



Comparison of Remotely Sensed and Volunteered Geographic Information for water reservoirs

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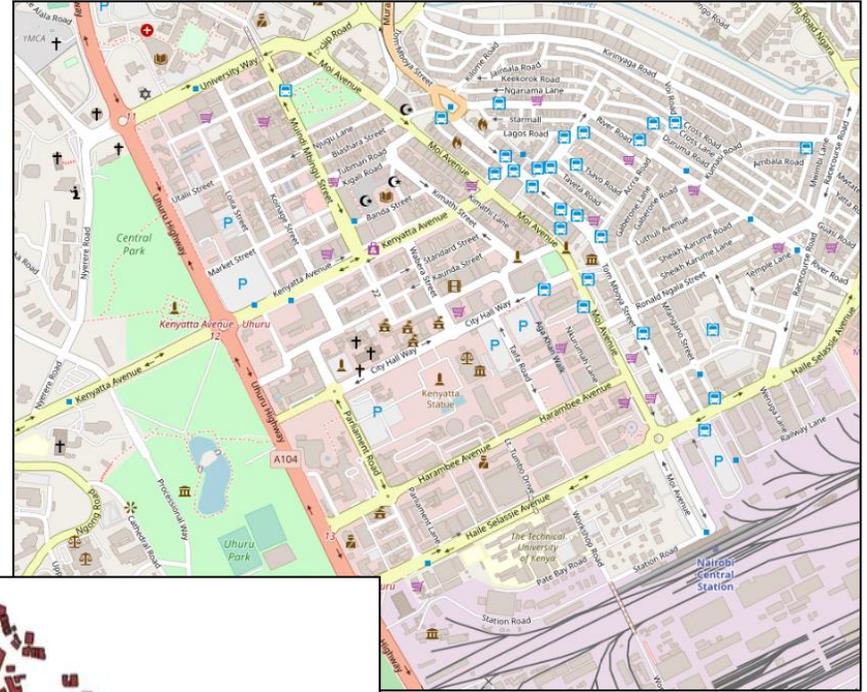
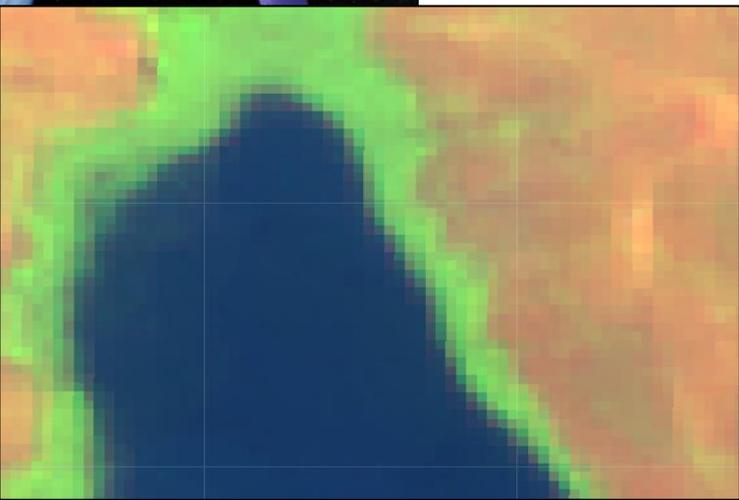
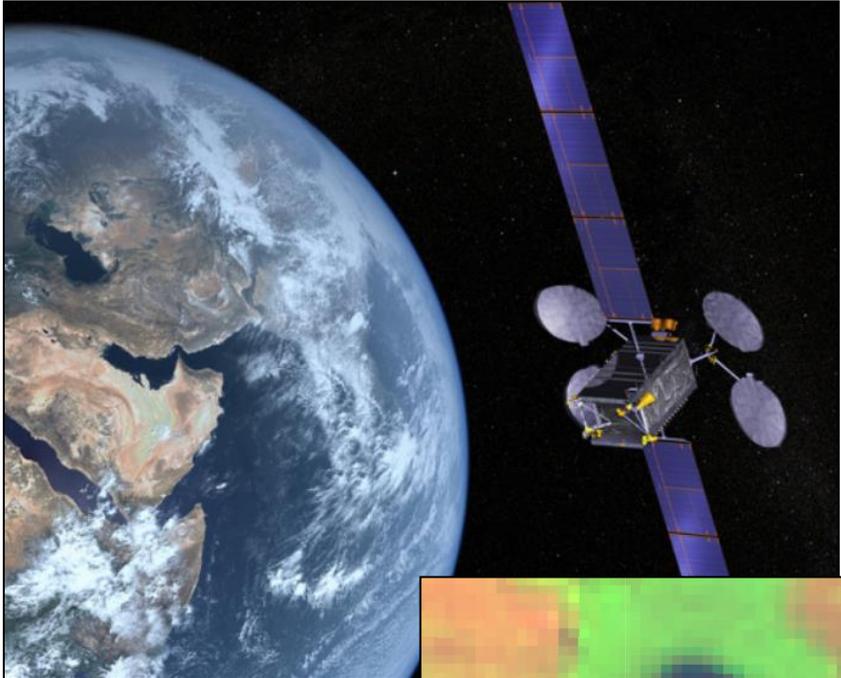
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2 Types of Formats

Raster

Vector



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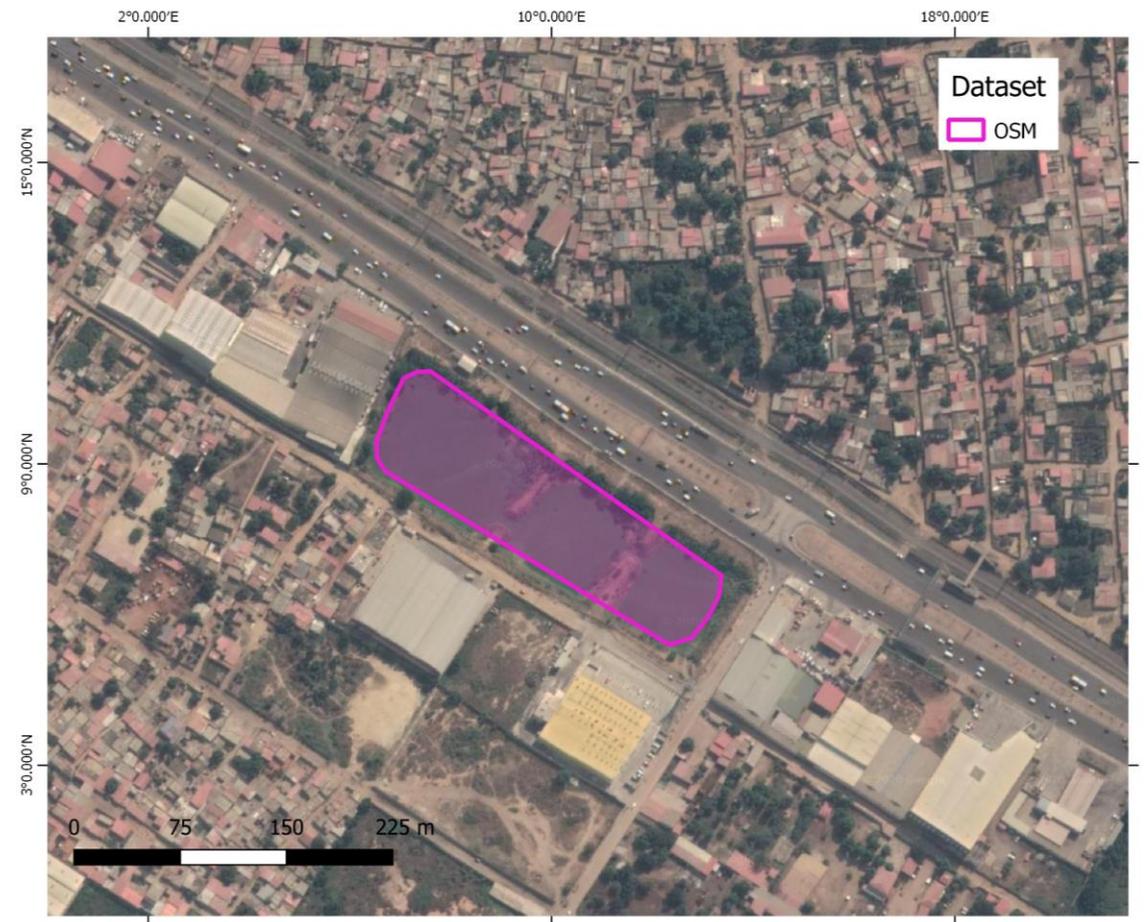
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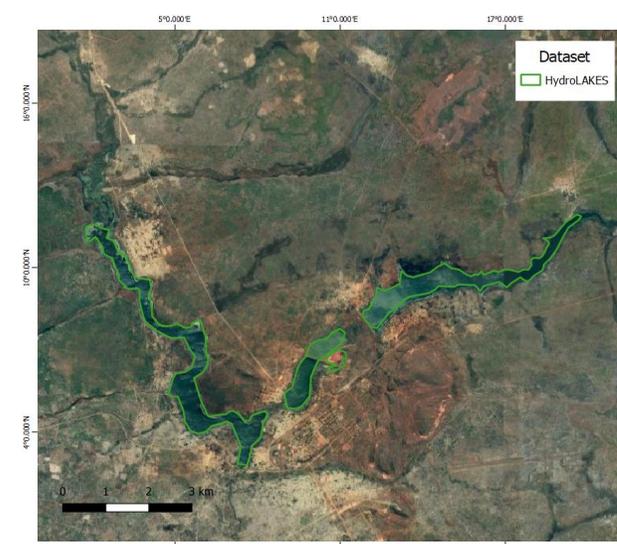
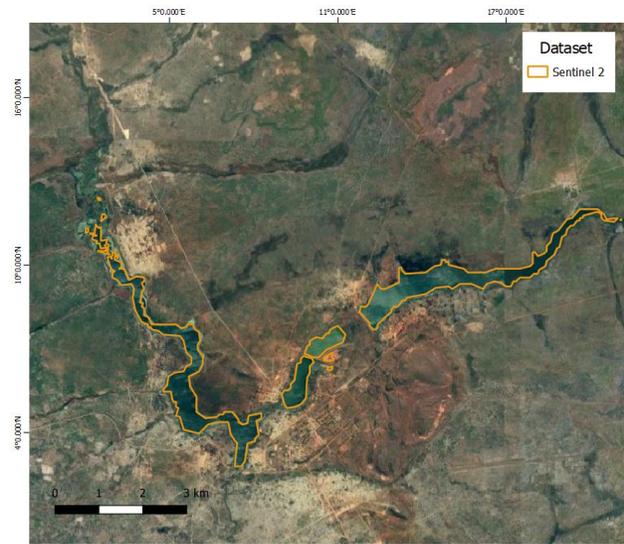
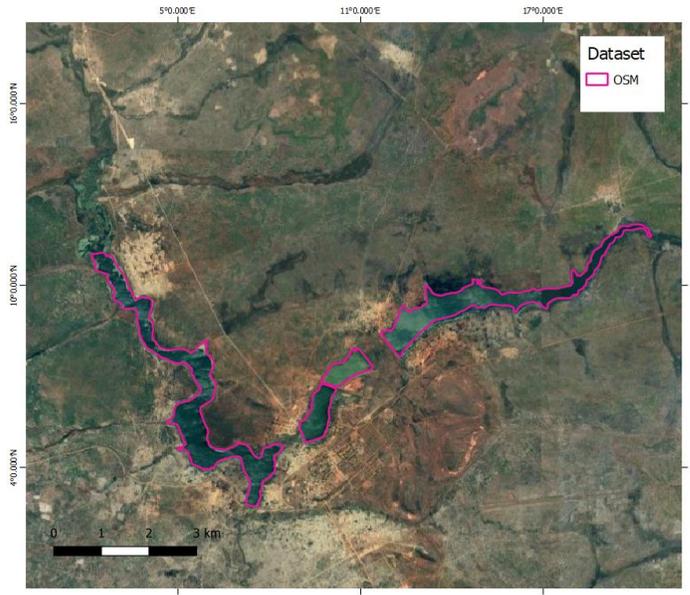
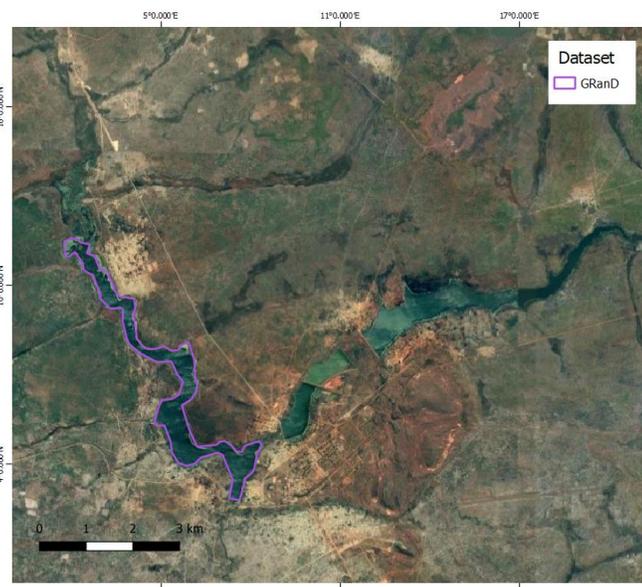
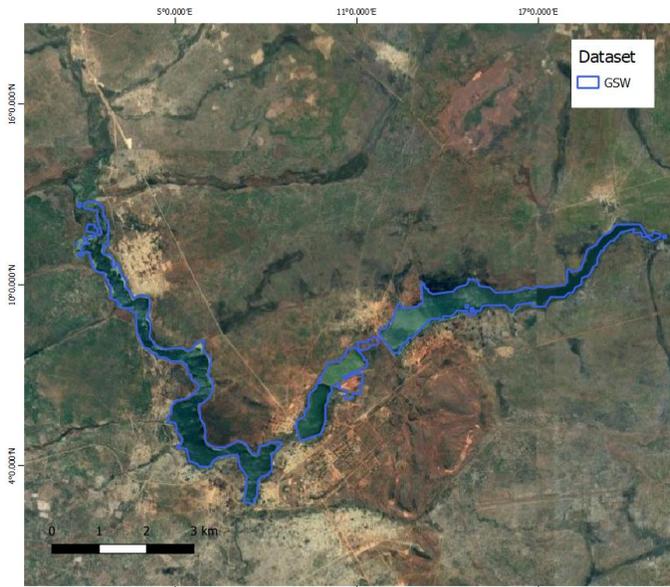
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Research questions

What are the spatial differences between Earth Observation based and Volunteered Geographic Information for water reservoirs and how can they be addressed in an automated way at a large scale?

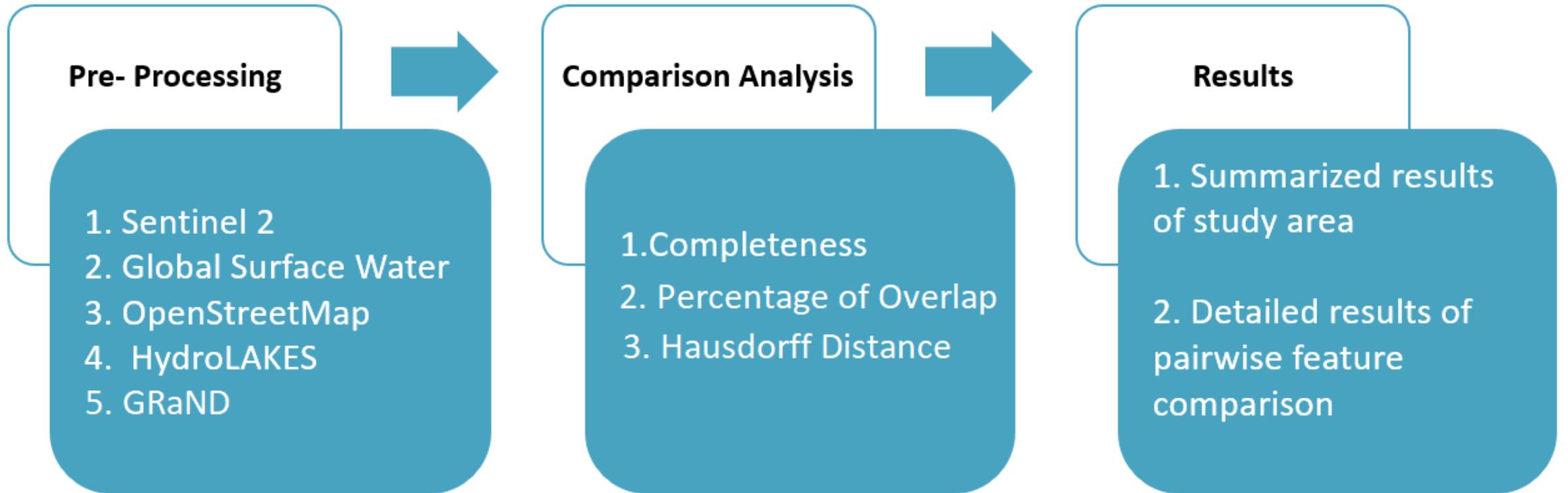
- *What are the differences in terms of spatial coverage?*
- *What are the differences in terms of positional accuracy?*

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Flowchart

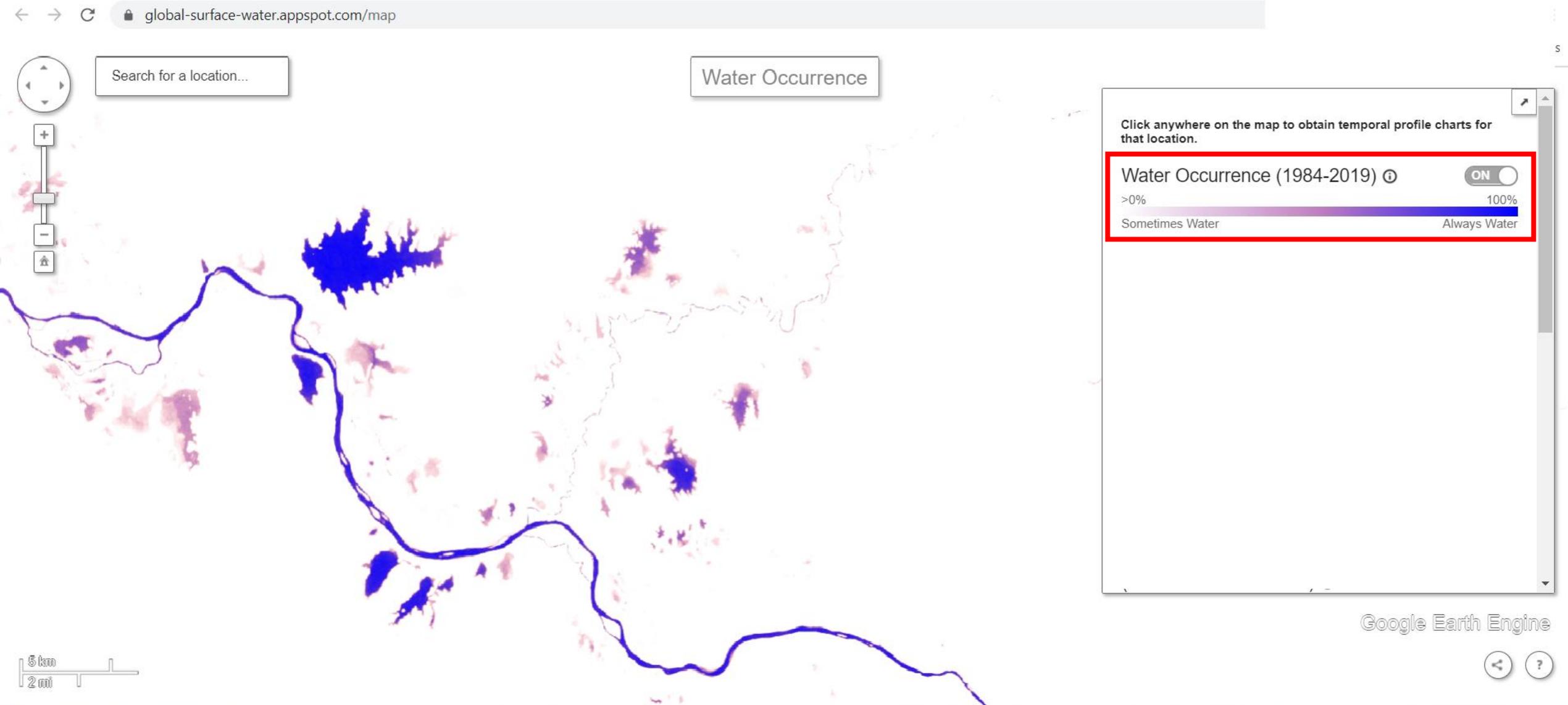


Seasonal and Annual
changes in surface water
dynamics



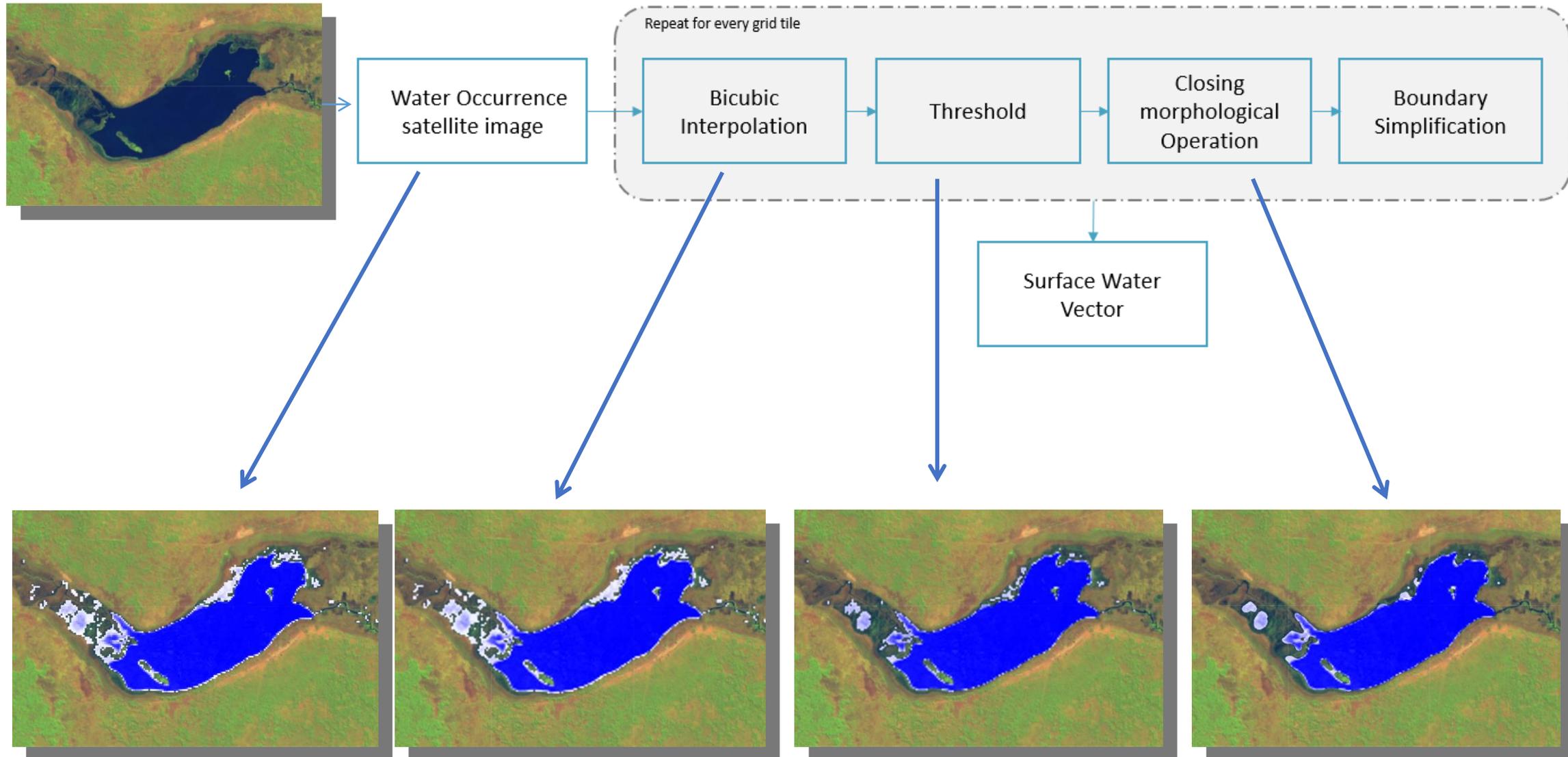
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Pre-Processing: Global Surface Water (GSW)



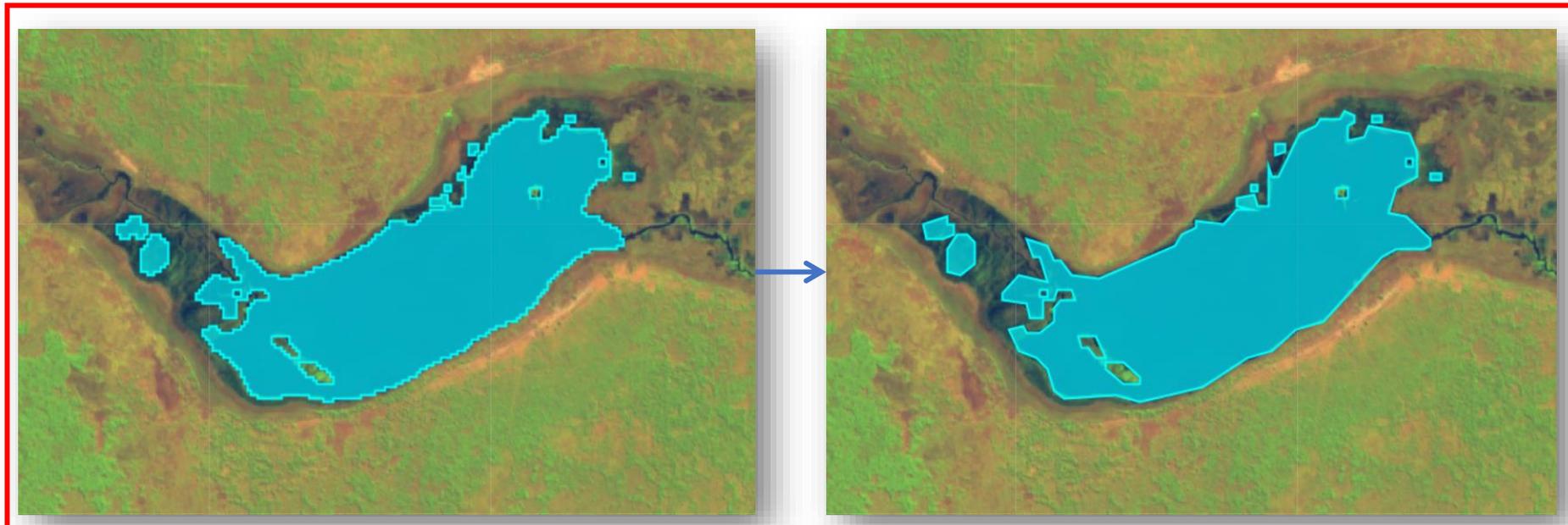
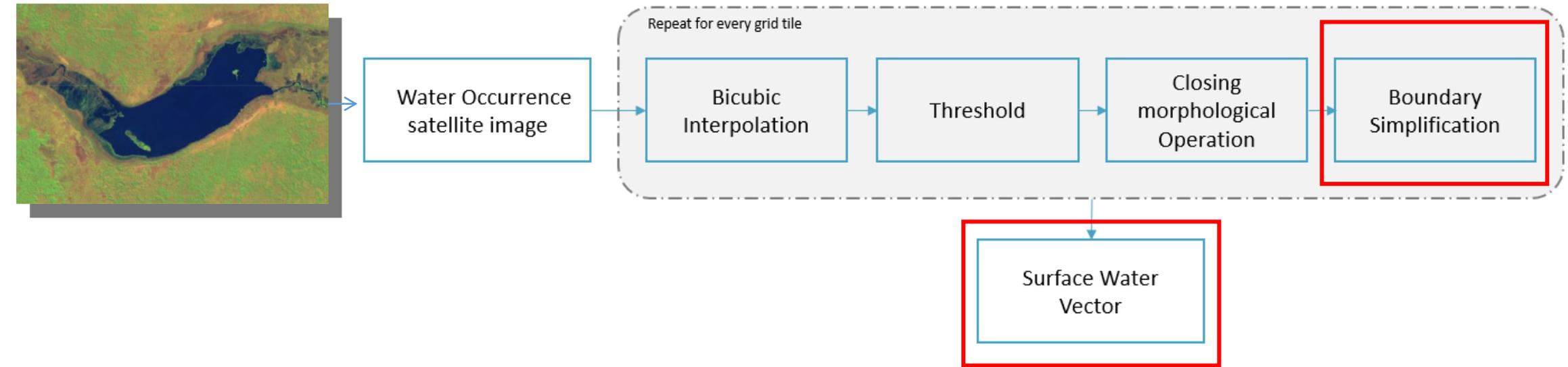
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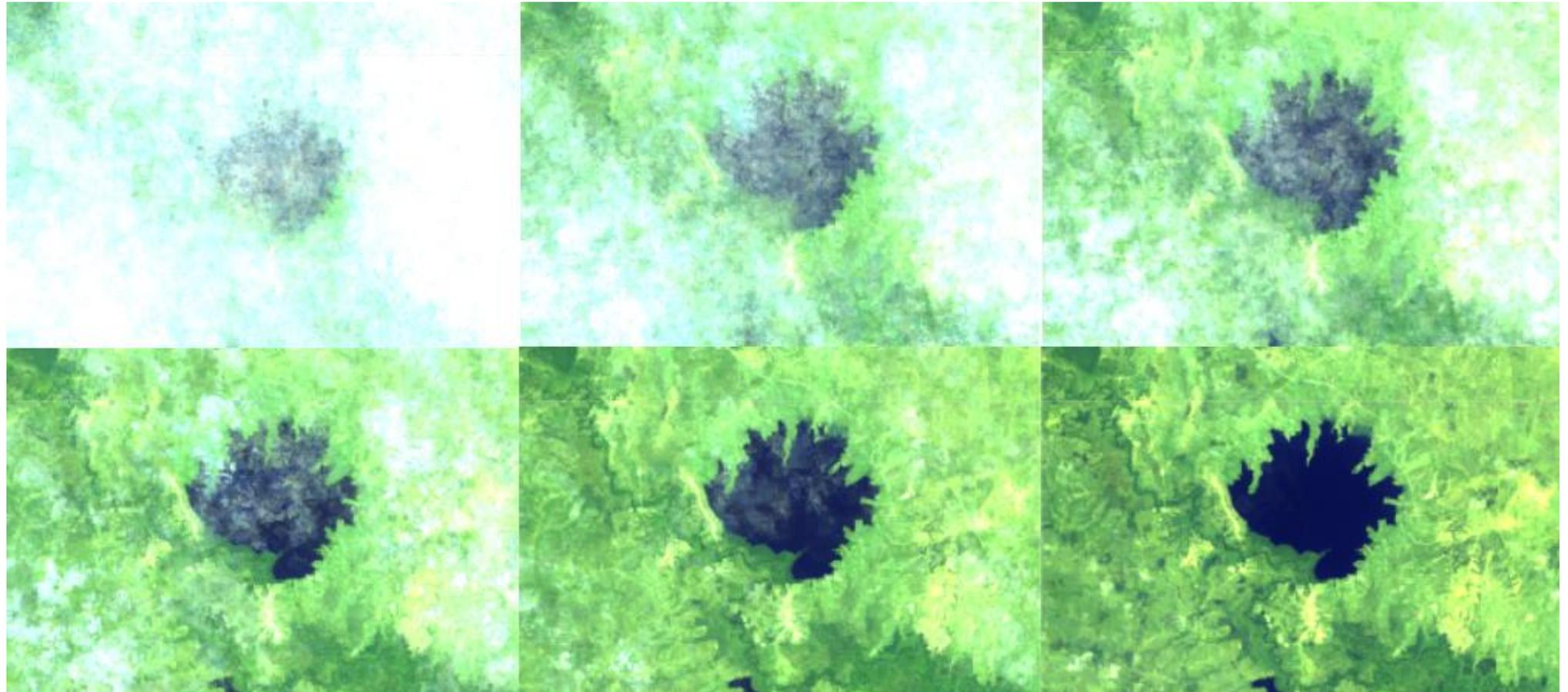


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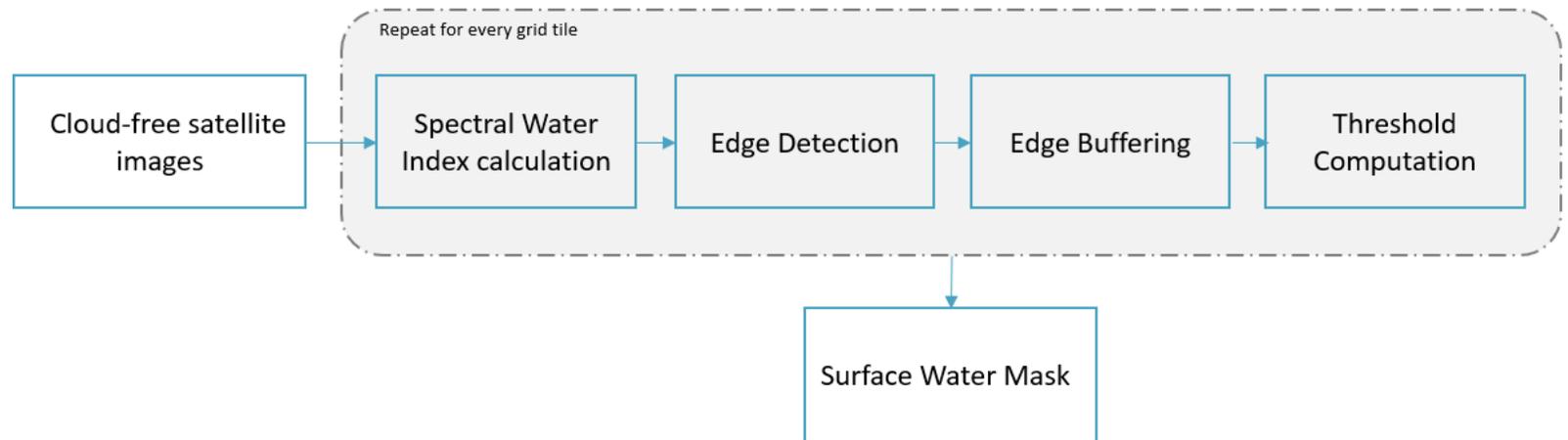
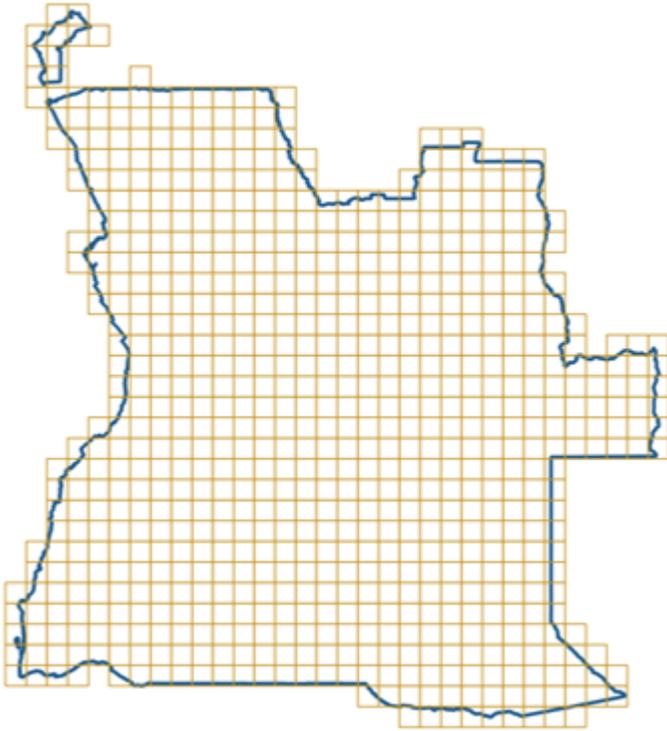
Acquisition Period 2016 -2019



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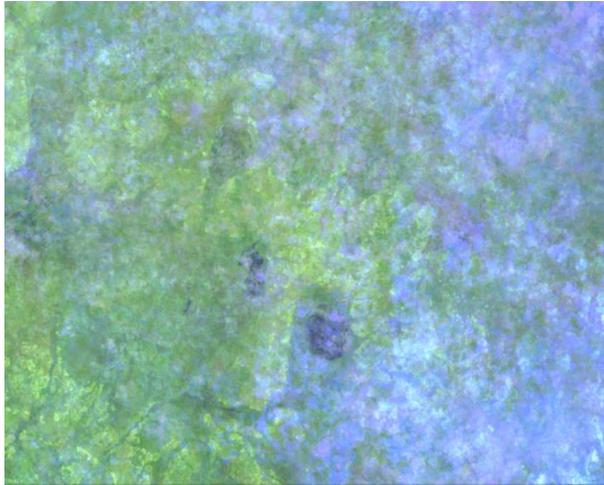
Pre-Processing: Sentinel 2

1km x 1km Grid over Study Area



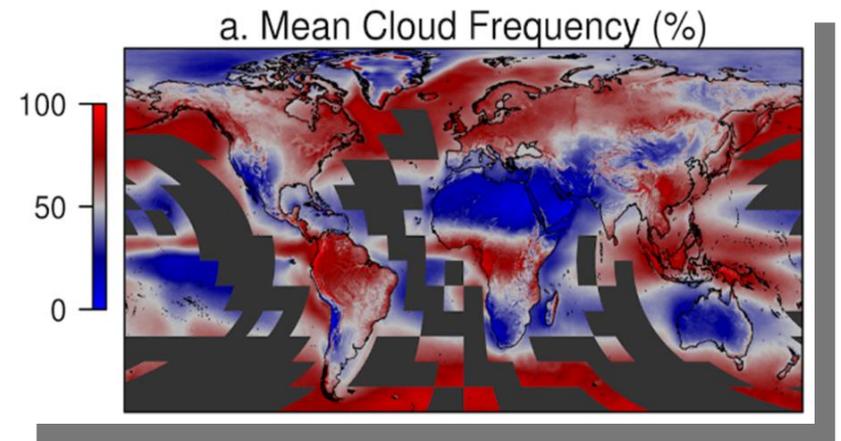
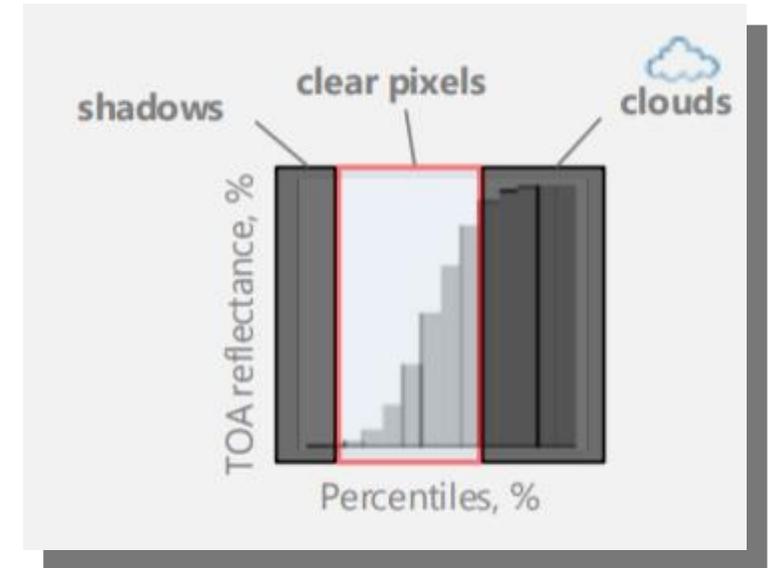
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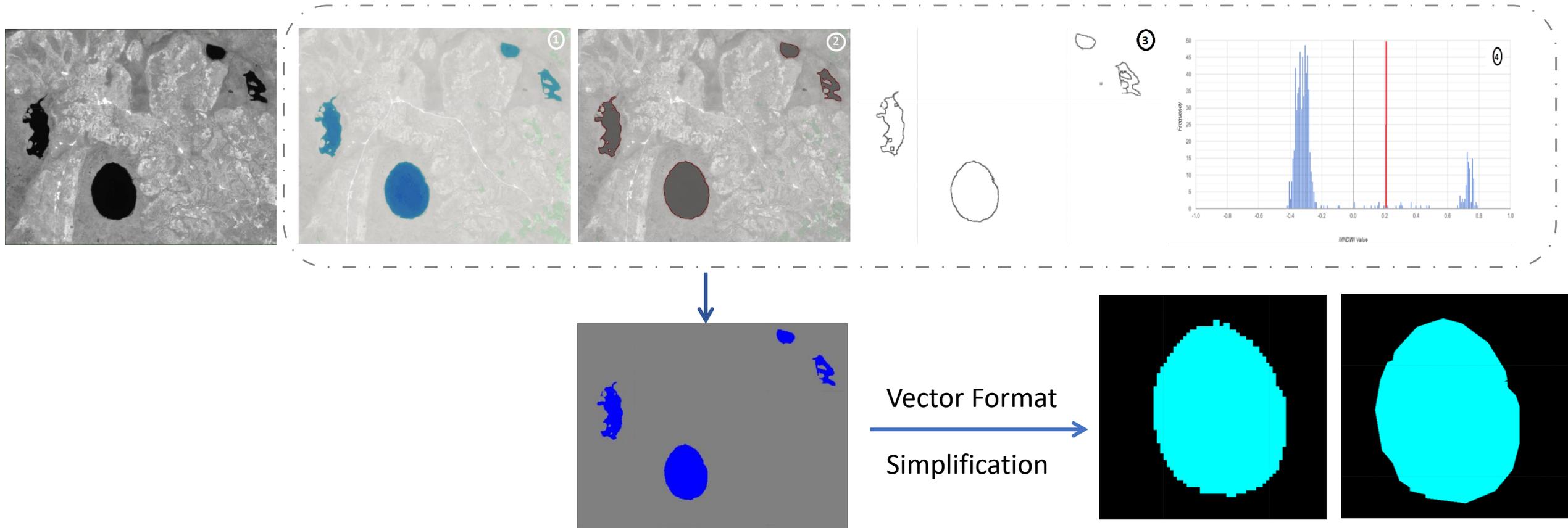
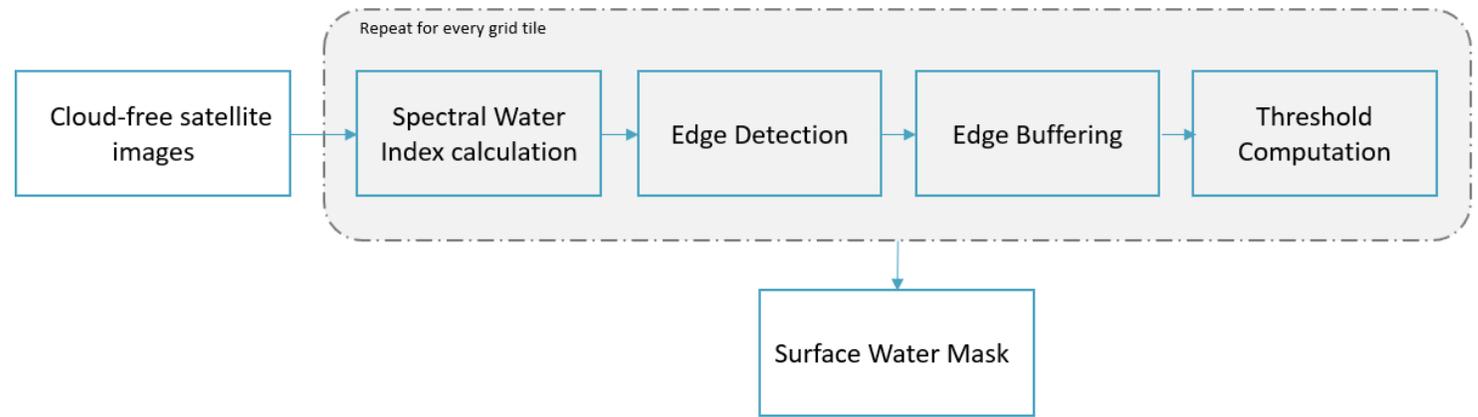
Sort Images depending on their cloud score

Selection of least cloudy images based on MODIS annual cloud frequency

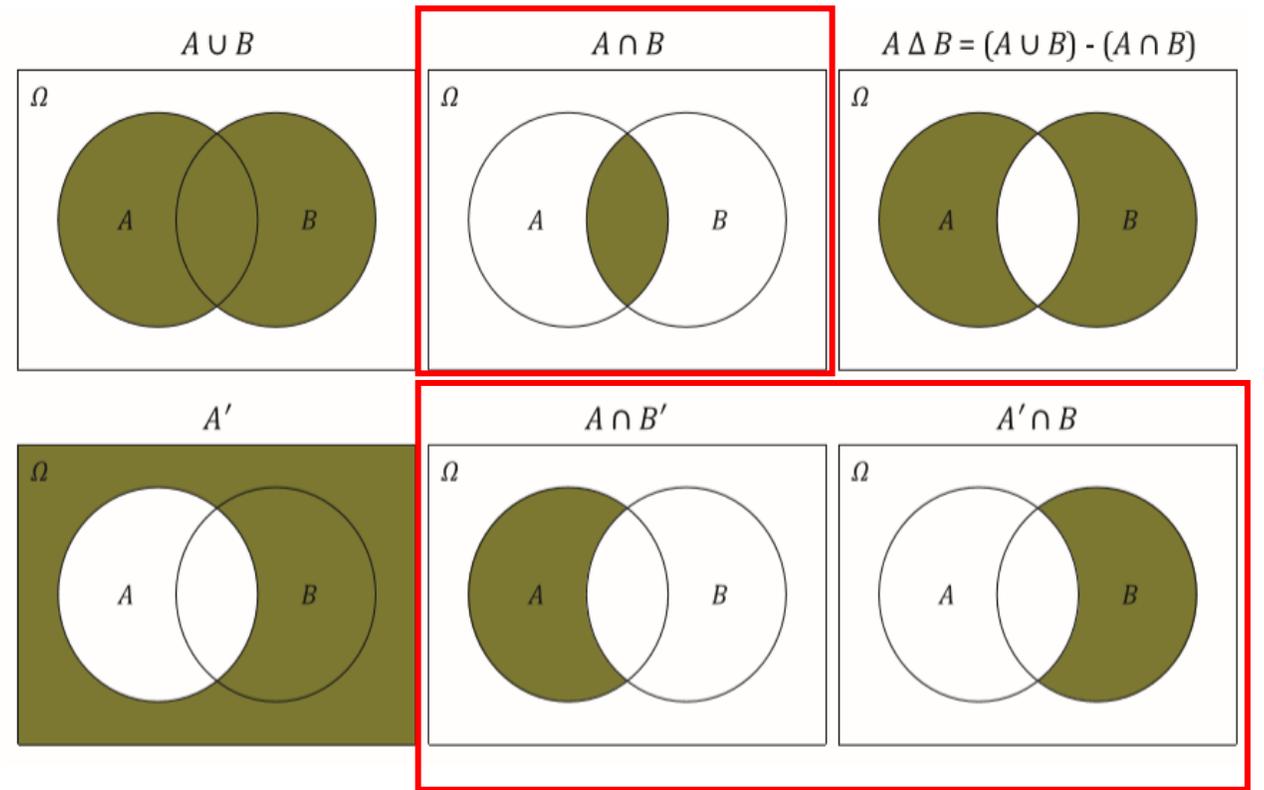
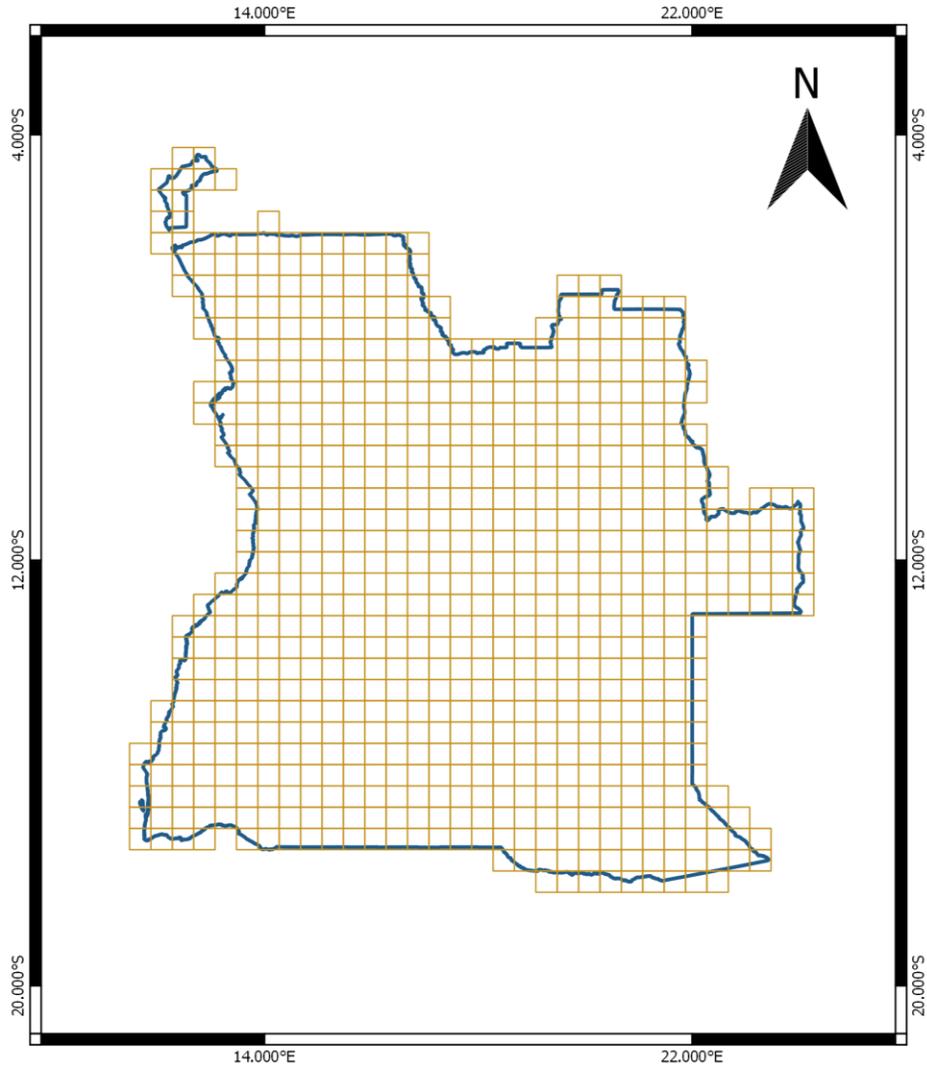


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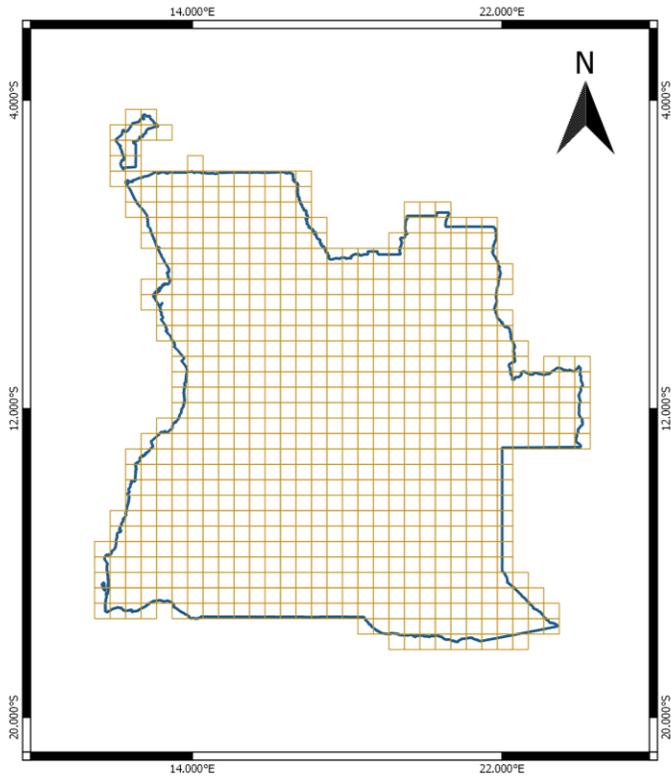


Completeness quality metric: Indicates water area completeness



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Completeness

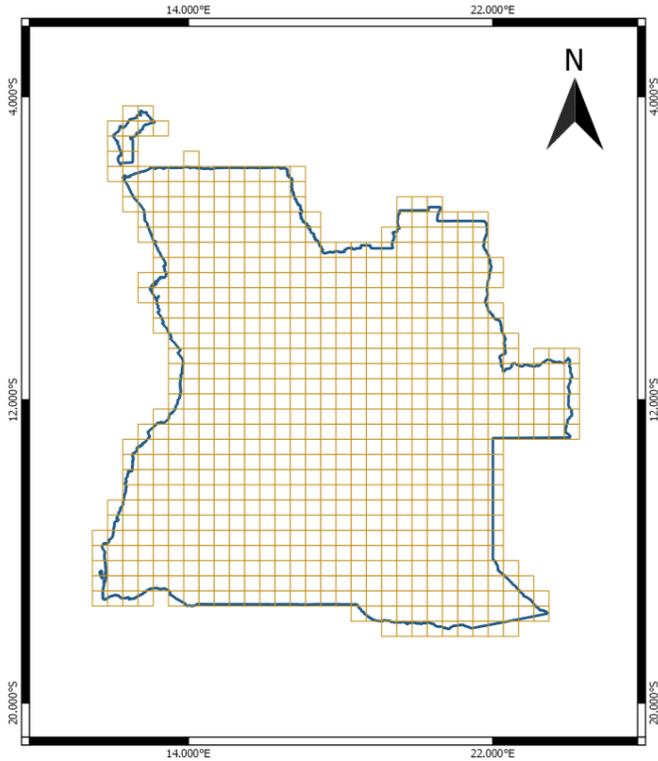


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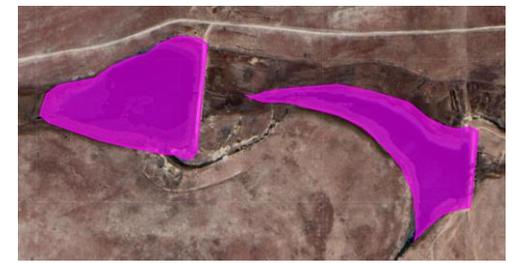
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Per cell:
→

1. Total water area
Dataset 1



2. Total water area
Dataset 2



3. Intersection
Datasets 1&2



4. Missing water
area Dataset 1



5. Missing water
area Dataset 2

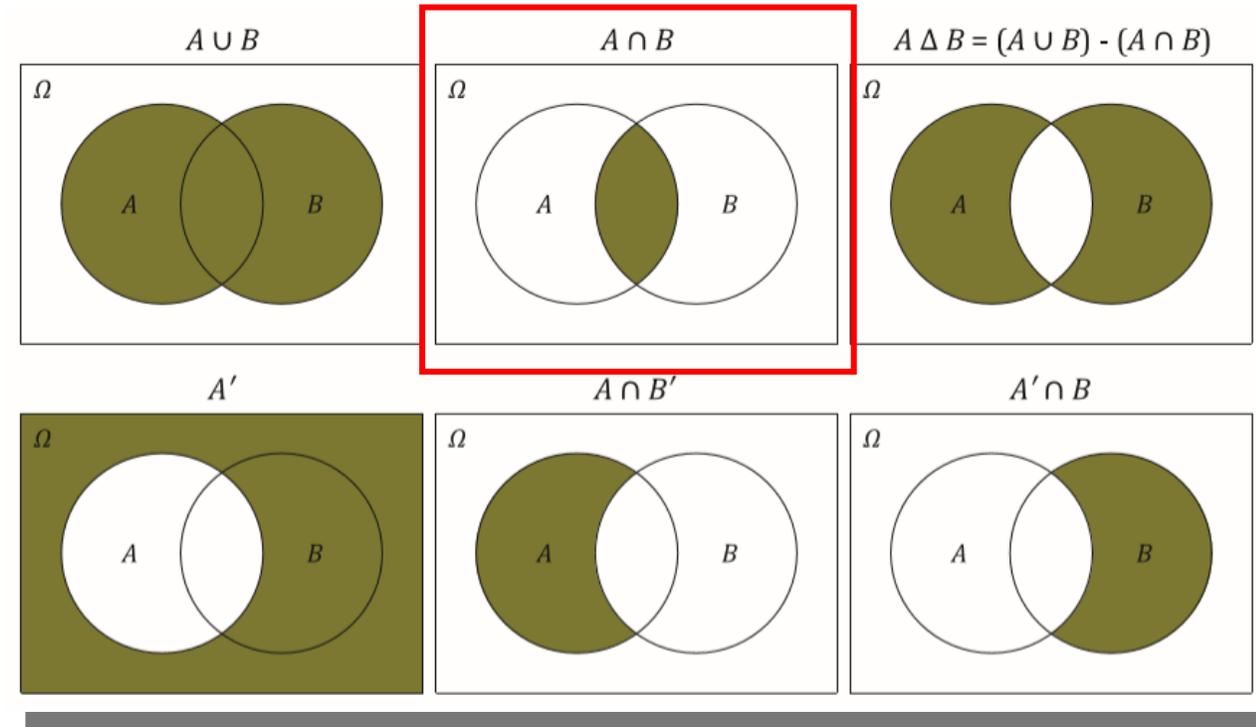
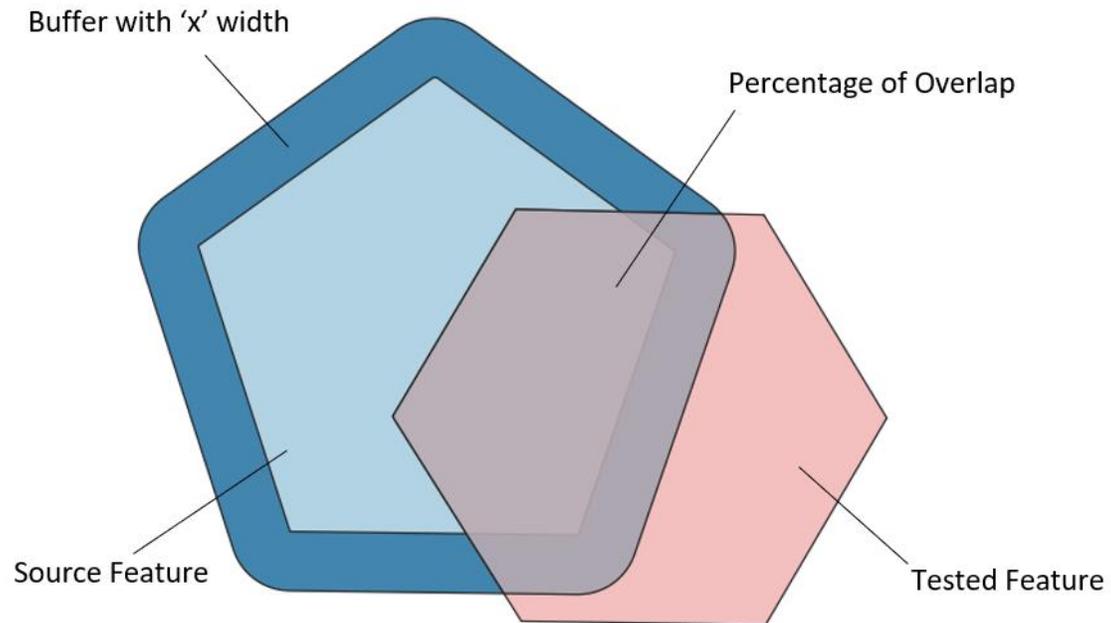


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Goodchild's Percentage of overlap

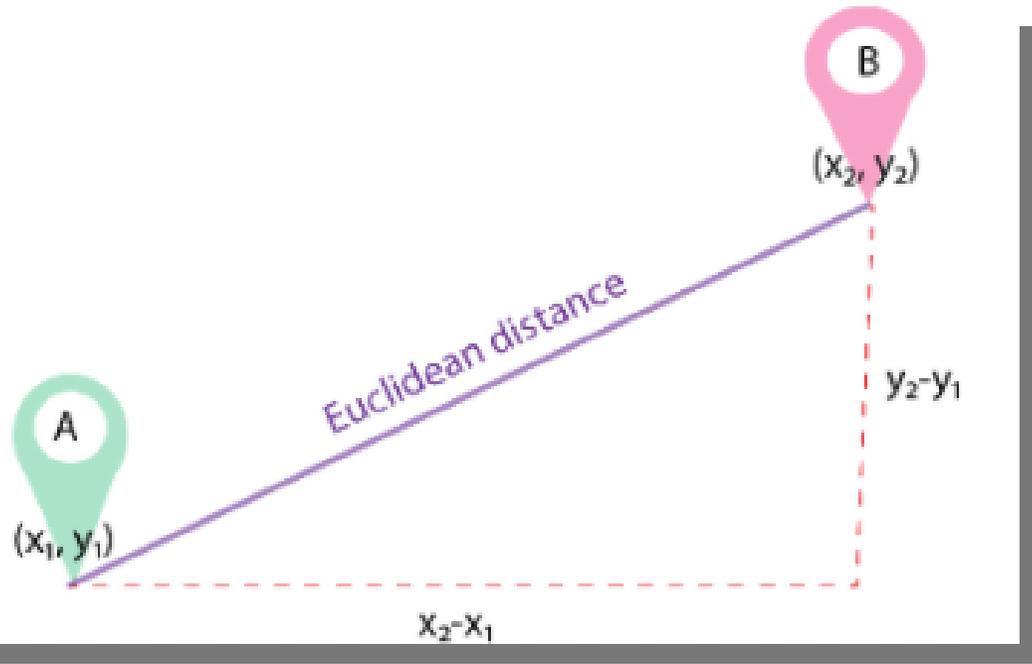
Percentage of Overlap quality metric:

1. Feature Based Comparison
2. Indicates spatial offset between two features

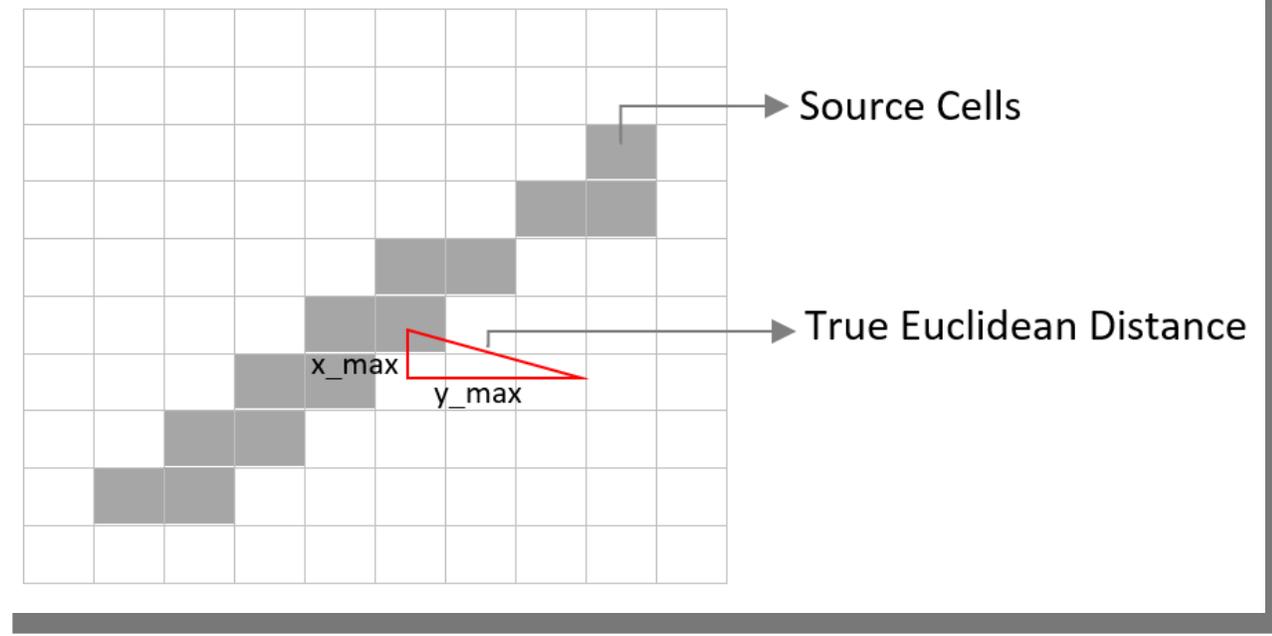


Point Based Comparison

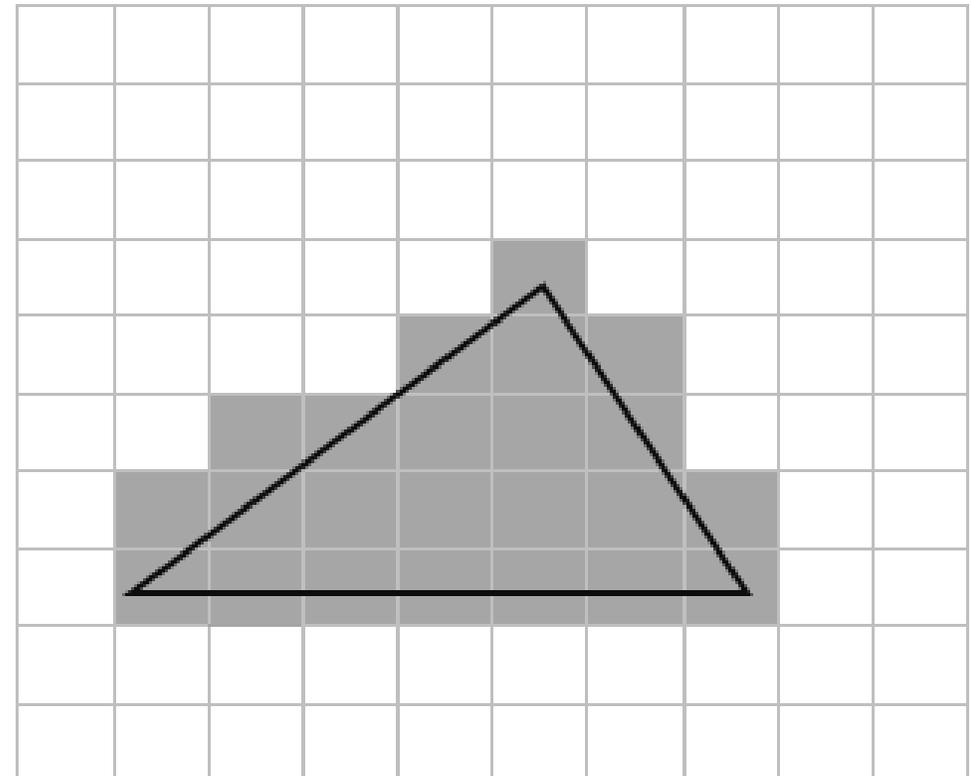
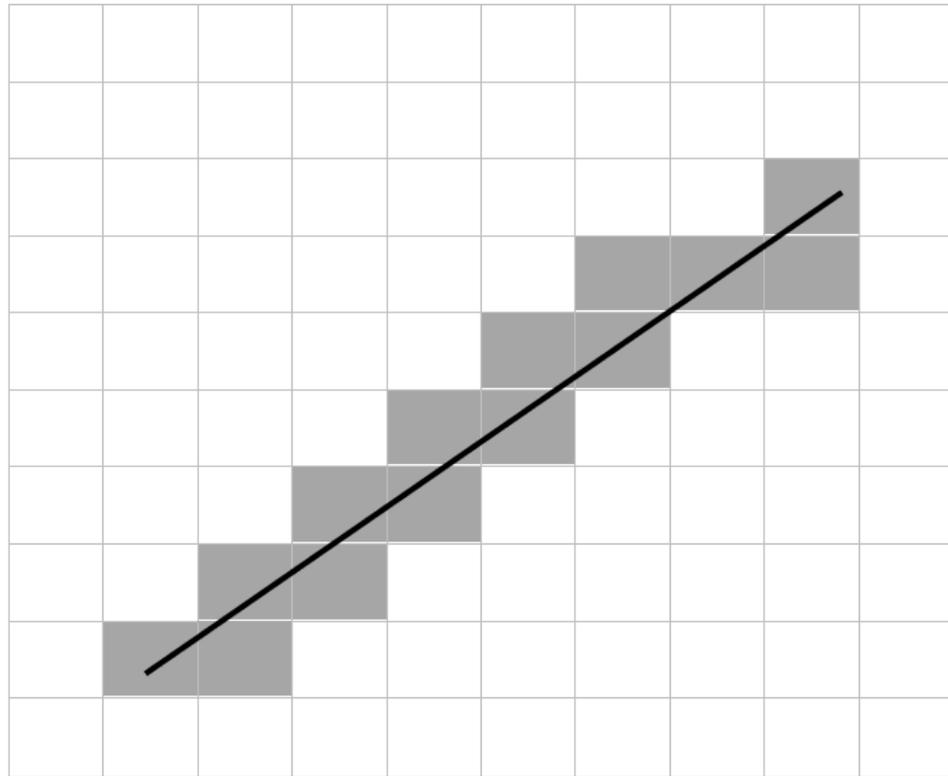
Euclidean Distance for vectors based on: Points



Euclidean Distance for rasters based on: Cells



Rasterization of Line and Polygonal Primitives



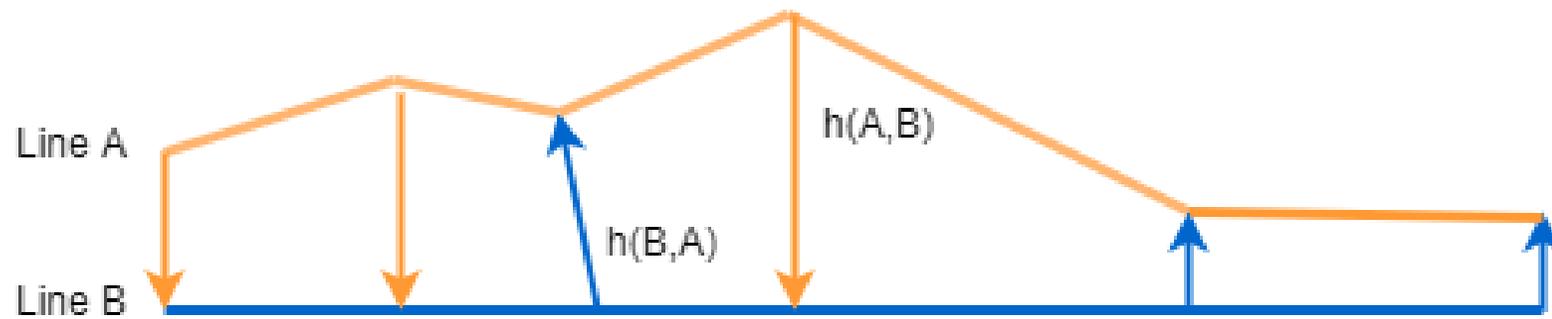
Euclidean Distance Map (EDM) of Rasterized Linear Feature

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 6.40 | 5.66 | 5.00 | 4.48 | 4.12 | 3.61 | 2.83 | 2.24 | 2.00 | 2.24 |
| 5.66 | 5.0 | 4.24 | 3.61 | 3.16 | 2.83 | 2.24 | 1.41 | 1.00 | 1.41 |
| 5.00 | 4.24 | 3.61 | 2.83 | 2.24 | 2.00 | 1.41 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| 4.24 | 3.61 | 2.83 | 2.24 | 1.41 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| 3.61 | 2.83 | 2.24 | 1.41 | 1.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.41 |
| 2.83 | 2.24 | 1.41 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.41 | 2.00 | 2.24 |
| 2.24 | 1.41 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.41 | 2.24 | 2.83 | 3.16 |
| 1.41 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.41 | 2.24 | 2.83 | 3.61 | 4.12 |
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| 1.41 | 1.00 | 1.0 | 1.41 | 2.24 | 2.83 | 3.61 | 4.24 | 5.00 | 5.66 |

Hausdorff Distance: Indicates maximum deviation and shape similarity between two features



Method 1

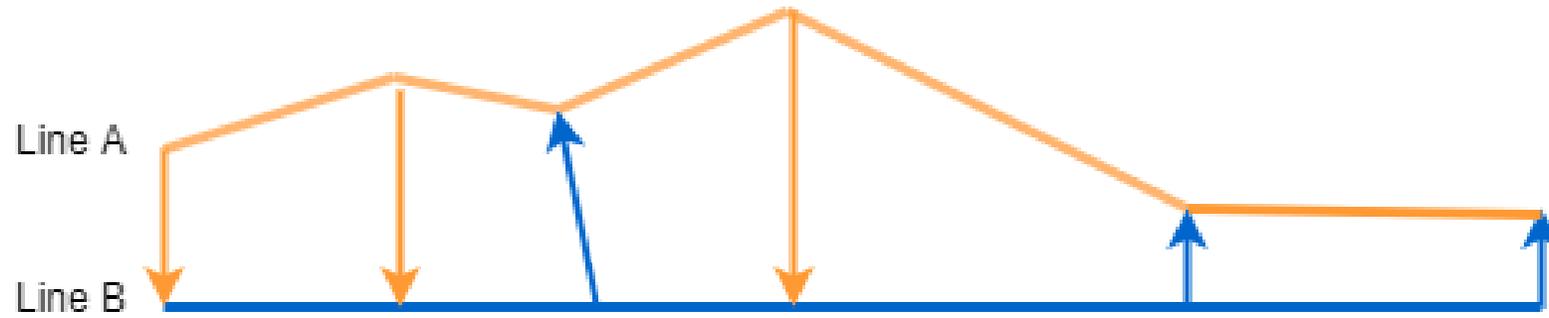
$$H(A, B) = \max \{ h(A, B), h(B, A) \}$$

Bidirectional Distances:

$$h(A, B) = \max \{ \min d(a, b) \}$$

$$h(B, A) = \max \{ \min d(b, a) \}$$

Hausdorff Distance



Bidirectional Distances

$$h(A, B) = \text{avg}\{\min(a, b)\}$$

$$h(B, A) = \text{avg}\{\min(b, a)\}$$

Method 2:

$$H(A, B) = h(A, B) + h(B, A)$$

Euclidean Distances from B to A

| | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.2 |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 |



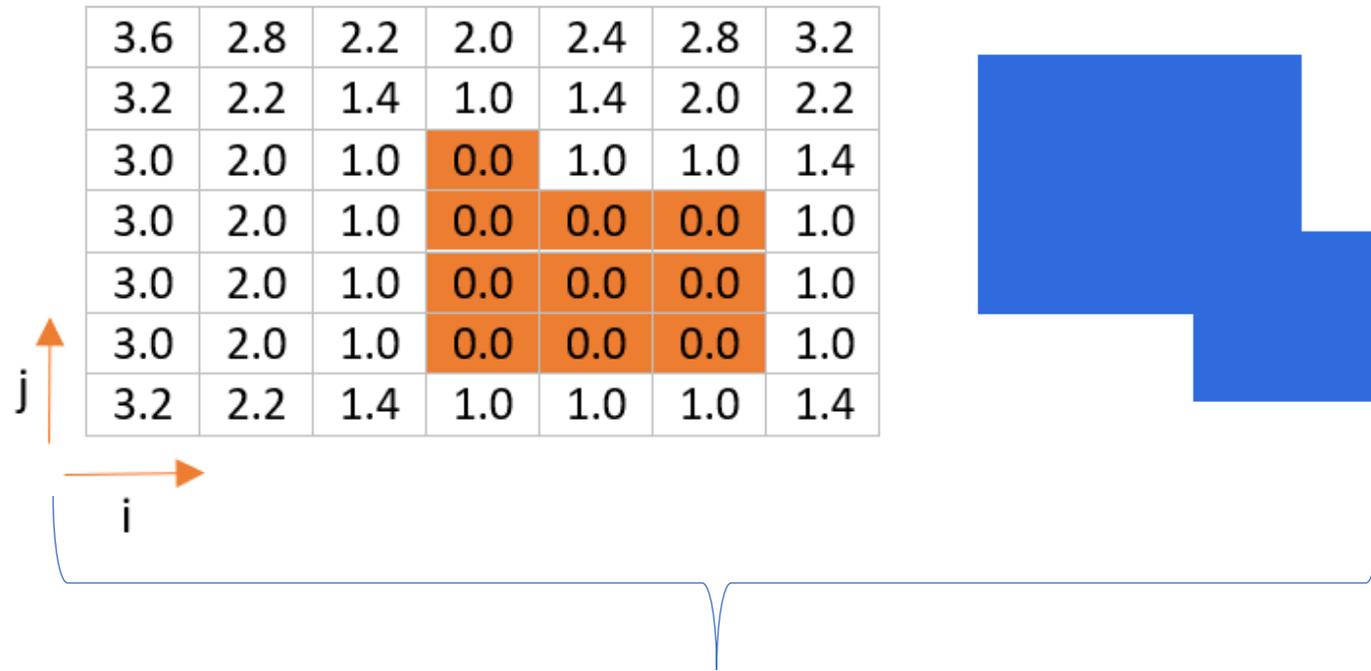
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| 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
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| 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 |

Diagram showing a grid with axes labeled 'i' (horizontal) and 'j' (vertical). The grid contains numerical values. The value 1.4 in the 6th row, 6th column is highlighted in red. Other cells are highlighted in blue or orange.

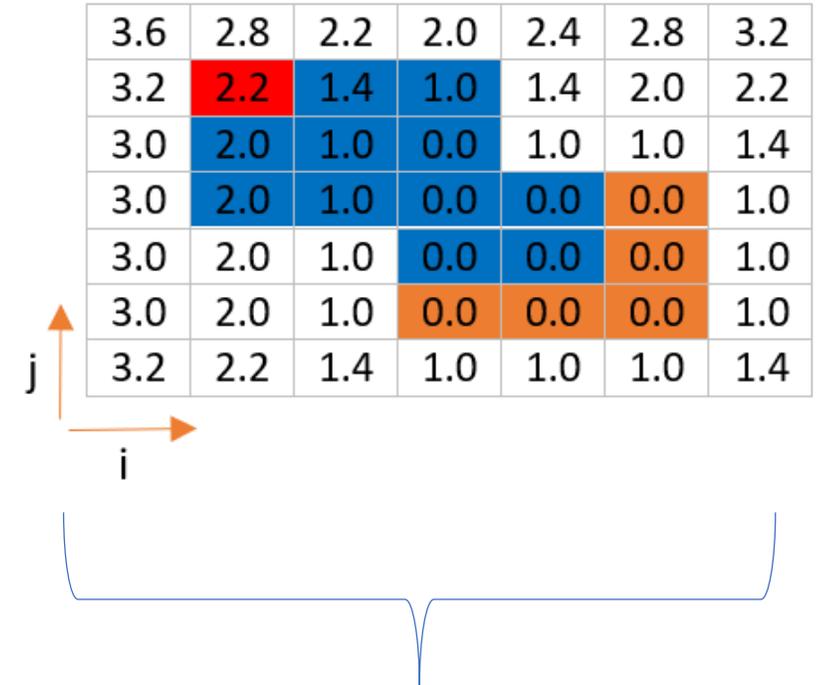
Intersection of EDM of A with object B

Euclidean Distance values and maximum value from B to A

Euclidean Distances from A to B



Intersection of EDM of B with object A



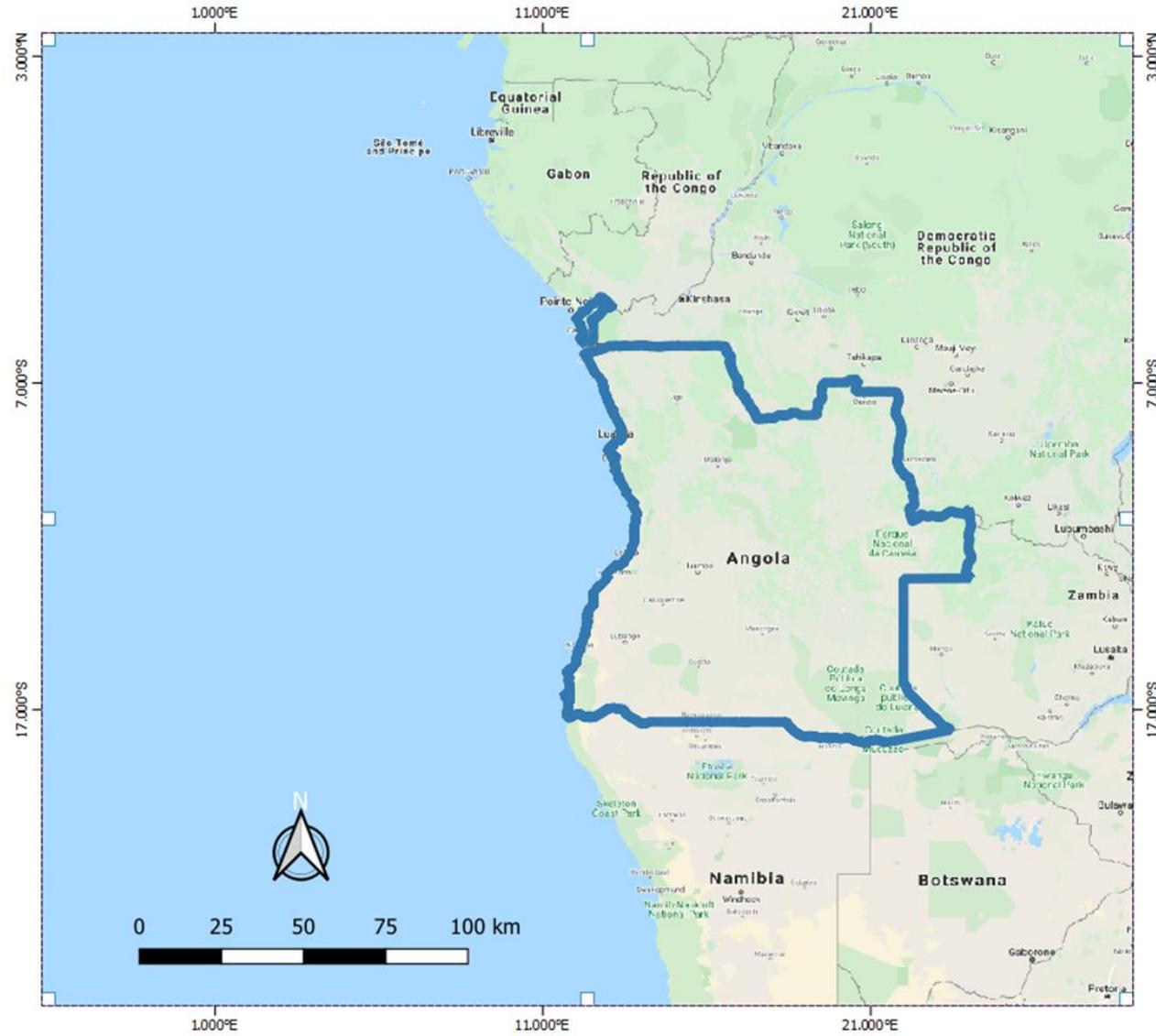
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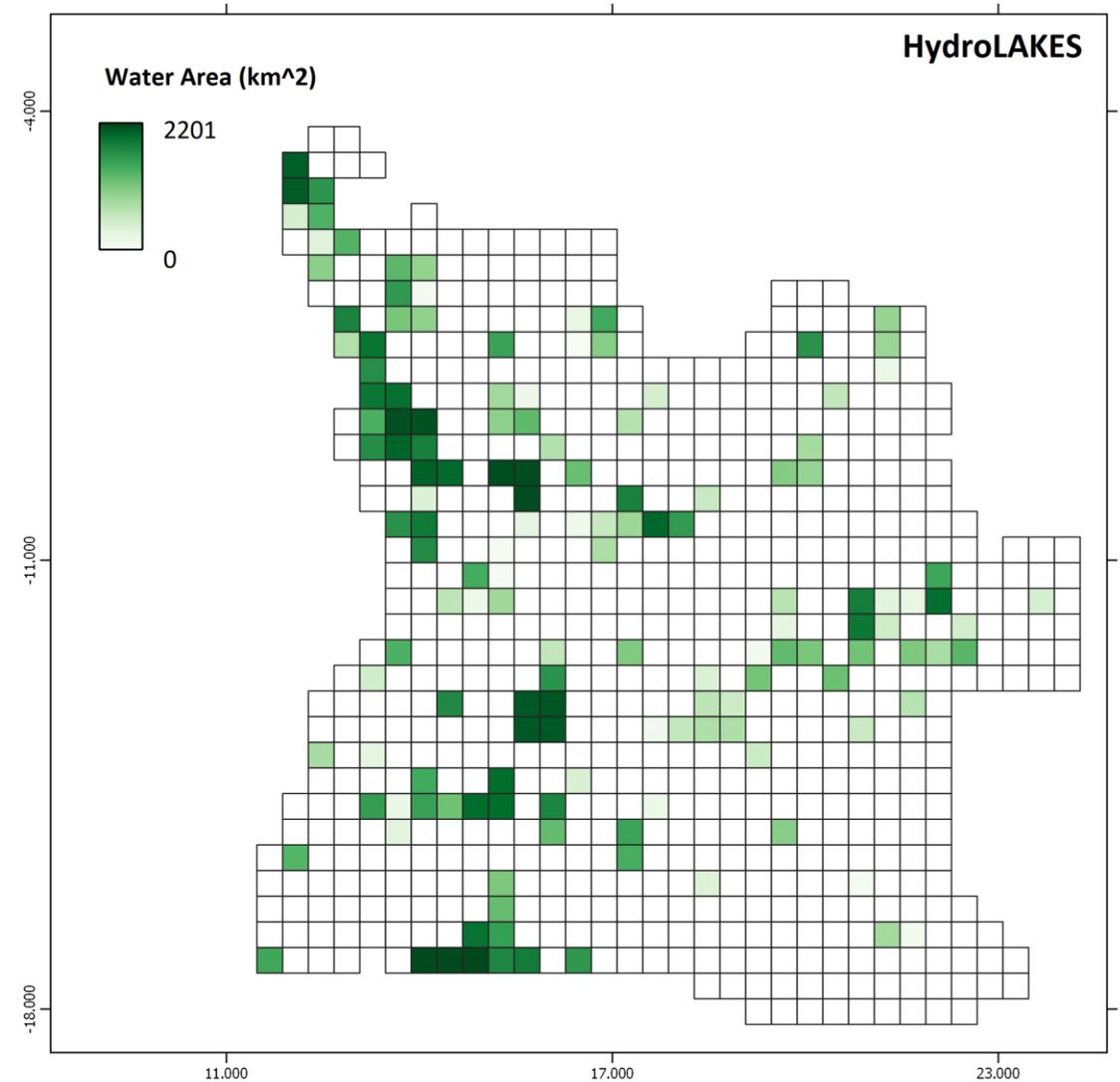
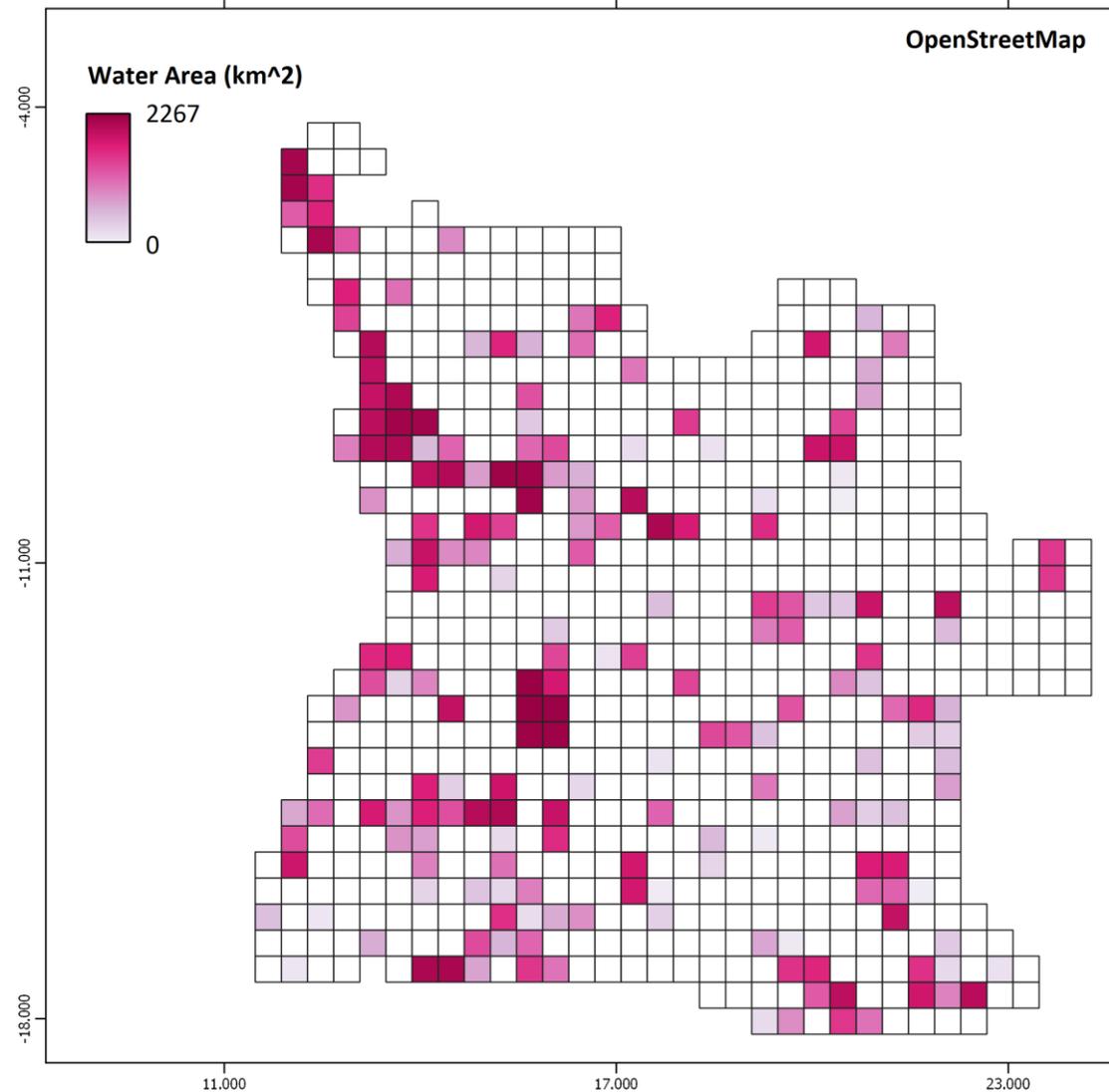
Study area



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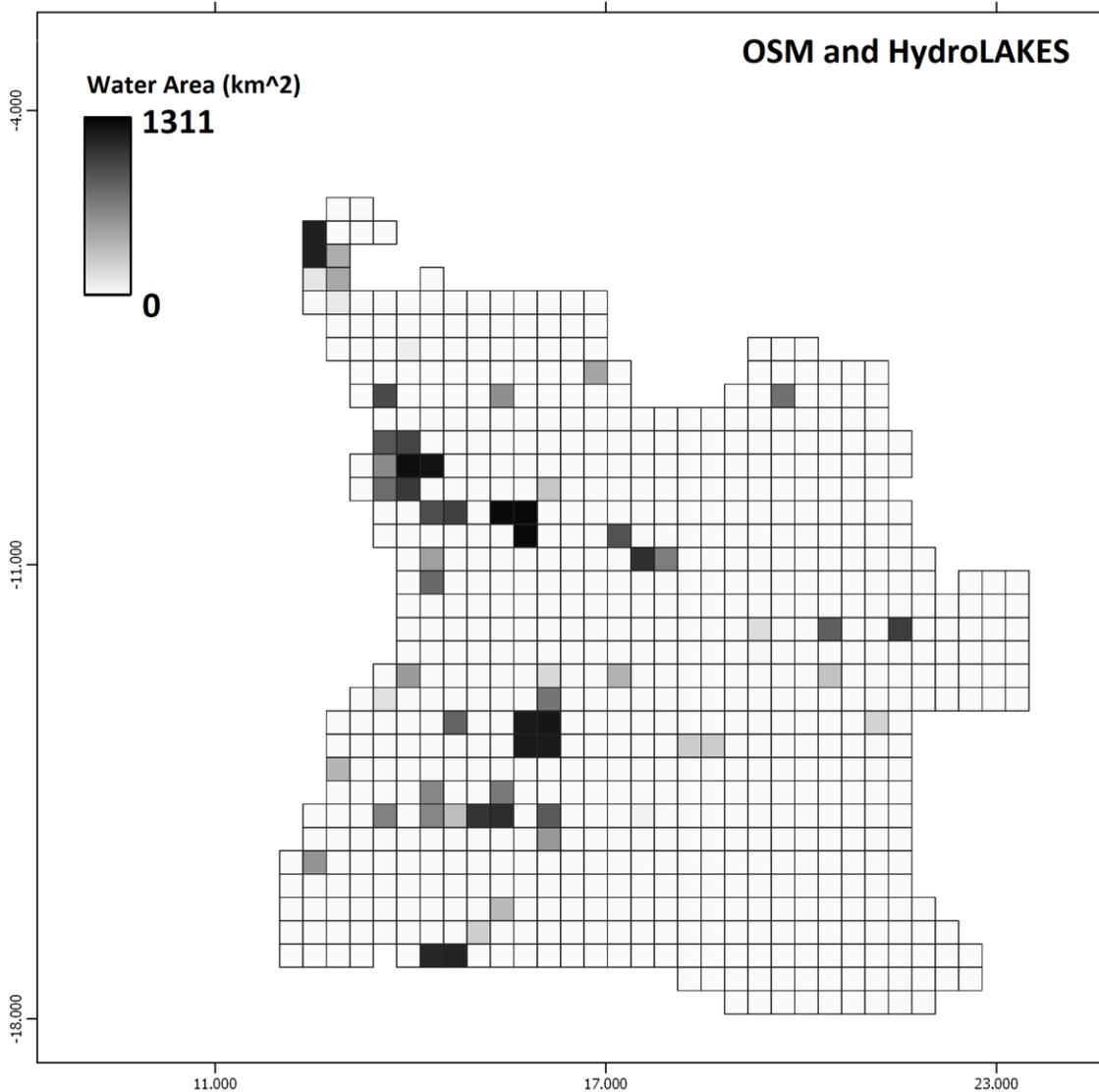
Completeness

Thematic Differences between OSM and HydroLAKES (water /no water)



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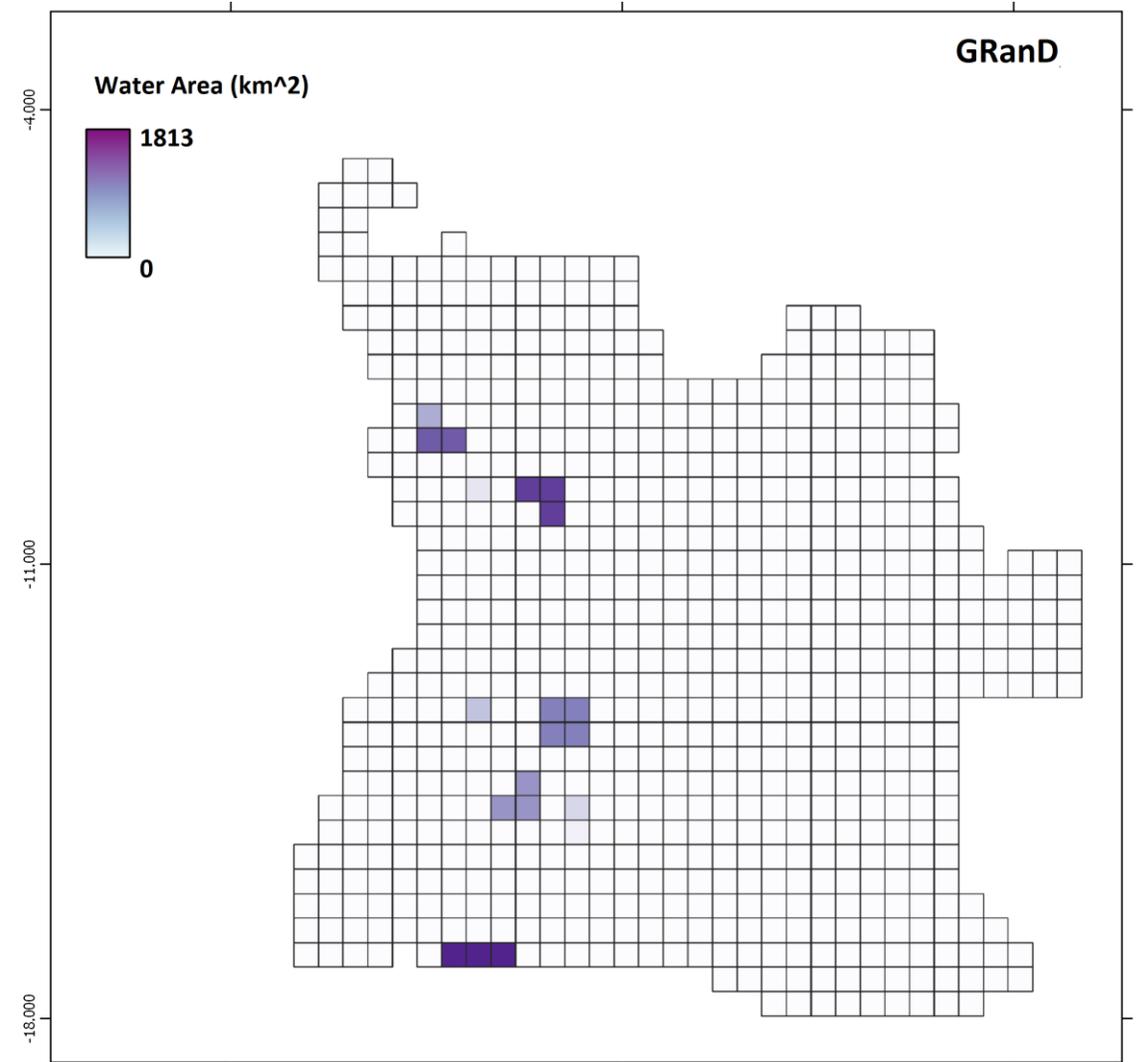
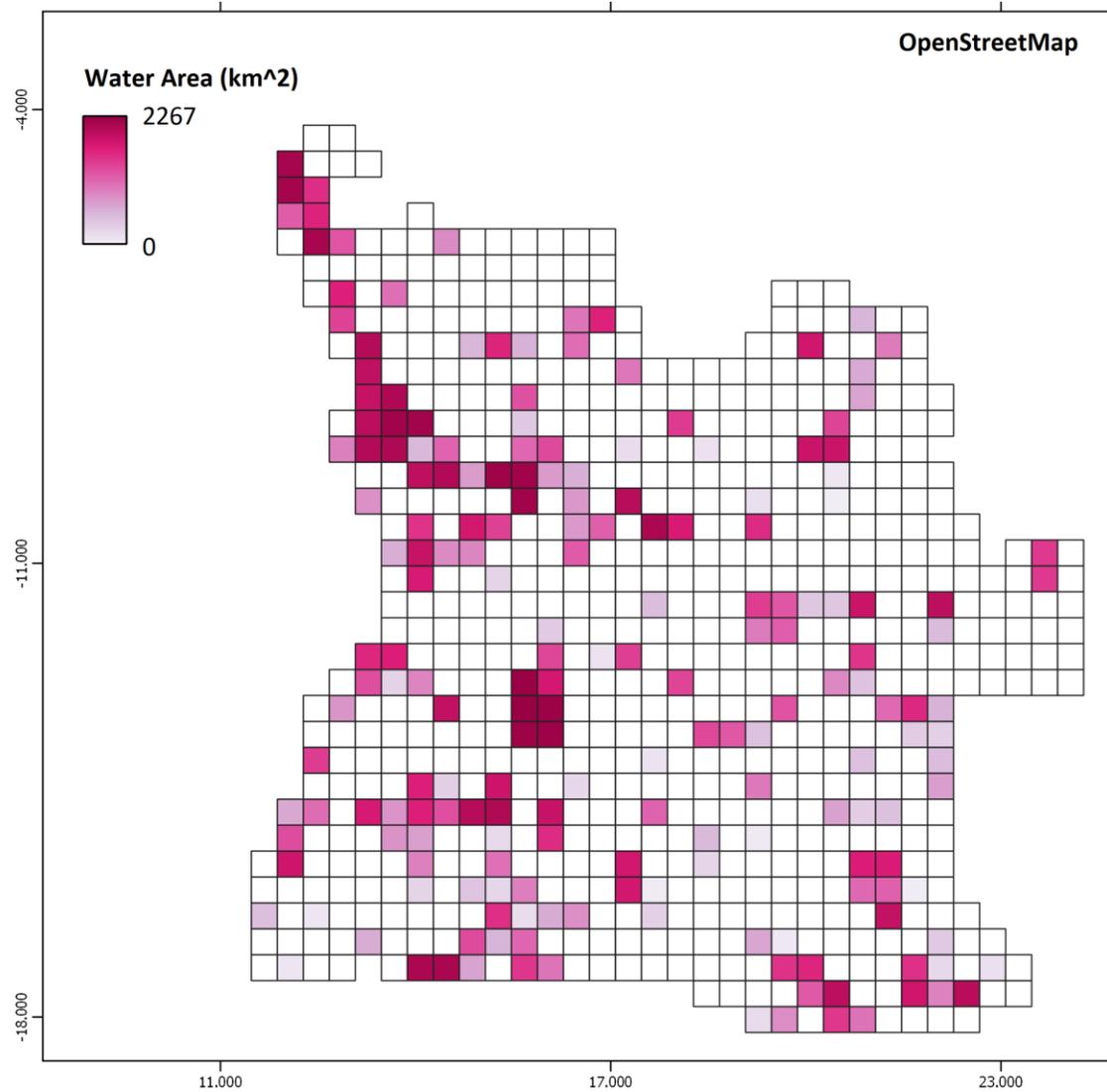
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Overlap between OSM and HydroLAKES:

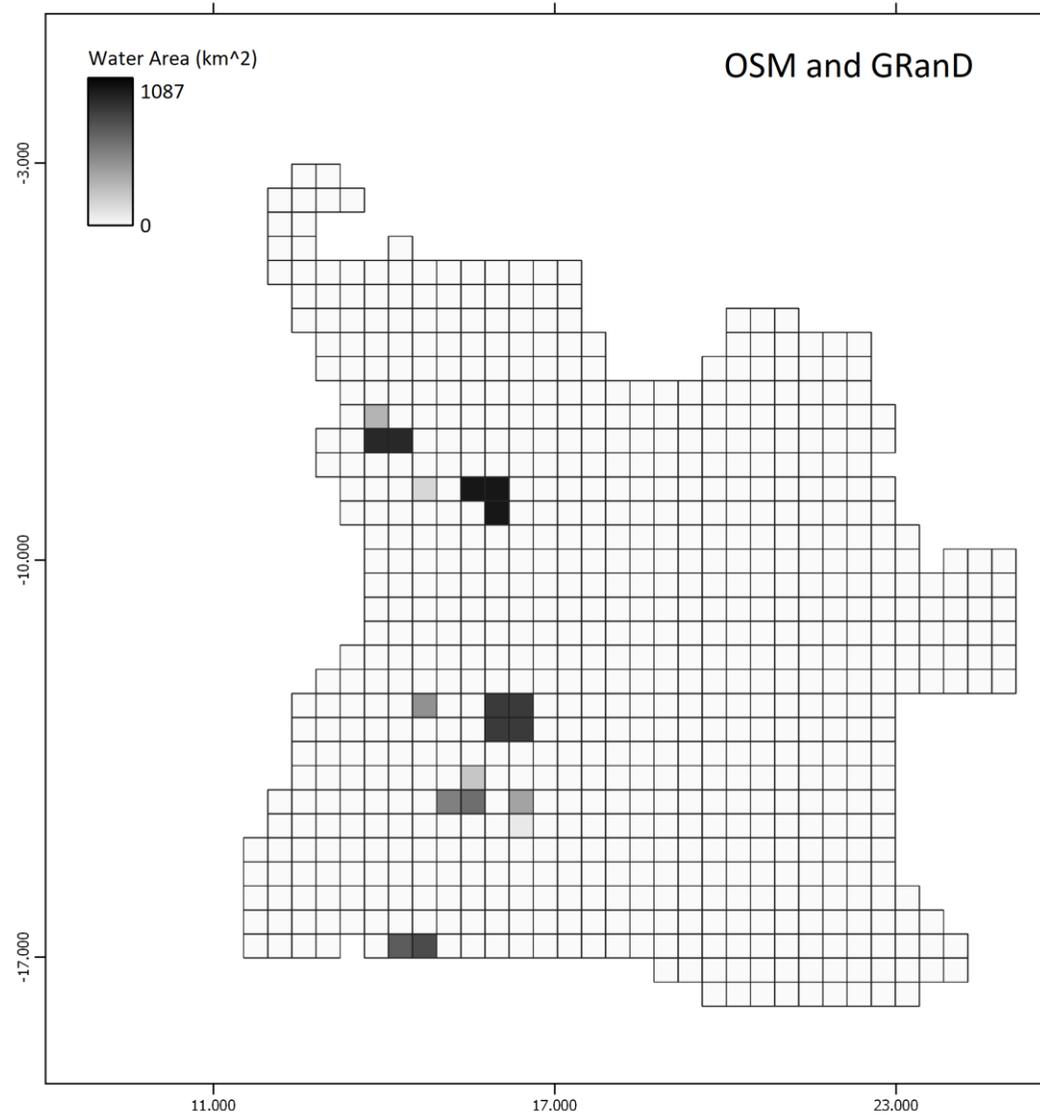
| Dataset | Area (km ²) | Ratio (%) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Total Water | 5437 | 100 |
| OSM | 2267 | 42 |
| HydroLAKES | 2201 | 41 |
| OSM and HydroLAKES | 1311 | 24 |
| OSM, no HydroLAKES | 956 | 18 |
| HydroLAKES, no OSM | 3171 | 58 |

Thematic Differences between OSM and GRaND (water/no water)



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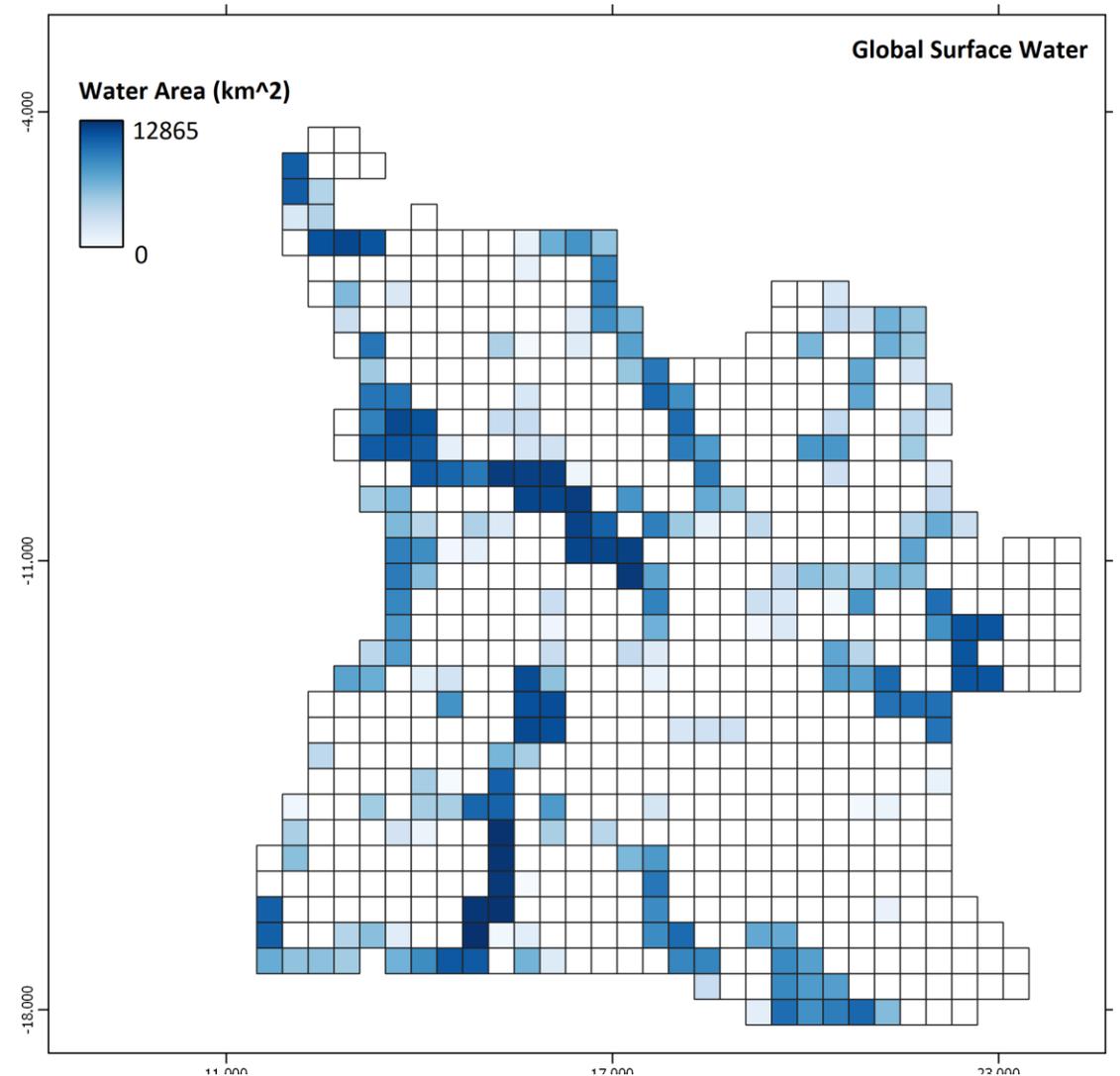
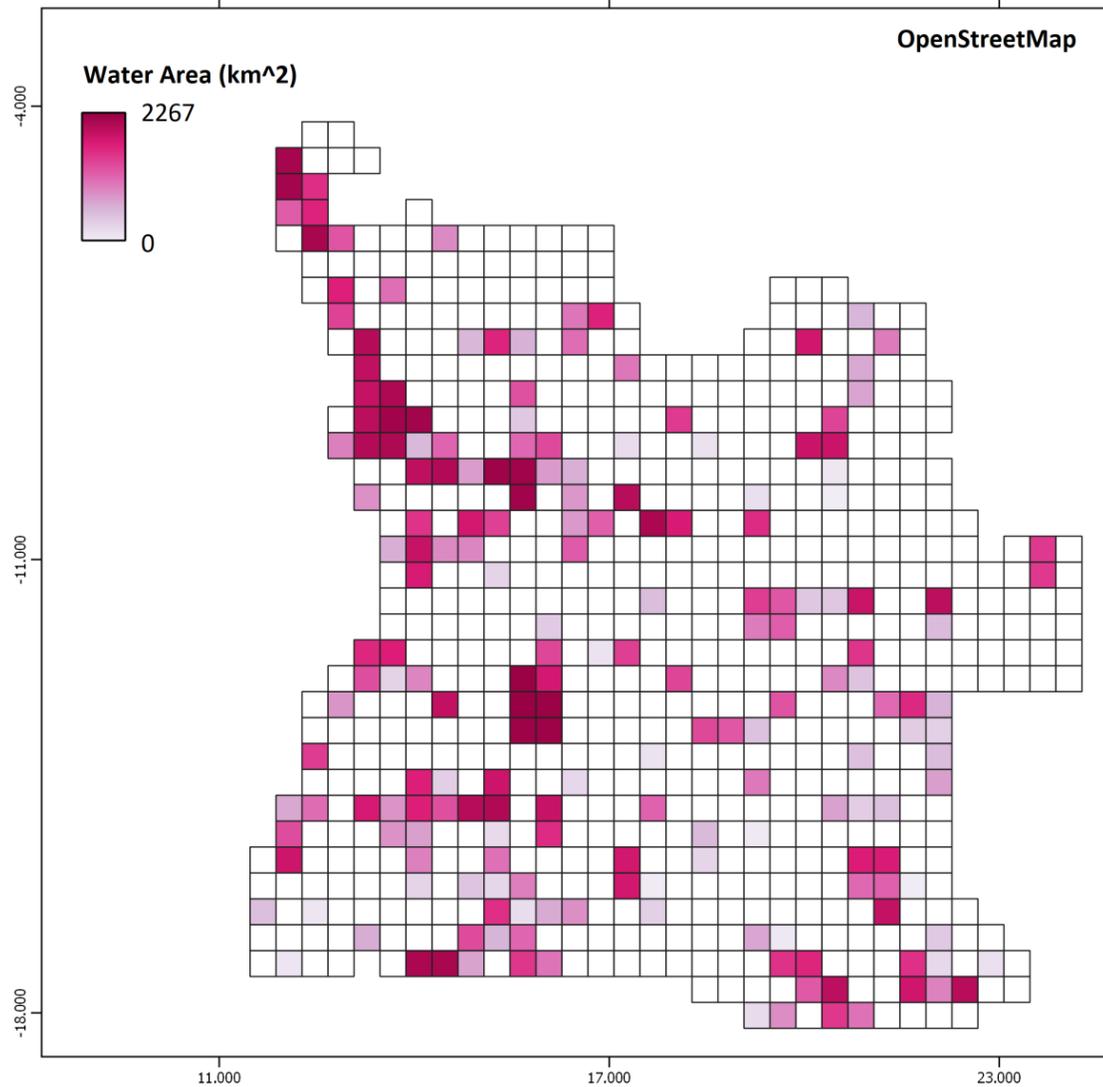
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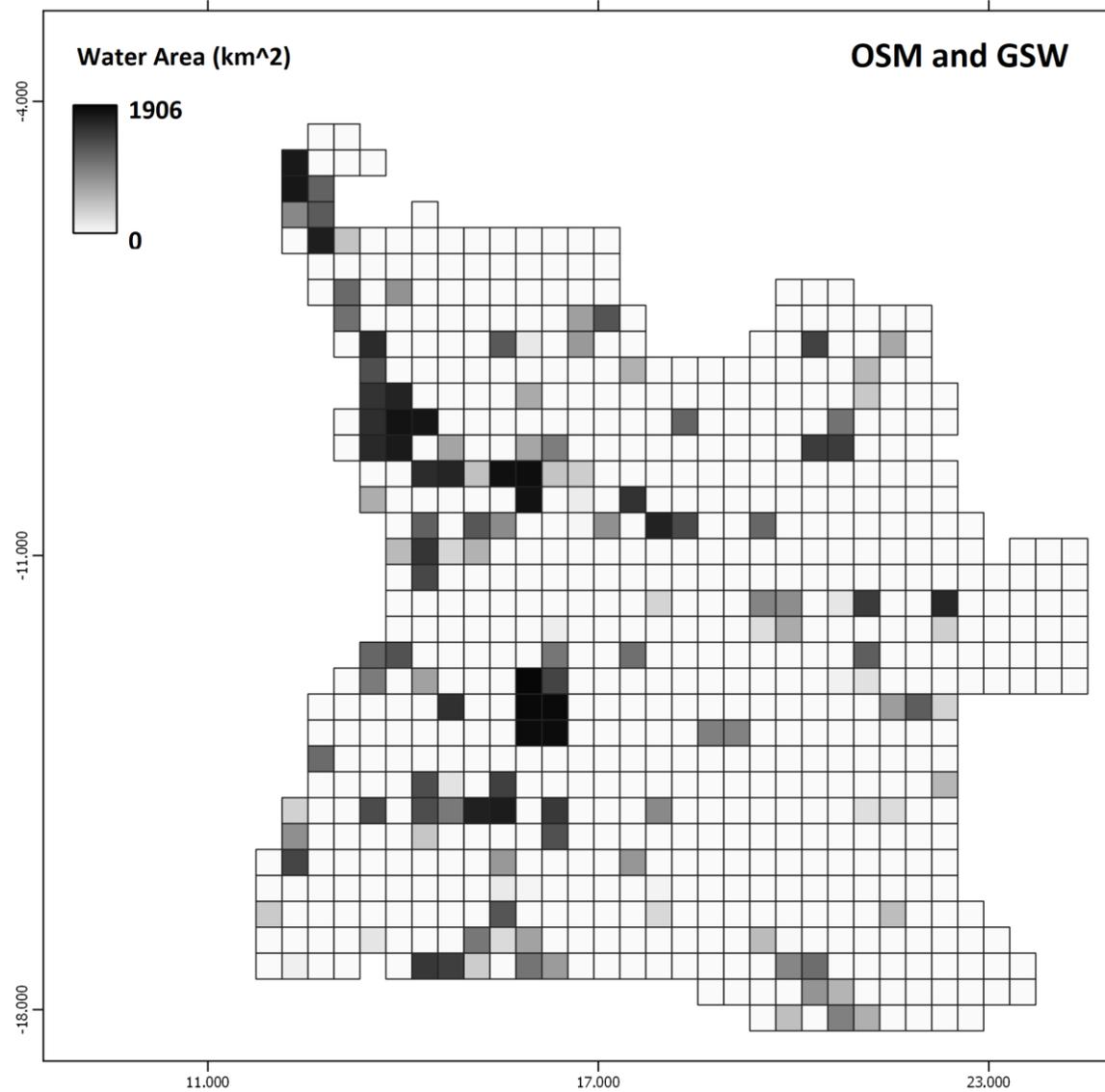
| Dataset | Area (km ²) | Ratio (%) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Total Water | 5030 | 100 |
| OSM | 2267 | 45 |
| GRaND | 1813 | 36 |
| OSM and GRaND | 1087 | 22 |
| OSM, no GRaND | 1180 | 24 |
| GRaND, no OSM | 2763 | 54 |

Thematic Differences between OSM and Global Surface Water (water/no water)



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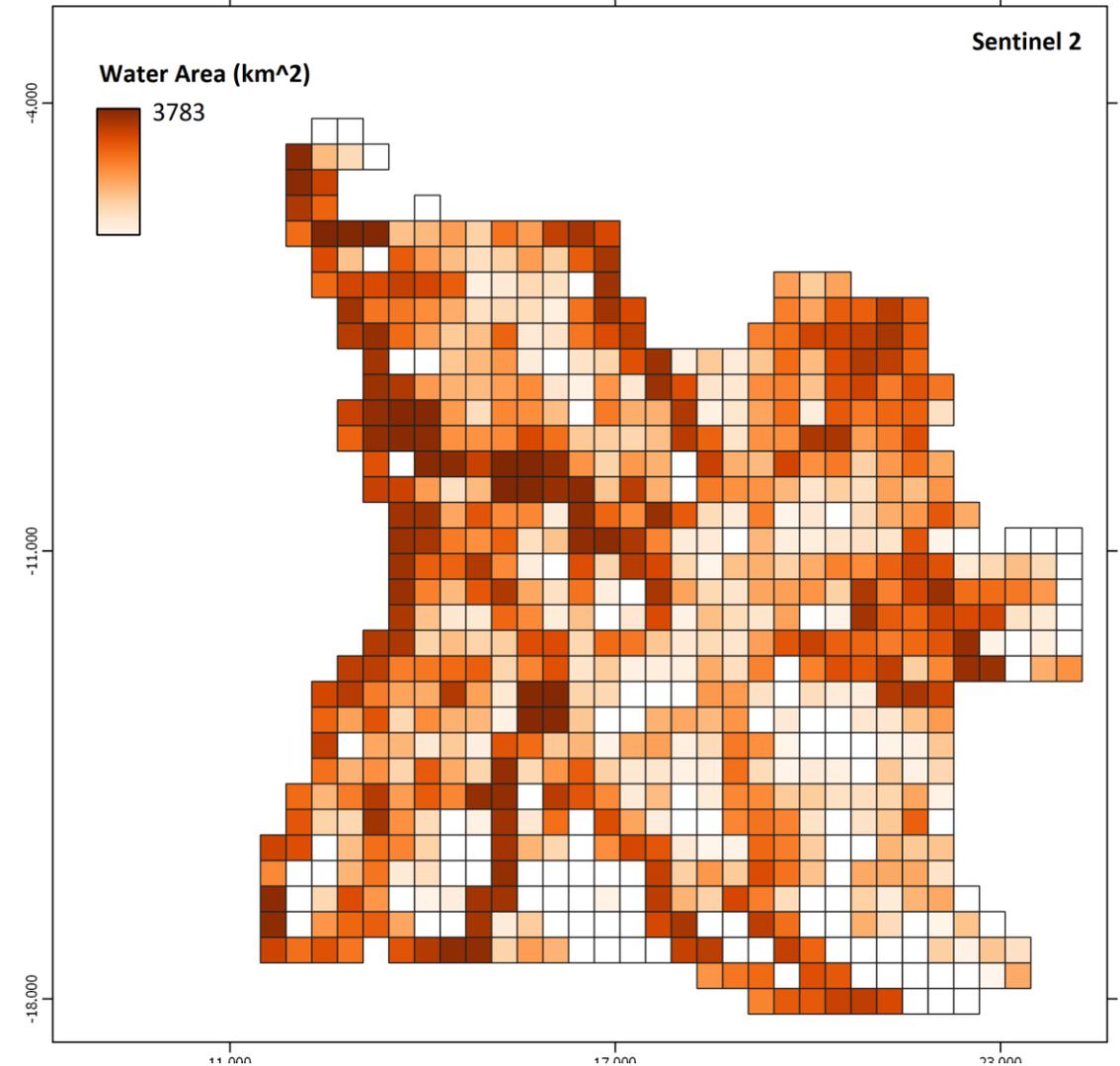
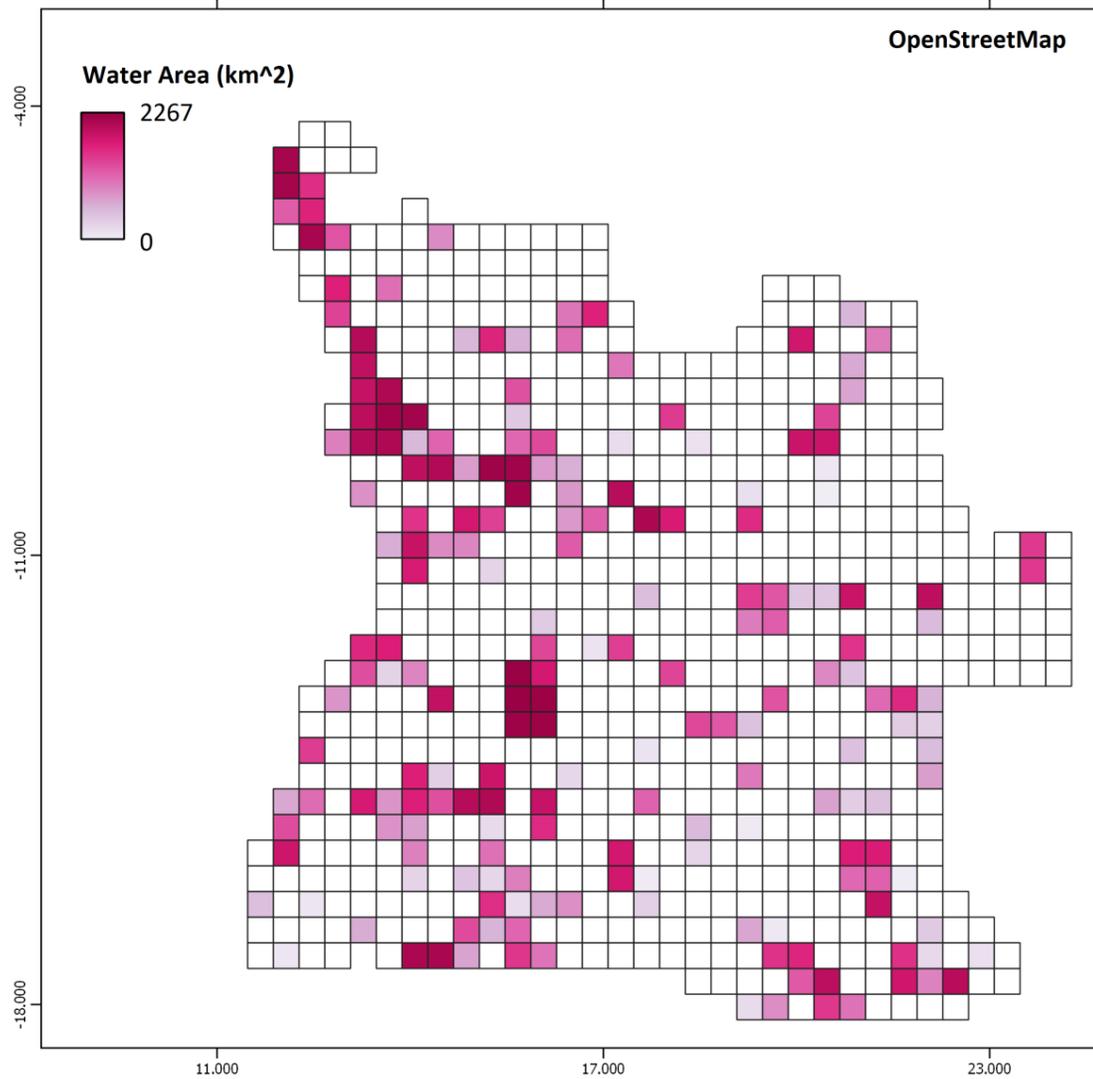
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Overlap between OSM and GSW:

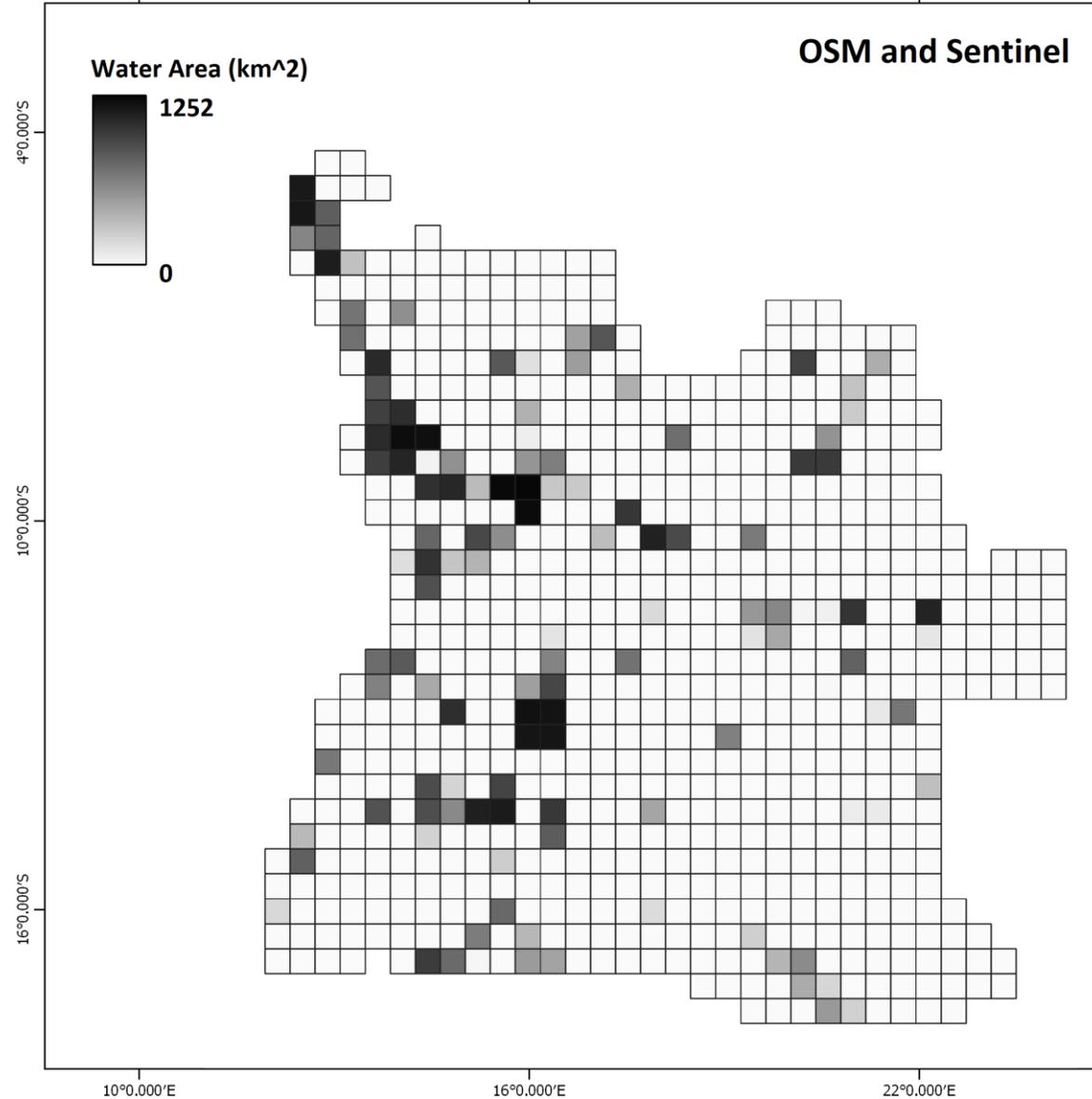
| Dataset | Area (km ²) | Ratio (%) |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Total Water | 21759 | 100 |
| OSM | 2267 | 10 |
| GSW | 12865 | 59 |
| OSM and GSW | 1906 | 9 |
| OSM, no GSW | 8894 | 41 |
| GSW, no OSM | 10959 | 50 |

Thematic Differences between OSM and Sentinel 2



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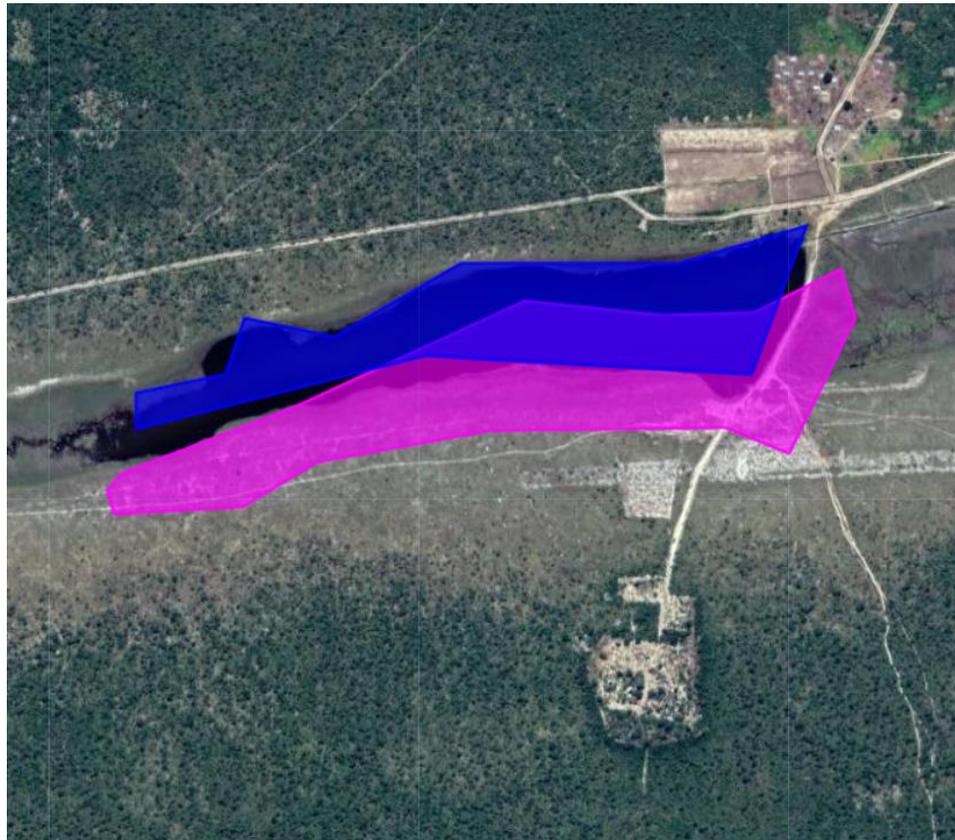
Overlap between OSM and Sentinel 2:

| Dataset | Area (km^2) | Ratio (%) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Total Water | 6933 | 100 |
| OSM | 2267 | 33 |
| Sentinel 2 | 3783 | 55 |
| OSM and Sentinel 2 | 1252 | 19 |
| OSM, no Sentinel 2 | 3151 | 45 |
| Sentinel 2, no OSM | 2530 | 36 |

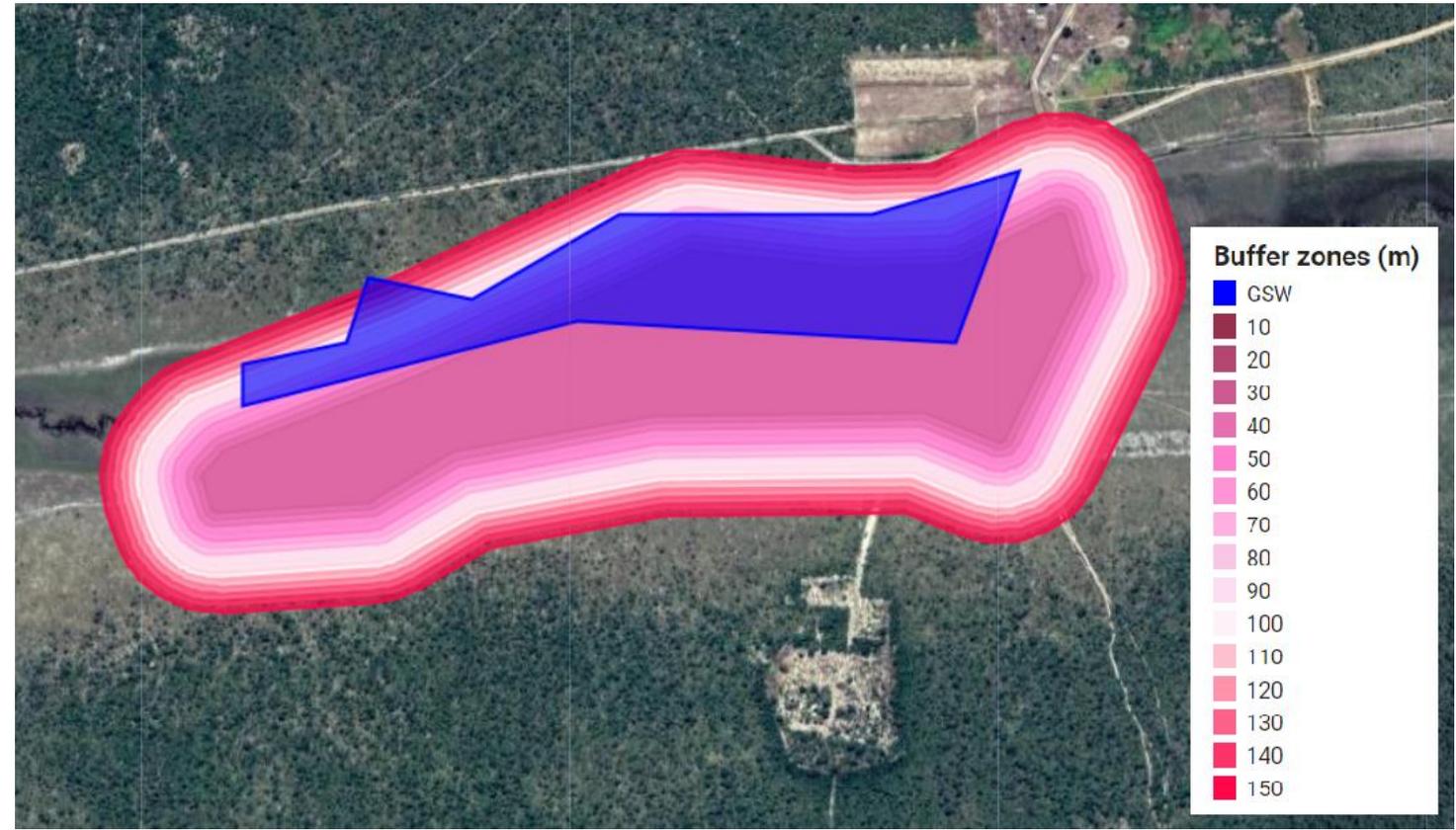
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Goodchild's Percentage of Overlap

Features OSM and GSW



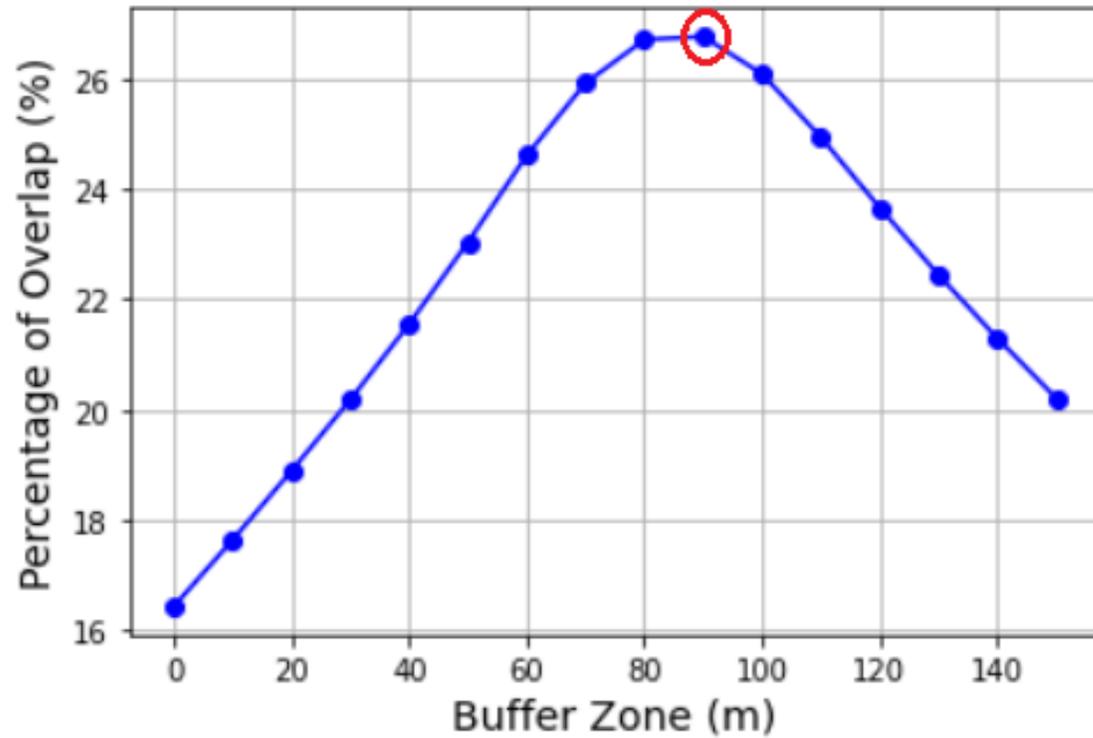
Increasing Buffer zones [0,150] m



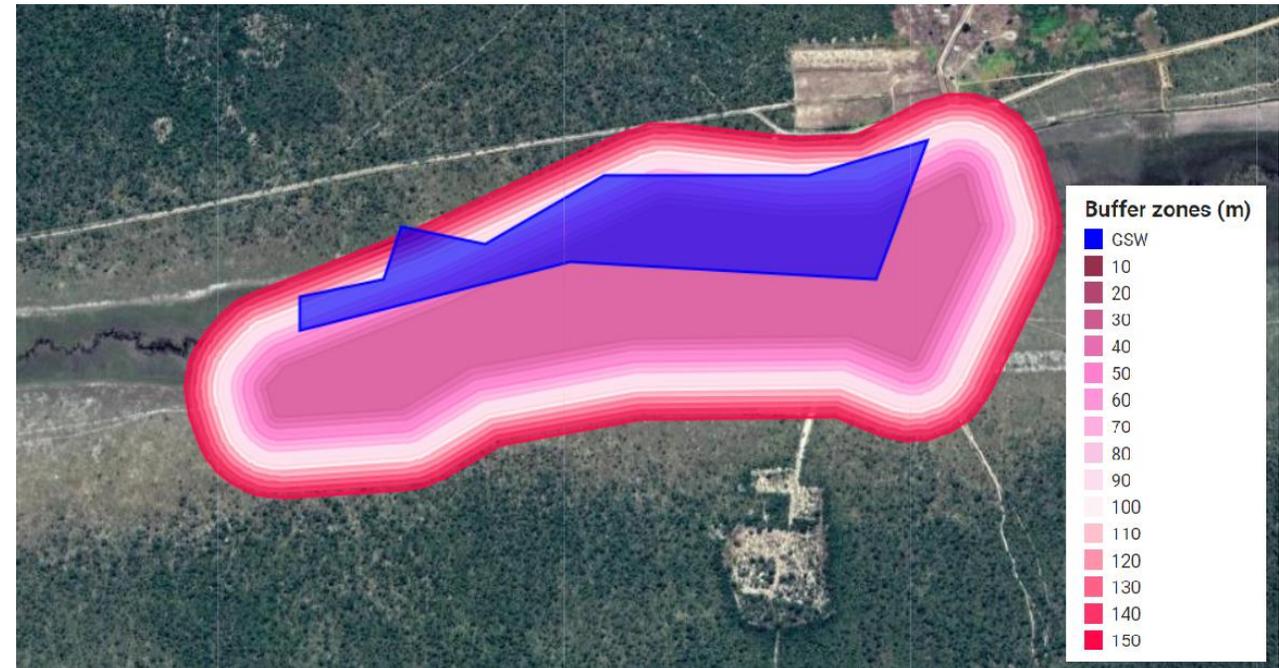
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Distance between OSM and GSW feature



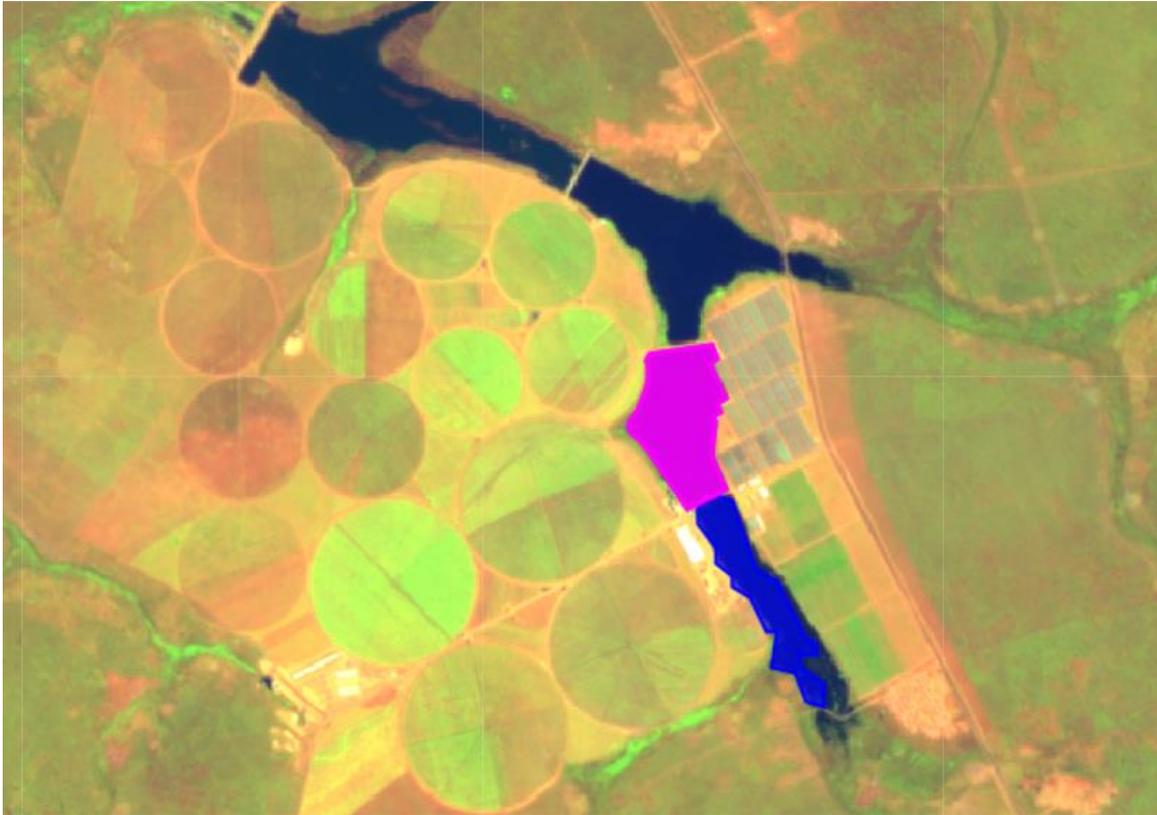
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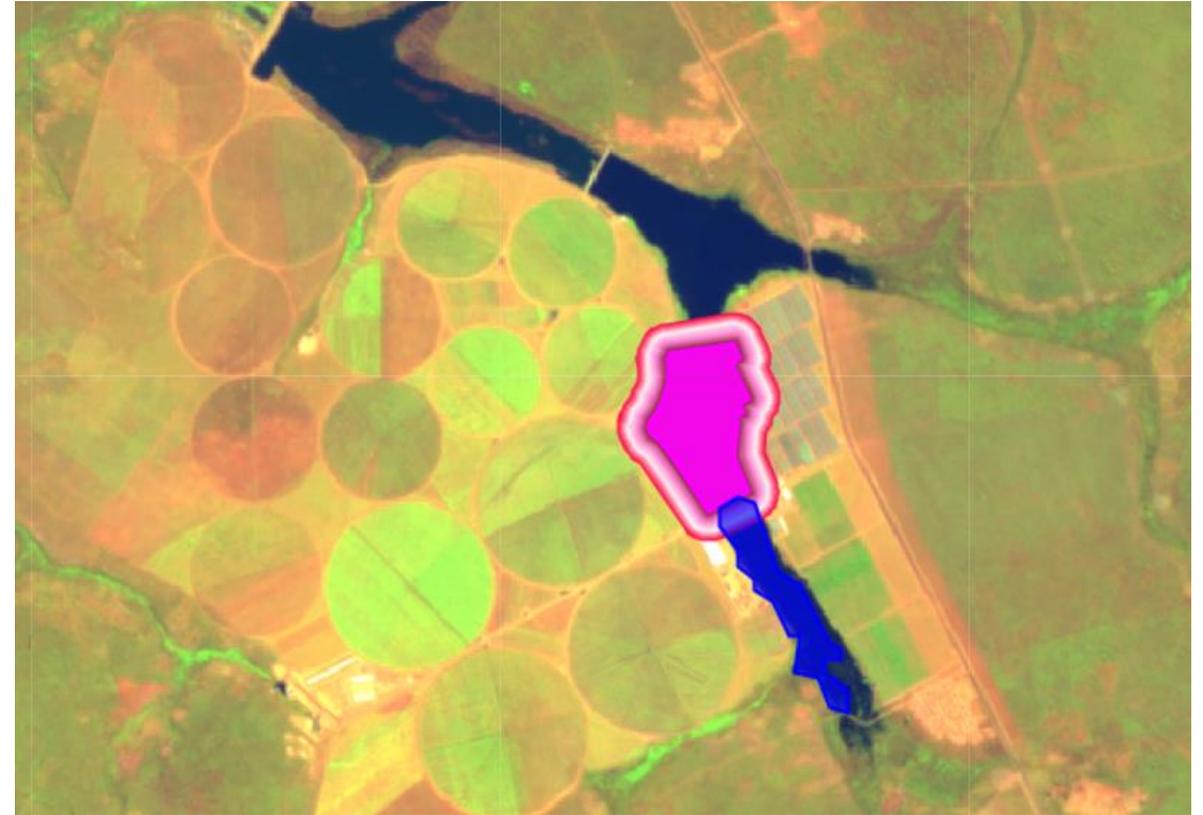
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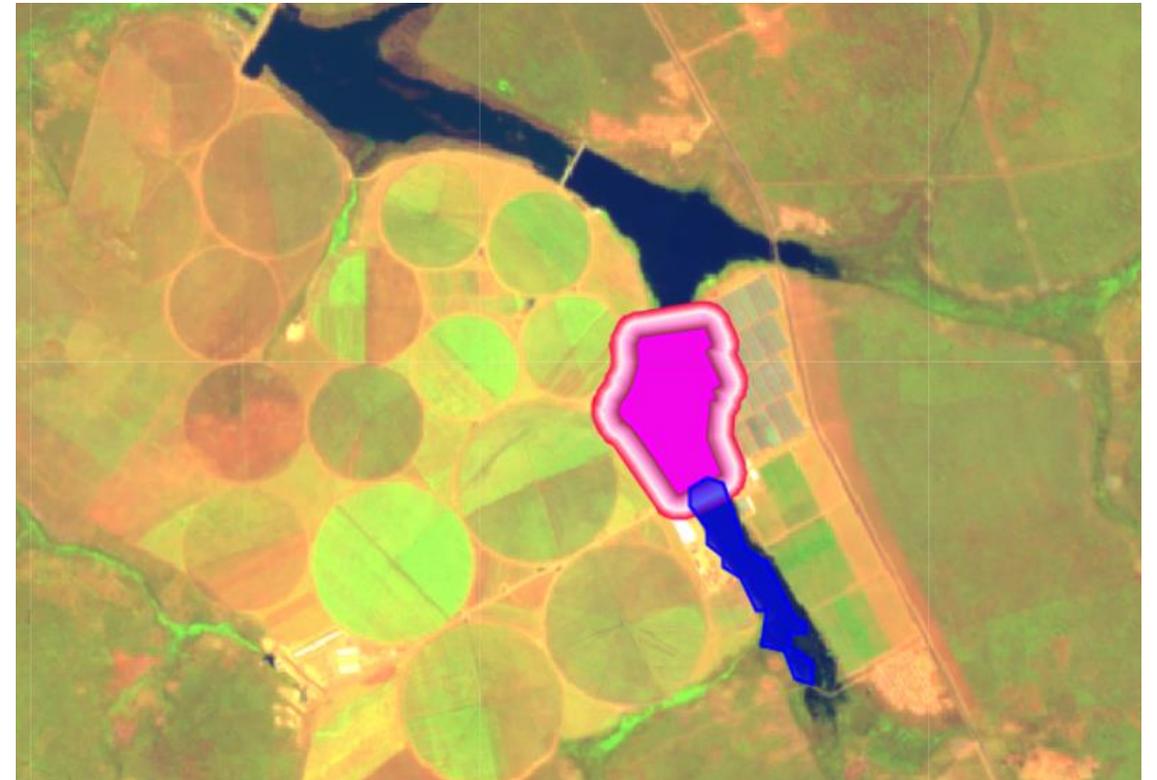
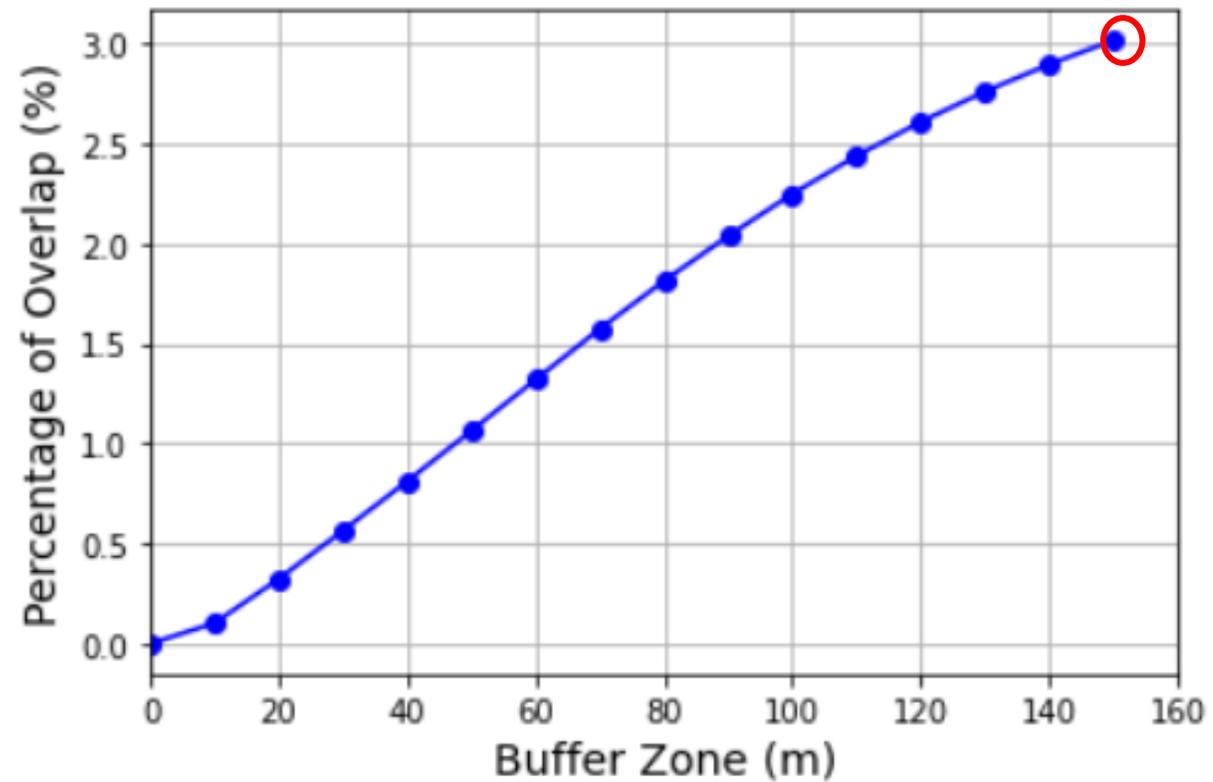
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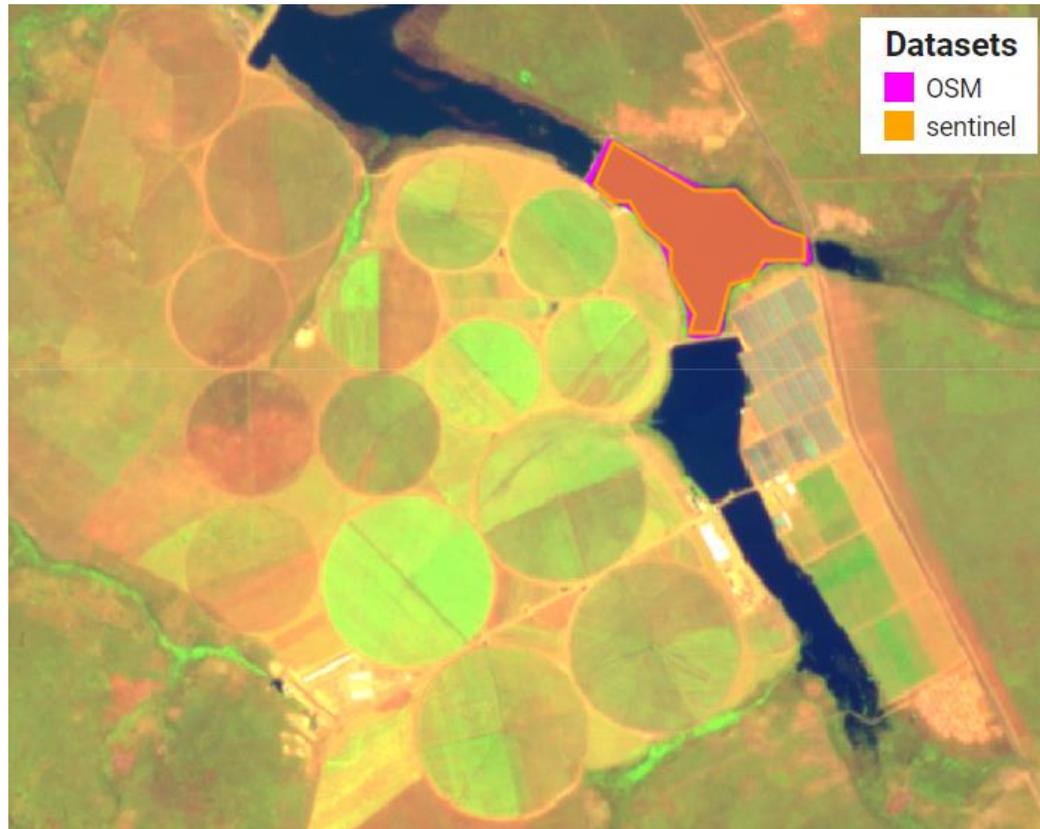
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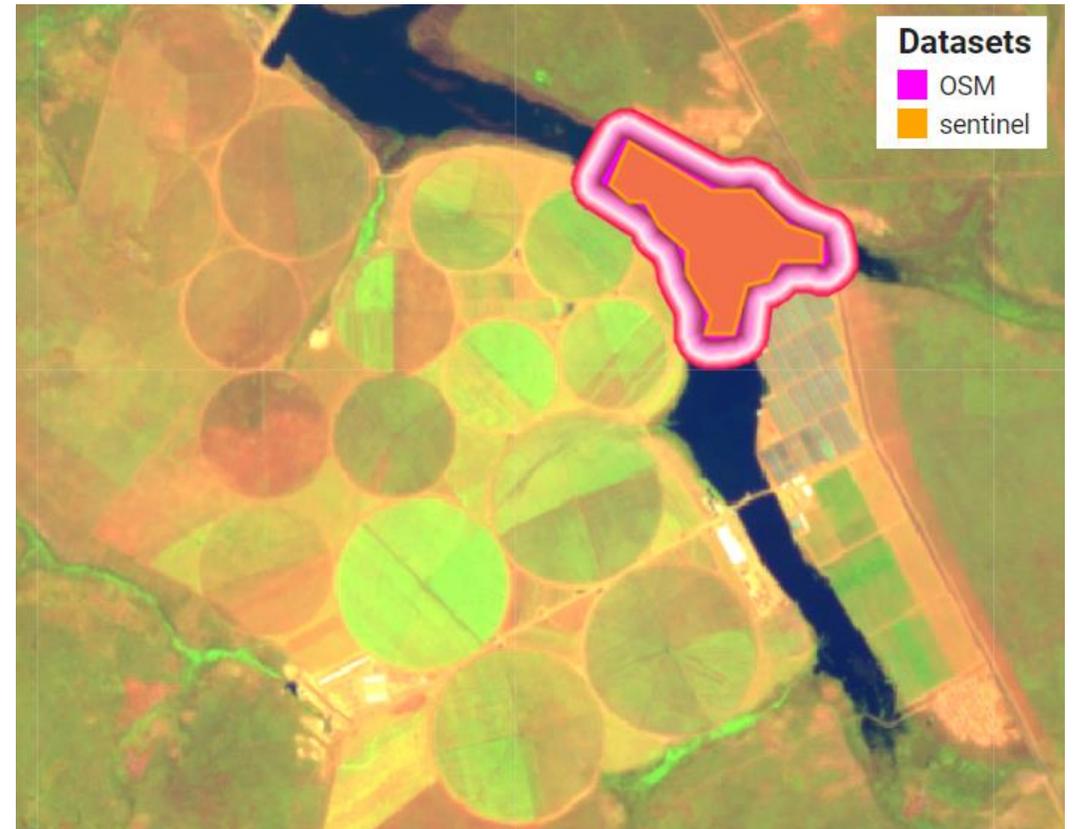
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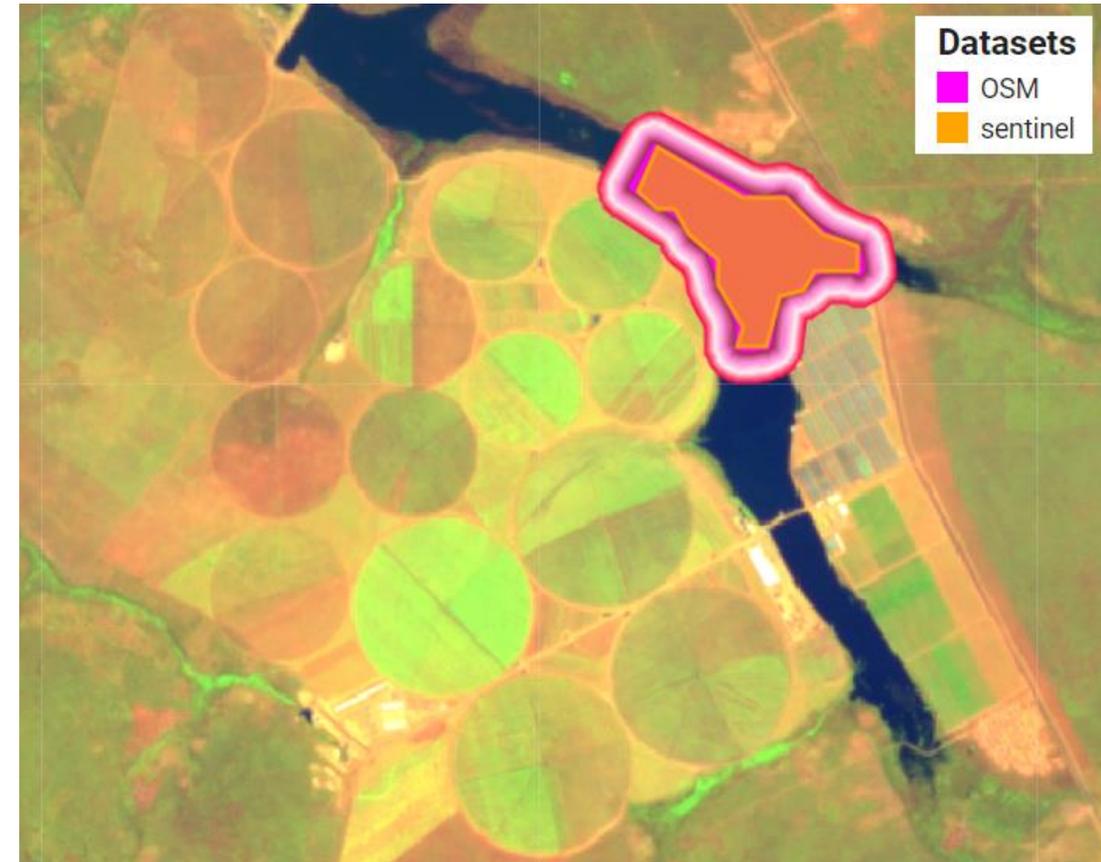
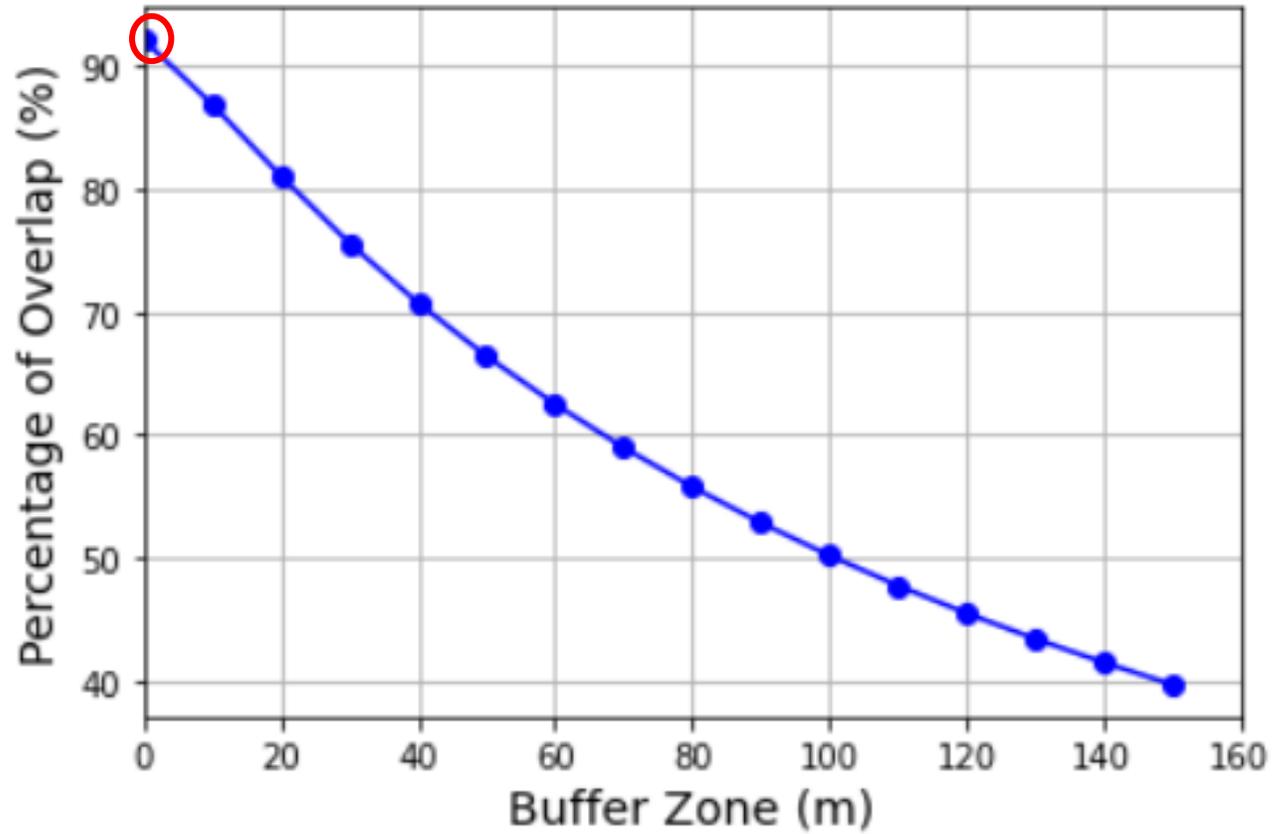
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Goodchild's Percentage of Overlap

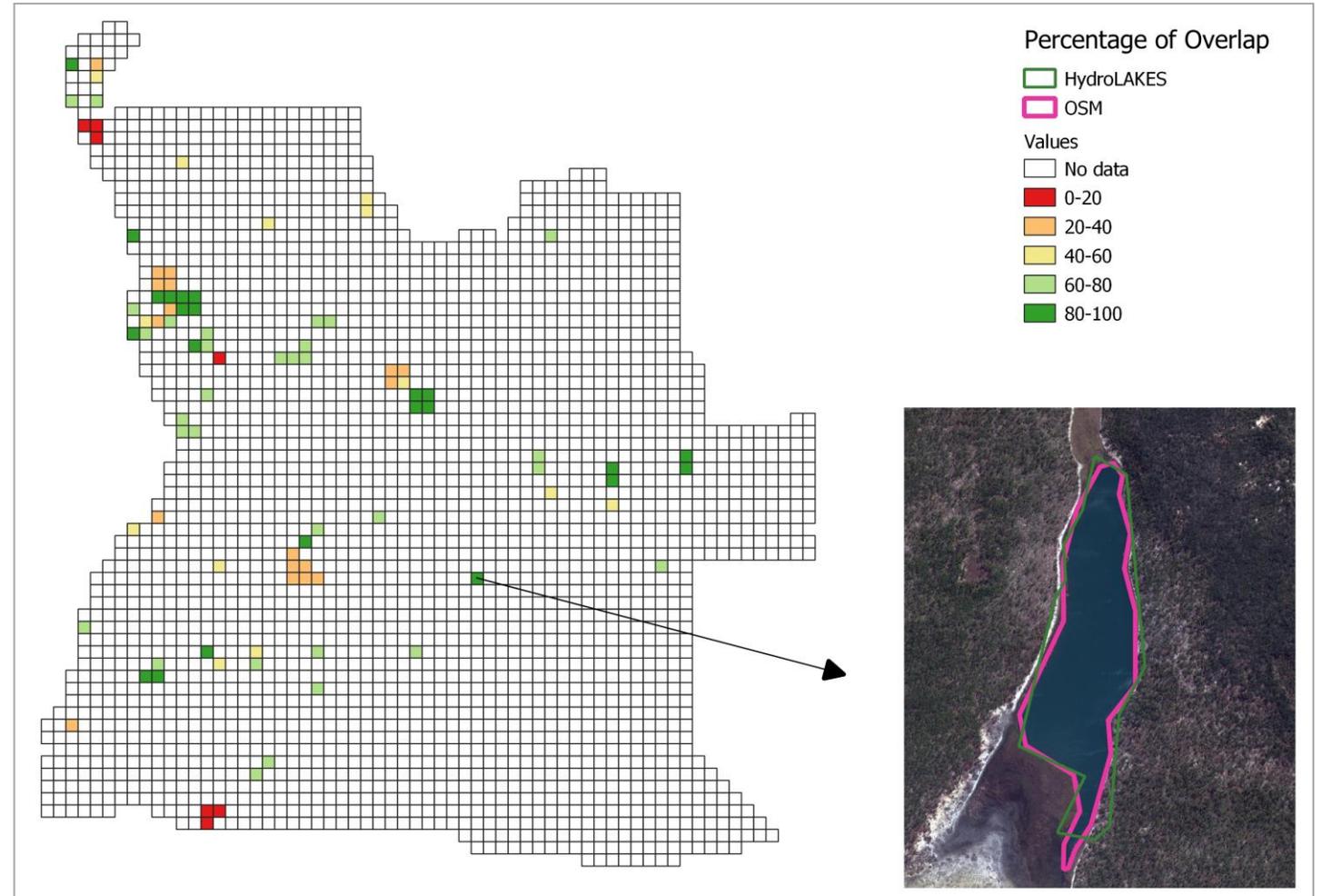
Distance between OSM and Sentinel 2 feature



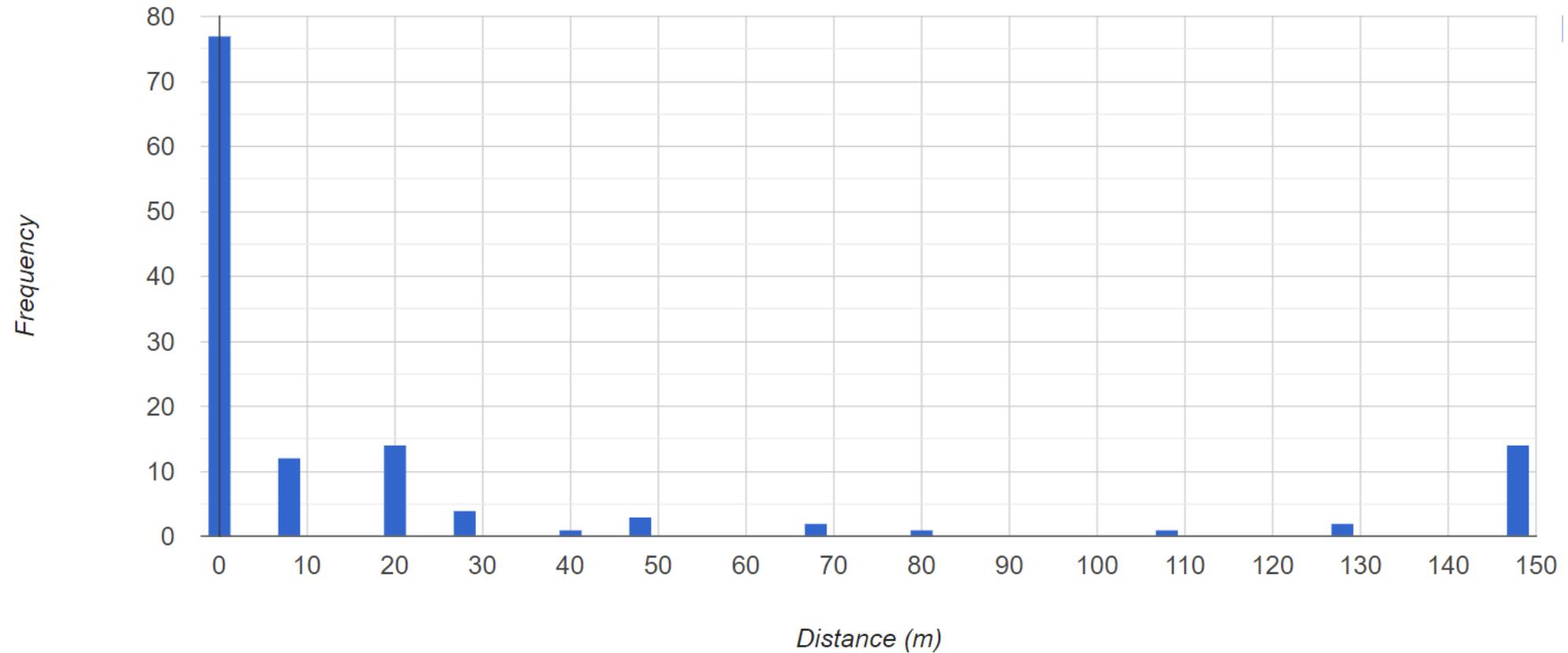
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Percentage of Overlap
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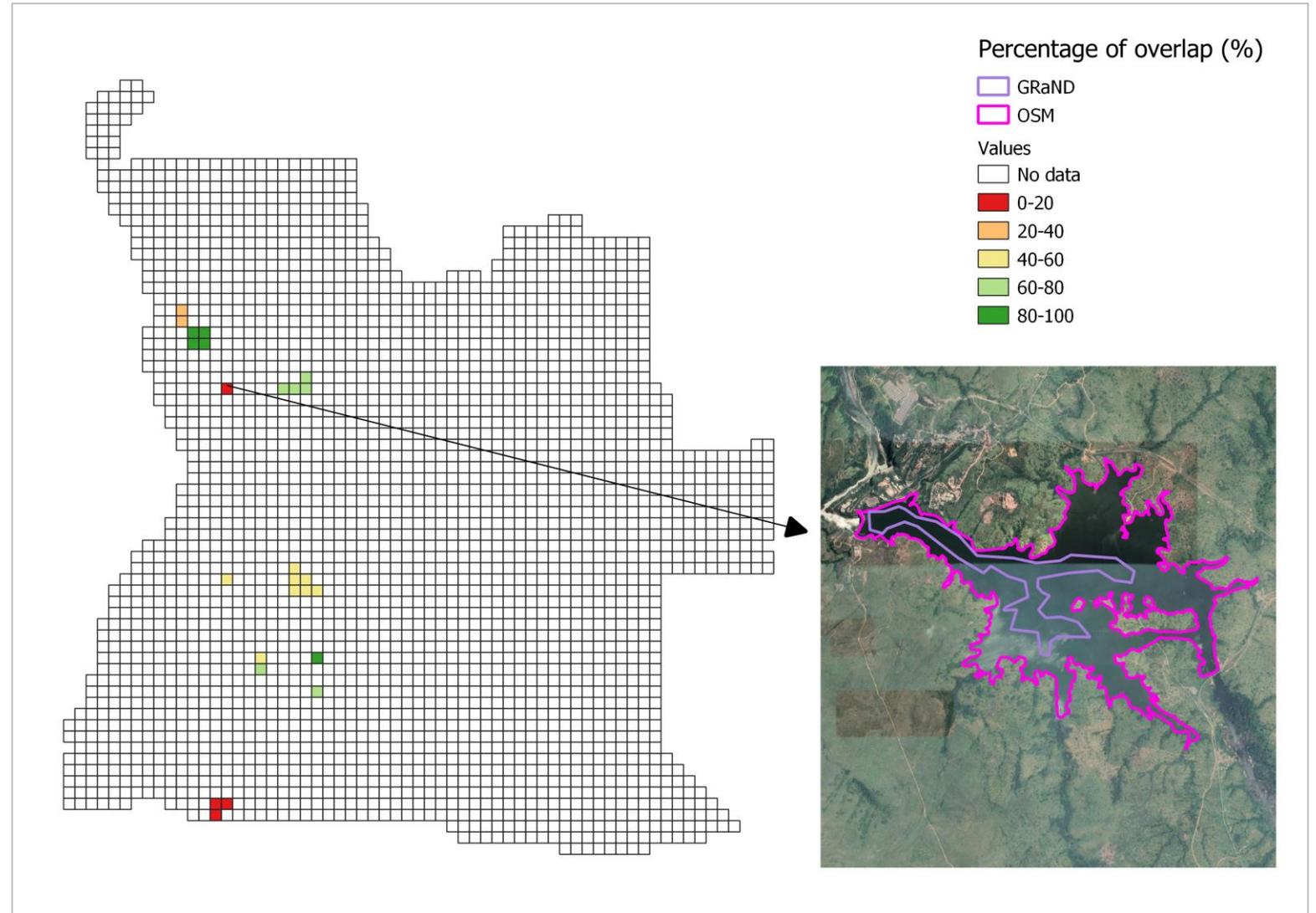
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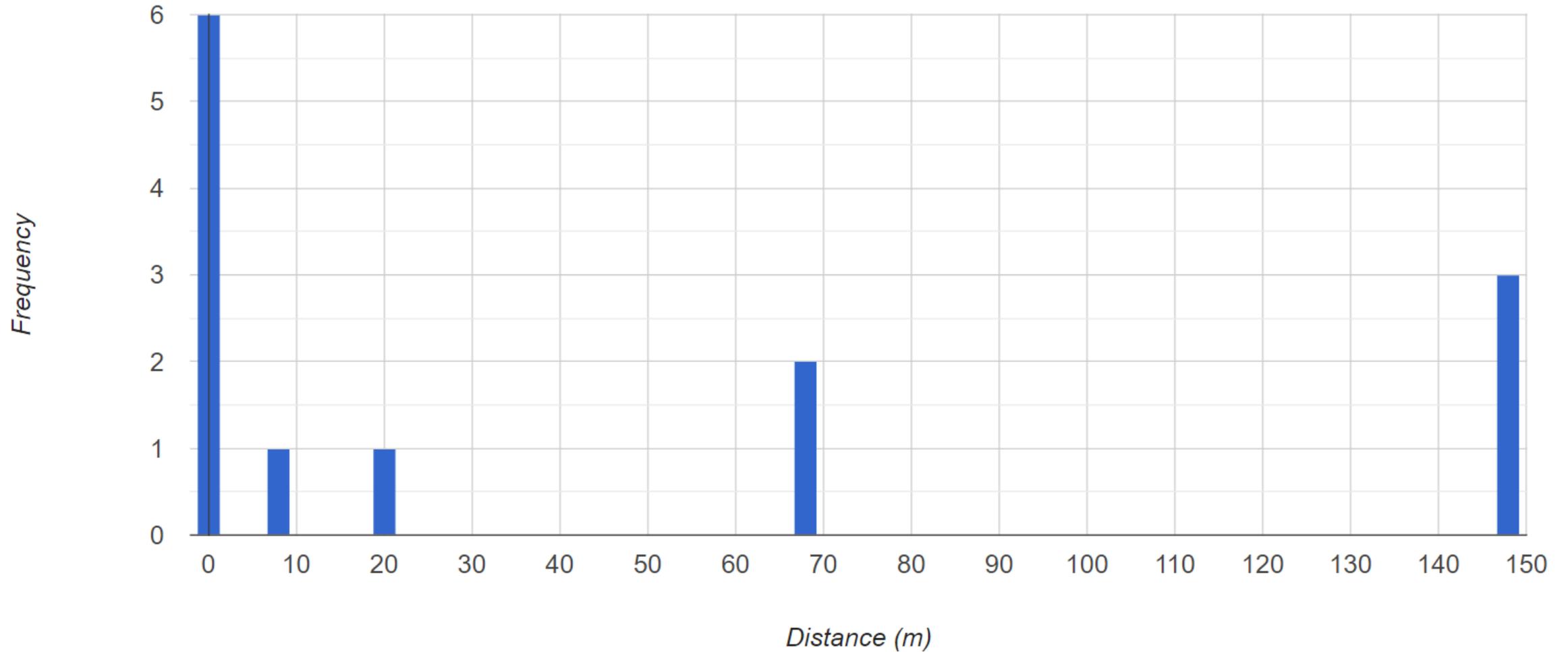
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Percentage of Overlap
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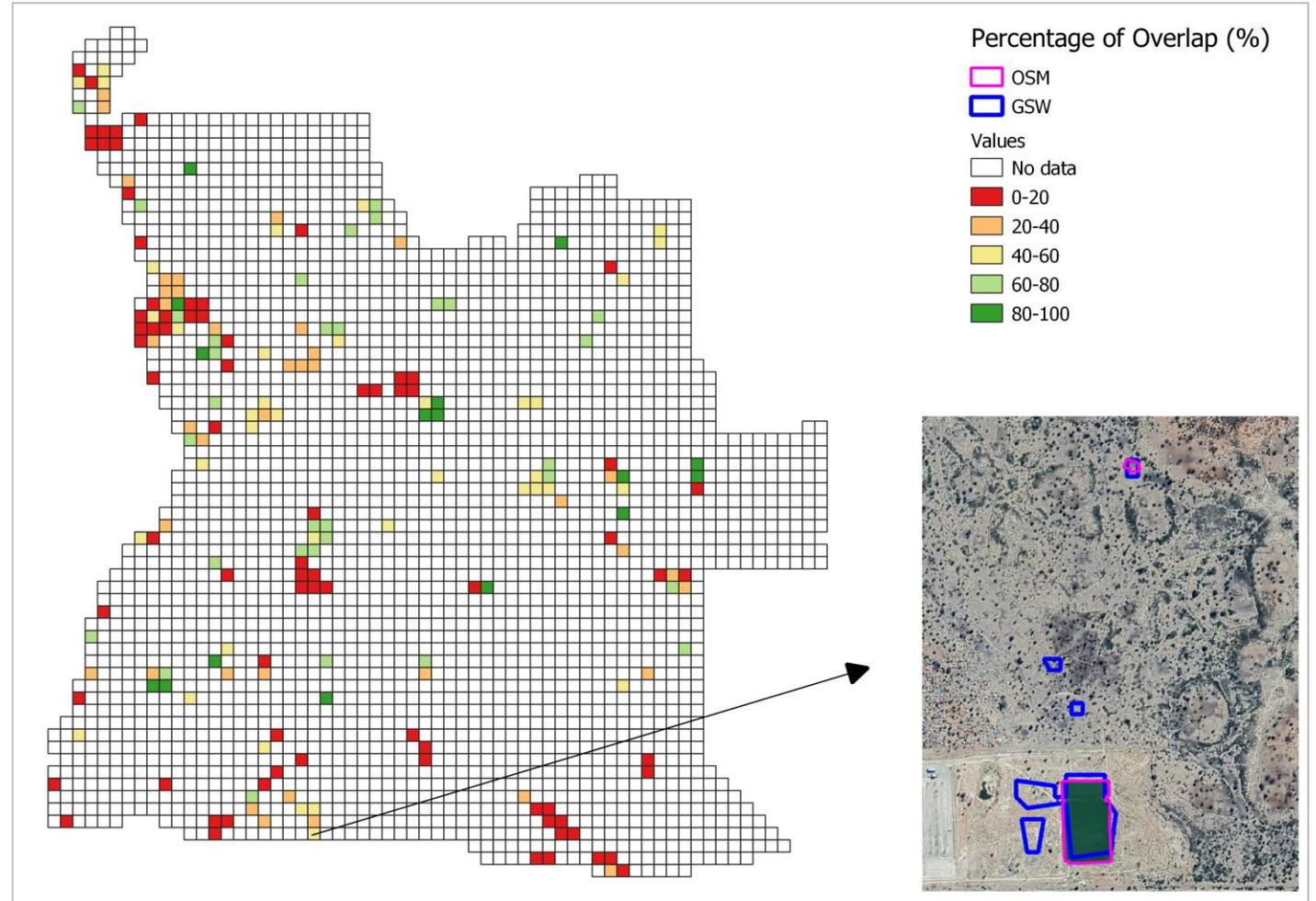
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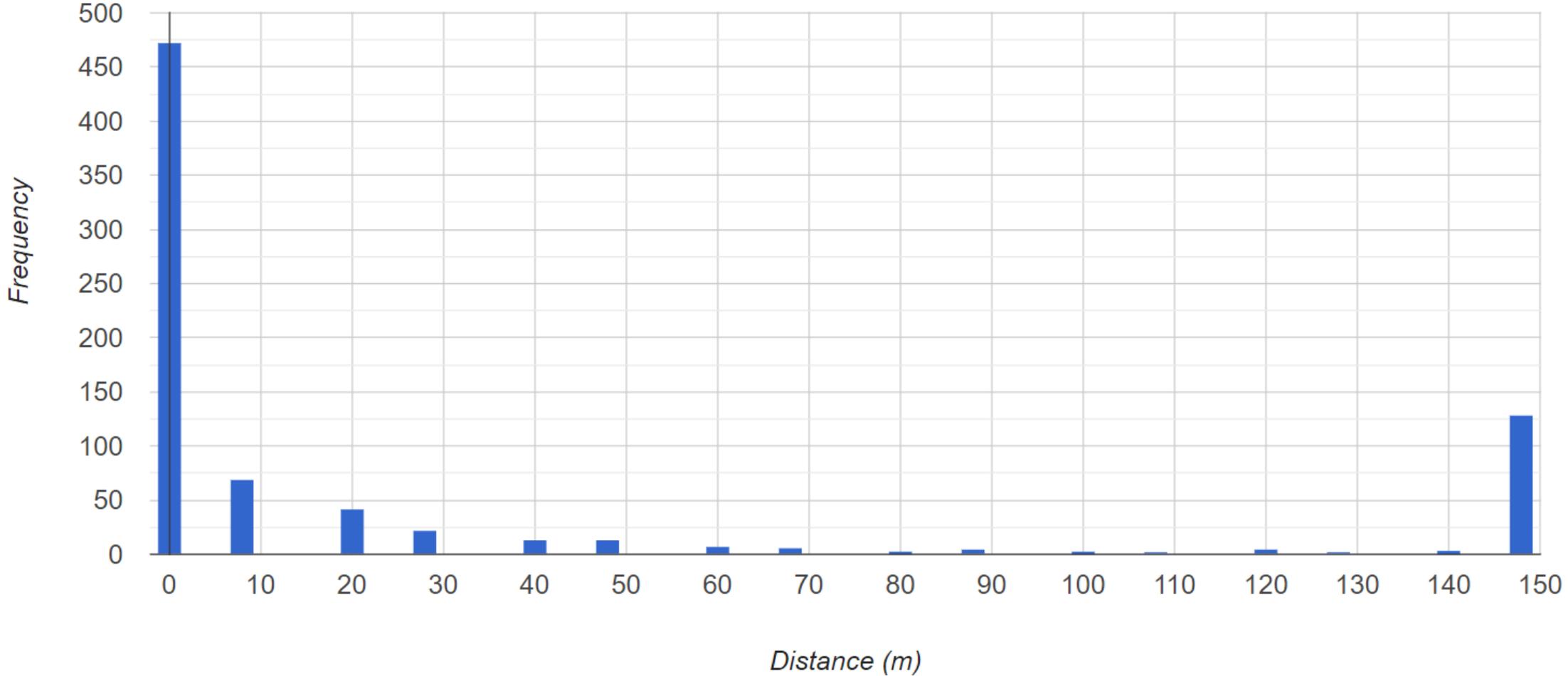
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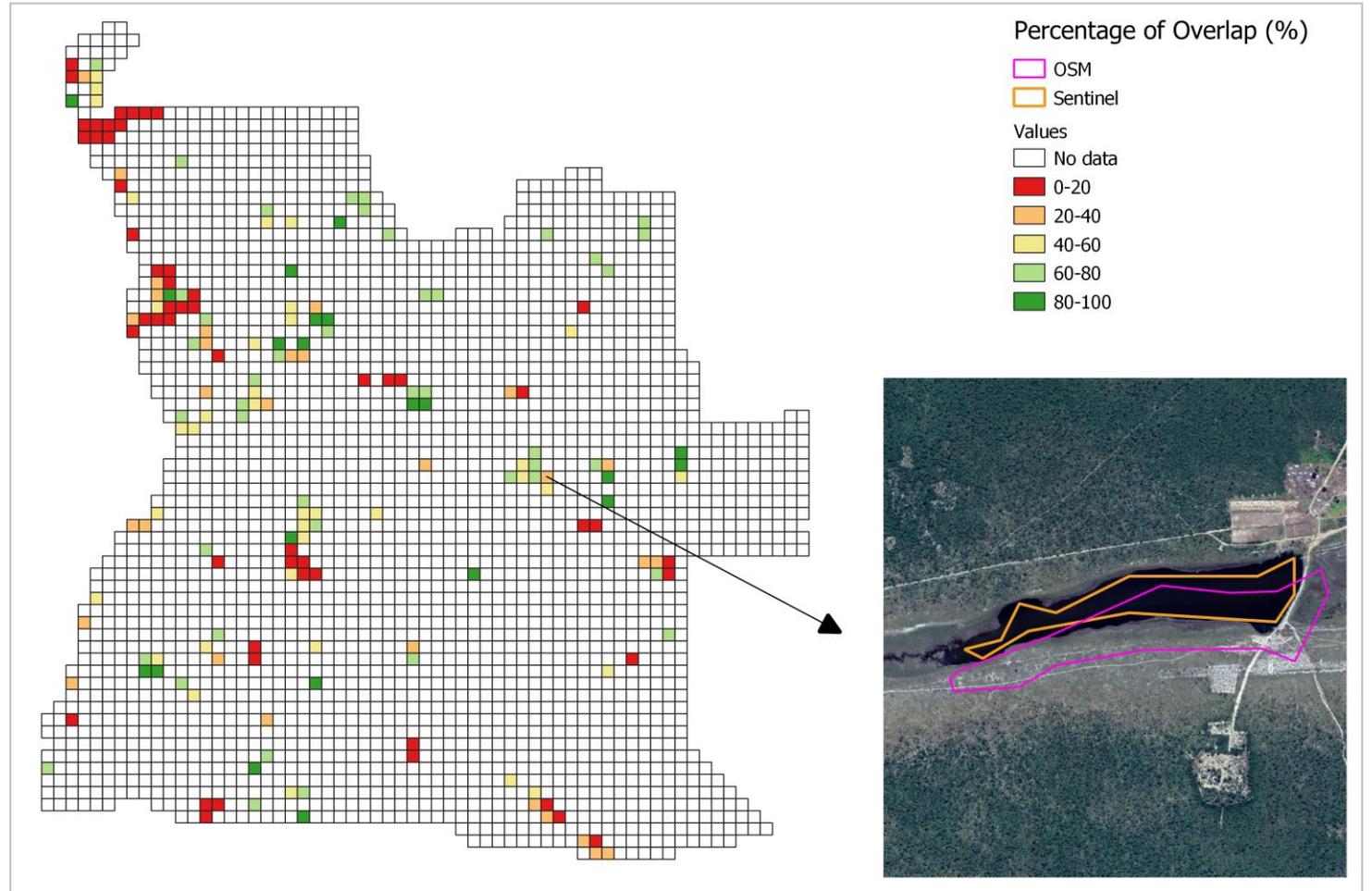
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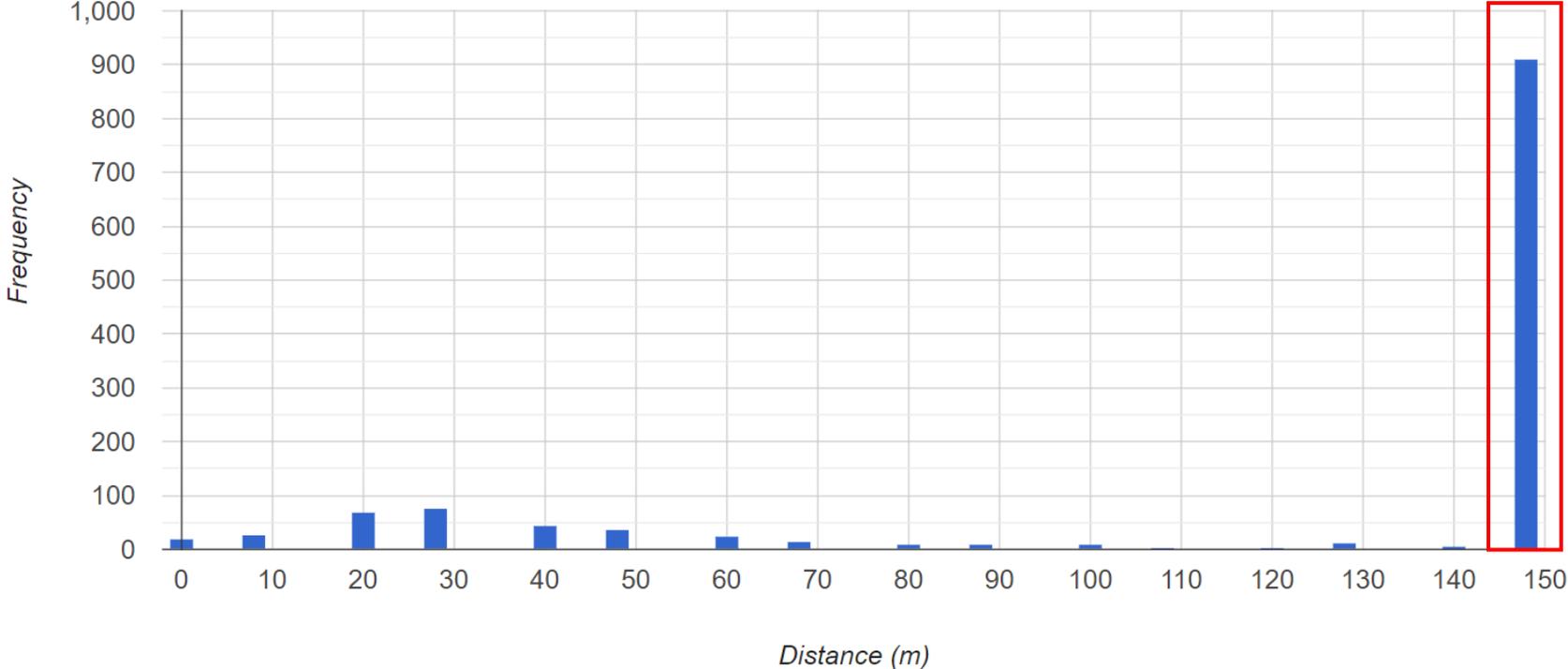
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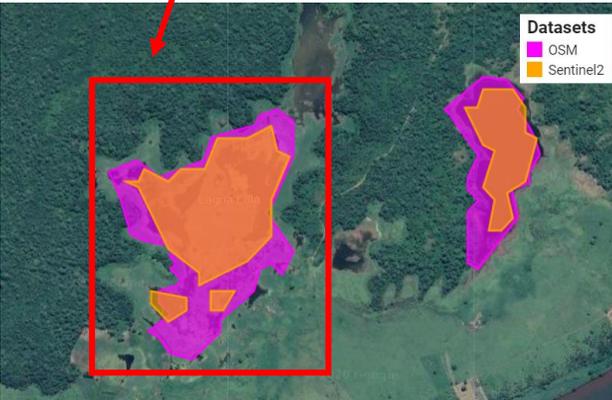
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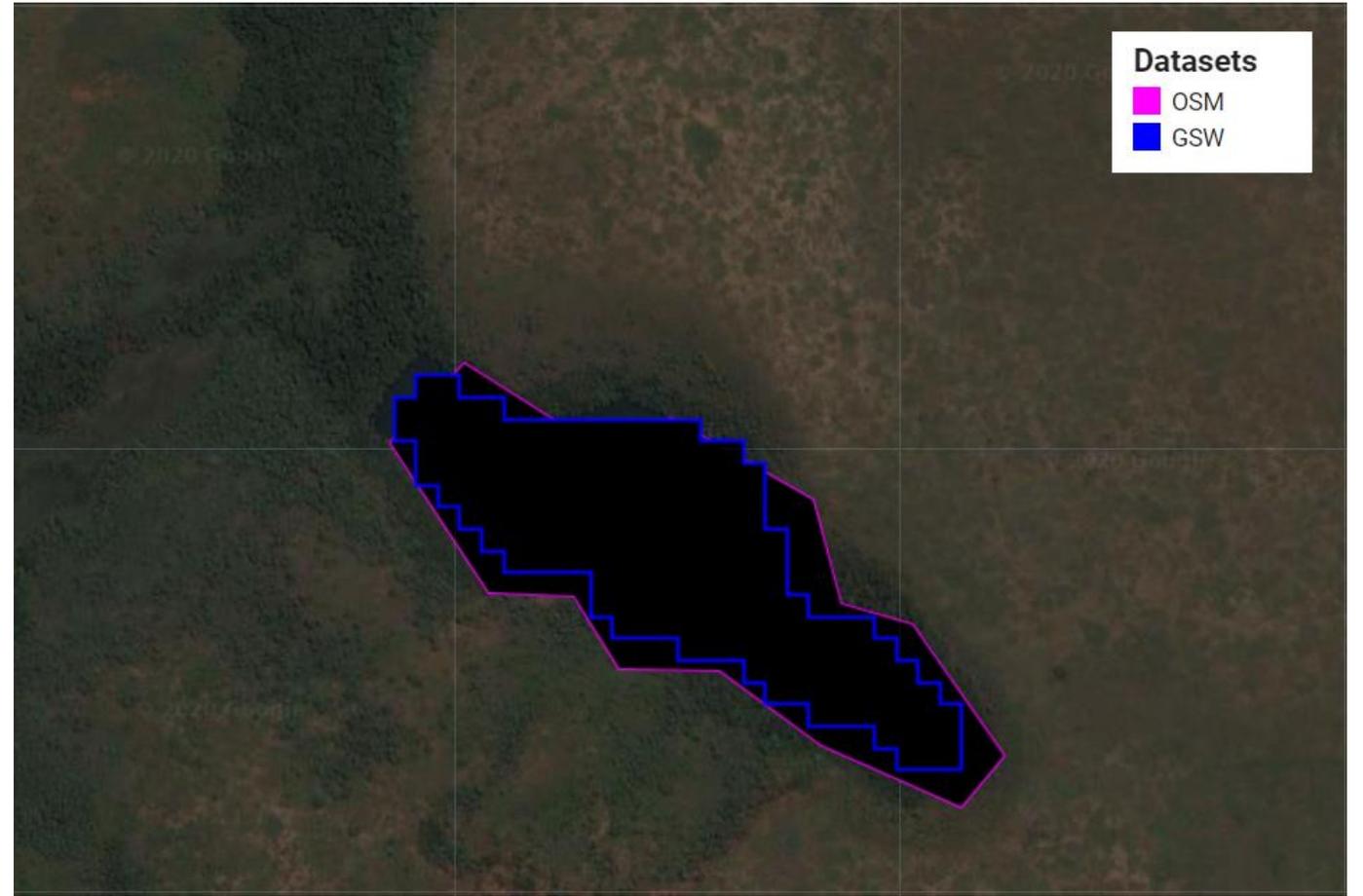
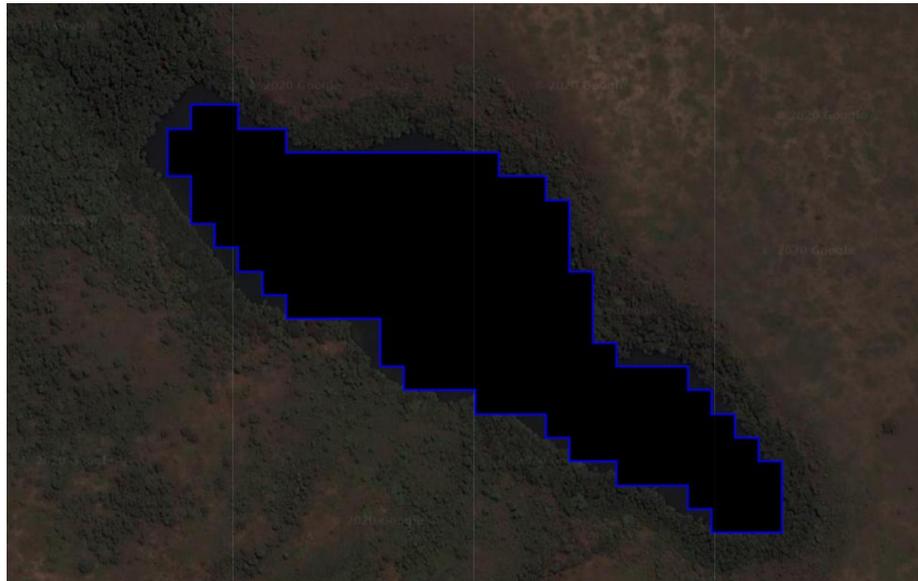


Clusters of Sentinel 2 water polygons



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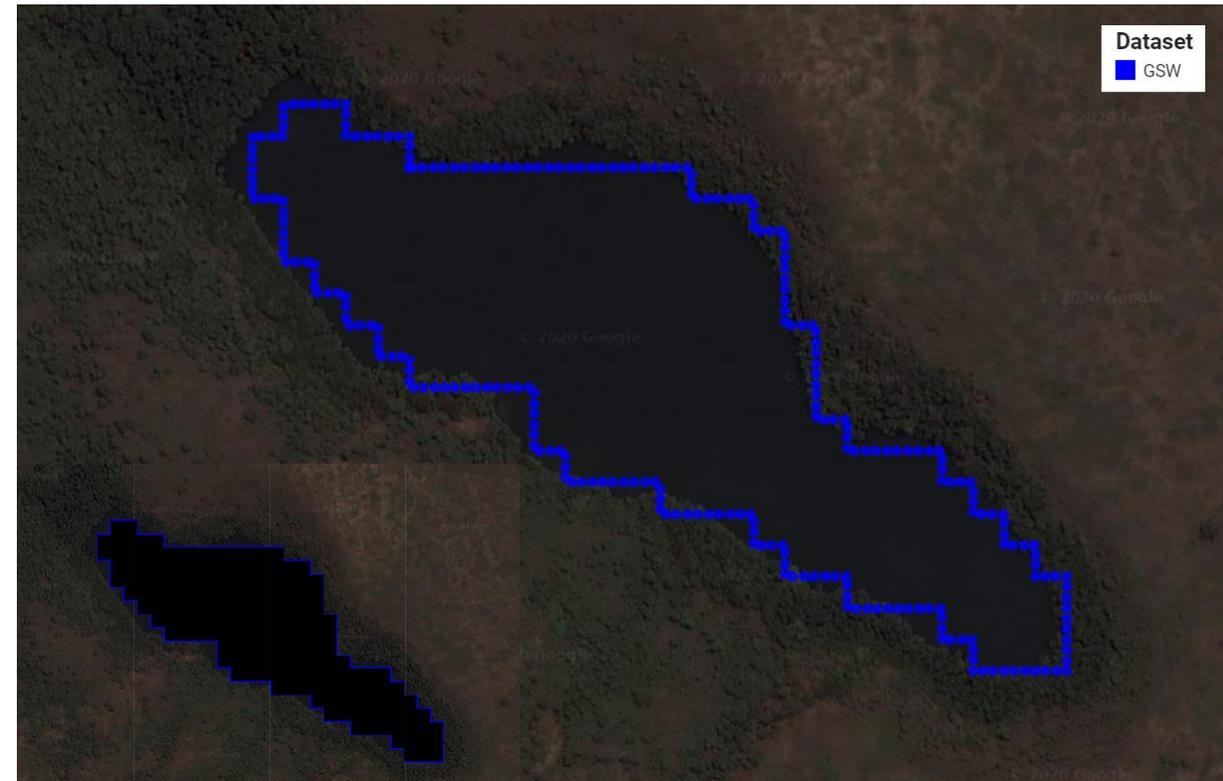
Hausdorff Distance



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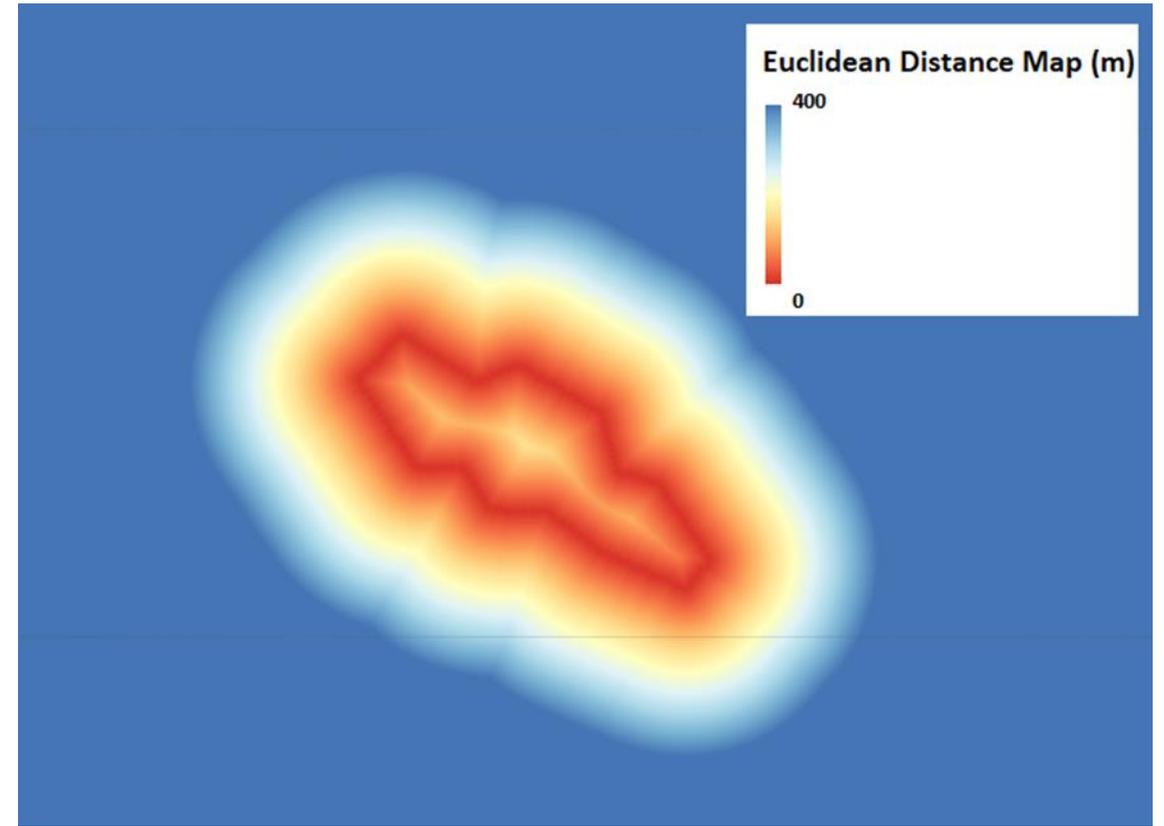
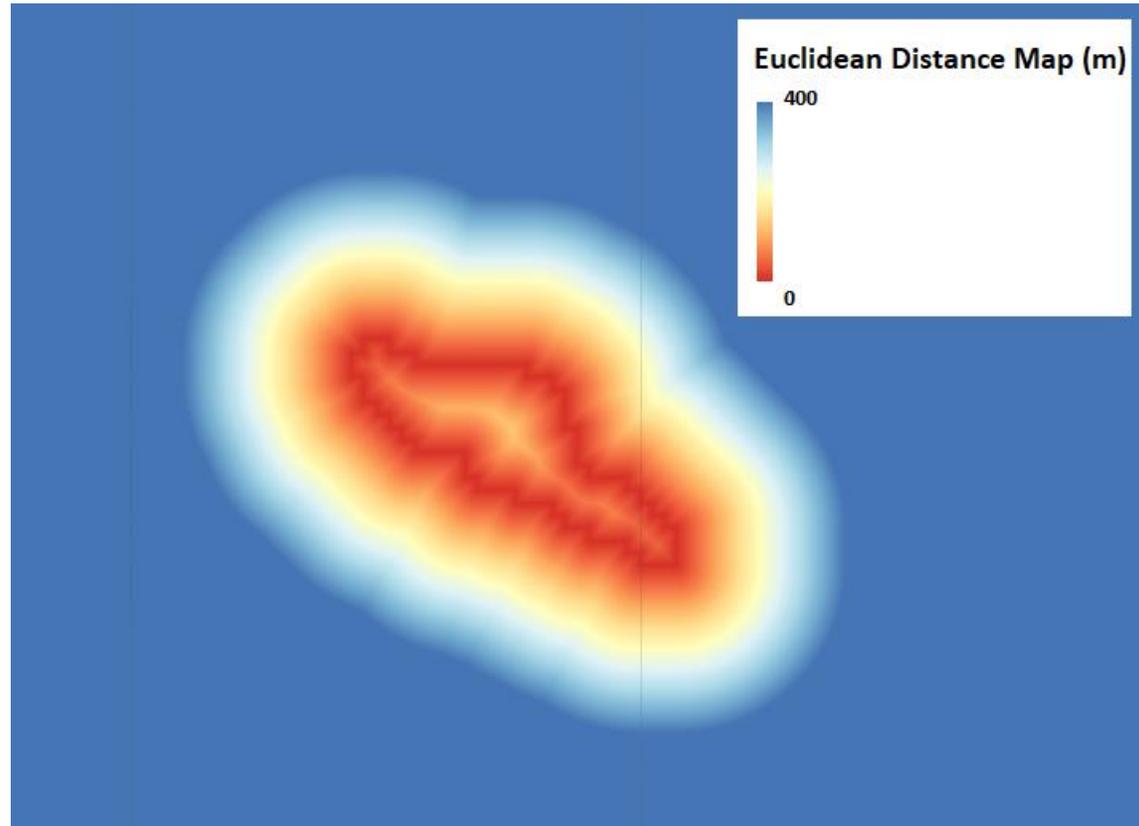
Sampling points on OSM and GSW features



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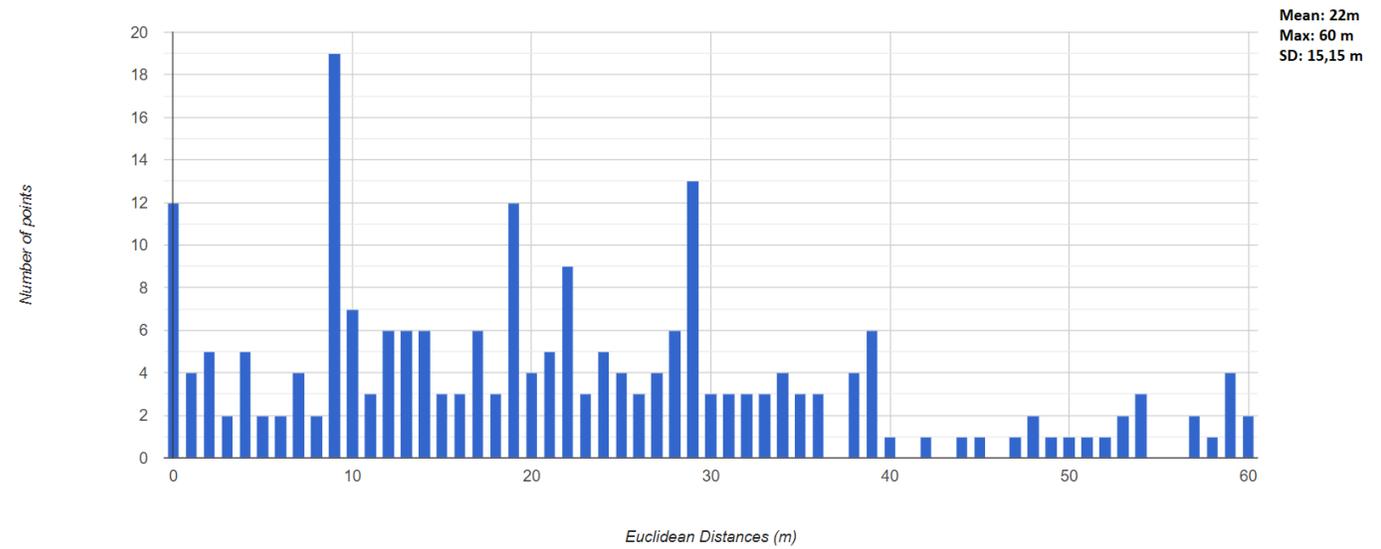
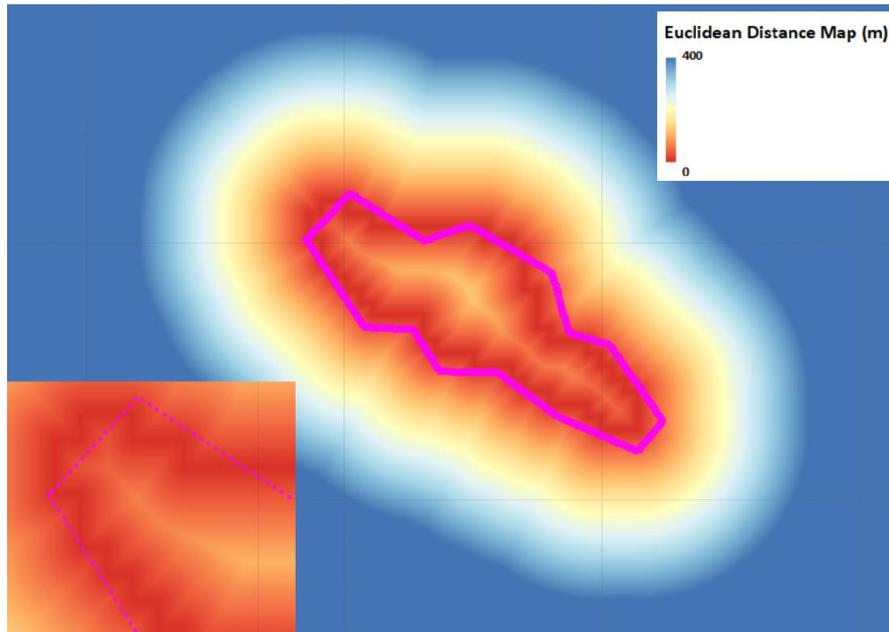
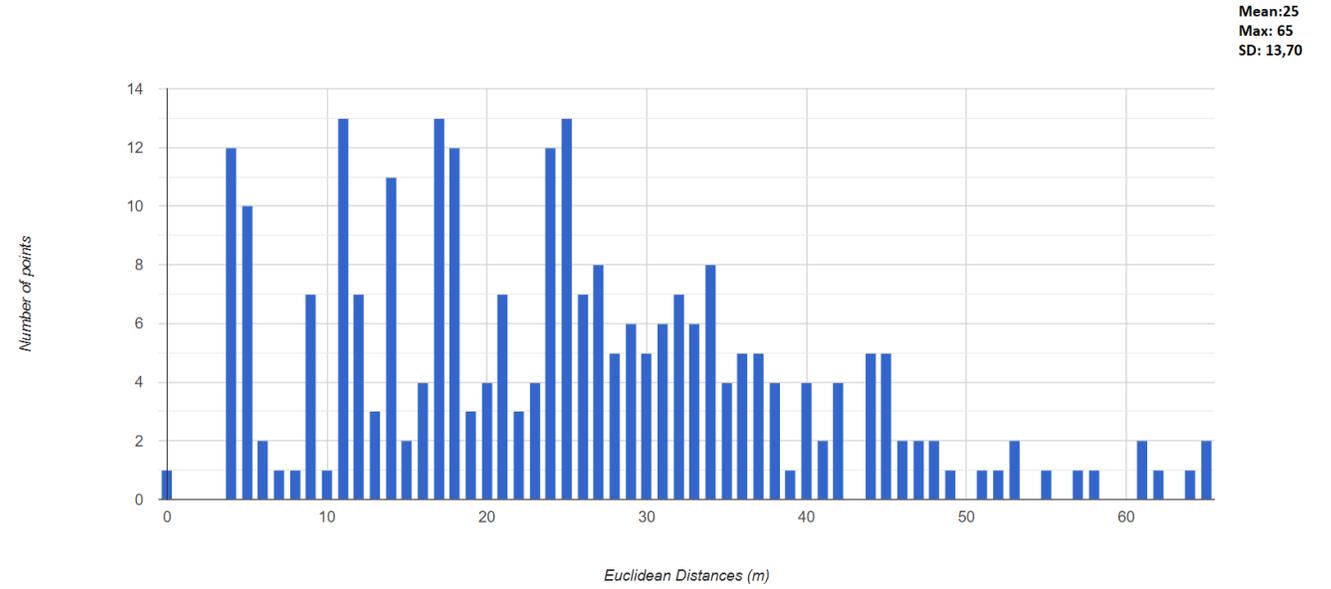
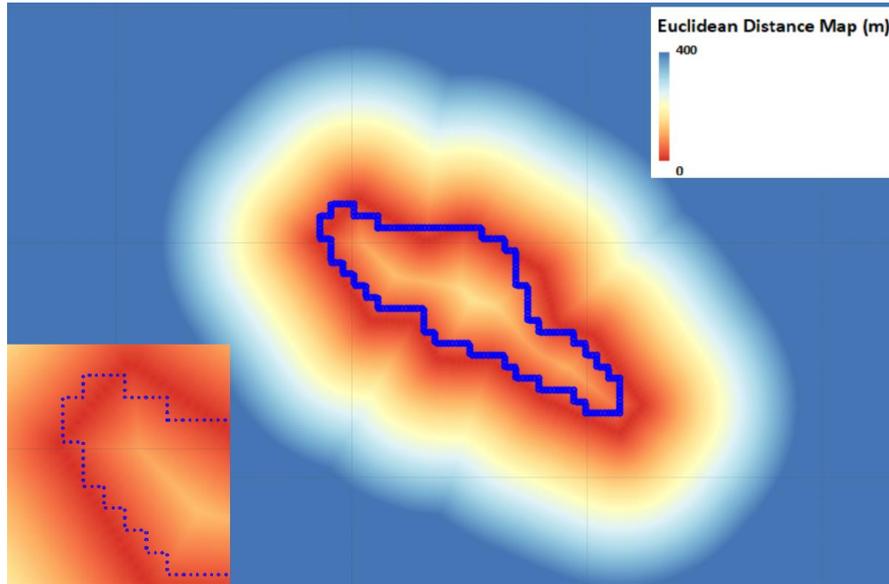
Hausdorff Distance

Euclidean Distance Maps of OSM and GSW features



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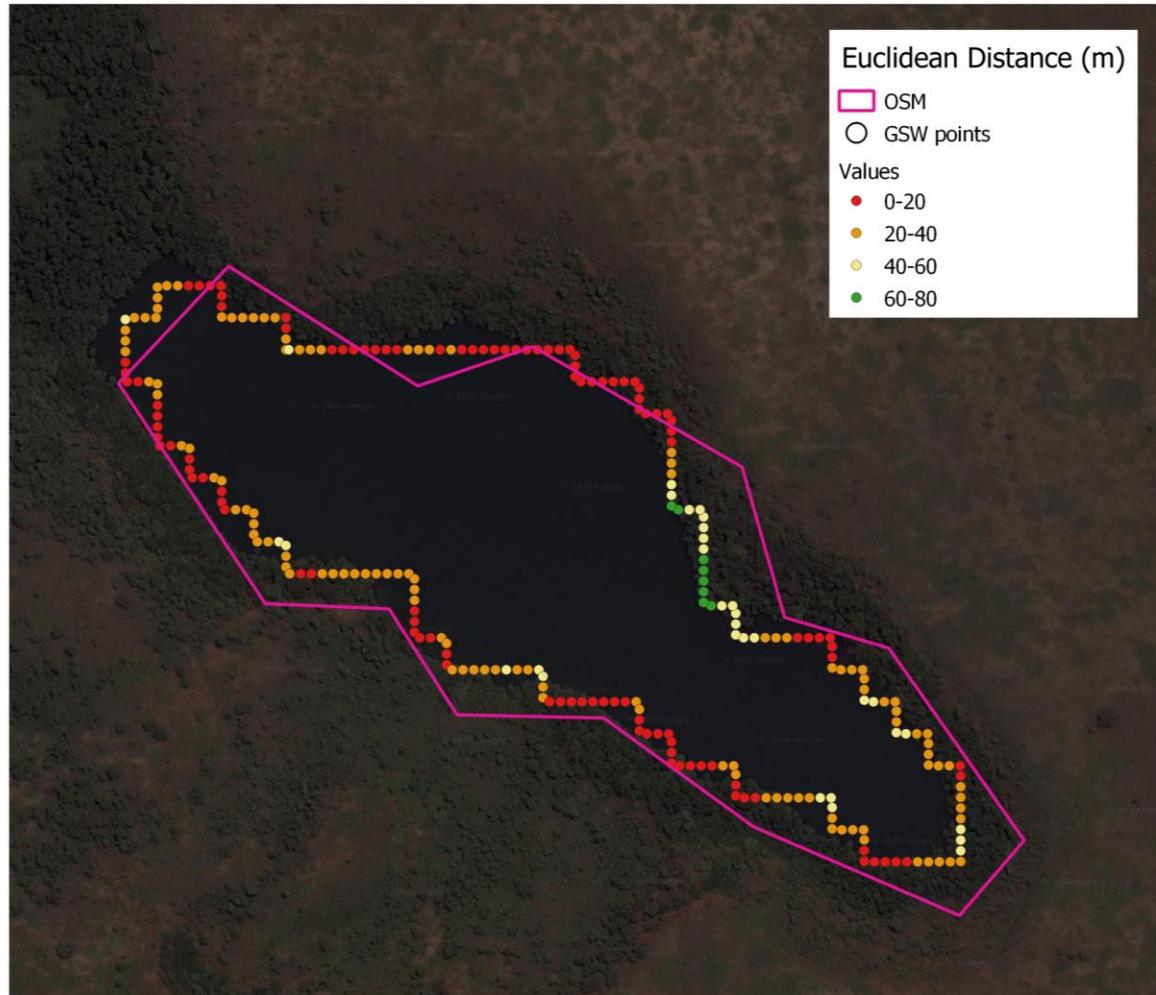
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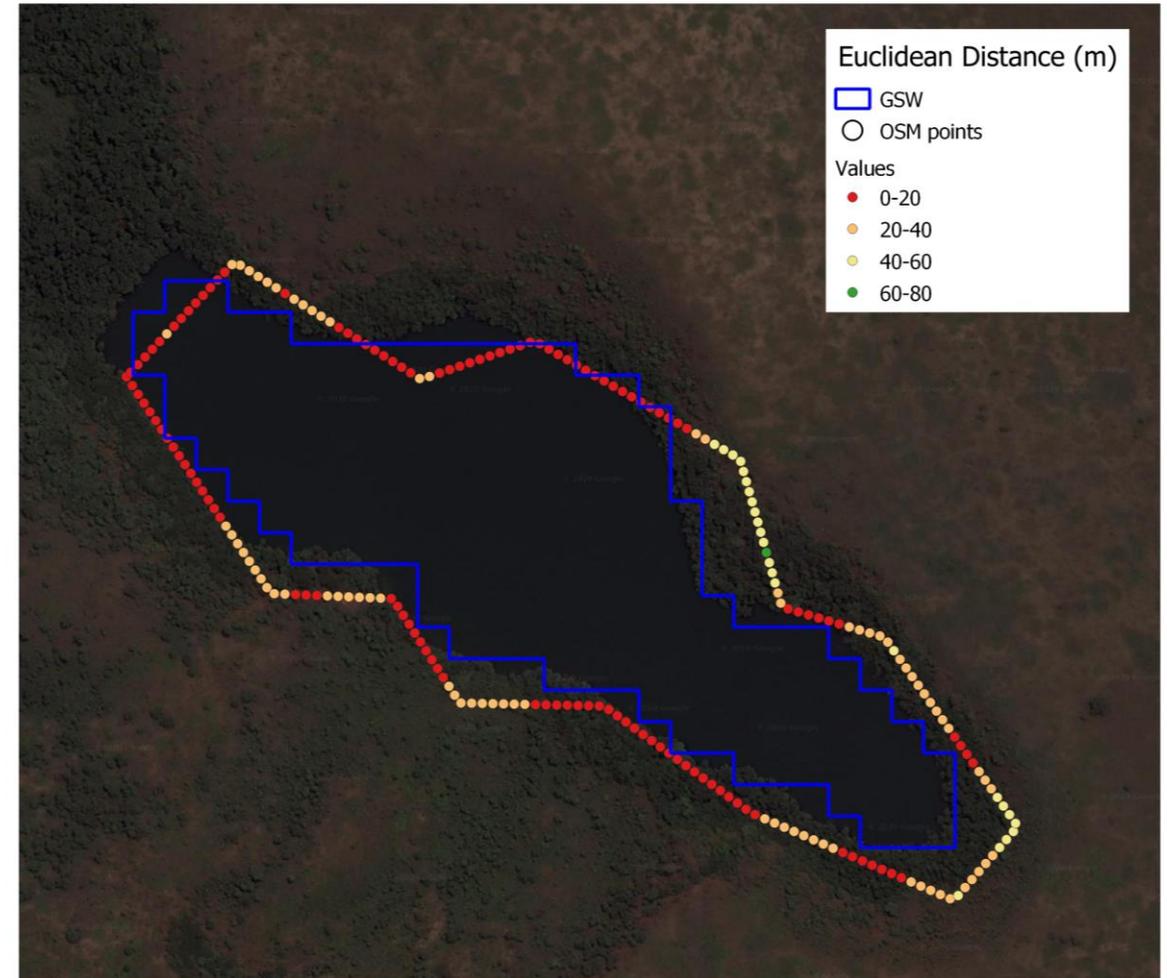
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Euclidean Distances of GSW to OSM

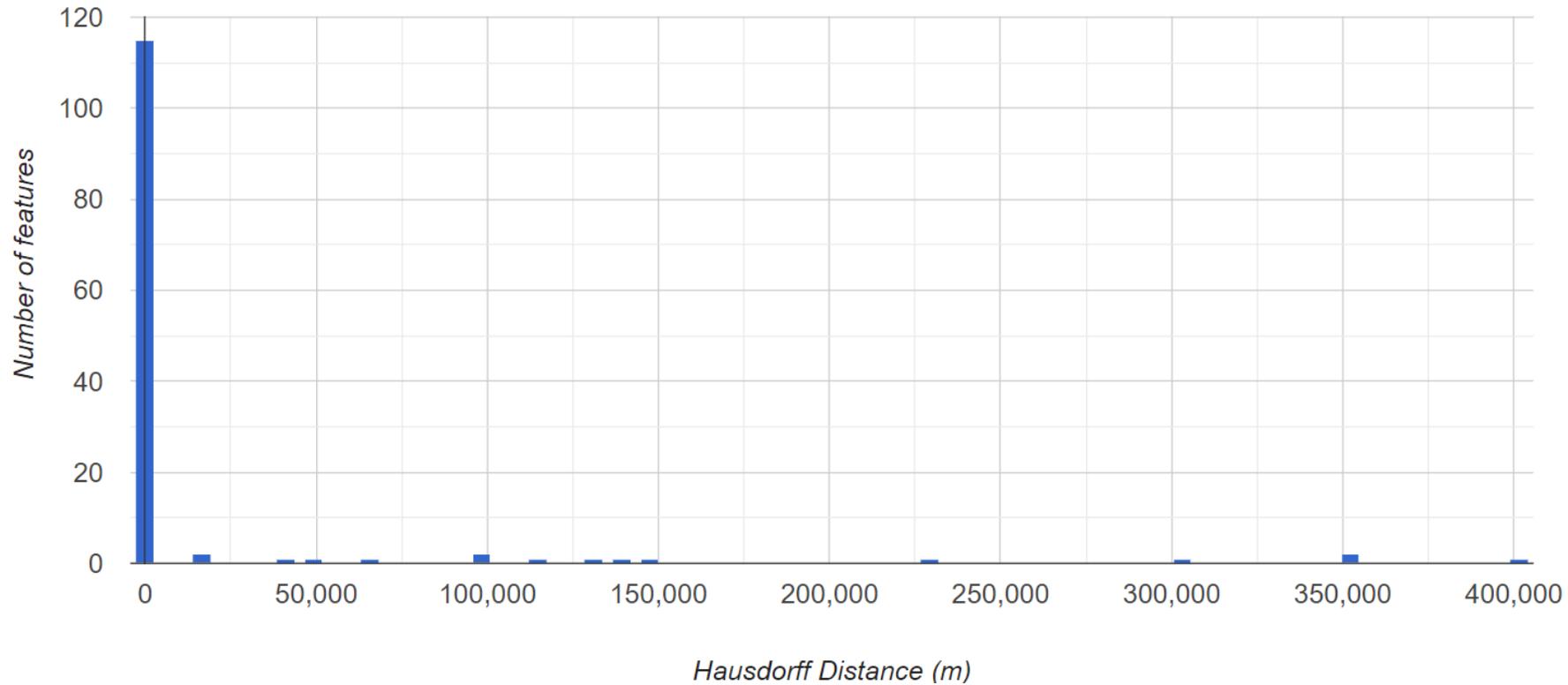


Euclidean Distances of OSM to GSW



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Hausdorff Distance



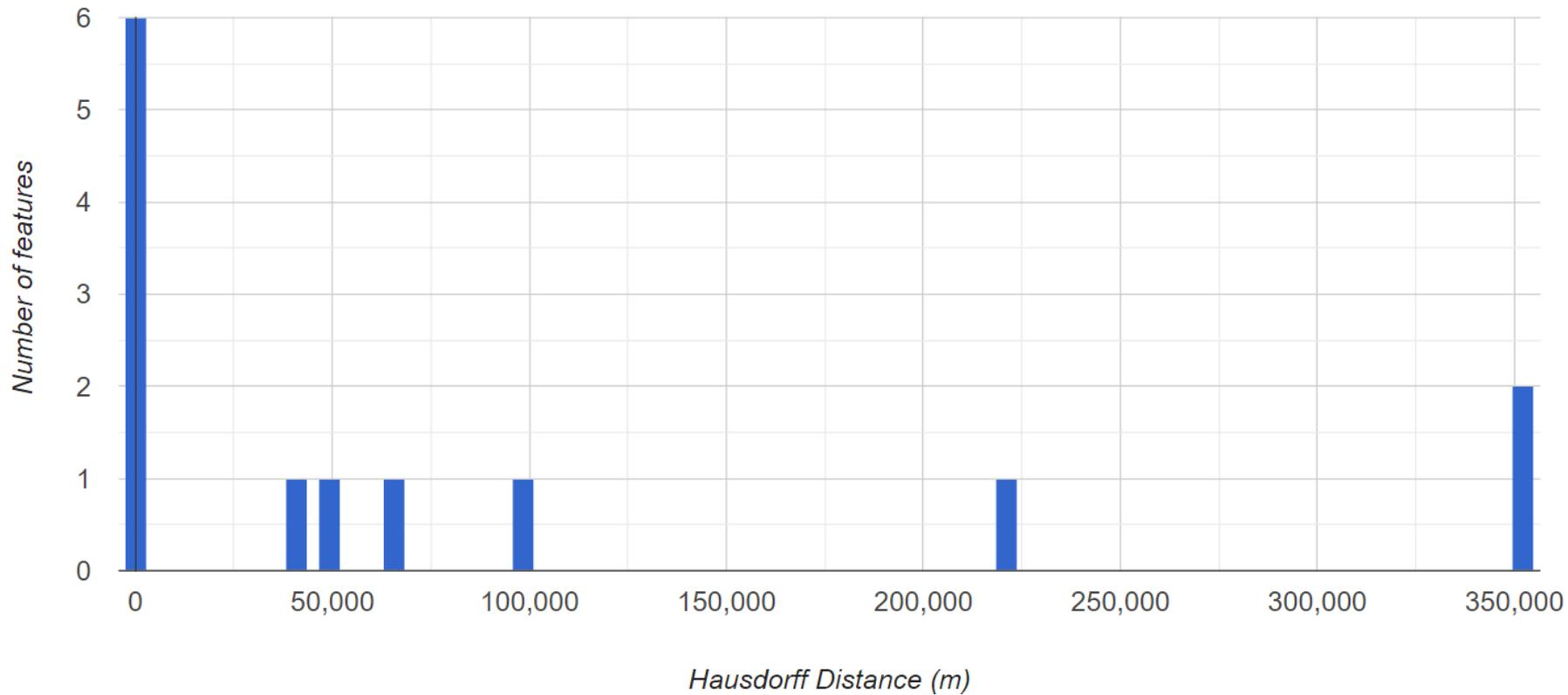
Hausdorff Distance
between OSM and
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Mean: 20017.22 m

Median: 206.19 m

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Hausdorff Distance

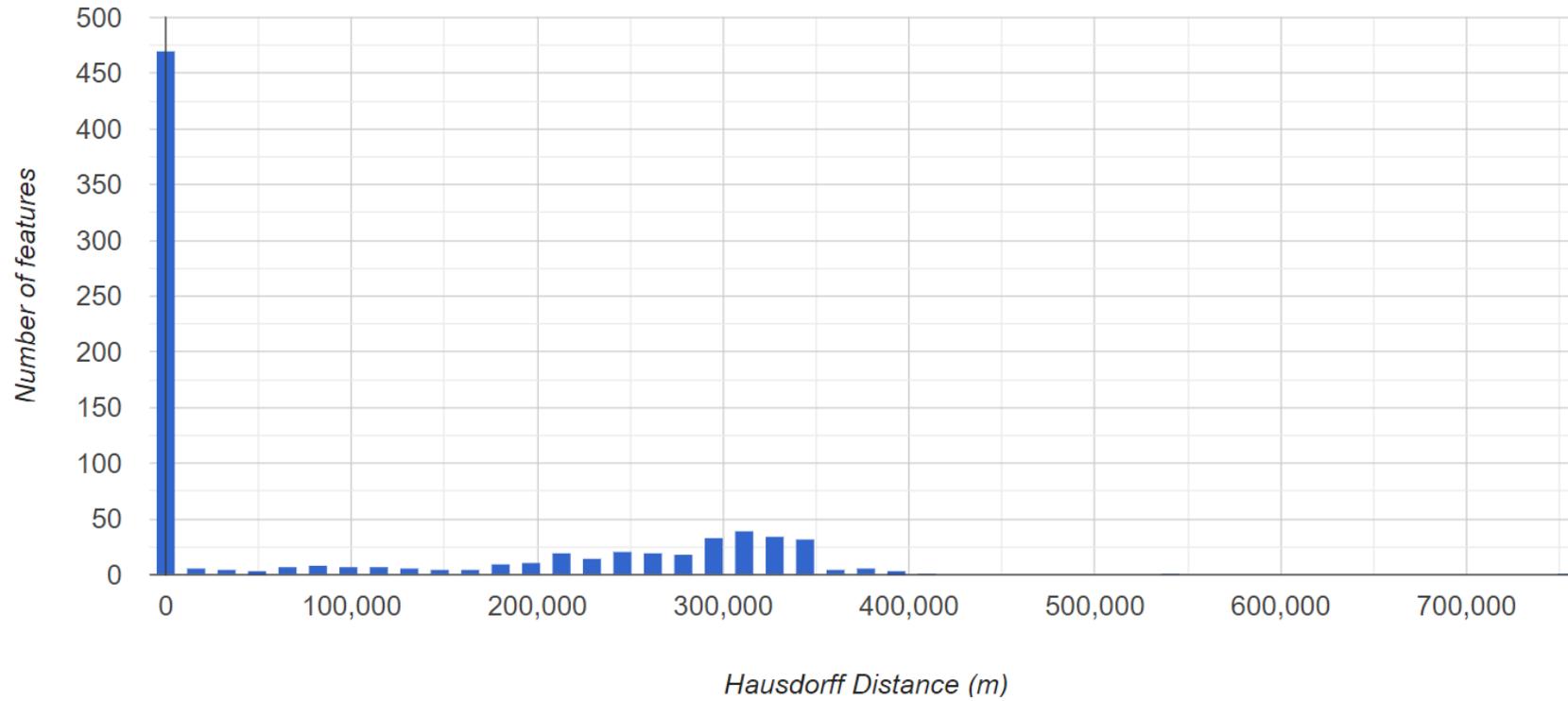


Hausdorff Distance
between OSM and
GRaND:

Mean: 93129.97 m
Median: 41761.69 m

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Hausdorff Distance



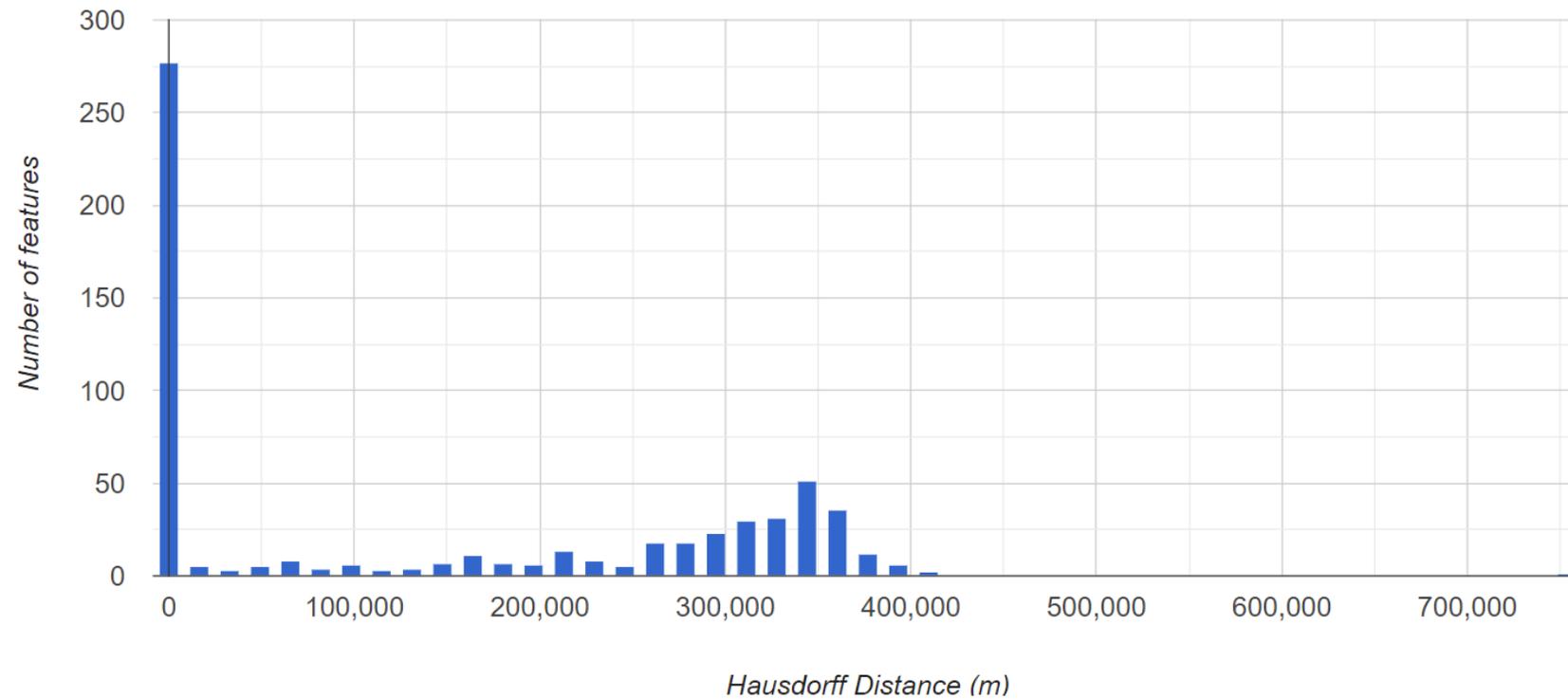
Hausdorff Distance
between OSM and GSW :

Mean: 109133.59 m

Median: 236.07 m

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Hausdorff Distance



Hausdorff Distance between
OSM and subset of Sentinel
2 :

Mean: 152535.25 m

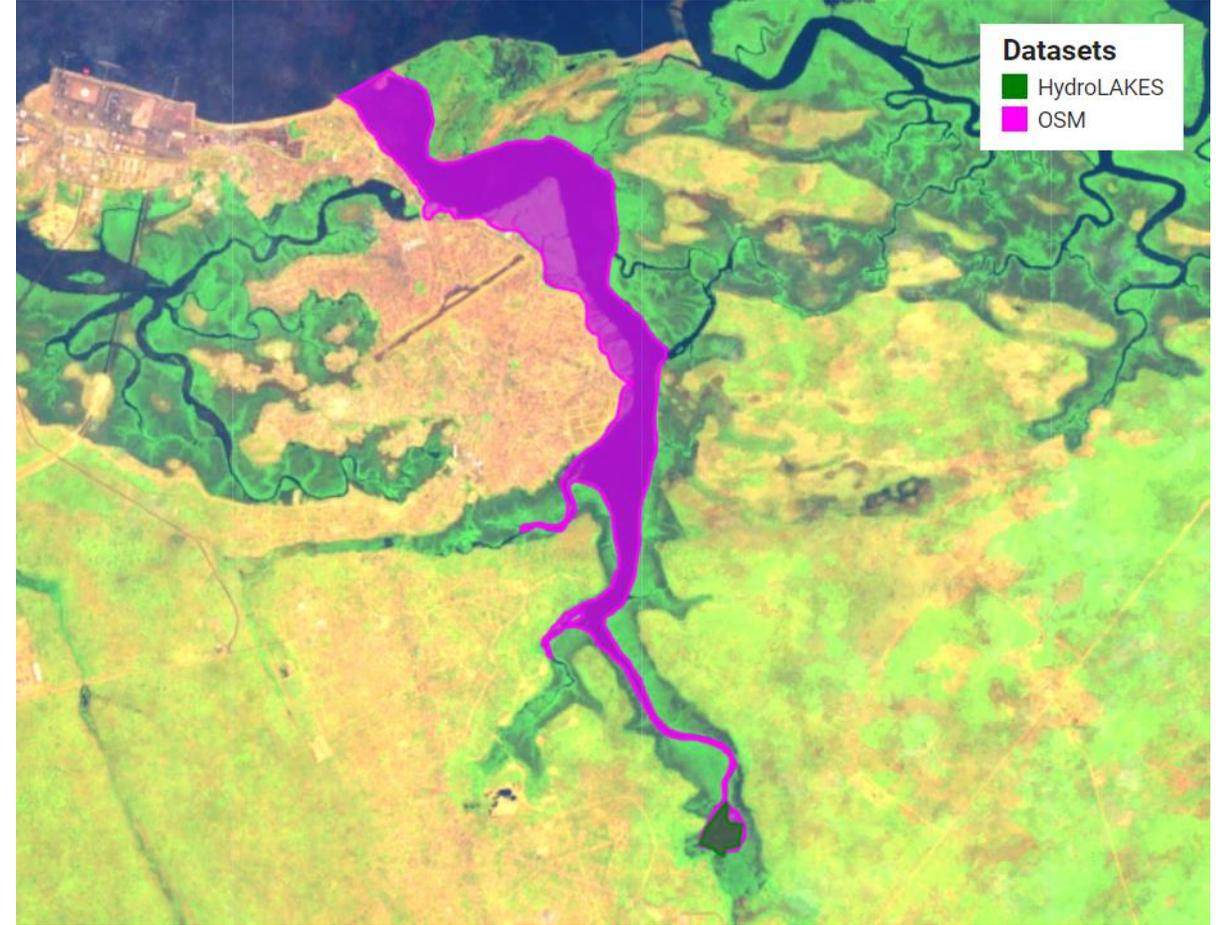
Median: 92301.64 m

Outline

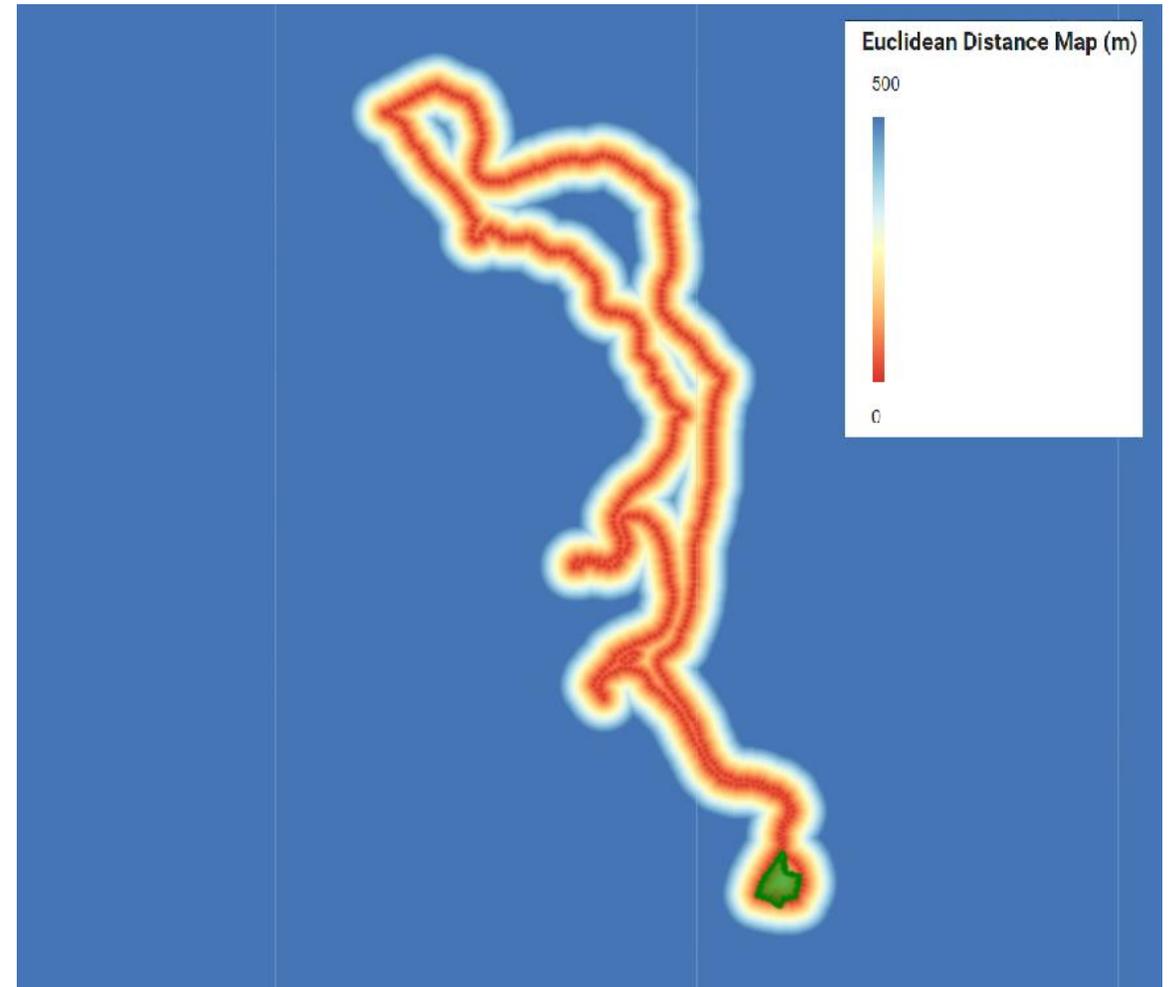
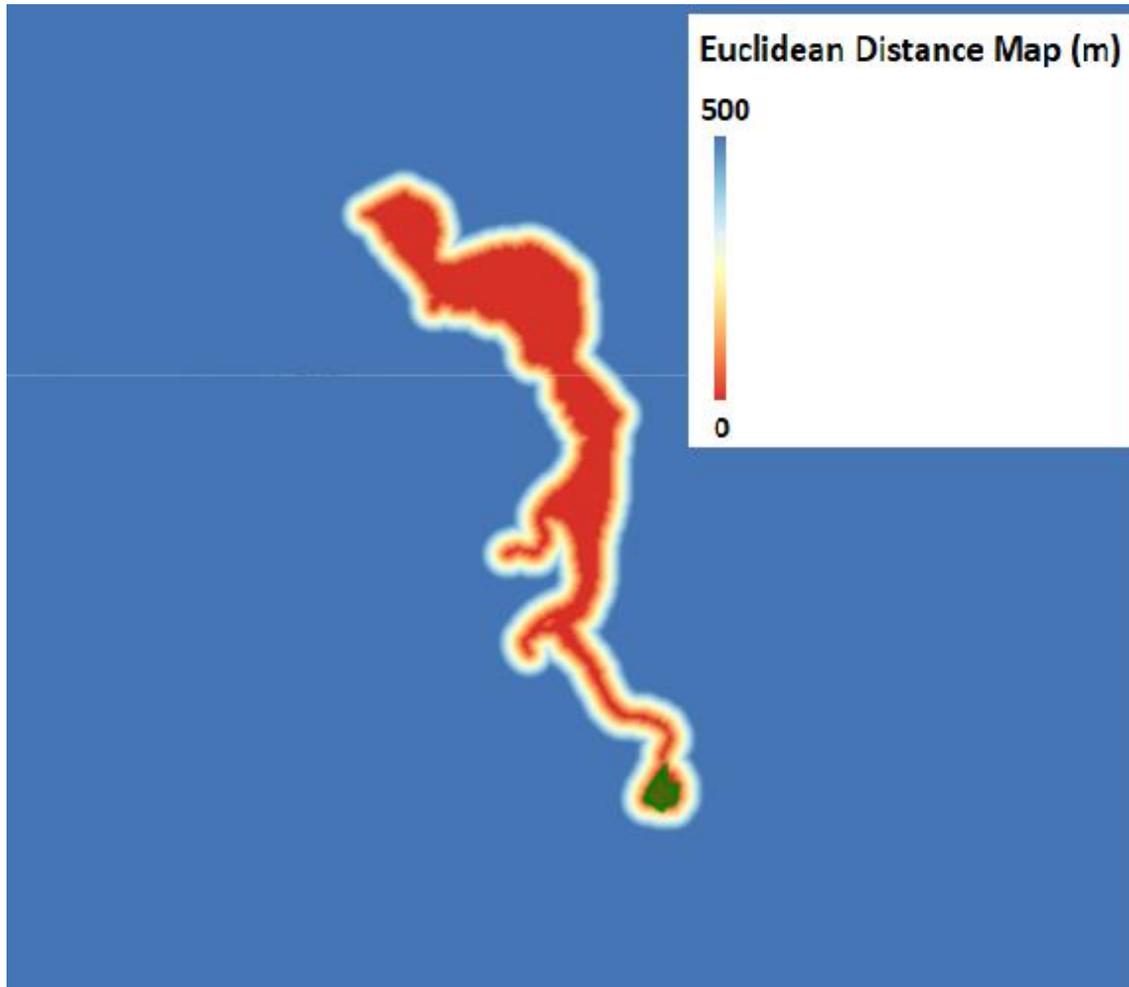
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Sensitivity Analysis

Experiments



EDM of OSM feature without (left) and with (right) point sampling



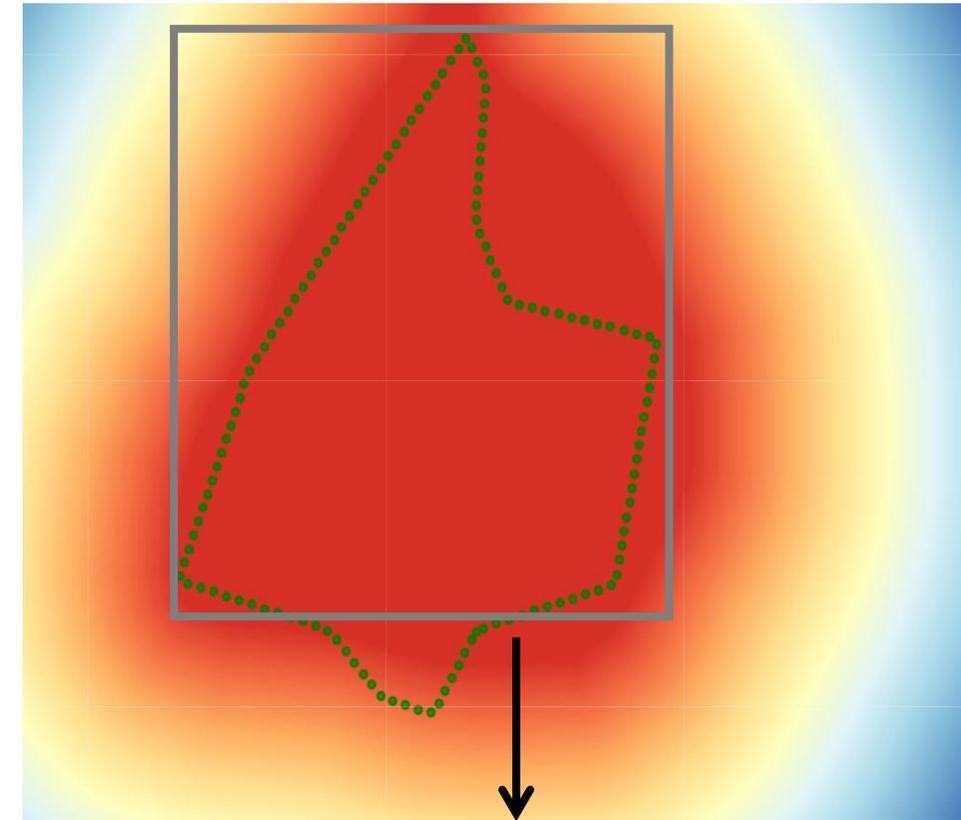
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Euclidean Distances from HydroLAKES to OSM feature

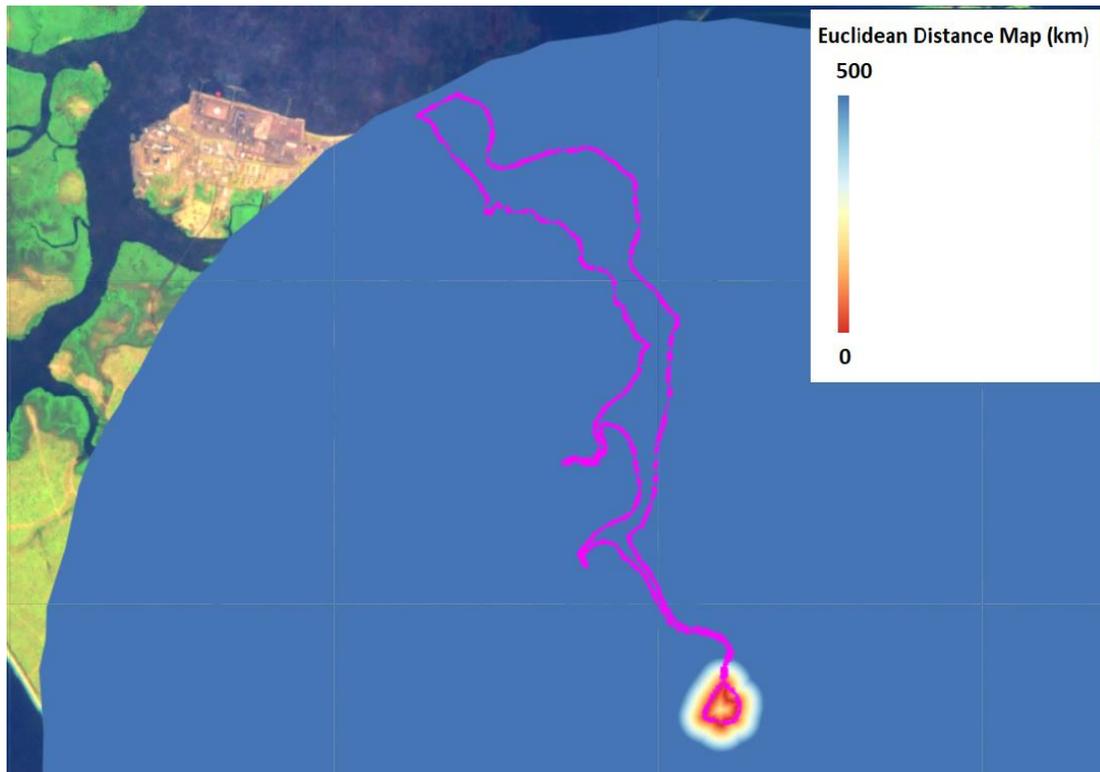
| | Euclidean Distance (m) | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Statistical Unit | Without Sampling | With Sampling |
| Max | 50.67 | 152.64 |
| Mean | 3.57 | 47.04 |
| Median | 0 | 39.80 |
| Mode | 0 | 43.65 |
| Standard Deviation | 11.55 | 31.80 |

Without sampling, all HydroLAKES points inside of the OSM red zone appear as zero distance!!



Points with falsely estimated zero distance values

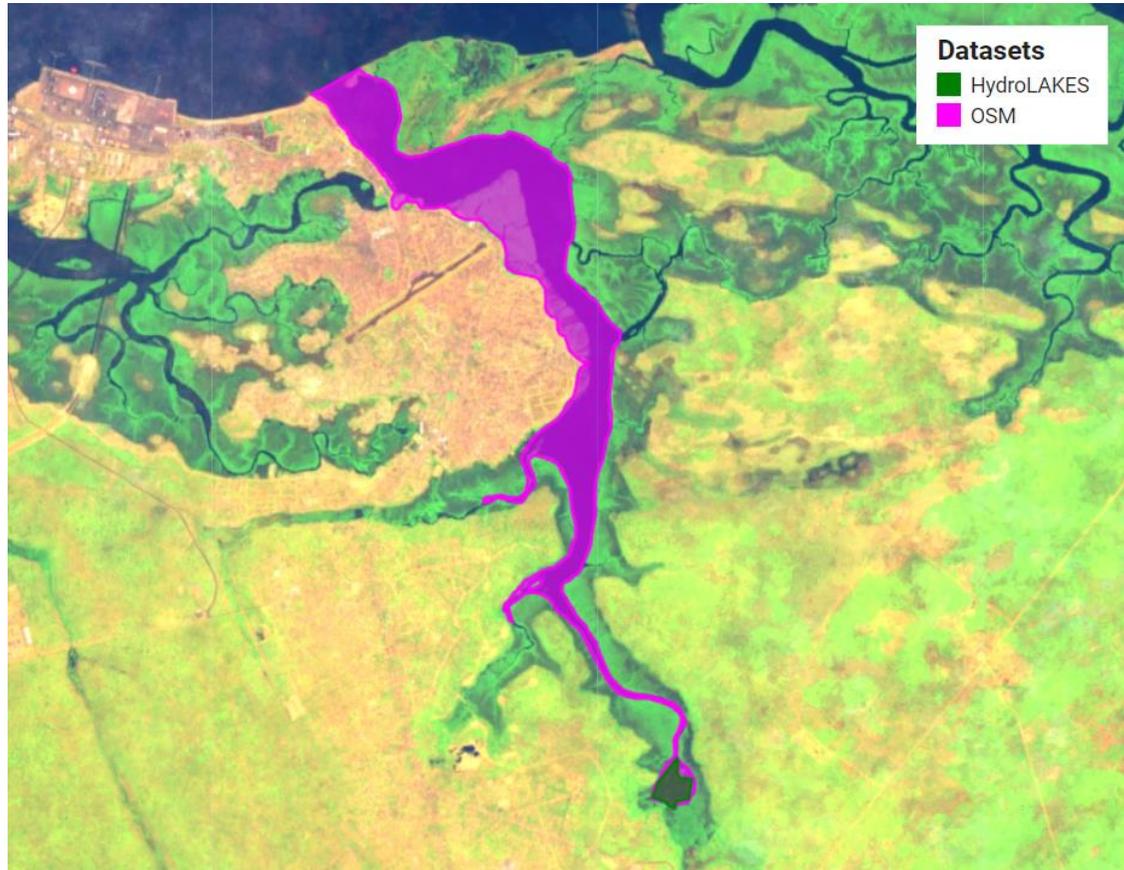
Euclidean Distances from OSM to HydroLAKES feature



| Statistical Tool | Euclidean Distance (km) |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
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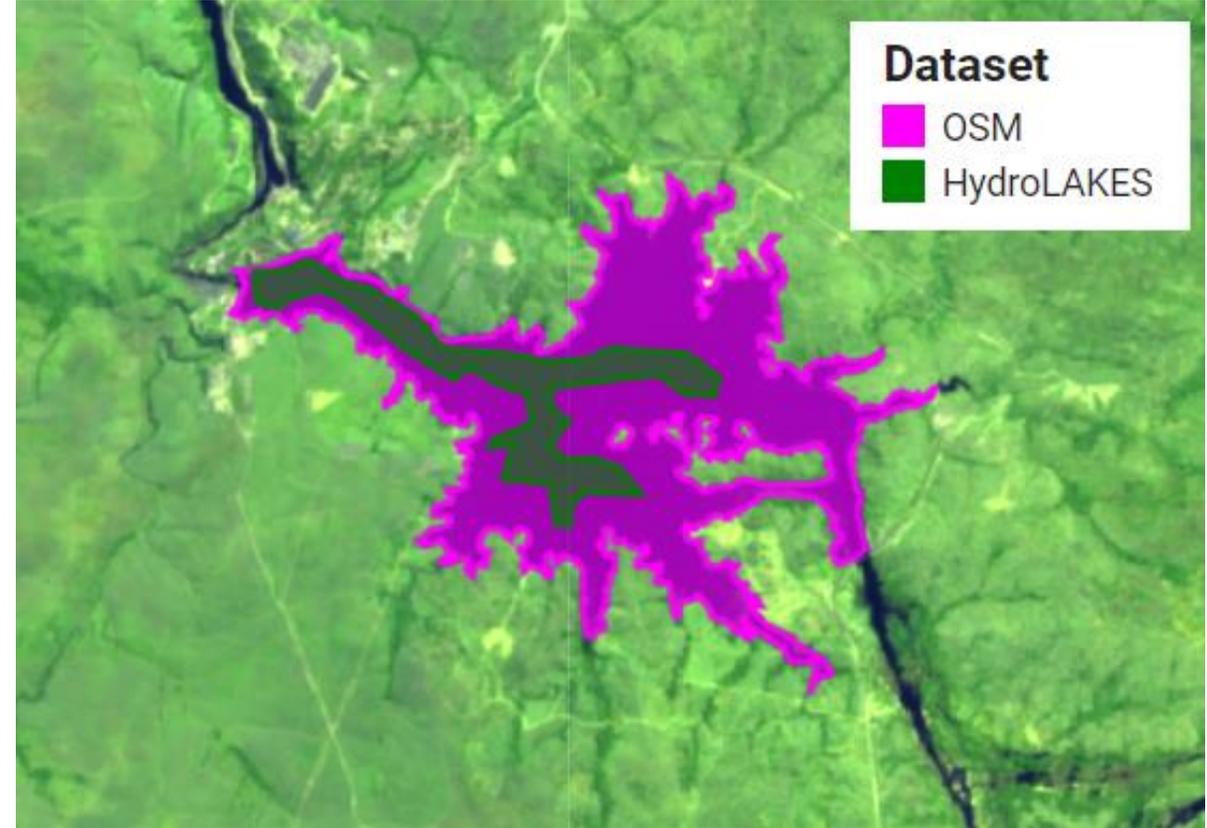
Without Point Sampling:
Hausdorff Distance = 360.06 km

With Point Sampling:
Hausdorff Distance = 360.02 km

Difference : 40 m

Sensitivity Analysis

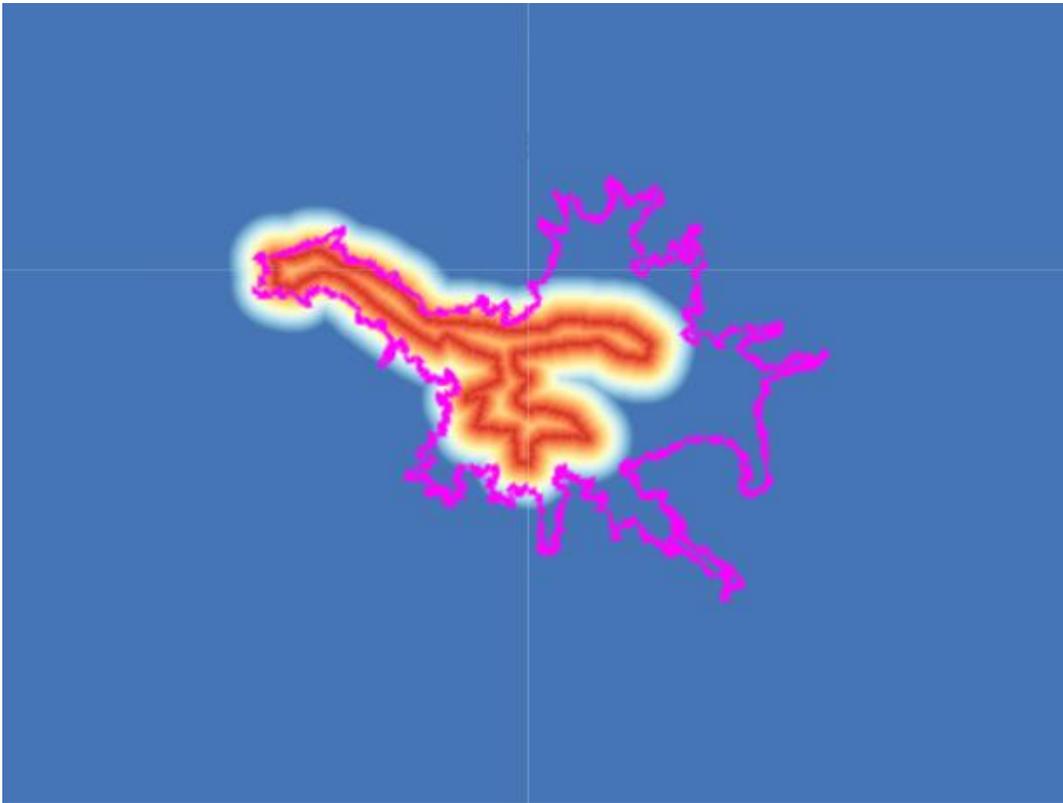
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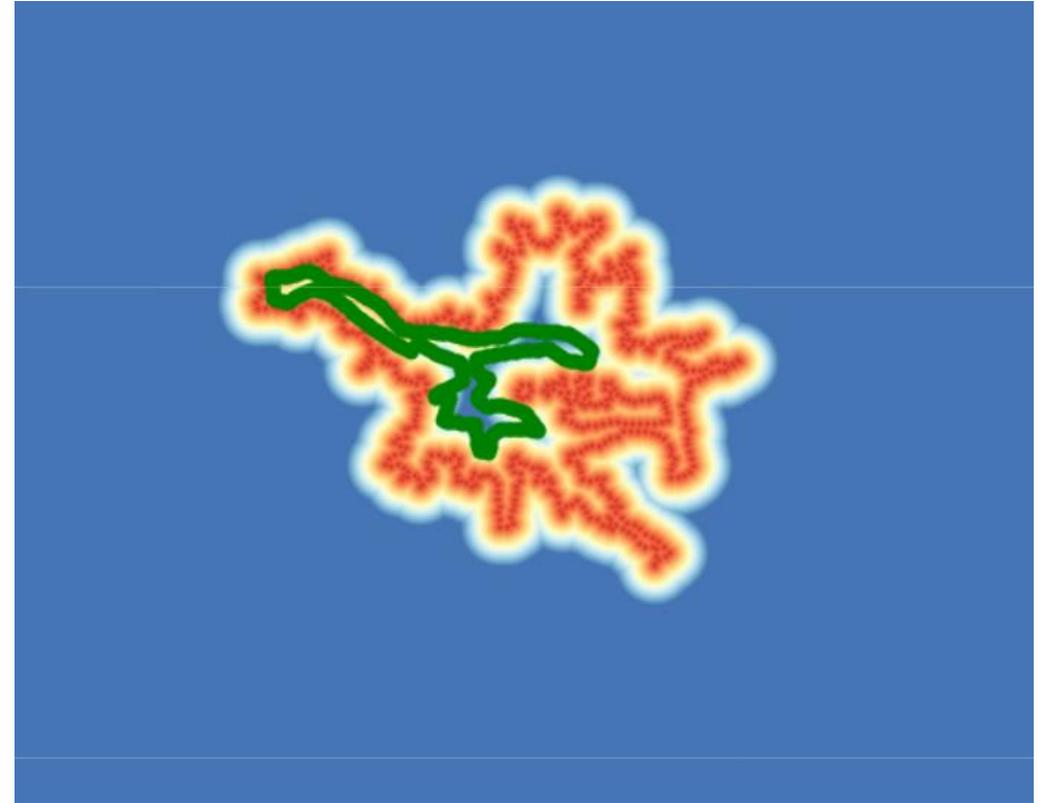
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Euclidean Distances from
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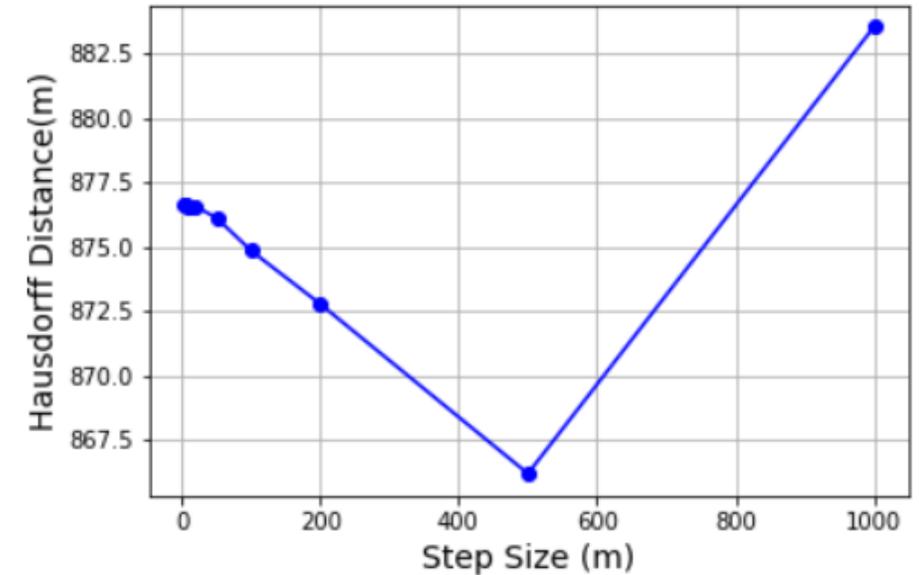
Euclidean Distances between OSM and HydroLAKES feature for various step sizes

| | Euclidean Distances (m) | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Step Sizes (m) | Mean ED (OSM to HydroLAKES) | Mean ED (HydroLAKES to OSM) |
| 3 | 663.95 | 212.72 |
| 5 | 663.94 | 212.69 |
| 8 | 663.86 | 212.68 |
| 10 | 663.88 | 212.65 |
| 20 | 663.90 | 212.65 |
| 50 | 663.73 | 212.38 |
| 100 | 663.17 | 211.67 |
| 200 | 661.30 | 211.47 |
| 500 | 655.64 | 210.60 |
| 1000 | 657.46 | 226.05 |

Sensitivity Analysis

Experiments

| Step Sizes (m) | Amount of Points | Hausdorff Distance (m) | Relative Difference (%) |
|----------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 | 14.357 | 876.67 | - |
| 5 | 8615 | 876.63 | - 0.004 |
| 8 | 5385 | 876.54 | - 0.010 |
| 10 | 4308 | 876.53 | - 0.001 |
| 20 | 2154 | 876.55 | + 0.002 |
| 50 | 862 | 876.11 | - 0.050 |
| 100 | 432 | 874.84 | + 0.145 |
| 200 | 217 | 872.77 | - 0.237 |
| 500 | 88 | 866.20 | - 0.753 |
| 1000 | 45 | 883.51 | + 1.998 |



Conclusions

Research Question 1:

What are the differences in terms of spatial coverage?

- In terms of common surface water area:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. OSM and HydroLAKES | 24% |
| 2. OSM and GRaND | 22% |
| 3. OSM and GSW | 9% |
| 4. OSM and Sentinel 2 | 19% |

Conclusions

Research Question: 2

What are the differences in terms of positional accuracy?

- *Goodchild's Percentge of overlap: Within 10 m distance from OSM:*
 1. 57% of *HydroLAKES*
 2. 46 % *GRaND*
 3. 15 % *GSW*
 4. 1.7 % *Sentinel 2*
- *Median Hausdorff Distance:*
 1. *OSM and HydroLAKES*: 206.19 m
 2. *OSM and GRaND*: 41761.69 m
 3. *OSM and GSW* : 236.07 m
 4. *OSM and Sentinel 2*: 92301.64 m

Conclusions

Main Research Question:

What are the spatial differences between Earth Observation based and Volunteered Geographic Information for water reservoirs and how can they be addressed in an automated way at a large scale?

- *Accuracy comparison of the datasets at a large scale is possible by exploiting the planetary-scale analysis capabilities of Google Earth Engine. With an optimization of the Hausdorff Distance algorithm, the computational speed could be increased, making a global scale analysis for all three quality metrics possible.*

Future Work

- Refinement of Sentinel 2 and GSW data, by improving surface water detection methods.
- Exclusion of river information from Sentinel 2 and GSW datasets.
- Merging of Sentinel 2 and GSW clusters of smaller water bodies, into single homologous water reservoirs.
- Classification into good and bad reservoir matches based on quality metrics. Creation of data fusion algorithm that combines the strengths of all water reservoir datasets to create one with better overall quality.
- Classification of water reservoirs into types of water features (e.g. lakes, agricultural water reservoirs, valley-dammed reservoirs etc.)

Thank you for your attention!

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