



## New modelling tools and different sensor resolution for vegetation mapping: what actually matters?

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We have to get knowledge about our landscapes patterns and processes



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**what actually matters?**

We do not end up with available tools (year 2017 and so on) and outputs...

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Traditionally: visual interpretation and digitalization

SIOSE: Sistema de Información sobre Ocupación del Suelo de España (CNIG)

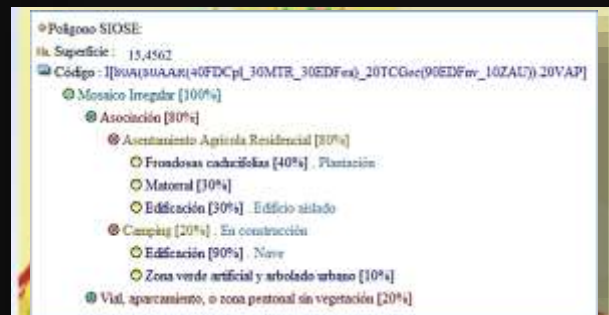
CLC (CORINE): CoORDination of INformation of the Environment (EEA)

Land use-land cover typologies

Vectorial format

'Homogeneous' land cover patches

Restricted or null temporal resolution

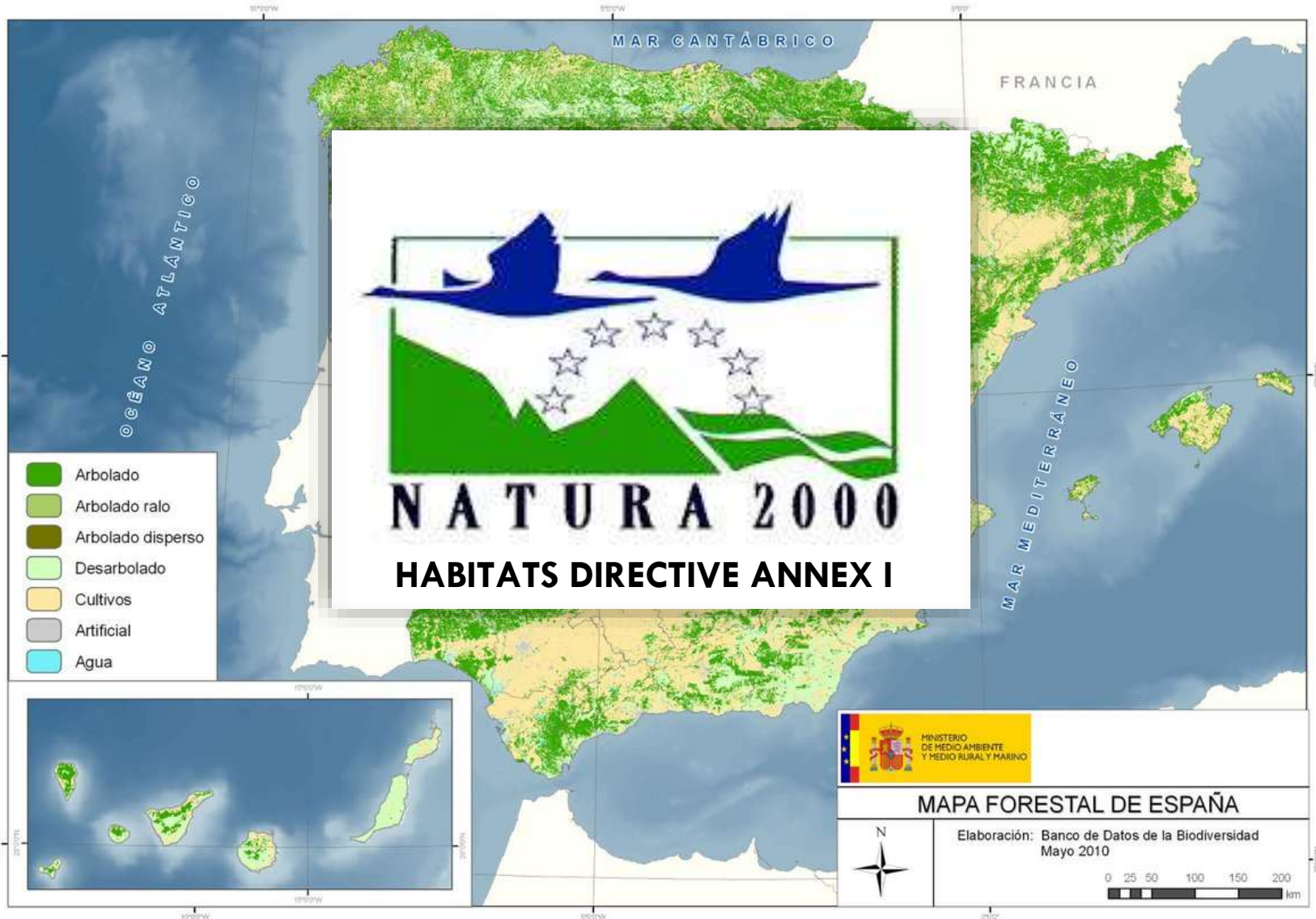


2010



2012

FORESTRY MAP OF SPAIN



**Expert-based methods:** visual interpretation and fieldwork

**EUNIS  
F4.22**

EUNIS (level 1): Heathland, scrub and tundra  
EUNIS (level 2): Temperate shrub heathland  
EUNIS (level 3): Dry heaths  
EUNIS (level 4): Sub-Atlantic [Calluna] - [Genista] heaths F4.22

**HABITATS DIRECTIVE ANNEX I: 4030-EU dry heathlands**



European Environment Agency 

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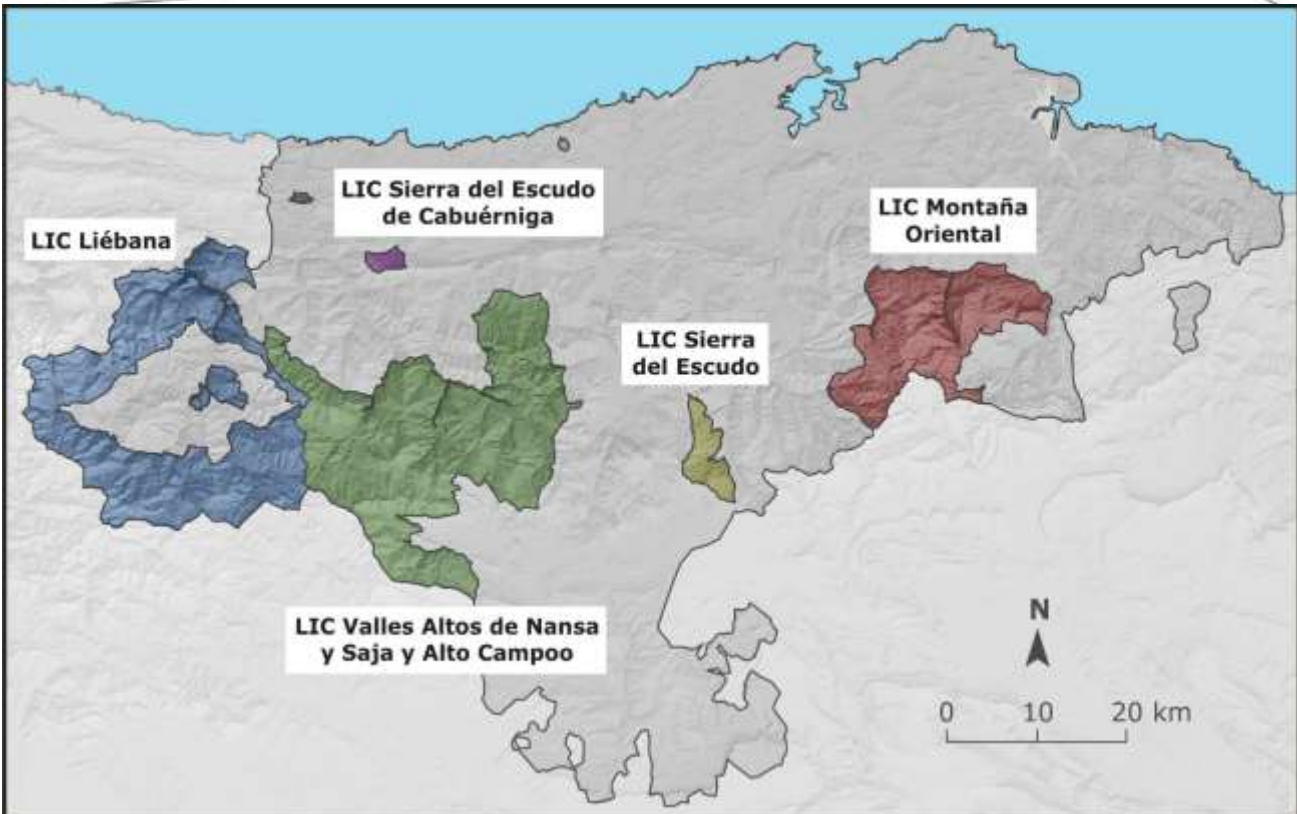
**Welcome to EUNIS, the European Nature Information**  
**Find species, habitat types and protected sites across Europe**

**Species**  [Search](#)

Information about species in Europe, particularly species mentioned in legal texts. [Search tools](#)

**Mapping** broad-scale vegetation patterns in complex mountainous territories

Habitat maps using modelling techniques in SCI→SAC of Natura 2000 Network in Cantabria (NW Spain)  
26% of Cantabria. 25 hábitats...



Management plan



Annex I

- 1. Spatial distribution
- 2. Conservation Status
- 3. Management Plan-Local actions



## >100 EUNIS 3-5 level habitat types

Borja Jiménez-Alfaro  
(U. de Oviedo)



### EUNIS typologies in Cantabria

ID	EUNIS	N	Descripción
1	A2	103	Littoral sediment
2	A2.61	37	Seagrass beds on littoral sediments
3	C1	271	Surface standing waters
4	C2.2	169	Permanent non-tidal, fast, turbulent watercourses
5	D1.21	385	Hyperoceanic low-altitude blanket bogs, typically with dominant [Trichophorum]
6	E1.2	62	Perennial calcareous grassland and basic steppes
7	E1.263	227	Middle European [Brachypodium] semidry grasslands
8	E1.7	41	Closed non-Mediterranean dry acid and neutral grassland
9	E1.712	95	Sub-Atlantic [Nardus]-[Galium] grasslands
10	E1.721	131	Nemoral [Agrostis]-[Festuca] grasslands
11	E2.1	243 0	Permanent mesotrophic pastures and aftermath-grazed meadows
12	E2.11	436	Unbroken pastures
13	E2.111	612	Ryegrass pastures
14	E2.112	171	Atlantic [Cynosurus]-[Centaurea] pastures
15	E2.2	328	Low and medium altitude hay meadows
16	E2.21	125	Atlantic hay meadows
17	E2.22	595	Sub-Atlantic lowland hay meadows
18	E5.31	40	Sub-Atlantic [Pteridium aquilinum] fields
19	F2.2	52	Evergreen alpine and subalpine heath and scrub
20	F2.231	73	Mountain [Juniperus nana] scrub
21	F3.13	31	Atlantic poor soil thickets
22	F3.17	125	[Corylus] thickets
23	F3.171	40	Atlantic and sub-Atlantic hazel thickets
24	F3.25	37	Piornales
25	F3.252	136	Northwestern Iberian [Genista florida] fields
26	F4.2	978	Dry heaths
27	F4.23	120	Atlantic [Erica]-[Ulex] heaths
28	F4.237	190	Cantabro-Pyrenean [Erica vagans]-[E. cinerea] heaths
29	F7.4	138	Hedgehog-heaths
30	F7.4451	834	Pyreneo-Cantabrian cushion-heaths
31	FA	46	Hedgerows
32	G1	40	Broadleaved deciduous Woodland
33	G1.21	252	Riverine [Fraxinus] - [Alnus] woodland, wet at high but not at low water
34	G1.214 2	130	Pyreneo-Cantabrian alder galleries
35	G1.6	134 3	[Fagus] woodland
36	G1.62	353	Atlantic acidophilous [Fagus] forests
37	G1.624	65	Pyreneo-Cantabrian acidophilous beech forests
38	G1.625	179	Western Cantabrian acidophilous beech forests
39	G1.64	247	Pyreneo-Cantabrian neutrophile [Fagus] forests

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40	G1.643	231	Sub-humid oro-Cantabrian beech forests
41	G1.662	55	North-western Iberian xerophile beech woods
42	G1.7	93	Thermophilous deciduous woodland
43	G1.7B	108 9	[ <i>Quercus pyrenaica</i> ] forests
44	G1.7B2	370	Cantabrian [ <i>Quercus pyrenaica</i> ] forests
45	G1.7D	48	[ <i>Castanea sativa</i> ] woodland
46	G1.862	506	Cantabrian acidophilous oak forests
47	G1.862 1	77	Eastern Cantabrian acidophilous oak forests
48	G1.862 2	33	Western Cantabrian acidophilous oak forests
49	G1.862 3	38	Oro-Cantabrian acidophilous oak forests
50	G1.91	24	[ <i>Betula</i> ] woodland not on marshy terrain
51	G1.915 1	51	Cantabrian [ <i>Betula celtiberica</i> ] woodlands
52	G1.A	33	Meso- and eutrophic oak, hornbeam, ash, sycamore, lime, elm and related woodland;
53	G1.A1	31	[ <i>Quercus</i> ] - [ <i>Fraxinus</i> ] - [ <i>Carpinus betulus</i> ] woodland on eutrophic and mesotrophic soils
54	G1.A19	206	Pyreneo-Cantabrian [ <i>Quercus</i> ] - [ <i>Fraxinus</i> ] forests
55	G1.A4	48	Ravine and slope woodland
56	G1.C1	73	[ <i>Populus</i> ] plantations
57	G1.C4	50	Other broadleaved deciduous plantations
58	G2.1	43	Mediterranean evergreen <i>Quercus</i> woodland
59	G2.12	687	[ <i>Quercus ilex</i> ] woodland
60	G2.121	75	Meso-Mediterranean [ <i>Quercus ilex</i> ] forests
61	G2.121 1	172	Northwestern Iberian holm-oak forests
62	G2.124 14	115	Oro-Cantabrian encinares
63	G2.6	46	[ <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> ] woods
64	G2.81	371	[ <i>Eucalyptus</i> ] plantations
65	G3.F12	129	Native pine plantations
66	G3.F22	229	Exotic pine plantations
67	G3.F23	154	Other exotic conifer plantations
68	G4.F	67	Mixed forestry plantations (plantaciones mixtas de coníferas y caducifolios)
69	G5	27	Lines of trees, small anthropogenic woodlands, recently felled woodland, early-stage woodland and coppice
70	H2.6	102	Calcareous and ultra-basic screes of warm exposures
71	H2.641	116	Canchales calcáreos matorrales orocantábricos
72	H2.65	34	Iberian calciphile fern screes
73	H3.21	159	Tyrrheno-Adriatic eumediterranean calcicolous chasmophyte communities
74	I	416	Regularly or recently cultivated agricultural, horticultural and domestic habitats
75	I1	101	Arable land and market gardens
76	I2	67	Cultivated areas of gardens and parks
77	I5.8	66	Comunidades alóctonas de Cortaderia, Baccharis, Buddleja, Phyllostachis, Reynoutria
78	J	132	Constructed, industrial and other artificial habitats
79	X1	115	Helechales
80	X2	31	Nanofruticedas cespitosas con <i>G. pyrenaicum</i> y <i>H. sedenense</i>

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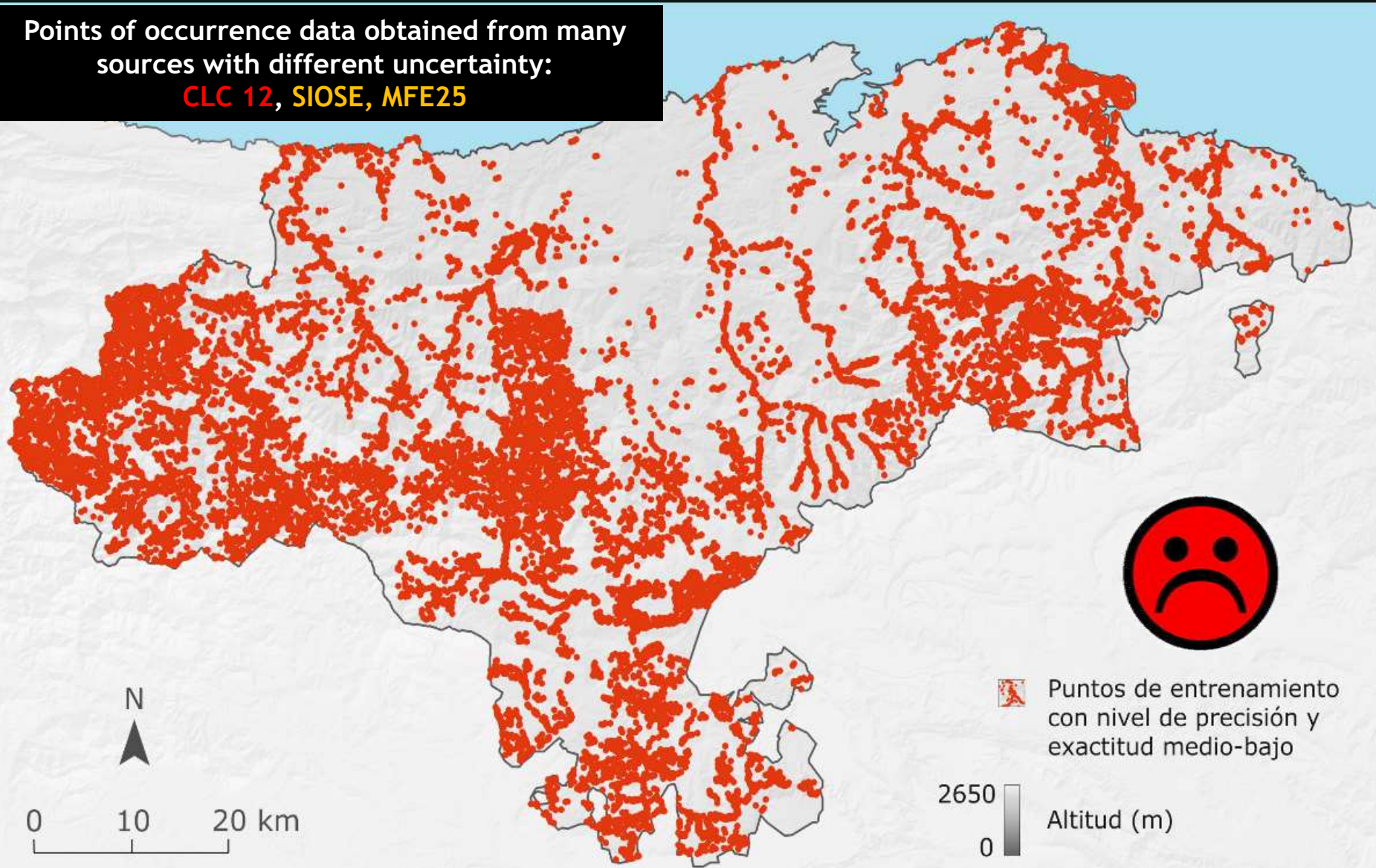
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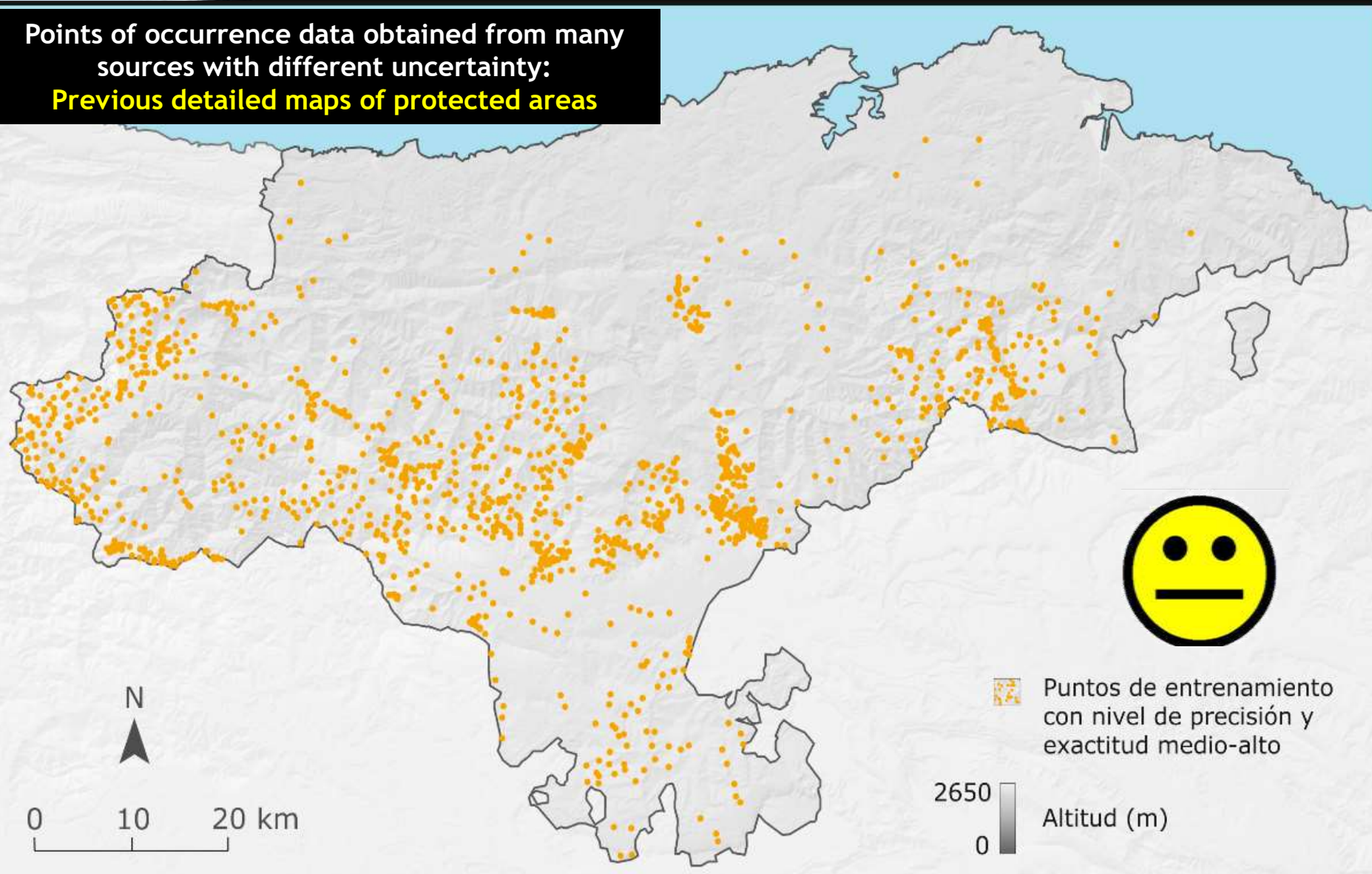
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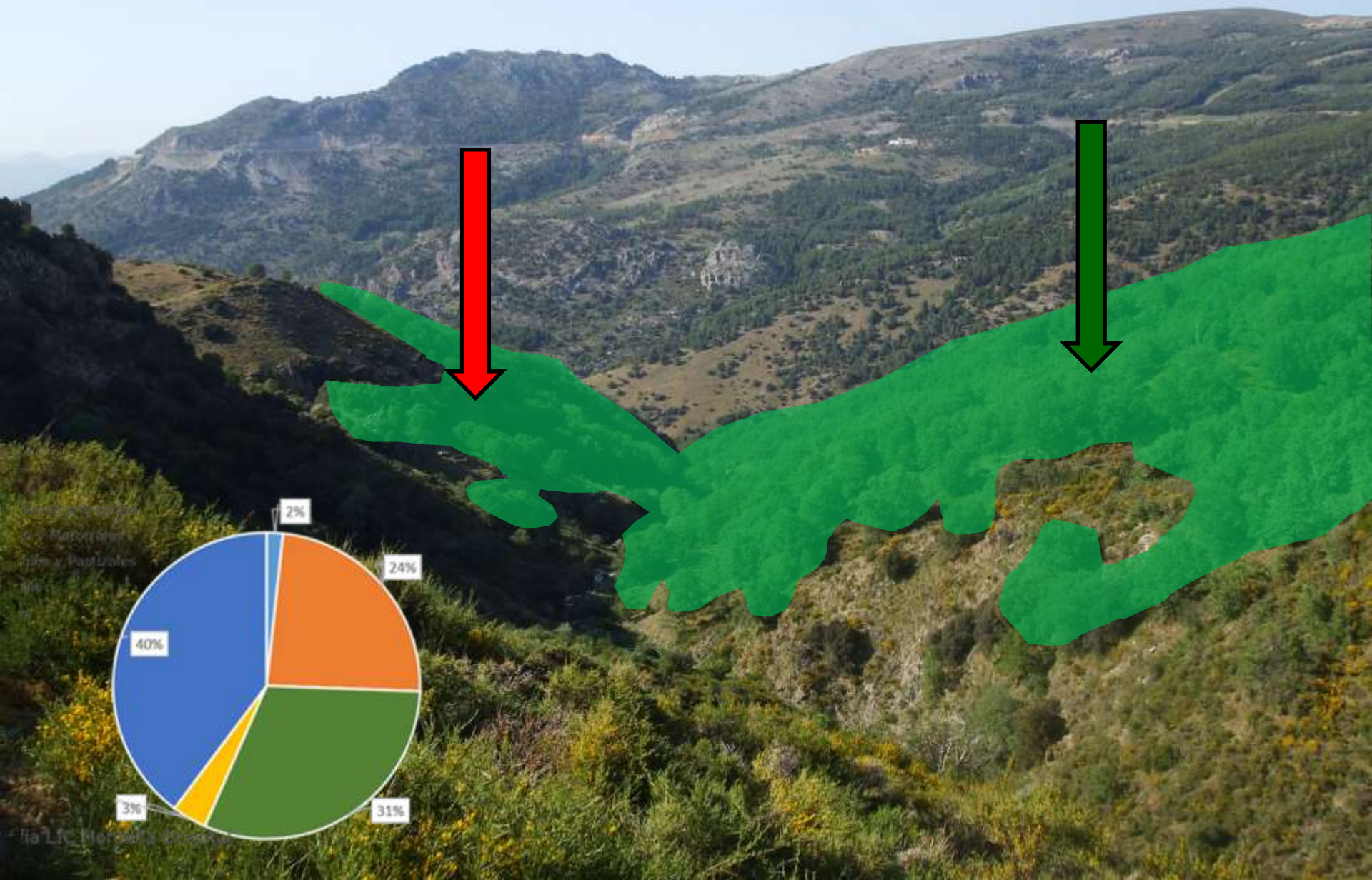
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Altitud (m)

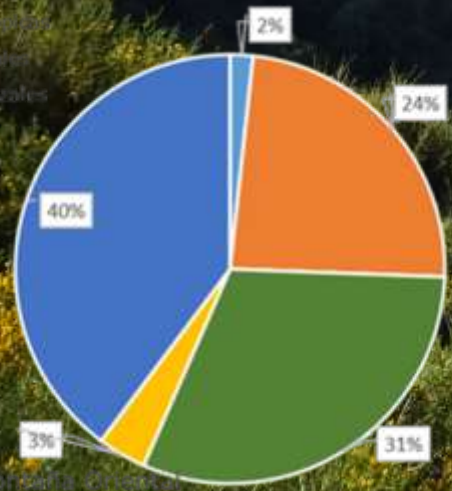
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Previous detailed maps of protected areas



Vectorial LULC databases simplify complex landscapes mosaics by creating “homogeneous” Landscapes patches including different communities and environmental gradients...

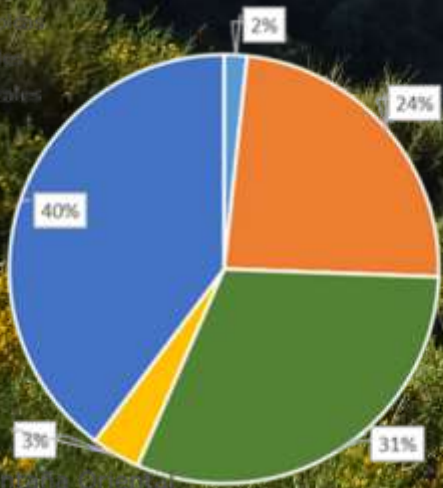


Forest  
Pastizales  
Matorral



Mapa LULC Merindad de Castilla

There is a need for defining detailed (EUNIS, MAES...) typologies for large territories in order to accomplish landscape complexity, temporal variability and locally-tailored management practices



Montes de León  
y Maritimidad  
y Pastizales

la LIC Merindad Oriental



Points of occurrence data obtained from many sources with different uncertainty:  
**Field campaigns (botanists)**



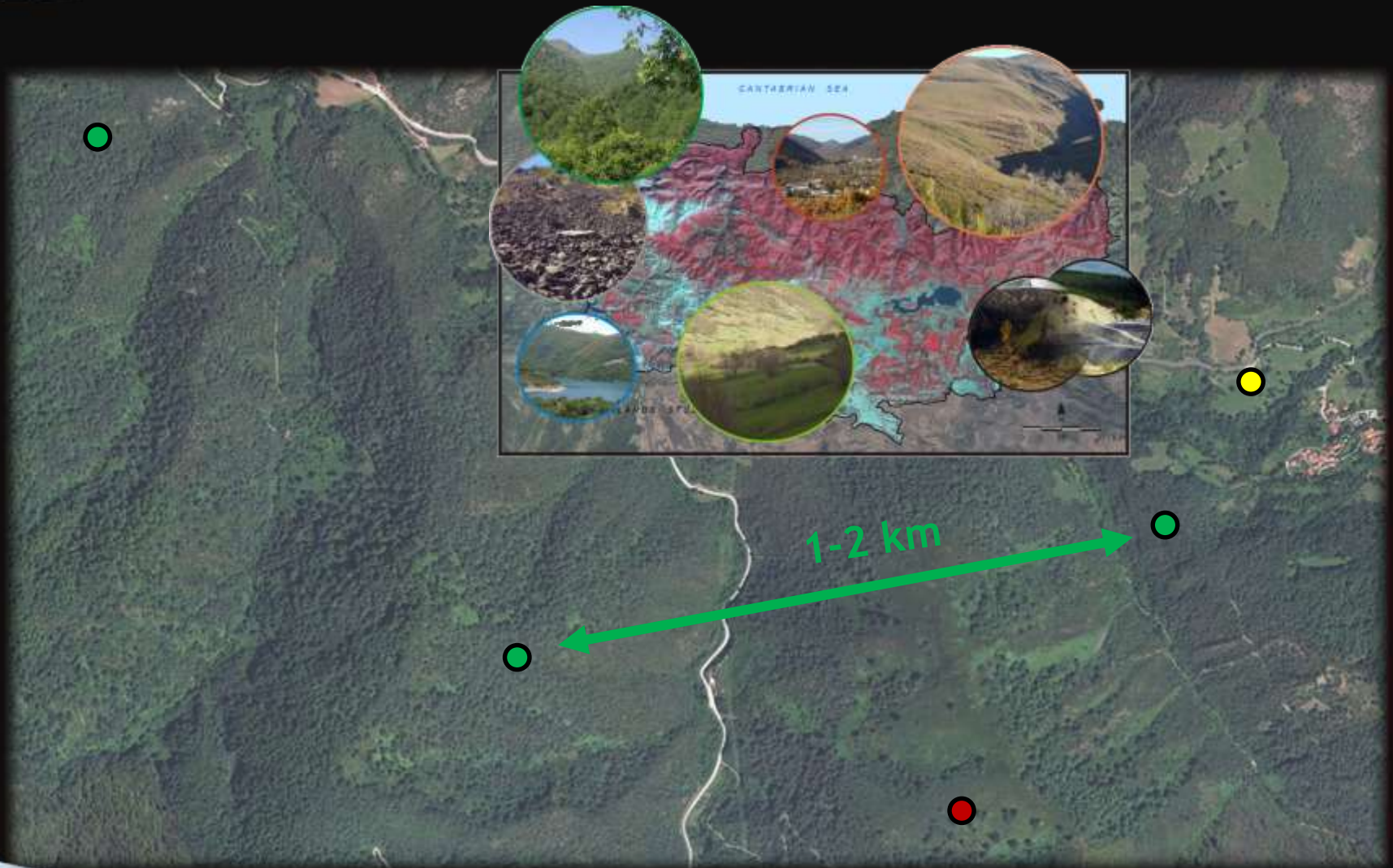
Reference data: transects, sampling points

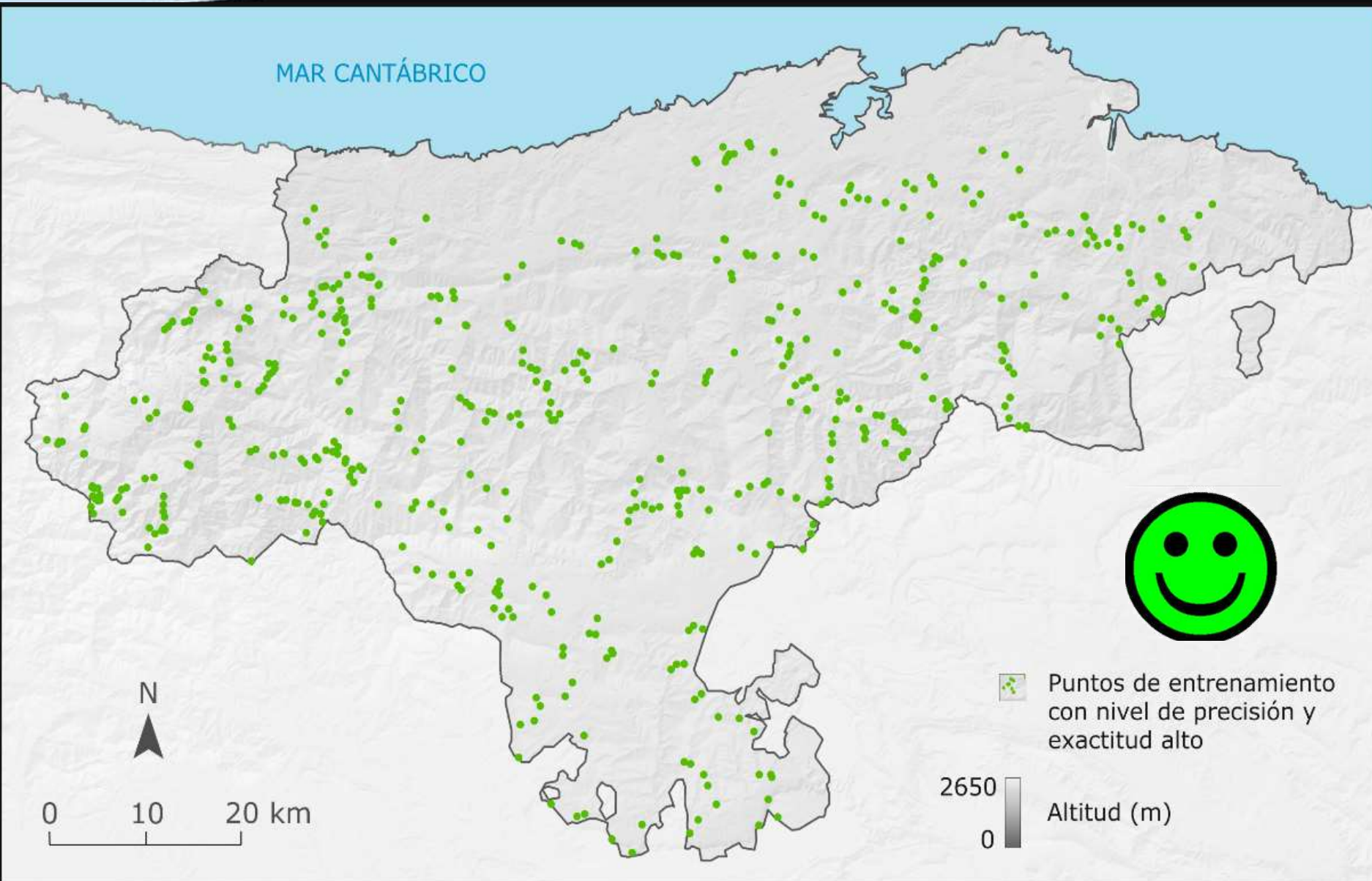


“Tablet System”. H2020 Working Group of Turkey



Successive vegetation databases corrected or confirmed previous data





2016-2018  
25000 puntos

MAR CANTÁBRICO

Testing

Testing



Training

**Puntos de entrenamiento:**

- Calidad media y baja
- Calidad media
- Calidad alta

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## Remote Sensing (RS)

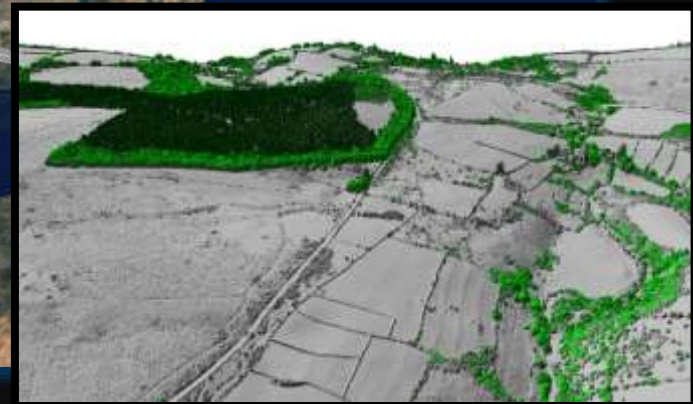
Satellite imagery:

Landsat 5TM and 8OLI 30m  
Sentinel 2 A and B, 10-20m  
DEIMOS-2, 4m

LiDAR derived data, 5-30m

## ENV. LIMITING FACTORS

topography, climate, soil





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**2015-2018, MVC**

Articles

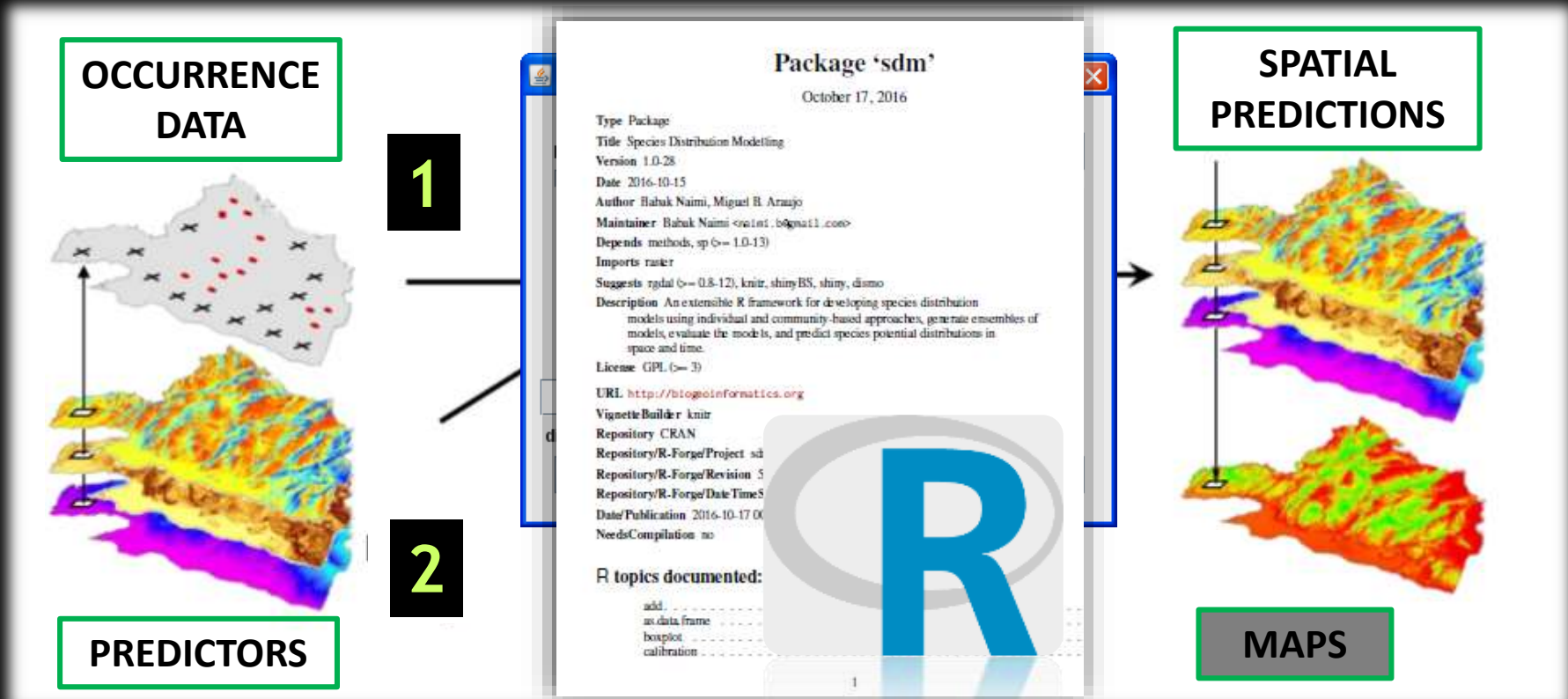
**Can training data counteract topographic effects in supervised image classification? A sensitivity analysis in the Cantabrian Mountains (Spain)**

J.M. Álvarez-Martínez  A. Silió-Calzada & J. Barquín

Pages 8646-8669 | Received 18 Mar 2016; Accepted 26 May 2018; Published online: 03 Jul 2018

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A **DATA MINING** method or modelling algorithm for habitat mapping relates occurrence data and the process-based environmental and RS predictors



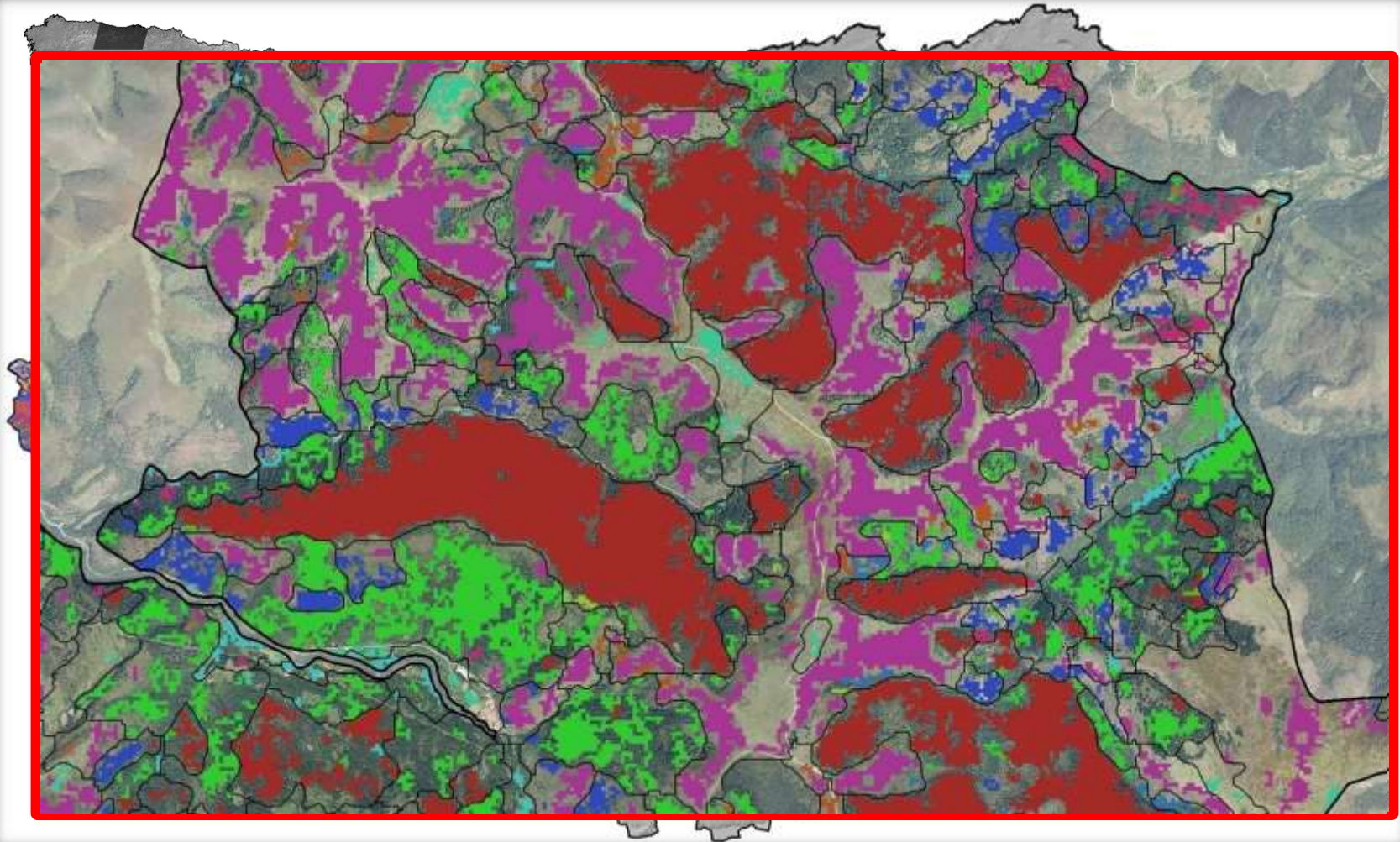
**MaxEnt:** SWD format, Tunning parameters, *Phillips et al (2006)*  
**SDM:** Multiple algorithms, Bootstrapping, *Naimi and Araújo (2016)*







Automatic and objective: depends on the models



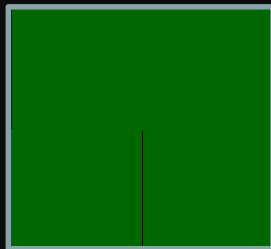
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Cross-validation of *local* AOO (concurrency) maps with independent TESTING data

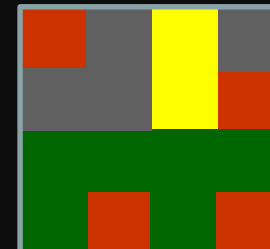
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	4090	11	6	29			1	4	3	1	1							1	1							39	49%	51%	
	5120	4			14																						18	78%	22%
Pasturas	6160				10						6															18	56%	44%	
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Omission error		26%	17%	37%	18%	17%	67%	25%	34%	30%	71%	29%	56%	82%	41%	53%	29%	100%	24%	0%	50%	0%	50%	17%	100%			67.59%	

**INDEPENDENT FIELD CHECKED DATA**

**67.59% of overall accuracy**



Landsat 8 OLI (30 m)



Spectral uncertainty and unmixing

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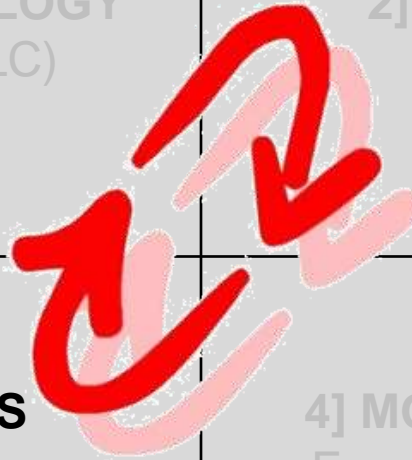
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Higher sun elevation and minimum cloud cover from USGS and ESA



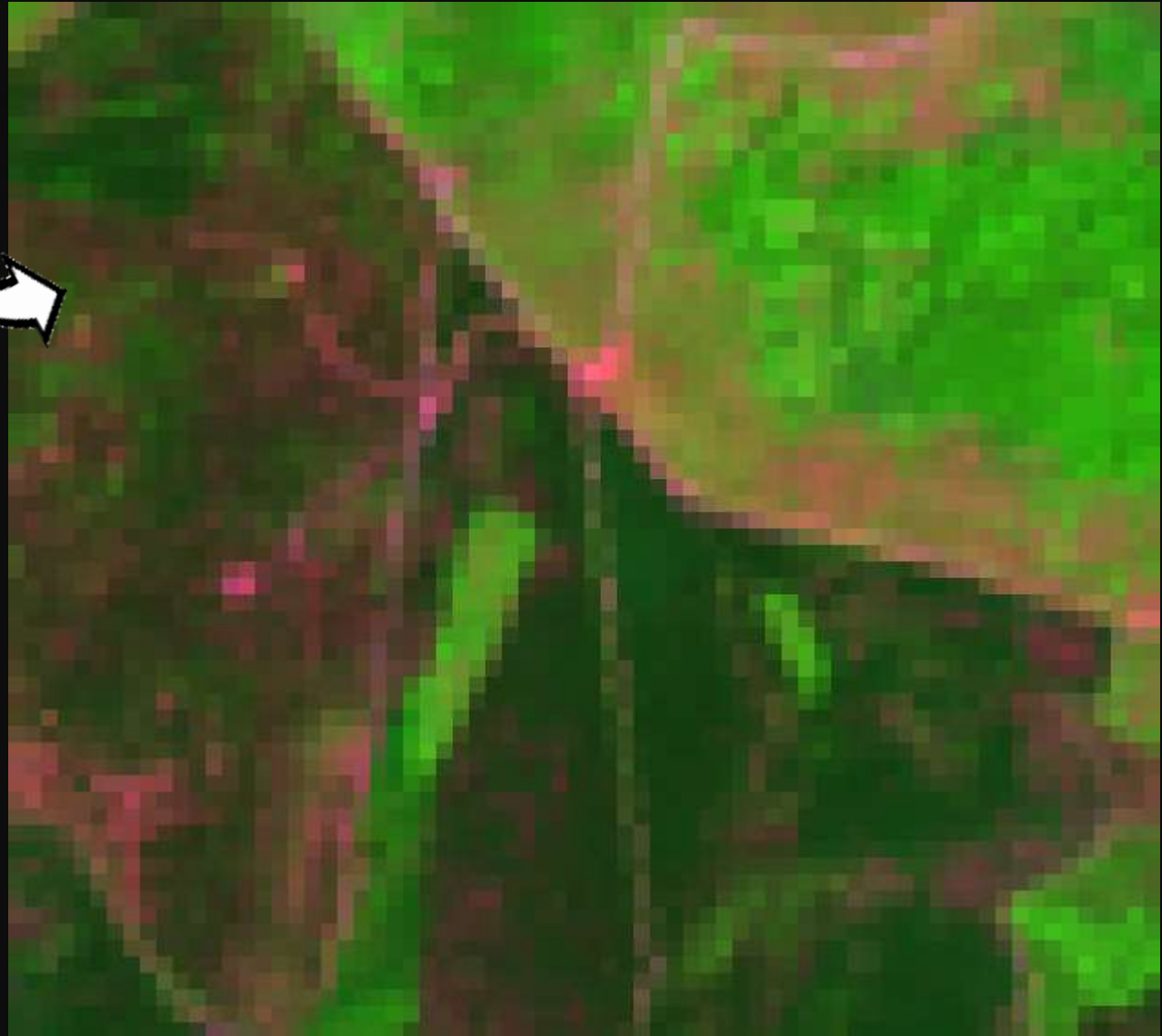
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Reflect BOA

*Roads detail*





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**Zoom**

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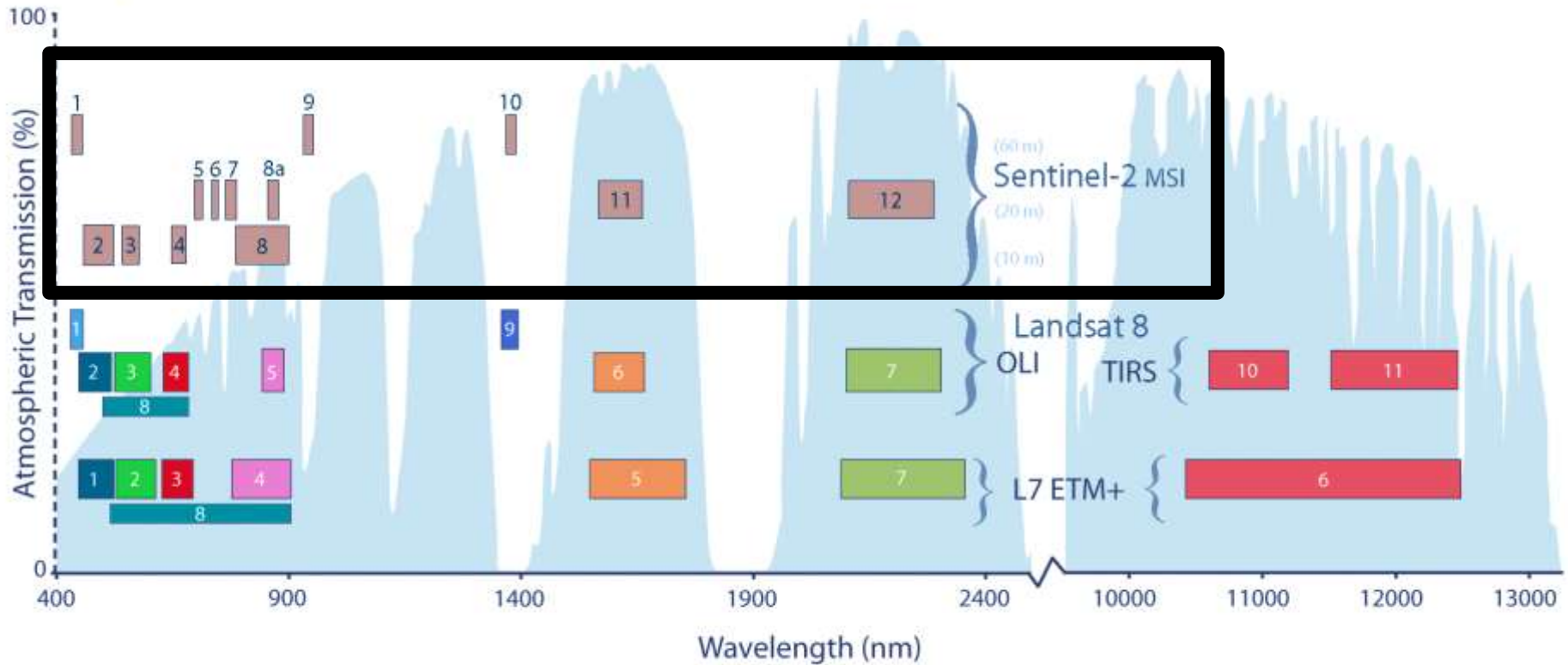
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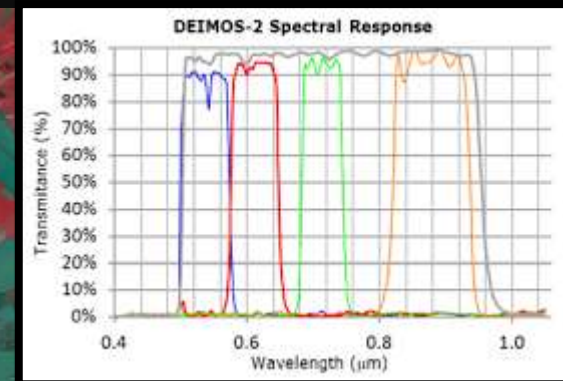
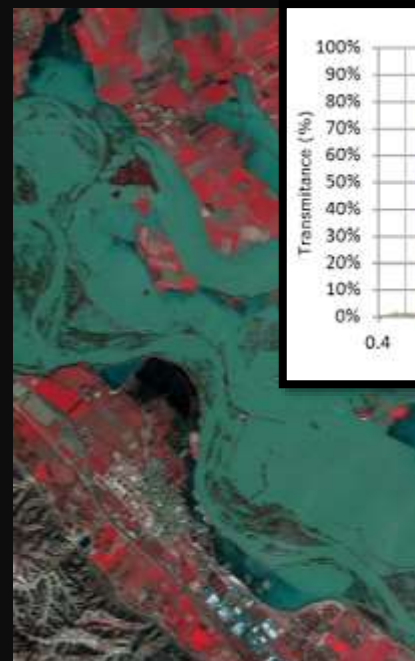
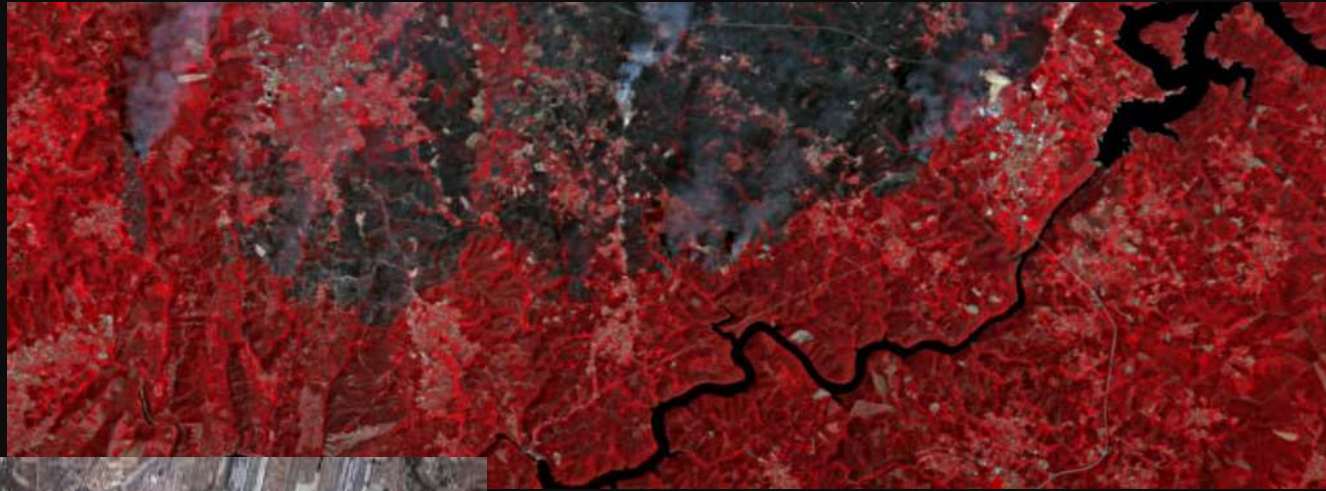




Comparison of Landsat 7 and 8 bands with Sentinel-2

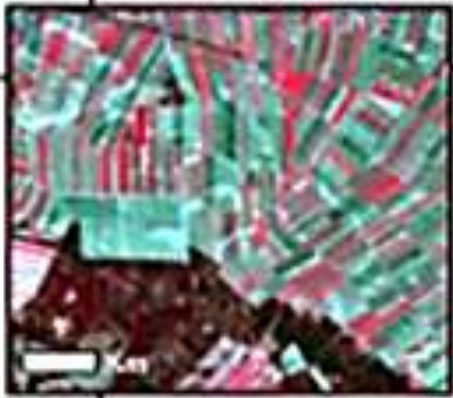


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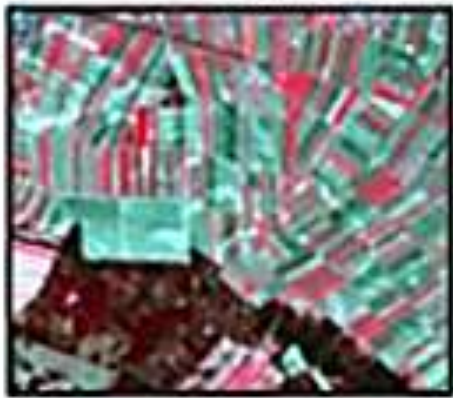


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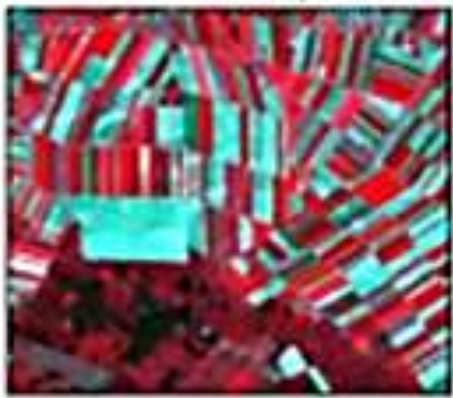
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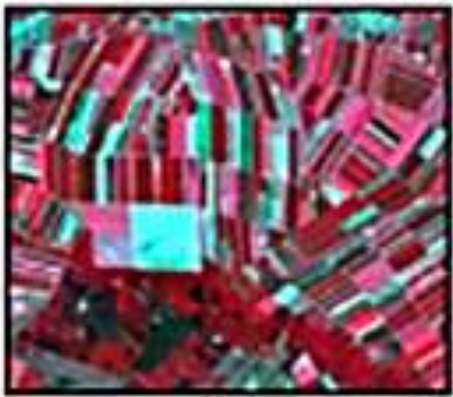


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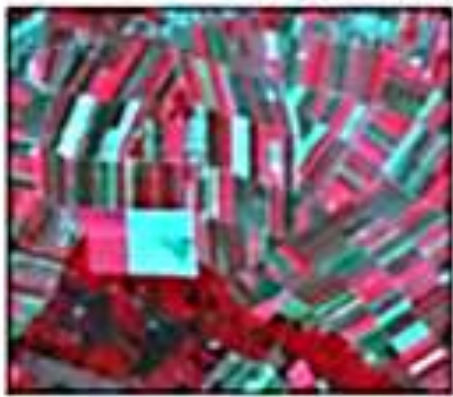


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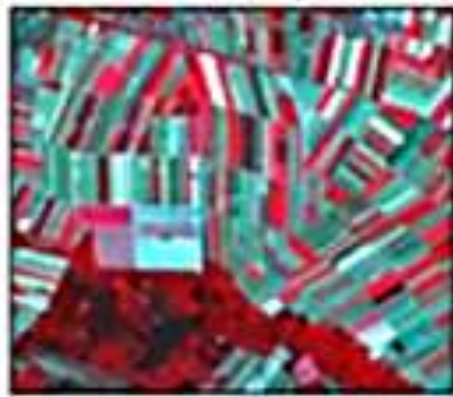
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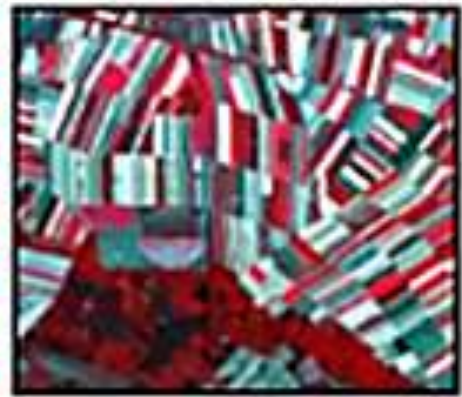
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18 July (DEIMOS)



29 July (Landsat-8)

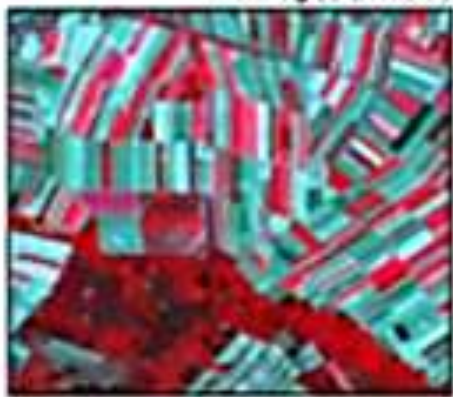


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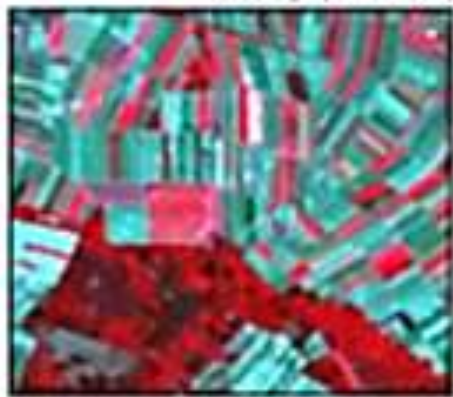


LATE SUMMER

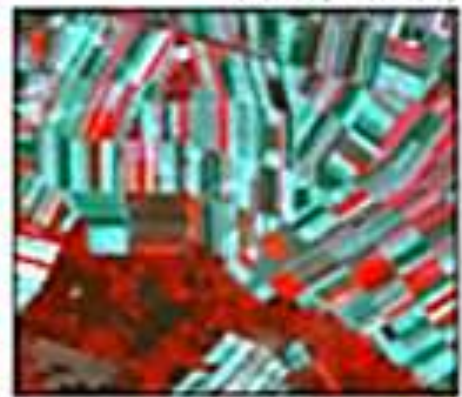
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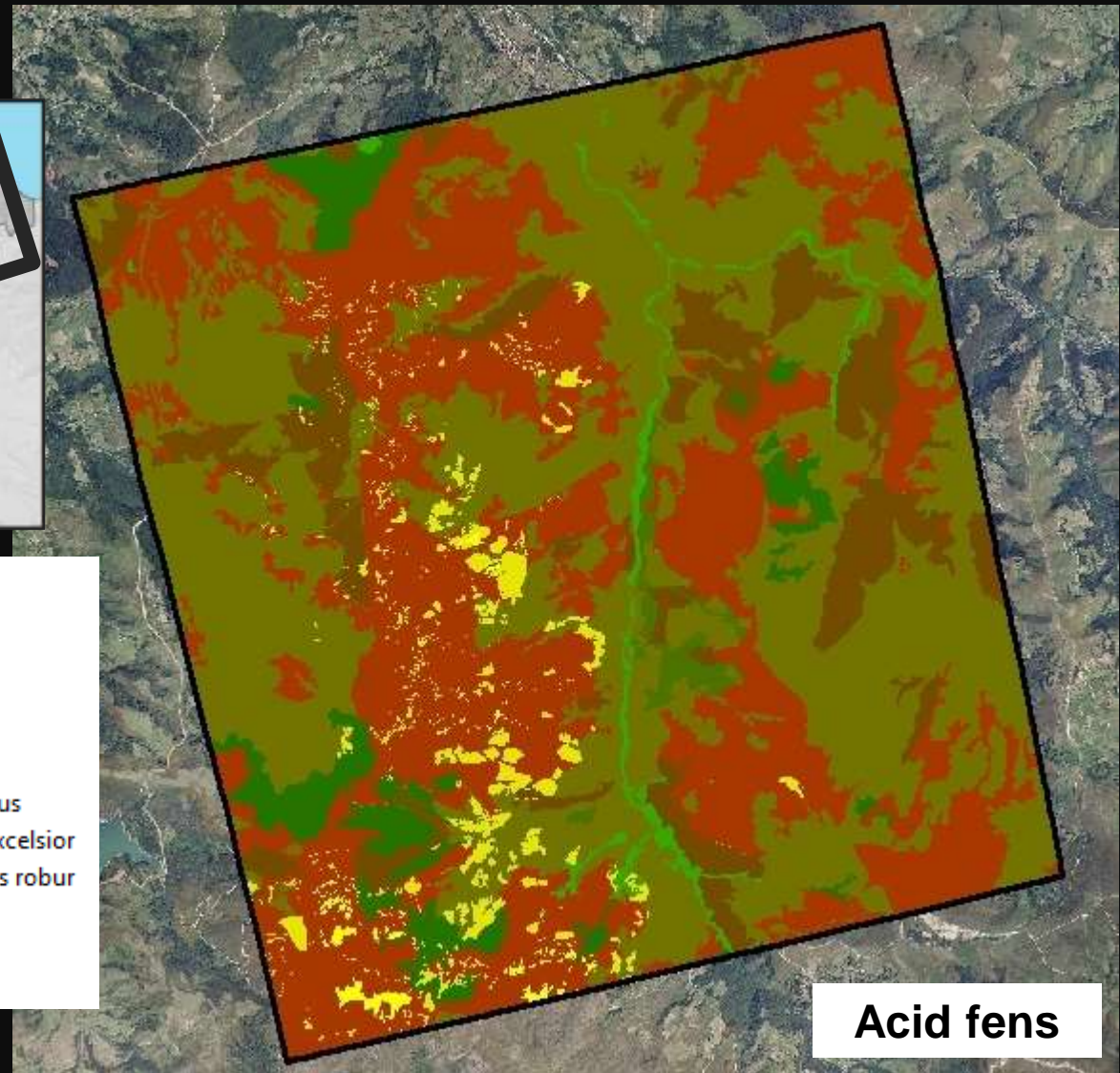


01 Oct (DEIMOS)



Study area: Sierra del Escudo (**Natura2000**)

**Vegetation (habitat) types:**



- Oligotrophic waters
- European dry heaths
- Lowland hay meadows
- \* Blanket bogs
- Transition mires and quaking bogs
- Undefined bog habitat type
- Atlantic acidophilous beech forests with Ilex and Taxus
- \* Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior
- Forests of Quercus pyrenaica y robledales de Quercus robur
- Forests of castanea sativa
- Other shrub habitat types (not Annex I)
- Other forest habita types (not Annex I)

**Acid fens**

## Landsat 8 MVC

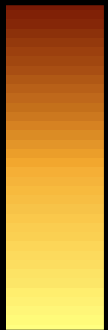
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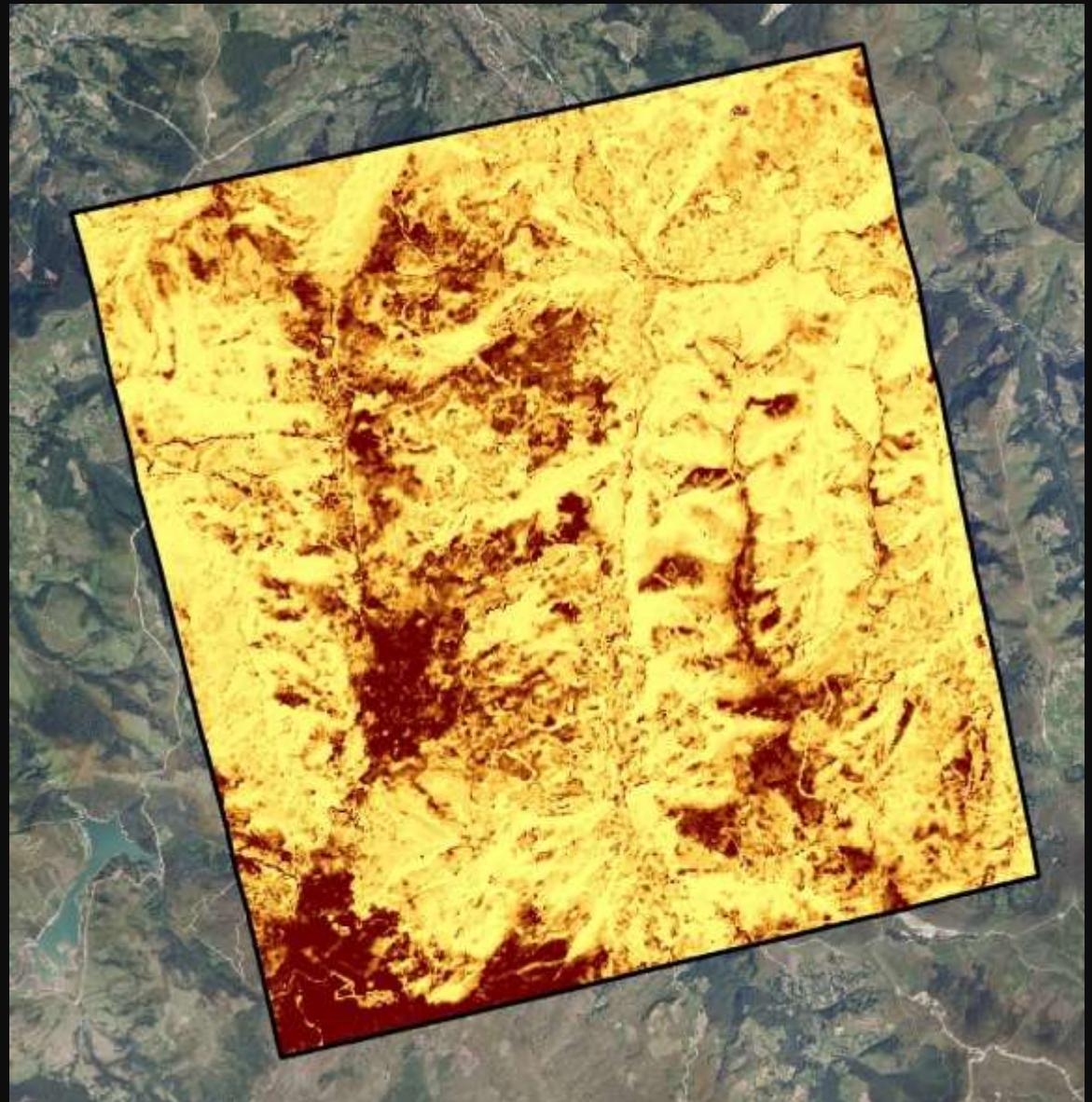
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+LiDAR +MDT

High  
suitability



Low  
suitability



Landsat 8 MVC

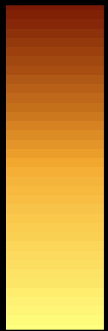
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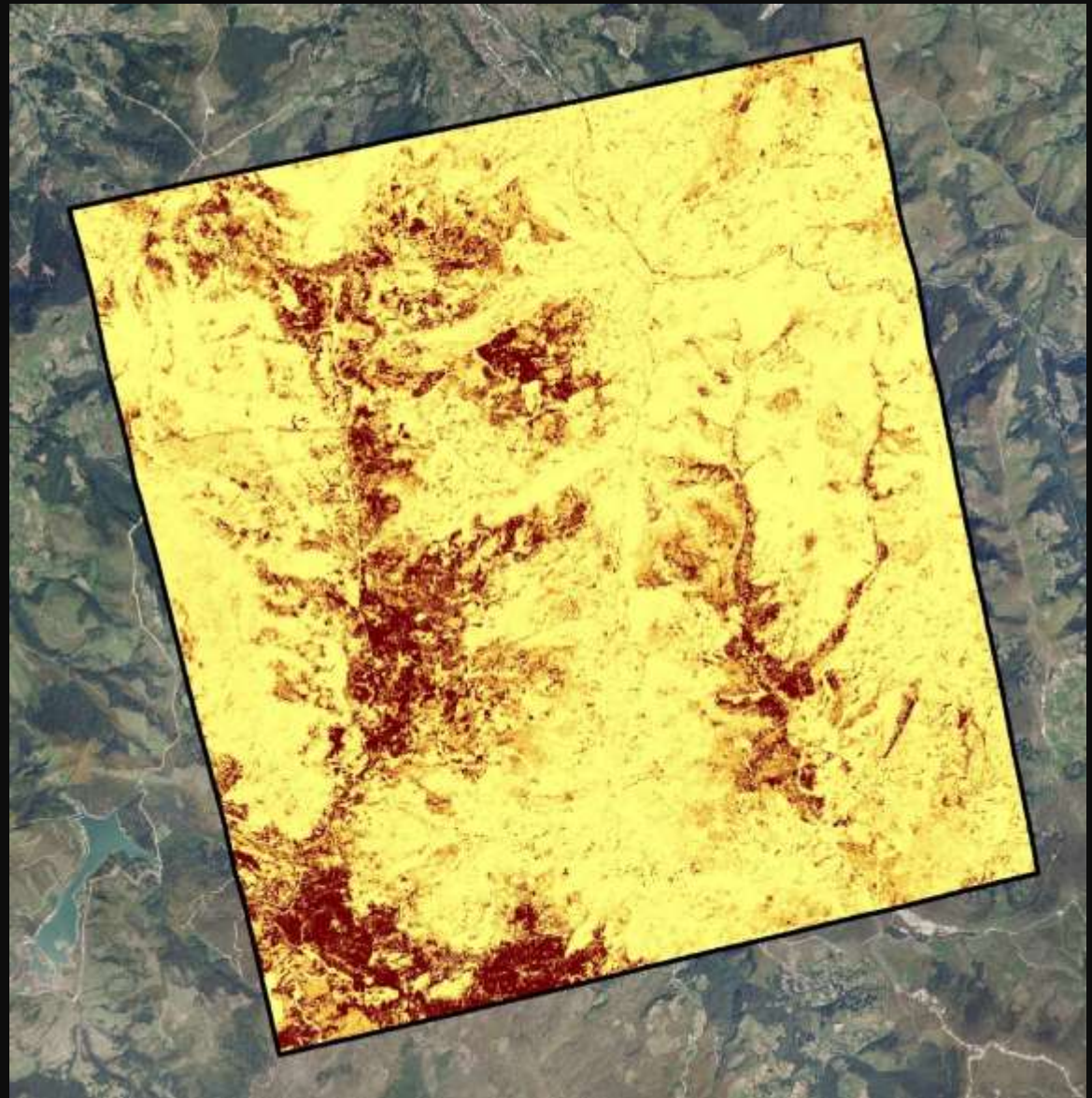
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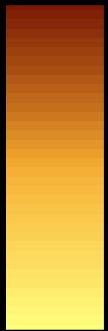


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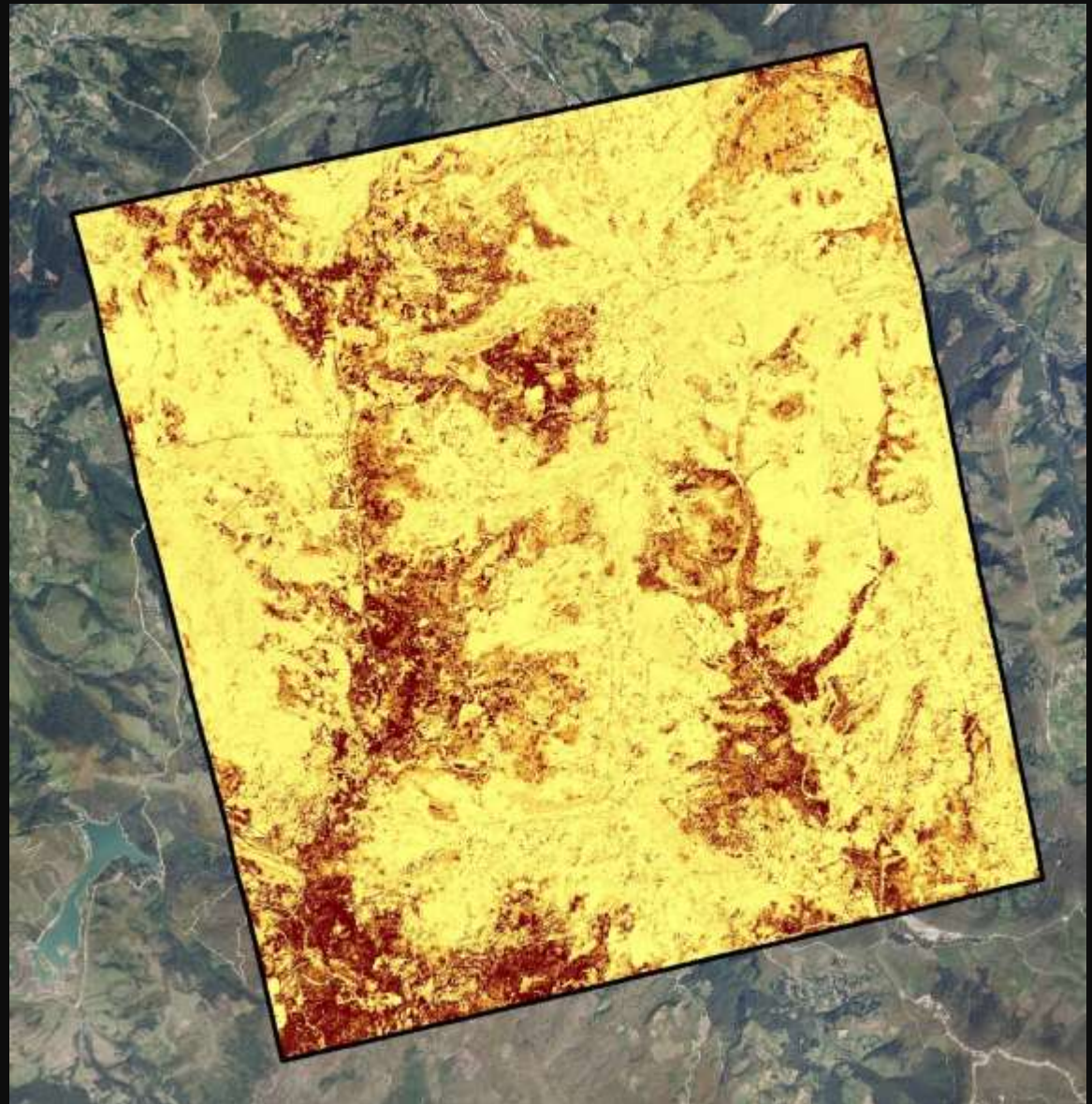


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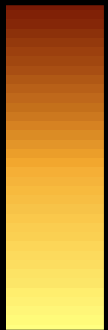
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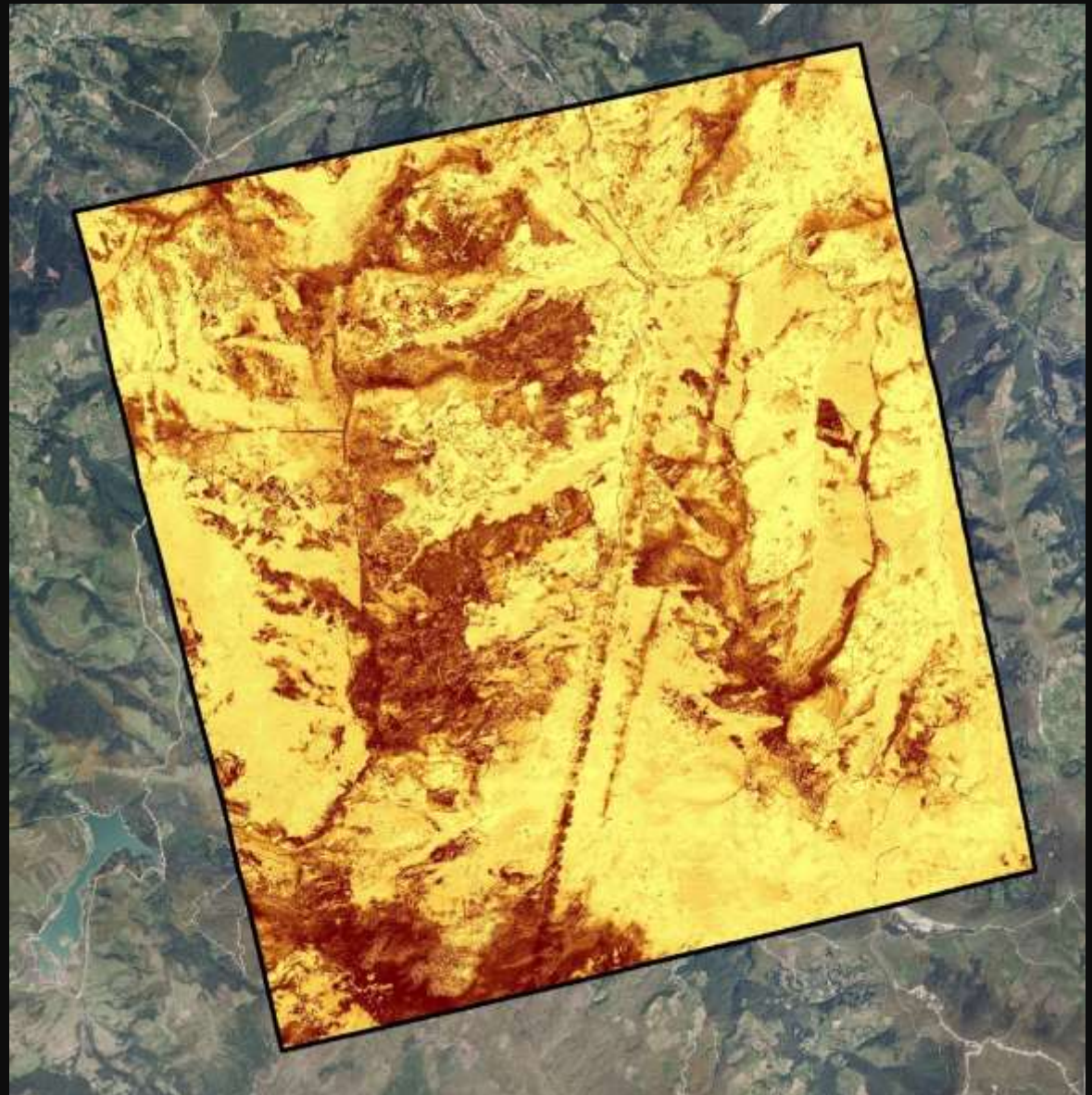


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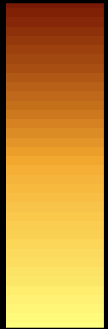


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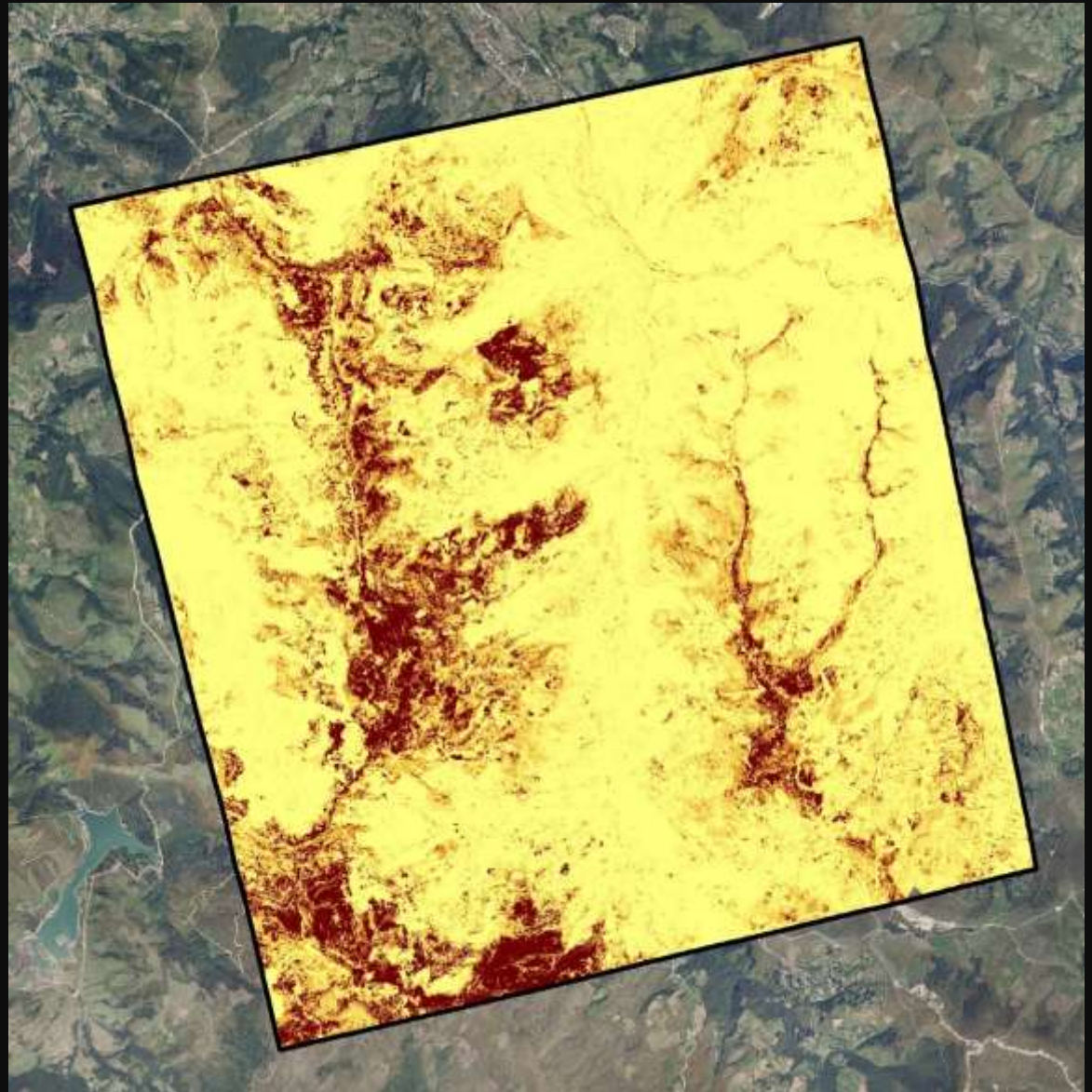


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<b>7140</b>	109	0.519	0.522	0.544	0.540	0.543	0.564	0.592	0.604	0.596	0.579	0.571	0.590
<b>7150</b>	1	0.203	0.231	0.493	0.313	0.306	0.536	0.350	0.381	0.599	0.796	0.760	0.834
<b>71XX</b>	113	0.514	0.515	0.546	0.629	0.621	0.597	0.593	0.592	0.595	0.526	0.511	0.536
<b>Bogs&gt;0.1 ha</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>0.541</b>	<b>0.541</b>	<b>0.563</b>	<b>0.577</b>	<b>0.576</b>	<b>0.583</b>	<b>0.616</b>	<b>0.619</b>	<b>0.611</b>	<b>0.574</b>	<b>0.567</b>	<b>0.575</b>

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<b>9230</b>	6198	0.088	0.041	0.024	0.069	0.038	0.020	0.045	0.027	0.016	0.116	0.042	0.023
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<b>Other habitats</b>	<b>30281</b>	<b>0.202</b>	<b>0.178</b>	<b>0.124</b>	<b>0.201</b>	<b>0.182</b>	<b>0.111</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>0.122</b>	<b>0.087</b>	<b>0.229</b>	<b>0.188</b>	<b>0.119</b>

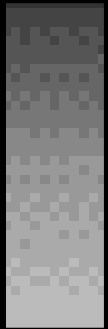
Acid fens

Validation at 2000 meters

## Locally monitored acid fens

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Sentinel2 x2  
Deimos2 x2  
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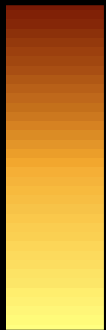
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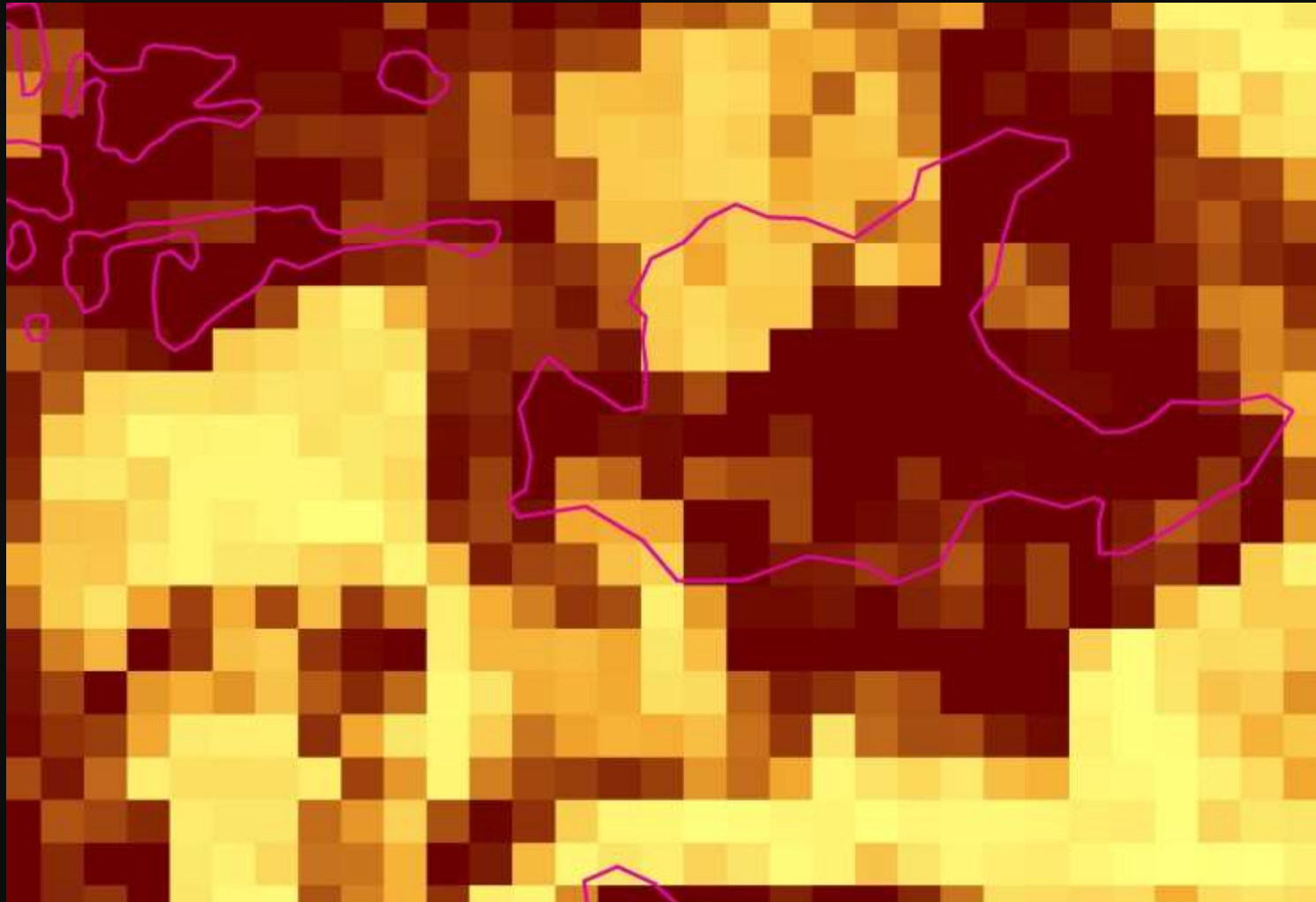
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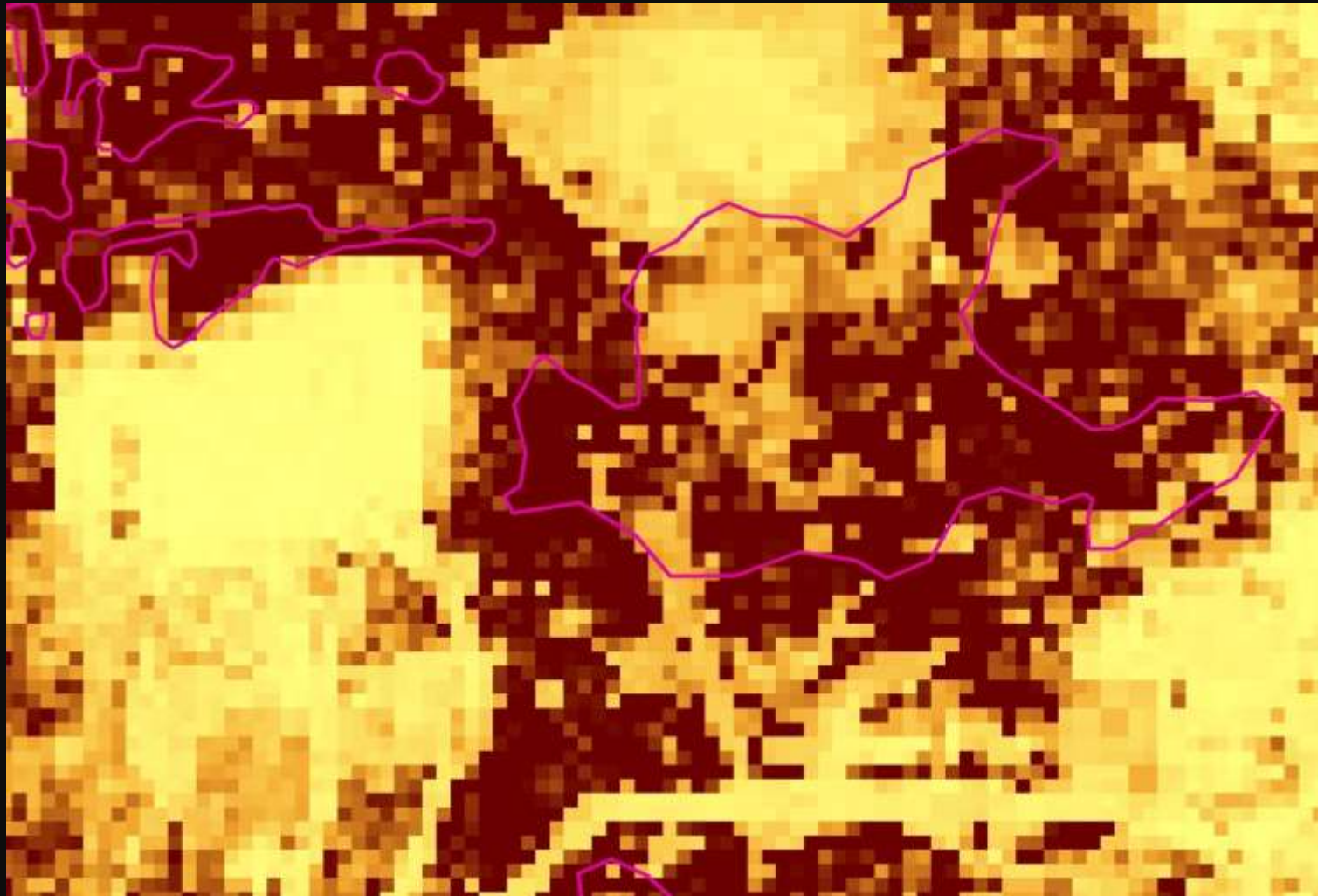


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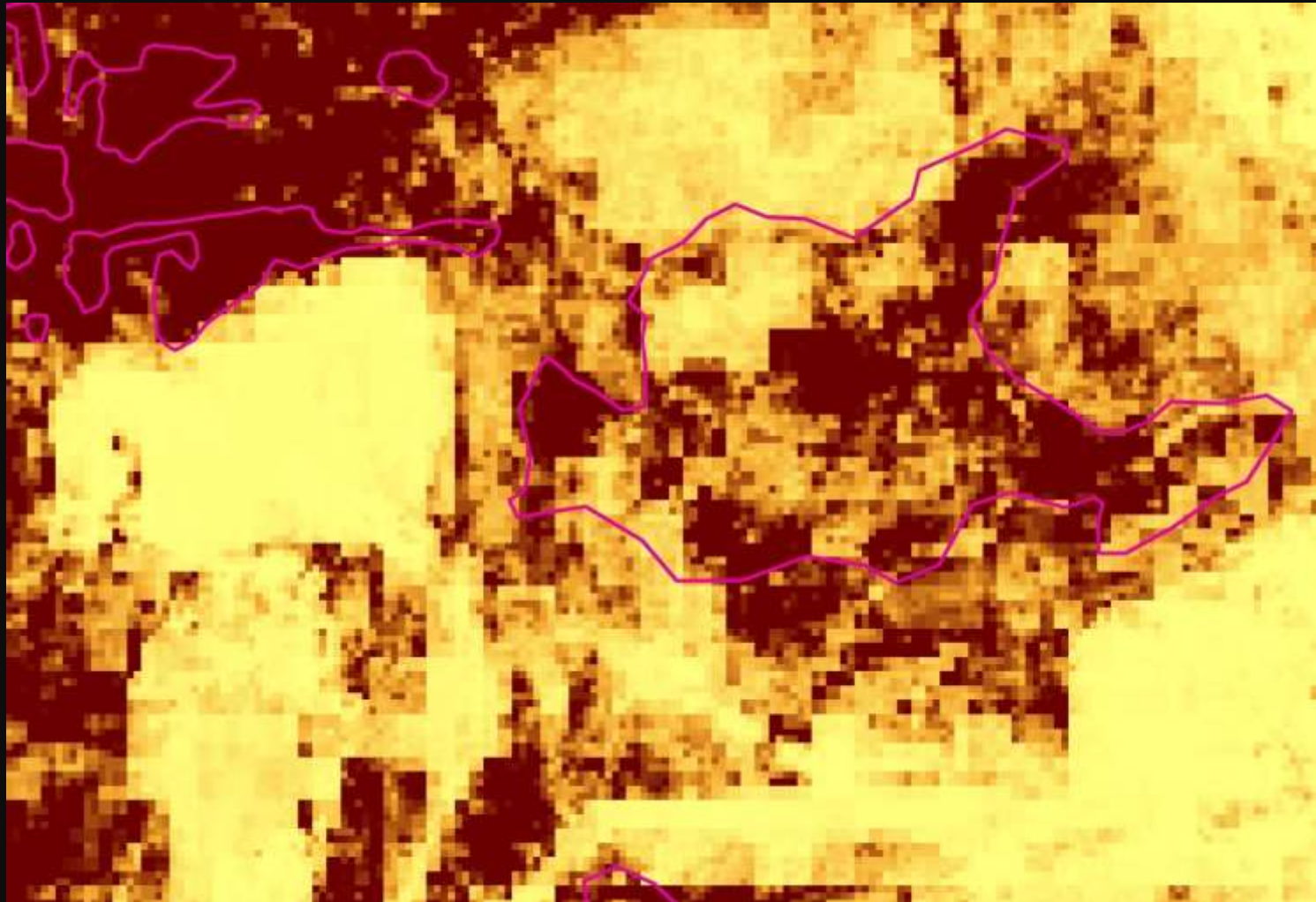


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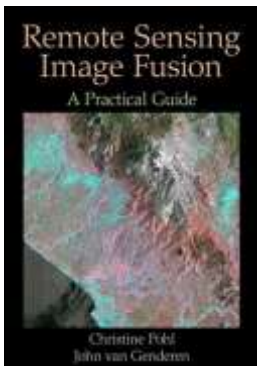
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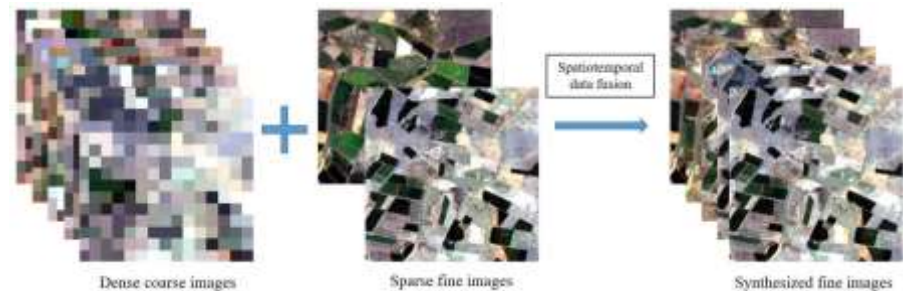
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Many classes are similar in composition, structure and function (high EUNIS level) and need to be reorganized before being modelled



## 1] CLASSIFICATION TYPOLOGY

Land use-land cover (LULC)

**Vegetation types**

## 2] OCCURRENCE DATA

Training

Validation

## 3] PREDICTOR LAYERS

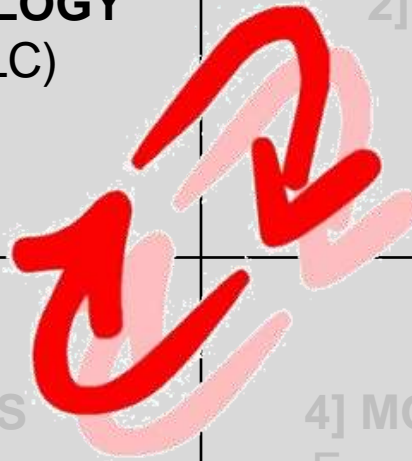
Environmental limiting factors

Remote sensing: **satellite** and LiDAR

## 4] MODELLING PROCEDURE

Ensemble, sensitivity analyses

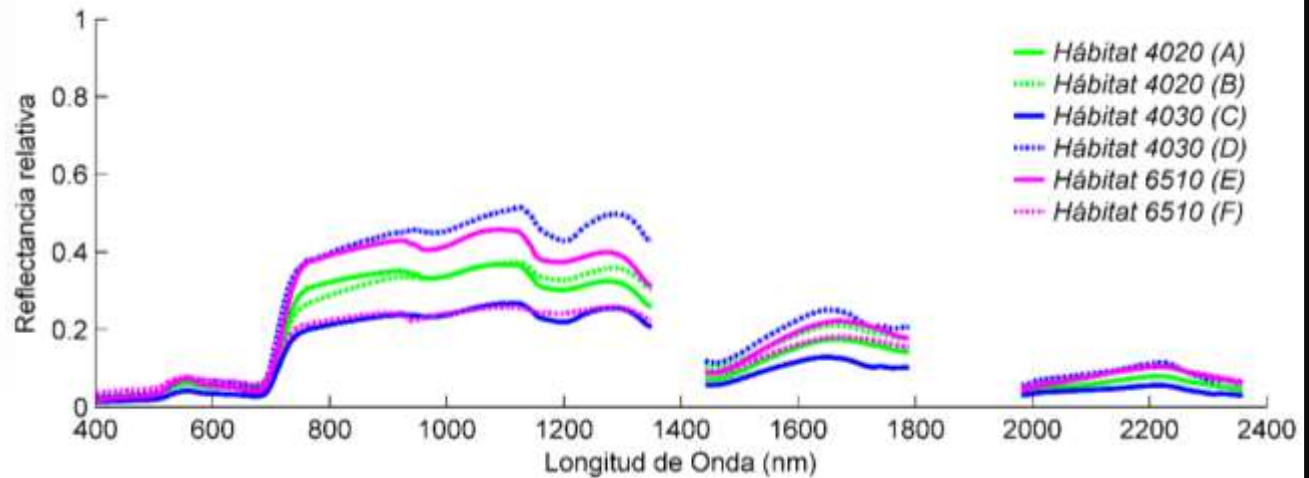
Data mining tools...



## Hyperspectral measurements



Soepectral library:  
 HABITAT TYPES

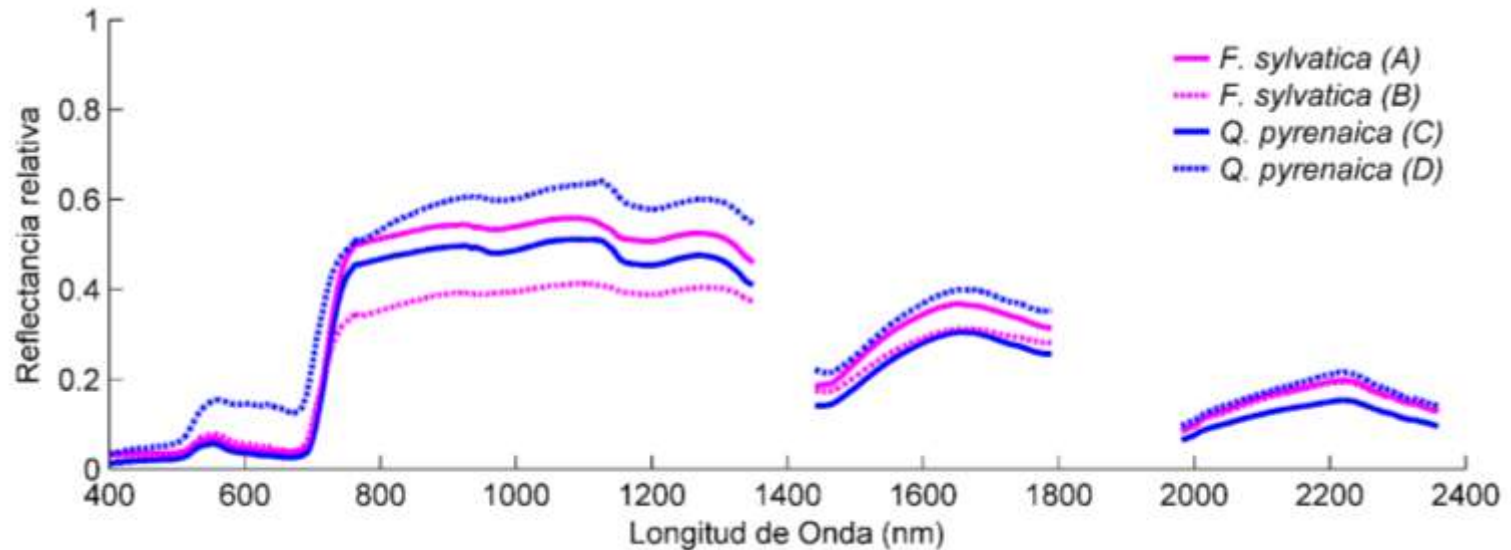


## Spectral library: PHENOLOGY

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 Hábitat 9120  
 (*F. sylvatica*)  
 ↓  
 Verano                      Otoño



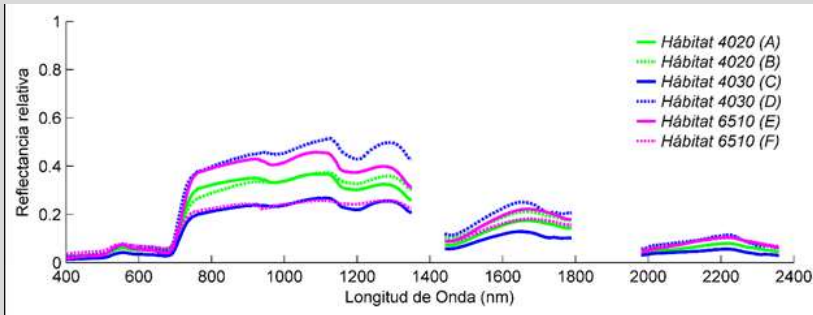
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 (*Q. pyrenaica*)  
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 Verano                      Otoño



We **reclassified** EUNIS level to create homogeneous groups that can be mapped accurately with the available occurrence and predictor data

EUNIS-	EUNIS-3-name	EUNIS-4	EUNIS-4-name	xModels	Name(español)	DH
F2.2	Evergreen alpine and subalpine heath	F2.23	Southern Palearctic mountain dwarf	yes	Enebrales rastreros	4060
F3.1	Temperate thickets and scrub	F3.12	Buxus sempervirens thickets	no	Matorrales de Buxus sempervirens	5110
F3.1	Temperate thickets and scrub	F3.13	Atlantic poor soil thickets	no	Matorrales oligótrofos atlánticos	xx
F3.1	Temperate thickets and scrub	F3.14	Temperate [Cytisus scoparius] fields	no	Escobonales	5120
F3.1	Temperate thickets and scrub	F3.15	Ulex europaeus thickets	yes	Tojales de Ulex europaeus	xx
F3.1	Temperate thickets and scrub	F3.17	Corylus thickets	no	Avellanedas	xx
F3.2	Submediterranean deciduous thickets	F3.21	Montane Cytisus purgans fields	yes	Piornales de Cytisus oromediterraneus	5120
F3.2	Submediterranean deciduous thickets	F3.22	Southwestern sub-mediterranean deciduous	no	Matorrales eútrofos de rosas y endrinos	xx
F3.2	Submediterranean deciduous thickets	F3.2X	Cantabrian montane piornales	yes	Piornales de Genista polygaliphylla	xx
F3.2	Submediterranean deciduous thickets	F3.2Y	Orocantabrian subalpine piornales	yes	Piornales de Genista obtusiramea	xx
F4.1	Wet heaths	F4.12	Southern wet heaths	yes	Brezales húmedos con Erica ciliaris/tetralix	4020
F4.2	Dry heaths	F4.21	Submontane [Vaccinium] - [Calluna] heaths	yes	Callunares secos	4030
F4.2	Dry heaths	F4.2X	Atlantic [Ulex gallii] heaths	yes	Brezales-tojales con Ulex gallii	4020
F4.2	Dry heaths	F4.2Y	Ibero-Atlantic [Erica aragonensis] heaths	yes	Brezales de Erica aragonensis	4030
F4.2	Dry heaths	F4.2Z	Atlantic [Erica cinerea-umbellata] heaths	no	Brezales de Erica cinerea	xx
F5.1	Arborescent matorral	F5.13	Juniper matorral	yes	Sabinares	5210
F5.1	Arborescent matorral	F5.18	[Laurus nobilis] matorral	no	Lauredales atlánticos	5230
F5.2	Maquis	F5.2X	Cantabrian high maquis	yes	Madroñales con aladierno	xx
F7.4	Hedgehog-heaths	F7.4X	Cantabrian [Genista] cushion-heaths	yes	Aulagares de Genista hispanica	4090
F7.4	Hedgehog-heaths	F7.4E	[Astragalus sempervirens] hedgehog-heaths	no	Aulagares con Astragalus sempervirens	xx
F9.1	Riverine scrub	F9.1X	Cantabrian willow scrub	yes	Saucedas de Salix cantabrica	xx
F9.2	Salix carr and fen scrub	F9.21	Grey willow carrs	no	Saucedas arbustivas	xx
G1.1	Riparian and gallery woodland, with	G1.1X	Cantabro-Atlantic Salix alba forests	yes	Bosques atlánticos de Salix alba	91E0
G1.1	Riparian and gallery woodland, with	G1.1Y	Submediterranean Cantabrian Salix-Populus	yes	Bosques submediterráneos de Salix y	92A0
G1.2	Mixed riparian floodplain and gallery	G1.21	Riverine [Fraxinus] - [Alnus] woodland, wet at	yes	Alisedas	91E0
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G1.6	[Fagus] woodland	G1.62	Atlantic acidophilous [Fagus] forests	yes	Hayedos oligótrofos	9120
G1.6	[Fagus] woodland	G1.64	Pyreneo-Cantabrian neutrophile [Fagus] forests	yes	Hayedos eútrofos	9150
G1.7	Thermophilous deciduous woodland	G1.77	Afro-Iberian thermophilous oak forests	yes	Quejigares	9240
G1.7	Thermophilous deciduous woodland	G1.7B	[Quercus pyrenaica] woodland	yes	Rebollares oligótrofos	9230
G1.7	Thermophilous deciduous woodland	G1.7D	[Castanea sativa] woodland	yes	Castañedas	9260
G1.8	Acidophilous Quercus-dominated	G1.8X	Cantabrian acidophilous oak forests	yes	Bosques oligótrofos de carbayo y abedul	xx
G1.8	Acidophilous Quercus-dominated	G1.8Y	Orocantabrian acidophilous oak forests	yes	Bosques oligótrofos de roble albar y abedul	xx

>>> EUNIS clases to **less than 50**



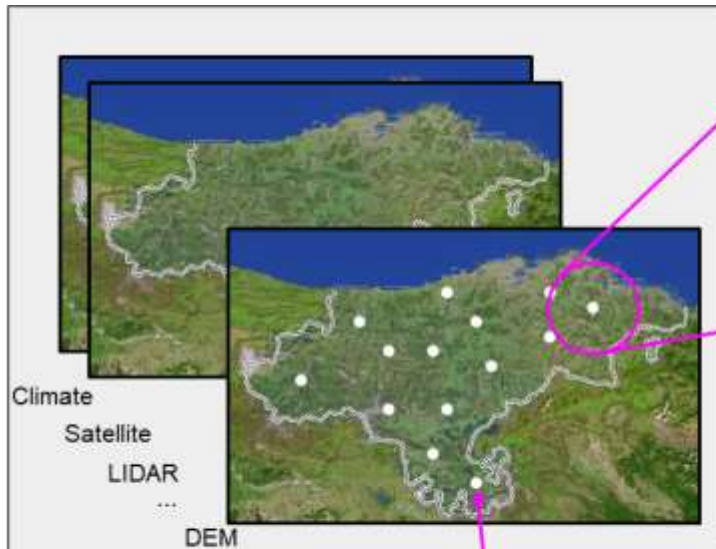
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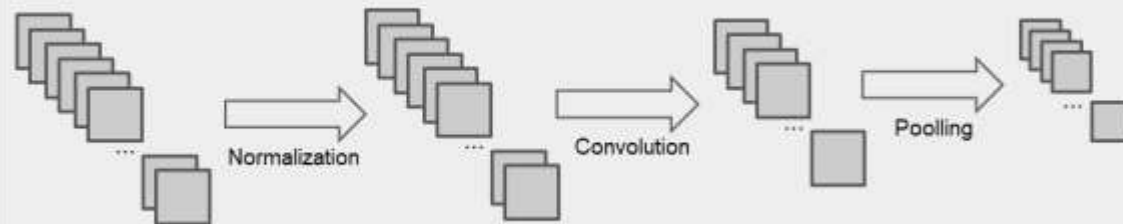
Data mining tolos ...



## Deep learning

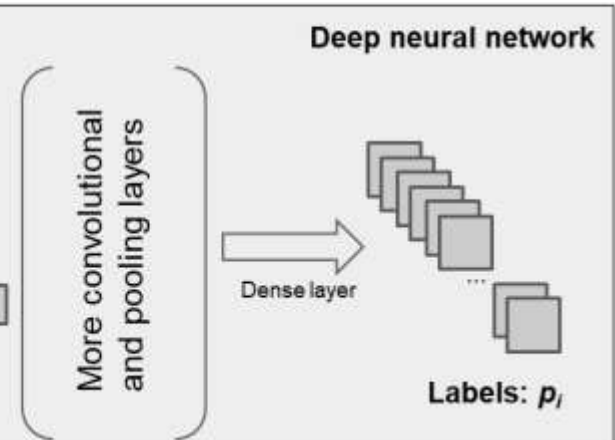


Predictor: 64 bands  
 Predictand: ~2500 samples of 15 EUNIS habitats



64 x 2500  
 sub images (11x11 pixels)

Data augmentation with balancing



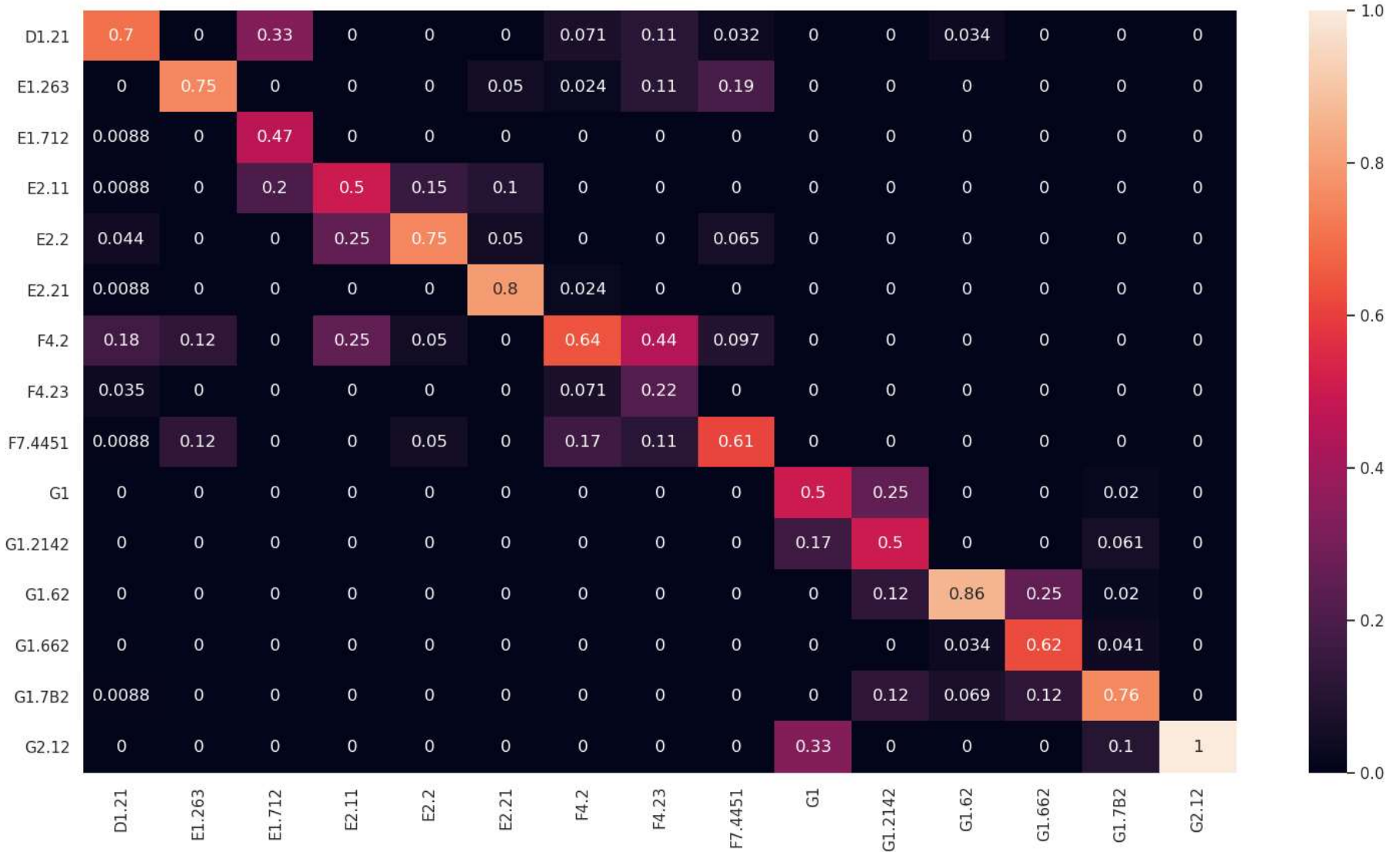
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    input_shape = (self.channels, self.rows, self.columns)
    model = Sequential()
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        normalization.BatchNormalization(input_shape=input_shape, axis=-1)
    )
    model.add(
        Conv2D(6, (1, 1), activation='tanh', input_shape=input_shape)
    )
    model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
    model.add(Conv2D(12, (1, 1), activation='tanh'))
    model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
    model.add(Flatten())
    model.add(Dense(self.epochs, activation='softmax'))
    model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                  optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(),
                  metrics=['acc', 'binary_accuracy'])
    return model

def train(self, x_train, y_train, trained_model_path=None):
    x_train, y_train = self.reshape_matrices(x_train, y_train)
    file_name = None
    if trained_model_path is None:
        model = self.define_model()
        model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=100, batch_size=32, verbose=1)
        # Save trained model
        file_name = self.save_model_and_headers(model)
    else:
        # Load
        model = load_model(trained_model_path)
    return model, file_name
  
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Deep learning is a class of machine learning algorithms that use a cascade of multiple layers of nonlinear processing units for feature extraction and transformation to learn about the feature to represent by using supervised or unsupervised approaches

## Random Forest - *randomForest\_confusion\_1x1*





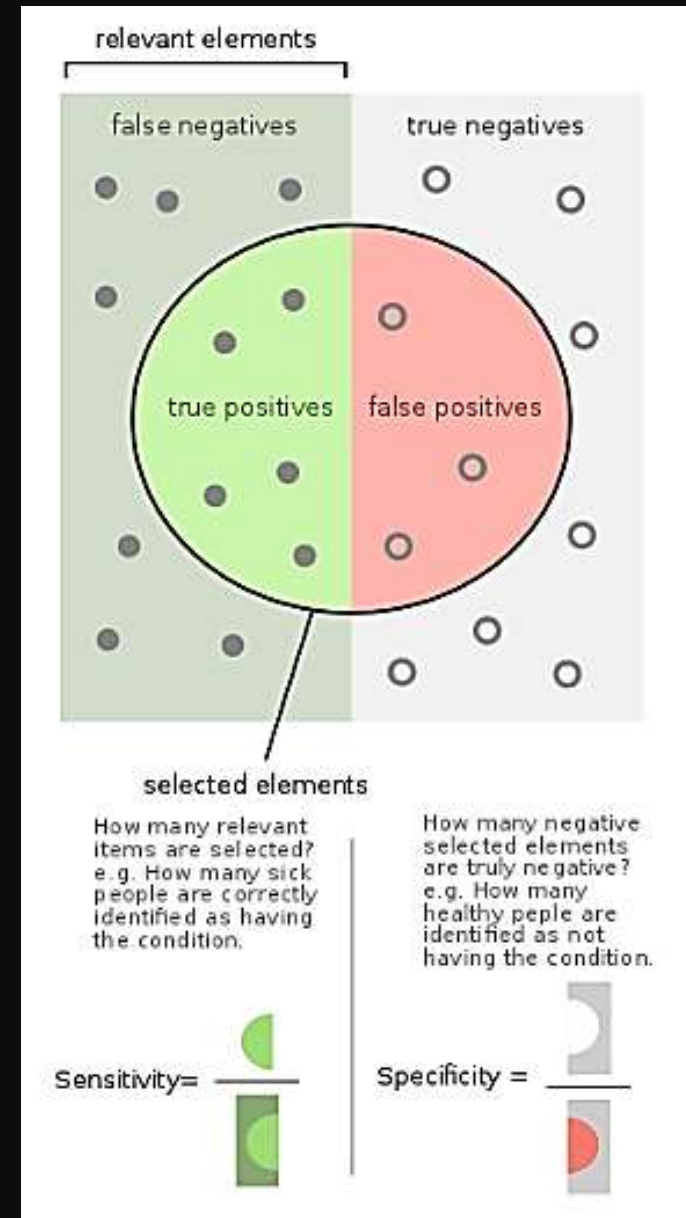
## What actually matters?

Best results correspond to  
Deep learning -11x11

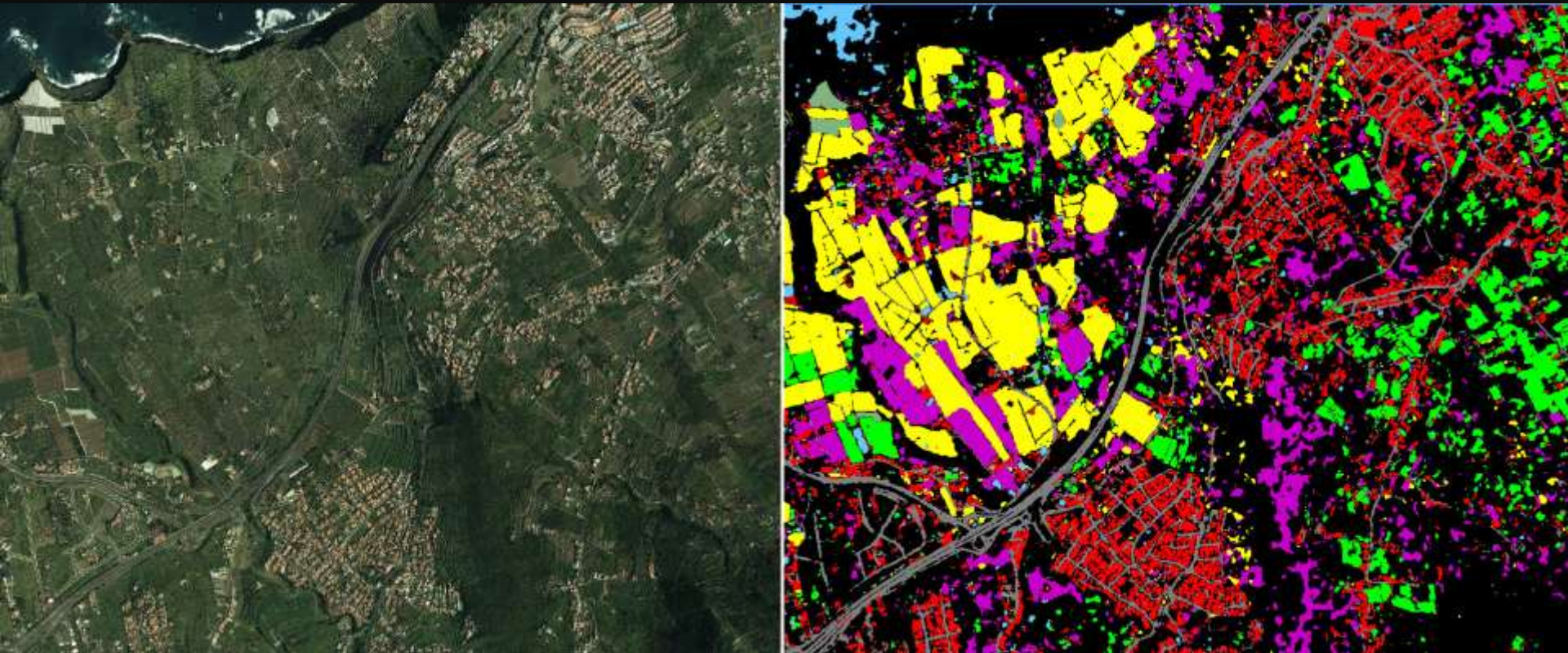
Overall accuracy scores  
comparable to RandomForest or Maxent,  
minimum hit rates are much higher  
when using Deep learning

Processing chain is promising when using an  
optimal **classification system**:

- 1] Update characterization of habitats types by **complete spectral library** of habitat types;
- 2] **refining the EUNIS list and complete the reference database** across both:
  - environmental and
  - geographic dimensions

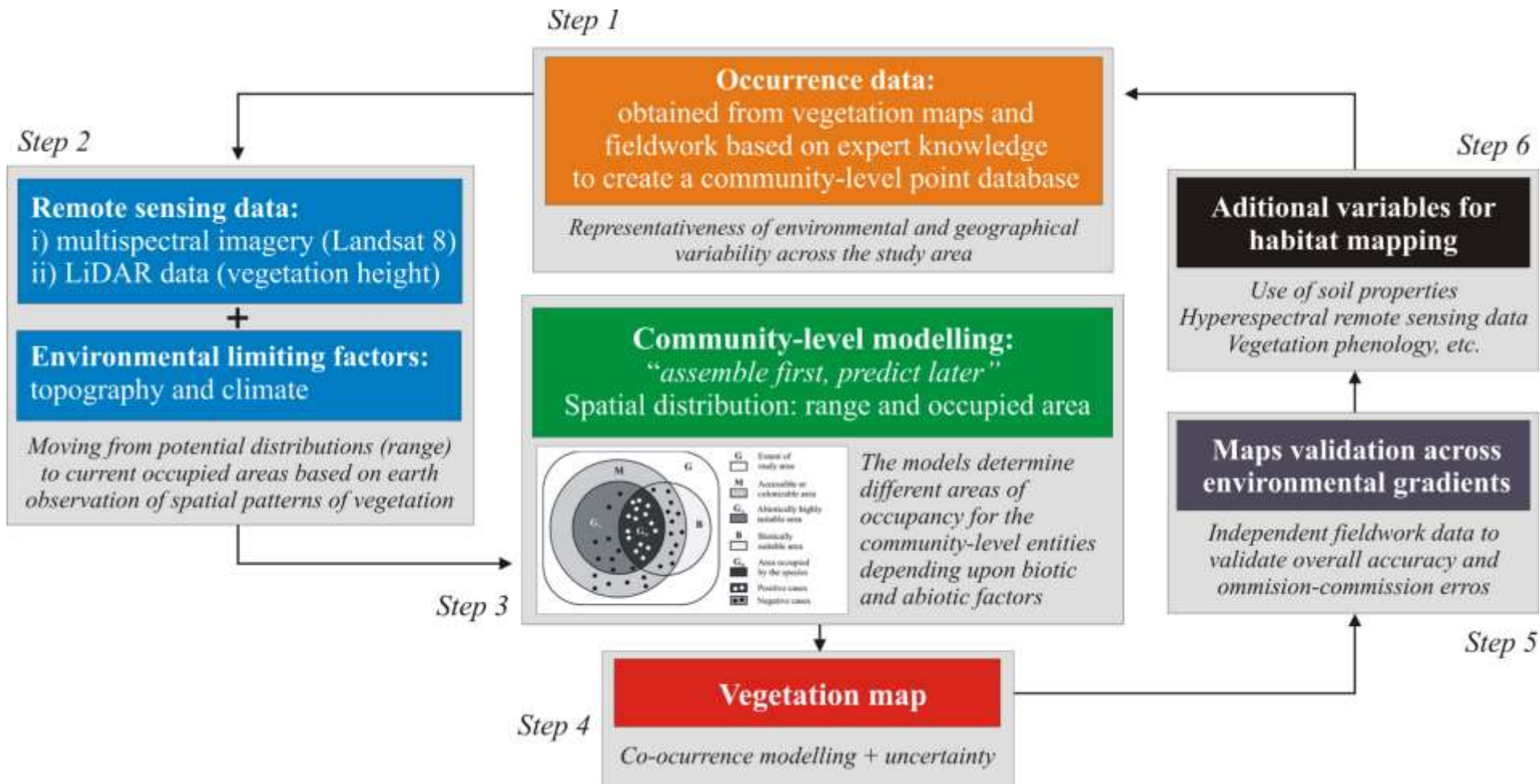


**Deep learning *spatial outputs* (Grafcan)**



**Deep learning with multispectral imagery and limiting factors**

***Promising... but what more actually matters??***



**A continuous improvement through sensitivity analyses involving data and methods**

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