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Satellite & Blockchain for upscaling natural conservation

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Blockchain Climate Institute



VISION

- Extensive deployment of Blockchain and other emerging digital technologies such as Al and the IoT in state and nonstate climate and sustainability actions
- A not-for-profit entity combining the functions of a think tank and an advisory group supporting G77 countries in climate change policy development in the digital era



MISSION

- To raise awareness among stakeholders in the international climate change policy community of the tremendous potentials of Blockchain and emerging digital technologies to considerably enhance climate actions at multiple levels
- To provide a 'super scaling' platform among policy-makers, corporate executives and Blockchain innovators for experimenting and adopting the most viable concepts in an enabling environment



Deforestation and climate change





Globally from **2001** to **2015**, **27%** of tree cover loss occurred in areas where the dominant drivers of loss resulted in **permanent deforestation**.



Year



Satellites, sustainable forestry and agriculture







Drones to complement satellite imagery



Advantages

- Extensive coverage
- + Wide spectral capabilities including LIDAR

Disadvantages

- Relatively low-resolution (down to 30 cm/pixel)
- Image timing controlled by provider
- Limited coverage in some regions
- Imagery susceptible to cloud cover

Drones

Advantages

- + Cost-effective (suits smaller projects)
- + Imagery can be acquired on demand
- + Very high-resolution (fixed-wing: 2.5 cm/pixel, rotary: sub-millimetre)
- + Typically unaffected by cloud cover (due to lower flight altitudes)
- + Excellent positional accuracy with GCPs or RTK

Disadvantages

- Relatively small single-flight coverage
- Drone regulations or bans can restrict usage
- Operations susceptible to bad weather
- No canopy penetration (unless heavy LIDAR payload)
- Difficult to reconstruct imagery with few tie points (for example, imagery of homogenous terrain or water)



Drones for REDD+

► Role:

- Count wildlife and trees
- Monitor emissions and chemical sampling
- > Analyse tree health

► Function:

- > History of change over time
- > Highlight areas of priority
- Evaluate the effectiveness of large and small-scale projects



Gainforest to reduce deforestation





CarbonConservation: Blockchains, satellites and drones for forest fire reduction

A 'blockchain bounty fund' in demonstration

- Satellite and drone imagery provides real-time verification of preventative action taken
- Rewards facilitated through blockchain-based smart contracts
- Smart contracts streamline current paper-based procedures
- Distributed Ledger Technology to automate payment, monitoring and evaluation



Our vision - Broader than forest monitoring

- Satellite imagery + Drones
- Blockchain to record biodiversity data
- ► AI for observation data analytics
- Blockchain for MRV (e.g. forest / coral reef monitoring)
- Integrated with the wider climate finance architecture and impact investing market



Proposed ESA-BCI Joint Working Group on Blockchain Technology for Satellite Earth Observation Programmes





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