

THE SPACE FOR CLIMATE OBSERVATORY (SCO)

The SCO: an international
initiative that uses
satellite data for climate
change mitigation and
adaptation

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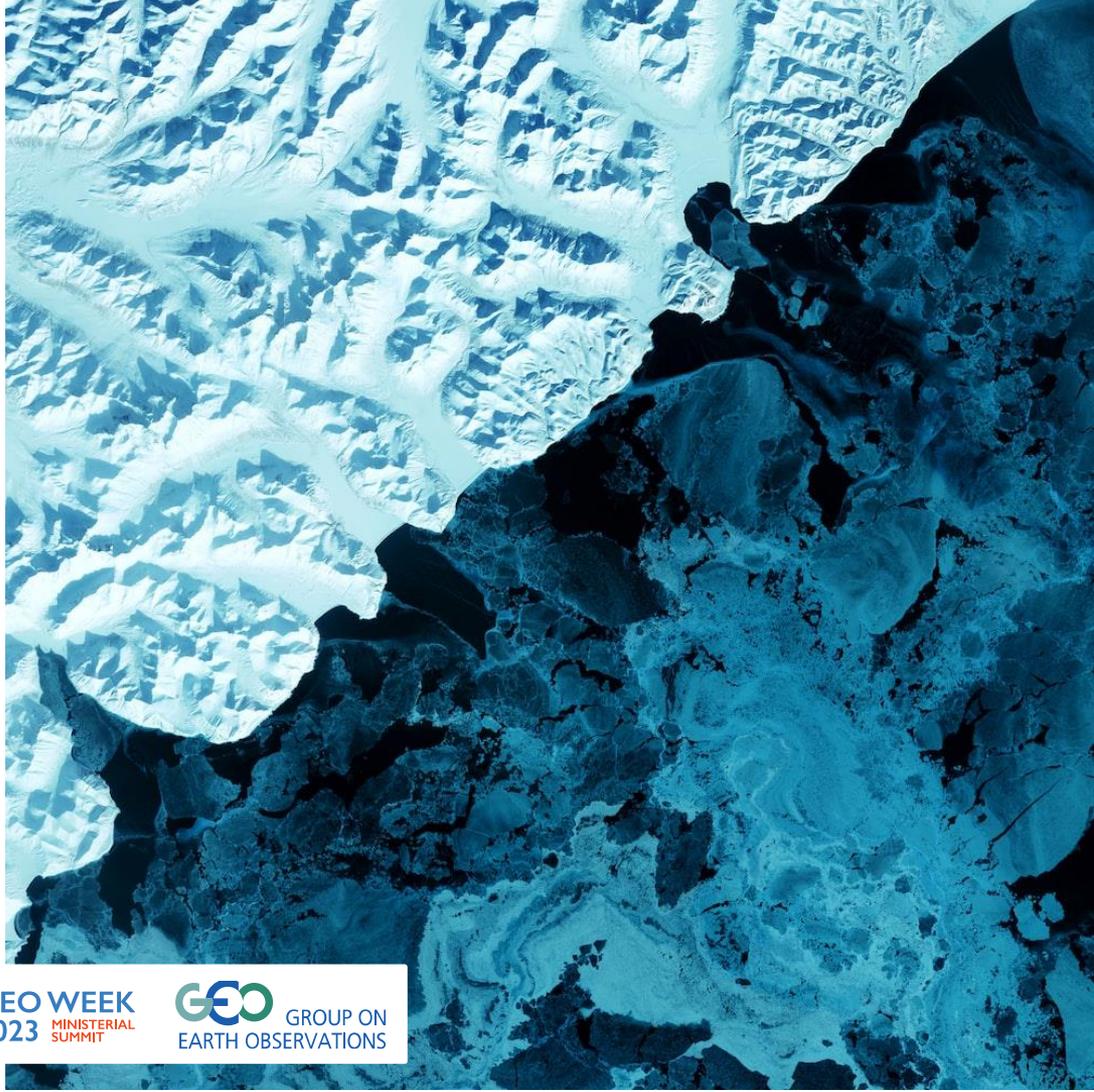
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THE SCO INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

SCO INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Provide **operational tools (SCO projects)** and studies to help **decision-makers** to adapt to climate change.
- **Foster cooperation** around these applications to favour their reuse and communicate on them
- **Build a network for space agencies and public and private entities** involved in the use of EO data for operational climate action



44 SIGNATORIES

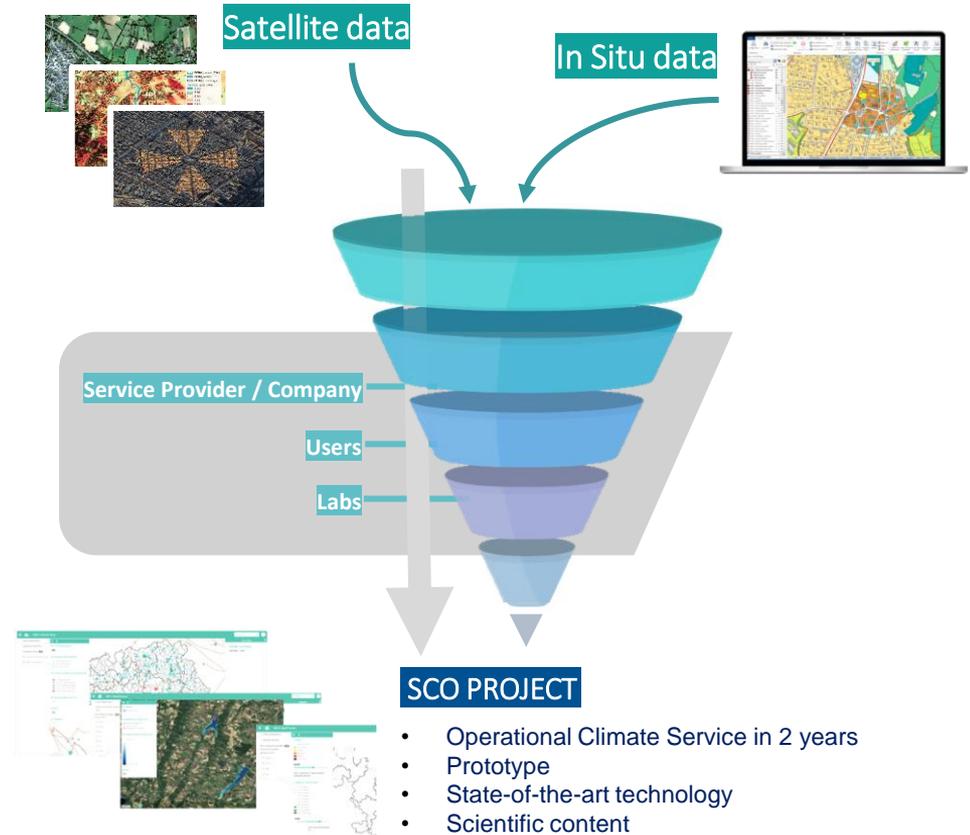


➔ **Charter on the establishment of the SCO**
entry into force on 1st Sept. 2022



SCO PROJECTS CRITERIA

- Addressing the needs of end users within a specific geographic area;
- Proposing operational and practical software(s);
- Making the best use of available satellite, environmental, climate, in situ and socio-economic **data**, at a resolution adapted to the problem;
- **Building on** (pre-)operational and research **infrastructures**, services and local data provision;
- Having a built-in **potential for extending** to several geographic areas.





ADAPTING OUR SOCIETIES TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



71
projects

42
members

June 2023

- Agriculture
- Biodiversity
- Carbon
- Forest fires
- Coastal areas
- Education
- Extreme meteo
- Forests
- Health
- Land use
- Natural disaster response
- Rural
- Urban areas
- Water management areas



- FRANCE**
- ADOPT
 - AlaeFau
 - Eagle Hedges
 - EduSCO
 - EO4AgriWater
 - FL Audio
 - FloodDAM DT
 - LITTOGAT
 - Littoscope
 - MSO-Climate
 - Mige-Sels
 - Planades4UrbanFlood
 - XtremQuality
 - Quastice
 - SCO FrichesAgricoles
 - SPACE4irrig
 - Thermody

- Occitanie
- Occitanie, Auvergne
- Occitanie
- Occitanie
- Occitanie, Gers
- Occitanie, Auvergne
- Garonne river
- Bretagne
- Occitanie, Hérault
- Occitanie, Gers
- Nouvelle-Aquitaine
- Occitanie
- Southwest
- Occitanie
- Occitanie
- Occitanie, Yam
- Occitanie, Toulouse

- FRANCE**
- AEROLAB SPACE
 - ALTELYS
 - BOSCO
 - City Explorer
 - C-Master
 - EO4AgriWater
 - EO4IntraTrop
 - Green Urban Sat
 - SAILCZ
 - Thermody

- France
- Tignes
- Bretagne
- Paris
- France
- Alsace
- Normandie
- Grand Est, Nancy
- Hauts-de-France, Lille
- Grand Est, Strasbourg

- SWEDEN**
- HEMSCA
 - SFI

- THE NETHERLANDS**
- EO4Wetlands - Hedwig-Prorperpolder

- ROMANIA**
- GreenSpace Bucarest

- FRANCE**
- AloWetlands
 - EDISON
 - EO4Mountain-Pastoralism
 - ORION
 - SatabonB
 - SCOLive
 - Space4irrig
 - Thermody

- Mediterranean sea
- PACA, Nice
- PACA, Mercantour
- Alpes, Fort-Bianc
- Major Oise
- PACA, Côte d'Azur
- PACA, Marseille

- CHINA**
- HABITAT Yangtze - Anhui
 - OpenGCS - Bassin de Ganhuo

- VIETNAM**
- Vimesco-Rice - Mekong delta
 - Viet-ARRO

- SOUTH-EAST ASIA**
- TropiSCO - Cambodia-Lao-Vietnam

- USA**
- FloodDAM DT - Mississippi river

- MEXICO**
- HesiCorn - Huamantla

- HAITI**
- Gade Lepi

- WEST INDIES**
- Arbocarto-V2
 - Mangroves
 - SaSAM

- FRENCH GUIANA**
- CeHySE

- AMAZONIA**
- AMSudSAT
 - TropiSCO

- POLYNESIA**
- TAHATAI - France

- BRAZIL**
- ALTELYS - Sao Paulo
 - Band-SOS - Amazon delta
 - Chave-Chave - Mato Grosso
 - XtremQuality

- SPAIN**
- FloodDAM - Ebro delta
 - GreenSpace - València

- MOROCCO**
- AssurAgri
 - IRRISAT

- WEST AFRICA**
- AirCrowd Africa - Benin, Ivory Coast
 - OSS Sahel Leuvs - Senegal
 - SAFARI - Niger
 - StockWater - Burkina Faso
 - WACA-VAR - Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon

- GABON**
- TropiSCO AFRICA

- RWANDA**
- GeoMaTACC

- AFRICA**
- ECLAT - Lake Chad region

- MYANMAR**
- ClinHealth - Yangon

- THAILAND**
- SAILCZ - Bangkok

- LA REUNION**
- Arbocarto-V2
 - BioEOS

- MADAGASCAR**
- Cimropole
 - FloodDAM - Sahiboka river
 - Mangroves

- AUSTRALIA**
- Monitoring the Gold Coast

- NEW CALEDONIA**
- EO4DroughtMonitoring
 - EO4AgriWater

- KERGUELEN - CROZET**
- Cartovage - France

THE SCO DIGITAL TOOLBOX



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BandSOS Platform

Forecasting cyclonic coastal flooding

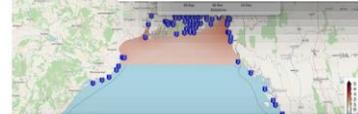
Tested in the Bengal delta, the Band-SOS demonstrator is a pre-operational service for a coastal flood forecasting platform based on multispectral satellite images (Copernicus Sentinel-2). In operation since January 2023, the tool is used daily by the Bangladesh Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC).

Band-SOS provides a **real-time forecast of the risk of flooding** when a tropical cyclone strikes the coastline, **coupled with a map of the vulnerability of populations at risk**.

● Free access

[See the BandSOS platform](#)

[See project](#)



SAGUI

Hydrometeorological monitoring and forecasting

Operational in French Guiana since June 2023, the SAGUI platform offers a hydrological forecasting service based on space altimetry data to **monitor river conditions in real time** and help with navigability.

In this interface, the fruit of the OpHySE project, the results are displayed on a global map with a coloured representation of the state of the rivers (flows and flow anomalies - i.e. deviations from normal), and several navigation tabs provide differentiated views of the **hydro-meteorological indicators flow, rain and air quality**.

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Chove-Chuva

Monitoring territorial dynamics

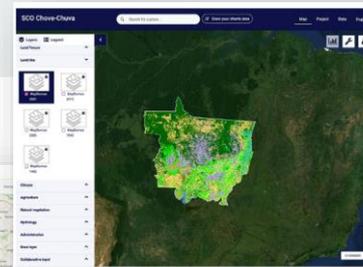
Developed in the Mato-Grosso region (Brazilian Amazon), the Chove-Chuva demonstrator offers a map-based summary of the territorial dynamics observed in relation to the adaptation and mitigation strategies put in place.

Using multisource data, the tool can produce a **'dashboard' of the territorial situation for an area predefined by a user, based on synthetic indicators** covering 4 major themes: **climate** (rainfall), **forest cover**, **water** (hydrology) and **agriculture** (surface area and practices).

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[See the Chove-Chuva demonstrator](#)

[See project](#)



BOSCO

Satellite surface soil moisture

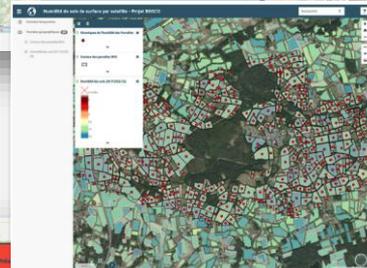
Developed in Brittany, where geology makes water supply dependent on surface water, BOSCO lays the foundations for a spatial observatory of soil water content.

The interface displays three key pieces of information at **very high spatial resolution (plot) and temporal resolution (2-3 days)**, which are crucial for farmers and water managers: **surface moisture** (first 5 cm of soil), **root water content** (one metre deep) and **recharge** (or water flow) towards the water table.

● Free access

[See the BOSCO demonstrator](#)

[See project](#)



TropiSCO

Monitoring tropical deforestation

The TropiSCO platform provides a near-real-time view of tropical deforestation from 2018 to the present day. Its **maps of forest cover loss are updated every 6 to 12 days** using radar images from the Copernicus Sentinel-1 satellite.

Aiming for global coverage, TropiSCO currently monitors the forests of 7 countries (French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Gabon, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia), which were used to develop the tool.

● Free access

[See the TropiSCO platform](#)

[See project](#)



THE SCO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



COP27
Sharm el Sheikh



COP27 : Mobilizing New space solutions for Climate actions

COP 28 : Operating early warning Earth-Observations based systems: from Methane emissions to natural disasters

IGARSS 2023
& 2024



AGU 2023



IAC Paris 2022



High level
Discussions
France/USA



11th Stc IAF GLOC
2023



UNEP High Level
Expert Group
Meeting – Towards
a Big Data Revolution
for the Planet



12th Stc SCO IAC
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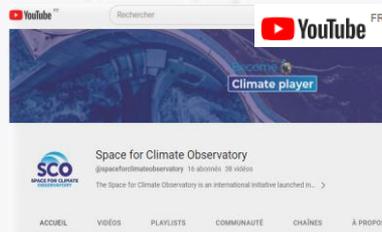
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An online mapping tool for natural risk management in Madagascar: **the Cimopolée project**

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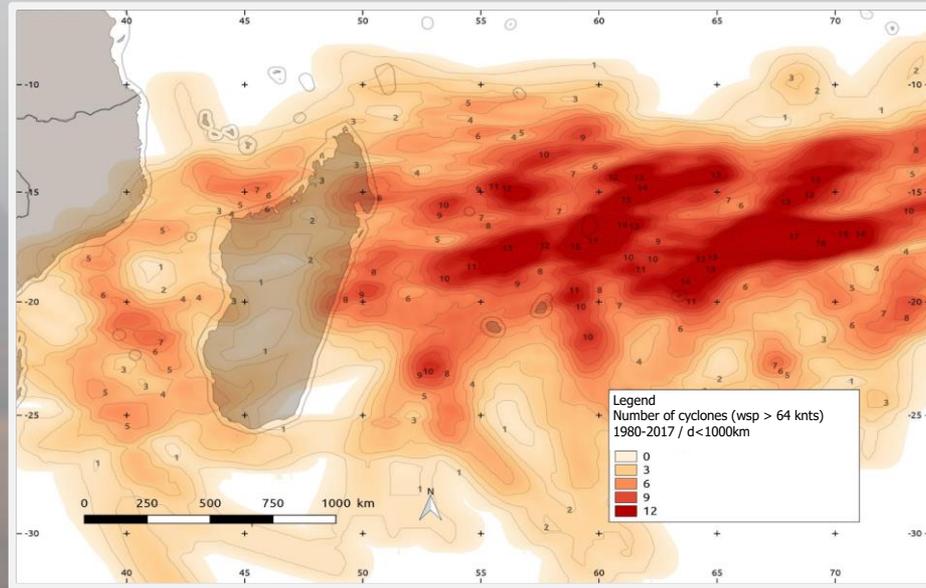
¹ **BNGRC** (Malagasy National Office for Disaster and Risks Management)

² **UMR EspaceDev - IRD** (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development)



Madagascar and natural hazards

- Madagascar is located in the zone of cyclogenesis and the passage of cyclones
- Impacts : floods, destroyed houses, landslides... ⇒ population
- Activities impacted : food, agriculture, education, health...



Flood after the cyclone Freddy 2023, District of Vohipeno



Destroyed houses after the cyclone Batsirai 2022
District of Mananjary



National Office for Disaster and Risks Management (BNGRC)

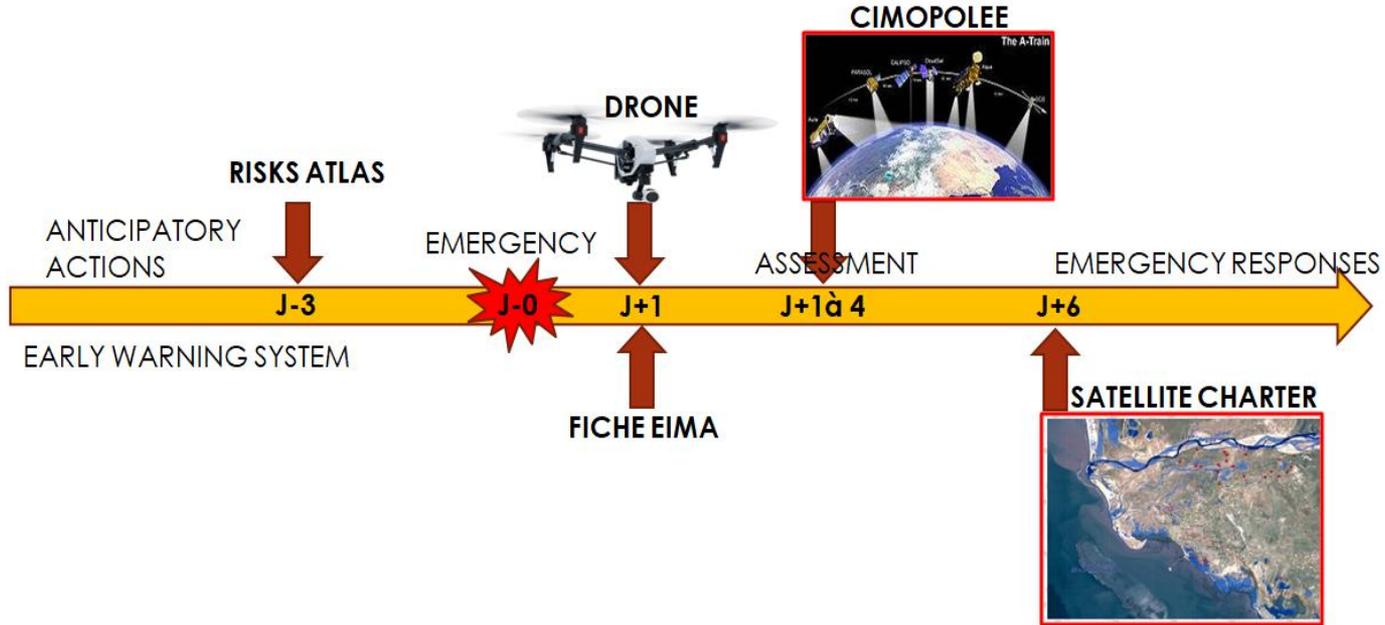
BNGRC: General Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization
Public institution mandated to coordinate all operational DRM and DRR activities in Madagascar



Food distribution after the CYCLONE FREDDY 2023, District of VOHIPENO



Activities around the emergency



Developed tools

Sentinel-2



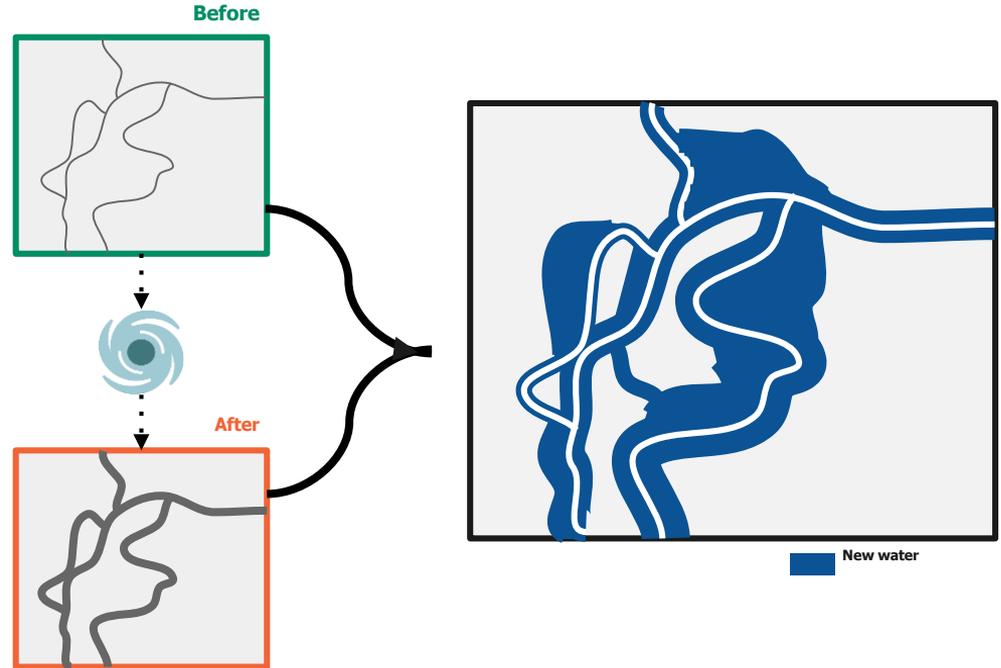
Sen2Chain¹
Sen2Change¹

Sentinel-1

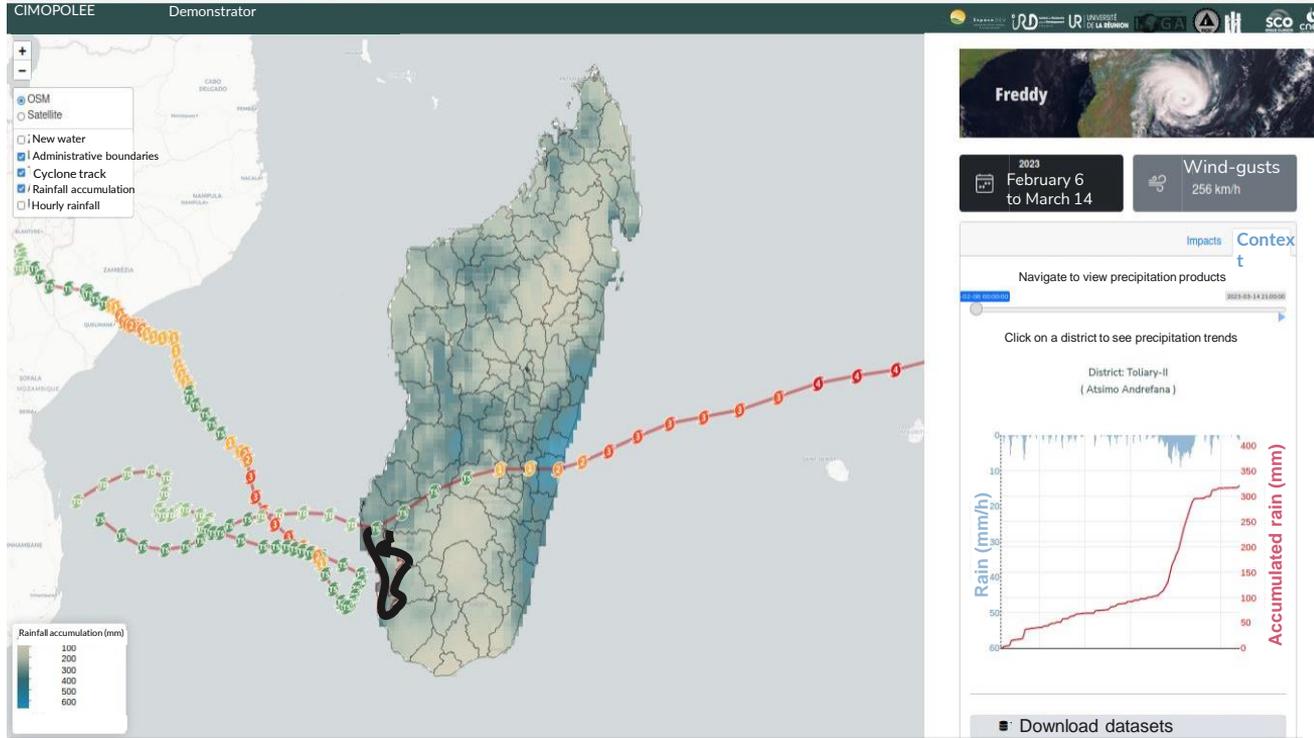


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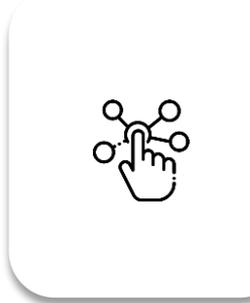
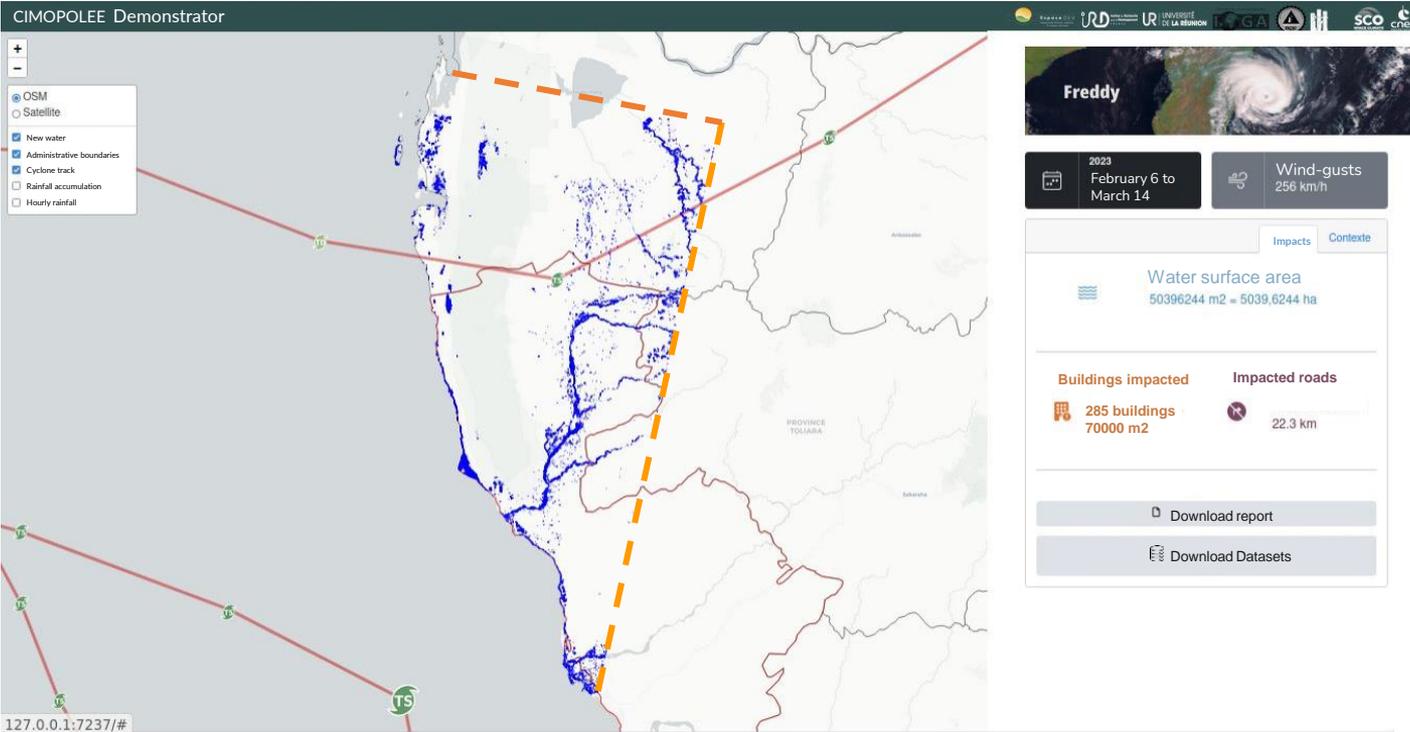
1 - Mouquet, P and al., 2020
2 - Alexandre, C and al., 2020



Results/Deliverables (in development)



Results/Deliverables (in development)



Links with local partners



- Historical links between partners
- 2 Workshops since the end of 2022 (Reunion island and Madagascar)
- Collect the needs of future users (BNGRC)
- **Final workshop in 2024 march/april**



Project members



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Rosa Johary (PhD student)



Rasolomamonjy Jaotiana (Lecturer and researcher)

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Strengthening the resilience of territories using operational tools: the example of **Mangroves** and **Ophyse** SCO projects

Presented by Célie LOSADA (celie.losada@cnes.fr)



Elodie Blanchard - IRD / UMR Espace-dev, La TeleScop

Jean-François Faure - IRD / UMR Espace-dev

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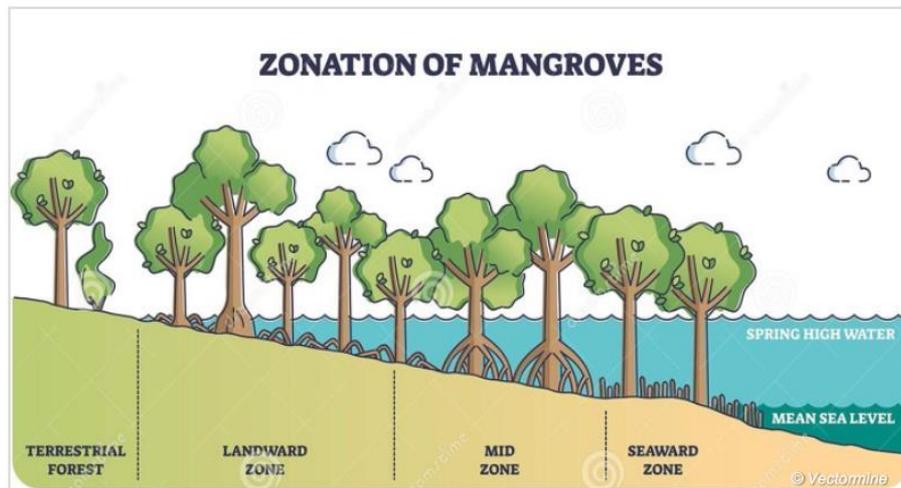
Operational Hydrology from
Space and modEls

Adrien PARIS - Hydromatters



Mangrove ecosystems

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of all coastal intertropical areas (150 / 200 km² over 123 countries)
- **Intertidal forest ecotone adapted** to salinity, exposed to tidal balancing, home to a great biodiversity
- Naturally fragmented forests with **Carbon capture potential 3 to 5 times higher** than land forests
- **Protection against the effects** of natural and extreme hazards



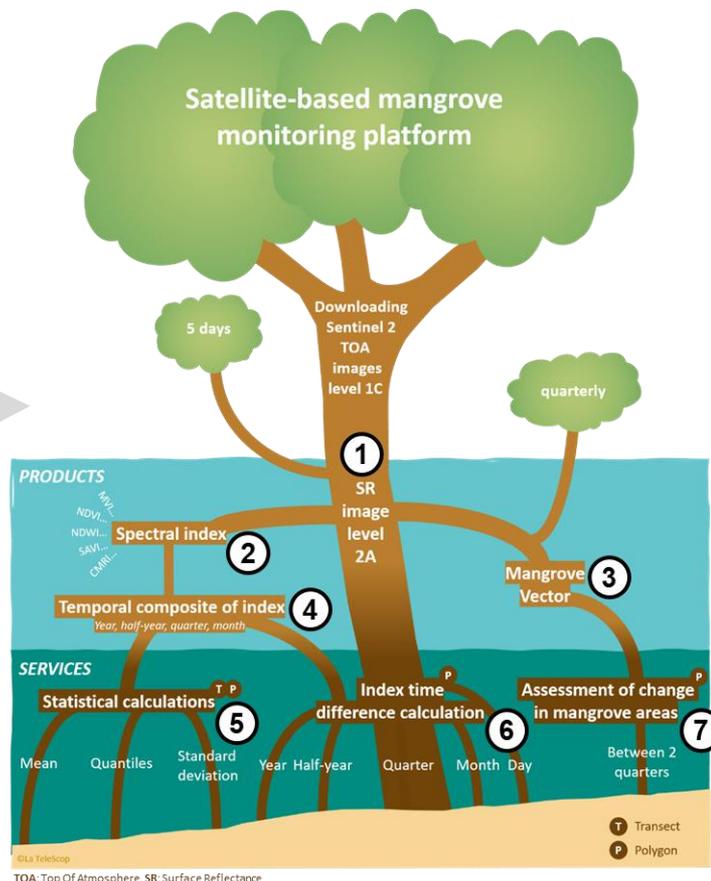
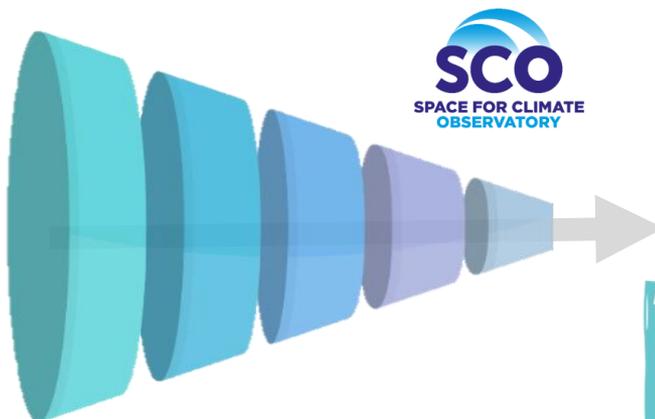
MangMag, The processing chain of the MangMap platform, from Sentinel 2 images to products and services

Satellite data (Sentinel 2) THEIA / Peps

➔ S2 niv. 2A time-series (Sen2Chain opensource) (10 m)

➔ SWIR dynamic thresholds

➔ 11 spectral indexes*
defining mangrove environments



MangMap an online monitoring platform that produces and distributes environmental information on mangrove forests

Products made available regularly

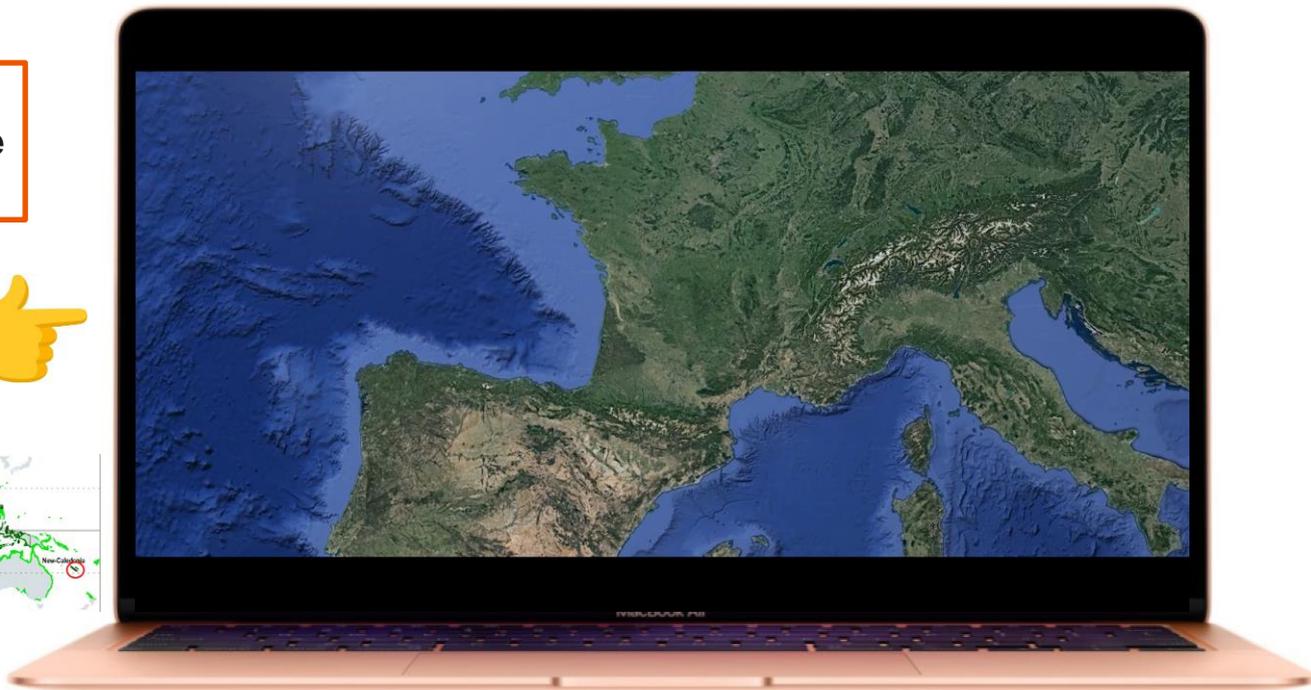
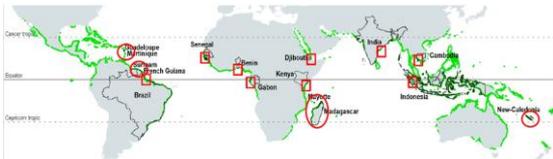
Sentinel 2 / every 5 days / VHR
11 spectral indexes
Mangrove extent
Temporal composites for all indexes

On-demand Services

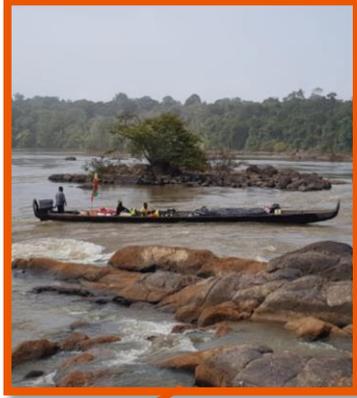
Statistics: evolutions in temporal composites values (polygons, transect, plot)
Date to date raster differences in temporal composites values
Estimation of mangrove spatial evolution
16 pilot sites spread over South America, Africa, Asia and Oceania regions

Track mangrove
gain or loss with the
NDVI indicator

*Scientific content on
free access for
private and public
stakeholders*



Guyanese rivers and streams, traditional communication channel



Rivers and streams of French Guiana

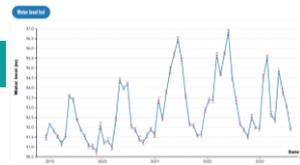
- economic vector (freight transport, tourism)
- social vector (access to remote villages)
- recreational vector (water activities, sports...)



OpHyse, A complex forecast system made easily usefull

Satellite data (Sentinel 3 & 6)

Jason 3

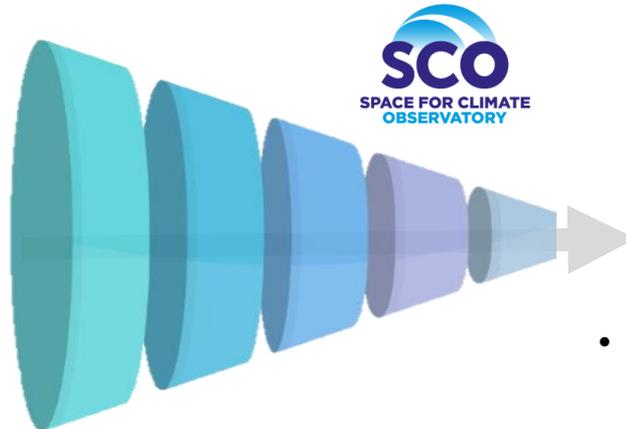
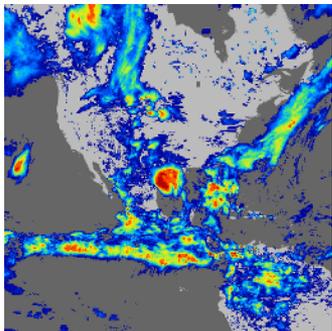


Long term Virtual Monitoring Stations of river altimetry (HydrowebNext)

Water flow rate

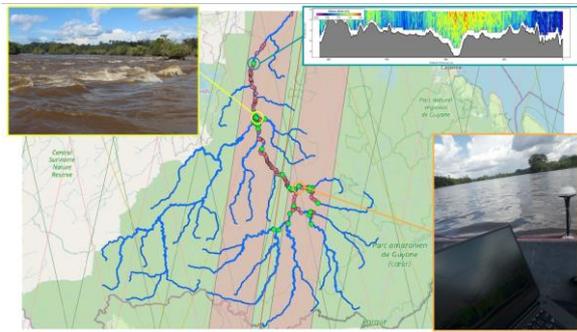
Hydrological Model for Large Bassins (MGB)

JAXA Global Rain Watch



<https://sagui.hydro-matters.fr/>

- Real-time information on the hydrological status of French Guiana's catchment areas
- Long term evolution under climate change conditions



SCO OpHySE

Operational Hydrology from Space and modEls



OpHyse, A real contribution for understanding and modeling Guiana's watersheds from Space

- a transparent calculation core for the user but configurable (alerts, reference periods, assimilated data, stations of interest, etc.)
- a generic method applicable to other basins
- results despite -normal- differences with the observed

10 days water flow forecast alert

Water flow alert

Rain Alert

Atmospheric alert

SAGUI: Suivi hydrométéorologique de la Guyane depuis l'espace pour la société

En savoir plus

2 novembre 2023

date in view and time

navigation

Prévision de débit

“SCO” tab with climate flow analysis

Alertes de débit

alert tabs

Alertes de pluie

Alertes atmosphériques

Stations

Evolution par rapport à la période de référence

- Constant
- faible
- moyen
- élevé

Segments

- par débit journalier (m³/sec)
- par anomalie (%)
- 0 - 50
- 50 - 100
- 100 - 250
- 250 - 500
- 500 - 1000
- 1000 - 2500
- 2500 - 5000
- 5000 - 10000
- 10000 - 22280

OpHyse, A real contribution for understanding and modeling Guiana's watersheds from Space

“SCO” product integrated with the SAGUI platform
Daily update with Climate Change indicator and alert
Quality of estimates / complementarity of “SCO” and alert indicators

10 days water flow forecast alert



SAGUI: Suivi hydrométéorologique de la Guyane depuis l'espace pour la société

12 novembre 2023

Prévisions de débit

Alertes de débit

Alertes de pluie

Alertes atmosphériques

Stations

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- 10000 - 22260

Apatou 2010-2020

10 days water flow forecast Alert

2010-2020 period

Flow decrease wrt ref period

Flow (m³/sec)

Date

Starting date: 24/10/2023

End date: 12/11/2023

OpHyse, A real contribution for understanding and modeling Guiana's watersheds from Space

Calibration curves and conversion of heights to flow

Quality analysis of series available in Hydroweb/Theia

Study of the observability potential of new rivers / Highlighting of certain series **suspicious** and **good** surprises

Water flow alert

The screenshot displays the SAGUI (Suivi hydrométéorologique de la Guyane depuis l'espace pour la société) web interface. The main map shows French Guiana with several monitoring stations marked by colored circles. A legend on the left side of the map provides details for 'Stations Niveau d'alerte' (Constant, faible, moyen, élevé) and 'Segments' (per débit journalier (m³/sec) and per anomalie (%)).

On the left side of the interface, there are four main menu items: 'Prévision de débit' (red), 'Alertes de débit' (orange, circled in white), 'Alertes de pluie' (green), and 'Alertes atmosphériques' (green). The 'Alertes de débit' item is highlighted with a white circle.

The top right of the interface shows the date '2 novembre 2023' and navigation arrows. A detailed inset graph titled 'Saut_Bief' for the period '2010-2020' shows flow in m³/sec over time. The graph features a blue line representing the flow, a red dashed horizontal line labeled 'Overflow threshold' at approximately 320 m³/sec, and an orange dashed horizontal line labeled 'Under flow alert' at approximately 50 m³/sec. The x-axis is labeled 'Date' and ranges from Dec 2023 to Nov 2023. The y-axis is labeled 'Flow (m³/sec)' and ranges from -50 to 500.

Thank you for your attention

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