

# Mobilizing Space Data for Sustainable Development

*Philippine Space Agency*



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# Republic Act No. 11363 "The Philippine Space Act"



**Republic Act No. 11363**  
or the **Philippine Space Act**, signed into law on  
**August 8, 2019**, establishing the **Philippine**  
**Space Policy** and **PhilSA**.  
It is the **central government agency in the**  
**Philippines** addressing **all national issues &**  
**activities in space S&T applications (SSTA)**.



*"The Philippines is preparing for the future by laying the governance framework that will allow us to ... pursue digital solutions towards a more modern economy, **and expand our presence in outer space** ... we need to start by **defining the norms of responsible behavior in cyberspace and outer space...**"*

Pres. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.  
77<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly



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**PhilSA** is an attached agency of the **Office of the President** for purposes of **policy and program coordination**, to ensure **alignment in national policies and priorities**

## Key Development Areas





# **Value creation** is at the **core** of the **PhilSA mission**

We will promote and sustain a robust  
Philippine space ecosystem that  
**adds and creates value in space**  
for and from Filipinos  
and for the world.



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# The PhilSA vision statement

The PhilSA envisions a Filipino nation  
**bridged, uplifted, and empowered** through  
the peaceful uses of outer space.

*Space is the expanse above us, which can **bridge** our islands, communities and wherever Filipinos may go on Earth. Rockets and space travel **uplift** us in mind, spirit and body; products and services from space **uplift** the human condition. Faring in space, building sovereign capabilities in space, with its high vantage point, **empowers** us.*



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# ***How Do We Use Space Data?***

We process satellite data to help people make smarter decisions for planning, environmental monitoring and protection, disaster management, and more.





# ***Mapping Disasters and Its Impact***

Space Science and Technology (SST) can be used to monitor disasters, map extents and assess its impact.



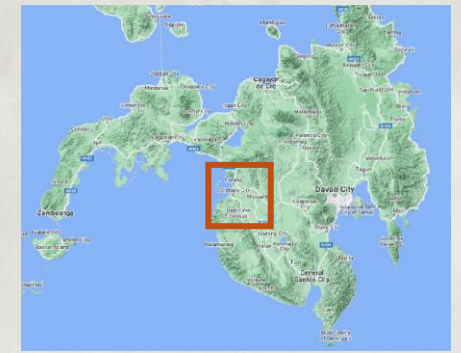
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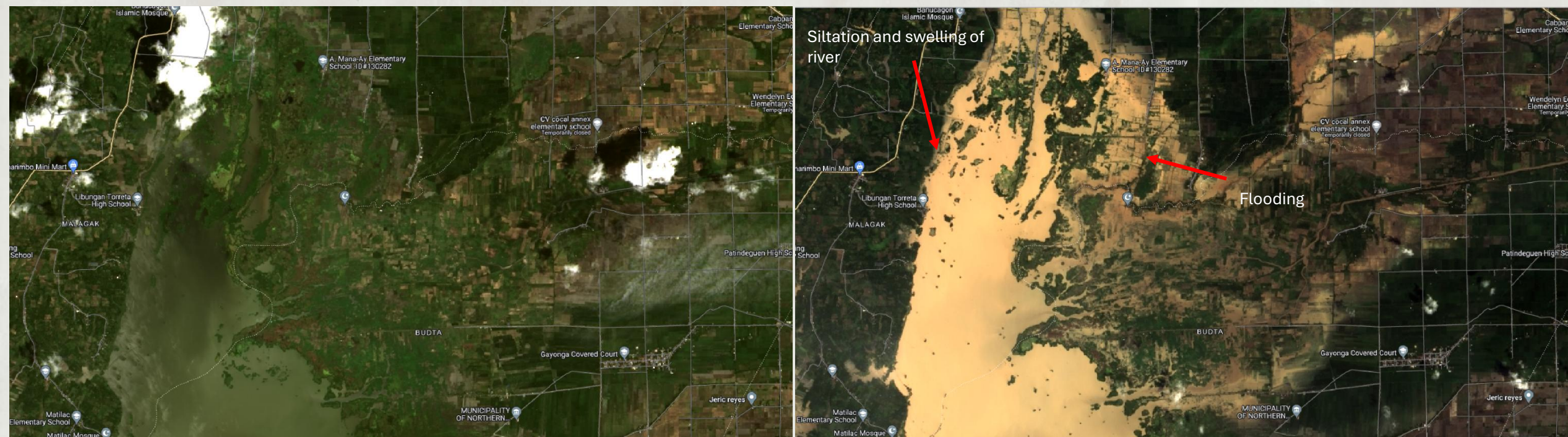
# Mapping Disasters and Its Impact

## Flood Extent Mapping



14 October 2022

30 October 2022



Siltation and flooding on agricultural and built-up areas as seen on Landsat 9 imagery.



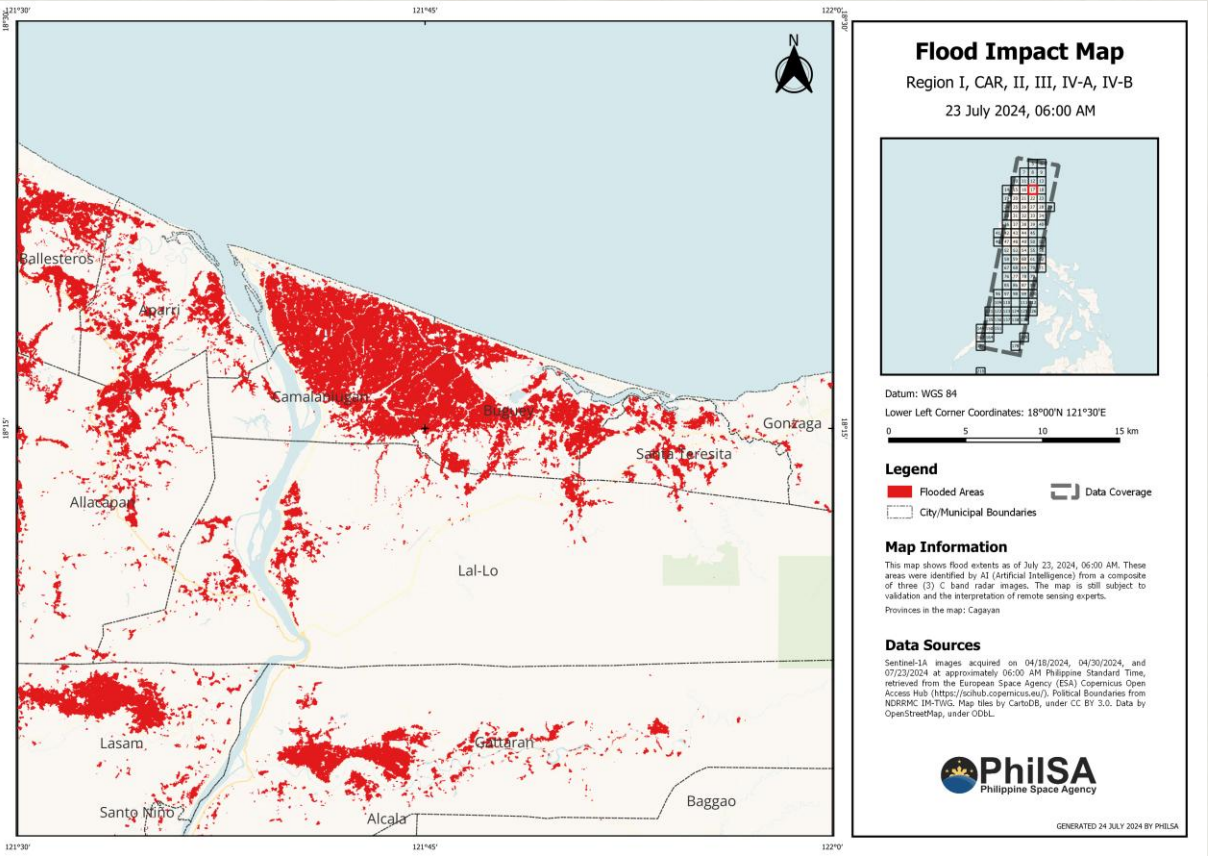
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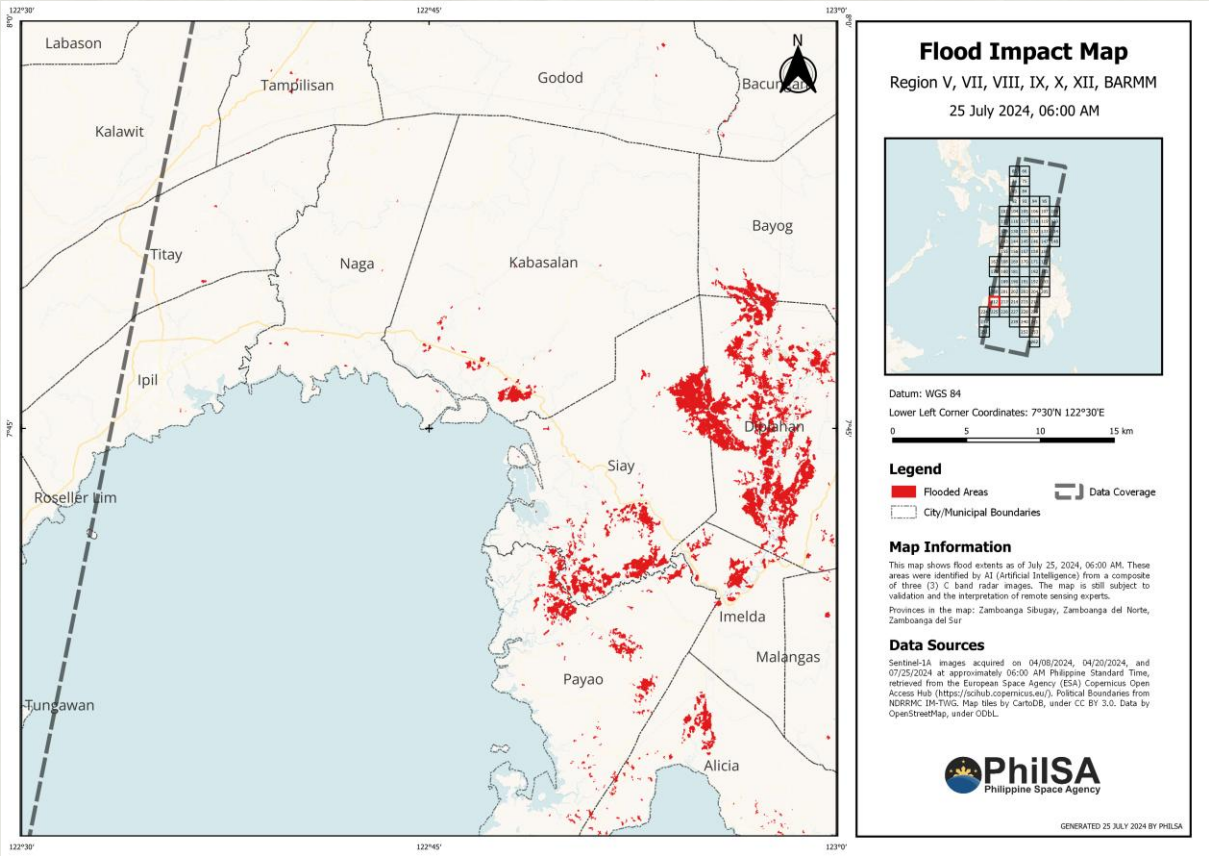


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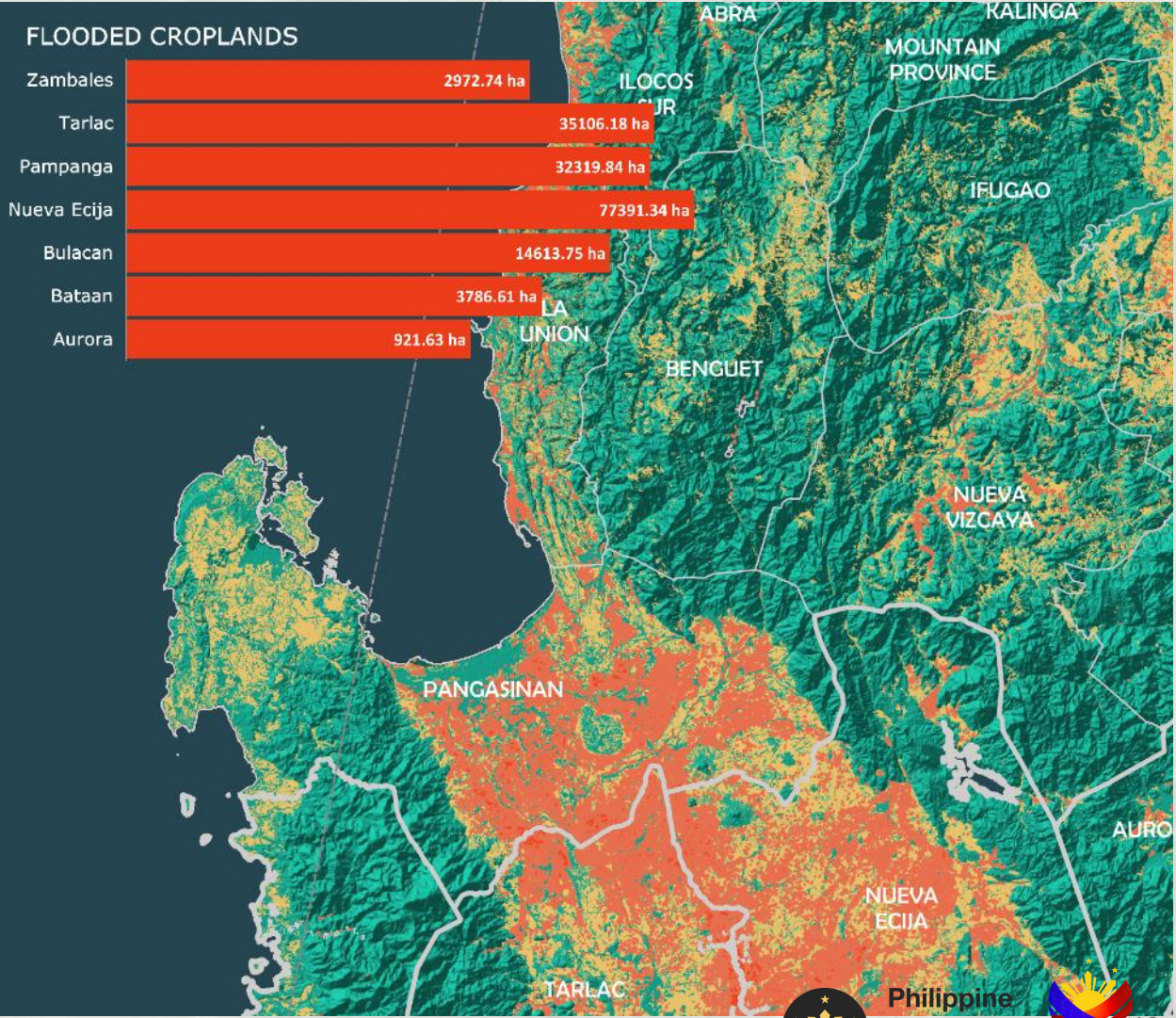
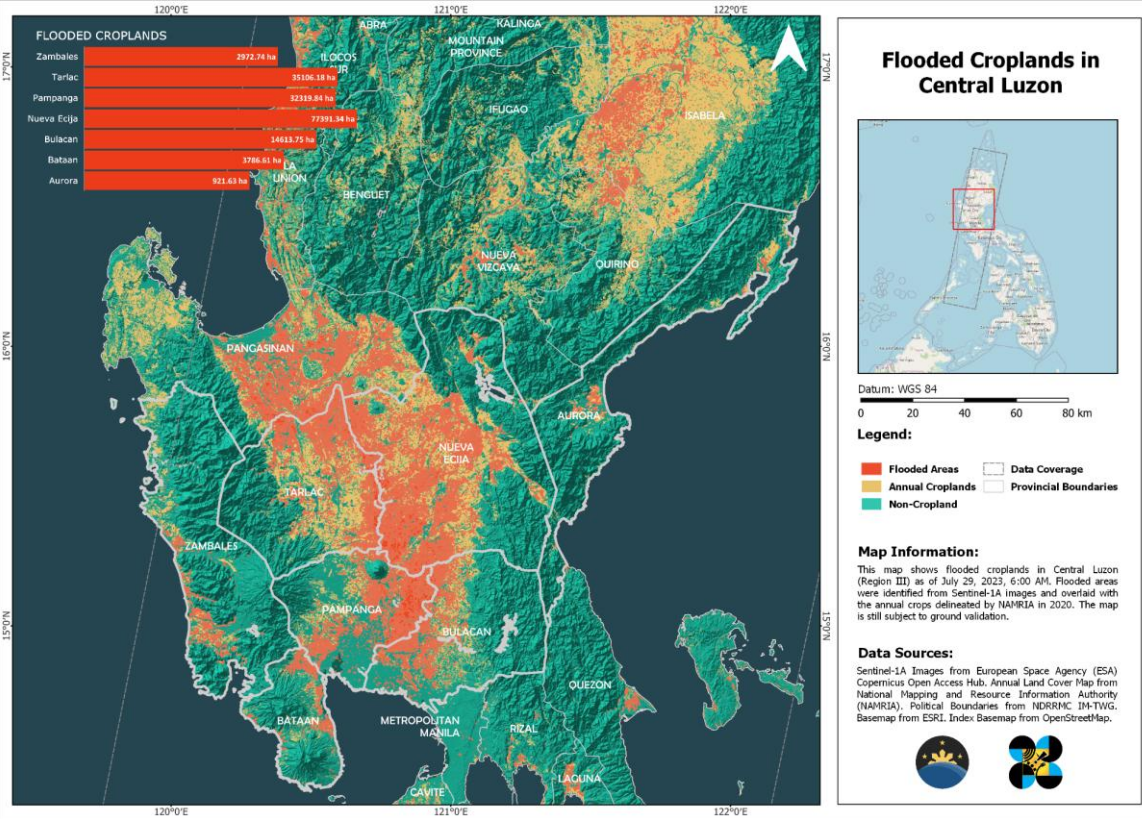


25 July 2024



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## Flood Impact Mapping

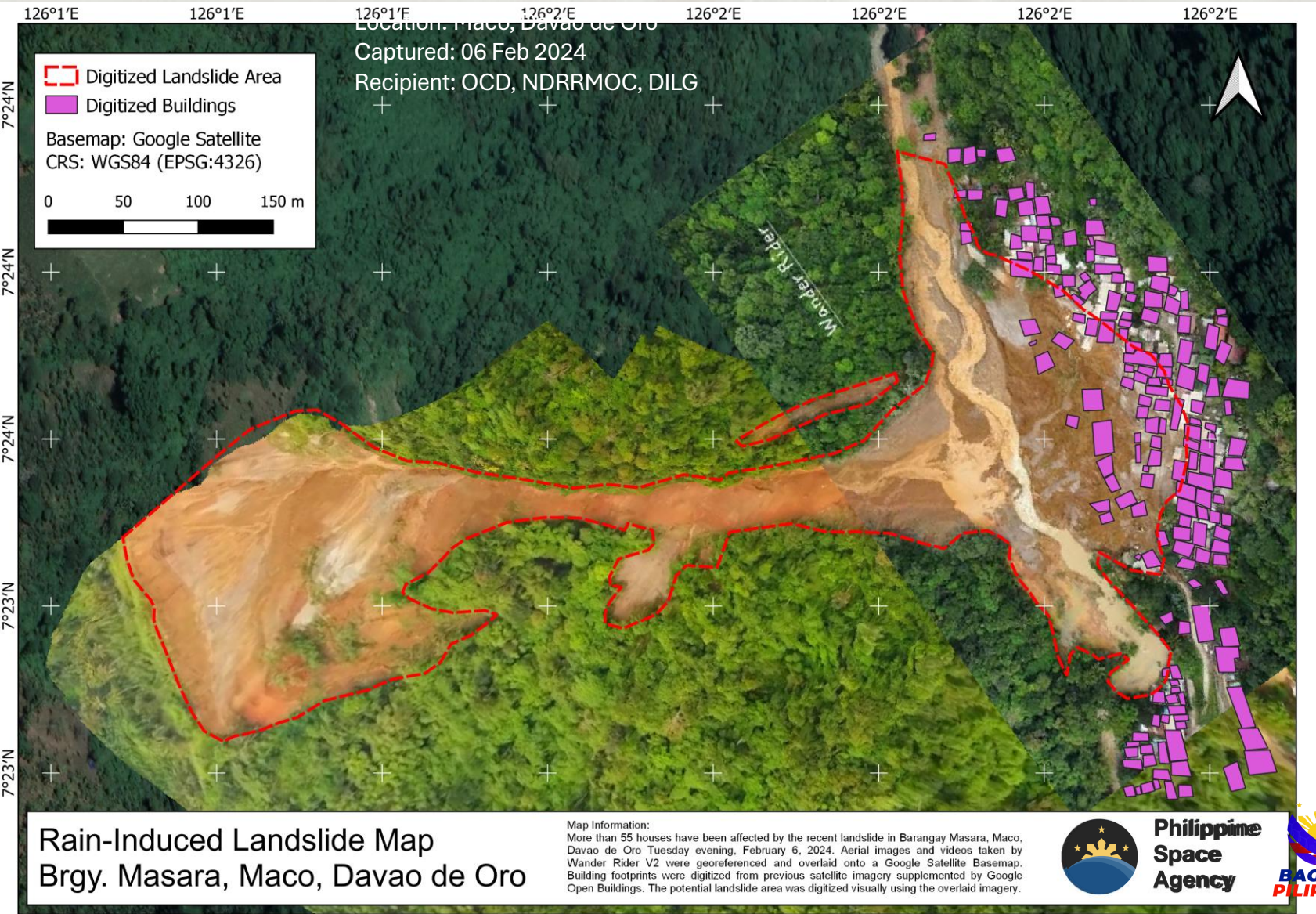
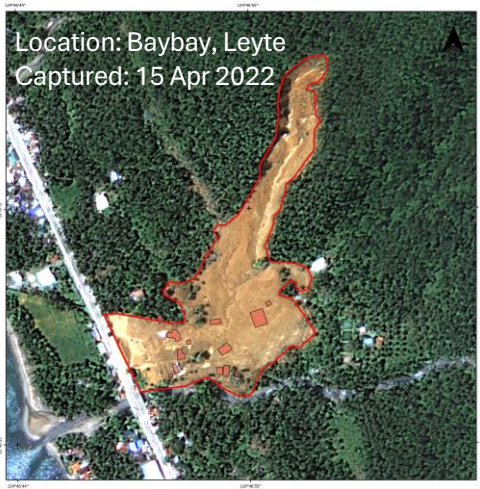




# Mapping Disasters and Its Impact



## Landslide Monitoring





# Mapping Disasters and Its Impact

## Enabling Timely Disaster Response

Rapid disaster response in Maco, Davao de Oro landslide (9 February 2024)

The Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) generated a rain-induced landslide map of an area near a mining site in Barangay Masara, Maco, Davao de Oro. More than 55 houses were affected by the landslide, which occurred on the evening of 06 February 2024.

**It enabled rescuers to prioritize areas for search and rescue.**



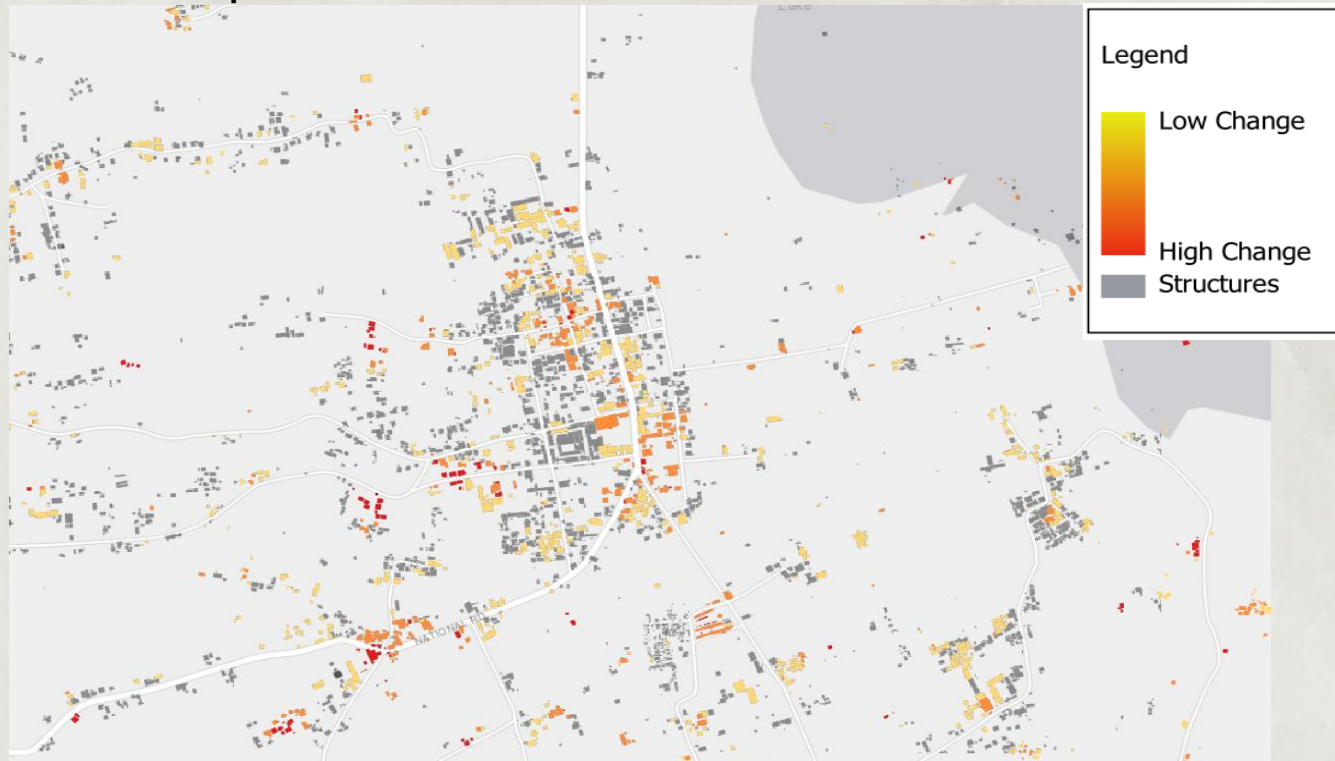


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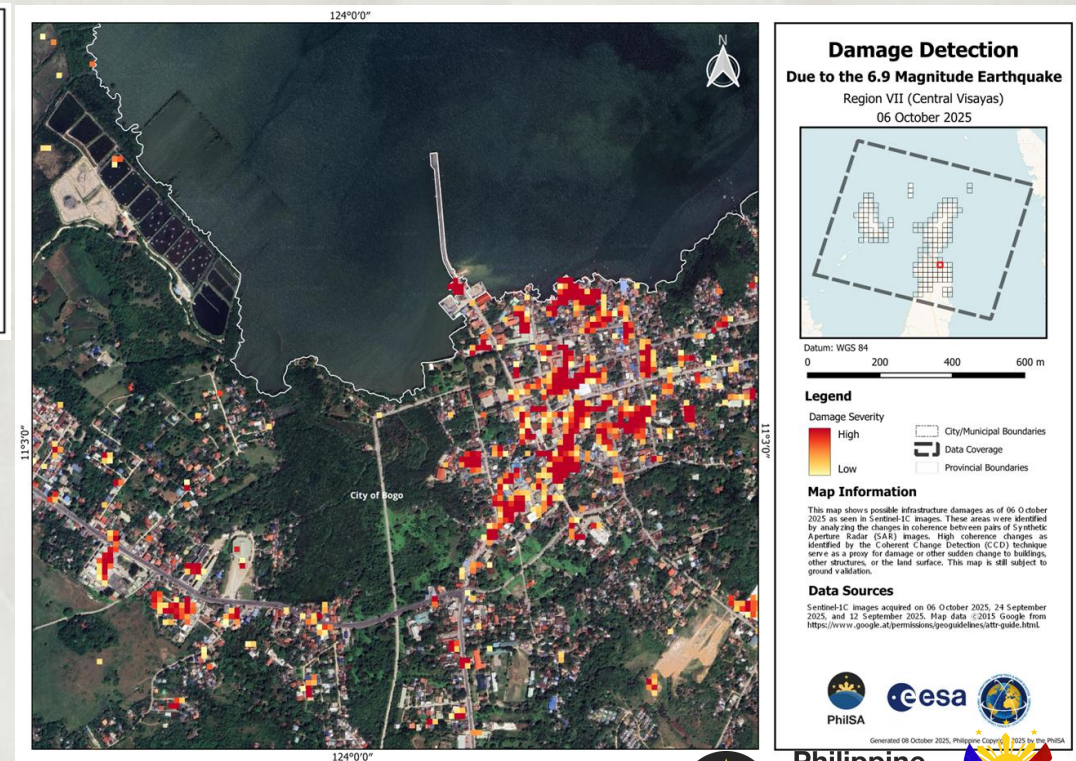
## Damage Mapping



Damage estimation using Sentinel-1 images to complement optical imaging during typhoons and earthquakes



Laurel, Batangas  
27 October 2024



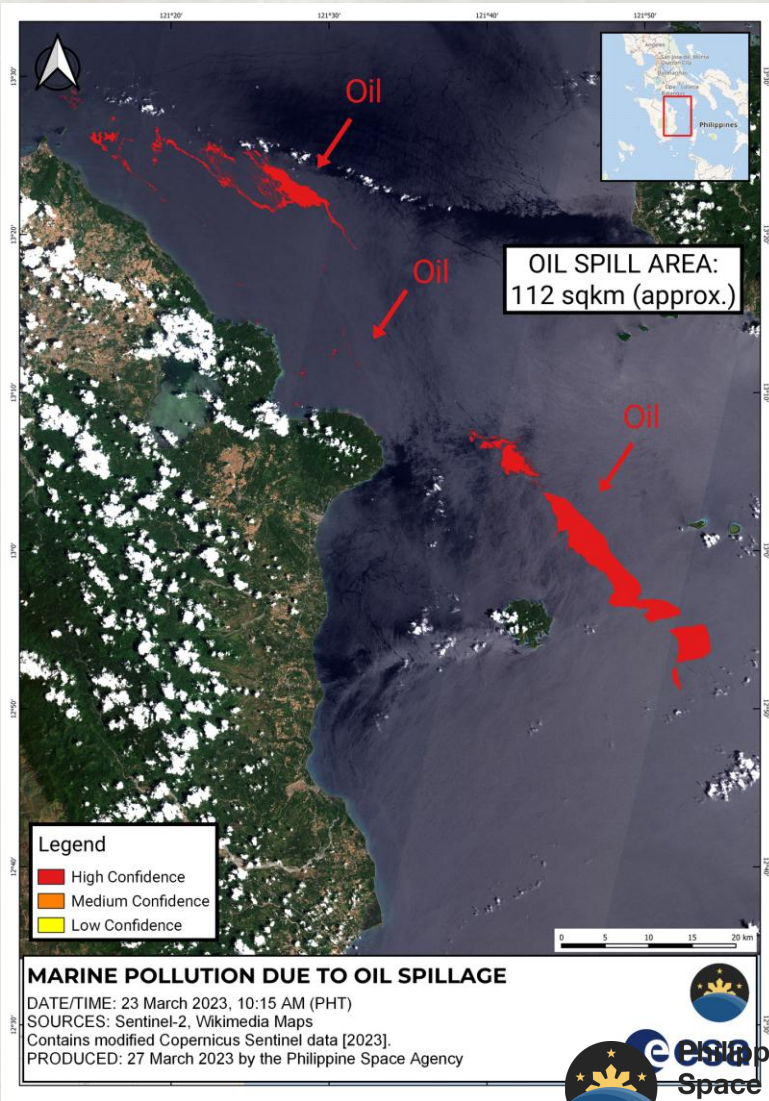
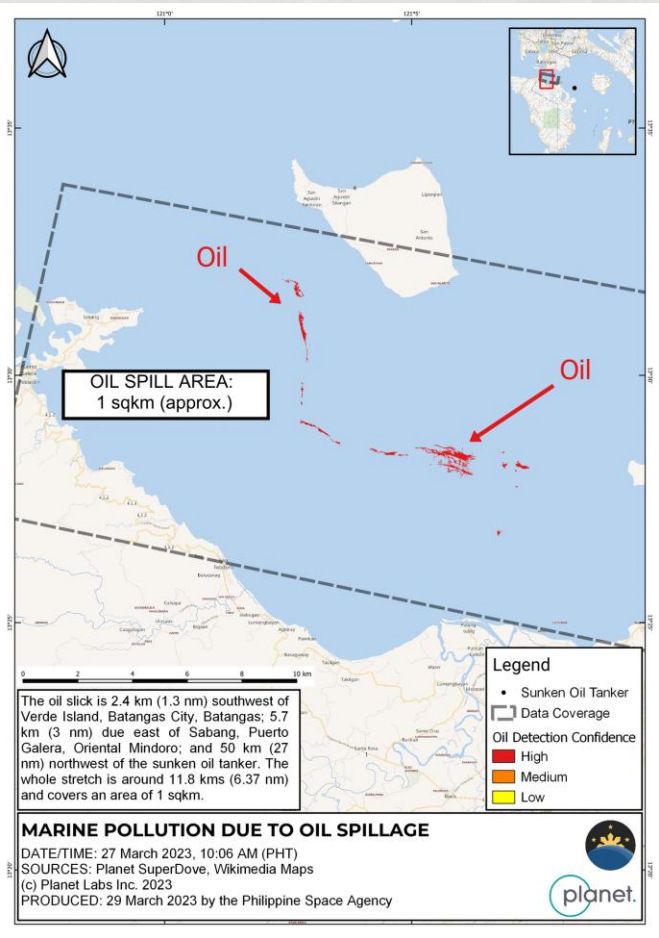
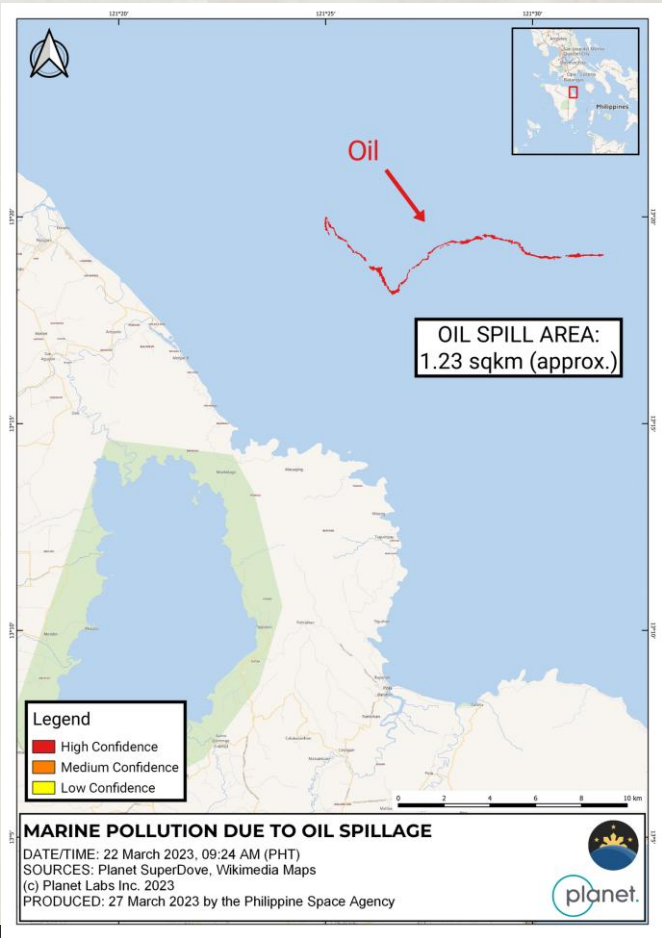
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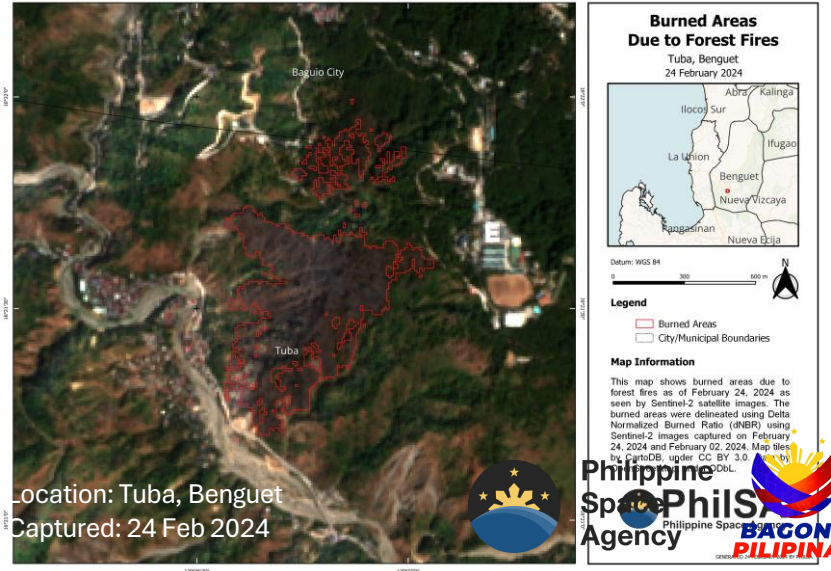
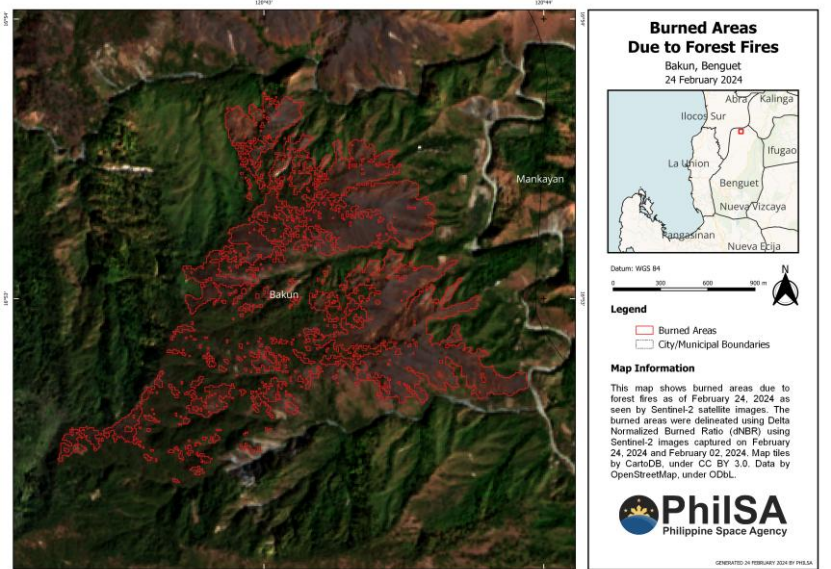
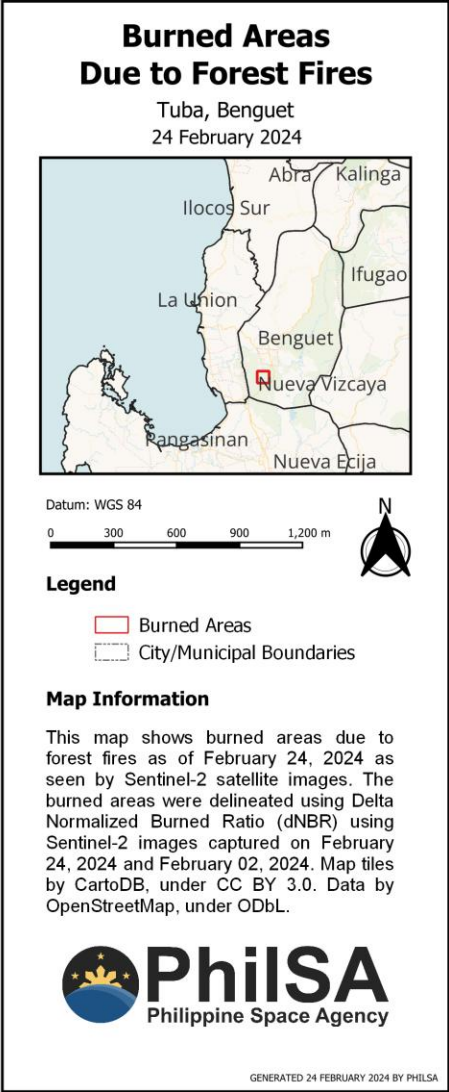
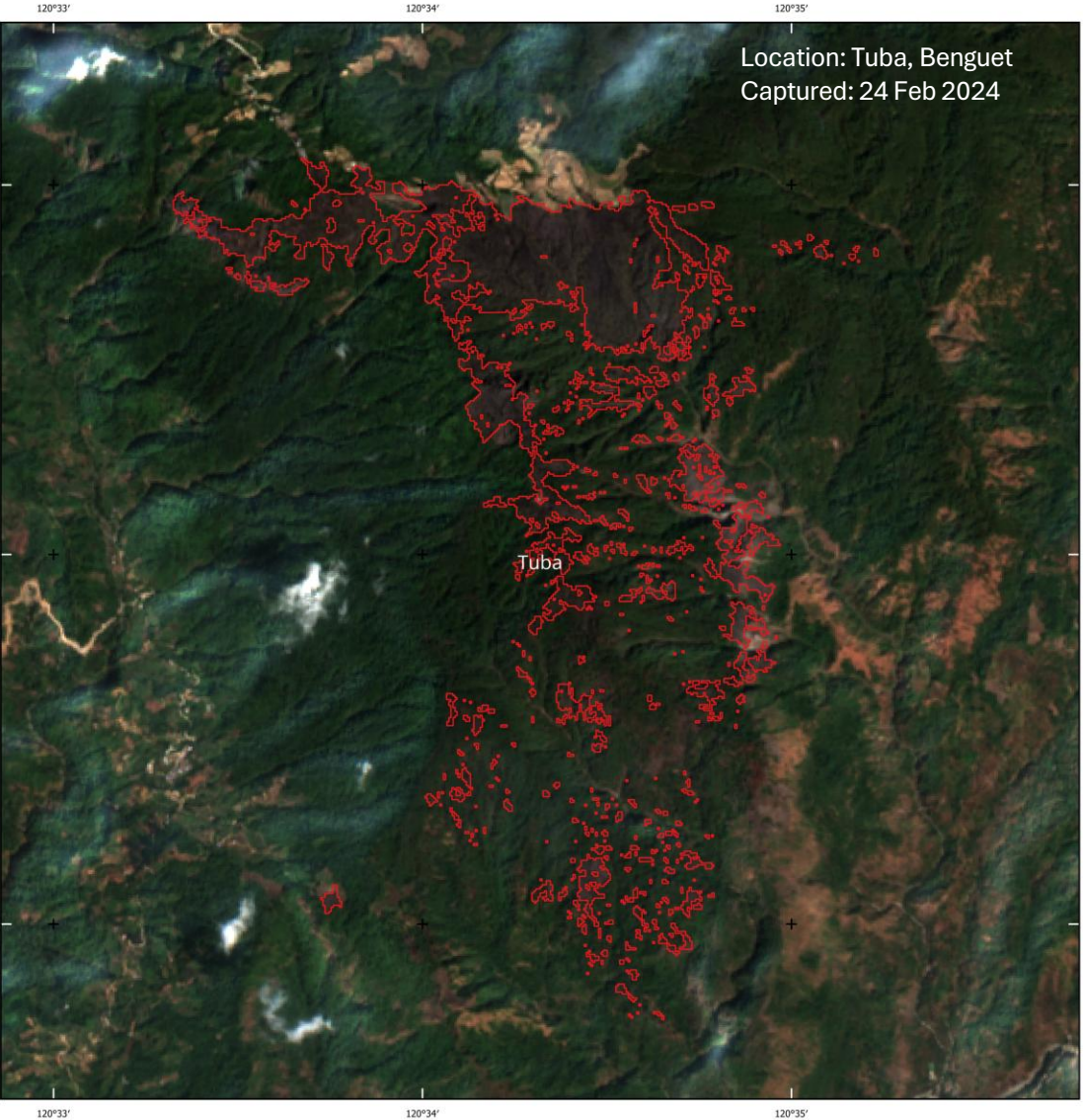
## Oil Spill Monitoring





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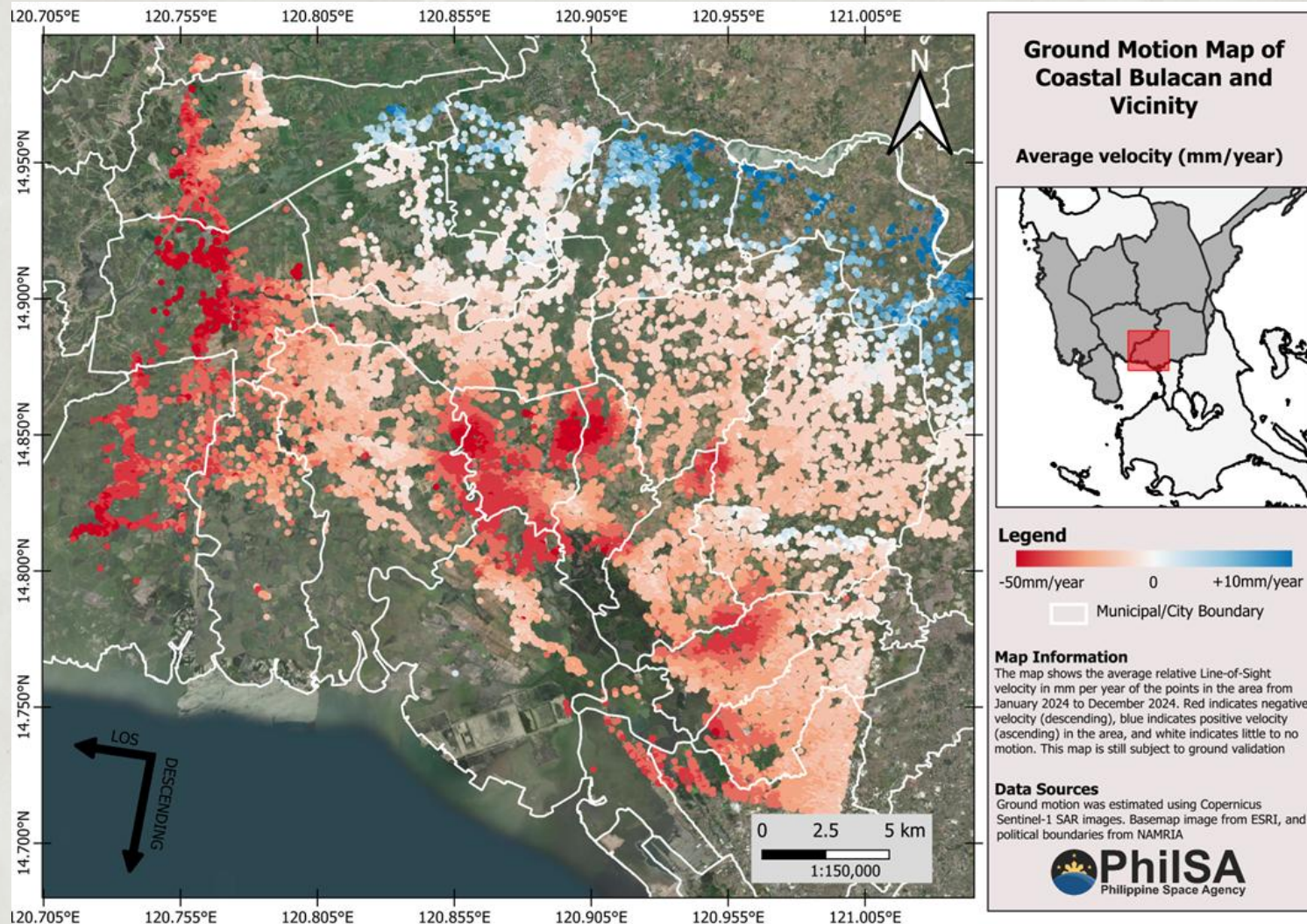
## Burned Areas Mapping





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## Ground Subsidence Monitoring

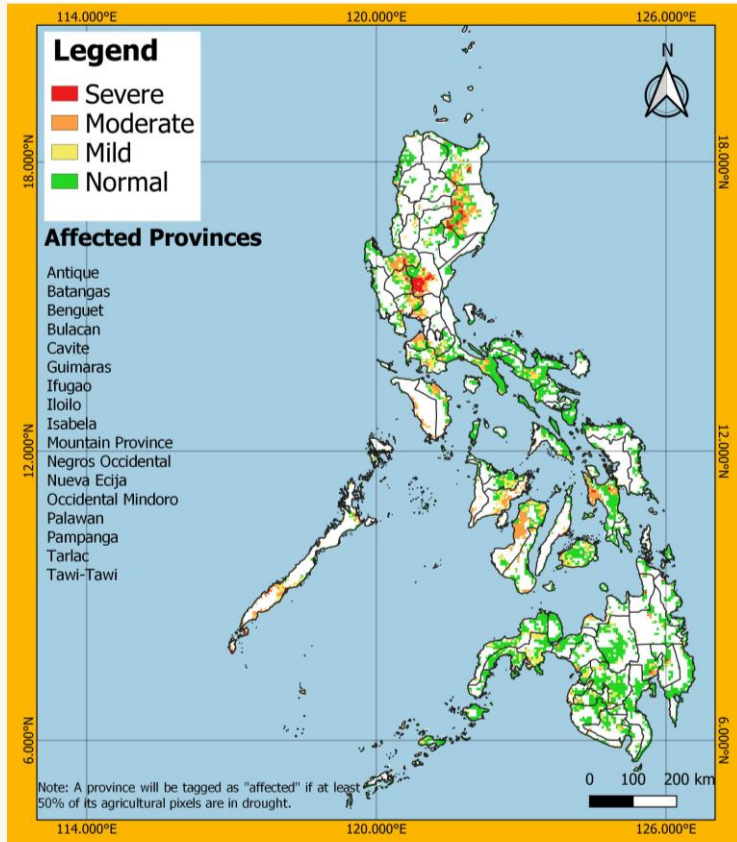


Enhancing preparedness  
for slow-onset hazards of  
local governments using  
space technologies



# Mapping Disasters and Its Impact

## Agricultural Drought Forecasting



Standardized Vegetation

Temperature Ratio (SVTR)

March 2024

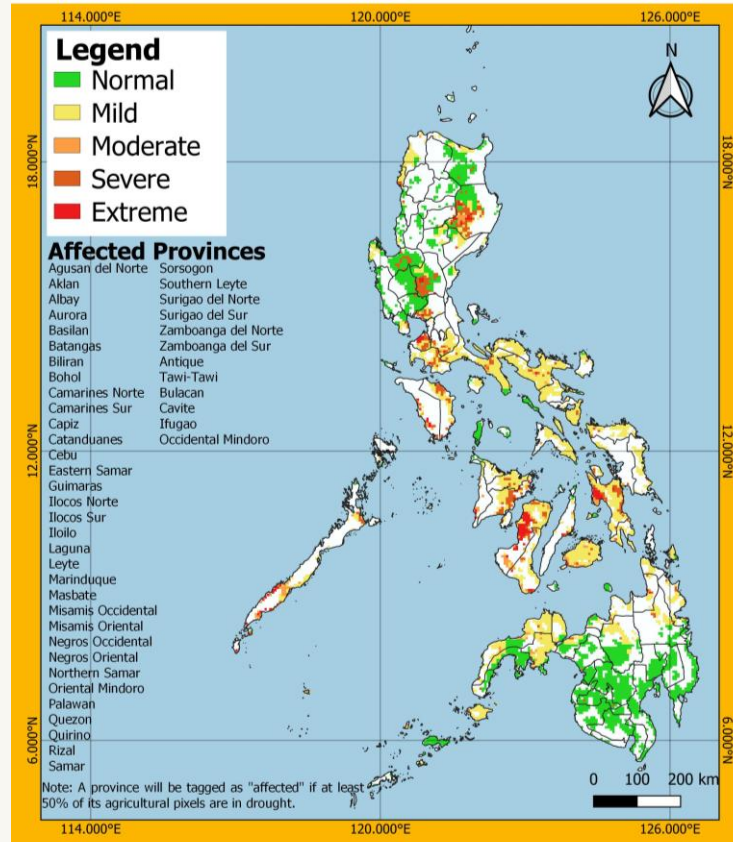
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This map is generated using historical data of MODIS NDVI and MODIS LST, from 2000 to March 2024.

Identification of affected provinces are based on agricultural pixels only.



**Drought map based on SVTR**  
from **temperature** and **vegetation health**



Combined Drought

Index (CDI)

March 2024

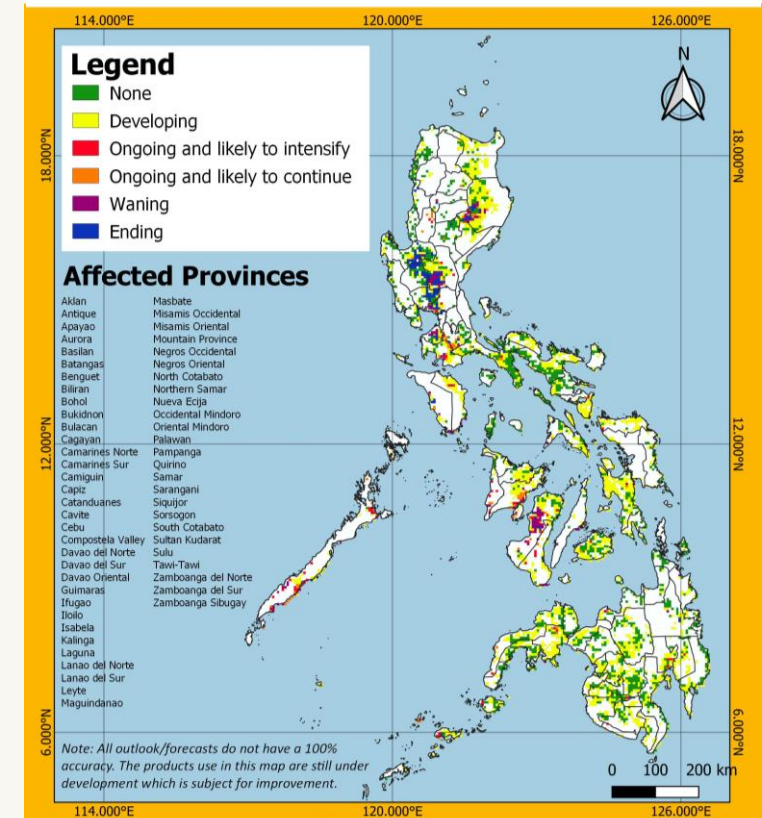
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**Drought map based on CDI**  
from **rainfall**, **temperature**, and **veg. health**



Agricultural Drought

Outlook:

April to September 2024

Date issued: April 2024

The map is generated by combining the observed CDI and SVTR for the past two months (i.e. December and January 2024) and the SVTR forecasts from April to September 2024. It only considers agricultural areas in the Philippines.

Observed CDI is derived using GPM rainfall, MODIS NDVI and LST, while the SVTR is derived using MODIS NDVI and LST. The SVTR forecasts added ONI forecasts, from various forecasting institution, as an additional inputs in the calculation.



**Drought Outlook map**  
from **CDI** and **SVTR forecasts**



# ***Mapping and Monitoring the Country's Environment and Natural Resources***

PhilSA uses SST to map and monitor the environment.



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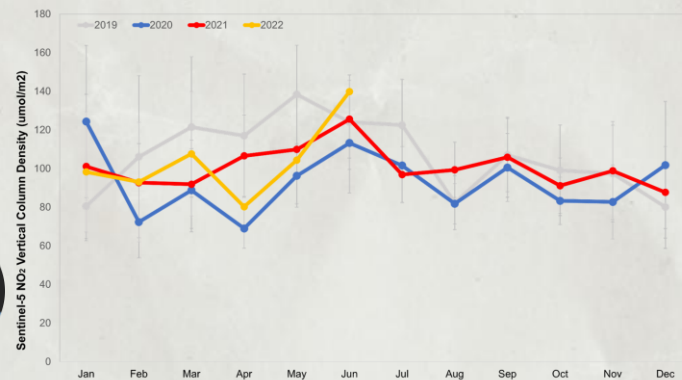
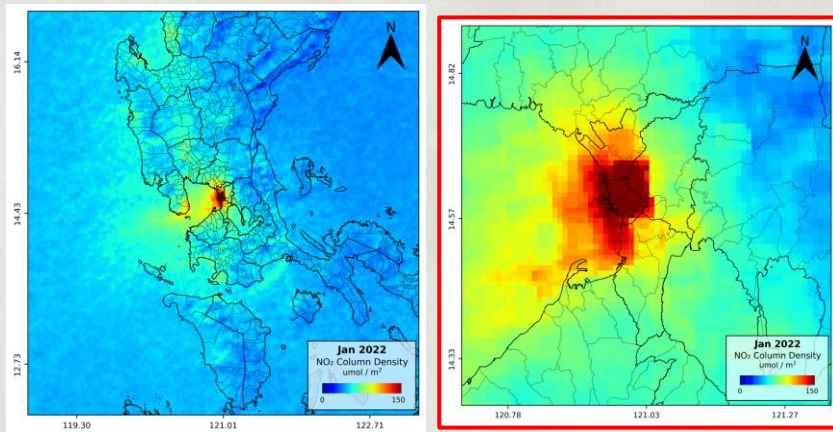


# Environmental Health and People Well-being



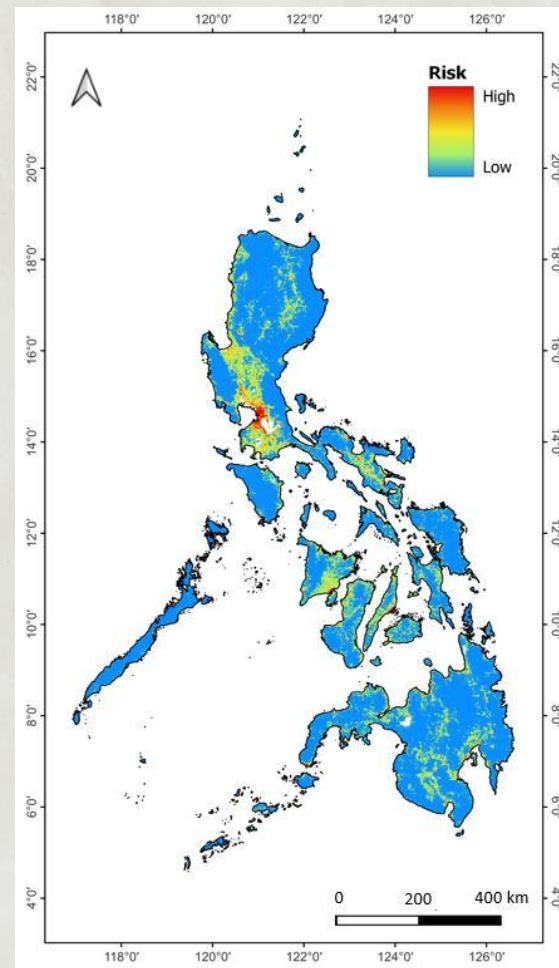
## Monthly to Daily NO<sub>2</sub> and other Trace Gases Nationwide

Monitoring of Aerosol, Greenhouse gases and their precursors to aid policy and decision making



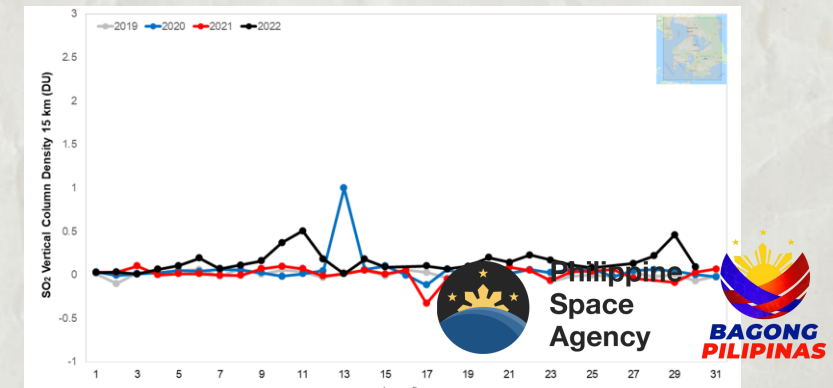
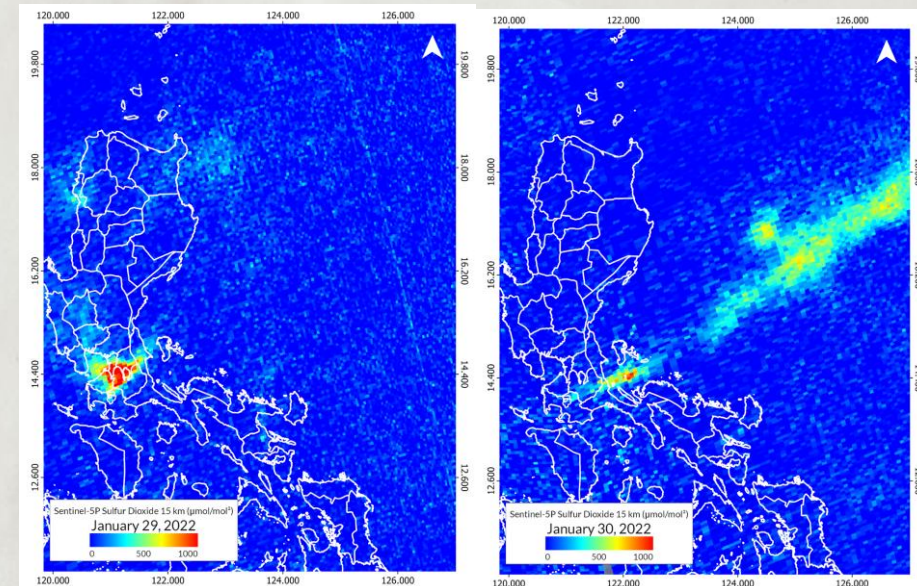
## Monthly Urban Heat Health Risk Mapping

Assessing health hazards caused by Urban Heat for people living in highly-urbanized areas.



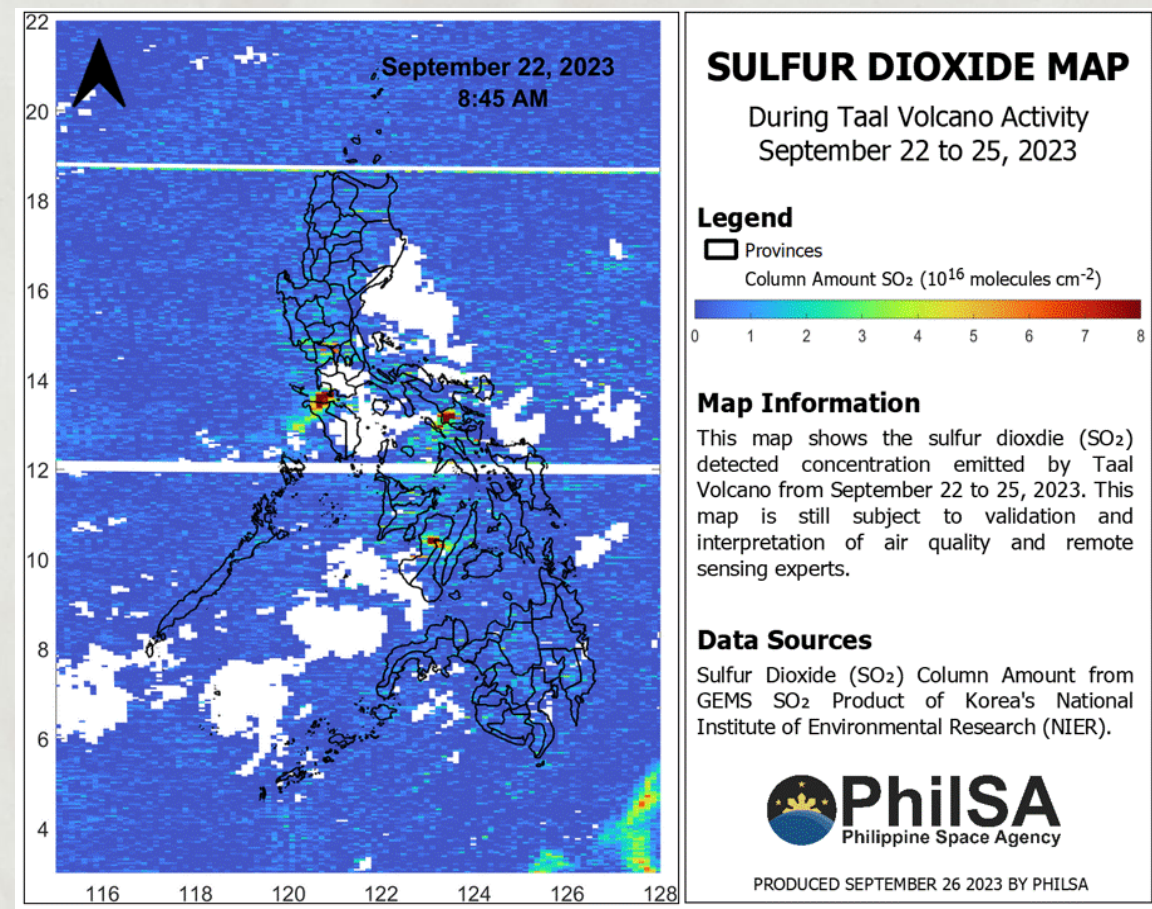
## Daily SO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring for Volcanic Emissions

Keeping track of volcanic activity through gaseous emissions

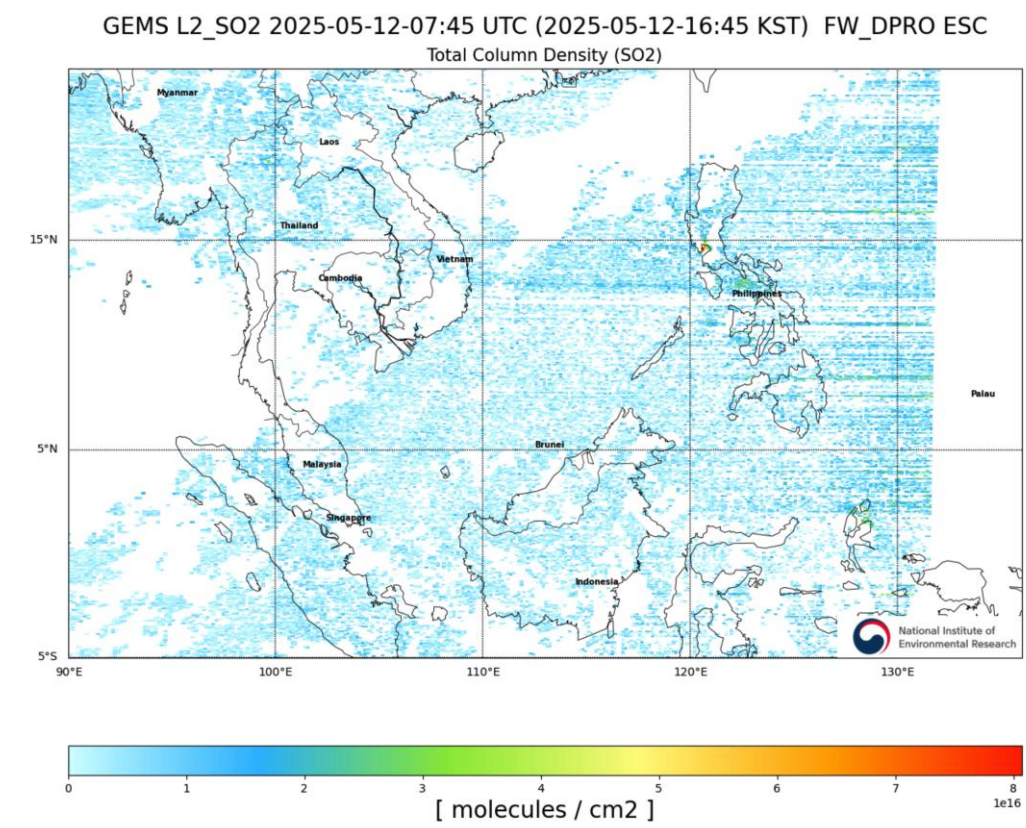




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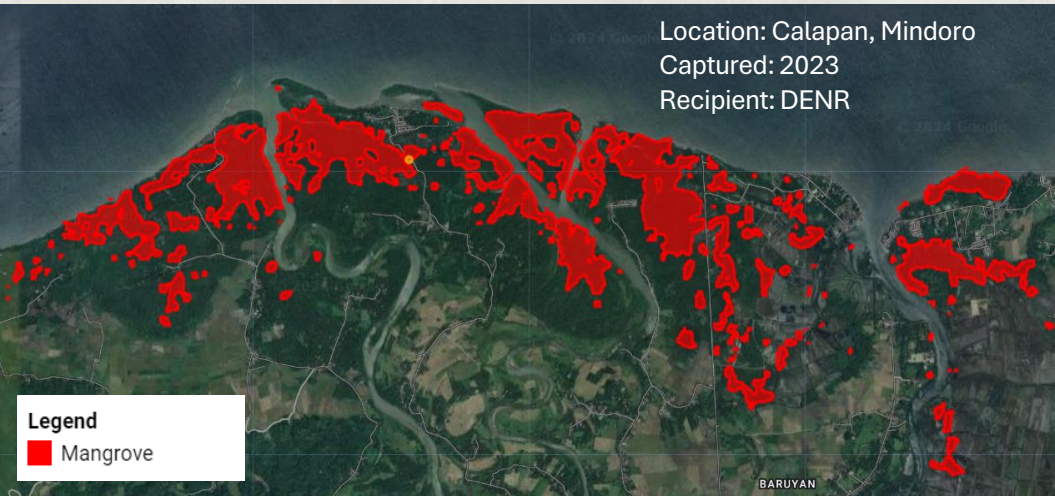
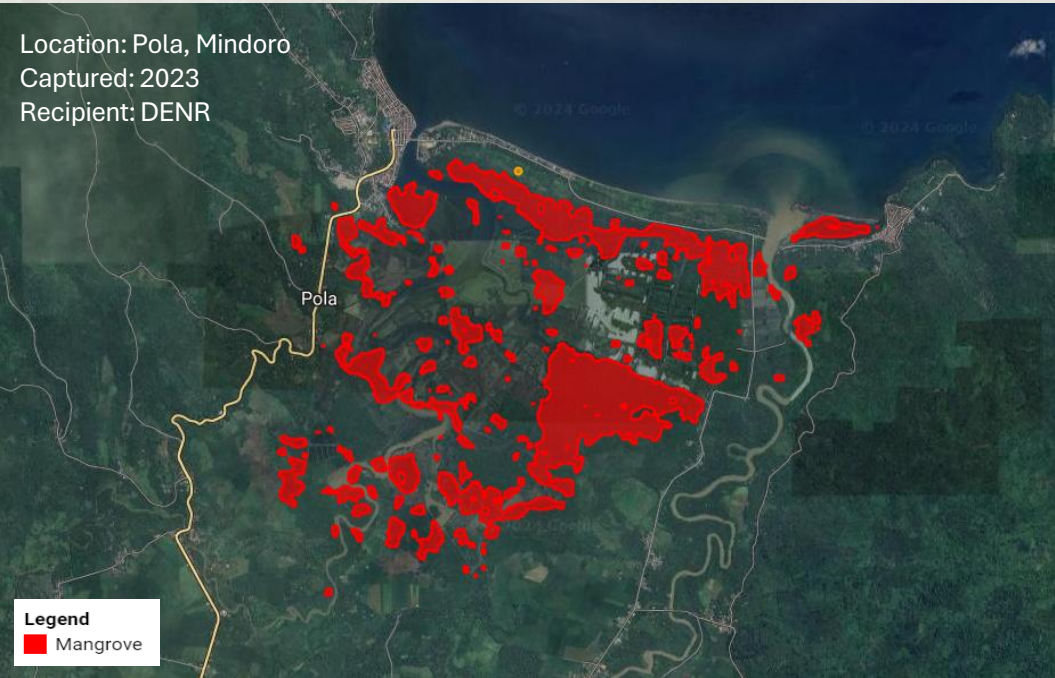
Taal Volcano (September 2023)



Kanlaon Volcano (May 2023)



# Natural Resource Mapping

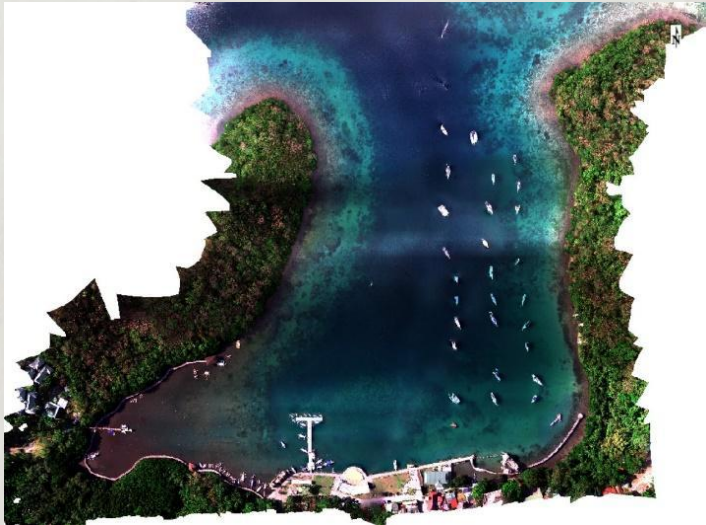




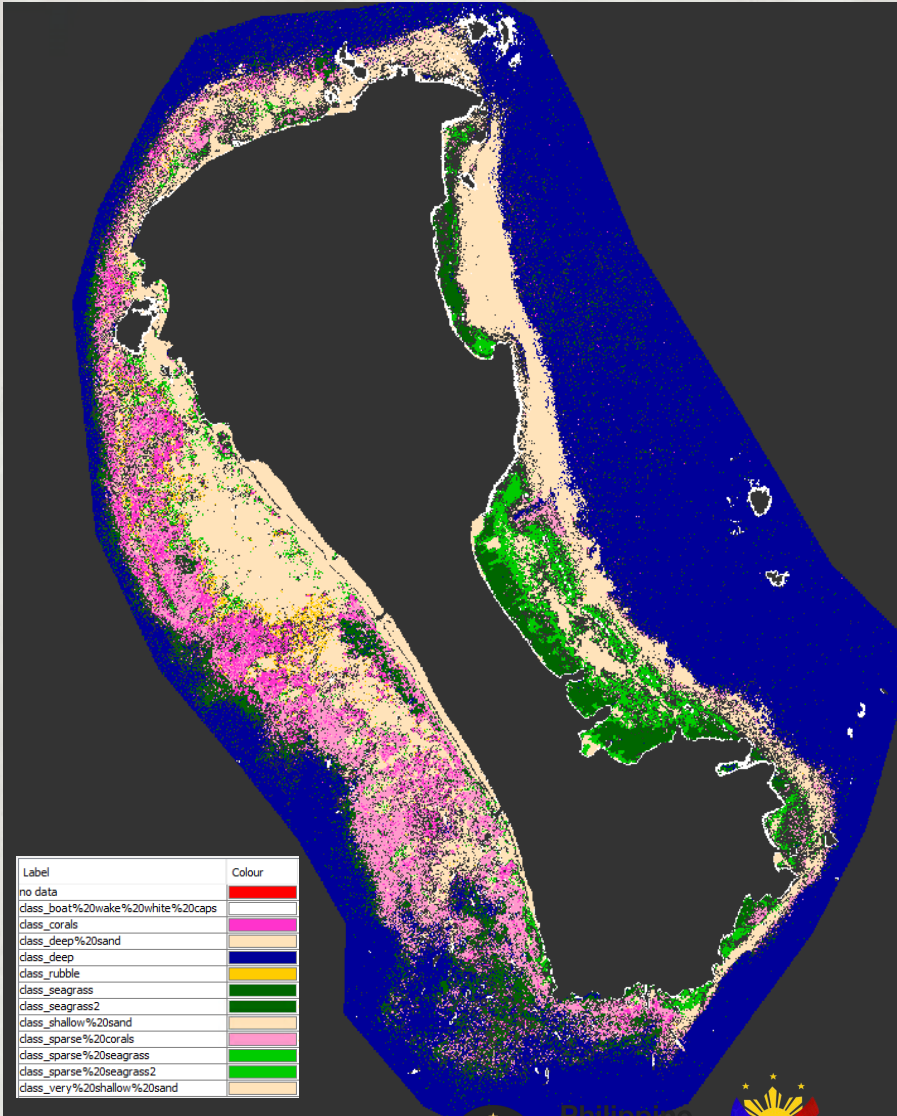
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Field assessment using drone and underwater cameras



Drone image of the coastal areas in Puerto Galera



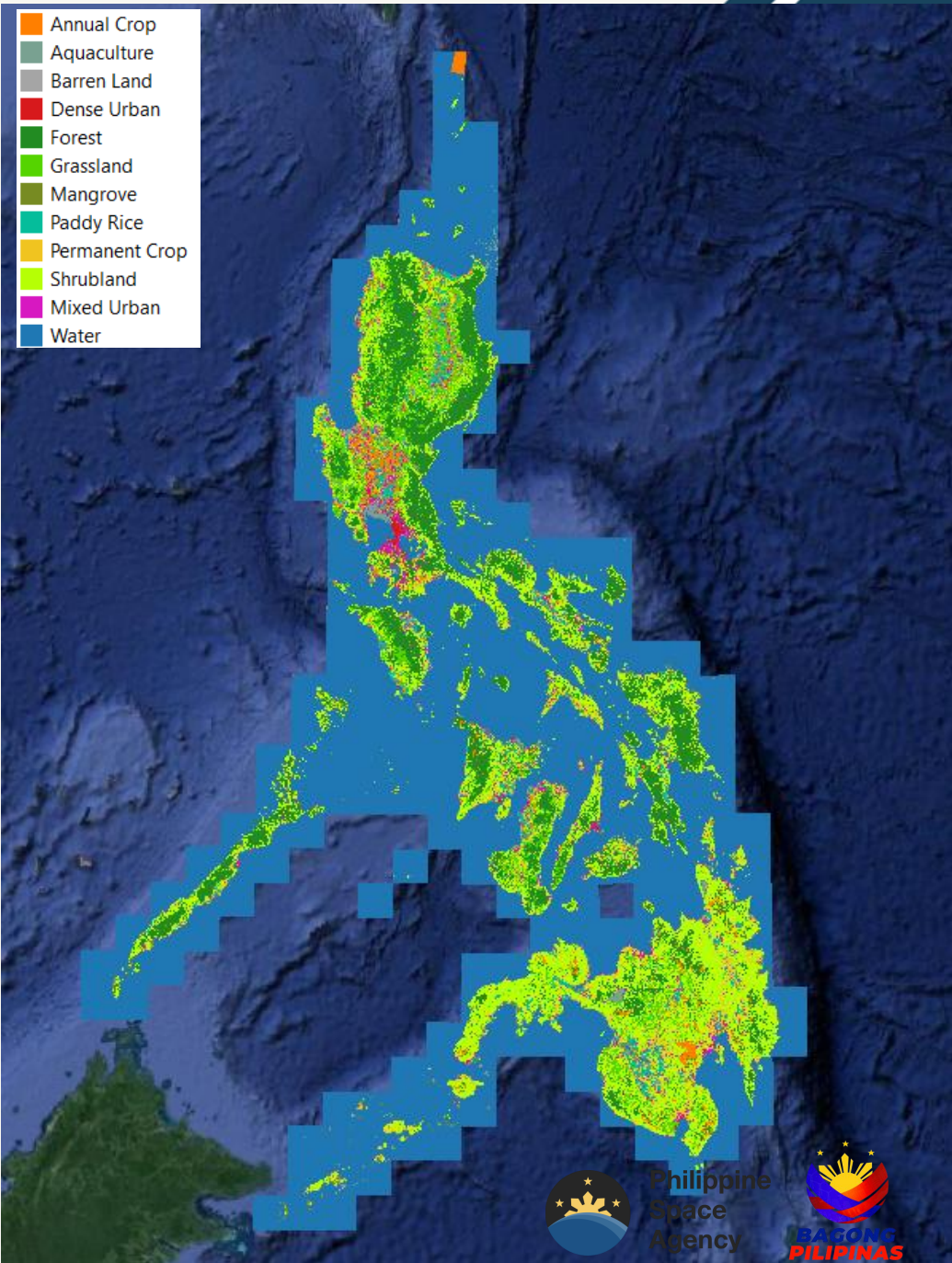
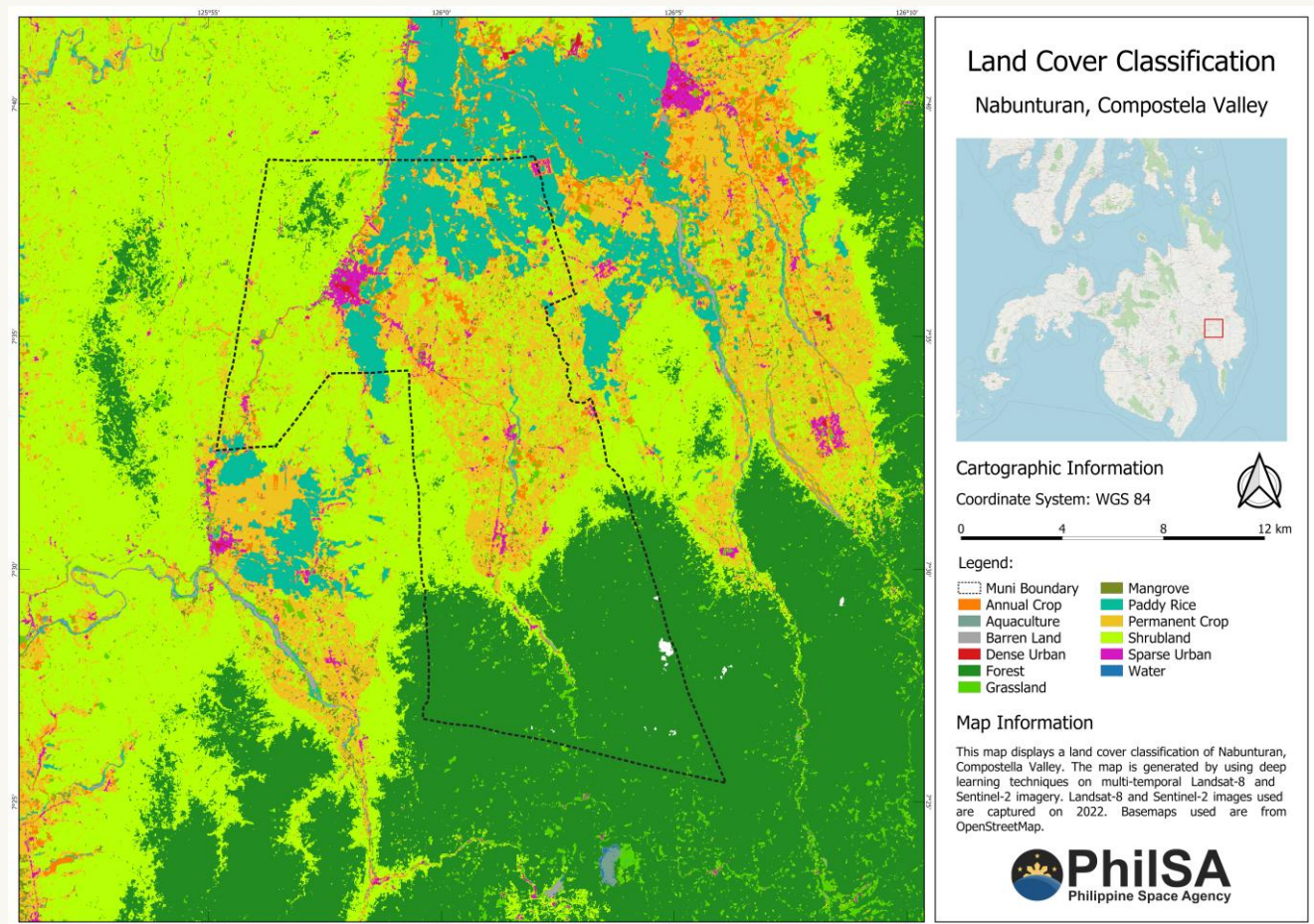
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Initial benthic habitat map of Boracay



# Land Cover Mapping



Location: Nabunturan, Compostela Valley  
Captured: 2022  
Recipient: Nabunturan LGU





# ***Mapping and Monitoring Agricultural Areas***

PhilSA uses SST to map crops and monitor crop diseases.

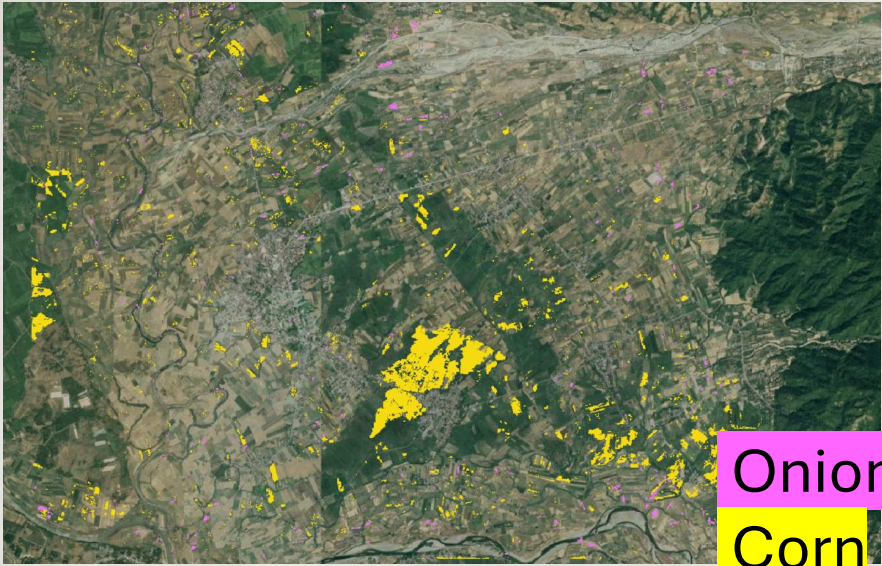
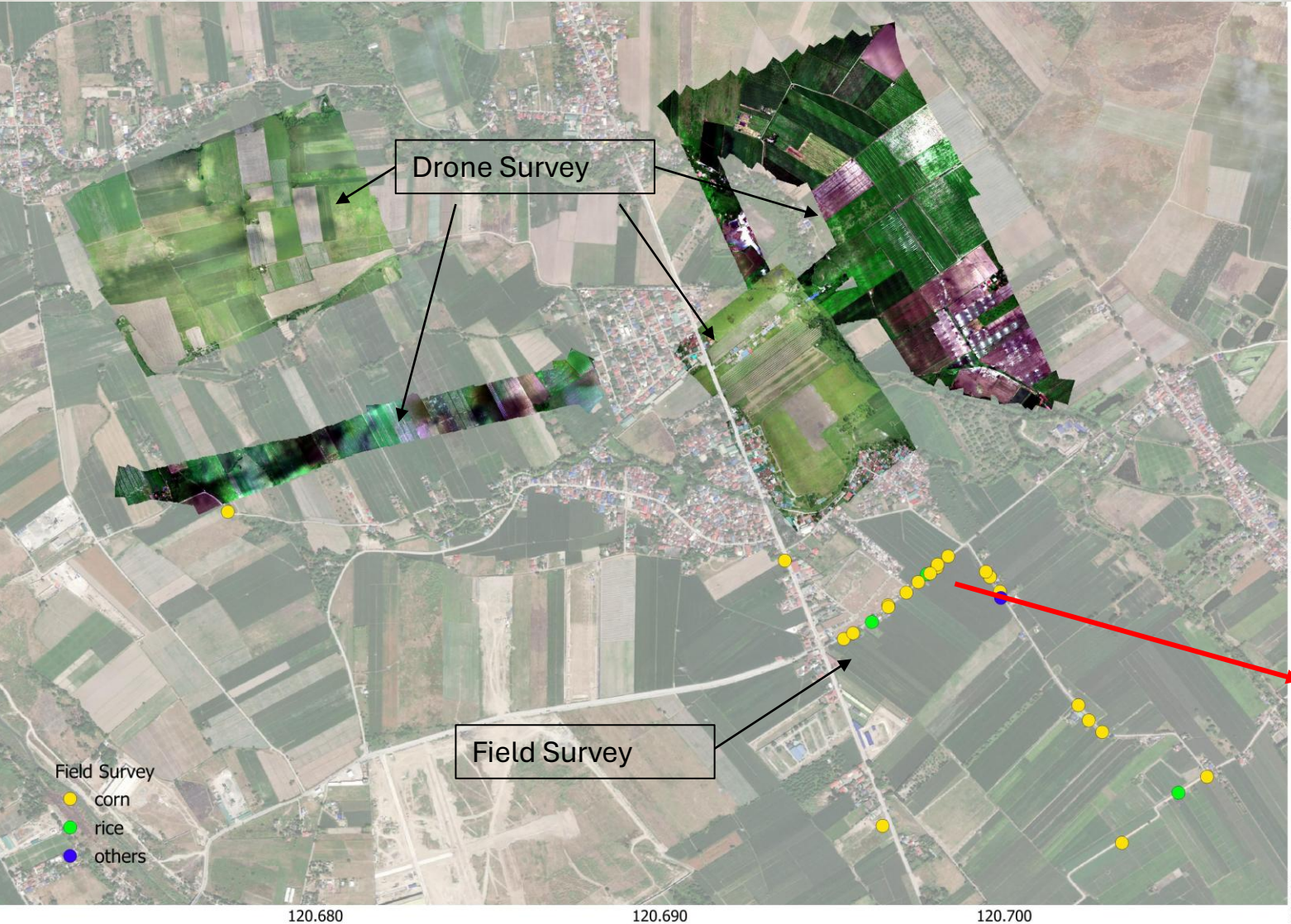
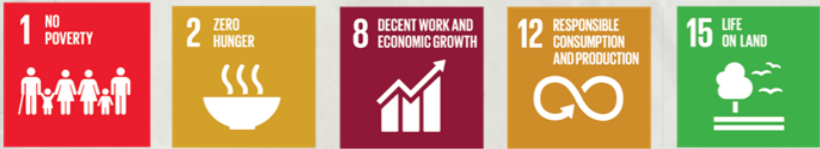


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# Corn Mapping



Field Point Data Sample

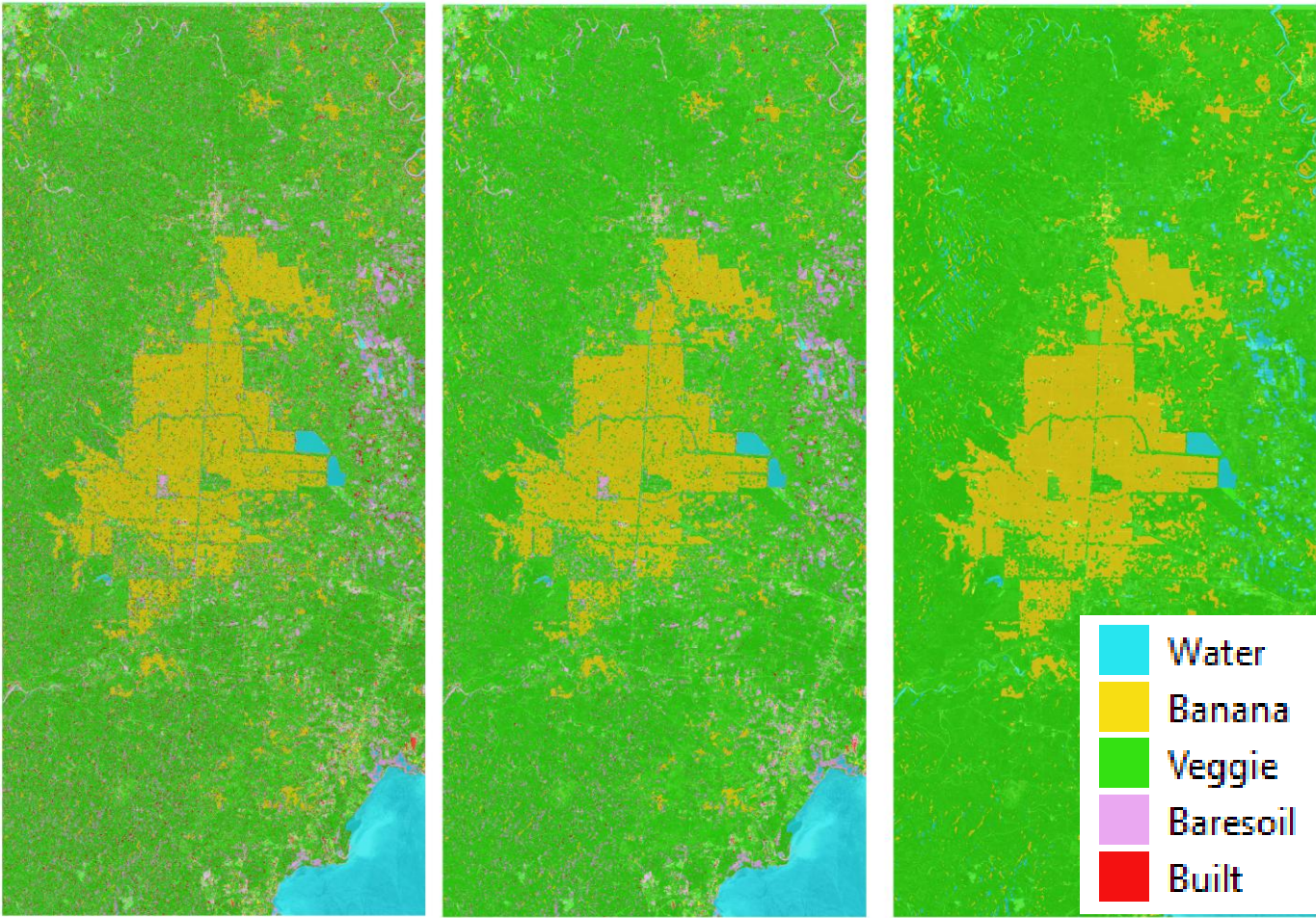
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# Banana Plantation Mapping

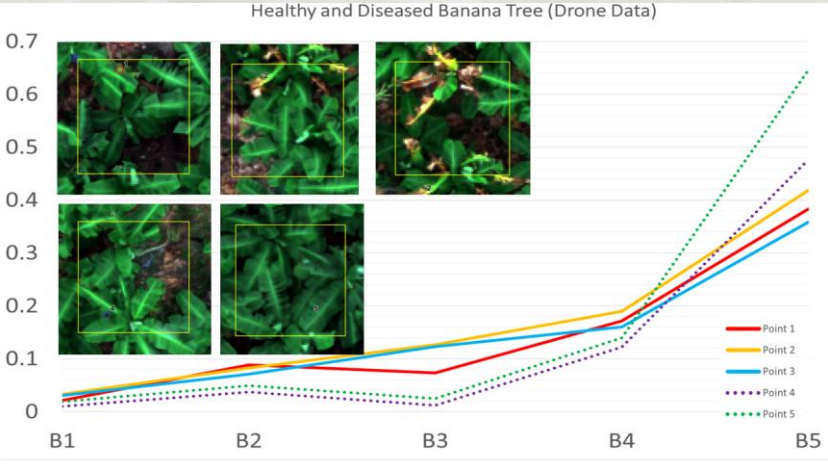
## Crop Mapping & Disease Detection



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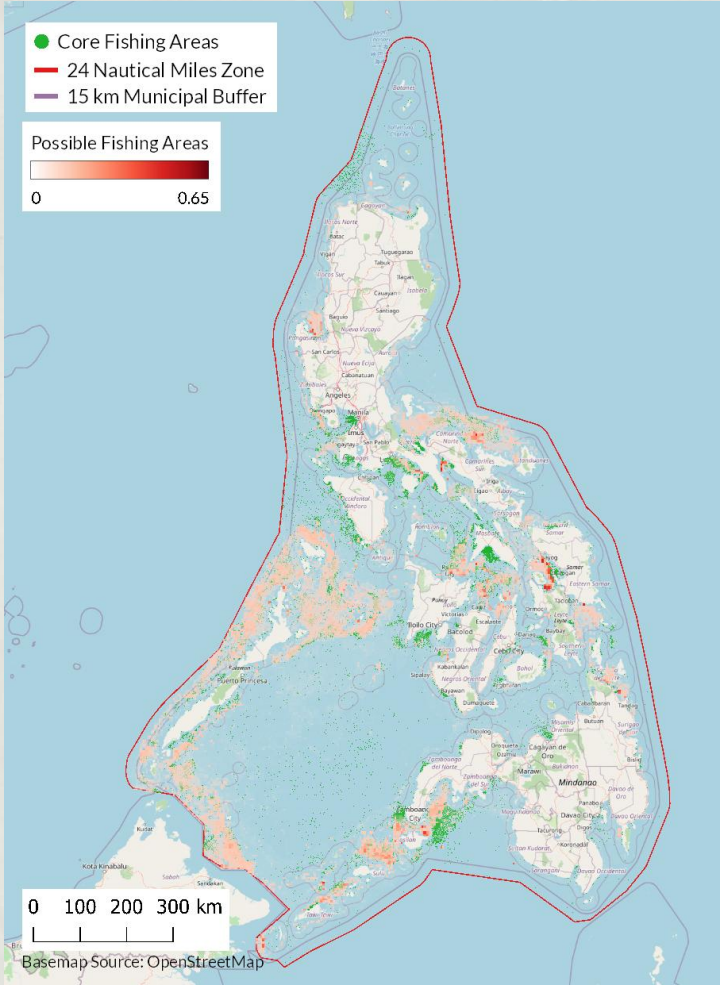
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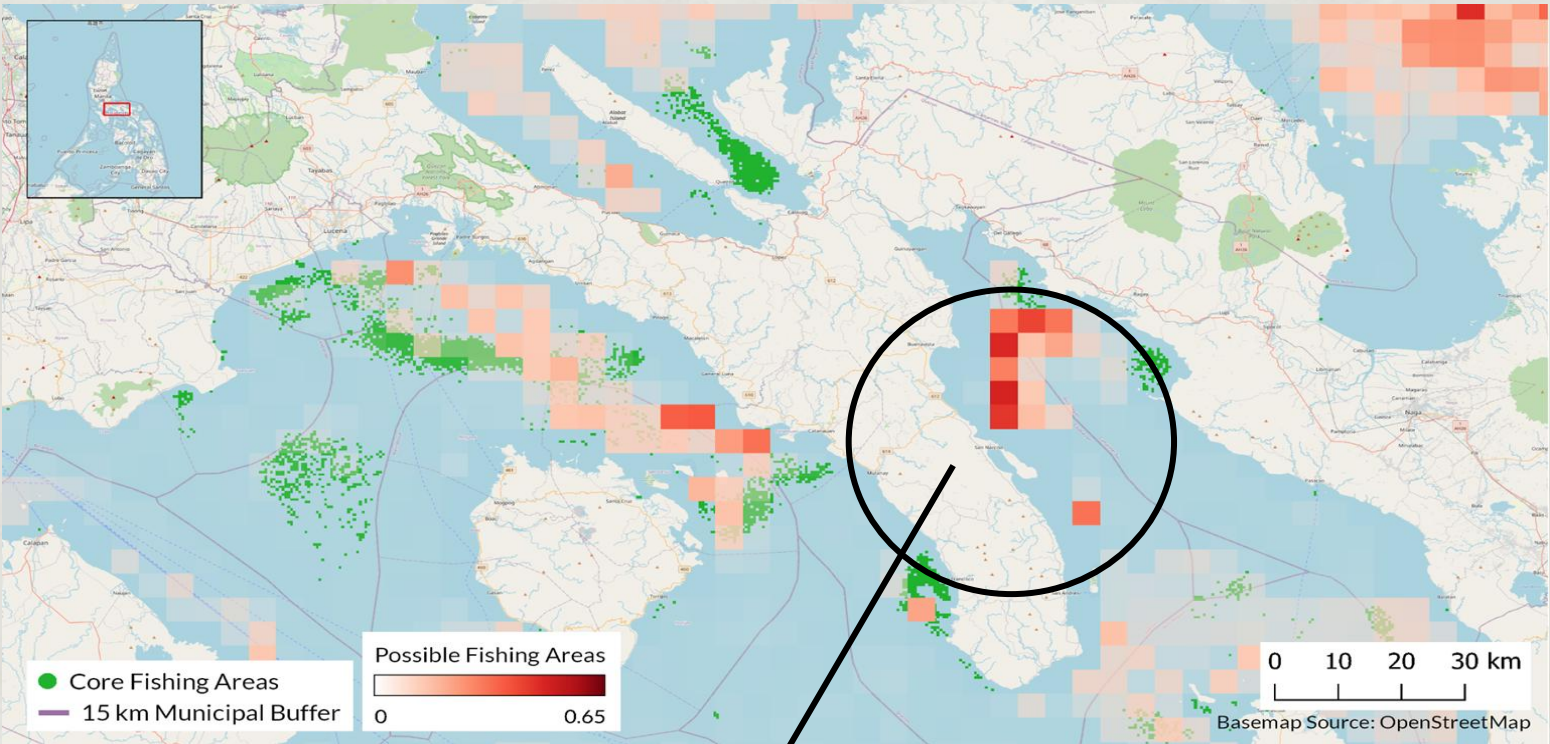




# Potential Fishing Zones Prediction



Preliminary Predicted Suitability Map along w/ the CFAs (Quezon and Marinduque)



Identification of NEW potential fishing zones within municipal waters in addition to known core fishing areas



# ***Monitoring Government Infrastructure***

Satellites can also be used to monitor infrastructure.



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# Infrastructure Monitoring

## Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) Construction progress



Brgy. Masadag, Sinait, Ilocos Sur  
Planet (3m resolution)

14 May 2023 Skysat (0.5m resolution)

28 March 2022



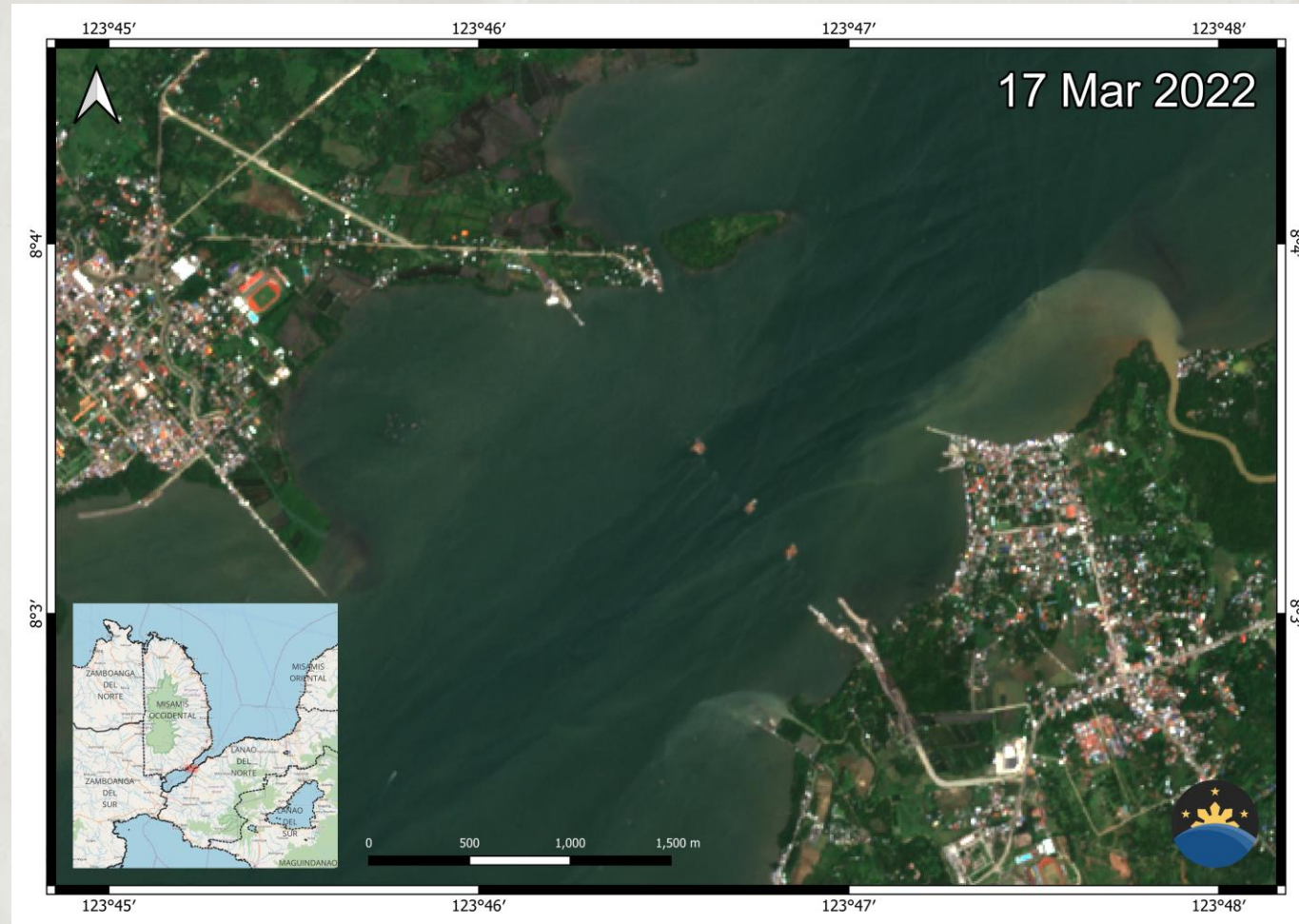
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# Infrastructure Monitoring

## Construction progress monitoring



Pangil Bay Bridge (Misamis Occidental-Lanao del Norte)  
Sentinel-2 (10m resolution)



Road Dike/Esplanade (Occidental  
Mindoro)  
Sentinel-2 Super-resolution (1m  
resolution)

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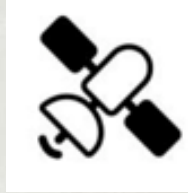




# The Space Value Chain



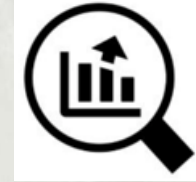
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## Supporting the Space Data Value Chain

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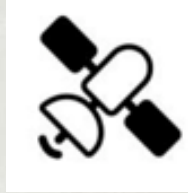




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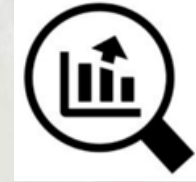
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# Ability to Mobilize and Act



Benthic Habitat



Land Use and Human Settlement Monitoring



Accelerated Electrification Plan



CopPhil Copernicus Administrative Arrangement



CopPhil Copernicus Technical Operating Arrangement



Digital Agri Project



Application of Japanese ALOS2/PALSAR2 Satellite Data for Environmental Monitoring Environment and Natural Disaster



Mindanao Socio-Economic Development



Protection and Management of Marine Biodiversity



Community, Conservation, and Natural Climate Solutions



Monitoring Power Assets



Analytics for Agri-Financing



Farming-related insurance



Digital Information for Monitoring and Evaluation



RGIN – use of GIS for regional development and planning



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Ursula von der Leyen  
European Commission President

"We're currently setting up a so-called **Copernicus data mirror site within the Philippine Space Agency**. And we have just signed an agreement **to boost the flow on Earth observation data between us**. This is very important for early warning, for example, for extreme weather phenomenon and to improve the climate resilience. **This is a first in space cooperation in Asia.**"

### CopPhil Pilot Projects

Ground Motion Monitoring

Land cover (LC) and Forest Mapping Service

Benthic Habitat Monitoring Service



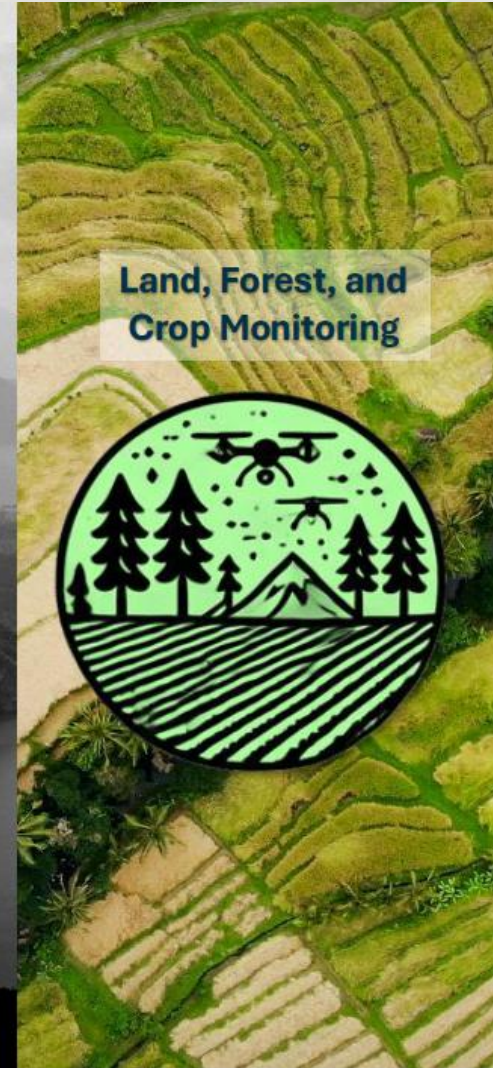
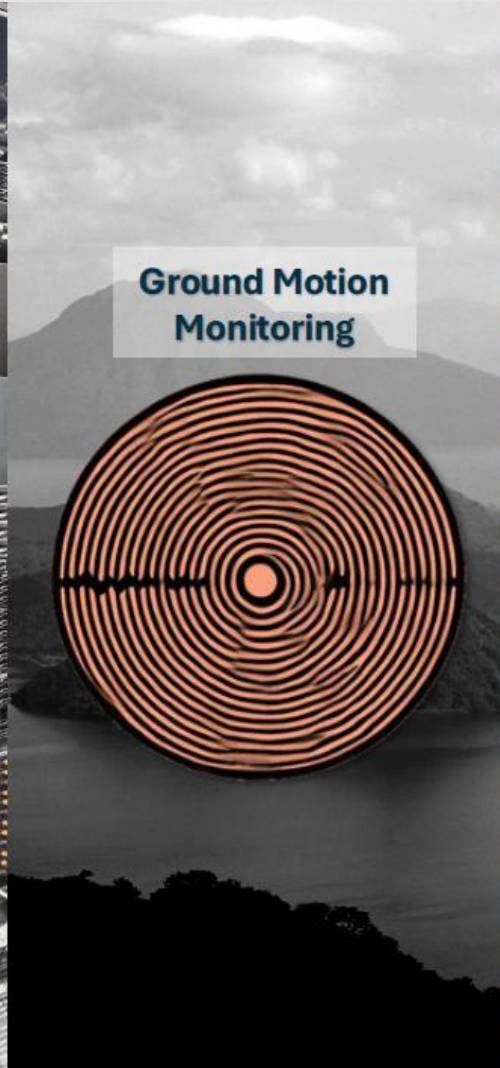
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Copernicus Technical Operating Agreement



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## Copernicus Mirror Site

- CopPhil **deployed a local infrastructure** dedicated to the efficient distribution of large datasets in a controlled cloud environment.
- Offering **open-source tools and a software** optimised for discovering, cataloguing, and using Earth Observation data
- The CopPhil Infrastructure provides **free, open, and immediately accessible information** services through a **Copernicus Data Centre**.

<https://infra.copphil.philsa.gov.ph/>



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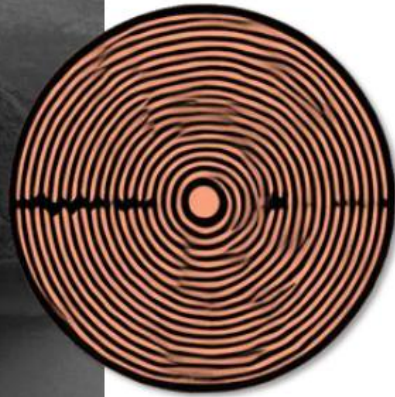
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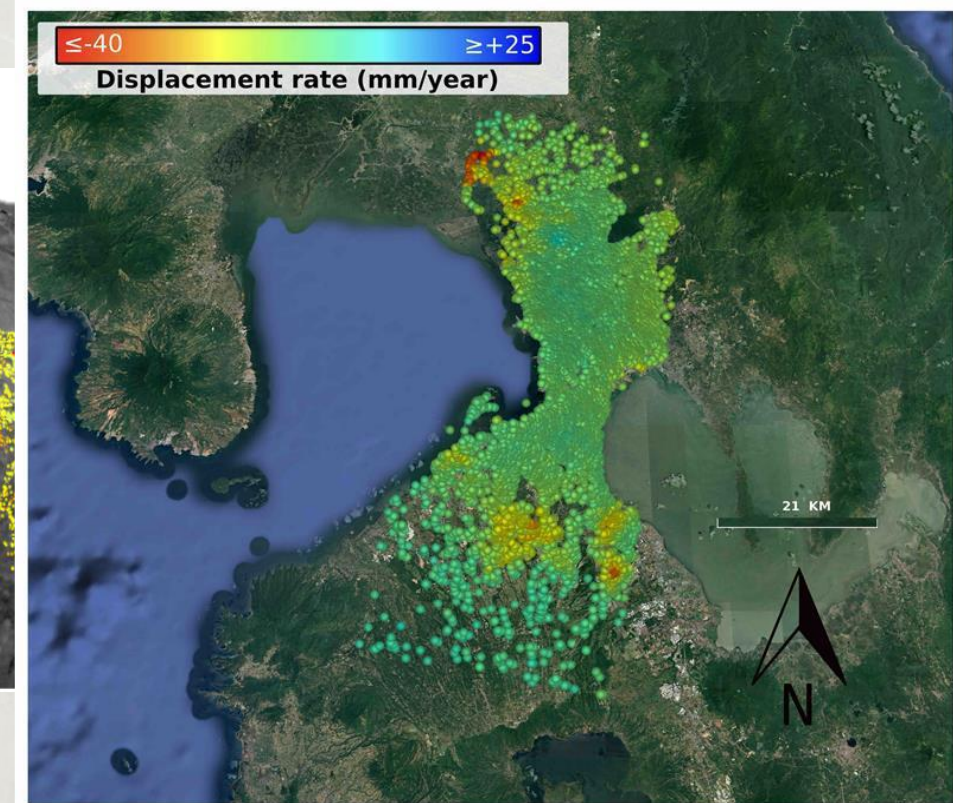
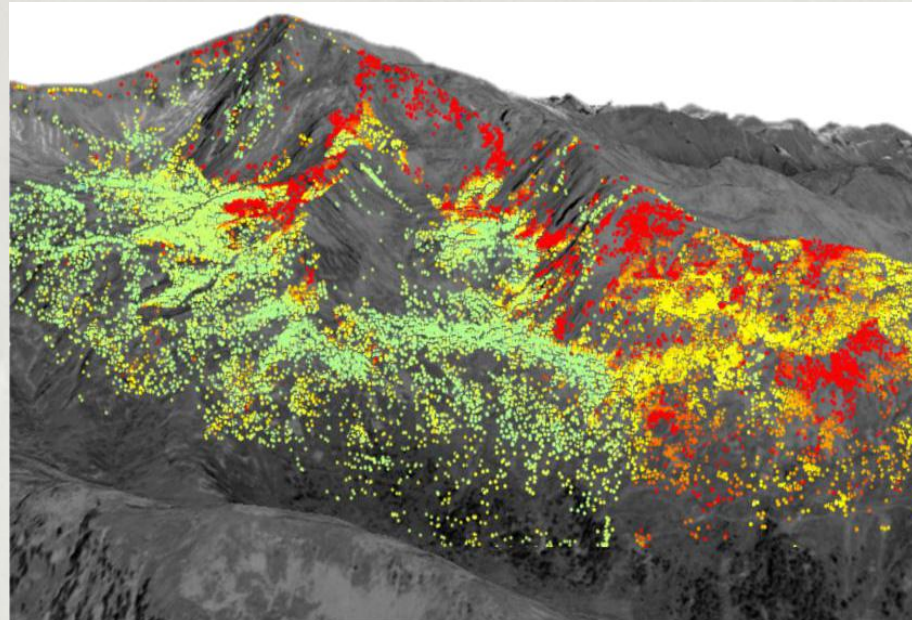
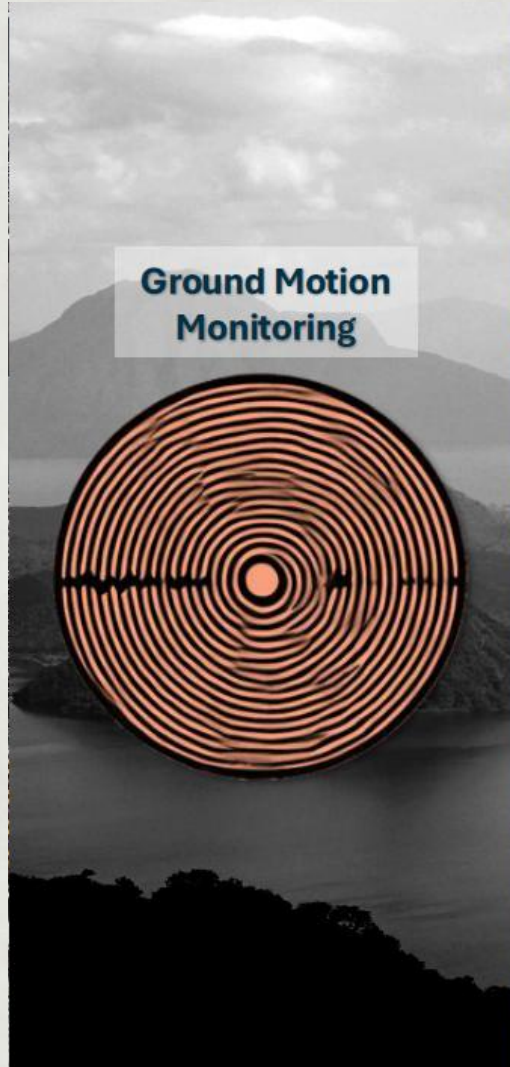
CopPhil EO Pilot Service

## Ground Motion Mapping



# National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines (CopPhil)

- Production of information layers on Earth Surface deformation
- Use Cases: landslides, subsidence, seismic, urban subsidence, and mining.





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## Land Cover, Forest, & Crop Mapping



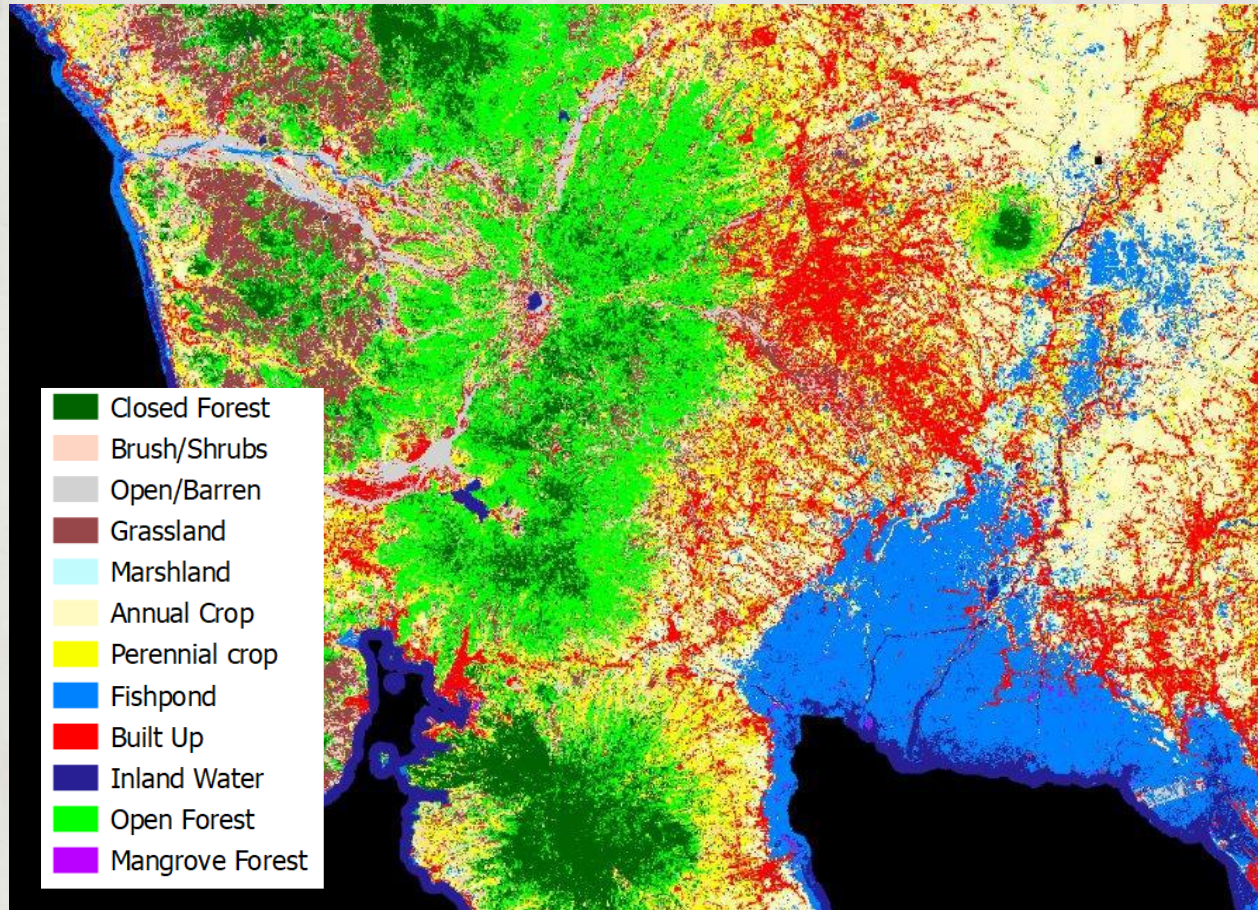
# National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines (CopPhil)

Product ID	Product	Processing resolution	Frequency of update
P2.1	Land cover map	10m	annual
P2.2	Land cover change map	20m	annual
P2.3	Tree cover density	50-100m	annual
P2.4	Forest area and type	10-30m	annual
P2.5	Near-Real Time Forest disturbance monitoring	10-30m	Weekly or Every 2 weeks <del>annual</del>
P2.6	Annual cropland extent	10m	annual
P2.7	Seasonal crop type	10m	annual

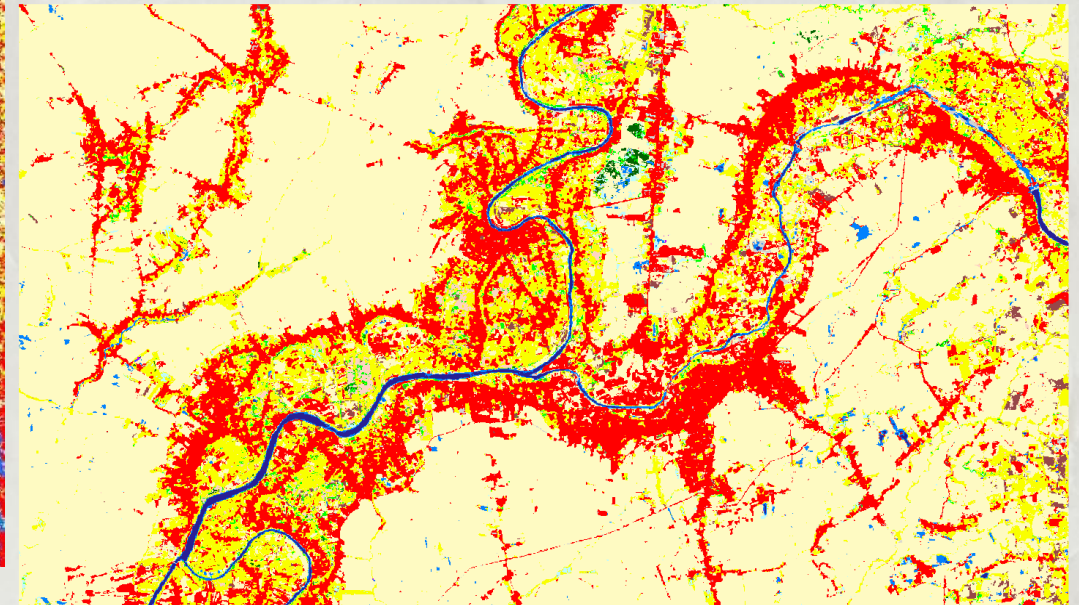
Pilot Implementation: Region III, XI, XIII



# National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines (CopPhil)



- Track urban expansion
- Urban Planning
- Monitor critical habitats
- Preserve biodiversity hotspots



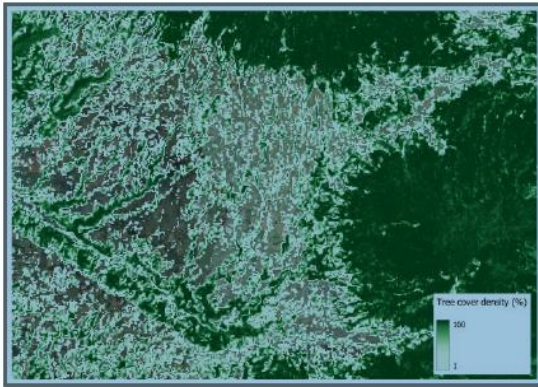


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## P2.3 Tree Cover Density (TCD)

Product v1 release: Nov 2024  
Integrated into CopPhil system



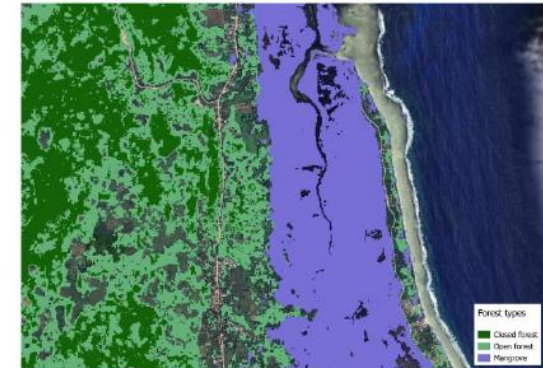
### Technical details:

Inputs: S2  
Method: Fractional vegetation cover algorithms and forest probability



## P2.4 Forest area and type

Product v1 release: Nov 2024 → v2 expected in May (based on co-development activities)  
Integrated into CopPhil system



### Technical details:

Inputs: S2 / DEM  
Method: Machine learning algorithm (Random Forest)  
Internal validation: >95%



## P2.5 Forest cover change

Product v1 release: Jan 2025  
Integration into CopPhil system in progress

### Technical details:

Inputs: S1 / DEM  
Method: CuSum algorithm





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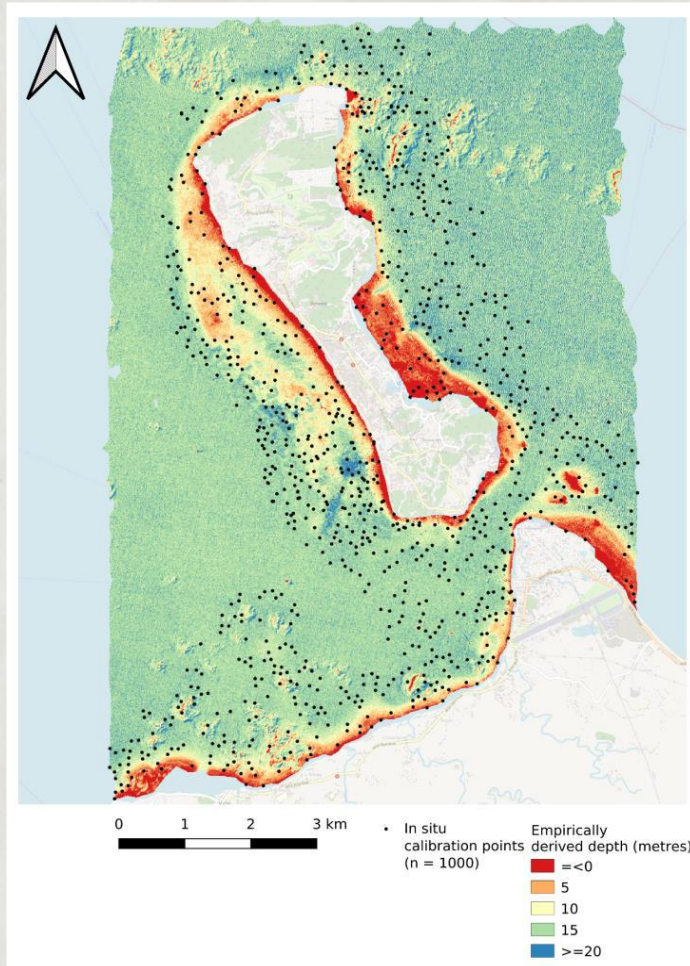
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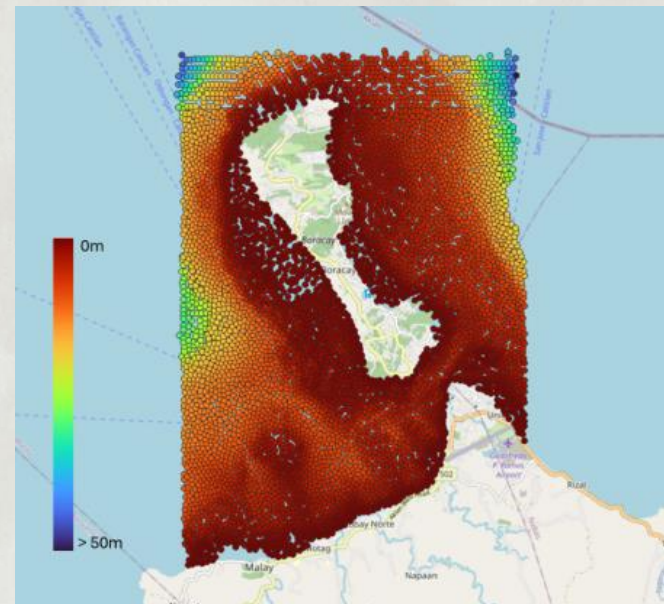
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## Satellite Derived Bathymetry (SDB)



*SDB is not considered suitable for IHO nautical charts used in navigation, but ...*

- Fill-in data gaps in shallow areas
- Monitor evolution of shallow water features e.g. sandbars
- To enable depth-segregated zonal benthic mapping



NAMRIA Bathymetric data

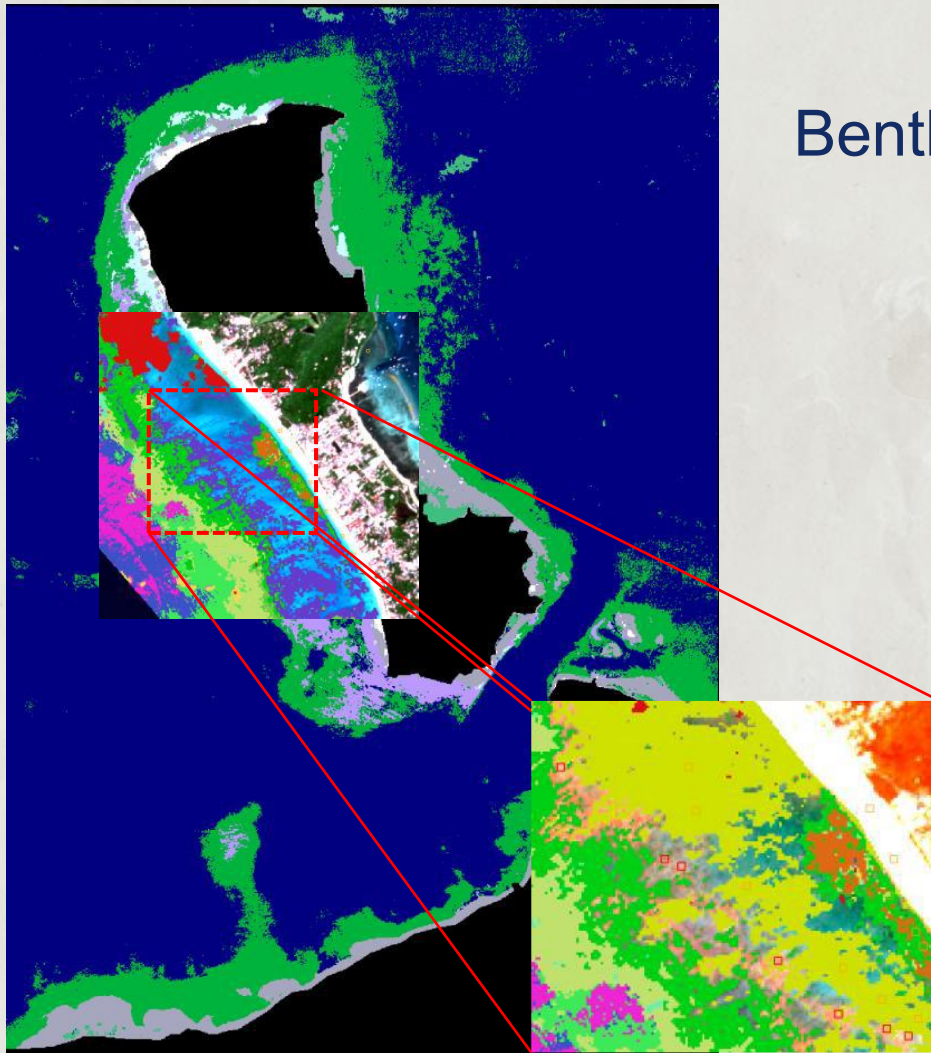


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## Benthic Habitat Mapping

Potential applications:

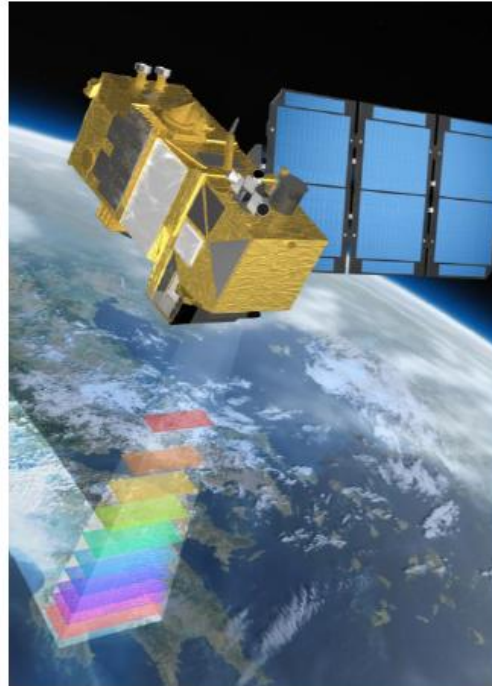
- Coral bleaching detection and monitoring
- Mapping of regional benthic seascapes
- Assessment of Blue Carbon



*Benthic Classification of  
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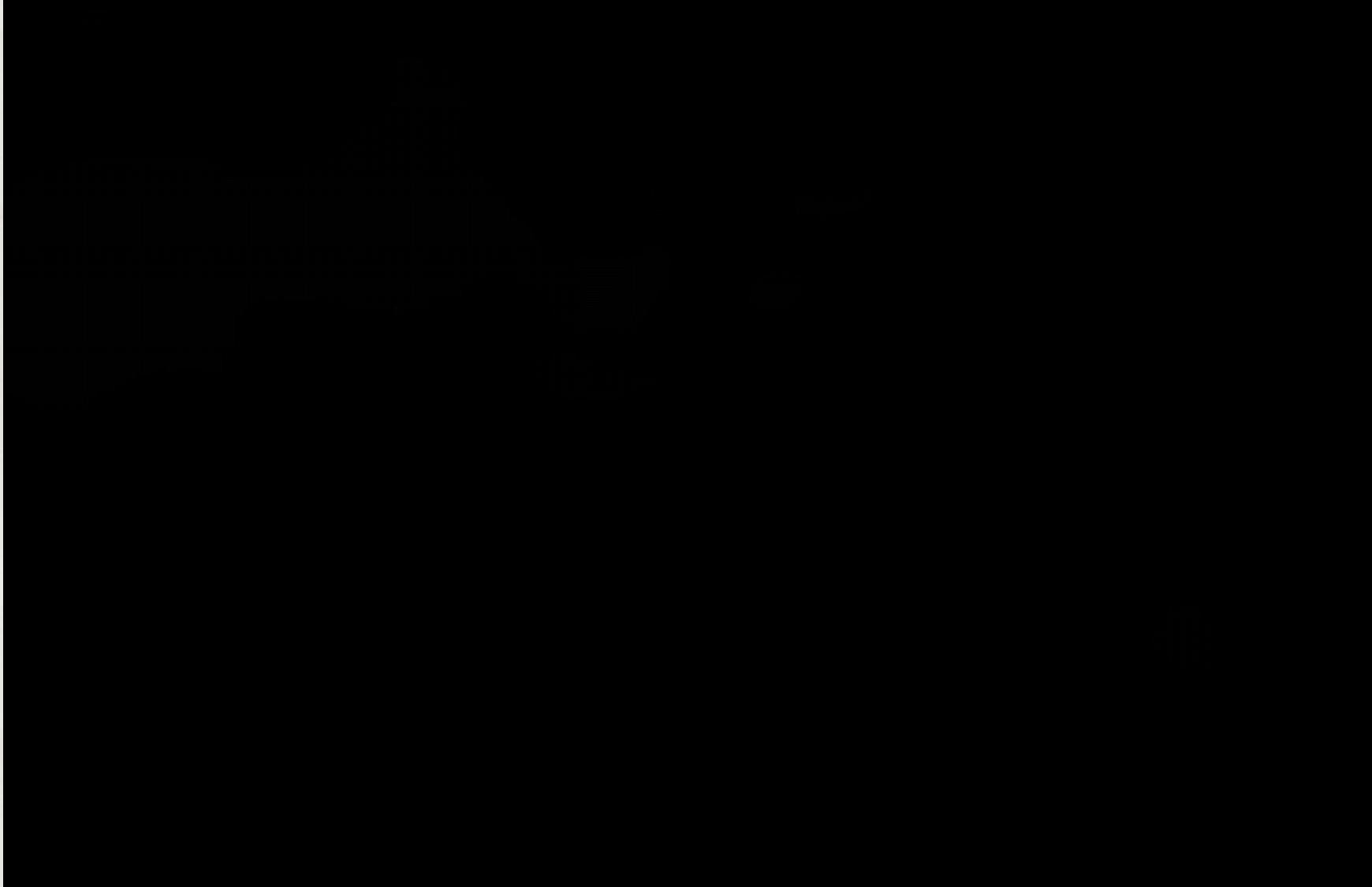


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