

ECOPOTENTIAL: Un viaggio tra cielo e Terra

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ECOPOTENTIAL

Improving future ecosystem benefits through
Earth Observations



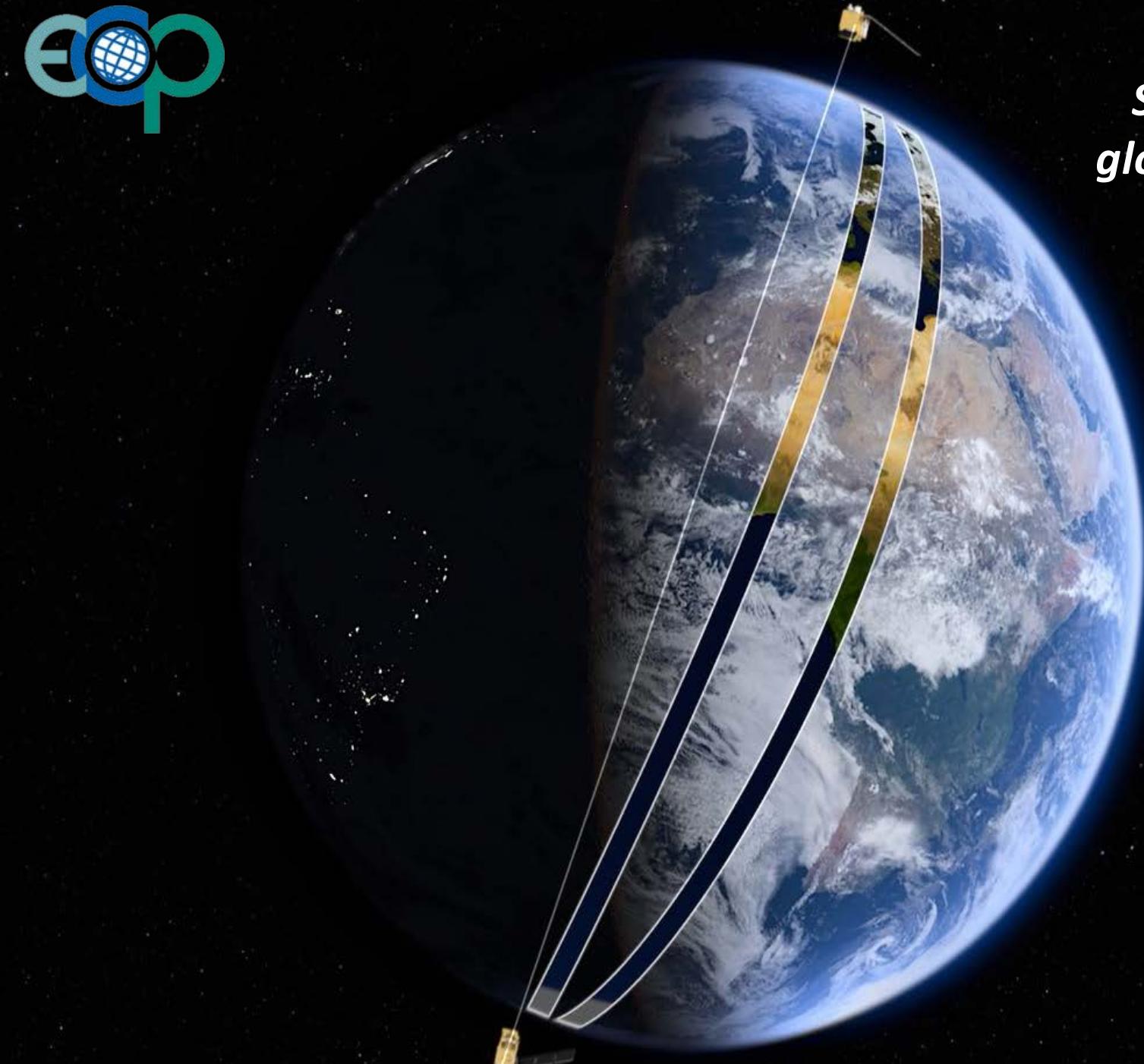
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*The H2020 project ECOPOTENTIAL:
Improving Ecosystem benefits through
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*Copernicus
Sentinel 2a-2b
global coverage*





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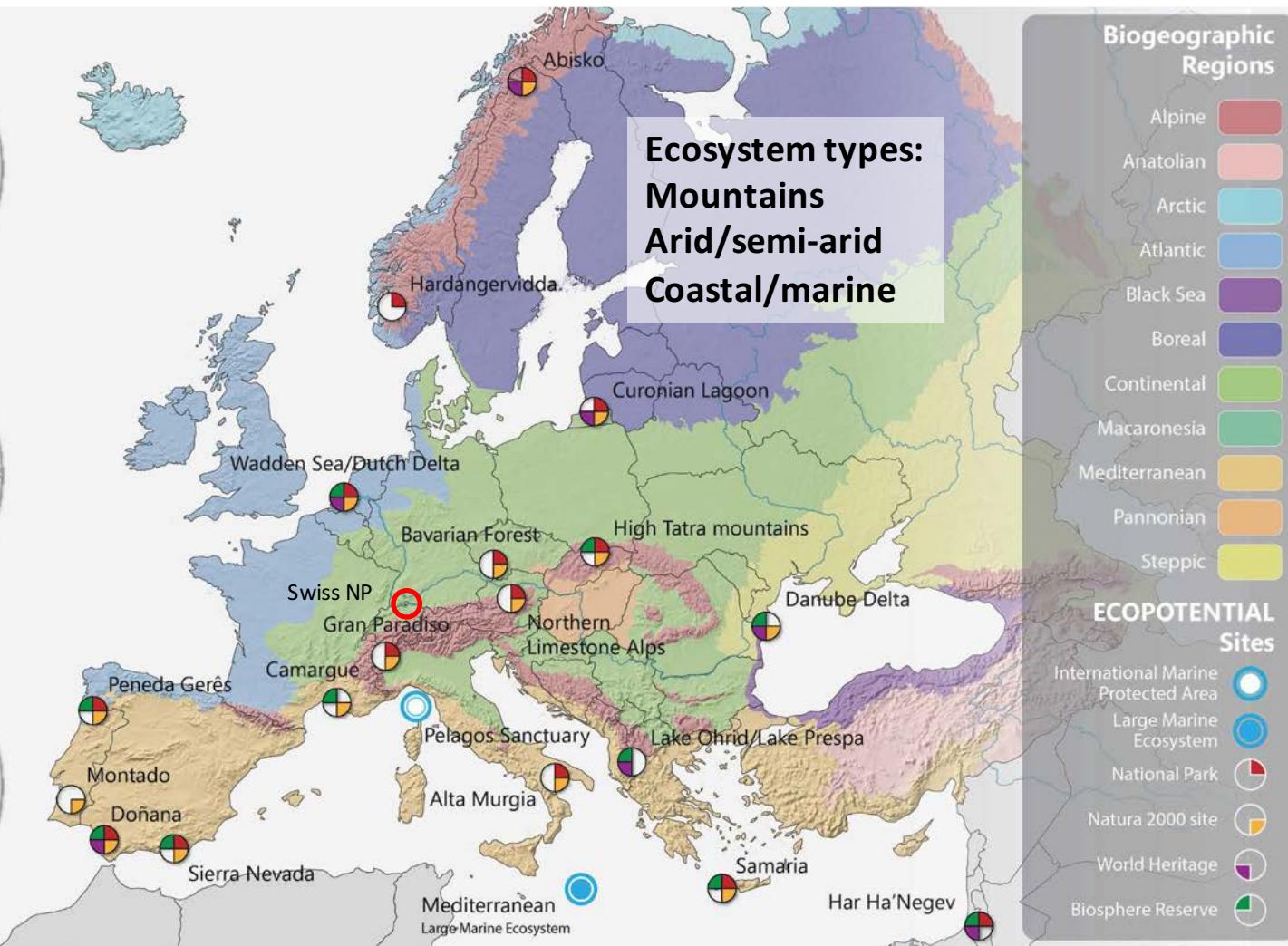
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Working in partnership with 23 Protected Areas in Europe and beyond



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ECOPOTENTIAL in a nutshell

ECOPOTENTIAL studies ecosystems status, functions, processes, changes and services in protected areas using Earth observation

Builds ecological **models** capable of assimilating EO and in-situ data, capable to include uncertainty estimates

Estimates **current and future state** of ecosystems
aimed to **Knowledge driven management of Protected Areas**

Main pillars regarding use and production of data:



Use existing Earth Obs. data

use of COPERNICUS data



Generate **EO data products**

Make data open and available through **GEO/GEOSS**



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GEO: an intergovernmental body that promotes open Earth Observation data availability, access and use

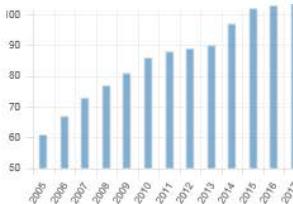


Number of Members (2017)

Africa: 27
Americas: 16
Asia/Oceania: 21
C.I.S.: 7
Europe: 34

Total: 105

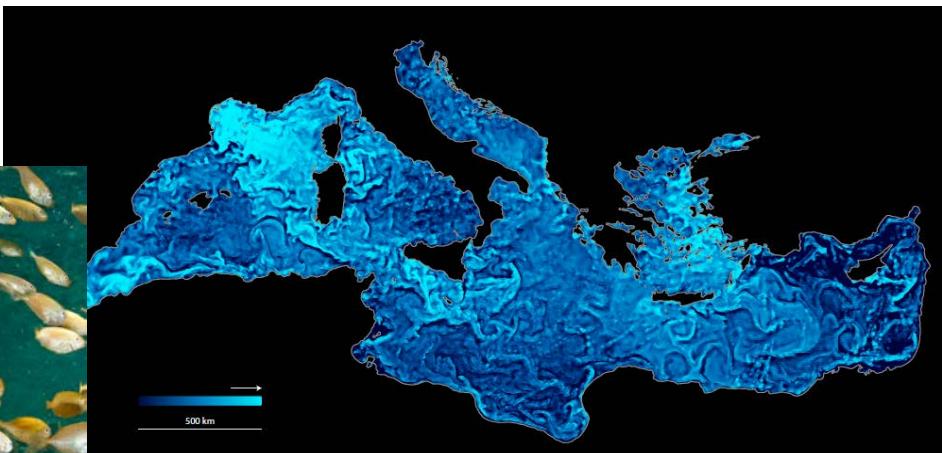
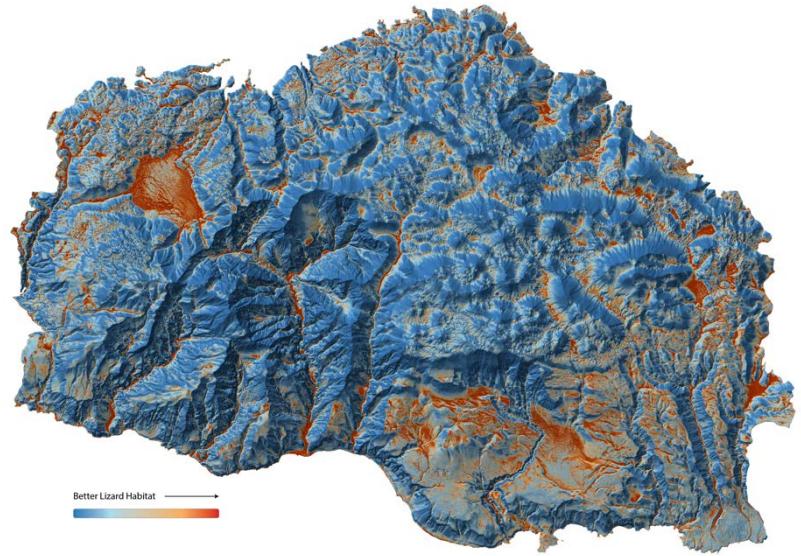
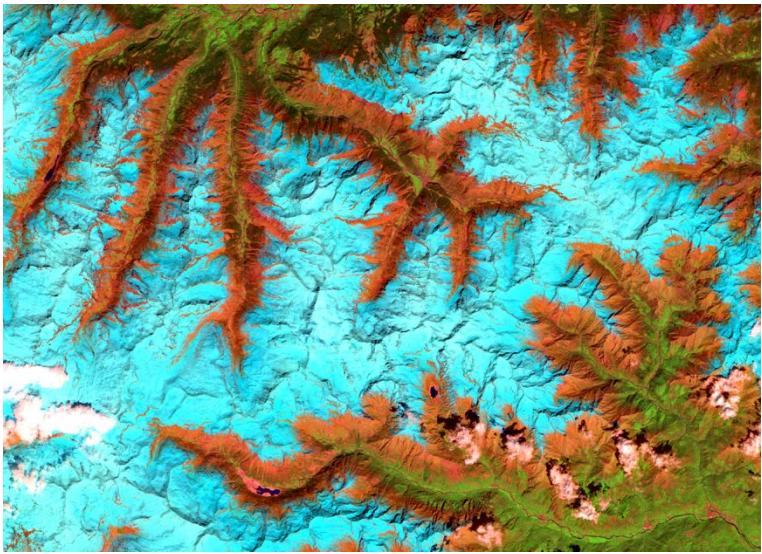
Number of Members by year



<https://www.earthobservations.org>



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2 ECOPOTENTIAL products

EODESM
Earth Observation Data
for Ecosystem Monitoring



Doñana Limits
 Doñana Hydroperiod
 total days an areas is covered by water to 20/12/2016

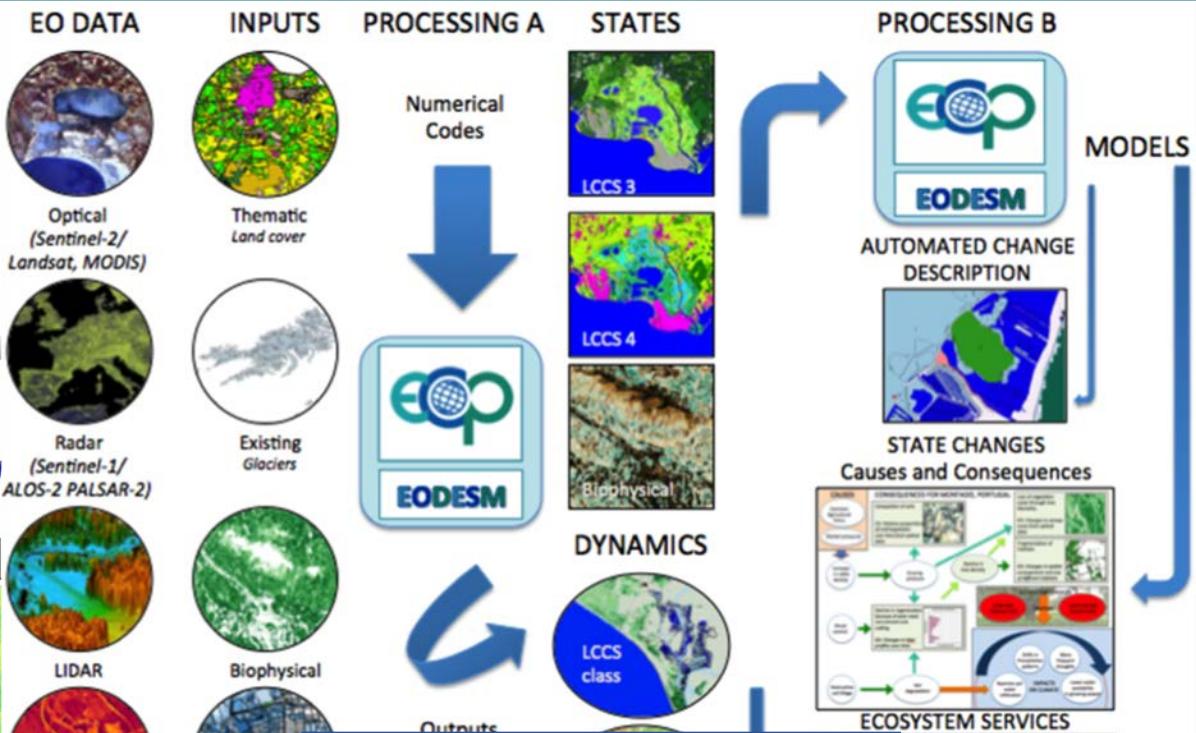
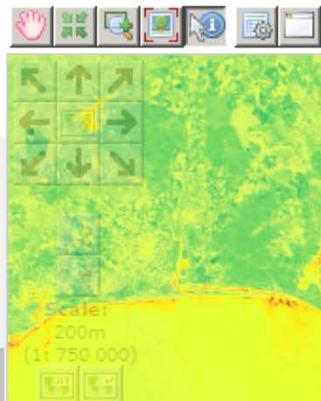
10	101	192	283
28	119	210	301
46	137	228	319
65	156	247	338
83	174	265	356

Doñana Hydroperiod S
 Donana LULC

Land use/cover
 Artificial Surface
 Cultivated Aquatic Vegetated
 Cultivated Terrestrial Vegetated
 Natural Aquatic Vegetated
 Natural Surface
 Natural Terrestrial Vegetated
 Natural Water

Pheno Metrics Product (MODIS)
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PROTECTED ECOPotential view

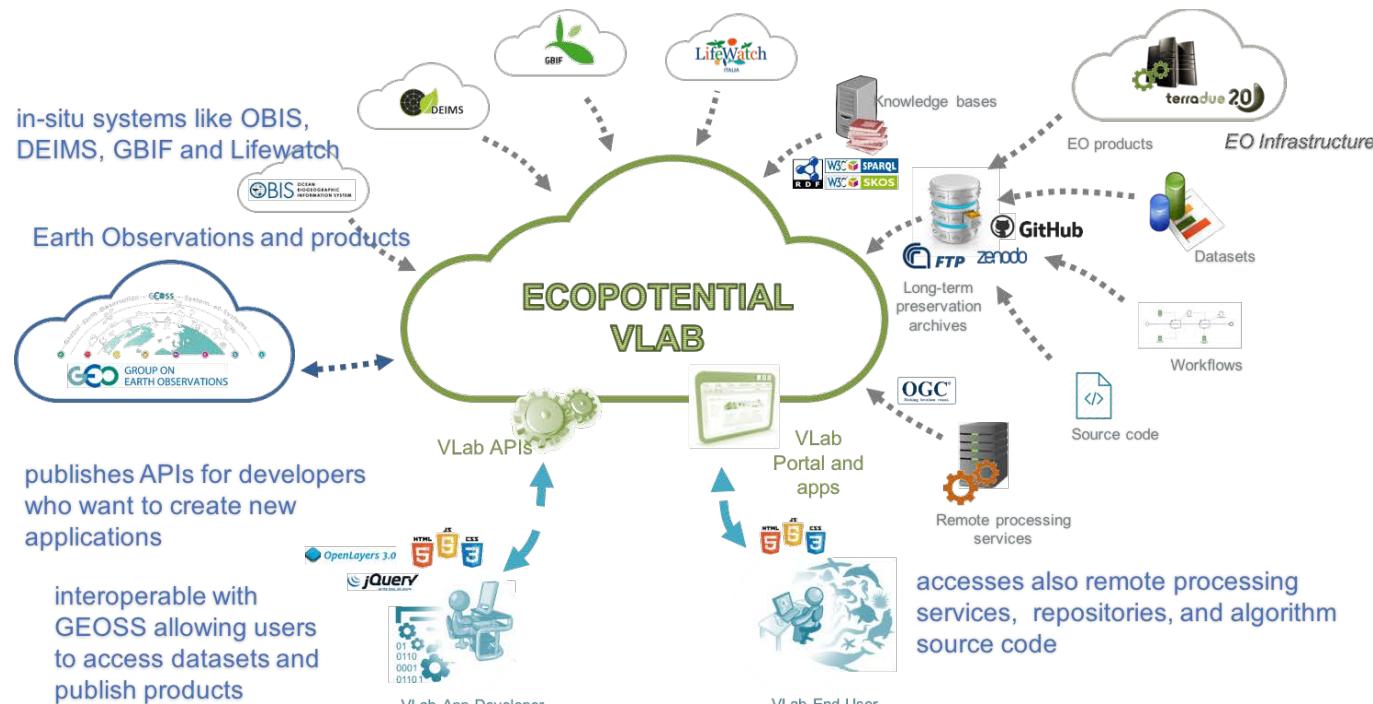


Credit: R. Lucas (UNSW), D4.2



Protected Areas
from Space:
<http://maps.ecopotential-project.eu/>

a cloud-based virtual platform enabling information access and knowledge generation for the ecosystem science community of practice.



Users can access and run workflows enabling knowledge generation for selected storylines

Users can access data, information and knowledge on ecosystems, protected areas and related storylines (scenarios)



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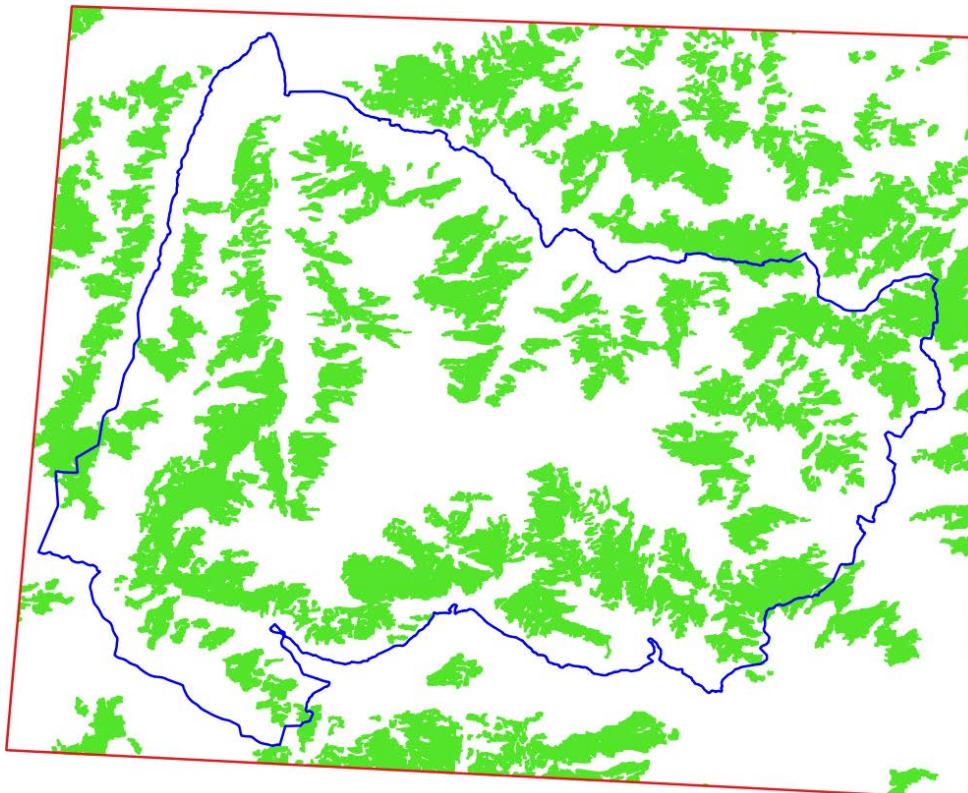
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«Gran Paradiso»: Copernicus (semi-) Natural Grasslands

in verde ($\approx 312 \text{ km}^2$ nell'area analizzata; 178 km^2 nel parco) - tempo T₁

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- Data: 2012
- Risoluzione spaziale: 20 metri



*Ecosistema montano:
grassland alpino*

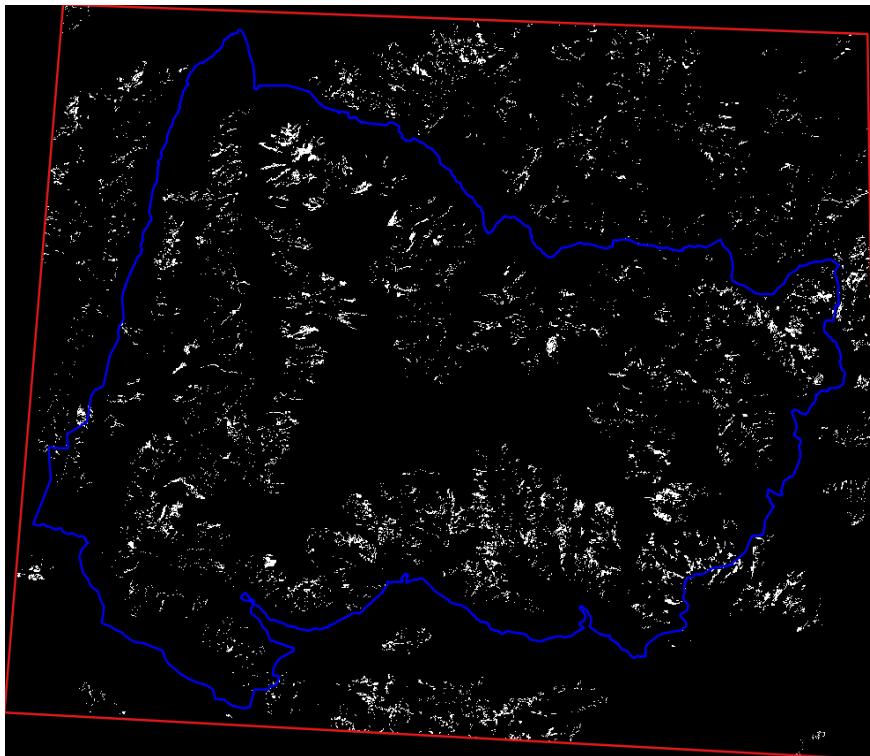


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«Gran Paradiso»: Mappa dei cambiamenti per il (semi-) Natural Grasslands in altro dal 2012 al 2016



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Limite PA

Area Analizzata

Cambiamenti del (semi-) Natural Grasslands in Altro

Nessun Cambiamento/Area non considerata

≈25 km² di cambiamento dal 2012 al 2016 pari a ≈ 14% del (semi-) Natural Grasslands esistente al tempo T1 nella PA.

OA % = 91.88 ± 0.15%

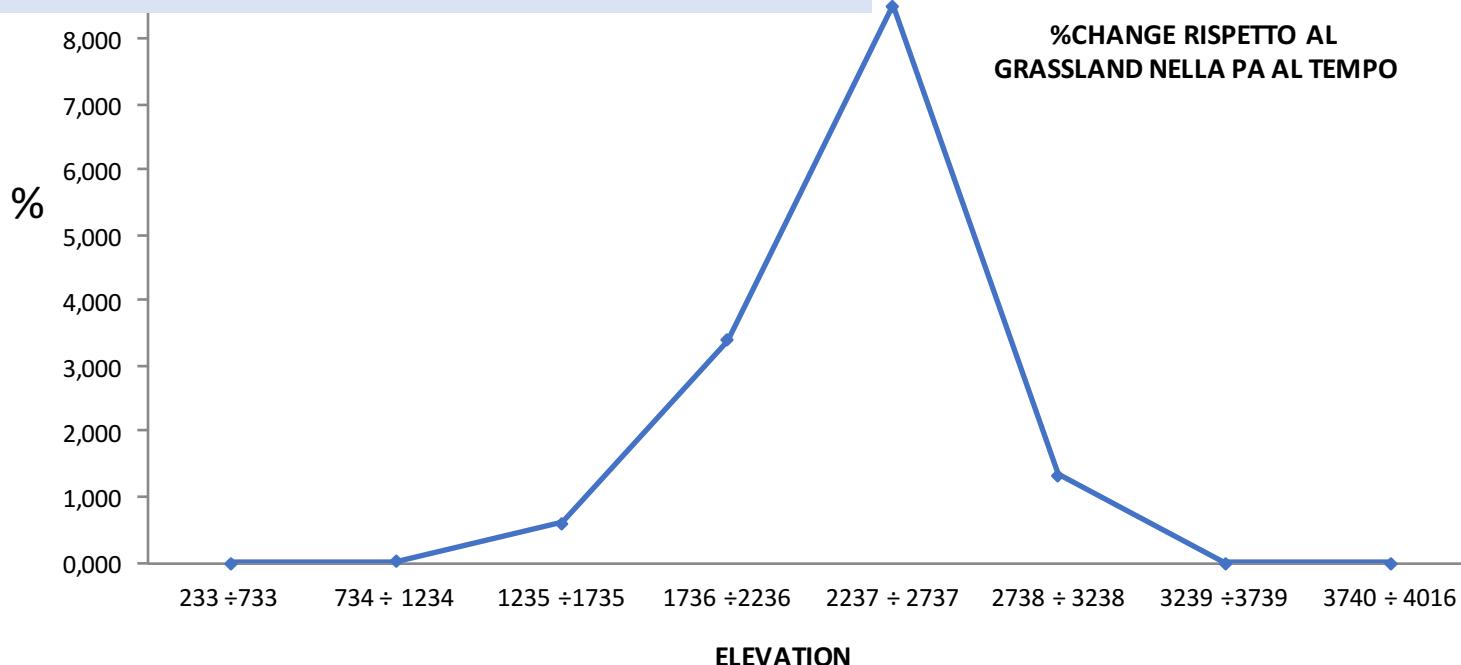
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«Gran Paradiso»: Trend del cambiamento per il (semi-) Natural Grasslands
in altro dal 2012 al 2016 vs. fasce di quota (passo: 500 metri)

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Il grasslands tra la zona sub-alpina e quella alpina risulta l' habitat maggiormente soggetto al cambiamento. In tale zona si colloca la "treeline" in cui sono attesi i maggiori cambiamenti dovuti sia al cambiamento climatico che all'abbandono delle attività agro-pastorali (causa del tree-encroachment).

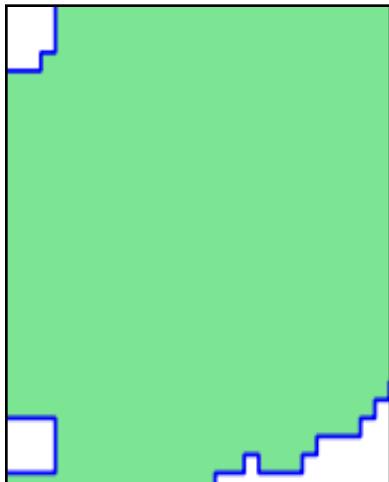


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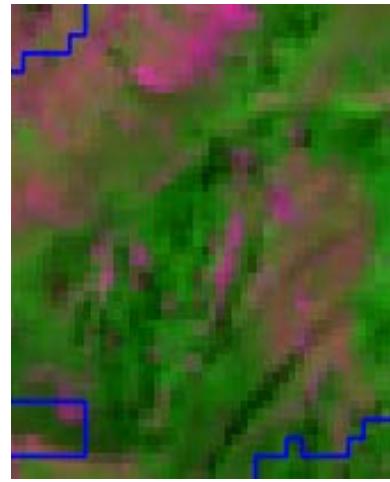


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«Gran Paradiso»: zoom su alcuni cambiamenti



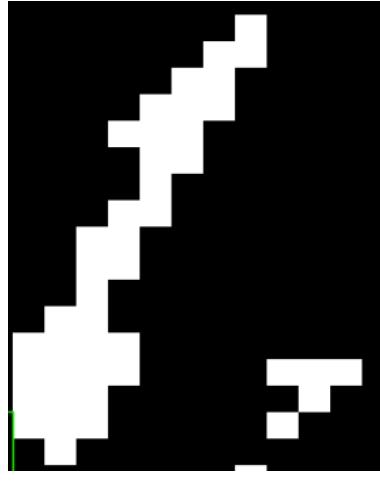
Tempo T₁ (2012):
Strato Copernicus di
(semi-) Natural
Grasslands in verde.



Tempo T₂ (2016): Sentinel-2A
RGB composizione in falsi colori:
R=Red, G=Nir, B=Blue
Strato Copernicus delimitato in blu.



Tempo T₂ (2016):
Ortofoto (1 metro)



Cambiamento: trees
encroachment
(invasione di alberi)

-  Cambiamenti del (semi)-
Natural Grasslands in Altro
-  Nessun
Cambiamento/Area non
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Specific example of PA changes: the Gran Paradiso National Park

Gridded meteo-climatic datasets

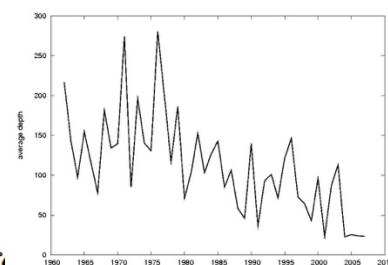
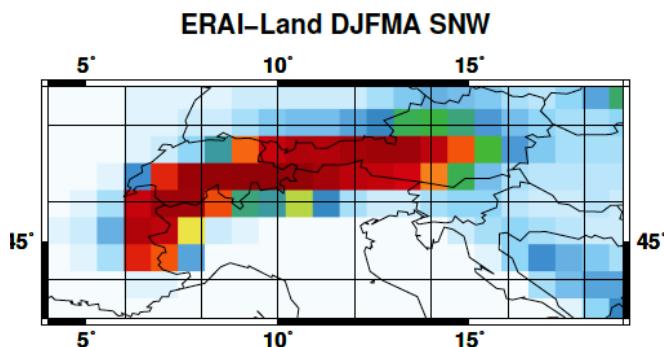
E-OBS: 0.25°, EURO4M: 0.05° (only prec)

HISTALP, OI (Piedmont): 0125°

Model outputs and reanalyses

CMIP5, EURO-CORDEX,

ERA-Interim/Land and 20CRv2, MERRA, NCEP



Satellite products

e.g. snow: Global SWE, AMSR-E

vegetation, NDVI, LC/LU

Water/carbon fluxes and Earth Critical Zone

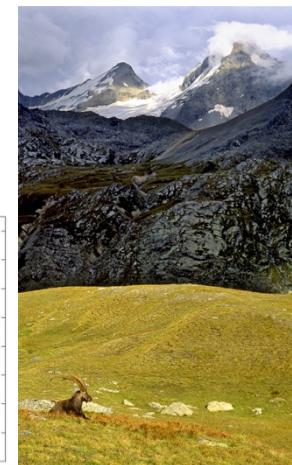
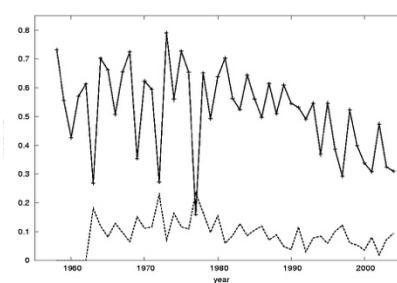
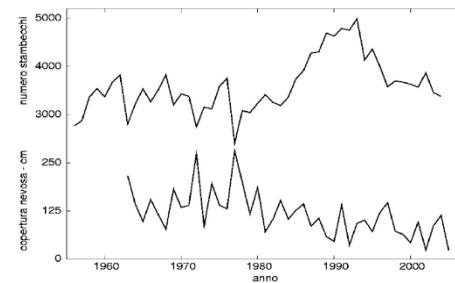
eddy covariance
flux chambers



Local climatic datasets

Ecosystem and population dynamics

ibex, chamois, vegetation, biodiversity



ECOPOTENTIAL results:

A deeper understanding of threats and changes in natural ecosystems

Better projections on the future state of ecosystems in protected areas

Models, software and tools for monitoring and analyzing past, present and future state and changes of ecosystems

Support to knowledge-based conservation policies



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