

Geospatial for Environment

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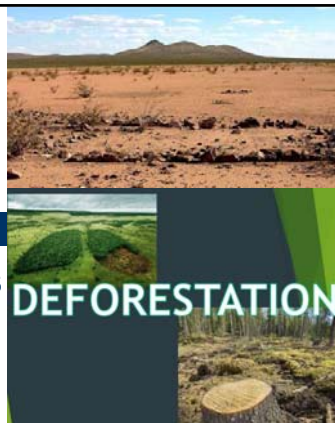
Natural Environment

- All living and non-living things occurring naturally on Earth.
- Interaction of all living species.
- It is the climate, weather, and natural resources.
- All components affect human survival and economic activity



Human Impact

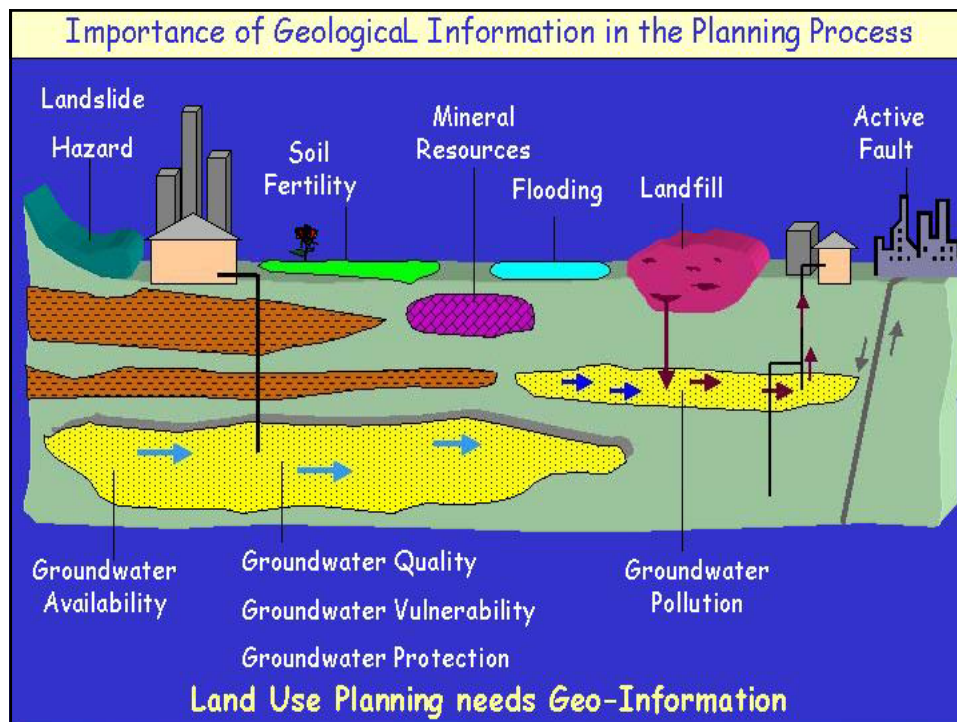
- man transformed landscapes into such as urban settings and agricultural land conversion,
- The natural environment is greatly modified and diminished: deforestation, waste, over population, pollution, overuse of natural resources,...



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Problems of Fast Growing Regions





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MAIN

Environmental Information- Scope

- Create policy, implement plan and regulations, and manage enforcement, example: geospatial intelligence (movement of controlled waste)
- easy access to sensor and imagery data gives the power to detect and monitor pollution, weather, hazards and make environmental analysis.
- Data analysis and visualization in 2D and 3D improve assessment and building scenarios for decision makers.
- Publish interactive online environmental data will spread the information and increase the public awareness.



Environmental Information- Scope

- **Economy –**
Providing economic expansion opportunities to maintain a diverse economy, rich in resources
- **Transportation –**
with specific focus on integrating transportation systems with land use and the environment
- **Settlement Pattern –**
Balanced growth, focusing on accommodating growth so development is sustainable
- **Environment –**
Protecting the environment so our vast open spaces and clean lakes & waterways are maintained & enhanced



Answering Key Questions

- What locations are regionally significant to support economic expansions?
- What type of transportation investment do we want to facilitate growth?
- Where should we encourage settlement areas over the next 25 years?
- How do we protect our environmental assets?
- What problems fast growing region like Dubai is facing?



Why Geospatial Information System

1. Better understanding of land resource and utilization

2. Urban & regional Planning:

1. Available land is used in most optimal way.
2. Prepare comprehensive and operational infrastructure studies and development plans.
3. Wise and orderly use, management, and conservation of vegetation, soil and water resources.
4. Regional impact assessment studies.
5. Site selection for diverse activities



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Why Geospatial Information System

3. Vegetation Conservation & management:

1. Determination of species conservation values
2. landscape conservation, planning and management
3. Monitoring vegetation stress.
4. Define Protected or natural reserved Area Categories Based on Management Purpose.
5. Biodiversity conservation



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Why Geospatial Information System

4. Soil Conservation & Management:

1. Determine soil limitations for building and development
2. Evaluate the capability of a soil for agriculture activities
3. Determine the soil and water conservation practices necessary to maintain the soil.
4. Determine the limitation of the soil for sanitary landfill sites, and waste water renovation.



Why Geospatial Information System

1. **Mineral, Oil, Gas and Water Explorations**
2. **Site Selection for:**
 1. Waste disposal
 2. Settlement or industrial developments
 3. Dams, artificial recharge & harvesting rainfall water
 4. Recreational development
3. **Protection and Conservation of Groundwater Resource**





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Why Geospatial Information System

4. Answer some important equation

- where the natural underground has a hydraulic permeability
- watershed classes and characteristics
- flood prone areas,
- Stable ground,
- Landslides hazards
- Seismic activity (fault zones),
- Groundwater resources (high yield, good quality),
- Potential areas for mining of important mineral resources.



Required Geo-Information





Case Studies

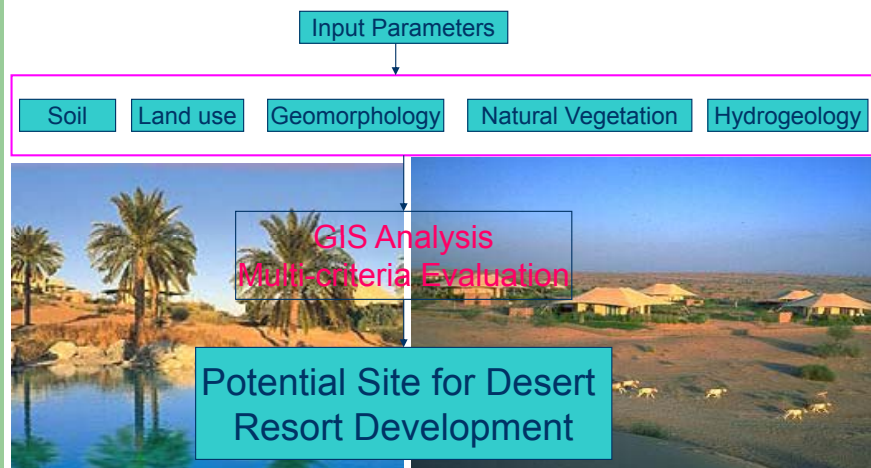
- Sustainable Site Selection
- Land Degradation
- Oil Spill



Site selection for Desert Resorts Development.

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Methodology



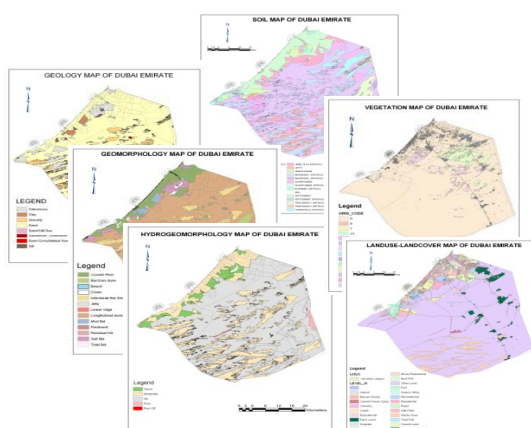
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Criteria & Rules

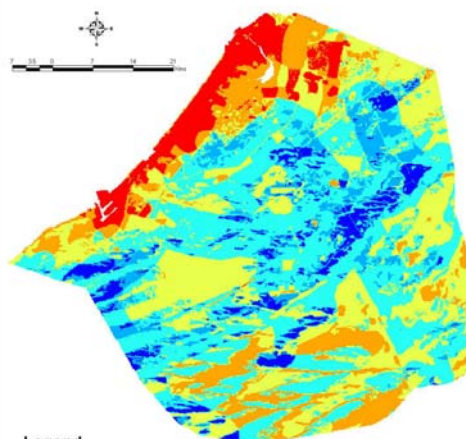
- Good Landforms (with **low slopes** and **Natural Vegetation**)
- Good **Soils** (Useful for afforestation and vegetation development)
- Good Hydrogeological zones (availability of **groundwater**)
- Nearness to the existing Road network (**accessibility**)
- Good Land use (Vacant and **non-commercial land**, far from main city excluding coastal areas)
- In-general, area should be **plain** area to avoid huge leveling cost
- **Minimum** available area should be 25 Sq. km

* These rules can be modified as per the problem under investigation

Geospatial Information(layers)



Site selection for Desert Recreation and Tourist Attraction Resorts

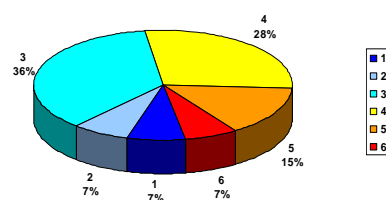


Legend

Suitability Class - 6
Suitability Class - 5
Suitability Class - 4
Suitability Class - 3
Suitability Class - 2
Suitability Class - 1

S.No	Parameters considered
1	Land use- land cover
2	Geomorphology
3	Soils
4	Hydrogeology
5	Vegetation
6	Road proximity

Area Percentage of Classes



Suitability Class	Area in Sq. Km
1	273.329725
2	273.775125
3	1369.924625
4	1066.475675
5	554.12435
6	256.06705



Land Degradation and Desertification

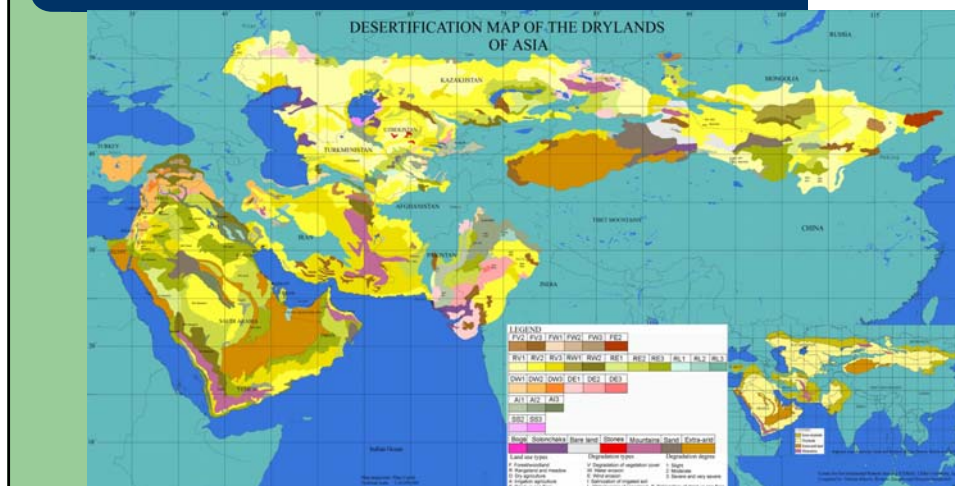


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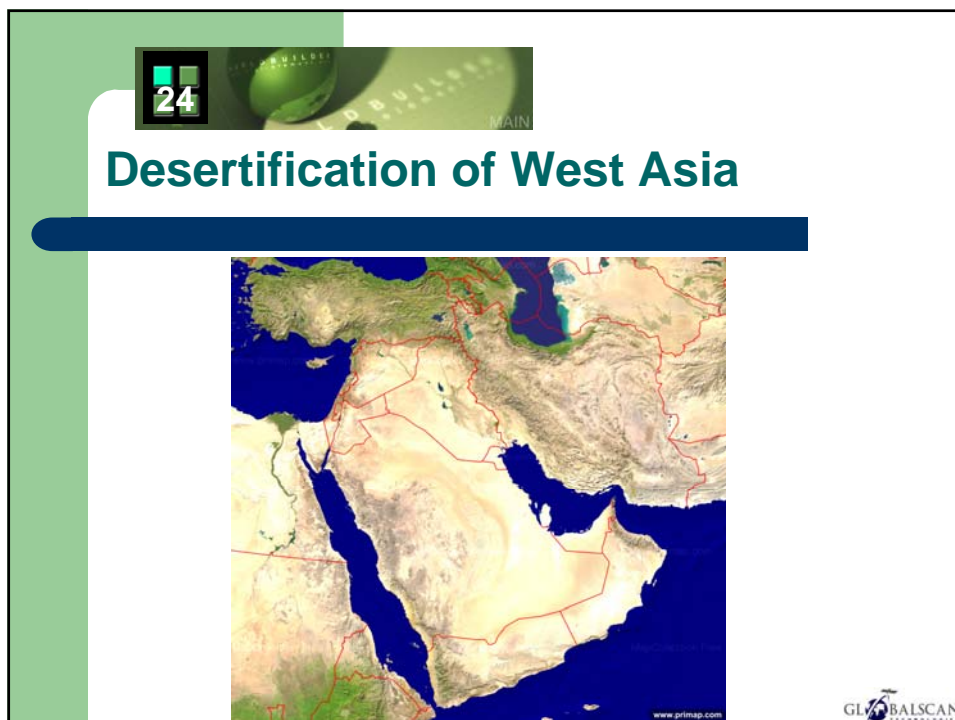
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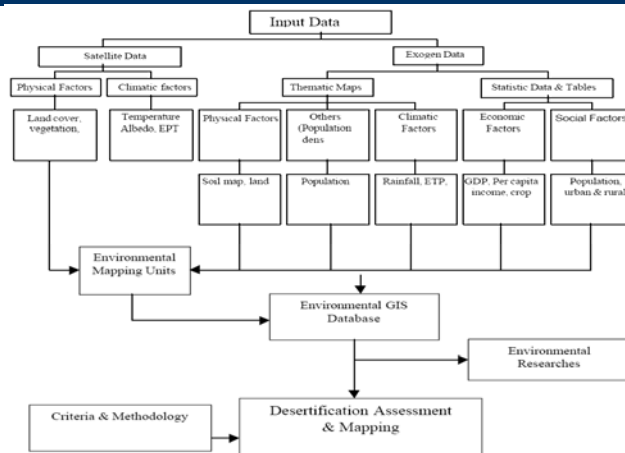
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Desertification of West Asia



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Desertification of West Asia Methodology



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Desertification of West Asia -Results

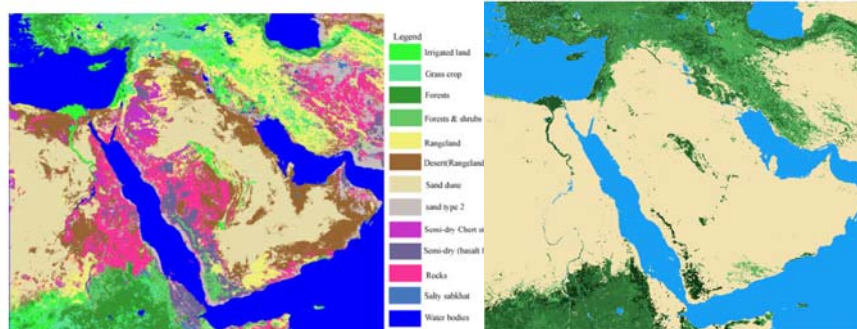


Figure 3.5: land cover map as a result of tree structure methodology.

Figure 3.1 Vegetated cover map, extracted from 12 monthly NDVI
NOAA AVHRR data from April 1992 through March 1993.

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Desertification of West Asia -Results

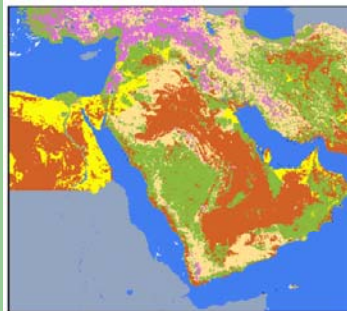


Figure 6.2: Vegetation degradation map of Middle East

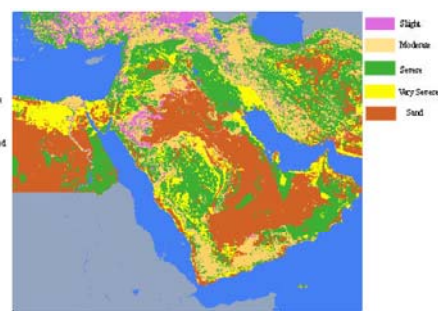


Figure 6.8: Desertification map of Middle East

Desertification in North of Jordan

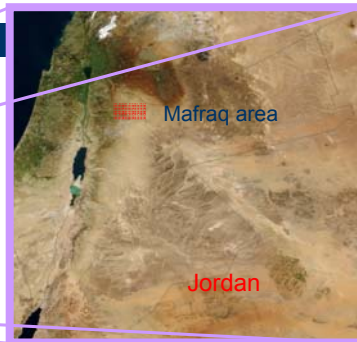
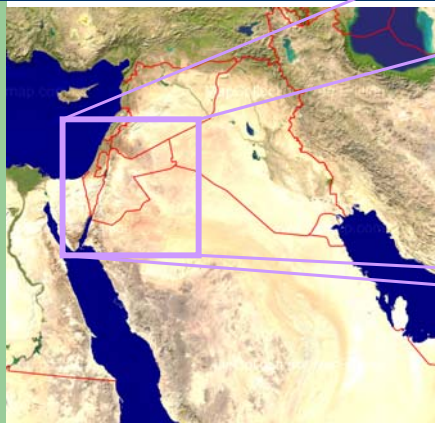
Objectives

If unplanned human activities persist in semi-arid/arid area, an irreversible situation of desertification will occur in the near future. It is necessary to assess desertification.



It is very important to monitor and estimate distribution of desertification in vast area by using remote sensing and GIS techniques.

Study Area



- Area = 1300km²
- Climate : semi-arid/arid
- Rainfall < 200mm

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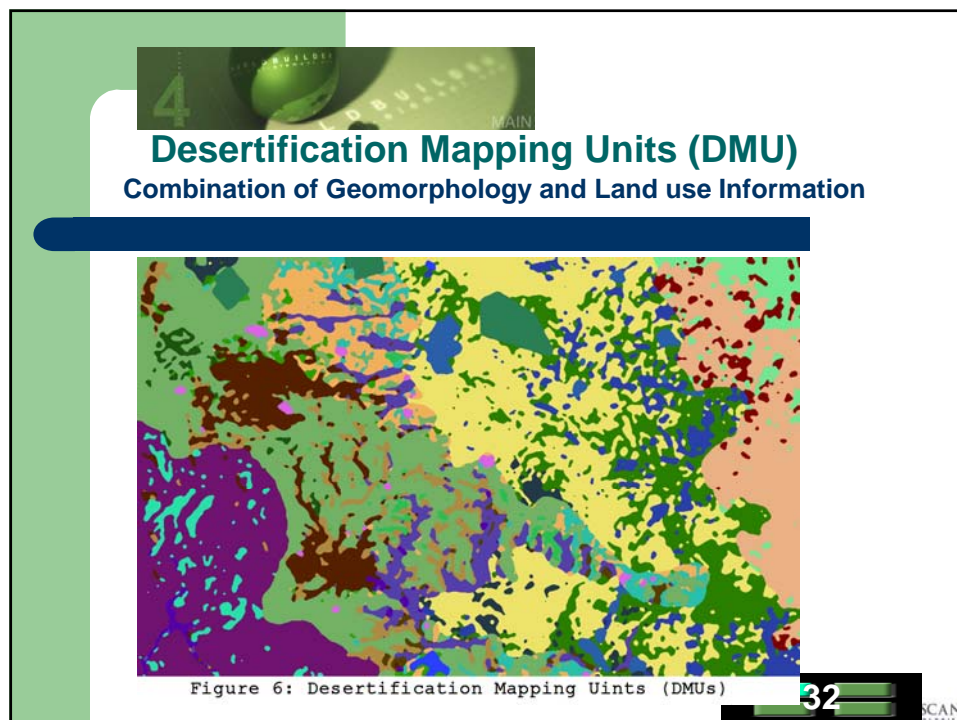
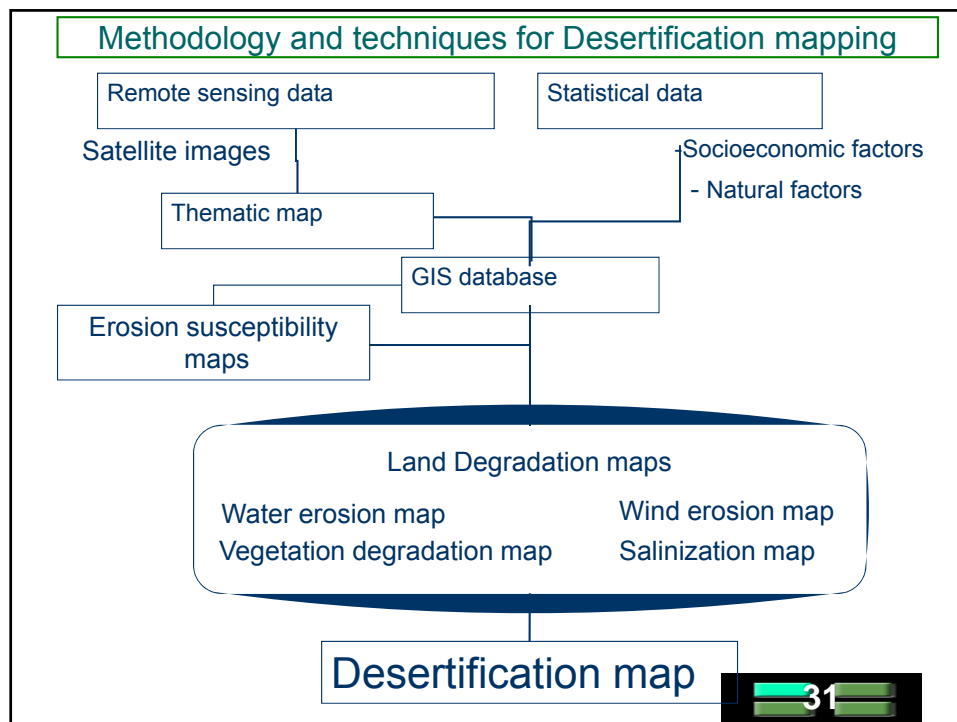
Satellite Image of Study Area



Landsat TM image (1997/11) of Mafrq area

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Environmental GIS database

- Satellite images
- Land use
- Soil
- Geomorphology units
- Slope
- Drainage system
- Natural vegetation
- Vegetation index
- Expansion of irrigated lands
- Rainfall distribution
- Susceptibility to wind erosion
- Susceptibility to water erosion
- Desertification Mapping Units(DMUs)

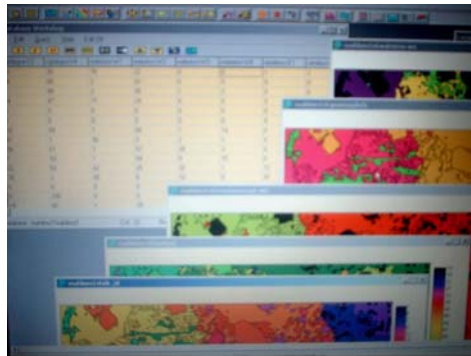


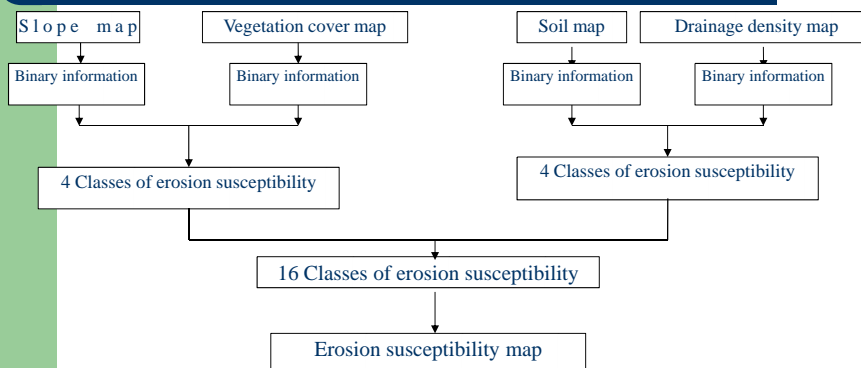
Figure 7: GIS database of Mafraq area under IDRISI environment

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Water erosion susceptibility Modeling

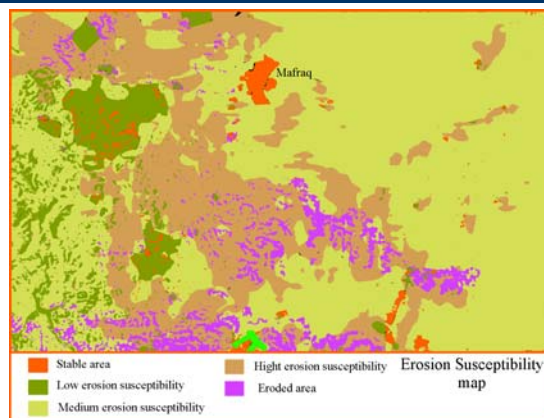


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Water erosion susceptibility Map



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Modeling of land degradation Multi-Criteria Evaluation (MCE) Approach

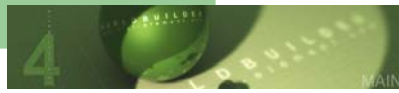
- *weighted linear combination (WLC)* procedure:

- $S = \sum w_i x_i$

where S = suitability (land degradation type)
 w_i = weight of factor i
 x_i = criterion score of factor i

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Multi-Criteria Evaluation (MCE)

- Step 1: factors identification
Factors depend on degradation type
- Step 2: Standarization of factors
Original values were assigned new values which progressively increased from 0 to 255
- Step 3: Weighting
 - A pairwise comparison matrix weighting procedure
 - Weights must sum to one
 - The comparisons concern the relative importance of the two criteria involved in determining "suitability"
 - Ratings are provided on a 9-point continuous scale, from extremely less importance (1/9) to extremely more importance (9).
- Step 4: Applying the model
The result map has a range of value from 0-255, increasing with the degradation
- Step 5: Threshold

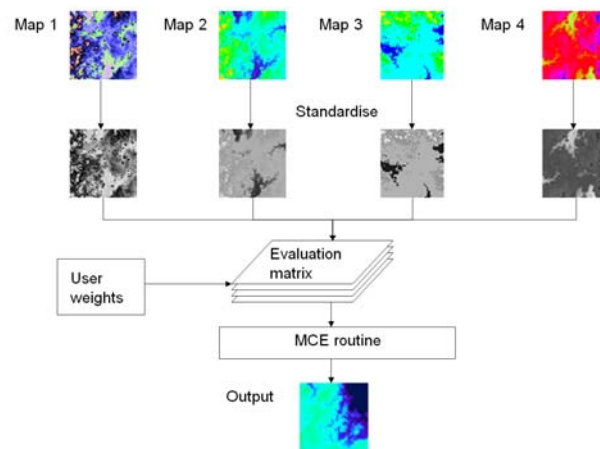
The result divided into four classes of degradation; slight to very high



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Multi-Criteria Evaluation (MCE)



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Water erosion modeling

Step 1: factors identification for water erosion (WRE):

- Water erosion susceptibility- WREF1
- increasing of abundant farmlands- WREF2
- Decreasing in vegetation cover index- WREF3

Where, Water Erosion = $\sum W_i WREF_i$ $i=1,2,3$

W_i : weights to be assigned for water erosion factors



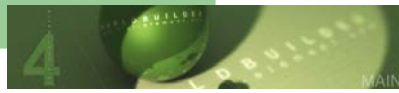
Water erosion modeling Continuo...

- Step 2: Standarization of factors 0-255 values

Following standardized factors layers were created:

- SWREF1- Water erosion susceptibility
- SWREF2- Increasing of abundant farmlands-
- SWREF3- Decreasing in vegetation cover index-





Water erosion modeling Continuo...

• Step 3: Weighting

A pairwise comparison matrix weighting procedure was used to assign for each factor a weight value reflect its importance for land degradation type in equation, as a result:

- Water erosion susceptibility- $W1 = 0.687$
- increasing of abundant farmlands- $W2 = 0.186$
- Decreasing in vegetation cover index- $W3 = 0.127$



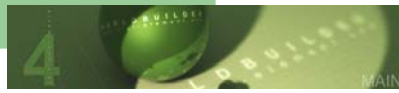
Water erosion modeling Continuo...

• Step 4: Applying the model

The previous process lead to create Water Erosion Map base on the following model:

- $\text{Water erosion} = 0.687 * \text{SWREF1} + 0.186 * \text{SWREF2} + 0.127 * \text{SWREF3}$
- The resulting image map has a range of value from 0-255, increasing with the increase of water erosion.





Water erosion modeling Continuo...

• Step 5: Threshold

The result was divided into four classes of degradation;

- slight,
- moderate,
- high and
- very high.



Land degradation Maps

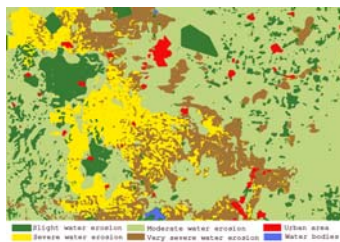


Figure 8: Water erosion map

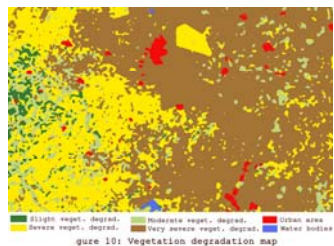


Figure 10: Vegetation degradation map

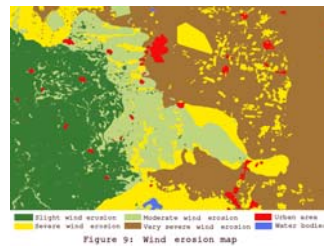


Figure 9: Wind erosion map

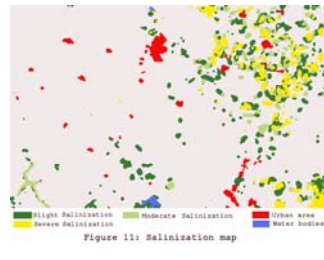
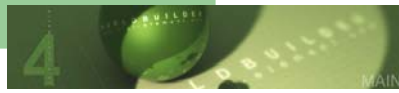


Figure 11: Salinization map

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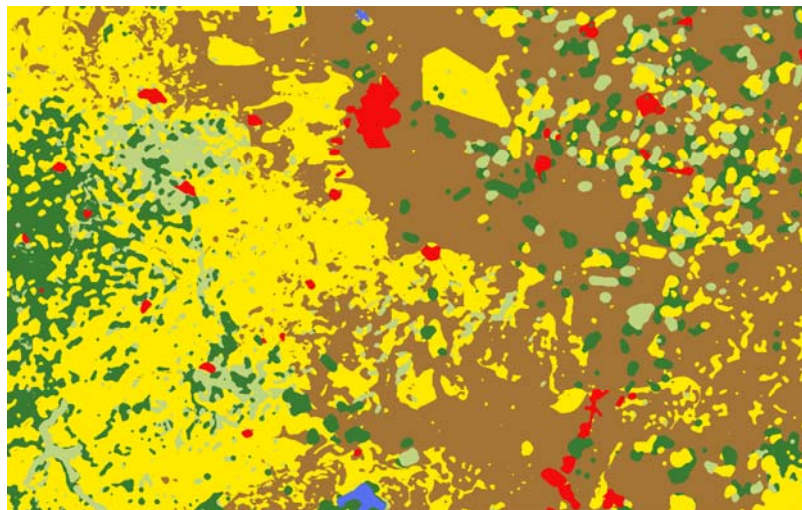
Desertification map

The general desertification map, which synthesizes all types of land degradation, is achieved through the three next steps:

- Step1: Soil erosion map
- Step2: combination of soil erosion with vegetation degradation
- Step 3: Integration of salinization



Desertification Map



■ Slight desertification ■ Moderate desertification ■ Urban area
■ Severe desertification ■ Very severe desertification ■ Water bodies

Figure 12: Desertification map

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Oil Spill Detection and Monitoring



Operational Remote Sensing Solutions

- Navigation Radar monitoring system
- Satellite Imagery monitoring system
- Aircraft Photography monitoring system

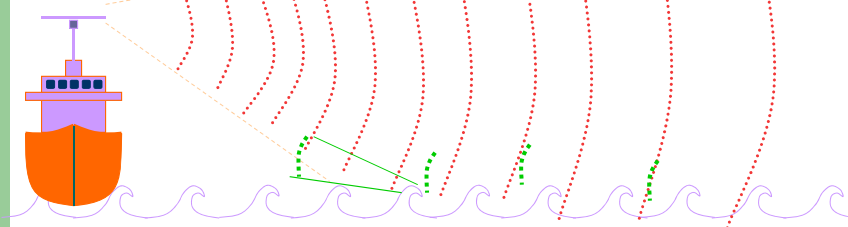
Real Time Oil Spill Detection and Monitoring



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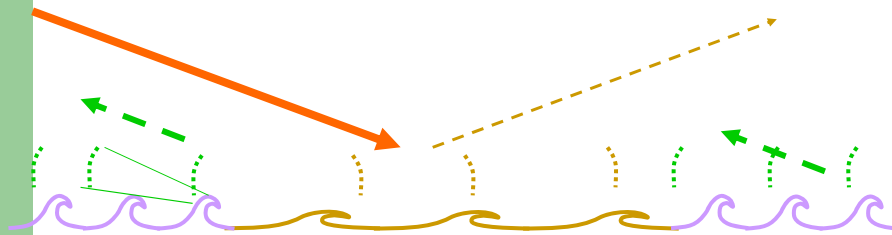
Principles of Radar

Clutter = reflection from waves



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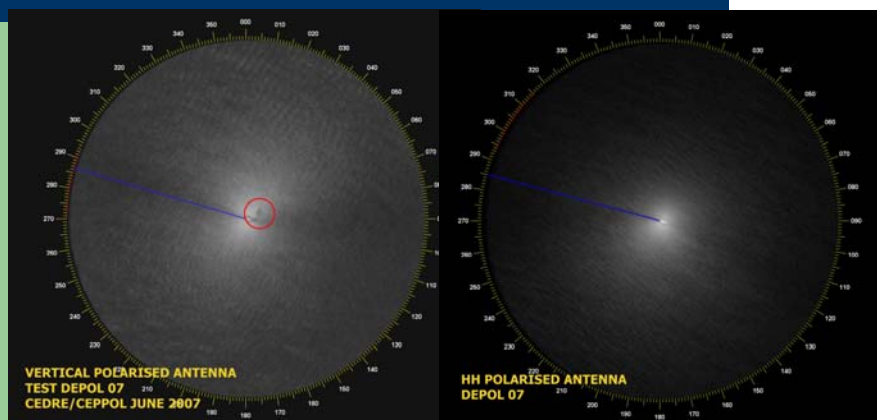
Clutter with Oil Spill



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2 principles of operation

- Capillary waves



- Water waves

- On short pulse
 - 0.5 M high
 - 15 M length



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2 principles of operation

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Functionality

Capilar waves only

- Bottom topography
- Oil detection
- Saline/Fresh water interfaces
- Ship's wake
- Land/Water borders
- Small objects detection
- Bird detection



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FUNCTIONALITY

Water waves

In addition of capilar wave functionality,...

MEASUREMENT OF:

- Wave frequency / length
- Wave speed
- Wave direction
- Wave height *
- Water depth
- Current speed vector
- Small object detection



* With calibration GLI BALSCANTM
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SeaDarQ Functionality Models

- Oil Spill Detection
- Hydrographic measurements
- Small Target Detection



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Oil Spill Detection Features

- All weather capability *
- Day and night
- Spill area determination
- Prediction of drift
- Relative layer thickness



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- Prevents illegal spills
 - 100% chance to be caught
- Damage control following accidents
 - Fast reaction
 - Early warning system
 - Well planned cleaning strategies
 - Prediction of drift
- Ships can operate independently of helicopters during cleaning operations



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OIL SPILL DETECTION RANGE

- **Operational detection range is dependant on:**
 - Height of antenna above the water surface
 - Opening angle antenna
 - the longer the better (min 8 feet)
 - Radar transceiver
 - The weather & water condition
- * Min. wind speed: 2 m/s
- Accuracy and resolution = radar dependant



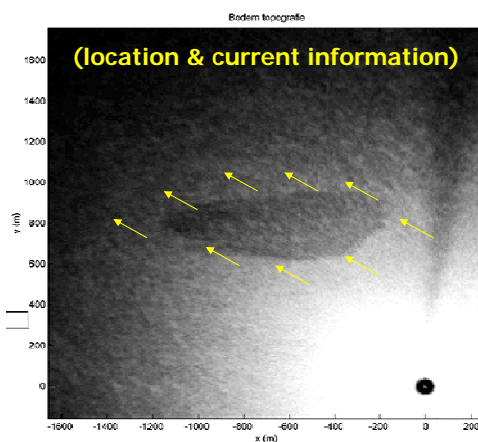
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Economic model

- Benefits:
 - Increase number of penalties (illegal spills)
 - Minimise damage and protect fishing grounds, beaches, rocks etc.
 - More oil can be removed from the water, thus reducing costs of cleaning shores
 - Cost of a helicopter 6000 € /hour
 - Day and night operation = double usage time
 - Eliminates need for wave buoy/current pole
 - Additional calibration with models
 - Enhanced small target detection

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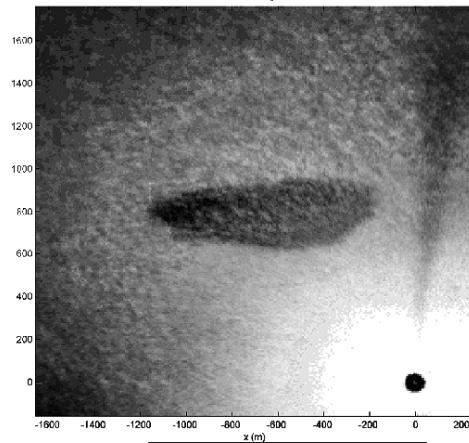
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SeaDarQ Radiagreen

Radiagreen



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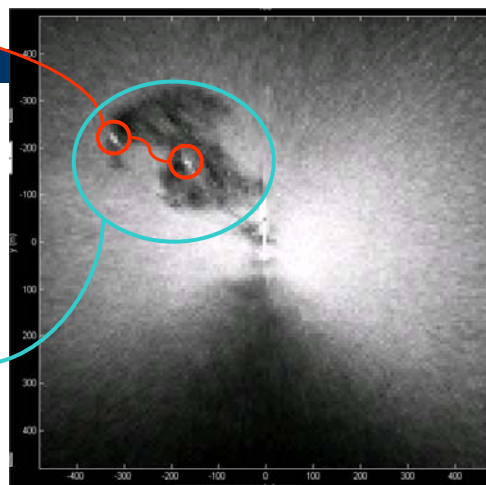
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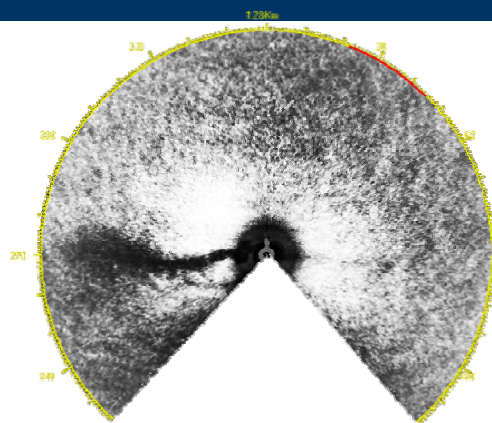
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SeaDarq Detecting "Prestige Oil Sludge"



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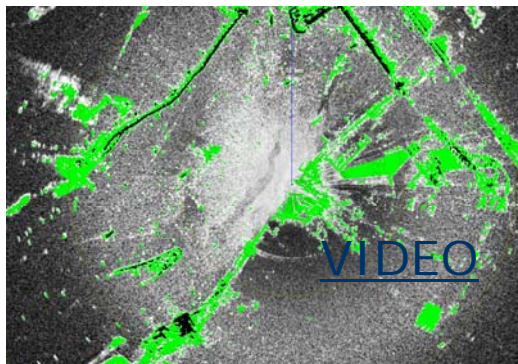
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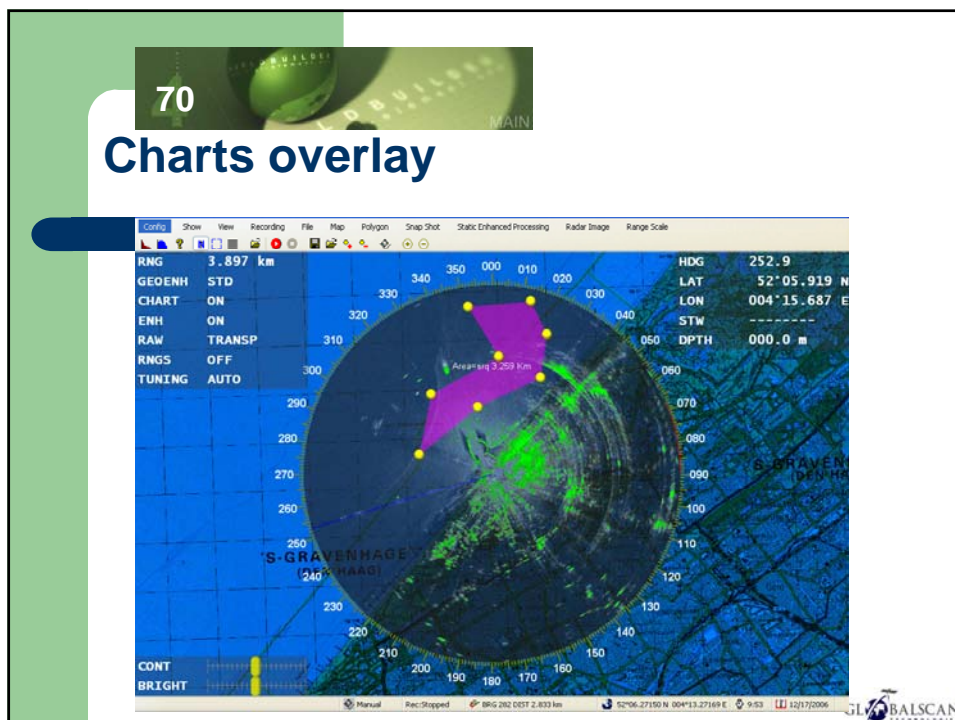
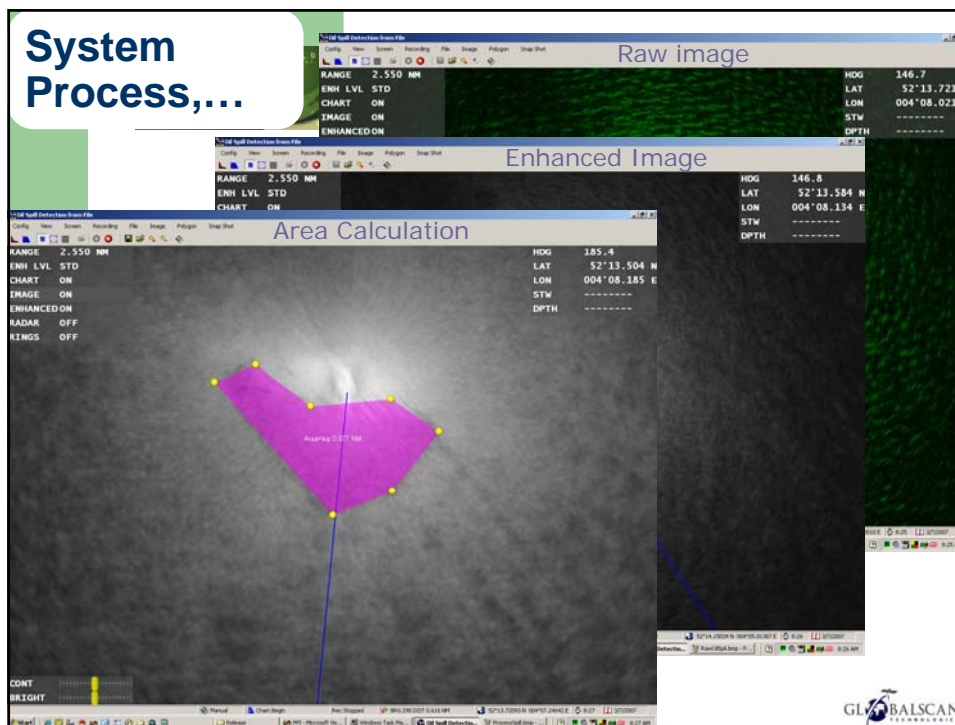
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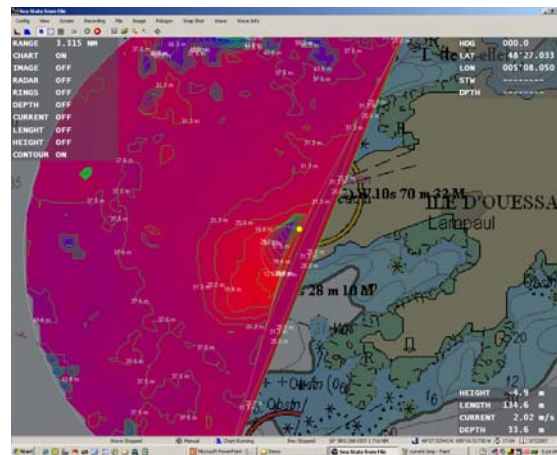
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Hydrography

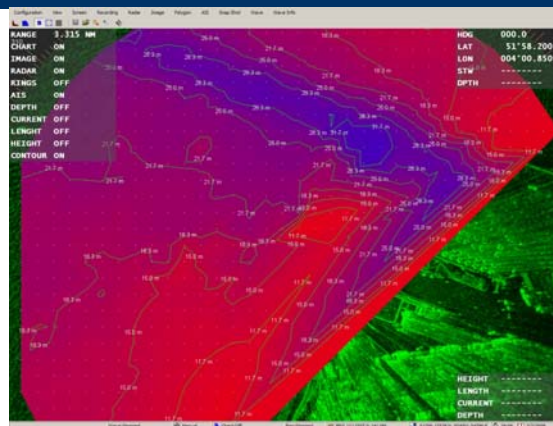
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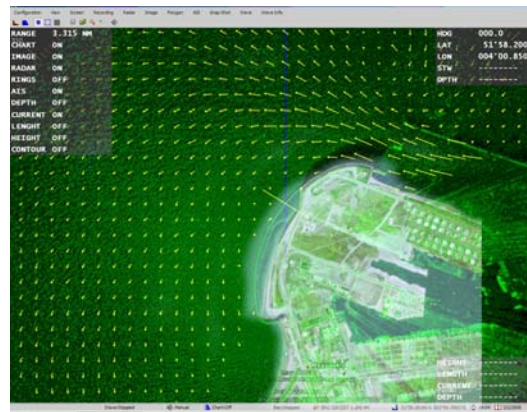
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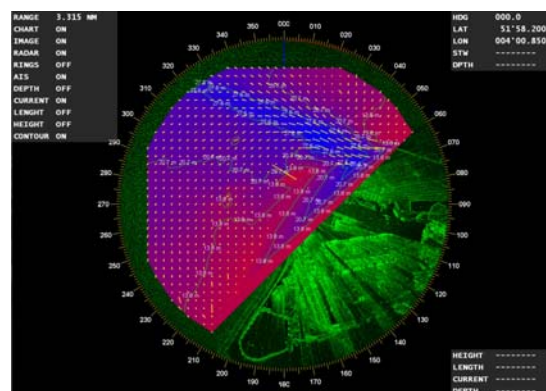
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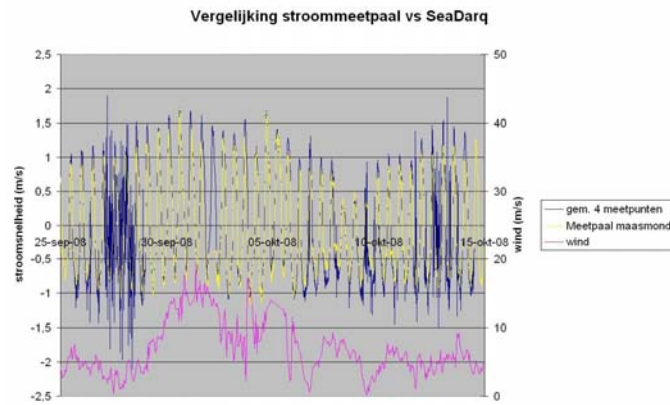
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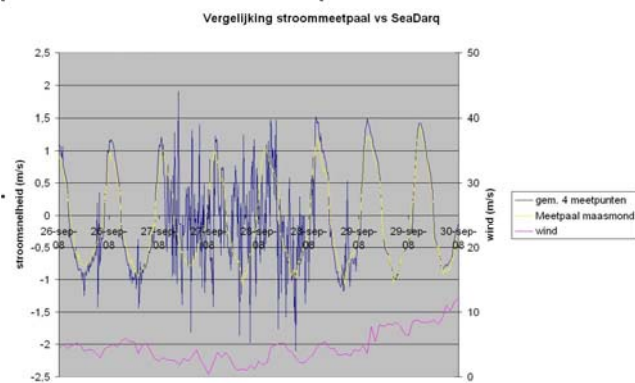
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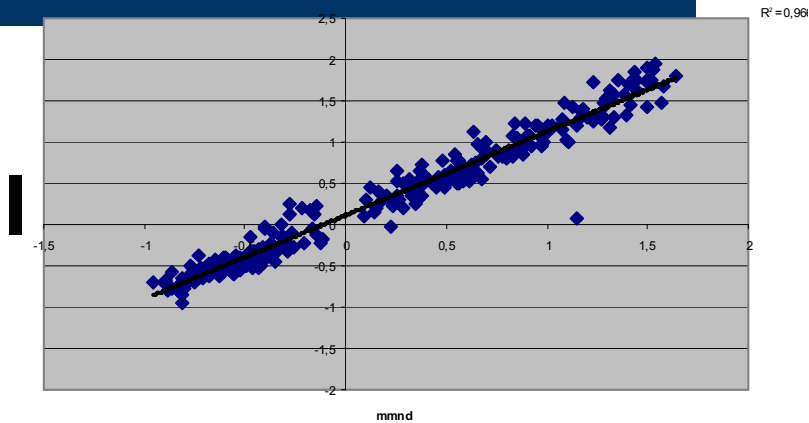
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Correlation coefficient better than 0.96

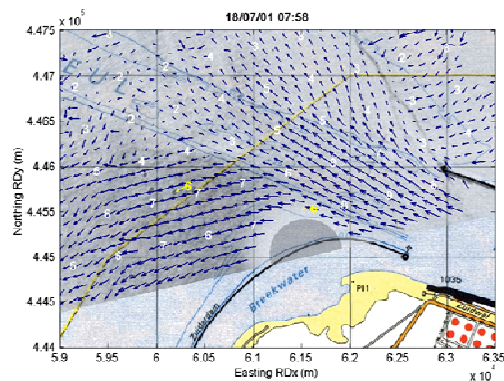
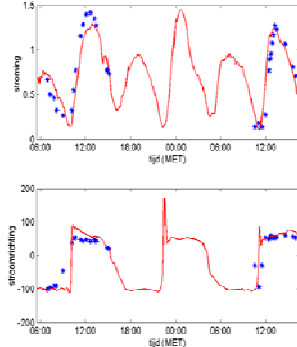


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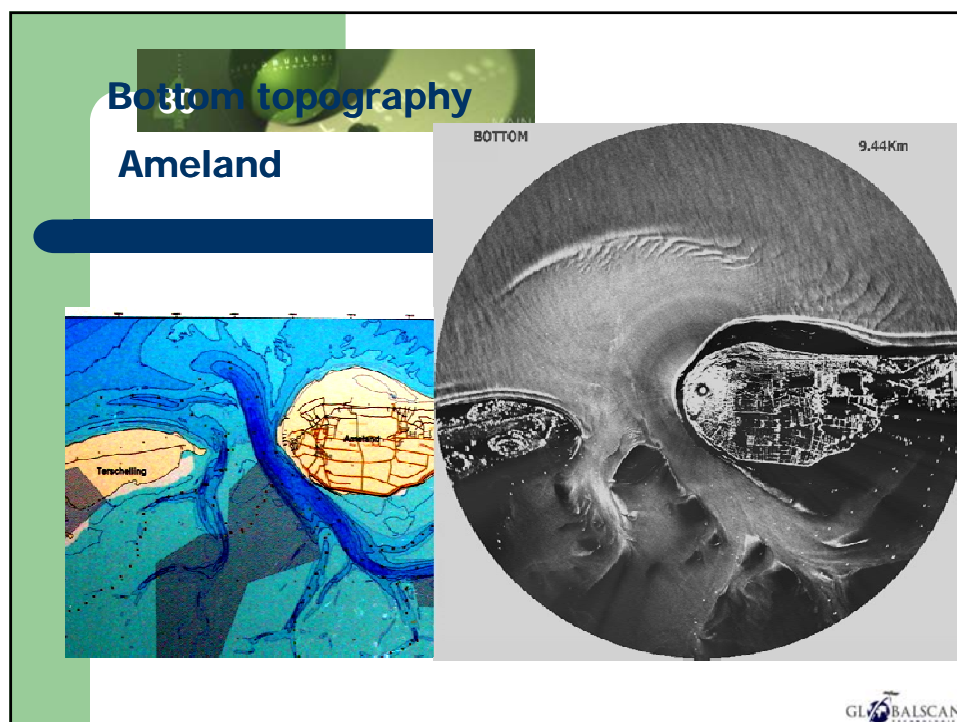
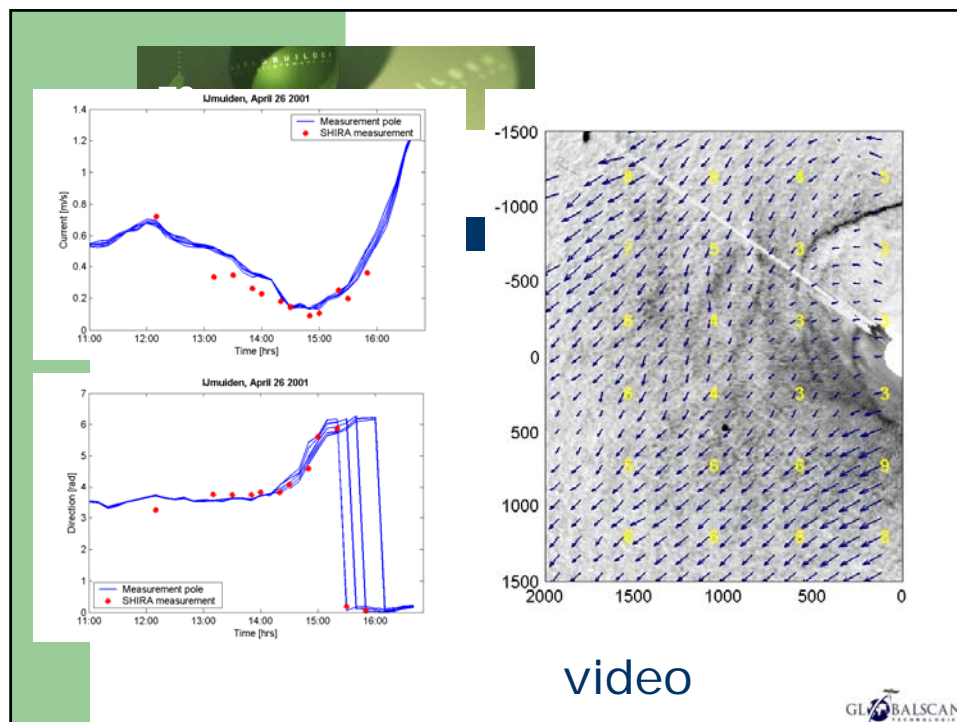
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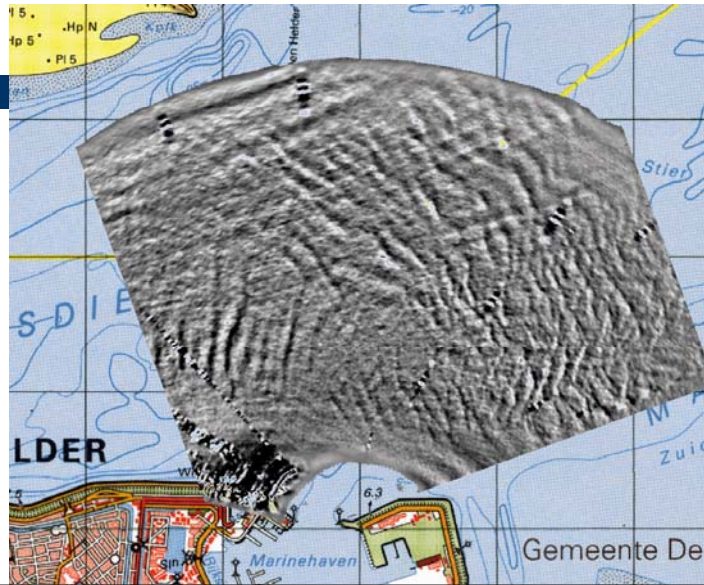
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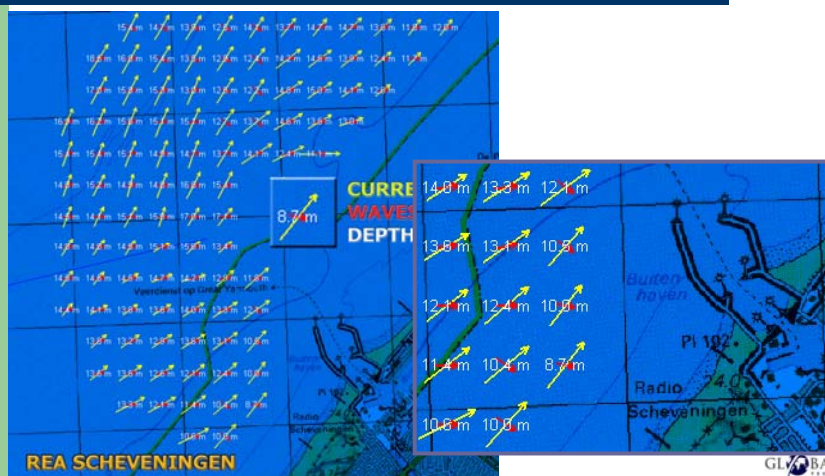
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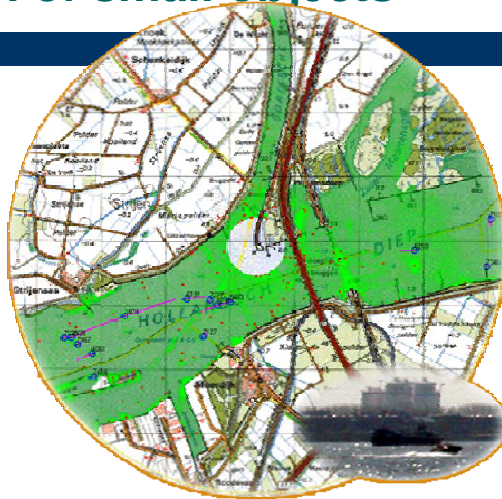
Prediction of drift



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Detection of small objects



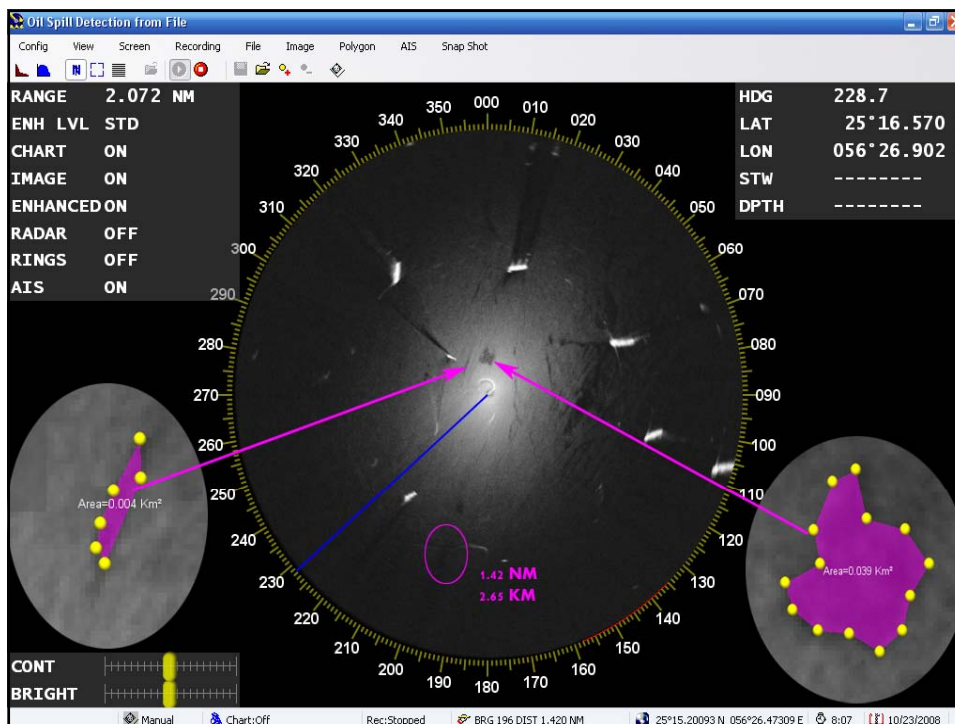
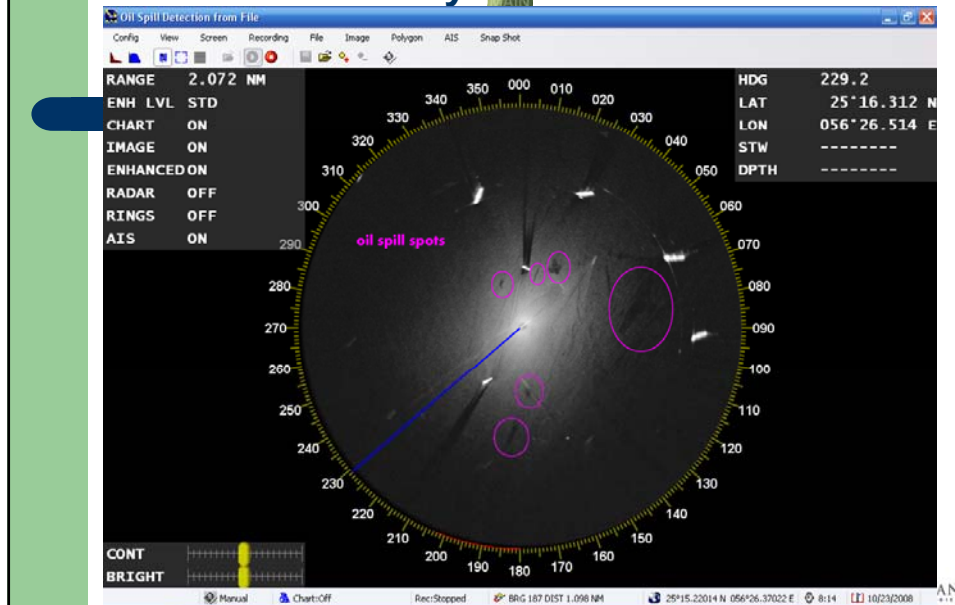
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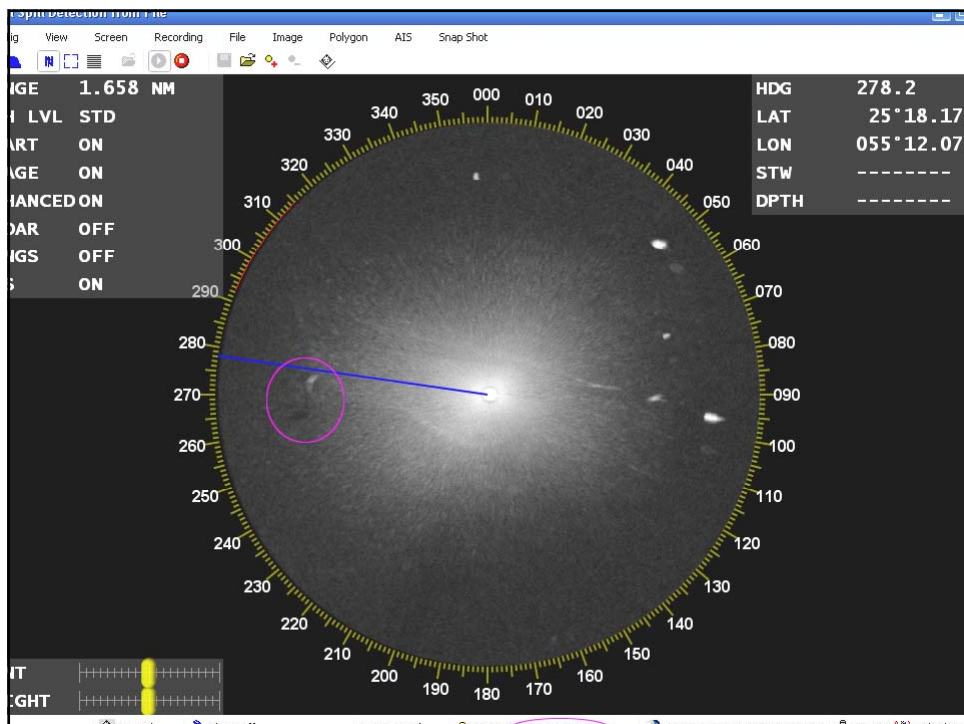
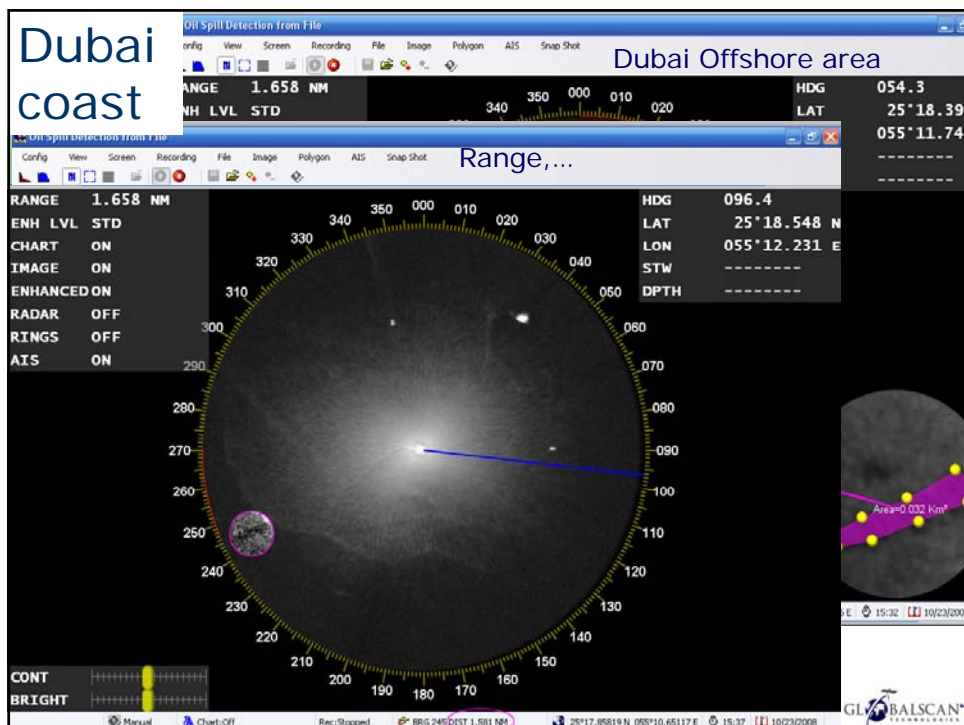
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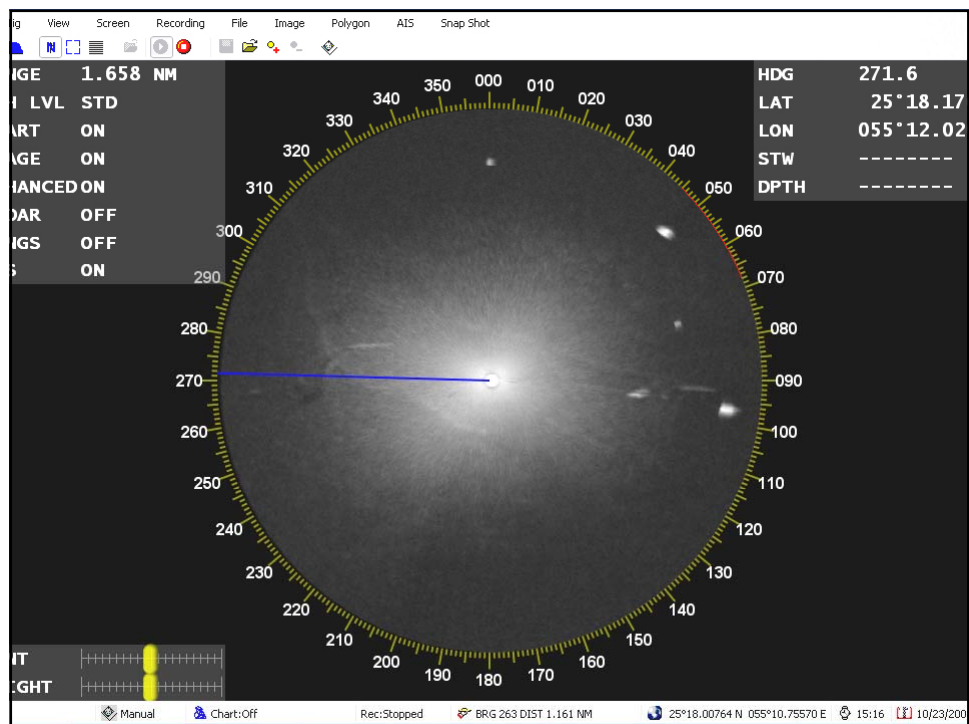
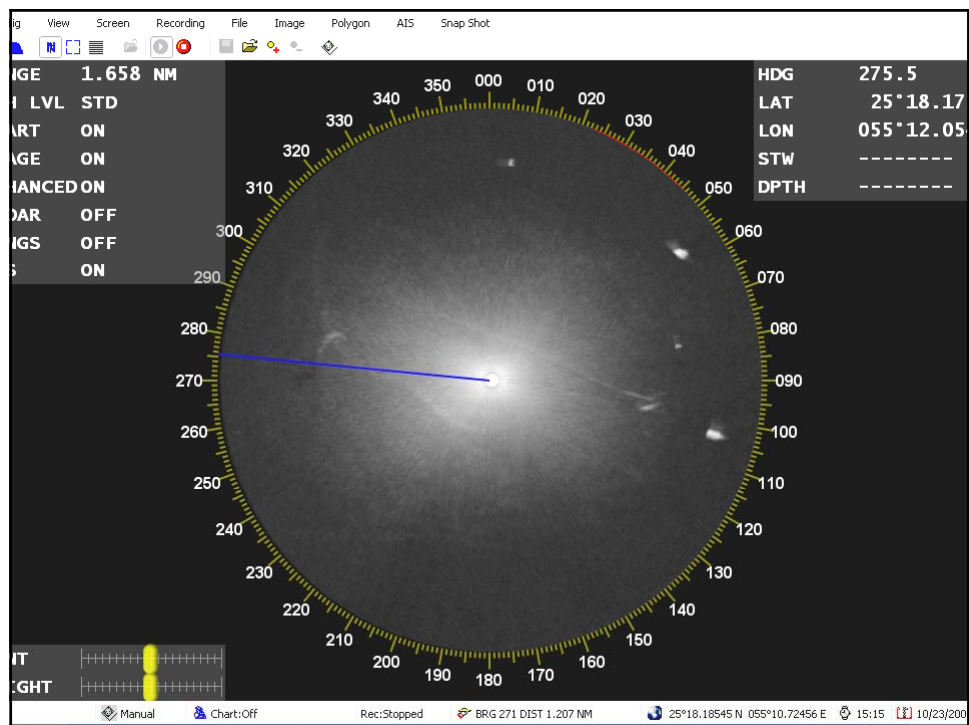


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Near Real Time Oil spill Monitoring

The Challenge

- Rapid report of above-mentioned oil spills through alerting
- A usable and effective decision support and incident management response solution

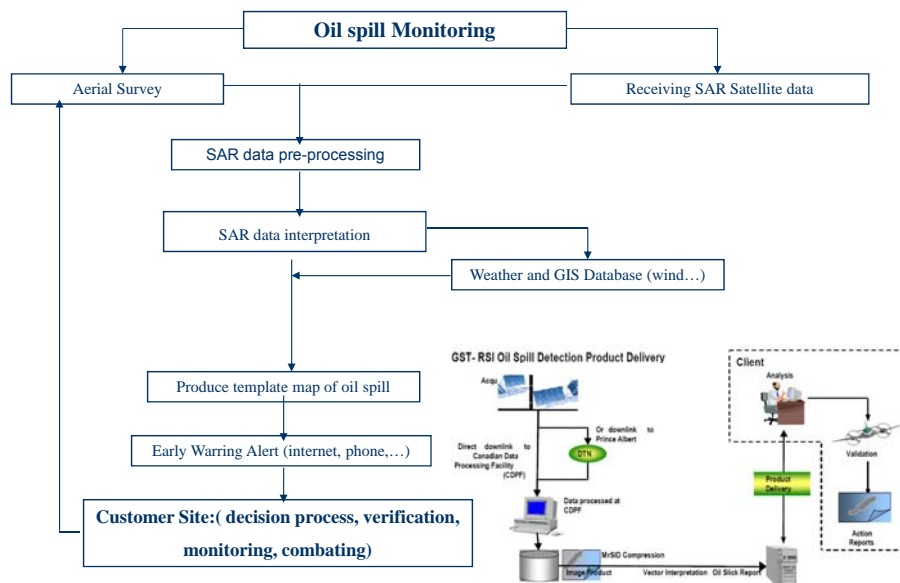
Our Solution

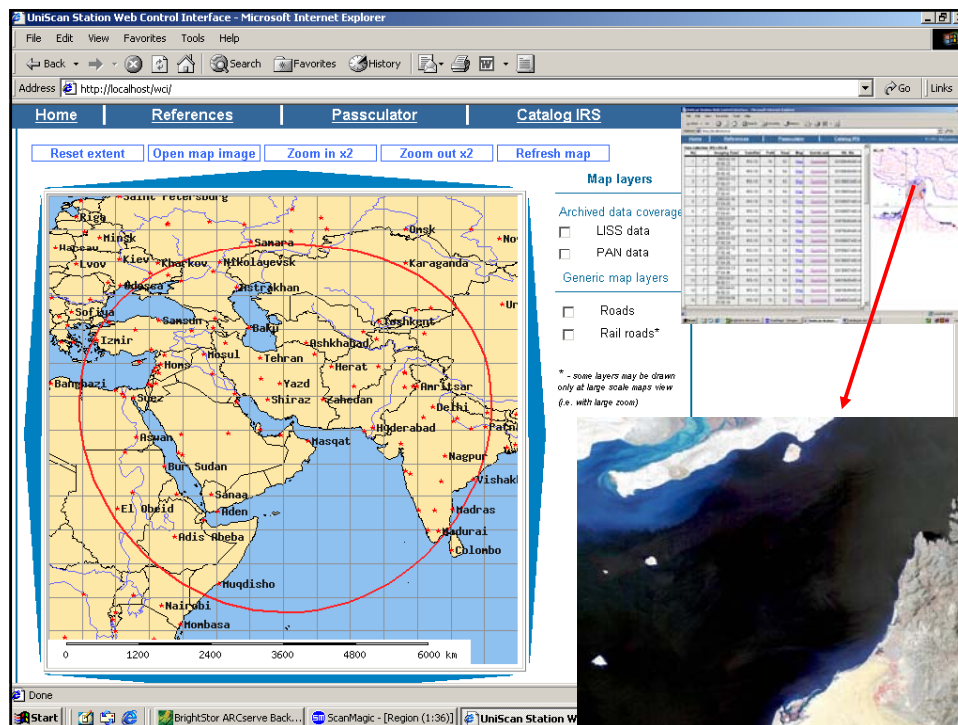
- SeaView, a fully managed web based service using space-based Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) from multiple satellites.

The SeaView solution offers:

- broad-area based coverage – a key advantage of SAR satellite imaging
- high revisit frequency – using multiple satellites
- zero footprint - user not have to purchase any hardware or software
- no maintenance - since GST/MDA will be operating the system 24x7
- intuitive & easy to use – with a user interface built on top of Google Earth technology
- Additional options that further enhance and extend the oil spill detection capabilities

Near Real Time Oil spill Monitoring procedure





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Oil Spill Detecting Instrument-SAR

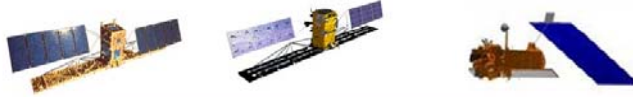
SAR imagery is uniquely suited to detect both oil pollution and the ship responsible

SAR data has been shown to be capable of detecting oil on the ocean surface in light to moderate sea conditions.

The effect of the oil is to reduce backscatter by suppressing surface capillary waves

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Detecting Instrument Housing



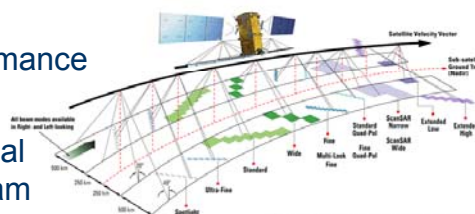
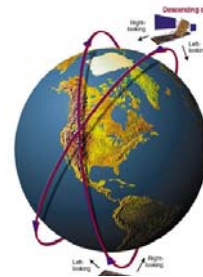
	RADARSAT-1	RADARSAT-2	Envisat ASAR
Launch Date	1995	2007	2002
Nominal Design Life	5 years	7 years	5 years
Orbital Revisit	24 days	24 days	35 days
Spacecraft Location	S/C ranging	GPS on-board	Radio-positioning
Imaging Frequency	C-Band, 5.3 GHz	C-Band, 5.405 GHz	C-Band, 5.333 GHz
Spatial Resolution	10 to 100 metres	1 to 100 metres	30 to 150 metres
Polarization	HH	HH, HV, VV and VH	HH, VV and HV
Look Direction	Right-looking	Routine left-and right-looking	Right-looking

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RADARSAT-2 Features & Benefits

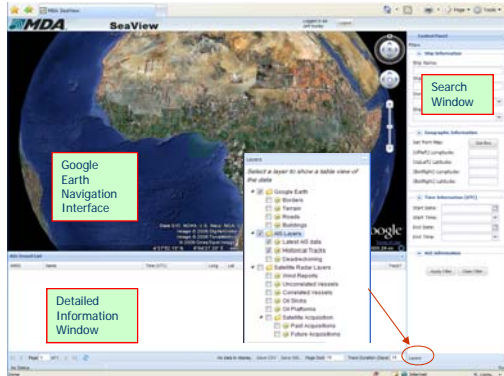
- Powerful range of modes and capabilities
- Huge imaging capacity
- Fast tasking timelines
- Proven C-band performance
- RADARSAT operational experience and program continuity



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SeaView

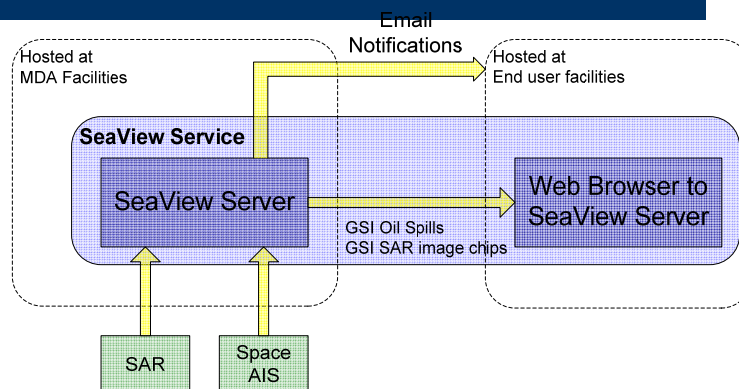
- SeaView service is a fully managed web-based service and allows the user to have access to SAR derived oil spill information with no hardware or software installation.
- It is intuitive and uses familiar functionality based on Google Earth's Plugin technology .



- Users can view different layers of information including Oil Spills, SAR Ship Detects and Wind Maps (and optionally space-based AIS).
- They can filter information based on time, on geographic region and on vessel characteristics (if AIS is incorporated).
- Because SeaView uses Google Earth Plugin, users can zoom and pan to areas of interest quickly and easily

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SeaView: Architecture



SeaView: Acquisition Planning

The ability to see the future acquisition schedule is key to cueing interdiction assets such as Coast Guard vessels or aircraft to deal with oil spills quickly and effectively. As shown in the following figure, the acquisition information is listed in a table format and overlaid on the map display.

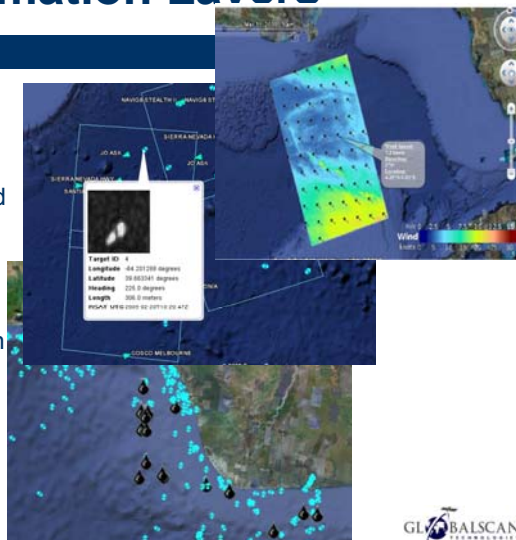


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SeaView: Information Layers

Supported Various Information

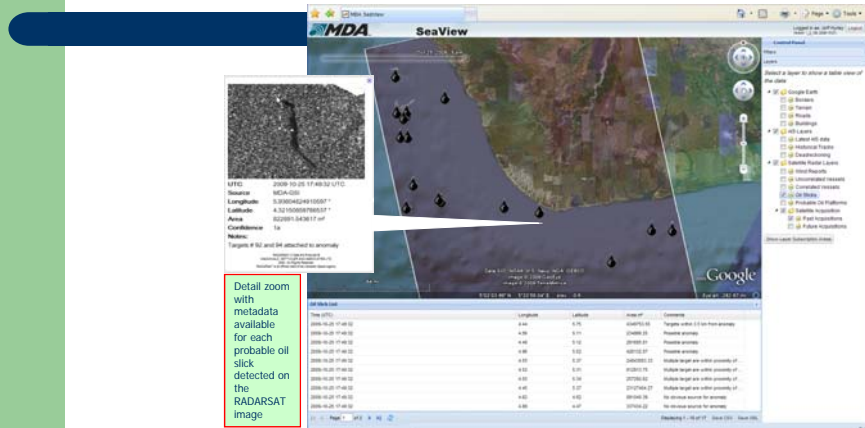
1. Oil Spill
2. Ship Detects
3. Query past and present oil spills by region and date and to view multiple oil spills within the system.
4. With the AIS option integrated into SeaView, Ship tracks can be viewed in conjunction with ship movement in the region.
5. Wind Maps. Wind vector information derived from the Image displayed as raster
6. Google Earth,...



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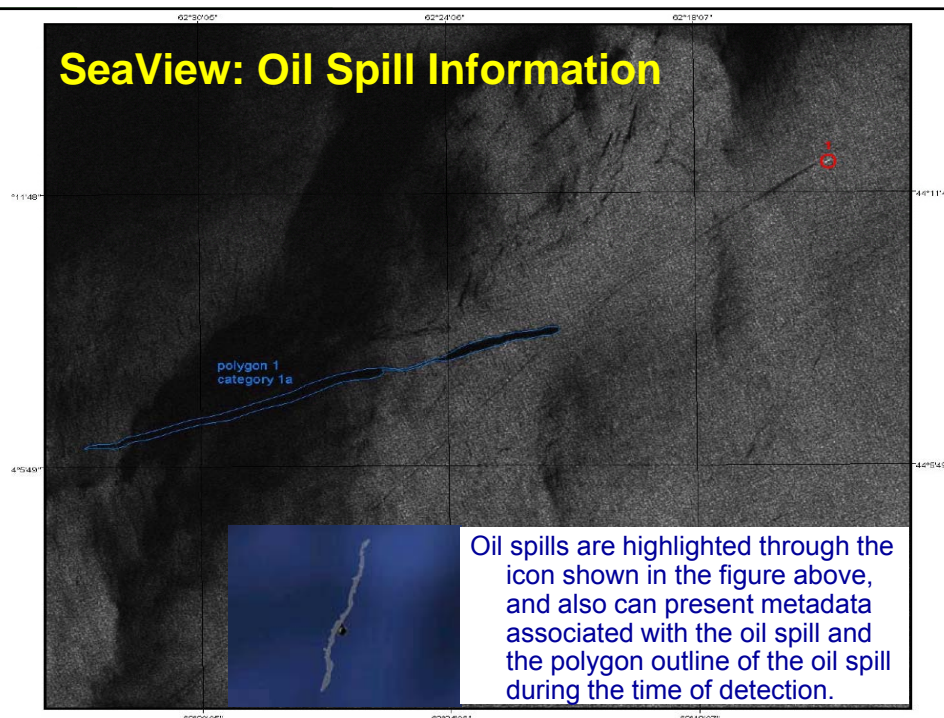
SeaView: Oil Spill Details

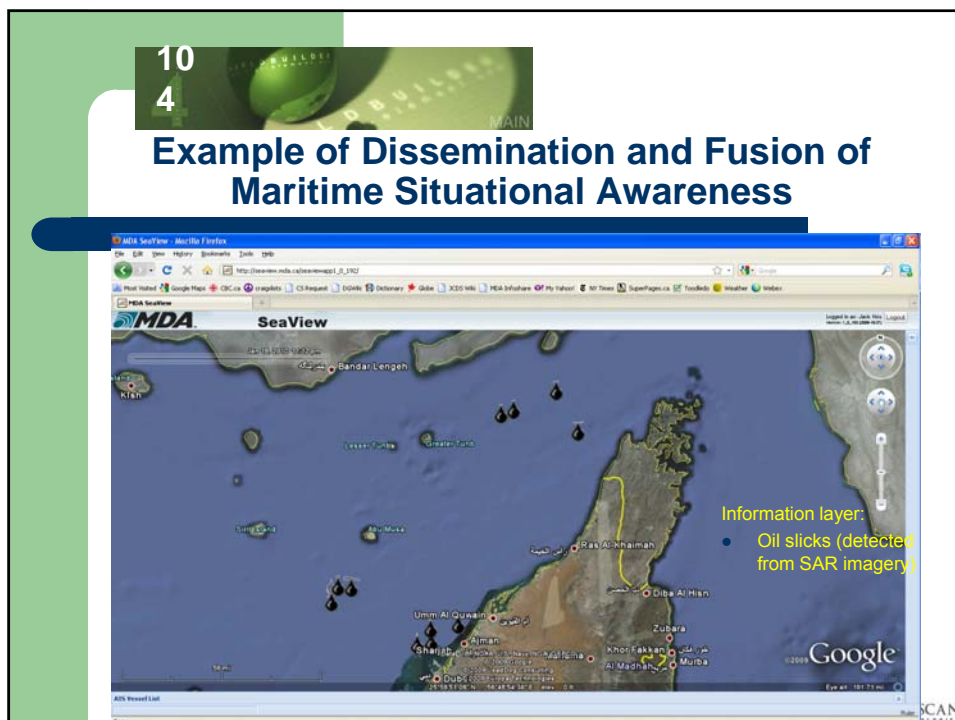
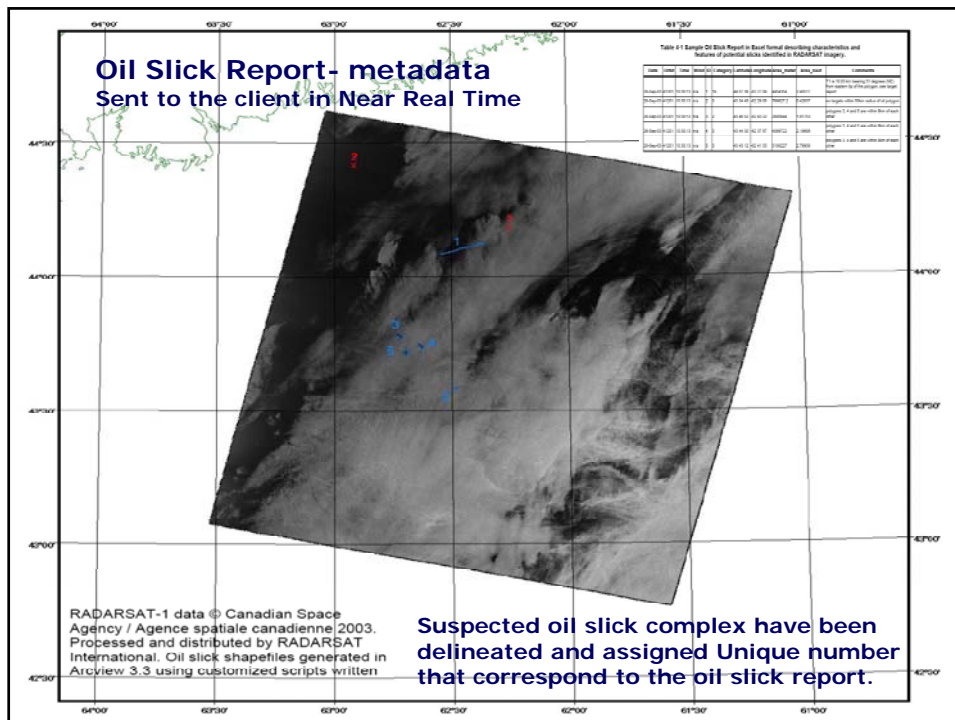


When a user queries for oil spill detects, the oil spills can be displayed visually, and also are presented in a table format:

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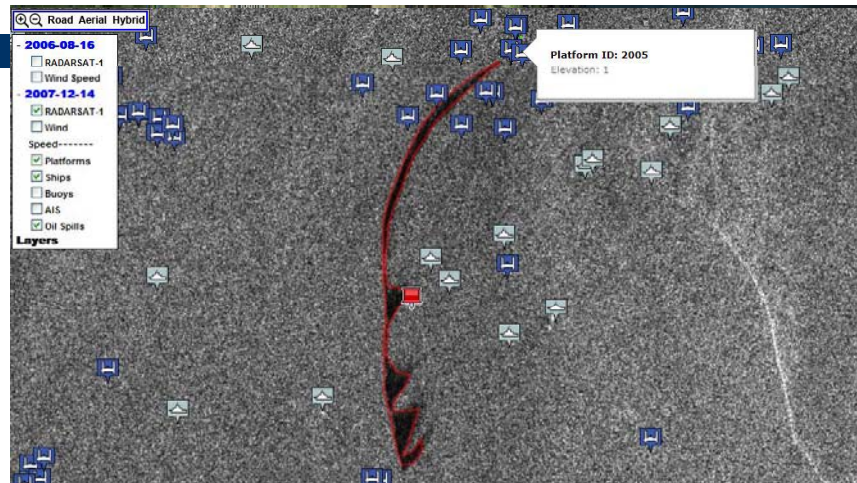
SeaView: Oil Spill Information





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Example: SAR Derived Data Integration

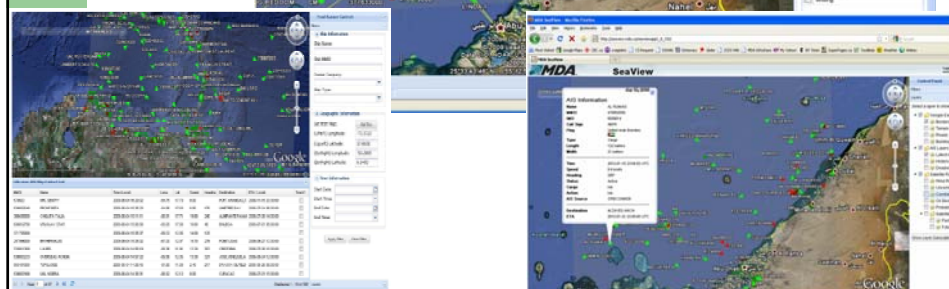


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AIS Vessel Information

Information layer:
Green: AIS
Correlated with vessel
detections
Red :
Vessels not
transmitting
AIS

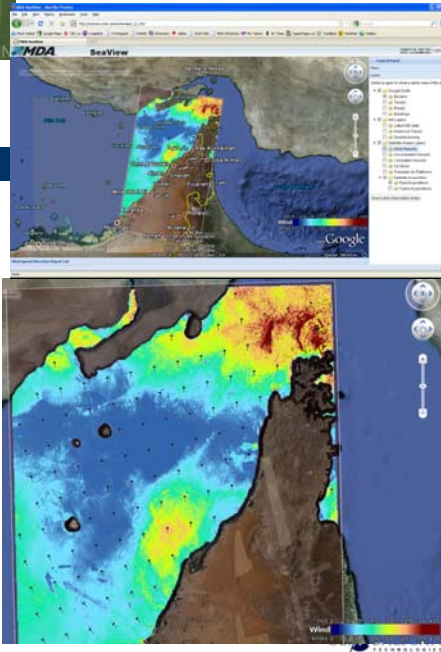


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Wind information

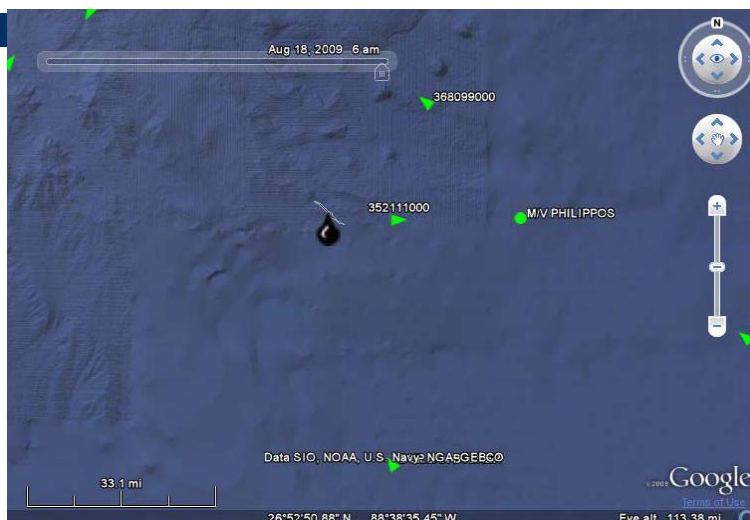
over the ocean surface can be estimated directly from the same SAR image utilized for oil and ship detection.

- This rapidly derived information can be used as a key input for weather modeling/forecasting and oil spill trajectory modeling.



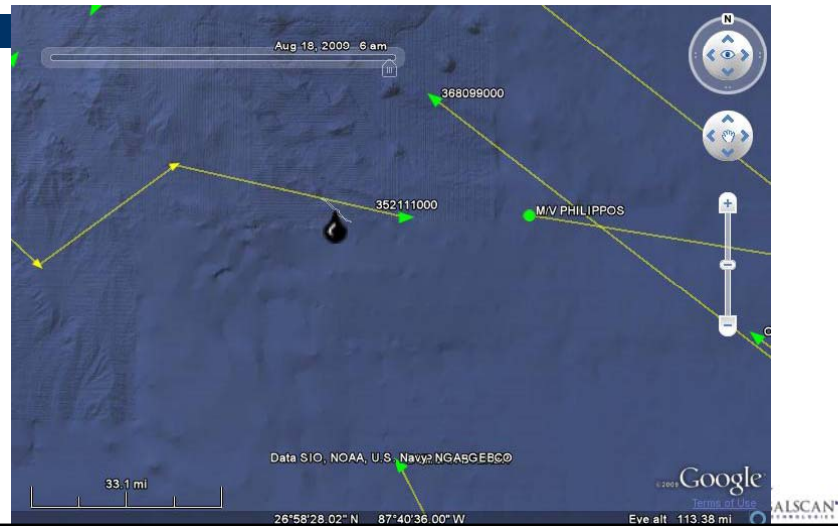
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Example: Oil Slick, Gulf of Mexico



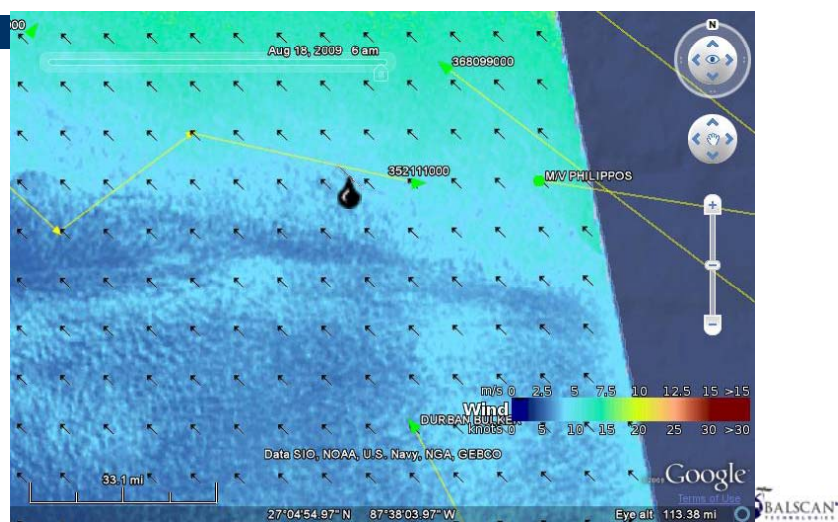
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Example: Oil Slick, Gulf of Mexico



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Example: Oil Slick, Gulf of Mexico



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Sample Concept Operational scenario CONOPS

- Acquisition and Detection
- Viewing and Notification
- Incident Response
- Tracing Responsibility (AIS Option)
- Spill Trajectory Predictions



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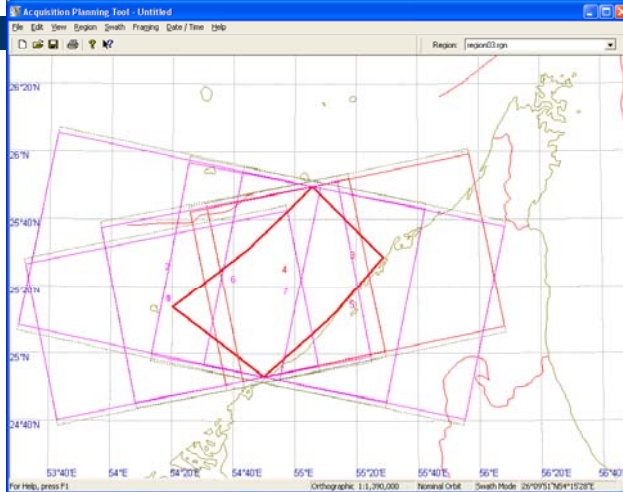
Acquisition and Detection

1. Users examine the upcoming acquisition schedule and surveillance area through SeaView.
 - The key to effectively use SAR satellites is to understand when and where data acquisitions will occur.
2. User communicates with the organizations (eg. Coast Guard) with interdiction assets and prepares them to respond if a critical oil spill is detected
3. SAR satellite passes over the region and acquires data
4. GST/MDA receives the SAR data, processes it and then performs oil detection. The results are quality checked to confirm the detection is accurate



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Example of SAR Acquisition Planning



Acquisition are planned to provide the best possible coverage of the area using the available satellites

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SAR Acquisition and Processing

Enhanced Service Operations using GST station

Two criteria for a satellite based oil Spill monitoring program:

The frequency of imaging

The latency (time of information delivery)

- Sensors: RADARSAT-1 & RADARSAT-2 data
- Frequency: Minimum time between imaging opportunities: about 12 hours.
Average time between imaging opportunities: less than 1.5 days
- latency : Minimum Latency: less than 2 hours.
Average Latency: 2 hours
- SeaView allows for easy integration of additional data sources

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Viewing and Notification

2. An oil report is generated and emailed to the appropriate end users as an alert. An XML version of the oil report is also generated and made available on MDA's FTP server.
3. The Oil Report indicates certain spills have a high degree of hazard identification. The user visits SeaView and graphically locates the relevant oil spill polygons. He determines that one of the oil spills may indeed require intervention.
4. He starts the a modeling application and ingests the oil detection report XML file generated by SeaView. He uses the model to determine where the oil spill is now and where potentially it will go



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Reporting

SeaView will deliver a reporting solution that summarizes the oil spill events:

- Time of detection
- Spill coordinates
- Area of the spill at time of detection
- Hazard identification
- Expected level of uncertainty in the detection

Two oil spill detection reports are generated:

- a text report meant for users and
- an XML report.



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Reporting

Samples of each report are as follows:

```
Spill ID: 240
UTC Date: 2009-12-16 00:00:00+00
Source: MDA RADARSAT2
Area (m^2): 30000.7
Confidence: 99%
Notes: No distinct direction. Does not appear associated with targets in the vicinity
Hazard Category: MODERATE
Spill Centroid (Lat/Long): 54.6316560352117, 25.5033159358982
Spill Centroid (DLTM): 429455.780909534, 2821995.81674016
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Figure 2-12 Sample ASCII Formatted Report Suitable for Email

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Reporting

```
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<SpillReport>
  <id>240</id>
  <utc>2009-12-16 00:00:00+00</utc>
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  <metadata>
    <area>30000.7</area>
    <confidence>99</confidence>
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    <hazardCategory>MODERATE</hazardCategory>
  </metadata>
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    <directionDegTrueNorth>161</directionDegTrueNorth>
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  </geomDLTM>
  <idSpill>
    <idSpillReport>

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Figure 2-13 Sample XML Formatted Report

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Incident Response

with the relevant intervention agency (eg. Coast Guard) and informs them where to find the oil spill.

2. The agency dispatches the relevant intervention assets (eg. a vessel) to examine the spill and decide on next steps.



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Tracing Responsibility (AIS)

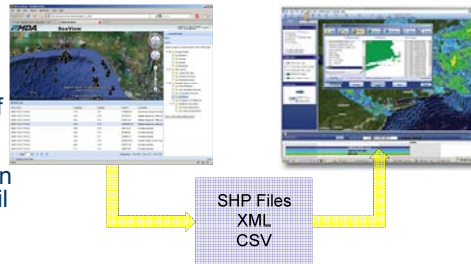
The user visits SeaView and turns on the AIS layer and Oil spill layers. He looks at the historical tracks associated with various vessels, and adjusts the timeline as needed to analyze ship traffic patterns, trying to potentially trace responsibility to a specific vessel.

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Spill Trajectory Predictions

- The GST solution supports integration of any spill trajectory prediction solution (model).
- SeaView can support export of SHP (shape), KML or CSV data which can be ingested by models. In this way, a user can import the parameters of the oil spill detection into the model.
- The Model would take this information, and combine it with known meteorological data to predict how/where the oil spill will migrate.



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