

Geospatial Information Services, Optical and COSMO-SkyMed satellite data supporting food quality and security

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## **Food security**



Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

(http://www.fao.org/cfs/en/)



Food security analysts look at the combination of the following three main elements:

- Food availability
- Food access
- Food utilization

(http://www.wfp.org/food-security)

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#### COSMO-SkyMed Supporting food quality and security



**Key features** 

- X-Band SAR
- High Revisit Time (4 satellites)
- •\_Day/Night and all weather acquisitions





- WorldWide exclusive distributor
- Downlink infrastructures
- Sentinel future downlink
- Multitemporal capability (analysis over time)
- Land Use extraction

#### Day/Night and all weather acquisitions





# **SAR remedy to cloud cover**







## **Satellite Data**



- Land-Use Extraction
- **Crop biomass Yield Estimation**
- **Coherence Map Paddy Fields Monitoring**



#### **Land-Use Thematic Extraction**



#### • Spotlight-2

- Area : Asmara
- Acquisitions date: 19/09/2009 04/10/2009
- Identified Classes
  - Water Bodies (lakes and rivers)
  - Urban (Dense and Open)
  - Forest (Dense and Open)
  - Industrial and Commercial
  - Agricultural (Cultivated and Not Cultivated)
  - Bare soil
- Identified Features
  - Buildings
  - Roads and highways
  - Rivers

### **Land-Use Extraction from MTC**





# **Agricultural Land-Use**





#### **Urban Area Characterization**





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#### **Forest Area**





## **Sparse Forest Land-Use**





#### **Grassland Land-Use**





#### **Water Bodies**





#### Mekong COSMO-SkyMed Extracted Information



REQUIREMENT	SPECIFICATION	COMPLIANCE ACTION		
	Collection mode: multiple optical			
	Shape of roads	Roads extraction (with size)		
	Shape of rivers	Rivers extraction (with size)		Bead
Feature acquisition	Shape of buildings	Buildings extraction (polygon)		
	Required resolution urban: 0.5 m	With Spotlight-2		
	Required resolution agricolture: 2.5 m	With Spotlight-2/Himage		<b>B</b> i
	Required resolution mountain: 5 m	With Himage		BNAR
	Collection mode: multiple optical			
	Change of shape of roads	Change detection sample		
	Change of shape of rivers	Change detection sample		
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	Required resolution mountain: 5 m	With Himage		
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	Collection mode: multiple optical			
	Class: Forest dense	Polygon		
	Class: Forest open	Polygon		
	Class: Grassland	Polygon		
	Class: Rice	Polygon		
	Class: Bare area/dry field	Polygon		
Land use classification	Class: Urban area	Polygon		Rice
	Class: Water area	Polygon		
	Class: Agricultrure cultivated	Polygon		
	Class: Agricultrure not-cultivated	Polygon		
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	Change to class: Urban area	Change detection sample		
	Change to class: Water area	Change detection sample		
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	Required resolution mountain: 5 m	With Himage		
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REQUIREMENT	Extraction of area devactated by flood	Sample		
Detection of devasted area	Extraction of area devastated by tide	Sample		Davagtatad area by
	Rapid extraction	Compliance in few days		Devastated alea by
	Performance equaling or surpassing optical			
Detection of flooded	Expecially in dense mangrove area	To be verified over a sample area		
mangrove forest	Required resolution 0.5-2.5 m	With Himage		Flaad Tida
Detection of mangrove	With each species (?)	Himage (ancillary data required)	1	
forest changes	sinking area (due to underground water numpir	a) Interferometry highly compliant		
Detection of land sinking	Analysis with centimeter resolution of vertical ri	se		
Detection of sea level rise	Due to global warming			
	Analysis with centimeter resolution of vertical ri	se		

#### **Crop biomass - yield estimation**



Legend yield Kg/100mq

0,0 - 10
10,1 - 25
25,1 - 40
40,1 - 50
50,1 - 65





- Yield estimated from CSK data 4,20 T/Ha
- Yield measured on ground 4,5 T/Ha

Note: SAR biomass was calculated by relating measured backscattering and biomass ground samples

## **Paddy fields Monitoring**







#### Note:

**Green color** (low coherence and increase of brightness between the first and the second image) indicates plant growing (to be monitored up to harvesting)

#### Key for interpreting colour composite image



Dark areas red (or green) with low coherence can indicate:

- Changes in surface roughness (ploughing activity, rain .....)
- Harvested plants (in the time interval between the two images)
- Differences in soil water content (see also next slide)
- Sometimes these areas are mixed (some coherence with some changes in roughness) e.g. see "violet" colour



Coherence

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## **Extracted paddy fields overlayed to MTC image**





#### **Emergency**



- e-GEOS is now the sole provider of Emergency Response Service rush productions at EU level (27 countries)
- e-GEOS has played an active role with more than 50 activations over the last 2 years



• having an H24 team, available on call in Rome, to task satellites, receive data and produce situation maps



## **Emergency Team – H24**





Floods





#### **Remote Sensing optical data**



- In Italy e-Geos is involved in Agriculture subsidies declaration controls, through the AGEA Integrated Agricultural System
- E-Geos offers services with both aerial acquisitions and optical satellite covering 1/3 of Italy every Year, in order to extract information at large scale agriculture land change and measurements



## **Conclusion and perspectives**



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**Remote sensing has many additional use in Food Security** 

Micro insurance Emergency evaluation of "spot" situations World Wide Globe SDI (Remote Sensing + other info) for overall food information

etc

#### **GMES and SENTINEL**

Europe has always been advanced in use of satellite in agriculture applications and is bringing free and open data from the SENTINEL satellites (from 2013) that will secure the essential satellite data sources for food security