Improving biodiversity monitoring using satellite remote sensing derived indicators

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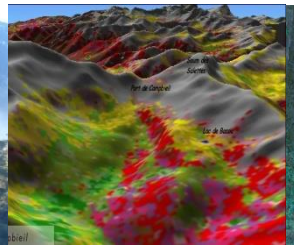
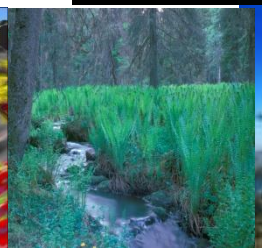
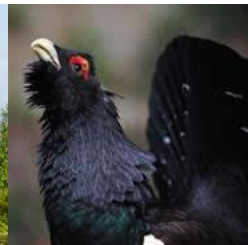





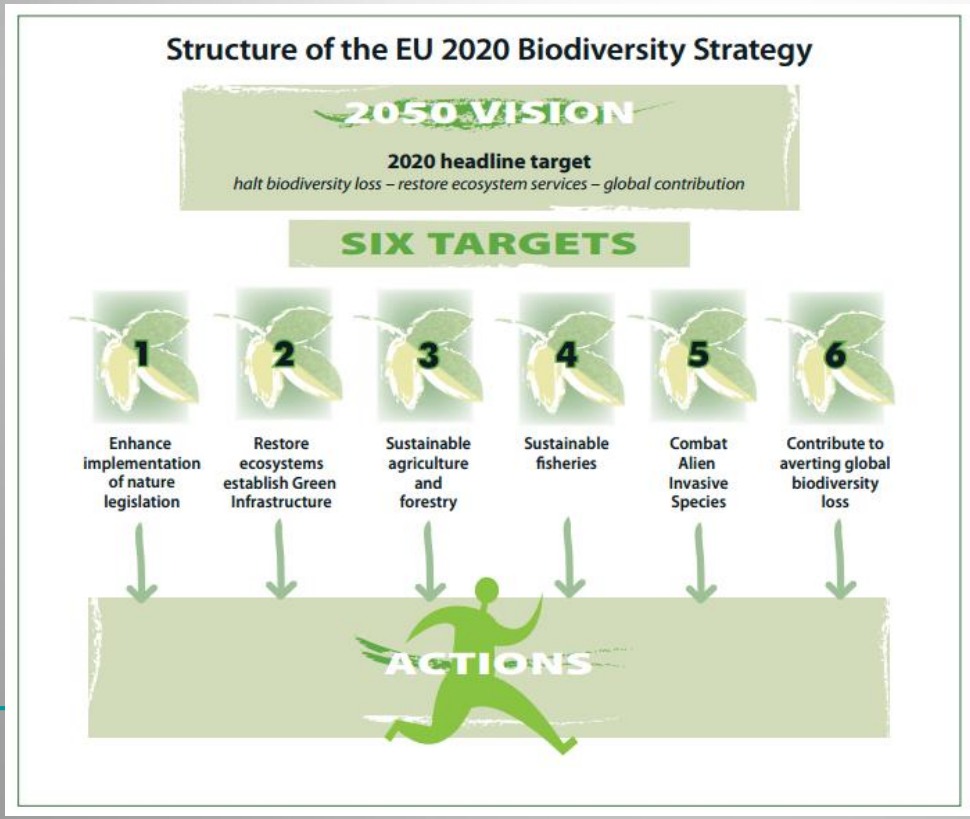


EU Biodiversity Strategy

→ Halt the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the EU and globally

Target 2

→ Maintain and restore ecosystems



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Wildlife Facing Extinction Risk All Over Globe

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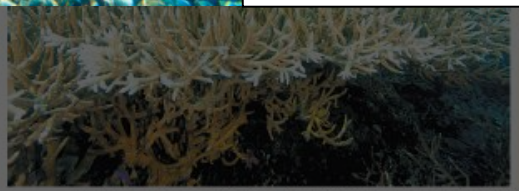
Nature's Dangerous Decline 'Unprecedented'
Species Extinction Rates 'Accelerating'

Current global response insufficient;
'Transformative changes' needed to restore and protect nature;
Opposition from vested interests can be overcome for public good

Most comprehensive assessment of its kind;
1,000,000 species threatened with extinction

in biodiversity across the globe and the dangers that creates for human civilization. A summary of its findings, which was approved by representatives from the United States and 131 other countries, was released Monday in Paris. The full report is set to be published this year.

Its conclusions are stark. In most major land habitats, from



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more significant concessions from Beijing.

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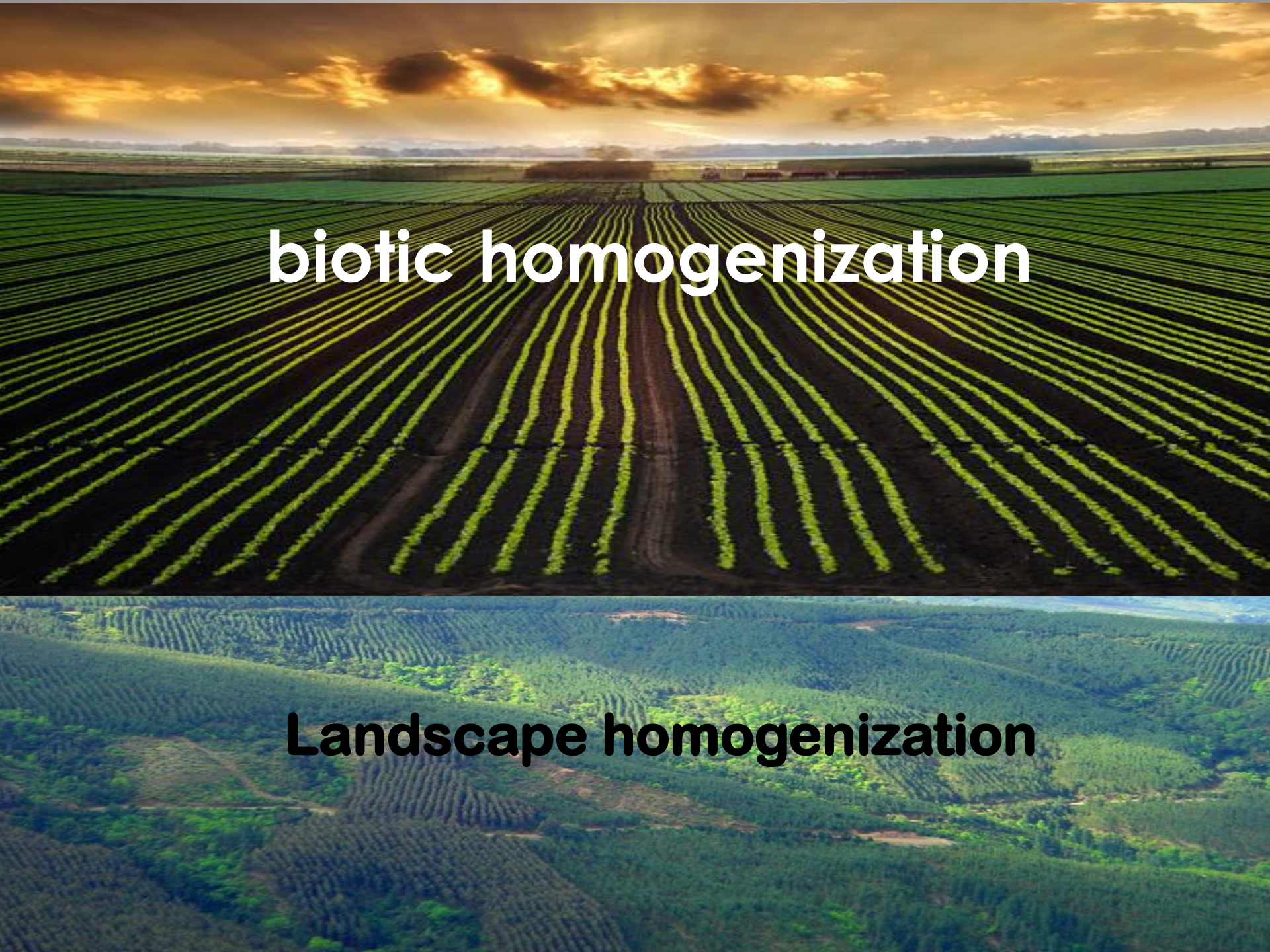
biotic homogenization
Landscape homogenization

Biodiversity monitoring is critical to understand how to mitigate mass extinction

- **Biodiversity is multidimensional**
- **There is no unique indicator to describe or monitor biodiversity**

→Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) aims at improving the availability of biodiversity change data to decision makers and scientists in support of policy

GEO BON

A global system of harmonized observations is needed to inform scientists and policy-makers.

ECOLOGY

Essential Biodiversity Variables

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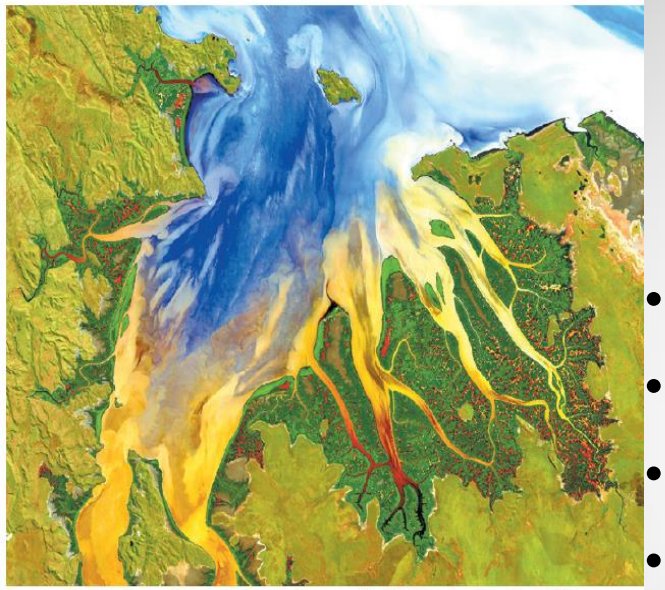
Pereira *et al.*, *Science*, 339(277-278), 2013.

Remote sensing as a key data source for biodiversity monitoring



Estuary sediment and vegetation patterns in Australia, captured by NASA's Landsat 8 satellite in 2013.

Agree on biodiversity metrics to track from space

Ecologists and space agencies must forge a global monitoring strategy, say **Andrew K. Skidmore**, **Nathalie Pettorelli** and colleagues.

Earth observation appropriate to provide information for the monitoring of biodiversity

'RS enabled EBVs'

- **Regional / global monitoring**
- **Cost effective**
- **Coupling with global modeling tools**
- **Combined with *in situ* observation networks**

Very active domain of research, boosted by increased RS data availibility (including LandSat & Copernicus)

Skidmore *et al. 2015*, *Nature*, 523(7561)

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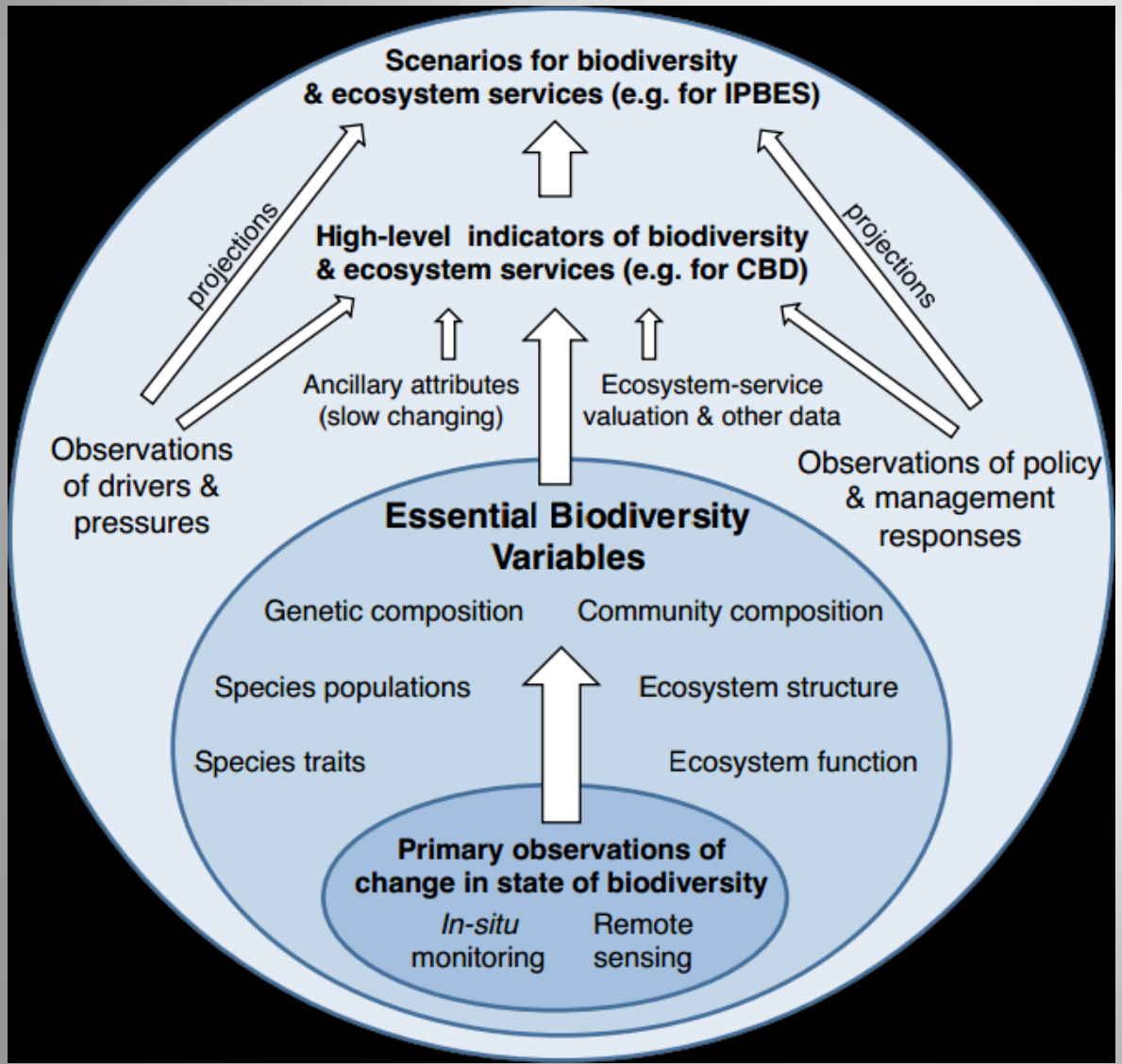


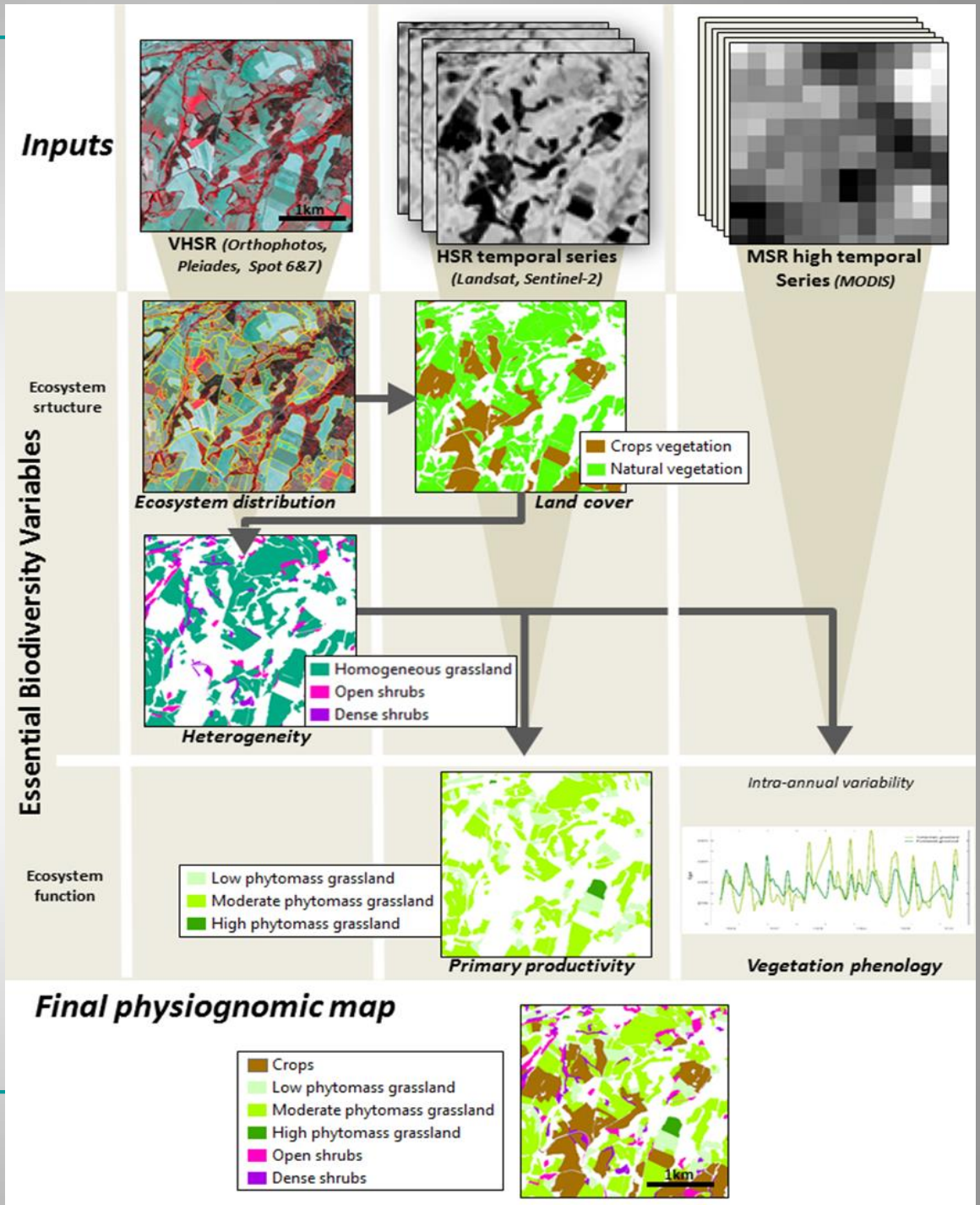
- They provide the first level of abstraction between low-level primary observations and high-level indicators of biodiversity

An ideal EBV should be able to

- ❑ capture critical scales and dimensions of biodiversity
- ❑ a state variable (in general) sensitive to change
- ❑ ecosystem agnostic (to the degree possible)
- ❑ technically feasible economically viable sustainable in time

Global methodology to define essential biodiversity variables (based on Skidmore et al., 2015)

- We demonstrated that it is possible to derive key parameters required to develop a set of the EBV's from remote sensing data (RS).
- The joint use of remote sensing data sources with various spatial, temporal and spectral resolutions is essential for accessing the different descriptors of natural habitats.



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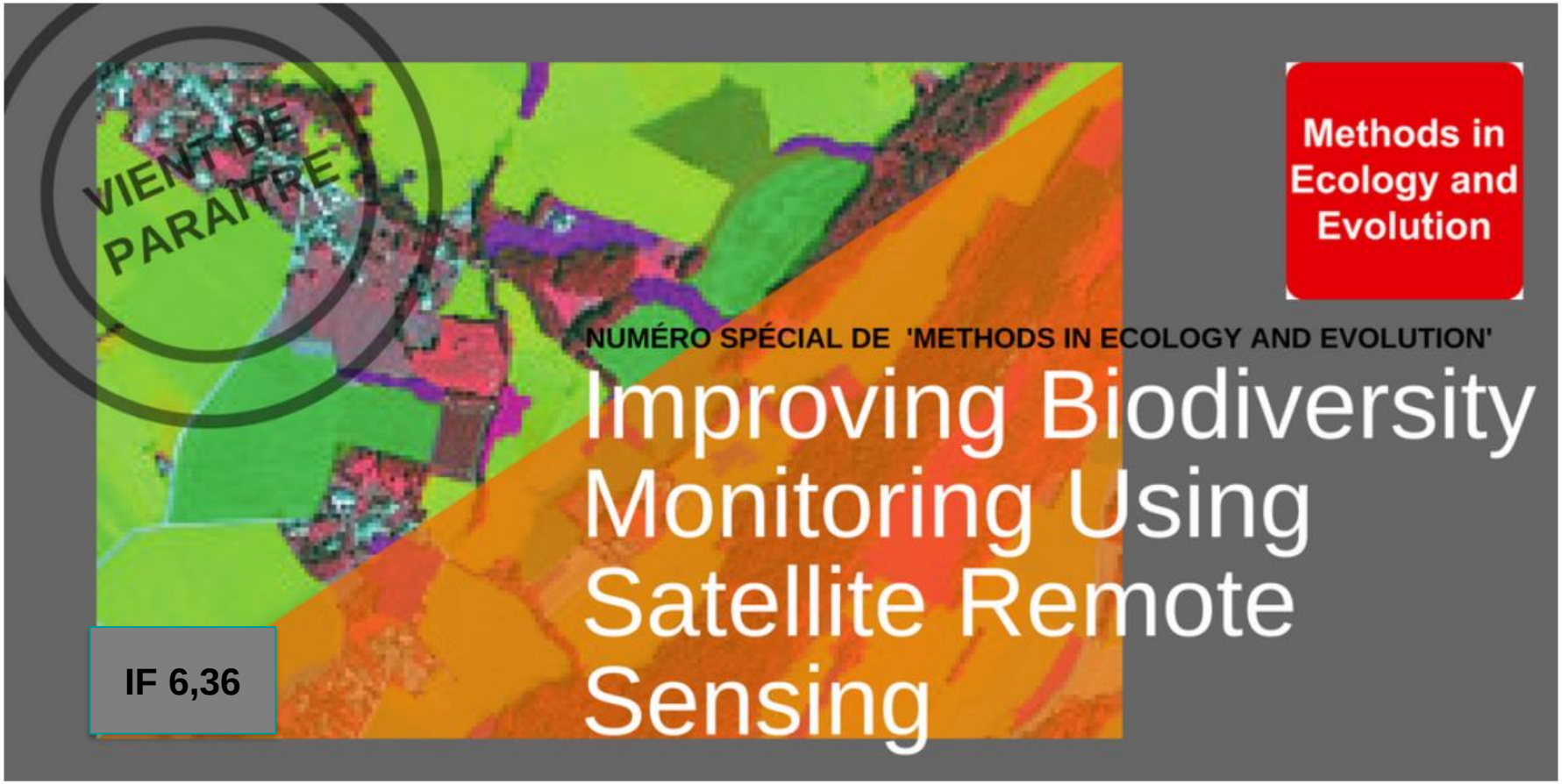

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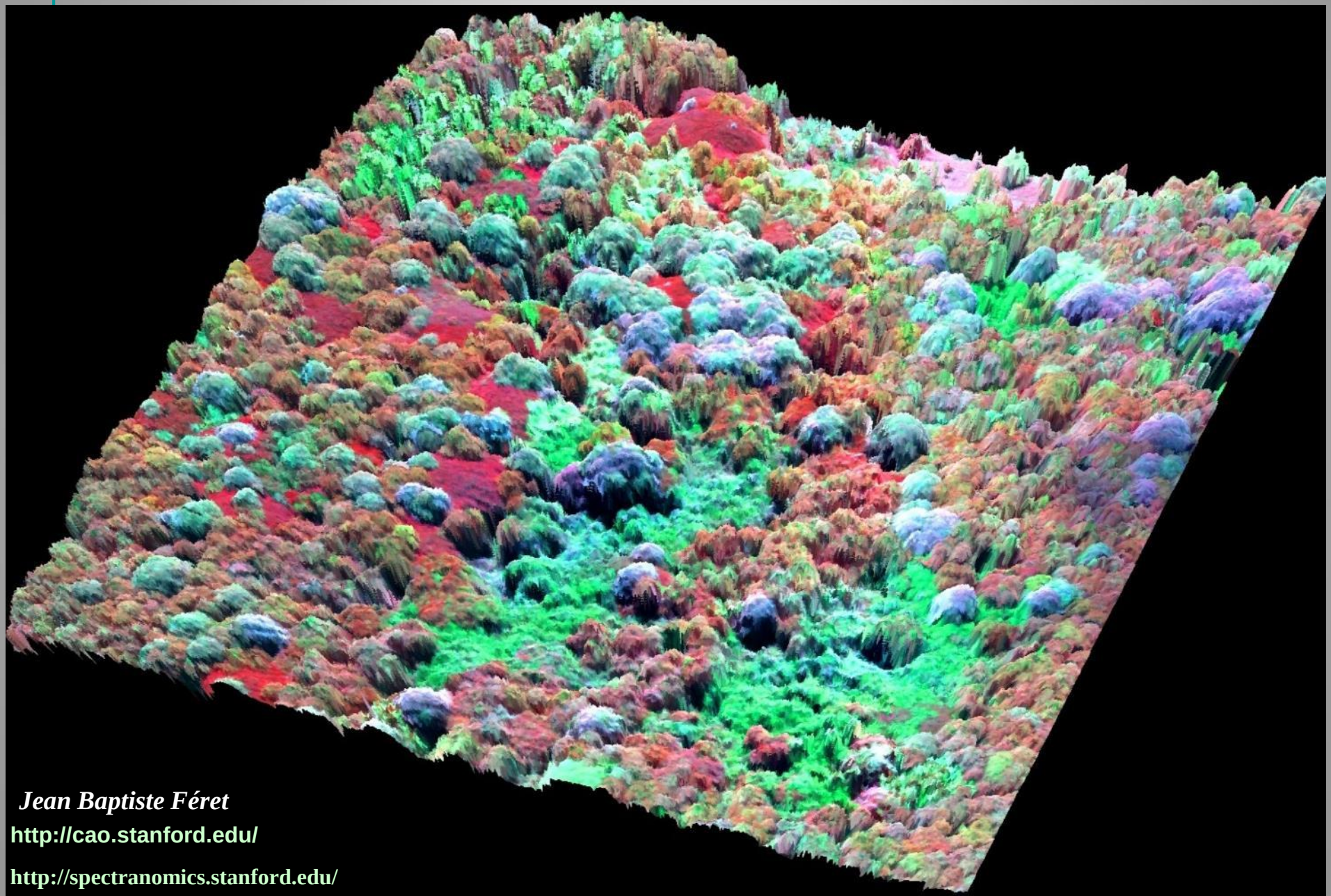
Rocchini, D, Luque, S, Pettorelli, N et al. (18 more authors) (2018) Measuring beta-diversity by remote sensing: a challenge for biodiversity monitoring. MEE ISSN 2041-210X DOI:10.1111/2041-210X.12941

Diversity of sensors: combining imaging spectroscopy with LiDAR…



Application with high resolution imaging spectroscopy

Ecological Applications, 24(6), 2014, pp. 1289–1296

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PRE-PROCESSING

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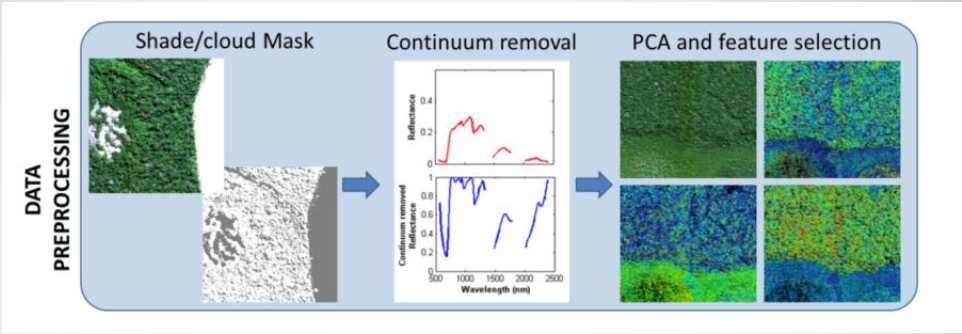

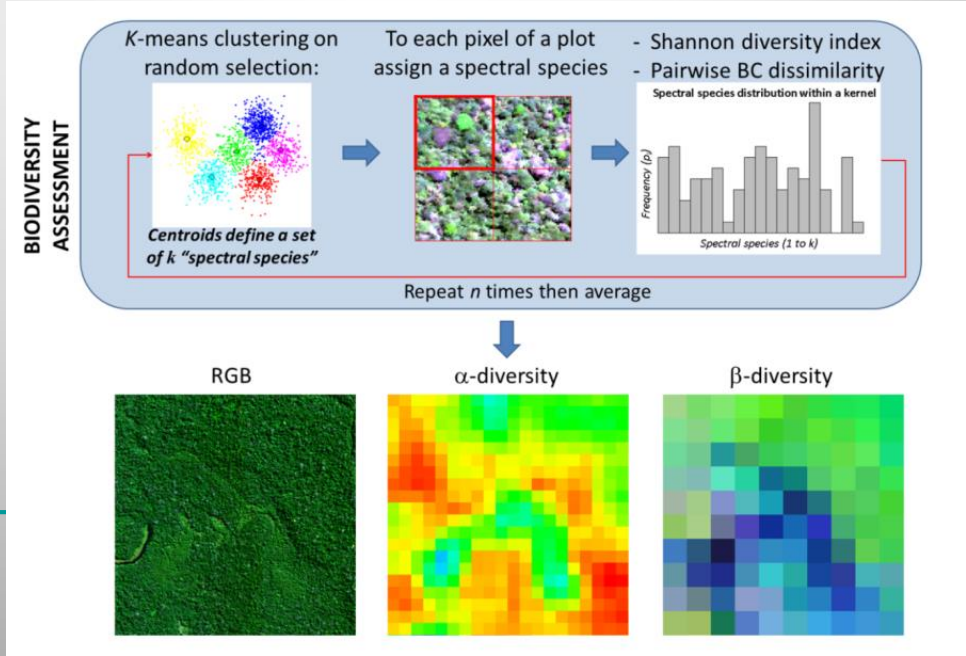

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Measuring β-diversity by remote sensing: A challenge for biodiversity monitoring

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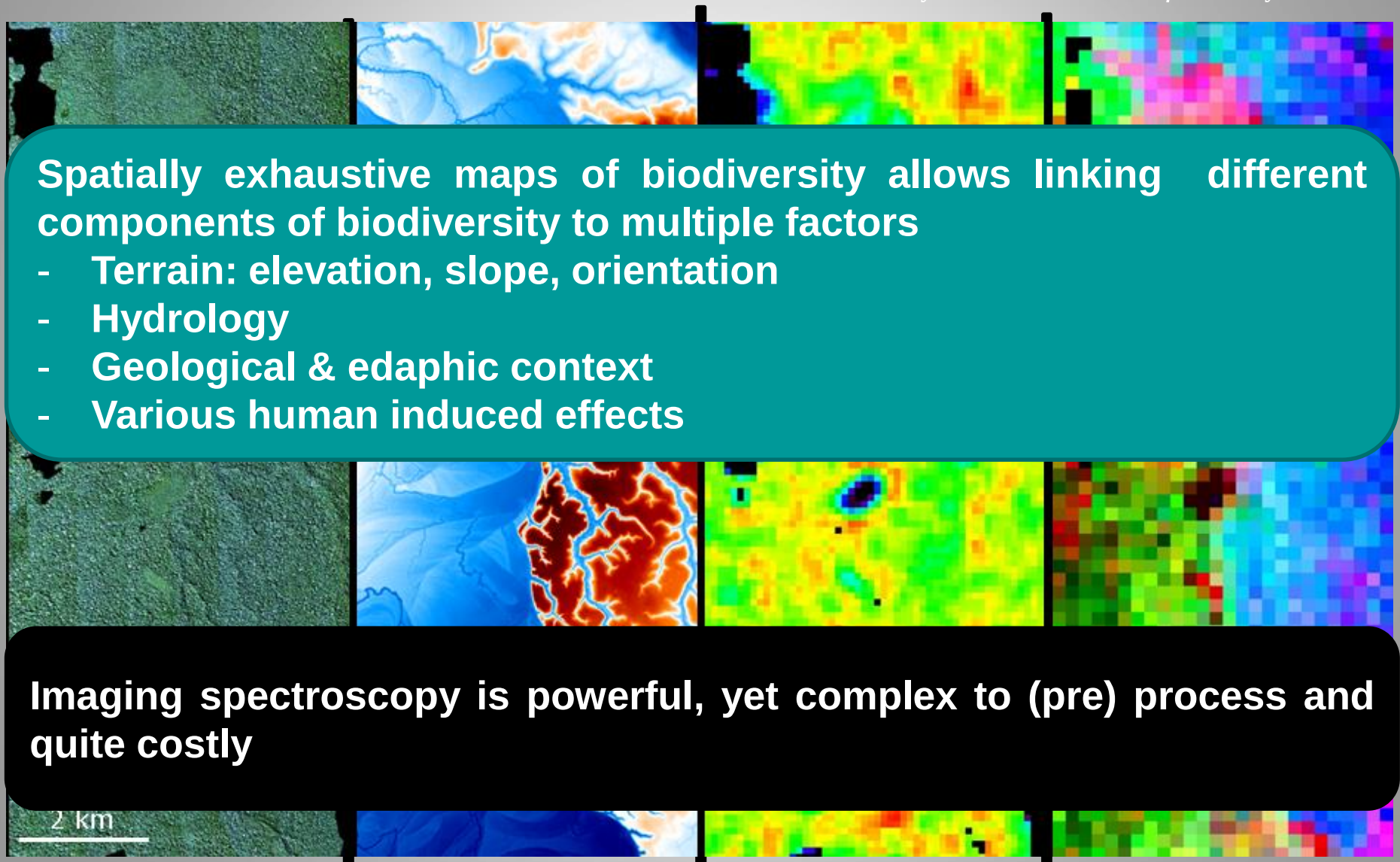

Spatially exhaustive maps of biodiversity allows linking different components of biodiversity to multiple factors

- **Terrain: elevation, slope, orientation**
- **Hydrology**
- **Geological & edaphic context**
- **Various human induced effects**

Imaging spectroscopy is powerful, yet complex to (pre) process and quite costly

Details about the site: Asner & Martin, 2011 (New Phytol.)

Biodiversity monitoring in tropical forests

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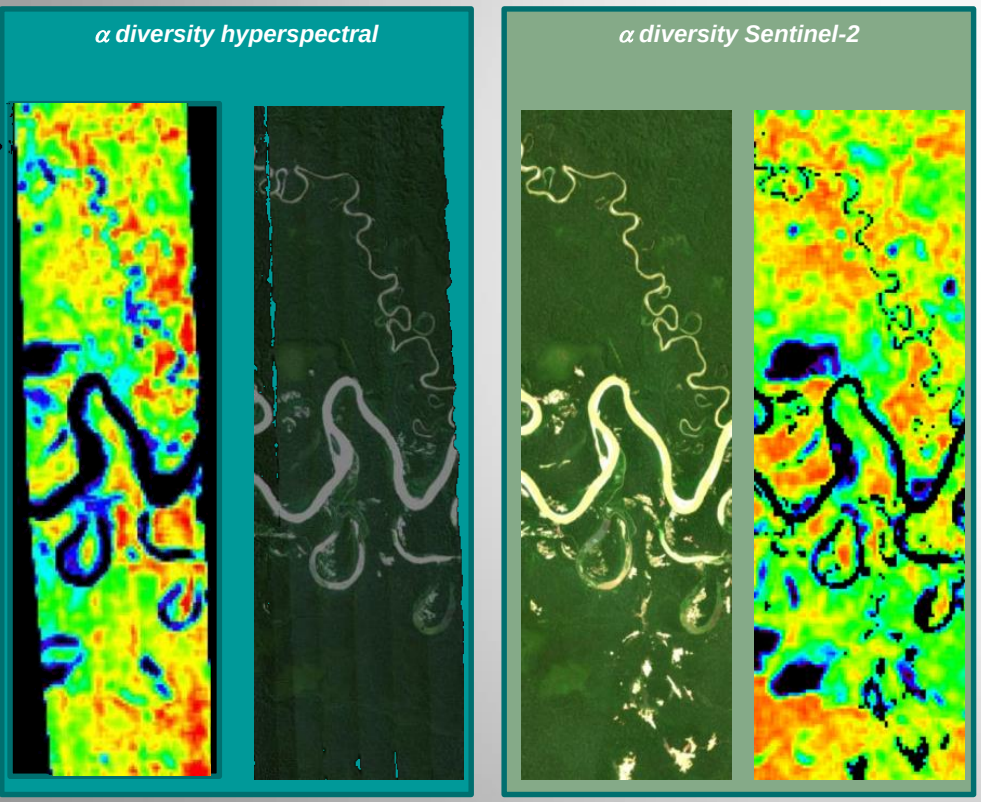

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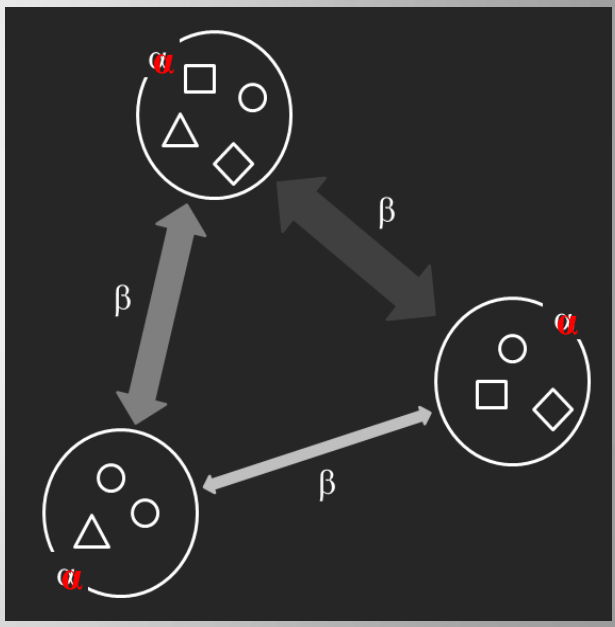

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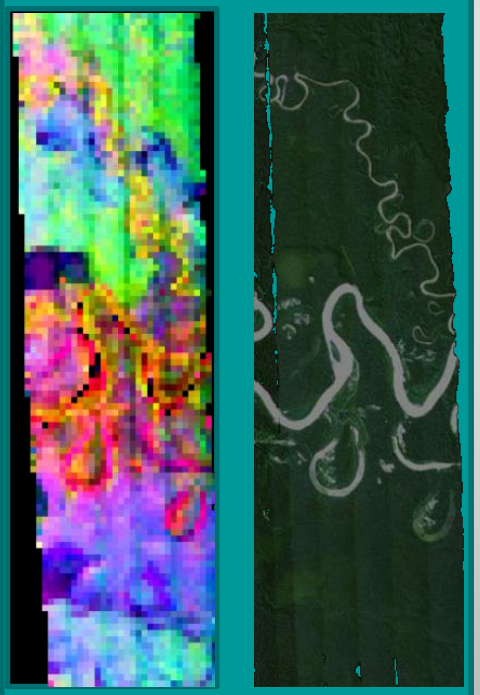
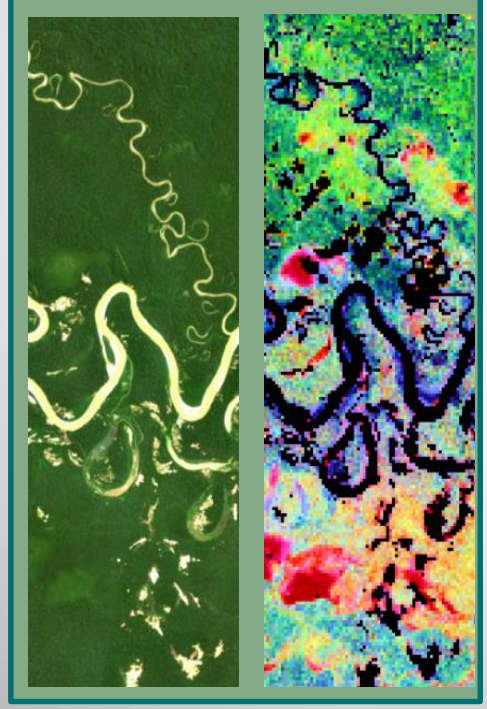


β diversity Sentinel-2



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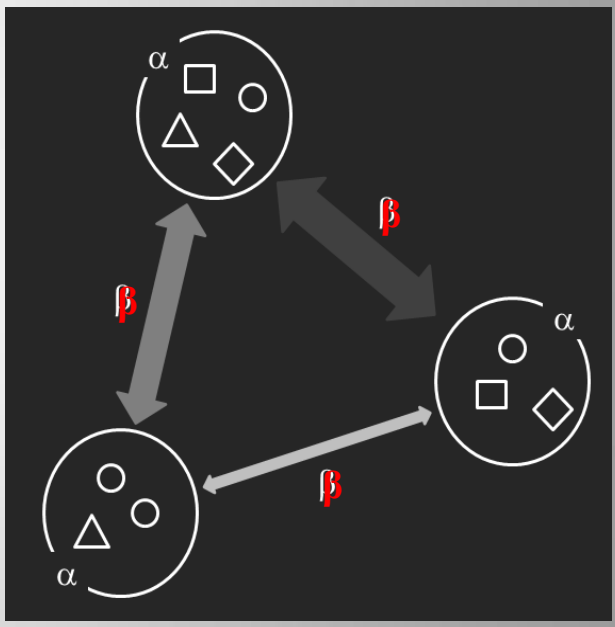

Operationalization of Biodiversity mapping with satellite data

- **Other types of data may be considered for application of methods for diversity mapping based on spectral heterogeneity, but further studies required**
  - **Very high spatial resolution multispectral sensors**
    - **Worldview**
    - **LandSat-8**
    - **Sentinel-2** To be explored if interested in regional scale
  - **Other types of data**
    - **LiDAR: structural heterogeneity**
    - **Radar**

Example: diversity mapping with Sentinel-2

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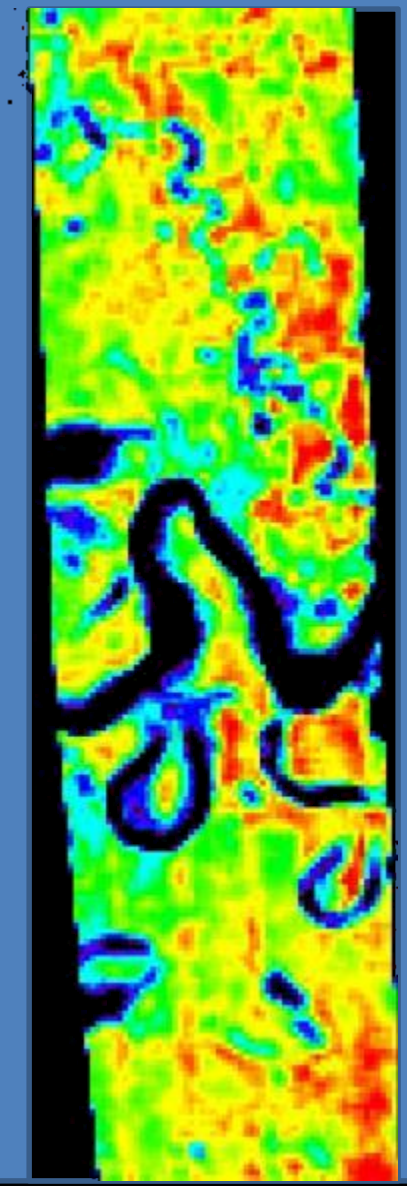

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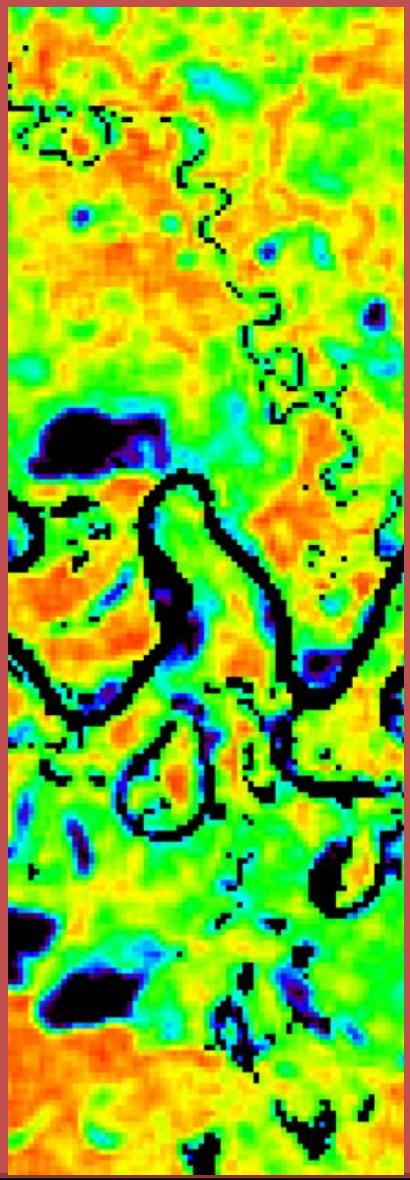

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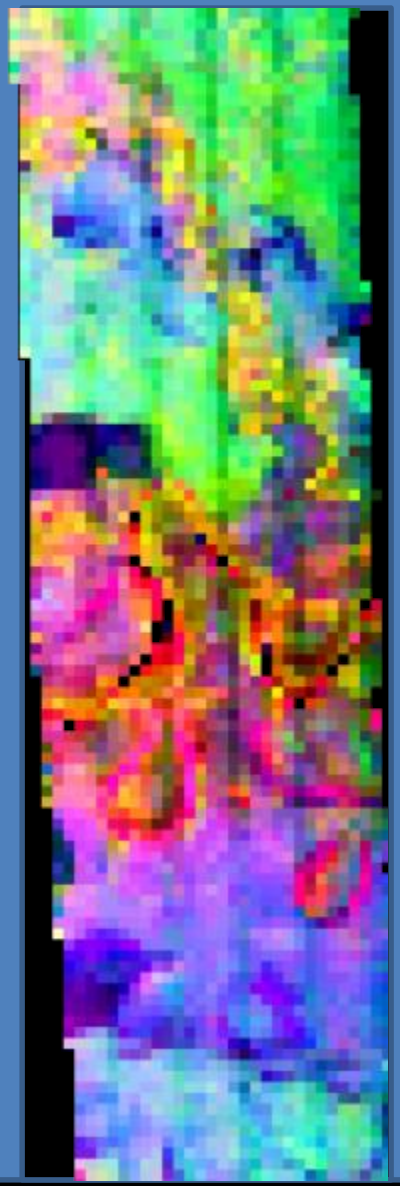

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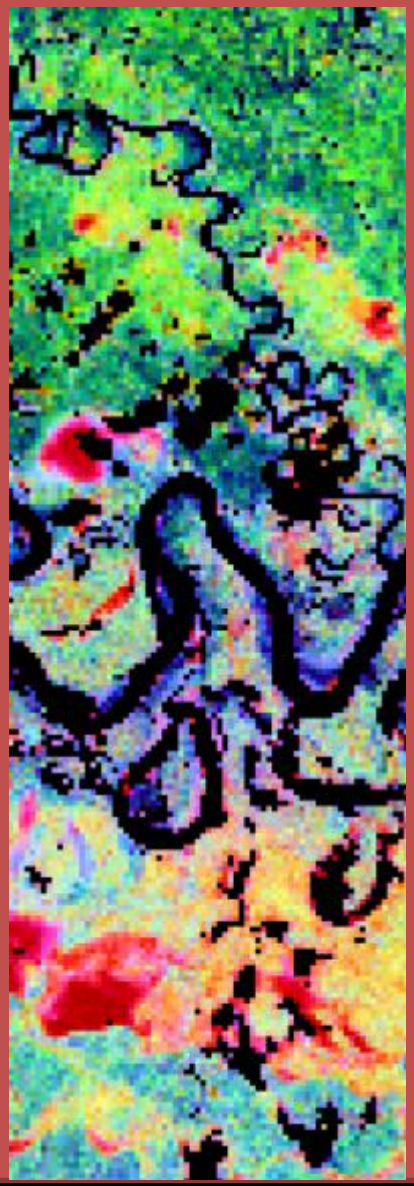

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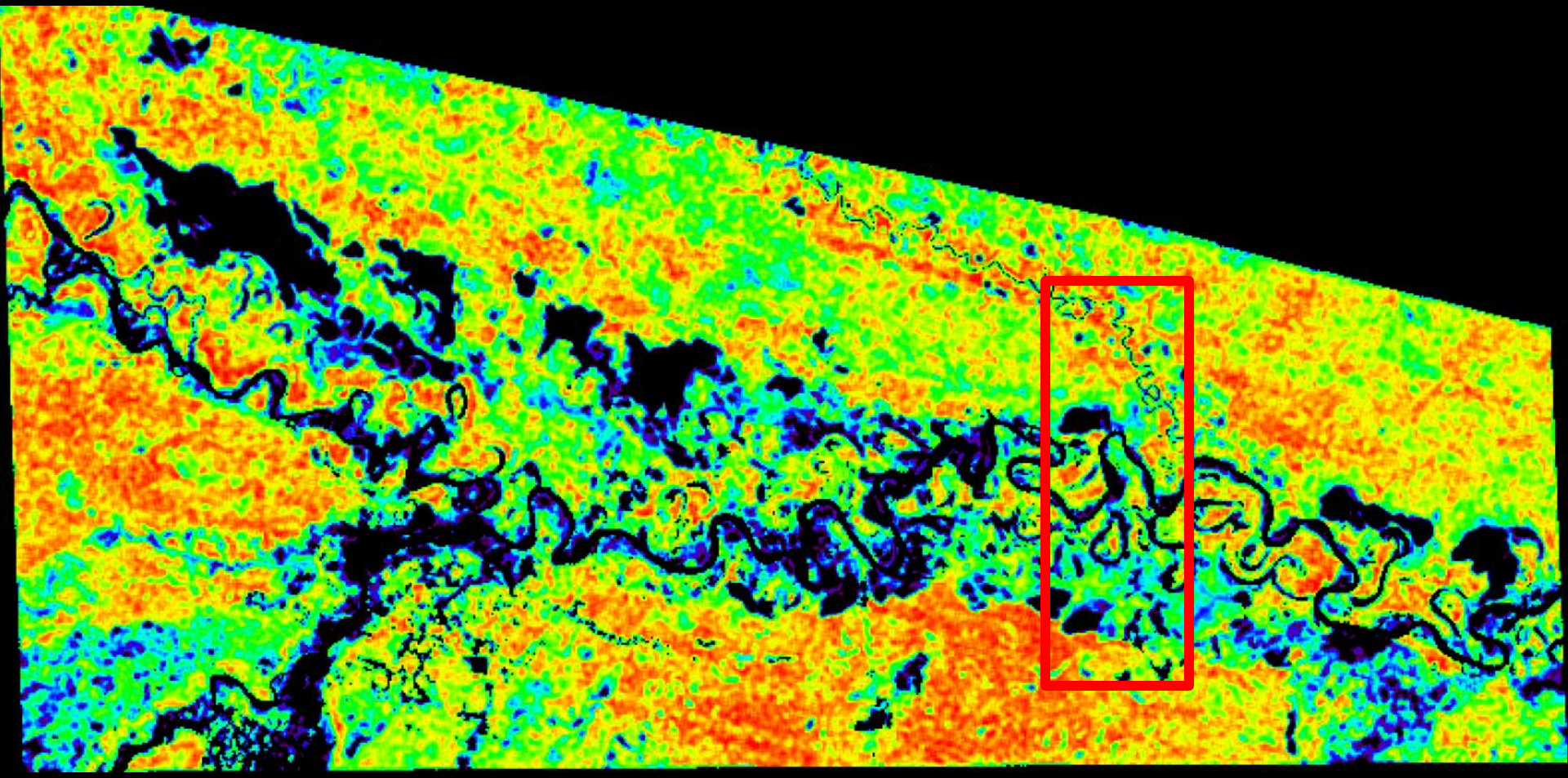

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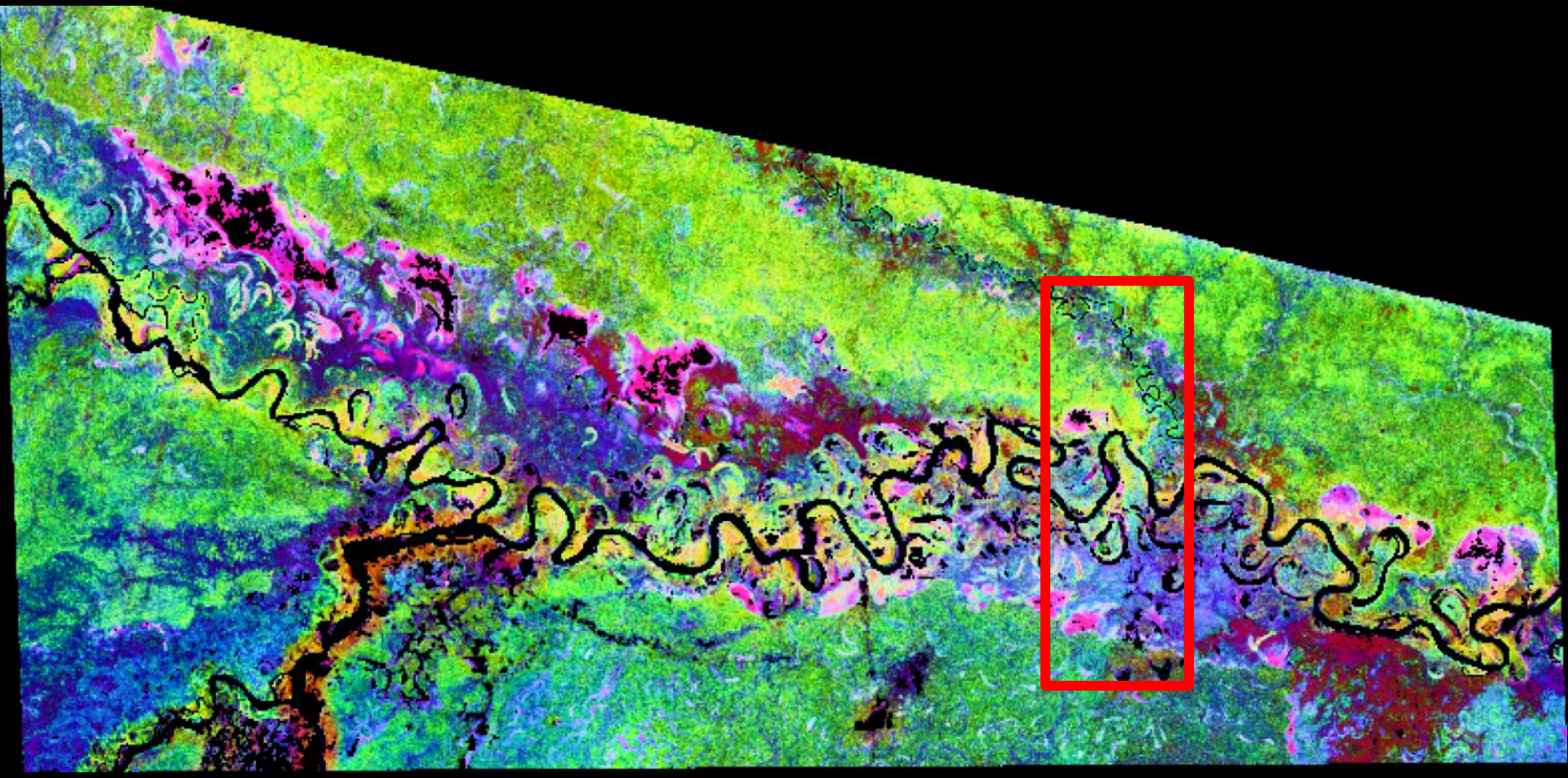

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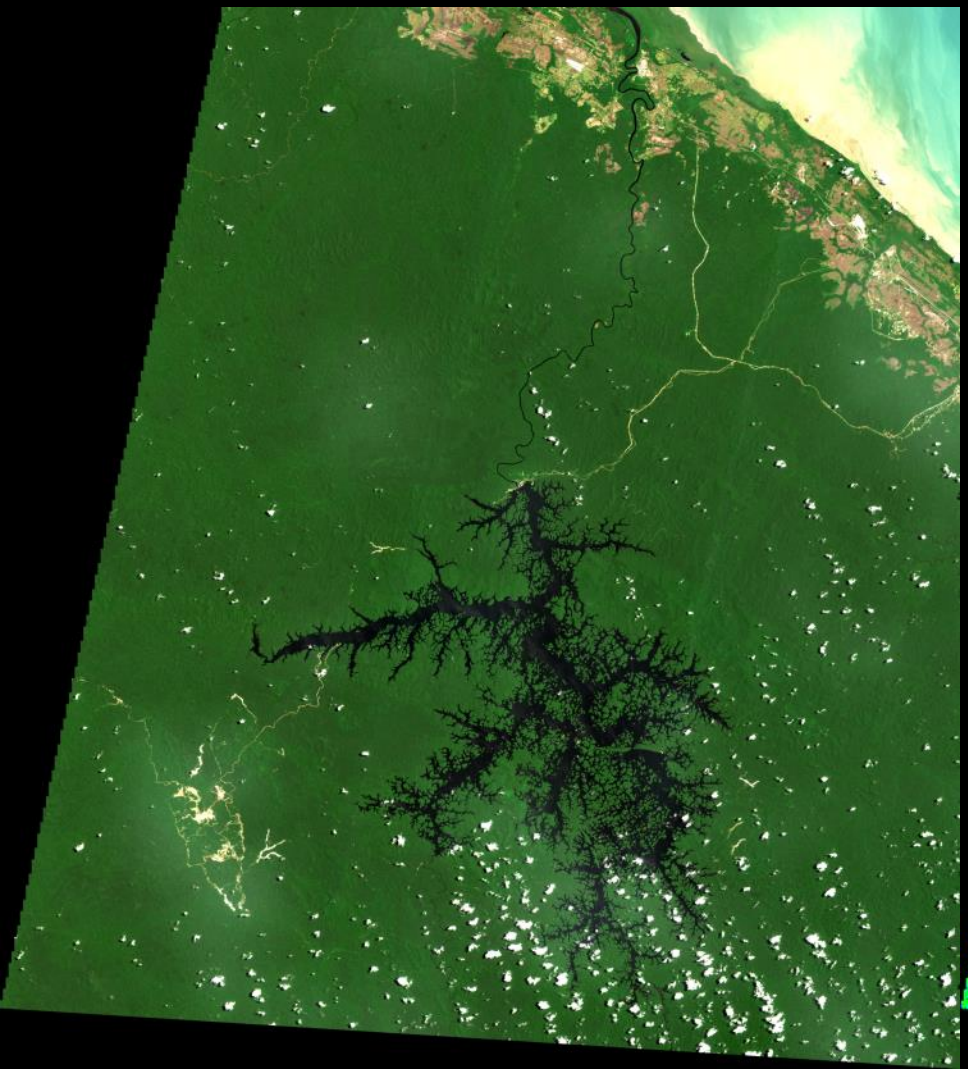

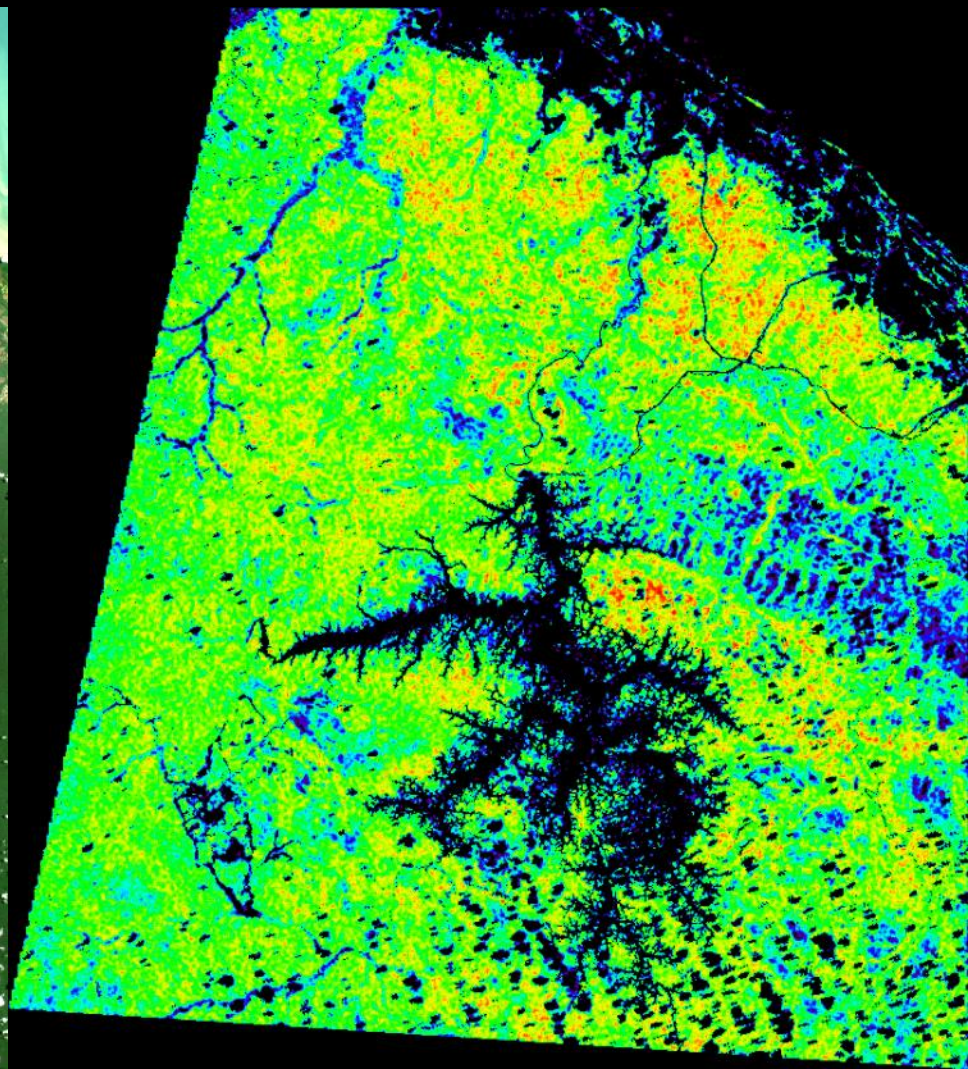

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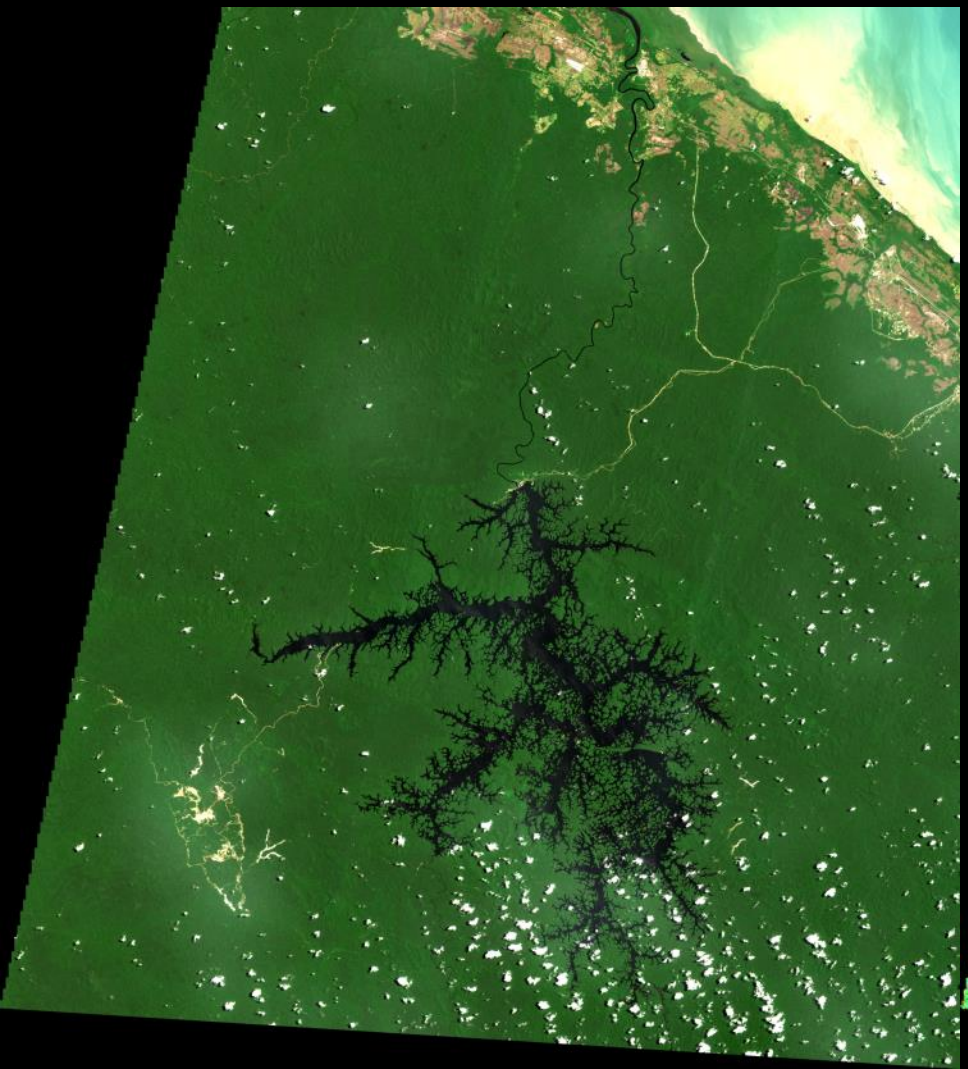
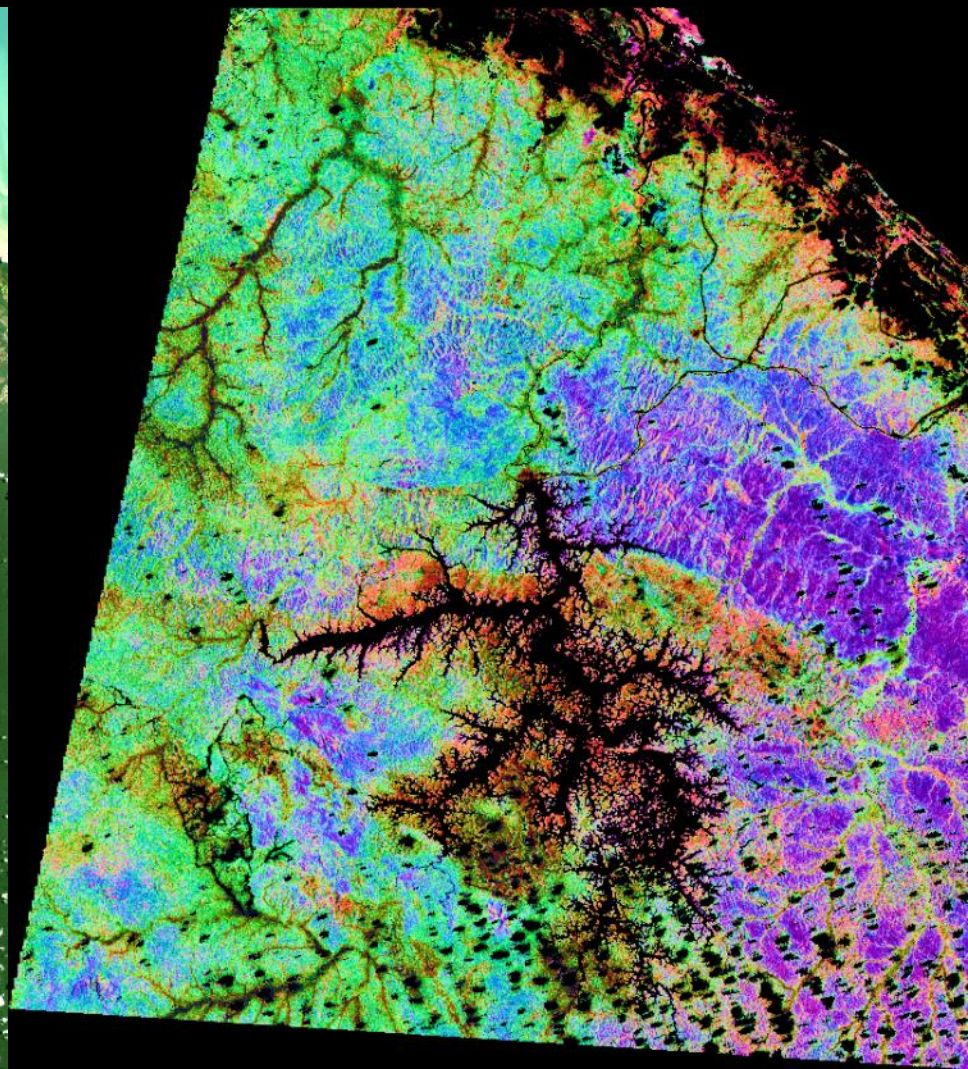
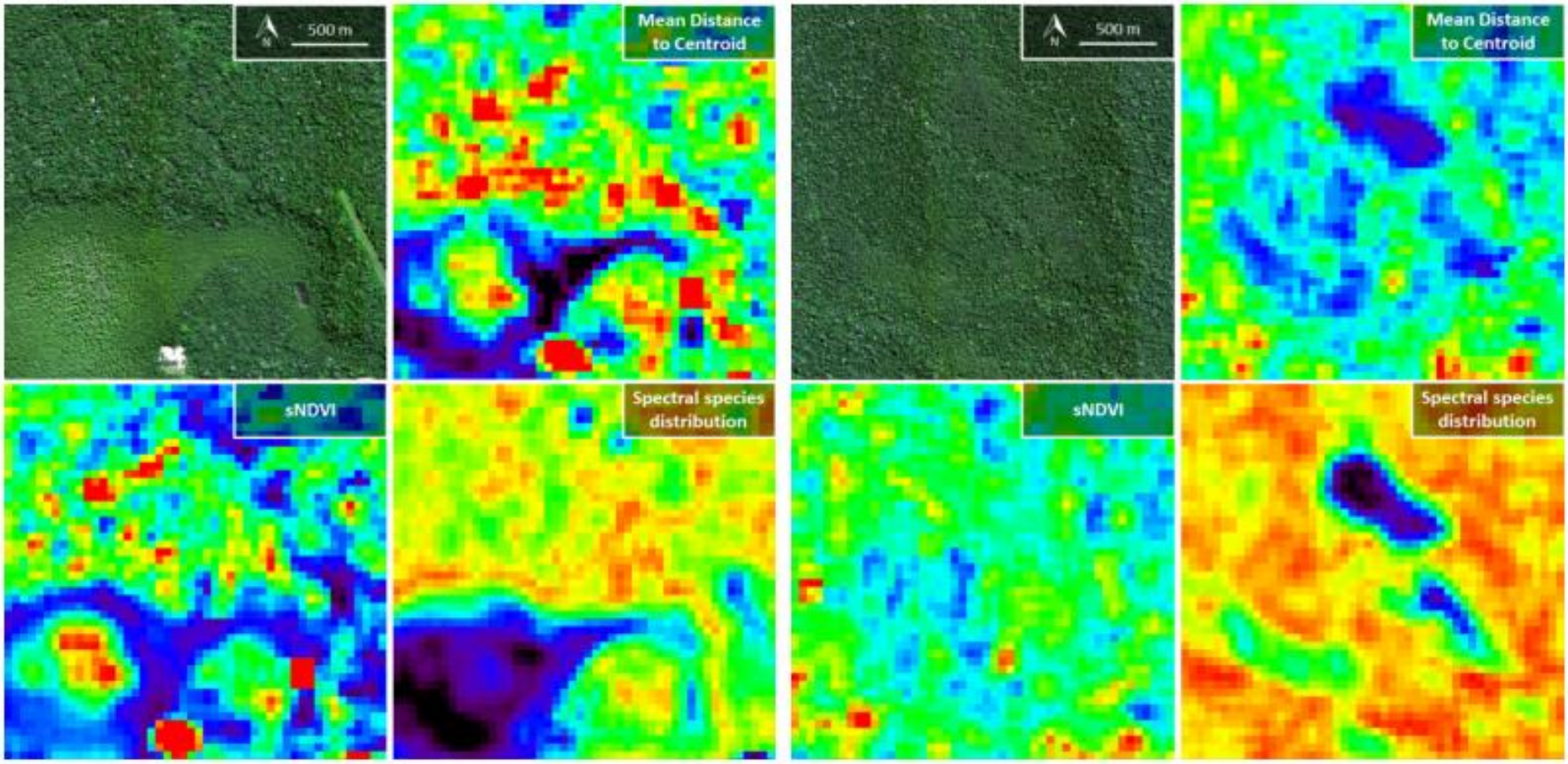




Spectral variation hypothesis

Comparison among spectral metrics



Structuring framework for present & future research on biodiversity: defining the Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV)

International networks and collaborations

A e-Sourcebook of Methods and Procedures for Monitoring Essential Biodiversity Variables in Tropical Forests with Remote Sensing

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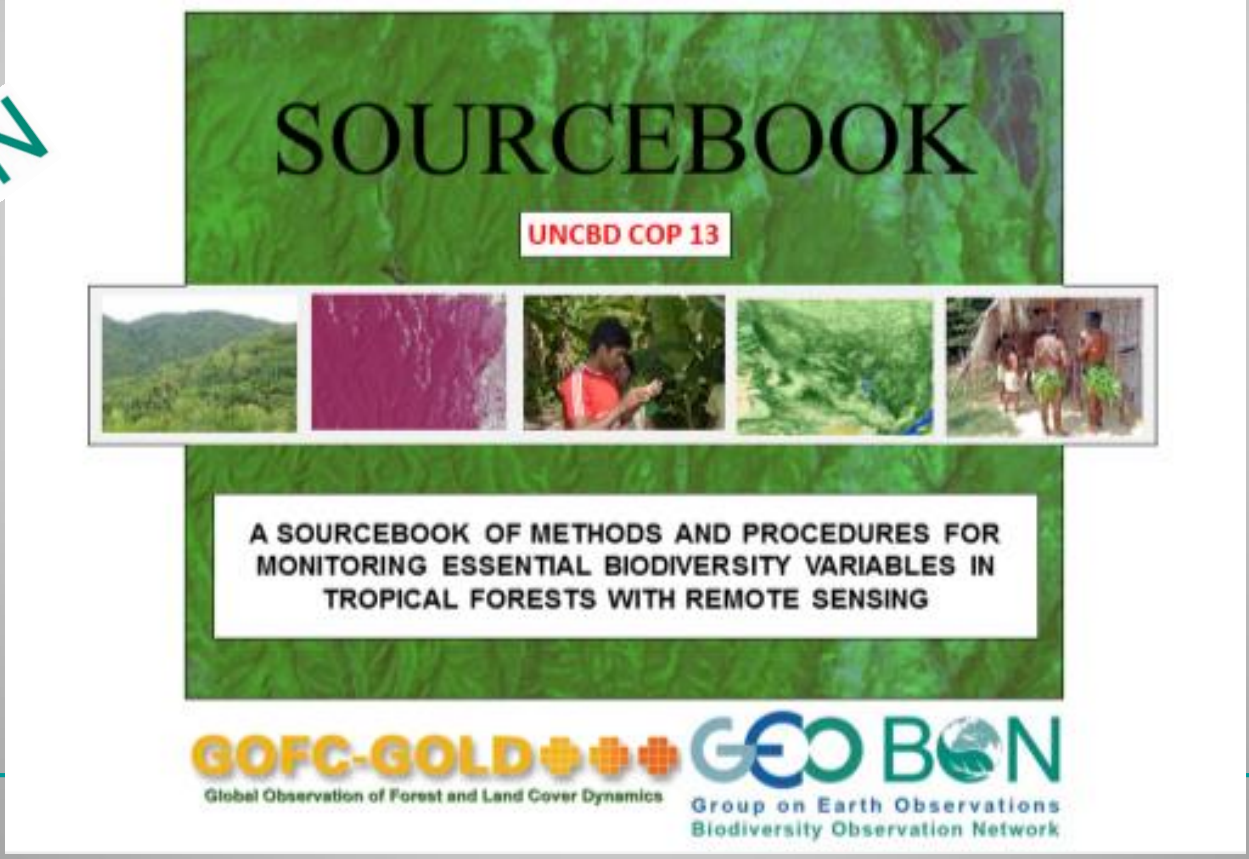

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Over-arching research goals RS-EBV's

- Innovation & technology for improved biodiversity monitoring
- Higher landscape heterogeneity (derived from RS) is related to higher amount of species occupying different niches
- Operational method to improve biodiversity monitoring despite assumptions
- Operational methods & tools to be linked to policies for improvement of public awareness and cost-effective management of biodiversity




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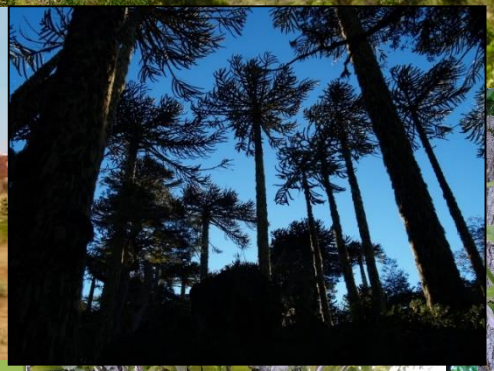

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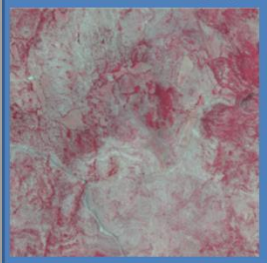

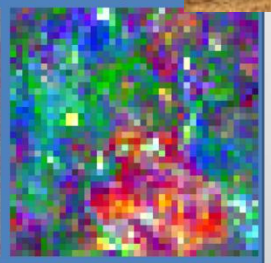

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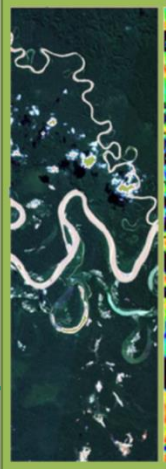
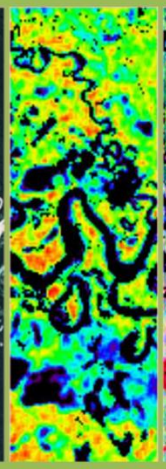
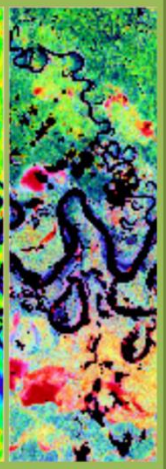
Mapping taxonomic diversity & species communities







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