



Achieving EO mainstreaming in international development projects



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Space for Development Paradigm

- **21 African countries** have a Space Agency or a space programme
- Strong demand for more **accessible and frequent data**
- Focus on **tackling environmental challenges and building skills**

Availability

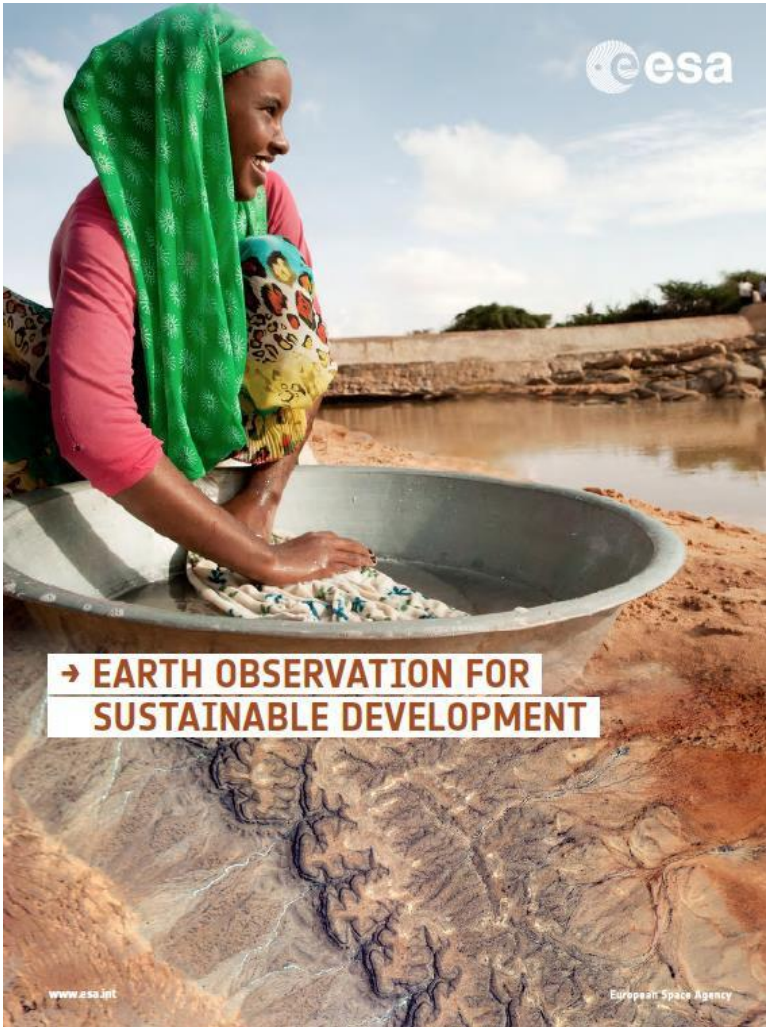
Accessibility

Awareness

Acceptance

Adoption

ESA EO programs in support of Intl. Development



- **eoworld:** 2008-2015 | €10m
Raise awareness through small-scale demonstrations of EO services in support of IFI projects



- **EO4SD:** 2016-2023 | €25m
Consolidate requirements, engage stakeholders (IFIs & client states) via regional demonstrations



- **GDA:** 2020-2025 | €38m
Mainstream & transfer EO into operational working processes & financing of ODA/development aid as 'best-practice' source of geo-information

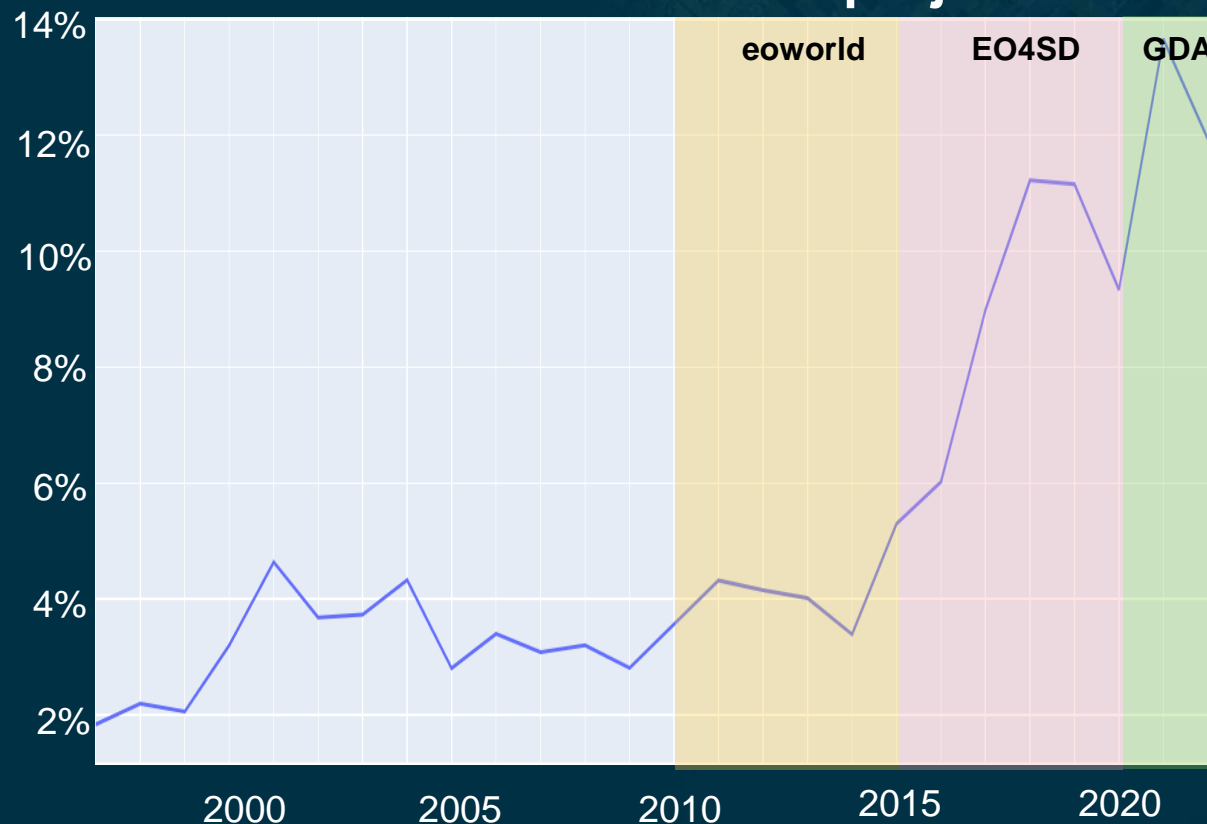


The ESA-WB partnership

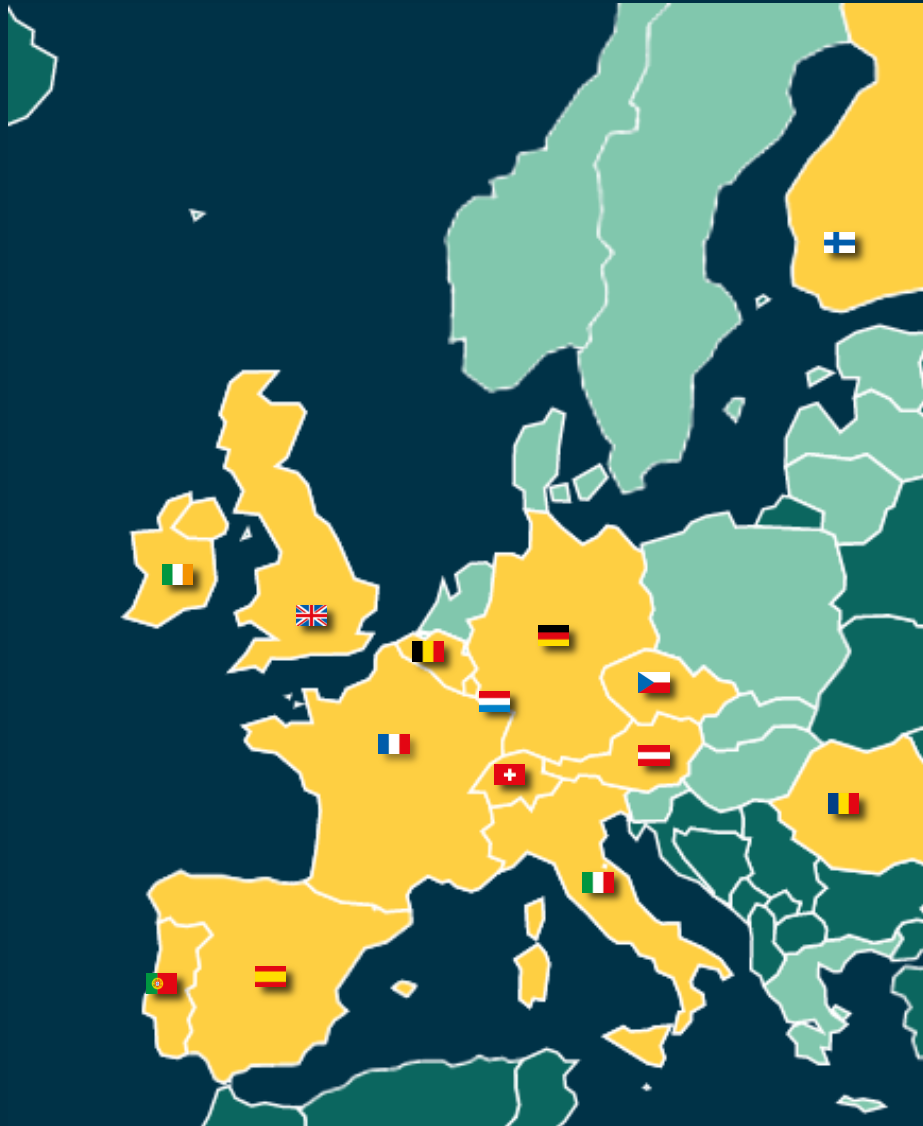


- Since 2008, ESA has been providing technical support to the World Bank with the objective of fostering the **integration of Earth observation technologies**.
- Through the current phase of the partnership, for which ESA has mobilized 38 million euros, **61 World Bank projects** are receiving technical support.
- This support is provided through more than **100 institutions/companies** from more than 20 different countries

Share of EO-related projects






Global Development Assistance: Stakeholders



14 Participating States

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|--|----------------|--|-------------|
|  | Austria |  | Italy |
|  | Belgium |  | Luxembourg |
|  | Czech Republic |  | Portugal |
|  | Finland |  | Romania |
|  | France |  | Spain |
|  | Germany |  | Switzerland |
|  | Ireland |  | UK |

 ESA member and associate states  Non ESA member states  GDA participating states



Water Resources

KO Feb'23

Transport & Infrastructure

Clean Energy

KO Dec'22

Forest Management

Agriculture

KO Sep'22

Health

Marine Env. & Blue Economy

KO Jun'22

80+ projects supported...

Urban Sustainability

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...in 50+ countries

Fragility, Conflict & Security

KO Jan'22

Climate Resilience

KO Dec'21

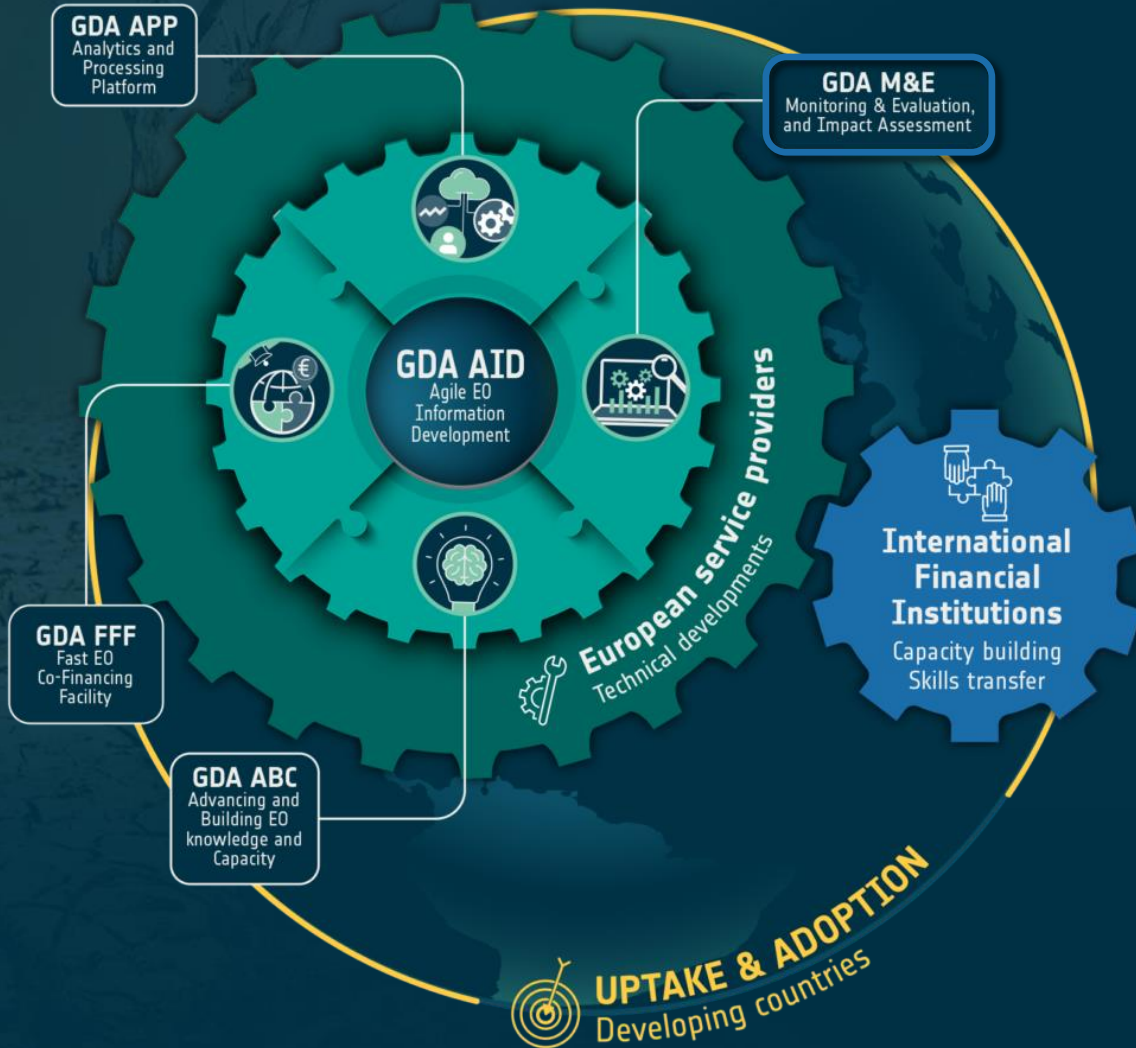
Disaster Resilience

KO Sep'21

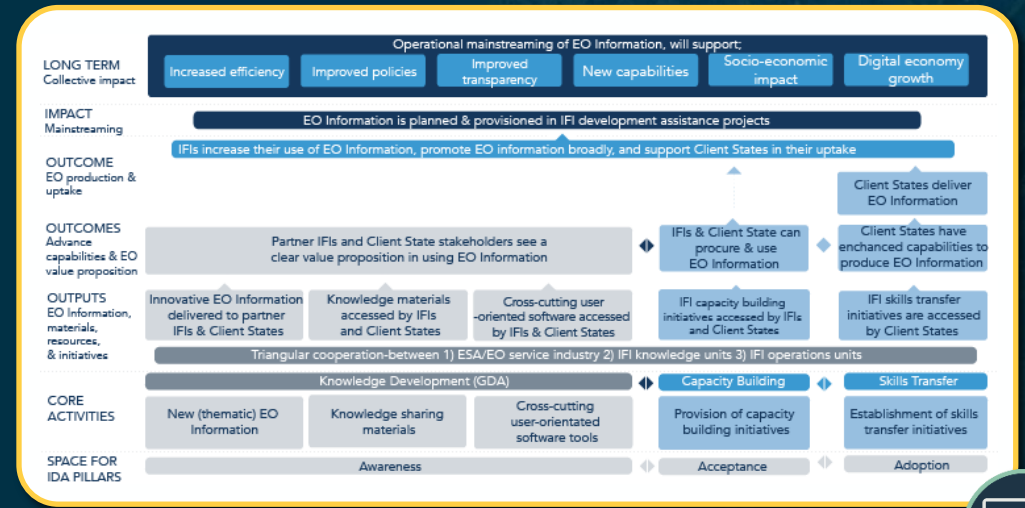
GDA AID

Agile EO Information Development





GDA motto #AcceleratingImpact



Theory of Change & Impact Pathway

GDA Programmatic Cooperation Framework



Powering the **Space for IDA** cooperation framework, GDA has **mobilized >100€ million** from both **space and development finance** resources, incl. commitments for >70\$ million dedicated to **capacity-building** associated with and in support of core GDA **technical developments**



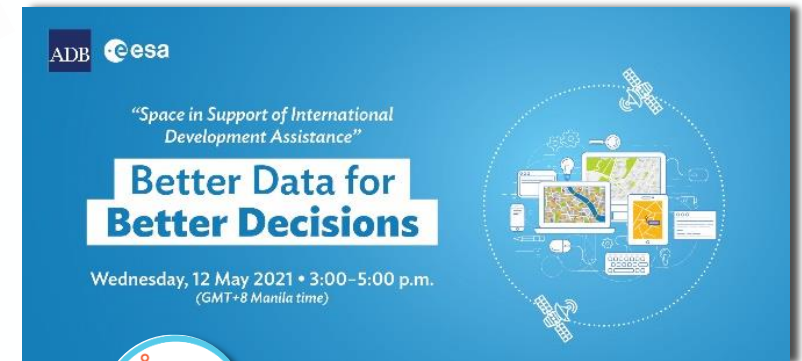
- **Dedicated programmatic structures** are being put in place by WB & ADB to **facilitate coordination** and **resource mobilization**, following a **holistic approach to development finance**



Digital Earth Partnership



- ✓ Programmatic alignment
- ✓ Development operations
- MDTF



EO for Development & Digital Transformation

Partnerships Expansion

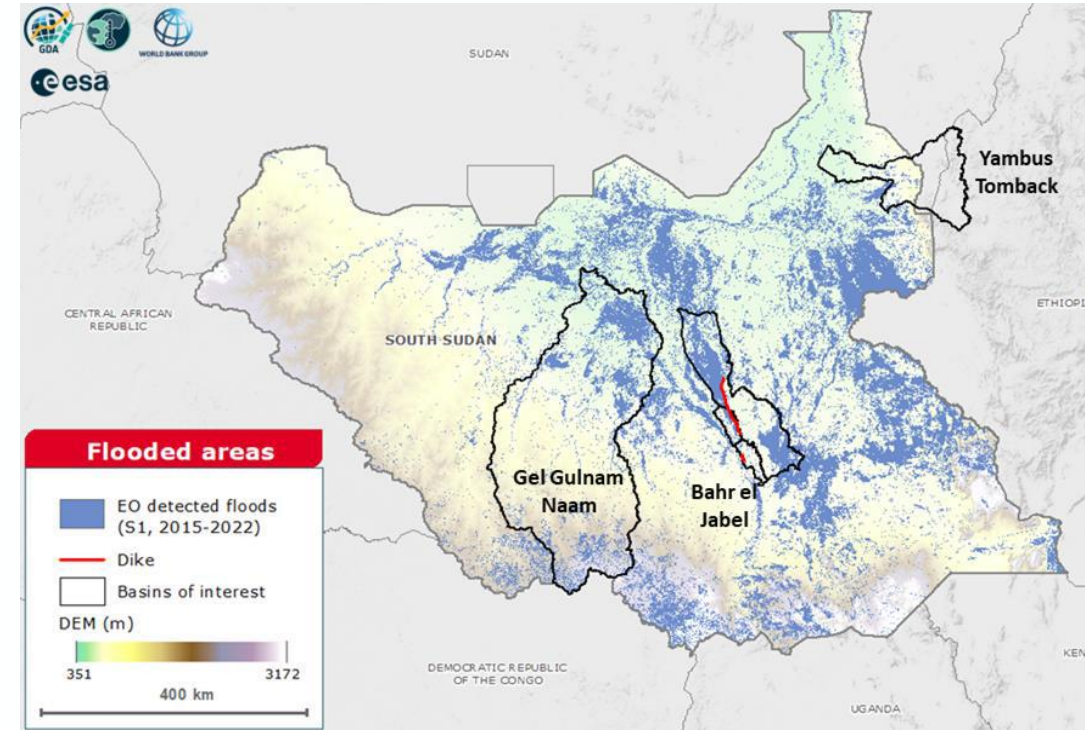
ESA

Analysis of flood trends, hazards and nature-based solutions to improve resilient flood management

WB

Develop capacity and information for risk-informed water infrastructure planning and management

Aggregated flood inundation areas based on EO (2015-2022)



Balochistan Water Security and Productivity Project



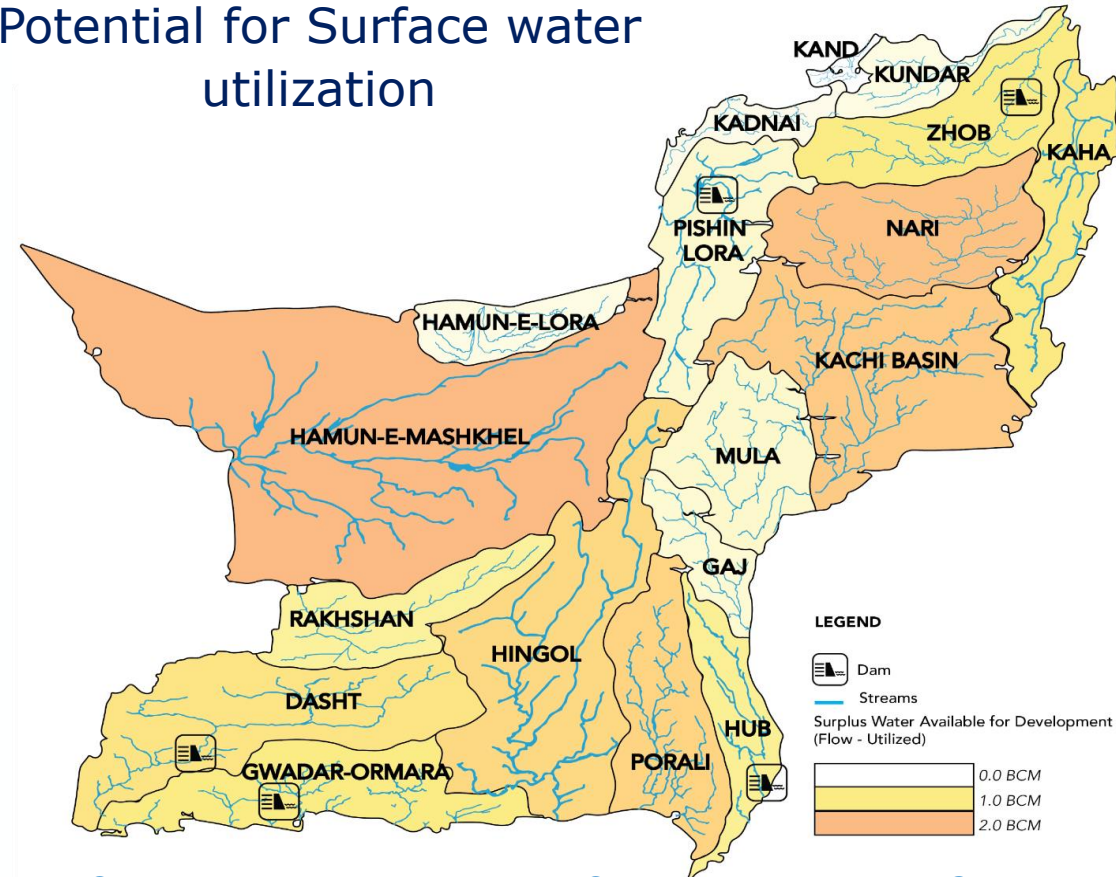
ESA

Agricultural drought and sedimentation assessment to improve water resources management

WB

Development and transfer of decision support system to improve the resilience of irrigation and flood protection infrastructure

Potential for Surface water utilization



Data Source: Various incl. Ahmed, S, , 2006 & 2016 and Govt. of Balochistan, Irrigation Dept. (PES and Cameos Consultant) 2018

Next generation MRV for land use ER Programs

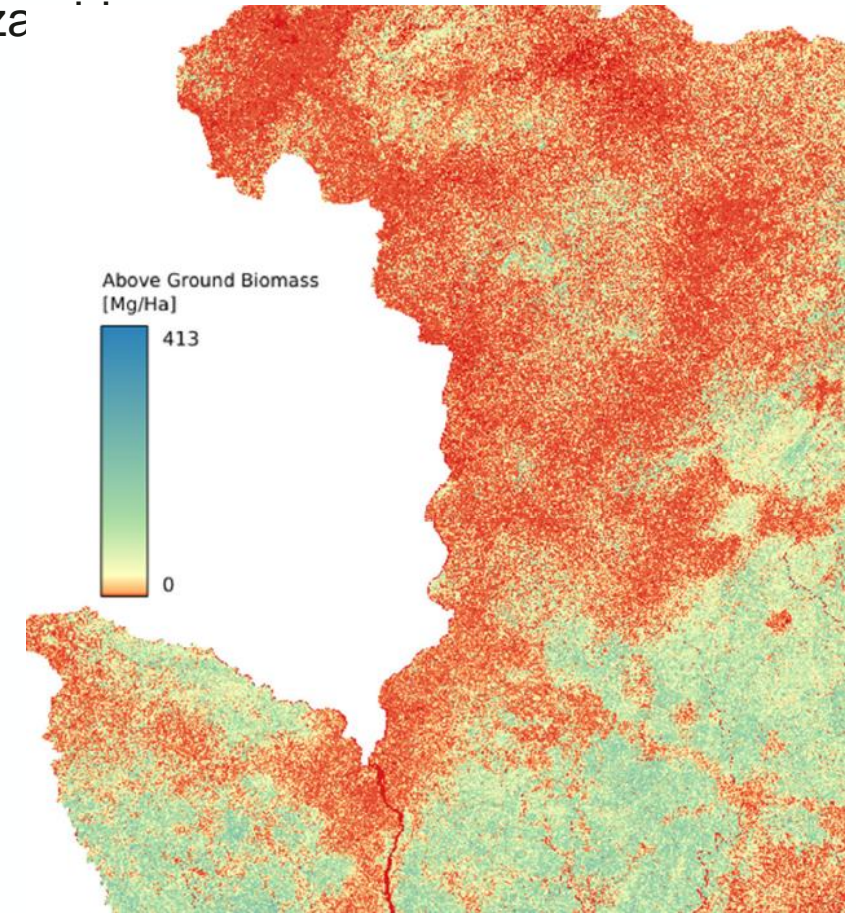
ESA

Development of cutting-edge Earth Observation model to assess forest biomass

WB

Implementation of MRV system for land-use related GHG emission reduction programs to increase the efficiency of results-based carbon finance transactions.

Visual overview of the Above Ground Biomass [Mg/ha] map of the Zambezia region, Mozambique



Kinshasa Nature Based Solutions project

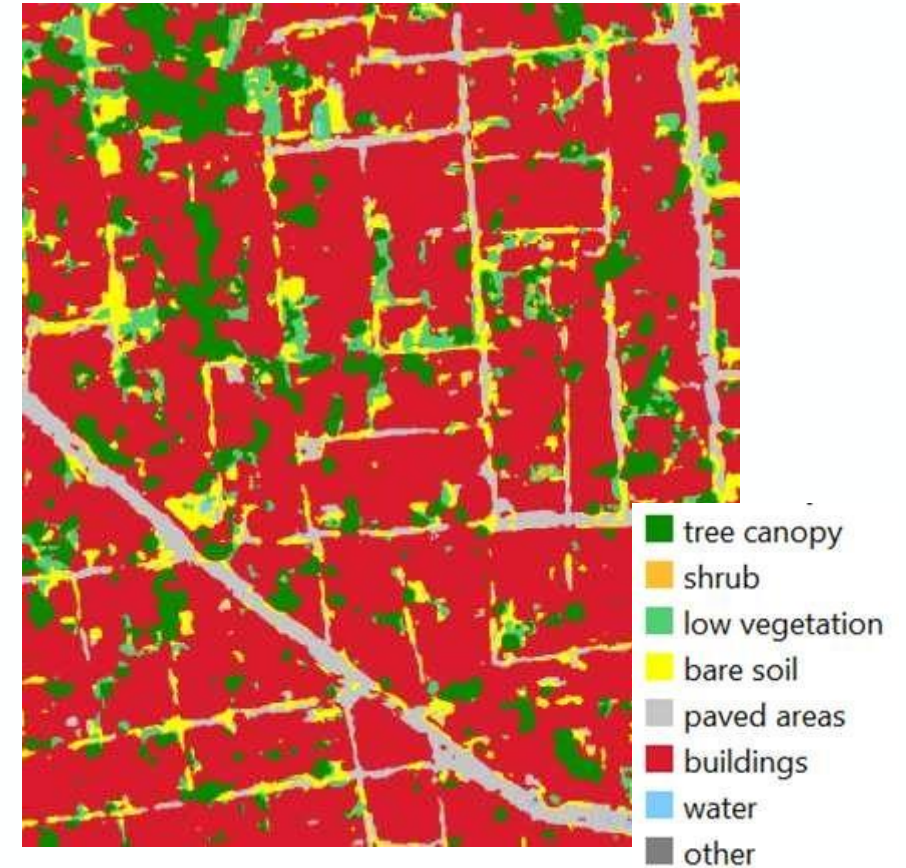


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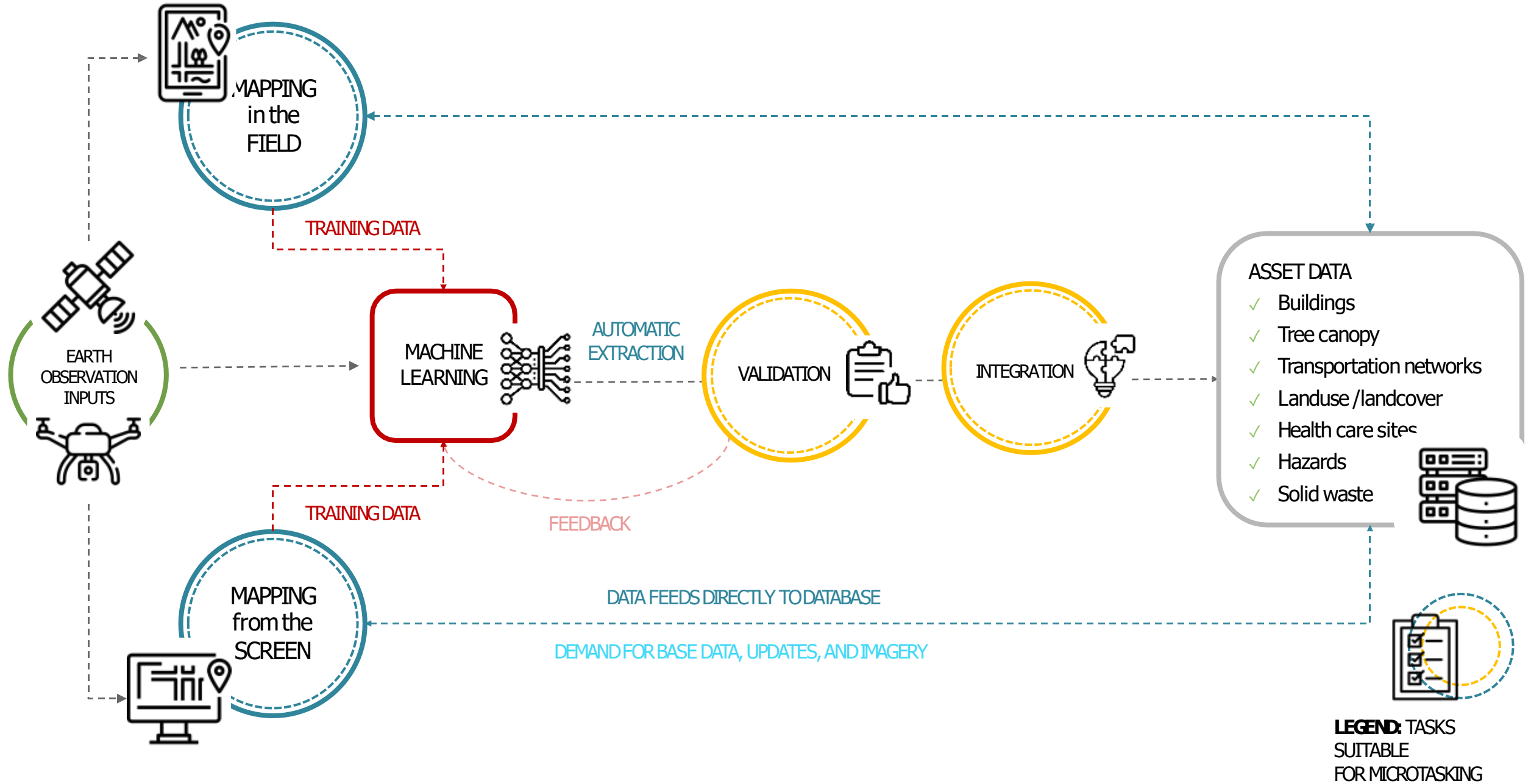
Support to design and suitability of Natural Based Solutions using green infrastructure mapping

WB

Implementation of citizen science and microtasking based approaches to ensure accuracy of analysis and foster skills transfer



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BLENDED APPROACH FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

LOCAL PARTICIPATION

- context
- calibration

- training

EARTH OBSERVATION

- independence
- trust
- cost effective at scale

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- customization
- cost reduction
- analysis potential

