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


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**Digital Earth Africa - operational  
EO-based insights for Africa's  
development challenges**

***World Space Week 2022***

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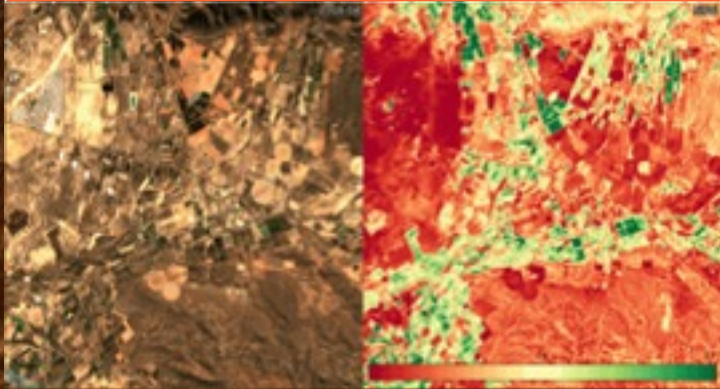
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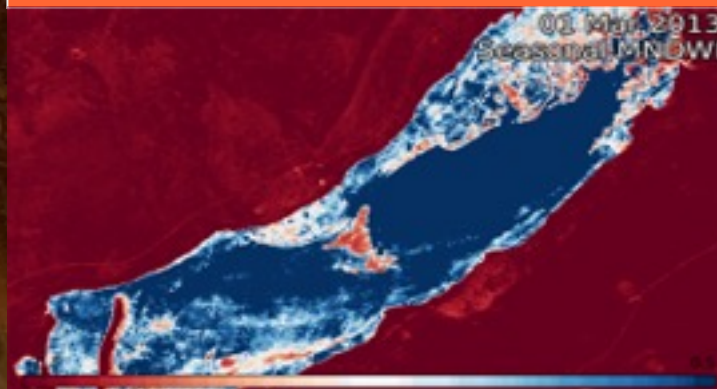
# Our Vision

DE Africa will provide a routine, reliable and operational service, using Earth observations to deliver decision-ready products enabling policy makers, scientists, the private sector and civil society to address social, environmental and economic changes on the continent and develop an ecosystem for innovation across sectors.

Agriculture and food security



Water resources and flood risks



Land degradation



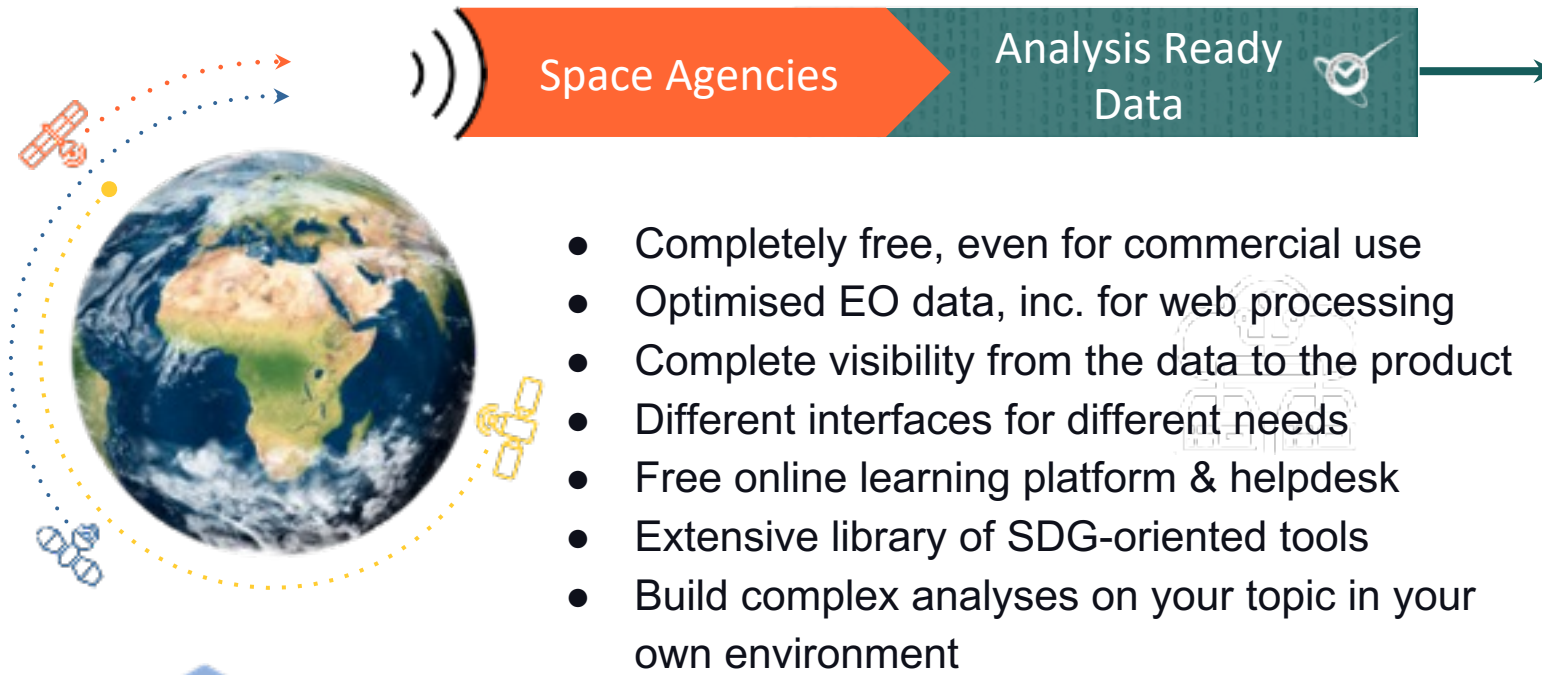
Urbanisation



Coastal erosion



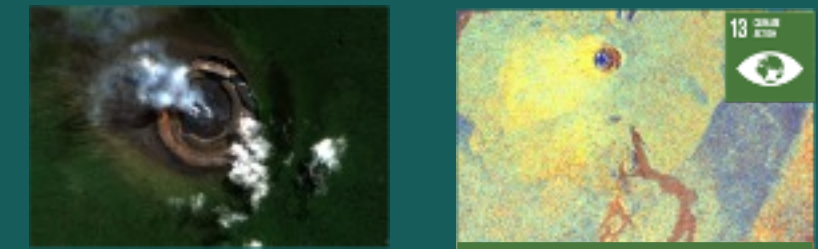
# Satellite data available through Digital Earth Africa



Studying the Tanzanian Coastline with GeoMAD, 2019, RGB



Monitoring crops in Egypt 2001-2020, Landsat, RGB



Monitoring Mount Nyiragongo, 2018 Sentinel-2 RGB and 2021 Sentinel-1



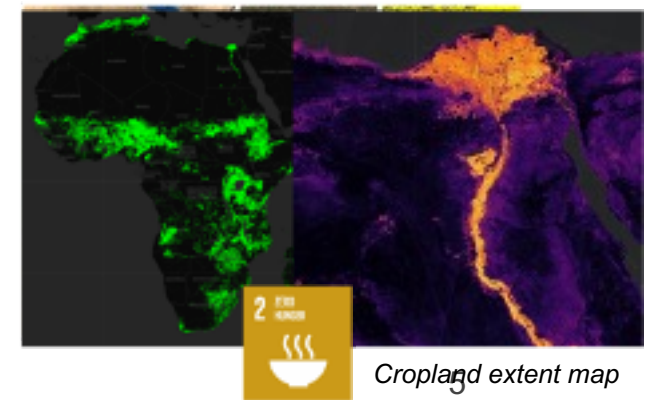
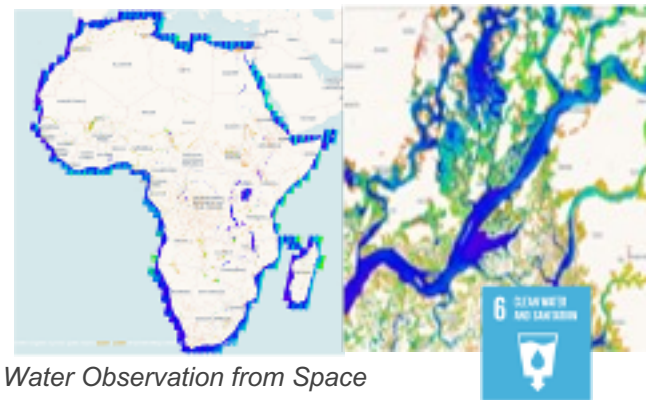
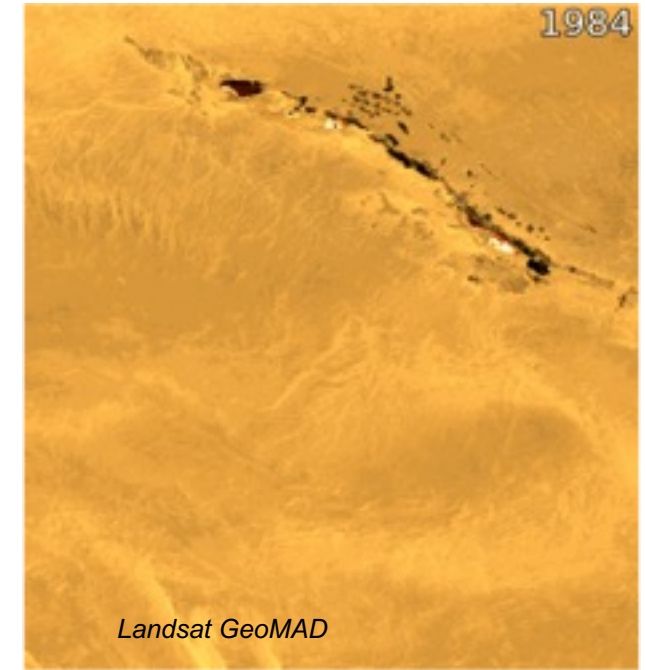
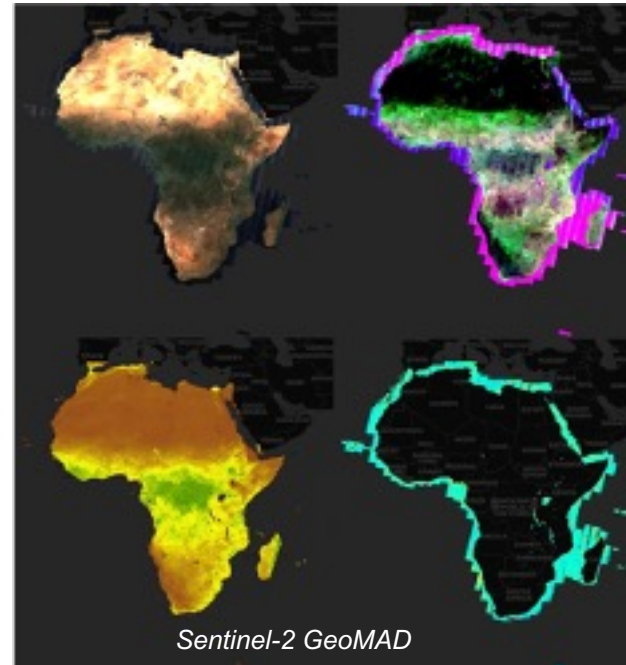
Measuring water extent on rangelands in Etosha National Park, Namibia 1992-2021, Landsat, False Colour



Find out more technical detail in [Digital Earth Africa Docs](#)

# Highlights

- Continental services: Water observation from space, GeoMAD, Cropland, Coastline
- Co-development of services
- Free online learning platform
  - English and French
- Diversity and Inclusion:  
YouthMappers, Africa Women in GIS
- Impact stories – champions



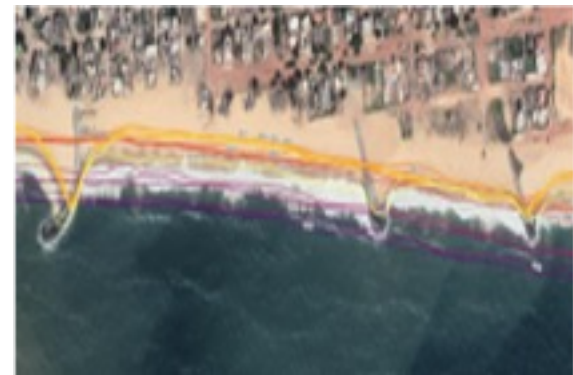
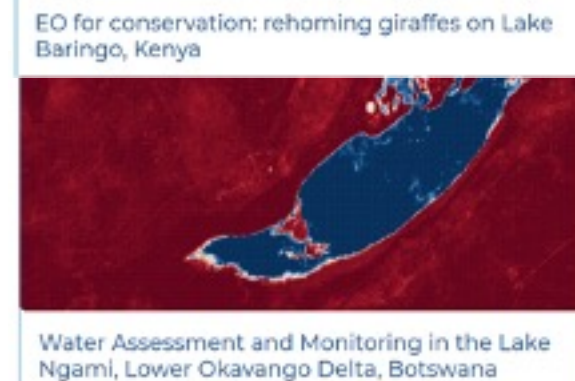
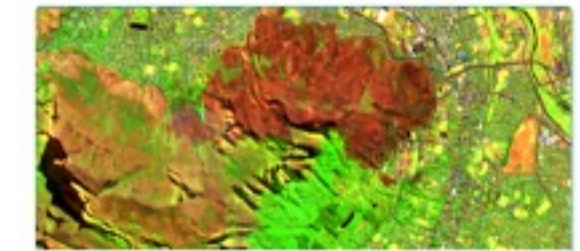
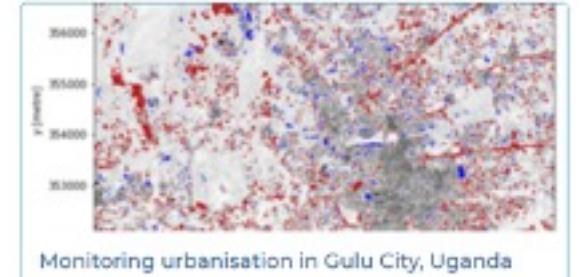
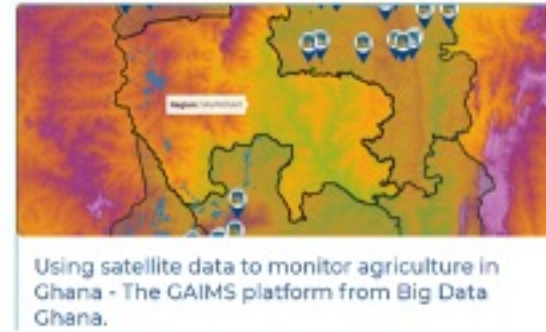
# Sustainability through partnerships and community



- Digital Earth Africa is empowering communities with access to satellite information
- Co-design of capacity development with partners in Africa, to provide fit for purpose training
- Communities have been empowered and are sharing their impact stories such as conservation of mangroves in Zanzibar (Tanzania), rehoming of giraffes at Lake Baringo (Kenya)
- Leave no one behind

# Making an impact use cases

- 25 published use case studies (Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, Botswana, Uganda), across government, industry, academic
- 7 use case studies in development (Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria)
- 2 industry projects supported



Coastlines in Africa



Mangroves in Zanzibar

# Growing user community



- Partnerships: RCMRD – Kenya , Sahara and Sahel Observatory – Tunisia, Afrigist – Nigeria, AGRHYMET – Niger, Centre de Suivi Ecologique – Senegal
- Co-development of services and validation: Product Development Task Team (PDTT)
- Online learning: co-development
- Diversity and inclusion: YouthMappers, Africa Women in GIS
- Weekly live sessions: since August 2020 (111<sup>th</sup> Session)
- Mentorships
- Impact stories: DE Africa blog
- Awareness sessions





# Working Teams



- Product Development Task Team: planning, design and development of continental-scale products.
- Communication Working Group: guiding engagements
- Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Working Group



# Country engagements



- Food security:
- Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) to support Information for Agriculture, Food and Water Security (IFAW)
  - deliver services tailored to improve productivity and build resilience. Botswana, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Africa
- Enabling Satellite-based Crop Analytics at Scale (ECAAS) - collaboration with RCMRD to support Zambia
- Collaboration with FAO: Support National level Land cover and Crop Type Mapping
  - Rwanda and Mozambique

# Connecting with stakeholders



@GEOSEC2025 team was honoured to meet and engage with @BWPresidency, His Excellency Mkgweetsi Masisi, at the #NAPEXPO, sharing on impact stories using Earth Observation and National Adaptation Planning. @BWGovernment #Okavango #DEAfrica #GEO #earthobservation



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