

Airborne/spaceborne data for  
monitoring sensitive habitats

# Grasslands

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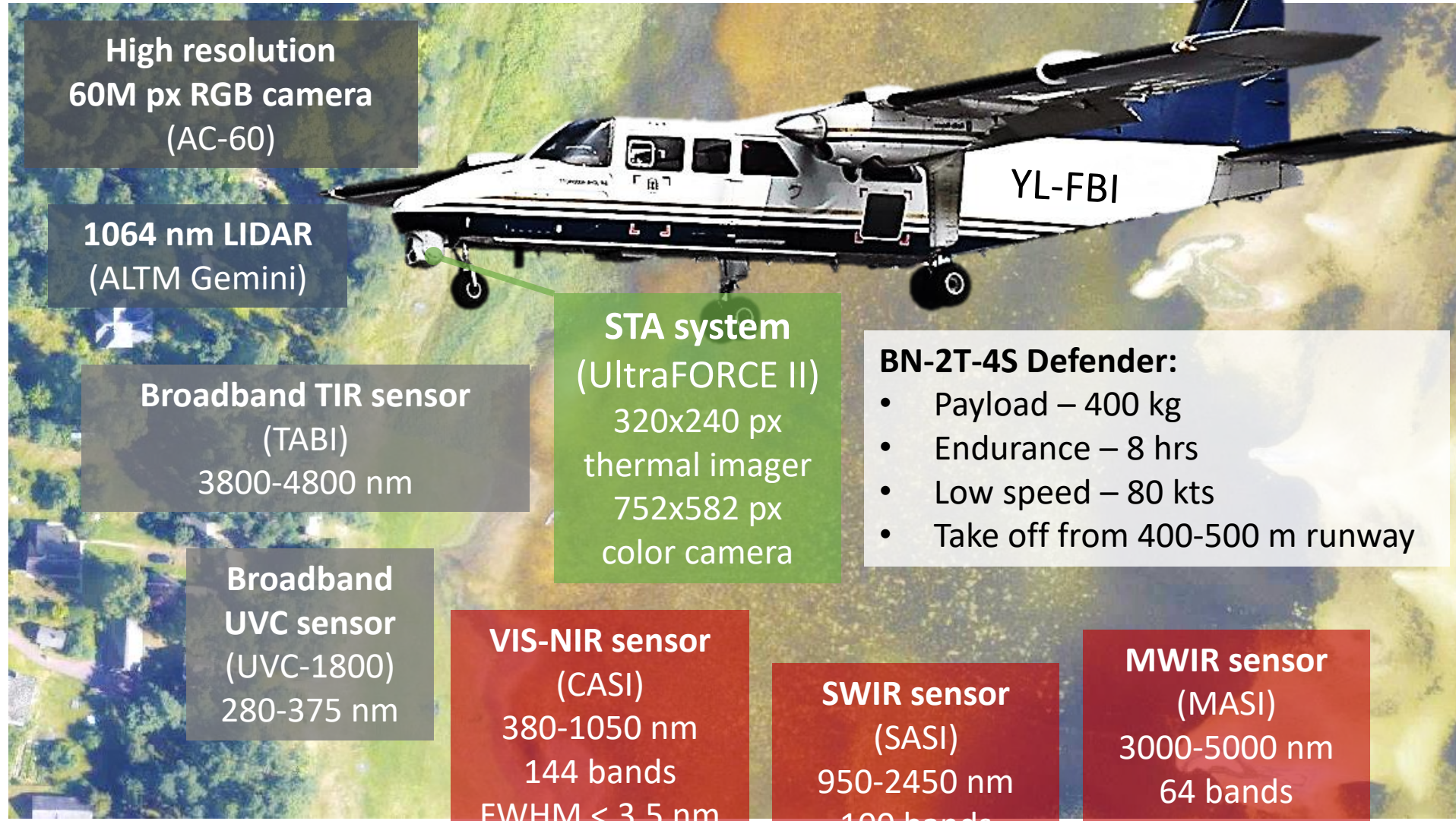
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# Airborne Surveillance and Environmental Monitoring System ARSENAL



**High resolution  
60M px RGB camera  
(AC-60)**

**1064 nm LIDAR  
(ALTM Gemini)**

**Broadband TIR sensor  
(TABI)  
3800-4800 nm**

**Broadband  
UVC sensor  
(UVC-1800)  
280-375 nm**

**STA system  
(UltraFORCE II)  
320x240 px  
thermal imager  
752x582 px  
color camera**

**BN-2T-4S Defender:**


- Payload – 400 kg
- Endurance – 8 hrs
- Low speed – 80 kts
- Take off from 400-500 m runway

**VIS-NIR sensor  
(CASI)  
380-1050 nm  
144 bands  
FWHM < 3.5 nm**

**SWIR sensor  
(SASI)  
950-2450 nm  
100 bands  
15 nm intervals**


**MWIR sensor  
(MASI)  
3000-5000 nm  
64 bands  
32 nm intervals**

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# Availability of Sentinel-2 data for Latvia

Date	Orbit No	Cloud situation assessment	
		Cesis T35VLD	
25-07-2015	36	0% (No clouds)	<div>25-07-2015</div> <div>cloud cover: 2 %</div> 
04-08-2015	36	0% (No clouds)	
14-08-2015	36	0% (No clouds)	
21-08-2015	136	1% (Cirrus)	
24-08-2015	36	1% (Cumulus)	
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07-04-2016	136	1% (Cumulus)	
27-04-2016	136	0% (No clouds)	
30-04-2016	36	1% (Cumulus)	
07-05-2016	136	17% (Cumulus)	
06-07-2016	136	9% (Cumulus)	
25-08-2016	136	2% (Cumulus)	
14-09-2016	136	0% (No clouds)	

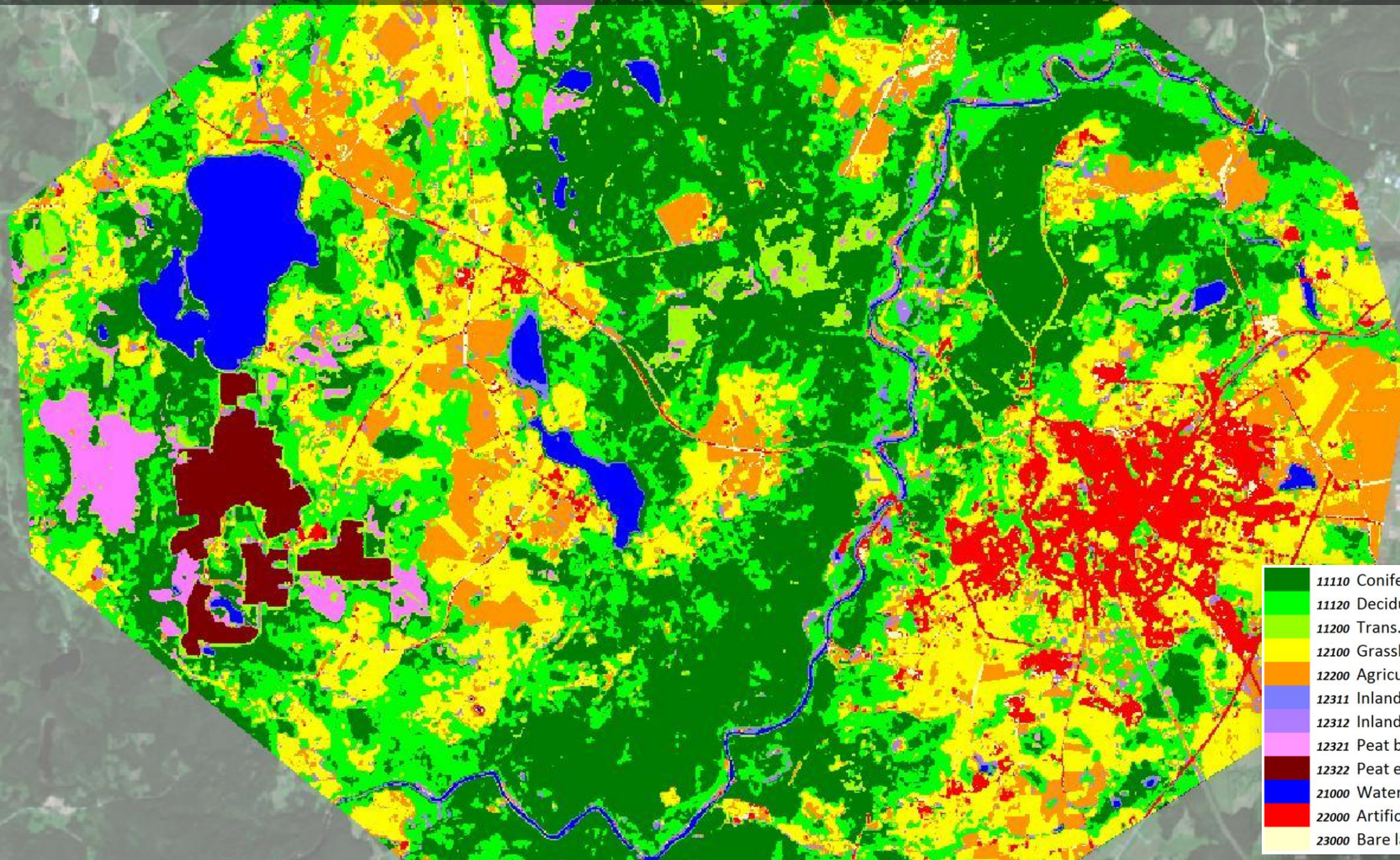


Sentinel-2 image for Cesis territory from 14-08-2015





# Land cover classification

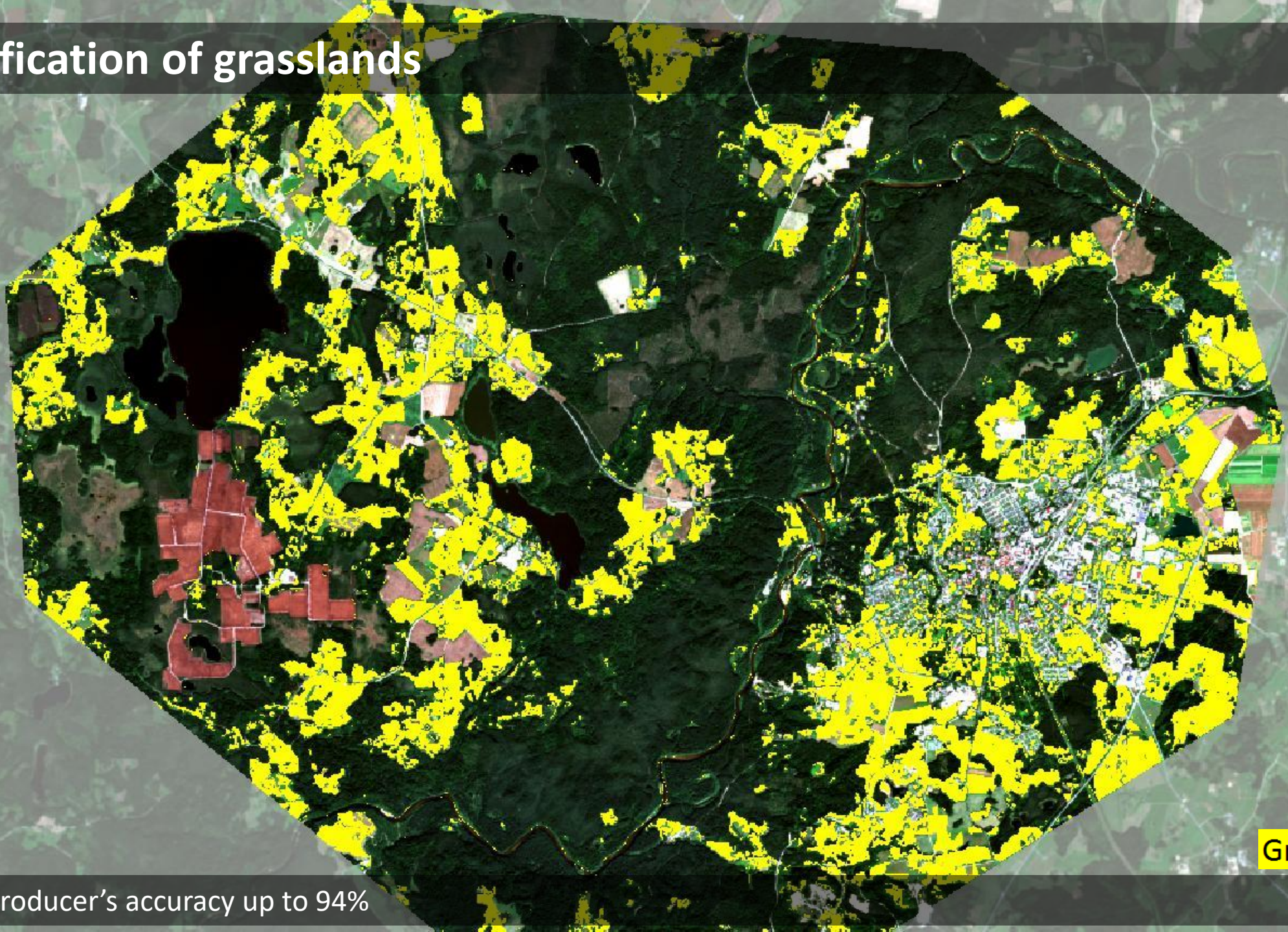


11110	Coniferous trees
11120	Deciduous trees
11200	Trans. forest / shrubland
12100	Grassland
12200	Agricultural land
12311	Inland marshes (water)
12312	Inland marshes (coastal)
12321	Peat bogs
12322	Peat extraction sites
21000	Water
22000	Artificial / Urban
23000	Bare land

Overall producer's accuracy 92%. For more information visit Poster No 10.



# Classification of grasslands



Grassland

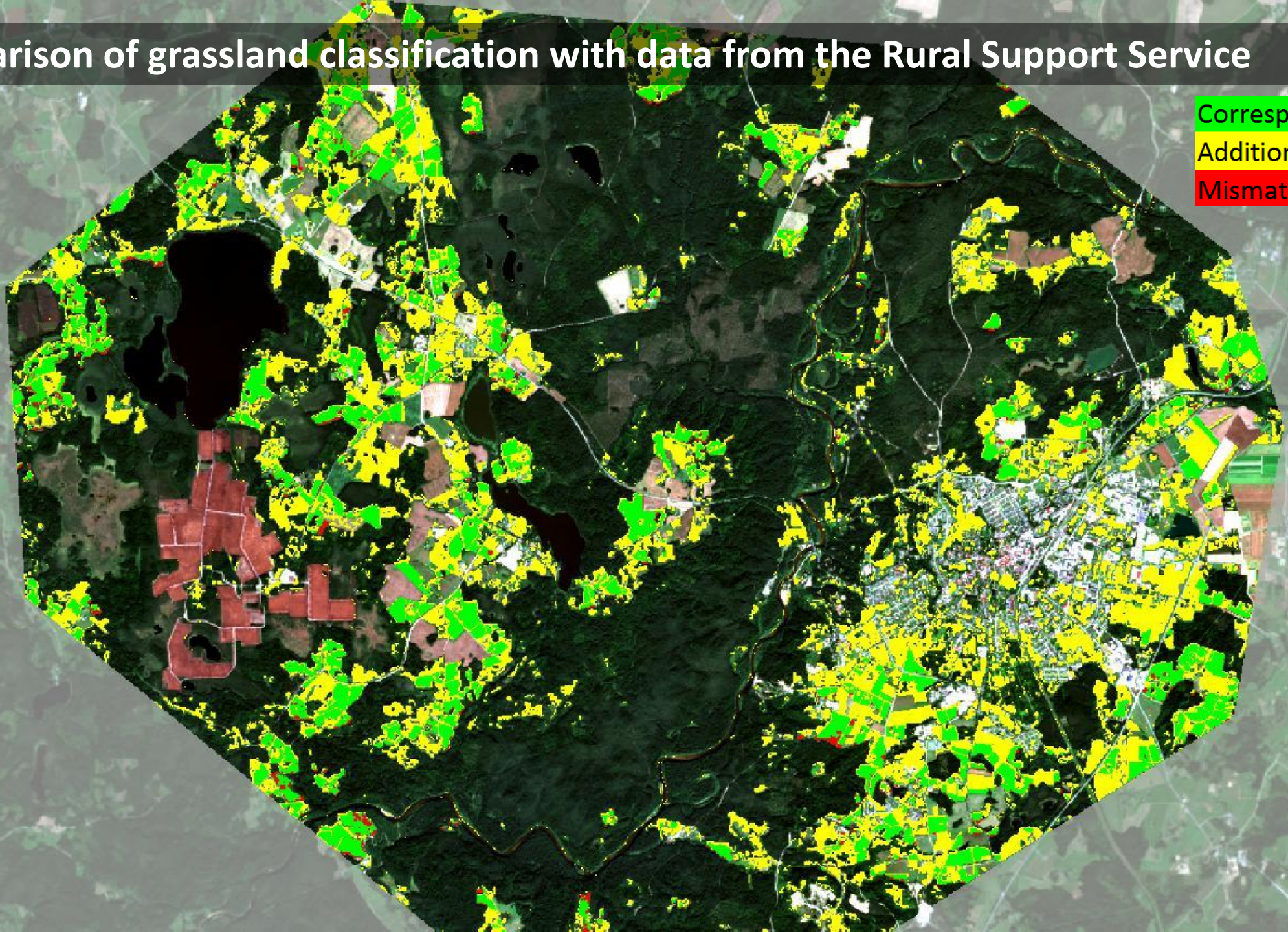
Overall producer's accuracy up to 94%



# Comparison of grassland classification with data from the Rural Support Service



Correspondence  
Additional  
Mismatches

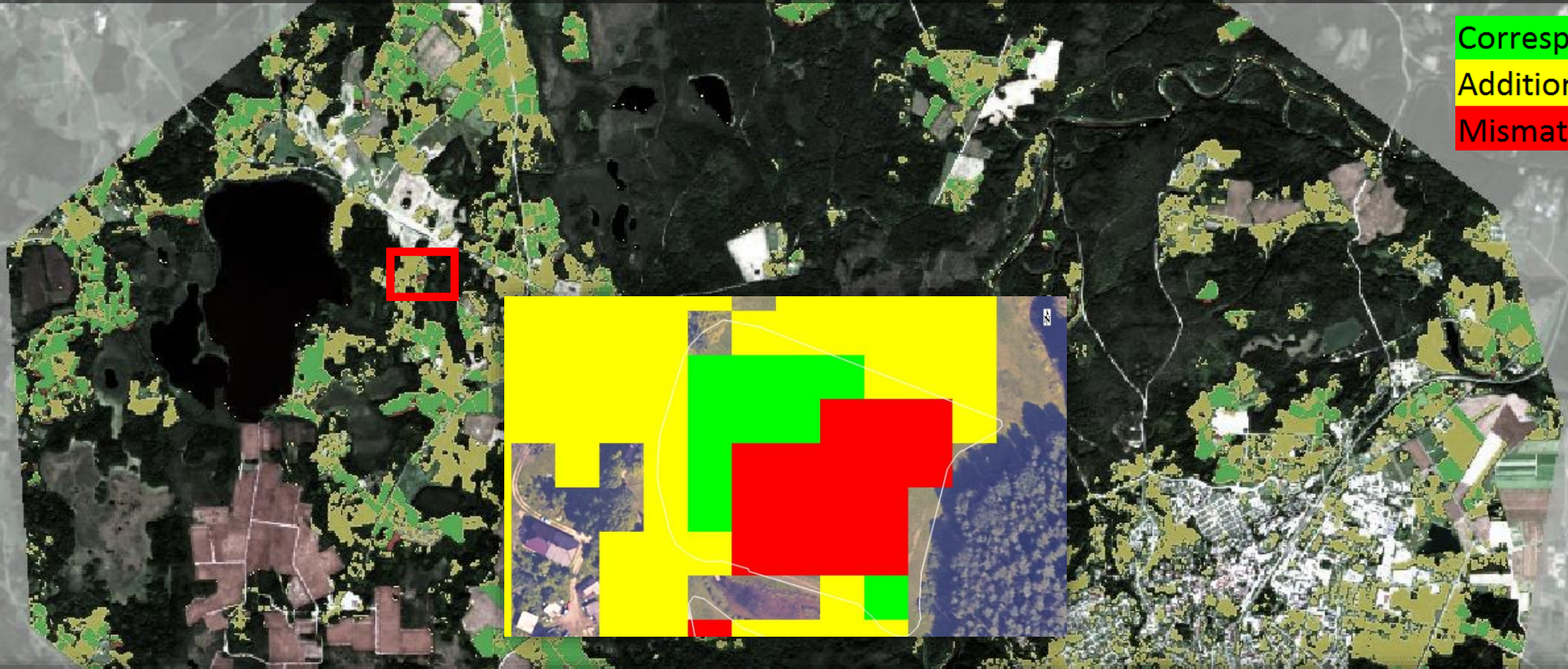




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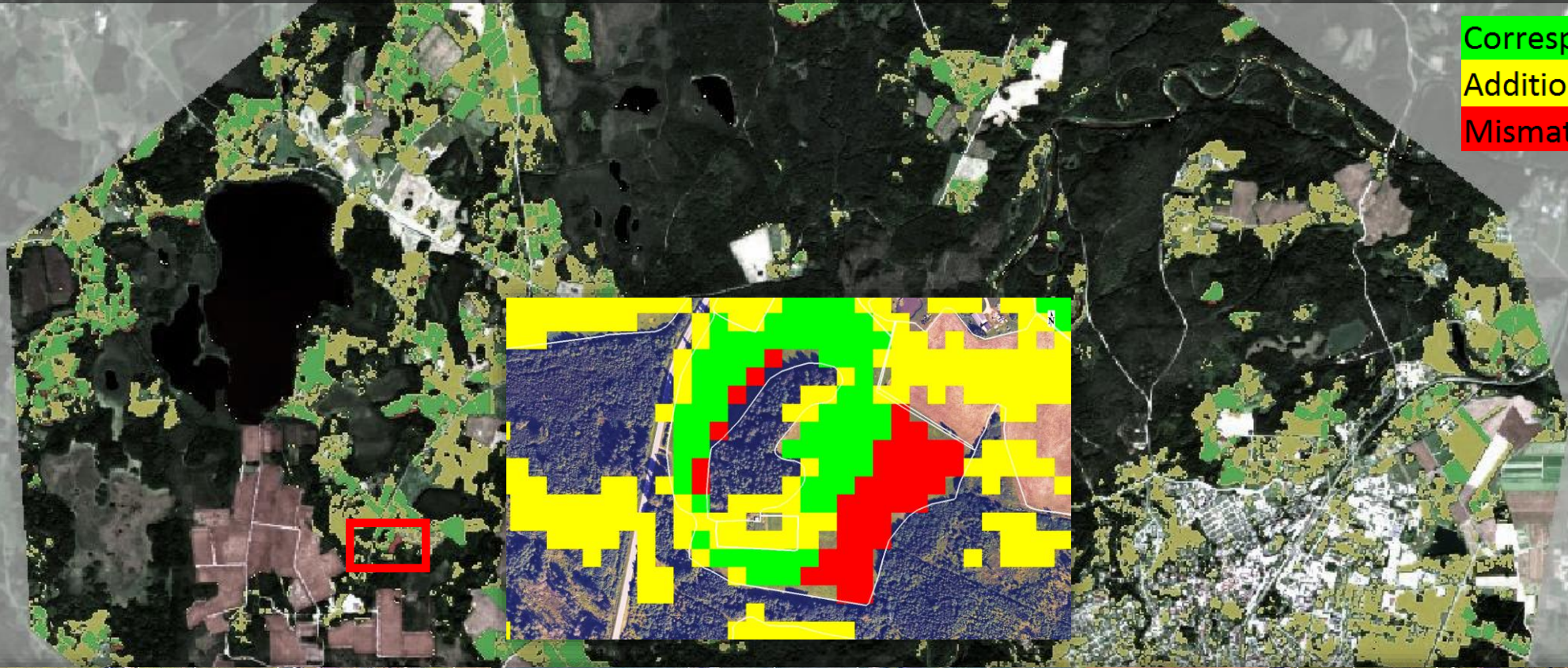




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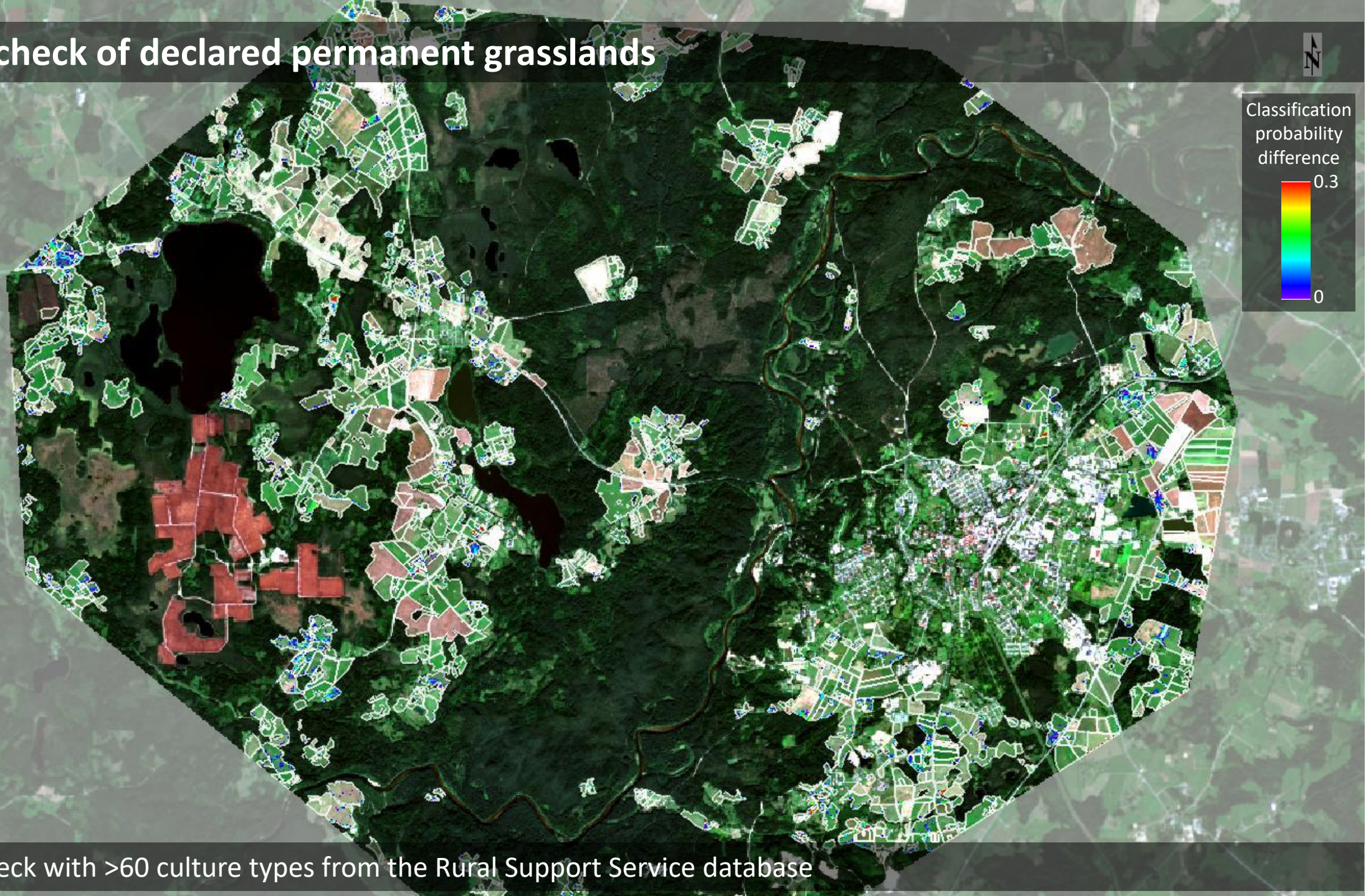


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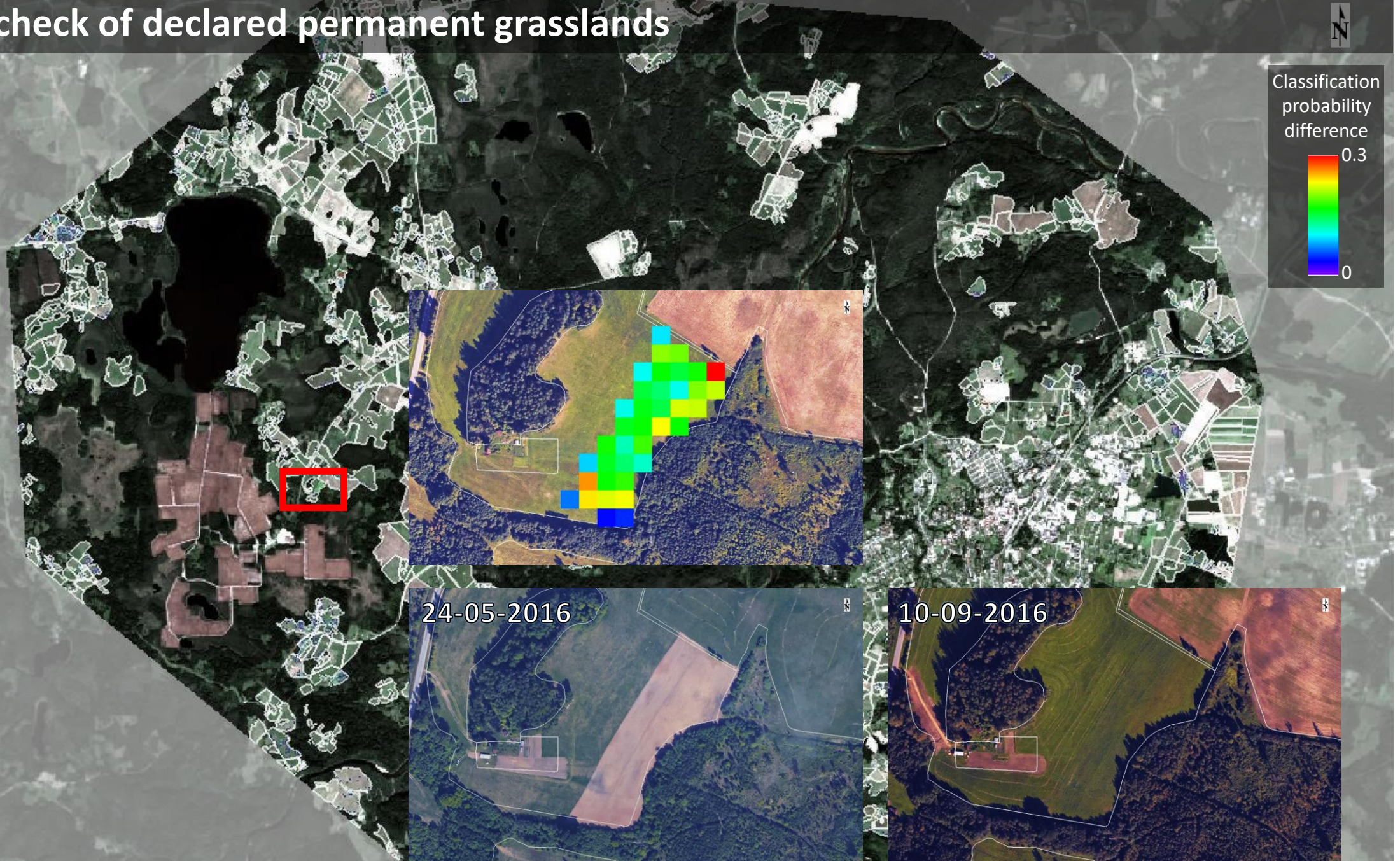
# Cross-check of declared permanent grasslands



Cross-check with >60 culture types from the Rural Support Service database

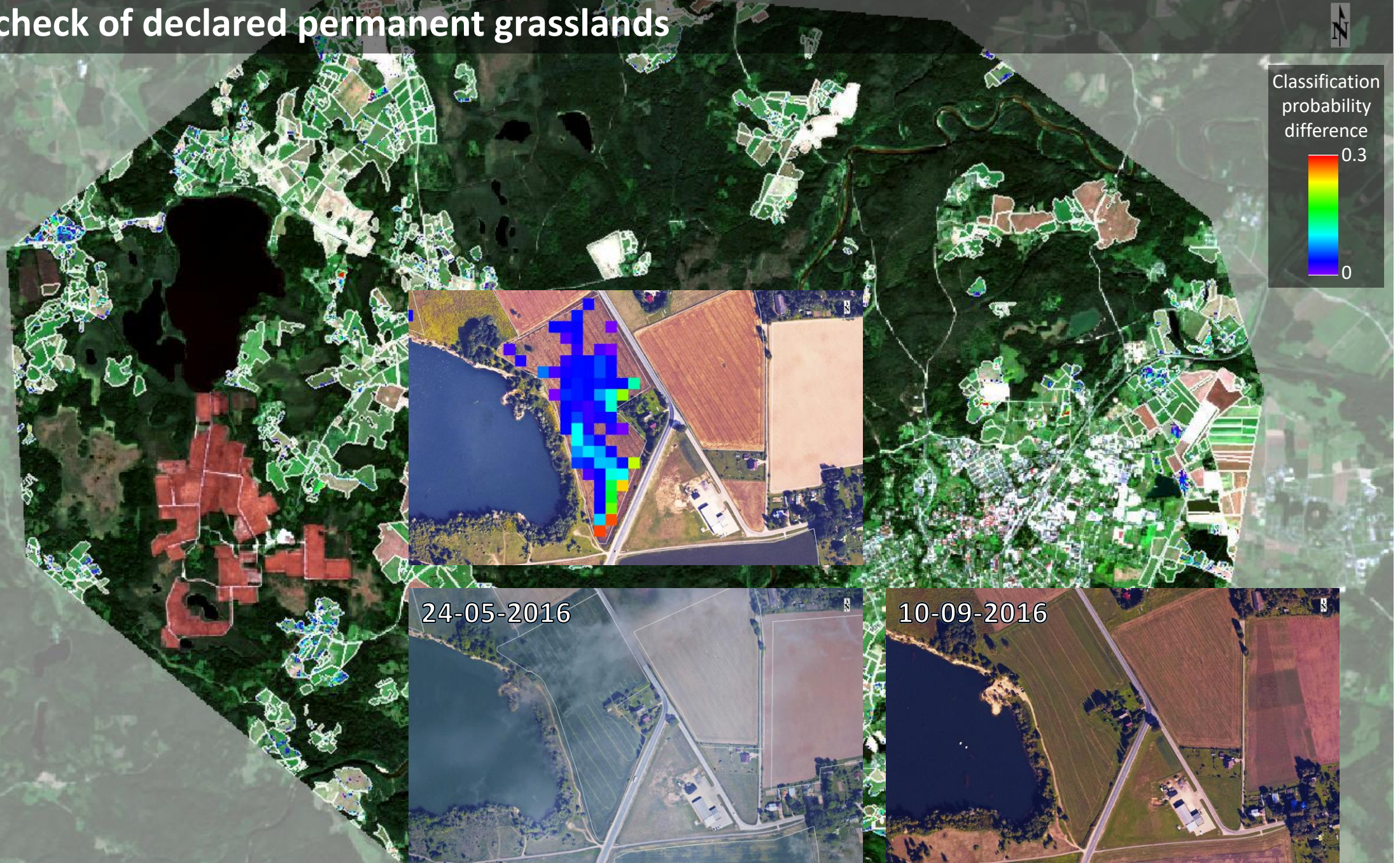


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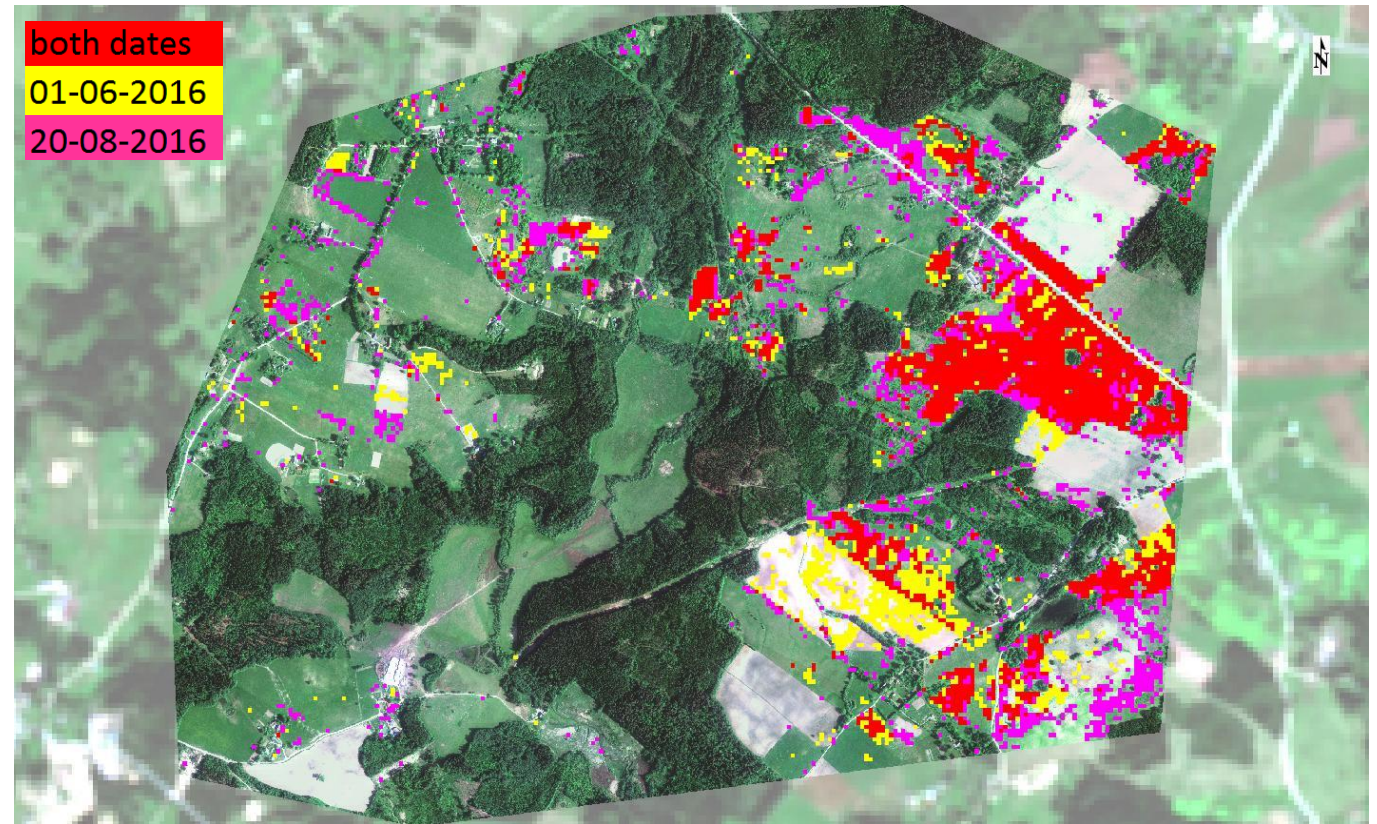
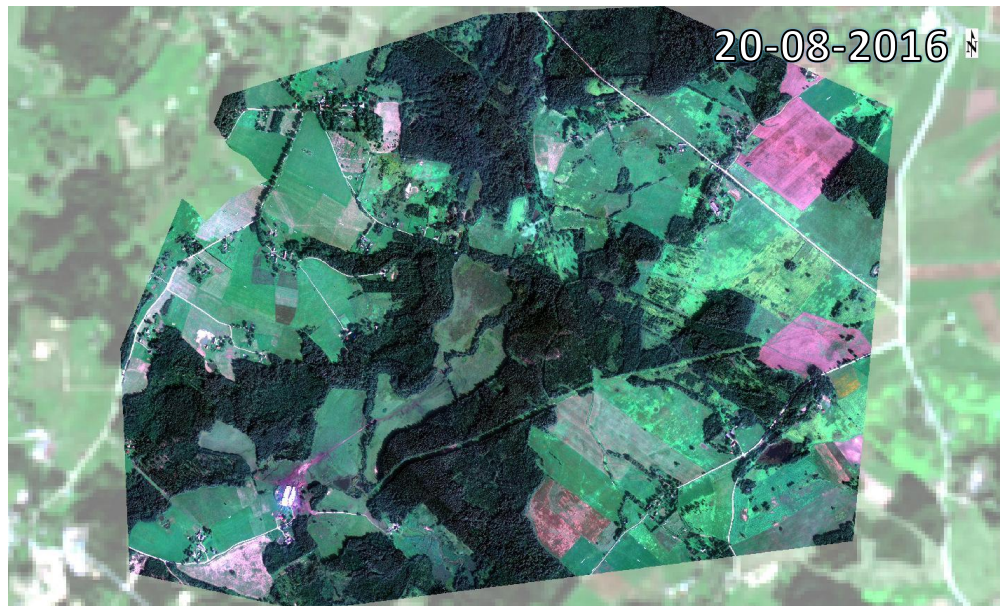
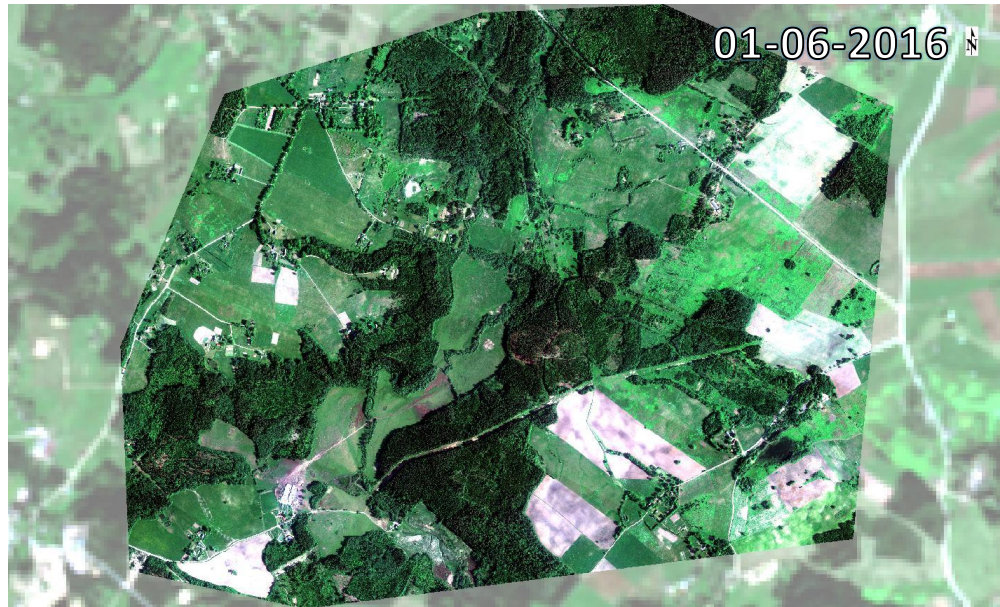


# Mapping of invasive species (Sosnowsky's Hogweed)



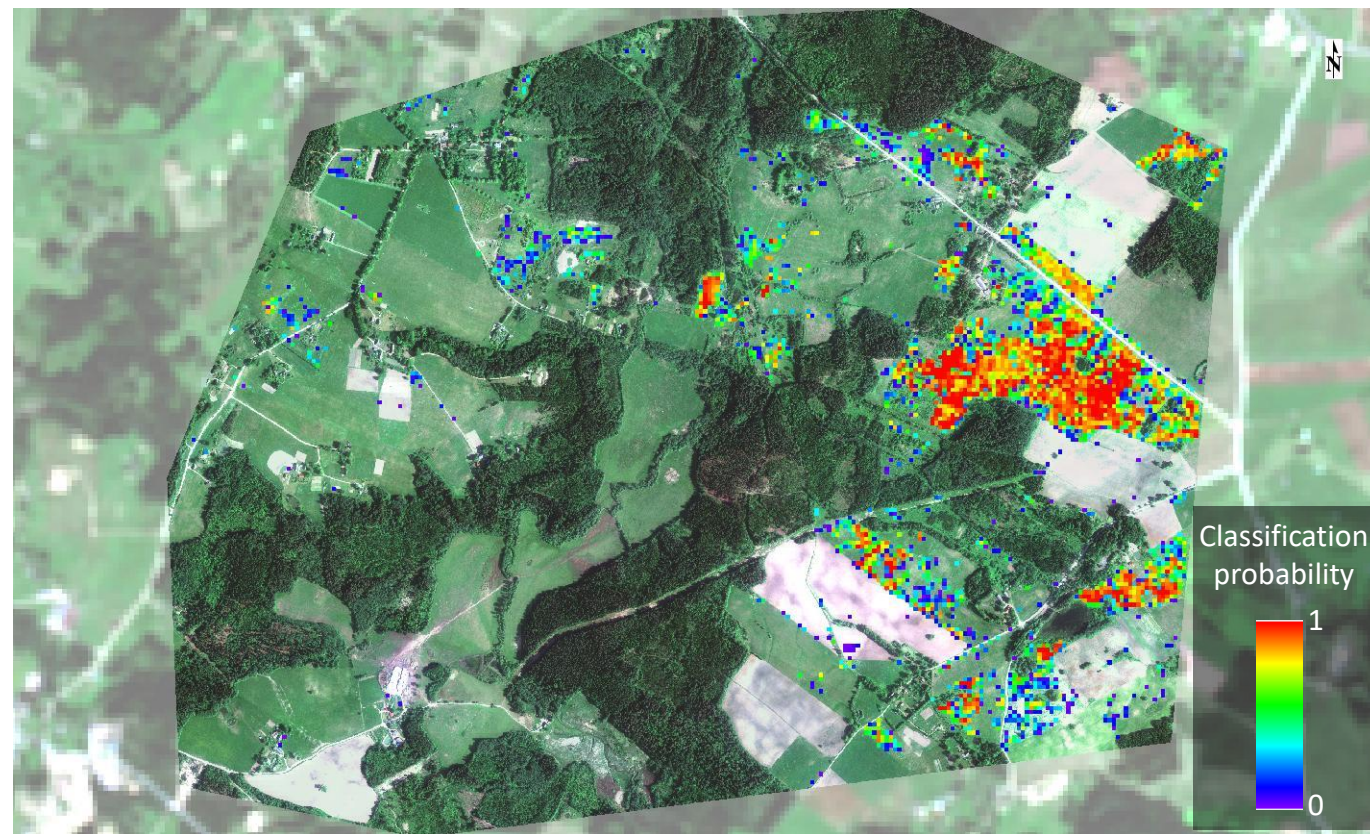
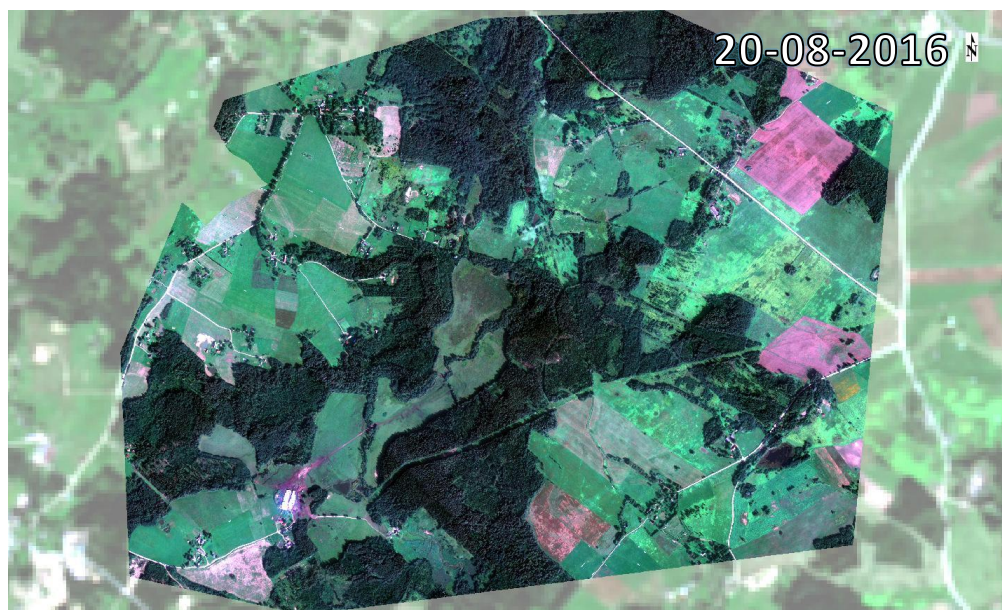
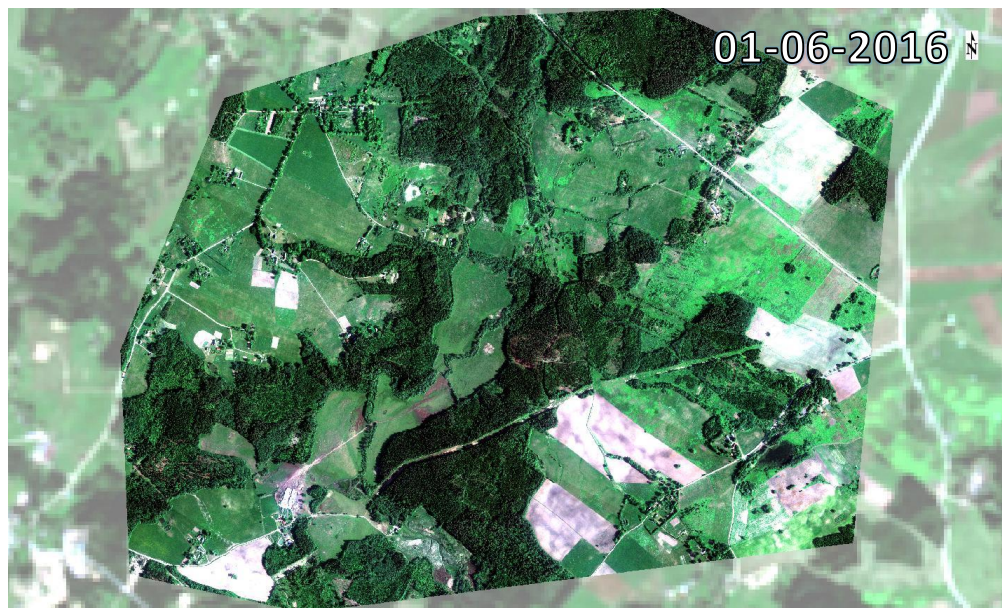


# Mapping of invasive species (Sosnowsky's Hogweed) using Sentinel-2 type data





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Obtained producer's accuracy >90%

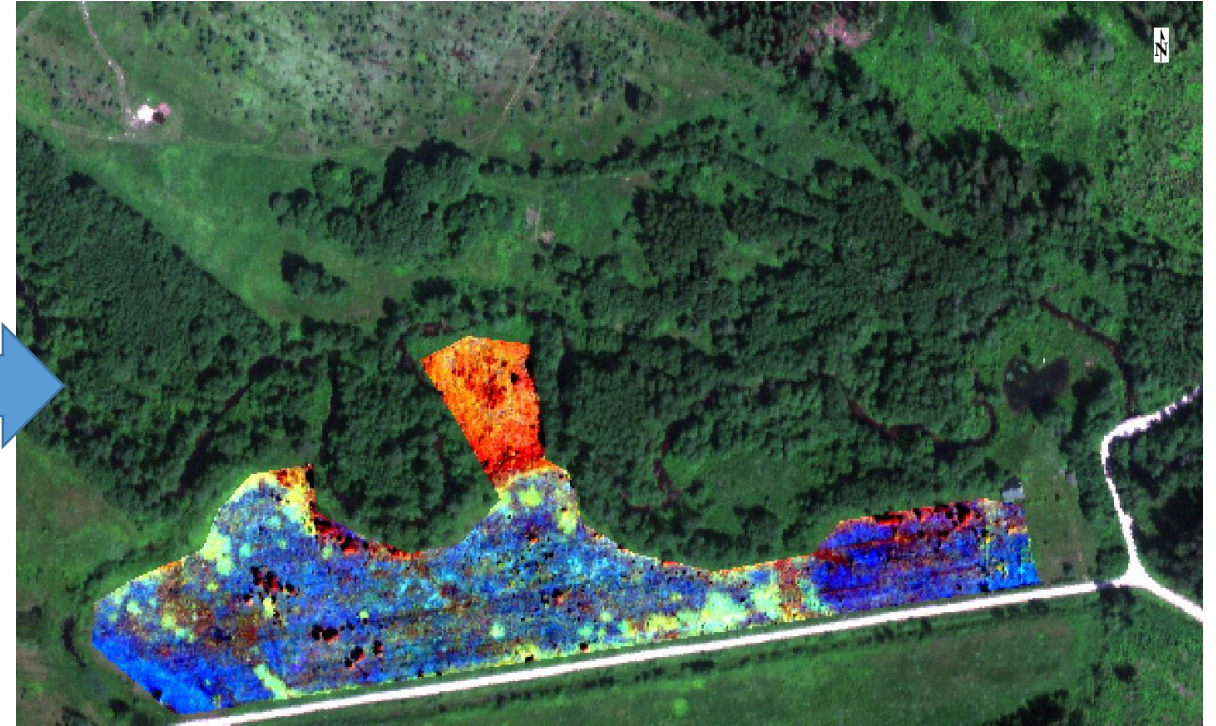


# Towards assessment of grassland biodiversity

Planning of reference data acquisition



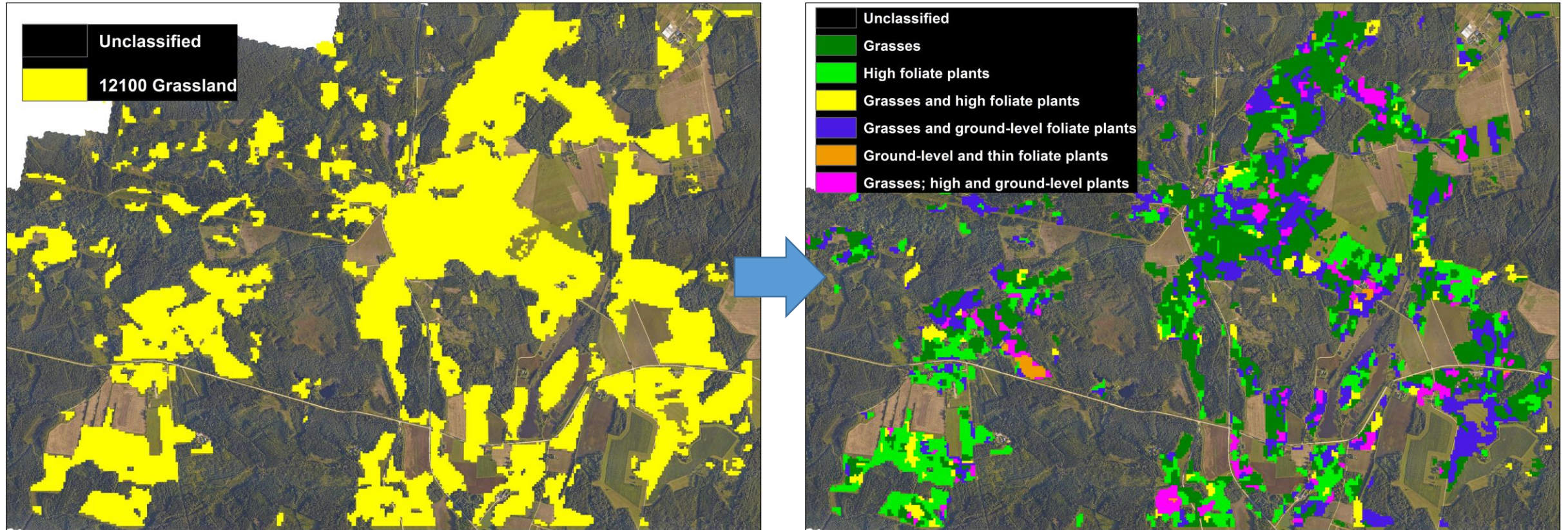
False colour image provided to grassland expert





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## Initial steps in more detailed classification of grasslands



Obtained producer's accuracy 85%



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