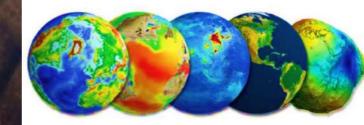
# **Space for Food Security**

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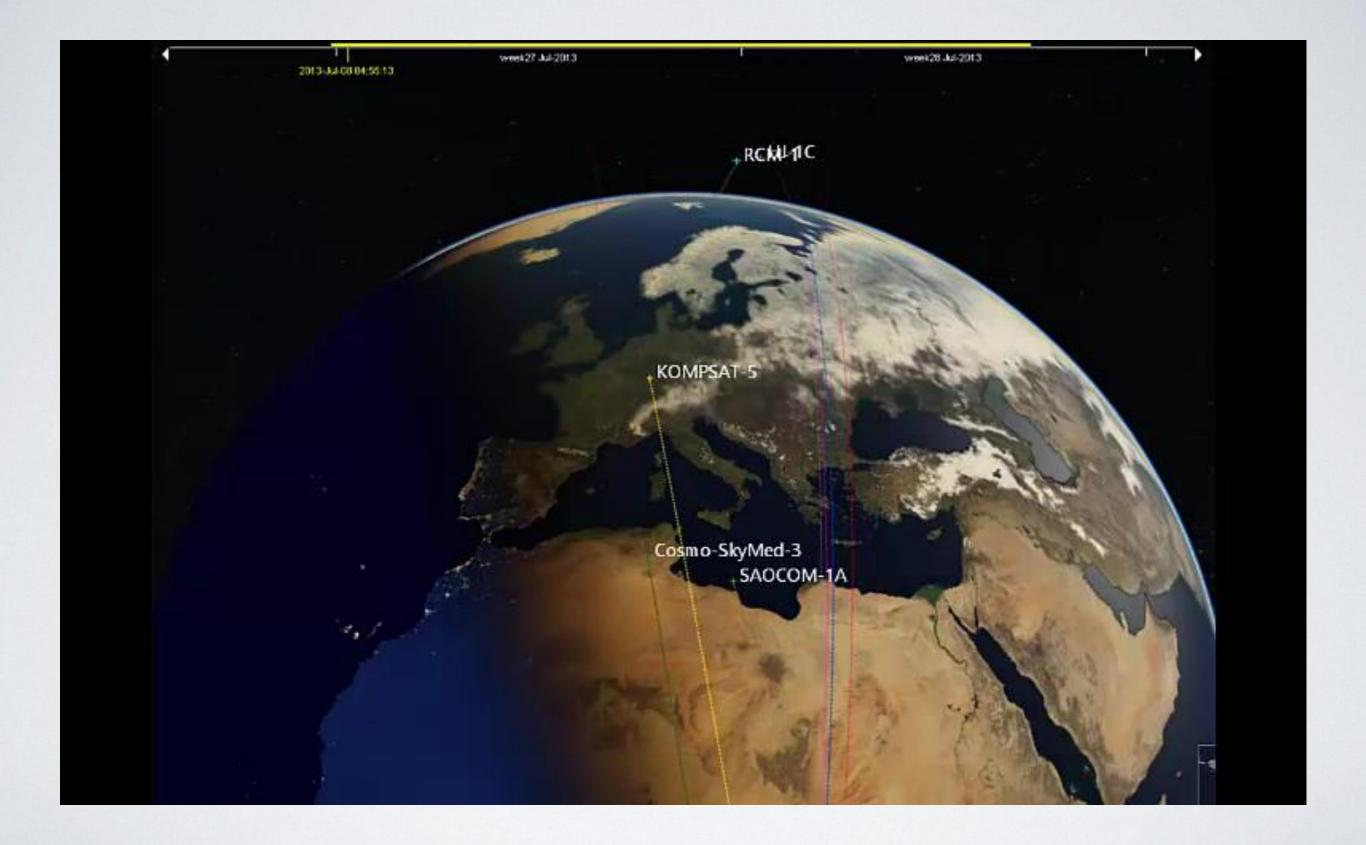
## Planetary Challenges

## Earth Observation Satellite data



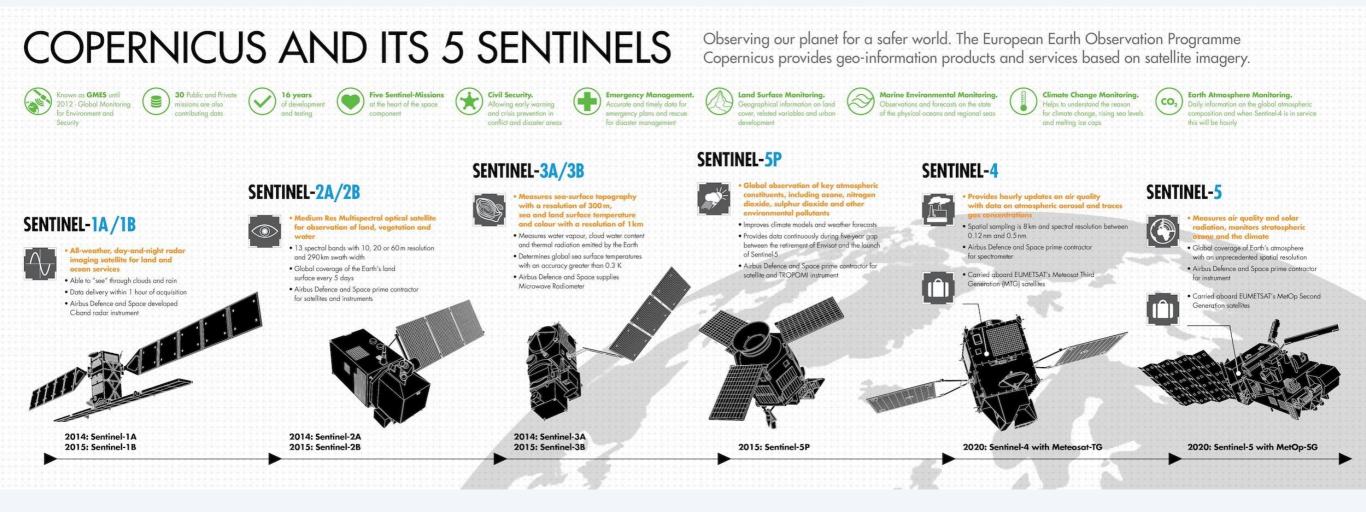
#### A new era for global open data from space





## A family of Sentinel missions





### Sentinel-1





#### A wide range of applications

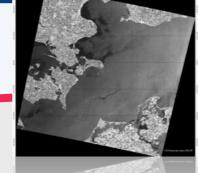
Arctic ice extent August







Larsen ice shelf loss between 2002 and 2009 (Credit: Polar View)



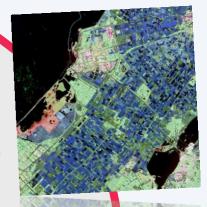
Oil spill detection and Surveillance (Credit: EMSA)

applications



Ship detection (Credit: ESA)

**Crop Monitoring** (Credit: AgriSAR)



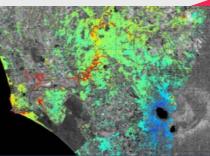


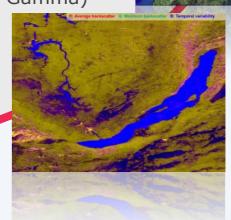
Acceleration of Greenland C-band SAR observations to support a wide range of

> Land use (Credit: ESA)

> > Forest monitoring (Credit: Gamma)

Subsidence map 1992-2006 (Credit: Terrafirma)

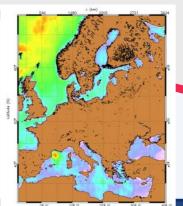




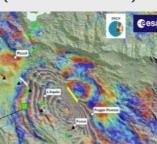


2009 (Credit: MyOcean) glaciers flow (Credit: Rignot et Al) Emergency management: flooding (Credit: SAFER, DLR)

Mean wind speed from 2005 to 2009 (Credit: CLS)



Earthquake analysis (Credit: INGV)

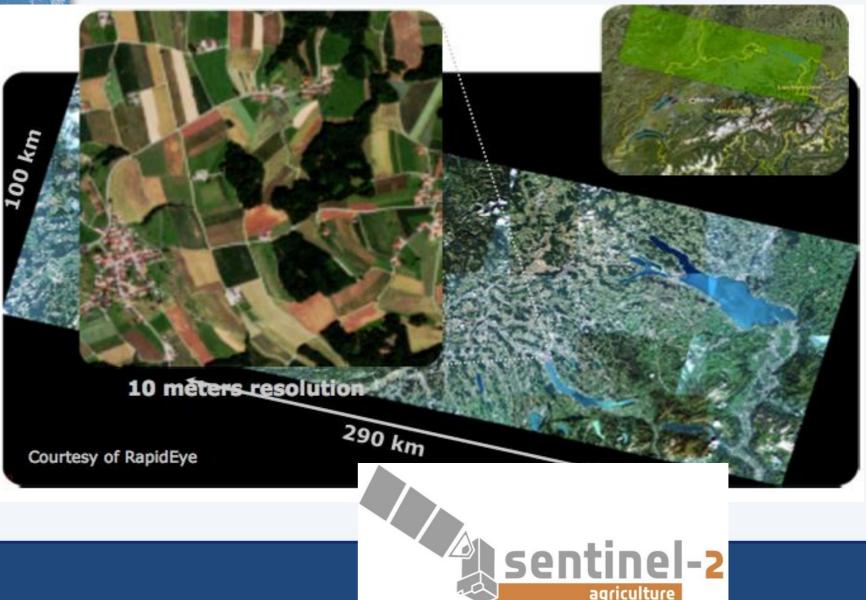


### S-2 workhorse for agriculture





S-2 (13 spectral bands, 10-60m, 5d revisit 2sat) Routine crop monitoring to better manage agriculture and manage food security risks



## THE CHALLENGE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### **Food Security**

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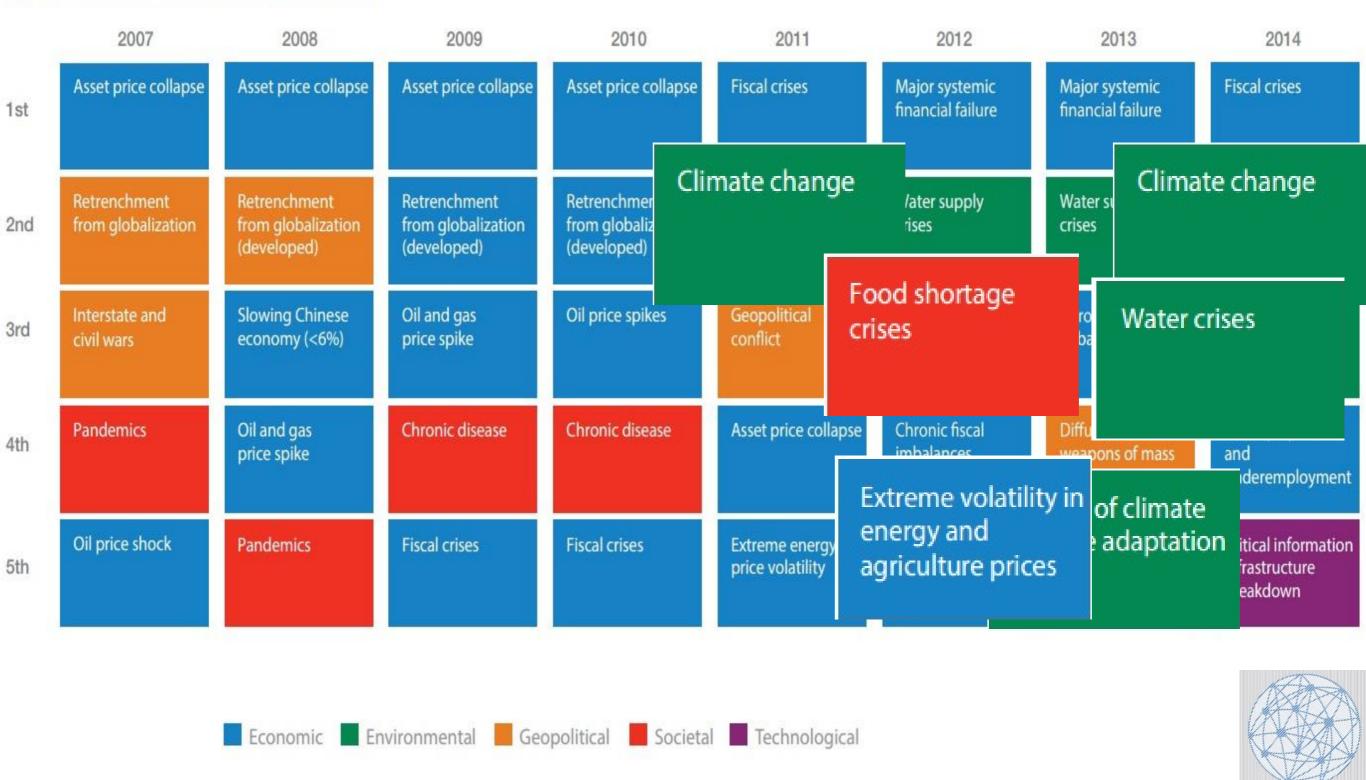
"Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. "

**Rome Declaration of The World Food Summit of 1996** 



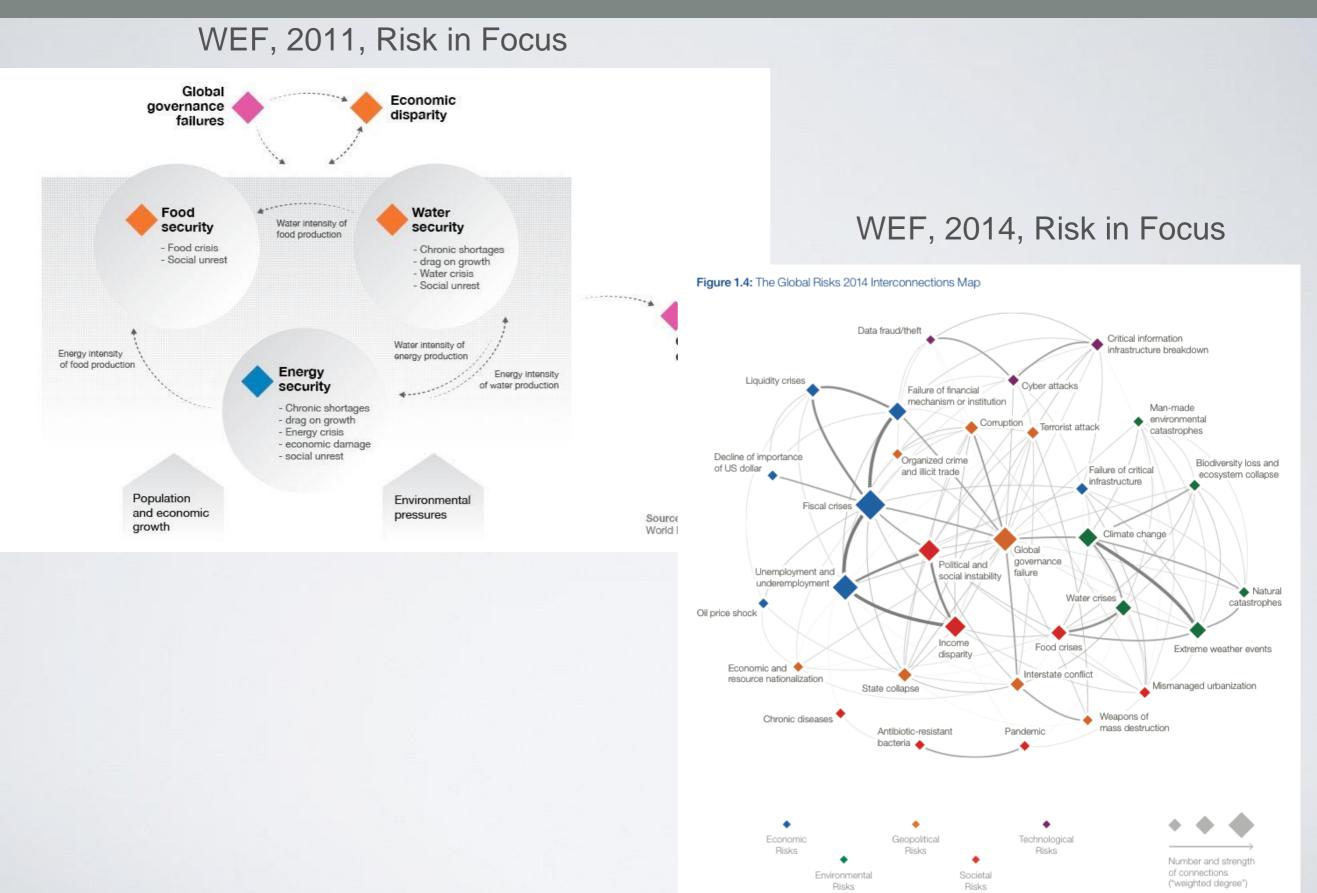
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#### Top 5 Global Risks in Terms of Impact



#### Interconnected Risks – from Nexus to a Risk Web





Source: World Economic Forum, 2011, / 2014, Risk in Focus 3,

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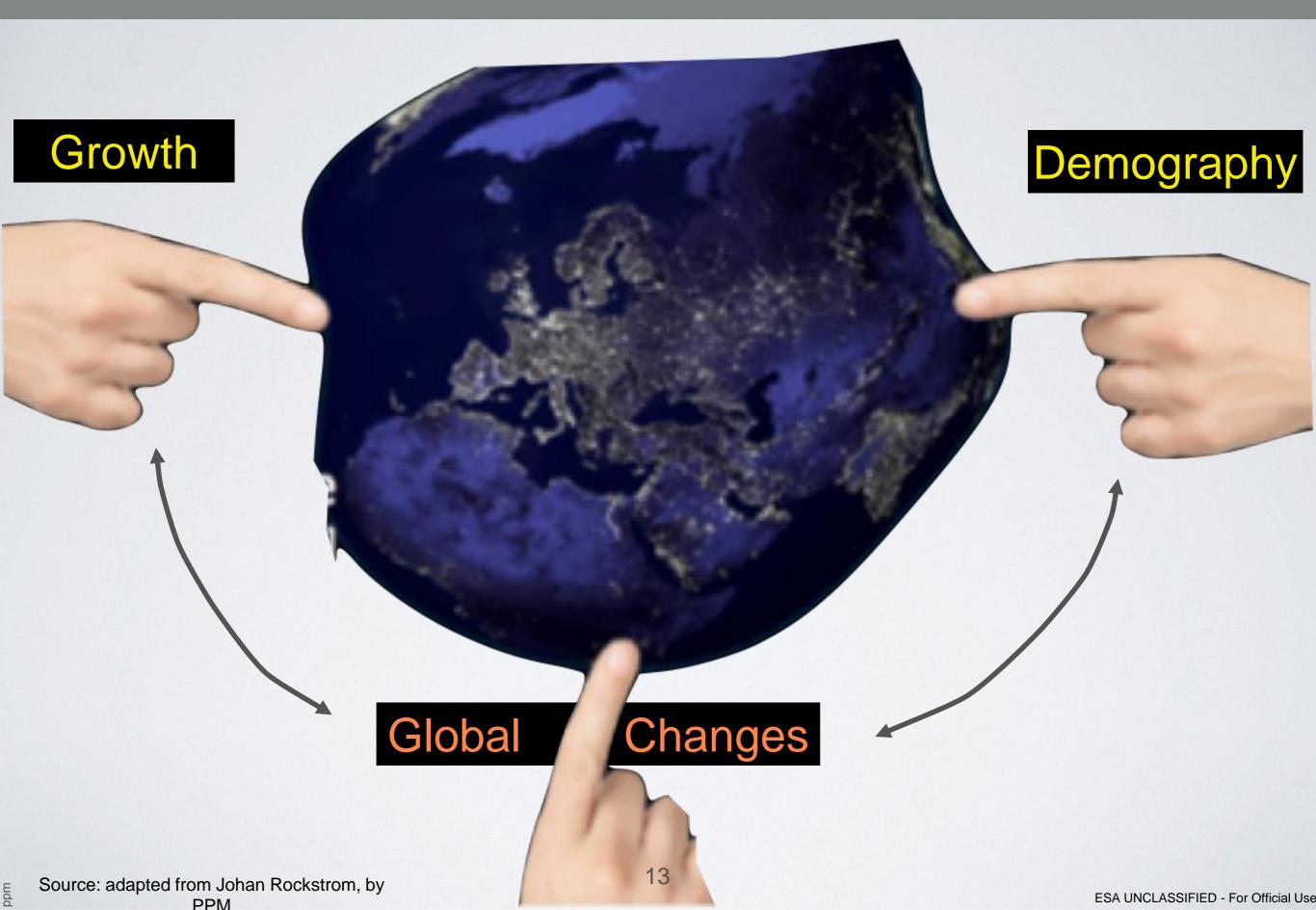


# More crowded ... More Pressure ...

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#### **Planet under Pressure**

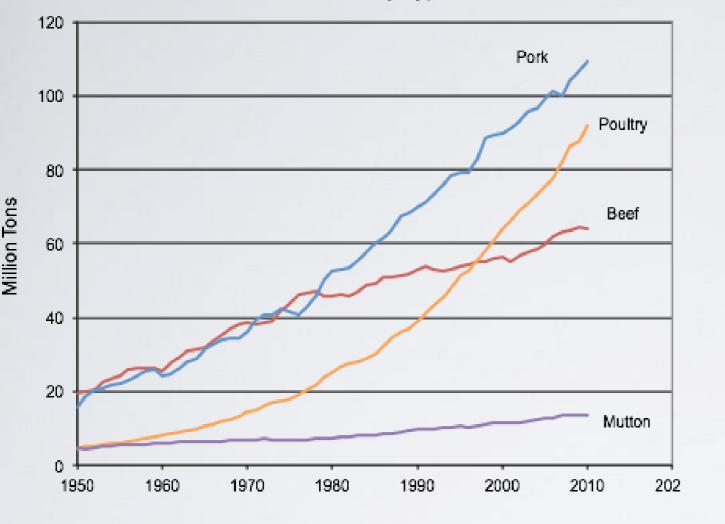


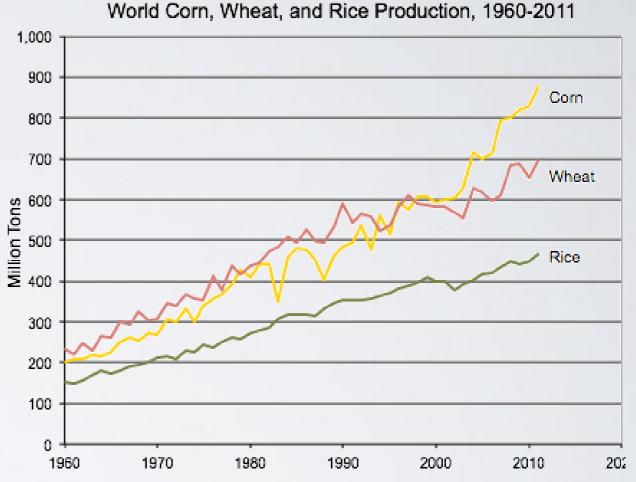


#### More Food, More Meat, More Feed needed ...



World Meat Production by Type, 1950-2010





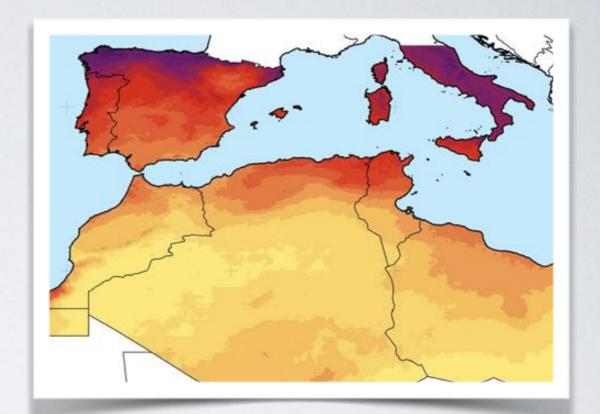
Changing Lifestyle & Consumption. Towards Western World Diet.

Source: Worldwatch, FAO, USDA, Earth Policy Institute (EPI)

#### **More Energy Demanding**



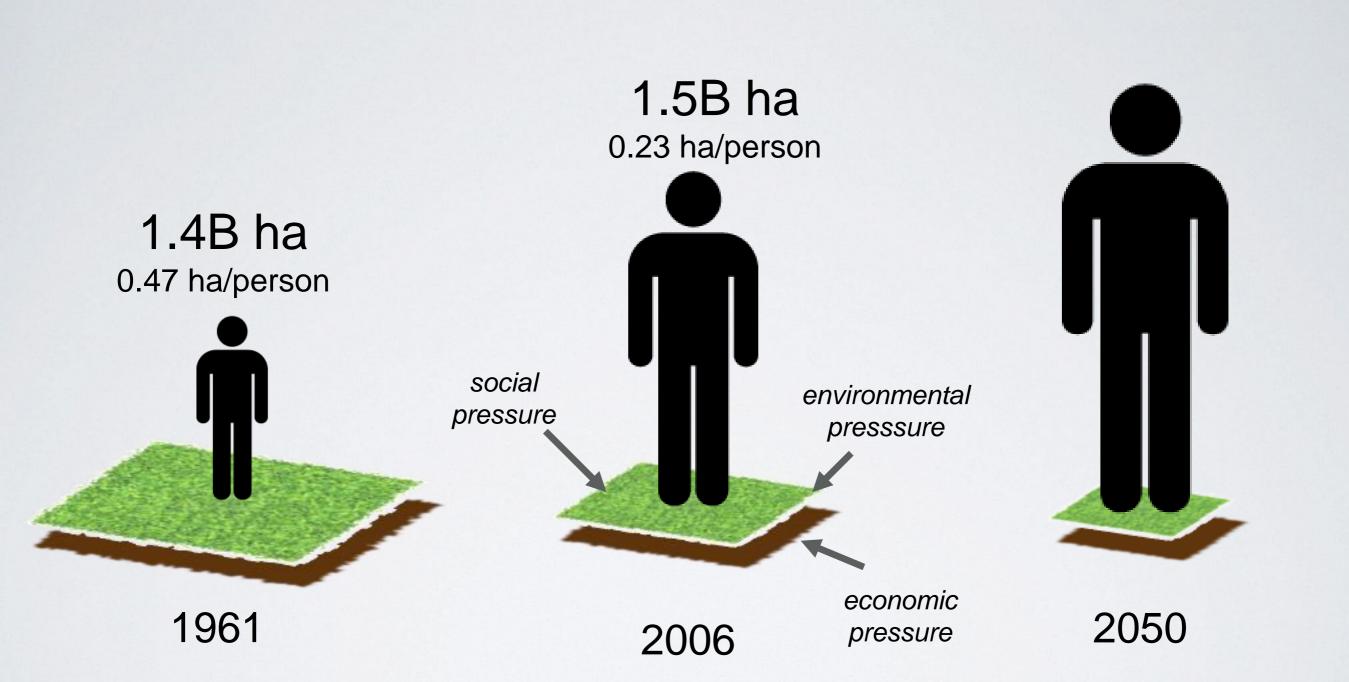






Source: ISS Space Station, Nicholas Stern, DLR Irradiance

#### Less Arable Land ...



#### Majority of our food coming from 37% of our land

Image: Francesca Cecinatii, 2013 Source: Information Please® Database, 2007 Pearson Education, Inc.; 17 FAO, 2011, The state of the world's land and water resources for food and agriculture (SOLAW)

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#### More stress on Water resources ...



#### Water: 97% saline, 2% freshwater (ice), 1% drinkable



1961

2006

2050

# 70% of water used for Irrigation (agriculture), 20% industrial production

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#### More stress on Water resources ...

But we need much more water for food!

And we need water for energy!





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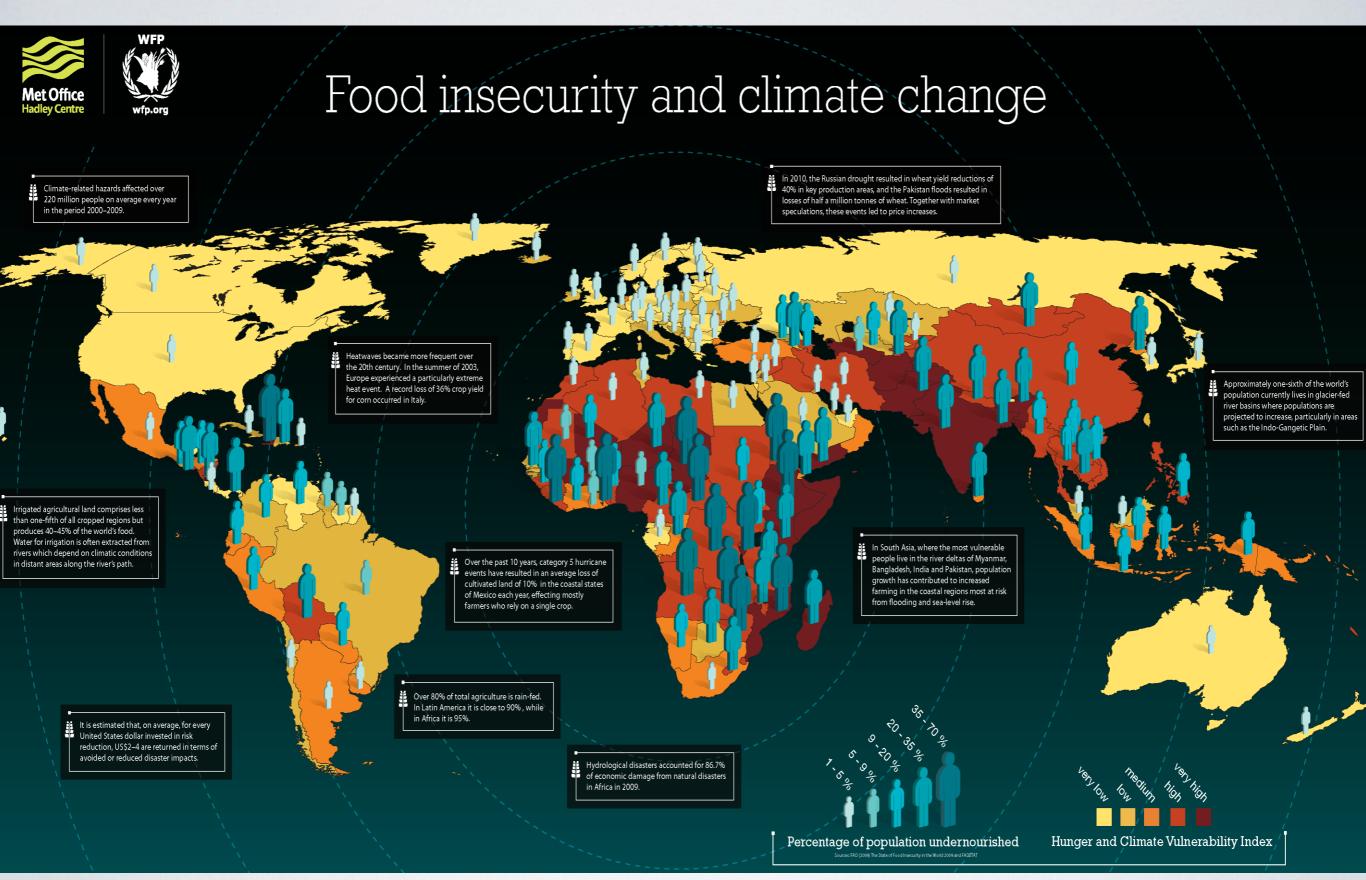
Food security issues are water issues kg of ...? maize: 900 l

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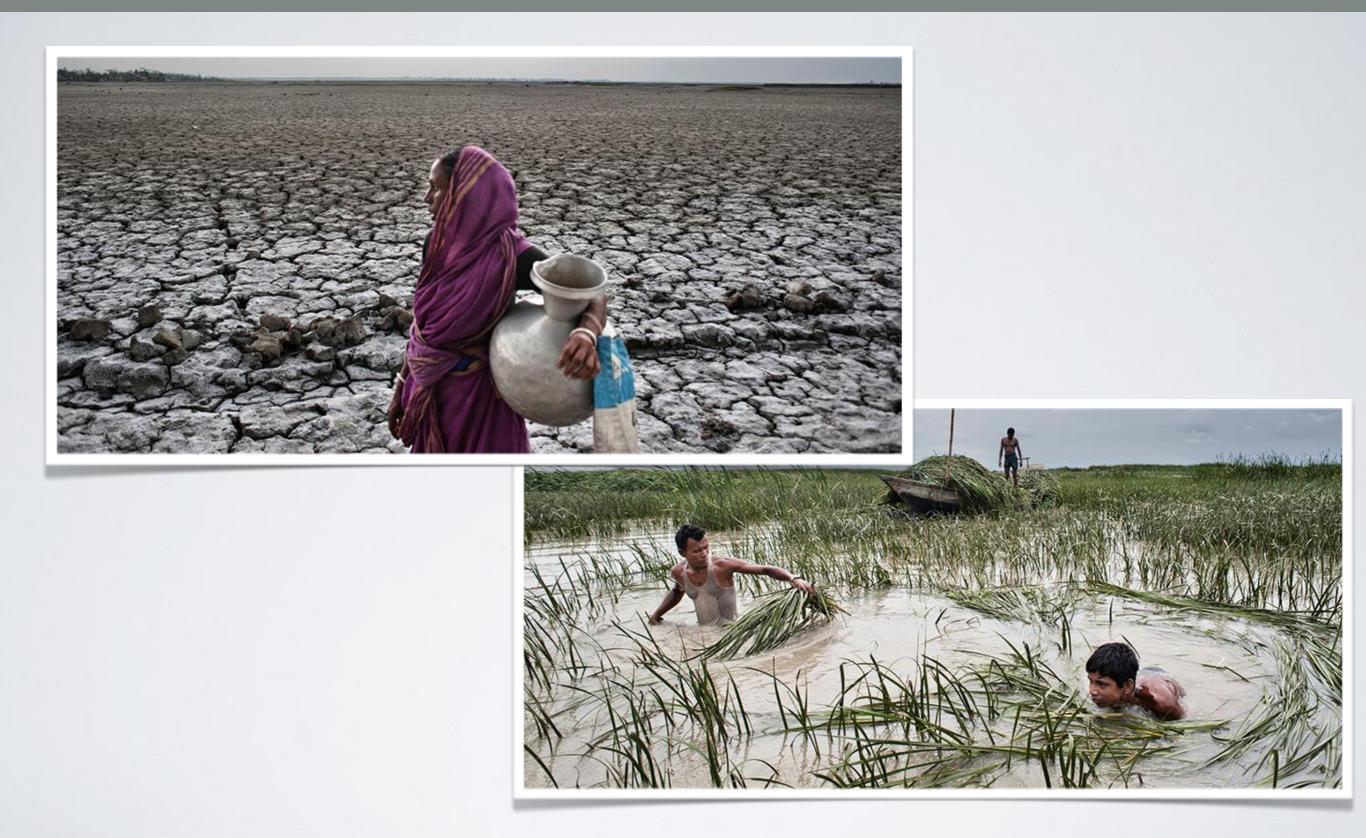
#### More Heat, More Extremes ...





#### **Climate Environmental Refugees**

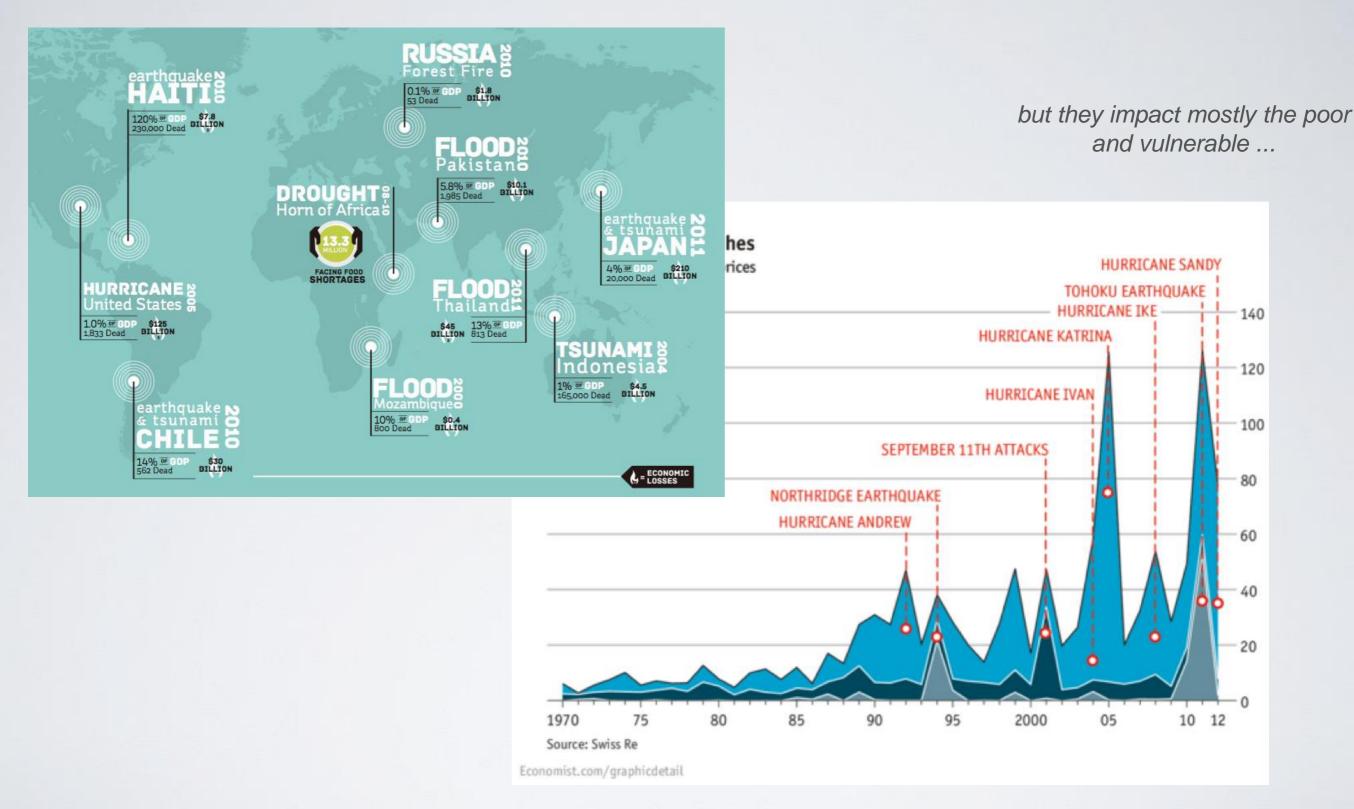




Source: Alessandro Grassani, LUZphoto http://www.luzphoto.com/story.php?titolo=bangladesh\_grassani Source Study: http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/foresight/docs/migration/11-1116-migration-and-global-environmental-change Source Data: International Immigration Organisation 21

#### Disasters affecting everyone ....





If improved EO-based information and warnings could lead to a few % reduction in insured losses, this would be worth **\$B** to the global insurance industry.

Source Disaster: World Bank Sendai Report. Source Coastal Population: CIESIN

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# More Pressure on limited natural resources ...

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#### Human Footprint of Agriculture ...

## **Tropical Forest**

1984

#### Mato Grosso, Brasilia

Landsat data © USGS, animation © Vista



#### Human Footprint of Agriculture

"Already, we have cleared or converted more than **35 percent of the earth's ice-free land surface for agriculture**, whether for croplands, pastures or rangelands.... Since the last ice age, nothing has been more disruptive to the planet's ecosystems than agriculture." Jonathan Foley, Uni Minessota



to Grosso, Brasilia

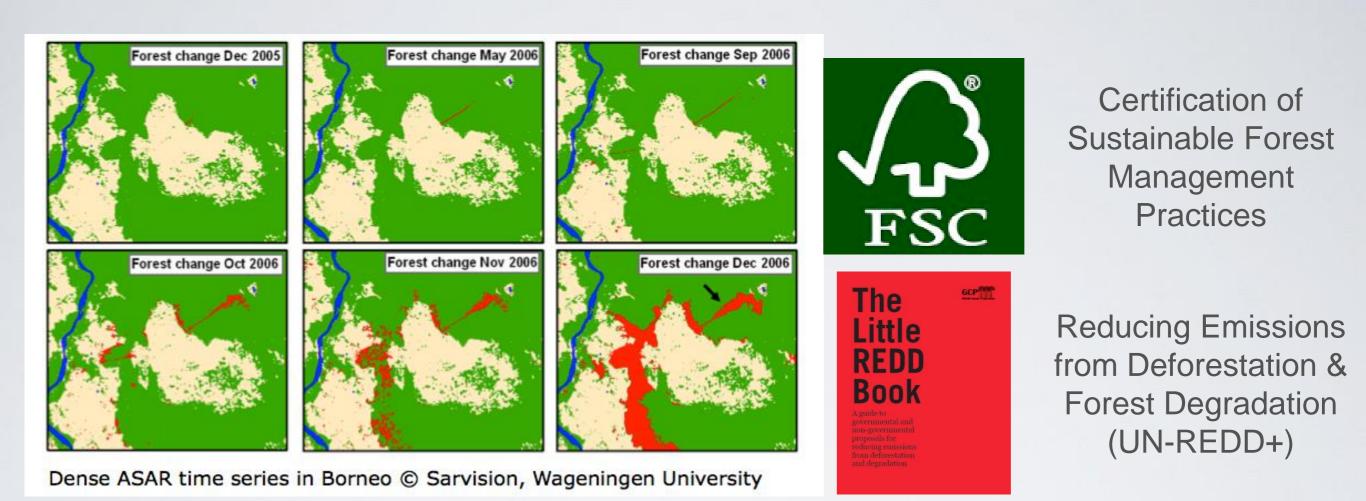
#### Human Footprint in desert areas



#### LIBYA'S AL JAWF OASIS



#### **Decline of Biodiversity, Forests & Ecosystems**

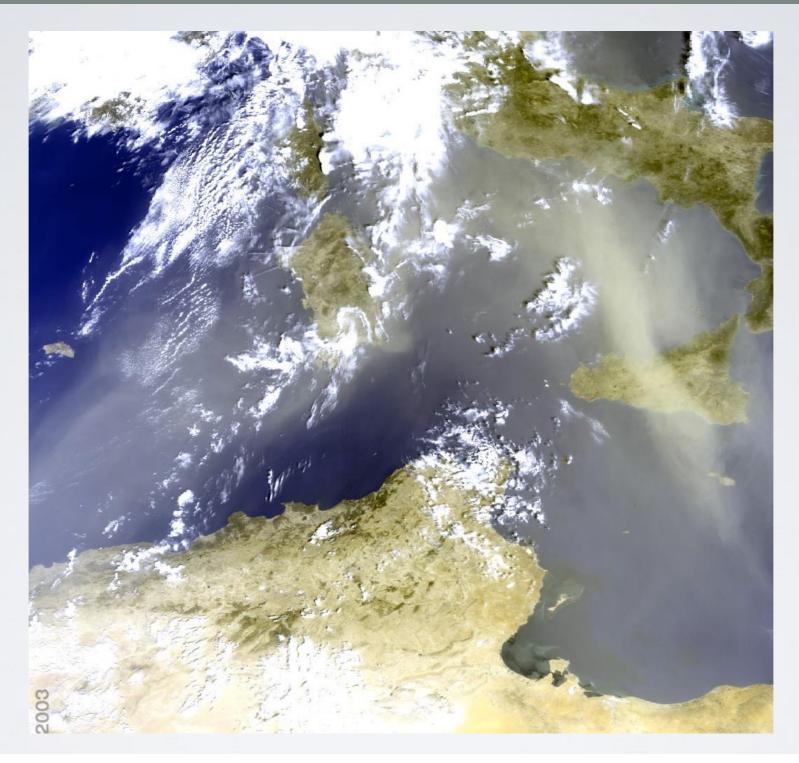


60% decline in species, large-scale deforestation (e.g. rate of deforestation of 13 Mha/yr. one stadium every 3 sec). Reasons: Timber, Agriculture, Energy. Issue of illegal logging, REDD.

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#### Land Degradation & Erosion

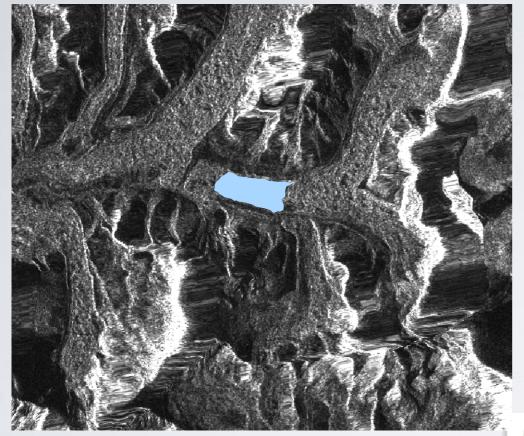




**Over- plowing & Over-grazing** in parts of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, transform productive cropland is turning into wasteland, and topsoil into dust. Emergence of new **Dust Bowls** (e.g. China, Sahel) and transboundary storms.

#### Melting Glaciers: key water reservoirs

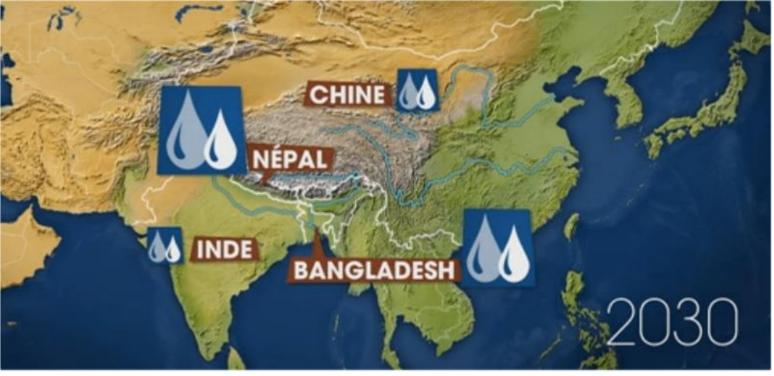




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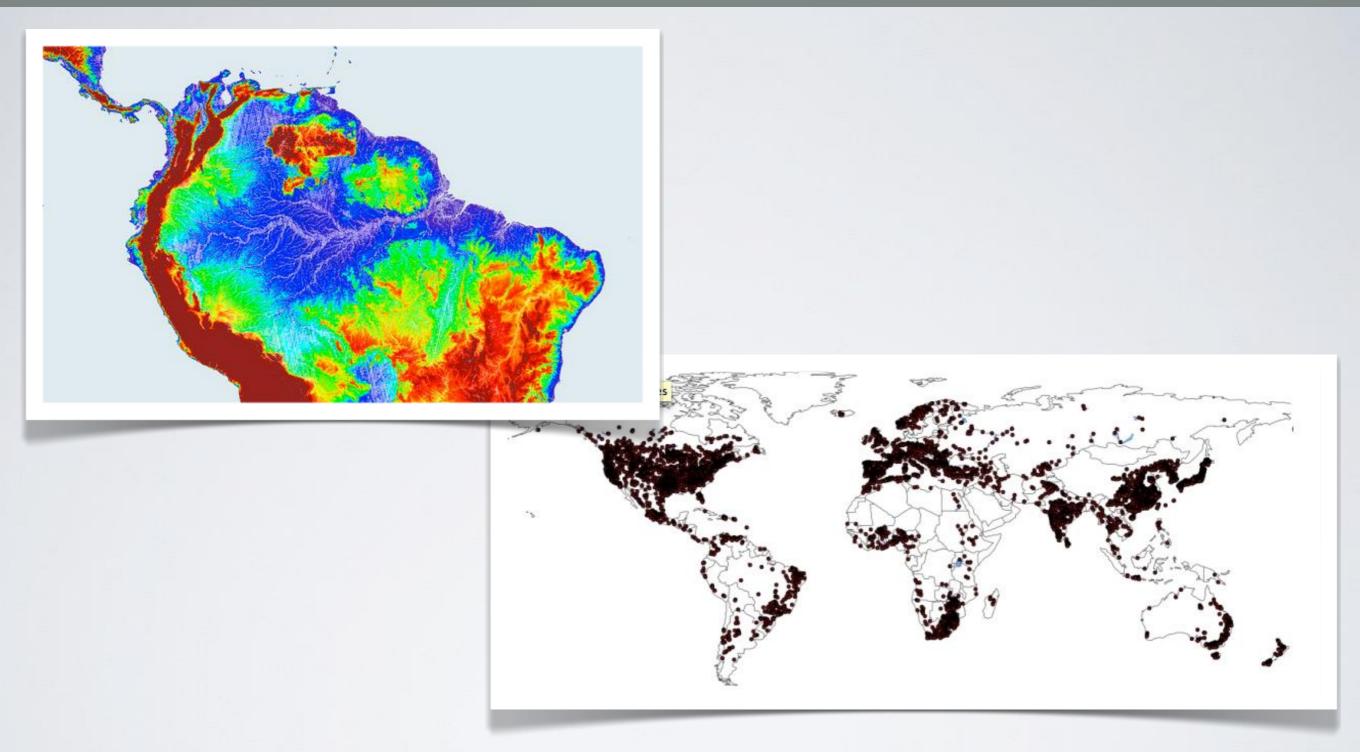
ESA GSE service on "Glacial Lake Outburst" delivered to "International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development" (ICMOD). Himalayan glaciers alone store water used by more than a billion people Scientists measure the volume of glaciers in "mm SLE" - the amount that sea levels would rise if the ice melted. ESA CCI Glacier Inventory in support of IPCC, also important to understand available water resources in Asia.



Estimated decrease of Water Availability in 2030

#### **River re-engineering as seen from space**





Rivers are the **arteries** of the water cycle, and significantly affected by man made activities, such as **dams** and **irrigation**.

#### Aquifers depletion as seen from space







Gravity measurements from GRACE highlighting that, water tables have fallen in various countries, including China, India, and the United States, which together produce nearly half of the world's grain.

Source: GRACE mission, NASA, DLR, UCI, USGS, R. Vijgen, P. Weil, Heads Up! 2012.

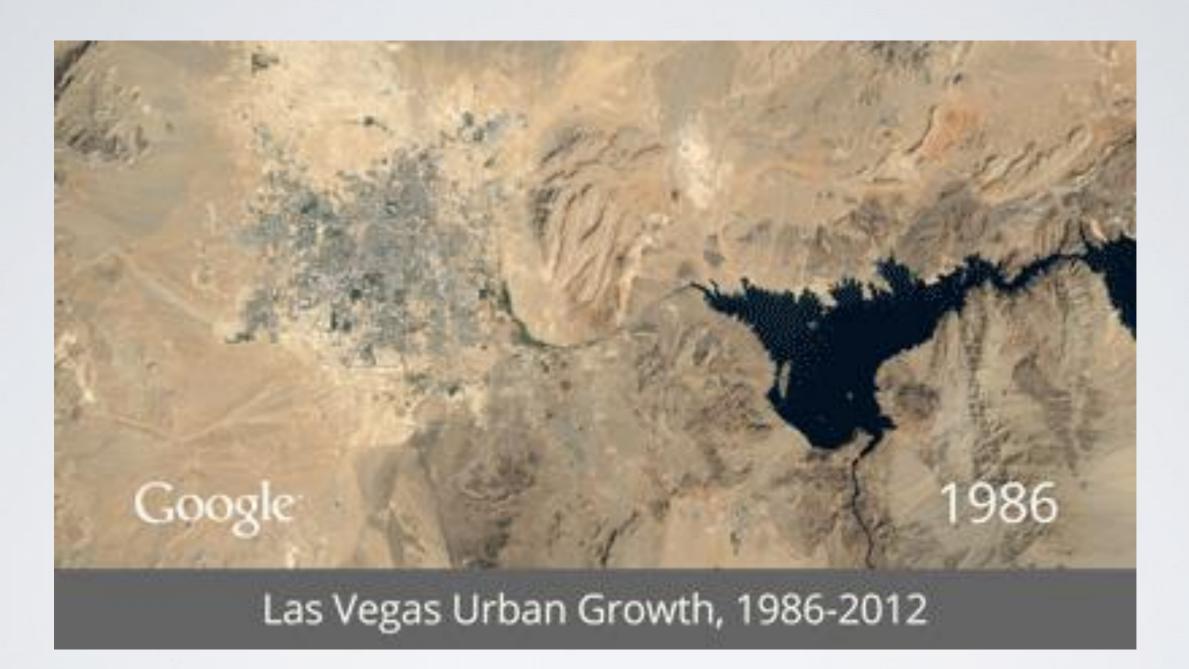


# More urban ...

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#### More Urban ....



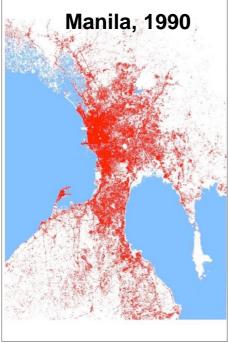


Cities will hold most of projected increased in humanity over the next decades. Migration from Rural to Urban, with about 3M people moving to cities every week in developing countries (UN-Habitat).

#### **Mega-Cities, Mega-Pollution**



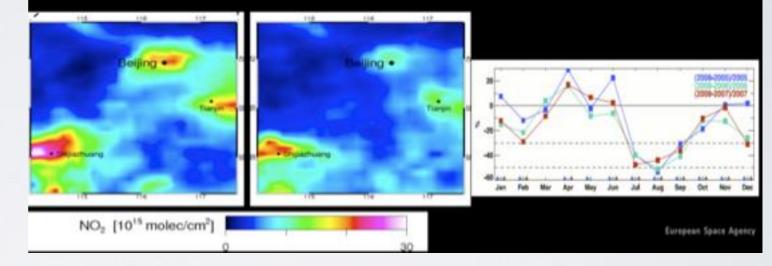


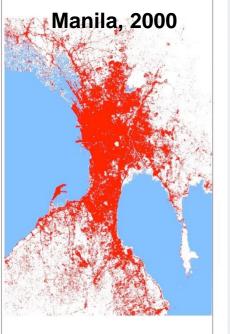


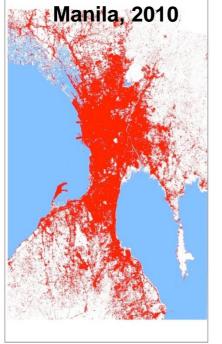


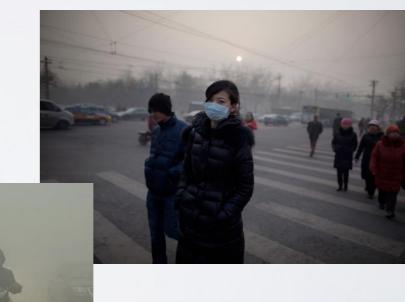
#### NO<sub>2</sub> reductions detected from space during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

Mijling et al., Geophys. Res. Lett. (2009)





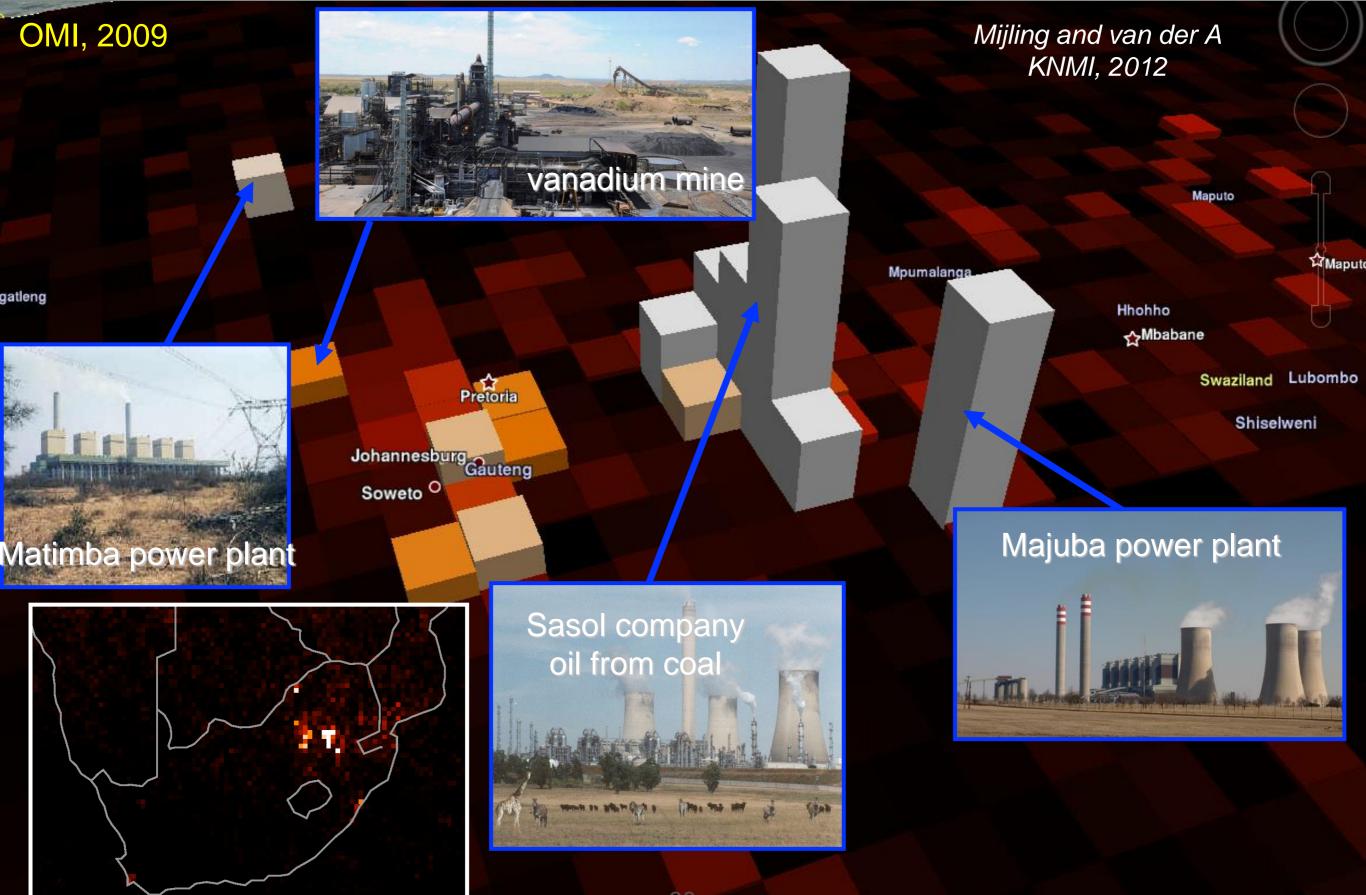




Source: Global Urban Footprint, DLR, based on TerraSAR-X; ESA / DLR, 2090urce: ESA Dragon, NASCC.

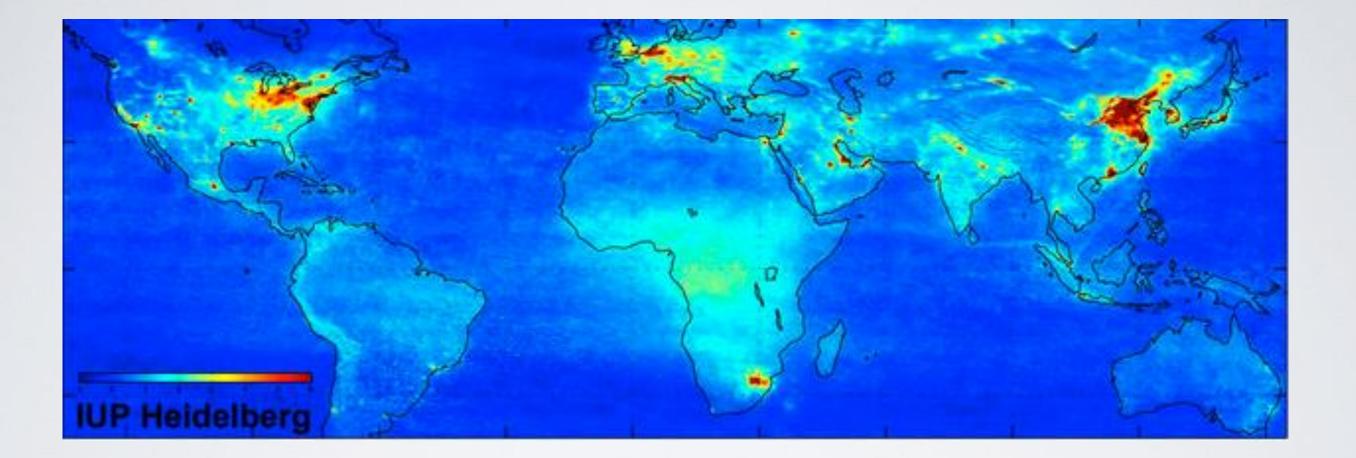
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#### EO based NO<sub>2</sub> emissions South Africa



#### From local to regional and global impact





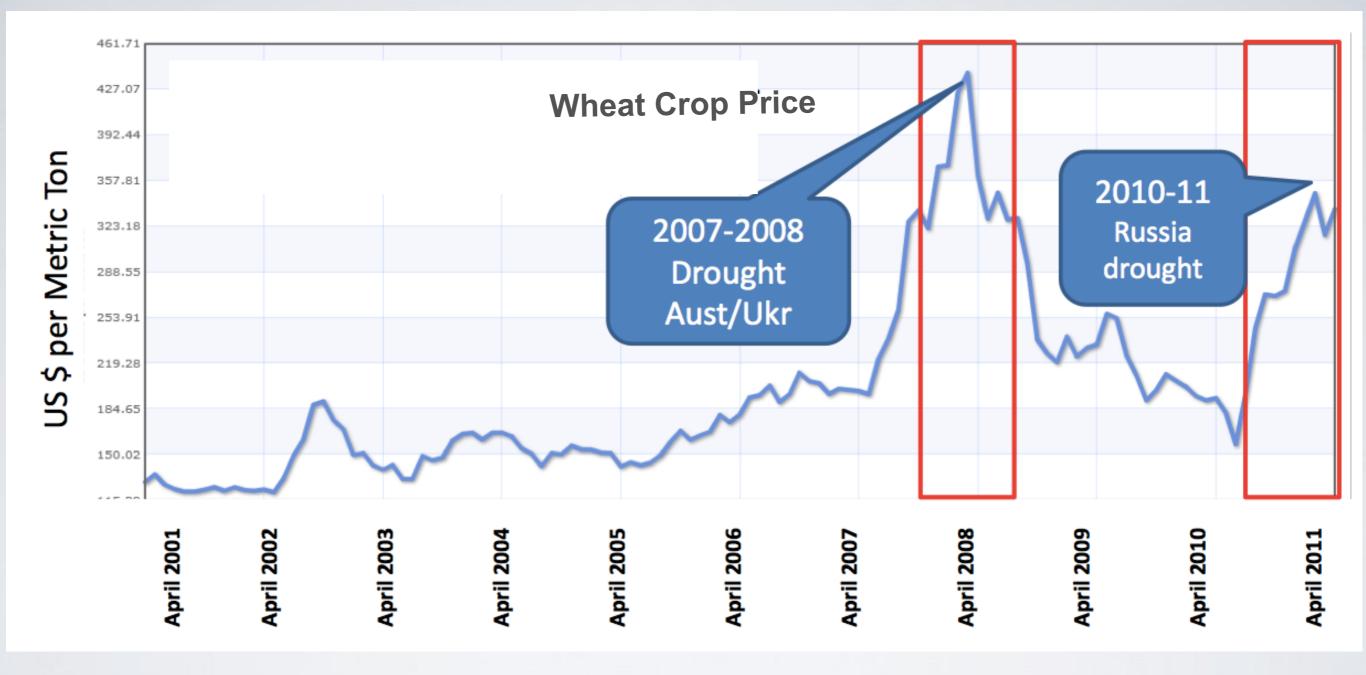


# More volatile ...

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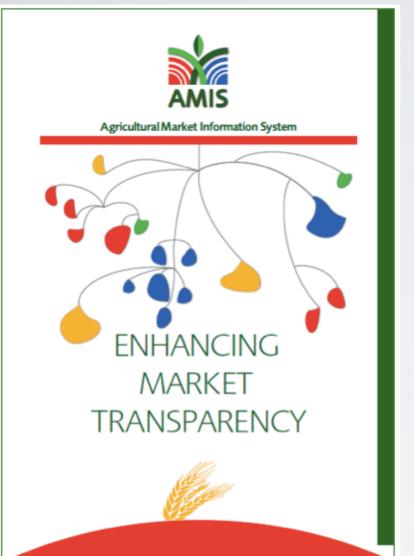
## Volatility of commodoties





Global food prices are increasingly **volatile** due to climate **extremes**, which alter global production patterns and exacerbate **hunger** in poorer countries. About **44M** people driven into **poverty** by rising food prices in the second half of 2010 (World Bank).







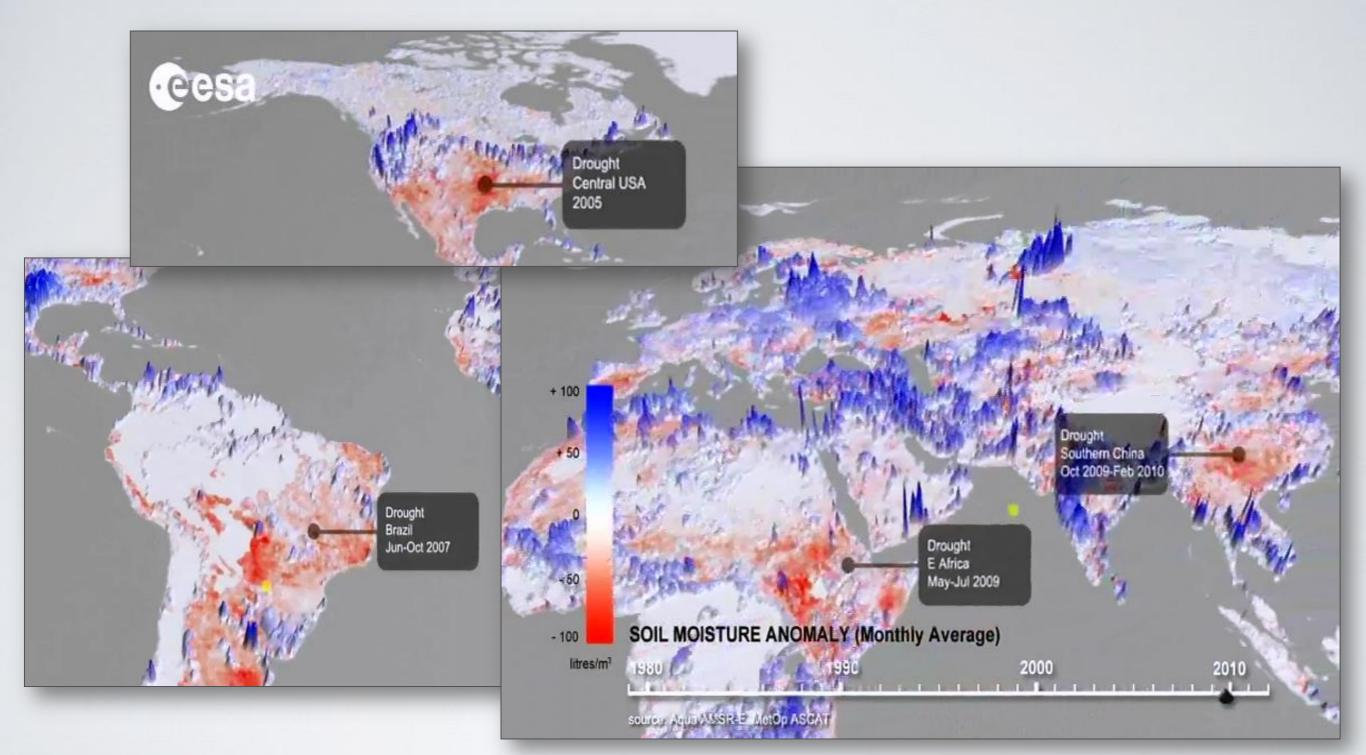
### **G20 Final Declaration**

- 44. We commit to improve market information and transparency in order to make international markets for agricultural commodities more effective. To that end, we launched:
- The "Agricultural Market Information System" (AMIS) in Rome on September 15, 2011, to improve information on markets ...;
- The "Global Agricultural Geo-monitoring Initiative" (GEO-GLAM) in Geneva on September 22-23, 2011. This initiative will coordinate satellite monitoring observation systems in different regions of the world in order to enhance crop production projections and weather forecasting data.

**Global Framework** for monitoring of agriculture and limit volatility. EO from space has a key role to play. ESA is developing EO products to quantify food insecurity risks.

#### Soil Moisture & water-induced food insecurity





Improved Soil Moisture monitoring from space enables identification of dry conditions to support appropriate actions to avoid food insecurity.

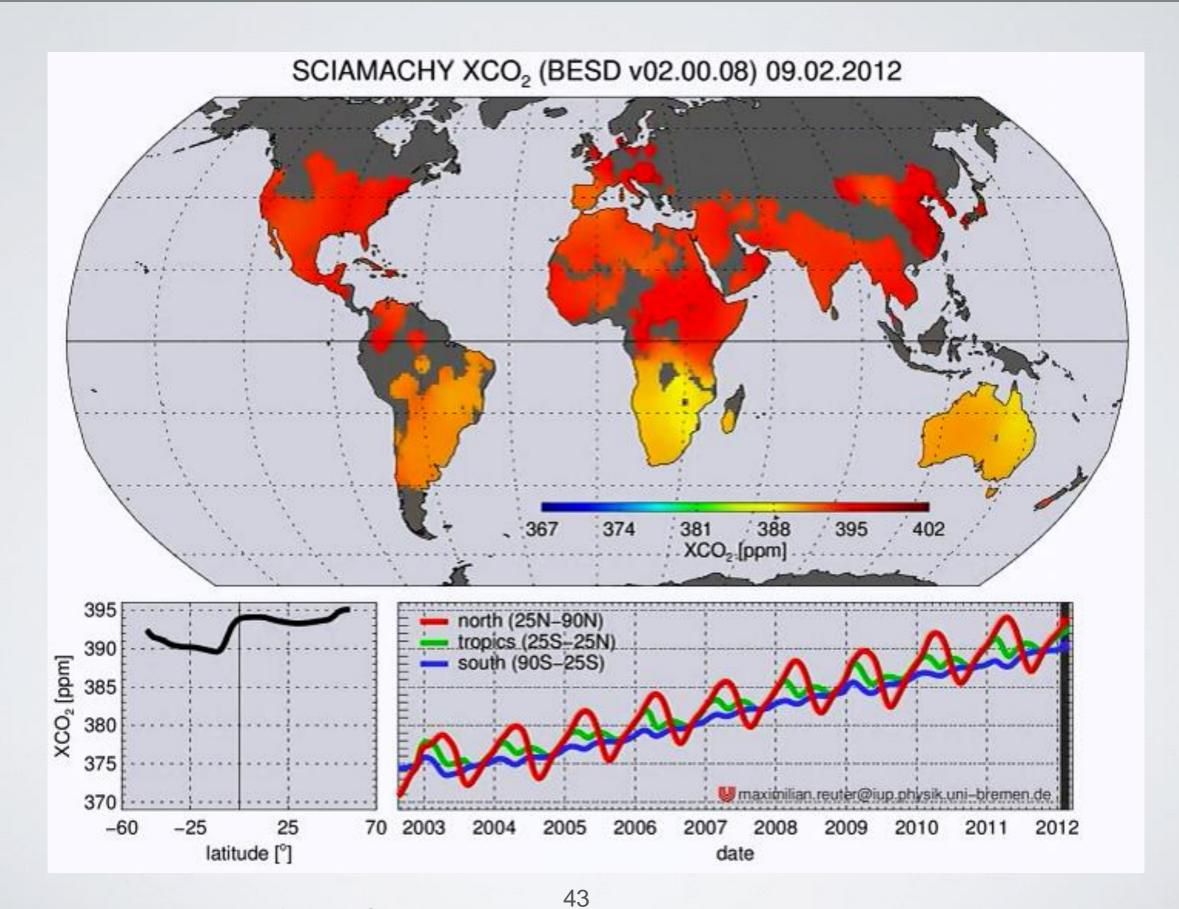


# Warmer world, Oceans rising high, Turning sour ...

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#### The Great Geophysical Experiment

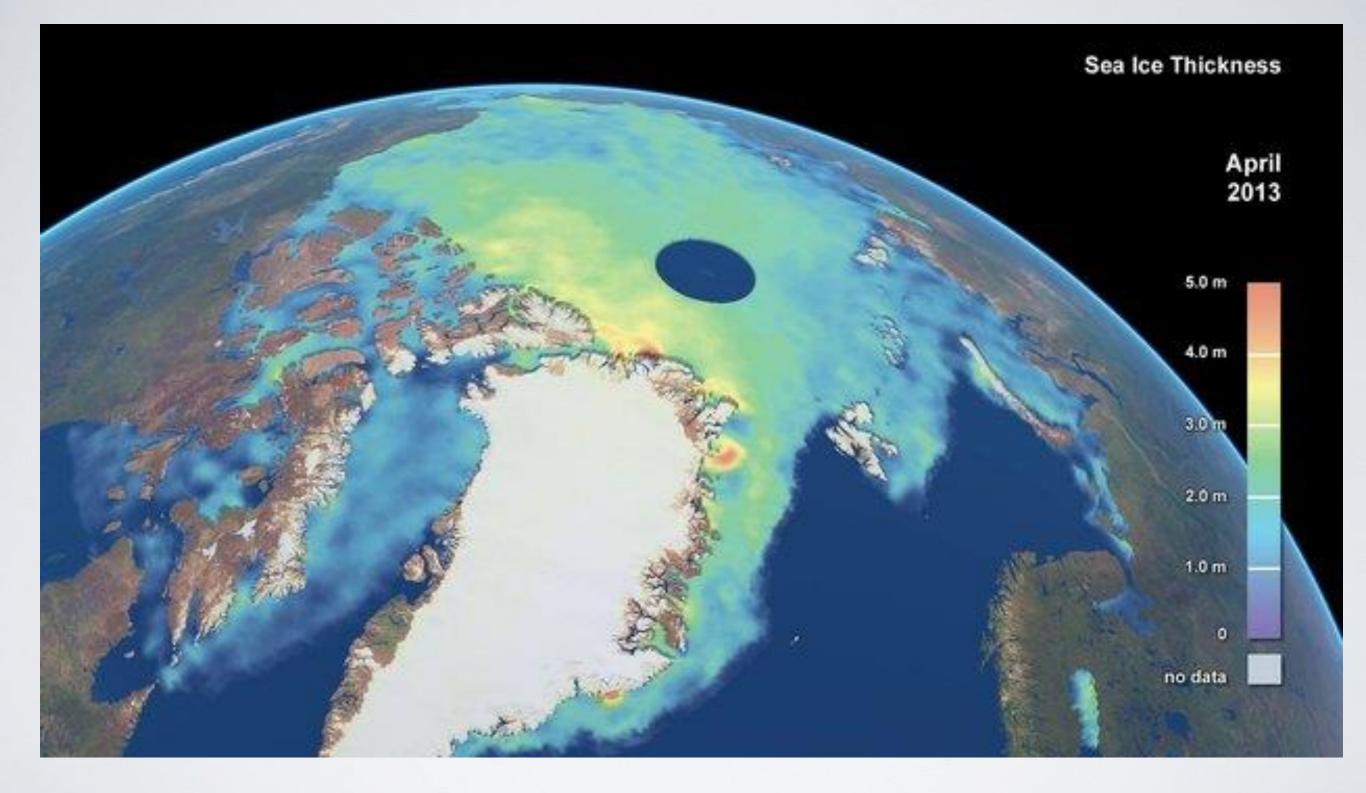




Source: Michael Buchwitz, IUP, University of Bremen, Schneising et al., 2011

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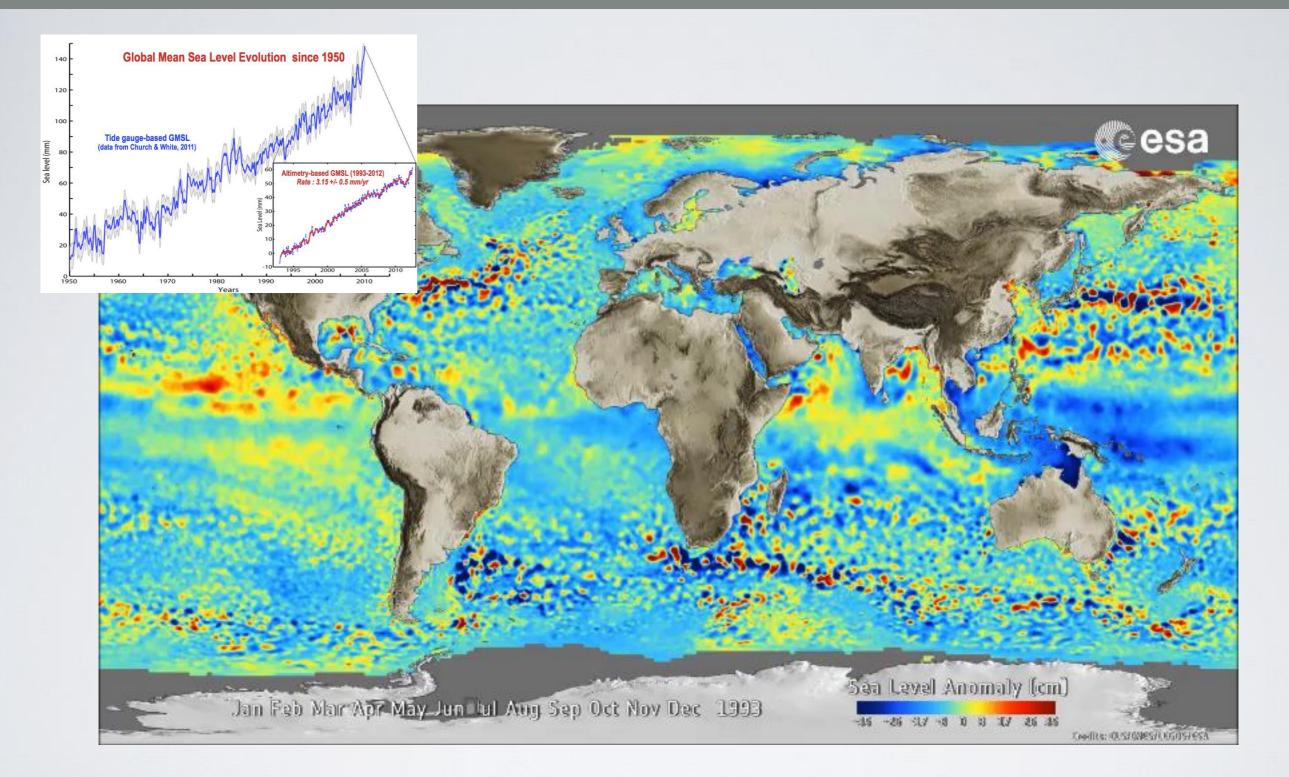
#### Monitoring Ice Thickness with ESA Cryosat



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#### **Global Sea Level Rise from altimetry**





#### **Space Perspective on Sinking Coastal Cities**

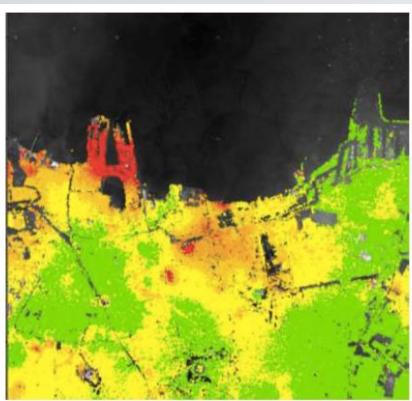


Figure (left): The map of subsidence derived from the analysis of ALOS PALSAR data (2007-2011). Credit: EOWorld project/Altamira Information, 2011 for ESA, World Bank.

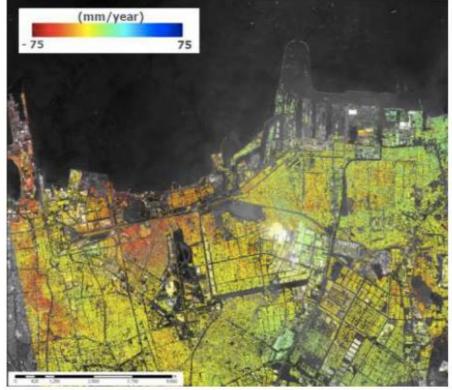
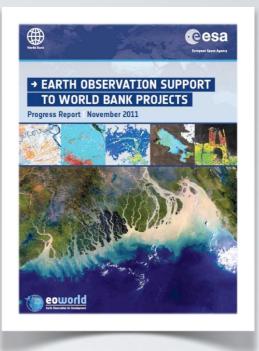


Figure (right). Deformation map in Jakarta Bay and harbor derived from the PSI analysis of VHR COSMO-SkyMed data (Oct. 2010 – Apr. 2011). Color scale between -75 (red) and 75 (blue) mm/year. Credit: EOWorld project/Altamira Information for ESA, World Bank.



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Sinking cities: combination of subsidence (e.g. water pumping) monitored by InSAR and sea-level rise SSH help quantify flood risk in coastal mega-cities. Mega-deltas in Asia are the "rice bowls" to the world, their subsidence is a threat to food security.

46 Source: EO World; Altamira Information; ALOS PALSAR data: JAXA; Cosmo-SkyMed data: ASI, e-GEOS.

### **Future Flood Losses in Major Coastal Cities**

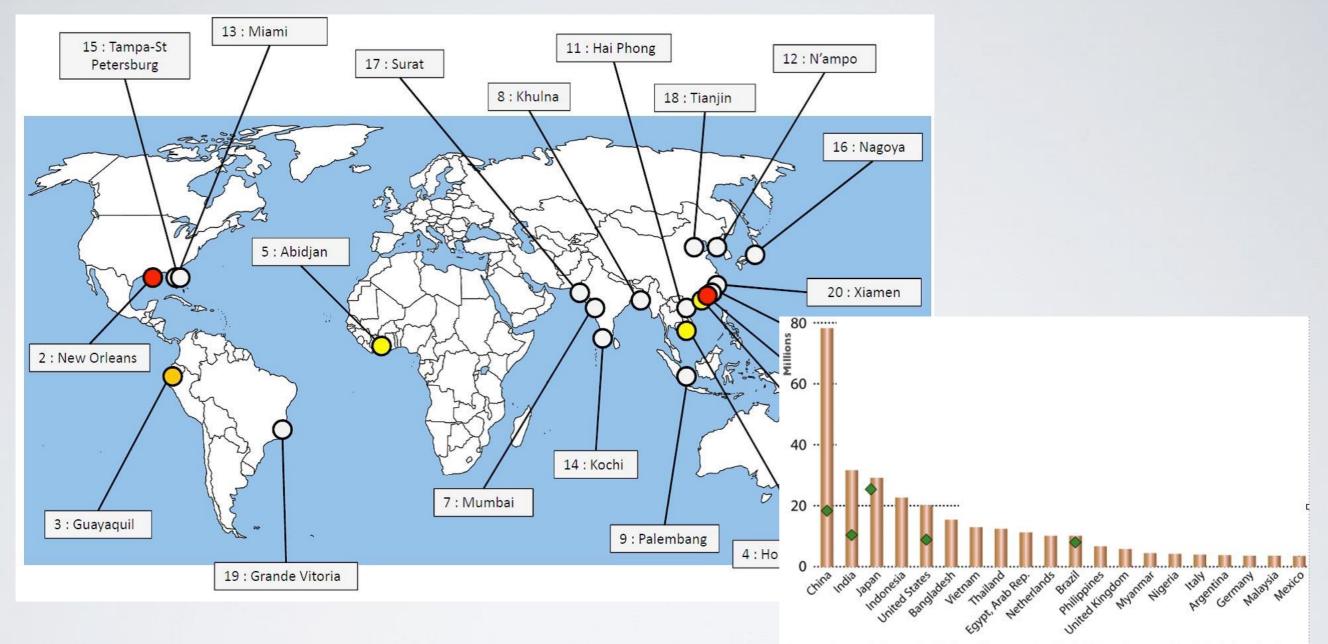


Figure 1. Urban populations at risk. The figure shows countries with the highest urban populations living in low-elevation coastal zones in the year 2000. Modified after Figure 4b from "Cities and climate change: an urgent agenda." The World Bank December 2010, vol. 10, page 9. http://goo.gl/nTVg5. Data source: CIESIN (Center for International Earth Science Information Network).

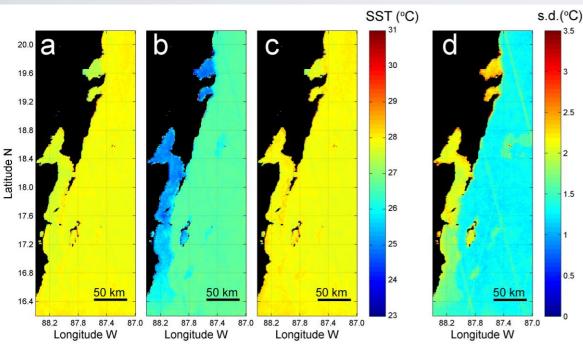
Flood damage in the world's major coastal cities may top **\$1 trillion** a year by **2050** due to rising seas and subsiding land, according to a new World Bank study in Nature Climate Change. More than 40% of these prodigious costs could fall upon just four cities – New Orleans, Miami and New York in the US and Guangzhou in China.

Source: Halleggate, S. et al., Future flood losses in major coastal cities, Nature Climate Change, 2013., doi:10.1038/nclimate1979

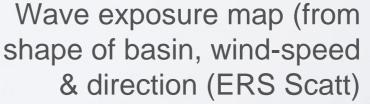
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#### Impacts on Marine Ecosystems

- Health indicators : reef extent, reef roughness, coral and macro-algal cover, coral population structure, coral mortality, coral bleaching, coral diseases, herbivorous.
- Stress indicators : sedimentation, pollution, coastal development, over-fishing, ocean acidification, thermal stress

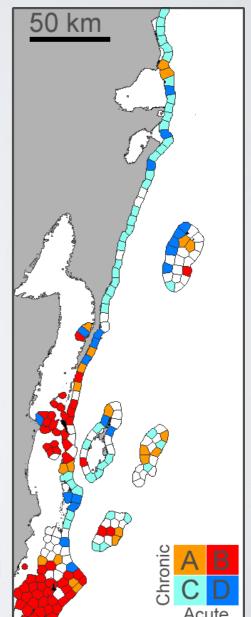


Improved **SST, SSH, OC, sea state**, monitoring to identify **suitable** sites for safely breeding **coral reefs** 



#### Characterization of Thermal stress regime

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톱 Source: Peter Mumby, Uni Exeter

## Natural Capital: The New Political Imperative



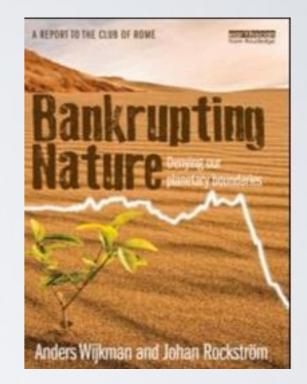
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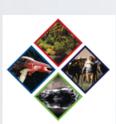


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An ecosystem service is defined as the benefit that people derive, either directly or indirectly, from a natural reserve. Earth observation can provide input to the valuations of ecosystem services by establishing baselines, monitoring the compliance of standards, spot checks of sustainable management practices and support environmental reporting (MetroVancouver)





#### TEEB – The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Making Nature's Values Visible

Source: Natural Capital Summit, Bundestag, 7-8 June 2013 Source: Bankrupting Nature, denying our planetary boundaries, Johan Rockstrom and Anders Wijkman, a report o the Club of Rome. ESA UNCLASSIFIED - For Official Use



# More Digital, More Connected ...

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#### More Mobile, More Digital

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Election of the Pope ....

& the emergence of Mobile Phones (now 6B cell phones, dramatic increase in Africa / Asia)



## THE OPPORTUNITY EO FUELING A DATA REVOLUTION

#### **Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**



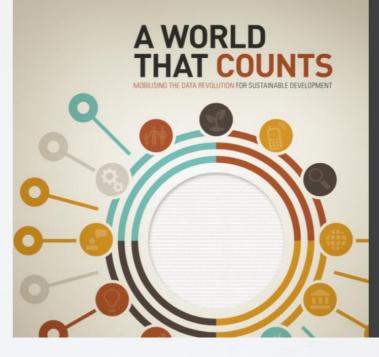
Moving from Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SD

#### **A NEW GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP:** ERADICATE POVERTY AND TRANSFORM ECONOMIES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda May 2013

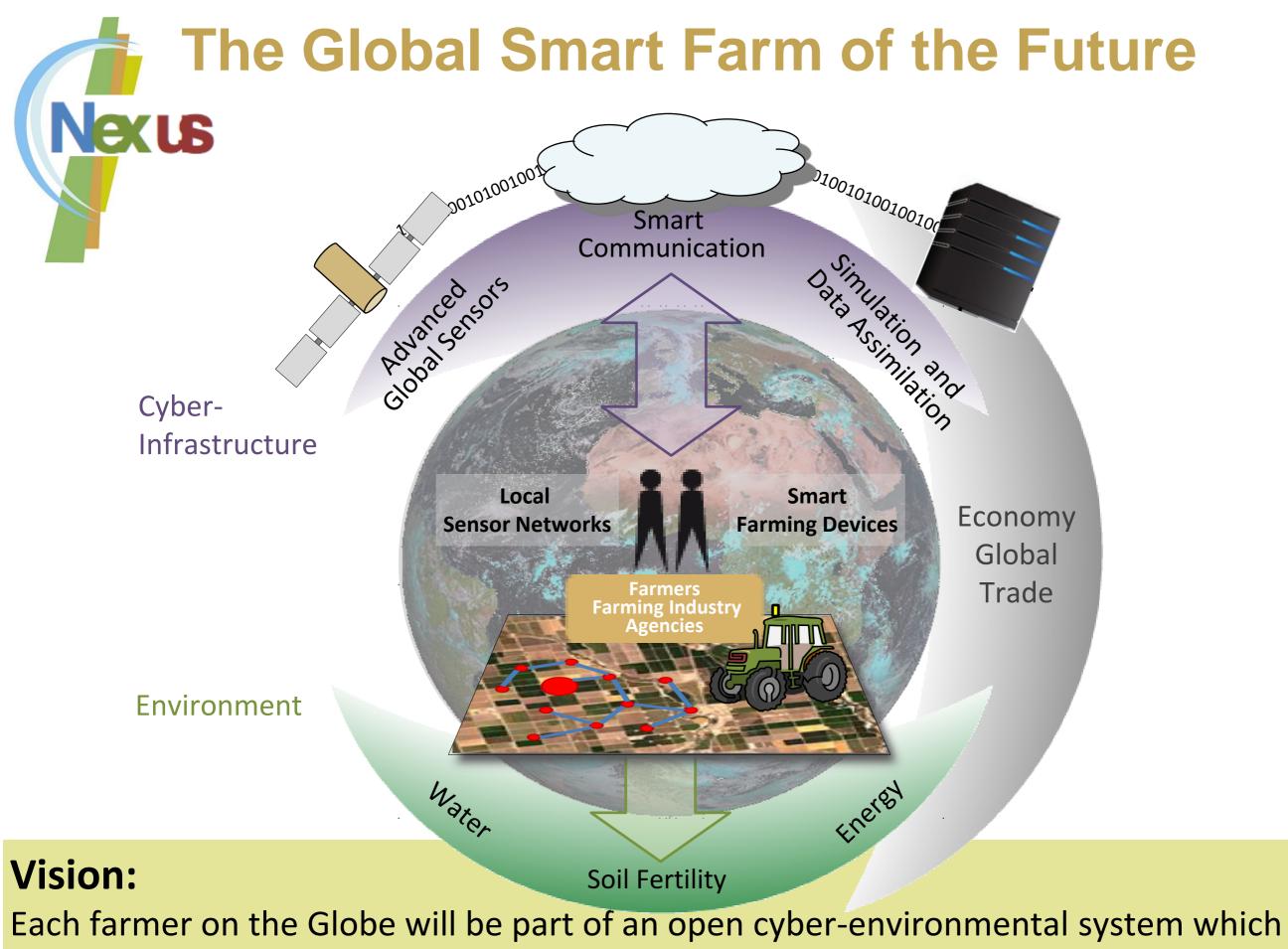
"We also call for data а revolution for sustainable development, with a new international initiative to improve the quality of statistics and information available to citizens. We should actively take advantage of new technology, crowd sourcing, and improved connectivity to empower people with information on the





READ 'A WORLD THAT COUNTS: MOBILISING THE DATA REVOLU-TION FOR SUSTAIN-ABLE DEVELOPMENT'

July 2014



supports him in ensuring food security and sustainable agriculture

### Monitoring Rice with Sentinel-1

#### Sentinel-1 time series (Oct.2014-Jan.2015) GEOGLAM Asia-RICE Site: An Giang (Mekong River Delta, Vietnam)

Crop calendar Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec. Crop season Winter-Spring crop Summer-10 Jan 2015 - VH Autumn crop Autumn-Winter crop November-December: end of Autumn-Winter crop and beginning of Winter-Spring crop and the second second

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## **Thematic Exploitation Platform (TEPs)**

#### Moving the Calculations to the data

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## Driving R&D - New algo / products

## Development / Testing / Validation new Algos / Products

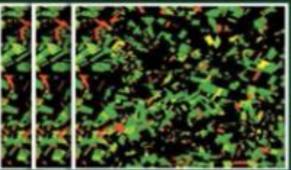


#### → AGRICULTURE



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CULTIVATED CROP TYPE MAP AND AREA ESTIMATE



Key Users

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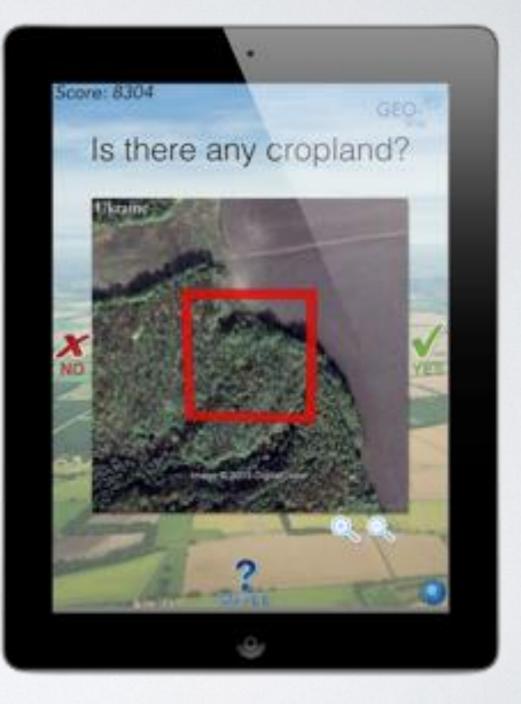


#### **Driving R&D - New validation techniques**

# Crowdsourcing ground truth and classification (EO Science 2.0)



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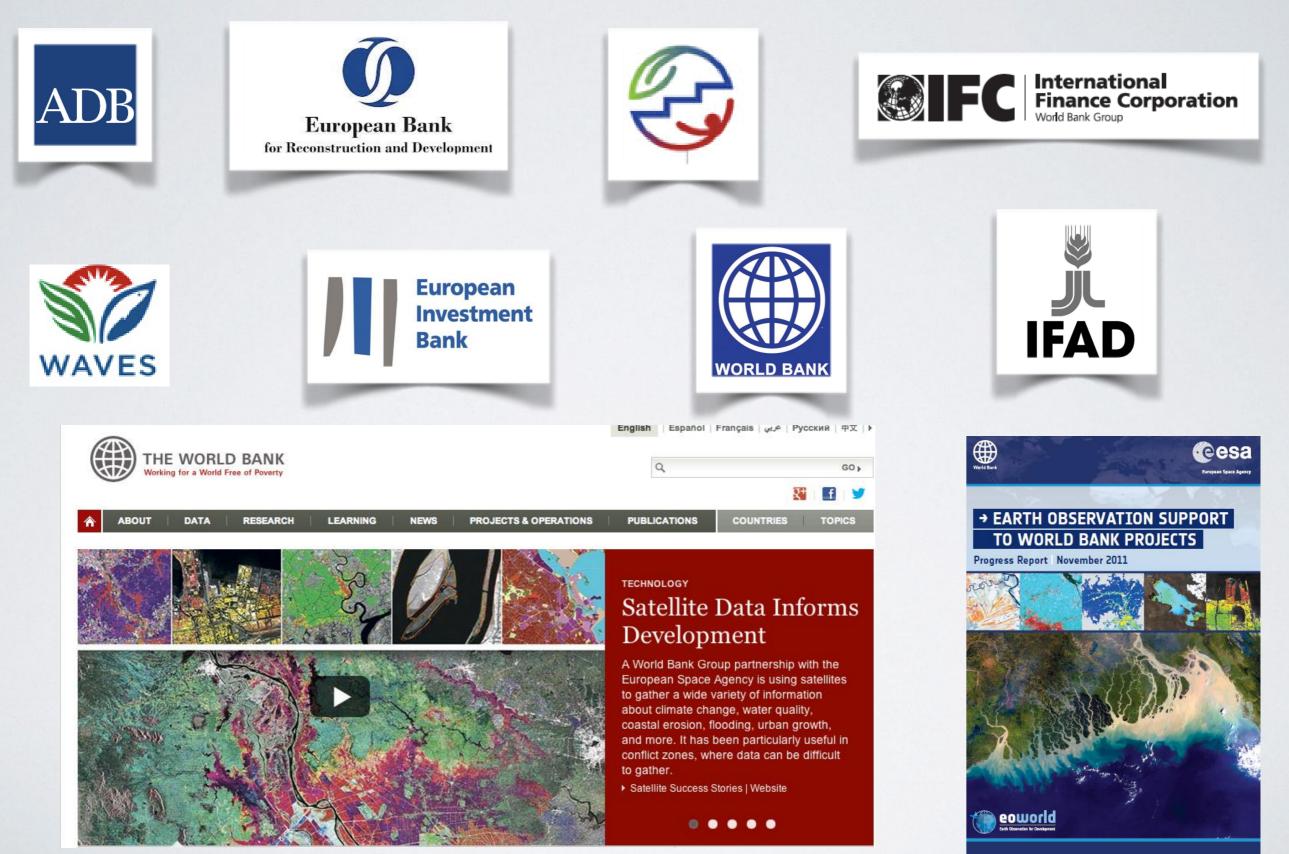


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#### Partnership with the Public Sector

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#### **Driving Innovation & Web Entrepreneurs**



Opportunity to develop a **Innovation Pulse Lab** @ ESRIN bringing together academia, private sector and regional actors to address Big Data issues for society and develop new applications.

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# Conclusions

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# What does all this mean for EO?

### Ingredients:

- Agriculture is the largest employer on the Globe,
- Agriculture is a major sector of national economies (from >60% to 3% of GDP),
- Agriculture shows large productivity potentials,
- Agriculture is the economic sector with the largest environmental impact on the Globe,
- Productivity gains and environmental impacts are closely related to information science and technology used in farm management,
- Agriculture is and will remain the largest outdoor economic activity.

## What is it that the Global Food System wants to know from EO?

#### **Towards a Planetary Management System**





We are the tip of an Iceberg ... of an information revolution

# Thanks!

Current World Population:

## 7,127,758,356

Source: Cassini's view of the Earth from Saturn. NASA/JPL Caltech Source Population: <u>www.worldometers.info</u>