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Module 5

The Application of Earth Observation: Chlorophyll-A Concentration & Eutrophication Dynamics with the Example of Assessments via PONTOS platform







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LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF MODULE 1

Learn about the causes and impacts of eutrophication in water ecosystems

Familiarize yourself with the history of remote sensing and chlorophyll-a (challenges and solutions)

Identify the satellites used for water quality monitoring

Download freely available satellite images

Learn how to calculate chl-a concentrations from satellite images using ESA's SNAP toolkit

Use the PONTOS Data Cube to calculate Total Suspended Matter (TSM) concentrations







MODULE STRUCTURE

01	Eutrophication in water ecosystems (causes and impacts)	
02	Using remote sensing to monitor eutrophication dynamics	
03	Calculating chl- <i>a</i> using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor	
04	Using the PONTOS Data Cube to calculate Total Suspended Matter	







01 Eutrophication in water ecosystems (causes and impacts)

This section will introduce you to the classification of water ecosystems and their trophic states, issues related to water quality monitoring, eutrophication and its drivers, as well as, the importance of ensuring the good status of water bodies.

Image source: ConserveEnergyFuture









Eutrophication in water ecosystems

Aquatic ecosystems are classified into 3 main trophic states (*i.e.* nutrient content):

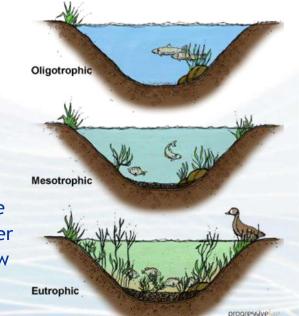
1. Oligotrophic systems:

Characterized by very low nutrient content (likely nitrogen (N) and/or phosphorus (P) being a limiting factor, thus very low productivity. Very high water transparency.

2. Mesotrophic systems:

Higher nutrient content leads to higher primary productivity (more plants and algae), likely higher secondary productivity, lower water transparency due to higher dissolved organic matter and algal grow

Eutrophic systems:
 Very high nutrient content, excessive algal blooms, turbid waters.









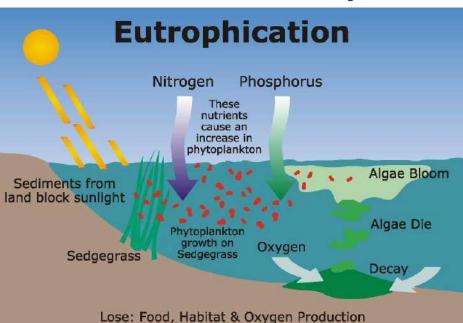
Eutrophication in water ecosystems

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Eutrophication is the process of excessive algal growth due to increased nutrient (particularly N & P loading).

Eutrophication can lead to:

- Increased BOD (Biological O₂ Demand)
- Potential anoxia
- Reduced biodiversity
- Toxic cyanobacterial blooms
- Increased undesirable emissions (CH₄, H₂S)
- Release of bad odours
- Loss of ecosystem services







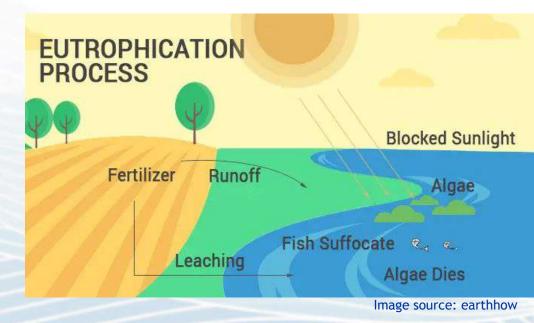


Eutrophication in water ecosystems

Causes of eutrophication may include:

- Agriculture & husbandry
- Urbanization
 - Habitat destruction/land change
 - Untreated sewage
 - Land erosion
- Floods

=> Indicator / outcome of anthropogenic impacts and water quality deterioration.





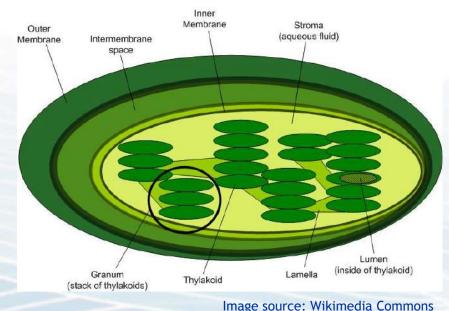




Eutrophication in water ecosystems

To assess eutrophication and algal biomass in water ecosystems, researchers often use the concentrations of chlorophyll-a (chl-a) as a proxy measurement. Chl-a is:

- A pigment found in plants & algae. It is vital for photosynthesis and is what gives plants their green color.
- Positively correlated with algal biomass.
- Often used as an indicator to monitor water quality. For instance, reporting of chl-*a* concentrations is required as part of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD).





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Using remote sensing to monitor eutrophication dynamics

To compliment the *in-situ* measurements of chl-*a* and algal biomass / productivity

To measure other water quality parameters: Turbidity, Total suspended matter (TSM), Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM), etc.

But there are challenges:

- Isolating the chl-*a* signal from other optically active compounds
- The diel (vertical) movements of plankton in the water column
- Atmospheric correction



Image source: NASA/Science Photo Library





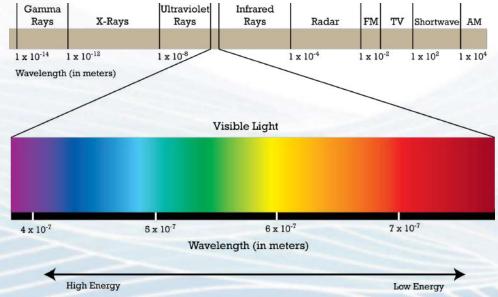


Using remote sensing to monitor eutrophication dynamics

To assess eutrophication dynamics via remote sensing, it is convenient to measure chl-*a* concentrations due to its optical properties.

Chl-a has higher reflectance in lower wavelengths (blue + green regions) at lower concentrations.

=> It works very well in marine ecosystems but has historically posed challenges in inland waters with higher [chl-a]+ humic substances









Using remote sensing to monitor eutrophication dynamics

Historical overview:

Earliest chl-*a* estimation via remote sensing started in the late 1970s in marine waters [Nimbus 7, Coastal Zone Color Scanner (CZCS), based on 2 bands]

SeaWIFS, MODIS, MERIS, Landsat 7,8,9, Sentinel 2, 3 (OLCI) have all since been launched that can estimate chl-a.

Satellites with multispectral images \Rightarrow possibility of more complex algorithms to estimate chl-a in inland waters

Making use of neural networks to better isolate and identify specific optical characteristics



Image source: ESA







Satellites used in water quality remote sensing

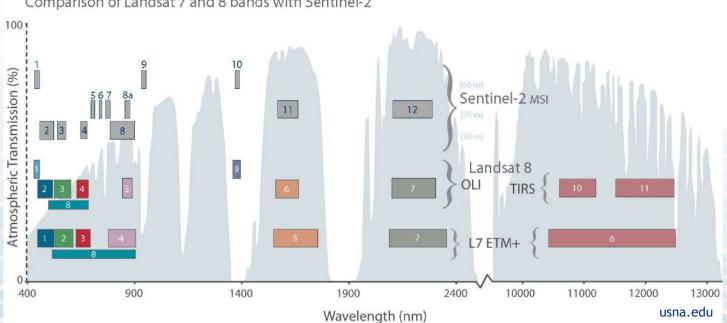








Wavelengths & bands of satellites used in water quality remote sensing



Comparison of Landsat 7 and 8 bands with Sentinel-2







Wavelengths & bands of satellites used in water quality remote sensing

Sentinel-2 properties:

- Time period: 2015 2021
- Sentinel 2A and 2B: polar orbit, phased at 180° to each other
- Equipped with multispectral instrument (MSI) with 13 spectral bands
- Wide swath width (290 km)
- Revisit: 5 days at equator (2 satellites)
- Level 1C and 2A (atmospherically corrected)

	Waveband	Central λ (nm)	Bandwidth (nm)	Spatial resolution (m)
1	Coastal aerosol	442.7	21	60
2	Blue	492.4	66	10
3	Green	559.8	36	10
4	Red	664.6	31	10
5	Vegetation red edge	704.1	15	20
6	Vegetation red edge	740.5	15	20
7	Vegetation red edge	782.8	20	20
8	Near infrared	832.8	106	10
8A	Narrow near infrared	864.7	21	20
9	Water vapour	945.1	20	60
10	Shortwave infrared - Cirrus	1373.5	31	60
11	Shortwave infrared	1613.7	91	20
12	Shortwave infrared	2202.4	175	20

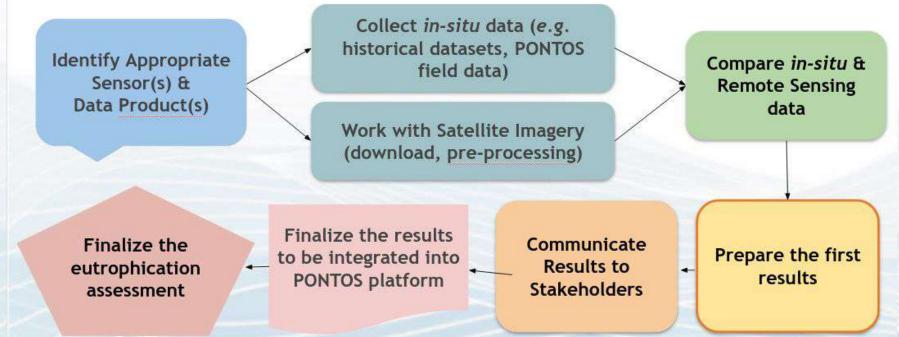
Sentinel 2 bands and their characteristics (sentinel.esa.int)







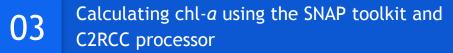
Using remote sensing to monitor eutrophication dynamics











Estimating chl-*a* concentrations using the C2RCC processor:

- It started as 'The CoastColour' Project
- It was amended by additional neural networks and eventually renamed as Case 2 Regional CoastColour (C2RCC)
- It is applicable to all past and current ocean colour sensors as well as Sentinel-2
- It is available as a package in ESA's SNAP Toolbox

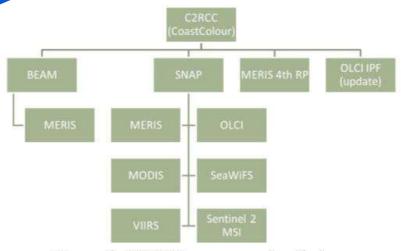


Figure 4: C2RCC processor family tree

Image source: Brockmann et al., 2016







Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

Estimating chl-*a* concentrations using the C2RCC processor

The model uses 5 components for scattering and absorption:

- 1. pigment absorption (apig)
- 2. detritus (adet)
- 3. gelbstoff (agelb)
- 4. white scatterer (bwhit) calcareous material
- 5. typical sediment scatterer (btsm)

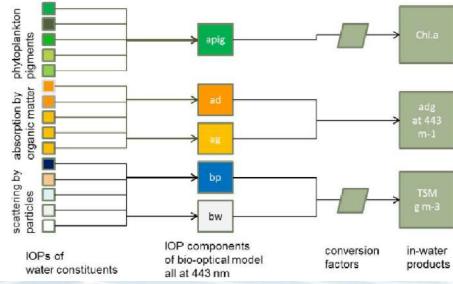


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Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

Downloading freely available satellite images:

1. For Landsat images, use the USGS Earth Explorer website [earthexplorer.usgs. gov]









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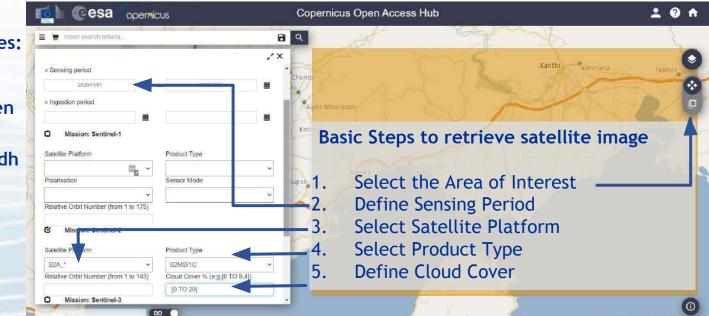




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2. For Sentinel images, use the Copernicus Open Access Hub [scihub.copernicus.eu/dh us/]







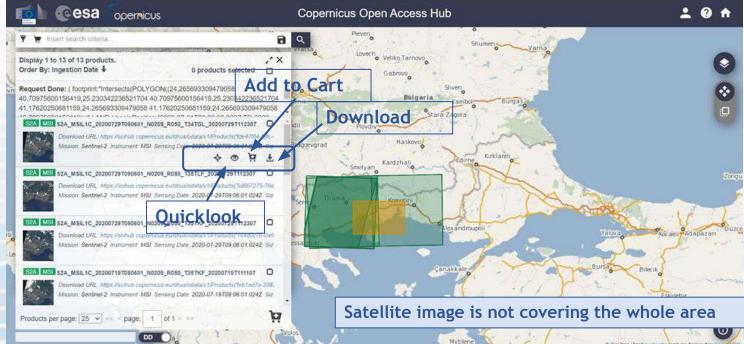


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Sentinelsat:

makes searching, downloading and retrieving the metadata of Sentinel satellite images from the Copernicus Open Access Hub easy.

[sentinelsat.readthedocs.i o/en/stable/]

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from sentinelsat import SentinelAPI, read_geojson, geojson_to_wkt
from datetime import date
api = SentinelAPI('user', 'password', 'https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus')
# search by polygon (WKT format), time, and SciHub query keywords
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footprint = geojson_to_wkt(read_geojson('/path/to/map.geojson'))
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Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

Sentinel nomenclature:

Identifies a Level-1C product acquired by Sentinel-2A on the 29th of July, 2020 at 9:06:01 AM. It was acquired over Tile 35TKF during Relative Orbit 050, and processed with PDGS Processing Baseline 02.09.

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All the bands included in the file are in JPEG2000 format.

In addition, a "True Colour Image" in JPEG2000 format is included within the Tile folder of Level-1C products in this format and a manifest xml file that tells the computer what is inside the file.

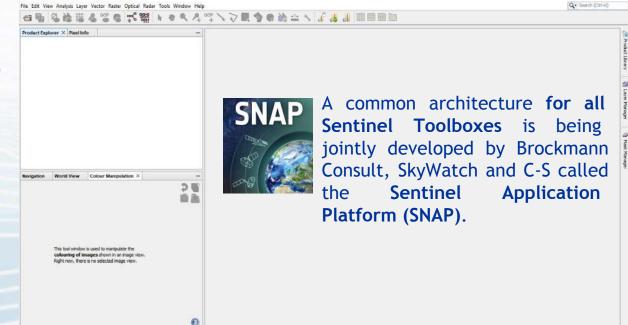






Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

To process the downloaded images, we will use the European Space Agency's (ESA) Sentinel Application Platform (SNAP) [https://step.esa.int/main/dow nload/snap-download/]

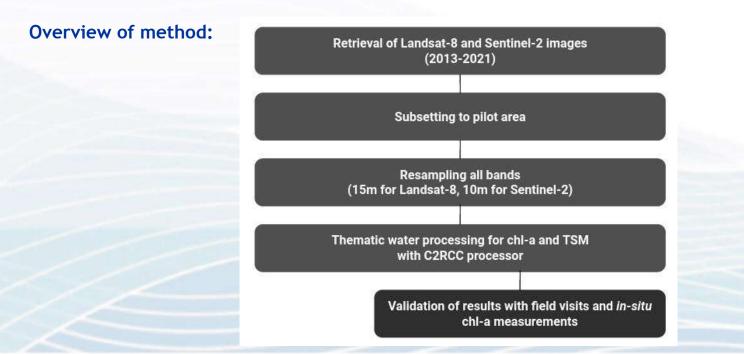








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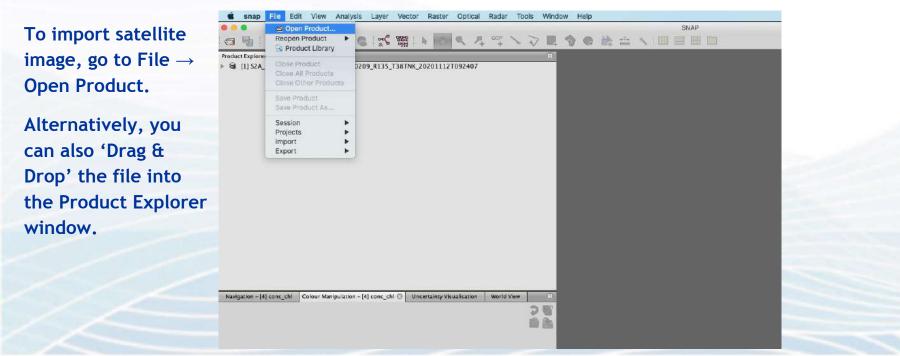








Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor









Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

To visualize the imported image, right click on the product and press on 'Open RGB Image Window'.

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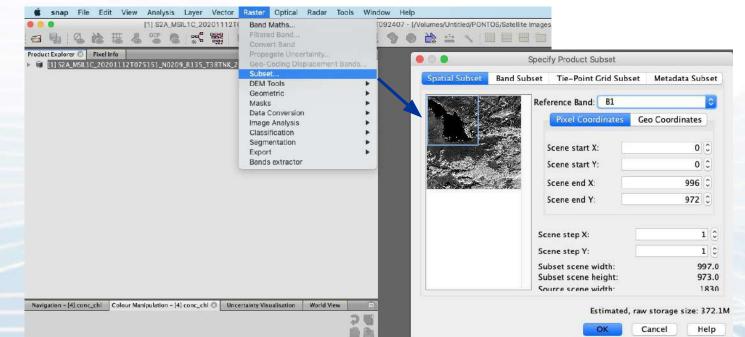






Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

To select an area of interest, go to the 'Raster' tab and select subset. There you can use the visual tool, to choose your focus area.









Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

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To make all image bands of equivalent resolution, we'll need to resample the product file.

To do so, go to the 'Raster' tab, click on 'Geometric' and then on 'Resampling'.

We will use B2 as the reference band to resample all bands to 10m resolution.

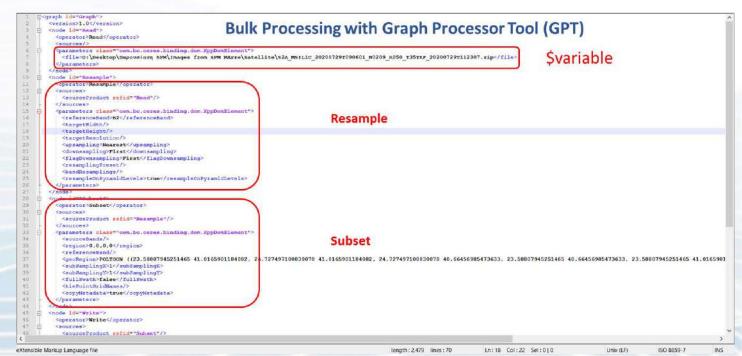






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Alternatively, you can perform bulk processing using the Graph Processor Tool (GPT).







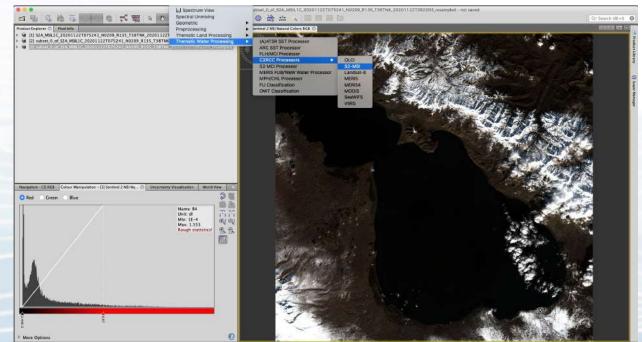


Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

Now to calculate chl-a and TSM concentrations, we will use the C2RCC processor.

To do so, go to the 'Optical' tab, then select 'Thematic Water Processing' and choose 'C2RCC Processors'.

Select the processor equivalent to your product (e.g. S2-MSI for Sentinel-2 images).









Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

There, change the values of the following parameters to match the *in-situ* conditions at the time the image was taken:

- Salinity
- Temperature
- Ozone
- Pressure
- Elevation

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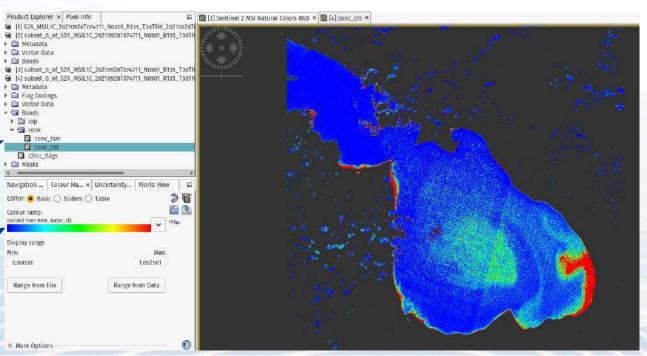


Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

Double click on the latest created product to expand, then click on 'Bands' \rightarrow 'conc'. There you will have 2 newly created images:

- chl-a concentration
- TSM

You can select the colour of each image from a number of available templates and specify the data range.

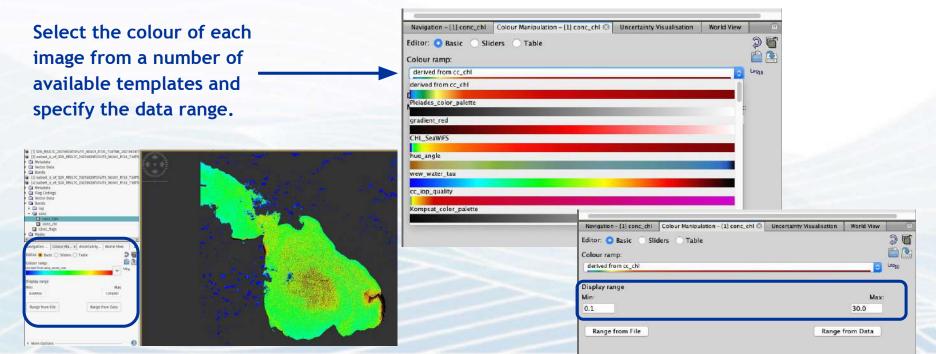








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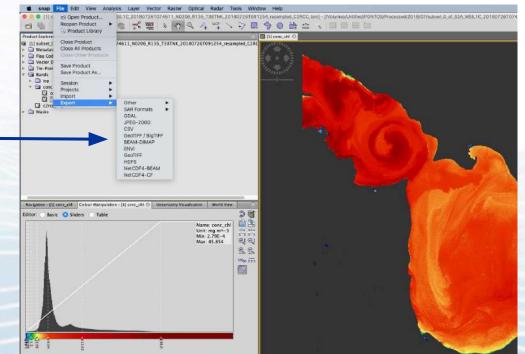






Calculating chl-a using the SNAP toolkit and C2RCC processor

You can export the created images by clicking on 'File' → 'Export' and selecting on any of the desired file formats, including GeoTIFF, JPEG-2000, NetCFD4, ENVI, HDF5, etc.











Using the PONTOS Data Cube to calculate Total Suspended Matter

The last part of this module will describe how to use the PONTOS Data Cube to calculate the Total Suspended Matter (TSM) in water bodies.

TSM is an indication of water turbidity (*i.e.* low water clarity), thus high TSM concentrations could often indicate low water quality, water pollution, and anthropogenic pressure.

PONTOS Data Cube



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Welcome to PONTOS Data Cube

PONTOS Data Cube enables end-users with the ability of easy exploration, management, analysis and visualisation of medium resolution (10 - 30m/pixel) data from satelitie missions for each PONTOS pilot area.

it offers:

- Ease of use and access to satellite-based data
- · Multiple dataset interoperability and spatial consistency
- Use of Analysis Ready Data (ARD) Products
- A Shift in Paradigm from Scenes to Pixels

PONTOS Data Cube contains:

Landsat 5, 7 & 8 ARD in a spatial resolution of 30m from 1984 to present.
 Sentinel-2 ARD in a spatial resolution of 10m from 2015 to present

Instructions

- · All web browsers are supported. The system has been tested with Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Opera.
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To access the PONTOS Data Cube:

- Go to the PONTOS 1. project website (pontos-eu.aua.am)
- Click on the tab entitled 2. "PONTOS Platform"
- 3. Data Cube



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Using the PONTOS Data Cube

Choose the pilot site (location) you are interested in to perform your query.









Using the PONTOS Data Cube

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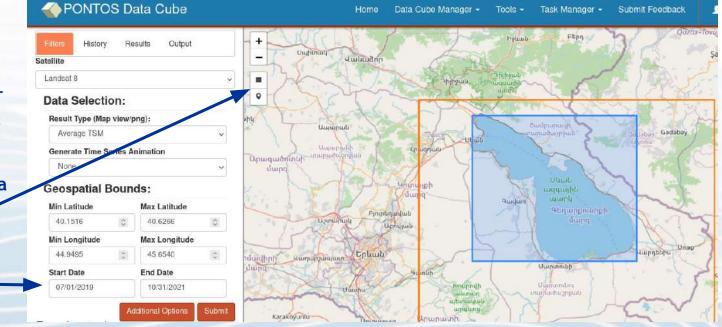


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1. The spatial boundaries either

- via entering a. the exact coordinates
- b. By drawing a polygon
- The period of 2. interest for your analysis



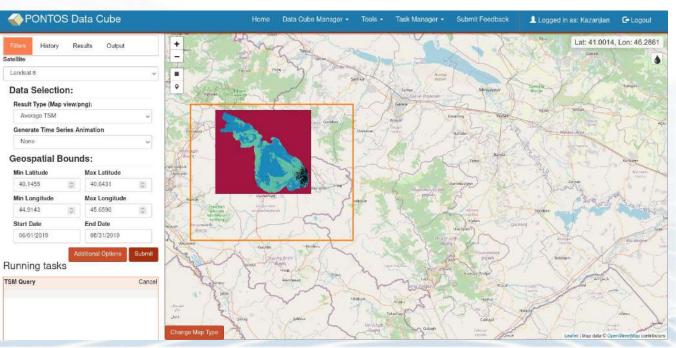




Using the PONTOS Data Cube

When you click submit, you will notice a TSM Query appear under running tasks.

Wait till the query is completed and a colored picture will appear within the selected boundaries, showing the TSM concentrations as specified in your query.









Using the PONTOS Data Cube

To review any of your previous queries, you can click on 'Task Manager' \rightarrow Water \rightarrow Water Quality TSM.

There you will see a list of all your requested queries.

Click on Details for more information.

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Using the PONTOS Data Cube

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