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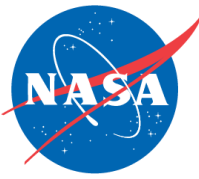
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# Getting to Zero: Satellite Informed System to Eliminate Malaria in the Americas (SISTEMA)



# Project 21-HAQ21-0026 Summary

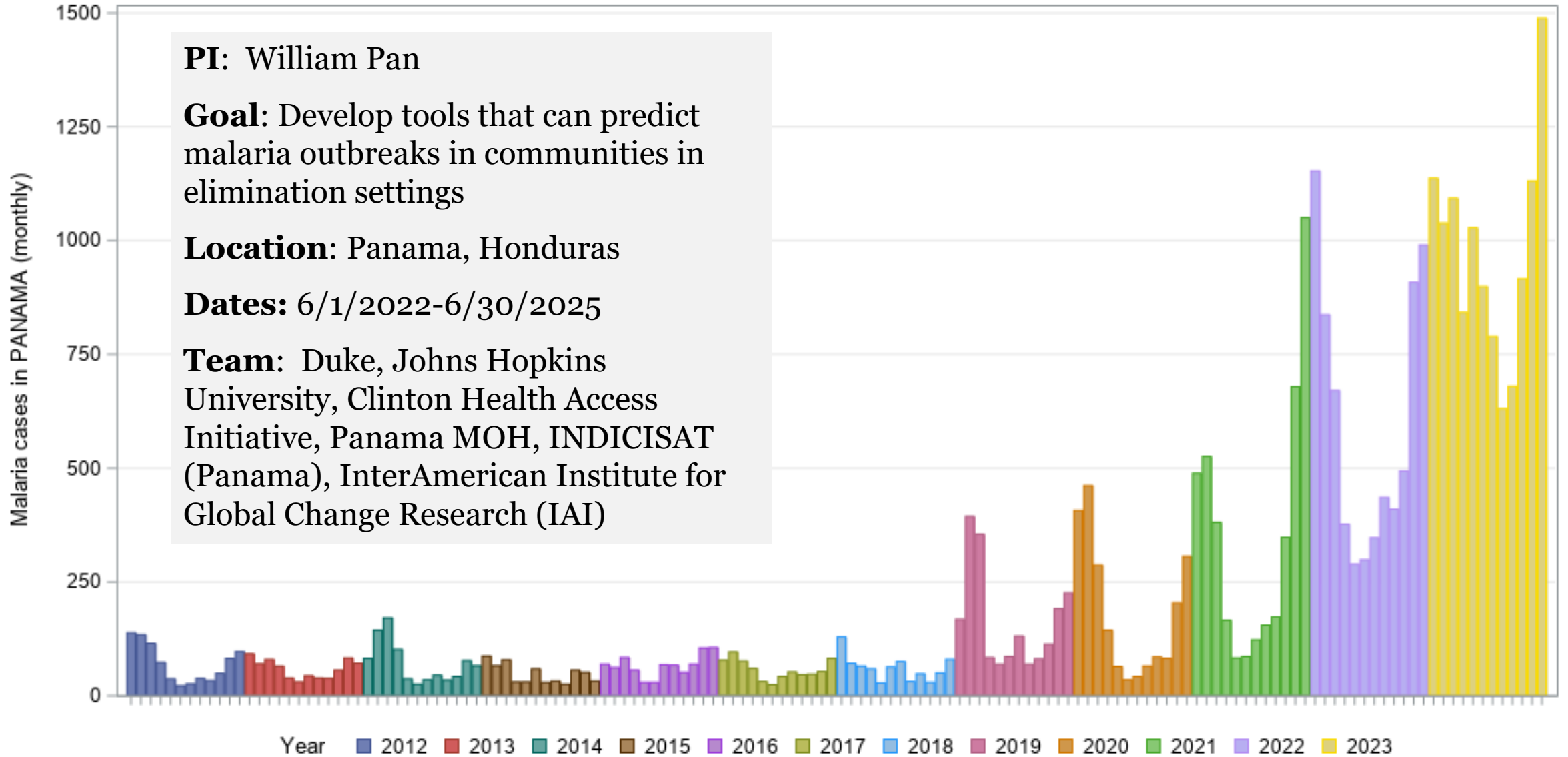
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**Goal:** Develop tools that can predict malaria outbreaks in communities in elimination settings

**Location:** Panama, Honduras

**Dates:** 6/1/2022-6/30/2025

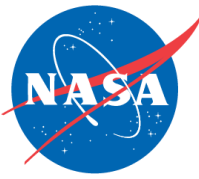
**Team:** Duke, Johns Hopkins University, Clinton Health Access Initiative, Panama MOH, INDICISAT (Panama), InterAmerican Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)



# Earth Observations, Models, and/or Technologies



Satellite Sensor/Model/Tech.	Product Used	Temporal Coverage and Latency required	Comments
Optical	AVHRR	1000m	1992-93
Optical	MODIS	500m	2001-2019
Optical & Microwave	LandSAT, ALOS, SPOT	100m	2012
Optical	LandSAT	30m	1999-2020
Optical	Sentinel-2	30m	2017
Optical	MODIS & LandSAT	30m	2000-2020
Microwave (L)	JERS, ALOS/PALSAR1-2	12.5m	1996, 2007-10, 2015-20
Microwave (C)	Sentinel-1	12.5m	2014-present
Microwave (L)	NISAR	10	2023-2025



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# Project Partners/Collaborators

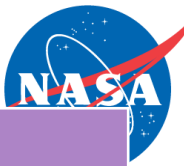
Role	Name	Affiliation	Organization Type
Co-I, LDAS development Post-doc, LDAS development	Ben Zaitchik, Prakrut Kansara, Manuel Narvaez	Johns Hopkins University	University
Entomologist, Vector ecology model Master student	Jose Loaiza, Alejandro Almanza	INDICISAT	Research Institute
Co-I, Malariaologist & modeler Clinical expert, Vector modeler Co-I, Macro-climate cycling & malaria Post-doc, climate-malaria modeling Co-I, LULC analyst <b>Dashboard Developer</b>	Mark Janko, Paul Lantos, Sara O'Malley, Ximena Gonzalez, Hena Vahder Shineng Hu, Mengxin Pan  <b>Peter Harrell</b> , Perla Medrano <b>John Fay</b> , Pamela Chacon	Duke University	University

## END-USERS & KEY STAKEHOLDERS **Decision-Making Activity**

Clinton Health Access Initiative	<b>PANAMA:</b> Justin Lana & Ogun Cano; <b>HONDURAS:</b> Sarah Park	Technical support for malaria surveillance & decision-making by National Malaria Control Programs (NMCPs)
IAI UNDCO	Anna Stewart Christian Lara	Provides technical assistance to government agencies to support decision-making
Ministry of Health	<b>PANAMA:</b> Carmen Perez, Lizbeth Cerezo <b>HONDURAS:</b> Oscar Urrutia, Lorenzo Pavón	(1) Decisions on when/where interventions deployed; (2) integration of environmental data into decision-making (i.e., activity 1); and (3) Improvement in deployment of intervention based on retrospective analysis

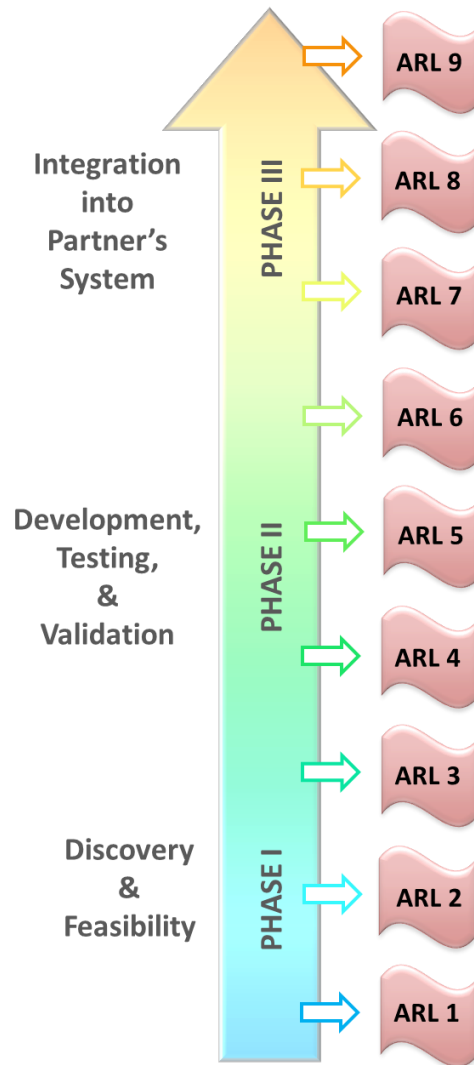
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# Schedule & Milestones (startdate 6/1/2022)

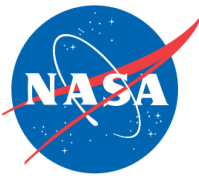


Expected ARL	Time	Expected Milestone	Observed/Comments
4	Y1, Q1 9/1/22	<b>Data acquisition</b> (Surveillance, GIS, Vector, Intervention, EO Images & regular updates)	EO Images obtained, MOU with CHAI signed. Honduras malaria surveillance data shared in May 2023. Panama malaria surveillance data expected June 2023
4	Y1, Q2 12/1/22	<b>Data acquisition; LDAS</b> (5km hydrometeorological data); <b>Pan Tropical</b> (assessment of teleconnections between pan-tropical ocean basins on malaria incidence and vector densities); <b>LULC</b> (high and low resolution land cover analysis)	LDAS runs begin, Pan tropical analysis is being evaluated with malaria data from the Amazon since it is available, Land cover data downloaded and processing ongoing,
4	Y1, Q3 3/1/23	<b>Malaria Elimination Support Models (MESM) – MESM1</b> (Vector Ecology Models), <b>MESM2</b> (Malaria Early Warning)(development, validation, outputs); <b>LDAS, Pan-Tropical, LULC</b>	LDAS output provided; Vector data obtained and MESM1 models begun; Honduras surveillance data shared but Panama data pending, so MESM2 models have not started
4	Y1, Q4 6/1/23	<b>MESM1, MESM2, Capacity Building</b> (Training, Dashboard)	Preliminary dashboard created for malaria forecasts. This needs to be evaluated against the current dashboard in use by CHAI.
5	Y2, Q1 9/1/23	<b>Environmental Characterization System (ECS) –</b> (combines & updates Data, LDAS, LULC, Pan-tropical) <b>Pan-Tropical models, MESM1, MESM2</b>	Meta-analysis of SST has been completed to identify different zones of SST associated with malaria cases by epidemiological week.
5	Y2, Q2 12/1/23	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, Capacity Building</b>	Prelim forecast models have been developed using Machine Learning. Vector models are still being analyzed .
6	Y2, Q3 3/1/24	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, ECS Development</b>	Meetings with Panama-MOH held. Meetings with Honduras MOH will begin April 1, 2024. These will be meetings to support feedback between MOH and SISTEMA team, which will facilitate mutual understanding and future adoption
6	Y2, Q4	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, Capacity Building</b>	
7	Y3, Q1	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, Data Updates</b>	
7	Y3, Q2	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, ECS Development, Capacity Building</b>	
8	Y3, Q3	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, Data Updates, Capacity Building</b>	
8	Y3, Q4	<b>Pan-Tropical, MESM1, MESM2, ECS Development, Capacity Building</b>	

# ARL Performance



- Start-of-Project ARL = 4 (6/1/2022)
  - Leveraging prior completed work in the Amazon to demonstrate potential
- Goal ARL = 8
- Current ARL = 6 (3/1/2024)
  - We have evaluated Machine Learning models to forecast malaria at different spatial scales and have had success in predicting past trends. We have evaluated how our method can inform local malaria trends and so far, the approach has been successful



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# ARL 6 - Supporting Evidence

We have 3 main SISTEMA products:

## 1. The **Environmental Characterization System** or ECS

- LDAS – modeling COMPLETE and VALIDATED
- Pan-Tropical Analysis – model is COMPLETE, climate & malaria modelers working to develop joint model
- LULC – all non-radar LULC classifications COMPLETE in Panama & Honduras
- LULC Radar – analysis begins this month

## 2. **Vector Habitat Model**

- Reconstructing *Anopheles* database - COMPLETE
- Merged Vector, LDAS and LULC data –COMPLETE, model is pending

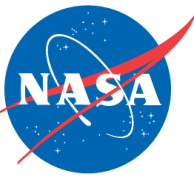
## 3. **Malaria Forecast Model**

- Malaria Surveillance, LDAS, LULC and Pan-Tropical data merging COMPLETE
- Machine Learning models COMPLETE
- Dashboard with LDAS, Malaria Surveillance, etc. construction begun

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# ECS Accomplishments

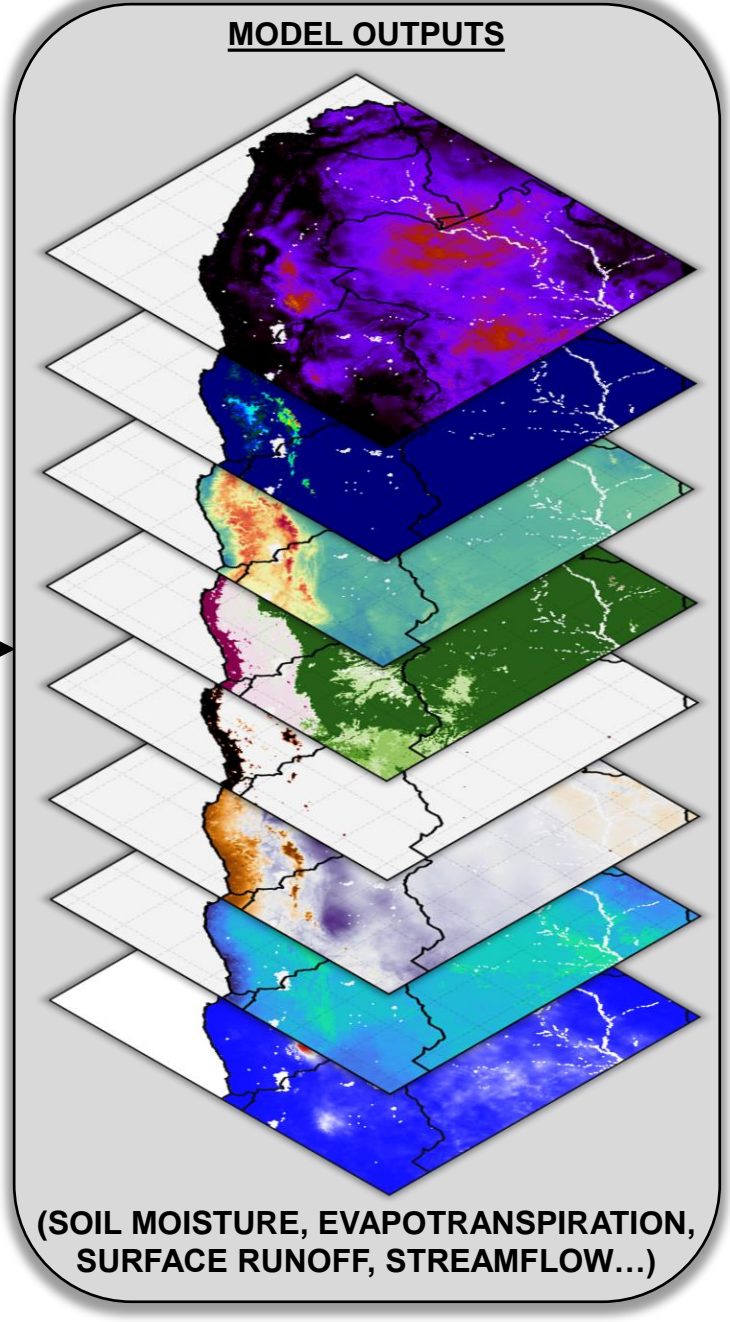
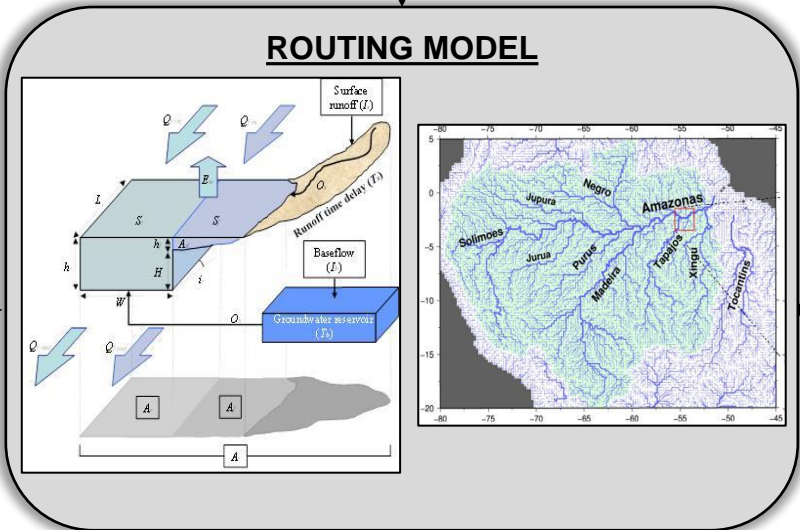
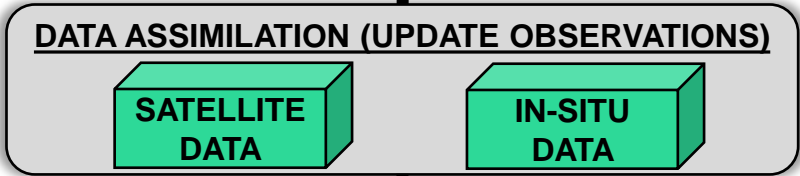
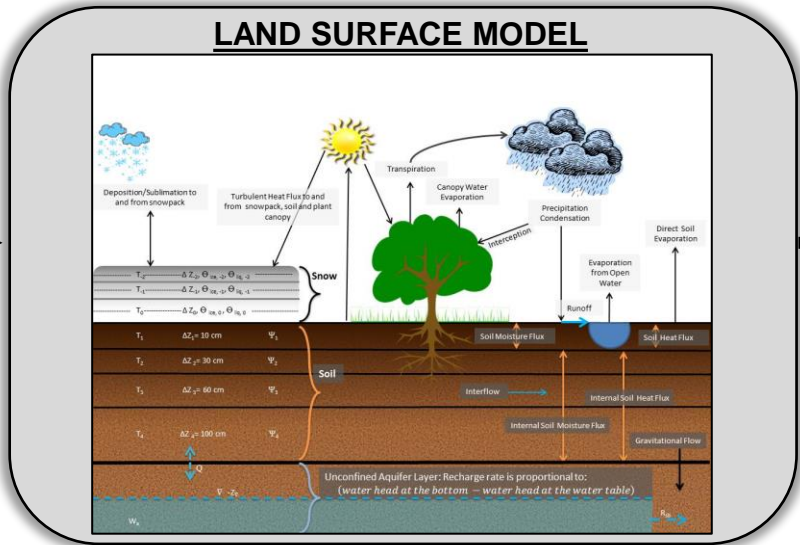
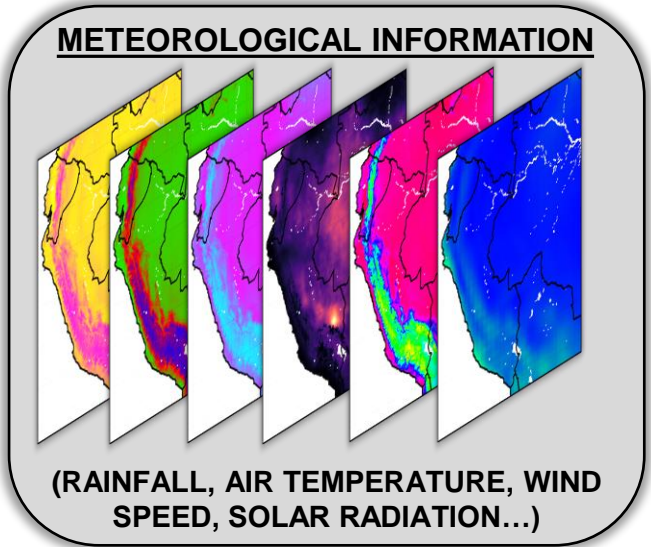
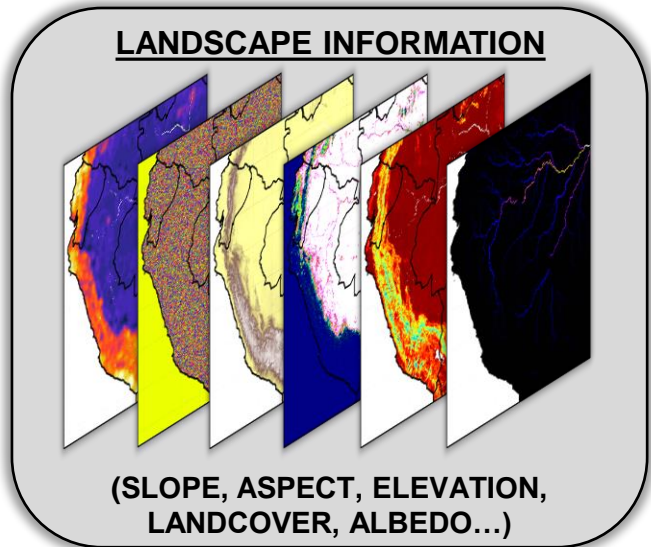
1. LDAS
2. El NINO Forecasts
3. Pan-Tropical Malaria Modeling



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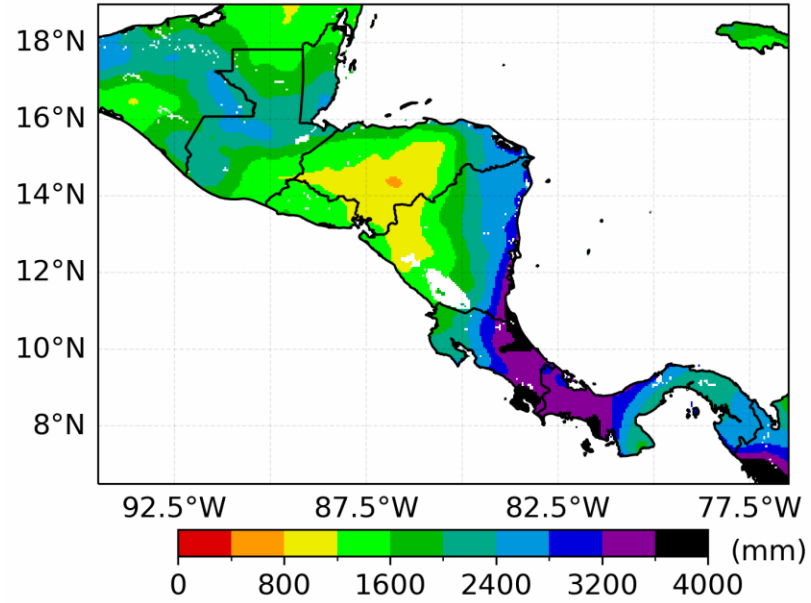
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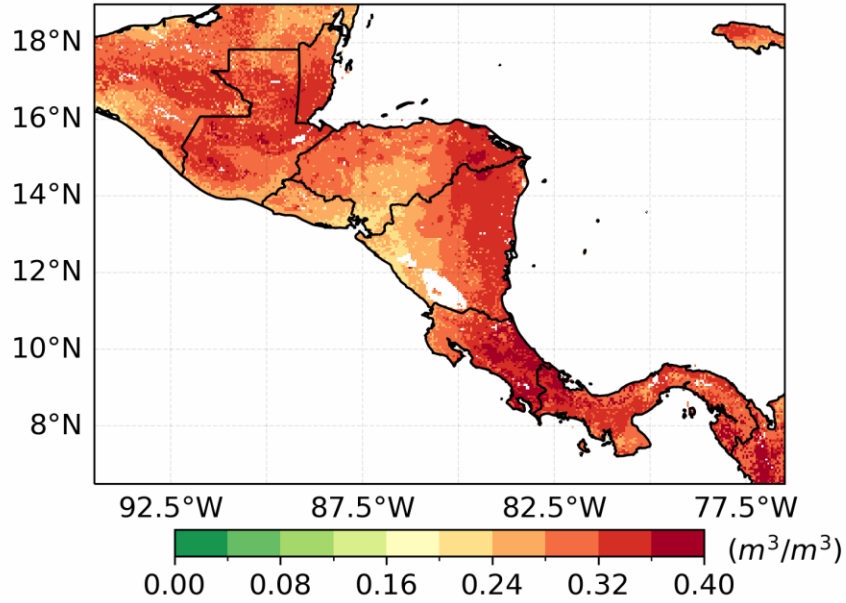


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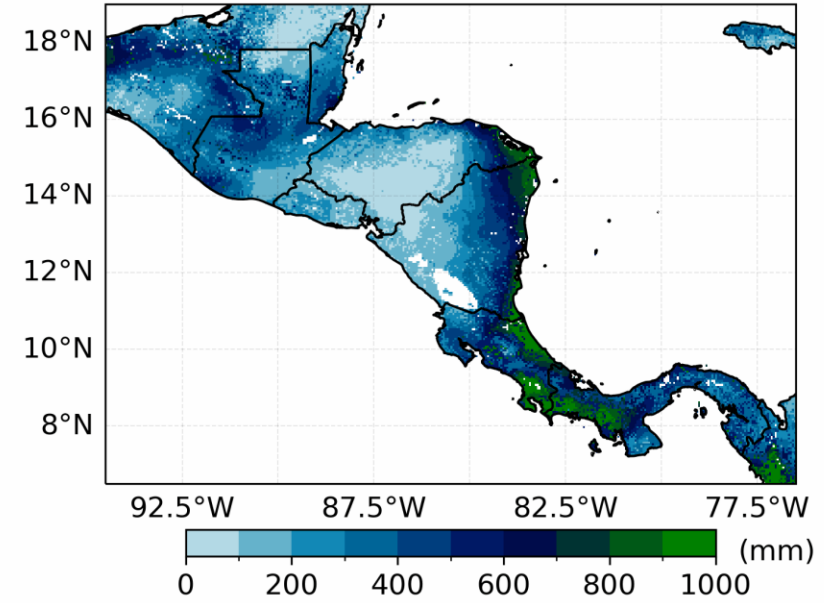
Rainfall



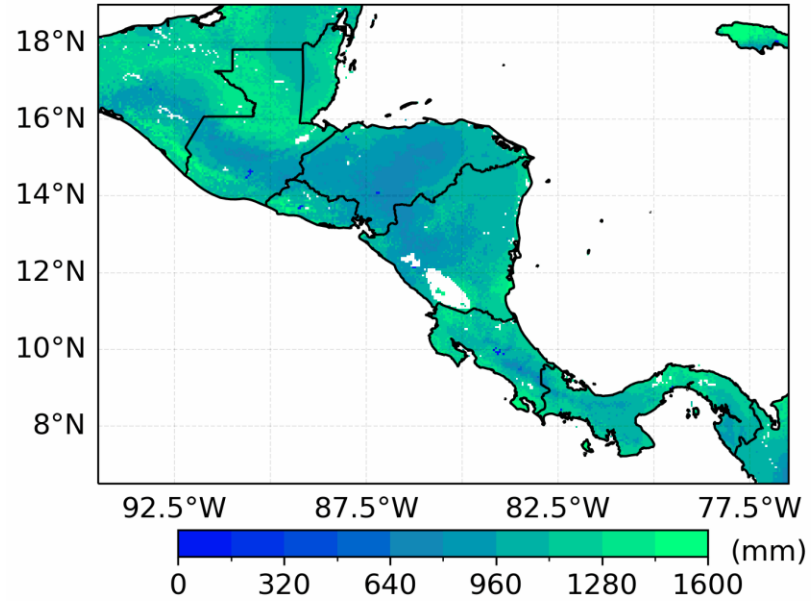
Soil moisture (0-10 cm)



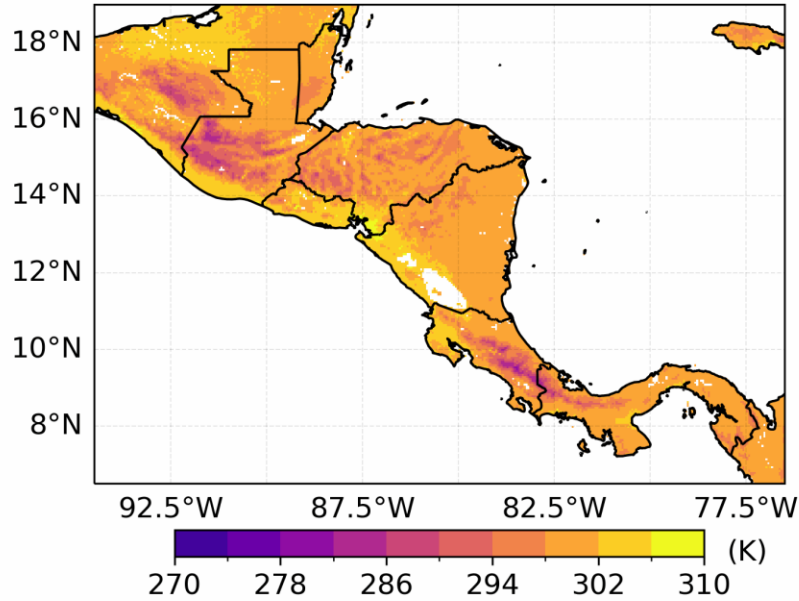
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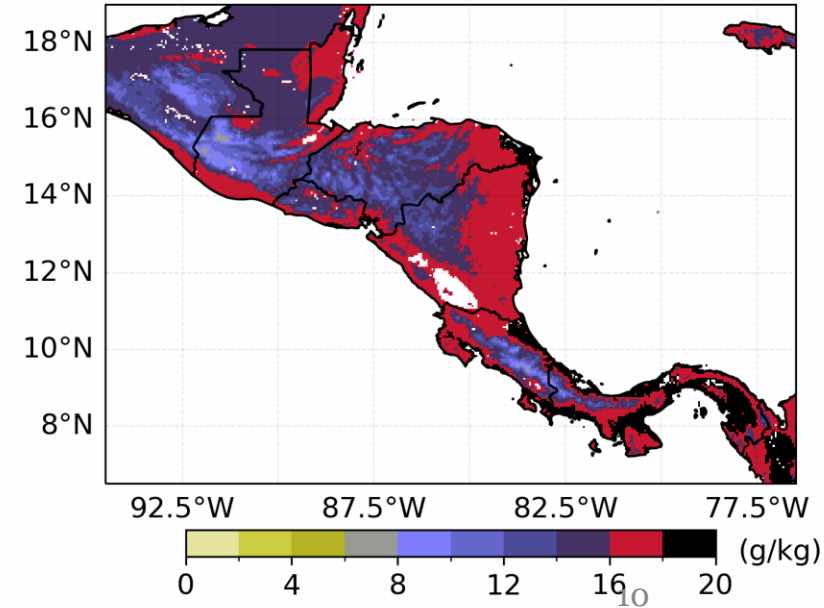
Evapotranspiration



Soil temperature (0-10 cm)

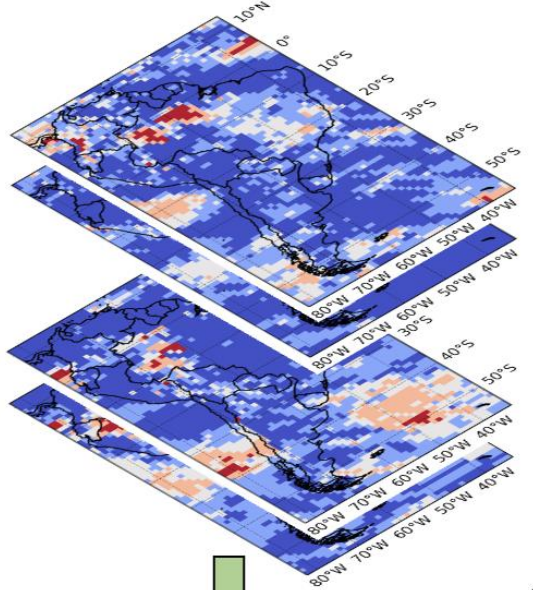


Specific humidity



# HINDCAST RECORD

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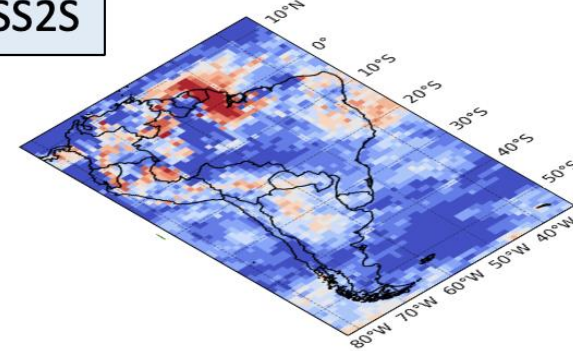


# FLOWCHART FOR CATEGORICAL PROBABILITY EXCEEDANCE MAPS

NMME  
GEOS2S

# FORECAST

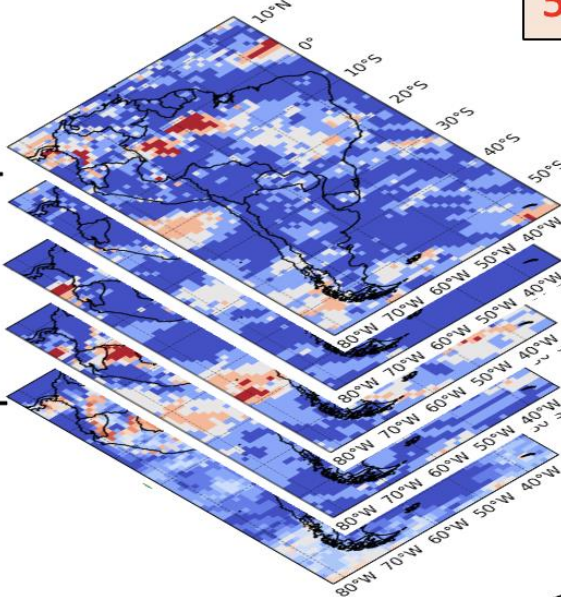
2023



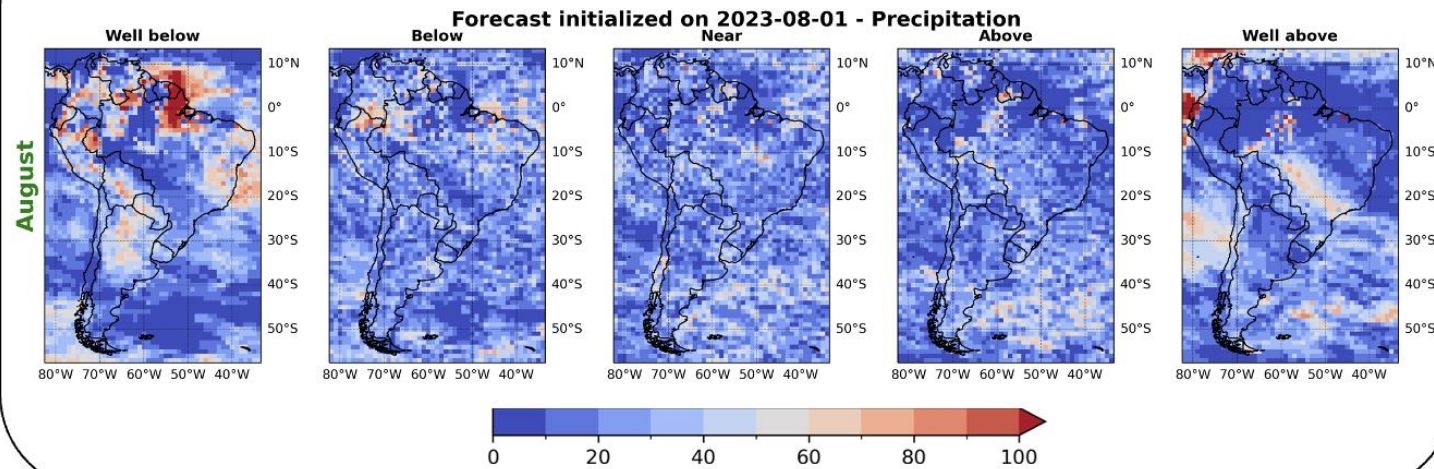
# RANKED DATA

5 categories

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HIGHEST



# QUINTILE CATEGORY PROBABILITY EXCEEDANCE MAPS



# Precipitation - Forecast probability (Tercile categories)

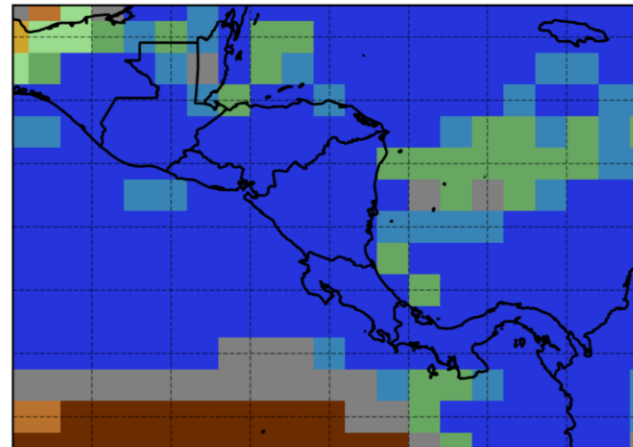
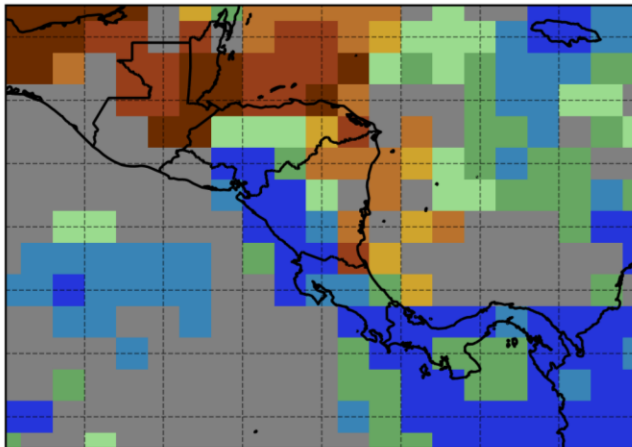
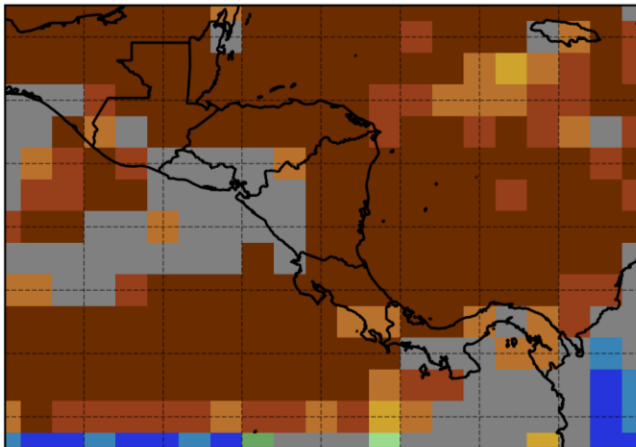
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April 2024

May 2024

June 2024

NASA-GEOS2S



(%)

100

70

60

50

40

Above normal

100

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Near normal

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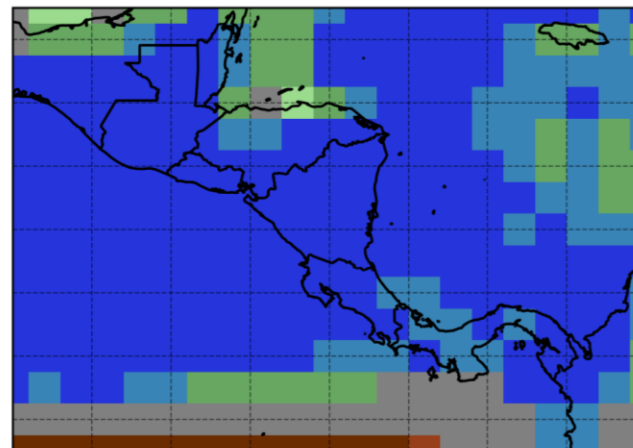
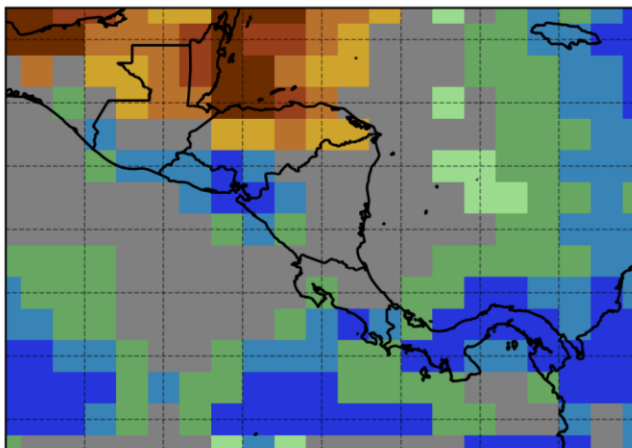
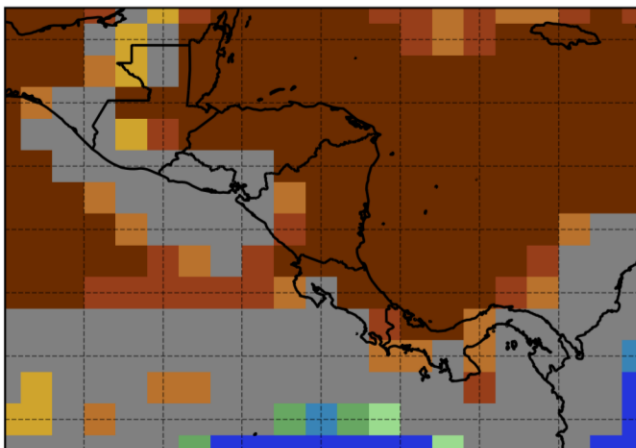
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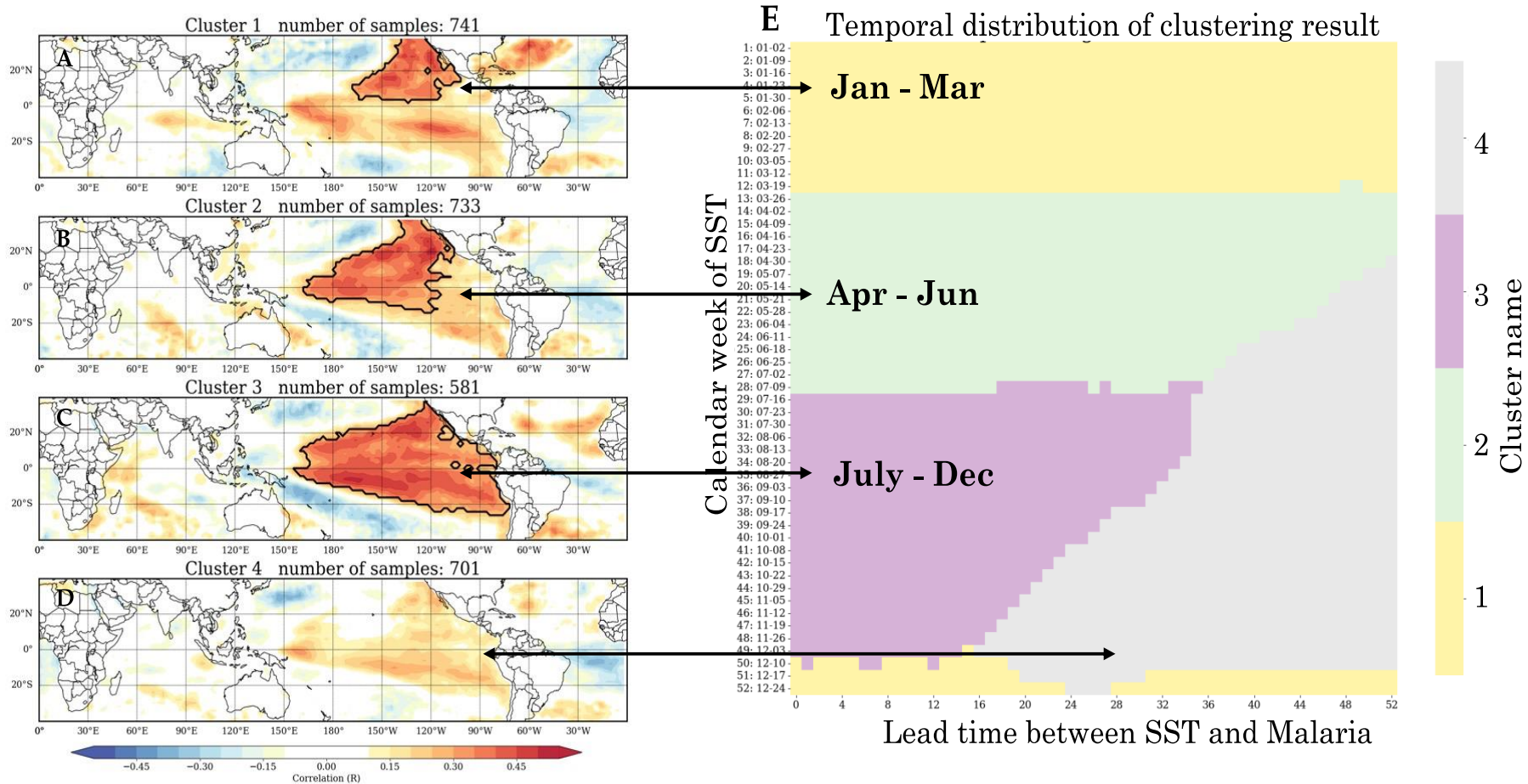
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# Dynamic SST Index Identification for Longer Lead Time of malaria forecast

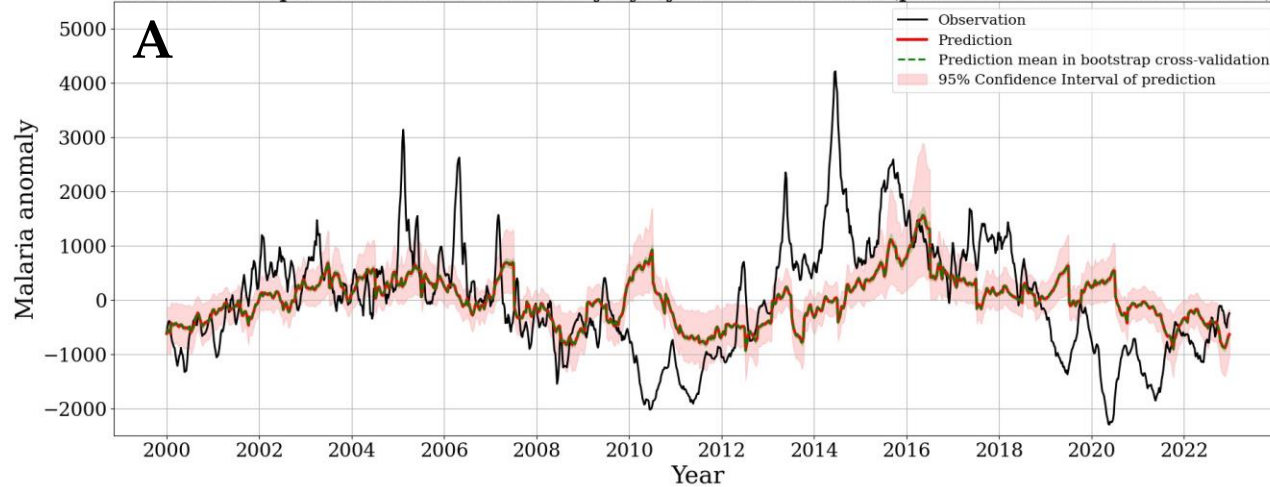
## Dynamic sea surface temperature index identification



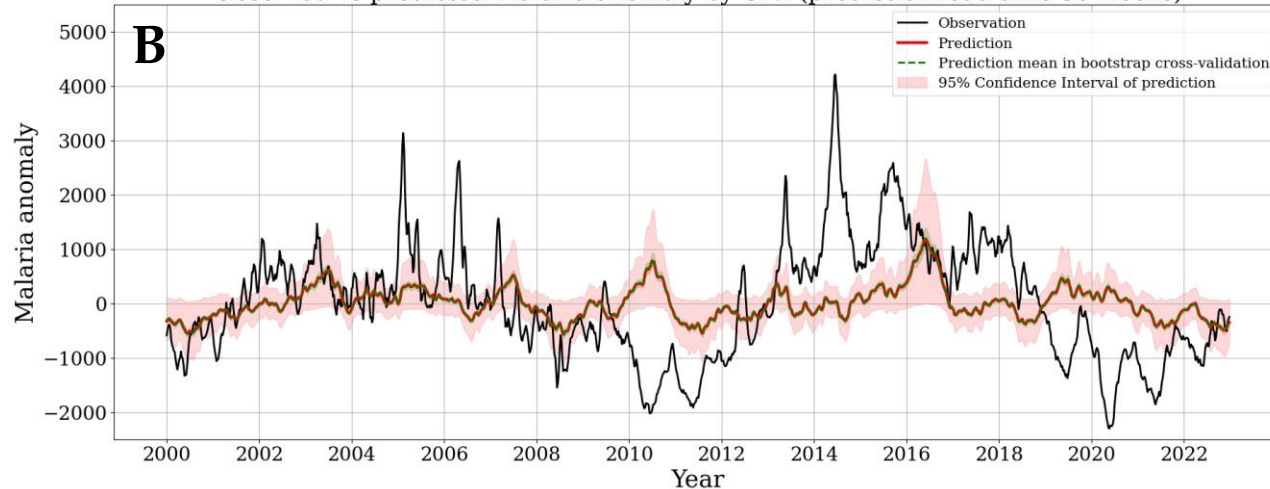
4 SST clusters identified indicating high correlation with malaria rates at different times of the year with different lead times

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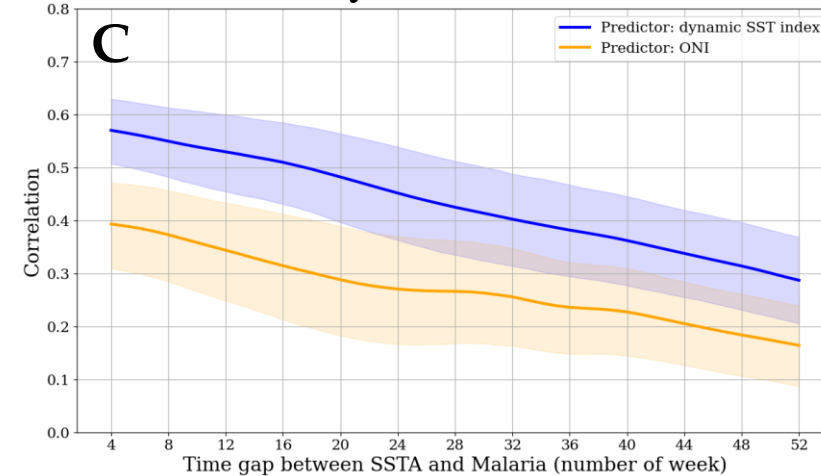
### Observed vs predicted malaria using SST index, 30 wk lead time



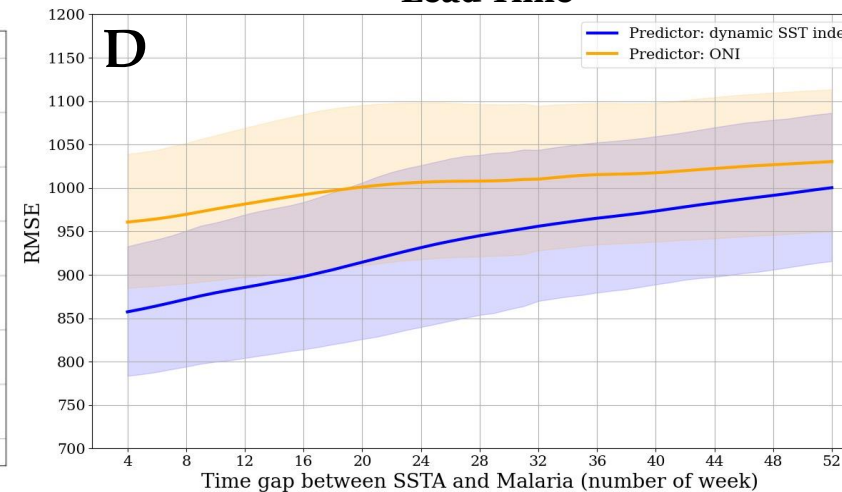
### Observed vs predicted malaria using ONI ENSO index, 30 wk lead time



### Correlation (observed, predicted malaria) by Lead Time



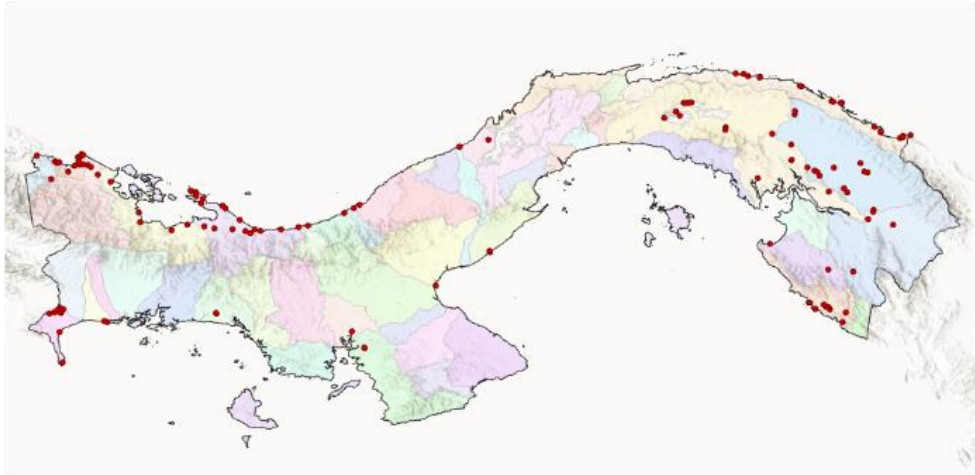
### RMSE (observed, predicted malaria) by Lead Time



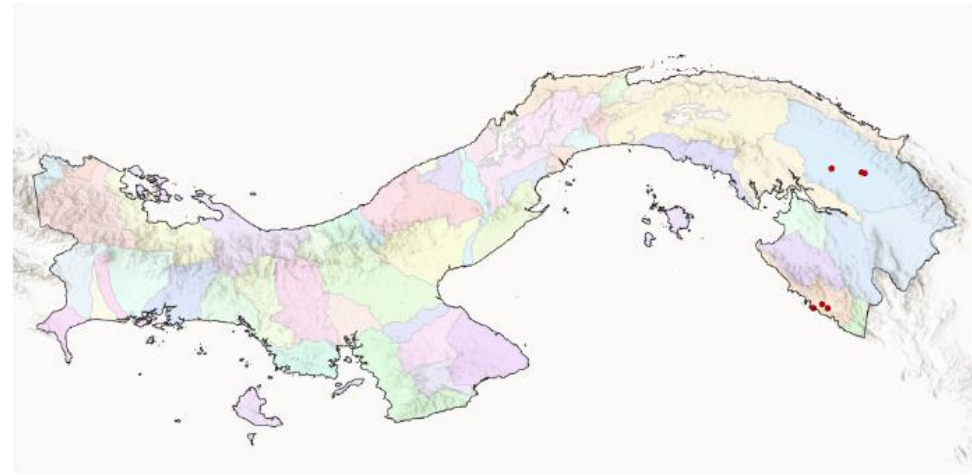
Our dynamic SST Index outperforms ONI ENSO Index for predicting malaria (30-week lead time)

# Vector Habitat Modeling

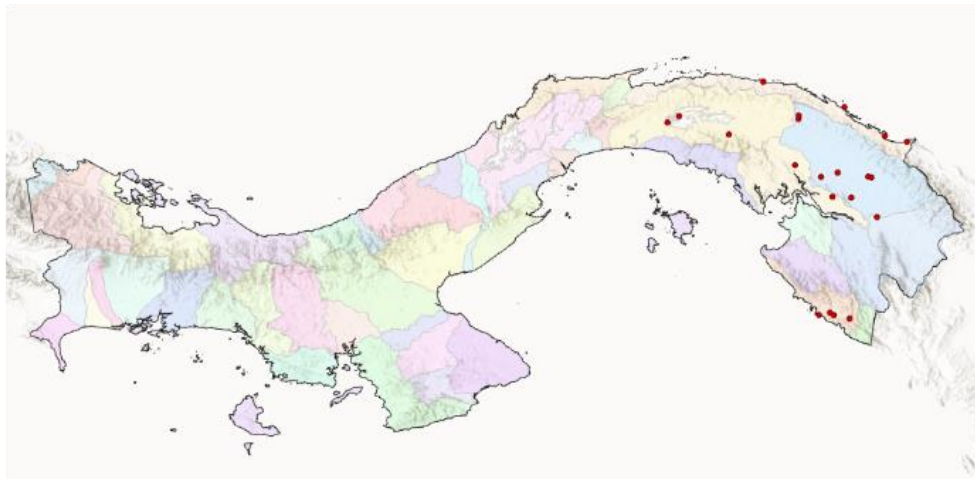
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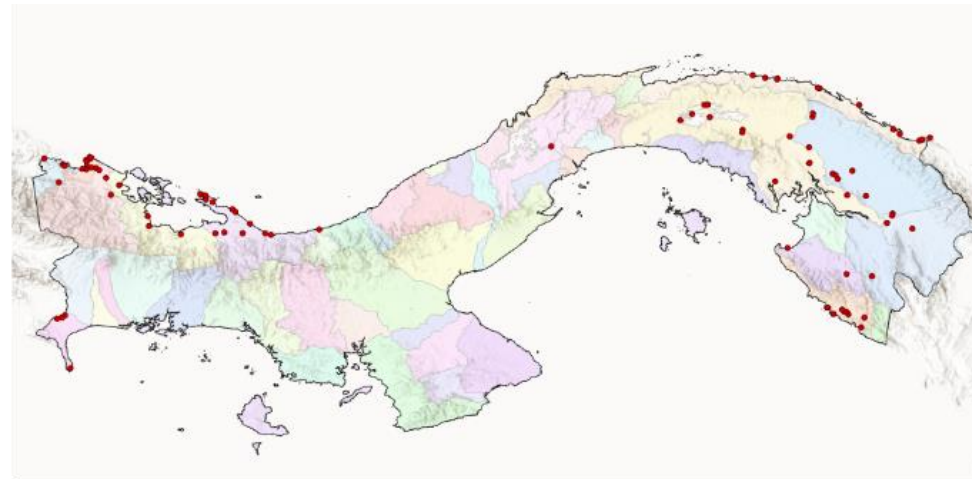
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*A. pseudopunctipennis*



*A. punctimaculata*

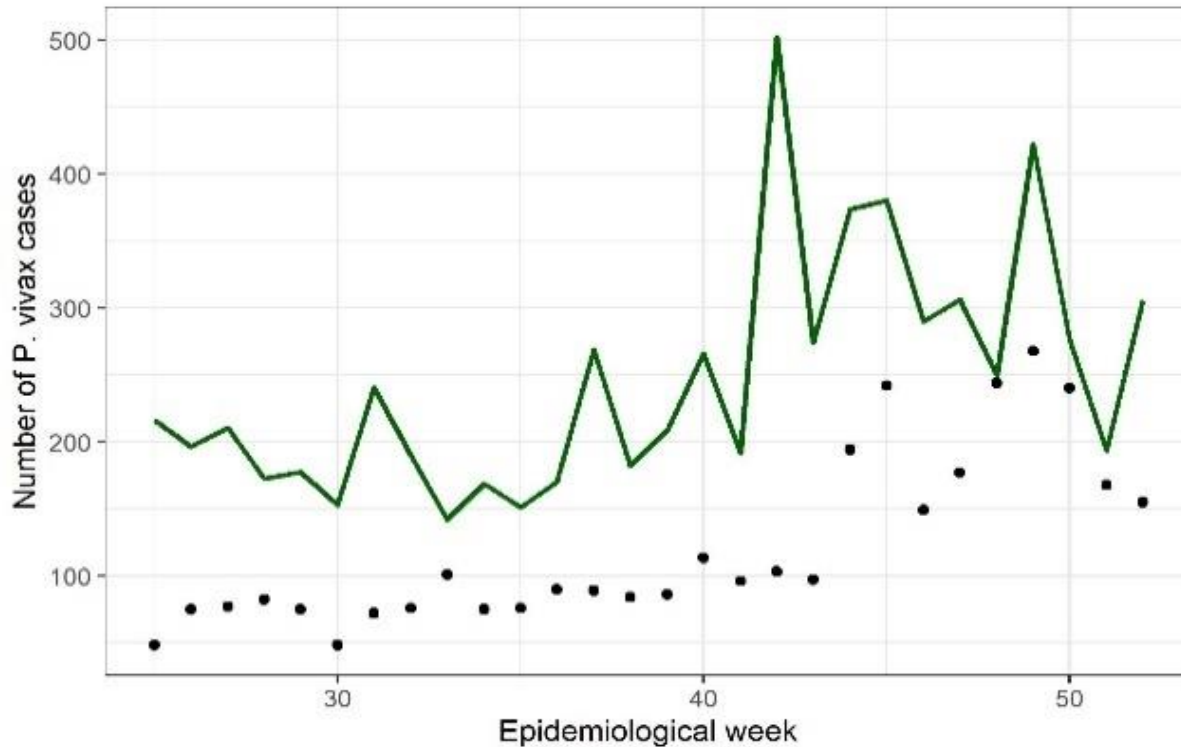




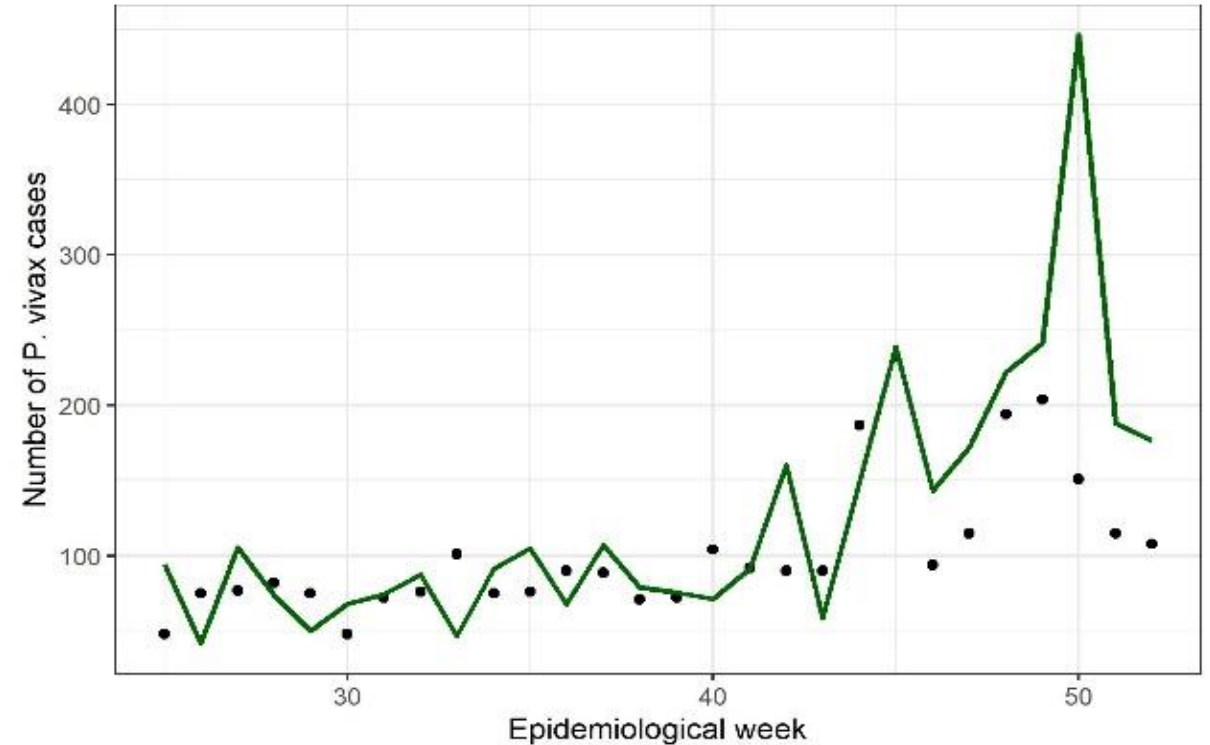
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# Malaria Forecast Model (2022)

Forecasts at the **Locality (left)** and **Region (right)** Levels using *Extreme Gradient Boosting*



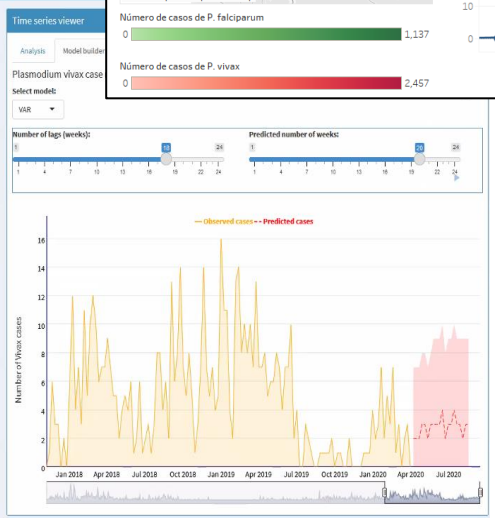
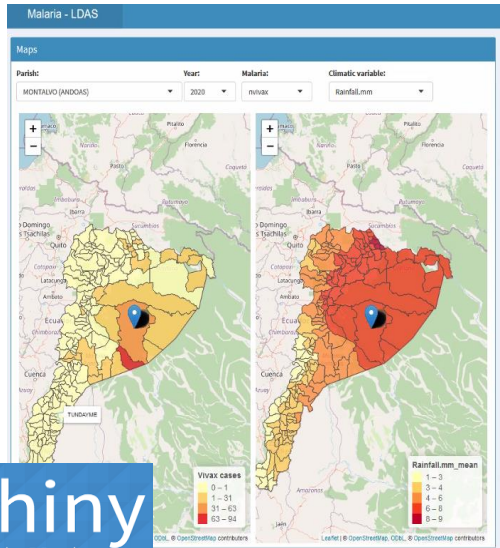
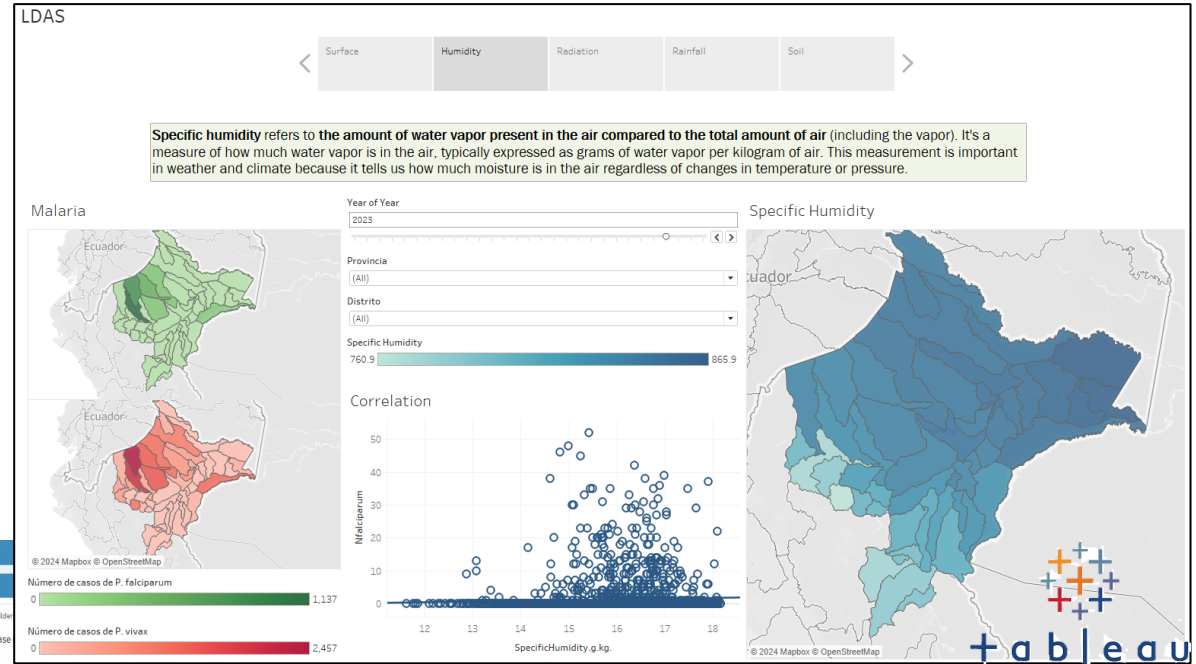
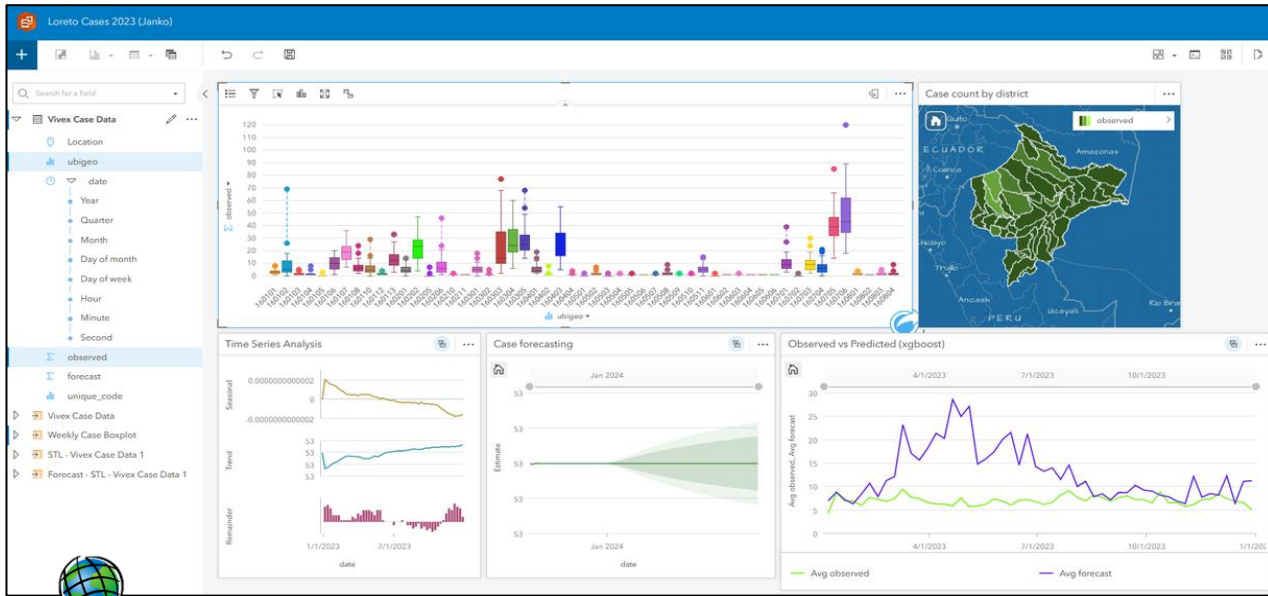
**9-month forecast across 340 localities  
where malaria cases >0**



**9-month forecast across REGIONS where  
malaria cases >0**



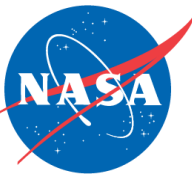
# Malaria Dashboards



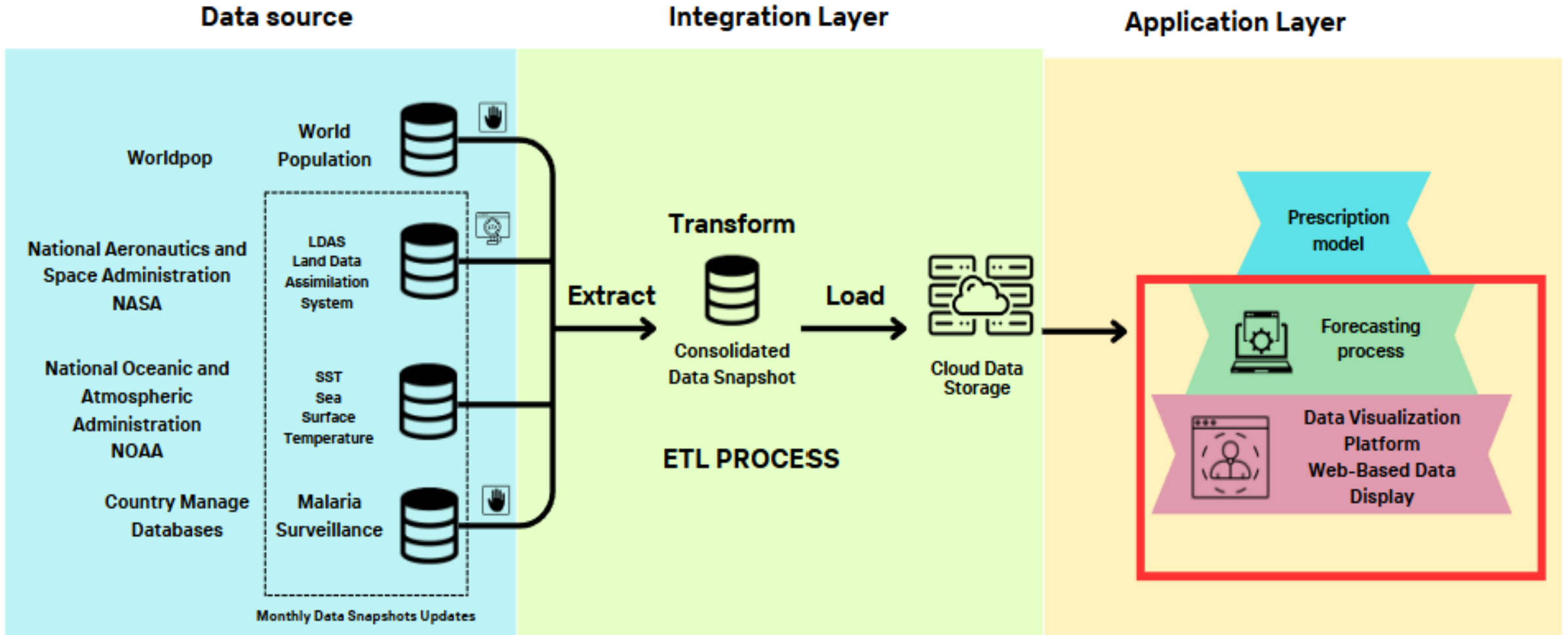
Mock-Ups of Dashboards



# Data Flow



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Manually

Data query

**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS?**

