

Caribbean Satellite Disaster Pilot Overview of Accomplishments

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CSDP Objectives

- To demonstrate the effectiveness of satellite imagery to strengthen regional, national and community level capacity for mitigation, management and coordinated response to natural hazards
- To identify specific satellite-based products that can be used for disaster mitigation and response on a regional level
- To identify capacity building activities that will increase the ability of the region to integrate satellite-based information into disaster management initiatives

CSDP Approach

- Focus on areas where Earth Observations can have most impact (flooding, landslides) and on large-scale disasters
- Select a small number of regional and national partners to validate usefulness of Earth Observations
- 24 countries solicited – 12 expressed strong interest, 5 selected as Phase I national partners based on:
 - Commitment of national government to make relevant national data sets available
 - Agreement to provide direct support (in-kind)
 - Assurance of close collaboration between key national players (particularly met and disaster agencies)
 - Representative cross-section of GIS capability development
- National Teams created in all five National Partner countries with broad participation from concerned Departments

Flood Data – Caribbean Requirements

Phase Requirements	Mitigation and Preparedness	Warning	Response	Recovery
Target	<p>Topography Hydrological models Historical atlas of floods Flood models/simulations New infrastructure, houses Land-use classification Monitoring of dikes and dams Tropical cyclone seasonal predictive models/simulations Monitoring sea surface temps Monitoring sea-level rise</p>	<p>Precipitation Water level (rivers, lakes) Weather forecast Soil moisture Snow-water equivalent Signs of catastrophic infra failure Signs of active or high tropical cyclone activity Sea-level Signs of coastal erosion and inundation</p>	<p>Water level (rivers, lakes) Extent of flood Status of critical infrastructure Weather forecast Status of coastal infrastructure Predictive model simulations for rising sea level effects</p>	<p>Status of critical infrastructure Damage assessment Flooded areas</p>
Revisit	<p>Monthly (models during season) 1 to 3 years (imagery) 5 to 10 yrs (topography)</p>	<p>Daily or better during high risk period</p>	<p>Daily in early morning; twice daily if possible</p>	<p>Weekly (major floods) for several weeks to several months</p>
Timeliness	<p>Weeks Months (for seasonal predictions) Years (for Global Change)</p>	<p>Hours Days to Months (for tropical cyclone activity)</p>	<p>Hours (2-4 max)</p>	<p>1 day Years (for Global Change)</p>
End use	<p>Integration in land use planning/zoning Baseline for response Integration in coastal area planning/zoning (Global Change)</p>	<p>Decision support for warnings & evacuation Decision support for infrastructure building and population relocation</p>	<p>Situational awareness Resource allocation support Initial damage assessment Impact planning/action</p>	<p>Tracking affected assets Charting progress Assessing scope of Global Change impacts and ability to cope</p>

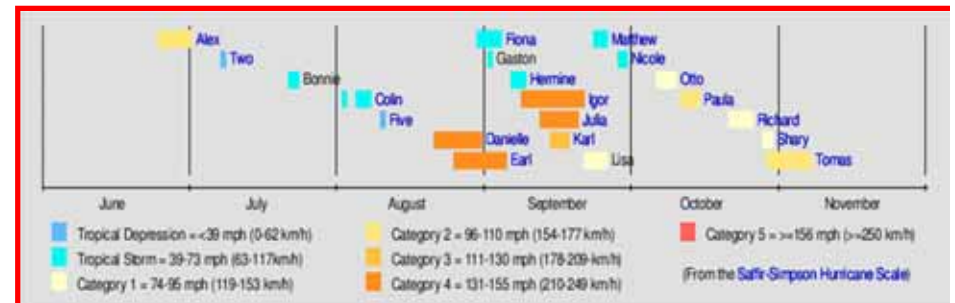
Milestones

- **December 2010:** Hurricane Season report and progress review for Phase I projects; CDM5 Montego Bay review meeting
- **Feb-March 2011:** CSDP in-country training
- **April 2011:** Year One (2010) report and recommendations for next steps
- **May-July 2011:** presentations to donor agencies: results of Year One; development of Year Two Workplan
- **July-November 2011:** Rapid satellite tasking and data delivery for Caribbean areas impacted by disasters



Hurricane Season 2011

- Very busy season with 18 named storms
- Maria, Ophelia, and Rina had most severe impact
- ‘Anticipatory’ radar, optical, and infrared data plans informed by National Hurricane Center storm tracks and information from project partners
- Successful ‘post event’ satellite data capture to match with pre-season data; over 30 acquisitions over affected areas from various satellites
- BVI, St Lucia, Dominica, Mexico, El Salvador, and Panama coverage provided



“Sensor Web” Situational Awareness Workflow

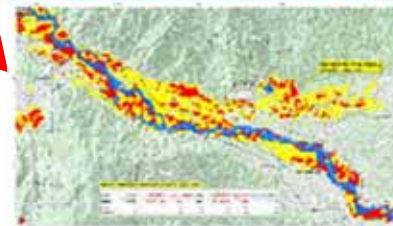
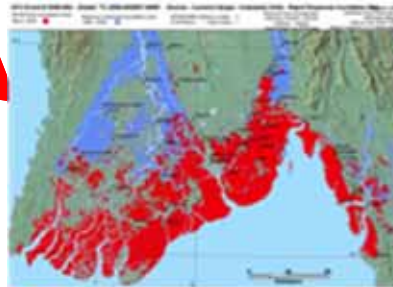
1. Global and regional flood prediction models detect risk (DEMs + TRMM, MODIS)



2-3 day Radar Flood Map (100m Radarsat and Envisat)

2. Automated broad area satellite data acquisitions as event unfolds

Daily Flood Map (MODIS 250m)



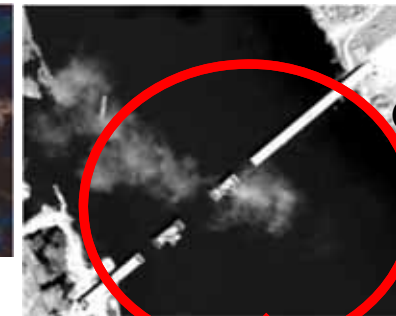
3. Targeted high-res image acquisitions during/after event for affected areas (optical, hi-res SAR, IR)

30m ASTER



2.5m Spot/Formosat

10m EO-1



.61m Geoeye

4. Integrated information managed with multi-sensor campaign manager



Flood Maps Accessible via Browser or Application Programmer Interface (API)

- Global maps based on MODIS data are available daily in 10 degree tiles
 - Browser= <http://oas.gsfc.nasa.gov/floodmap/>
 - API= <http://modis.geobliki.com/modis>
- Maps from EO-1 images (both interfaces) are available at <http://matsu.opencloudconsortium.org/wcps>
- Maps from Radarsat images are being produced by CSA and as new products are posted will be available at <http://radarsat.geobliki.com/radarsat> (also provided in both interfaces)

Integration with Post Disaster Assessments

Rapid Needs Assessment Protocol	2010 Satellite Response	2011 Response
Day 0 - Event		Satellite tasking using standardized formats
Day 1	Ad hoc satellite tasking	Automated Satellite tasking and data delivery
Day 2	Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) deployed	RNAT has initial sat imagery (RSAT, EO-1, etc) in GeoTiff or GIS (KML, Shape) format showing damaged areas and flooding
Day 3	Imagery received in PDF format	Imagery used in initial report draft
Day 4	RNAT 1 st report prepared. Additional imagery received	RNAT has second EO product set showing changes since initial collect, used to support report update
Day 5 and 6	On-going assessment	On-going assessment
Day 7	Debrief report to Eastern Caribbean Donor Group – deployment of detailed damage assessment team	3 rd satellite product set developed showing detailed change analysis and quantified damage assessment. Detailed assessment team has access to all 3 sat products before deployment

Summary of Satellite Contributions

Agency	Contribution	Comments
NASA	EO-1 data, processing, other imagery, archive mining, management support	Integration of data from wide range of sources to meet user needs
CSA	RSAT-1 and 2 data, archive mining, processing, value-added products, training	RSAT-2 background mission modified to increase Caribbean collects
ESA	Envisat data, archive mining	Envisat background mission modified to increase Caribbean collects
JAXA	ALOS data	Only archive data since instrument failure in June
ASI	TBD	Agreement in principle for Cosmo-SKYMED data
DLR	TBD	Possible interferometric data over Haiti

Issues Addressed

- **Resolution/scale:** CSDP has ensured higher resolution data is available and that products generated are useful even at local scales, as evidenced by MapAction use of CSDP 2 maps in Saint-Lucia this year
- **Cloud-cover:** CSDP has ensured access to RSAT-2 high resolution imagery which is merged with optical data for best results and is delivered to project partners as raw data as well as processed images
- **Data vs. Products:** value added providers are contributing information in near-real time
- **Capacity:** CSDP organized five training sessions in Feb-March 2011 for partner nations
- **Mitigation:** work underway to generate a series of mitigation products that address longer-term concerns of disaster managers

Status and Challenges - Summary

Objectives	Status	Challenge
Demonstrate the effectiveness of satellite EO to strengthen regional, national and community level capacity for DM	1 st -year has several examples of successful use (Tomas, Earl, Nicole); lessons learned being integrated for year 2	Need to move from ad hoc approach to systematic integration (cf. Recommendations from CSDP 5)
Identify specific satellite-based products that can be used for DM on a regional level	Spin-offs from CSDP 1, 2 and 5 show promise for longer-term use; products to be refined in year 2	Need to ensure longer-term sustainability and increase input from regional centres of expertise (CIMH, UWI)
Identify capacity building activities that will increase the ability of the region to integrate satellite-based information into DM	Activities identified and in-part delivered; longer-term plan under development	Need to anchor activities with sustainable vision for implementation

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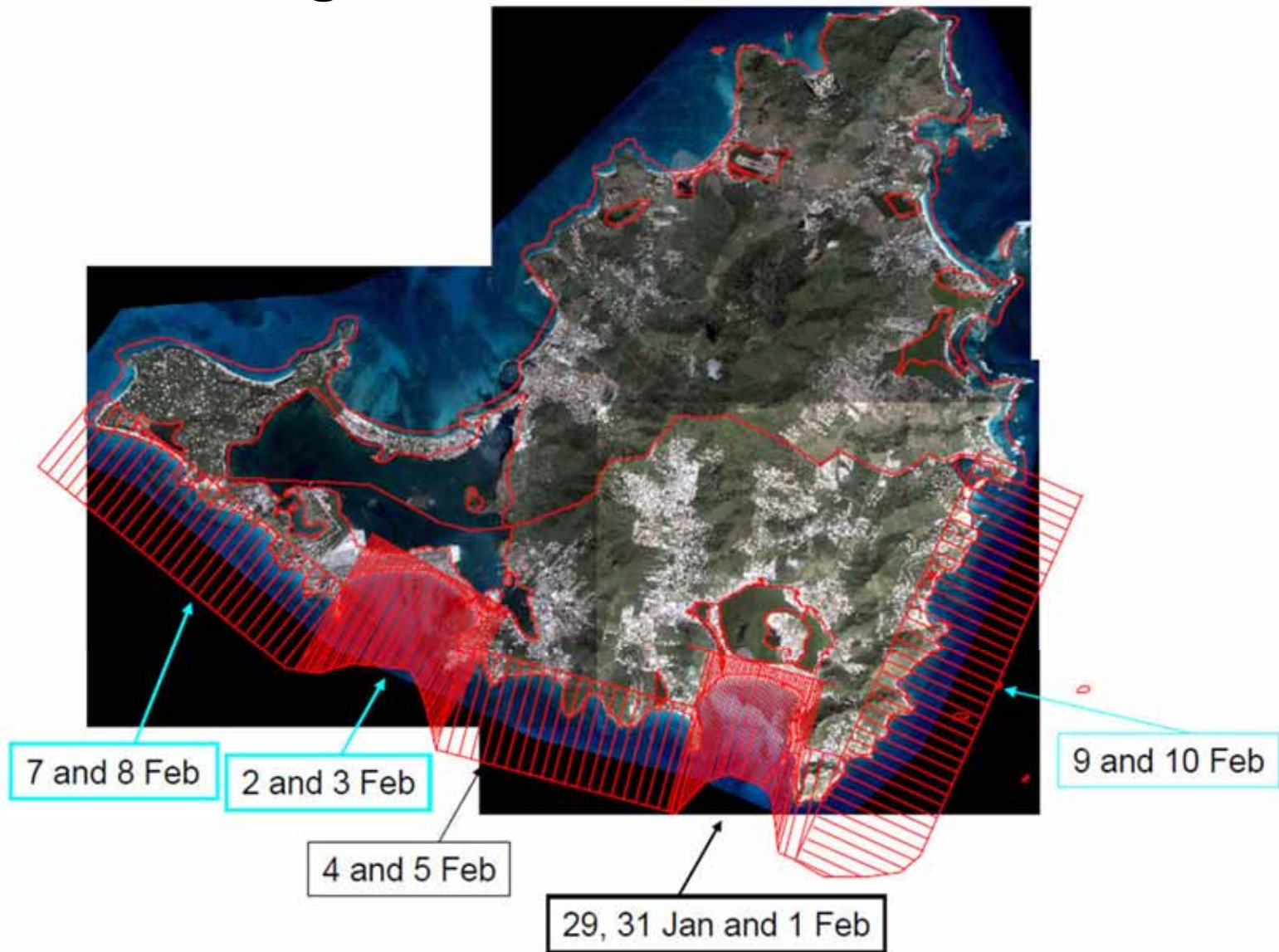
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Backup Slides

St Maarten Bathymetry Experiment Feb 2011

Using EO-1 and Ocean Color

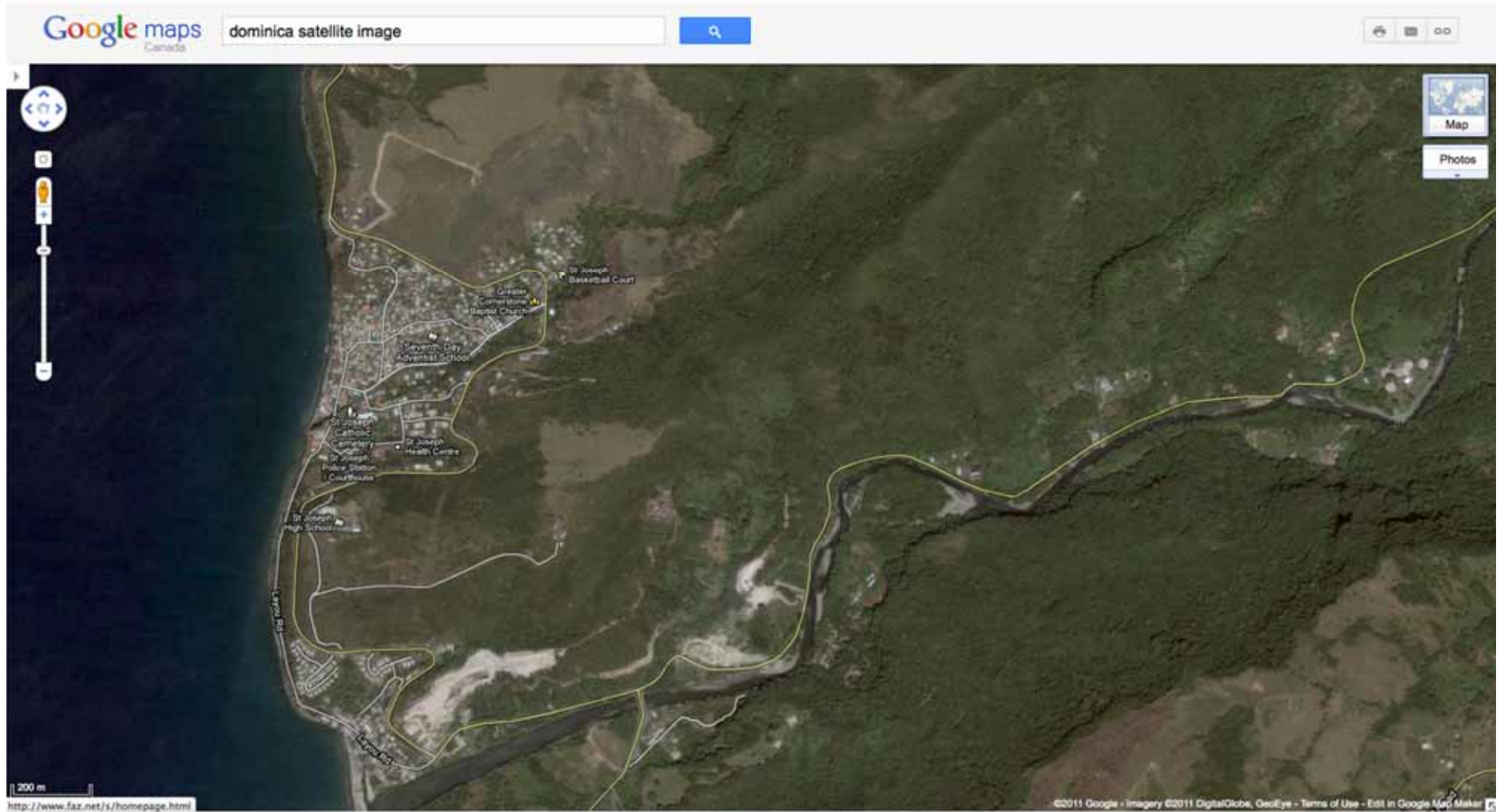


UNDP using shallow water depth measurements as input into storm/tsunami surge model

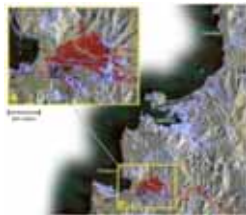
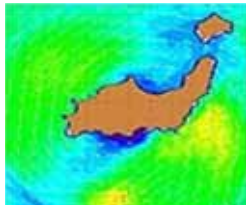
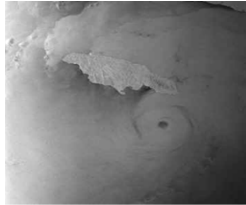
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GEOEYE Image from 2008







CSA Contributions of Detailed RADARSAT-2 Products in 2010 and 2011 for Rapid Disaster Assessment in the Caribbean and in Central America

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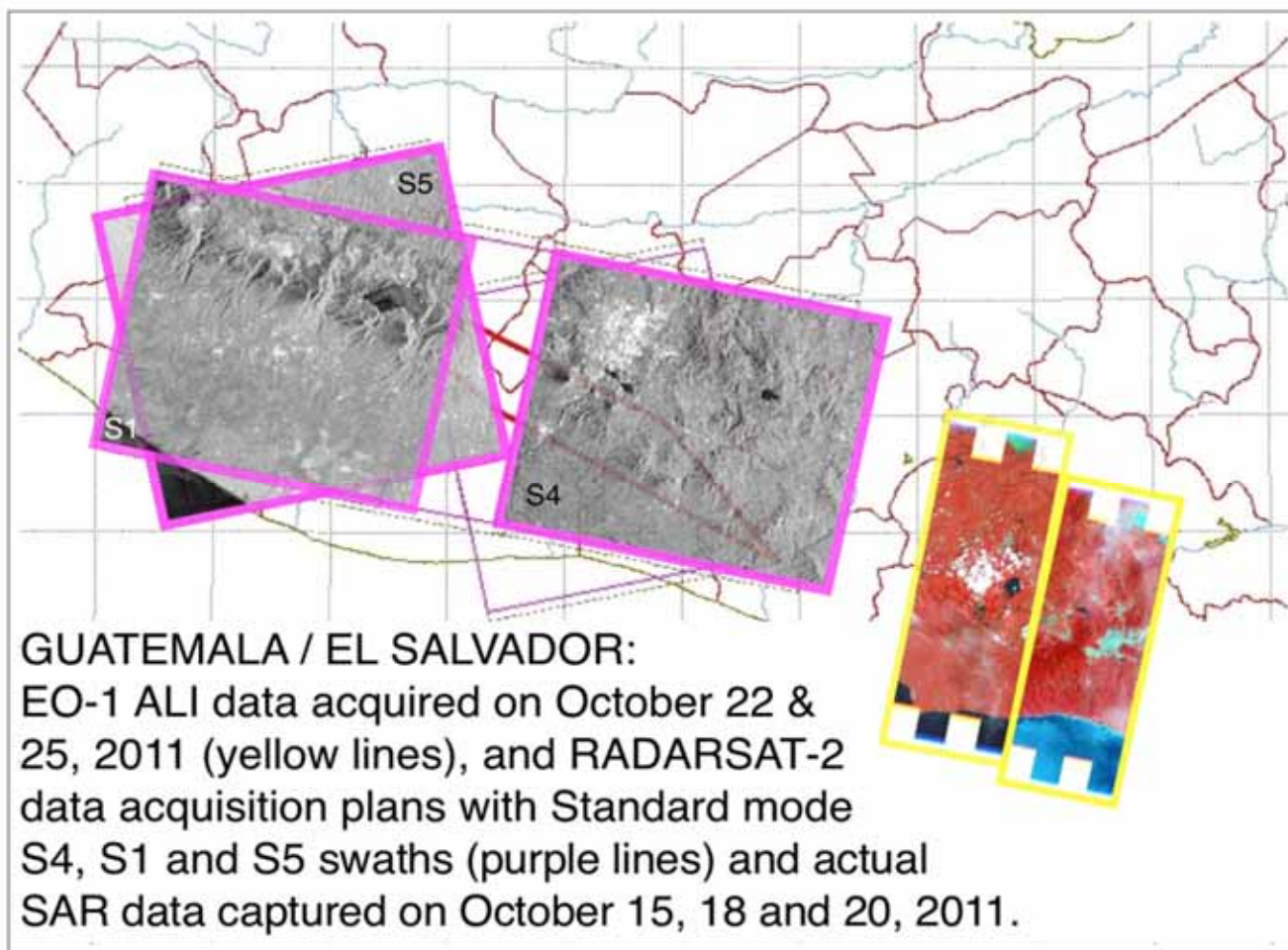
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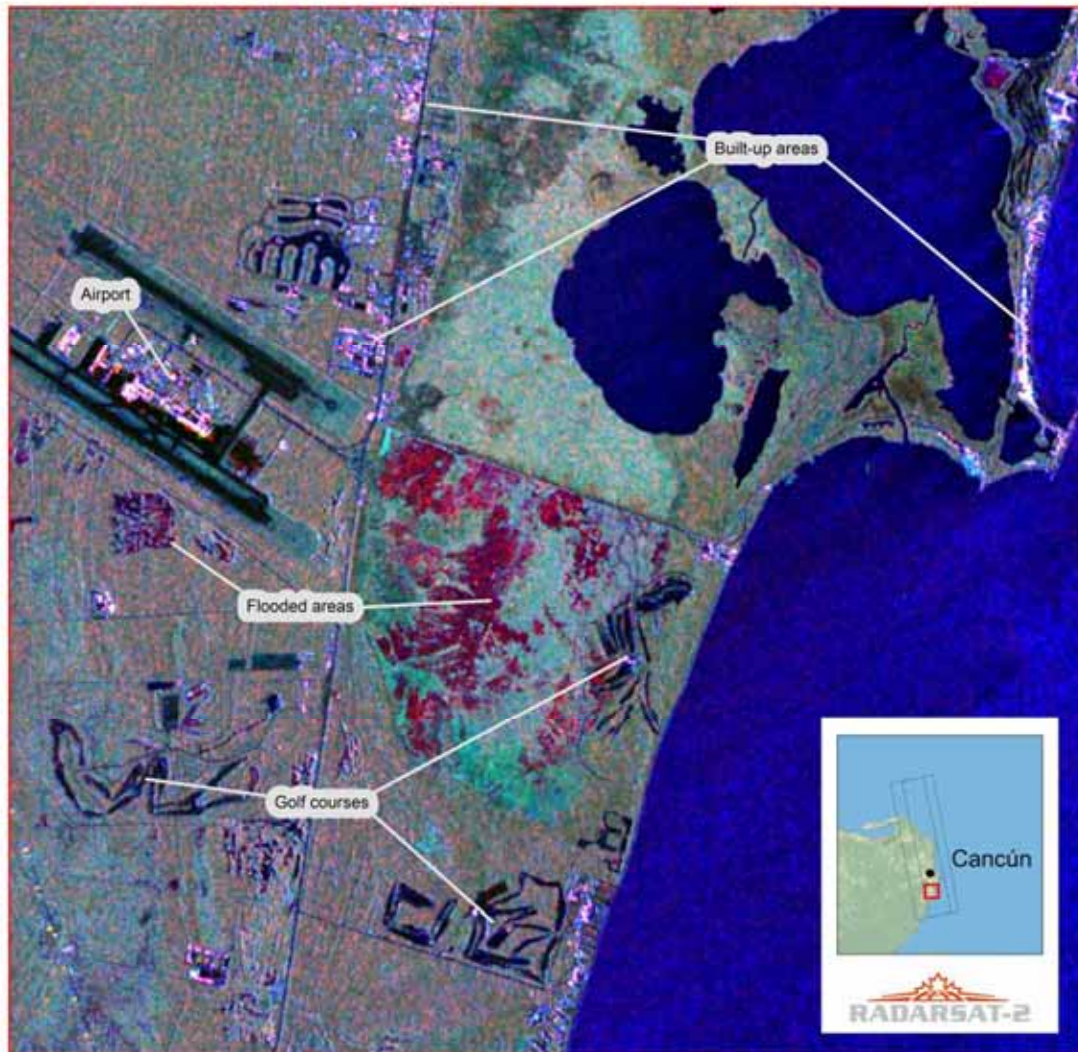
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Example: RADARSAT-2 and EO-1 data acquisition support for CATHALAC / SERVIR – severe rainfall and flooding, 2011



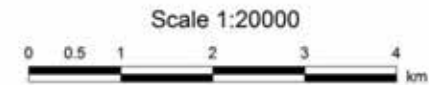
Example: CSA rapid response product



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CSDP Rapid Response Product

Cancún, MEXICO

Event: Tropical Storm Rina
Location: Cancún, Mexico
Sensor: RADARSAT-2 SAR
Resolution: 4 meters
Image date / before storm: 08.06.2011 (W3)
Image date / after storm: 30.10.2011 (U17 W2)



Note:
This is a small sample of a high resolution satellite change detection map product provided by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

Initial processing and analysis conducted by VIASAT Geotechnologies (Montreal, Canada) and CSA indicate some flooded areas following the passage of tropical storm Rina which left about 48 mm of rain in the Cancún area on October 27th.

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(Thumbnail version, actual product at scale 1:20,000)

Example: RADARSAT-2 image map



RADARSAT-2 Data Plans



Colon Harbor, Free Trade Zone



Local flooding, Colon Province

COLÓN, PANAMÁ
Flooding after excessive rainfall

COLÓN, PANAMÁ
Inundaciones después de las lluvias excesivas

Summary Report: After days of intense rainfall during the first week of September 2011, severe flooding occurred in Colon, Panama. The National Civil Protection System (SINAPROC) reported that the flooded region was close to the 17° and 17° 30' north and west longitudes and included several parts of Colon province and surrounding areas. The flooding is expected to continue until the water levels in the rivers drop to normal levels. The affected areas include Colon, Panama, and the Colon Free Zone. The affected areas include Colon, Panama, and the Colon Free Zone. The affected areas include Colon, Panama, and the Colon Free Zone.

Map of the flooded area: The flooded area is located in the northern part of Colon, Panama, and is bounded by the 17° and 17° 30' north and west longitudes. The flooded area includes the Colon Free Zone and the surrounding areas. The flooded area includes the Colon Free Zone and the surrounding areas.

Legend: The flooded area is shown in red. The legend includes the following items: Flooded area, Non-flooded area, and the map scale.

Logos: The logos of the participating organizations are shown at the bottom of the page, including SINAPROC, CDEMA, CEOS, GEO, and VIASAT.

Overview image map (RADARSAT-2 multi-temporal composite)
Spatio-carte générale (Composé multi-temporel RADARSAT-2)

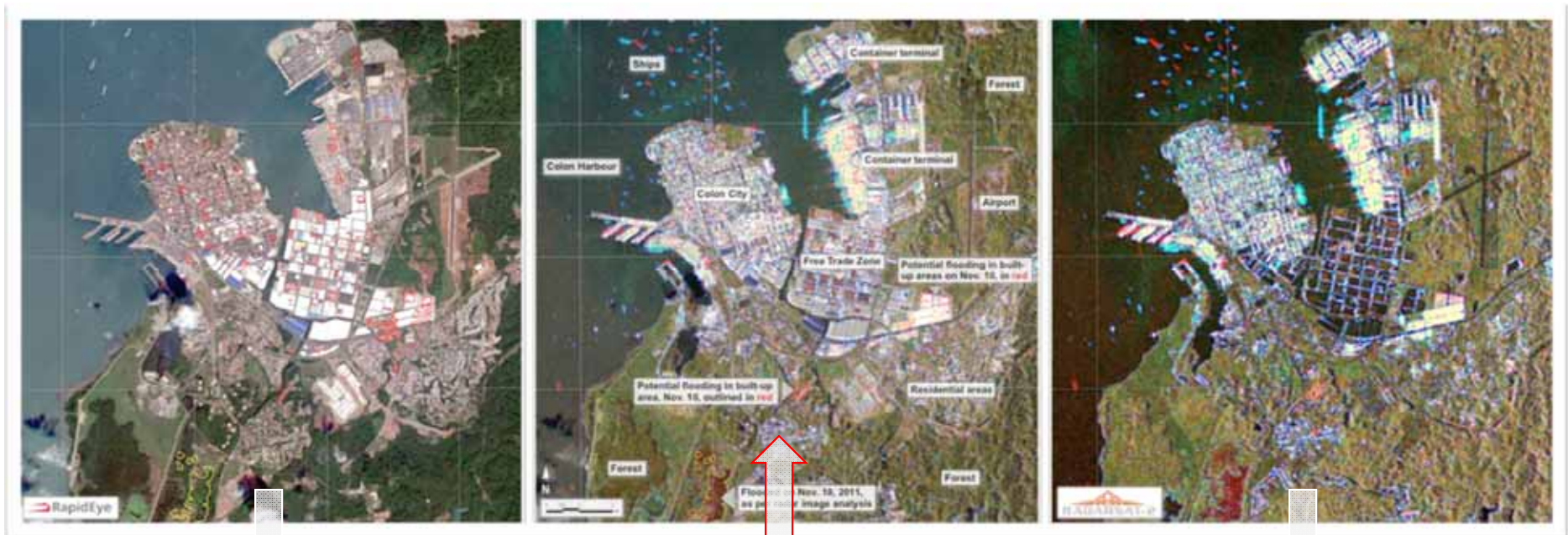
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(Thumbnail version of actual product)

Example: “Colon, Panama” 2011 – comparison and validation of RADARSAT-2 flood analysis with optical Rapid Eye-4 imagery

(Thumbnail version, actual product at scale 1:25,000)



Pre-event Rapid Eye-4 image
(February, 2011)

**Merged product for
comparison and
initial validation**

Post-event RADARSAT-2 image
(November 10, 2011)

Summary of CSDP data and products, 2010

Country	Production of EO Info Maps	RADARSAT-2 (before event)	RADARSAT-2 (after event)	EO-ALI (2010)	Other EO Data Sources	DEM and GIS Data Layers
British Virgin Islands	2 (Road Town) 2 (Anagada)	4 scenes ultrafine res.	4 scenes Hurricane Earl	-	GeoEye, GOES, recent ISS astronaut photography, digital aerial photography	Desirable, but not available to-date
Grenada	None to-date (no hurricane or major storm)	4scenes ultrafine res., 12 scenes fine res.	4 scenes ultrafine res. Training	2 scenes >70% cloud over land	Recent ISS astronaut photography	Desirable, but not available to-date
Jamaica	1 (E Jamaica) 3 Kingston & Spanish Town	4 scenes ultrafine res.	3 scenes ultrafine res. 2 scenes fine 4 scenes EH, 1 scene EL TS Nicole	2 scenes 20% and 70% cloud over land)	GOES, MODIS, Recent ISS astronaut photography	Desirable, but not available to-date
Saint Lucia	1 N Saint Lucia 1 S Saint Lucia	6 scenes ultrafine res.	10 scenes ultrafine res. 1 scene EH Hurricane Tomas	2 scenes 60% cloud over land	GOES, MODIS, Recent ISS astronaut photography	Desirable but not available to-date
Total #	10 products	30 scenes	29 scenes	6 scenes	~ 20 images	--

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British Virgin Islands	2 (VirginGorda) 2 (Anagada)	4 scenes Ultrafine res.	9 scenes Hurricane Maria, Ophelia	-	GOES, ASCAT, MODIS, TRMM	Desirable, but not available to-date
Guatemala	Various flood maps (by SERVIR / CATHALAC)	1 scene	6 scenes Standard and Wide mode res.	2 scenes (El Salvador)	GOES, MODIS, TRMM	SERVIR
El Salvador		1 scene Standard mode res.	9 scenes Ultrafine res., Standard mode Hurricane Rina		GOES, , ASCAT, MODIS, TRMM	Flood vector maps delivered to CATHALAC
Mexico	2 (Cancun, rapid response product and flood map)					
Saint Lucia	1 (Saint Lucia)	2 scenes ultrafine res.	2 scenes ultrafine res. Hurricane Maria		GOES, ASCAT, MODIS, TRMM	Available but not practical (projection)
Panama	3 (Colon, rapid response product, flood map, optical)	1 scene, Fine mode res.	2 scenes, Fine and Standard mode res.		GOES, TRMM, RapidEye, MODIS	Flood vector maps delivered to CATHALAC
Total #	10 products	9 scenes	28 scenes	2 scenes	~ 20 images	--