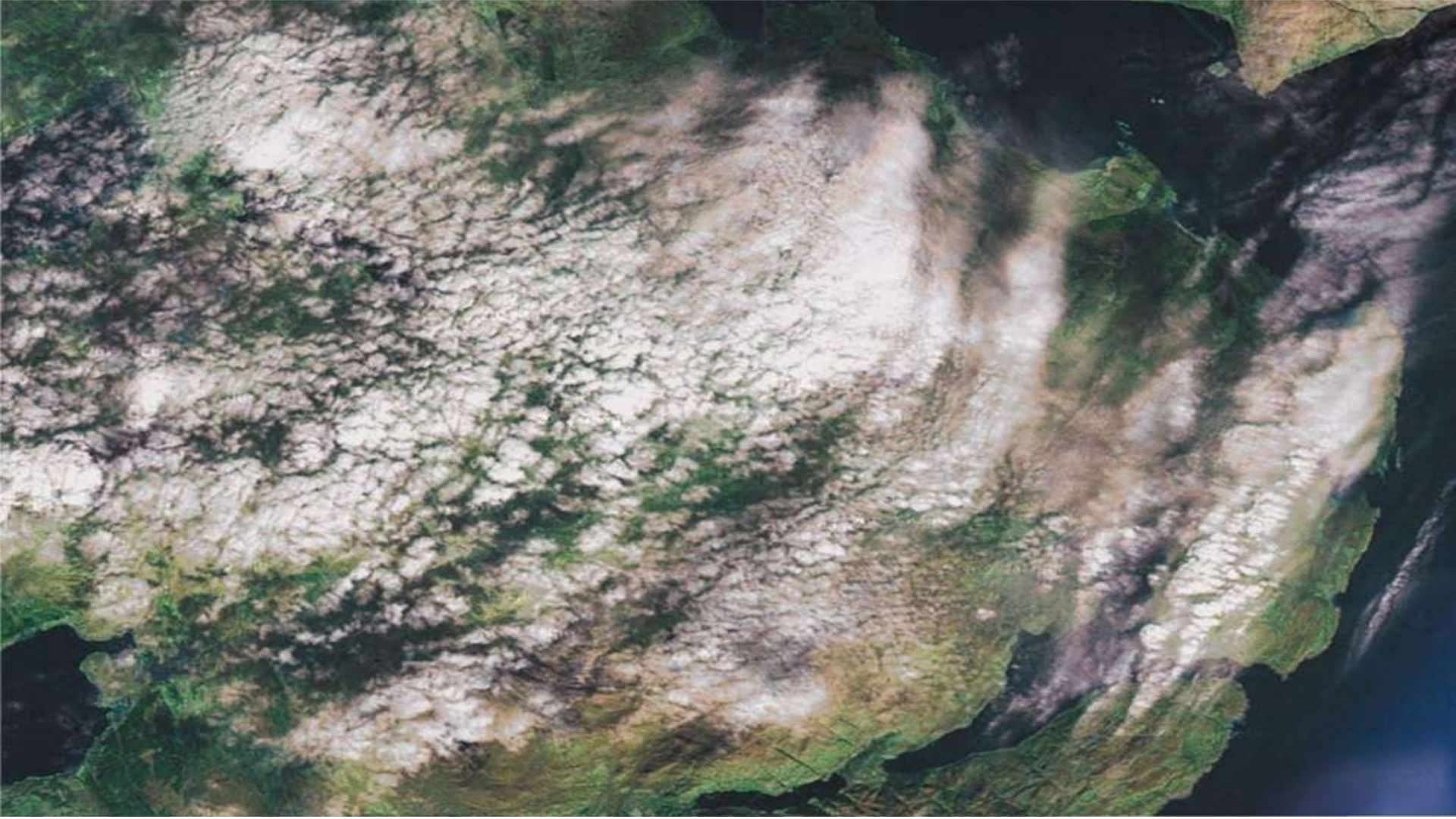
Digital Elevation
Land Cover
Surface Temperature, etc.

Weather Forecasts, Climate Models
+300 more analysis ready datasets











Layers

Map

Satellite







24 Terapixels. 30 years / 30 meters global video.





Las Vegas, Nevada



Ucayali River, Pucallpa, Peru



Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Global Forest Cover and Loss

Hansen, Science 2013

654,178

Landsat
Scenes

700

Terapixels
of Data

1,000,000

Hours of
Computation

10,000

CPUs
Used

4

Days to
Complete

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REPORT

High-Resolution Global Maps of 21st-Century Forest Cover Change

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ABSTRACT

EDITOR'S SUMMARY

Quantification of global forest change has been lacking despite the recognized importance of forest ecosystem services. In this study, Earth observation satellite data were used to map global forest loss (0.8 million square kilometers) and gain (0.8 million square kilometers) from 2000 to 2012 at a spatial resolution of 1 kilometer.

FOREST CHANGE

• Tree cover gain



• Tree cover loss



Displaying loss with > 30 % canopy density.

Tree cover loss is not always deforestation. ⓘ

globalforestwatch.org

Tree cover loss (zoom in for most accurate viewing)



2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

Lat/long: -0.807991, 99.416382

Global Surface Water Change

Pekel, Nature 2016

3,066,080

Landsat
Imagery + Computer
Scenes

1,800

Terapixels
of Data

1,212

Years of
Computation

12 x 32

Every month for
32 years

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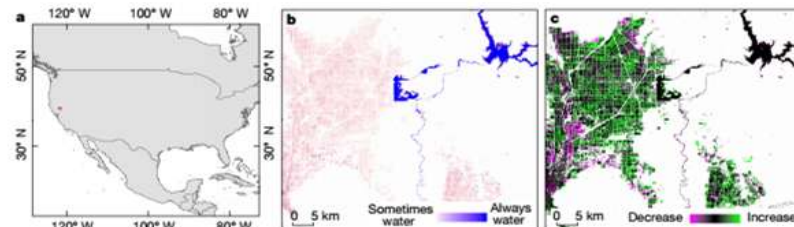
High-resolution mapping of global surface water and its long-term changes

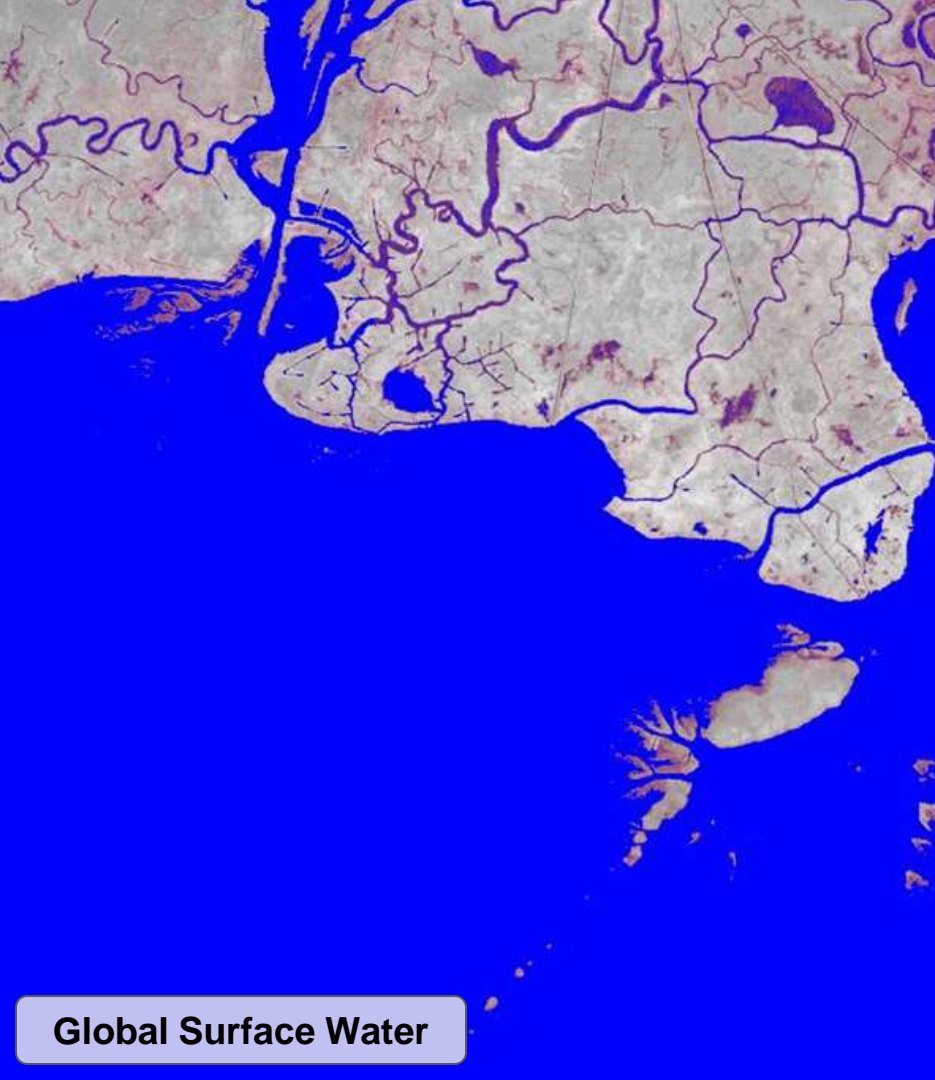
Jean-François Pekel¹, Andrew Gettman¹, Noel Gorelick² & Alan S. Belward¹

The location and persistence of surface water (both inland and coastal) is both affected by climate and human activity¹ and affects climate^{2,3}, biological diversity⁴ and human wellbeing^{5,6}. Global data sets documenting surface water location and seasonality have been produced from historical maps and textual descriptions⁷, statistical extrapolation of regional data⁸ and satellite imagery^{9–12}, but measuring long-term change at high resolution remains a challenge. Here, using a large archive of Landsat satellite images¹³, we quantify changes in global surface water over the past 32 years at 30-metre resolution. We record the months and years when water was present, where occurrence changed and what form changes took in terms of seasonality and persistence. Between 1984 and 2015 permanent surface water has disappeared from an area of almost 90,000 square kilometres, roughly equivalent to that of Lake Superior, though new permanent bodies of surface water covering 184,000 square kilometres have formed elsewhere. All continental regions show a net increase in permanent water, except Oceania, which has a fractional (one per cent) net loss. Much of the increase is

from reservoir filling, though climate change is also implicated. Loss is more geographically concentrated than gain. Over 70 per cent of global net permanent water loss occurred in the Middle East and Central Asia, linked to drought and human activities including river diversion and dam construction. Wetland loss in the Amazon^{15,16}. Losses in Australia¹⁷ and the USA¹⁸ linked to long-term droughts are also evident. This freely available, consistent data set shows that impacts of climate change on surface water can be measured and that evidence can be gathered to show how surface water is altered by human activities. We anticipate that this freely available data will improve the modelling of surface forcing, provide evidence of state and change in wetland ecotones (the transition areas between biomes), and inform water-management decision-making.

Between any two points in time, part of the Earth's surface is constantly underwater and part is never underwater, with the remainder fluctuating between these extremes. Coastlines and lake and river boundaries advance and retreat, rivers meander, new permanent lakes form and





Global Surface Water



River Morphology

A. Bryk, UC Berkeley

Jan 2014

Urban Extent

Gamba, J-STARS 2015

Malaria Risk Mapping

Sturrock, Malaria 2014

1988



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6 Map.addLayer(image, {min:0, max:60, bands: ["B4", "B3", "B2"]});
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Satellite



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8 var votes = ee.Image();
9 for (var i in classifiers) {
10   votes = votes.addBands(image.classify(classifiers[i].train(training, "class")));
11 }
12 Map.addLayer(votes.reduce('sum'), {min:0, max:3, palette: ["black", "blue", "green", "red"]});
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Sentinel-1 Explorer

This app allows you to filter and export images from the Sentinel-1 GRD collection.

1) Select filters

Start date:

End date:

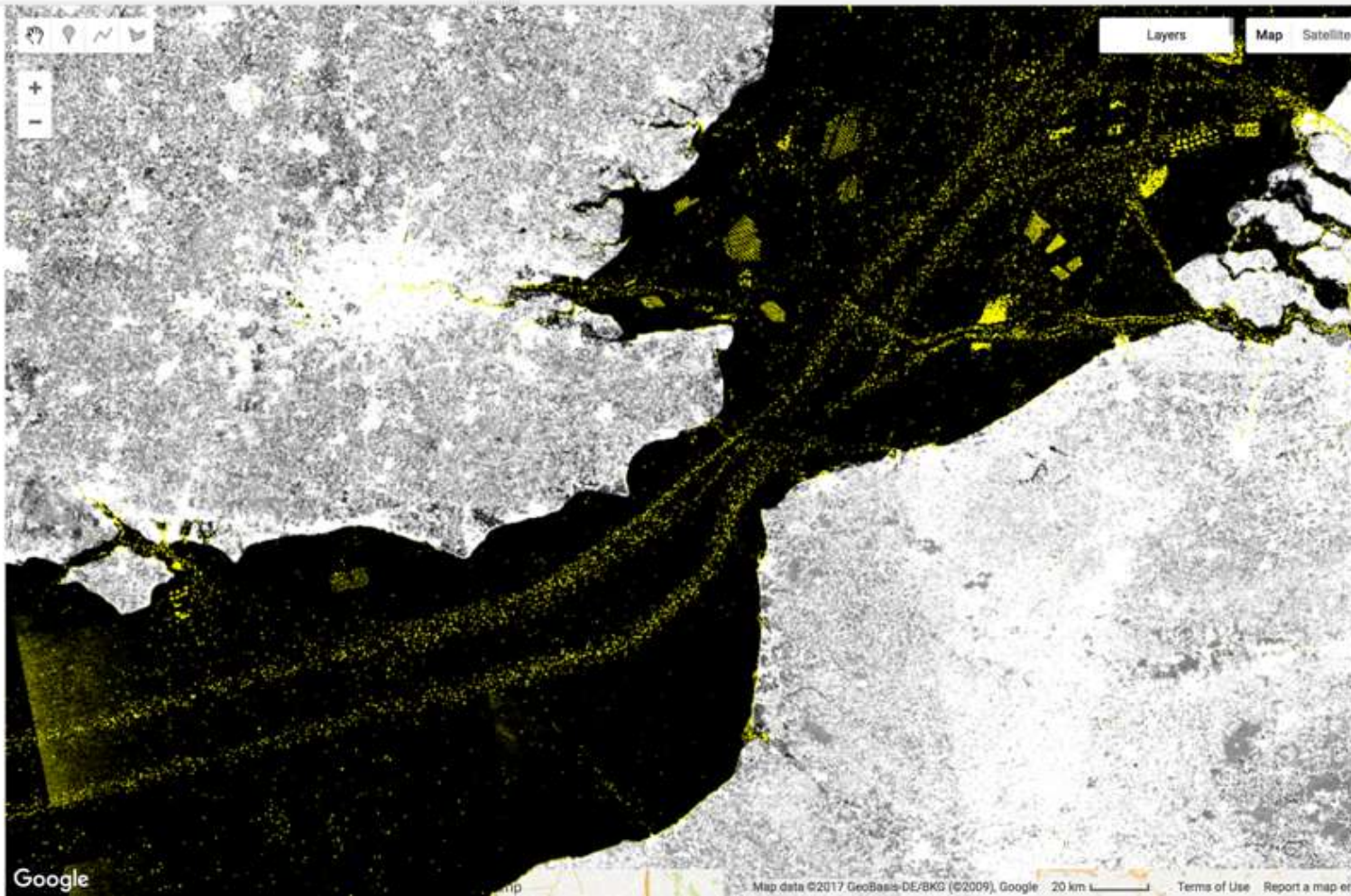
Polarization:

Image Stack reducer:

Apply filters

4) Start an export

TODO: Have this export a video...



What's your business model?

We have to live on this planet too

Societal benefit has a huge value

~400 Earth Engine based papers published in 2016

Google uses this technology internally

Maps, Crisis Response, Network Operations, Access, Energy, etc.

Commercial Use

Status

Free for non-commercial use

More than 45,000 users in 170 countries

~400 Earth Engine based papers last year

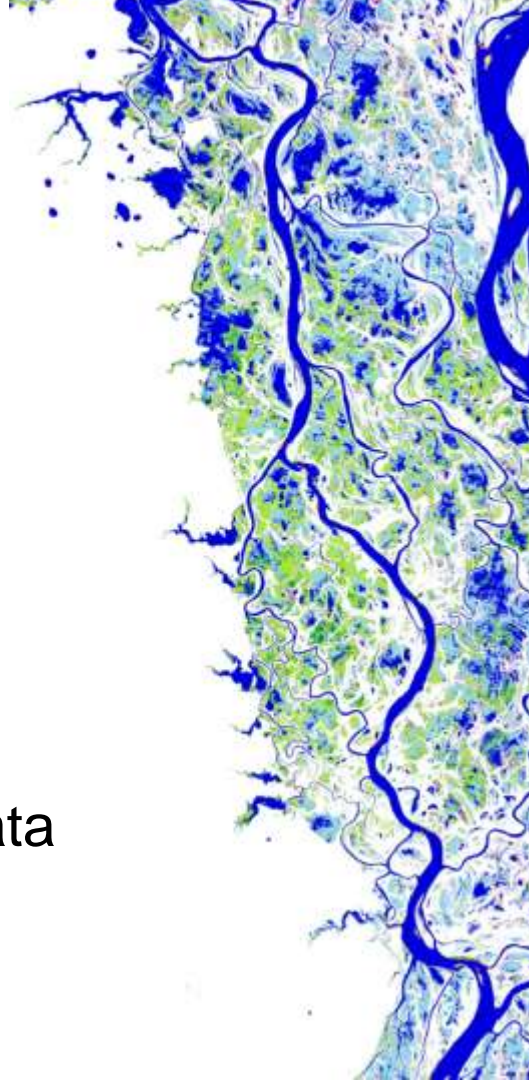
Large "freemium" quota

Open for commercial users, 2017

Consumption based billing

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