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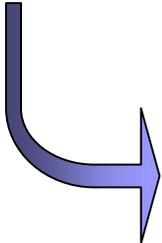
Session: Water Resources Management in Africa

**Space Information for  
Water and Drought Risks Management  
for Morocco (North Africa)**

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## Introduction

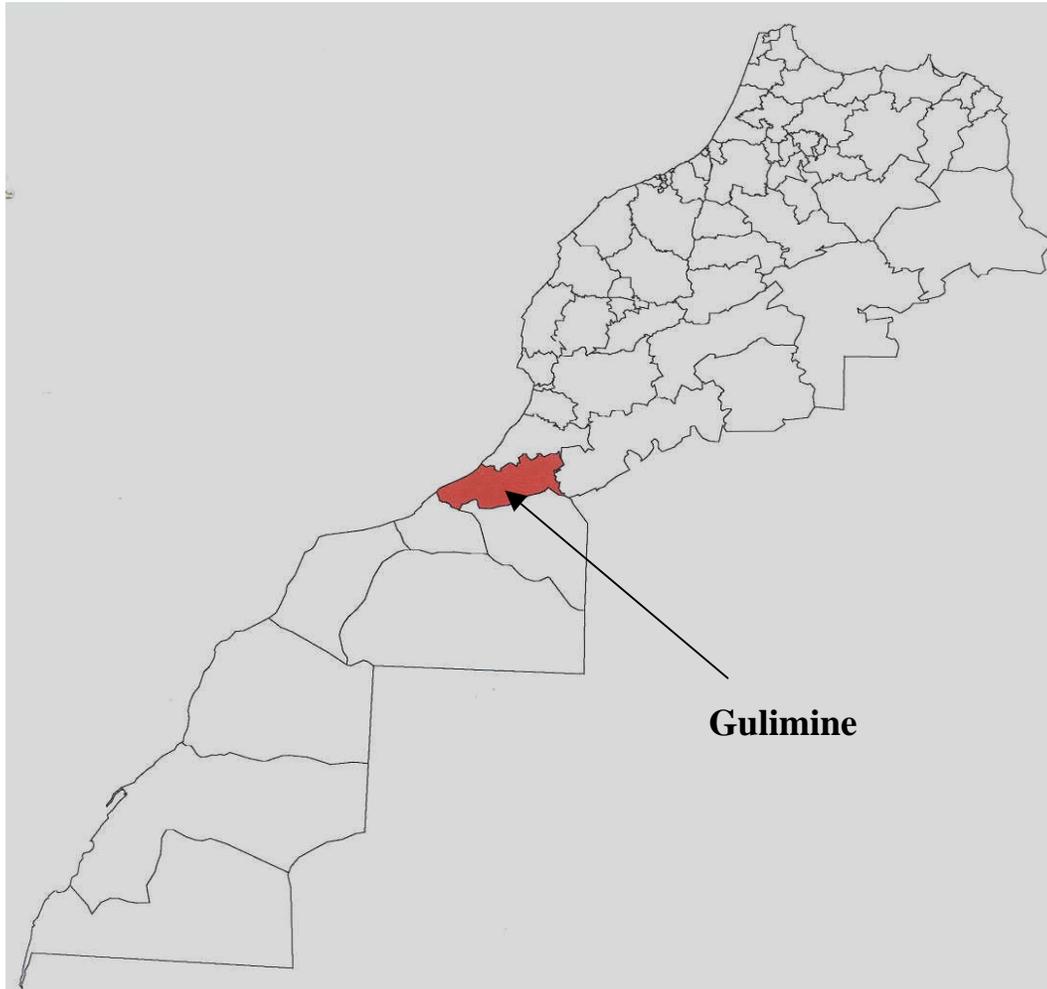
- ⊙ Decision-making process requires adequate and sustainable tools and strategies for economy, resource management and environment protection.
- ⊙ Water and Drought Risks Management requires working at different scales, as well as repeated observations.
- ⊙ In Morocco, although domains of remote sensing applications are numerous and diverse, Water and Drought Risks Management remains more or less limited.



### Solution (CRTS):

- ↪ Producing descriptive and significant parameters with precise location and spatio-temporal variation
- ↪ Producing and updating data to monitor rapid changes
- ↪ Developing capacities for data analysis and interpretation

## Case studies : Groundwater Exploration in Arid Zones Region of Gulimine (South of Morocco)



### Site:

- Transition zone between semi-humid and arid climate with a high drought risk
- Favorable geomorphological and hydrological contexts
- High interest of irrigated agriculture

**△ Localization of the potential sites for water drillings**



Space information is operationally used to :

- **identify potential reservoirs**
- **define structural context**
- **identify and delimit drainage areas**
- **understand interactions environment**

The approach is based on :

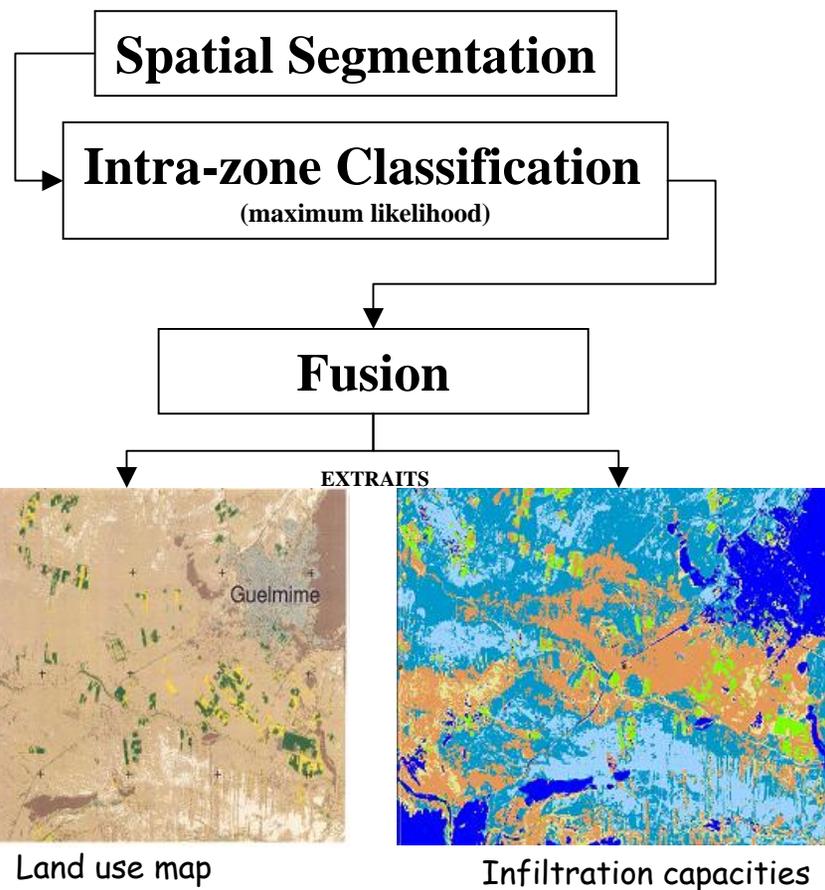
- **lineament analysis**
- **drainage network analysis**
- **mapping geological features**
- **land use, vegetation, soil moisture, morphology, ...**

## Methodology : Spot images

- Land use map and infiltration capacities

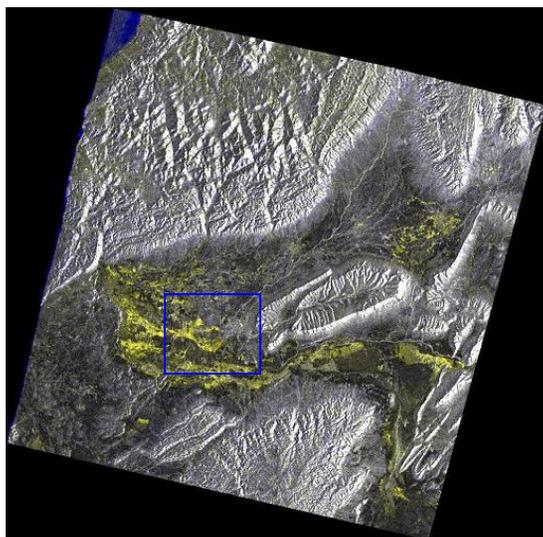


Spot Image

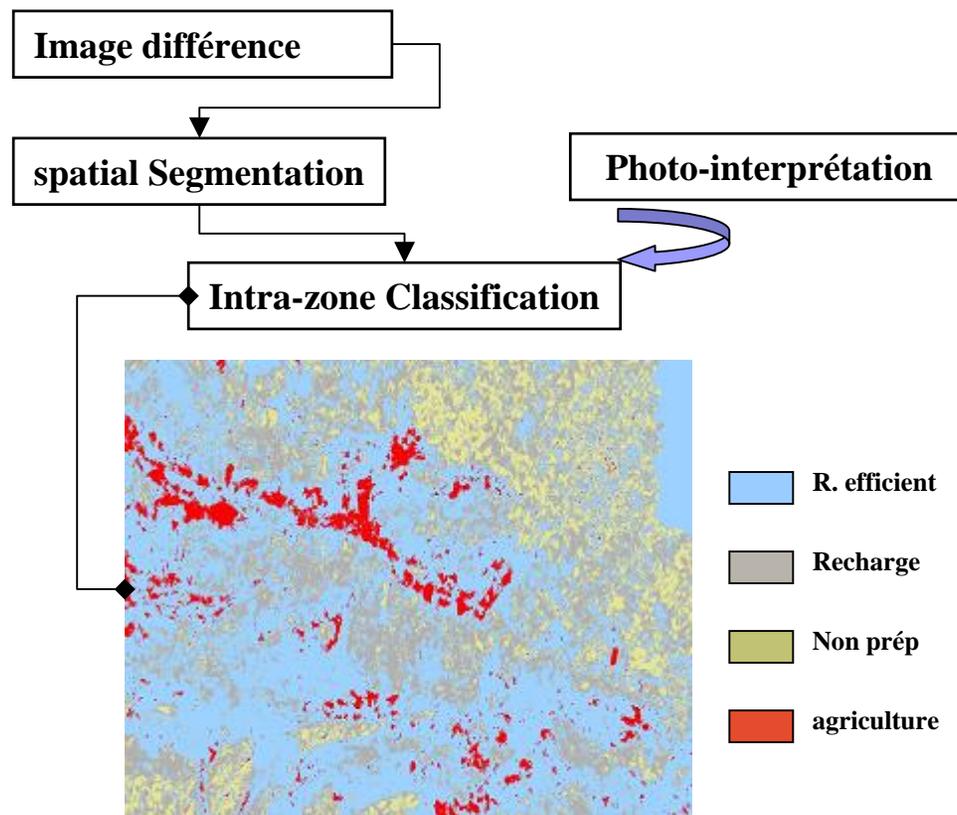


## Methodology : ERS images

### - Recharge map



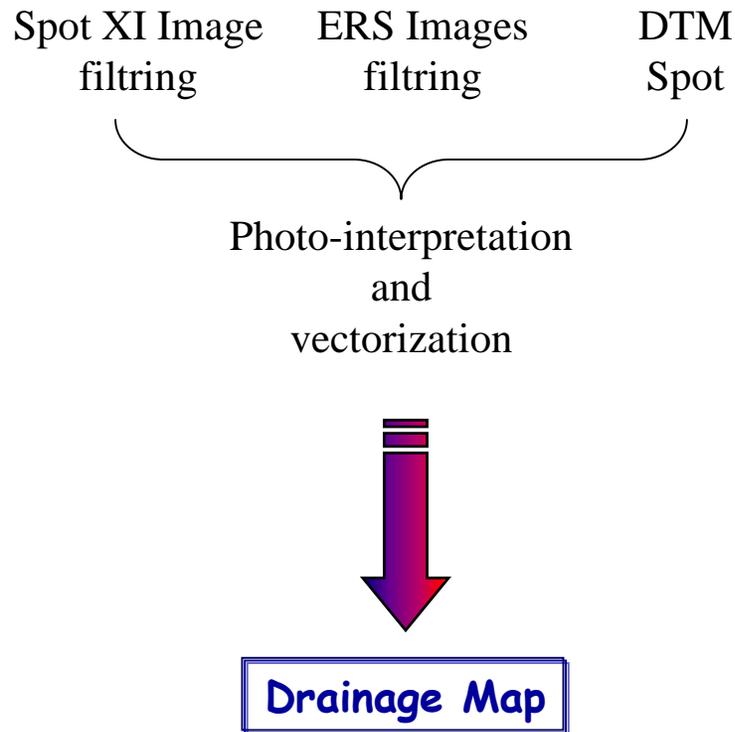
RVB composition of ERS images (95/96).



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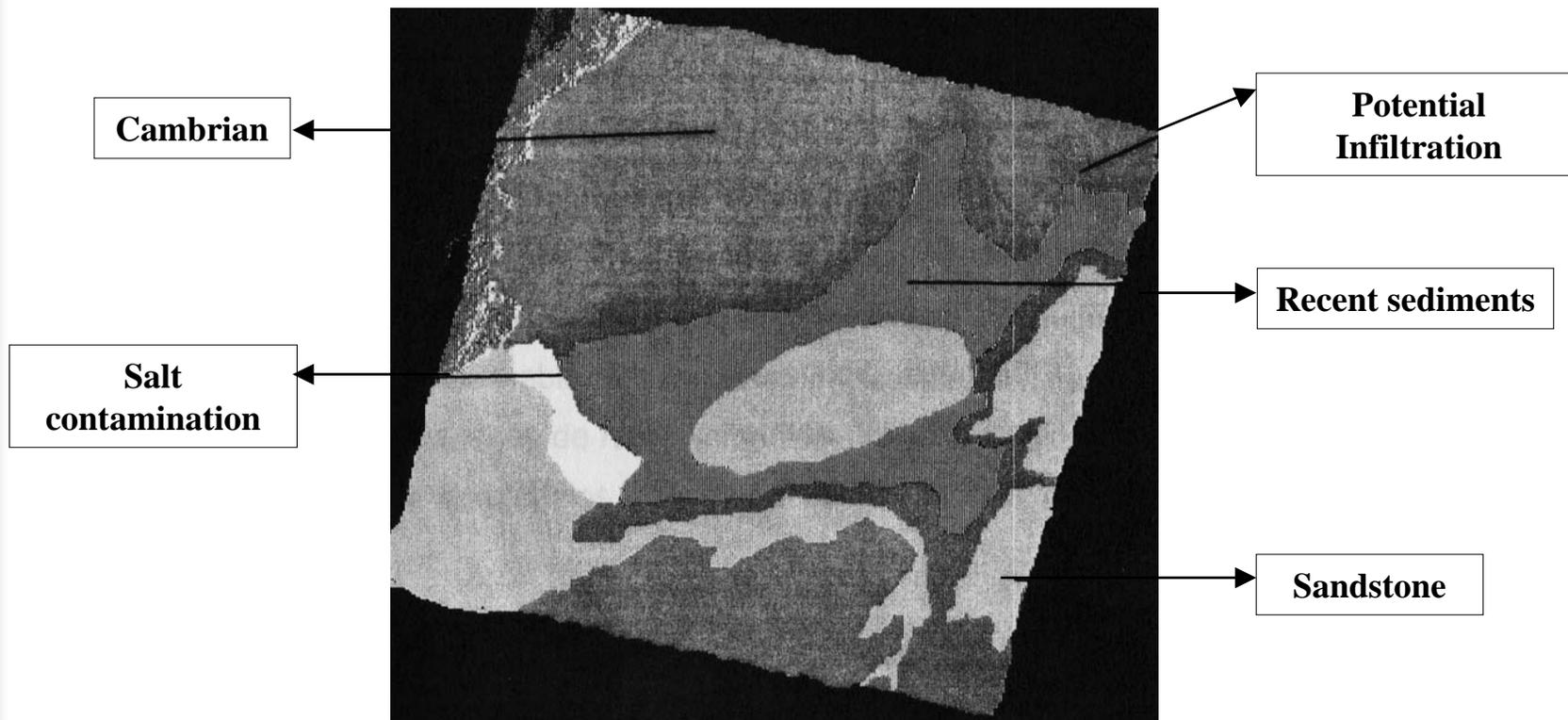
## Methodology : Spot and ERS images

- **Fault and drainage network map:**
  - Lineaments are support of preferential groundwater drainage
  - Hydrographic network for surface drainage



## Localization of potential sites (geophysical study)

### 1- Hydrogeological context: Stratigraphy, Lithology, Superficial Aquifer



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### 2- Geomorphological context:

- Geosynclinal Structure
- Hydrothermale activity
- Conjugated faults directions (N70 and N160)

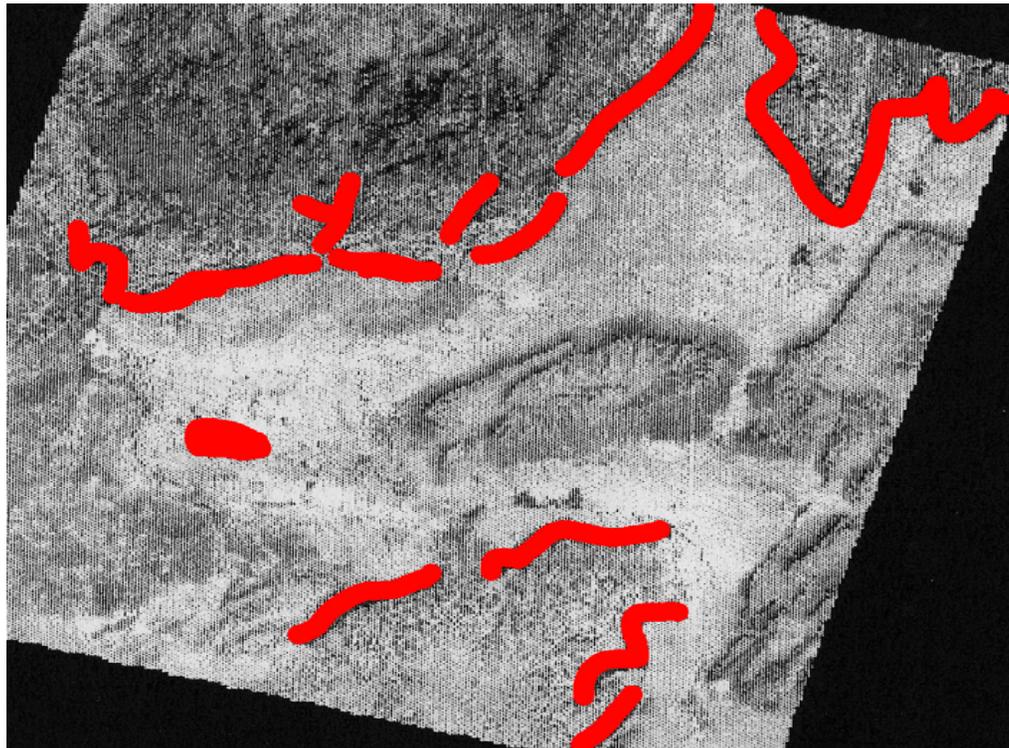
N160 Faults seem to have an Important role in Gulimine groundwater alimentation



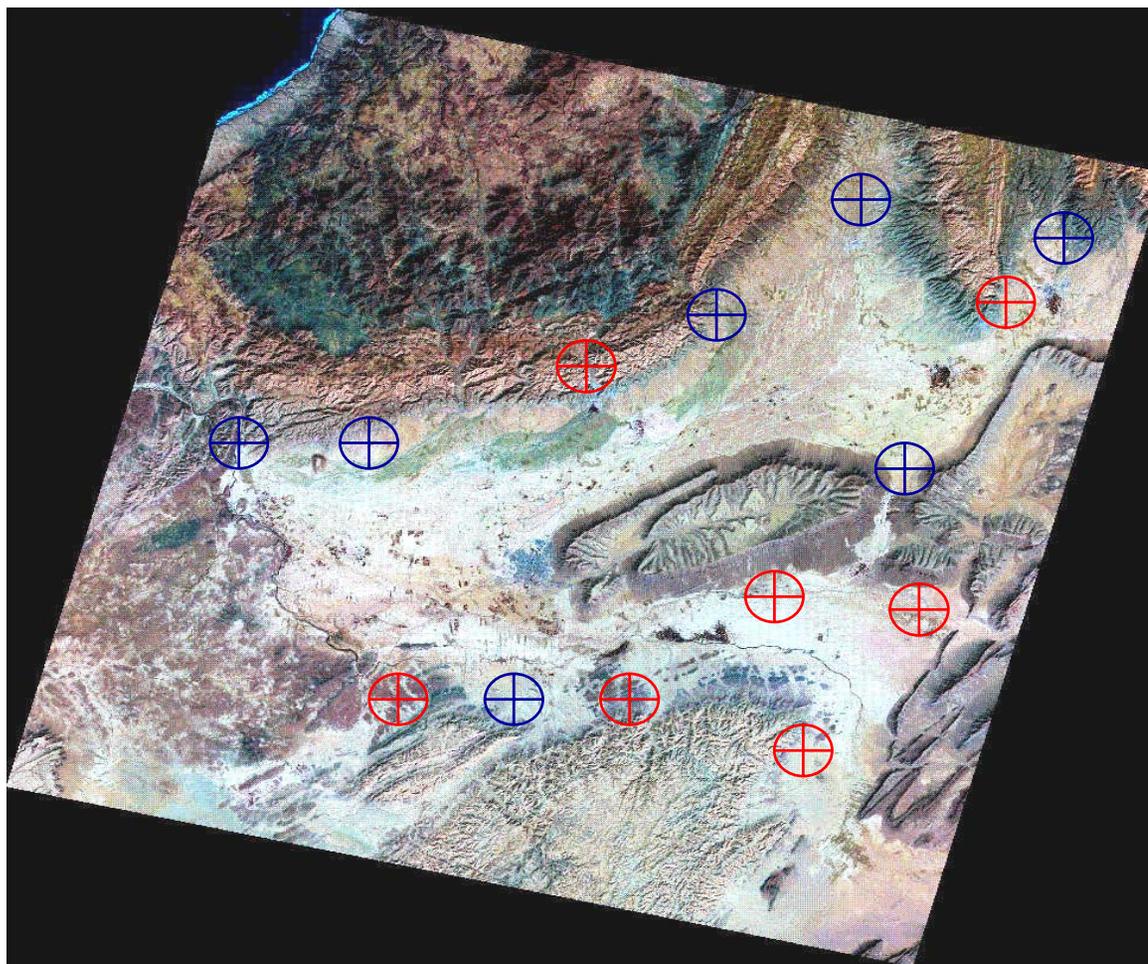
## Localization of potential sites (geophysical study)

### 3- Land use map analysis :

- Proximity of potential site to urban center
- Proximity of potential soils (agriculture)
- Accessibility (equipment)



## Result:



⊕ High Cost

⊕ Low Cost

Based on these criteria two types of sites were identified



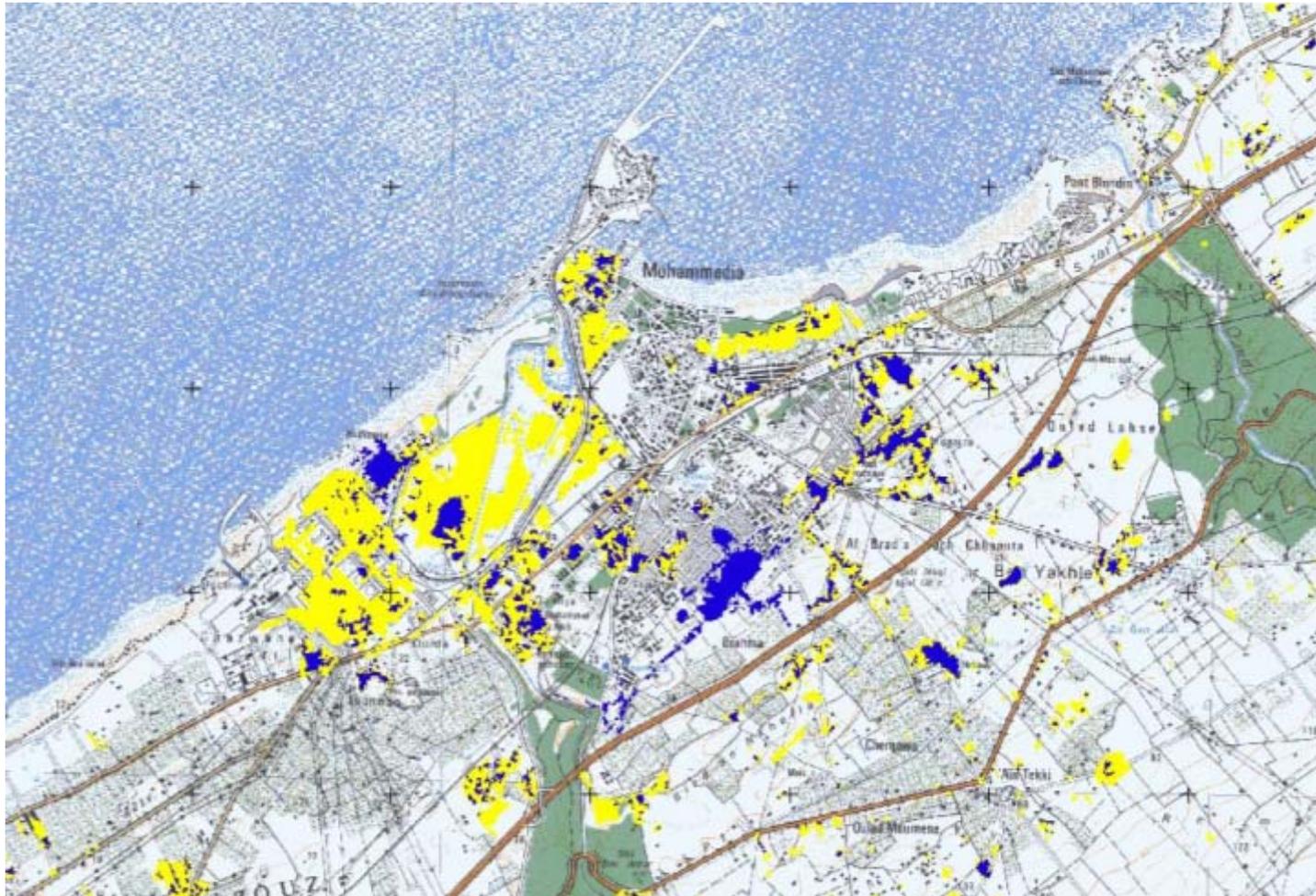
## Conclusion:

	<b>Conventional method</b>	<b>Approach using Remote sensing data</b>
<i>Nber of seismic profiles</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Cost</i>	<b>338 000 \$US</b>	<b>104 000 \$US</b>
<i>Nber of drillings</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Cost</i>	<b>889 975 \$US</b>	<b>104 775 \$US</b>
<i>Cost of RS (data, processing, expertise,...)</i>	<b>-</b>	<b>50 000 \$US</b>
<i>Total</i>	<b>1 227 975 \$US</b>	<b>522 775 \$US</b> <b>(42% of the initial cost)</b>

### Case studies: Flood Monitoring

Mohammedia city: 27 November 2002 to 08 December 2002

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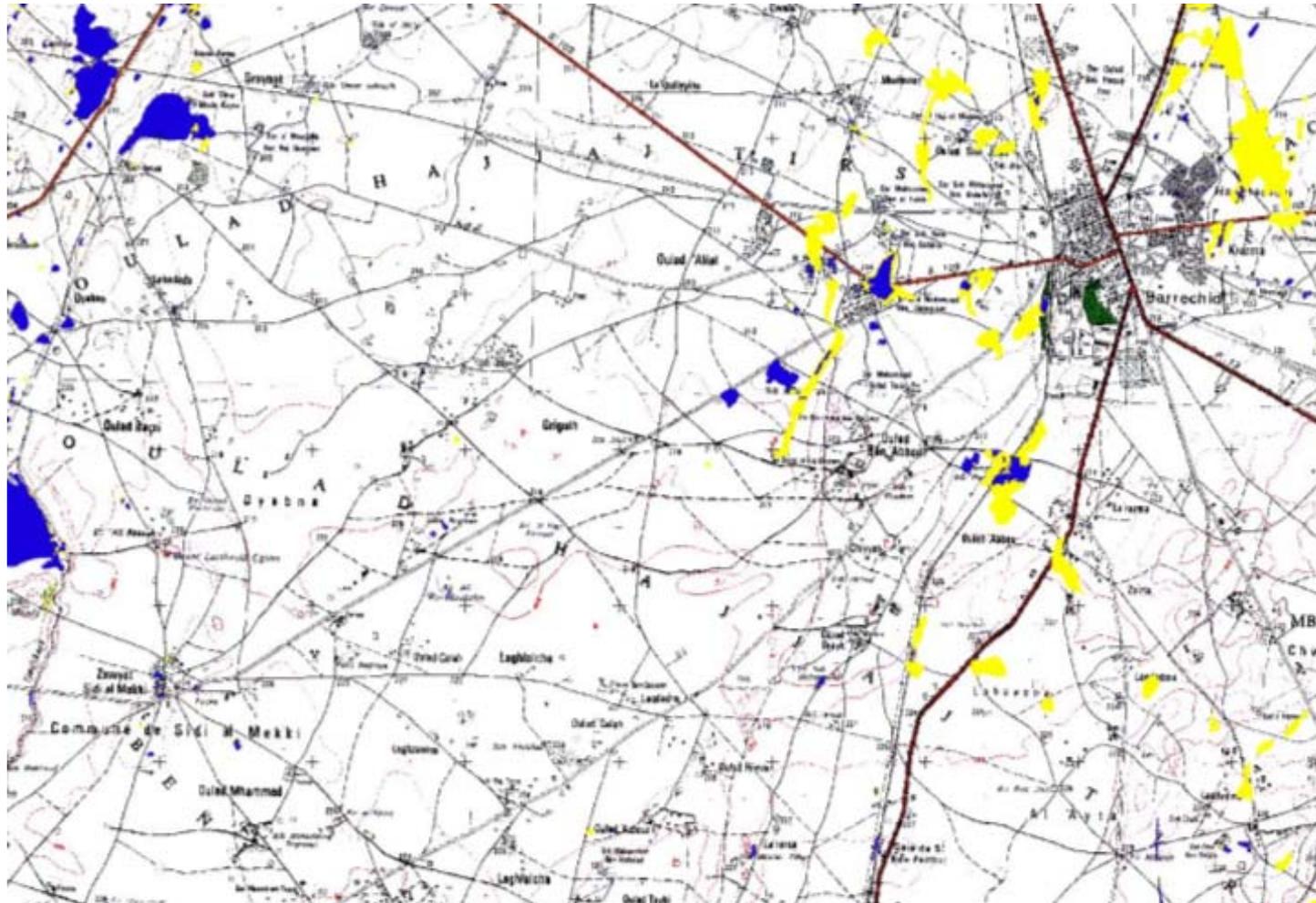
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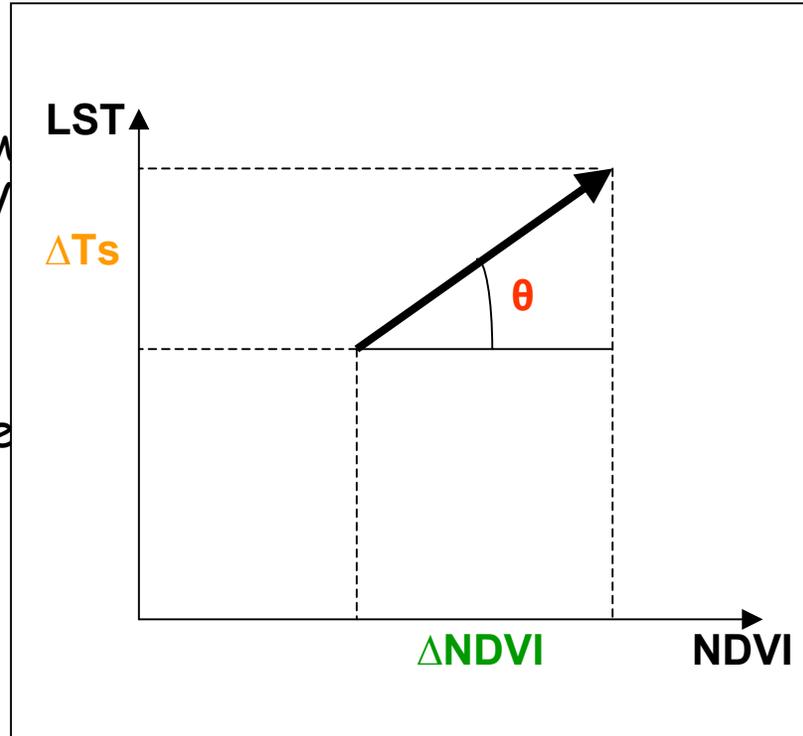


## Indicators

## Definitions

This method was developed by the Vegetation Cover Dynamic (VCD) indicator (Madrinero (2001),

One indicator is the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), the second

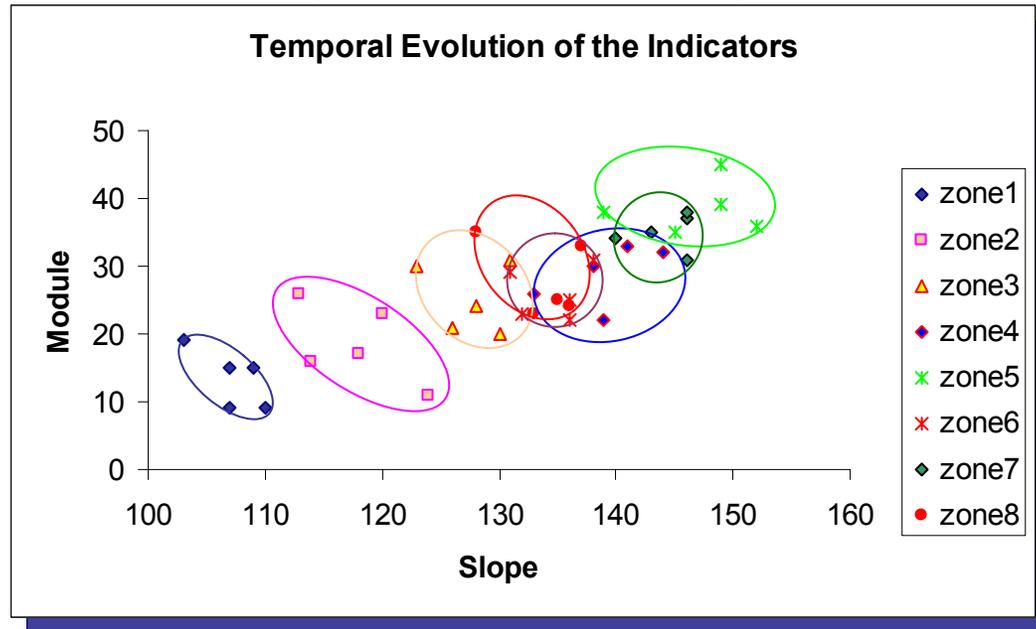


$$Module = \sqrt{(NDVI^{max} - NDVI^{Ts_{-max}})^2 + (T_s^{max} - T_s^{NDVI_{-max}})^2}$$

$$Slope = \frac{180}{\pi} \times \arctan\left(\frac{T_s^{max} - T_s^{NDVI_{-max}}}{NDVI^{max} - NDVI^{Ts_{-max}}}\right)$$

#### Indicators

#### Temporal Evolution

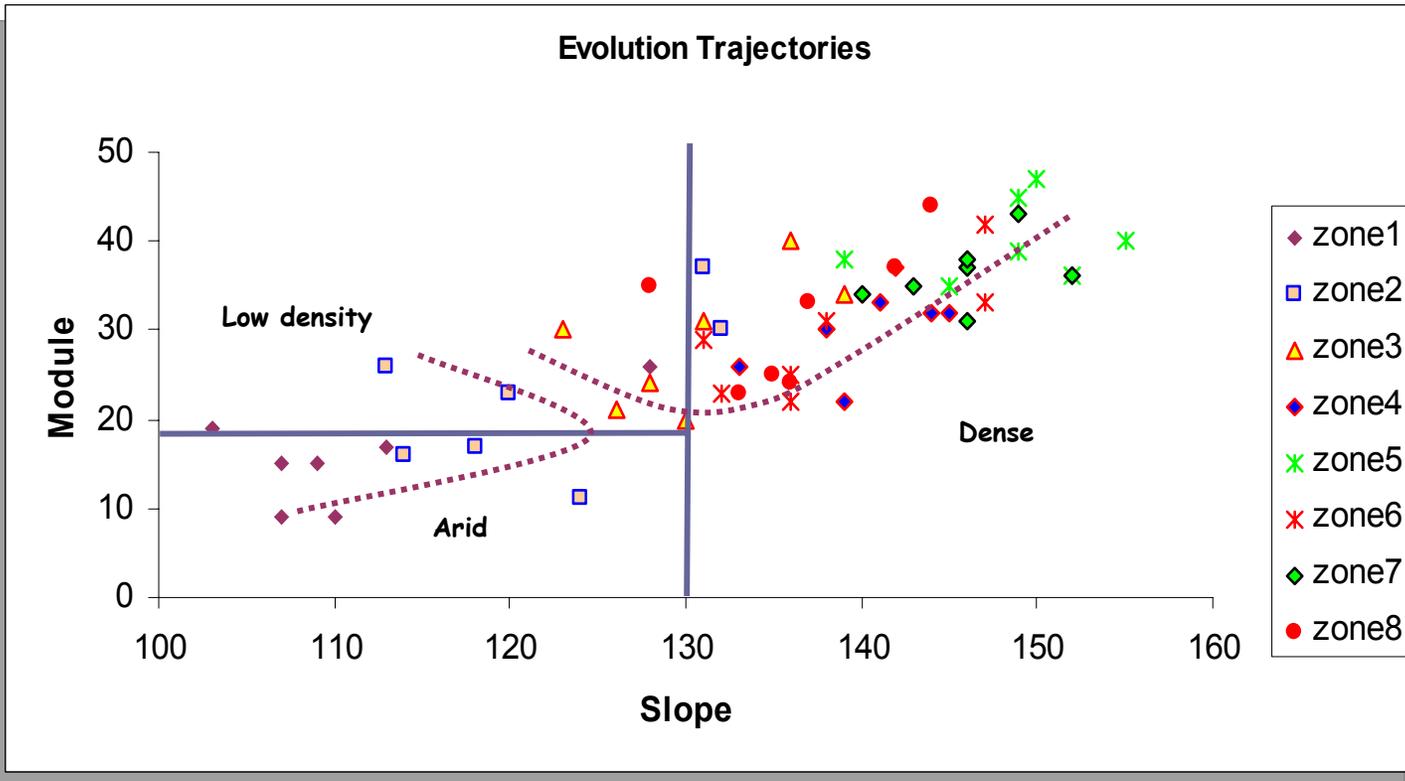


- 1 The classes from the zoning present a good separation between them,
- 2 The increasing order between the values of the indicators and the order of the classes of zoning puts in evidence a quasi linear dynamic of these indicators,
- 3 Certain classes present an important intra-class dynamic.



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#### Temporal Evolution



Possible evolution trajectories :

↘ **Positive** Evolution : from arid to the Low density region and from the Low density to the dense,

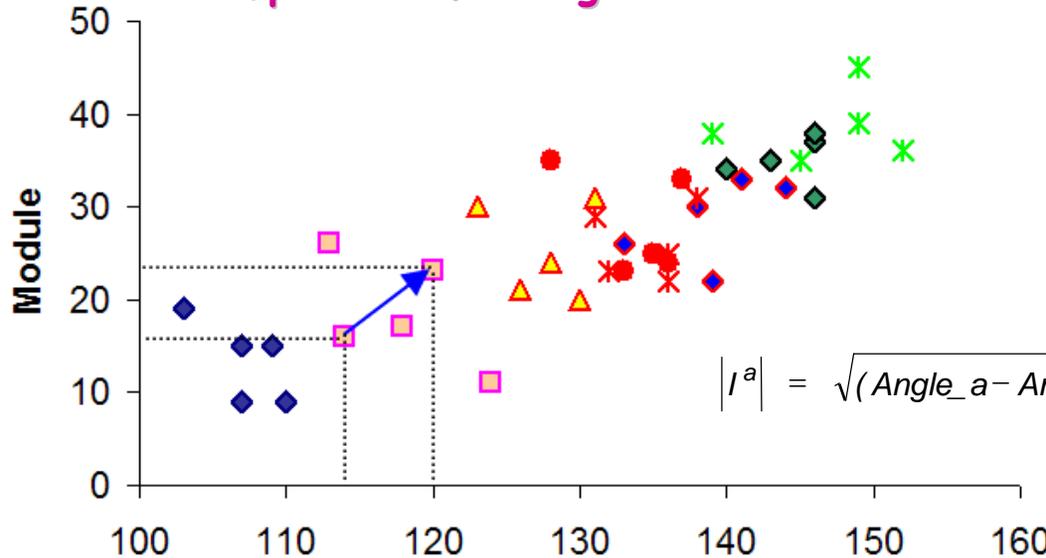
↗ **Negative** Evolution : from dense to the Low density region and from the Low density to the arid.



## Change Analysis

## Definitions

➔ The amplitude of change:



$$|I^a| = \sqrt{(Angle\_a - Angle\_ref)^2 + (Module\_a - Module\_ref)^2}$$

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➔ The Change direction:

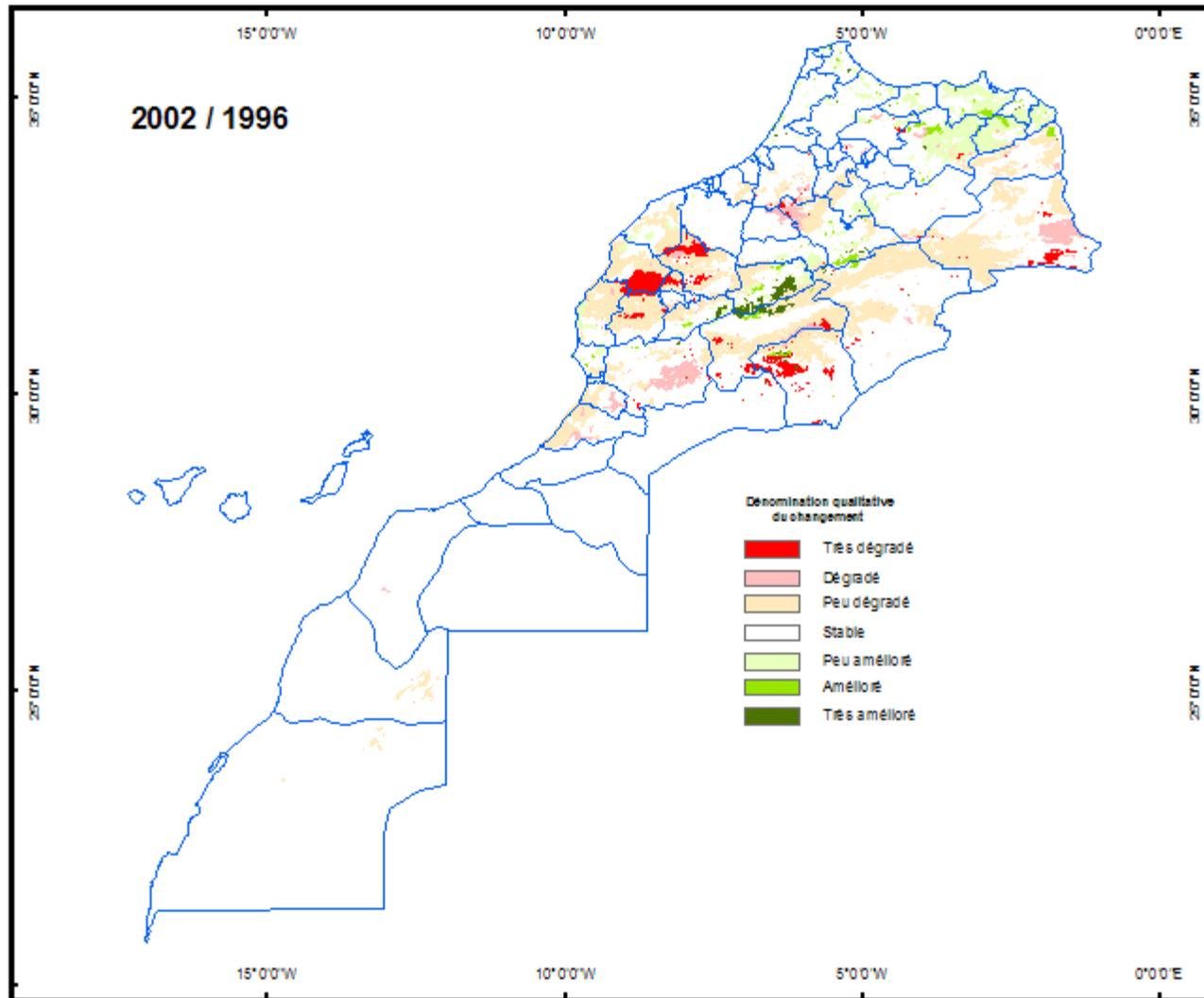
It's calculated from the difference between the average NDVI representing the year studied and the one of the year of reference. This average has been calculated from the months that materialize the natural state of the vegetation during the year.

$$I^a = \frac{|I^a| \times (NDVI_a^{max} - NDVI_a^{Ts\_max} - (NDVI_{ref}^{max} - NDVI_{ref}^{Ts\_max}))}{|(NDVI_a^{max} - NDVI_a^{Ts\_max} - (NDVI_{ref}^{max} - NDVI_{ref}^{Ts\_max}))|}$$



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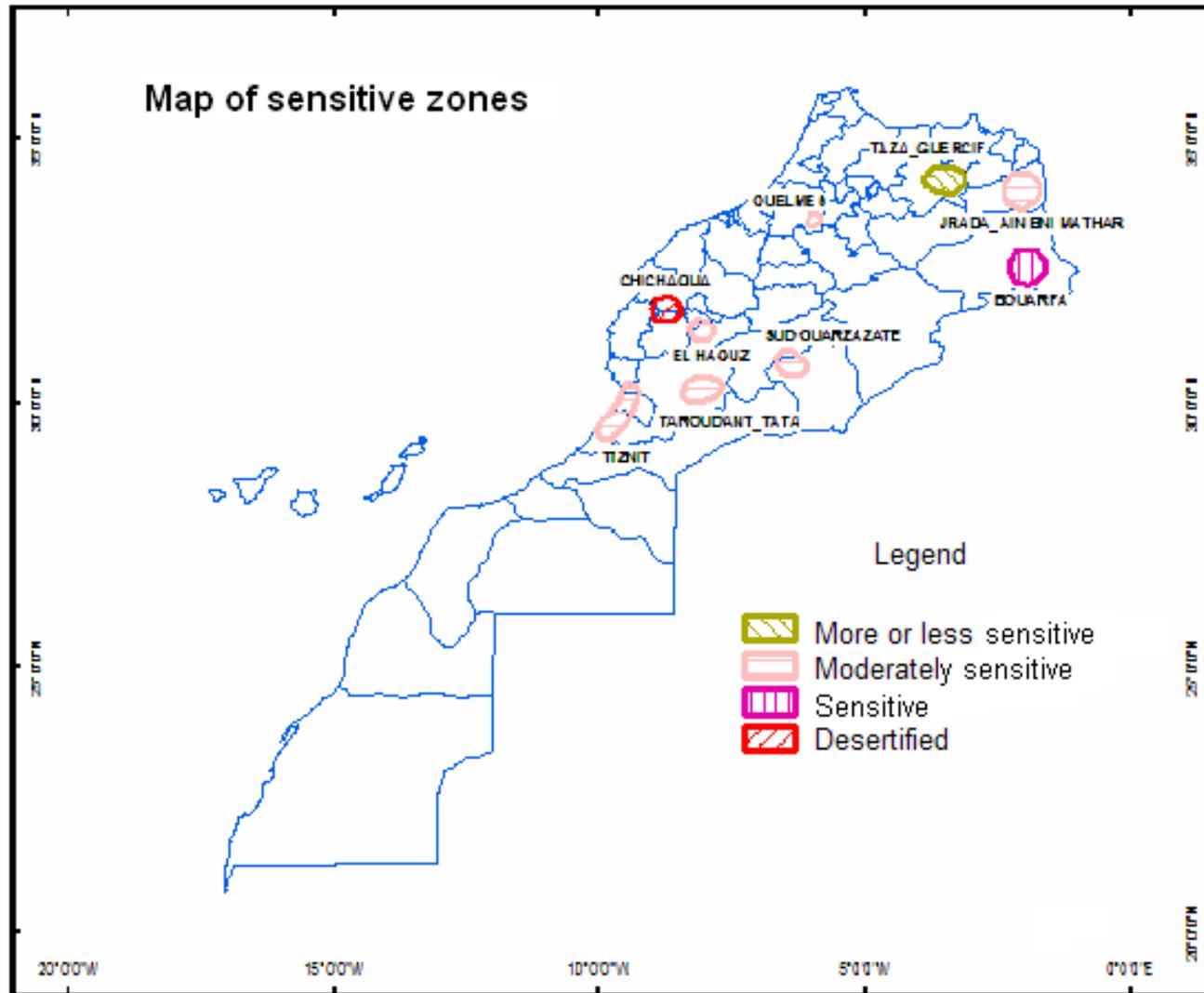
## Inter annual change maps





Result:

### Map of Sensitivity





- The needs are clearly stated
- The benefits of space information are clearly demonstrated
- ↘ **What is missing to enable developing countries to benefit from this technology?**