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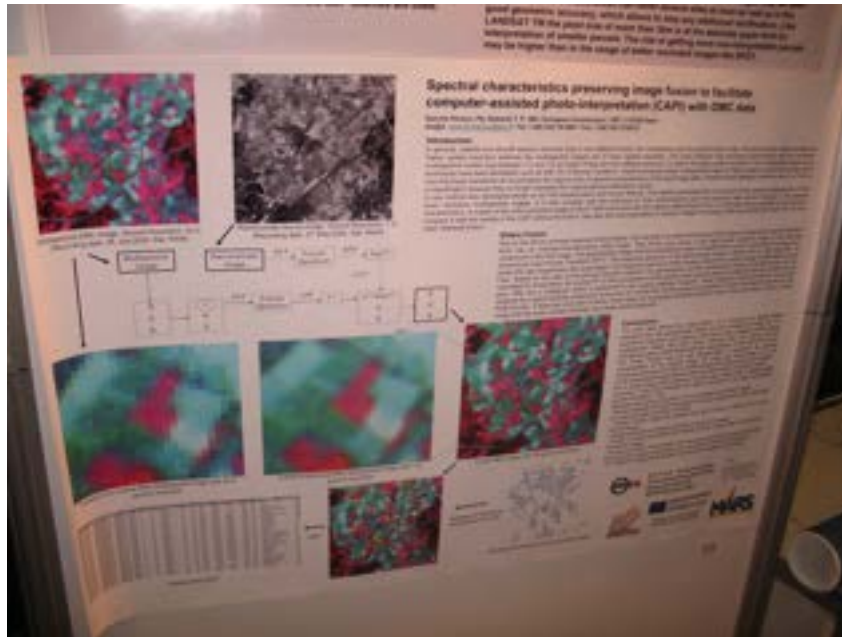
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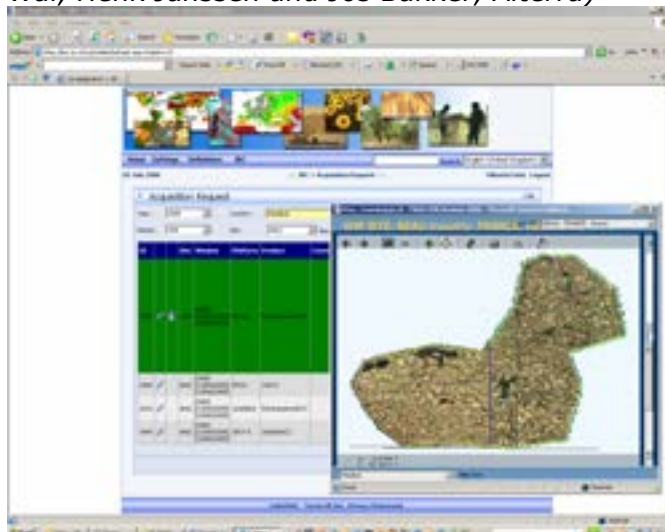
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Presentation 1 – Validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas

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Abstract

Control procedure in IACS concerns measurements of land parcel area. Measured and declared parcel areas are compared according so called technical tolerance of measurement. Technical tolerance is defined by width of the buffer around the parcel border (1.5 m for ortophotomap in scale of 1:10000, 1.25m for GPS, 0.35 for total station). Technical tolerance should reflect measurements accuracy and therefore validation measurements are needed. Some validation techniques proposed by JRC in Ispra, Italy was developed in 2005 in the project: "Validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas".

Two measurement experiments were performed: remote sensing (RS) and GPS. RS experiment was made at AGH - UST Kraków, and GPS at UWM Olsztyn. The experiment was prepared and statistical analyzed at USI Gembleux. In paper the following issues are presented:

- review of existing approaches and discuss the Polish experience in the possibility of adapting cadastre regulation
- description of experimental design, workflow of measurements and statistical data analyze
- results of RS and GPS experiment

The point position error as an area accuracy parameter, proposed by authors is in the paper discussed. Proposal of validation method for measurements of land parcel area is daftly presented, describing some accruing problems.

Keywords: technical tolerance of parcel area measurement, remote sensing, GPS



Validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas

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Validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas

- State of art:
 - Control procedure in IACS concerns measurements of land parcel area
 - Measured and declared parcel areas are compared according so called technical tolerance of measurement (max. 5% of relative area error)
 - Technical tolerance is defined by width of the buffer around the parcel border (1.5 m for ortophotomap in scale of 1:10000, 1.25m for GPS, 0.35 for total station)
 - Technical tolerance should reflect measurements accuracy and therefore validation measurements are needed
 - Surveying formulas couldn't be adapted
- Aim of the project was elaboration of validation methods for measurement of land parcels areas (*main and supplementary study*)



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Validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas

Background:

- elaboration validation method applying ISO norm
- performing measurement experiment
- propose ev. alternative to buffer accuracy parameter

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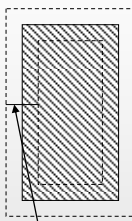
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Existing approaches JRC

Area measurement tolerance for maps and ortophotomaps



Map scale	Pixel size [m]	Tolerance [%]	Tolerance [m]
1: 10 000	1	5	1.5
1: 5 000	0.5	2.5	0.75
1: 2 500	0.25	1.25	0.4

Tolerance

Area measurement tolerance for direct measurements

Map scale	Tolerance [%]	Tolerance [m]
GPS standalone	-	1.25
Geodetic surveying	2	0.35
Wheel, tape	2 (up to 50m) or 5	0.4

1. What buffer value should be assumed?
2. If not buffer that what?

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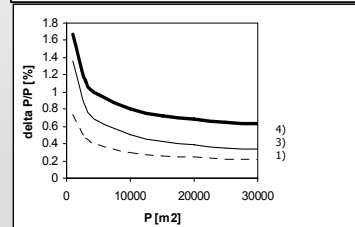
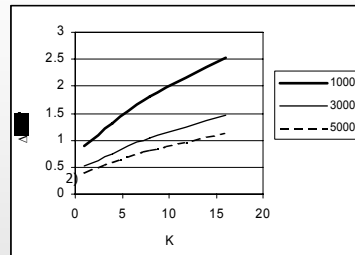


Existing approaches cadastre Poland

- 1) 2003 $\Delta P = 0.001 \cdot P + 0.2 \cdot \sqrt{P}$
- 2) 1992 $\Delta P = 0.4 \cdot \sqrt{2P} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1+K^2}{2K}}$
- 3) 1992 $\Delta P = 0.001 \cdot P + 0.0002 \cdot M \cdot \sqrt{P}$
- 4) 1998 $\Delta P = 2 \cdot (0.002 \cdot P + 0.2 \cdot \sqrt{P})$

ΔP – allowed discrepancies between area in cadastre and area measured during control measurement [m²],
 P – land parcel area [m²]

- empirical formulas
- accuracy much below IACS limit 5%



Area accuracy - point position error

- Coefficient calculations for accuracy estimations
 - (Hejmanowska B. 2003, Bogaert P., Delince J., Kay S. 2005):

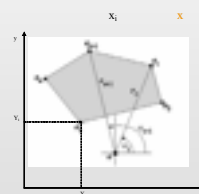
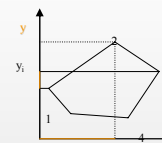
$$m_p = m_{pkt} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_{i+1} - y_{i-1})^2 + (x_{i-1} - x_{i+1})^2}{8}}$$

$$m_p = m_{pkt} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i^2 - r_i r_{i+2} \cos(\alpha_{i+2} - \alpha_i))}$$

where:

- m_p – area error,
- m_{pkt} – point position error
- x, y – Cartesian coordinate of parcel vertices
- r, α – polar coordinate of parcel vertices.
- n – number of parcels vertices.

$$m_p = m_{pkt} \text{ Area_error_coefficient}$$



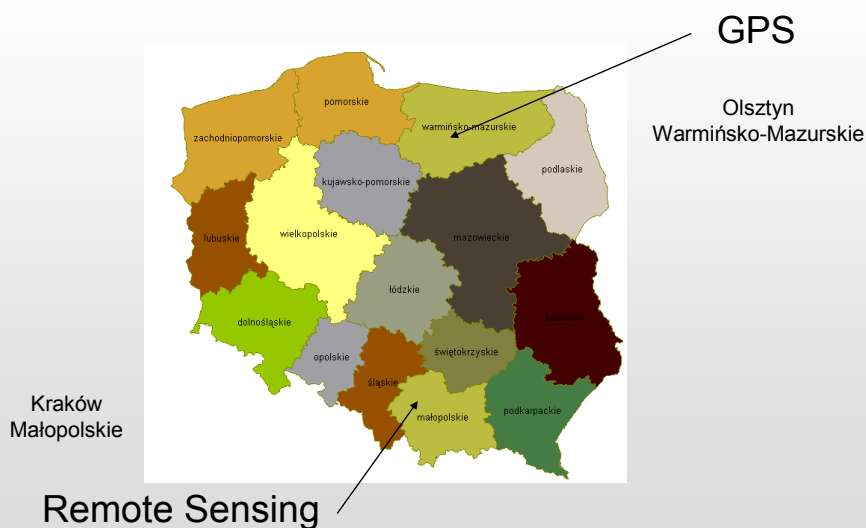


Plan of measurement's experiment Remote Sensing and GPS

- GPS, remote sensing - 3 type of „equipment”
- 12 operators - 2 groups: specialists and beginners
- Object: reference parcels and agriculture parcels
- 36 parcels
- Good, medium, bad edge
- Good, medium, bad measurements conditions
- **36 parcels x 12 operators x 3 repetitions x 3 type of „equipment” = 3888 measurements**



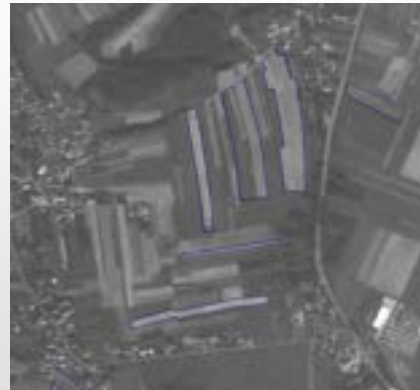
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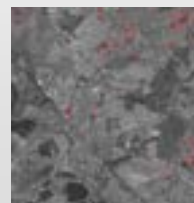
Parcels

- Size
 - S : small (0.3 – 0.5 ha)
 - M : medium (0.8 – 1.2 ha)
 - L : large (2.4 – 4 ha)
- Shape - Shape Factor (SF) = $(\text{perimeter}/4)^2 / \text{parcel area}$
 - S1 : SF < 1:3
 - S2 : SF < 1:6
 - S3 : SF > 1:6
- Border
 - Good
 - Bad



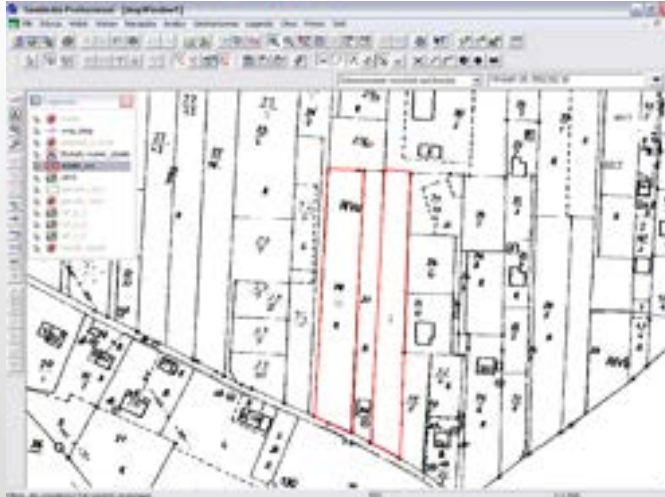
Remote sensing experiment

- OP_1_0 IKONOS Panchromatic pixel size 1m
- OP_0_5 Orthotommap from color images
 - 1: 26 000, pixel size 0.75m
- OP_0_2 Ortophoto from panchromatic images
 - 1:13 000, pixel size 0.25m
 - ARIMR





Reference parcels = cadastre parcels



- One cadastre parcel

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Reference parcels = cadastre parcels



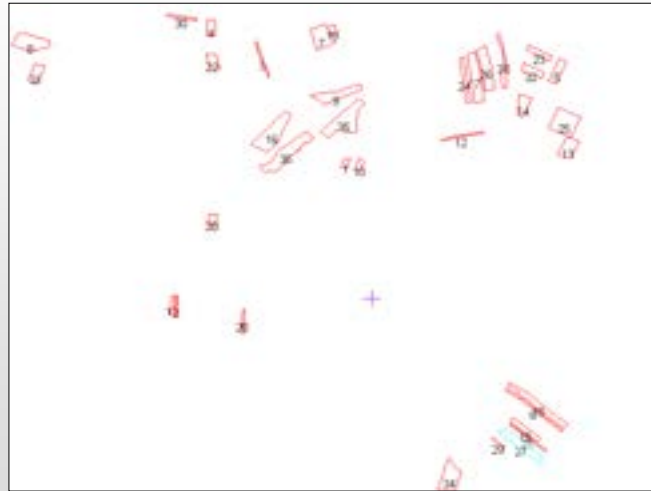
- few cadastre parcels

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Reference parcels digitized on cadastre raster map



Measurements assumption

- ISO 5725 - especially prepared parcel sequences measured by each operator in all experiment period
- Parcels are independent - not sharing any border with other parcel



ISO 5725 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results



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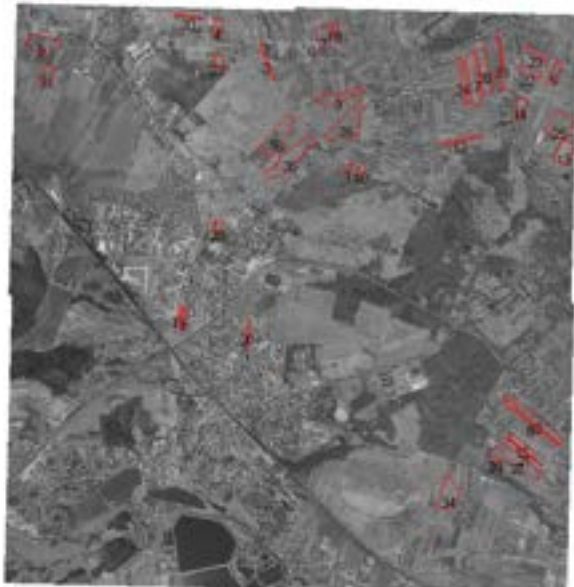
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OP_0_2



Airborne photo
 1:13000
 Pixel – 0.25 m
 RMS – 0.75 m

If we assumed:
 RMS = 2.5 x piksel size

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Airborne photo
1:26000
Pixel – 0.5 m
RMS – 1.5 m

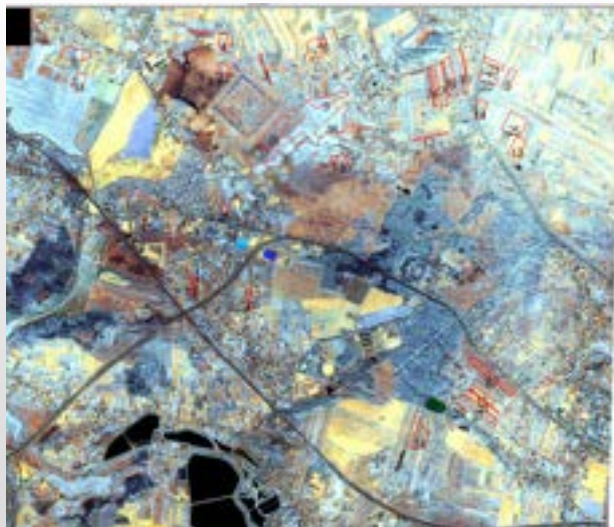
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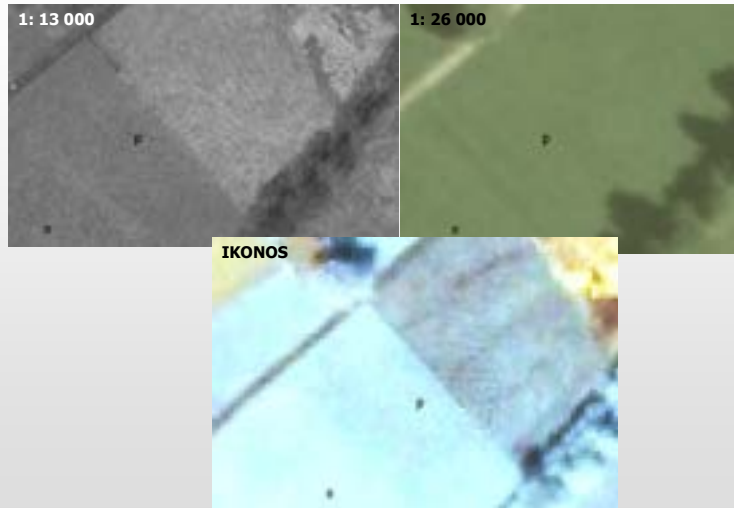
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Pansharpening image
1:26000
Pixel – 1.0 m
RMS – 2.5 m

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Different parcel border recognition



Measurements - workflow

- Measurements using Geomedia (Integratph)
- Each operator
 - list of parcels to be measured on which orto
 - geoworkspace: *.gws,
 - with configured ready to display images
 - number of all parcels (without reference parcels)
 - letters marking parcels building reference parcel
 - warehouse: *.mdb
 - empty feature class – in the feature class operator digitized parcels according list of parcels to be measured on which orto





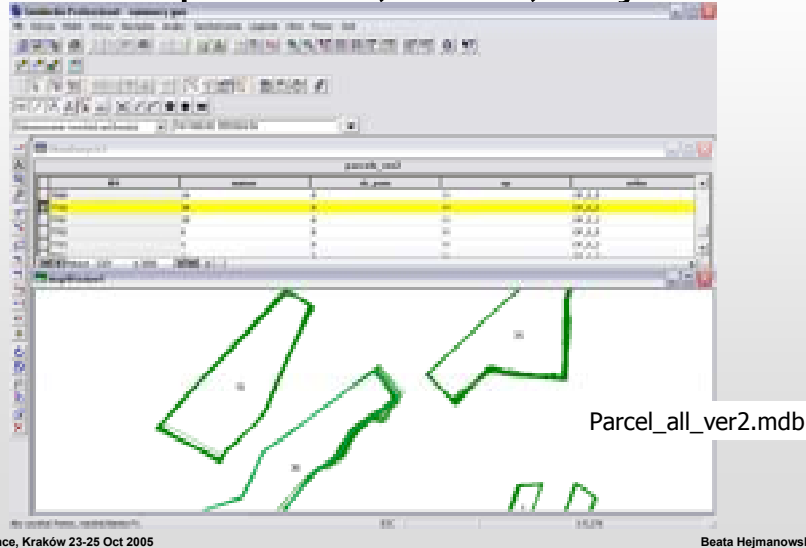
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GIS data base of all measurements: all operators, ortho, days



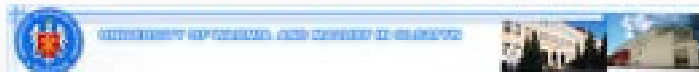
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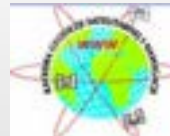


GPS experiment



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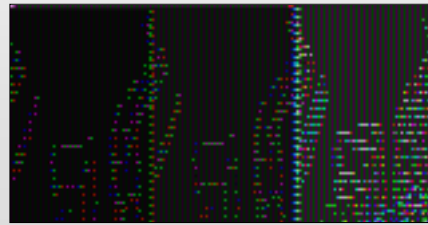
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GPS experiment

- 36 parcels
- 4 Thales Mobile Mapper
- 4 Satcon
- 1 Garmin GPSMap 76S



GPS experiment



- 36 parcels
- 4 Thales Mobile Mapper
- 4 Satcon
- 1 Garmin GPSMap 76S

2250 km of walking!!!



Steps in the statistical analysis

- ISO 5725-2 gives the "basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method"
- several land parcels are measured on different days by different operators

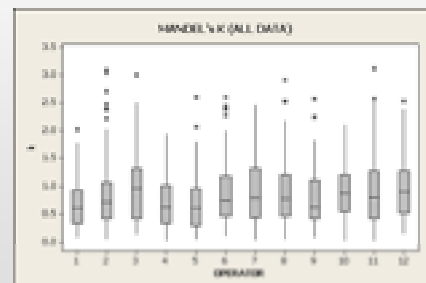


Establishing a functional relationship between precision values and the characteristics of the parcels

INITIAL DATA PROCESSING

Statistical tools for critical examination of the data

- Mandel's h and k statistics
- Cochran's test
- Grubbs' test for one outlying observation
- Grubbs' test for two outlying observations

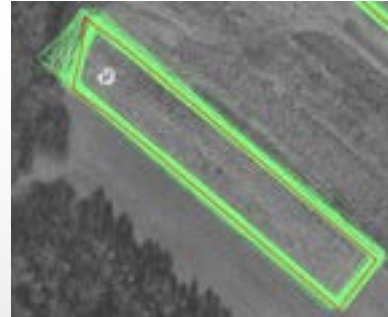


RESULTS

Standard deviation of the parcel area (m_p)



RS experiment



Point Position Method

$$m_p = m_{pkt} * AEC$$

$$m_p = StD$$

$$m_{pk} = StD/AEC$$

Buffer Method

$$\text{Buffer Area} = \text{Buffer} * \text{Perimeter}$$

$$\text{Buffer Area} = StD$$

$$\text{Buffer} = StD/\text{Perimeter}$$

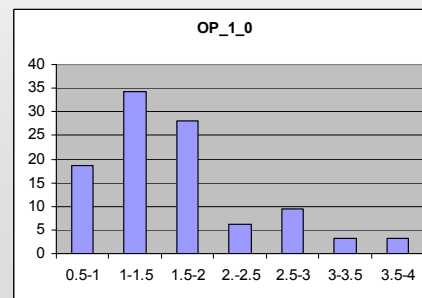
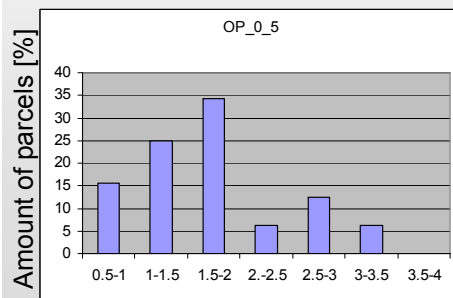
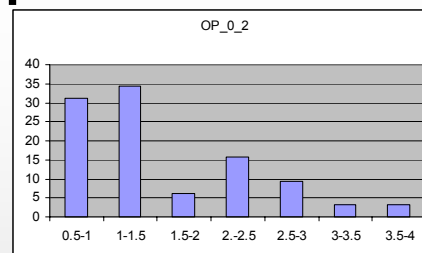
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RS experiment

- Value of buffer:
 - OP_0_2 – 0.37m +/- 0.26m
 - OP_0_5 – 0.44 m +/- 0.25m
 - OP_1_0 – 0.44 m +/- 0.33m
- Value of point position error:
 - OP_0_2 – 1.86m +/- 1.85m
 - OP_0_5 – 2.14 m +/- 1.39m
 - OP_1_0 – 2.12 m +/- 1.65m



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Point position error [m]

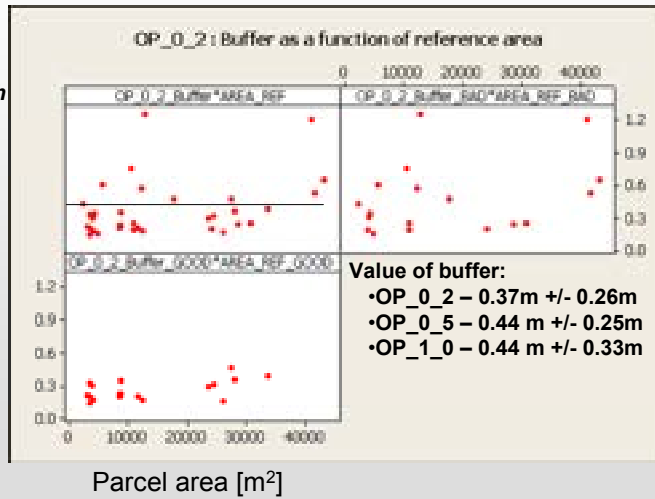
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RS buffer

- Parcel area error parameter:**
- shouldn't be influenced by area
 - should be constant for each orthophoto

Buffer [m]

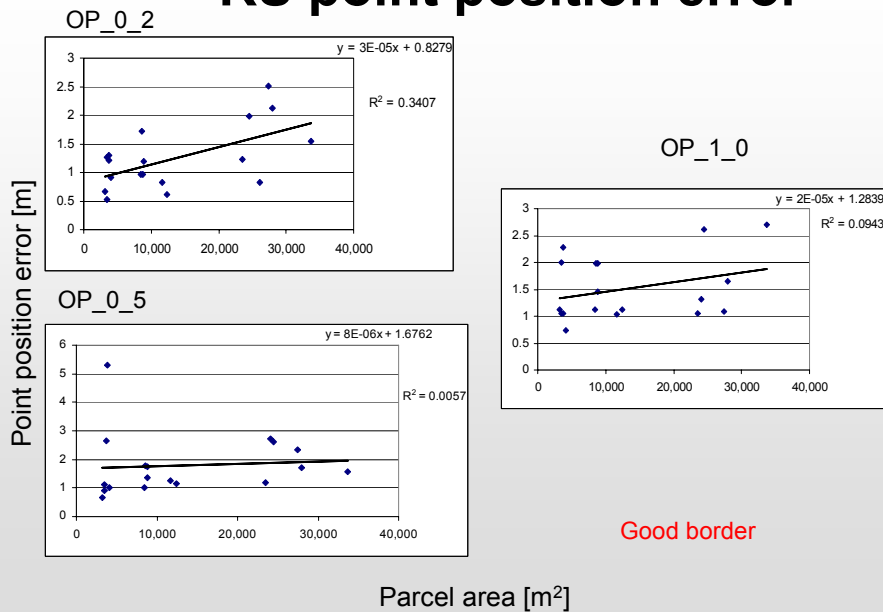


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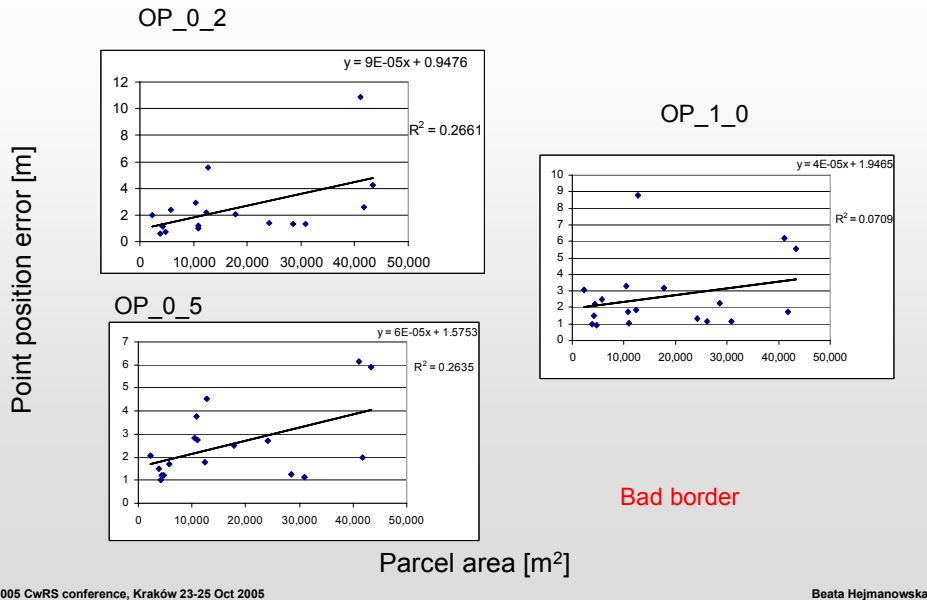


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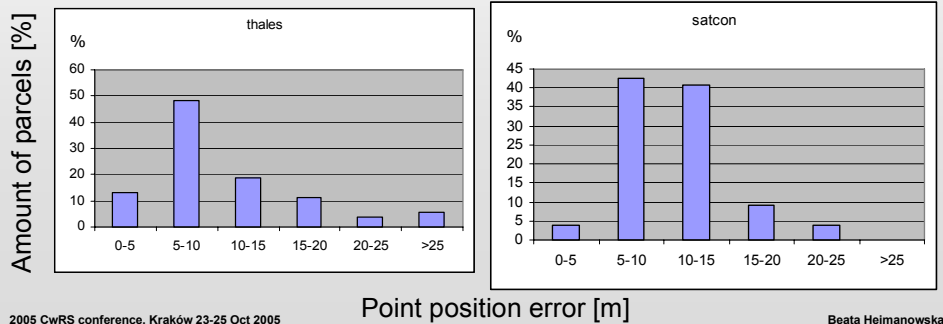


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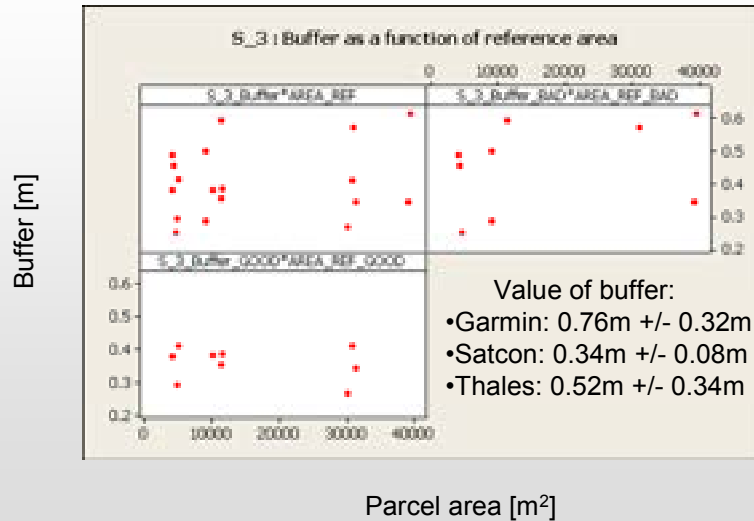
GPS experiment

- Value of buffer:
 - Garmin: 0.76m +/- 0.32 m
 - Satcon: 0.34m +/- 0.08m
 - Thales: 0.52m +/- 0.34m
- Value of point position error:
 - Garmin: 21m +/- 11 m
 - Satcon: 9 m +/- 3 m
 - Thales: 14 m +/- 10m





GPS buffer

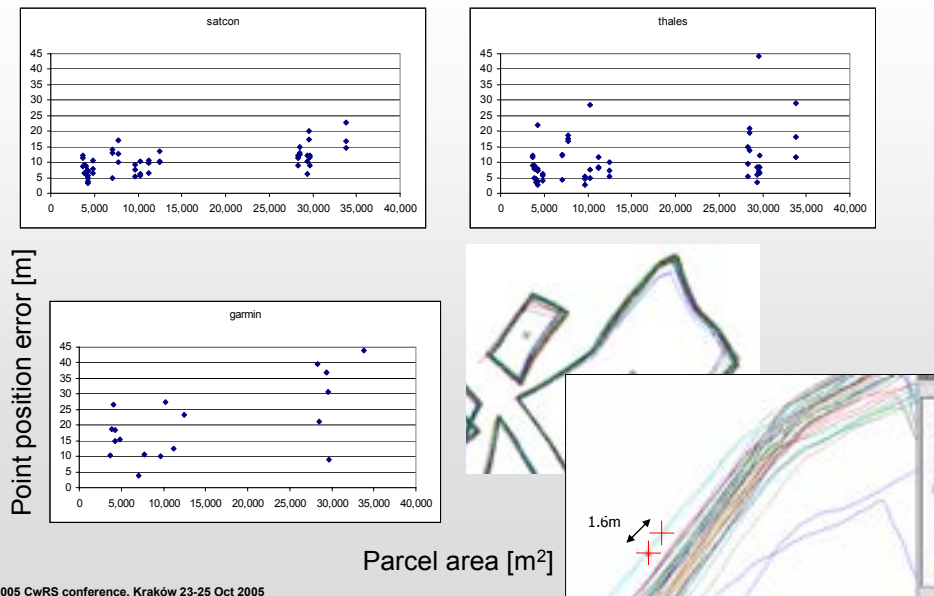


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GPS point position error



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Buffer for all measurements

Ortho	Buffer [m]	Standard deviation [m]	Relative area error (%)
OP_0_2	0.37	0.26	3.2
OP_0_5	0.44	0.25	6.3
OP_1_0	0.44	0.33	5.4
Garmin	0.76	0.32	4.9
Satcon	0.34	0.08	2.6
Thales	0.52	0.34	3.7
Satcon S3	0.41	0.11	2.5 (42)
Satcon S4	0.36	0.12	2.3 (21)
Thales T3	0.34	0.16	2.3 (2.4)
Thales T4	0.31	0.13	2.7 (2.2)
average	0.429	0.21	3.6

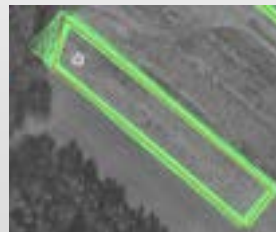
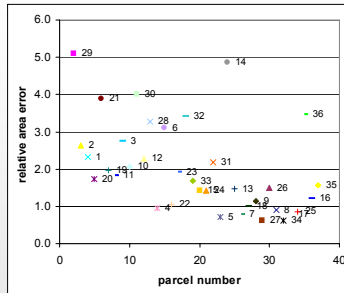


Point position error on the basis of the real measurements

Ortho	m_{pkt} [m]	Standard deviation [m]	Equipment	m_{pkt} [m]	Standard deviation [m]
OP_0_2	1.86	1.85	Garmin	11	11
OP_0_5	2.14	1.39	Satcon	9	3
OP_1_0	1.89	1.78	Thales	14	10
average	2.04	1.63	Satcon S3	11	5
			Satcon S4	10	4
			Thales T3	10	6
			Thales T4	9	5
			average	12	6



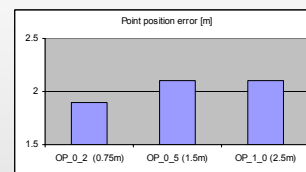
GIS analysis



Main study RS summary

• Data

- aerial from photos: 1: 13 000 (panchromatic), 2004
pixel size 0.2m, RMS=0.75m
- aerial from photos: 1: 26 000 (color), 1999 (or earlier)
pixel size 0.75m, RMS=1.5m
- IKONOS (pansharpening), 2004
pixel size 1m, RMS=2.5m



• Results

- area error is only slightly increasing with increasing pixel size
- area measurements are not influenced by operator (skilled and unskilled provide similar results)
- buffer is less influenced by parcel area in compare to point position error (PPM could easy apply for parcel area prediction)



Plan of measurement's experiment supplementary study

- Remote sensing - 2 type of „equipment”
- 6 operators
- 36 parcels - almost the same parcel sets (one parcel was changed - clouds)
- 1296 observations = 36 parcels × 2 photos × 6 operators × 3 days
- The same workflow of measurements



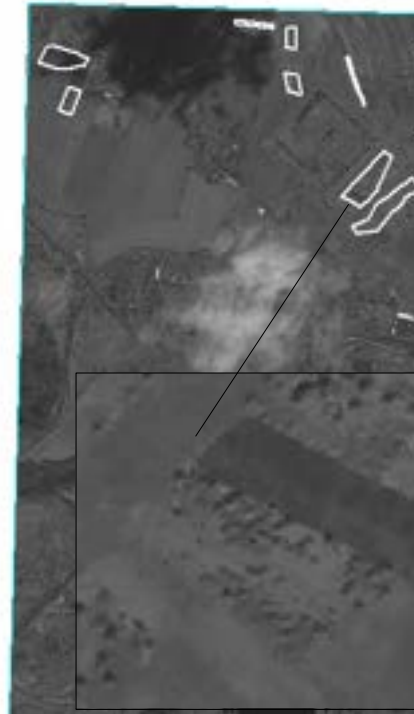
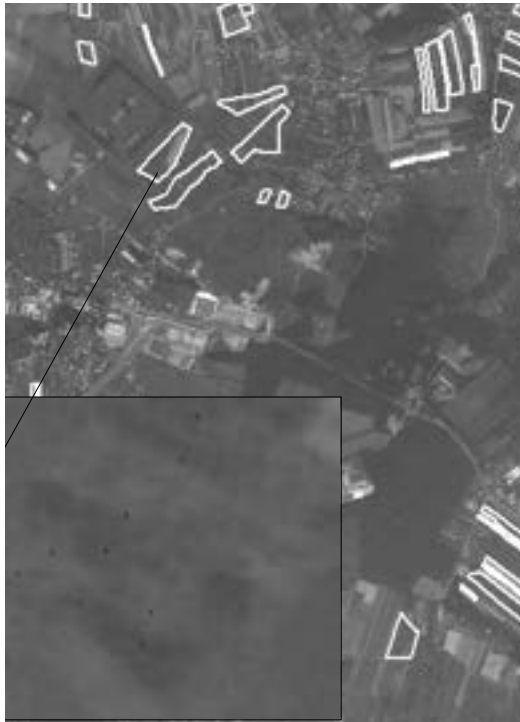
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- RS data were obtained from JRC and orthofotomap were generated at AGH UST Kraków, Poland:
 - Panchromatic ortofotomap generated from SPOT image (3m):
 - Registered: 29.08.2005
 - With pixel size: 2.5 m
 - Panchromatic ortofotomap generated from EROS image (2m)
 - Registered: 3.07.2005
 - With pixel size: 2.0 m



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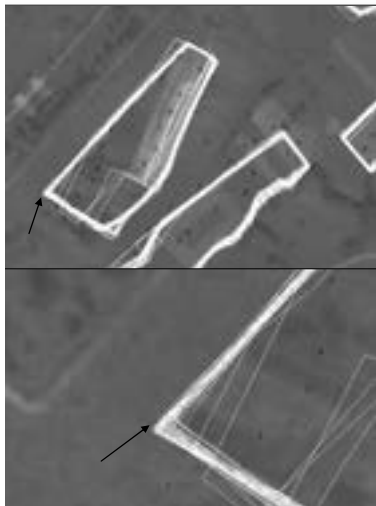
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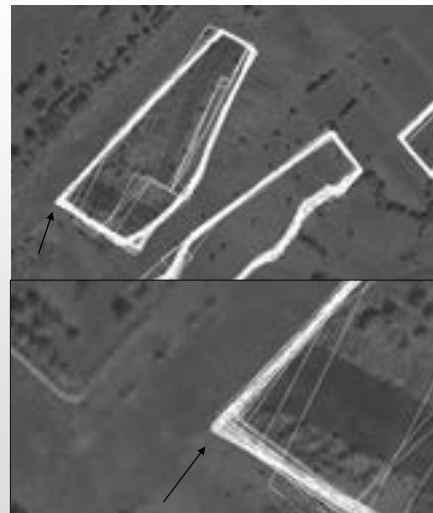
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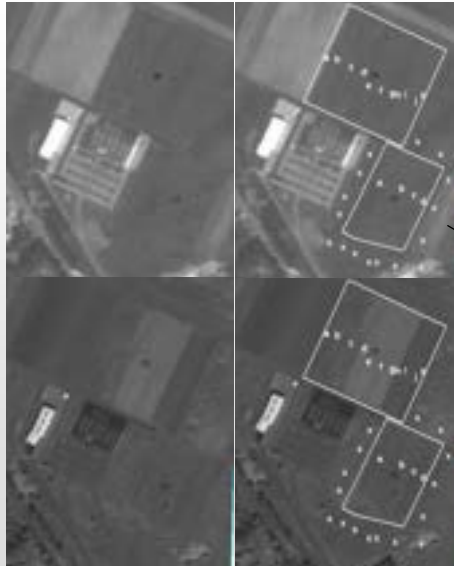
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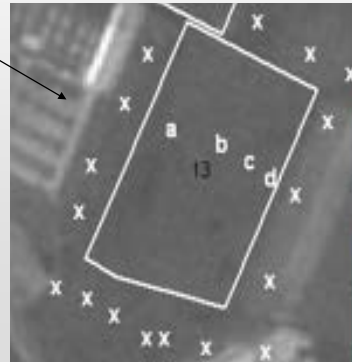
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Additional marks showing parcels not belonging to the measured parcel



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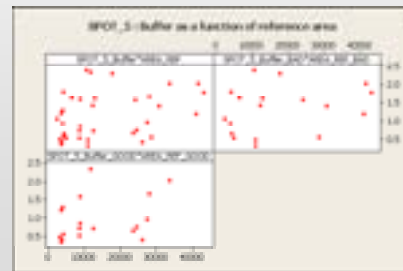
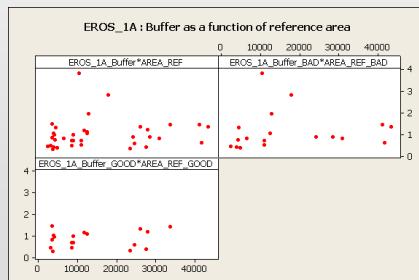


Modelling buffer

EROS

SPOT

All	Buffer = 1.007 (0.704)	All	Buffer = 1.142 (0.635)
Good border	Buffer = 0.859 (0.387)	Good border	Buffer = 0.972 (0.594)
Bad border	Buffer = 1.155 (0.908)	Bad border	Buffer = 1.312 (0.645)

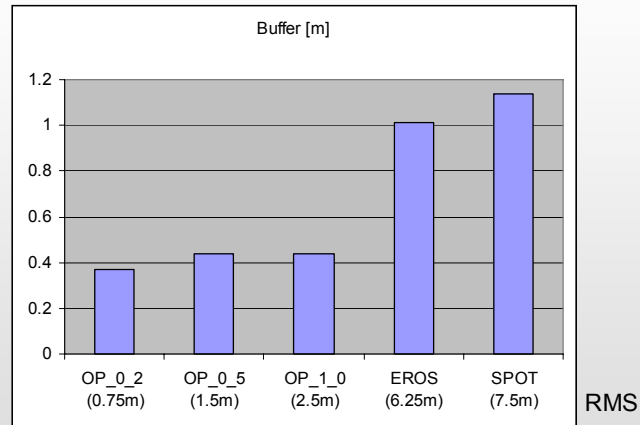


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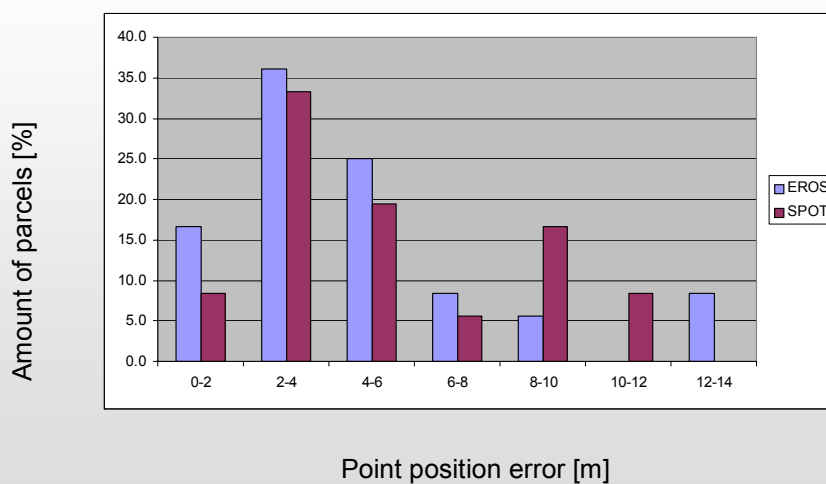
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Buffer for all RS data

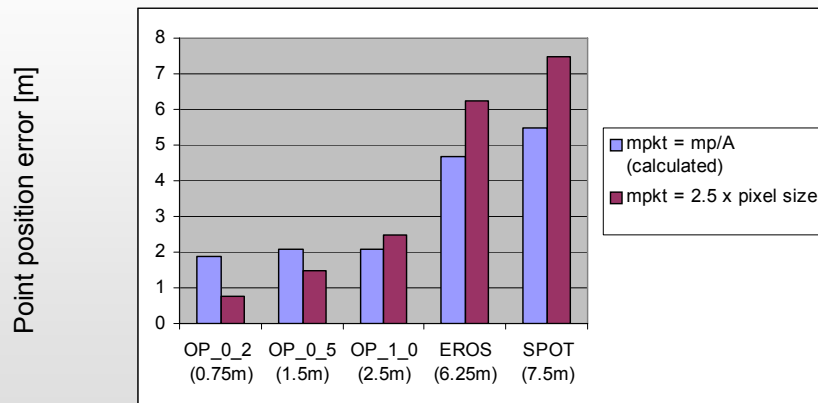


Point position error analysis

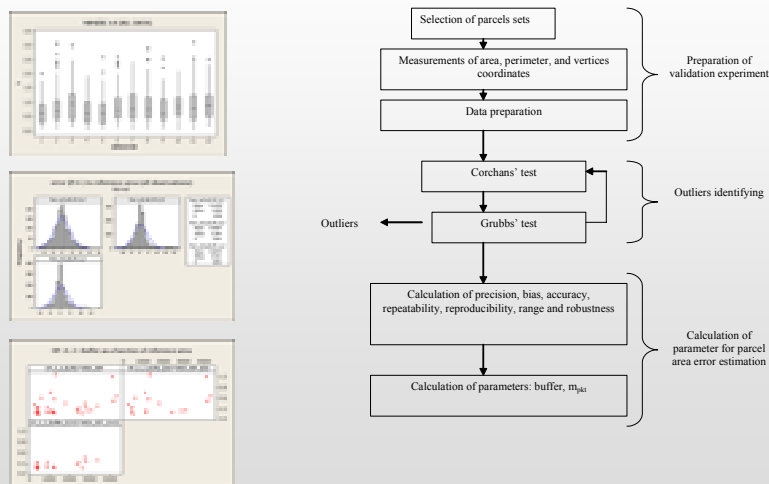




Point position error for all RS data



Validation method - proposed workflow





How many measurements

- *(Earlier recommendations were 16 to 60 measurements)*
- From Chp 9 of report:
- The numbers of parcels needed to reach a precision (half of the length of the 0.95 confidence interval) of 10 % of the mean values of the buffer are:
 - parcels = 10 rep. = 37 (370 observations)
 - parcels = 4 rep. = 67 (268 observations)
 - parcels = 1 rep. = 217 (217 observations)
- *Several approximations have been made to obtain these results and it could be useful to check them by using MC simulation.*



Parcel sets - amounts of operators repetitions

- two groups of six operators
- three groups of four operators
- four groups of three operators

So, the sequence has been repeated 972 times (36 parcels × 3 photos × 9 groups of operators)

The different groups of operators can be considered as replications

Mean values of the ratios (standard deviation/reference buffer)

Number of operators	OP_0_2	OP_0_5	OP_1_0
6	0.20	0.12	0.19
4	0.33	0.25	0.26
3	0.37	0.40	0.34



Parcel sets - amounts of operators repetitions

- *(Earlier recommendations were 16 to 60 measurements)*
- Main study: 36 parcels x 12 operators x 3 repetitions = 1296
- Middle variant: 36 parcels x 6 operators x 3 repetitions = 432
- Or 10 parcels x 12 operators x 3 repetitions = 360

December deadline for final proposal





Presentation 2 – Re-designing validation of area measurement methods

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Abstract

The feasibility of using GNSS for high accuracy area estimates, and the parallel use for maintaining geo-spatial data infrastructures such as IACS and cadastral mapping, has been examined theoretically and statistically in studies managed by the JRC. This presentation will introduce the approaches and results of these studies and help define requirements and priorities for geo-data collection in these areas.

Furthermore, the presentation will summarise a possible approach for validating and certifying methods for parcel area measurement.

Keywords: GPS, GNSS, validation, area measurement



Re-designing validation of area measurement methods

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Outline

- Introduction to Area measurement method validation project
- Area measurement system validation study – *Beata Hejmanowska*
- Reminder of validation objectives
- Certification? Measurement directive?



Measuring a field, simulation using Galileo EGNOS signal

$$\sigma_S^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_v^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{r}_i^2 - \hat{r}_i \hat{r}_{i+2} \cos(\hat{\alpha}_{i+2} - \hat{\alpha}_i)) \right)$$

- Variance of measurement can be modelled as function of vertices
- Hypothesis – observed empirically – that under certain conditions, variance of area estimate is weakly influenced by perimeter length



Bogaert, P., Delincé, J., Kay S. (2005)

Assessing the error of polygonal area measurements: a general formulation with applications to agriculture, Meas. Sci. Technol. 16 (2005) 1170–1178

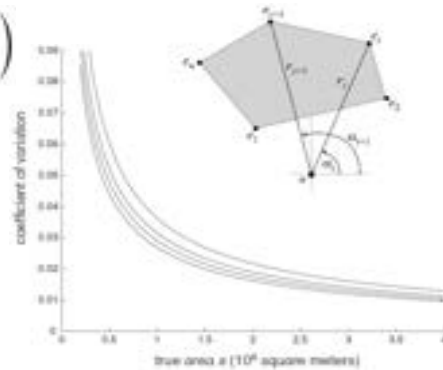
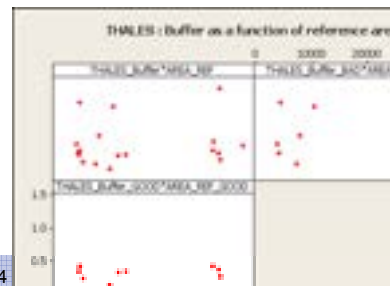
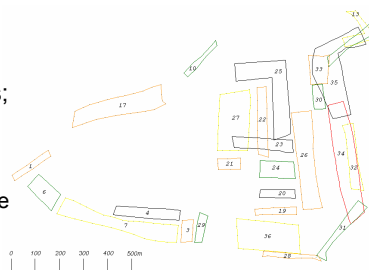


Figure 3. Evolution of the coefficient of variation (CV) for the area estimation of a rectangular parcel as a function of the parcel area and side length ratios r , with r equal to 1.1 (square parcel, bottom curve), 1.3, 1.5 and 1.10 (top curves).



Study objectives

- Review of existing approaches to validation of measurement methods;
- Statistical analysis and recommendations;
- Detailed presentation of the validation approach to be applied;
- Example applications of this approach,
 - collected using the approach defined in the study,
 - based upon a GNSS/GPS system and a VHR orthoimage system
- Analysis of a trial datasets collected
- Specification of the mathematical (computational) algorithm to be applied in the analysis of the data,
 - including statistical outlier identification,
 - suitable for input for programming and coding.
- Supplementary study: further testing on EROS-1A and SPOT 5 *supermode* imagery





Scope

- GPS based receivers
 - with augmentation technology capability (e.g. EGNOS);
 - Although use of EGNOS abandoned for this study
- VHR (<1m pixel size) orthoimagery
 - airborne or spaceborne.
 - 25cm, 75cm archive, 1m Ikonos
 - **extended** to include EROS 1a and SPOT 5 supermode



Study contractors

Consortium of three Universities:

- Dr Beata Hejmanowska
 - AGH University of Science and Technology, Cracow, Poland
- Prof Stanisław Oszczak, Dr Adam Ciećko
 - UWM University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Olsztyn, Poland
- Prof Rodolphe Palm
 - Unité de Statistique et Informatique, USI Gembloux, Belgium





Task	Place	Data/Duration
Kick-off meeting	AGH UST Kraków, Poland	25.02.2005
Preparation of measurements	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland	4 days
Measurements of test parcels	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland	10 days
Initial results preparations	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland	9 days
Kick-off meeting + 1 month	AGH UST Kraków, Poland	31.03.2005
Statistical analysis of area measurements	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland USI Gembleux, Belgique	7 days
Elaboration of draft of method of parcel area validation	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland USI Gembleux, Belgique	10 days
Kick-off meeting + 2 month	AGH UST Kraków, Poland	04.05.2005
Elaboration of final version of validation of methods for measurement of land parcel areas	AGH UST Kraków, Poland UWM Olsztyn, Poland USI Gembleux, Belgique	20 days
Final presentation meeting	JRC Ispra, Italy	30.05.2005

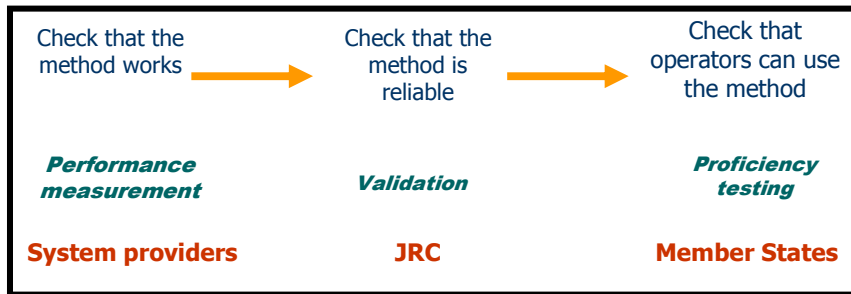
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Validation - concept



Introduction

- Purpose of the scheme
 - to define an approach for the validation of area measurement methods for agricultural parcels,
 - mainly using (but not restricted to) GPS equipment.
- Motivation
 - The availability of relatively low-priced GPS tools
 - However, both the Commission and Member States need assurance that the tools on offer are able to perform to acceptable standards.
 - A standard approach permitting participation of all stakeholders – equipment suppliers, technical bodies, users – would enable these issues to be addressed



Introduction

- Until now, most trials based on a series of repeat measurements of parcels with reference areas.
- Whilst serving individually a useful purpose, however, these data suffer from a number of shortcomings:
 - Various data have been collected by various organisations, but are not directly comparable.
 - Results are frequently limited to interpretation of particular parcel sizes (e.g., error estimates on area percentage) or shapes.
 - Since the experiments were not designed statistically, rigorous analysis becomes difficult if not impossible.
 - Current analysis approaches focus on the precision of the measurement method (variability of the result) to the exclusion of other parameters (bias, range, etc).
 - Analysis may not include standardised procedures for the identification and treatment of outliers, reference data, calculation of statistical parameters, etc.



Framework

- Statistical framework for the validation of measurement methods
 - laid out in ISO-5725, “Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results”.



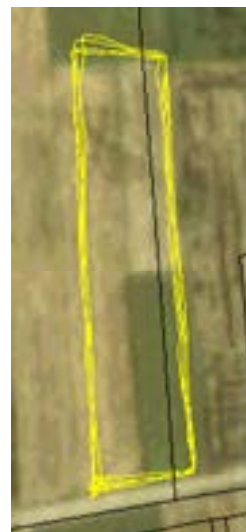
Validation parameters

Term	Description
Precision	Can be described as the range of values that might occur with a certain level of probability, for example a buffer calculated from the Standard Deviation or RMSE of differences between a reference area and measured areas.
Bias	The instrument should, when following the standardised measurement protocol, produce a result that is on average very close to the expected result, and not consistently larger or smaller.
Repeatability	The variability of a parcel area estimate if it was measured by the same inspector in quick succession.
Reproducibility	The variability of a parcel area estimate if it was measured by the different inspectors, on different occasions.
Range	In terms of parcel size, the minimum and maximum sizes that can be measured and achieve a certain level of accuracy
Robustness	The sensitivity of an instrument to various extraneous effects, such as battery low power conditions, rain, tree cover, electric power cables, satellite constellation changes etc.



Measuring a field: the CAP way

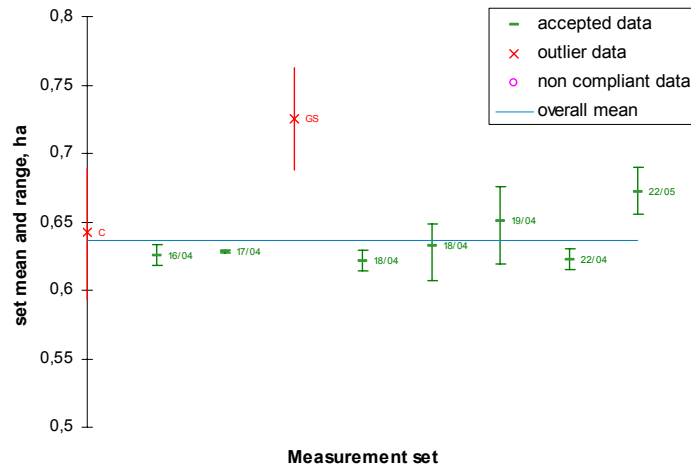
- GNSS (GPS, Galileo) or VHR
- Area measurement
 - Not boundary survey
- Trace of absolute position
- Integration with other data
 - Orthoimage, existing boundaries
- Real time
 - Decision in the field or on-screen





Example: Garmin 12

Garmin GPS 12 :

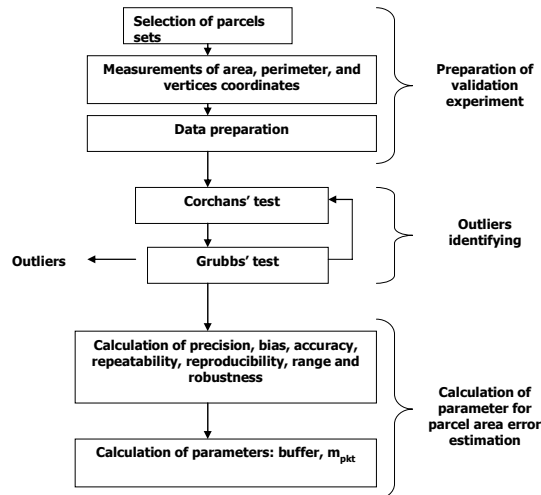


Key points of revised approach

- It is not necessary to test skilled and unskilled operators
 - the obtained results are similar for both, but unskilled operators must be more detailed trained in compare to the unskilled).
- Parcels of different areas should be measured.
 - But two kinds of parcel size seems to be enough (instead of three kinds as used in the project)
- Parcels sets should comprise parcels with: good and bad borders.
 - In RS measurements bad border can be understood as borders with trees, or bad brightness and contrast of the image.
 - In GPS measurements trees are also obstruction because of availability satellites.
- Reference parcels should be measured using geodetic instruments
 - for example Total Station, GPS-RTK,
 - cadastre parcel can be used with especially caution.
- Storing all data in GIS data base is strongly suggested



Proposed scheme



Workflow

- Relative area error analysis before and after suppression of observations.
- Assessment of bias of the method.
- Variance components and reproducibility.
- Calculation of standard deviation for all parcels.
- Calculation of buffer and point position error – (SDev/BH or SDev/BDK).
- Analysis of relationship between buffer and/or point position error and area of the parcels.
- Modeling of buffer or/and point position error of the method.



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- *(Earlier recommendations were 16 to 60 measurements)*
- From Chp 9 of report:
- The numbers of parcels needed to reach a precision (half of the length of the 0.95 confidence interval) of 10 % of the mean values of the buffer are:
 - parcels = 10 rep. = 37 (370 observations)
 - parcels = 4 rep. = 67 (268 observations)
 - parcels = 1 rep. = 217 (217 observations)
- *Several approximations have been made to obtain these results and it could be useful to check them by using MC simulation.*



Measurement directive

Specifically: Annex MI-009

30.4.2004 Official Journal of the European Union L 115/1

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(Act whose publication is obligatory)

DIRECTIVE 2004/22/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
 of 31 March 2004
 on measuring instruments
 (Text with EEA relevance)



Procedure

ANNEX CI

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON INTERNAL PRODUCTION CONTROL PLUS PRODUCT TESTING BY A NOTIFIED BODY

1. Declaration of conformity to type based on internal production control plus product testing by a notified body is the part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in this Annex and ensures and declares that the measuring instruments concerned are in conformity with the type as described in the EC-type examination certificate and satisfy the appropriate requirements of this Directive.

Manufacturing

2. The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary to ensure conformity of the manufactured instruments with the type as described in the EC-type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of this Directive.

Procedure, 2

Product checks

1. A notified body, chosen by the manufacturer, shall carry out product checks or have them carried out in appropriate intervals determined by it, in order to verify the quality of the internal checks of the product, taking into account inter alia the technological complexity of the instruments and the quantity of production. An adequate sample of the final products, taken by the notified body before the placing on the market, shall be examined and appropriate tests, as identified by the relevant documents referred to in Article 13, or equivalent tests, shall be carried out to check the conformity of the product with the type as described in the EC-type examination certificate and the appropriate requirements of the Directive. In the absence of a relevant document, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate test to be carried out.

In those cases where a relevant number of instruments in the sample do not conform to an acceptable quality level, the notified body shall take appropriate measures.



Procedure, 3

Written declaration of conformity

- 4.1. The manufacturer shall affix the CE marking, the supplementary metrology marking and, under the responsibility of the notified body referred to in paragraph 3, the latter's identification number, to each measuring instrument that is in conformity with the type as described in the EC-type examination certificate and satisfies the appropriate requirements of this Directive.
- 4.2. A declaration of conformity is drawn up for each instrument model and shall be kept at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the last instrument has been manufactured. It shall identify the model of the instrument for which it was drawn up.

A copy of the declaration shall be supplied with each measuring instrument that is placed on the market. However, this requirement may be interpreted as applying to a batch or consignment rather than individual instruments in those cases where a large number of instruments is delivered to a single user.

Actions

- Integrate protocol into regulation?
 - Provides better assurance for field measurements – for all parties.
 - Precedent: Annex 1 of 796/04
 - Requires expression of interest from Member States and dialogue with DG AGRI
 - Support assured from DG-TREN/Galileo
- Certification of instruments - from JRC
 - New software ready at JRC, ISO 5725 compliant
 - Again, AGRI/TREN + industry support required
- Training: no scope for EC – but other initiatives possible?



Presentation 3 – EGNOS status report

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Abstract

Since beginning 2005 the Joint Research Centre, Agrifish Unit, is monitoring the EGNOS signal using CSI Wireless receiver. The Agrifish unit is in parallel monitoring a GPS reference station for RTK measurements. The positions of both antennas are calculated based on trigonometric points of the Italian network.

The results of this monitoring exercise are available via internet and give a 24Hr status of the signal quality. The presentation focuses on the analysis over a more or less one year period, thus from the start of the tracking (March 2005) till now (November 2005). The analysis focuses basically on the EGNOS correction quality, reliability and functionality.

Keywords: EGNOS, GPS, PRN, monitoring



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EGNOS MONITORING Performance and prospects for 2006

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- What is EGNOS ?
 - Principles, how it works
- EGNOS Monitoring
 - Problems encountered
 - Reliability of the signal during monitoring
 - Set up
- Statistics

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- What is egnos ?
 - SBAS (satellite Based Augmentation system) covers both :
 - WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation system)
 - EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System)
 - MSAS (Multifunctional Satellite Augmentation System)
 - GAGAN (GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation)
 - These 4 augmentation systems are Similar and compatible
 - Simplified :
 - EGNOS is a satellite based augmentation system.
 - The difference is that no long-wave receiver is necessary to receive the correction
 - there is no need for an endless number of DGPS beacons that transmit these correction data
 - For the corrections, the European area will be served by :
 - two Inmarsats
 - AOR-E (Atlantic Ocean Region-East)
 - IOR (Indian Ocean Region)
 - the European Space Agency satellite, ARTEMIS
 - The following PRNs have been allocated to the EGNOS system:

Satellite	Satellit location	GPS PRN No.
INMARSAT 3 F2 (AOR-E), (Atlantic Ocean Region East)	Western Africa	120
INMARSAT 3 F1 (IOR), (Indian Ocean Region)	Indian Ocean	131
INMARSAT IOR-W (III-F5), (Indian Ocean Region West)	Africa (Kongo)	126
Artemis	Africa (Kongo)	124



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- How it works :
 - **Ground segment**
 - composed of 4 Mission Control Centres (MCC),
 - Central Control Facility (CCF), providing monitoring and controlling of the EGNOS ground segment as well as mission monitoring and archiving of EGNOS data
 - Central Processing Facility (CPF), providing the real-time software computation of EGNOS Wide Area Differential corrections, ranging corrections for geostationary satellites and an integrity checking facility.
 - 34 Ranging and Integrity Monitoring Stations (RIMS),
 - The main functions of the RIMS are to
 - » perform pseudo range code/phase measurements towards Satellites in View (GPS L1 and L2 + GEO/GLO L1),
 - » demodulate EGNOS SIS messages
 - » mitigate local multipath and interference,
 - » support the detection of anomalies in signals from space (e.g. Evil Waveforms),
 - » packet and transmit data to the MCCs via the EGNOS Wide Area Network (EWAN),
 - » provide monitoring and control capabilities and provide a time offset between UTC (k) and EGNOS Network Time (UTC RIMS).
 - 6 Navigation Land Earth Stations (NLES),
 - to uplink EGNOS messages to the Inmarsat III Atlantic Ocean Region – East (AOR-E) and Indian Ocean Region – West (IND-W) satellites and the ESA Artemis satellite.
 - The main functions of the NLES will be
 - » to generate a GPS-like signal and transmit this to the geostationary satellite transponder,
 - » synchronizes this signal to EGNOS Network Time (ENT) at the output of the geostationary L1-band antenna,
 - » control the code/carrier coherency and transmit the geostationary Integrity Channel (GIC) and Wide Area Differential (WAD) messages to satellites in geostationary orbit.
 - the EGNOS Wide Area Network (EWAN) and
 - The EGNOS Wide Area Network (EWAN) interconnects all EGNOS sites and sub systems. The EWAN is a Wide Area Network based on frame relay technology.
 - 2 support facilities (PACF, ASQF).
 - **Space Segment**
 - The geostationary satellites

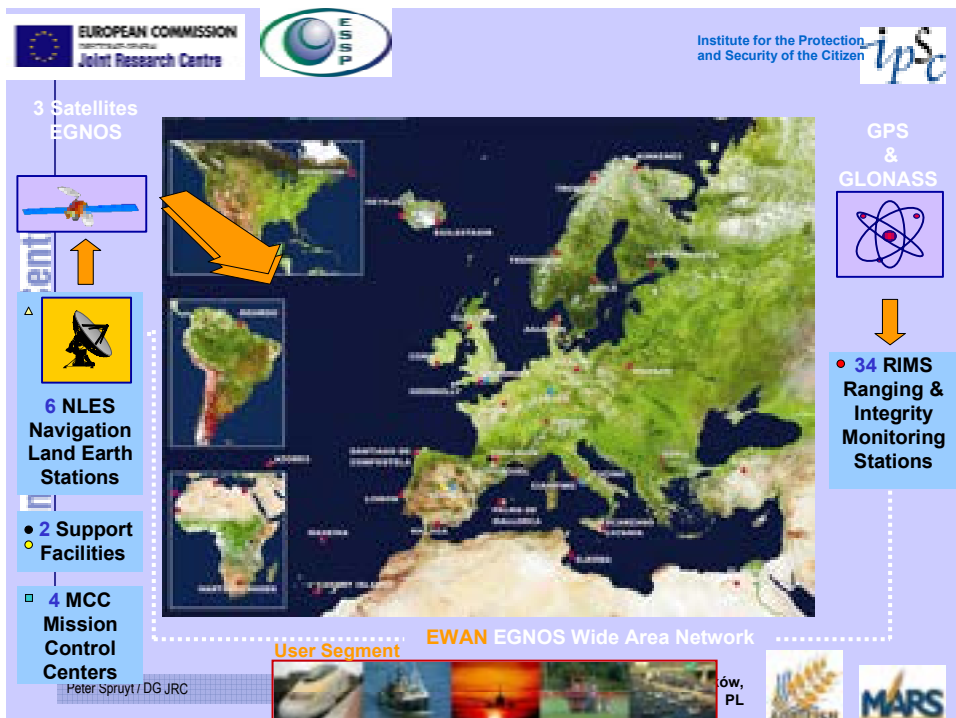
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- At location of these ground stations corrections are calculated for
 - Ionospheric errors, Clock errors and Ephemerides
- These corrections are sent to the geostationary satellites, who then provides a signal very similar to that of the GPS satellites and on the same frequency.
 - Therefore these satellites may be used for position calculation and correction data sent out to improve the position calculation.





- Current situation of ESTB (EGNOS satellite Test Bed)
 - ESTB tests on satellite IOR (PRN 131; ID 44) have been stopped on May, 27 th.
 - At the moment ESTB signals are being transmitted through AOR-E (PRN 120; ID 33).
- EGNOS
 - The final EGNOS constellation will consist of the satellites ARTEMIS (PRN 124; ID 37) , Inmarsat AOR-E (PRN 120; ID 33) and Inmarsat IOR-W (PRN 126; ID 39).
 - Until the official start of EGNOS these satellites do send signals from time to time that will not be evaluated by end-user receivers



Global Deployment Timeline





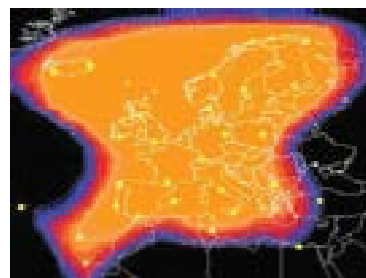
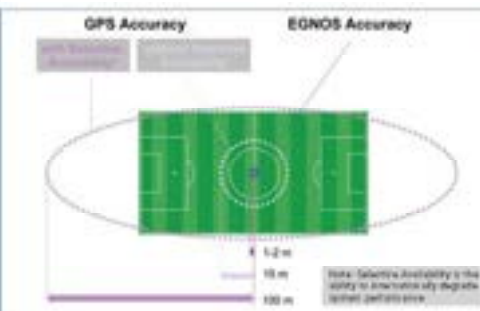
- Egnos monitoring
 - Go to our website :
- Problems encountered are basically linked to the PRN numbers we used.
 - In the beginning not clear which PRN's were active.....



What we should expect when using EGNOS

On accuracy

On availability





Estimated requirements for GNSS (global Navigation satellite system) services

Policy area	Point Horizontal precision (m, conf. interval)	Point Vertical precision (m, 95%)	Availability
Field location	10m, 95%	n/a	Not critical
Fisheries vessels	500m, 99%	n/a	Not critical
Statistical survey	5m, 95%, ideally 2m, 95%	Commensurate with horizontal precision	Not critical, but system failure warning required
Air survey in support of large scale projects (e.g. IACS LPIS)	1m, 95%	1m, 95%	Critical, 99.9%
Parcel area measurements	<10m, 95%; ideally <2m, 95%	Commensurate with horizontal precision	Not critical, but system failure warning required
IACS LPIS boundary updating	5m, 95% or better (depends upon survey scales)	Commensurate with horizontal precision	Not critical, but urban environments possible
Land register, rural	<2.5m, 95% or better (1:5,000 scale)	Commensurate with horizontal precision	Not critical, but system failure warning required
Land register, urban, provisional fixing of boundaries	<1m, 95% or better (1:2,000 scale)	Commensurate with horizontal precision	Not critical, but system failure warning required
Land register, urban, definitive boundary adjudication	Not worse than 50cm, 95% (1:1,000 scale)		



Test Methodology

For known position, continuously receiving

- GPS signal
- EGNOS correction

Checking for:

- *Corrected positional accuracy*
- *Precision (assessment over time)*
- *Availability of Corrections*





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JRC EGNOS Monitoring

- Initiated in March 2005
- PRN 120, ESTB until 27 May 2005
- EGNOS 27 May – till today
- Registering 1/sec,
- Sampling (statistics) every 60th

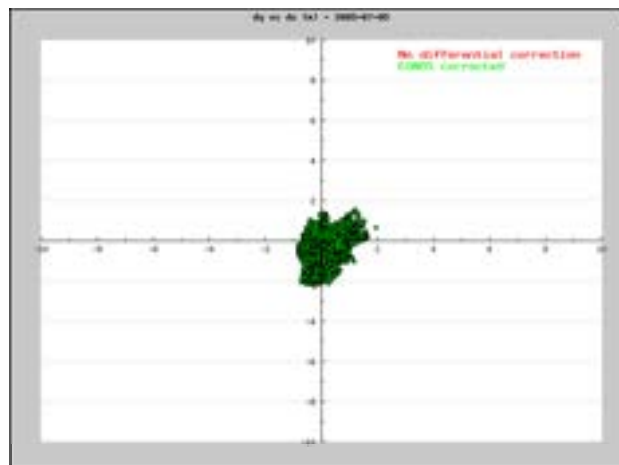
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Example of normal situation using EGNOS PRN 126



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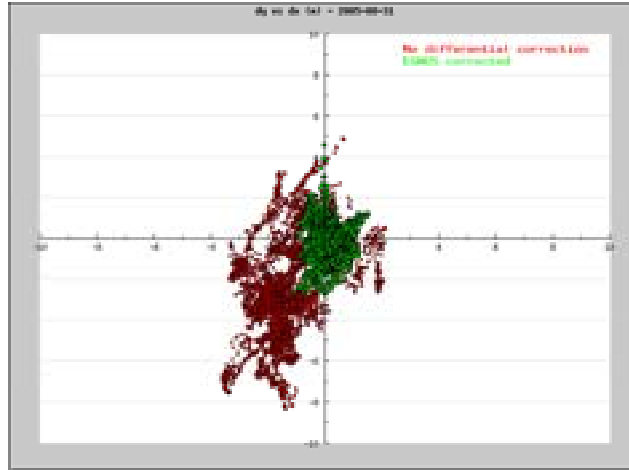
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Example of normal situation (corrected/non corrected) EGNOS PRN 124



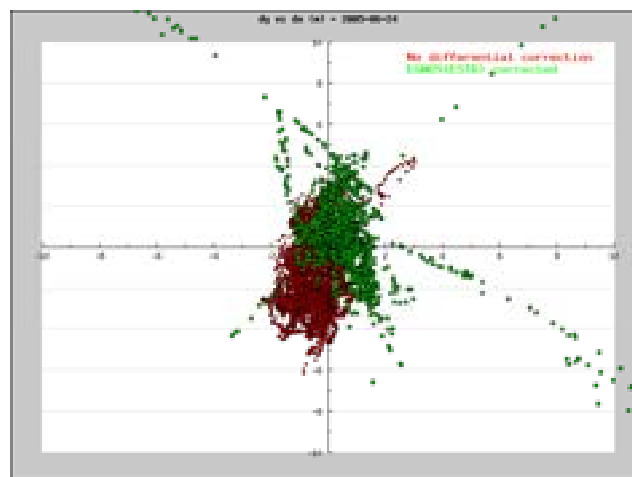
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Strange behaviour ESTB PRN 120



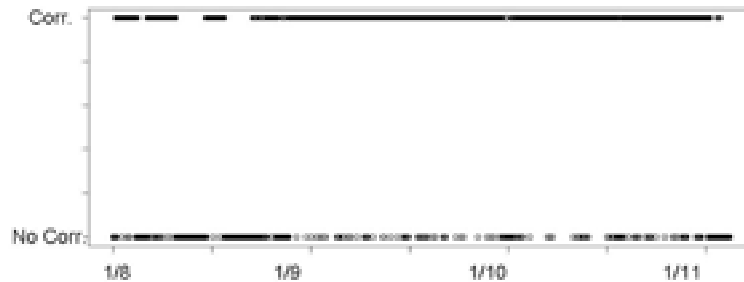
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Correction Availability for PRN 124



77 % availability of the EGNOS PRN 124



Ispra monitoring station results PRN 124

1st Augustus till 8 November 2005

- Accuracy

RMSE	Easting	Northing	Height
EGNOS 124	0.911	0.612	1.440
No Correction	1.524	1.079	3.111

- Precision

Standaard Deviation	Easting	Northing	Height
EGNOS 124	0.675	0.558	1.170
No Correction	1.332	1.072	3.108

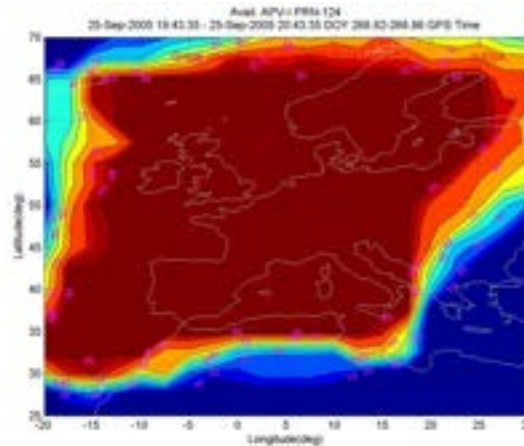
Amount of corrected positions with an deviation greater than (x,y):

(Egnos corrected only) Deviation (x,y) < 1	79.20%
Deviation (x,y) < 2	96.50%
Deviation (x,y) < 3	99.70%





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Monitoring summary (user perspective)

- **Corrections working**
 - with some “teething problems”
- **Availability still below operational levels?**
- **Accuracy and precision seems OK**
 - but still adrift of the promised performance?

General Comments

- **Lack of information about planned interruptions**
- **Archive of corrections, but not any other information archived**

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Presentation 4 – Evolution of remote-sensing method in Poland

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Abstract

The presentation includes information about the evolution of the remote-sensing control (M5 method) in Poland with reference to year 2004:

- Selection of control sites,
- Information about tenders and contractors,
- Information about ortophotomaps used in control in years 2004 and 2005,
- Supplement of control by classical field inspections,
- Extended directories for Quality Control,

The presentation shows the differences between control method used in years 2004 and 2005, for example: meetings with farmers, new codes and comparison of cost.

Keywords: the spot checks, rapid field visits (RFV), farm selection



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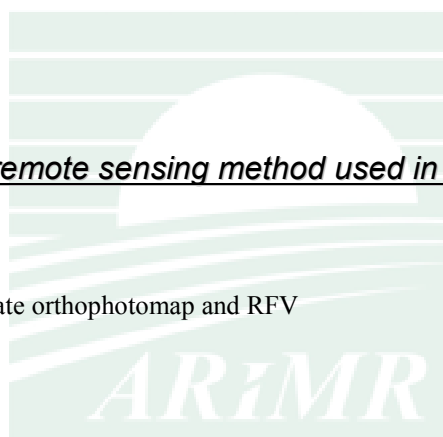


Evolution of the RFV in Poland



Variety of remote sensing method used in Poland (acc. to CTS):

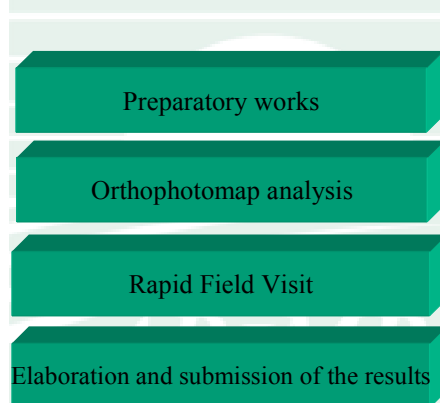
M5 – up-to-date orthophotomap and RFV



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CONTROL STAGES IN 2004 AND 2005

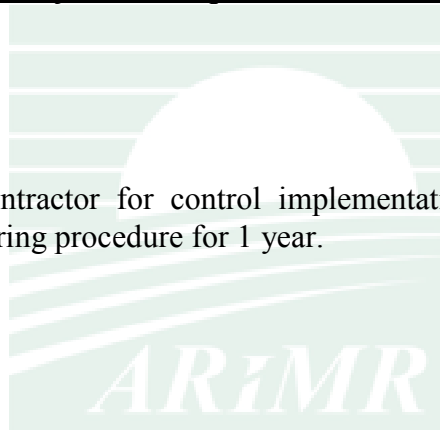


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Basis for RFV implementation in 2004

External contractor for control implementation selected under tendering procedure for 1 year.

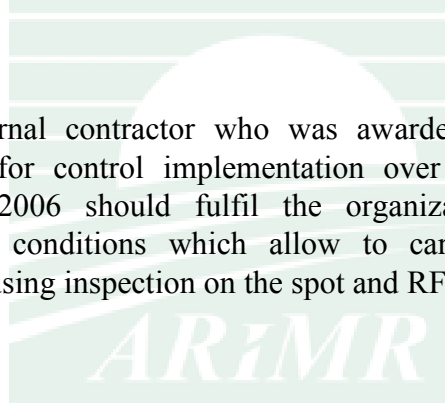


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Basis for control implementation in 2005

The external contractor who was awarded with the contract for control implementation over the period 2005 - 2006 should fulfil the organizational and technical conditions which allow to carry out the services using inspection on the spot and RFV methods.



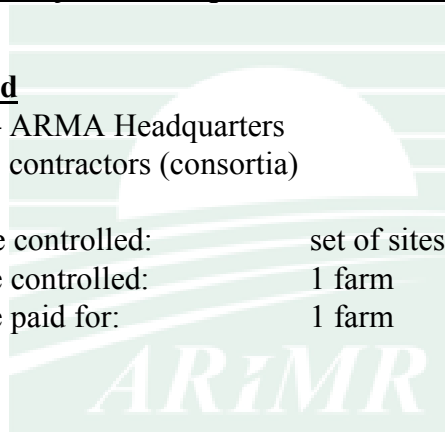
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Basis for RFV implementation in 2004

RFV Method

- 1 tender – ARMA Headquarters
- 5 external contractors (consortia)
- area to be controlled: set of sites
- unit to be controlled: 1 farm
- unit to be paid for: 1 farm



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Basis for control implementation in 2005

Method of inspection on the spot and RFV method

- 6 ARMA regional tenders
- 6 external contractors (consortia)

RFV method

- control area: set of sites
- unit to be controlled: 1 farm
- unit to be paid for: 1 farm

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Selection of sites to be controlled using RFV method in 2004

Site selection criteria:

- availability of the vectoral database,
- low multiannual average overcast,
- advantageous structure of agricultural parcels – low fragmentation of the agricultural parcels,
- size of agricultural land area exceeds 30% of the controlled area,
- Availability of archive ortophotomap.

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Selection of sites to be controlled using RFV method in 2005

Site selection criteria:

- more then 20% of anomalies (regions) from field inspection made in 2004,
- available cadastral vector data,
- number of farms (from field inspection made in 2004),
- ratio of the declared area in 2004 to the total site area should be 40% (the declared area is a sum of the area of farms situated on the site to be controlled).

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Ortophotomaps used in control RFV in 2004:

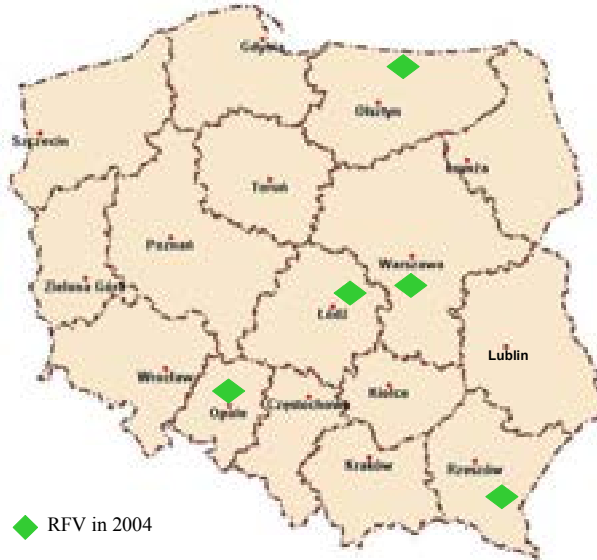
	Mazowieckie GROI/GARI	Opolskie KLUI	Łódzkie LOWQ	Podkarpackie LEZA	Warmińsko Mazurskie BARI
Ortophotomap	IKONOS (500 km ²)	IKONOS (250 km ²)	QuickBird (730 km ²)	Archive ortophotomap	IKONOS/ QuickBird (500 km ²)
Date of photo acquisition	14-15 IV.	15 IV	01 V-20 V	Archive ortophotomap 2003 r.	14 IV-20 IV.

Including:

IKONOS/QuickBird 1980 km²

Archive ortophotomap c.a. 500 km²

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◆ RFV in 2004

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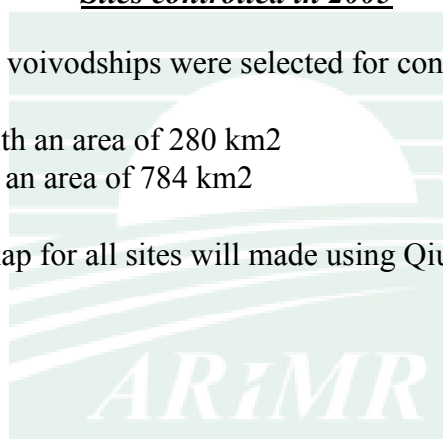


Sites controlled in 2005

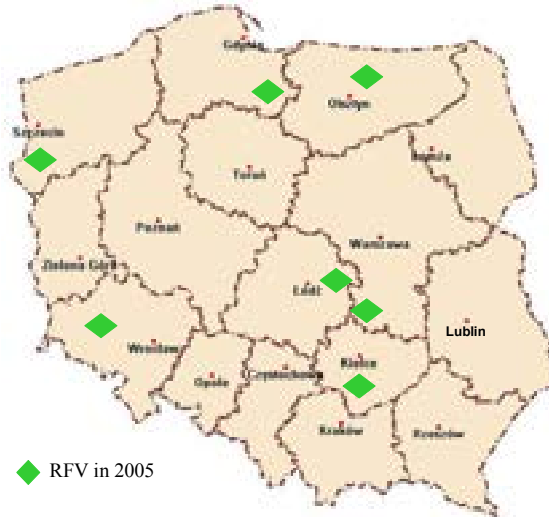
18 sites in 7 voivodships were selected for control in 2005 :

- 17 sites with an area of 280 km²
- 1 site with an area of 784 km²

Ortophotomap for all sites will be made using QuickBird images.



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Ortophotomaps used for RFV control in 2004:

Dates for satellite images acquired

- 14 April – 20 May 2004

Dates for ortophotomaps handed over to the contractors

- 26 July - 9 August 2004

Dates for ortophotomaps handed over to the contractors are imposed by the time needed for their preparation and quality control.

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Ortophotomaps used for RFV control in 2005:

Dates for the satellite images acquired

- 25 April – 30 May 2005

Dates for ortophotomaps handed over to the contractors

- 16 - 29 August 2005

Dates for ortophotomaps handed over to the contractors are imposed by the time needed for their preparation and quality control.

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Ortophotomaps used for RFV control in 2004:

Format of the received satellite images

QuickBird:

- Standard Ortho-Ready, Bundle

IKONOS:

- GEO OrthoKit Bundle

Format of the ortophotomap

- Pan-sharpened

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Ortophotomaps used in control RFV in 2005:

Format of the received satellite images

QuickBird:

- Standard Ortho-Ready, Bundle

Format of the ortophotomap

- Pan-sharpened

Because of a long production time of ortophotomaps it is recommended for JRC to hand over the ready ortophotomaps instead of satellite images.

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Number of checks carried out in 2004 and 2005:

The area of the controlled area and number of farms checked in 2004:

- 2000 km²,
- 9964 of farms.

The area of the controlled area and number of farms checked in 2005:

- 5550 km²,
- 12153 of farms.

Ewolucja FOTO



Differences between RFV method used in 2005
and that used in 2004:

- the contractor has to arrange meetings with farmers,
- the scope of control is complemented with inspections on the spot,
- list of non-conformity codes extended,
- verification of the consistency of descriptive and vector data by comparison of the area and site sizes,
- introduction of the more detail formal check of the control results as a preliminary assessment of data obtained during the control implementation

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Contractor has to arrange meetings with farmers

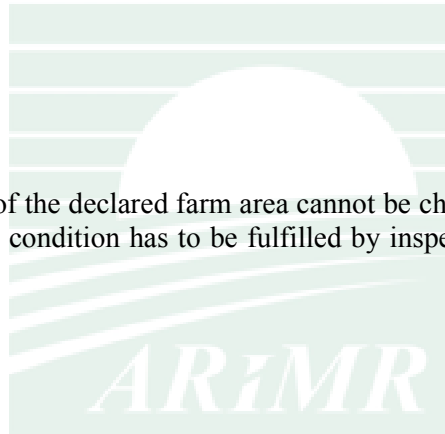
If the declared area on a given farm exceeds the area checked by more than 3% or 1 ha (if the declared area is assumed to be 100%) the contractor has to arrange a meeting with the farmer to show the check results and establish the reasons of discrepancies.

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Scope of control complemented with inspections on the spot

When 80% of the declared farm area cannot be checked using RFV method, this condition has to be fulfilled by inspecting on the spot the parcels.



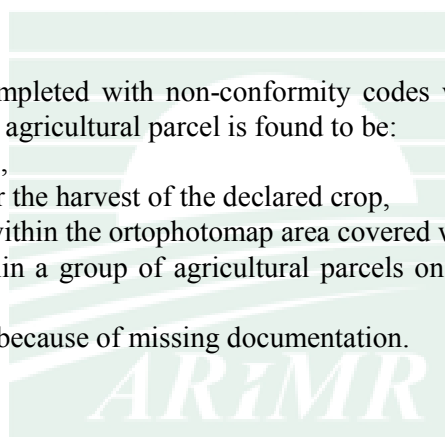
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List of non-conformity codes extended

The list is completed with non-conformity codes which should be used when the agricultural parcel is found to be:

- incompatible,
- checked after the harvest of the declared crop,
- situated on within the ortophotomap area covered with clouds,
- situated within a group of agricultural parcels on which the same crop is grown,
- not checked because of missing documentation.

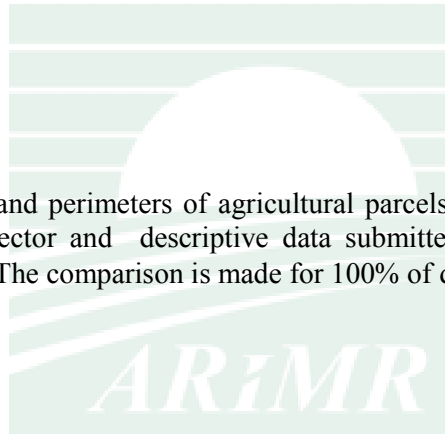


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Verification of the consistency of submitted data

The areas and perimeters of agricultural parcels are compared with the vector and descriptive data submitted (kept in the database). The comparison is made for 100% of data submitted.



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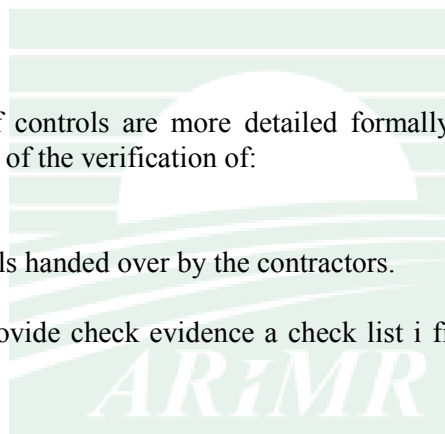


More detailed formal check

The results of controls are more detailed formally checked – the check consists of the verification of:

- vector data,
- databases
- paper materials handed over by the contractors.

In order to provide check evidence a check list is filled in for each farm.



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Comparison of unit costs incurred for the check of 1 farm in 2004, 2005-2006

Tender Region	Unit price 2004	Unit price 2005-2006	Proportion of 2005-2006 price to 2004 price.
Pomorskie, zachodniopomorskie	-	147,62	
Kujawsko-pomorskie warmińsko-mazurskie	392,69	200,02	50,94%
Łódzkie, opolskie, śląskie, świętokrzyskie	391,96	213,50	54,47%
Małopolskie, lubelskie, podkarpackie	372,1	-	
Podlaskie, mazowieckie	444,05	280,60	63,19%
Wielkopolskie, lubuskie, dolnośląskie	-	195,20	
Poland	411,55	206,30	50,13%

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Changes planned for 2006

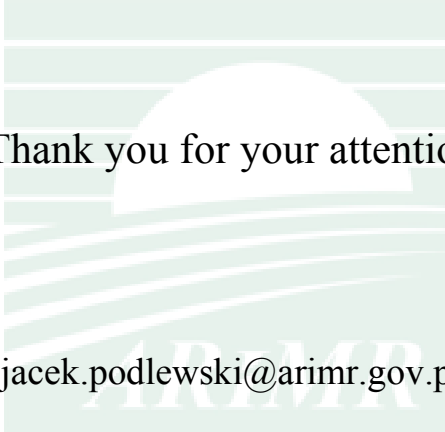
- increased precision of the co-ordinates of the bending points of parcel boundaries,
- establishment of permissible divergences for the parcel areas and perimeters in the databases and vector data.

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Presentation 5 – Mixing sources of geo-information for agricultural user community support

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Abstract

Recent advancements in geoICT bring the integration of Earth Observation (EO), Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and GIS within reach of every day use. Protocols and standards however are scarce. This is hampering the cross-organisational implementation. Collaboration between the Dutch payment agency, research institutes, industry and service providers has led to a successful pilot for mixing sources.

Within the Galileo programme of EC and ESA research is initiated to promote the use of GNSS. The FieldFact project focuses on mixing sources of geo-information for agricultural user community support. This presentation focuses on a first critical analysis of the integration of GNSS with EO and GIS and provides an outlook to developments like geo-enabled farm management systems, updating LPIS with GPS and LBS for farm advice.

Keywords: Galileo, EO, agricultural user community, farm advice, LPIS update, LBS



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Mixing sources of geo-information for agricultural user community support

The impact of Farmer Management Systems

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Tamme van der Wal, Alterra

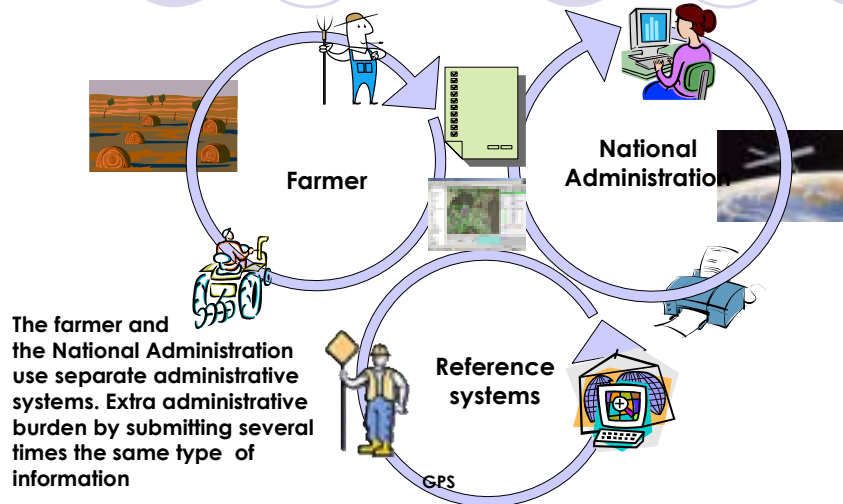
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Outline

- Combining Earth Observation and GNSS in agriculture
- The 'Fieldfact' project; introduction of GNSS in the EU agri-sector



Current situation



GNSS in the agri-sector; Challenges...

Why is GNSS not (yet) widely used in agriculture:

1. High investment for equipment, software, services
2. Lack of beneficiary applications

What is different today:

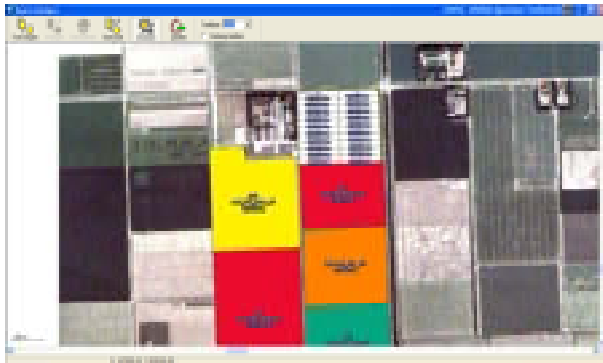
1. Increased demand for (digital) documentation;
 1. From the production chain
 2. From the government
2. Equipment is cheaper, more accurate,
3. Farmer Management Systems (FMS) with geo-modules





FMS; more than figures....

More and more FMS incorporate parcel based geo-modules; from 'simple' parcel boundary measuring functions.....



FMS; more than figures....

Increasing request of farmers of satellite based crop growth information to be integrated in their FMS.....

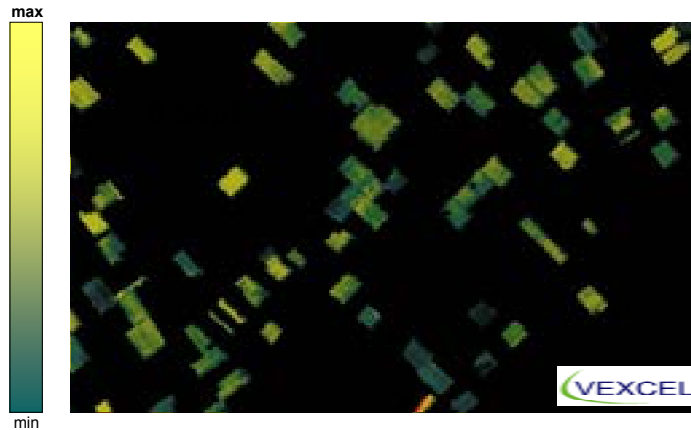


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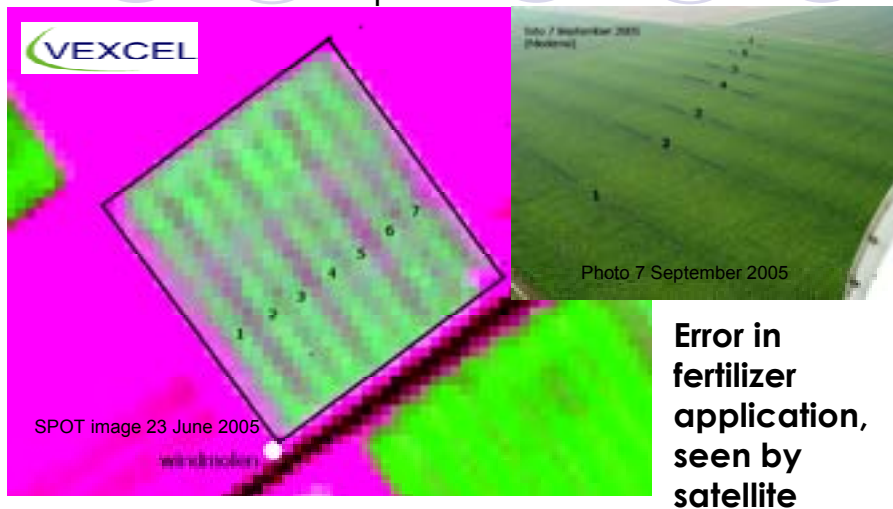
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Biomass (LAI) of potato fields throughout the growing season (SPOT 23 June 2005, Netherlands)



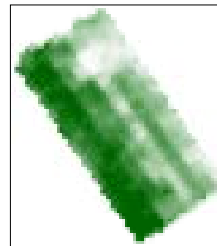
Earth Observation products



Error in fertilizer application, seen by satellite



Earth Observation products

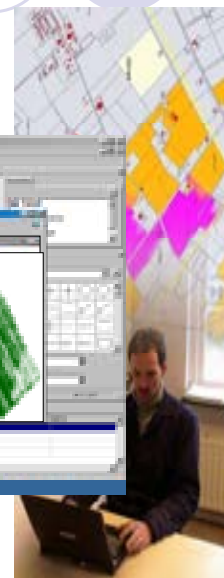
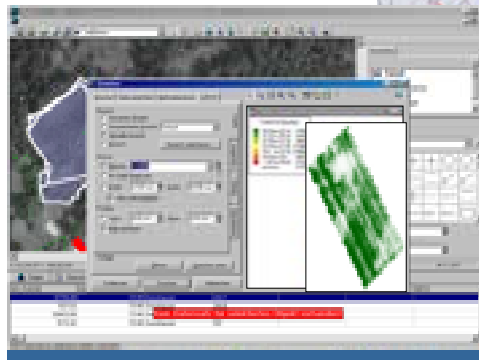
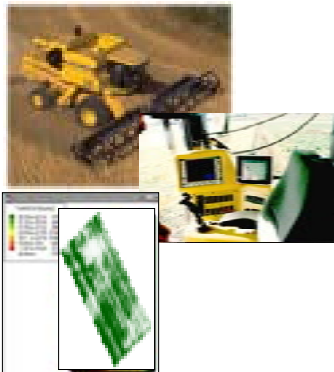


Biomass (LAI) determined from space (23 June, 2005)

Biomass determined on the ground by the N-Sensor (16 June 2005)

FMS; more than figures....

....as input to high level, position related, daily/weekly/monthly crop growth monitoring management system



GNSS plays an important role !!



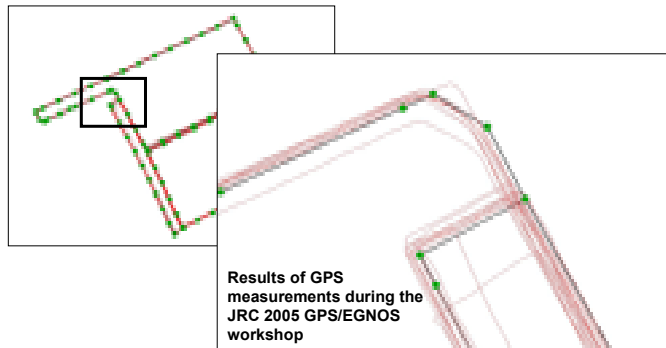
Issues to be solved...

- Approx. 5.5 million farmers in EU25 deal with GI now
 - Farmers will start using GNSS to include in their FMS
 - Exchange of FMS information with National Authorities
 - Possible error introduction in parcel measurements
- Emergence / resurrection of precision agriculture.
 - FMS linked to machine providers; ISO-bus standards

GNSS in the agri-sector; **Threats...**

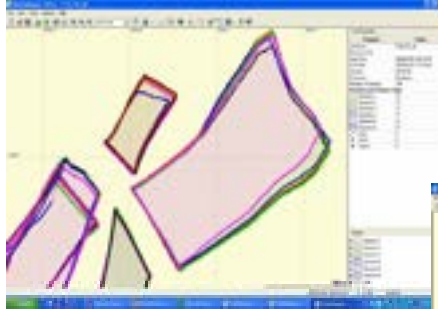


Use of GNSS by farmers and controllers can introduce discrepancies in parcel measurements due to.....





Different instruments.....



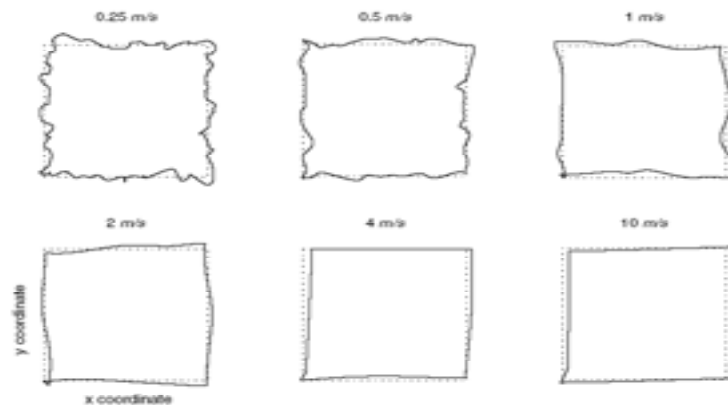
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Equipment 1

Equipment 2



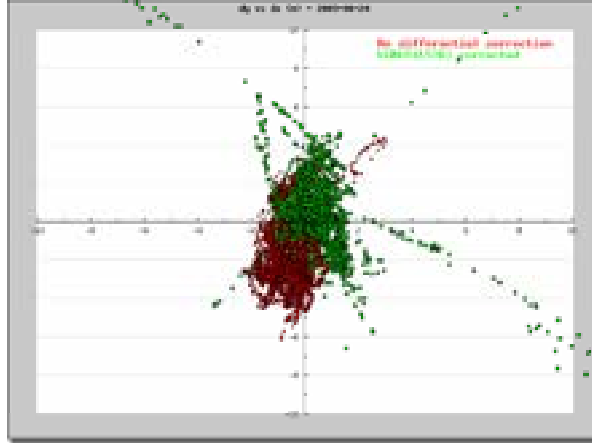
Different methodology....



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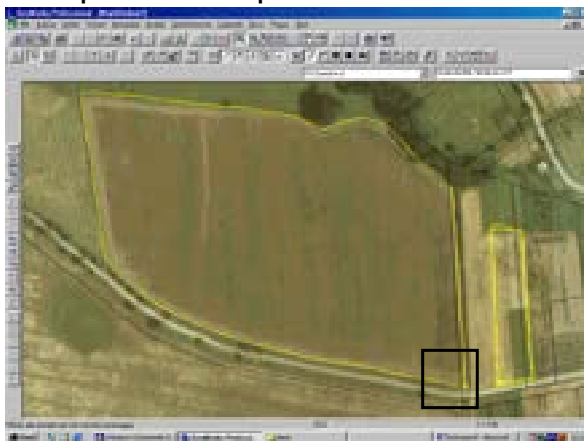


Signal related error....



Source: DG JRC, Italy

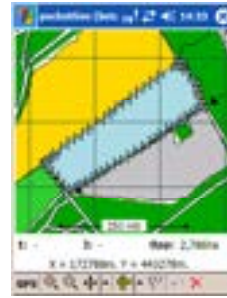
Operator protocol error....



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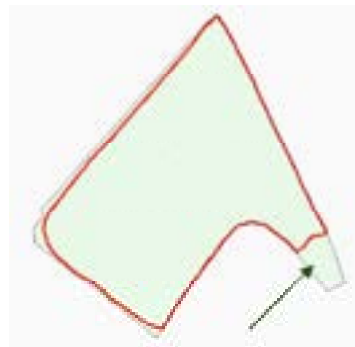
Farmer measuring error....



LPIS errors.....

GPS used for OTS leads to discrepancies with the LPIS. What is the source ?

- ❑ Error in LPIS ?
- ❑ Error in GPS/EGNOS signal ?
- ❑ Error in methodology ?
- ❑ Error made by controller ?
- ❑ Error made by farmer ?

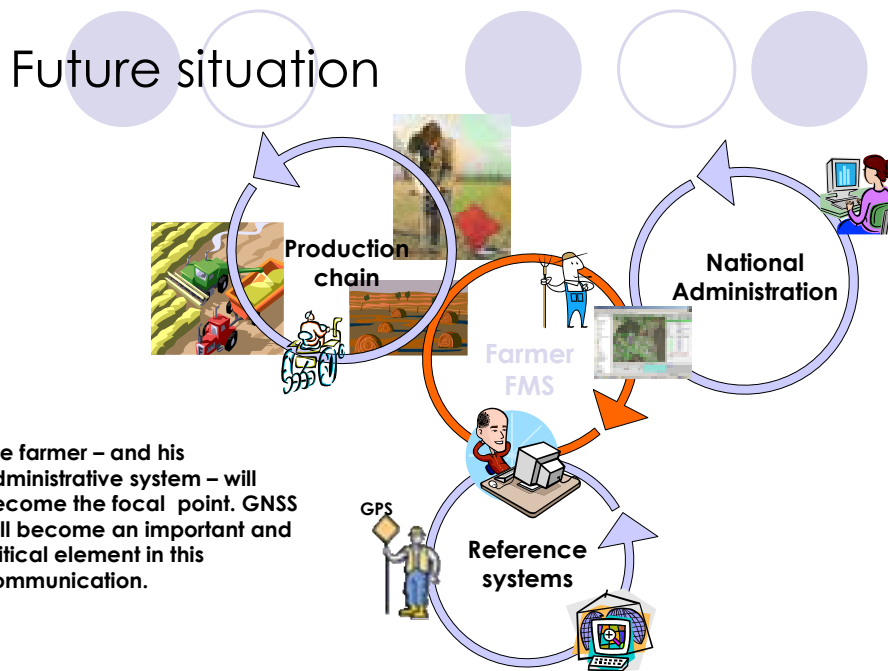


Source: SZIF, National administration Czech Republic



... and/or a combination of all the previous....

(Practical) guidelines/protocol/standardization about the use of GPS by the farmers is needed !





FieldFact (2006-2007)

A new initiative about the introduction and promotion of GNSS in the European agricultural sector with emphasis on the use of EGNOS/Galileo.

Supported by the Galileo Joint Undertaking (GJU)



Consortium & expertise in Fieldfact

- **Alterra** (lead): GNSS application in education, research and agriculture;
- **University of Warmia & Mazury**: Geodesy;
- **JRC**: GNSS Application in EC regulations;
- **Vexcel Netherlands**: GNSS application and Earth Observation;
- **PPO**: Farm application and integration with management, tradeshow;
- **Ekotoxa**: Stakeholders feedback.



Focus of FieldFact

- Develop a useful / simple application for on-farm GNSS use with emphasis on EGNOS/Galileo;
- Integrate documentation with farm management (less work on administration etc.);
- Spread the word through professional networks such as farm-research, national administration and extension services;
- Stimulate Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for useful content / content sharing

Fieldfact 'low end' GNSS application

- **Notification / registration of activity**
 - Field / location
 - Time
 - User adds attribute data such as activity, equipment etc.
- **PDA based applications**
 - Field boundaries from IACS
 - Position/time with GPS (later Galileo)
 - Exportable data (to FMS)





‘Low end’ additions...

- Extra functionality:
 - Get History from field (when did I mow this last time?)
 - Alert (you are moving from field 1 to field 2 without disinfection of equipment)
 - Work planning (today you are going to plough field 3)
 - ...

Fieldfact ‘high-end’; GNSS and machinery



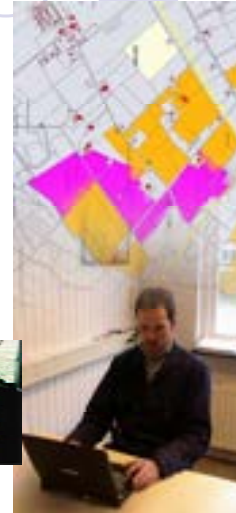


‘High-end’ additions...

- On-Farm Data acquisition, Management and Analysis
- Integration of GNSS signals from harvesters etc.

with

- Field boundaries and farm plan from IACS
- digital CAP declaration



‘High-end’ additions...

- Open standards, communication with different manufacturers
- Internet connection with IACS WMS
- Certification of geo-features
- Portal c.q. server
- Collection and use of high-precision GNSS data
 - (included field boundary measurement)



Fieldfact Trade Fair....

During the project a trade fair will be held for the different stakeholders at three different locations in Europe.



Stakeholders....

Call for stakeholders !!!

An important activity in the first quarter of 2006 is the induction of a stakeholders platform. This can be administrative bodies as well as organisations that represent farmer communities.

Please contact **Simon Kay** (simon.kay@jrc.it) if you are interested to take seat in the platform.



Presentation 6 – IACS-GIS Implementation (GERK project)

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Abstract

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Slovenia started with the implementation of GERK project (graphical agriculture units of farmers) in the year 2005. Positional non-accuracy and not up-to-date cadastre caused problems in GIS system. The Government of Slovenia took decision to move on better reference parcel- GERK for the purpose of IACS-GIS.

Slovenian IACS reference parcel was from the year 2000 the cadastral parcel. The farmers declared the agriculture units (farm blocks) formed by cadastral parcels or their parts.


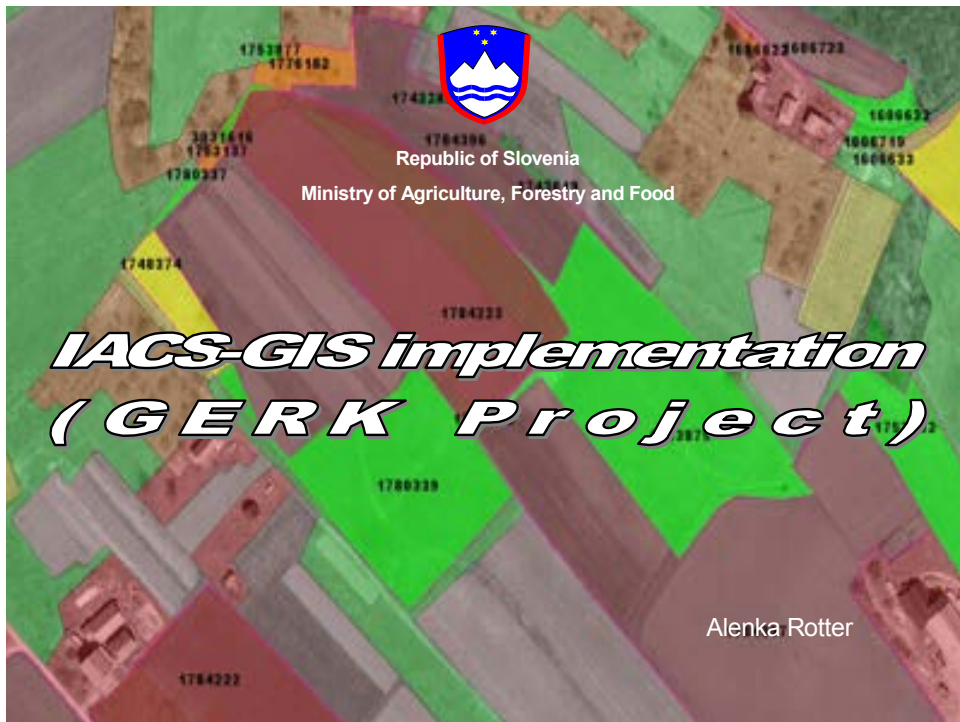
Digital cadastre maps, land use, farmer's declarations from year 2004 and data from registers of permanent crops was used to create the initial GERKs. All initially calculated GERKs has to be corrected in the presence of farmers. The special graphical application was made for this purpose. Implementation is done on the field with approx. 750 specially trained workers. The project will be successfully finished for approx. 74.00 farmers at the end of the year 2005. GERKs will be delivered to farmers who applied for the subsidies 2005 as graphical and numerical pre-print and will serve as future reference parcel for IACS-GIS.

Keywords: LPIS, GERK, IACS-GIS, digital cadastre maps, agriculture unit



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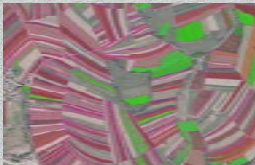
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GERK= graphical agriculture units of farms

Positional non-accuracy and not up-to-date cadastre caused problems in GIS

Government decision: GERK should replace Cadastre parcels as a reference parcel for IACS-GIS

Implementation of GERK started in 2005 and will be used in 2006 as new reference system





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GERK definition:

- continuous piece of agricultural land,
- with the same land use,
- in use of one single farm,
- on which grows usually one crop

(exceptions on arable land: rye, wheat, maes,...there could be more crops on one GERK)

Permanent crops- GERK is following rules from registres.



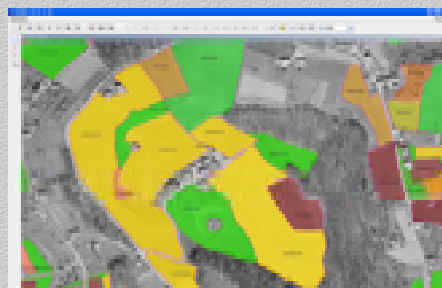
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ATTRIBUTES OF THE GERK


- identification number,
- domestic name,
- land use code,
- ID of the permanent crop
- Area
- Remark of the farmer or qualified person
- date, hour of consultancy taken



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The GERK establishing Process-1

- Overlay DCM + Land Use + farmer's declarations from 2004 + data from permanent crop registers
- Approx 74.000 farmers were or will be invited to consult the GERKs in year 2005
- Farmers are receiving an invitation from consultants 
- MAFF had trained over 750 consultants
- By first consultancy overlaps between different farmers GERKs is allowed, but it is clear to the farmers that area of overlaped GERKs will be excluded from any payment in 2006
- Each farmer have to confirm the GERKs on the printed form of numerical attributes about GERK

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The GERK establishing Process-2

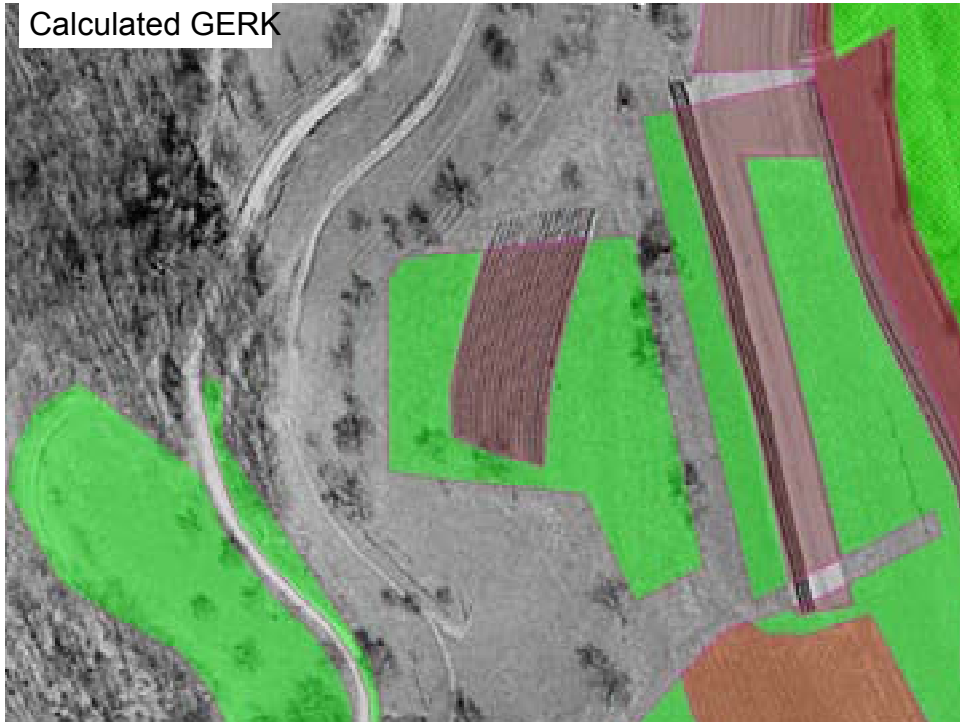
- At the end of consultancy with all the farmers, the farmers with overlaping areas of the GERKs will be invited to solve the problems
- If there will be no agreement between the farmers , the oficial area of GERK will be reduced for overlaping area
- Graphical preprint for year 2006 will show the GERKs on DOP
- Farmers will come to advisory service to apply for the subsidies directly via internet application



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Calculated GERK



Confirmed GERK after consultancy taken

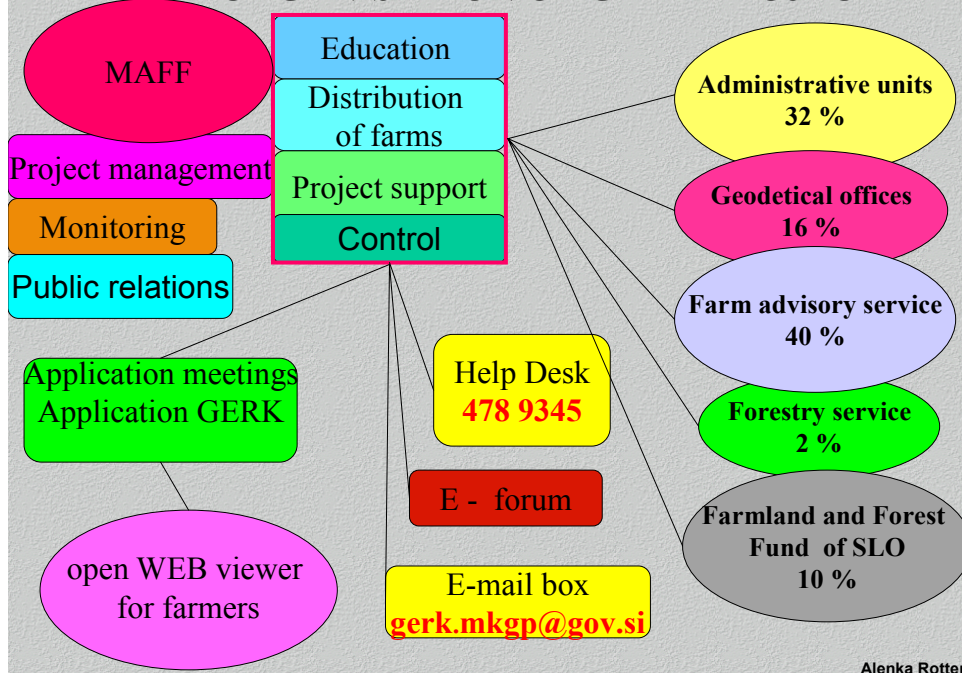




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ORGANISATION OF GERK PROJECT



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WEB VIEWER: <http://rkg.gov.si/GERK/>

The screenshot shows the website interface for the RABA - RABA KMETIJSKIH ZEMLJIŠČ GERK - GRAFIČNE ENOTE RABE KMG HMO - HIDROMELIORACIJA OBMOČJA. The page includes a header with the Slovenian Republic logo and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. The main content area features a title, a description of the project, and a list of documents and web applications. On the right side, there is a legend for 'Vrste kmet. rabe' (Types of agricultural use) with various categories and codes.

Vrste kmet. rabe	
1100	Njive in vrtovi
1130	Začasni travniki
1160	Hmeljišča
1180	Trajne rastline na njepljkih površinah
1190	Fraktinjak
1211	Vinogradi
1221	Intenzivni sadovnjaki
1222	Ekstenzivni sadovnjaki
1230	Ogčni nasadi
1240	Ostale trajne rastline
1300	Trajni travniki in pašniki
1321	Barjanski travniki
1330	Orski pašniki
1410	Zemljišča v zaraščanju
1420	Parcele gozd. dreves
1500	Drevesa in gmočevje
1600	Neobdelana kmet. zem.
1800	Kmetijske površine porasle z gozd. drevesom
Nekmet. rabe	
3000	Gozd
3000	Posidana zemljišča
4100	Barje
4210	Trstičja
4220	Ostala zamočvirana zem.
5000	Suha odprta zemljišča s posebnim rast. pokrovom
6000	Odprta zemljišča brez rastlinskega pokrova
7000	Vode

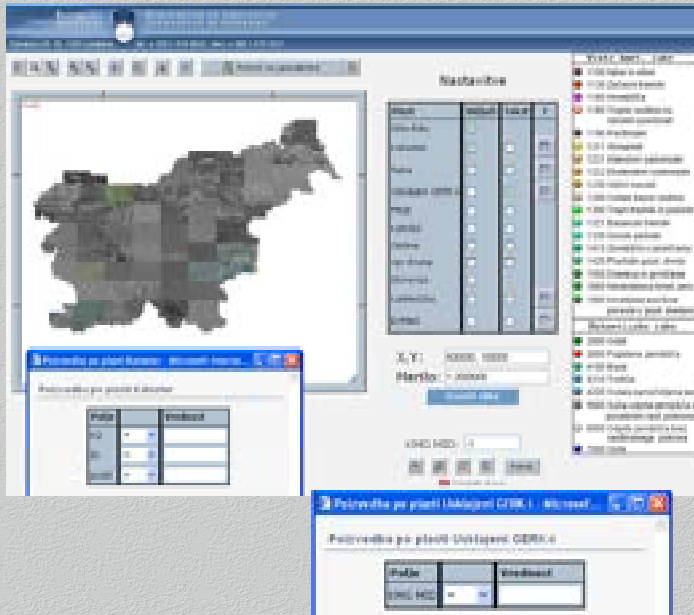


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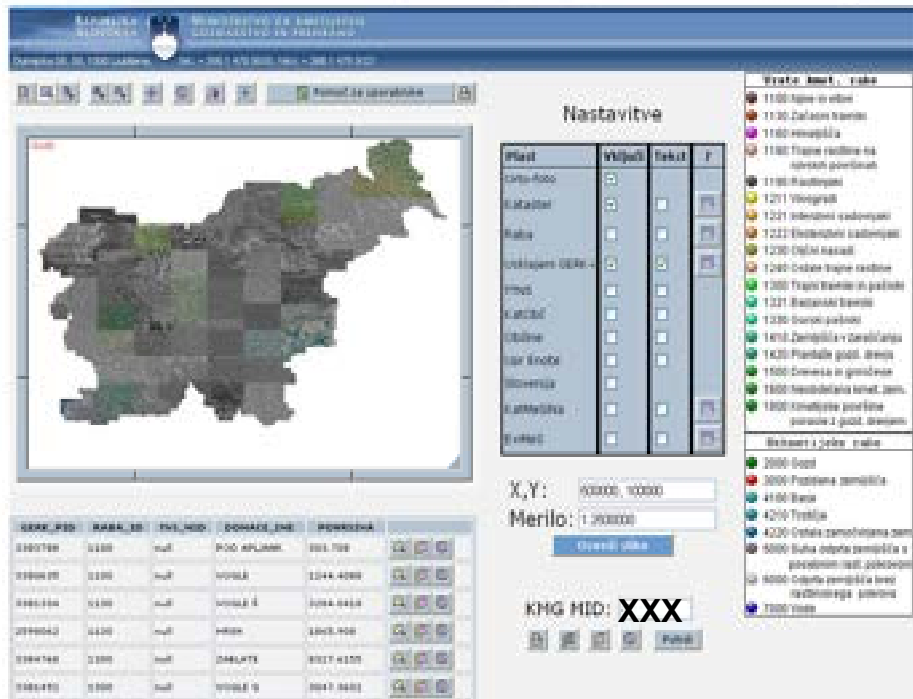
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Enable to view land by GERK ID, by FARM_ID, by the land cadaster and land use and get the information about it.

Farmers can measure distances and areas.

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Thank You for your attention!

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Parallel Session T2 – Control of GAECs and other schemes

**Chairman:
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Presentation 1 – Definition of GAEC by Member States. Controlling GAEC with Remote Sensing

***Philippe LOUDJANI, Olivier LÉO,
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Abstract

In the frame of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform, farmers are asked (among other) to keep their land in Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) to obtain their payments. The CAP Regulations set out a framework for GAEC standards within which each MS decides its own detailed rules. A summary of GAEC defined by MS in 2005 is given in the presentation.

MS have to control a sample of dossiers to check the GAEC compliance. In 2005, the Commission proposed MS to test the use of RS as a support to select samples to be controlled and/or as objective GAEC control tool. Some examples of candidate GAEC controllable with RS are given and partly discussed in the presentation.

In 2005, most of MS have planed to use RS for the control of GAEC. Also, satellite images have been acquired specifically for that purpose.

The conclusions consist in questions and discussions open to the audience in order to evaluate lessons and learning of the use of Remote Sensing for GAEC control. These exchanges will provide inputs for improvements and recommendations for next control campaigns.

Keywords: GAEC, Control, Remote Sensing, VHR, HR, legislation



Definition of GAEC by Member States

Controlling GAEC with Remote Sensing

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Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition

- ✓ Issued from the CAP Reform (CR (EC) No 1782/2003)
- ✓ Compulsory for all farmers receiving direct payments
- ✓ Requirements for **Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition** (GAEC) are to be defined by Member States, on the basis of the common framework set out in **Annex IV** of CR (EC) No 1782/2003
- ✓ 2004: 8 new MS implemented GAEC under SAPS
- ✓ 2005: GAEC implementation obligatory for EU 25 MS





Annex IV (+ Article 5 of 1782/2003)

✓ **4 issues and 11 standards**

SOIL EROSION - protect soil with appropriate measures

- 1 Minimum soil cover
- 2 Minimum land management reflecting site specific conditions
- 3 Retain terraces

Measures

SOIL ORGANIC MATTER – Maintain soil organic matter through appropriate practices

- 4 Standard for crop rotation where applicable
- 5 Arable stubble management

**Areas
 Themes
 Categories**

SOIL STRUCTURE - Maintain soil structure through appropriate machinery use

- 6 Appropriate machinery use

MINIMUM LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE AND AVOIDING DETERIORATION OF HABITATS

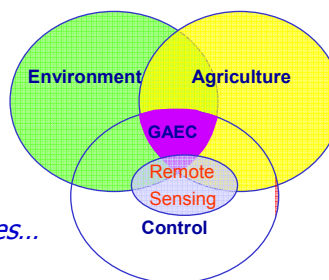
- 7 Minimum livestock stocking rates and/or appropriate regimes
- 8 Protect permanent pastures
- 9 Retention of landscape features, including, where appropriate, the prohibition of the grubbing up of olive trees
- 10 Avoiding the encroachment of unwanted vegetation on agricultural land
- 11 Maintenance of olive groves in good vegetative condition

✓ **+ Maintenance of ratio of Permanent Grasslands**
 more a 5th issue at regional level, independent of standard 8



General Recommendation to define GAEC

- ✓ GAEC have to be
- **Relevant for Environment**
 - **Acceptable for Farmers**
 - **Controllable by the control agencies...**



- ✓ 3 points of view to combine
- It's not an easy target : requires a lot of pragmatism

- ✓ MS may or may not use Remote Sensing for GAEC control



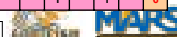


Overview of GAEC defined by Member States

- ✓ 2005: GAEC implemented in EU 25
- ✓ Difficult overview and synthesis
 - Els De Roeck, May 2005
 - Information from MS through JRC network of contacts

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standard	Soil organic matter & soil structure																				TOTAL							
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Most recurrent standards

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ISSUE	STANDARD	TOTAL
4 - MLM	Minimum (meadows) mowing / grazing	22
2 - SOM	No burning stubble/ stubble management	20
4 - MLM	Min maintenance /encroachment scrub - trees	19
1 - SE	Protect soil / erosion	18
4 - MLM	Over-grazing nor under grazing	15
4 - MLM	Avoid Weed infestation	14
1 - SE	(Winter) soil coverage	11
4 - MLM	Maintenance of permanent pasture	11
4 - MLM	Non-destruction of Habitats	10
1 - SE	Maintenance (Conservation) of Terraces	8

- ✓ number of standards per country: 3 to 24





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Possible use of Remote Sensing for GAEC

Present guidance of JRC

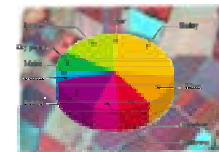
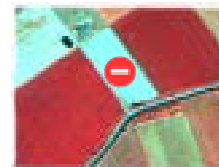
- ✓ RS is **only a tool** in support to OTSC
- ✓ **Not fully** replaces on-the-field inspection
- ✓ To be tested in 2005:
 - Use as support to select samples to be controlled
 - As a **support to risk analysis** (1% samples)
(Filter possibly fraudulent parcels)
 - As an objective **control tool**
 - Focus on GAEC
(DG AGRI request, link to parcel: agriculture practice, land use, maintenance...)
 - But **depends on GAEC** defined by MS



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Candidate GAEC for CWRS ?

- ✓ Minimum soil cover
 - Often to be checked in Winter period
 - Maintenance of Set aside or Non cultivated land
 - Black fallows (bare soil forbidden)
- ✓ Crop rotation – crop pattern
 - Rotation of crop (year n & n-1 images)
 - or % crop and land cover / whole farm (year n)
- ✓ No burning of Stubbles/residues
 - Short and specific period

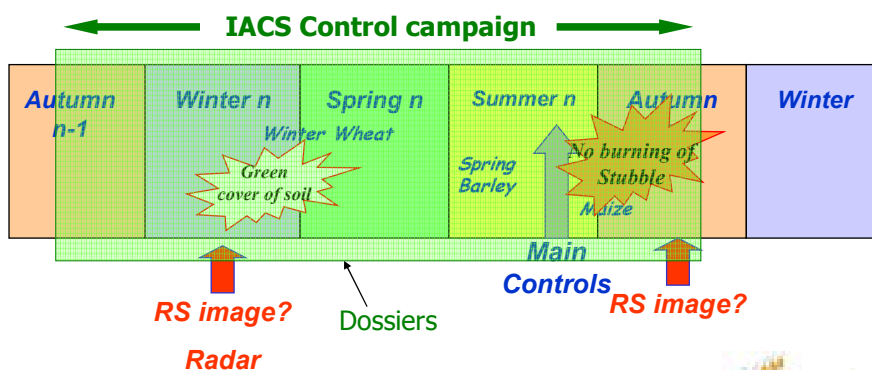




Possible use of R-Sensing to Control GAEC ?

- ✓ Out-of-season requirements
 - Ex: Winter cover/ soil; No burning of stubble, etc...
 - Reduce on-the-field visits
 - Define strategy for winter check

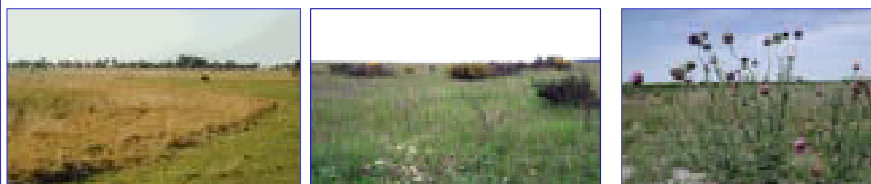
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Candidate GAEC for CWRS ?

- ✓ Minimum level of maintenance
 - Avoiding encroachment of unwanted vegetation
 - Depends on detailed requirements
 - Cut every year, Cut every 4-5 years all ligneous
 - Avoid weed seed production, avoid specific Species
 - A concern already present in IACS (for Set aside)

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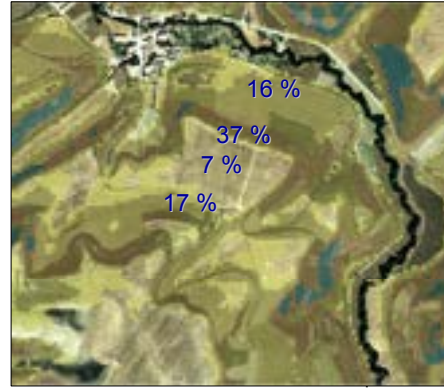
Candidate GAEC for CWRS ?

- ✓ Soil erosion – terrace maintenance



Orthophoto (Macerata, Italy)

(Silvia CASTELLI, 2005)



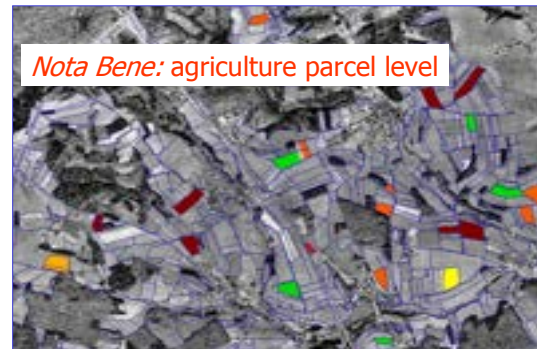
Slope image
 Slope values derived from DTM 10x10 m



Candidate GAEC for CWRS ?

- ✓ Double filtering for high erosion risk parcels selection
 - Intermediary Index = f (slope, parcel length, slope versus length direction)
 - Input data : IACS, DTM
 - Final index for the control of the ploughing direction
 - Input data : Aerial photography or VHR imagery

Courtesy of B. Tychon *et al.*
 SAGRIWATEL project
 Belgium Wallonia



Erosion risk Level

- No risk based on final index
- Weak based on intermediary index
- Weak based on final index
- Middle based on intermediary index
- Middle based on final index
- High based on intermediary index
- High based on final index





Candidate GAEC for CWRS ?

✓ Retention of **landscape Features**

- CwRS may detect removal by farmer of Features
 - (Edges, terraces, etc)
- Original situation to be maintained? 2 possibilities
 - An independent exhaustive inventory in the LPIS (from ortho imagery)



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Pan sharpened
Quickbird Image
Site GLAU (DE)
2003



- **Woods**
- **Hedges**
- **Isolated trees**

- A compulsory declaration by Farmers in 2005, followed by a validation



Proposal of the Commission for 2005 CwRS

- ✓ Test both approaches
 - RS as a support for selection of GAEC sample
 - RS for a partial control of some GAEC
- ✓ Provision of extra HR images for the control out of season requirements
- ✓ Results to be evaluated end of 2005
 - Workshop on GAEC (Ispra – October 2005)
 - **Kraków conference**
 - Modifications, decisions for 2006?

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Plan of Member States for 2005

✓ Cf. info provided at the kick-off 2005

Country	CY	EL	DE 5 land.	HU	IT	NL	UK	FR	LU	PT	DK	SK	CZ	IE	LT	DE 2 land.	BE WA	BE FL	DE 9 land.	EE	ES	LV	MT	PL	SE	SI	FI	AT
No of GAECs	6	4	4	3	7	2	11	5	3	6	6	2	2	7	5	4	4	8	4	4	4	4	5	8	4	4	?	
Field visit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	4	3	3	3	7	4	4	4	4	5	8	4	4	?	
Field visit + RS	6	4	4	3	7	2	11	4	2	4	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% of RS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%	67%	67%	50%	50%	50%	43%	40%	25%	25%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	?	

- IE → combined with GFP - RS = support for field visit
- FR → One additional (Perm. Pasture checked on declarations)
- DE → Use of RS depends on Länders

- ✓ 16 MS out of 25 intended to use RS
- ✓ To control 13 to 100% of GAEC defined
- ✓ 7 MS requested extra images



Details of extra images ordered

COUNTRY	CONTRACTOR	SITE[S]	ACQUISITION DATE	IMAGE TYPE	DESCRIPTION
BELGIUM	CRIG	HERV	15/01/2005	SPOT 4	ploughing, bare soil detection
		FERN		radar	ploughing, bare soil detection
CYPRUS	APIK	LARN	27/02/2005	SPOT 4	unsure if GAEC purpose
		LARN	15/12/2004	LANDSAT5	unsure if GAEC purpose
		NICO	27/02/2005	SPOT 4	unsure if GAEC purpose
CZECH REPUBLIC	Autumn	ROUD	14/09/2005	LANDSAT5	GAEC no burning of residues
GERMANY	EFTAS	GRAM	01/02/2005	SPOT 4	erosion
		GUTE	07/02/2005	SPOT 2	erosion
		JABE	05/02/2005	SPOT 4	erosion
ITALY	AGRISIAN	AVEE	16/09/2005	SPOT 2	stubble burning, and other
		AVEW	03/09/2005	SPOT 5	stubble burning, and other
		BAR2	01/09/2005	SPOT 2	stubble burning, and other
		BAR1	01/09/2005	SPOT 2	stubble burning, and other
		CATA	02/09/2005	SPOT 5	stubble burning, and other
		ENNA	03/09/2005	SPOT 5	stubble burning, and other
PORTUGAL	GEOMETRAL	ALCS	05/03/2005	SPOT 4	AEMs and GAECs
		BRAS	15/03/2005	SPOT 5	AEMs and GAECs
		BRIS	07/03/2005	SPOT 2	AEMs and GAECs
		CAV5	17/03/2005	SPOT 4	AEMs and GAECs
		CORS	04/03/2005	SPOT 5	AEMs and GAECs
		FIGS	07/03/2005	SPOT 2	AEMs and GAECs
		MARS	15/03/2005	SPOT 5	AEMs and GAECs
		MATS	04/03/2005	SPOT 5	AEMs and GAECs
		NOSS	05/03/2005	SPOT5	AEMs and GAECs
		SANS	04/03/2005	SPOT5	AEMs and GAECs
		SEBS	FAILED	FAILED	AEMs and GAECs
		VEN5	15/03/2005	SPOT 5	AEMs and GAECs
SPAIN	TRAGSATEC	ALMO	23/12/2004	SPOTS	differentiation between almonds/olives
SPAIN (ANDALUSIA)	DAP	JERE	19/09/2005	SPOTS	cereal, stubbles

Total = 68 700€





Presentations by MS in this session

- Implementation and control of GAEC in **France**
- VHR/HR data for GAEC control in **Italy**
- Potential contribution of RS to GAEC control in **England**
- Use of the GIS-LPIS for GAEC control in **Czech Republic**
- DeCOVER Multipurpose National Land Cover Database **Germany**

Questions and discussions open to the audience

- ✓ Spatial resolution of imagery sufficient?
 - Landsat - SPOT2,4 – SPOT5
- ✓ Type of sensor relevant?
 - Optical, Radar
- ✓ Pertinent acquisition dates?
 - Autumn, winter, spring
- ✓ Decisions for next years
 - Continue, stop?
 - adjust GAEC, adjust method (winter cover...)?
 - VHR + systematic Rapid Field Visit
- ✓ What about use for risk analysis?
- ✓ What about Cost efficiency study (Control with and without RS)?
- ✓ Parcel definition (Extension when non compliant → soil erosion)



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Presentation 2 - Potential Contribution of Remote Sensing to GAEC Control in England

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Abstract

In England the Cross Compliance requirements for keeping land in Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition include 17 specific GAECs concerning the management of soils, habitats and landscape features. GAECs have been defined by the Administration in consultation with relevant industry and interest groups to give wide ranging and important environmental benefits.

A pilot project has been undertaken to determine the potential contribution of remote sensing to GAEC control. This has focussed on two of the 2005 control zones (BRIG and KILN) which together contain a good range of the landscape features covered by the GAECs. Changes have been examined by comparing archival aerial photography from 1999/2000 with 2005 VHR satellite images. From the beginning it is clear that remote sensing is only capable of making a partial contribution to GAEC control, because some GAECs involve specific treatments with associated narrow timing requirements. Attention has concentrated on GAECs involving the maintenance of habitats and landscape features, rather than those concerning soil management and protection. A series of examples will be presented showing the type of landscape feature change able to be detected using VHR images. The detection of tree and hedgerow removal is relatively straightforward, although there is some potential for mistakenly identifying hedgerow changes after severe cutting back. The identification of deforestation and farming operations on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) or Protected Monuments is also shown to be possible. The maintenance of public rights of way is another requirement which may be able to be monitored using remote sensing because footpaths can be easily seen crossing agricultural fields. Detection of overgrazing, heather and grass burning, disturbance of uncultivated/semi natural land, and poor maintenance of eligible land not in agricultural production have also been investigated.



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Potential Contribution of Remote Sensing to GAEC Control in England

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GAEC Specifications

17 Specific GAECs defined to give wide ranging environmental benefits

Soil Management and Protection	GAEC 1	General requirements
	GAEC 2	Post-harvest management of land after combinable crops (from harvest to 1 march)
	GAEC 3	Waterlogged soil
	GAEC 4	Burning of crop residues
Maintenance of Habitats and Landscape Features	GAEC 5	Environmental Impact Assessment – uncultivated land and semi-natural areas & forestry
	GAEC 6	Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
	GAEC 7	Scheduled monuments
	GAEC 8	Public rights of way
	GAEC 9	Overgrazing and unsuitable supplementary feeding
	GAEC 10	Heather and grass burning
	GAEC 11	Control of weeds
	GAEC 12	Eligible land which is not in agricultural production
	GAEC 13	Stone walls
	GAEC 14	Protection of hedgerows and water courses
	GAEC 15	Hedgerows
	GAEC 16	Felling of trees
	GAEC 17	Tree preservation orders

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Soil Management and Protection



GAEC No.	Requirement	Potential for RS Check
1. General requirements.	Farmers must retain a copy of the Administration's Guidance for Soil Management booklet, draw up a risk-based soil management plan and implement it.	Office requirement to draw up plan. Contents of plan are farm specific. Possibly some potential to identify evidence of soil erosion, flooding related to soil compaction, etc.
2. Post harvest management of land after combinable crops.	After harvesting oilseeds, grain legumes or cereals by combine or mower, a farmer must, until 1 March in next year, ensure either stubble is left, a rough surface is left, or a crop cover is sown.	Need to be able to identify fine seed beds. Impractical to monitor contraventions.
3. Water logged soil	Mechanical field operations are prohibited on areas of waterlogged soil.	Impractical to identify soil moisture status except where surface water.
4. Burning of crop residues	Farmers must not burn cereal straw/stubble, residues of oilseed rape, peas or field beans harvested dry. Linseed residues may be burned under restrictions.	Some potential using images in the period directly after harvest. Difficult to catch contraventions because ploughing normally takes place very soon after burning.

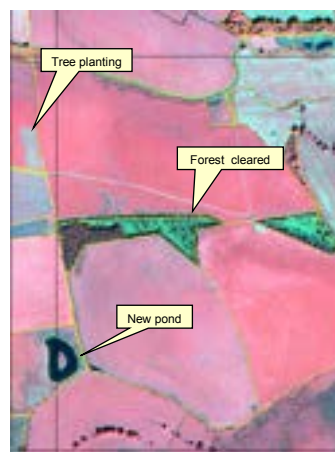
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GAEC No.5 - Environmental Impact Assessment

No construction or farming operations affecting the landscape, including intensification of semi-natural areas, scrub clearance, drainage, forestry



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GAEC No.6 & 7 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)/Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas No Damage or disturbance



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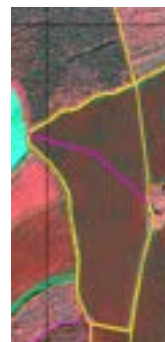
GAEC No. 8 Public Rights of Way
 Maintain access to footpaths/bridleways



Typical appearance for footpath crossing arable field



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Mapped footpath



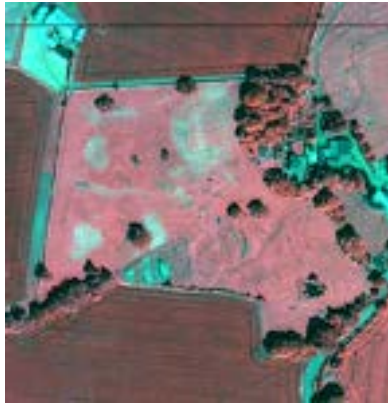
No sign of footpath crossing field

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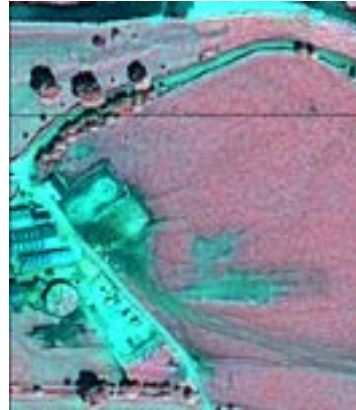
GAEC No. 9 Overgrazing

Avoid damage to natural or semi-natural vegetation used for grazing



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Permanent pasture showing signs of overgrazing



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Signs of damage due to intensive machinery movement, and/or livestock supplementary feeding

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GAEC No. 10 Heather and grass burning

No burning outside permitted dates and must comply with code of practice



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New heather burns clearly visible

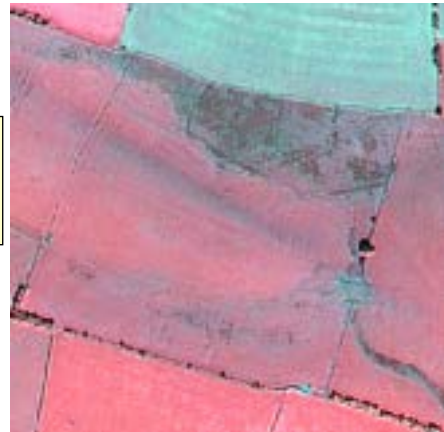
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GAEC No. 11/12 Control of weeds and maintenance of eligible land not in agricultural production
 Prevent spread of weeds and scrub encroachment



Areas of weeds and scrub seen in grass fields



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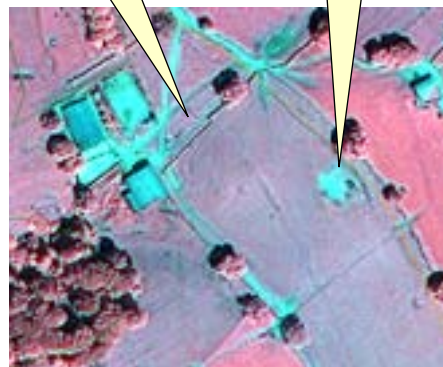
GAEC No. 13 Stone Walls
 No removal of stone walls



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Stone wall removed

Stone barn removed

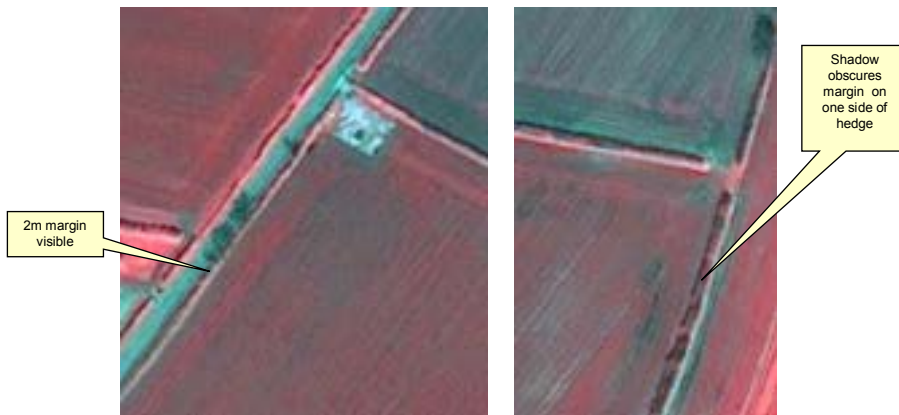


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GAEC No. 14 Protection of Hedgerows and Watercourses
 No cultivation within 2m of the centre of a hedgerow or watercourse



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GAEC No. 15 Hedgerows
 No removal of hedgerows or cutting between 1 March and 31 July



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GAEC No. 16 & 17 Felling of Trees and Preservation Orders

No felling of trees, or damage to protected trees



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Summary of Capability of Remote Sensing for the Management of Habitats and Landscape Features



- Excellent for identifying changes in physical landscape features such as hedgerows, trees, wall, buildings (by comparing different year images)
- Some potential to identify non compliance in relation to the condition of habitats and landscape e.g. the maintenance of public rights of way, avoiding overgrazing, and maintaining the condition of eligible land and protected features
- Unrealistic for the identification of short term operations related to husbandry, such as spraying and fertiliser application, and the date of hedge cutting


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Possible Role of Remote Sensing in GAEC Checks

- Remote sensing has a unique role to play in identifying changes by comparing features on 2 dates
- Able to identify a significant proportion of non-compliance data relating to GAEC 5 to 16 conditions to target and assist field inspection effort
- Remote sensing could be used as a first stage check on a sample of farms selected by the administration within the control zone
- Multi-year images needed (archival aerial photography or VHR)
- Interpretation and reporting process will require specific software development

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Presentation 3 - VHR/HR data for GAEC controls: the Italian experience in 2005 Campaign

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Abstract

One of the most important tests for a sustainable and correct control activity for GAEC (Good Agricultural Environmental Conditions) is to answer the following questions:

- How is correct detection possible? (What is the best tool?)
- When can the control task be judged sufficient? (What frequency?)
- Where must the control samples be correctly allocated? (Risk analysis and sampling)

The new EU policy addressed to GAEC controls needs integrated tools, often available throughout the whole agronomic year.

In 2005, the Italian Administration started the GAEC control phase, considering more than 9,000 farms and 300,000 parcels (1.27% of the national declarations). For this job, particular emphasis was given to the contribution from VHR/HR multi-spectral satellite data, available for 9 sites scattered over the entire territory for more than 13,000 km².

VHR data, with its radiometric and geometric resolution, enables larger scale detection, for a comprehensive and multidisciplinary analysis of the environmental parameters. The presentation will show several examples of this capability for each environmental parameter, while underlining the operational limitations.

Keywords: VHR, HR, GAEC, soil erosion, soil structure, organic matter, level of maintenance



VHR/HR data for GAEC controls: the Italian experience in 2005 campaign

Italy

Maurizio Pionponi- AGEA

Livio Rossi, Paolo Tosi – Agrisian

Kraków, 25 November 2005

Summary

- **Cross-compliance controls and sample extraction in Italy**
- **Risk analysis and GAEC definition**
- **Satellite VHR/HR use in 2005: availability and detection capability**
- **Results and examples of issues**
- **Conclusions and recommendations**



Cross-compliance

Population and sample

- In Italy applications for the Single Payment System in 2005, were **714,000**.
- The number of on the spot checks for Cross Compliance was first fixed at 1% of the Single Payment System demands, including the total farm land use (olive groves, tobacco, etc.);
- The 2005 sample for check campaign was **9,021** farms for the whole national territory, equivalent to 1.27% of the total.

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GAEC check

- **9,021** farms selected
- **308,000** land register parcels
- **402,000** hectares
- **4** issues; **7** standards to be checked
- **200** on-the-spot inspectors and satellite interpreters
- **2** months to perform the on-the-spot checks

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GAEC definition in Italy

ISSUES	STANDARDS
1. <i>Soil erosion: protect soil through appropriate measures</i>	1.1 Temporary channelling of surface water on sloping terrain
2. <i>Soil organic matter: maintain soil organic matter levels through appropriate practices</i>	2.1 Ban on burning of stubbles and vegetable residues (using HR data in September)
3. <i>Soil structure: maintain soil structure through appropriate practices</i>	3.1 Defence of ground structure through maintenance of surface water drainage
4. <i>Minimum level of maintenance: ensure a minimum level of maintenance and avoid deterioration of habitats</i>	4.1 Protection of permanent pasture 4.2 Management of set-aside areas 4.3 Maintenance of olive groves 4.4 Maintenance of distinguishing landscape and habitat features

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GAEC definition in Italy

ISSUES	STANDARDS	REQUIREMENTS
1. <i>Soil erosion: protect soil through appropriate measures</i>	1.1 Temporary channelling of surface water on sloping terrain	Temporary superficial channelling
		Realization of green bands (in case of higher slopes)
2. <i>Soil organic matter: maintain soil organic matter levels through appropriate practices</i>	2.1 Ban on burning of stubble and vegetable residues	Ban on burning of stubble and vegetable residues
3. <i>Soil structure: maintain soil structure through appropriate practices</i>	3.1 Defence of ground structure through maintenance of surface water drainage	Maintenance of the water drainage system
		Realization of ditches for water surface channelling
4. <i>Minimum level of maintenance: ensure a minimum level of maintenance and avoid deterioration of habitats</i>	4.1 Protection of permanent pasture	Correct management of the permanent pasture surfaces Ban on converting permanent pastures into arable land
	4.2 Management of set-aside areas	Ploughing and mowing restriction time (not after 15 March, not before 15 July) Maintenance of the natural or sown cover (at least one mowing per year)
	4.3 Maintenance of olive groves	Good maintenance of the trees (at least one pruning every 5 years)
	4.4 Maintenance of distinguishing landscape and habitat features	Good maintenance of agricultural terraces



Non-compliance weighting system

Cross-compliance parameters used for GAEC

- **Extent:** always linked to the definition of non-compliance areas. The Extent evaluation is linked with the % of non-compliance area in respect to the total surface declared
- **Severity:** linked to the identification of quality parameters to be defined during the on-the-spot check
- **Permanence:** medium level in general. It can assume a high level for particularly high % of infraction (extent)

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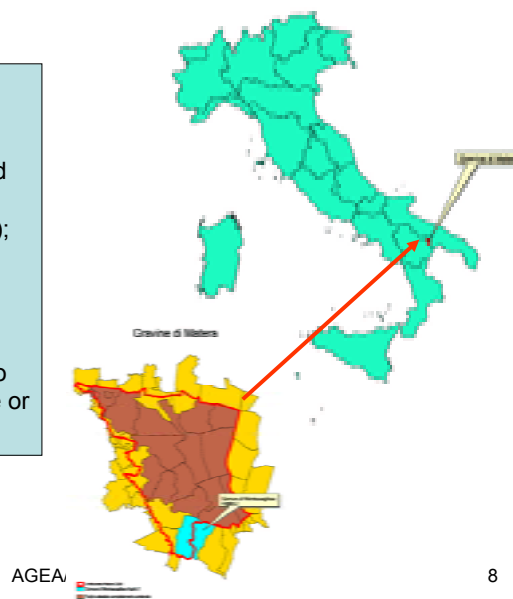
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Integration of Natura 2000 data into the LPIS

Integration of N2K data into the LPIS evidenced:

- difference of scale between land register (1:2,000/1:4,000) and N2K zoning (1:25,000/1:50,000);
- Short time available.

A quick way to define the N2K boundaries inside the LPIS, is to define if a single parcel is inside or outside the area.



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Use of VHR/HR data

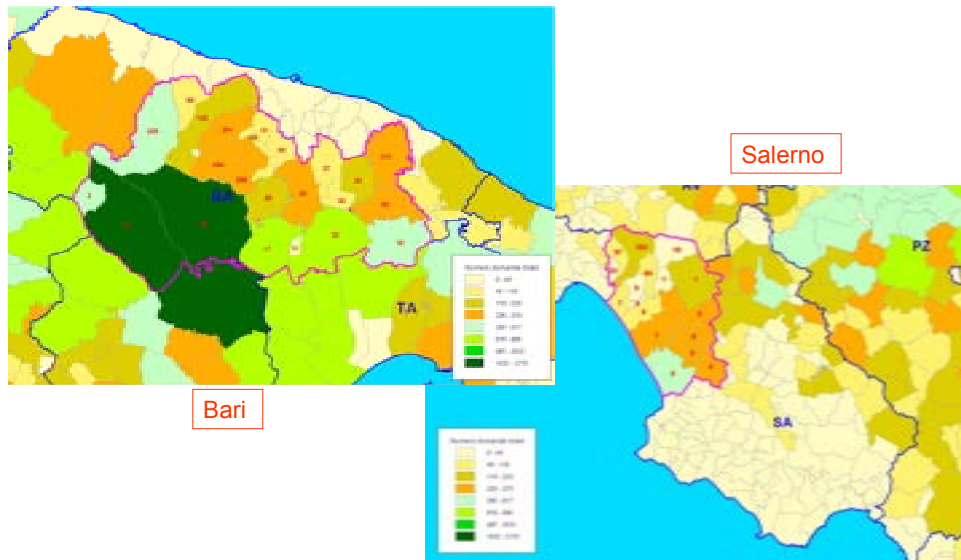
CwRS 2005 with VHR:

sample site selection criteria

- **Updated “flight table 2004” through:**
 - control outputs 2002-2003
 - eligible area 2004 vs. the total in %;
- **Farm declarations geographic concentration through GIS AGEA (2004 data)**
- **Nut area claims distribution for 2004, at municipality level inside the provinces**
- **GAEC condition analysis through environmental parameters**
 - erosion, soil maintenance, pastures, olive groves, terraces): high, medium, low presence.



VHR planning phase: municipality groups, considering number of dossier and Nut claims (2004)



2005 campaign selected and acquired VHR images (100%)

municipal multiples of:

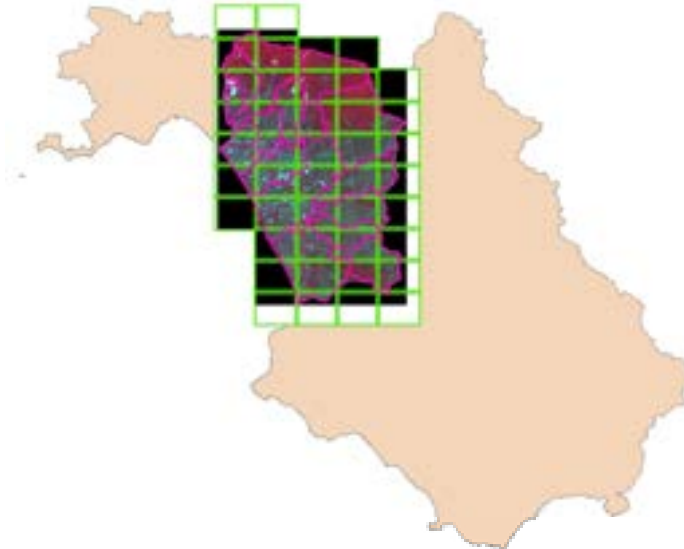
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**Salerno VHR 2005 : pansharpned Quickbird 0,6m,
ortho-corrected, mosaicked into the Italian map grid 1:10,000**




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Crop parcel eligibility and analysis

VHR interpretation main purposes were:

1. Find relationship between the declared crop and the actual land use, through the multiwindow imagery
2. Measure the different crop areas inside the observed parcels
3. Extract useful elements aimed at the verification of cross-compliance (4 issues and 7 agri-environmental standards)

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Type of Check and Tools Used

STANDARDS	TOOLS (field visits for negative situations are always foreseen)
1.1 Temporary channelling of surface water on sloping terrain	Detection of landslides and soil erosion = VHR
2.1 Ban on burning of stubbles and vegetable residues	Detection of vegetable residues and burned stubble = VHR+ HR (in September)
3.1 Defence of ground structure through maintenance of surface water drainage	detection of water stagnation damages and ditches = VHR

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Type of Check and Tools Used

STANDARDS	TOOLS (field visits for negative situations are always foreseen)
4.1 Protection of permanent pasture	Detection and <u>monitoring</u> of meadows/pastures moving from their 5 years permanence = VHR+ HR
4.2 Management of set-aside areas	Detection and <u>monitoring</u> of ploughing restriction time for Set Aside = VHR + HR
4.3 Maintenance of olive groves	Detection and <u>monitoring</u> of olive groves maintaining (minimum pruning) = VHR
4.4 Maintenance of distinguishing landscape and habitat features	Detection and <u>monitoring</u> of agronomic landscape maintaining (terraces) = VHR

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Quickbird/Ikonos (VHR) allow:

- **Morphologic and paleo-morphologic analysis, landslides and local subsidence detection, even without stereoscopic view, detecting:**
 - humidity and capillarity differentiation,
 - water stagnation,
 - soil conditions and grassland movements (depletion/accumulation)

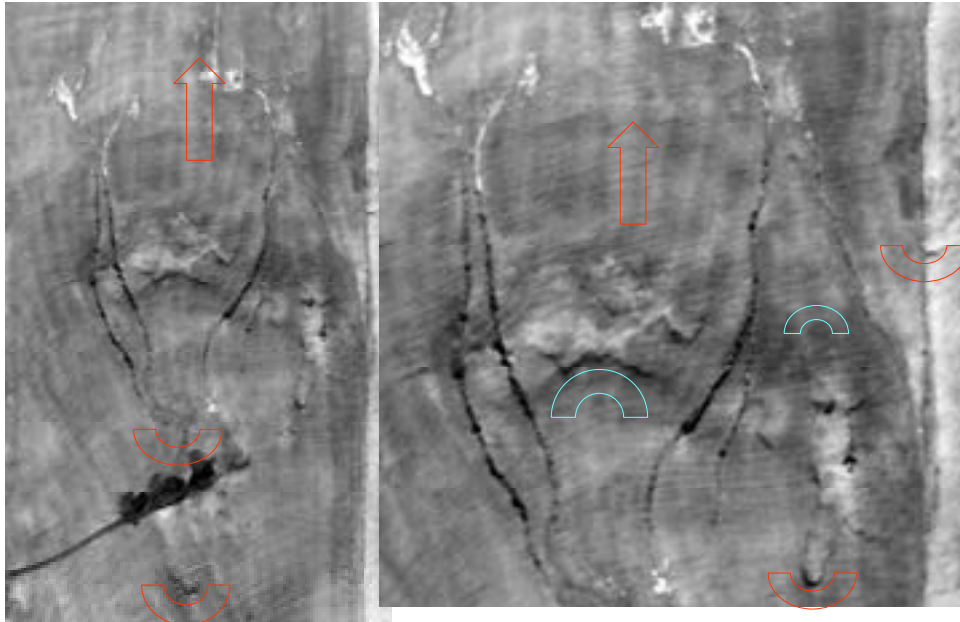
Because.....

Quickbird/Ikonos (VHR)

- ...because of the original digital data,
 - 11 bit radiometry (2048 levels of grey),
 - panchromatic extension up to 1 micron,
 - near IR
- that improves information content, but ... only in the countryside!!**



Sicily: Enna/Catania; landslide detection without stereoscopic view
QB pan: niche, depletion, accumulation definition



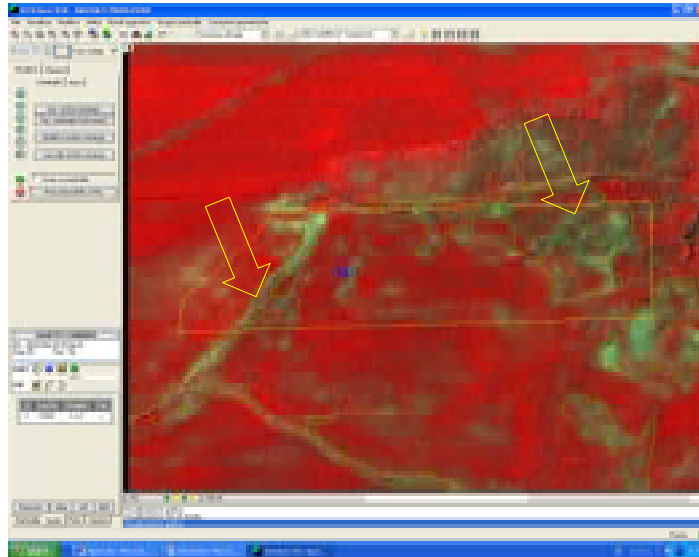
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VHR examples

Standard 1.1



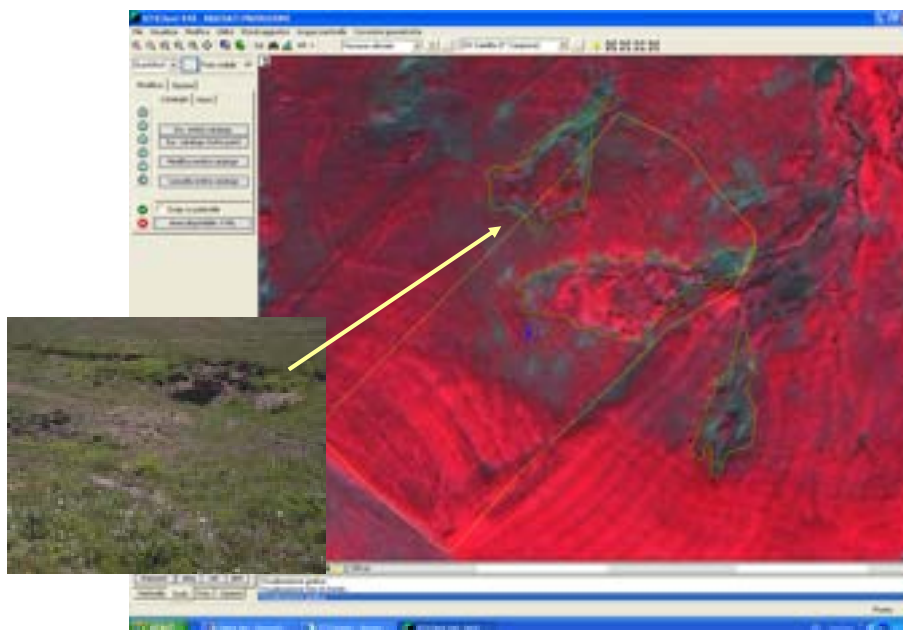
Standard 1.1: Bari – Gravina di Puglia – map n° 45 – parcel n° 54
claim for durum wheat: accepted as durum wheat, reduced for landslides and rill erosion



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Standard 1.1: Enna – Enna – map n° 109 – parcel n° 9 Declared annual grass (vetch):
accepted as vetch, reduced for diffused landslides





Standard 1.1: GAEC, Enna 2005: landslide occurred after sowing: wheat field, several parcels, absence of protection structures



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Standard 1.1: Enna – Enna – map n° 209 – parcel n°12 claim for durum wheat: accepted as durum wheat, reduced for diffused erosion (bedrock skeleton in evidence)



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Standard 1.1: GAEC, Catania-Sicily 2005:
linear erosion on wheat, absence of protection canals and ditches

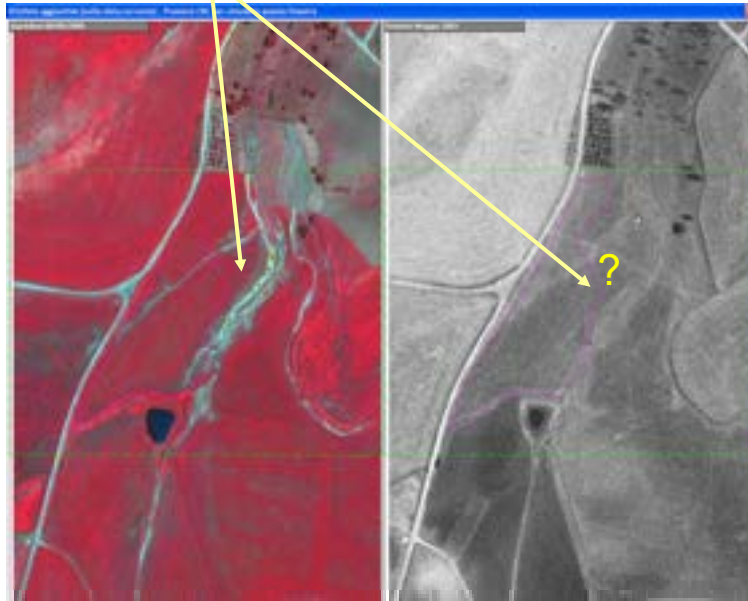


Standard 1.1: GAEC, Enna 2005: gully erosion, clear damaged area



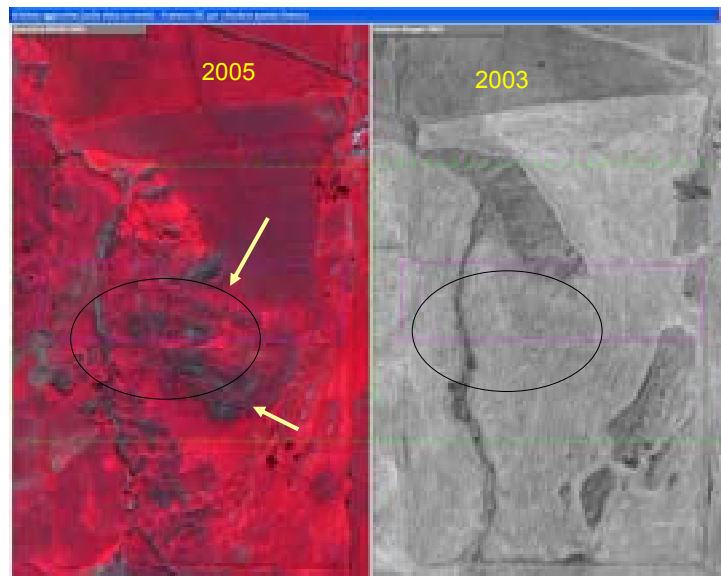


Standard 1.1: Enna – Aidone – map 54 – parcel 47: declared set aside (sown but not harvested):
verified mixed annual grassland, gully erosion > 30 cm
comparison between 2005 imagery with ortho-photo 2003 enhancing the increased erosion



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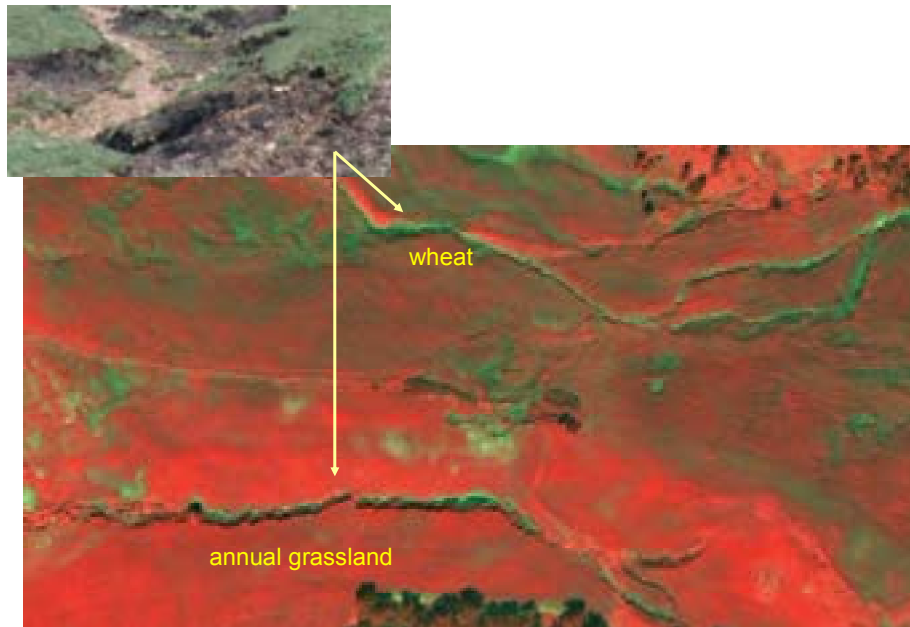
Standard 1.1: Enna – Aidone – map n° 95 – parcel n° 35
claim for durum wheat: accepted as durum wheat, pasture and not ordinary wheat:
landslides and rill erosion - comparison with orthophoto 2003, with evidence of the increasing phenomena



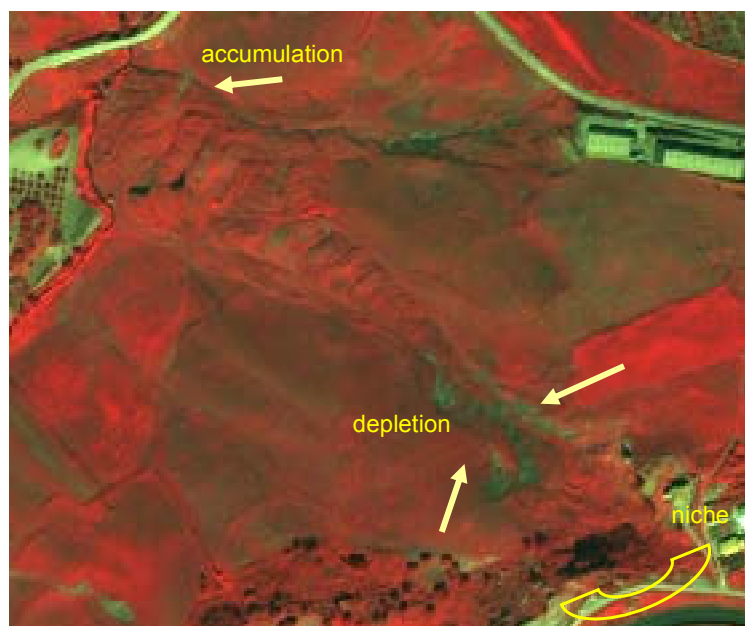
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Standard 1.1: Wheat and annual grassland:
rill erosion for both crops and beginning scattered landslides...



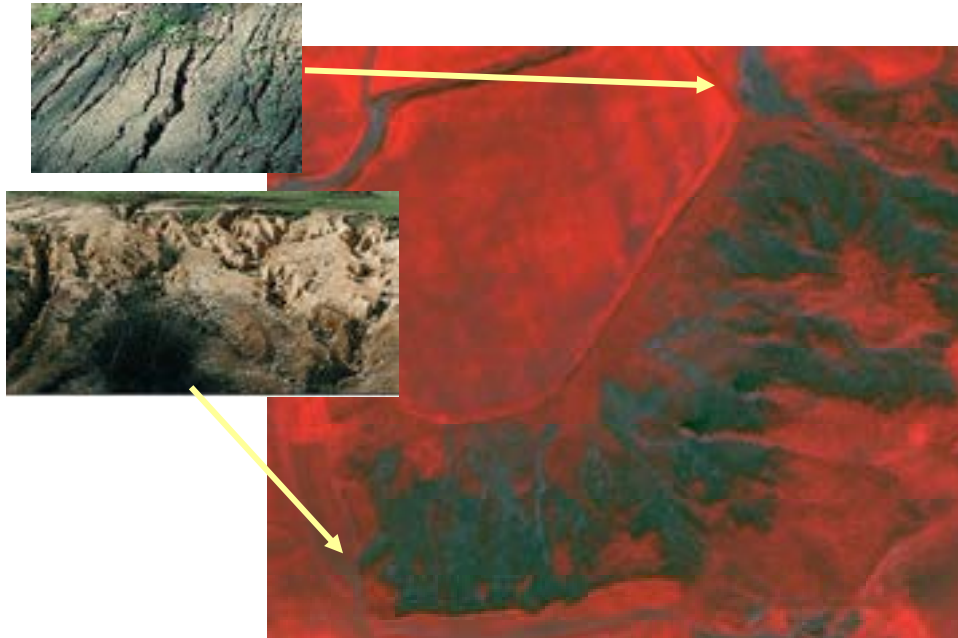
Standard 1.1: Re-activated landslide in intensive agricultural area



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Standard 1.1: Growing calancoes and linear erosion detection and monitoring

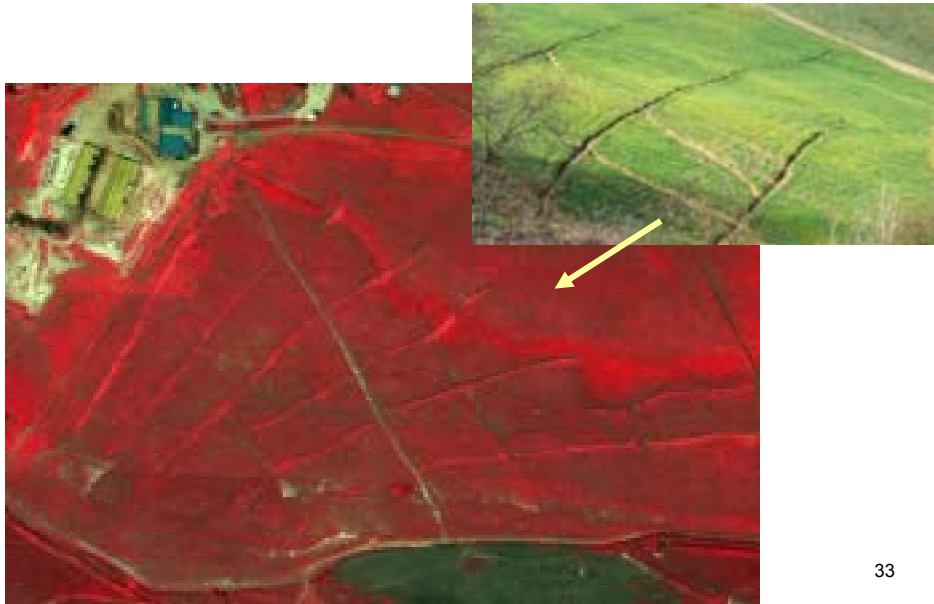


Standard 1.1: Diffused landslides and landslips in intensive agricultural area: evident crop damage





Standard 1.1: Corrected temporary channelling for protecting...farm!?!



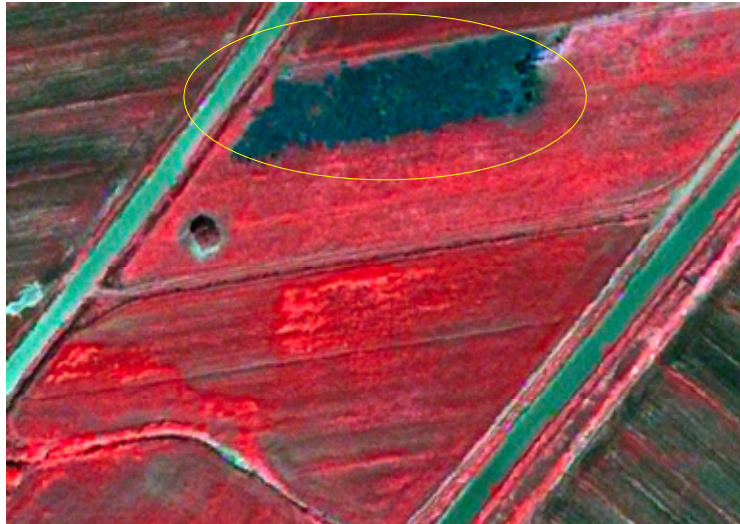
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Standard 2:1

VHR/HR examples



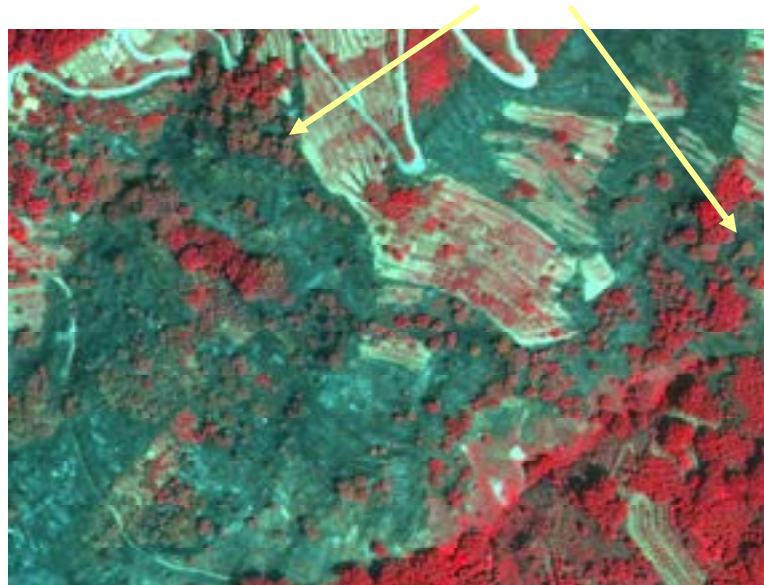
Standard 2.1: VHR satellite data: clear and well defined burnt zone inside a crop parcel



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Standard 2.1: Burnt damage differentiation (up to crown/only grass) by VHR



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Standard 2.1: Loss of organic matter
burnt stubble/vegetation residual detection by HR (1)

Agrisian, in agreement with JRC, performed a test for late summer HR analysis through the following steps:

- **10 HR data (Spot 2 and 5) of September 2005, provided by JRC**
- **6 southern areas of Italy covered (Viterbo, Salerno, Avellino, Bari, Catania, Enna)**
- **Processing, ortho-rectification and ingestion of Spot imagery into SITIs_w (used for eligibility controls)**
- **Multi-window analysis and interpretation of burnt fields; overlap with the 2005 sample**
- **Burnt parcel classification, considering crop/land use types**

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HR data received for Standard 2.1 analysis

PROVINCE	SCENE	ACQ. DATE	SENSOR
BARI1	075-267/6	01/09/05	SPOT 2
BARI2	076-267/7	01/09/05	SPOT 2
CATANIA	073-275/1	02/09/05	SPOT 5
AVELLINO (east)	072-267/7	03/09/05	SPOT 5
AVELLINO (west)	072-267	16/09/05	SPOT 5
VITERBO	064-264/6	01/09/05	SPOT 5
SALERNO	072-268/3	02/09/05	SPOT 5
ENNA	073-274/8	03/09/05	SPOT 5

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Standard 2.1: Loss of organic matter
 burnt stubble/vegetation residual detection by HR (2)

- In the provinces Viterbo, Avellino, Salerno burning activity was scarce and consequently few parcels found;
- Bari area presented several parcels with the phenomena. Interesting comparison between summer 2004-2005, due to bad 2005 meteo-conditions and/or the awareness of the possible ban;
- Enna and Catania presented the worst situation (a comparison with 2004 was also done): in those areas the study showed the diffusion and the large extent of the phenomena and the reliability of the method

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Standard 2.1: Loss of organic matter
 burnt stubble/vegetation residual detection by HR (3)

PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	interpret ed maps	analyzed surface (ha)	maps with burnt fields detected	burnt map surface detected (ha)	average burnt surface (ha)	real burnt surface (ha)	maps without scars	clouds presence
BARI	ALATAMURA	265	42.640	12	1.085	40%	434	227	26
CATANIA	RAMACCA	91	23.304	25	7.117	40%	2.847	66	0
AVELLINO (EAST)	ARIANO IRPINO	124	18.552	0	0	0	0	124	0
AVELLINO (WEST)	AVELLINO	3	311	0	0	0	0	3	0
AVELLINO (WEST)	AVELLA	7	1.301	0	0	0	0	6	1
VITERBO	VITERBO	247	36.274	10	1.809	20%	362	235	2

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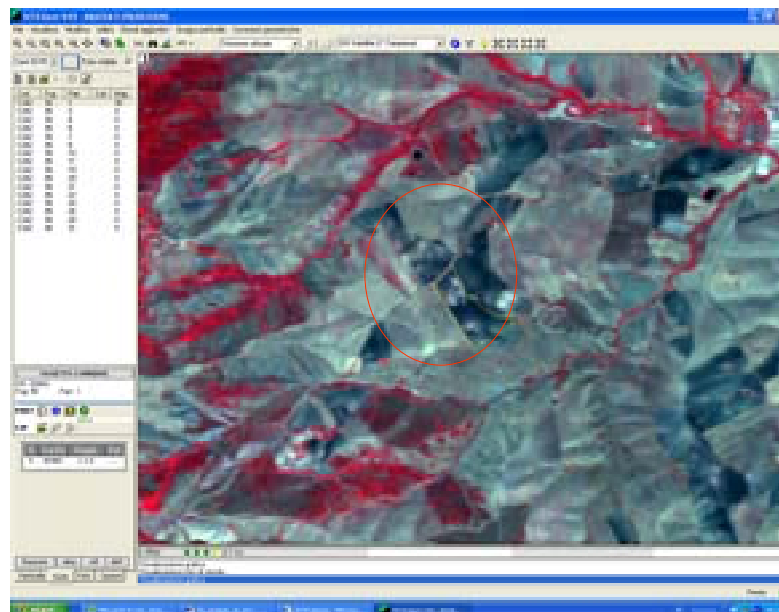
Catania province
first phase analysis: overlapping of cadastral maps on the Spot imagery



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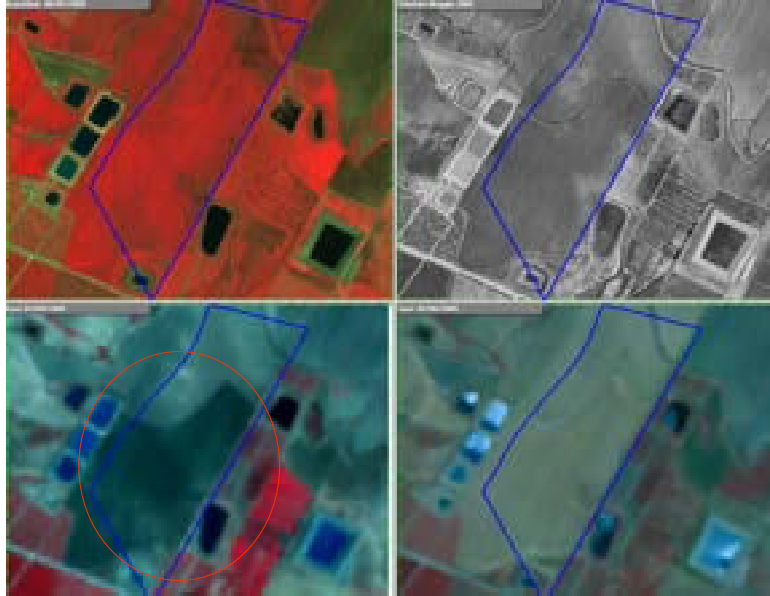
Standard 2.1: Enna province – Enna – map n° 90 – parcel n°1
claim for durum wheat: accepted as durum wheat – burned like the adjacent fields



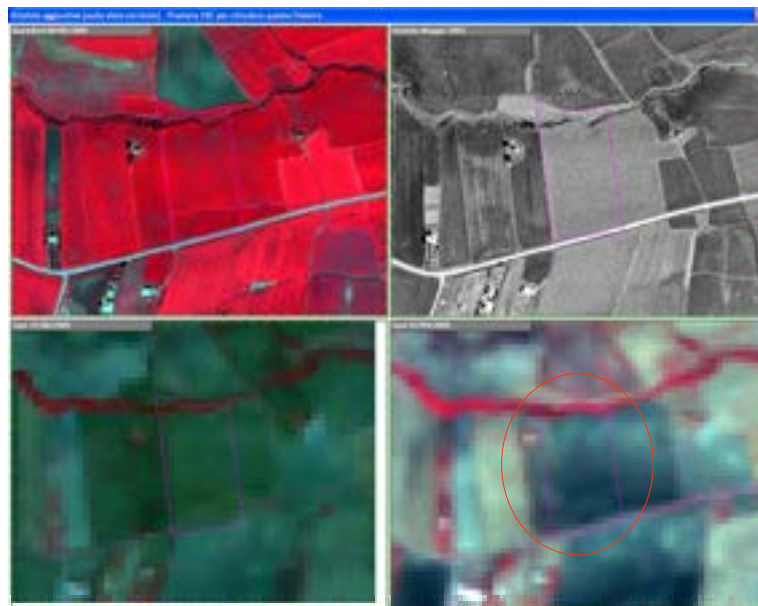
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Standard 2.1: Catania province
claim for durum wheat: accepted as durum wheat – only a parcel portion burned

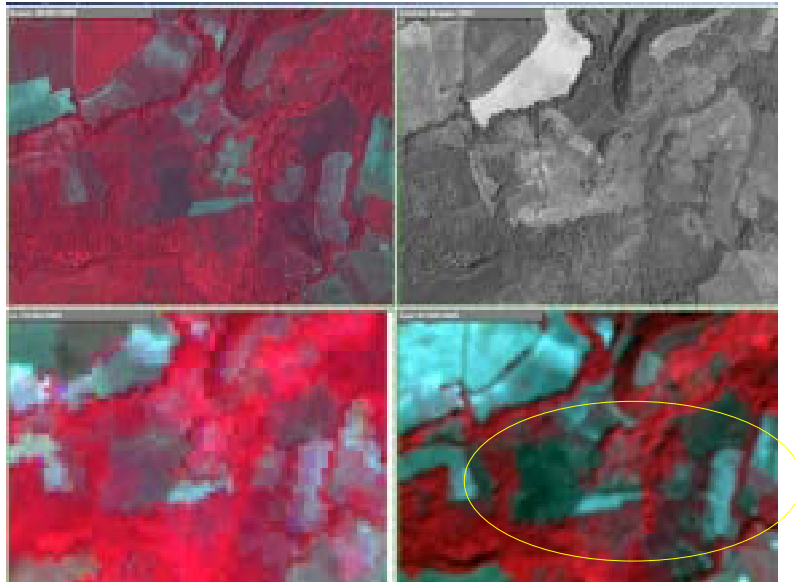


Standard 2.1: Enna province – Enna – map n° 52 – parcel n° 5
claim for durum wheat; accepted as durum wheat: multiwindow analysis example



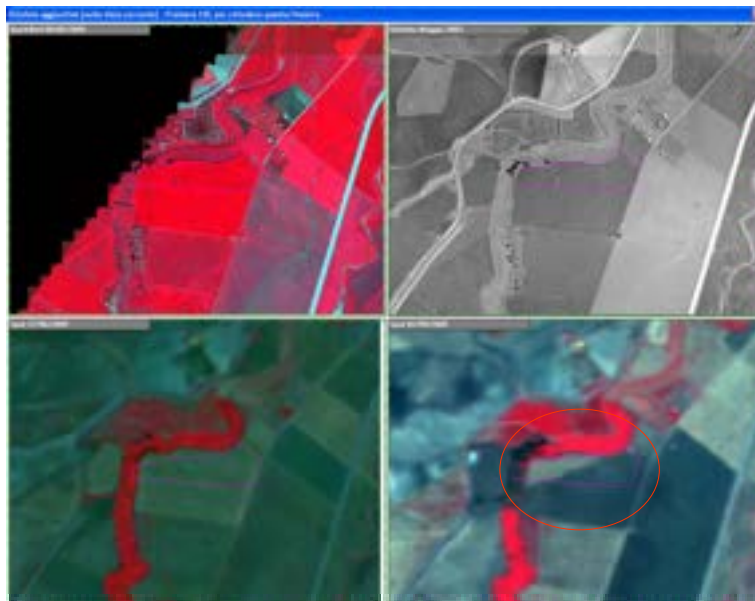


Standard 2.1: Viterbo province – Viterbo
dangerous burning near woodland areas; note improved Spot 5 resolution



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Standard 2.1: Enna province – Enna – map n° 122 – parcel n° 78
claim for durum wheat; accepted as durum wheat: partial burning on the checked parcel;
note improved Spot 5 resolution



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Standard 2.1: Loss of organic matter
burnt stubble/vegetation residual detection by HR (4)

The most representative area was ENNA municipality:

- 806 parcels were identified with fire scar boundaries
- 255 of the total were in the sample (32%), separated as follows:
- 45 parcels belonged to durum wheat class
- 23 to different set-aside typologies
- 178 to annual grassland (mixed, leguminous, vetch, broad bean)
- 9 to meadow class
- 8 parcels appeared doubtful (not confirmed by multitemporal analysis)

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Standard 2.1: Loss of organic matter
burnt stubble/vegetation residual detection by HR (5)

Province	Municipality	Spot	Cadastral maps with scar (sample)	vs. total of sample	Parcels with scar (sample)	vs. total of sample	Crop types	Reliability of fire scar evaluation
Enna	Enna	2;5	67	133	255	746	9	8 doubtful

ENNA municipality: HR evaluation	
crop type (nomenclature) 2005 codes	N° of parcels detected with scar
2	45
97	1
98	1
100	21
104	109
105	27
109	9
206	2
208	40
total parcels	255



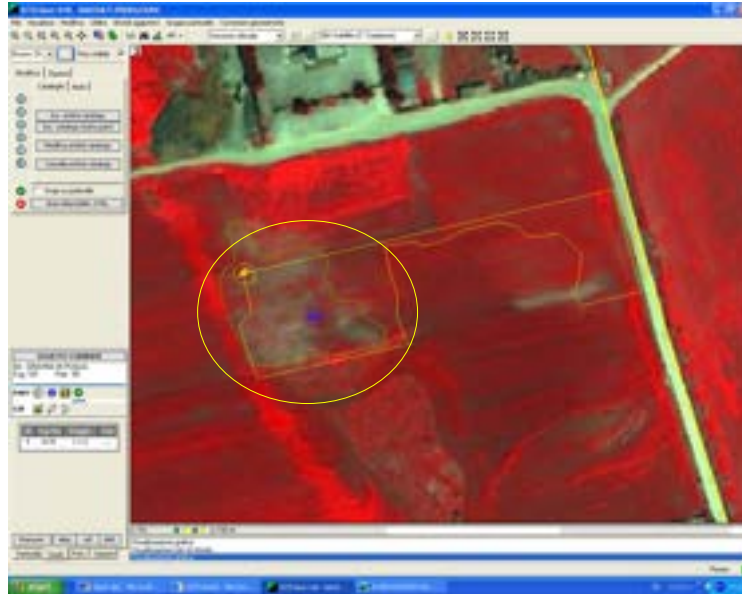
Reccomendations for a possible operational phase:

- **Accurate defination of the best periods for HR acquisition (for detecting fires and clearer spectral signs)**
- **Accurate management of the short time for ground truth verification**
- **Prefer satellites with 2 infrared bands**
- **Use previous year HR as reference layers for risk analysis aimed at future sample extraction**

Standard 3:1 VHR examples



Standard 3.1: Bari – Gravina di Puglia – map n° 107 – parcel n° 59
claim for durum wheat; accepted as durum wheat
- no surface water drainage: absence of ditches



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Sicily-Catania: possible dual standard detection: water stagnation and no ditches present; low sloping:
Standard 3.1: (incorrect drainage)
or **Standard 1.1:** rill erosion for no channelling?

