

## Satellite-based dredge monitoring:

Exploring the potential for spatial and temporal mapping

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# About EOMAP

- **Mapping & monitoring** aquatic environments worldwide
- Established in 2006 with HQ in DE, offices in USA, AU, UAE and IN
- **Earth Observation** service provider for coastal and aquatic stakeholders
- 30 permanent employees covering all aspects from R&D to IT to provision of services



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partner



EU Copernicus awards for  
outstanding technology



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award winner 2017

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Data provider

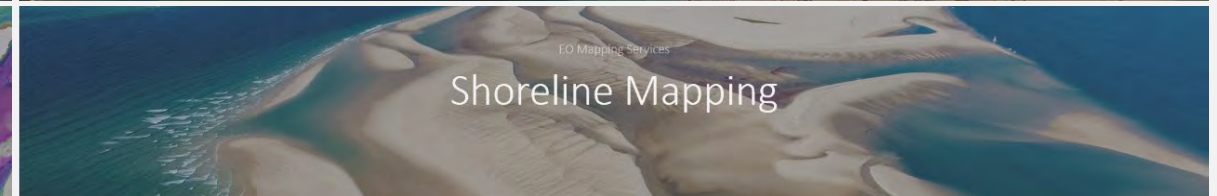
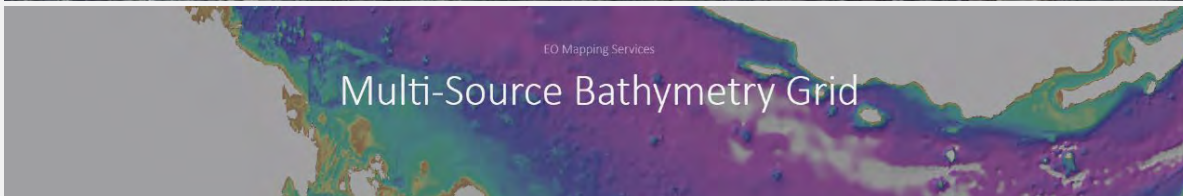
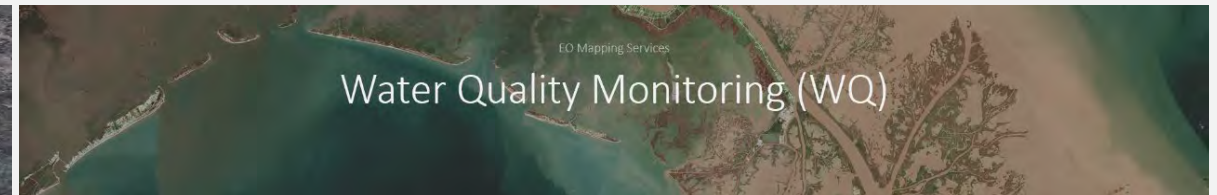
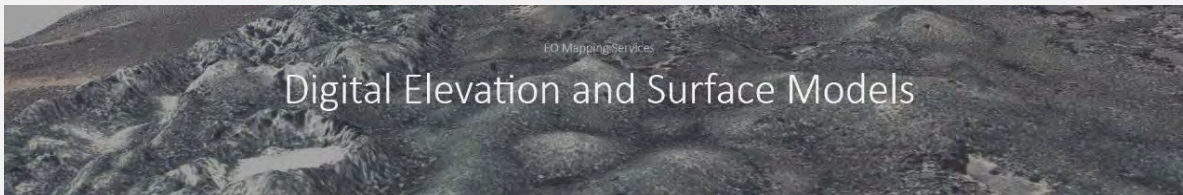
# EO Mapping services and software solutions

## EO Mapping

- **EOMAP's data services** provide spatial and quantified data on aquatic environments
- We provide customised solutions and consultancy

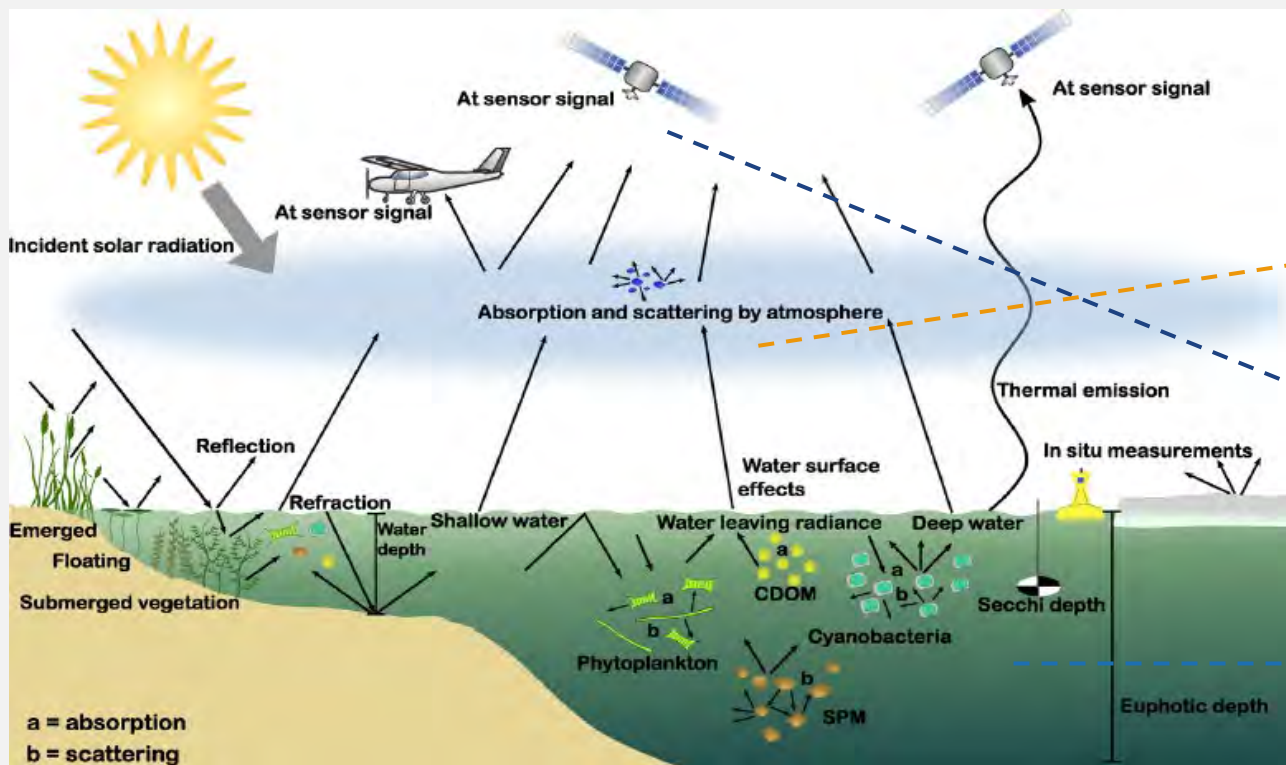
## EO Software

- **EOMAP's software services** provides clients the ability to generate SDB, Water Quality and reflectance data themselves, anytime and as required



# Background - Methodology

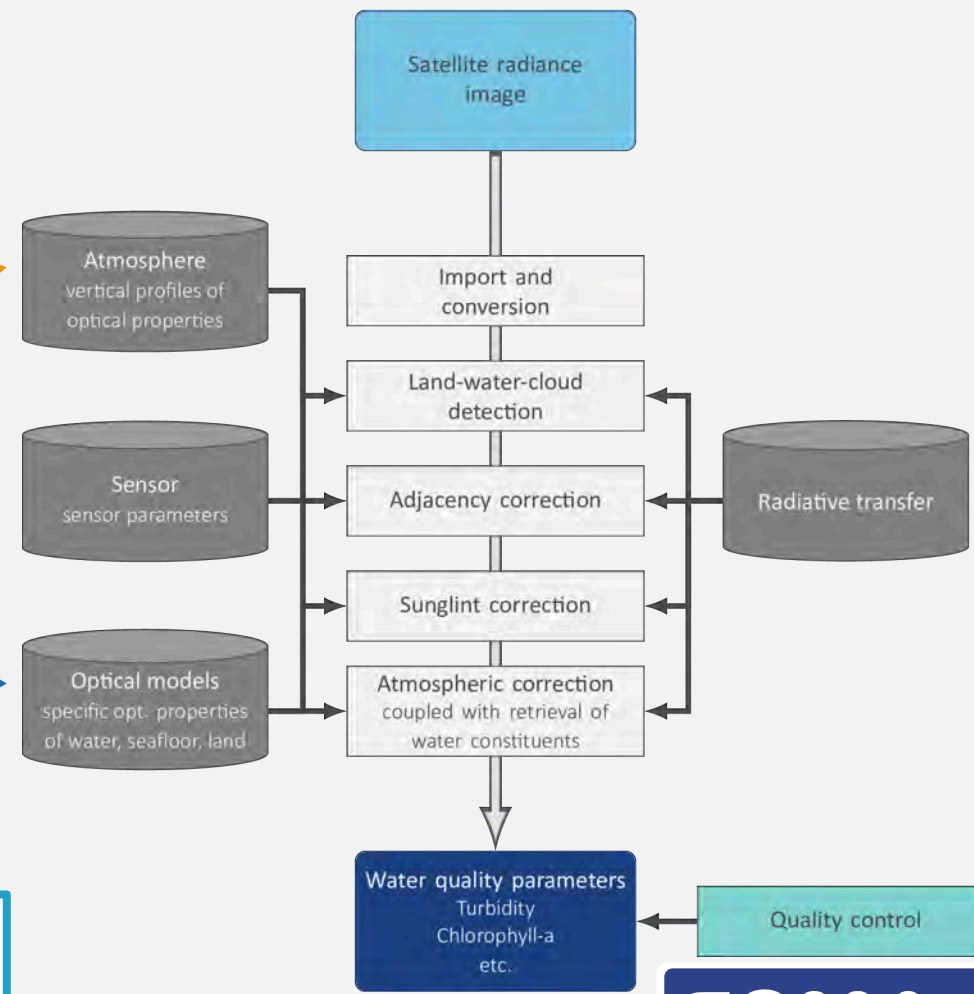
## Schema of EO-based water quality calculation



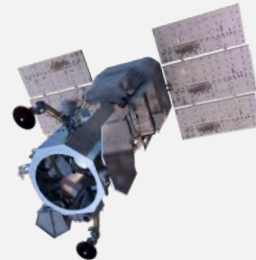
**Benefits of physics-based algorithm:**

- ✓ Harmonized over different water bodies globally
- ✓ No dependencies on local survey data
- ✓ Sensor agnostic

## Sensor-agnostic MIP-EWS workflow



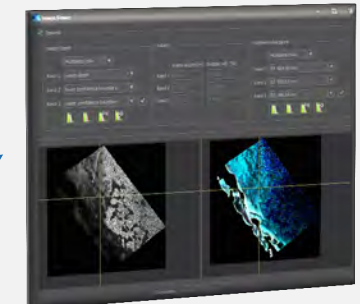
# EOMAP physics based development



Single record analytics



Multi record, multi sensor analytics



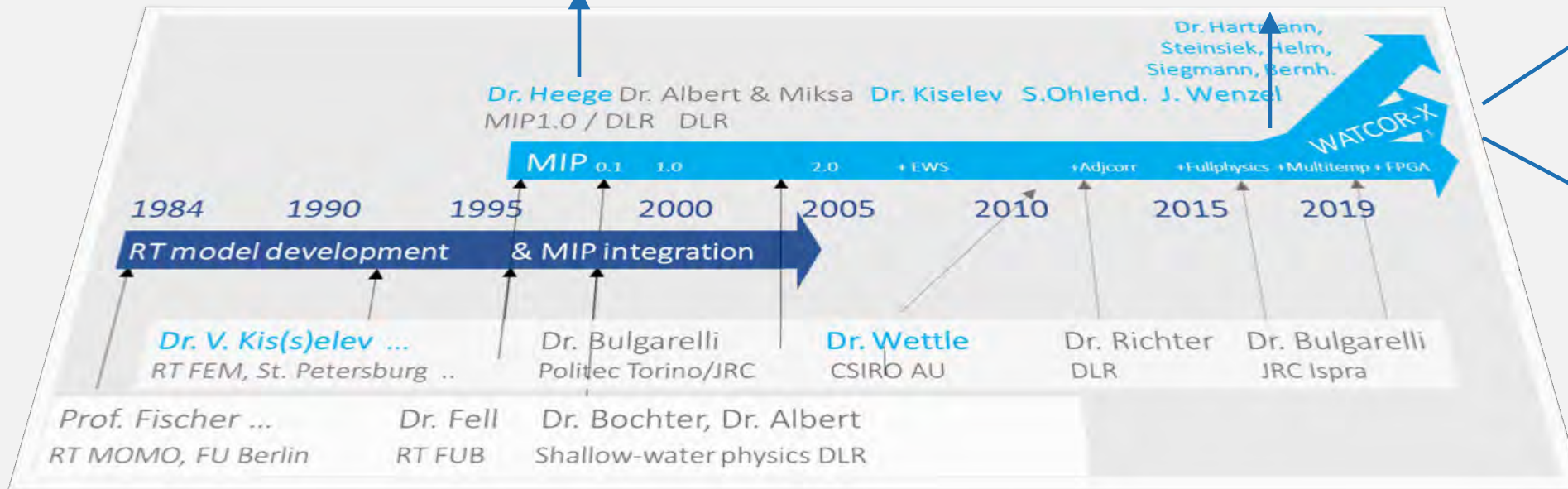
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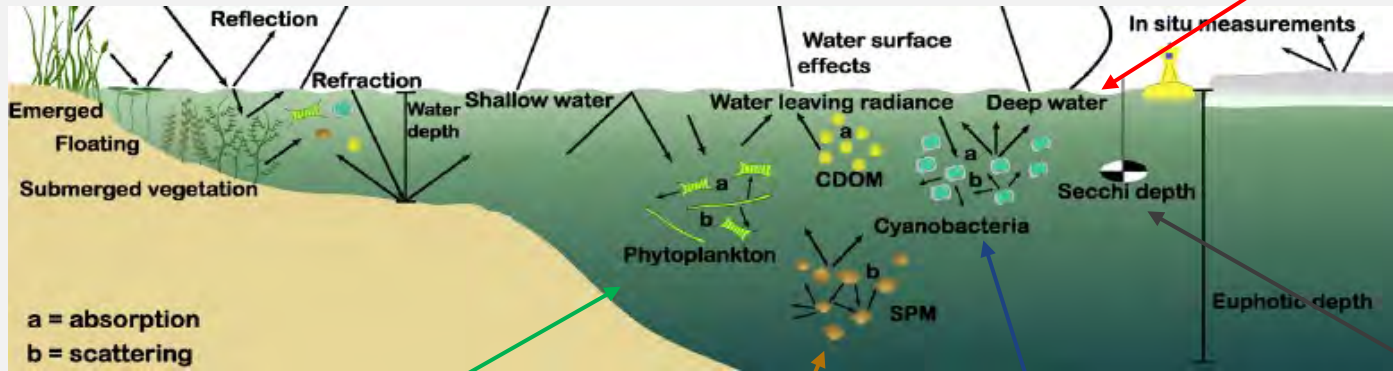
Online software



detect more.



# What can be measured from multispectral satellites?



From Dörnhöfer, N., Oppelt, N. (2016): Remote Sensing for lake research and monitoring – Recent advances. Ecological Indicators 64

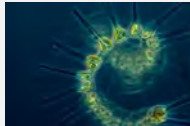
Surface Temperature



Secchi Depth



Chlorophyll-a



Turbidity/  
Suspended Matter



Harmful Algae Blooms



- ABS (Total Absorption)
- AOT (Aerosol Optical Thickness)
- CHL (Chlorophyll-a)
- CDM (Colored Dissolved Organic Matter / Yellow Substance)
- DIV (Ratio of Absorption and Scattering)
- HAB (Harmful Algae Bloom Indicator)
- EVA (Evaporation Rate)
- KDC (Diffuse Attenuation Coefficient)
- QUC (EOMAP Quality Coding)
- QUT (Total Quality)
- RGB ('True Color' Image)
- RRA (above-surface Remote Sensing Reflectance [0+])
- RRS (sub-surface Remote Sensing Reflectance [0-])
- RRW (Remote Sensing Reflectance at WISP angle [0+])
- SDD (Secchi Disc Depth)
- SIA (Sum of Inorganic Absorption)
- SOA (Sum of Organic Absorption)
- SSR (Sub-surface Irradiance Reflectance [0-])
- SST (Water Surface Temperature)
- TUR (Turbidity)
- TSC (Trophic State Index)
- TSM (Total Suspended Matter)
- WEX (Water Extent)
- Z90 (Signal Depth)

# Data source and resolutions



Satellite/Sensor	Spatial (max)	Resolution	Temporal resolution	Start and end date
Landsat 5	30m		16 days	1984 – 2012
Landsat 7	30m (15m)		16 days	1999-now
Landsat 8	30m (15m)		16 days	2013-now
Sentinel-2 A/B	10m		5 days	2015/2017 –now
Sentinel-3 A/B	300m		daily	2016/2018 –now
MODIS Aqua/Terra	250m		daily	1999/2002 –now
Planet Doves/SkySat	3m/1m (0.5m)		Up to multiple times daily	2014
WorldView 2/3	2m (0.5m)		daily	2009/2014

# Water Quality – Dredging Operations Monitoring

## Specifications

- ❑ Monitoring **imagery**, **turbidity** and **total suspended matter**
- ❑ 0.5-500m spatial resolution - up to **daily coverage**
- ❑ Quantitative measurements in NTU and mg/l

## Benefits

- ❑ Cost effective monitoring due to reduction **HSE risks**
- ❑ Historic data available **from 1984 for baseline analysis**
- ❑ Multiple satellite systems to achieve **highest temporal resolutions**
- ❑ Fast delivery mechanisms and easily accessible **online platform**





# Turbidity Monitoring for Dredging: Australia

- Turbidity Monitoring:
- Adaptive management for dredging program
- Hay Point and Port of Weipa
  - Benthic turbidity loggers
  - Surface near-real time measurements
  - Synoptic satellite-derived turbidity maps

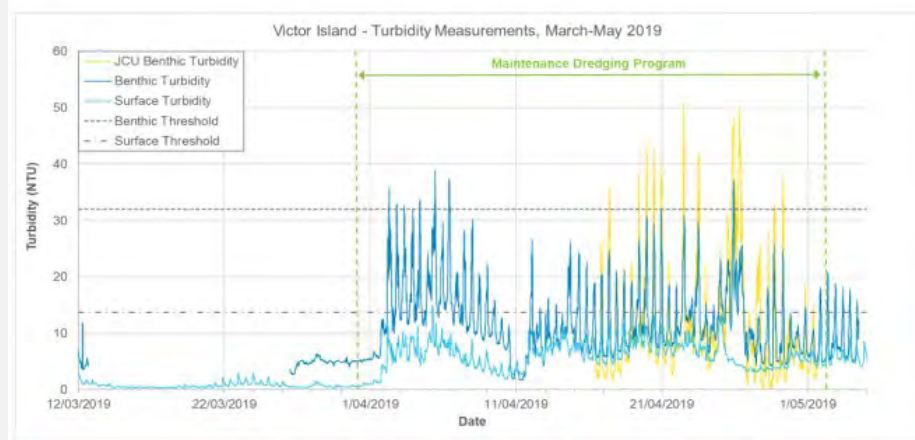
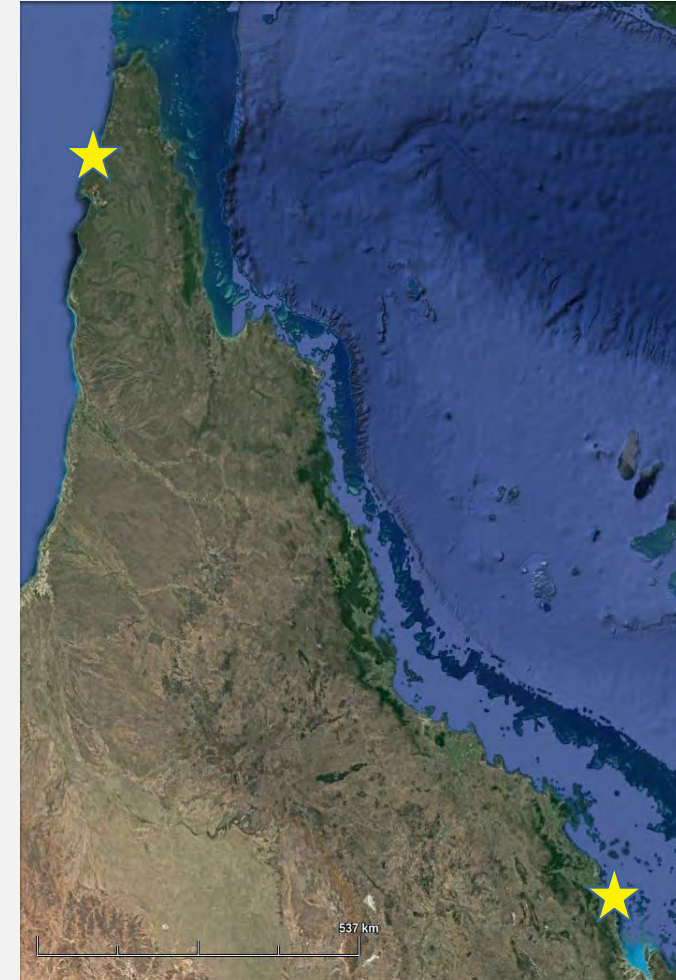
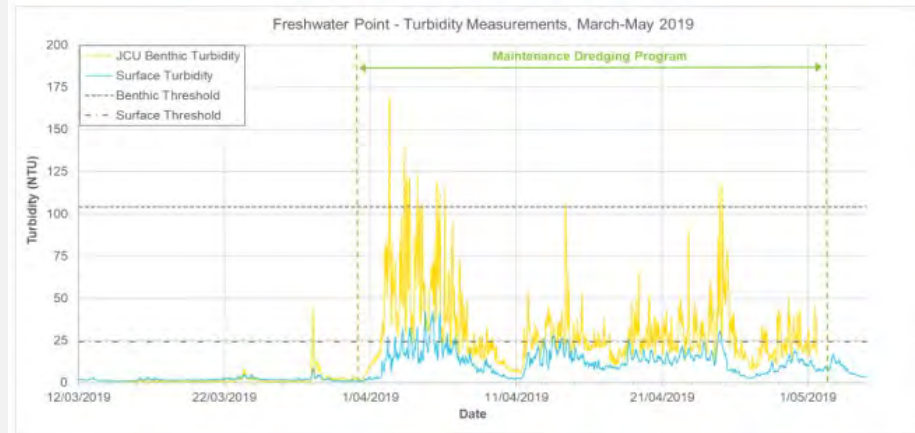
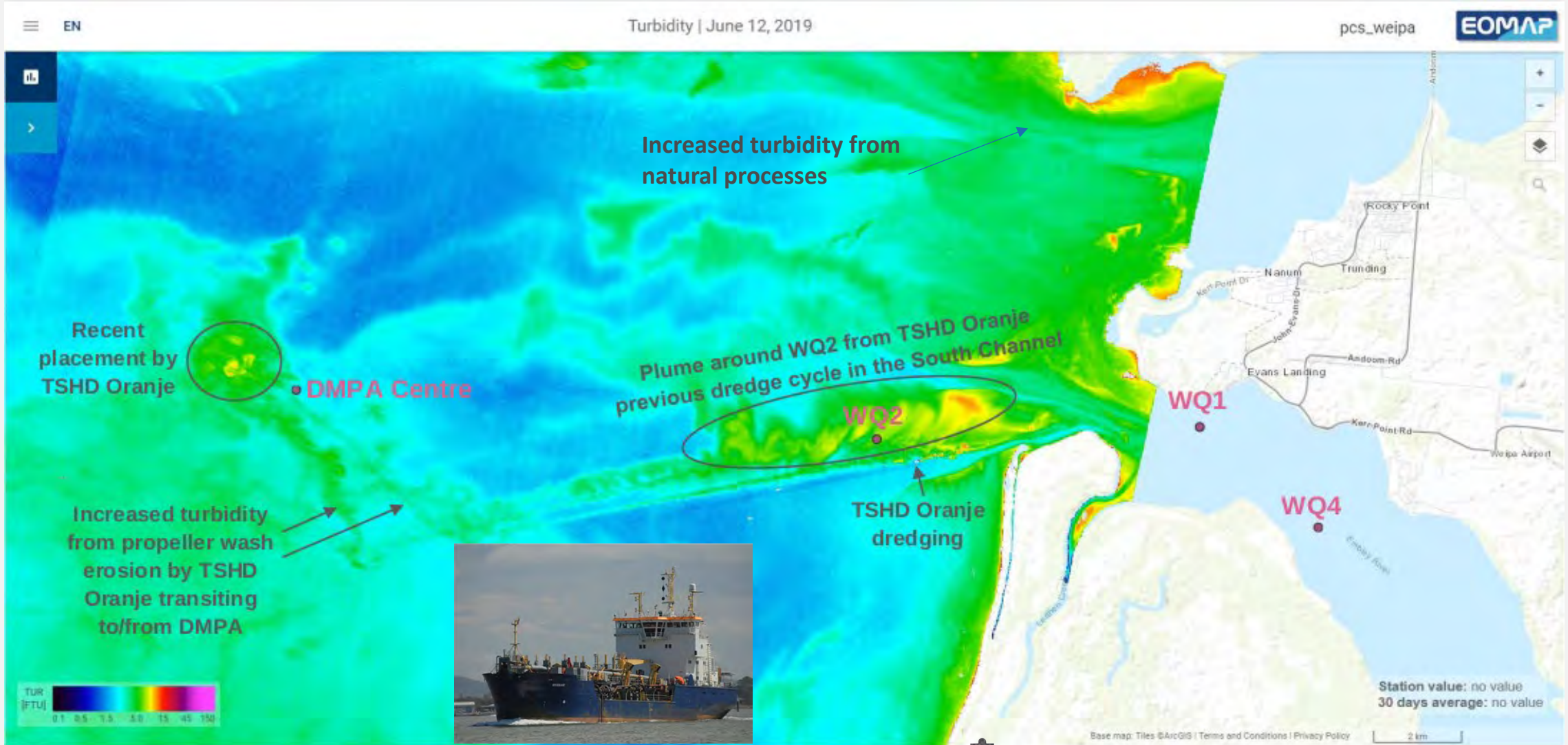


Figure 4. Hourly rolling average benthic and surface turbidity at Victor Island from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The data labelled Benthic Turbidity is the VE measured benthic turbidity data.

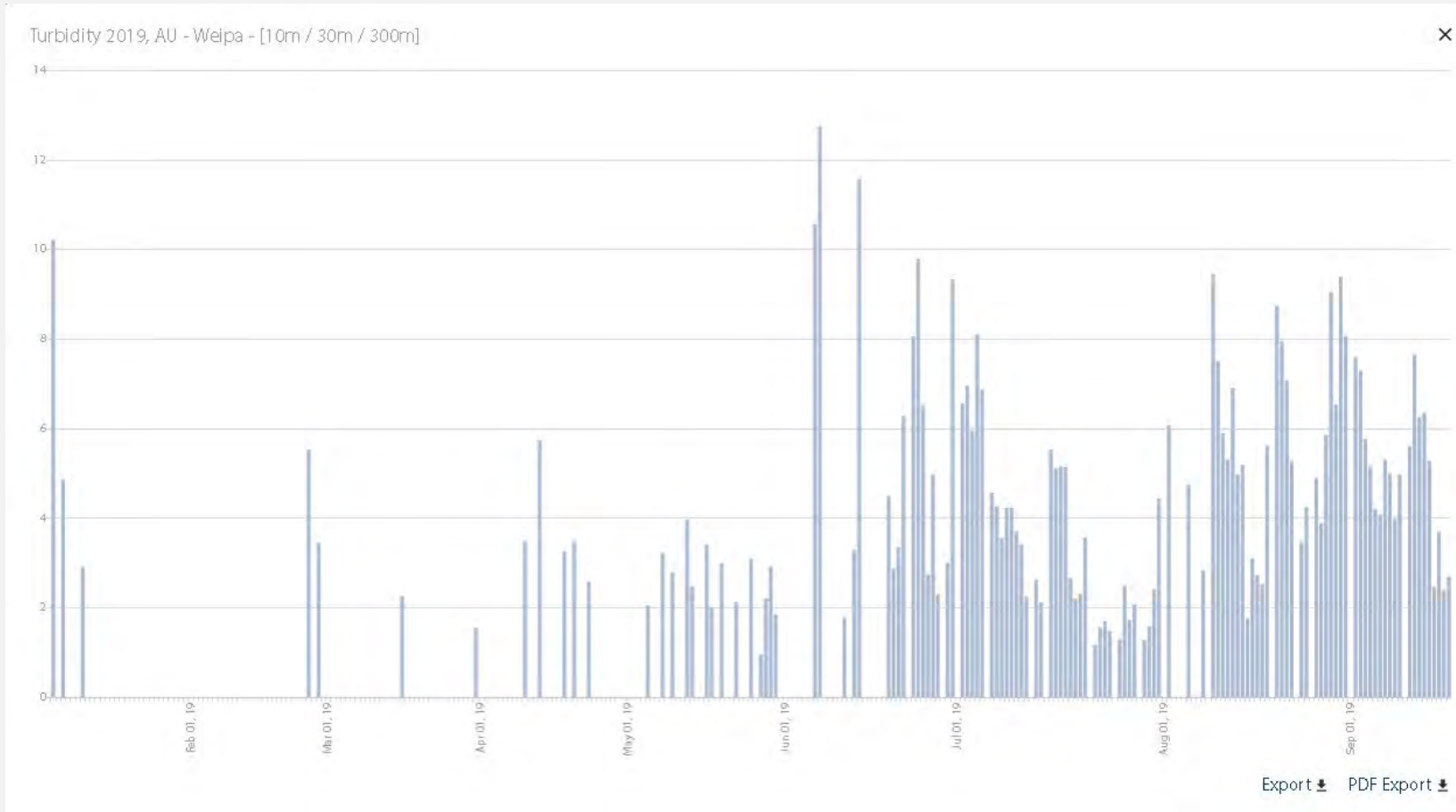


# Turbidity Monitoring Port of Weipa

eoApp screenshot



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[www.dredgingtoday.com/2020/08/03/monitoring-dredging-plumes-from-space/](http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2020/08/03/monitoring-dredging-plumes-from-space/)

DredgingToday.com



## Monitoring Dredging Plumes from Space

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**EOMAP applies its satellite-derived turbidity monitoring capabilities to dredging programs run by the North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBP).**

Turbidity plumes are stirred-up sediment which can be transported long distances by currents. Understanding the full spatial and temporal variability of turbidity, whether from natural causes such as tidal currents and waves or from anthropogenic activity such as dredging, can be costly if done with in-situ monitoring. Typically, in-situ monitoring, although generally more precise, will be limited both temporally (from the time of installation and onwards) and spatially (point measurements). Furthermore, it requires mobilisation and ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

# Turbidity Monitoring Hay Point

**Client:** PCS/NQBP, Australia

**Task:** Monitoring of nearshore dredging works at the Great Barrier Reef

## Temporal frequency:

Up to several times a day with medium and high resolution sensors

## Used Sensors:

Sentinel-2A/B (10m), Sentinel-3 A/B (300m), Landsat 8 (30m)

## Parameters:

Turbidity and RGB

## Time period:

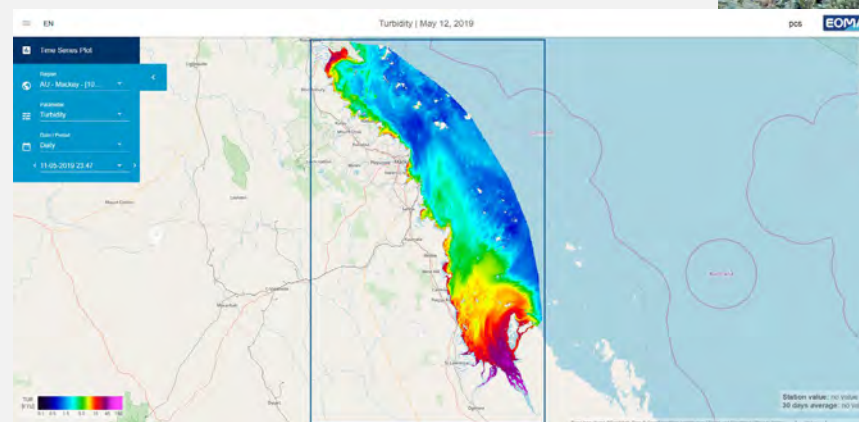
Feb- May 2019

## Delivery time

Between 3-12h (depending on data availability)

## Delivery format

eoApp, GeoTIFF, Report



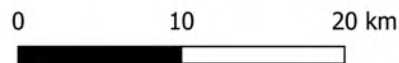
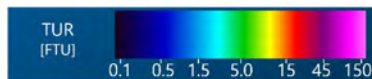
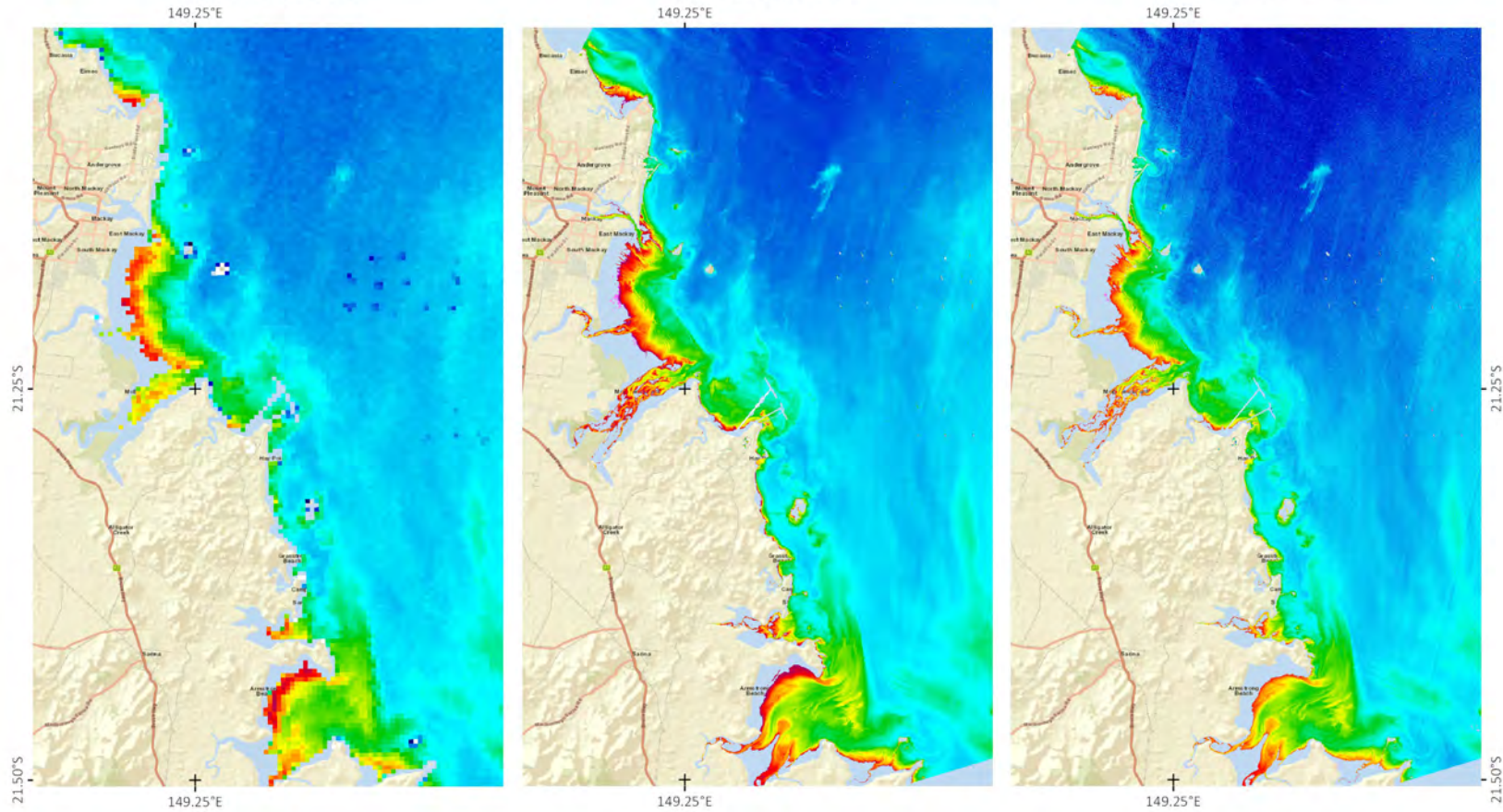
# Turbidity Monitoring Hay Point

2019-05-10 to 2019-05-11

Sentinel-3  
23:34:25 UTC

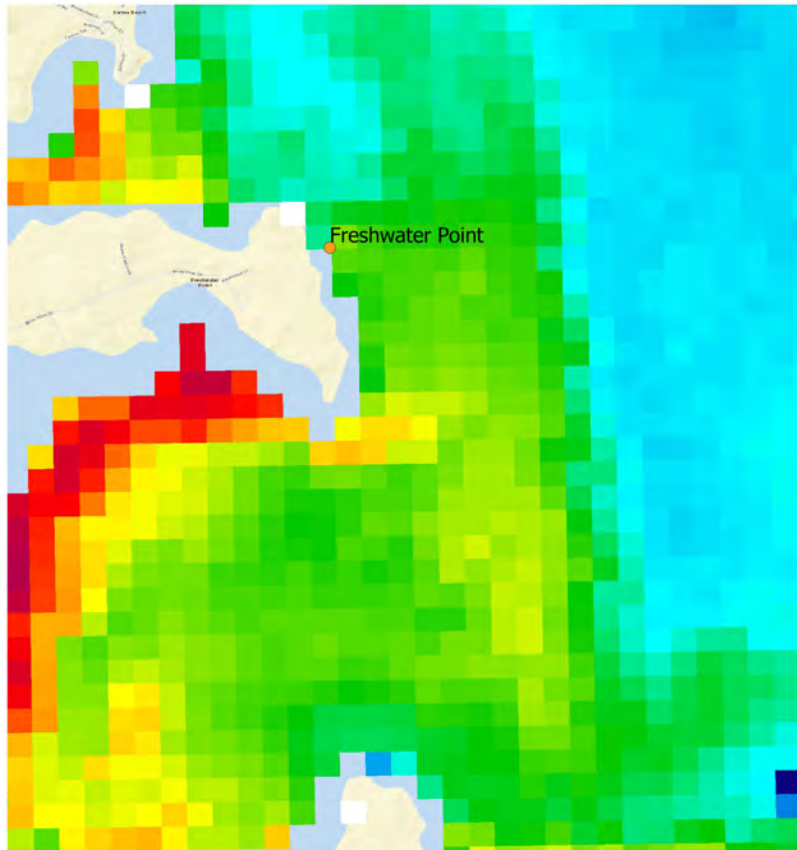
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Sentinel-2  
00:22:46 UTC

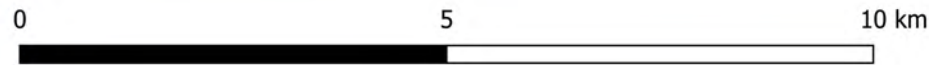
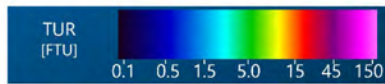
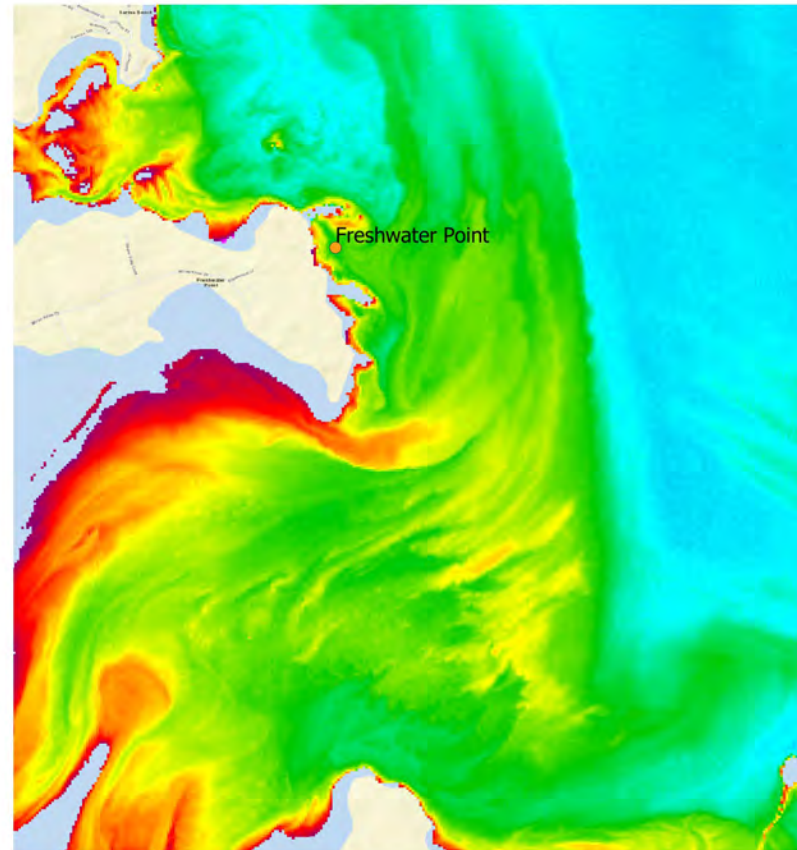


# Turbidity Monitoring Hay Point

Sentinel-3  
2019-05-10 23:34:25 UTC 300 m



Landsat 8  
2019-05-11 00:04:22 UTC 30 m



# Pipeline Construction Monitoring NordStream2

**Client:** NordStream2 AG

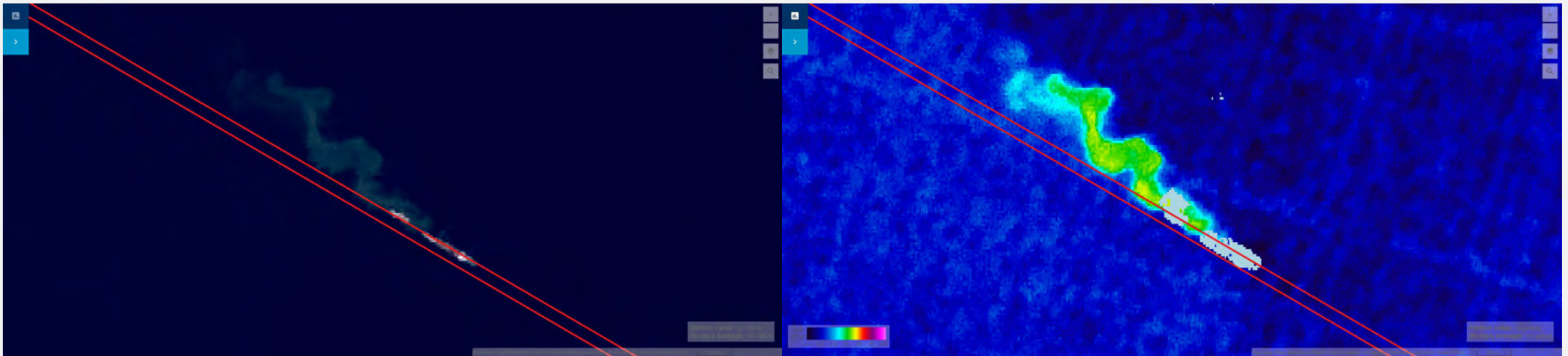
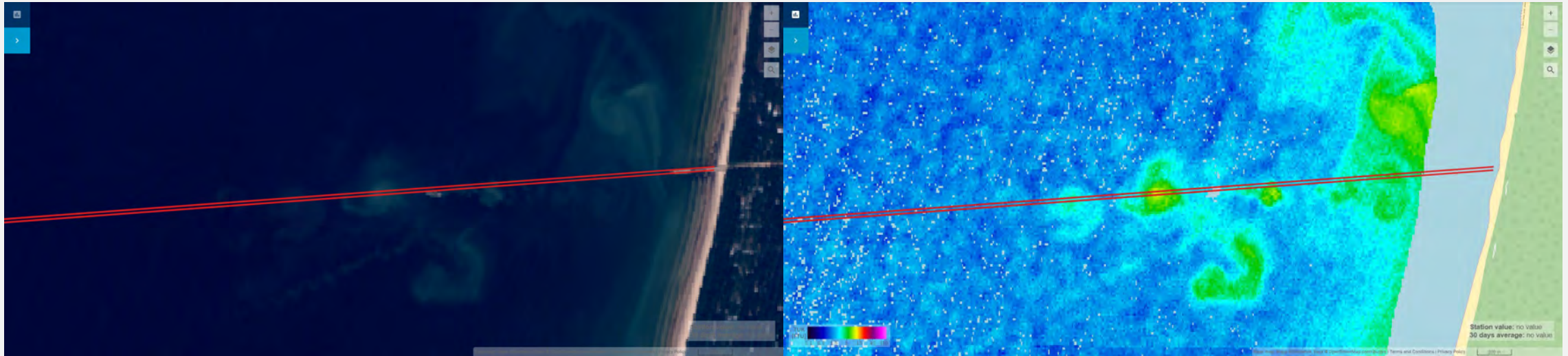
**Task:** Monitoring of pipeline construction Narva Bay

## Key Features:

- ❑ up to every **2-3 days** with high resolution sensors
- ❑ Sentinel-2A/B (10m), Sentinel-3 A/B (300m), Landsat 8 (30/15m)  
=> 55 high/medium resolution images delivered
- ❑ Turbidity and calibrated **Total Suspended Matter** (based on in situ data)
- ❑ 2018 and 2019
- ❑ Online **web application** for easy access to the data



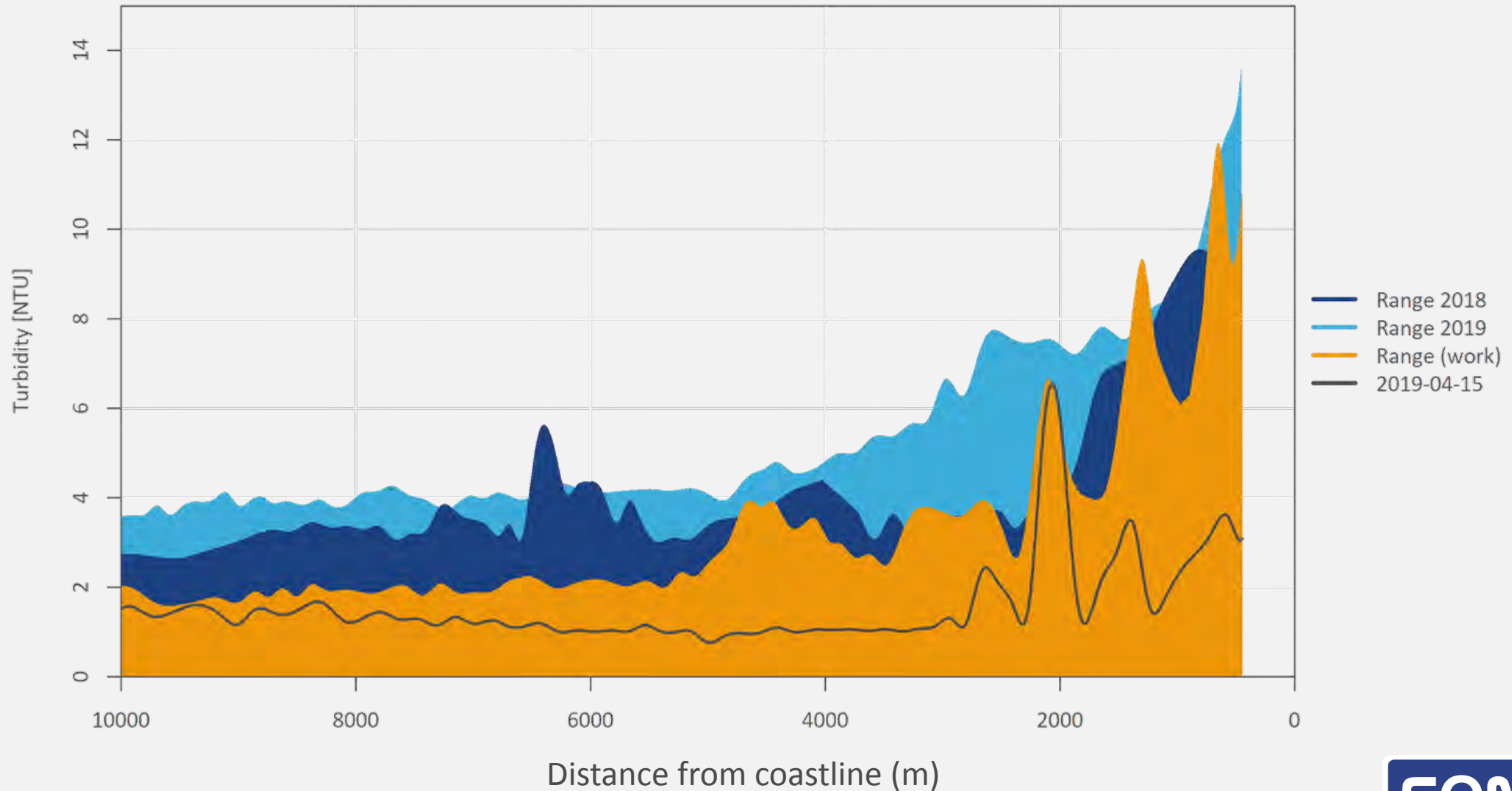
# Pipeline Construction Monitoring NordStream2





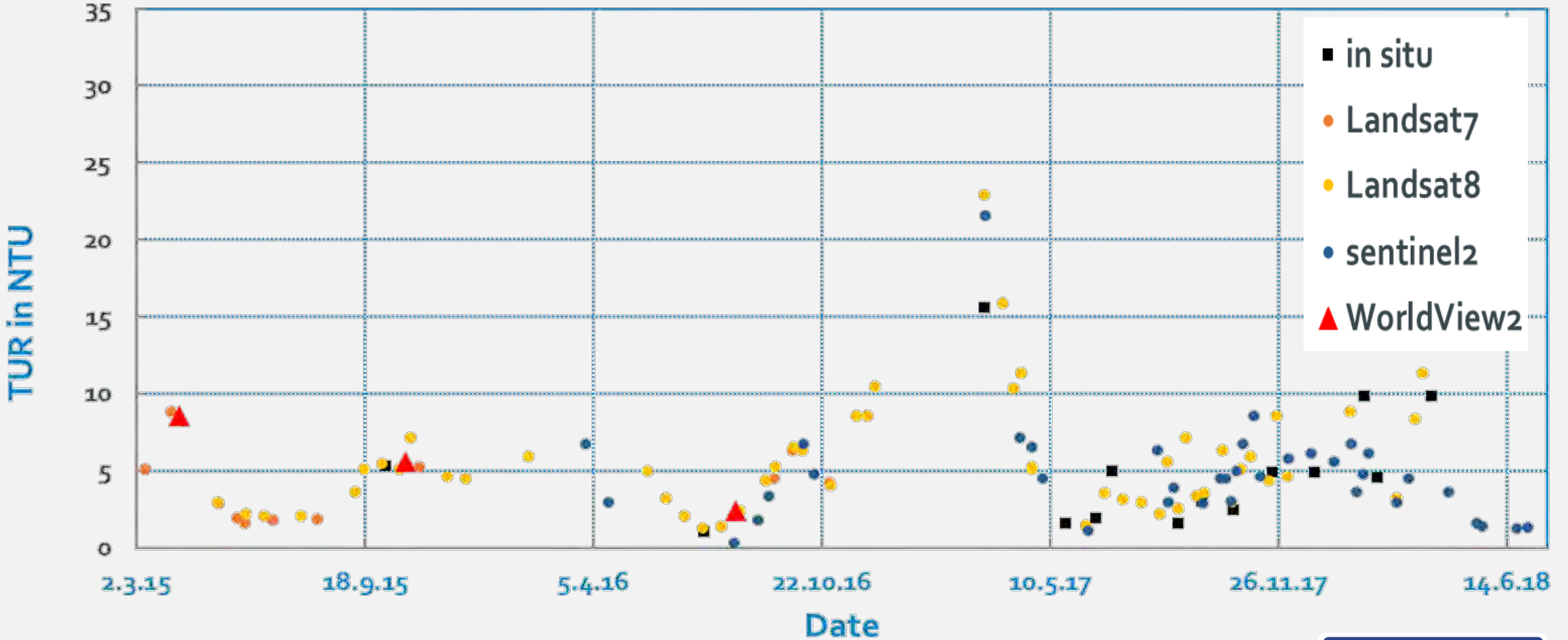
# Pipeline Construction Monitoring NordStream2

Baseline ↔ Work activities



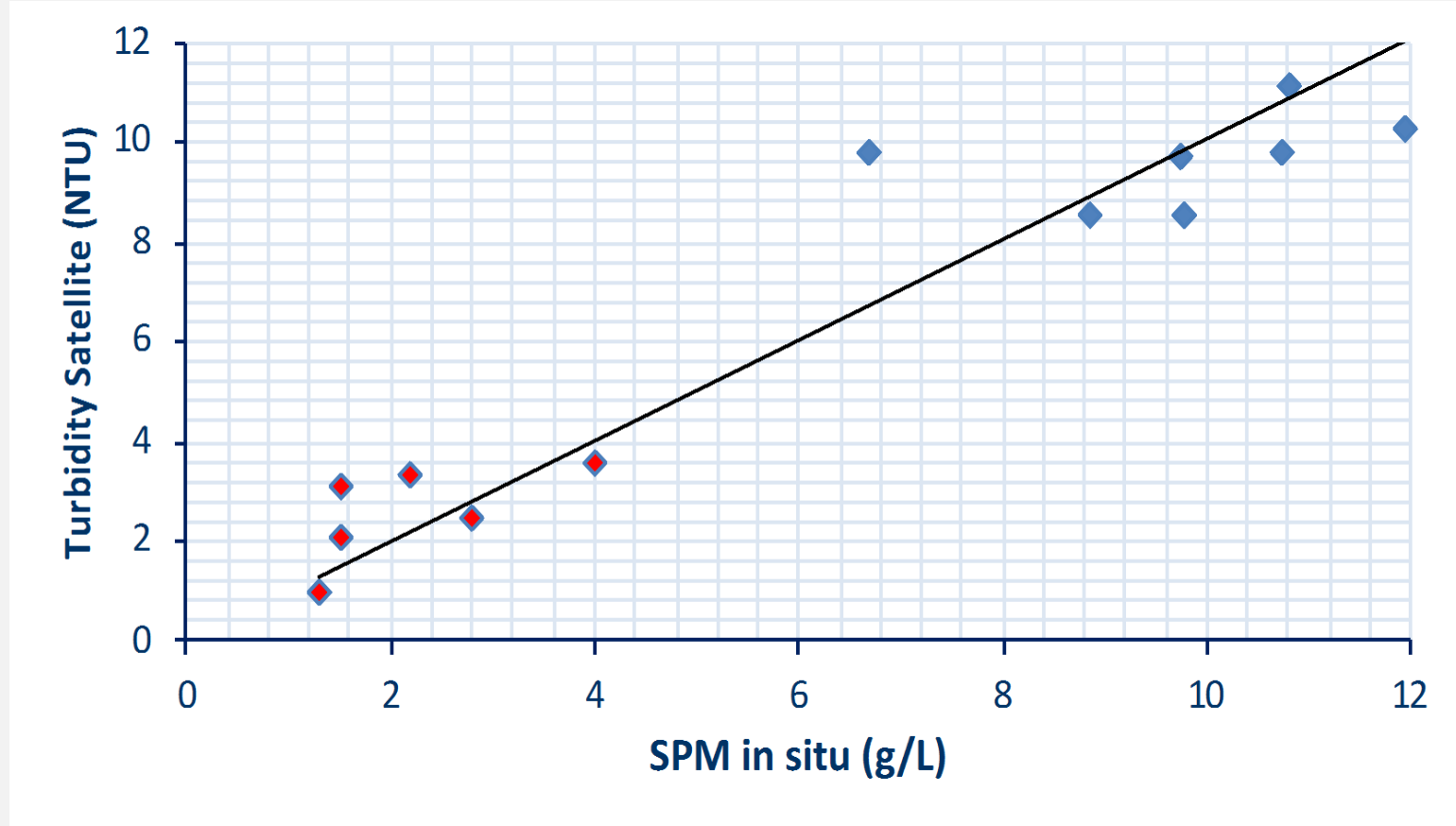
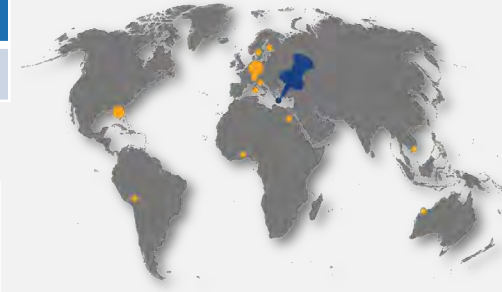
# Turbidity Monitoring - Validation - Lake Mulargia, Italy

## Mulargia Turbidity



# Turbidity Monitoring - Validation Field Campaign

Parameter	RMSE	Slope	Intercept	R2	Av. In situ	Av. Sat
SPM (g <sup>L</sup> <sup>-1</sup> )/TUR	1.05	0.92	0.81	0.89	6.90	6.62



red diamonds are for Lake Mulargia, blue for Aposelemis dam

# Satellite-Derived Bathymetry – dredging phase

- Confirm safety of navigation
- Depth measure for sand dredging

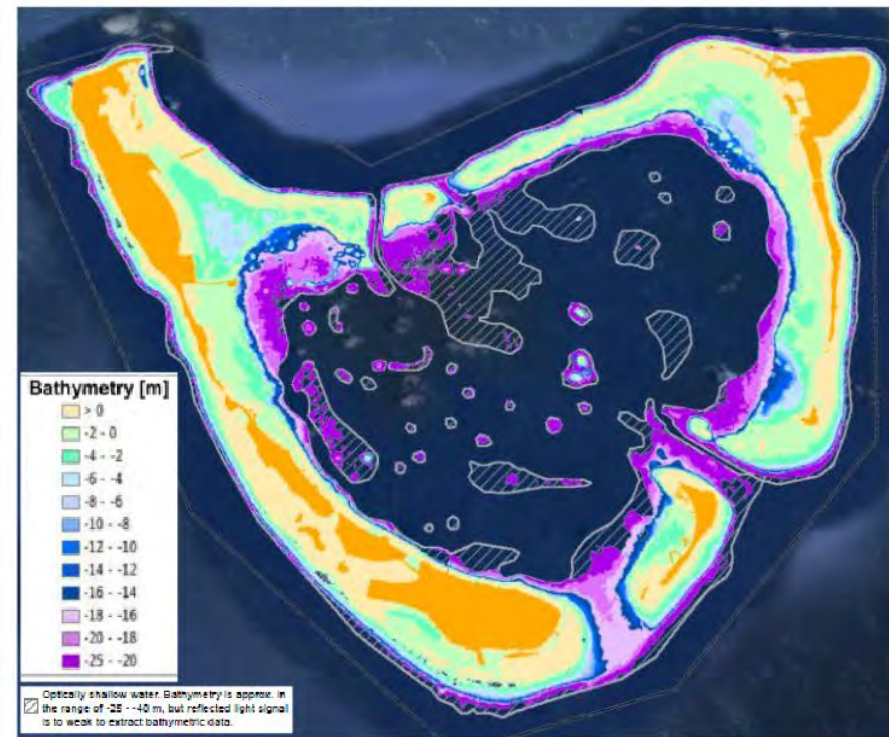
Example SDB – for planning purposes and safe navigation



As obtained from existing electronic charts



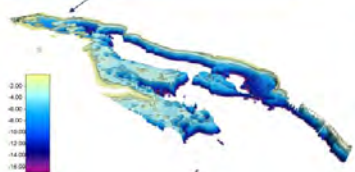
As provided by EOMAP, area in total 200 sq km !!!!!



Example SDB – Satellite-Derived Bathymetry



Can our csd Athena enter the area safely?



Self-propelled cutter suction dredger Athena:



DIMENSIONS	
Length over all	135.80 m
Breadth over all	27.82 m (without tendering)
Length between perpendiculars	108.00 m
Breadth moulded	27.80 m
Depth moulded	9.00 m
Draught - Light ship weight	5.62 m
Draught - International freeboard	6.00 m

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# Seafloor Classification – dredging phase

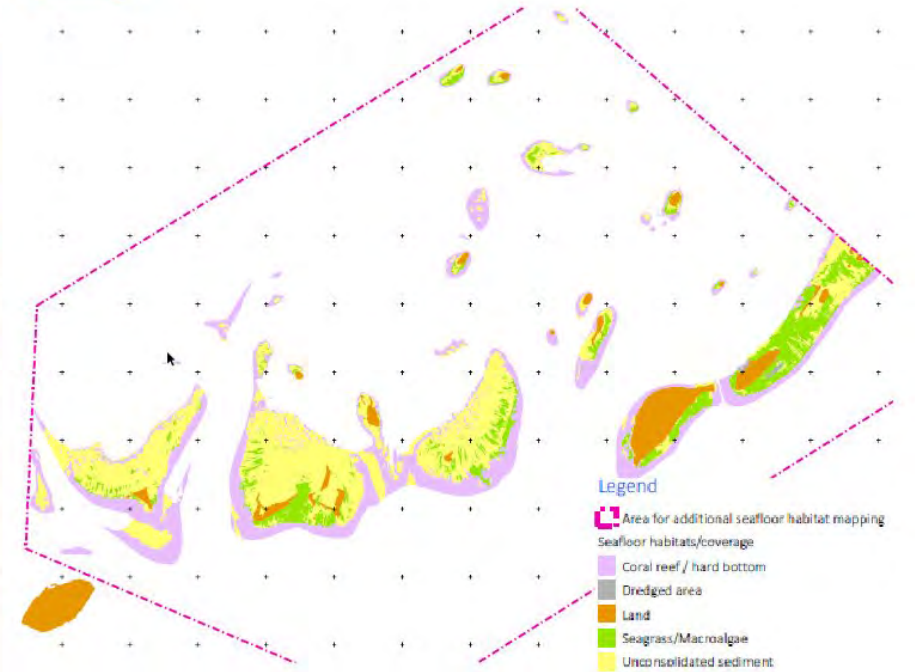
- Identification of potential sandy layers
- Reduction on environmental impact

## Example Google Earth and matching SFC

Google Earth snapshot



SFC



# Seafloor Classification – tendering phase

- To support cost estimation during tendering phase
- Reduction on environmental impact

## Example SFC – Seafloor and Habitat Classification

As provided by the contract



As delivered by EOMAP



Figure 3: Habitat map of construction area, where green indicates seagrass field and red coral colonies.

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# Data Access: eoPortal

**Visualize**

**Gridded EO Products**

Temporal Resolution: All

Layer: Chlorophyll

Datetime: 2019-10-24 15:40:16

Add RGB Background Layer

**In-Situ and Model Data**

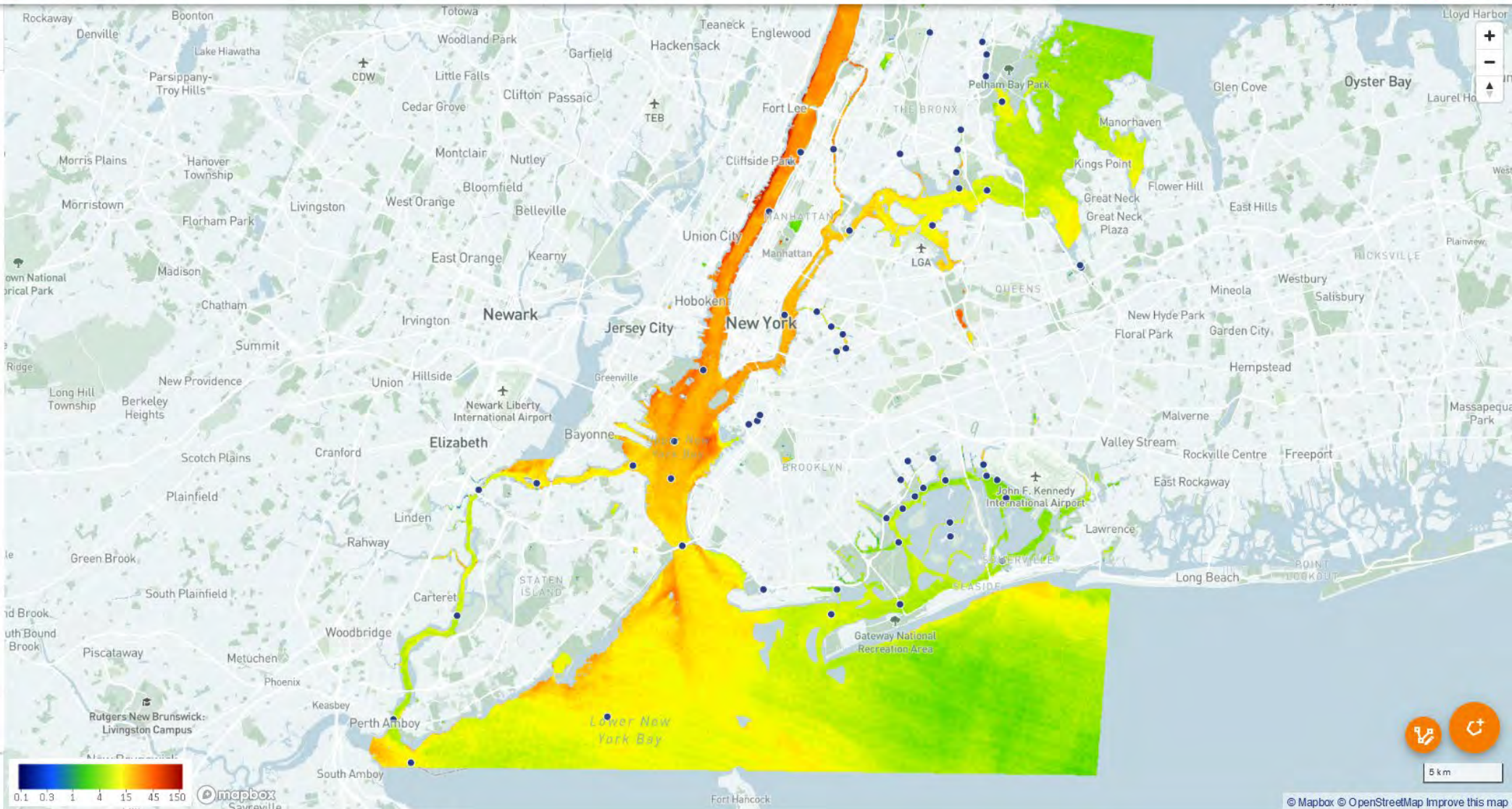
Layer: Harbor Water Quality

Category: All

Parameter: Chlorophyll Top Sample Field (YSI)

Start Date: 2019-03-01 | End Date: 2019-12-16

Virtual Stations



# EOMAP Water Quality – Other uses

- Routine water monitoring for regulatory agencies:  
e.g. Mozambique Cahora Bassa, USA Water Sheds Auth., Lactec Brazil, German agency LUBW
- Disaster Impact assessment of Rio Doce disaster in Brazil
- Impact Monitoring of desalination plants in USA, Cyanobacteria in Germany
- Hydropower planning: e.g. Georgia river system for Stucky and Ministry of Energy
- Oil spill monitoring
- Wind farm construction monitoring

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**CAHORA BASSA**  
O Orgulho de Moçambique

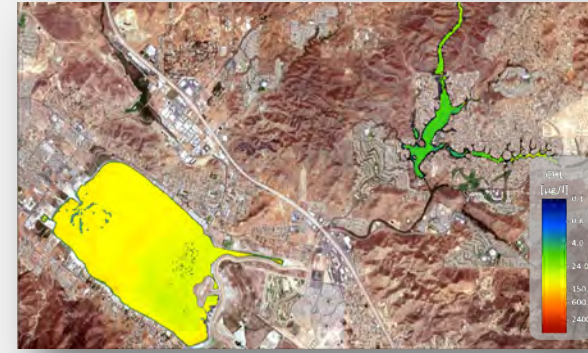
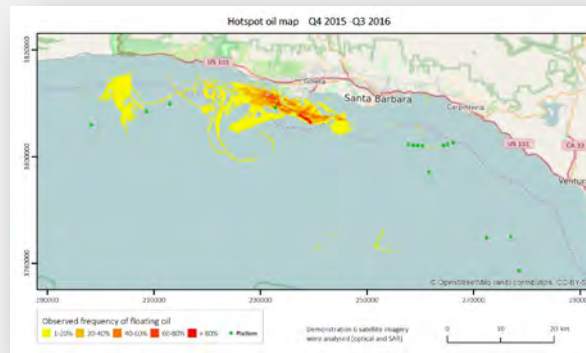
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# Summary

☞ Validated aquatic products worldwide in optimal spatial/temporal resolution



proven by global project experiences and enabled through sensor-agnostic approach

☞ Quickly and easy data access



of very high-resolution data sets on web portals

☞ Targeted solutions for turbidity monitoring and environmental assessments



using multiple information layers

☞ Cost savings in testing requirements and reduction of risk



# Thank you!

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