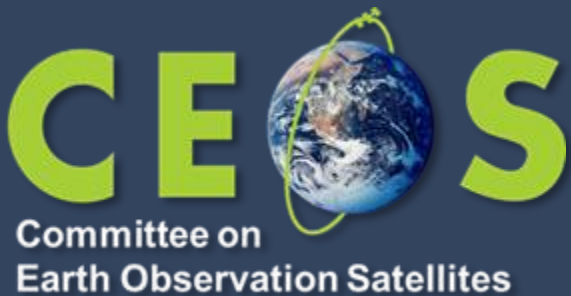


# WGCV-54

## *Land Product Validation Subgroup*



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**October 15-18, 2024**

# Focus Areas



## Focus Area

Biophysical

Fire/Burn Area

Phenology

Vegetation Index

Land Cover

Snow Cover

Surface Radiation

Soil Moisture

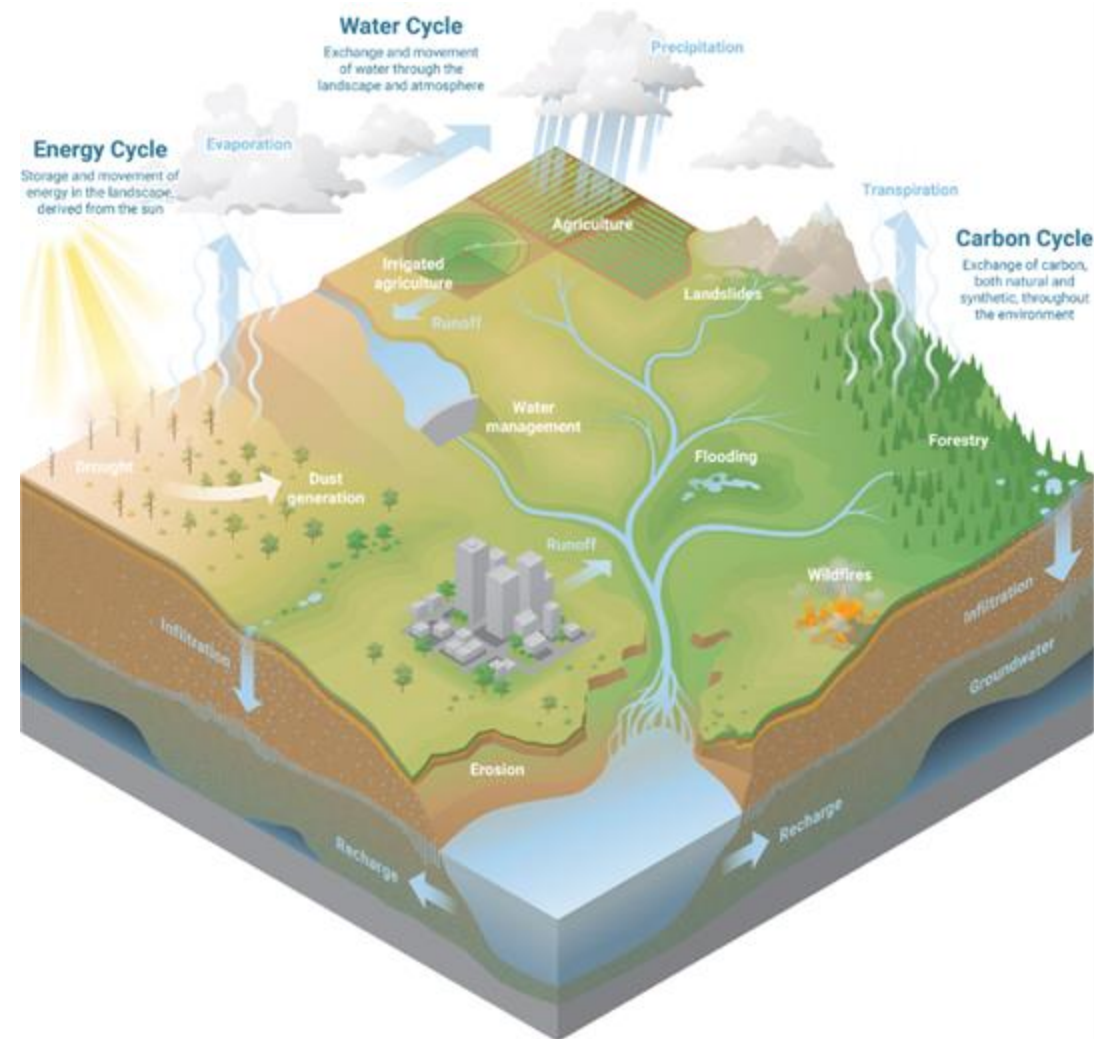
LST and Emissivity

Aboveground Biomass

Evapotranspiration

GPP/NPP

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# LPV Validation Stage Status



<b>Validation Stages - Definition and Current State</b>		<b>Variable</b>
<b>0</b>	No validation. Product accuracy has not been assessed. Product considered beta.	
<b>1</b>	Product accuracy is assessed from a small (typically < 30) set of locations and time periods by comparison with in-situ or other suitable reference data.	<b>Snow Fire Radiative Power</b>
<b>2</b>	Product accuracy is estimated over a significant (typically > 30) set of locations and time periods by comparison with reference in situ or other suitable reference data. Spatial and temporal consistency of the product, and its consistency with similar products, has been evaluated over globally representative locations and time periods. Results are published in the peer-reviewed literature.	<b>fAPAR Phenology LAI Biomass</b>
<b>3</b>	Uncertainties in the product and its associated structure are well quantified over a significant (typically > 30) set of locations and time periods representing global conditions by comparison with reference in situ or other suitable reference data. Validation procedures follow community-agreed-upon good practices. Spatial and temporal consistency of the product, and its consistency with similar products, has been evaluated over globally representative locations and time periods. Results are published in the peer-reviewed literature.	<b>Vegetation Indices LST &amp; Emissivity Active Fire Burned Area</b>
<b>4</b>	Validation results for stage 3 are systematically updated when new product versions are released or as the interannual time series expands. When appropriate for the product, uncertainties in the product are quantified using fiducial reference measurements over a global network of sites and time periods (if available).	<b>Land Cover Albedo Soil Moisture</b>

# Focus Area Protocols Update



Focus Area	Protocol
Biophysical	LAI(2014)
Fire/Burn Area	Burned Area Targeting 2025 Active Fire next
Phenology	Targeting end of 2024
Vegetation Index	Targeting end of 2024
Land Cover	Revision of first public comment -> WGCV 55
Snow Cover	
Surface Radiation	Albedo(2019) Global Downward Radiation Product Validation Best
Soil Moisture	SM(2020)
LST and Emissivity	LST (2019)
Aboveground Biomass	AGWB(2021)
Evapotranspiration	
GPP/NPP	

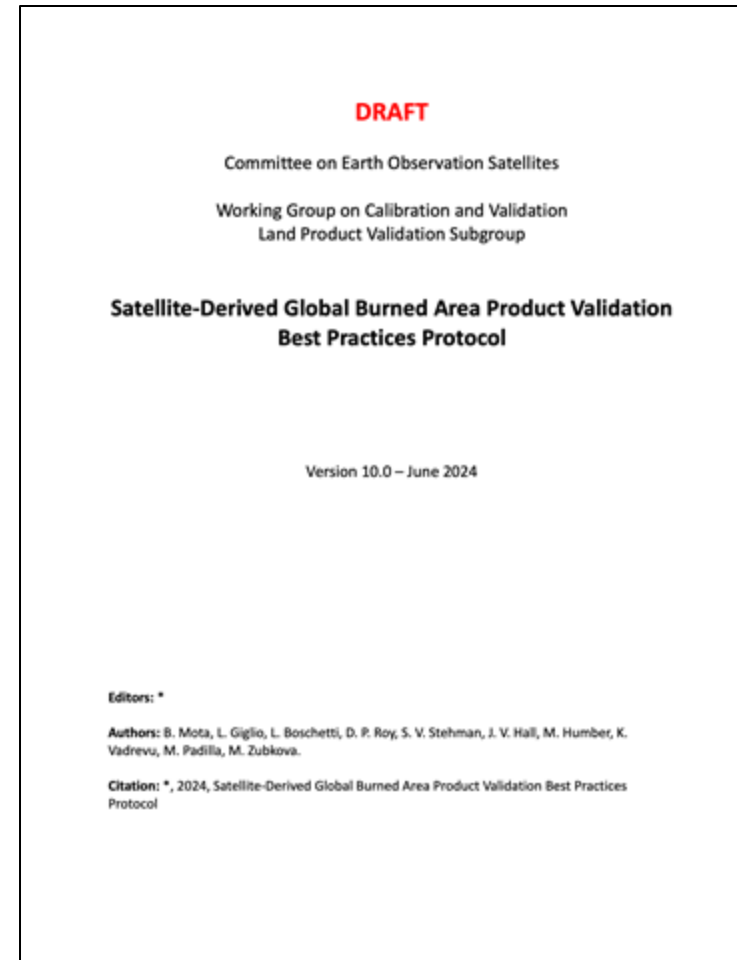
- Definitions:
  - 3 Geomatics Canada Open Files (version controlled DOI labelled)
  - Revised LAI, FAPAR to conform with current GCOS definitions.
  - Added FCOVER corresponding to FAO definition.
  - Added definition of “Related Quantities” to each definition to increase clarity in community.
- Revised Product List
  - Deleted 20 (mainly different resolutions of same products)
  - Added new products: 6 LAI, 8 FAPAR, 8 FCOVER; including 7 <100m resolution continental products.
- CEOS Validation Stage Assessment
  - Assessed validation stage by continent.
  - Geomatics Canada Open File summarizing findings
    - A total of 22 LAI products, 17 fAPAR products and 8 fCOVER products were identified and evaluated in terms of continental scale CEOS validation stage.
    - Stage 3 validated products are currently available for Europe and North America at  $\geq 250\text{m}$  resolution and for regions of North America above 40degrees at 20m resolution. Stage 2 validated  $>250\text{m}$  resolution products are also available for Africa and Asia and it is likely these will soon achieve Stage 3. Stage 1 validate products are available for South America and Australia/Oceania.
  - Up to LPV to decide how to update product validation stage table – suggest it be uniform across variables.
- Outline of new good practice document for medium resolution products including fCOVER.

## Good Practices Update

- Discussions on proposed new sections
  - Revise *Definitions*
    - inclusion of FAPAR, FCOVER
  - Revise *In Situ Reference Estimates*
    - include new sensor and tech development (e.g. terrestrial laser scanner)
  - Add new section on high resolution data products
    - high resolution vs. ESU
  - Add new section on 3D data products
    - lidar

## Validation Protocol Status

- Update of 11-page 2010 draft burned area validation protocol ongoing
- Currently 34 pages
- Engaged additional section authors
- Discussion-ready draft for GOFCC Fire Implementation Team meeting (17-18 Sep.) and 13th EARSeL Workshop on Forest Fires (19-20 Sep.) in Milan
- Active Fire protocol to follow



Satellite-Derived Global Burned Area Product Validation Best Practices Protocol  
Draft v10.1 – June 2024

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- ❖ Copernicus Land Monitoring Service (CLMS) has signed a new contract for the continuation and evolution of the High-Resolution Vegetation Phenology and Productivity (HR-VPP) product suite:
  - Consortium comprises VITO, in partnership with Lund University, Joanneum Research, and Space4Environment.
  - Calibration report to be published in autumn 2025
  
- ❖ Review paper: Gong et al. Satellite remote sensing of vegetation phenology: Progress, challenges, and opportunities. ISPRS J. Photo. Rem. Sens.
  
- ❖ Special Issue in the journal “Forest”: Vegetation and Remote Sensing Phenology in Deciduous Forests.
  - Deadline for manuscript submissions: 31 October 2025

## Protocol Development

- Formed a small group of VI experts to review the outline (November 2022)
  - Carolien Toté (VITO, Belgium)
  - Kamel Didan (University of Arizona, USA)
  - Molly Brown (University of Maryland, USA)
  - Kazuhito Ichii (Chiba University, Japan)
- Held a kick-off meeting with the expert group (December 15, 2022)
- Held a 2nd meeting to the group's review comments/suggestions (Jan 2023)
- Revised the outline and shared the revised outline with them (March 2023)
- Completed the first complete draft (December 3, 2023)
- Had the group review one more time (December 2023 - January 2024)
- Reviewed and updated the VI listserv list (May 2024)
- Plan to send the draft protocol document for the community feedback (August 2024)

# Land Cover



## Guideline document update:

Version 0.1 is ready, sent out for community review on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Next steps:

Revisions due on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Expected completion of Version 1.0:  
Winter 2024 – 2025

Editors and chapter leads will address reviewers' comments

One round of revisions is planned (no re-review)

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Land Cover Focus Area



Land Cover and Change Map Accuracy Assessment and  
Area Estimation Good Practices Protocol

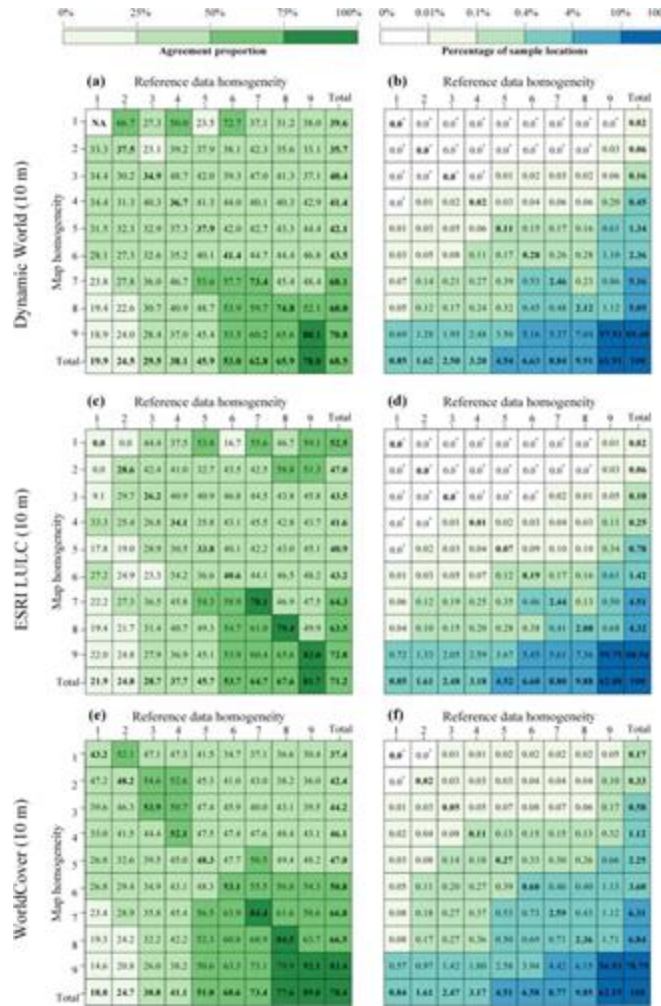
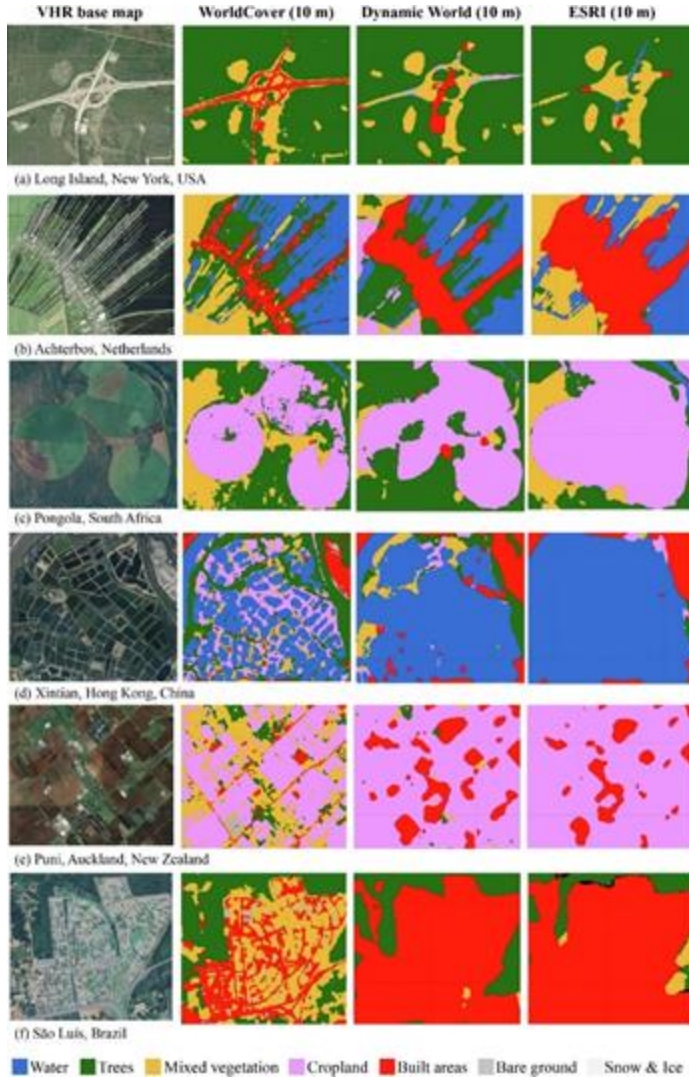
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# Land Cover



## Comparative validation of recent 10m-resolution global land cover maps

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- ❖ Comparative validation of recent high-resolution global land cover maps
- ❖ Accuracy comparison – global, continental, and for 47 countries
- ❖ **Assessing spatial details**
- ❖ Integrating reference data uncertainty to map validation

# Land Cover



1. **Direct/Primary**  
Reference label: green

Validation data is error-free

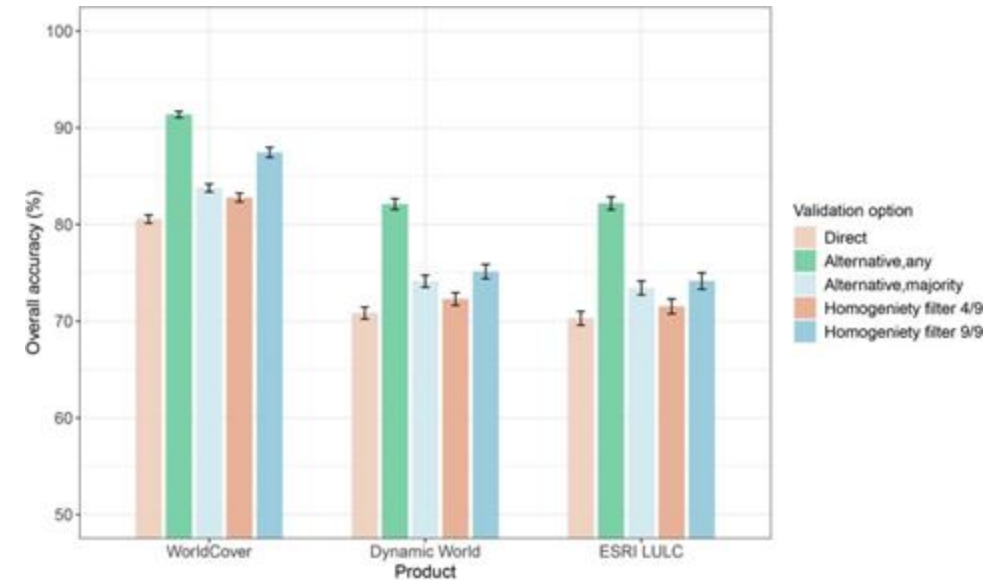
2. **Primary + Alternative label: Any**  
Reference label: green OR blue OR orange

Using landscape context to account for validation data error.

3. **Primary + Alternative label: Majority**  
Reference label: green OR blue

4. **Homogeneity filter 4/9**  
A. H = 1 B. H = 4 C. H = 9   
Point A is discarded. the more homogeneous the landscape, the less the validation data error

5. **Homogeneity filter 9/9**  
A. H = 1 B. H = 4 C. H = 9   
Points A and B are discarded.



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## NASA Snow Community Meeting

August 14-15, 2024, Boulder, CO

Objective: To cohesively summarize existing and ongoing snowpack monitoring efforts and identify remaining knowledge gaps and next steps for the snow community, specifically through recognition of the completion of NASA SnowEx multi-year field experiment and recent Earth System Explorers satellite mission proposals

1. Toward consensus across snow community
  - Community building
  - Snow mission requirements
  - Science questions
  - Applications
  - Next steps
2. Summarize the current state of snow sensing, modeling, and technologies
3. Outline white paper concepts for the next decadal survey

- Approximately 200 in-person and virtual attendees
- Summary report in prep now

## Global Climate Observing System program (GCOS)

- Current Essential Climate Variable (ECV) guidance for snow is being reviewed over the next ~6 months
- These requirements mainly focused on data requirements that are not currently met by any satellite mission
- The GCOS snow group has reached out to the snow community for input in the development of the requirements.
  - Update on process:
    - Meeting July 5 to discuss review:
      - Plan to focus on the three existing snow ECV products (variables/quantities) – **Area Covered by Snow, Snow Depth, Snow Water Equivalent.**
      - As this is a GCOS initiative, it will concentrate on the GCOS requirements which are intended for climate monitoring
    - Preliminary requirements drafted
    - Next meeting to discuss will be scheduled for late Sept/early Oct
- We will work with this group to develop a validation protocol once the requirements are in place
- In the meantime the CEOS LPV Snow will point to the protocols developed by the SnowPEX satellite snow product intercomparison and evaluation exercise which focuses on existing SCE and SWE products

# Surface Radiation



- **SALVAL:**

- 2024 annual update has started (inclusion updated values for ground data and satellite products).
- New sampling LANDVAL-V2 for product intercomparison will be tested in the tool: from 720 to 2000 samples.

LAND VALIDation (LANDVAL) V2: Representative global sampling

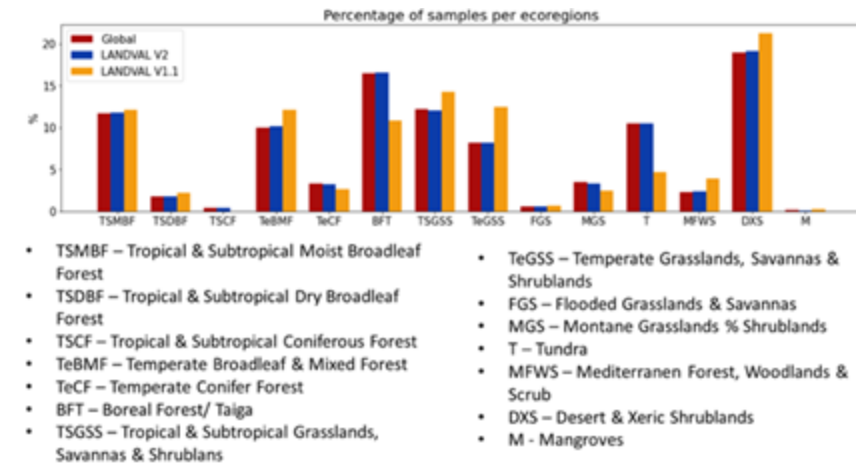
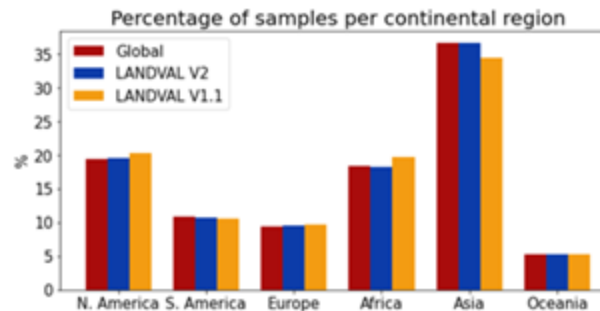
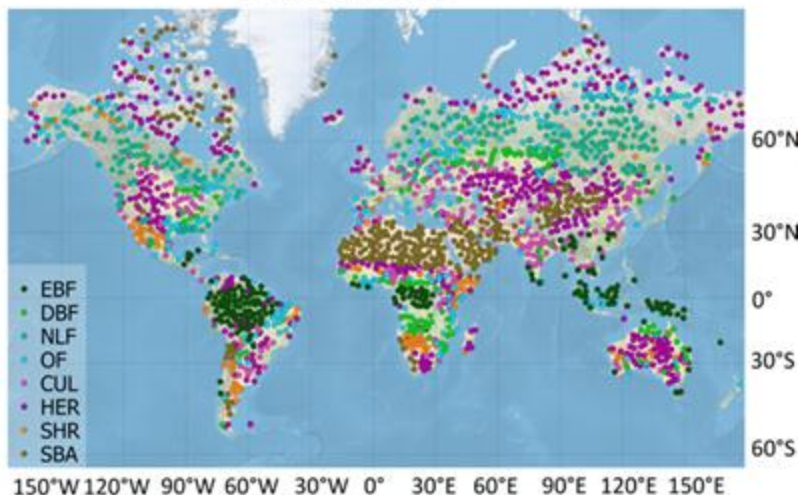
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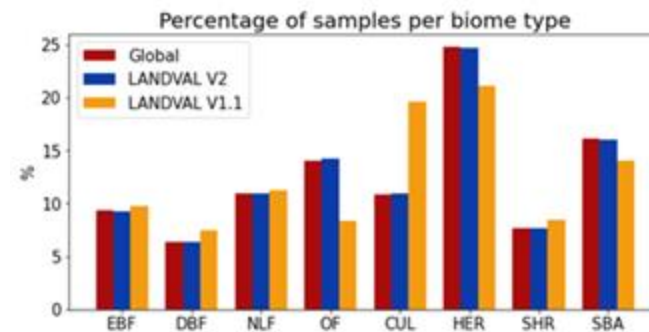
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LANDVAL V2



- TSMBF – Tropical & Subtropical Moist Broadleaf Forest
- TSDBF – Tropical & Subtropical Dry Broadleaf Forest
- TSCF – Tropical & Subtropical Coniferous Forest
- TeBMF – Temperate Broadleaf & Mixed Forest
- TeCF – Temperate Conifer Forest
- BFT – Boreal Forest/ Taiga
- TSGSS – Tropical & Subtropical Grasslands, Savannas & Shrublands
- FGS – Flooded Grasslands & Savannas
- MGS – Montane Grasslands & Savannas
- T – Tundra
- MFWS – Mediterranean Forest, Woodlands & Scrub
- DXS – Desert & Xeric Shrublands
- M – Mangroves
- TeGSS – Temperate Grasslands, Savannas & Shrublands



- EBF – Evergreen Broadleaf Forest
- DBF – Deciduous Broadleaf Forest
- NLF – Needle-leaf Forest
- OF – Other Forest
- CUL – Cultivated
- HER – Herbaceous
- SHR – Shrublands
- SBA – Sparse and Bare Areas



## LP DAAC to Release Gap Filled MODIS Version 6.1 Albedo, BRDF, and NBAR Data Product

- Expected in Fall 2024
- The LP DAAC will announce the availability of the Terra+Aqua Combined MODIS Version 6.1 Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function and Albedo (BRDF/Albedo) Gap-Filled Snow-Free Daily L3 Global 30ArcSec Climate Modelling Grid (CMG) data product (MCD43GF).
- The data product includes Albedo, Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF), and Nadir BRDF-Adjusted Reflectance (NBAR) data. Currently, the collection only contains data from **2013 through 2021**. The remaining historic data will be added at a later date.
- The older MCD43GF Version 6 data product will remain available until the complete MCD43GF Version 6.1 data record is available.

## Relevant projects:

- Fiducial Reference Measurements for Soil Moisture (FRM4SM)
  - Direct negotiations w. ESA for a Phase 2 (2025-2026)
  - Dedicated budget to update the CEOS LPV validation good practice protocol
  - Exchange w. Copernicus Evaluation and Quality Control (EQC) framework to integrate QA4SM activities
- ESA Climate Change Initiative (CCI)
  - New satellite-only root zone soil moisture products provided in the next release
  - Proposal for new CCI AWU in preparation, important open questions regarding the validation of high-res soil moisture
  - Proposal for new CCI ET in discussion, joint forces w. ESA CCI soil moisture team
  - Potential of expanding QA4SM to validate other variables
- EURAMET Green Deal Call 2024
  - Proposal in development: “Metrology for ground-based reference measurements for satellite soil moisture validation”
  - ~3 M€ project, led by the German National Metrology Institute (Miroslav Zboril)
  - Focus: Development of soil moisture “super sites”, transferring SI-traceability from the lab into the field, aiming to get long-term funding for the operation via meteorological institutes, WMO, etc

## Upcoming workshops:

- BIPM-WMO Metrology for Climate Action Workshop 2024
  - 16-18 September @ BIPM headquarters, Sevres, France.
  - Free online attendance possible: <https://bipm-cenv2024.org/>
- EGU General Assembly 2025
  - 27 April-2 May, Vienna, Austria
  - Several Cal/Val sessions proposed (incl. Soil Moisture)
- ESA Living Planet Symposium 2025
  - 23-27 June, Vienna, Austria
  - Several Cal/Val sessions proposed (incl. Soil Moisture)

## Upcoming Conferences

- 7th International Symposium on Recent Advances in Quantitative Remote Sensing (RAQRS'VII), Valencia, Sep 23-27
- EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference 2024. Würzburg, Germany, 30 Sep – 4 Oct.
- ECOSTRESS Science and Applications Team meeting, Pasadena, CA, 30 Sep – 2 Oct.
- EARSeL Thermal Remote Sensing Workshop. 2-4 December 2024, Leicester, UK.
- LST CCI 2024 User Workshop. 5-6 December 2024, Leicester, UK.

## Project news

- TIRCALNet preparation study, coordination meeting in June 2024.
- Validation of ECOSTRESS Collection 2 LSTE products is underway.
- Analyses of thermal camera in situ measurement intercomparison campaign available.
- International science workshop on High resolution Thermal remote sensing expected in India during November 2024

## TIRCaNet Preparation Study

- Goal: Prepare the roadmap for the TIRCaNet operations.
- Cooperation between TIRCaNet Preparation Study team (Uni. Leicester, KIT, RAL Space), CNES and JPL.
- Study at La Crau site:
  - Characterization of site uncertainties: Emissivity measurements + drone flights.
  - Characterization of instruments uncertainties.
  - Characterization of atmospheric propagation approach: common methodology.





## Global Aboveground Biomass Product Validation

### Best Practice Protocol



Version 2.0 – 2025

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## Protocol Update Status

- V2.0 is currently being drafted
- Some authors have provided revisions to chapters.

# Above Ground Biomass



Two papers that use NASA GEDI and ESA CCI forest biomass estimates are currently in review

## National Forest Biomass Assessments Enhanced with Earth Observation to Aid Climate Policy Needs

- Hunka, Neha and May, Paul and Babcock, Chad and Armando Alanís de la Rosa, José and de los Ángeles Soriano-Luna, Maria and Mayorga Saucedo, Rafael and Armston, John and Santoro, Maurizio and Requena Suarez, Daniela and Herold, Martin and Málaga, Natalia and Healey, Sean P. and Kennedy, Robert and Hudak, Andrew and Duncanson, Laura. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4910141>

## Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Tier 1 forest biomass estimates from Earth Observation

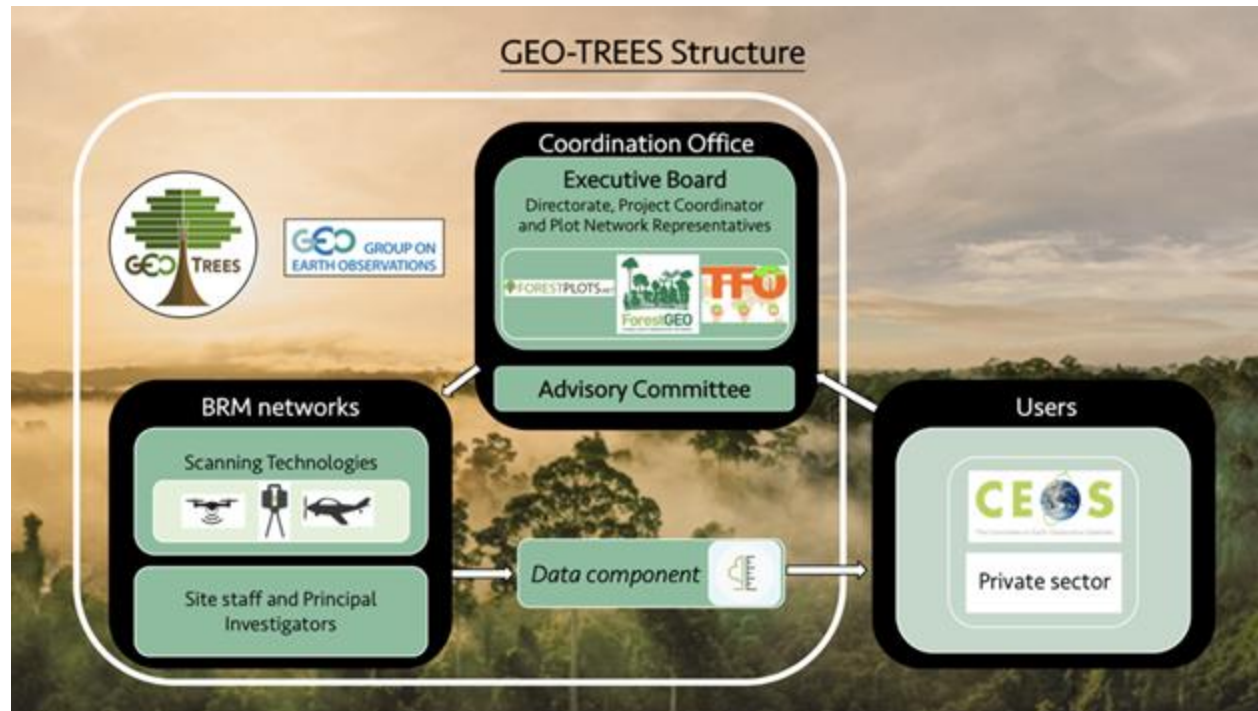
- Neha Hunka, Laura Duncanson, John Armston, et al. *Authorea*. March 04, 2024.  
**DOI: [10.22541/au.170958900.06861359/v1](https://doi.org/10.22541/au.170958900.06861359/v1)**
- Results to be submitted to the IPCC Emission Factors Database in October 2024



## ❖ Forest Biomass Reference Network (GEO-TREES) (CARB-21-03)

In Progress...The project office is up and running via funding from the French government. <https://geo-trees.org> and is actively soliciting funding, with various opportunities in the pipeline.

Nothing concrete as yet in terms of actual funding for data collection, but likely in the near future.





## Workshops:

- AGU Chapman conference:
  - The Energy Balance Closure Problem: Causes, Corrections, and Implications (Sep 14-19, 2025 Boulder)
- International Science Workshop on High-Resolution Thermal Earth Observation (Nov. 19-21, 2024 India, abstract and registration due 9/30)
- ECOSTRESS Science Team meeting (Sep 30-Oct 2, 2024 Pasadena, LA)

## Publications (large regional or continental product):

- Evapotranspiration and surface energy fluxes across Europe, Africa and Eastern South America throughout the operational life of the Meteosat second generation satellite (<https://rmets.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/gdj3.235>)
- A brief history of the thermal IR-based Two-Source Energy Balance (TSEB) model – diagnosing evapotranspiration from plant to global scales (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168192324000662>)
- Spatial-temporal patterns of land surface evapotranspiration from global products (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0034425724000774#f0060>)

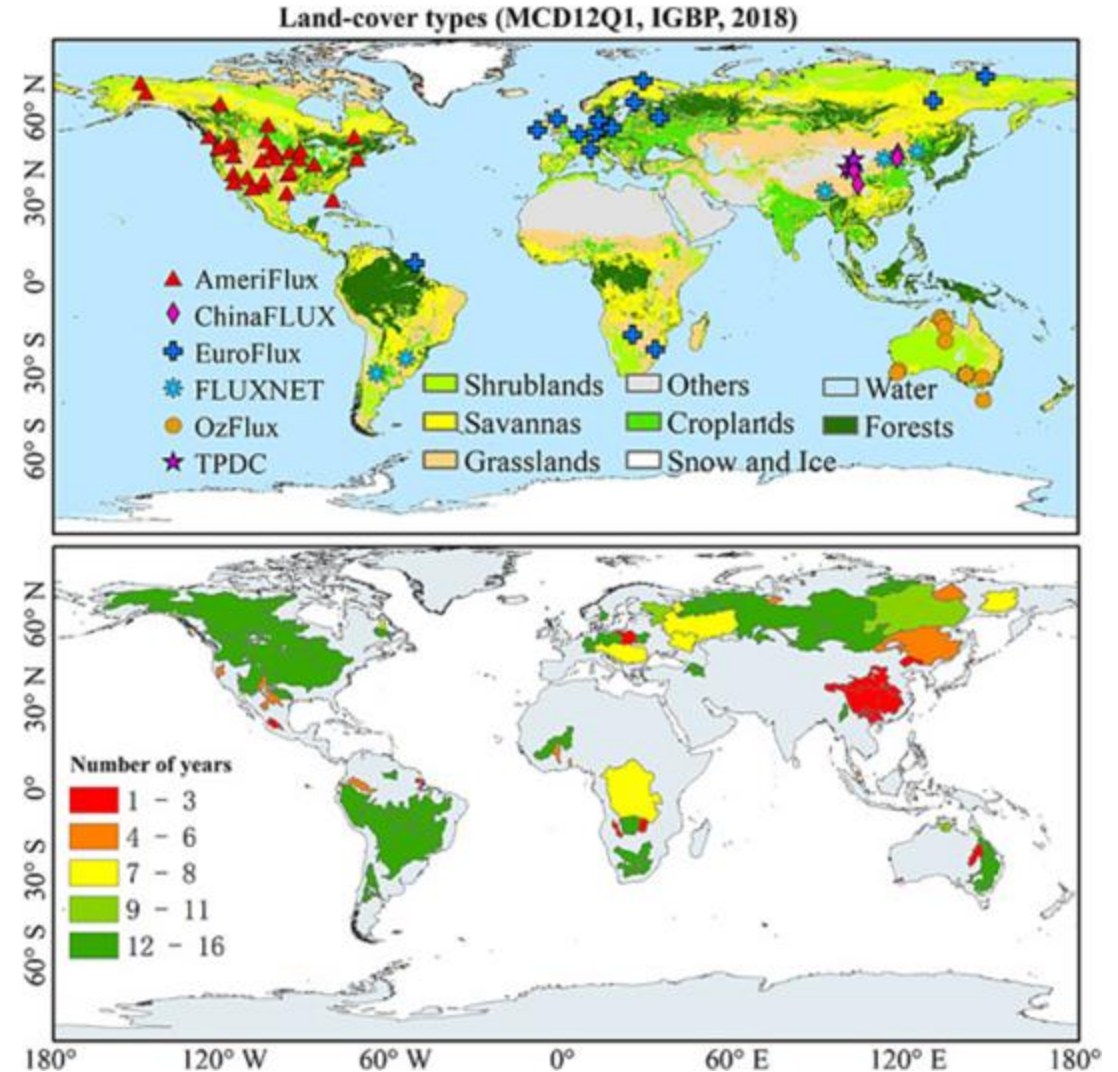
# Evapotranspiration



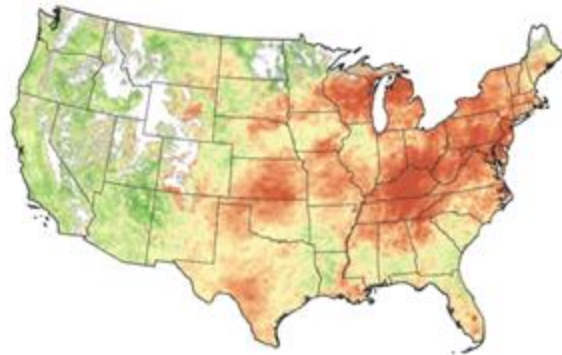
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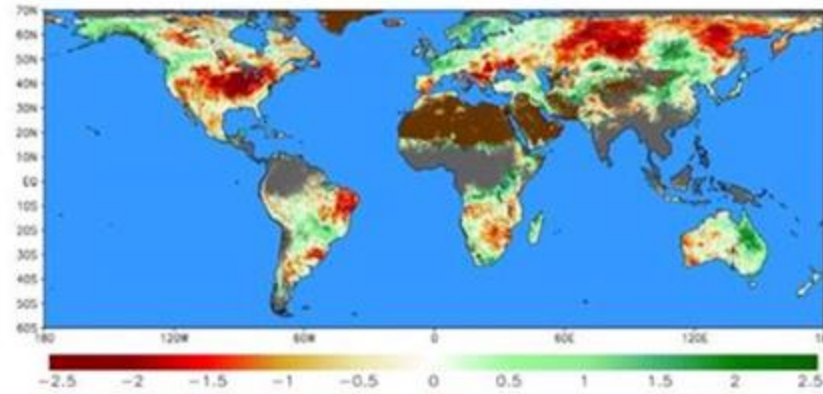
Category	Name	Time Coverage	Spatial Resolution
Remote Sensing-based	EB-ET	2000-2007	5km/day
	SSEBop	2003-now	1km/month
	3T	2001-2020	0.25°/day
	GLEAM	1980-2022	0.25°/day
	PT-JPLsm	2002-2017	36km/month
	ET-Monitor	2001-2019	1km/month
	MOD16A2	2001-now	500m/8-day
	NTSG	1983-2018	0.25°/month
	BESS	2001-2015	1km/8-day
	PML-V2	2000-2020	500m/8-day
Reanalysis-based	PEW	1982-2018	0.1°/month
	CFSR	1979-2010	0.3°/sub-daily
	CFSV2	2011-now	0.2°/sub-daily
	ERA5-Land	1950-now	0.1°/sub-daily
	GLDAS V2.1	2000-2023	0.25°/sub-daily
	JRA-55	1958-now	0.56°/sub-daily
Hybrid-based	MERRA-2	1980-now	0.5,0.625°/sub-daily
	NCEP-R2	1979-now	1.9°/sub-daily
	DOLCE	1980-2018	0.25°/month
Machine Learning-based	GLASS	1982-2018	1km/8-day
	REA	1980-2017	0.25°/day
Water balance-based	SGAN	1982-2019	1km/month
	DLBH	2003-2019	0.25°/daily
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	WB-MTE	2001-2013	0.5°/month
Water balance-based	TerraClimate	1958-2015	4km/month



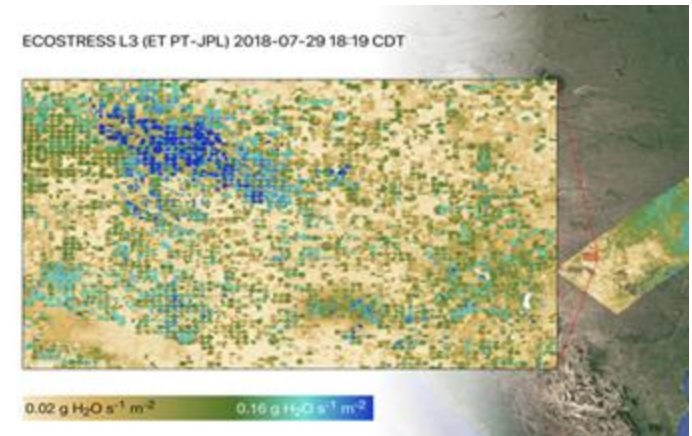
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Evaporative Stress Index



SERVIR Global ESI

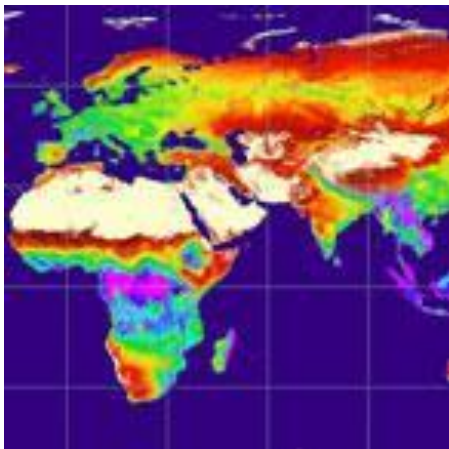


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❖ WGCV to consider potential for GPP/NPP land product Focus Area within LPV

MODIS GPP/NPP uses FPAR, Land Cover, modelled products (LST), etc.

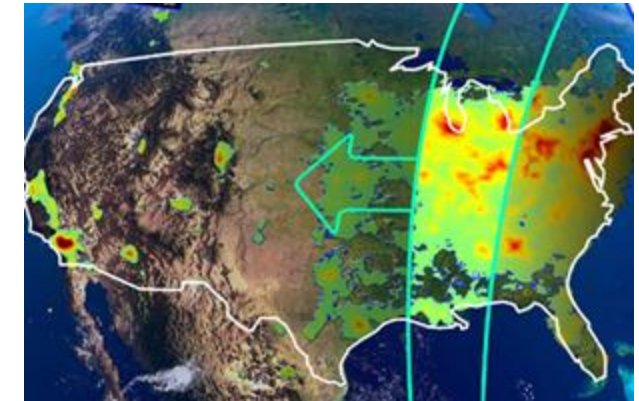
New missions as well with GPP/NPP implications



MODIS GPP/NPP



OCO2 and OCO3



TEMPO

GPP/NPP - Gross Primary Production/Net Primary Production

## 2023 EARTH OBSERVATIONS ASSESSMENT

### REPORT:

## AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

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July 2024

2023:	Agriculture and Forestry Climate
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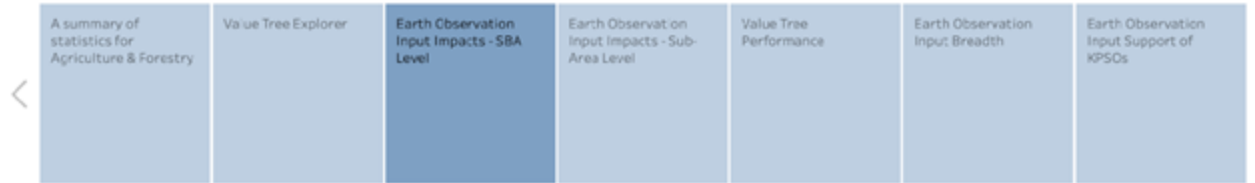
### **About the Subcommittee on the United States Group on Earth Observations**

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# Earth Observation Assessment



## EOA 2023 - Agriculture & Forestry



### Agriculture & Forestry

Earth Observation Input	Agriculture & Forestry	Enhance Food Supply	Maximize Productivity and Conservation of Ecosystem Condition	Improve Resilience to Disasters and Disturbance Events	Support Regulatory Requirements and Evidence-Based Decision-Making
Aqua Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest
Terra Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest
Field Work - Visual Surveys/Lab Samples Collection	Highest	Highest	Highest	Very High	Very High
Landsat Operational Land Imager (OLI)	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest
JPSS Polar Constellation Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite	Highest	Very High	Very High	Highest	Highest
Digital Elevation Models Output - Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (USGS)	Highest	Highest	Very High	Highest	Highest
Sentinel-2 Multi-Spectral Imager [ESA]	Highest	Very High	Very High	Highest	Very High
National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)	Highest	Highest	Very High	Very High	Highest
Landsat Thermal Infrared Sensor (TIRS)	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Global Positioning System (GPS)	Very High	High	Very High	High	Highest
National Elevation Dataset (NED)	Very High	Highest	Very High	Very High	Very High
Field Work - Ground Surveys, Field Measurements	Very High	Moderate	Very High	High	Highest
State/Local Parcel Data	Very High	Moderate	Very High	High	Highest
Landsat archives	Very High	High	Very High	Very High	Highest
Commercial Airborne Lidar	Very High	Highest	High	Very High	Very High
Global Land Survey Digital Elevation Model (GLSDEM)	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Citizen Reporting - Phenology	Very High	Moderate	Very High	Moderate	
USGS Topographic Maps	Very High	Moderate	High	High	Highest
SNOWpack TElemetry (SNOTEL)	Very High	Very High	Moderate	Very High	High
GOS Basic Surface Synoptic Network	Very High	Moderate	Contributes	Highest	High
Field Work - Visual Surveys	High	Very High	Moderate	High	Highest

**Impact**

- Highest
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Contributes
- Supplemental
- Does Not Contribute

- Filter by Earth Observation Input**
- (All)
  - 1-Minute Refresh
  - 3D Hydrography Program (3DHP)
  - 5-Minute Refresh
  - 10km OSISAF Global Daily Sea Ice Conc...
  - 2011-2020 Real Time Mesoscale Analys...
  - 2015 North American Land Change Mo...
  - Active Mine Locations
  - ADCIRC Western and Eastern Tidal Dat...
  - Advanced Land Observing Satellite-2 (A...
  - Advanced National Seismic System (AN...
  - Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emissio...
  - Ag Conservation Practice Type and Acr...
  - Ag Economic Data (crop prices, econ re...
  - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAF...
  - Agrimet (USBR, Pac NW Agricultural Sf...
  - Air Quality System (AQS)
  - Air Resources Lab Observing Capabilities
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  - Air-Launched Autonomous Micro Obser...
  - Airborne Gamma Ray Surveys
  - Airborne High-Resolution Visible Image...
  - Airborne Obs USCG
  - Airborne Synthetic Aperture Radar (SA...
  - Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay (A...

<https://usgeo.gov/eoa/>

# LPV Contributing Satellites Review



There is a need for a review on satellites which contribute to LPV development, not just in primary, but in ancillary datasets, both public and commercial

## Challenges:

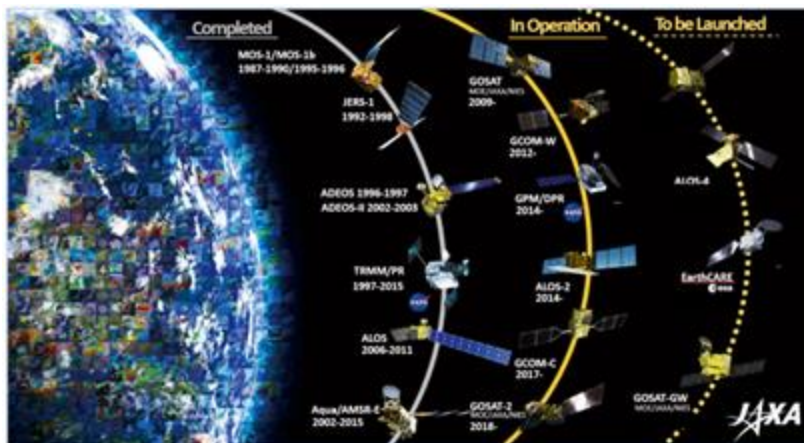
Moving Target: Aqua, Terra

Decommissioning cycles, GEDI, ECOSTRESS

Commercial transparency

Interdependencies of products on multiple satellites

Constellations



# Discussions

