

SWOS - Satellite-based Wetland Observation Service

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Wetland Ecosystem services

Wetlands are the most fragile and threatened ecosystems

64% of wetlands lost since 1900

76% of freshwater plants and animals dissappeard in the last 40 years

(WWF Living Planet report)



- Water supply & purification
- Erosion control
- Flood and drought risk reduction
- Food supply
- Recreation areas
- Climate change mitigation / Carbon sequestration

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment gave wetlands a value of US\$15 trillion in 1997

(http://wwf.panda.org/about_our_earth/about_freshwater/intro/value)













Satellite data for wetland mapping:

- 1. World wide available
- 2. Long term programs
- 3. Historical data from 70ies
- 4. Weather independent (Radar data)
- 5. For free



Landsat and S2 for wetland monitoring



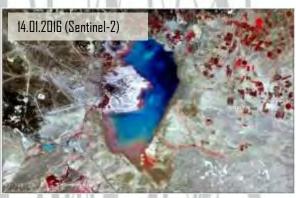




The temporal scale: Monitoring of long term changes / decreasing water table (Dead Sea, Jordan/Israel)







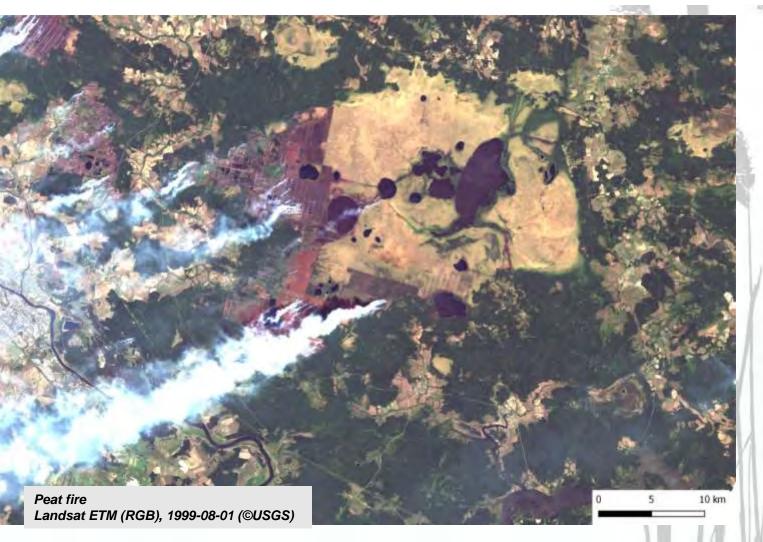
The temporal scale: **Monitoring of short term changes** / wetland characteristics (Azraq Oasis, Jordan)

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Peatland Fires in Russia, Tver

After extensive peat and forest fires in 2010, affecting especially Moscow region, Russia has rewetted 65,000 ha of drained peatlands in the Moscow region (involving 100million Euro) to prevent further fires.





Russia, Tundra, Nenets Autonomous Okrug

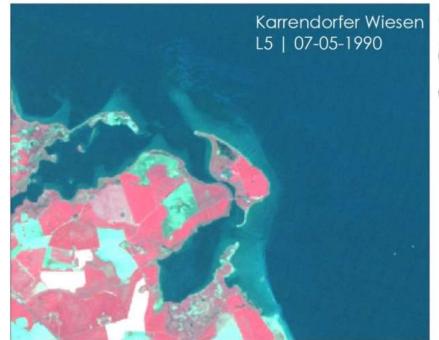
The Nenets Autonomous Okrug (NAO) and the Komi Republic contains the main part of frozen or permafrost peatlands in north-east Russia, these areas are considered to be the key carbon pool of the globe



Melting Process, R: 27-05-2017, G: 08-06-2017, B: 20-06-2017, VV polarization, descending orbit (©Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel - data 2017)

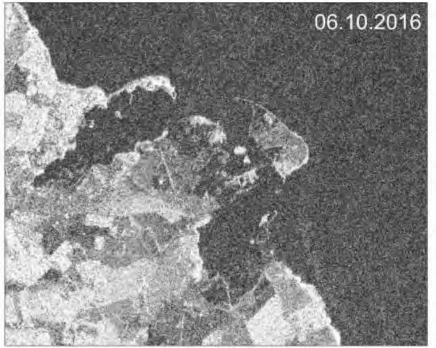


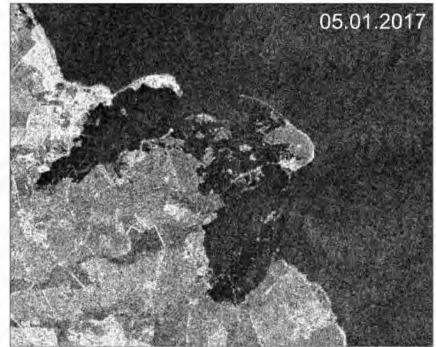


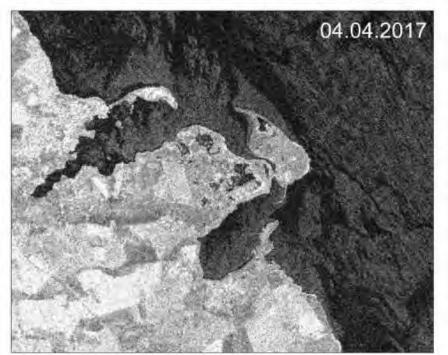












Overview Karrendorfer Wiesen - Radar

Grid

Projection: UTM 33N Spheroid: WGS84 Datum: WGS84

Satellite

Satellite: Sentinel 1A Pixel size: 10m

Acquisition dates: 2016-10-06, 2017-01-05,

2017-04-04

Data source: Sentinel-1 @ ESA

Copyrights

Creation: 2017-06-27

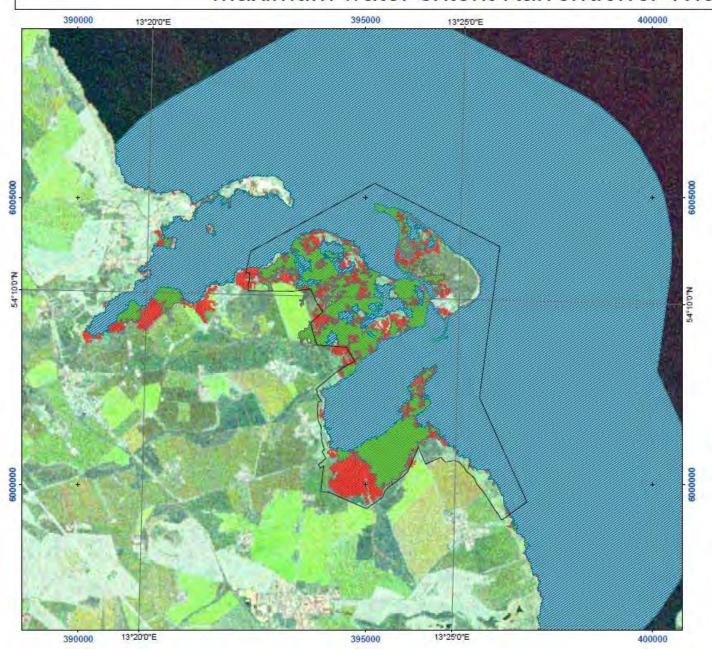
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Maximum water extent Karrendorfer Wiesen



Legend

Nature reserve border Water extent 04.04.2107 Flooded area 05.01.2017

Flooded area 06.10.2016

Background information

This map depicts the maximum water extent at two given dates and is produced using Sentinel-1 satellite images.

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SWOS test sites







SWOS Training WS in Munich next week (**16-18 Jan. 2018**) with 50 participants from 23 countries

Maps and indicators production

Software delivery

Training/Capacity Building

Portal (Middleware/Data broker/Clients)

- Integrated Risk and <u>Water Resource</u> <u>Management</u>
- From local to global incl Transboundary <u>Wetland monitoring management</u>, management <u>policy and restoration</u>
- Habitats Directive Article 17 reporting
- Peatland monitoring
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands local and national reporting
- SDG 6.1.1 local to national reporting
- <u>MAES</u> wetland ecosystem and ecosystem <u>service mapping</u>

Service components

Service demonstration via Multilevel Service cases



From Satellite images to maps

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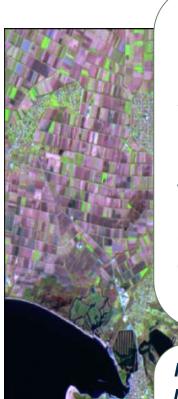
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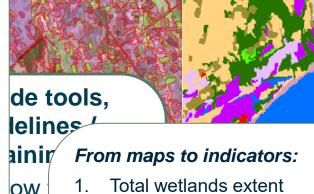


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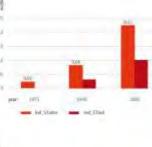
- Land Use Land Cover
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- 3. Water Cycle Regime
- Inventory and delineation
- Surface temperature
- 6. Water quality
- 7.

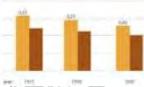
Radar data / S1 for wetland mapping:

- Surface water dynamics
- Inventory and delineation
- 3. Soil Moisture



- Total wetlands extent
- Change in wetland area
- Change to Agriculture & Urbanization
- Wetlands artificialization and degradation
- Status of Wetland Threats
- **Extent of Open Water**
- Status and Trend of Water Quality
- **Ecosystem Fragmentation**
- Wetland Ecosystem Services







SWOS Software Toolbox

Functions

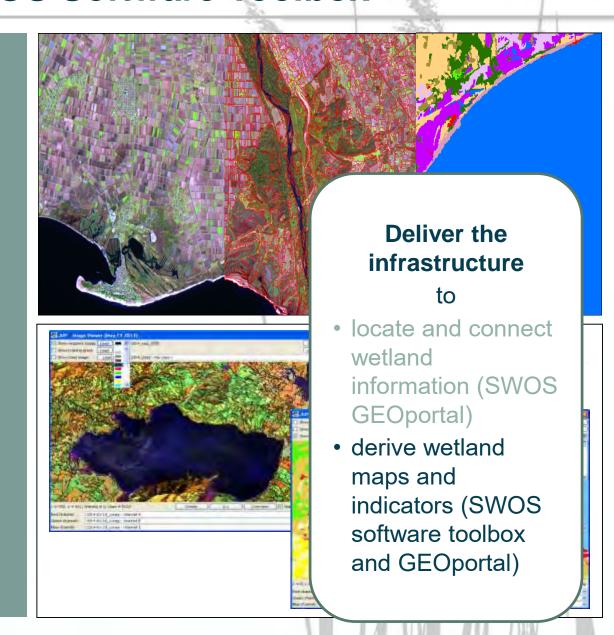
- EO data processing (Optical + SAR)
- Map product generation
- Indicator calculation

Easy integration of

- Local knowledge for supervised classification and interpretation
- Standardized nomenclatures

Available as

- Standalone version (GUI & command line)
- Integrated in external software e.g. ArcGIS, Interaction of external tools
- GEO classifier Cloud processing

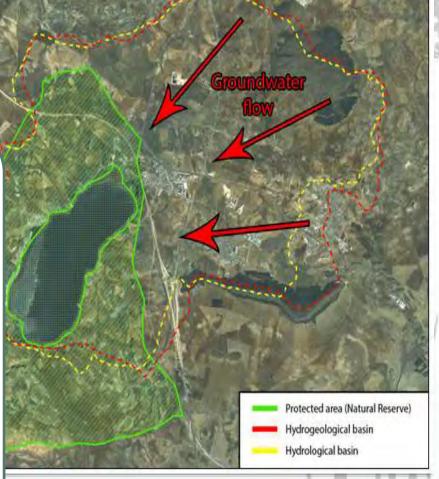




Delimitation of the mapping area

Define standards for

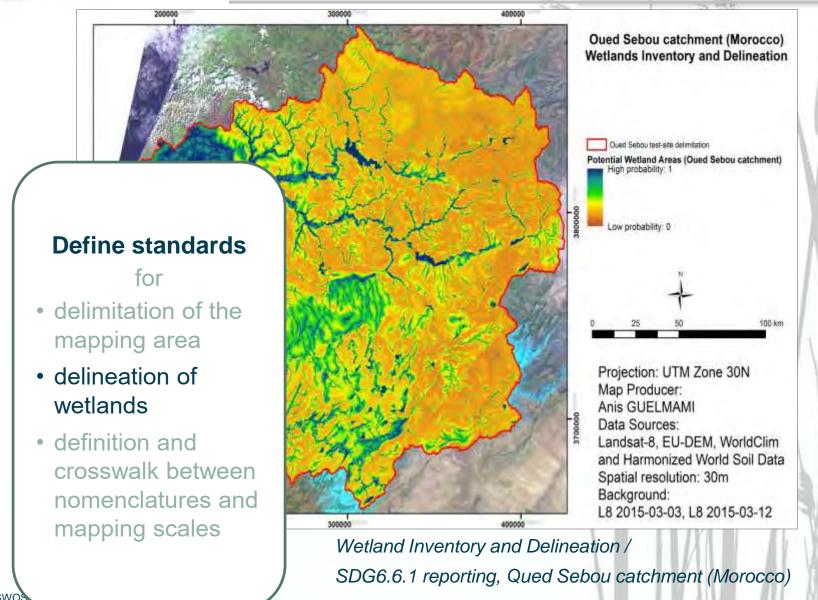
- delimitation of the mapping area
- delineation of wetlands
- definition and crosswalk between nomenclatures and mapping scales



e natural reserve vs the area of hydrological cycle.



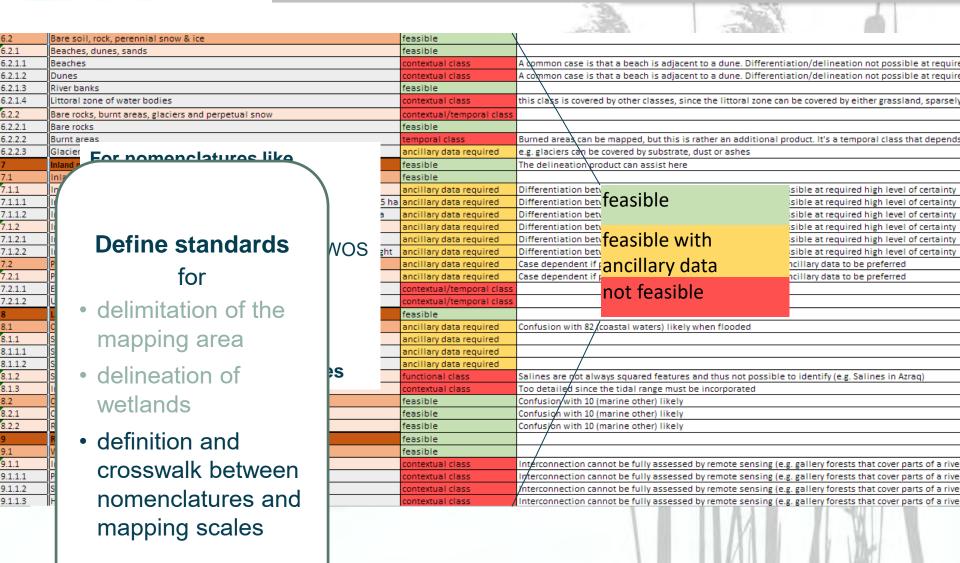
Delineation of Wetlands





Crosswalk between nomenclatures

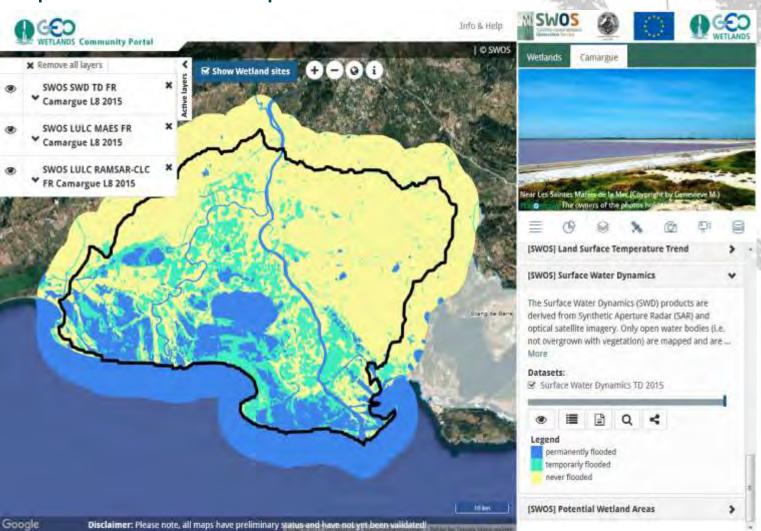
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SWOS Portal

http://swos-service.eu/swos-portal/



SWOS Portal = GEOwetlands

Community
Portal

Access to

- •SWOS products
- global and European wetland related data sources

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Analysis functions

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The H2020 project "Satellite based Wetland Observation Service (SWOS)" developed a <u>service</u> and <u>free available tools</u> for

- local to global satellite based monitoring of
 - the ecological character of wetlands
 - threats
 - degradation
 - o restoring measures
- wetland inventory and delineation as it can be applied e.g. for
 - SDG 6.6.1 or Ramsar reporting
 - Negotiation with stakeholders and decision makers
 - Planning of restoring measures
- Close cooperation with Ramsar (UNFCCC, UNCBD)



GEOwetland leadership





The value of Wetlands



Wetlands give us ecosystem services for free!

SWOS delivers <u>infrastructure</u> for monitoring and provides a <u>basis for decision making and actions!</u>

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