

## Earth Observations of Blue Carbon Ecosystems

### Part 2: Mapping Salt Marsh and Seagrass with Earth Observations

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# Training Outline

## Part 1

Overview of Blue  
Carbon Ecosystems  
& Mapping  
Mangrove  
Ecosystems with  
Earth Observations

December 03, 2024

14:00-15:30 EST  
(UTC-5)

## Part 2

Mapping Salt Marsh  
and Seagrass with  
Earth Observations

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## Homework

Opens December 5, 2024 – Due December 19, 2024 – Posted on Training Webpage

A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who attend all live sessions and complete the homework assignment(s) before the given due date.



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## Part 2 Objectives

By the end of Part 2, participants will be able to:

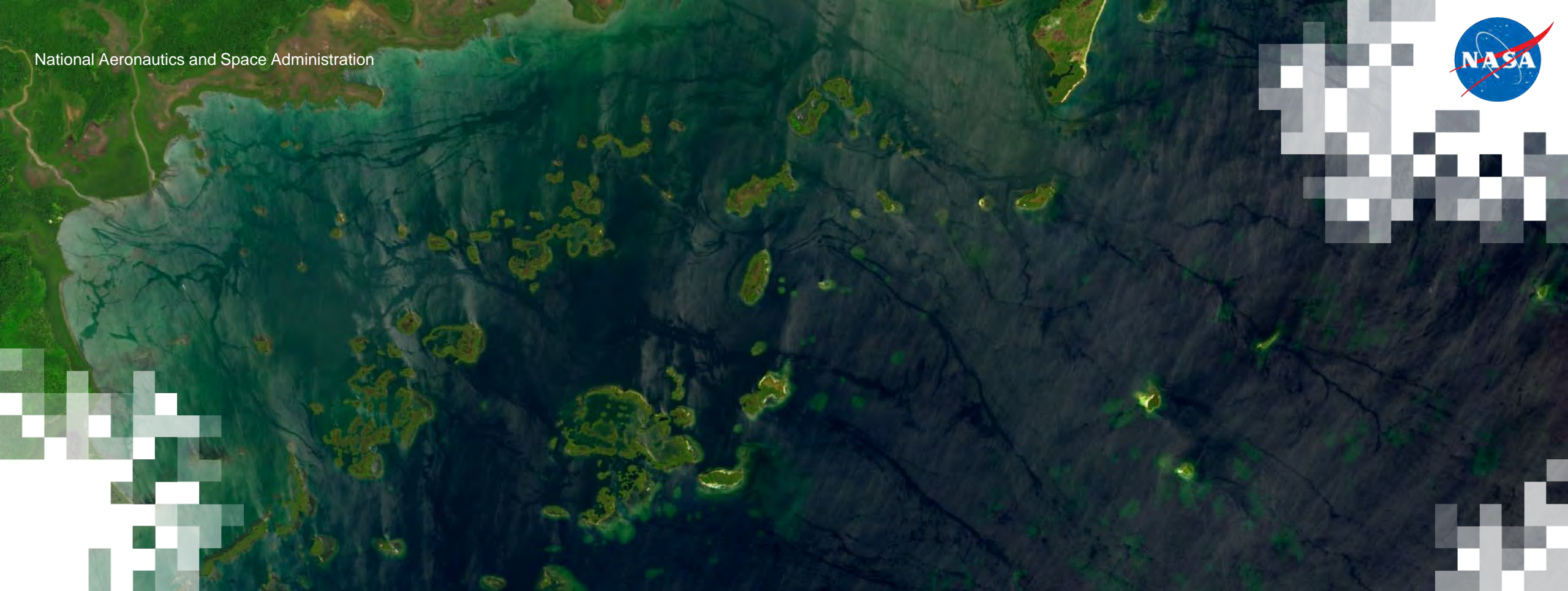
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# How to Ask Questions

- Please put your questions in the Questions box and we will address them at the end of the webinar.
- Feel free to enter your questions as we go. We will try to get to all of the questions during the Q&A session after the webinar.
- The remainder of the questions will be answered in the Q&A document, which will be posted to the training website about a week after the training.





# Earth Observations of Blue Carbon Ecosystems

## Part 3: Salt marsh

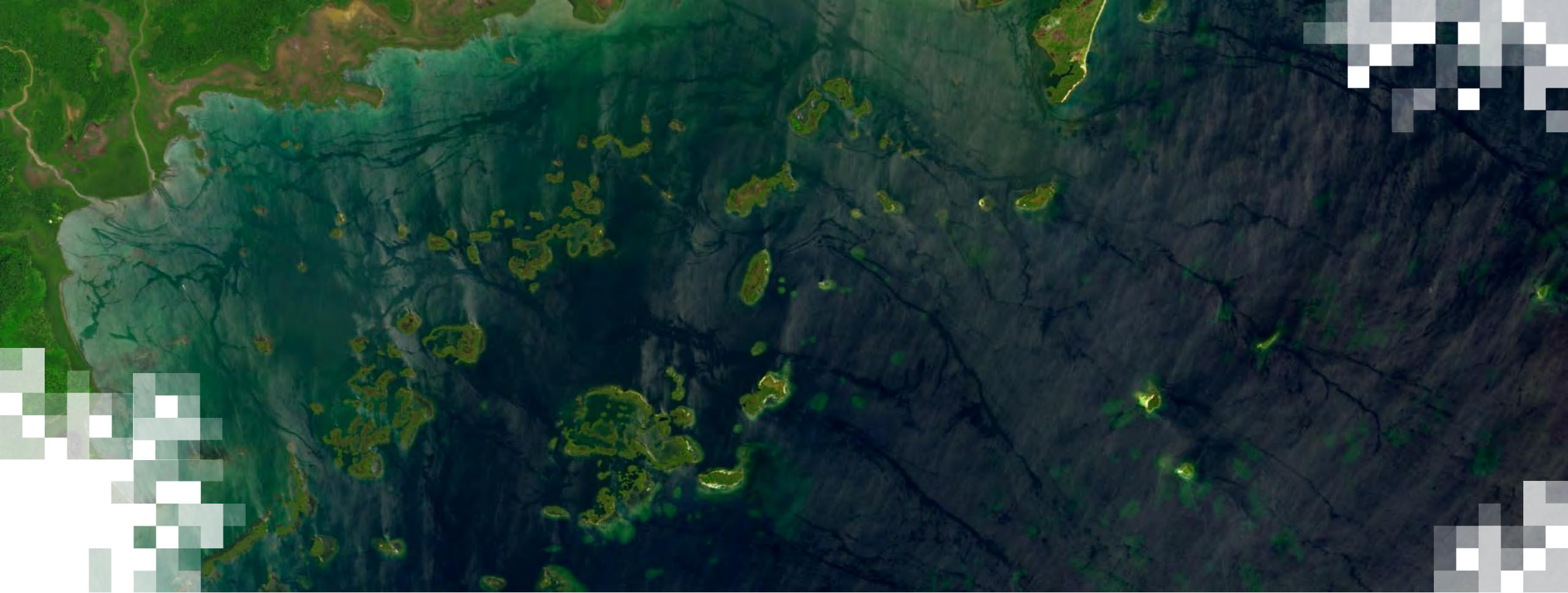
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# Training Learning Objectives

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- 2. Calculate the carbon stocks of mapped salt marsh and seagrass ecosystems
- 3. Understand synthesis methods to estimate blue carbon across ecosystems



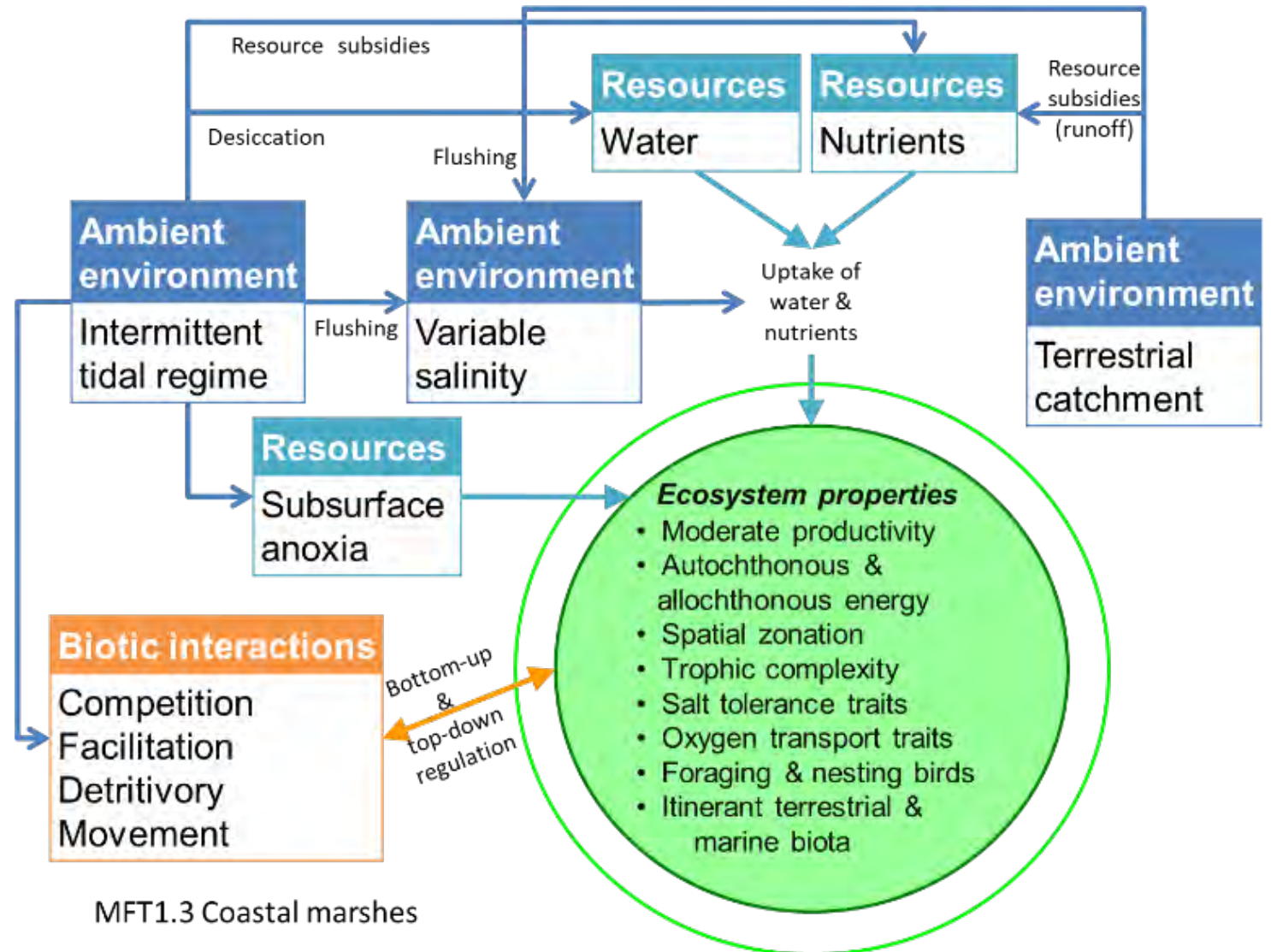
Salt marsh



# What is a salt marsh?

Defined as Coastal saltmarsh and reedbeds in the [Global ecosystem typology](#).

- Salinity
- Tidally inundated
- Low energy



MFT1.3 Coastal marshes



# Global datasets for salt marsh blue carbon

- Global 10 m map for 2020 ([Worthington et al. 2023](#); [Data](#))
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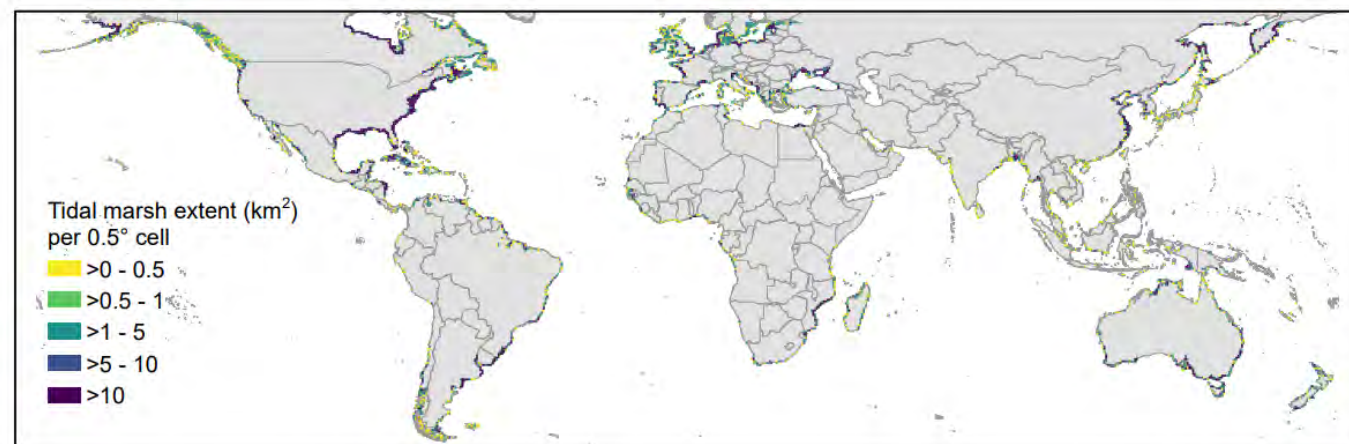


Figure 1: The 2020 distribution of tidal marshes, with darker colours representing greater extents of tidal marshes (km<sup>2</sup>) within a 0.5° grid cell.

- (Worthington et al. 2023)



# Sensor properties and salt marsh mapping needs

- Spatial resolution
- Temporal resolution (Revisit time)
- Spectral resolution
- Elevation

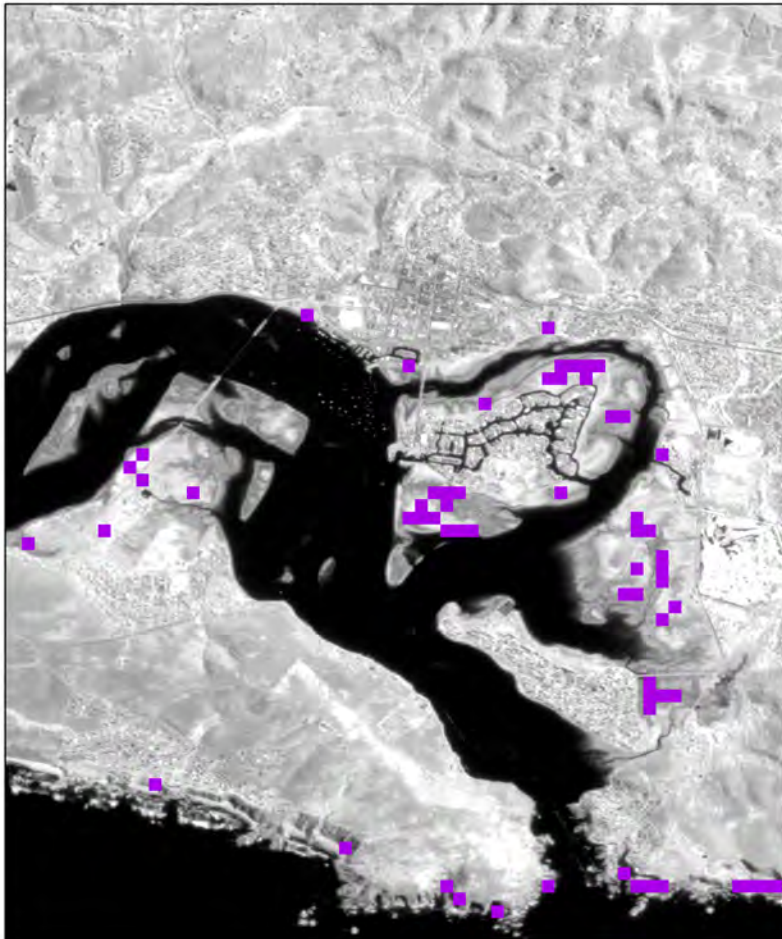


# Example site: Knysna Estuary, South Africa

- Estuarine Bay
- Temperate climate
- Microtidal (1.36 m tidal range)
- Semidiurnal – two low and two high tides daily
- Example wetland vegetation species includes: [\*Zostera capensis\* \(Seagrass\)](#), [\*Spartina martima\*](#), [\*Bassia diffusa\*](#), [\*Triglochin buchenai\*](#), [\*Salicornia tegetaria\*](#), and [\*Juncus Kraussi\*](#).

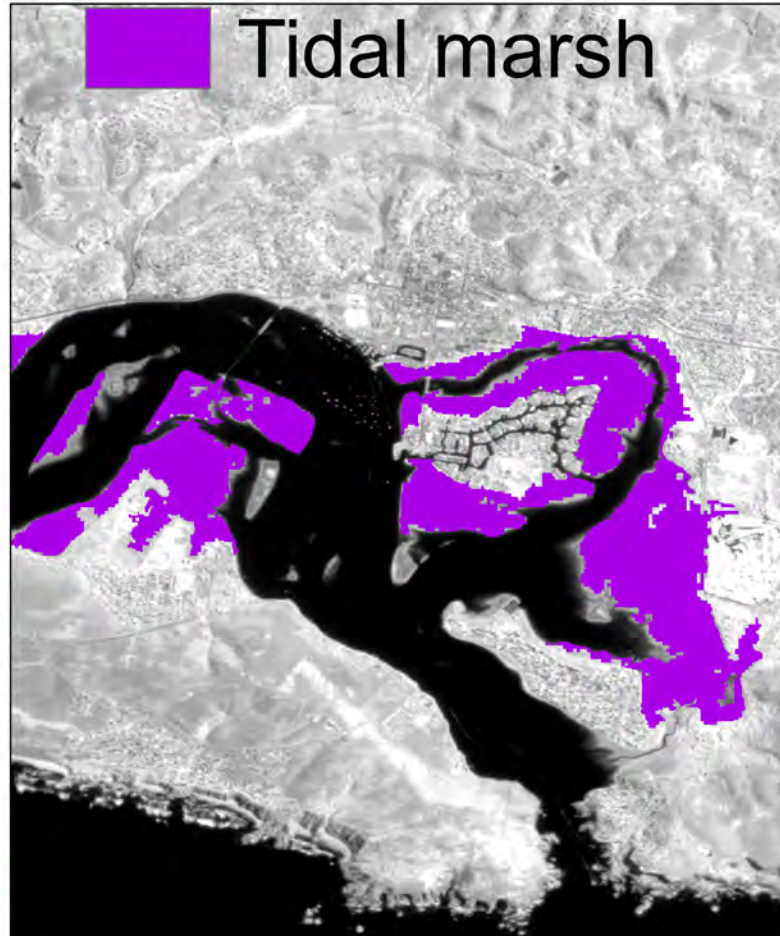


# Sensor properties – spatial resolution



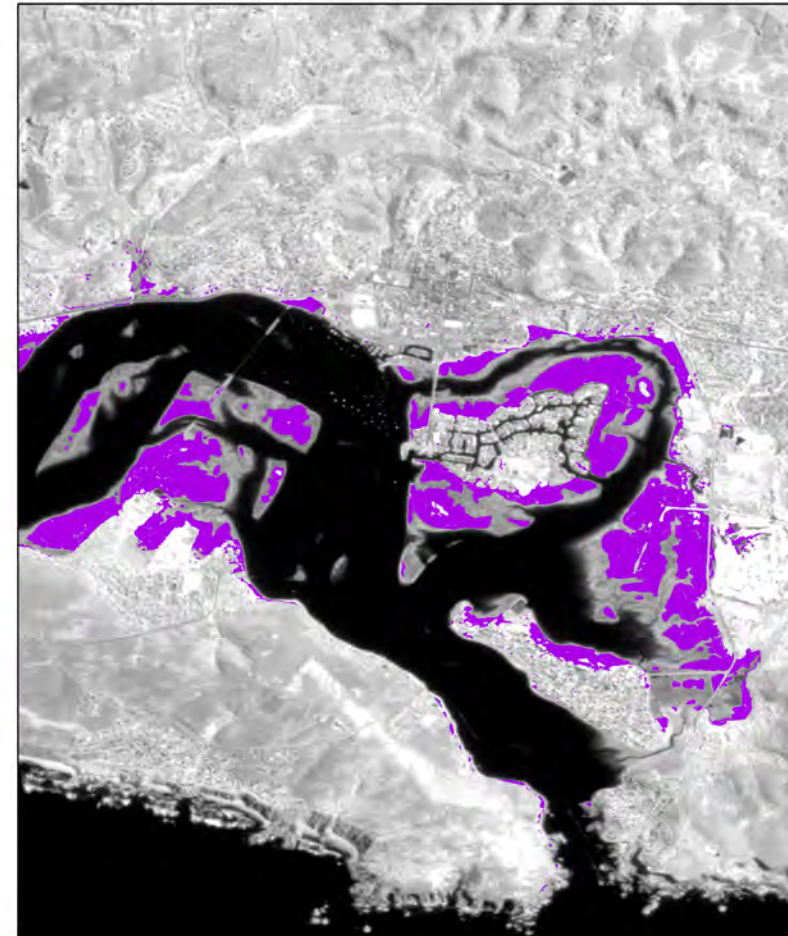
100 m

Data: [100 m](#); [10 m](#)



Tidal marsh

10 m

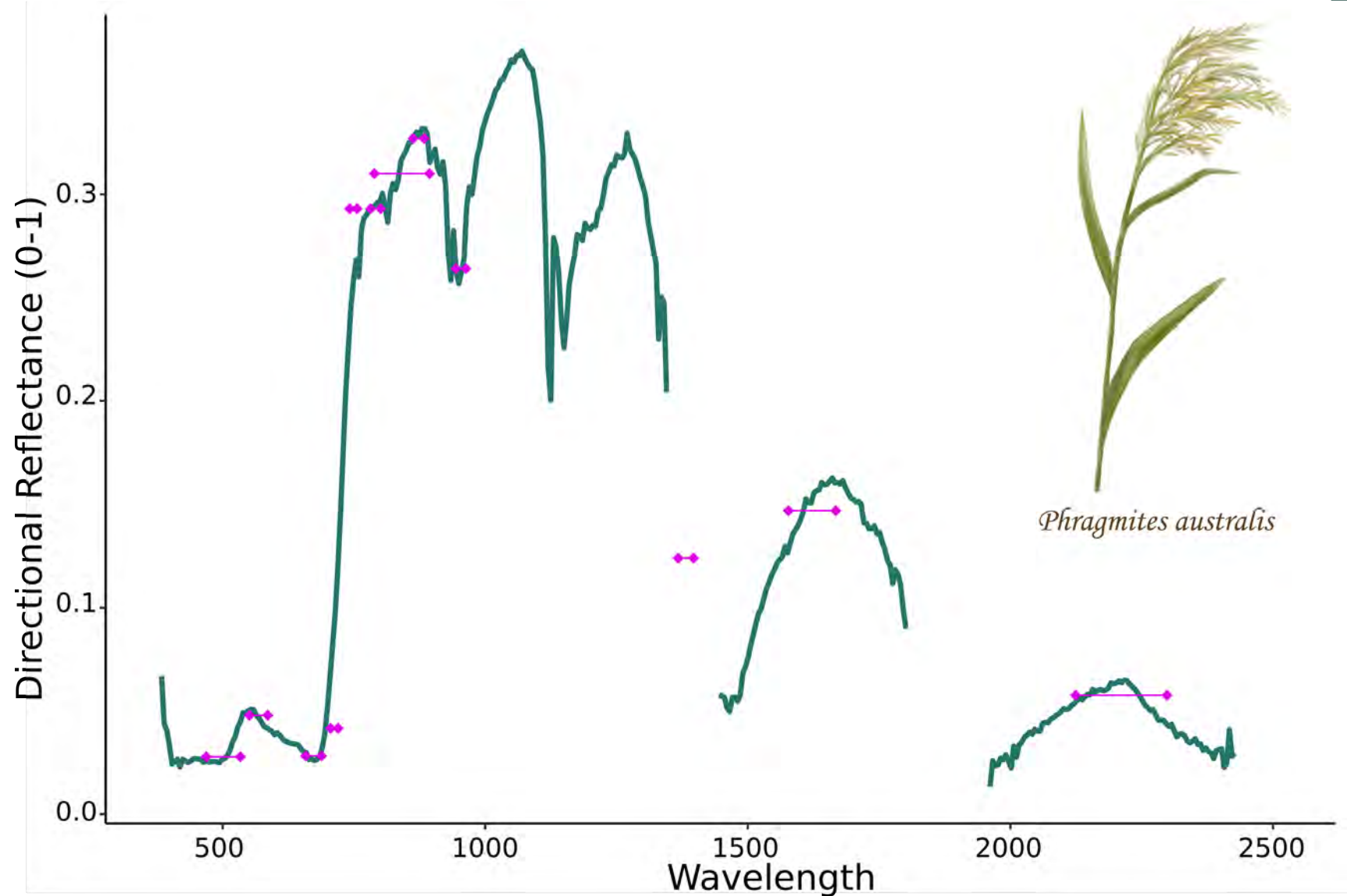


3 m



# Sensor Properties – Spectral resolution

- Band width
- Spectral coverage
- Spectral ranges of interest (Red-edge)



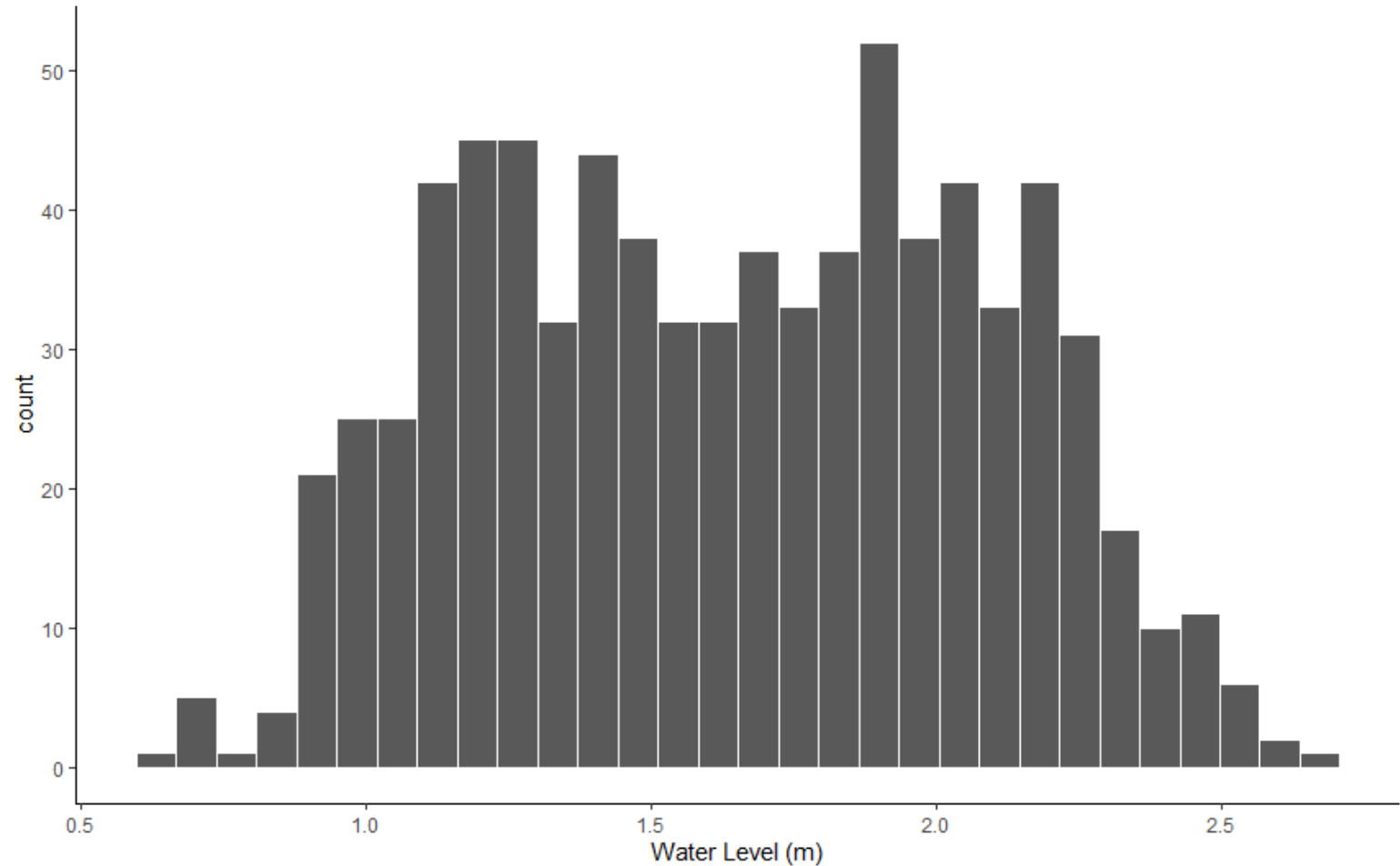
# Sensor Properties – Temporal resolution

- Temperate salt marsh phenology - seasonality
- Spectral coverage
- For minimal inundation of the vegetation - ideal image is close to mean low water during the growing season



# Sensor Properties – Temporal resolution

- What tidal stage is necessary for mapping?
- High tide imagery can be filtered out of the mapping effort but includes important information on coastal processes and ecosystem distribution.
- Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) in Knysna is 1.2 m
  - 17% of Sentinel-2 imagery was collected below 1.2 m.
  - 24% of Landsat-8 and 9 imagery were collected below 1.2 m





# Tidal Inundation

- Limited penetration of the water
- Dependent on tidal range
  - Variable across the marsh
  - Impact differs with percent cover and vegetation height
  - Informative for classification with a risk of misclassification



(<https://phenocam.nau.edu>)



# Demo summary

1. [Map at high tide – Sentinel-2](#)
2. [Map at low tide – Sentinel-2](#)
3. [Multidate classification – Sentinel-2](#)
4. [Multidate classification – Landsat-9](#)
5. [Add elevation](#)



# Demo – salt marsh extent mapping

The screenshot displays a web-based GIS application interface. At the top, a code editor window titled "start\_tides\_low" contains the following JavaScript code:

```
11 var rgbVis = {  
12   min: -200.0,  
13   max: 1500,  
14   bands: ['B8', 'B3', 'B2'],  
15 };  
16 Map.addLayer(s2sr, rgbVis, 'RGB');  
17 var classes = tidalmarsh.merge(Water)  
18   .merge(tidalflat)  
19   .merge(Seagrass)  
20   .merge(upland);  
21  
22 var samples = s2sr.select(bands).sampleRegions({  
23   collection: classes
```

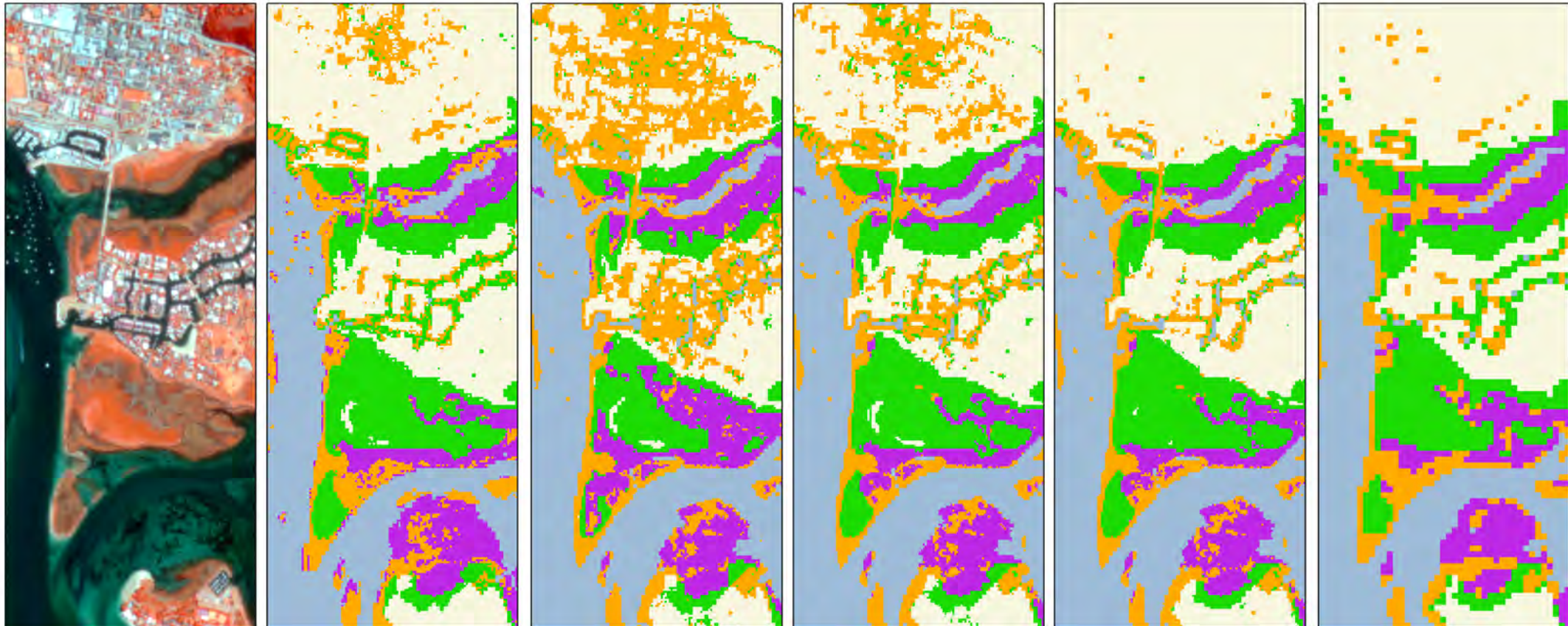
To the right of the code editor is a console window with tabs for "Inspector", "Console", and "Tasks". The "Console" tab is active, showing the following output:

```
Training n = 400  
Testing n = 91  
Validation error matrix RF:  
List (5 elements)
```

The main map area shows a satellite-style map of a coastal region. A semi-transparent overlay is applied to the map, representing the salt marsh extent. The overlay uses a color scheme where red/pink indicates water, blue indicates tidal flats, green indicates seagrass, and yellow indicates upland areas. A green location pin is placed on the map. The map interface includes standard navigation controls (hand, location, zoom, etc.) and a "Geometry Imports" button. The bottom of the map shows the Google logo and a scale bar indicating 1 km.

# Demo summary

Classification	Sentinel-2 High Tide	Senitnel-2 Low Tide	Multidate	Multidate + Elevation + NDVI	Landsat 9 + Elevation + NDVI
Overall Accuracy	90.17	92.85	93.75	95.54	92.86



# Key considerations for mapping ecosystems

The mapping objective may impact the “tier” of data required

Excerpts from IPCC (2003) Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF, Ch. 3

Tier 1  
Use of default /  
Global data

Methodologies usually use activity data that are spatially coarse, such as nationally or globally available estimates.

Tier 2  
Use of country-specific  
data

Tier 2 applies emission factors and activity data which are defined by the country; Higher resolution activity data are typically used

Tier 3  
Use of advanced  
methods  
and detailed country-  
specific data

Tier 3 – including models and inventory measurement systems tailored to address national circumstances, repeated over time, and driven by high resolution activity data and disaggregated at sub-national to fine grid scales.



## Area and carbon estimates -

1. Determine area [uncertainty](#)
2. Landsat 9
  1. Salt marsh:  $534 \pm 107$  ha
  2. Seagrass :  $281 \pm 56$  ha
3. Sentinel-2
  1. Salt marsh:  $549 \pm 110$  ha
  2. Seagrass:  $242 \pm 48$  ha
4. [Global tidal marsh layer](#): 653 ha
5. Global estimates of seagrass carbon are:  $196.7 \pm 20.7$ <sup>1</sup>
6. Global estimates of salt marsh carbon are:  $334.4 \pm 35$ <sup>2</sup>
7. Regional estimates of seagrass carbon are:  $177.7 \pm 122.3$ <sup>3</sup>
8. Regional estimates of salt marsh carbon are  $441.5 \pm 198.6$ <sup>4</sup>



# Carbon accounts

- Uncertainty propagation with the [propagate](#) package in R
  - $Carbon\ Stock = Area\ (ha) * Carbon\ per\ ha$

	Landsat 9 (Tg)	Sentinel-2 (Tg)	<a href="#">Global Tidal marsh</a> (Tg)
Tidal marsh (Tier 1/Global)	0.179 ± 0.04	0.184 ± 0.04	0.218
Tidal marsh (Tier 2/Local)	0.236 ± 0.12	0.243 ± 0.12	0.288
Seagrass (Tier 1/Global)	0.055 ± 0.012	0.047 ± 0.036	NA
Seagrass (Tier 2/Local)	0.050 ± 0.036	0.043 ± 0.031	NA



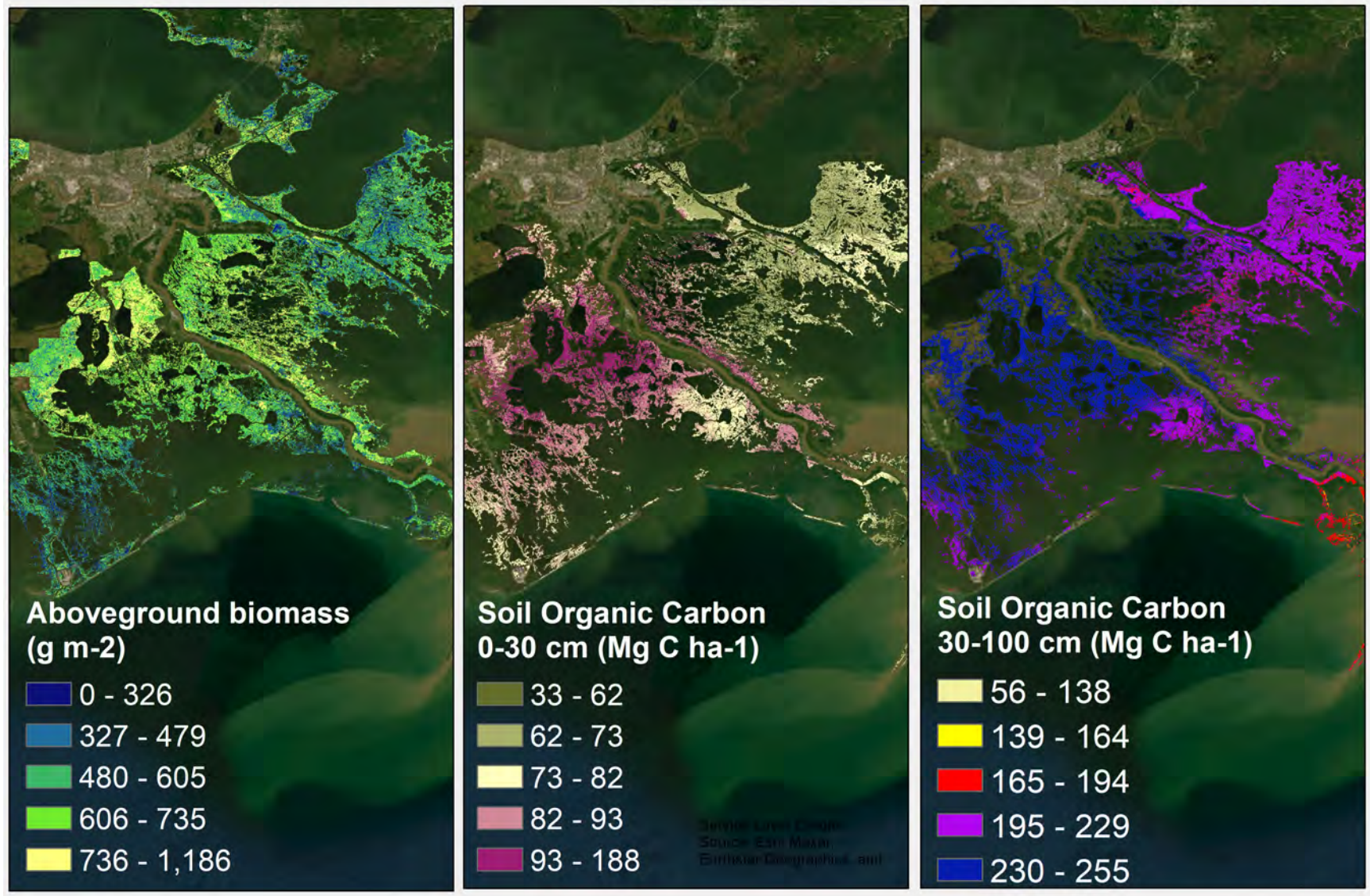
# Overlapping ecosystems – Knysna

- [Global tidal marsh layer](#)
- How does this overlap with seagrass maps created in our analysis?
  - Tidal marsh – seagrass overlap is 55.8 ha
  - Tidal marsh – Tidal marsh overlaps 432 ha
- Handling overlap is important for accurate accounts





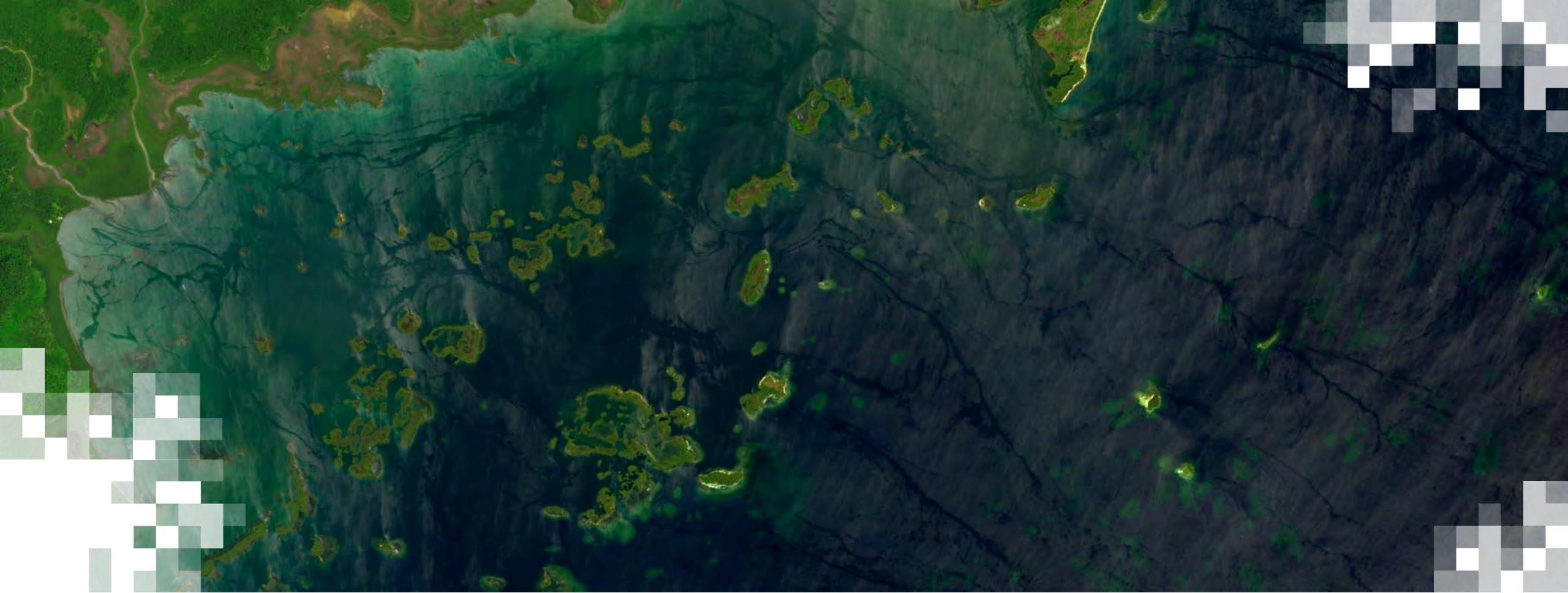
# Spatial prediction of AGB and Soil



# Summary

- Introduced salt marsh ecosystems
- Discussed available global resources
- Salt marsh remote sensing needs
- Utilized Google Earth Engine for classification of salt marsh
- Reviewed carbon accounting approach





## Beyond the Surface: Exploring Seagrass Mapping with Earth Observations

# Outline

- Background
- Remote Sensing
- Demonstration in Google Earth Engine
- Key Takeaways

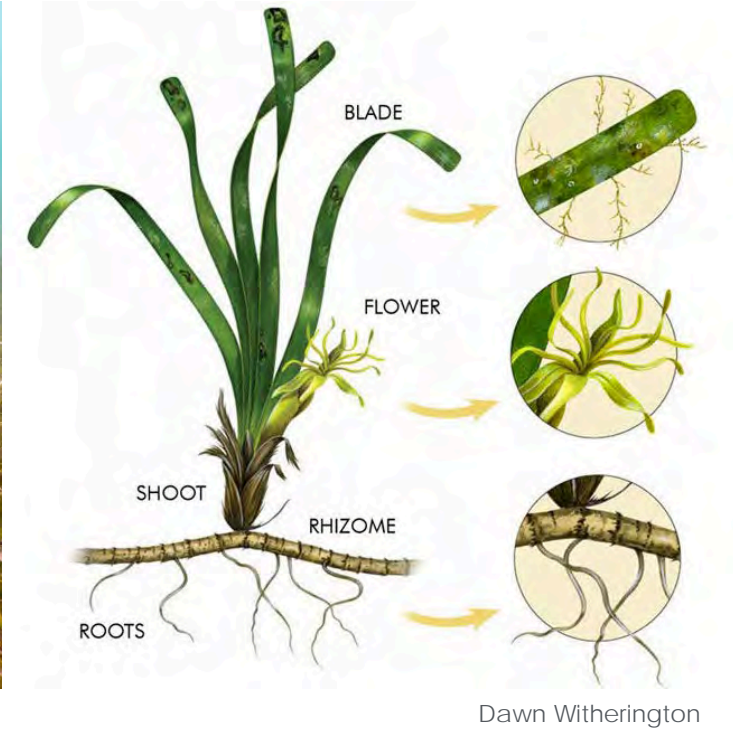


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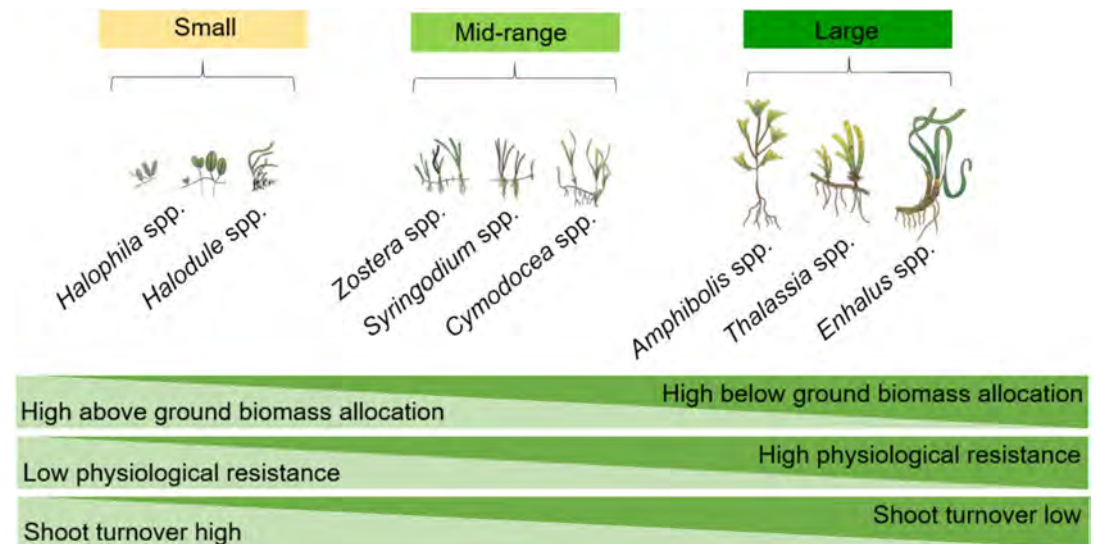
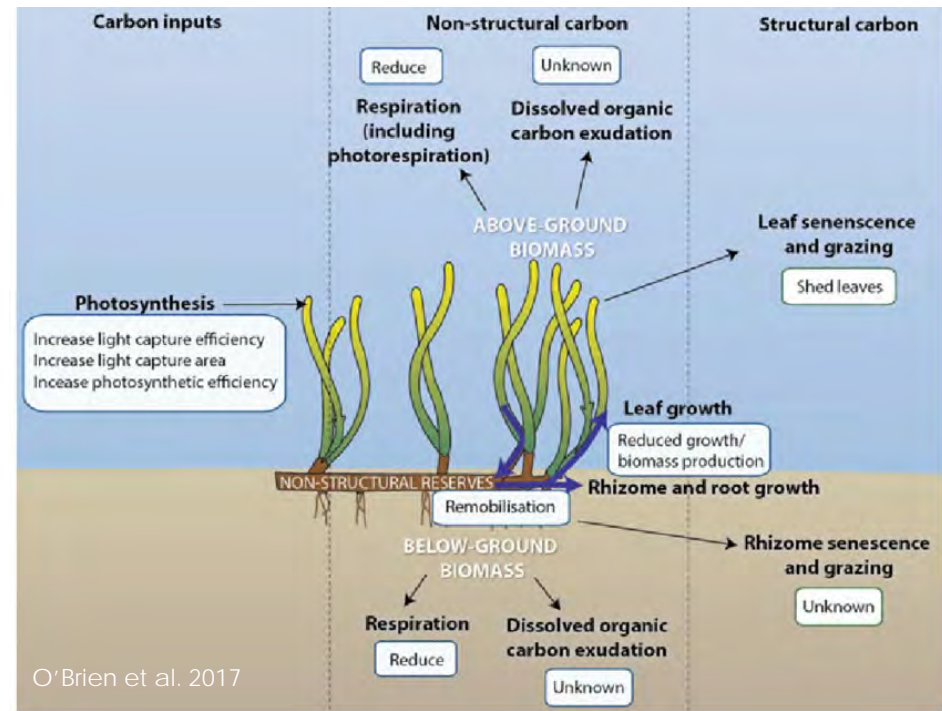
# Background: What is seagrass?

- Marine flowering plants
- Diverse species
- Ecosystem engineers
- Biodiversity hotspots



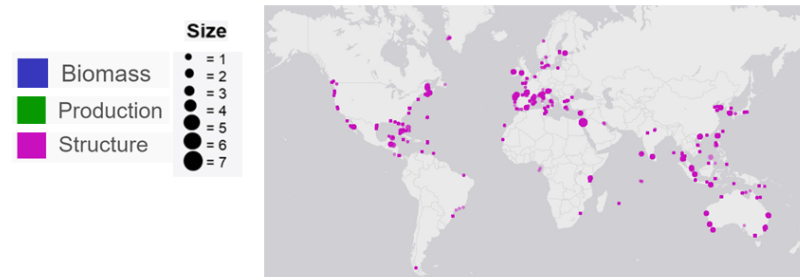
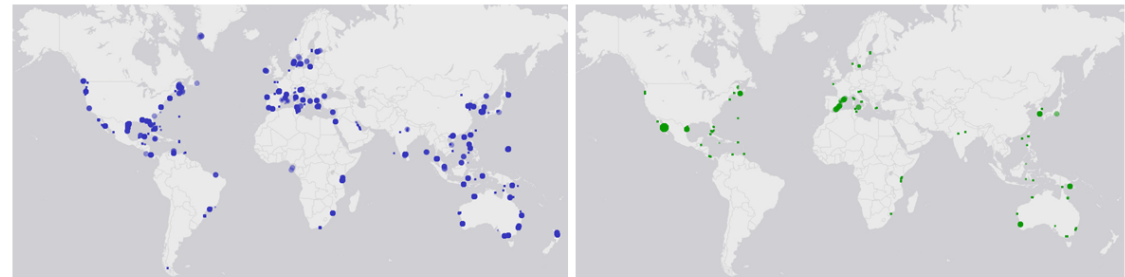
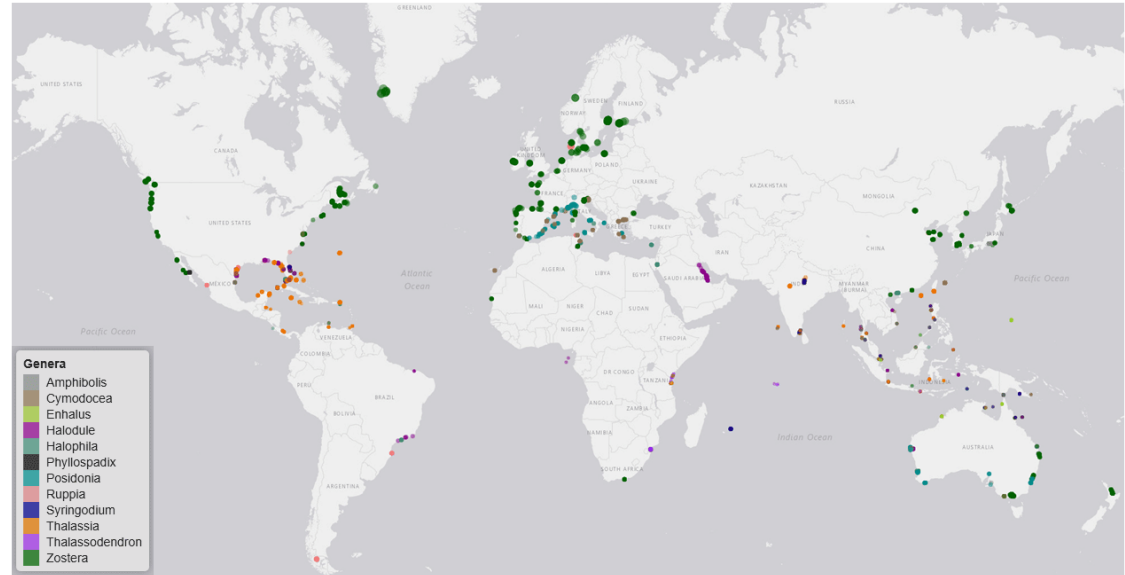
# Background: Carbon Sequestration

- ~10-18% Carbon Burial in Oceans
- Biomass primarily stored belowground
- Differences in Carbon Burial by Size and Environmental Conditions



# Background: Datasets Available

- Global Distribution of Seagrasses (UNEP-WCMC, Short FT, 2021)
- Meadow structure, biomass, and production (Strydom et al. 2023)

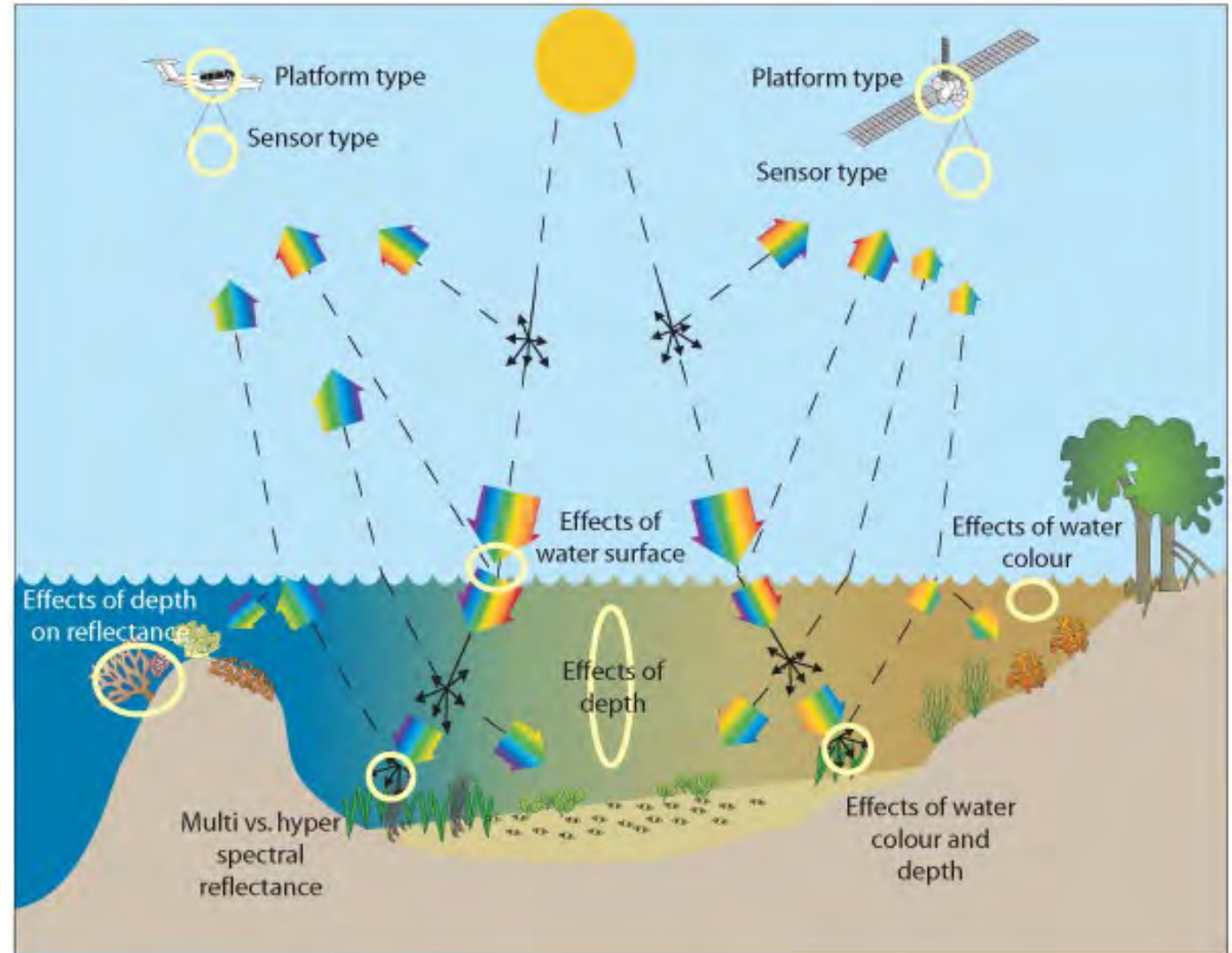


Strydom et al. 2023



# Remote Sensing: Seagrass

- Passive, optical remote sensing
- Exposed canopy or low tide conditions ideal for seagrass detection
- Need to account for atmosphere and water column impacts



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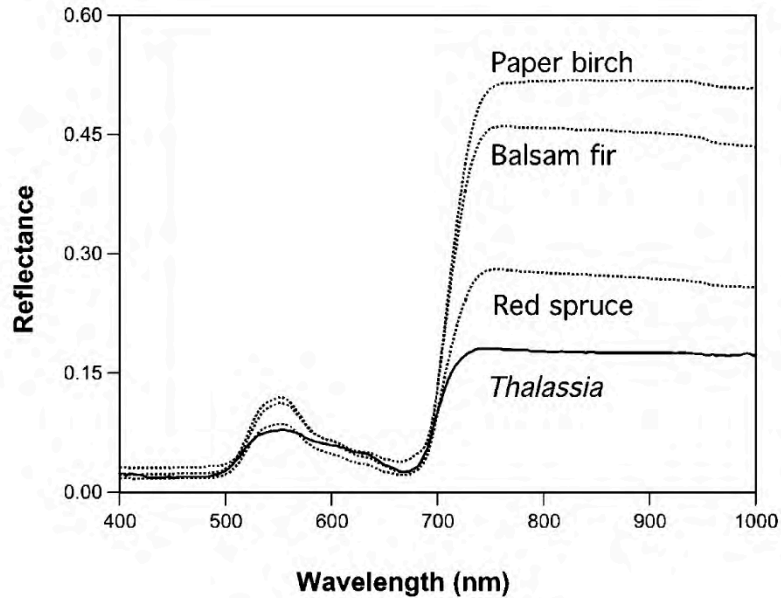
# Remote Sensing: Current and Upcoming Satellite Missions

Mission	Availability	Sensors	Resolution
Landsat 7-9	1999-Present	Enhanced Thematic Mapper (ETM+), Operational Land Imager (OLI)	Multispectral, 185 km swath; 15 m, 30 m, 60 m; 16-day revisit
Sentinel 2 A/B/C	2015-Present	Multi Spectral Imager (MSI)	Multispectral, 290 km swath; 10 m, 20 m, 60 m, 5-day revisit
Surface Biology and Geology	No earlier than 2032	Visible to Shortwave Infrared (VSWIR)	Hyperspectral, 31-35 m, 16-day revisit

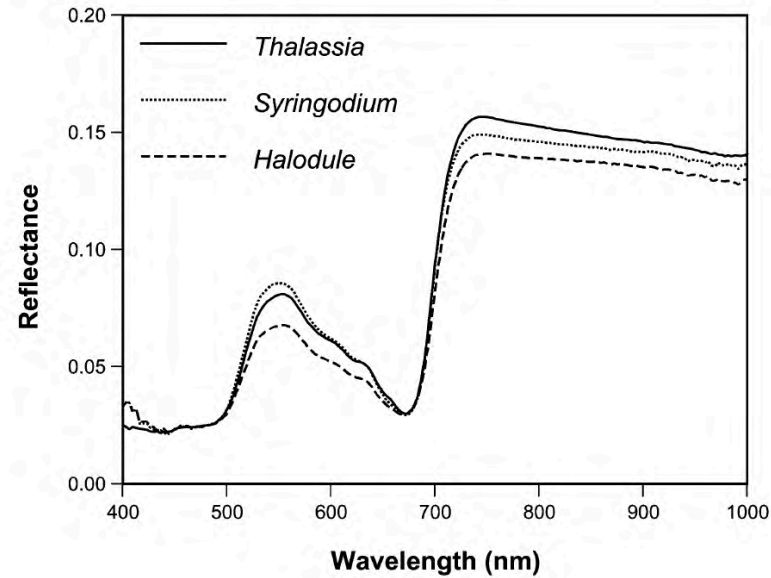


# Remote Sensing: Spectral Resolution

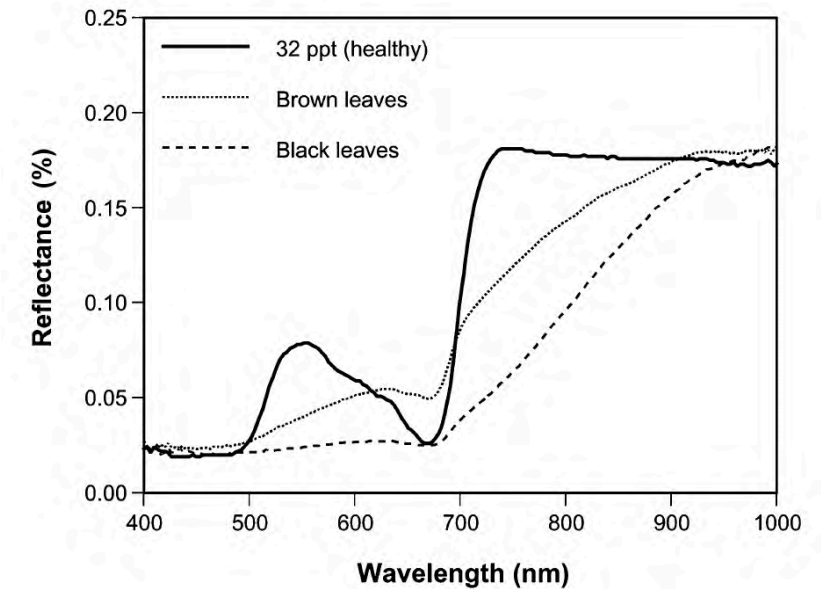
## Aquatic versus Terrestrial Vegetation Targets



## Subtle Species Differences



## Differences between healthy and stressed leaves



Thorhaug et al. 2007



# Remote Sensing: Spatial Resolution

## Seagrasses from above - drones and satellites

Example images from Lesbos, Greece.  $39^{\circ}09'30.6''\text{N}$   $26^{\circ}32'01.8''\text{E}$

**Drone**



resolution: 4 cm

**WVII PAN**



resolution: 50 cm

**WVII MUL**



resolution: 2 m

**PlanetScope**



resolution: 3 m

**Sentinel-2**



resolution: 10 m

**Landsat-8**



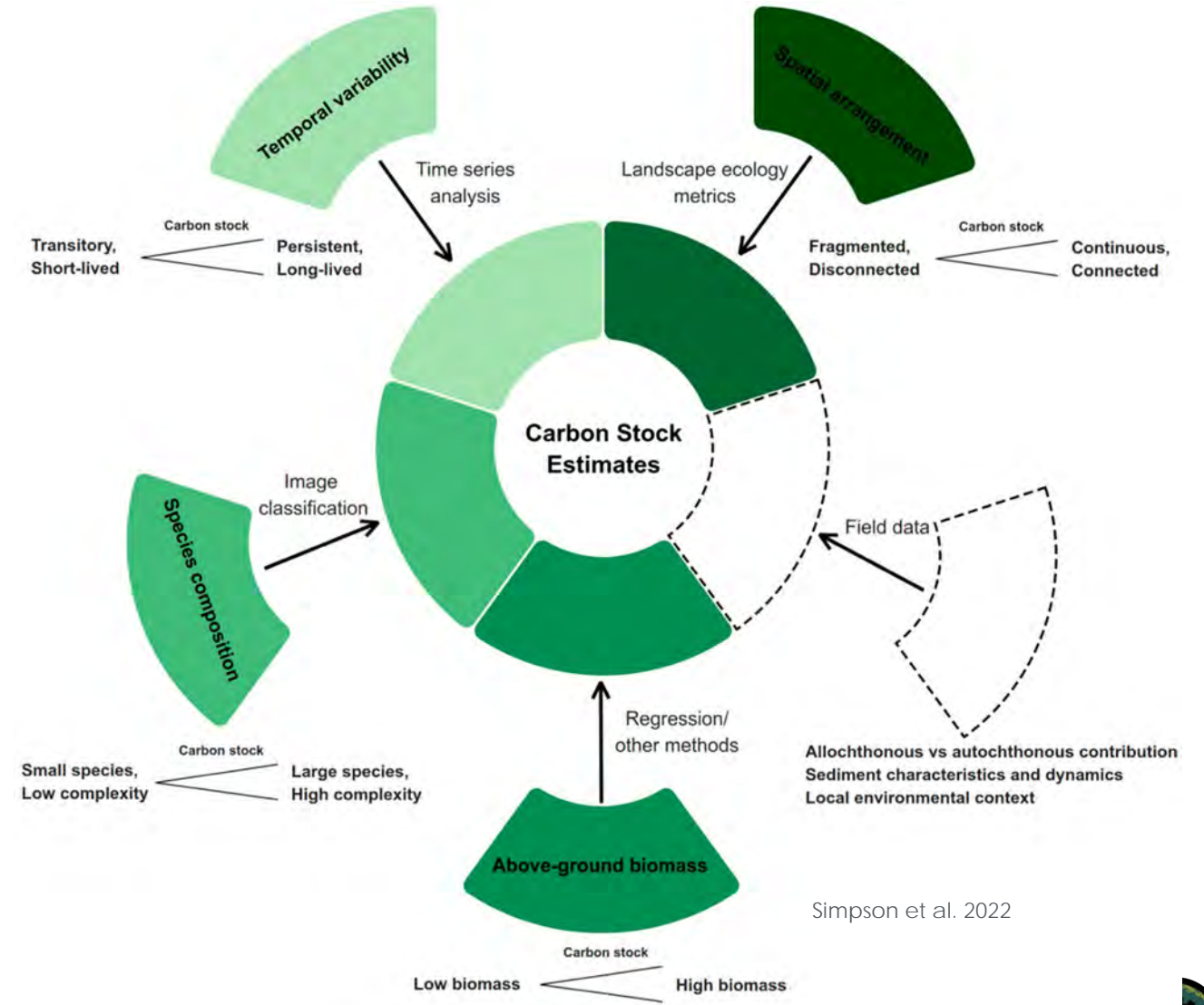
resolution: 30 m

Topouzelis et al. 2018



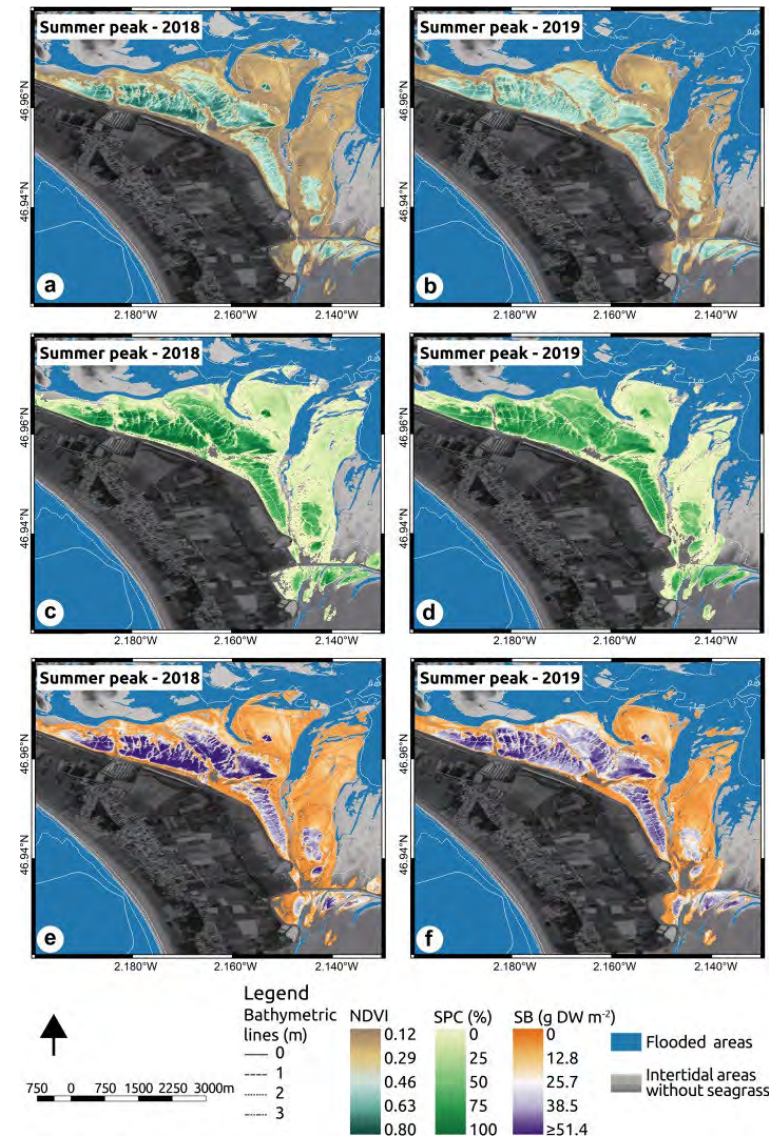
# Remote Sensing - Proxies of Carbon Sequestration

- Above-ground biomass & Spatial Arrangement – Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), Leaf Area Index (LAI), and more!
- Composition – Image Classification via Enhanced Spectral Information
- Temporal Variability – Time Series Analysis



# Remote Sensing – Above Ground Biomass & Spatial Arrangement

- Region: European Atlantic Coast
- Species: *Zostera Noltei*
- Sensor: Sentinel 2 MSI
- Satellite Product: NDVI (NIR-Red)/(NIR+Red)
- Generated Products via In Situ Data: Seagrass Percent Cover (SPC) and Seagrass Leaf Biomass (SB)

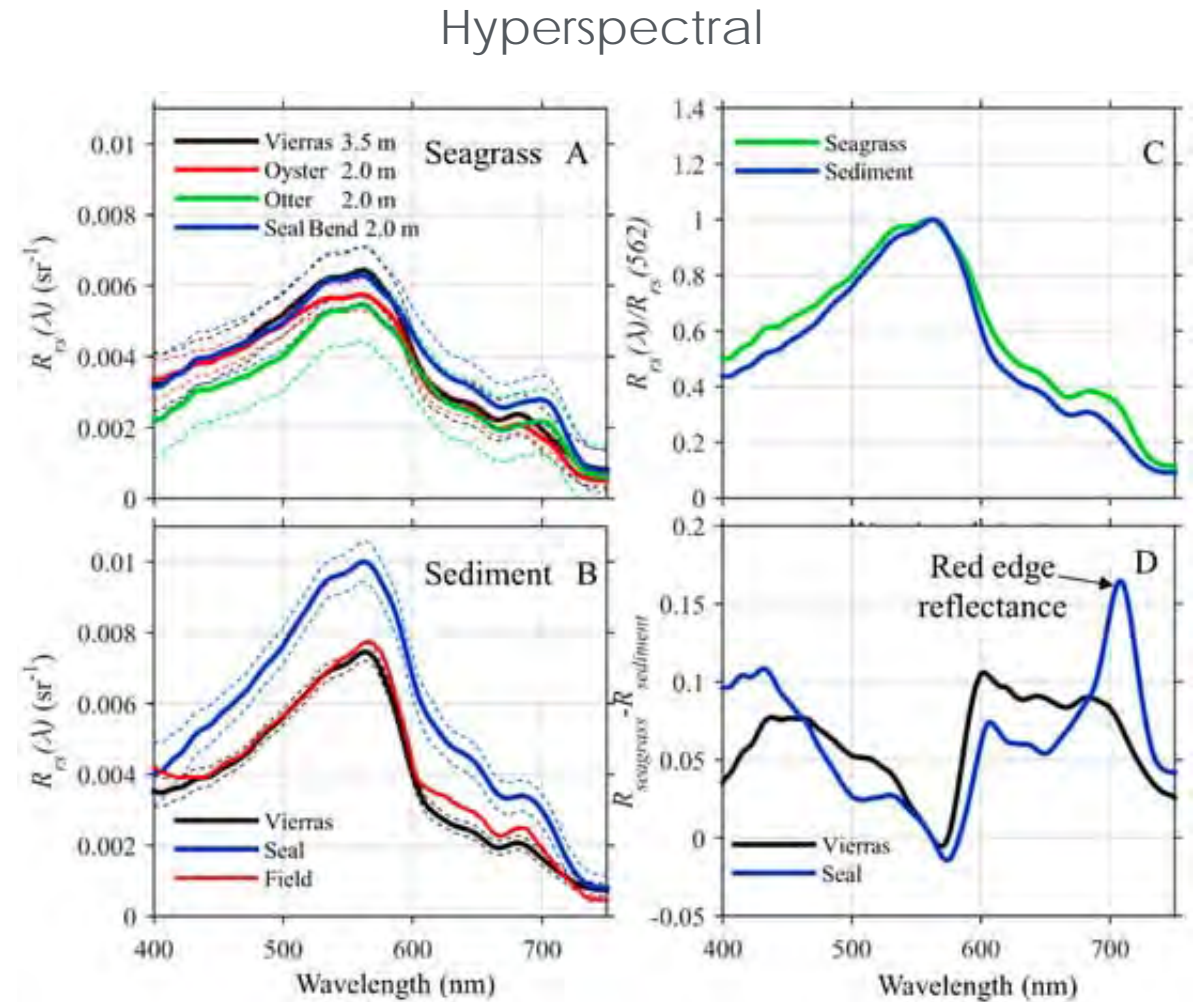
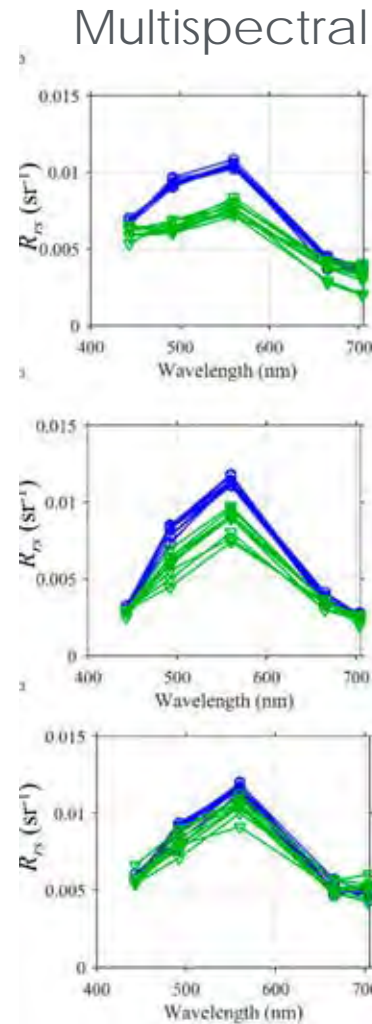


Zoffoli et al. 2020



# Remote Sensing – Composition

- Region: Elkhorn Slough, CA, USA
- Species: *Zostera marina*
- Sensor: Sentinel 2, PRISM (airborne)
- Satellite Product: Remote Sensing Reflectance

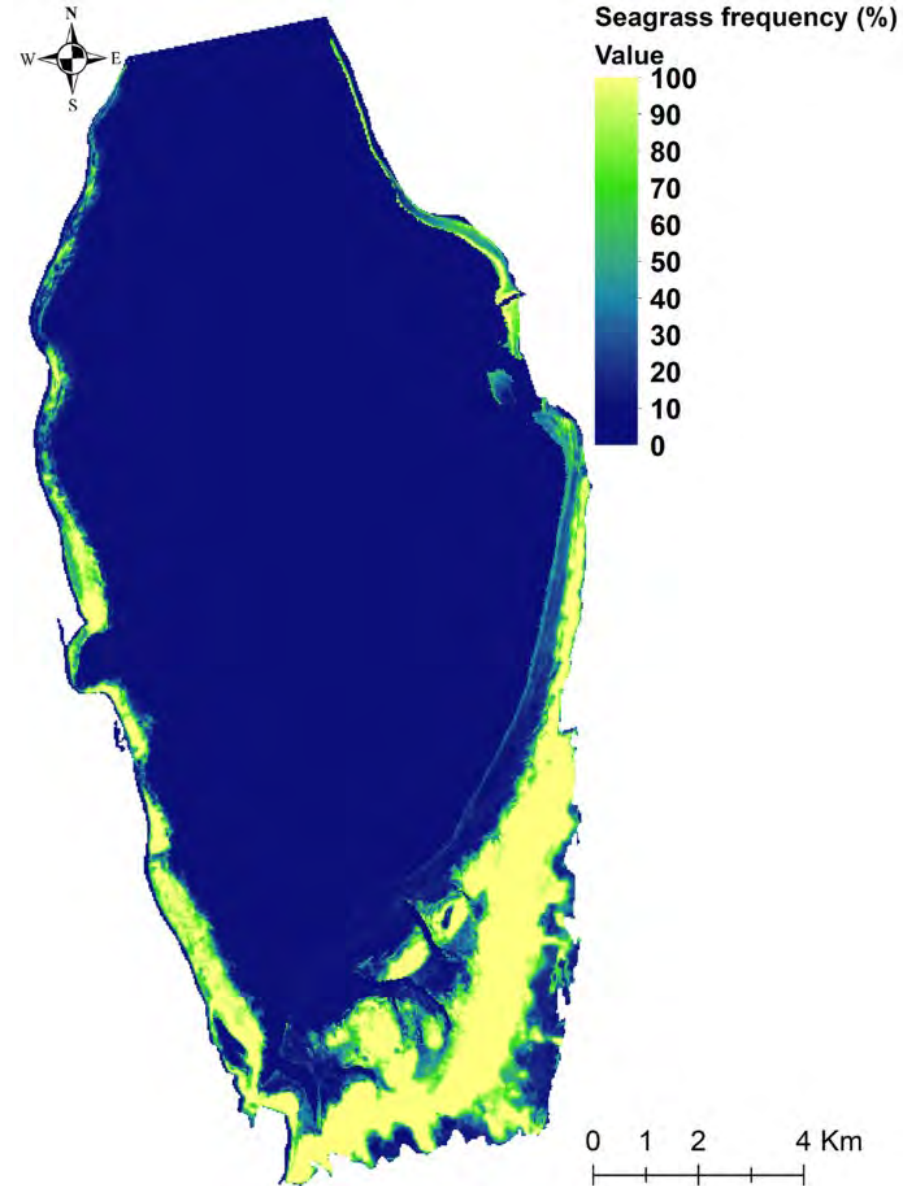


Dierssen et al. 2019



# Remote Sensing – Temporal Variability

- Region: St. Joseph Bay, Florida, USA
- Species: *Thalassia testudinum*, *Halodule wrightii*, *Syringodium filiforme*, *Halophila* spp.
- Sensor: Landsat 5-8
- Satellite Product: Seagrass Presence and Extent
- Generated Products via In Situ Data: Leaf Area Index, Biomass Belowground Carbon



# Demonstration in Google Earth Engine

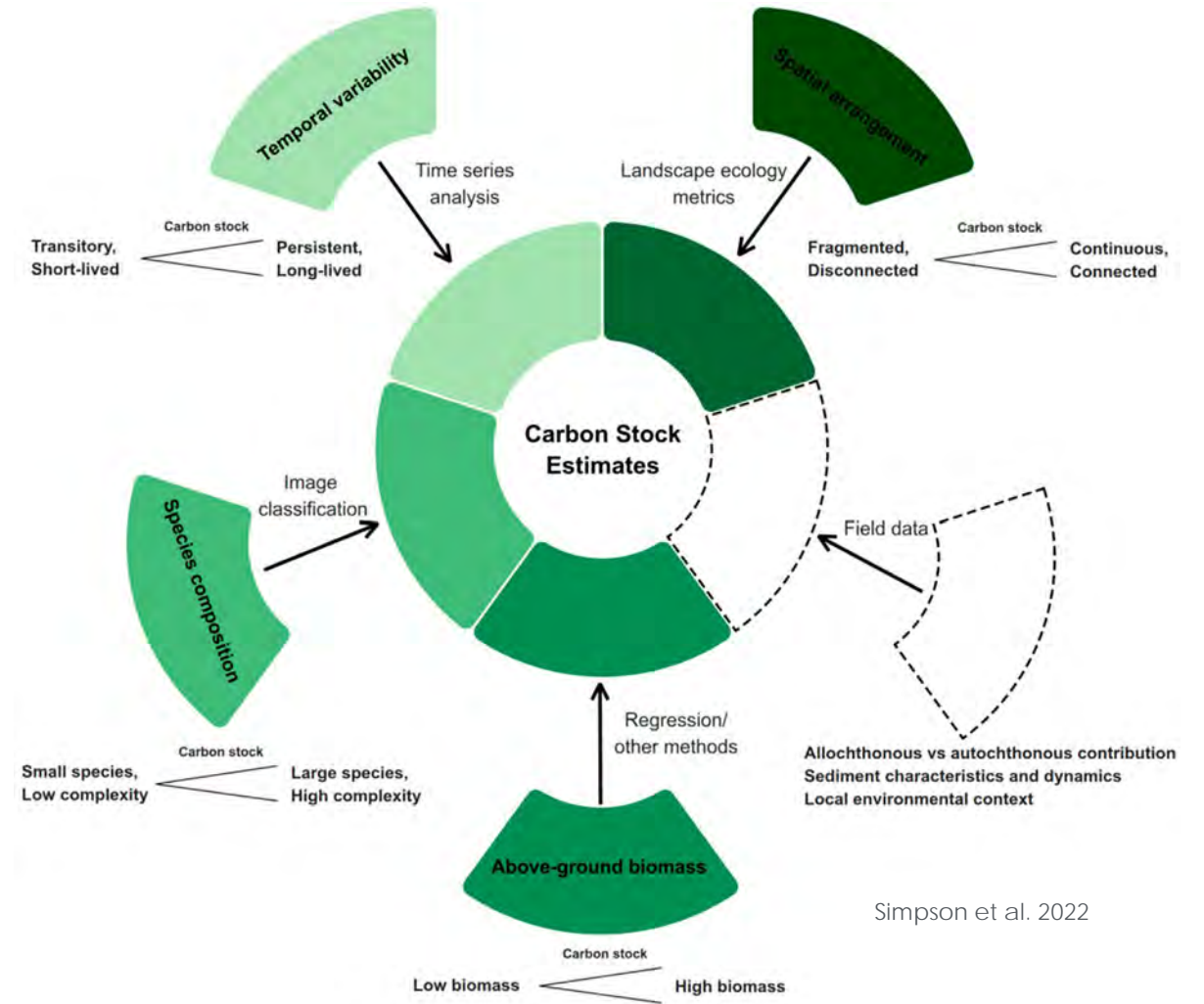
- [Calculate seagrass area with Allen Coral Atlas](#)
- [Time Series Analysis with Sentinel 2](#)





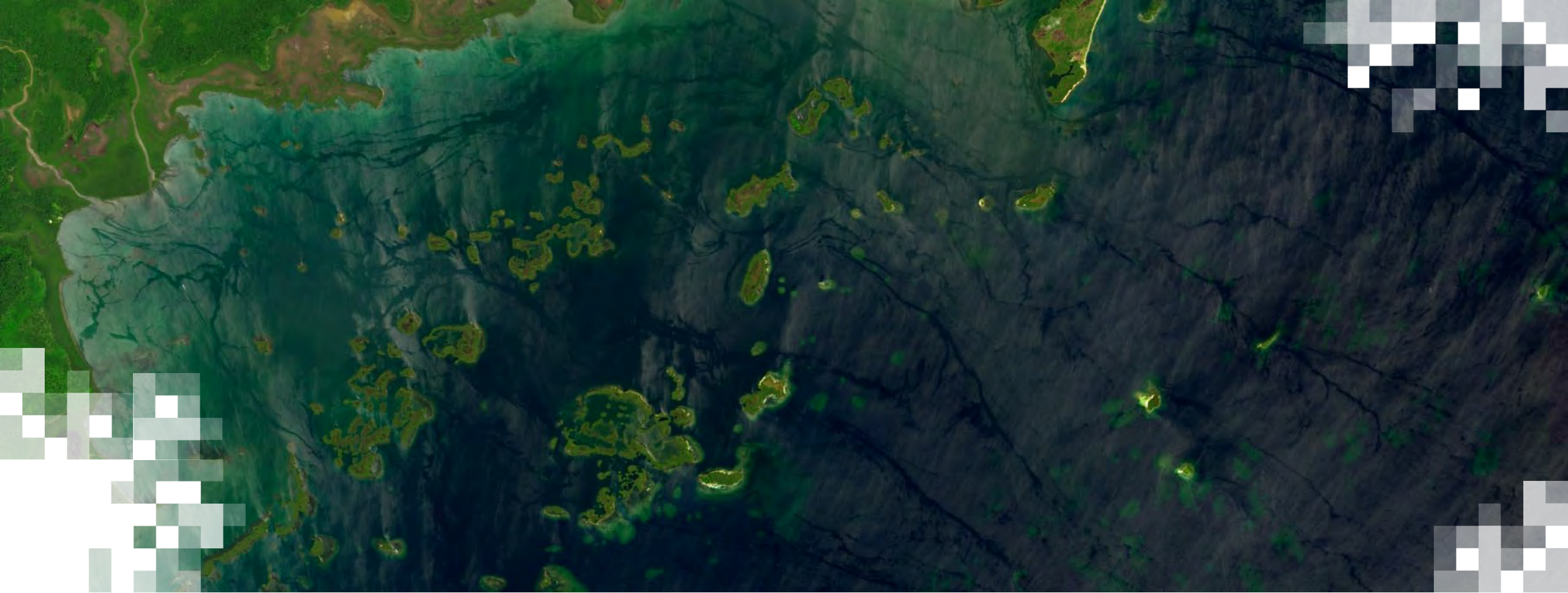
# Key Takeaways

- Seagrass meadows are vital blue carbon ecosystems and are threatened by global climate change and anthropogenic activities
- Remote sensing tools have been used to detect, quantify, and evaluate spatial and temporal dynamics of seagrass meadows
- Pairing field data of seagrass habitat and carbon dynamics with remote sensing observation is crucial for accurate seagrass carbon sequestration estimates



Simpson et al. 2022





## Measuring Co-Occurrences of Blue Carbon Ecosystems

# Learning Objectives

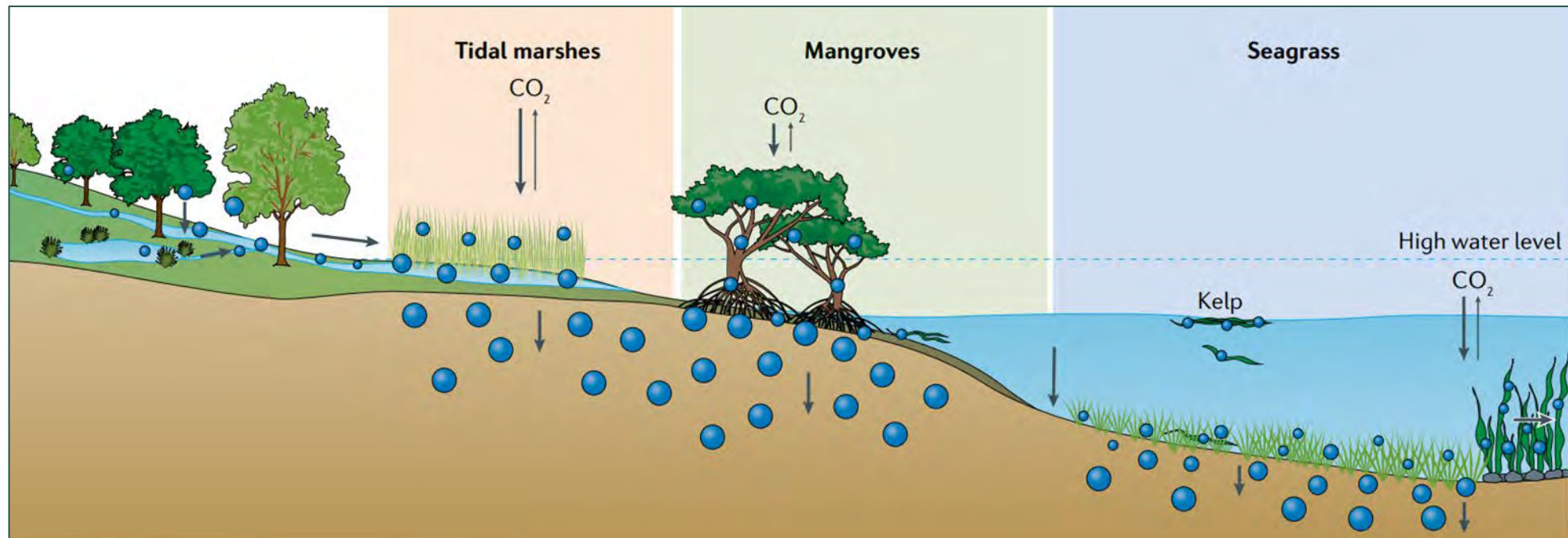
By the end of this presentation, you will

- Define a blue carbon ecosystem based on ecosystem characteristics
- Map the extent of mangrove ecosystems using satellite observations
  - Explore existing global datasets showing mangrove extent, canopy height and biomass
  - Use Google Earth Engine to generate mangrove extent data
- Calculate the carbon stock of mapped mangrove ecosystems
  - Apply basic criteria for accessing the suitability of data for your purposes
  - Estimate mangrove canopy height, biomass and carbon stocks in your area of interest
  - Evaluate data sources for a more precise mangrove ecosystem carbon stock estimate



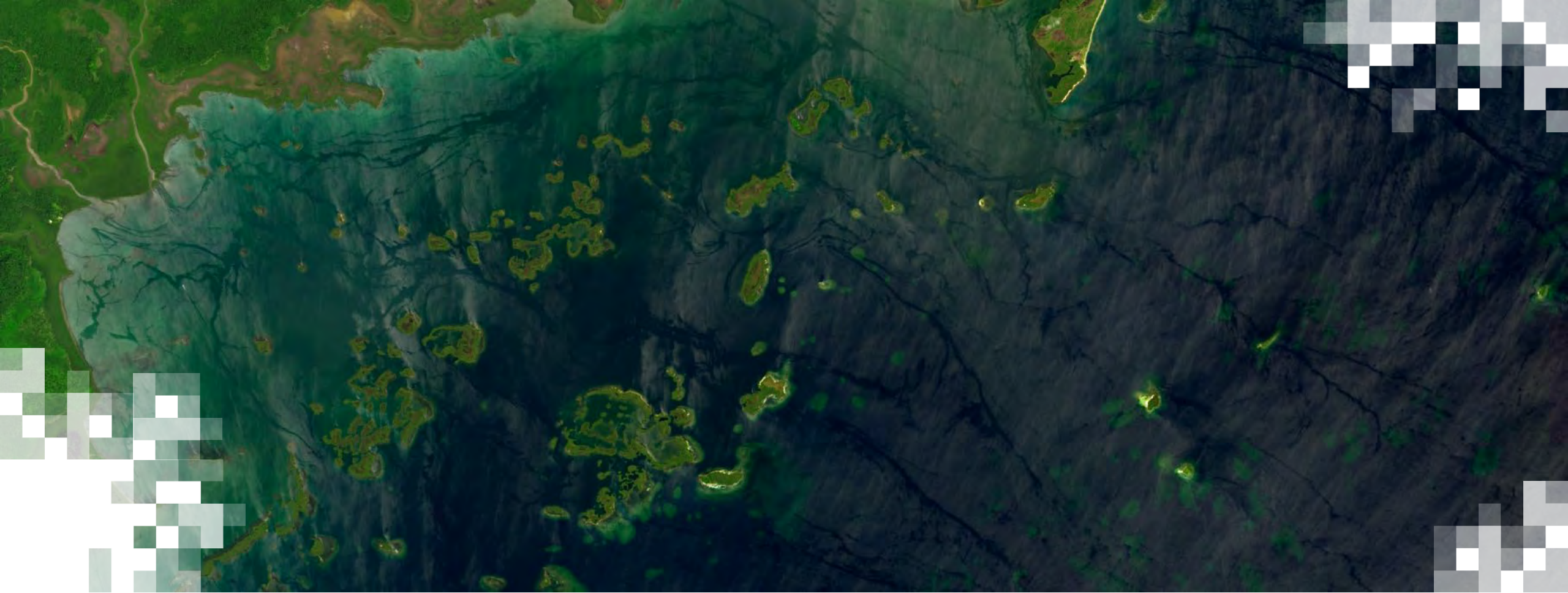
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1. How to synthesize blue carbon estimates across ecosystems
  - Importance of scope and scale
  - Merging maps and identifying overlap
2. Blue carbon reporting, monitoring, and accounting
  - Examples from a saltmarsh-mangrove ecotone
3. Combining methods for future blue carbon accounting



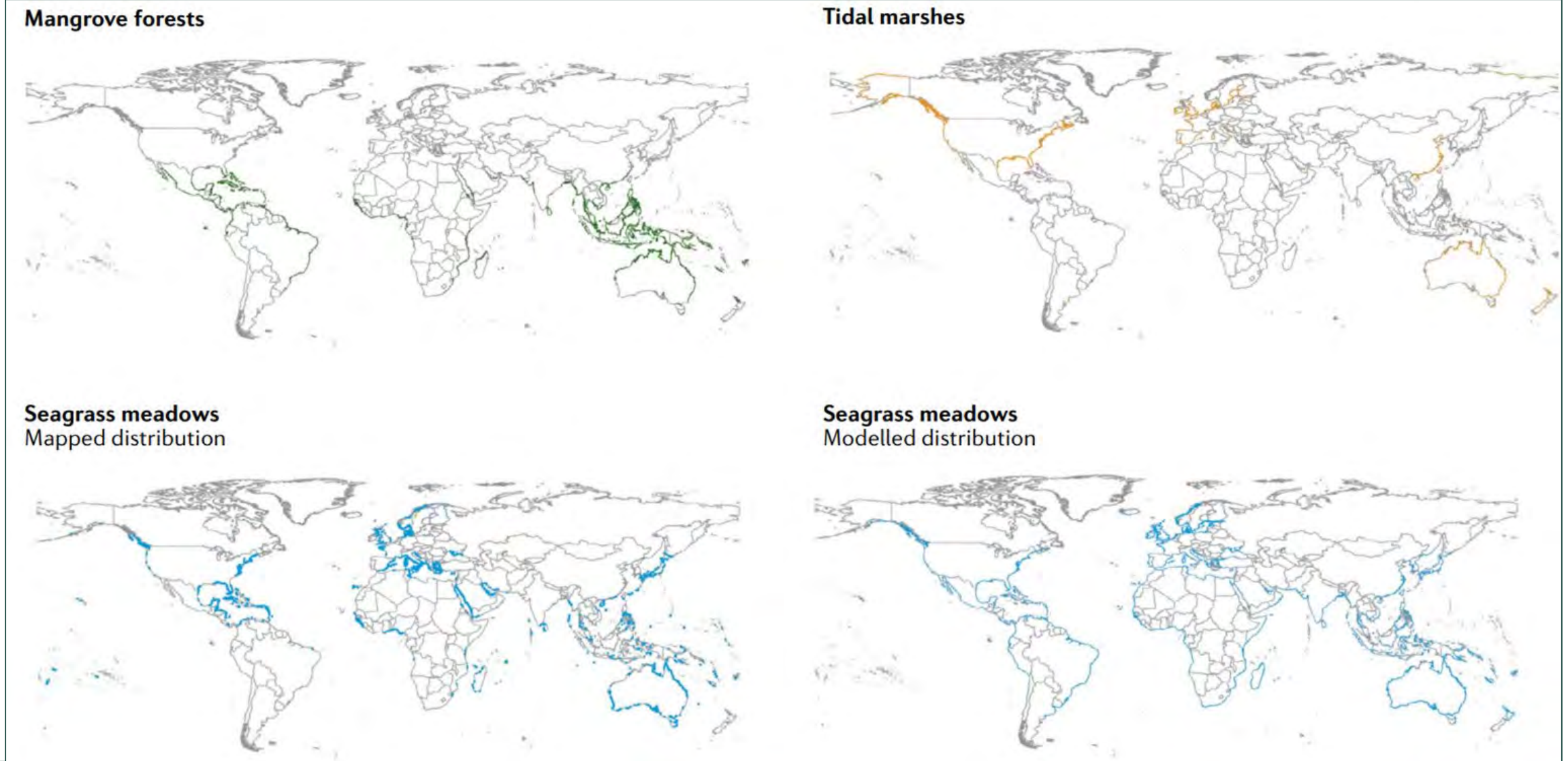
Macreadie et al. 2021. Blue carbon as a natural climate solution





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## Mangrove

- Mangrove Forests of the World MFW, [Giri et al. 2010](#)
- Global Mangrove Watch GMW, [Bunting et al. 2022](#)
- Continuous Global Mangrove Forest Cover for the 21st Century GCMFC-21, [Hamilton and Casey 2016](#)
- Global Wetlands Distribution [CIFOR](#)
- Mangrove Atlas [Spalding et al. 2010](#)
- Aboveground Biomass [Hutchison et al. 2014](#);
- Canopy Height and Biomass [Simard et al. 2019 \(data\)](#)
- Soil Organic C [Sanderman et al. \(2018\)](#); [Rovai et al. \(2018\)](#); [Atwood et al. \(2017\)](#)

## Seagrass

- Global dataset on seagrass meadow structure, biomass and production, [Strydom et al. 2022](#)
- UNEP WCMC Global distribution of Seagrasses, [Green and Short 2003](#)



# Merging maps and identifying overlap

## Global Distribution of Blue Carbon Ecosystems





# Merging maps and identifying overlap

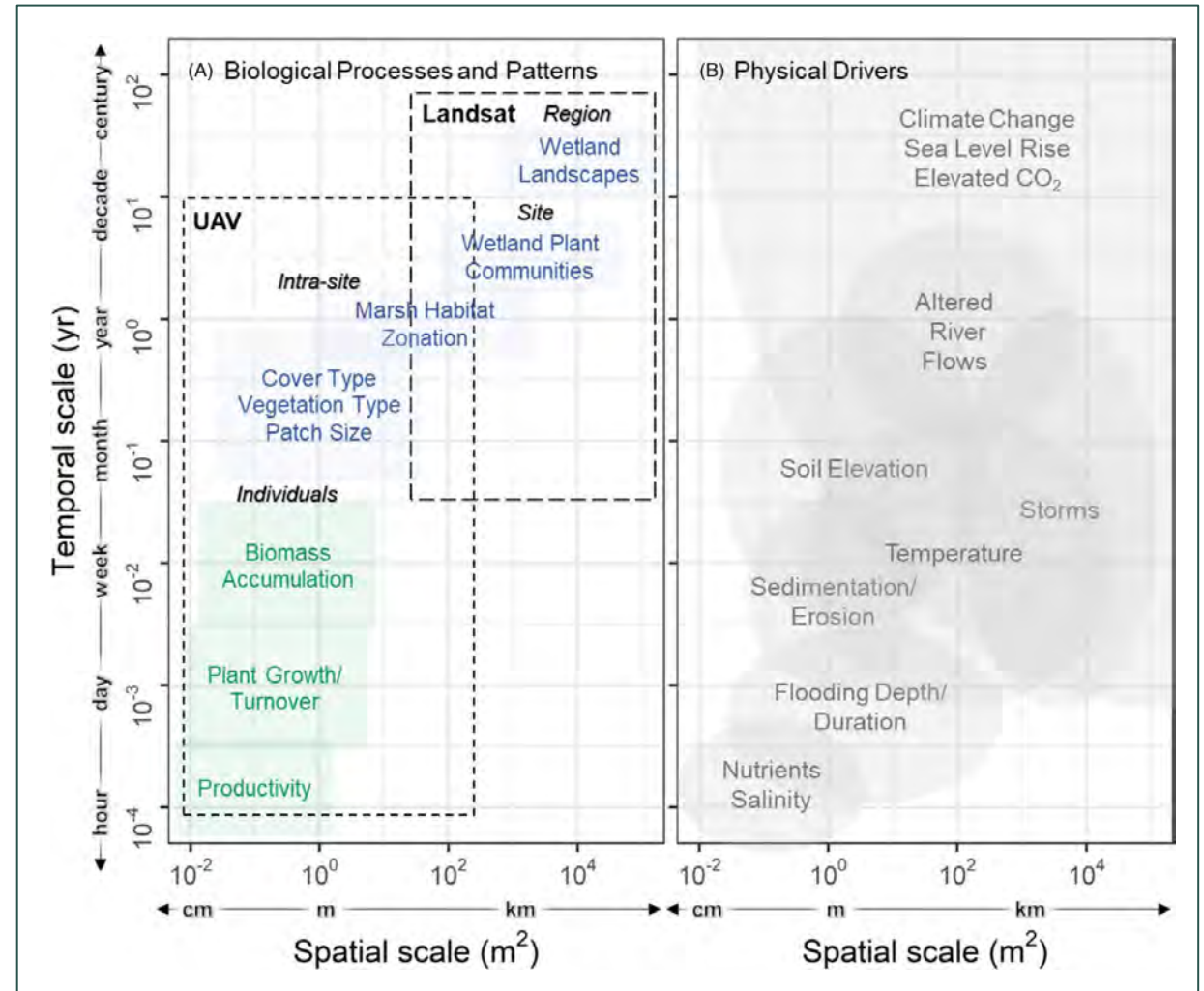
- Advantages and disadvantages of existing global maps
- Merging existing maps and identifying overlap is a good start to
  - Test existing data for your needs, questions, study
  - Identify needs in spatial data and/or data resolution
  - Cater mapping approaches to co-existing blue C ecosystems



# How to synthesize blue carbon estimates across ecosystems

## The Importance of Scope and Scale

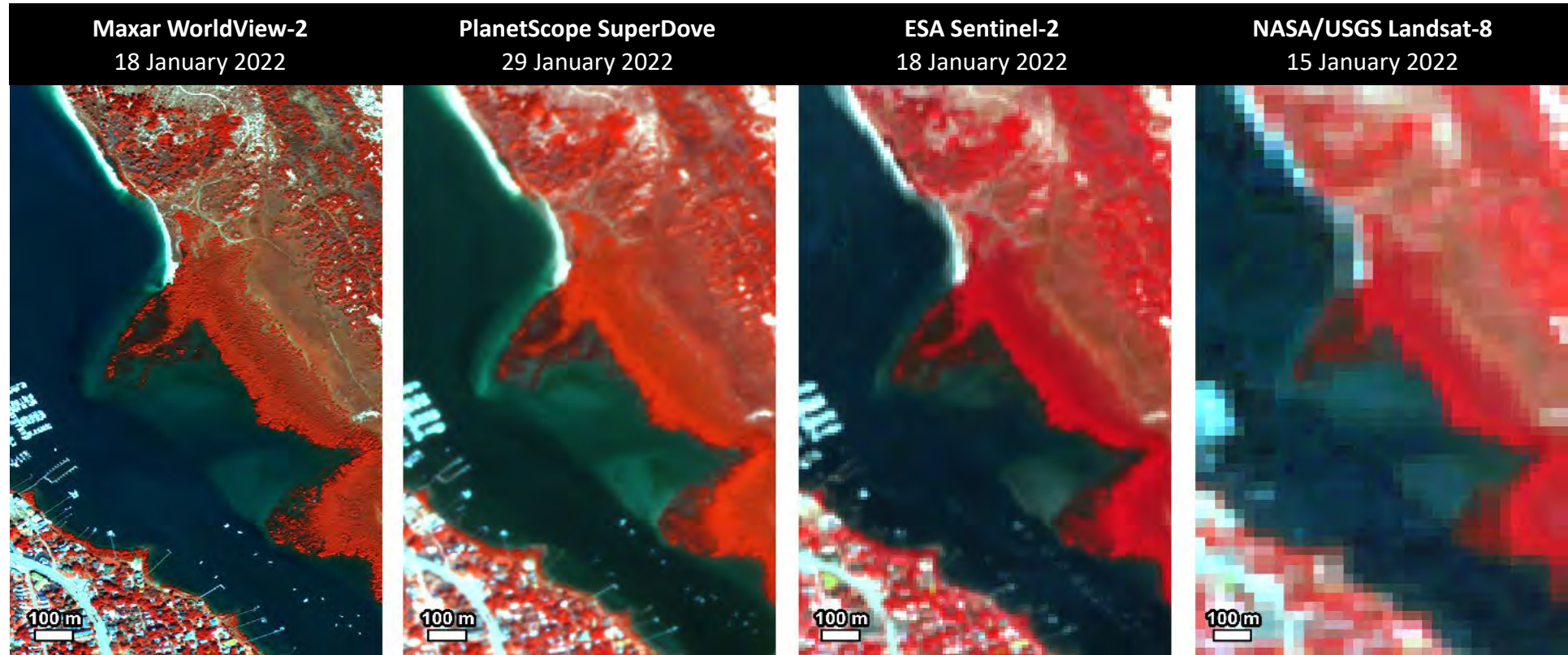
- The scope of the study domain
- Tradeoffs in spatial, temporal, and spectral resolution
- Scope of analysis
  - What data is available?
  - What blue carbon metric is measured?
  - What drivers are important?



Doughty et al. 2021. RSEC



# The Importance of Scope and Scale



Spectral Region	Wavelengths (nm)	Resolution (m)
Coastal	400 - 450	1.85
<b>Blue</b>	<b>450 - 510</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>510 - 580</b>	<b>1.85</b>
Yellow	585 - 625	1.85
<b>Red</b>	<b>630 - 690</b>	<b>1.85</b>
Red edge	705 - 745	1.85
<b>NIR1</b>	<b>770 - 895</b>	<b>1.85</b>
NIR2	860 - 1040	1.85

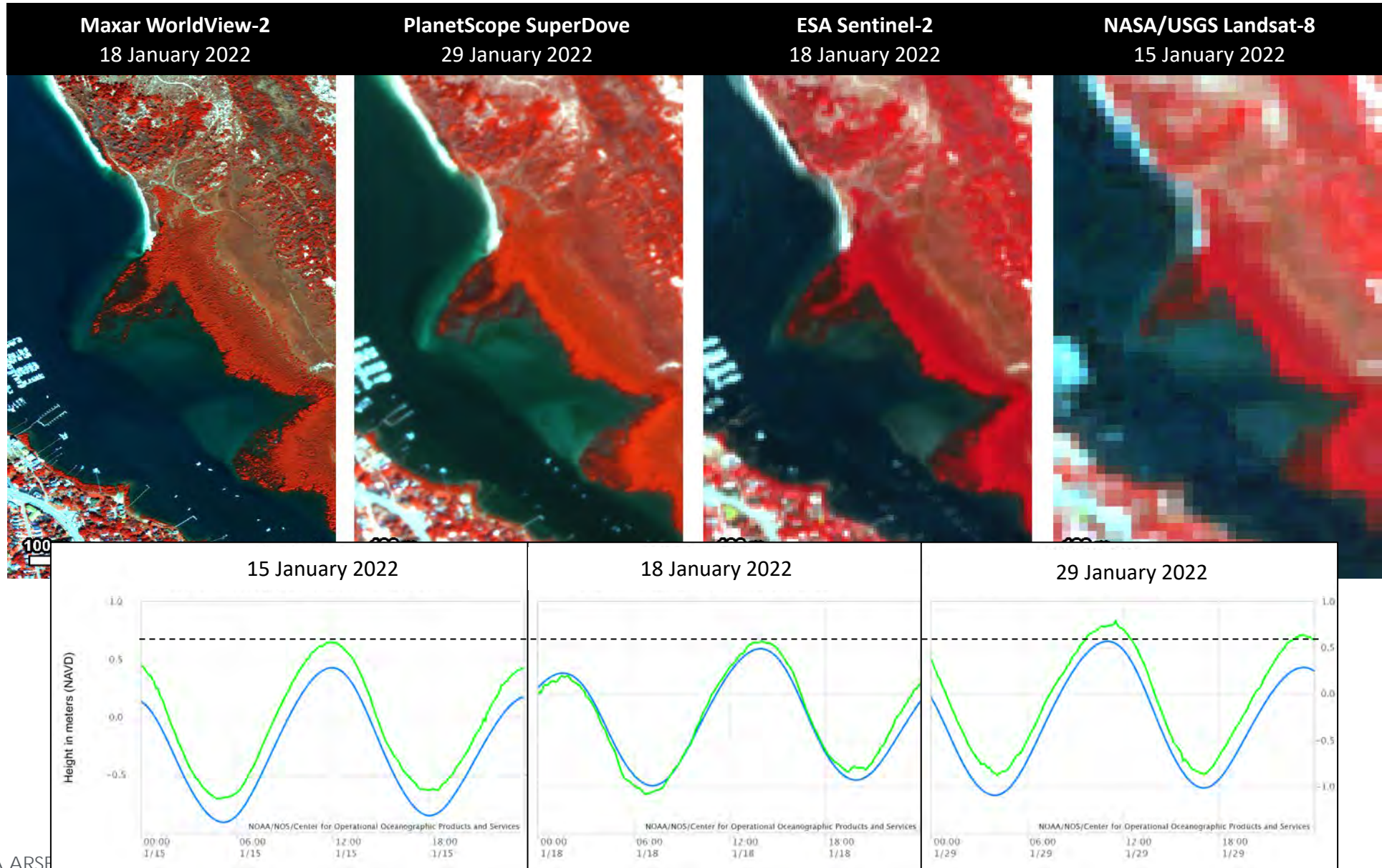
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Coastal	431 - 452	3
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Green I	513-549	3
<b>Green</b>	<b>547-583</b>	<b>3</b>
Yellow	600-620	3
<b>Red</b>	<b>650-680</b>	<b>3</b>
Red edge	697-713	3
<b>NIR</b>	<b>845-885</b>	<b>3</b>

Spectral Region	Wavelengths (nm)	Resolution (m)
Coastal	433-453	60
<b>Blue</b>	<b>458-523</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>543-578</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>650-680</b>	<b>10</b>
Red edge	698-713	20
Red edge	733-748	20
Red edge	773-793	20
<b>NIR</b>	<b>785-899</b>	<b>10</b>
NIR	855-875	20
SWIR/Water	9435-955	60
SWIR/Cirrus	1360-1390	60
SWIR	1565-1655	20
SWIR	2100-2280	20

Spectral Region	Wavelengths (nm)	Resolution (m)
Coastal	433-453	30
<b>Blue</b>	<b>450-515</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>525-600</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>630-680</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>NIR</b>	<b>845-885</b>	<b>30</b>
SWIR/Cirrus	1360-1390	30
SWIR	1560-1660	30
SWIR	2100-2300	60
Pan	500-6800	15

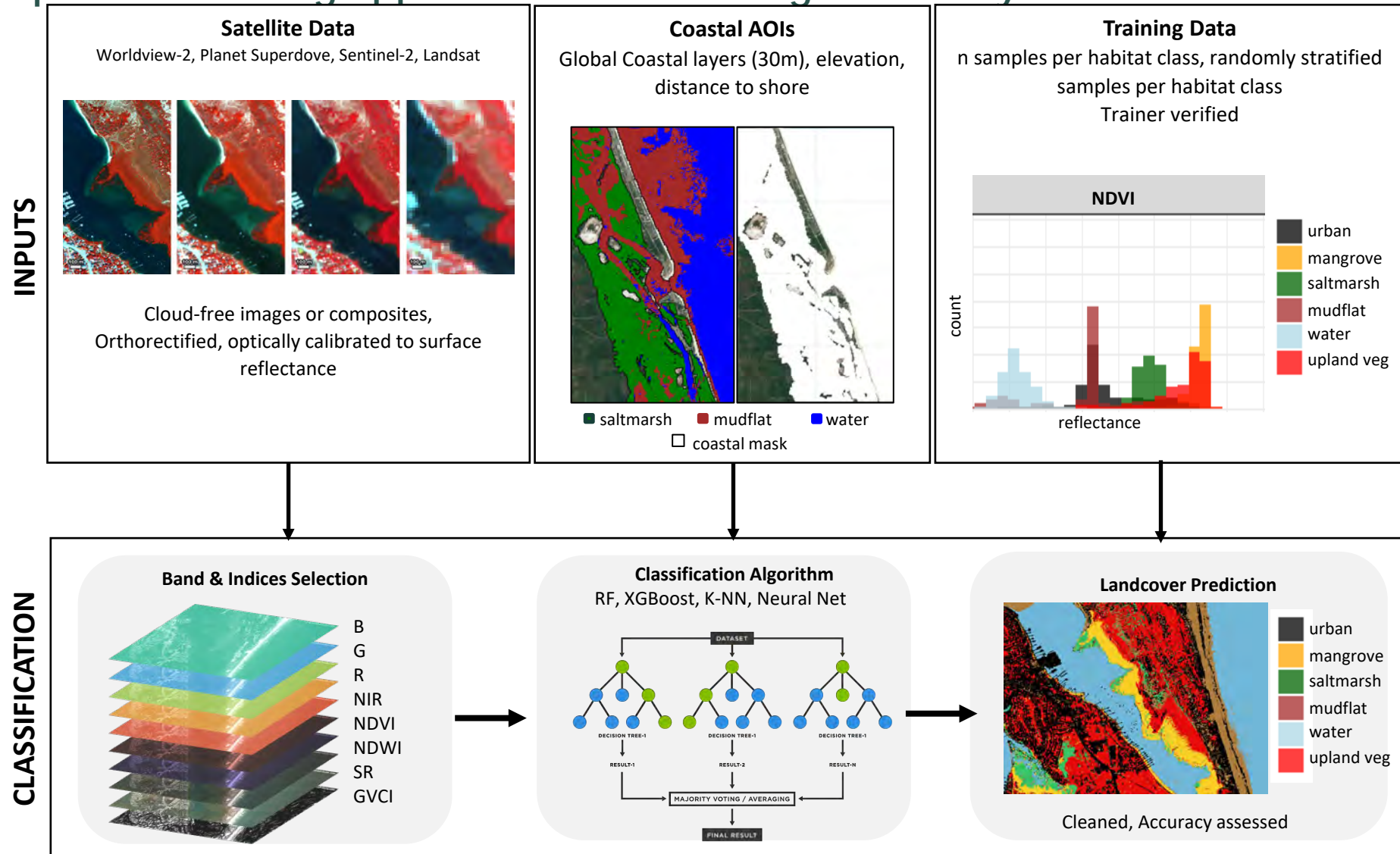


# The Importance of Scope and Scale



# How to synthesize blue carbon estimates across ecosystems

## Adapting supervised learning approaches to co-existing blue ecosystems



# How to synthesize blue carbon estimates across ecosystems

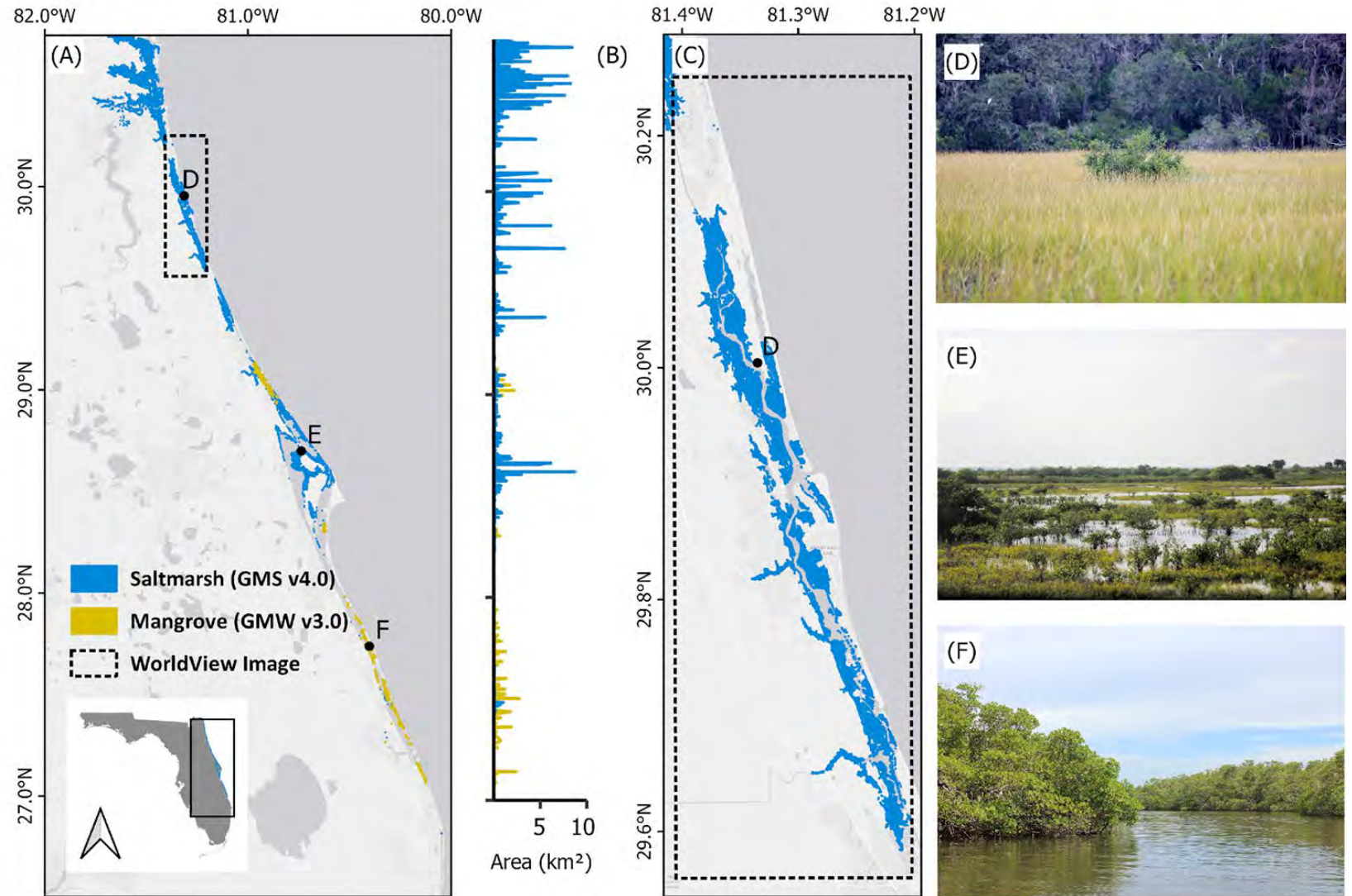
Examples from a salt marsh-mangrove ecotone



# Merging maps and identifying overlap

## Examples from a salt marsh-mangrove ecotone

- Ecotone = a transitional area
- Sensitive to environmental change
- Mangrove expansion with warming climate
- At the leading edge of range limit,
  - Fine-scale changes in blue C habitats
  - Changes outpacing detection with current EO

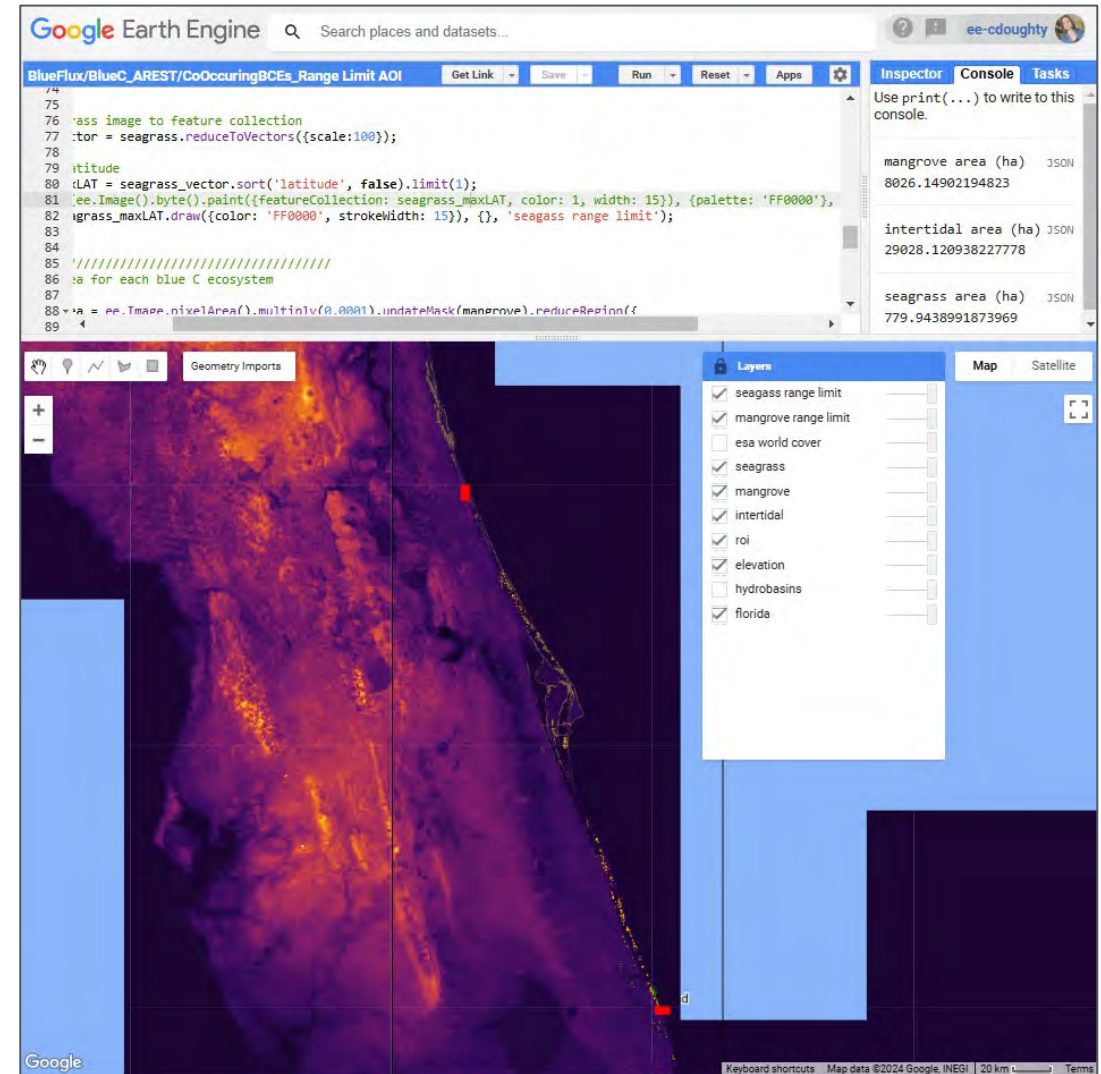


# Merging maps and identifying overlap

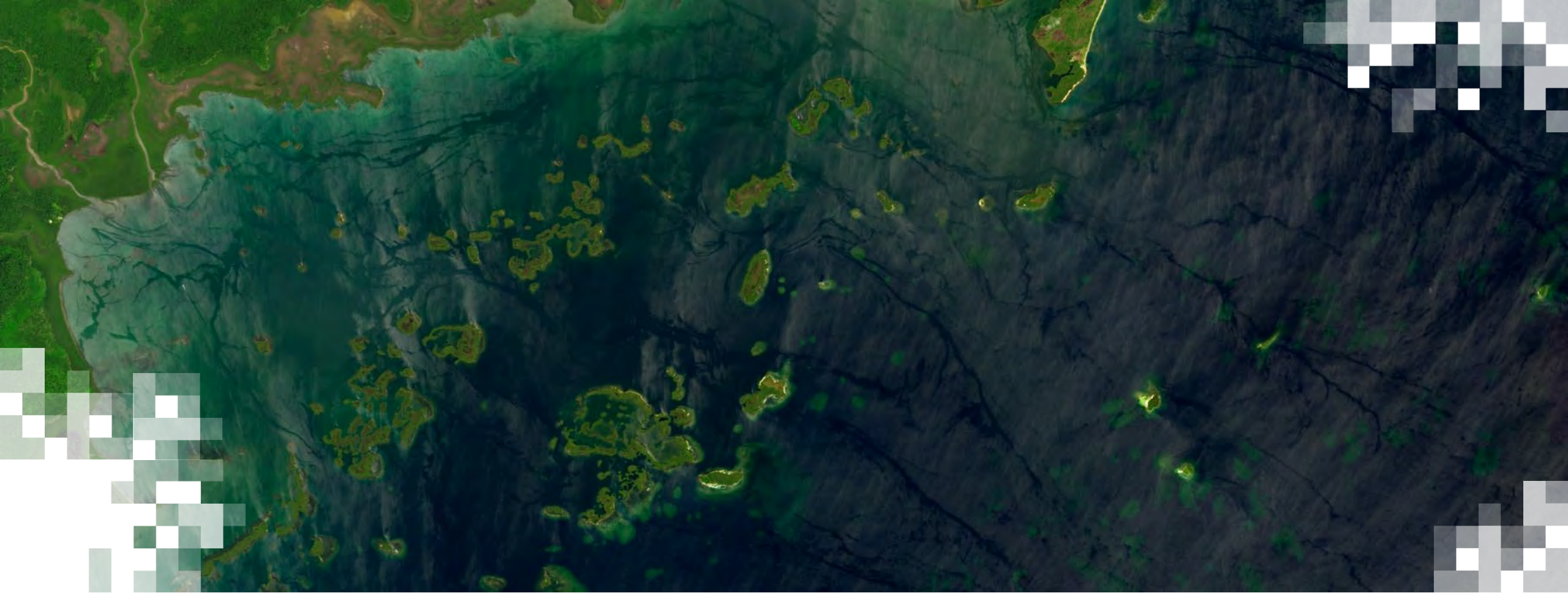
## GEE DEMO

### [Link to GEE script](#)

1. Set the scene
  - Import helpful underlying ancillary data
2. Define your region of interest (ROI)
  - Draw a geometry to begin exploring
3. Import blue C layers
  - GEE assets or upload your own
4. Identify the limits of blue C ecosystems
5. Extract blue C system extents
6. Optional Exercises







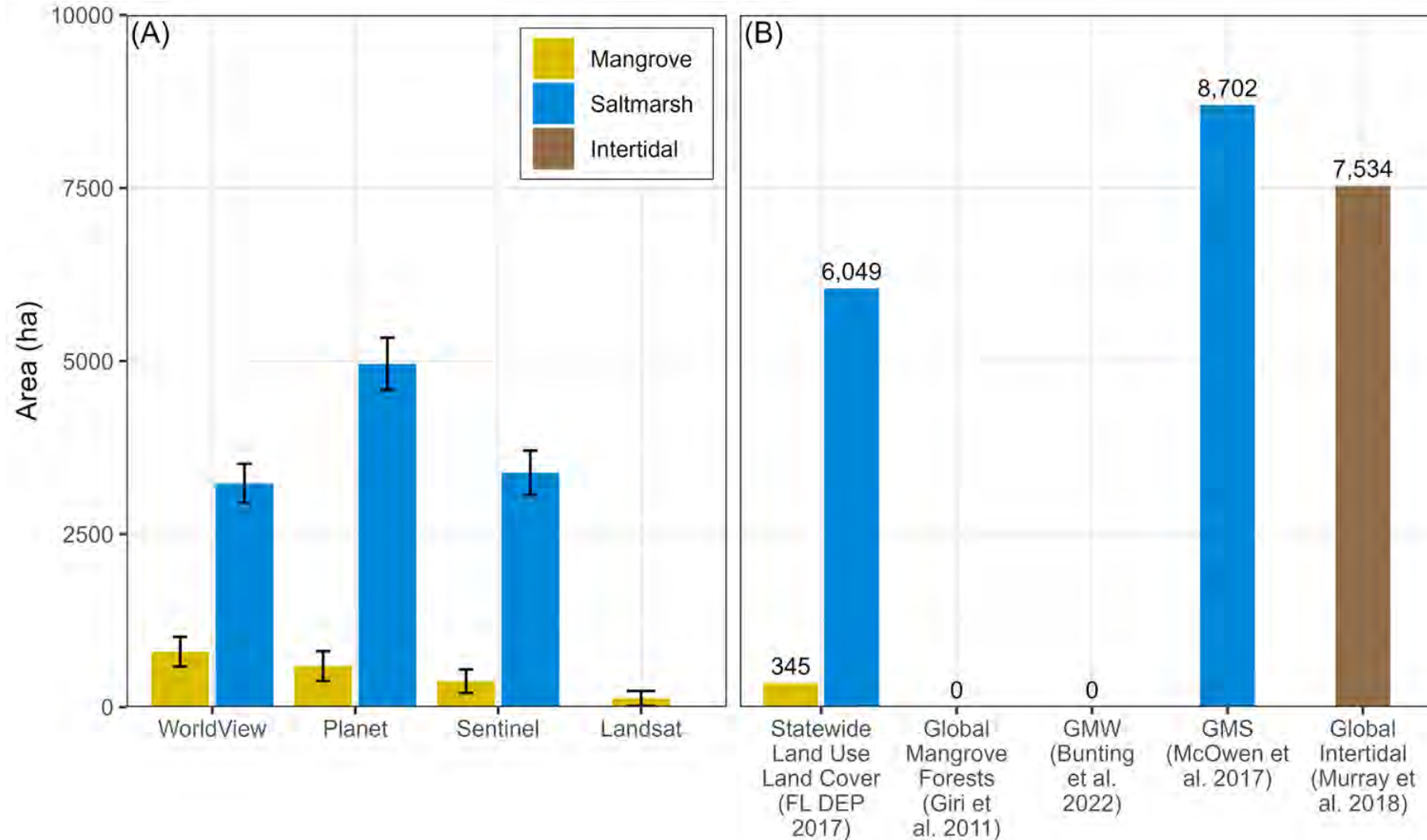
## Blue Carbon Reporting, Monitoring, and Accounting





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## Examples from Florida's mangrove-saltmarsh ecotone



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Examples from Florida's mangrove-saltmarsh ecotone

$$\text{Carbon Stock} = \text{Area (ha)} * \text{Carbon per ha}$$

- Tier 1 global estimates:

Alongi. 2020. Carbon Balance in Salt Marsh and Mangrove Ecosystems: A Global Synthesis.

Mangrove  
739  
Mg C<sub>ORG</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup>

Salt Marsh  
334  
Mg C<sub>ORG</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup>

	WorldView (1.8 m)	Sentinel (10 m)
Mangrove (Tg C)	0.59 ± 0.16	0.28 ± 0.13
Tidal marsh (Tg C)	1.08 ± 0.09	1.13 ± 0.11
Total Blue C (Tg)	1.67 ± 0.25	1.41 ± 0.24



# Key considerations for mapping ecosystems

The mapping objective may impact the “tier” of data required

Excerpts from IPCC (2003) Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF, Ch. 3

Tier 1  
Use of default /  
Global data

Methodologies usually use activity data that are spatially coarse, such as nationally or globally available estimates.

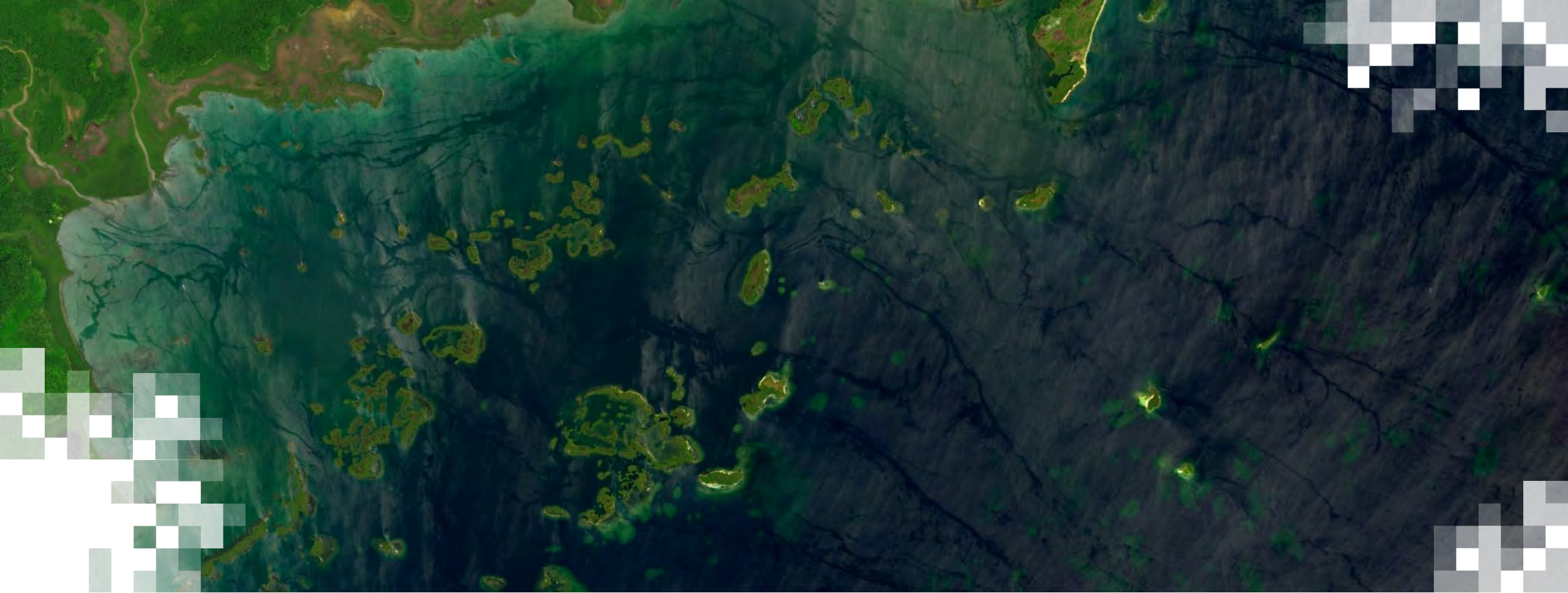
Tier 2  
Use of country-  
specific data

Tier 2 applies emission factors and activity data which are defined by the country; Higher resolution activity data are typically used

Tier 3  
Use of advanced  
methods  
and detailed  
country-specific  
data

Tier 3 – including models and inventory measurement systems tailored to address national circumstances, repeated over time, and driven by high resolution activity data and disaggregated at sub-national to fine grid scales.



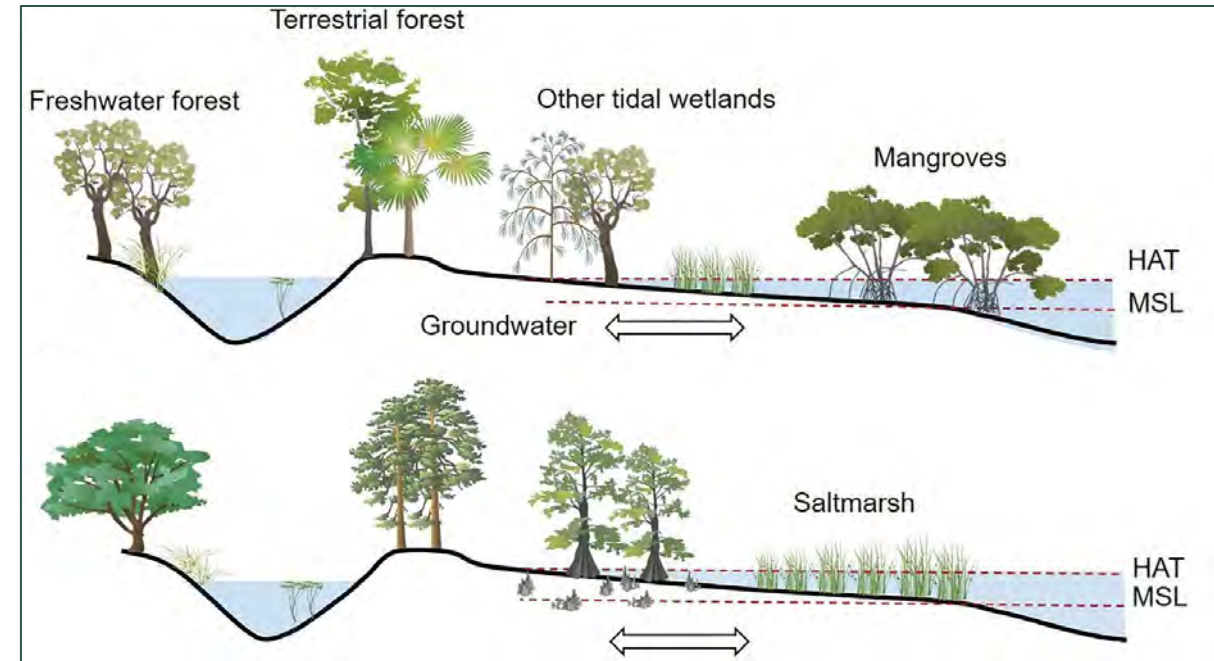


## Combining Methods for Future Blue Carbon Accounting

# Combining methods for future blue carbon accounting

- Ongoing needs and areas of research:
  - Improved Blue C ecosystem area extent estimates
    - Ongoing advancements in mapping
  - Reduced Uncertainty in Blue Carbon Flux
    - More in situ data
    - Data-driven modelling to upscale wetland carbon dioxide uptake and methane emissions using EO
  - Holistic Quantification of System Blue C
    - High resolution data on extent, biomass, height, carbon stock & flux

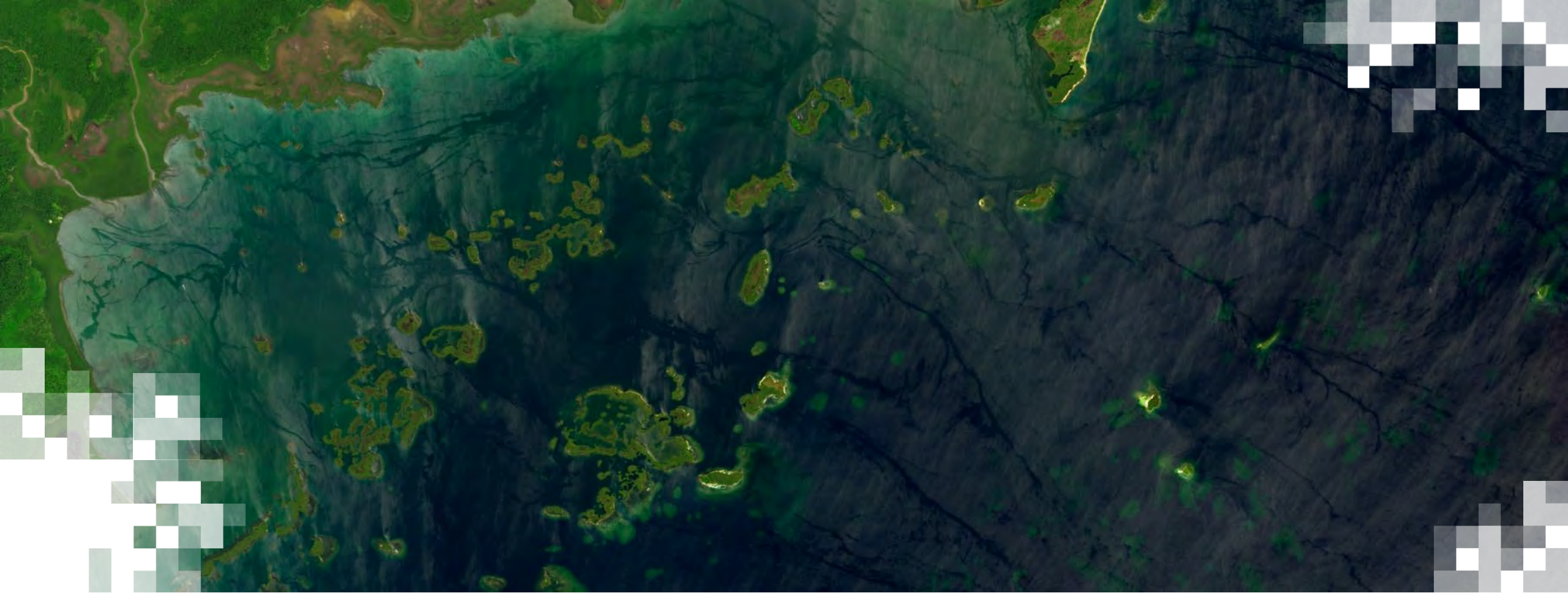
- Inclusion and mapping of all co-occurring blue C systems



Adame et al. 2024. All tidal wetlands are blue carbon ecosystems.



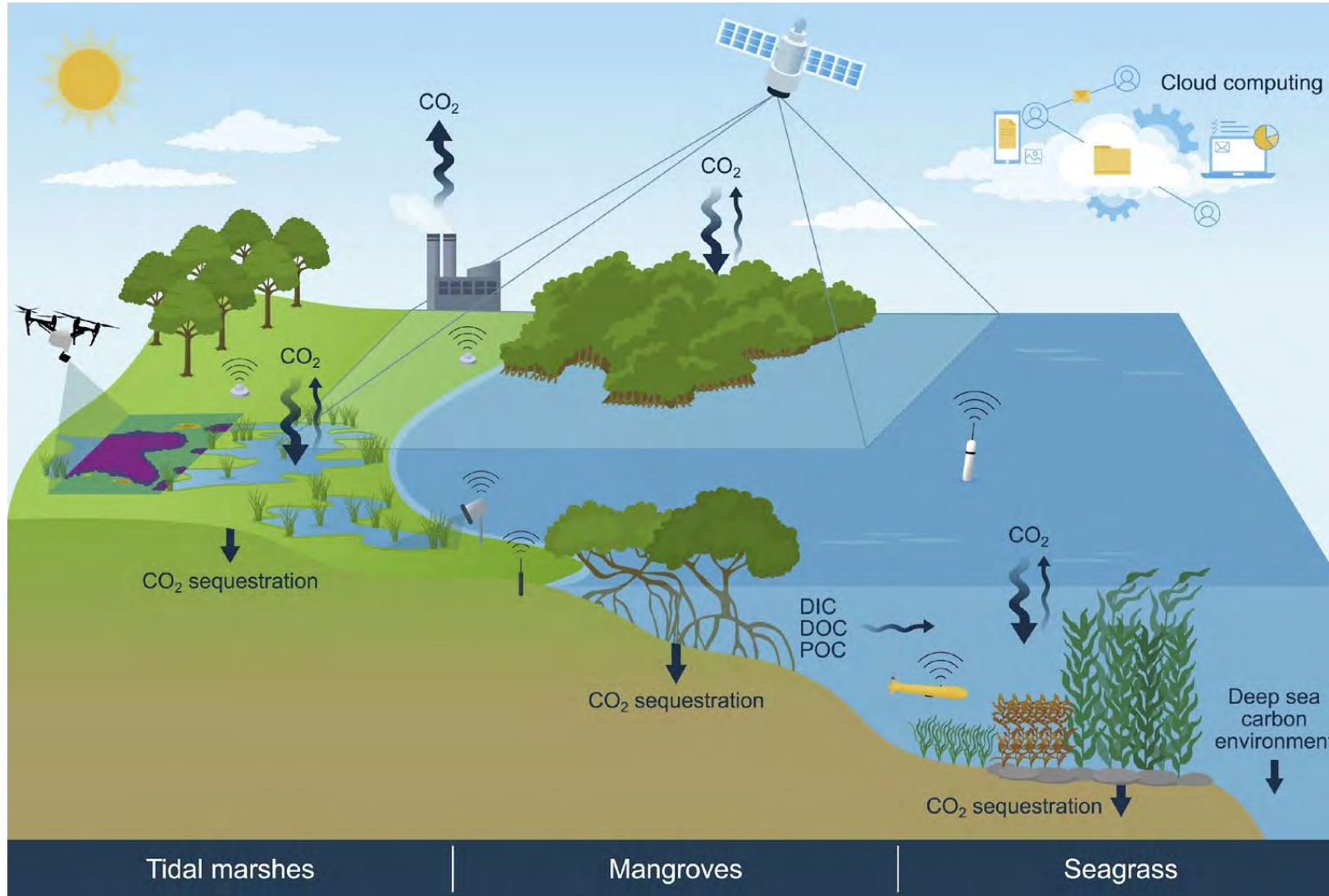




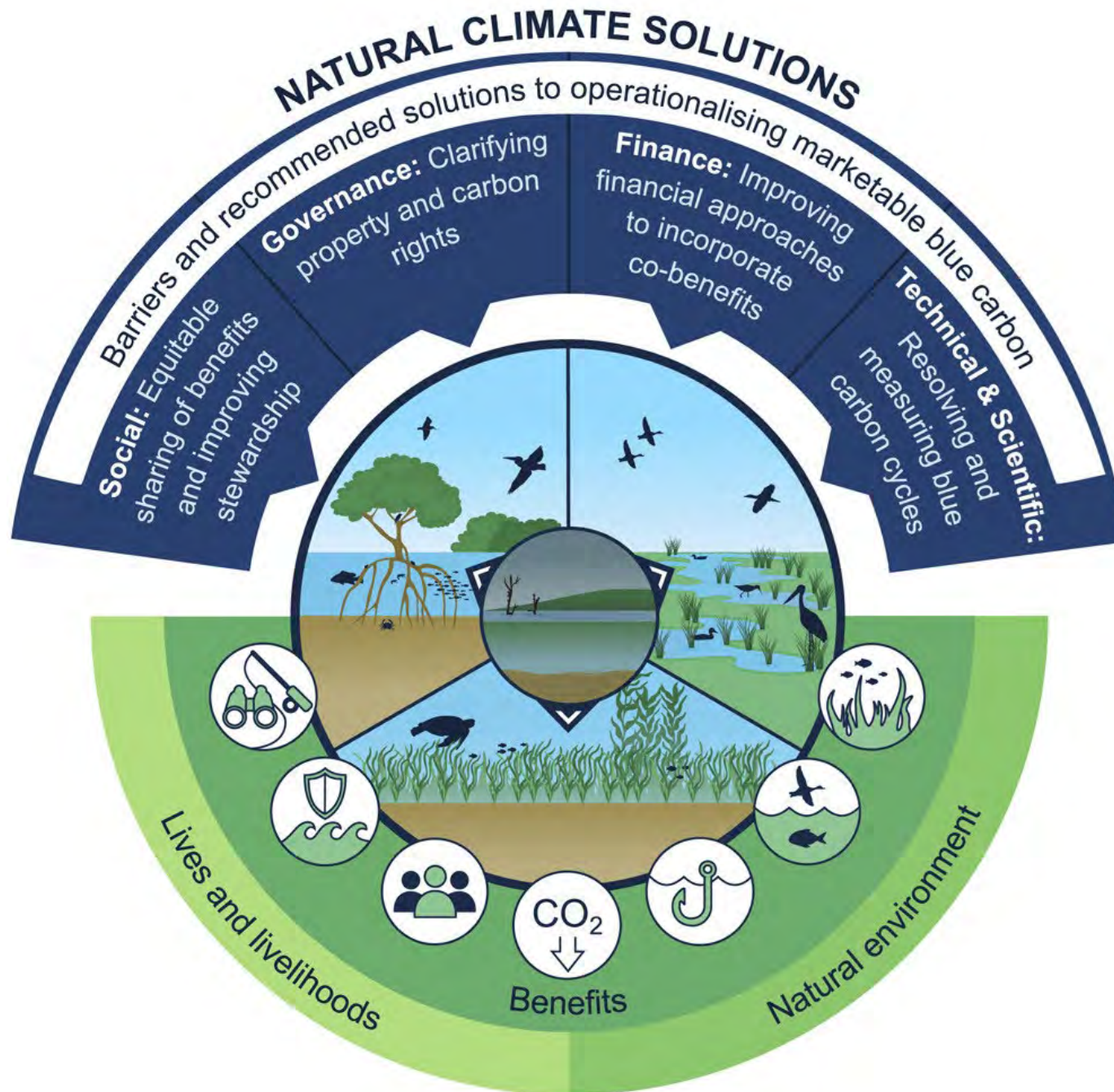
# Measuring Co-Occurrences of Blue Carbon Ecosystems Summary

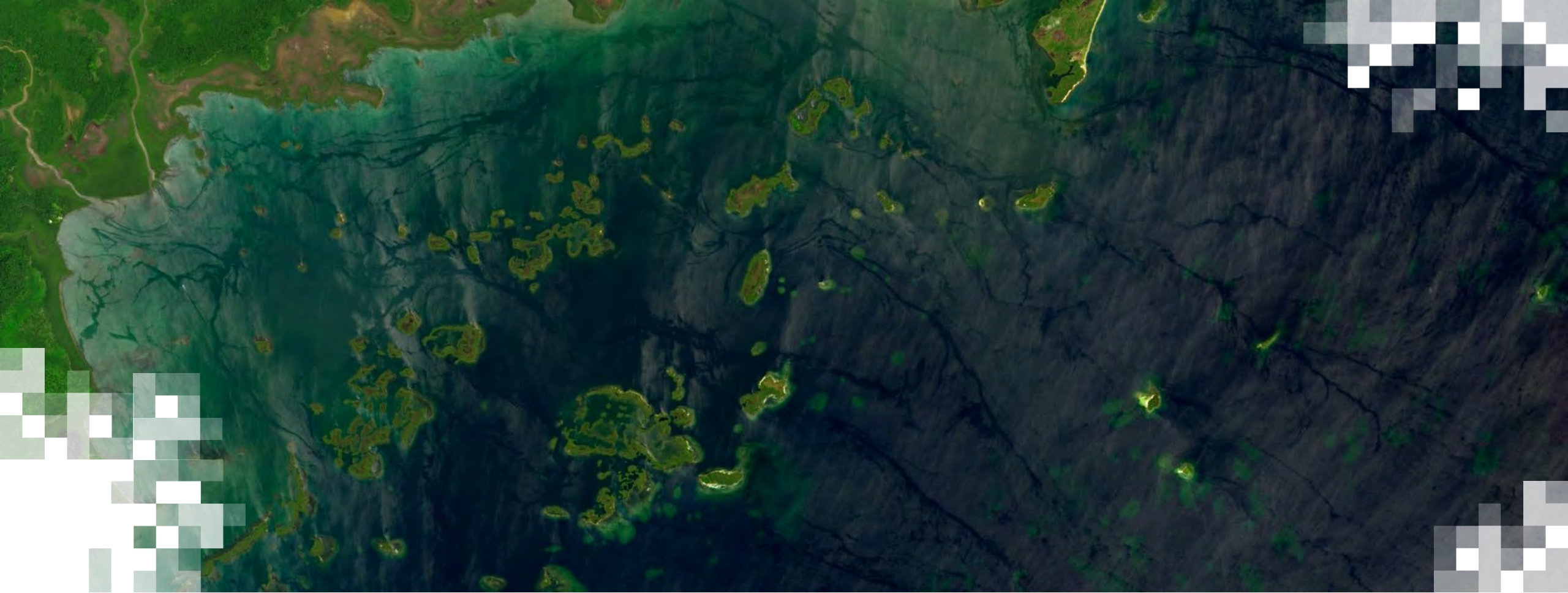
# Summary

Improving understanding of Blue C with advancing tools for observation and analysis



# Summary





## Part 2: Summary

# Training Summary

- Blue carbon is carbon that is captured, removed and stored by ocean systems, both in the biotic and the abiotic components
- Mangroves, seagrass and salt marshes share the following traits:
  - presence of high carbon stocks
  - evidence of long-term carbon storage
  - capacity to manage and effectively measure GHG emissions and removals resulting from changes to these ecosystems.
- Blue Carbon has climate mitigation value, but also other functions and co-benefits.
- Urgent action is needed to conserve, protect and restore blue carbon ecosystems and we need to develop effective policies that can support this.
- Global datasets are openly available that show mangrove extent, canopy height and biomass.
- Basic criteria for assessing the suitability of datasets and how to use google earth Engine to generate your own mangrove extent data.
- Estimate mangrove canopy height, biomass, and carbon stocks for more precise mangrove ecosystem carbon stock estimate.
- Use of spatial data to parameterize the various components of blue carbon (extents, biomass, height, carbon stocks, cycling or carbon fluxes).
- How to Map the extent of salt marsh and seagrass ecosystems using satellite observations
- Approaches and considerations to calculate the carbon stocks of mapped salt marsh and seagrass ecosystems
- Explored synthesis methods to estimate blue carbon across ecosystems.



# Homework and Certificates

- **Homework:**
  - One homework assignment
  - Opens on 12/05/2024
  - Access from the [training webpage](#)
  - Answers must be submitted via Google Forms
  - **Due by 12/19/2024**
- **Certificate of Completion:**
  - Attend all three live webinars (attendance is recorded automatically)
  - Complete the homework assignment by the deadline
  - You will receive a certificate via email approximately two months after completion of the course.



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