

INTRODUCTION OF THE
REMOTE SENSING
CROP MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN
THE PRISMA 4 AFRICA PROJECT .



PRISMA 4 AFRICA

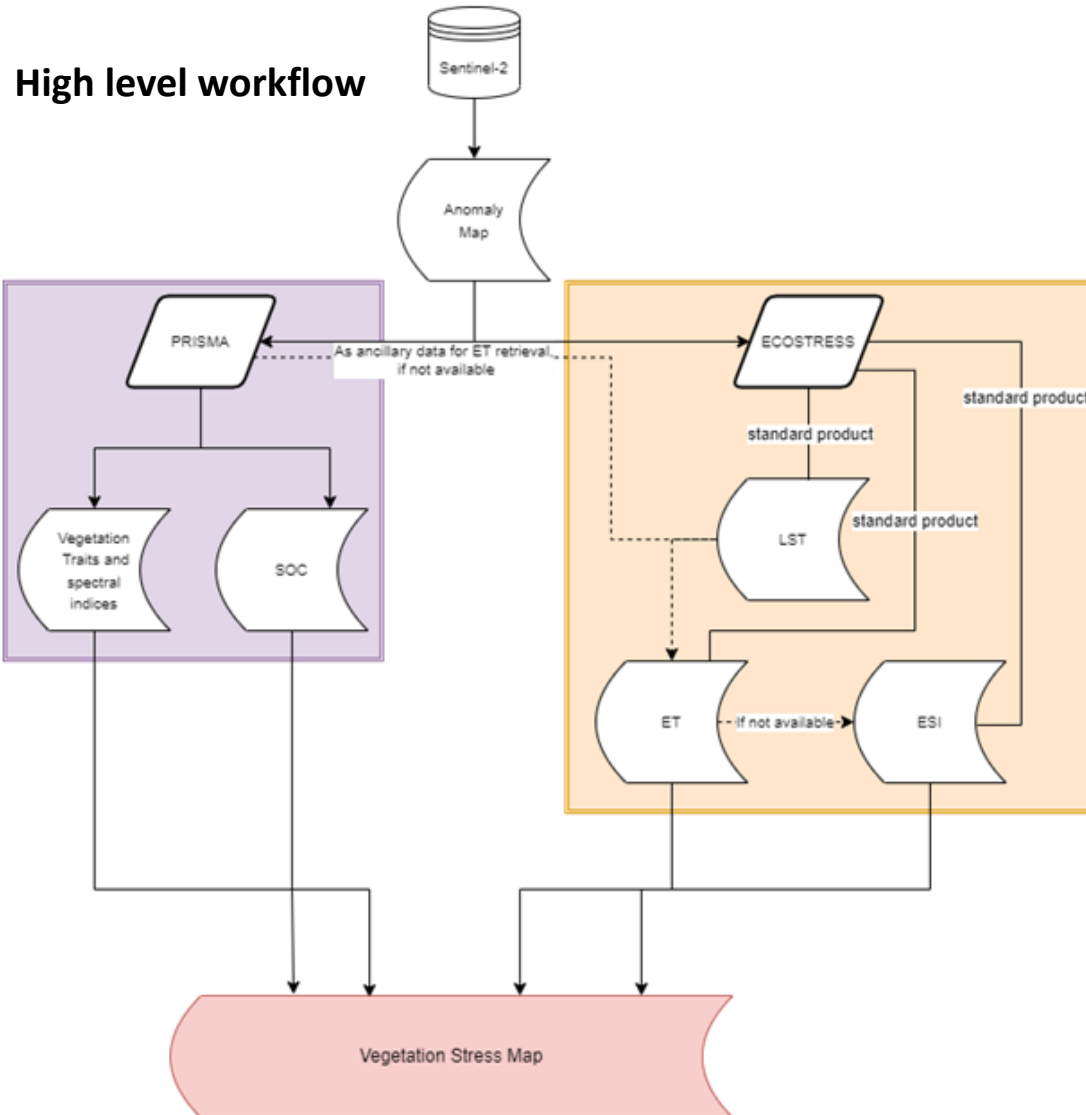
Validation data collection

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- Multispectral vs hyperspectral data
- Multispectral mission:
 - ❖ Sentinel-2
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 - ❖ PRISMA
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 - ❖ ECOSTRESS

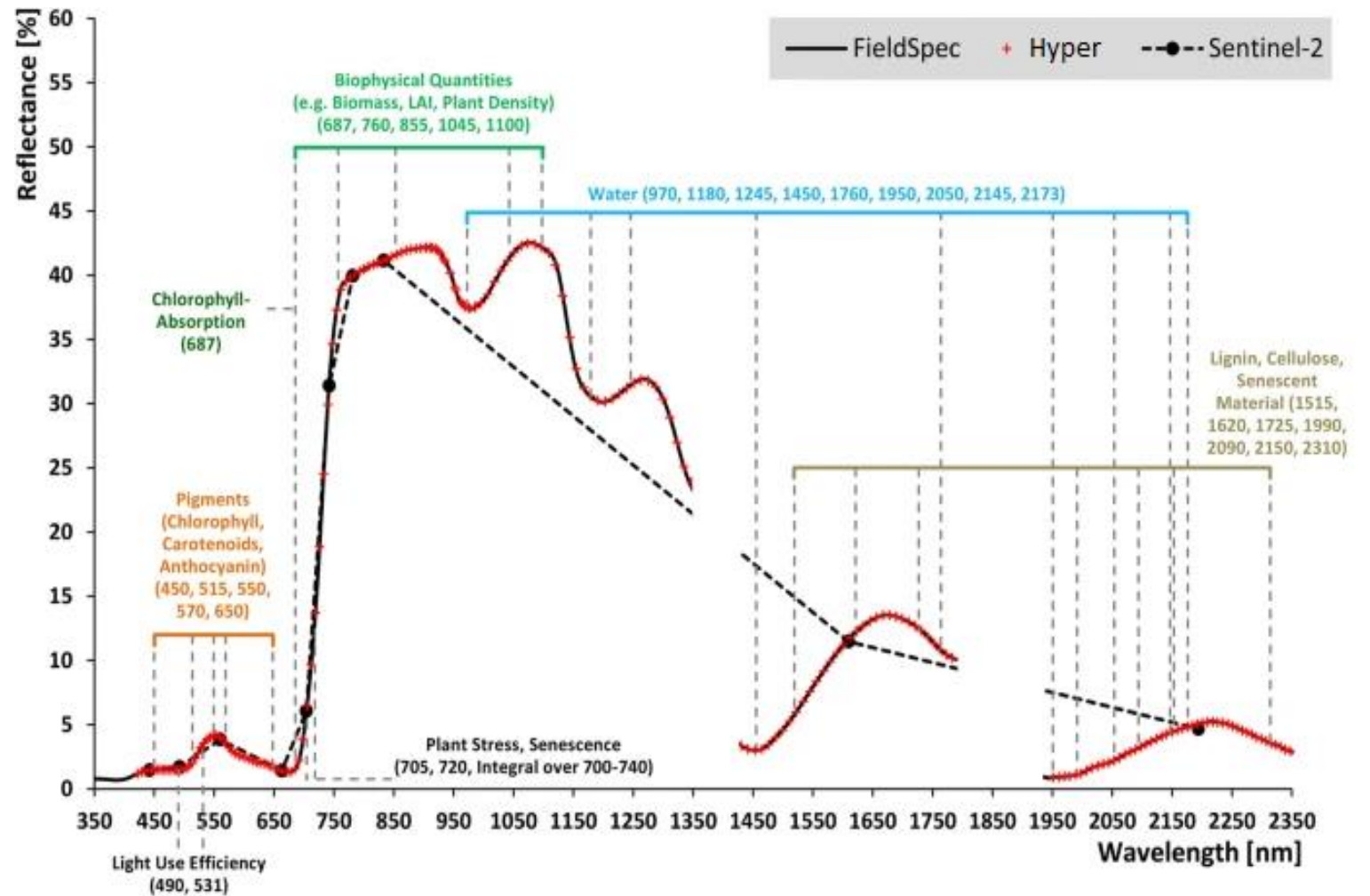
PRISMA 4 AFRICA - Workflow



- **Analysis of the Sentinel-2** time series to identify “deviation from normal” of the vegetation behaviour. [\[Multispectral\]](#)
- Application of **hybrid approaches and/or spectral vegetation indices to PRISMA** data, for the retrieval of biophysical and biochemical parameters of vegetation (structural and chemical traits) and agricultural soil characteristics (SOC). [\[Hyperspectral\]](#)
- Analysis of **thermal data** if standard products are available. If not, a preliminary step of generation (ET and ESI) will be performed, starting from **ECOSTRESS** LST. [\[Thermal\]](#)
- Vegetation stress map generation by **merging information** derived from PRISMA and ECOSTRESS.

Multispectral vs Hyperspectral

The increased **spectral** and **spatial** resolution of the hyperspectral images enable the possibility to analyze in-depth different **materials** and **surfaces** present in the observed area

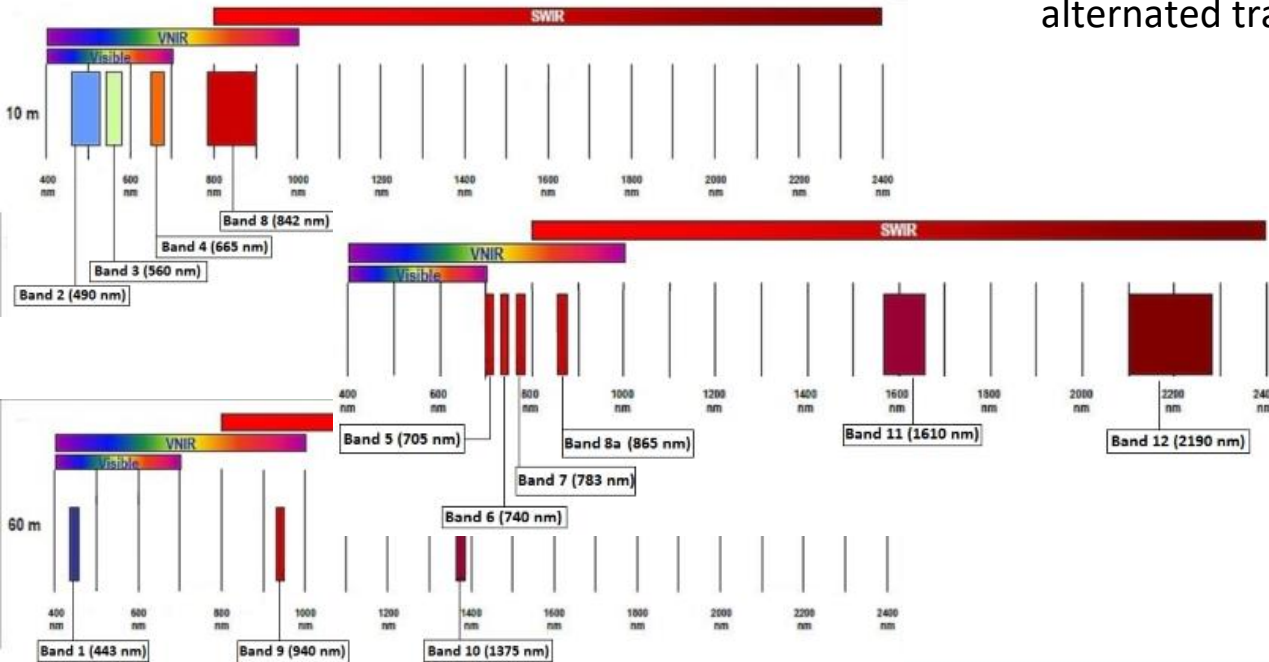


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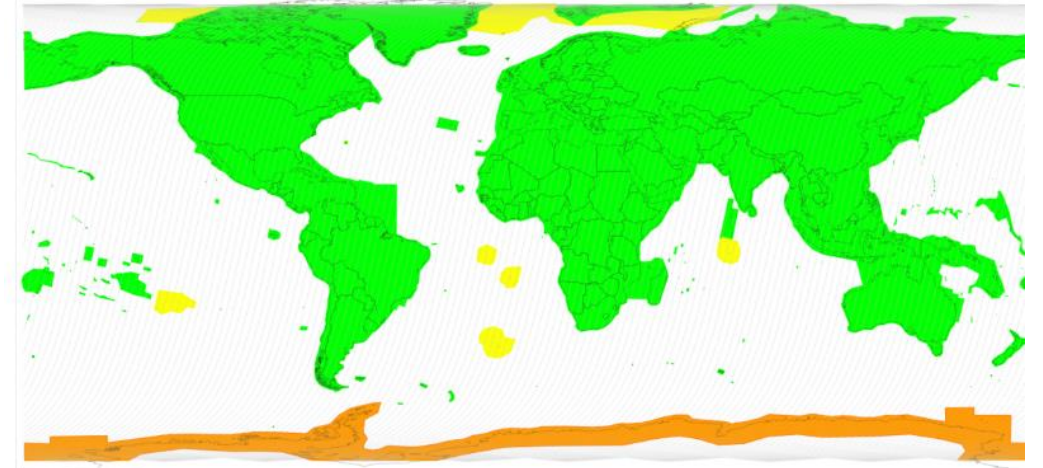
Sentinel-2 mission



Spectral range:



- Sentinel-2 mission is based on a constellation of three identical satellites in the same orbit:
 - ❖ Sentinel-2A - 23 June 2015
 - ❖ Sentinel-2B - 7 March 2017
 - ❖ Sentinel-2C - 5 September 2024
- Revist frequency:
 - ❖ 5 days
 - ❖ 10 days
 - ❖ 10 days access from alternated track

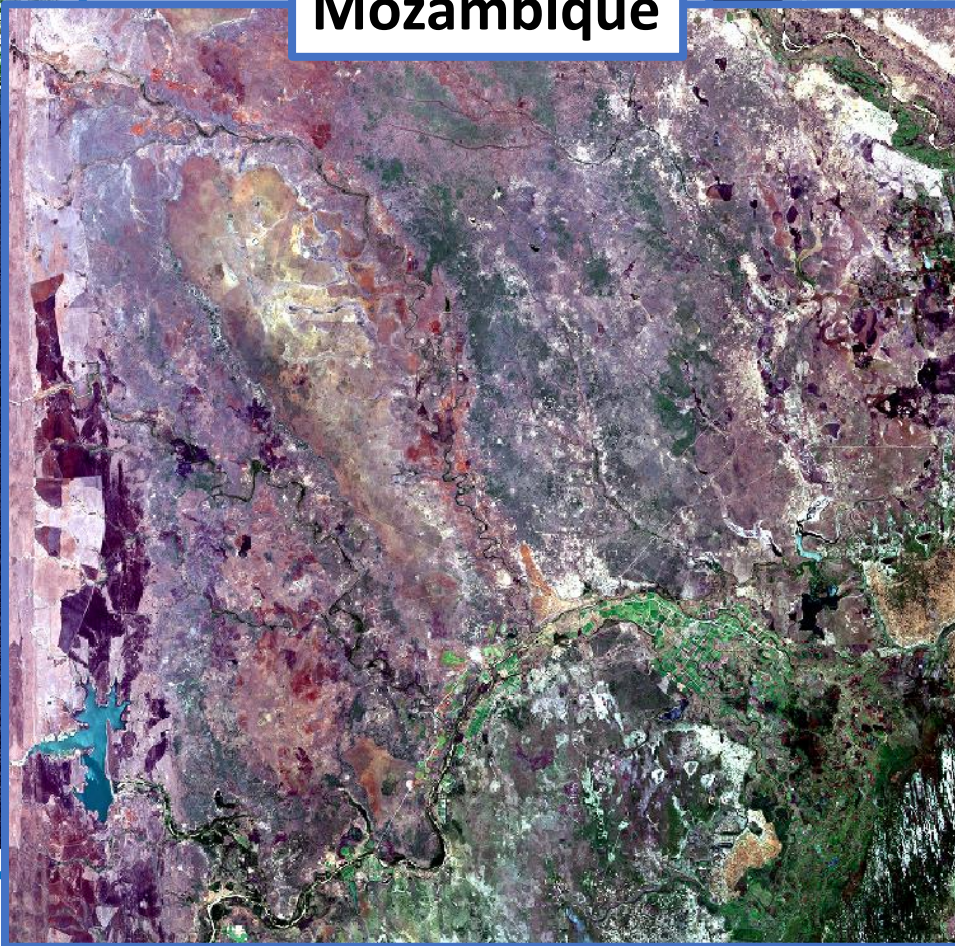


Payload Feature	Value
Orbit Altitude Reference	786 km
Swath	290 km
GSD	four bands: 10 m six bands: 20 m three bands: 60 m

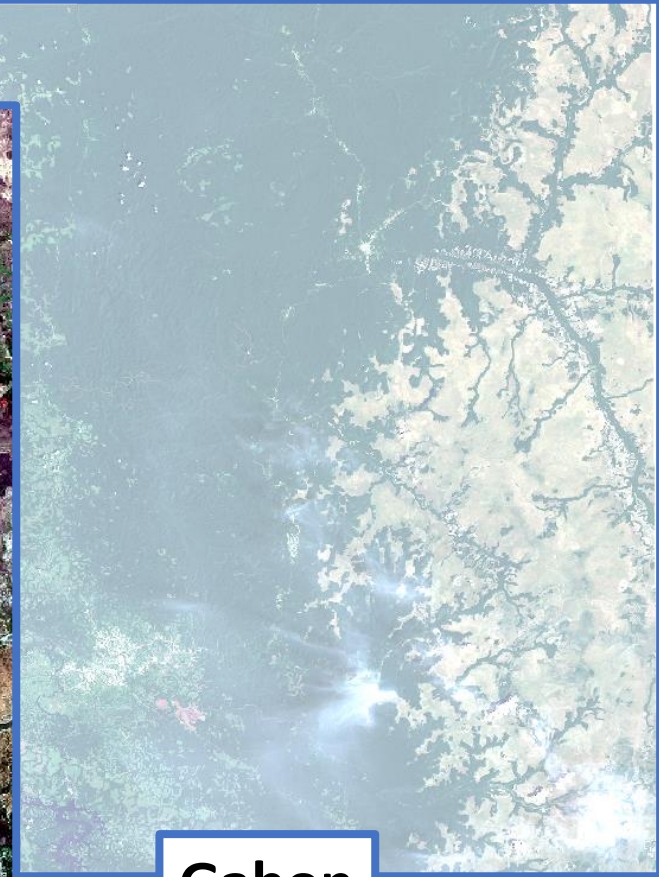
Sentinel-2 mission – Example of images



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PRISMA mission



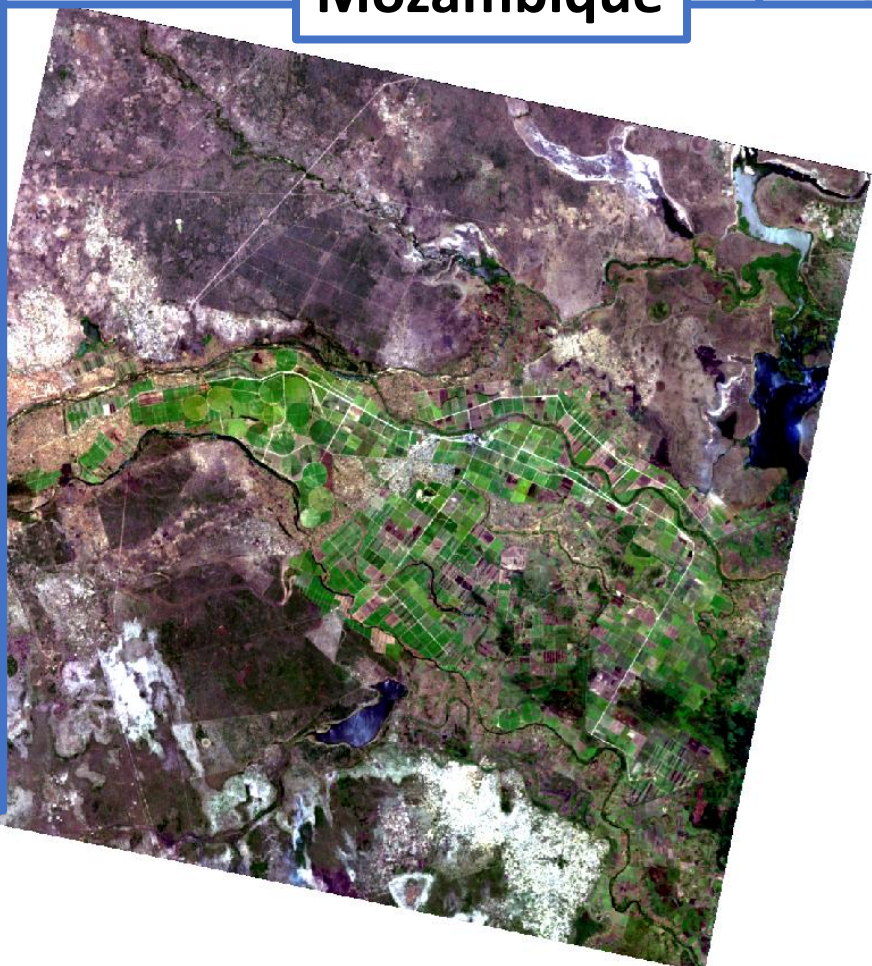
- **PRISMA** is in orbit since March the 22nd 2019 and is currently in the operational phase.
- It is a **Technology Demonstrator**.
- The PRISMA Satellite is a **single satellite** placed in suitable LEO SSO orbit characterized by a repeat cycle of approximately **29 days**.
- It is in the small size class, with an operational lifetime of 5 years.
- The PRISMA Payload is composed by an **Imaging Spectrometer** (or Hyperspectral Imager), able to take images in a continuum of spectral bands ranging **from 400 to 2500 nm**, and a medium resolution and a Panchromatic Camera.

Payload Feature	Value
Orbit Altitude Reference	615 km
Swath / FOV	30 km / 2.77°
GSD	Hyperspectral: 30 m PAN: 5 m
Spectral Range	VNIR: 400 – 1010 nm (66 bands) SWIR: 920 – 2500 nm (173 bands) PAN: 400 – 700 nm

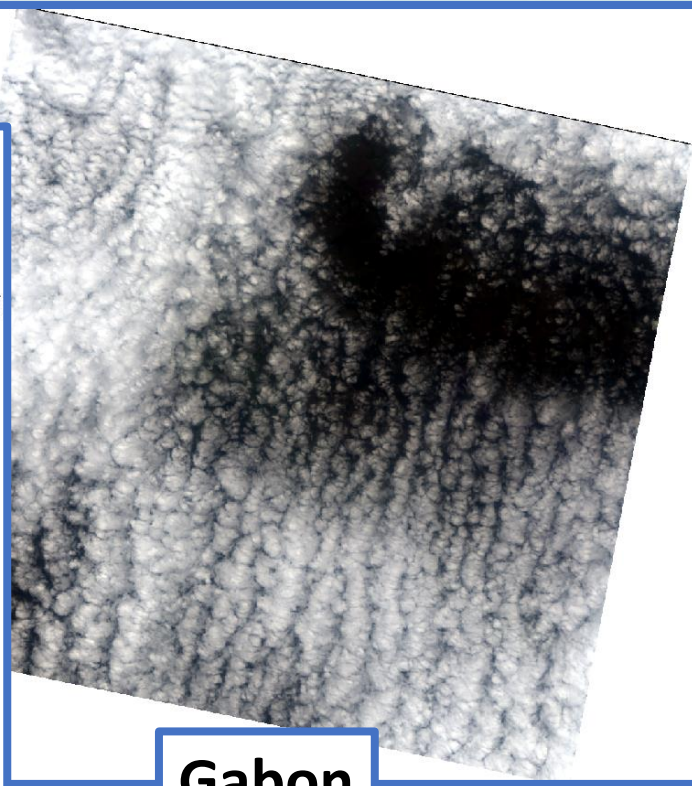
PRISMA mission – Example of images



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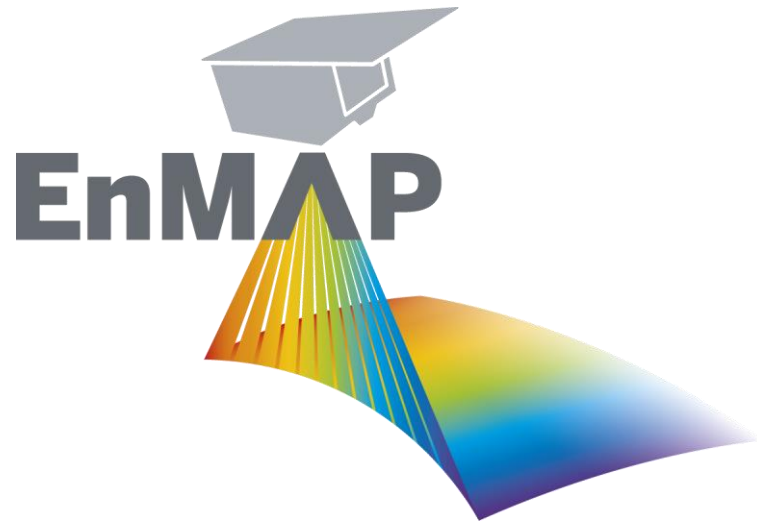
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- **EnMAP** is a German hyperspectral satellite mission, it is launched on April 1, 2022
- Revisit time of **27** days and off-nadir (30°) pointing feature for fast target revisit (4 days)

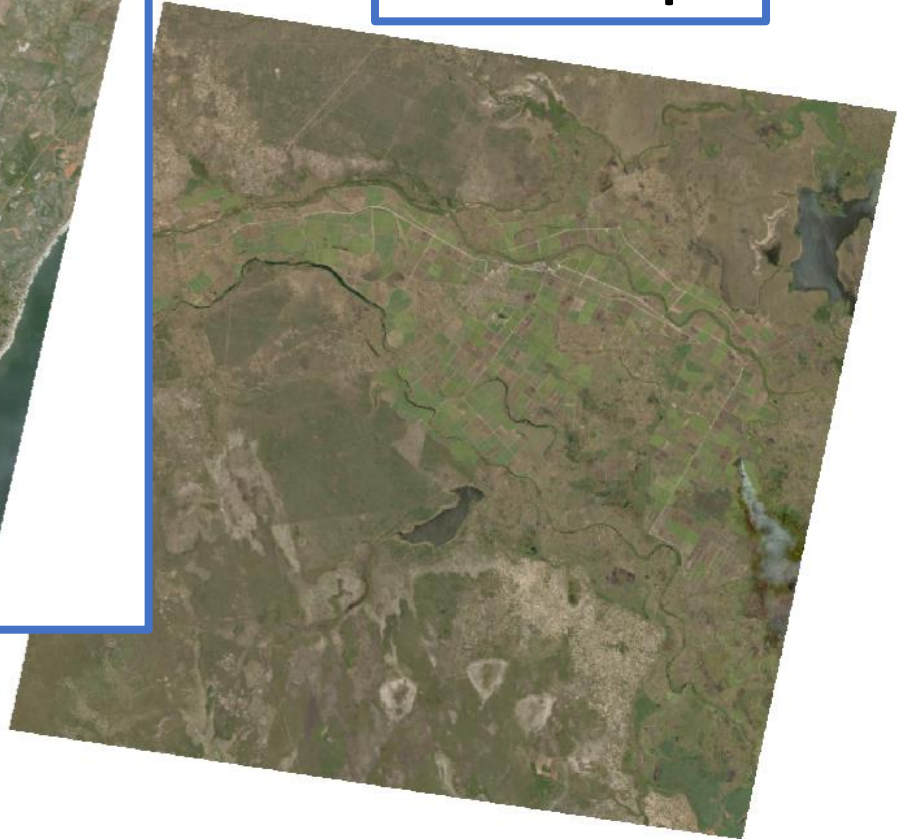


Payload Feature	Value
Orbit Altitude Reference	653 km
Swath / FOV	30 km / 2.63°
GSD	Hyperspectral: 30 m
Spectral Range	VNIR: 420 – 1000 nm SWIR: 900 – 2450 nm 230 bands

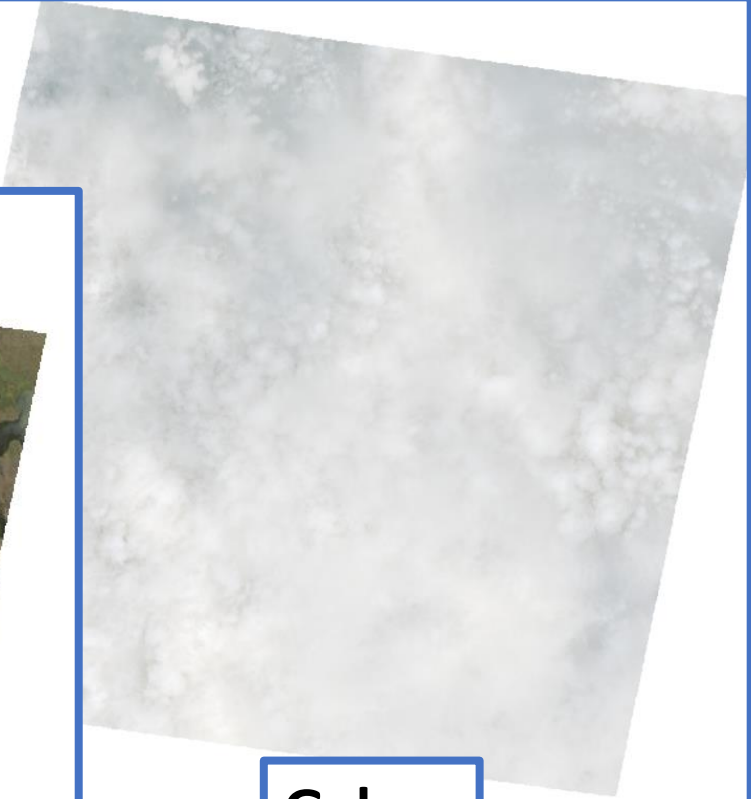
EnMAP mission – Example of images



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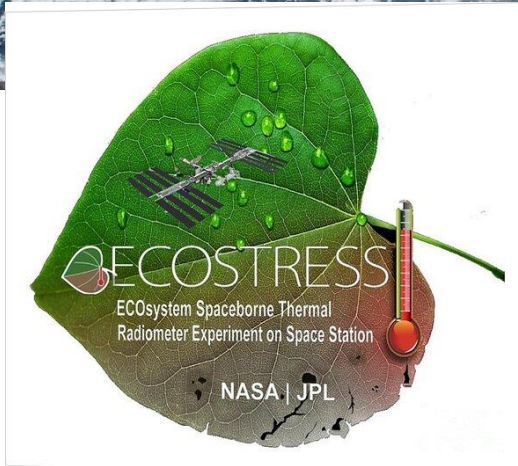
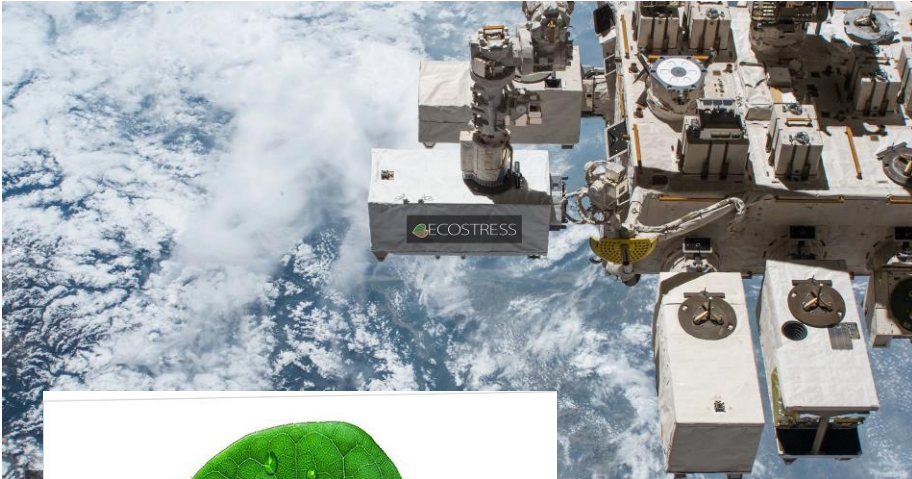


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ECOSTRESS mission



- The ECOSTRESS radiometer has been deployed on International Space Station (ISS) on the Japanese Experiment Module - External Facility (JEM-EF) site 10
- It is launched on June 29, 2018, at the beginning the Mission Extension is One year 2019-2020, with proposal to extend mission additional years pending senior review, currently it is operational.
- The radiometry scan is perpendicular to ISS velocity
- Concerning data collection, on average 1 hour of science data per day is scheduled

Description	Value	Unit
Number of spectral bands	6	
Measured band centers	Band 1 - 8.29, *Band 2 - 8.78, Band 3 - 9.20, *Band 4 - 10.49, *Band 5 - 12.09	μm
Pixel size at nadir	69x38	m
Swath width	384	km

ECOSTRESS mission – Example of image

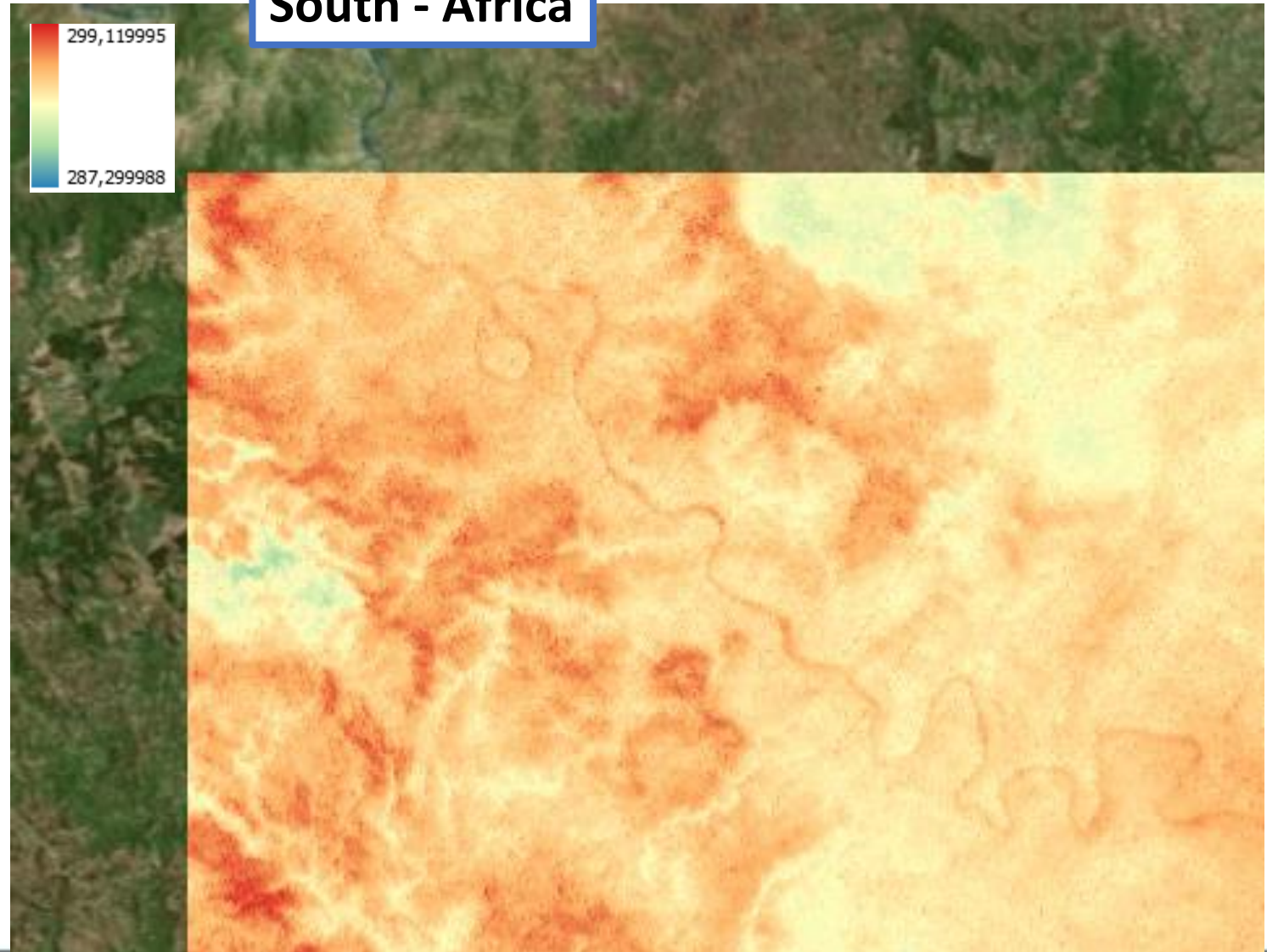
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The ECOsystem Spaceborne Thermal Radiometer Experiment on Space Station (**ECOSTRESS**), will monitor one of the most basic processes in living plants:

the loss of water through the tiny pores in leaves.

The related process in plants is known as **transpiration**.

Because water that evaporates from soil around plants also affects the amount of water that plants can use, ECOSTRESS will measure combined evaporation and transpiration, known as **evapotranspiration** (ET).



Thank you for your attention!