





Vegetation Monitoring Solutions Benchmarking (prospective Initiative) Reporting

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Purpose & Objectives

The purpose is to setup and maintain a synthetic and updated benchmarking of the operational Vegetation Monitoring solutions.

This prospective initiative is based on a partnership with the different major actors developing and proposing monitoring solutions.

Several representative entities are tested: Annual crop fields, Forestation restoration and Littoral ecosystem.

The result is a permanent reporting on the state-of-art, and the capacity to propose and implement the more relevant solution to address specific monitoring demands.

+ contribution to a Global Farmer&Field network under construction, including reference fields in various context of the world (crop, region, climate ...) as a permanent sample monitoring infrastructure, gathering some field observations (CROP, YIELD, LAIs ...) on a yearly basis, and earth-observation imagery series flow access (so far mainly Sentinel2, via SentinelHub).

Deliverables

Synthetic & permanent reporting on the state-of-art.

Potentially a powerful material for Vegetation Conditions services benchmarking, and very useful as well for R&D activities (proof of concept ...), smart material for promotion of Copernicus services towards final users , ...).

Our initiative is matching with,

- the NoR 3rd general objective (Demonstrate pre-operational services).
- 2 of the Application and Pre-operational objectives: T1 Reinforcing collaborative research environments and Virtual Laboratories & T4 Definition and testing of innovative pre-operational and pre-commercial services.

Schedule and success criteria

12 months process

Milestone -1 (after 6 months): all reference "Vegetation targets" entities implemented

Milestone -2 (after 12 months): Significative vegetation conditions monitoring activities achieved, analysed, reported.















Description of tools & achievements

Implementation of the reference "Vegetation targets" entities

Several representative entities (polygons) have been defined and tested: (1) Annual crop fields in Europe (2) Annual crop fields in Argentina (3) Annual crop fields in Mali (4) Forest Restoration in Indonesia (5) Littoral Ecosystem in Comoros (6) Other Vegetation entities targets (depending on analytics demands, local partnership opportunities, ...).

Vegetation conditions monitoring activities

For the 1^{st} phase of the project (year 1 = 2021-2022) the priority was given to the reference Monitoring platform, i.e. SentinelHub, sponsored by ESA-NoR, developed by Sinergise.

The basic analysis scenario is to use the multi-year (5 years) NDVI temporal profile – cloud-free functionality, proposed by the SentinelHub service.

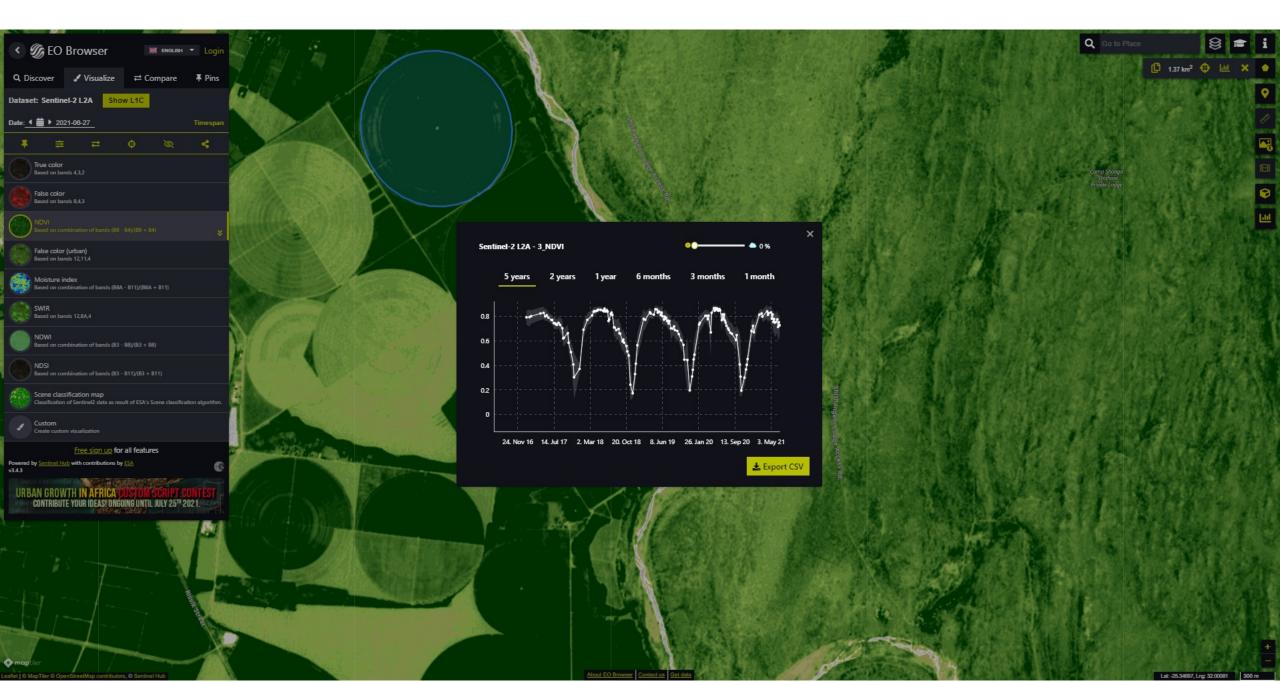
A preliminary analysis is done based on the temporal profile displayed via the service interface: annual vegetation cycles identification, level of vegetation activity/biomass (which can be related to the type of crop/land-cover ..., specific conditions ...), ... In a 2nd step, the graphic data are downloaded (.csv format). Thus these NDVI values per date can be analysed more precisely, and can be used for further analyses. We propose here a visualisation of 2 parameters via EXCEL graphic: NDVI-Mean curve and NDVI-StDev (as variability indicator), in some cases we use NDVI-Median parameter.

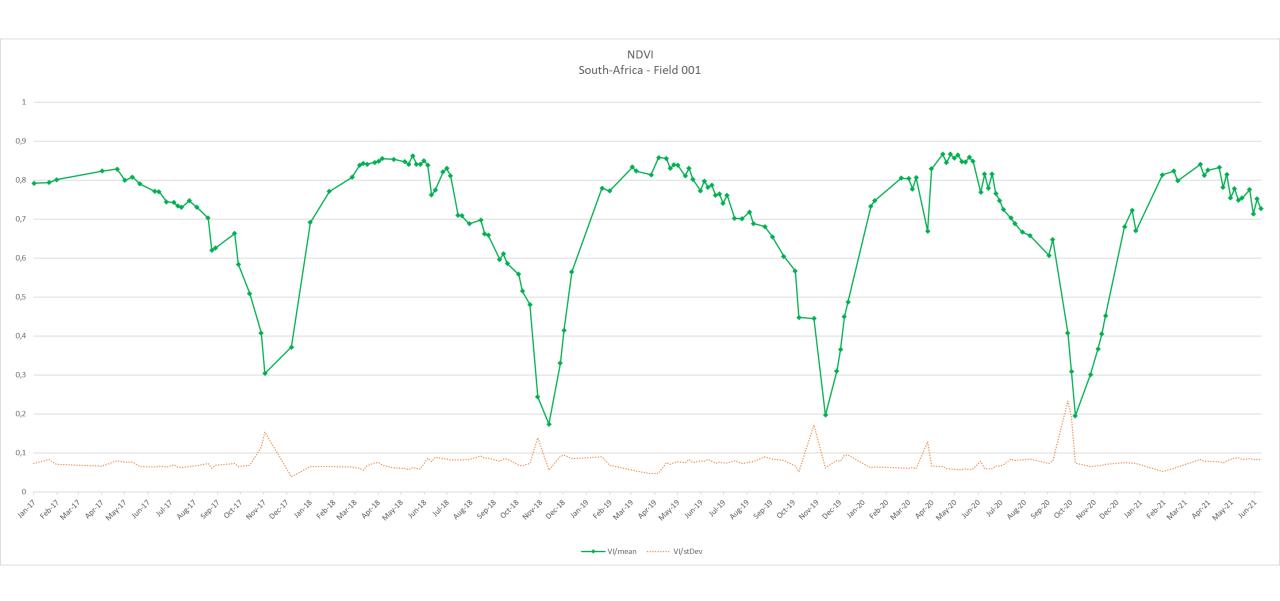
Beside the monitoring activities core module (SentinelHub), 3 alternative monitoring activities are mentioned: one at regional scale, "European Vegetation Pulse" experimented with EUMETSAT, two at local scale, experimented with Planet.

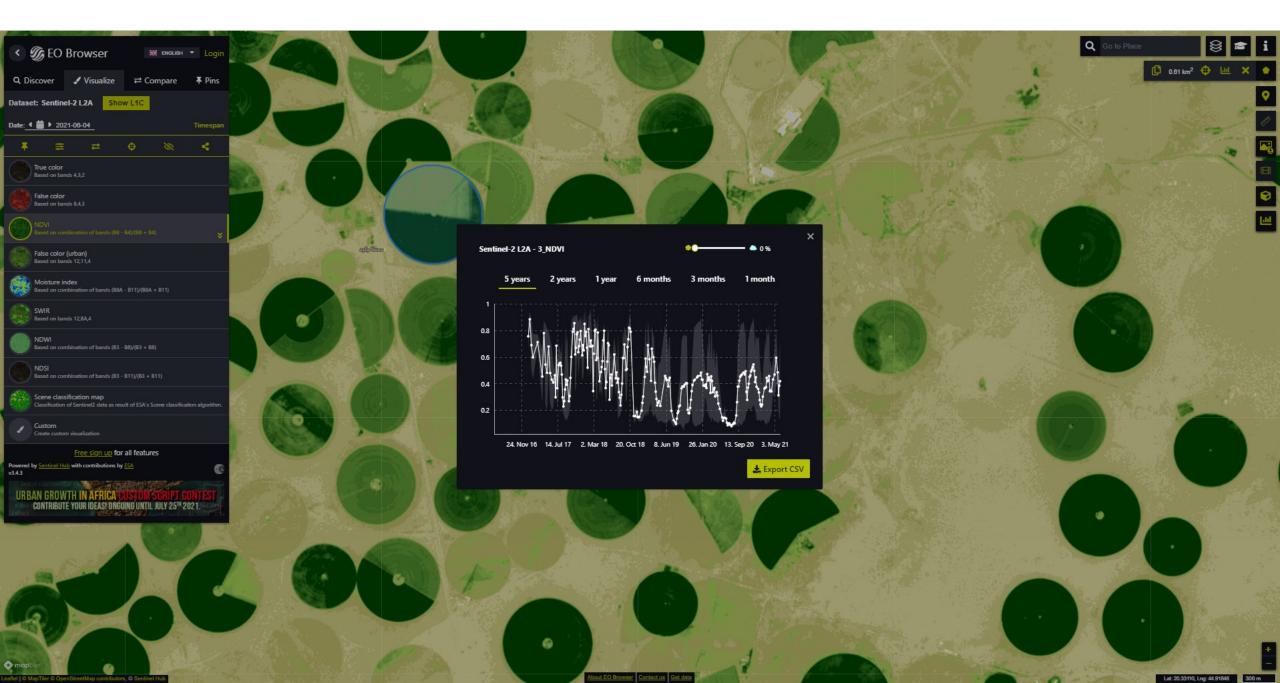
Reference entities testing

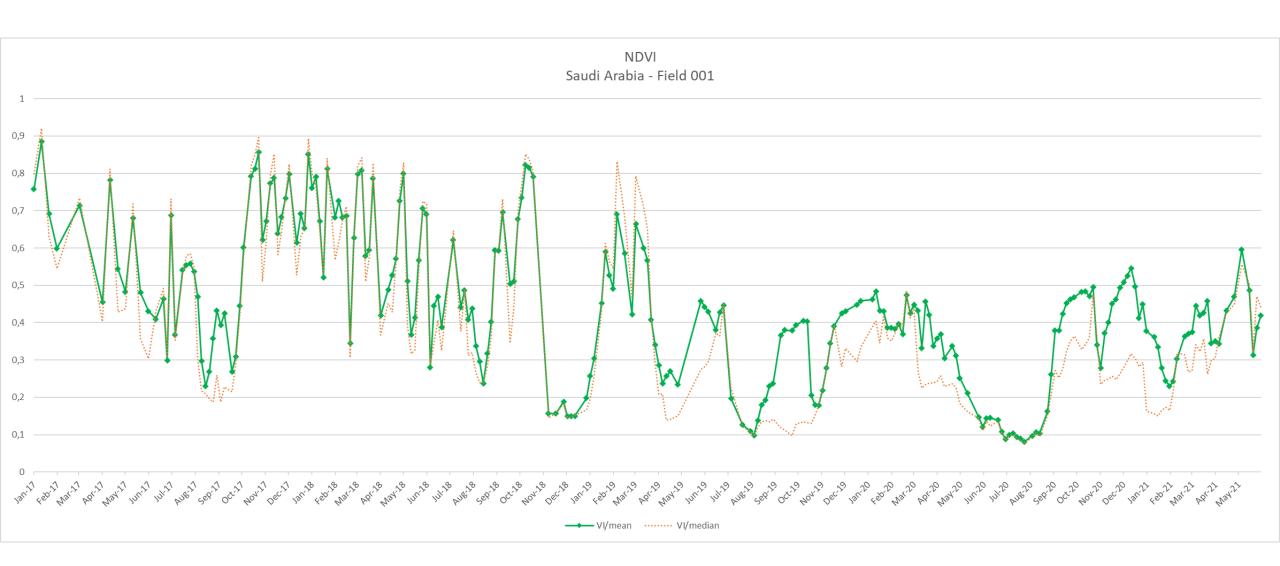
Overview of the reference entities – Location







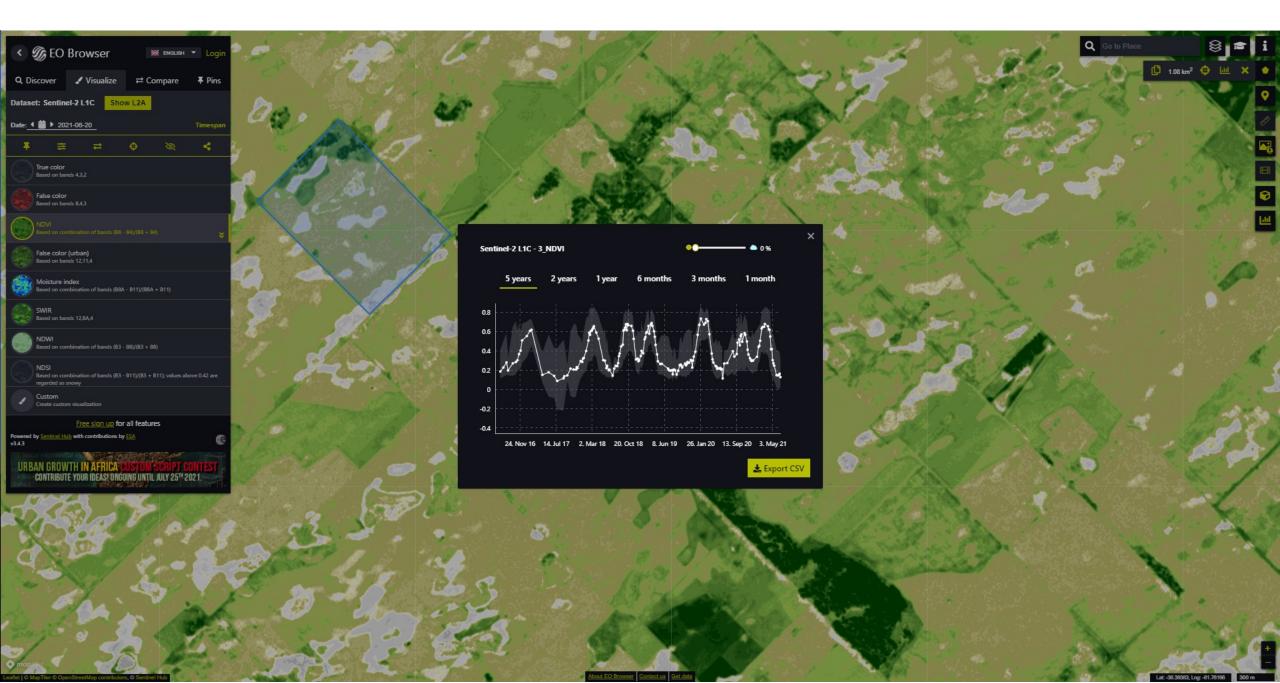


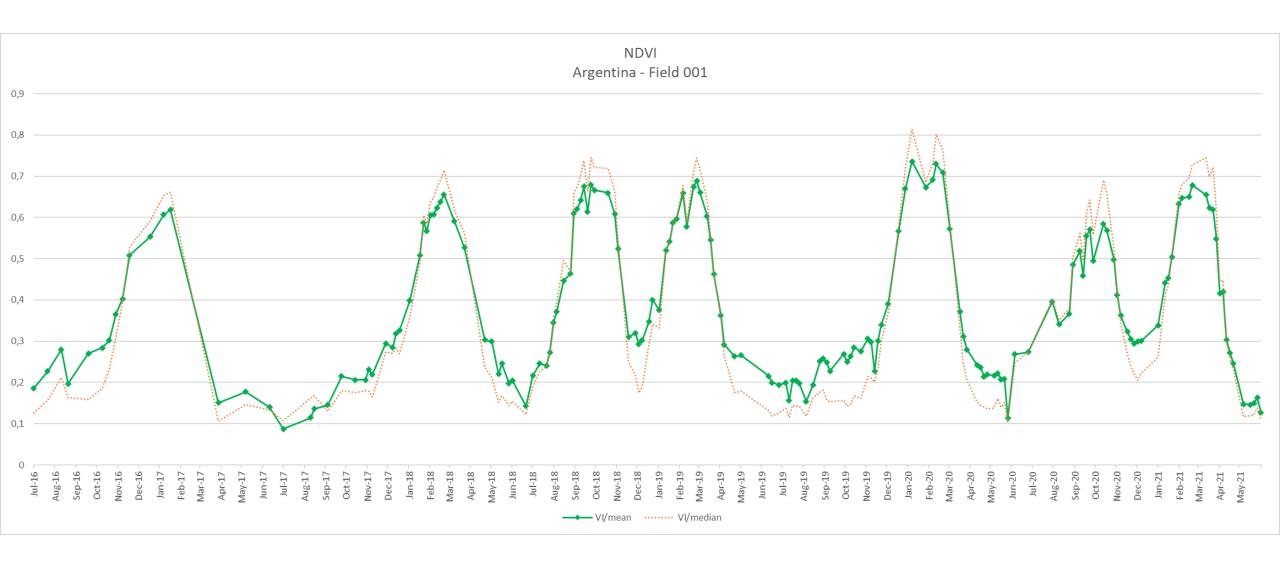


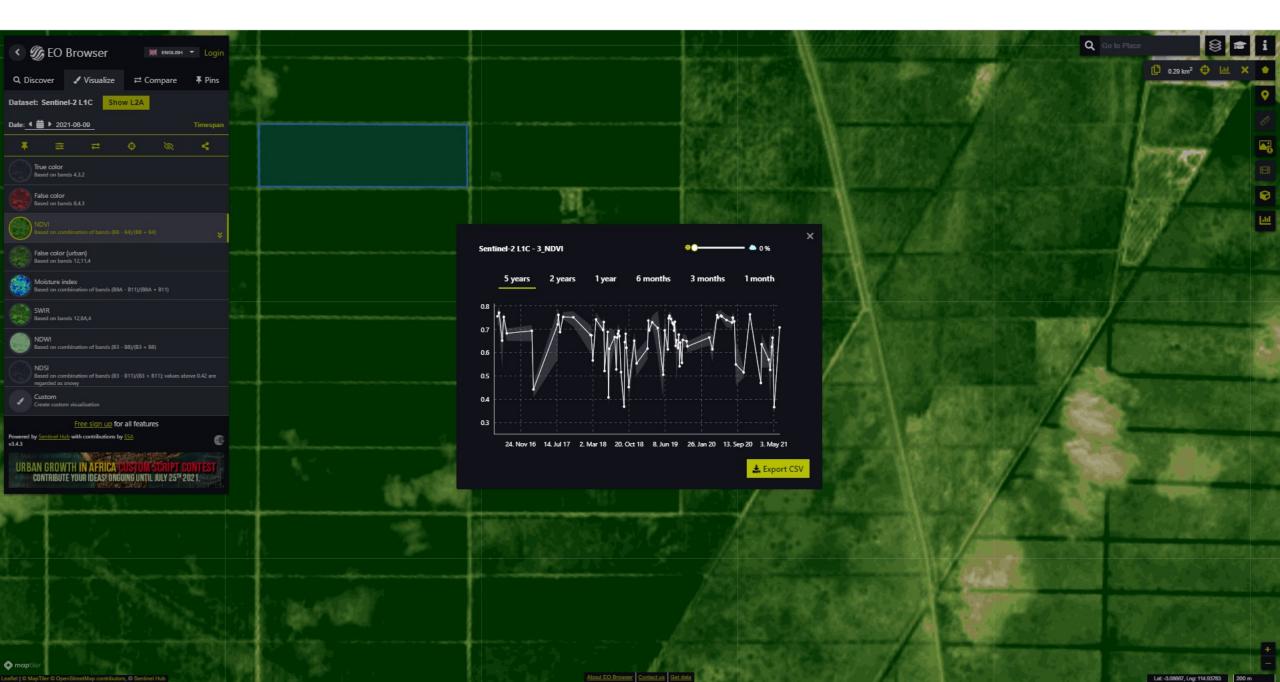
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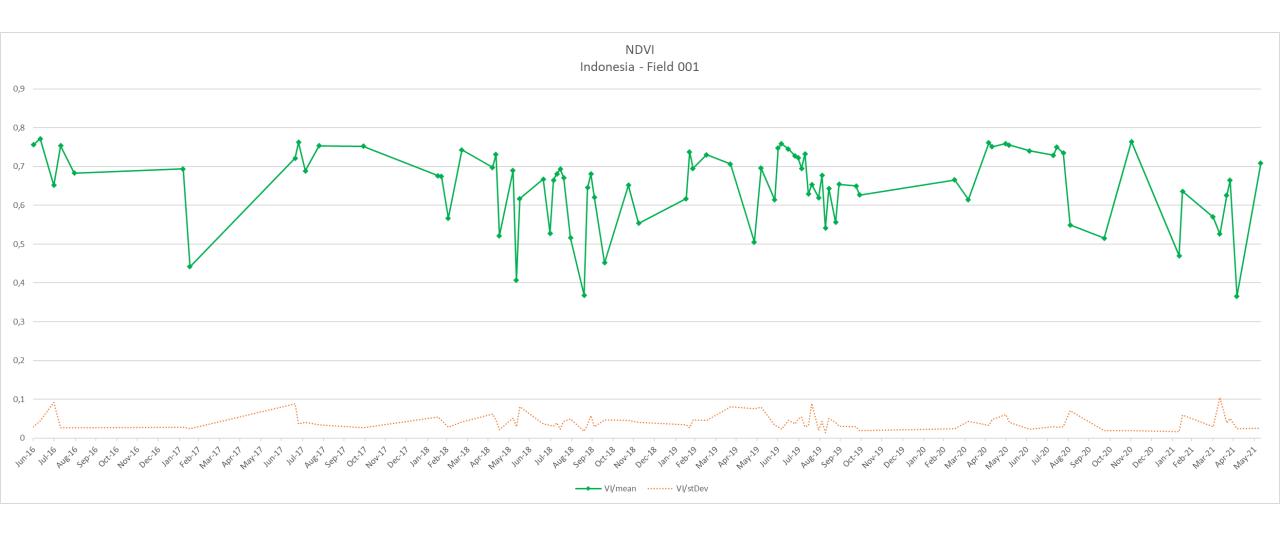


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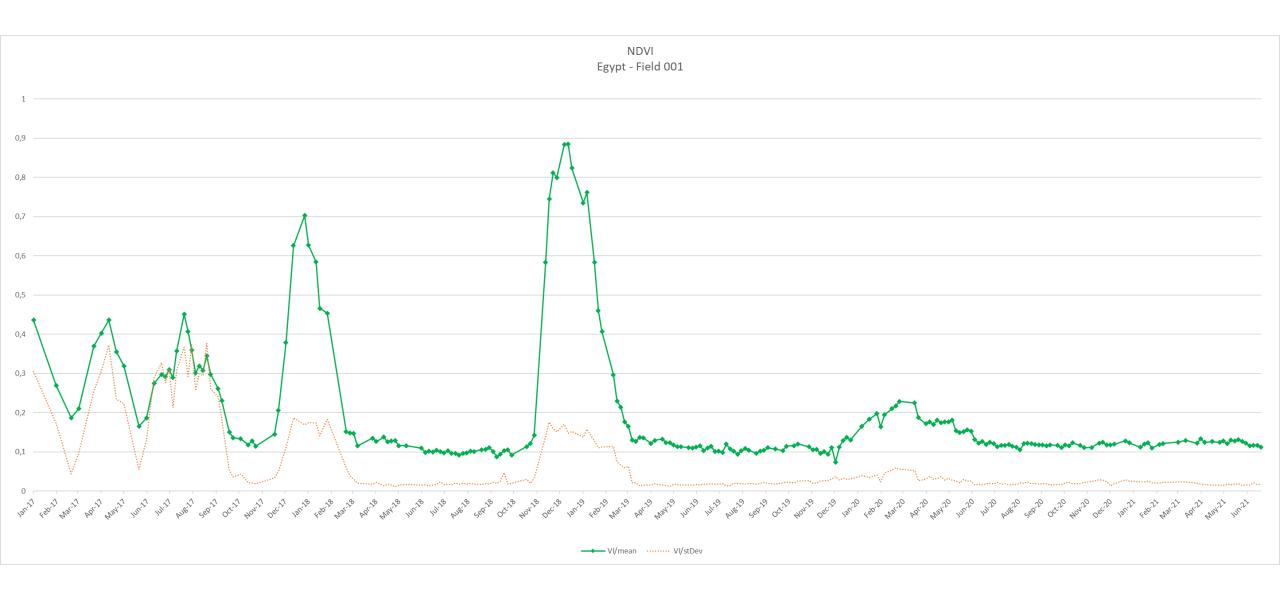










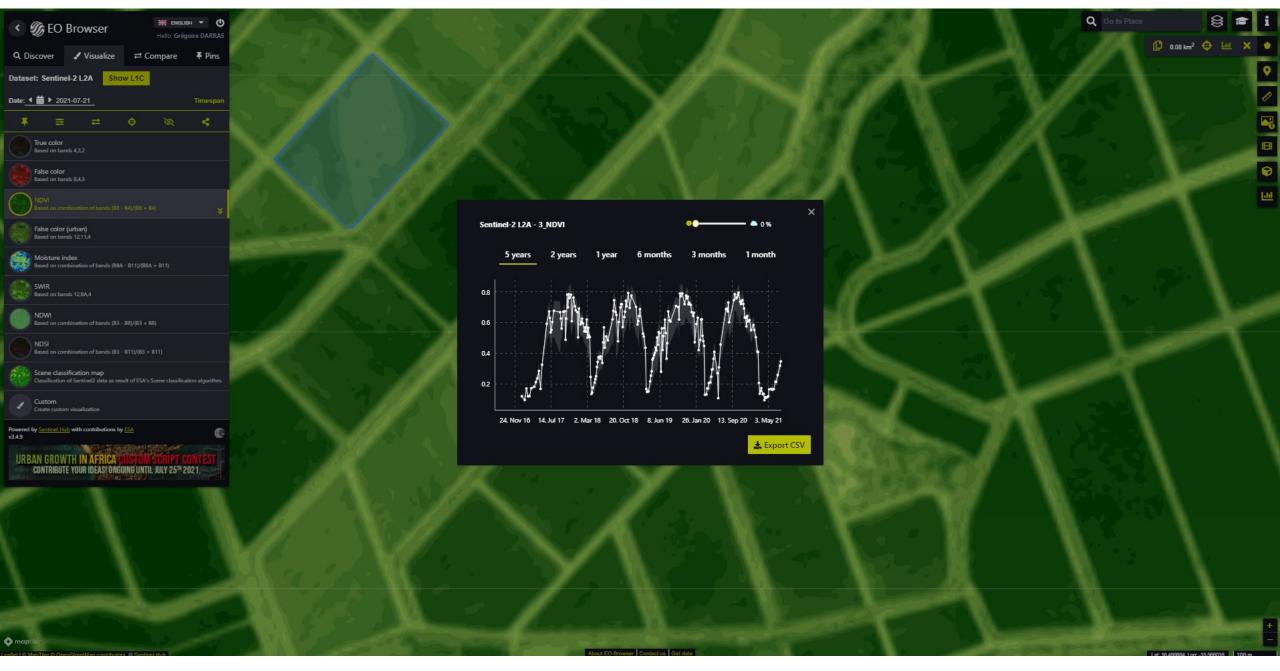


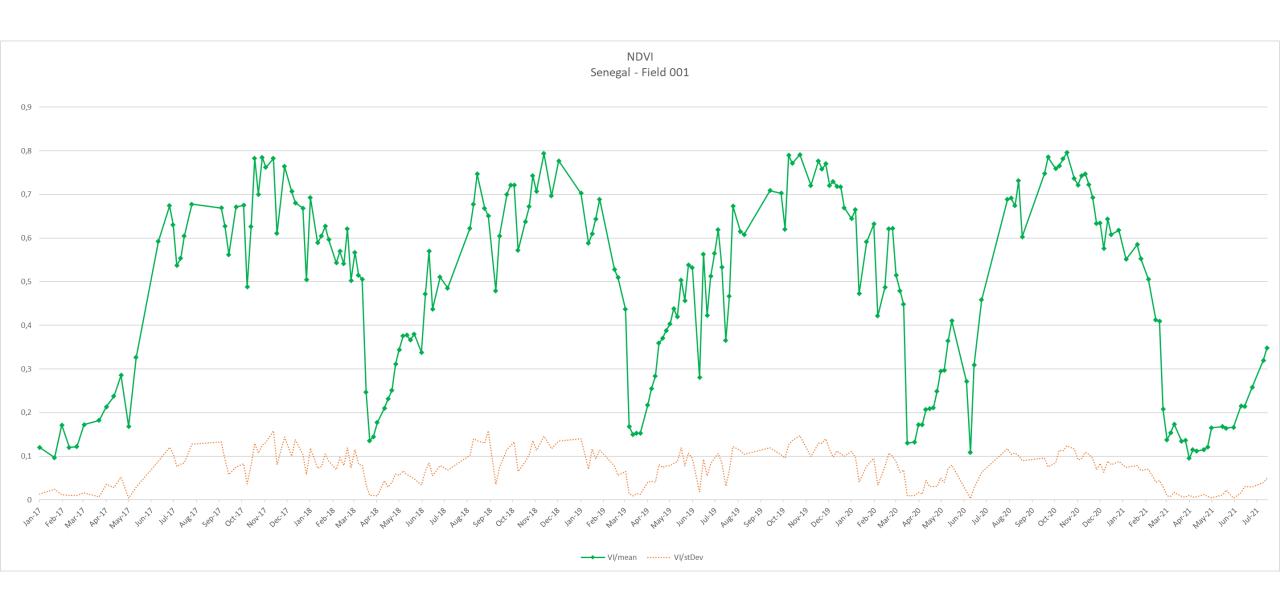


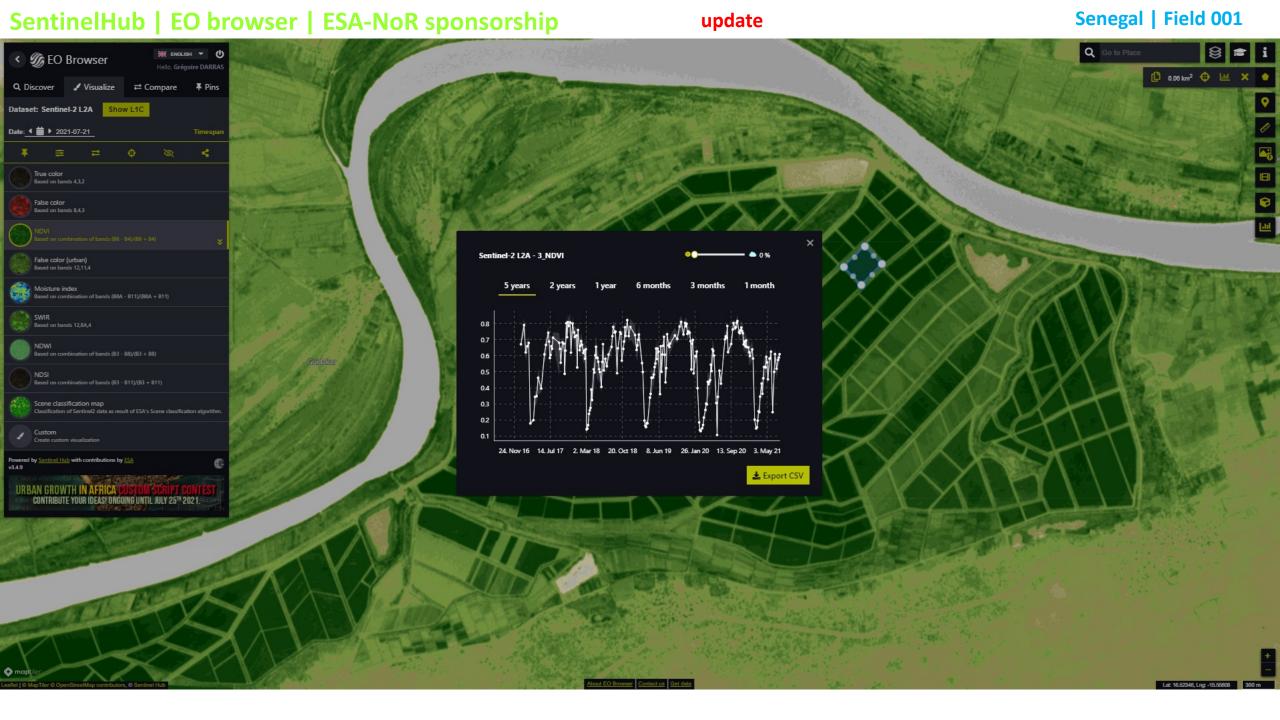




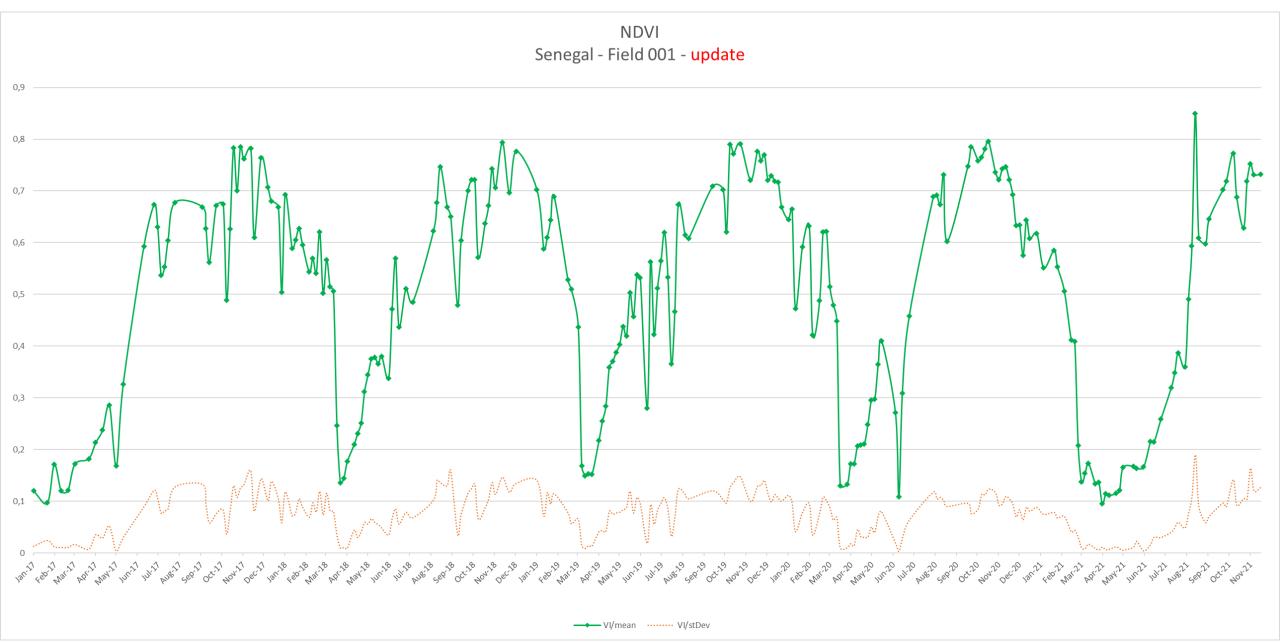








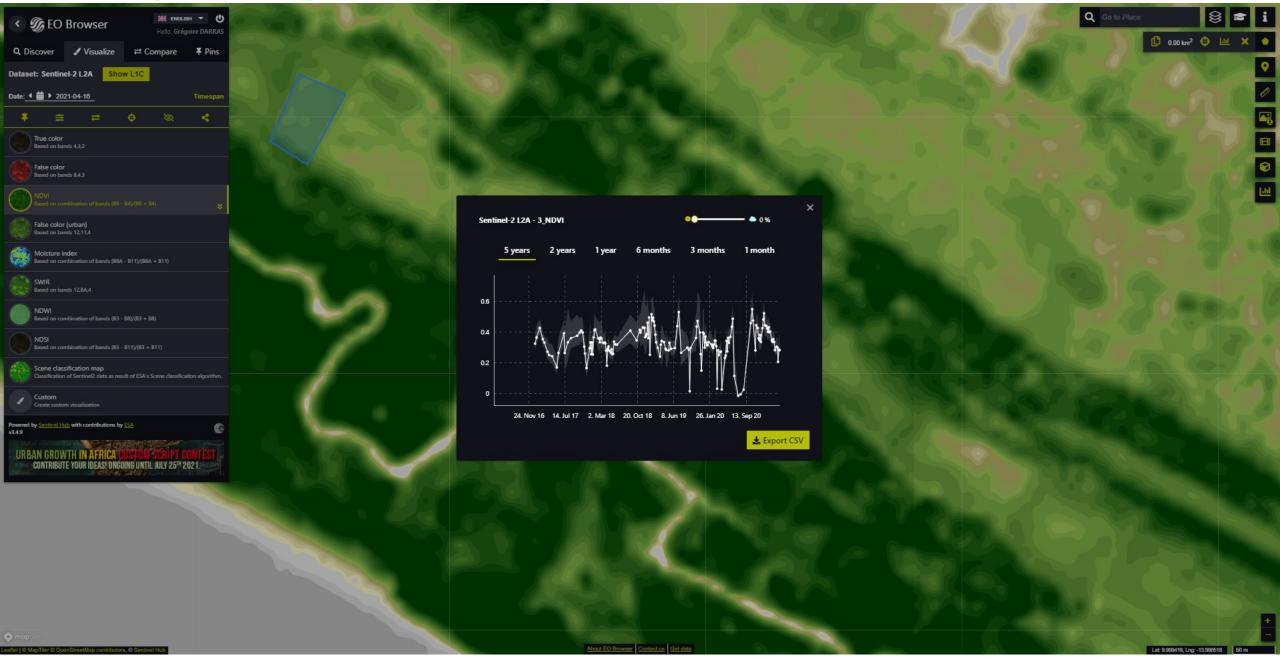


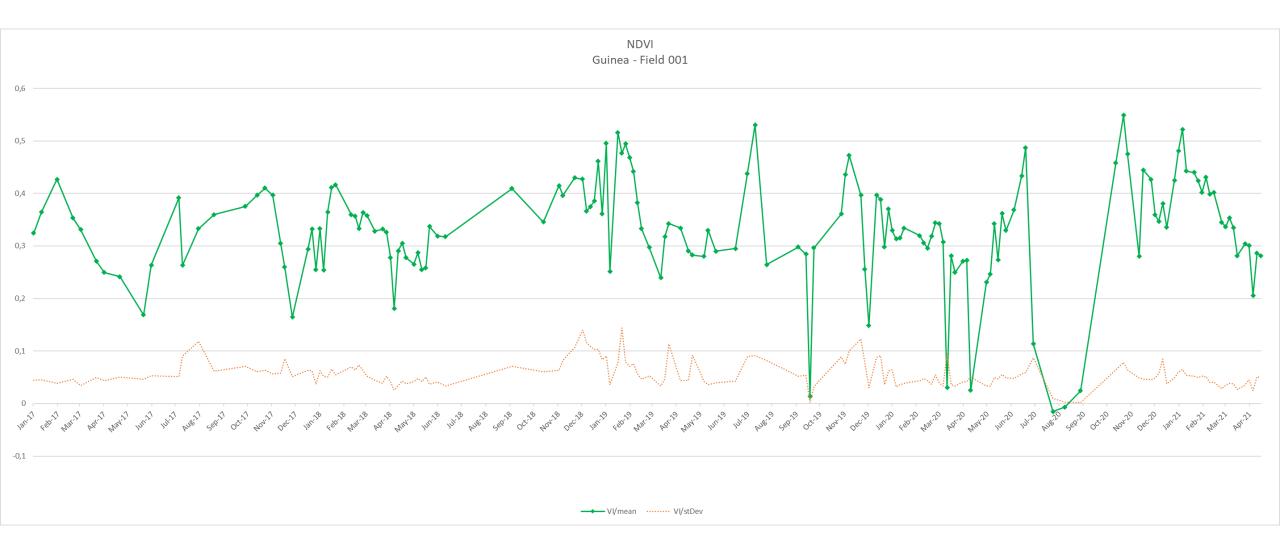


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Based on combination of bands (BBA - B11)/(BBA + B11) Based on bands 12,8A,4 NDWI Based on combination of bands (B3 - B8)/(B3 + B8) Scene classification map 24. Nov 16 14. Jul 17 2. Mar 18 20. Oct 18 8. Jun 19 26. Jan 20 13. Sep 20 Powered by Sentinel Hub with contributions by ESA **≛** Export CSV

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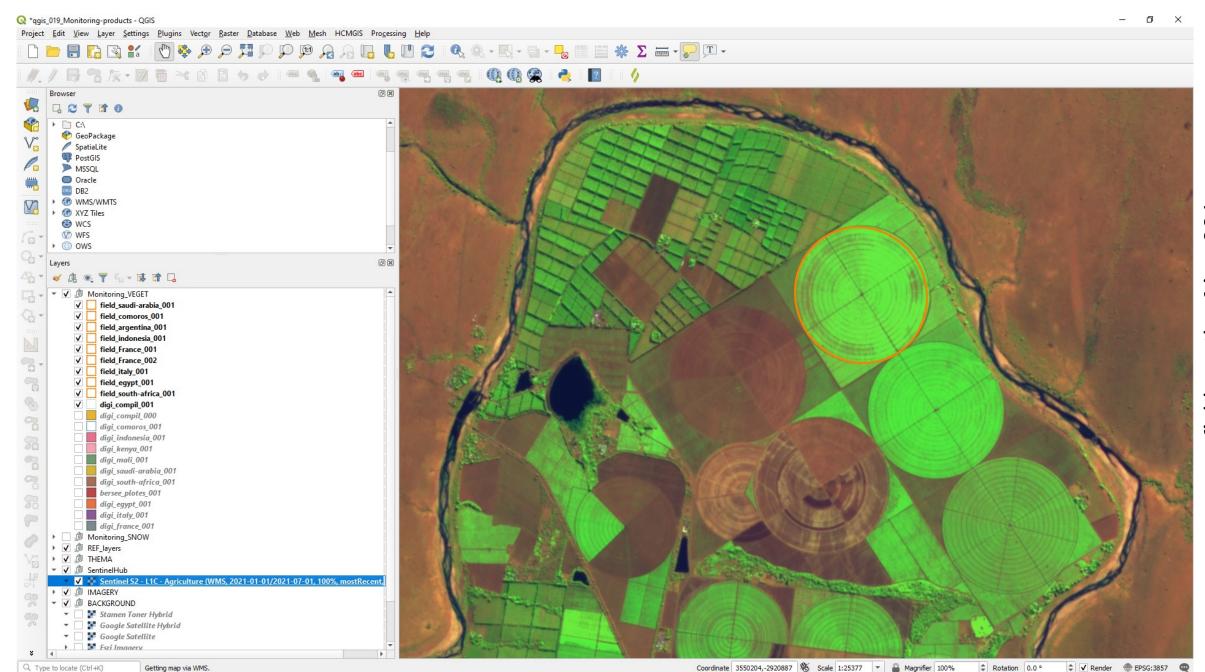






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Thematic analysis

Argentina – Case-Study – Field « Lote 11 » profile





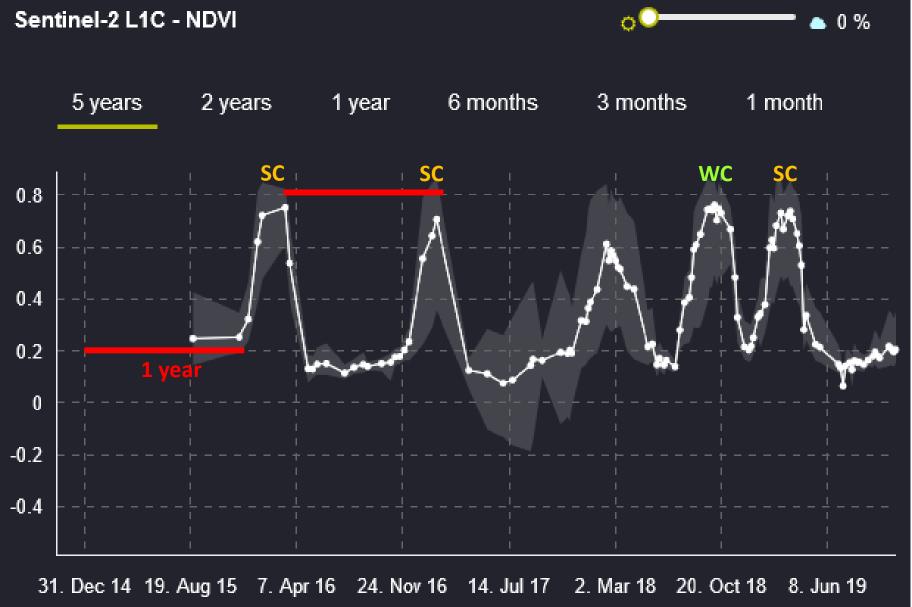


2019 campaign: Summer Crop (SC) – maize | soya ...

2018 campaign: Winter Crop (WC) – wheat | barley | oat ...

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Examples of applications and services using Sentinel Hub:







SataMap

https://www.satamap.com.au

"A web based platform designed for farmers, consultants and other professionals that want to excel at decision making in agriculture and the environment."

CropWatch

http://cropwatch.co.za/

"Services for early detection of Southern Africa's invasive pest species, pest monitoring, and precision agriculture."

NDVI Max Service

http://sentinel-hub.com/max_service

The NDVI Max service is a simple, yet powerful tool with various application possibilities in the framework of land monitoring and land use.

https://www.sentinel-hub.com/explore/industries-and-showcases/agriculture

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Context of the Planet company Land Restoration initiative

See https://www.planet.com/pulse/seeing-african-restoration-from-space-planet-and-justdiggit-enable-nature-based-solutions-to-regreen-the-land/

Preliminary thematic analysis

The next 3 slides illustrate the potential Land Restoration monitoring capacities provided via the SentinelHub service.

The temporal profiles (NDVI and Moisture Index) along the last 5 years show actually a positive impact, visible for the last 3 years.

Stay tuned on the Restore-IT initiative, and future contributions within the restoration/monitoring process (https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/)

Next work on (1) identification of new potential areas to restore (2) initiate local partnership to set-up the action (3) contribute to support the action (4) contribute to run EO monitoring & promote.

VEGETATION RESTORATION • Pembamoto, Tanzania







Cf. PLANET & Justdiggit | Restore-IT | Vegetation restoration - Pembamoto, Tanzania

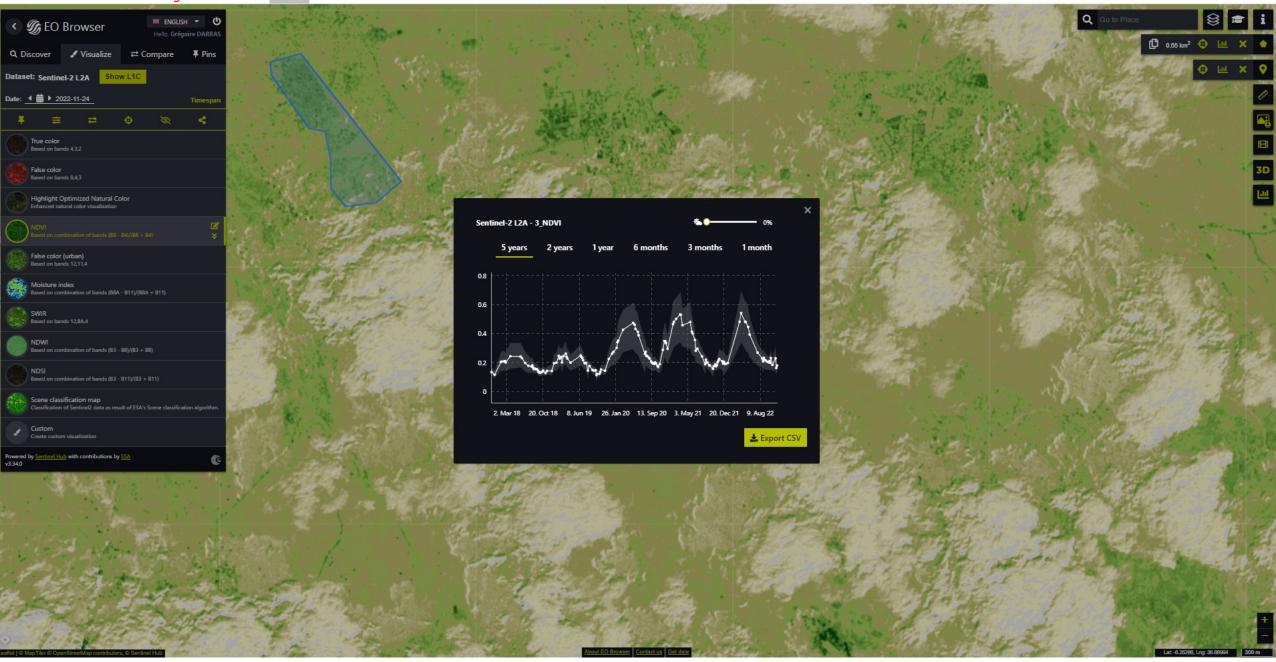
May 27, 2018 May 28, 2020

PlanetScope imagery from May 27, 2018 through May 11, 2022 captured Justdiggit's vegetation restoration in Pembamato, Tanzania. The site of the bunds can be seen outlined in white in 2018. This region shows a dramatic change in vegetation growth in the following years thanks to the creation of the bunds. © 2022, Planet Labs PBC. All Rights Reserved.

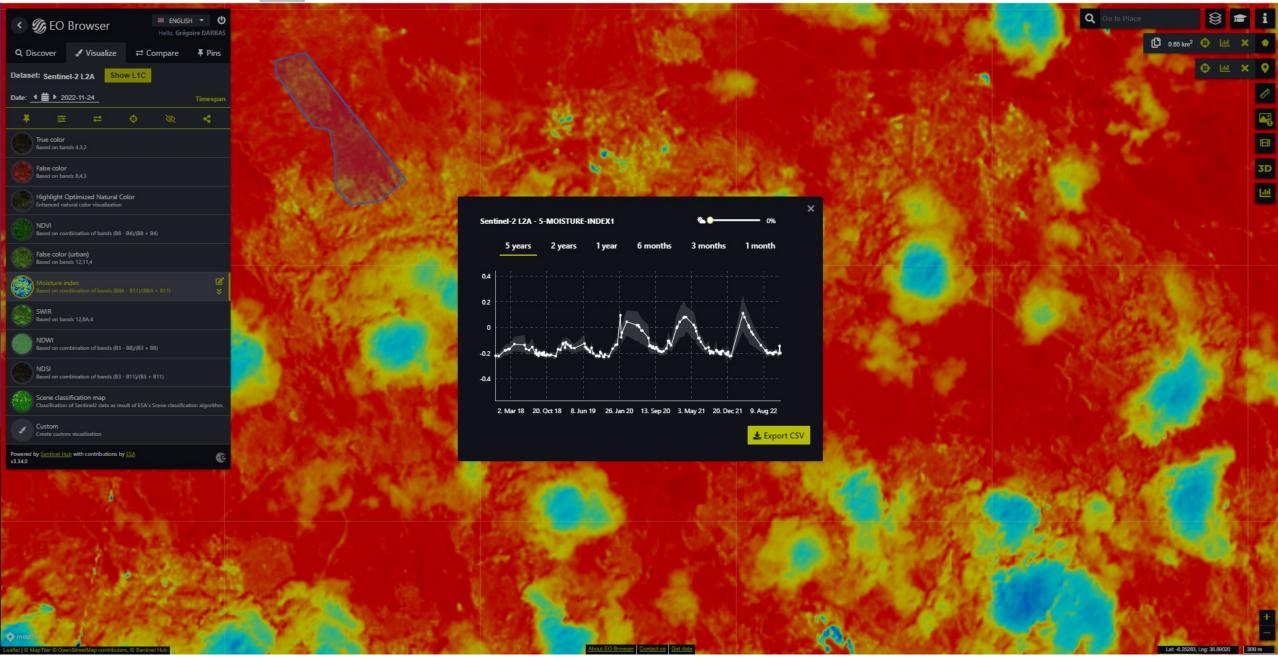
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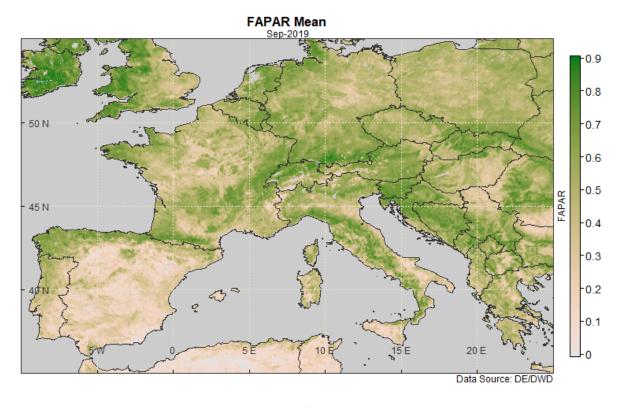


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The proposition here is to consider a view of the European territory by satellite over a year, by animating the visualization of the FAPAR Vegetation indicator along the year, based on a synthetic observation series every month.

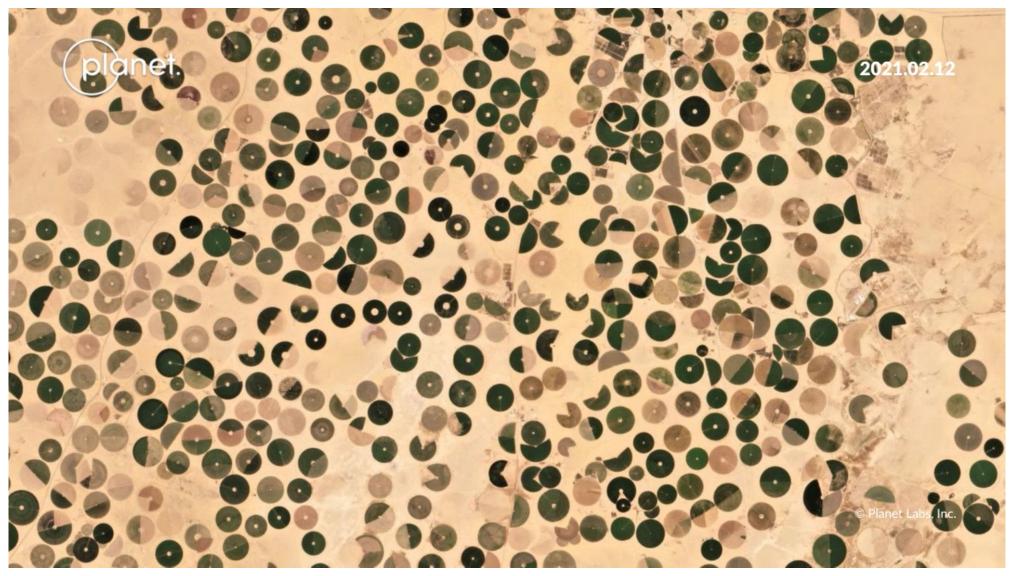
Such animated observation mode (Vegetation variations loop) may visually reveal phenomena and constitute a precious didactic material to develop dedicated case-studies.





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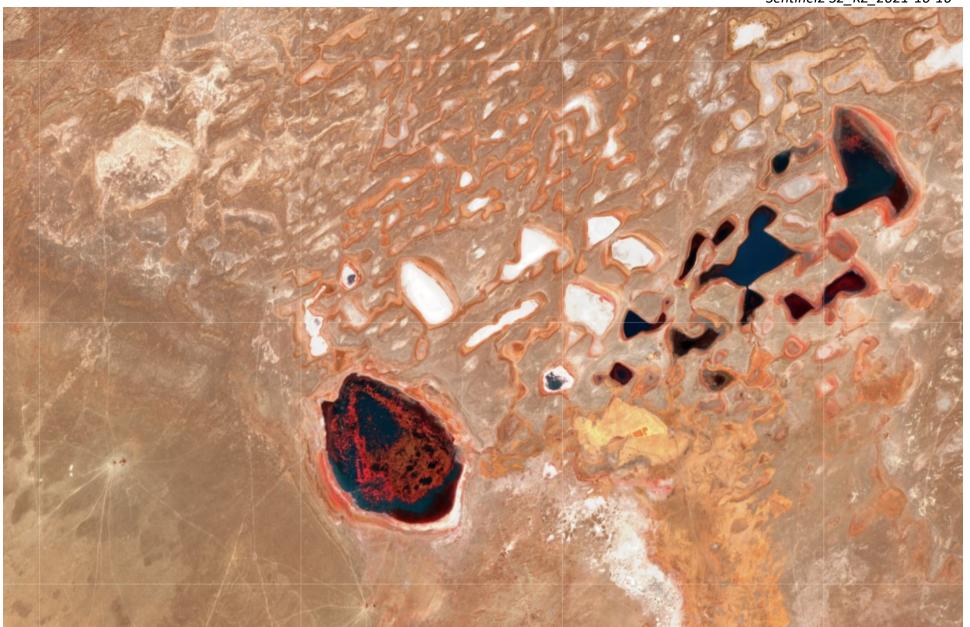
Wadi Ad Dawasir, Riyadh, KSA – "Year 2021 pivot area vegetation activity" - Movie





We will not sulk our visual pleasure ... Find here some Happy Screenshots!

Sentinel2 S2_KZ_2021-10-16



Sentinel S2 - L1C - SWIR (WMS, 2020-06-01/2021-07-01

Making-of Gallery

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