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UNESCO International Initiative on Water Quality World Water Quality Portal Monitoring water quality using EO

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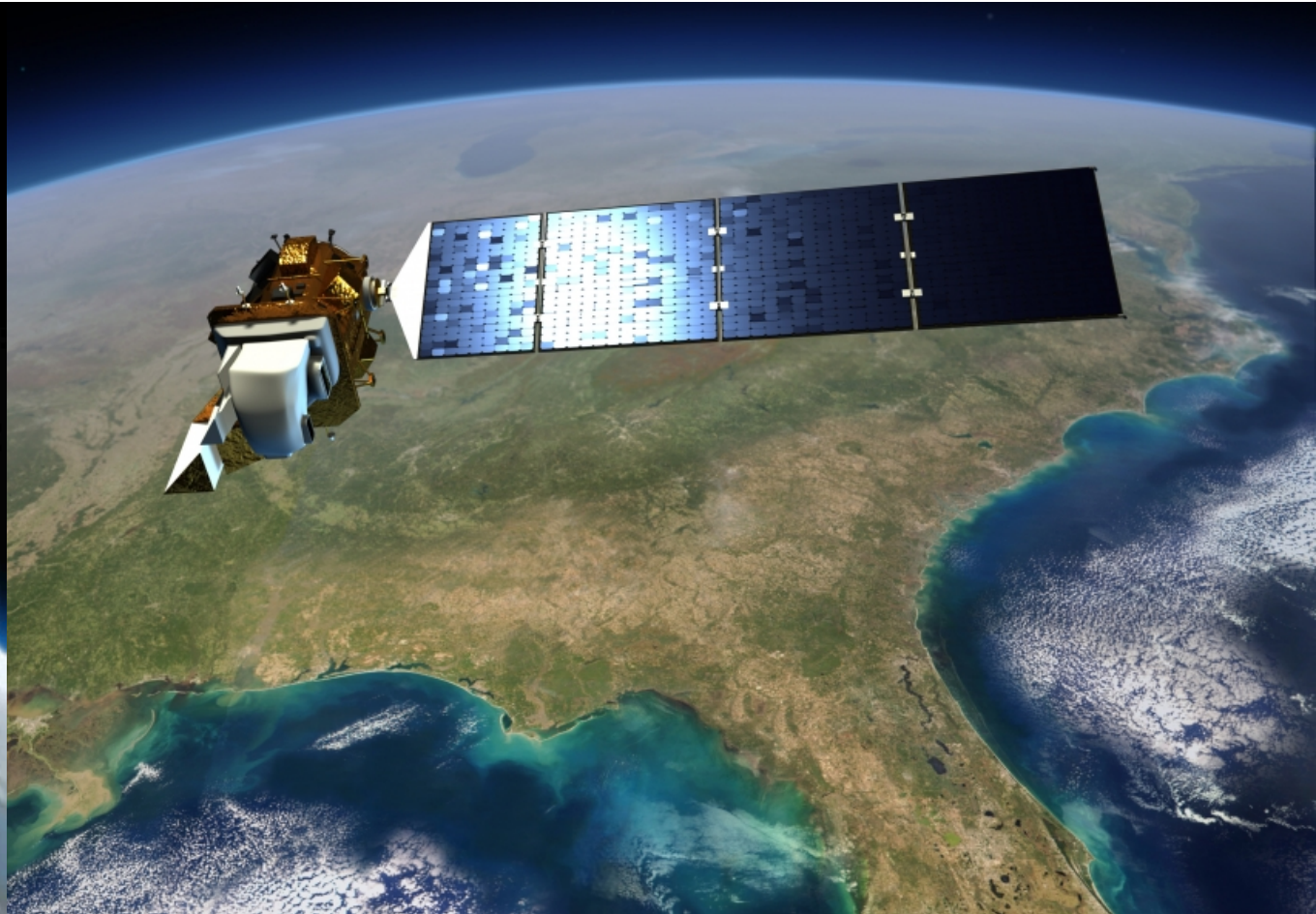
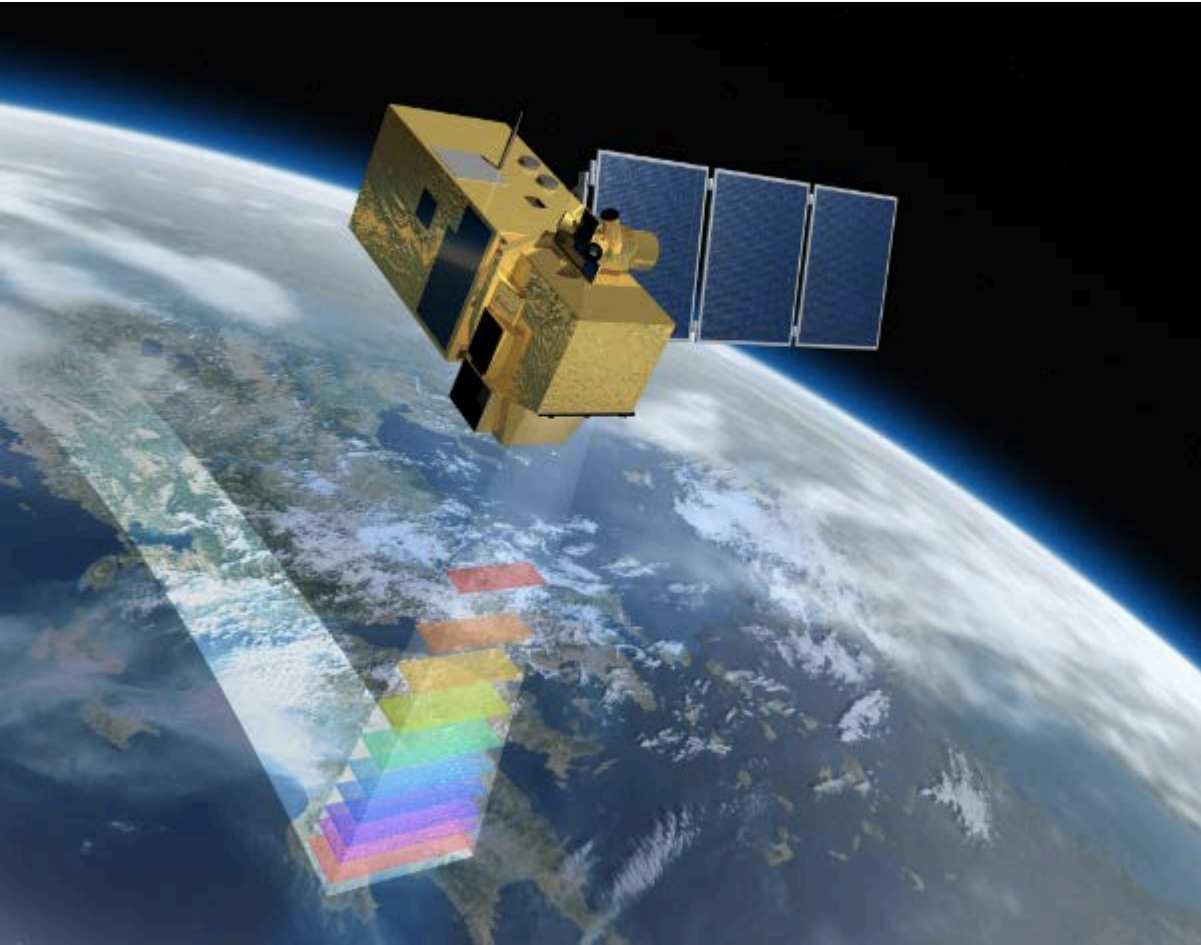


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Can Earth Observation fill the global water quality data gap for the SDGs monitoring?



International
Initiative on
Water Quality





UNESCO International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ)
Activities on water quality monitoring

UNESCO World Water Quality Portal

- **A demonstration project on water quality monitoring, using Earth Observation** under the *International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ)* of UNESCO-IHP
- **Aims at improving global water quality information**, focusing on inland freshwater resources
 - A valuable tool to obtain water quality data and information, especially in remote areas and developing countries (Africa, Asia, Latin America, and SIDS) where water quality monitoring networks and laboratory capacity are lacking
- **Promotes the use using innovative scientific approaches and technologies** for better water management
 - Demonstrates the capabilities and use of Earth Observation (satellite-based data) for monitoring water quality in inland freshwaters
- **Supports the implementation and monitoring of the SDGS** at the global, regional, national and local levels.

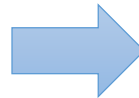
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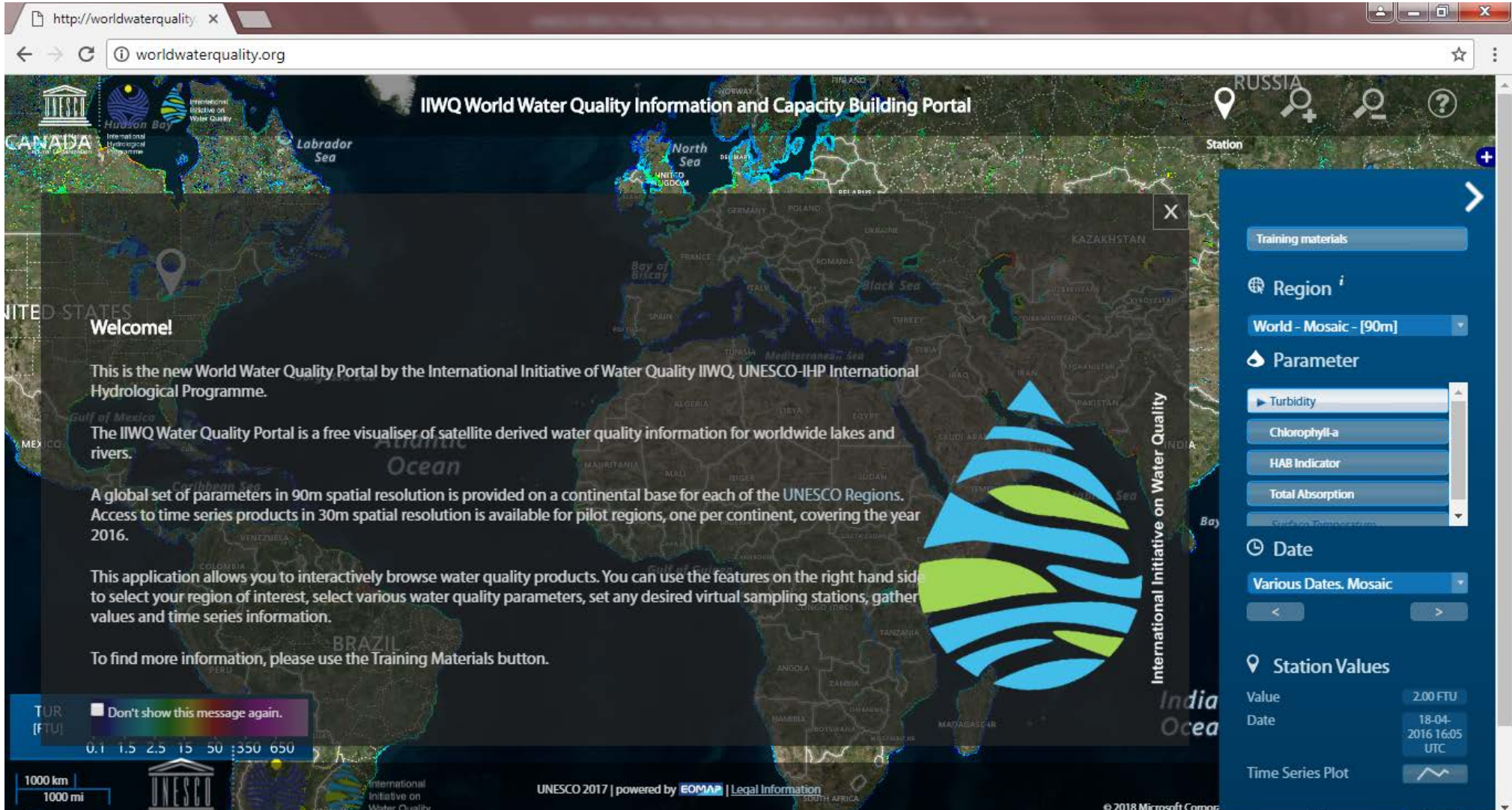


Water quality parameters

- Turbidity (sedimentation)
- *Chlorophyll-a*
- HAB indicator
- Total absorption
- Surface temperature



- **Global layer** (90-meter/mixed resolution)
- **Regional layers/demonstration basins** (30-meter resolution):
 - Lake Sevan in the Caucasus highlands - *Armenia, Azerbaijan*
 - Itaipu and Parana River Basins - *Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay*
 - The Mecklenburg Lake Plateau - *Germany*
 - River Nile and Aswan Reservoir - *Egypt, Sudan*
 - The Mekong Delta - *Vietnam*
 - Florida Lakes - *USA*
 - Zambezi River - *Zambia, Zimbabwe*



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IWQ World Water Quality Information and Capacity Building Portal

Station

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Region

World - Mosaic - [90m]

Parameter

Turbidity

Chlorophyll-a

HAB Indicator

Total Absorption

Date

Various Dates. Mosaic

Station Values

Value 2.00 FTU

Date 18-04-2016 16:05 UTC

Time Series Plot

Welcome!

This is the new World Water Quality Portal by the International Initiative of Water Quality IIWQ, UNESCO-IHP International Hydrological Programme.

The IIWQ Water Quality Portal is a free visualiser of satellite derived water quality information for worldwide lakes and rivers.

A global set of parameters in 90m spatial resolution is provided on a continental base for each of the UNESCO Regions. Access to time series products in 30m spatial resolution is available for pilot regions, one per continent, covering the year 2016.

This application allows you to interactively browse water quality products. You can use the features on the right hand side to select your region of interest, select various water quality parameters, set any desired virtual sampling stations, gather values and time series information.

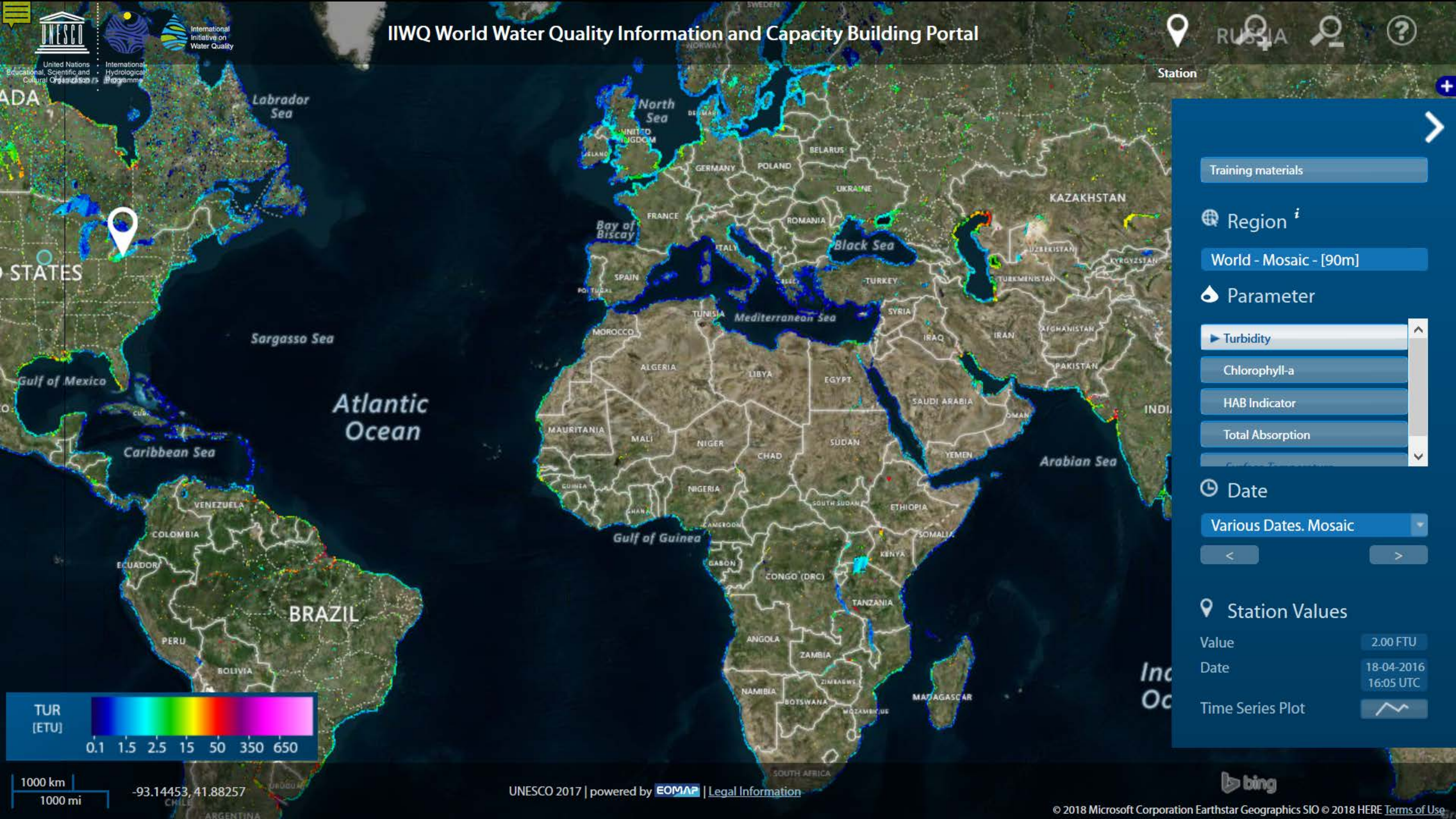
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1000 mi

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World - Mosaic - [90m]

Parameter

- ▶ Turbidity
- Chlorophyll-a
- HAB Indicator
- Total Absorption

Date

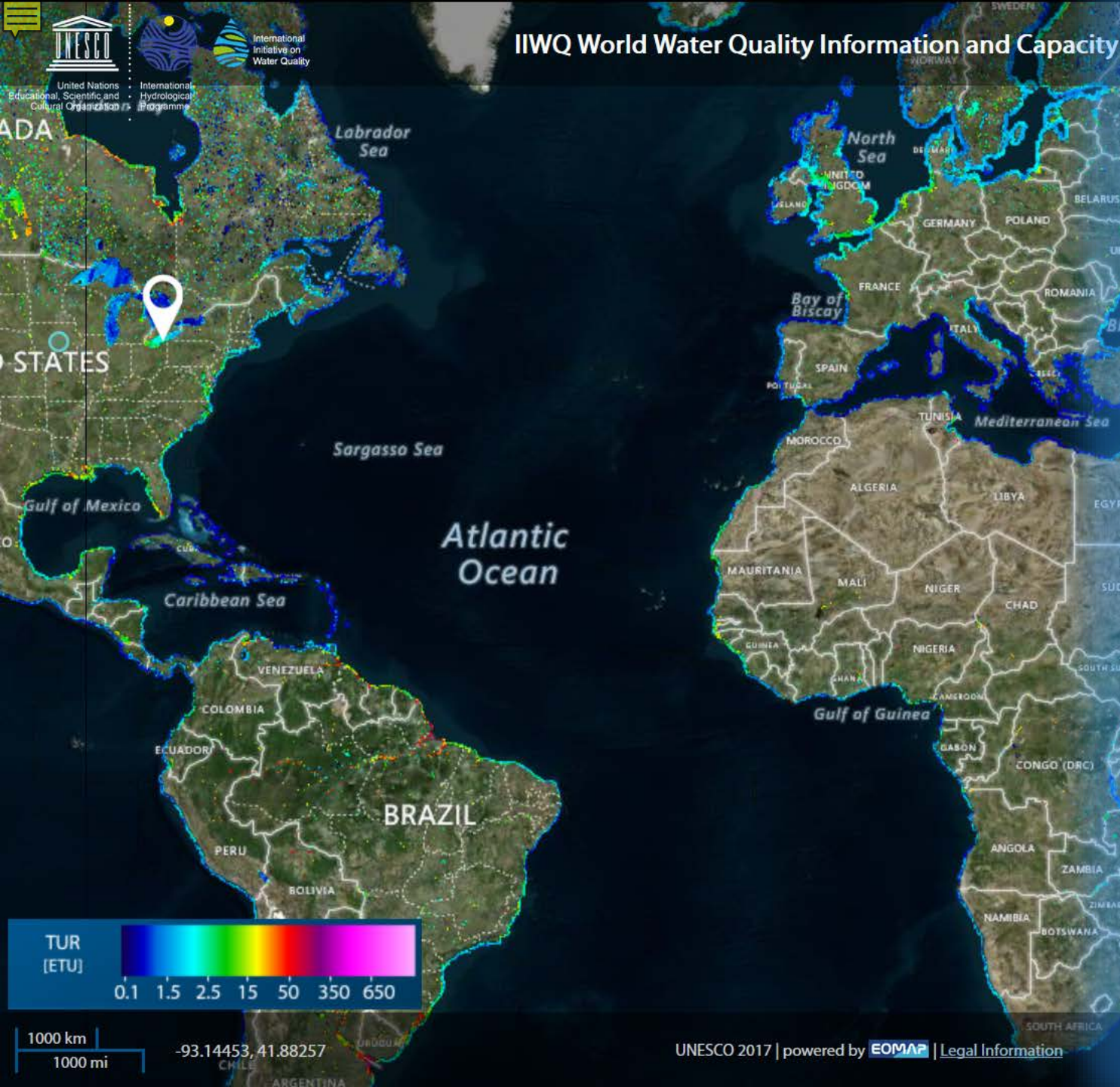
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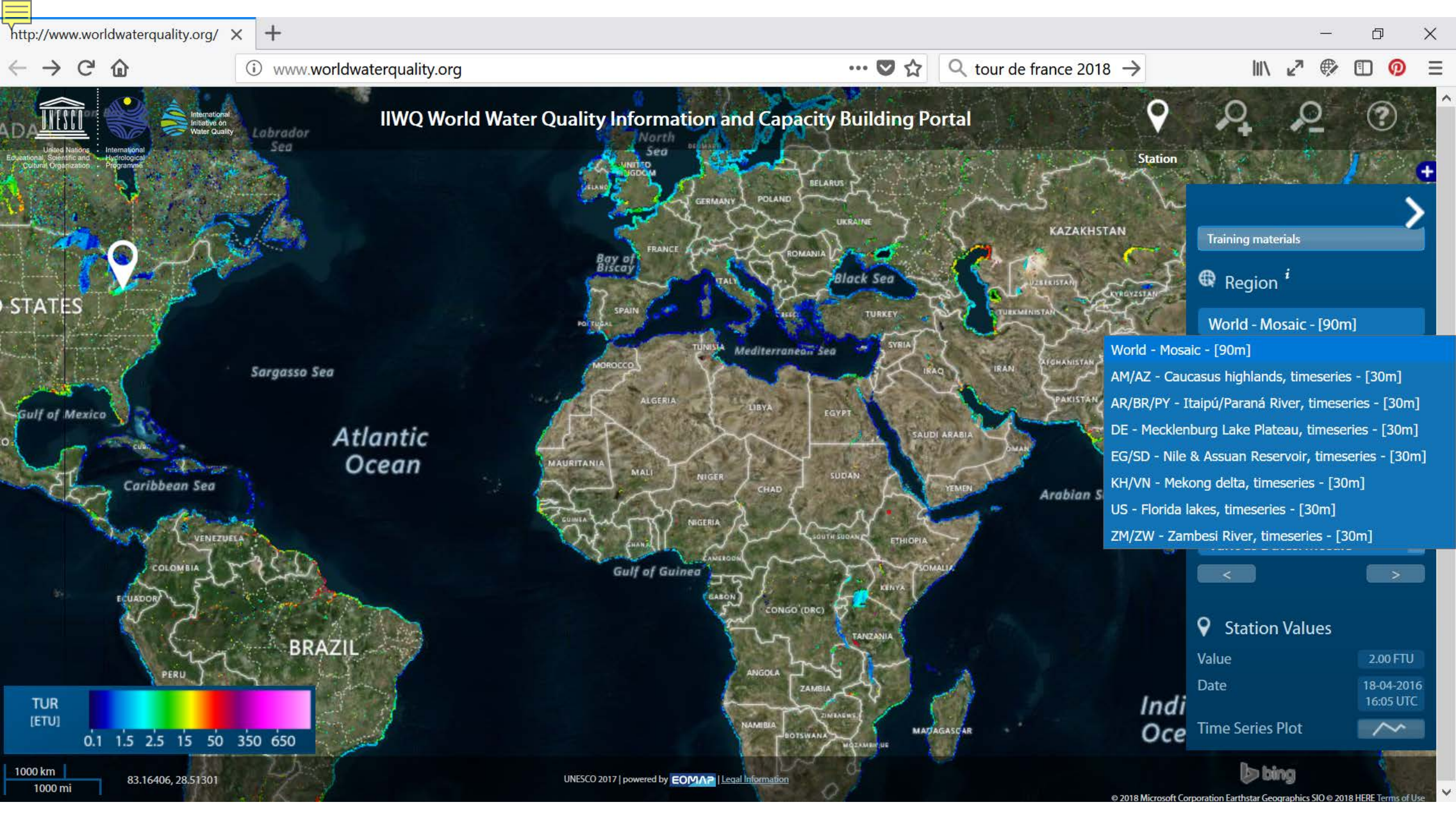
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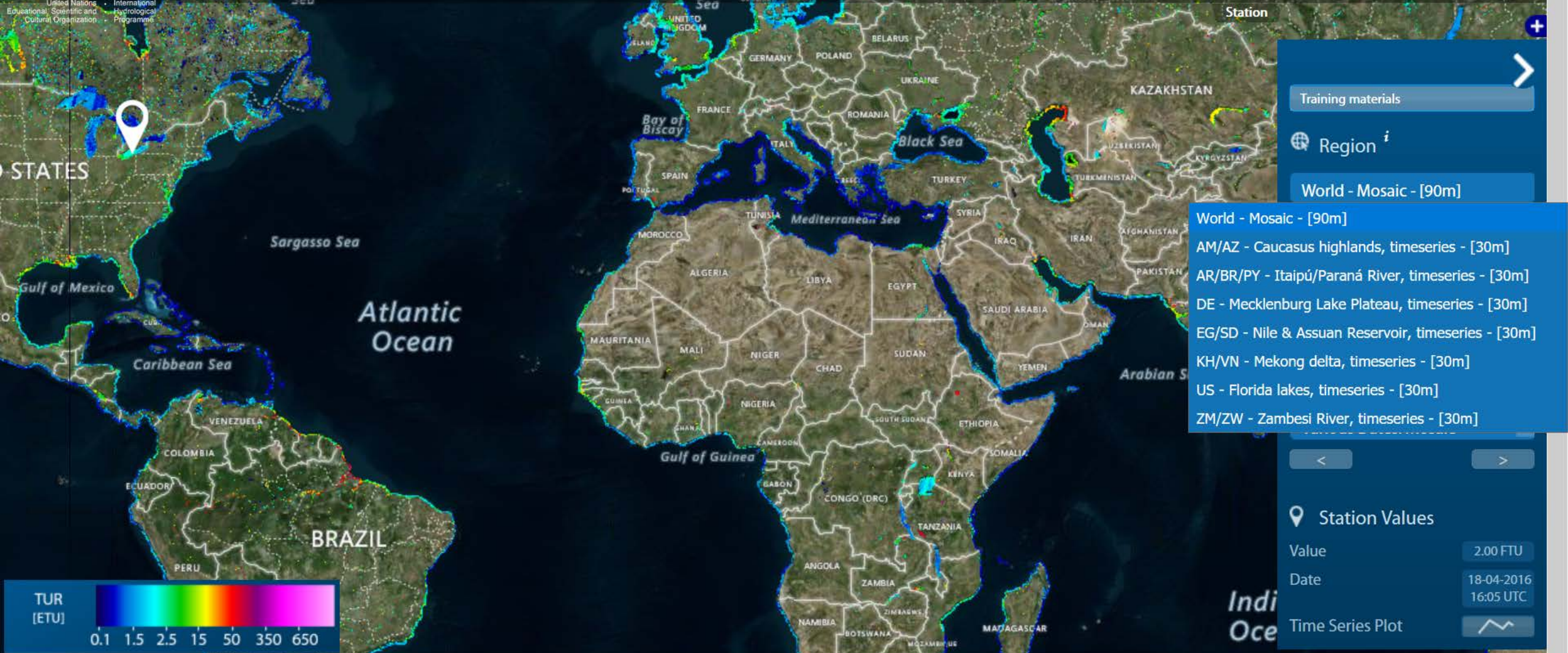
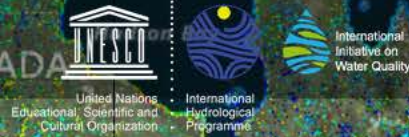
World - Mosaic - [90m]

Parameter

- Turbidity**
- Chlorophyll-a
- HAB Indicator



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- World - Mosaic - [90m]

- World - Mosaic - [90m]
- AM/AZ - Caucasus highlands, timeseries - [30m]
- AR/BR/PY - Itaipú/Paraná River, timeseries - [30m]
- DE - Mecklenburg Lake Plateau, timeseries - [30m]
- EG/SD - Nile & Assuan Reservoir, timeseries - [30m]
- KH/VN - Mekong delta, timeseries - [30m]
- US - Florida lakes, timeseries - [30m]
- ZM/ZW - Zambesi River, timeseries - [30m]

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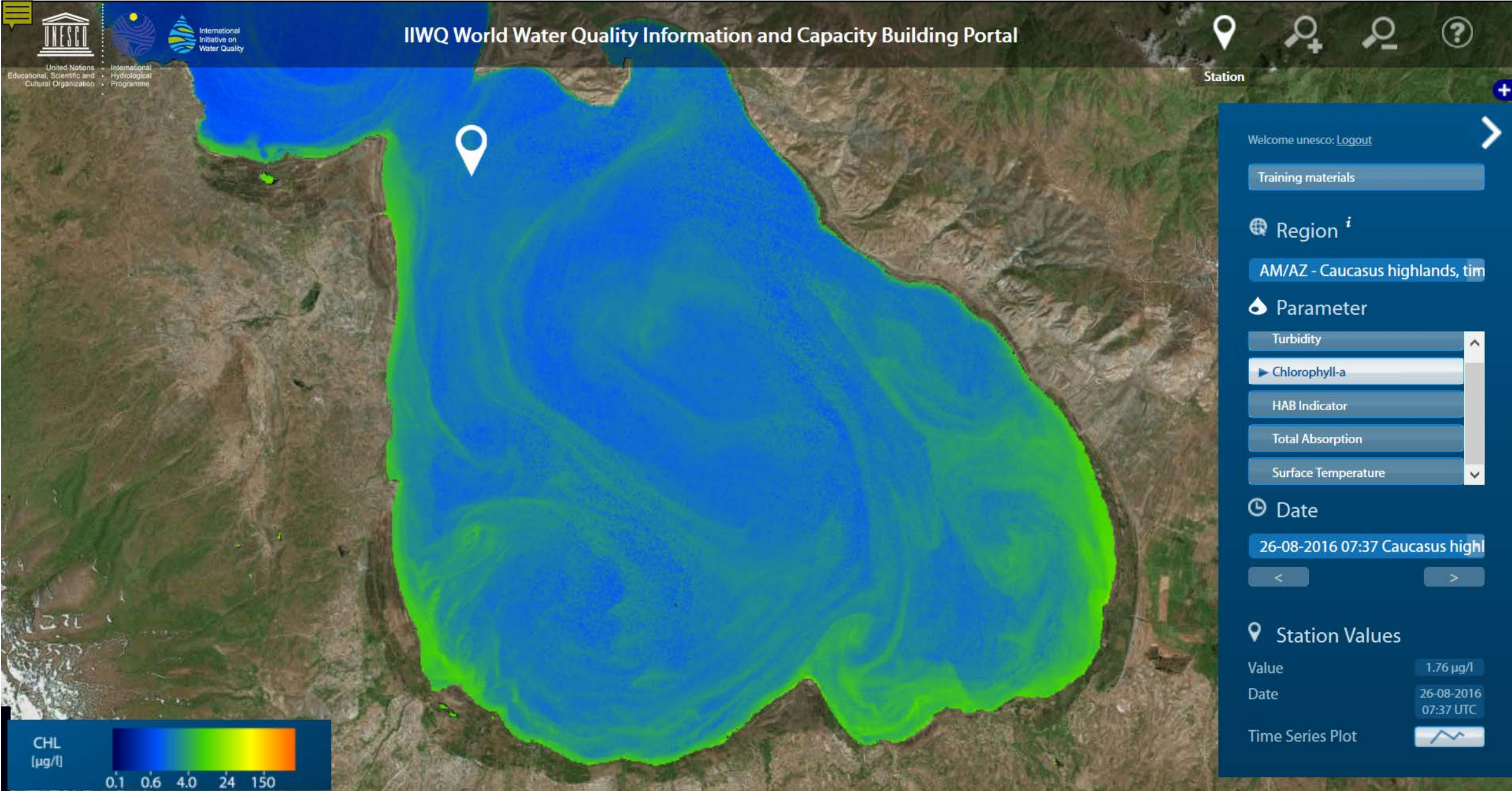
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Time Series Plot

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1000 mi
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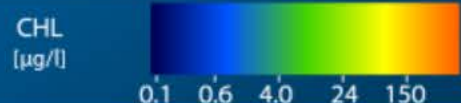
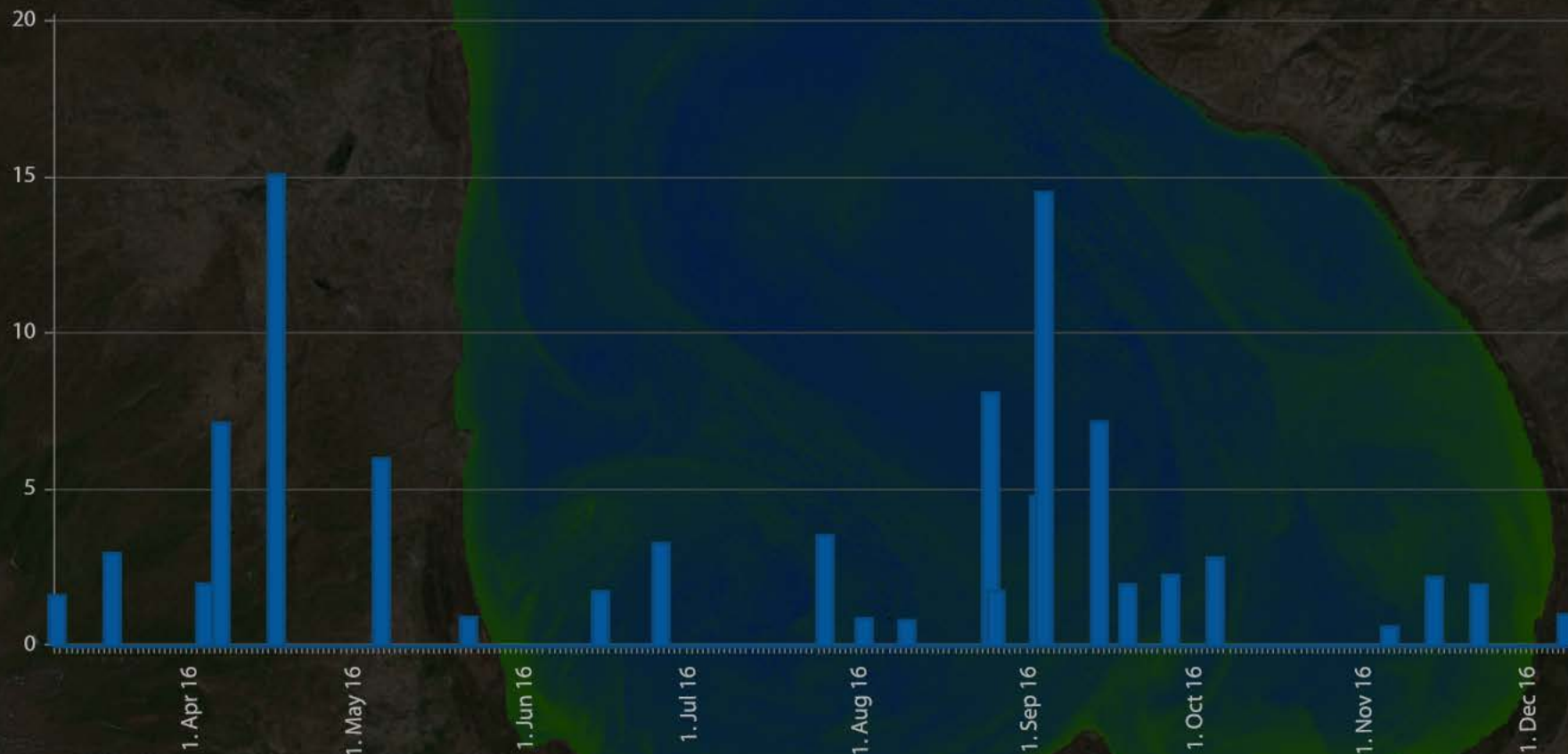
[Time Series Plot](#) 



5 km
2 mi
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Station

Chlorophyll-a 2016



Report

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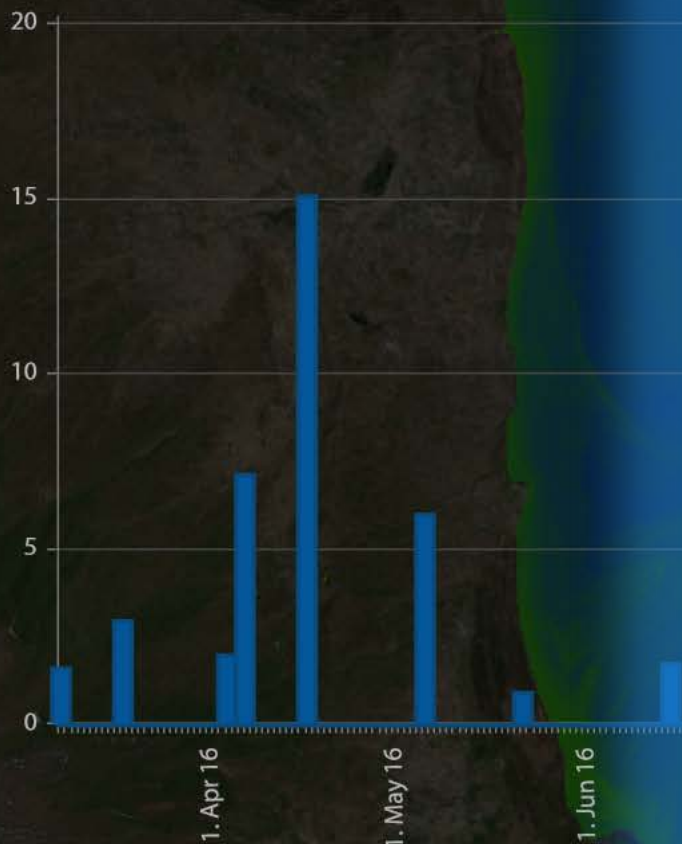
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[Time Series Plot](#)

[Click here to generate a time series plot.](#)

Station

Chlorophyll-a 2016



WATER QUALITY REPORT

Generated at: 2018-01-21 Time 17:41:40

Parameter: Chlorophyll-a

Unit: µg/l

Product: [eoWater](#) (satellite based)

Region: AM/AZ - Caucasus highlands, [timeseries](#) - [30m]

Station [lat/lon](#): 40.41433 / 45.26688

Year: 2016

Median: 2.24

Mean: 3.97

Minimum value: 0.62

Bottom quintile: 1.38

Top quintile: 6.46

Maximum value: 15.09

Trophic State Index (according to Carlson 1977): Oligotrophic

Oligotrophic: 54.17%

Mesotrophic: 33.33%

Eutrophic: 12.50%

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- A useful tool to assess the interlinkages between the human and natural (ecological) systems.
- Provides information on impacts and pressure on water quality from other sectors:
 - urban areas,
 - agriculture
 - energy sectors (dams and reservoir management)
 - climate change

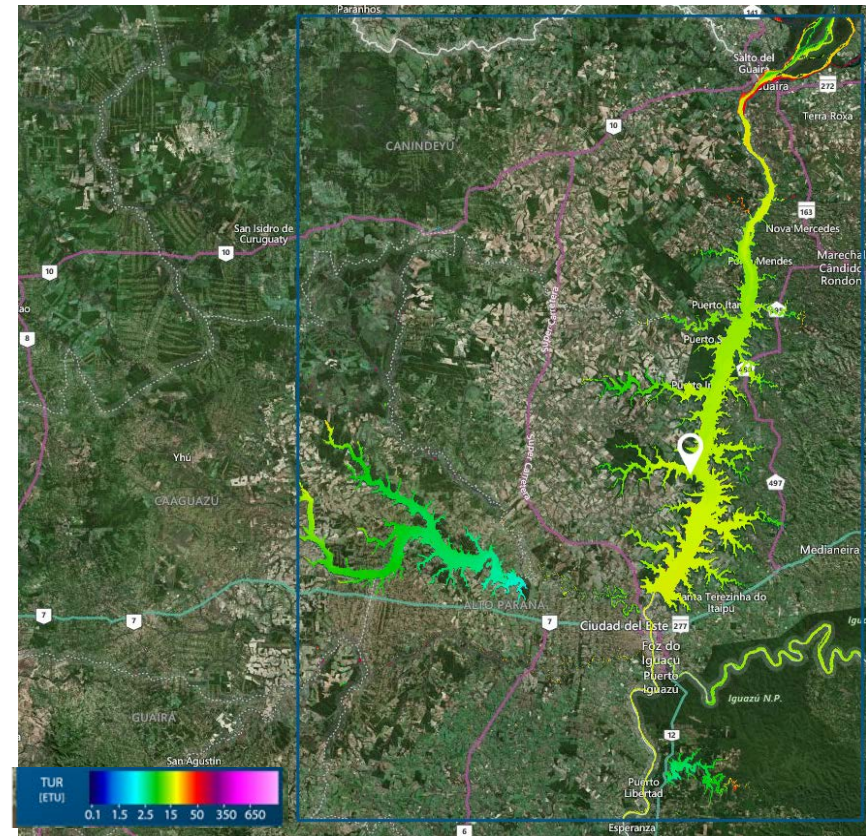
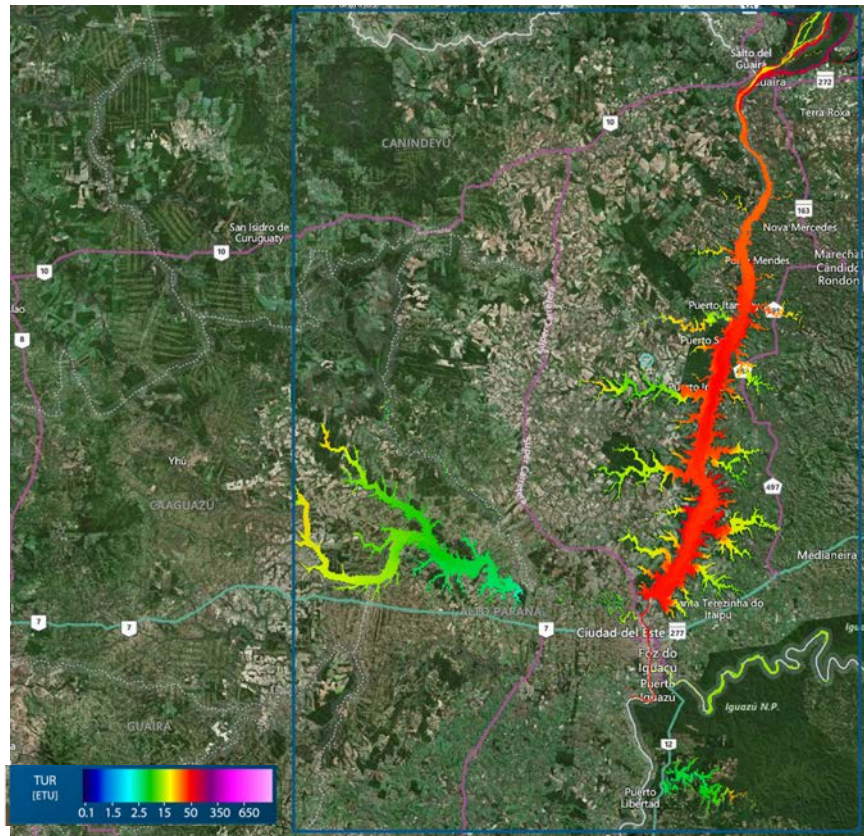




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Paraná River Basin: Sedimentation distribution in the Itaipu reservoir zone (08 June & 11 August 2016)
Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina



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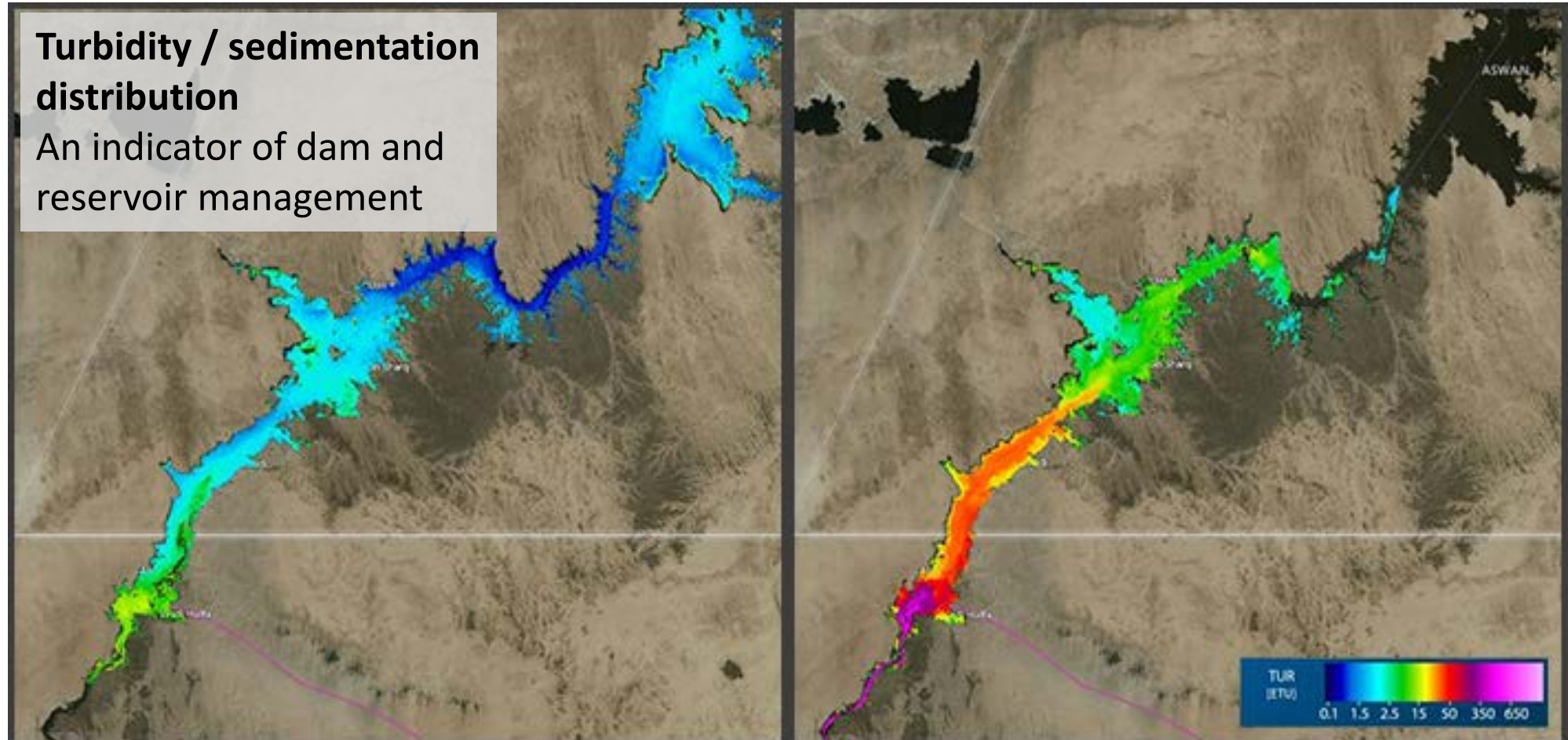
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Turbidity / sedimentation distribution

An indicator of dam and reservoir management



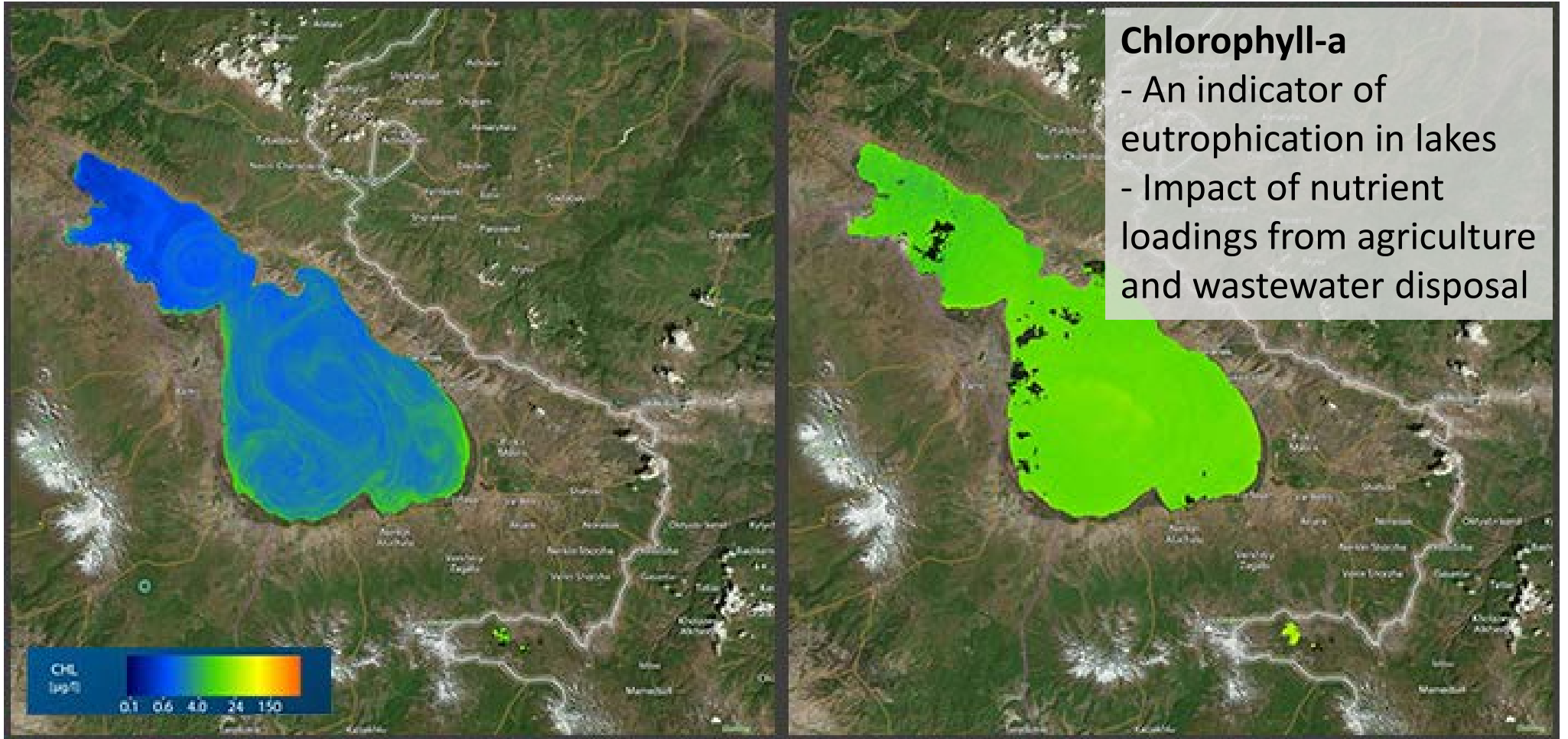
Turbidity distribution, River Nile and Aswan Reservoir, on 17 January and 20 August 2016.
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Chlorophyll-a levels in Lake Sevan on 26 August and 04 September 2016.
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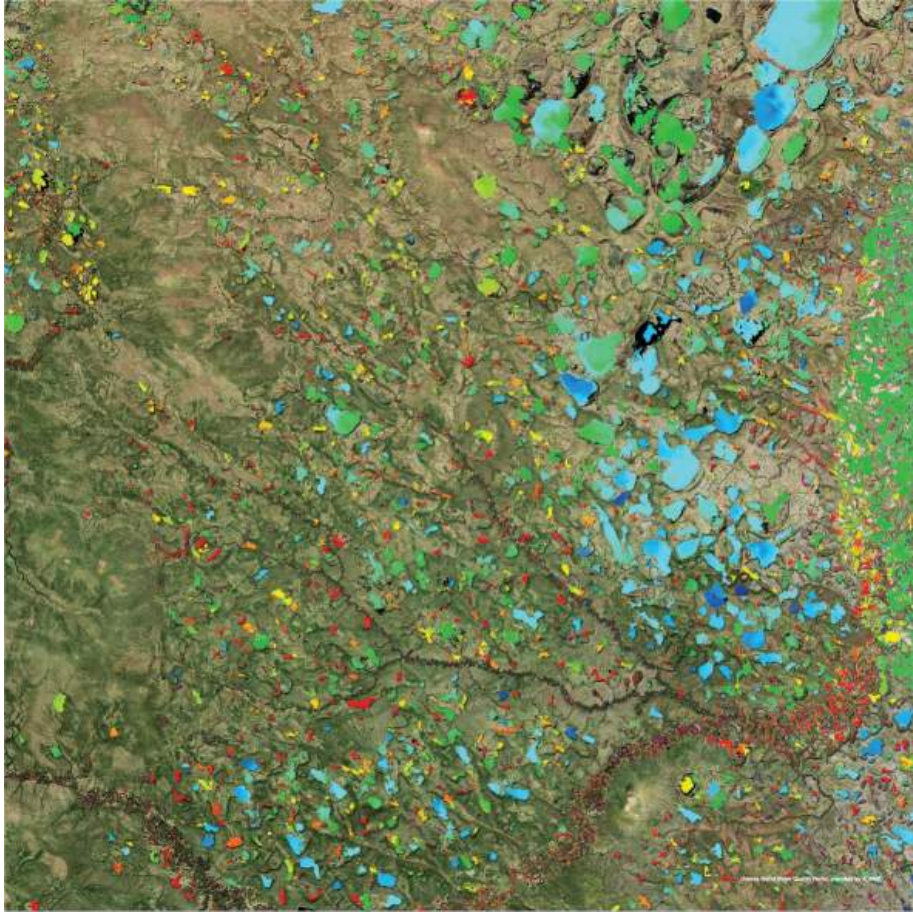
Florida Lakes (USA)

Harmful Algae Bloom (HABs)

- An indicator of antropogenic nutrient enrichment / Eutrophication in surface waters
- Impact of agricultural activities and wastewater discharges on water quality

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The Sakha Region (Russia)

Dissolved organic substances

- Permafrost melting
- Impact of climate change on water quality

The technology behind the UNESCO IIWQ portal

Satellite sensors: Landsat 8, Sentinel-2

Combined approx. 2 records per week, 10m/20m & 30m resolution

Data processing: MIP - Modular Inversion and Processing System

Fully physics based, sensor generic, globally harmonized measures

Data portal: Online web application & Geoserver

based on EOMAP eoApp web application technology

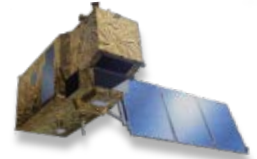




Satellite sensors used for the UNESCO IIWQ portal (Version 2017)



Landsat 8 (from USGS)
spatial resolution 30m, 2x/month

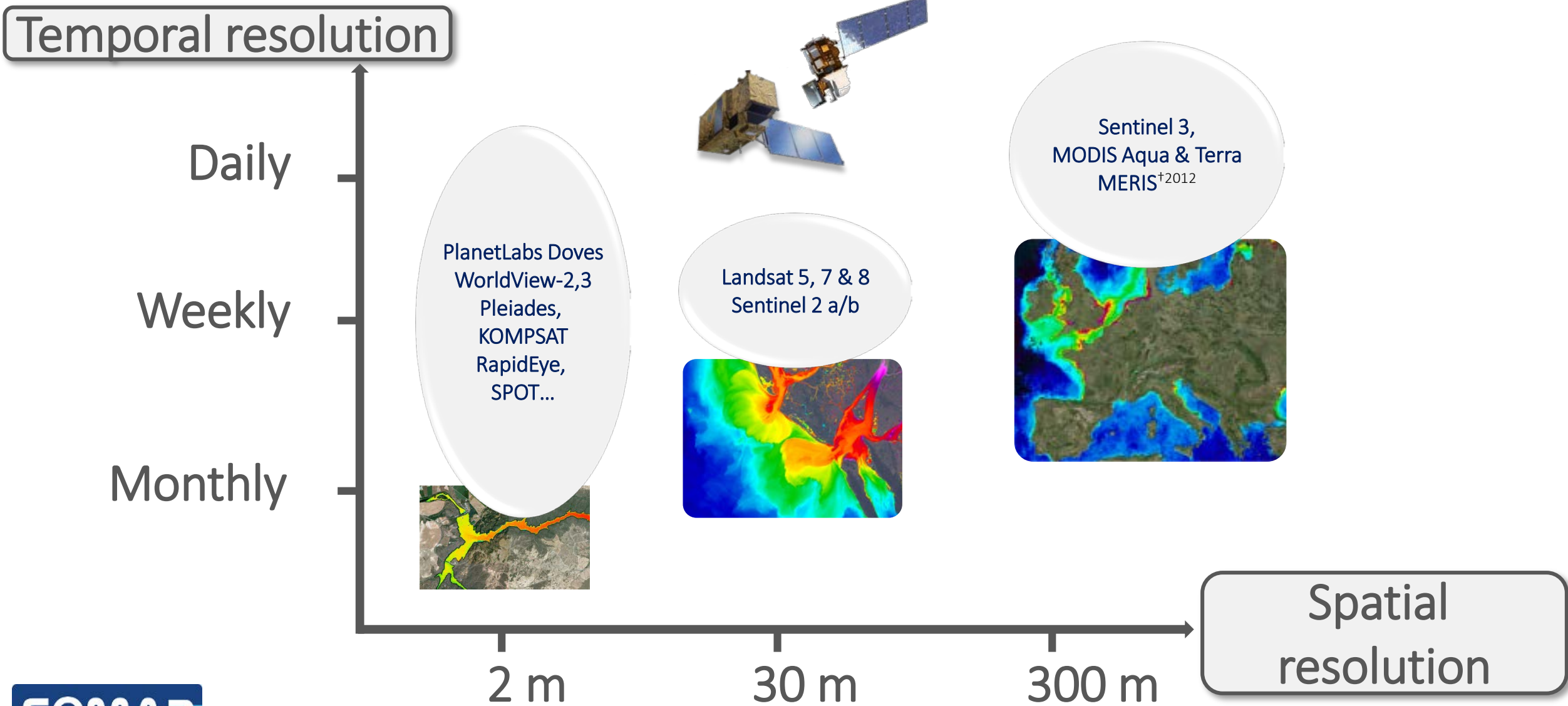


Sentinel-2 a/b (from ESA)
spatial resolution 10m&20m, 3x/month per sensor

Combined temporal resolution Landsat 7&8, Sentinel 2a&b:
10x/month



Sensors used for the IIWQ portal: Landsat 8, Sentinel-2



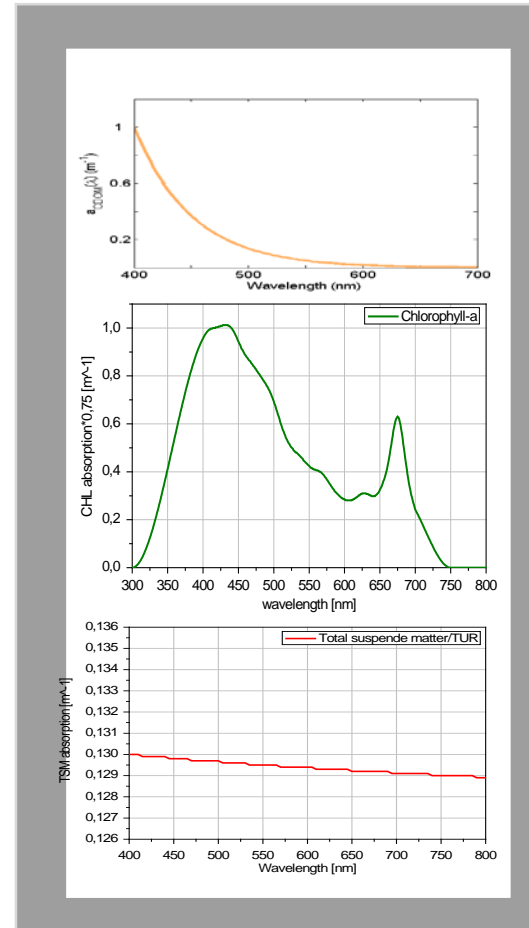
EO derived water quality properties

- Reference properties: Spectral absorption and scattering coefficients
- Interface to establish hydro-biological measurements

water color



absorption and scattering



water constituents

turbidity

- TSM, Secchi depth, k ...

organic-/anorg. absorption

- CDOM, organic/anorganic

pigment absorption

- Chlorophyll a

specific pigment indicators

- Blue algae indicator

harmful algae bloom HAB


Capacity building and training on monitoring water quality using Earth Observation

User Guide

How to use the UNESCO-IHP IIWQ World Water Quality Portal

General Information


The portal is a user-friendly and intuitive website, that can be used like similar websites that use maps to show specific information. Please note that the portal might need a while to load and show the desired information, since the data behind consist of large geospatial datasets that need to be loaded. This depends on the speed of the user's internet connection, the browser and its cache storage. It is recommended to stay patient while using the portal and not try to rush things, since each action is interpreted as a request to the data server and needs to be run in the background.



Navigation


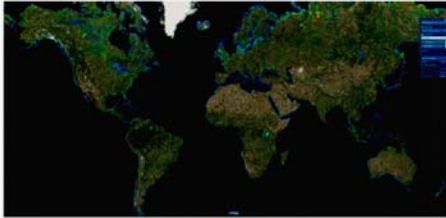
Using a computer mouse with a wheel, moving (click and pan simultaneously) and zooming (scroll the mouse wheel) the map can be achieved as the user would expect it. The same holds true for the usage of touchscreens on mobile devices, where the map can be moved by tapping, holding and moving the finger, while zooming is either achieved with a double-tap or using two fingers that spread or are brought together. Virtual stations can be set by single mouse-clicks or a single finger-tap.

Alternatively, basic tools are provided on the top right in the header bar of the portal. Once clicked, single mouse-clicks or finger-taps perform the selected task (setting a virtual station, zooming in or zooming out).



Main Menu

On the right-hand side, a blue function bar is included, which serves as the main menu for the selection of the region of interest, the product that shall be shown as well as information about the current virtual station and the creation of time series plots and reports. It includes:

The IIWQ World Water Quality Portal

- Whitepaper -

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This document is accessible through the UNESCO IIWQ World Water Quality Portal.

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Training handbook

"How to use
Satellite-based Water Quality Information
available at the UNESCO-IHP IIWQ World Water Quality Portal"

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Targets	Indicators
<div data-bbox="53 411 300 668" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>6.3: Improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally</p> <p>6.6: Protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes</p>	<p>6.3.2: Proportion of bodies of water with good ambient water quality</p> <p>6.6.1: Change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spatial extent • quantity of water • state if ecosystem health (water quality)
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UNESCO World Water Quality Portal:

Supporting science-based decision-making

- **Promotes science-based, informed decision-making and policy development on water quality**, leading to sustainable water resources management.
 - A decision-support tool, helping countries identify the most pressing water quality problems such as pollution hotspots and consequently the action needed.
- **Supports national efforts for the implementation of water quality related SDG targets** as well as for monitoring progress towards their realization.



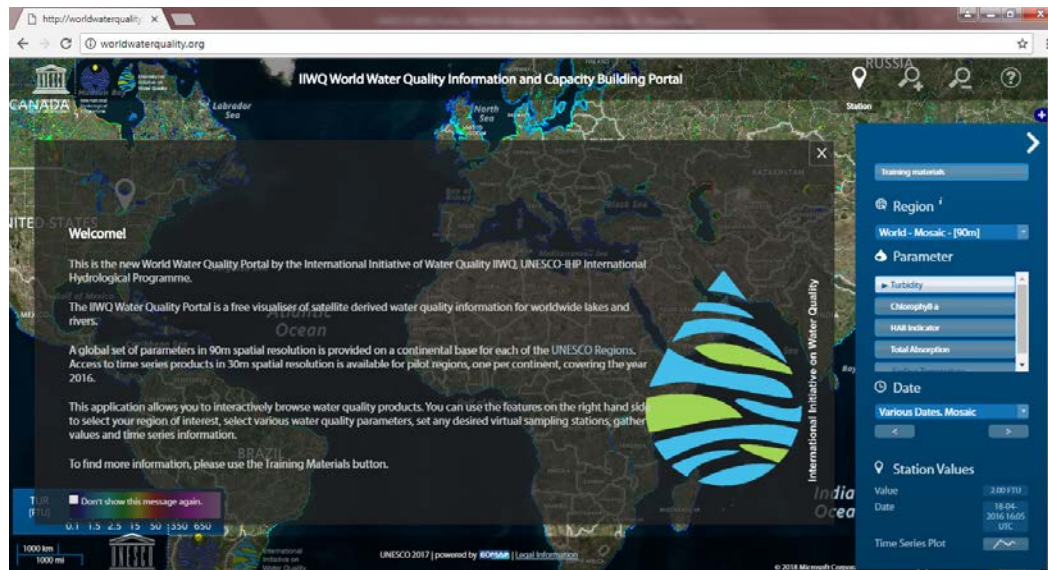
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