



## The Open Earth Monitor data processing for the Green Deal Data Space

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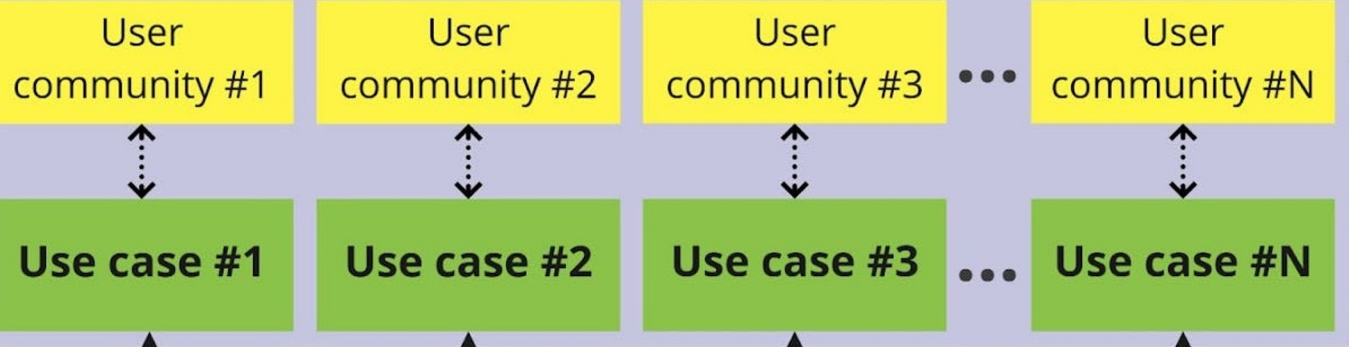
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**WP7 - Business development and project sustainability**

**WP8 - Communication, dissemination and collaboration**



**WP5 - OEMC suite of tools to support EU programmes**

**WP6 - OEMC suite of tools to support global programmes**

Building blocks

**WP3 - OEMC computing engine**

**WP4 - OEMC in-situ O&M usability tools**

*Basic generic tools for data import & processing*


**WP2 - User-driven system design and FAIR workflows**

*Feedback loop*

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## Open-Earth-Monitor Cyberinfrastructure project 2023–2027: open environmental data to support EU's Green Deal

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*OEMC project was kick-started in June 2022. The first six months of the project were used to build a detailed implementation plan outlined in this document. The project in general aims at continuous development and release of a number of building blocks (back-end, front-end, software and data solutions) components of pan-EU and global monitors and that serve concrete use-cases i.e. diversity of user communities. The main development principles of the*



To enable a federated decentralized developments, we are organizing work under a 3-tier approach:

1. **Tier 1: the central EarthMonitor.org App** / viewer with quality-controlled layers and monitors;
2. **Tier 2: partner-based monitors** and building blocks (federated approach);
3. **Tier 3: on-demand monitors** that users can build rapidly with few lines of code i.e. by using out-of-box FOSS solutions such as [G3W](#), [Lizmap](#), [xcube viewer](#), [Rshiny apps](#) or similar;



## Scope: Global

### Land Degradation Neutrality tool

Biodiversity monitoring and reporting tool

Soil carbon accounting system for world mangroves

Large-area estimation of forest carbon emissions

Planet health index

SIF-based high spatial resolution GPP flux estimations

Global drought monitoring at high resolution

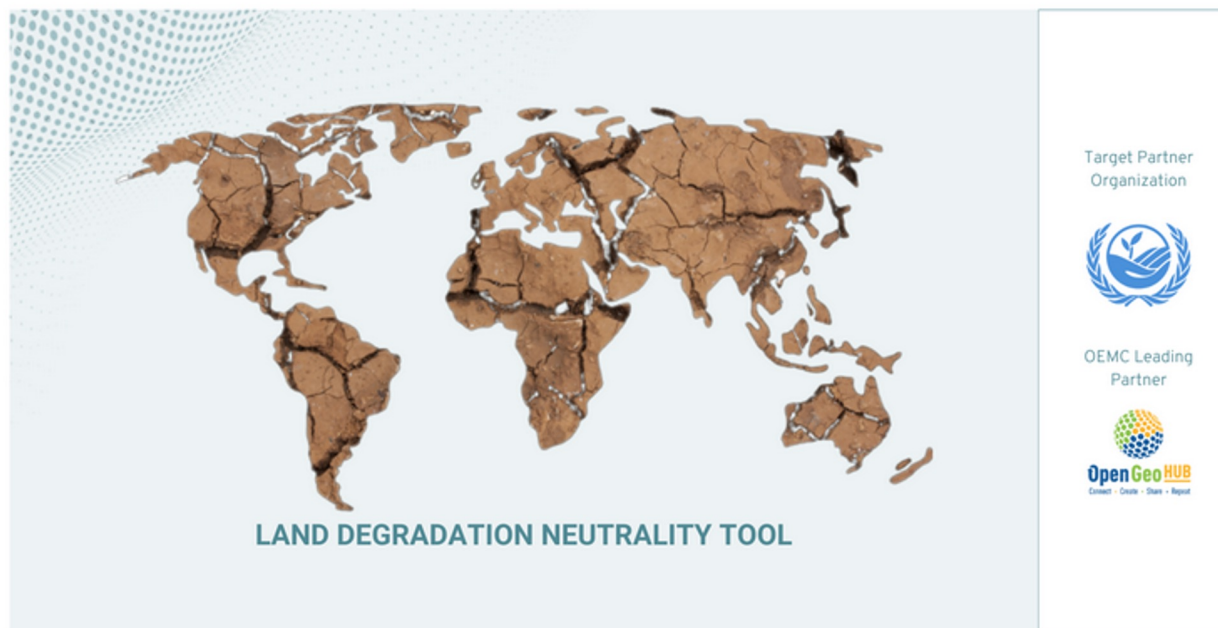
Meteo support for modeling of carbon sequestration tool

Global topographic and hydrological service

Development of the World-reforestation monitor



LAND  
DEGRADATION  
NEUTRALITY



The [UNCCD](#) currently measures land degradation neutrality at 300 m spatial resolution, while the modern open EO data is available publicly at finer resolutions even up to 10 m resolution. To make LDN data more usable and matching the field conditions, OEMC project aims at developing opensource tools for measuring land potential and productivity at higher resolution (up to 30 m) and providing analysis ready data in a distributed system with Cloud-Optimized GeoTIFFs.



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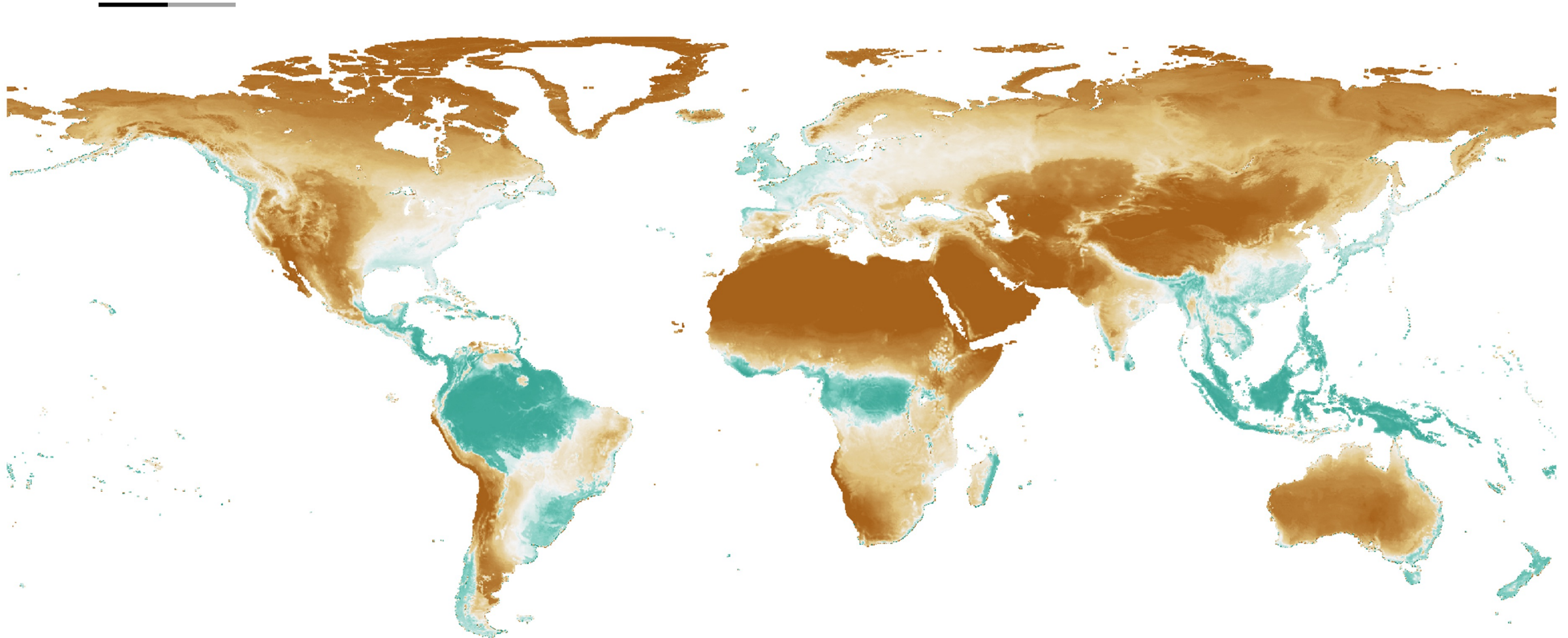
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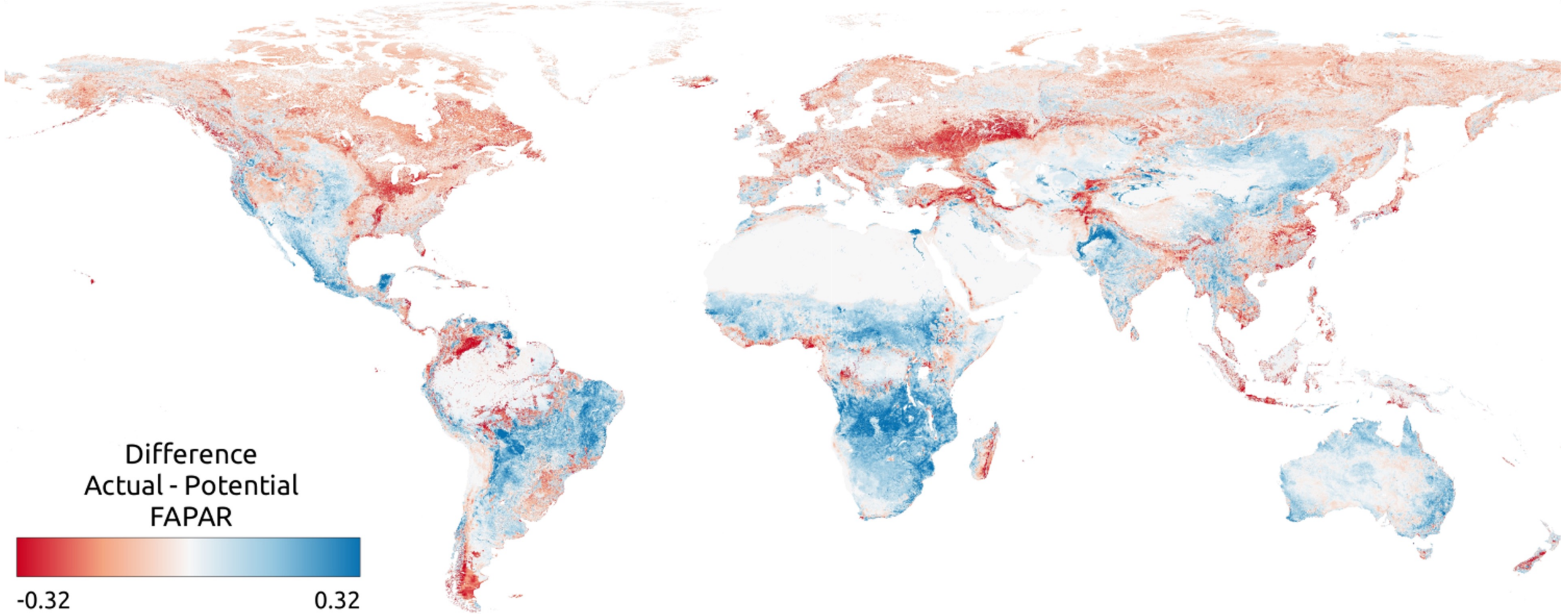
1. Help prepare state-of-the-art environmental data for UNCCD.
  - a. 30m spatial resolution land cover / land use (1985–2022+) e.g. <https://zenodo.org/record/8239305>
  - b. 30m spatial resolution time-series canopy height / monthly GPP (kg/ha/yr),
  - c. 30–100m spatial resolution soil organic carbon stocks (kg/ha for 0–100 cm depth),
2. Develop / propose novel, more objective methods for land cover degradation assessment.
  - a. E.g. FAPAR / GPP time-series analysis combined with gap-filling.
  - b. Map potential FAPAR / GPP (map gap between potential and actual).
  - c. Provide estimate of prediction errors per pixel.
3. Make data more easy-to-use (STAC, QGIS plugin, data portals...)

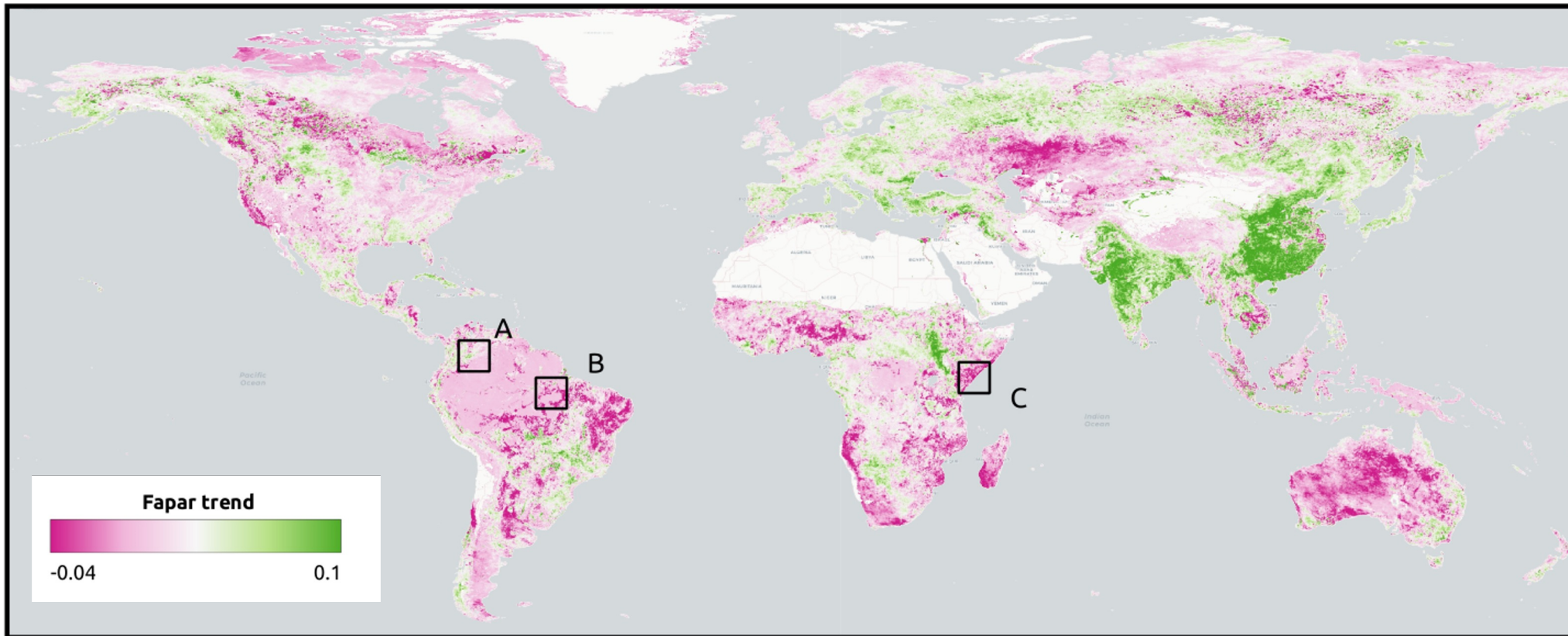
# Potential monthly FAPAR for 2021 (250m)





# Actual vs potential





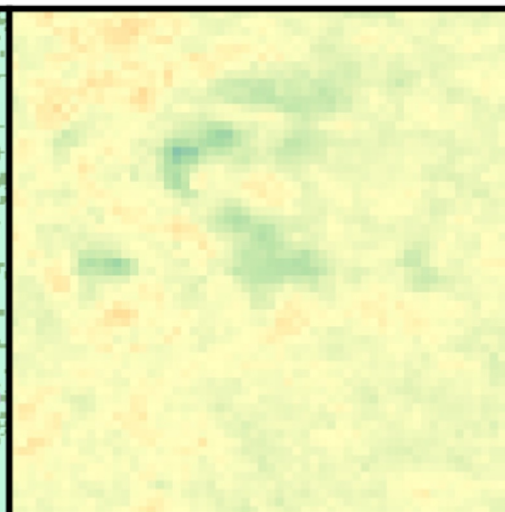
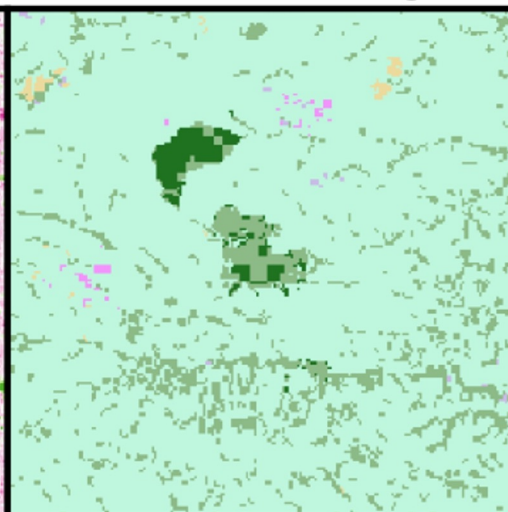
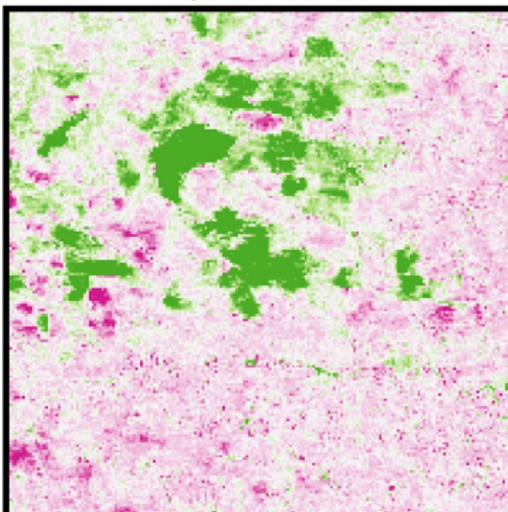
Fapar trend

Land cover change

LST trend

Satellite images

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# Land potential assessment and trend-analysis using 2000–2021 FAPAR monthly time-series at 250 m spatial resolution

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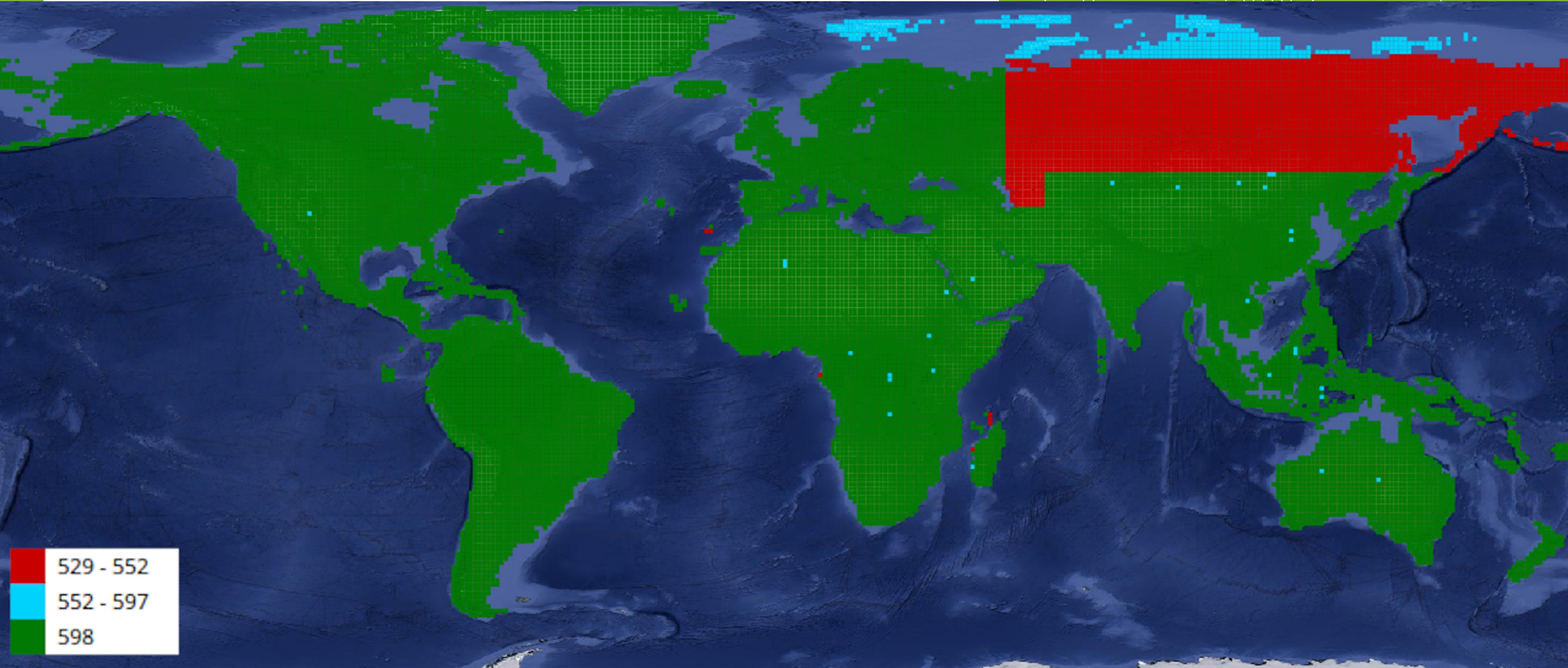
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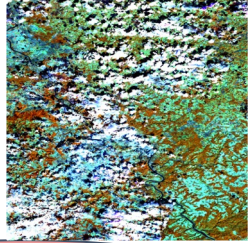
The data and code are available from: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8381409>; code used to produce analysis and visualizations is available at [https://github.com/Open-Earth-Monitor/Global\\_FAPAR\\_250m](https://github.com/Open-Earth-Monitor/Global_FAPAR_250m)

# Landsat ARD time-series



26 years (1997 - 2022) x 23 composites (16-day each) => **598 images**

# Landsat ARD-2 – Processing pipeline



ARD-2  
Imagery  
(1.3 PB)

**Cloud-screening**  
(using QA band)

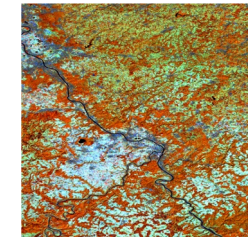
**Bi-monthly aggregation**  
(weighted by cloud\_cover)

Intermediate  
output

**Mosaicking**  
(Analysis-ready & cloud-optimized)

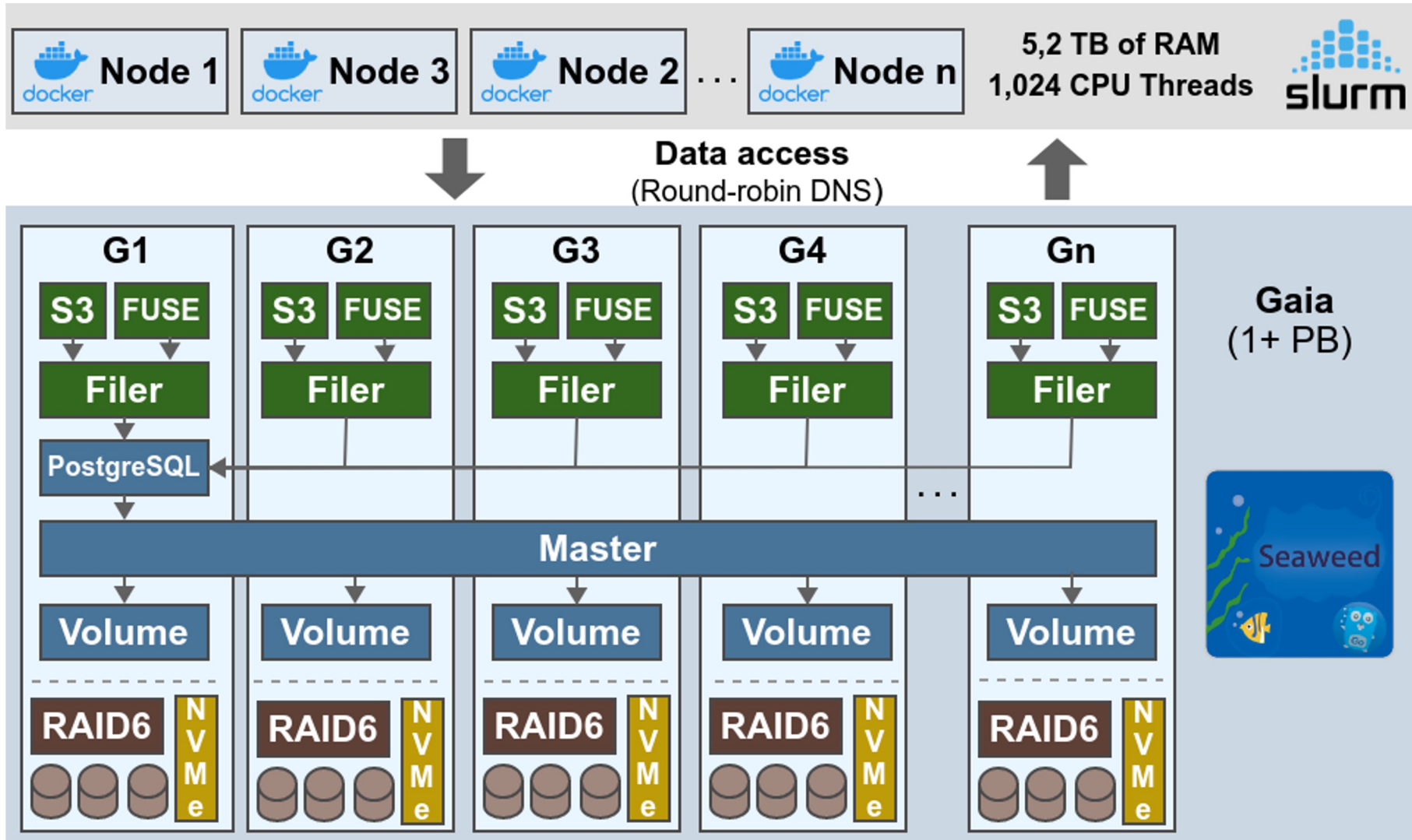
**Temporal gapfilling**  
(Seasonal convolution)

- Conversion from **Uint16** to **Byte**
- Reduction of **598** to **312** timesteps
- **No gaps** at all & per-pixel metadata



ARD-2 ARCO  
(400 TB)

# Our back-end solution: SeaweedFS



- **Load balancing** across all storage nodes (G1-n)
- S3 and file **metadata** stored in PostgreSQL
- **BLOB metadata** stored in NVMe
- **BLOB data** stored using RAID6 (HDD)
- If a storage node is **offline** the cluster might become inconsistent

# Crop-type mapping using OpenEO.cloud



openEO Platform **Editor** 0.12.4

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**Collections (1/120)**

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OPENEO\_CROPTYPE\_2021

**Processes (0/147)**

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**Export File Formats (0/7)**

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**Welcome!**

What you are seeing in this area of the Editor is the visual model builder. You can start building your model by dragging collections, processes etc. from the left area and dropping them here.

Alternatively, you can also import existing processes into the model builder:

- Paste the JSON from your clipboard by clicking or use **CTRL + V** (Windows, Linux) or **⌘ + V** (MacOS) when the model builder is in focus.
- Drag and drop a JSON file from your computer
- Import a JSON file from your computer or another source such as the internet by clicking

You can also import the processes from the Python and R client. You need to export your process to JSON first:

- In Python use  

```
print(result.to_json())
```
- In R use

Visual Model Code

Log in is required to interact with the server.

OPENEO\_CROPTYPE\_2021 (Collection)

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# Task 5.7: Development of EU-crop monitor



## Utility of AI4Boundaries and EuroCrops as training datasets for field delineation

Leveraging GSAA datasets for field delineation



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*Automatic field boundary delineation in agriculture requires high-quality and diverse input data to train accurate and robust machine learning models. In this blog post we will describe our analysis of the AI4Boundaries and EuroCrops datasets. We will delve into the data preparation steps taken to optimize these datasets for training a field delineation model, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses.*

A crop field serves as the fundamental management unit in agriculture, and accurately delineating its boundaries enables capturing crucial information regarding their size, shape, and spatial distribution. Efficient and precise delineation of field boundaries holds significant implications for a range of

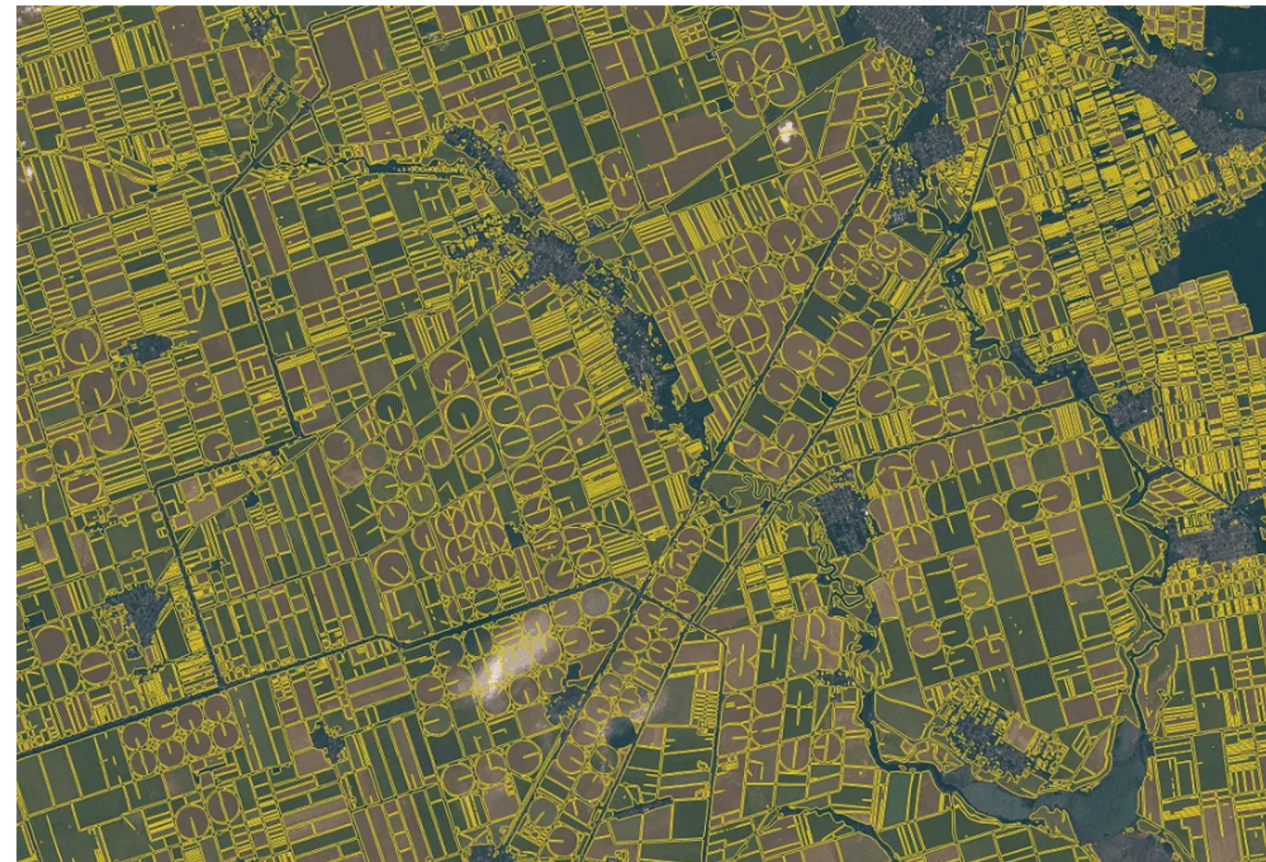


Fig 1. Polygon vectors defining agricultural parcels based on Sentinel-2 imagery.